

Master Project

Implementation and Performance Analysis of Precision Time Protocol on
Linux based System-On-Chip Platform

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Why Time Synchronization ?

- Time Critical Actions
- Distributed Computing.
- Some financial services require highly accurate timekeeping by law.
- Scheduled operations.
- Logging.
- Power system protection
- Control and automation
- Data communication applications utilizing an Ethernet communications architecture.

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Why this Project?

- Enabling Hardware timestamping capabilities of BeagleBone Black
- Analyzing the behavior of PTP implementation, with simulated load.
- Analysis of precision uncertainty.
- Maximum attainable accuracy.

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- Installing and Configuring necessary tools.

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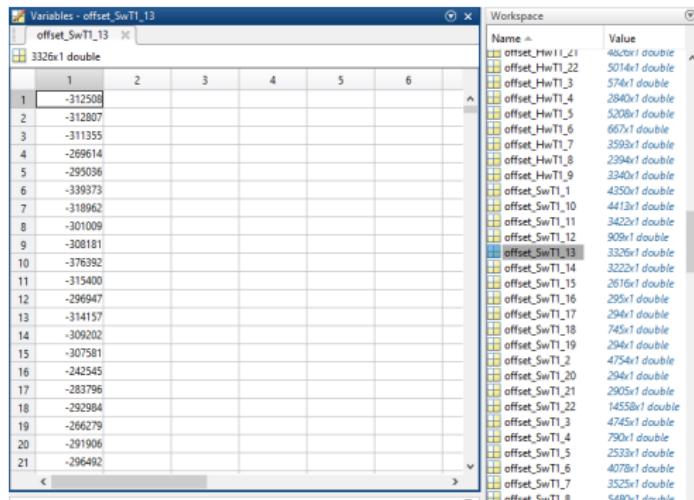
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Data Collection and Presentation (Test Sheet)

Test ID	PTP Demon Config			Stress Test Config		Load distribution	Remarks
	Message Frequency	Filter 1	Filter 2	Load type	Intensity		
HwT1.1	1						Slave: HW , Master: SW
HwT1.2	1						Slave: SW , Master: HW
HwT1.3	1						Slave: HW , Master: HW
HwT1.4	8						
HwT1.5	8						log data: phc2sys + ptpl4l
HwT1.6	8						log data: phc2sys
HwT1.7	8						log data: phc2sys + ptpl4l
HwT1.8	8		CPU	50	Slave Only		
HwT1.9	8		CPU	50	Both		
HwT1.10	8		CPU	100	Slave Only		
HwT1.11	8		CPU	100	Both		
HwT1.12	8		I/O	–	Slave Only		
HwT1.13	8		I/O	–	Both		
HwT1.14	8		CPU	100	Slave Only	log data: phc2sys + ptpl4l	
HwT1.15	8		CPU	100	Both	log data: phc2sys + ptpl4l	
HwT1.16	8		I/O	–	Slave Only	log data: phc2sys + ptpl4l	
HwT1.17	8		I/O	–	Both	log data: phc2sys + ptpl4l	
HwT1.18	8		Network	1Mb	Source: Alien		
HwT1.19	8		Network	5Mb	Source: Alien		
HwT1.20	8		Network	10Mb	Source: Alien		
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HwT1.22	8		Network	50Mb	Source: Alien		

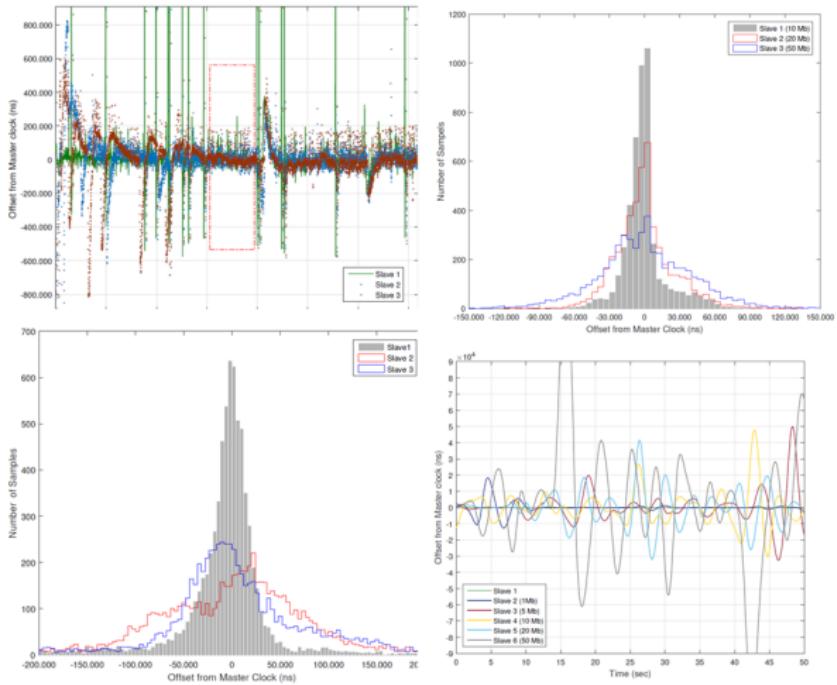
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Data Collection and Presentation (Matlab Workspace)



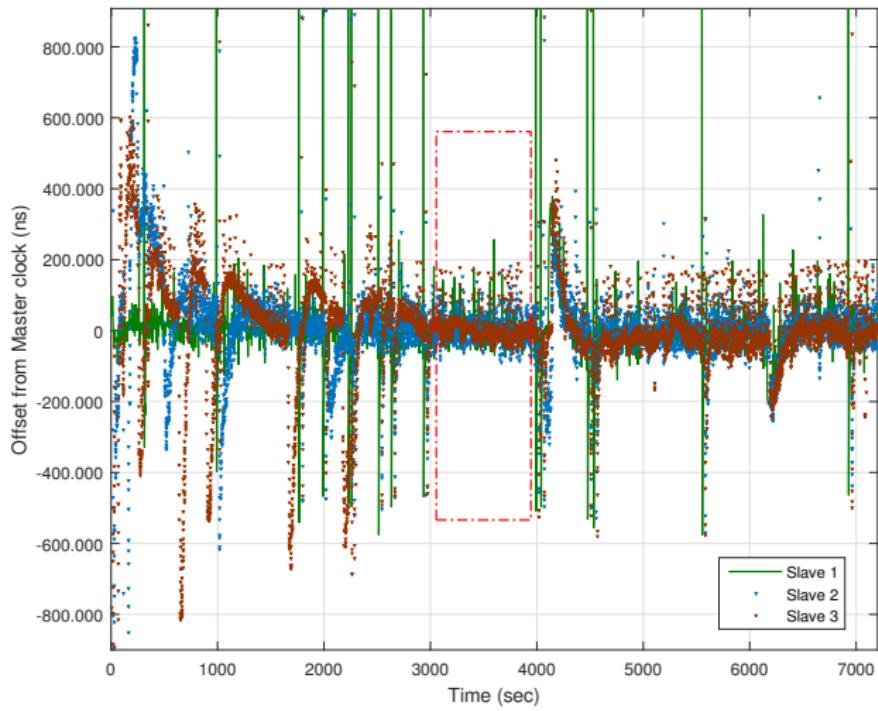
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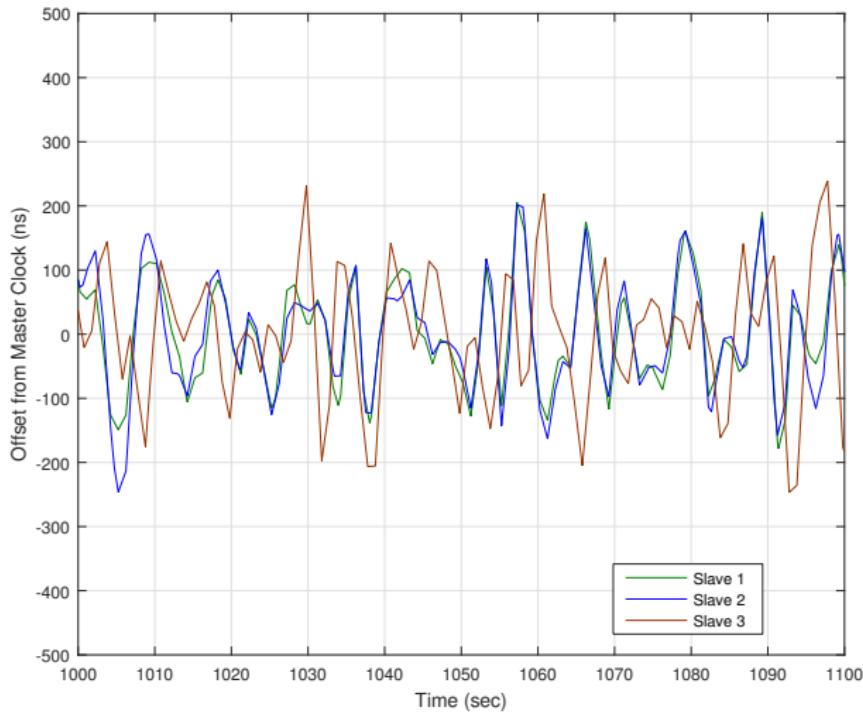
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Software Timestamping based Time Synchronization



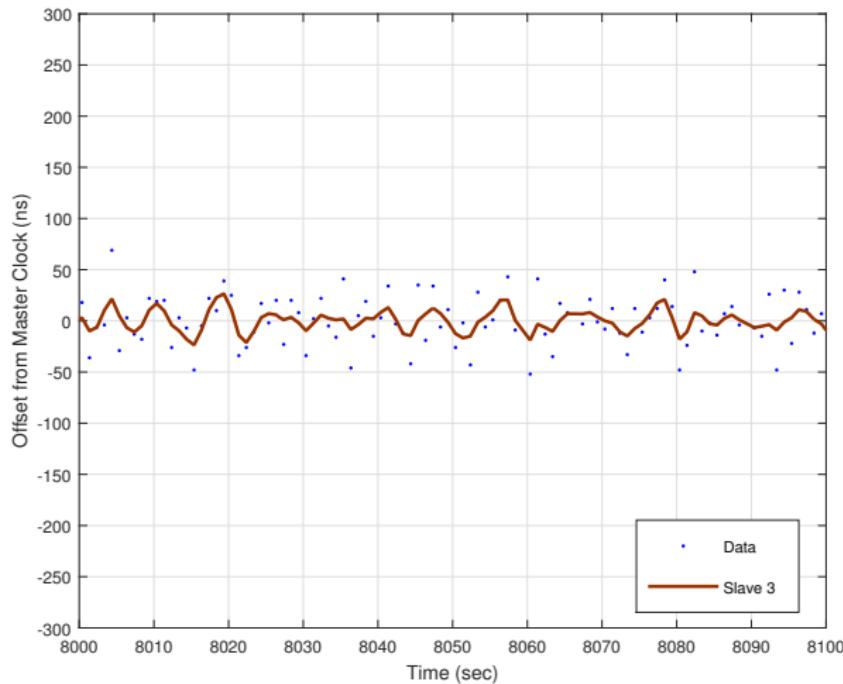
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Hardware Timestamping based Time Synchronization (Multiple Slaves)



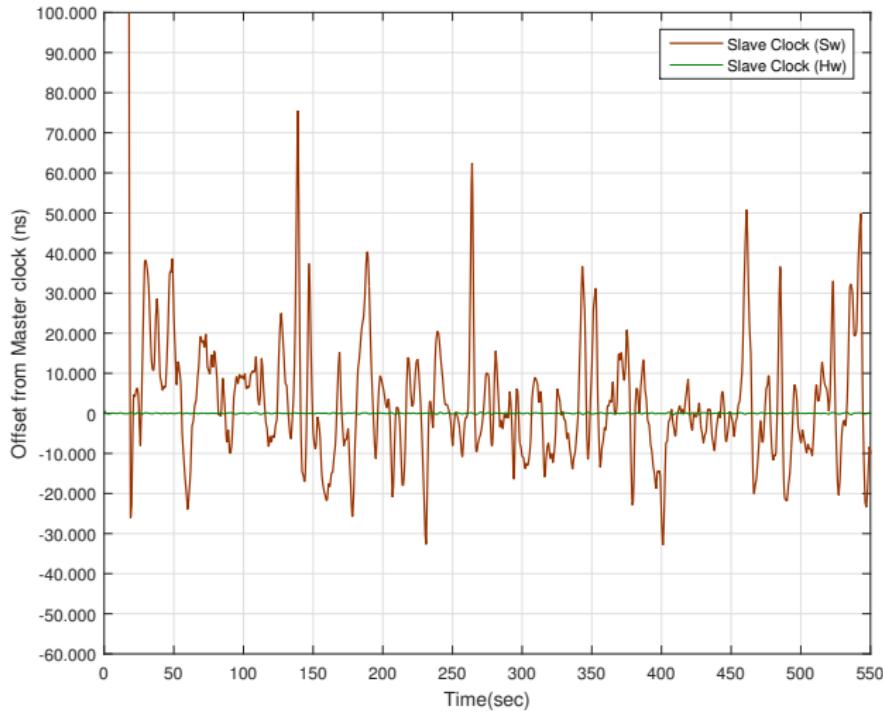
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Hardware Timestamping based Time Synchronization (Single Slave)



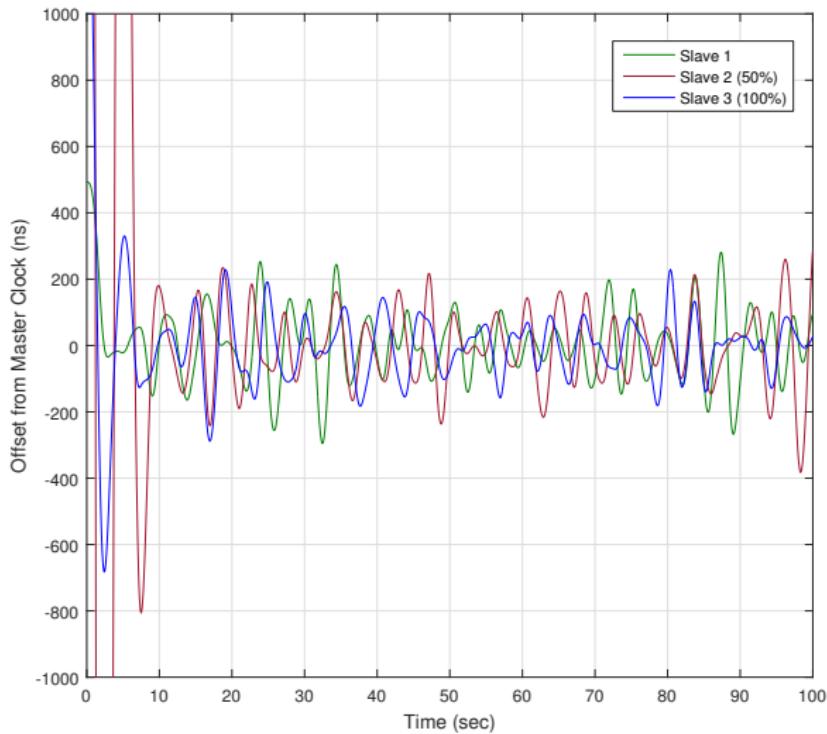
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Comparison of Hardware and Software based Time Synchronization



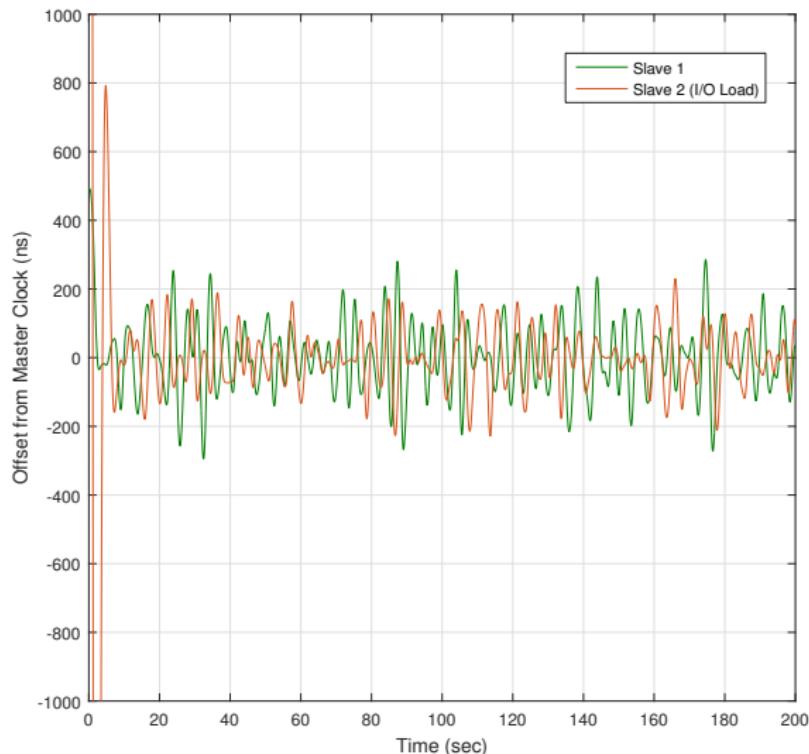
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Hardware Assisted Time Synchronization under CPU Load



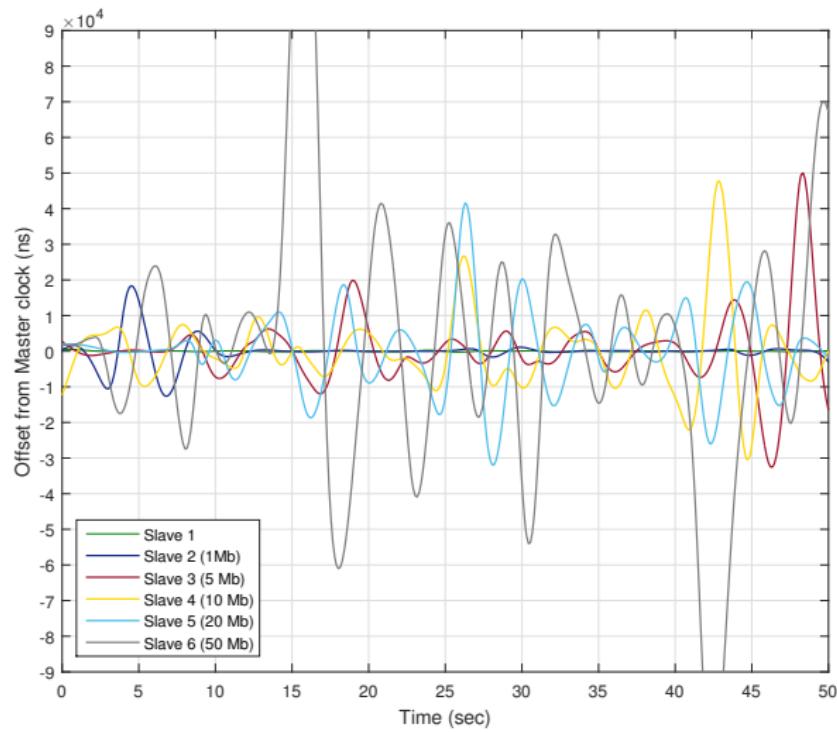
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Hardware Assisted Time Synchronization under I/O Load



Results/Demo

Hardware Assisted Time Synchronization under Network Load



Summary

- In Software only solutions, the average offset of slave clocks remained between $\pm 0.5\text{ms}$
- In Hardware based implementations, the accuracy of $\pm 200\text{ns}$ was frequently achieved.
- In load case scenarios, apparently network traffic based tests showed some considerable effects.

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