

# First use of the pps counter

Rubidium Clock ( PPS output)  
White Rabbit PPS from Syrte  
Keysight 53220 counter





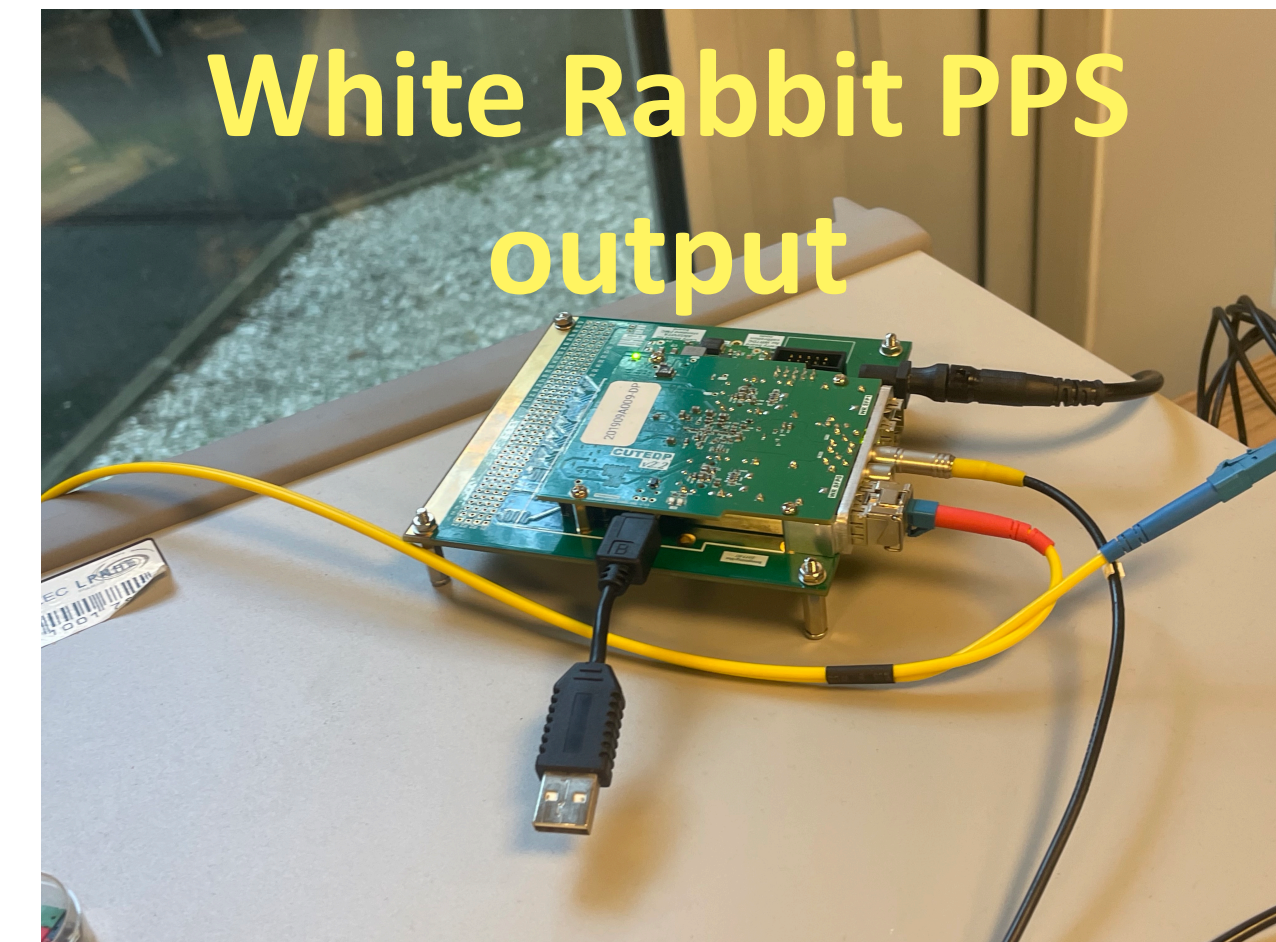
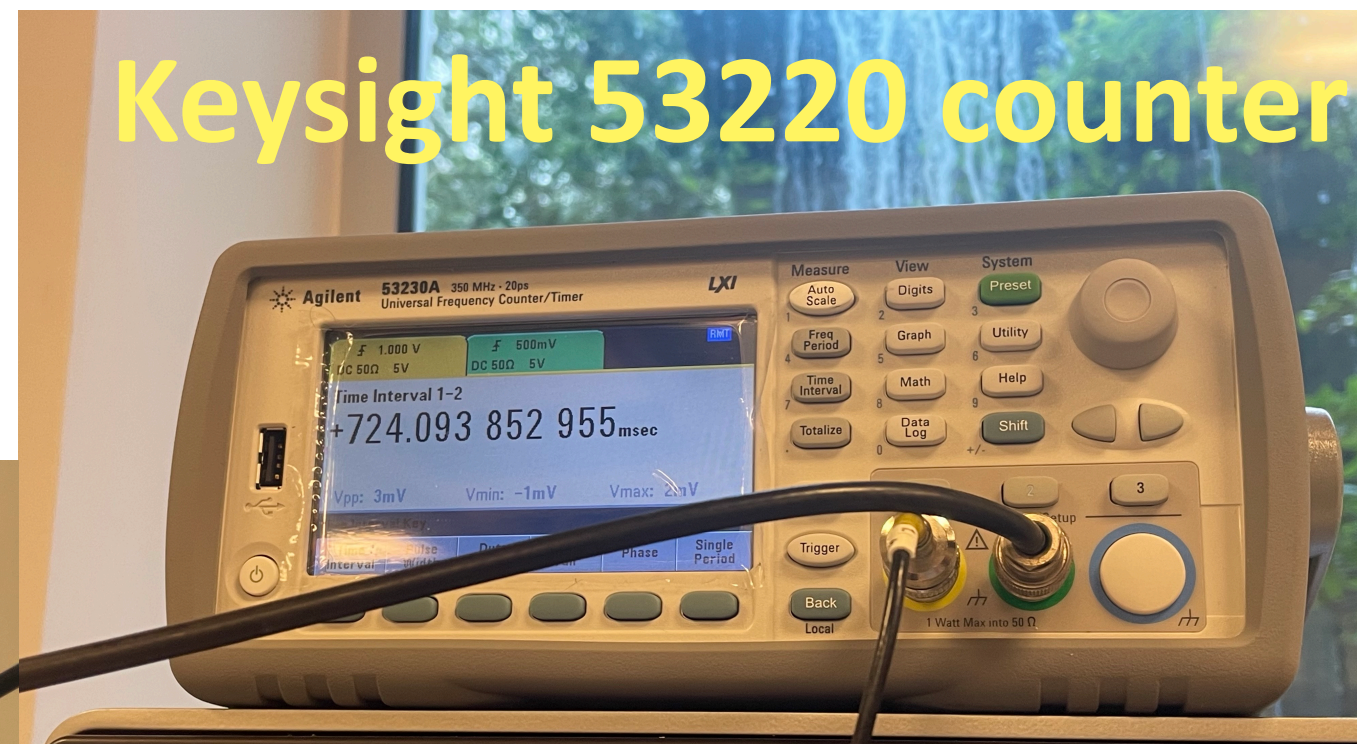
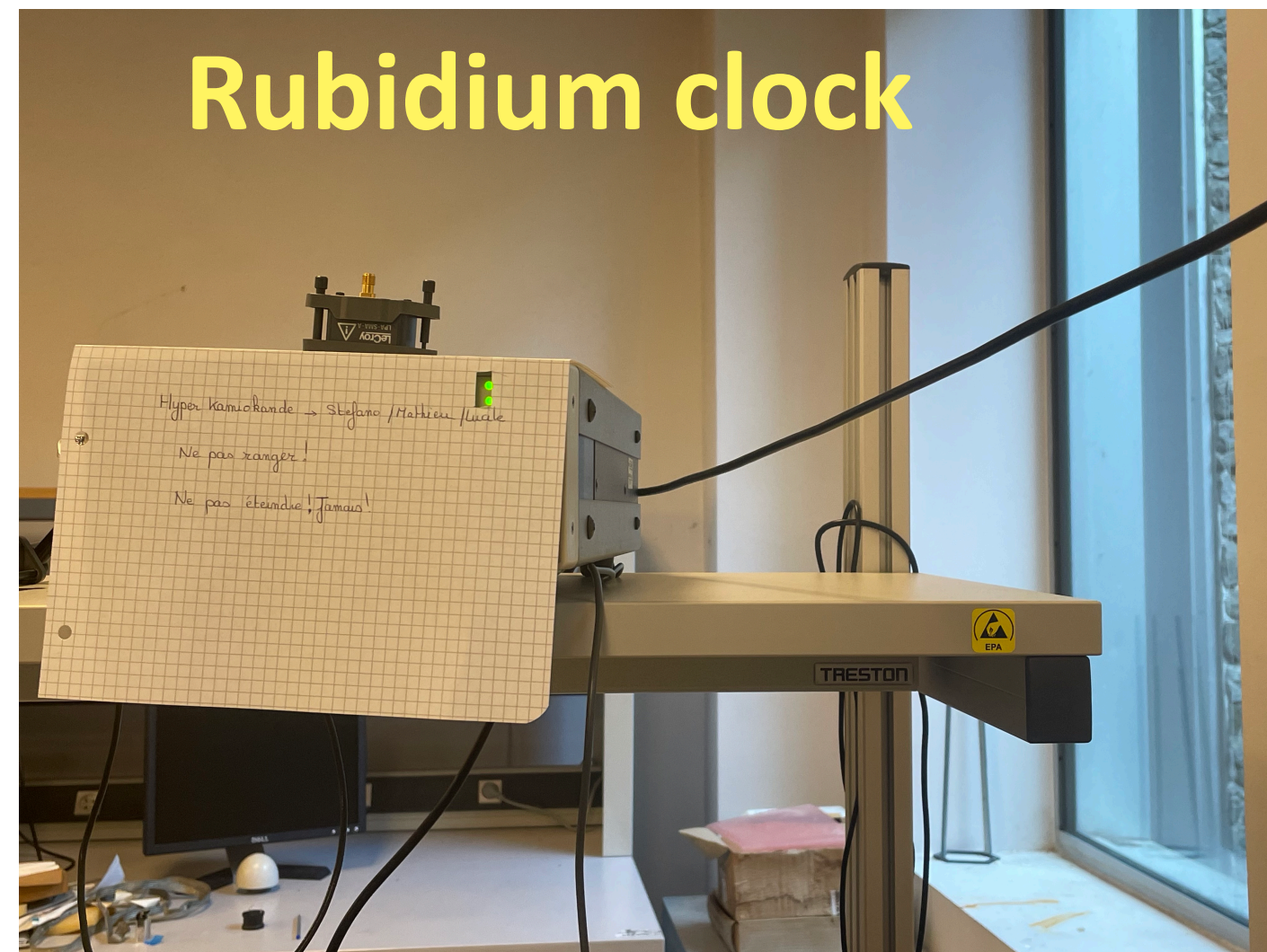
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Ethernet connection between instruments

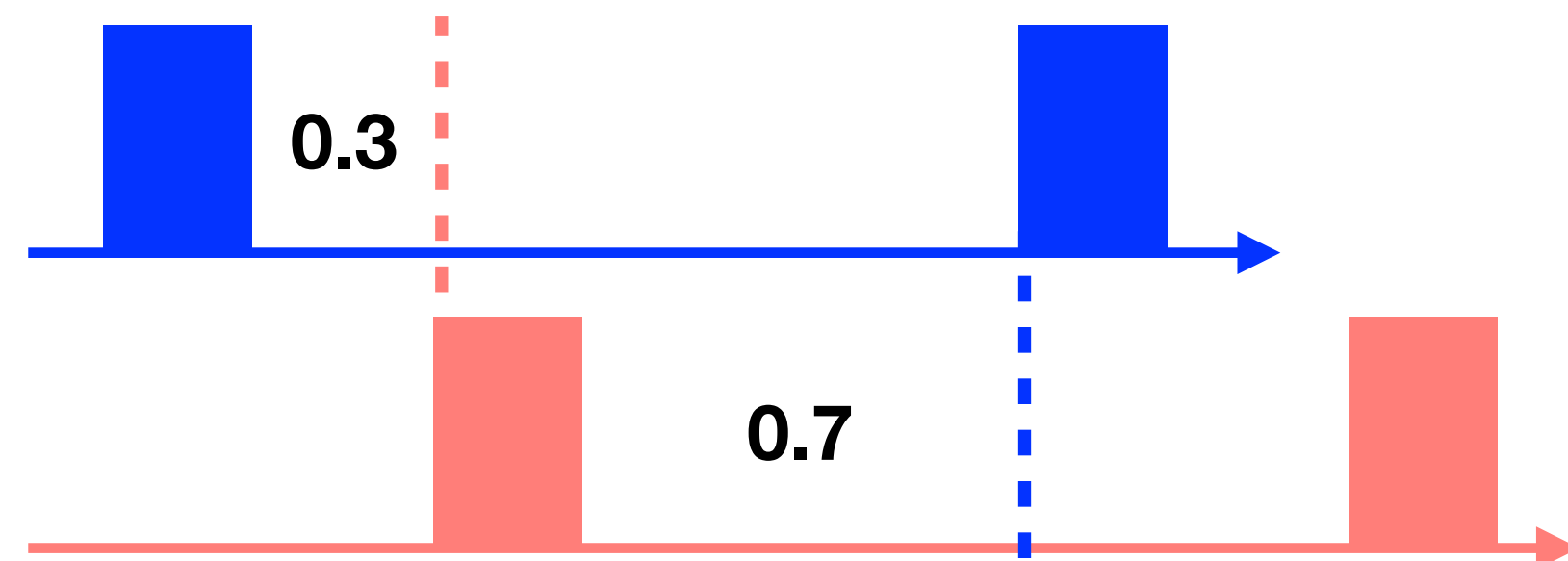
Counter -> norm scpi

Use of libraries written by Vincent

Python scripts



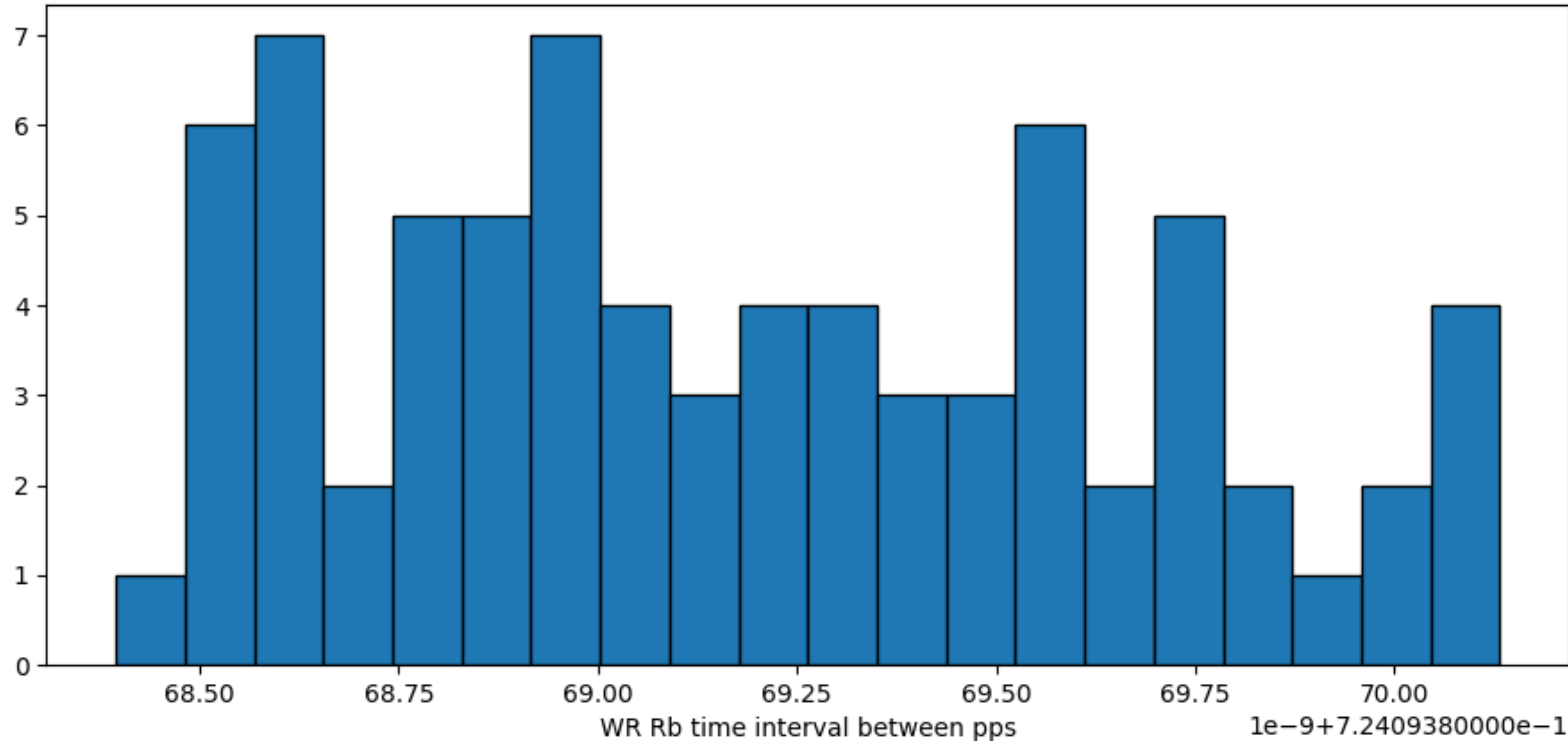
- Counter takes WR as reference (trigger) —> does not matter if we just want to look at the drift of the time difference, the other way around would give the complement value to 1s
- Counter advertises a 20 ps resolution but gives more digits, when plugged with same two outputs—> difference of ~100 ps
- Give difference input 1 - input 2, otherwise sign changes





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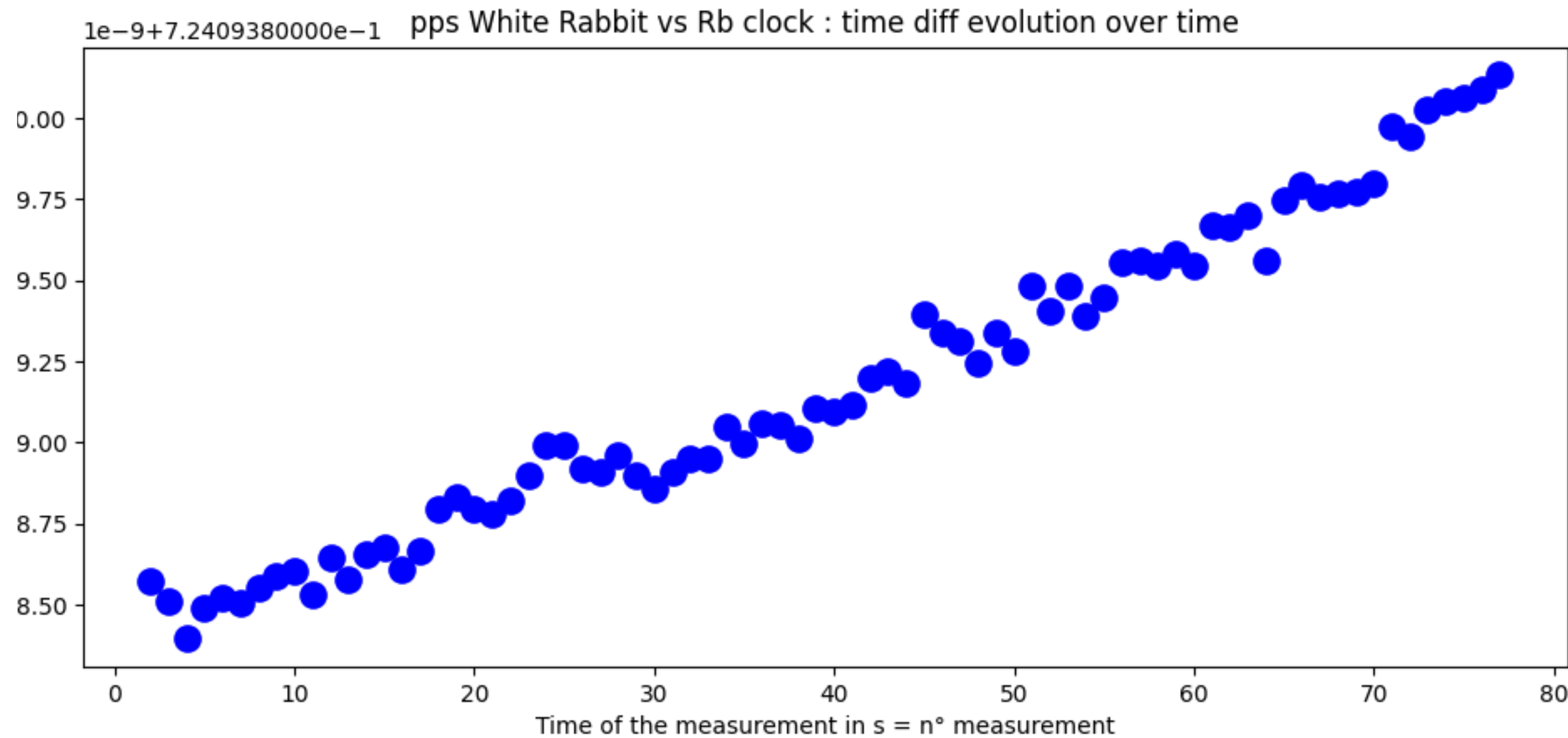
Histogram : pps White Rabbit vs Rb clock



Histogram here gives time differences between 2 pps  
—> not very important (no calibration of WR)  
—> we want to see drift over time -> Allan Standard Deviation (for next time ;))

Length of the measurement :  
77s = 1mn17s

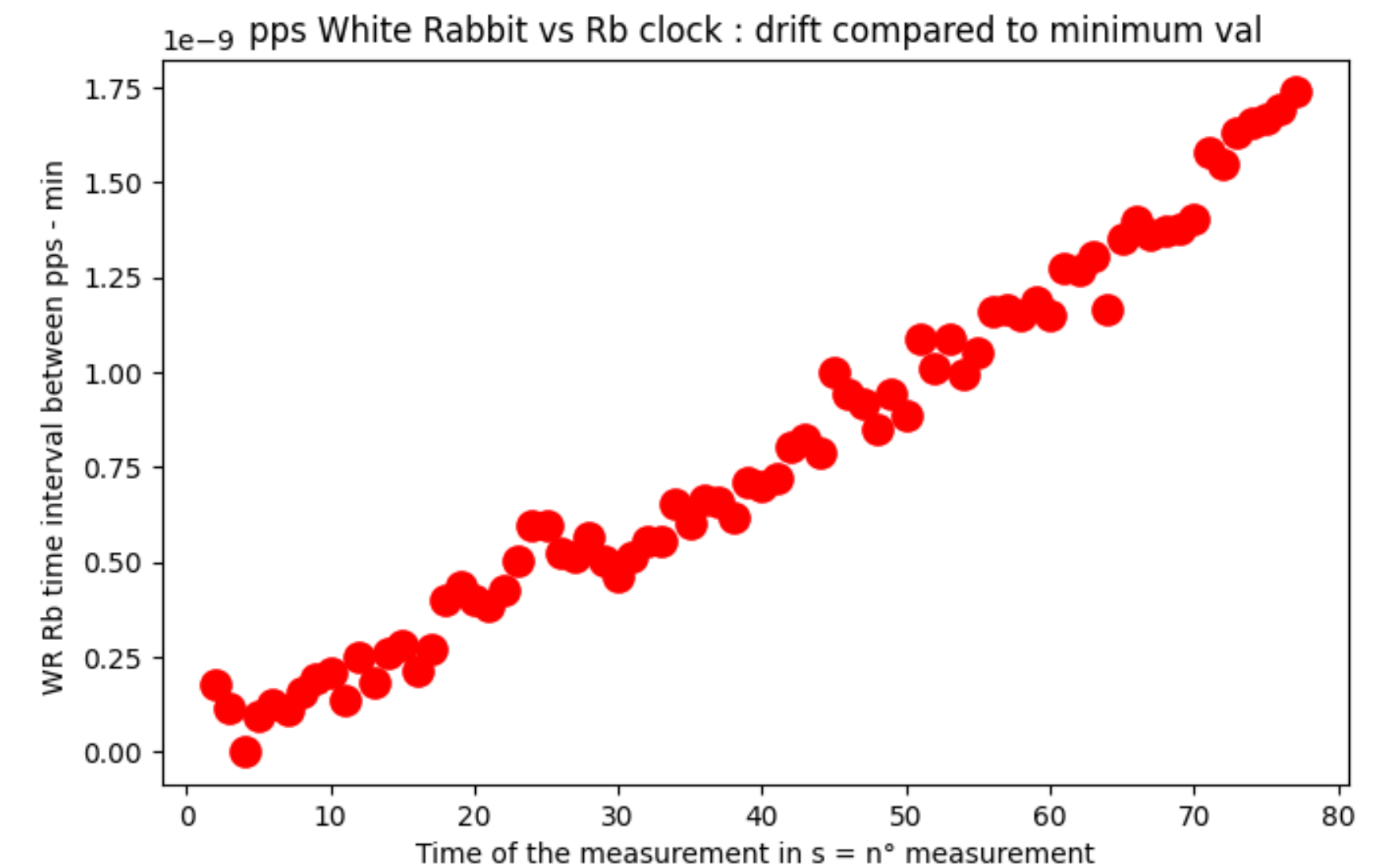
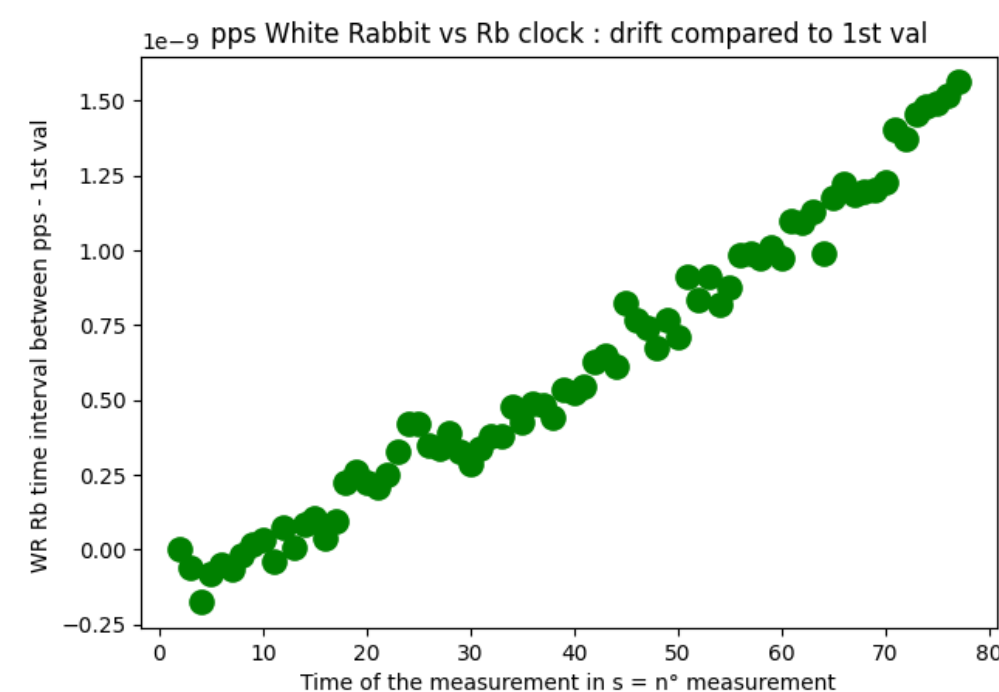
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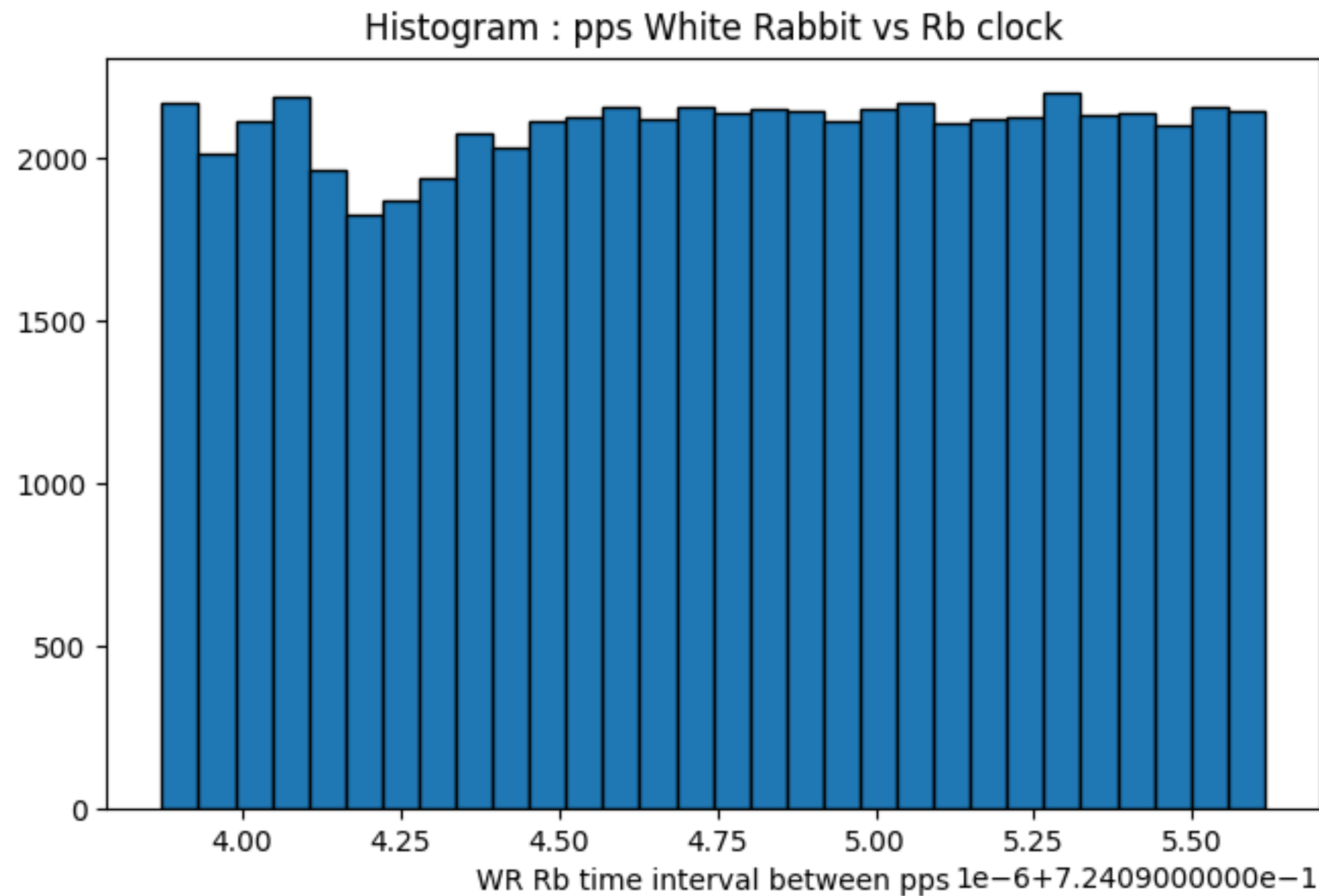
Time difference vs n° of the measurement (equivalent to time in s)

Drift  $\sim 2\text{ns}$  in 77 s

$\rightarrow 26\text{ps/s}$



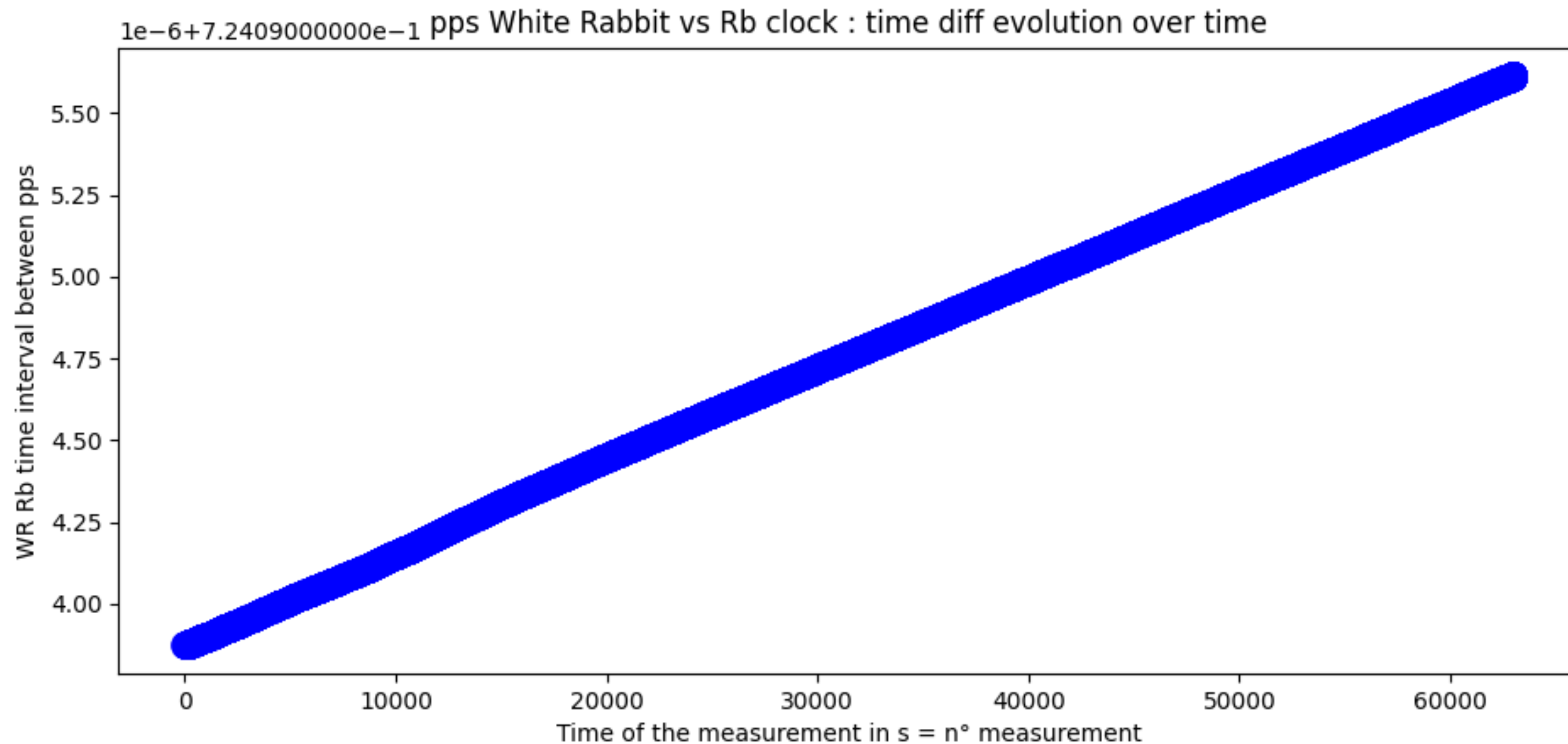
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Length of the measurement :  
62997s = 17h30mn

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Time difference vs n° of the measurement (equivalent to time in s)

Drift  $\sim 1.75\mu\text{s}$  in 17h30mn

$\rightarrow 27\text{ ps/s}$  similar to shorter measurement

