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Sub-fs reference timing - Model based optimization of the EuXFEL synchronisation system

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Sub-femtosecond short and long-term stable timing reference signals for the LLRF systems, longitudinal beam diagnostics and experiment laser systems are the next milestone on the road towards more advanced few-femtosecond and attosecond resolved experiments at the latest generation of FELs such as FLASH (2020+) and European XFEL. Using a comprehensive model of the laser-based synchronization system at European XFEL, feedback parameters of the actual system were optimized to achieve sub-fs timing stability over 7km of transmission distance. The model also allows for jitter budget analysis and provides a comprehensive roadmap for necessary future R&D efforts.

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