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# 5G Network Latency and Time Synchronization ZR/ZR+ Transceivers for Data Center Interconnect

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## Latency and Synchronization Matters

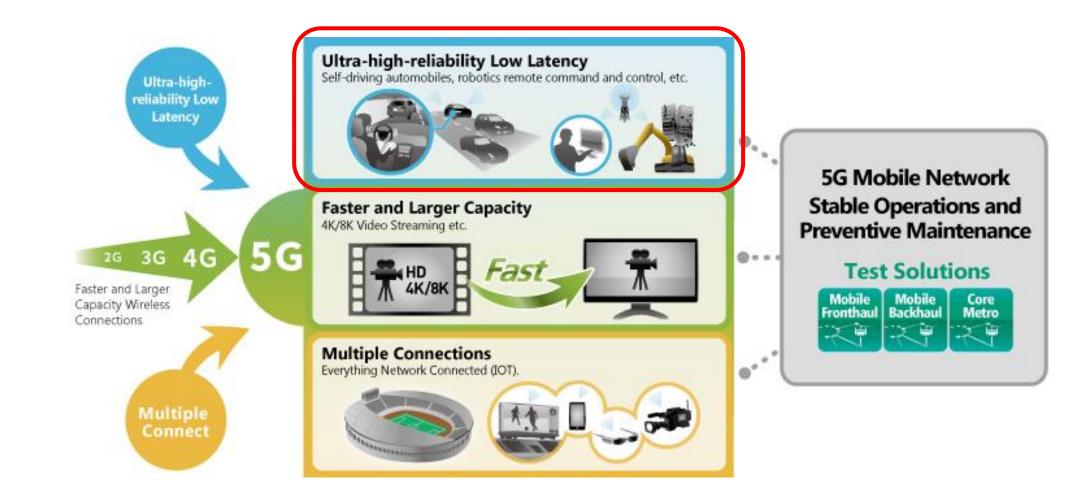




#### **5G Network Pillars: Low Latency**



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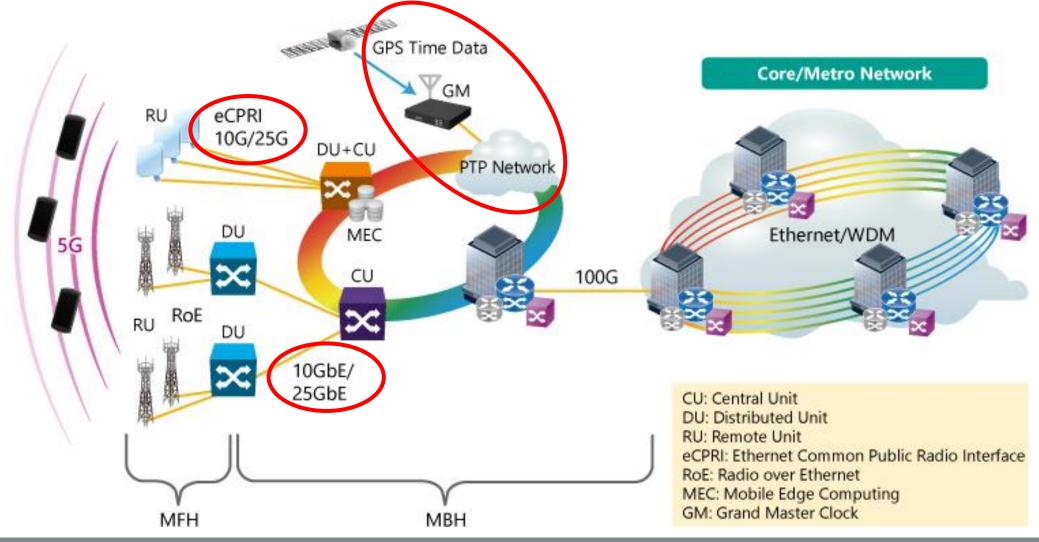


# **5G Mobile Backhaul and Fronthaul**



New eCPRI/RoE improves the transmission rate by using Ethernet, it can use the 10/25G high-speed interfaces.

Precision Time Protocol (PTP) based time synchronization is being deployed, since **PTP is unaffected by installation location**, it is being proposed for 5G networks.



### **Low Latency Networks**

#### **Network Latency**

5G mobile networks require one-way latency of the wired section about 100 µs.

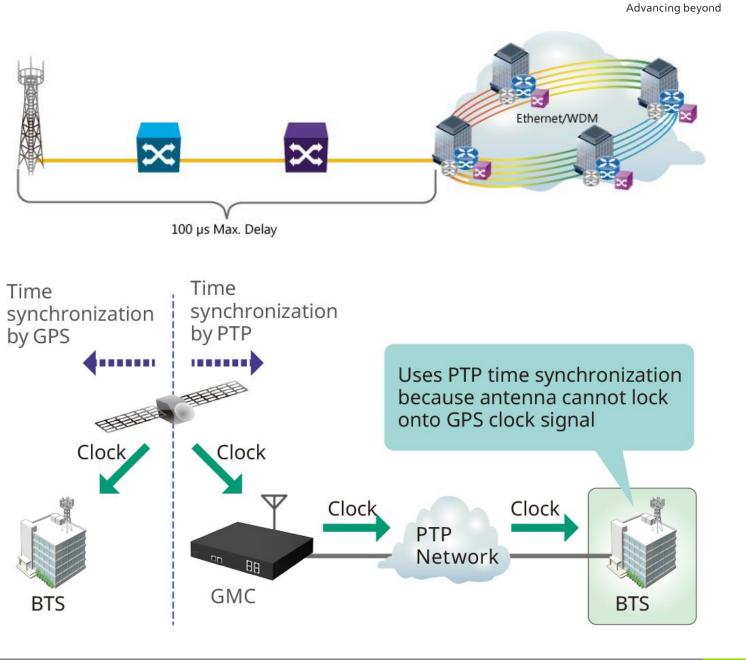
Low latency can be achieved by implementing **high-accuracy latency measurements** during network equipment installation.

#### **Network Synchronization**

Because of the smaller coverage range of 5G base stations, it is difficult to always use direct GPS timing.

PTP and Synchronous Ethernet (SyncE) technologies are used to synchronize time between base stations.

There is a need to test both PTP/SyncE to be sure that **time synchronization is** within the limits.



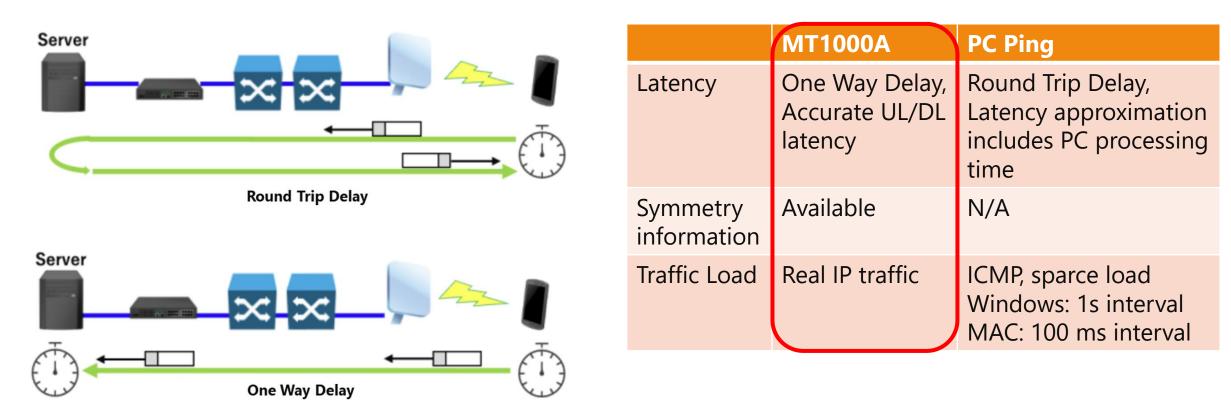


#### Latency vs PC-based Ping



Latency time changes with the UL/DL transfer direction and load rate. **Round Trip Delay** measurement, such as Ping testing, is not suitable since it cannot account for the difference in UL/DL Latency.

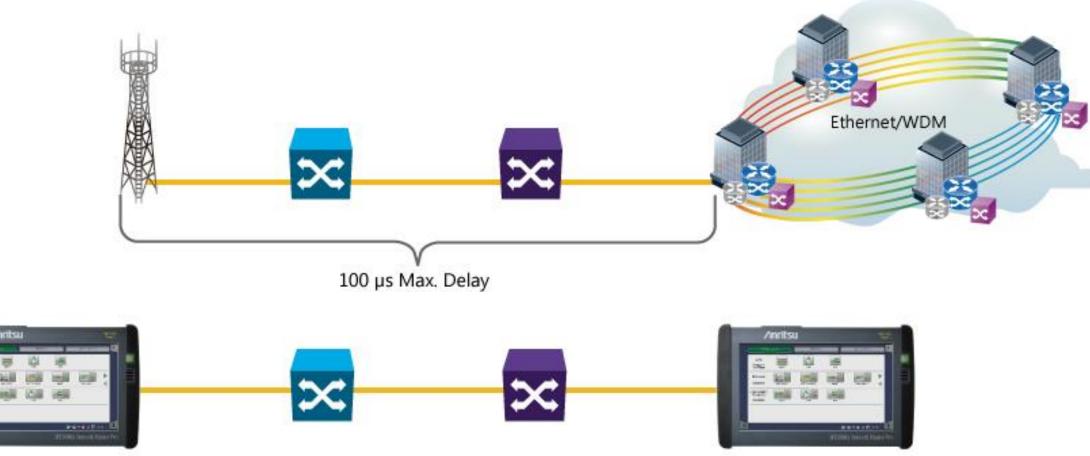
It is essential to measure **One Way Delay (Latency)** of the UL/DL connections and make sure they are within acceptable limits.



### **High-Resolution Latency Measurements**



The maximum one-way latency for 5G mobile networks is 100µs, minimizing the latency of network devices is a key point. The one-way latency between two separate points can be measured using two MT1000A units.



TRx Signal Latency Measurement

# **PTP/SyncE Measurements**

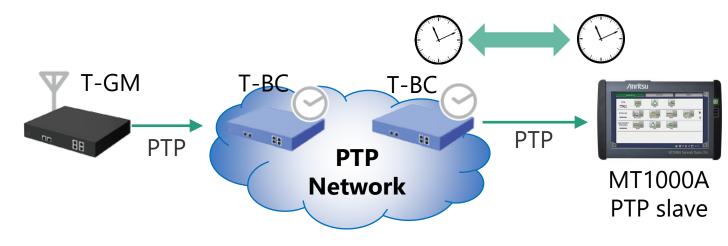
MT1000A emulates both the master and/or slave clocks on each port separately and independently. It joins PTP/SyncE network and tests the network/devices from two perspectives.

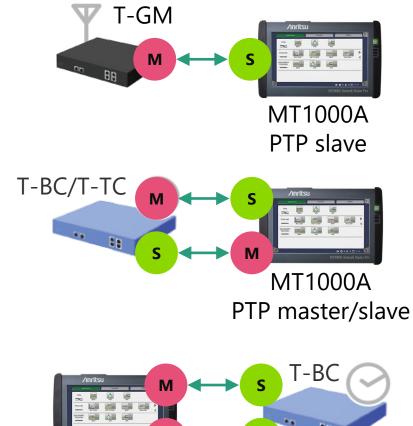
#### **Protocol Functional Test**

Interoperability of multi vendor clocks, network configurations, redundancy

#### **Synchronization Test**

• Measure TE (Time Error), comparing the time from the network with reference inside of the tester





MT1000A PTP master

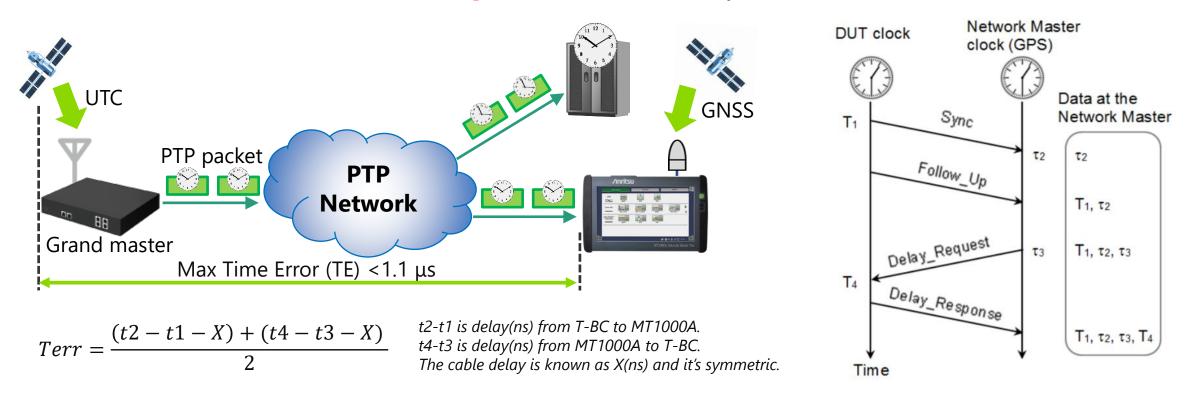
# **Synchronization Test**



5G frequency is mainly assigned with **TDD bandwidth**, which requires base stations to be synchronized in terms of time/phase. Phase misalignment causes collisions between UE and base station.

MT1000A emulates a slave clock and observes time information in the PTP packet from the adjacent master clock. Then MT1000A compares it with reference clock.

In this test MT1000A needs reference timing from GNSS, or 1PPS synchronized with GNSS.



# **MT1000A PTP/SyncE Synchronization Test**

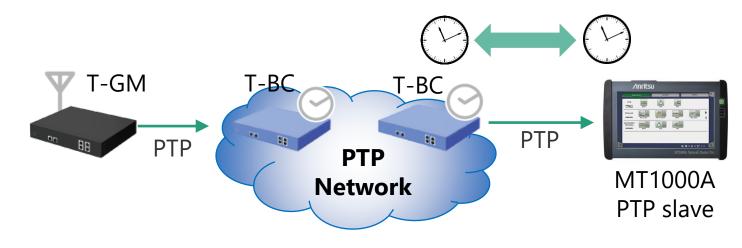
Sync Test application provides One Pulse Per Second (1PPS) measurement, One Way Delay (OWD) / Packet Time error (Packet TE) measurement, and SyncE Wander measurement.

#### **Precision Time Protocol Test**

Measurement of PTP G.8275.1/2 networks, the time and phase synchronization with high accuracy, max|TE| (Absolute Time Error), cTE (Constant Time Error), dTE (Dynamic Time Error), and MTIE metrics.

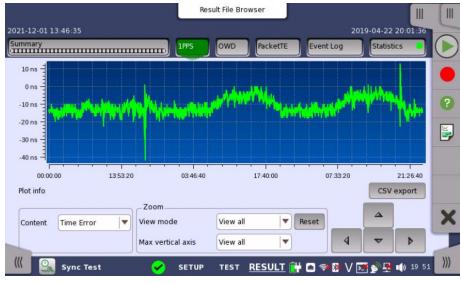
#### **Synchronous Ethernet Test**

Optionally MT1000A can measure SyncE Wander. It allows to do pass/fail tests in the field with MTIE/TDEV mask complied with ITU-T G.8261.1





#### Sync Test Summary Screen



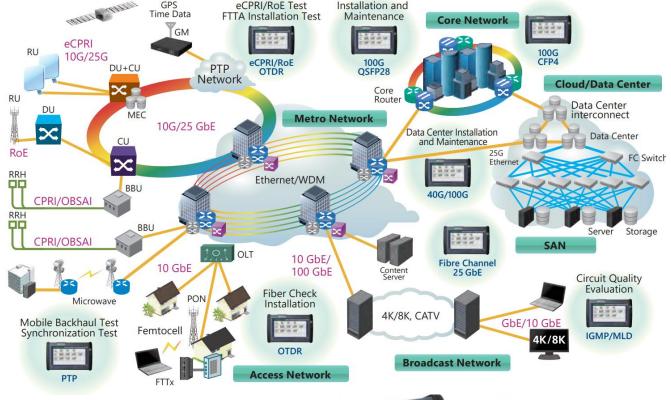
#### **1PPS Time Error Result Screen**

# **MT1000A Summary**

MT1000A is an all-in-one transport tester which provides everything needed for I&M of 4G to 5G Mobile Networks in a rugged, field portable package.

#### **MT1000A Network Master Pro**

- Support speeds from 1.5M to 100G
- Support Ethernet, OTN, Fibre Channel and legacy SONET/SDH/PDH/DSn
- Full suite of Ethernet benchmark tests RFC2544, Y.1564, RFC6349
- Support eCPRI/RoE/CPRI/OBSAI
- Support sync testing PTP/SyncE/1PPS, Packet TE, One-way Delay together with GNSS disciplined oscillator module
- OTDR measurements together with OTDR module
- Cloud/WLAN/Bluetooth/LAN connections
- Test reports in PDF, CSV and XML formats





# **Higher Throughput – Higher Quality**

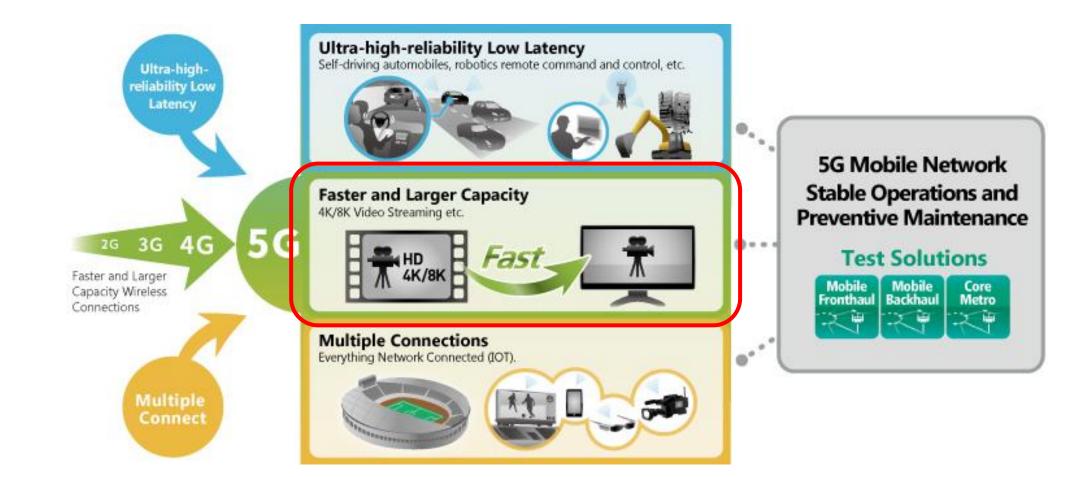




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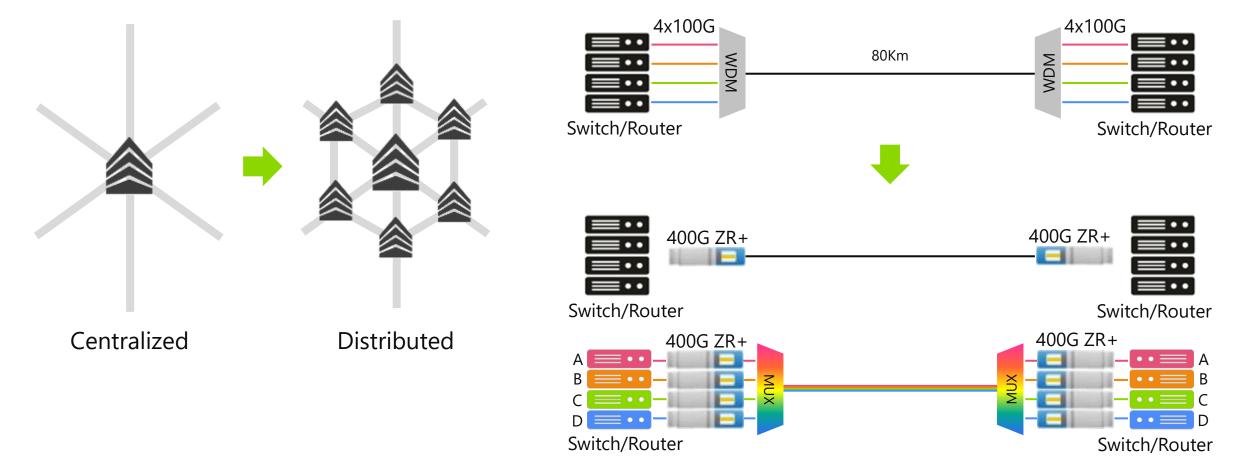


#### **Data Center Market Trend: Centralized to Distributed**



Data center location model is changed from Centralized to Distributed and Interconnected which improves redundancy and security, achieve low latency. To maintain high level SLA in distributed network 400G ZR/ZR+ can be used instead of WDM systems.

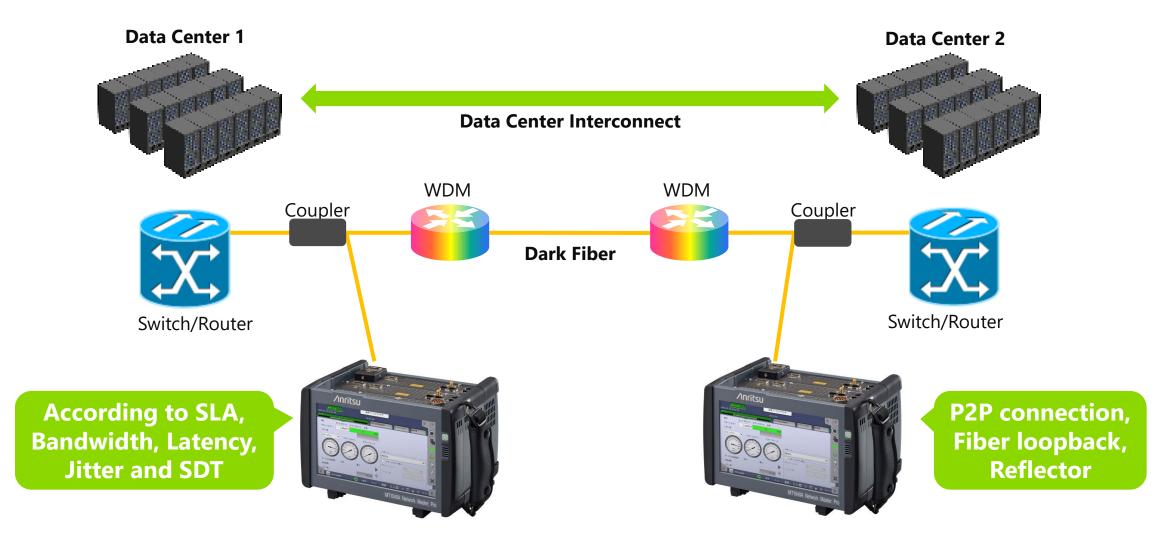
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# **MT1040A DCI with WDM Solution**



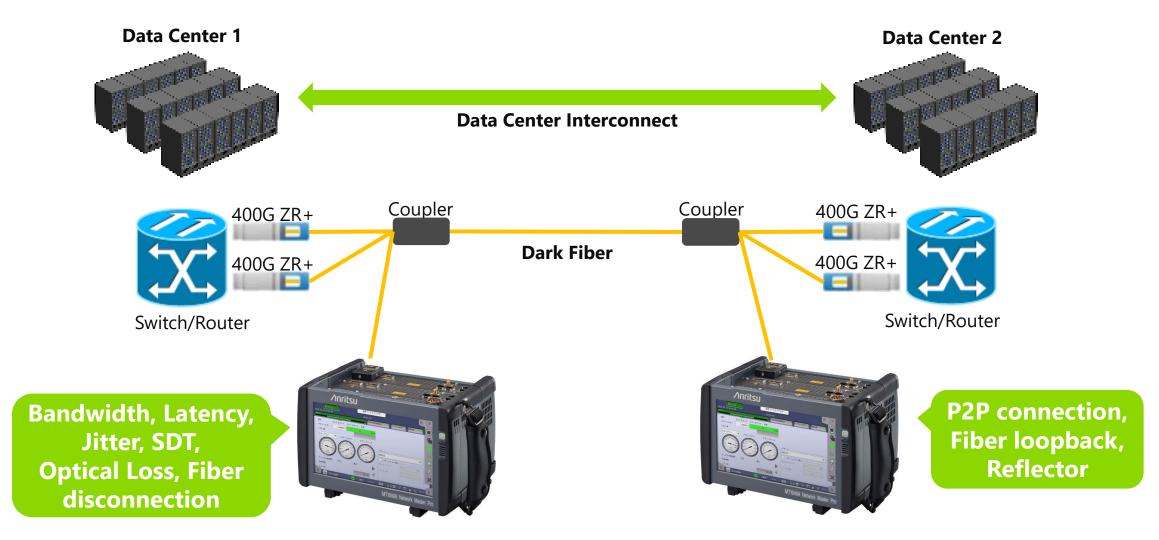
MT1040A covers all required SLA tests of active WDM systems including physical fiber measurement. Two MT1040As can be used for P2P connection testing.



# **MT1040A DCI with ZR/ZR+ Solution**



Introducing ZR/ZR+ transceivers in network allows to exclude WDM system from network. MT1040A provides optical performance check from the register information in ZR/ZR+ transceiver.



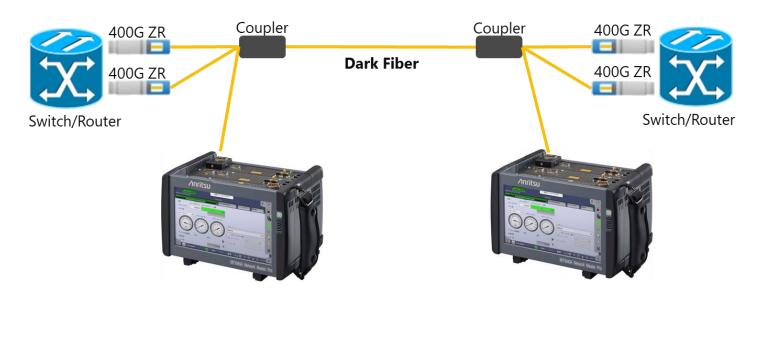
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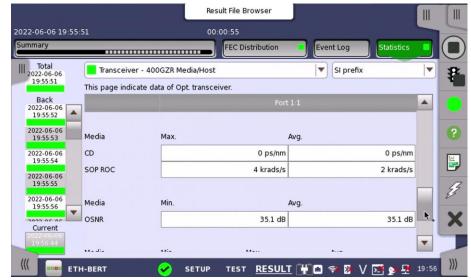
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400G ZR/ZR+ Transceiver Settings Screen



400G ZR/ZR+ Transceiver Result Screen

## **MT1040A Ethernet FEC Distribution**

**Degraded SNR due to** 

1/3rd amplitude

**Bit errors without FEC** 

#### **Ethernet FEC Distribution**

While in the 100G case it was possible to observe the signal quality degradation from error free conditions to error conditions due to aging or increased distance, when testing 400G the error rate is "masked" by FEC correcting errors. But when the number of errors becomes "un-correctable" the link signal quality experiences a sudden degradation which could not be predicted before.

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100G Loopback

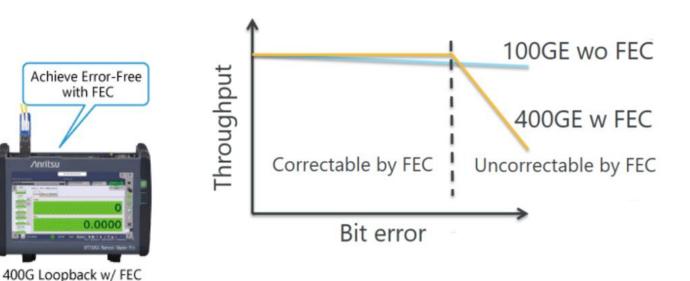
400G Loopback w/o FEC

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#### Advancing beyond **Result File Browser** 021-03-26 15:58:14 00:01:34 vent Loa **FEC Distribution** Total P 2021-03-26 10 1.0E+12 2.22E-04 Back 1.0E+10 -2021-03-26 15:59:04 15 1.0E+08 282 0 1.0E+06 · 2021-03-26 15:59:14 S 1.0E+04 -2021-03-26 15:59:19 Vertical Axis 1.0E+02 2021-03-26 15:59:24 Max scale Auto 2021 02 26 10E+0 Current 2021-03-26 15:59:47 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 1 **FEC Symbol Error Count** TEST RESULT 📄 🖬 🤿 🕅 🗸 🏹 😽 😣 15 59 ETH-BERT SETUP





50 Gbaud PAM4

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25G NRZ

25G x 1bit =25 Gbps

50G x 2bit = 100 Gbps

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