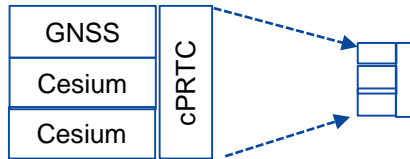
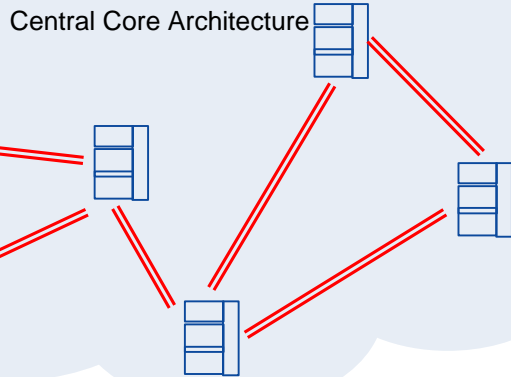




## Coherent Network Primary Reference Time Clocks (cnPRTC) Concept and Technology

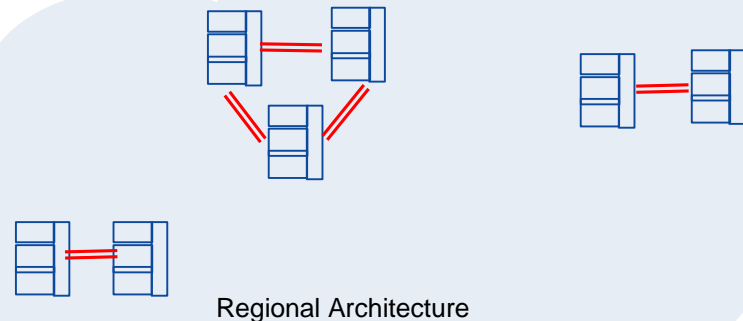
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# Coherent Network PRTC Overview



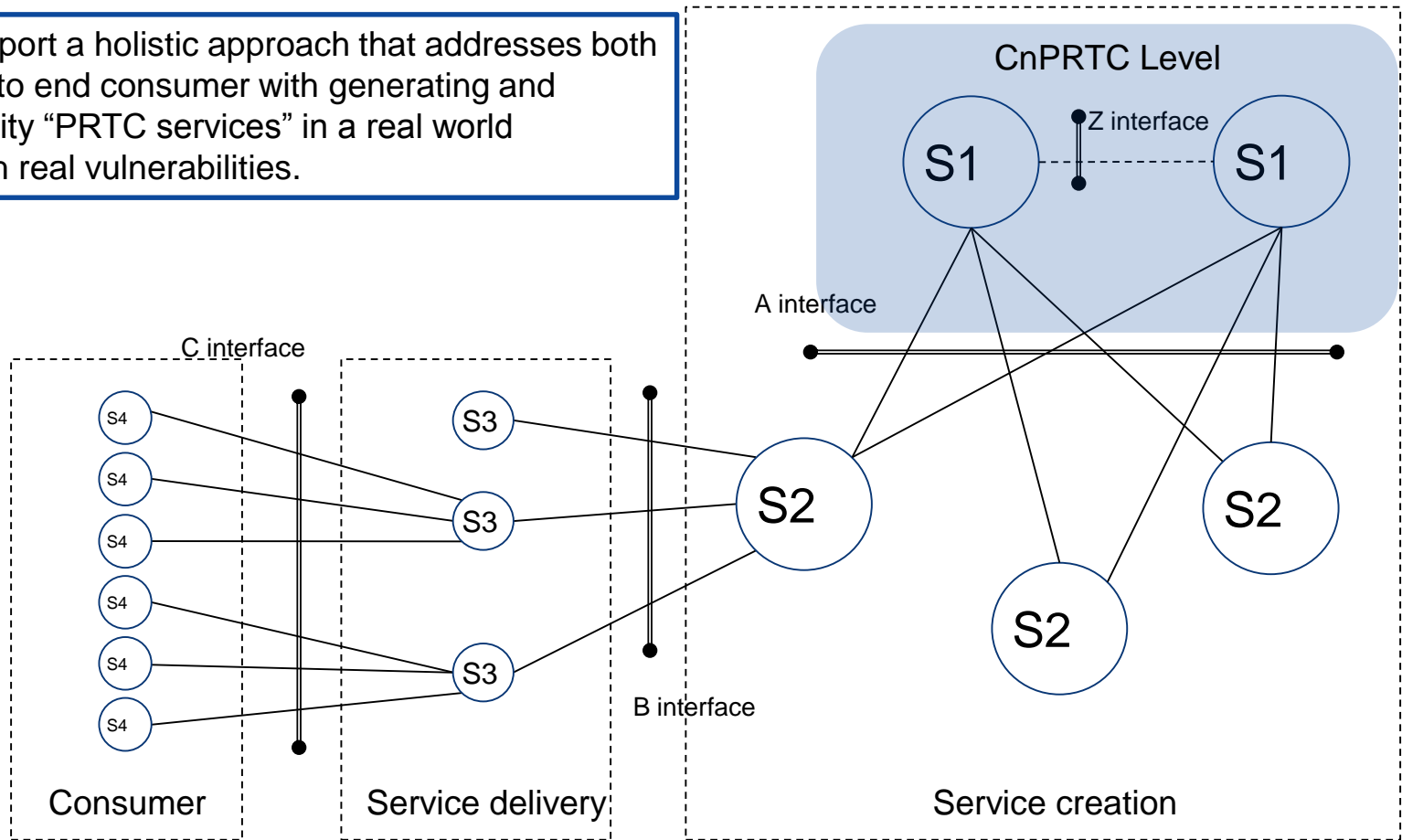
## Primary Objectives

- **Reliability:** Immune from local jamming or outages
- **Autonomy:** Cesium Ensemble Sustained Timescale (definition of second) GNSS connect non-critical.
- **Coherency:** 30ns coordination assures overall PRTC budget



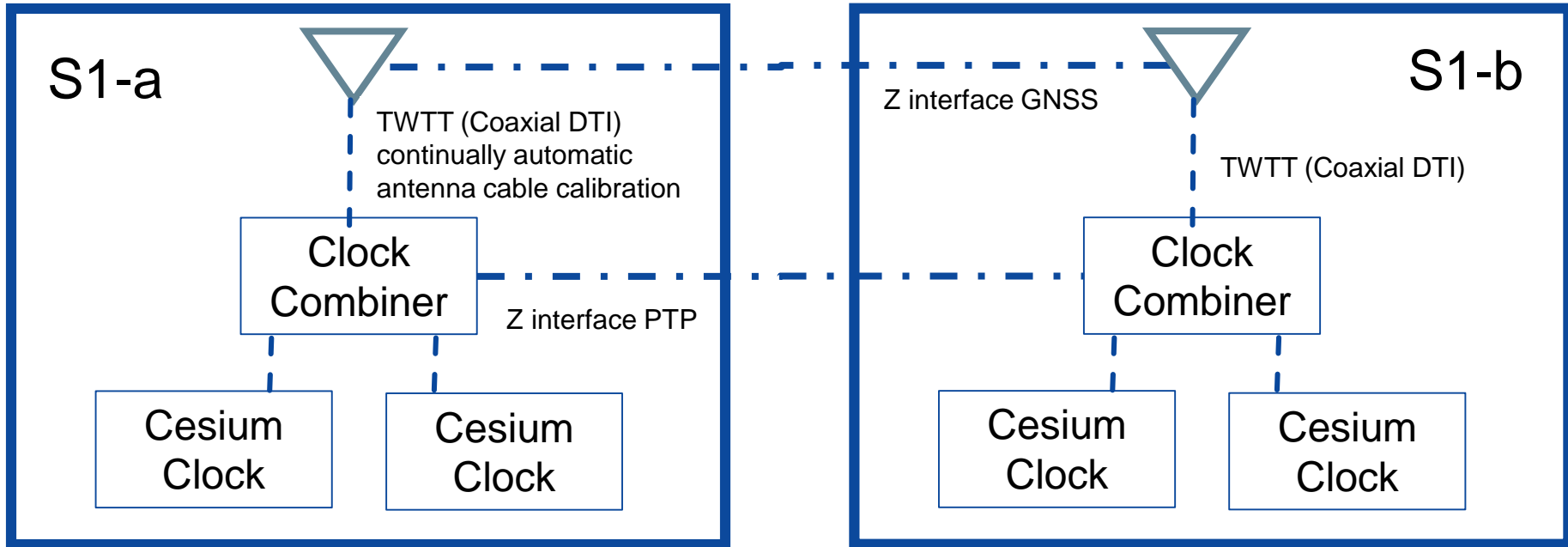
# Coherent Time/Frequency Functional Architecture

Architecture support a holistic approach that addresses both service delivery to end consumer with generating and maintaining quality “PRTC services” in a real world environment with real vulnerabilities.



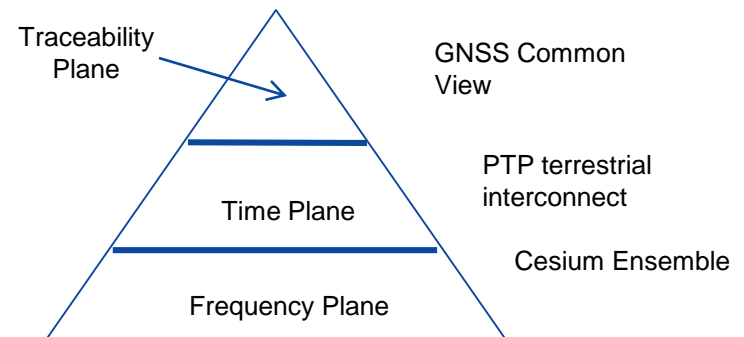
S1: Coherent cnPRTC level– Ensembling timing source, Perpetual Coherent Time Traceability  
 S2: Hierarchical PRTC level– Redundant Traceable A interfaces from S1 extend service creation from core.  
 S3: Sync delivery – delivers sync source to clients (PTP and associated path aware standards plus frequency sync e.g. Sync E)  
 S4: Sync edge/client – consumes the services

# Coherent CnPRTC Service Creation Level



Current Clock Combiner supports patented enhanced clock control ensembling algorithm to generate **robust local timescale** supporting to the PRTCe requirements  
 Evolution of algorithm is planned to support network coherent operation as precision PTP network interconnect is deployed.

Note: Z interface (between S1 locations) consists of a PTP terrestrial interconnect and a GNSS common view interconnect



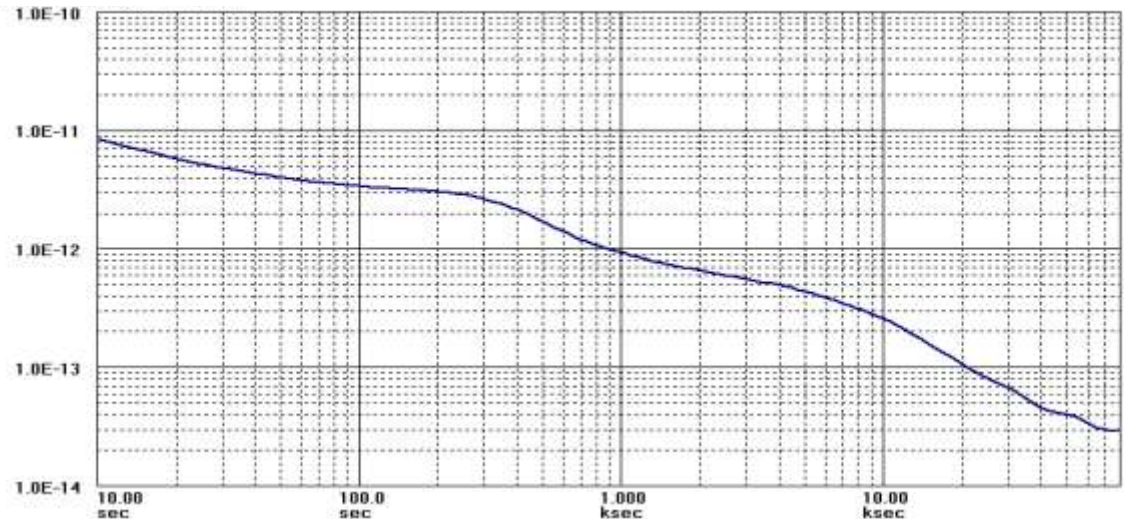
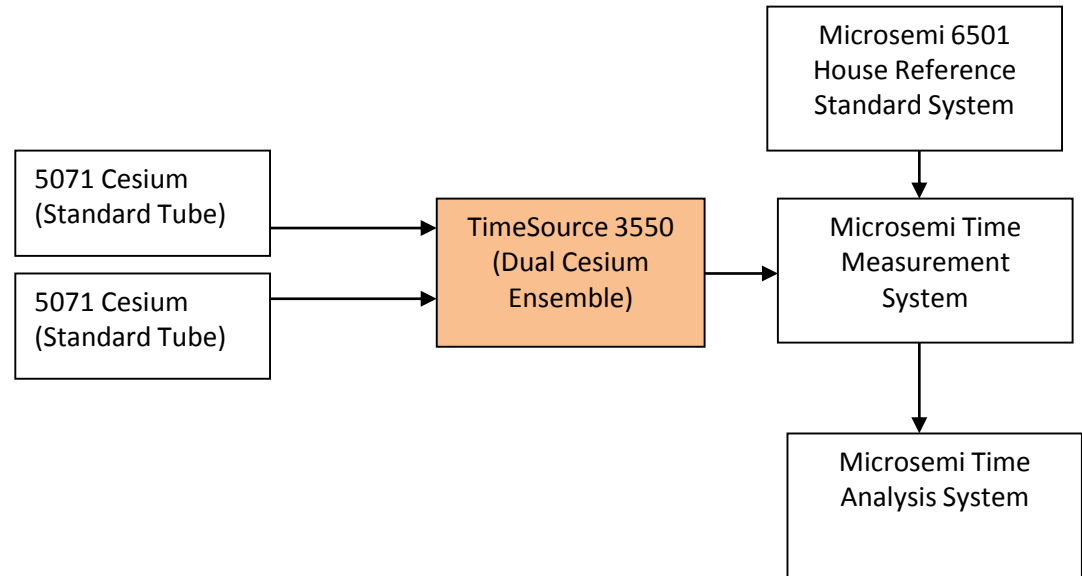
Local Timescale Generation

Power Matters™

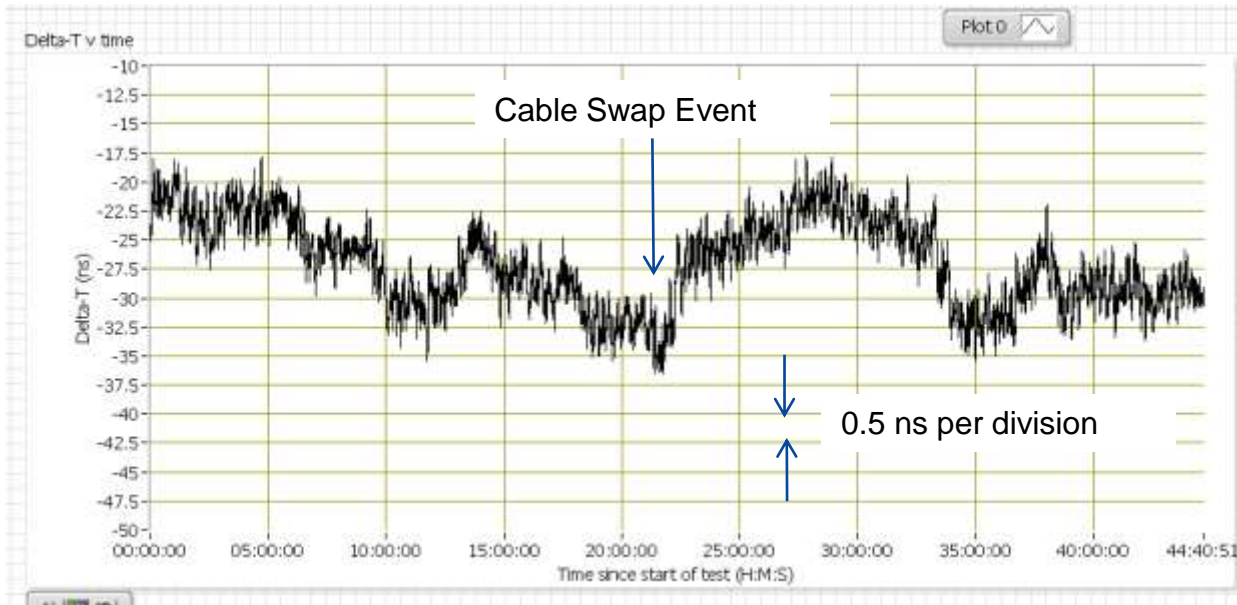
# Baseline Performance Dual Cesium Timescale Ensemble

- Test Configuration is as shown.
- The Clock Combiner algorithm is operational in the TimeSource 3550 system
- The internal laser driven Rubidium is disciplined based on the combined performance of both external Cesium clocks.

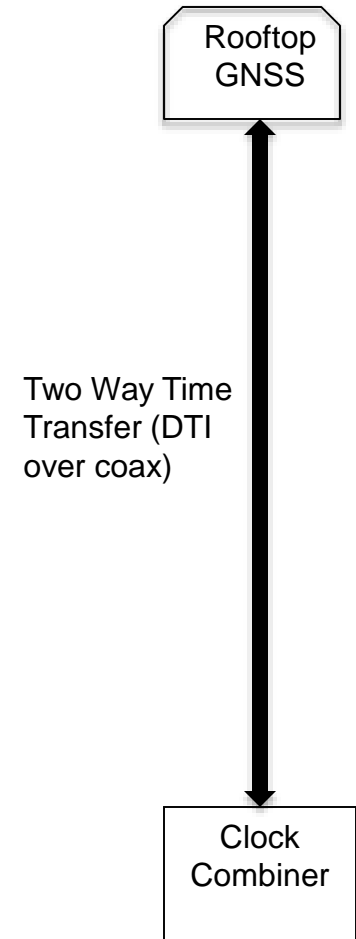
The testing interval result shown over a 4.5 day test. The test result shows a stability noise floor at the  $3e-14$  level consistent with an ensemble of two standard performance 5071 cesium standards.



# TWTT Continual Automatic Antenna Cable Delay Calibration

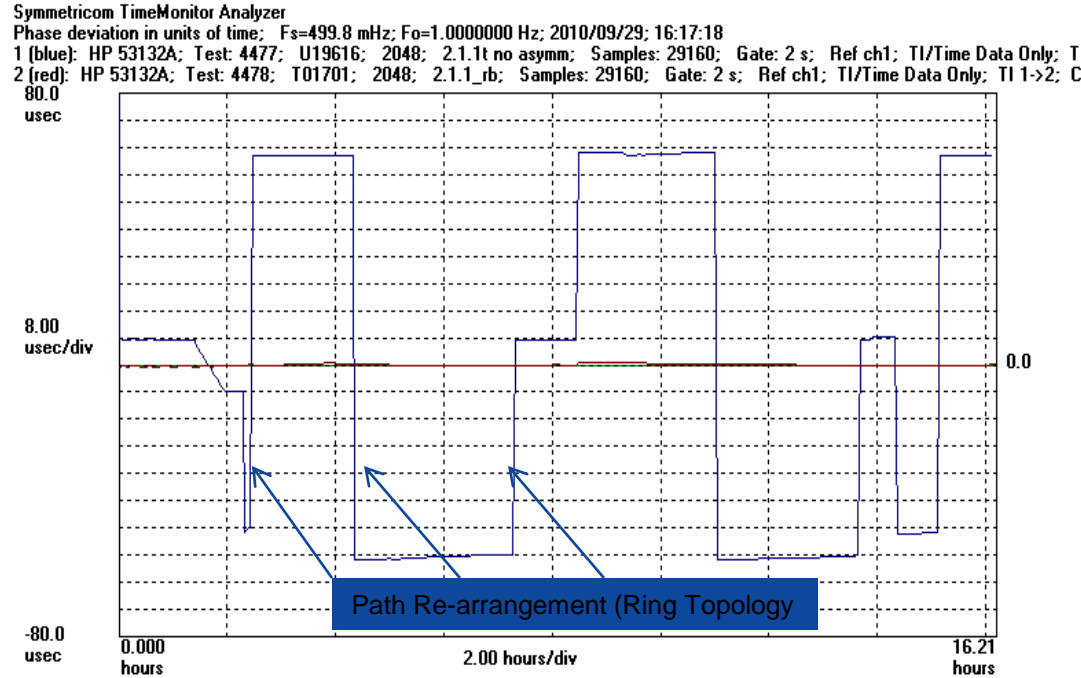


## Cable Delay Bias Mitigation Test Results (200ft and 700ft cable swap)



# Z interface combined strength of PTP and GNSS

- **Asymmetry Correction Algorithm** supplies external correction factor defined in 1588 standard.
- **Algorithm** learns asymmetries to prevent in-accurate time output
- **Addressed both PTP and GNSS** potential vulnerabilities



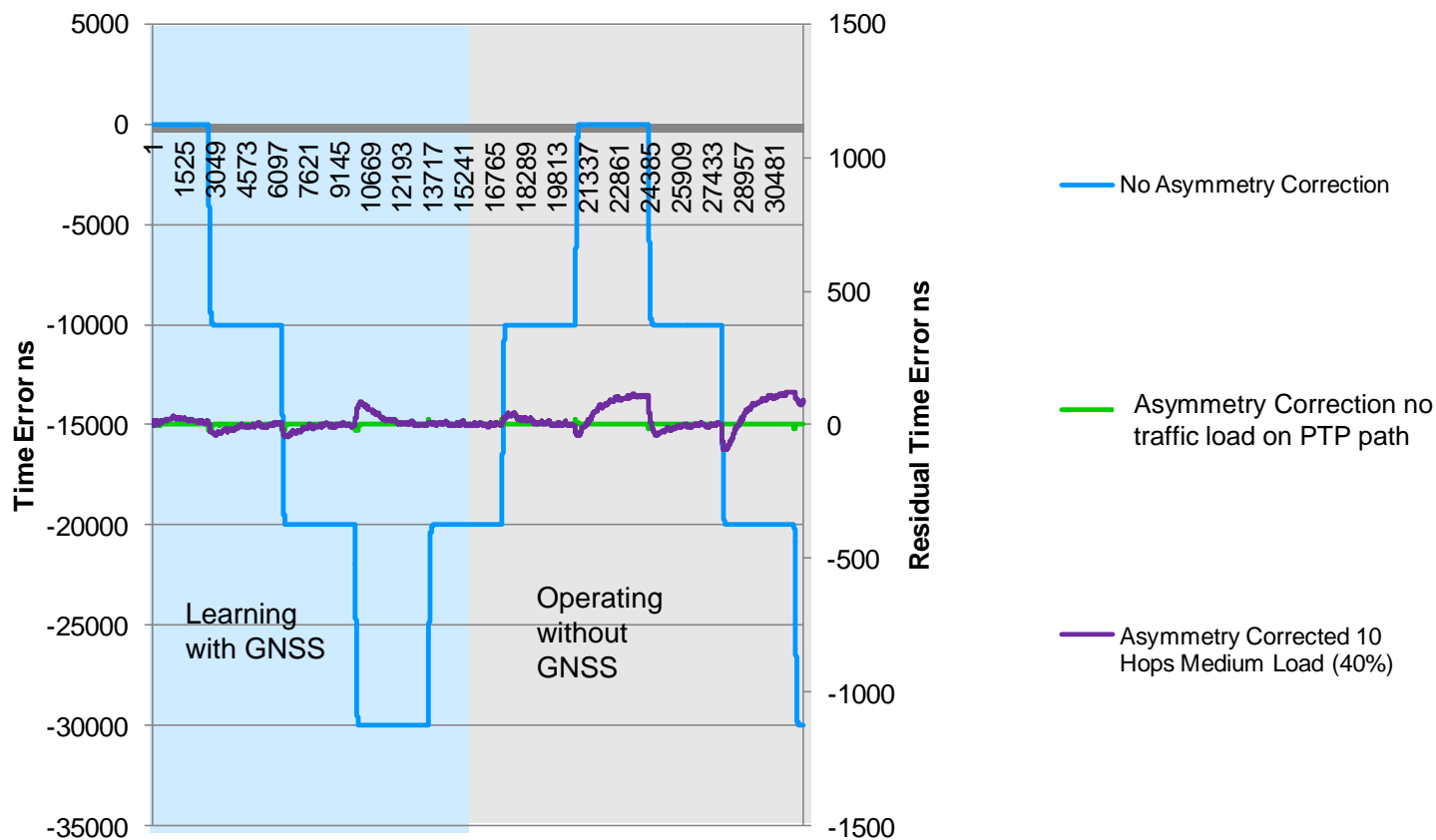
| Path Signature   |               |                           | Asymmetry Bias (ns) |
|------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Round Trip Delay | Observed Bias | Secondary Path Parameters |                     |
| Path Signature A |               |                           | AAA.A               |
| Path Signature B |               |                           | BBB.B               |
| Path Signature C |               |                           | CCC.C               |

Performance on Customer Network test environment:

**BLUE:** PPS Performance without Asymmetry correction.

**RED:** PPS Performance with Asymmetry correction.

# Automatic Path Delay Compensation Learning Behavior





# Summary

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- CnPRTC addresses operating a phase/time service in a real-world environment with vulnerabilities such as GNSS jamming.
- CnPRTC complements local PRTC distribution.
- CnPRTC leverages the strengths of both GNSS and PTP