

In Service Monitoring & Assurance

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New Requirement – New Challenges!



- Time/Phase requirement for NGN are much more stringent!

Telecom Profile	Requirement
Frequency G.8261.1	16ppb
Phase G.8271	+/- 1.5/1.1usec

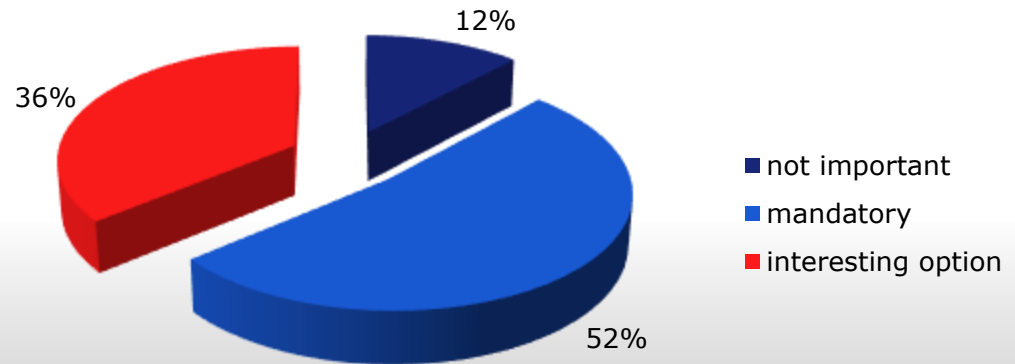
- Frequency offset accumulate to phase error.
- G.8265.1 compliant clock with frequency offset of 16ppb will exceed 1.1usec limits after ~70 seconds...

Operators Survey - Synchronization Assurance



- Synchronization assurance is a highly relevant feature
- **Conclusion:** Mobile operators want to see such capability with their synchronization delivery solution

Do you rate synchronization service assurance as an important tool for delivering mobile backhaul services?



Why „In Service“ Sync Assurance is needed ?

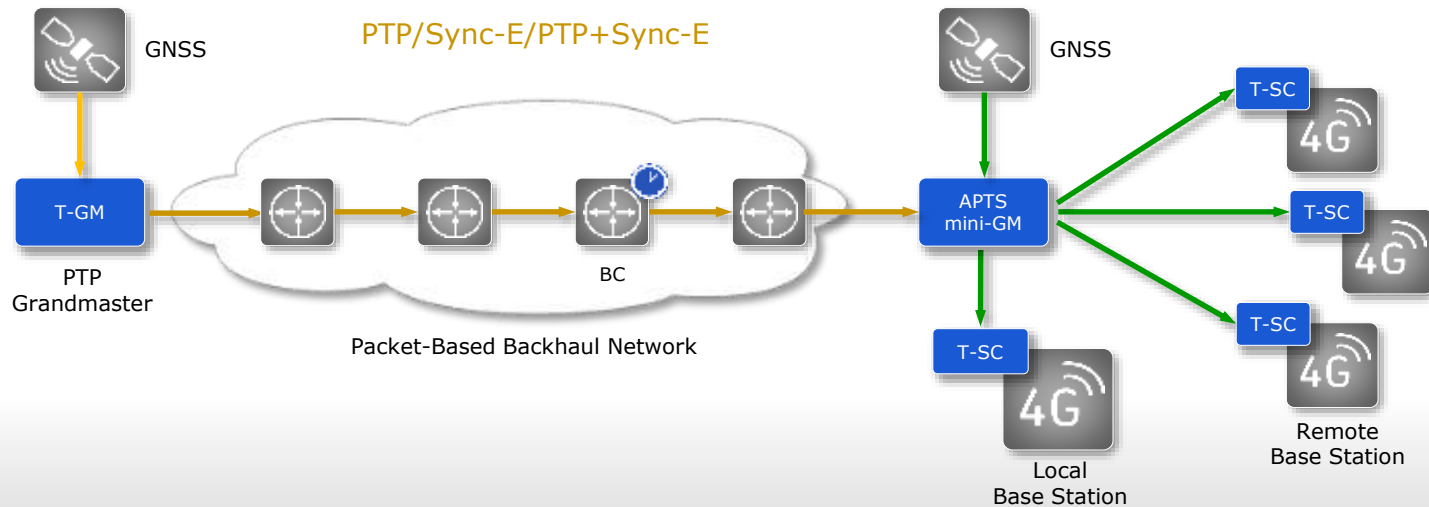
- Making sure synchronization is working as designed is not trivial task.
- Network PDV, asymmetry and environmental conditions can effect the Synchronization quality.
- A way to ensure proper synchronization should be integrated into Sync distribution/delivery functions or accompanied by cost effective Sync assurance tools.
- Lab test equipment is too expansive for “in service” installation in multiple locations.
- Other aspects such as power consumption and OSS/NMS should also be taken into consideration.



Example #1 - Assisted Partial Timing Support

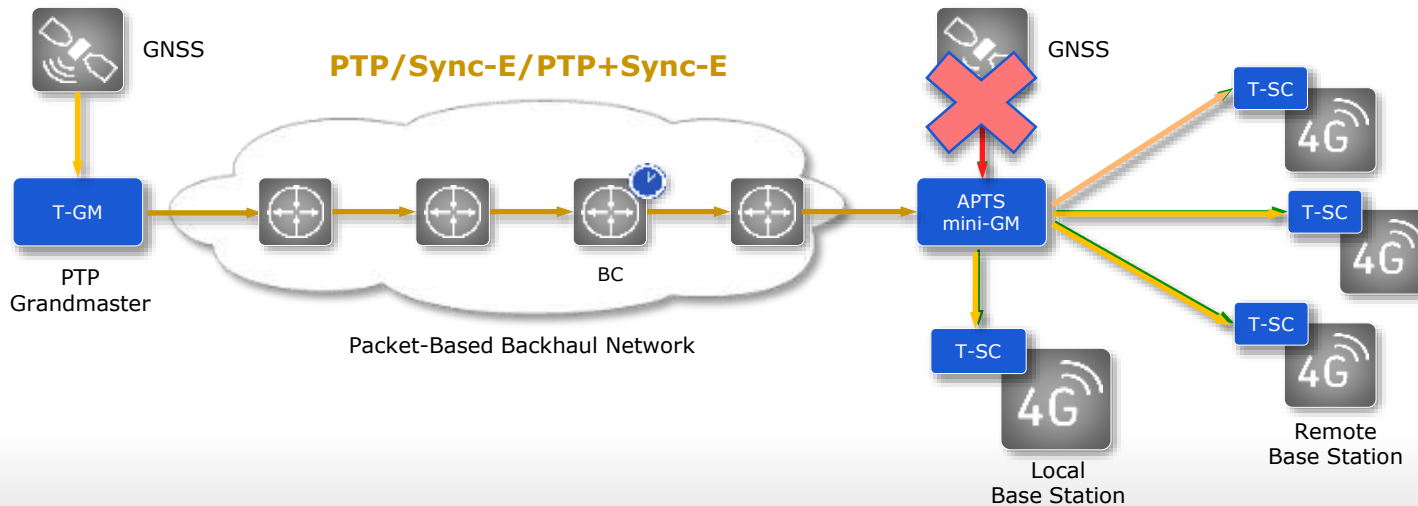


- GNSS feeding PRTC as GM primary source
- PTP/Sync-E/PTP+Sync-E inputs as secondary source



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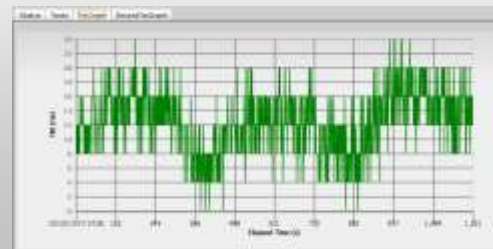
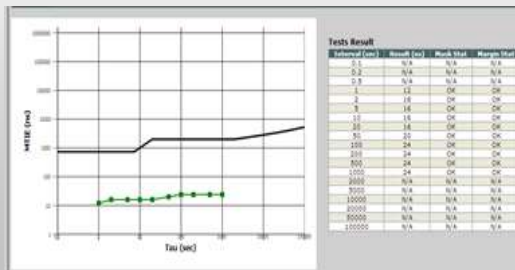
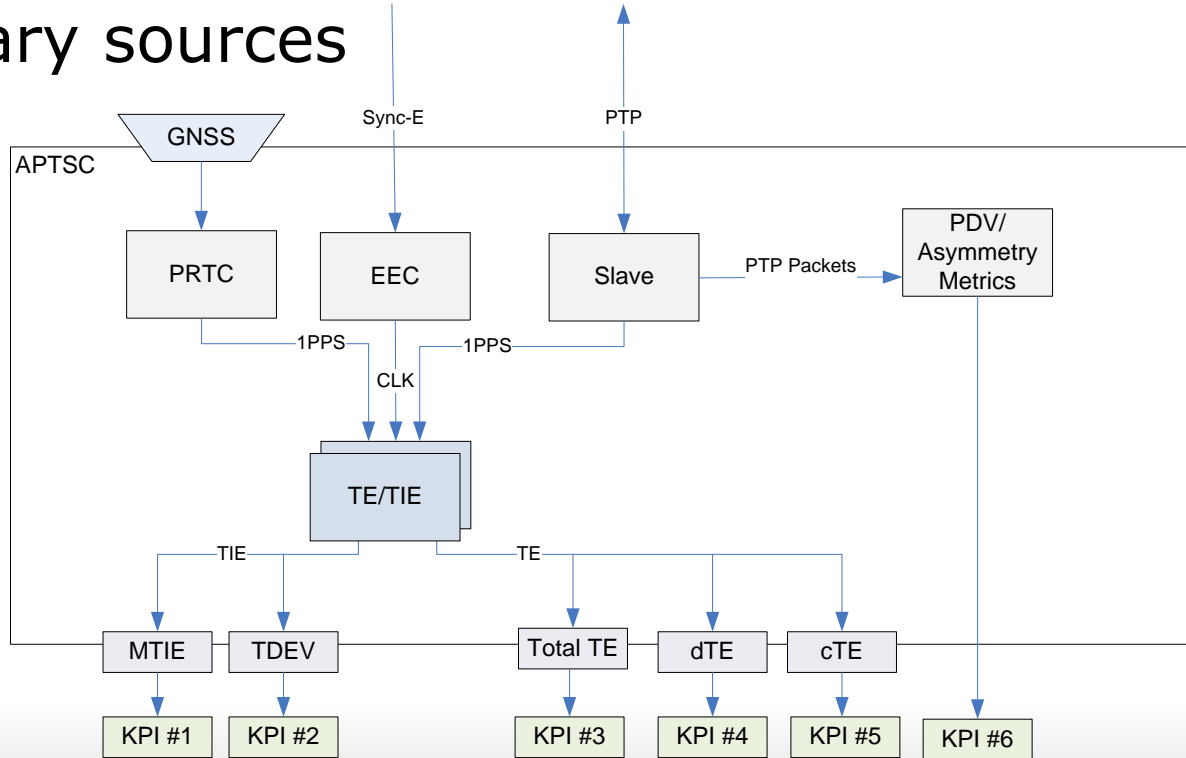
- In case of GNSS failure – the secondary source is becoming active



How can the operator validate the quality of the secondary source prior to GNSS outage?

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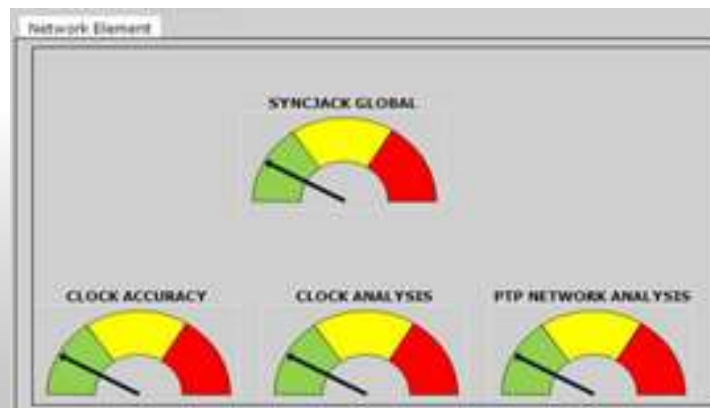
- Use GNSS while available to monitor and assure the secondary sources



APTS KPIs and SLA

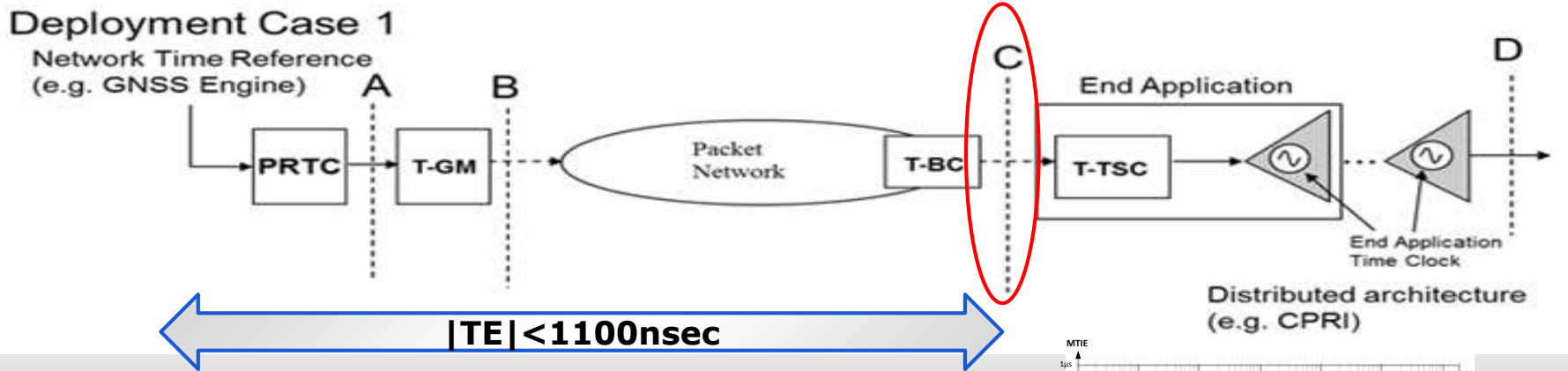


- **PRTC Vs. PTP Slave recovered clock** (PTP Input)
 - Total/Constant/Dynamic Time Error (TE) Vs predefined threshold
 - MTIE Vs predefined mask
 - Network asymmetry and PDV
 - **PRTC Vs. Sync-E**
 - MTIE Vs predefined mask
- The results and failure alarms should be collected by the NMS
- Can help in early detection of error in primary and secondary sources



Example #2 – Time and Phase Delivery G.8271.1 Network Limits

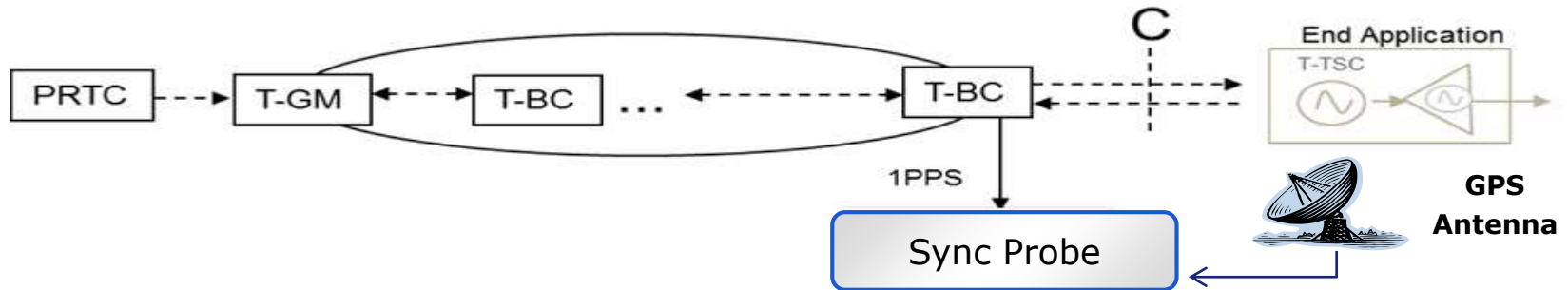
- Maximum absolute time error network limit applicable at the reference point C:
 $\max |TE| \leq 1100 \text{ ns}$, **MTIE** under G.8271.1 Dynamic Time Error network limit





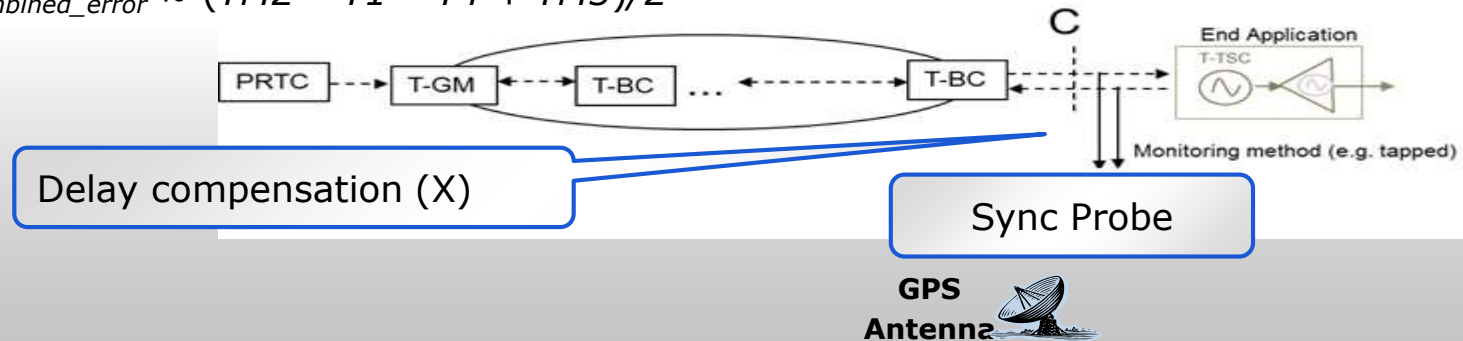
Example #2 - G.8271.1 Network Limits Deployment Case 1

- Option A - **Via 1PPS Physical Signal**



- Option B - from the two-way PTP flow via a **Passive PTP Probe**

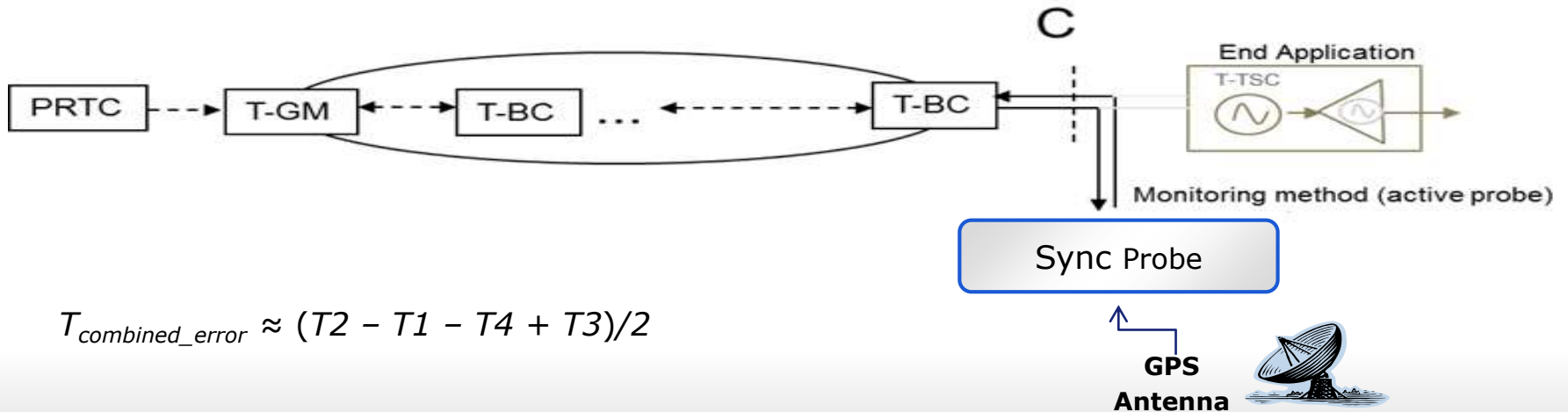
$$T_{combined_error} \approx (TM2 - T1 - T4 + TM3)/2$$





Example #2 - G.8271.1 Network Limits Deployment Case 1 - Option C

- Option C- From the two-way PTP flow via an **Active PTP Probe**

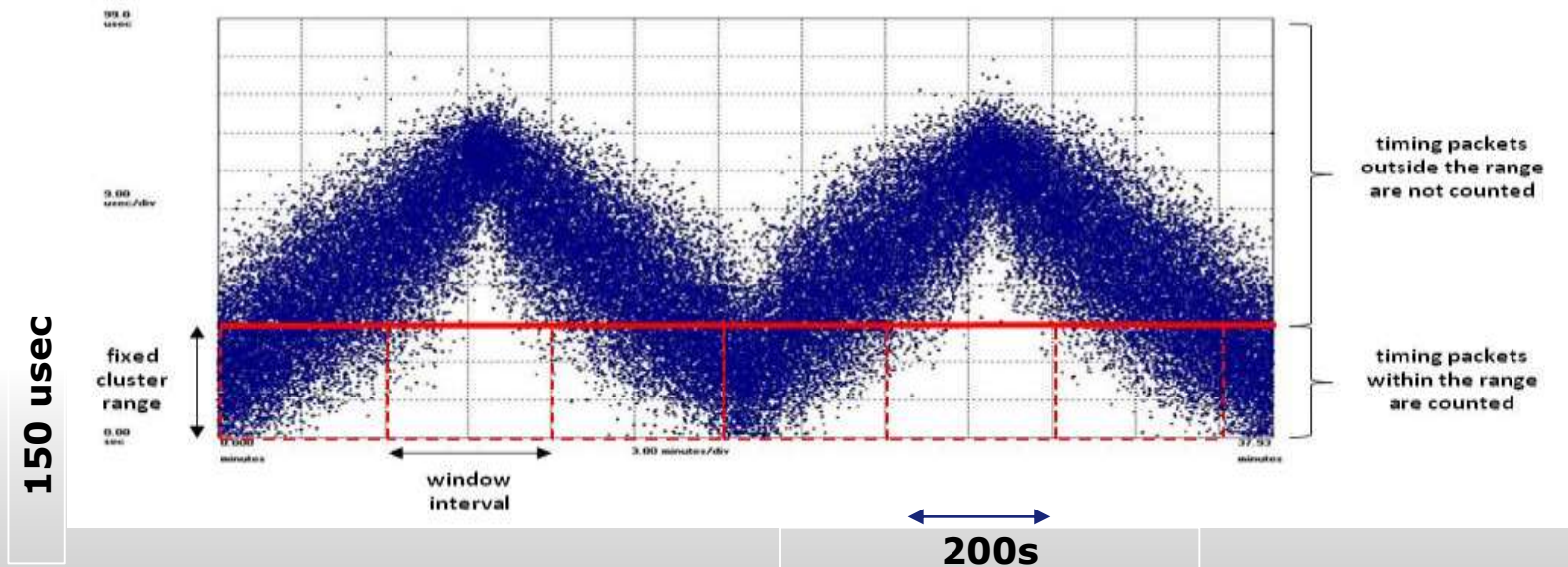


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Example #3 – Frequency Delivery G.8261.1 Network Limit HMR1

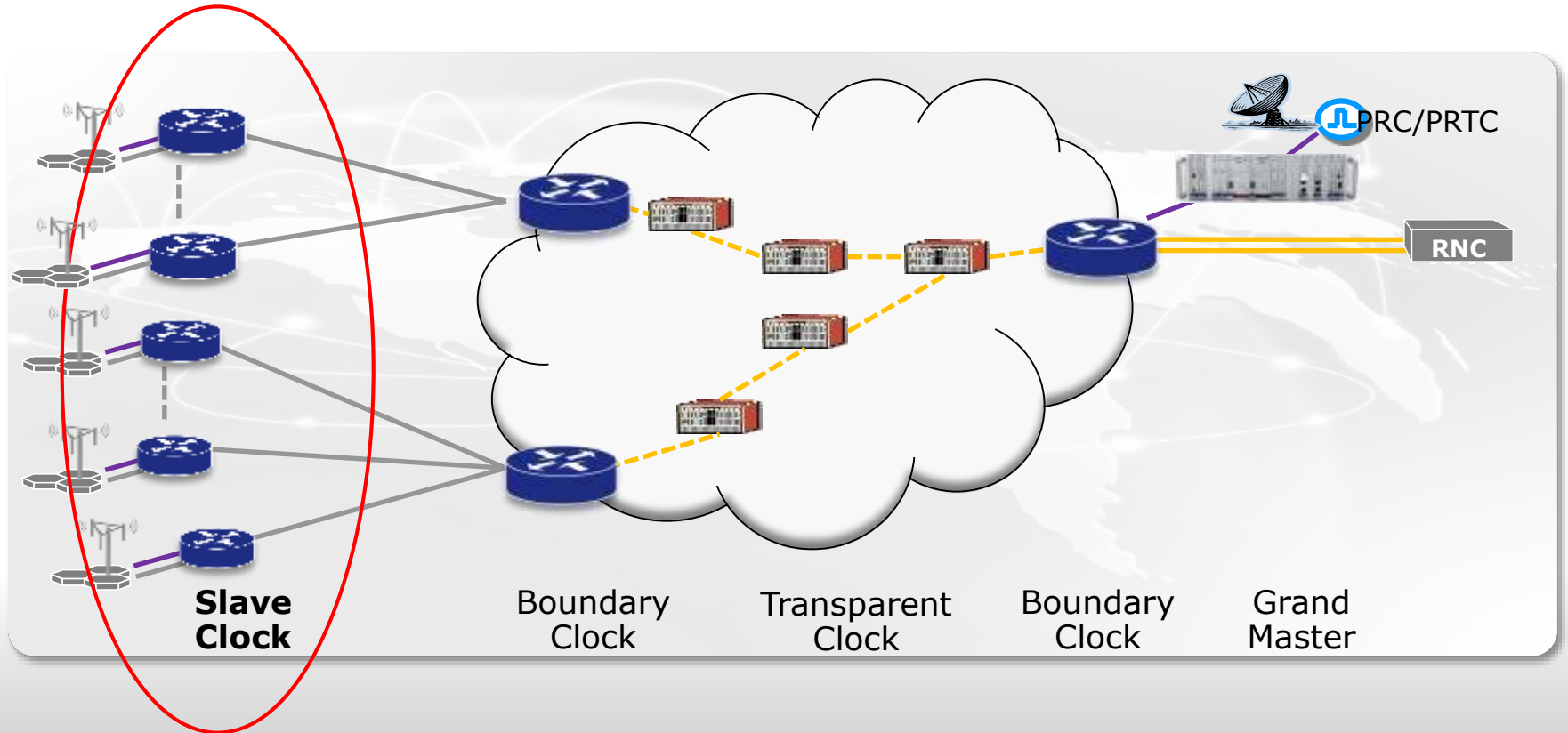
- **FPP** : For any window interval of 200 seconds at least 1% of transmitted timing packets will be received within a fixed cluster, starting at the observed floor delay, and having a range of 150 μ s (G.8260 floor delay packet population).



Probing and Monitoring Slave Clock



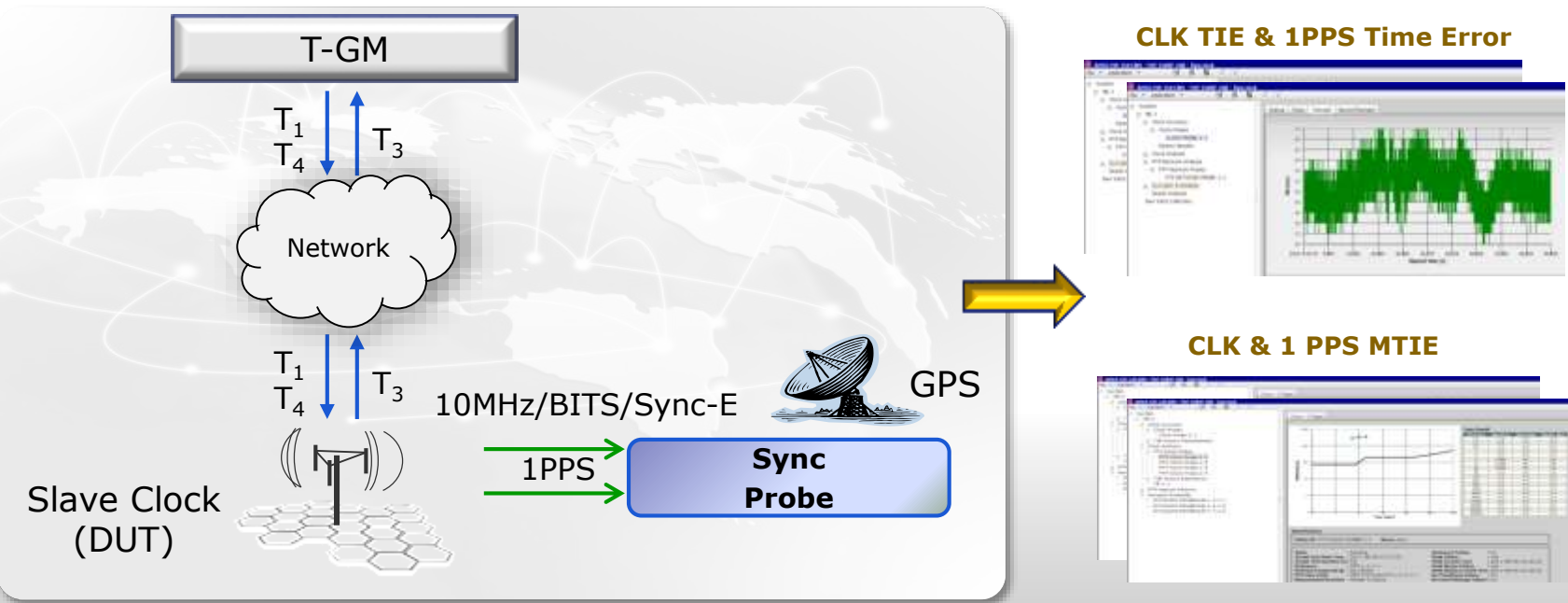
Probing Slave Clock





Probing Third Party Slave Clock

- ▶ Slave 1PPS and clock outputs can be monitored Vs. GPS/external reference
- ▶ Time Error , TIE and MTIE can be calculated and compared against target performance masks / metrics

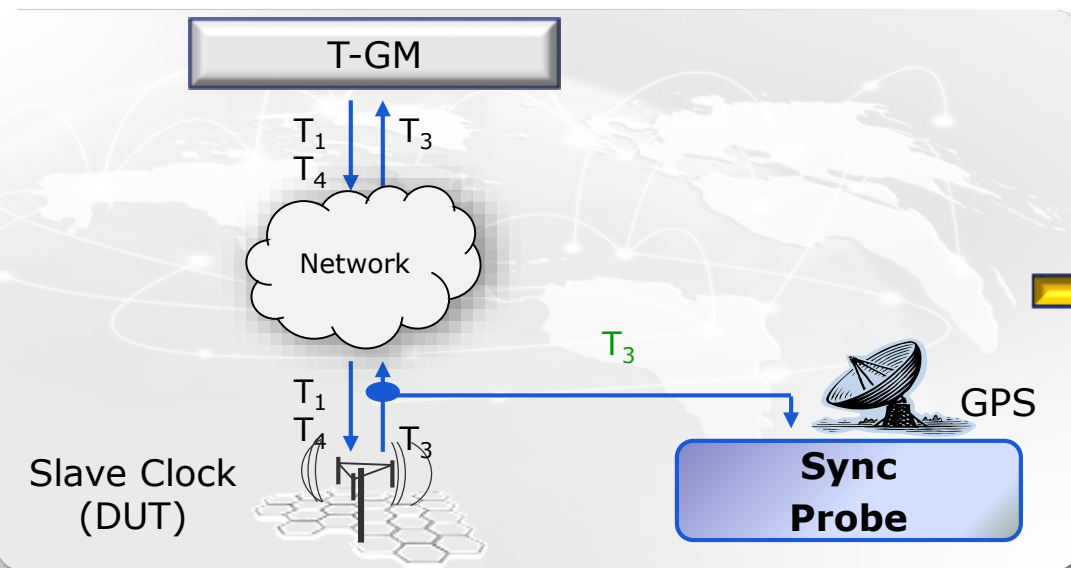


Probing an Third Party Slave Clock



- Probing the **Slave Clock – Passive Probing**

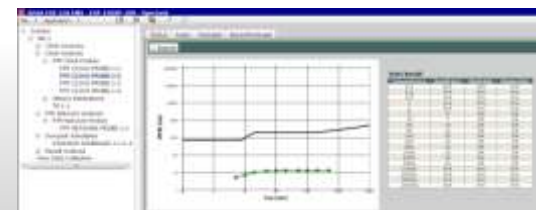
- A Sync Probe is placed at a calibrated distance from the Slave Clock (system under test)
- The Sync Probe functions as passive PTP probe (fiber tapping or mirroring switch)
- The Sync Probe measure packet TE/TIE/MTIE of the tapped Slave port against a reference measurement timing signal



Packet Time Error



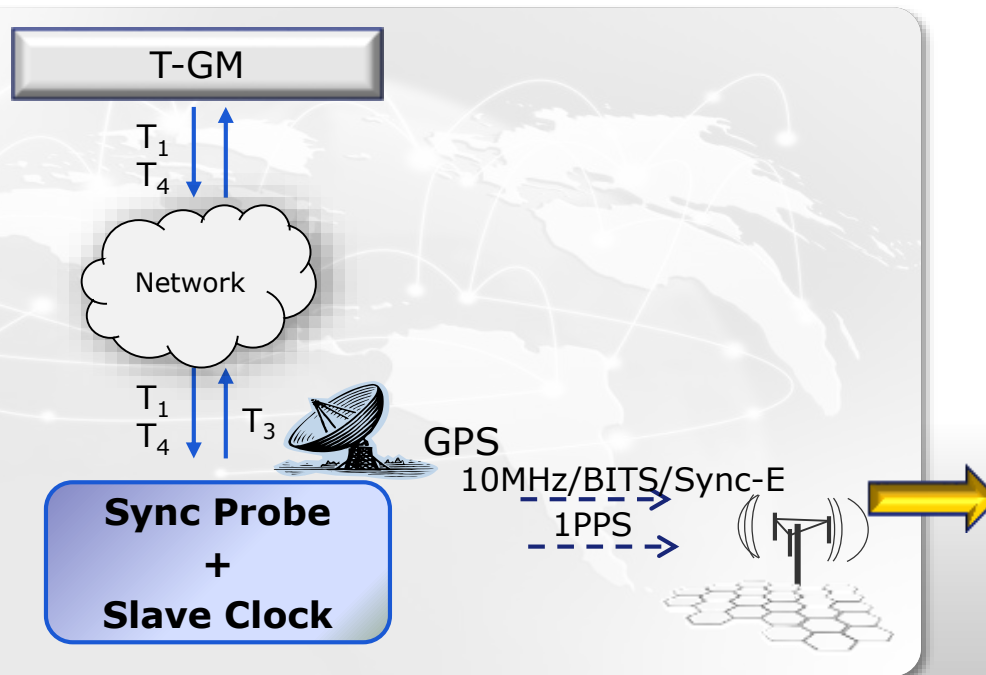
Packet MTIE





Slave Clock Self Monitoring

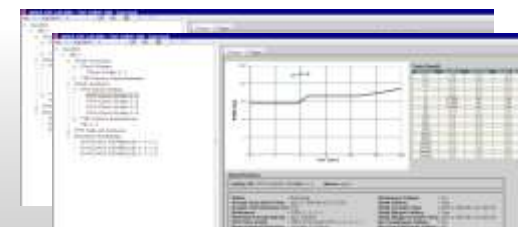
- ▶ The probing functions are integrated into the slave clock which deliver clock to the end application
- ▶ internal 1PPS and clock recovered from PTP can be self monitored Vs. GPS/external reference as well as T3 generated by Slave Clock



CLK TIE and 1PPS Time Error



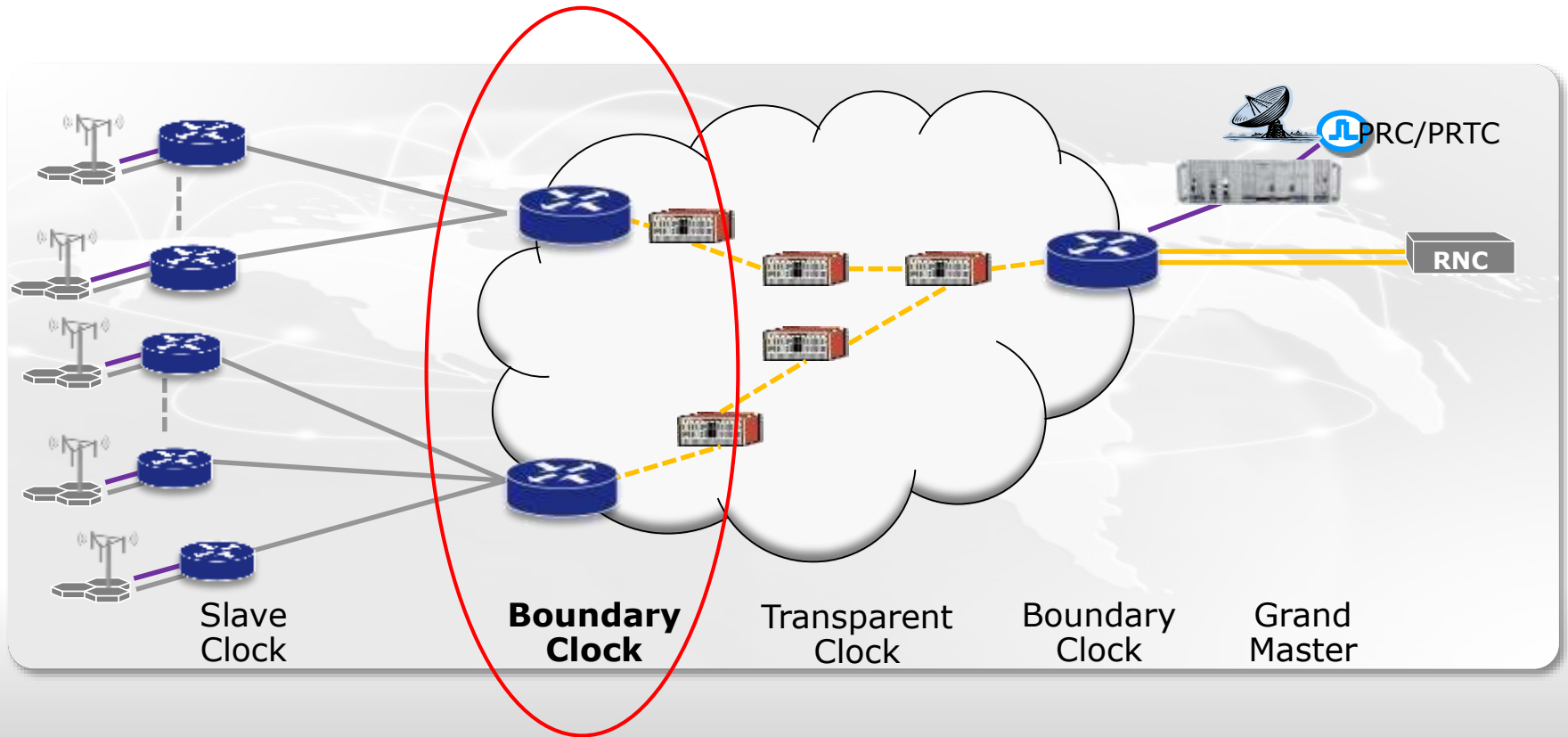
CLK and 1PPS MTIE



Probing and Monitoring Boundary Clock



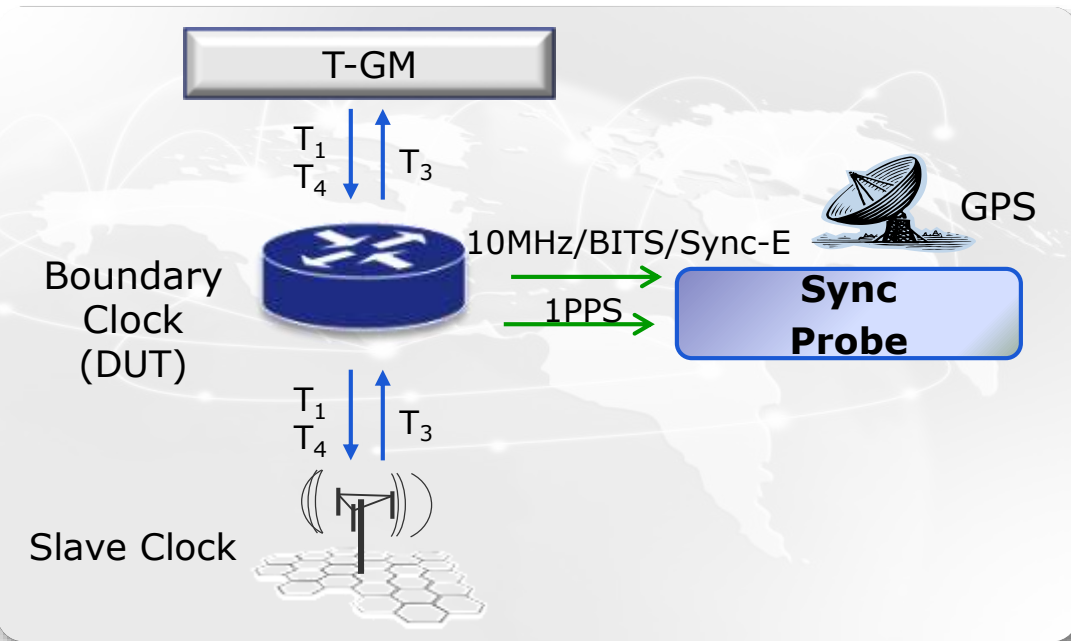
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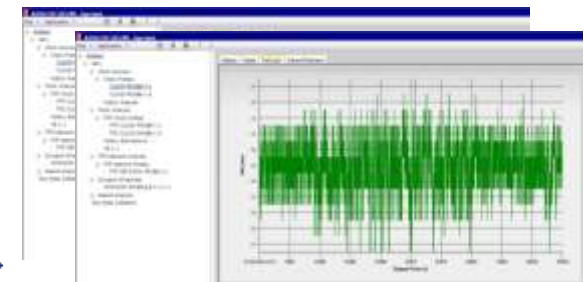
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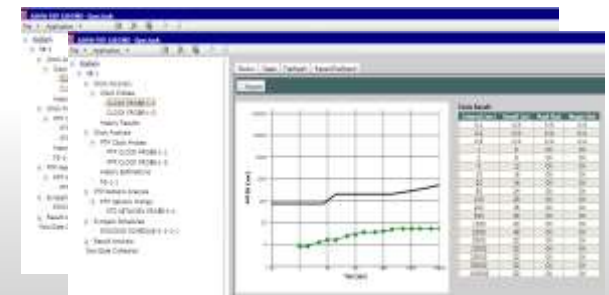
- ▶ A Sync Probe is used for assurance of third party Boundary Clock
- ▶ Boundary Clock 1PPS and clock outputs can be monitored Vs. GPS reference



CLK TIE & 1PPS Time Error



CLK & 1PPS MTIE

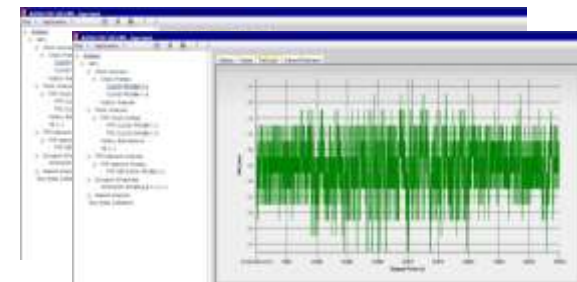




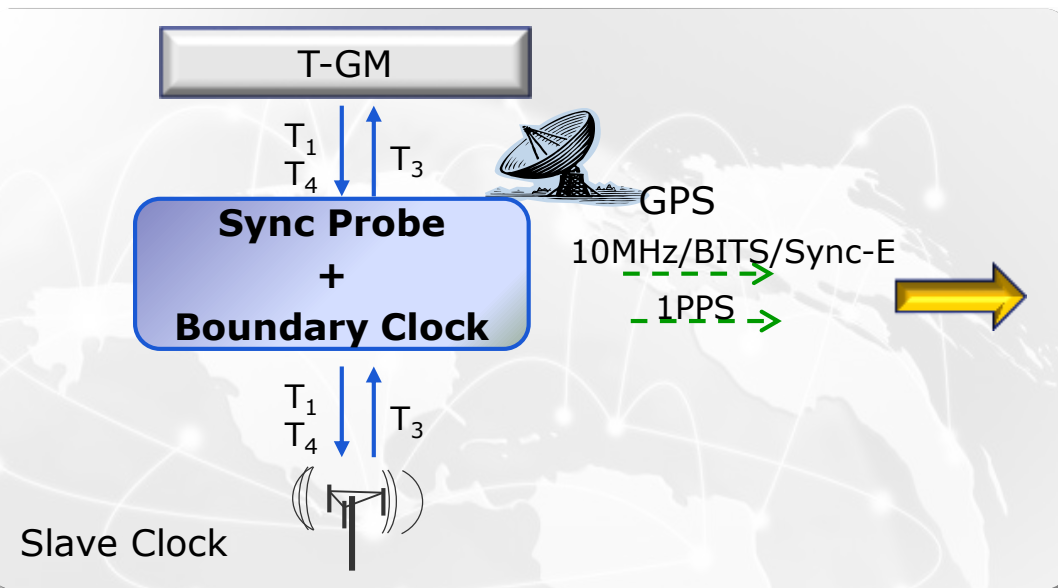
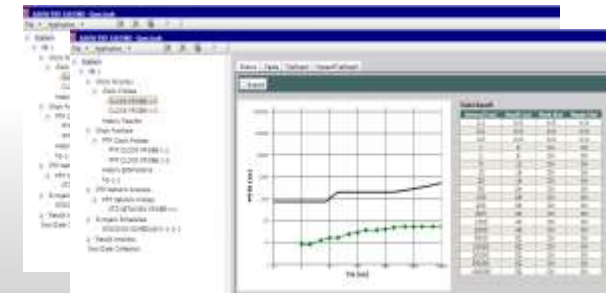
Boundary Clock Self Monitoring

- ▶ The probing functions are integrated into the Boundary Clock
- ▶ The internal BC 1PPS and clock recovered from PTP can be self monitored simultaneously

CLK TIE and 1PPS Time Error



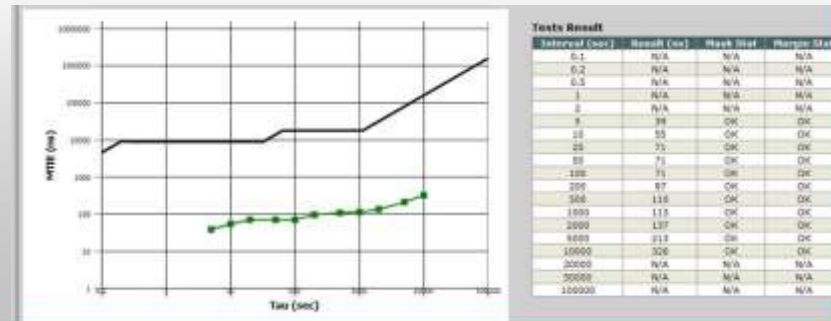
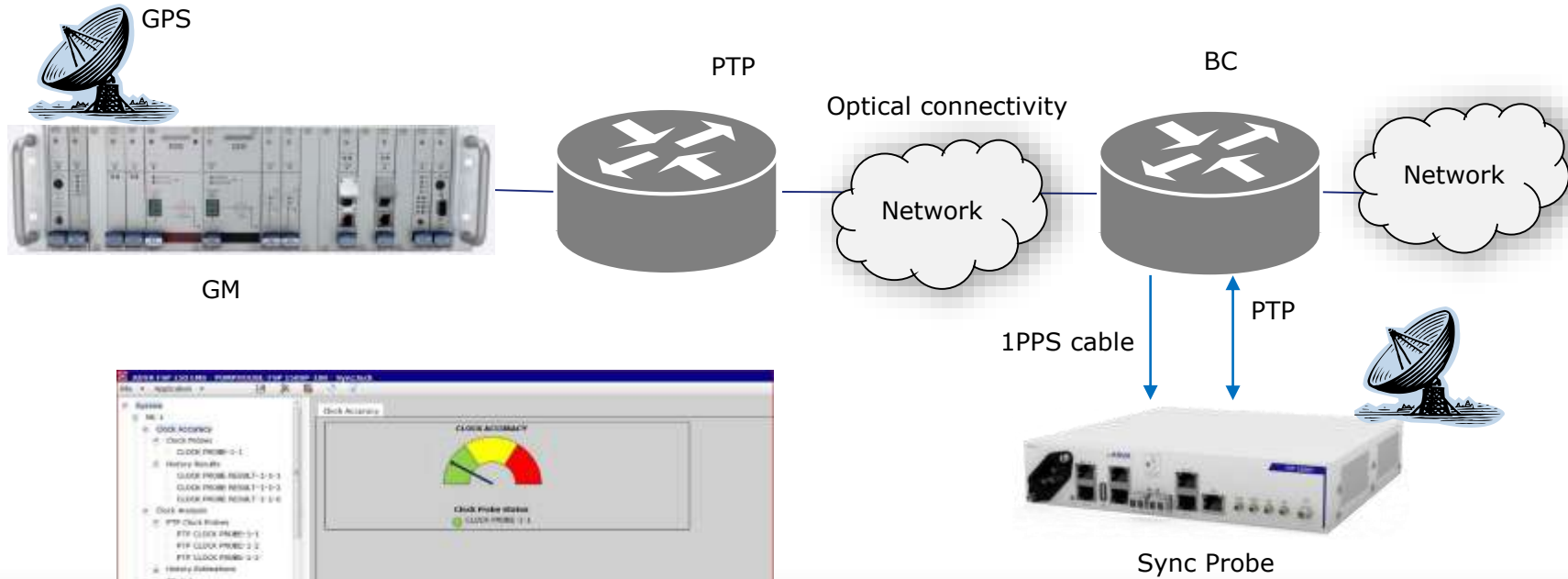
CLK and 1PPS MTIE



Sync Probing Examples -Live Network



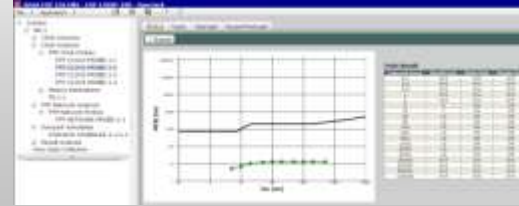
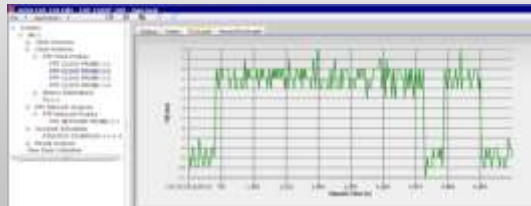
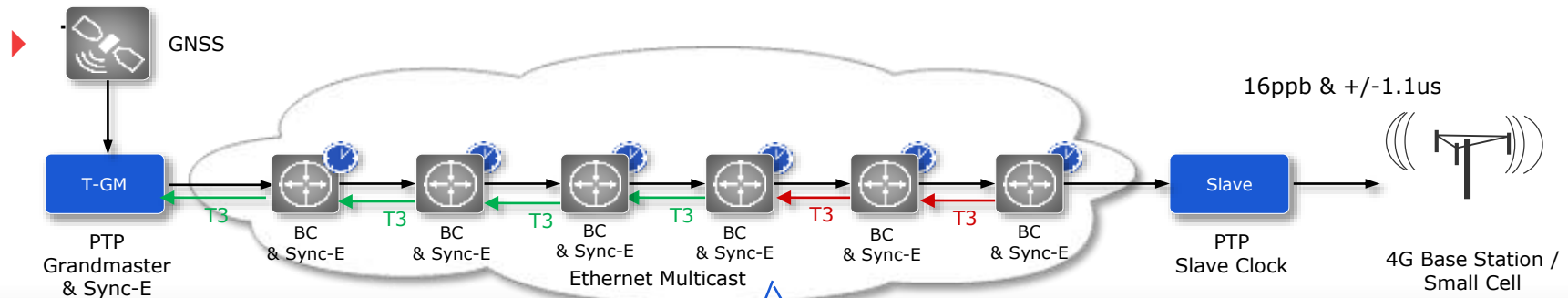
▶ Probing BC 1PPS and PTP output



Self Monitoring Network - G.8275.1



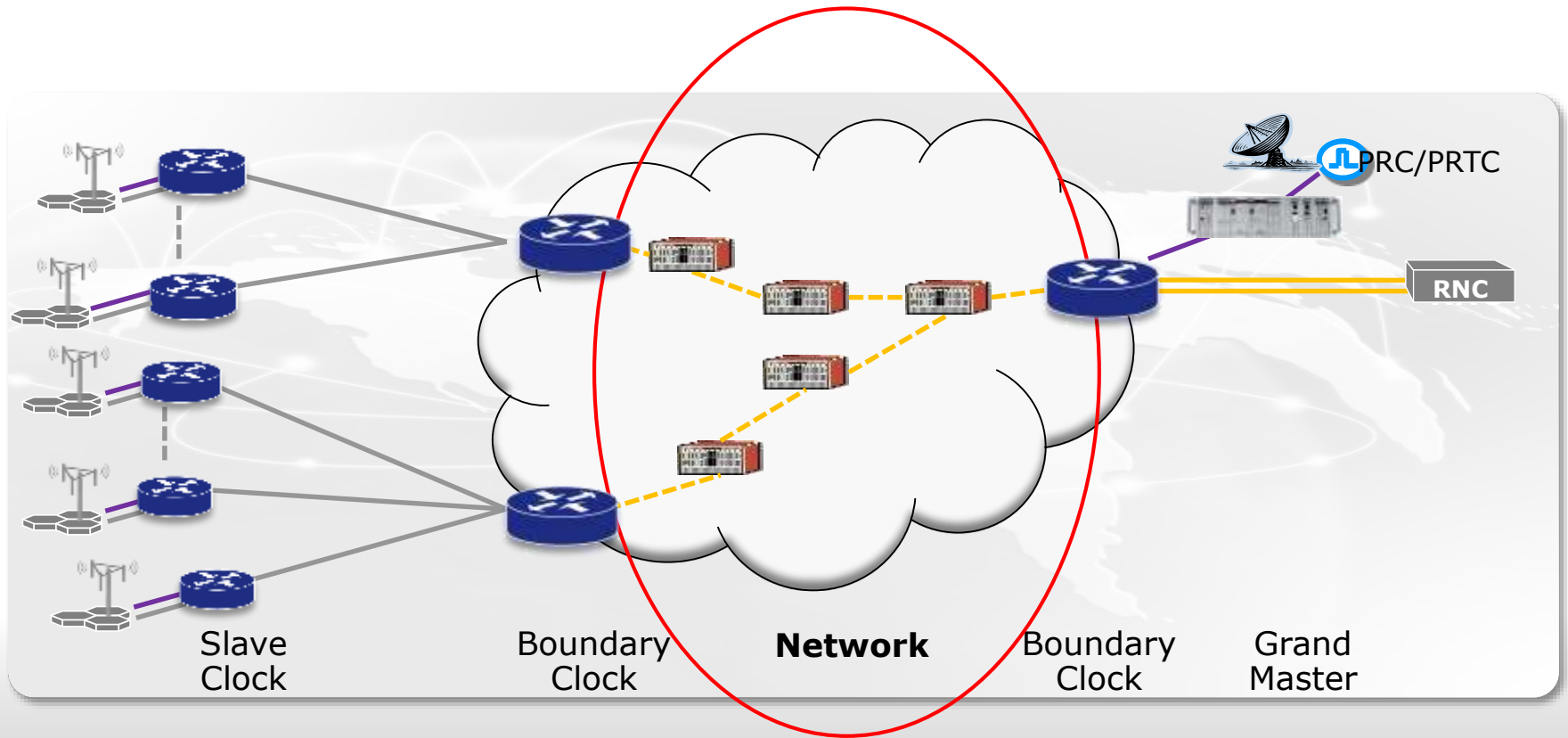
- ▶ G.8275.1 architecture can be based on very long chains of BC (i.e. 20 hops)- how can the operator find the point of failure?
- ▶ No GPS or external reference is needed!
- ▶ Each BC in the chain can compare next hop recovered clock Vs. his own recovered clock. This is done by comparing T3 received from next hop against his own recovered clock which is used as reference.



Probing and Monitoring the Network



Probing the Network



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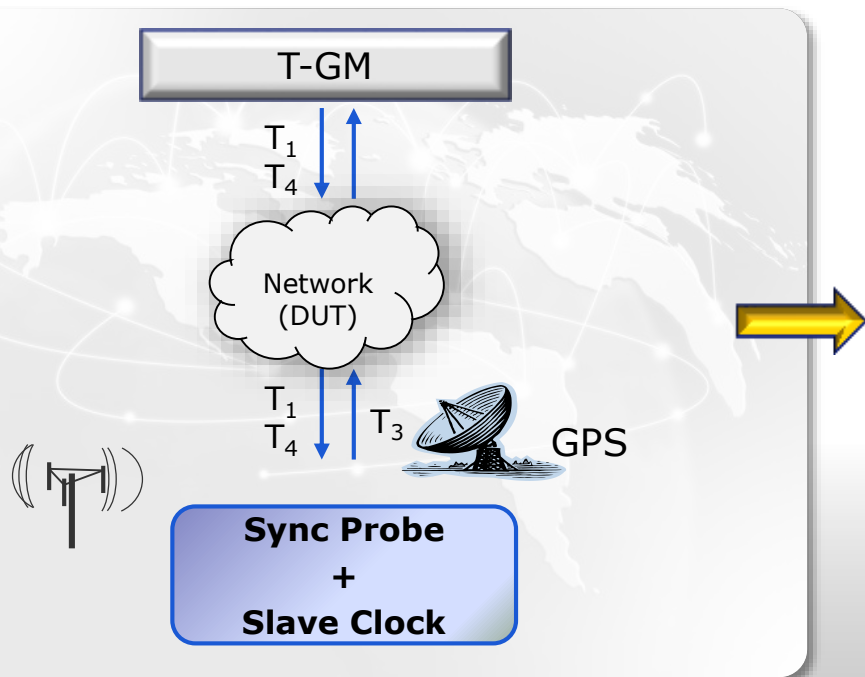
- A Sync Probe can be used for testing the network connecting the master and Slave/BC
 - ▶ Collect statistical information about the network (PDV, packet loss...) and can decide on network usability and KPI
 - **Packet Counters** (arrived, lost)
 - **PD** (Path Delay) , **MPD** (Mean Path Delay) , **Asymmetry**
 - **Network Usability** (i.e. based on G.8261.1 FPP)
 - ▶ Calculate PM statistics (i.e. 15min ,24hours) and TCAs in order to validate Sync SLA performance



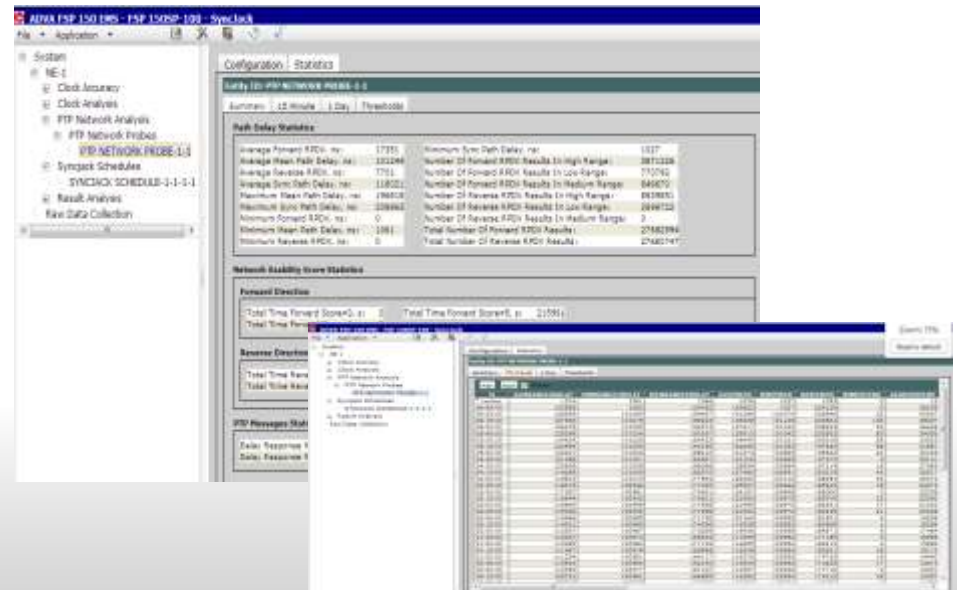
PTP Network Active Probe



- ▶ Active Probe uses the internal Telecom slave packets exchanged
- ▶ The Sync Probe can probe the network and recover the clock simultaneously



PTP network Probe Statistics and Usability Score

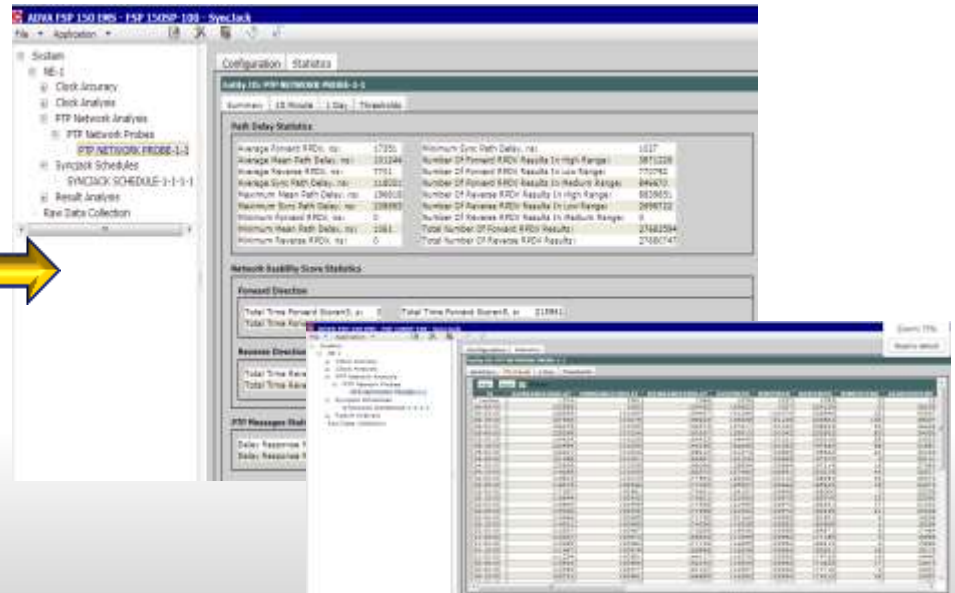
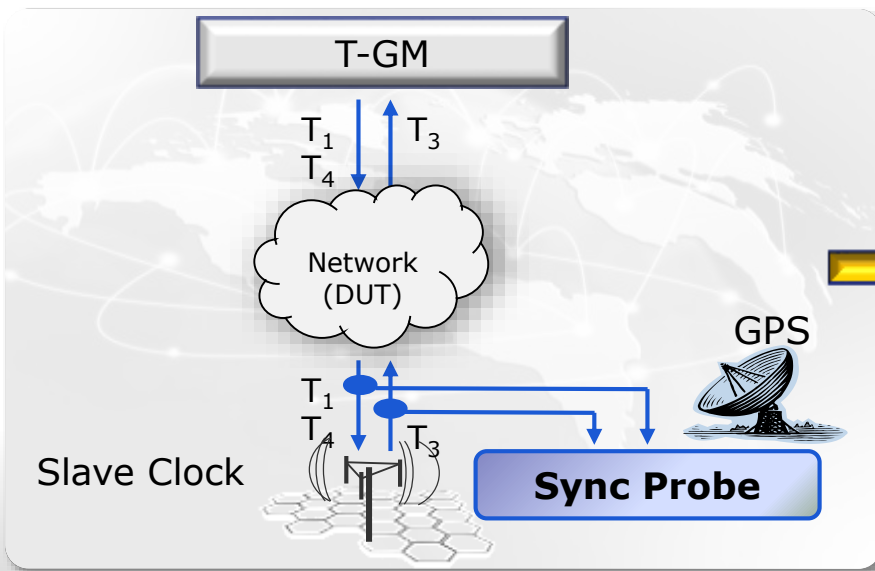


PTP Network Passive Probe



- ▶ Passive probe tap packet exchanged between master third party slave / boundary clock

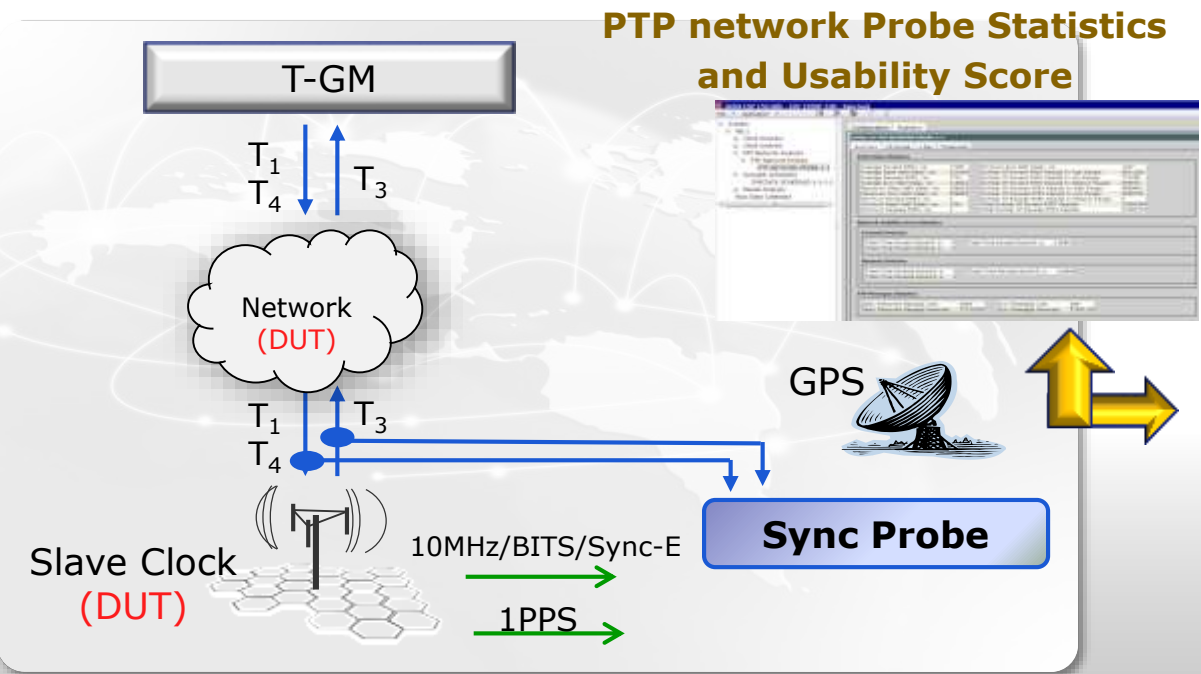
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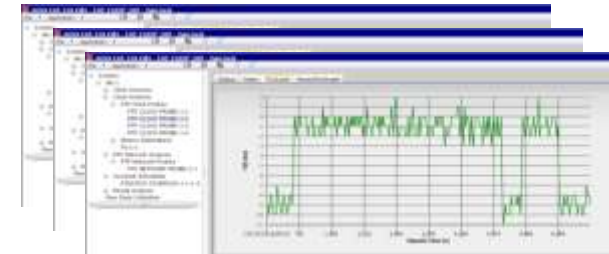
Simultaneous Testing



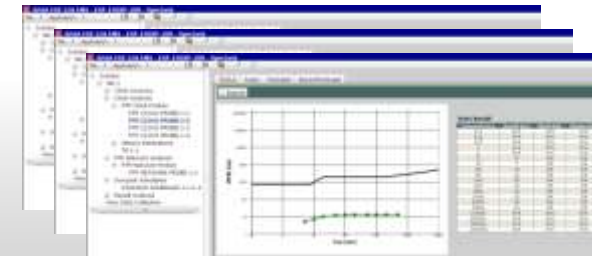
- ▶ Simultaneously probing of the Clock and the Network can help in troubleshooting problems



CLK TIE ,1PPS TE & Packet TE



CLK ,1PPS MTIE & Packet MTIE



Summary



- Time/Phase requirement for NGN are stringent!
- In services probing is needed in order to ensure proper synchronization is delivered
- Monitoring the accuracy of the Synchronization delivered is possible using Sync Probes which can be used for monitoring the Clocks and/or the Network



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