



Precision Timing Measurements in 5G TDD Networks

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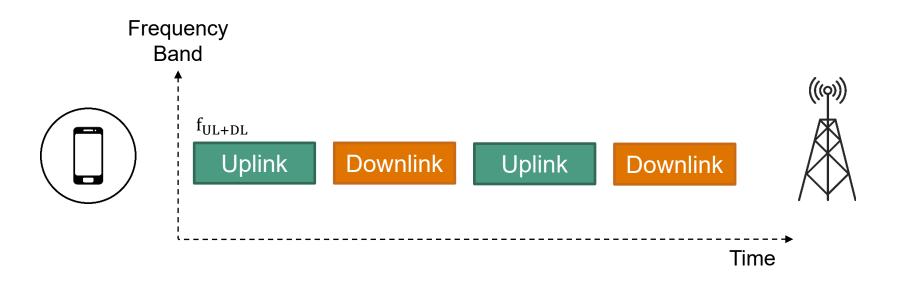
- 5G TDD Networks Overview
 - TDD vs FDD
 - Importance of timing
- Essential RF Testing Metrics
 - Rise time, fall time, settling time
 - Propagation delay
 - Waveform anomalies
 - Crest factor
- Test Instrument Considerations
- Wrap Up



5G TDD: Overview



- Time Division Duplex (TDD)
 - Uplink/downlink transmissions share a frequency band
 - Time slots change rapidly
 - Guard band between uplink/downlink

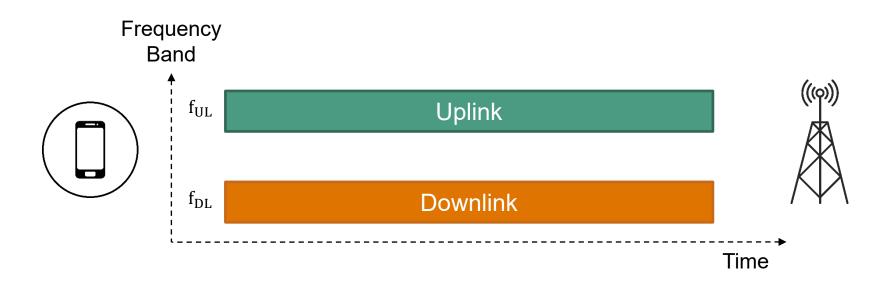




5G TDD vs FDD



- Frequency Division Duplex (FDD)
 - Uplink/downlink on different channels
 - Needs frequency gap to avoid interference
 - Pre-determined uplink/downlink allocation





5G TDD: Pros & Cons



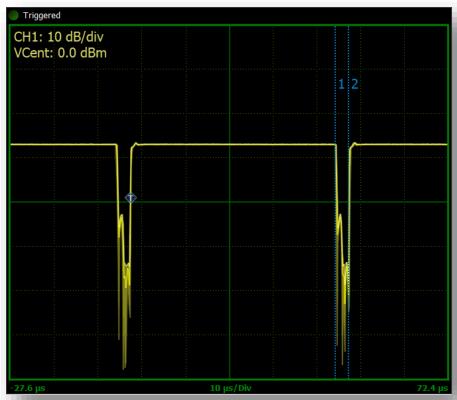
TDD Benefits:

- Efficient use of spectrum
- Dynamic allocation of bandwidth for asymmetric traffic

TDD Challenges:

- Precision timing to avoid interference & delay
- Timing compresses at higher frequencies

5G TDD Pulse (without modulation)

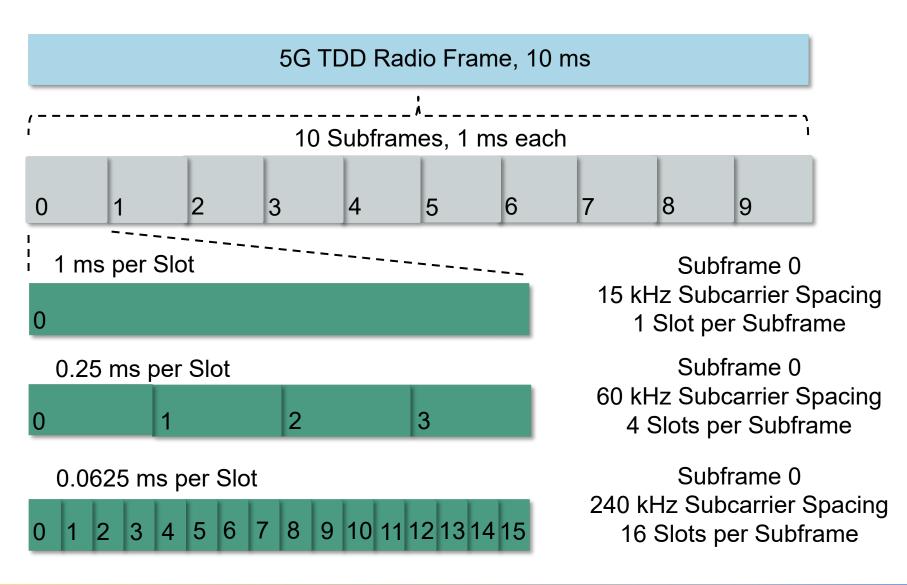


Pulse Width = $47 \mu s$ $Gap = 3 \mu s$



5G TDD Timing



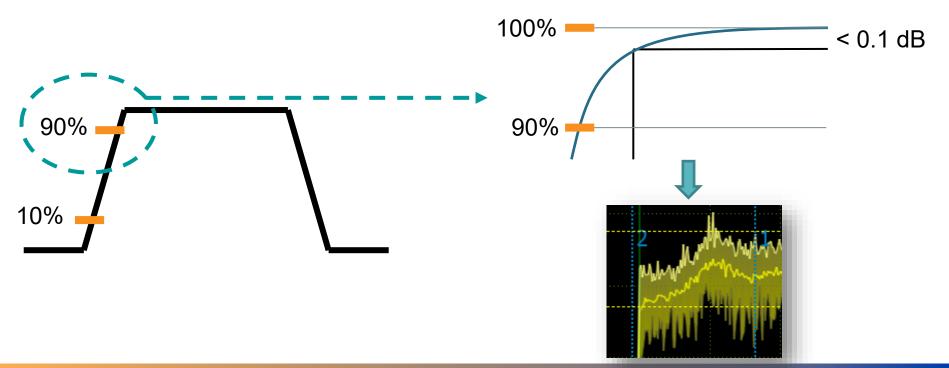




Rise Time & Fall Time



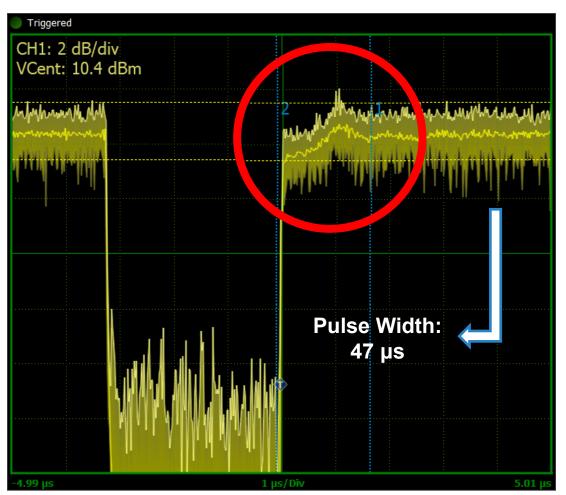
- Rise Time: Signal change from 10% to 90% of Its Magnitude
- Fall Time: Signal Changes from 90% to 10% of Its Magnitude
- Settling Time: Interval from 90% to Signal's Steady State Maximum Level
- All Key in Determining Switching Speed









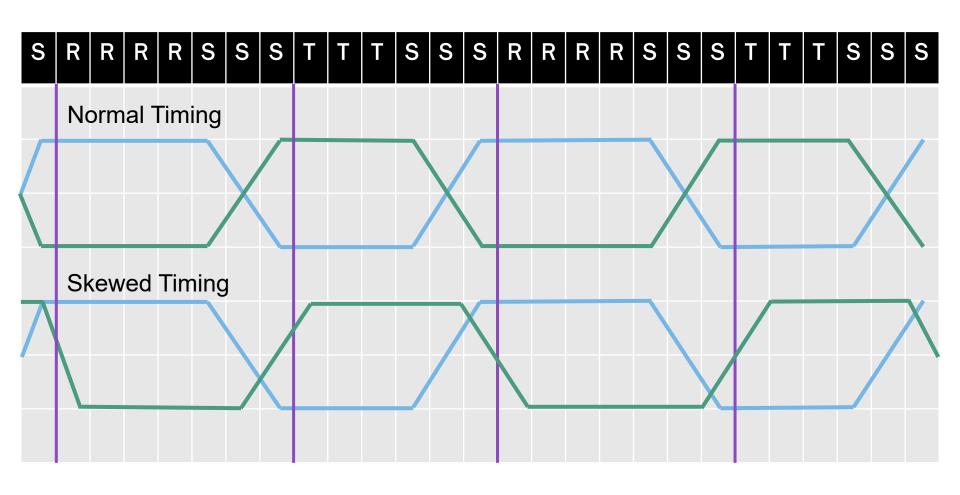


- Settling Time: 90% to Signal's Steady State Max Level
 - Dead time, region of unusable data
- Response Time =
 Rise Time + Settling
 Time



Propagation Delay





Transmit

Receive

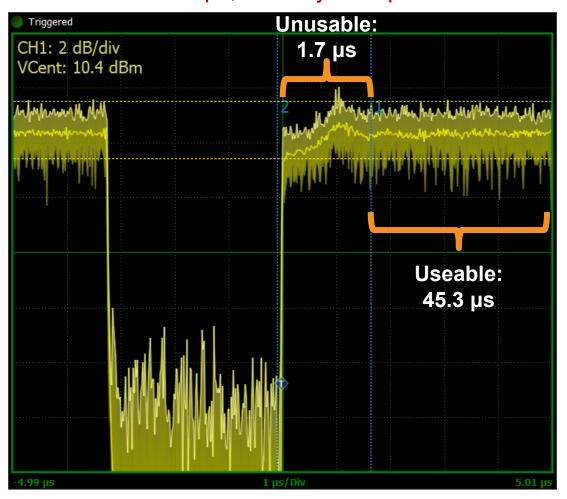
Switch Time



Propagation Delay



Pulse width is 47 µs, but only 45.3 µs useable



Propagation Delay:

Round-trip Time Interval from the Sender to the Receiving Device

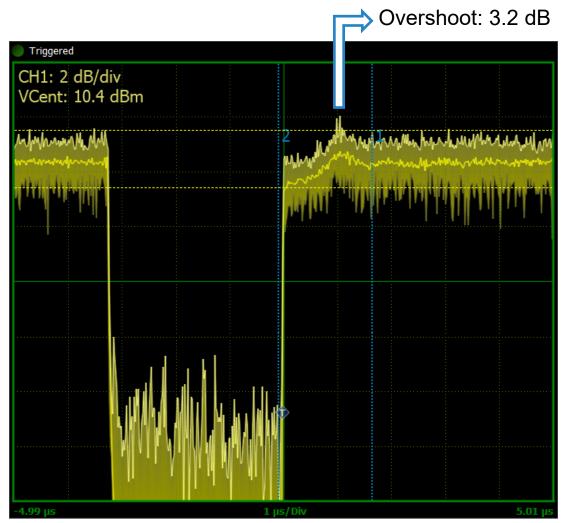
Leads to:

- Uplink/downlink overlap
- Interference
- Performance degradation



Waveform Anomalies





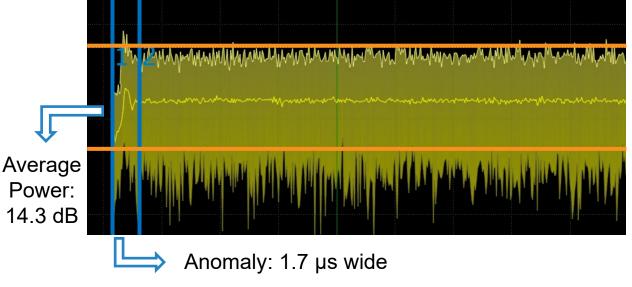
- Overshoot: Signal Exceeds Its Top Amplitude
 - Often followed by ringing
- DegradesCommunicationsIntegrity



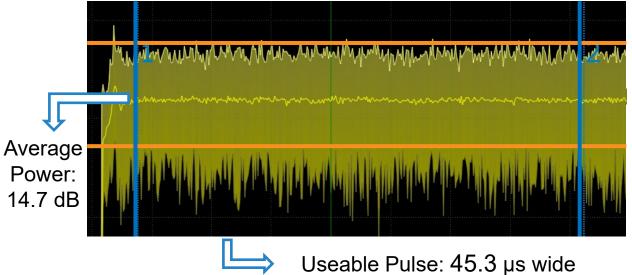
Crest Factor



 Crest Factor of Anomaly: 2.4 dB



 Crest Factor of Remaining Pulse: 1.45 dB



Vertical Markers

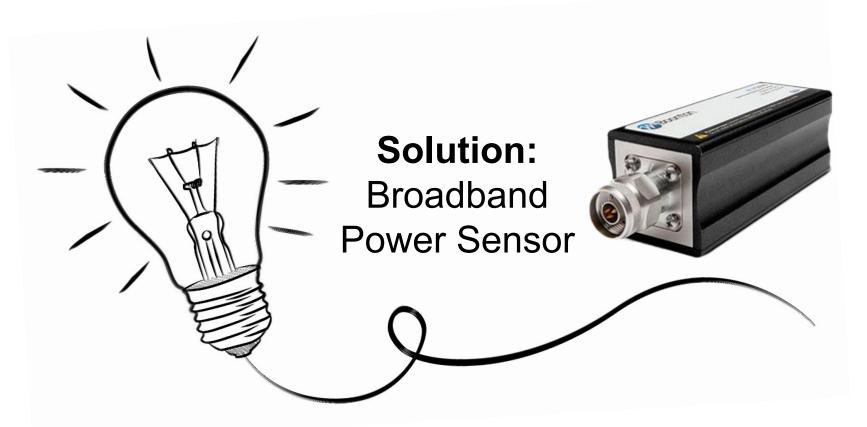
Horizontal Markers



Test Instrument Capabilities



What Test Instrument Can Capture the Critical **Metrics for 5G TDD Networks?**





Test Instrument Capabilities



- Low-Cost Device
 - More economical compared to a VNA
- Fast Rise Times
 - Capture TDD signal's rising edge
 - Ideal: 3 ns
- Fast Measurement Speed
 - Validate switching performance and catch anomalies
 - Unique DSP enables gap-free acquisition
 - Ideal: 100,000 measurements per second



Test Instrument Capabilities



- Video Bandwidth
 - Accommodate 100-MHz 5G channel
 - Ideal: 195 MHz

Cursor Resolution

- Resolve timing difference between TDD switches
- Ideal: 100 ps

Test Setup Synchronization

- Economical alternative to a VNA
- Use client's actual signals





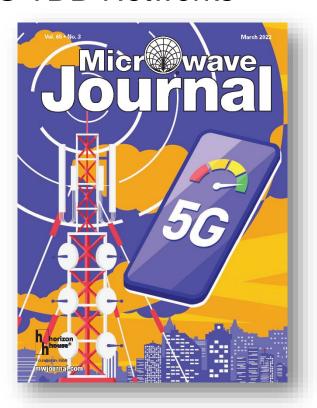
- 5G TDD Networks & Timing Requirements
- Critical Test Parameters
 - Rise time, fall time, settling time
 - Propagation delay & waveform anomalies
 - Crest factor
- Test Instrument Considerations
 - Cost & ease of use
 - Fast rise times & measurement speed
 - Video bandwidth & time resolution
 - Test setup synchronization



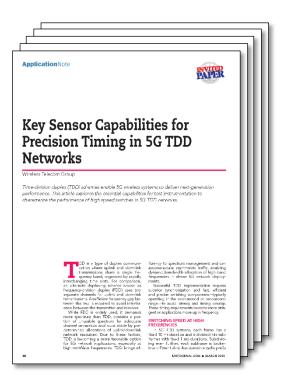
Learn More



- MWJ March 2022 Issue: Test & Measurement
 - Article: "Key Sensor Capabilities for Precision Timing in 5G TDD Networks"













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