



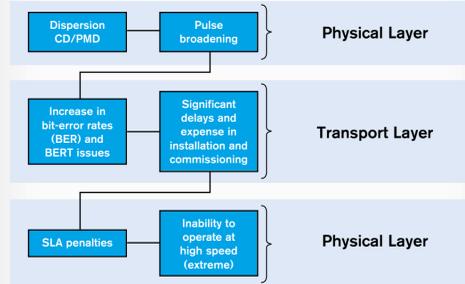
# 40G/43G TECHNICAL POSTER

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# Advanced Fiber Characterization

## The Importance of Testing Chromatic and Polarization-Mode Dispersion

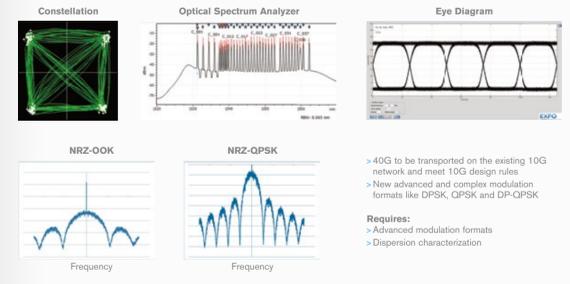


## Why Test Dispersion?

Dispersion can affect the entire cycle. Precise measurement of CD and PMD on all the available fiber segments (metro, regional and core network) differentiates between the bad segments, allowing the highest line-rate transmission on the longest distance possible.

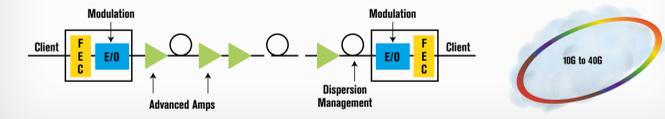
## Evolution of 10G to 40G

Key Modulation Format Challenges



>40G to be transported on the existing 10G network and meet 10G design rules  
>New advanced and complex modulation formats like DPSK, QPSK and DP-QPSK

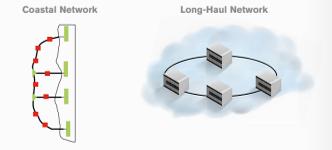
Requires:  
> Advanced modulation formats  
> Dispersion characterization



## Two Network Topologies:

### Ring Network

Ring testing objective:  
> Know end-to-end CD and PMD limits  
> Apply proper compensation when applicable

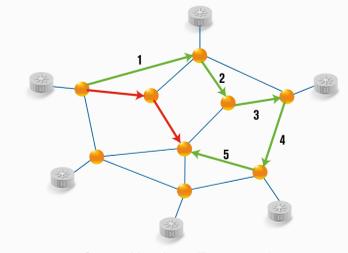


### Mesh Network

Mesh testing objective:  
> All the transmitting information does not propagate using the same path: many routes are used to reach destination.  
> Have a complete dispersion map to apply adequate compensation at each node as well as to know which combinations can be used for which transmission speed

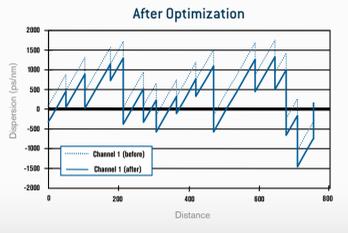
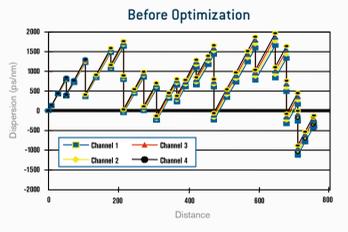


## Short Links—Long Traveling Distances

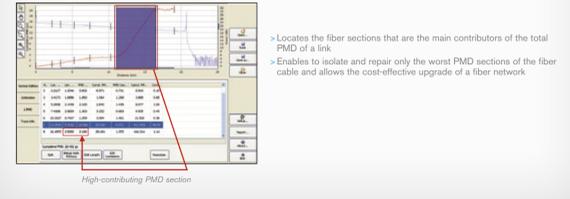
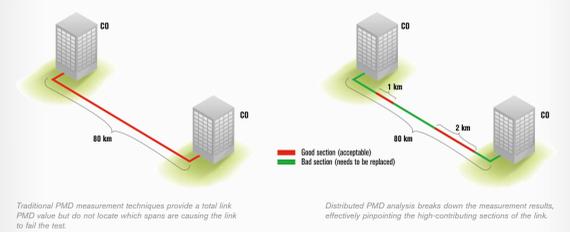


Green path example			
Network section	Length (km)	CD Value at 1550 nm (ps/nm)	PMD (ps)
1	53	890	6.49
2	37	632	0.39
3	29	484	8.93
4	45	765	5.21
5	42	726	0.88
Total	206	3497	12.24

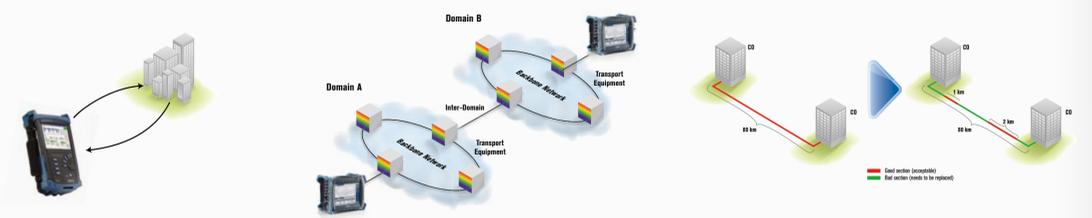
## Dispersion Map



## Mitigating PMD



## Dispersion Approaches



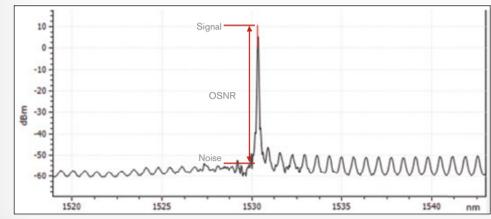
Using a single-ended instrument—a CD and PMD test tool that can characterize a section between two sites without having instruments at both ends—means that many sections can be characterized in a few minutes instead of a few hours from a single location. As a result, an entire network can be characterized in 66% less time than any other traditional test methods. This greatly reduces truck rolls and OPEX, while increasing speed to deliver new services and reducing time-to-cash.

With data rates reaching 40 Gbit/s and beyond, fiber characterization is critical. When adding 40Gbit/s wavelengths to a DWDM route or ring, at that time, it will be nearly impossible to temporarily remove dozens of active wavelengths from service to characterize the optical fiber carrying them. It's important to fully characterize optical fiber links while it's possible; here, in addition to being highly accurate, these future proof devices can be placed at several different positions, so a multitude of test points can be acquired, faster with high accuracy which together reduces test costs or the even greater cost of adding more fiber.

Distributed PMD analysis reduces CAPEX by revealing the worst segments on a high-PMD route. Replacing a few kilometers of fiber, instead of an entire route, puts it back in service for higher bit-rate services and substantially reduces CAPEX.

# System Commissioning

## Definition of OSNR



The simplest case for an OSNR measurement is a single channel, as there is no interference coming from adjacent channels.

## Importance of OSNR



If the measured OSNR is higher than the required OSNR for a given bit error rate, one can:  
> Increase the bit rate  
> Increase the number of channels (wavelengths)  
> Increase the distance between amplifiers, thereby reducing CAPEX

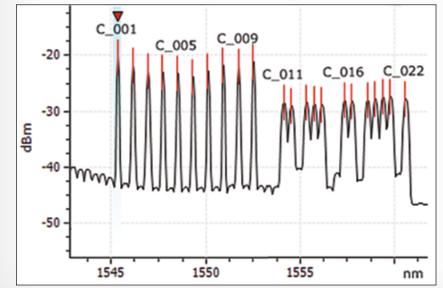
An accurate measurement of OSNR helps exploit the maximum capacity of a link.

## Impact of Poor OSNR



Poor OSNR can significantly increase operational expenses (OPEX).

## IEC and In-Band OSNR



The OSNR measurements were taken on this optical spectrum analyzer (OSA) using the IEC standard and EXFO's in-band OSNR method.

## Result Differences Using IEC and In-Band OSNR Methods

The lines indicated in bold show the channels where the IEC approach would have resulted in a significant error. In-band OSNR is an approach to measure the OSNR directly at the channel wavelength that allows for accurate OSNR measurements in ROAD and 40G networks.

Channel Number	Channel Wavelength (nm)	Traditional IEC OSNR (dB)	EXFO's In-Band OSNR (dB)	Inaccuracy with Traditional IEC Method (dB)	Channel Number	Channel Wavelength (nm)	Traditional IEC OSNR (dB)	EXFO's In-Band OSNR (dB)	Inaccuracy with Traditional IEC Method (dB)
7	1550.117	20.82	19.07	1.75	15	1556.151	13.62	19.14	5.52
8	1550.923	21.42	19.90	1.52	16	1557.352	12.94	17.99	5.05
9	1551.728	21.48	20.53	0.95	17	1557.750	13.20	17.50	4.30
10	1552.519	22.26	20.54	1.72	18	1558.580	12.90	18.52	5.62
11	1554.135	13.33	17.68	4.35	19	1558.984	11.75	17.65	5.90
12	1554.532	12.70	16.68	3.98	20	1559.392	11.88	17.80	5.82
13	1555.341	12.79	17.90	5.11	21	1559.791	13.41	18.38	4.97
14	1555.745	11.75	18.07	6.32	22	1560.608	16.04	20.38	4.34