



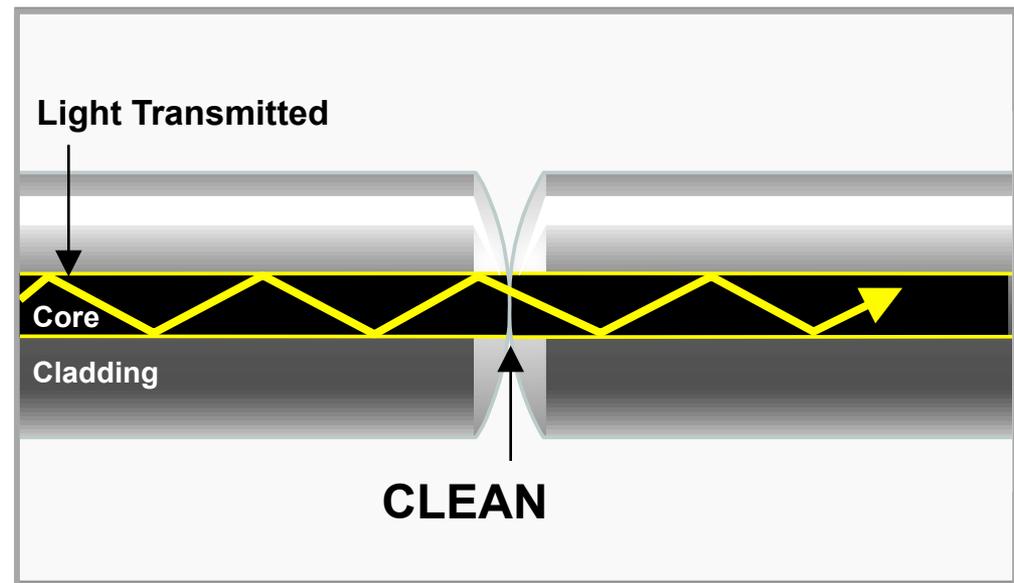
Passive Component Loss Testing in Production and Assembly

Camille Magno

What Makes a GOOD Fiber Connection?

The **3 basic principles** that are critical to achieving an efficient fiber optic connection are “The 3 P’s”:

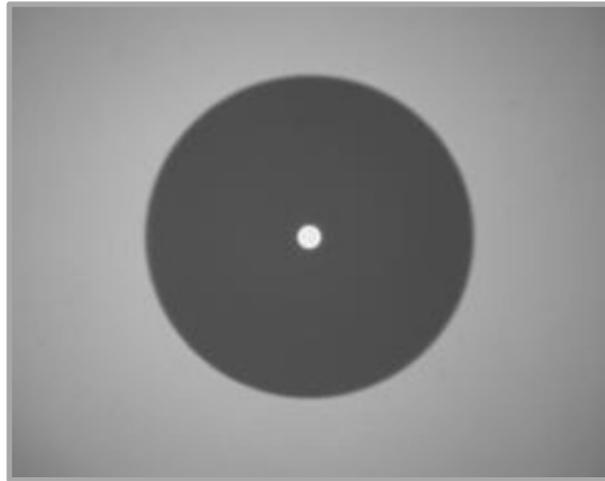
- **Perfect Core Alignment**
- **Physical Contact**
- **Pristine Connector Interface**



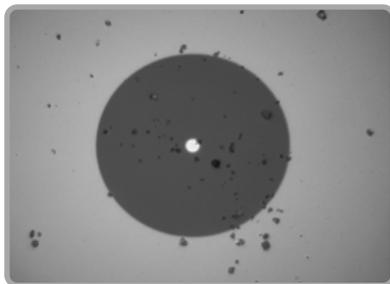
Types of Contamination

A fiber end face **should be free of any contamination or defects**, as shown below:

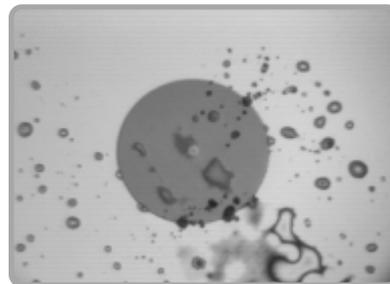
**SINGLEMODE
FIBER**



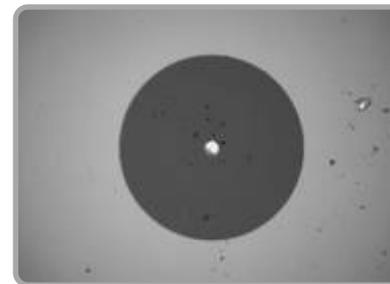
Common types of contamination and defects include the following:



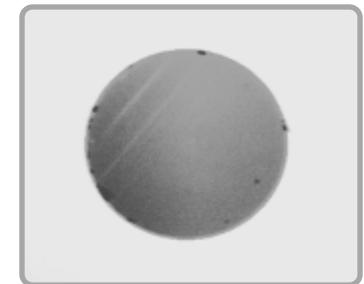
Dirt



Oil



Pits & Chips



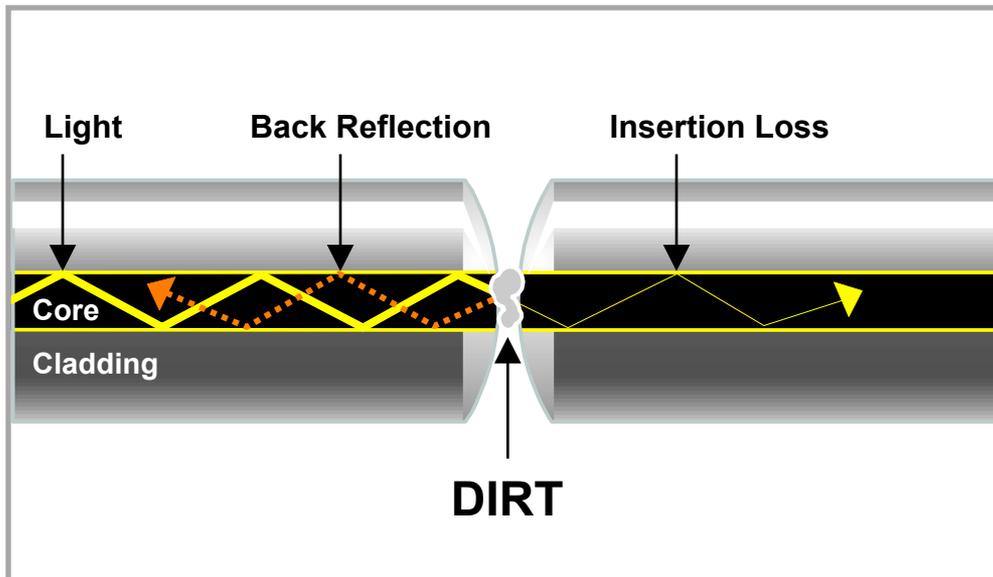
Scratches

Making Accurate ORL measurements

■ Tip #1: CLEAN!

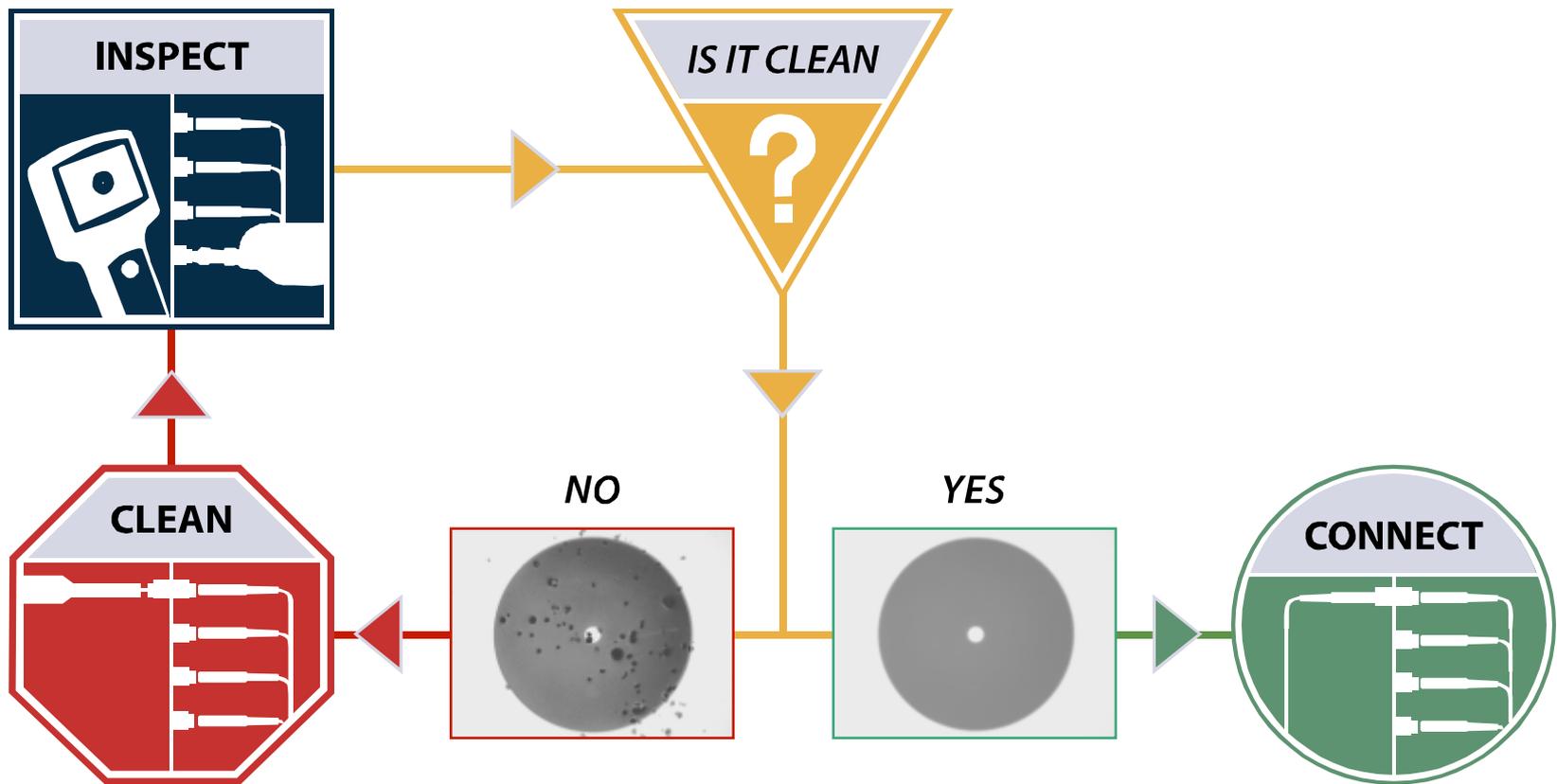
- Carelessness and lack of cleaning during reference and DUT measurements will cost you more time and money than a modern cleaning solution
 - Lost test time
 - Damaged Connectors
 - Damaged Master Jumpers
 - Shipping dirty connectors to you customer
- **Inspect Before You Connect!**

CleanBlast[®]
Fiber Optic Connector Cleaning System



Inspect Before You Connectsm

Follow this simple **“INSPECT BEFORE YOU CONNECT”** process to ensure fiber end faces are clean prior to mating connectors.



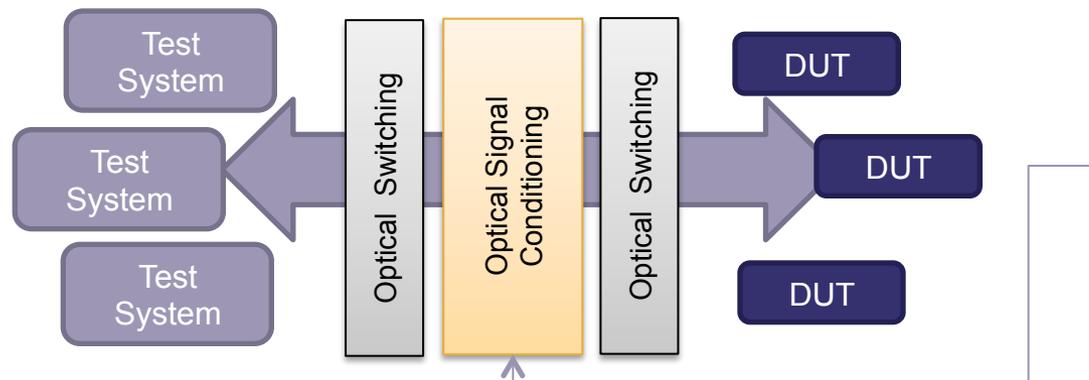
What is a “Photonic Test Automation Tool”?



Get the **RIGHT TEST SIGNAL**
To the **RIGHT D.U.T.**
With the **RIGHT POWER**
With the **RIGHT QUALITY**
At the **RIGHT TIME**

...FAST

- Class of instrument which manages, conditions, tunes or routes the optical signal in an ATE environment
 - Deliver the right **signal**, at the right **power**, with the right **impairments** and the right **time** to the DUT
- Decrease test time, reduce operator handling and increase capital utilization



Route & Sequence
Split / Combine
Filter
Attenuate
Reflect
Amplify
Load
Inject Noise
Change Polarization
Monitor Power

Density, low loss, software and module breadth are key considerations

mORL and PCT in the Process Flow

Assembly Process & Process Control

Final Test & Quality Control

Assemble



Cure & Polish



Inspect



Serialize



IL/RL Test



Final Inspect



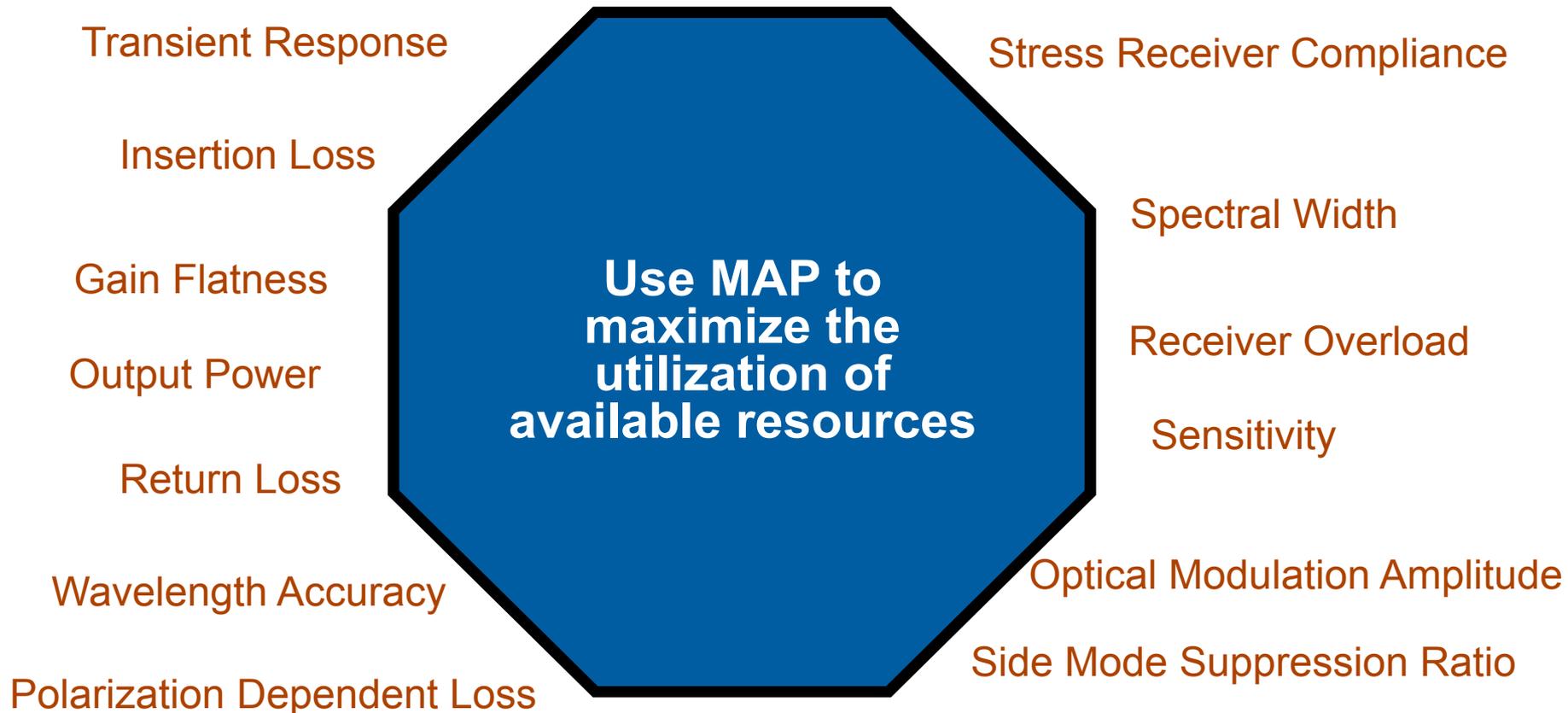
Label/Report



**Single Complete Solution
mORL with PCT**



MAP Implementation: Test examples



■ Optically transparent

- Minimize impairments
 - Example: low IL, BR, PDL, wavelength sensitivity and dispersion (chromatic, polarization & multimode)

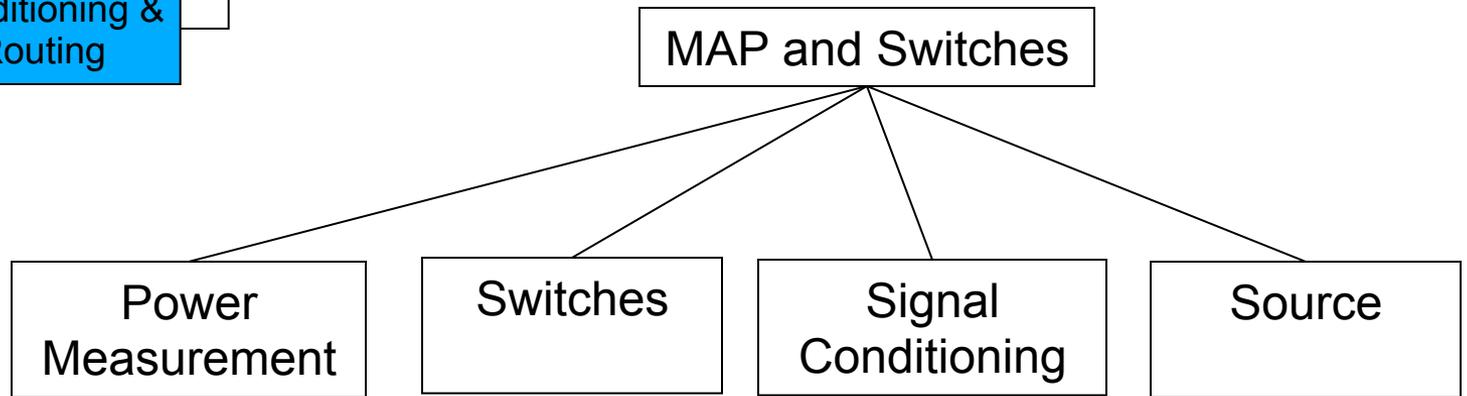
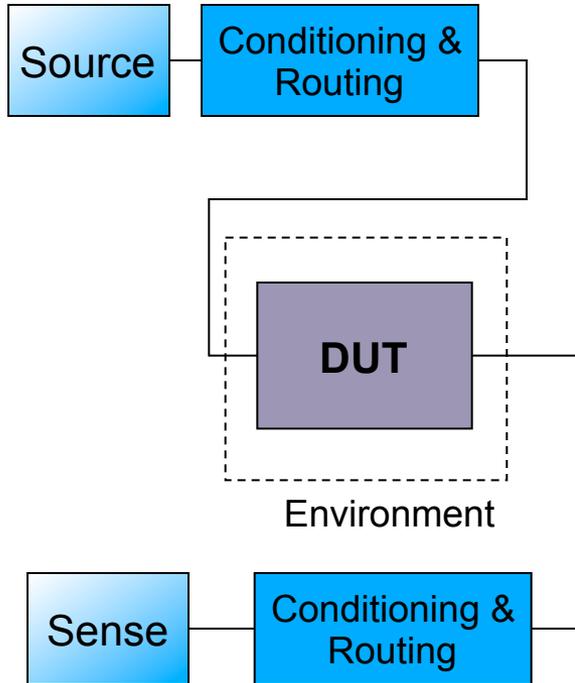
■ Flexible

- Simplify implementation:
 - Example: Multiple interfaces, package size, and configurations

■ Repeatable & stable

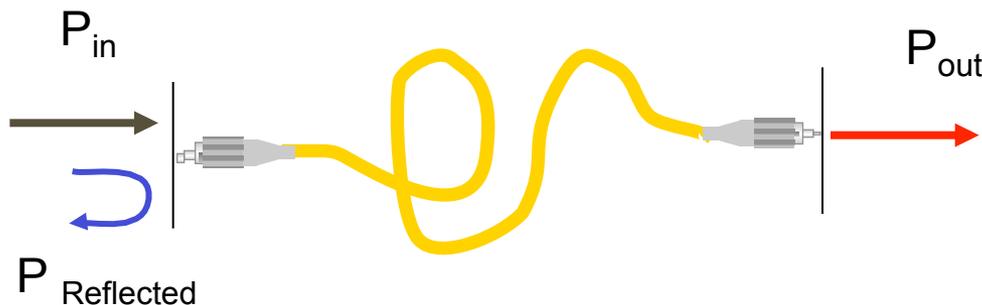
- Limit measurement uncertainty.

Simplified Test Set



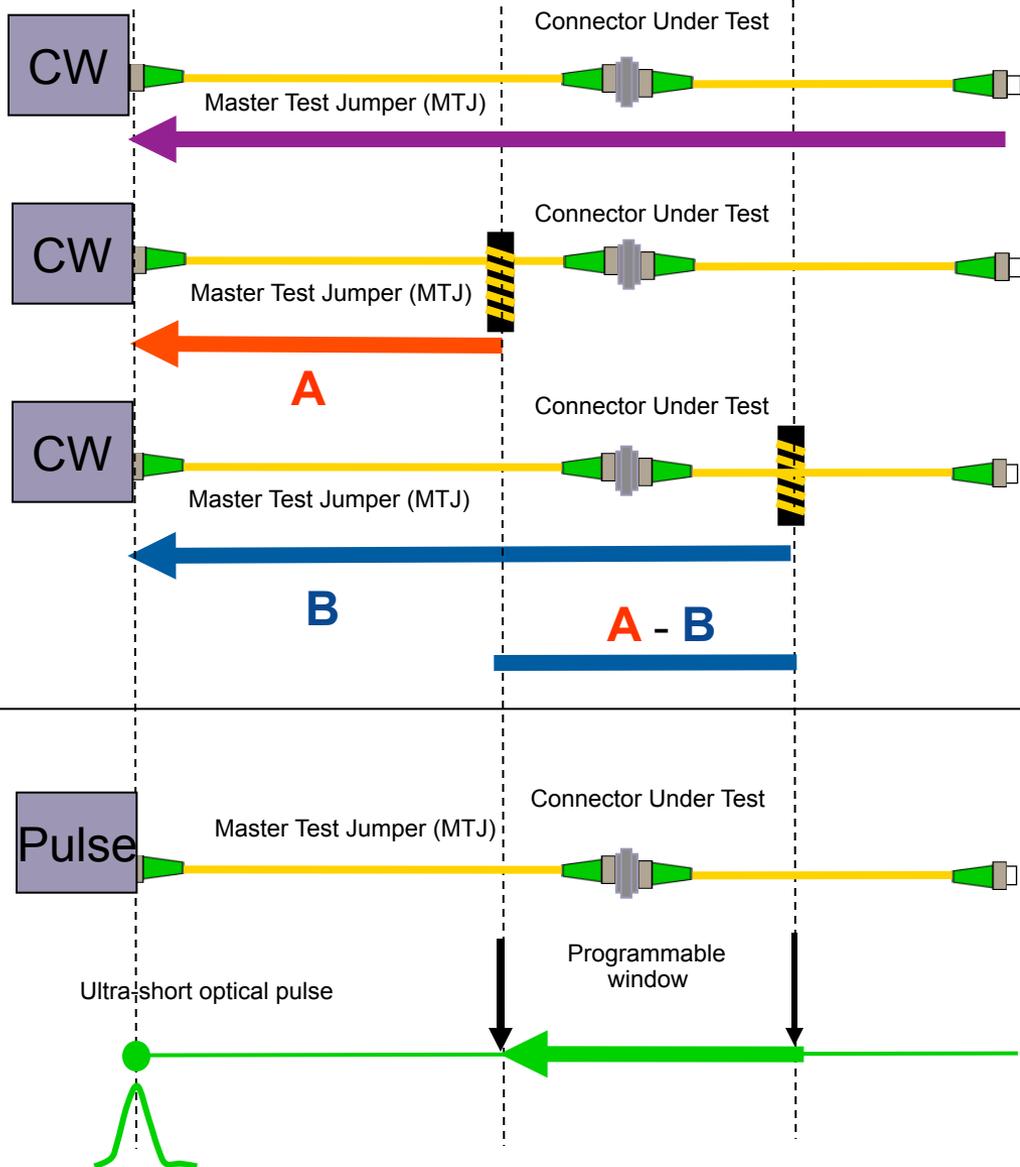
Basic Insertion Loss (IL) and Optical Return Loss (ORL)

- **Insertion loss (IL)** - The difference (expressed in dB) between the input power and output power
 - Dominated by connector loss (2 m fiber has almost no attenuation)
 - Optical connectors are typically between 0.05dB and 0.2dB
- **Optical Return Loss (RL)** - The difference (expressed in dB) between the input power and the power reflected
 - Flat connectors (FC/PC, or LC/PC) are typically 45 to 55 dB
 - Angled connectors (FC/APC, or LC/APC) are typically 55 to 75 dB
- Key measurement wavelengths 1310, 1490, 1550, 1625nm



$$IL [dB] = P_{in} - P_{out}$$
$$RL [dB] = P_{in} - P_{Reflected}$$

Continuous Wave vs. Pulse ORL Measurement



- Optical Source is always on
- With **NO** mandrel termination all the light scattered back to source is measured
- Termination measures backscatter up to connector under test
- Termination blocks backscatter
- The Return Loss of the connector under test is $A - B$
- Termination must be done very accurately, are manual and directly impact the accuracy of the results
- Ultra-short optical pulse
- No terminations required
- Precision timing only measures backscatter from a specific portion of the fiber

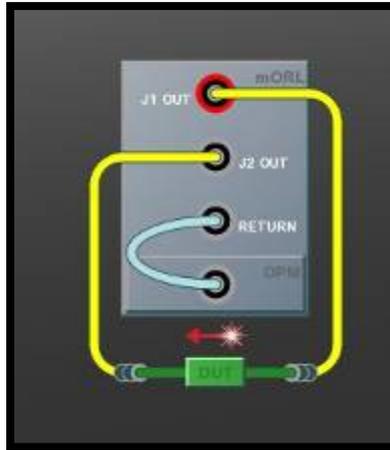
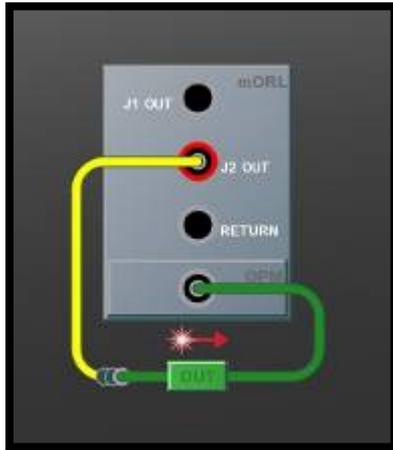
Quick Measure Mode: Visual Step by Step Instructions

The screenshot displays the PCT 0.9.18 software interface. The top status bar shows the JDSU logo, system icons, and the date/time: 05/27/10 - 08:35:06 am. The interface is divided into several sections:

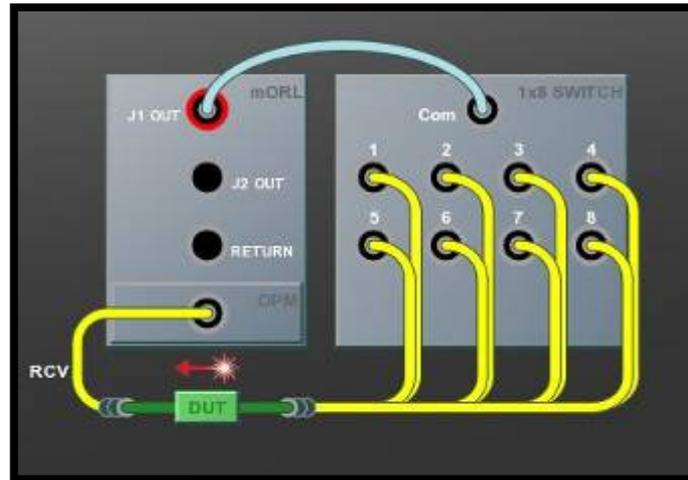
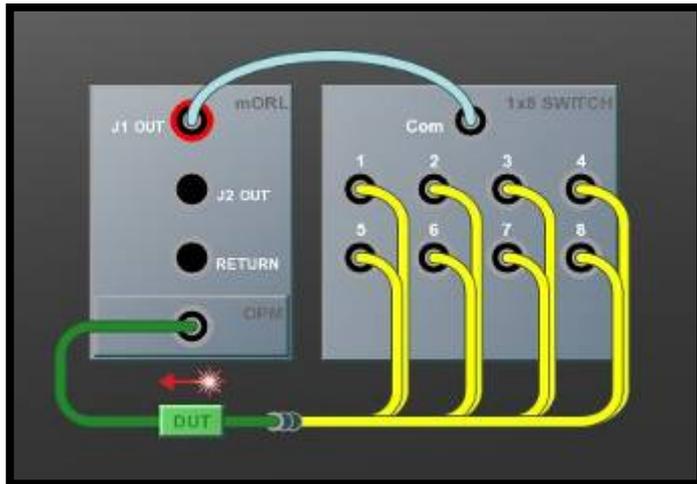
- Measurement Setup:** Includes Mode (REFerence, DUT), MTJ (Single MTJ, Dual MTJ), Wavelength controls, Channel selection (2-8), and Start/Stop buttons.
- Optical Connections:** A diagram showing an IL/ORL Meter connected to a 1x8 Switch. A DUT is connected to the switch via an MTJ1 component. A red box highlights a visual toggle icon in the top right corner of this panel.
- Bottom Panel:** Shows ORL (Ready, 1550 nm, Ch 1) and OPM (ABS, IL) status indicators, along with a 'Measurement completed.' message.

Visual toggle

Switch Integration – Multi-fiber Productivity



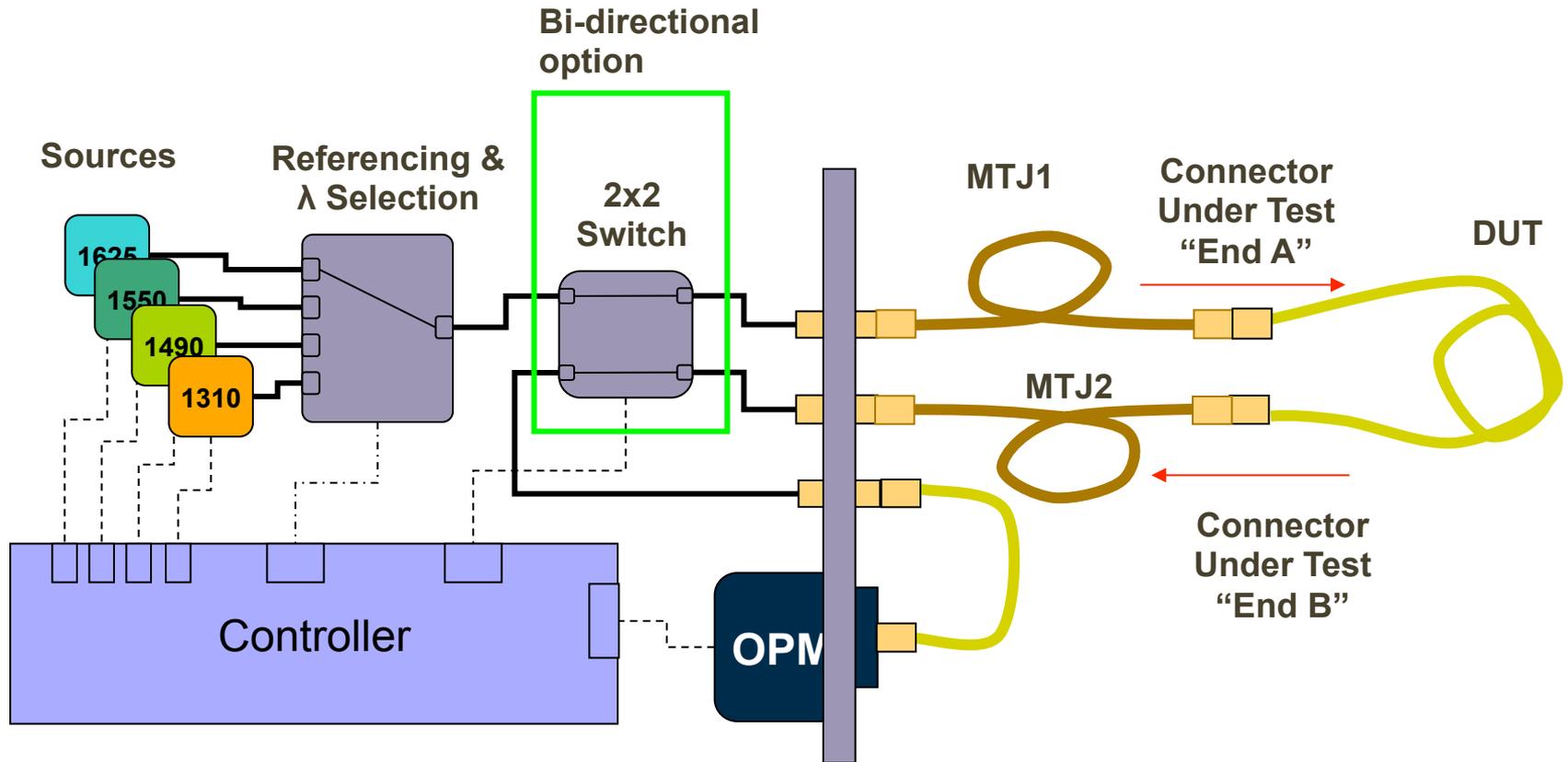
mORL module on its own



With 1xN Switch

mORL: Powerful Integration

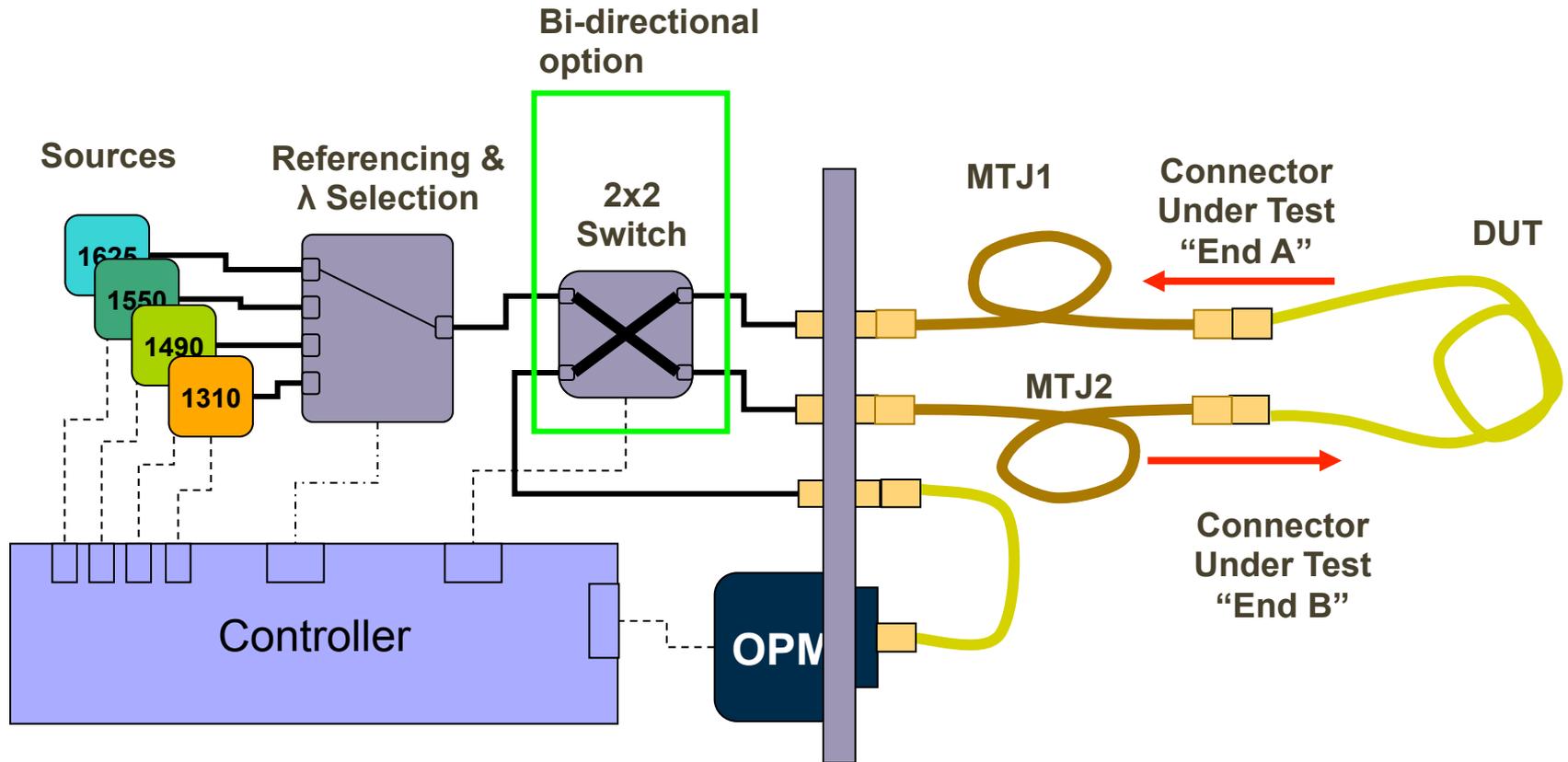
Automated Bidirectional Measurement (1)



Full automated bi-directional testing in one connection
Available in SM and MM

mORL: Powerful Integration

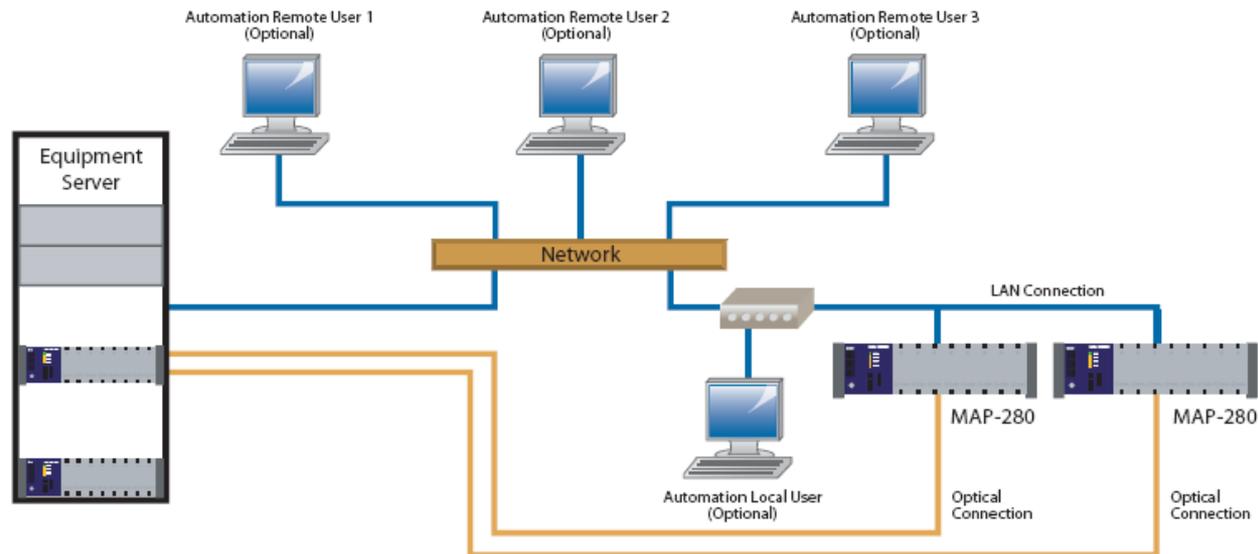
Automated Bidirectional Measurement (2)



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MAP-200 Software Automation Features

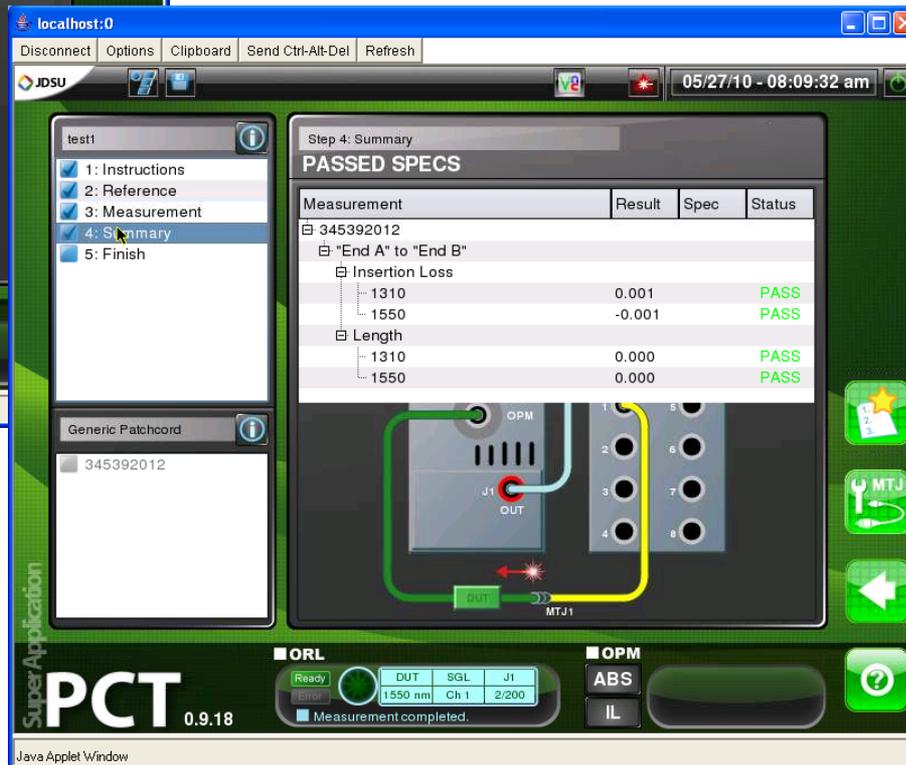
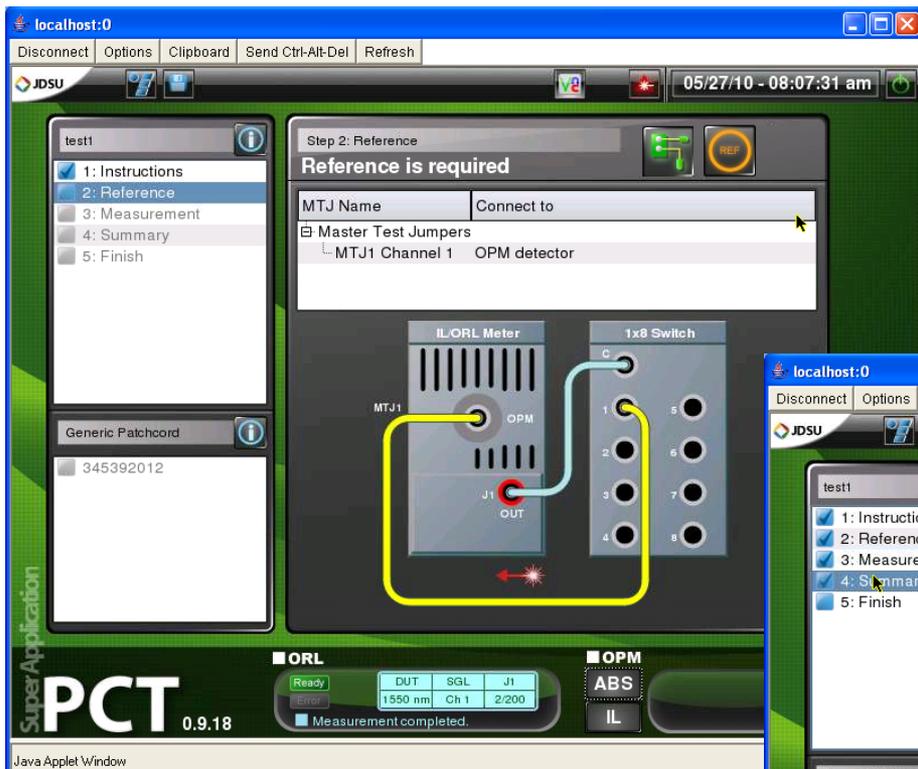
- Supports automation via GPIB, Ethernet, VNC
- Compliance to the latest instrumentation standard LXI
- **Allows multi-user sharing**



Scripting and Manufacturing Mode: Executing Scripts

Each step can be repeated as many times as the operator like.

Results are only written to the database when the operator advances to the next screen



Summary results with Pass / Fail



Thank You

Product Highlight Summary

■ Performance:

- 80 dB ORL dynamic range
- 0.001 dB IL resolution
- Measure jumpers as short as 70cm
- Fully programmable ORL window settings
- 12 and 24 fiber MT connector ready

■ Fast:

- 2.5s per wavelength for both IL and RL
- Integrated bi-directional testing option

■ Compact:

- 2 or 4 wavelengths in single width module with integrated power meter
- Up to 1x24 switch in 3-slot chassis



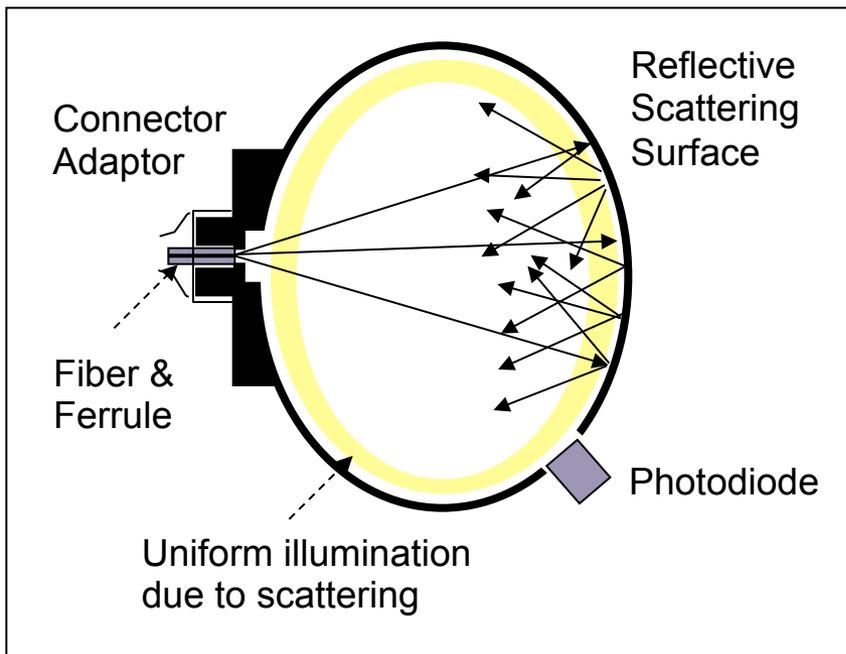
**All MAP applications
feature FULL LXI / GPIB
automation support**

Key Feature: Integrating Sphere

Integrating Sphere for multi-fiber connectors



Cross Section of Integrating Sphere



Specification

Relative Positional Uncertainty Across Input Port Width	$\leq \pm 0.005$ dB	From FC/PC reference at center of port to ± 1.4 mm in width
Relative Positional Uncertainty Across Input Port Height	$\leq \pm 0.025$ dB	From FC/PC reference at center of port to ± 0.7 mm in height.

MT Connector End-face

