

# Multiple Source Synchronization for MIMO

**MG3700A**  
Vector Signal Generator

# Application Note

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## Introduction

- This application note gives a brief description of the fundamentals of MIMO technology, and the test configuration techniques for a MIMO receiver.

— MIMO is pronounced “my-mo”.

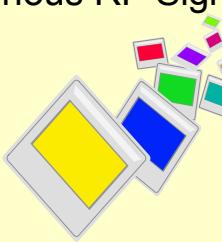
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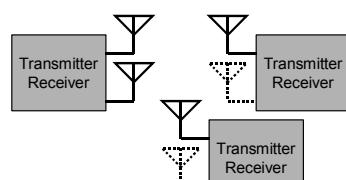
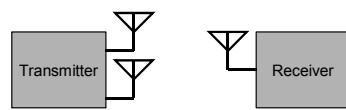
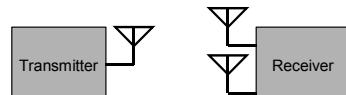
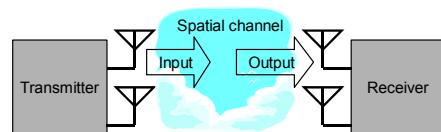
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## MIMO Definitions

- MIMO
  - » Multiple Input Multiple Output
    - Multiple transmitting and receiving antennas system
      - "Input" means the input to spatial channel (i.e. transmitting antenna), "Output" means the output from spatial channel (i.e. receiving antenna).
- SIMO
  - » Single Input Multiple Output
    - Receiver diversity
    - Receiver beamforming
- MISO
  - » Multiple Input Single Output
    - Transmitter diversity
    - Transmitter beamforming
- MIMO-MU
  - » Multiple Input Multiple Output - Multiple User



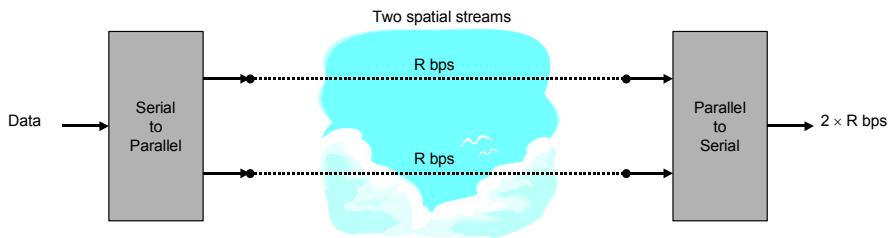
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# MIMO Concept

- MIMO offers a higher transmission rate for the same bandwidth using spatial multiplexing with parallel data streams.
- Transmitter sends different data streams in parallel on same frequency from multiple antennas.
- Receiver detects signals to separate spatial streams.



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# MIMO Practical Application

- 3GPP
  - Release '99
    - WCDMA Transmit diversity (2×1 MISO)
      - STTD: Space Time Transmit Diversity
      - TSTD: Time Switched Transmit Diversity
  - Release 7
    - HSPA+
    - HSDPA-MIMO (28 Mbps)
  - Release 8
    - LTE
    - MIMO-OFDMA
- IEEE802.11n
  - Wi-Fi WLAN
    - Minimum two spatial streams Maximum four spatial streams
    - SDM-MIMO SDM: Spatial Division Multiplexing
    - BF-MIMO or SVD-MIMO (option) BF: Beamforming SVD: Singular Value Decomposition
    - STBC (option) (2×1 MISO) STBC: Space Time Block Coding
      - Similar to transmit diversity technique
- IEEE802.16e
  - Mobile WiMAX
    - STC-MIMO (Matrix A option) (2×1 MISO) STC: Space Time Coding
    - Similar to transmit diversity technique
    - SM-MIMO (Matrix B option) SM: Spatial Multiplexing

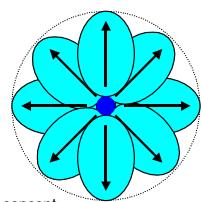
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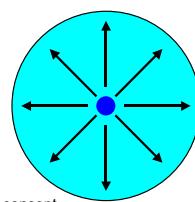
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## SDM and SM

- Spatial Division Multiplexing
  - » Beamforming in desirer or null-steering in interferer, with directional radio emission patterns, using weighting-control of amplitude and phase for array antenna
  - » Directivity control technique
    - Eigenbeam-SDM, beamforming with Channel State Information (CSI) known to transmitter
- Spatial Multiplexing
  - » Integrating coding and error correction technologies into transmit and receive diversity technologies
  - » Antennas decorrelation technique
    - Space-Time coding and Layered Space-Time coding



SDM concept



SM concept

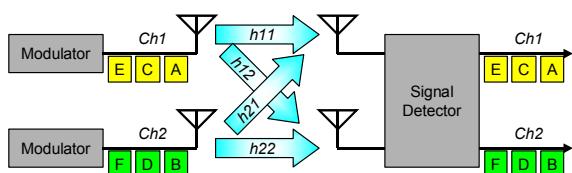
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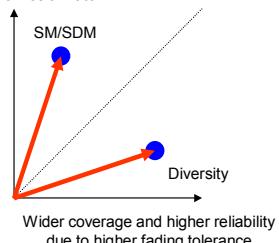
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## SM/SDM and Diversity

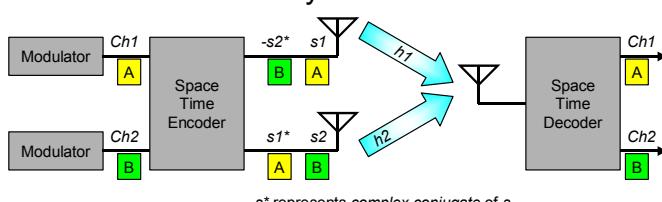
- SM/SDM



Higher transmission rate



- Transmit Diversity

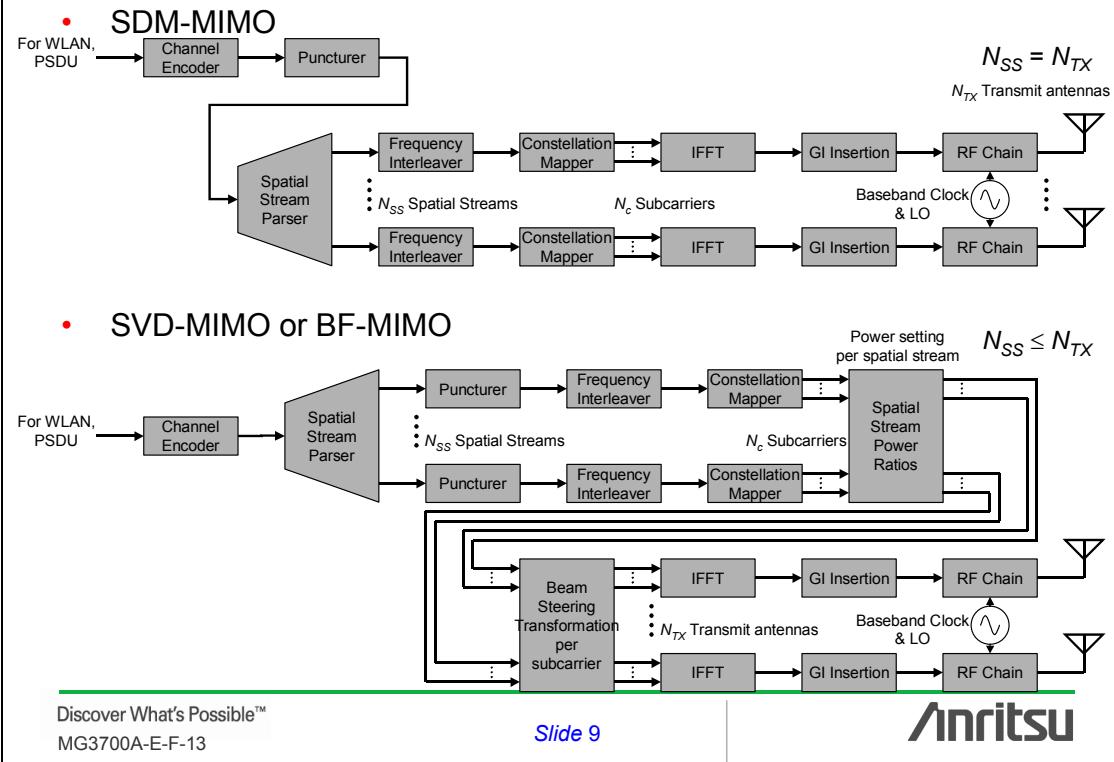


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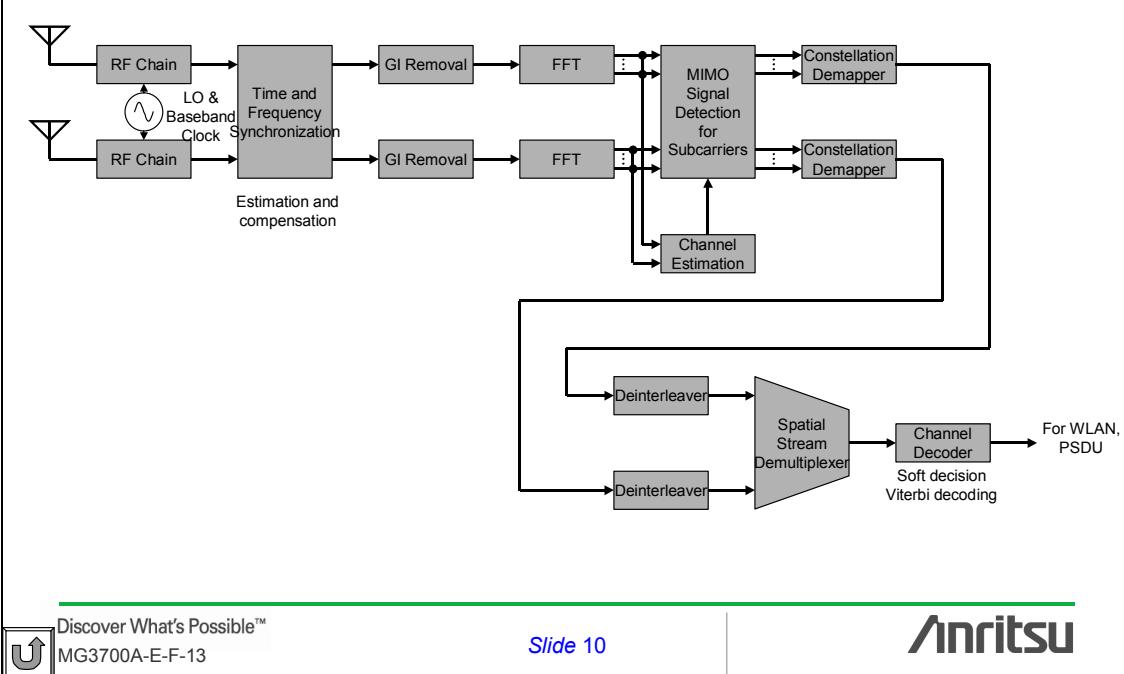
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## Basic Transmitter Model



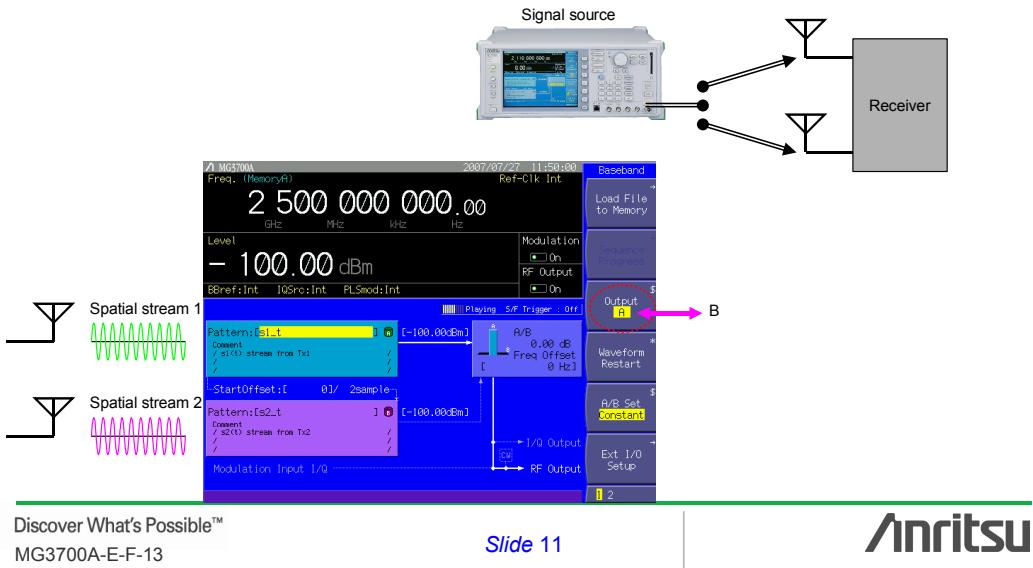
## Basic Receiver Model



# MIMO Receiver Test

- Single source

- » Receiver testing starts with single channel tests using a single signal source. Receiving antenna chains are tested separately.
- » Simulation of signal conditions is comparatively simple.



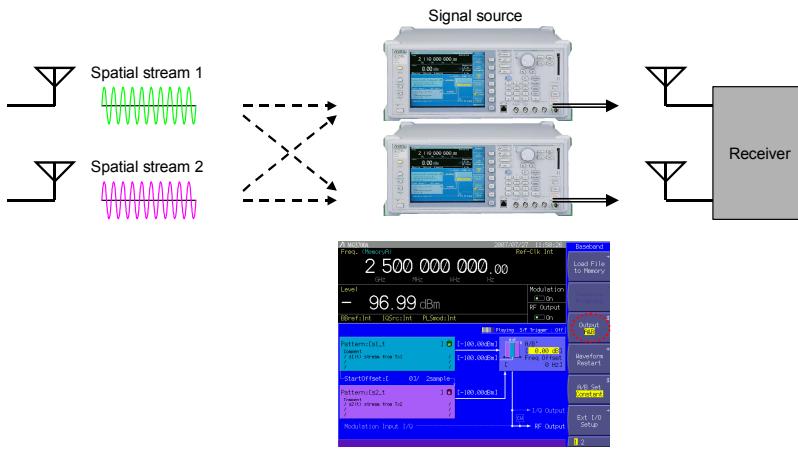
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# MIMO Receiver Test

- Multiple source

- » Consider needs for the following:
  - Timing alignment of baseband signals because of different arrival time
  - Requirement for common local oscillator due to phase-coherence between signal generators

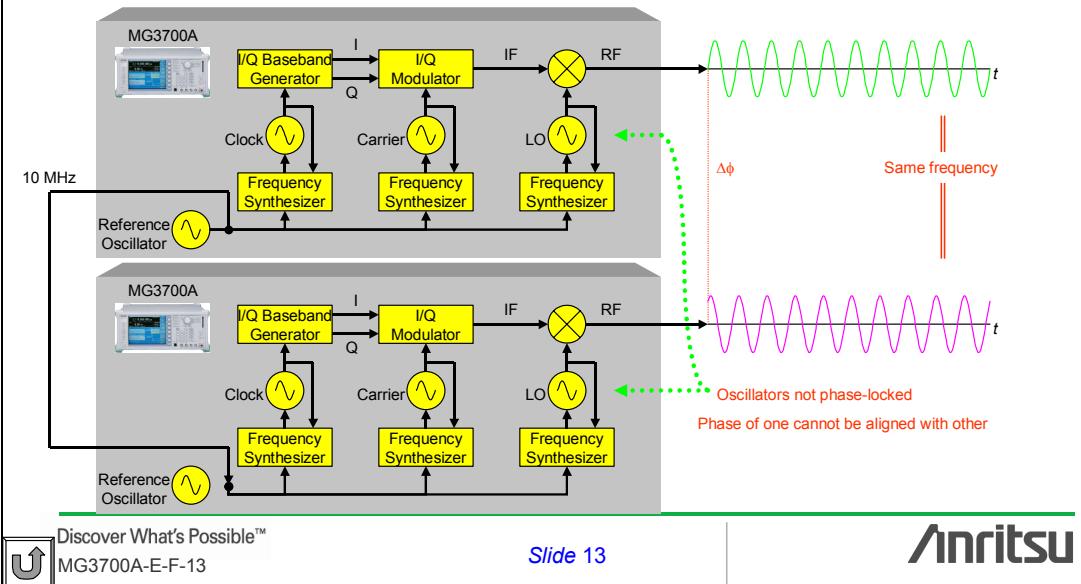


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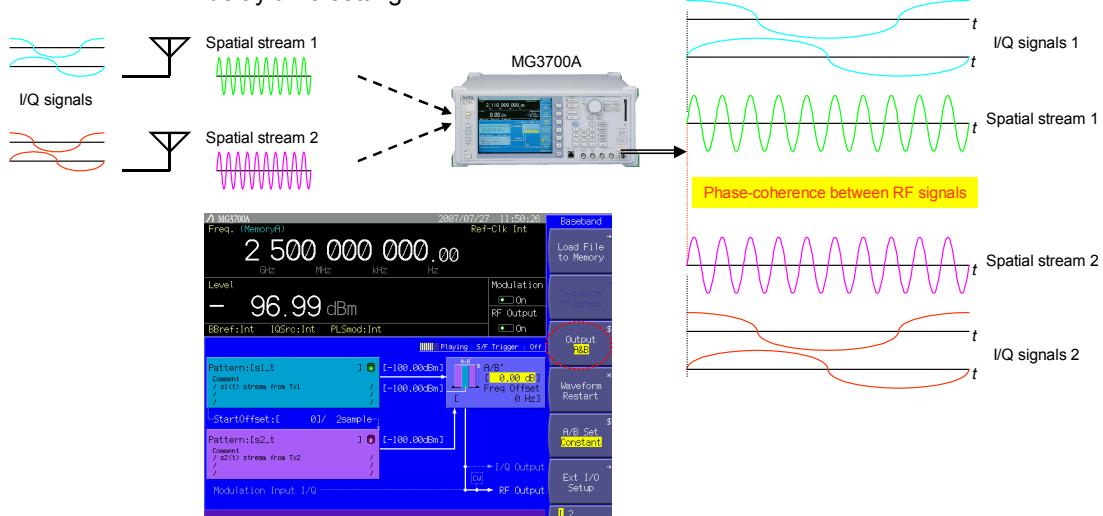
# Synchronous Frequency on Common Reference Oscillator

- Common 10 MHz reference signal for multiple signal generators allows synchronization of each generating frequency.



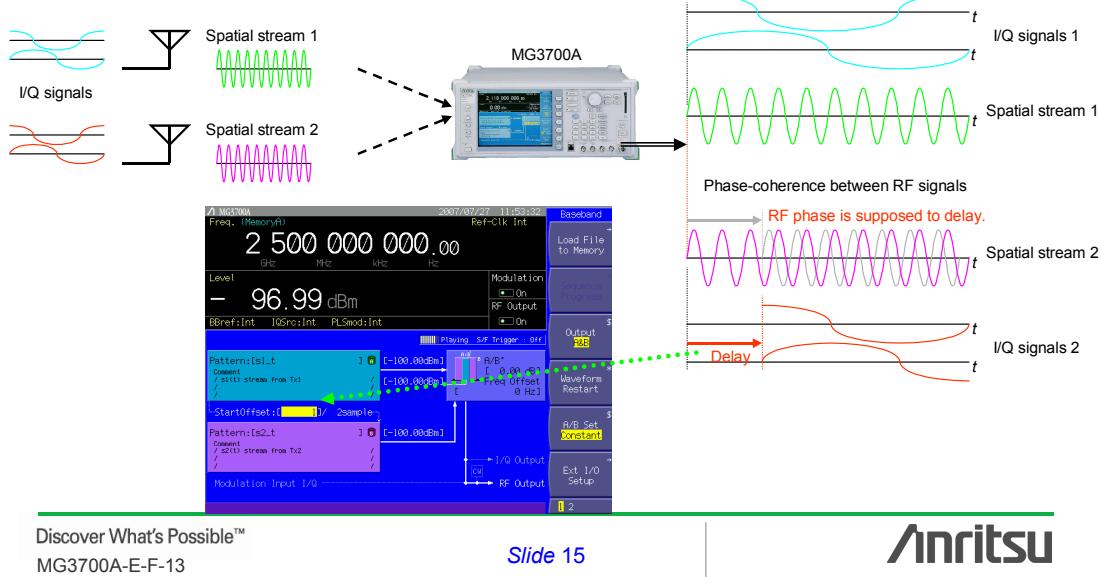
# Synchronous Timing Alignment of Baseband Signal Generation

- When two spatial streams on baseband generated simultaneously,
  - » 2x1 MISO
 One MG3700A unit provides phase-coherence between RF signals at zero delay time setting.



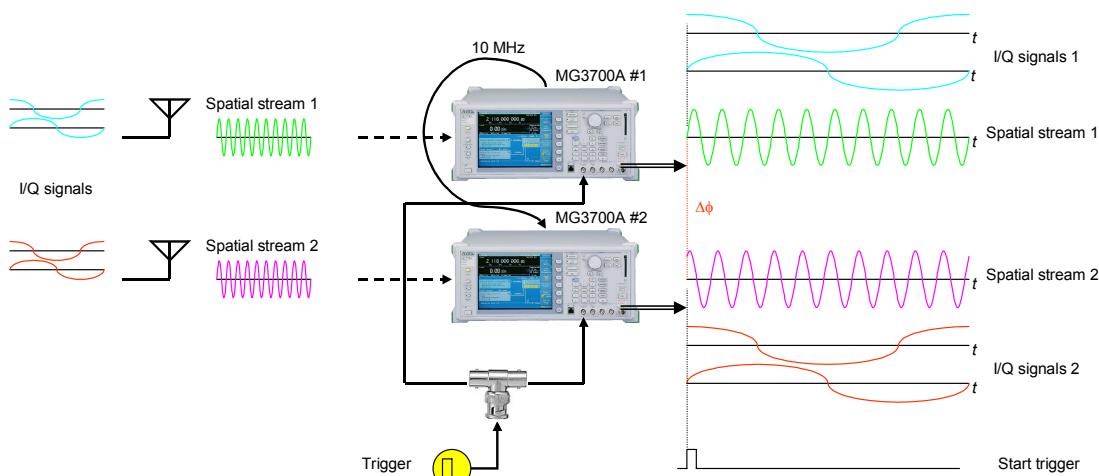
# Synchronous Timing Alignment of Baseband Signal Generation

- When two spatial streams on baseband generated with time difference,
  - » 2x1 MISO
 One MG3700A unit cannot provide correlation with RF delay at any delay time setting.



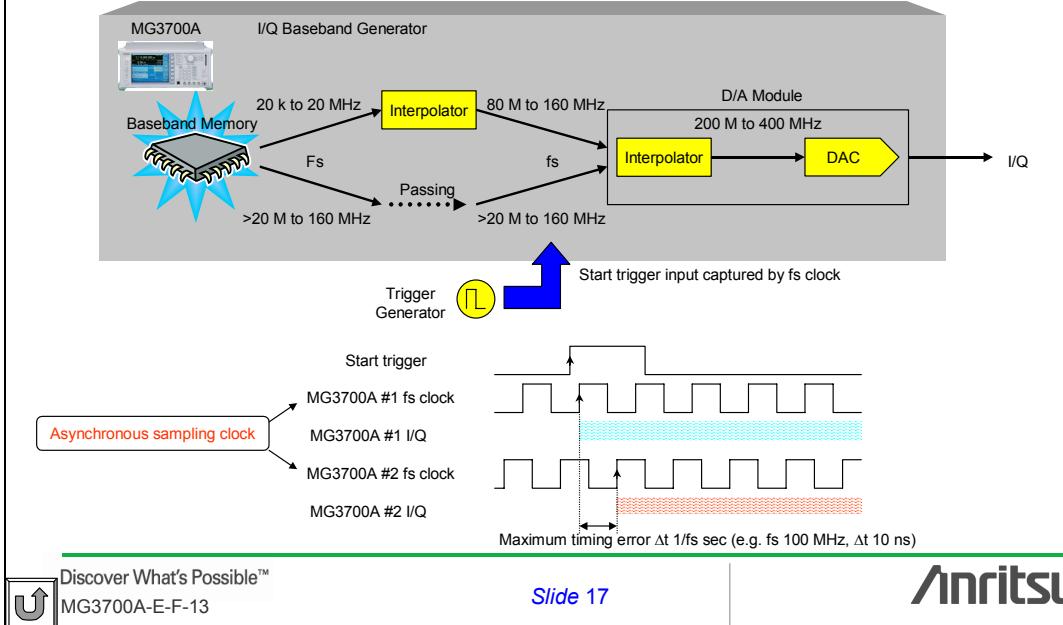
# Synchronous Timing Alignment of Baseband Signal Generation

- When two spatial streams on RF generated simultaneously,
  - » 2x2 MIMO
 Multiple MG3700As cannot provide phase-coherence between RF signals.



## Synchronous Timing Alignment of Baseband Signal Generation

- The two separate baseband clock for each of MG3700A I/Q baseband generator do not be phase-locked.



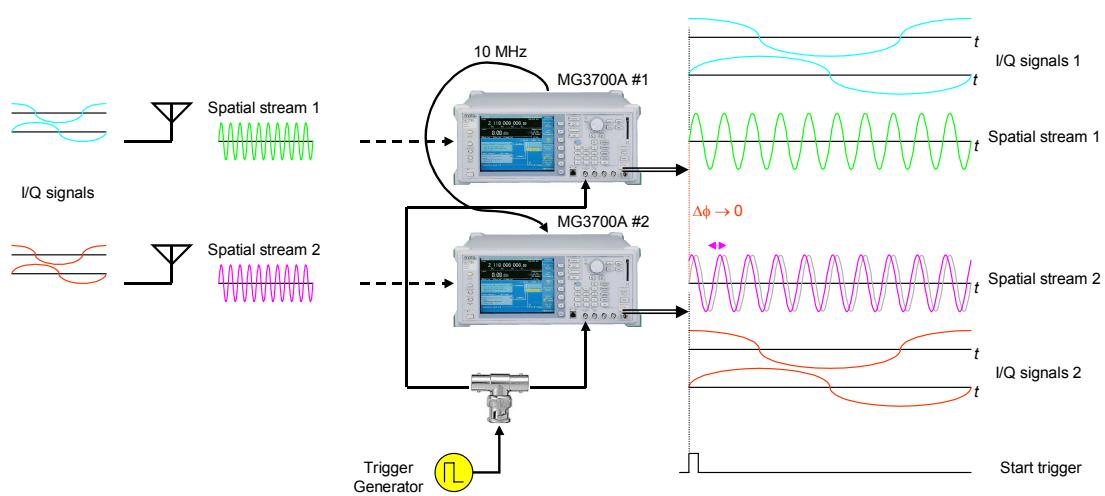
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## Phase Synchronous RF Signal Generation

- The phase between the RF signals can be precisely adjusted using the MG3700A Phase Adjust function.
  - This phase adjustment is lost if the frequency is changed.

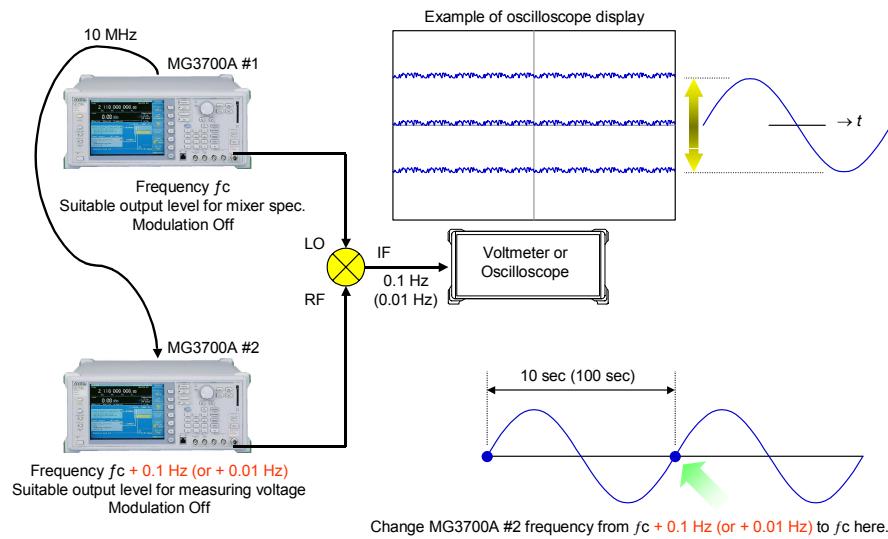


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## Technique for Calibrating RF Signal Phase

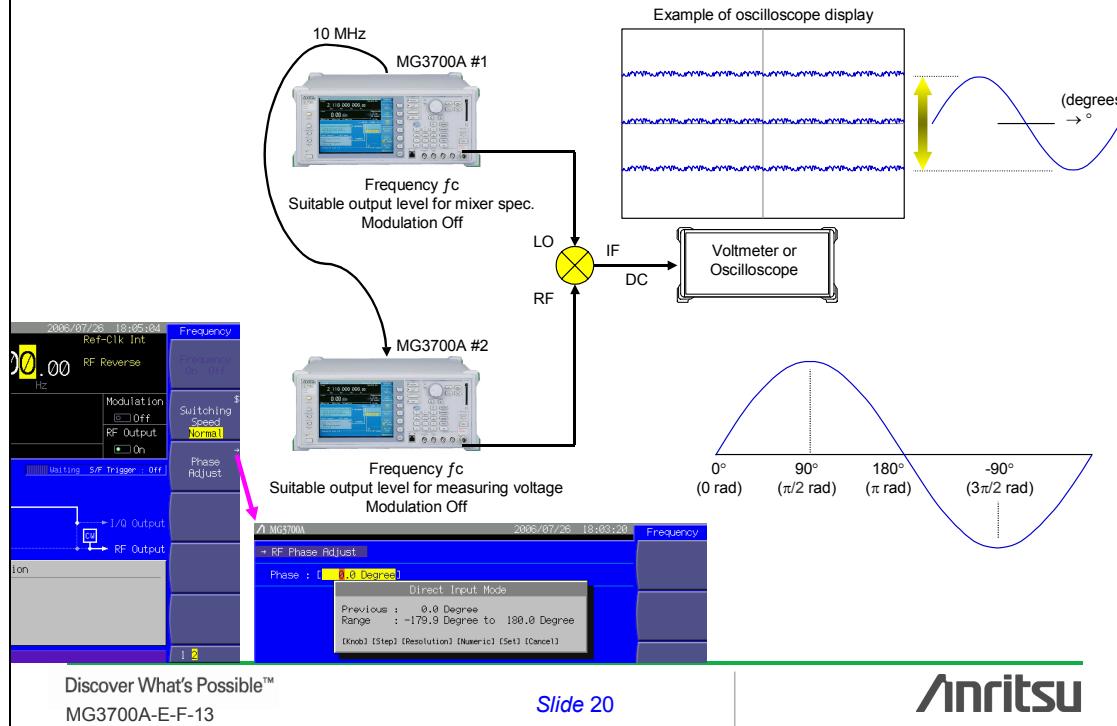


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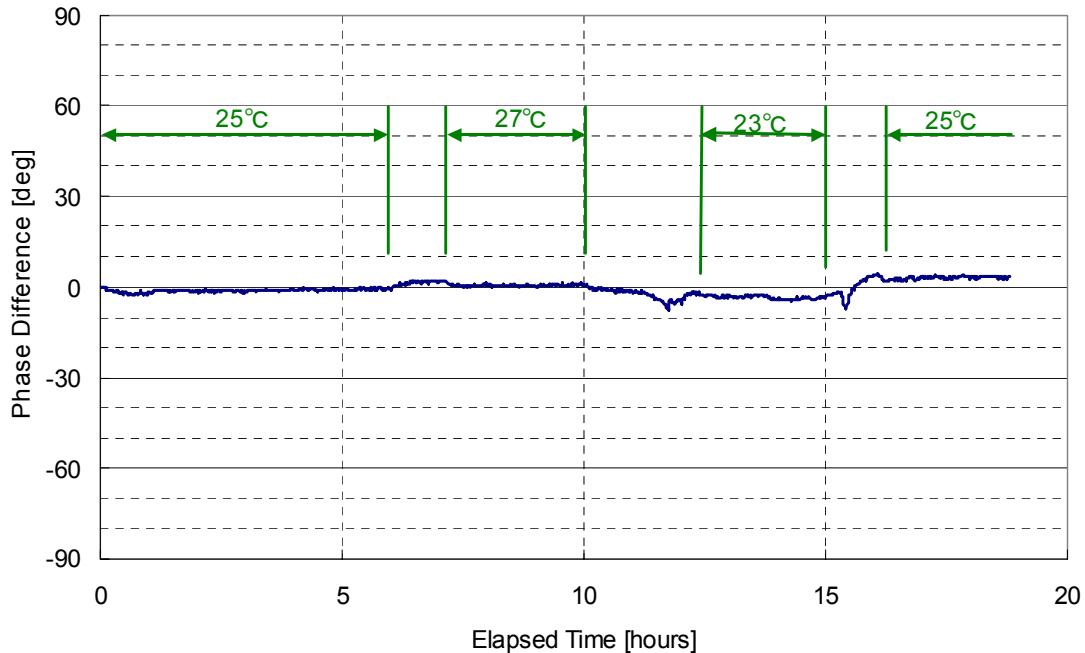
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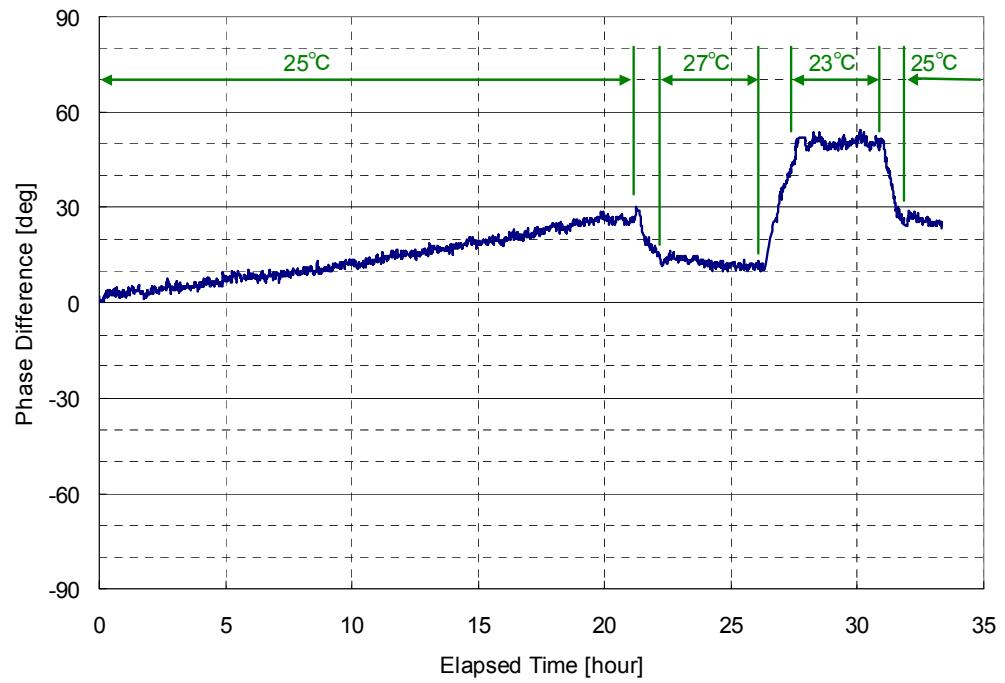
## Phase Stability and Repeatability

- Temperature affects phase drift of the MG3700A RF output.
  - » If all MG3700A temperature changes are the same, the phase difference change is lower.
- The difference in phase between two MG3700A RF outputs is measured to check performance.
  - » Output frequency 3 GHz and 5.8 GHz
    - 3 GHz for 3 GHz RF unit, and 5.8 GHz for 6 GHz RF unit (Option)
  - » Temperature  $25 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ 
    - $25^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow 27^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow 23^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow 25^\circ\text{C}$

## Measured Phase difference at 3 GHz



## Measured Phase difference at 5.8 GHz



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