



Commissioning cabling infrastructure for OT networks

- including Single Pair Ethernet and Ethernet-APL™

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Storyline

Outline

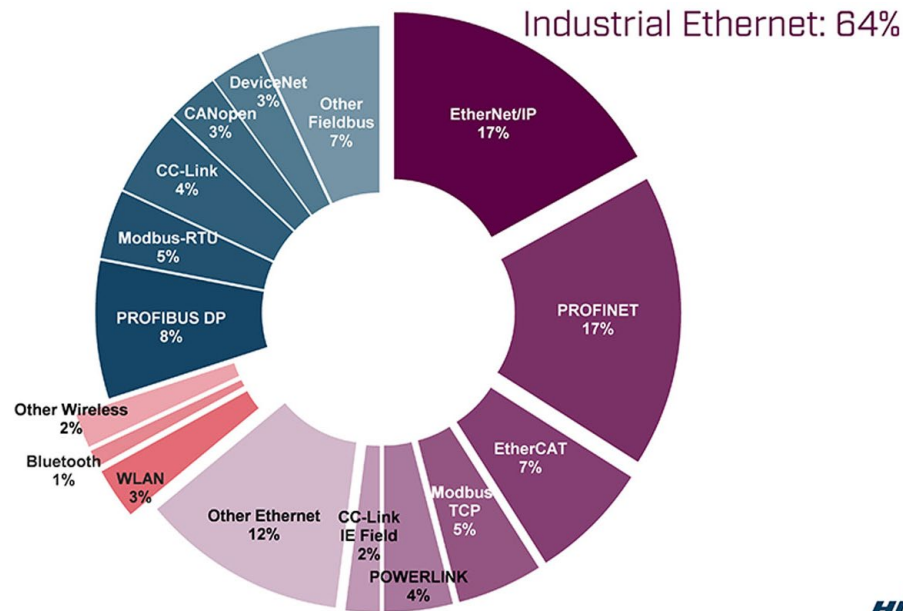
- Standards for specification of OT network wiring systems including power delivery
- Network topologies and wiring practices
- Specific commissioning tests for point-to-point links to identify non-compliant cabling and bad connections, as well as routine workmanship issues
- Measurement properties and associated industry standards for physical infrastructure
- Re-purposing legacy cabling for industrial Ethernet

Storyline

- With the widespread implementation of Ethernet, it's now possible to apply routine best-practices from IT networking to save time and add value in the industrial space.
- One such practice, cable testing, leads to more reliable operations and less troubleshooting.

Industrial Protocol Market Shares - 2020

- Fieldbuses are in decline, wireless is stable, Industrial Ethernet share at 64%, up from 59% in the previous year
- EtherNet/IP and Profinet are the dominant Industrial Ethernet variants with 17% market share each



Why worry about the Network Physical Layer?

- More than half of failures in the network are in the data link and physical layer*
- Switch hardware will turn over 4X or more over the life of the plant's *cabling* infrastructure
- 60% of plant floor nodes are on a variant of Ethernet



Today's topic: Effective network planning and testing for faster commissioning, increased uptime and improved OEE



*source: ISA

50% of OT Network Problems

Common defects

- Wrong cable for the application
- Re-terminated on-site (too long)
- Damaged during installation or operation
- Wired incorrectly
- Pair separation causing noise ingress
- Poorly connected shields

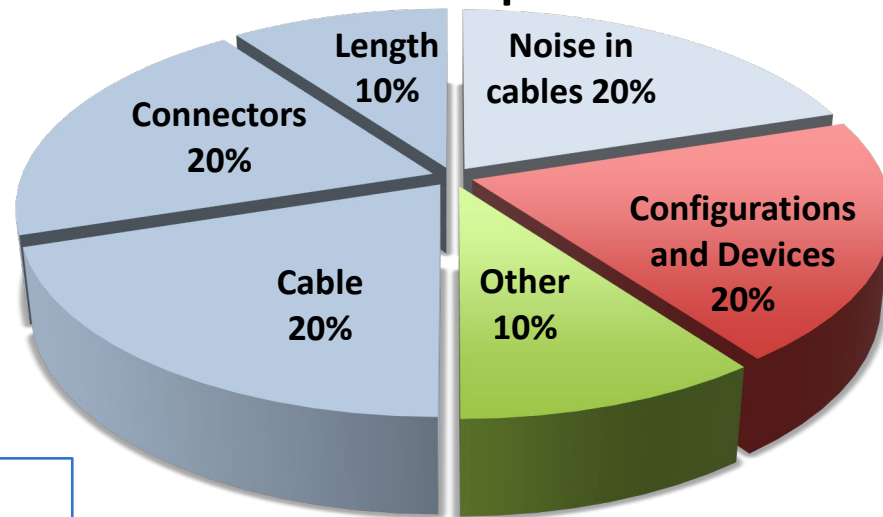
Environment makes matters worse

- Vibration, Flex, Moisture, Oxidation, Temperature, EMI

High number of intermittent problems (not repeatable)

- A few lost or damaged frames can stop a machine
- Time consuming to diagnose

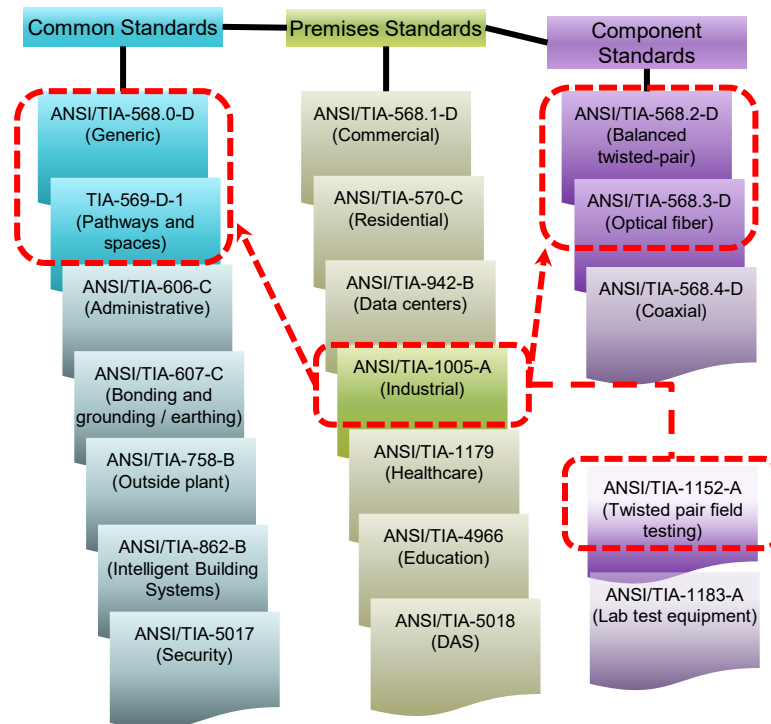
Problems Reported



Standards applied to OT networks

Applicable Standards

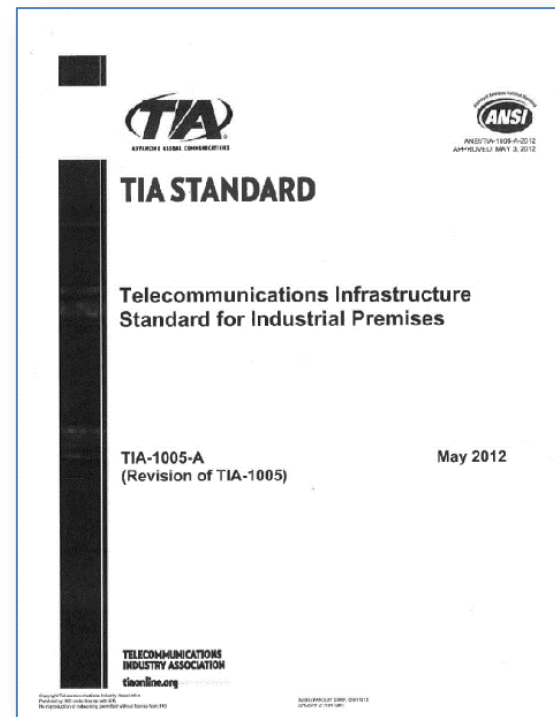
- Information and Communications Technology (ICT)
- **TIA/EIA-568** Defines cabling types, distances, connectors, cable system architectures, cable termination, installation requirements and methods of testing installed cable
- Defines the overall premises infrastructure for copper and fiber cabling
- Addresses components of the copper cabling system
- Addresses components of fiber optic cable systems
- The **ANSI/TIA-1005** industrial standard is explicitly supported by the 568-cabling standard series



TIA-1005-A adds to the TIA-568 Series

- M12 D-code connector type
- M12 X-code (published in TIA-1005-A-1 in 2015)
- > 4 connector channel (6 connector)
- Introduction of Coupler/Adaptor
- M.I.C.E ratings

Office (Clean) to Industrial (Dirty)			
Mechanical	M ₁	M ₂	M ₃
Ingress	I ₁	I ₂	I ₃
Climatic	C ₁	C ₂	C ₃
Electromagnetic	E ₁	E ₂	E ₃

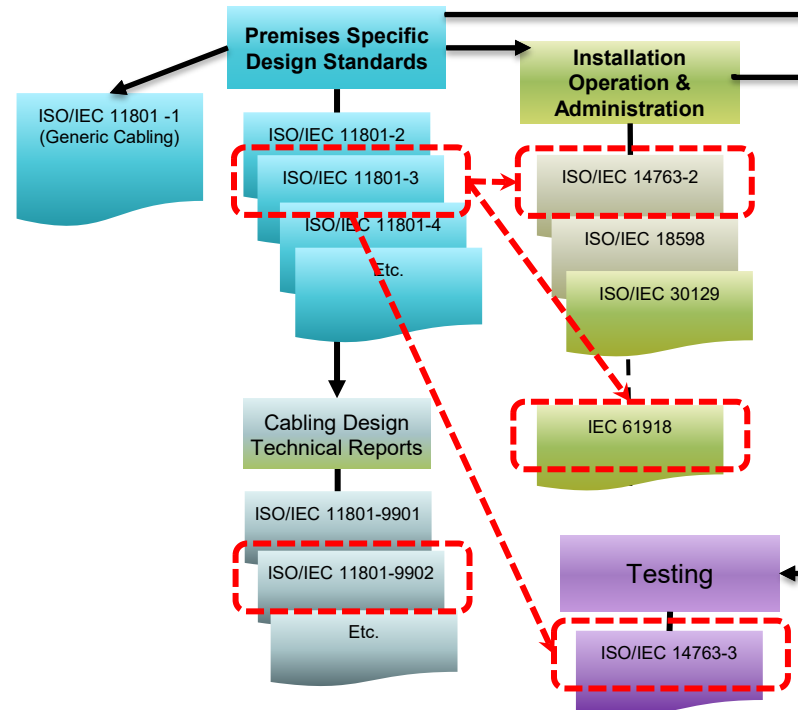


TIA Developments for SPE

- **TIA-568.5** cabling and component standard
 - minimum requirements for balanced single twisted-pair cabling channels and components (cable, connectors, connecting hardware, and cords) used in commercial buildings
 - also specifies measurements for all transmission parameters.
- **TIA-1005 rev.B** premises standard for industrial environments
 - drafted this past year and deferred pending SPE additions
 - includes the new End-to-End link type
- **TIA-568.7 new!** Industrial Single-Pair Ethernet (SPE) project
 - 1st Committee Ballot circulating soon
 - Includes M.I.C.E. requirements for SPE
- **TIA-5071 new!** Requirements for SPE Field Test Instruments

Applicable International Standards

- Information and Communications Technology (ICT)
- ISO/IEC 11081 governs all premises types
- ISO/IEC 11081-3 covers the specifics of Industrial premises cabling
- ISO/IEC TR11801-9902 specifies End-to-End link configurations
- ISO/IEC 14763-2 defines planning, installation, and acceptance testing
- ISO/IEC 14763-3 defines Testing of optical fiber cabling
- IEC 61918 Installation of communication networks in industrial premises



Global Developments for SPE

- **ISO/IEC 11081-3 Amd1:2021** Industrial premises cabling
 - Amended to include performance of single-pair Ethernet links
- **IEC 61918/AMD1** Installation of communication networks in industrial premises
 - amendment to support all current IEEE BASE-T1 (1000/100/10)
 - forecast publication next year
- **IEEE P802.3de** Time Synchronization for Point-to-Point Single Pair Ethernet Task Force
- Of particular interest is **IEC/IEEE 60802** TSN Profiles for Industrial Automation
 - new project approved Nov-2020, targeting 2023 publication

Network Infrastructure & Topology

TIA-1005 Model

Structured cabling for industrial premise

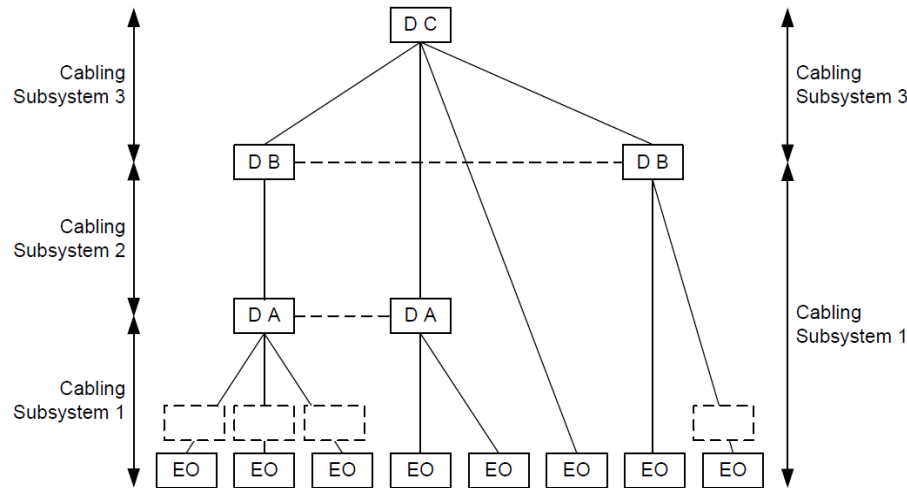
Physical infrastructure model for cabling and connectivity design

Flexible and scalable

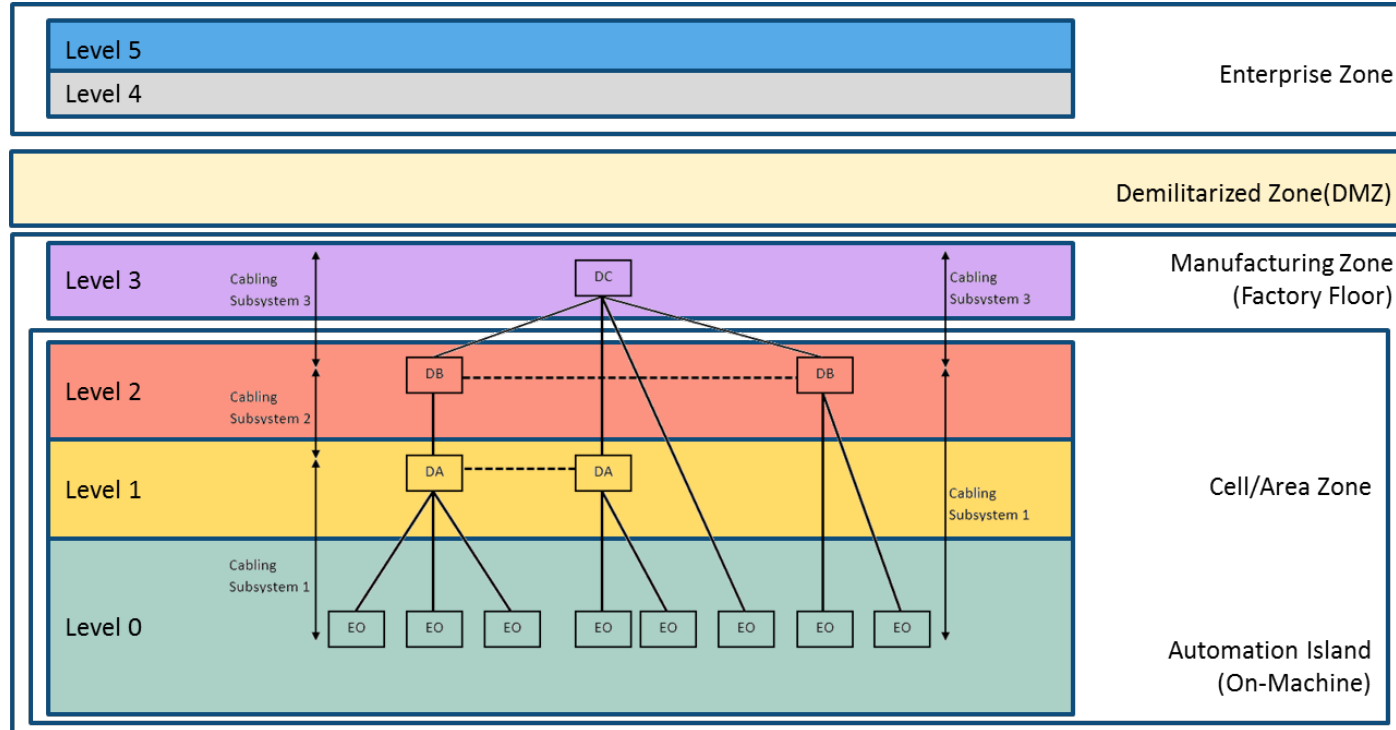
Defines interconnects (to switch) and testable links/channels

D = Distributor (MDF, IDF, Access layer)

EO = Equipment Outlet

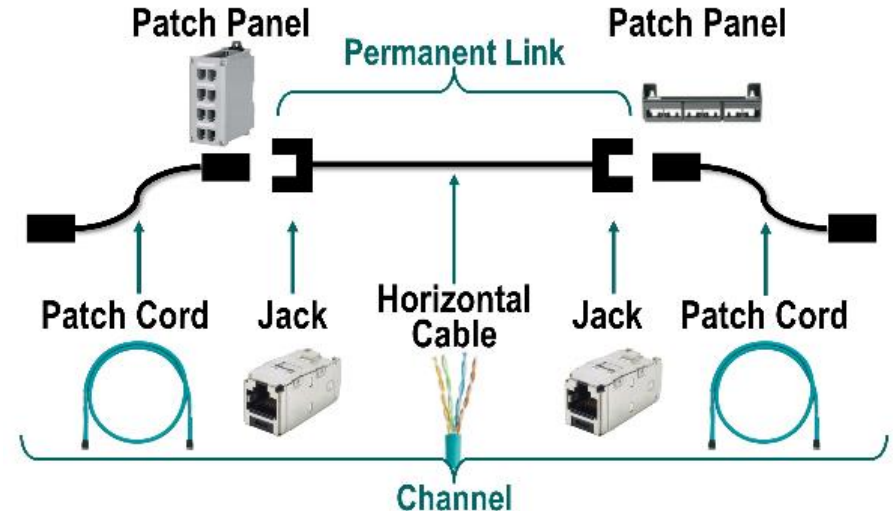


Industrial Networks and TIA-1005



Why Structured Cabling Is a Best Practice

- Same cabling concept is used with I/O and terminal strips
- Manage the backbone separate from the patch to the controller – through a terminal strip or IFM
- Predictable and eases MACs



Structured and Point-to-Point Cabling

Point-to-Point Cabling

- Stranded cable field-terminated with plugs
- Infrequently tested
- No standard exists to define the measurement method
- If the lights blink, it's assumed it will work!



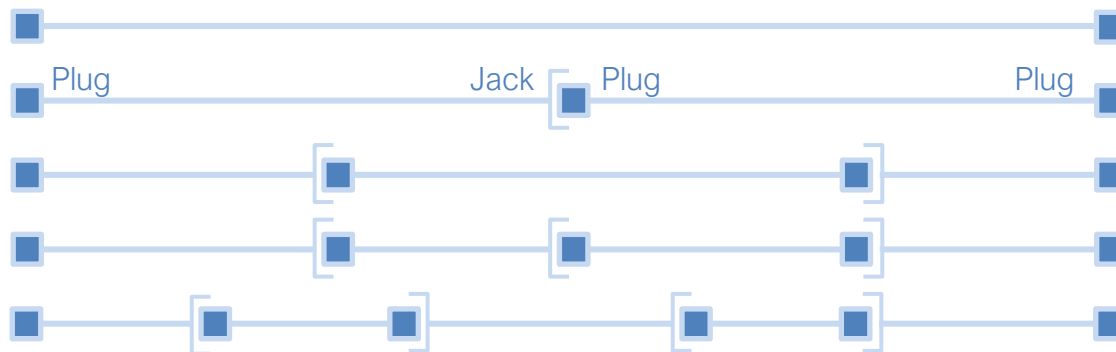
Structured Cabling

- Solid horizontal cable terminated with jacks
- Typically installed and left in place; measured and warranted performance
- Connection to equipment with flexible patch cords



End-to-End link configurations

Plug terminated channels



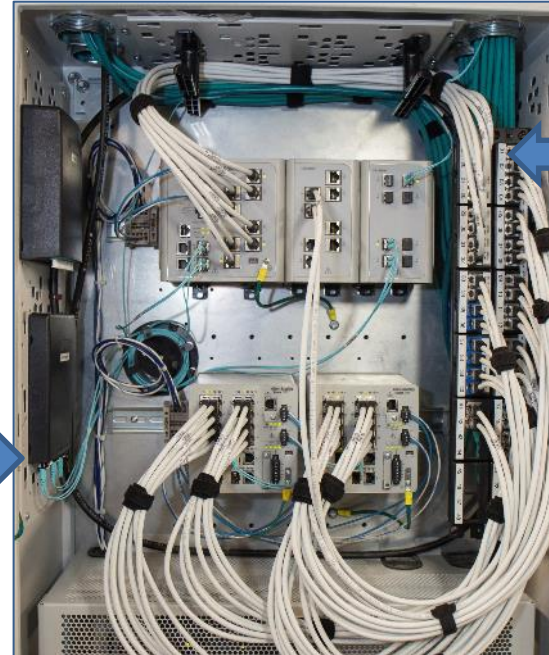
- Specific industrial use
- 2 to 6 connections
- Total cabling channel
- Added with TIA 1005-B and ISO/IEC 11081-3 Amd1; both in 2021

Standardized point-to-point cabling channel for use where outlet jacks are impractical

Structured Cabling within Zone Enclosures



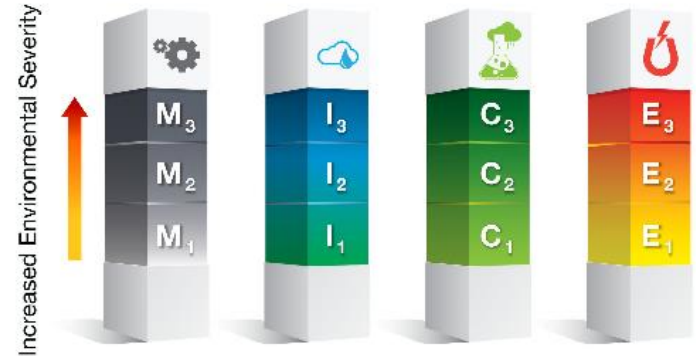
Test points
(uplink)



Test points
(downlink)

Benefits of Choosing M.I.C.E Rated Components

- Certified to withstand the severity of the associated M.I.C.E element
- When choosing network cabling systems always consider components rated to withstand the *worst-case* environment for exposure
- Commercial grade network components (M₁I₁C₁E₁) can also be considered in applicable areas



TIA-1005-A



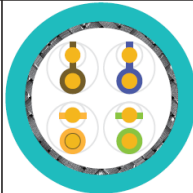
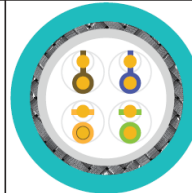
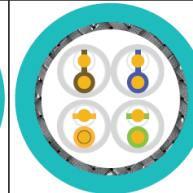
ISO/IEC 11801

IEC 60603-7

Shielded Cable for Industrial Environments

- The better the “electrical balance” of a cable the more protection from EMI
- Shielded cabling provides added layer(s) of protection
- Managing interference is strongly tied to proper design and installation (especially grounding & bonding)

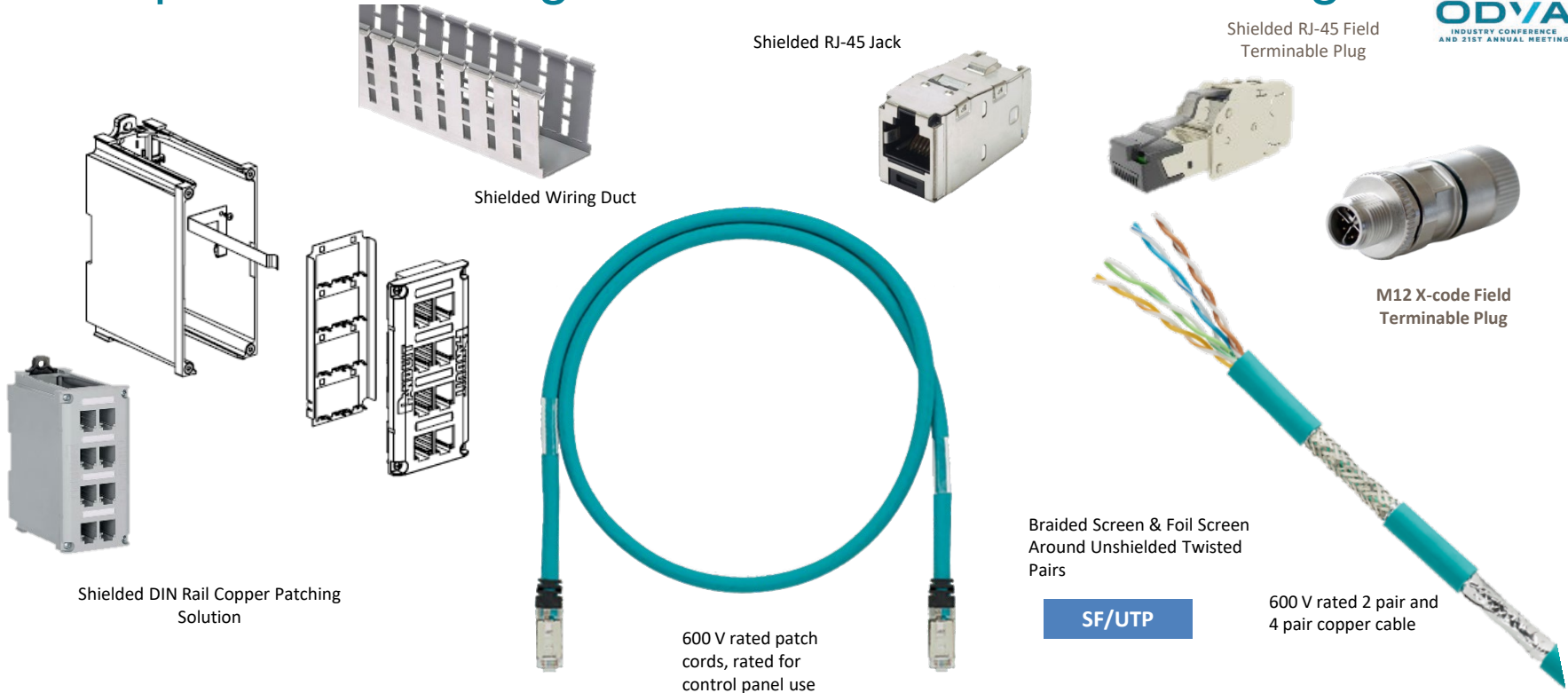
Common designations for shielded and unshielded Ethernet cables, per ISO/IEC 11801:

				
UTP Unshielded Twisted Pairs	F/UTP Overall Foil Shield with Twisted Pairs	S/UTP Overall Braid Shield with Twisted Pairs	SF/UTP Overall Foil and Braid Shields with Twisted Pairs	S/FTP Overall Braid Shield with Individually Foil Shielded Twisted Pairs

Areas addressed in TIA-1005-A:

- Equipotential/Mesh grounding system (conductor sizing)
- Star Grounding System (with ground isolation)
- RC Device Termination (resistor-capacitor)

Examples of Shielding Solutions for Ethernet Cabling



Section Take-Aways

- Review your internal standards for the network physical layer
 - Specify the latest norms for Industrial Ethernet
 - *Structure* for flexibility, testability and longevity
- Use the M.I.C.E. concept to improve designs and mitigate environmental factors in advance
- Learn and follow controls vendors Industrial Ethernet physical recommendations



Acceptance Tests for Cabling Infrastructure

Why test cabling as part of commissioning?

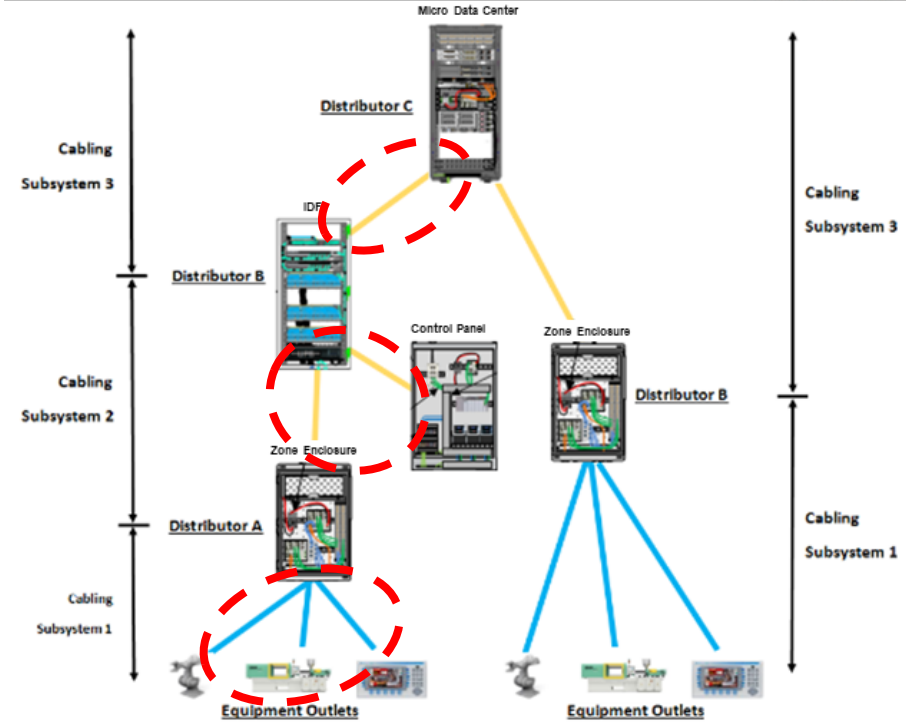
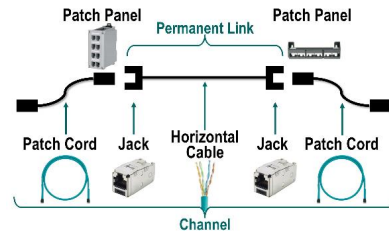
- To be sure that the installed cabling meets the performance you are paying for. An untested cable is a *source of uncertainty*.
 - Cat 6A Jack + Cat 6A Cable + Cat 6A Installer \neq **Cat 6A performance**
- To run faster now *and* support future applications. Experience has shown that tested networks:
 - Reduce CRC/FCS errors that lead to re-transmissions
 - Reduce New Machine Start-up Time
 - Reduce intermittent Production Down Time
 - Have a longer service life
- To get paid for the job (if you are the installer or machine builder)

Beware of anyone offering to save \$\$ on installation by not testing

Commissioning & Performance Validation

Channel Testing with the TIA model

- Channel testing should be done at each cabling subsystem level
- This includes Subsystem 1, and field level **1-0 connections**
- Testing is typically be done just prior to commissioning stage in a project
- ANSI/TIA/EIA 568 & 1152-A define testing & field test equipment



TIA 1005 Model shown with industrial enclosures

Acceptance tests

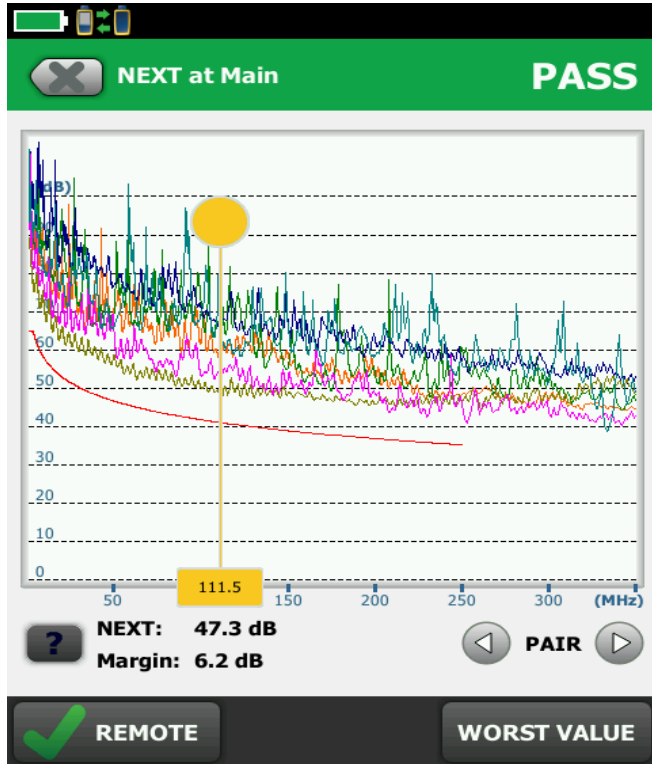
Engineering Guideline Ethernet-APL™ v1.0

- *During the acceptance test the integrity of the cabling should be measured and documented for later use and troubleshooting during the operation of the plant.*

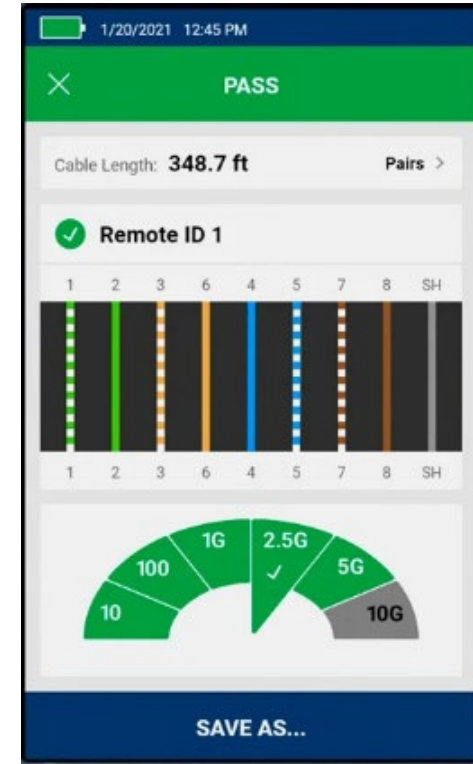
EtherNet/IP Network Infrastructure Guide – ODVA Pub 35

- Testing is easily done with commercially available hand-held network testers. Special adapters may be necessary for sealed connectors. Testing output includes conformance to all electrical requirements including, but not limited to, attenuation, impedance, return loss, cross-talk, and cable segment length measurements.
- Each cabling segment (consisting of cable and connectors) must be tested to confirm that, after installation, the segments all conform to *The EtherNet/IP™ Specification** for performance. (*The CIP Networks Library, Vol. 1 and 2)

Acceptance test results



- Simple pass/fail plus wire-map
- Or complete frequency sweep and guaranteed standards compliance
- Simple operation
- Wireless cloud storage for results and .pdf reports



Measurement Properties

What parameters are measured?

- The capacity of a cable to support high speed data is based on measurements of signal and noise
- Continuity testing, or **Wire-Map**, is not sufficient assurance for even the slowest Ethernet
- Signal Strength, or loss, is measured as attenuation a.k.a. **Insertion Loss**
- Noise is measured with two parameters, **NEXT** and **Return Loss**
- Putting together these measurements we get a Signal to Noise Ratio
- The greater the frequency where we can maintain a positive SNR, the faster and farther we can communicate

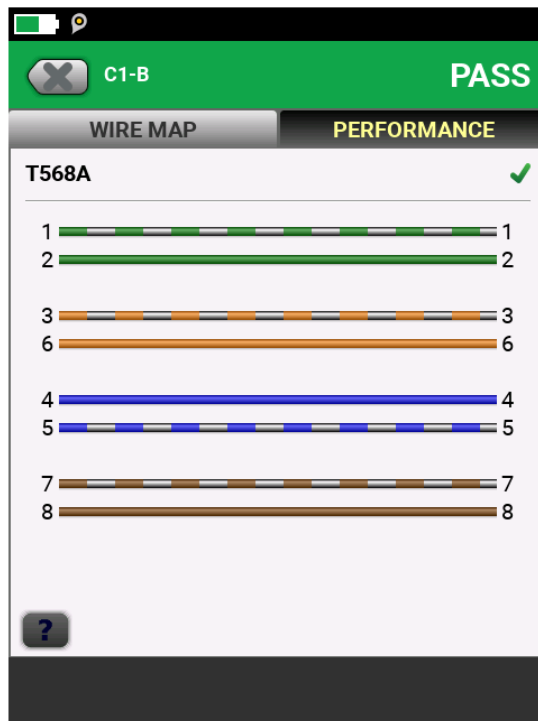
Continuity - RJ45 or M12 D or X (or soon SPE)



RJ45



SPE



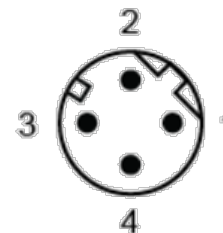
SPE



M12

D-coding

Male

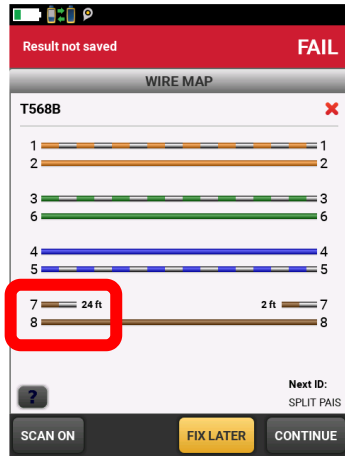


X-coding

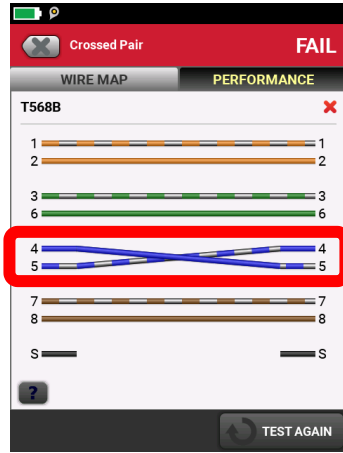
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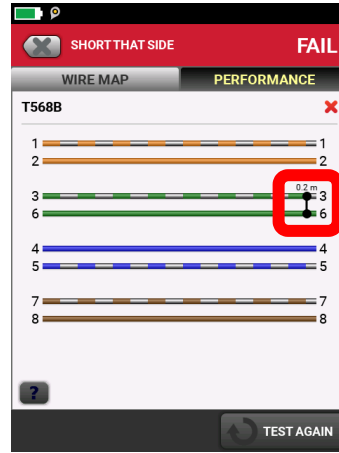
Most Common Problem: Bad Wire Map



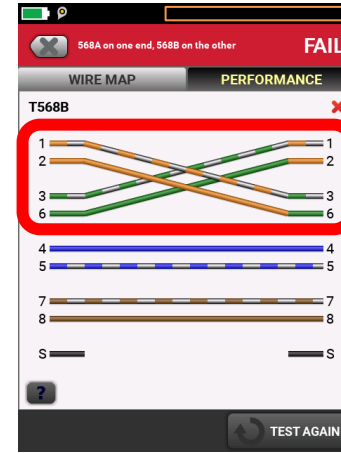
Open Pairs



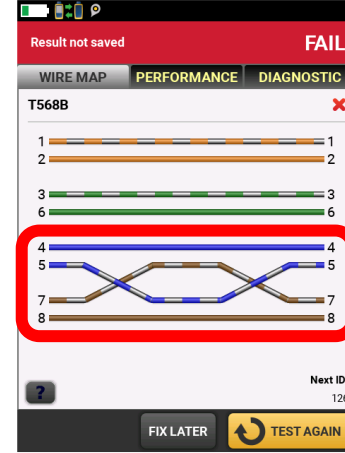
Flipped Pair



Short



Crossed Pairs



Split Pair

Signal Strength – Insertion Loss

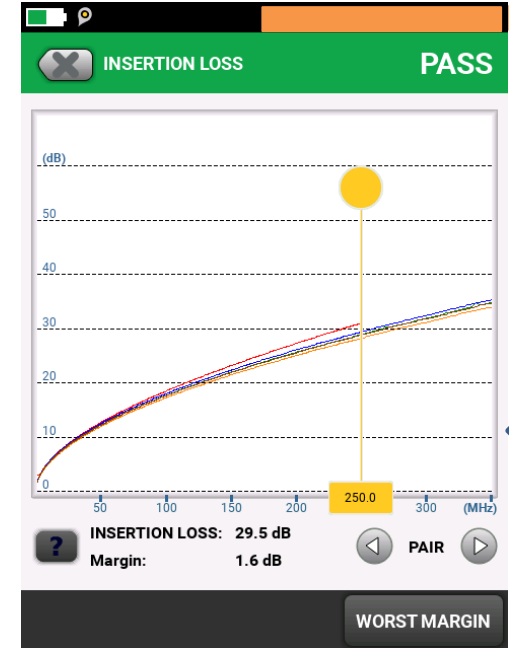
Insertion Loss:

- In dB, the signal loss down the cable



Signal Loss increased with:

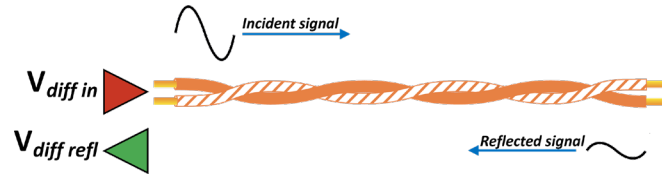
- Length
- Frequency
- Temperature
 - Cables in hot locations may not perform to 100 meters



Noise – Return Loss

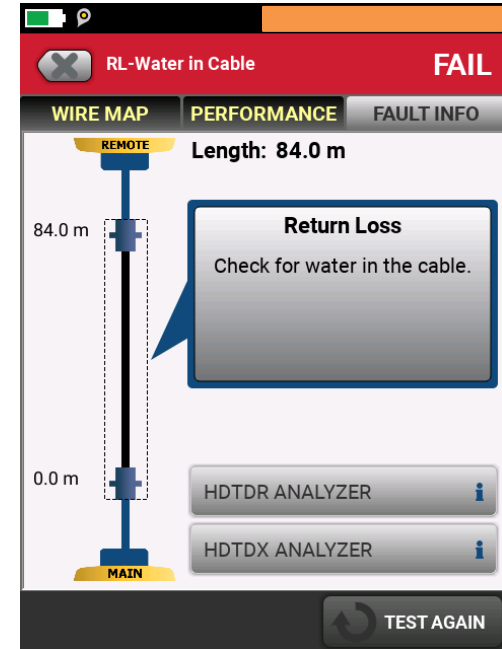
Return Loss:

- In dB, the reflected signal on the same pair



Return Loss increases with:

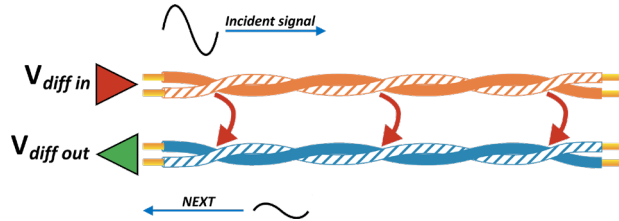
- Defective / damaged cable
- Pairs being separated
- Water in the cable
 - Sometimes the cable isn't bad, it's just the wrong cable for the application



Noise – NEXT (Near-end Crosstalk)

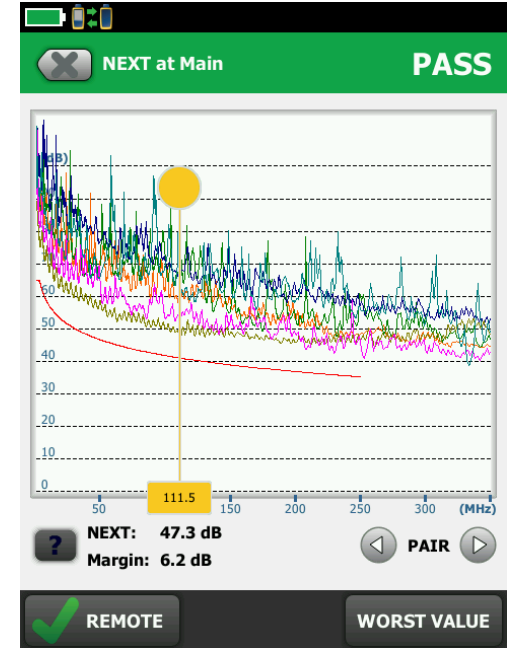
NEXT:

- In dB, the disturbed signal on an adjacent pair



NEXT is increased by:

- Connector geometries and pin configurations
- Defective / damaged cable or connectors
- Untwisting wire-pairs in the connector
- Wrong category of cable or connectors



SNR = ACR (Attenuation Crosstalk Ratio)

Combining I/L and NEXT parameters

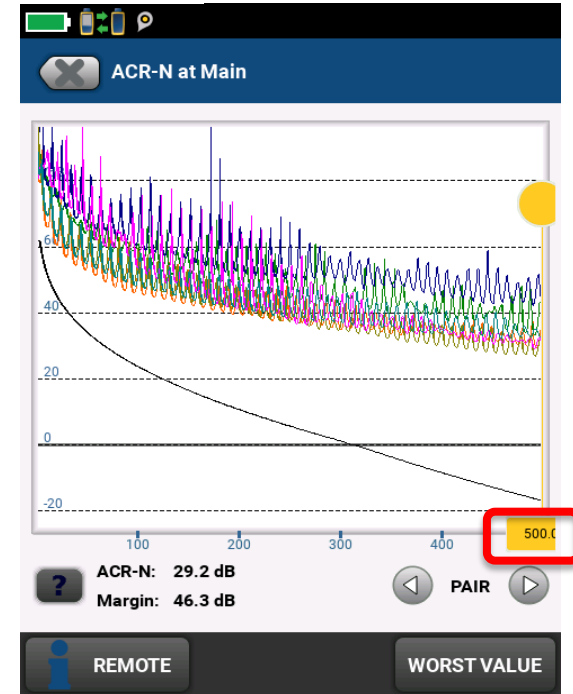
- In dB, signal to noise ratio of a given pair

ACR is a derived parameter





- NEXT minus Insertion Loss across frequency

Better ACR, faster communications

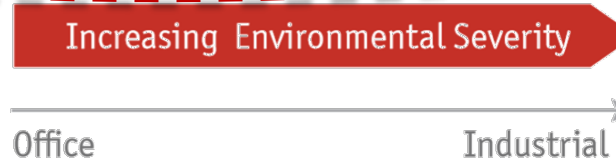
- Category 5e to 100 MHz - Supports up to 5GBASE-T
- Category 6 to 250 MHz - Can support 10GBASE-T to 55 meters
- Category 6a to 500 MHz - Supports 10GBASE-T to 100 meters



Reminder: ISO & TIA M.I.C.E. Classifications

 Mechanical vibration, shock	M_1	M_2	M_3
 Ingress water, dust	I_1	I_2	I_3
 Climatic/Chemical temperature, humidity	C_1	C_2	C_3
 Electromagnetic EMI, ESD, RFI	E_1	E_2	E_3

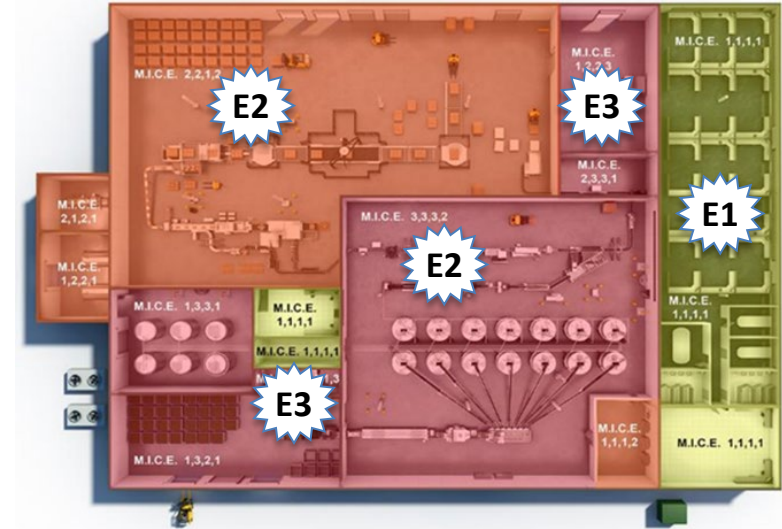
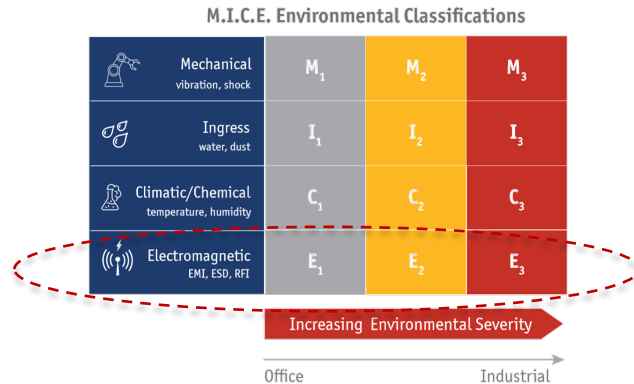
These can be tested!



Electromagnetic interference:

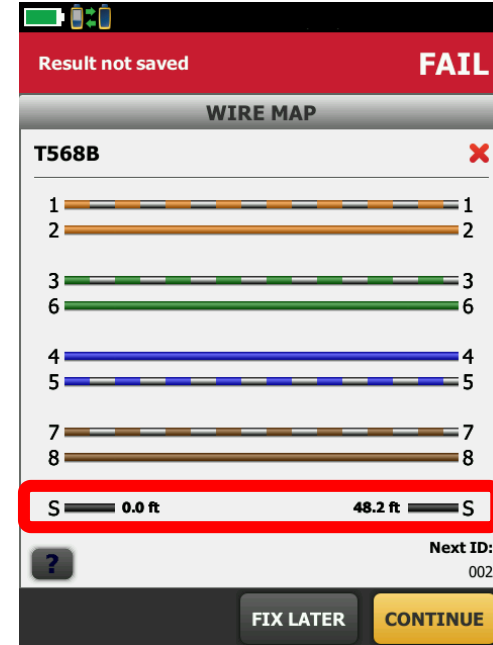
Lost packets – CRC/FCS errors

- May cause excess network latency
- May cause retry/loss of connection
- A few frame errors can cause machines to stop



Shield Integrity –

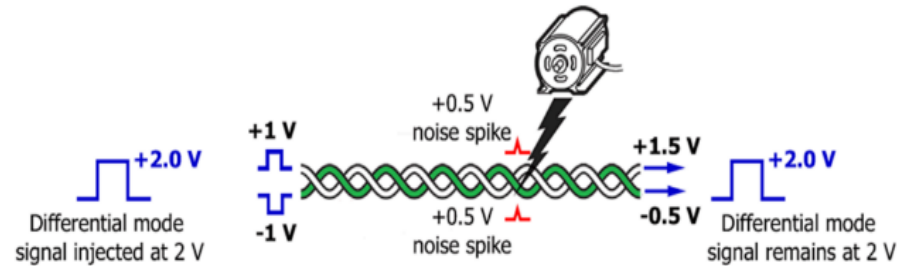
- Modern test tools can determine if the shield continuously follows the path of the cable
- If the shield does not *follow the path of the cable* an open shield will be reported (shown on the right)
- Even when both ends are grounded (shown here)



Reject EMI with Well Balanced Links

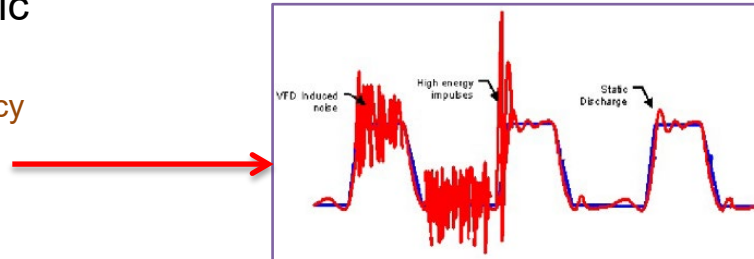
Balanced Cable

- Motor or VFD noise is equal across pairs
- Noise is rejected, devices get proper logic levels
 - Packets get through the 1st time



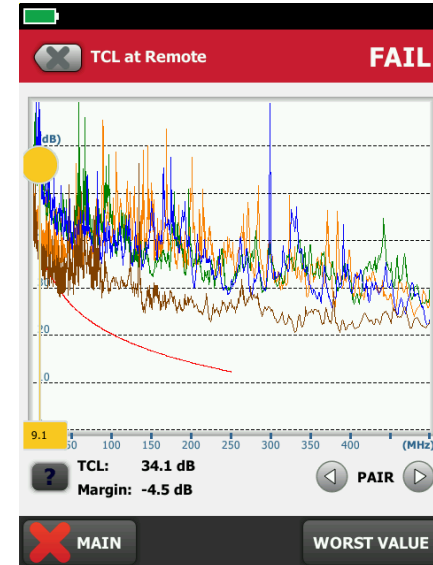
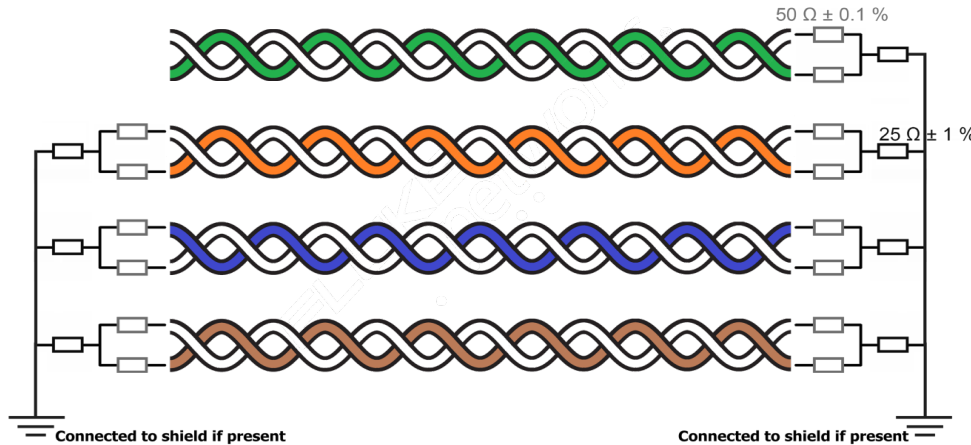
Unbalanced Cable

- VFD noise NOT equal across pairs
- Devices **WILL NOT** get proper logic levels
 - FCS and CRC errors. Re-tries and latency
 - Usually intermittent



TCL – Balance measurement for cabling

- Transverse Conversion Loss is the ratio (in dB) of a common-mode voltage measured on a wire pair relative to a differential-mode voltage applied to the same end of the pair. The TCL value shows you how well the impedances of the pair's conductors are balanced.



Re-purposing legacy control cabling

- Extend the cabling assets you already have

Cable Reuse?

- Potential for high quality, recent vintage, control cabling to perform well for SPE traffic
- Quickest and most certain way to tell is to *test it*
 - Certification tests – high accuracy, total parametric coverage, highest level of assurance
 - Verification tests – less parameters, slightly reduced accuracy, *reasonable* assurance
- Doesn't mean you have to test every link
 - **Statistical sampling** is recommended for reuse of large populations
 - * Given the supplier and age is fairly uniform



Statistical sampling methods

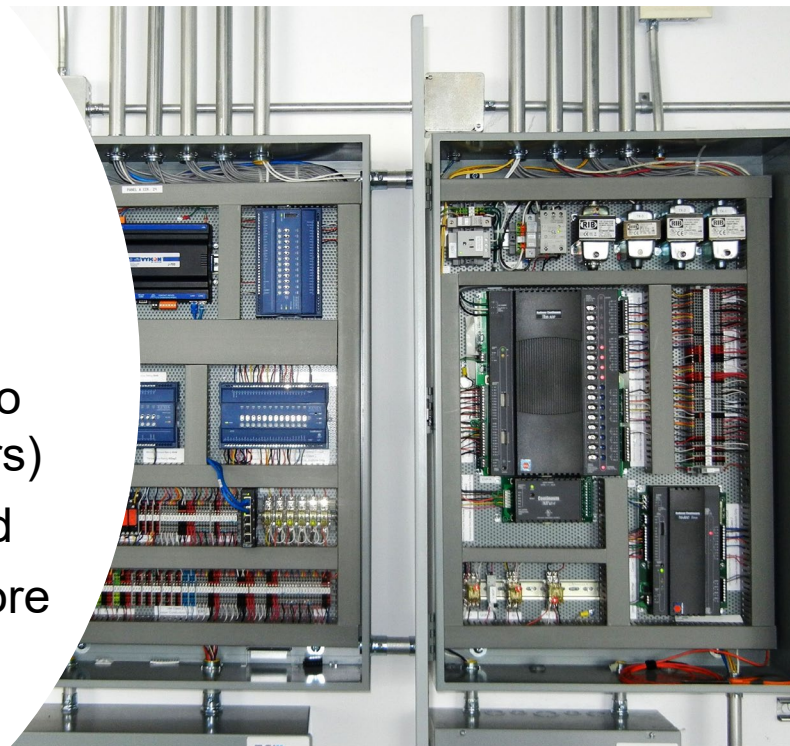
- ISO/IEC 14763-2 Cabling planning and installation standard
- Test to an equivalent acceptance quality level (AQL) of 0.4% as defined for link populations up to 500,000, per ISO 2859-1

Installation size (No. of total links)	Sample size (No. of links to test)
3 – 33	100%
34 – 3,200	33
3,201 – 35,000	126
35,001 – 150,000	201
150,001 – 500,000	315



Topology reuse

- SPE doesn't change the way you install
 - Homerun wiring
 - Fieldbus wiring
- SPE will improve on the fieldbus trend of replacing control boxes with switches and addressing the end-nodes (IP)
- Small field switches can connect directly to edge devices (sensors, actuators, counters)
- Design your wiring on CAD, not in the field
- Faster and easier commissioning - therefore faster project completion



Recap

- Summary of key take-aways

Quick Recap

- Fieldbuses are in decline; Industrial Ethernet is now more than 60% and SPE/APL are here to wire the remainder
- Review your internal standards for the network physical layer and specify the latest norms for Industrial Ethernet
- Use the MICE concept to improve designs and mitigate environmental factors in advance
- Greater than 50% of problems operating industrial ethernet can be traced to cabling problems
- Assessment tests are a recommended best-practice that can catch most common defects and provide the greatest assurance over the lifetime of the network





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