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Standards

## UK

- Fibreoptic Industry Association, Technical Director
- BSI, Chairman, TCT7/-/1: IT Cabling

PD1001: "EMC and Structured Cabling"  
BS 7718: CoP "Installation of Fibre Optic Cabling"

## Europe

- CENELEC, Convenor, TC215 WG1: IT Cabling

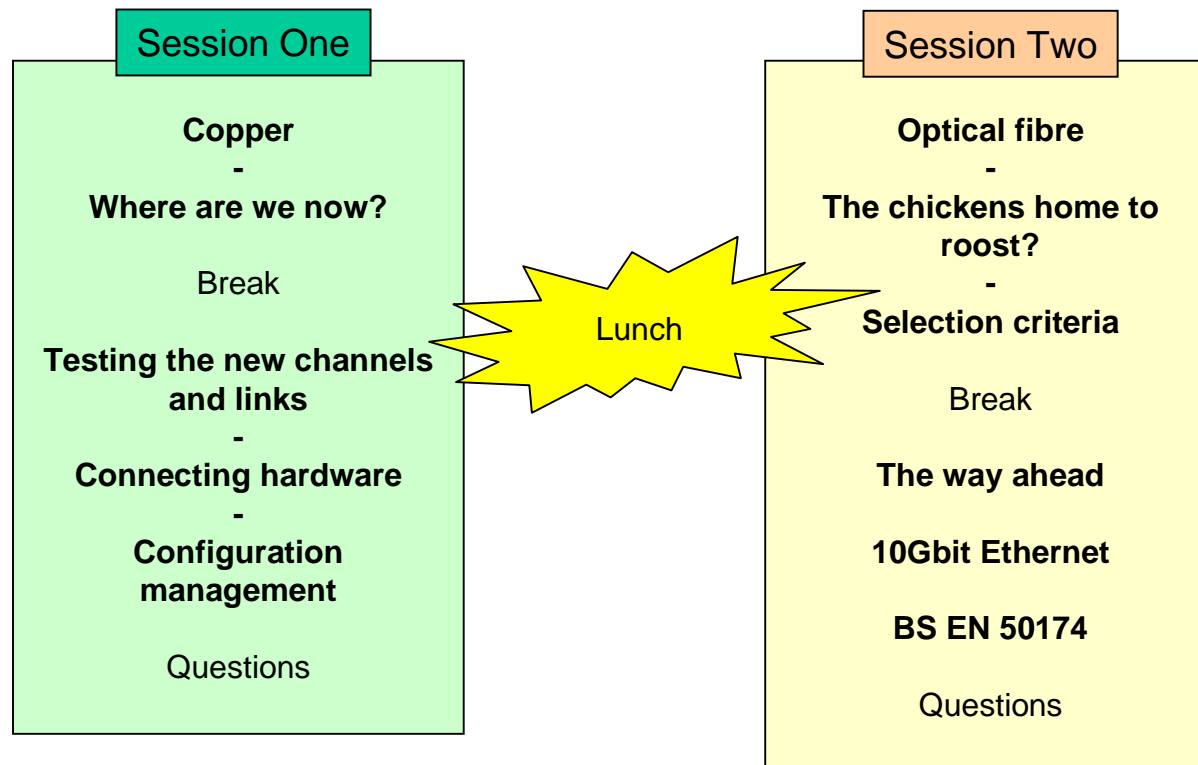
EN 50098-1: "ISDN Basic Access"  
EN 50098-2: "ISDN Primary Rate"  
EN 50173: "Generic - Design"  
prEN 50174: "Installation"  
prEN 50xxx: "Testing of Installed Cabling"

## International

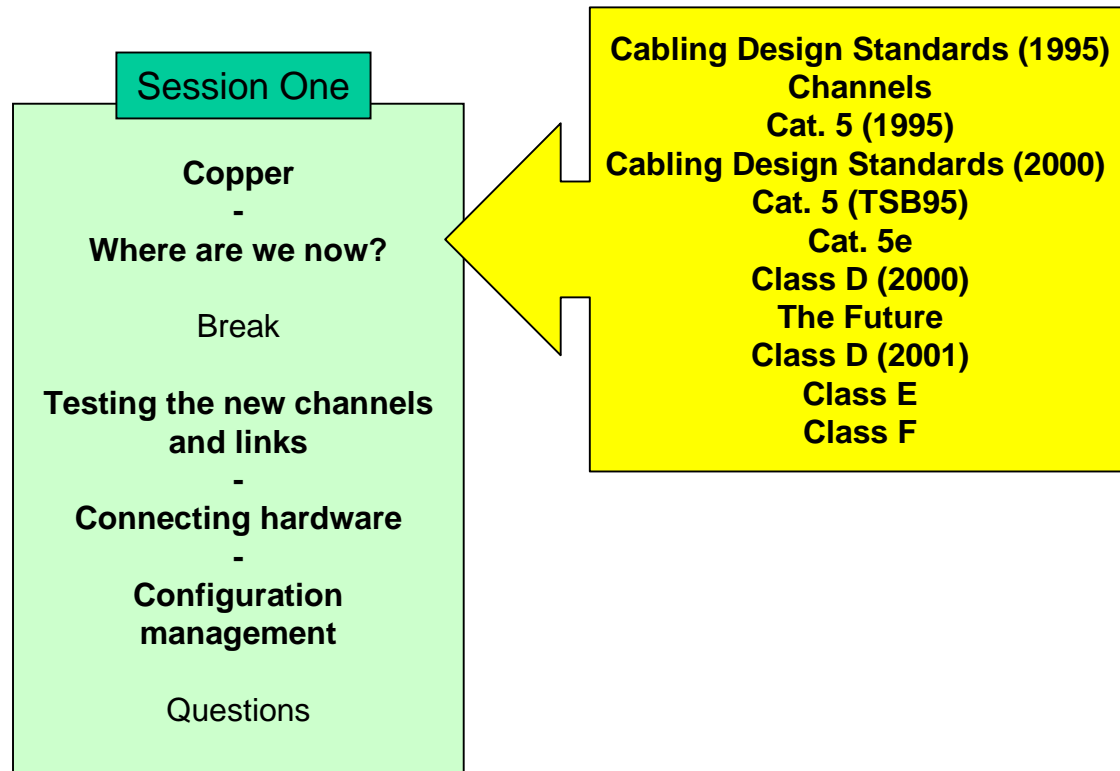
- ISO/IEC, Member, JTC1 SC25 WG3: Generic Cabling

ISO/IEC 11801: "Generic - Design"  
ISO/IEC 14763-1: "Administration"  
ISO/IEC TR14763-2: "Planning and Installation"  
ISO/IEC TR14763-3: "Testing Optical Cabling"  
and via IEC SC46A WG2  
IEC 61935: "Testing Copper Cabling"

# Agenda



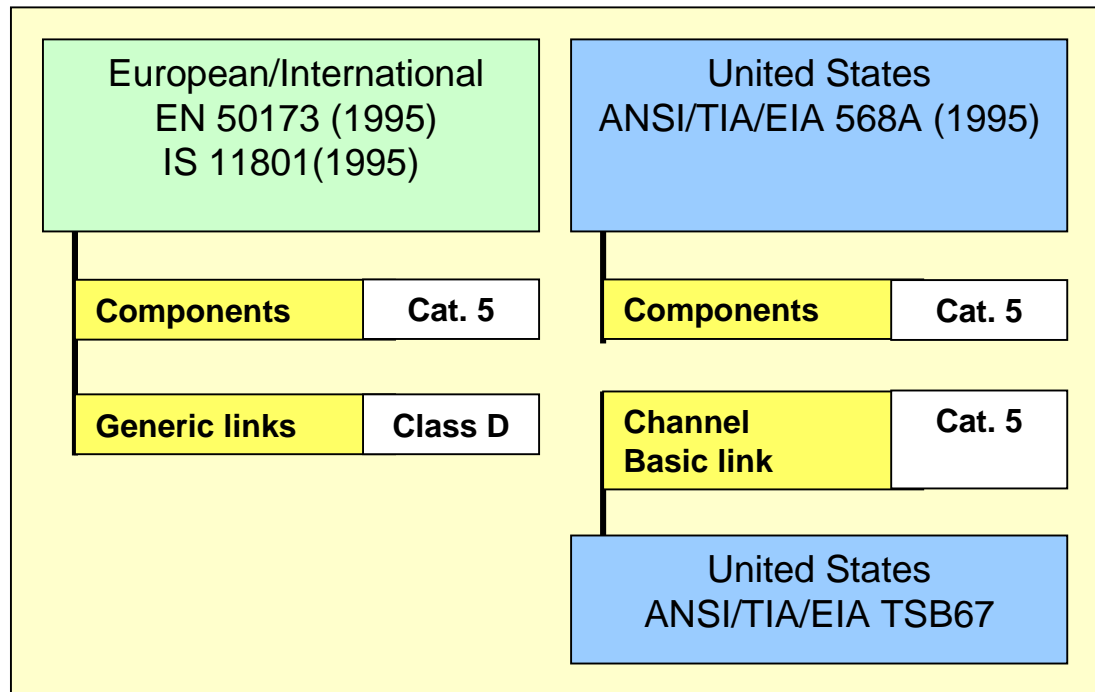
# Copper - Where Are We Now?



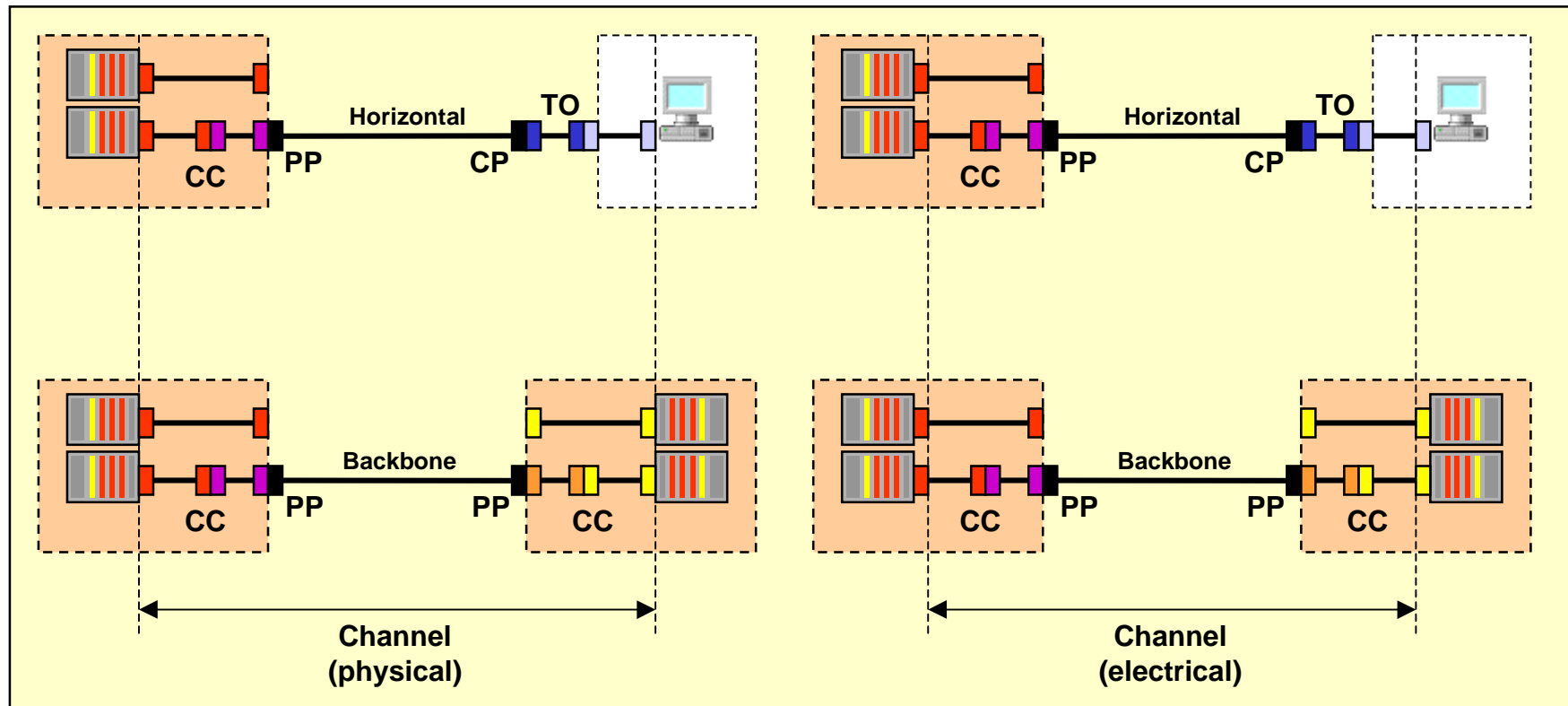


# Cabling Design Standards (1995)

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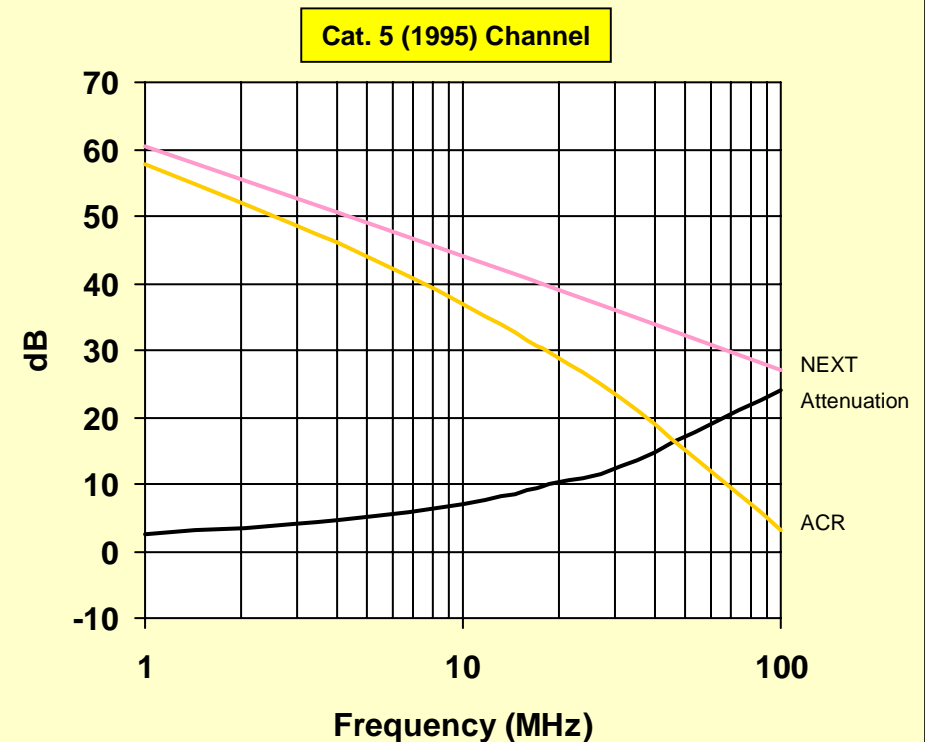
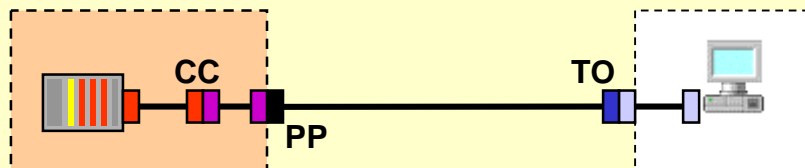
# Copper Channels



# Cat. 5 (1995) Channel

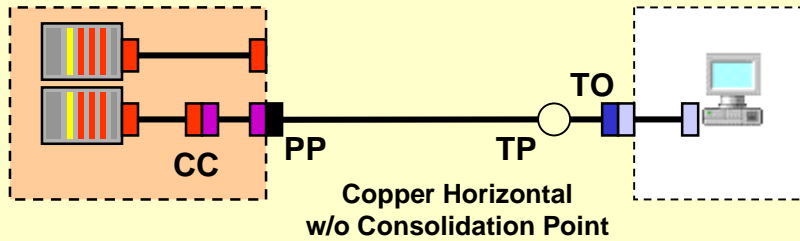
## Category 5 (1995) Channel

- based on Category 5 (1995) components
  - IS 11801, EN 50173 and 568A
- minimal specification
  - attenuation, NEXT
  - ACR specified by default
- design concept
  - simplex 2 pair transmission
  - 3 connectors
- risks
  - ATM155

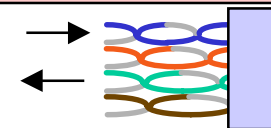


# Forces For Change

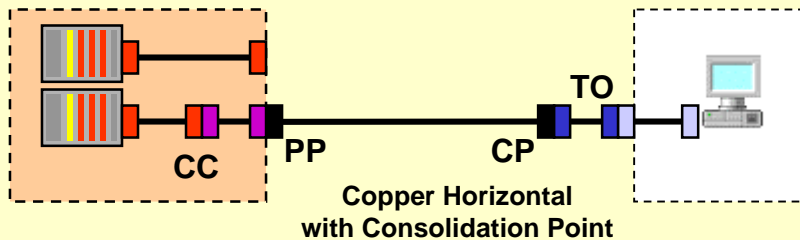
Cat. 5 (1995)



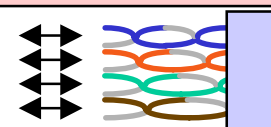
Simple  
Simplex Bi-directional transmission



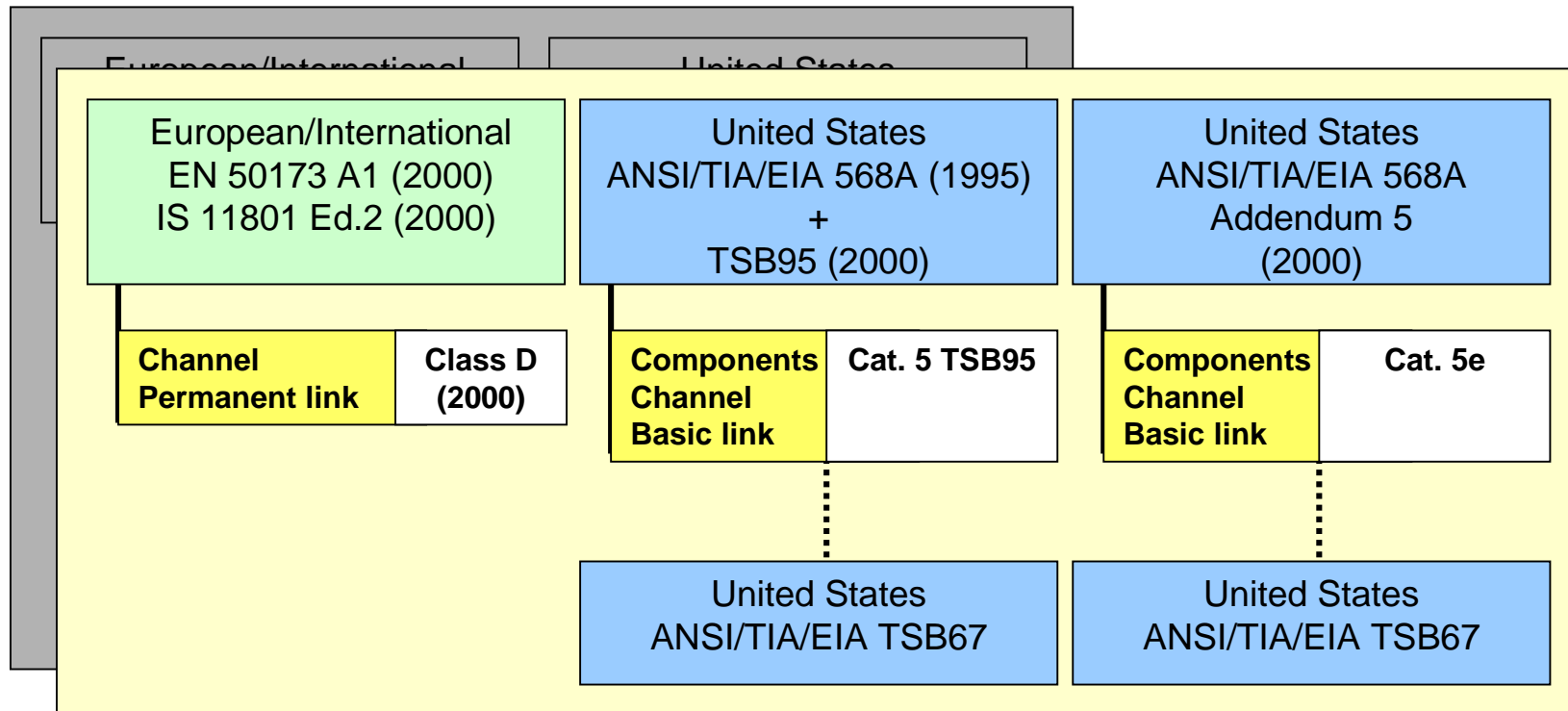
Cat. 5 (TSB95), Class D (2000) and Cat. 5e



Complex  
Duplex Bi-directional transmission



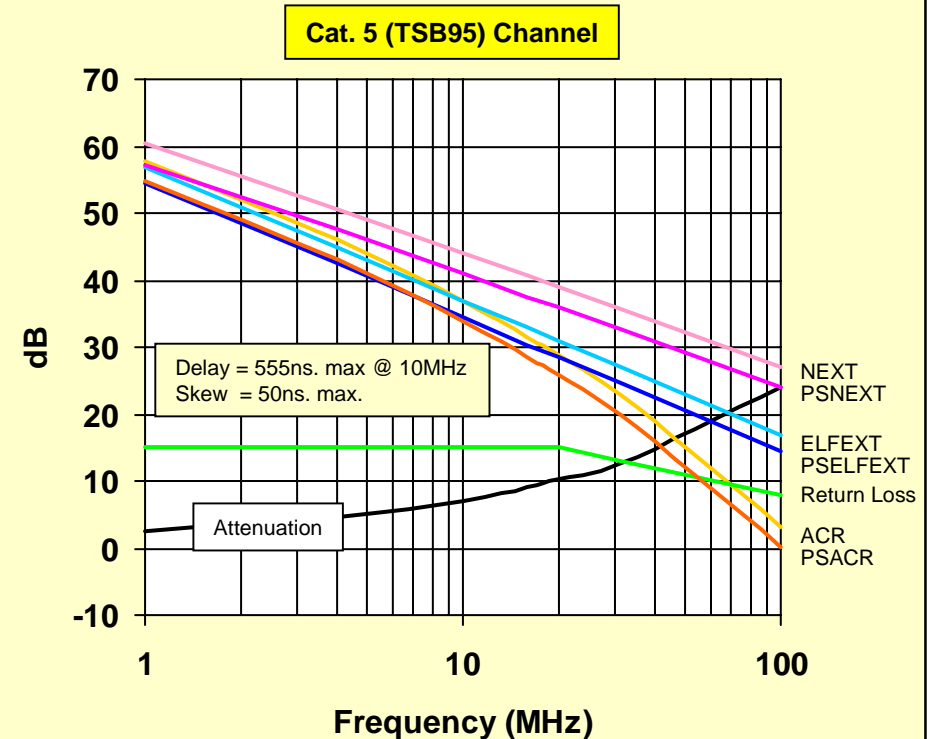
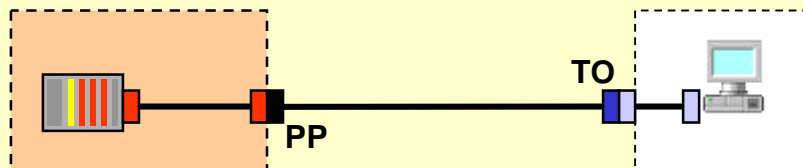
# Cabling Design Standards (2000)



# Cat. 5 (TSB95) Channel

## Category 5 (TSB95) Channel

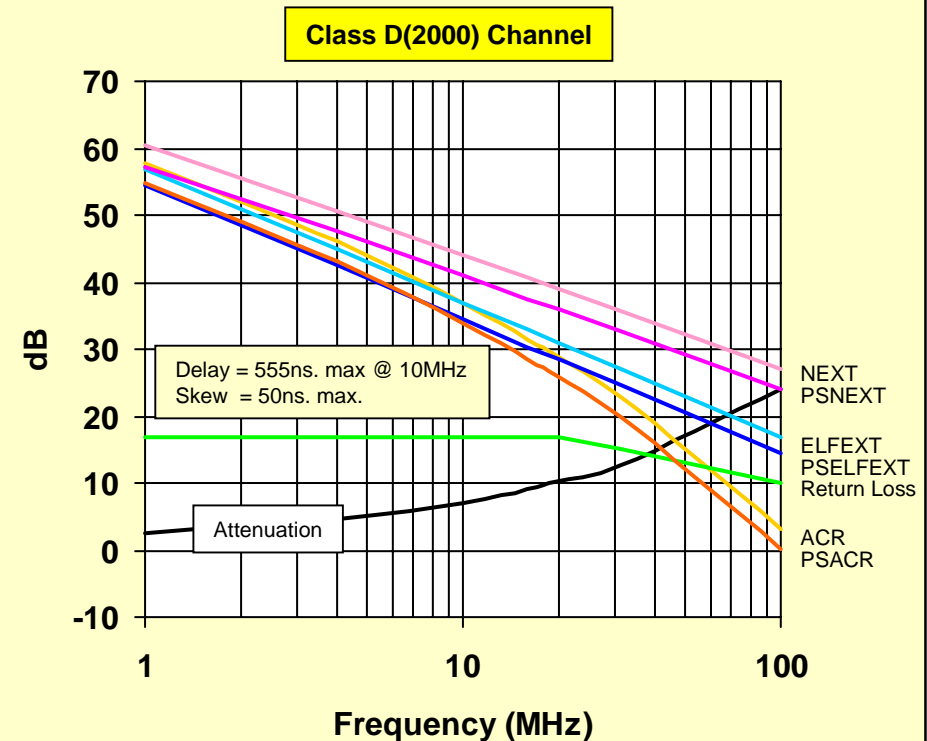
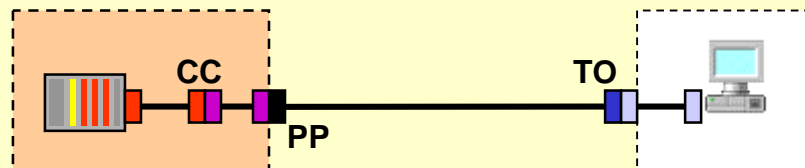
- based on TSB95 components
  - Category 5 (1995) components
    - IS 11801, EN 50173 and 568A
  - additional parameters specified
    - ELFEXT, return loss
    - PS parameters
    - delay, delay skew
- design concept
  - full duplex 4 pair transmission
  - 2 connectors
  - 1000BASE-T



# Class D (2000) Channel

## Class D (2000) Channel

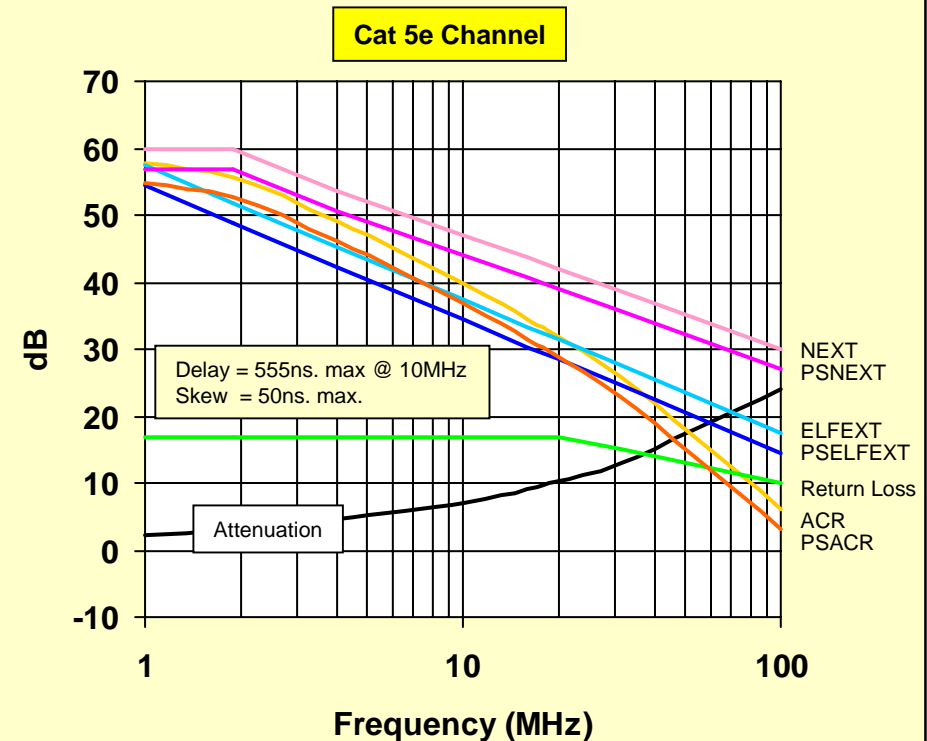
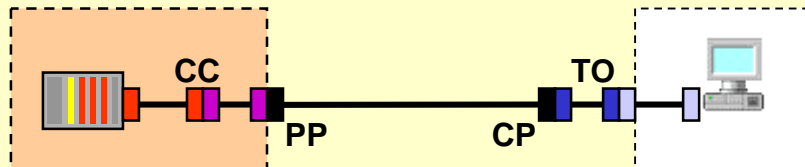
- installed requirement only
- design concept
  - full duplex 4 pair transmission
  - 2 or 3 connectors (CP not included)
  - 1000BASE-T
- no components specified
  - Cat. 5 (TSB95) for 2 connector channel
  - Cat. 5e for 3 connector channel



# Cat. 5e Channel

## Cat. 5e Channel

- based on Cat. 5e components
- performance upgrade from Cat. 5 (TSB95)
  - ~3dB NEXT, PSNEXT, ACR and PSACR
  - ~0.4dB ELFEXT
  - 2dB on return loss
- performance upgrade from Class D (2000)
  - ~3dB NEXT, PSNEXT, ACR and PSACR
  - ~0.4dB ELFEXT
- design concept
  - full duplex 4 pair transmission
  - 4 connectors
  - 1000BASE-T support with margin
    - 2dB return loss





# Standards Status

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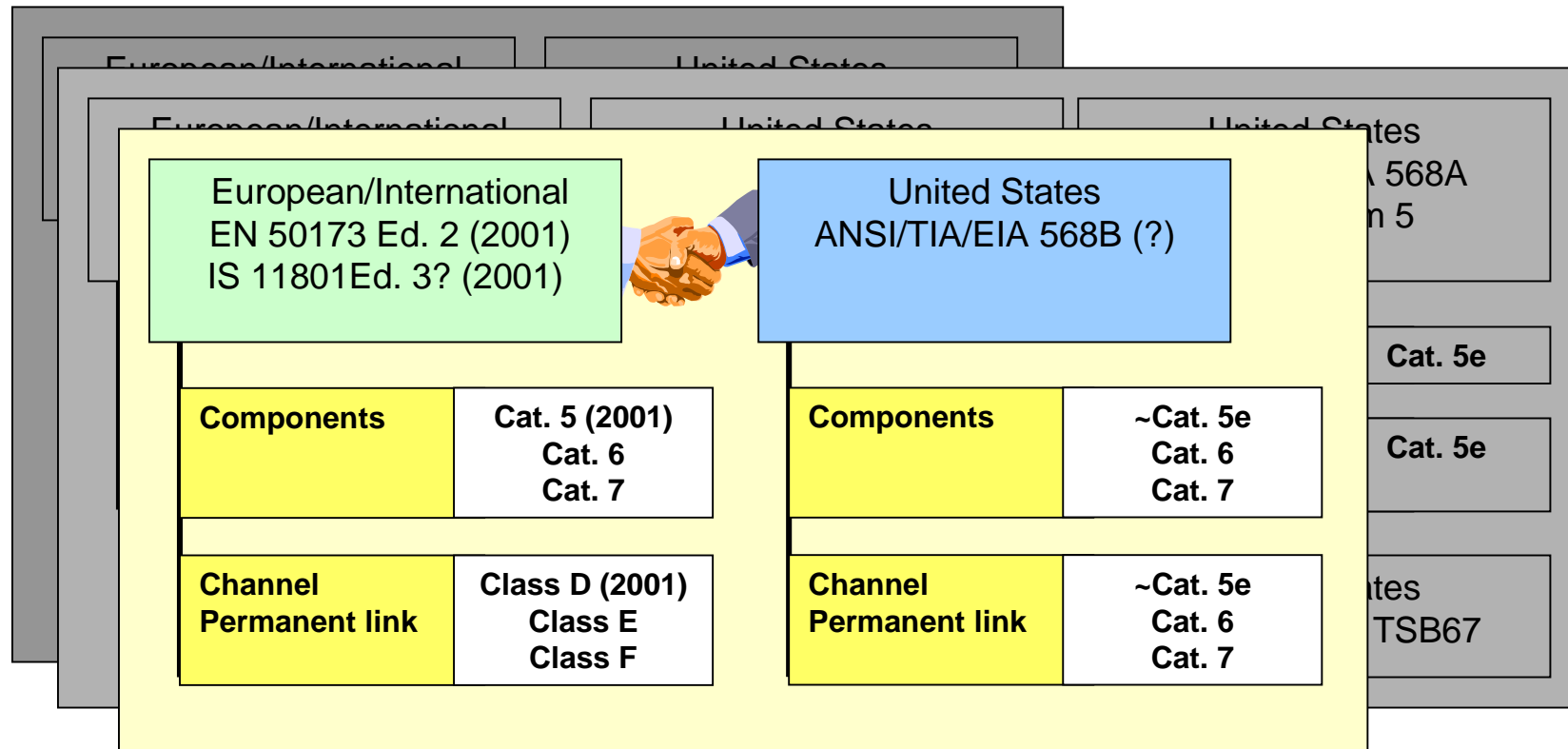
European  
EN 50173 (1995)  
+ EN 50173 A1 (2000)

European/International  
IS 11801 (1995)  
+ IS 11801 Ed.1 A.1 (1999)  
+ IS 11801 Ed.1 A.2 (1999)  
combined as  
IS 11801 Ed.2 (2000)

United States  
ANSI/TIA/EIA 568A (1995)  
+  
TSB95 (2000)

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+ Addendum 5 (2000)

# The Future





# Class D (2001) Channel Equations

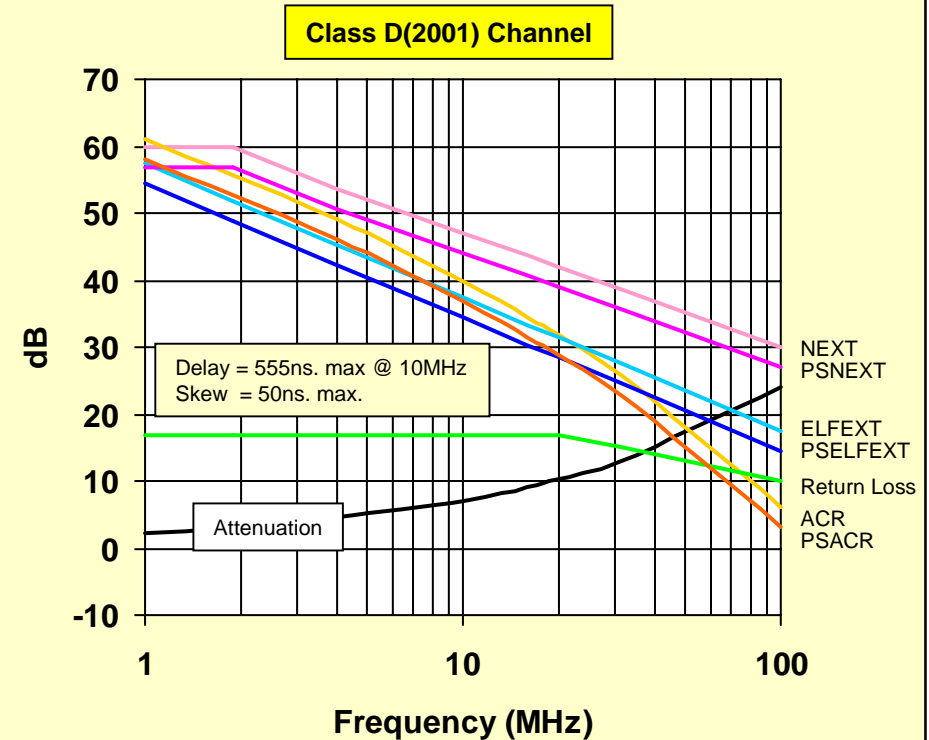
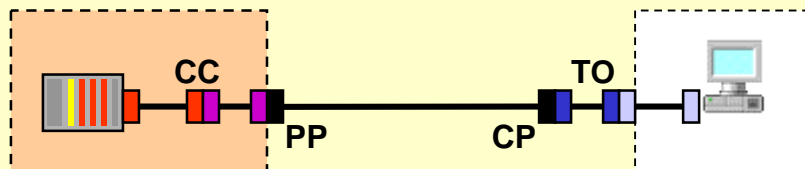
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| Parameter                   | Frequency           | Channel formulae   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Attenuation (dB max.)       | $1 \leq f \leq 100$ | $1.05 \times (1.9108Sf+0.0223f+0.0486/Sf) + 4 \times 0.04Sf$   |
| NEXT (dB min.)              | $1 \leq f \leq 100$ | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(65.3-15\log(f))} + 2 \times 10^{-0.05(83-20\log(f))})$ , 60 dB max.  |
| PSNEXT (dB min.)            | $1 \leq f \leq 100$ | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(62.3-15\log(f))} + 2 \times 10^{-0.05(80-20\log(f))})$ , 57 dB max.  |
| ACR<br>(dB min.)            | $1 \leq f \leq 100$ | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(65.3-15\log(f))} + 2 \times 10^{-0.05(83-20\log(f))}) -$<br>$(1.05 \times (1.9108Sf+0.0223f+0.0486/Sf) + 4 \times 0.04Sf)$ |
| PSACR<br>(dB min.)          | $1 \leq f \leq 100$ | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(62.3-15\log(f))} + 2 \times 10^{-0.05(80-20\log(f))}) -$<br>$(1.05 \times (1.9108Sf+0.0223f+0.0486/Sf) + 4 \times 0.04Sf)$ |
| ELFEXT (dB min.)            | $1 \leq f \leq 100$ | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(63.8-20\log(f))} + 4 \times 10^{-0.05(75.1-20\log(f))})$ , 60 dB max.  |
| PSELFEXT (dB min.)          | $1 \leq f \leq 100$ | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(60.8-20\log(f))} + 4 \times 10^{-0.05(72.1-20\log(f))})$ , 57 dB max.  |
| Return loss (dB min.)       | $1 \leq f \leq 100$ | $30-10\log(f)$ , 17.0 dB max.  |
| Prop. Delay ( $\mu$ s max.) | $1 \leq f \leq 100$ | $0.534 + 0.036Sf + 4 \times 0.0025$  |
| Skew ( $\mu$ s max.)        | $1 \leq f \leq 100$ | $0.045 + 4 \times 0.0025 = 0.050$  |

# Class D (2001) Channel

## Class D (2001) Channel

- identical to Cat. 5e channel
- PSACR = 0dB at 125MHz (derived)





# Class E Channel Equations

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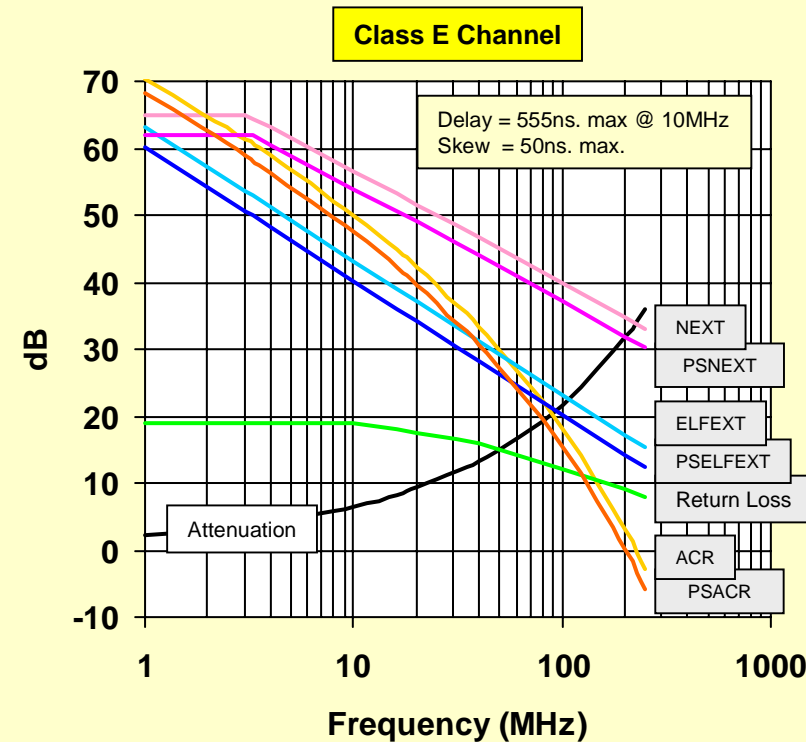
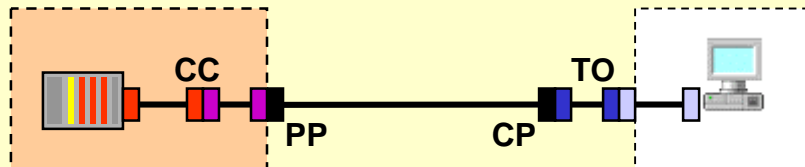
| Parameter                   | Frequency                                  | Channel formulae  |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Attenuation (dB max.)       | $1 \leq f \leq 250$                        | $1.05 \times (1.82Sf+0.017f+0.2/Sf) + 4x0.02Sf$   |
| NEXT (dB min.)              | $1 \leq f \leq 250$                        | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(74.3-15\log(f))} + 2x10^{-0.05(94-20\log(f))})$ , 65 dB max.                                      |
| PSNEXT (dB min.)            | $1 \leq f \leq 250$                        | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(72.3-15\log(f))} + 2x10^{-0.05(90-20\log(f))})$ , 62 dB max.                                      |
| ACR<br>(dB min.)            | $1 \leq f \leq 250$                        | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(74.3-15\log(f))} + 2x10^{-0.05(94-20\log(f))}) - (1.05 \times (1.82Sf+0.017f+0.2/Sf) + 4x0.02Sf)$ |
| PSACR<br>(dB min.)          | $1 \leq f \leq 250$                        | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(72.3-15\log(f))} + 2x10^{-0.05(90-20\log(f))}) - (1.05 \times (1.82Sf+0.017f+0.2/Sf) + 4x0.02Sf)$ |
| ELFEXT (dB min.)            | $1 \leq f \leq 250$                        | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(67.8-20\log(f))} + 4x10^{-0.05(83.1-20\log(f))})$ , 65 dB max.                                    |
| PSELFEXT (dB min.)          | $1 \leq f \leq 250$                        | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(64.8-20\log(f))} + 4x10^{-0.05(80.1-20\log(f))})$ , 62 dB max.                                    |
| Return loss (dB min.)       | $1 \leq f \leq 40$<br>$40 \leq f \leq 250$ | $24-5\log(f)$ , 19.0 dB max.<br>$32-10\log(f)$  |
| Prop. Delay ( $\mu$ s max.) | $1 \leq f \leq 250$                        | $0.534 + 0.036Sf + 4x0.0025$  |
| Skew ( $\mu$ s max.)        | $1 \leq f \leq 250$                        | $0.045 + 4x0.0025 = 0.050$  |

# Class E Channel

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## Class E Channel

- performance upgrade over Class D (2001)
  - 2.3dB@100MHz Attenuation (~10%)
  - 9.8dB NEXT, 10dB PSNEXT
  - 5.8dB ELFEXT, PSELFEXT
  - ~2dB return loss
- PSACR = 0dB at 200MHz
- specified up to 250MHz





# Class F Channel Equations

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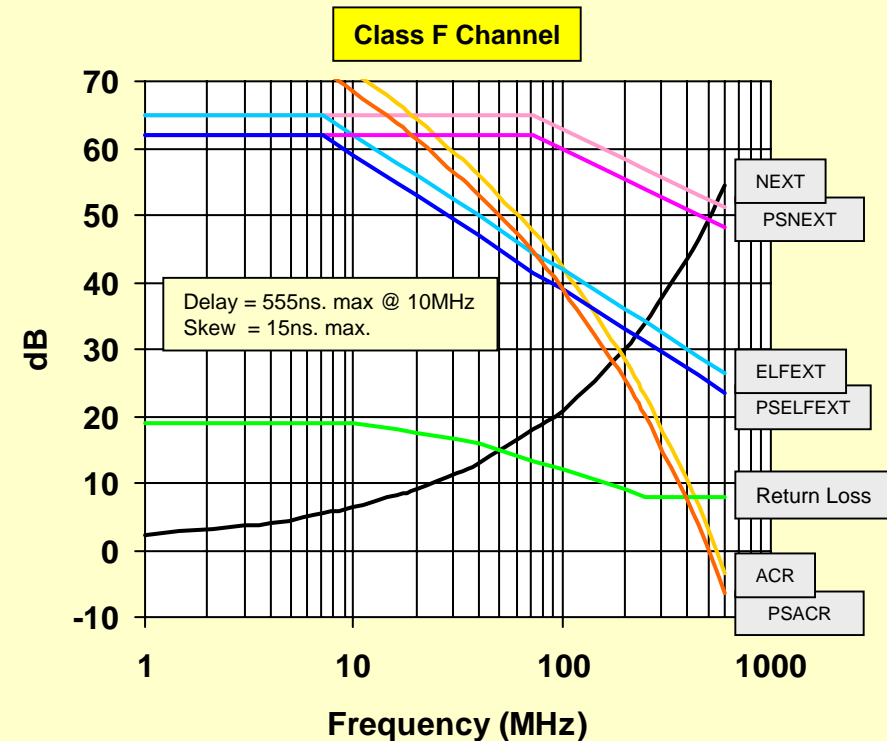
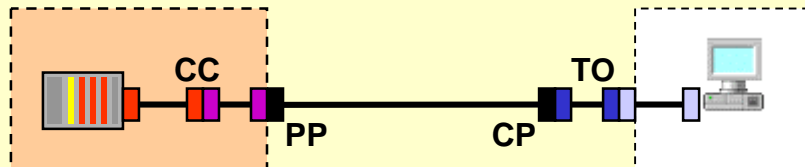
| Parameter             | Frequency                                  | Channel formulae  |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| Attenuation (dB max.) | $1 \leq f \leq 600$                        | $1.05 \times (1.8Sf+0.01f+0.2/Sf) + 4x0.02Sf$   |
| NEXT (dB min.)        | $1 \leq f \leq 600$                        | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(102.42-15\log(f))} + 2x10^{-0.05(102.42-15\log(f))})$ , 65 dB max.                                    |
| PSNEXT (dB min.)      | $1 \leq f \leq 600$                        | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(99.42-15\log(f))} + 2x10^{-0.05(99.42-15\log(f))})$ , 62 dB max.                                      |
| ACR<br>(dB min.)      | $1 \leq f \leq 600$                        | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(102.42-15\log(f))} + 2x10^{-0.05(102.42-15\log(f))}) - (1.05 \times (1.8Sf+0.01f+0.2/Sf) + 4x0.02Sf)$ |
| PSACR<br>(dB min.)    | $1 \leq f \leq 600$                        | $-20 \log((10^{-0.05(99.42-15\log(f))} + 2x10^{-0.05(99.42-15\log(f))}) - (1.05 \times (1.8Sf+0.01f+0.2/Sf) + 4x0.02Sf)$  |
| ELFEXT (dB min.)      | $1 \leq f \leq 600$                        | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(77.8-20\log(f))} + 4x10^{-0.05(95.1-20\log(f))}) + 8$ , 65 dB max.                                    |
| PSELFEXT (dB min.)    | $1 \leq f \leq 600$                        | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(74.8-20\log(f))} + 4x10^{-0.05(92.1-20\log(f))}) + 8$ , 62 dB max.                                    |
| Return loss (dB min.) | $1 \leq f \leq 40$<br>$40 \leq f \leq 600$ | 24-5log(f), 19.0 dB max.<br>32-10log(f), 8.0db min.   |
| Prop. Delay (μs max.) | $1 \leq f \leq 600$                        | $0.534 + 0.036Sf + 4x0.0025$  |
| Skew (μs max.)        | $1 \leq f \leq 600$                        | $0.010 + 4x0.0025 = 0.015$  |

# Class F Channel

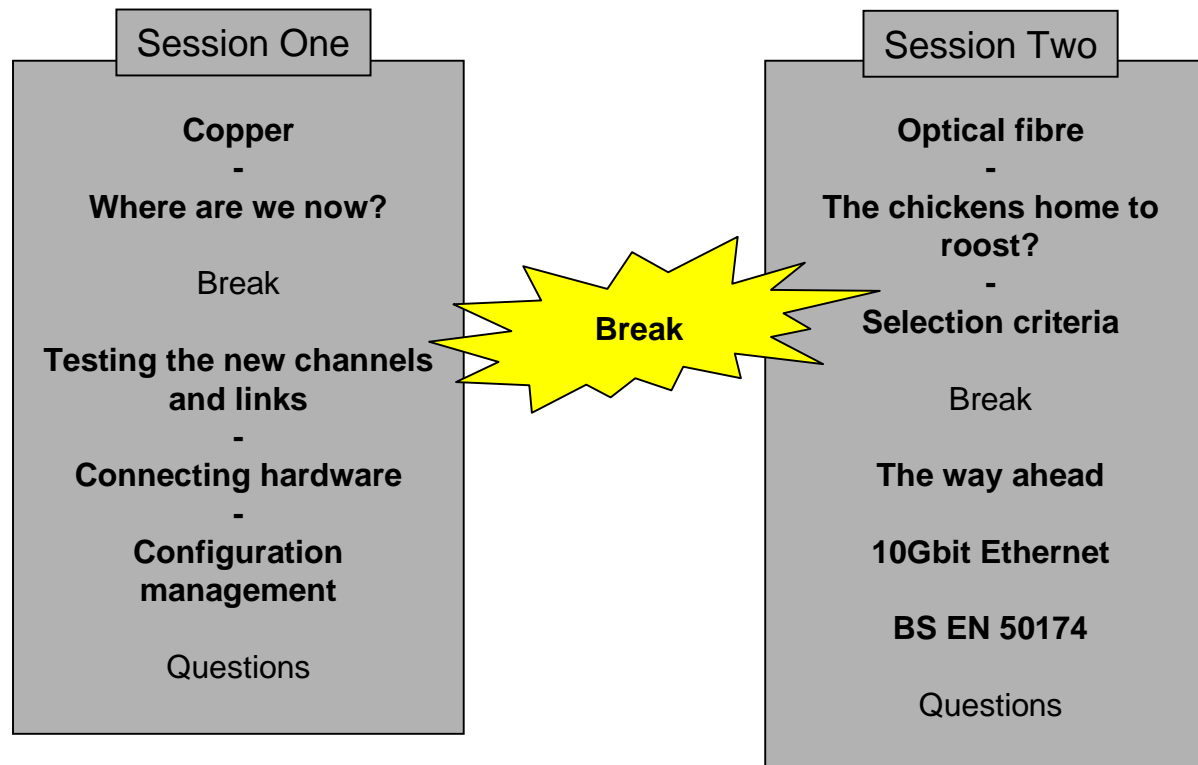
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## Class F Channel

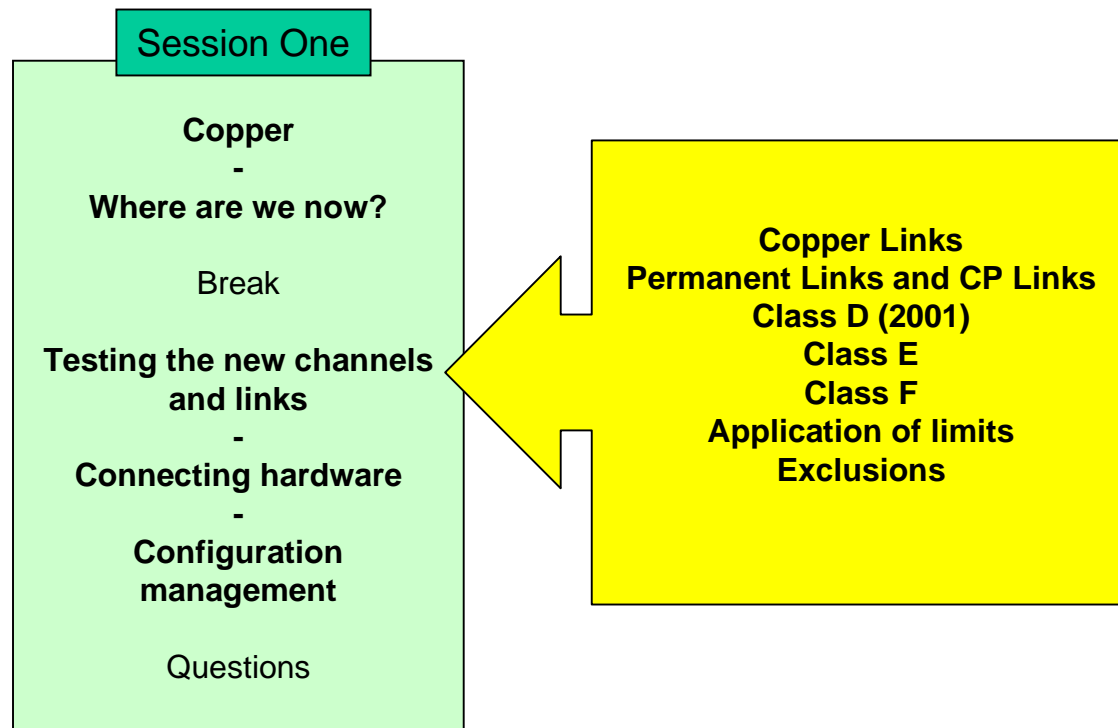
- performance upgrade over Class D (2001)
  - 3.2dB@100MHz Attenuation (~13%)
  - 32.8dB NEXT, PSNEXT
  - 24.6dB ELFEXT, PSELFEXT
  - ~2dB return loss
  - 35ns delay skew (RGB?)
- performance upgrade over Class E
  - 0.9dB@100MHz Attenuation (~4%)
  - 23dB NEXT, 22.8dB PSNEXT
  - 18.8dB ELFEXT, PSELFEXT
  - 35ns delay skew (RGB?)
- PSACR = 0dB at 501MHz



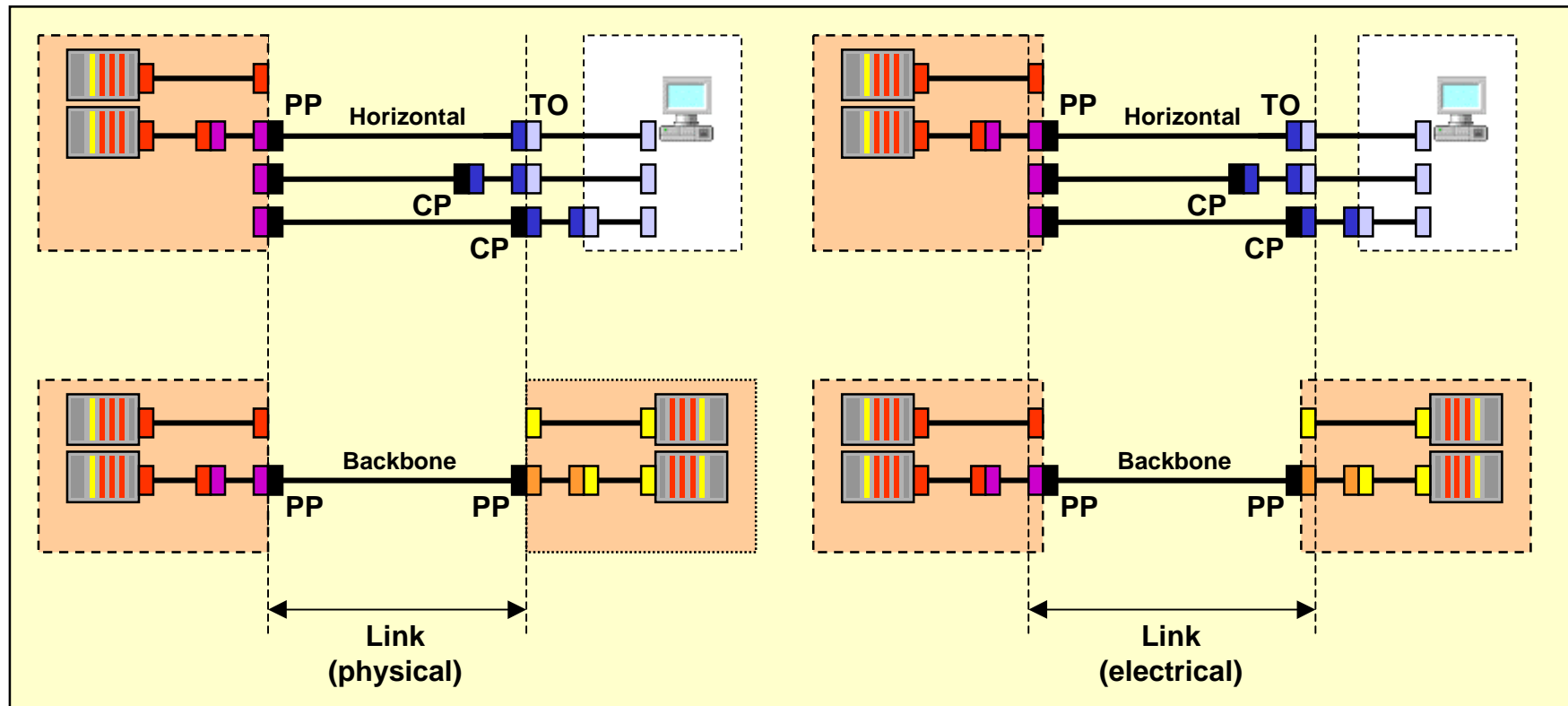
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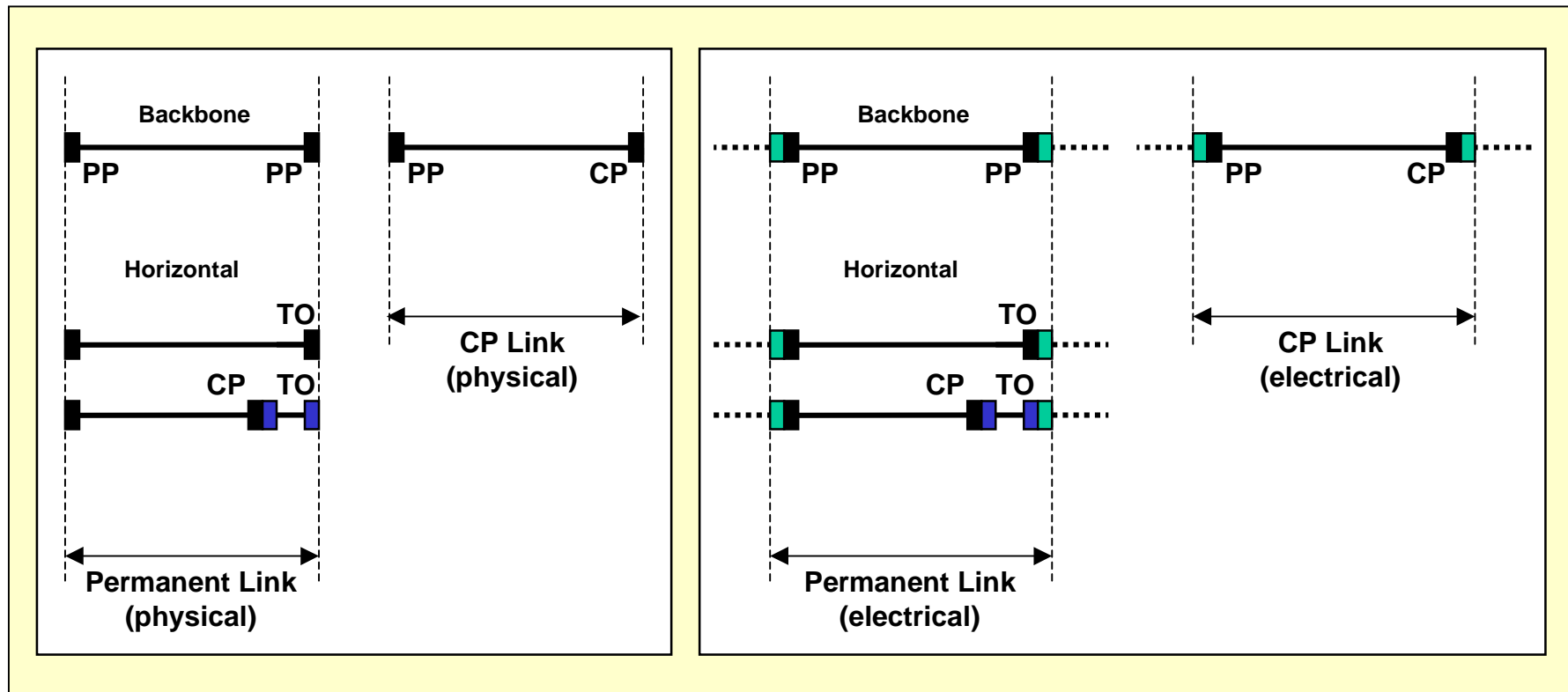
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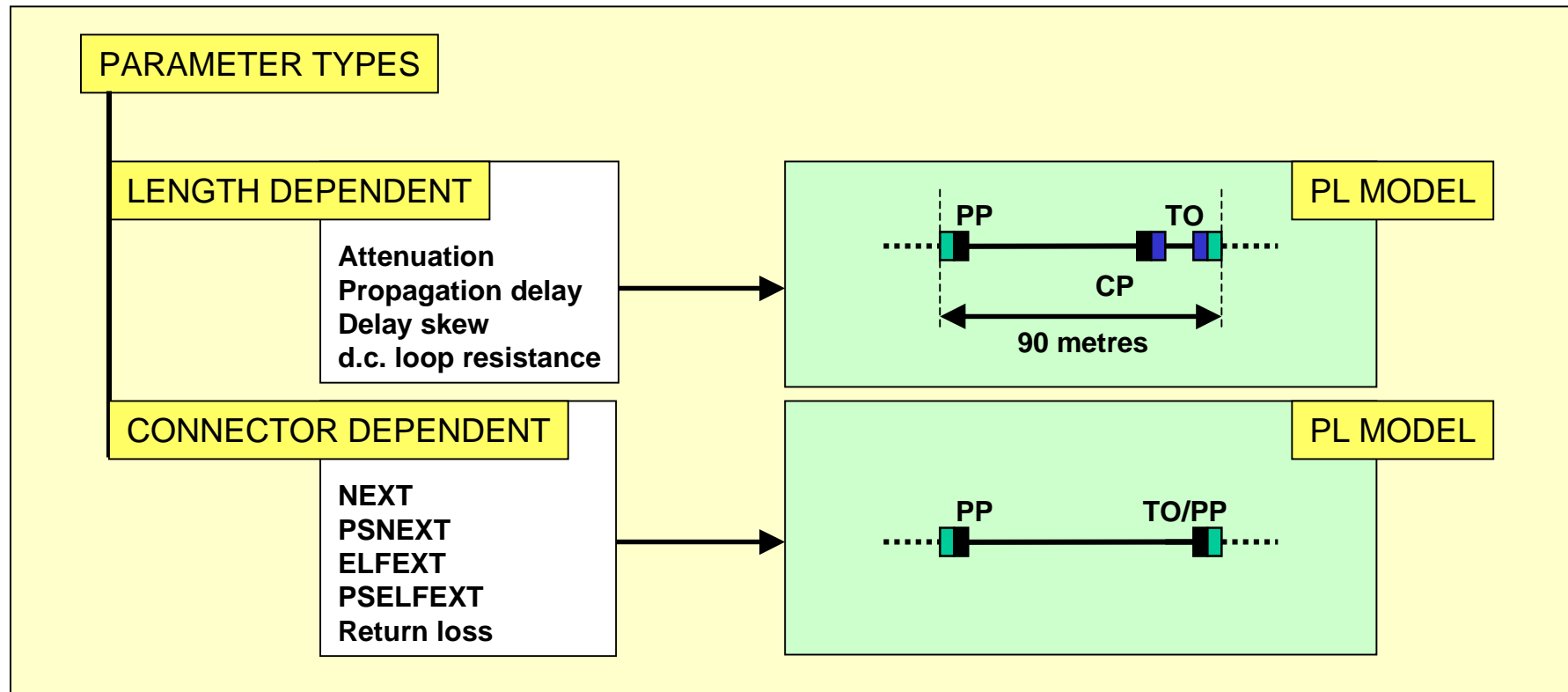
# Copper Links



# “Permanent Links” and “CP Links”



# Permanent Link Limits





# Class D (2001) PL Equations

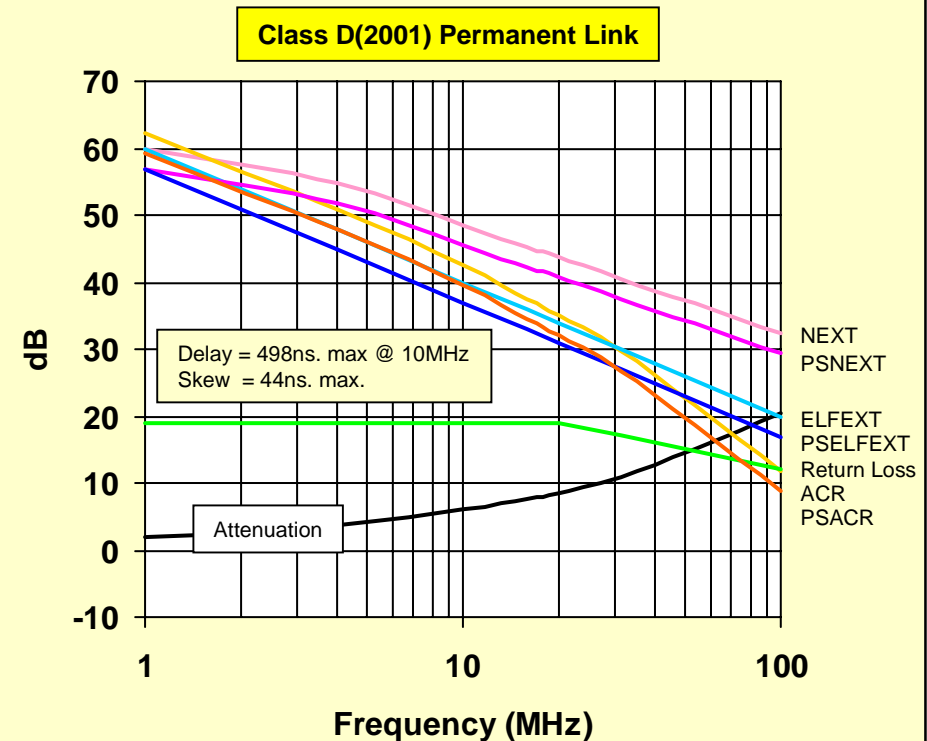
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| Parameter                   | Frequency           | Channel formulae   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Attenuation (dB max.)       | $1 \leq f \leq 100$ | $0.9 \times (1.9108Sf + 0.0223f + 0.0486/Sf) + 3 \times 0.04Sf$  |
| NEXT (dB min.)              | $1 \leq f \leq 100$ | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(65.3-15\log(f))} + 10^{-0.05(83-20\log(f))})$ , 60 dB max.   |
| PSNEXT (dB min.)            | $1 \leq f \leq 100$ | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(62.3-15\log(f))} + 10^{-0.05(80-20\log(f))})$ , 57 dB max.   |
| ACR<br>(dB min.)            | $1 \leq f \leq 100$ | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(65.3-15\log(f))} + 10^{-0.05(83-20\log(f))}) -$<br>$(0.9 \times (1.9108Sf + 0.0223f + 0.0486/Sf) + 3 \times 0.04Sf)$ |
| PSACR<br>(dB min.)          | $1 \leq f \leq 100$ | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(62.3-15\log(f))} + 10^{-0.05(80-20\log(f))}) -$<br>$(0.9 \times (1.9108Sf + 0.0223f + 0.0486/Sf) + 3 \times 0.04Sf)$ |
| ELFEXT (dB min.)            | $1 \leq f \leq 100$ | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(63.8-20\log(f))} + 2 \times 10^{-0.05(75.1-20\log(f))})$ , 60 dB max.  |
| PSELFEXT (dB min.)          | $1 \leq f \leq 100$ | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(60.8-20\log(f))} + 2 \times 10^{-0.05(72.1-20\log(f))})$ , 57 dB max.  |
| Return loss (dB min.)       | $1 \leq f \leq 100$ | $32 - 10\log(f)$ , 19.0 dB max.  |
| Prop. Delay ( $\mu$ s max.) | $1 \leq f \leq 100$ | $0.9 \times (0.534 + 0.036Sf) + 3 \times 0.0025$   |
| Skew ( $\mu$ s max.)        | $1 \leq f \leq 100$ | $0.9 \times 0.045 + 3 \times 0.0025 = 0.044$   |

# Class D (2001) Permanent Link

## Class D (2001) Permanent Link

- **attenuation values below 4dB**
  - information only
- **return loss values where attenuation < 3dB**
  - information only
  - also applies to channels
- **NEXT values where attenuation < 4dB**
  - conform to ACR requirements
  - also applies to channels
- **PSNEXT values where attenuation < 4dB**
  - conform to PSACR requirements
  - also applies to channels





# Class E PL Equations

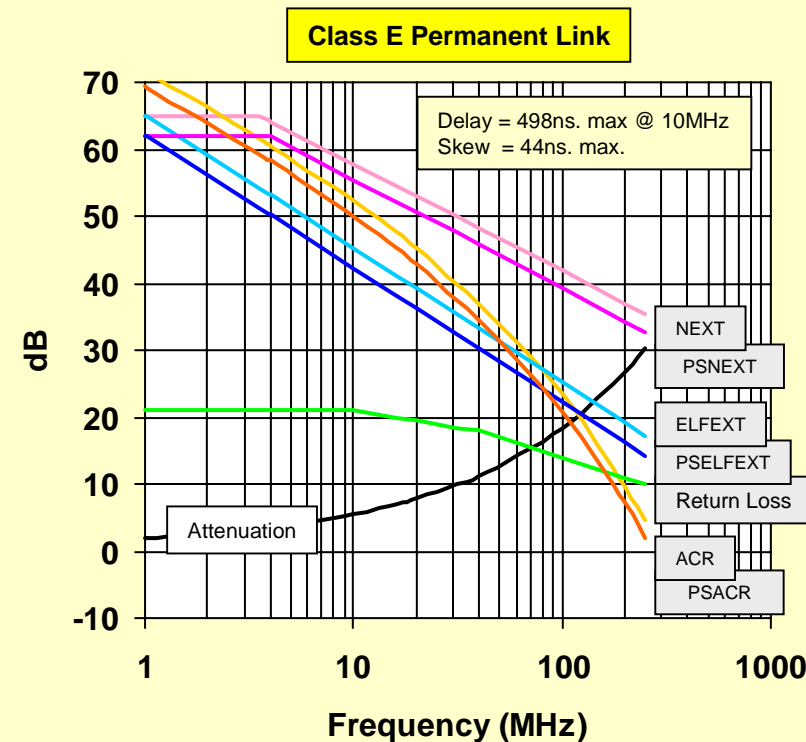
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| Parameter                   | Frequency                                  | Channel formulae  |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Attenuation (dB max.)       | $1 \leq f \leq 250$                        | $0.9 \times (1.82Sf + 0.017f + 0.2/Sf) + 3 \times 0.02Sf$   |
| NEXT (dB min.)              | $1 \leq f \leq 250$                        | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(74.3-15\log(f))} + 10^{-0.05(94-20\log(f))})$ , 65 dB max.  |
| PSNEXT (dB min.)            | $1 \leq f \leq 250$                        | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(72.3-15\log(f))} + 10^{-0.05(90-20\log(f))})$ , 62 dB max.  |
| ACR<br>(dB min.)            | $1 \leq f \leq 250$                        | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(74.3-15\log(f))} + 10^{-0.05(94-20\log(f))}) - (0.9 \times (1.82Sf + 0.017f + 0.2/Sf) + 3 \times 0.02Sf)$ |
| PSACR<br>(dB min.)          | $1 \leq f \leq 250$                        | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(72.3-15\log(f))} + 10^{-0.05(90-20\log(f))}) - (0.9 \times (1.82Sf + 0.017f + 0.2/Sf) + 4 \times 0.02Sf)$ |
| ELFEXT (dB min.)            | $1 \leq f \leq 250$                        | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(67.8-20\log(f))} + 2 \times 10^{-0.05(83.1-20\log(f))})$ , 65 dB max.                                     |
| PSELFEXT (dB min.)          | $1 \leq f \leq 250$                        | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(64.8-20\log(f))} + 2 \times 10^{-0.05(80.1-20\log(f))})$ , 62 dB max.                                     |
| Return loss (dB min.)       | $1 \leq f \leq 40$<br>$40 \leq f \leq 250$ | $26 - 5\log(f)$ , 21.0 dB max.<br>$34 - 10\log(f)$  |
| Prop. Delay ( $\mu$ s max.) | $1 \leq f \leq 250$                        | $0.9 \times (0.534 + 0.036Sf) + 3 \times 0.0025$  |
| Skew ( $\mu$ s max.)        | $1 \leq f \leq 250$                        | $0.9 \times 0.045 + 3 \times 0.0025 = 0.044$  |

# Class E Permanent Link

## Class E Permanent Link

- **attenuation values below 4dB**
  - information only
- **return loss values where attenuation < 3dB**
  - information only
  - also applies to channels
- **NEXT values where attenuation < 4dB**
  - conform to ACR requirements
  - also applies to channels
- **PSNEXT values where attenuation < 4dB**
  - conform to PSACR requirements
  - also applies to channels





# Class F PL Equations

Presentations 2000

| Parameter                   | Frequency                                  | Channel formulae  |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Attenuation (dB max.)       | $1 \leq f \leq 600$                        | $0.9 \times (1.8Sf+0.01f+0.2/Sf) + 3 \times 0.02Sf$   |
| NEXT (dB min.)              | $1 \leq f \leq 600$                        | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(102.42-15\log(f))} + 10^{-0.05(102.42-15\log(f))})$ , 65 dB max.  |
| PSNEXT (dB min.)            | $1 \leq f \leq 600$                        | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(99.42-15\log(f))} + 10^{-0.05(99.42-15\log(f))})$ , 62 dB max.  |
| ACR<br>(dB min.)            | $1 \leq f \leq 600$                        | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(102.42-15\log(f))} + 10^{-0.05(102.42-15\log(f))}) - (0.9 \times (1.8Sf+0.01f+0.2/Sf) + 3 \times 0.02Sf)$ |
| PSACR<br>(dB min.)          | $1 \leq f \leq 600$                        | $-20 \log((10^{-0.05(99.42-15\log(f))} + 10^{-0.05(99.42-15\log(f))}) - (0.9 \times (1.8Sf+0.01f+0.2/Sf) + 3 \times 0.02Sf)$  |
| ELFEXT (dB min.)            | $1 \leq f \leq 600$                        | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(77.8-20\log(f))} + 2 \times 10^{-0.05(95.1-20\log(f))}) + 8$ , 65 dB max.                                 |
| PSELFEXT (dB min.)          | $1 \leq f \leq 600$                        | $-20 \log(10^{-0.05(74.8-20\log(f))} + 2 \times 10^{-0.05(92.1-20\log(f))}) + 8$ , 62 dB max.                                 |
| Return loss (dB min.)       | $1 \leq f \leq 40$<br>$40 \leq f \leq 600$ | 26-5log(f), 21.0 dB max.<br>34-10log(f), 10.0db min.  |
| Prop. Delay ( $\mu$ s max.) | $1 \leq f \leq 600$                        | $0.9 \times (0.534 + 0.036Sf) + 3 \times 0.0025$  |
| Skew ( $\mu$ s max.)        | $1 \leq f \leq 600$                        | $0.9 \times (0.010) + 3 \times 0.0025 = 0.012$  |

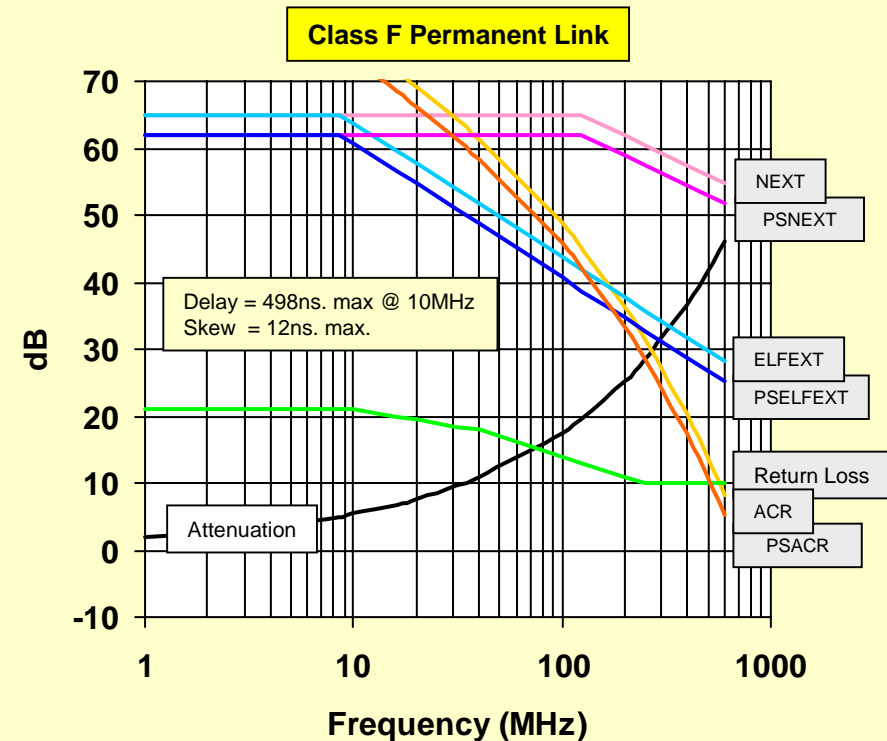


# Class F Permanent Link

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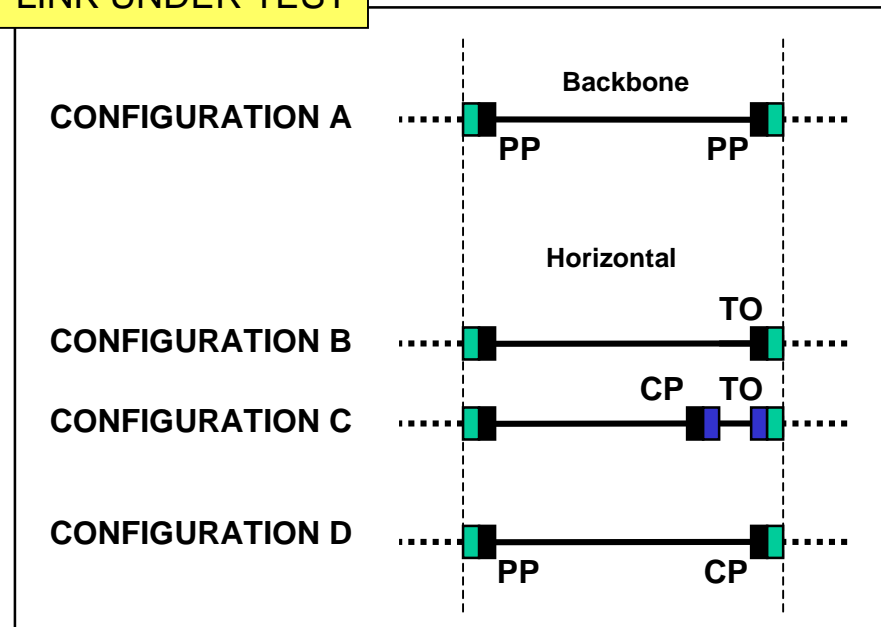
## Class F Permanent Link

- **attenuation values below 4dB**
  - information only
- **return loss values where attenuation < 3dB**
  - information only
  - also applies to channels
- **NEXT values where attenuation < 4dB**
  - conform to ACR requirements
  - also applies to channels
- **PSNEXT values where attenuation < 4dB**
  - conform to PSACR requirements
  - also applies to channels



# Application Of PL Limits

## LINK UNDER TEST



## RULES

### Length dependent parameters

- all configurations must meet PL limits
- Configuration A, B and C must be design consistent
- Configuration D must also meet CP Link rules

### Connector dependent parameters

- all configurations must meet PL limits except
  - for low attenuation links
    - return loss, NEXT and PSNEXT
  - for Configuration C at TO
    - return loss, NEXT and PSNEXT



# CP Link Limits

Presentations 2000

| Parameter                   | Class | Frequency           | Channel formulae  |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------------------|---|
| Attenuation (dB max.)       | D     | $1 \leq f \leq 100$ | $L/100 \times (1.9108Sf+0.0223f+0.0486/Sf) + 2 \times 0.02Sf$ |
|                             | E     | $1 \leq f \leq 250$ | $L/100 \times (1.82Sf+0.017f+0.2/Sf) + 2 \times 0.02Sf$       |
|                             | F     | $1 \leq f \leq 600$ | $L/100 \times (1.8Sf+0.01f+0.2/Sf) + 2 \times 0.02Sf$         |
| Prop. Delay ( $\mu$ s max.) | D     | $1 \leq f \leq 100$ | $L/100 \times (0.534 + 0.036Sf) + 2 \times 0.0025$            |
|                             | E     | $1 \leq f \leq 250$ |   |
|                             | F     | $1 \leq f \leq 600$ |   |
| Skew ( $\mu$ s max.)        | D     | $1 \leq f \leq 100$ | $L/100 \times (0.045) + 2 \times 0.0025$                      |
|                             | E     | $1 \leq f \leq 250$ |   |
|                             | F     | $1 \leq f \leq 600$ | $L/100 \times (0.010) + 2 \times 0.0025$                      |



# 4dB Link Exclusion

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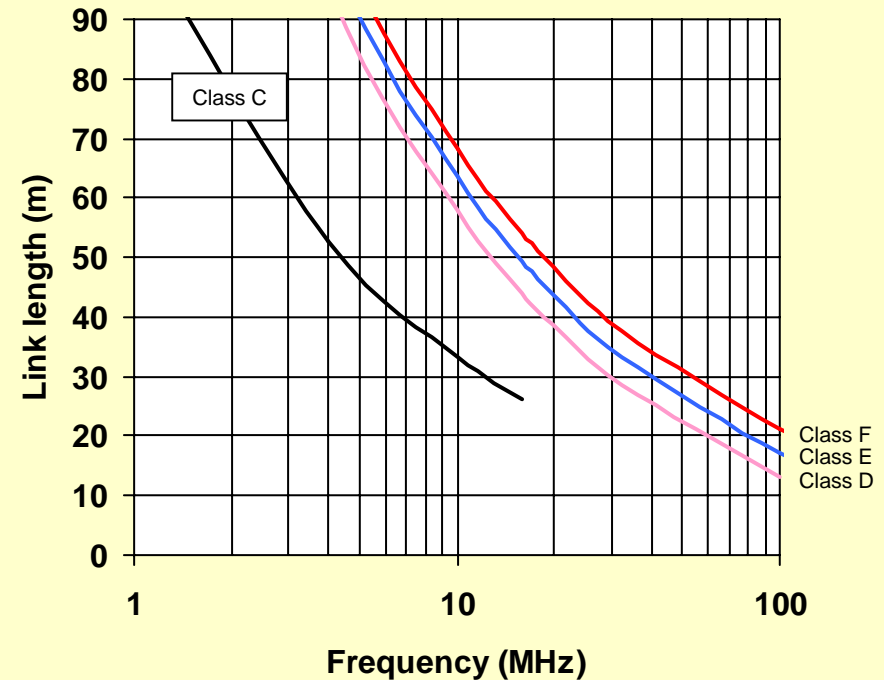
Link attenuation < 4dB

**Approximate conditions**

- lengths below 15m @ 100MHz
- lengths below 30m @ 31.25MHz
- lengths below 40m @ 20MHz
- lengths below 55m @ 10MHz

**Rule**

- NEXT/PSNEXT reverts to ACR/PSACR



# 3dB Link Exclusion

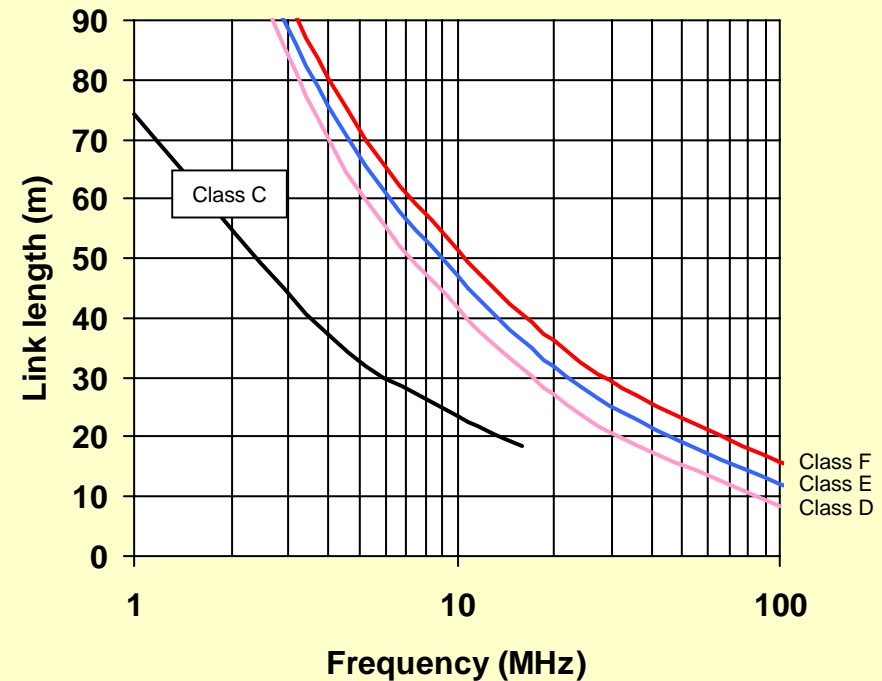
Link attenuation < 3dB

**Approximate conditions**

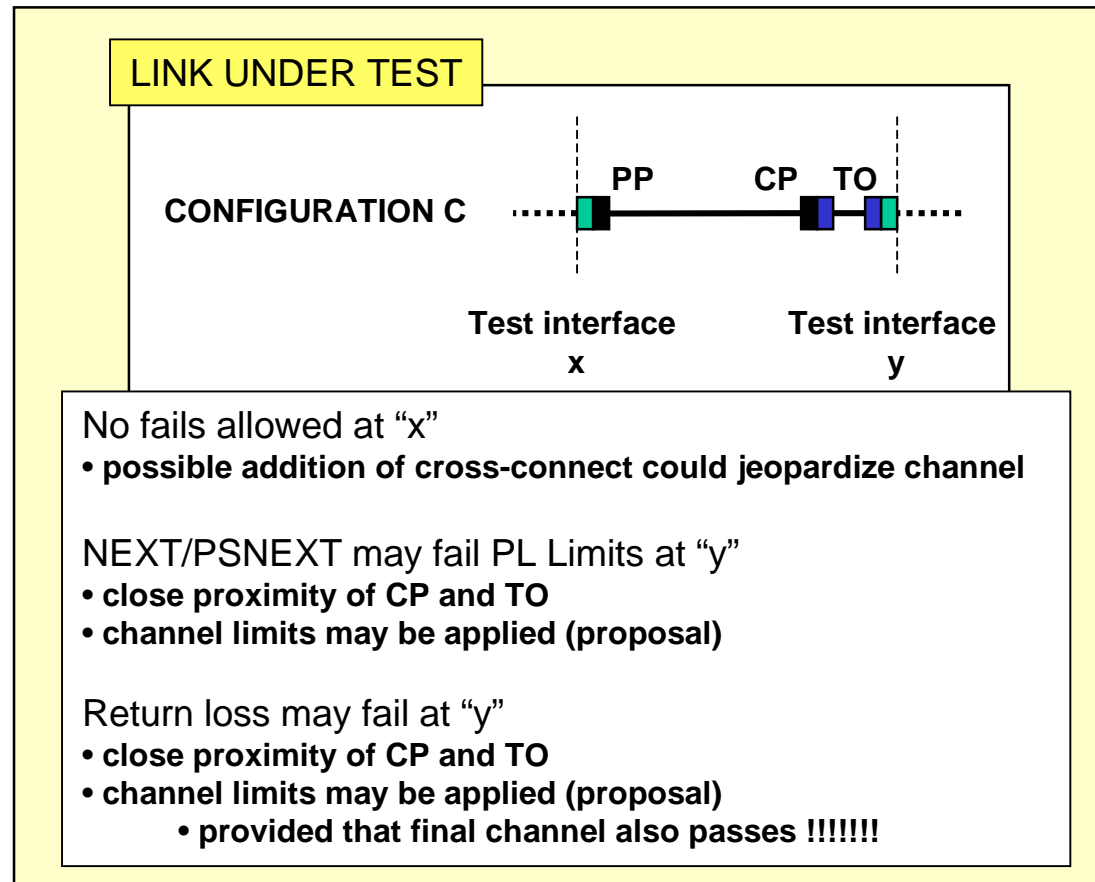
- lengths below 10m @ 100MHz
- lengths below 20m @ 31.25MHz
- lengths below 30m @ 30MHz
- lengths below 40m @ 10MHz

**Rule**

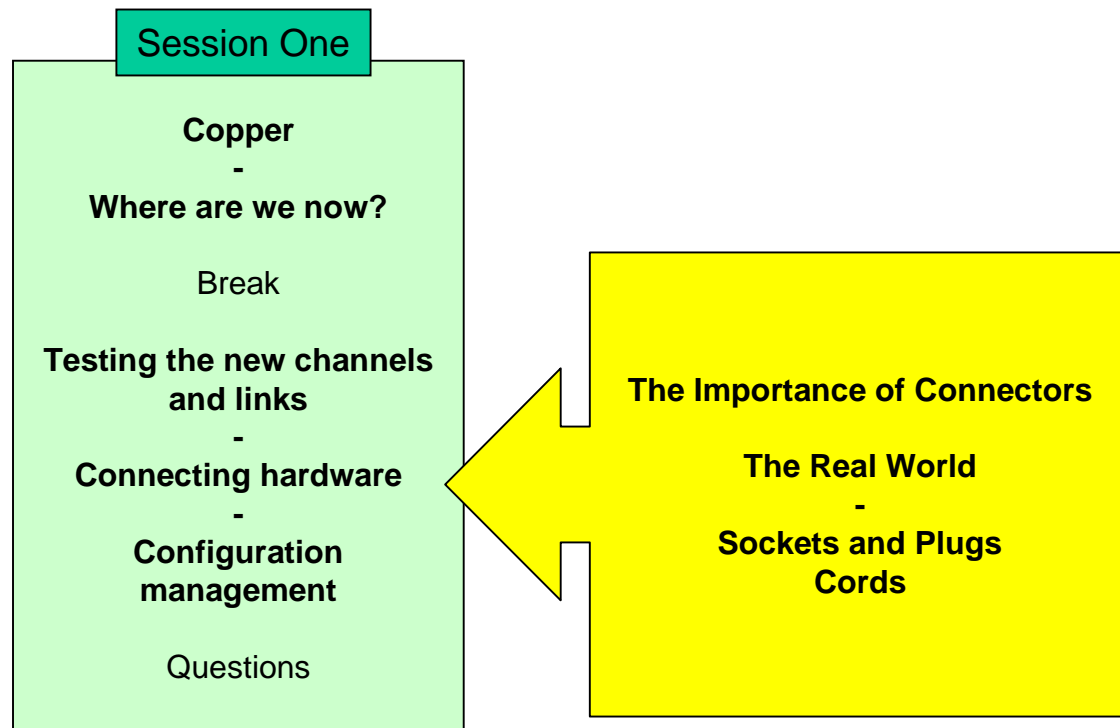
- Return loss is for information only
- NOT normative



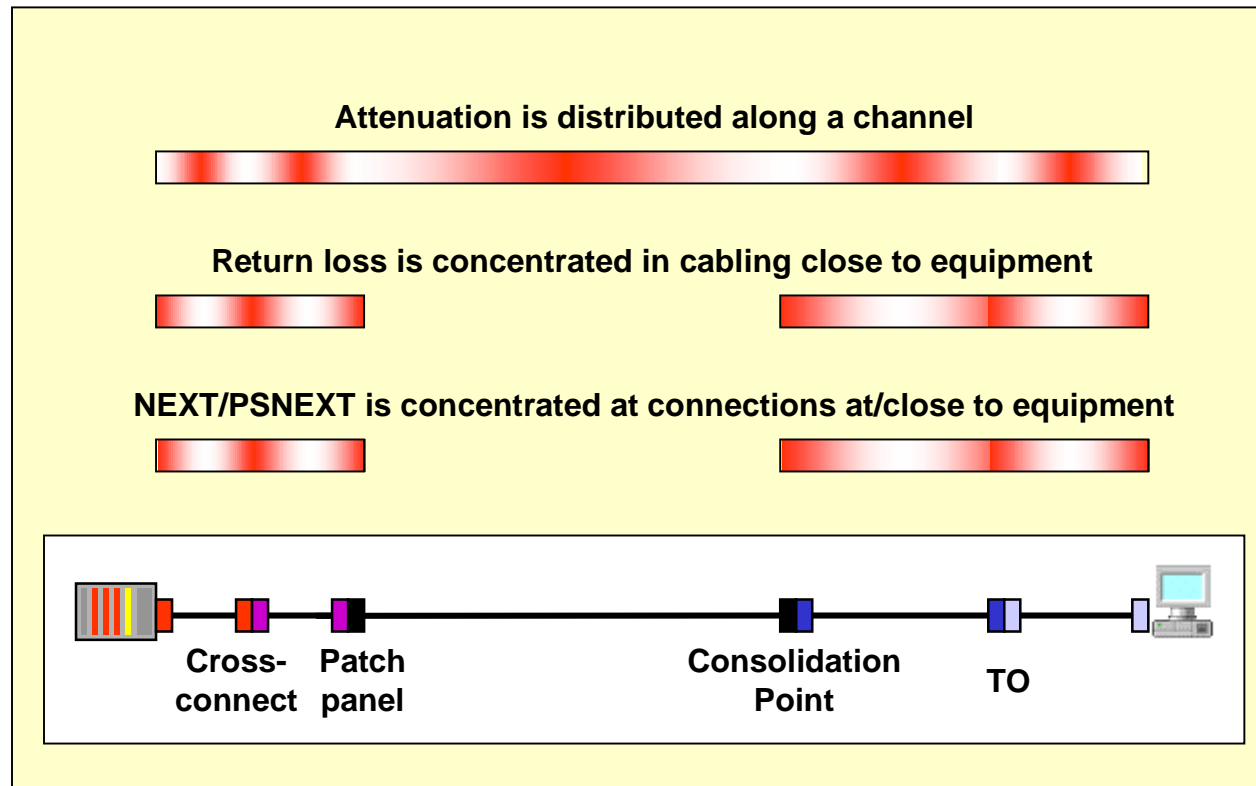
# Configuration C Exclusion



# Connecting Hardware



# The Importance of Connectors





# The Real World - Sockets and Plugs

## Non-interoperability

- standards do not guarantee electrical (or even physical) performance of an open system joint  
“pending resolution of this guarantees shall be sought from manufacturers”

## Backwards incompatibility

- as Category increases, there is no guarantee of backwards compatibility  
“Cat. 6 with Cat. 5 may perform below Cat. 5”

## Screen continuity/performance

- no agreed standard or specification for inter-component screen connection

# The Real World - Cords

## Standards

- there are as yet, no standards for cable assemblies (terminated plugs)  
“when they arrive they may dis-enfranchise the installed base”

## Production tolerances

- variations in termination process may have to be improved  
“differences in 0.5-1.0mm of untwisted length have a major impact”

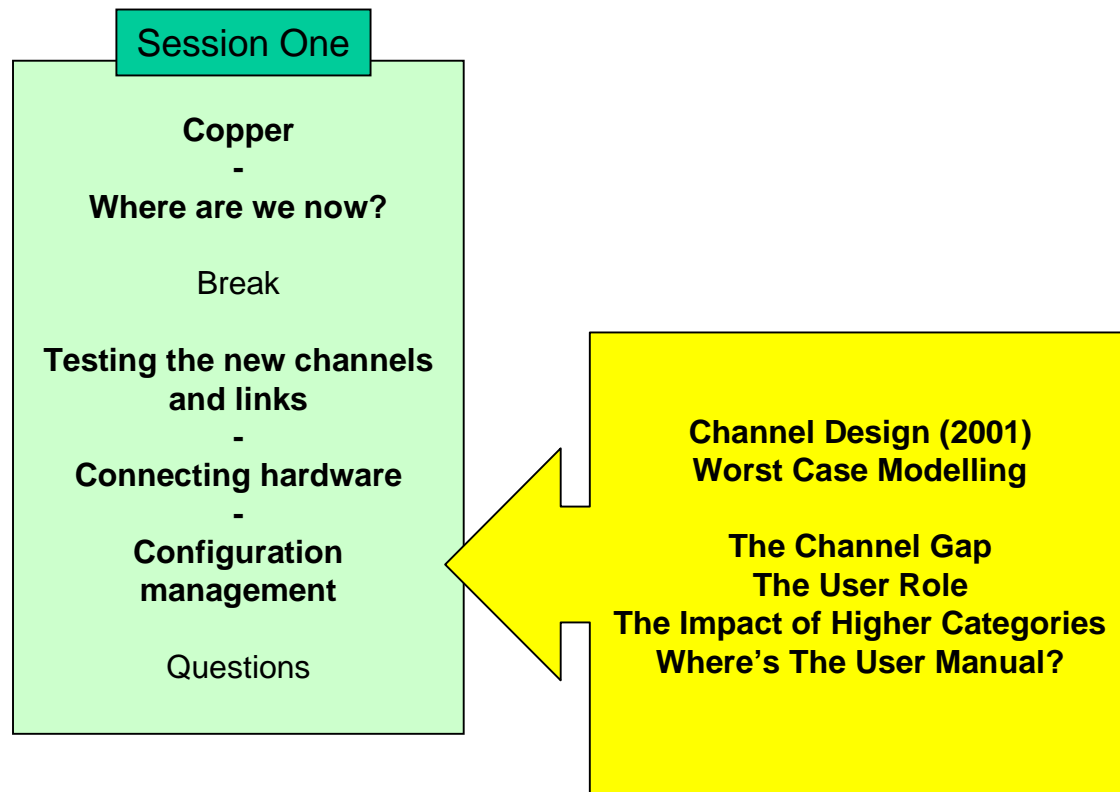
## Handling

- as Category increases, so does the sensitivity of patch cords to handling”

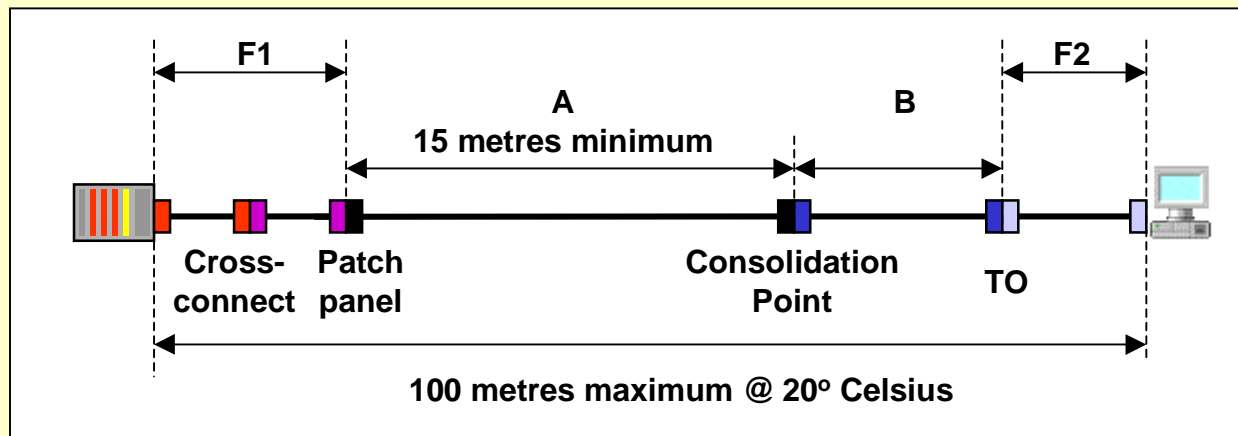
## Length and temperature

- stranded conductors have higher attenuation than solid conductors  
“uncontrolled use of long lead at high temperatures can have dramatic effects”

# Configuration Management



# Channel Design (2001)



$$A + XB = \frac{Y - XF}{1 + (T-20)\alpha} - nc$$

|          |                           |
|----------|---------------------------|
| <b>F</b> | <b>F1 + F2</b>            |
| <b>n</b> | <b>No. of connections</b> |
| <b>T</b> | <b>Relevant temp (°C)</b> |

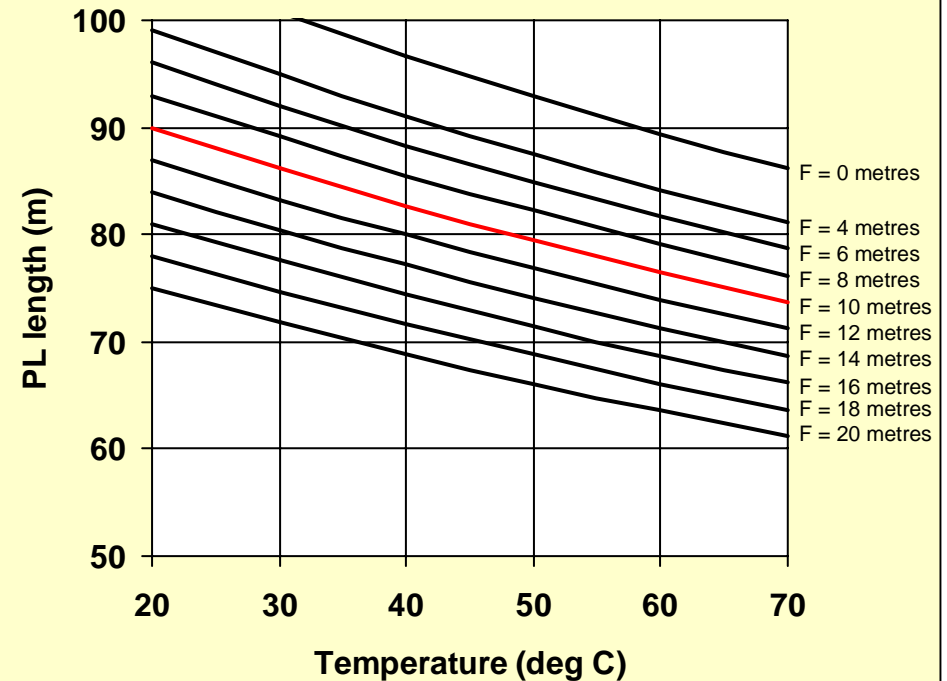
|          | unscreened | screened |
|----------|------------|----------|
| <b>X</b> | 1.2        | 1.5      |
| <b>α</b> | 0.004      | 0.002    |

|          | Cat. 5 (2001) | Cat. 6/7 |
|----------|---------------|----------|
| <b>Y</b> | 113           | 109      |
| <b>c</b> | 2             | 1        |

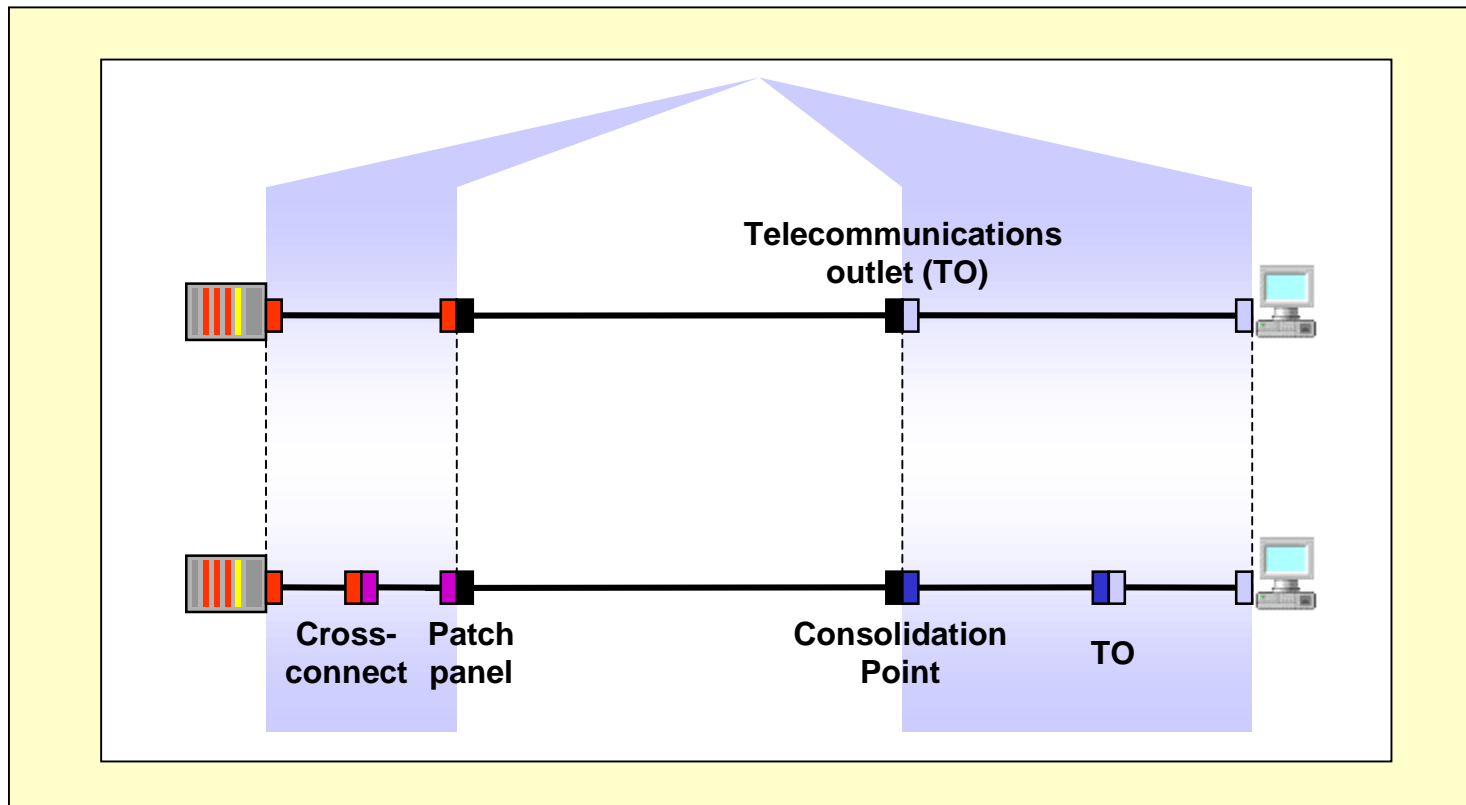
# Worst Case Modelling

Graph shows a worst case model

- 4 connectors
- solid CP cord
- Temperature has a significant effect
  - PL length
  - on channel design



# The "Channel Gap"

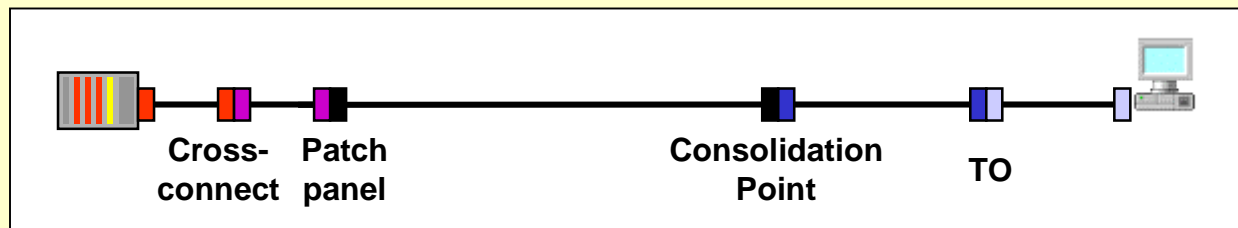


# The Users Role

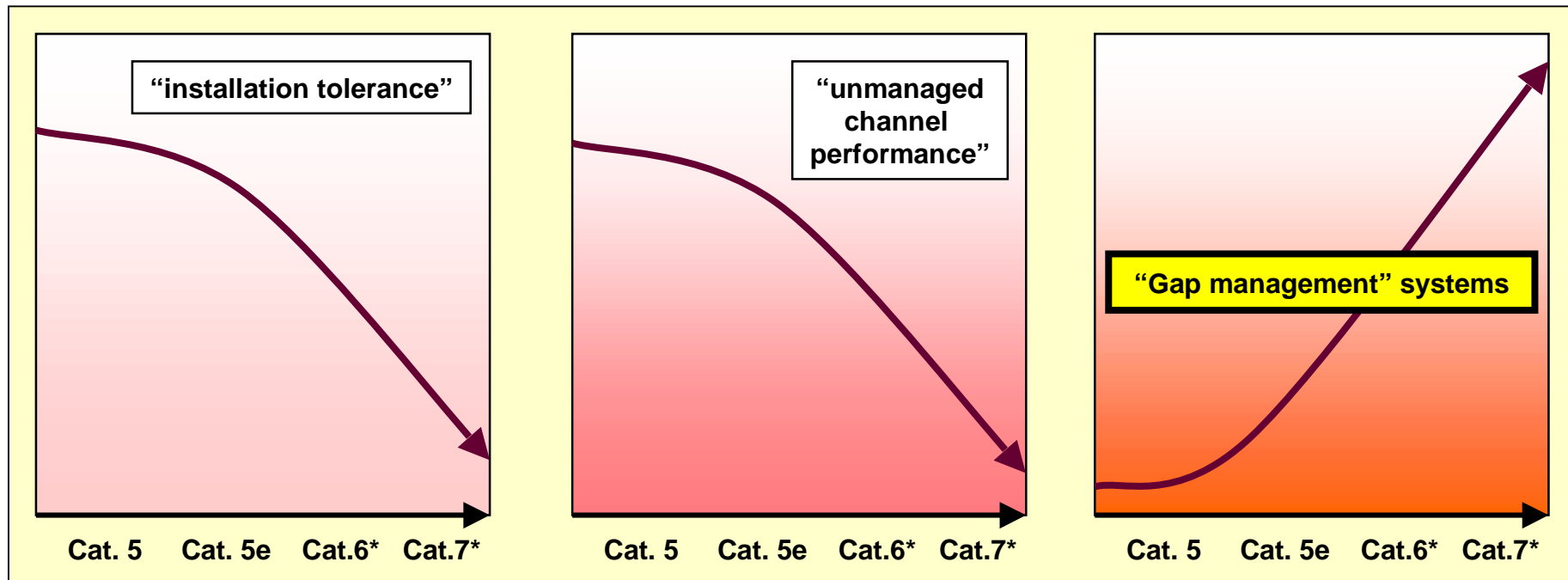
## THE USER

- configures 66% - 80% of each channel
- defines 100% of channel performance

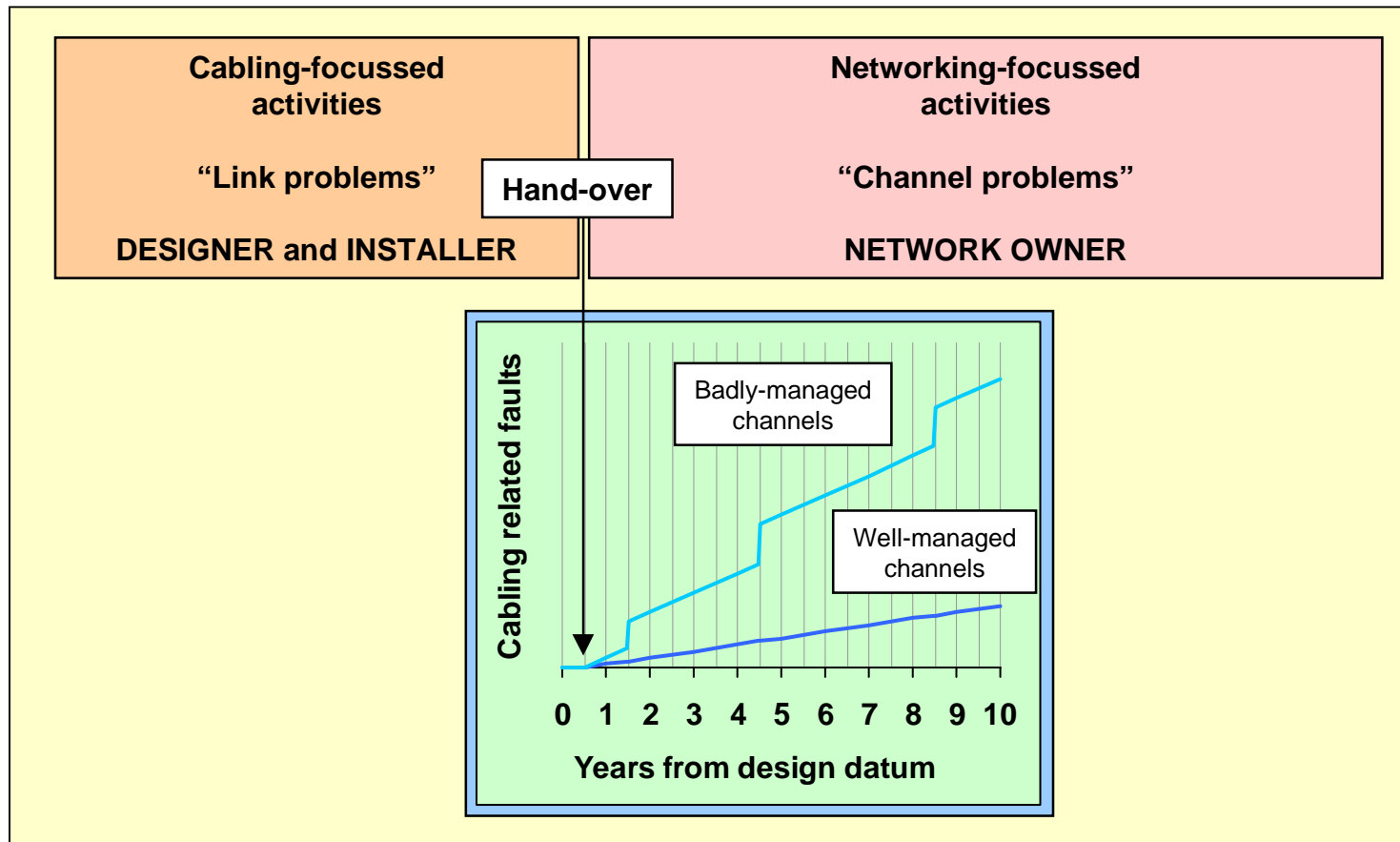
**CHANNEL MANAGEMENT IS KEY  
TO NETWORK RELIABILITY**



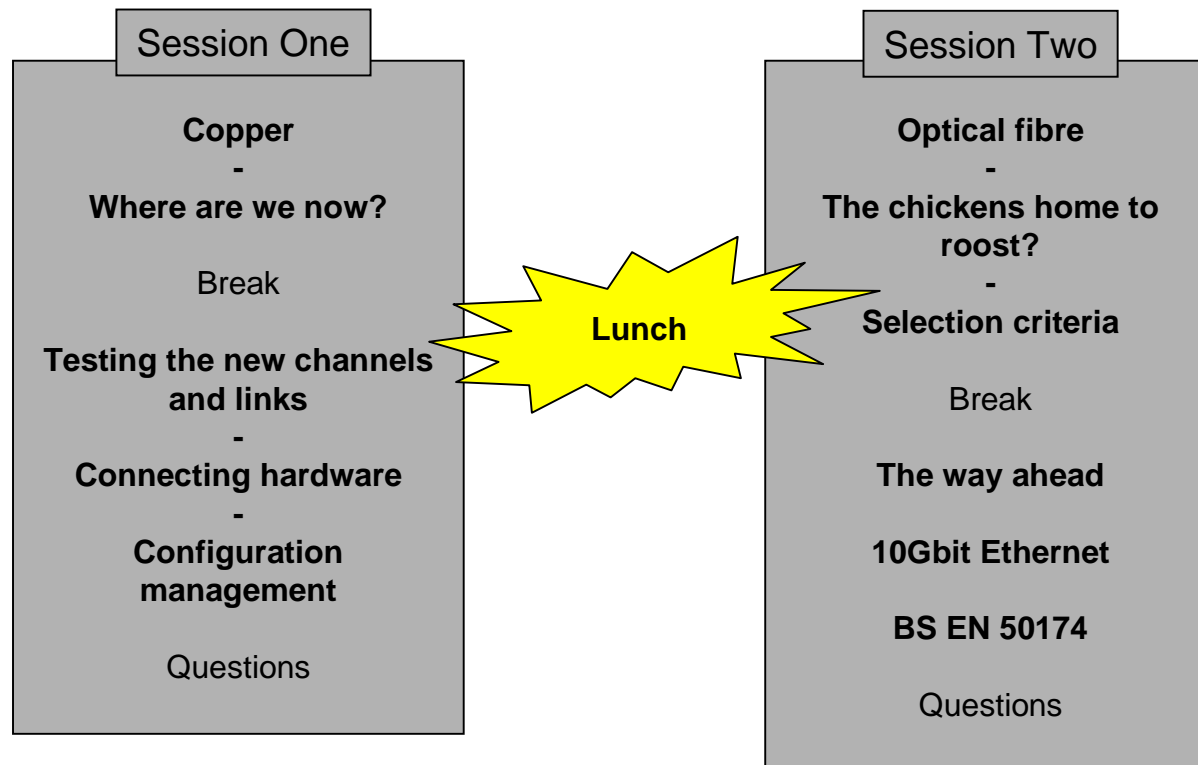
# The Impact Of Higher Categories



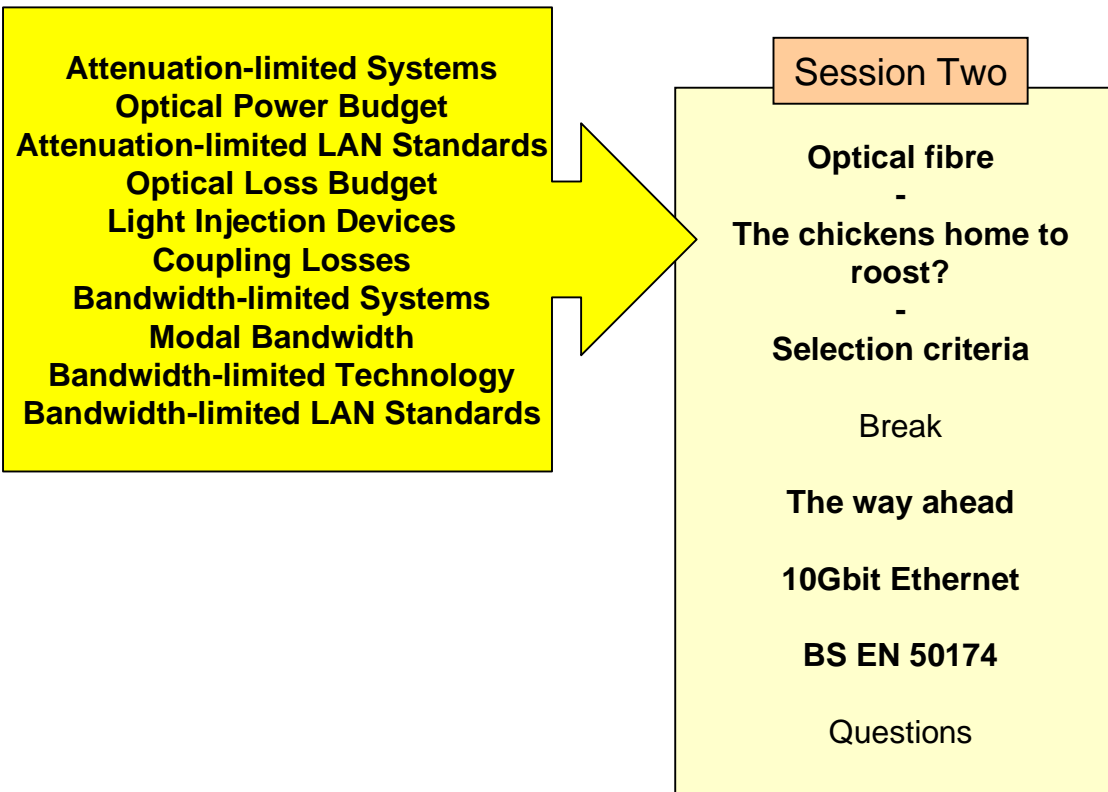
# Where's The User Manual?



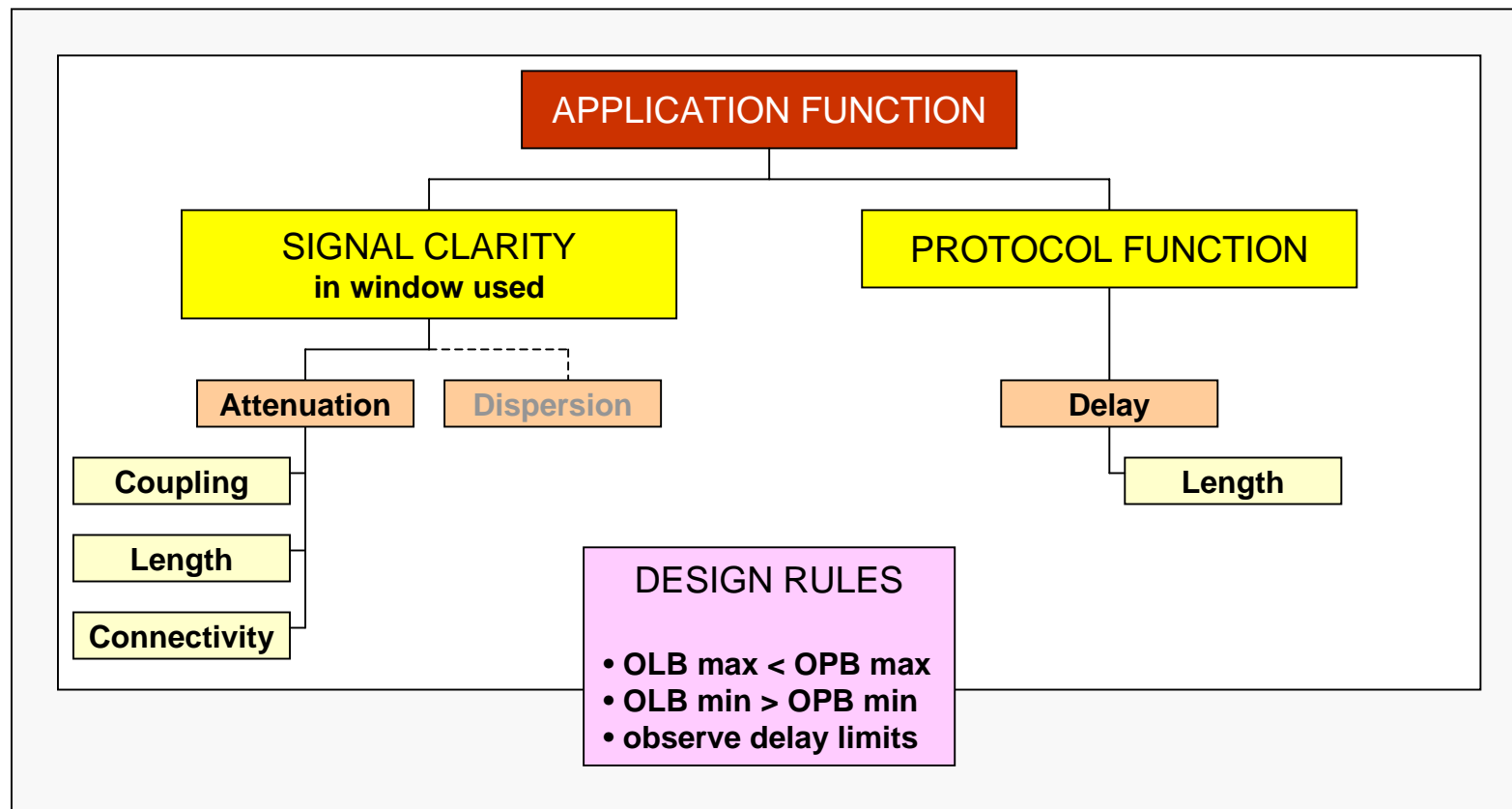
# Agenda



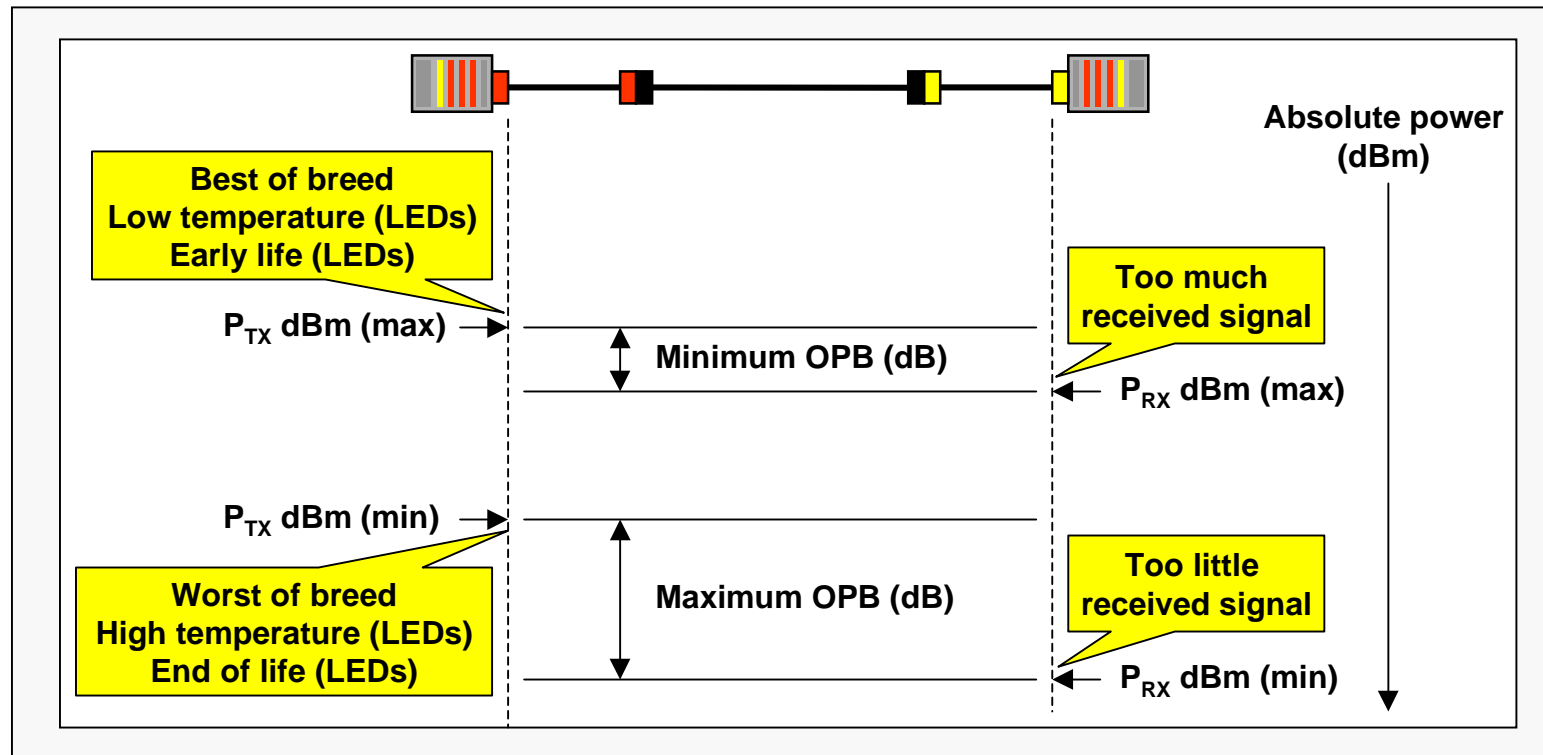
# Optical Fibre - 50/125 Returns



# Attenuation-limited Systems



# Optical Power Budget (OPB)





# Attenuation-limited LAN Standards

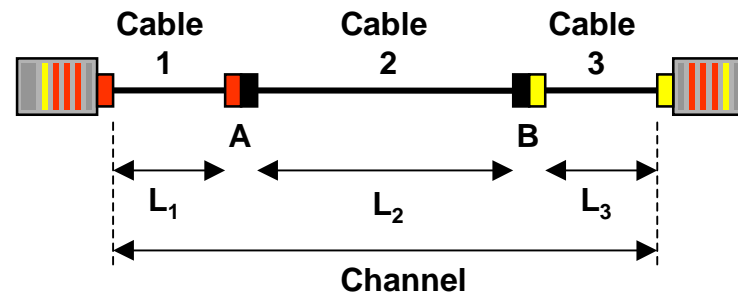
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|         |  | 50/125             |                     | 62.5/125           |                     | OPB<br>Δ<br>(dB) |
|---------|--|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|
|         |  | Max. length<br>(m) | OPB<br>max.<br>(dB) | Max. length<br>(m) | OPB<br>max.<br>(dB) |                  |
| 850 nm  | ISO/IEC 8802-3: FOIRL                      | 514 <sup>1</sup>   | 3.3                 | 1000               | 9.0                 | 5.7              |
|         | ISO/IEC 8802-3: 10BASE-FL/FB               | 1514 <sup>1</sup>  | 6.8                 | 2000               | 12.5                | 5.7              |
|         | ISO/IEC TR 11802-4: 4 & 16 Mb/s Token Ring | 1857 <sup>1</sup>  | 8.0                 | 2000               | 13.0                | 5.0              |
|         | IEEE 802.12: Demand priority               | 371 <sup>1</sup>   | 2.8                 | 500                | 7.5                 | 4.7              |
| 1300 nm | ISO/IEC 9314-3: FDDI PMD                   | 2000               | 6.0                 | 2000               | 11.0                | 5.0              |
|         | ISO/IEC 8802-3: 100BASE-FX                 | 2000               | 6.0                 | 2000               | 11.0                | 5.0              |
|         | IEEE 802.12: Demand priority               | 533 <sup>1</sup>   | 2.3                 | 2000               | 7.0                 | 4.7              |
|         | ATM @ 52 Mb/s                              | 2000               | 5.3                 | 2000               | 10.0                | 4.7              |
|         | ATM @ 155 Mb/s                             | 2000               | 5.3                 | 2000               | 10.0                | 4.7              |

<sup>1</sup> Calculated values using 1.5dB of connecting hardware losses

62.5/125 seems to offer advantages

# Optical Loss Budget (OLB)



Optical loss budget: limits of calculated channel attenuation

**In the example:**

$$OLB_{\min} = L_1 * \alpha_{(Cable\ 1)} + L_2 * \alpha_{(Cable\ 2)} + L_3 * \alpha_{(Cable\ 3)} + loss_A + loss_B \text{ (dB) using min. values}$$

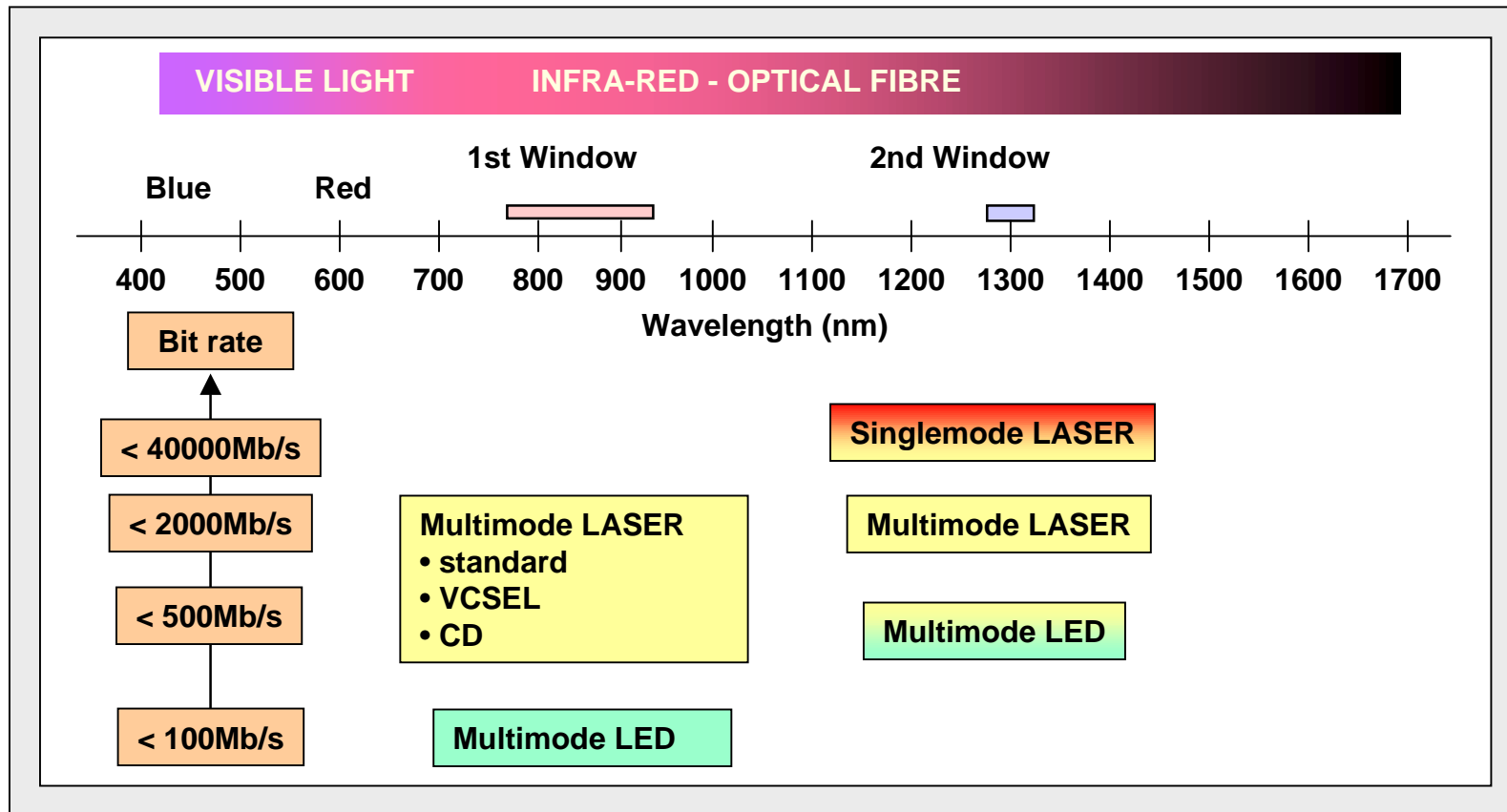
$$OLB_{\max} = L_1 * \alpha_{(Cable\ 1)} + L_2 * \alpha_{(Cable\ 2)} + L_3 * \alpha_{(Cable\ 3)} + loss_A + loss_B \text{ (dB) using max. values}$$

**In general:**

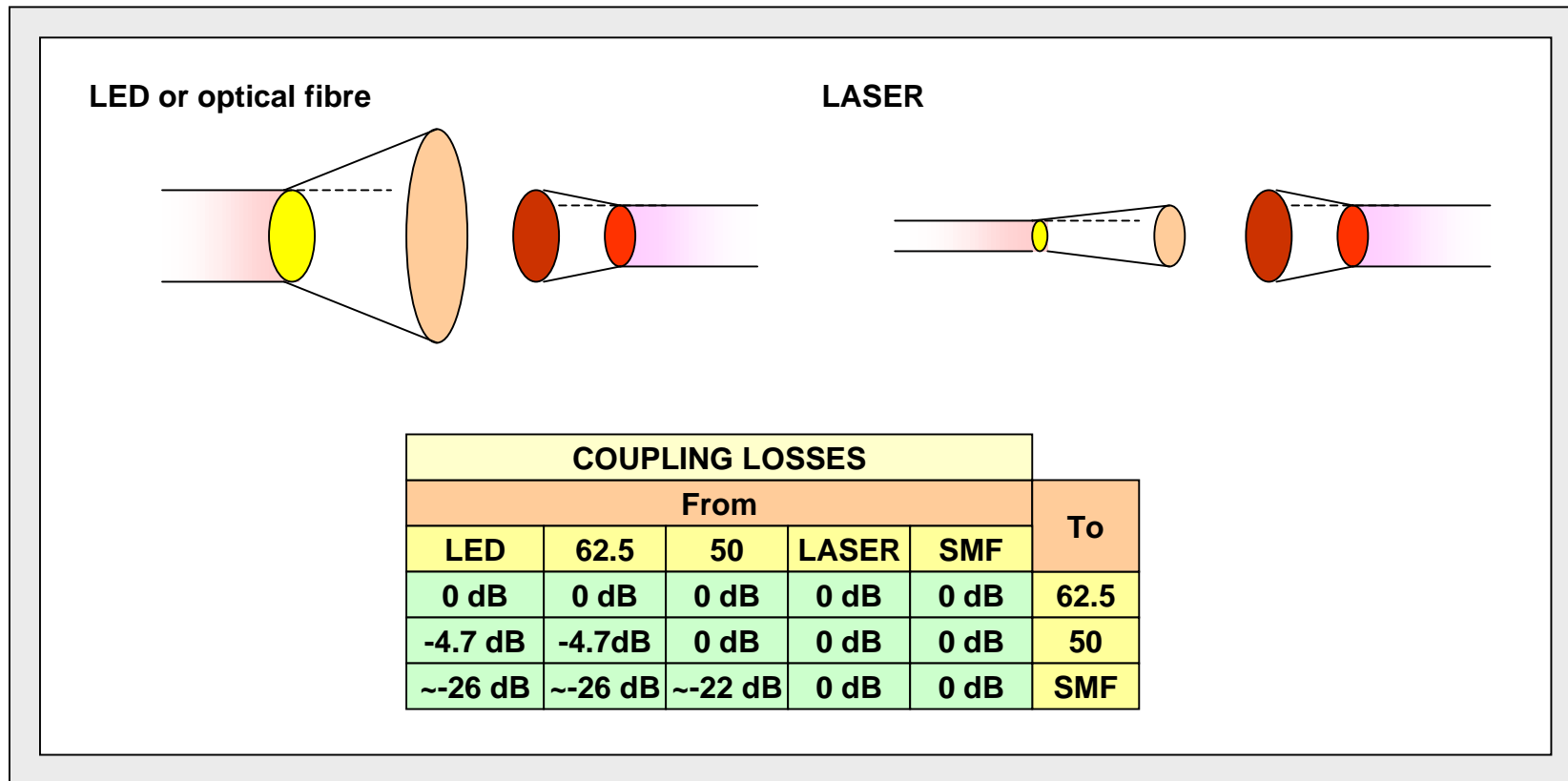
$$OLB_{\min} = \sum \alpha_{(Cable\ i)} \times L_i + \sum \text{connectors/splices (dB)} \quad \text{using minimum values}$$

$$OLB_{\max} = \sum \alpha_{(Cable\ i)} \times L_i + \sum \text{connectors/splices (dB)} \quad \text{using maximum values}$$

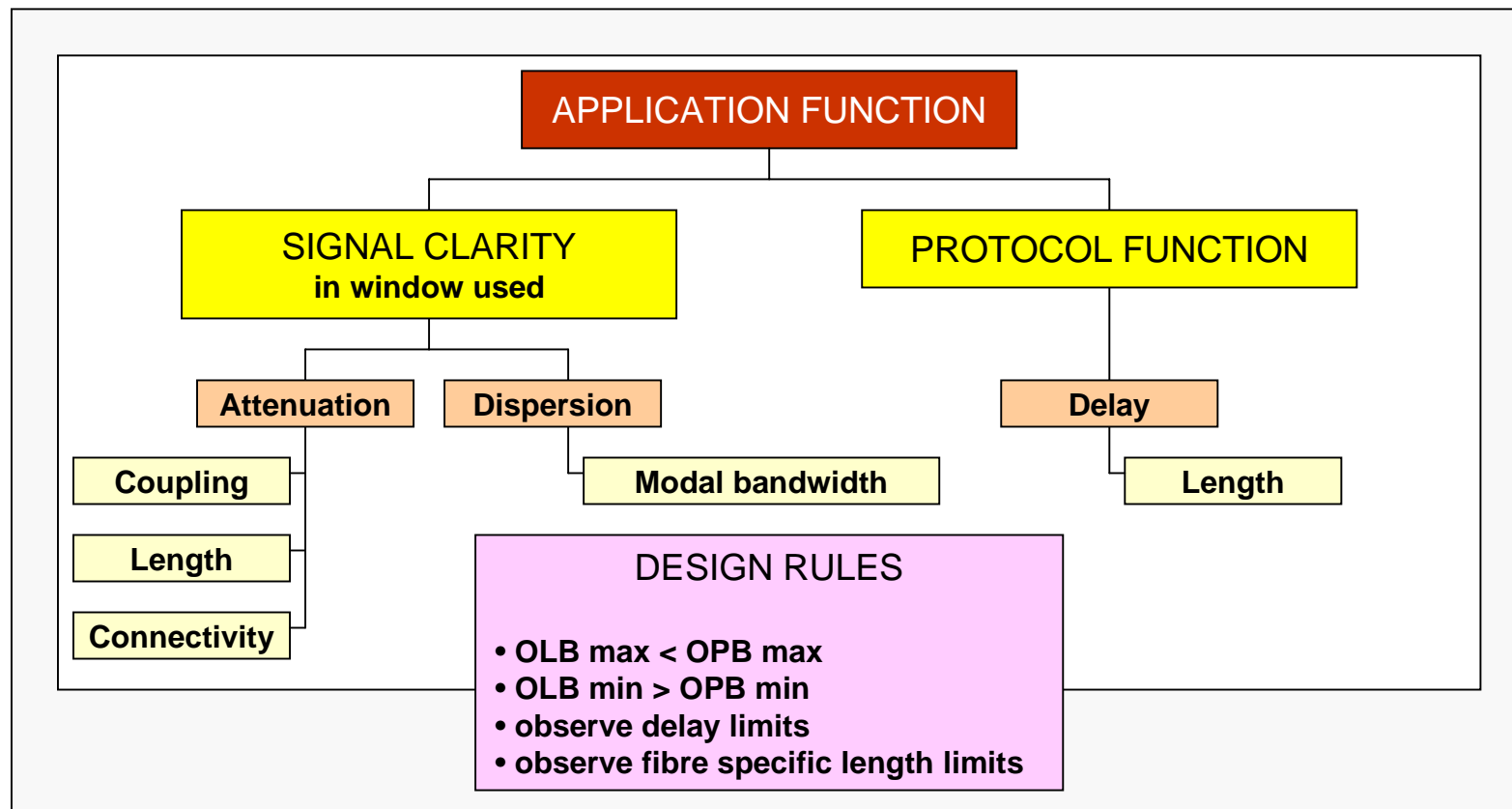
# Light Injection Devices



# Coupling Losses

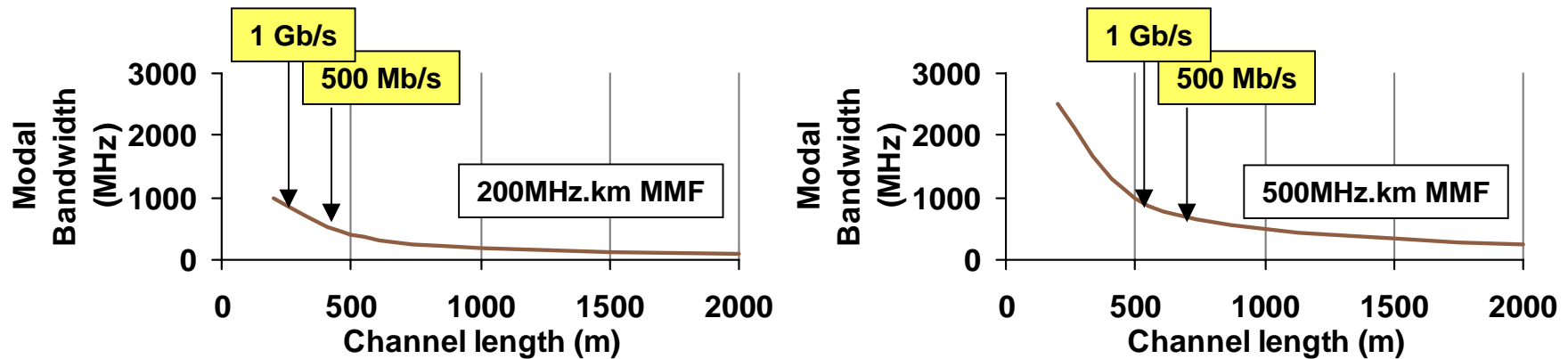


# Bandwidth-limited Systems



# Modal Bandwidth

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|                     | Attenuation coefficient<br>dBkm <sup>-1</sup> max. |        | Modal bandwidth<br>MHz.km min. |        |                                   |
|---------------------|--|--------|--------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
|                     | 850nm  | 1300nm | 850nm                          | 1300nm |                                   |
| 50/125 and 62.5/125 | 3.5  | 1.0    | 200                            | 500    | ISO/IEC 11801 and EN 50173 (1995) |
| 62.5/125            | 3.75   | 1.5    | 160                            | 500    | ANSI/TIA/EIA 568A (1995)          |
| 50/125              | 3.5  | 1.5    | 500                            | 500    | ISO/IEC 11801 and EN 50173 (2001) |
| 62.5/125            | 3.5  | 1.5    | 200                            | 500    | ISO/IEC 11801 and EN 50173 (2001) |



# Bandwidth-limited Technology

**Historic applications have channel lengths defined by OPB**

- OPB > calculated bandwidth for distances supported

**New applications use data rates for which bandwidth requirements define channel lengths**

- longer lengths cannot be guaranteed even if low attenuation channels are used

**Modal bandwidths have rarely been specified by users/installers**

**Modal bandwidth difficult/impossible to measure on-site**

- bandwidth-limited applications are installed with higher risk

**Higher data rates utilise LASER technologies**

- CD LASERS, VCSELs and standard LASERS

- reductions in OPBs due to restricted power input/channel lengths

**Optical fibre modal bandwidth measured using LED launch conditions**

- LASER sources should provide improved bandwidth
- some problems found with RI profiles

**OPTICAL FIBRE SELECTION AND CONFIGURATION IMPACTED**



# Bandwidth-limited LAN Standards

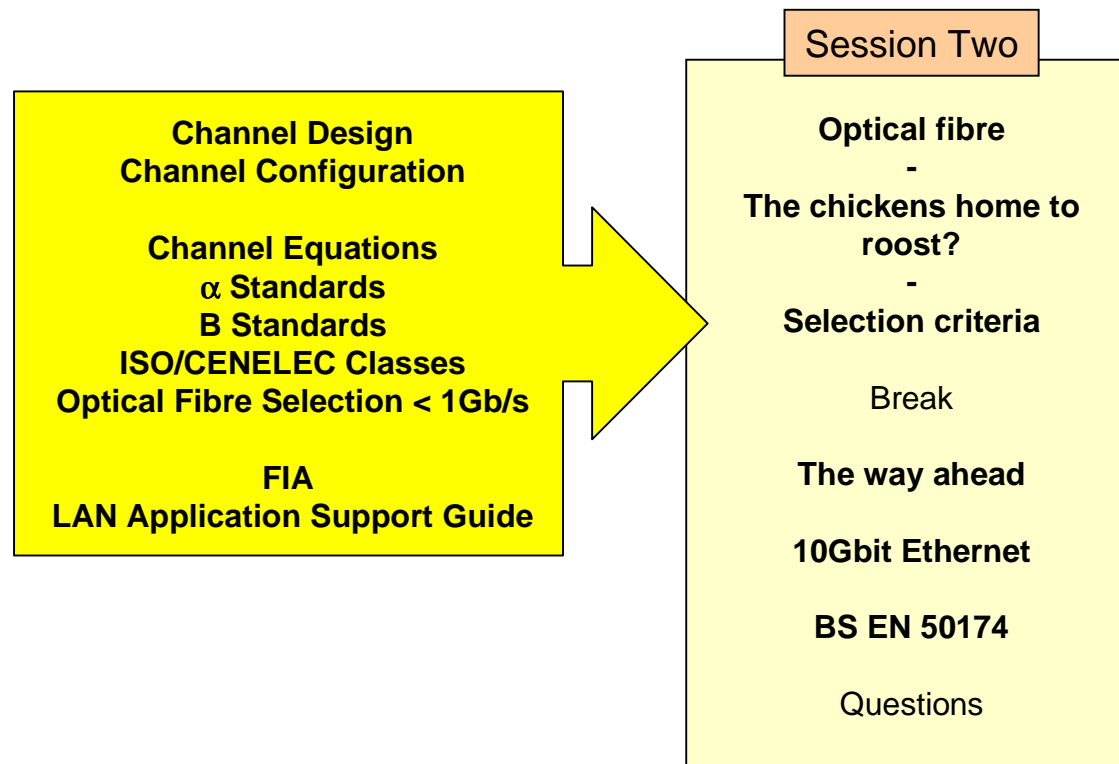
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|         |   | 50/125<br>500/500MHz.km |                     | 62.5/125<br>200/500MHz.km |                     | OPB<br>Δ<br>(dB) |
|---------|---|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
|         |   | Max. length<br>(m)      | OPB<br>max.<br>(dB) | Max. length<br>(m)        | OPB<br>max.<br>(dB) |                  |
| 850 nm  | ATM @ 155 Mb/s                            | 1000                    | 7.2                 | 1000                      | 7.2                 | 0.0              |
|         | CD 14165: FibreChannel @ 266 Mb/s         | 2000                    | 12.0                | 700                       | 12.0                | 0.0              |
|         | CD 14165: FibreChannel @ 531 Mb/s         | 1000                    | 8.0                 | 350                       | 8.0                 | 0.0              |
|         | ATM @ 622 Mb/s                            | 300                     | 4.0                 | 300                       | 4.0                 | 0.0              |
|         | IEEE 802.3: 1000BASE-SX: Gigabit Ethernet | 550                     | 3.56                | 275                       | 2.6                 | - 0.96           |
|         | CD 14165: FibreChannel @ 1062 Mb/s        | 500                     | 4.0                 | 300                       | 4.0                 | 0.0              |
| 1300 nm | CD 14165: FibreChannel @ 133 Mb/s         | 371 <sup>1</sup>        | 1.3                 | 1500                      | 6.0                 | 4.7              |
|         | CD 14165: FibreChannel @ 266 Mb/s         | 2000                    | 5.5                 | 1500                      | 6.0                 | 0.5              |
|         | ATM @ 622 Mb/s                            | 330                     | 2.0                 | 500                       | 6.0                 | 4.0              |
|         | IEEE 802.3: 1000BASE-LX: Gigabit Ethernet | >550                    | 2.35                | 550                       | 2.35                | 0.0              |

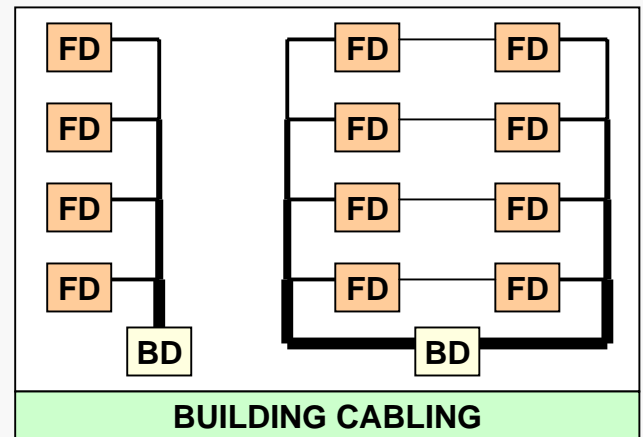
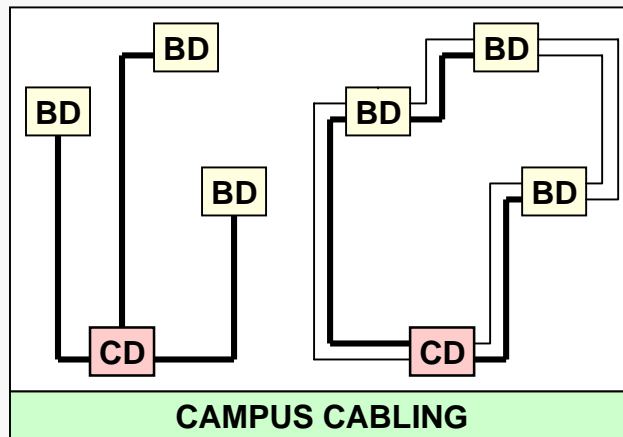
<sup>1</sup> Assuming no connecting hardware loss

50/125 seems to offer advantages

# Optical Fibre - Selection Criteria



# Channel Design

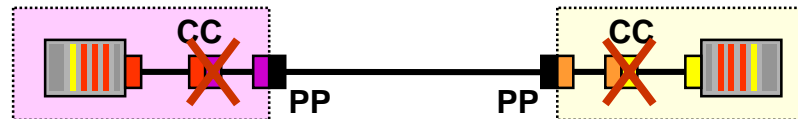


Maximum channel length = (OPB - total connection loss)/cable attenuation

# Channel Configuration

Reduce loss to a minimum for a given length

- do not use unnecessary connections



remember:

|                    |                                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 mated connection | = 142 metres (@ 850 nm in MMF)  |
|                    | = 333 metres (@ 1300 nm in MMF) |
| 1 splice           | = 85 metres (@ 850 nm in MMF)   |
|                    | = 200 metres (@ 1300 nm in MMF) |

Consider splicing of pre-manufactured tails

- Lower overall loss than field terminations

Adopt cleaning procedures to minimise contamination losses



# Channel Equations - $\alpha$ Standards

Presentations 2000

|                                     |  | 50/125 |                    | 62.5/125 |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|
|                                     |  | CAP    | Channel length (m) | CAP      | Channel length (m) |
| 850 nm                              | ISO/IEC 8802-3: FOIRL                      | -      | 940 - 142x - 85y   | 1000     | 2570 - 142x - 85y  |
|                                     | ISO/IEC 8802-3: 10BASE-FL/FB               | -      | 1940 - 142x - 85y  | 2000     | 3570 - 142x - 85y  |
|                                     | ISO/IEC TR 11802-4: 4 & 16 Mb/s Token Ring | 2000   | 2285 - 142x - 85y  | 2000     | 3710 - 142x - 85y  |
|                                     | IEEE 802.12: Demand priority               | 500    | 800 - 142x - 85y   | 500      | 2140 - 142x - 85y  |
| 1300 nm                             | ISO/IEC 9314-3: FDDI PMD                   | 2000   | 4000 - 333x - 200y | 2000     | 7330 - 333x - 200y |
|                                     | ISO/IEC 8802-3: 100BASE-FX                 | 2000   | 4000 - 333x - 200y | 2000     | 7330 - 333x - 200y |
|                                     | IEEE 802.12: Demand priority               | 800    | 1530 - 333x - 200y | 2000     | 4665 - 333x - 200y |
|                                     | ATM @ 52 Mb/s                              | 2000   | 3530 - 333x - 200y | 2000     | 6665 - 333x - 200y |
|                                     | ATM @ 155 Mb/s                             | 2000   | 3530 - 333x - 200y | 2000     | 6665 - 333x - 200y |
| x = no. of mated connectors @ 0.5dB |  |        |                    |          |                    |
| y = no. of splices @ 0.3dB          |  |        |                    |          |                    |

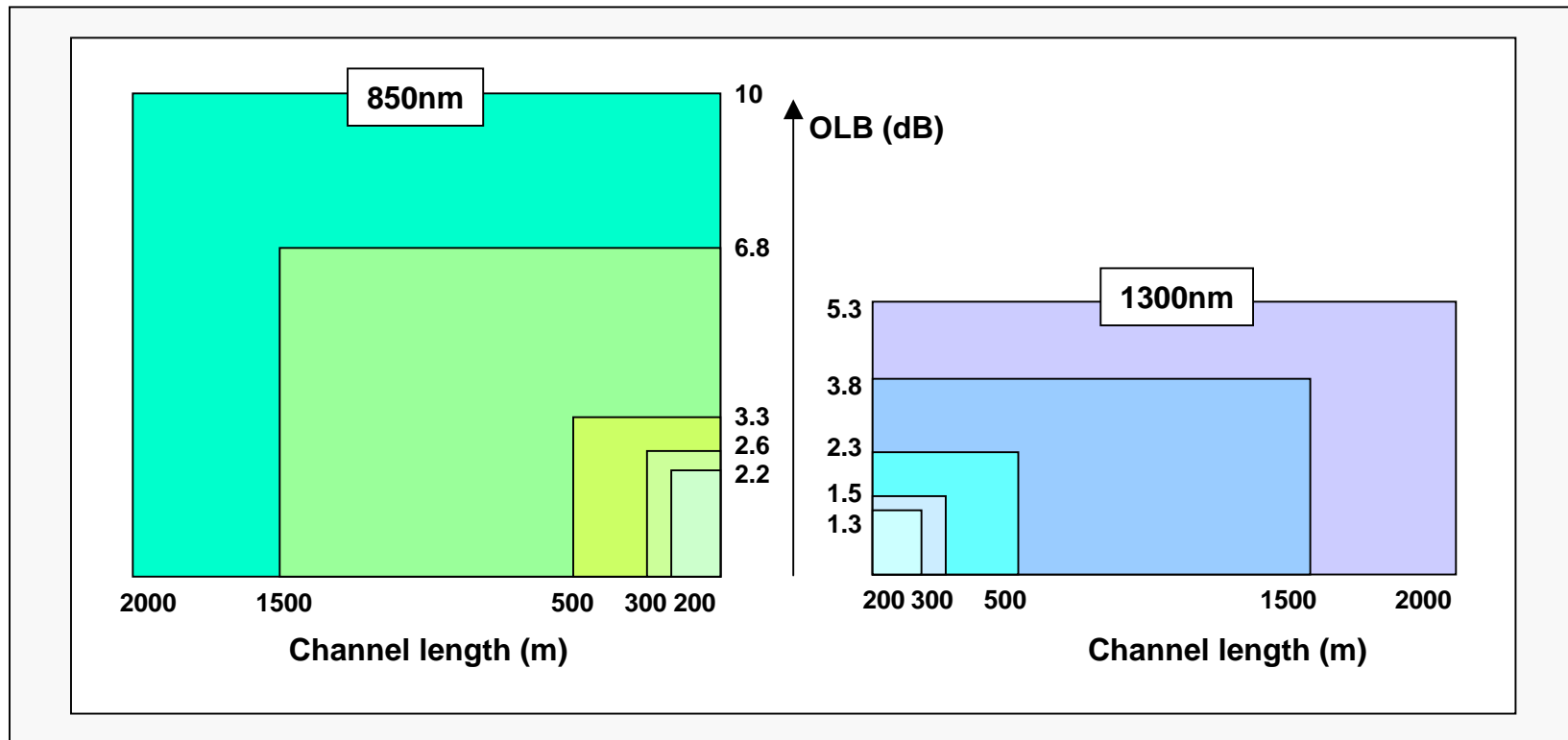


# Channel Equations - B Standards

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|                                     |   | 50/125<br>500/500MHz.km |                       | 62.5/125<br>200/500MHz.km |                       |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
|                                     |   | CAP                     | Channel length<br>(m) | CAP                       | Channel length<br>(m) |
| 850 nm                              | ATM @ 155 Mb/s                            | 2000                    | 2085 - 142x - 85y     | 1000                      | 2085 - 142x - 85y     |
|                                     | CD 14165: FibreChannel @ 266 Mb/s         | 2000                    | 3425 - 142x - 85y     | 700                       | 3425 - 142x - 85y     |
|                                     | CD 14165: FibreChannel @ 531 Mb/s         | 2000                    | 2285 - 142x - 85y     | 350                       | 2285 - 142x - 85y     |
|                                     | ATM @ 622 Mb/s                            | 300                     | 1140 - 142x - 85y     | 300                       | 1140 - 142x - 85y     |
|                                     | IEEE 802.3: 1000BASE-SX: Gigabit Ethernet | 550                     | 1015 - 142x - 85y     | 275                       | 740 - 142x - 85y      |
|                                     | CD 14165: FibreChannel @ 1062 Mb/s        | 500                     | 1140 - 142x - 85y     | 300                       | 1140 - 142x - 85y     |
| 1300 nm                             | CD 14165: FibreChannel @ 133 Mb/s         | -                       | 865 - 333x - 200y     | 1500                      | 4000 - 333x - 200y    |
|                                     | CD 14165: FibreChannel @ 266 Mb/s         | 2000                    | 3665 - 333x - 200y    | 1500                      | 4000 - 333x - 200y    |
|                                     | ATM @ 622 Mb/s                            | 300                     | 1465 - 333x - 200y    | 500                       | 4000 - 333x - 200y    |
|                                     | IEEE 802.3: 1000BASE-LX: Gigabit Ethernet | 550                     | 1565 - 333x - 200y    | 550                       | 1565 - 333x - 200y    |
| x = no. of mated connectors @ 0.5dB |   |                         |                       |                           |                       |
| y = no. of splices @ 0.3dB          |   |                         |                       |                           |                       |

# ISO/CENELEC Classes - Proposal



# Optical Fibre Selection <1Gb/s

|               | Max. OLB (dB) |         | Optical fibre choices                               |               |
|---------------|---------------|---------|---|---------------|
|               | 850 nm        | 1300 nm |   |               |
| < 200 metres  | 2.3           | 1.3     | Either 50/125 <sup>1</sup> or 62.5/125 <sup>2</sup> |               |
| < 500 metres  | 3.3           | 2.3     | 50/125 <sup>1</sup>                                 | SMF > 1Gb/s   |
| < 1500 metres | 6.8           | 6.0     | 50/125  | SMF > 200Mb/s |
|               | 12.0          | 10.0    | 62.5/125 <sup>3</sup>                               |               |
| < 2000 metres | 6.8           | 6.0     | 50/125  |               |
|               | 12.0          | 10.0    | 62.5/125 <sup>3</sup>                               |               |

<sup>1</sup> 50/125: 3.5/1.5dBkm<sup>-1</sup>, 500/500MHz.km

<sup>2</sup> 62.5/125: 3.5/1.5dBkm<sup>-1</sup>, 200/500MHz.km preferred

<sup>3</sup> 62.5/125: 3.5/1.5dBkm<sup>-1</sup>, 200/500MHz.km adequate



# FIA LAN Application Support Guide



## **FIA TSD-2000-1-1: OPTICAL FIBRE CABLING – LAN SUPPORT GUIDE**

- predicted publication June 2000
- replaces design guide elements of BS 7718
  - Annex B

**FIA TSD-2000-2-1:  
OPTICAL FIBRE CABLING – QUALITY ASSURANCE**

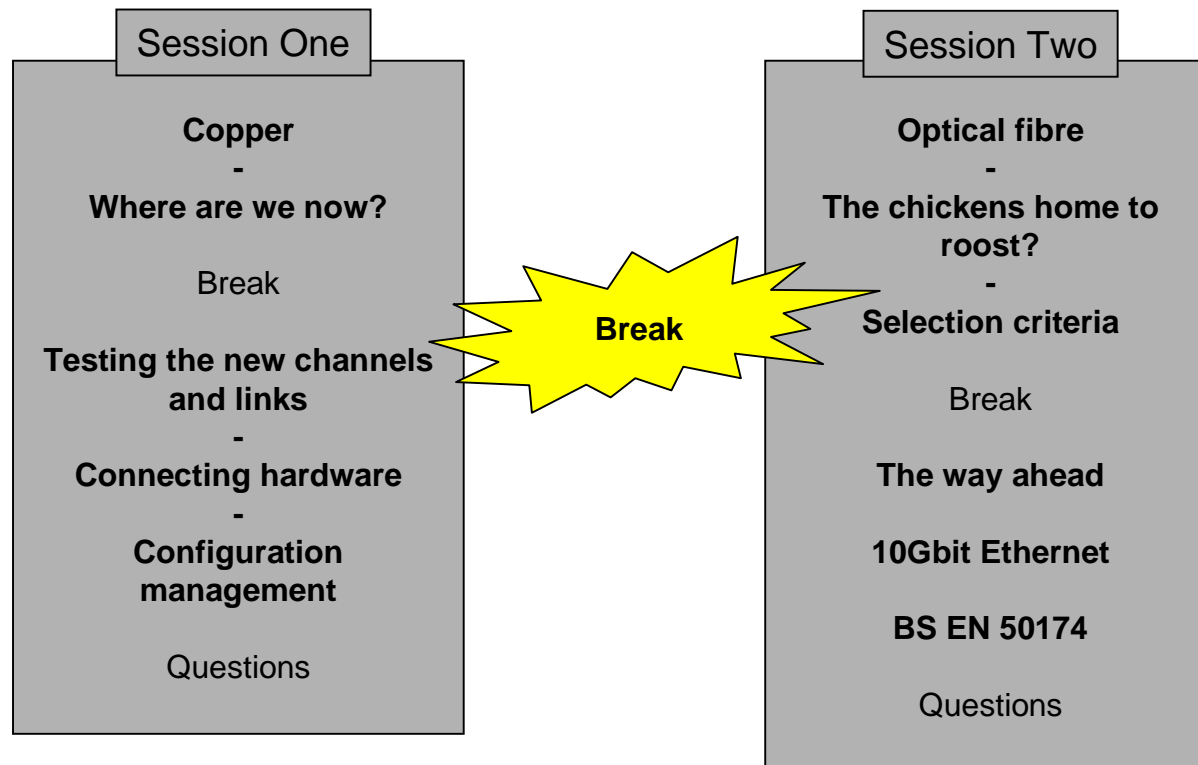
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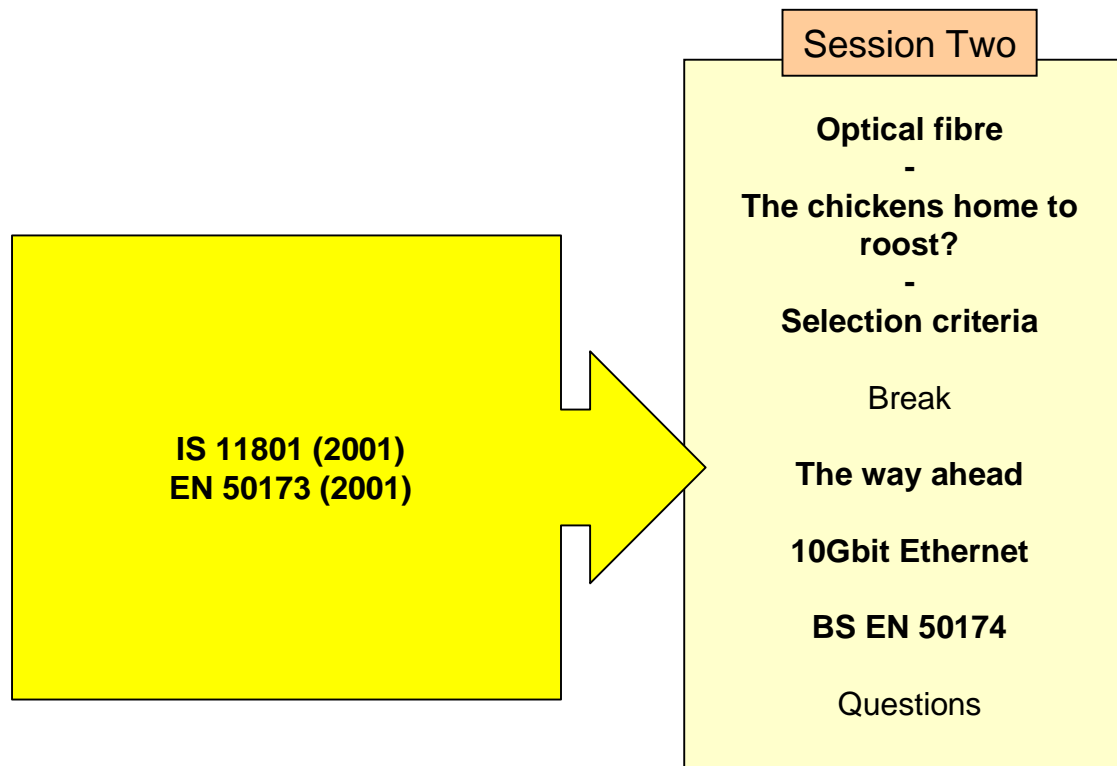
**FIA TSD-2000-3-1:  
CABLE SELECTION GUIDE (available May 2000)**

**FIA TSD-2000-3-2:  
CONNECTING HARDWARE SELECTION GUIDE**

# Agenda



# The Way Ahead





# IS11801 and EN 50173 (2001)

Presentations 2000

## EN 50173 Ed.2 (2001)

- |                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| • Technical Committee Enquiry | July 2000 |
| • 6MP                         | end 2000  |
| • 3MV                         | Q2, 2001  |
| • publication                 | Q4, 2001  |

## IS 11801 Ed.3? (2001)

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|---------------|-----------|
| • CDV         | July 2000 |
| • FDIS        | Q1, 2000  |
| • publication | Q3, 2001  |

# 10GBit Ethernet

## Session Two

**Optical fibre**

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# 10 Gb/s Ethernet: 802.3ae

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## OBJECTIVES

- switched operation only
- star topology
- support link aggregation
- support 10Gb/s Ethernet and 9.584640Gb/s SONET
- 2000 m, 10000 m and 40000 m over SMF
- 100 m over existing MMF
- 300 m over “new” optical fibre @ 850nm

## PROPOSALS

- legacy MMF
  - 850nm VCSELs: ~ 65 m
  - 850nm 4 x parallel optics: 300 m
  - 850nm PAM-5 coding: >100 m
  - 1300nm FP LASERS: > 100 m
  - 1300nm 4 x WWDM: 300 m
- enhanced MMF
  - 850nm VCSELs: 300 m
- legacy SMF
  - 1300nm LASERS: 300 m to 10000 m
  - 1550nm LASERS: 40000 m

# Optical Fibre Developments

## PROPOSALS UNDERWAY

50/125 $\mu\text{m}$ : 3.5/1.5dBkm<sup>-1</sup>, 2200/500MHz.km

Bandwidth measurement  
made using  
LASER launch conditions

# BS EN 50174

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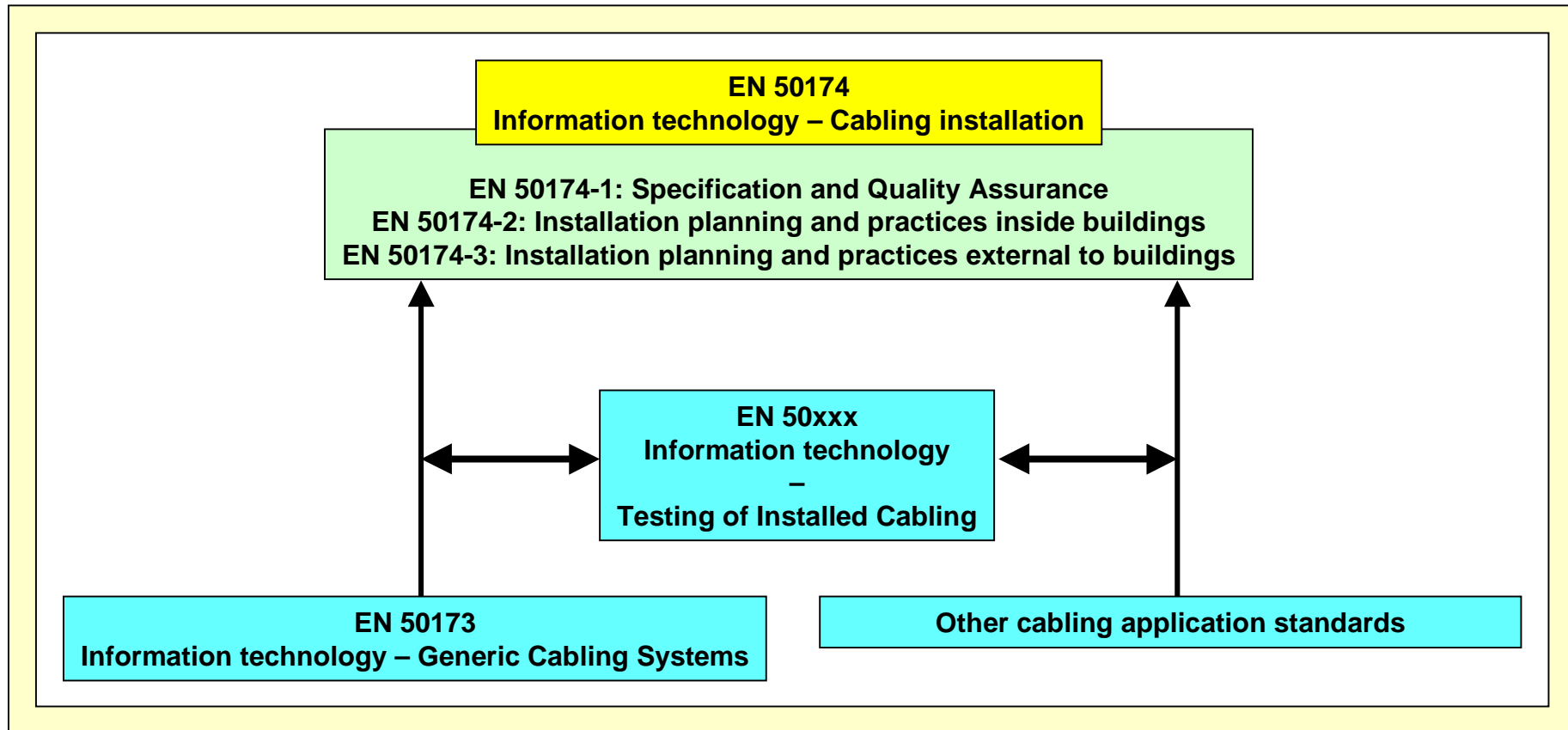
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Questions

**EN 50174 Structure  
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# EN 50174 Structure





# EN 50174 Status

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## EN 50174

### Information technology – Cabling installation

**EN 50174-1: Specification and Quality Assurance**  
**APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION**

**EN 50174-2: Installation planning and practices inside buildings**  
**3MV COMPLETED APRIL 2000**  
**PUBLICATION IN 2000**

**EN 50174-3: Installation planning and practices external to buildings**  
**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ENQUIRY Q3, 2000**  
**PUBLICATION IN 2001**



# EN 50174-1 Contents

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- “intended to be referenced in contracts between cabling installers and their customers.”
- **principal contents**
  - **clause 4: Specification considerations**
    - Cabling infrastructure
    - Building environment (environmental aspects)
    - Cabling component choice
    - Termination points
    - Closures
    - Frames and cabinets
    - Pathways
    - Resilience
    - Wide area connections
  - **clause 5: Quality assurance**
  - **clause 6: Documentation**
  - **clause 7: Cabling administration**
  - **clause 8: Repair and maintenance**



# EN 50174-2 Contents

- **detailed requirements and guidance .. installation planning and practices inside buildings**
- **intended to be used by the personnel directly involved in .. planning and installation.**
  
- **principal contents**
  - **clause 4: Safety requirements**
  - **clause 5: General installation practices for metallic and optical fibre cabling**
  - **clause 6: Additional installation practice for metallic cabling**
  - **clause 7: Additional installation practices for optical fibre cabling**



# BS 7718 and BS 6701

**BS 7718: CoP “Installation of fibre optic cabling”**

**BS 6701: CoP “Installation of apparatus intended for connection to certain telecommunications systems”**

- much of EN50174-1 and EN50174-2 is based on BS 7718 and BS 6701
- following publication of EN 50174
  - option to withdraw BS 7718
    - BS 7718 has a wider scope
    - requirement exists for modified BS 7718 to cover other applications
      - FIA Support Guides?
  - option to withdraw BS 6701
    - BS 6701 has a wider scope
    - requirement exists for modified BS 6701 to cover other issues
      - remove cabling from BS 6701
      - concentrate on equipment and facilities?



# The End

- full colour copy of presentation
- [www.it-cabling.com/gendocs/late.pdf](http://www.it-cabling.com/gendocs/late.pdf)