



# NBASE-T Structured Cabling Field Certification

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# Agenda



●	NBASE-T Overview	Peter
●	Who is Fluke Networks?	Jim
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●	Wrap-up & Discussion	Jim/Peter

# NBASE-T Alliance

- NBASE-T Alliance ([www.nbaset.org/](http://www.nbaset.org/))
  - Vendor alliance for 2.5G/5G BASE-T
- Who are we?
  - Member companies representing all areas of network infrastructure including components, silicon, systems, cabling, testing equipment
- What are we doing?
  - Educate the market about multiple NBASE-T applications, enable widespread deployment, facilitate interoperability and build the market



## Promoters



## Contributors



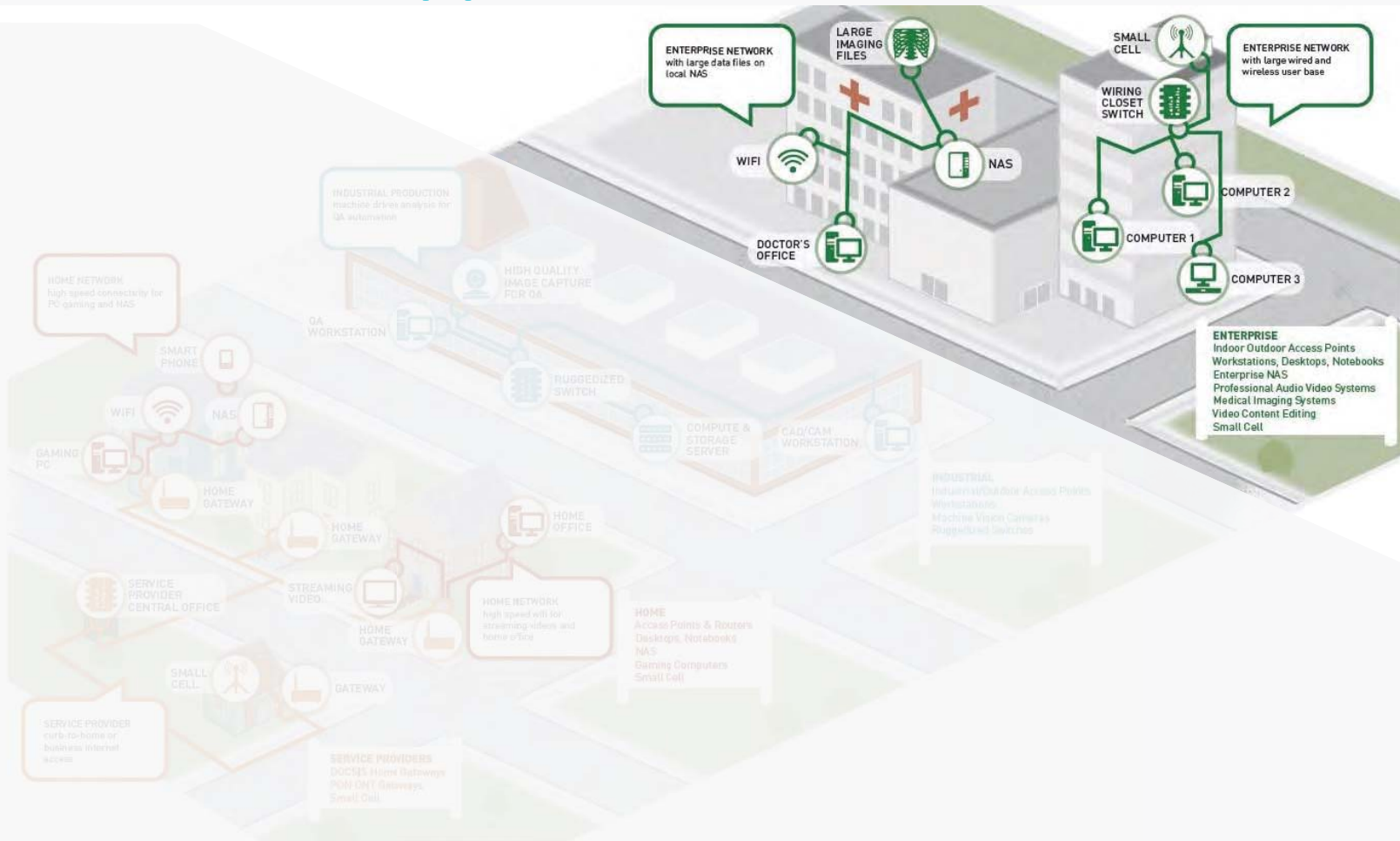
## Adopters



## Liaisons



# NBASE-T Application Areas



## Enterprise:

Switch  
Wireless AP  
Desktop  
Storage  
Small Cell

## Industrial:

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Wireless AP  
Workstation  
Storage  
Compute  
Machine Vision

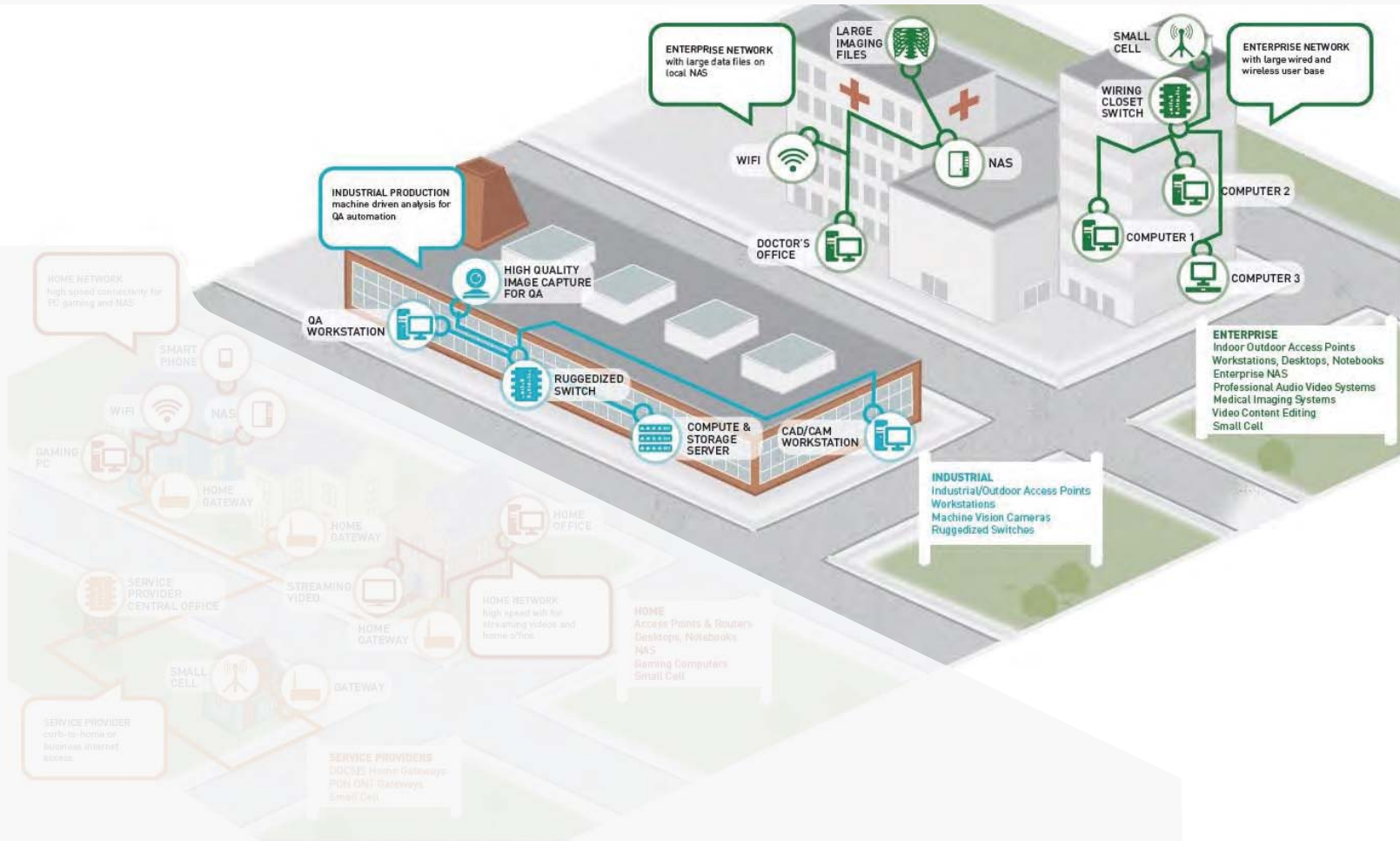
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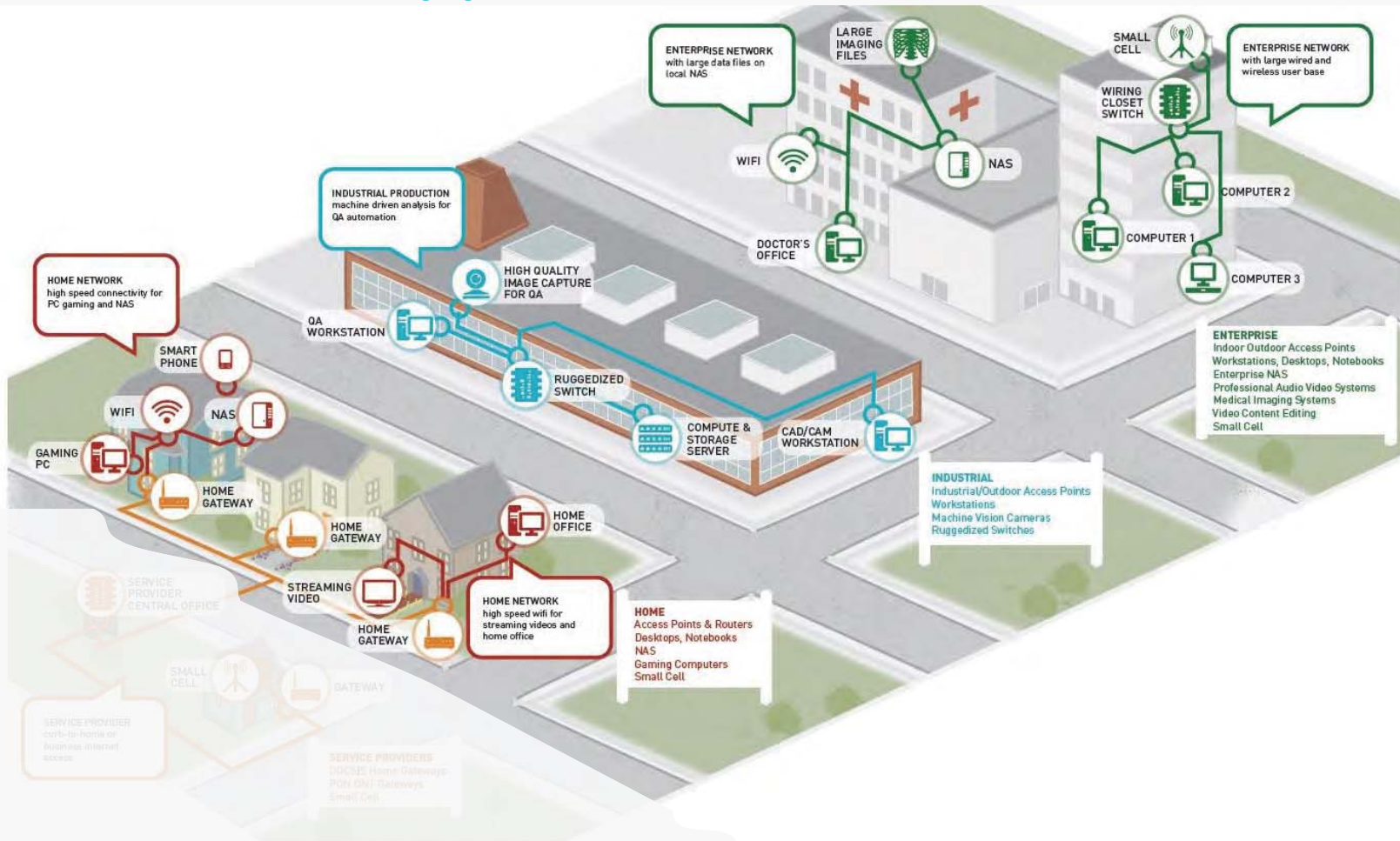
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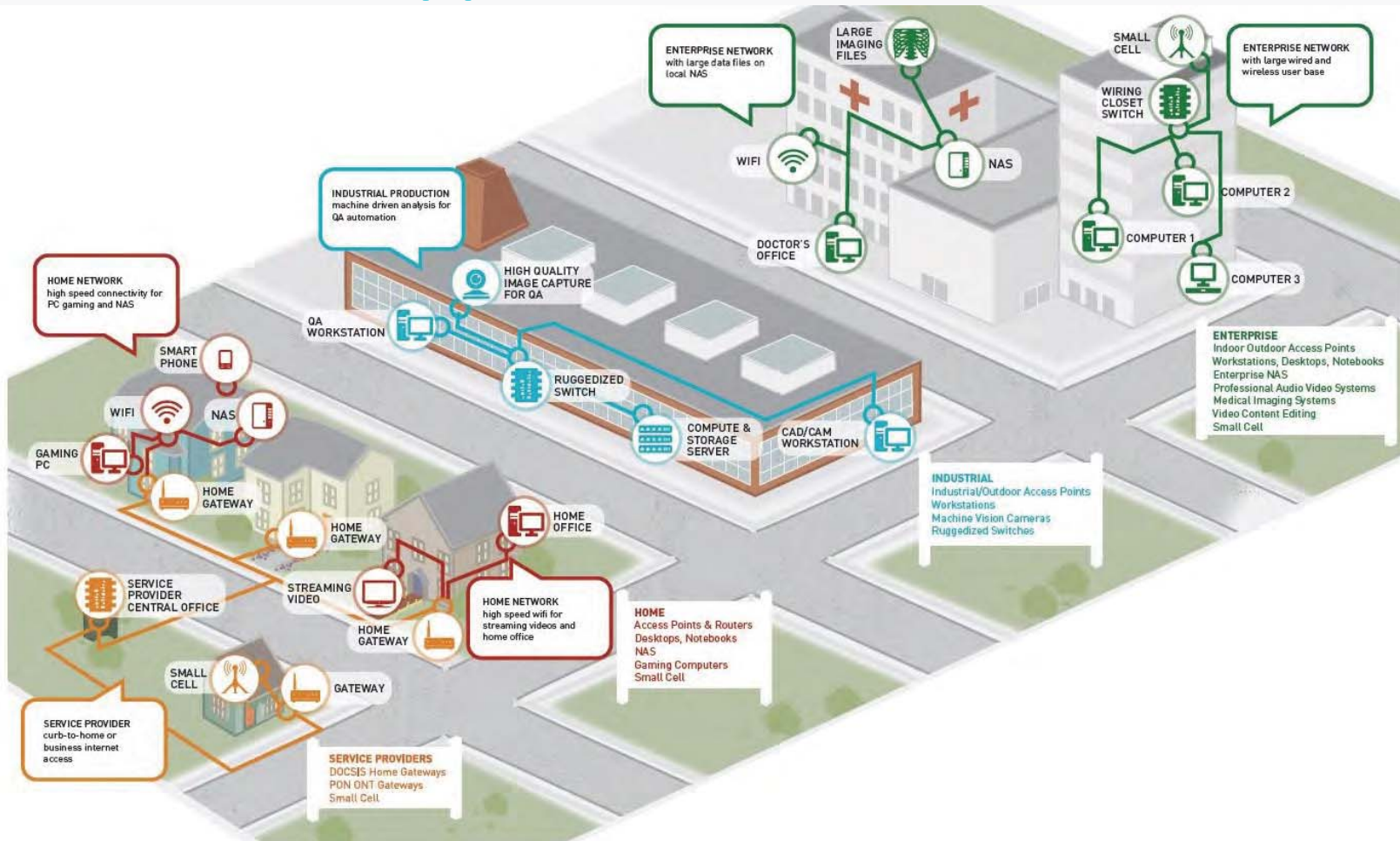
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# Companies with NBASE-T Product



## NBASE-T Alliance Member Companies

### Component

Aquantia  
Aruba HPE  
Bel Magnetic Solutions  
Cisco  
GLGNet  
Intel  
KinnexA  
Marvell  
NXP

### System Level Product

Aquantia  
Aruba HPE  
Cisco  
Microsemi  
Netgear  
Pleora Technologies  
Tehuti Networks  
Teledyne e2v

### Test Equipment

Aukua Systems  
Spirent  
Tektronix  
Xena Networks

## Non-Member Companies

### Component

Akitio  
Dell  
Gigabyte  
Promise Technology  
QNAP  
Sonnet

### System Level Product

Accton  
Apple  
ASRock  
ASUS  
Brocade  
Buffalo  
Dell  
Dell EMC  
Lenovo  
MSI  
Promise Technology  
Sonicwall  
Startec  
Supermicro

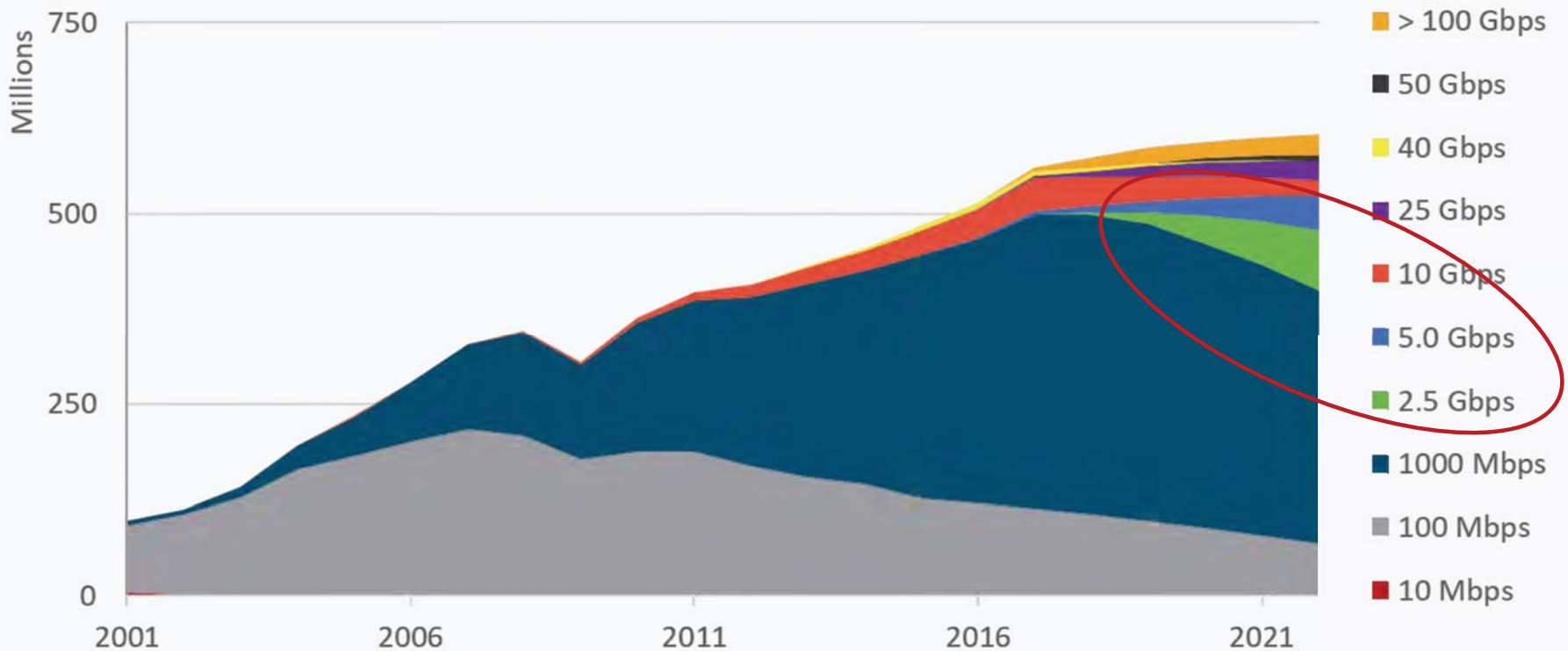
<https://www.nbase.org/technology/nbase-products/>

# Momentum



## Ethernet Switch Ports

Dell'Oro Group Ethernet Switch 5-year Forecast Jan 2018





# Value of NBASE-T Technology

Leverages more than 1.3+ billion Cat5e/Cat6 outlets and more than 70 billion meters of Cat5e/Cat6 cables that make up greater than 90% of the current installed base

Enables network evolution by providing up to 10x faster speed without pulling cables or requiring building construction

Supports high-speed links to next generation WiFi access points and high-data rate client PC and workstation systems



# An Introduction to Fluke Networks

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# Who We Are – Fluke Networks



*Started 70 years ago as John Fluke Manufacturing*

*Fluke Networks is the worldwide leader in **certification, troubleshooting, and installation** tools for professionals who install and maintain critical network cabling infrastructure.*

*We help **network professionals** ensure the **performance and reliability** of our **connected world**.*



**Datacom  
Contractors**



**Datacenter /  
Network Managers**



**Communications  
Service Technicians**



# Fluke Networks Solutions



## Certification

- Versiv: DSX2-8000, OptiFiber Pro, CertiFiber Pro, FI-7000
- LinkWare Live / PC 
- MultiFiber Pro



## Copper Qualification / Verification

- MicroScanner
- CableIQ



## Fiber Qualification / Verification

- SimpliFiber
- Inspection and Cleaning



## Tools

- Buttsets
- Hand Tools





# Testing Cabling for NBASE-T

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# What is Cable Certification?

- Field Test - “to attest as being true or as meeting a standard”
  - ANSI/TIA-568.2-D is for cabling and components
  - ANSI/TIA-1152-A is for Field Testers
  - IEEE 802.3bz/NBASE-T is the standard for the application
- All of these provide expectations for the performance of the cabling
  - Sort of like defining the ‘shape’ of the road, the height of the overpasses
- In Field Testing, we check Signal (actually Insertion Loss) and Noise on the cabling
  - We measure the ‘height’ of the overpasses for your cabling
  - An insurance policy, if you will, to *make sure your installed cabling works*



# A Test Result!



The Logo of the Company  
that did the testing



## Cable ID: of the port that was tested

Date / Time:

Headroom 11.9 dB (RL 45)

Test Limit: TIA Cat 6 Perm. Link

Cable Type: affects the NVP

NVP: 69.0%

Operator: of the test equipment

Software Version: V5.0 Build 3

Limits Version: V5.0

Calibration Date:

Main (Module): 03/11/2016

Remote (Module): 03/11/2016

## Test Summary: PASS

Model: DSX-5000

Main S/N:

Remote S/N:

Main Adapter: DSX-PLA004

Remote Adapter: DSX-PLA004

Length (m), Limit 90.0	[Pair 45]	31.0
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Delay Skew (ns), Limit 44	[Pair 36]	11
Resistance (ohms)	[Pair 12]	5.08

Insertion Loss Margin (dB)	[Pair 12]	21.3
Frequency (MHz)	[Pair 12]	250.0
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Worst Case Margin Worst Case Value

PASS MAIN SR MAIN SR

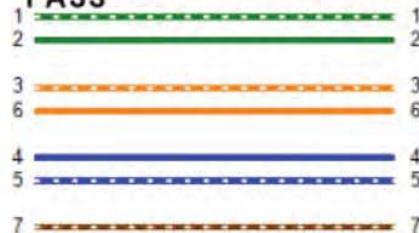


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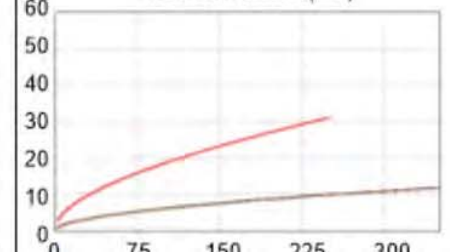


Wire Map (T568A)

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Insertion Loss (dB)



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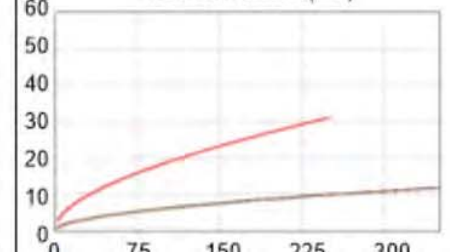


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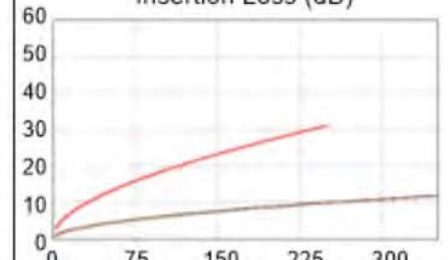


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# A Test Result! What Test Limit was Passed?

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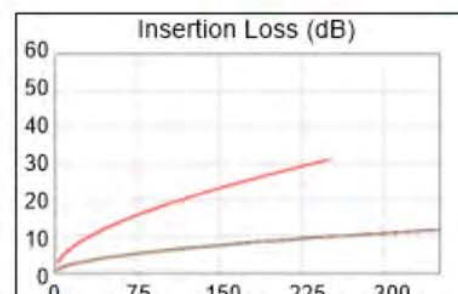


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Wire Map (T568A)

PASS



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# A Test Result! What Test Limit was Passed?

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## Category 6 – Permanent Link



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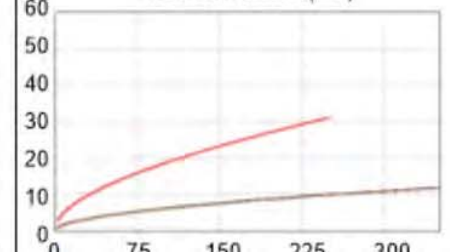


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Insertion Loss (dB)



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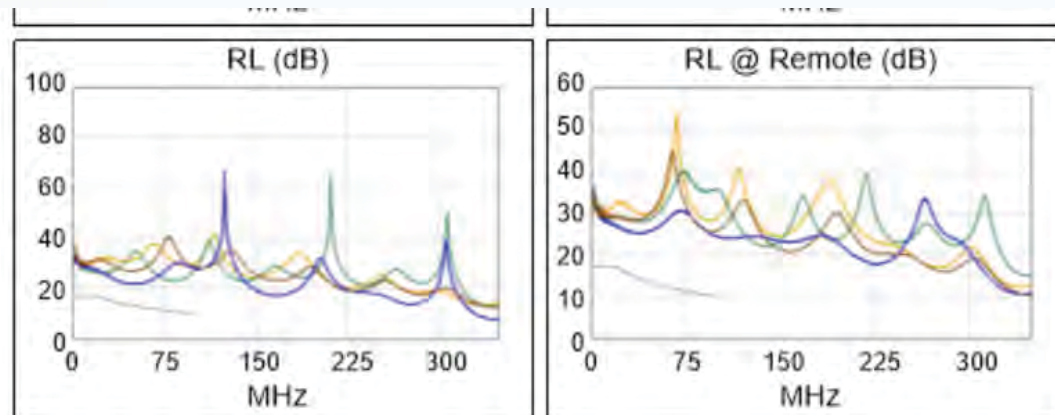
# Will it support NBASE-T? Yes!



N/A	MAIN	SR	MAIN	SR
Worst Pair	45	45	45	45
<b>RL (dB)</b>	8.4	9.8	9.0	14.4
Freq. (MHz)	44.3	21.1	52.5	100.0
Limit (dB)	13.6	16.8	12.8	10.0

Compliant Network Standards:

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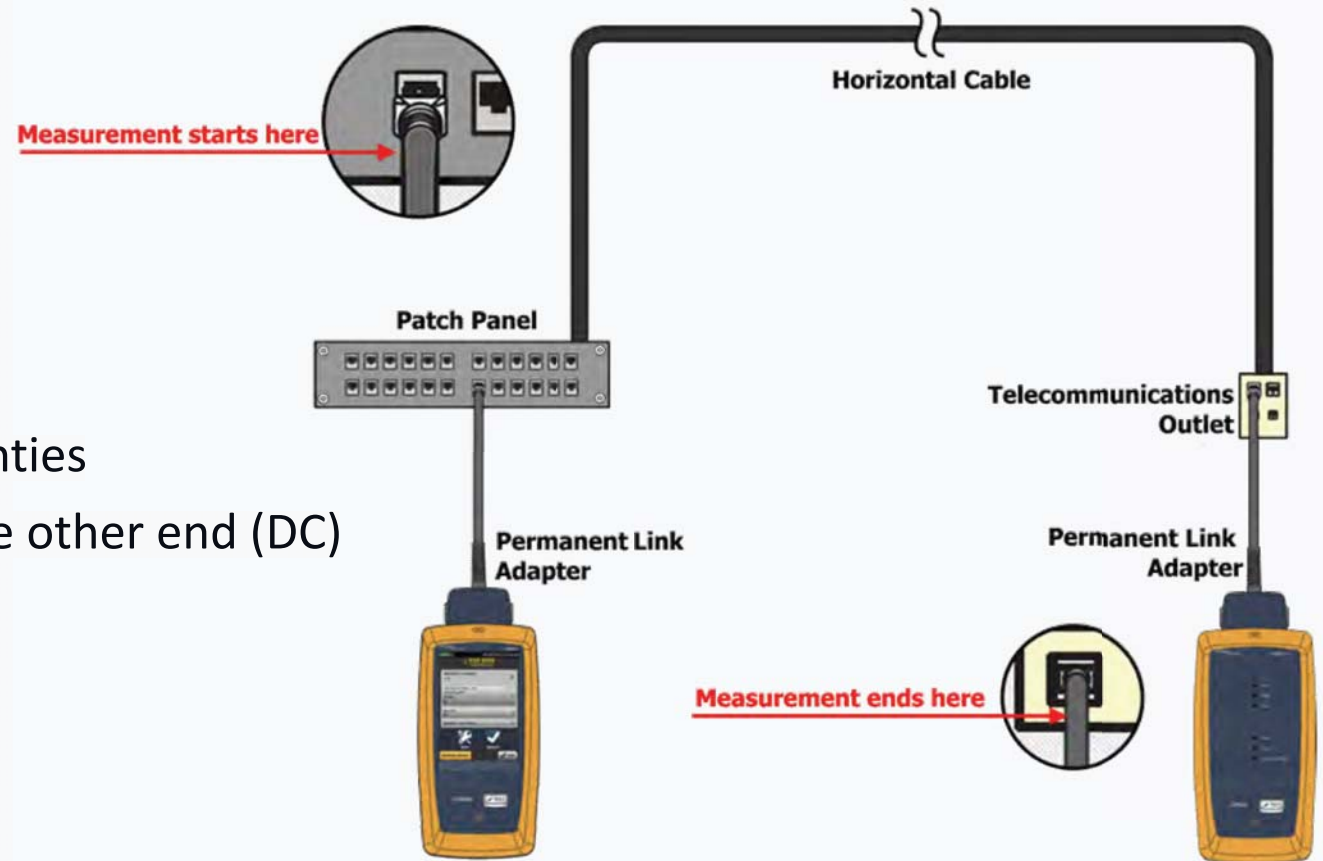
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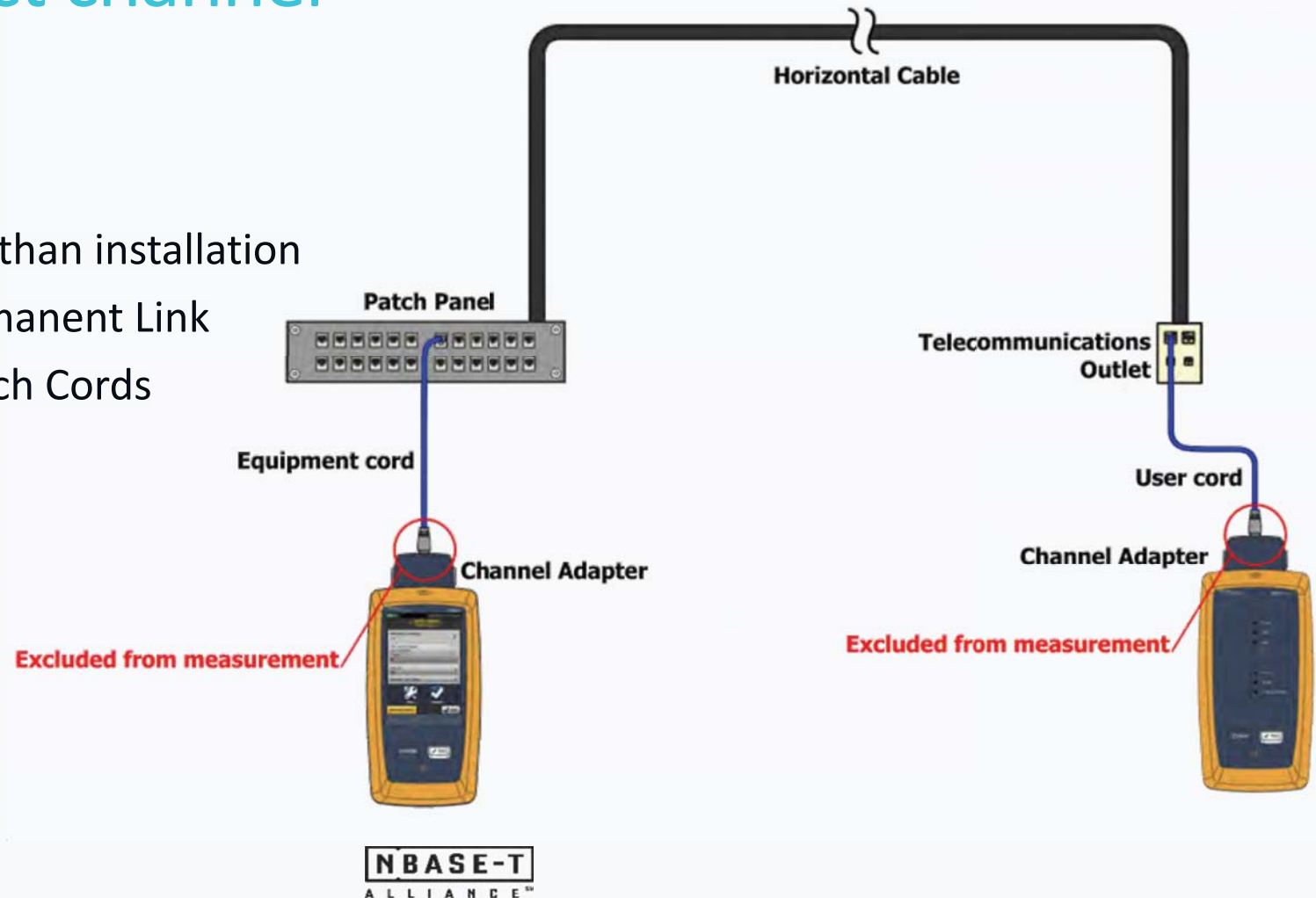
# Permanent link

Typically used by installers  
Required for cabling warranties  
May be a patch panel at the other end (DC)  
Max. 90 m (295 ft.)

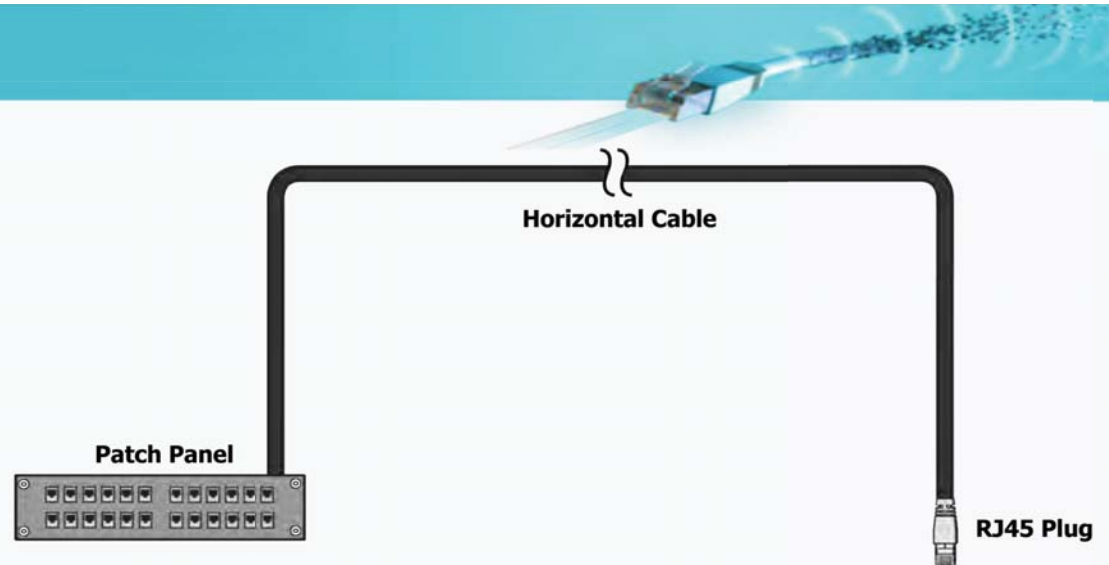


# Inter-connect channel

Troubleshooting rather than installation  
Easier to Pass than Permanent Link  
Tested with specific Patch Cords  
Max. 100 m (328 ft.)



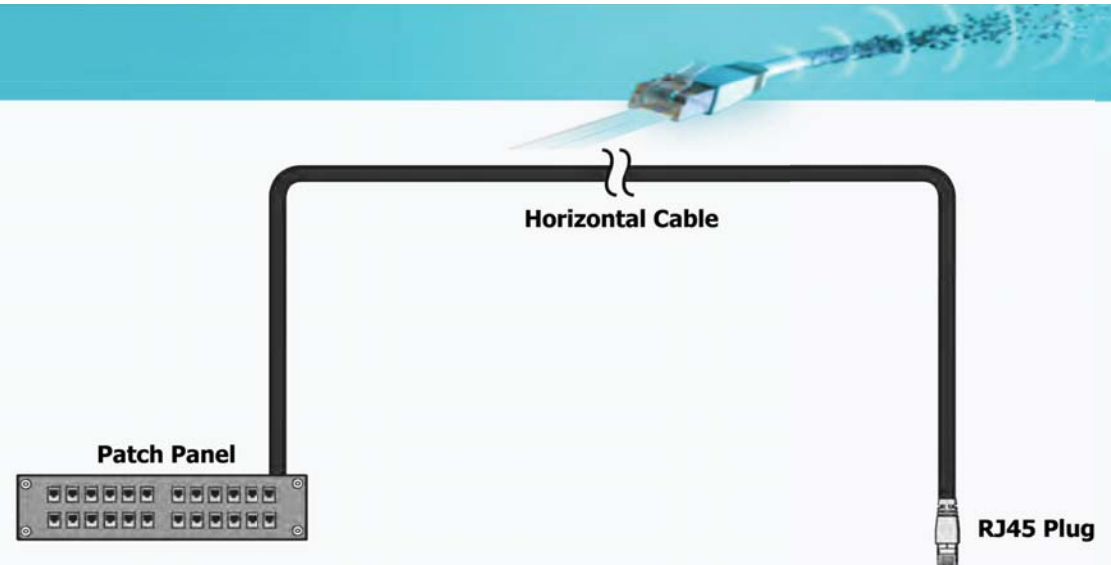
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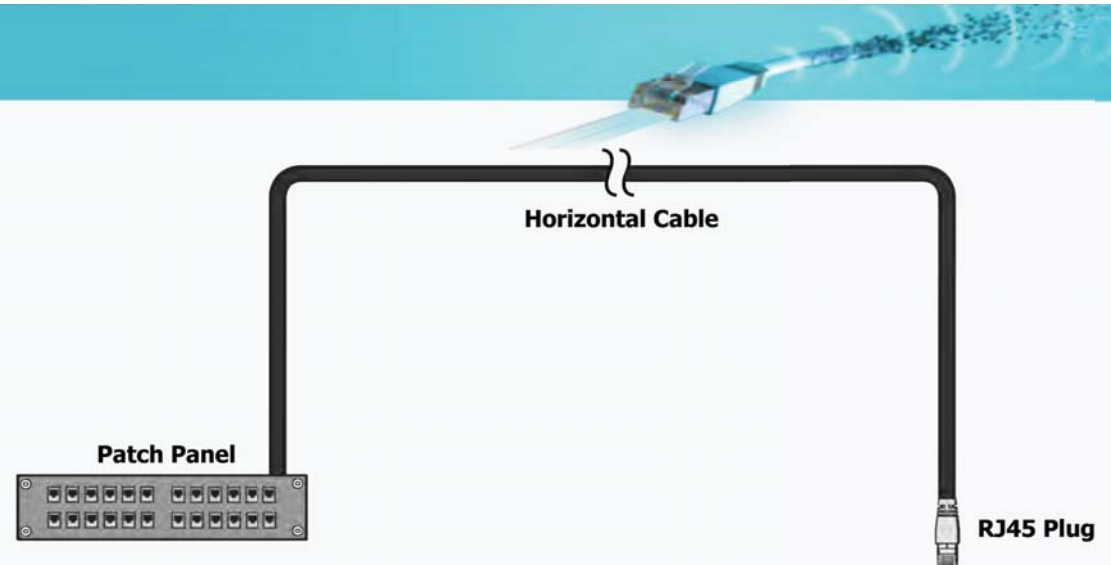


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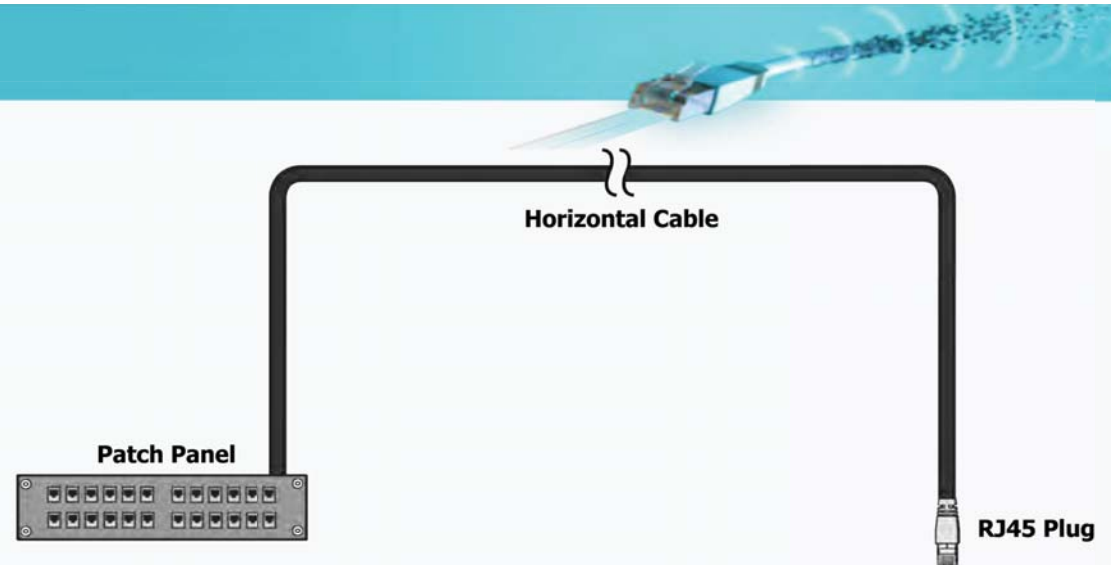
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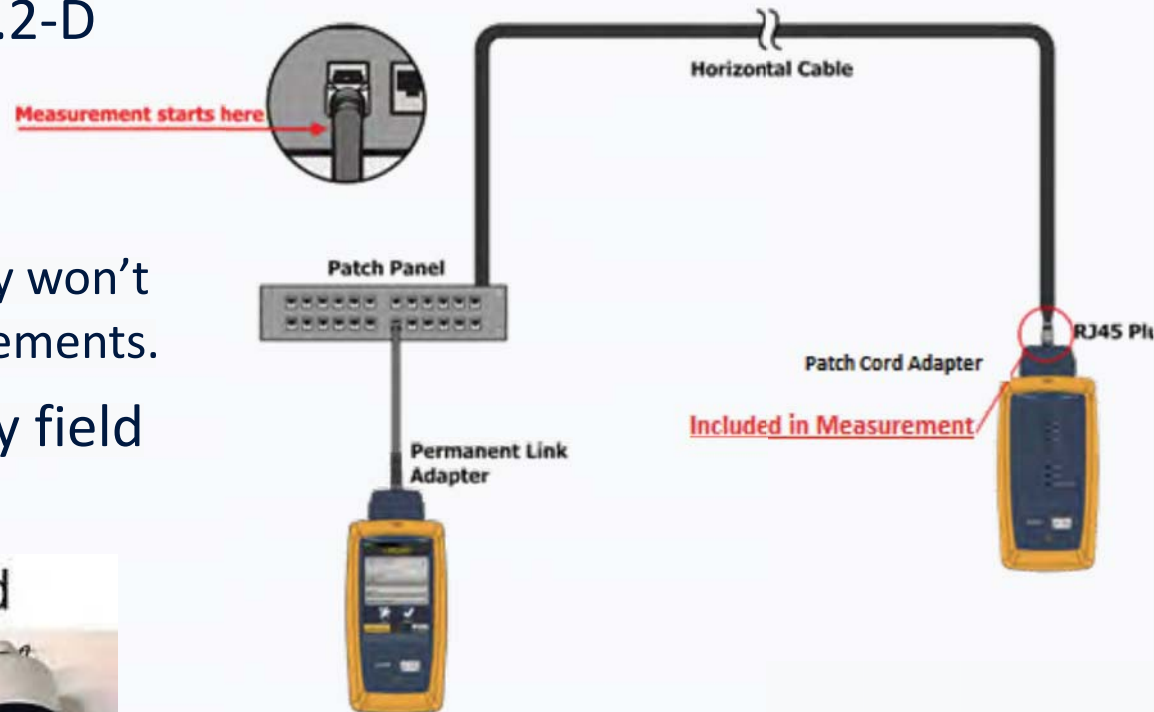


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# Modular Plug Terminated Link

- Just introduced in ANSI/TIA-568.2-D
- Limited to 90 meters
- Uses field terminate-able RJ-45
  - A standard “ice cube” plug probably won’t meet Cat 6/6A performance requirements.
- Use patch cord adapter to certify field installed plug performance



*Check with the company issuing the warranty*



# What About My Old Cabling?

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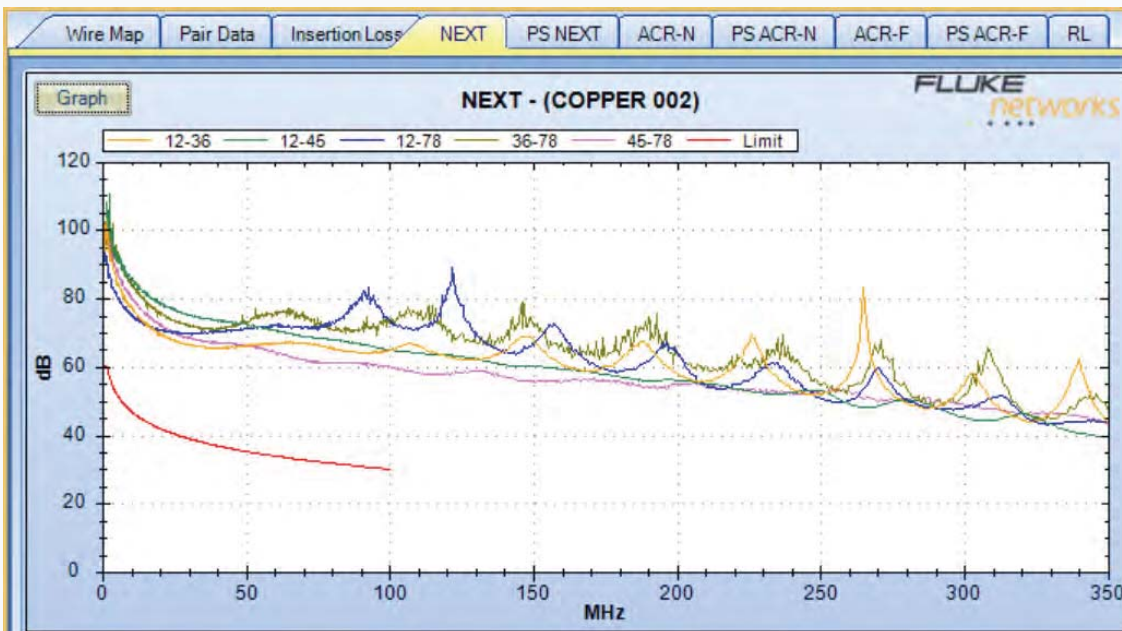


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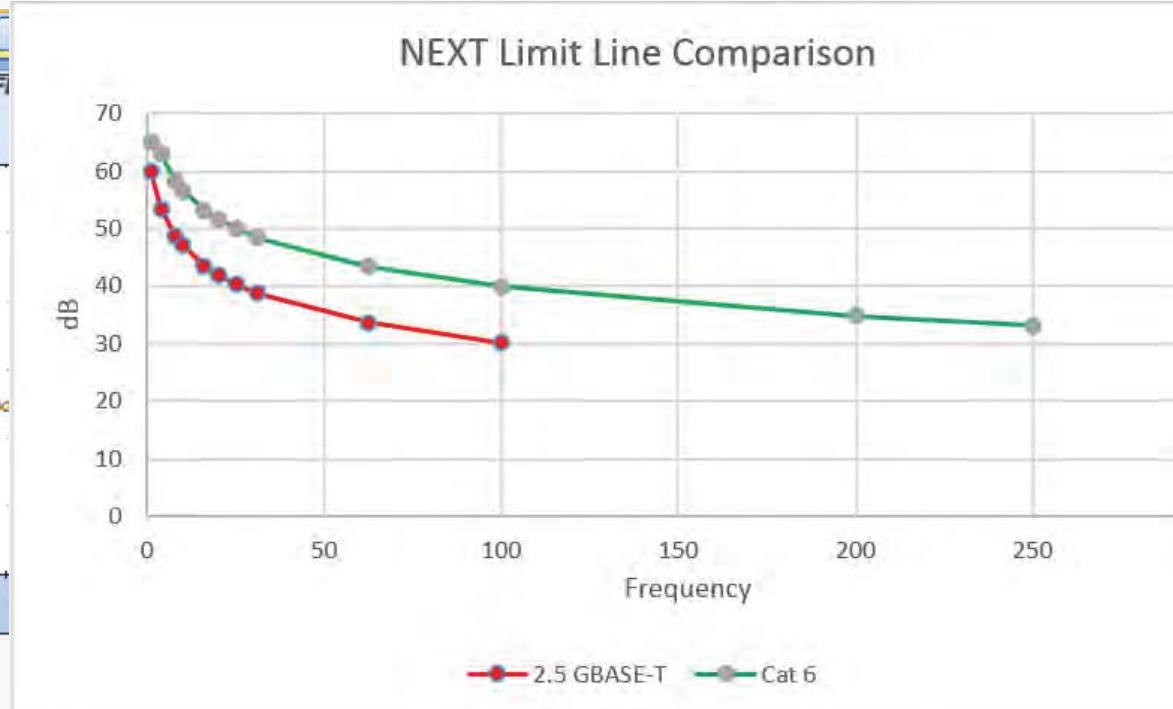
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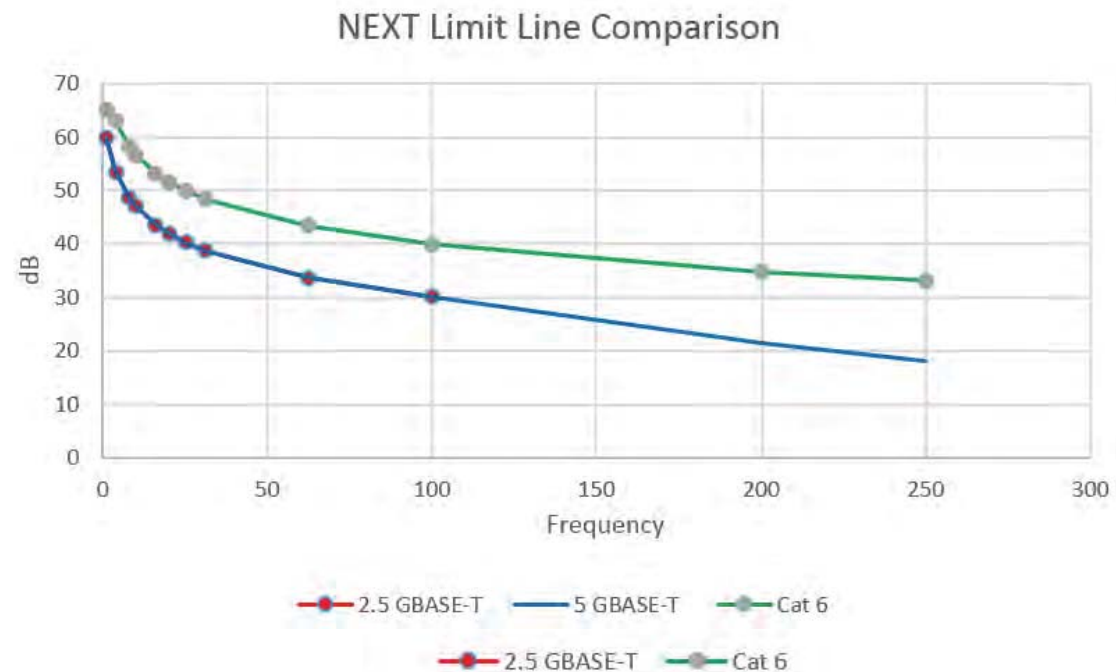


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## Category 5e Cabling is expected to support NBASE-T

- NBASE-T limits are the same as Category 5e for NEXT and Return Loss
  - However – 5G Gigabit limits are based on Category 5e limits extrapolated out to 250 MHz
- Will your existing cabling will support 2.5G/5G
  - Compare your test results to limits out to 250 MHz
- How was your cabling certified? To What Standard?
  - Not certified?
  - Continuity?
  - Application Test?
  - Did you store your test data?

	2.5G BASE-T	5G BASE-T
Installed Cat 5e	✓	Extended frequencies required
Installed Cat 6	✓	✓
Installed Cat 6A	✓	✓




# LinkWare PC Recertification



HuK Networks LinkWare™ PC - [Sample.flw]

Help | Jim | Jim

Print Preview

	Cable ID	Date / Time:	Status	Length(m)	Headroom	Info	Test Limit
8	COPPER 002	04/30/2013 08:35:57 AM	PASS	1.7	7.0 (NEXT)		TIA Cat 5e Channel


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# LinkWare PC Recertification



Fluke Networks LinkWare™ PC - [S

File Edit Options Records Utilities Help

DSX CableAnalyzer  
DTX CableAnalyzer  
DSP-4x00/LT  
OMNIScanner  
OptiFiber Pro  
OptiFiber  
CertiFiber Pro  
SimpliFiber Pro  
MultiFiber Pro  
Re-Certify

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COPPER 006	04/30/2013 08:43:56 AM	PASS
COPPER 007	04/30/2013 08:44:27 AM	PASS
COPPER 022	04/30/2013 09:28:28 AM	PASS
COPPER 023	04/30/2013 09:29:32 AM	PASS
COPPER 001	05/10/2013 08:47:34 AM	PASS
COAX 001	10/31/2014 02:18:12 PM	PASS
COAX 002	10/31/2014 02:28:55 PM	FAIL
Accetable-01	05/08/2017 02:22:30 PM	Acceptable
RES EXAMPLE	08/04/2017 01:28:49 PM	PASS
90 METER CAT 8	10/23/2017 10:41:27 AM	FAIL

# LinkWare PC Recertification



## Re-Certification



RE-CERTIFICATION



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Select the desired test limit to re-evaluate the cable tests against.

5GBASE-T

☐ Change NVP

NVP: 69.0

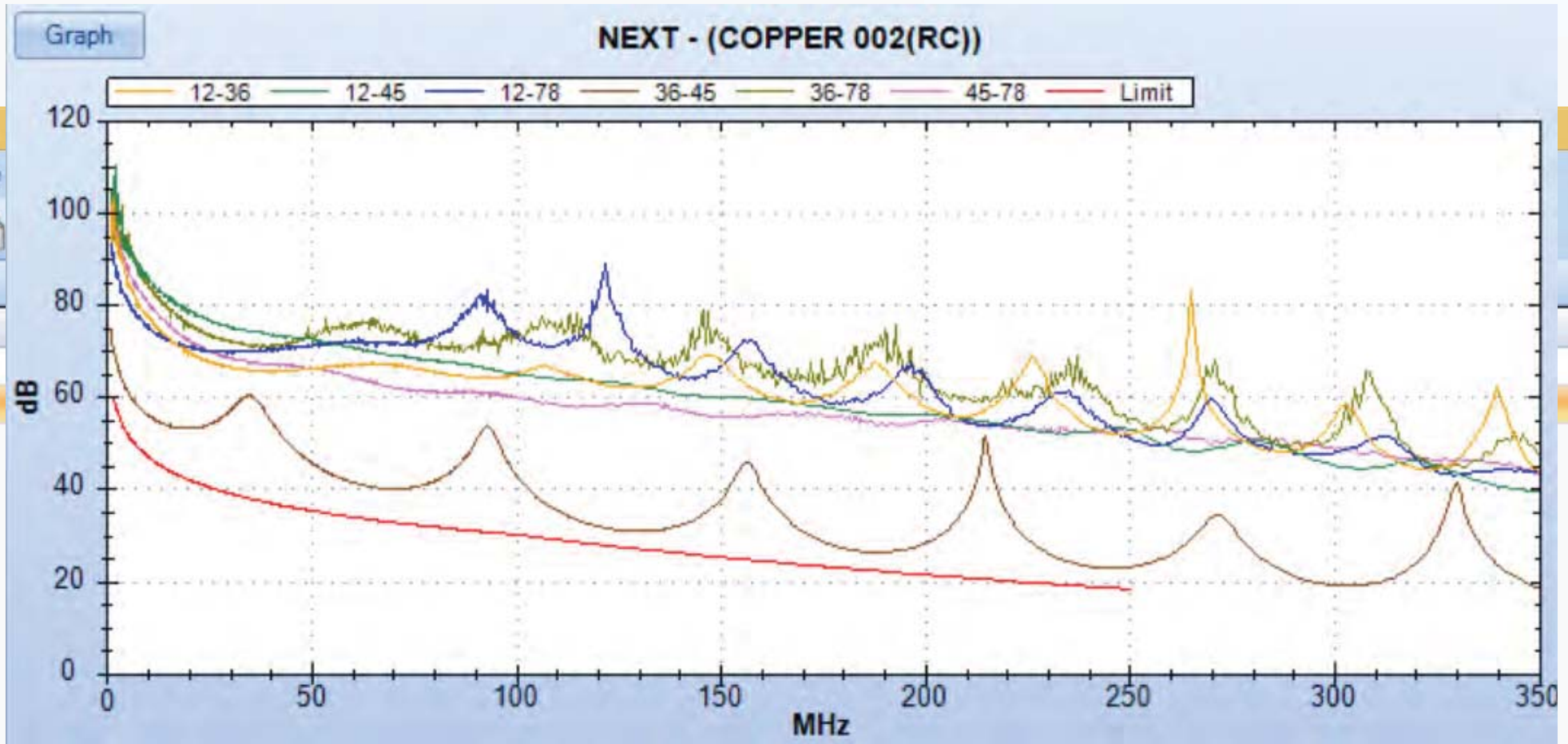






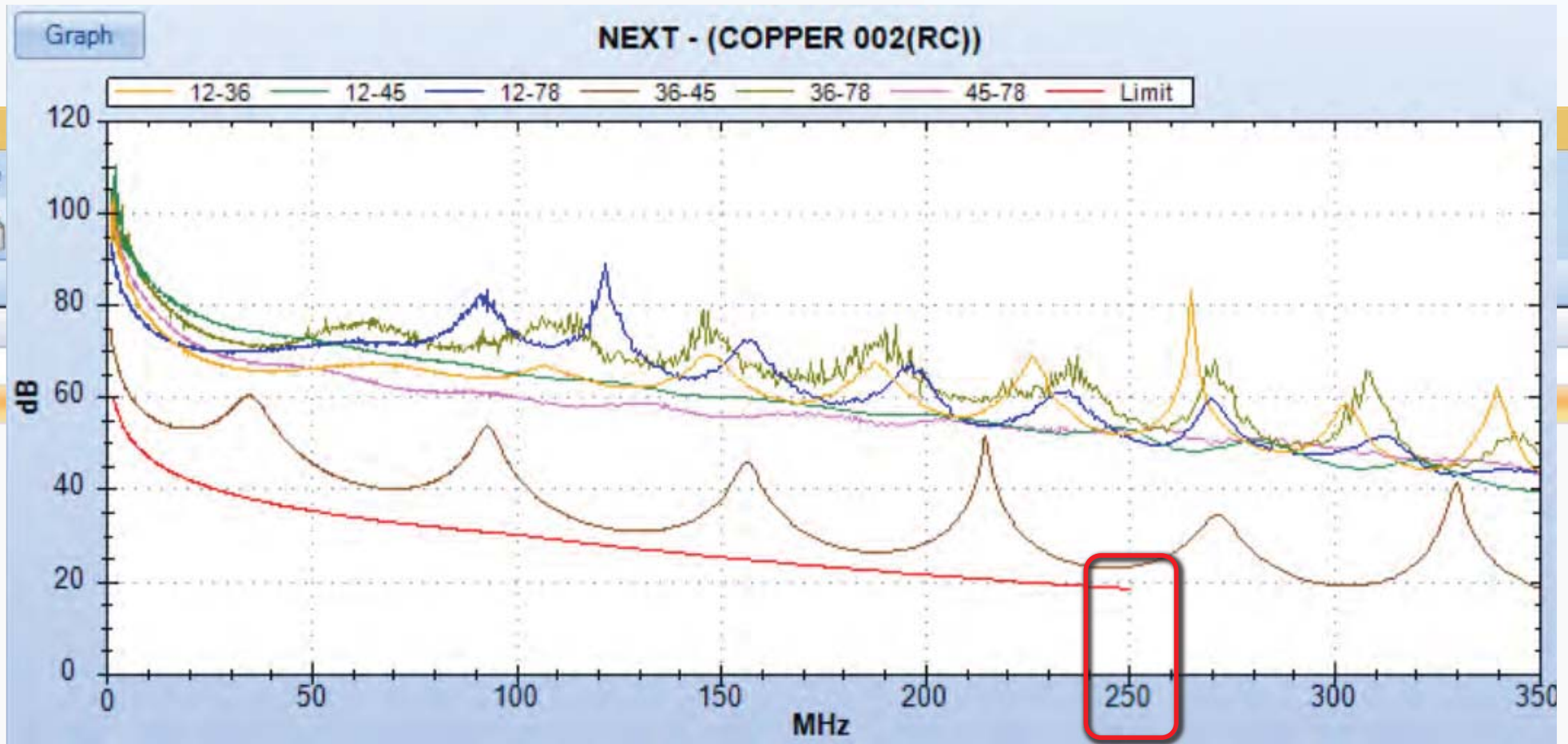


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# What About ALSNR?

Alien Limited Signal to Noise Ratio ALSNR

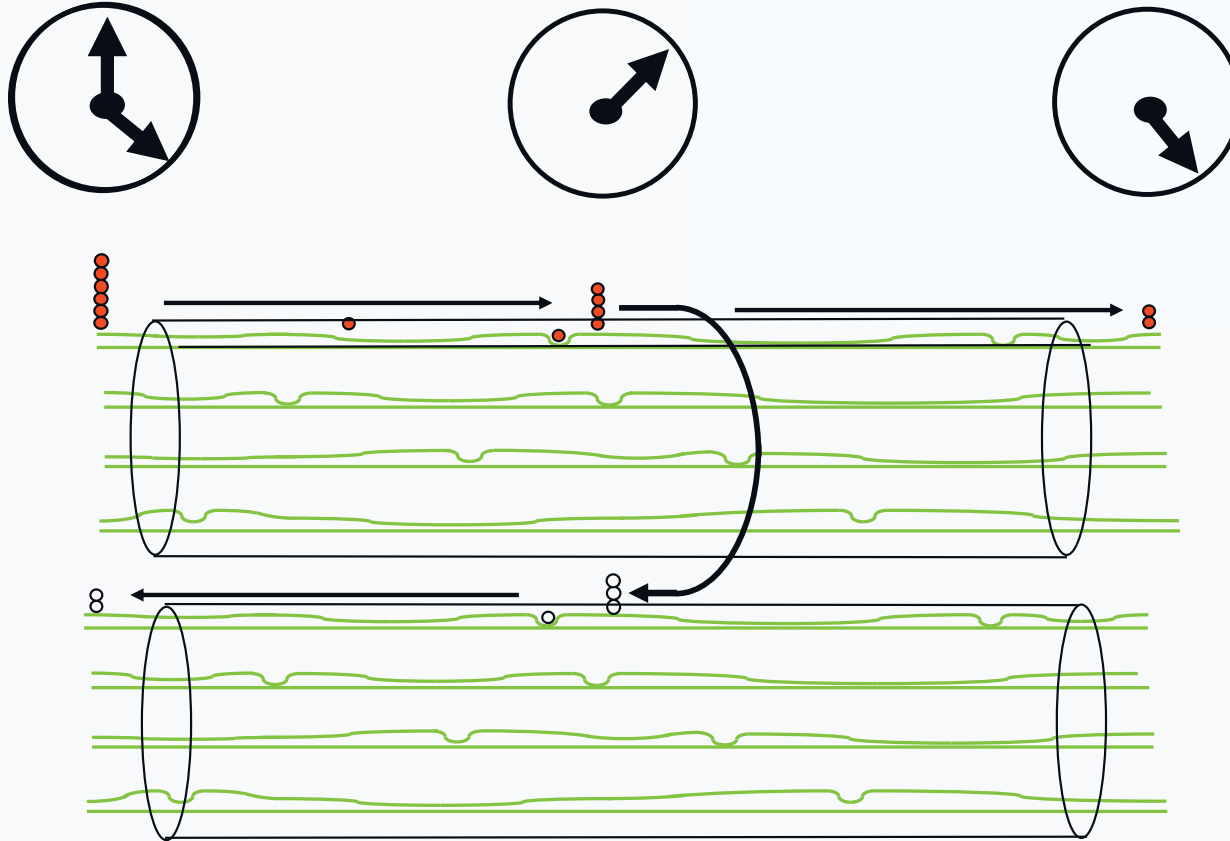
***(Exogenous Crosstalk)***

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## Alien Crosstalk/ALSNR in NBASE-T

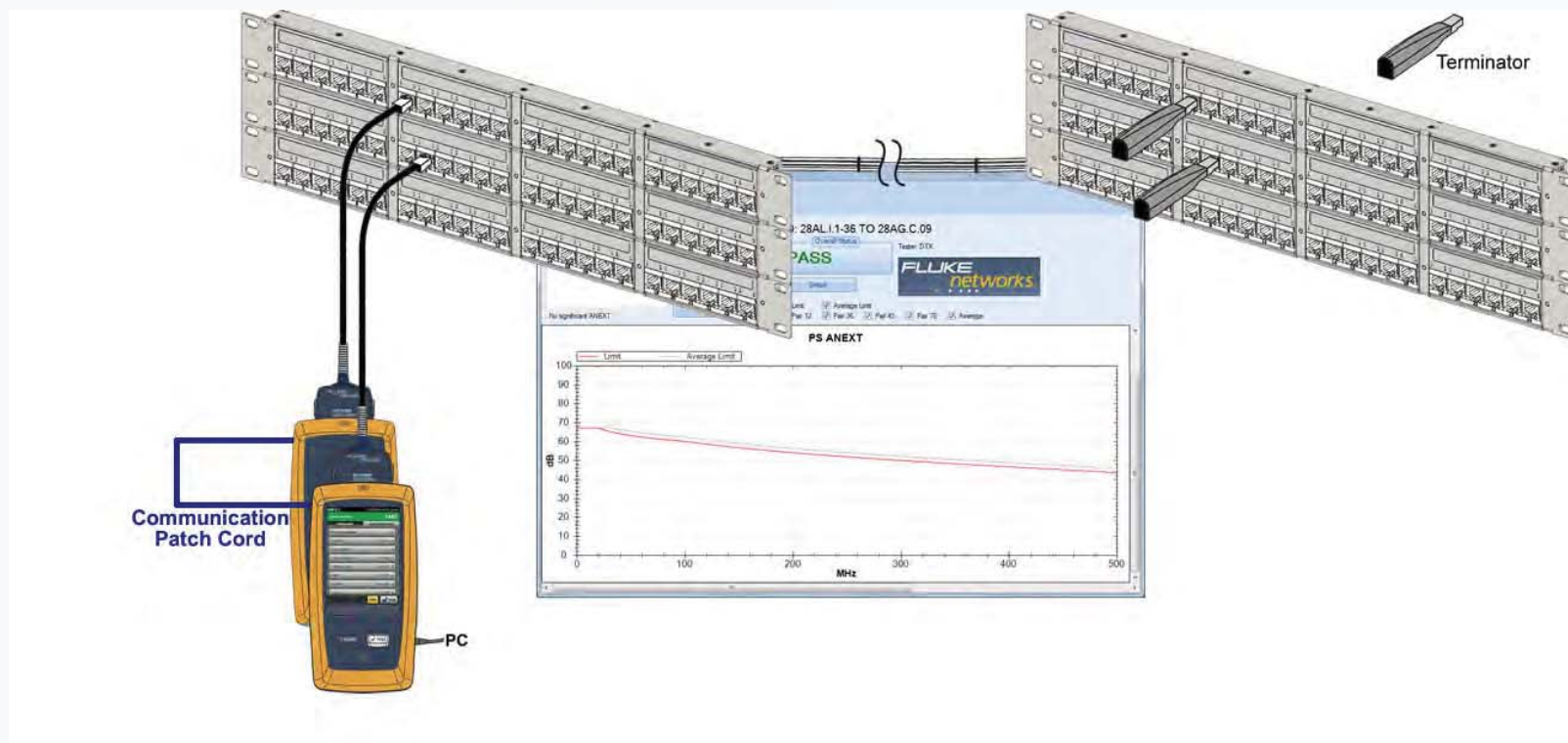
Alien crosstalk occurs between cables





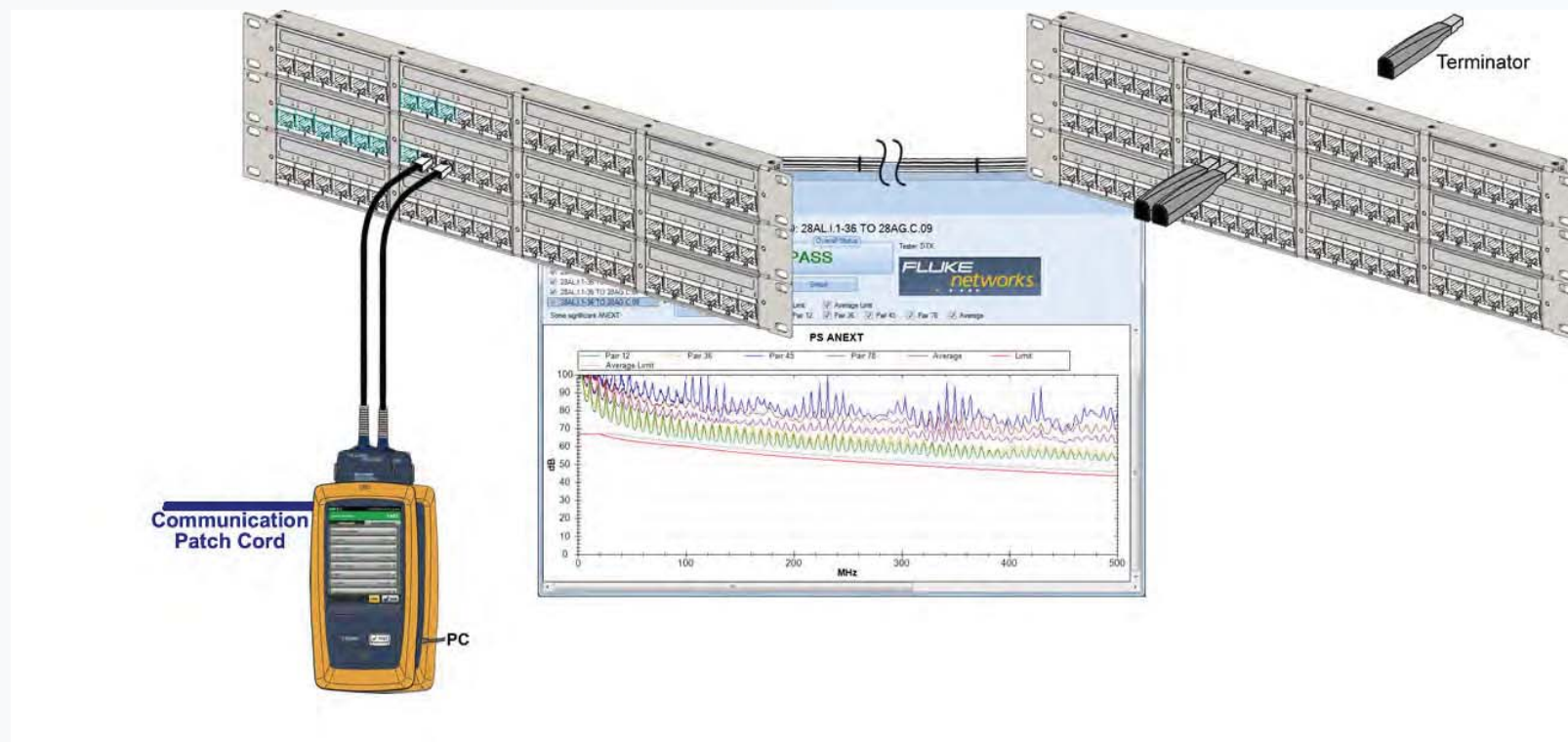
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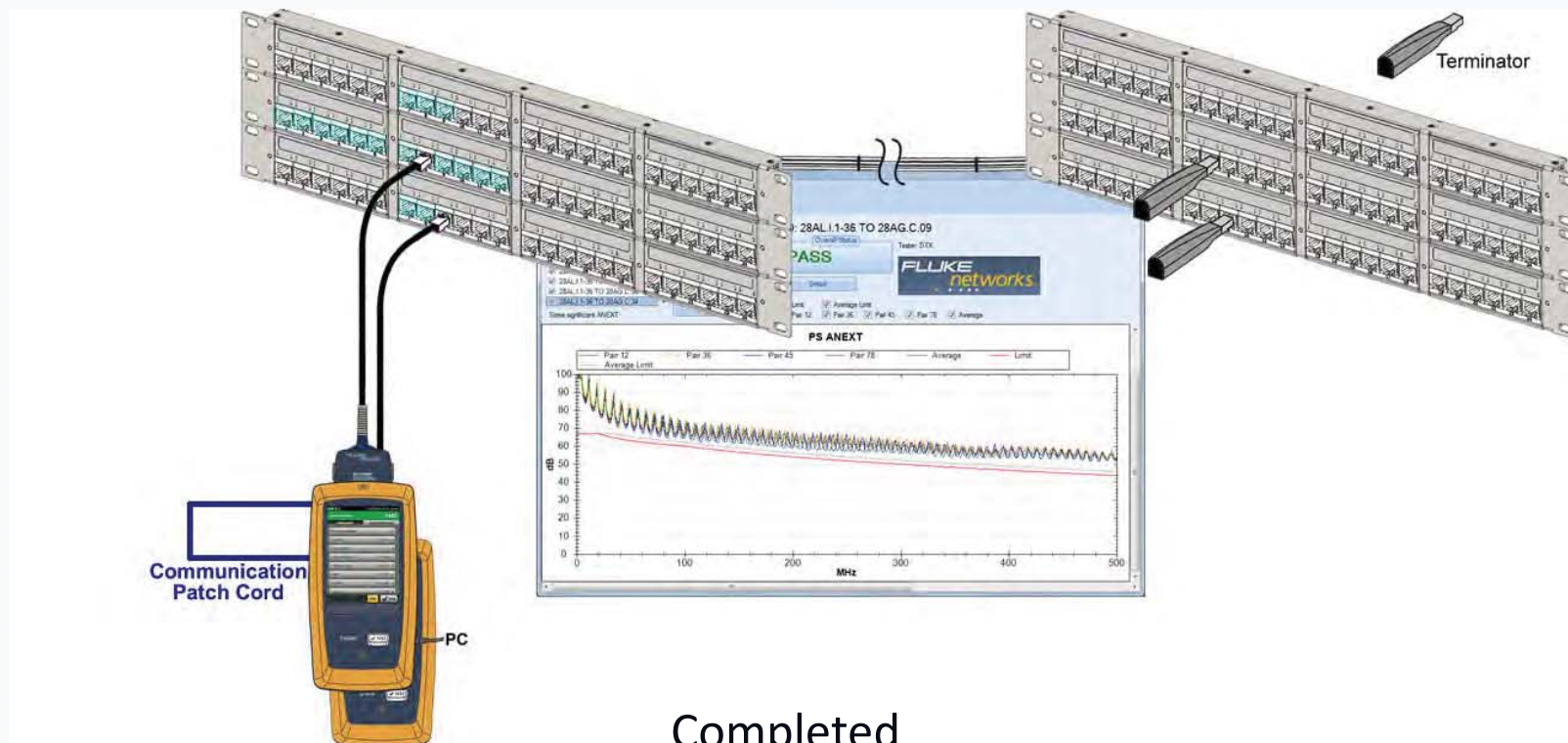
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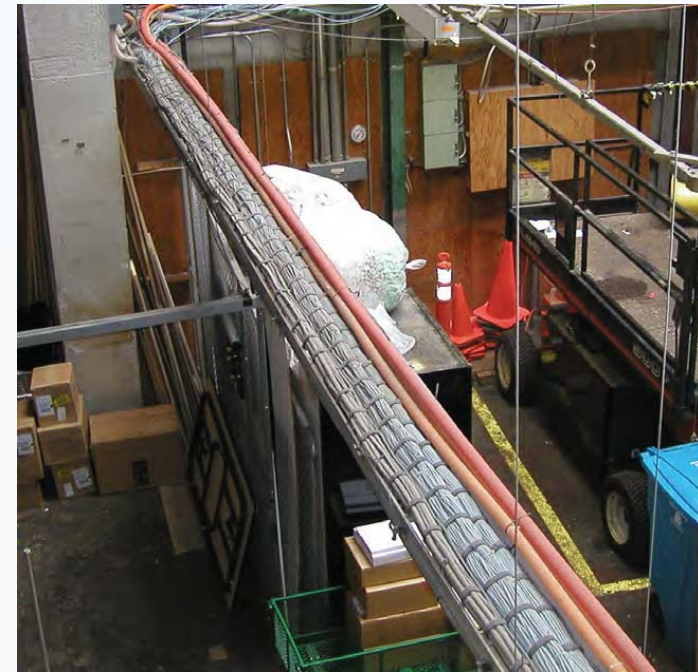
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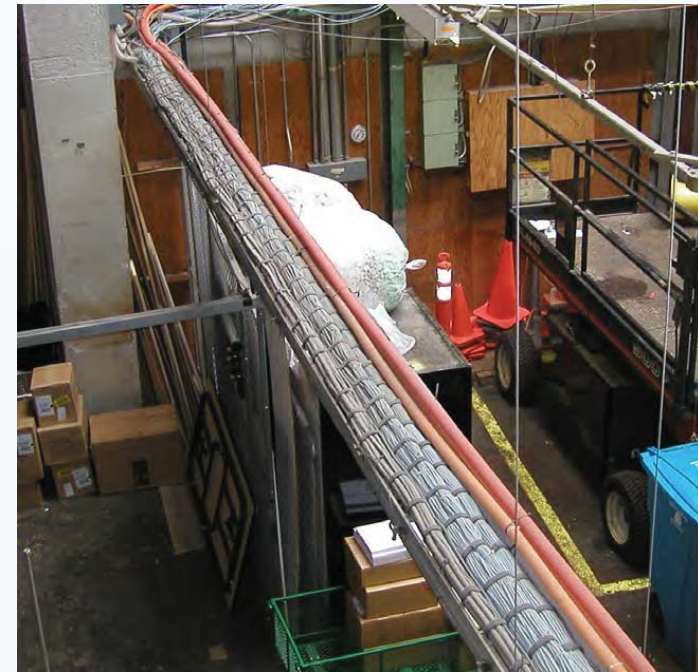


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ALSNR Risk	High	Medium	Low



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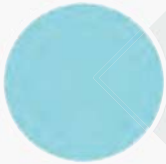




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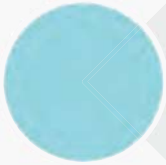


NBASE-T is designed to run on installed Category 5e or better cabling

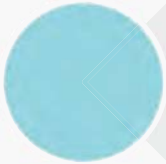


Did you certify your cabling when you installed it?

- Great, you are probably ready to support NBASE-T



MPTL may be an interesting solution for your access points



Certify new cabling to ready for network speed evolution

- Keep bundles short to minimize Alien CrossTalk
- Want more? Review the [NBASE-T Performance and Cabling Guidelines](#) whitepaper





Thank you, Gracias, Obrigado  
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