



## DC Modeling for Cabling Balance

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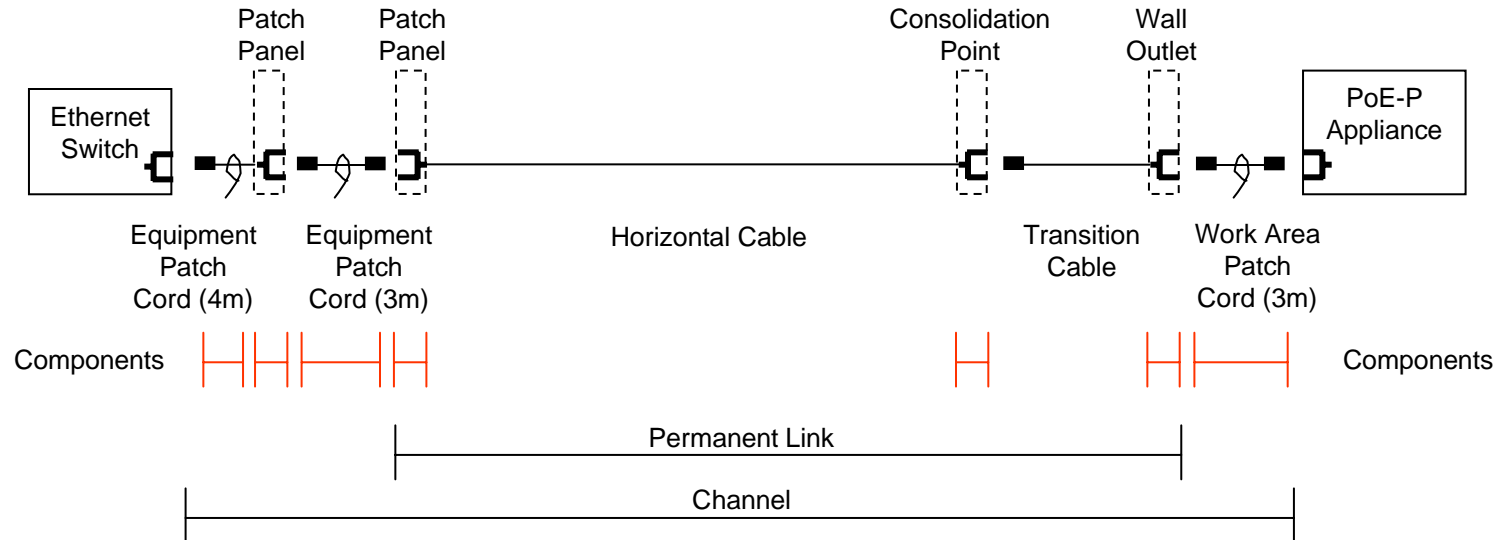
Objectives:

- To specify a cabling model for “balance” within a pair
- To specify a cabling model for “balance” between pairs

# Cabling Topology



## 4 connector cabling model



### Connector:

Cat 6 or Cat5e Specification

DC Resistance < 0.2  $\Omega$  per connector (at 20  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

DC Resistance unbalance < 50 m $\Omega$

Cat 6 or Cat5e Nominal

DC Resistance = 0.05  $\Omega$  per connector (at 20  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

DC Resistance unbalance < 25 m $\Omega$

### Cable:

Horizontal Cable

Cat 6 or Cat5e Specifications

DC Resistance < 9.38  $\Omega$  per 100m (at 20  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

DC Resistance unbalance < 5% (at 20  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

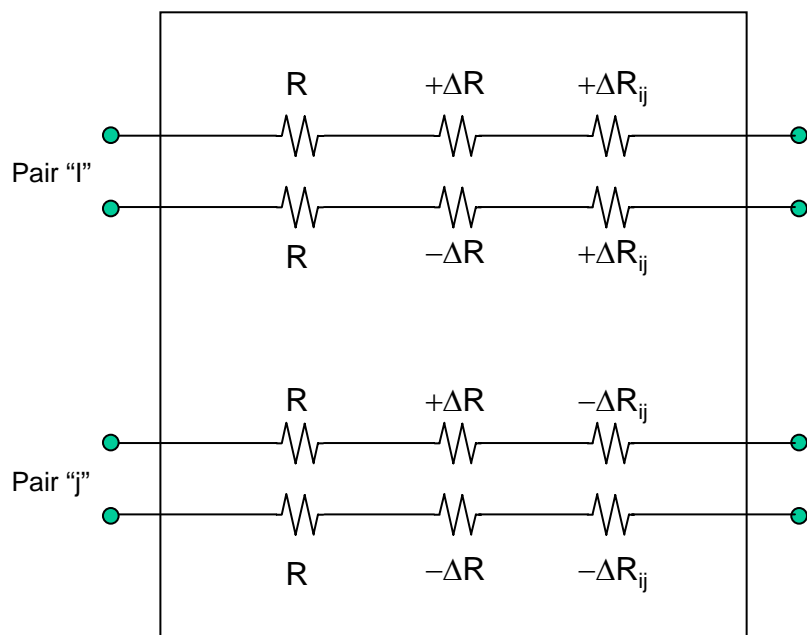
Nominal Values

DC Resistance < 7.0  $\Omega$  per 100m (at 20  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

DC Resistance unbalance < 3% (at 20  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )



## Cable Model



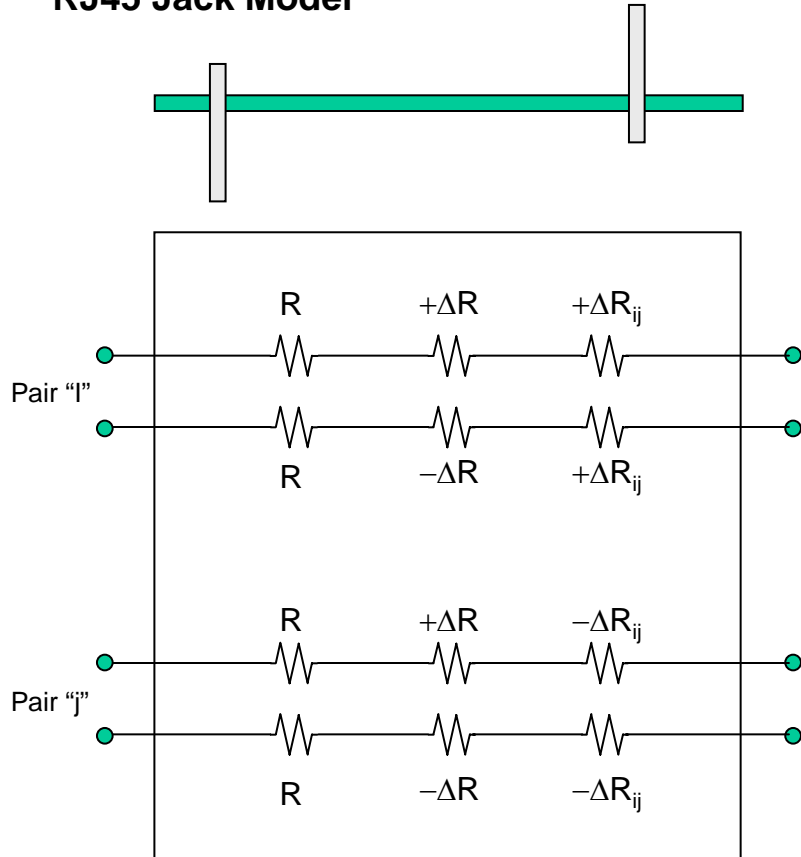
$R$  = cable resistance

$\Delta R$  = resistance imbalance within a pair

$\Delta R_{ij}$  = resistance imbalance between pairs



### RJ45 Jack Model

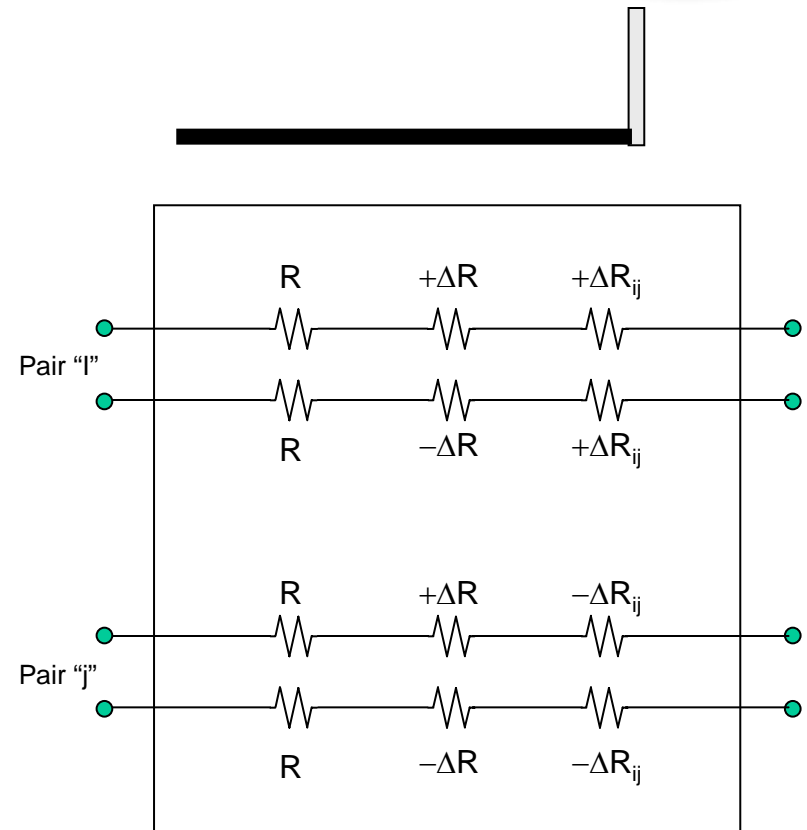


$R$  = Bulk resistance

$\Delta R$  = resistance imbalance within a pair

$\Delta R_{ij}$  = resistance imbalance between pairs

### RJ45 Plug Model



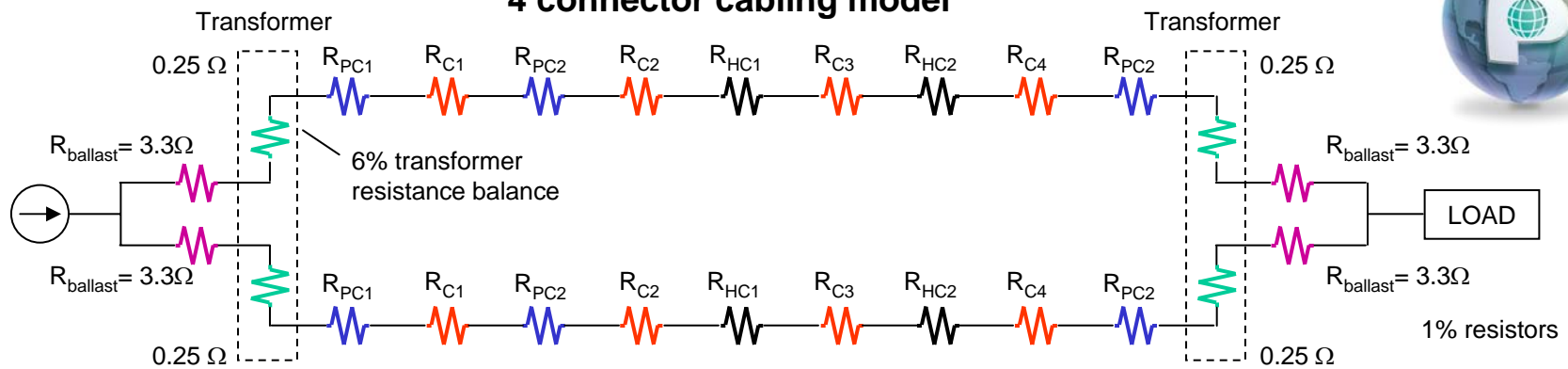
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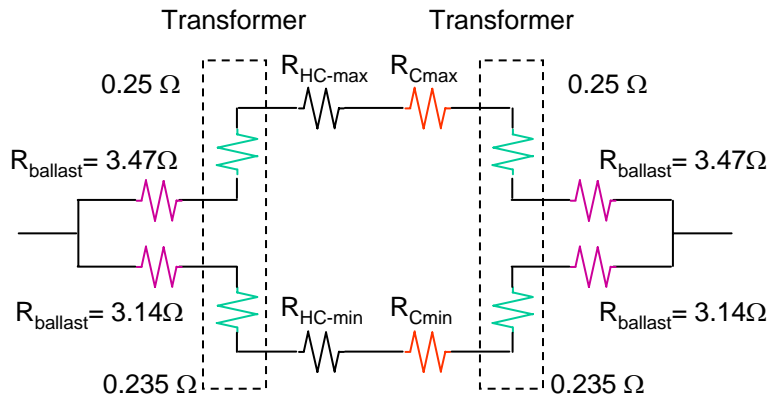
$\Delta R_{ij}$  = resistance imbalance between pairs



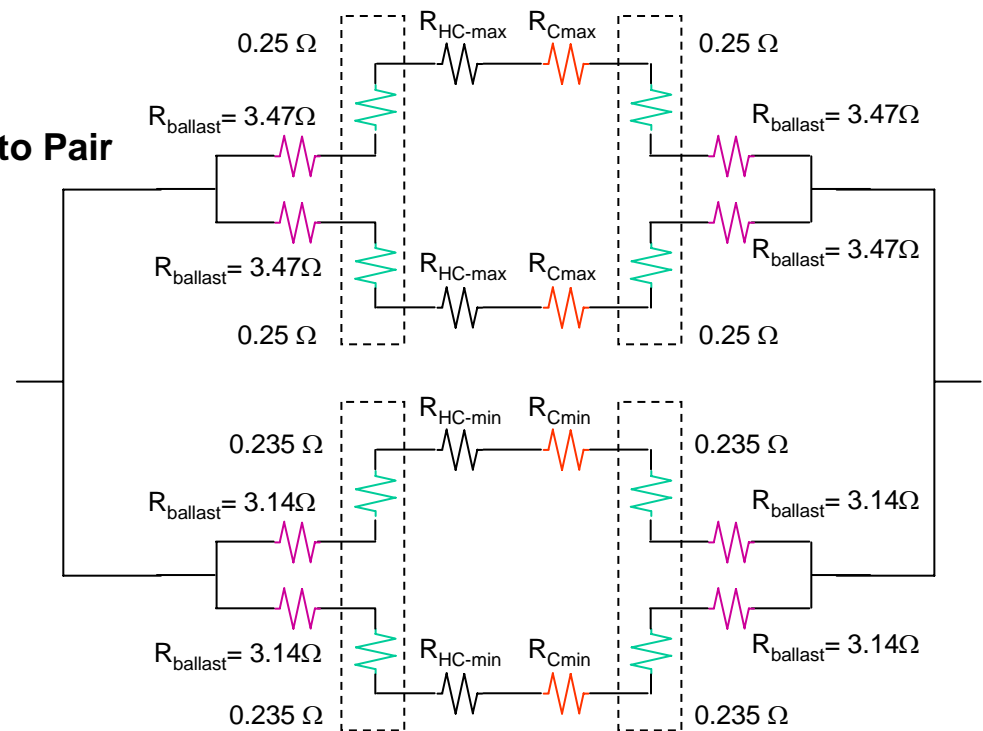
### 4 connector cabling model



#### Within a pair



#### Pair to Pair



**Assumptions:**

Standards based analysis

$$R_{HC-max} = 9.38 \Omega \text{ per } 100 \text{ m } (R_{PC} = R_{HC})$$

$$R_{HC-min} = 8.91 \Omega \text{ per } 100 \text{ m } (R_{PC} = R_{HC})$$

$$R_{C(max)} = 0.2 \Omega \quad R_{C(min)} = 0.15 \Omega$$

**Assumptions:**

Nominal value based analysis:

$$R_{HC-max} = 7.0 \Omega \text{ per } 100 \text{ m}$$

$$R_{HC-min} = 6.65 \Omega \text{ per } 100 \text{ m}$$

$$R_{C(max)} = 0.05 \Omega \quad R_{C(min)} = 0.025 \Omega$$

$$R_{C(max)} = 0.2 (.05) \Omega \quad R_{C(min)} = 0.1 (.01) \Omega$$

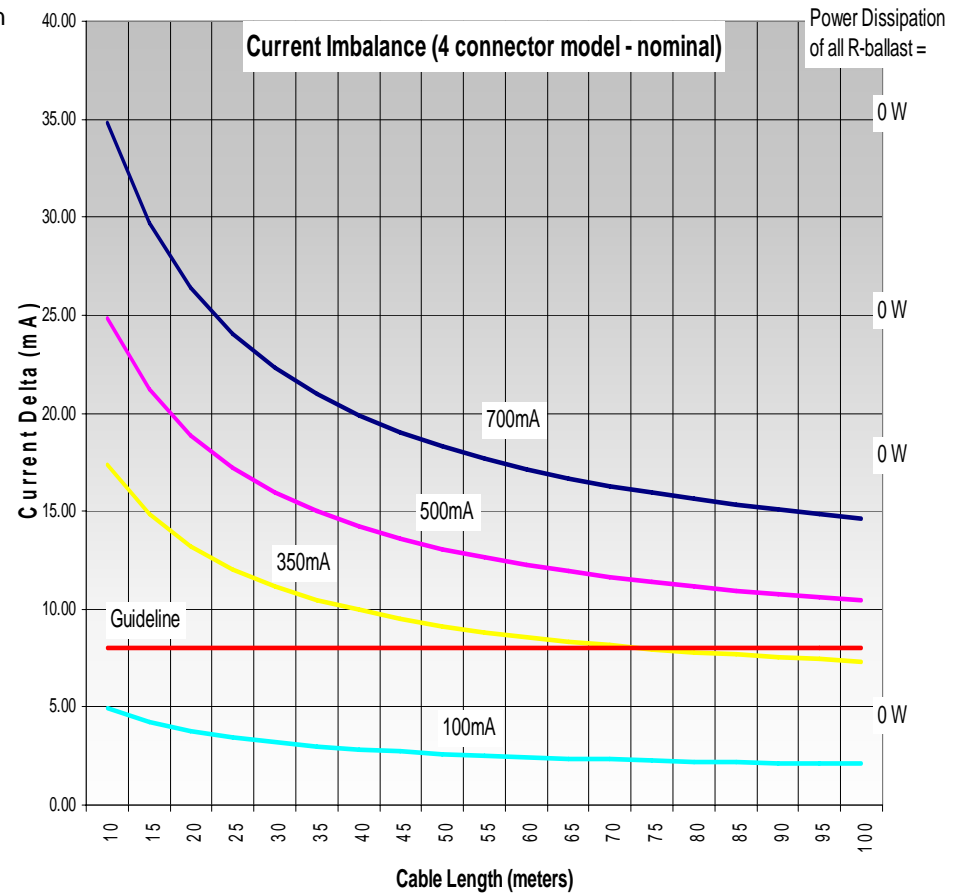
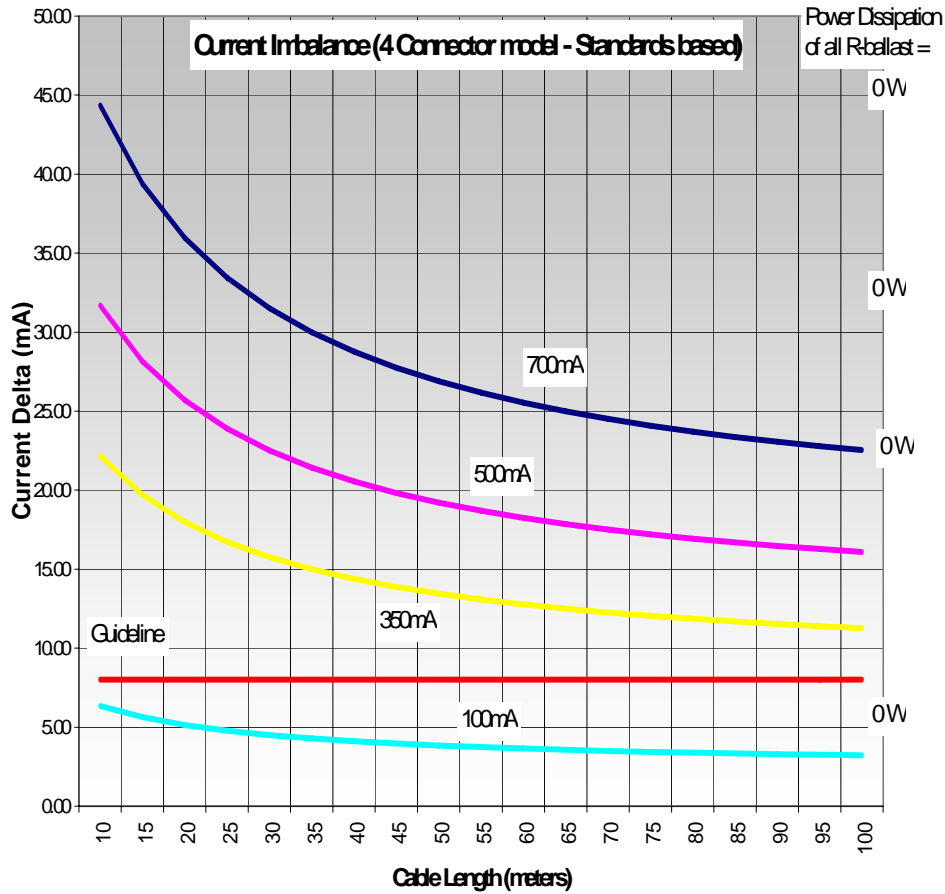
$R_{HC}$  between pairs can be 1% different

# With-in a Pair Analysis



$R_{ballast} = 0 \Omega$

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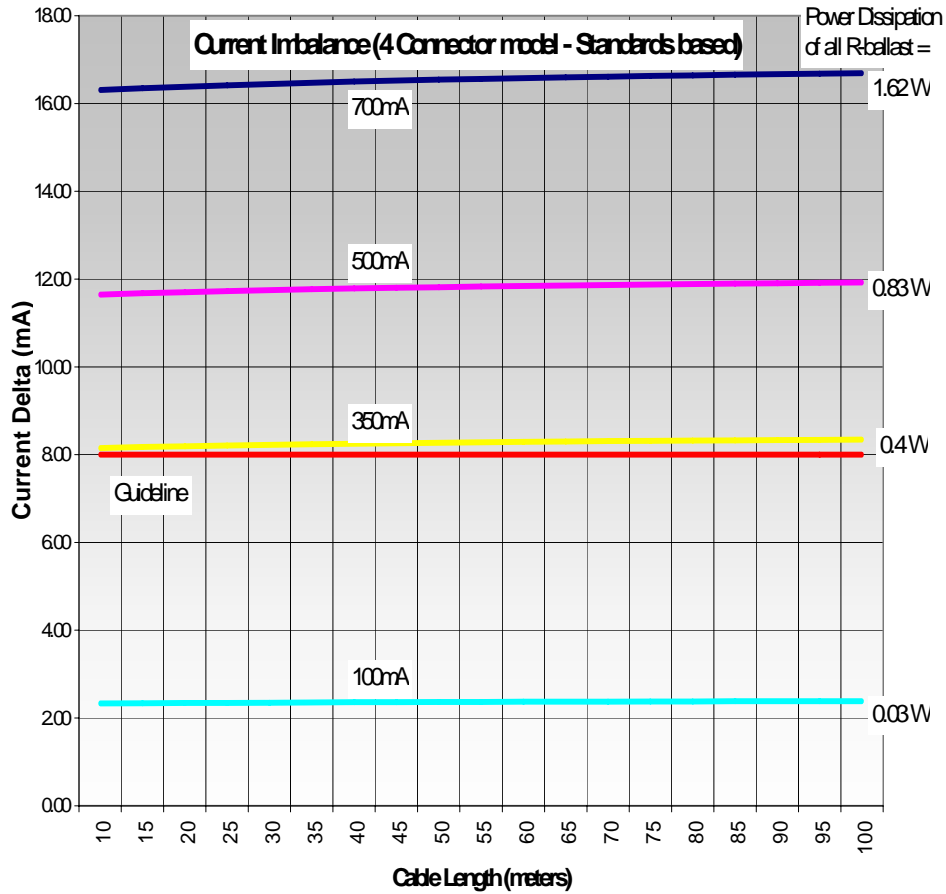


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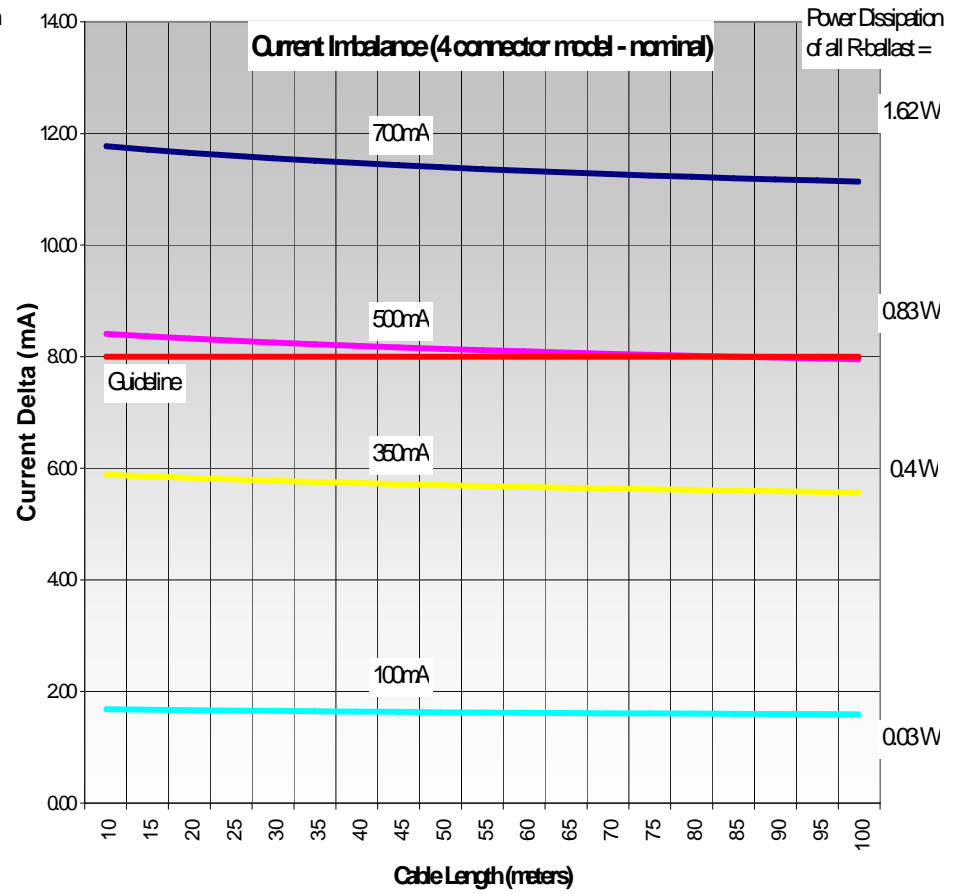
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Per pair



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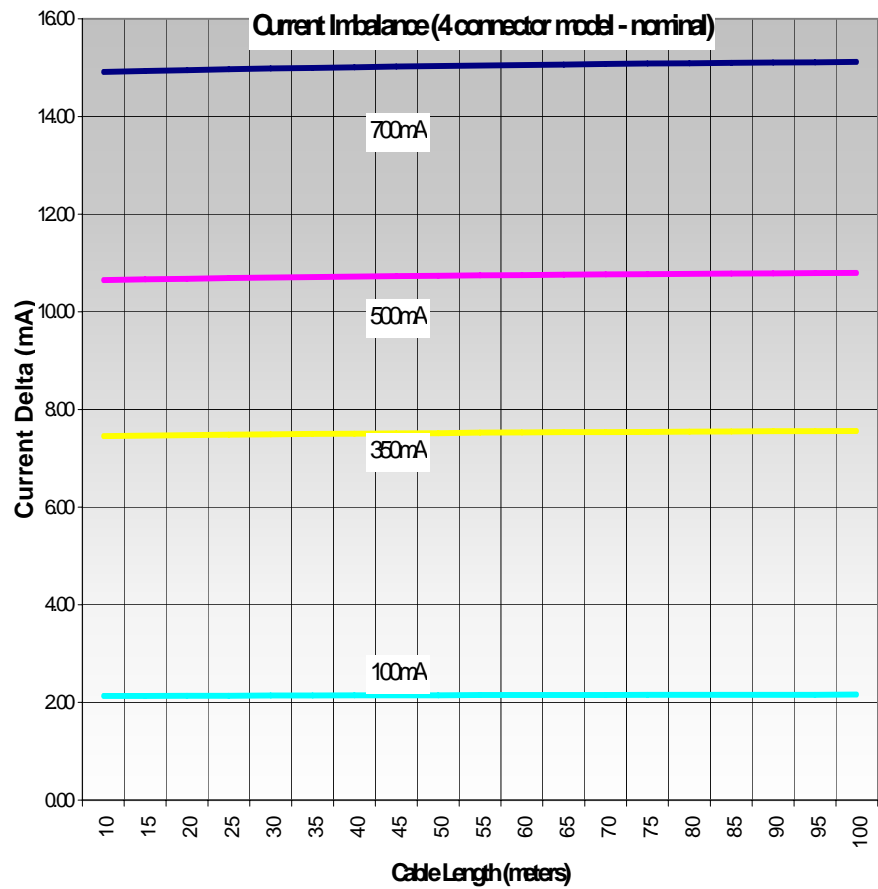
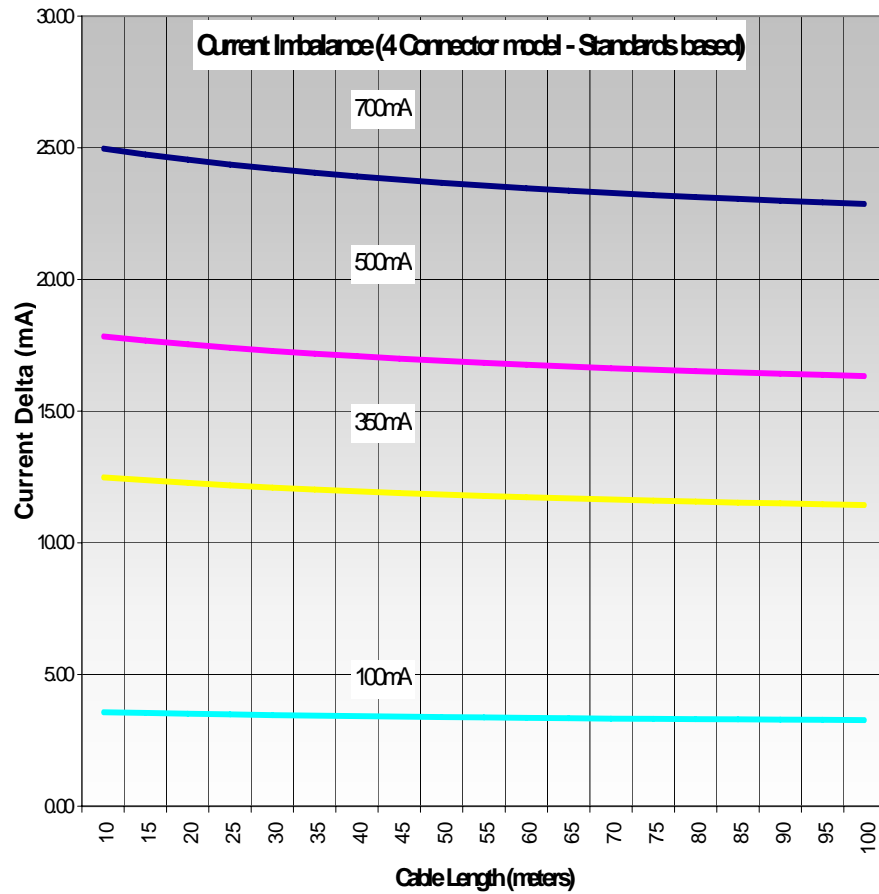
Per pair





# Pair to Pair Analysis

$$R_{\text{ballast}} = 3.3 \Omega$$





**Assumptions that we must agree upon:**

- 1.) Maximum imbalance (or saturation) current in the transformer.
  - I used 8 mA, can we get by with 12 mA?
- 2.) Maximum current per wire pair.
  - 420 mA? (which means a launch of about 45 W from PSE)  
(210 mA per wire)
- 3.) Cabling ad-hoc sub-team should set the values that the model requires and support them through measurement verification.

**Note that if the per pair current is limited to about 500 mA, balance within a pair as well as between pairs can be accomplished simply with the use of passive ballasting resistors – a Power dissipation penalty exists however.**

**SUMMARY:**

- key model parameters need to be agreed too prior to concluding current balance issues
- recommend that the cabling ad-hoc group take this on as a work item