Cabling ESD Study

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- 1. Subject different cables to a Human Body Model contact discharge of 8 KV.
- 2. Release charge after 4 hours and capture response (Record temperature and humidity).
- 3. Normalize responses to a single humidity using linear correlation.
- 4. Compare responses for different cable types.

Cable Layout



•On ground plane looking toward the ESD charging-end fixture

•56 meter length of 4-pr UTP cable arranged in serpentine pattern

•10 cm spacing between adjacent loops and edges of 1.2m x 5.2m ground plane

Discharging Point



•Cable layout on ground plane looking toward current sensing transducer

•Transducer connected to scope through 20 dB attenuator and 1m length of coax

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ESD charging-end fixture



•Discharge tip positioned on BNC adapter shield

•Orange conductor pair connected to binding post shield connection

•Unused pairs connected to ground plane through binding post BNC adapter



•Discharge end of cable showing the connection to the currentsensing transducer via a relay contact.

•Unused pairs are shown connected to the ground plane through a copper foil.







Discharge waveforms for t=4 hours time interval for case of unused pairs connected together and grounded



Discharge waveforms for t=4 hours for case of unused pairs floating



Discharge waveforms for t=4 hours time interval (with unused pairs grounded) after correction for humidity.



Discharge waveforms for t=4 hours time interval (with unused pairs floating) after correction for humidity.

CONCLUSION:

No significant difference in discharge between different cable categories.

Equipment should at least meet (human body) Standard IEC 61000-4-2 Guideline:

According to Section A.4 Table A.1: •Class 1 equipment (2 kv test level) should: - not be in a low humidity environment - be protected by Anti-static Material

•Class 2 equipment (4 kv test level) should : - be protected by Anti-static Material

•Class 3 equipment (8 kv test level) should : - not be in a low humidity environment

•Class 4 equipment (15 kv test level) should : - Not to worry (too much)