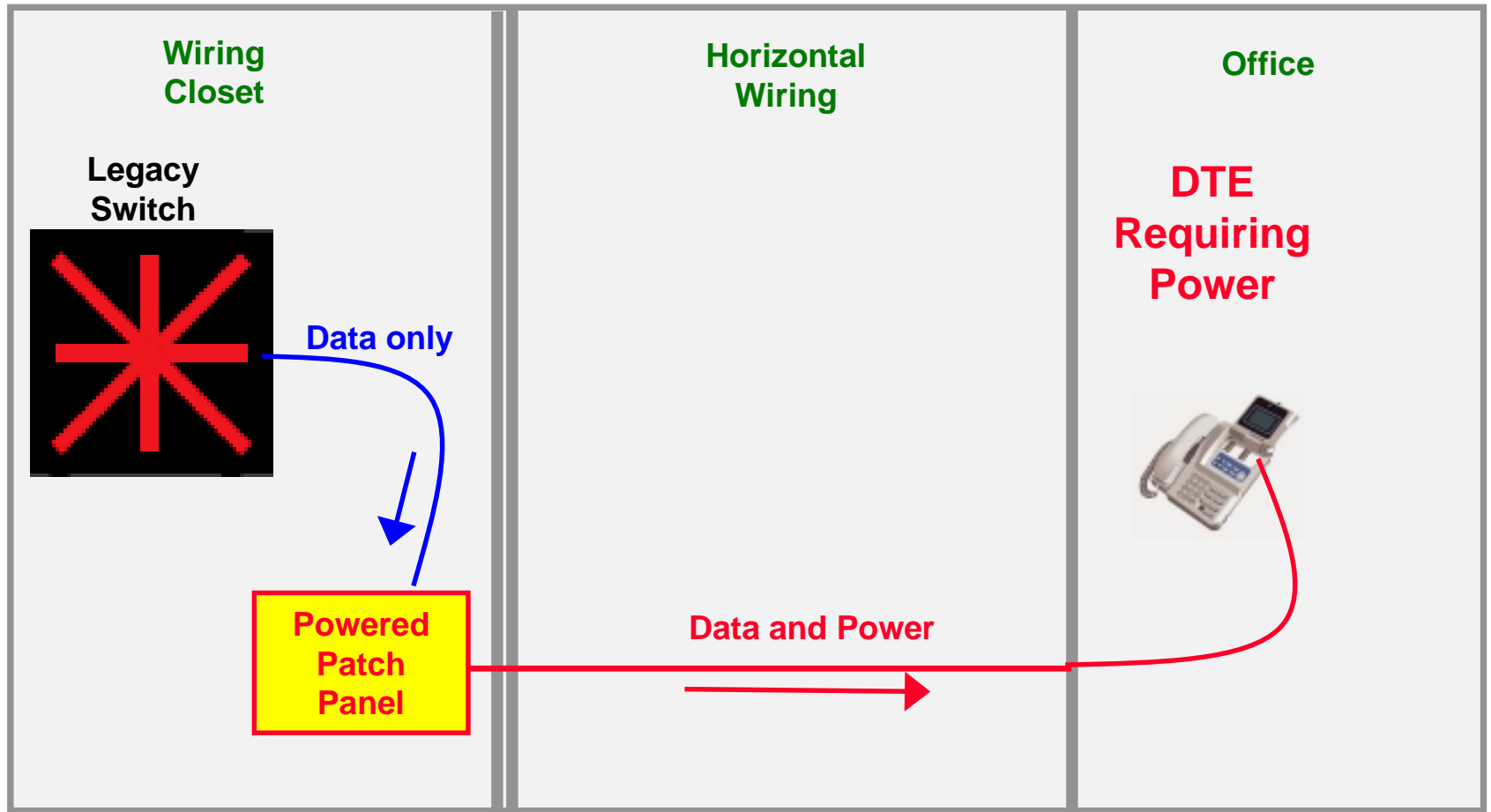


Midspan Power Insertion Using Transformer Coupling

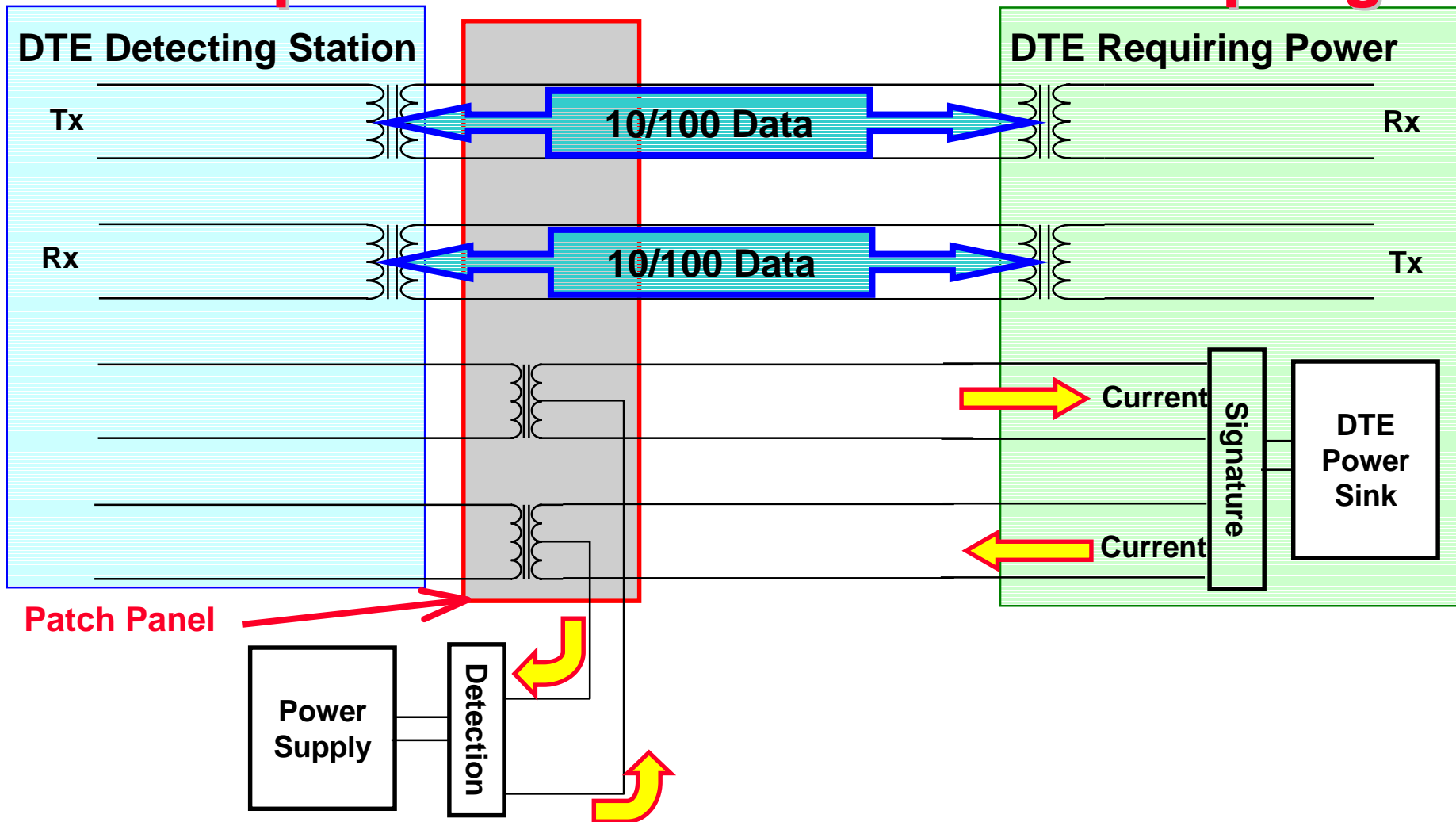
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Mid-Span Power Insertion Via a Powered Patch Panel

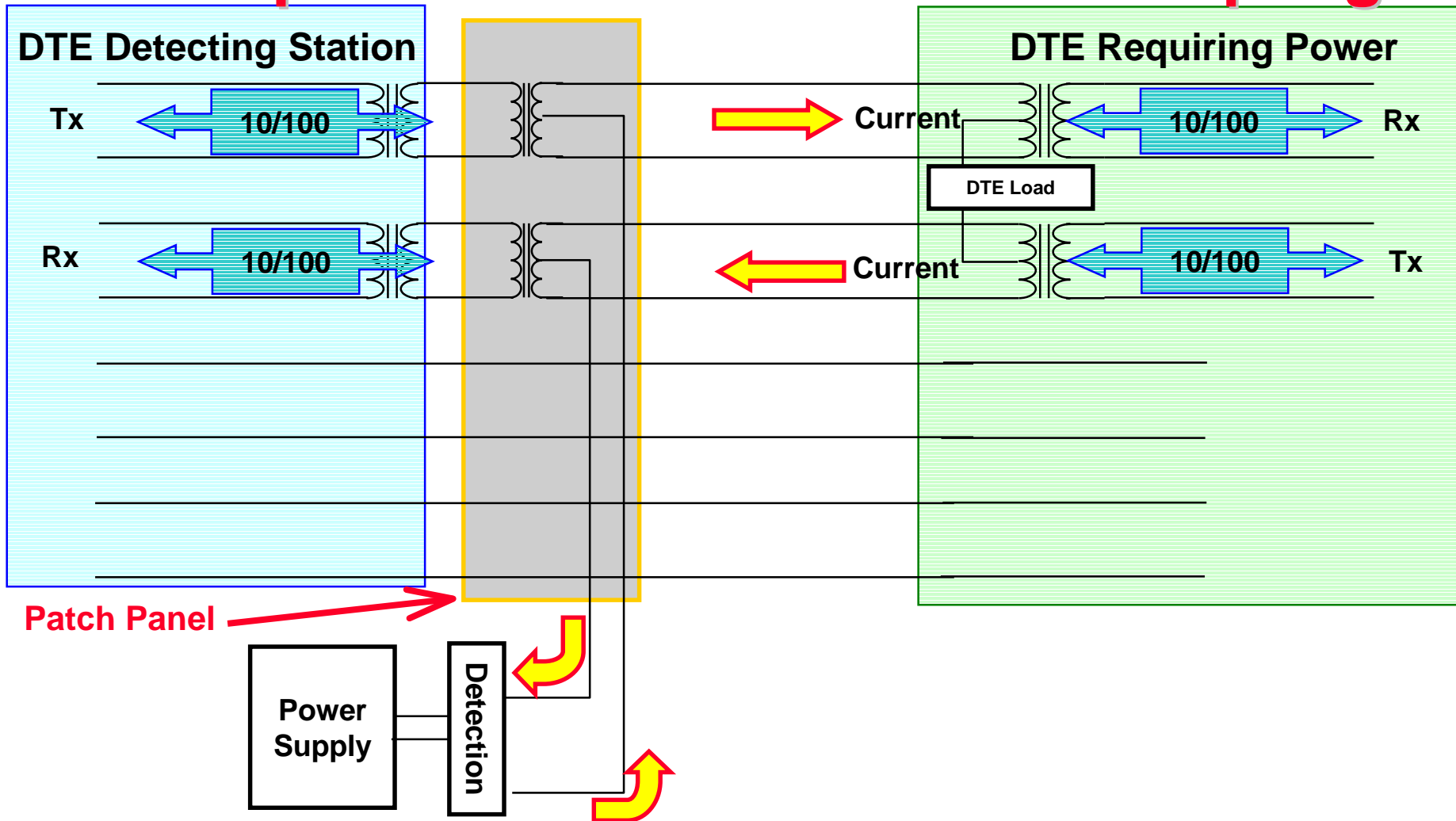


Mid-Span Power: Transformer Coupling



Potentially Compatible with 10BASE-T, 100BASE-TX, and 1000BASE-T

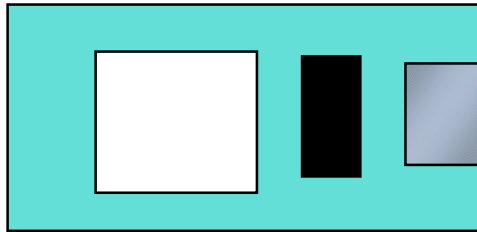
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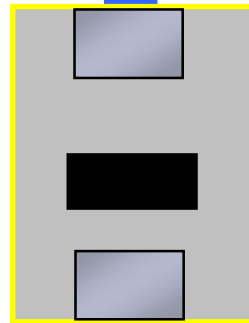
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Question: What is the Effect of a Midspan Power Insertion Point (Transformer Coupling) on Legacy Equipment that do NOT Accept Power?

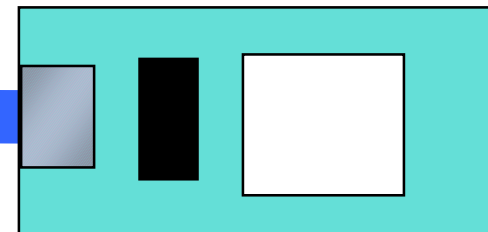
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**Midspan
Coupling**

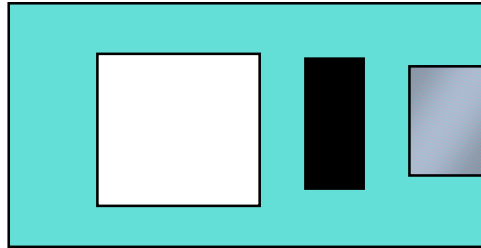


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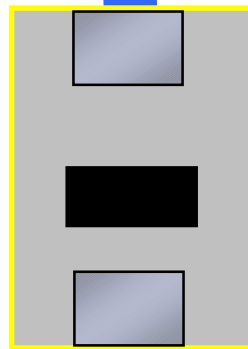


Mid-Span Power Insertion Test Set-Up

DTE #1



**Midspace
Coupling**

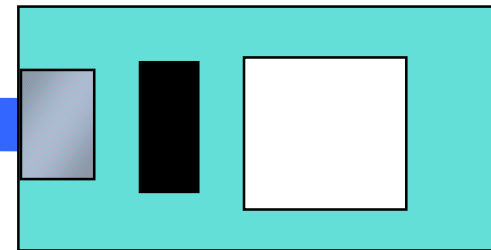


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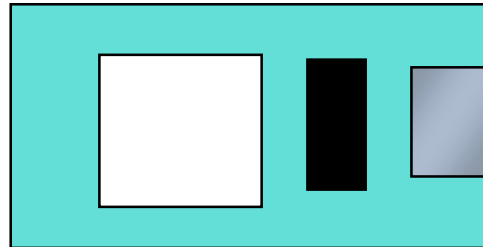
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DTE #2

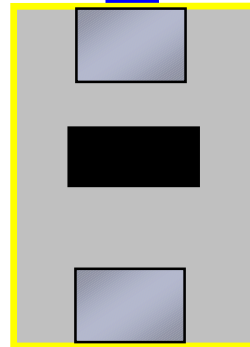
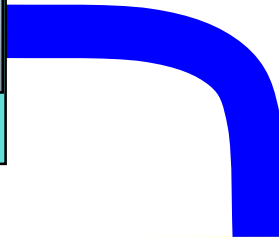


Mid-Span Power Insertion Test Set-Up "A"

DTE #1



10 meters: DTE #1 to Midspan



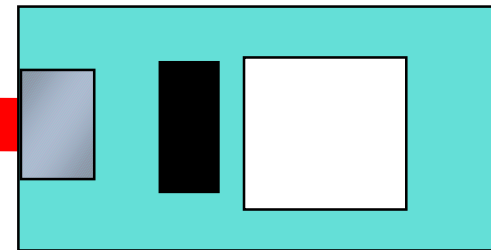
Midspan Power Insertion Point

Transformer Coupling

No Power Applied in Test A



100 meters: Midspan to DTE #2



DTE #2

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Midspan Power Test A

- **Goal: Determine effect of midspan power insertion point (transformer coupling) on “legacy” PHY’s that would not support DTE power**
 - Does the midspan coupling cause unacceptable link performance with older PHYs?

Setup

- **10m from DTE #1 to midspan power insertion point**
- **Midspan power insertion point contains transformer coupling of 100BASE-TX data pairs**
 - Transformer loss at midspan is 0.3dB
- **100m from midspan power insertion point to DTE**
 - 110 meters total from DTE #1 to DTE#2
- **BER measured with transformer coupling in line**



Measured BER with 115m and midspan transformer coupling (0.3dB loss)

DTE # 1 PHY	DTE # 2 PHY	Bytes Transferred	Errors	BER
Intel (82558) Intel NIC	BRCM 0.5u PHY 3Com NIC	16,482,147,374	0	<7.6E-12
Lucent 0.5u 3Com NIC	BRCM 0.5u PHY 3Com NIC	47,045,878,603	0	<2.7E-12
Level 1 LXT970 D-Link NIC	BRCM 0.5u PHY 3Com NIC	19,155,998,554	0	<6.5E-12
National PHY+ Twister	BRCM 0.5u PHY 3Com NIC	771,986,112	0	<2.5E-12
BRCM Gigabit (BCM5400)	BRCM Gigabit (BCM5400)	8,354,670,844,092	0	<1.5E-14



Midspan Power Test #A

Conclusions

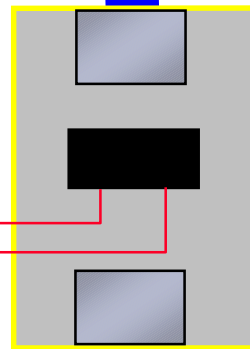
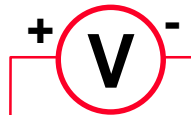
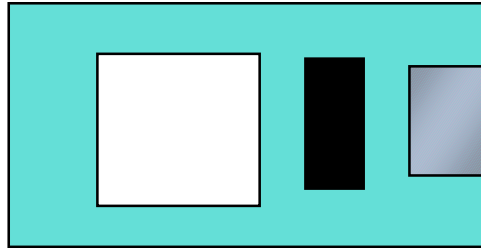
- **Good link performance is possible using:**
 - midspan transformer coupling
 - 10/100 PHY's available in 1997
 - 100 meter links
 - with some margin
- **1000BASE-T transmission is possible using:**
 - midspan transformer coupling
 - 100 meter links
 - with some margin
- **BER measured was $<7.6 \times 10^{-12}$**



Mid-Span Power Insertion Test Set-Up "B"

DTE #1

2 meters: DTE #1 to Midspan

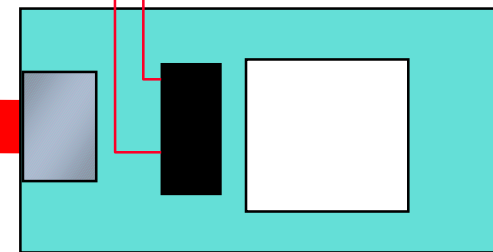


Load

**Resistive Load
(not active)**

**Midspan Power Insertion:
40V DC, 100mA**

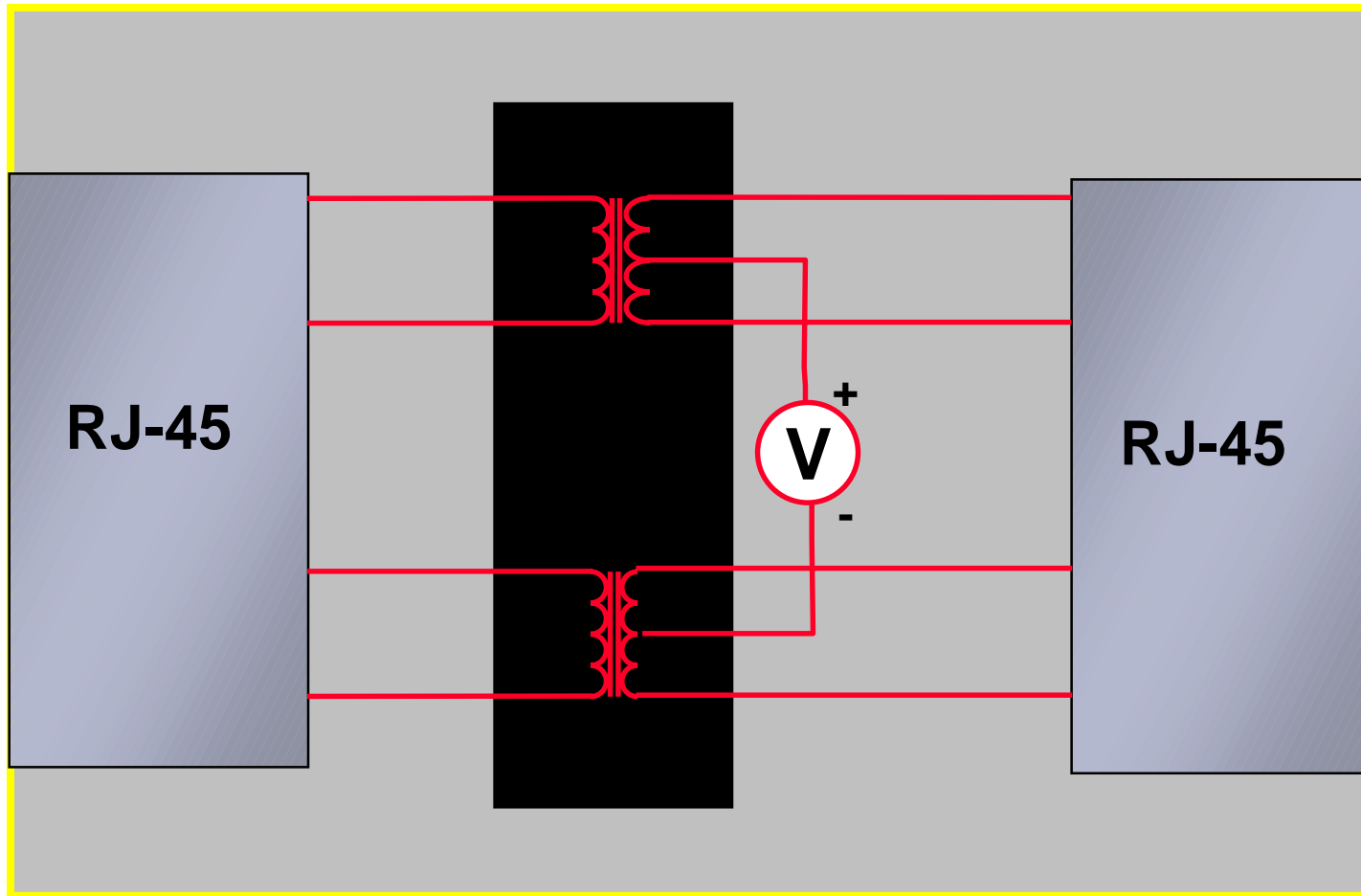
120 meters: Midspan to DTE #2



DTE #2

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Mid-Span Power Insertion Test Set-Up



Midspan Coupling

Midspan Power Test B

- **Goal: Determine effect of midspan power insertion point (transformer coupling) on 1000BASE-T PHY's**
 - Include effect of current through the transformer windings
 - Is midspan power insertion via in-line transformer coupling compatible with 1000BASE-T?

Setup

- **2m from DTE #1 to midspan power insertion point**
- **Midspan power insertion point contains transformer coupling of 100BASE-TX data pairs**
 - Transformer loss at midspan is 0.3dB
 - 40V, 100mA applied at midspan
- **100m from midspan power insertion point to DTE**
 - 122 meters total from DTE #1 to DTE #2
 - Resistive load on DTE #2
- **BER measured with power applied**



Measured BER with:

122 meters

Mid-span transformer coupling (0.3dB loss)

Power off and on (100mA)

DTE # 1 PHY	DTE # 2 PHY	Power	Bytes Transferred	Errors	BER
BRCM Gigabit (BCM5401)	BRCM Gigabit (BCM5401)	OFF	901,025,540,460	0	<1.4E-13
BRCM Gigabit (BCM5401)	BRCM Gigabit (BCM5401)	ON	6,922,394,632,080	2	3.6E-14



Midspan Power Test B

Conclusions

- **1000BASE-T transmission is possible using:**
 - Midspan transformer coupling
 - >100 meter links
 - Power applied
 - with some margin

Recommendation

- Include 1000BASE-T support as a requirement for DTE powering scheme
- Even if power is not applied, any midspan power insertion point should allow 1000BASE-T data to pass through