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Consideration on Y-Cable Application

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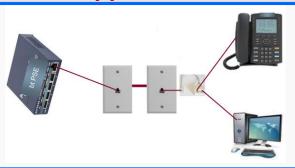
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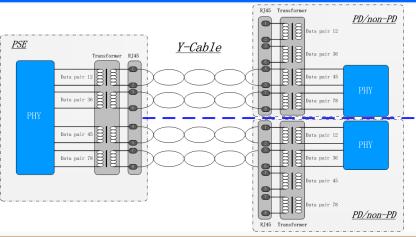


Outlines

- > "Y-Cable" application in the market
- ➤ Will "Y-Cable" exist and increase in the 4-Pair High Power PoE market?
- > Summary

"Y-Cable" application in the market





Typical "Y-Cable" application

- > This is a typical "Y-Cable" application in the office environment people care about.
- ➤ It is used for data sharing on a single port. Hence, both endpoints require data transmission.

Concerns on Data transmission

- ➤ In order to provide data transmission, devices on both ends have to negotiate their link operational modes to set up a data link first.
- ➤ For "Y-cable", the PHY on a single port should negotiate with two PHYs of different devices on the other end before setting up a data link simultaneously.

One PHY should negotiate with two PHYs endpoints simultaneously before setting up a data link.

"Y-Cable" application limits the data transmission

EXP1#: Connect one 1000BT port to two 100BT devices.

NO.	Tested Equipment	Deployment	Data link
	Vendor 1 LSW GE	GE 1,2,3,6 to FE 1,2,3,6	Work
	Vendor 2 LSW FE	02 1, 2, 0, 0 (0 12 1, 2, 0, 0	
	Vendor 1 LSW GE	GE 4,5,7,8 to FE 4,5,7,8	No.
	Vendor 2 LSW FE	GE 4, 0, 1, 0 (0 FE 4, 0, 1, 0	
	Vendor 1 LSW GE	GE 4,5,7,8 to FE 1,2,3,6	No.
	Vendor 2 LSW FE	GE 4, 0, 1, 0 (0 FE 1, 2, 3, 0	
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	Vendor 2 LSW FE	GE 1,2,3,6 to FE 4,5,7,8	



Test report:

Only the data link connected to the 1236-pairs of the GE port works, while the other link doesn't.

EXP2#: Connect one 1000BT port to anther 1000BT port with half the pairs.

NO.	Tested Equipment	Deployment	Data link
5	LSW GE	GE 1,2,3,6 to GE 1,2,3,6	No
6	LSW GE	GE 4,5,7,8 to GE 4,5,7,8	No
7	LSW GE	GE 4,5,7,8 to GE 1,2,3,6	No
8	LSW GE	GE 1,2,3,6 to GE 4,5,7,8	No



Test report:

The data link for GE transmission doesn't work when only connecting half the pairs.

Y-cable cannot support data link service for both 100BT endpoints.



Will "Y-Cable" application exist in the future 4 Pair market?



Concerns on potential high power market

This is a vision of potential 4-Pair High Power market in CFI, which is the reason why we are here.

The obstacles of "Y-Cable" for future high power market":

- (1) Insufficient power supply, cannot go over 30W for each endpoint;
- (2) Limited data rate, cannot reach 100Mbps for both endpoints.

With these two reasons, we think "Y-cable" is difficult to expand in future high power market.

The specific "Y-cable" case may be a small part "Thin Clients" when there are areas to focus on, such as "Building Management" which have different requirements.

Summary

Although "Y-Cable":

- > Is intended for sharing data channel not for splitting power on a single port;
- ➤ Cannot satisfy the data rate requirement of high speed PDs (100BT or higher);
- > A case in PoE, most of which don't use this kind of connection;
- > Limited potential market.

Include this application into the new PoE standard?

Thank you!

