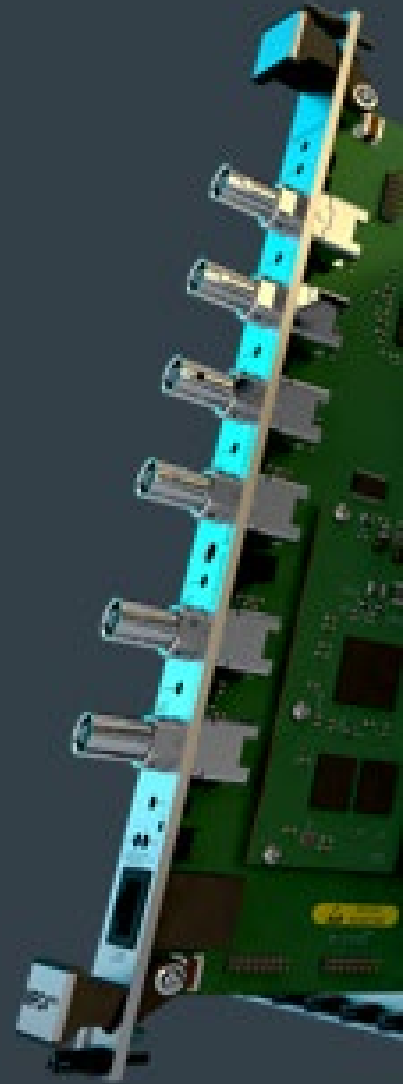


vibro-meter

MEASURING VIBRATION AT LONG DISTANCES

Cable length Considerations

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AGENDA

- **Introduction**
 - Motivation
 - Review “State of the Art”
- **Effects: Attenuation, filtering, slew-rate, cross-talk**
 - Voltage mode
 - Current mode
 - I.E.P.E.
 - Particular installations
- **Comparison of vibro-meter solutions**
- **Q&A**

Reasons why this is important

MOTIVATION

All Balance of plant Protection & Monitoring

- Refineries & applications related to Explosive env.
- LNG: boil-off compressor on jetty
- Nuclear P.P. with “in-core” points, remote water pumps (on sea shore)
- Conveyors
- Underwater measurements
- ...

Constraints & issues **/ Wi-fi**

- Reliability,
- Safety, cybersecurity
- EM disturbances (emissions)

/ Distributed systems

- Synchronisation (ms or μ s?)
- Control in real-time (ex: speed)
- Dependence on other parameters available in centralized system

Available on the market

SHORT REVIEW

Well known issues

- with dynamic signals : frequency content
- Signal loss, Power supply loss : attenuation
- Power supply distortion (I.E.P.E. mode)

Addressed by solution providers

- Old “line-drive” (in single-ended piezo. systems)
- Dynamic 4..20 mA

Restriction to 1000 ft.: 305 m

- Oil&Gas API670 standard



Improvements:

First level:

- By current-modulation

Second level:

- Solving also ground difference, power supply, impedance, limitation for Exi

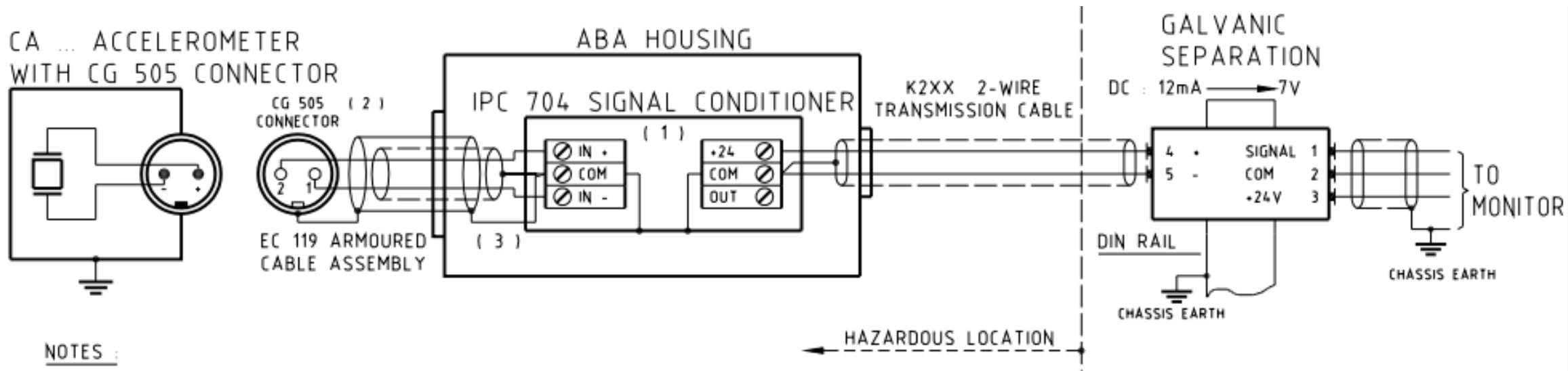
vibro-meter solutions

- Current mode (not so unique)
- GSI 127 : unique



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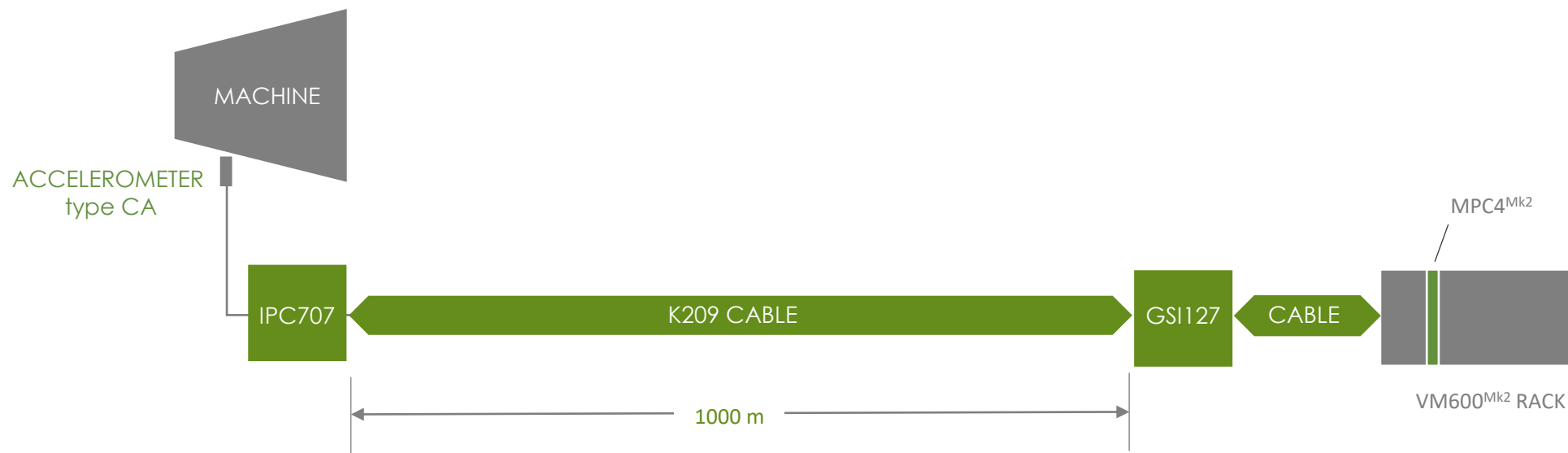
Length, attenuation and frequency content



Typical vibro-meter chain

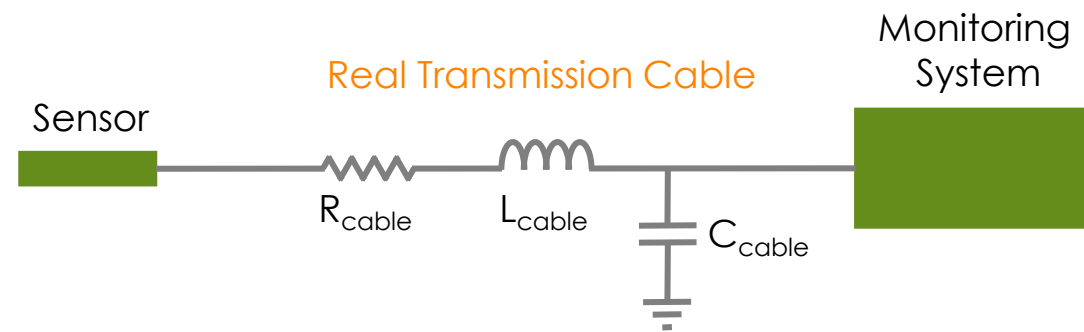
Piezoelectric part

here: possibly of long distance transmission

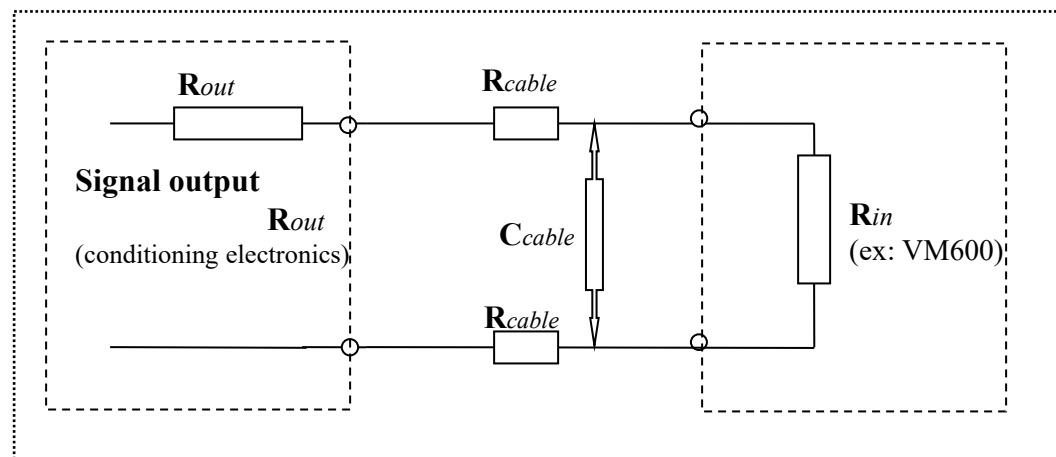








Case of a differential measurement chain



Differential sensors chains offer better immunity to EM disturbances.
Note: are generally compulsory for aviation.

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VOLTAGE MODE OF TRANSMISSION

Ohmic loss on the signal

$$V_{in} = V_{out} \left(\frac{R_{in}}{R_{in} + 2(R_{cable}) + R_{out}} \right)$$

Example: IQS900

Output impedance
(small signal)

: < 100 Ω at DC.

< 300 Ω at 20 kHz.

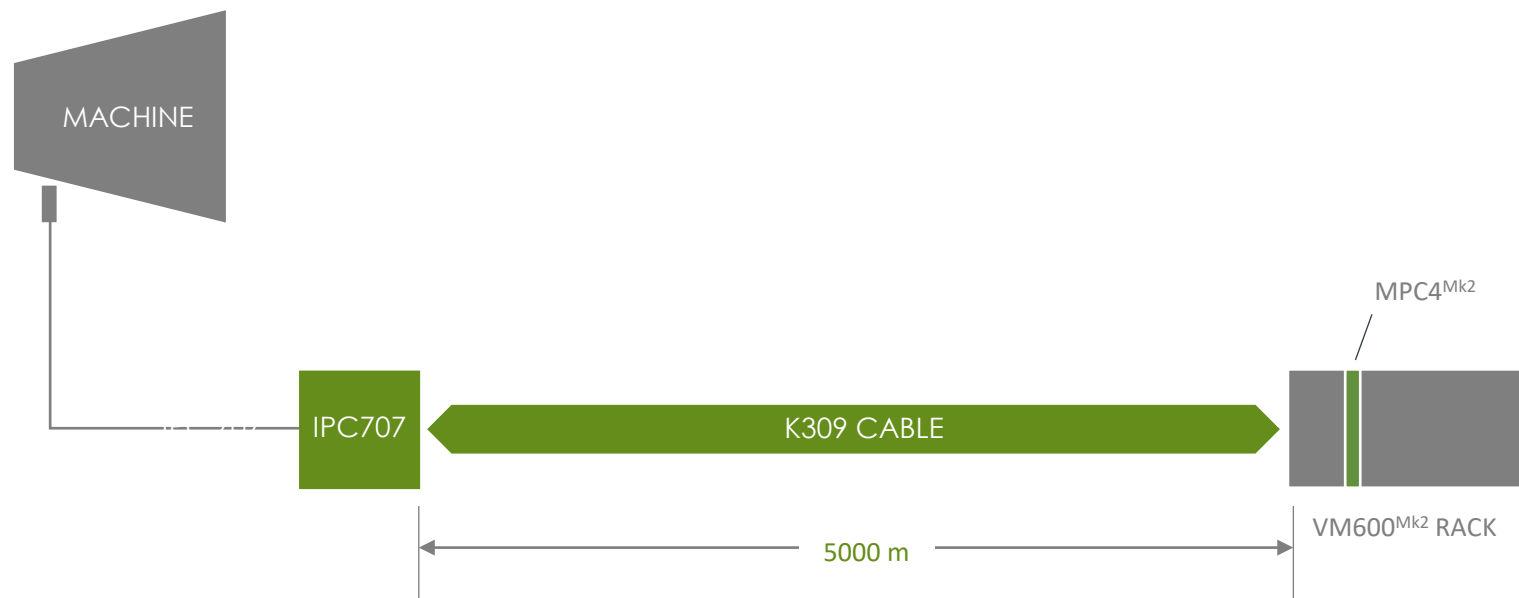
Note: Recommended monitoring system input impedance: ≥ 50 kΩ.

IPC707

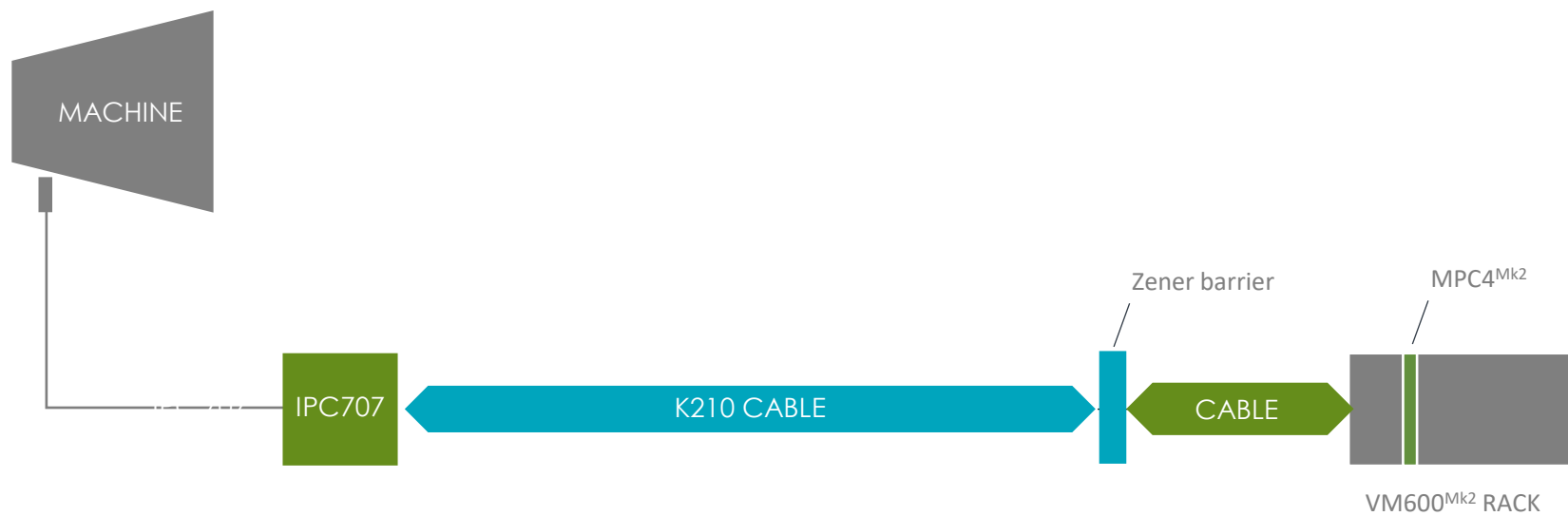
Output impedance

: < 500 Ω





Example 1,5% → is ok
can be compensated in the MPC4 configuration



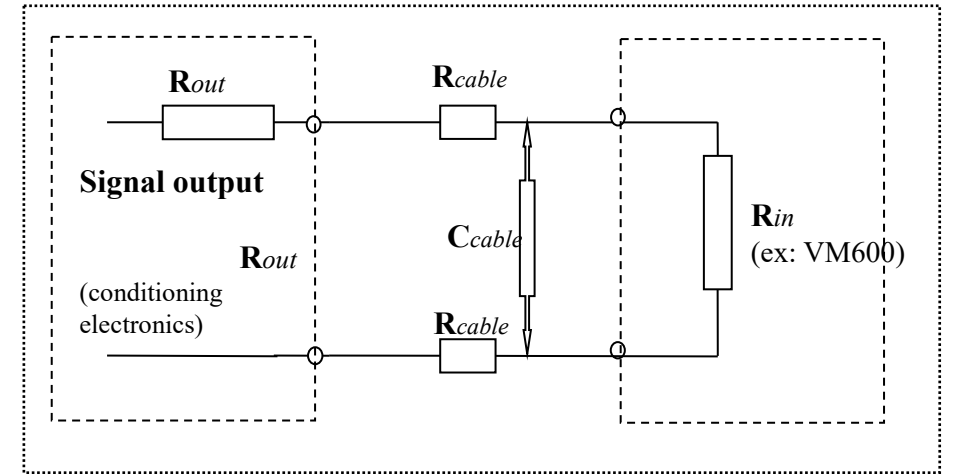
Filter by the cable:

Estimation:

$$F_c = \frac{1}{2\pi (R_{out} + 2 R_{cable}) \cdot C_{cable}}$$

Discussion : 2x **R_{cable}**... or 1x ?

This estimation does NOT over-estimate the filtering.



Estimation of the capacitance:

If already measured: core to the rest of conductors (clamped together) in the cable

Otherwise:

For a triad:

$$C_{cable} \cong 2 \cdot C_{c-c} + C_{c-s}$$

(Voltage mode: 3 wires + shield)

For a pair:

$$C_{cable} \cong C_{c-c} + C_{c-s}$$

(Current mode: 2 wires + shield)

Depends on which data gives the cable manufacturer.
Also : can be measured with a capacimeter.

Example of calculation for distance: 1000 meters

$$F_c = \frac{1}{2\pi (R_{out} + 2 R_{cable}) C_{cable}} = \frac{1}{2\pi (500 + 112) (0.57 \times 10^{-6})} = 456 \text{ Hz}$$

Unfortunately, this will almost always be insufficient for vibration protection and monitoring except for shaft-relative vibration on very low-speed machines (such as hydro units) or for thrust position measurements (~DC). In addition, this frequency band does not comply with ISO 20816-x standards for protection where a minimum passband of [10..1000 Hz] is required. A better cable can probably be found, but for a higher cost of installation.

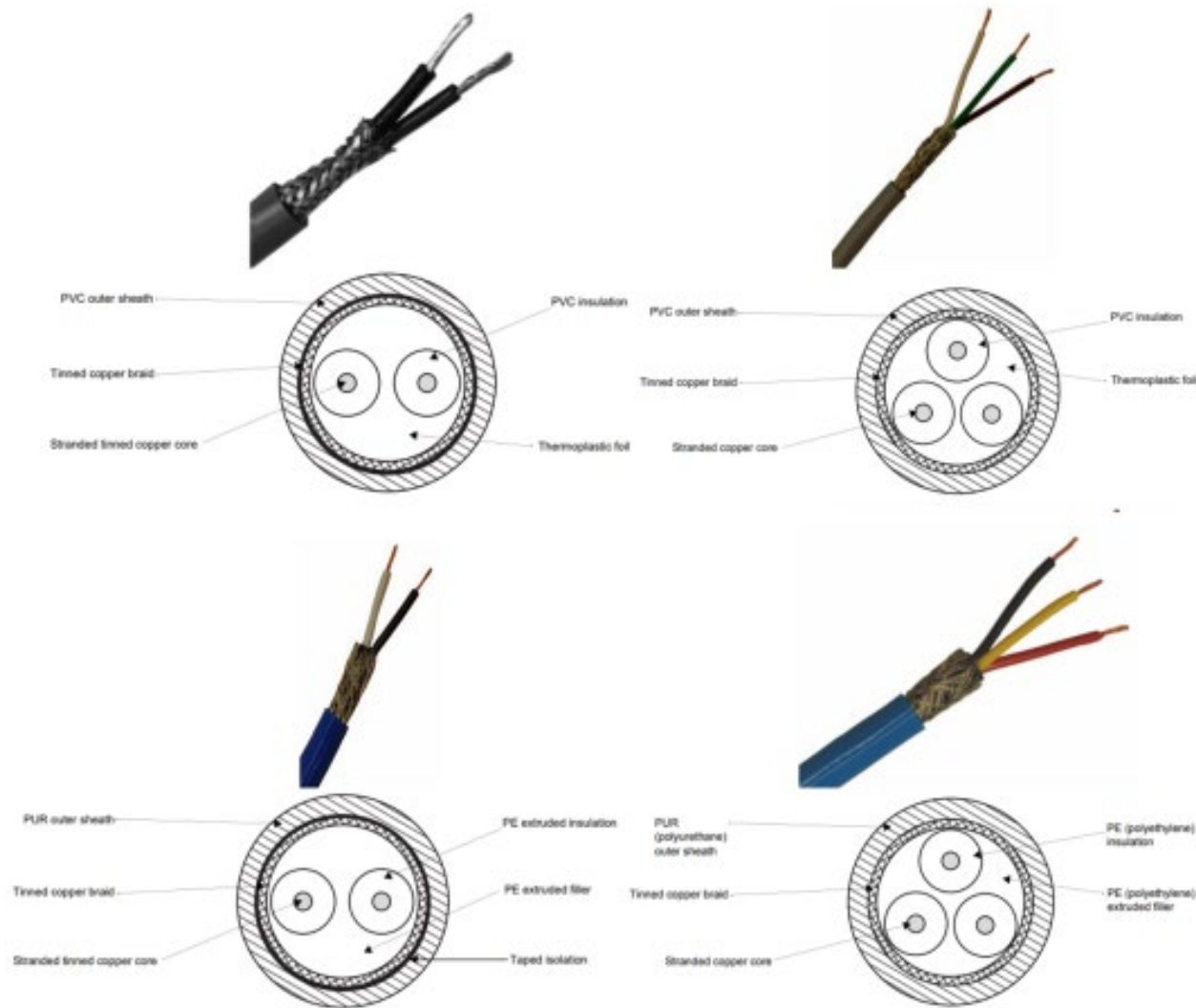
→ Importance of the quality of the cable: distributed capacitance

Examples: K209

K309

K210

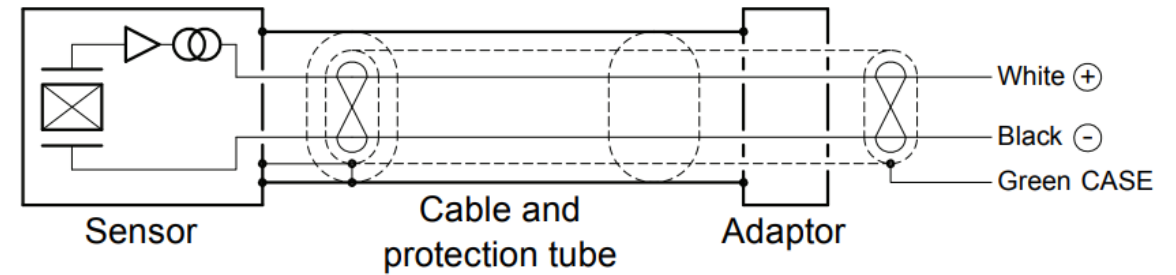
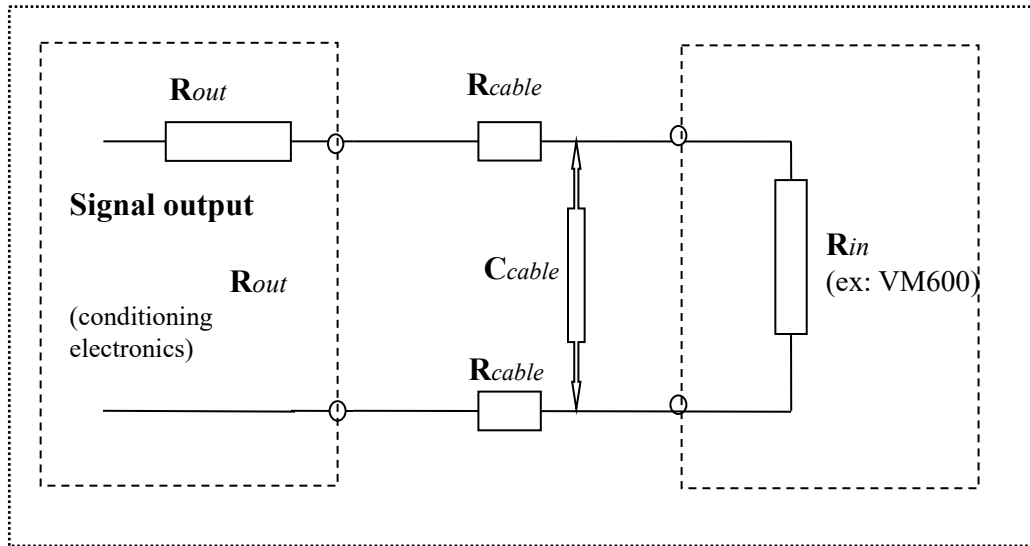
K310



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CURRENT MODE OF TRANSMISSION

Current modulation mode of transmission



- IPC707 in current mode
- IQS900 in current mode
- CE1xx, CE2xx, CE31x

R_{in} (monitor side) instead of **R_{out}** (sensing side)

→ significant improvement

Filter by the cable:

$$F_c = \frac{1}{2\pi (R_{in} + 2 R_{cable}) C_{cable}}$$

Examples of ***R_{in}***:

MPC4mk2

Input impedance

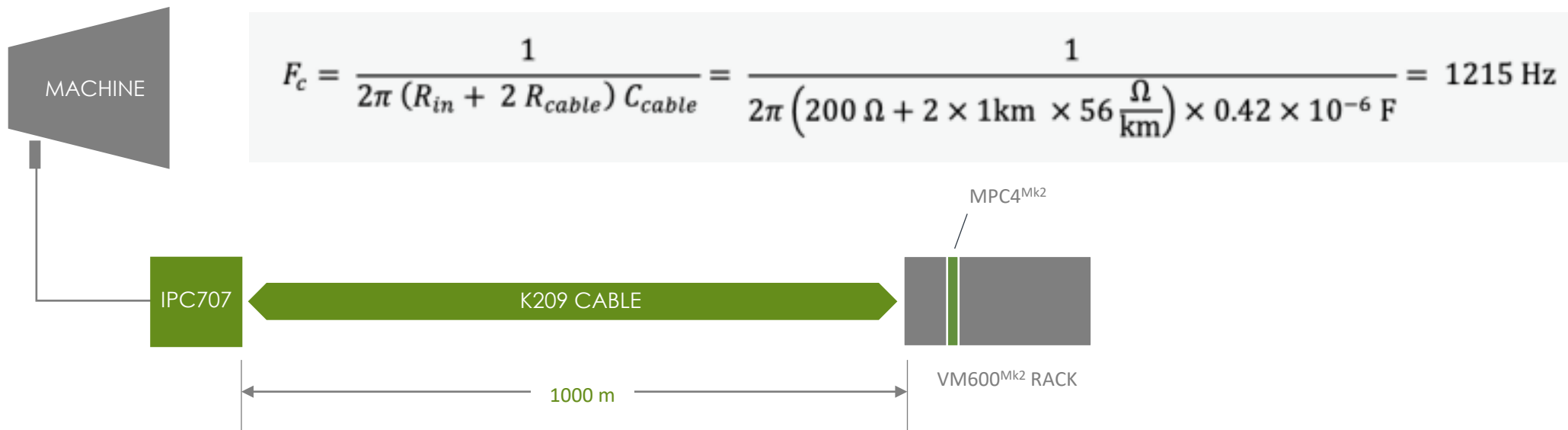
- Voltage : $\geq 100 \text{ k}\Omega$, between the differential (high and low) inputs
- Current : $200 \text{ }\Omega \pm 0.2\%$

GSI127 (code _B0x)

Impedance

- Ordering options B0x : $\leq 30 \text{ }\Omega$

→ even more improvement with the GSI127



Compared to previous example:

Improving by factor ~ 2.5 !

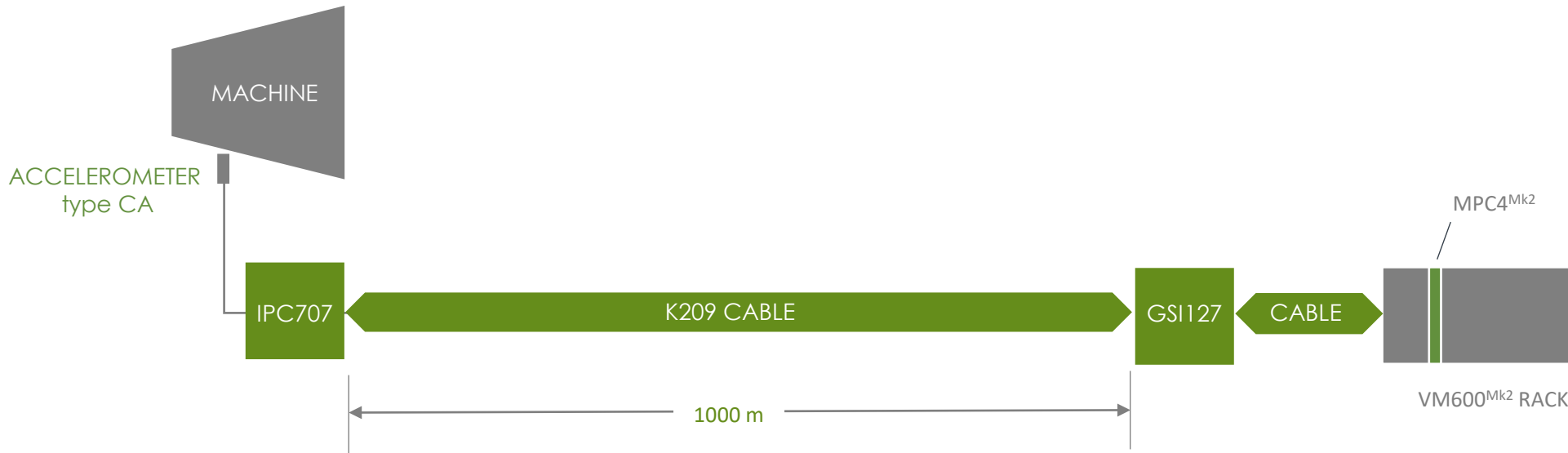
GSI127 (& legacy: GSI122, GSI130, GSI124)

provides numerous capabilities including:

- prevents ground loops (up to ± 4000 Volts), with a very high Common Mode Rejection Ratio ("CMRR" is specified)
- uses current modulation mode as a standard,
- passes a regulated power supply to the sensing apparatus
- provides a very low-impedance ($< 30 \Omega$) input for the sensor signal
- energy limiting for intrinsically safe installations by serving as a safety barrier. : optional
- 0 - 20kHz frequency bandwidth response (unlike other commonly used galvanic separation devices designed only for quasi-static signals)

Versions exist for accelerometers, for proximity probes, and for IEPE sensors.

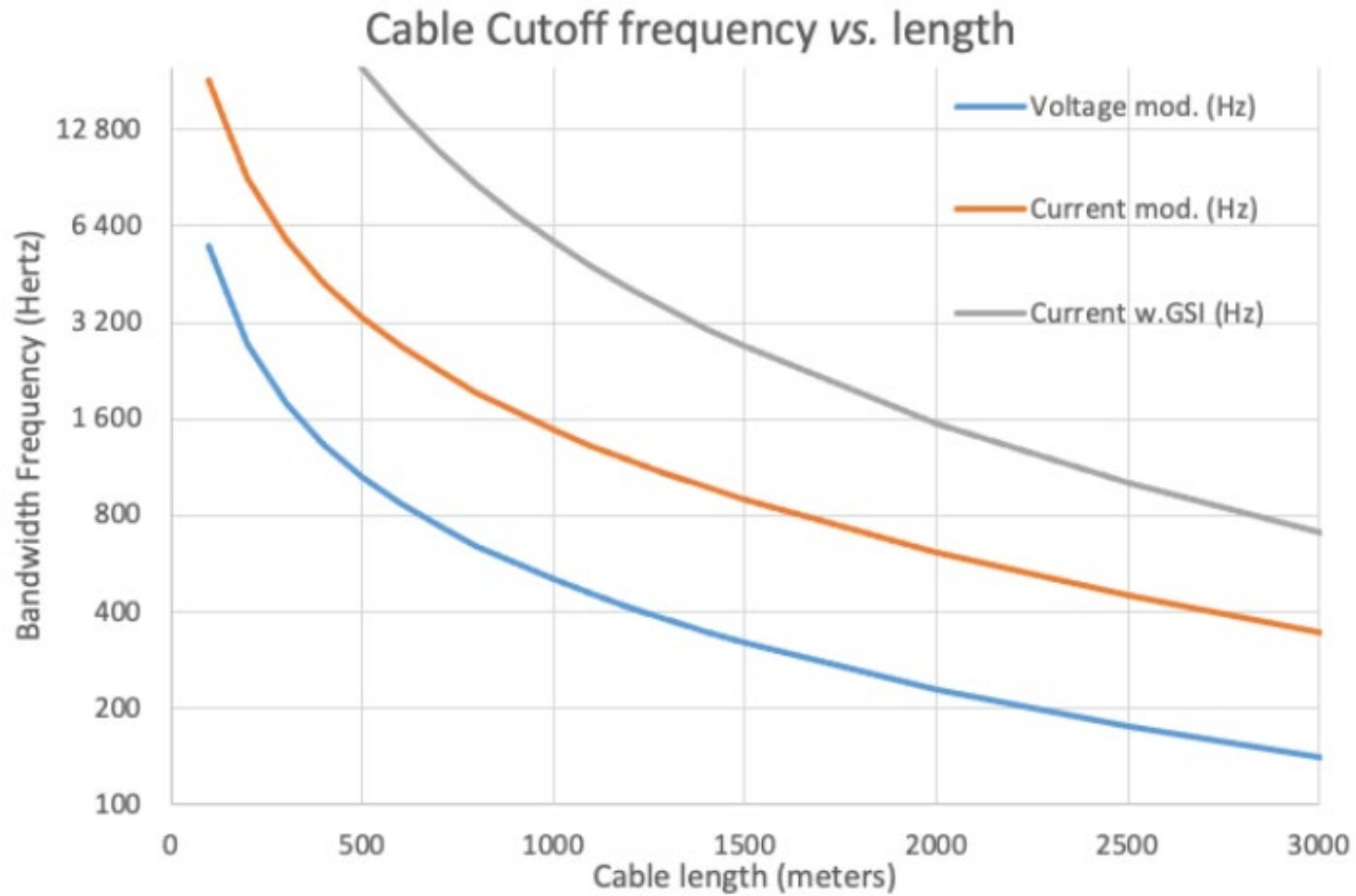




In same example: $F_c = 2670$ Hertz

Improvement by another factor ~ 2.5

Depends on each and every case.



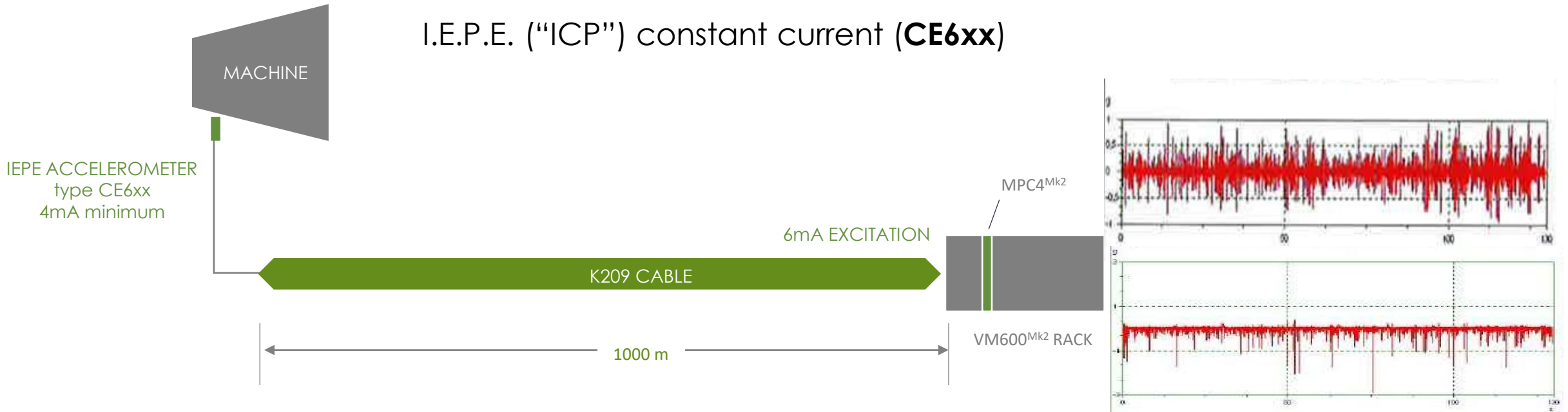
Common exemple with IPC707
Applicable to CA or CP sensors

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I.E.P.E.**

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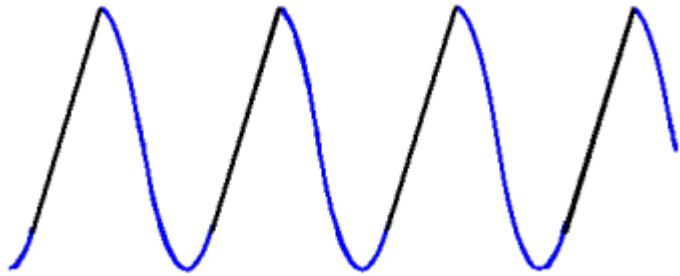
I.E.P.E. ("ICP") constant current (**CE6xx**)



Additional "**slew rate**" effect

- related to the margin on CC power supply
- Results in an additional constraint (+calculation)

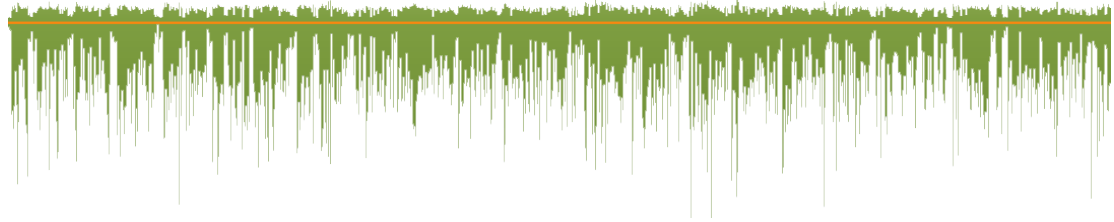
Slew rate effect:



$$I_A = \frac{dQ}{dt} = C_{cable} \times \frac{dV}{dt} = C_{cable} \times sensitivity \times \frac{dA}{dt}$$

$$f = \frac{I_A}{2\pi \times A_f \times sensitivity \times C_{cable}}$$

Extreme effect on IEPE signal out:



Is signal dependant (A):
on the maximum amplitude
expected at a maximum
frequency

In-Water measurement

- Challenging
- Filter increasing with immersed length of cable
- Capacitance effect $\epsilon_{\text{r water}} = 80$!
- Even outside the cable

Tacho pulses

- Affected as well
- But frequency signal remain the same
 - reliability on longer distance
- Beware of cross-talk upon the vibration signals

THE CALCULATION SHEETS

LongDistanceCalculator.xlsx

- 3 columns:
- Fill-in green boxes, incl. length
- Read frequency limit

Voltage mode

Current mode

IEPE additional limit

CableGraphsandTransmissionCalculations.xlsx

- Gives values and curves for:
- Fill-in lines 30..33, column D
- Use graphics to adjust length or bandwidth

Voltage mode

Current mode

Current with GSI

Capacitances.xlsx

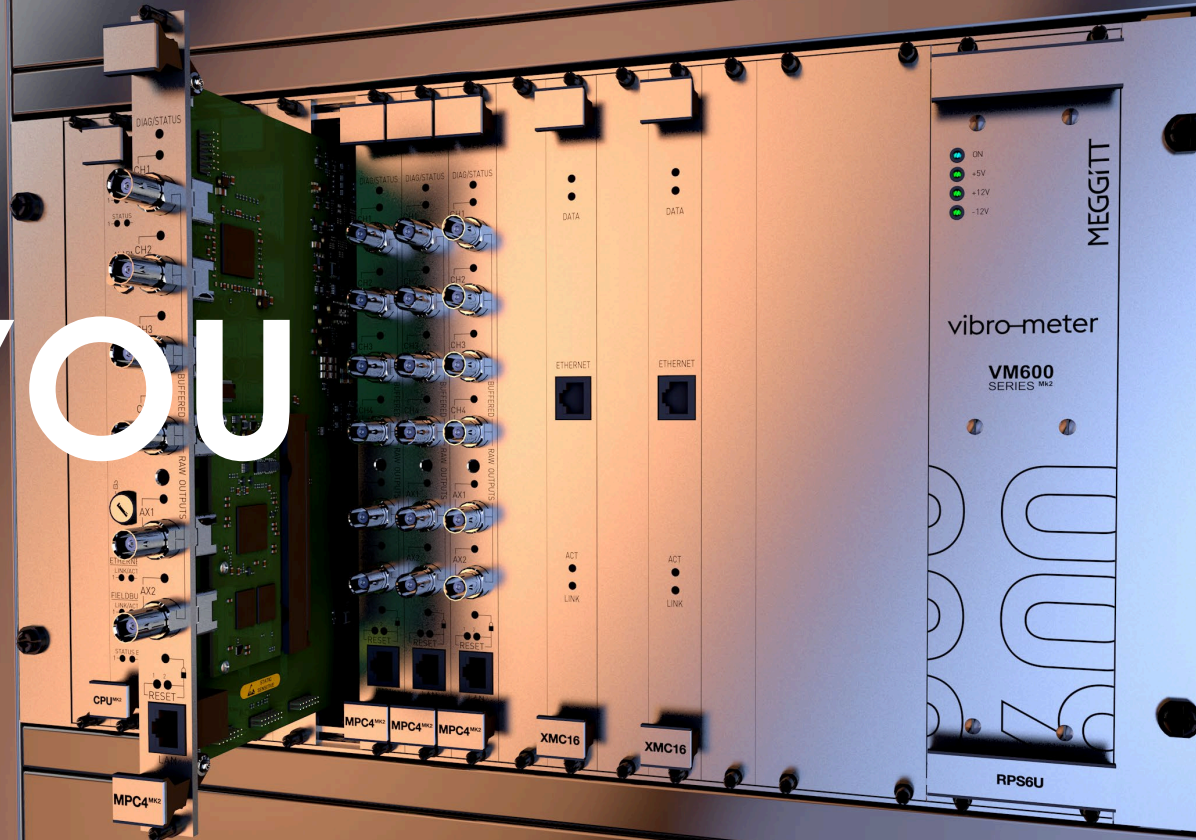
- Helps defining capacitance, from different measurements.

See also:

Wilcoxon Accelerometer Maximum Cable Length Calculator.xlsx but for ***I_{min}***=1mA

[-3dB Cutoff Frequency Calculator \(learningaboutelectronics.com\)](https://www.learningaboutelectronics.com/-3dB-Cutoff-Frequency-Calculator)

THANK YOU



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