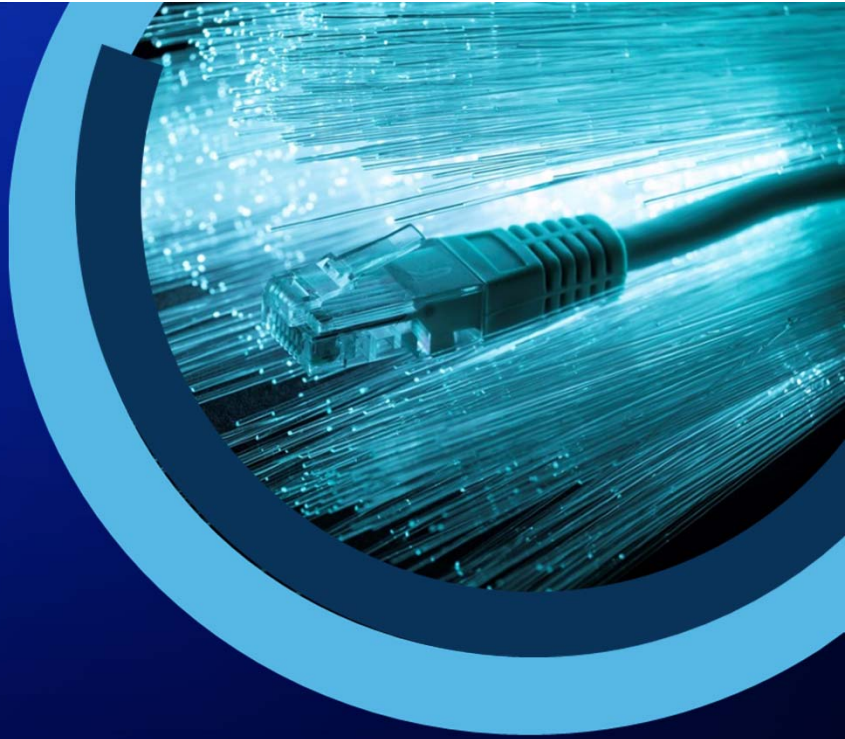


# *The Real Impact of High-Power PoE on Your Network*

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# Discussion

- Setting the Stage!
- Energy Consumption View
- How the Network has Changed!
- Digital Electricity
- Structured Cabling Impacts and Considerations
- Key Takeaways

# Definition - Smart Building Technology



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# WHY **SUSTAINABLE** SMART BUILDINGS?



## ENHANCED OCCUPANT SATISFACTION

Guests can experience advanced control and customization using connected technology, and Operations will be made easy with accessible centralized control and notification platforms

## CAPEX & OPEX COST SAVINGS

By using less physical materials, utilizing less expensive labor, and reducing energy consumption, luxury hospitality projects can **save money** on both capital and operational costs



## REDUCED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

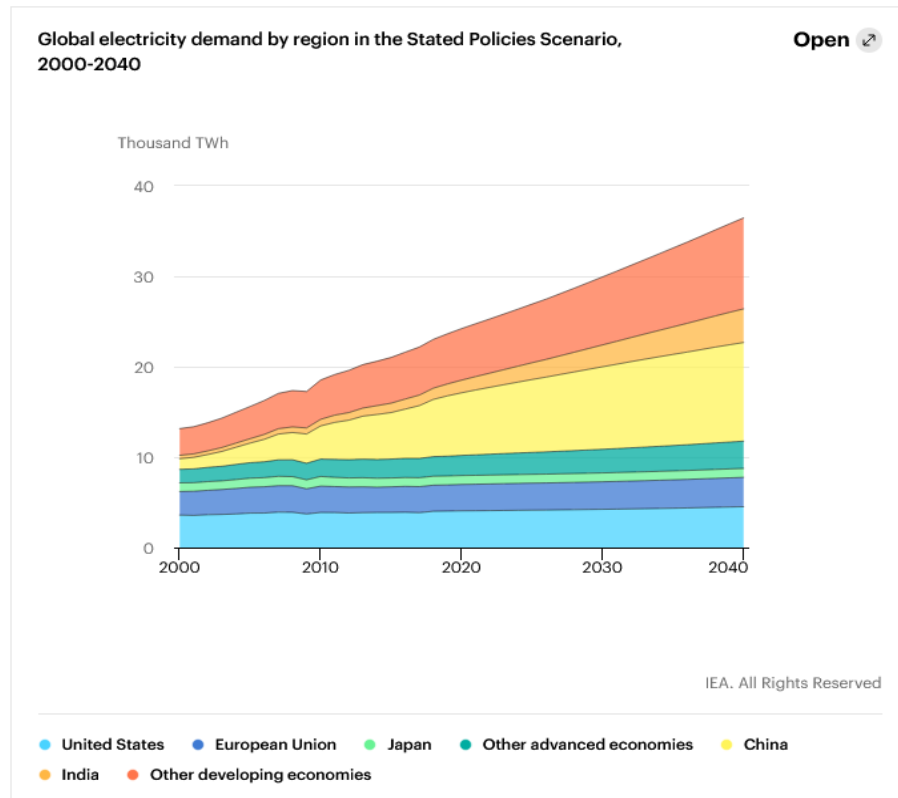
Using DC Technology, we can **eliminate the use of fossil fuels**, and substantially reduce the operational and embodied carbon being used in the project

## MORE USABLE SPACE

Using intelligent distributed design gives the opportunity to generate **more usable space** by eliminating the need for IDFs and Electrical Closets



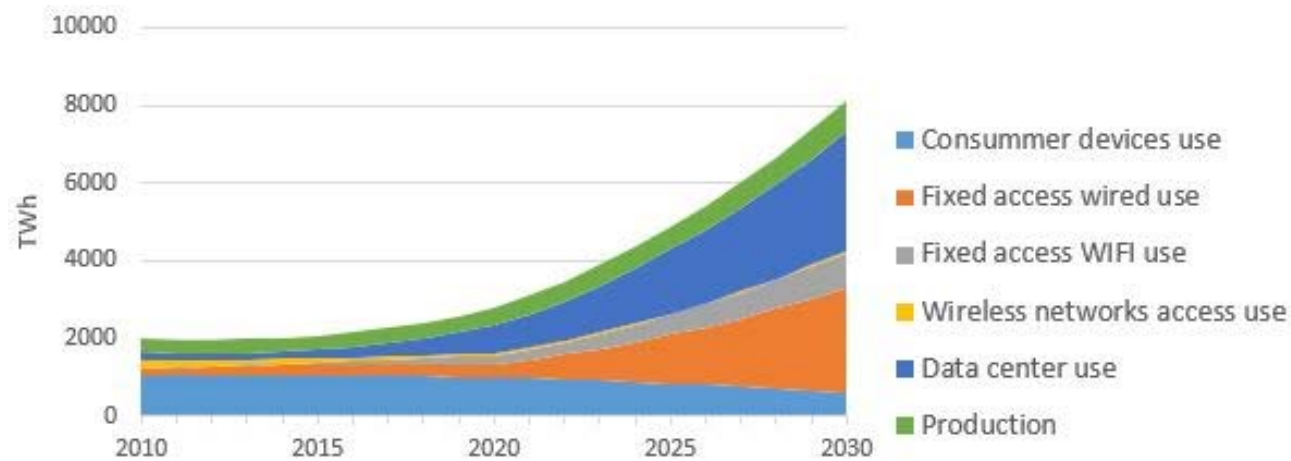
# Global Electricity Demand 2000 - 2040



Electricity demand follows two distinct regional paths. In advanced economies, future growth linked to increasing digitalization and electrification is largely offset by energy efficiency improvements. In developing economies, rising incomes, expanding industrial output and a growing services sector push demand firmly up. Developing economies contribute nearly 90% of global electricity demand growth to 2040 in the Stated Policies Scenario, but demand per person in these economies remains 60% lower than in advanced economies.

Source: [IEA](#)

# Power Consumption Linked to ICT, 2010 - 2030

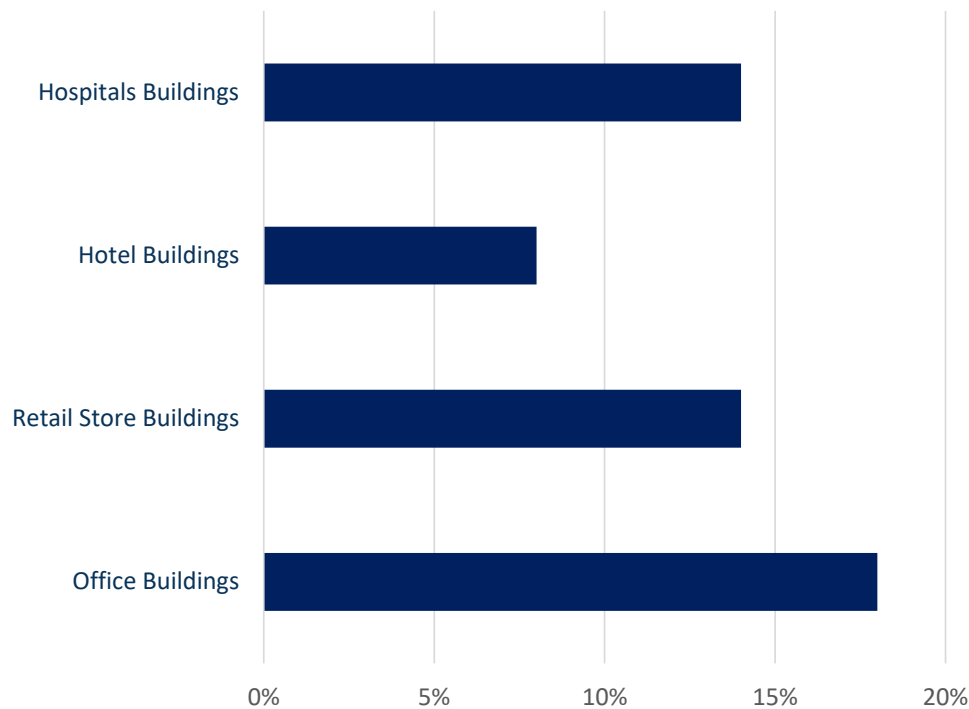


*Currently, ICTs account for between 5% and 9% of total electricity consumption, and their development suggests a deep transformation of energy systems, from smart networks to customer management or decentralized energy exchanges.*

Source: [Enerdata](#)

# Sustainability through Smart Technologies

Annual Whole-Building Energy Savings by Installing Smart Building Technology



Smart building technologies like occupancy sensors, smart thermostats, HVAC and lighting controls can significantly reduce energy consumption in a variety of building types.

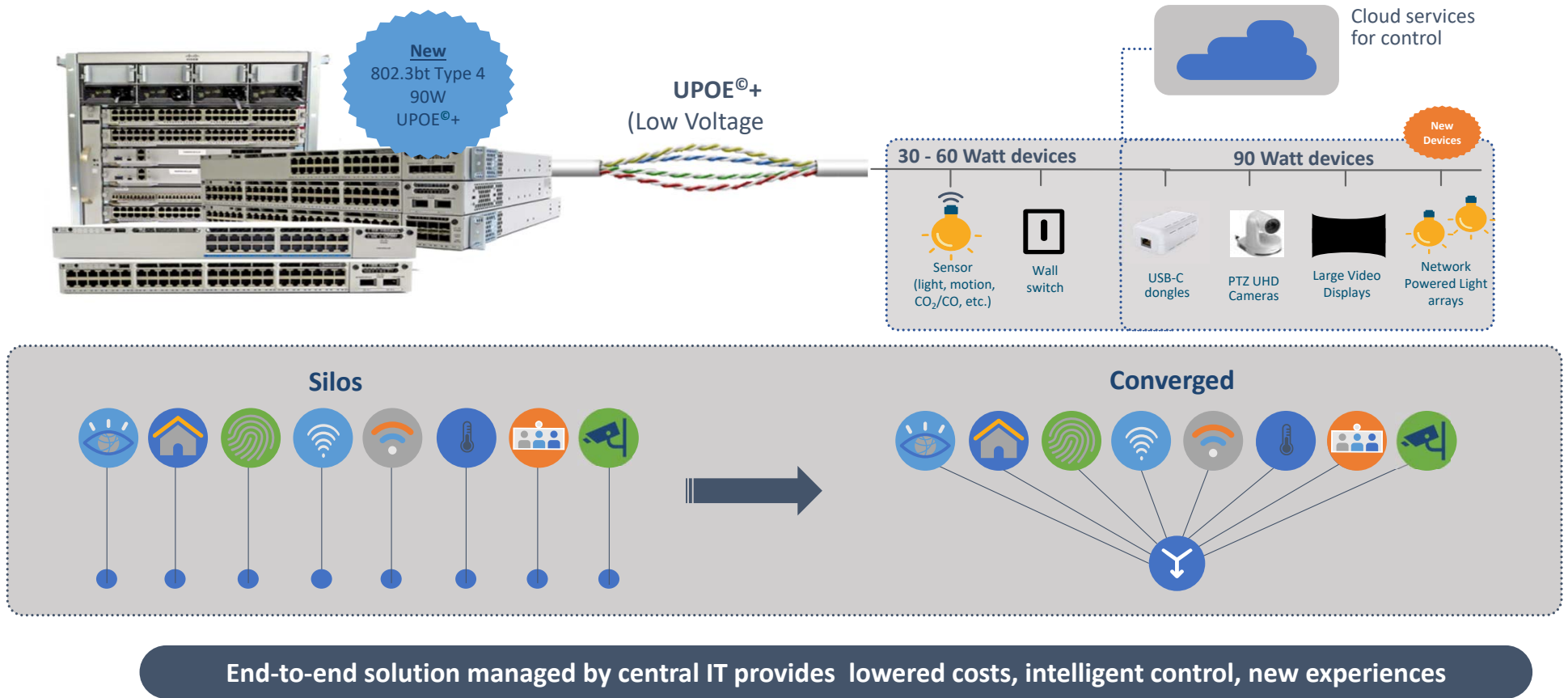
# Intelligent Buildings & Sustainable Cabling

## Environmental & Economic Benefits

- 30-50% reduction in energy usage
- 14% savings in building operation and maintenance costs
- 5% higher operating income and building asset value



# IT Networks Shift: IT/OT Convergence



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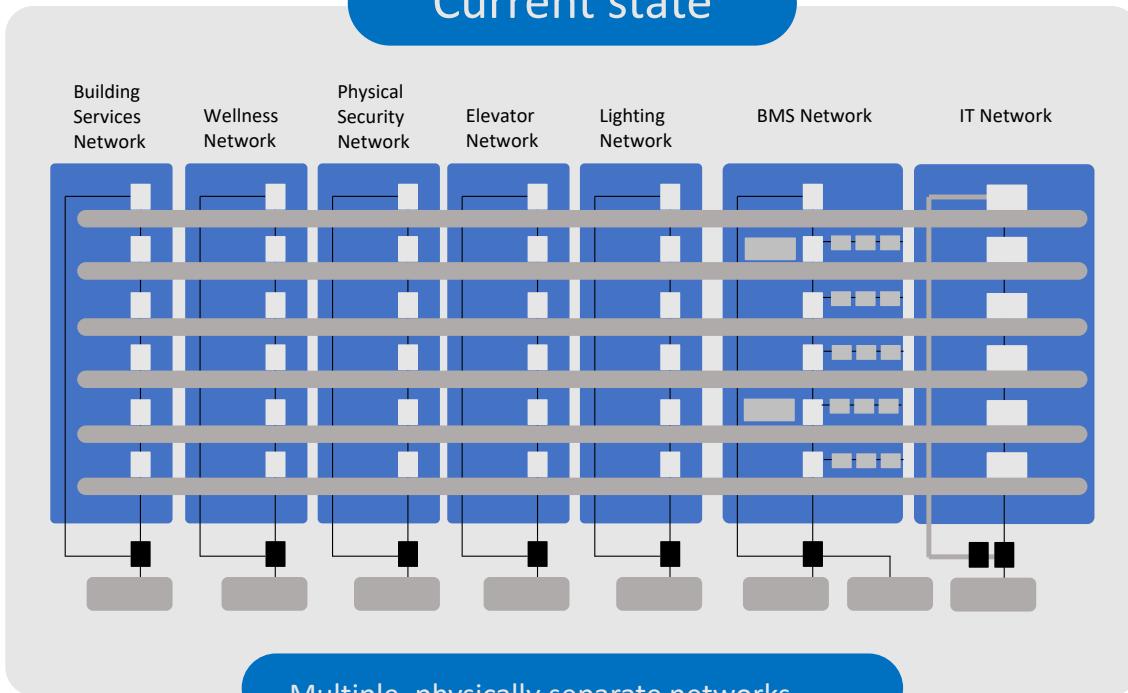


# Creating a World of Building PoE Endpoints



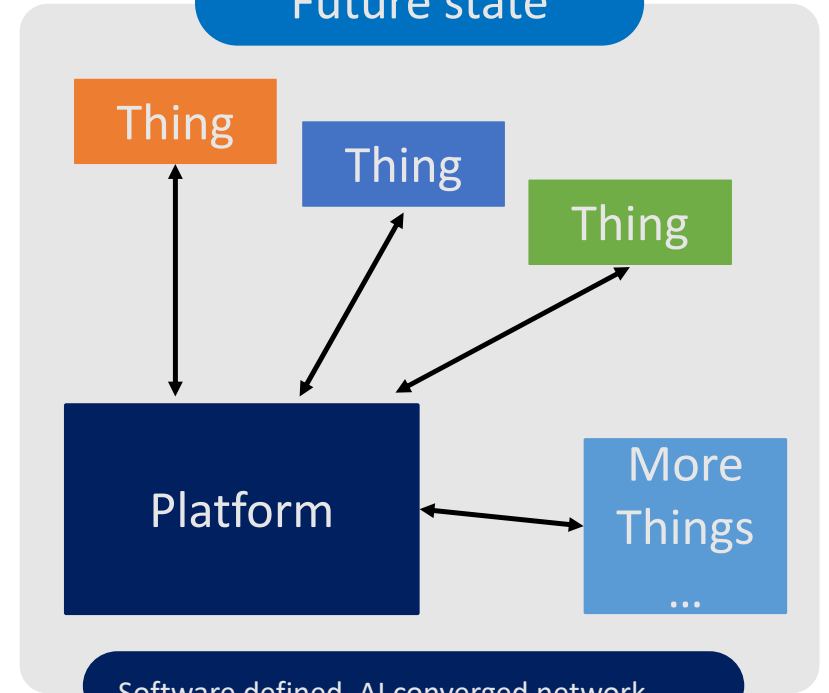
# Eliminate Duplicity & Waste - Convergence

Current state



Multiple, physically separate networks

Future state

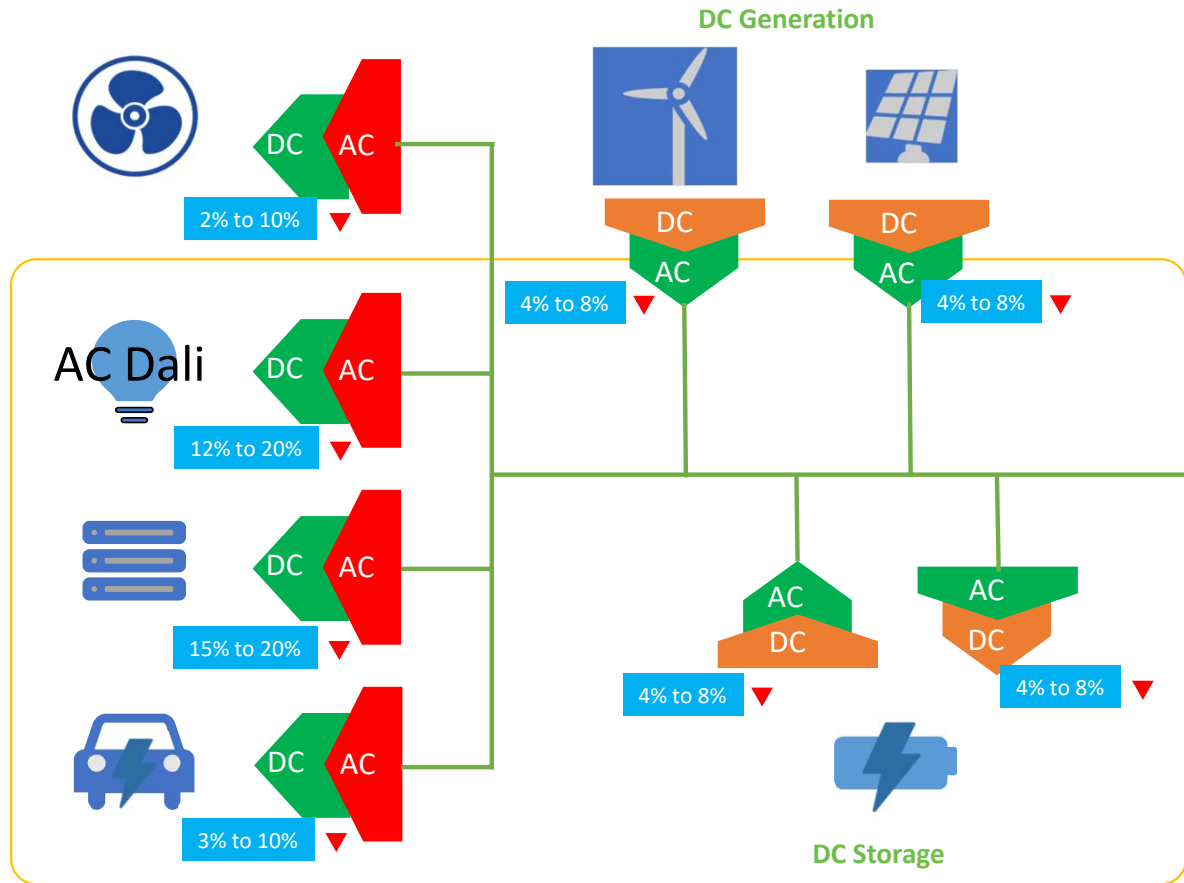


Software defined, AI covered network

Courtesy of ACA

# The Traditional Approach to Power is Wasteful

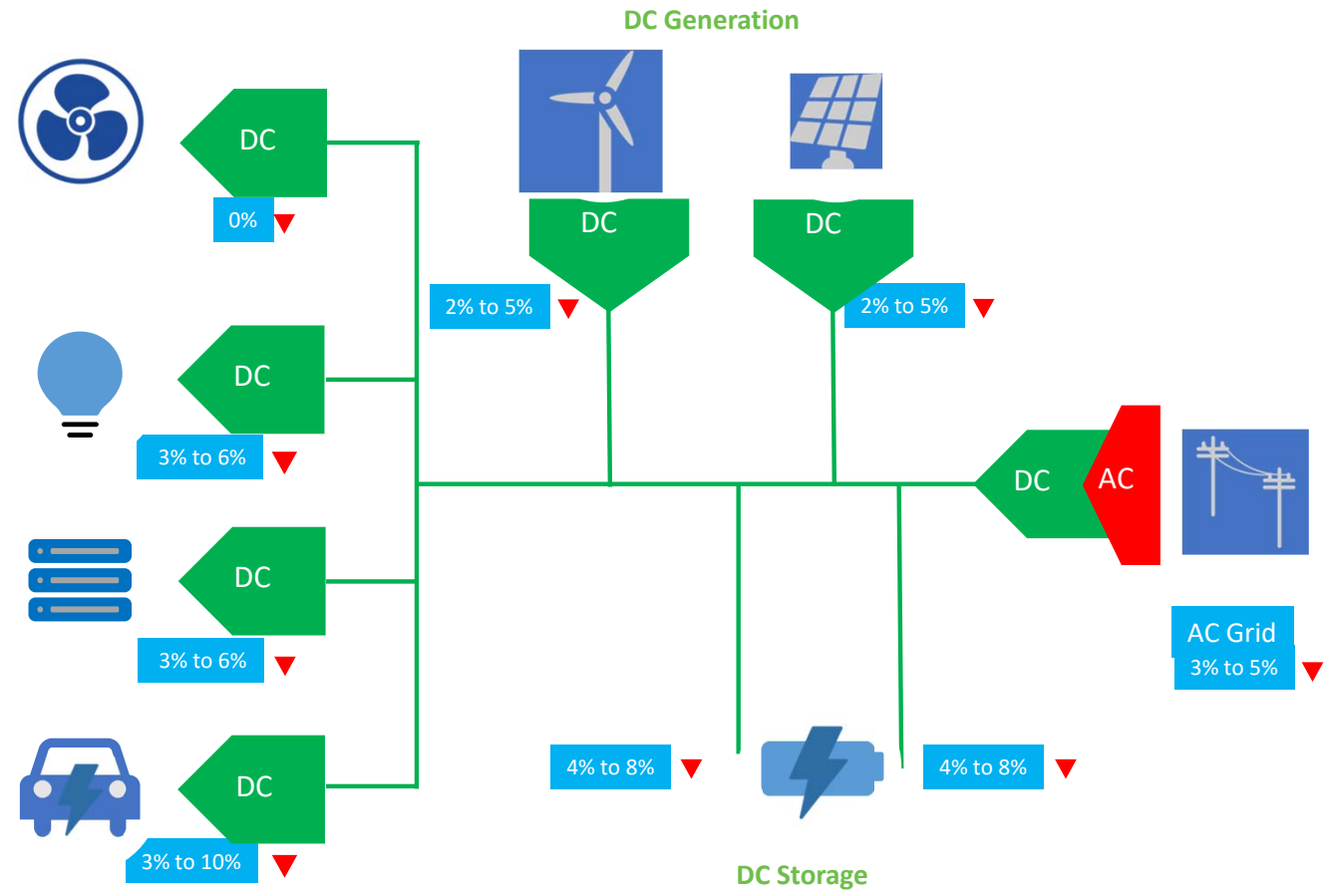
Up to  
**20%**  
 of power wasted in  
 conversion loss



Source: CSA Group

# Smart Buildings Save Energy, Cost Less to Operate

**45%+**  
 Reduction in energy waste  
 by using DC power



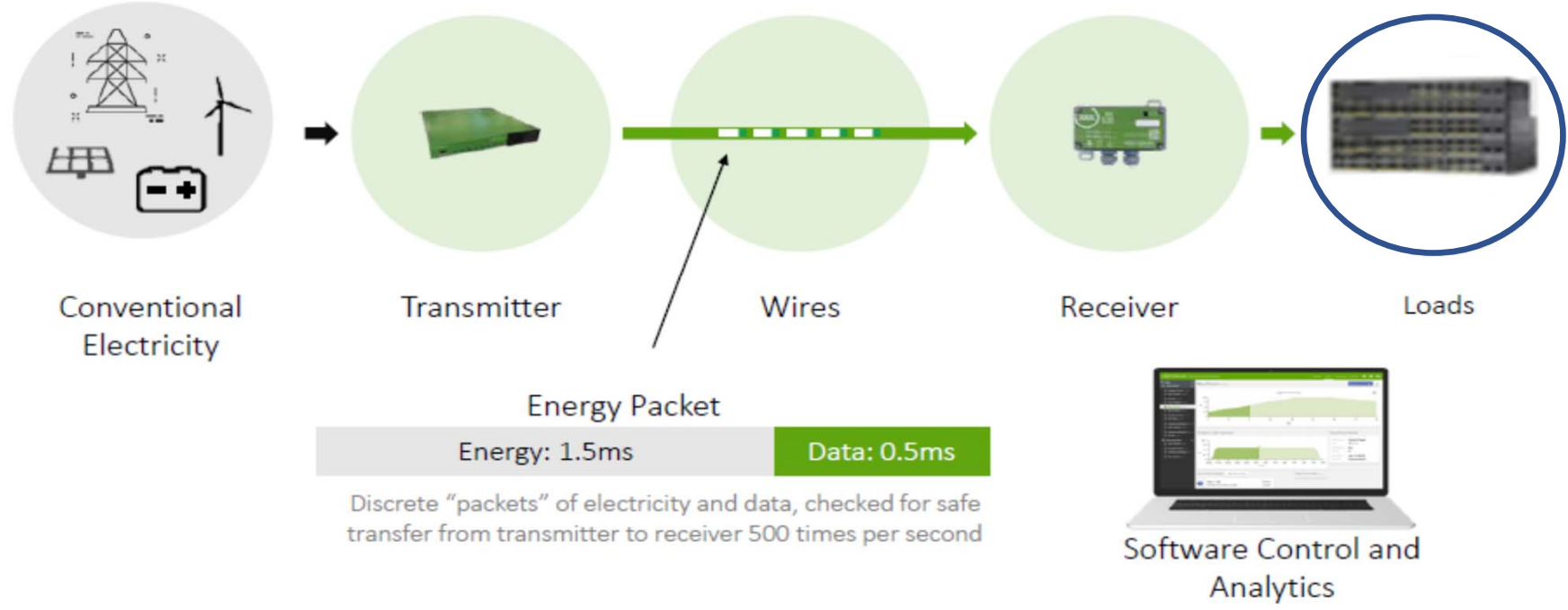
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Fault Managed Power (FMP)  
Class 4  
=  
Digital Electricity (DE)

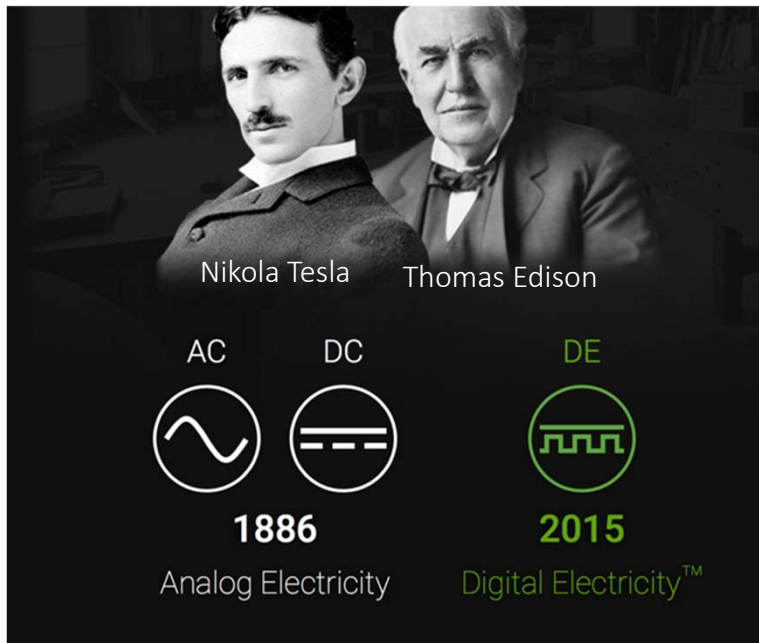


# Digital Electricity – Fault Managed Power (Class 4)

The next format for a digitally connected world



# Digital Electricity: A New DC Power Distribution Technology



## Digital Electricity

Pulsed DC Power (Packet Energy Transfer)

- Safe to Touch
- NRTL listed NEC 62368-1 limited power source
  - As a listed limited power source, it qualifies to be installed under NEC Article 725
- Each Pulse Packet checks for:
  - High Current
  - Ground Fault
  - Arc Fault
  - High Resistance (loose connection)
  - Touch (resistive load)
- Range up to 2KM
- 500W at 1K ft on 1 pair 18AWG cable



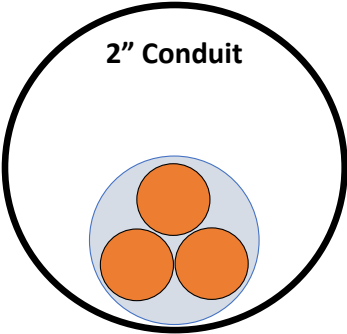
# Benefits of DE

- **Significant Power** – up to 600W per pair of conductors
- **Significant Distance** – up to 2km
- **Skinny Conductors** – 16-18AWG
- **Safe** – lab certified for Class 2 wiring practices (same as Ethernet/PoE)
- **System Monitoring and Control** – remotely manage your power distribution
- **Scalable** – built with flexibility in mind to support kW to MW of power
- **Speed to deployment** – can be run in same conduit as fiber optic cable, many jurisdictions do not require permit
- **Simple** – plug and play, does not require any specialized programming to get up and running
- **Sustainable** – energy efficient, especially when paired with renewables and less embodied carbon

# Comparison of Material Requirements

**Example:** Need 1,000W at 1000ft (305m)

**120VAC:**  
3x 3AWG wires in 2" conduit



**Digital Electricity:**  
4 pairs 18AWG, no conduit

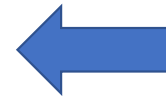
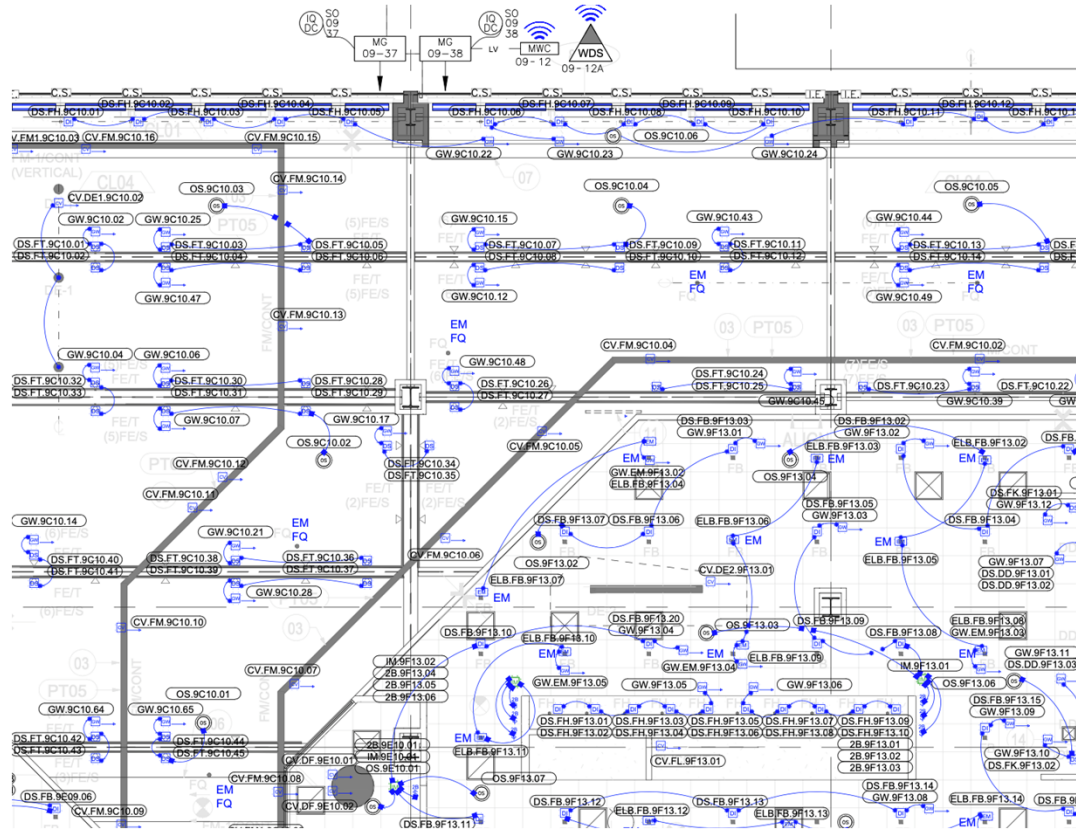


or

3 pairs 16AWG, no conduit



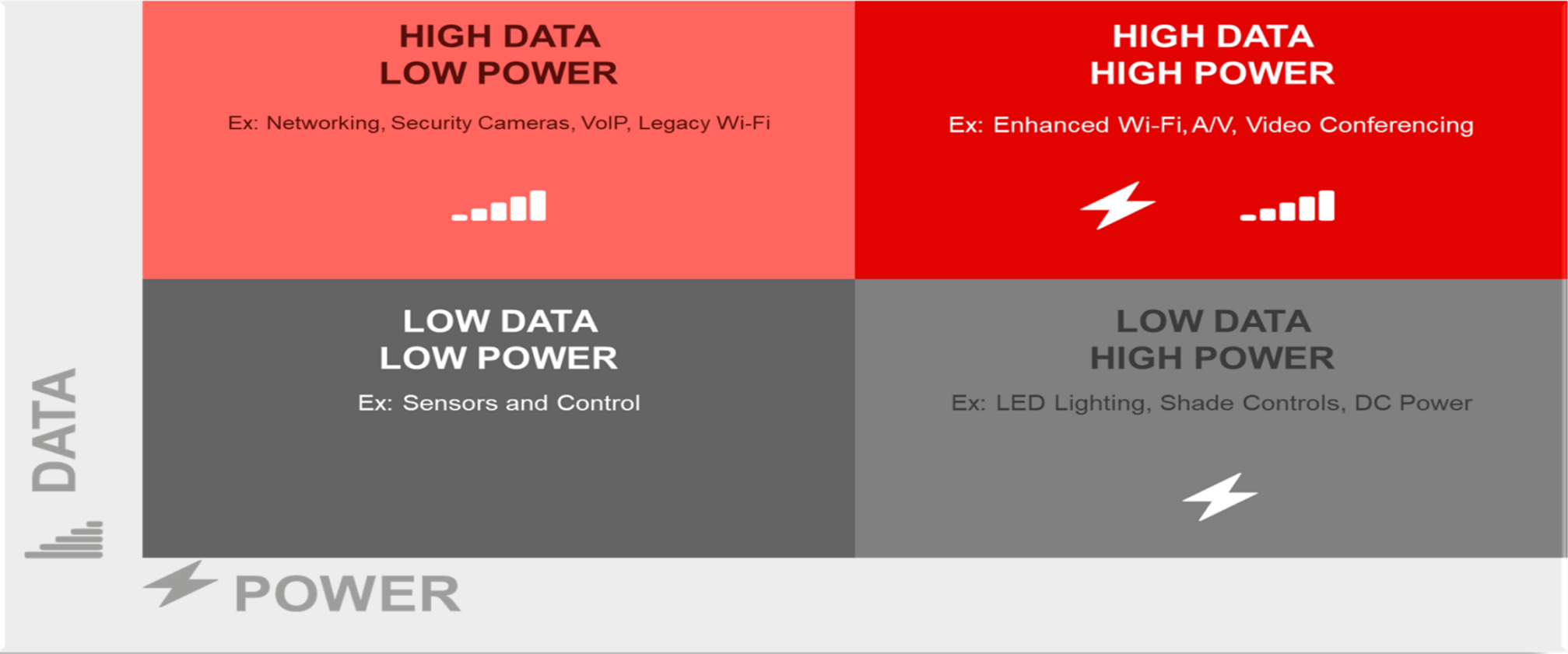
# Low Voltage Design Expansion



Combination of multiple devices and manufactures with structured cabling to connect it all!

- Design work shift to low voltage
- PoE disciplines emerging
- Millions of square feet deployed

# Structured Cabling Considerations



# Twisted Pair Cable Factors for PoE

## ➤ Gauge Size

Larger copper gauge = less heat and is better at mitigating heat rise

## ➤ Cable Size

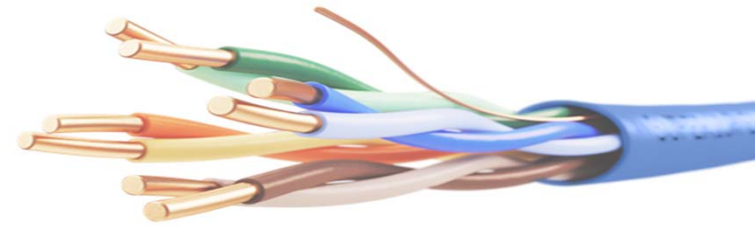
Larger cables better dissipate heat

## ➤ Temperature rating

Cables with a higher temp rating = better ability to mitigate heat rise 100% FEP (Plenum) insulation will have a higher rating than partial FEP or polyolefin insulation (Riser)

## ➤ Other elements of cable construction

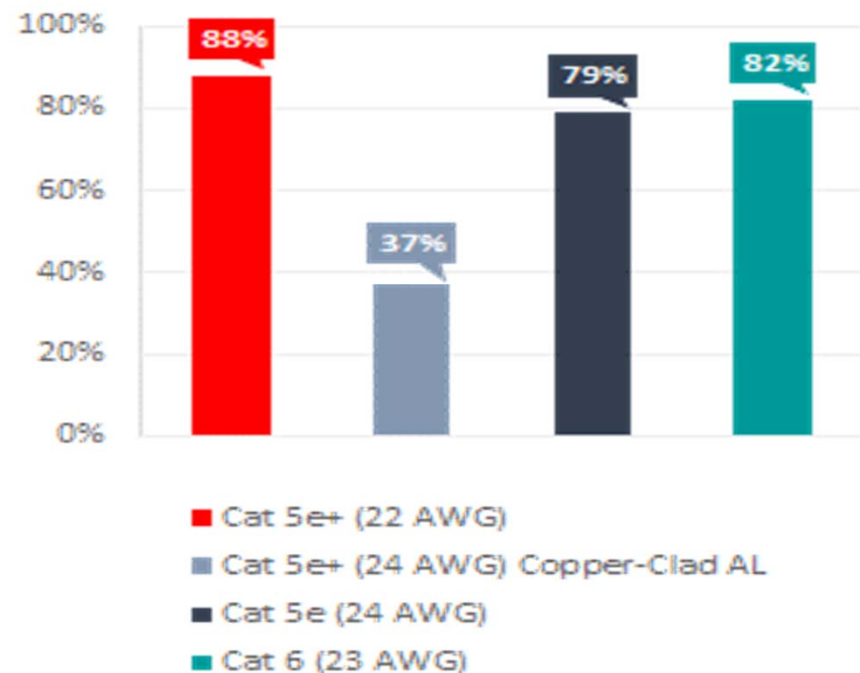
Shielded products dissipate heat down the length of the cable and therefore improve capability



# Cable: Power Efficiency

- Think about the application
  - High-speed Data vs. High power vs. Mix
  - AWG more important than performance category?
- If main application is high power, high-performance category may not provide best ROI

Power Efficiency Per 100m Length



# Cable: Temperature Rise

Higher Temp = Higher Attenuation

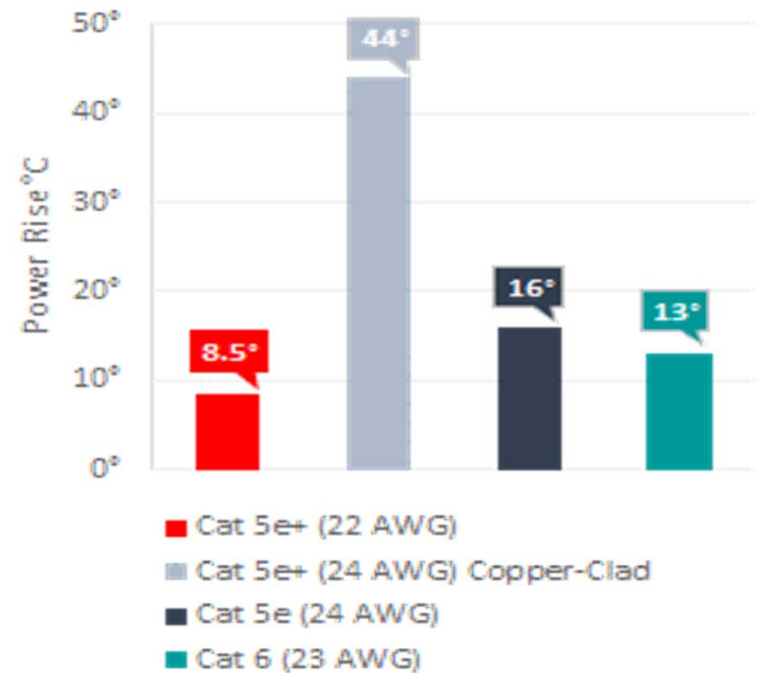


Higher Attenuation = Signal loss



Signal Loss = Shorter Channel Distance

Temperature Rise in 100 Cable Bundle



# Takeaways

- Sustainability and Energy Reduction is the focus!
- PoE Applications are here today!
- AC / DC / FMP (DE)
- Structured Cabling is a good Strategy!
- Smart and Sustainable Technologies:
  - Reduce TCO and are Environmentally Friendly
  - Provide a Futureproofing Pathway to New Technologies



# Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

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