

# Mohr on Minimizing Crosstalk in Wiring and Cabling

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## Foreword

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# Introduction



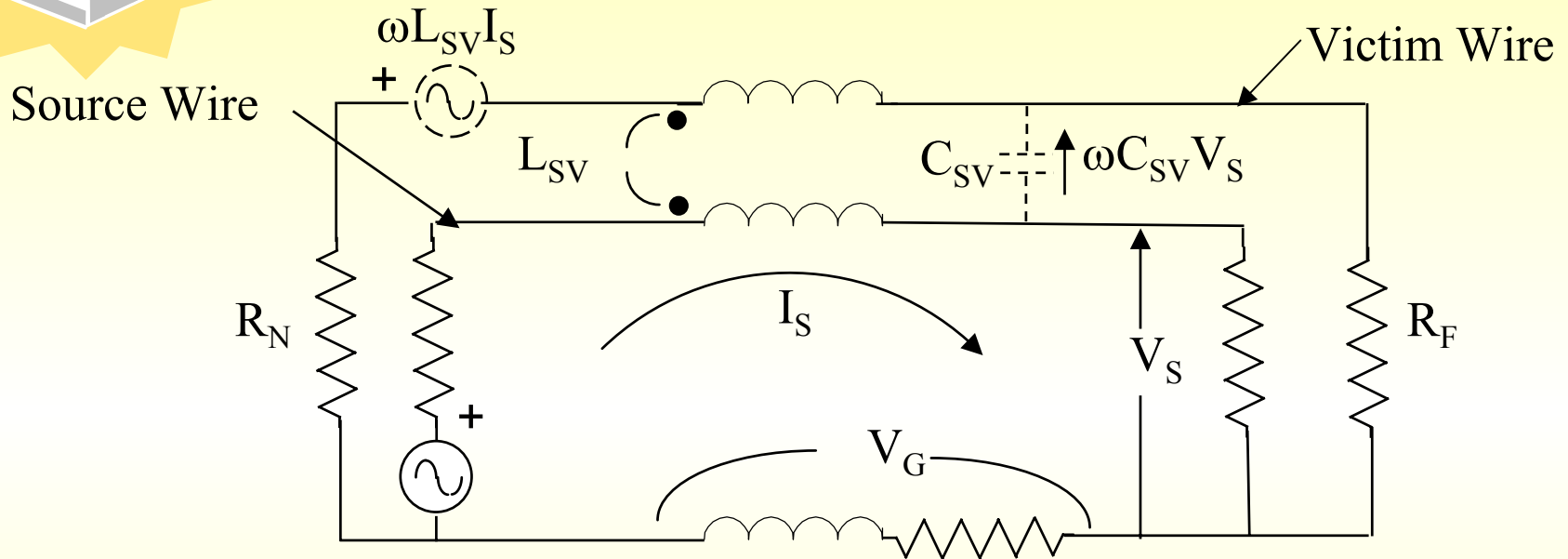
- Purpose

- Provide a solid understanding of the factors determining crosstalk in wiring and cabling, particularly of grounding and shielding.  
Understand where protective measures work, or may not work

- Approach

- The basic mechanisms of crosstalk are shown
- Representative shielded and unshielded cabling interface models are introduced
- The models are selected to provide insight into the advantages and disadvantages of different cabling and grounding schemes
- Extension of the models for quantitative evaluations of crosstalk is illustrated with examples

# Cross Coupling Mechanisms in Interface Wiring



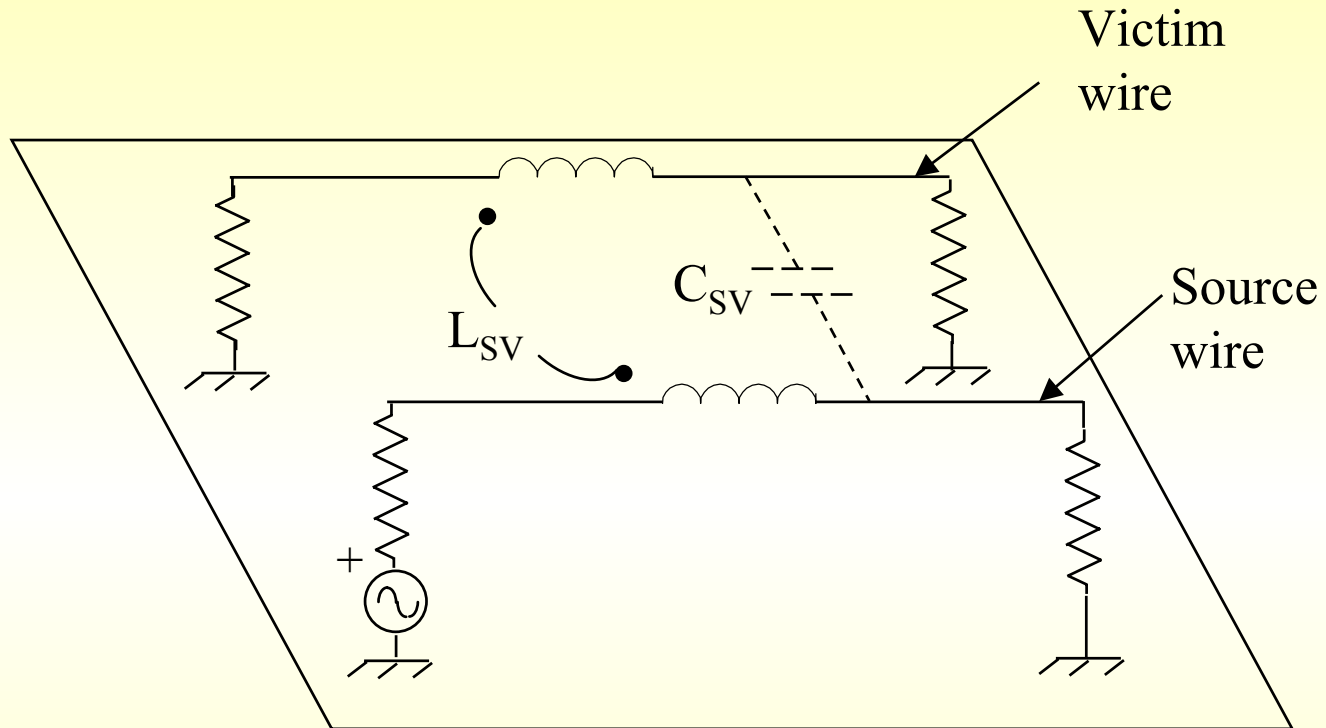
Crosstalk via.:

- Self-impedance in common return
- Mutual inductance, source to victim
- Mutual capacitance, source to victim

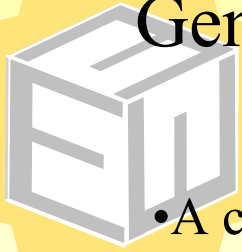
# Cross Coupling Mechanisms in Interface Wiring (Cont'd)



## Employment of Conductive Ground Reference Plane



- *Ground plane serves as reference for analysis of crosstalk configurations*
- *Representative of configurations on metal-frame platforms and wiring trays*
- *Ground plane reference is standard for EMC evaluations*

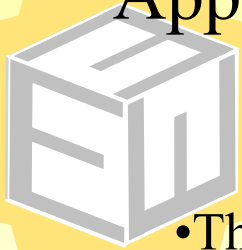


# General Considerations on Prevention of Crosstalk

- A common return wire, as on Sheet 4 herein, should never be employed in sensitive interfaces and will not be addressed here any further
- Prevention measures are equally effective when introduced into Source or Victim interfaces
- Optimally, prevention measures should be employed in both Source and Victim circuits
- For this presentation, illustrations will address primarily the victim, it being understood that corrective approaches, and improvement realized, generally apply also to the source circuit

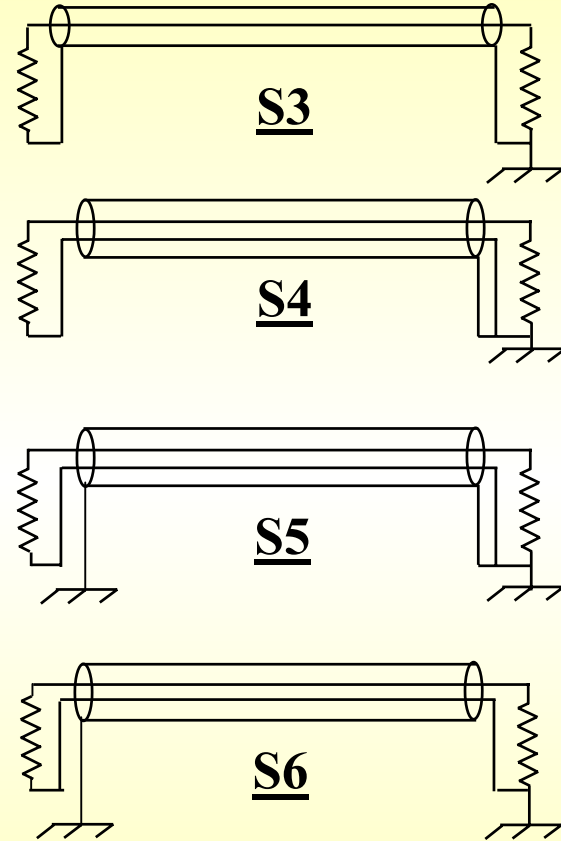
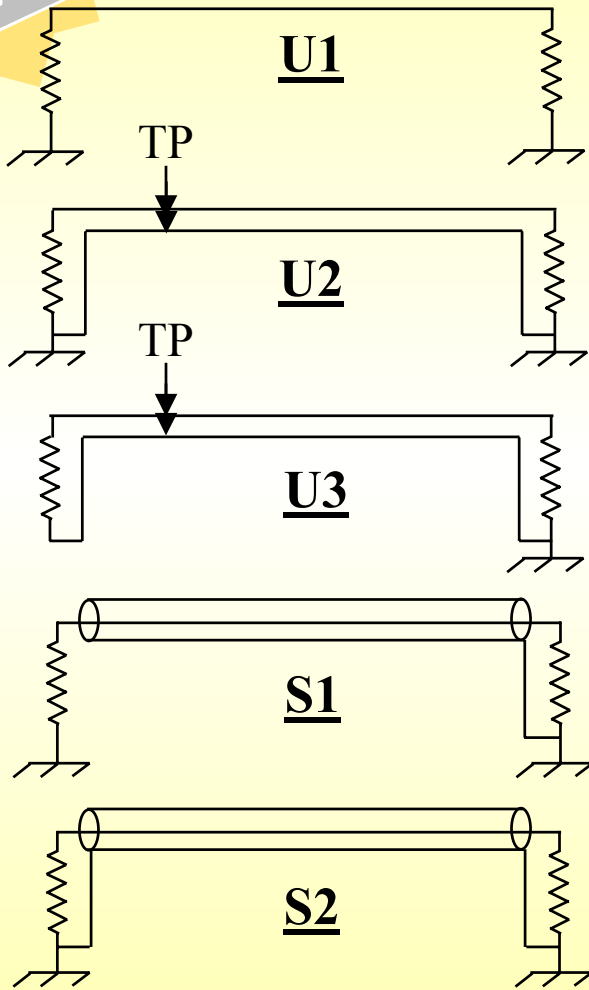
Balanced, differential interfaces are not treated explicitly here. For analysis they may first be treated as unbalanced interfaces, then apply an additional level of rejection due to their balance.

# Applicability of Crosstalk Models Treated Herein



- The crosstalk models presented are applicable to a wide range of crosstalk situations.
- For simplicity in the presentation and illustrative examples the following limitations apply:
  - Ground reference will be provided by a conductive ground plane, which may or may not be used as a signal return.
  - Coupled line lengths will be limited to no more than  $\lambda/10$
  - $R_N$ , the resistance in the victim line near the source in the source line is 400 Ohms
  - $R_F$ , the resistance in the victim line opposite the far end of the source line is 400 Ohms
  - Source voltage is: 5 V; source current is: 0.0125 A
- The limitations allow lumped element models; and, in the examples, stray inductance, capacitance, and resistance of the wiring can be neglected, except where they are a primary mechanism in crosstalk.

# Signal Interface Types Treated







# Preview

## Crosstalk Analysis Summaries

100 kHz, 10 m interface, routed at  $h = 0.05$  m over ground plane

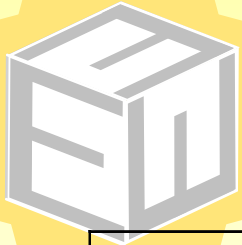
Configuration	Description	Signal Ground End	Shield Ground End	Near End Coupling Electric/Magnetic $V_E/V_H(V/V)$	Far End Coupling Electric/Magnetic $V_E/V_H(V/V)$
Unshielded U1	Single wire	Both	N/A	0.0139/0.0111	0.0139/ -0.0111
Unshielded U2	Twisted Pair (TP)	Both	N/A	0.0081/0.0074	0.0081/ -0.0074
Unshielded U3	Twisted Pair (TP)	Far	N/A	0.0081/1.302*10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.0081/ -1.302*10 <sup>-4</sup>
Shielded S1	Shielded Single wire	Both	Far	5.766*10 <sup>-7</sup> /0.0111	5.766*10 <sup>-7</sup> / -0.0111
Shielded S2	Shielded Single wire	Both	Both	1.442*10 <sup>-7</sup> /3.197*10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.442*10 <sup>-7</sup> / -3.197*10 <sup>-4</sup>
Shielded S3	Shielded Single wire	Far	Far	-2.492*10 <sup>-6</sup> /7.09*10 <sup>-8</sup>	2.492*10 <sup>-6</sup> / -7.09*10 <sup>-8</sup>
Shielded S4	Shielded Twisted Pair (STP)	Far	Far	1.355*10 <sup>-6</sup> /1.271*10 <sup>-8</sup>	1.355*10 <sup>-6</sup> /1.271*10 <sup>-8</sup>
Shielded S5	Shielded Twisted Pair (STP)	Far	Both	3.388*10 <sup>-7</sup> /1.553*10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.388*10 <sup>-7</sup> /1.553*10 <sup>-3</sup>
Shielded S6	Shielded Twisted Pair (STP)	Far	Near	1.355*10 <sup>-6</sup> /3.106*10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.355*10 <sup>-6</sup> /3.106*10 <sup>-3</sup>



## Summary

Parameters in Wiring and Cabling

Crosstalk Models



# Wiring and Cabling Parameters Per Meter

And 100 kHz impedances in 10 meters of cable routed at  
h=5 cm above conducting ground plane

Type	Capacitance to ground, $C_w$		Self-Inductance, $L_w$		Resistance, $R_w$		Mutual Inductance, $L_{w-w}$		Mutual Capacitance, $C_{w-w}$	
	(pF/m)	(Ohms/10m)	(uH/m)	(Ohms/10m)	(Ohms/m)	(Ohms/10m)	(uH/m)	(Ohms/10m)	(pF/m)	(Ohms/10m)
#24 AWG Open Wire	9.312	17,091	1.194	7.502	0.0719	0.719			-	
Shielded Wire (RG-58 Coax)	-		-		-		-		-	
• Conductor	92.08 to shield)	1728	1.0832	6.806	0.0278	0.278	0.853	5.360	-	
• Shield	13.182	12,074	0.853	5.360	0.0154	0.154	0.853	5.360	-	
#24 TP	9.312	17,091	1.159	7.282	0.080	0.8	0.386	2.425	38.16	
#24 STP	-		-		-		-			
• Conductor	111.1 (to shield)	1433	0.620 (round trip)	6.2	0.157 (round trip)	1.57	-		24.53	
• Shield	12.73	12,498	0.873	5.485	0.0307	0.193	-		-	

**Series impedances in the model conductors are much less than  $R_N$  (400 Ohms) and  $R_F$  (400 Ohms) and shunt impedances are much greater than  $R_N$  and  $R_F$  and all may be neglected in the examples.**

# Coupling Parameters, Source to Victim

Coupled length,  $l=10$  m,  
 Height over ground plane,  $h=5$  cm;  
 Separation of source to victim  $D=2.5$  cm

Coupling from Source to:	Mutual Inductance		Mutual Capacitance	
	( $\mu\text{H}/\text{m}$ )	(Ohms/10 m)	(pF/m)	(Ohms/10 m)
• Open wire	( $L_{S-w}$ ) 0.2833	1.780	( $C_{S-w}$ ) 2.208	72,081
• Shield of RG-58	( $L_{S-sh}$ ) 0.2833	1.780	( $C_{S-sh}$ ) 3.091	51,490
• #24 TP	( $L_{S-w}$ ) 0.2833	1.780	2.570 ( ( $C_{S-w}$ ) 1.285 to each wire)	61,928 ( $1.239 \cdot 10^5$ to each wire)
• Shield of #24 TP	( $L_{S-w}$ ) 0.2833	1.780	( $C_{S-w}$ ) 3.020	52,700

**The capacitive reactance of the coupling capacitance is much greater than the  $R_N$  and  $R_F$  in the victim circuits, and the injected current may be modeled as from a constant current source.**

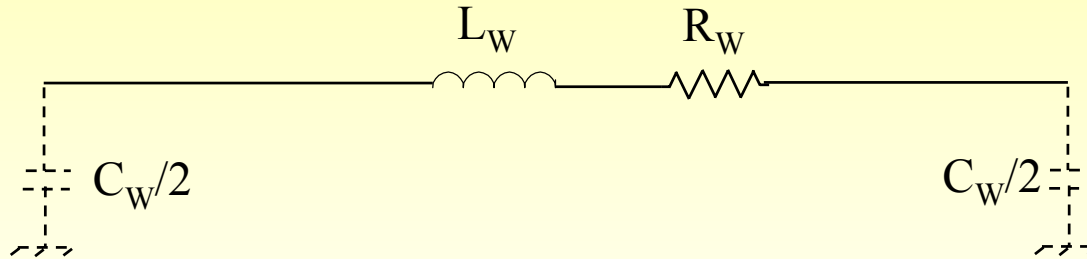


# Unshielded Configurations

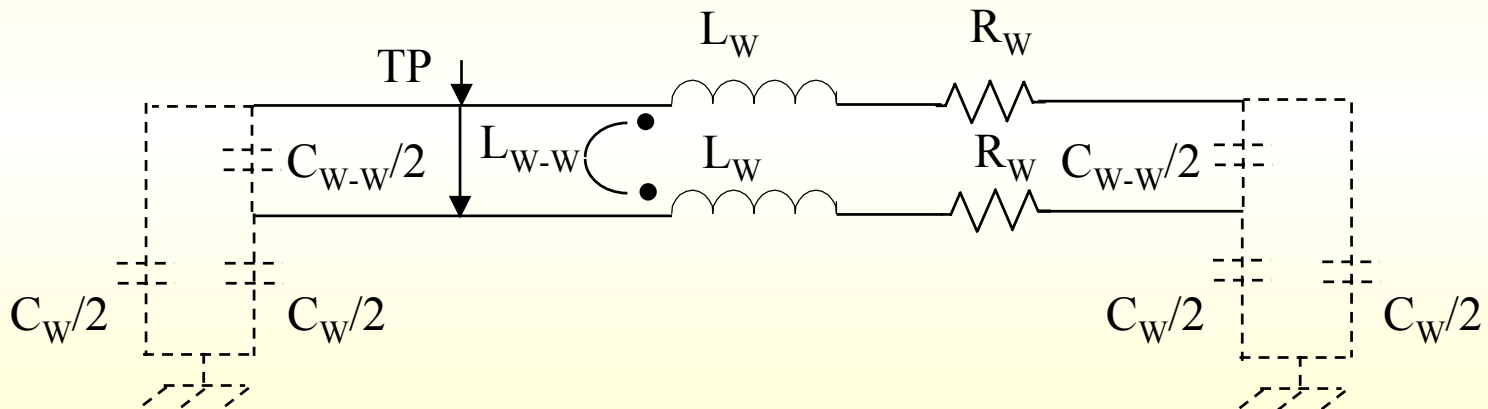
# Unshielded Wire Models



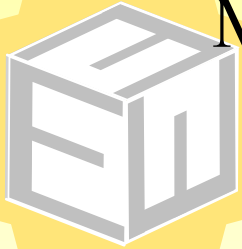
## Single Wire



## Twisted Pair

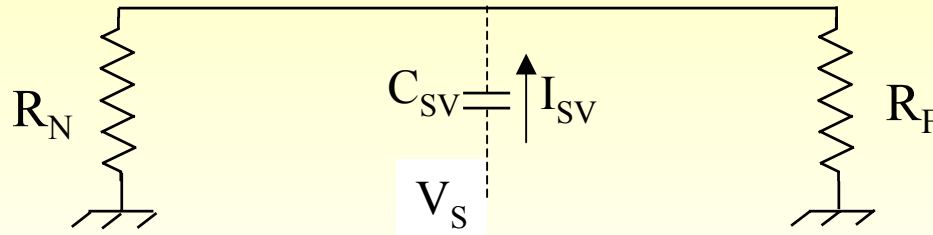


**In analyses of crosstalk at low frequencies some of the parameters have only second-order effects on the net crosstalk, and may be neglected as will be indicated in the following**



# Model U1, Single Wire, Ground Plane Return

## Electric Coupling



$$V_N = V_F = I_{SV} * R_P = V_S \omega C_{SV} R_P$$

Where,  $I_{SV} = V_S \omega C_{SV}$ , and  $R_P$  is the parallel resistance of  $R_N$  and  $R_F$

Example:

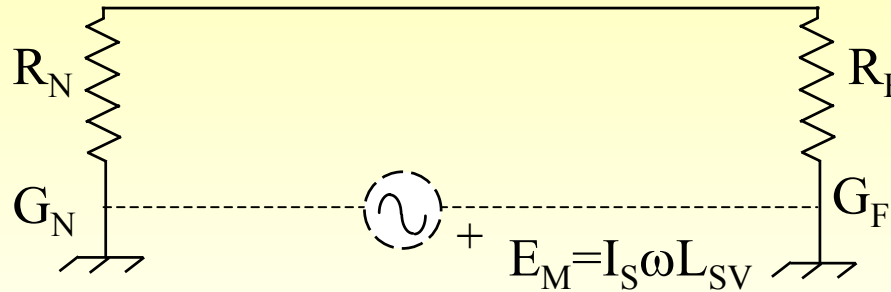
$$V_N = V_F = 5 * 2\pi * 10^5 * 22.08 * 10^{-12} * 200 = 0.0139 \text{ V}$$

- **Electrical coupled voltages at  $R_N$  and  $R_F$  are in phase**
- **Electrical coupled crosstalk is less with small  $R_P$ , say, with a low impedance driver in the Victim**



# Model U1, Single Wire, Ground Plane Return

## Magnetic Coupling



$$V_N = E_M * R_N / (R_N + R_F), \quad V_F = -E_M * R_F / (R_N + R_F)$$

Example:

$$E_M = 0.0125 * 2\pi * 10^5 * 2.833 * 10^{-6} = 0.02225 \text{ V}$$

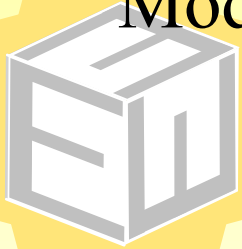
$E_M$  is divided among  $R_N$  and  $R_F$  in accordance with their impedances so that:

$$V_N = E_M * (400/800) = 0.0111 \text{ V}$$

$$V_F = -E_M * (400/800) = -0.0111 \text{ V}$$

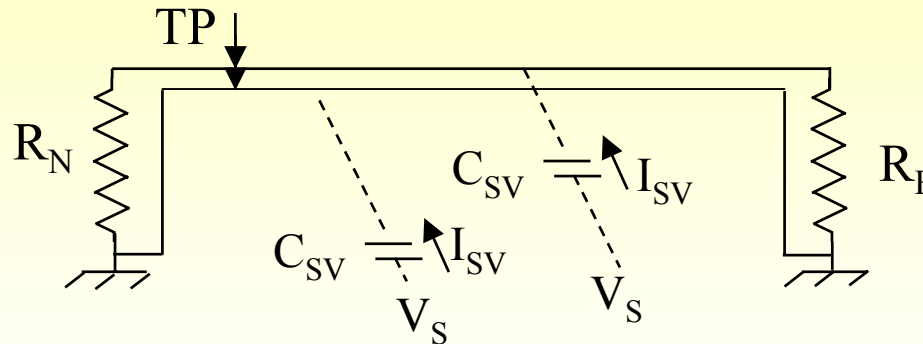
**Magnetic induced voltage,  $E_M$ , may be represented, as shown, as though it is due to a potential difference in circuit reference points,  $G_N, G_F$**





# Model U2, Ground Plane Return, and Added Return

## Electric Coupling



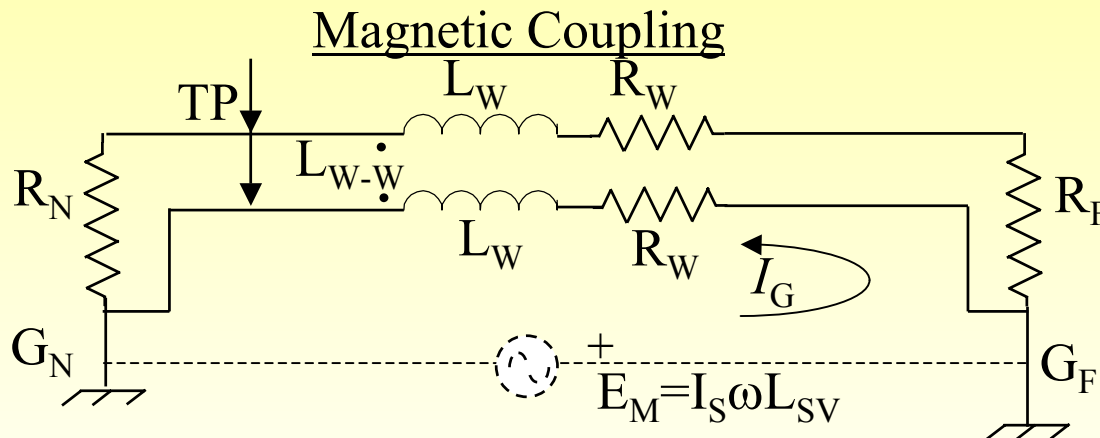
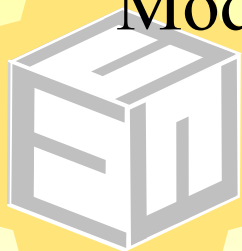
$$V_N = V_F = I_{SV} R_P = V_S \omega C_{SV} R_P$$

Example:

$$V_N = V_F = 5 * 2\pi * 10^5 * 12.85 * 10^{-12} * 200 = 0.0081 \text{ V}$$

**Return wire decreases effective  $C_{SV}$  and acts to partially shield signal wire**

# Model U2, Ground Plane Return, and Added Return



Net Induction,  $E_i$ :

$$E_i = -E_M + I_G j\omega L_{W-W} = -E_M + \frac{E_M}{R_W + j\omega L_W} j\omega L_{W-W} = -E_M \left[ \frac{R_W + j\omega(L_W - L_{W-W})}{R_W + j\omega L_W} \right]$$

$$\text{For } \omega(L_W - L_{W-W}) \gg R_W : E_i \cong -E_M \left( \frac{L_W - L_{W-W}}{L_W} \right)$$

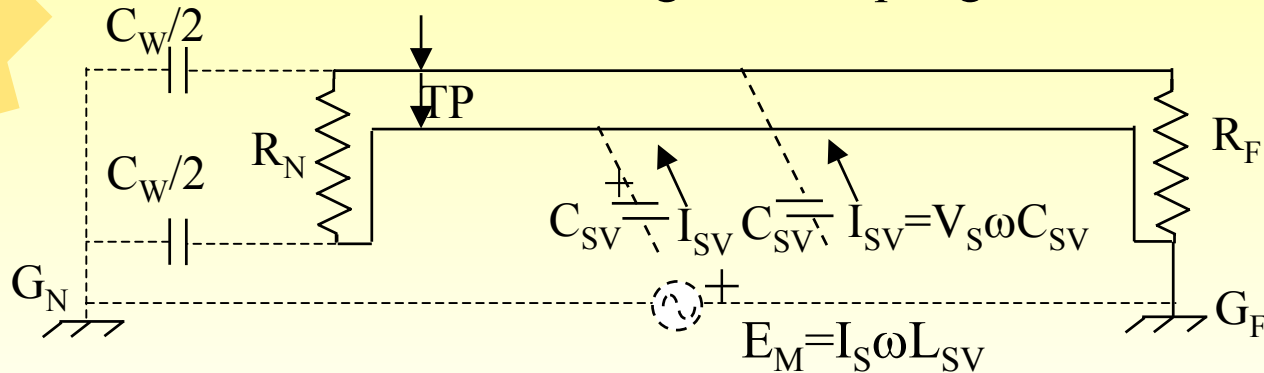
Example:  $E_i = -0.0125 * 2\pi * 10^5 * 2.833 * 10^{-6} * (11.59 - 3.86) / 11.59 = -0.0148V$

$V_N = E_i * R_N / (R_N + R_F) = 0.0074V$ ;  $V_F = -E_i * R_F / (R_N + R_F) = -0.0074V$

- Return wire in addition to ground plane return provides some suppression
- Is it clear that a heavy common mode choke would provide additional rejection?

# Model U3, Single-Ended Twisted Pair

## Electric and Magnetic coupling



Electric Coupling:  $V_N = V_F = V_S \omega C_{SV}$

Example:  $V_N = V_F = 5 * 2\pi 10^5 * 12.85 * 10^{-12} * 200 = 0.0081 \text{ V}$

Magnetic Coupling:  $V_N = V_F = -E_M \omega (C_W/2) R_P = -I_S \omega L_{SV} \omega (C_W/2) R_P$

Example:

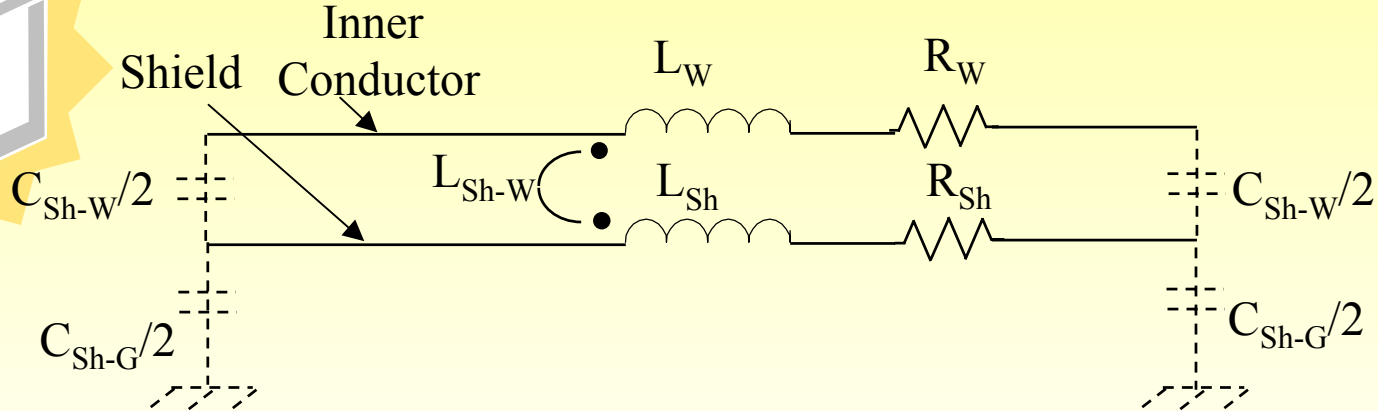
$V_N = V_F = -0.0125 * 2\pi 10^5 * 2.833 * 10^{-6} * 2\pi 10^5 (93.12 * 10^{-12}/2) * 200 = -1.302 * 10^{-4} \text{ V}$

- Capacitive current to return is drained to ground; capacitive coupling to signal interface is reduced modestly
- Large fraction of  $E_M$  is dropped across  $C_W/2$ , big help!



# Shielded Wires

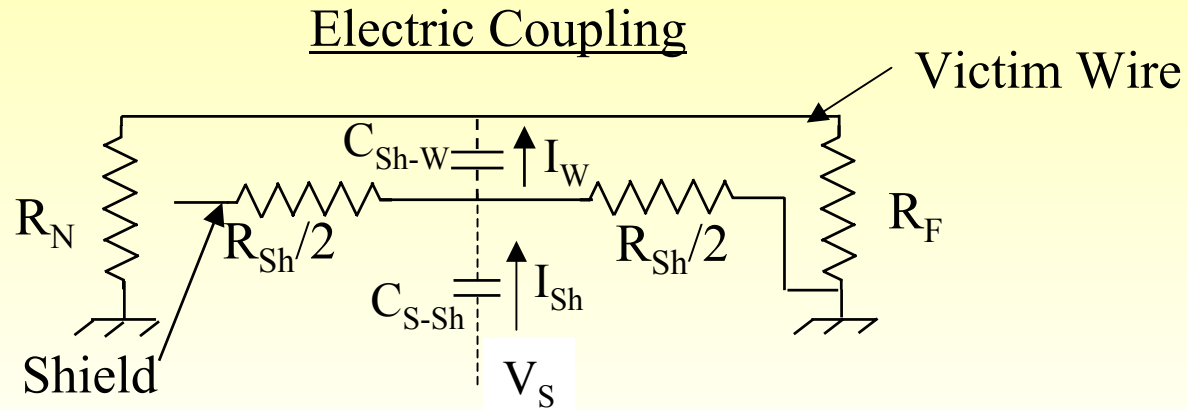
# Model for Shielded Wire



$$\frac{E_i}{E_M} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{j\omega L_{Sh}}{R_{Sh}}}; \text{ for } \omega L_{Sh} \gg R_{Sh}; \frac{E_i}{E_M} \cong \frac{R_{Sh}}{\omega L_{Sh}}$$

- Shield inductance is equal to the mutual inductance between the shield and inner conductor:  $L_{Sh} = L_{Sh-W}$  – it's why the shield is so effective against magnetic coupling
- At high frequencies the shield resistance,  $R_{Sh}$ , in the expression should be replaced by the transfer impedance,  $Z_T$ , of the shield

# Model S1, Shield Grounded Far End



$$I_{Sh} = V_S \omega C_{S-Sh}$$

$$\text{Average voltage on shield: } V_{Av} = I_{Sh} R_{Sh} / 3$$

$$I_W = V_{Av} \omega C_{Sh-W}$$

$$\text{and: } V_N = V_F = I_W * R_P = V_S \omega C_{S-Sh} (R_{Sh} / 3) \omega C_{Sh-W} R_P$$

Example:

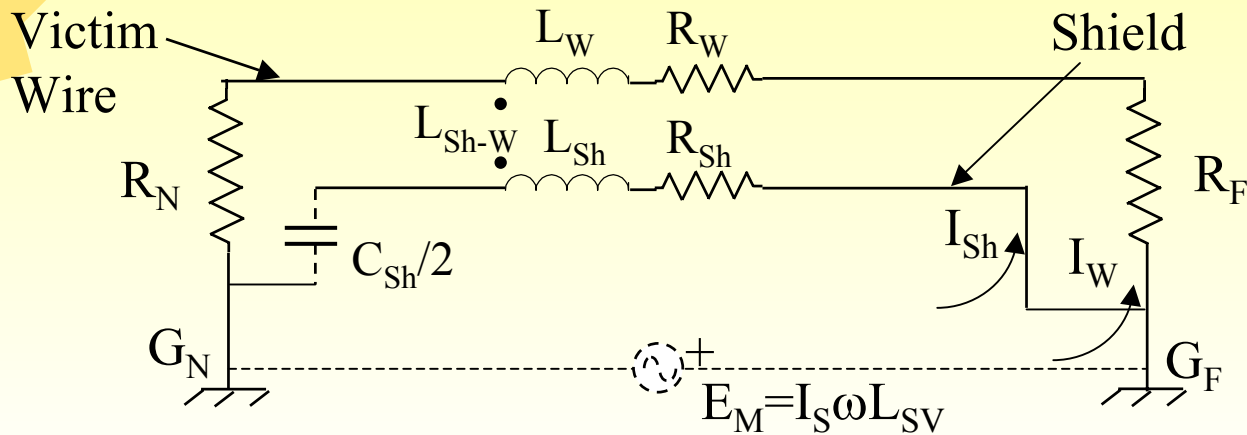
$$V_N = V_F = 5 * 2\pi * 10^5 * 30.9 * 10^{-12} * (0.154 / 3) * 2\pi * 10^5 * 920.8 * 10^{-12} * 200 = 5.766 * 10^{-7} \text{ V}$$

**Shield provides large attenuation to electrically coupled voltage**



# Model S1, Shield Grounded Far End

## Magnetic Coupling



$$I_W \cong I_S \omega L_{SV} / (R_N + R_F)$$

$$I_{Sh} \cong I_S \omega L_{SV} \omega (C_{Sh} / 2)$$

Example:  $I_W = 0.0125 * 2\pi * 10^5 * 2.833 * 10^{-6} / 800 = 2.781 * 10^{-5} \text{ A}$

$I_{Sh} = 0.0125 * 2\pi * 10^5 * 2.833 * 10^{-6} * 2\pi * 10^5 * (131.8 * 10^{-12} / 2) = 9.213 * 10^{-7} \text{ A}$

$V_N = I_W * R_N = 2.781 * 10^{-5} * 400 = 0.0111 \text{ V}$

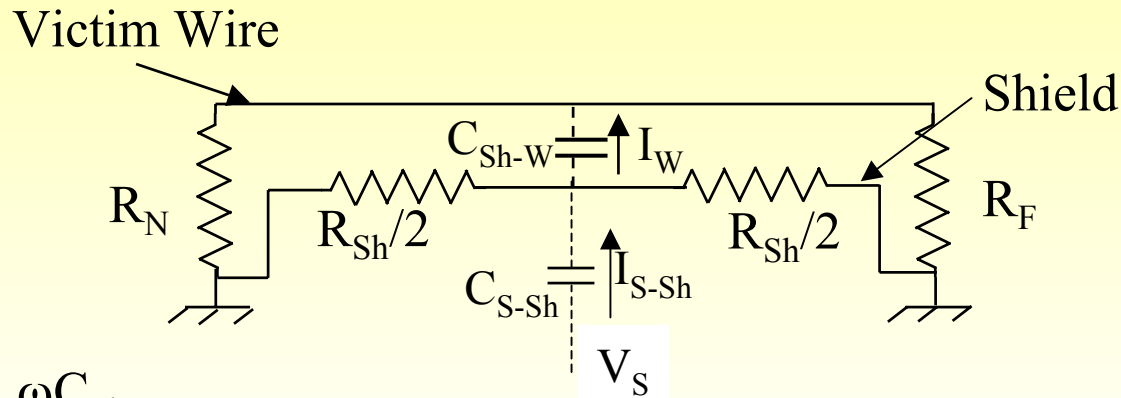
$V_F = -I_W * R_F = -2.781 * 10^{-5} * 400 = -0.0111 \text{ V}$

- High reactance of  $C_{Sh}$  limits  $I_{Sh}$ ; little cancellation of  $E_M$  in the signal interface
- Would a common-mode choke be a good idea here? (Clue: no; why?)



# Model S2, Shield Grounded Both Ends

## Electric Coupling



Note:  $I_W = V_{Av} \omega C_{Sh-W}$

where: average Voltage on shield:  $V_{Av} = I_{Sh} R_{Sh} / 12$

and:  $I_{Sh} = V_S \omega C_{S-Sh}$

$V_N = V_F = I_W * R_P = V_S \omega C_{S-Sh} (R_{Sh} / 12) \omega C_{Sh-W} R_P$

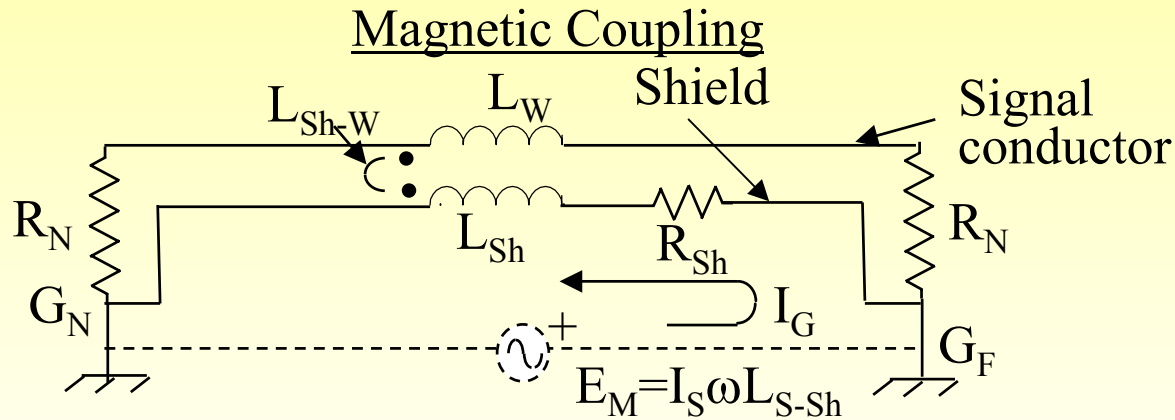
Example:

$V_N = V_F = 5 * 2\pi * 10^5 * 30.9 * 10^{-12} * (0.154 / 12) * 2\pi * 10^5 * 920.8 * 10^{-12} * 200 = 1.442 * 10^{-7} V$

**• For electrically coupled voltage, grounding shield at both ends is more effective than single-point grounding**



# Model S2, Shield Grounded Both Ends



Net induced voltage,  $E_i$ , in signal interface:

$$E_i = I_G R_{Sh} \cong \frac{E_M}{R_{Sh} + j\omega L_{Sh}} R_{Sh} = E_M \frac{1}{1 + \frac{j\omega L_{Sh}}{R_{Sh}}} \text{ For } \omega L_{Sh} \gg R_{Sh}, E_i \cong E_M \frac{R_{Sh}}{\omega L_{Sh}}$$

Example:  $\omega L_{Sh}/R_{Sh} = 2\pi * 10^5 * 8.53 * 10^{-6} / 0.154 = 34.8$

$E_i = E_M / 34.8 = 0.0125 * 2\pi * 10^5 * 2.833 * 10^{-6} * 0.154 / 34.8 = 6.393 * 10^{-4} \text{ V}$

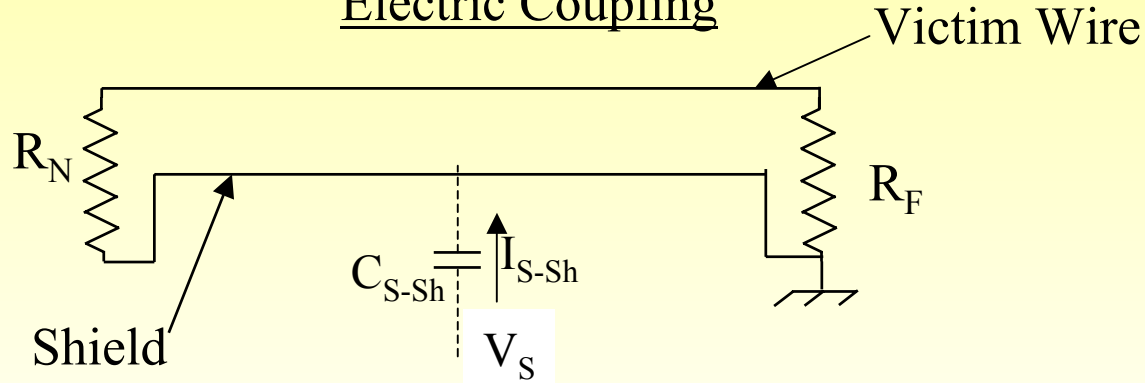
$V_N = E_i * R_N / (R_N + R_F) = 6.393 * 10^{-4} / 2 = 3.197 * 10^{-4}, V_F = -3.197 * 10^{-4}$

- $I_G$  in shield induces voltage component in signal line which opposes  $E_M$  in signal interface; shield resistance,  $R_{Sh}$ , prevents complete cancellation.
- Good place for a common choke; also a current-drive signal source in the victim works great (by effectively raising the impedance of its source)

# Model S3, Shield Grounded at Signal Reference



## Electric Coupling



Electrically-induced voltage in signal line is:

$$E_i = I_{S-Sh} * R_{Sh} / 3 = V_S \omega C_{S-Sh} R_{Sh} / 3$$

$$V_N = -E_i R_N / (R_N + R_F); \quad V_F = E_i R_F / (R_N + R_F);$$

Example:

$$E_i = 5 * 2\pi * 10^5 * 30.9 * 10^{-12} (0.154 / 3) = 4.983 * 10^{-6} \text{V}$$

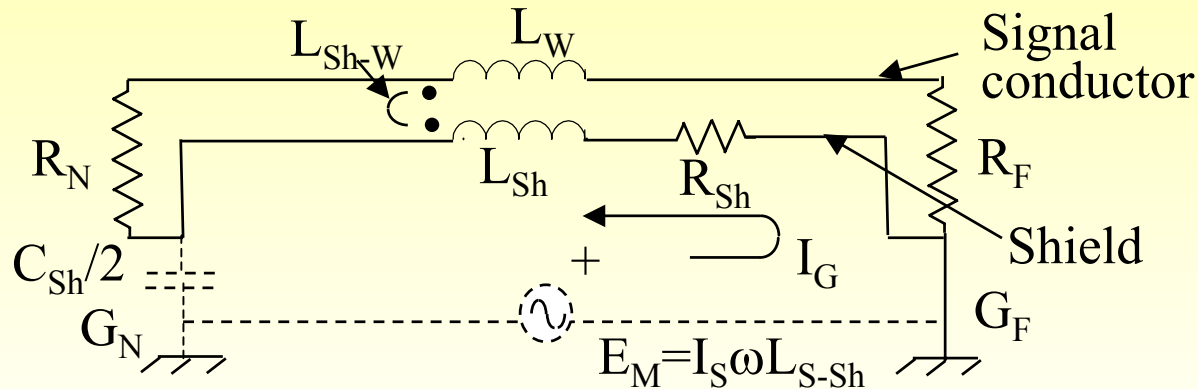
$$V_N = -4.983 * 10^{-6} * 400 / 800 = -2.492 * 10^{-6}; \quad V_F = 4.983 * 10^{-6} * 400 / 800 = 2.492 * 10^{-6}$$

**For electrically coupled voltage, grounding shield at one end is less effective than grounding at both ends**

# Model S3, Shield Grounded at Signal Ground Reference



## Magnetic Coupling



Net induced voltage,  $E_i$  in signal interface:

$$E_i = I_G R_{Sh} \cong E_M \omega (C_{Sh} / 2) R_{Sh} = I_S \omega L_{S-Sh} \omega (C_{Sh} / 2) R_{Sh}$$

$$V_N = E_i \frac{R_N}{R_N + R_F}; V_F = -E_i \frac{R_F}{R_N + R_F}$$

Example:  $E_i = 0.0125 * 2\pi * 10^5 * 2.833 * 10^{-6} * 2\pi * 10^5 * (131.8 * 10^{-12} / 2) * 0.154 = 1.419 * 10^{-7} \text{V}$

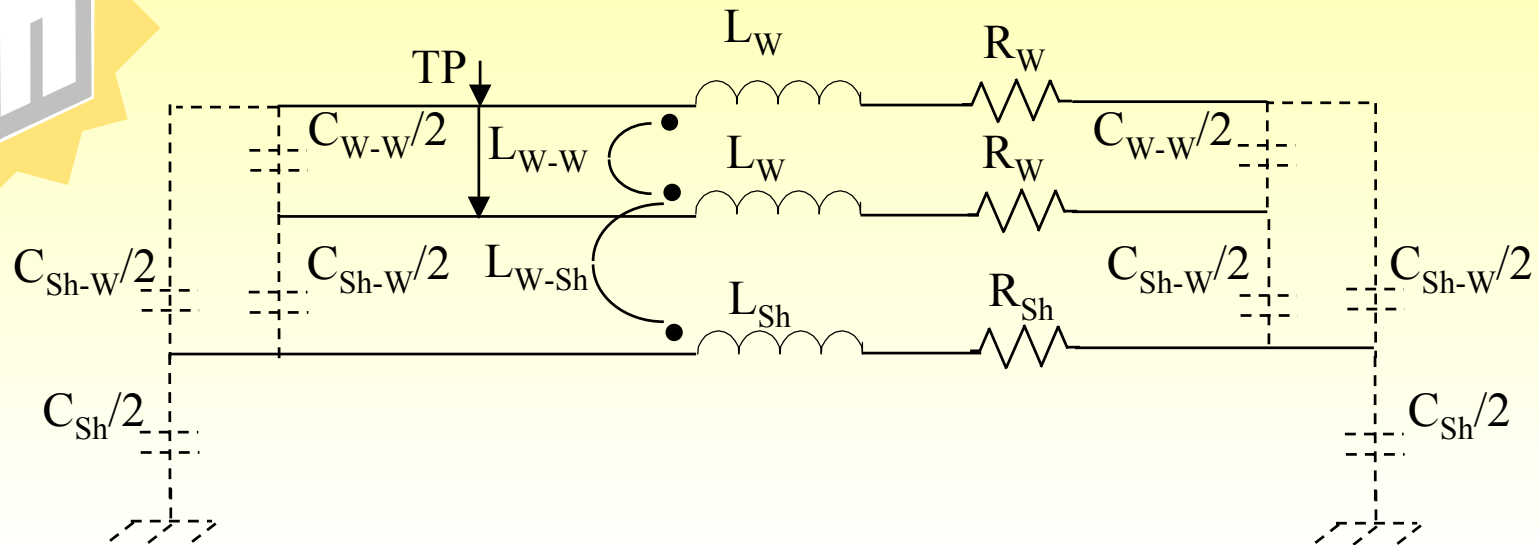
$V_N = E_i * R_N / (R_N + R_F) = 1.419 * 10^{-7} / 2 = 7.094 * 10^{-8}$ ,  $V_F = -7.094 * 10^{-8}$

**Reactance of  $C_{Sh}/2$  drops large fraction of  $E_M$ ; and net crosstalk is small**



# Shielded Twisted Pairs (STPs)

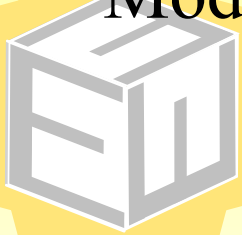
# Model for Shielded Twisted Pair (STP)



Note:

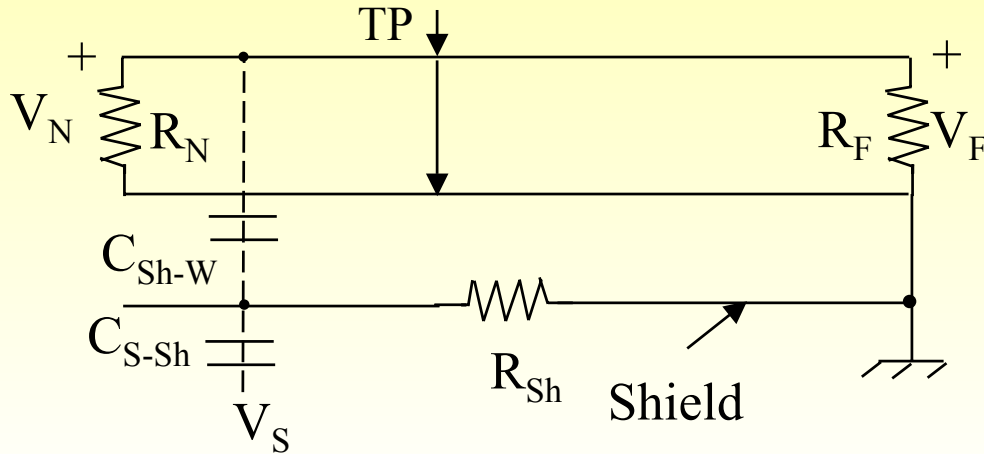
Mutual-inductance,  $L_{Sh-W}$ , between the shield and each wire is equal to  $L_{Sh}$

**In analyses of crosstalk some of the parameters have only second-order effects on the net crosstalk, and may be neglected as will be indicated in the following**



# Model S4, STP, Shield Grounded at Signal Reference

## Electric Coupling



At LF, i.e.  $1/\omega C_{Sh-W} \gg R_N, R_F, R_{Sh}$ , then:

$$V_N = V_F = V_S \omega C_{S-Sh} (R_{Sh}/3) \omega C_{Sh-W} R_P$$

Example:  $V_N = V_F =$

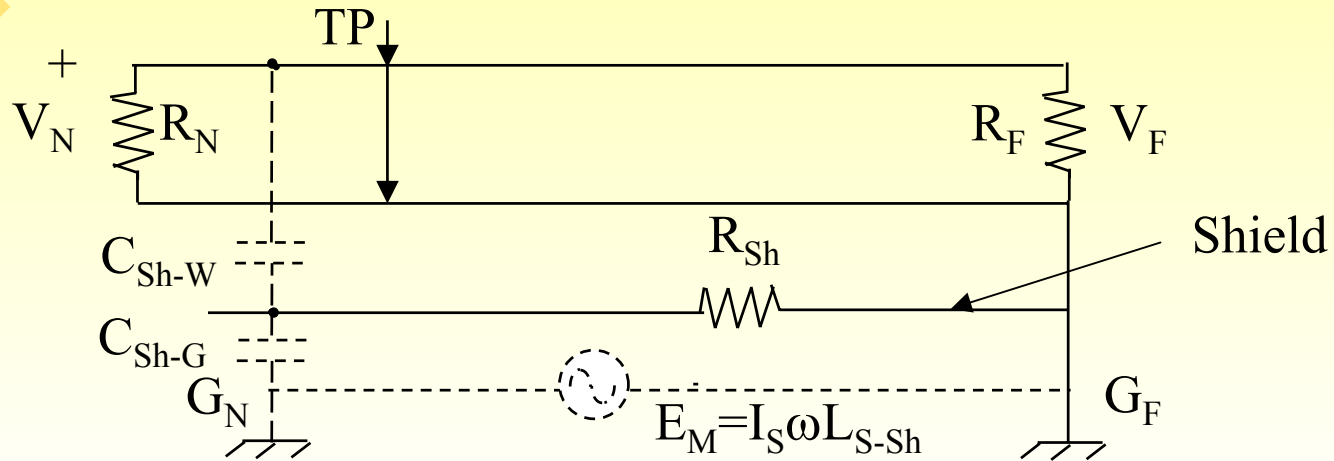
$$5 * 2\pi * 10^5 * 30.2 * 10^{-12} (0.307/3) 2\pi * 10^5 * 1111 * 10^{-12} * 200 = 1.355 * 10^{-6} \text{ V}$$

**Shield provides effective low frequency drain to ground for electrical-coupled current with small net voltage on shield and small  $I_w$  to victim**



# Model S4, STP, Shield Grounded at Signal Reference

## Magnetic Coupling



At LF, i.e. where,  $1/\omega C_{Sh-G}, 1/\omega C_{Sh-W} \gg R_N, R_F, R_{Sh}$ :

$$V_N = V_F = I_S \omega L_{S-Sh} \omega (C_{Sh-G}/2) (R_{Sh}/3) \omega C_{Sh-W} R_P = (1/6) I_S \omega^3 L_{S-Sh} C_{Sh-G} R_{Sh} C_{Sh-W} R_P$$

Example:

$$V_N = V_F =$$

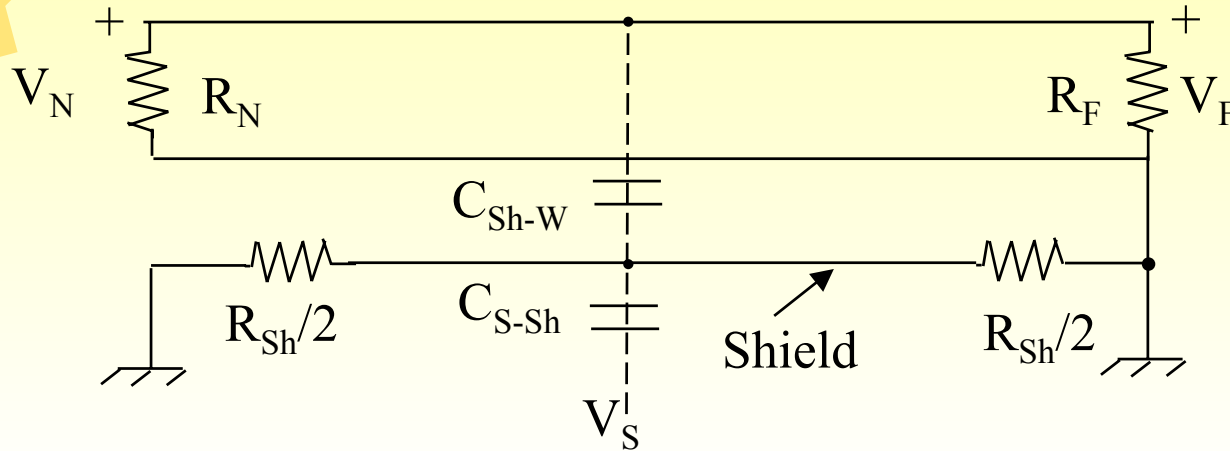
$$(1/6) 0.0125 (2\pi 10^5)^3 2.833 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot 127.3 \cdot 10^{-12} (0.307/2) 1111 \cdot 10^{-12} 200 \\ = 1.271 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{V}$$

**Note how  $C_{Sh-G}$  and  $R_{Sh}$  act together to divide down  $E_M$  at shield, and result in minimum coupling to the signal lines**



# Model S5, STP, Shield Grounded Both Ends

## Electric coupling



At LF, i.e.  $1/\omega C_{Sh-W} \gg R_N, R_F, R_{Sh}$ , then:

$$V_N = V_F = V_S \omega C_{S-Sh} (R_{Sh}/12) \omega C_{Sh-W} R_P$$

Example:

$$V_N = V_F = 5 * 2\pi * 10^5 * 30.2 * 10^{-12} * (0.307/12) * 2\pi * 10^5 * 1111 * 10^{-12} * 200 = 3.388 * 10^{-7} V$$

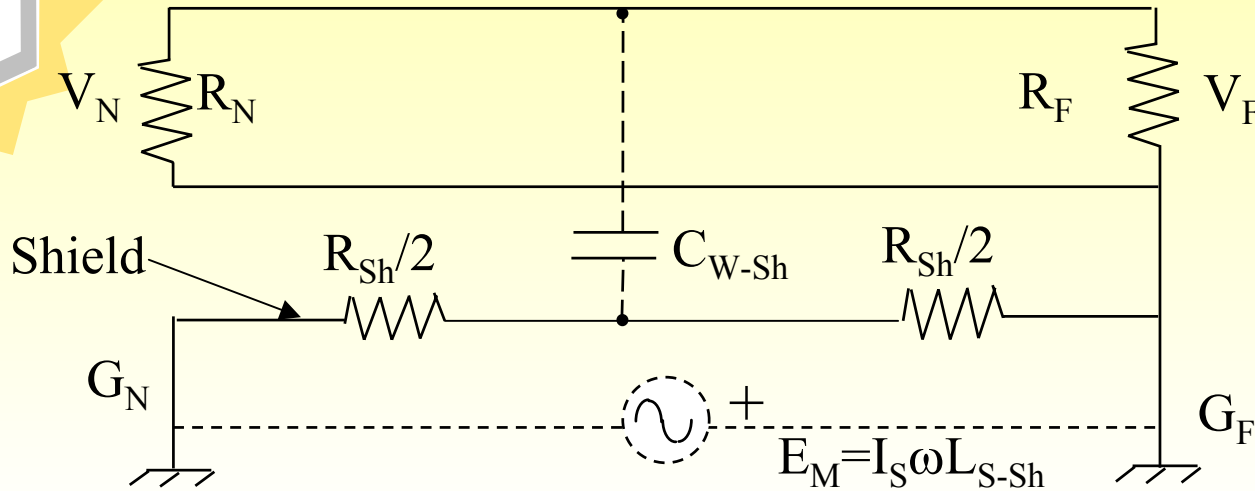
**With shield grounded at both ends, cross-coupling of electrically-induced interference is 1/4<sup>th</sup> that with the shield grounded at only one end**





# Model S5, STP, Shield Grounded Both Ends

## Magnetic Coupling



At LF, i.e. where  $1/\omega C_{Sh-W} \gg R_N, R_F, R_{Sh}$ :

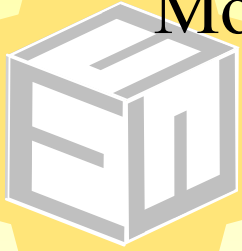
$$V_N = V_F = (E_M/2) \omega C_{Sh-W} R_P = (I_S \omega L_{S-Sh}/2) \omega C_{Sh-W} R_P$$

Example:

$$V_N = V_F =$$

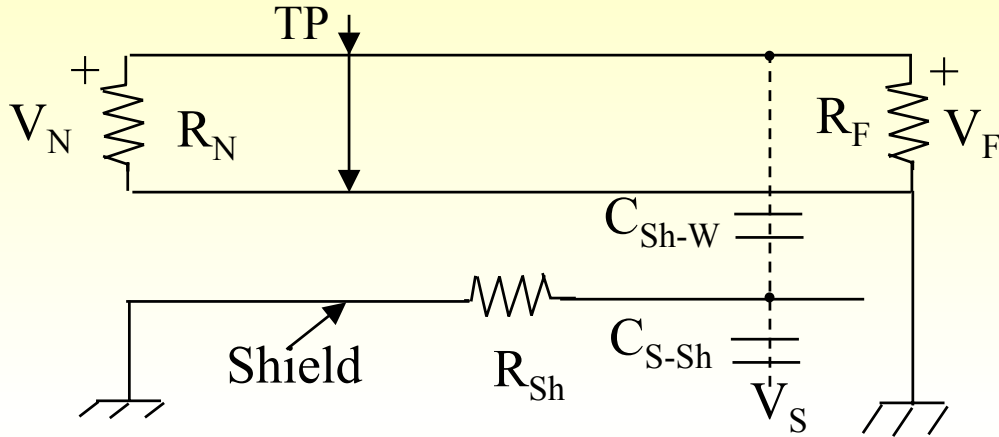
$$(0.0125 * 2\pi * 10^5 * 2.833 * 10^{-6} / 2) 2\pi * 10^5 * 1111 * 10^{-12} / 2 * 200 = 1.553 * 10^{-3} V$$

**Entire  $E_M$  is across the shield and performance is much poorer than when grounding at signal ground reference only**



# Model S6, STP, Shield Grounded Opposite Signal Reference

## Electric Coupling



At LF, i.e.  $1/\omega C_{W-Sh} \gg R_N, R_F, R_{Sh}$ , then:

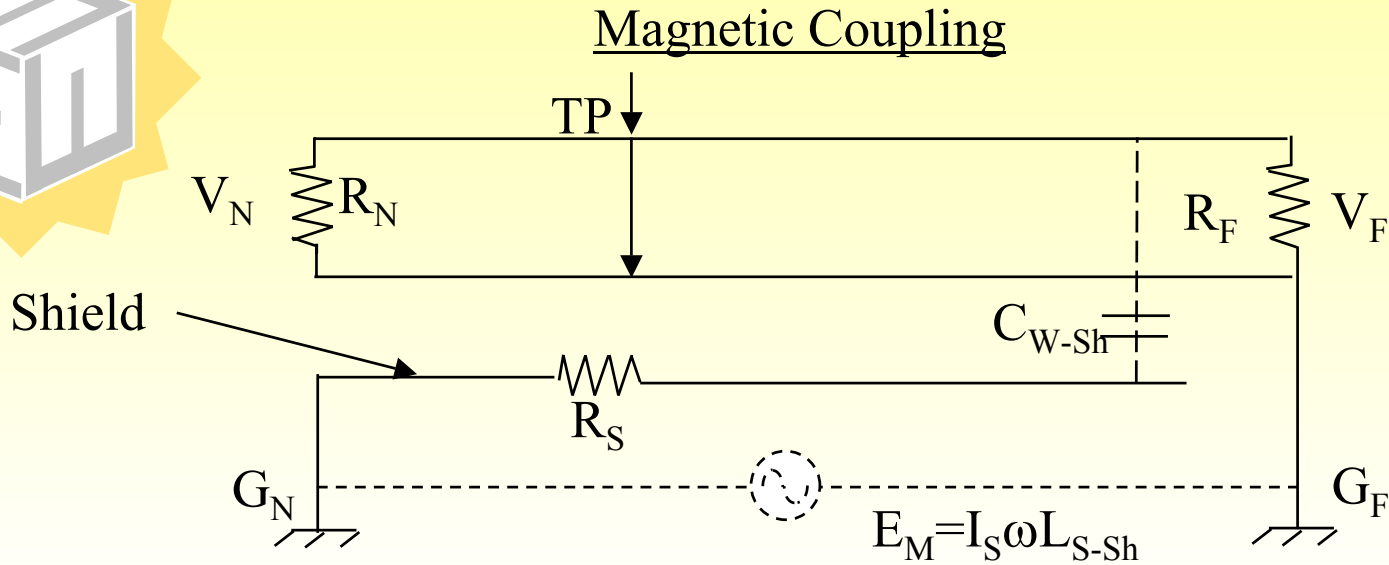
$$V_N = V_F = V_S \omega C_{S-Sh} (R_{Sh}/3) \omega C_{Sh-W} R_P$$

Example:

$$V_N = V_F = 5 * 2\pi * 10^5 * 30.2 * 10^{-12} (0.307/3) 2\pi * 10^5 * 1111 * 10^{-12} * 200 = 1.355 * 10^{-6} \text{ V}$$

**Result the same as with the shield grounded at the ground reference-  
electric coupling is independent of the end at which the shield is grounded**

# Model S6, STP, Shield Grounded Opposite Signal Reference



At LF, i.e. where,  $1/\omega C_{WSh} \gg R_L, R_R, R_{Sh}$ , the net voltage across  $R_N$  and  $R_F$  is:

$$V_N = V_F = E_M \omega C_{Sh-W} R_P = I_S \omega L_{S-Sh} \omega C_{Sh-W} R_P$$

Example:  $V_N = V_F =$

$$0.012 * 2\pi * 10^5 * 2.833 * 10^{-6} * 2\pi * 10^5 * 1111 * 10^{-12} * 200 = 3.106 * 10^{-3} \text{V}$$

**The entire shield is raised to the potential:  $E_M$ .**

**Much poorer than when grounding shield at signal reference, and 6 dB poorer than grounding at both ends**

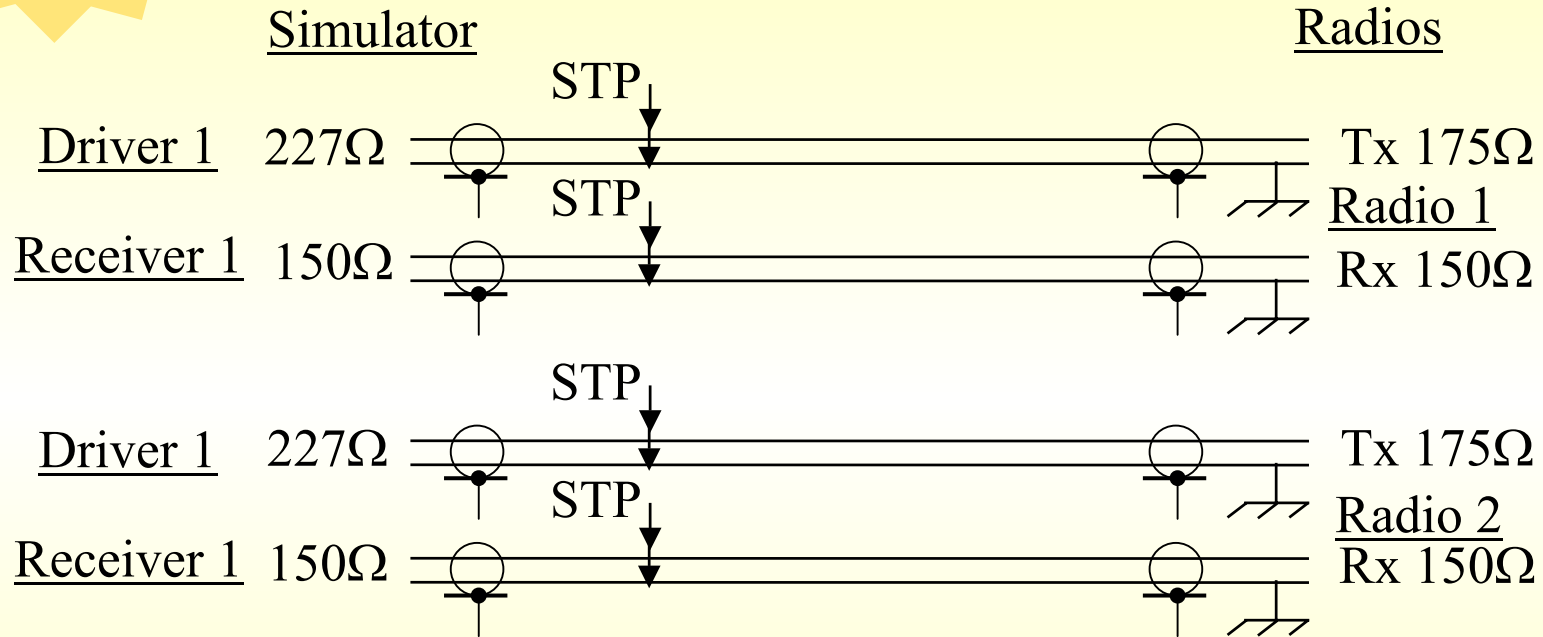


# Sample Test Results, STP to STP Crosstalk



# Test Setup for Crosstalk Among Shielded Twisted Pairs

## Radio Interface



4 pairs, 100 ft #22 AWG STP. Bundle coiled in 18 inch diameter loop.



## Measured Crosstalk, Transmitter-Receiver Pairs

### Radio 1 Driver to Radio 2 Receiver, Isolation (dB)

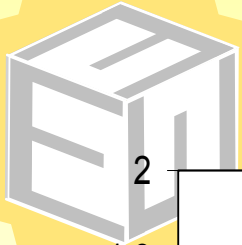
Frequency (Hz)	Shield Ground at Radio (S4)	Shield Ground at Driver and Radio (S5)	Shield Ground at Driver (S6)
100	>117.9	>117.9	115.5
1 k	117.6	117.6	115.4
10 k	107.9	107.9	79.6
30 k	99.3	99.3	48.2
100 k	91.6	91.9	6.6

### Radio 1 Receiver to Radio 2 Transmitter, Isolation (dB)

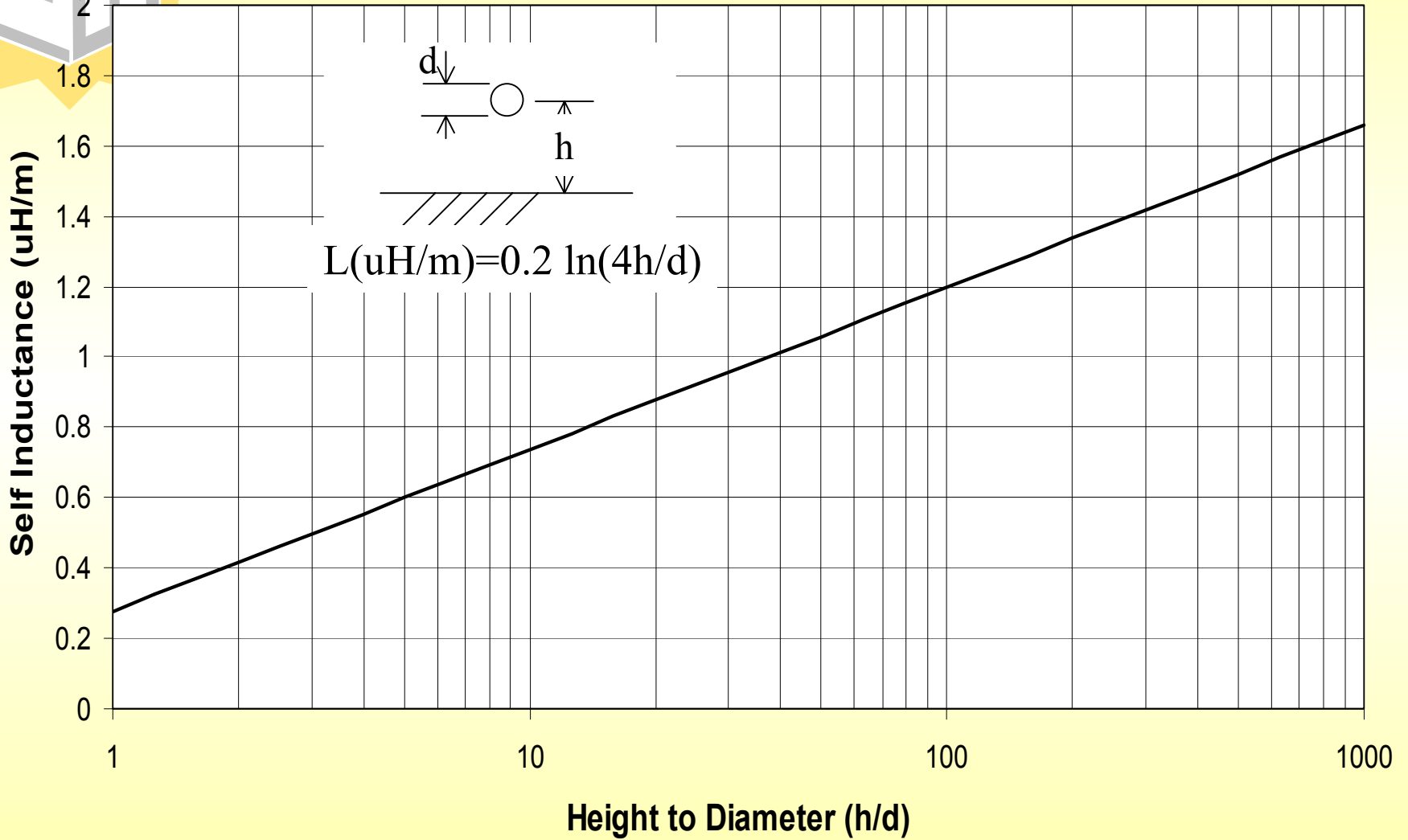
Frequency (Hz)	Shield Ground at Radio (S4)	Shield Ground at Driver and Radio (S5)	Shield Ground at Driver (S6)
100	>117.3	>117.3	117.3
1 k	117.1	117.3	116.3
10 k	111.3	111.1	80.1
30 k	104.2	102.7	48.9
100 k	105.5	94.6	6.4



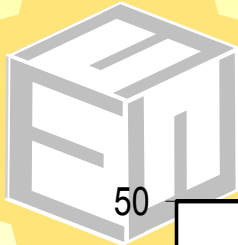
# Parameters Of Open Wires Over A Ground Plane



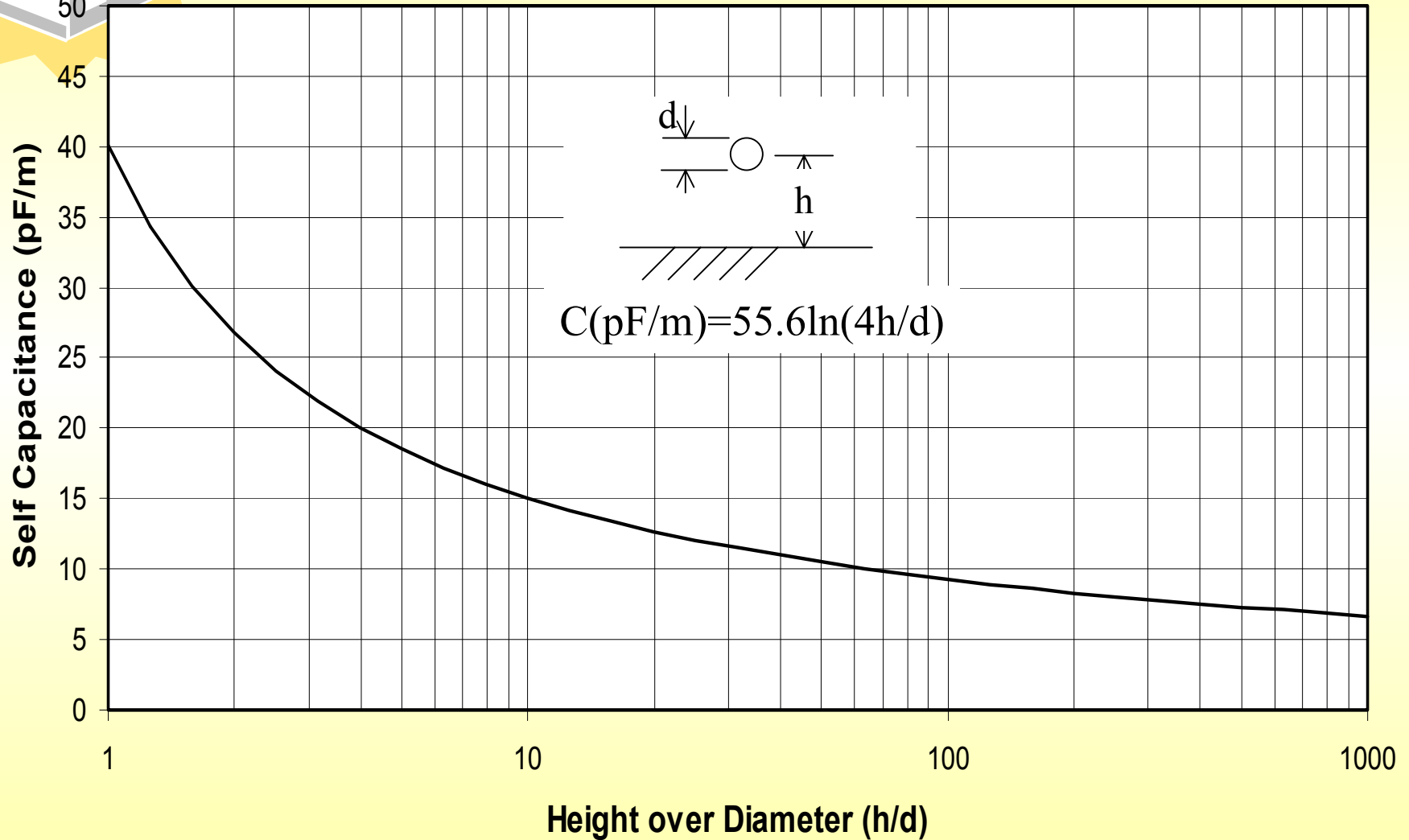
# Self Inductance of Conductor Over a Ground Plane

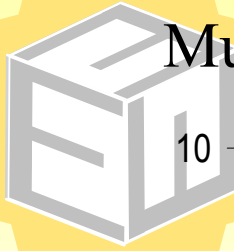




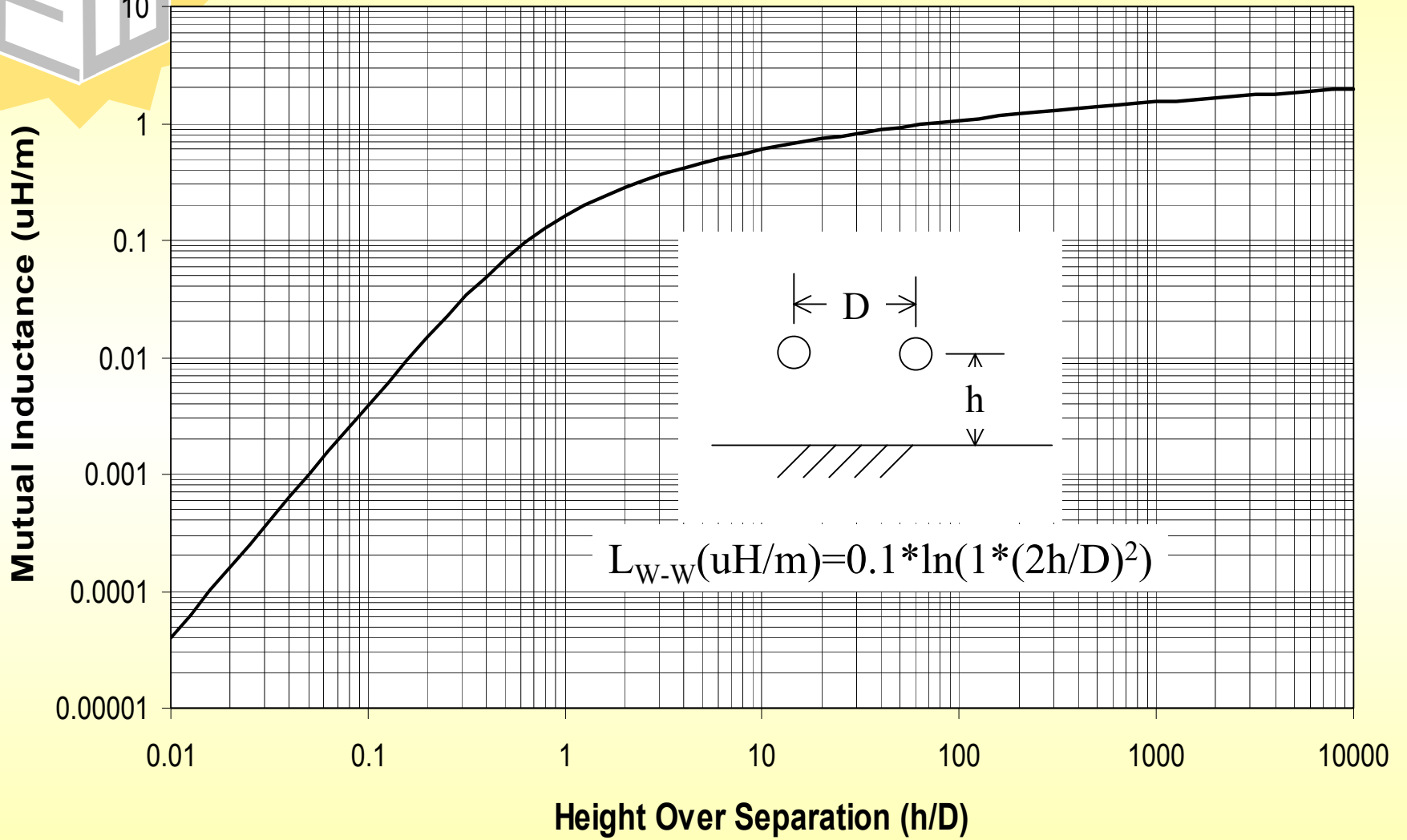


# Self Capacitance of Conductor Over a Ground Plane

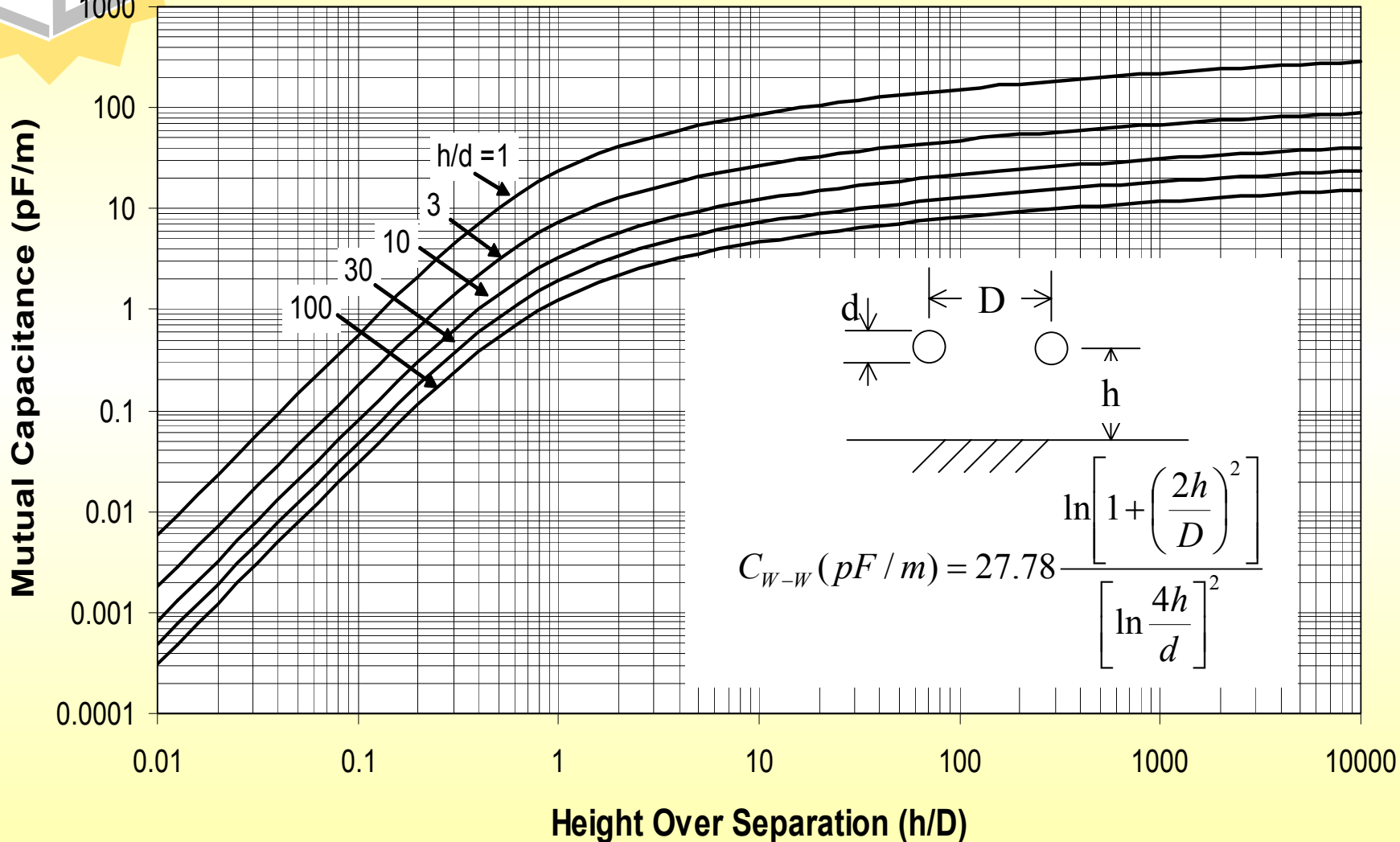




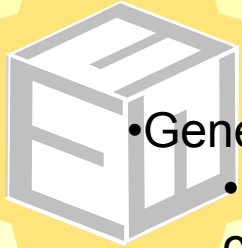
# Mutual Inductance Between Conductors Over a Ground Plane



# Mutual Capacitance Between Conductors Over a Ground Plane



# Significant Conclusions



- General

- Interface control provisions do not affect electric and magnetic coupling components equally

- Typically, coupling increases as integral powers of frequency and coupled line-lengths

- Electric Coupling

- Independent of position of signal ground reference point

- Shielding always provides good suppression of electric-coupled interference

- Shielding effectiveness is independent of position of single-point ground for shield - multipoint grounding of shield is best

- Low  $R_p$  in victim is typically best

- Magnetic Coupling

- Independent of position of signal ground reference point

- Dedicated return with single-point ground is very important

- Strongly dependent on position of ground point for shield; shield grounding at position of signal ground reference is best

- Common-mode choke is effective in most configurations


- High impedance driver (current drive) in victim is best



## Crosstalk Bibliography

Over the years, much has been written on this important topic, and a reasonably comprehensive list would easily double the size of this package. A good starting point for researching the topic would be a review of the IEEE Transactions on Electromagnetic Compatibility, and the Records of IEEE EMC Symposiums. Following is a brief list of references I have found useful and that have formed the basis for this presentation.

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