

INVENTION DISCLOSURE

1. **Invention Title.**

Determining In-Channel Frequency Response by Capturing Signals at a Tap

2. **Invention Summary.**

A non-disruptive test is disclosed using a 2-channel time capture of a downstream signal with one channel seeing signals going downstream and the other channel seeing signals going in both directions. With directional and non-directional times series captures, the traces can be processed together to find impedance mismatches in a cable line.

3. **Invention Description.**

a. **Describe the invention in detail.**

See below.

b. **Why was the invention developed? What problem(s) does the invention solve? How is it better?**

Preventative Network Maintenance project at Cablelabs can find echoes, which require an echo “cavity” to create a downstream echo. This technique detects a signal going the “wrong way”, caused by a single impedance discontinuity.

c. **Briefly outline the potential commercial value and customers of the invention.**

Could be valuable if a test equipment manufacturer implements.

4. **HOW is this invention different from existing products, processes, systems?**

No known similar ideas.