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ARGUS ALL-IP COMBI-TESTER IN PRACTICE



What is All-IP?

What is changing due to All-IP?

What exactly is All-IP and why does it affect every telephone subscriber?

Telephony is changing. Old-fashioned analogue crossbar switching was replaced by digital ISDN switching technology years ago. Still, this too was tied to exclusive lines for many years.

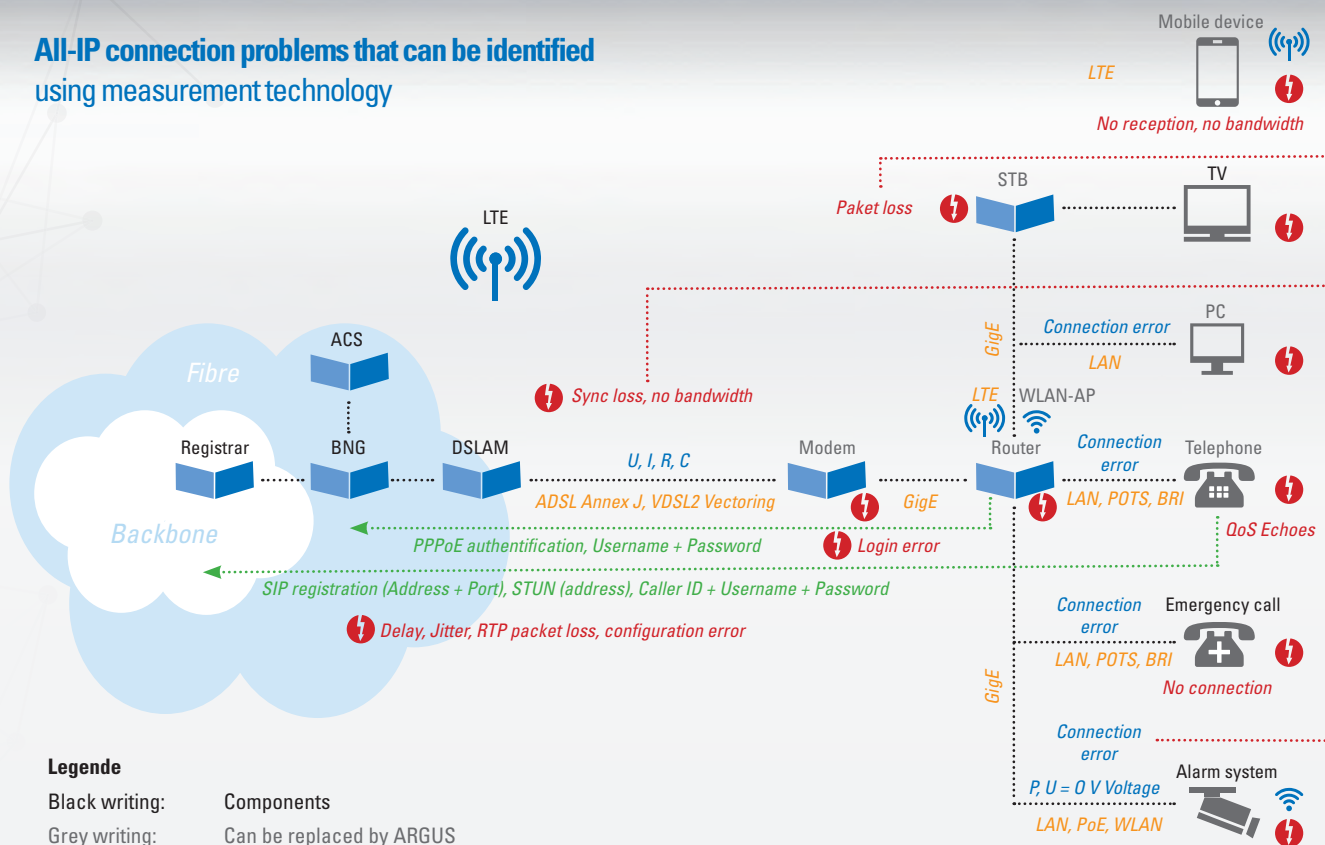
That is now changing rapidly, as while the switching technology remains digital, exclusive lines are no longer being connected. Instead, the internet, which was originally conceived as a purely packet-switching data transfer network, is increasingly being used for all applications. The great advantage is that only a single infrastructure and switching technology needs to be maintained; today's bandwidths are sufficient for the demand.

What is changing due to All-IP?

This fundamentally changes how subscribers connect to the network. The old splitter that used to merge telephony and internet is now a thing of the past, and the lower frequency range previously reserved for telephony (such as ADSL Annex B) can also be used for data transmission (ADSL Annex J).

The telephone is now connected to the IAD via POTS or ISDN interface or directly as IP-telephone to the customer's LAN via IP-telephone or WLAN and linked to the provider's backbone via an ADSL/VDSL modem. During calls, speech is digitalised and compressed using a codec (e.g. G.711) and then packed in RTP packets (speech/data packets, formerly B-channel) which are then transmitted to a registrar service via UDP/IP along a path previously negotiated using SIP protocol (signalling, formerly D-channel).

All-IP connection problems that can be identified using measurement technology



Legende

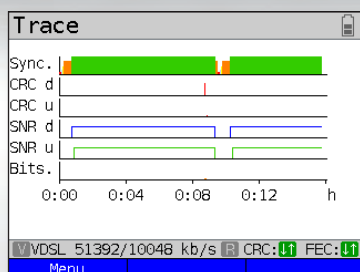
- Black writing: Components
- Grey writing: Can be replaced by ARGUS
- Blue writing: Physical problems such as R, C, I, sym, asymmetry,...
- Green writing: Protocol structure with error potential
- Orange writing: Interfaces available for connection
- Red writing: Fault/problem

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For one thing, the transition from ISDN to All-IP means that voltages can no longer be measured on the subscriber lines, which also means that there is feed on the exchange side either. Additionally, connection to the exchange is only possible with authentication using user name and password, which are required in addition to the PPP subscriber data of the data link.

Just one incorrectly configured port or missing IPv6 address means that the connection cannot function. It is also possible that after a conversion, speech packets are delayed or even lost at certain times of the day due to varying bandwidth requirements, resulting in degraded quality of service. Additionally, echoes or even lost connections must be expected due to sync loss.



VoIP overview

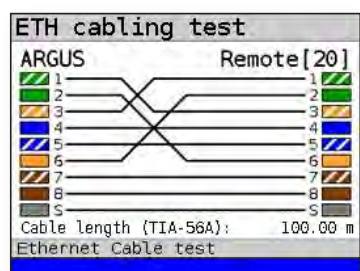
State: OK

	RTP	Tx	Rx
MOS (G.107)	---	---	4.3 ✓
Jitter (ms)	---	---	0
Loss (%)	---	---	0.0
VLAN (Prio)	---	---	---
TOS (hex)	00	B8	!

VDSL 80000/15996 kb/s CRC: U1 FEC: U1

QoS Info

Sync loss



Particularly for applications such as emergency call buttons for persons needing assistance or alarm systems, where the availability of the connection is paramount, it must be ensured that the DSL connection cannot be affected or interrupted by external interference or adjacent lines.

Thus, when selecting tools and measuring instruments for converting, commissioning and maintaining All-IP connections, you need to make sure these have the necessary range of functions. They also need to document that everything was properly tested and qualified at the time of commissioning.



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ARGUS OVERVIEW

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	165	162	155	152	151	42 plus	42 basic	3u NT	3u plus	3u basic
VDSL Vectoring	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
VDSL Bonding ²		✓ ²								
ADSL ¹	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
SHDSL	✓		✓							
ETH 10/100 BT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
ETH 1000 BT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
FTTx / GPON ²	✓ ²	✓ ²								
BRI U + BRI S/T TE	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
BRI S/T NT	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		
PRI/E1	✓	✓	✓							
POTS	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
LTE ²	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²					
Line Scope	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
TDR	✓	✓	✓	✓ ²	✓					
LQ				✓						
Copper Box	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
LAN cabling ²		✓ ²								
ETH-TDR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
RFC2544	✓									
IP tests	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ²	✓			
Down. / Upload	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ²				
IPTV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ²				
VoIP + MOS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ²				



✓ inclusive

✓ optional

✓ minimum one DSL interface is part of the standard package

¹ Annex may vary depending on country

² On request/customer specific