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- c) Figure 14: ports swapped between port 2 and port 3;
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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61156 specifies symmetrical pair/quad electrical transmission characteristics and test methods present in IEC 61156-1:2002 (Edition 2) and not carried over to IEC 61156-1:2007 (Edition 3). It details characteristic impedance test methods and function fitting procedures, the open/short-circuit method and the background of unbalance attenuation measurement.

It is extended by a description of the balunless measurements technique, which is an amendment to the former technical report and is improved and incorporated into this new edition. The complete document is transferred into a technical specification.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60050-726, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 726: Transmission lines and waveguides*

IEC 61156-1:2007, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Part 1: Generic specification*

IEC TR 62152, *Transmission properties of cascaded two-ports or quadripols – Background of terms and definitions*

3 Terms, definition, symbols, units and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-726, IEC 61156-1, IEC TR 62152 and the following apply.

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measurement with respect to a fixed potential, usually ground