

Postulate 1

The standard IEC61804-x blocks further development of EDDL technology.

Postulate 2

Occasional interoperability problems in FDT/DTM are inevitable; Manufacturers can never test ALL make- and version combinations. The standard IEC61804-x blocks further development of EDDL technology.

Postulate 3

In the long run the version control problem of FDT/DTM becomes unmanageable.

Postulate 4

In the long run device manufacturers will prefer FDT/DTM technology, because EDDL technology only works for HART, Profibus and FF, but FDT technology works for all fieldbusses and communication systems.

Postulate 5

Asset Management Systems work better with FDT instruments than with EDDL instruments.

Postulate 6

The lack of support by the Fieldbus Foundation for FDT technology slows down the implementation of FDT instruments in Process Automation.

Postulate 7

The instrumentation industry should move to only one future data transfer technology standard.

Postulate 8

Users do not want an EDDL/FDT war like the fieldbus war in the past.

Postulate 9

As system manufacturers prefer EDDL technology and device manufacturers prefer FDT technology, the user gets caught in the middle and is faced with less optimum solutions.

Postulate 10

FDT offers manufacturers a framework to develop outstanding solutions, whereas EDDL stops technological innovation.