## **PRODUCT SHEET**





#### WHAT YOU GET FROM US

- System Prediction With your devices and network descriptions, we can map your setup into the MSE and can assess the stability of the system.
- Measurement Results Within the MSE we measure and analyze the signals on the physical. Therefore we can provide extensive measurement results especially for the critical paths.

### WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

- Topology Description The MSE can model a wide variety of different topologies, ranging from simple star to complex tree topologies.
- **Devices** You provide the devices that you want us to verify. This can be M-Bus slaves as well as masters. The MSE is able to handle 2 masters and up to 250 slaves.
- Problem Statement If you provide us the conditions, under which your installations are not working properly, we can emulate this and analyze under lab conditions.

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# M-BUS SYSTEM EMULATOR (MSE)

### M-BUS ISSUES IN REAL LIFE

The M-Bus protocol (EN13757) is in widespread use for metering applications in home and neighborhood area networks. Many installations are using legacy wiring. This may lead to incompatibilities in real-life installations and to problems in the deployment of new M-Bus networks. Those problems are often only found during the installation and when it is to late. The issue of incomplete specifications has been recently addressed in the OMS AG4.

### **NETWORK EMULATION**

A network emulator allows the dynamical variation of the network parameters without having real physical wires. This allows changing of the physical topology without manually changing wires. The M-Bus System Emulator (MSE) operates as a black box with several devices connected to it. It mainly concentrates on providing bus oriented topologies as they are the only rele-

vant setups for M-Bus in practice. Therefore, the M-Bus network emulation supports the test of multiple different M-Bus topologies.

### NETWORK PREDICTION, TEST AND MEASUREMENT

The main goal of the MSE is to provide an environment to test real M-Bus based metering installations. It provides an easy to use web interface to define different topologies with different cable lengths. There might be several km² on our lab table. Furthermore it gives the possibility to install additional

measurement or interference equipment to identify potential problems in the anticipated setup.



