

# Home Area Networks

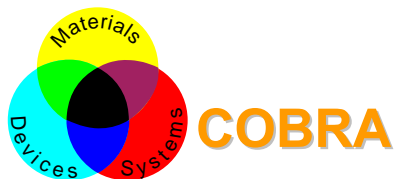
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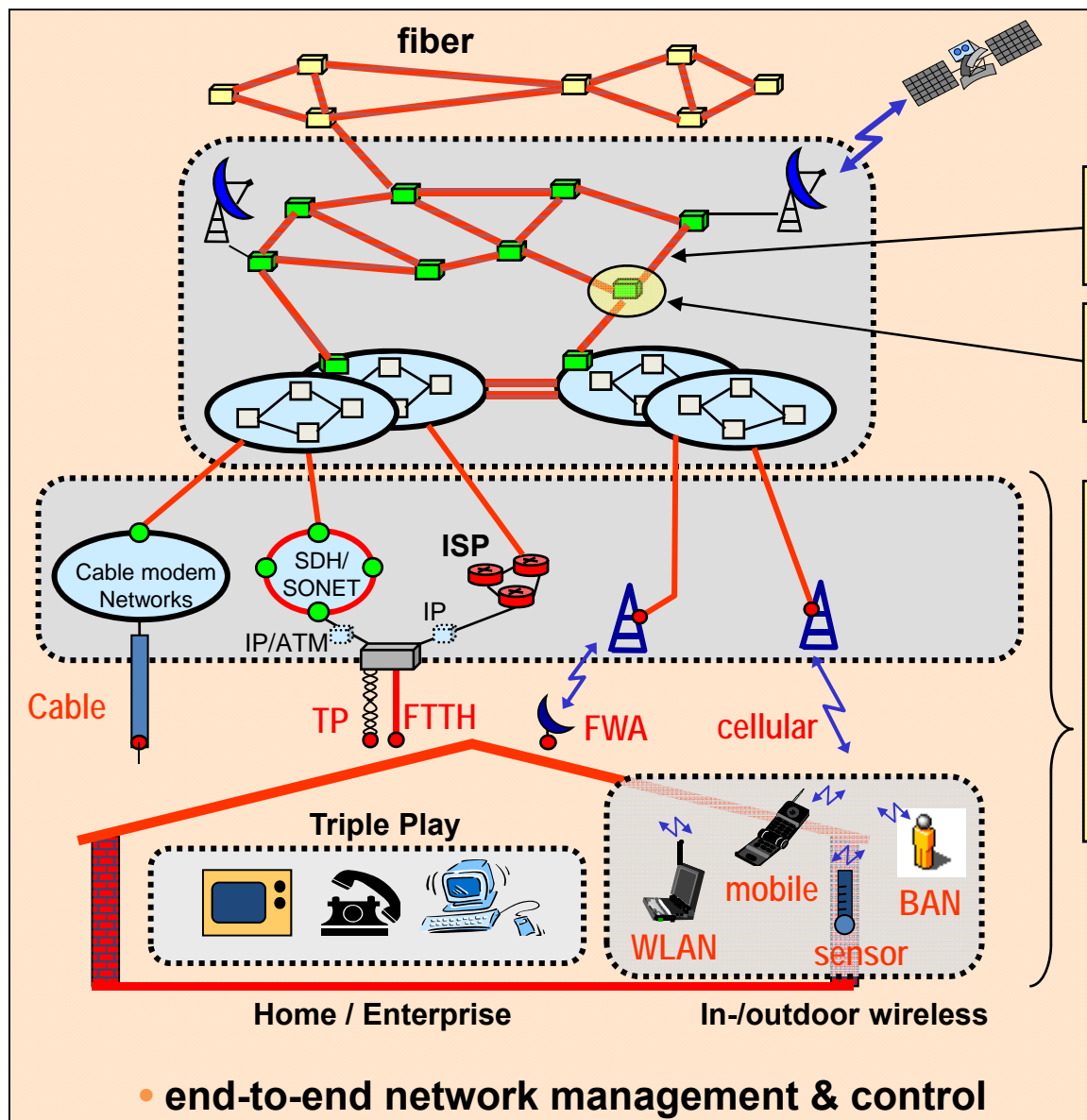
# Connected World

Global Network

Metropolitan/  
Regional Area  
Optical Network

Client/Access  
Networks

In-home and  
Personal  
Networks



- long reach
- high capacity

- fast packet switching

- variety of media + services
- mobility
- low power
- low cost
- personal

# In-home networks vs. Access networks

| Access                                    | In-home                          |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Operator-owned                            | User-owned                       |
| Professional skills, high tech            | Ease of use                      |
| Network provisioning/management           | Plug-and-play                    |
| Standards                                 | Consumer-chosen solutions        |
| Return on investment                      | Consumer decides                 |
| Costs shared among many households        | Single household bares the costs |
| Protocols (GPON, EPON, P2P Ethernet, ...) | Which services to get?           |
| Installation by professionals             | Do-it-yourself?                  |

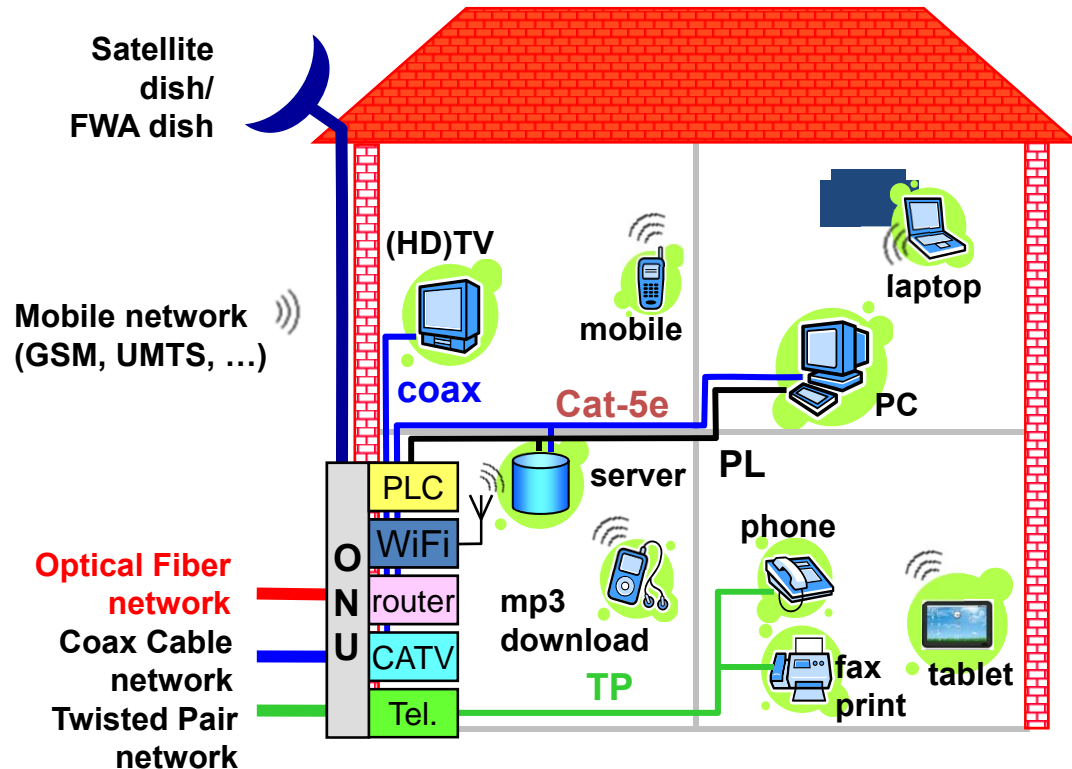
**In-home networks need a different approach!**

# Today's in-home networks

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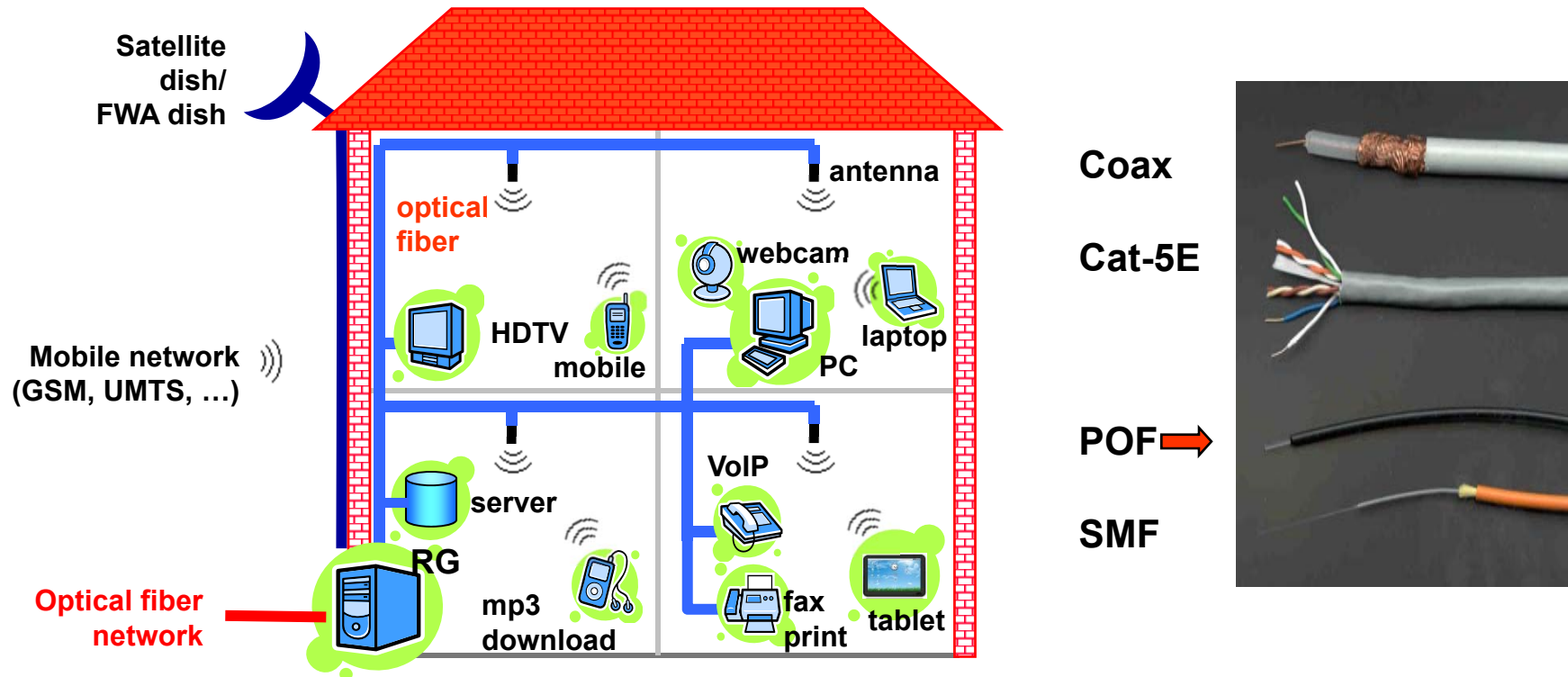
## A variety of networks:

- **Twisted pair copper lines:**  
Telephone, fax, ...
- **Coaxial copper lines:**  
CATV, videorec, radio, ...
- **Cat-5 cables:**  
PC-s, routers, hubs, printers, servers, ...
- **Wireless LAN:**  
Laptops, PDAs, ...
- **Infrared:**  
remote control  
TV/videorec/radio/...



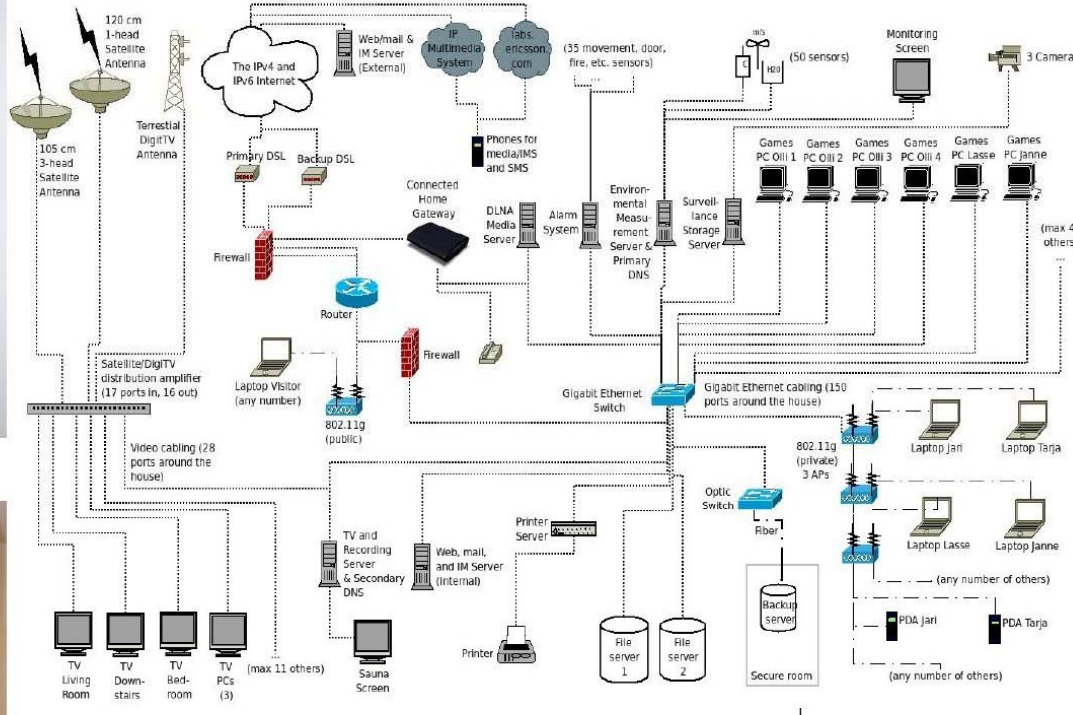
⇒ Complicates maintenance, upgrading, running of services on multiple platforms, interoperation of services, ...

# Converged in-home network: with fiber



- fiber backbone: silica SMF, MMF, or large-core POF
- integrate wired and wireless services (by e.g. WDM) in a single network
  - ⇒ reduces installation and maintenance efforts
  - ⇒ eases introduction and upgrading of services

# It quickly can get very complex:



- 200 Gbit/s Ethernet ports
- 4 kilometres of Cat6 cable
- IPv6
- Enables “laundry talking via Facebook”

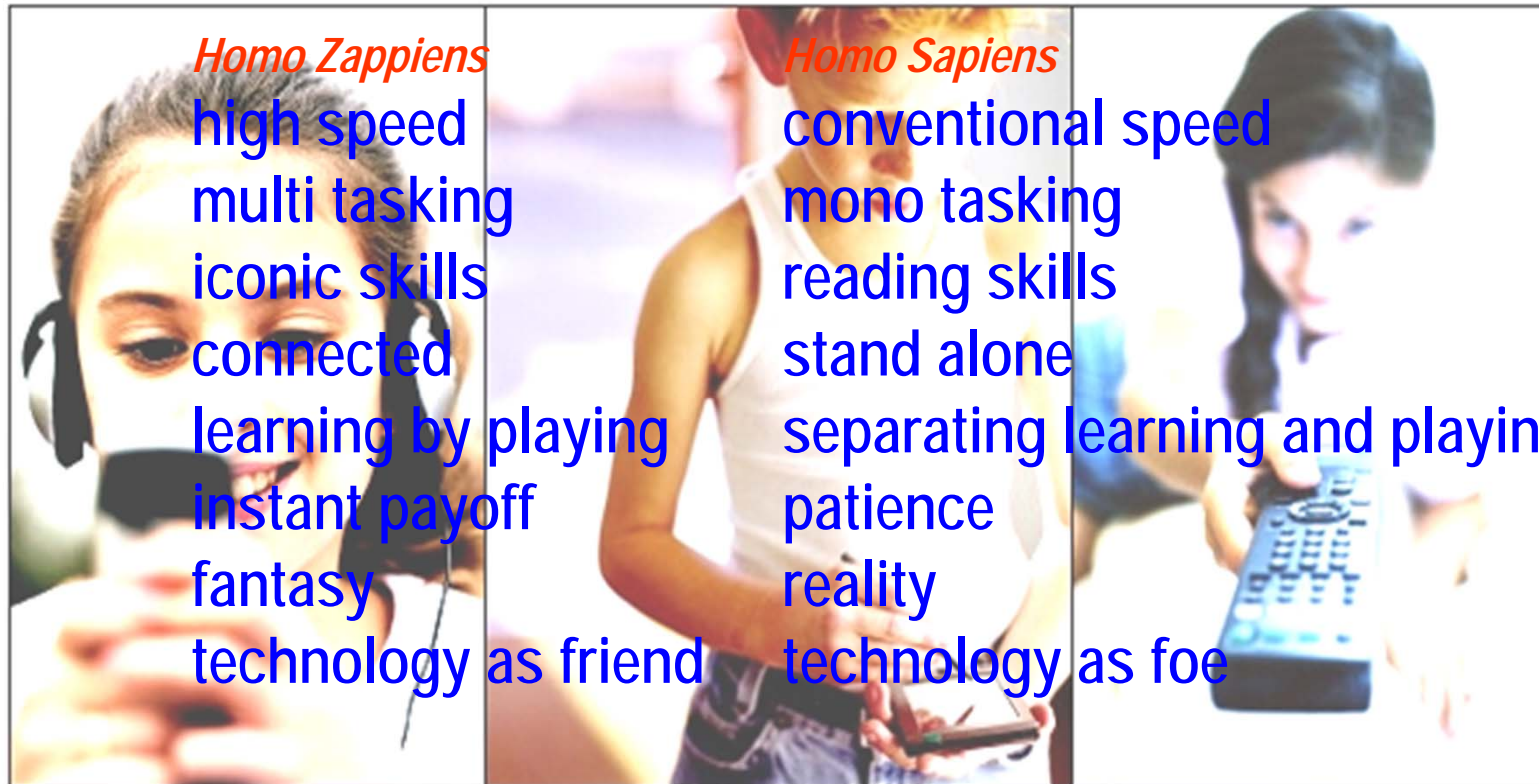
Source: Jari Arkko, <http://thingsonip.blogspot.se/2012/04/home-networks-by-magic.html>

[A.M.J. Koonen & M. Popov – ECOC 2012, Mo1G1]





# Homo Zappiens



→ fast growing need for broadband capacity at home and in access; broadband internet traffic, packet-based

## If we add:

- HD large-screen video (576i 4-6 Mbit/s, 1080p 10-15 Mbit/s, “4K/8K” >100 Mbit/s, ...)
- Mobile backhaul and fronthaul (delay budgets in order of 10 ms, bandwidths up to Gbit/s for CPRI/OBSAI)

and

- Local backup to NAS
- Remote backup to cloud
- Web-browsing
- IP telephony
- E-mail and so on...
- All of the above from 10-20 devices (as of today)
  
- Plus sensors, video surveillance and other Internet of Things gadgets ...

***All the above does not fit neither in copper nor wireless!***

***Note also: the traffic load on the in-house network may go well beyond the traffic load on the access line!***

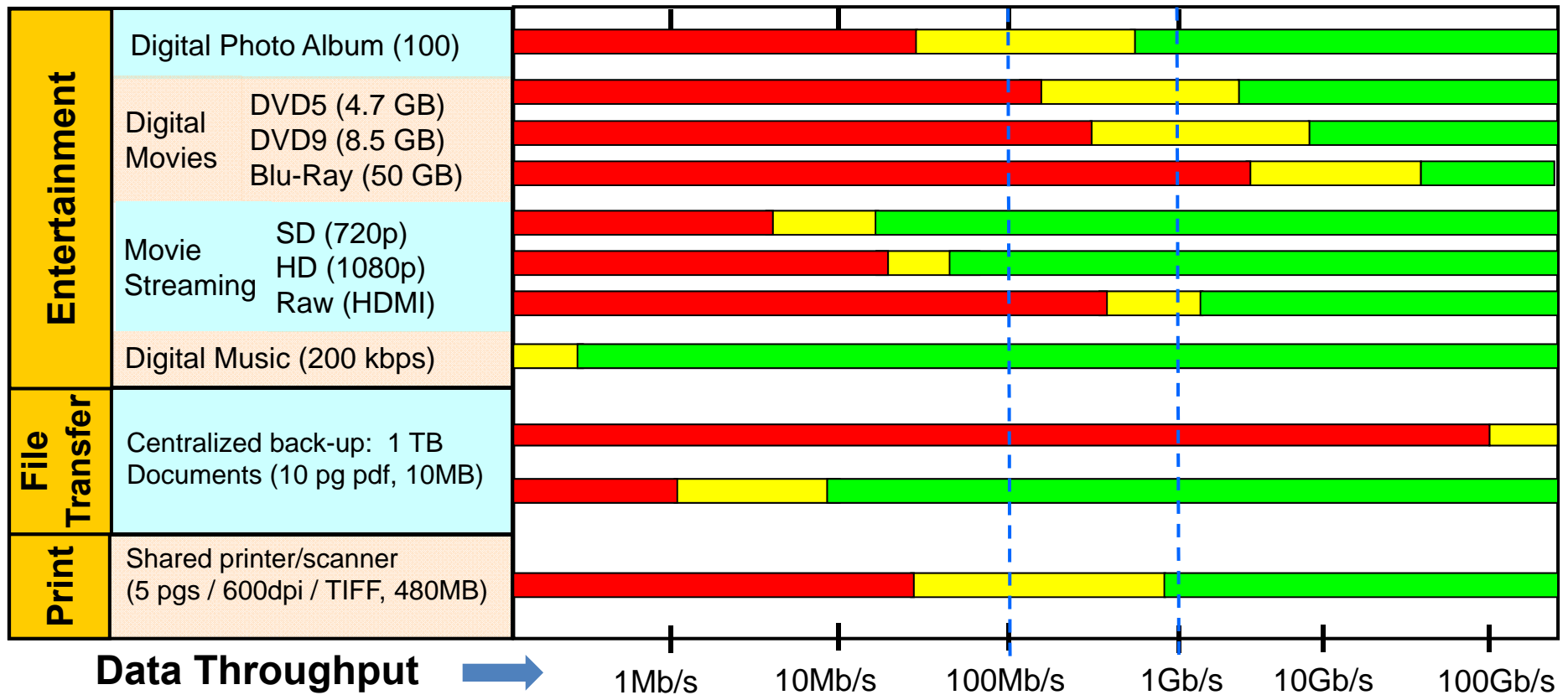
# Fiber Networks in Homes

## Home connectivity needs

> 1 Gb/s needed for good user experience today!

### Data Transfer Time:

Unacceptable █ > 2 min  
 Acceptable █ 8 sec to 2 min  
 Desirable █ 1 sec to 8 sec



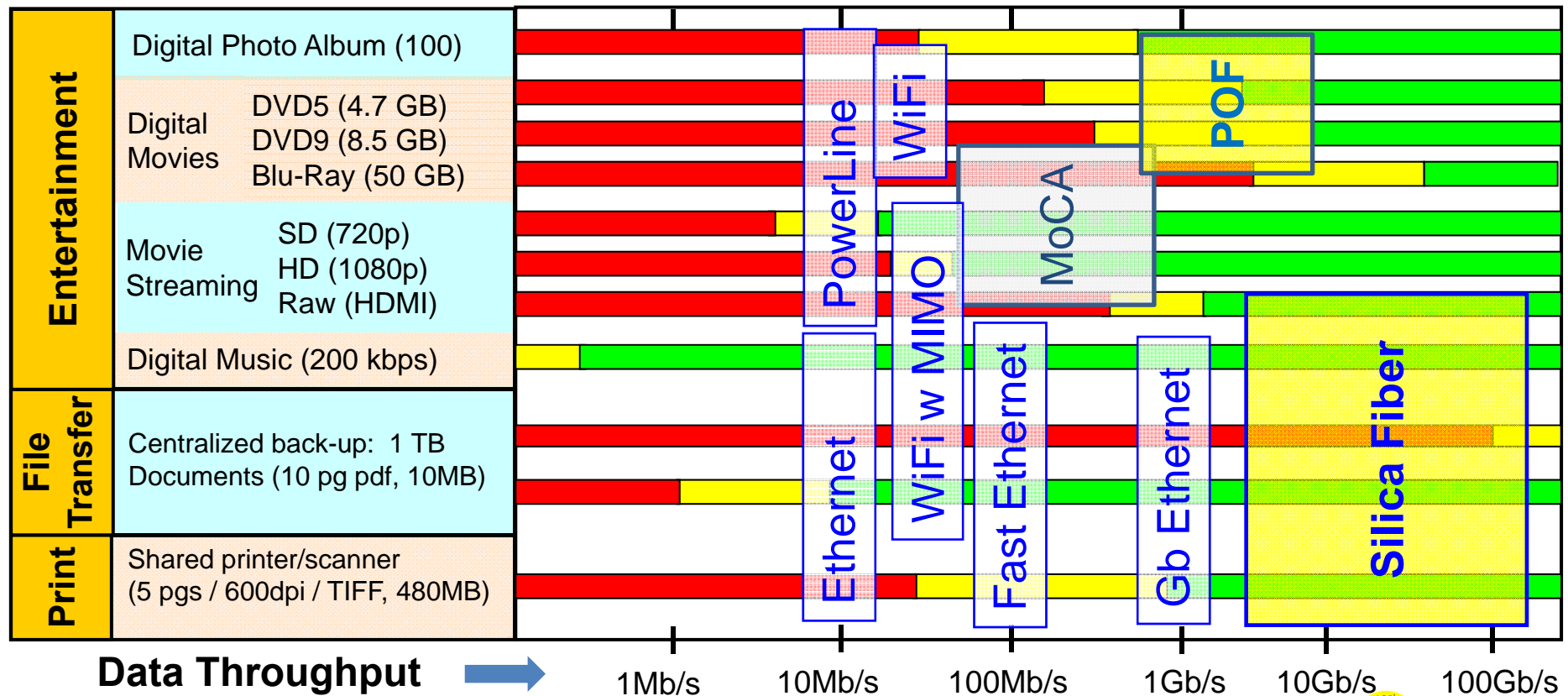
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*User needs exceed network technologies – except optical fiber*

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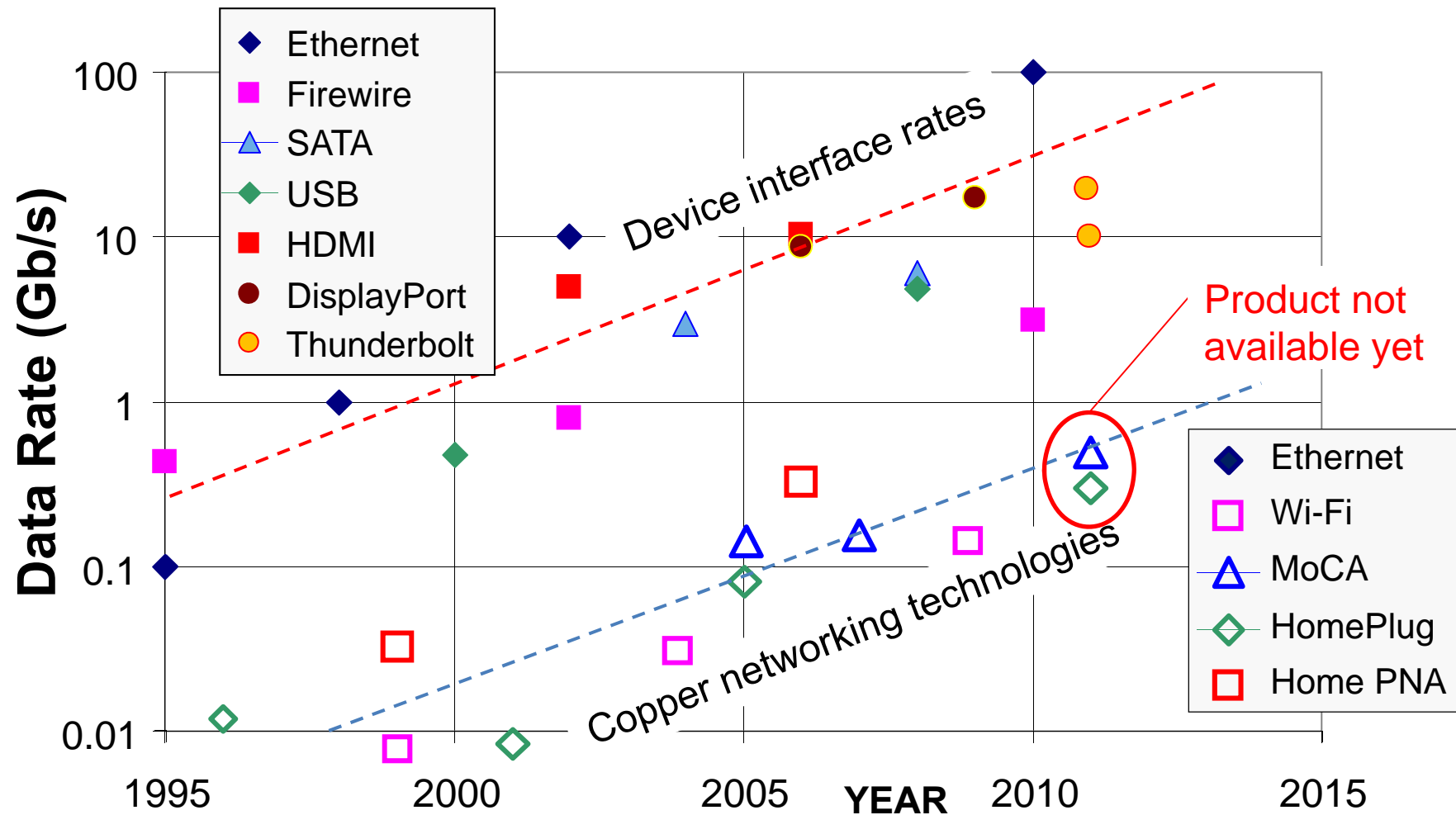


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# Consumer Electronic device interface rates

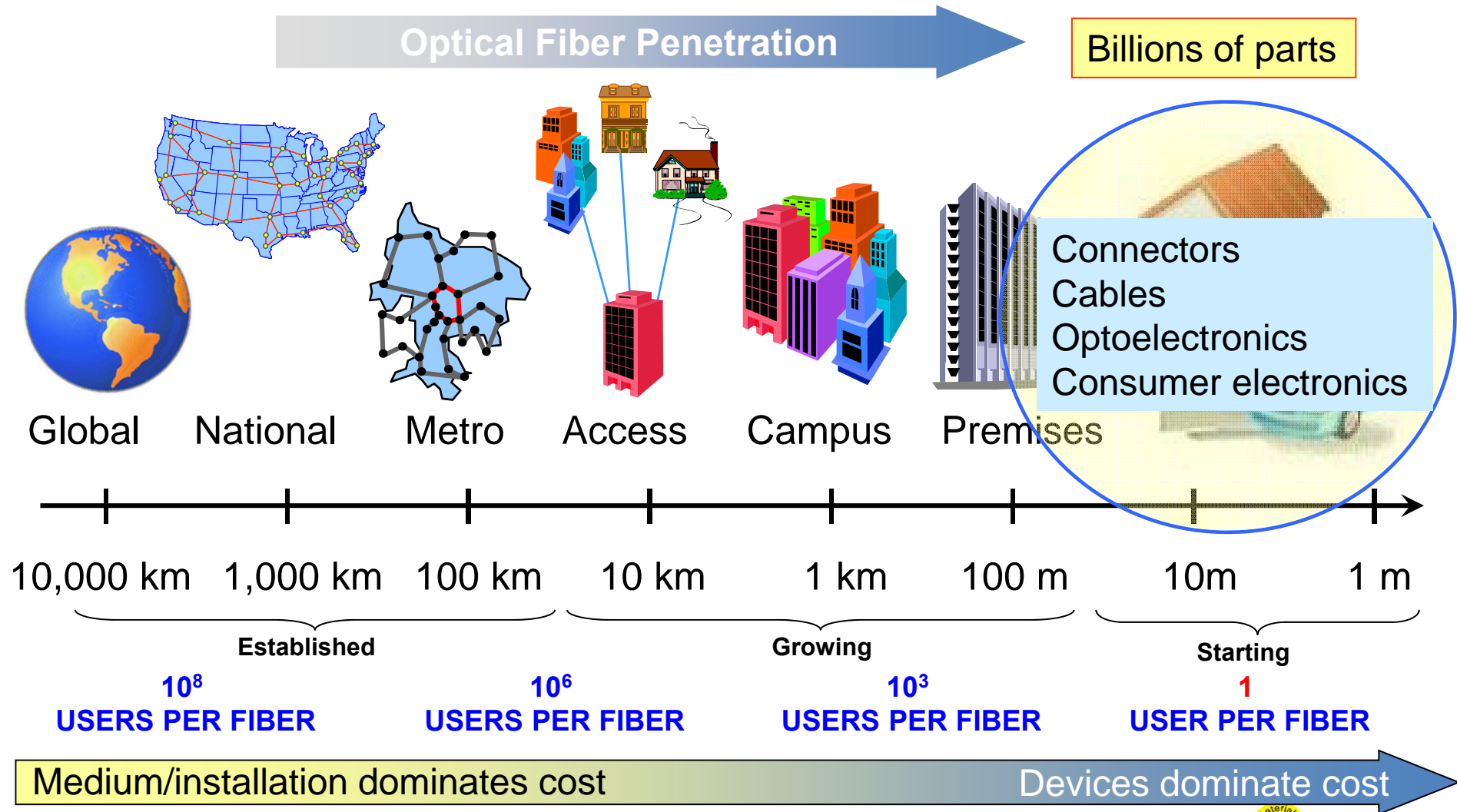
*Existing device technologies enable up to 20 Gb/s*



Copper networking technologies are lagging device interface rates and user needs

# Fiber Networks in Buildings and Homes

## - Telecommunications trends & opportunities



[A. Ng'oma et al., ECOC2012, Mo1G4]

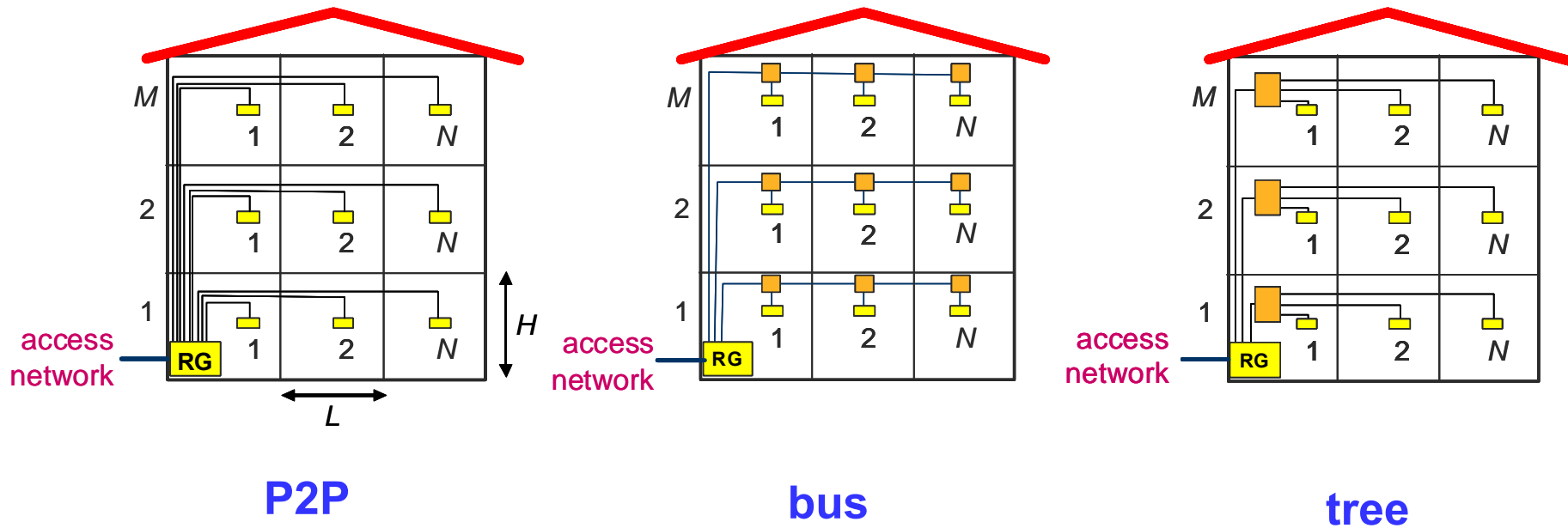


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# Network architectures



- + hybrid architectures
- **opaque** (with OEO conversions),  
or **all-optical** (with power splitting or  $\lambda$ -routing)



# Building scenarios

Home



| M | N | H (m) | L (m) |
|---|---|-------|-------|
| 3 | 4 | 3.3   | 8     |

Office



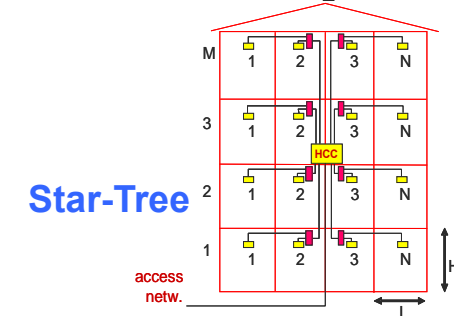
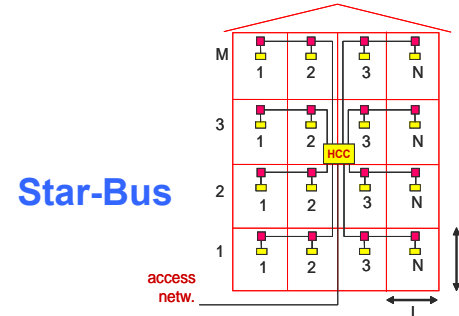
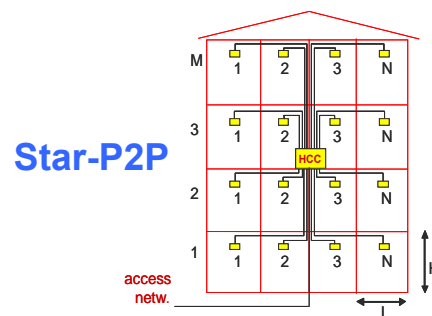
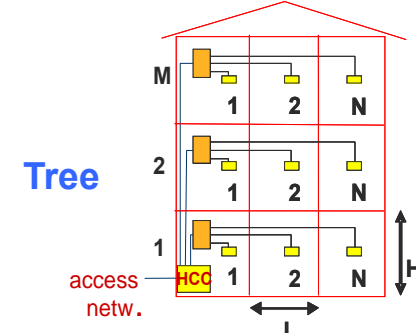
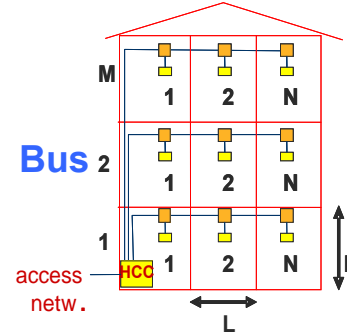
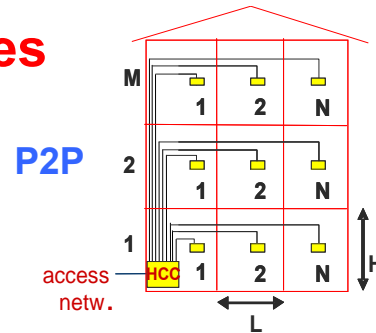
| M  | N  | H (m) | L (m) |
|----|----|-------|-------|
| 10 | 50 | 3.8   | 10    |

MDU



| M  | N  | H (m) | L (m) |
|----|----|-------|-------|
| 10 | 16 | 4     | 14    |

## Basic topologies



# Cost items used in the analysis

(based on 2010 market price surveys)



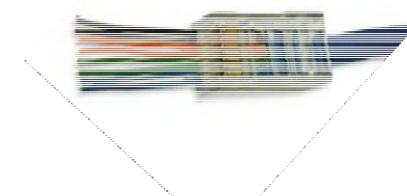
|  | Cat-5E                   | POF                     | SMF                      | MMF                      |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Installed cable costs                    | 1.8 €/m                  | 1.7 €/m                 | 1.74 €/m                 | 1.95 €/m                 |
| Max. link length                         | 100 m                    | 70 m                    | 1000 m                   | 550 m                    |
| Mounted connector costs                  | 13 €                     | 3 €                     | 15 €*                    | 14 €*                    |
| Media converter costs; power consumption | (negligible); 0.65 W     | 30 €, 0,85 W            | 70 €, 1.15 W             | 40 €, 1.15 W             |
| Hub/tap costs; power consumption         | 20 €, 0.2 W              | 20 €, 0.2 W             | 20€, 0.2 W               | 20€, 0.2 W               |
| Switch costs, power consumption          | 10 €/port;<br>0.3 W/port | 10€/port;<br>0.3 W/port | 10 €/port;<br>0.3 W/port | 10 €/port;<br>0.3 W/port |

\* these prices vary considerably for the various connector types and their mounting methods; we assumed SC connectors, and about 10 minutes in-field mounting time per connector (labour costs about 10€)

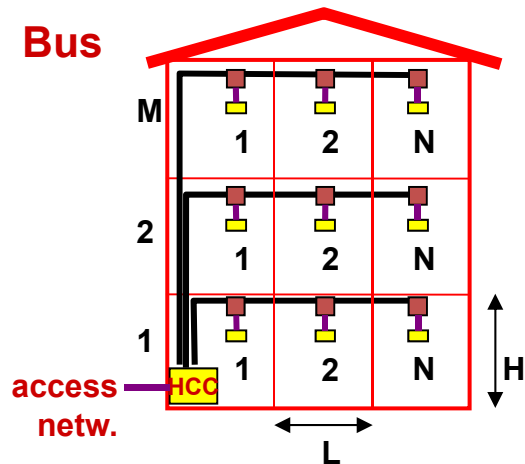
## Duplex POF



## Cat-5E

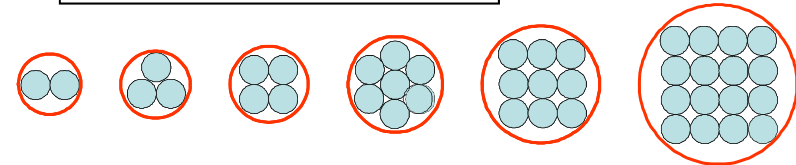


# Cost modelling of architectures



## Cable diameters:

- CAT-5E 5 mm
- MMF/SMF 2.5 mm
- POF 2 mm



## Cable length

$$F = M \cdot N \cdot L + \sum_{m=1}^M mH = M \cdot N \cdot L + H \cdot \frac{M}{2} \cdot (M + 1)$$

## Duct costs

$$D = M \cdot H \cdot p(M) + M \cdot N \cdot L \cdot p(1)$$

## Number of OEO hubs

$$T = M \cdot N$$

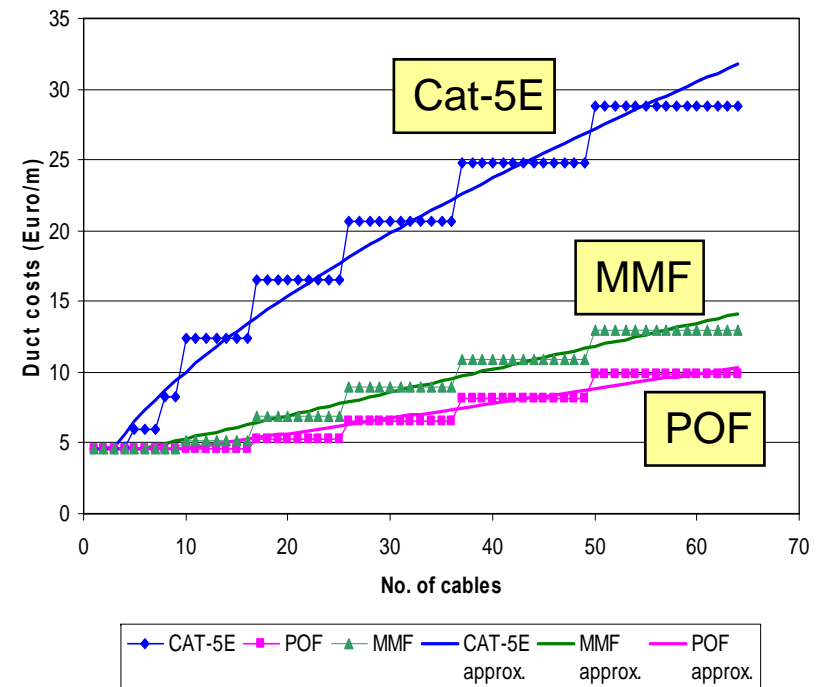
## Number of connectors

$$C = 2 \cdot M + 2 \cdot M \cdot (N - 1) + M \cdot N = 3 \cdot M \cdot N$$

## Number of media converters

$$MC = 2 \cdot M + 2 \cdot M \cdot (N - 1) = 2 \cdot M \cdot N$$

$p(M)$  = duct costs per unit length for duct containing  $M$  cables



## costs of buried ducts

# CapEx and OpEx

## Assumptions:

- opaque network
- fiber solutions share existing duct of electricity wiring

## Residential home

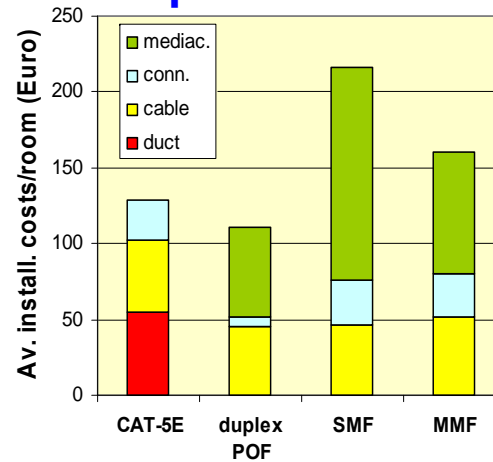
- 3 floors, 4 rooms/floor
- P2P network

## Office building

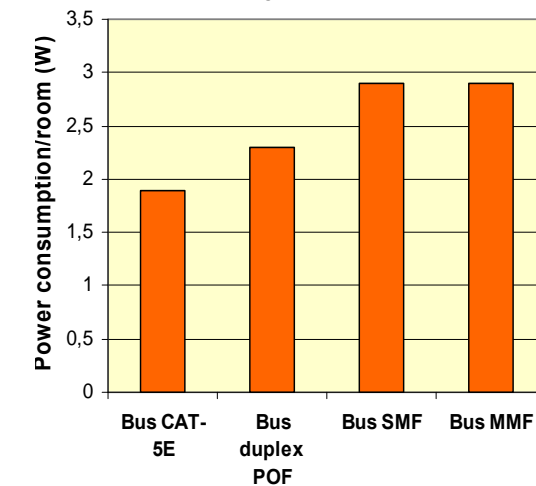
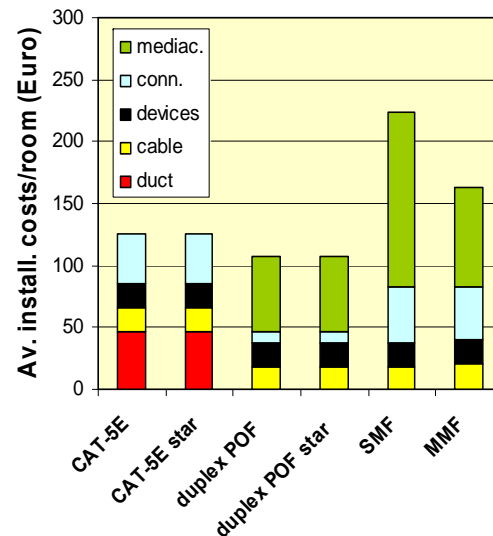
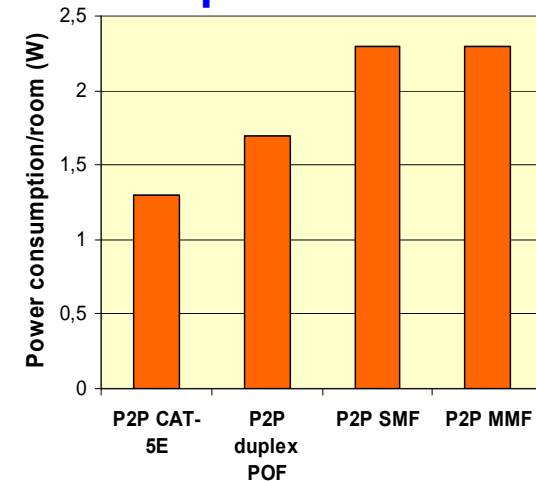
- 10 floors, 50 rooms/floor
- bus network

POF outperforms SMF and MMF, and is cost-competitive with Cat-5E

### Installation costs per room



### Power consumption per room

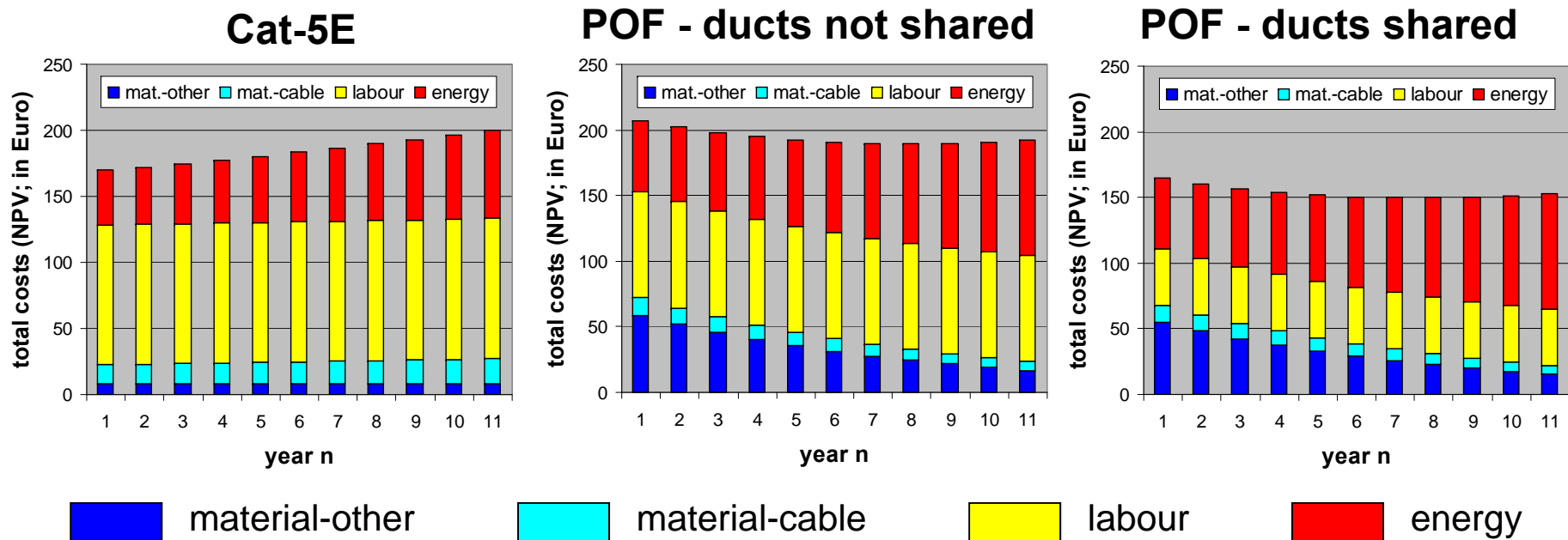


# Evolution of total network costs

- CapEx + OpEx, Net Present Value
- for residential home during economic lifetime of 25 years
- when installing in year  $n$

## Assumptions:

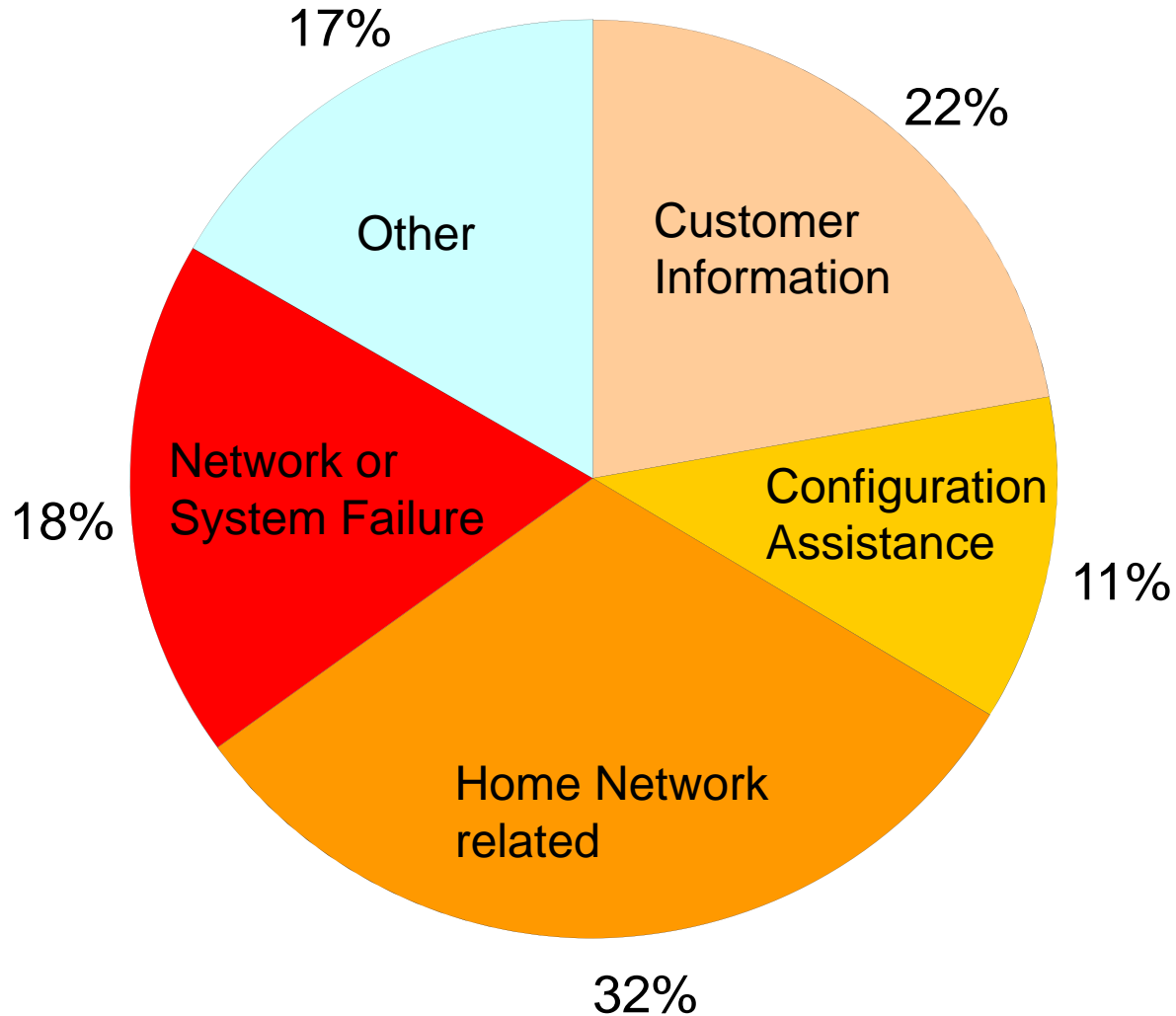
- Costs of labour +2%/year, of POF products -10%/year, of Cat-5E products +2%/year, of Cat-5E cable +5%/year, of energy +5%/year
- Material/labour costs: duct 10/90%, cable 30/70%, devices 90/10%, connectors 10/90%, media conv. 90/10%



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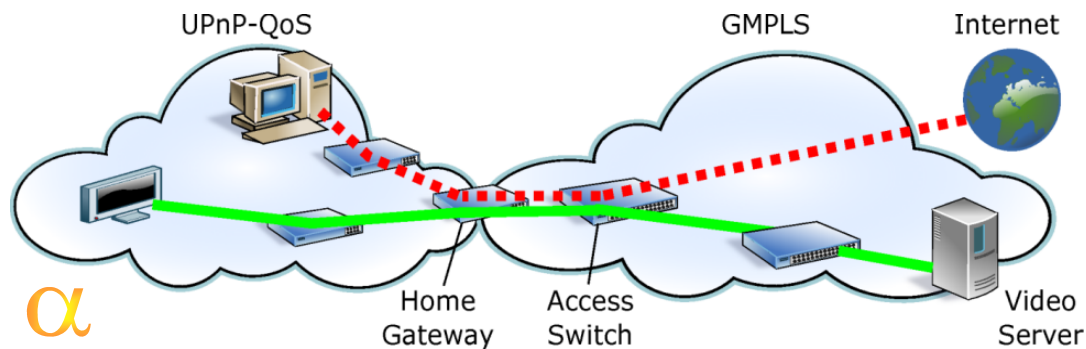
# Managerial complexity for the service provider....

*43% of service provider help desk calls is home network related*



# Home Gateway

- Bridges between public access network and in-home network
- Allows (remote) diagnostics of in-home network (BW probing, device discovery, topology discovery, fault detection, performance measurements, ...)
- Translate IP addresses and modulation formats
- Assures security and privacy
- Provides access to third parties for maintenance and upgrading
- Provides QoS control for indoor terminals
- May host home-internal functions (local data storage, interoperation of devices...)



*“Home Gateway can communicate QoS data between access and home domains”*



# Home Network standardization is complex

|   |                  |  |                 |
|---|------------------|--|-----------------|
| <b>Broadband</b>  | TCP/IP           | <b>Tele- communications</b>                      | SIP             |
|   | Microsoft P&P    |  | Femtocell       |
|   | Apple P&P        |  | IMS             |
|   | Google Platforms |  | DECT            |
|   | W3C              |  | ETSI HF         |
|   | PUCC             |  | Bluetooth       |
|   | G.hn             |  | ETSI TISPAN     |
|   | OSGi             |  |                 |
|   | TR-069           | <b>Multimedia and Entertainment</b>              | ISO/IEC 15018   |
|   | ITU-T H610       |  | UPnP            |
|   | Wi-Fi            |  | DLNA            |
|   | Ethernet         |  | DVB             |
|   | HGI              |  | IEC 62045       |
|   | HomePNA          |  | MoCA            |
|   | IEEE 1901        |  | OpenIPTV        |
|   |                  |  | IEC Home Server |
|   |                  |  | ETSI NGN HAN    |
| <b>Home management of appliances, comfort services, safety&amp;security</b> | KNX              | <b>Energy managment services and health care</b> | LON             |
|   | EN 50173         |  | HES             |
|   | Zigbee           |  | CIM             |
|   | 6LowPAN          |  | IEC 61334       |
|   | IEC 61850        |  | DLMS/COSEM      |
|   | OpenTherm        |  | M-bus           |
|   | Insteon          |  | U-SNAP          |
|   | Z-wave           |  | Continua        |
|   | EN 61508         |  |                 |
|   | EN 60335         |  |                 |
|   | ISO 18012-1      |  |                 |
|   | EN 50523         |  |                 |
| <b>Peripheral Networks</b>  | USB              | HDMI   |                 |
|   | UWB              | WHDI   |                 |
|   | NFC              | Wireless HD                                      |                 |
|   | RFID             | FireWire   |                 |

[F. den Hartog et al, CENELEC SmartHouse Roadmap]

# Home Gateway Initiative: Connecting Homes, Enabling Services



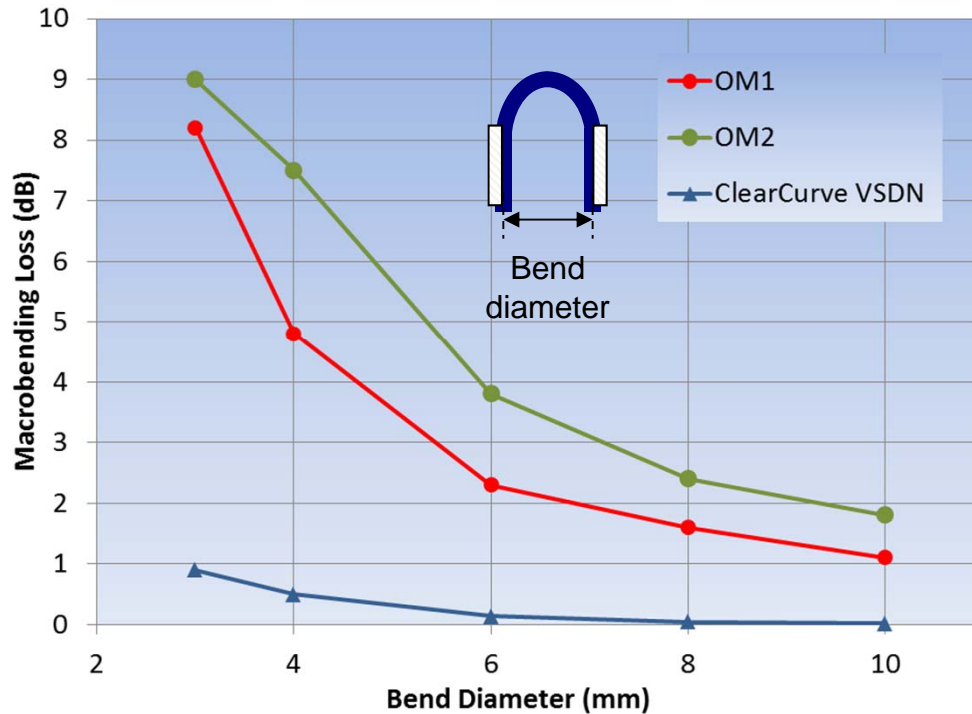
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# Optical Fiber Requirements for In-Home Networking

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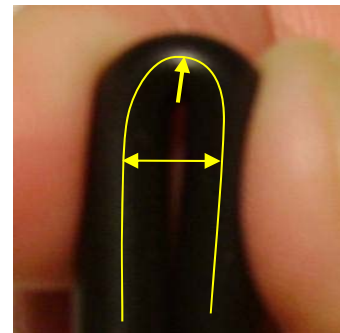
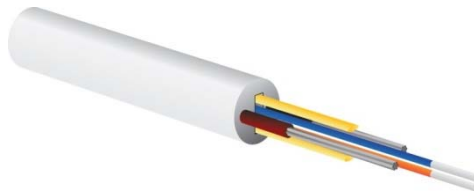
- Throughput of at least 1 Gb/s
- Bend-insensitive performance
- Small diameter, flexible, yet robust cable
- Small form-factor connector
- Low power consumption and immunity to EMI
- Fiber characteristics optimized for low-cost links
- Support for multiple consumer-electronics protocols
- Future-proof for upgrade to >10 Gb/s

# Bend-insensitive Fiber Cable



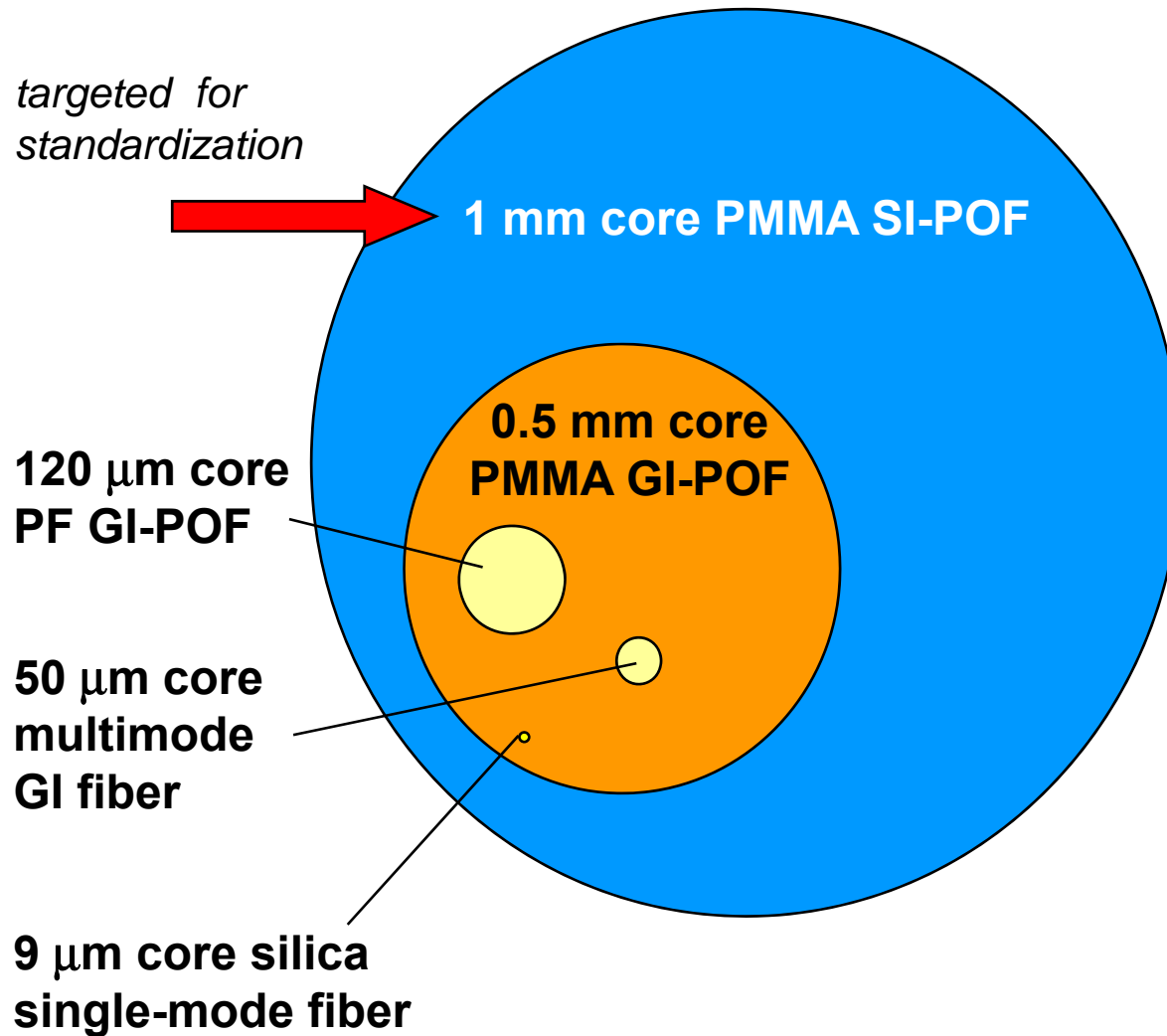
## ClearCurve® VSDN® :

- silica GI-MMF,  $\varnothing$  80 $\mu$ m core
- NA=0.29
- enables  $\varnothing$  3mm cable design that maintains link robustness in case of temporary cable pinch and knot
- >7dB lower loss at 3mm bend diameter
- >75% tighter bends for 1dB loss



Knots in cables induce < 3 dB

# Silica and Plastic Optical Fiber



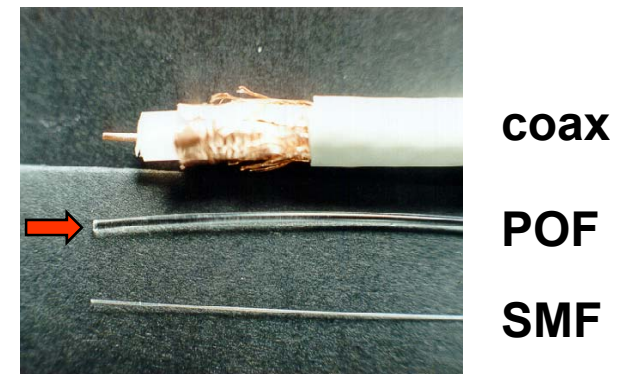
## POF's

### Advantages:

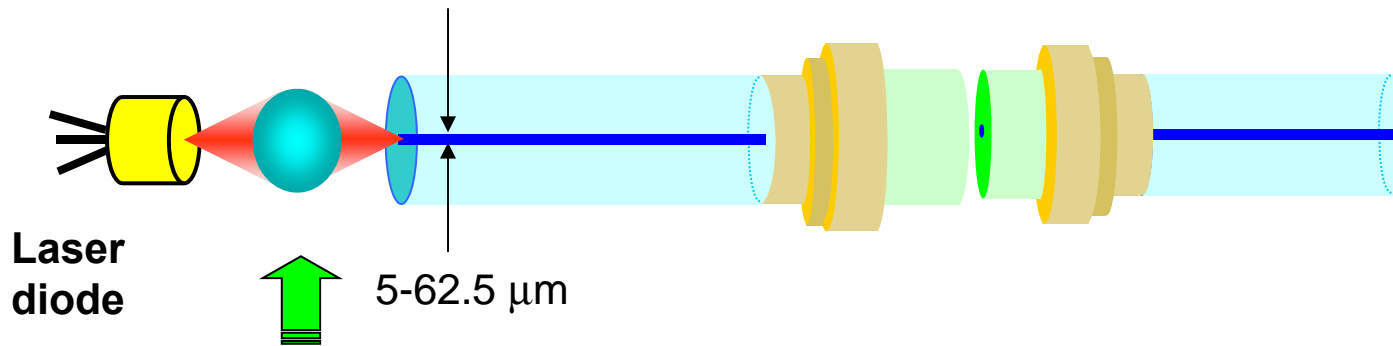
- ☺ Ductile
- ☺ Not conductive
- ☺ Easy to splice
- ☺ Easy to connectorise

### Disadvantages:

- ☹ Higher loss
- ☹ Lower bandwidth

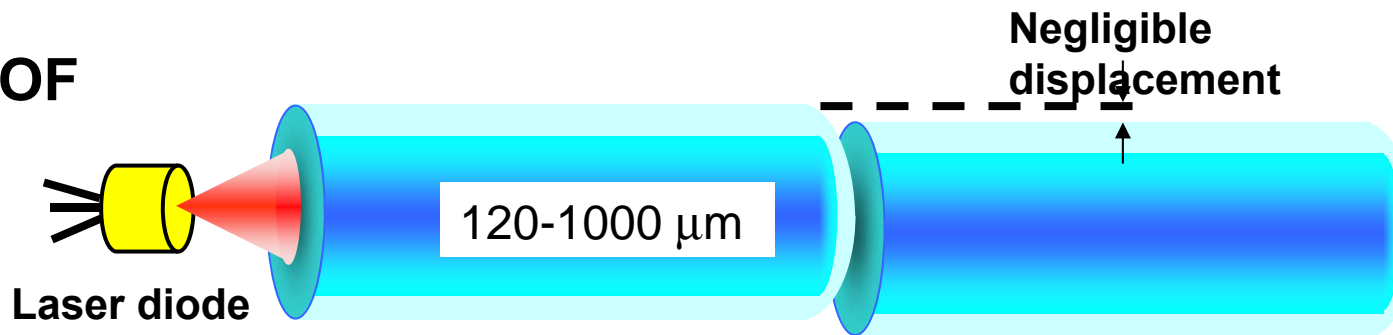


## Silica based optical fiber



*Lens system or expensive ceramic connector with very high accuracy is required for high coupling efficiency.*

## POF

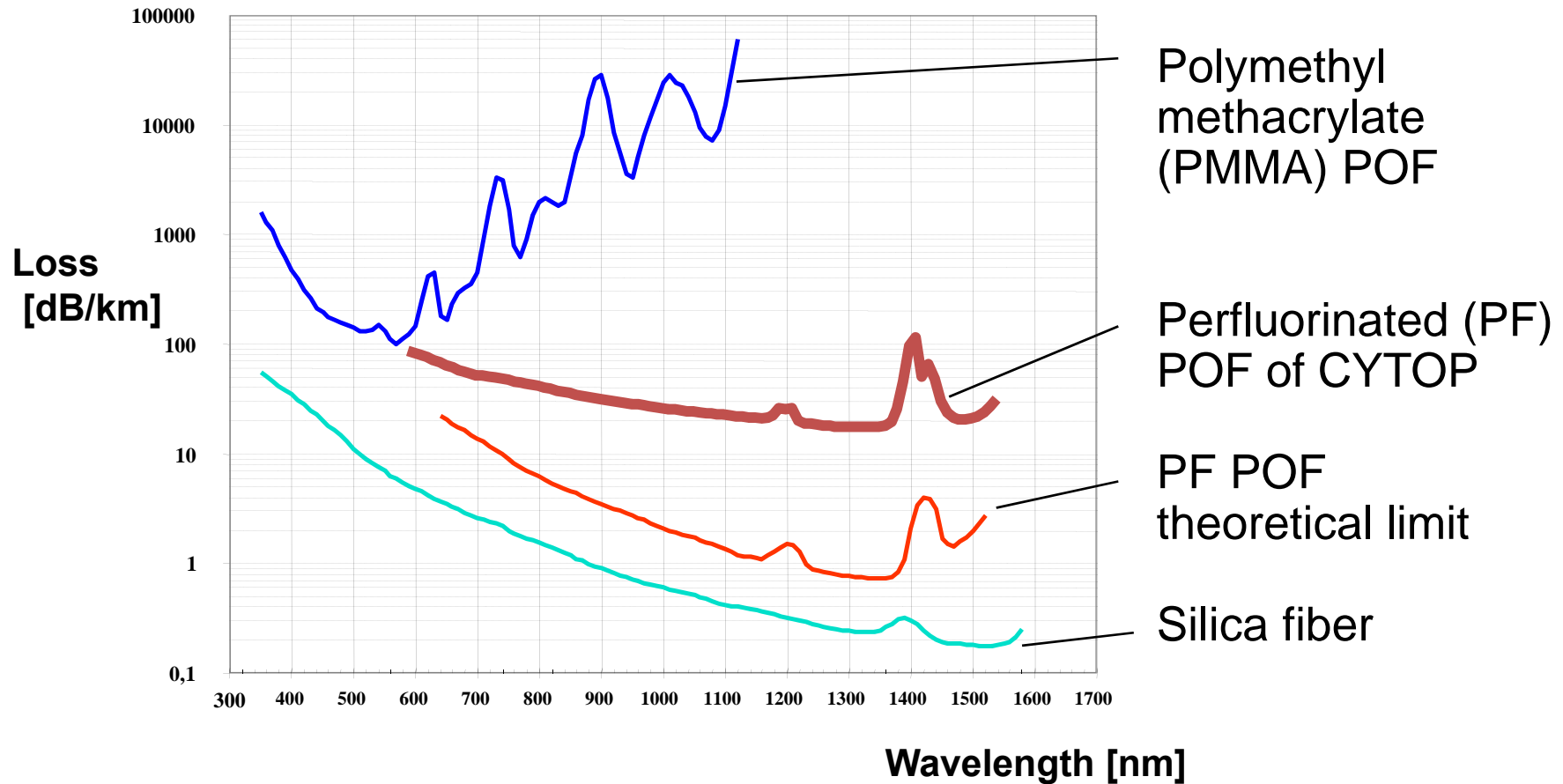


*Easy alignment*

*Small modal noise because of large mode number*

[Source: Keio University]

# Attenuation of POF

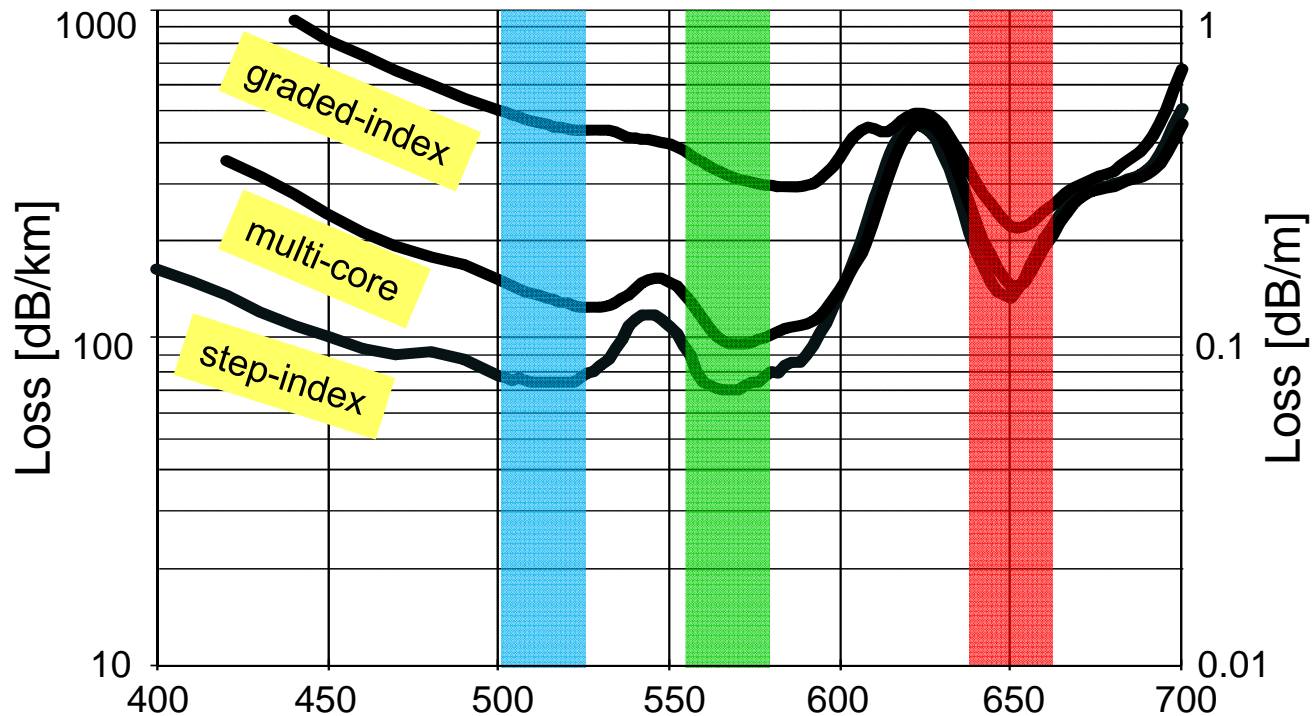


PMMA: for use from 450 to 650 nm (visible light)  
PF: for use from 600 to 1350 nm



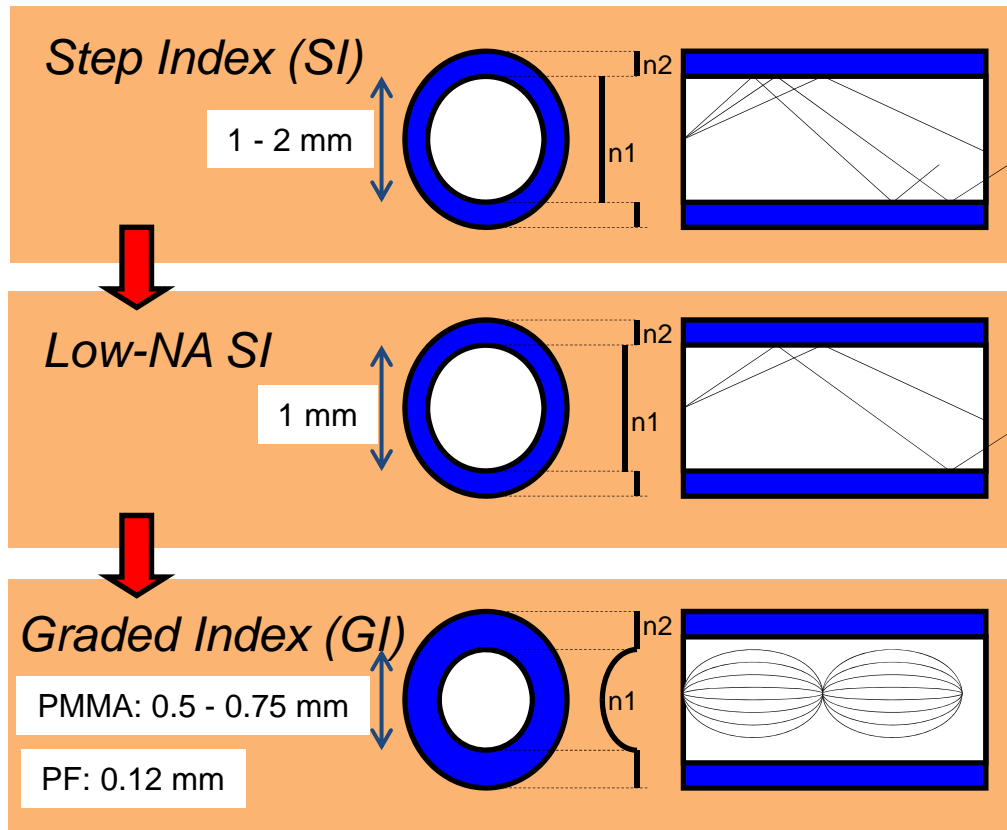
# Optical losses in PMMA POF

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- Three spectral windows of interest:  
red 650 nm, green 570 nm, and blue 520 nm
- Fiber lengths  $\geq 50$  meters (classified by ETSI)
- Visible light: eases network diagnostics

# POF bandwidth

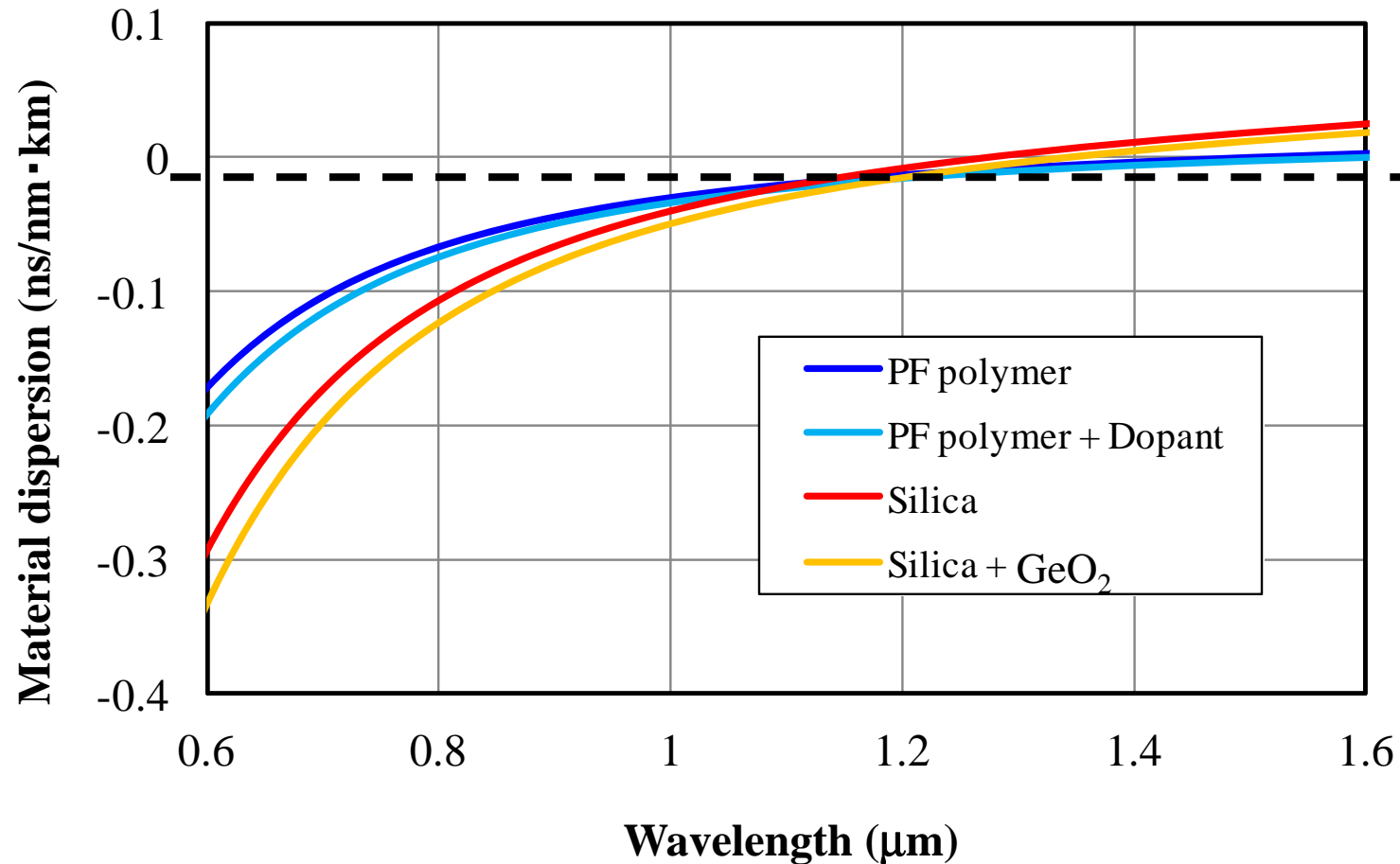


| Fibre @ wavelength      | BW at 100 m   |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| PMMA SI @ 650 nm        | 0.04 GHz      |
| PMMA low-NA SI @ 650 nm | 0.1 – 0.2 GHz |
| PMMA GI @ 650 nm        | 2.2 – 3 GHz   |
| PF GI @ 650 nm          | 2 – 4.5 GHz   |
| PF GI @ 850 nm          | 2.3 – 2.7 GHz |
| PF GI @ 1300 nm         | 2.4 - 7 GHz   |

- Material dispersion of PF-POF is lower than that of silica fiber over a broad  $\lambda$  range

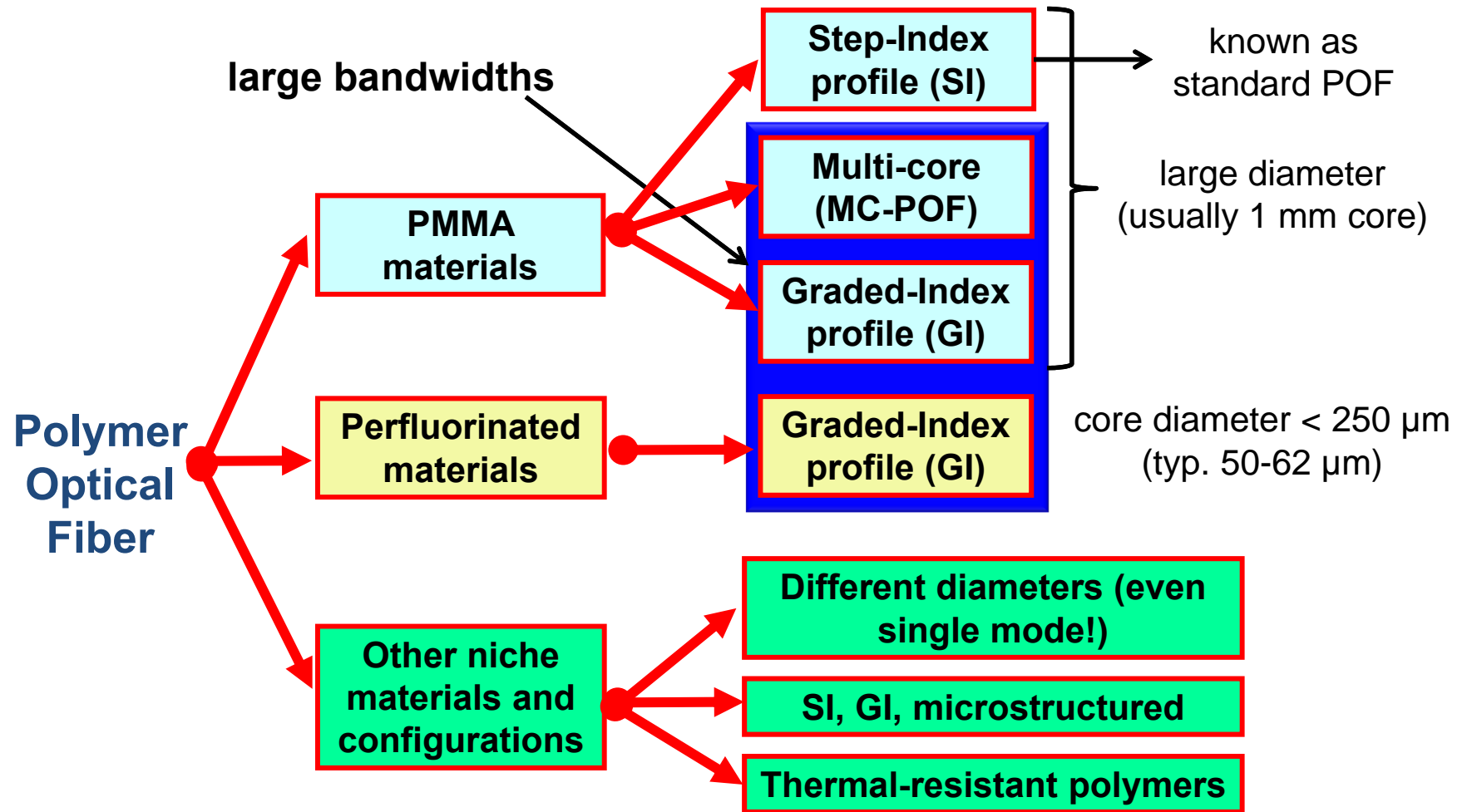
# Advantage of Perfluorinated (PF) polymer

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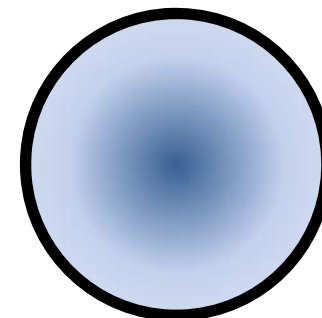
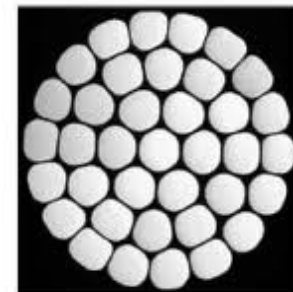
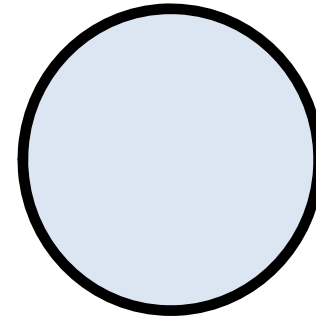
PF polymer has low material dispersion in a wide wavelength range from visible to near infrared region.

# Plastic (/Polymer) Optical Fiber options



## Choice of POF

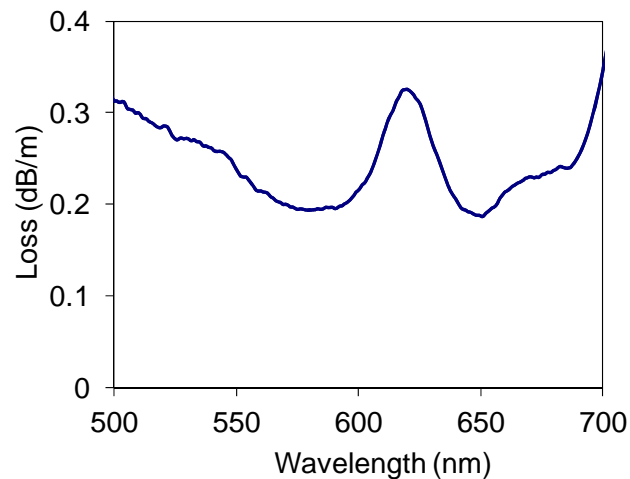
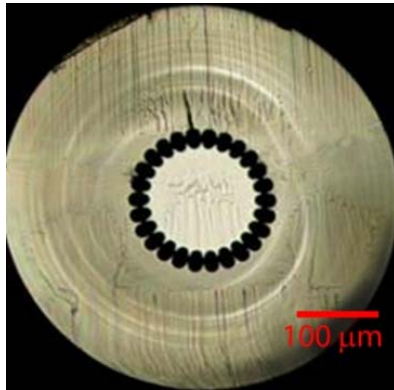
- **Up to 1 Gbit/s:**  
exploit the only standardized, mass produced POF, i.e., PMMA step-index POF with 1-mm core diameter (IEC A4a.2)
- **Beyond 1 Gbit/s:**  
very good results on PMMA multi-core POF (MC-POF)
  - Much better bending resilience
  - Slightly better bandwidth
- **If >10 Gbit/s is required**  
Graded-index POF
  - Large-core preferred
  - For very high capacity → soft plastic (Perfluorinated)
  - Not yet standardized
  - Issue: bending losses



# Microstructure POF (mPOF)

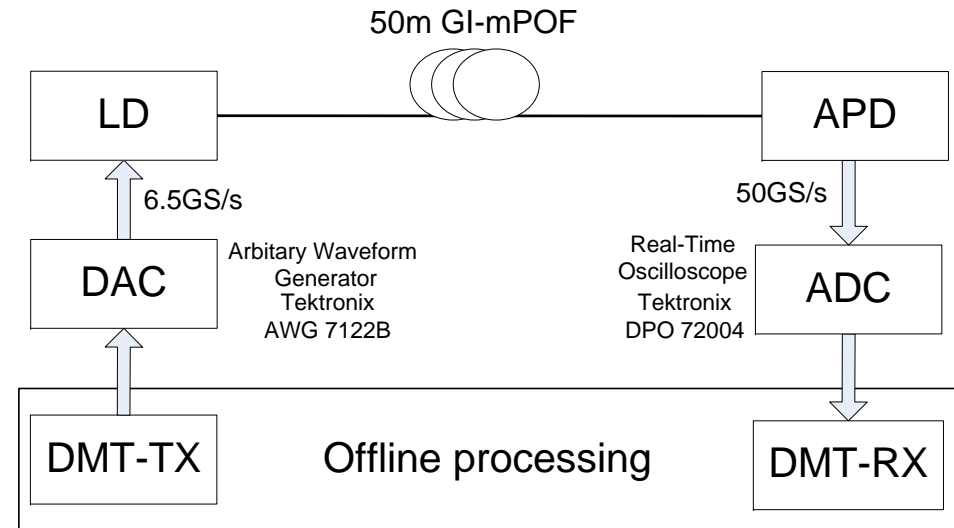
Potential for:

- Flexible core sizes
- Low bend losses
- Broad bandwidth



## 7.3 Gbit/s transmission over mPOF

- 650 nm transceiver
- DMT technology with bit-loading
- 50 m long  $\varnothing 140/500\mu\text{m}$  mPOF



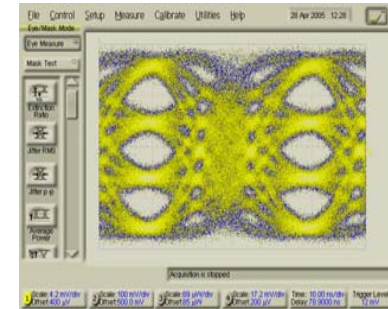
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# Overcoming the limited BW of POF

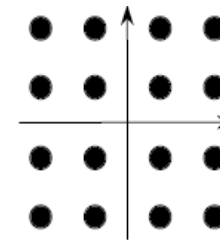
## Baseband modulation formats

- NRZ + strong equalization
- 4-PAM, 8-PAM and beyond



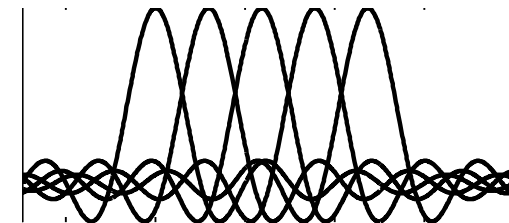
## Quadrature-like modulation formats

- QPSK, QAM-x
- improved spectral efficiency



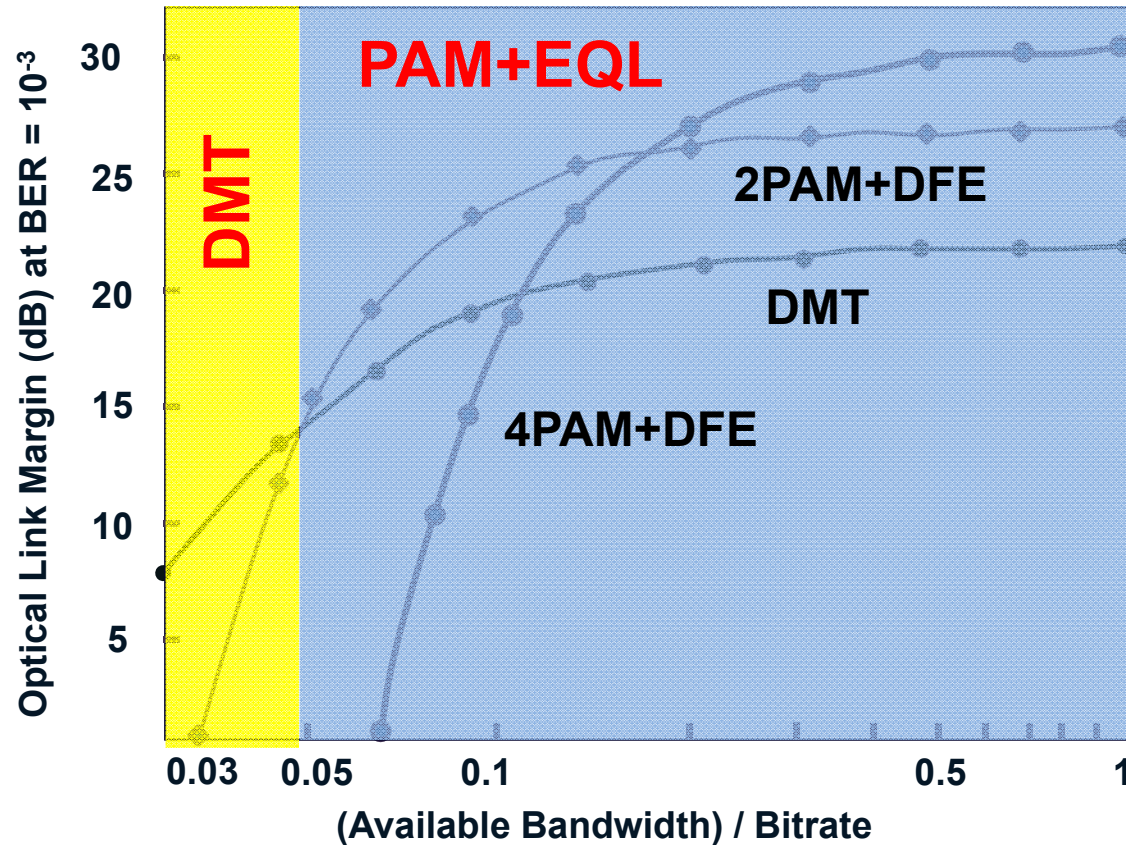
## Multitone Transmission (OFDM, DMT)

- dispersion-robust
- benefit from high market-volume for wireless LAN, xDSL, DVB-C, and DOCSIS cable modems
- Gh.n standard (DMT)





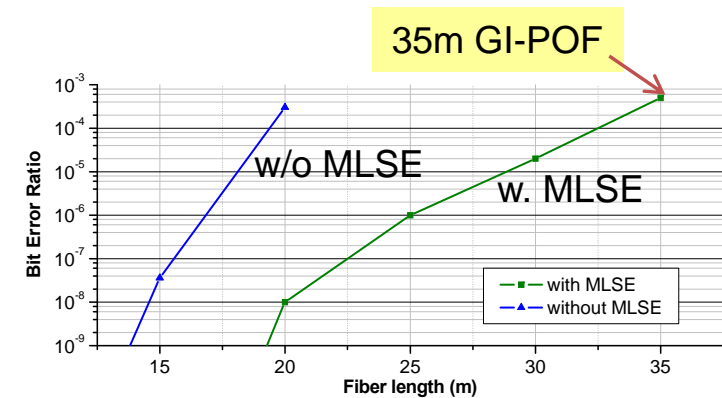
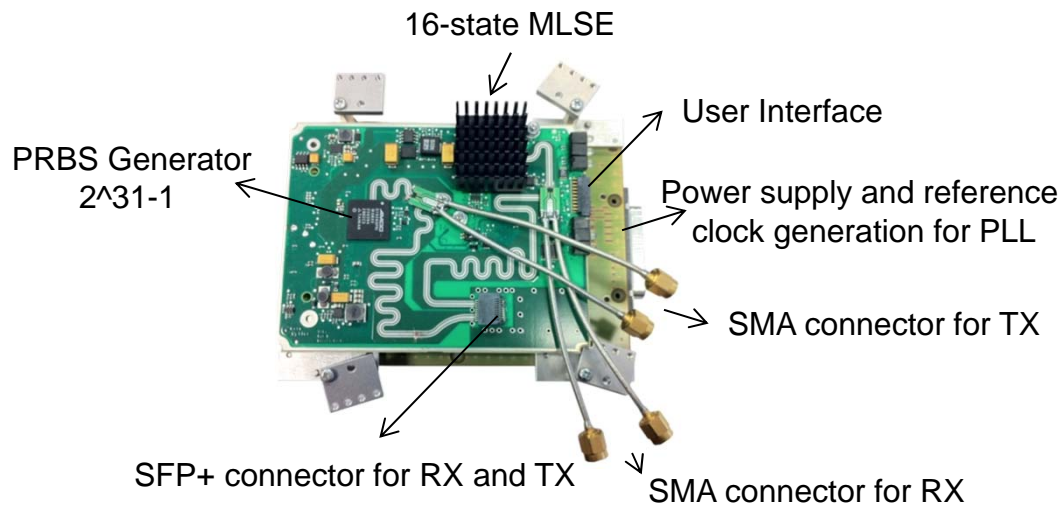
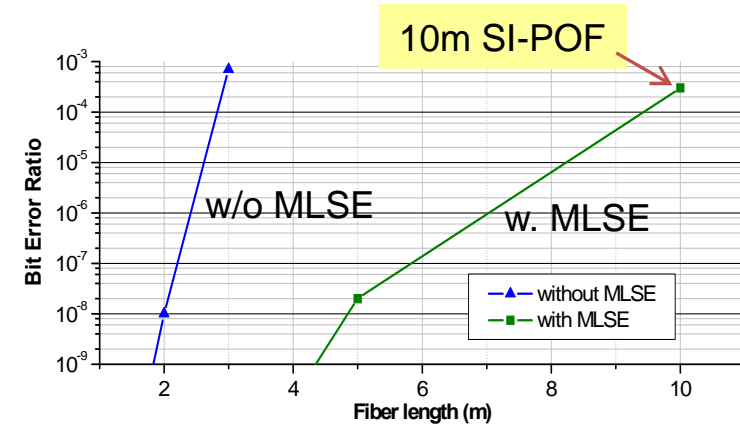
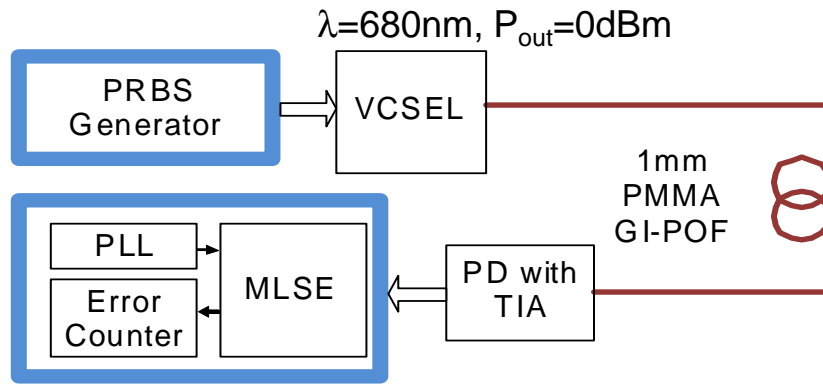
# Modulation Formats



DMT=Discrete Multi-Tone  
PAM=Pulse Amplitude Modulation  
DFE=Decision Feedback Equalizer

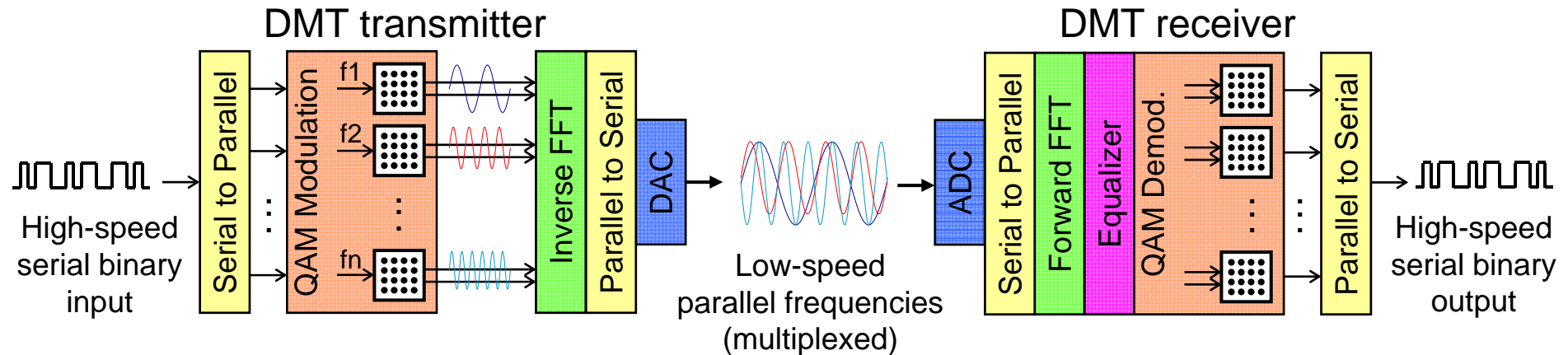
- Moderate bandwidth → PAM+EQ
- Narrow bandwidth → DMT (incl. bit loading)

# Real-time 10.7Gbit/s 2-PAM (OOK) over POF using MLSE <sup>41</sup>



# High data rates over dispersive POF links using DMT

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- *Discrete Multitone (DMT) modulation*: high-speed serial data transmitted parallel at low-speed using different frequencies
- *high spectral efficiency* with multi-level QAM, not only “on-off”
- especially suitable for *multipath dispersive channels* such as MMF and POF
- 51.8Gbit/s over 100m Ø50mm core PF GI-POF [1]
- 4.7Gbit/s over 50m 19-cores Ø1mm PMMA SI-POF [2]
- 5.3Gbit/s over 50m Ø1mm core PMMA GI-POF [3]

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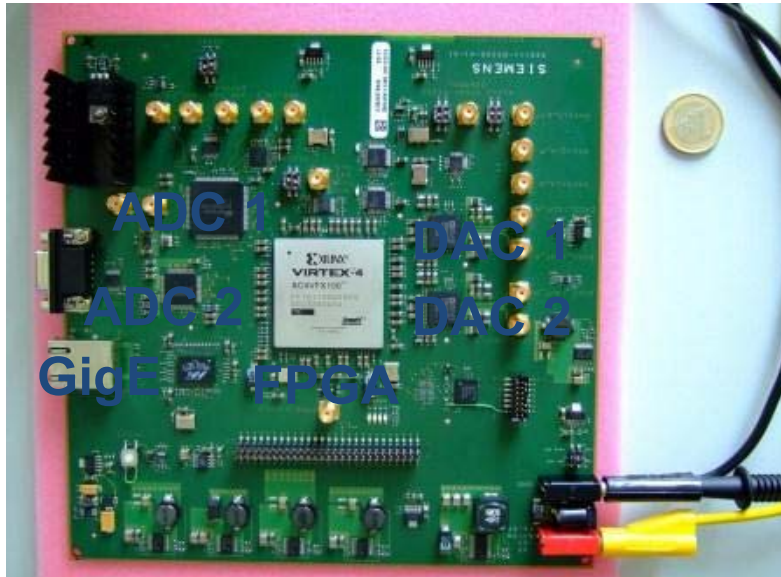
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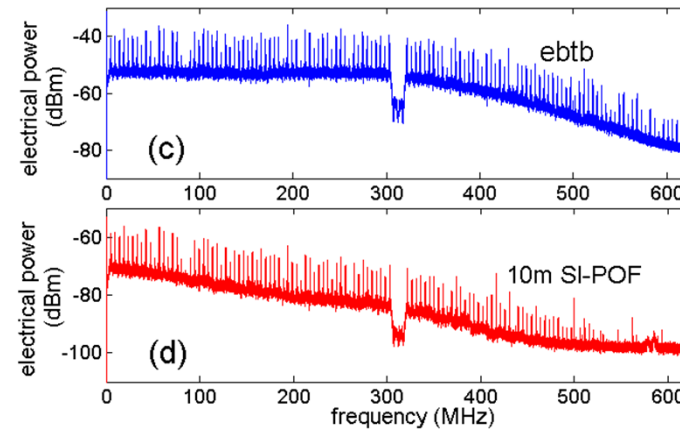
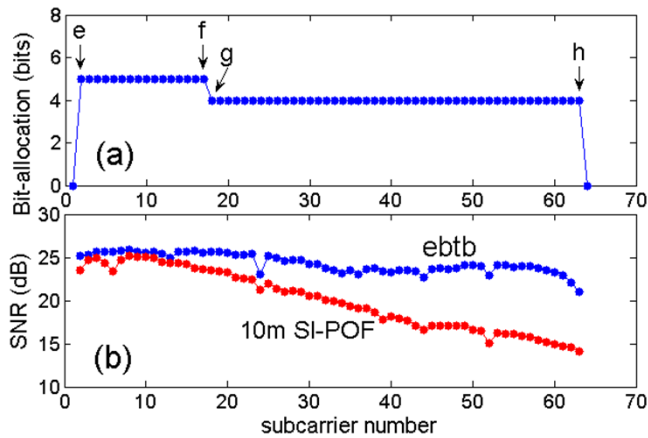


# Real-time 1.25 Gbit/s DMT over $\varnothing$ 1mm core SI-POF



GbE real-time DMT including adaptive bit loading and power loading

- 1.25 Gbit/s DMT
- over 10m  $\varnothing$ 1mm core step-index PMMA POF
- FPGA: Xilinx Virtex4 FX100
- ADC1: 8 bit, 3 GS/s
- ADC2: 12 bit, 500 MS/s



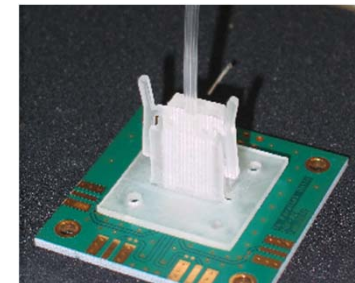
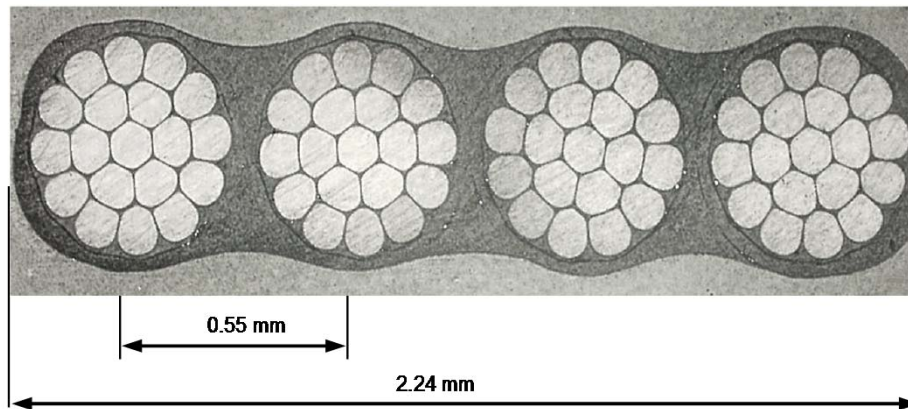
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# 10 Gbit/s and more using POF

- Using parallel POFs, viz. a ribbon structure of multi-core



POF ribbon is attached to PCB  
10 Gbit/s (4×2.5 Gbit/s) on a thin cable

- Using a different type of POF, viz. perfluorinated ( $\lambda=1302\text{nm}$ , core  $\text{\O}50\mu\text{m}$ )



## 47.4 Gb/s Transmission Over 100 m Graded-Index Plastic Optical Fiber Based on Rate-Adaptive Discrete Multitone Modulation

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# Some recent POF transmission system experiments

- using  $\varnothing$ 1mm core PMMA POF (unless otherwise indicated)

| Data rate                                    | POF type           | Core $\varnothing$           | Tx                    | Wavelength           | Rx                          | Format       | Length | Year |
|--|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------|------|
| 1.25 Gb/s<br>(real time)                     | SI-POF             | 1 mm                         | Eye-safe RCLED        | 650 nm               | Large area receiver         | OOK          | 50 m   | 2010 |
| 2.2Gb/s<br>(wired)<br>+480Mb/s<br>(wireless) | GIPOF-PON<br>(1×4) | 1 mm                         | High power laser      | 650 nm               | APD                         | DMT/OFDM     | 50 m   | 2012 |
| 3Gb/s<br>(wired)<br>+480Mb/s<br>(wireless)   | GI-POF             | 1 mm                         | VCSEL                 | 665 nm               | APD                         | DMT/OFDM     | 50 m   | 2011 |
| 4.7Gb/s                                      | MC-POF             | 1 mm                         | Eye-safe VCSEL        | 665 nm               | APD                         | DMT          | 50 m   | 2010 |
| 5.3Gb/s                                      | GI-POF             | 1 mm                         | Eye-safe VCSEL        | 665 nm               | PIN+TIA                     | DMT          | 50 m   | 2010 |
| 5.8 Gb/s                                     | GI-POF             | 1 mm                         | High power laser      | 650 nm               | PIN+TIA                     | PAM2+DFE     | 75 m   | 2011 |
| 7.3 Gb/s                                     | mPOF               | <b>140 <math>\mu</math>m</b> | High power laser      | 650 nm               | APD                         | DMT          | 50 m   | 2012 |
| 4 × 2.5Gb/s                                  | Ribbon             |                              | VCSEL array           | 665 nm               | PIN Diode array             | OOK          | 25 m   | 2011 |
| 10 Gb/s                                      | MC-POF             | 1 mm                         | High power laser      | 650 nm               | PIN+TIA                     | DMT          | 25m    | 2011 |
| 10 Gb/s                                      | GI-POF             | 1 mm                         | High power laser      | 650 nm               | PIN+TIA                     | DMT          | 35 m   | 2011 |
| 10.7Gb/s                                     | SI-POF             | 1 mm                         | WDM high power lasers | 405, 515, and 650 nm | PIN+TIA                     | DMT          | 50m    | 2012 |
| 10.7 Gb/s                                    | GI-POF             | 1 mm                         | VCSEL                 | 665 nm               | MSM PD+TIA                  | NRZ+MLSE+PLL | 35m    | 2012 |
| 47.4 Gb/s                                    | PF GI-POF          | <b>50 <math>\mu</math>m</b>  | DFB                   | 1302 nm              | $\varnothing$ 25 $\mu$ m PD | DMT          | 100 m  | 2010 |

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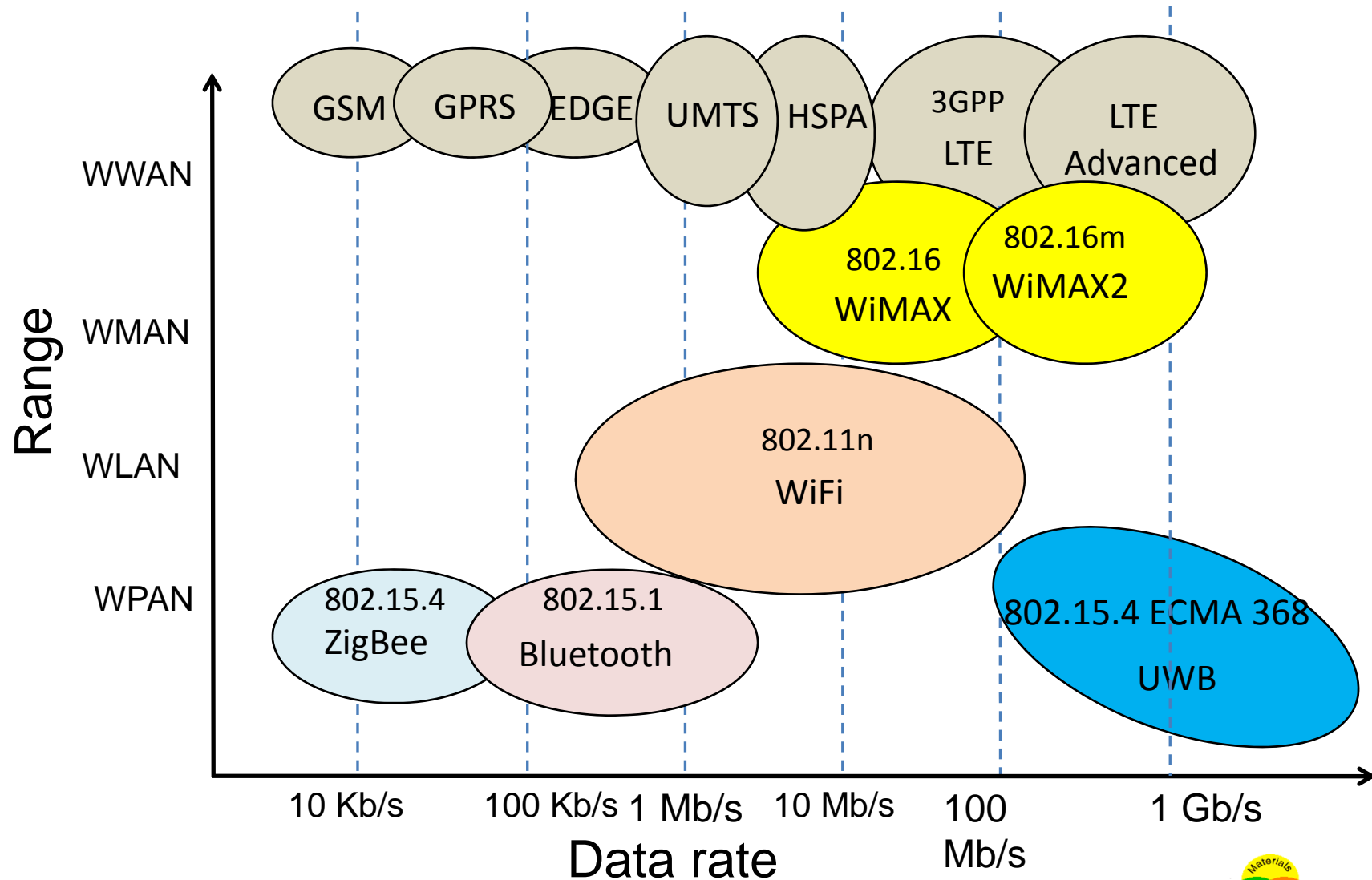


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# Wireless technology standards - characteristics

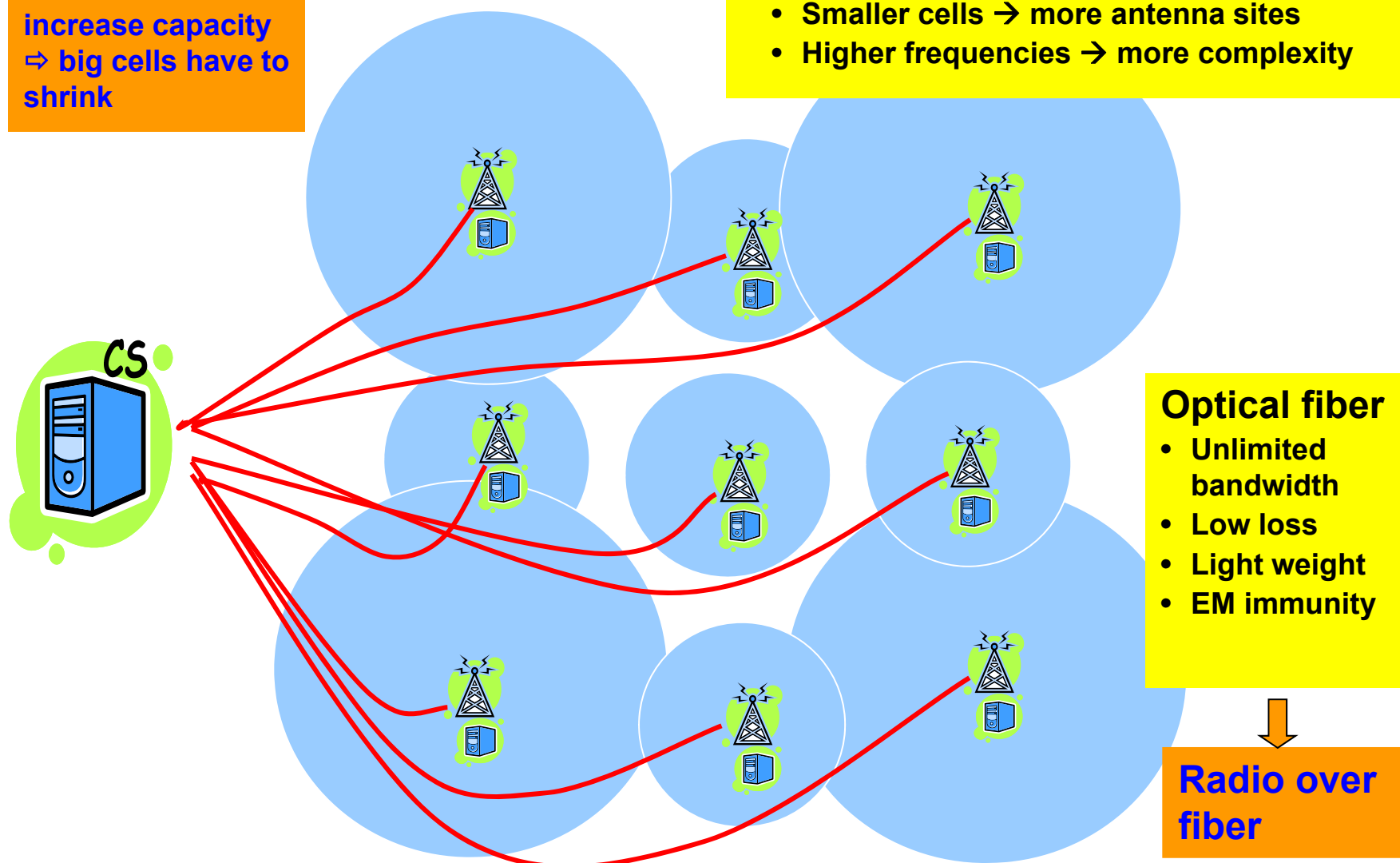
| Technology | Standards         | Coverage               | Frequency bands            | Modulation                               | Data rates (peak downlink)             | Bandwidth                          |
|------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|
| LTE        | 3GPP              | Up to 100 km           | 700/900, 170/1900MHz, etc. | OFDMA / SC-FDMA                          | 345.6Mb/s(4*4 MIMO, in 20 MHz FDD)     | 1.4, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20 MHz          |
| WiMax      | 802.16m           | 3 km,5-30 km,30-100 km | 2.3, 2.5 and 3.5 ,5.8 GHz  | SOFDMA                                   | 365Mb/s(4*4 MIMO, 2x20 MHz FDD)        | 5,10,20 MHz                        |
| WiFi       | 802.11ac          | Up to 70 m (indoor)    | 2.4, 3.65, 5 GHz           | OFDM                                     | 600 Mb/s (4*4 MIMO, in 40 MHz channel) | 20 ,40 , 80 MHz                    |
| Bluetooth  | 802.15.1          | 10 m (class1)          | 2.4 GHz                    | GFSK, $\pi/4$ -DQPSK and 8DPSK with FHSS | 3 Mb/s                                 | 1 MHz (79 bands in total)          |
| Zigbee     | 802.15.4          | 70 m                   | 868, 915 MHz and 2.4 GHz   | OQPSK with DSSS                          | 250 kb/s                               | 5 MHz (16 bands in total)          |
| UWB        | 802.15.3/ ECMA368 | 10 m                   | 3.1-10.6 GHz               | QPSK/OFDM (MB-OFDM)                      | 480 Mb/s (MB-OFDM)                     | 528MHz for each sub-band (MB-OFDM) |
|            |                   |                        |                            | BPAM(DS-UWB)                             | 1 Gb/s(DS-UWB)                         | <7.5 GHz(DS-UWB)                   |

# Radio over fiber

increase capacity  
⇒ big cells have to shrink

To increase capacity:

- Smaller cells → more antenna sites
- Higher frequencies → more complexity



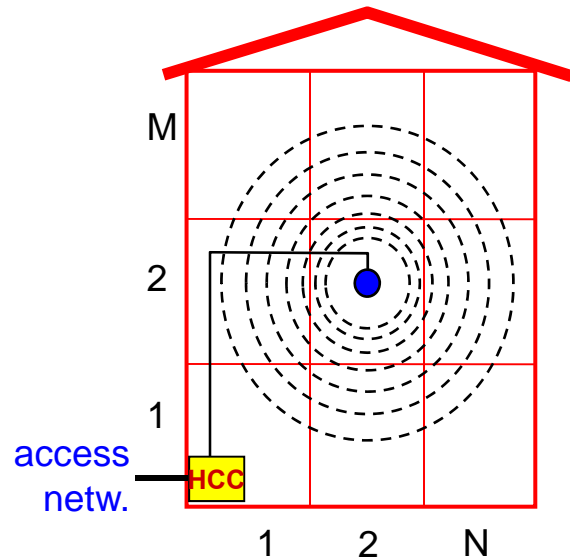
**Optical fiber**

- Unlimited bandwidth
- Low loss
- Light weight
- EM immunity

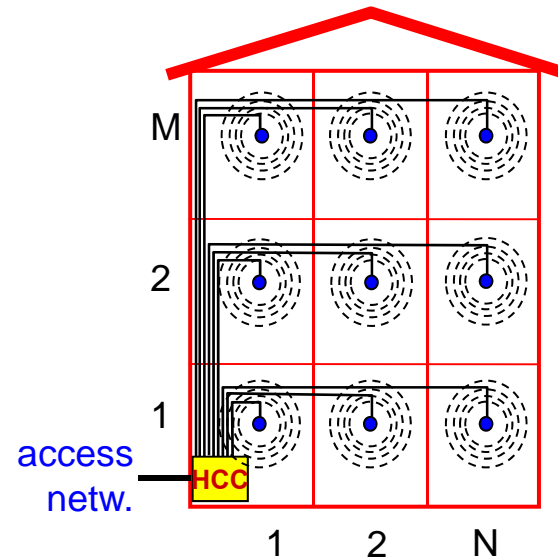
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**Radio over fiber**

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# Moving to wireless pico-cells



IEEE802.11 a/g WiFi



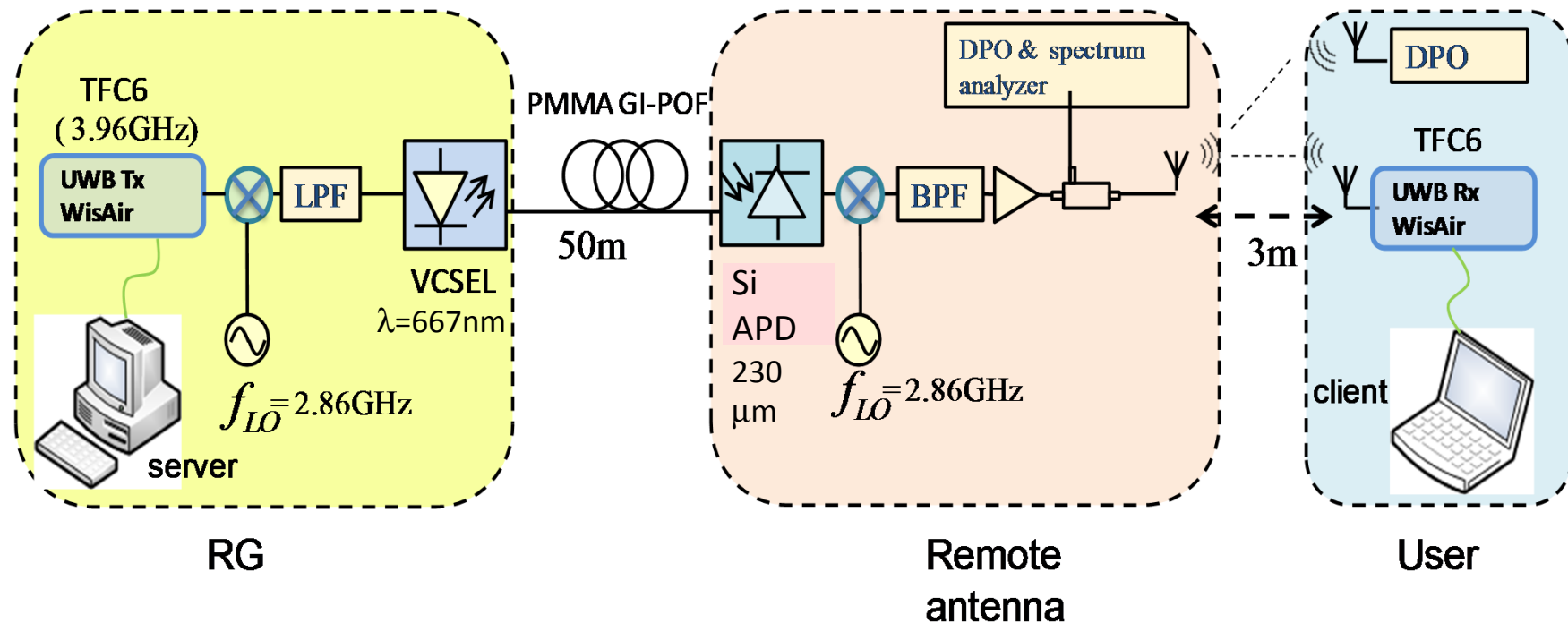
60GHz pico-cell

- Radio emission power per antenna  $\sim (\text{radius of cell})^2$   
 $P_{\text{WiFi}} \cong c \cdot R^2 \cdot (\text{losses in walls})$   
 $P_{\text{pico}} \cong K \cdot c \cdot (R/\sqrt{K})^2 = c \cdot R^2$
- Further energy savings by capacity-on-demand signal routing (e.g. by optical routing using radio-over-fiber)

⇒ pico-cell approach + radio signal routing save energy

# UWB radio over $\varnothing$ 1mm core GI-POF

- Real-time HD video over 50m  $\varnothing$ 1 mm core GI-POF + 3m wireless
- 528MHz UWB (TFC6, 3.696-4.224GHz)
- Downconversion to 0.836-1.364GHz band
- EVM B2B 9.7%, after 50m GI-POF <15.5%



Highly spectrum-efficient reach extension of UWB over GI-POF

# 2 Gbit/s Impulse Radio UWB over $\varnothing$ 50 $\mu$ m core GI-POF

- IR pulses of type Gaussian monocycle and doublets
- Fully-compliant to FCC regulations
- Linear combination of low-order Gaussian derivatives

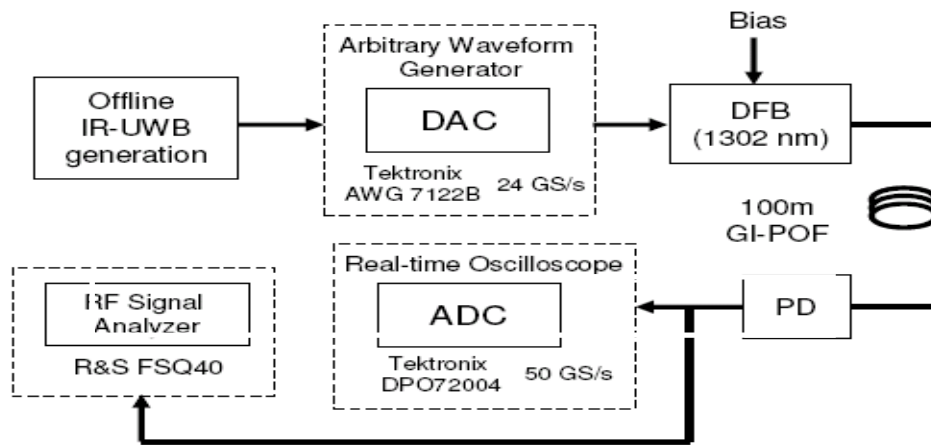
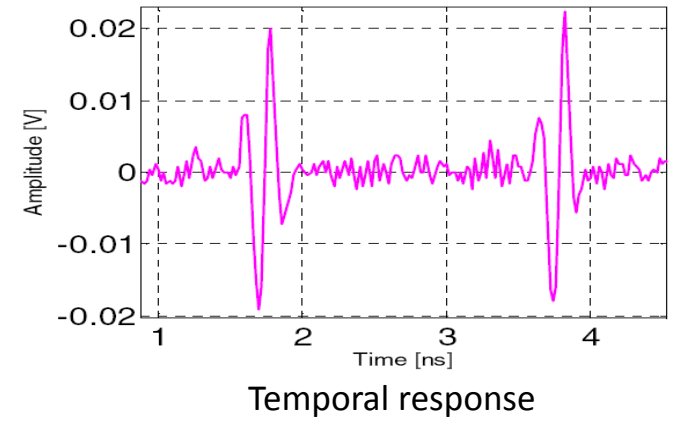
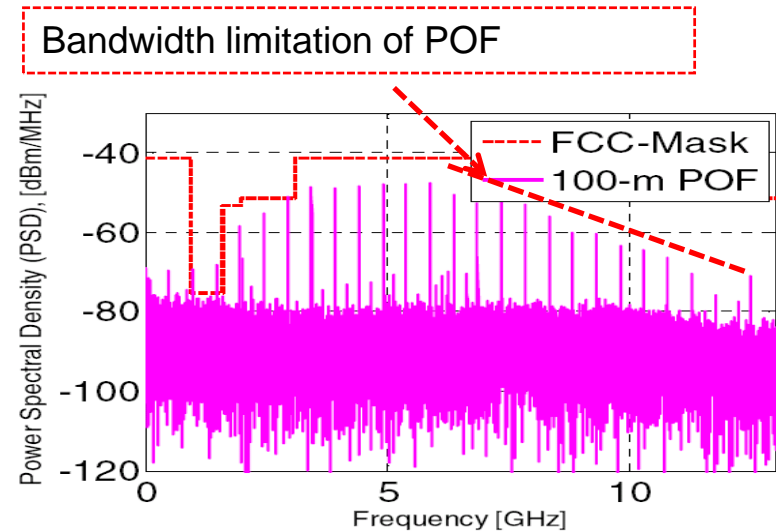
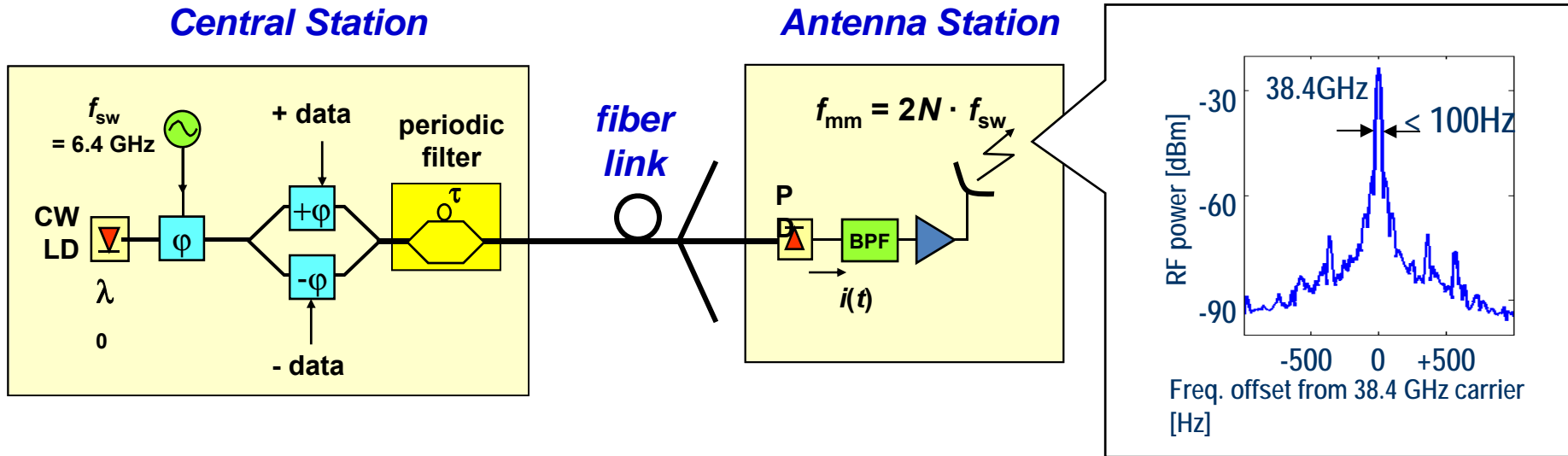


Fig. 1: Transmission experiment setup

>2 Gbit/s reach extension of IR-UWB over short-link 100m 50 $\mu$ m PF GI-POF

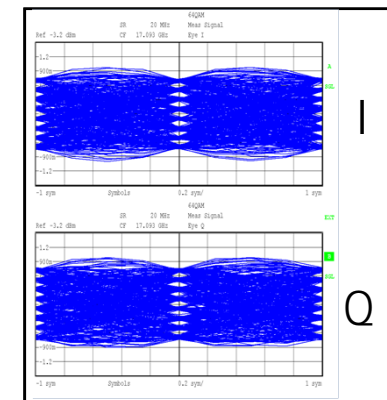


# Optical Frequency Multiplying



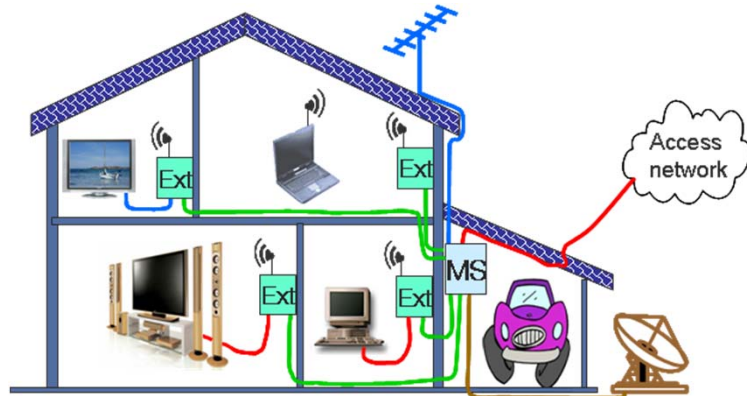
- low-frequency CS technology (generating harmonics of the sweep freq. by FM-IM conversion in periodic filter)
- simple antenna stations (selecting the desired harmonic)
- very pure microwave → high wireless capacity achievable by comprehensive modulation formats (such as x-QAM)
- dispersion-tolerant → for SMF and MMF

120 Mbit/s  
64 QAM  
@ 17.2 GHz  
after 4.4 km  
silica MMF

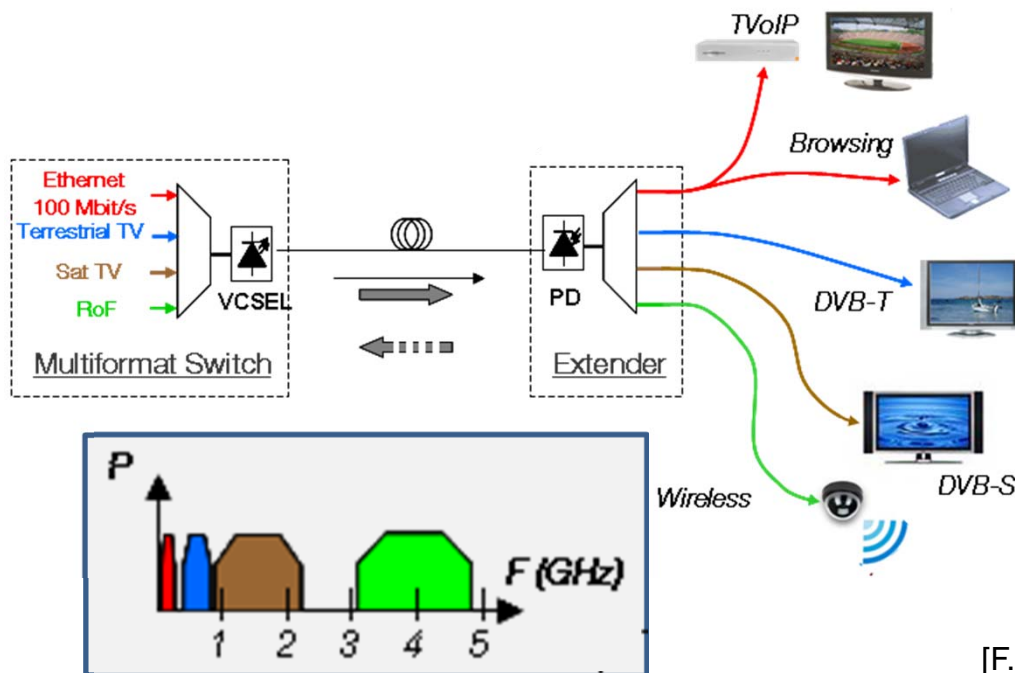


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# Multiformat Home Network - static routing by electrical B&S in multi-format active star



- Electrical broadcast-and-select in star network architecture
- Multipoint-to-multipoint
- Various signal types are electrically multiplexed on FDM basis
- Multi-format Switch (MS) is interconnected with remote Extenders (Ext) through fiber (SMF/MMF) backbone
- Ext selects frequency bands
- Medium-term solution for smaller buildings

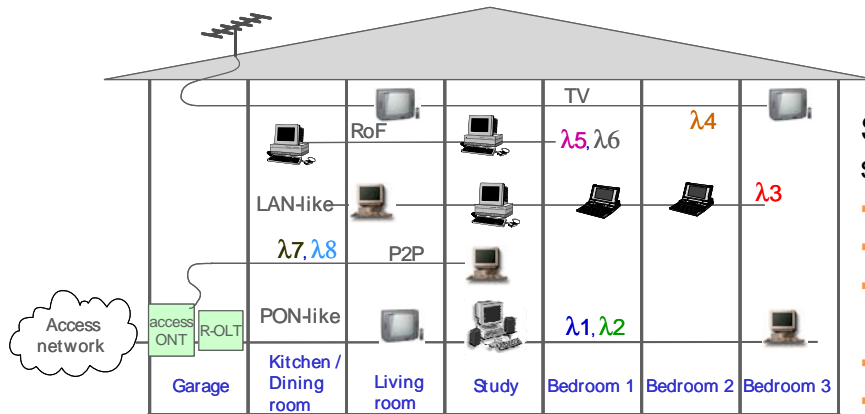




# Multiformat Home Network – routing by optical B&S in passive SMF star network

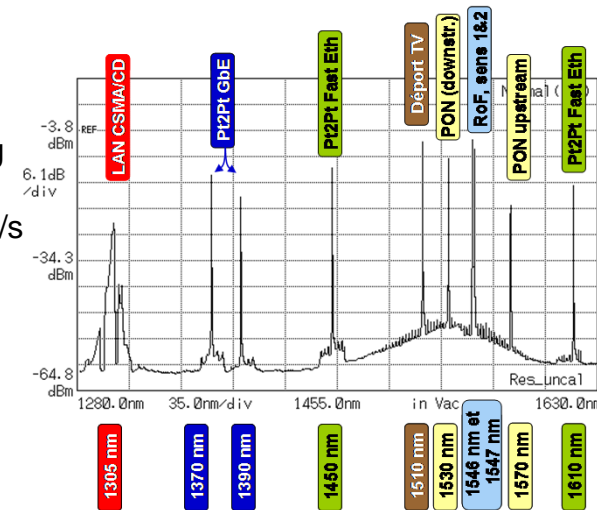


- Applications with 16x16 splitter



Several applications running simultaneously:

- PON TDMA 2.5 / 1.25 Gbit/s
- LAN CSMA/CD 100 Mbit/s
- P2P 1 Gbit/s Eth, P2P 100Mbit/s Eth
- Terrestrial TV
- RoF (UWB)



- Each application validated in CWDM environment
- All active and passive components available with SMF technology

## Demonstration for ALPHA european project

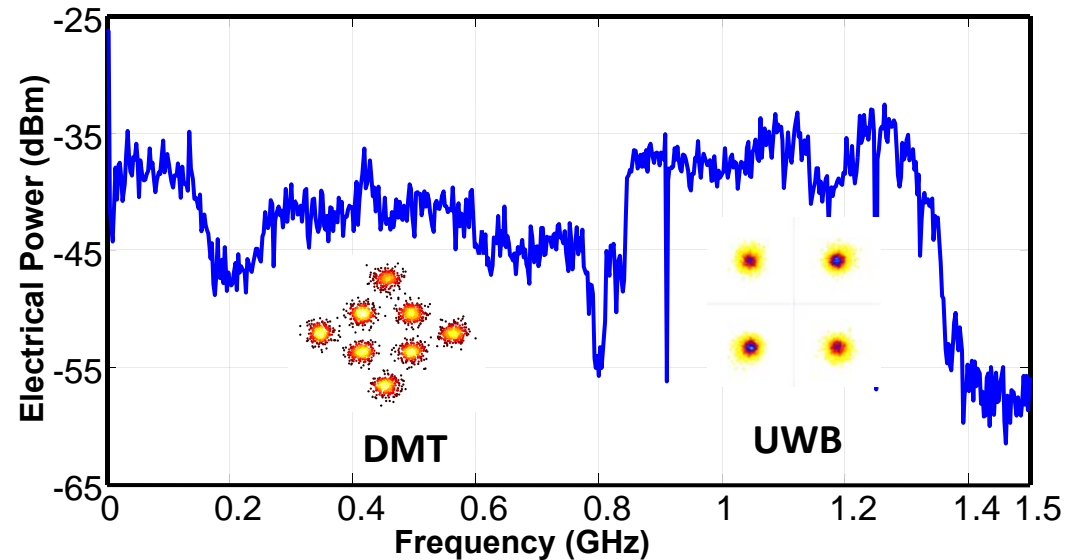
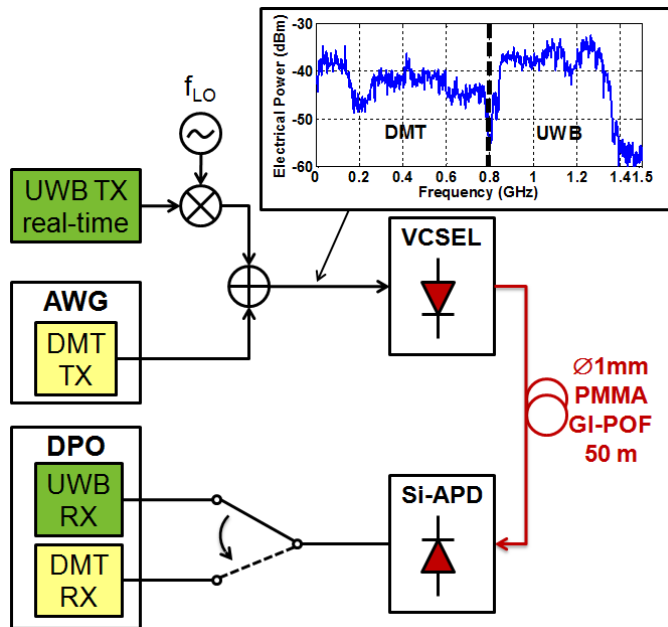


16x16 optical splitter



Cascaded Add & Drop filters

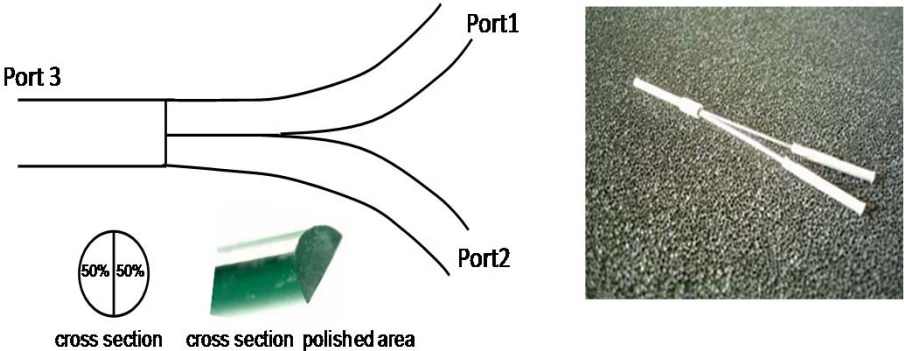
# Wirebound + wireless services over POF



- Wired signals DMT and wireless UWB
- Bandwidth split to DMT (0–0.8 GHz) and UWB (0.85–1.4 GHz)
- UWB bitrate 480 Mbit/s (max) and DMT rate adaptive
- Transmitter VCSEL -1 dBm  $\lambda=667\text{nm}$
- Detector Si-APD with  $\varnothing 230\text{-}\mu\text{m}$  active area
- 50-m  $\varnothing 1\text{-mm}$  core graded-index POF

Converged transport of high capacity wirebound and wireless signals

# P2MP topologies with POF splitters

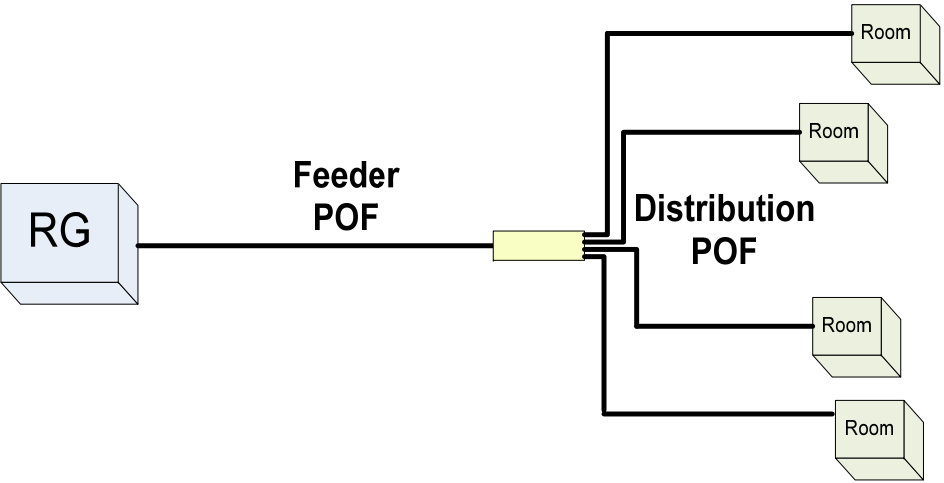


## Main characteristics

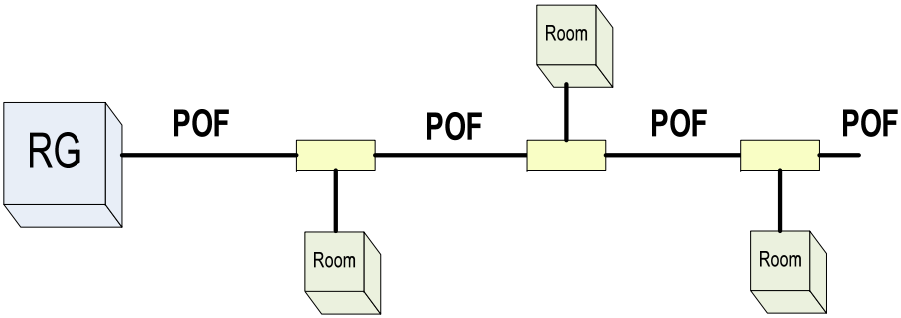
| Splitting ratio | Excess loss | Isolation between two ports (without fiber) |
|-----------------|-------------|---|
| ~50:50          | 2.5~3.1     | >30 dB                                      |

1x2 GI-POF splitter

[Samples provided by DieMount GmbH]



Tree topology

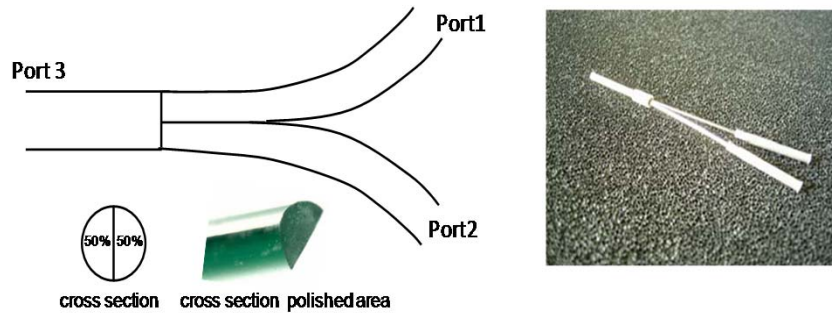


Bus topology

[Y. Shi et al., OFC 2012, OTh3G5 ]



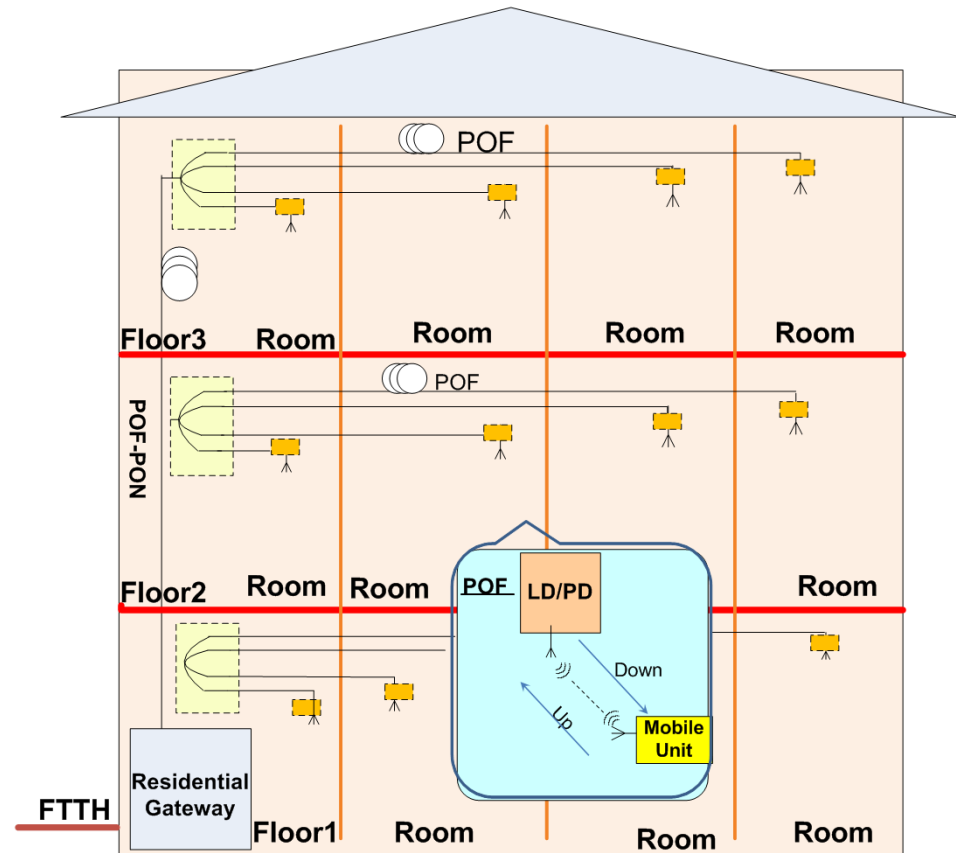
# POF-PON based Home Networks



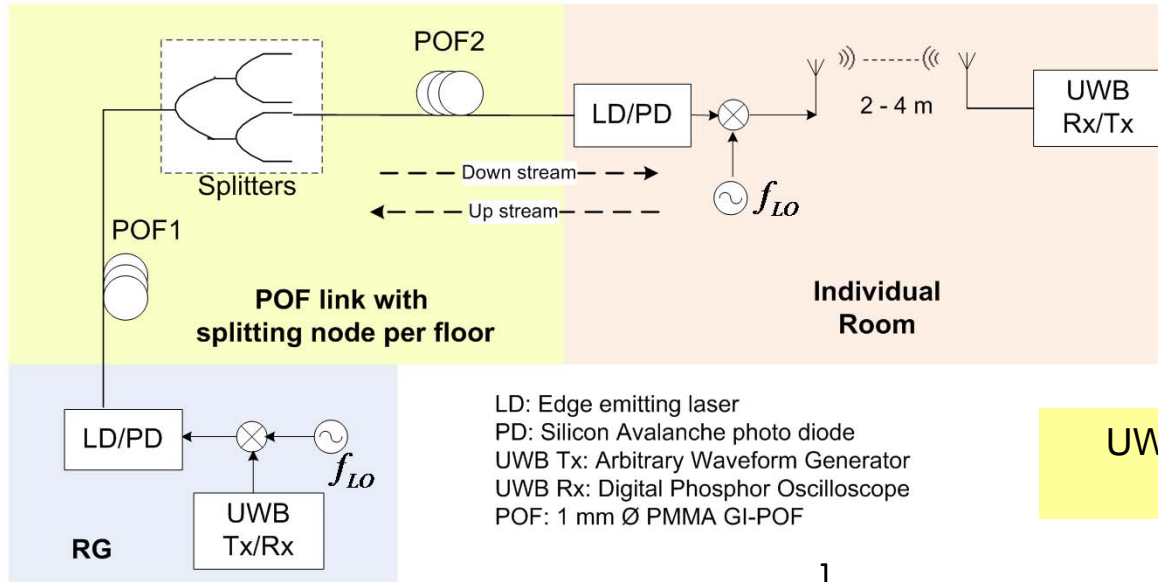
1x2 GI-POF splitter

## Features:

- Employing passive POF splitters
- All-optical point-to-multipoint architecture
- Both bus and tree topologies valid
- Supporting converged services
- Bi-directional transmission

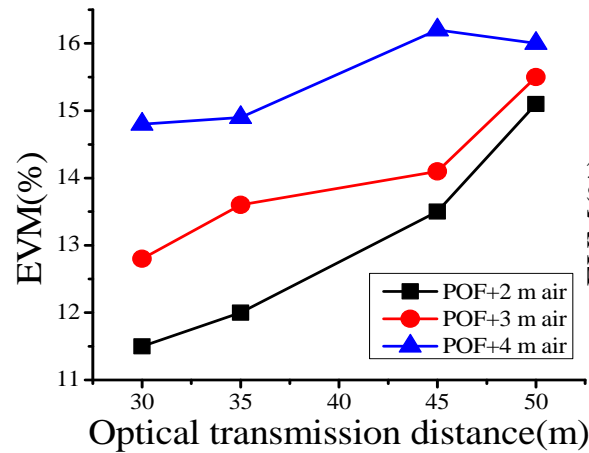


# Bi-directional UWB over POF-PON

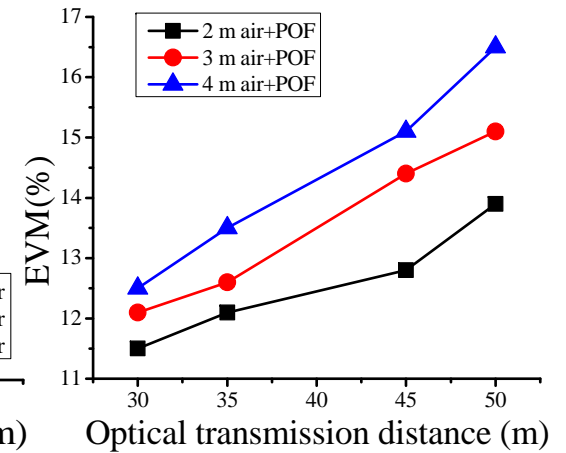


UWB transmission performance over POF-PON +wireless channel

| POF1 (m) | POF2 (m) | Optical total(m) | Wireless (m) |
|----------|----------|------------------|--------------|
| 25       | 5        | 30               | 2, 3, 4      |
| 25       | 10       | 35               | 2, 3, 4      |
| 35       | 10       | 45               | 2, 3, 4      |
| 35       | 15       | 50               | 2, 3, 4      |



(a) downstream

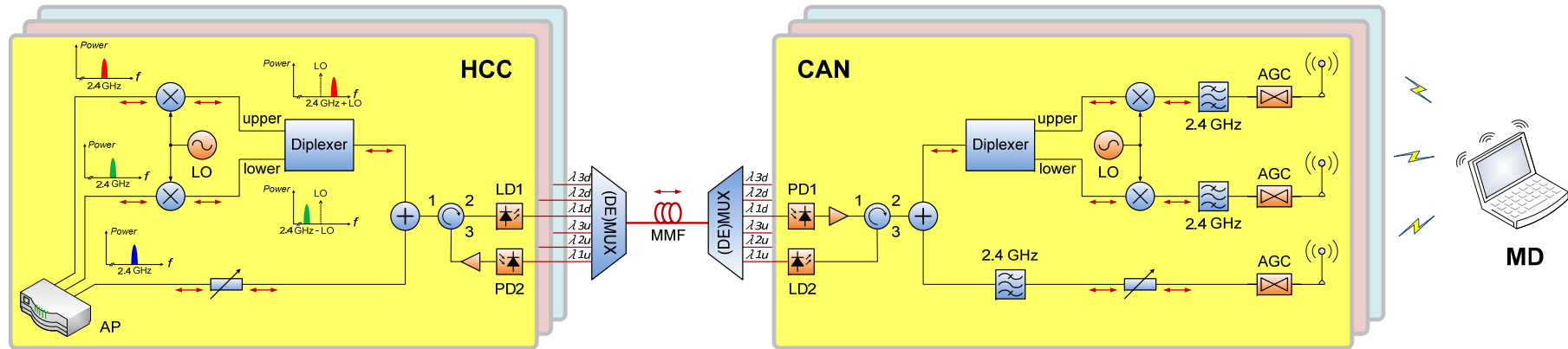


(b) upstream

[Y. Shi et al., OFC/NFOEC 2013, NTu3J.4]



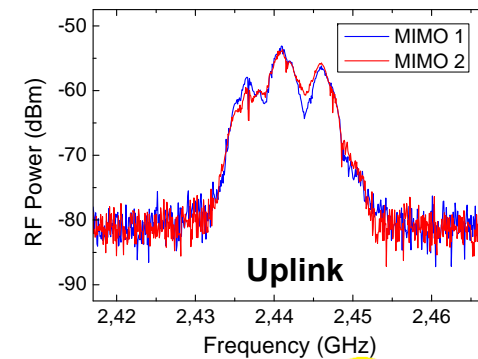
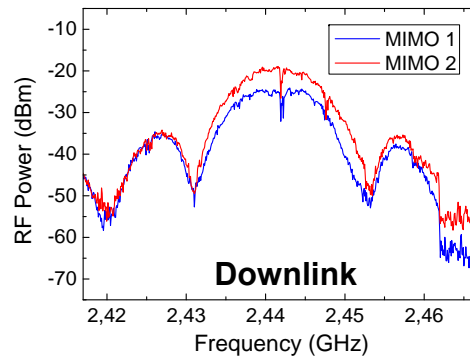
# 3x3 MIMO over fiber using SCM



Experimental setup:

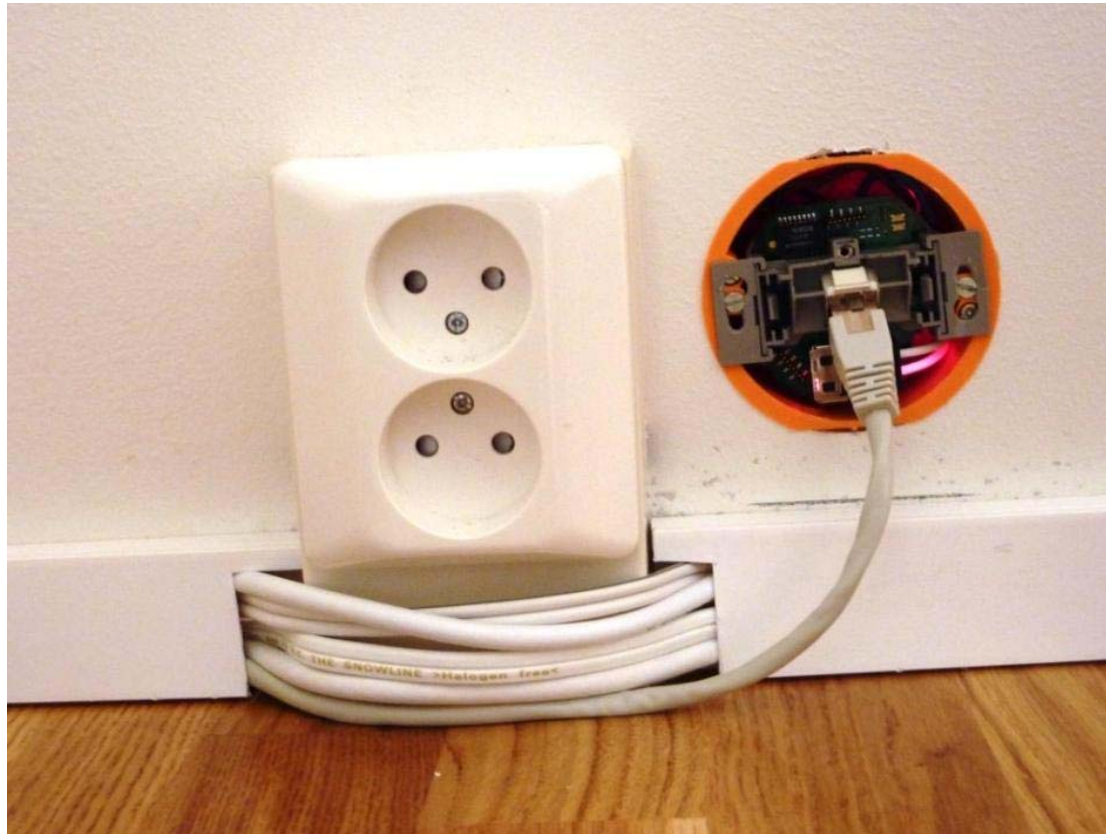
- Bidirectional transmission with 2x2 MIMO channels, WLAN IEEE 802.11n
- MIMO channels frequency-shifted and multi-/demultiplexed
- DS DFB  $\lambda=1.31\mu\text{m}$ , US VCSEL  $\lambda=850\text{nm}$ , over 100m GI-MMF

RF spectra of 802.11n MIMO signals at the receiving point



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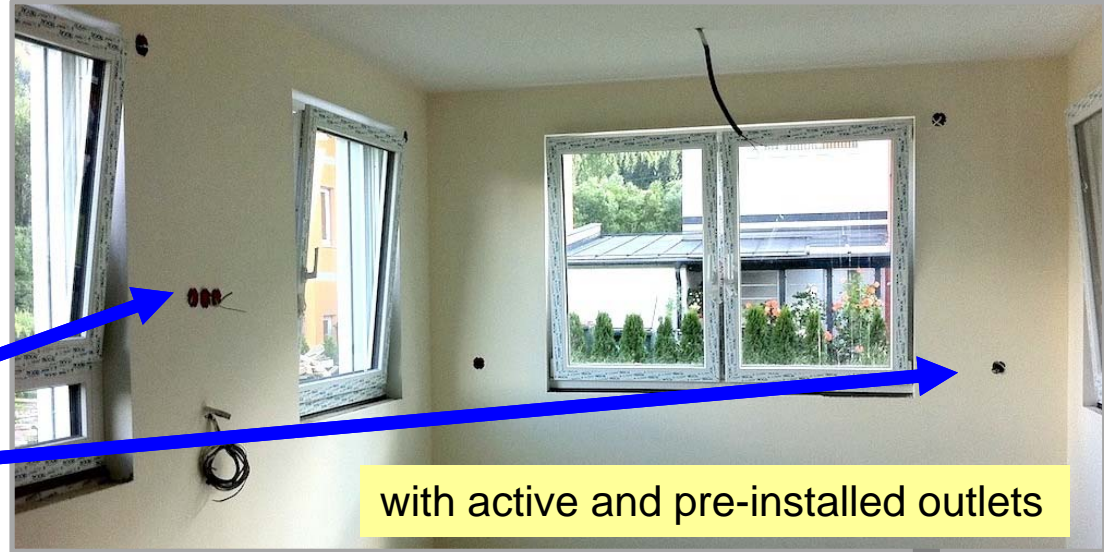
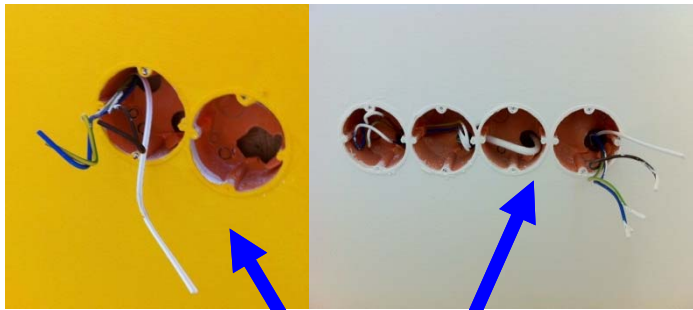


*First DIY Swedish POF installation in a house, summer 2010*

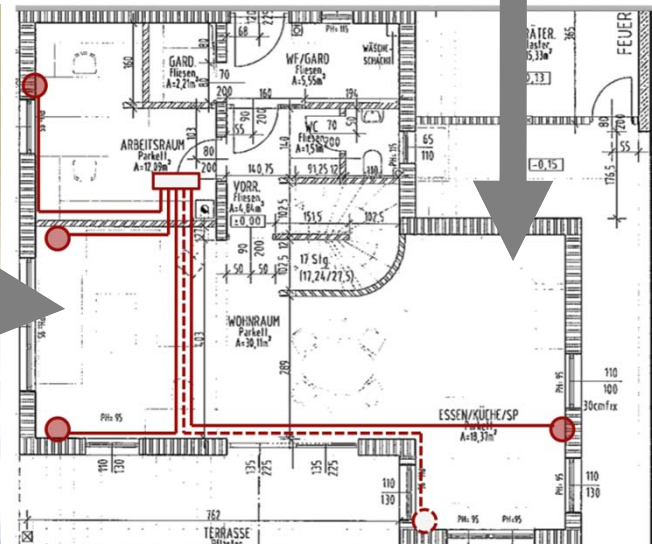
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# One Network for All - IP



POF  
inside



# Presently discussed standardization options for 1 Gbit/s POF links

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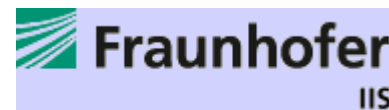
Proposal available:  
*THP + PAM16 + MLCC*



Product announced:  
*DMT*



prefers reuse of G.hn  
technology: *DMT*



IC prototype:  
*NRZ + equalizer*

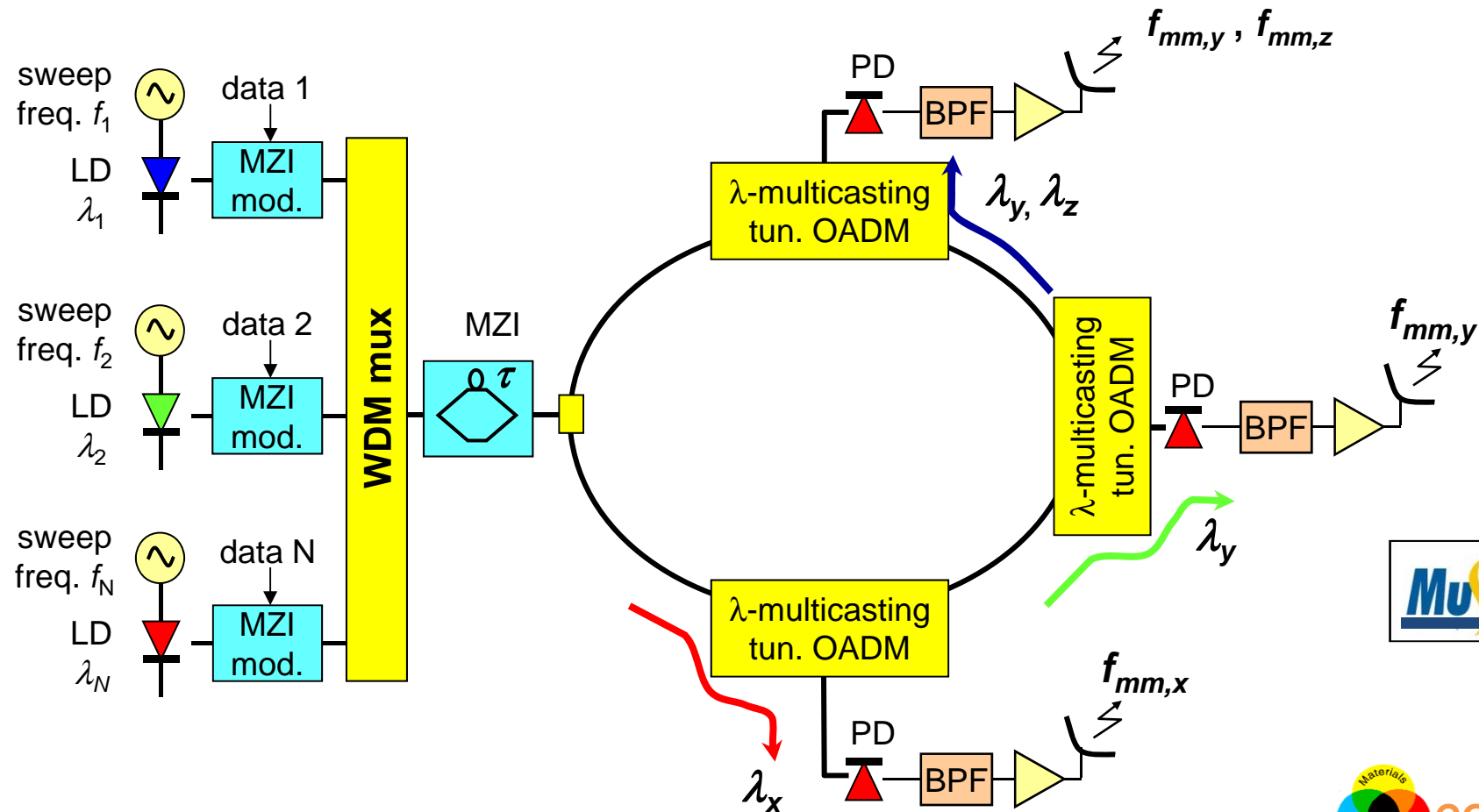
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# Dynamic capacity allocation

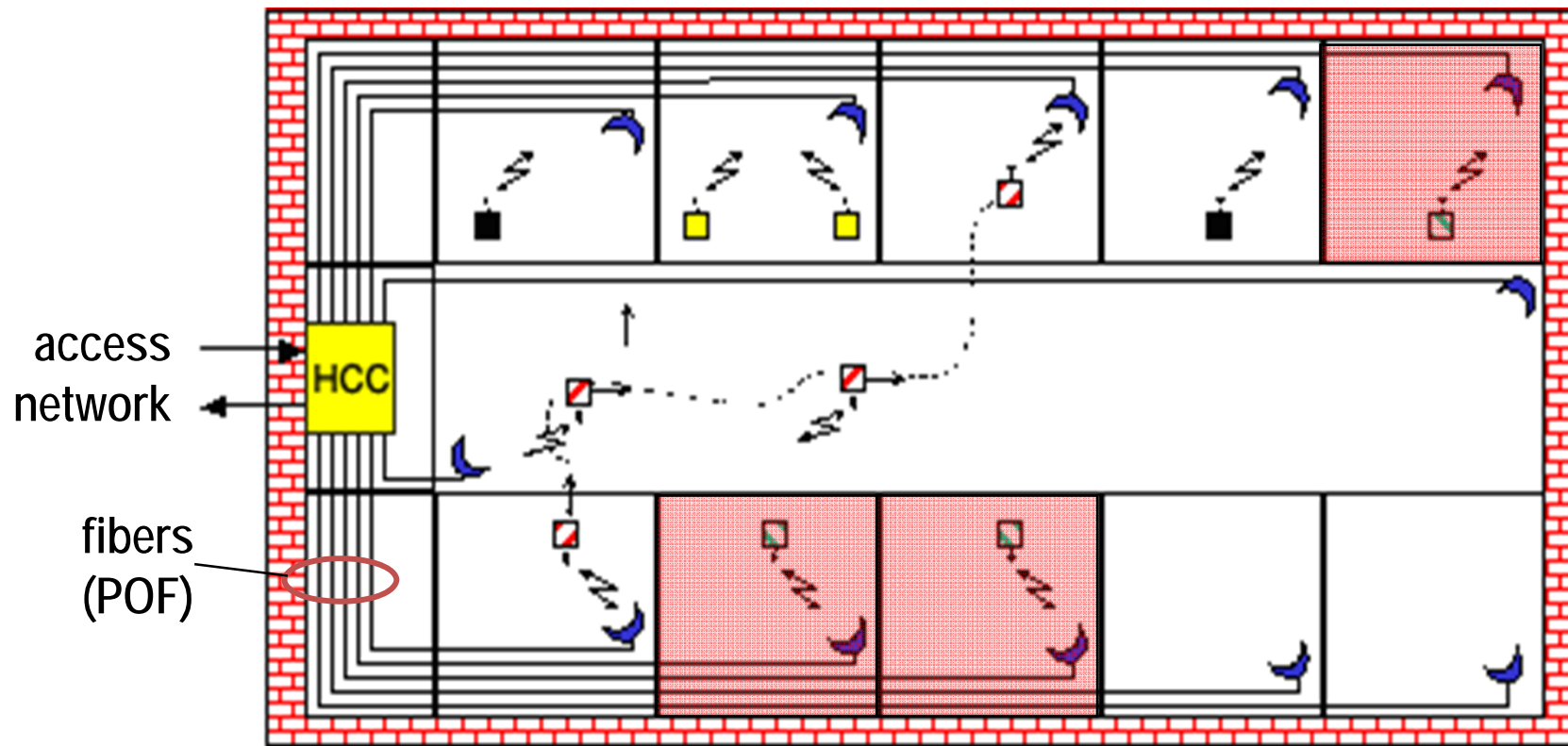
- By flexible wavelength routing
- Multi-standard operation
- RAP is  $\lambda$ -agnostic, may handle multiple RF signals
- Link switching requires dispersion-robustness, e.g. by using OFM



[T. Koonen et al., ECOC 2004]



# Inter-room $\mu$ -wave wireless communication



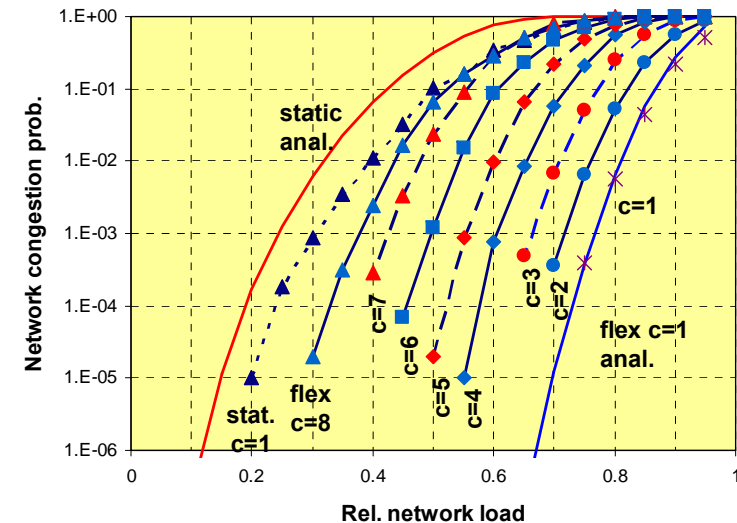
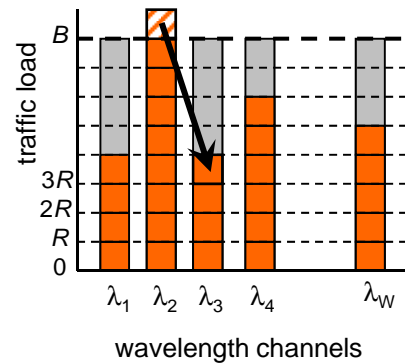
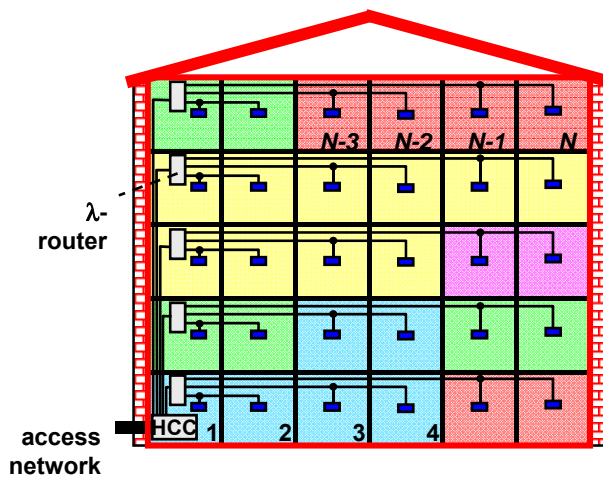
HCC: Home Communication Controller

- transparent for any wireless signal format
- any-to-any room communication
- multi-casting



# P2MP dynamic traffic allocation - by tunable wavelength routing

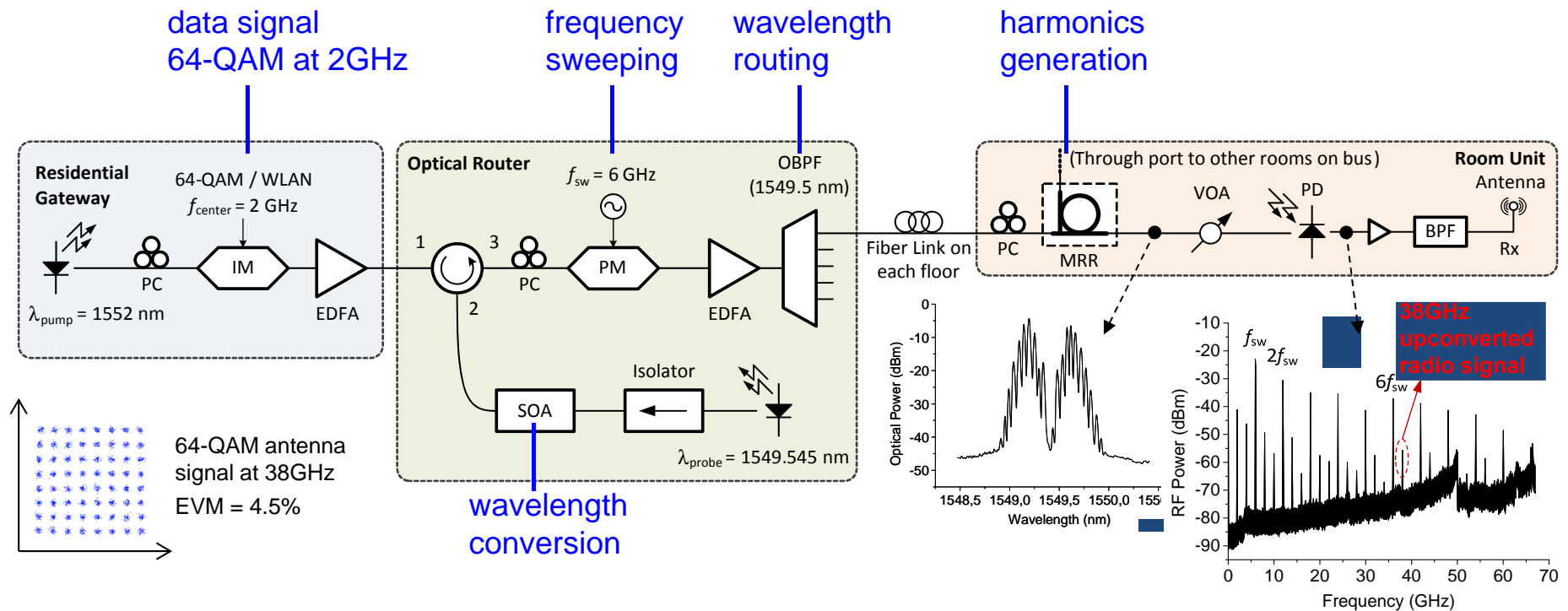
- Network reconfiguration using wavelength routing for dynamically allocating wavelength channels to clusters of rooms
- $\lambda$ -routing: e.g. by tunable microring resonators, AWG + SOA gates, tunable FBG-s
- Analysis for WDM-TDM case (160 living units MDU building, 10  $\lambda$ -s, 1GbE per  $\lambda$ , active LU requesting 100MbE):



⇒ Dynamic wavelength routing with larger cluster size can improve network performance while restricting system complexity.

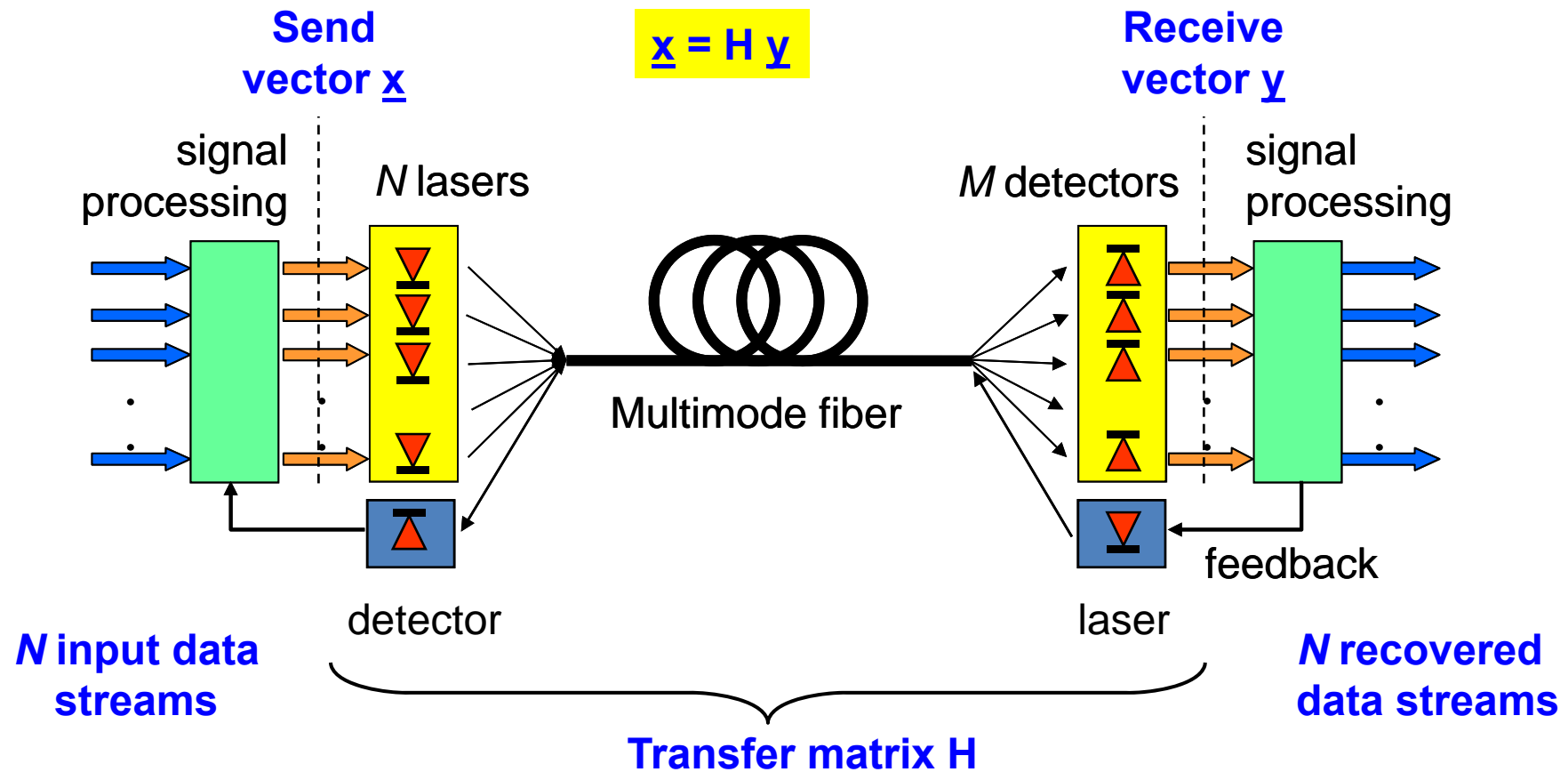
# Generation + routing of mm-wave radio-over-fiber signals<sup>70</sup>

- signal transfer to 38GHz carrier by applying the **Optical Frequency Multiplying** technique (freq. sweeping source light, FM-to-IM conversion, select higher-order harmonic)
- FM-to-IM conversion by thermally-tunable microring resonator (MRR)
- wavelength conversion by cross-gain modulation in SOA
- shown for 150Mbit/s 64-QAM and 54 Mbit/s 802.11a 64-QAM WLAN



Dynamic routing of 150Mbit/s 64-QAM and 54Mbit/s 802.11a 64-QAM at 38GHz (EVM<5%)

# Mode Group Diversity Multiplexing

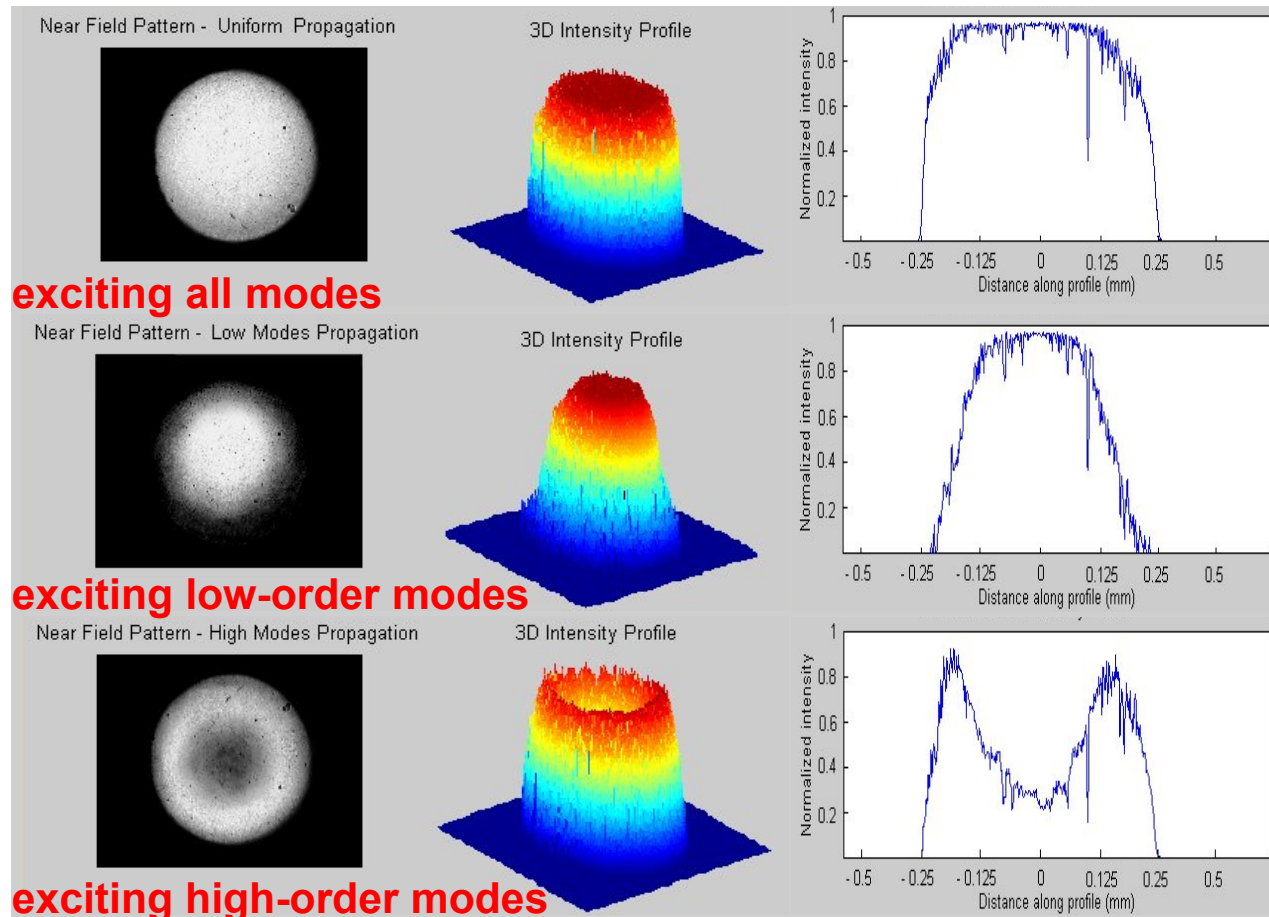


- selective mode group launching
- experiments with  $N=M=2$  at 1 Mbit/s per channel over 1 km 62.5  $\mu\text{m}$  MM fiber [Stuart, Lucent Technologies Bell Labs, OFC 2000]
- scalable to Gbit/s with high-speed processing
- transfer matrix: incl. crosstalk, mode mixing; to be inverted by signal processing





# Near-Field Patterns at POF output



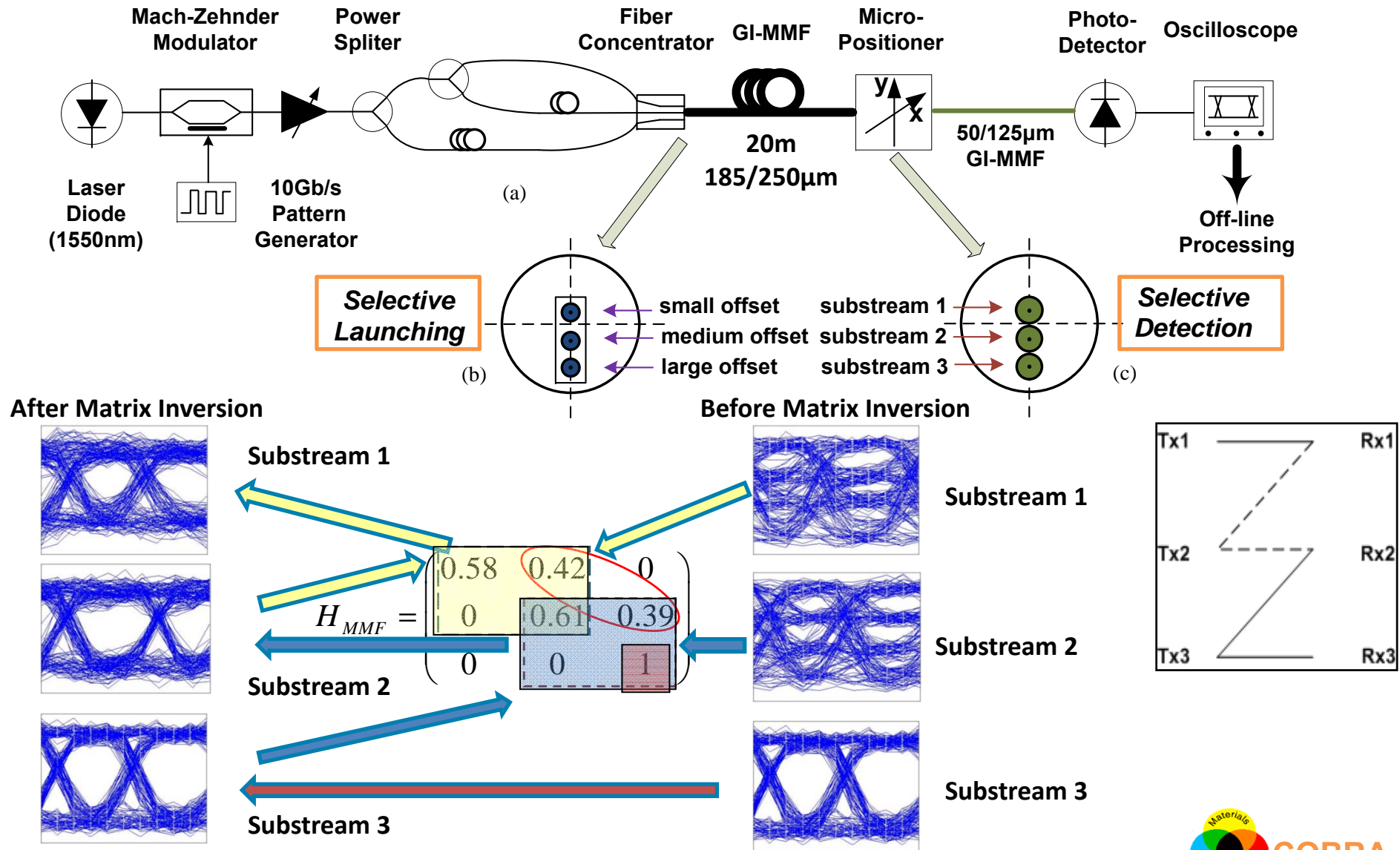
- 100 m PMMA GI-POF,  $\varnothing 500 \mu\text{m}$  core
- Example: low-order modes and high-order modes form 2 complementary NFPs



→ Complementary NFPs for MGDM feasible

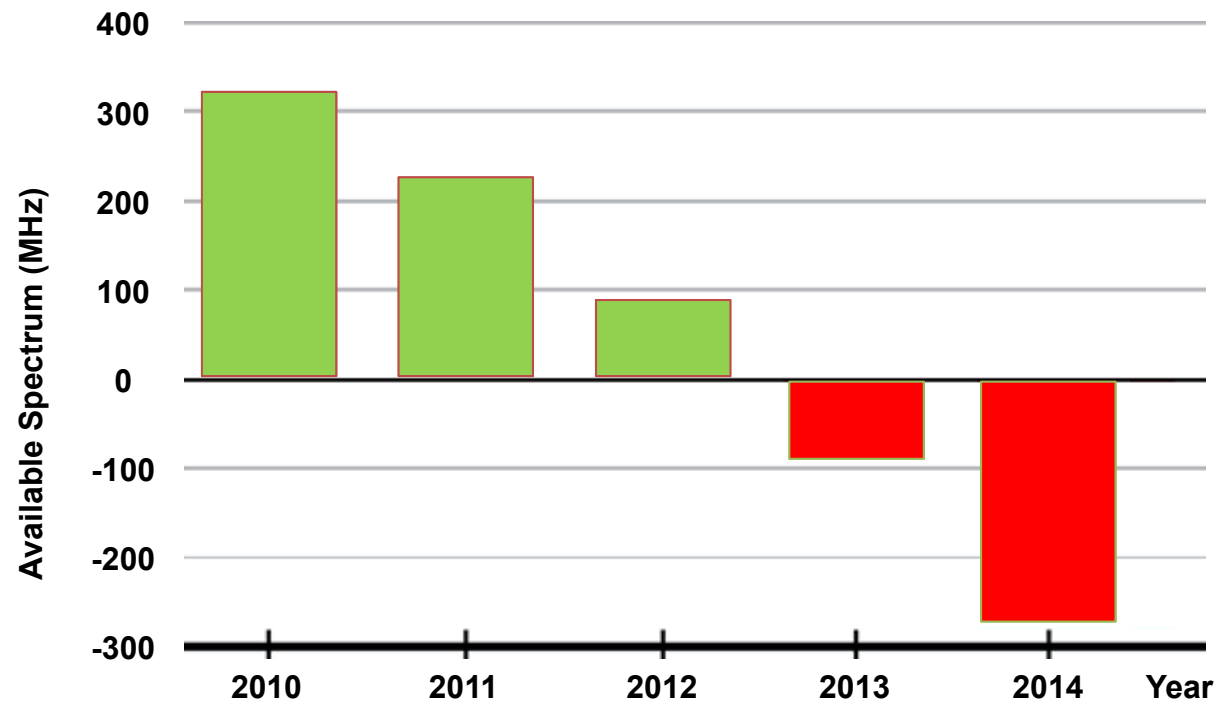


# 3x10Gbit/s Optical 3 × 3 MGDM in GI-MMF



# The Point of Wireless Disconnect

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**The FCC projects a spectrum deficit for wireless communications by 2013**

Source: GIIIC Point of View: Wireless Point of Disconnect, San Diego, Oct. 2011

## Approaches to solutions

- Cognitive radio
- Use of microwave & lower THz-spectrum
- Use of unregulated bandwidth in the upper portion of the EM spectrum
- ➔ **Optical wireless communication (OWC)**
- ➔ **Infrared, visible and ultraviolet light**

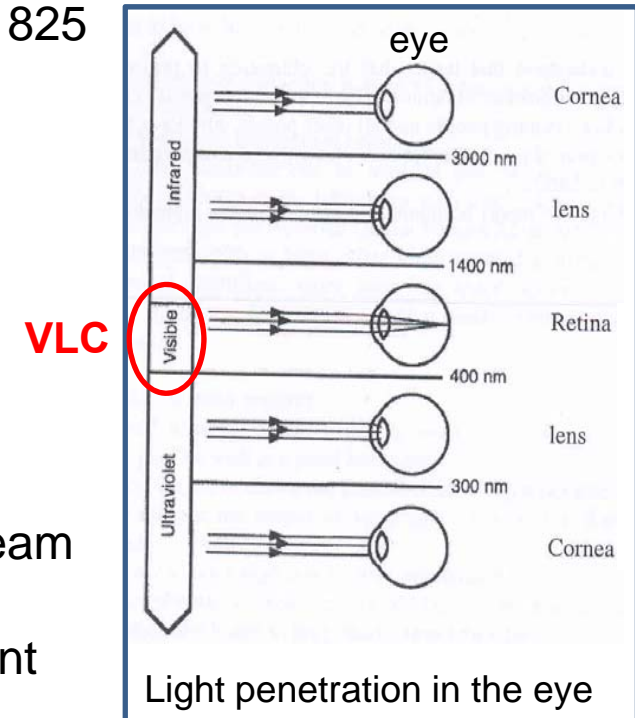
# Optical wireless communication

- **eye safety:** regulated by ANSI Z-136 series and IEC 825 series

| <u>IEC draft for FSO</u> | Max. power @ $\lambda = 880 \text{ nm}$ | Max. power @ $\lambda = 1550 \text{ nm}$ |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| Class 1                  | < 0.5 mW                                | < 10 mW                                  |
| Class 1M                 | < 2.5 mW                                | < 150 mW                                 |
| Class 3R                 | < 500 mW                                | < 500 mW                                 |


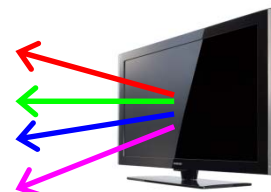



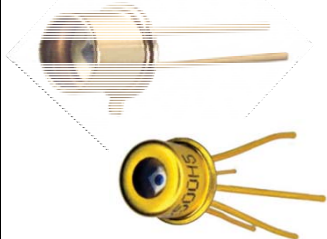
- **propagation losses:**

- scintillation: air refractive index changes due to temperature differences between ground and air; (de)focussing of beam by events comparable to beam size
- aerosol scattering, by rain, snow, but most important by fog and haze related to particle size relative to wavelength
- Mie scattering if relation is about unity  
in IR region mostly by water vapour and  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  
below 200 nm losses too high by  $\text{O}_2$  and  $\text{O}_3$ ,  
above 22  $\mu\text{m}$  by water vapour  
may be up to 10-100 dB/km



[D. Kedar and S. Arnon, IEEE Comm. Mag. May 2004]  
[Z. Ahmed, ISSLS 2004]

# OWC classification by Optical Frontend

|   |   | VLC  |   |   | IR |
|---|---|--|---|---|----|
| <b>Transmitter</b>  |  |  |  |  |    |
| <b>Receiver</b>   |   |  |   |   |    |
|    | <b>Very low speed, dominated by the transmitter</b>                               | <b>Low speed, dominated by the receiver</b>  |   |   |    |
|  |   | <b>Medium speed</b>  | <b>High speed</b>   | <b>Very high speed *</b>  |    |

\* IrDA aims for 5 and 10 Giga-IR

# Visible Light Communications (VLC)

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- Omnipresence of LEDs: signaling and illumination
- LEDs offer significant potential for modulation
- Combination of illumination (or signaling) with data transmission → data transfer as “piggyback”
- Attractive for offices, industrial settings, medical areas, public transport, ...
- Other benefits:  
no EMI with RF, unregulated spectrum,  
worldwide available, enhanced privacy, ...



# High-speed Indoor VLC: State of the Art



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- Fully-fledged OFDM system providing 100 Mbit/s (net)
- FPGA implementation: Mod./ demod., FEC, Sync., specifically developed MAC
- 16 LED lamps covering an area  $\sim 10 \text{ m}^2$  demonstrated at ORANGE Labs, Feb. 2011

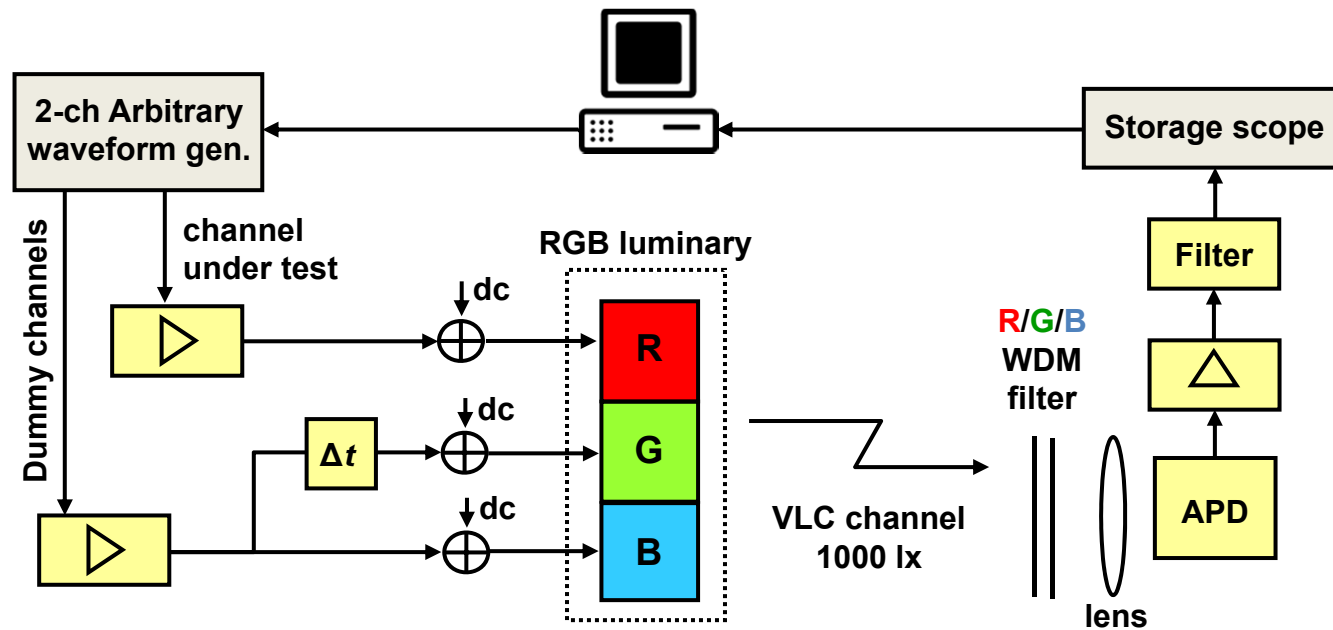


[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AqdARFZd\\_78](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AqdARFZd_78)

Recent lab record using single color LED: 800 Mb/s

# WDM Feasibility Experiment

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- Tx: RGB white LED module (3 WDM channels)
- Rx: WDM pass-band filters + photodiode
- Bit and power loading applied → throughput maximization
- Successive off-line processing of R, G, and B channels

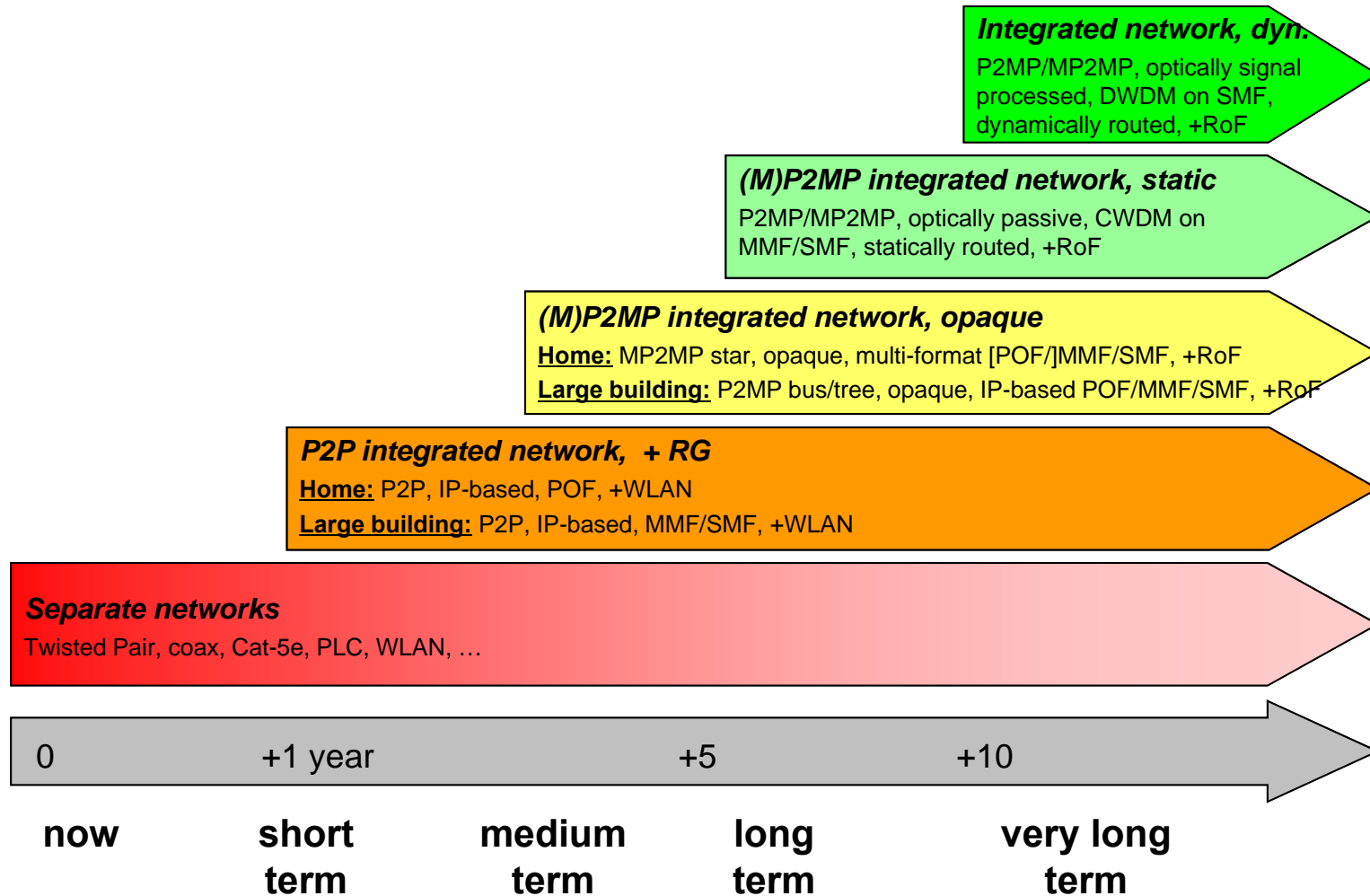
Aggregate bit rate 1.25 Gb/s





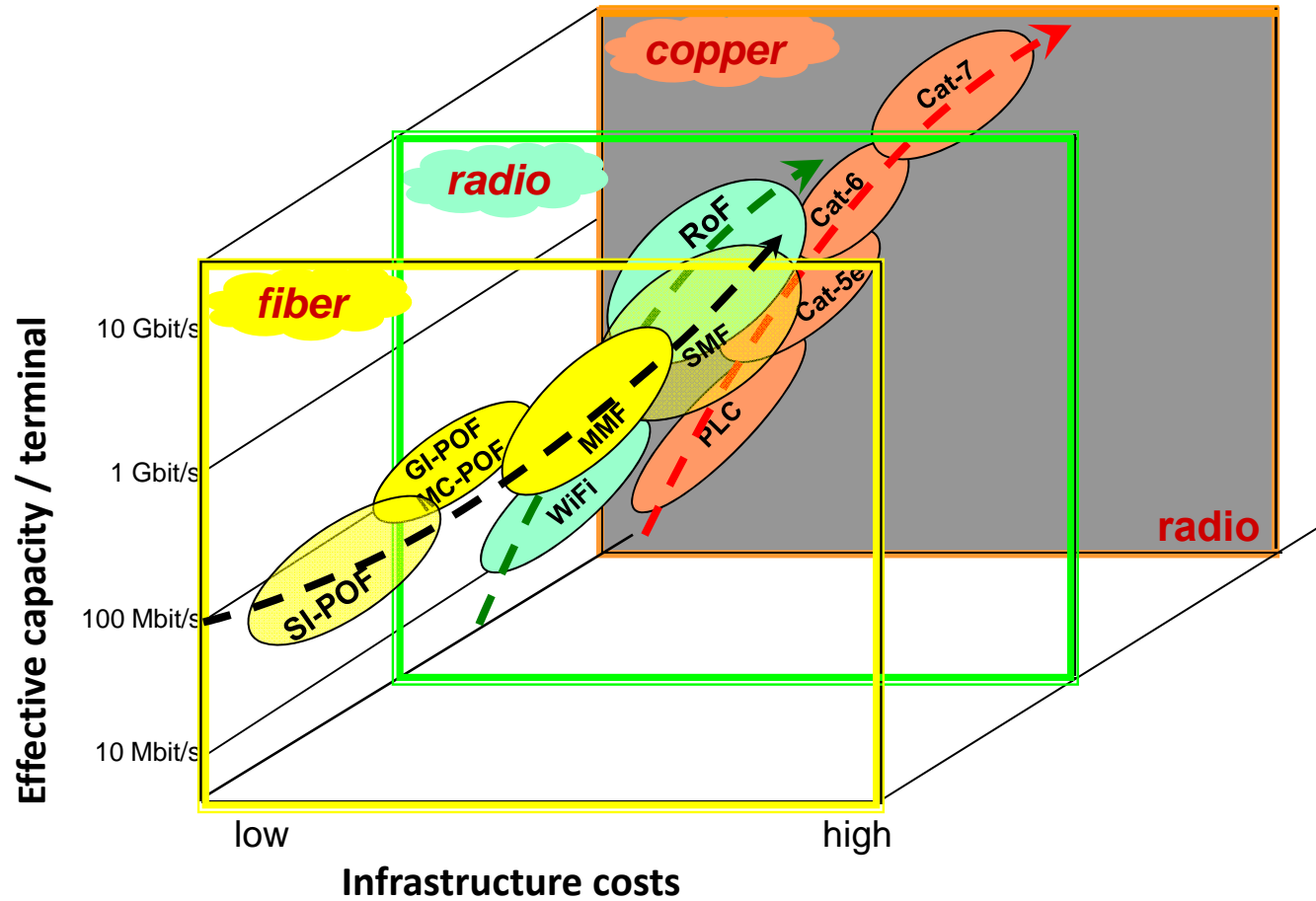
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# Roadmap of wired in-building networks



→ fiber-based solutions will pave the evolution path of in-building networks

# Choosing the wired network medium



When increasing capacity per terminal, network infrastructure costs grow

- super-linearly for copper and radio solutions
- sub-linearly for fiber solutions

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- A single in-home fiber network can provide the universal backbone for delivery of wired and wireless services.
- Powerful dispersion-robust modulation techniques can overcome bandwidth restrictions of multimode silica fiber / POF.
- Large-core POF is already today cost-competitive with Cat-5E and other cabling solutions, but is in an early stage of standardization.
- Flexible routing improves network performance and use of network resources.
- Roadmap: the growing needs for capacity, QoS diversity and flexibility require fiber solutions, evolving from P2P, to P2MP opaque, to P2MP all-optical from static to dynamic.
- Network costs of fiber solutions increase less than linearly with capacity provided; those of copper and radio solutions more than linearly.
- **In-building fiber solutions are more future-proof, more cost-efficient at higher data capacities, and more sustainable than copper and radio solutions.**

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