



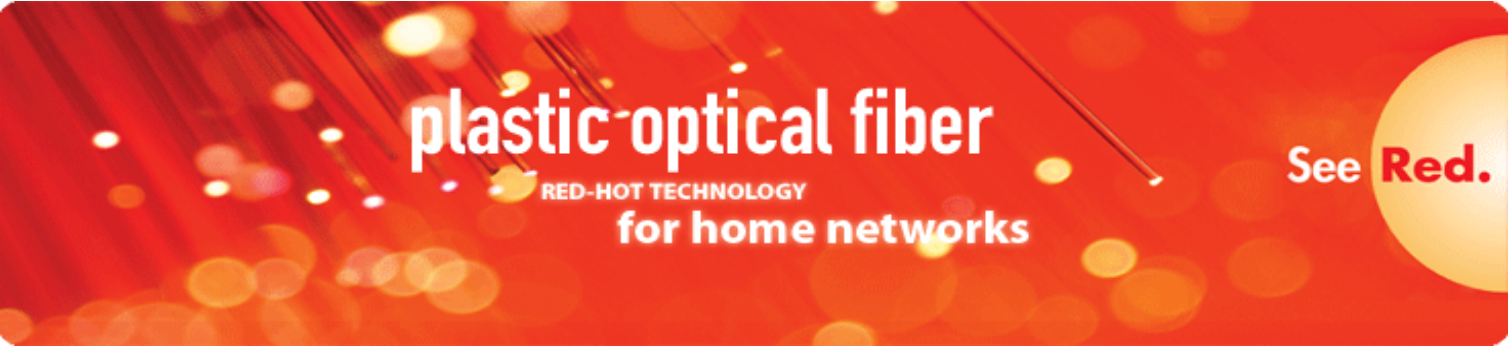
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# **Plastic Optical Fibre (POF) for Fibre-to-the-Device**

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Plastic Optical  
Fiber (POF)  
980/1000



Hard Polymer  
Clad Fiber  
(HPCF)  
200/230



Multimode  
GOF  
100/140



Multimode  
GOF  
62.5/125



Multimode  
GOF  
50/125



Singlemode  
GOF  
9/125

GOF=Glass Optical Fiber



**GH4002**  
**Key Parameters**

Core: PMMA  
Core diameter: 1 mm  
NA: 0.5  
Bandwidth: 50Mhz.100m  
Jacket diameter: 2.2 mm  
Attenuation: 170 dB/km  
Min attenuation: 650 nm Min  
bend radius: 25 mm  
Max operating temp: 85°C

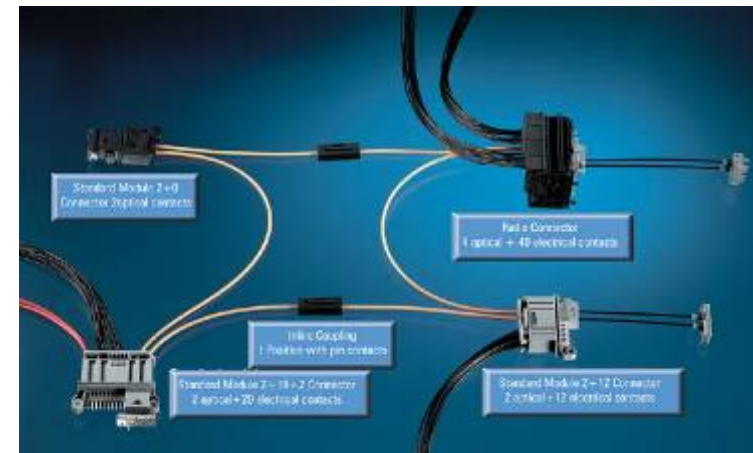
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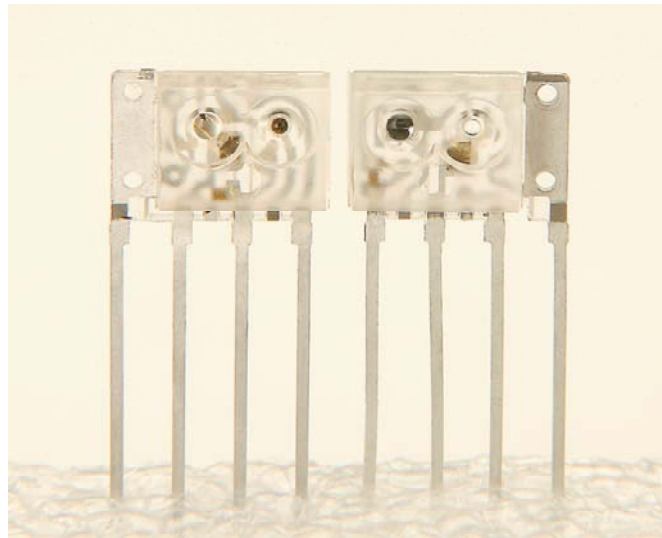


# POF in Cars MOST<sup>®</sup> 25

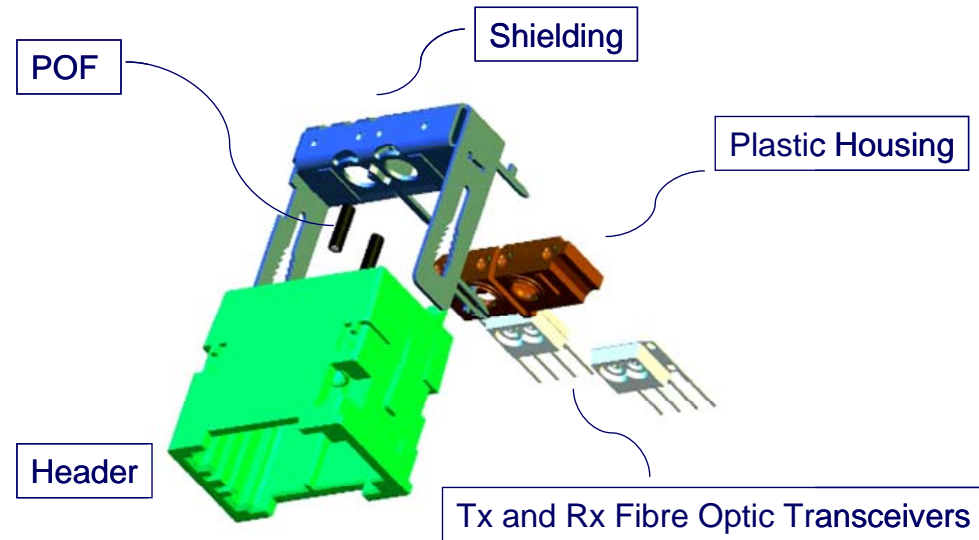
- Firecomms is a leading supplier of Fibre Optic Transceivers for MOST Networks
- MOST25 Implemented in cars since 2001
- Total 12 million Rx Tx Transceiver pairs sold in 2006, approx. 15 million in 2007
- Over 45 car models supporting MOST
  - BMW, Daimler Chrysler, Audi, VW, Land Rover, Saab, Fiat, Mitsubishi, Jaguar, Volvo, Hyundai and Porsche
- Performance
  - Max 25 Mbps (equivalent to 16 audio channels), Baud rate of 50 Mbps
  - Optical budget: Min input power -10 dBm, Min receive power -23 dBm
  - -40°C to 95°C
  - 15 Year operational life span



# Automotive POF Integrated Transceivers for MOST25 (1.1) Systems



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↑  
Gnd  
Vcc  
R-Gain  
Vcc  
Gnd  
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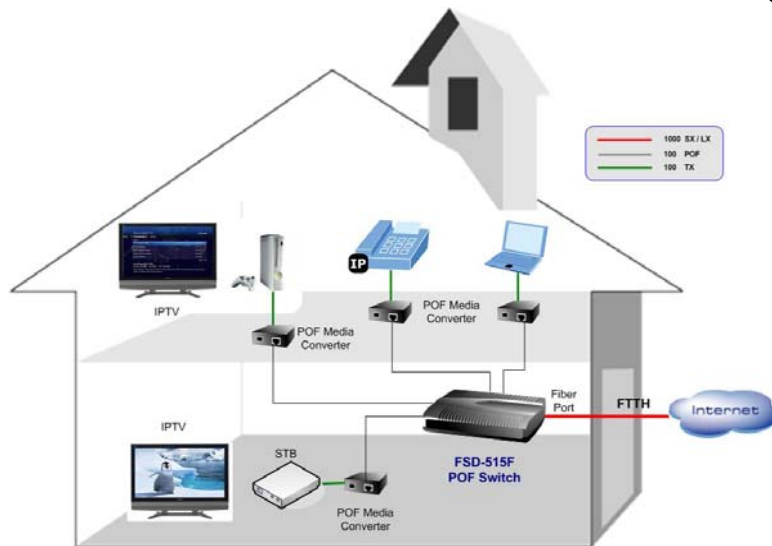
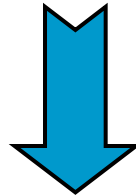
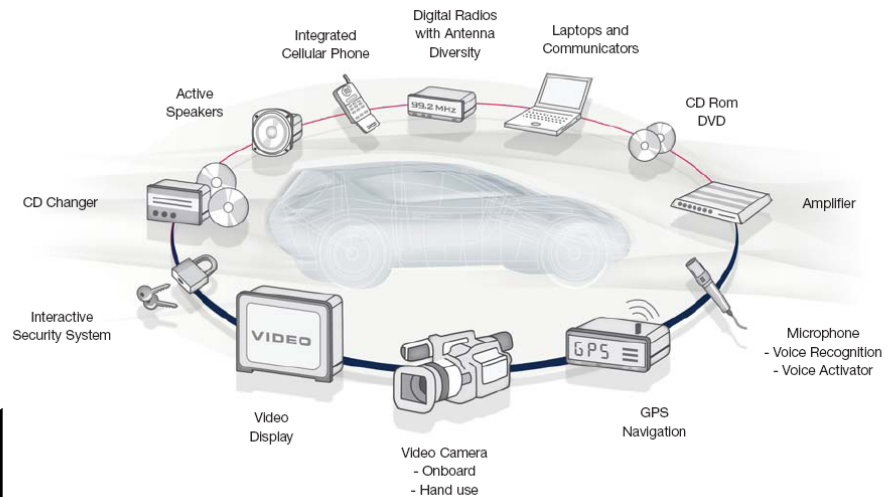


- FCM110-R; FCM110-D
- 50 Mbps MOST25 (1.1) Compliant
- 660 nm RCLED based high temperature emitter
- Automotive approval for use in BMW, DC, Audi, Volvo, VW, Hyundai etc
- Highest optical budget -2 to -28 dBm

# POF Market Trend

## ■ Automotive

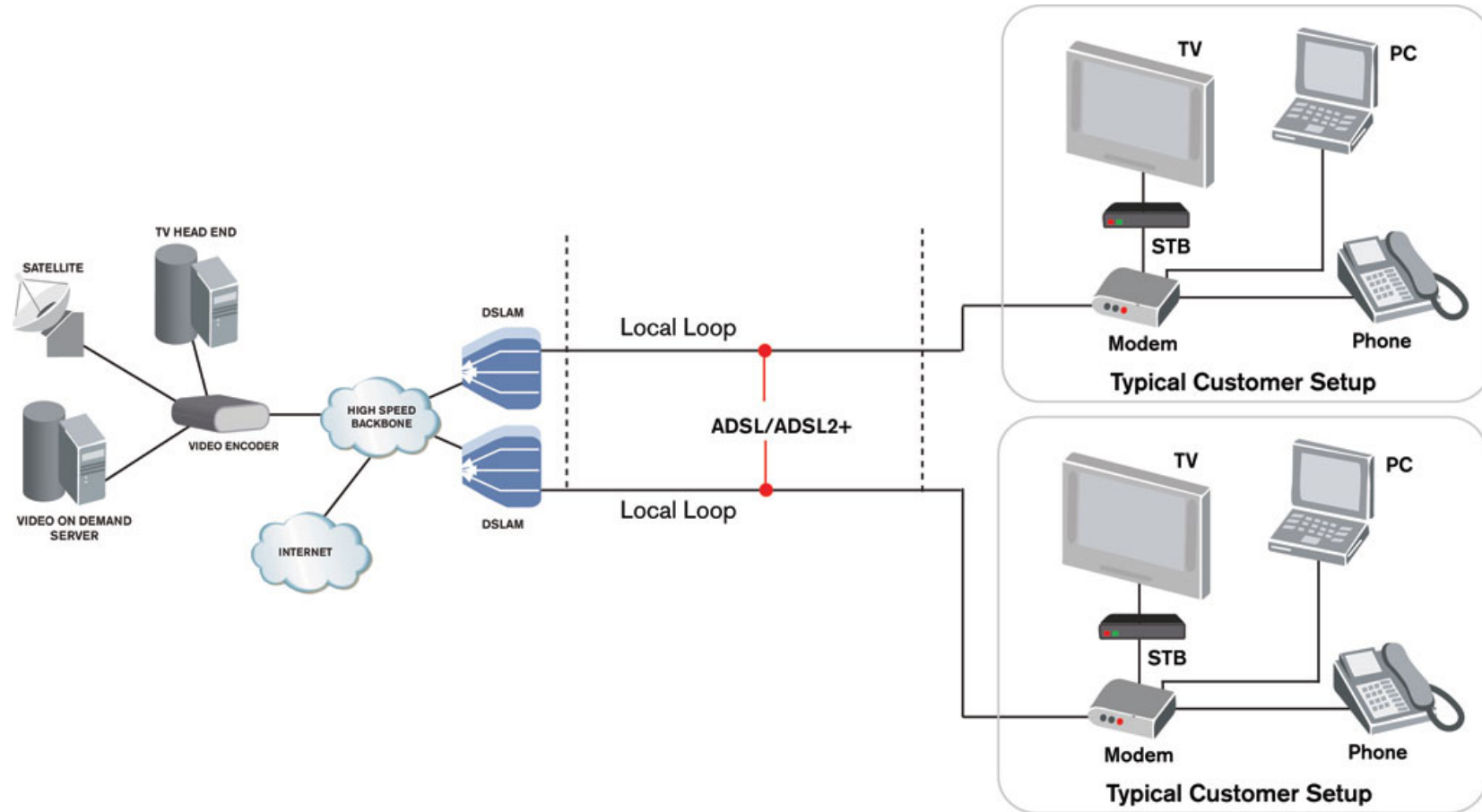
- Advanced digital entertainment networks (MOST 1.1)
- Early adopter of POF
- Technology Innovator
- Low Cost
- Driven High Reliability & QoS



## ■ Consumer Applications

- Emerging digital entertainment networks (IPTV)
- Technology exploiter
- Needs Low Cost
- Needs good signal integrity

# IPTV-over-ADSL Network



# Signal Integrity is Everything



Out-of-sequence

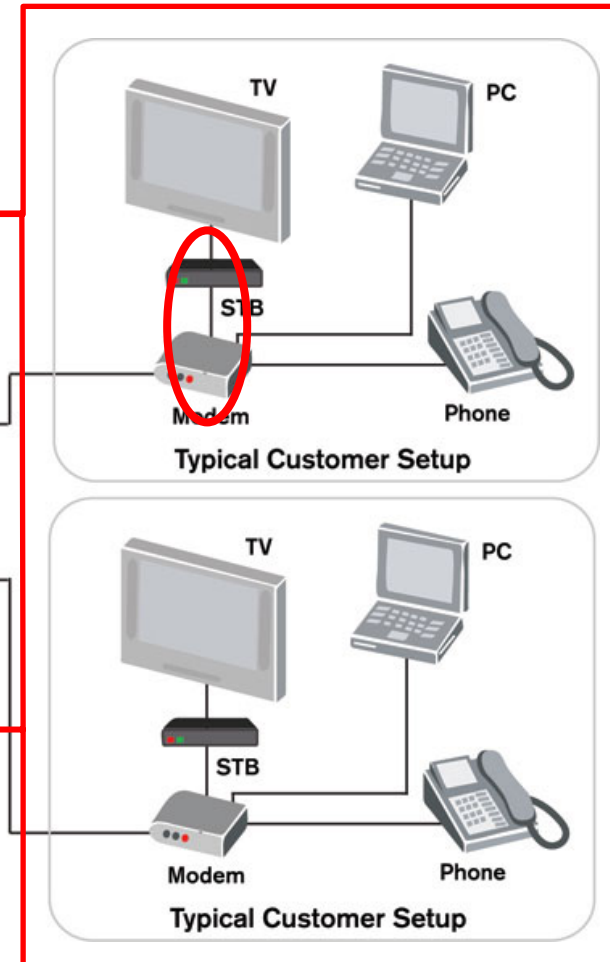
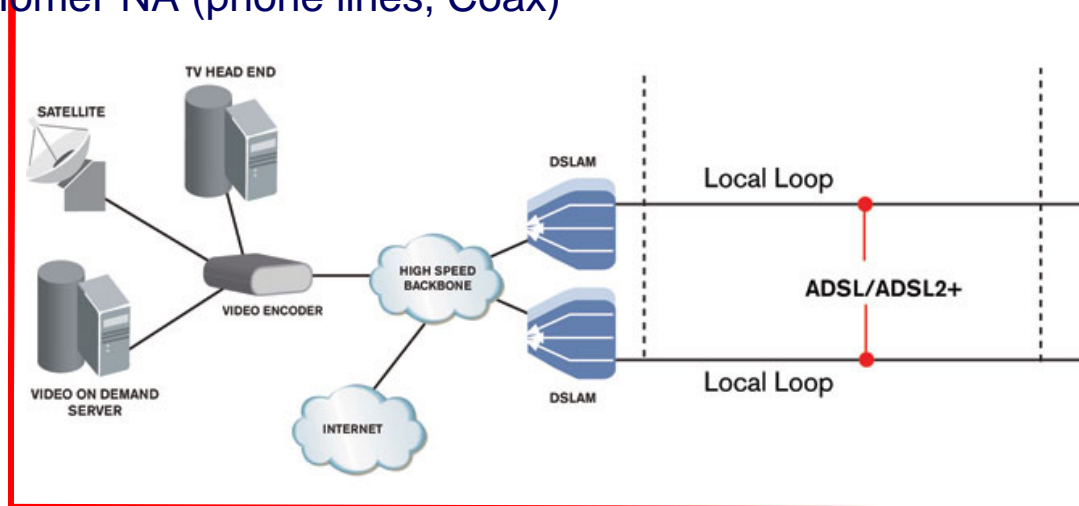
Packet loss

- Packet loss, latency lead & jitter
  - Pixelation
  - Tiling
  - Out of sequence segments
  - Loss of audio
  - Synchronization (lip-sync)
- Packet loss must be  $<1\%$

# IPTV-over-xDSL Network

## ■ Networking Technologies

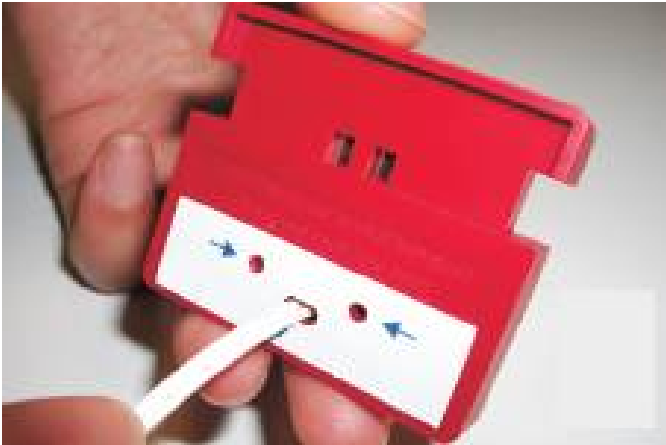
- Cat5e
- Wireless: 802.11b/g
- Powerline Communication (HomePlug)
- MOCA (Coax)
- HomePNA (phone lines, Coax)



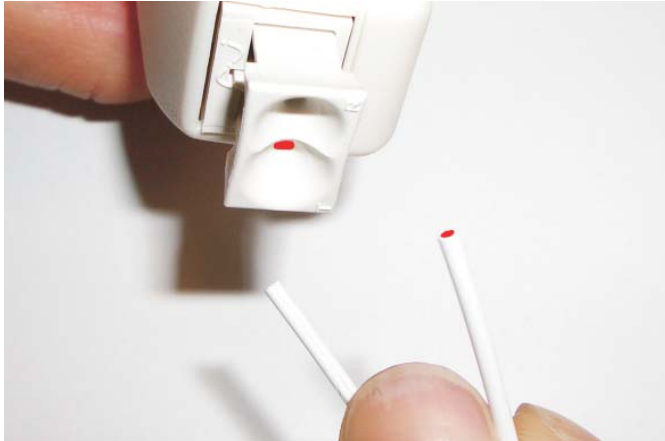
## ■ New Alternative: Plastic Optical Fiber (POF)

- Excellent signal integrity: point-to-point link
- No bandwidth contention
- Extremely easy to install; self installation option available
- Install along power lines: No EMI issues

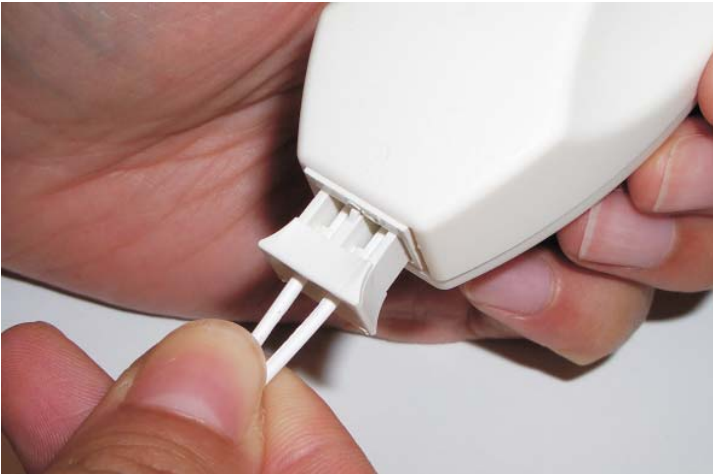
# OptoLock<sup>®</sup> Enabled Fast Ethernet Media Converter



1. Cut to desired length



2. Separate the fibre



3. Insert into OptoLock

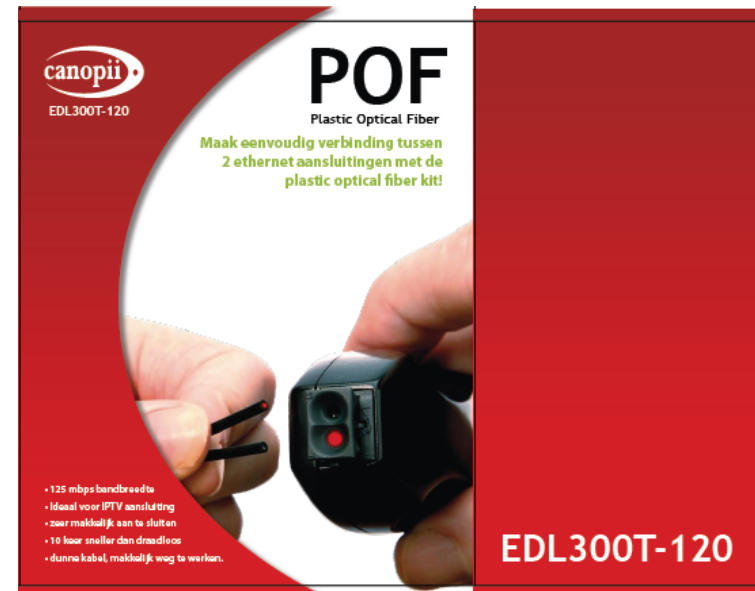


4. Lock fibre into place

# Self Install / Retail / OEM Home Kits



The screenshot shows the Technetix website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for About Us, Products, Partners, News, Recruitment, Technical Corner, Logistics, and Quality. The main header features the Technetix logo and the tagline "empowering broadband networks". Below the header, there is a "Product Search" section with a search bar and a "go" button. To the left, a "browse" menu lists various product categories such as Intranet Product Database, Components, Consumables, Qambox Isolators, Splitters, Housing & Cable Management, Fibers and Equalizers, Connectors, Adaptors, Flyleads, Set Top Box Accessories, Data And Telephony Products, Test Equipment, Tools, Hospitality Components, and Security Solutions. The main content area displays the product "PLU: PMC-1000 POF" and "PMC-1000 POF" with an image of the device, which is a white, rectangular plastic optical fiber (POF) component with two ports on the front.



The advertisement features a red background with a circular inset showing a hand holding a black plastic optical fiber (POF) component. The text "canopii" and "EDL300T-120" is in the top left. The main text reads "POF Plastic Optical Fiber" and "Maak eenvoudig verbinding tussen 2 ethernet aansluitingen met de plastic optical fiber kit!". A list of features is provided in the bottom left:

- 125 mbps bandbreedte
- Ideaal voor IPTV aansluiting
- zeer makkelijk aan te sluiten
- 10 keer sneller dan draadloos
- dunne kabel, makkelijk weg te werken.

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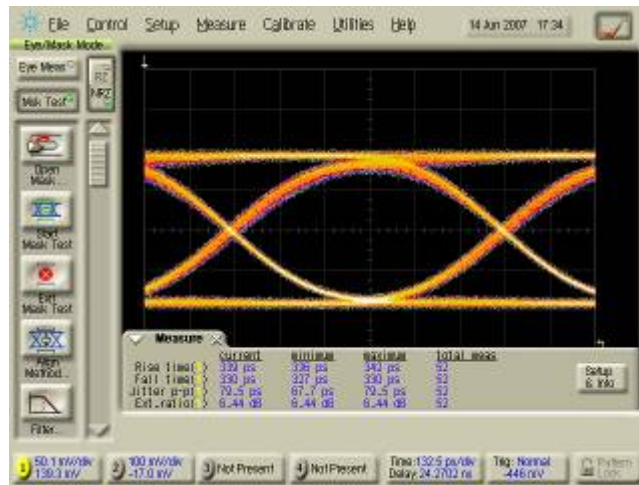
# POF Product Eco-System



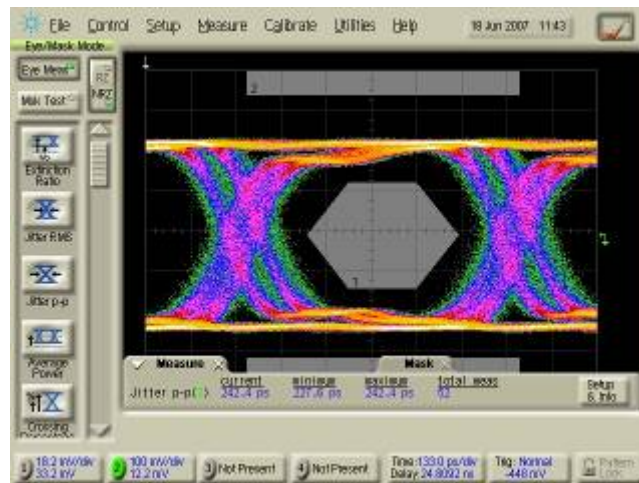
# Gbps over SI-POF

Manufacturer	Product Name	Product Number	Fiber Structure	Material	Diameter Core/Fiber (mm)	N.A.	Fiber Length (m)
Mitsubishi Rayon	Eska Mega	MH4002	Step-index	PMMA	0.980 / 1.00	0.300	10

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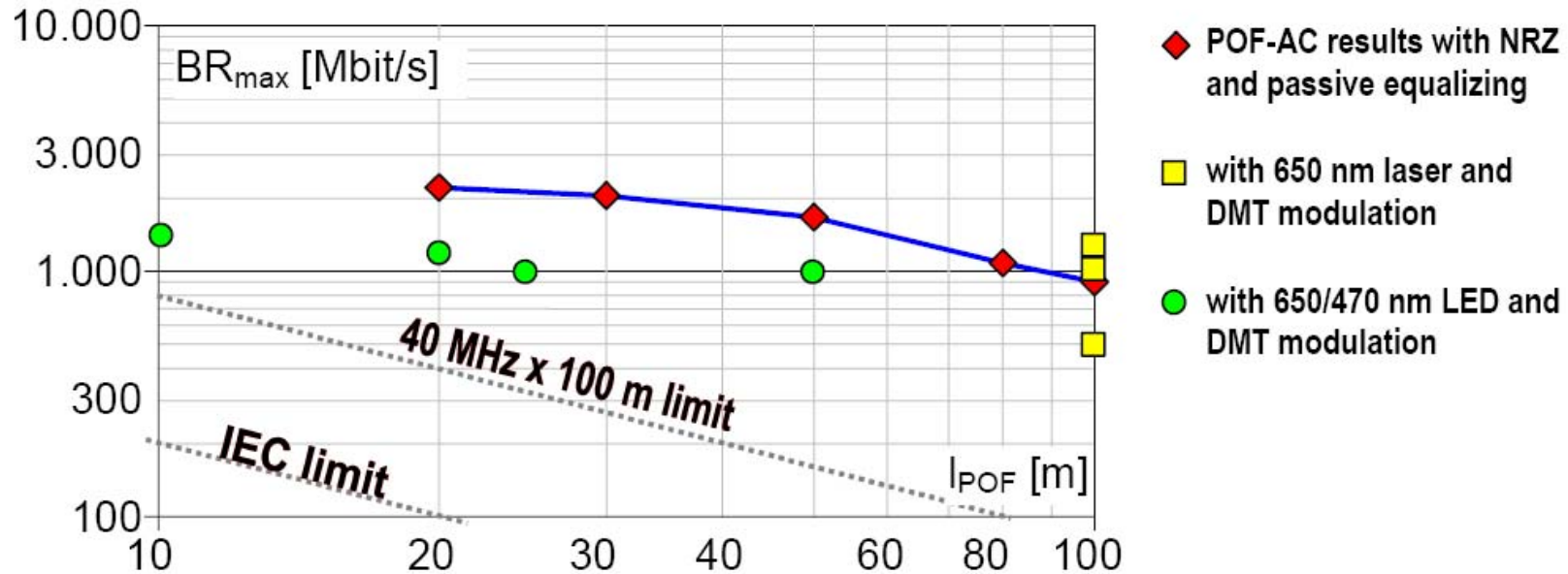


- 665 nm VCSEL
- 1 % TTF 450,000 hrs (30% drop in power)
- Data rates up to 1.25 Gbps
- 0°C to 50°C Operating temperature
- SMI or *OptoLock*® POF interface
- Single 3.3V power supply
- CML-compatible interface
- Gigabit Ethernet and IEEE1394 S800
- Industry standard 1x9 footprint



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# Extended Reach Gbps SI-POF



**Fig. 2:** Capacity of the A4a\* SI-POF, based on the 3 dB bandwidth and in laboratory experiments

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## Low-Cost and Robust 1-Gbit/s Plastic Optical Fiber Link Based on Light-Emitting Diode Technology

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**Abstract:** 1-Gbit/s transmission is demonstrated over 50 m of step-index PMMA plastic optical fiber (1-mm core-diameter) using a commercial light-emitting diode. This is enabled by use of discrete multitone modulation with up to 64-QAM constellation mapping.

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# 40 Gbps over Perfluorinated POF

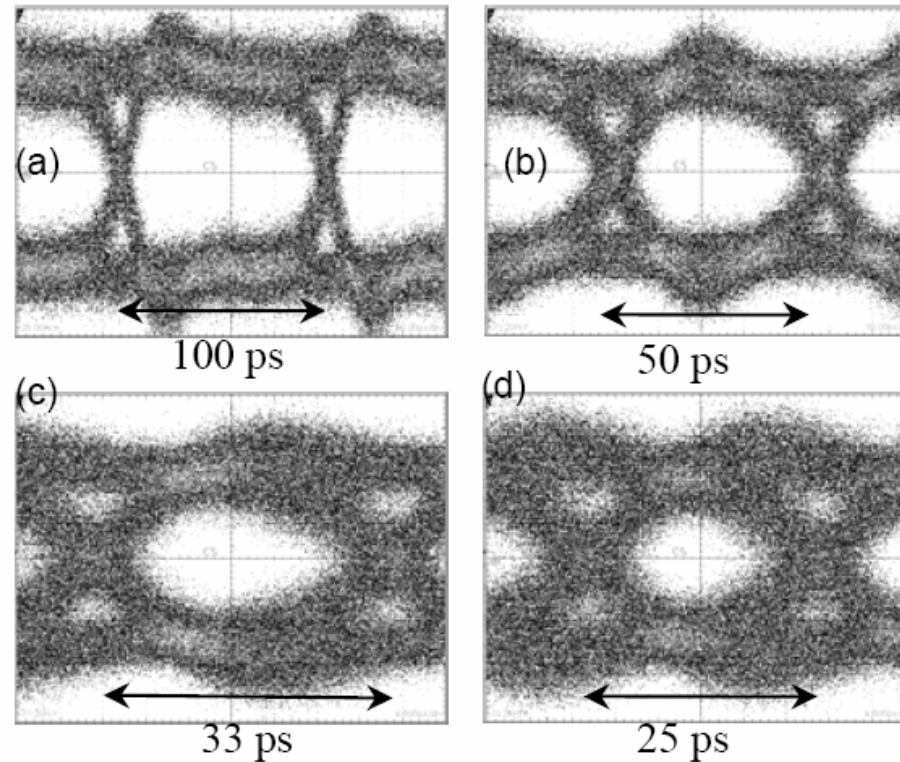


Fig. 2 Eye diagrams for 100 m of 50  $\mu\text{m}$  GI-PF-POF for (a) 10 Gb/s (b) 20 Gb/s (c) 30 Gb/s (d) 40 Gb/s. (PRBS  $2^{31}-1$ ).

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# EU Support for POF

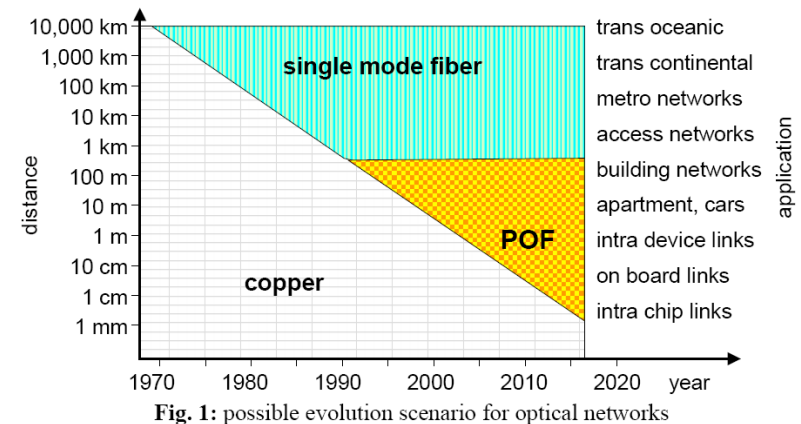
## ■ EU Supported projects

- BREDSELS (Visible VCSEL Technology)
- AGATHA (Green GaInN devices for POF Applications)
- HOME PLANET (IEEE1394 Transceivers for POF)
- POF-ALL (100 Mbps over 200 m of POF for Access Applications)
- POF-PLUS (1-10 Gbps over SI-POF)



# FP7: POF-PLUS

- 1Gbps access speed, and extension to 10Gbps for long-term future-proof solutions: Fibre-to-the-Box
- Physical layer compatibility with existing wireless protocols such as WiFi and WiMax, and future emerging wireless such as UWB;
- Extreme ease of installation, thus lowering Cost of Ownership (CoO) expenditures;
- High Quality of Service (QoS) over cabled non-shared links for video applications



# POF Market, Eco-System & Opportunity

## Pros & Cons

- ✓ Japan: POF Manufactures & Developers
- ✓ Europe: Early adopter, automotive, consumer
- ✓ Technology roadmap Gbps over POF
- ✓ New market opportunities: North/South America, China
  
- ✗ Standards: Fibre & Cables
- ✗ Marketing: POF needs to compete with strong alliances such as Wireless, Power Line Communication, HomePlug, HomePNA,, MOCA etc.

Thank you for your attention

