

Benefits of Fiber

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Telecast Fiber Systems

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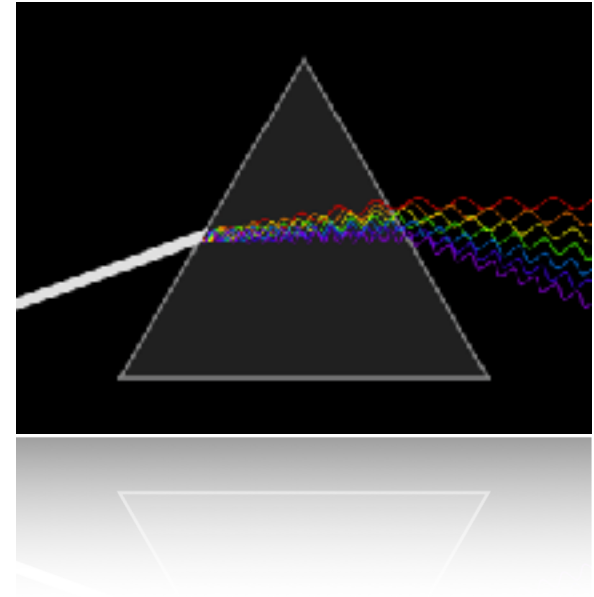
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Agenda

Fiber 101 Overview

Fiber in Broadcast
Multiplexing Signals
Fiber types
Connectivity Options
Maintenance /
Troubleshooting



Typical Live Broadcast Scenario

With and Without Fiber

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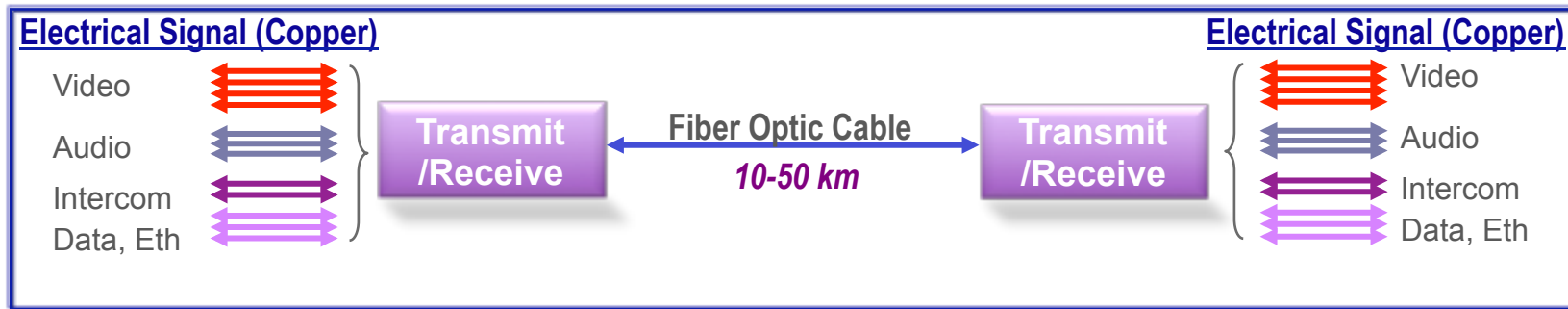


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What is the Fiber Solution series?

- Fiber-based signal multiplexers and transport solutions for sending source-quality signals over long distances
- Primarily for acquisition and production: news, sports and entertainment
- Known as Telecast Fiber Systems founded in 1991, Acquired by Belden in 2009, integrated into Grass Valley production line in 2014
- First product: A portable fiber system for remote TV production
- Allowed long distance camera signal transmission over a single tactical fiber cable

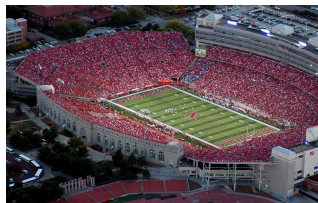


Telecast Product Markets & Applications



Outside Broadcast (OB Trucks)

- Live production of entertainment & sports events
- Contracted to mobile production companies



Large Venues

- Professional & university sports venues
- Venue broadcast infrastructure
- In-house production of events



Electronic News Gathering (ENG)

- Live news field coverage
- Multi-camera field production



Government

- Federal, state, and local government executive and legislative branches
- Court houses
- Law enforcement



Digital Teleproduction

- Digital cinema production (2D, 3D & 4K)
- Non-drama and reality TV production
- Live TV production

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Revolutionize the Experience

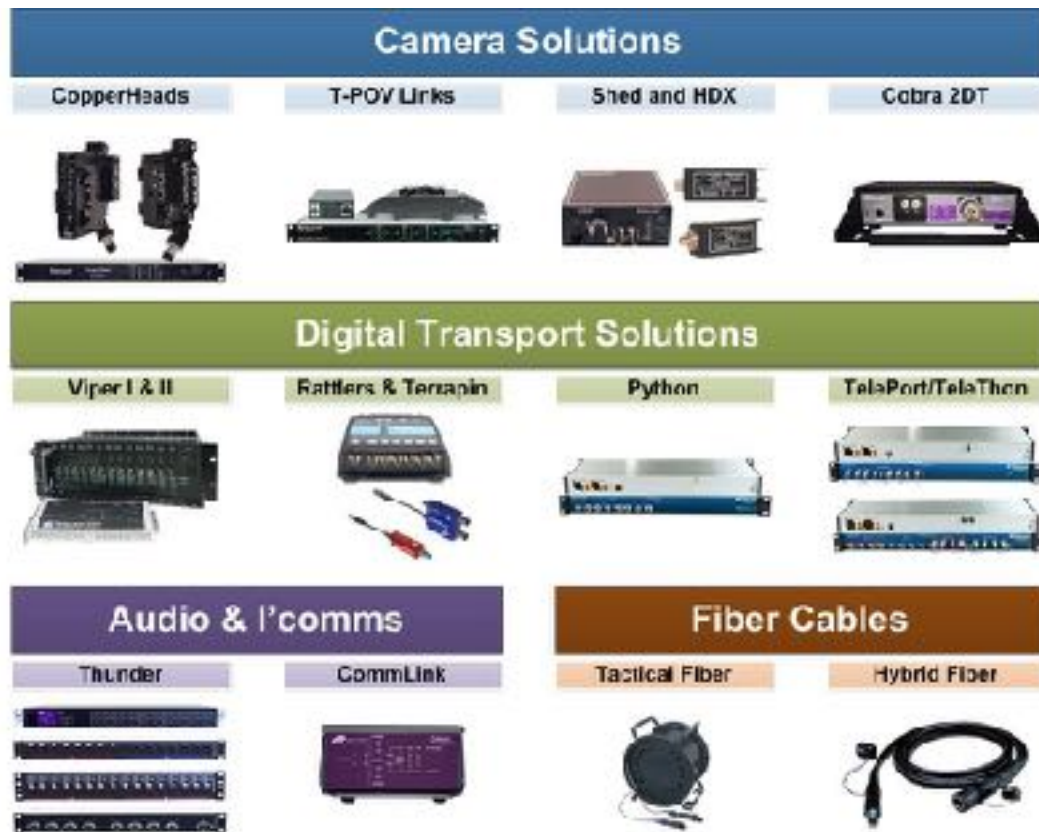


The Solution – Fiber Optics

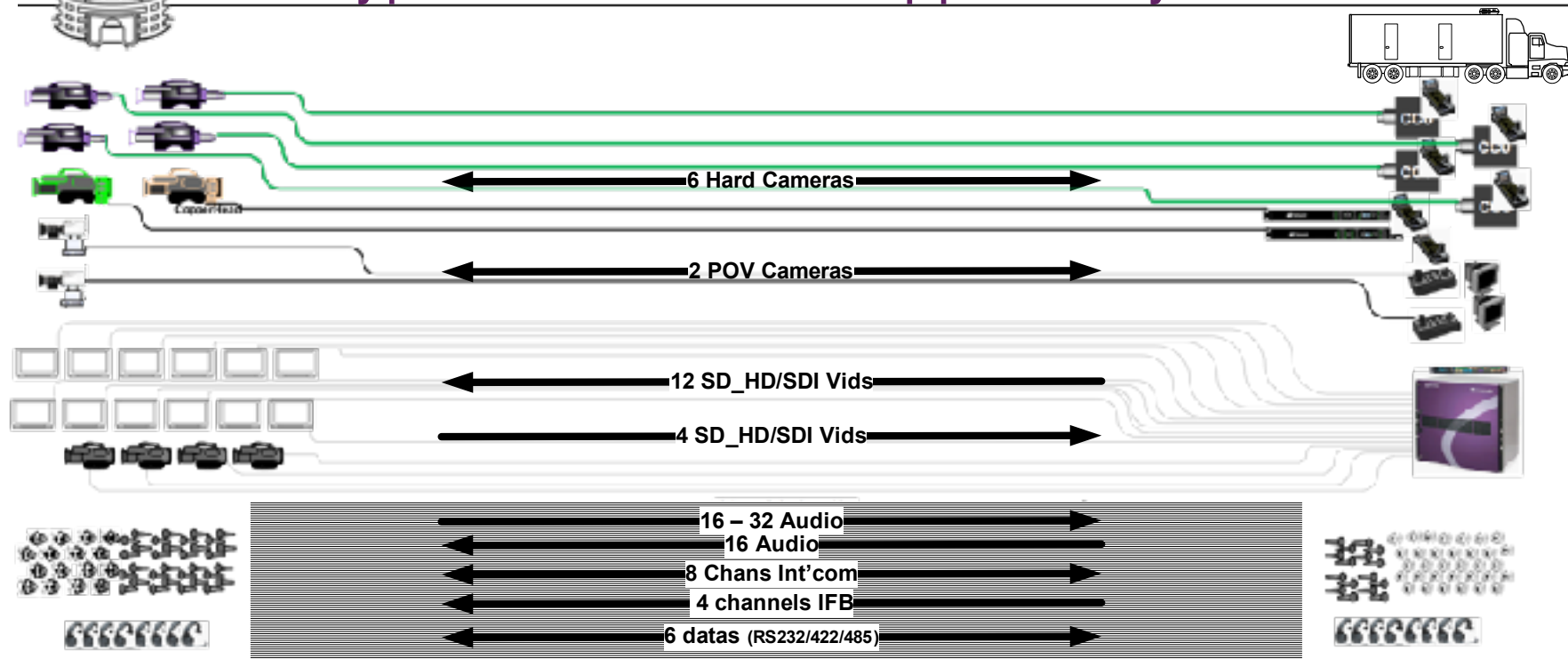


- Multiple signals can be carried on a single, lightweight fiber optic strand
- Labor savings & utilization – faster set-up and strike
- Transportation costs (shipping & trucking penalties)
- Distance a signal can be carried (no repeaters)

The most comprehensive camera fiber systems



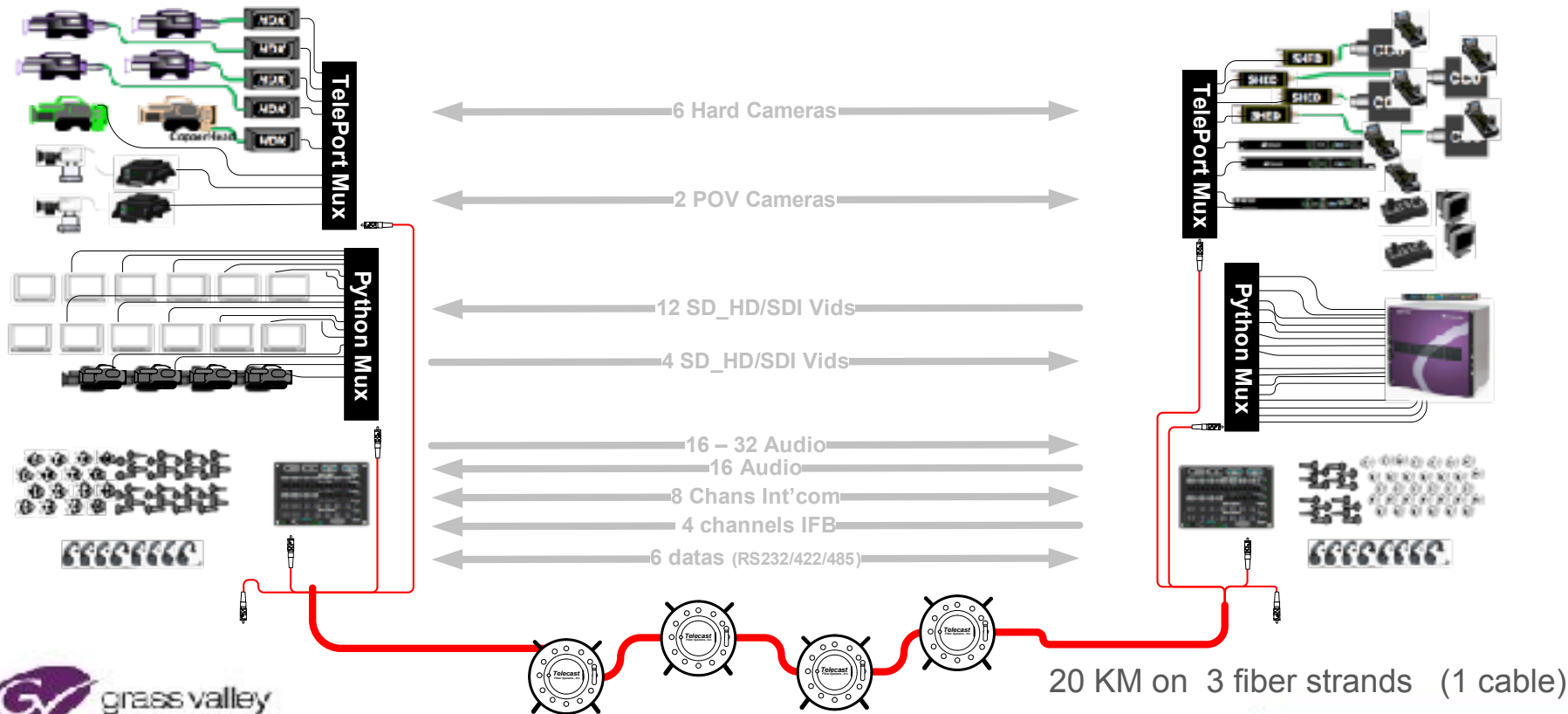
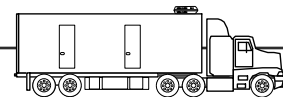
Typical OB Show: Copper & Hybrid



6 Hybrid Fiber cables
 2 Tactical Fiber cables
 18+ Coax cables
 8+ Data cables
 56 Audio cables
 1 Ethernet cable



Typical OB Show: Muxed Fiber



Fiber 101

How it works / Review

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Fiber Optics – Primary Components

Transmitter: converts virtually ANY electrical analog or digital signal into an optical signal.

- If analog, the light source modulates.
 - If digital, it flashes really fast!
- More robust transmission in digital

Fiber cable: consists of one or more glass fibers, which act as waveguides for the optical signal.

Receiver: The converts the optical signal back into a replica of the original electrical signal



Why Fiber Optics

JP's Top 10 Reasons Fiber Popularity has grown in Broadcast / Motion Picture Industries

1. Bandwidth
2. Distance
3. Speed of Deployment / Strike
4. Immune to EMI, RFI, Crosstalk & Hum
5. Universal Carrier
6. Limited Space in Conduit
7. Weight – Truck Belly Bay / Shipping
8. Cost of fiber optic electronics declining
9. Robust / Tactical Fiber
10. Future Proofing



Broader Understanding of Fiber Technology

Types of Signals on Fiber

Common broadcast signals can be converted to light and transmitted of fiber

Video

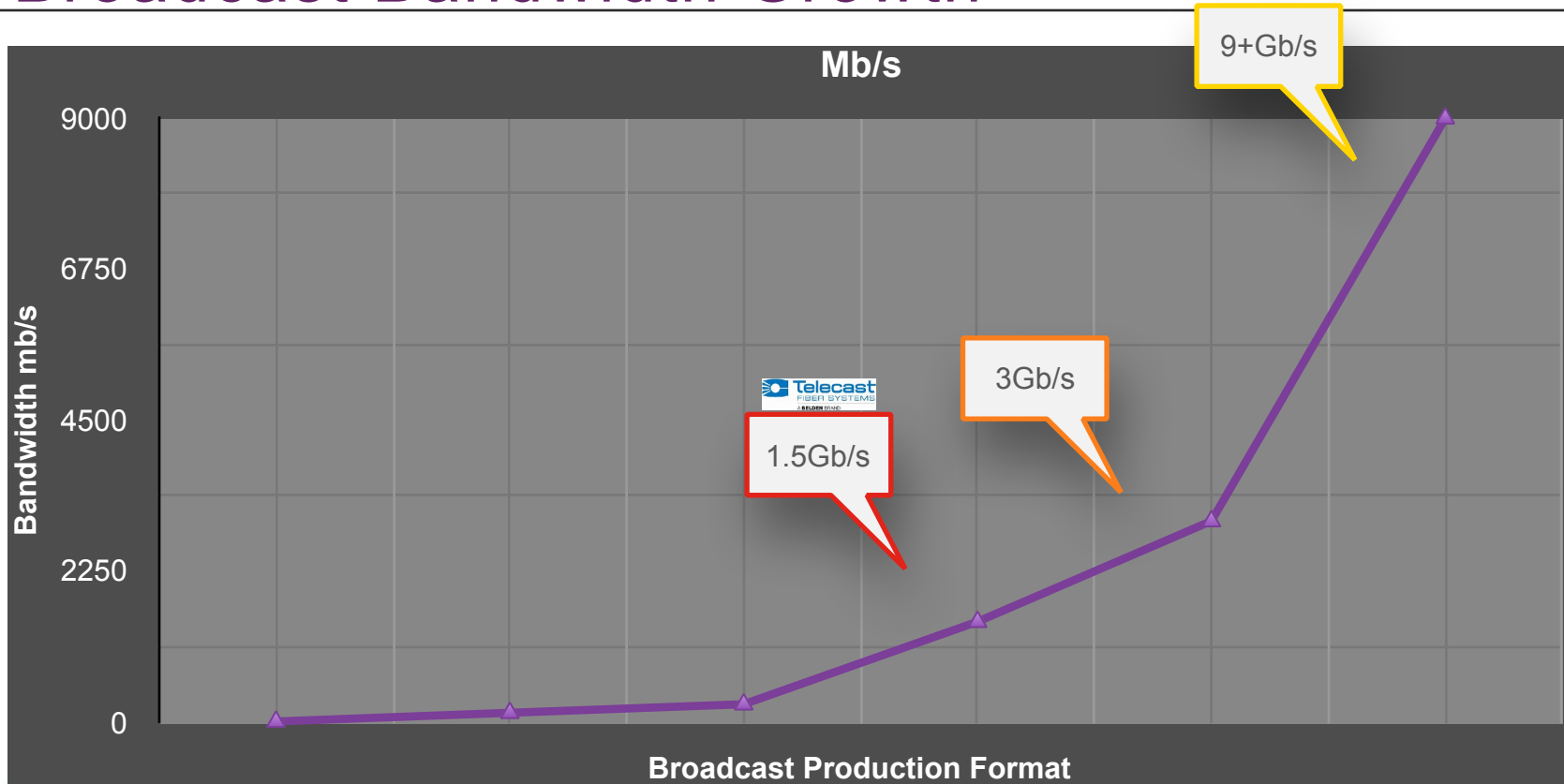
1. Composite video
2. HD/SDI
3. 3G
4. 4K / Ultra HD

Audio

1. Analog Audio (mic/line)
2. AES
3. Intercom



Broadcast Bandwidth Growth



Data Rate:	143 MB/s		177 MB/s		270 MB/s		388 MB/s		1.5 Gbps		3.0 Gbps	
Spec:	SMPTE 292M		ITU R BT. 601		SMPTE 292M		SMPTE 292M		SMPTE 292M		SMPTE 424M	
Application:	Composite NISG		Composite PAL		Component Serial Video		Component Serial Widescreen		HD-SDI		1080p/50 1080p/60	
	ft.	m.	ft.	m.	ft.	m.	ft.	m.	ft.	m.	ft.	m.
179DT	300	102	450	137	300	91.4	340	104	110	34	30	9.1
1855A	1100	340	100	30.5	600	183	520	158	120	37	N/A	N/A
8779	910	277	510	155	640	195	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1855A-7737A	400	122	550	168	780	238	610	186	350	107	450	137
1855P	980	299	597	183	682	208	843	257	125	38	120	37
9209	1030	314	590	180	750	229	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
9209A	1610	493	890	271	690	210	810	247	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1505A-7734A	1160	353	1980	604	1110	338	970	296	210	64	220	67
1505F	1300	396	1040	317	630	192	740	226	210	64	41.5	12.6
1505A	1300	396	1200	366	840	256	640	195	250	76	468	143
9231	1420	433	1270	387	1000	305	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
9141	1620	494	1270	387	1000	305	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
0281	1420	433	1280	390	1000	305	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
0281D	1420	433	1270	387	1000	305	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8281F	1250	381	1100	335	880	268	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1894A-7730A	1840	561	1710	517	1450	442	1240	378	400	122	240	73
1894F	1520	460	1980	604	1070	326	910	277	285	87	190	58
1695A	1700	518	1050	320	830	253	1080	329	310	94	220	67
7721A	2700	823	2400	732	2040	622	1260	384	350	107	360	110
7737A	2620	800	2360	719	1000	305	1540	469	440	134	270	82

The serial digital interconnect standards are designed to operate where the signal loss at 1/2 the clock frequency does not exceed the approximate loss value listed below. The maximum length values shown are based on typical attenuation values for the cables listed and the following parameters:

Maximum length = 30 dB loss at 1/2 the clock frequency: SMPTE 292M, PAL, Widescreen
 Maximum length = 30 dB loss at 1/2 the clock frequency: SMPTE 424M

Fiber Optic Design

Basic Principles / What Signals / How Many Strands

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Fiber Optic Design for Broadcast

Fiber Design Considerations & Questions

- What types of signals do you need to move?
- What direction? (one way or bidirectional)
- How far? (across campus, small studio)
- What fiber do you have currently in your facility?
- How many strands?
- Power? (SMPTE 311)
- Fiber Connectors (existing vs. new)
- Application? (live sports, news, fly pack, installed)
- Budget?



3ality Technica 3D Live Broadcast

From Point A to Point B....What do I Need?

One size fits all solution?

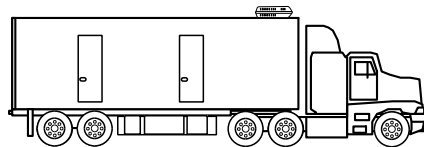
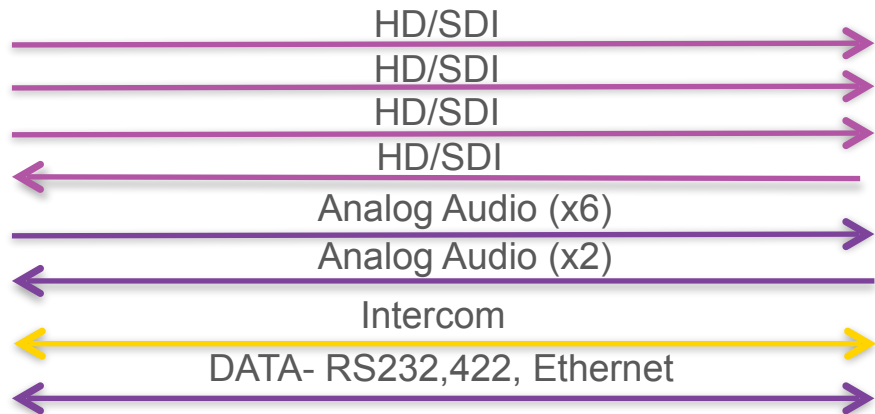
- Is there one product to satisfy my needs
- Is the solution made up out of multiple products
- Scalable
- Variations (product or fiber dependent)



Project Scope?

- Simple
 - Single signal over one strand
 - One type of signal (HD, Audio)
- Complex
 - Single control room/multiple venue
 - CWDM

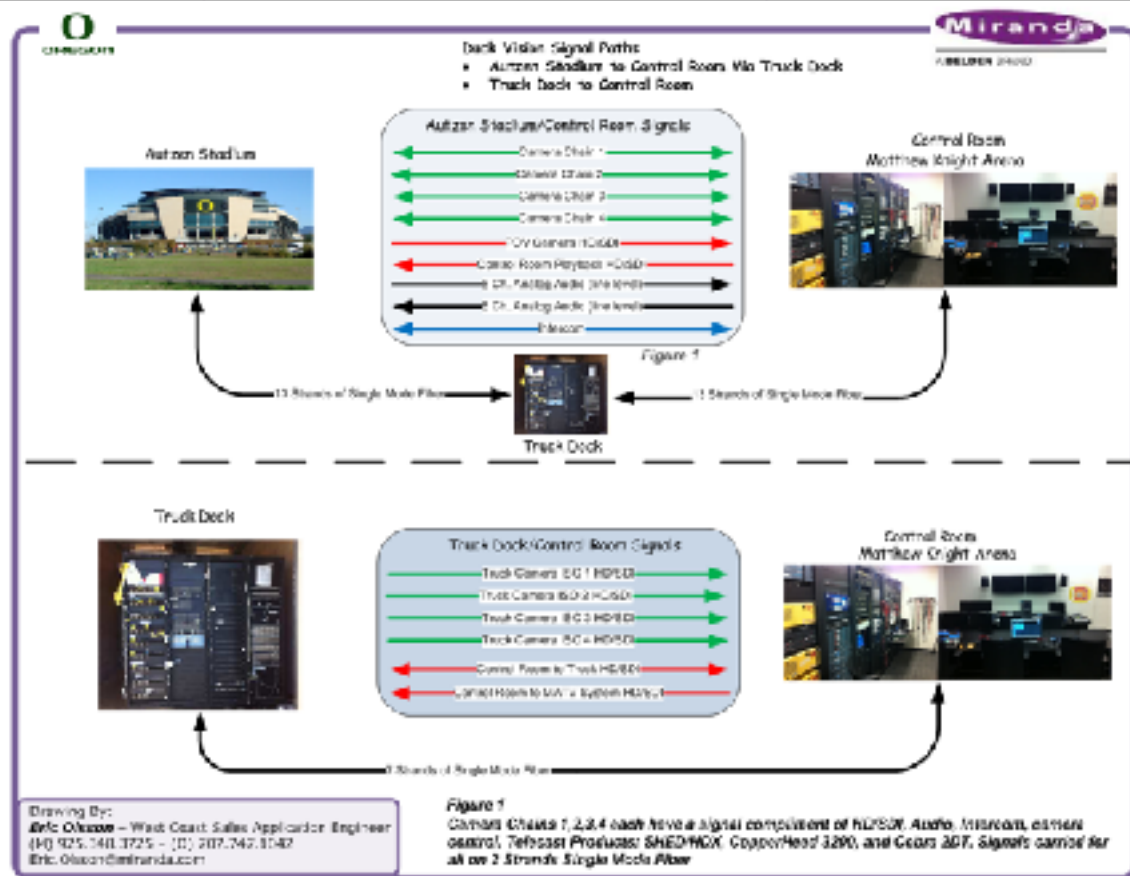
Determining a Fiber Solution



How Many Strands?

Budget Restrictions?

Sample Configuration Drawing



Fiber Science

Under the Hood

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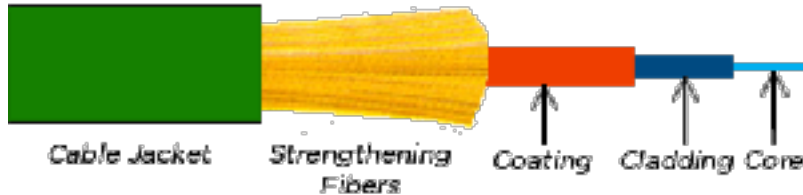
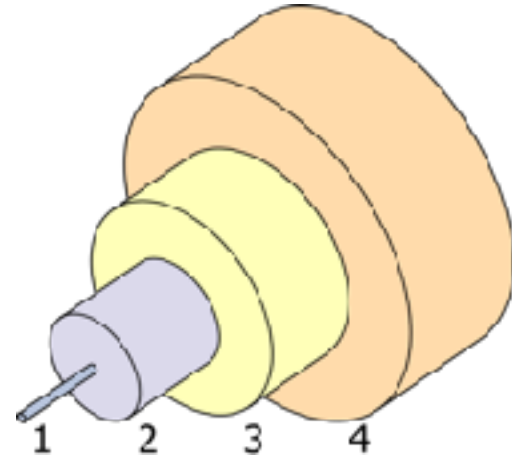
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Fiber Properties

The structure of a typical [single-mode fiber](#).

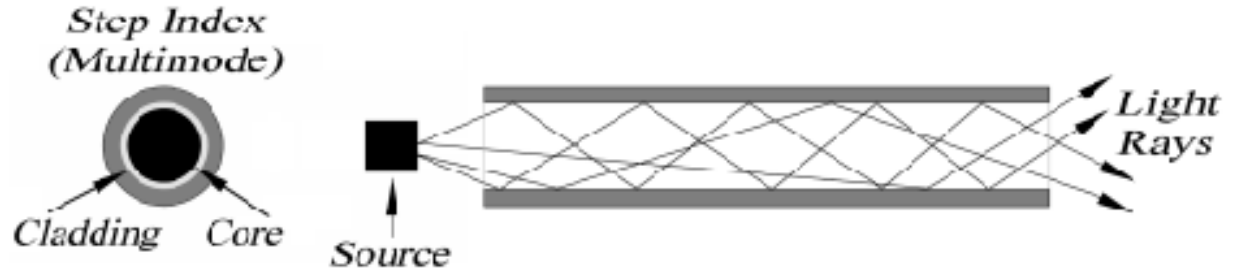
1. Core 8 μm diameter
2. Cladding 125 μm dia.
3. Buffer 250 μm dia.
4. Jacket 400 μm dia.



Multi-Mode Vs. Single Mode Fiber

Multi-Mode Fiber

62.5 Micron
or 50 Micron



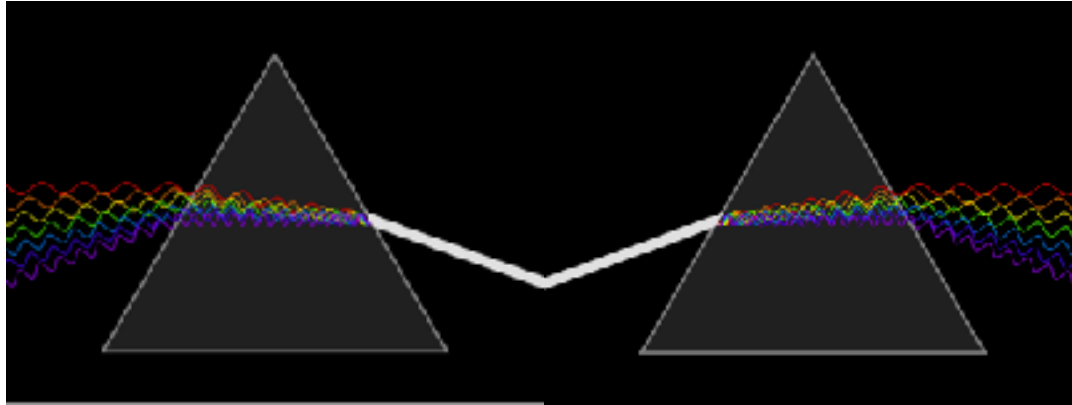
Single Mode Fiber

8 Micron
The thickness of a human hair

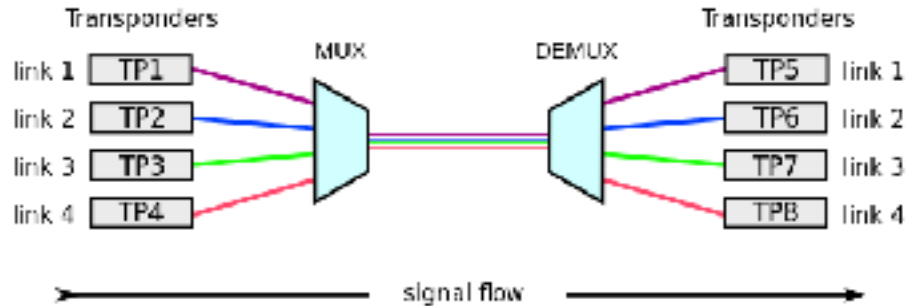
Single Mode
(Monomode)



Multiplexing / Muxing

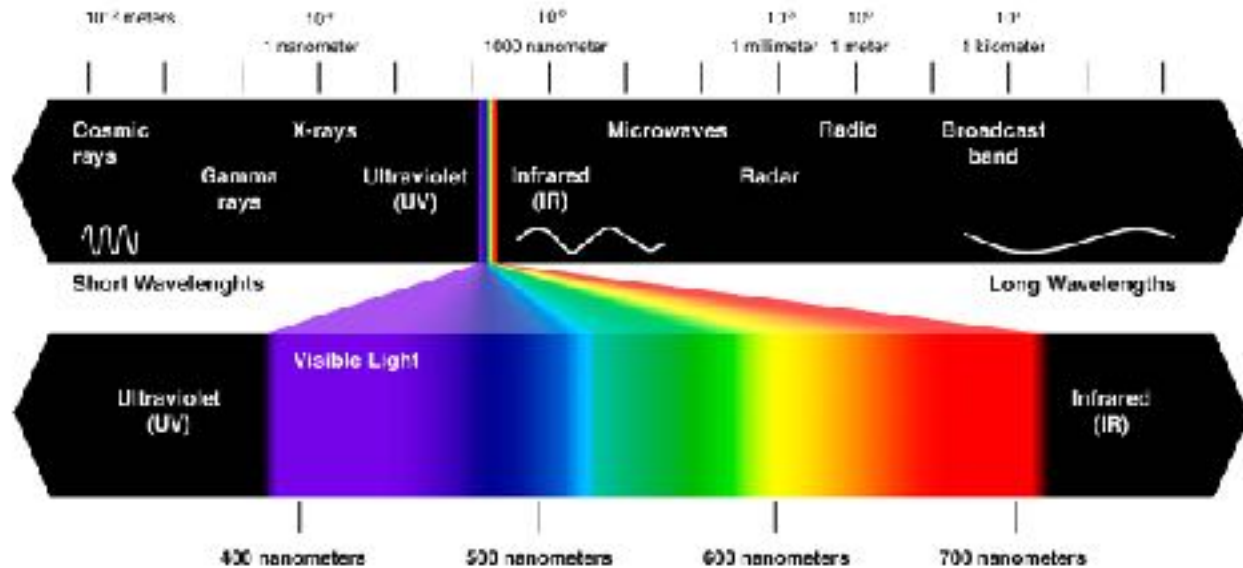


wavelength-division multiplexing (WDM)



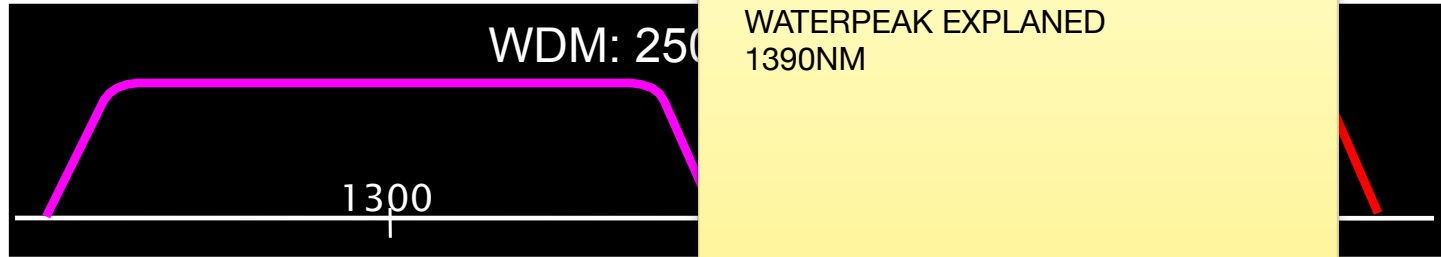
Typical Broadcast Wavelengths

- Infrared Light 850nm / 1300nm / 1550nm
- Wide Band, CWDM Wavelengths
- -10db to +0 to 3db optical power

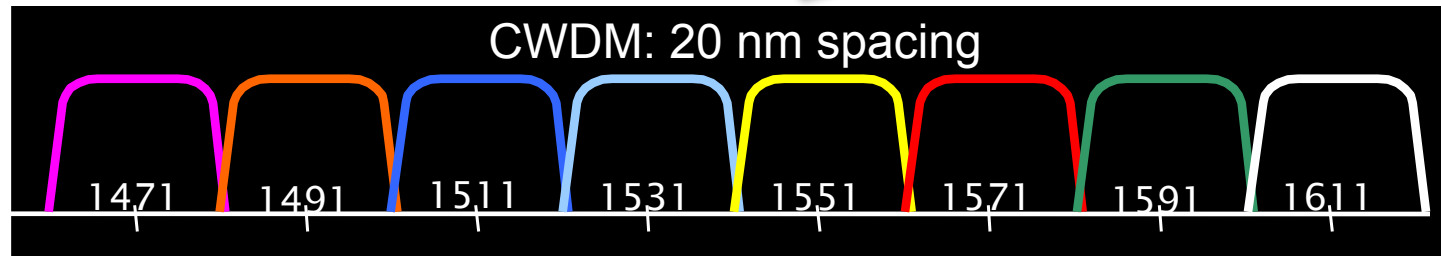


WDM /CWDM

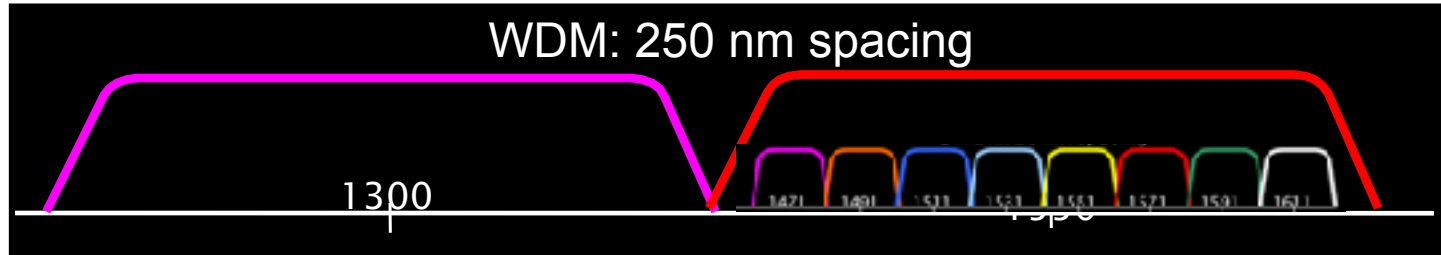
Wave Division Multiplexing



Course Wave Division Multiplexing



CWDM



250nm spacing is cut up into 20nm increments

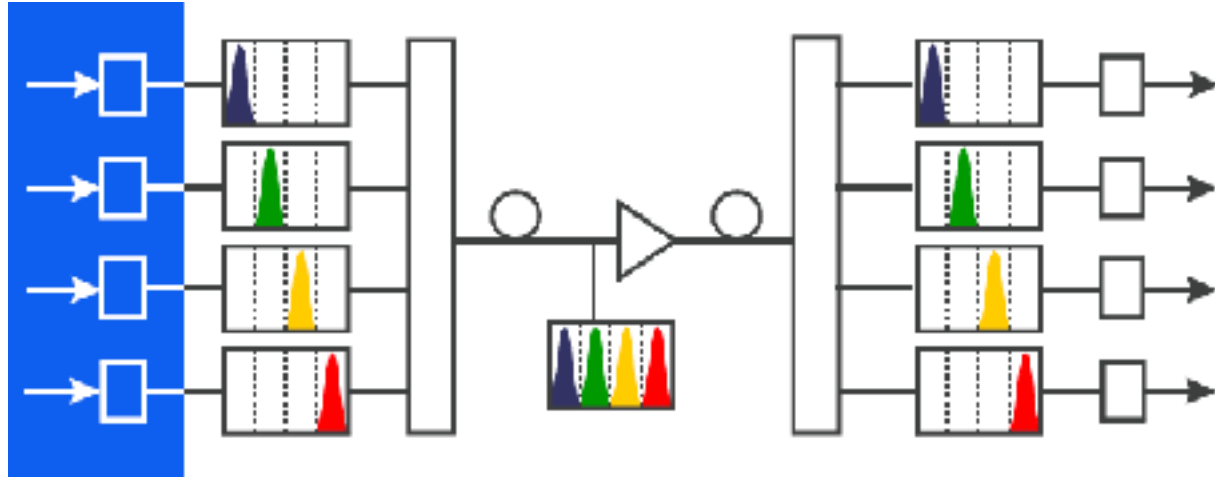
Band 1 (red band) 1471 / 1491 / 1511 / 1531 / 1551 / 1571 / 1591 / 1611

Band 2 (blue band) 1271 / 1291 / 1311 / 1331 / 1351 / 1371 / 1391 / 1411 / 1431 / 1451



Combines / separates 8 channels with a 20 nm spacing

CWDM



Combines / separates 8 channels with a 20 nm spacing

Multiplexing over Fiber

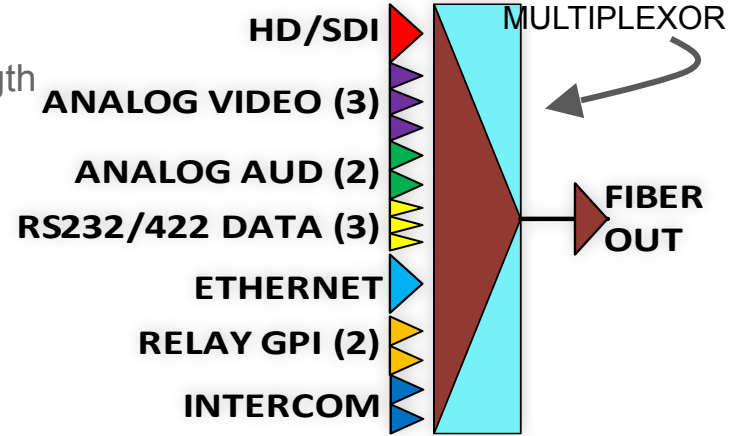
- **Electronic Multiplexing**

Combines multiple signals digitally, converts to a single wavelength

- Time Division Multiplexing (TDM)
- Frequency Division Multiplexing (FDM)

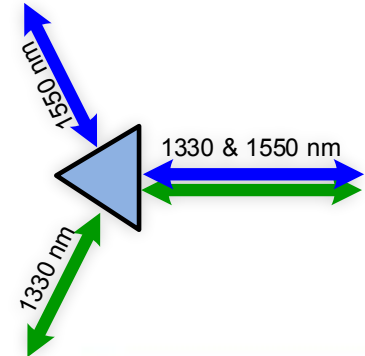
Example: Telecast's CopperHead

- Combines many signals electronically.



- **Wave Division Multiplexing**

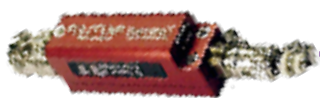
- WDM, CWDM
- Optically combining several wavelengths of light
- Passive process - combines and decombines light (Passive Prism)



Calculate the Link Budget

- Calculation: Output of the transmitter minus maximum receiver sensitivity

Example:



Transmitter:
Output power = -7 dB

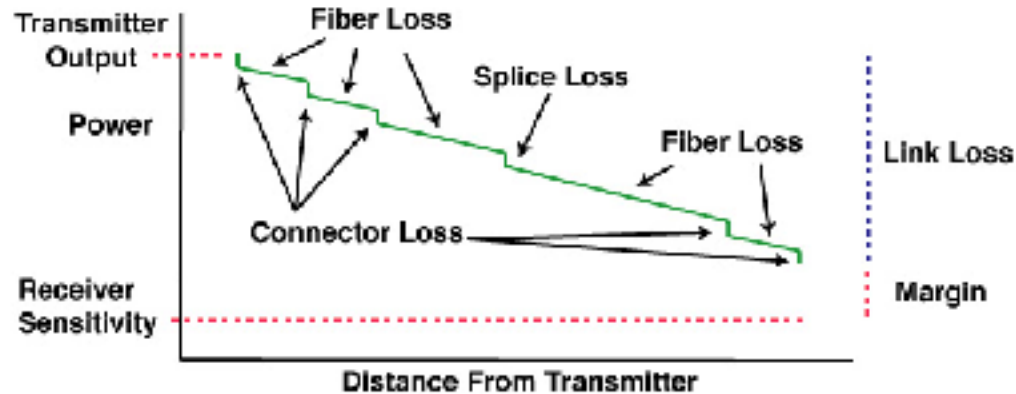
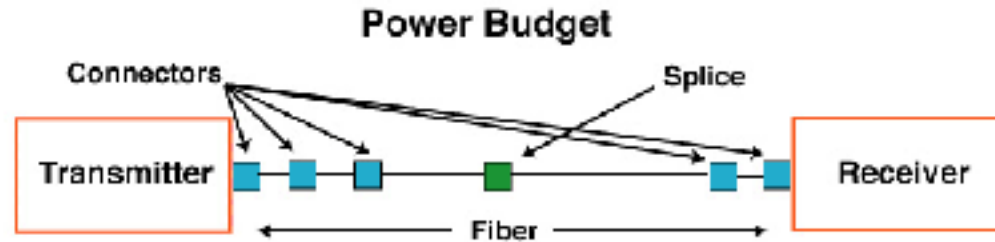


Receiver:
Sensitivity = 0 to -22 dB

Calculation: $-7 - -22 =$
 $-7 + 22 =$
 $22 - 7 = 15\text{dB}$

Base Link Budget is 15dB

Calculating Optical Budget



Connectivity

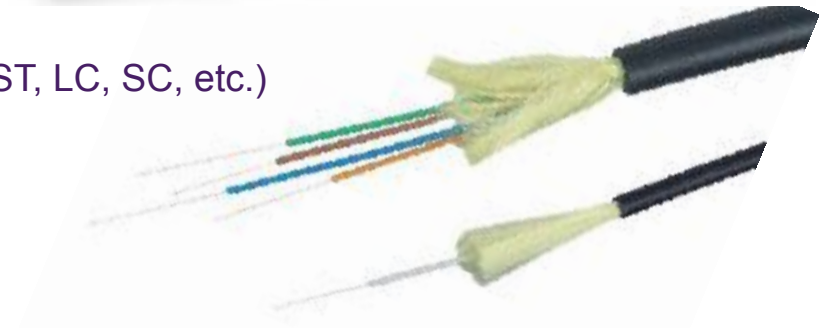
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- Military Spec: tougher than triax, coax or wire cables
- Kevlar Reinforced
- TAC1, TAC2, TAC4, TAC6, TAC12
- OX™ Reel, comes in 3 sizes SM, MD and XL
- Various connector options: MX, OpticalCON, Breakouts (ST, LC, SC, etc.)
- For field deployment, not infrastructure use



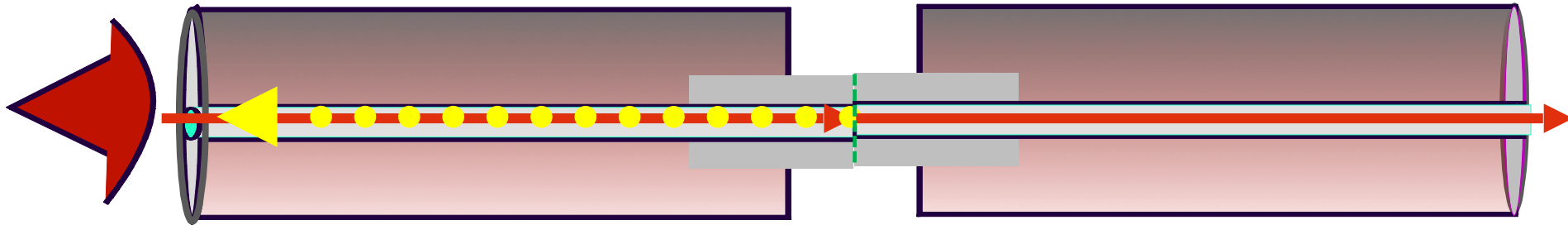
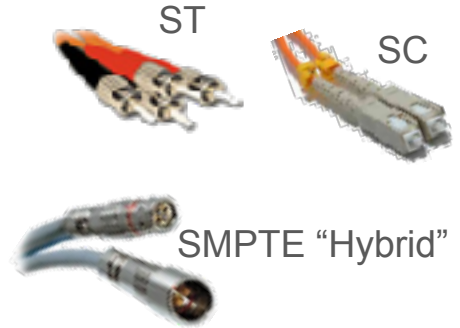
MX Expanded Beam



Neutrik OpticalCON

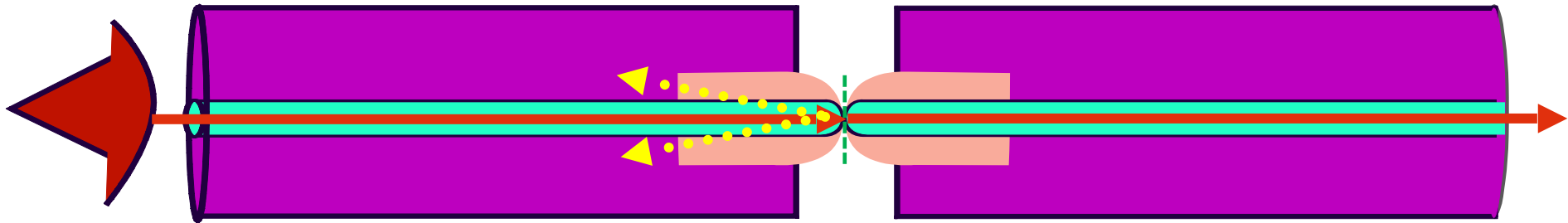
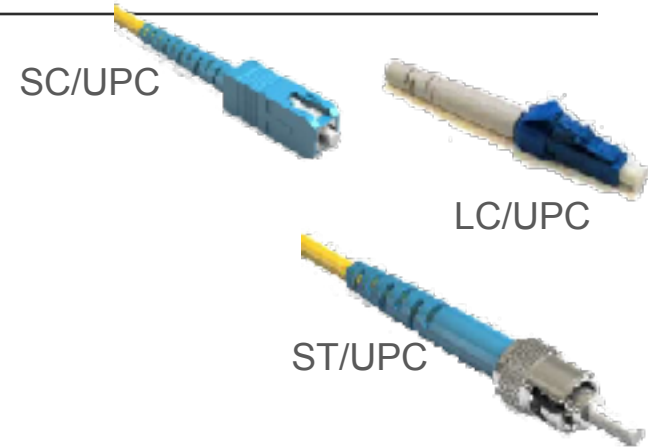
Connections: Flat Polish

- ST, SC, LC, SMPTE Hybrid
- Critical Alignment – butted together at 8 Microns!
- Back Reflections: up to 4% of the light reflected back to the source
- Average return loss: -40dB



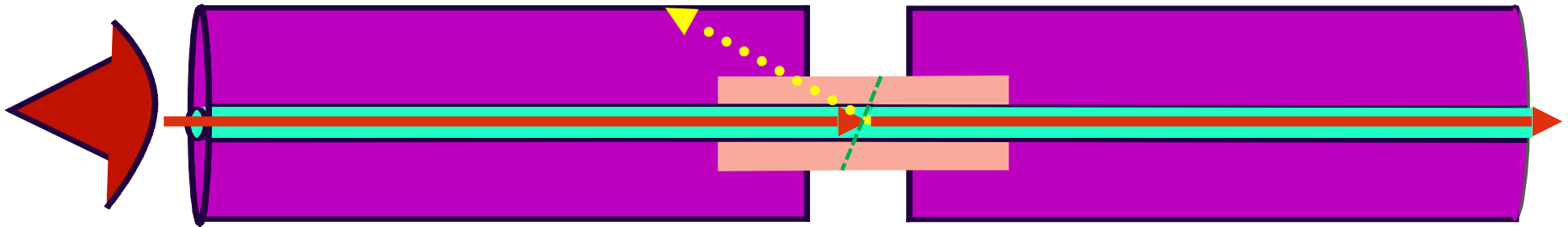
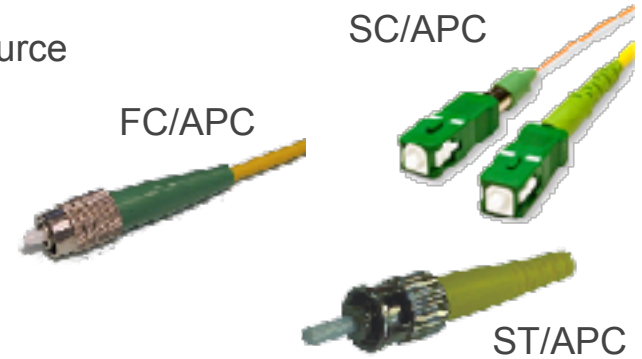
Connections: Ultra Polish

- ST, SC, LC, FC
- Back Reflections: up to .001% of the light reflected back to the source
- Average return loss: -55dB
- Blue denotes “UPC” for “Ultra-Polished Connector”



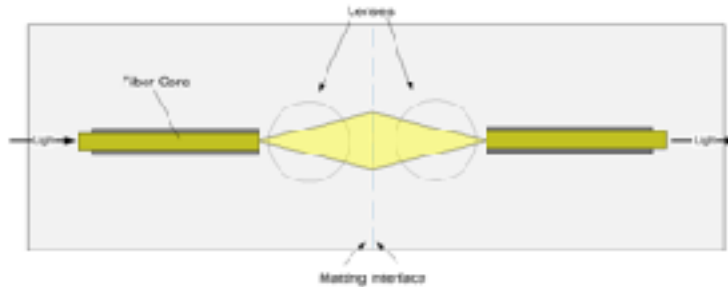
Connections: Angle Polish

- Ferrule cut at 8-degree angle
- Back Reflections: up to .00032% of the light reflected back to the source
- Average return loss: -65dB
- Green denotes “APC” for “Angle-polished Physical Contact”



Harsh Environment Connectors

MX Expanded Beam Connector



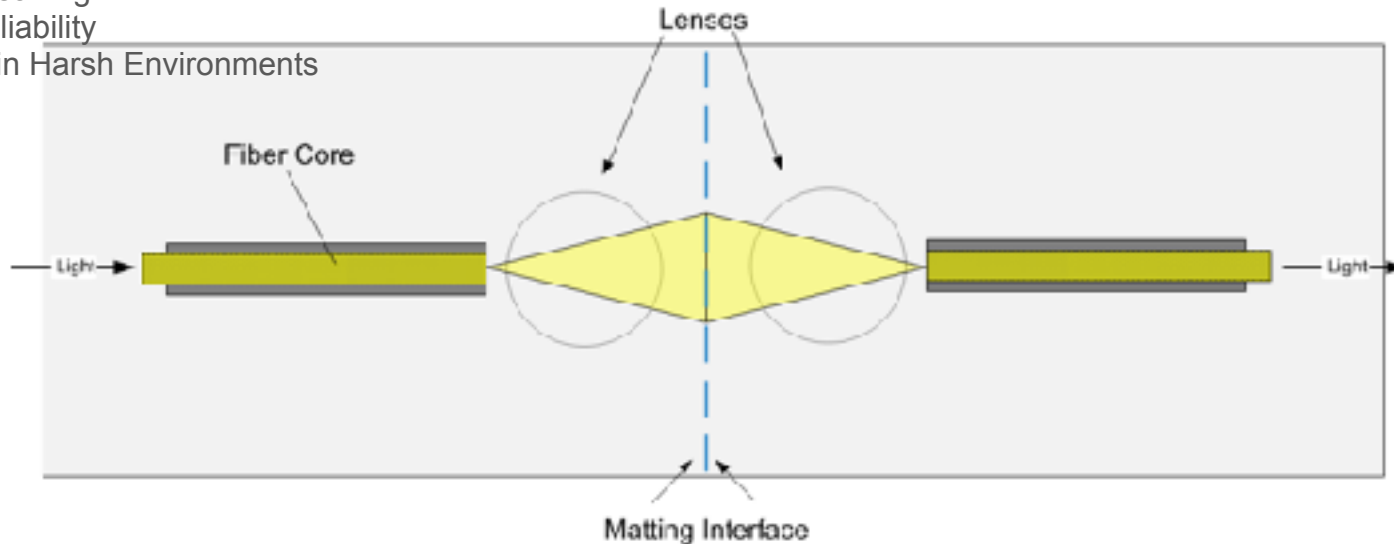
Neutrik OpticalCON Duo/Quad



MX Mini-Expanded Beam Connector

TAC Fiber Only

- TAC 2 (2 Lens)
- TAC 4 (4 Lens)
- Expanded Beam Technology
- Multimode or Singlemode
- Hermaphroditic Operation
- Plug, Jam-Nut, Flange Mount
- Easy Cleaning
- High Reliability
- Proven in Harsh Environments



Neutrik OpticalCON Connector

- OpticalCON system is based on LC-Duplex connectors
- Duo – TAC 2
- Quad TAC 4
- Duo with Copper (powered) SMPTE Hybrid Fiber
- Eliminates LC weakness by Harsh Environment Housing
- Dust protected and rugged connection
- User Flexibility LC Design
- In use since 2005



opticalCON DUO



opticalCON QUAD



Hybrid Fiber Cable: SMPTE 311M

Single Mode Fiber + Power

- Two Single Mode fibers for HD plus all other signals
- Four Large Copper Conductors for High-Voltage power
- Two Smaller Copper Conductors for Low-Voltage “signal” (safety interlock)
- 16 gage steel strength member
- One SMPTE Standard Connector: SMPTE 304M
- One other common connector: OpticalCON



COMPONENT DESCRIPTION	QTY
STEEL MESH MEMBER (304SS)	1
AUXILIARY COND. (BLACK)	2
AUXILIARY COND. (WHITE)	2
SIGNAL COND. (GREEN)	1
SINGLEMODE FIBER (BLUE)	1
SINGLEMODE FIBER (YELLOW)	1
FILLET (F)	AS NEEDED
INNER Braid	1
COPPER Braid	1
JACKET (PVC)	1



OpticalCON



SMPTE 304M

Keep it Clean!

Particle Migration:

- Repeated matings cause large particles break apart and migrate
- Dirt can spread from the cladding to the core after successive matings
- Dirt mated between connectors can be permanently embedded in the glass, making cleaning impossible
- Major loss of optical budget

Fiber Maintenance

#1 Field Issue with Fiber = DIRT

- Clean all connectors and connection points
- Many cleaning tools and fiber cleaning products
- Wet / Dry Cleaning
- Wet Cleaning
- Dry Cleaning



Wet / Dry Solution Cleaning Kit



Electro-Wash Wipes



IBC Click Cleaning Tool

1. Simplex or Duplex
2. ST, SC
3. LC
4. SMPTE 304M

Fiber Troubleshooting Tools

Tools for troubleshooting on set fiber issues

- An **optical power meter (OPM)** is a device used to measure the power in an optical signal. Many cleaning tools and fiber cleaning products
- **Visual Fault Locator** works as an end-to-end cable continuity tester that helps you diagnose and repair fiber link problems
- An **optical time-domain reflectometer (OTDR)** is an instrument used to characterize an optical fiber.



Optical Power Meter



Optical Fault Locator



OTDR- optical time-domain reflectometer