

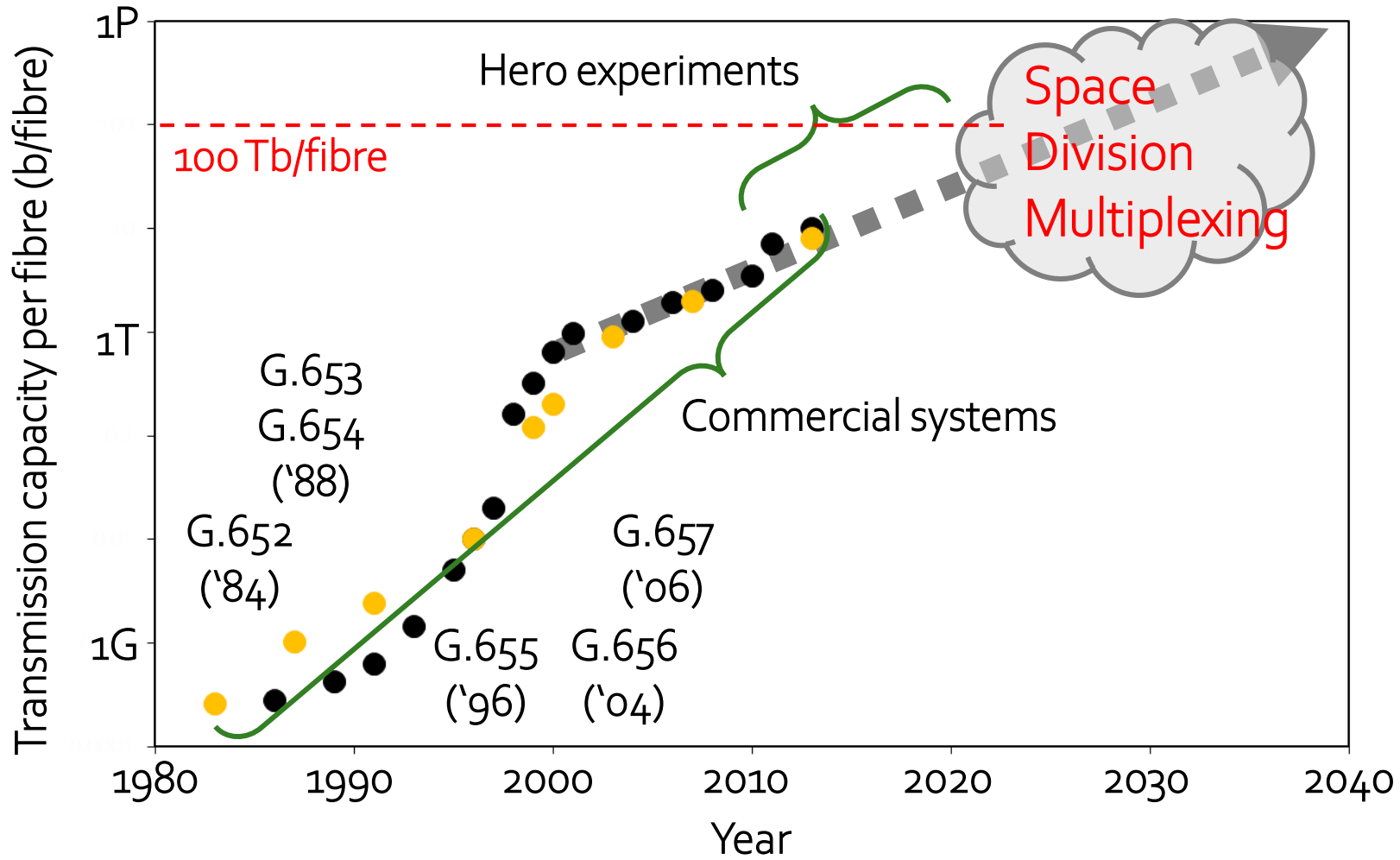
# New Concept of Optical Fibre Cable for Sustainable Growth

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# History of Optical Fibre Standard

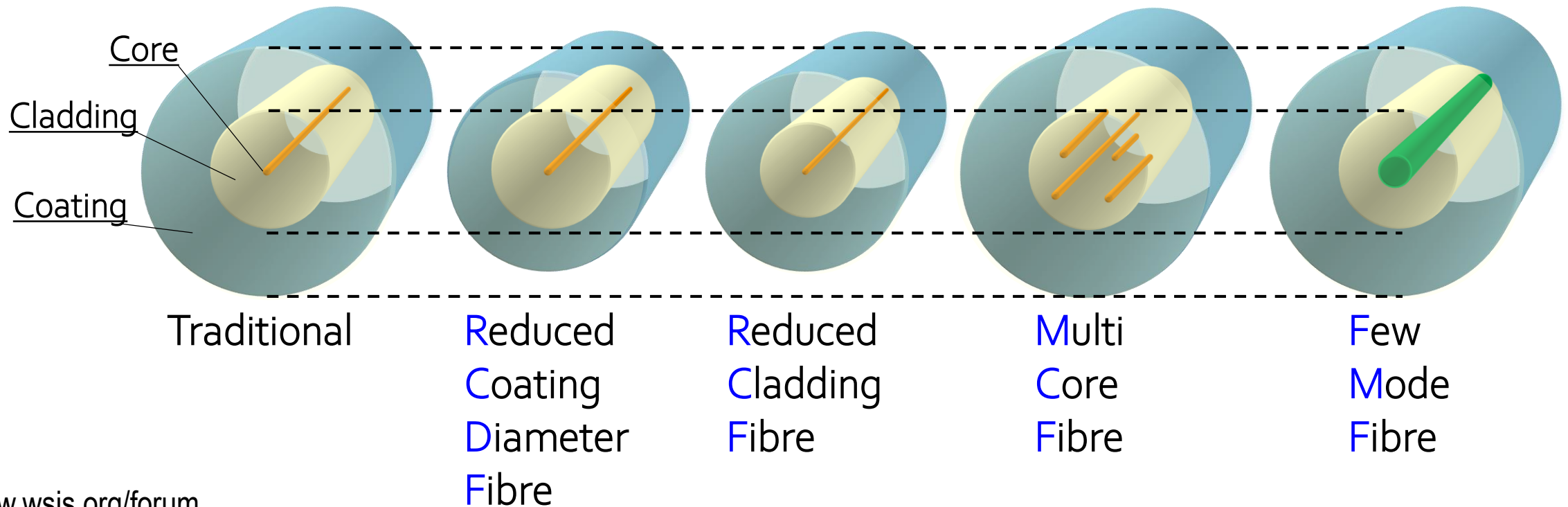


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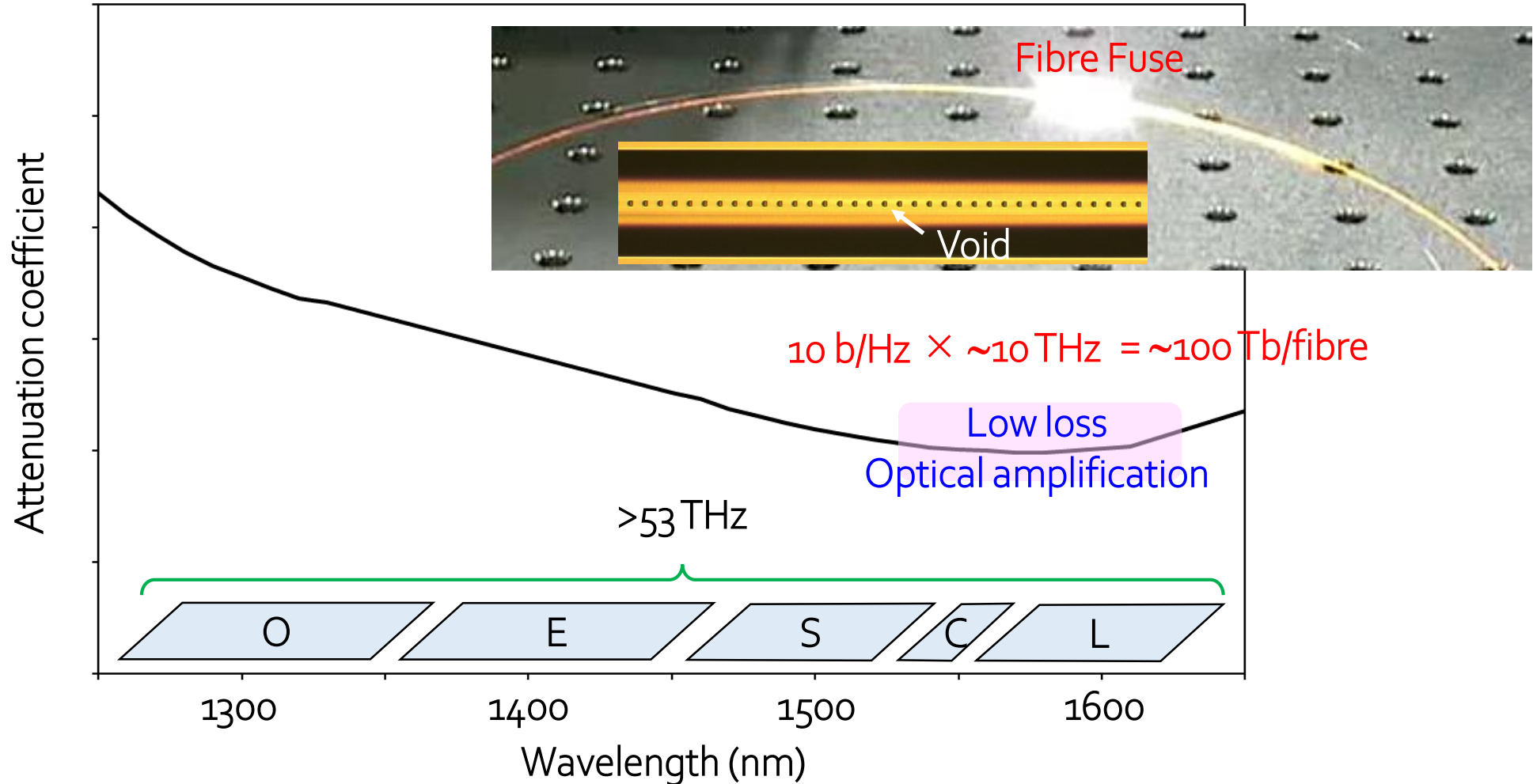
# What's SDM?: Definition

SDM Optical Fibre Cable can

- improve a spatial density of optical fibre in a unit cross section,
- increase the number of spatial transmission channels in a common cladding.



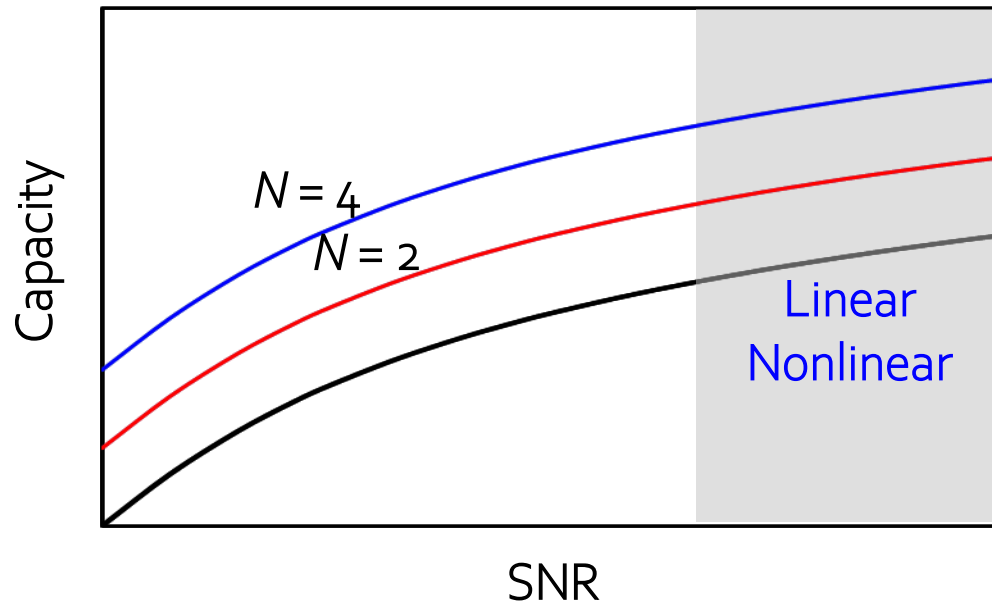
# Why SDM?: Capacity



# Why SDM?: Shannon Theorem

## Shannon Theorem

$$C = 2 \times B \times N \times \log_2(1+SNR)$$

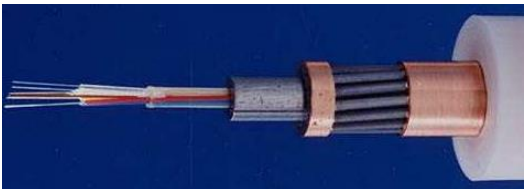
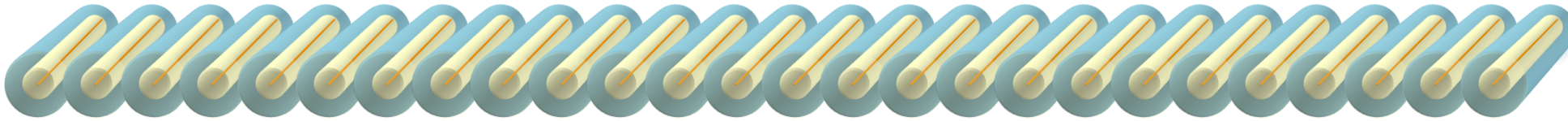


*SNR: Limited*  
*Bandwidth: Limited*

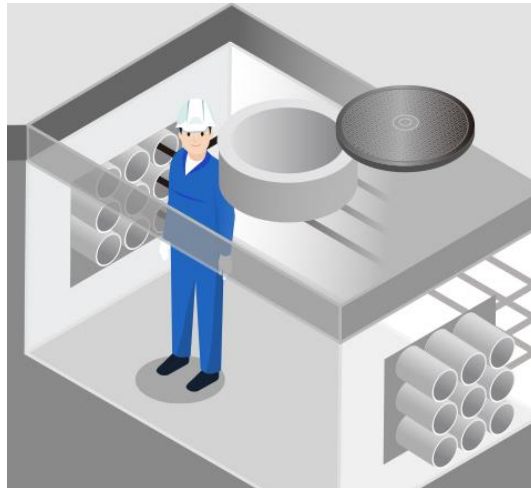
*Number of spatial paths:  
Last enabler*

# Why SDM?: Space

Plenty of traditional fibres can solve the capacity limitation in one fibre, but



Submarine cable



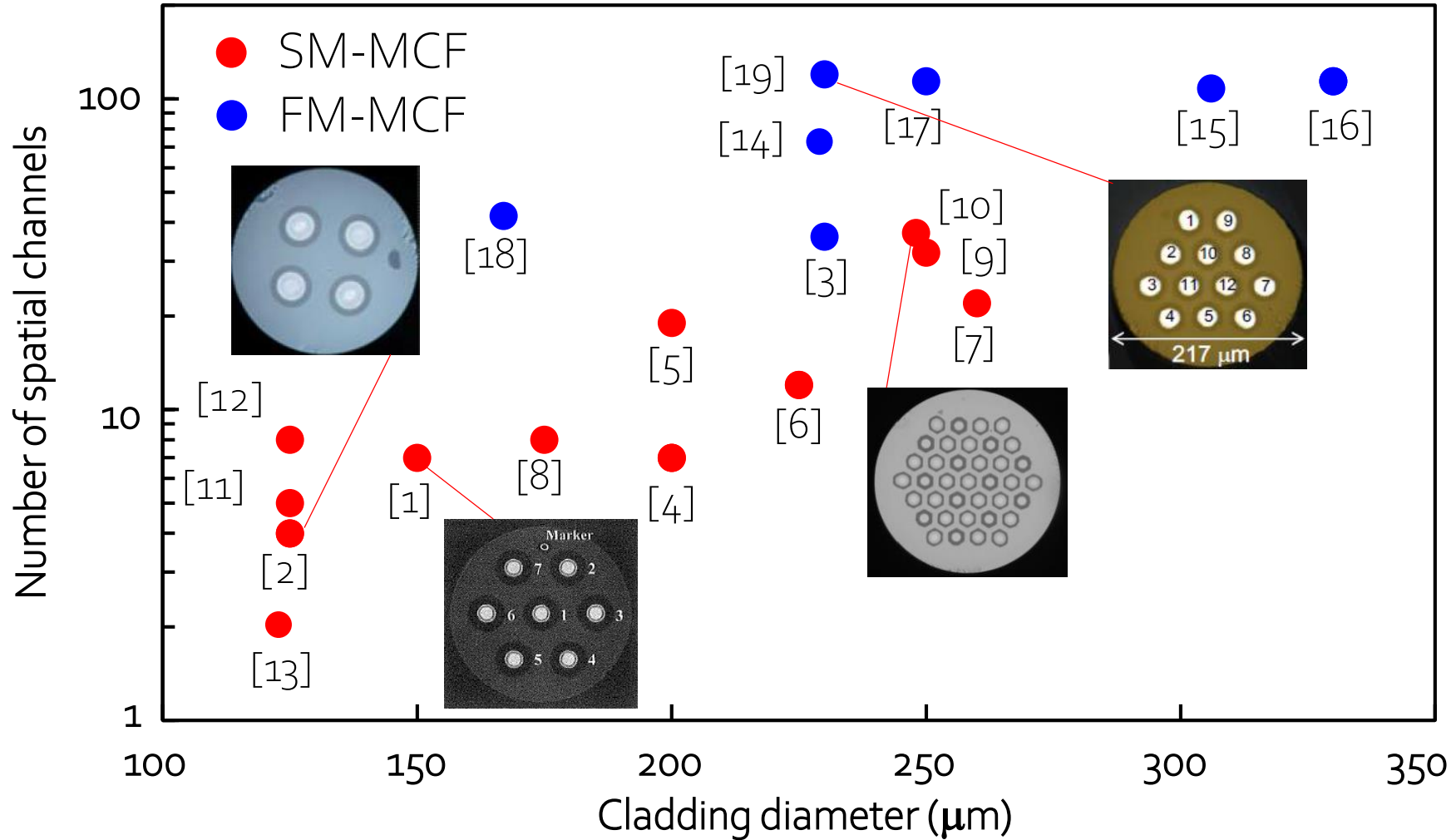
Terrestrial duct



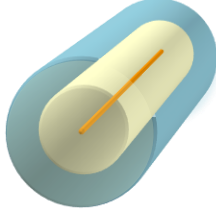
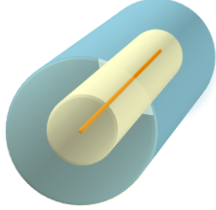
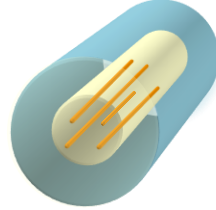
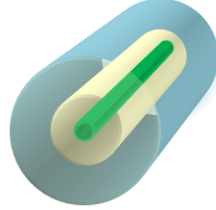
Footprint in DC



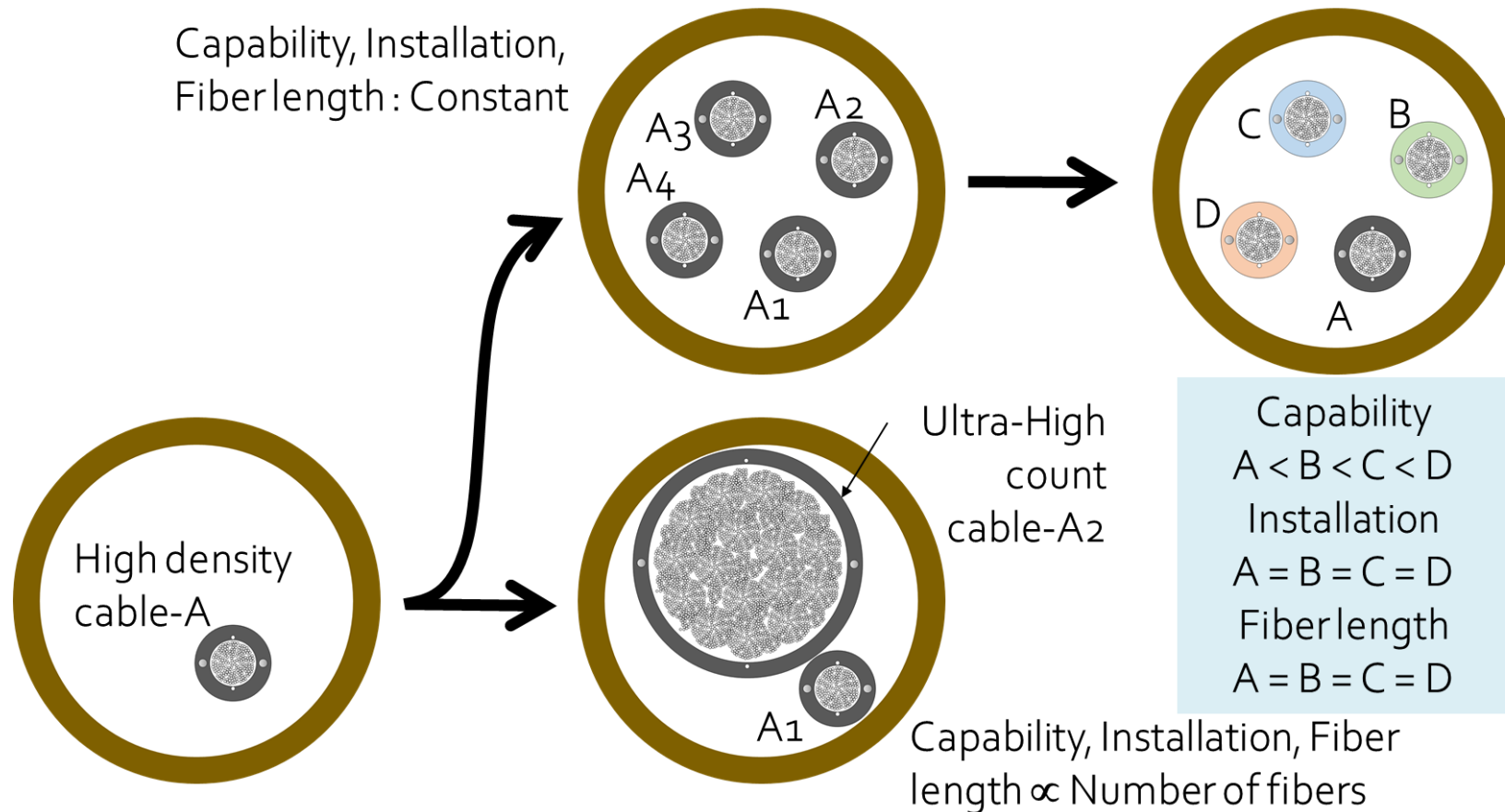
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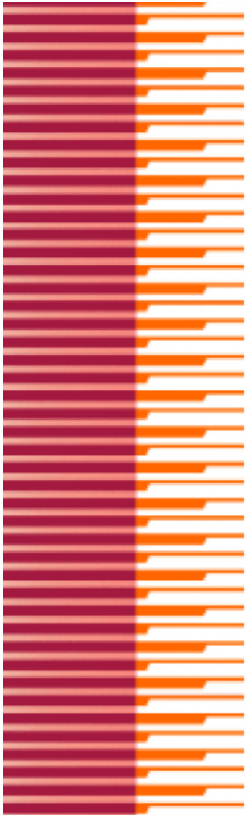
# Perspective: Backward Compatibility

	RCDF 	RCF 	MCF 	FMF 
Backward compatibility				
Geometrical	✓	NA	✓	✓
Optical	✓	✓	✓	NA
Expected application	Ultra high fibre count cable e.g., Inter-DC	Higher density footprint e.g., Intra-DC	High core density cable e.g., Submarine, terrestrial	Needs advanced digital signal processing

## ◆ Effective use of physical infrastructure



## ◆ Full connected world with easier way



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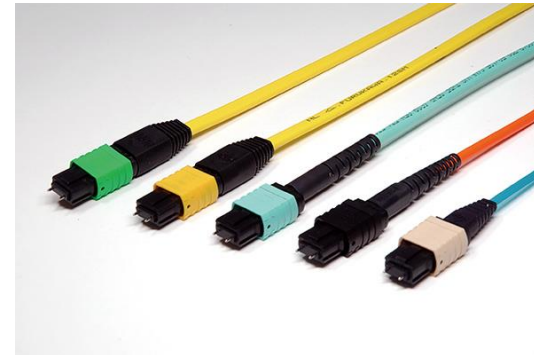
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Optical fibre cables – Cable structure and characteristics

**Optical fibre cables for direct surface  
application**



- ◆ SDM optical fibre and cable technology is expected to be a key enabler for realizing the full connected world in a sustainable manner
- ◆ ITU-T SG15 has been studying a new Technical Report for SDM optical fibre and cable technology to analyse the technical status and to show the roadmap for future deployment and standardization  
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