

POF –  
smart solutions for automation  
technology

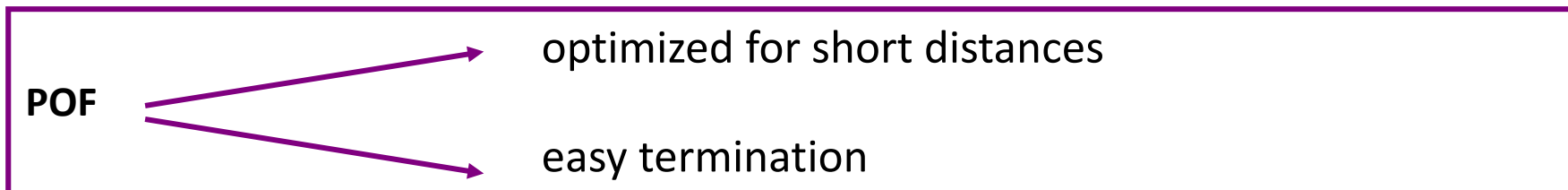
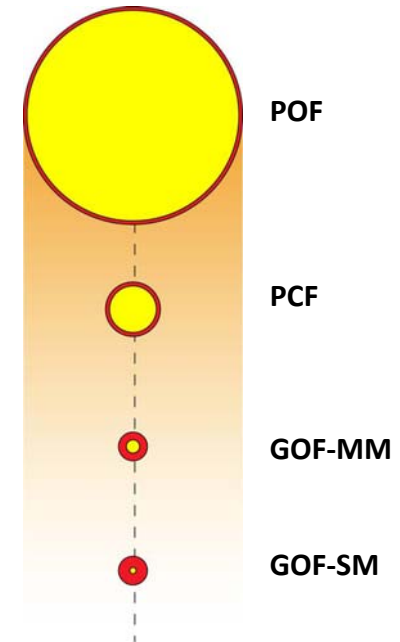
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# Overview POF

## Types of fibre

	Polymer Optical Fibre	Hard Cladded Silica	Multimode	Singlemode
<b>Shortform</b>	POF	PCF	GOF-MM	GOF-SM
<b>Standard IEC 60793-2</b>	A4a	A3c	A1a/ A1b	B1
<b>Absorption [db/km] with <math>\lambda</math> [nm]</b>	230 660	6 850	3,0/ 3,5 850	0,5 1300
<b>Core diameter [<math>\mu\text{m}</math>]</b>	980	200	50/ 62,5	9



# Environmental conditions

commercial:



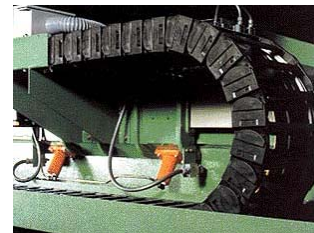
MICE	1 = Commercial environment covered by IEC 11801	2 = Light industrial environment	3 = Heavy industrial environment
Mechanical	M <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>2</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>
Ingress	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>3</sub>
Chemical	C <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>
EMC	E <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>2</sub>	E <sub>3</sub>

industrial:



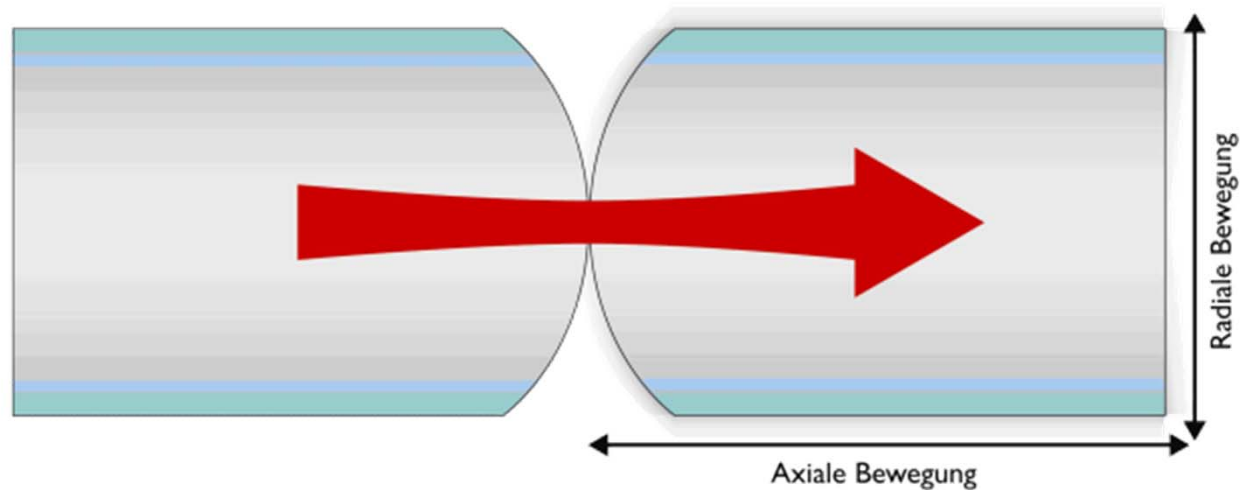
Three alternatives:

1. reinforce, e.g. with IP67-components  
⇒ the trend with local automation
2. Isolation, e.g. with housings
3. seperation, e.g. in seperatet rooms



**Tough solutions will be required in automation technology!**

# Mechanical load

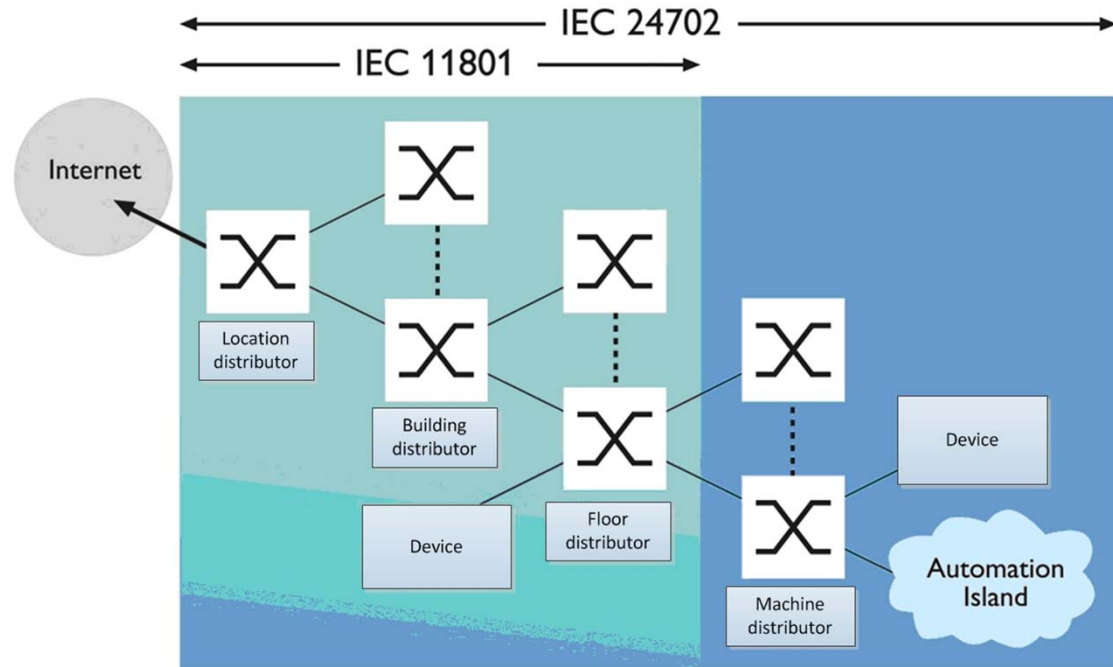


- Fibre displacement caused by:
  - Shock ⇒ Fibre displacement causes higher absorption
  - Vibration ⇒ loss of connection
  - Offset-temperature ⇒ the higher the fibre diameter, the lower the offset

**POF – fibre with benefits**

# Generic Cabling

- Cabling as defined in IEC 11801 requires a channel length of 100 m
  - No POF defined
- Industrial cabling as defined in IEC 24702 defines POF-Channel:















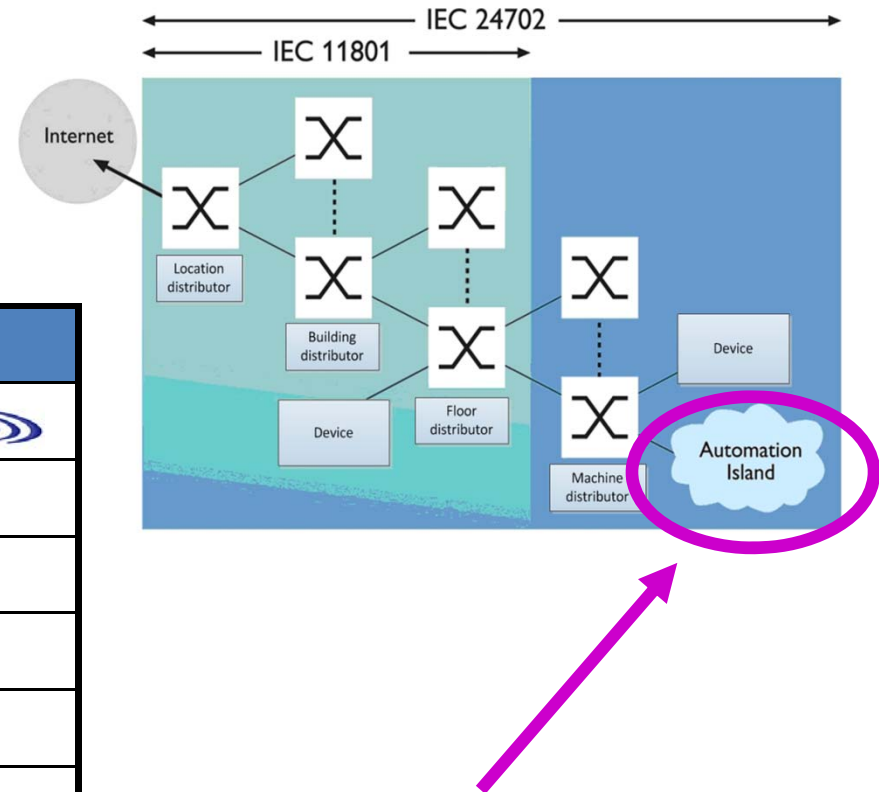
Type	Length	Type of Fibre	fibre diameter $\varnothing$
OF25	25 m	A4d	1000 $\mu\text{m}$ $\rightarrow$ like A4a
OF50	50 m	A4f	490 $\mu\text{m}$ $\rightarrow$ unusual, expensive, difficult termination

**Generic Cabling with POF is possible, but uncommon**

# Automation Island













Automation Island =  
industrial network as defined in  
IEC 61784-5

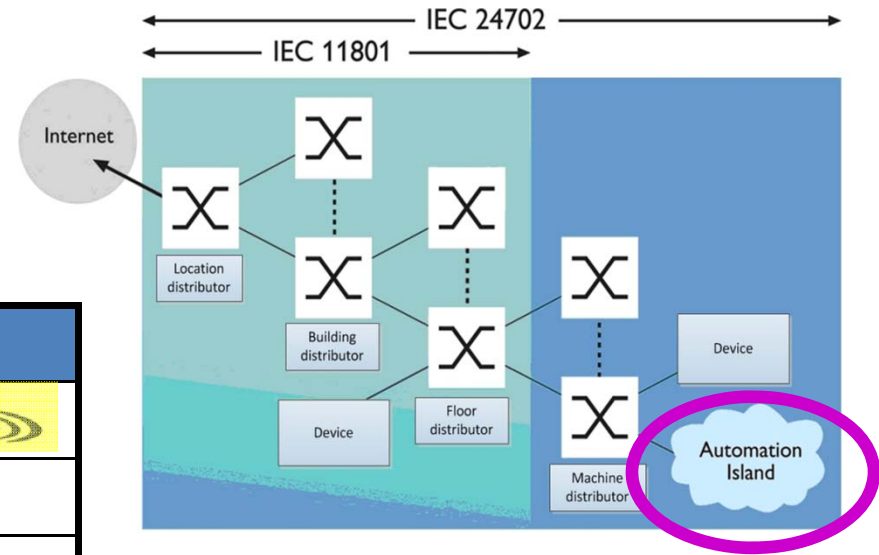
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Network with variations for POF

# Factors of success of POF in automation technology

## **Automatization requires:**

- EMC-resistant systems
- Environment-resistant systems
- No galvanical connection
- Easy wiring
- Easy field connection
- Easy planning

**POF fulfills the requirements**



# Example robot cell in automotive industry

- Cablelength from the robot to the control cabinet typically 20 m
- Welding tools and drives cause EMC-troubles
- Rough environment
- Field cable termination necessary
- Data- and power cable very close
- Light weight

**POF fulfills the requirements perfectly**

# Termination of POF-Connectors



- Remove cable coating
- Pulling boot over wire



- Fixe connector in the intake



- Cut the wire



- Put wires in the boot
- Tighten the screws



- Remove isolation



• Done!

- Attenuation max. 1,5 dB
- Fast
- process reliability

# Connectors for POF

## Industry

FSMA



SC



SC-Duplex



ST



## Entertainment electronics

Simplex: F05



Duplex: F07



TOSLINK



SMI









## Modern networks in automation use SCRJ:

- Duplex-Connector
- $\varnothing$  2,5 mm ferrule
- resistant
- Space-saving (SFF)
- SC-compatible






# POF automation networks

network	fibre	connector (Prio 1)
	A4a, A4d	SCRJ
	A4a	FSMA
	A4a	SCRJ
	A4a	SCRJ
	A4a	SCRJ
	A4a	SCRJ

# Planning networks with POF

Consider...

- ...compatibility with other devices:  
wavelength, type of fibre, connector, ...
- ...environmental requirement:  
MICE, drag chain, ...
- ...max. length named in network specifications
- ...reduction of length caused by additional connector:

Optical Channels	Additional plug connectors	Max. channellength			
		POF	PCF	GOF-MM	GOF-SM
	0	50 m	100 m	2.000 m	14.000 m
	1	43,5 m	100 m	2.000 m	14.000 m
	2	37 m	100 m	2.000 m	14.000 m

EQP: Equipment

TE:Device



Plug connector



Plug connection

# Industrial Communication systems

	Bandwidth	Electric	POF	Remark
Fieldbus	$\leq 10$ Mbit/s	RJ 485 CAN	$\leq 70$ m	
Industrial Ethernet -Nowadays-	100 Mbit/s	100 BASE-T	$\leq 50$ m	
Industrial Ethernet  -Wish for the future-	100 Mbit/s  1000 Mbit/s		$\leq 200$ m  $\leq 50$ m	Replacement for PCF-fibre  Solution for 1Gig trend in industrial automation

# Conclusion

## **Automation technology has:**

- Applications with short lengths

## **Automation requires:**

- Robust solutions
- Easy field cable termination
- Easy rules

**POF is the smart solution for communication systems in automation technology!**

**Thank you for your attention!**

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