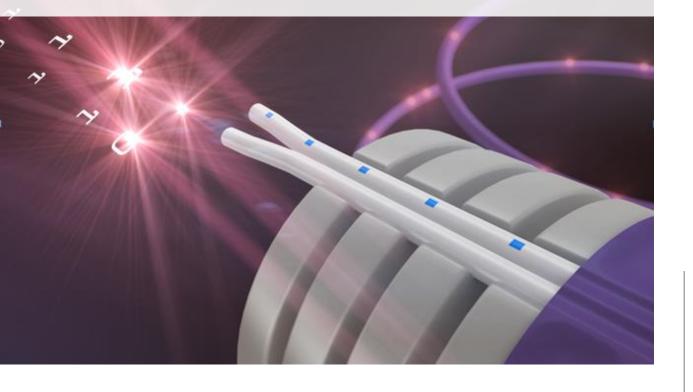
Home network system

Opportunities for GEPOF



Facts and figures

- third generation family owned business
- established as "Fränkische Isolierrohr- und Metallwaren-Werke Gg. Schäfer & Cie" in Schweinfurt in 1906 as part of Kugelfischer
- headquartered in Königsberg, Germany
- facilities in Europe, America, Asia and Africa
- industry leader in the design, manufacturing and marketing of corrugated plastic pipe systems
- over 2,500 employees worldwide
- approx. 1.5 million meters of pipe are produced every day
- sales of approx. 385 million euros for the fiscal year 2013/14



ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

Electrical conduits made of plastic and metal suitable for

- concealed installations and cavity wall installations
- installations in concrete
- exposed installations
- sub-soil installation
- cable protection and pipes for industrial applications
- market leader in Germany
- key customers are electricians
- distribution via wholesalers









general approach

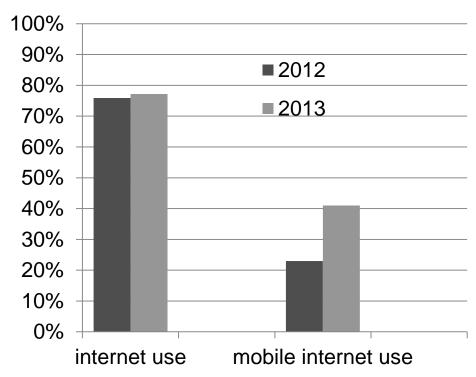
- development of a conduit for electrical installation with integrated POF
- now we also provide electronical equipment for home network installations with 100 Mbps
- network system for the average electrician
 - focus on domestic constructions
 - ideal for single- or multi-family houses, multiple dwelling units and hotels
- in 2013: conclusion that the market demands higher performance – start of a GEPOF project



advantages over other technologies

- POF in general
 - flexibility, size and weight of the fiber
 - electromagnetic tolerance
 - no electric potential
 - sustainability and durability
- POF home network system
 - very easy to handle without special tools
 - fast installation without special know how
 - plug and play
 - no measurement
 - demand-orientated
 - flexible and expandable

need for structured home network systems



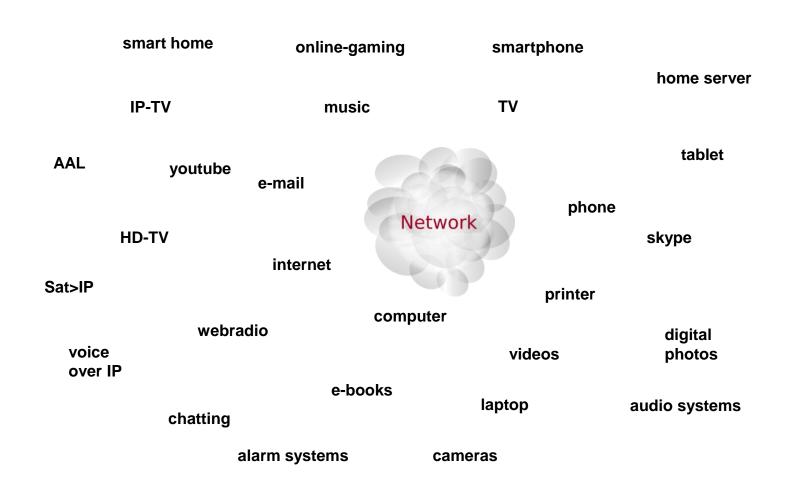
source: http://web.ard.de/ard-chronik/index/8183?year=2012&month=8

Germany in 2012:

- 250 MB traffic per month and access (mobile)
- 13,200 MB traffic per month and access (cable)



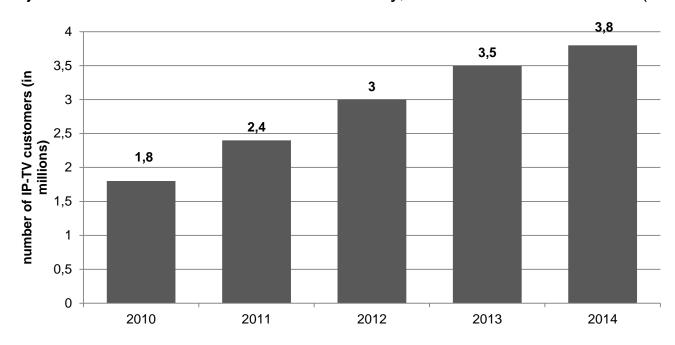
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IP-TV

projection for IP-TV customers in Germany, Austria and Switzerland (in millions)



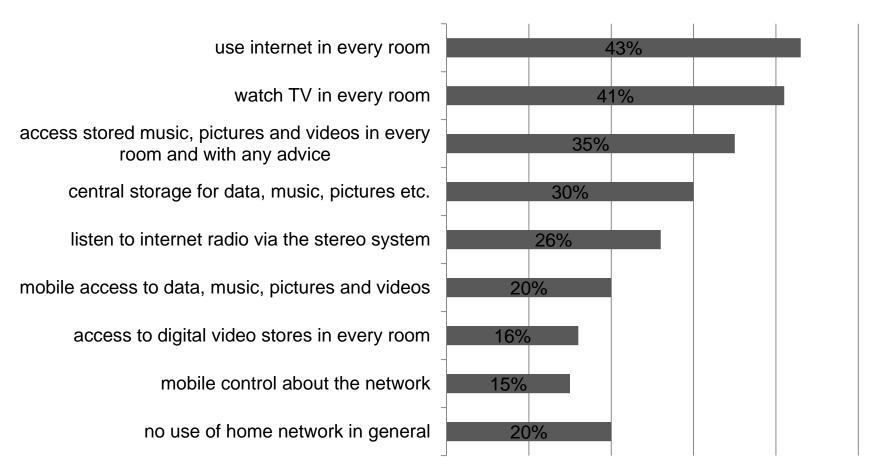
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Digital TV Western Europe Report:

Until 2020 the number of IP-TV users grows by 38% in Western Europe.



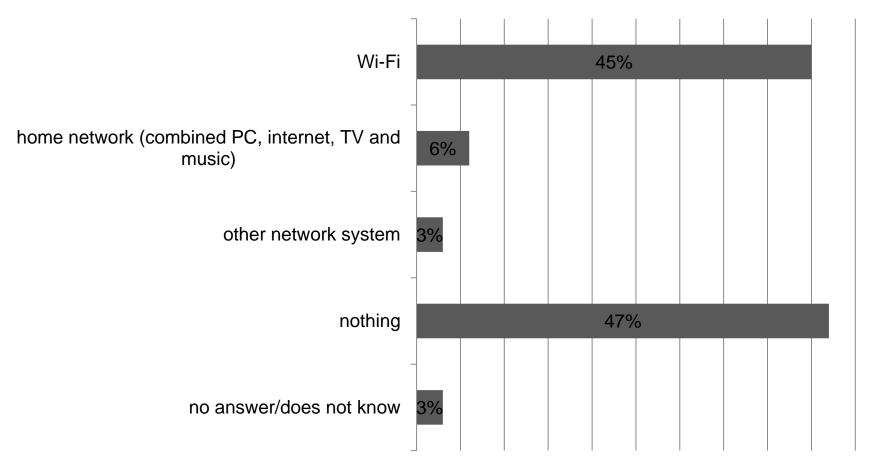
criteria for home network systems



for Germany, age 18-69, source: statista.com



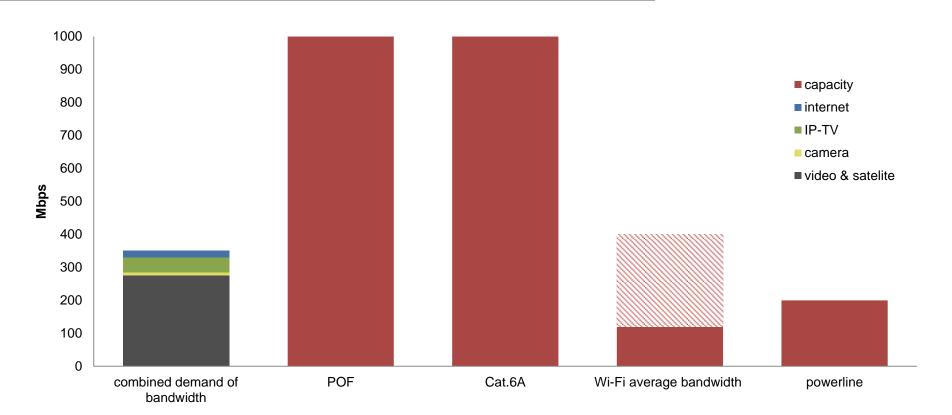
What network do you use in your home?



for Germany, age 18-69, source: statista.com



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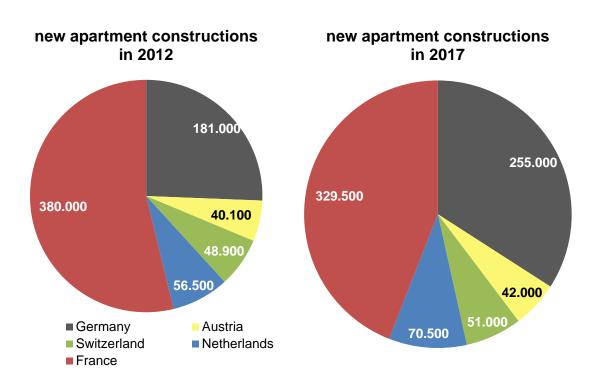
own graphic



need for Gigabit Ethernet

- current copper systems provide 1 Gbps bandwidth
- 100 Mbps is perceived to be too slow in the market
- as seen before, for future applications 1 Gbps will be necessary

target market



 in Germany approximately 8 mio. people want to modernize their homes within the next 2 years

http://de.statista.com/statistik/daten/studie/173647/umfrage/heimwerken---modernisierung-von-wohneigentum/and own research

target market

- target customer is the electrician
- we want to provide a system which can be easily installed and enables the electrician to offer a greater value to his customers
- the electrician is the one who can convince them to invest in a future-proof home network system
- therefore we have to reach the mass market







need for standardization

- measurement protocols are needed and wanted
- architects and electricians rely on standardized products
- products have to be highly reliable for the mass market
- distributers want to have alternative suppliers
- other companies have to join our approach in this system
- for international markets we need to have compatible products

A uniform standard is necessary to ensure the reliability, marketability and future advancement of the technology.

Questions?







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