



Transmission Media

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Outline

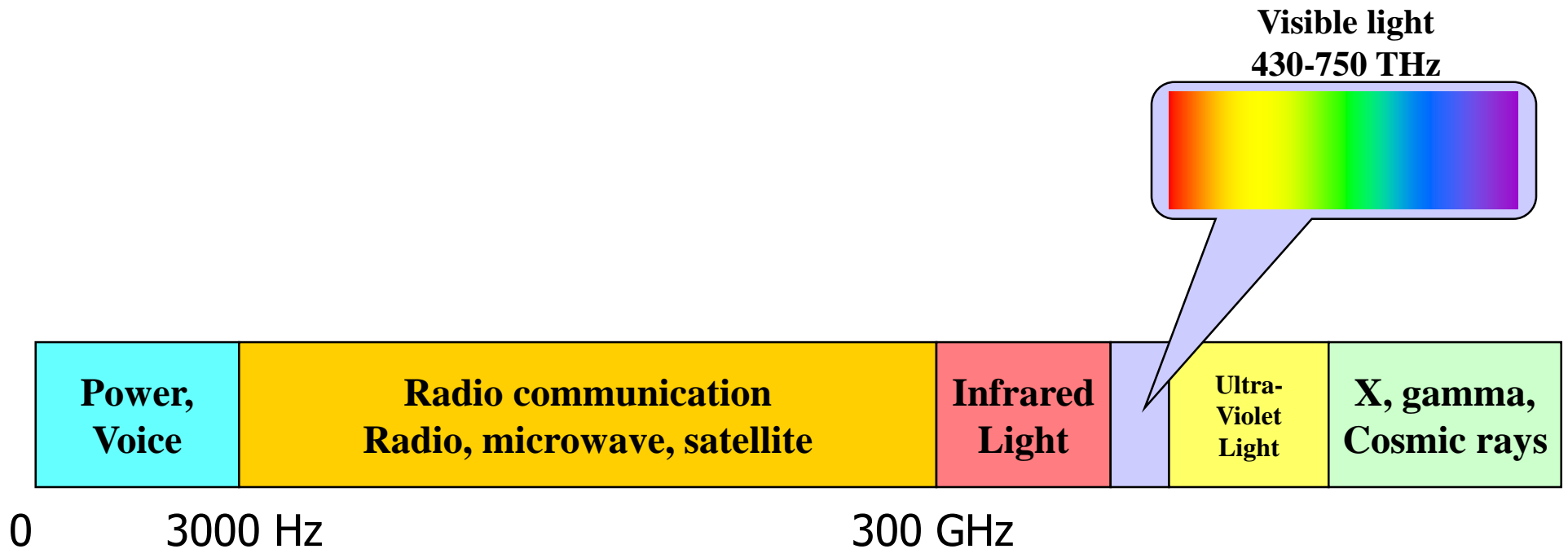
- Electromagnetic Energy
- Cable (Wire)
- Wireless
- Measuring Transmission Media

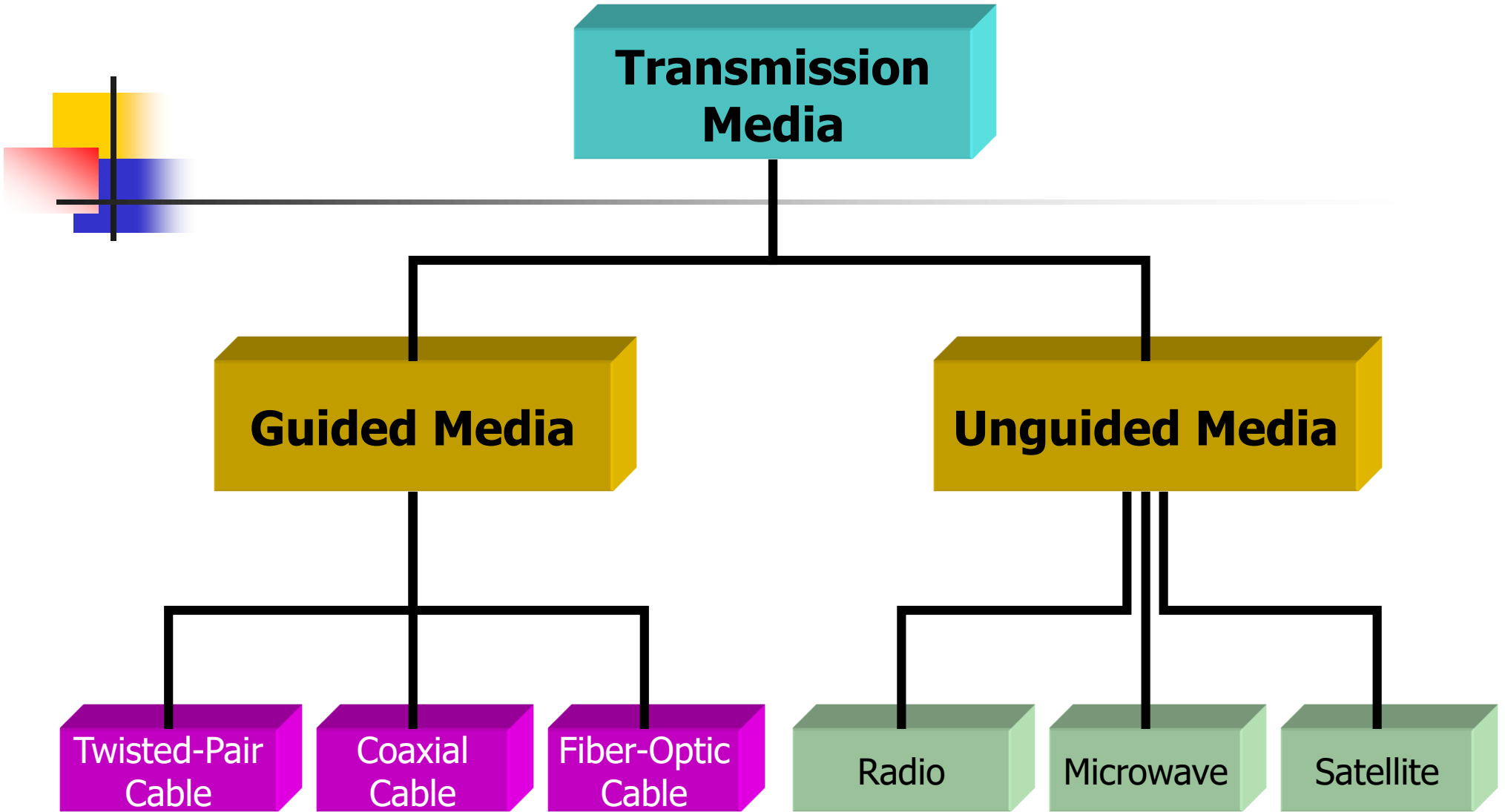


Electromagnetic Energy

- Signals are transmitted in form of electromagnetic energy
- Electromagnetic Energy:
 - a combination of electrical and magnetic fields vibration
 - Travel through a vacuum, air, or other transmission media
 - Some are used for communications

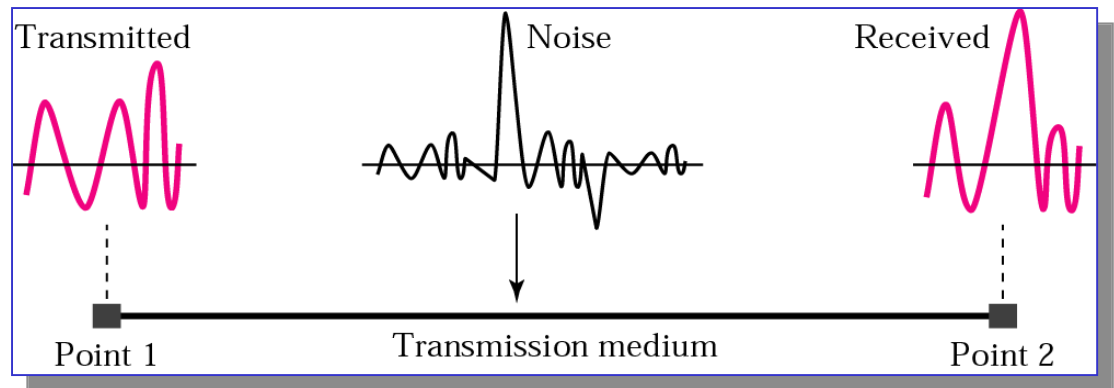
Electromagnetic Spectrum



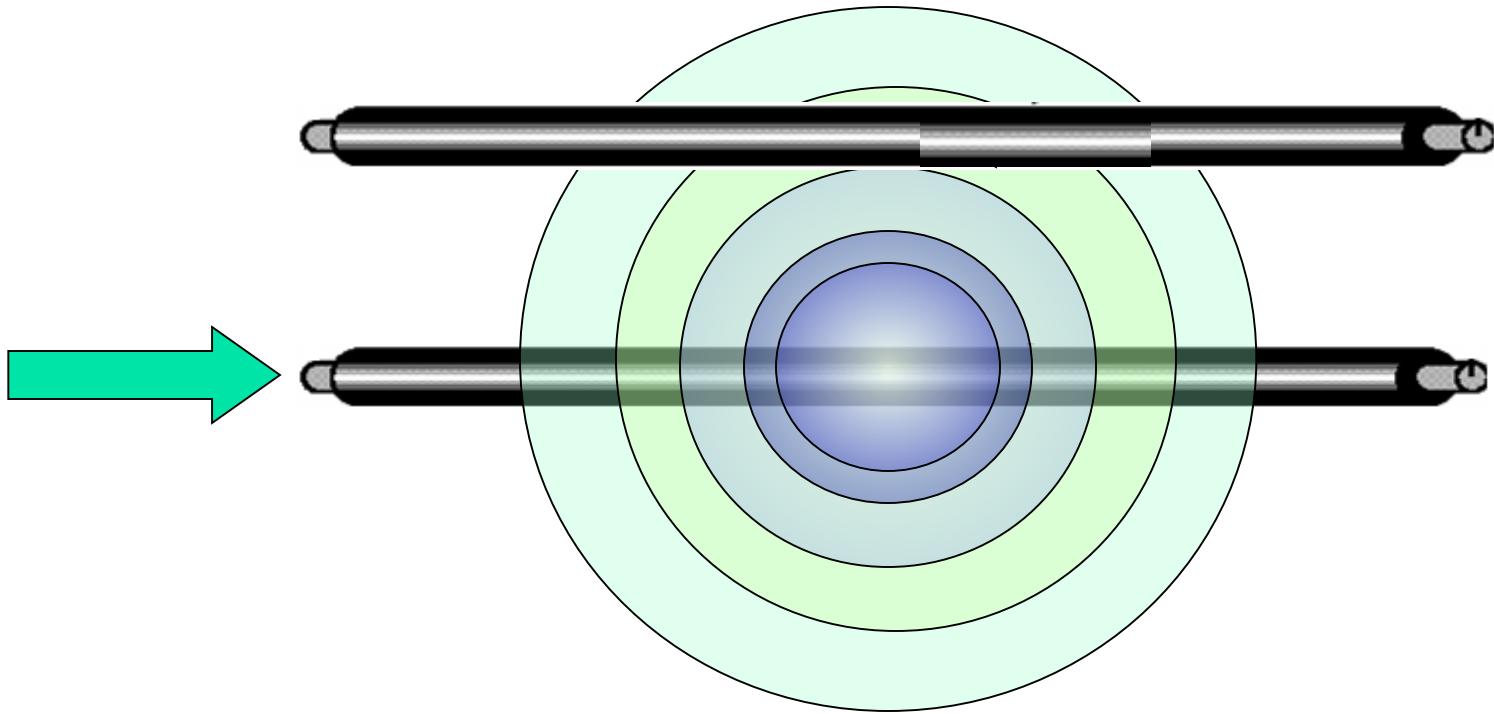


Noise

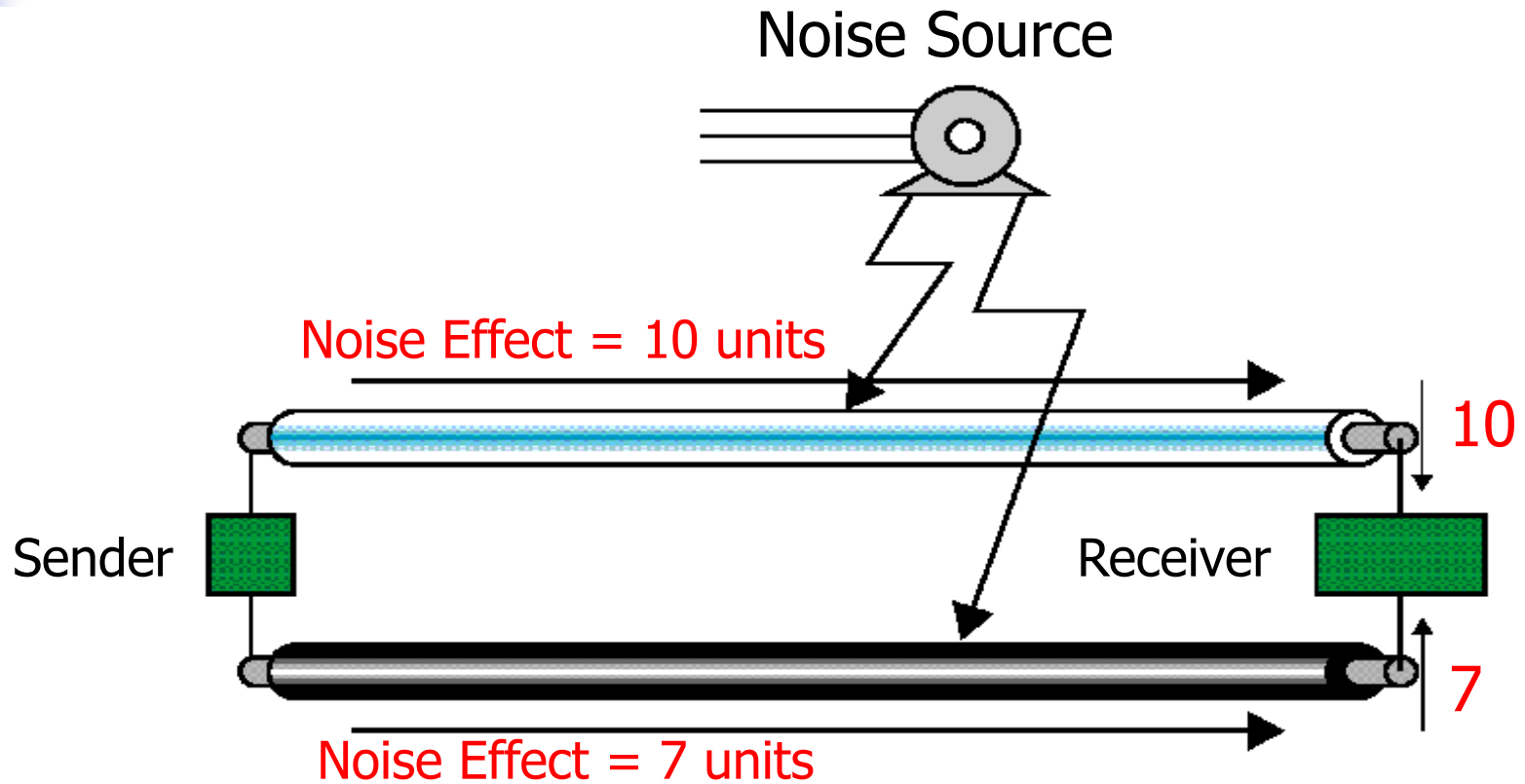
- Undesirable signals added between the transmitter and the receiver
- Noise sources:
 - Appliance
 - Heat in cables
 - Electromagnetic radiation



Interference from nearby cable

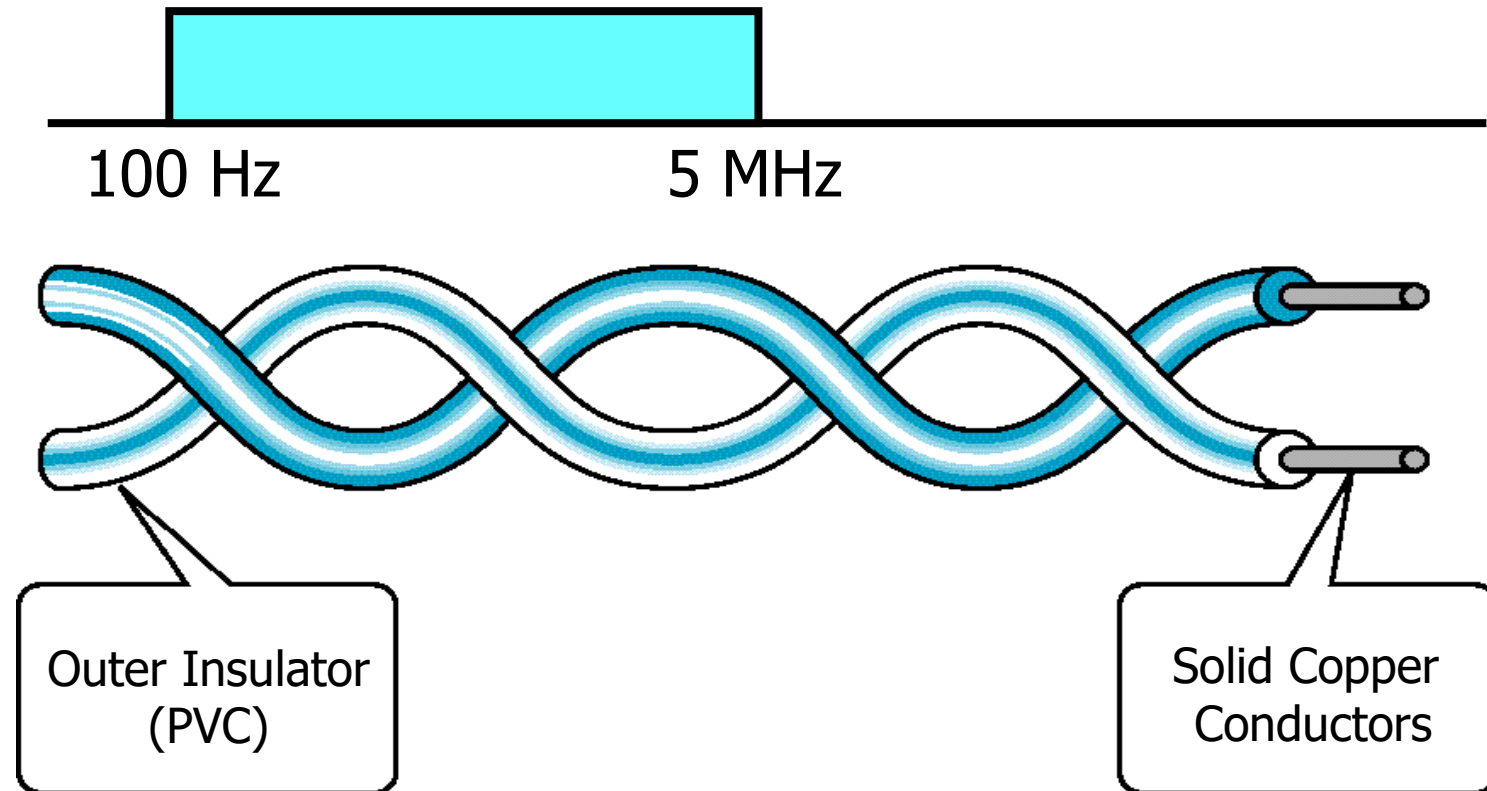


Interference from noise

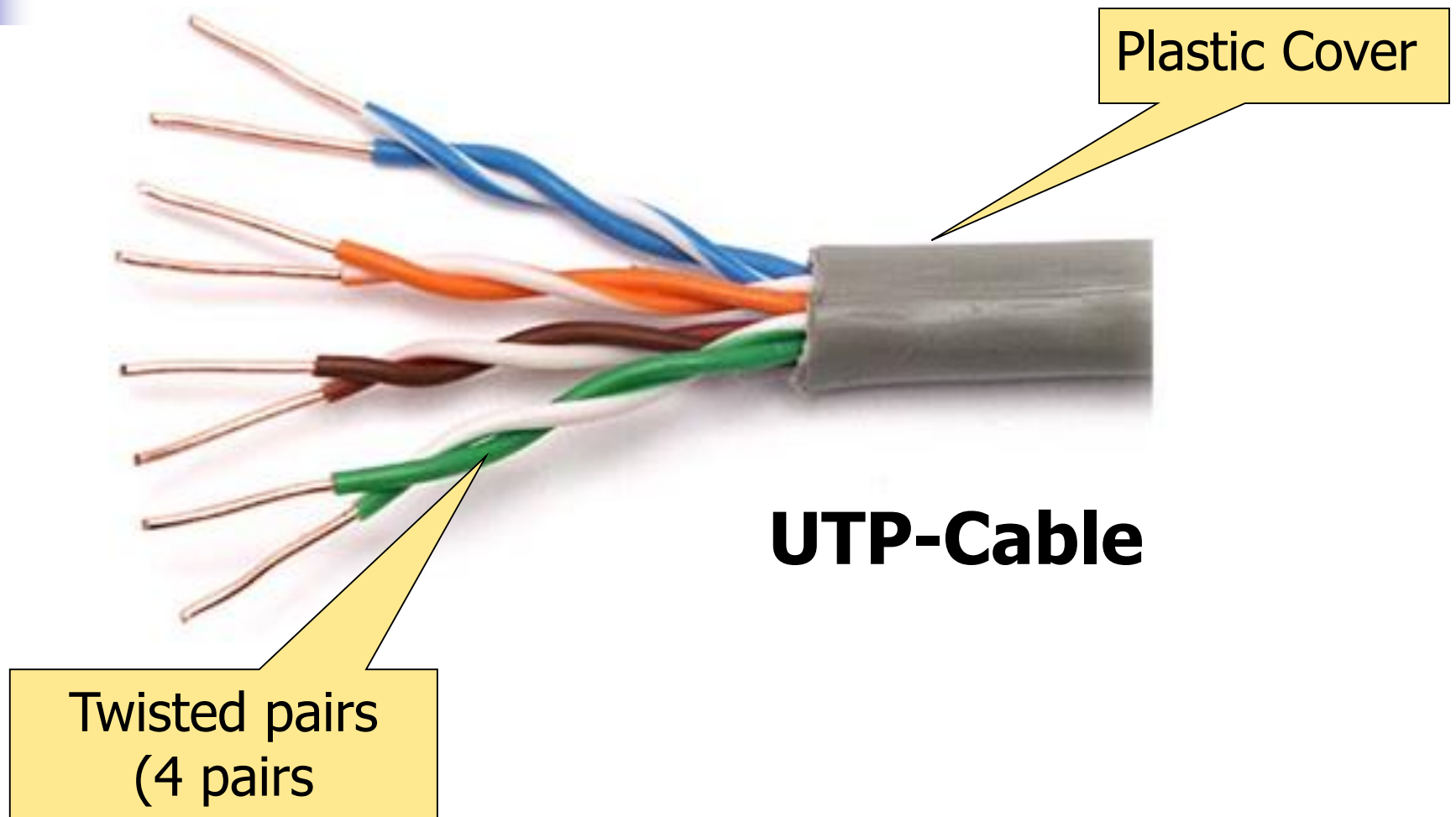




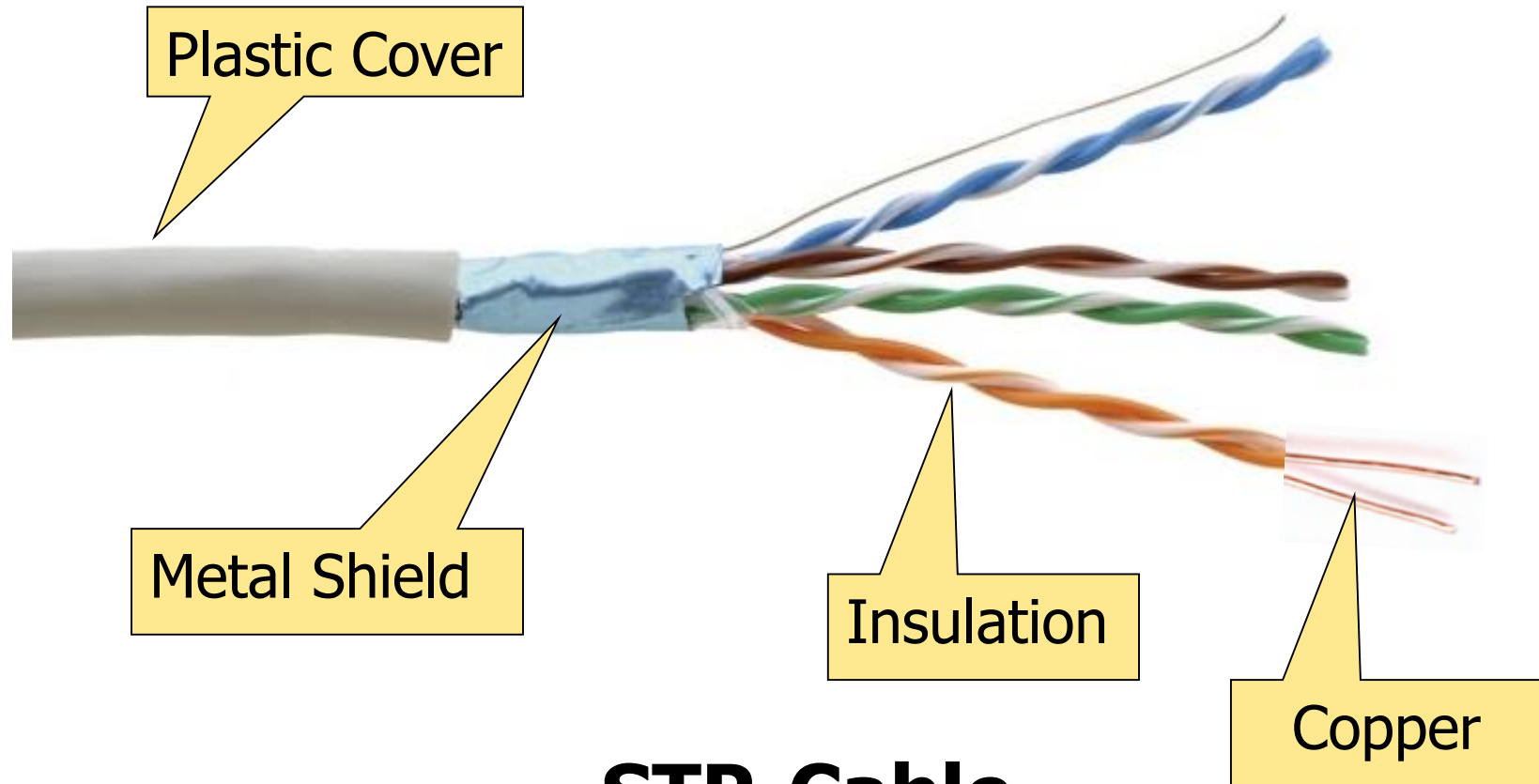
Twisted Pair Cable



Unshielded Twisted Pair Cable



Shielded Twisted-Pair Cable



STP-Cable

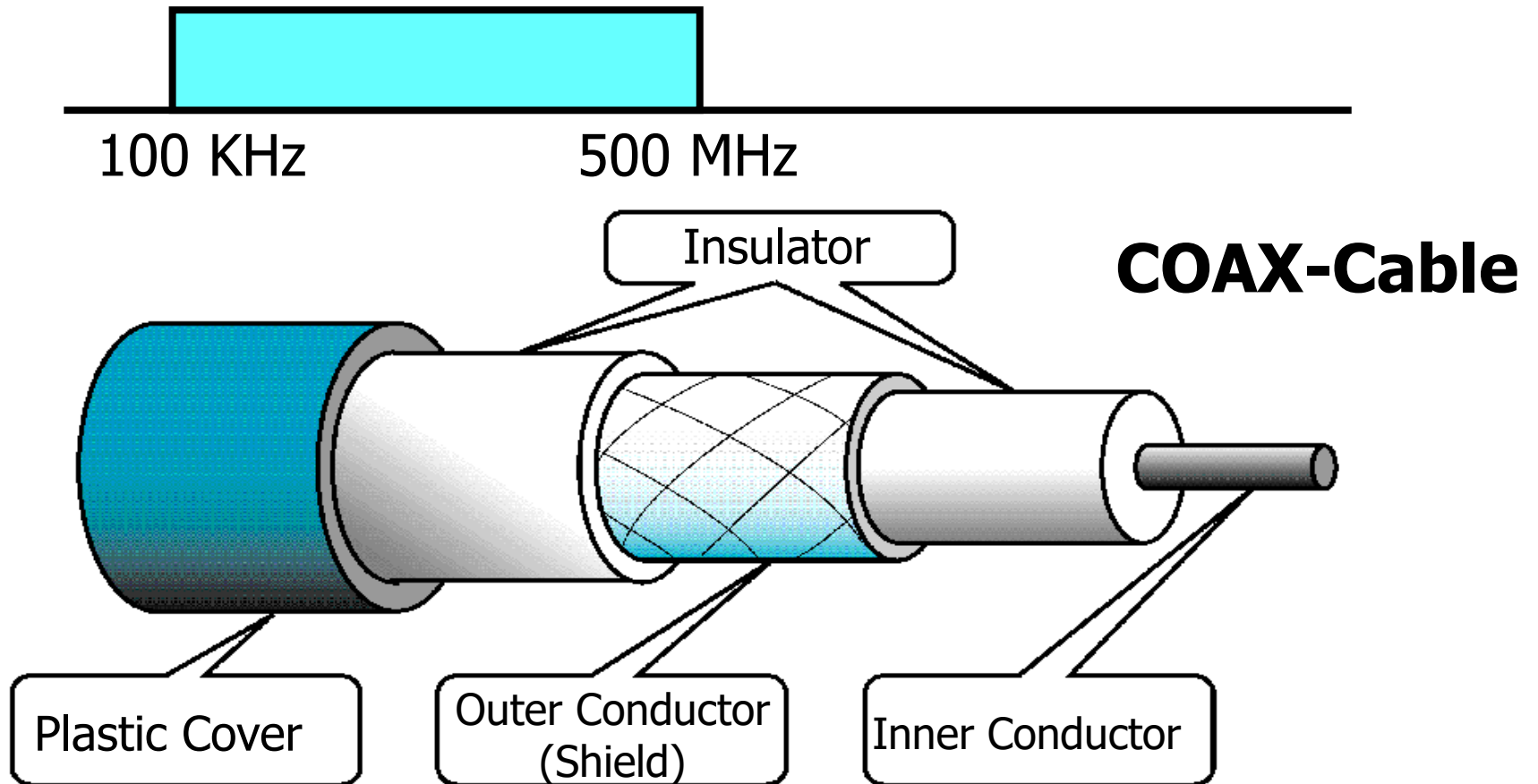


UTP cable standard

- EIA set the cable standards
- Categorized by the cable quality

Category	Description	Data Rate (in Mbps)
CAT 1	Unshielded twisted pair used for telephones	< 0.1
CAT 2	Unshielded twisted pair used for T1 data	2
CAT 3	Improved CAT2 used for computer networks	10
CAT 4	Improved CAT3 used for Token Ring networks	20
CAT 5	Unshielded twisted pair used for networks	100
CAT 5E	Extended CAT5 for more noise immunity	125
CAT 6	Unshielded twisted pair tested for 200 Mbps	200
CAT 7	Shielded twisted pair with a foil shield around the entire cable plus a shield around each twisted pair	600

Coaxial cable



Coaxial cable



<https://www.perfect-vision.com/PerfectVision/CoaxialCableGuide.aspx>



Coaxial cable standard

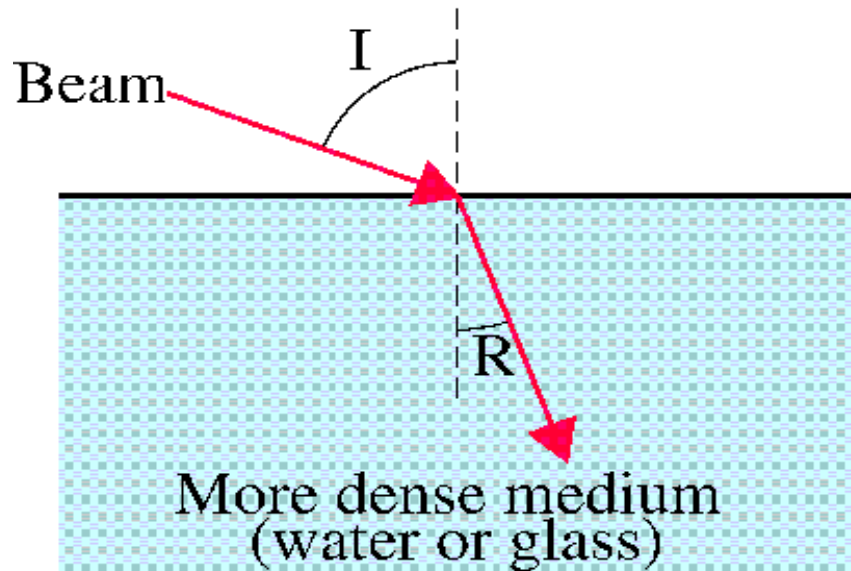
- Categorized by radio government (RG)
- Physical specification (wire gauge, conductor,...)
 - RG-8, RG-9, RG-11 : Thick Ethernet
 - RG-58 : Thin Ethernet
 - RG-59 : (older)TV → RG-6(triple/Quad shield)



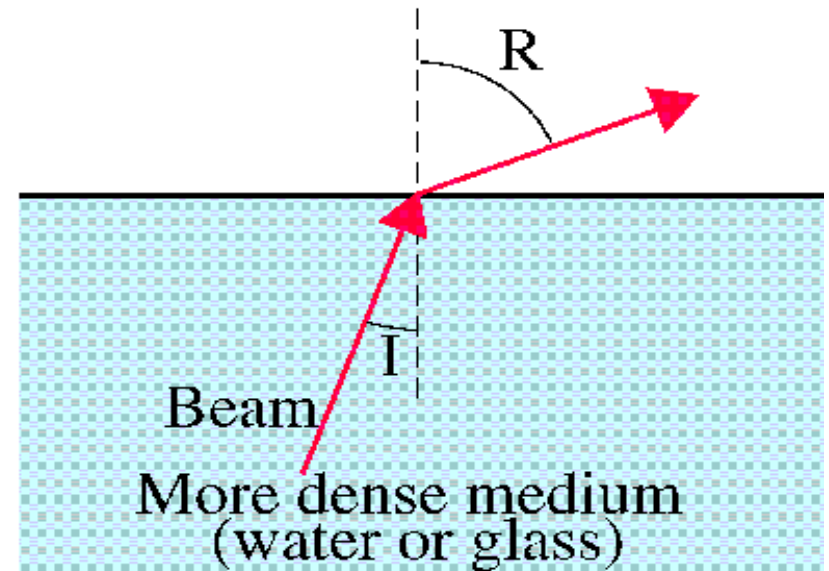
Optical Fiber

- Nature of light
 - In vacuum, 3×10^8 m/s
 - Higher density, slower speed
 - Refraction
 - Reflection

Refraction

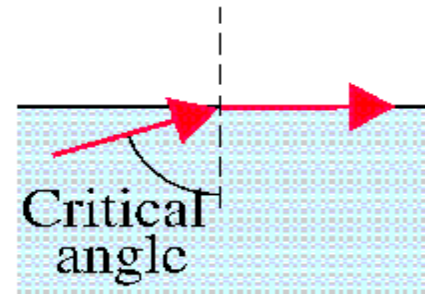
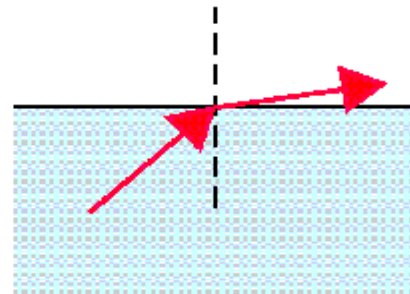
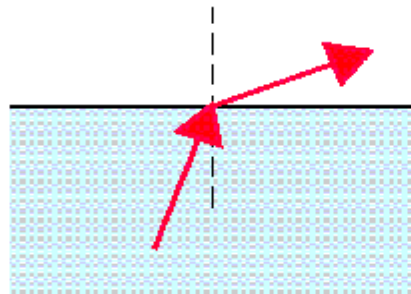
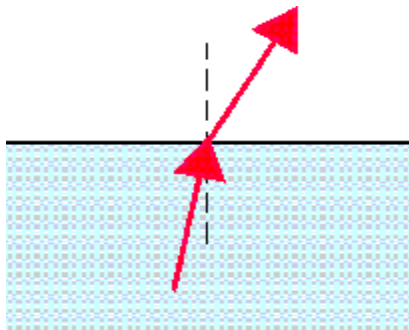


From less dense to
more dense medium

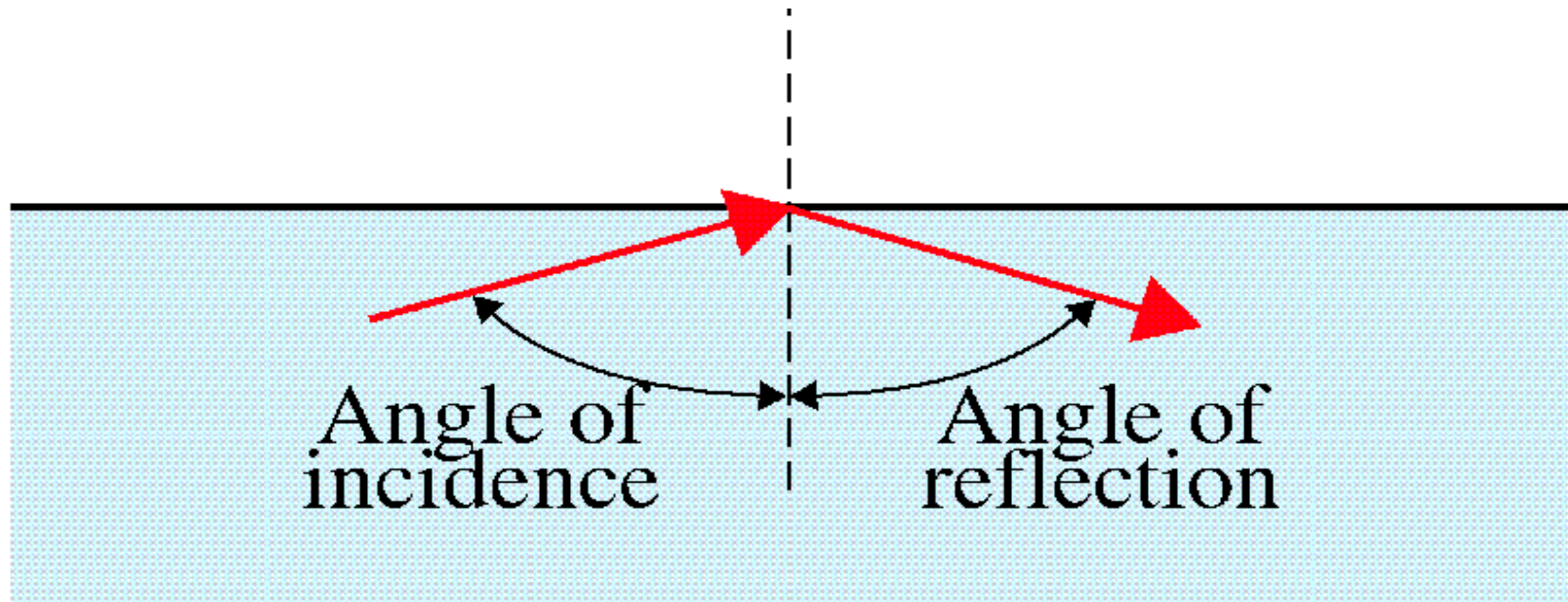


From more dense to
less dense medium

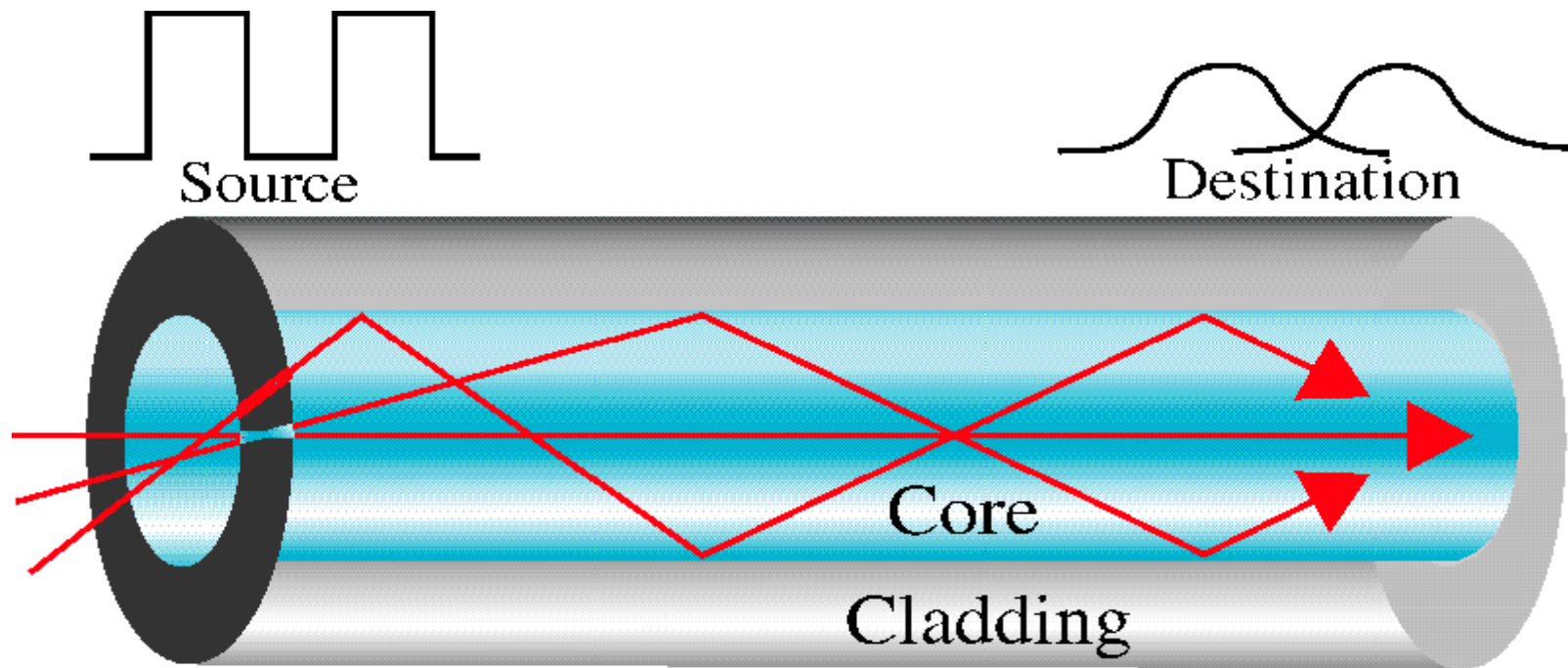
Critical Angle



Reflection

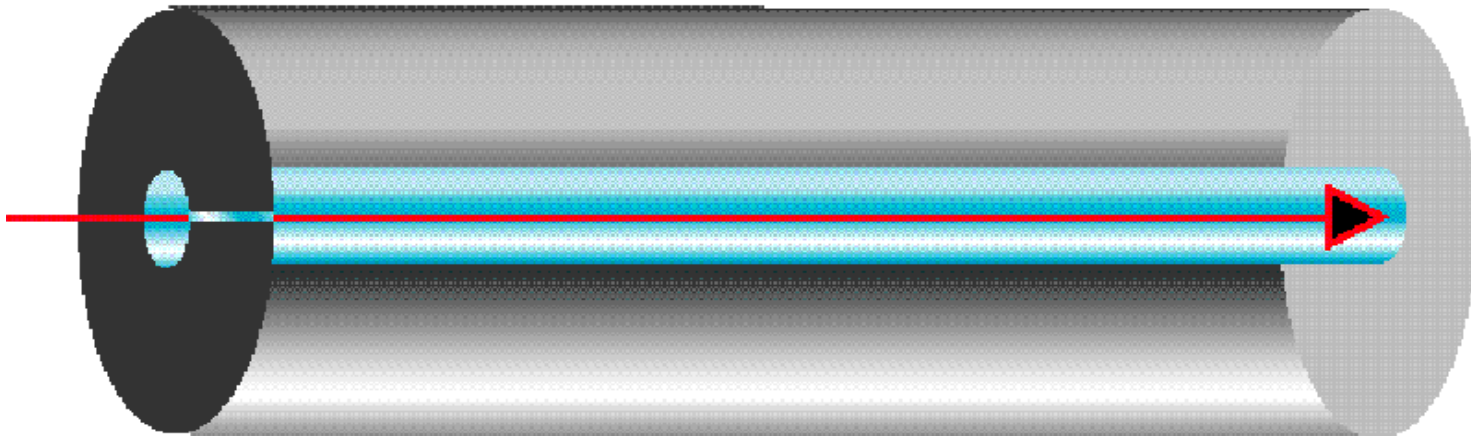


Multimode Step-Index

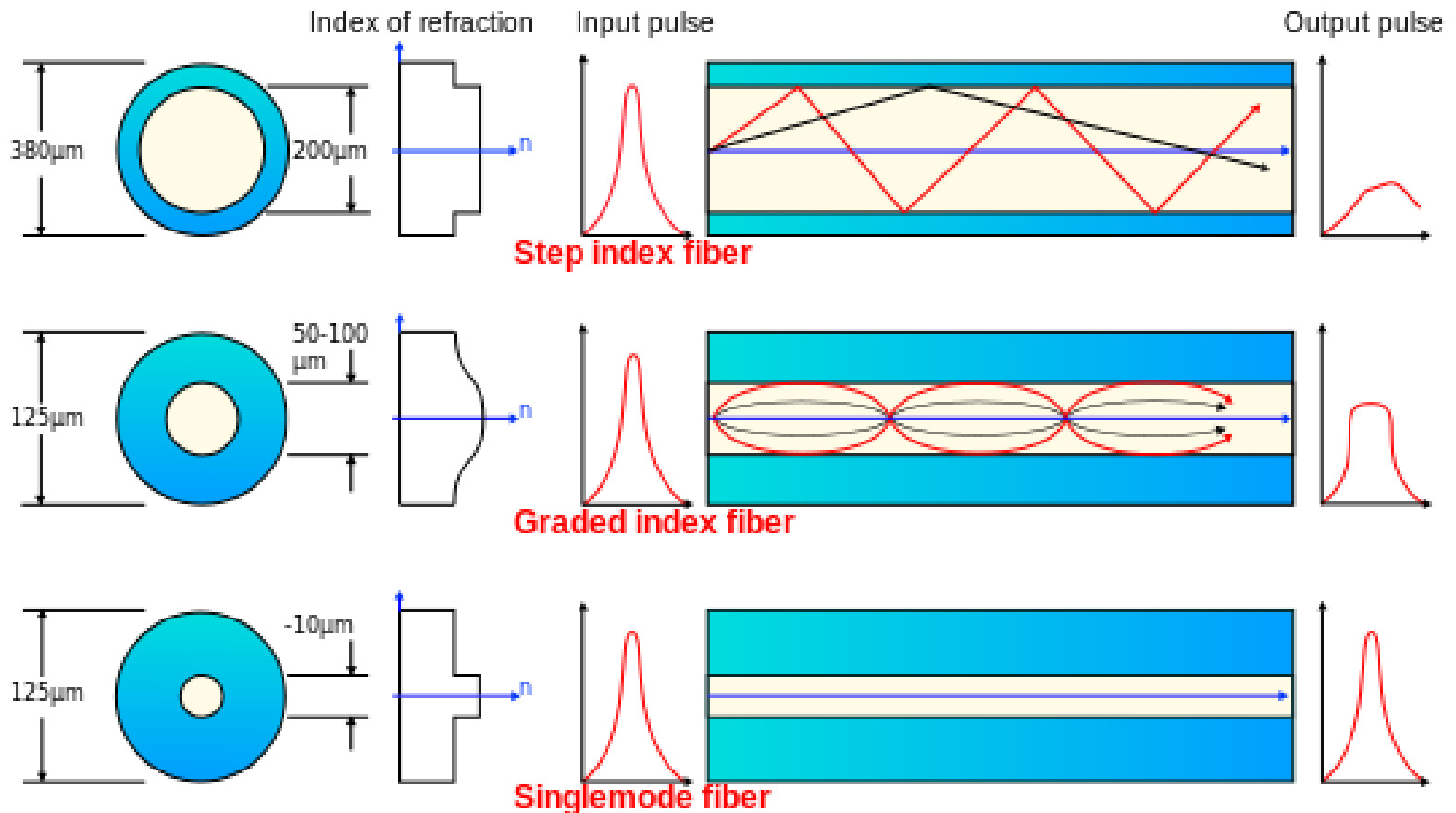




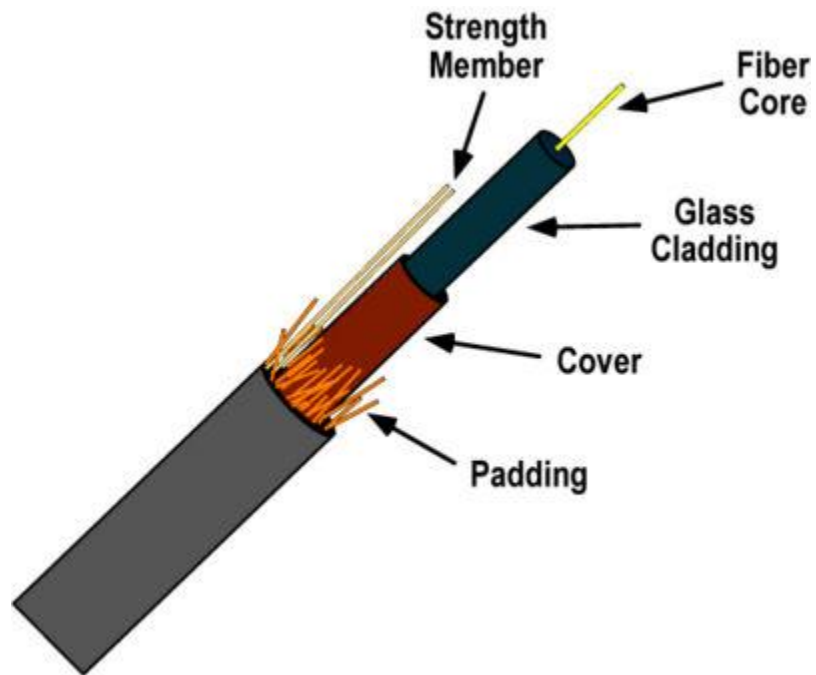
Single Mode



Optical Fiber Types

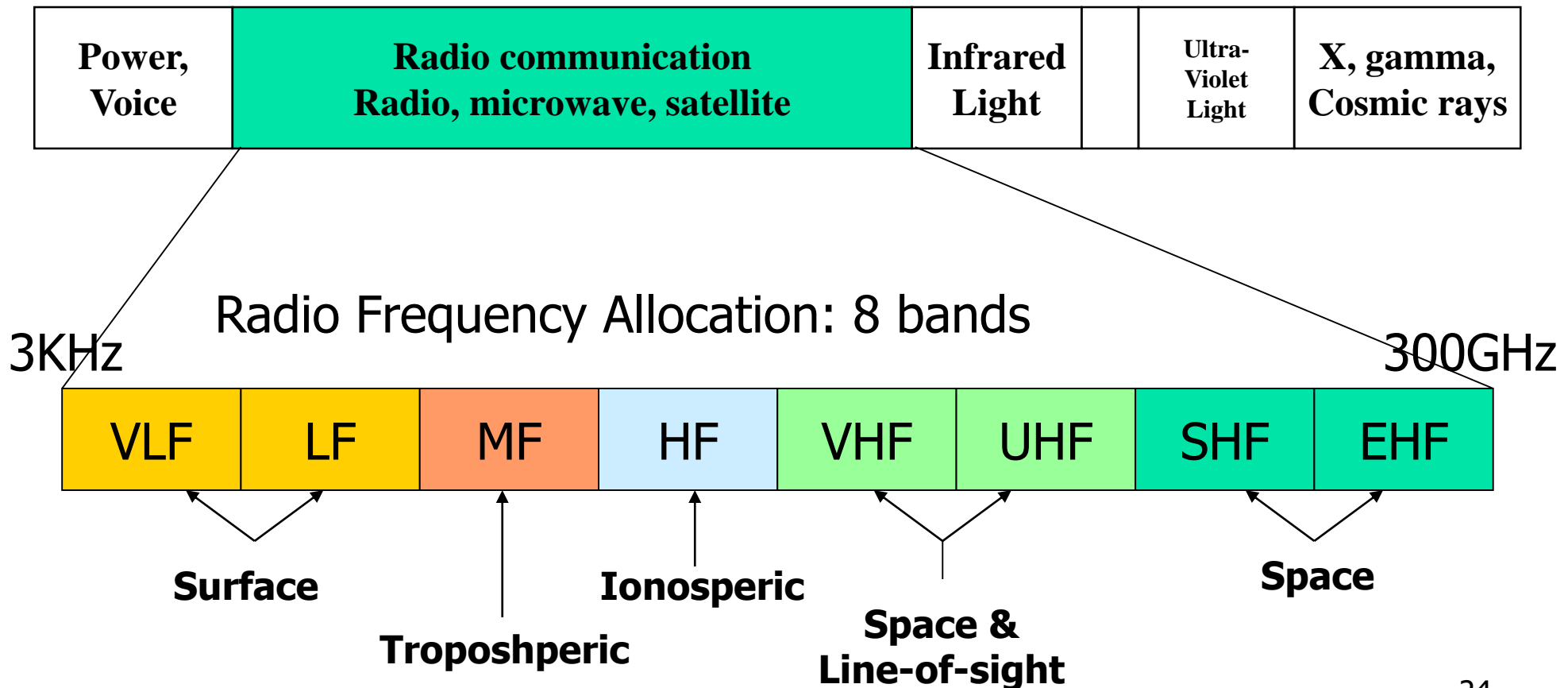


Optical Fiber Cable



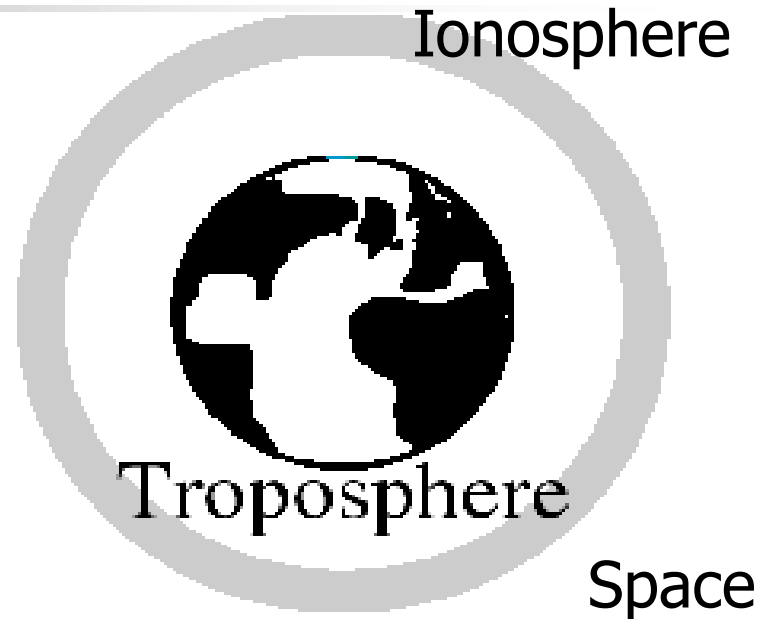
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Electromagnetic Spectrum

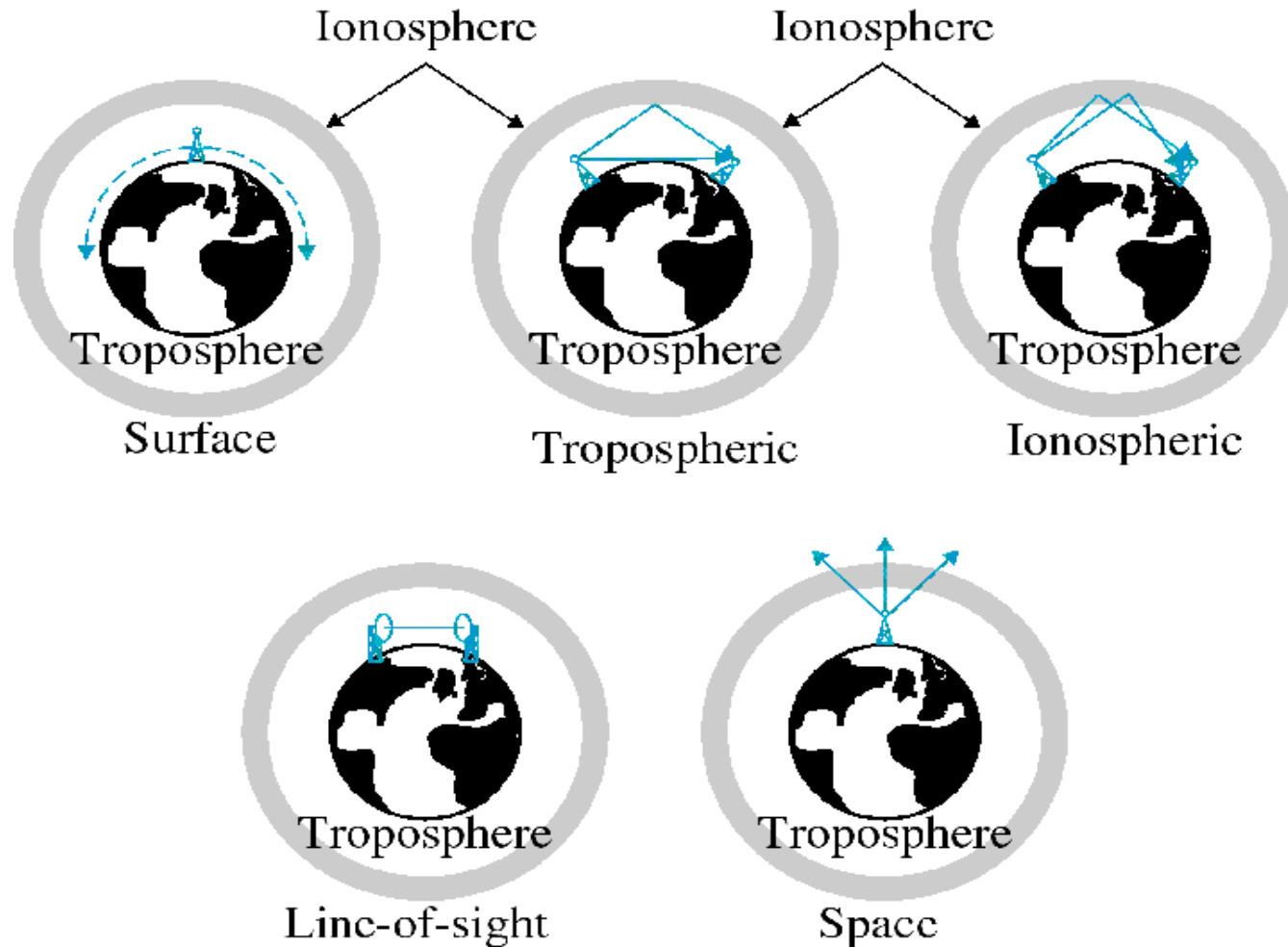


Earth atmosphere

- Troposphere
 - 30 miles from earth
 - Air
 - Clouds, wind, weather
 - Jet plane travel
- Ionosphere
 - Between Troposphere and space
 - Free electrically charged particles

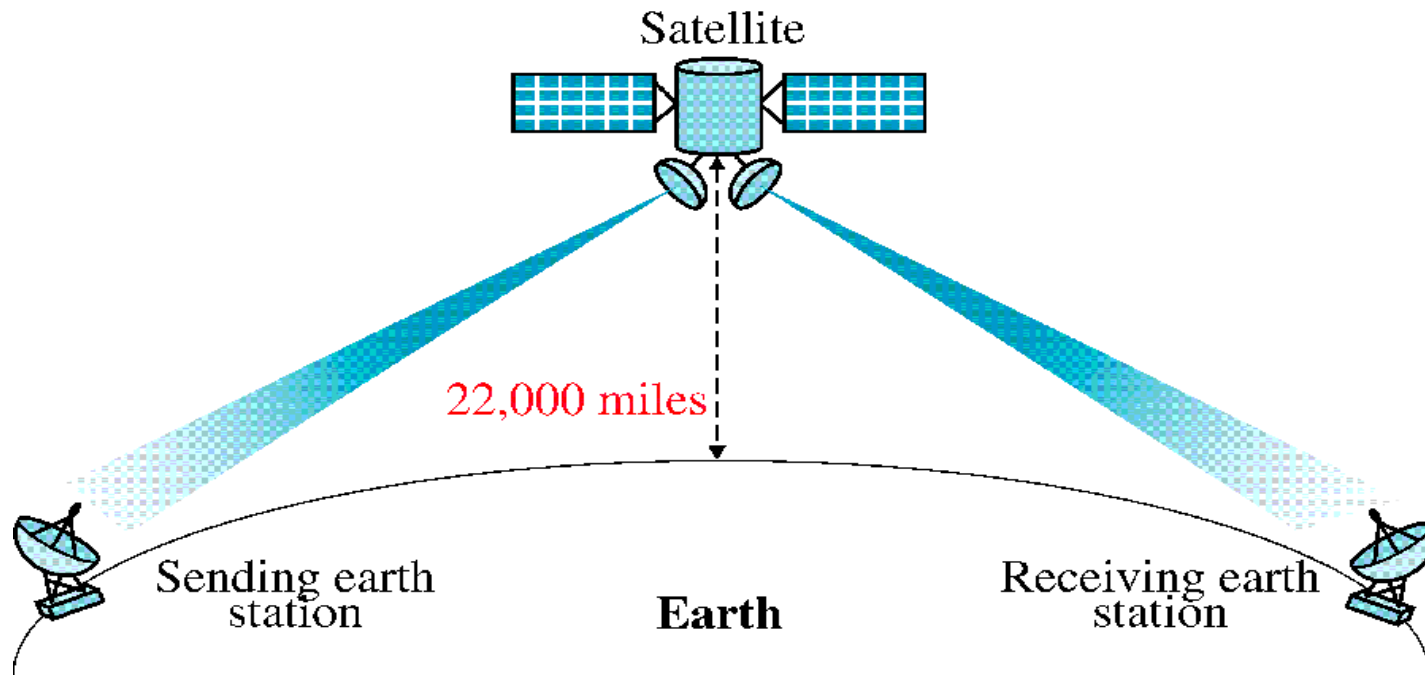


Type of propagation



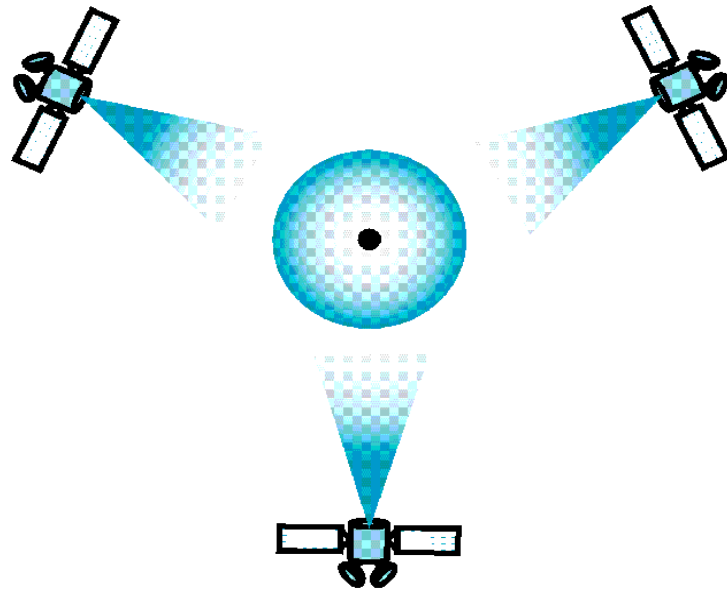
Satellite Communication

- Like microwave
- Supertall antenna & repeater



Geosynchronous Satellites

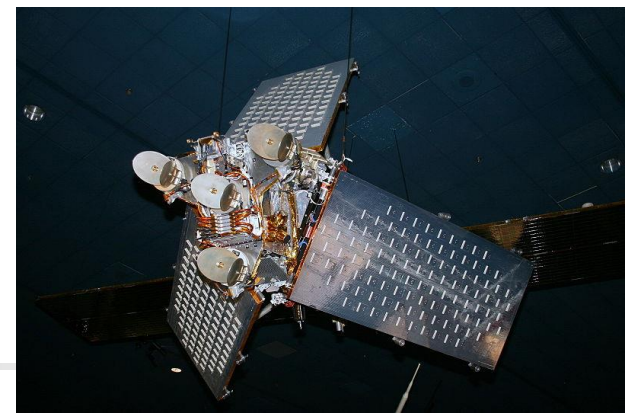
- Stationary antenna
- Satellite moves same speed as earth
- Only one orbit (22,000 miles)



Periodic table

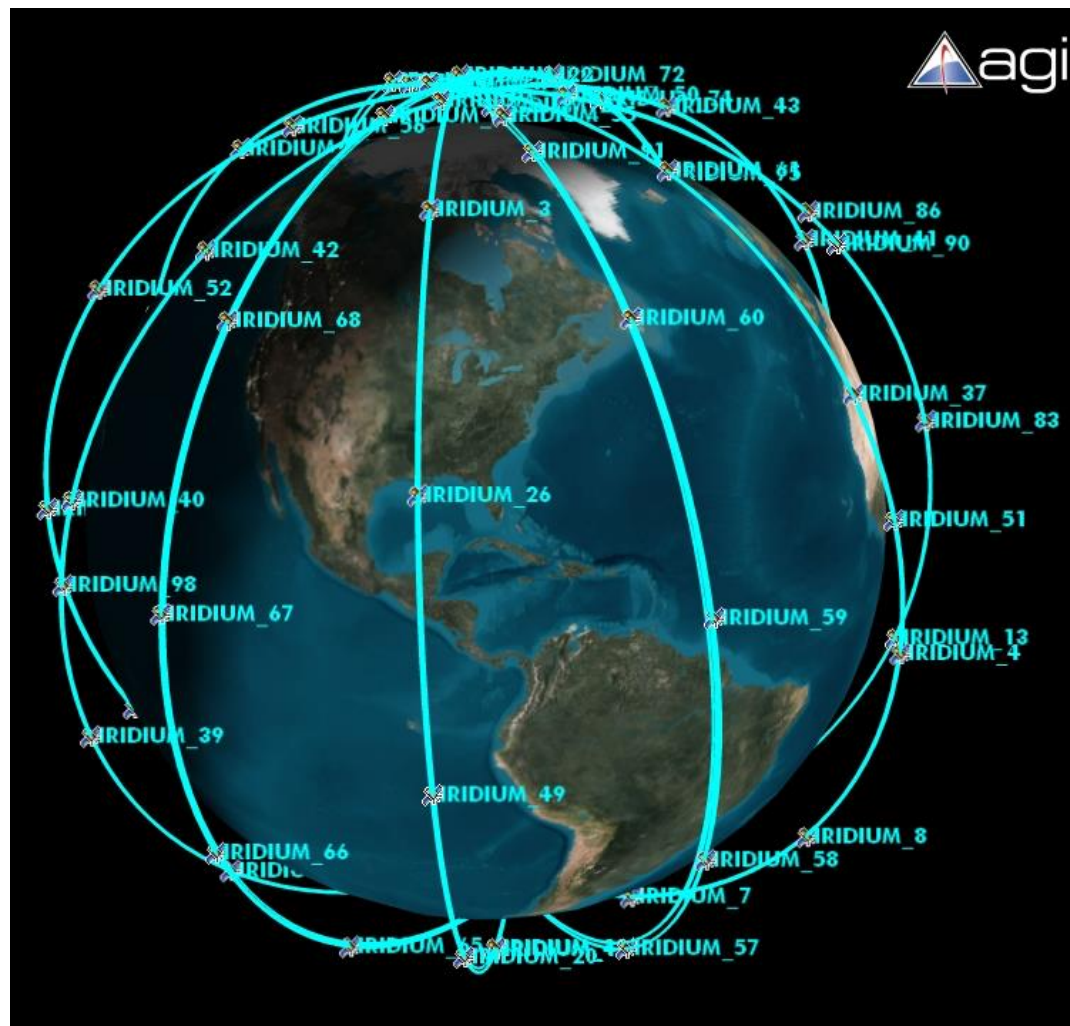
Group→	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
↓Period																		
1	1 H																	2 He
2	3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne
3	11 Na	12 Mg											13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
4	19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
5	37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe
6	55 Cs	56 Ba	*	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
7	87 Fr	88 Ra	**	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Uut	114 Fl	115 Uup	116 Lv	117 Uus	118 Uuo
		*	57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu	
		**	89 Ac	90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr	

Iridium



- Conceived, designed, and built by **Motorola**, the Iridium system provides wireless, mobile communications through a network of 66 satellites in polar, low-Earth orbits.
- Inaugurated in November 1998, under the auspices of Iridium LLC, this complex space system allowed callers using hand-held mobile phones and pagers to communicate anywhere in the world--a first in the history of telephony.
- The original concept was to have 77 satellites, which is where the name Iridium came from, being the element with the **atomic number 77**

Iridium



Jurassic Park 3 (July 2001)





Other Wireless

- Satellite
 - Low Earth Orbit (LEO)
 - Low Earth Orbit Satellite Arrays
- Microwave
- Infrared



Measuring Transmission Media

- Two most important characteristics of a transmission medium are:
 - **Propagation delay**
Time required for a signal to traverse the medium
 - **Channel capacity (bandwidth)**
Maximum data rate that medium can support



Data Rate: Noiseless Channels

- *Nyquist Theorem*

$$D = 2B \log_2 K$$

- D – Data rate in bps
- B – Bandwidth in Hz
- K – number of signal levels



Example

We need to send 265 kbps over a noiseless channel with a bandwidth of 20 kHz. How many signal levels do we need?

Solution

We can use the Nyquist formula as shown:

$$265,000 = 2 \times 20,000 \times \log_2 K$$
$$\log_2 K = 6.625 \quad K = 2^{6.625} = 98.7 \text{ levels}$$

Since this result is not a power of 2, we need to either increase the number of levels or reduce the bit rate. If we have 128 levels, the bit rate is 280 kbps. If we have 64 levels, the bit rate is 240 kbps.



Data Rate: Noisy Channels

- *Shannon Capacity*

$$C = B \log_2(1 + SNR)$$

- *C* – Capacity (maximum bit rate) in bps
- *B* – Bandwidth of the channel in Hz
- *SNR* – Signal-to-Noise Ratio



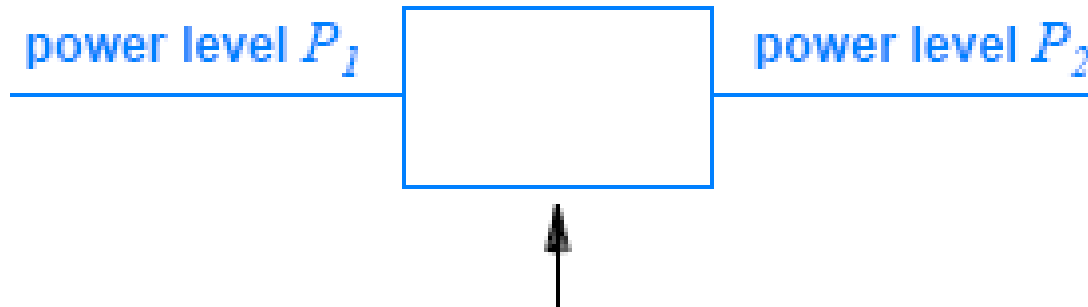
Example

A telephone line normally has a bandwidth of 3000. The signal-to-noise ratio is usually 3162. Calculate the theoretical highest bit rate of a regular telephone line.

$$\begin{aligned} C &= B \log_2 (1 + \text{SNR}) = 3000 \log_2 (1 + 3162) = 3000 \log_2 3163 \\ &= 3000 \times 11.62 = 34,860 \text{ bps} \end{aligned}$$

This means that the highest bit rate for a telephone line is 34.860 kbps. If we want to send data faster than this, we can either increase the bandwidth of the line or improve the signal-to-noise ratio.

Measuring Power Levels



system that amplifies or attenuates the signal

- Difference often measured in **decibel (dB)**

$$dB = 10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)$$

- Negative dB → Signal power gets attenuated (reduced)
- Positive dB → Signal power gets amplified



Summary

- Electromagnetic Energy
- Wire
 - Twisted Pair Cable
 - Coax Cable
 - Fiber Optic
 - Power cable (Powerline Networking)
- Wireless
 - Radio wave
 - Satellite
- Measuring Transmission Media