

IMPROVING EFFICIENCY IN FTTX NETWORKS

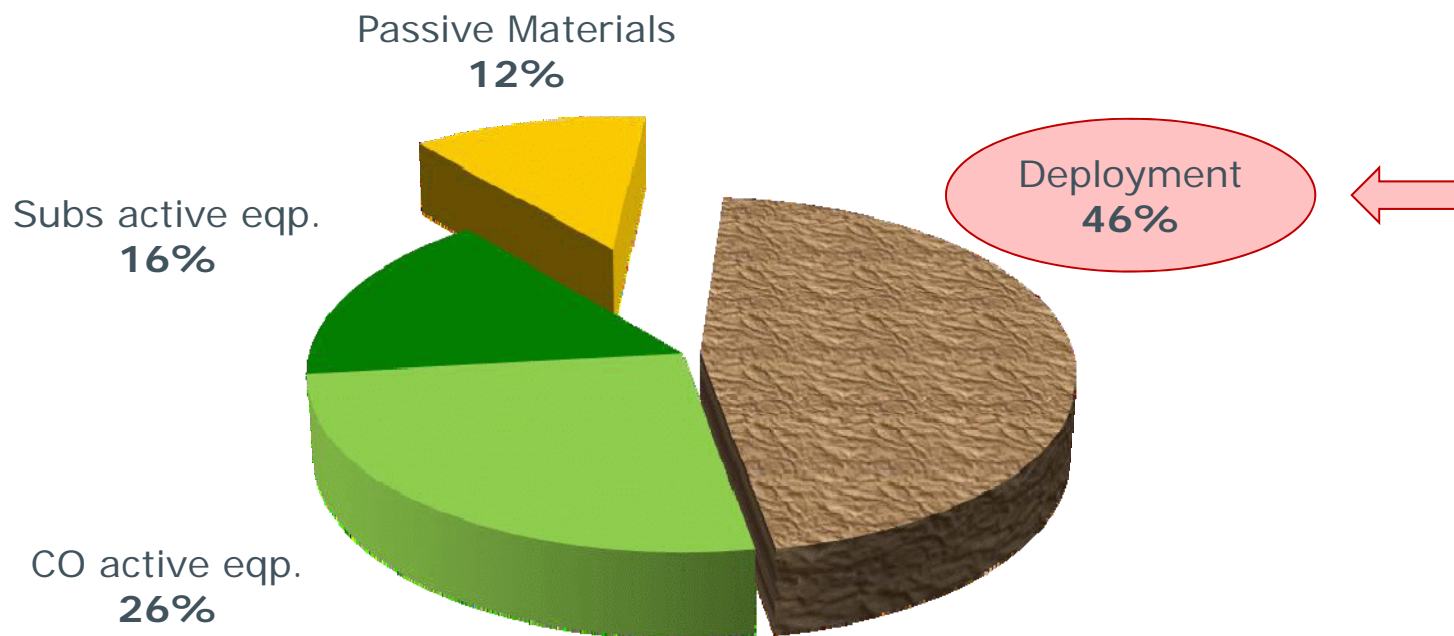
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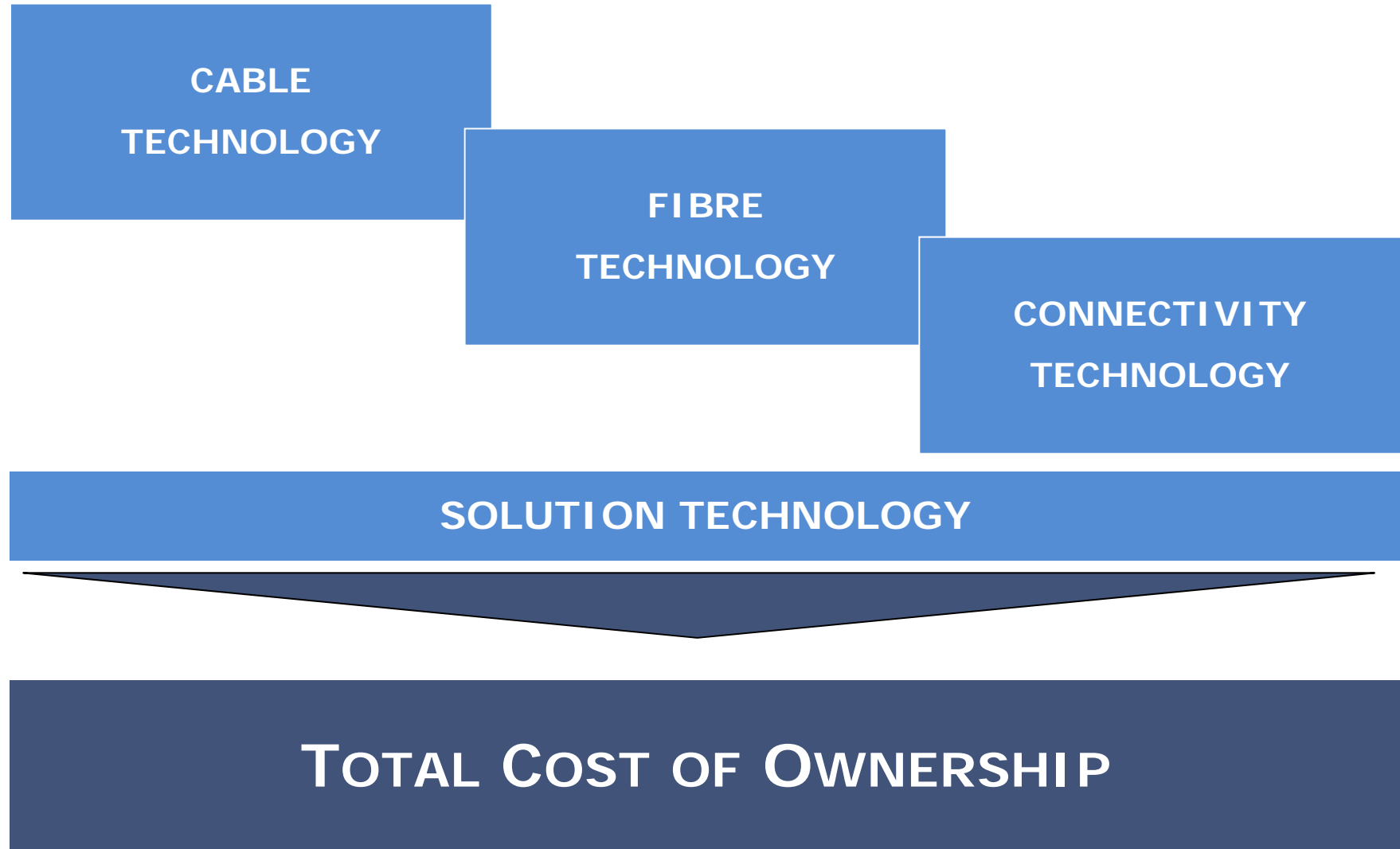
THE DEPLOYMENT CHALLENGES



Source: FTTH Business Guide (FTTH Council Europe)

**Significant weight of
CIVIL WORKS and INSTALLATION
in Deployment Cost**

THE SIMPLE ROUTE TO A RELIABLE BASE INFRASTRUCTURE



A PASSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SECURES OPTICAL BUDGETS IS KEY!

⇒ All transmission bands must be usable and secured in attenuation

MACRO-bending and MICRO-bending

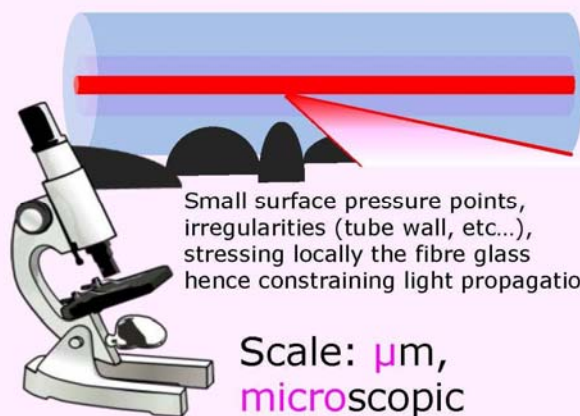
MACRO-bending



Bend, corners, coils,... yielding some local stress on a given region of the fibre, hence part of the light exiting

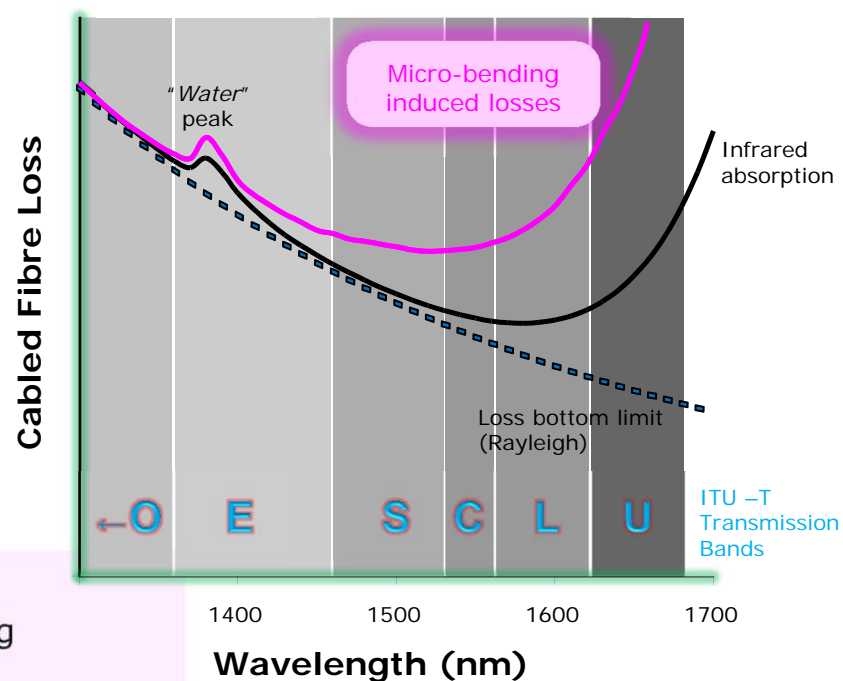
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MICRO-bending

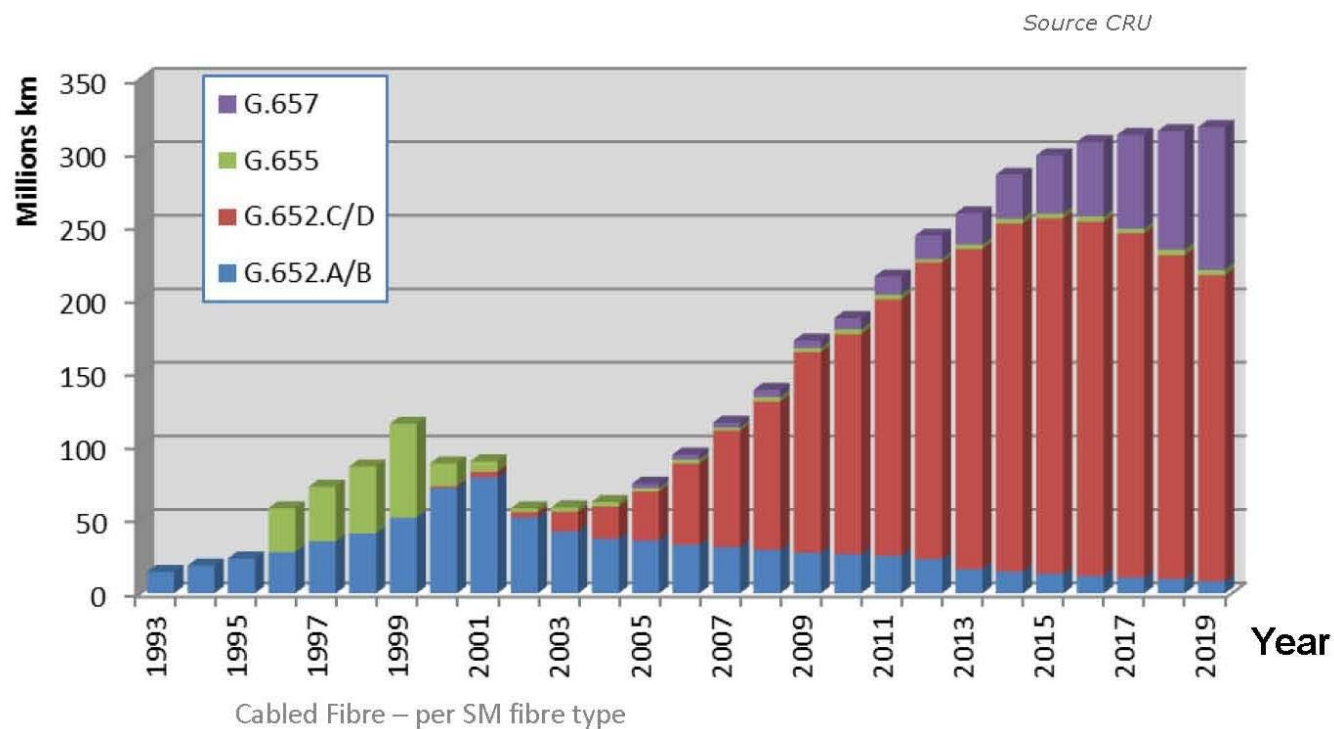


Small surface pressure points, irregularities (tube wall, etc...), stressing locally the fibre glass hence constraining light propagation

Scale: μm , microscopic



THE BEND-INSENSITIVE FIBRES ERA



Reference



G.652.D – 11dB



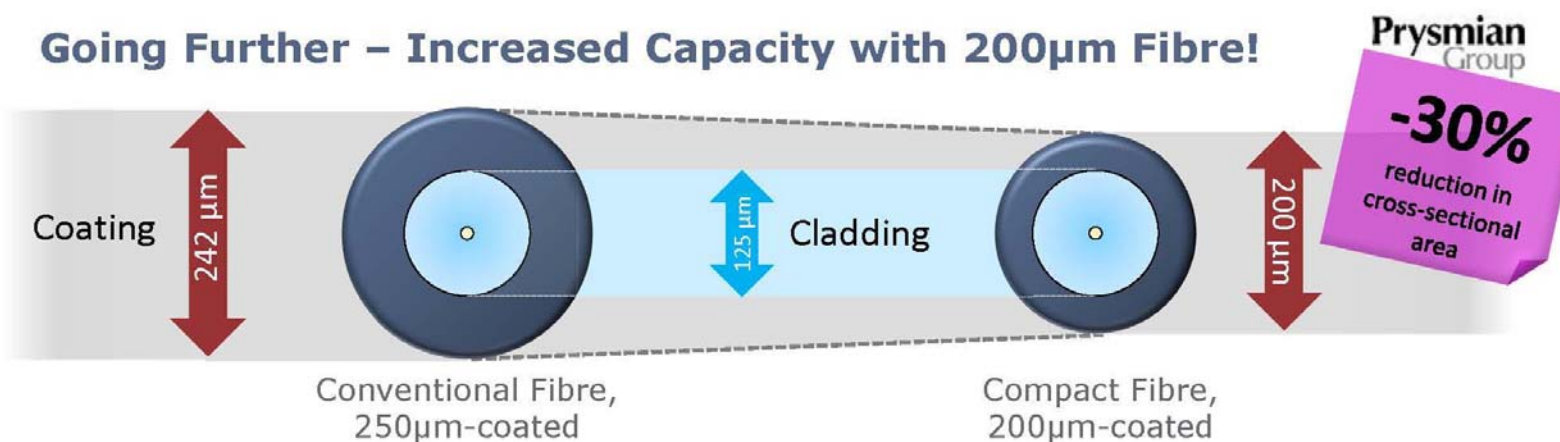
G.657.A2 – 0.2dB

Introduced by end of 2006, G.657 fibers, especially premium G.657.A2, are now used in a variety solutions

- Fully compliant and compatible with legacy installed base
- Adding on top flexibility, durability and secured transmission bands
- Yielding innovative cable design not achievable before
- Solving Operators' challenges in Indoor, Outdoor, Central Office and Mobile environments

THE BEND-INSENSITIVE FIBRES ERA

Going Further – Increased Capacity with 200µm Fibre!



1. ROW monetization: FlexTube high(er) fiber count



200µm & FlexTube → highest fibre count, densest cables (e.g. 1728f/23mm, 4.2f/mm²)

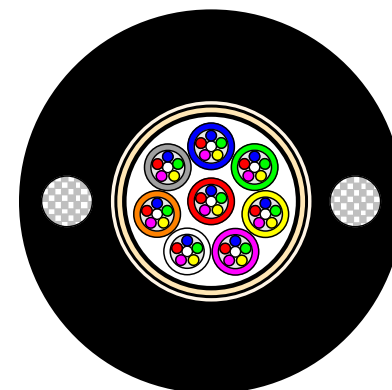
2. Microduct overlay: high(er) count micro-LT

Micro duct dimensions [mm]				Cable diam. developed leveraging 200µm fiber [mm]		
Thin OD	Thick OD	ID	Max dia. Allowed	OD achieved w/ 200µm	Fibre count	Density f/mm ²
7		5.5	4.4	4.2	60	4.3
8		6	4.9	4.9	96	5.2
10	12	8	6.5	6.6	144	4.2
12		9.6	8	7.3	192	4.6
12	14	10	8.4	8.1	288	5.7

200µm → more fibres in available µducts

Construction

- All-dielectric
- Fiber type: G652D, G657A1 or G.657A2
- Round shape UV resistant black HDPE sheath
- Two glass reinforced plastic (GRP) strength members longitudinally applied on opposite sides (180 degrees one from the other)
- Dry water-blocking materials
- 2, 4, 8 or 12FO micromodules



Flextube Cable Cross-Section

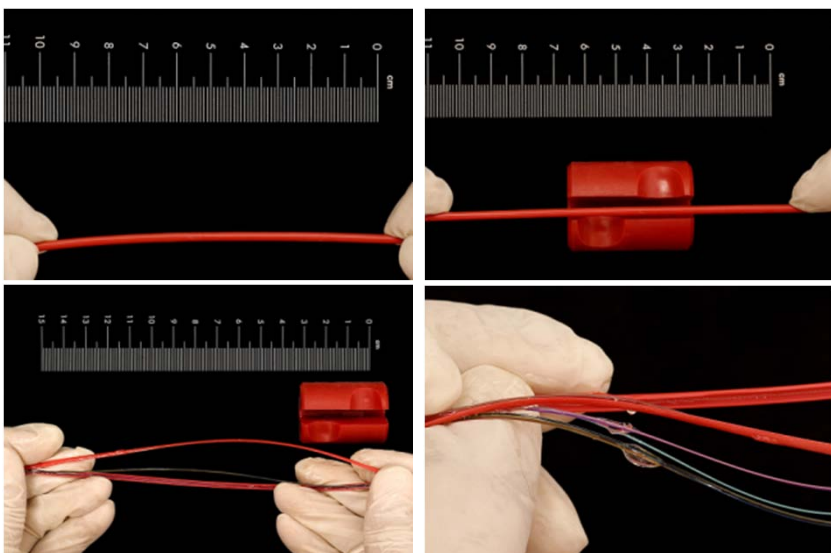
Loose tube
144 FO...



FlexTube®
720 FO !

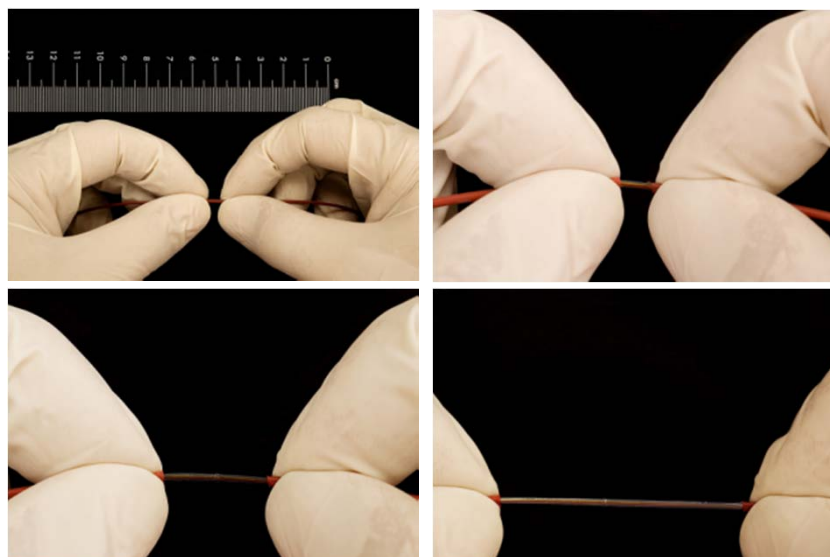
HANDLING

Loose Tube

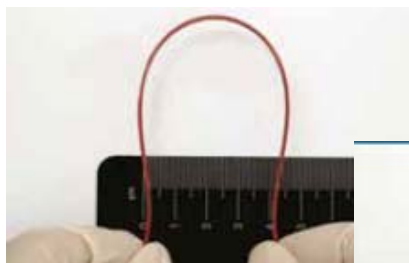


- ❖ Dedicated tool needed to open
- ❖ Large volume of jelly inside the tube

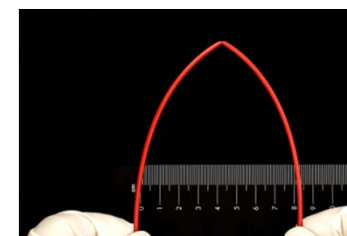
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- ❖ Quick and neat finger access
- ❖ Very limited quantity of gel
- ❖ Very fast to access the fibres over a long length



Bend radius and coiling improved without kinking!



Loose tube - kink...

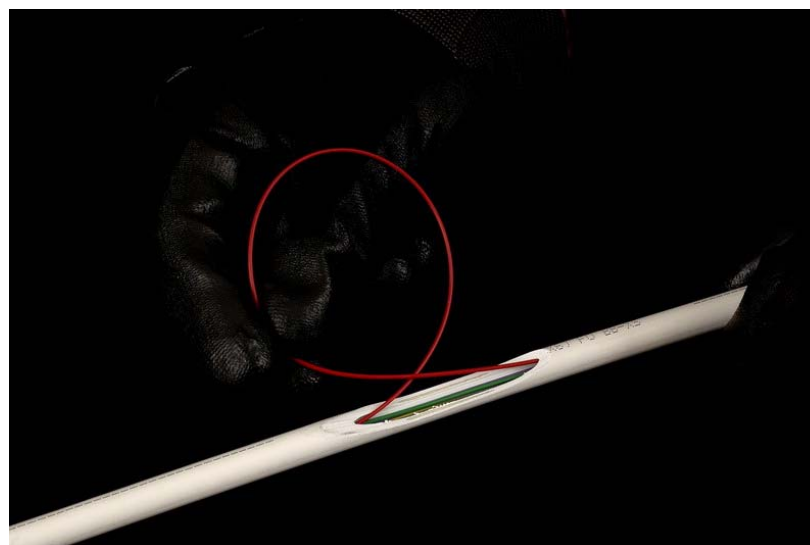
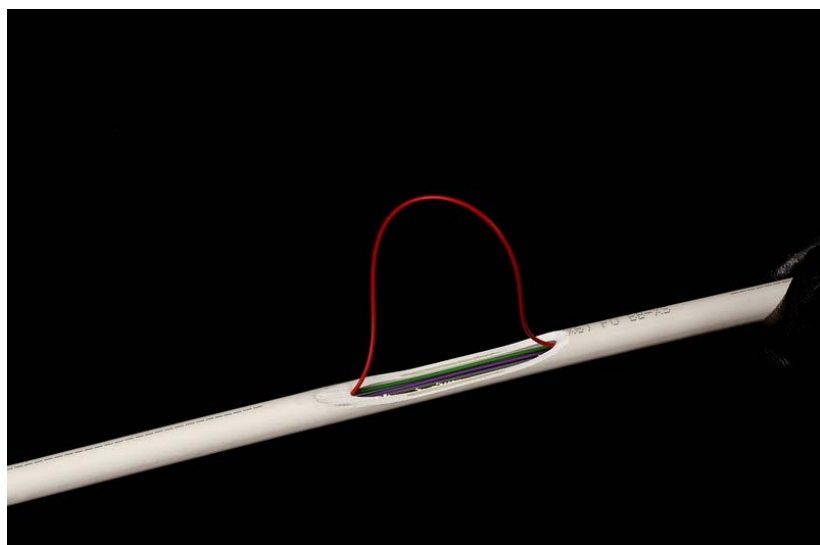
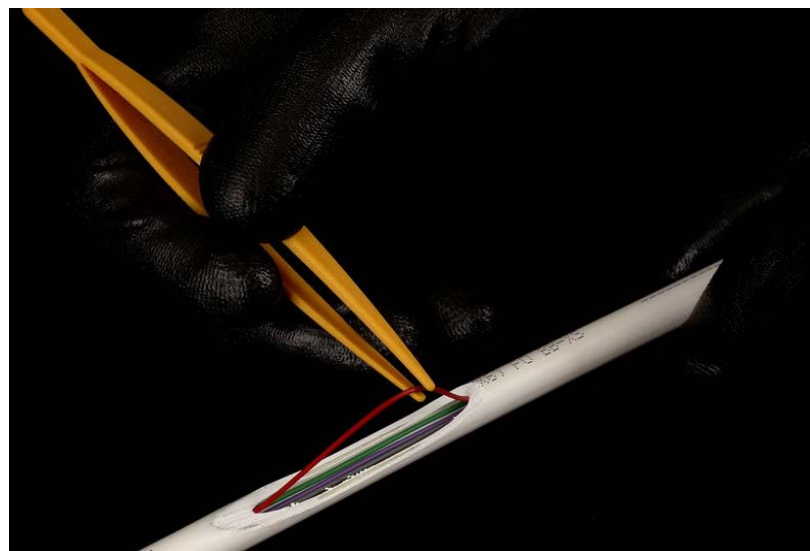
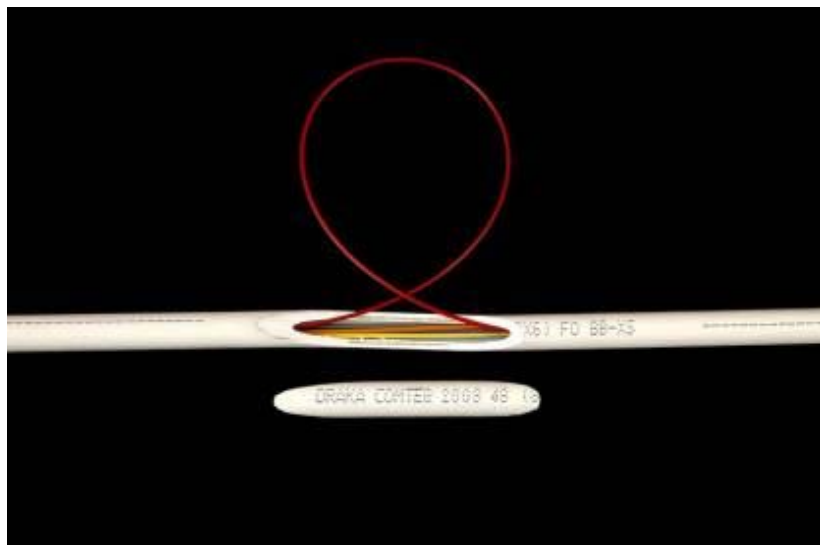
Flexibility of the micromodules

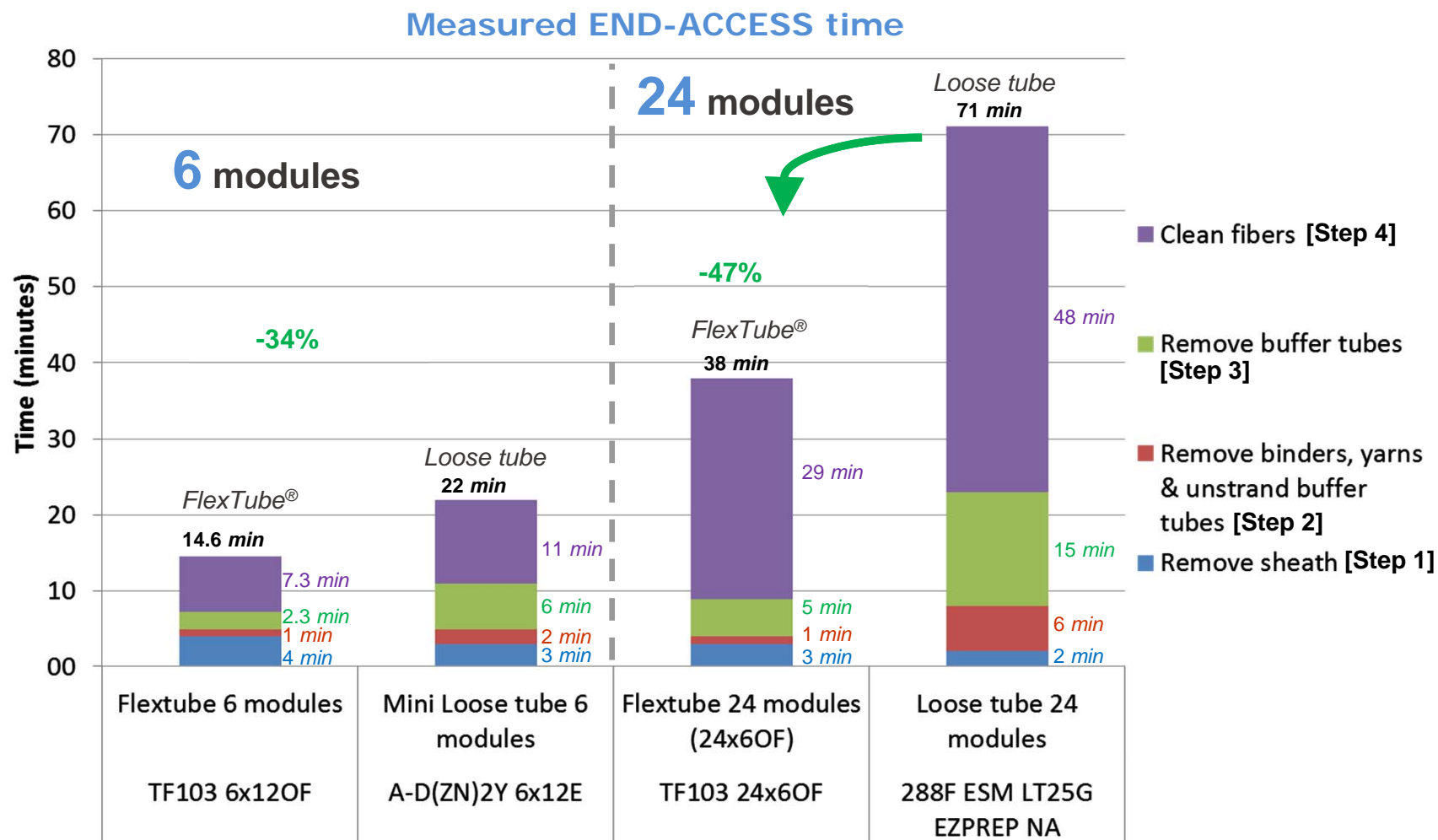
- Easy handling in joint boxes

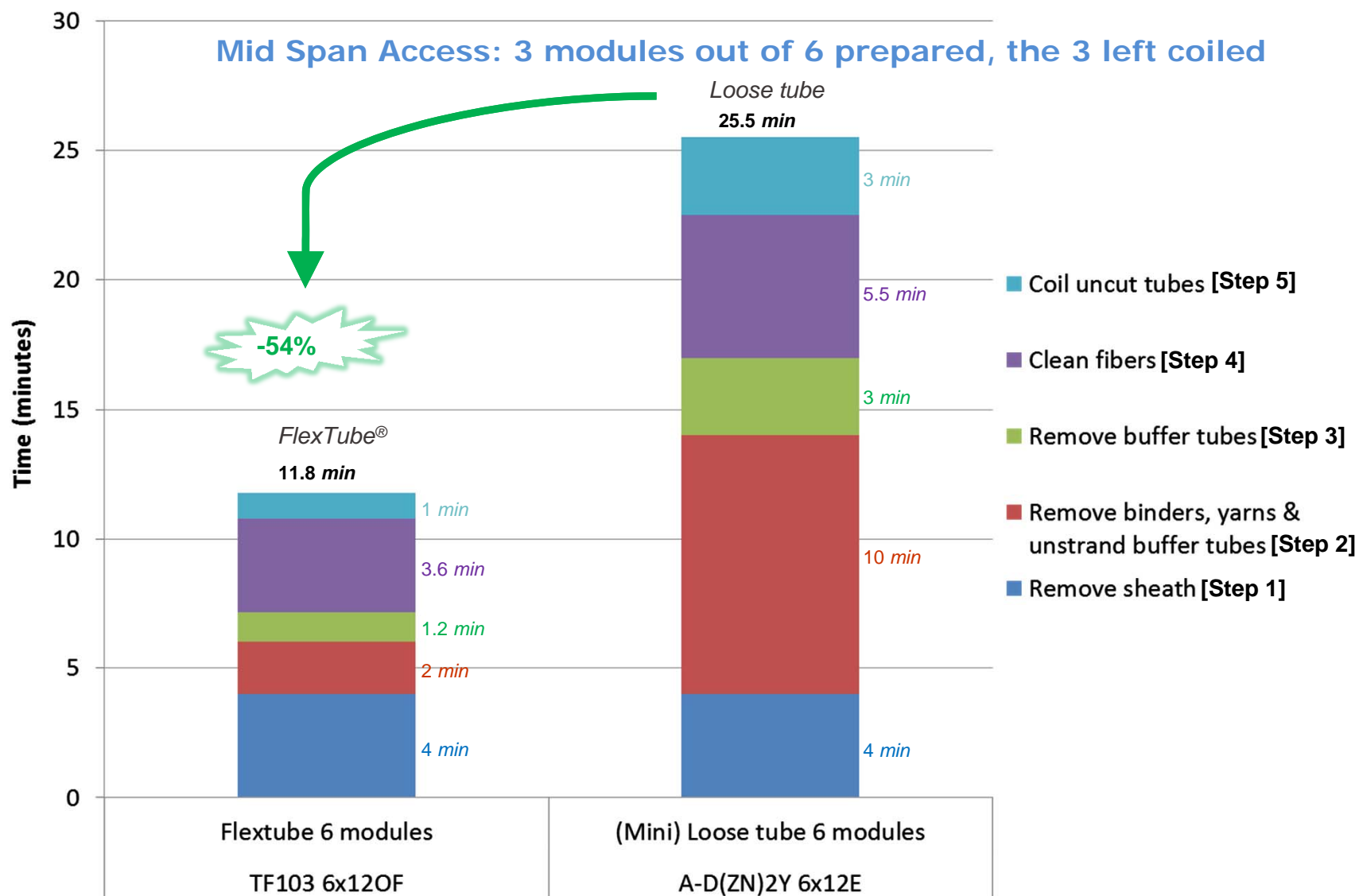


Outstanding thermal stability

- Excellent performance of FlexTube® material
- Great usability for areas with large thermal variations (*street cabinets, aerial joint boxes, mid-span access...*)







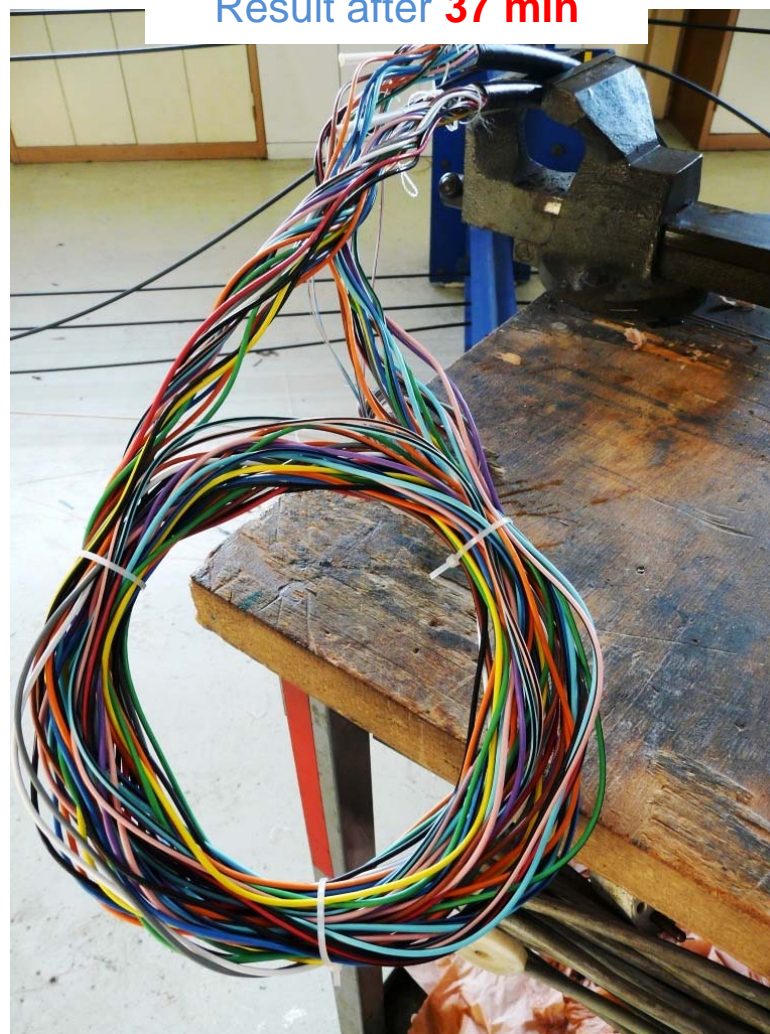
FlexTube®

Result after 20 min



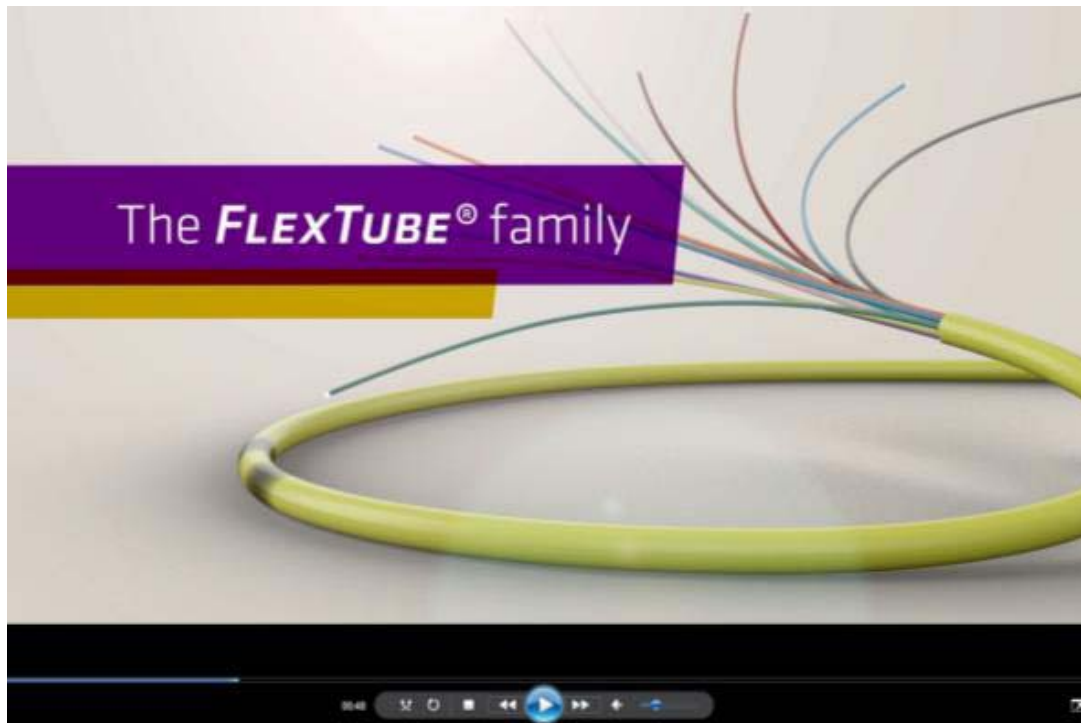
Loose Tube

Result after 37 min



ALLOWING SMALLER CONNECTIVITY

FLEXTUBE®



Preconnectorized Risers and Boxes



- Factory Controlled Quality
- Higher Reliability
- Lower Skilled Labor in the field

**LOWERING the Total Cost of Ownership
by
AGGREGATING VALUE within the components**

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