

Steps and key points of optical fiber splicing



AI Overview

Optical fiber splicing involves precise preparation, alignment, and joining of fiber ends using either fusion or mechanical methods to ensure minimal signal loss and reliable connections.

Fusion Splicing Steps

- Prepare the Fiber:** Strip 3–5 cm of the outer jacket and protective coatings to expose the bare fiber. Clean the fiber with an IPA-soaked swab to remove oils and debris, avoiding direct contact with the glass surface.
- Cleave the Fiber:** Use a precision cleaver to create a clean, perpendicular cut on the fiber ends. A proper cleave ensures low splice loss and prevents reflection or failure.
- Align the Fibers:** Place each fiber in the fusion splicer's V-grooves. Modern splicers use core alignment (for single-mode fibers) or cladding alignment (for multi-fiber applications) to achieve precise positioning.
- Fuse the Fibers:** Activate the splicer to generate an electric arc that melts and fuses the fiber ends into a continuous optical path. This produces a permanent, low-loss connection with typical insertion loss around 0.1 dB.
- Protect the Splice:** Place the fused fiber in a splice sleeve or tray to provide mechanical protection and environmental stability. Ensure the splice closure is sealed to prevent moisture ingress.

Mechanical Splicing Steps

- Prepare the Fiber:** Strip the fiber jacket and coatings to expose the bare fiber, then clean thoroughly.
- Cleave the Fiber:** Use a cleaver to create a smooth, perpendicular end on each fiber.
- Insert into Mechanical Splice Unit:** Position the fiber ends in the mechanical splice device. Apply index-matching gel or epoxy to reduce light loss and back reflection.
- Secure and Align:** Ensure the fibers are precisely aligned within the splice unit. The gel or epoxy facilitates optical continuity without fusing the fibers.
- Protect the Splice:** Place the completed mechanical splice in a splice tray or closure to safeguard against environmental damage. Proper sealing prevents moisture and mechanical stress.

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