Comparison of High Temperature Resistance of ODN Passive Devices vs Copper Cable Performance



Overview

However, FTTH deployment in Saudi Arabia faces a critical technical challenge that cannot be ignored: extreme and sustained high temperatures.

Key Takeaways

ODN passive devices generally exhibit superior high-temperature stability compared to copper cables, due to their optical nature and thermally stable dielectric materials, whereas copper cables are limited by electrical conductivity degradation and electromigration at elevated temperatures. Thermal and Electrical BehaviorODN Passive Devices: Optical components, such as splitters, couplers, and fiber connectors, rely on dielectric and polymer materials that are inherently resistant to high temperatures. These materials exhibit low thermal expansion and maintain optical transmission with minimal signal loss under elevated temperatures.

Unlike metals, optical fibers do not suffer from electromigration or resistive heating, making them more stable in environments exceeding 100°C. However, polymer coatings and adhesives in ODN devices can degrade if temperatures exceed their rated limits, potentially causing mechanical stress or microbending losses. Copper Cables: Copper is an excellent conductor with high thermal conductivity, allowing efficient heat dissipation.

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However, as temperatures rise, electrical resistivity increases, leading to energy losses and potential overheating. Prolonged exposure to high temperatures can induce electromigration, where copper atoms migrate under thermal stress, compromising conductor integrity. Additionally, insulation materials in copper cables, often polymer-based, can soften, crack, or degrade, further reducing performance and reliability.

Material Degradation MechanismsODN Devices: Thermal cycling can induce stress at interfaces between different materials (e.g., glass-to-polymer bonding), but the absence of free electrons eliminates resistive heating issues. Failures are typically mechanical (delamination, microcracks) rather than electrical. Copper Cables: High temperatures accelerate oxidation, creep, and fatigue in both the conductor and insulation.

Cyclic thermal stress can lead to cracking, delamination, or short circuits, especially in high-power applications.

Practical Implications

Reliability: ODN passive devices maintain performance over a wider temperature range, making them suitable for harsh environments, including industrial and outdoor deployments. Copper cables require careful thermal management to prevent resistive losses and mechanical degradation. Power Handling: Copper cables can carry high currents but are limited by resistive heating at elevated temperatures.

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N devices are immune to current-induced heating but are constrained by the thermal limits of their materials. Maintenance: Optical networks generally require less frequent maintenance under high-temperature conditions, whereas copper networks may need periodic inspection and replacement of degraded insulation or conductors.

Conclusion

In high-temperature environments, ODN passive devices outperform copper cables in terms of thermal stability and long-term reliability, primarily because optical transmission avoids resistive heating and electromigration. Copper cables, while thermally conductive, are susceptible to increased resistivity, electromigration, and insulation degradation, which can compromise performance and lifespan. For applications where temperature extremes are expected, optical solutions offer a more robust and maintenance-friendly alternative.

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