

Low noise from active optical fiber cables



AI Overview

Active optical fiber cables can achieve low noise through careful system design, vibration suppression, and active noise control techniques.

Sources of Noise in Optical Fibers

Even though optical fibers are largely immune to electromagnetic interference, several intrinsic and extrinsic factors can introduce noise:

- **Vibration-Induced Phase Noise:** Mechanical vibrations of fiber spools or installation environments can cause phase fluctuations in the transmitted signal, particularly in sensitive systems like opto-electronic oscillators or ring-laser gyroscopes .
- **Amplified Spontaneous Emission (ASE):** Optical amplifiers, such as erbium-doped fiber amplifiers (EDFAs), introduce noise due to spontaneous photon emission, which accumulates along long fiber links and degrades the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR), .
- **Dispersion-Induced Noise:** Variations in propagation speed for different wavelengths can spread the signal over time, causing inter-symbol interference and noise .
- **Thermal and Shot Noise:** Random electron motion in detectors and the discrete nature of photons contribute to thermal and shot noise, affecting the optical-to-electrical conversion .
- **Polarization-Related Noise:** Polarization-mode dispersion and polarization-dependent loss can fluctuate the signal's polarization state, introducing additional noise .
- **Interference Noise:** Crosstalk from neighboring fibers or external sources can also contribute, though this is generally minimal compared to copper cables

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