Application of Online Monitoring of Optical Cables

AI Overview

Online monitoring technologies for optical cables enable real-time detection, fault location, and preventive maintenance, ensuring optimal performance and reliability of fiber networks.

Key Technologies

1. OTDR-Based Automatic Monitoring Systems Automatic Optical Cable Monitoring Systems, such as the G-Link TMS400, use Optical Time-Domain Reflectometry (OTDR) combined with Remote Test Units (RTUs) to continuously scan fiber networks 24/7. These systems detect breaks, bends, and attenuation in real-time without interrupting live traffic. Deviations from a reference curve trigger alarms, allowing operators to respond proactively and reduce Mean Time to Repair (MTTR), shifting from reactive to preventive maintenance . 2. Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS) DAS technology transforms optical fibers into arrays of virtual microphones that detect vibrations and acoustic signals along the cable. This is particularly useful for submarine and power cables, where DAS can identify threats from anchoring, fishing, excavation, or seismic events. The system measures subtle strain changes in the fiber, providing frequency and amplitude data to pinpoint disturbances before they escalate into failures . 3. Distributed Temperature Sensing (DTS) Systems like OPTHERMO™ embed optical fibers within or alongside cables to continuously monitor temperature over long distances. This is critical for detecting overheating caused by environmental factors, load changes, or external interference. DTS enables operators to optimize cable load, prevent thermal damage, and extend cable lifespan .

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