

The reason for high optical decay in pigtail fusion splicing is



Article Overview

High optical decay in pigtail fusion splicing is primarily caused by intrinsic fiber mismatches, misalignment during splicing, contamination, and mechanical stress at the splice point.

Intrinsic Factors

Intrinsic factors are inherent to the fibers themselves and can significantly affect splice performance. These include:

- Core diameter mismatch: Differences in the core size between the pigtail and the main fiber can cause light to scatter or fail to couple efficiently, increasing splice loss .
- Numerical aperture (NA) mismatch: If the NA of the transmitting fiber is larger than that of the receiving fiber, light may not fully enter the core, resulting in attenuation .
- Refractive index variations: Slight differences in the refractive index profiles of the fibers can lead to imperfect light propagation across the splice .

Extrinsic Factors

Extrinsic factors are external influences that affect the splice:

- Misalignment: Even small angular or lateral misalignments during fusion splicing can cause light to enter the cladding or miss the core, leading to high optical decay...

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