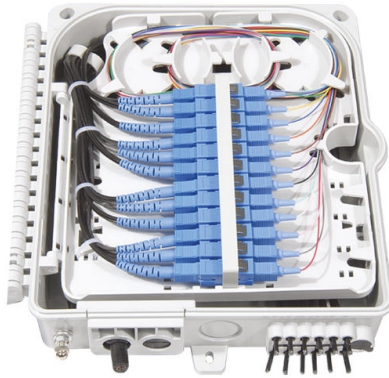


Residual stress in optical cables



Article Overview

Residual stress in optical fibers arises from thermal and mechanical processes during manufacturing, affecting refractive index, polarization, and mechanical reliability.

Causes of Residual Stress

Residual stresses in optical fibers are internal stresses that persist even when no external forces are applied. They primarily originate from two sources:

- **Thermal stresses:** These occur due to differences in thermal expansion coefficients between the fiber core, cladding, and coatings. Non-uniform cooling during fiber drawing or curing of coatings can induce stresses that alter the fiber's refractive index profile and mechanical properties .
- **Draw-induced (mechanical) stresses:** During the fiber drawing process, variations in viscosity and viscoelastic behavior of the glass can "freeze in" stresses along the fiber. This includes recently identified frozen-in viscoelasticity, which can perturb the refractive index .

Effects on Fiber Performance

Residual stresses can have both beneficial and detrimental effects:

- **Optical properties:** In polarization-maintaining (PM) fibers, controlled residual stresses create birefringence, which is essential for maintaining polarization. In non-PM fibers, unwanted residual stresses can contribute to polarization-mode dispersion (PMD), degrading signal quality

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