The Impact of Bending on Optical Fiber Communication

Overview

Abstract: In FTTH, optical fibers are frequently bent at the corners of the walls causing the propagating light in the fiber to radiate away which results in transmission losses and limits reach of the fiber network. Bending losses are influenced by di erent optical fiber characteristics, optical fiber cable design parameters, and installation scenarios. The software RP Fiber Power can be used for calculating bend losses based on numerical beam propagation. Due to its flexibility, you are free to simulate situations with spatially varying bend losses, compute the power. Bending loss is one of the properties of fiber loss, and flexibility is one of the most important benefits of modern optical fiber. This work investigated the optical loss in a standard single-mode step-index fiber optics due to fiber bending at 1550 nm.

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