Fiber optic cable tailings



Overview

TL;DR: Capping, splicing, and tailing are essential techniques in electronics, telecommunications, and fiber optics to repair, extend, or terminate cables.

Key Takeaways

Fiber optic cables are used in tailings storage facilities for real-time monitoring, and "tailing" in fiber optics refers to extending a cable to reach a specific endpoint.

Fiber Optic Monitoring in Tailings Dams

Fiber optic cables are increasingly deployed along tailings dams to provide continuous, high-resolution monitoring of structural integrity. These cables act as distributed sensors, capable of detecting strain, temperature, and seismic activity along the entire length of the dam, effectively replacing thousands of point sensors. This technology, known as Distributed Fiber Optic Sensing (DFOS), allows operators to monitor internal and external dynamics of the dam in real time, providing early warnings of potential failures.

Key benefits include: Early detection of internal erosion or deformation within the dam wall. Continuous 24/7 monitoring over long distances, which is difficult with traditional point sensors. 3D imaging of dam foundations using Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS) to detect subtle changes in material properties.

Integration with safety protocols to prevent catastrophic failures, as highlighted by past incidents like the Brumadinho disaster. Fiber optic cables are typically installed during the construction or raising of a dam, ensuring optimal placement and coverage. The technology has been applied in over 85 tailings dams worldwide, with total cable lengths exceeding 70 km.

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Tailing in Fiber Optic Cable Management

In fiber optics, tailing refers to extending a cable to reach a desired endpoint. It is part of a set of essential techniques including capping (sealing cable ends) and splicing (joining two cables). Tailing ensures that the fiber optic network can connect to devices or infrastructure without signal loss or physical stress.

The process involves: Measuring and cutting the required cable length. Preparing the cable by stripping the outer jacket and cleaving the fiber. Connecting the tail to the main cable via splicing or connectors.

Securing and protecting the connection with heat shrink tubing or other insulation methods. Tailing is critical in both telecommunications and industrial applications, including mining operations, where fiber optic cables are used for monitoring tailings dams.

Summary

Fiber optic cable tailings encompass both the deployment of fiber optics for monitoring tailings storage facilities and the technical process of extending cables to reach specific points. In dam monitoring, these cables provide real-time, distributed sensing for safety and operational efficiency, while in cable management, tailing ensures reliable connectivity and minimal signal loss.

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We contribute to these efforts with in situ high-resolution passive seismic measurements conducted at the tailings storage facilities of two copper mines: the FQM Sentinel mine in Kalumbila, Zambia, and

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This contribution will introduce the principles, benefits, and limitations of this technology, presenting two relevant application examples of use in tailings dams.

Distributed Acoustic Sensing and Coda Waves

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Fiber optic distributed sensing system for monitoring of tailings ...

Monitoring of large retaining structures with such a system provides direct strain/deformation and temperature measurements on the broad interior area with an arrangement of

Distributed fibre optic

He has been responsible for design and installation of fibre optic-based system in more than 70 hydropower and 30 tailings dam in Sweden, Finland Norway, Canada, US, and Australia.

New paradigms for tailings dams monitoring

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