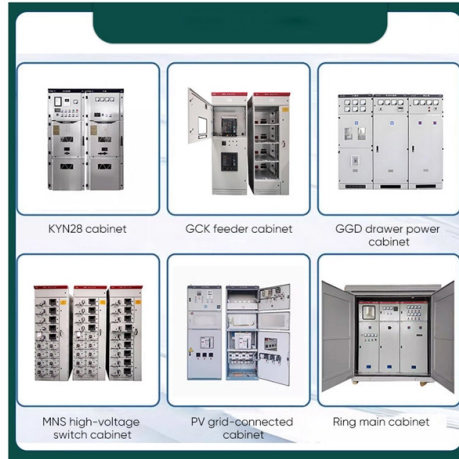


The first generation of fiber optic communication systems adopted



Overview

After a period of research starting from 1975, the first commercial fiber-optic communications system was developed, which operated at a wavelength around $0.8 \mu\text{m}$ and used GaAs semiconductor lasers. It comprised a series of towers spaced 10-30 km apart, with movable semaphore arms on top that could be oriented at various angles to signify different letters and numbers. Charles Kao of Standard Telephone and Cables (UK) reveals on how to make low loss fiber suitable for communications using an optical cladding over a pure glass core and removing impurities, plus ideally singlemode operation. Since I was involved in fiber optics starting in the late 1970s, much of this is from personal experiences and memories. Bell considered it his most important invention. The device allowed for the first time data back to the 1790s, to the optical semaphore telegraph invented by French inventor Claude Chappe.

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By 1977, General Telephone and Electronics (GTE) deployed the first non-experimental fiber-optic link in Long Beach, California, proving the viability of fiber for commercial use (4).

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The power level in optical communications is of too wide a range to express on a linear scale. A logarithmic scale known as decibel (dB) is used to express power in optical communications.

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