

# Anchor chain breaks optical cable network



## Overview

On 17-18 November 2024, two submarine telecommunication cables, the BCS East-West Interlink and C-Lion1 fibre-optic cables, were disrupted in the Baltic Sea. Swedish police investigators have completed their inspection of two fiber-optic cable breaks in the Baltic, and they have concluded that the Chinese bulker Yi Peng 3 severed them by dragging anchor for about 100 miles along the seabed, according to the Wall Street Journal. The next step in the. This paper highlights the scale of the issue of damage from ships' anchors and provides guidance on measures to mitigate anchor-related damage to submarine cables. Damage to submarine cables from dragged anchors account for approximately 30% of incidents each year representing around 60 faults. Light pulses sent through the fiber reflect back from the break, enabling engineers to pinpoint the location within hundreds of meters while traffic is. The invention discloses a submarine cable anchor damage monitoring and positioning method based on distributed optical fiber sensing, which comprises the following steps: acquiring a sensing signal of the distributed optical fiber sensing submarine cable; filtering out a low-frequency part; forming.

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As the primary media for data center connections and local area network (LAN) backbone infrastructure, fiber optic cable must be kept in optimal

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The internet's power and speed come from vast networks of fiber-optic cables buried deep beneath oceans, linking the continents. These cables are marvels of

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### Why Do Subsea Cable Cuttings Happen, and How Can

Four Red Sea cables were cut last February by the anchor of the sinking MV Rubymar. The internet monitoring organization NetBlocks said the

### WSJ: Chinese Ship Dragged Anchor for 100 Miles and

Swedish police investigators have completed their inspection of two fiber-optic cable breaks in the Baltic, and they have concluded that the Chinese...

### A Publication from the International Cable Protection Committee (ICPC)

Our modern lives rely upon these critical seafloor assets more than ever. Though the global network of submarine cables is designed to be resilient through ensuring a redundancy and diversity of cable

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Learn how to repair a damaged or cut fiber optic cable with step-by-step instructions, essential tools, and best practices. Restore your fiber cable

### OTDR to the Rescue: What Happens When a Subsea Cable Breaks?

Subsea cables form the backbone of global connectivity, carrying more than 95% of the world's international data traffic across oceans. A fault can result in everything from minor slowdowns

### 2024 Baltic Sea submarine cable disruptions

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On 17-18 November 2024, two submarine telecommunication cables, the BCS East-West Interlink and C-Lion1 fibre-optic cables, were disrupted in the Baltic Sea. The incidents involving both cables occurred in close proximity to each other and near-simultaneously, which prompted accusations from European government officials and NATO member states of hybrid warfare and sabotage as the cause of the damage. Currently, the damage to those undersea cables has not been conclusively attributed to any specific p

### Research on Submarine Cable Anchor Damage Monitoring

Submarine cables are critical infrastructure for global communication and energy transmission. However, they are susceptible to damage from anchors, fishing act.

Subsea cables: how vulnerable are they and can we

Telecommunication networks use thinner (up to 4-5 cm in diameter), lightweight cables, consisting of optical fibres covered by layers of polyethylene,

### Submarine cable anchor damage monitoring and positioning method

The invention relates to the field of optical fiber sensing, in particular to a submarine cable anchor damage monitoring and positioning method and system based on distributed optical...

### Protecting Undersea Internet Cables: A Tech Challenge

Undersea internet cables around the world handle 99 percent of transcontinental digital communications, but they're also still vulnerable to

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While shipowners may rely on satellites sea the submarine cable network on a single working day. for communications with their vessels at This economic and social reliance is emphasised sea,

How Often Do Ship Anchors Break Undersea Internet

Undersea internet cables are the backbone of global traffic, and they're surprisingly vulnerable. Here's why cuts are so frequent.

GCI fiber optic cable damaged, likely by ship's anchor

The 800-mile fiber optic project had just passed a huge milestone earlier this month, when the company ran their first test and successfully brought

Runaway Anchor

When the chain turns red, that means there's only 90" left (one shot) so this was only a few feet of chain short of a disaster. In our lexicon, "runaway anchor" is one that is out of control - as ...

Submarine Cable Security at Risk Amid Geopolitical Tensions & amp ...

Explore the rising threats to global submarine cable networks amid escalating geopolitical tensions, sabotage incidents, and limited repair capacity. Discover essential resilience strategies and

Damage to Submarine Cables from Dragged Anchors

One of the most significant anchor drag events in recent history occurred off Sicily in 2008, where a ship dragged its anchor for 300 km, damaging

Red Sea cables are cut, disrupting internet in Asia and

Undersea cable cuts in the Red Sea have disrupted internet access in parts of Asia and the Middle East.

What Happens When a Fiber Optic Cable Breaks?

Restoring service requires understanding how breaks happen, how they are located, and the precise repair work involved. What Causes Fiber Optic Cables to Break The majority of fiber optic

Undersea Surgeons

The cables at the heart of the lightspeed, globe-spanning internet run across the grimy, perilous, inaccessible deeps of the sea, in places no one ever

Leadvent Group| Submarine Cable Damage and Repair

Explore causes, insurance claims, and advanced repair solutions for submarine cable damage in 2025, ensuring global connectivity and network

Research on anchor damage and protection of three-core composite ...

To study the damage to the submarine cable conductors and the optical fibre unit after the anchor hits the cable, a large number of numerical simulations are carried out.

A comprehensive analysis of common faults in

Communication fiber optic cables are the backbone of modern telecommunication networks, enabling high-speed data transmission over long

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