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Subject: Re: Cables - my worthless opinions

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Yeah, kinda figured that. I remember some of the discussions over there. I don't see much merit in them. I can see a benefit in oxidation and corrosion resistance, so two seemingly similar cables made of different materials might have different characteristics there. And there's also the obvious things such as dielectric strength, resistance per foot and thermal conductivity which sets voltage and current capacity. Those are important on speaker cables and power cords. Interconnects run at high-impedance preamp levels might also include shielding properties, characteristic impedance and things like that. But some of the discussions about this stuff just go way, way over the top. It's definitely similar to the "Emperor's New Clothes" story most of the time. If a person is too zealous on either side of the cables "debate," I am suspicious of their competency and/or motivations. There are some things there to consider but not very damn many, that's for sure.

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