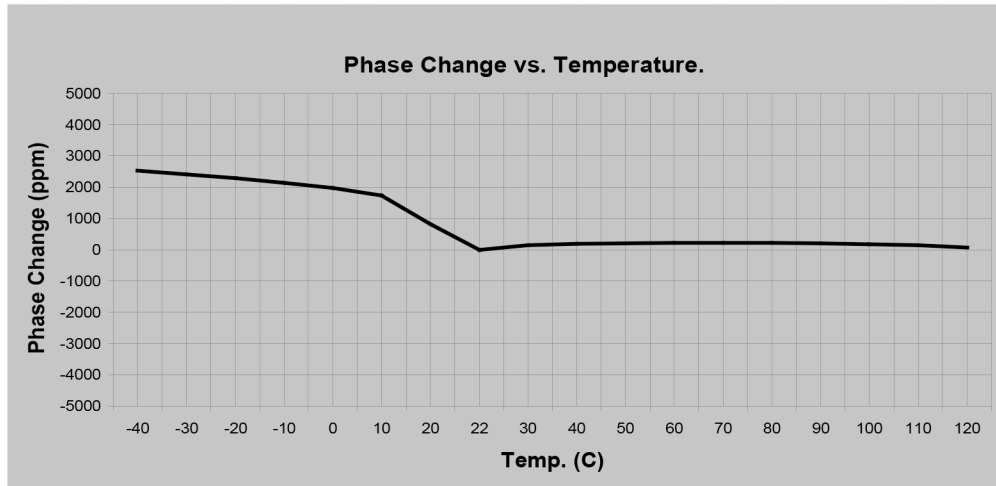


# Phase Stability over Temperature



## Phase Change:

The electrical length for a given frequency will “shift” as a result of environmental changes.

The *degree* of change is based on mechanical stresses, connector torque and thermal conditions.

The *degree* of phase shift as a result of temperature variation can be calculated by using the following formula:

$$\Delta\phi = \phi * \left( \frac{\text{ppm}}{10^6} \right)$$

Before calculating the expected phase shift there are a few additional questions that need to be answered.

- What is the mechanical length of the assembly (ft)
- What is the frequency of interest (Ghz)
- What is the electrical length at the frequency of interest ( $\phi$ )
- What is the dielectric constant of the insulation (E)
- What is the temperature of interest (°C)

Once these questions are answered the phase shift can be calculated.

For example, what would be the change in phase for a 10 ft of cable assembly of HLL142 at 80°C at 18 Ghz?

**Step 1:** Calculate the electrical length using the following formula:

$$\phi = 365.7 * \sqrt{E} * (\text{ft}) * (\text{Ghz})$$

$$\phi = 365.7 * \sqrt{4.78} * 10 * 18 = 80,032^\circ$$

**Step 2:** Using the chart above determine the parts per million (ppm) at 80°C

**Step 3:** Now solve

$$\Delta\phi = \phi * \left( \frac{\text{ppm}}{10^6} \right)$$

$$\Delta\phi = 80,032^\circ * \left( \frac{212}{10^6} \right) = 16.97^\circ$$

The cable assembly will become 16.97° longer at 80°C at 18 Ghz

