

PON Passive Optical Networks and Active Optical Networks



Article Overview

PON uses passive splitters to share a single fiber among multiple users without powered equipment, while AON uses electrically powered switches to provide dedicated fiber connections to each user.

Passive Optical Networks (PON)

A Passive Optical Network (PON) is a fiber-optic network that uses unpowered, passive devices to distribute signals from a central office to multiple end-users . Its key characteristics include:

- **Topology:** Point-to-multipoint, where a single fiber from the Optical Line Terminal (OLT) is split via passive optical splitters to serve multiple Optical Network Terminals (ONTs) at customer premises .
- **Components:** OLT at the service provider's hub, passive splitters, and ONTs/ONUs near end-users .
- **Bandwidth Sharing:** Downstream bandwidth is shared among users, with upstream signals combined using time-division multiple access (TDMA), .
- **Cost Efficiency:** Lower deployment costs due to fewer fibers and no powered equipment between the OLT and end-users .
- **Standards:** Includes GPON (2.488 Gbps downstream, 1.244 Gbps upstream), 10G-PON, and XGS-PON (10 Gbps symmetric), .
- **Reliability:** Passive components reduce points of failure, but a fault in the splitter can affect multiple users . PON is widely used for fiber-to-the-home (FTTH), high-de...

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In contrast to an active optical network, electrical power is only required at the send and receive points, making a PON inherently

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As a result, passive optical access technology (PON) gradually took over the active optical networks to design cost

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Comparison Between Active and Passive Optical Network

Passive Optical Network (PON) Different from AON, PON doesn't contain electrically powered switching equipment,

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