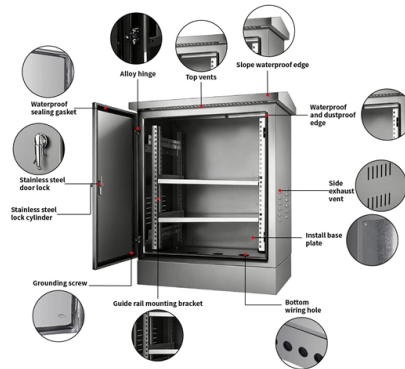


Transmission direction of optical fiber



Article Overview

Optical fibers can transmit data either in a single direction (unidirectional) or simultaneously in both directions (bidirectional) using different wavelengths.

One-Way (Unidirectional) Transmission

In one-way transmission, data flows in a single direction along the fiber, from a transmitter at one end to a receiver at the other. This approach is conceptually simple, avoids internal crosstalk, and does not require wavelength separation filters within the transceivers. Typically, two separate fibers are used for duplex communication, with each fiber carrying signals in opposite directions. While reliable and straightforward, one-way transmission requires additional fiber infrastructure if bidirectional communication is needed .

Bidirectional (BIDI) Transmission

Bidirectional transmission allows data to flow simultaneously in both directions over a single optical fiber. This is achieved using wavelength division multiplexing (WDM), where two distinct wavelengths carry signals in opposite directions. For example, one device may transmit at 1310 nm and receive at 1550 nm, while the opposite device uses the inverse configuration. Internal WDM filters at each transceiver separate the signals, enabling full-duplex communication within a single fiber. This method reduces fiber usage by approximately 50% and is widely used in metropolitan networks, passive optical networks (PON), and campus links .

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CHAPTER 3 TRANSMISSION CHARACTERISTICS OF OPTICAL

These transmission characteristics are of utmost importance when the suitability of optical fibers for communication purposes is

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We conclude this chapter by outlining the trends and factors that have shaped the evolution of optical fiber transmission systems and

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Mode dispersion is the limiting factor in multimode fiber transmission because signal interferences from different

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Each mode will propagate in the fiber at as if it had its own index of refraction n . The index of refraction for each mode n lies between

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8.1: Optical Fiber

Example 8.1.1: Critical angle for optical fiber In its simplest form, optical fiber consists of concentric regions of dielectric material as

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For modern glass optical fiber, the maximum transmission distance is limited not by direct material absorption but by dispersion, the

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Fiber optics technology involves the emission, transmission, and detection of light, so the discussion first considers the nature of light

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Optical Fiber

Optical fibers are basically composed of two coaxial layers: core and cladding. The core is the inner part of the fiber, which guides

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Chapter 3 Theory of Fiber Optic Transmission

It is important firstly to examine the nature and effects of modal transmission. A fiber that has a high NA and/or diameter will have a

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Fiber Optics: Understanding the Basics

Optical fibers are made from either glass or plastic. Most are roughly the diameter of a human hair, and

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