

What is the sensitivity of the optical module



Article Overview

Receiver sensitivity is the minimum optical power an optical module can detect while maintaining a specified bit error rate, directly impacting link performance and system reliability.

Definition and Importance

Receiver sensitivity refers to the lowest optical power level at which the receiver can correctly interpret incoming signals while maintaining a defined bit error rate (BER), typically 10^{-12} for high-speed systems like Gigabit Ethernet or Fibre Channel (). It is a critical parameter because it determines the maximum allowable loss in an optical link and ensures reliable data transmission ().

Measurement and Testing

Sensitivity is usually measured under controlled laboratory conditions using pseudorandom binary sequence (PRBS) signals and bit error rate testers (BERT) (). For stressed receiver sensitivity, the input signal is intentionally degraded to simulate real-world impairments such as jitter or eye closure, providing a realistic performance characterization (). The measurement is expressed in dBm, a logarithmic unit relative to 1 milliwatt, where a lower dBm value indicates better sensitivity ().

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The receiver sensitivity does not include power penalties associated with dispersion, or back reflections from the optical path; these

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In optical communication systems, sensitivity is a measure of how weak an input signal can get before the bit-error ratio (BER)

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In general, the higher the rate, the worse receiver sensitivity, i.e., the larger the minimum received optical power, the

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Explore the ultimate guide to optical modules. Learn types, functions, performance metrics & how to choose the right

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What Should You Know About Receiver Sensitivity

Table: Illustrative examples of how sensitivity changes with data rate. Actual values vary by technology and

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