Optical module sensitivity specifications



Overview

Optical Module Performance: Key Power and Sensitivity Metrics This article provides an in-depth analysis of two key performance indicators of optical modul.

Key Takeaways

Receiver sensitivity defines the minimum optical power an optical module can detect while maintaining an acceptable bit error rate (BER), directly impacting link reliability and system performance.

Key Sensitivity Concepts

Receiver sensitivity is the minimum optical power required at the receiver to achieve a specified BER, typically ≤ 1E-12 for high-speed systems ( ). It is measured in dBm and depends on factors such as the photodetector type (PIN or APD), transimpedance amplifier noise, and the modulation format used. For example, 10G systems often require around -12 dBm, while 25G systems may need -8 dBm due to higher signal attenuation and interference at faster data rates ( ).

Transmit optical power is the output power of the laser at the transmitter, also measured in dBm. The combination of transmit power and receiver sensitivity determines the optical link budget, ensuring sufficient signal reaches the receiver after accounting for fiber loss, connectors, and other impairments ( ). Minimum Receiver Power vs.

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Receiver Sensitivity

Receiver Sensitivity: Theoretical limit under controlled lab conditions, representing the lowest power at which the module can decode signals correctly ( ). Minimum Receiver Power: Practical guaranteed operating power, including margins for temperature, aging, and real-world conditions. This is used in link budget calculations to ensure network stability ( ).

Factors Affecting Sensitivity

Modulation Format: NRZ offers better sensitivity (~6 dB advantage) over PAM4 due to reduced inter-symbol interference ( ). Data Rate: Higher rates require higher received power to maintain BER. Environmental Conditions: Temperature, wavelength dispersion, and signal jitter can affect sensitivity.

Stressed receiver testing simulates these conditions to validate real-world performance ( ).

Testing and Validation

Bit Error Rate Testers (BERT): Measure BER under pseudorandom binary sequences (PRBS) to determine sensitivity. Loopback Testing: Attenuates signals to verify receiver performance and confirm BER compliance. Stressed Eye Testing: Evaluates sensitivity under wavelength dispersion and jitter to ensure stability in operational networks ( ).

Practical Implications

Maintaining proper receiver sensitivity ensures reliable optical links, prevents excessive errors, and allows for longer transmission distances without signal degradation. When designing optical networks, engineers must consider both transmit power and receiver sensitivity, along with fiber loss and connector quality, to achieve a robust link budget ( ). In summary, receiver sensitivity is a critical parameter that defines the operational threshold of optical modules, influencing system design, link budgeting, and overall network reliability.

Understanding its interaction with transmit power, modulation format, and environmental factors is essential for optimizing optical communication systems.

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The module output electrical specifications at TP4 shall be met with any optical input signal that is compliant to this optical specification for stressed input sensitivity (section 9.10, 100G

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