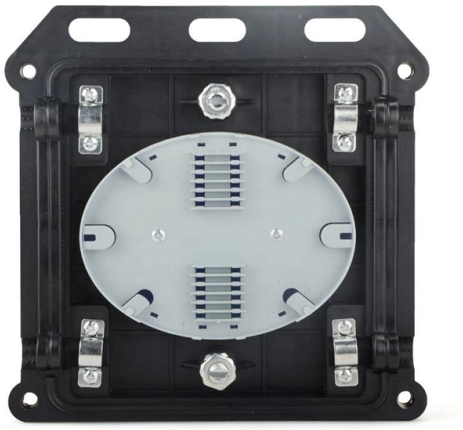
SDH optical module connection



Overview

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Key Takeaways

SDH optical modules connect via fiber optic links using standardized STM frames, enabling high-speed, synchronized digital transmission across networks.

Overview of SD

H Optical ModulesSDH (Synchronous Digital Hierarchy) is a standardized technology for transmitting digital signals over optical fiber with high reliability and efficiency. Optical modules in SDH networks serve as the interface between the fiber optic cable and the SDH equipment, such as Add/Drop Multiplexers (ADMs) or cross-connects. These modules convert electrical signals from the equipment into optical signals for transmission and vice versa.

Connection Structure

Fiber Interface: SDH optical modules typically use single-mode or multi-mode fiber, depending on the transmission distance. Single-mode fibers are preferred for long-haul connections, while multi-mode fibers are used for shorter distances.

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M Frame Alignment: Data is transmitted in Synchronous Transport Modules (STM), with STM-1 being the most common at 155. 52 Mbps. Higher rates like STM-4, STM-16, and STM-64 are integer multiples of STM-1.

The optical module ensures that the STM frame is correctly aligned and synchronized with the network clock. Multiplexing and Demultiplexing: SDH modules support multiplexing of lower-speed signals into higher-speed STM frames. For example, multiple E1 or T1 signals can be combined into an STM-1 frame.

At the receiving end, the module demultiplexes the signal back into its constituent channels. Overhead Management: Each SDH frame contains Section Overhead (SOH) for management, error checking, and network monitoring. Optical modules handle this overhead to maintain network integrity and facilitate fault detection.

Practical Connection Steps

Insert the optical module into the SDH equipment slot. Connect the fiber optic cable to the module's transmit (TX) and receive (RX) ports, ensuring correct polarity. Verify synchronization with the network clock to prevent frame slips.

Monitor alarms and performance metrics via the module's management interface to ensure proper operation.

Key Considerations

Distance and attenuation: Use appropriate fiber type and optical power levels. Connector type: Common connectors include LC, SC, and ST. Compatibility: Ensure the module supports the required STM level and network protocols.

Redundancy: SDH networks often use ring topologies with automatic protection switching, which optical modules must support. By following these guidelines, SDH optical modules can reliably transmit high-speed digital signals over optical fiber, maintaining synchronization and network performance.

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