

One OLT with several beam splitters

Article Overview

Yes, an OLT can use several beam splitters in a PON network, either in a centralized or cascaded configuration, to serve multiple subscribers efficiently.

How OLTs Connect to Splitters

An OLT (Optical Line Terminal) is the central device in a Passive Optical Network (PON) that converts electrical signals into optical signals and manages communication with multiple ONUs or ONTs at subscriber premises . To distribute the optical signal from a single OLT port to many users, optical splitters are used. These splitters are passive devices that divide one optical input into multiple outputs without requiring power .

Splitter Configurations

Centralized Approach

In a centralized splitter configuration, a single high-ratio splitter (e.g., 1×32) is placed in an outside plant enclosure. The OLT port connects directly to this splitter, which then distributes the signal to multiple subscribers . This approach simplifies fiber management and is commonly used in FTTH deployments .

Cascaded Approach

A cascaded splitter configuration uses multiple stages of splitters. For example, a 1×4 splitter at the first stage connects to four 1×8 splitters at the second stage, resulting in a total of 32 outputs (4×8) reaching 32 homes . More stages can be added to achieve higher split ratios, such as 1×64 or 1×128, depending on network requirements . Cascading allows flexible deployment and can reduce the number of fibers needed from the OLT to the distribution points.

Considerations for Multiple Splitters

- **Split Ratios:** Higher split ratios reduce bandwidth per subscriber and may require higher optical power budgets at the OLT or ONT/ONU . Common ratios include 1×8, 1×16, 1×32, and 1×64 .
- **Network Design:** Centralized splitters are simpler to manage, while cascaded splitters offer flexibility for complex topologies or incremental network expansion .
- **Cost and Efficiency:** Using multiple splitters allows a single OLT port to serve man...

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Beam splitter

A beam splitter or beamsplitter is an optical device that splits a beam of light into a transmitted and a

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To realize this technology, many devices are used to support the network, such as optical splitter, ONT, OLT, etc. In this article, we

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Finally, at the bottom, is a hybrid between the top and middle designs, utilizing 2 ports on your OLT and 2x 1:32 splitters to achieve

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One component makes PON deployment scalable and efficient: the fiber optic splitter. It

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