

Optical module power loss

Article Overview

Optical module power loss can result from transmitter or receiver faults, fiber impairments, or connector contamination, and requires systematic diagnosis using both physical inspection and monitoring tools.

Common Causes of Optical Power Loss

- **Transmitter (TX) Issues:** Low or unstable transmit power can occur due to module aging, laser drift, excessive temperature, or internal hardware failure. High TX power may overdrive the receiver at the remote end, potentially causing damage or alarms (TX Fault) .
- **Receiver (RX) Issues:** RX power loss occurs when the received signal falls below the sensitivity threshold, triggering RX LOS alarms. Causes include fiber breaks, excessive attenuation, bending loss, or contamination on the fiber endface .
- **Fiber and Connector Problems:** Contaminated connectors, dirty endfaces, or poor mechanical contact are responsible for over 50% of unexpected power loss. Bending, microbends, or exceeding the nominal transmission distance can also reduce optical power .
- **Module Mismatch or Compatibility:** Using transceivers with incompatible specifications (e.g., Tx power, Rx sensitivity, or dispersion tolerance) can lead to abnormal power readings and link instability .

Symptoms and Alarms

- **TX Fault:** Indicates the transmitter cannot operate within normal specifications; output power may drop to zero .
- **RX LOS (Loss of Signal):** Receiver detects insufficient optical power, causing the li...

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