

Switch optical module sensitivity



Article Overview

Receiver sensitivity is the minimum optical power at which a switch's optical module can reliably detect and decode signals, directly affecting link performance and distance.

Definition and Importance

Receiver sensitivity is the lowest optical power level at which an optical transceiver can successfully decode incoming signals while maintaining an acceptable bit error rate (BER), typically $BER \leq 10^{-12}$ (). It is measured in dBm, and a lower (more negative) value indicates better sensitivity, meaning the module can handle weaker signals and support longer fiber links or higher-loss environments (). This parameter is critical for network design because it determines whether the optical signal arriving at the switch is strong enough to maintain reliable communication. If the received power falls below the receiver sensitivity, the link may experience bit errors or fail entirely ().

Minimum Receiver Power vs Receiver Sensitivity

While receiver sensitivity represents the theoretical limit under controlled conditions, minimum receiver power is the actual optical power required at the receiver after accounting for all link losses, including fiber attenuation, connectors, and splices (). Minimum receiver power is used in link budget calculations to ensure sufficient margin for stable operation. Using only receiver sensitivity in planning can underestimate losses and risk unstable connections ()....

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