

Transmission distance supported by optical switches

Article Overview

The transmission distance of optical switches depends on the type of fiber, optical module, and network design, ranging from a few hundred meters for multimode fiber to tens of kilometers for single-mode fiber.

Key Factors Affecting Transmission Distance

Fiber Type: Multimode fiber (MMF) is typically used for short-reach (SR) applications, supporting distances from 100 meters up to 300 meters, depending on the data rate and fiber grade (OM3, OM4, OM5) due to modal dispersion limiting signal integrity over longer distances. Single-mode fiber (SMF) is used for long-reach (LR) applications, capable of 10 km to 40 km or more, as it minimizes modal dispersion and allows signals to travel further with less attenuation.

Optical Module Type: Optical switches rely on transceivers that determine the effective reach. SR modules operate at 850 nm over MMF, while LR modules operate at 1310 nm or 1550 nm over SMF. Extended variants like ER or ZR modules can reach 80 km or more under ideal conditions.

Optical Power and Sensitivity: The maximum distance is influenced by the transmitting optical power, receiver sensitivity, and fiber attenuation. For example, a Gigabit 1310 nm module with 18 dB link budget can theoretically reach up to 51 km, though practical deployment typically limits it to around 40 km due to additional losses from splices, connectors, and bending.

Environmental and Network Factors: Dispersion (chromatic, modal, and polarization mode), connector quality, splicing, and network topology all affect the achievable distance. High-speed data rates reduce maximum reach, especially over multimode fiber, due to increased mo...

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