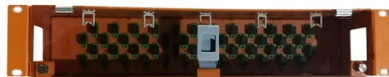


OLT does not require a beam splitter



Article Overview

An OLT does not require a beam splitter to operate; splitters are separate passive components used to distribute its optical signal to multiple ONTs.

Role of the OLT

The Optical Line Terminal (OLT) is the central device in a Passive Optical Network (PON) that connects the service provider's network to the optical fiber infrastructure. It transmits downstream data to end-users and receives upstream data from Optical Network Terminals (ONTs) or Optical Network Units (ONUs) without needing any internal beam splitting functionality . The OLT serves as the aggregation point for multiple subscribers and manages bandwidth allocation, service provisioning, and network monitoring .

Role of Optical Splitters

Optical splitters are passive devices that divide a single optical signal from the OLT into multiple outputs for distribution to ONTs. They are not powered and are typically deployed in the Optical Distribution Network (ODN) between the OLT and the end-users . Splitters can be configured in various ratios, such as 1:2, 1:4, 1:32, or 1:64, depending on the number of subscribers served and network design requirements . The splitters reduce the optical power proportionally to the number of outputs, which must be accounted for in the network's power budget .

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