

Optical Splitter Attenuation Algorithm



Article Overview

An optical splitter attenuation algorithm calculates the signal loss at each output port based on the splitter ratio, insertion loss, and power distribution in a PON network.

Overview

Optical splitters are passive devices that divide a single optical signal from an OLT (Optical Line Terminal) into multiple outputs for ONTs (Optical Network Terminals). The attenuation at each output depends on the split ratio (e.g., 1:2, 1:8, 1:32) and the insertion loss inherent to the splitter type (FBT or PLC) and its connections. Proper calculation ensures that each ONT receives sufficient optical power to operate reliably.

Key Parameters

- Split Ratio (N): Number of output ports. For example, a 1:8 splitter divides the input power among 8 outputs.
- Insertion Loss (IL): The reduction in signal power due to the splitter itself, typically measured in dB. FBT splitters have slightly higher and less uniform IL than PLC splitters.
- Input Power (P_{in}): Optical power entering the splitter, usually in dBm or mW.

Attenuation Calculation

- Theoretical Loss: Assuming perfect splitting, the power at each output is: $P_{out} = P_{in} / N$. In dB, the theoretical splitter loss is: $L_{split} = 10 \log_{10}(N)$. For example, a 1:8 splitter has a theoretical loss of 9 dB....

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Testing Fiber Optic Couplers, Splitters Or Other Passive Devices A passive device used to split or combine signals on fiber optics

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