Reasons for increased bit error rate in optical modules

Article Overview

Increased bit error rate (BER) in optical modules is primarily caused by signal degradation, noise, component imperfections, and environmental factors.

Signal Degradation

Signal attenuation occurs as light travels through the fiber, reducing signal strength and increasing BER, especially over long distances. Dispersion, including chromatic dispersion and polarization mode dispersion (PMD), causes pulse spreading, leading to inter-symbol interference and higher error rates . Nonlinear effects such as self-phase modulation, cross-phase modulation, and four-wave mixing can further distort signals at high power levels .

Noise and Interference

Optical noise from thermal fluctuations, shot noise, relative intensity noise, and amplifier noise (e.g., from EDFAs) can degrade signal quality and increase BER . Data-dependent errors and multiple error events within a single code block can also contribute to non-uniform error characteristics .

Component Imperfections

Imperfections in lasers, modulators, and detectors, such as laser chirp or detector jitter, can reduce signal integrity . Aging or failing transceivers, abnormal bias curre...

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