

Technical parameters of optical receiver



AI Overview

A typical optical receiver is characterized by parameters such as receiver sensitivity, dynamic range, photodetector type, response time, noise performance, and bit error rate (BER). Key Parameters

Receiver Sensitivity: This defines the minimum optical power required for the receiver to achieve a target BER. It is a critical factor in determining the system power budget and can be affected by noise, inter-symbol interference (ISI), and transmitter imperfections such as relative intensity noise (RIN) and jitter.

Dynamic Range: The ratio of the maximum to minimum optical power the receiver can handle under normal operating conditions, typically expressed in dB. A dynamic range of 30 dB, for example, indicates the receiver can detect signals 1000 times weaker than the maximum input.

Photodetector Type: Common photodetectors include PIN diodes and avalanche photodiodes (APDs). PIN diodes offer fast response and high quantum efficiency, while APDs provide internal gain for higher sensitivity but require careful biasing.

Response Time / Bandwidth: The receiver must respond quickly enough to detect high-speed optical signals. This is influenced by the photodetector material, amplifier design, and overall circuit layout.

Noise Performance: Noise sources such as thermal noise, shot noise, and amplifier noise limit the minimum detectable optical power. The signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) directly impacts the BER.

Amplification and Signal Processing: Typical receivers include a transimpedance amplifier (TIA) to convert photocurrent to voltage, a limiting amplifier for decision-making, and a clock-data recovery (CDR) unit to synchronize the output signal.

Bit Error Rate (BER): BER is the ratio of incorrect bits to total detected bits and is a primary measure of receiver performance. Forward error correction (FEC) can improve the decoded BER at the cost of additional overhead.

Modulation Compatibility: Direct-detection receivers are generally insensitive to phase and polarization, while coherent receivers can handle any mod...

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Receiver design for optical fiber communication systems

The purpose of this chapter is to provide the reader with a basic understanding of the optical receiver and the interplay between the components of the receiver as well as the influence of

What are the parameters associated with optical receivers?

Following are the major parameters associated with optical light receivers:- Minimum threshold optical power, minimum sensitivity Responsiveness per wavelength Wavelength

Optical receiver performance evaluation

When designing a good optical receiver, it is critical to understand the different parameters that will impair overall receiver sensitivity.

Optical Receivers

The design of an optical receiver depends on the modulation format used by the transmitter. The chapter deals with various noise sources that limit the signal-to-noise ratio in optical

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The fundamental goal in the design of an optical receiver is to minimize the amount of optical power which must reach the receiver in order to achieve a given bit error rate (BER) in digital systems or a

Optical Receiver

Important parameters of an optical receiver include photodetector responsivity, bandwidth, flatness of frequency response within the bandwidth, noise figure, linearity, and signal wavelength coverage.

Optimization of Optical Receiver Parameters for Pulsed Laser

Abstract: Theoretical analysis and optimization of an optoelectronic receiving chain in pulsed laser-tracking systems are presented. The optical receiver and electronics for analog signal

Fiber Optic Receiver and its major design criteria

Some of the key operational parameters to determine the receiver performance are receiver sensitivity, bandwidth, and dynamic range. One of the goals in designing an efficient fiber optic receiver is to

Performance Characteristics of a Fiber Optic Receiver

They receive optical signals from the fiber network and convert them into electrical signals for further processing. The performance of a fiber optic

Optical Receiver

An optical receiver usually consists of a photodetector and an electrical circuit for transimpedance amplification and signal manipulation. Important parameters of an optical receiver include

Optical detectors and fiber optic receivers

Figure 7-1. - Block diagram of a typical fiber optic receiver. Receiver spectral response, sensitivity, Frequency response, and dynamic range are key receiver

Receiver design for high-speed optical-fiber systems

These diversified applications impose different and often conflicting constraints on the optical receiver. This paper re-examines the optical receiver design in view of these different requirements, namely,

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The optical receiver, to be described in this chapter, consists of a photodetector and an associated amplifier along with necessary filtering. The function of the photodetector is to detect the incident light

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In the world of fiber optic communications, optical transceiver modules play a pivotal role as interfaces that convert electrical signals to optical signals and vice versa. If you're dealing with

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The chapter focuses on reverse-biased p-n junctions that are used for making optical receivers, and discusses metal-semiconductor-metal photodetectors. The design of an optical receiver depends on

Optical Receiver Sensitivity: Measurement and Comparison Guide

Learn how to measure and compare the optical receiver sensitivity for different modulation formats and bit rates in fiber optic networks using various methods, tools, techniques, and metrics.

HFAN-03.0.2: Optical Receiver Performance Evaluation

This application note provides an in-depth analysis of the complete receiver optical sensitivity and the potential power penalties related to the accumulation of random noise and inter-symbol interference

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Next, the components used in an optical receiver unit are explained. Finally, different types of noise sources in optical receivers that limit the signal-to-noise ratio, the receiver sensitivity parameter and

Optical Receiver Selection Guide

Characteristics of amplified photoreceivers include usability at low optical power levels (hundreds of nW), high dynamic range and isolation of the photodiode from external circuits.

HFAN-03.0.2: Optical Receiver Performance Evaluation

To make a good optical receiver design, it is critical to understand the different parameters that will cause impairments in the overall receiver sensitivity. This application note provides an in-depth

Optical Receiver

The optical receiver consists of a photodiode (PD) followed by a TIA. Incoming optical signals are converted into electrical current signals by the PD, and then converted into voltage signals by the TIA

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