

For data center interconnection, red light sources around 1310 nm are typically used, with the choice between external or integrated sources depending on link distance, power budget, and scalability requirements.

Wavelength Considerations For DCI links, the O-band (around 1310 nm) is commonly used to minimize chromatic dispersion over short to medium distances, which is critical for high-speed intra-data center links. Red light sources in this band are suitable for both single-mode fiber (SMF) and multi-mode fiber (MMF) deployments, with SMF preferred for longer distances and higher bandwidths.

External vs Integrated Light Sources

External Light Sources: These are separate from the transceiver or switch ASIC and can provide higher optical power, which is beneficial for longer links or when multiple fibers are aggregated. They are more flexible for wavelength-division multiplexing (WDM) and can scale to high switch bandwidths (up to 102.4 Tb/s) with link budgets exceeding 4 dB.

Integrated Light Sources: Co-packaged with the switch or transceiver, these reduce electrical interconnect losses and power consumption but may be more sensitive to temperature and thermal management. Integrated sources can improve link budgets by 2–4 dB for 51.2 Tb/s switching and reduce the number of required fiber attachments.

Single- vs Multi-Wavelength Sources

Single-Wavelength Sources: Simpler and cost-effective for short-reach links, typically used in direct detection architectures.

Multi-Wavelength Sources (DWDM/CWDM): Enable higher aggregate bandwidth over the same fiber infrastructure. Colored optics over passive DWDM allow flexible scaling, while colorless (gray) optics over active DWDM provide similar advantages with simplified inventory management.

Modulation and Detection

Direct Detection: Suitable for short-reach intra-data center links, simpler and lower cost, b...

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INTRODUCTION There are a number of existing requirements – enforced by a range of standards, regulations, laws, certifications, and utility protocols – that govern the grid interconnection and

Technical Interconnection Requirements

2. Technical Screening and Analysis of Interconnection Applications The customer should submit an application for interconnection in accordance with the specific State or PJM requirements for

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