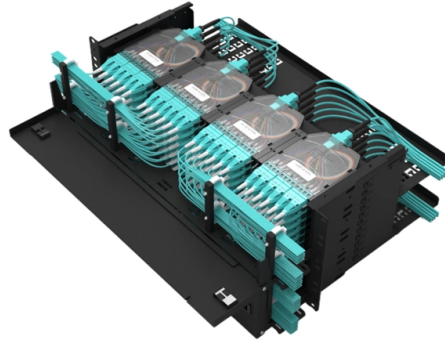


Fiber Optic Communication in 1999



Overview

Fiber To The Home (FTTH) networks, mostly based on passive optical networks (PONs) using optical splitters to connect multiple subscribers on one fiber, begin deployment worldwide. Bend insensitive singlemode fiber was introduced to reduce losses caused by stress on the fibers. Fiber begins replacing communications satellites. The Electronics Industry Association (EIA) takes on task of developing standards for fiber optics, merges with US Telecom Suppliers Association (USTSA) to create the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) to write standards. IEEE published. Digital Equipment Corp. joined Xerox to standardize ethernet under IEEE as 803. Teleprompter tests fiber optic CATV link in Manhattan. 3 weeks later, GTE sends live. Investors, companies, and governments poured hundreds of billions of dollars into building fiber-optic networks, wireless infrastructure, and new telecom startups. It comprised a series of towers spaced 10-30 km apart, with movable semaphore arms on top that could be oriented at various angles to signify different letters and. Bell engineers developed and exhaustively tested the first generation of fiber-optic systems, based on multimode graded-index fibers transmitting 45 Mb/s at 850 nm over spans of 10 km, connecting local telephone central offices. Our teams worked closely with the "Big Three" of the time, AT&T, MCI.

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