



ALM

Fiber assurance solution for lean operations

Fiber is a high-value asset. It transports huge amounts of data, generating significant revenue. Fiber failure demands immediate action but a lack of information about the nature of a problem often makes this impossible. In-service fiber monitoring solves this issue and our unique ALM does it with unrivalled efficiency.

Operations teams have one key objective: run a complex communication infrastructure as efficiently as possible. In the event of network failure, a root cause analysis should not require on-site field forces with expensive measurement equipment. Giving customers higher bandwidth services should be possible without changing demarcation device. Gathering real-time information about the integrity of the fiber network should not require costly new kit. Proactive fiber link monitoring solves those challenges. Our ALM is an in-service advanced link monitoring solution for highly precise, real-time monitoring of fiber links. It streamlines operational processes, shortens repair cycles and enables service-agnostic network demarcation.



Your benefits

Improved service quality

Real-time information on fiber integrity for fast failure detection and short repair cycles.

Non-intrusive monitoring

Inherent compatibility of demarcation reflectors with any user data protocol as well as multi-wavelength transmission systems.

Streamlined operations

In-service fiber monitoring for immediate separation between failures of active devices and problems with the fiber plant.

Higher availability

Detecting degradations and initiating countermeasures before services are affected and SLAs are violated.

Simplified demarcation

Passive demarcation reflectors for operation without power supply even under harsh environmental conditions.

Intuitive management interface

Integrated with market-leading geographic information systems (GIS) to quickly and easily localize fiber issues

High-level specifications

Fiber link monitoring

- Two ALM variants for supervision of 16 (16ALM) or 64 fibers (64ALM) per ALM device
- Non-intrusive monitoring independent from user traffic
- Active component at central office only

Measurement principles

- Real-time information about fiber loss profile
- Localization of loss points with alarm thresholds
- Ultra-fast fiber integrity verification with 3 to 6 secs. per port

Demarcation reflector

- Passive device at remote site
- No power and no additional space required
- Integrated with patch cable or discrete devices
- Applicable in harsh environments

Optical performance

- Up to 160km nominal reach for access, metro and core applications
- Measurement signal at 1650nm, outside user traffic wavelengths

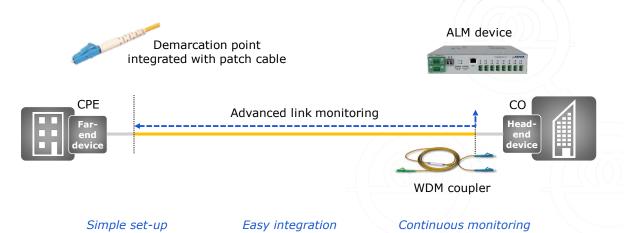
Management capabilities

- Full SNMP management for all operational processes
- Built into market-leading GIS
- FSP Network Manager for full set of FCAPS functions

Operational requirements

- Power consumption <15W
- Fanless operation
- Wide operating temperature range (-5°C to 55°C)
- Ultra-compact ETSI solution: up to 64 ports per 1RU chassis

Applications in your network



Simplifying operations and creating more value from fiber networks

- Enhancing dark fiber services with real-time assurance information and shorter repair cycles.
- Passive demarcation minimizing operational cost at customer premises with powerless operation
- Proactive fiber monitoring instead of post-failure problem analysis with field services engagement
- Non-intrusive fiber monitoring for assured service delivery enabling service modifications and upgrades without on-site visits
- Remote access to passive fiber sensors for monitoring of unpowered sites



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