

Fiber optic communication has a large transmission capacity

Article Overview

Modern fiber optic systems can achieve transmission capacities exceeding 1 petabit per second over long distances using multi-core fibers and advanced wavelength multiplexing.

Recent Advances and World Records

The latest breakthrough in fiber optic communication was achieved using a 19-core optical fiber, which is equivalent to 19 standard fibers bundled together. This system transmitted data at 1.02 petabits per second over 1,808 kilometers, setting a new world record for long-distance, high-capacity transmission. The experiment utilized low-loss cores across multiple wavelength bands and an optical amplification relay system to maintain signal integrity over the long distance, resulting in a capacity-distance product of 1.86 exabits per second $\times$ km—the highest ever recorded for standard cladding diameter fibers (0.125 mm) .

Key Technologies Enabling High Capacity

- **Multi-Core Fibers (MCF):** By using multiple cores within a single fiber, each core can carry independent data streams, effectively multiplying the total capacity without increasing the fiber diameter .
- **Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM):** Multiple wavelengths (or channels) of light are transmitted simultaneously through each core. Recent experiments have used 180 wavelengths across the C and L bands, and research is exploring additional bands (S, E, O, U) to further expand capacity .

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