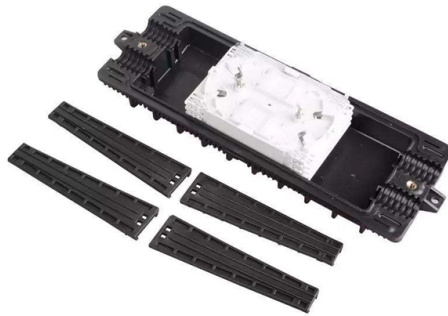


Wavelength Division Multiplexing System Architecture



Overview

In WDM systems, incoming optical signals are assigned specific wavelength and then multiplexed onto the fiber.

Key Takeaways

A WDM system combines multiple optical signals of different wavelengths onto a single fiber using multiplexers, transmits them through optical fiber with optional amplification, and separates them at the receiver using demultiplexers. Core Components of a WDM System



1. Transmitters: Each data channel is generated by a separate laser source operating at a distinct wavelength. These lasers encode the data onto optical signals suitable for fiber transmission . 2. Multiplexer (Mux): The multiplexer combines multiple wavelength channels into a single optical fiber. This allows simultaneous transmission of several data streams over the same fiber, effectively increasing the total bandwidth . 3. Optical Fiber: The combined signals travel through a single optical fiber. Depending on the system, single-mode fibers are typically used to minimize dispersion and loss. The fiber may span long distances, requiring amplification . 4. Optical Amplifiers: For long-haul transmission, erbium-doped fiber amplifiers (EDFAs) or Raman amplifiers boost the optical signals without converting them to electrical form. This maintains signal strength across extended distances . 5. Demultiplexer (DeMux): At the receiving end, the demultiplexer separates the combined wavelengths back into individual channels, directing each to its respective receiver . 6. Receivers: Each separated wavelength is detected by a photodetector, converting the optical signal back into an electrical signal for further processing . 7. Optional Add-Drop Multiplexers (OADM): In advanced networks, OADMs allow specific channels to be added or dropped at intermediate nodes without affecting other wavelengths, enabling flexible routing and network scalability .

Types of WDM Systems

- Coarse WDM (CWDM): Uses fewer channels with wider spacing (typically 20 nm) for cost-effective, short-to-medium distance applications like metropolitan networks .
- Dense WDM (DWDM): Uses many closely spaced channels (e.g., 40-80 channels with 50-100 GHz spacing) for high-capacity, long-haul transmission such as backbone networks .

Functional Flow

- Data from multiple sources is converted into optical signals at different wavelengths.
- The multiplexer combines these signals into a single fiber.
- Optical amplifiers maintain signal strength over long distances.
- At the destination, the demultiplexer separates the wavelengths.
- Receivers convert the optical signals back to electrical form for processing. This structure allows WDM systems to maximize fiber capacity, support bidirectional communication, and enable scalable network upgrades without laying additional fibers .

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