

Key characteristics and parameters of WDM Wavelength Division Multiplexer



Overview

A powerful aspect of an optical communication link is that many different wavelengths can be sent along the fibre simultaneously.

Key Takeaways

Key WDM parameters include wavelength spacing, channel count, spectral efficiency, insertion loss, crosstalk, and system capacity, which define the performance of multiplexers in fiber-optic networks.

1. Wavelength Spacing:

- Defines the spectral separation between adjacent channels.
- For DWDM, typical spacing is 0.8 nm (100 GHz) or 0.4 nm (50 GHz) in the C-band (1530–1565 nm), with ultra-dense systems reaching 12.5 GHz spacing .
- For CWDM, spacing is wider, typically 20 nm, covering 1270–1610 nm, suitable for fewer channels and cost-sensitive applications .

2. Channel Count:

- DWDM can support 40–96 channels or more, depending on spacing and amplification, enabling aggregate capacities up to 96 Tbps .

3. Spectral Efficiency:

- CWDM supports 8–18 channels, limited by broader spacing and simpler transceivers .

4. Measures data rate per unit frequency (bits/s/Hz).

- DWDM systems achieve 4–8 bits/s/Hz, while CWDM is lower due to wider spacing .
4. Insertion Loss:
- Loss introduced by the multiplexer/demultiplexer, typically

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