

Free Space Wavelength Division Multiplexer

Article Overview

A Free Space Wavelength Division Multiplexer (WDM) combines or separates multiple optical signals of different wavelengths in free-space, enabling high-capacity optical communication without fiber confinement.

Overview

A Free Space WDM is a device that allows multiple optical signals, each at a distinct wavelength, to be transmitted or received through free-space rather than through optical fibers. It operates on the same principle as fiber-based WDM, where a multiplexer combines signals at the transmitter and a demultiplexer separates them at the receiver, but uses free-space optics such as lenses, diffraction gratings, or prisms to manipulate light paths instead of waveguides or fibers .

Key Components and Design

- **Optical Elements:** Free-space WDMs typically use diffraction gratings, prisms, or holographic elements to spatially separate or combine wavelengths.
- **Channel Spacing:** The separation between wavelengths (channels) is critical to minimize crosstalk and maintain signal integrity. Dense WDM (DWDM) can achieve very narrow spacing (e.g., 50-100 GHz), while coarse WDM (CWDM) uses wider spacing for simpler systems .
- **Insertion Loss and Crosstalk:** Free-space designs must minimize optical losses and interference between channels. Advanced designs in integrated photonics demonstr...

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