

Comb Wavelength Division Multiplexing



Article Overview

Comb-WDM uses optical frequency combs to generate multiple, equally spaced wavelengths from a single laser, enabling high-capacity, energy-efficient optical communication.

Overview

Comb-WDM is an advanced form of Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM), a technology that increases the transmission capacity of optical fibers by sending multiple data channels simultaneously, each on a different wavelength of light . Unlike traditional WDM systems that rely on discrete lasers for each channel, Comb-WDM uses a single optical frequency comb to produce multiple coherent wavelengths, providing inherent phase coherence across all channels .

How It Works

An optical frequency comb is a light source whose spectrum consists of a series of equally spaced frequency lines. Each line can act as a separate WDM channel. The comb is characterized by two parameters: the repetition rate (line spacing) and the offset frequency, which together define the absolute positions of the spectral lines . In Comb-WDM systems, these comb lines are modulated with data and transmitted over a single fiber, then demultiplexed at the receiver, often without the need for power-hungry wavelength control .

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