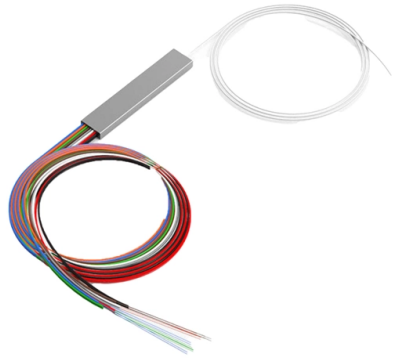
Development of Fiber Optic Wavelength Division Multiplexing Systems



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Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM) has evolved from early low-capacity optical links to modern multi-terabit systems, enabling simultaneous transmission of multiple signals over a single fiber using different wavelengths.

Early Development

WDM technology emerged as a solution to the limited capacity of early optical fibers, which initially transmitted only a few megabits per second over short distances. The invention of the erbium-doped fiber amplifier (EDFA) in the late 1980s was a pivotal milestone, allowing multiple optical channels to be amplified simultaneously without electrical conversion, which significantly increased transmission distances and data rates . Early WDM systems were limited by lossy fibers and broadband sources, but advances in low-attenuation fibers and narrow-linewidth lasers enabled higher performance.

Types of WDM Systems

WDM systems are broadly categorized into Coarse Wavelength Division Multiplexing (CWDM) and Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing (DWDM). CWDM uses wider channel spacing (typically 20 nm) and is suitable for short-distance applications, offering cost-effective transceivers . DWDM, in contrast, uses narrow channel spacing (less than 1 nm) and is optimized for long-haul and high-capacity networks, supporting 40 to 160 channels or more, with data rates reaching terabits per secon...

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