

Title (en)

OPTICAL WAVELENGTH MULTIPLEXING DEVICE AND WDM OPTICAL TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Title (de)

OPTISCHE WELLENLÄNGENMULTIPLEXVORRICHTUNG UND OPTISCHES WELLENLÄNGENMULTIPLEX-NACHRICHTENÜBERTRAGUNGSSYSTEM

Title (fr)

DISPOSITIF DE MULTIPLEXAGE OPTIQUE EN LONGUEURS D'ONDES ET SYSTEME DE TELECOMMUNICATION OPTIQUE MLO

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Abstract (en)

[origin: WO0129596A1] An optical multiplexing device (44; 45), for wavelength multiplexing a plurality M of optical channels (16) - with  $M \geq 8$ , said multiplexing device (44; 45) having N input ports (208, 208') - with  $N \geq M$  - and one output port (233; 254) and comprising at least three optical couplers (202, 202', 205, 205', 207, 207', 206, 206', 213, 213', 217, 217', 225, 225', 231) having predetermined intrinsic losses and coupled together according to a tree topology, said tree topology having N inputs and one output corresponding to said N input ports (208, 208') and one output port (233; 254) characterized in that a) the intrinsic loss of each of said at least three optical couplers (202, 202', 205, 205', 207, 207', 206, 206', 213, 213', 217, 217', 225, 225', 231) is preselected; and b) said at least three optical couplers (202, 202', 205, 205', 207, 207', 206, 206', 213, 213', 217, 217', 225, 225', 231) are arranged in said tree topology so that, passing through said multiplexing device (44; 45), at least two of said plurality M of optical channels (16) are attenuated differently from each other. When included in a WDM transmission system, e.g. a system using in-line fibre amplifiers, the different channel attenuations of the transmission line can be equalised.

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