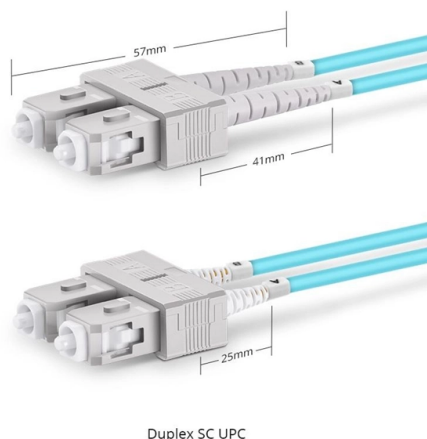


Performance parameters of optical wavelength division multiplexer



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Key Takeaways

Optical WDMs require low insertion loss, minimal crosstalk, precise channel spacing, and high scalability to ensure efficient, high-capacity data transmission. Key Performance Metrics1. Insertion Loss: Insertion loss measures the optical power lost when signals pass through a multiplexer or demultiplexer.

Low insertion loss is critical to maintain signal strength over long distances and reduce the need for amplification. Modern silicon-based WDM devices can achieve ultra-low insertion loss while supporting multiple channels across the C- and L-bands. 2.

Crosstalk: Crosstalk refers to unwanted signal leakage between adjacent wavelength channels. High crosstalk degrades signal integrity and limits the number of usable channels. Advanced designs, such as inverse-designed multiplexers combined with distributed Bragg gratings, can achieve crosstalk levels below -40 dB for 15 nm channel spacing.

3. Channel Spacing and Spectral Resolution: Channel spacing defines the wavelength separation between adjacent channels.

CWD

M typically uses wide spacing (20 nm) for up to 16 channels, suitable for metropolitan networks, while DWDM uses narrow spacing (50–100 GHz, ~ 0.4 – 0.8 nm) to support 40–96 channels for long-haul, high-capacity networks.

Ultra-dense WD

M can achieve 12.5 GHz spacing for specialized applications. 4.

Scalability and Density: High-density WDM multiplexers allow more channels per fiber, saving rack space and reducing system complexity. Innovations like CS connector-based multiplexers provide ultra-high-density solutions, increasing channel count while maintaining robustness. 5.

Compatibility and Material Platforms: WDM devices must be compatible with the fiber type, transmission window (C-band, L-band), and amplification technologies (e.g., Raman or EDFA). Designs should also allow easy adaptation to different material platforms and spectral windows. 6.

Environmental and Operational Stability: Temperature variations, mechanical stress, and fiber bending can affect WDM performance. Devices must maintain low insertion loss and crosstalk under operational conditions, especially for thermally tuned ring resonators or arrayed waveguide gratings used in integrated photonics.

Summary

In practice, the performance requirements of optical WDMs focus on achieving: Low insertion loss to preserve signal power Minimal crosstalk to maintain channel integrity Precise channel spacing for CWDM, DWDM, or ultra-dense WDM High scalability and density for efficient fiber utilization Compatibility with fiber types and amplification Operational stability under environmental variations Meeting these requirements ensures reliable, high-capacity optical communication, whether for data centers, metropolitan networks, or long-haul fiber systems.

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