

Development History of Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing



AI Overview

DWDM evolved from early Wavelength Division Multiplexing in the 1980s to a high-capacity optical transmission technology in the 1990s, enabling exponential increases in fiber-optic network bandwidth.

Early Origins of WDM

The concept of Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM) emerged in the 1980s as a solution to the growing demand for higher data transmission over optical fibers. Traditional single-wavelength fiber systems could not meet the increasing bandwidth requirements, prompting researchers to explore transmitting multiple optical signals simultaneously over a single fiber using different wavelengths of light. This innovation allowed for a significant multiplication of fiber capacity and laid the foundation for DWDM.

Emergence of DWDM

Building on WDM, Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing (DWDM) appeared in the early 1990s. Unlike early WDM systems, DWDM could multiplex signals at much denser wavelength intervals, dramatically increasing the number of channels per fiber. Typical DWDM systems initially supported 40 channels at 100 GHz spacing, later expanding to 80 channels at 50 GHz spacing, and eventually ultra-dense systems with 12.5 GHz spacing. This capability allowed optical networks to handle exponentially higher data rates, supporting the rapid growth of internet traffic and...

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