

Core Components of Optical Modules WSS

Article Overview

WSS optical modules consist of diffraction gratings, lenses, waveguides, and active switching elements such as MEMS mirrors or LCOS devices, integrated to selectively route and control optical wavelengths.

Core Optical Components

1. Diffraction Gratings: Diffraction gratings are the primary dispersive elements in WSS modules. They spatially separate incoming optical signals by wavelength, functioning similarly to a high-resolution spectrometer. Some designs combine a grating with a prism (GRISM) to improve resolution and coupling efficiency . 2. Lenses and Optical Systems: Lenses form confocal optical systems that focus light between the fiber array and the switching element. The front-end optics adjust the beam diameter to match the size of MEMS mirrors or LCOS pixels, while the back-end optics maintain wavelength separation and image quality. Meniscus lenses or prisms may be added for image correction and to maintain depth of focus . 3. Active Switching Elements:

- MEMS Mirrors: Microelectromechanical mirrors redirect individual wavelength channels to specific output ports. The front-end optics generate a beam diameter suitable for the mirror size, and the mirrors can also introduce controlled attenuation by slight angular offsets .
- LCOS Devices: Liquid Crystal on Silicon devices provide high-resolution, low-loss switching with flat filter functions, enabling flexible multi-node cascading in high-port-count WSS modules . 4. Waveguides and Fiber Arrays: Optical fibers guide incoming signals into the WSS module, and waveguides direct light toward the grating and s...

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MCU(Microcontroller Unit): Responsible for the operation of the underlying software, the monitoring of DDM functions related to the

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