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### **DETAILED ACTION**

### Allowable Subject Matter

- 1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closet references of record are (Note these references were made of record on PTOL-1449) Bouevitch et. al., U.S.P. No. 6,498,872 which teaches (Figs.1-12) an optical device which is used in conjunction with configurable optical add/drop multiplexers (COADM) which includes optical fiber input/output ports 80a,80b,99a,99b which sends wavelength of light which are collimated through lens 90 to spherical reflector 10 which is incident of diffraction grating 20 to MEMS reflector(s) 51,52.which are movable in either the horizontal or vertical directions to return specific wavelengths lambda 1, lambda2 to the output ports 3. Bouevitch et. al., U.S.P. No. 6,498,872 does not teach or suggest using channel micromirrors which are both individually and continuously controllable to reflect received spectral channels to any one of the output ports and to control the power of the received spectral channels coupled to the output ports.
- 2. Additional secondary references Wagener et. al., U.S.P. No. 6,631,222 (Figs.1-4), Jin et. al., U.S.P. No. 6,256,430 (Figs.1-7) and Ma et. al., U.S.P. No. 6,567,574 (Figs.1-12) all teach that at the time the invention was made it was know that pivotable micromirrors or MEMS can be used with wavelength multiplexers to switch or select wavelengths between input and output ports.
- 3. None of the aforementioned references, either taken alone or in combination with each other, teach or suggest the claimed wavelength separating routing device which includes multiple fiber collimators, a wavelength separator, a beam-focuser and a

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spatial array of channel micro mirrors which are pivotable about two axes and are both individually and continuously controllable to reflect received spectral channels to any one of the output ports and to control the power of the received spectral channels coupled to the output ports. These limitations are recited in amended claim 1.

### Therefore the patentability of amended claim 1 is confirmed.

- 4. Dependent claims 2-20 are inclusive of the limitations of amended claim 1, as well as other additionally recited limitations. Please see the dependent claims for the specifics of these additionally recited limitations. The patentability of dependent claims 2-20 is confirmed.
- 5. In addition, none of the aforementioned references, either taken alone or in combination with each other, teach or suggest the claimed servo-based optical apparatus comprising multiple fiber collimators providing multi-wavelength optical signal and a plurality of output ports, a wavelength separator, a beam focuser, a spatial array of individually controllable channel micromirrors and a servo-control assembly in communication with the channel micromirrors and the output ports for maintaining a predetermined coupling of each reflected spectral channels into one of the output ports.
- 6. These limitations are recited in original claim 21. Therefore the patentability of original claim 21 is confirmed.
- 7. Dependent claims 22-30 are inclusive of the limitations of original claim 21, as well as other additionally recited limitations. Please see the dependent claims for the specifics of these additionally recited limitations. **The patentability of dependent** claims 22-30 is confirmed.

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8. In addition, none of the aforementioned references, either taken alone or in combination with each other, teach or suggest the claimed optical appatatus comprising: an array of fiber collimators providing multi-wavelength optical signal and a plurality of output ports, a wavelength separator, a beam focuser, a spatial array of individually controllable channel micromirrors being individually and continuously controllable to reflect spectral channels into selected ones of output ports and a one-dimensional (or two dimensional) array of collimator-alignment mirrors for adjusting an alignment of multi-wavelength optical signal from the input port and directing spectral channels into the output ports. These limitations are recited in original claim 31 (and original claim 37 is the same as that of claim 31 except has a two-dimensional array of collimator-alignment mirrors). Therefore the patentability of original claims 31 and 37 is confirmed.

- 9. Dependent claims 32-36 and 38-43 are inclusive of the limitations of original claim 31 and 37, as well as other additionally recited limitations. Please see the dependent claims for the specifics of these additionally recited limitations. **The**patentability of dependent claims 32-36 and 38-43 is confirmed.
- 10. The limitation of independent amended claim 44 is similar to that of claim 1 with the addition of a plurality of output ports including a pass-through port and one or more drop points. Therefore the patentability of amended claim 44 is confirmed.
- 11. Dependent claims 45-60 are inclusive of the limitations of amended claim 44, as well as other additionally recited limitations. Please see the dependent claims for the

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specifics of these additionally recited limitations. The patentability of dependent

claims 45-60 is confirmed.

12. In addition, none of the aforementioned references, either taken alone or in

combination with each other, teach or suggest the claimed method of performing

dynamic wavelength separating and routing comprising: receiving a mult-wavelength

optical signal from an input port, separating the multi-wavelength optical signal into

multiple spectral channels, focusing the spectral channels onto a spatial array of

corresponding beam-deflecting elements whereby each beam deflecting element

receives one of the spectral channels, dynamically and continuously controlling the

beam-deflecting elements in two dimensions to direct the spectral channels into any

selected ones of the output ports and to control the power of the spectral channels

coupled into the selected output ports. These limitations are recited in amended claim

61. Therefore the patentability of amended claim 61 is confirmed.

13. Dependent claims 62-67 are inclusive of the limitations of amended claim 61, as

well as other additionally recited limitations. Please see the dependent claims for the

specifics of these additionally recited limitations. The patentability of dependent

claims 62-67 is confirmed.

14. Please note that Applicant has cancelled or omitted newly submitted claim 68 in

response to the previous office action. See the remarks of 1.31/2010.

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The oath or declaration, filed 01/31/2010 is sufficient to overcome the rejection of claims based on 35 U.S.C. 251. See previous office action.

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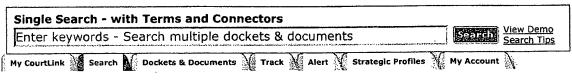
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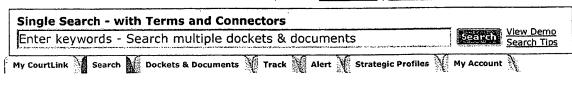
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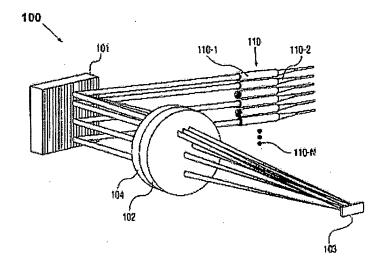
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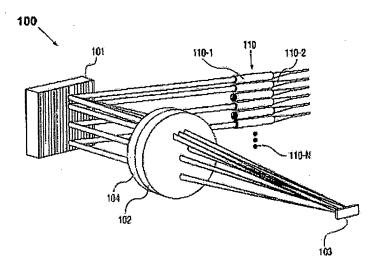
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(Reissue of Patent No. RE 39,397; Issued November 14, 2006)

# AMENDMENT And SUBMISSION OF SECOND REPLACEMENT REISSUE DECLARATION

#### Mail Stop REISSUE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 7, 2011, please amend this application as indicated, and replace the Replacement Reissue Application

Declaration by Assignee submitted December 3, 2010, with the attached Second Replacement Reissue Application Declaration by Assignee.

#### Amendment to Claims

- 1. (Amended) A wavelength-separating-routing apparatus, comprising:
- a) multiple fiber collimators, providing an input port for a multi-wavelength optical signal and a plurality of output ports;
- b) a wavelength-separator, for separating said multi-wavelength optical signal from said input port into multiple spectral channels;
- c) a beam-focuser, for focusing said spectral channels into corresponding spectral spots; and
- d) a spatial array of channel micromirrors positioned such that each channel micromirror receives one of said spectral channels, said channel micromirrors being pivotal about two axes and being individually and continuously controllable to reflect said corresponding received spectral channels into any selected ones of said output ports and to control the power of said received spectral channels coupled into said output ports.
- 2. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a servo-control assembly, in communication with said channel micromirrors and said output ports, for providing control of said channel micromirrors and thereby maintaining a predetermined coupling of each reflected spectral channel into one of said output ports.
- 3. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 2 wherein said servo-control assembly comprises a spectral monitor for monitoring power levels

of said spectral channels coupled into said output ports, and a processing unit responsive to said power levels for providing control of said channel micromirrors.

- 4. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 3 wherein said servo-control assembly maintains said power levels at a predetermined value.
- 5. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 further comprising an array of collimator-alignment mirrors, in optical communication with said wavelength-separator and said fiber collimators, for adjusting an alignment of said multi-wavelength optical signal from said input port and directing said reflected spectral channels into said output ports.
- 6. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 5 wherein each collimator-alignment mirror is rotatable about one axis.
- 7. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 5 wherein each collimator-alignment mirror is rotatable about two axes.
- 8. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 5 further comprising first and second arrays of imaging lenses, in a telecentric arrangement with said collimator-alignment mirrors and said fiber collimators.
  - 9. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 wherein

each channel micromirror is continuously pivotable about one axis.

- 10. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 wherein each channel micromirror is pivotable about two axes.
- 11. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 10 wherein said fiber collimators are arranged in a two-dimensional array.
- 12. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 wherein each channel micromirror is a silicon micromachined mirror.
- 13. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 wherein said fiber collimators are arranged in a one-dimensional array.
- 14. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 wherein said beam-focuser comprises a focusing lens having first and second focal points.
- 15. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 14 wherein said wavelength-separator and said channel micromirrors are placed respectively at said first and second focal points of said focusing lens.
  - 16. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1

wherein said beam-focuser comprises an assembly of lenses.

- 17. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 wherein said wavelength-separator comprises an element selected from the group consisting of ruled diffraction gratings, halographic diffraction gratings, echelle gratings, curved diffraction gratings, and dispersing gratings.
- 18. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a quarter-wave plate optically interposed between said wavelength-separator and said channel micromirrors.
- 19. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 wherein each output port carries a single one of said spectral channels.
- 20. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 19 further comprising one or more optical sensors, optically coupled to said output ports.
  - 21. (Original) A servo-based optical apparatus comprising:
- a) multiple fiber collimators, providing an input port for a multi-wavelength optical signal and a plurality of output ports;
- b) a wavelength-separator, for separating said multi-wavelength optical signal from said input port into multiple spectral channels;

- c) a beam-focuser, for focusing said spectral channels into corresponding spectral spots; and
- d) a spatial array of channel micromirrors positioned such that each channel micromirror receives one of said spectral channels, said channel micromirrors being individually controllable to reflect said spectral channels into selected ones of said output ports; and
- e) a servo-control assembly, in communication with said channel micromirrors and said output ports, for maintaining a predetermined coupling of each reflected spectral channel into one of said output ports.
- 22. (Original) The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 21 wherein said servo-control assembly comprises a spectral monitor for monitoring power levels of said spectral channels coupled into said output ports, and a processing unit responsive to said power levels for providing control of said channel micromirrors.
- 23. (Original) The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 22 wherein said servo-control assembly maintains said power levels at a predetermined value.
- 24. (Original) The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 21 further comprising an array of collimator-alignment mirrors, in optical communication with said wavelength-separator and said fiber collimators, for adjusting an alignment of said multi-wavelength optical signal from said input port and directing said reflected spectral channels into said output ports.

- 25. (Original) The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 24 further comprising first and second arrays of imaging lenses, in a telecentric arrangement with said collimator-alignment mirrors and said fiber collimators.
- 26. (Original) The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 24 wherein each collimator-alignment mirror is rotatable about at least one axis.
- 27. (Original) The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 21 wherein each channel micromirror is continuously pivotable about at least one axis.
- 28. (Original) The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 21 wherein each channel micromirror is a silicon micromachined mirror.
- 29. (Original) The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 21 wherein said wavelength-separator comprises an element selected from the group consisting of ruled diffraction gratings, holographic diffraction gratings, echelle gratings, curved diffraction gratings, and dispersing prisms.
- 30. (Original) The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 21 wherein said beam-focuser comprises one or more lenses.
  - 31. (Original) An optical apparatus comprising:

- a) an array of fiber collimators, providing an input port for a multi-wavelength optical signal and a plurality of output ports;
- b) a wavelength-separator, for separating said multi-wavelength optical signal from said input port into multiple spectral channels;
- c) a beam-focuser, for focusing said spectral channels into corresponding spectral spots;
- d) a spatial array of channel micromirrors positioned such that each channel micromirror receives one of said spectral channels, said channel micromirrors being individually and continuously controllable to reflect said spectral channels into selected ones of said output ports; and
- e) a one-dimensional array of collimator-alignment mirrors, for adjusting an alignment of said multi-wavelength optical signal from said input port and directing said reflected spectral channels into said output ports.
- 32. (Original) The optical apparatus of claim 31 further comprising a servo-control assembly, in communication with said channel micromirrors, said collimator-alignment mirrors, and said output ports, for providing control of said channel micromirrors along with said collimator-alignment mirrors and thereby maintaining a predetermined coupling of each reflected spectral channel into one of said output ports.
- 33. (Original) The optical apparatus of claim 32 wherein said servo-control assembly comprises

a spectral monitor for monitoring power levels of said spectral channels coupled into said output ports, and

a processing unit responsive to said power levels for providing control of said channel micromirrors and said collimator-alignment mirrors.

- 34. (Original) The optical apparatus of claim 31 wherein each channel micromirror is continuously pivotable about at least one axis.
- 35. (Original) The optical apparatus of claim 31 wherein each collimatoralignment mirror is rotatable about at least one axis.
- 36. (Original) The optical apparatus of claim 31 further comprising first and second arrays of imaging lenses, in a telecentric arrangement with said collimatoralignment mirrors and said fiber collimators.
  - 37. (Original) An optical apparatus comprising:
- a) an array of fiber collimators, providing an input port for a multi-wavelength optical signal and a plurality of output ports;
- b) a wavelength-separator, for separating said multi-wavelength optical signal from said input port into multiple spectral channels;
- c) a beam-focuser, for focusing said spectral channels into corresponding spectral spots;

- d) a spatial array of channel micromirrors positioned such that each channel micromirror receives one of said spectral channels, said channel micromirrors being individually and continuously controllable to reflect said spectral channels into selected ones of said output ports; and
- e) a two-dimensional array of collimator-alignment mirrors, for adjusting an alignment of said multi-wavelength optical signal from said input port and directing said reflected spectral channels into said output ports.
- 38. (Original) The optical apparatus of claim 37 further comprising a servo-control assembly, in communication with said channel micromirrors, and

collimator-alignment mirrors, and said output ports, for providing control of said channel micromirrors along with said collimator-alignment mirrors and thereby maintaining a predetermined coupling of each reflected spectral channel into one of said output ports.

- 39. (Original) The optical apparatus of claim 38 wherein said servo-control assembly comprises a spectral monitor for monitoring power levels of said spectral channels coupled into said output ports, and a processing unit responsive to said power levels for providing control of said channel micromirrors and said collimatoralignment mirrors.
  - 40. (Original) The optical apparatus of claim 37 wherein each collimator-

alignment mirror is rotatable about at least one axis.

- 41. (Original) The optical apparatus of claim 37 wherein each channel micromirror is continuously pivotable about at least one axis.
- 42. (Original) The optical apparatus of claim 41 wherein each channel micromirrors is pivotable about two axes, and wherein said fiber collimators are arranged in a two-dimensional array.
- 43. (Original) The optical apparatus of claim 37 further comprising first and second arrays of imaging lenses, in a telecentric arrangement with said collimatoralignment mirrors and said fiber collimators.
- 44. (Amended) An optical system comprising a wavelength-separating-routing apparatus, wherein said wavelength-separating-routing apparatus includes:
- a) an array of fiber collimators, providing an input port for a multi-wavelength optical signal and a plurality of output ports including a pass-through port and one or more drop ports;
- b) a wavelength-separator, for separating said multi-wavelength optical signal from said input port into multiple spectral channels;
- c) a beam-focuser, for focusing said spectral channels into corresponding spectral spots; and

a spatial array of channel micromirrors positioned such that each channel micromirror receives one of said spectral channels, said channel micromirrors being pivotal about two axes and being individually and continuously controllable to reflect said corresponding received spectral channels into any selected ones of said output ports and to control the power of said received spectral channels coupled into said output ports, whereby said pass-through port receives a subset of said spectral channels.

- 45. (Original) The optical system of claim 44 further comprising a servocontrol assembly, in communication with said channel micromirrors and said output ports, for providing control of said channel micromirrors and thereby maintaining a predetermined coupling of each reflected spectral channel into one of said output ports.
- 46. (Original) The optical system of claim 45 wherein said servo-control assembly comprises a spectral monitor for monitoring power levels of said spectral channels coupled into said output ports, and a processing unit responsive to said power levels for providing control of said channel micromirrors.
- 47. (Original) The optical system of claim 44 further comprising an array of collimator-alignment mirrors, in optical communication with said wavelength-separator and said fiber collimators, for adjusting an alignment of said multi-wavelength optical signal from said input port and directing said reflected spectral

channels into said output ports.

- 48. (Original) The optical system of claim 47 further comprising first and second arrays of imaging lenses, in a telecentric arrangement with said collimatoralignment mirrors and said fiber collimators.
- 49. (Original) The optical system of claim 47 wherein each collimatoralignment mirror is rotatable about at least one axis.
- 50. (Original) The optical system of claim 44 wherein each channel micromirror is pivotable about at least one axis.
- 51. (Original) The optical system of claim 44 wherein each channel micromirror is a silicon micromachined mirror.
- 52. (Original) The optical system of claim 44 wherein said beam-focuser comprises a focusing lens having first and second focal points, and wherein said wavelength-separator and said channel micromirrors are placed respectively at said first and second focal points.
- 53. (Original) The optical system of claim 44 wherein said wavelengthseparator comprises an element selected from the group consisting of ruled diffraction gratings, holographic diffraction gratings, echelle gratings, curved

diffraction gratings, and dispersing prisms.

54. (Original) The optical system of claim 44 further comprising a quarter-wave plate optically interposed between said wavelength-separator and said channel micromirrors.

55. (Original) The optical system of claim 44 further comprising an auxiliary wavelength-separating-routing apparatus, including:

- a) multiple auxiliary fiber collimators, providing a plurality of auxiliary input ports and an exiting port;
  - b) an auxiliary wavelength-separator;
  - c) an auxiliary beam-focuser; and
  - d) a spatial array of auxiliary channel micromirrors;

wherein said subset of said spectral channels in said pass-through port and one or more add spectral channels are directed into said auxiliary input ports, and multiplexed into an output optical signal directed into said exiting port by way of said auxiliary wavelength-separator, said auxiliary beam-focuser and said auxiliary channel micromirrors.

- 56. (Original) The optical system of claim 55 wherein said auxiliary channel micromirrors are individually pivotable.
  - 57. (Original) The optical system of claim 55 wherein each auxiliary channel

micromirror is pivotable continuously about at least one axis.

- 58. (Original) The optical system of claim 55 wherein each auxiliary channel micromirror is a silicon micromachined mirror.
- 59. (Original) The optical system of claim 55 wherein said auxiliary wavelength-separator comprises an element selected from the group consisting of ruled diffraction gratings, holographic diffraction gratings, echelle gratings, curved diffraction gratings, and dispersing prisms.
- 60. (Original) The optical system of claim 55 wherein said pass-through port constitutes one of said auxiliary input ports.
- 61. (Amended) A method of performing dynamic wavelength separating and routing, comprising:
  - a) receiving a multi-wavelength optical signal from an input port;
- b) separating said multi-wavelength optical signal into multiple spectral channels;
- c) focusing said spectral channels onto a spatial array of corresponding beamdeflecting elements, whereby each beam-deflecting element receives one of said spectral channels; and
- d) dynamically and continuously controlling said beam-deflecting elements, thereby directing in two dimensions to direct said spectral channels into a plurality

any selected ones of said output ports and to control the power of the spectral channels coupled into said selected output ports.

- 62. (Amended) The method of claim 61 further comprising the step of providing feedback control of said beam-deflecting elements, thereby maintaining to maintain a predetermining coupling of each spectral channel directed into one of said output ports.
- 63. (Original) The method of claim 62 further comprising the step of maintaining power levels of said spectral channels directed into said output ports at a predetermining value.
- 64. (Original) The method of claim 61 wherein each spectral channel is directed into a separate output port.
- 65. (Original) The method of claim 61 wherein a subset of said spectral channels is directed into one of said output ports, thereby providing one or more pass-through spectral channels.
- 66. (Original) The method of claim 65 further comprising the step of multiplexing said pass-through spectral channels with one or more add spectral channels, so as to provide an output optical signal.

67. (Original) The method of claim 61 wherein said beam-deflecting elements comprise an array of silicon micromachined mirrors.

#### Remarks

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his helpful suggestions as to changes to the reissue declaration to overcome the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §251 because of a defective reissue oath or declaration. Enclosed is a Second Replacement Reissue Declaration that adopts the Examiner's suggestions.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the enclosed Second Replacement Reissue Declaration is proper and overcomes the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §251.

Claim 68 which was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §251 as being broadening has been cancelled (omitted) in this Second Preliminary Amendment. Otherwise, the enclosed Amendment is identical to the Preliminary Amendment submitted upon filing of this reissue application.

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration if this application and early action on the merits are respectfully requested.

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Applicant:

Jeffrey P. Wilde, et. al

Serial No.

12/815,930

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Title: Reconfigurable Optical Add-Drop Multiplexers With Servo Control and Dynamic

Spectral Power Management Capability

(Reissue of Patent No. RE39,397, issued November 14, 2006)

# SECOND REPLACEMENT REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY ASSIGNEE

I, Larry Schwerin, hereby declare that:

The residence, mailing address and citizenship of the Inventors of the aboveidentified patent for which reissue is sought are as stated below.

I am authorized to act on behalf of the following Assignee: CAPELLA PHOTONICS, INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION, and my title with said assignee is President and Chief Executive Officer. The entire title and interest in said Patent is vested in said Assignee, and I consent on behalf of said Assignee to the filing of this Reissue Application for the above Patent.

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Inventor's Full Name:	Joseph E. Davis
Residence/Mailing Address:	18765 St. Marks Avenue Morgan Hill, CA 95037
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I believe said above named Inventors to be the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is described and claimed in said above identified Patent for which a reissue patent is sought, the specification of which:

was filed as Application No. 12/815,930 on 06/15/2010;

and was amended by Preliminary Amendments filed on 06/15/2010 and herewith.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

I verily believe the original Patent to be wholly or partially inoperative or invalid for the reason that the patentee claimed more than he had a right to claim in the Patent.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows: Claim 1 is deemed to be too broad and invalid in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,498,872 to Bouevitch and further in view of one or more of U.S. Patent No. 6,567,574 to Ma, U.S. Patent No. 6,256,430 to Jin, or U.S. Patent No. 6,631,222 to Wagener by failing to include limitations regarding the pivotability of channel micromirrors and control of power of received spectral channels coupled to output ports, as indicated by the amendments to Claim 1 in the Preliminary Amendments referred to above.

All errors corrected in this Reissue Application arose without deceptive intent on the part of the Applicant.

I hereby appoint the practitioners associated with **Customer No. 48489** as our attorneys or agents to prosecute the application identified above, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this Declaration is directed.

By:

Dated: 30 , 2011

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

## Reissue Applications

1. Applicant is reminded of the continuing obligation under 37 CFR 1.178(b), to timely apprise the Office of any prior or concurrent proceeding in which Patent No. RE39,397 and USP No. 6,625,346 is or was involved. These proceedings would include interferences, reissues, reexaminations, and litigation.

Applicant is further reminded of the continuing obligation under 37 CFR 1.56, to timely appraise the Office of any information which is material to patentability of the claims under consideration in this reissue application.

These obligations rest with each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application for reissue. See also MPEP §§ 1404, 1442.01 and 1442.04.

- 2. The reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective because it fails to identify at least one error which is relied upon to support the reissue application. See 37 CFR 1.175(a)(1) and MPEP § 1414.
- 3. The reissue declaration filed December 3, 2010, asserts that the patent was wholly or partially inoperative or invalid because the patentee claims more than he had a right to claim and identified the error that serves as basis for reissue being:
- 4. "<u>Some of the claims</u> are deemed to be too broad and invalid in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,498,872 to Bouevitch and further in view of one or more of U.S. Patent No. 6,567,574 to Ma, U.S. Patent No. 6,256,430 to Jin or U.S. Patent No. 6,631,222 to

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Wagener, as indicated by the amendments to the claims in the Preliminary Amendment referred to above and filed with this application."

- 5. The declaration, as filed, lacks specificity because it merely states, "Some of the claims" are deemed to be too broad, which is a statement which does not identify in the oath or declaration which (or at least one) of the claims are too broad and asks the reader to incorporate from the amendment to figure out what is being referred to ("as indicated by the amendments to the claims in the preliminary amendment").
- 6. In the remarks of 12/03/2010, Applicant's main point concerning the previous office action is that rule 175 (37 CFR 1.175) does not require reference to specific claim language. On page 3 of Applicant's remarks it was stated, "It is respectively submitted that the requirement to specifically identify "any error" by reference to "the specific claim language" as stated in the rejection (the previous office action) goes beyond the requirements of the current version of rule 175."
- 7. The current text of 37 CFR 1.175(a)(1) reads as follows: "The applicant believes the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reason of a defective specification or drawing, or by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than the patentee had the right to claim in the patent, **stating at least one error** being relied upon as the basis for reissue."
- 8. The words "stating at least one error" were highlighted because this is the basis for Applicant's arguments regarding the need for specificity. The Examiner takes note of the fact that the word "state" (used as a verb) is defined by the current Merriam-Webster dictionary (current online edition) as "to express the particulars of especially in words."

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Thus it can be seem that to "state at least one error" would include "the particulars of (or specificity of) at least one error." While a dictionary definition is somewhat anecdotal the need for specificity of at least one error has been expanded upon in MPEP 1414 (c) which states: "It is not sufficient for an oath/declaration to merely state "this application is being filed to correct errors in the patent which may be noted from the changes made in the disclosure." Rather, the oath/declaration must specifically identify an error. In addition, it is not sufficient to merely reproduce the claims with brackets and underlining and state that such will identify the error. See In re Constant, 827 F.2d 728,729, 3 USPQ 2d 1479 (Fed Cir.), cert. Denied, 484 U.S. 894 (1987). Any error in the claims must be identified by reference to the specific claim(s) and the specific claim language wherein lies the error."

- 9. In Applicant's remarks of 12/03/2010, it was stated that Applicant's counsel, Mr. Barry Young, telephoned Mr. Robert Clarke and Mr. Pincus Laufer of the UPPTO Office of Legal Administration regarding Applicant's counsel's understanding that the changes to rule 175 in 1997 eliminated the need for specificity (as discussed above). Examiner Healy contacted Mr. Laufer in a communication on December 28,2010 and Mr. Laufer stated that it was a misunderstanding if Mr. Young came away from their conversation that rule 175 eliminated the need for specificity of at least one error in the oath or declaration.
- 10. Applicant should note that if all that were necessary to state that "some of the claims are too broad" then "stating at least one error being relied upon for reissue" would be excess verbiage. The MPEP (See MPEP 1414) has been updated over time

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to clarify what constitutes an adequate statement of error, using examples based on the improper declarations the office has received.

- 11. The Examiner would like to suggest some language which would be acceptable in the oath or declaration. This is not a requirement but a suggestion designed to advance the prosecution of the present application.
- 12. "[Some of the claims are] <u>Claim 1 is</u> deemed to be too broad and invalid in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,498,872 to Bouevitch and further in view of one or more of U.S. Patent No. 6,567,574 to Ma, U.S. Patent No. 6,256,430 to Jin or U.S. Patent No. 6,631,222 to Wagener, <u>by not including limitations regarding the pivotablity of channel micromirrors and control of power of received spectral channels</u>, as indicated by the amendments to [the claims] <u>Claim 1</u> in the Preliminary Amendment referred to above and filed with this application."
- 13. For further guidance regarding acceptable declaration language Applicant is referred to MPEP 1414 (II) ( c ).
- 14. Claim 68 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251 as being broadened in a reissue application filed outside the two year statutory period. Broadening claims made after two years from the patent issue date is prohibited by the reissue statute, 35 USC 251. Claim 68 appears to be broader than original patent claim 1. Even through claim 68 is narrower than original claim 1 in some respects, it is broader than claim 1 in that "beam reflecting elements" (recited in newly presented claim 68) is broader than "channel micro mirrors" (recited in original claim 1) because beam reflecting elements covers reflectors that includes but not limited to mirrors and micro mirrors. Claim 68 is also

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broader than claim 1 because it does not require than the beam-deflecting elements be individually controllable since dynamically controllable is not limited to individually controllable. A claim is broader in scope than the original claims if it contains within its scope any conceivable product or process which would not have infringed the original patent. A claim is broadened if it is broader <u>in any one respect</u> even though it may be narrower in other respects.

15. Claims 1-68 are rejected as being based upon a defective reissue oath or declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251 as set forth above. See 37 CFR 1.175.

The nature of the defect(s) in the oath or declaration is set forth in the discussion above in this Office action (see above discussion).

Because the added rejection regarding improper claim broadening was not necessitated by Applicant's amendment, **this office action has NOT been made final**.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BRIAN M. HEALY whose telephone number is (571)272-2347. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6AM-5PM.

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Jeffrey P. Wilde, et. al

Serial No.: 12/815,930 Group Art Unit: 2883

Filed: 06/15/2010 Examiner: Healy, Brian

Title: Reconfigurable Optical Add-Drop Multiplexers with Servo Control and

Dynamic Spectral Power Management Capabilities

(Reissue of Patent No. RE 39,397; Issued November 14, 2006)

# RESPONSE And SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT REISSUE DECLARATION

## Mail Stop REISSUE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 28, 2010, rejecting the claims under 35 U.S.C. §251 for a defective reissue oath/declaration, attached is a Replacement Reissue Application Declaration by Assignee to replace the originally filed Reissue Application Declaration By The Assignee (form PTO/SB/52).

## Remarks

For the reasons below, it is submitted that the enclosed Replacement Declaration corrects deficiencies in the originally submitted declaration, and complies fully with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.175. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Replacement Declaration of Assignee submitted herewith states, in relevant part:

"I verily believe the original Patent to be wholly or partially inoperative or invalid for the reason that the patentee claimed more than he had a right to claim in the Patent.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows: Some of the claims are deemed to be too broad and invalid in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,498,872 to Bouevitch and further in view of one or more of U.S. Patent No. 6,567,574 to Ma, U.S. Patent No. 6,256,430 to Jin, or U.S. Patent No. 6,631,222 to Wagener, as indicated by the amendments to the claims in the Preliminary Amendment referred to above and filed with this application.

All errors corrected in this Reissue Application arose without deceptive intent on the part of the Applicant."

The current version of 37 C.F.R. §1.175 ("Rule 175"), which was effective December 1, 1997, provides in §1.175(a) (1) that the reissue oath or declaration must state:

"The applicant believes the original patent to be wholly or partially inoperative or invalid by reason of . . . the patentee claiming more of less than the patentee had a right to claim in the patent, <u>stating at least one error being relied upon as the basis for reissue</u>". (see attached copy of Rule 175 reproduced from the M.P.E.P.)

In his rejection based upon a defective oath/declaration, the Examiner stated in the Office Action that the original oath/declaration ". . . fails to clearly and specifically identify in the original claim language wherein lies the error" (*emphasis added*) (citing the M.P.E.P. §1414 and 37 C.F.R. §1.175), and stated that "[A]ny error in the claims must be identified by reference to the specific claim(s) and **the specific language wherein lies the error**" (*emphasis in original*).

It is respectfully submitted that the requirement to specifically identify "any error" by reference to "the specific claim language", as stated in the rejection, goes beyond the requirements of the current version of Rule 175.

The current version of 37 C.F.R. §1.175 (effective December 1, 1997) changed former subsection (a) (1) of the Rule to its present form as quoted above. Additionally, it eliminated entirely former subsections (a) (2), (a) (3) and (a) (5). [Subsection (a) (4) which permitted so-called "no defect" reissues was eliminated in 1982.] Eliminated subsection (a) (2) had required the applicant to particularly specify defects in the specification or drawing. Eliminated subsection (a)(3) applied when the applicant claimed an error by reason of claiming more or less than he had a right to claim, and required the applicant to distinctly specify the excess or insufficiency in the claims. Finally, eliminated subsection (a) (5) required the applicant to particularly specify the errors relied upon and how they arose. All of the previous requirements of these subsections for specific information regarding the nature and origin of each

<u>error being corrected</u> have been eliminated and replaced by the present version of §1.175(a)(1) quoted above.

All that is required by Rule 175(a) (1) is that the applicant state at least one error being relied upon for reissue. The Rule does not require that more that one error to be identified in the oath or declaration, and does not require reference in the oath or declaration to the specific claim language where the error lies, as stated.

It is respectfully submitted that the statement in the enclosed Replacement Declaration: "Some of the claims are deemed to be too broad and invalid in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,498,872 to Bouevitch and further in view of one or more of U.S. Patent No. 6,567,574 to Ma, U.S. Patent No. 6,256,430 to Jin, or U.S. Patent No. 6,631,222 to Wagener, as indicated by the amendments to the claims in the Preliminary Amendment referred to above and filed with this application" is sufficient to satisfy the requirements of §1.175(a)(1), and that it is not necessary in the reissue declaration to refer to specific claims or to specific claim language.

The undersigned Counsel for Applicant confirmed in a telephone conference on December 1, 2010 with Mr. Robert Clarke (Ext. 7735) and Mr. Pincus Laufer (Ext. 7726) of the USPTO Office of Legal Administration that Counsel's understanding of the changes to the Rule in 1997, as described above, are correct, and that it is not necessary to identify in the reissue declaration the specific claim language where an error lies. It is sufficient to refer to a claim amendment.

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Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the attached Replacement Reissue Application Declaration by Assignee satisfies the requirements of 37 C.F.R.

§1.175 and overcomes the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 251.

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration if this application and early action on the merits are respectfully requested.

Date: December 3, 2010 Respectfully Submitted,

/Barry N. Young/

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## REPLACEMENT REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY ASSIGNEE

I, Larry Schwerin, hereby declare that:

The residence, mailing address and citizenship of the Inventors of the aboveidentified patent for which reissue is sought are as stated below.

i am authorized to act on behalf of the following Assignee: CAPELLA PHOTONICS, INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION, and my title with said assignee is President and Chief Executive Officer. The entire title and interest in said Patent is vested in said Assignee, and I consent on behalf of said Assignee to the filing of this Reissue Application for the above Patent.

Inventor's Full Name:	Jeffrey P. Wilde
Residence/Mailing Address:	2310 Rockwood Ranch Road Morgan Hill, CA 95037
Citizenship:	US

Inventor's Full Name:	Joseph E. Davis
Residence/Mailing Address:	18765 St. Marks Avenue Morgan Hill, CA 95037
Citizenship;	US

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I believe said above named Inventors to be the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is described and claimed in said above identified Patent for which a reissue patent is sought, the specification of which:

was filed as Application No. 12/815,930 on 06/15/2010;

and was amended by Preliminary Amendment filed on 06/15/2010.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

I verily believe the original Patent to be wholly or partially inoperative or invalid for the reason that the patentee claimed more than he had a right to claim in the Patent.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows: Some of the claims are deemed to be too broad and invalid in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,498,872 to Bouevitch and further in view of one or more of U.S. Patent No. 6,567,574 to Ma, U.S. Patent No. 6,256,430 to Jin, or U.S. Patent No. 6,631,222 to Wagener, as indicated by the amendments to the claims in the Preliminary Amendment referred to above and filed with this application.

All errors corrected in this Reissue Application arose without deceptive intent on the part of the Applicant.

I hereby appoint the practitioners associated with Customer No. 48489 as our attorneys or agents to prosecute the application identified above, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Please direct all communications to:

Barry N. Young Reg. No. 27,744 200 Page Mill Road, Suite 102 Palo Alto, CA 94306 (650) 326-2701 Byoung@young-iplaw.com

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the

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application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this Declaration is directed.

Dated: <u>Dec 2</u>, 2010

Larry Schwerin

President and Chief Executive Officer

Capella Photonics, Inc. 5390 Hellyer Avenue San Jose, CA 95138

- (c) Status of claims and support for claim changes. Whenever there is an amendment to the claims pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section, there must also be supplied, on pages separate from the pages containing the changes, the status (i.e., pending or canceled), as of the date of the amendment, of all patent claims and of all added claims, and an explanation of the support in the disclosure of the patent for the changes made to the claims.
- (d) Changes shown by markings. Any changes relative to the patent being reissued which are made to the specification, including the claims, upon filing, or by an amendment paper in the reissue application, must include the following markings;
- (1) The matter to be omitted by reissue must be enclosed in brackets; and
- (2) The matter to be added by reissue must be underlined, except for amendments submitted on compact discs (§§ 1.96 and 1.821(c)). Matter added by reissue on compact discs must be preceded with "<U>" and end with "</U>" to properly identify the material being added.
- (e) Numbering of patent claims preserved. Patent claims may not be renumbered. The numbering of any claim added in the reissue application must follow the number of the highest numbered patent claim.
- (f) Amendment of disclosure may be required. The disclosure must be amended, when required by the Office, to correct inaccuracies of description and definition, and to secure substantial correspondence between the claims, the remainder of the specification, and the drawings.
- (g) Amendments made relative to the patent. All amendments must be made relative to the patent specification, including the claims, and drawings, which are in effect as of the date of filing of the reissne application.

[Revised, 65 FR 54604, Sept. 8, 2000, effective Nov. 7, 2000; parx. (b)(3) revised, 68 FR 38611, June 30, 2003; effective July 30, 2003; parx. (b) introductory text revised, 69 FR 56481, Sept. 21, 2004, effective Oct. 21, 2004]

### § 1.174 [Reserved]

[24 FR 10332, Dec. 22, 1959; para, (a), 48 FR 2713. Jan. 20, 1983, effective Feb. 27, 1983; removed and reserved, 65 FR 54604, Sept. 8, 2000, effective Nov. 7, 2000]

## § 1.175 Reissue oath or declaration.

- (a) The reissue oath or declaration in addition to complying with the requirements of § 1.63, must also state that:
- (1) The applicant believes the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reason of a defective specification or drawing, or by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than the patentee had the right to claim in the patent, stating at least one error being relied upon as the basis for reissue; and
- (2) Aft errors being corrected in the reissue application up to the time of filing of the oath or declaration under this paragraph arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.
- (b)(1) For any error corrected, which is not covered by the oath or declaration submitted under paragraph (a) of this section, applicant must submit a supplemental oath or declaration stating that every such error arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. Any supplemental oath or declaration required by this paragraph must be submitted before allowance and may be submitted:
- (i) With any amendment prior to allowance; or
- (ii) In order to overcome a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 251 made by the examiner where it is indicated that the submission of a supplemental oath or declaration as required by this paragraph will overcome the rejection.
- (2) For any error sought to be corrected after allowance, a supplemental oath or declaration must accompany the requested correction stating that the error(s) to be corrected arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.
- (c) Having once stated an error upon which the reissue is based, as set forth in paragraph (a)(1), unless all errors previously stated in the oath or declaration are no longer being corrected, a subsequent oath or declaration under paragraph (b) of this section need not specifically identify any other error or errors being corrected.
- (d) The oath or declaration required by paragraph (a) of this section may be submitted under the provisions of § 1.53(f).
- (e) The filing of any continuing reissue application which does not replace its parent reissue application must include an nath or declaration which, pursuant to paragraph (a)(1) of this section, identifies

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at least one error in the original patent which has not been corrected by the parent reissue application or an earlier reissue application. All other requirements relating to oaths or declarations must also be met.

124 FR 10332, Dec. 22, 1959; 29 FR 18503, Dec. 29, 1964; 34 FR 18857, Nov. 26, 1969; para. (a), 47 FR 21752, May 19, 1982, effective July 1, 1982; para. (a), 48 FR 2713, Jan. 20, 1983, effective Feb. 27, 1983; para. (a)(7), 57 FR 2021, Jan. 17, 1992, effective Mar. 16, 1992; revised, 62 FR 53131, Oct. 10, 1997, effective Dec. 1, 1997; para. (c) added, 69 FR 56481, Sept. 21, 2004, effective Oct. 21, 2004]

## § 1.176 Examination of reissue.

- (a) A reissue application will be examined in the same manner as a non-reissue, non-provisional application, and will be subject to all the requirements of the rules related to non-reissue applications. Applications for reissue will be acted on by the examiner in advance of other applications.
- (b) Restriction between subject matter of the original patent claims and previously unclaimed subject matter may be required (restriction involving only subject matter of the original patent claims will not be required). If restriction is required, the subject matter of the original patent claims will be held to be constructively elected unless a disclaimer of all the patent claims is filed in the reissue application, which disclaimer cannot be withdrawn by applicant.

[42 FR 5595, Jan. 28, 1977; revised, 65 FR 54604, Sept. 8, 2000, effective Nov. 7, 2000]

## § 1.177 Issuance of multiple reissue patents.

- (a) The Office may reissue a patent as multiple reissue patents. If applicant files more than one application for the reissue of a single patent, each such application must contain or be amended to contain in the first sentence of the specification a notice stating that more than one reissue application has been filed and identifying each of the reissue applications by relationship, application number and filing date. The Office may correct by certificate of correction under § 1.322 any reissue patent resulting from an application to which this paragraph applies that does not contain the required notice.
- (b) If applicant files more than one application for the reissue of a single patent, each claim of the

patent being reissued must be presented in each of the reissue applications as an amended, unamended, or canceled (shown in brackets) claim, with each such claim bearing the same number as in the patent being reissued. The same claim of the patent being reissued may not be presented in its original unamended form for examination in more than one of such multiple reissue applications. The numbering of any added claims in any of the multiple reissue applications must follow the number of the highest numbered original patent claim.

(c) If any one of the several reissue applications by itself fails to correct an error in the original patent as required by 35 U.S.C. 251 but is otherwise in condition for allowance, the Office may suspend action in the allowable application until all issues are resolved as to at least one of the remaining reissue applications. The Office may also merge two or more of the multiple reissue applications into a single reissue application. No reissue application containing only unamended patent claims and not correcting an error in the original patent will be passed to issue by itself.

[47 FR 41278. Sept. 17, 1982, effective date Oct. 1,
1982. revised, 54 FR 6893, Feb. 15, 1989, 54 FR 9432,
March 7, 1989, effective Apr. 17, 1989; revised, 60 FR
20195, Apr. 25, 1995, effective June 8, 1995; revised,
65 FR 54604, Sept. 8, 2000; effective Nov. 7, 2000]

# § 1.178 Original patent; continuing duty of applicant.

- (a) The application for reissue of a patent shall constitute an offer to surrender that patent, and the surrender shall take effect upon reissue of the patent. Until a reissue application is granted, the original patent shall remain in effect.
- (b) In any reissue application before the Office, the applicant must call to the attention of the Office any prior or concurrent proceedings in which the patent (for which reissue is requested) is or was involved, such as interferences, reissues, reexaminations, or litigations and the results of such proceedings (see also § 1.173(a)(1)).

[24 FR 10332, Dec. 22, 1939; 34 FR 18857, Nov. 26, 1969; revised, 65 FR 54604, Sept. 8, 2000, effective Nov. 7, 2000; para. (a) revised, 69 FR 56481, Sept. 21, 2004, effective Sept. 21, 2004]

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If a timely submission to enter the national stage of an international application is compliant with the conditions of 35 U.S.C. 371 and other applicable requirements a Form PCT/DO/EO/903 indicating acceptance of the application as a national stage submission under 35 U.S.C. 371 will be issued in addition to the Filing Receipt, in due course.

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If a new international application is being filed and the international application includes the necessary components for an international filing date (see PCT Article 11 and MPEP 1810), a Notification of the International Application Number and of the International Filing Date (Form PCT/RO/105) will be issued in due course, subject to prescriptions concerning national security, and the date shown on this Acknowledgement Receipt will establish the international filing date of the application.



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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.  - Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).  Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).							
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9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examine	r.						
10)⊠ The drawing(s) filed on <u>6/15/2010</u> is/are: a)⊠	accepted or b)⊡ objected to by t	he Examiner.					
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

## Reissue Applications

The reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective (see 37 CFR
 1.175 and MPEP § 1414) because of the following:

- 2. 1) The reissue oath/declaration states that the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reasons of the patentee claiming ,ore or less that he had a right to claim in the patent. The mpep states in 1414 and 37 CFR 1.175; "A statement that the original patent is "wholly or partly inoperative or invalid" by reason of patentee claiming more or less than the patentee had a right to claim in the patent is improper, a claim cannot claim "more or less" at the same time.
- 3. In the oath/declaration, assignee states; Claims 1,44 and 61 <u>may have claimed</u> more than there was a right to claim in view of the cited prior art. This language fails to clearly and specifically identify in the original claim language wherein lies the error. The mpep states in 1414 and 37 CFR 1.175; "Any error in the claims must be identified by reference to the specific claim(s) and <u>the specific claim language wherein lies the</u> error."
- 4. In the oath/declaration, assignee states; "Applicants failed to include an apparatus claim (per claim 68) that corresponds substantially to method claim 61."

  Merely the fact that Applicant "failed to claim" a certain claim is not an error onto itself which would render the original claim language "partially or wholly" imperative or invalid. A statement of failure to include a claim directed to a certain limitation and then presenting a newly added claim would not be considered a sufficient "error" statement

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because Applicant had not specifically pointed out what the original claim(s) lacked that the added claim has or vicevesa (see mpep 1414)

5. Claims 1-68 are rejected as being based upon a defective reissue oath/declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251 as set forth above. See 37 CFR 1.175.

The nature of the defect(s) in the reissue or declaration is set forth in the discussion above in this Office action.

A copy of ptol-1449 will be included in this office action.

The following reference is also cited by the Examiner as being pertinent and/or related art: Wilde et. al. US RE39,397E (Note entire reference).

If the rejection based upon 35 U.S.C. 251 is overcome, a subsequent office action will treat claims 1-68 on their merits.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BRIAN M. HEALY whose telephone number is (571)272-2347. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Robinson can be reached on (571)272-2319. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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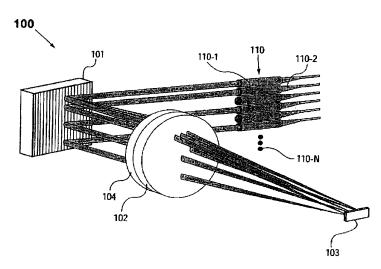
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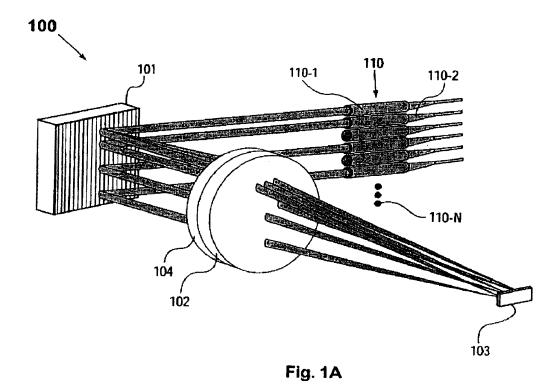
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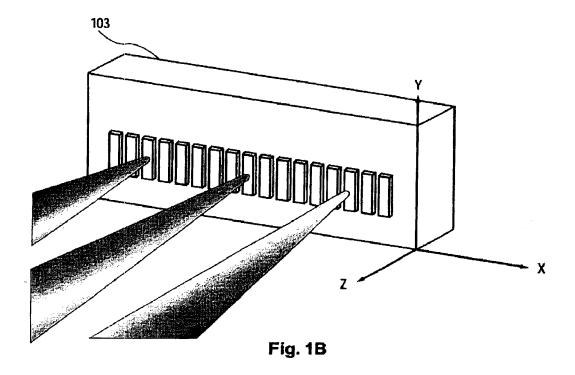
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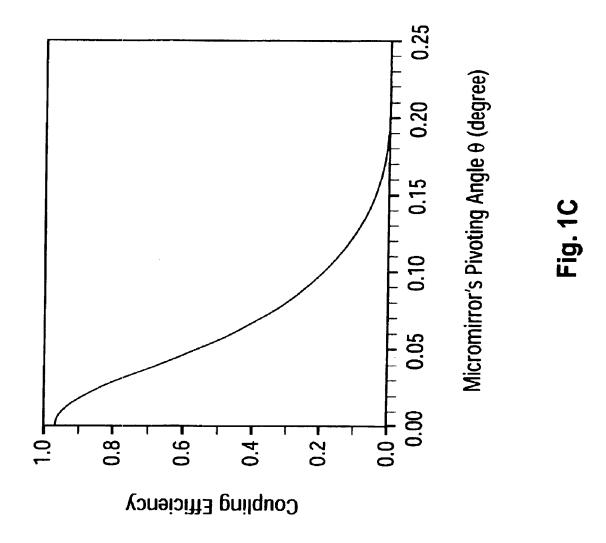
This invention provides a novel wavelength-separatingrouting (WSR) apparatus that uses a diffraction grating to separate a multi-wavelength optical signal by wavelength into multiple spectral characters, which are then focused onto an array of corresponding channel micromirrors. The channel micromirrors are individually controllable and continuously pivotable to reflect the spectral channels into selected output ports. As such, the inventive WSR apparatus is capable of routing the spectral channels on a channel-bychannel basis and coupling any spectral channel into any one of the output ports. The WSR apparatus of the present invention may be further equipped with servo-control and spectral power-management capabilities, thereby maintaining the coupling efficiencies of the spectral channels into the output ports at desired values. The WSR apparatus of the present invention can be used to construct a novel class of dynamically reconfigurable optical add-drop multiplexers (OADMs) for WDM optical networking applications.

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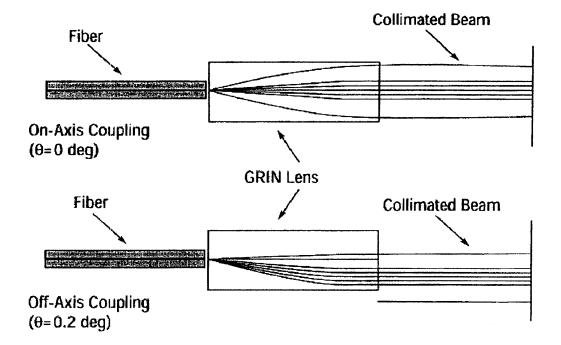


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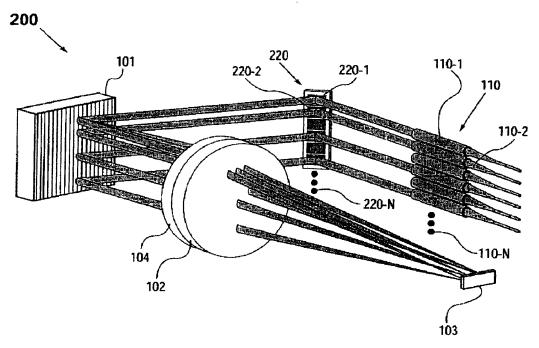


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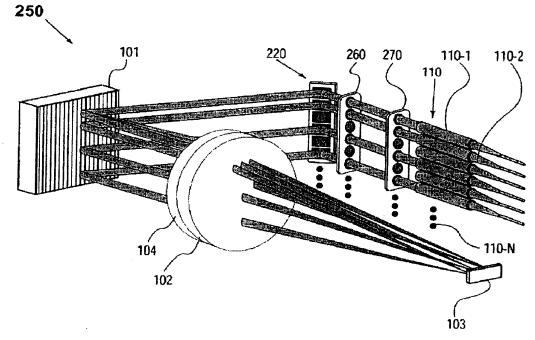


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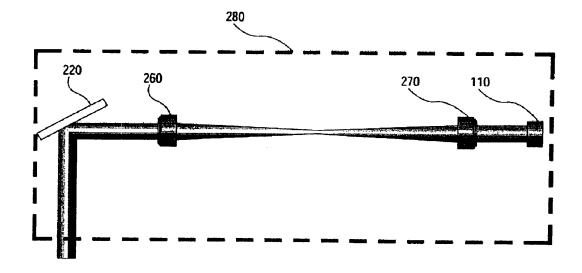


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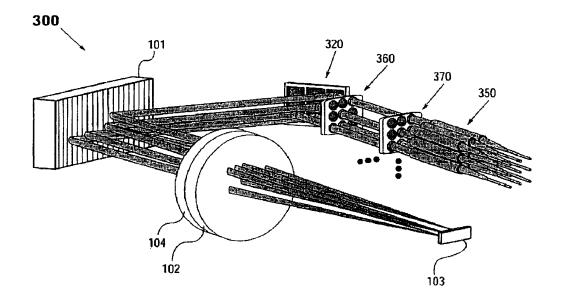


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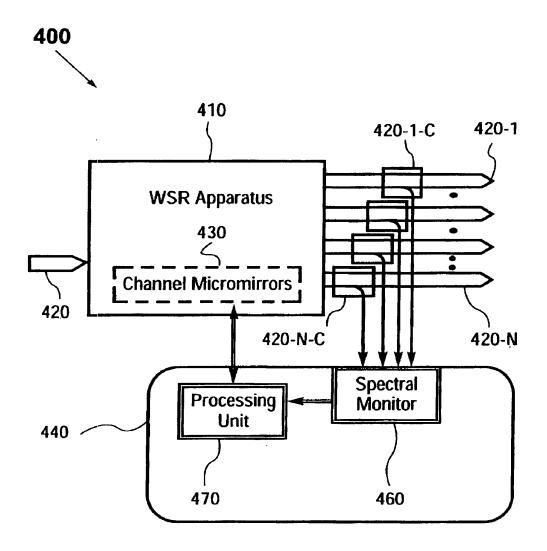


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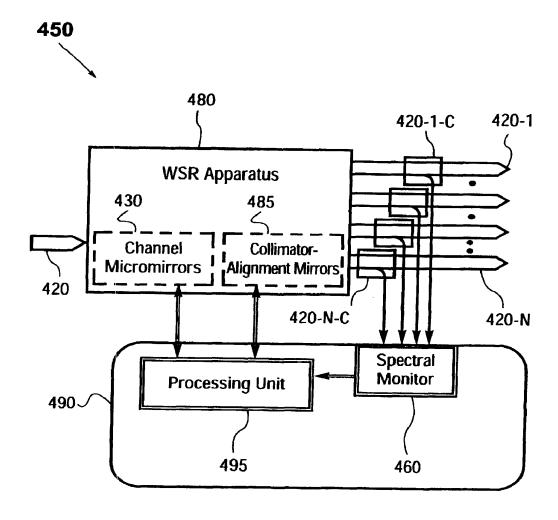
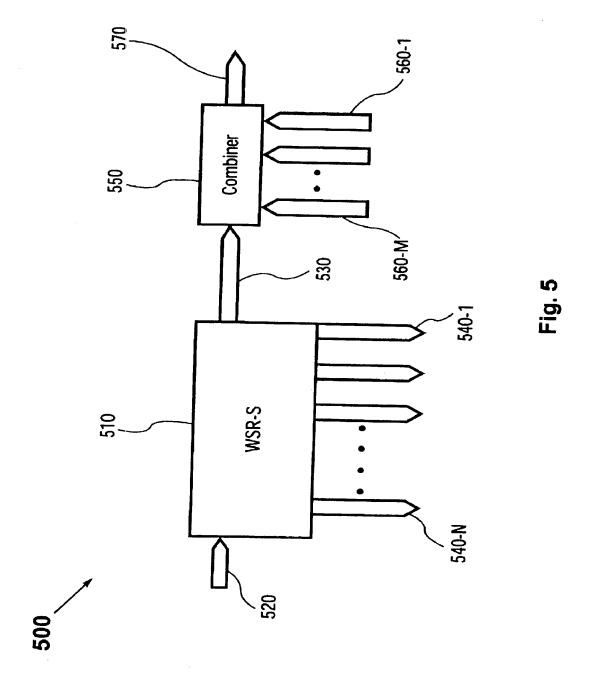
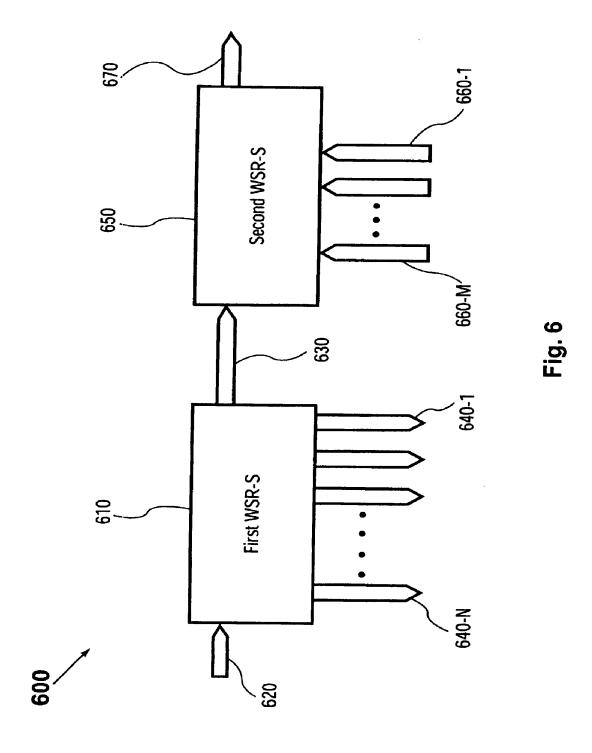


Fig. 4B

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### RECONFIGURABLE OPTICAL ADD-DROP MULTIPLEXERS WITH SERVO CONTROL AND DYNAMIC SPECTRAL POWER MANAGEMENT CAPABILITIES

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## CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/277,217, filed Mar. 19, 2001 which is incorporated herein by reference.

### FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates generally to optical communication systems. More specifically, it relates to a novel class of <sup>20</sup> dynamically reconfigurable optical add-drop multiplexers (OADMs) for wavelength division multiplexed optical networking applications.

### BACKGROUND

As fiber-optic communication networks rapidly spread into every walk of modern life, there is a growing demand for optical components and subsystems that enable the fiber-optic communications networks to be increasingly scalable, versatile, robust, and cost-effective.

Contemporary fiber-optic communications networks commonly employ wavelength division multiplexing (WDM), for it allows multiple information (or data) channels to be simultaneously transmitted on a single optical fiber by using different wavelengths and thereby significantly enhances the information-bandwidth of the fiber. The prevalence of WDM technology has made optical add-drop multiplexers indispensable building blocks of modern fiberoptic communication networks. An optical add-drop multiplexer (OADM) serves to selectively remove (or drop) one or more wavelengths from a multiplicity of wavelengths on an optical fiber, hence taking away one or more data channels from the traffic stream on the fiber. It further adds one or more wavelength back onto the fiber, thereby insert- 45 ing new data channels in the same stream of traffic. As such, an OADM makes it possible to launch and retrieve multiple data channels (each characterized by a distinct wavelength) onto and from an optical fiber respectively, without disrupting the overall traffic flow along the fiber. Indeed, careful 50 placement of the OADMs can dramatically improve an optical communication network's flexibility and robustness, while providing significant cost advantages

Conventional OADMs in the art typically employ multiplexers/demultiplexers (e.g. waveguide grating routers or arrayed-waveguide gratings), tunable filters, optical switches, and optical circulators in a parallel or serial architecture to accomplish the add and drop functions. In the parallel architecture, as exemplified in U.S. Pat. No. 5,974, 207, a demultiplexer (e.g., a waveguide grating router) first separates a multi-wavelength signal into its constituent spectral components. A wavelength switching/routing means (e.g., a combination of optical switches and optical circulators) then serves to drop selective wavelengths and add others. Finally, a multiplexer combines the remaining 65 (i.e., the pass-through) wavelengths into an output multi-wavelength optical signal. In the serial architecture, as

exemplified in U.S. Pat. No. 6,205,269, tunable filters (e.g., Bragg fiber gratings) in combination with optical circulators are used to separate the drop wavelength from the pass-through wavelengths and subsequently launch the add channels into the pass-through path. And if multiple wavelengths are to be added and dropped, additional multiplexers and demultiplexers are required to demultiplex the drop wavelengths and multiplex the add wavelengths, respectively. Irrespective of the underlying architecture, the OADMs currently in the art are characteristically high in cost, and prone to significant optical loss accumulation. Moreover, the designs of these OADMs are such that it is inherently difficult to reconfigure them in a dynamic fashion.

U.S. Pat. No. 6,204,946 to Askyuk et al. discloses an OADM that makes use of free-space optics in a parallel construction. In this case, a multi-wavelength optical signal emerging from an input port is incident onto a ruled diffraction grating. The constituent spectral channels thus separated are then focused by a focusing lens onto a linear array of binary micromachined mirrors. Each micromirror is configured to operate between two discrete states, such that it either retrofits its corresponding spectral channel back into the input port as a pass-through channel, or directs its spectral channel to an output port as a drop channel. As such, the pass-through signal (i.e., the combined pass-through channels) shares the same input port as the input signal. An optical circulator is therefore coupled to the input port, to provide necessary routing of these two signals. Likewise, the drop channels share the output port with the add channels. An additional optical circulator is thereby coupled to the output port, from which the drop channels exit and the add channels are introduced into the output ports. The add channels are subsequently combined with the pass-through signal by way of the diffraction grating and the binary micromirrors.

Although the aforementioned OADM disclosed by Askyuk et al. has the advantage of performing wavelength separating and routing in free space and thereby incurring less optical loss, it suffers a number of limitations. First, it requires that the pass-through signal share the same port/ fiber as the input signal. An optical circulator therefore has to be implemented, to provide necessary routing of these two signals. Likewise, all the add and drop channels enter and leave the OADM through the same output port, hence the need for another optical circulator. Moreover, additional means must be provided to multiplex the add channels before entering the system and to demultiplex the drop channels after exiting the system. This additional multiplexing/demultiplexing requirement adds more cost and complexity that can restrict the versatility of the OADM thus-constructed. Second, the optical circulators implemented in this OADM for various routing purposes introduce additional optical losses, which can accumulate to a substantial amount. Third, the constituent optical components must be in a precise alignment, in order for the system to achieve its intended purpose. There are, however, no provisions provided for maintaining the requisite alignment; and no mechanisms implemented for overcoming degradation in the alignment owing to environmental effects such as thermal and mechanical disturbances over the course of operation.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,906,133 to Tomlinson discloses an OADM that makes use of a design similar to that of Aksyuk et al. There are input, output, drop and add ports implemented in this case. By positioning the four ports in a specific arrangement, each micromirror, notwithstanding switchable between two discrete positions, either reflects its

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corresponding channel (coming from the input port) to the output port, or concomitantly reflects its channel to the drop port and an incident add channel to the output port. As such, this OADM is able to perform both the add and drop functions without involving additional optical components (such as optical circulators and in the system of the Aksyuk et al.). However, because a single drop port is designated for all the drop channels and a single add port is designated for all the add channels, the add channels would have to be multiplexed before entering the add port and the drop channels likewise need to be demultiplexed upon exiting from the drop port. Moreover, as in the case of Askyuk et al., there are no provisions provided for maintaining requisite optical alignment in the system, and no mechanisms implemented for combating degradation in the alignment due to 15 environmental effects over the course of operation.

As such, the prevailing drawbacks suffered by the OADMs currently in the art are summarized as follows:

- 1) The wavelength routing is intrinsically static, rendering it difficult to dynamically reconfigure these OADMs.
- Add and/or drop channels often need to be multiplexed and/or demultiplexed, thereby imposing additional complexity and cost.
- 3) Stringent fabrication tolerance and painstaking optical alignments are required. Moreover, the optical alignment <sup>25</sup> is not actively maintained, rendering it susceptible to environmental effects such as thermal and mechanical disturbances over the course of operation.
- 4) In an optical communication network, OADMs are typically in a ring or cascaded configuration. In order to mitigate the interference amongst OADMs, which often adversely affects the overall performance of the network, it is essential that the power levels of spectral channels entering and exiting each OADM be managed in a systematic way, for instance, by introducing power (or gain) equalization at each stage. Such a power equalization capability is also needed for compensating for nonuniform gain caused by optical amplifiers (e.g., erbium doped fiber amplifiers) in the network. There lacks, however, a systematic and dynamic management of the power levels of various spectral channels in these OADMs.
- 5) The inherent high cost and heavy optical loss further impede the wide application of these OADMs.

In view of the foregoing, there is an urgent need in the art 45 for optical add-drop multiplexers that overcome the aforementioned shortcomings, in a simple, effective, and economical construction.

## SUMMARY

The present invention provides a wavelength-separating-routing (WSR) apparatus and method which employ an array of fiber collimators serving as an input port and a plurality of output ports; a wavelength-separator; a beamfocuser; and an array of channel micromirrors.

In operation, a multi-wavelength optical signal emerges from the input port. The wavelength-separator separates the multi-wavelength optical signal into multiple spectral channels, each characterized by a distinct center wavelength and associated bandwidth. The beam-focuser focuses the 60 spectral channels into corresponding spectral spots. The channel micromirrors are positioned such that each channel micromirror receives one of the spectral channels. The channel micromirrors are individually controllable and movable, e.g., continuously pivotable (or rotatable), so as to 65 reflect the spectral channels into selected ones of the output ports. As such, each channel micromirror is assigned to a

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specific spectral channel, hence the name "channel micromirror". And each output port may receive any number of the reflected spectral channels.

A distinct feature of the channel micromirrors in the present invention, in contrast to those used in the prior art, is that the motion, e.g., pivoting (or rotation), of each channel micromirror is under analog control such that its pivoting angle can be continouously adjusted. This enables each channel micromirror to scan its corresponding spectral channel across all possible output ports and thereby direct the spectral channel to any desired output ports.

In the WSR apparatus of the present invention, the wavelength-separator may be provided by a ruled diffraction grating, a holographic diffraction grating, an echelle grating, a curved diffraction grating, a dispersing prism, or other wavelength-separating means known in the art. The beam-focuser may be a single lens, an assembly of lenses, or other beam-focusing means known in the art. The channel micromirrors may be provided by silicon micromachined mirrors, reflective ribbons (or membranes), or other types of beam-deflecting means known in the art. And each channel micromirror may be pivotable about one or two axes. The fiber collimators serving as the input and output ports may be arranged in a one-dimensional or two-dimensional array. In the latter case, the channel micromirrors must be pivotable biaxially.

The WSR apparatus of the present invention may further comprise an array of collimator-alignment mirrors, in optical communication with the wavelength-separator and the fiber collimators, for adjusting the alignment of the input multi-wavelength signal and directing the spectral channels into the selected output ports by way of angular control of the collimated beams. Each collimator-alignment mirror may be rotatable about one or two axes. The collimator-alignment mirrors may be arranged in a one-dimensional or two-dimensional array. First and second arrays of imaging lenses may additionally be optically interposed between the collimator-alignment mirrors and the fiber collimators in a telecentric arrangement, thereby "imaging" the collimatoralignment mirrors onto the corresponding fiber collimators to ensure an optimal alignment.

The WSR apparatus of the present invention may further include a servo-control assembly, in communication with the channel micromirrors and the output ports. The servocontrol assembly serves to monitor the power levels of the spectral channels coupled into the output ports and further provide control of the channel micromirrors on an individual basis, so as to maintain a predetermined coupling efficiency of each spectral channel in one of the output ports. As such, the servo-control assembly provides dynamic control of the coupling of the spectral channels into the respective output ports and actively manages the power levels of the spectral channels coupling into the output ports. (If the WSR appa-55 ratus includes an array of collimator-alignment mirrors as described above, the servo-control assembly may additionally provide dynamic control of the collimator-alignment mirrors.) Moreover, the utilization of such a servo-control assembly effectively relaxes the requisite fabrication tolerances and the precision of optical alignment during assembly of a WSR apparatus of the present invention, and further enables the system to correct for shift in optical alignment over the course of operation. A WSR apparatus incorporating a servo-control assembly thus described is termed a WSR-S apparatus, thereinafter in the present invention.

Accordingly, the WSR-S (or WSR) apparatus of the present invention may be used to construct a variety of

optical devices, including a novel class of dynamically reconfigurable optical add-drop multiplexers (OADMs), as exemplified in the following embodiments.

One embodiment of an OADM of the present invention comprises an aforementioned WSR-S (or WSR) apparatus and an optical combiner. The output ports of the WSR-S apparatus include a pass-through port and one or more drop ports, each carrying any number of the spectral channels. The optical combiner is coupled to the pass-through port, serving to combine the pass-through channels with one or more add spectral channels. The combined optical signal constitutes an output signal of the system. The optical combiner may be an N×1 (N≤2) broadband fiber-optic coupler, for instance, which also serves the purpose of multiplexing a multiplicity of add spectral channels to be coupled into the system.

In another embodiment of an OADM of the present invention, a first WSR-S (or WSR) apparatus is cascaded with a second WSR-S (or WSR) apparatus. The output ports of the first WSR-S (or WSR) apparatus include a passthrough port and one or more drop ports. The second WSR-S (or WSR) apparatus includes a plurality of input ports and an exiting port. The configuration is such that the pass-through channels from the first WSR-S apparatus and one or more add channels are directed into the input ports of the second WSR-S apparatus, and consequently multiplexed into an output multi-wavelength optical signal directed into the exiting port of the second WSR-S apparatus. That is to say that in this embodiment, one WSR-S apparatus (e.g., the first one) effectively performs a dynamic drop function, whereas the other WSR-R apparatus (e.g., the second one) carries out a dynamic add function. And there are essentially no fundamental restrictions on the wavelengths that can be added or dropped, other than those imposed by the overall communication system. Moreover, the underlying OADM archi- 35 tecture thus presented is intrinsically scalable and can be readily extended to any number of the WSR-S (or WSR) systems, if so desired for performing intricate add and drop functions in a network environment.

Those skilled in the art will recognize that the aforemen- 40 tioned embodiments provide only two of many embodiments of a dynamically reconfigurable OADM according to the present invention. Various changes, substitutions, and alternations can be made herein, without departing from the principles and the scope of the invention. Accordingly, a 45 skilled artisan can design an OADM in accordance with the present invention, to best suit a given application.

All in all, the OADMs of the present invention provide many advantages over the prior art devices, notably:

- 1) By advantageously employing an array of channel micro- 50 mirrors that are individually and continuously controllable, an OADM of the present invention is capable of routing the spectral channels on a channel-bychannel basis and directing any spectral channel into any one of the output ports. As such, its underlying operation 55 is dynamically reconfigurable, and its underlying architecture is intrinsically scalable to a large number of channel counts.
- 2) The add and drop spectral channels need not be multiplexed and demultiplexed before entering and after leav- 60 ing the OADM respectively. And there are not fundamental restrictions on the wavelengths to be added or dropped.
- 3) The coupling of the spectral channels into the output ports is dynamically controlled by a servo-control assembly, rendering the OADM less susceptible to environmental effects (such as thermal and mechanical disturbances) and therefore more robust in performance. By maintaining an

optimal optical alignment, the optical losses incurred by the spectral channels are also significantly reduced.

- 4) The power levels of the spectral channels coupled into the output ports can be dynamically managed according to demand, or maintained at desired values (e.g., equalized at a predetermined value) by way of the servo-control assembly. This spectral power-management capability as an integral part of the OADM will be particularly desirable in WDM optical networking applications.
- 5) The use of free-space optics provides a simple, low loss, and cost-effective construction. Moreover, the utilization of the servo-control assembly effectively relaxes the requisite fabrication tolerances and the precision of optical alignment during initial assembly, enabling the OADM to be simpler and more adaptable in structure, lower in cost and optical loss.
- 6) The underlying OADM architecture allows a multiplicity of the OADMs according to the present invention to be readily assembled (e.g., cascaded) for WDM optical networking applications.

The novel features of this invention, as well as the invention itself, will be best understood from the following drawings and detailed description.

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

FIGS. 1A-1D show a first embodiment of a wavelengthseparating-routing (WSR) apparatus according to the present invention, and the modeling results demonstrating the performance of the WSR apparatus;

FIGS. 2A-2C depict second and third embodiments of a WSR apparatus according to the present invention;

FIG. 3 shows a fourth embodiment of a WSR apparatus according to the present invention;

FIGS. 4A-4B show schematic illustration of two embodiments of a WSR-S apparatus comprising a WSR apparatus and a servo-control assembly, according to the present

FIG. 5 depicts an exemplary embodiment of an optical add-drop multiplexer (OADM) according to the present invention; and

FIG. 6 shows an alternative embodiment of an OADM according to the present invention.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

In this specification and appending claims, a "spectral channel" is characterized by a distinct center wavelength and associated bandwidth. Each spectral channel may carry a unique information signal, as in WDM optical networking applications.

FIG. 1A depicts a first embodiment of a wavelengthseparating-routing (WSR) apparatus according to the present invention. By way of example to illustrate the general principles and the topological structure of a wavelength-separating-routing (WSR) apparatus of the present invention, the WSR apparatus 100 comprises multiple input/output ports which may be in the form of an array of fiber collimators 110, providing an input port 110-1 and a plurality of output ports 110-2 through 110-N ( $N \le 3$ ); a wavelength-separator which in one form may be a diffraction grating 101; a beam-focuser in the form of a focusing lens 102; and an array of channel micromirrors 103.

In operation, a multi-wavelength optical signal emerges from the input port 110-1. The diffraction grating 101 angularly separates the multi-wavelength optical signal into multiple spectral channels, which are in turn focused by the

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focusing lens 102 into a spatial array of distinct spectral spots (not shown in FIG. 1A) in a one-to-one correspondence. The channel micromirrors 103 are positioned in accordance with the spatial array formed by the spectral spots, such that each channel micromirror receives one of the spectral channels. The channel micromirrors 103 are individually controllable and movable, e.g., pivotable (or rotatable) under analog (or continuous) control, such that, upon reflection, the spectral channels are directed into selected ones of the output ports 110-2 through 110-N by way of the focusing lens 102 and the diffraction grating 101. As such, each channel micromirror is assigned to a specific spectral channel, hence the name "channel micromirror". Each output port may receive any number of the reflected spectral channels.

For purposes of illustration and clarity, only a selective few (e.g., three) of the spectral channels, along with the input multi-wavelength optical signal, are graphically illustrated in FIG. 1A and the following figures. It should be noted, however, that there can be any number of the spectral channels in a WSR apparatus of the present invention (so long as the number of spectral channels does not exceed the number of channel mirrors employed in the system). It should also be noted that the optical beams representing the spectral channels shown in FIG. 1A and the following figures are provided for illustrative purpose only. That is, their sizes and shapes may not be drawn according to scale. For instance, the input beam and the corresponding diffracted beams generally have different cross-sectional shapes, so long as the angle of incidence upon the diffraction 300 grating is not equal to the angle of diffraction, as is known to those skilled in the art.

In the embodiment of FIG. 1A, it is preferable that the diffracting grating 101 and the channel micromirrors 103 are placed respectively at the first and second (i.e., the front and back) focal points (on the opposing sides) of the focusing lens 102. Such a telecentric arrangement allows the chief rays of the focused beams to be parallel to each other and generally parallel to the optical axis. In this application, the telecentric configuration further allows the reflected spectral channels to be efficiently coupled into the respective output ports, thereby minimizing various translational walk-off effects that may otherwise arise. Moreover, the input multiwavelength optical signal is preferably collimated and circular in cross-section. The corresponding spectral channels 45 diffracted from the diffraction grating 101 are generally elliptical in cross-section; they may be of the same size as the input beam in one dimension and elongated in the other dimension.

It is known that the diffraction efficiency of a diffraction 50 grating is generally polarization-dependent. That is, the diffraction efficiency of a grating in a standard mounting configuration may be considerably higher for P-polarization that is perpendicular to the groove lines on the grating than for S-polarization that is orthogonal to P-polarization, especially as the number of groove lines (per unit length) increases. To mitigate such polarization-sensitive effects, a quarter-wave plate 104 may be optically interposed between the diffraction grating 101 and the channel micromirrors 103, and preferably placed between the diffraction grating 60 101 and the focusing lens 102 as is shown in FIG. 1A. In this way, each spectral channel experiences a total of approximately 90-degree rotation in polarization upon traversing the quarter-wave plate 104 twice. (That is, if a beam of light has P-polarization with first encountering the diffraction grating, it would have predominantly (if not all) S-polarization upon the second encountering, and vice versa.) This ensures that

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all the spectral channels incur nearly the same amount of round-trip polarization dependent loss.

In the WSR apparatus 100 of FIG. 1A, the diffraction grating 101, by way of example, is oriented such that the focused spots of the spectral channels fall onto the channel micromirrors 103 in a horizontal array, as illustrated in FIG. 1B.

Depicted in FIG. 1B is a close-up view of the channel micromirrors 103 shown in the embodiment of FIG. 1A. By way of example, the channel micromirrors 103 are arranged in a one-dimensional array along the x-axis (i.e., the horizontal direction in the figure), so as to receive the focused spots of the spatially separated spectral channels in a oneto-one correspondence. (As in the case of FIG. 1A, only three spectral channels are illustrated, each represented by a converging beam.) Let the reflective surface of each channel micromirror lie in the x-y plane as defined in the figure and be movable, e.g., pivotable (or deflectable) about the x-axis in an analog (or continuous) manner. Each spectral channel, upon reflection, is deflected in the y-direction (e.g., downward) relative to its incident direction, so to be directed into one of the output ports 110-2 through 110-N shown in FIG. 1A.

As described above, a unique feature of the present invention is that the motion of each channel micromirror is individually and continuously controllable, such that its position, e.g., pivoting angle, can be continuously adjusted. This enables each channel micromirror to scan its corresponding spectral channel across all possible output ports and thereby direct the spectral channel to any desired output port. To illustrate this capability, FIG. 1C shows a plot of coupling efficiency as a function of a channel micromirror's pivoting angle  $\theta$ , provided by a ray-tracing model of a WSR apparatus in the embodiment of FIG. 1A. As used herein, the coupling efficiency for a spectral channel is defined as the ratio of the amount of optical power coupled into the fiber core in an output port to the total amount of optical power incident upon the entrance surface of the fiber (associated with the fiber collimator grating serving as the output port). In the ray-tracing model, the input optical signal is incident upon a diffraction grating with 700 lines per millimeter at a grazing angle of 85 degrees, where the grating is blazed to optimize the diffraction efficiency for the "-1" order. The focusing lens has a focal length of 100 mm. Each output port is provided by a quarter-pitch GRIN lens (2 mm in diameter) coupled to an optical fiber (see FIG. 1D). As displayed in FIG. 1C, the coupling efficiency varies with the pivoting angle  $\theta$ , and it requires about a 0.2-degree change in  $\theta$  for the coupling efficiency to become practically negligible in this exemplary case. As such, each spectral channel may practically acquire any coupling efficiency value by way of controlling the pivoting angle of its corresponding channel micromirror. This is also to say that variable optical attenuation at the granularity of a single wavelength can be obtained in a WSR apparatus of the present invention. FIG. 1D provides ray-tracing illustrations of two extreme points on the coupling efficiency vs.  $\theta$  curve of FIG. 1C; on-axis coupling corresponding to  $\theta$ =0, where the coupling efficiency is maximum; and off-axis coupling corresponding to  $\theta$ =0.2 degrees, where the representative collimated beam (representing an exemplary spectral channel) undergoes a significant translational walk-off and renders the coupling efficiency practically negligible. All in all, the exemplary modeling results thus described demonstrate the unique capabilities of the WSR apparatus of the present invention.

FIG. 1A provides one of many embodiments of a WSR apparatus according to the present invention. In general, the

wavelength-separator is a wavelength-separating means that may be a ruled diffraction grating, a holographic diffraction grating, an echelle grating, a dispersing prism, or other types of spectral-separating means known in the art. The beamfocuser may be a focusing lens, an assembly of lenses, or other beam-focusing means known in the art. The focusing function may also be accomplished by using a curved diffraction grating as the wavelength-separator. The channel micromirrors may be provided by silicon micromachined mirrors, reflective ribbons (or membranes), or other types of beam-deflecting elements known in the art. And each micromirror may be pivoted about one or two axes. What is important is that the pivoting (or rotational) motion of each channel micromirror be individually controllable in an analog manner, whereby the pivoting angle can be continuously adjusted so as to enable the channel micromirror to scan a spectral channel across all possible output ports. The underlying fabrication techniques for micromachined mirrors and associated actuation mechanism are well documented in the art, see U.S. Pat. No. 5,629,790 for example. Moreover, a fiber collimator is typically in the form of a collimating lens (such as a GRIN lens) and a ferrule-mounted fiber packaged together in a mechanically rigid stainless steel (or glass) tube. The fiber collimators serving as the input and output ports may be arranged in a one-dimensional array, a twodimensional array, or other desired spatial pattern. For instance, they may be conveniently mounted in a linear array along a V-groove fabricated on a substrate made of silicon, plastic, or ceramic, as commonly practiced in the art. It should be noted, however, that the input port and the output ports need not necessarily be in close spatial proximity with each other, such as in an array configuration (although a close packing would reduce the rotational range required for each channel micromirror). Those skilled in the art will know how to design a WSR apparatus according to the 35 present invention, to best suit a given application.

A WSR apparatus of the present invention may further comprise an array of collimator-alignment mirrors, for adjusting the alignment of the input multi-wavelength optical signal and facilitating the coupling of the spectral 40 channels into the respective output ports, as shown in FIGS. 2A–2B and 3.

Depicted in FIG. 2A is a second embodiment of a WSR apparatus according to the present invention. By way of example, WSR apparatus 200 is built upon and hence shares 45 a number of the elements used in the embodiment of FIG. 1A, as identified by those labeled with identical numerals. Moreover, a one-dimensional array 220 of collimatoralignment mirrors 220-1 through 220-N is optically interposed between the diffraction grating 101 and the fiber 50 collimator array 110. The collimator-alignment mirror 220-1 is designated to correspond with the input port 110-1, for adjusting the alignment of the input multi-wavelength optical signal and therefore ensuring that the spectral channels impinge onto the corresponding channel micromirrors. The 55 collimator-alignment mirrors 220-2 through 220-N are designated to the output ports 110-2 through 110-N in a oneto-one correspondence, serving to provide angular control of the collimator beams of the reflected spectral channels and thereby facilitating the coupling of the spectral channels into 60 the respective output ports according to desired coupling efficiencies. Each collimator-alignment mirror may be rotatable about one axis, or two axes.

The embodiment of FIG. 2A is attractive in applications where the fiber collimators (serving as the input and output ports) are desired to be placed in close proximity to the collimator-alignment mirror array 220. To best facilitate the

coupling of the spectral channels into the output ports, arrays of imaging lenses may be implemented between the collimator-alignment mirror array 220 and the fiber collimator array 110, as depicted in FIG. 2B. By way of example, WSR apparatus 250 of FIG. 2B is built upon and hence shares many of the elements used in the embodiment of FIG. 2A, as identified by those labeled with identical numerals. Additionally, first and second arrays 260, 270 of imaging lenses are placed in a 4-f telecentric arrangement with respect to the collimator-alignment mirror array 220 and the fiber collimator array 110. The dashed box 280 shown in FIG. 2C provides a top view of such a telecentric arrangement. In this case, the imaging lenses in the first and second arrays 260, 270 all have the same focal length f. The collimator-alignment mirrors 220-1 through 220-N are placed at the respective first (or front) focal points of the imaging lenses in the first array 260. Likewise, the fiber collimators 110-1 through 110-N are placed at the respective second (or back) focal points of the imaging lenses in the second array 270. And the separation between the first and second arrays 260, 270 of imaging lenses is 2f. In this way, the collimator-alignment mirrors 220-1 through 220-N are effectively imaged onto the respective entrance surfaces (i.e., the front focal planes) of the GRIN lenses in the corresponding fiber collimators 110-1 through 110-N. Such a telecentric imaging system substantially eliminates translational walk-off of the collimated beams at the output ports that may otherwise occur as the mirror angles change.

FIG. 3 shows a fourth embodiment of a WSR apparatus according to the present invention. By way of example, WSR apparatus 300 is built upon and hence shares a number of the elements used in the embodiment of FIG. 2B, as identified by those labeled with identical numerals. In this case, the one-dimensional fiber collimator array 110 of FIG. 2B is replaced by a two-dimensional array 350 of fiber collimators, providing for an input-port and a plurality of output ports. Accordingly, the one-dimensional collimatoralignment mirror array 220 of FIG. 2B is replaced by a two-dimensional array 320 of collimator-alignment mirrors, and first and second one-dimensional arrays 260, 270 of imaging lenses of FIG. 2B are likewise replaced by first and second two-dimensional arrays 360, 370 of imaging lenses respectively. As in the case of the embodiment of FIG. 2B, the first and second two-dimensional arrays 360, 370 of imaging lenses are placed in a 4-f telecentric arrangement with respect to the two-dimensional collimator-alignment mirror array 320 and the two-dimensional fiber collimator array 350. The channel micromirror 103 must be pivotable biaxially in this case (in order to direct its corresponding spectral channel to any one of the output ports). As such, the WSR apparatus 300 is equipped to a support a greater number of the output ports.

In addition to facilitating the coupling of the spectral channels into the respective output ports as described above, the collimator-alignment mirrors in the above embodiments also serve to compensate for misalignment (e.g., due to fabricated and assembly errors) in the fiber collimators that provide for the input and output ports. For instance, relative misalignment between the fiber cores and their respective collimating lenses in the fiber collimators can lead to pointing errors in the collimated beams, which may be corrected for by the collimator-alignment mirrors. For these reasons, the collimator-alignment mirrors are preferably rotatable about two axes. They may be silicon micromachined mirrors, for fast rotational speeds. They may also be other types of mirrors or beam-deflecting elements known in the art.

To optimize the coupling of the spectral channels into the output ports and further maintain the optimal optical alignment against environment effects such as temperature variations and mechanical instabilities over the course of operation, a WSR apparatus of the present invention may incorporate a servo-control assembly, for providing dynamic control of the coupling of the spectral channels into the respective output ports on a channel-by-channel basis. A WSR apparatus incorporating a servo-control assembly is termed a WSR-S apparatus, thereinafter in this specification.

FIG. 4A depicts a schematic illustration of a first embodiment of a WSR-S apparatus according to the present invention. The WSR-S apparatus 400 comprises a WSR apparatus 410 and a servo-control assembly 440. The WSR 410 may be in the embodiment of FIG. 1A, or any other embodiment in accordance with the present invention. The servo-control assembly 440 includes a spectral monitor 460, for monitoring the power levels of the spectral channels coupled into the output ports 420-1 through 420-N of the WSR apparatus 410. By way of example, the spectral monitor 460 is coupled to the output ports 420-1 through 420-N by way of fiberoptic couplers 420-1 through 420-N-C, wherein each fiberoptic coupler serves to tap off a predetermined fraction of the optical signal in the corresponding output port. The servocontrol assembly 440 further includes a processing unit 470, in communication with the spectral monitor 460 and the channel micromirrors 430 of the WSR apparatus 410. The processing unit 470 uses the power measurements from the spectral monitor 460 to provide feedback control of the channel micromirrors 430 on an individual basis, so as to maintain a desired coupling efficiency for each spectral channel into a selected output port. As such, the servocontrol assembly 440 provides dynamic control of the coupling of the spectral channels into the respective output ports on a channel-by-channel basis and thereby manages the power levels of the spectral channels coupled into the output ports. The power levels of the spectral channels in the output ports may be dynamically managed according to demand, or maintained at desired values (e.g., equalized at a predetermined value) in the present invention. Such a spectral power-management capability is essential in WDM optical networking applications, as discussed above.

FIG. 4B depicts a schematic illustration of a second embodiment of a WSR-S apparatus according to the present invention. The WSR-S apparatus 450 comprises a WSR apparatus 480 and a servo-control assembly 490. In addition to the channel micromirrors 430 (and other elements identified by the same numerals as those used in FIG. 4A), the WSR apparatus 480 further includes a plurality of collimator-alignment mirrors 485, and may be configured 50 according to the embodiments of FIGS. 2A, 2B, 3, or any other embodiment in accordance with the present invention. By way of example, the servo-control assembly 490 includes the spectral monitor 460 as described in the embodiment of FIG. 4A, and a processing unit 495. In this 55 case, the processing unit 495 is in communication with the channel micromirrors 430 and the collimator-alignment mirrors 485 of the WSR apparatus 480, as well as the spectral monitor 460. The processing unit 495 uses the power measurements from the spectral monitor 460 to provide dynamic control of the channel micromirrors 430 along with the collimator-alignment mirrors 485, so to maintain the coupling efficiencies of the spectral channels into the output ports at desired values.

In the embodiment of FIG. 4A or 4B, the spectral monitor 65 460 may be one of spectral power monitoring devices known in the art that is capable of detecting the power levels

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of spectral components in a multi-wavelength optical signal. Such devices are typically in the form of a wavelengthseparating means (e.g., a diffraction grating) that spatially separates a multi-wavelength optical signal by wavelength into constituent spectral components, and one or more optical sensors (e.g., an array of photodiodes) that are configured such to detect the power levels of these spectral components. The processing unit 470 in FIG. 4A (or the processing unit 495 in FIG. 4B) typically includes electrical circuits and signal processing programs for processing the power measurements received from the spectral monitor 460 and generating appropriate control signals to be applied to the channel micromirrors 430 (and the collimator-alignment mirrors 485 in the case of FIG. 4B), so to maintain the coupling efficiencies of the spectral channels into the output ports at desired values. The electronic circuitry and the associated signal processing algorithm/software for such processing unit in a servo-control system are known in the art. A skilled artisan will know how to implement a suitable spectral monitor along with an appropriate processing unit to provide a servo-control assembly in a WSP-S apparatus according to the present invention, for a given application.

The incorporation of a servo-control assembly provides additional advantages of effectively relaxing the requisite fabrication tolerances and the precision of optical alignment during initial assembly of a WSR apparatus of the present invention, and further enabling the system to correct for shift in the alignment over the course of operation. By maintaining an optimal optical alignment, the optical losses incurred by the spectral channels are also significantly reduced. As such, the WSR-S apparatus thus constructed in simpler and more adaptable in structure, more robust in performance, and lower in cost and optical loss. Accordingly, the WSR-S (or WSR) apparatus of the present invention may be used to construct a variety of operable devices and utilized in many applications.

For instance, by directing the spectral channels into the output ports in a one-channel-per-port fashion and coupling the output ports of a WSR-S (or WSR) apparatus to an array of optical sensors (e.g., photodiodes), or a single optical sensor that is capable of scanning across the output ports, a dynamic and versatile spectral power monitor (or channel analyzer) is provided, which would be highly desired in WDM optical networking applications. Moreover, a novel class of optical add-drop multiplexers (OADMs) may be built upon the WSR-S (or WSR) apparatus of the present invention, as exemplified in the following embodiments.

FIG. 5 depicts an exemplary embodiment of an optical add-drop multiplexer (OADM) according to the present invention. By way of example, OADM 500 comprises a WSR-S (or WSR) apparatus 510 and an optical combiner 550. An input port 520 of the WSR-S apparatus 510 transmits a multi-wavelength optical signal. The constituent spectral channels are subsequently separated and routed into a plurality of output ports, including a pass-through port 530 and one or more drop ports 540-1 through 540-N ( $N \ge 1$ ). The pass-through port 530 may receive any number of the spectral channels (i.e., the pass-through spectral channels). Each drop port may also receive any number of the spectral channels (i.e., the drop spectral channels). The pass-through port 530 is optically coupled to the optical combiner 550, which serves to combine the pass-through spectral channels with one or more add spectral channels provided by one or more add ports 560-1 through 560-M (M≥1). The combined optical signal is then routed into an existing port 570, providing an output multi-wavelength optical signal.

In the above embodiment, the optical combiner 550 may be a  $K\times 1$  ( $K\ge 2$ ) broadband fiber-optic coupler, wherein

there are K input-ends and one output-end. The pass-through spectral channels and the add spectral channels are fed into the K input-ends (e.g., in a one-to-one correspondence) and the combined optical signal exits from the output-end of the  $K \times 1$  fiber-optic coupler as the output multi-wavelength optical signal of the system. Such a multiple-input coupler also serves the purpose of multiplexing a multiplicity of add spectral channels to be coupled into the OADM 500. If the power levels of the spectral channels in the output multiwavelength optical signal are desired to be actively managed, such as being equalized at a predetermined value, two spectral monitors may be utilized. As a way of example, the first spectral monitor may receive optical signals tapped off from the pass-through port 530 and the drop ports 540-1 through 540-N (e.g., by way of fiber-optic couplers as depicted in FIG. 4A or 4B). The second spectral monitor receives optical signals tapped off from the exiting port 570. A servo-control system may be constructed accordingly for

FIG. 6 depicts an alternative embodiment of an optical 25 add-drop multiplexer (OADM) according to the present invention. By way of example, OADM 600 comprises a first WSR-S apparatus 610 optically coupled to a second WSR-S apparatus 650. Each WSR-S apparatus may be in the embodiment of FIG. 4A or 4B. (A WSR apparats of the embodiment of FIG. 1A, 2A, 2B, or 3 may be alternatively implemented.) The first WSR-S apparatus 610 includes an input port 620, a pass-through port 630, and one or more drop ports 640-1 through 640-N (N≥1). The pass-through spectral channels from the pass-through port 630 are further coupled to the second WSR-S apparatus 650, along with one or more add spectral channels emerging from add ports 660-1 through 660-M (M≥1). In this exemplary case, the pass-through port 630 and the add ports 660-1 through 660-M constitute the input ports for the second WSR-S apparatus 650. By way of its constituent wavelengthseparator (e.g., a diffraction grinding) and channel micromirrors (not shown in FIG. 6), the second WSR-R apparatus 650 serves to multiplex the pass-through spectral channels and the add spectral channels, and route the multiplexed optical signal into an exiting port 770 to provide an output signal of the system.

monitoring and controlling the pass-through, drop and add

spectral channels. As such, the embodiment of FIG. 5 provides a versatile optical add-drop multiplexer in a simple

and low-cost assembly, while providing multiple physically

separate drop/add ports in a dynamically reconfigurable

fashion.

In the embodiment of FIG. 6, one WSR-S apparatus (e.g., the first WSR-S apparatus 610) effectively performs dynamic drop function, whereas the other WSR-S apparatus (e.g., the second WSR-S apparatus 650) carries out dynamic add function. And there are essentially no fundamental restrictions on the wavelengths that can be added or dropped (other than those imposed by the overall communication system). Moreover, the underlying OADM architecture thus presented is intrinsically scalable and can be readily extended to any number of cascaded WSR-S (or WSR) systems, if so desired for performing intricate add and drop functions. Additionally, the OADM of FIG. 6 may be operated in reverse direction, by using the input ports as the output ports, the drop ports as the add ports, and vice versa.

Those skilled in the art will recognize that the aforementioned embodiments provide only two of many embodiments of a dynamically reconfigurable OADM according to the present invention. Those skilled in the art will also 65 appreciate that various changes, substitutions, and alternations can be made herein without departing from the prin-

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ciples and the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims. Accordingly, a skilled artisan can design an OADM in accordance with the principles of the present invention, to best suit a given application.

Although the present invention and its advantages have been described in detail, it should be understood that various changes, substitutions, and alternations can be made herein without departing from the principles and the scope of the invention. Accordingly, the scope of the present invention should be determined by the following claims and their legal equivalents.

What is claimed is:

- 1. A wavelength-separating-routing apparatus, comprising:
- a) multiple fiber collimators, providing an input port for a multi-wavelength optical signal and a plurality of output ports;
- a wavelength-separator, for separating said multiwavelength optical signal from said input port into multiple spectral channels;
- c) a beam-focuser, for focusing said spectral channels into corresponding spectral spots; and
- d) a spatial array of channel micromirrors positioned such that each channel micromirror receives one of said spectral channels, said channel micromirrors being individually and continuously controllable to reflect said spectral channels into selected ones of said output ports.
- 2. The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a servo-control assembly, in communication with said channel micromirrors and said output ports, for providing control of said channel micromirrors and thereby maintaining a predetermined coupling of each reflected spectral channel into one of said output ports.
- 3. The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 2 wherein said servo-control assembly comprises a spectral monitor for monitoring power levels of said spectral channels coupled into said output ports, and a processing unit responsive to said power levels for providing control of said channel micromirrors.
- **4**. The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim **3** wherein said servo-control assembly maintains said power levels at a predetermined value.
- 5. The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 further comprising an array of collimator-alignment mirrors, in optical communication with said wavelength-separator and said fiber collimators, for adjusting an alignment of said multi-wavelength optical signal from said input port and directing said reflected spectral channels into said output ports.
- **6**. The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim **5** wherein each collimator-alignment mirror is rotatable about one axis.
- 7. The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 5 wherein each collimator-alignment mirror is rotatable about two axes.
- **8**. The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim **5** further comprising first and second arrays of imaging lenses, in a telecentric arrangement with said collimatoralignment mirrors and said fiber collimators.
- 9. The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 wherein each channel micromirror is continuously pivotable about one axis.
- 10. The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 wherein each channel micromirror is pivotable about two axes.

- 11. The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 10 wherein said fiber collimators are arranged in a two-dimensional array.
- 12. The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 wherein each channel micromirror is a silicon micromachined mirror.
- 13. The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 wherein said fiber collimators are arranged in a one-dimensional array.
- 14. The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 wherein said beam-focuser comprises a focusing lens having first and second focal points.
- 15. The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 14 wherein said wavelength-separator and said channel micromirrors are placed respectively at said first and second focal points of said focusing lens.
- 16. The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 wherein said beam-focuser comprises an assembly of lenses.
- 17. The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 wherein said wavelength-separator comprises an element 20 selected from the group consisting of ruled diffraction gratings, halographic diffraction gratings, echelle gratings, curved diffraction gratings, and dispersing gratings.
- 18. The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a quarter-wave plate optically interposed between said wavelength-separator and said channel micromirrors.
- 19. The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 wherein each output port carries a single one of said spectral channels.
- 20. The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 19 further comprising one or more optical sensors, optically coupled to said output ports.
  - 21. A servo-based optical apparatus comprising:
  - a) multiple fiber collimators, providing an input port for a multi-wavelength optical signal and a plurality of output ports;
  - a wavelength-separator, for separating said multiwavelength optical signal from said input port into multiple spectral channels;
  - c) a beam-focuser, for focusing said spectral channels into corresponding spectral spots; and
  - d) a spatial array of channel micromirrors positioned such that each channel micromirror receives one of said spectral channels, said channel micromirrors being 45 individually controllable to reflect said spectral channels into selected ones of said output ports; and
  - e) a servo-control assembly, in communication with said channel micromirrors and said output ports, for maintaining a predetermined coupling of each reflected 50 spectral channel into one of said output ports.
- 22. The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 21 wherein said servo-control assembly comprises a spectral monitor for monitoring power levels of said spectral channels coupled into said output ports, and a processing unit responsive to 55 said power levels for providing control of said channel micromirrors.
- 23. The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 22 wherein said servo-control assembly maintains said power levels at a predetermined value.
- 24. The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 21 further comprising an array of collimator-alignment mirrors, in optical communication with said wavelength-separator and said fiber collimators, for adjusting an alignment of said multi-wavelength optical signal from said input port and 65 directing said reflected spectral channels into said output ports.

- 25. The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 24 further comprising first and second arrays of imaging lenses, in a telecentric arrangement with said collimator-alignment mirrors and said fiber collimators.
- 26. The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 24 wherein each collimator-alignment mirror is rotatable about at least one axis
- 27. The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 21 wherein each channel micromirror is continuously pivotable about at least one axis.
- 28. The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 21 wherein each channel micromirror is a silicon micromachined mirror.
- 29. The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 21 wherein said wavelength-separator comprises an element selected from the group consisting of ruled diffraction gratings, holographic diffraction gratings, echelle gratings, curved diffraction gratings, and dispersing prisms.
- **30**. The servo-based optical apparatus of claim **21** wherein said beam-focuser comprises one or more lenses.
  - 31. An optical apparatus comprising:
  - a) an array of fiber collimators, providing an input port for a multi-wavelength optical signal and a plurality of output ports;
  - b) a wavelength-separator, for separating said multiwavelength optical signal from said input port into multiple spectral channels;
  - c) a beam-focuser, for focusing said spectral channels into corresponding spectral spots;
  - d) a spatial array of channel micromirrors positioned such that each channel micromirror receives one of said spectral channels, said channel micromirrors being individually and continuously controllable to reflect said spectral channels into selected ones of said output ports; and
  - e) a one-dimensional array of collimator-alignment mirrors, for adjusting an alignment of said multiwavelength optical signal from said input port and directing said reflected spectral channels into said output ports.
- 32. The optical apparatus of claim 31 further comprising a servo-control assembly, in communication with said channel micromirrors, said collimator-alignment mirrors, and said output ports, for providing control of said channel micromirrors along with said collimator-alignment mirrors and thereby maintaining a predetermined coupling of each reflected spectral channel into one of said output ports.
- 33. The optical apparatus of claim 32 wherein said servo-control assembly comprises a spectral monitor for monitoring power levels of said spectral channels coupled into said output ports, and a processing unit responsive to said power levels for providing control of said channel micromirrors and said collimator-alignment mirrors.
- **34**. The optical apparatus of claim **31** wherein each channel micromirror is continuously pivotable about at least one axis.
- 35. The optical apparatus of claim 31 wherein each collimator-alignment mirror is rotatable about at least one axis.
- **36**. The optical apparatus of claim **31** further comprising first and second arrays of imaging lenses, in a telecentric arrangement with said collimator-alignment mirrors and said fiber collimators.
  - 37. An optical apparatus comprising:
  - a) an array of fiber collimators, providing an input port for a multi-wavelength optical signal and a plurality of output ports;

- a wavelength-separator, for separating said multiwavelength optical signal from said input port into multiple spectral channels;
- c) a beam-focuser, for focusing said spectral channels into corresponding spectral spots;
- d) a spatial array of channel micromirrors positioned such that each channel micromirror receives one of said spectral channels, said channel micromirrors being individually and continuously controllable to reflect said spectral channels into selected ones of said output ports; and
- e) a two-dimensional array of collimator-alignment mirrors, for adjusting an alignment of said multiwavelength optical signal from said input port and directing said reflected spectral channels into said output ports.
- **38**. The optical apparatus of claim **37** further comprising a servo-control assembly, in communication with said channel micromirrors, and collimator-alignment mirrors, and said output ports, for providing control of said channel micromirrors along with said collimator-alignment mirrors and thereby maintaining a predetermined coupling of each reflected spectral channel into one of said output ports.
- 39. The optical apparatus of claim 38 wherein said servo-control assembly comprises a spectral monitor for monitoring power levels of said spectral channels coupled into said output ports, and a processing unit responsive to said power levels for providing control of said channel micromirrors and said collimator-alignment mirrors.
- **40**. The optical apparatus of claim **37** wherein each collimator-alignment mirror is rotatable about at least one axis.
- **41**. The optical apparatus of claim **37** wherein each channel micromirror is continuously pivotable about at least one axis.
- **42.** The optical apparatus of claim **41** wherein each channel micromirrors is pivotable about two axes, and wherein said fiber collimators are arranged in a two-dimensional array.
- **43**. The optical apparatus of claim **37** further comprising first and second arrays of imaging lenses, in a telecentric arrangement with said collimator-alignment mirrors and said fiber collimators.
- **44**. An optical system comprising a wavelength-separating-routing apparatus, wherein said wavelength-separating-routing apparatus includes:
  - a) an array of fiber collimators, providing an input port for a multi-wavelength optical signal and a plurality of output ports including a pass-through port and one or more drop ports;
  - a wavelength-separator, for separating said multiwavelength optical signal from said input port into multiple spectral channels;
  - c) a beam-focuser, for focusing said spectral channels into 55 channel micromirrors are individually pivotable. corresponding spectral spots; and 57. The optical system of claim 55 wherein each
  - d) a spatial array of channel micromirrors positioned such that each channel micromirror receives one of said spectral channels, said channel micromirrors being individually and continuously pivotable to reflect said 60 spectral channels into selected ones of said output ports, whereby said pass-through port receives a subset of said spectral channels.
- **45**. The optical system of claim **44** further comprising a servo-control assembly, in communication with said channel 65 micromirrors and said output ports, for providing control of said channel micromirrors and thereby maintaining a pre-

- determined coupling of each reflected spectral channel into one of said output ports.
- **46**. The optical system of claim **45** wherein said servocontrol assembly comprises a spectral monitor for monitoring power levels of said spectral channels coupled into said output ports, and a processing unit responsive to said power levels for providing control of said channel micromirrors.
- 47. The optical system of claim 44 further comprising an array of collimator-alignment mirrors, in optical communication with said wavelength-separator and said fiber collimators, for adjusting an alignment of said multiwavelength optical signal from said input port and directing said reflected spectral channels into said output ports.
- **48**. The optical system of claim **47** further comprising first and second arrays of imaging lenses, in a telecentric arrangement with said collimator-alignment mirrors and said fiber collimators.
- **49**. The optical system of claim **47** wherein each collimator-alignment mirror is rotatable about at least one oaxis.
- **50**. The optical system of claim **44** wherein each channel micromirror is pivotable about at least one axis.
- **51**. The optical system of claim **44** wherein each channel micromirror is a silicon micromachined mirror.
- **52**. The optical system of claim **44** wherein said beamfocuser comprises a focusing lens having first and second focal points, and wherein said wavelength-separator and said channel micromirrors are placed respectively at said first and second focal points.
- **53**. The optical system of claim **44** wherein said wavelength-separator comprises an element selected from the group consisting of ruled diffraction gratings, holographic diffraction gratings, echelle gratings, curved diffraction gratings, and dispersing prisms.
- **54**. The optical system of claim **44** further comprising a quarter-wave plate optically interposed between said wavelength-separator and said channel micromirrors.
- **55**. The optical system of claim **44** further comprising an auxiliary wavelength-separating-routing apparatus, includ-40 ing:
  - a) multiple auxiliary fiber collimators, providing a plurality of auxiliary input ports and an exiting port;
  - b) an auxiliary wavelength-separator;
  - c) an auxiliary beam-focuser; and
  - d) a spatial array of auxiliary channel micromirrors;
  - wherein said subset of said spectral channels in said pass-through port and one or more add spectral channels are directed into said auxiliary input ports, and multiplexed into an output optical signal directed into said exiting port by way of said auxiliary wavelength-separator, said auxiliary beam-focuser and said auxiliary channel micromirrors.
  - **56**. The optical system of claim **55** wherein said auxiliary channel micromirrors are individually pivotable.
  - 57. The optical system of claim 55 wherein each auxiliary channel micromirror is pivotable continuously about at least one axis.
  - **58**. The optical system of claim **55** wherein each auxiliary channel micromirror is a silicon micromachined mirror.
  - **59**. The optical system of claim **55** wherein said auxiliary wavelength-separator comprises an element selected from the group consisting of ruled diffraction gratings, holographic diffraction gratings, echelle gratings, curved diffraction gratings, and dispersing prisms.
  - 60. The optical system of claim 55 wherein said pass-through port constitutes one of said auxiliary input ports.

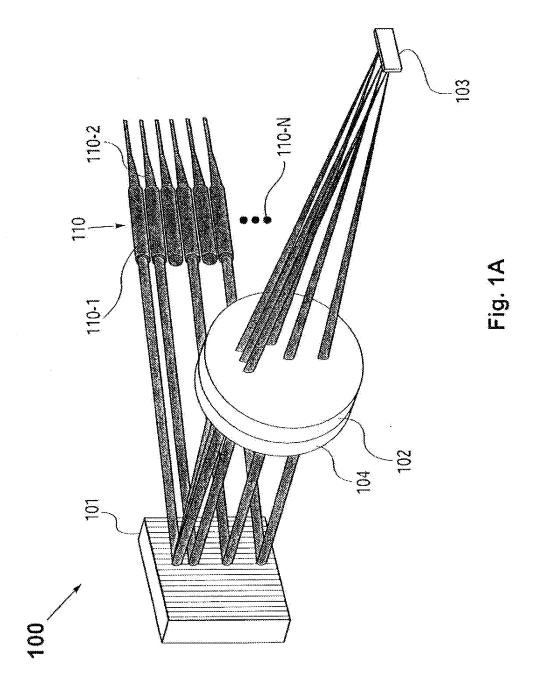
- **61**. A method of performing dynamic wavelength separating and routing, comprising:
  - a) receiving a multi-wavelength optical signal from an input port;
  - b) separating said multi-wavelength optical signal into multiple spectral channels;
  - c) focusing said spectral channels onto a spatial array of corresponding beam-deflecting elements, whereby each beam-deflecting element receives one of said spectral channels; and
  - d) dynamically and continuously controlling said beamdeflecting elements, thereby directing said spectral channels into a plurality of output ports.
- **62**. The method of claim **61** further comprising the step of providing feedback control of said beam-deflecting elements, thereby maintaining a predetermining coupling of each spectral channel directed into one of said output ports.

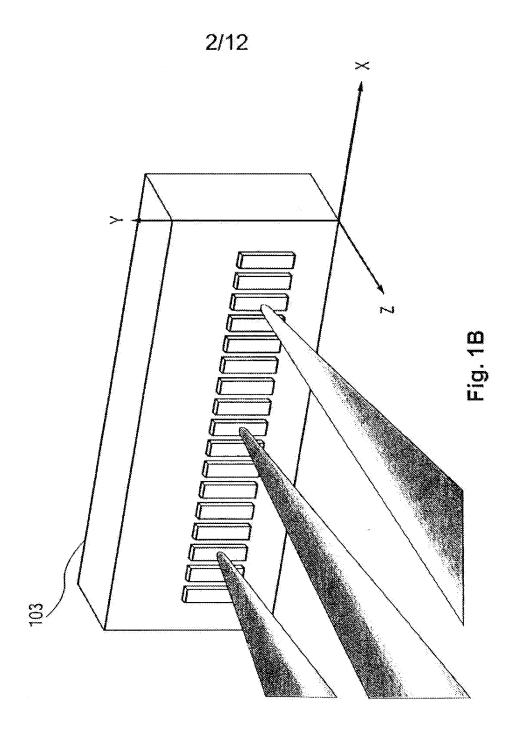
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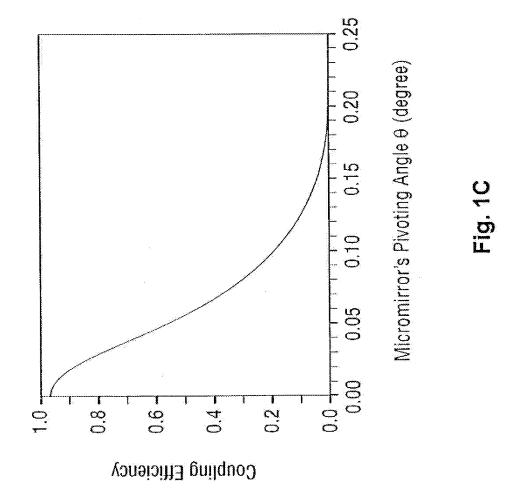
- 63. The method of claim 62 further comprising the step of maintaining power levels of said spectral channels directed into said output ports at a predetermining value.
- **64**. The method of claim **61** wherein each spectral channel is directed into a separate output port.
- **65**. The method of claim **61** wherein a subset of said spectral channels is directed into one of said output ports, thereby providing one or more pass-through spectral channels.
- **66**. The method of claim **65** further comprising the step of multiplexing said pass-through spectral channels with one or more add spectral channels, so as to provide an output optical signal.
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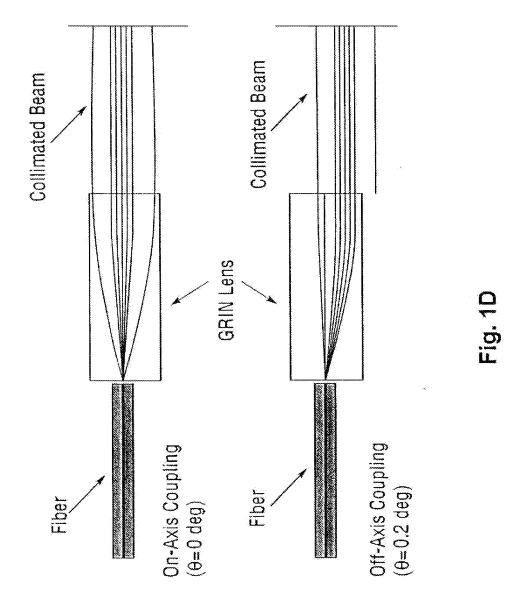
  67. The method of claim 61 wherein said beam-deflecting elements comprise an array of silicon micromachined mirrory ding feedback control of said beam-deflecting elements.

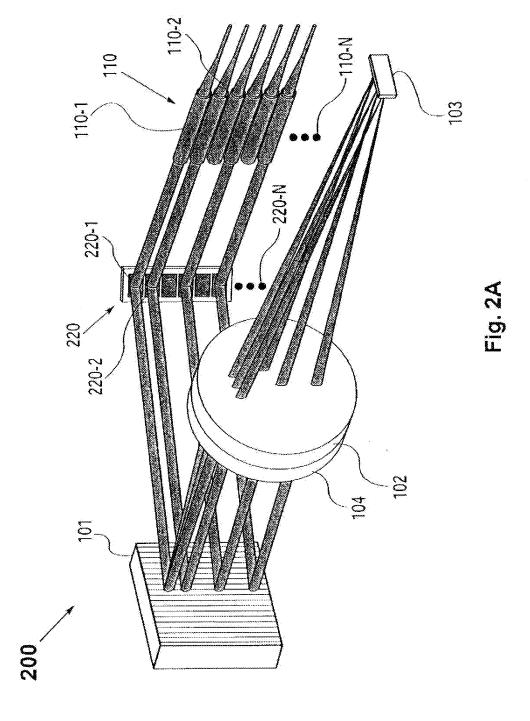
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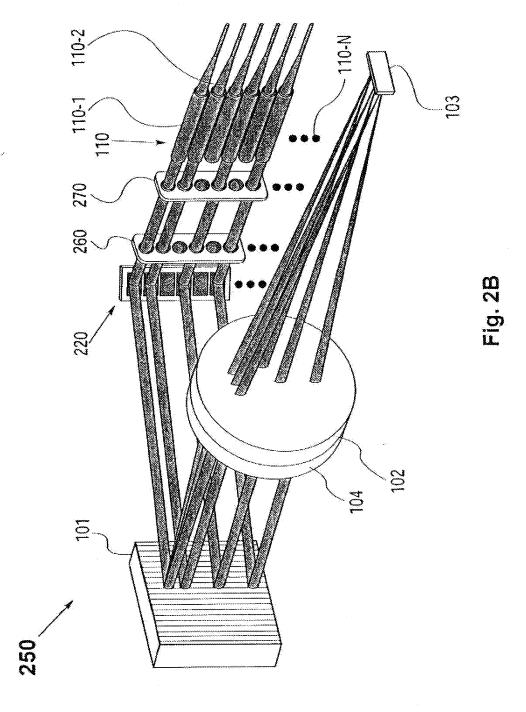




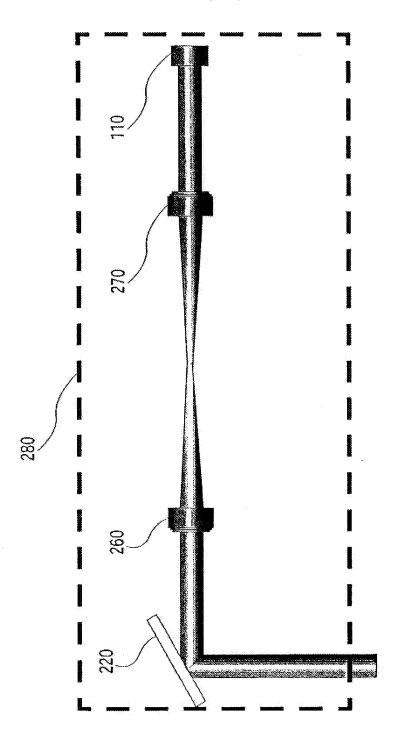




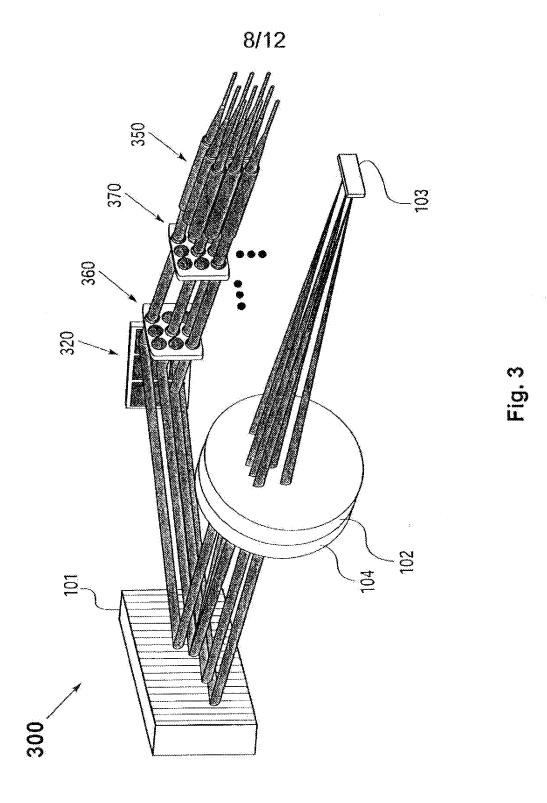








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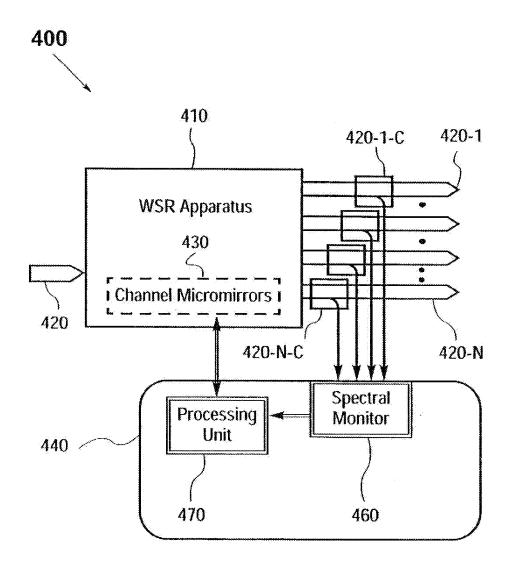


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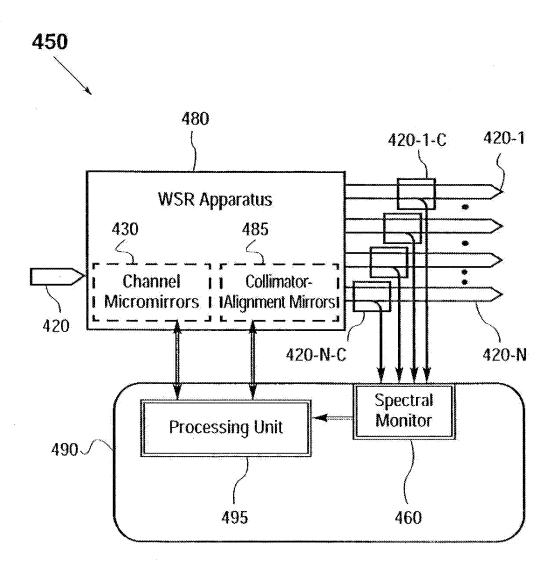
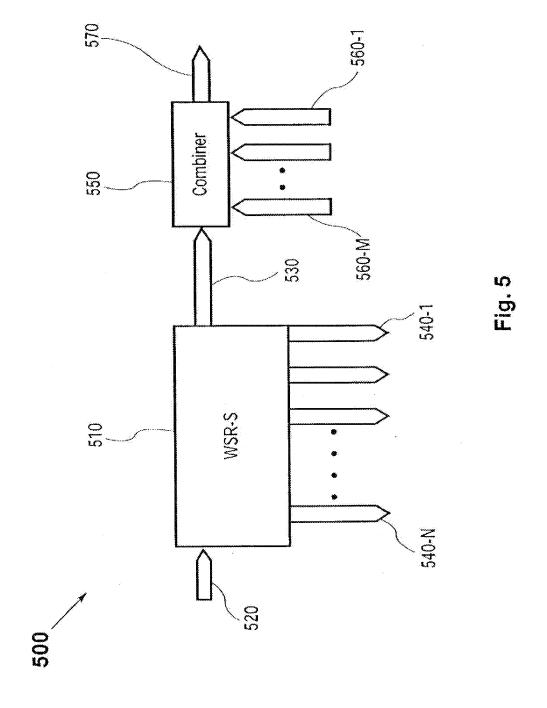
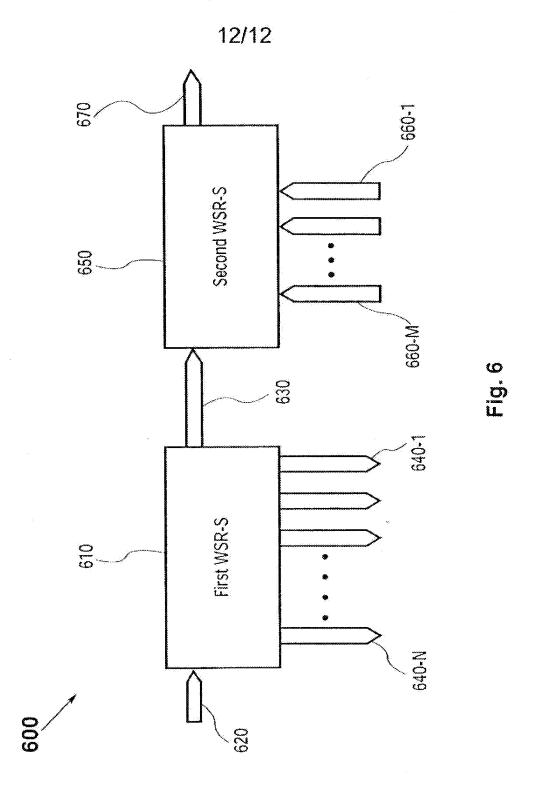


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## STATEMENT OF STATUS AND SUPPORT FOR ALL CHANGES TO CLAIMS

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#### **Amendments to Claims**

- 1. (Amended) A wavelength-separating-routing apparatus, comprising:
- a) multiple fiber collimators, providing an input port for a multi-wavelength optical signal and a plurality of output ports;
- b) a wavelength-separator, for separating said multi-wavelength optical signal from said input port into multiple spectral channels;
- c) a beam-focuser, for focusing said spectral channels into corresponding spectral spots; and
- d) a spatial array of channel micromirrors positioned such that each channel micromirror receives one of said spectral channels, said channel micromirrors being pivotal about two axes and being individually and continuously controllable to reflect said corresponding received spectral channels into any selected ones of said output ports and to control the power of said received spectral channels coupled into said output ports.
- 2. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a servo-control assembly, in communication with said channel micromirrors and said output ports, for providing control of said channel micromirrors and thereby maintaining a predetermined coupling of each reflected spectral channel into one of said output ports.
  - 3. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 2

wherein said servo-control assembly comprises a spectral monitor for monitoring power levels of said spectral channels coupled into said output ports, and a processing unit responsive to said power levels for providing control of said channel micromirrors.

- 4. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 3 wherein said servo-control assembly maintains said power levels at a predetermined value.
- 5. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 further comprising an array of collimator-alignment mirrors, in optical communication with said wavelength-separator and said fiber collimators, for adjusting an alignment of said multi-wavelength optical signal from said input port and directing said reflected spectral channels into said output ports.
- 6. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 5 wherein each collimator-alignment mirror is rotatable about one axis.
- 7. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 5 wherein each collimator-alignment mirror is rotatable about two axes.
- 8. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 5 further comprising first and second arrays of imaging lenses, in a telecentric arrangement

with said collimator-alignment mirrors and said fiber collimators.

- 9. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 wherein each channel micromirror is continuously pivotable about one axis.
- 10. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 wherein each channel micromirror is pivotable about two axes.
- 11. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 10 wherein said fiber collimators are arranged in a two-dimensional array.
- 12. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 wherein each channel micromirror is a silicon micromachined mirror.
- 13. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 wherein said fiber collimators are arranged in a one-dimensional array.
- 14. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 wherein said beam-focuser comprises a focusing lens having first and second focal points.
- 15. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 14 wherein said wavelength-separator and said channel micromirrors are placed

respectively at said first and second focal points of said focusing lens.

- 16. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 wherein said beam-focuser comprises an assembly of lenses.
- 17. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 wherein said wavelength-separator comprises an element selected from the group consisting of ruled diffraction gratings, halographic diffraction gratings, echelle gratings, curved diffraction gratings, and dispersing gratings.
- 18. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a quarter-wave plate optically interposed between said wavelength-separator and said channel micromirrors.
- 19. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 1 wherein each output port carries a single one of said spectral channels.
- 20. (Original) The wavelength-separating-routing apparatus of claim 19 further comprising one or more optical sensors, optically coupled to said output ports.
  - 21. (Original) A servo-based optical apparatus comprising:

- a) multiple fiber collimators, providing an input port for a multi-wavelength optical signal and a plurality of output ports;
- b) a wavelength-separator, for separating said multi-wavelength optical signal from said input port into multiple spectral channels;
- c) a beam-focuser, for focusing said spectral channels into corresponding spectral spots; and
- d) a spatial array of channel micromirrors positioned such that each channel micromirror receives one of said spectral channels, said channel micromirrors being individually controllable to reflect said spectral channels into selected ones of said output ports; and
- e) a servo-control assembly, in communication with said channel micromirrors and said output ports, for maintaining a predetermined coupling of each reflected spectral channel into one of said output ports.
- 22. (Original) The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 21 wherein said servo-control assembly comprises a spectral monitor for monitoring power levels of said spectral channels coupled into said output ports, and a processing unit responsive to said power levels for providing control of said channel micromirrors.
- 23. (Original) The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 22 wherein said servo-control assembly maintains said power levels at a predetermined value.
  - 24. (Original) The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 21 further

comprising an array of collimator-alignment mirrors, in optical communication with said wavelength-separator and said fiber collimators, for adjusting an alignment of said multi-wavelength optical signal from said input port and directing said reflected spectral channels into said output ports.

- 25. (Original) The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 24 further comprising first and second arrays of imaging lenses, in a telecentric arrangement with said collimator-alignment mirrors and said fiber collimators.
- 26. (Original) The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 24 wherein each collimator-alignment mirror is rotatable about at least one axis.
- 27. (Original) The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 21 wherein each channel micromirror is continuously pivotable about at least one axis.
- 28. (Original) The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 21 wherein each channel micromirror is a silicon micromachined mirror.
- 29. (Original) The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 21 wherein said wavelength-separator comprises an element selected from the group consisting of ruled diffraction gratings, holographic diffraction gratings, echelle gratings, curved diffraction gratings, and dispersing prisms.

- 30. (Original) The servo-based optical apparatus of claim 21 wherein said beam-focuser comprises one or more lenses.
  - 31. (Original) An optical apparatus comprising:
- a) an array of fiber collimators, providing an input port for a multi-wavelength optical signal and a plurality of output ports;
- b) a wavelength-separator, for separating said multi-wavelength optical signal from said input port into multiple spectral channels;
- c) a beam-focuser, for focusing said spectral channels into corresponding spectral spots;
- d) a spatial array of channel micromirrors positioned such that each channel micromirror receives one of said spectral channels, said channel micromirrors being individually and continuously controllable to reflect said spectral channels into selected ones of said output ports; and
- e) a one-dimensional array of collimator-alignment mirrors, for adjusting an alignment of said multi-wavelength optical signal from said input port and directing said reflected spectral channels into said output ports.
- 32. (Original) The optical apparatus of claim 31 further comprising a servocontrol assembly, in communication with said channel micromirrors, said collimatoralignment mirrors, and said output ports, for providing control of said channel micromirrors along with said collimator-alignment mirrors and thereby maintaining a predetermined coupling of each reflected spectral channel into one of said output

ports.

33. (Original) The optical apparatus of claim 32 wherein said servo-control assembly comprises

a spectral monitor for monitoring power levels of said spectral channels coupled into said output ports, and

a processing unit responsive to said power levels for providing control of said channel micromirrors and said collimator-alignment mirrors.

- 34. (Original) The optical apparatus of claim 31 wherein each channel micromirror is continuously pivotable about at least one axis.
- 35. (Original) The optical apparatus of claim 31 wherein each collimatoralignment mirror is rotatable about at least one axis.
- 36. (Original) The optical apparatus of claim 31 further comprising first and second arrays of imaging lenses, in a telecentric arrangement with said collimatoralignment mirrors and said fiber collimators.
  - 37. (Original) An optical apparatus comprising:
- a) an array of fiber collimators, providing an input port for a multi-wavelength optical signal and a plurality of output ports;

- b) a wavelength-separator, for separating said multi-wavelength optical signal from said input port into multiple spectral channels;
- c) a beam-focuser, for focusing said spectral channels into corresponding spectral spots;
- d) a spatial array of channel micromirrors positioned such that each channel micromirror receives one of said spectral channels, said channel micromirrors being individually and continuously controllable to reflect said spectral channels into selected ones of said output ports; and
- e) a two-dimensional array of collimator-alignment mirrors, for adjusting an alignment of said multi-wavelength optical signal from said input port and directing said reflected spectral channels into said output ports.
- 38. (Original) The optical apparatus of claim 37 further comprising a servo-control assembly, in communication with said channel micromirrors, and

collimator-alignment mirrors, and said output ports, for providing control of said channel micromirrors along with said collimator-alignment mirrors and thereby maintaining a predetermined coupling of each reflected spectral channel into one of said output ports.

39. (Original) The optical apparatus of claim 38 wherein said servo-control assembly comprises a spectral monitor for monitoring power levels of said spectral channels coupled into said output ports, and a processing unit responsive to said

power levels for providing control of said channel micromirrors and said collimatoralignment mirrors.

- 40. (Original) The optical apparatus of claim 37 wherein each collimatoralignment mirror is rotatable about at least one axis.
- 41. (Original) The optical apparatus of claim 37 wherein each channel micromirror is continuously pivotable about at least one axis.
- 42. (Original) The optical apparatus of claim 41 wherein each channel micromirrors is pivotable about two axes, and wherein said fiber collimators are arranged in a two-dimensional array.
- 43. (Original) The optical apparatus of claim 37 further comprising first and second arrays of imaging lenses, in a telecentric arrangement with said collimatoralignment mirrors and said fiber collimators.
- 44. (Amended) An optical system comprising a wavelength-separating-routing apparatus, wherein said wavelength-separating-routing apparatus includes:
- a) an array of fiber collimators, providing an input port for a multi-wavelength optical signal and a plurality of output ports including a pass-through port and one or more drop ports;

- b) a wavelength-separator, for separating said multi-wavelength optical signal from said input port into multiple spectral channels;
- c) a beam-focuser, for focusing said spectral channels into corresponding spectral spots; and

a spatial array of channel micromirrors positioned such that each channel micromirror receives one of said spectral channels, said channel micromirrors being pivotal about two axes and being individually and continuously controllable to reflect said corresponding received spectral channels into any selected ones of said output ports and to control the power of said received spectral channels coupled into said output ports, whereby said pass-through port receives a subset of said spectral channels.

- 45. (Original) The optical system of claim 44 further comprising a servocontrol assembly, in communication with said channel micromirrors and said output ports, for providing control of said channel micromirrors and thereby maintaining a predetermined coupling of each reflected spectral channel into one of said output ports.
- 46. (Original) The optical system of claim 45 wherein said servo-control assembly comprises a spectral monitor for monitoring power levels of said spectral channels coupled into said output ports, and a processing unit responsive to said power levels for providing control of said channel micromirrors.

- 47. (Original) The optical system of claim 44 further comprising an array of collimator-alignment mirrors, in optical communication with said wavelength-separator and said fiber collimators, for adjusting an alignment of said multi-wavelength optical signal from said input port and directing said reflected spectral channels into said output ports.
- 48. (Original) The optical system of claim 47 further comprising first and second arrays of imaging lenses, in a telecentric arrangement with said collimatoralignment mirrors and said fiber collimators.
- 49. (Original) The optical system of claim 47 wherein each collimatoralignment mirror is rotatable about at least one axis.
- 50. (Original) The optical system of claim 44 wherein each channel micromirror is pivotable about at least one axis.
- 51. (Original) The optical system of claim 44 wherein each channel micromirror is a silicon micromachined mirror.
- 52. (Original) The optical system of claim 44 wherein said beam-focuser comprises a focusing lens having first and second focal points, and wherein said wavelength-separator and said channel micromirrors are placed respectively at said first and second focal points.

- 53. (Original) The optical system of claim 44 wherein said wavelength-separator comprises an element selected from the group consisting of ruled diffraction gratings, holographic diffraction gratings, echelle gratings, curved diffraction gratings, and dispersing prisms.
- 54. (Original) The optical system of claim 44 further comprising a quarterwave plate optically interposed between said wavelength-separator and said channel micromirrors.
- 55. (Original) The optical system of claim 44 further comprising an auxiliary wavelength-separating-routing apparatus, including:
- a) multiple auxiliary fiber collimators, providing a plurality of auxiliary input ports and an exiting port;
  - b) an auxiliary wavelength-separator;
  - c) an auxiliary beam-focuser; and
  - d) a spatial array of auxiliary channel micromirrors;

wherein said subset of said spectral channels in said pass-through port and one or more add spectral channels are directed into said auxiliary input ports, and multiplexed into an output optical signal directed into said exiting port by way of said auxiliary wavelength-separator, said auxiliary beam-focuser and said auxiliary channel micromirrors.

- 56. (Original) The optical system of claim 55 wherein said auxiliary channel micromirrors are individually pivotable.
- 57. (Original) The optical system of claim 55 wherein each auxiliary channel micromirror is pivotable continuously about at least one axis.
- 58. (Original) The optical system of claim 55 wherein each auxiliary channel micromirror is a silicon micromachined mirror.
- 59. (Original) The optical system of claim 55 wherein said auxiliary wavelength-separator comprises an element selected from the group consisting of ruled diffraction gratings, holographic diffraction gratings, echelle gratings, curved diffraction gratings, and dispersing prisms.
- 60. (Original) The optical system of claim 55 wherein said pass-through port constitutes one of said auxiliary input ports.
- 61. (Amended) A method of performing dynamic wavelength separating and routing, comprising:
  - a) receiving a multi-wavelength optical signal from an input port;
- b) separating said multi-wavelength optical signal into multiple spectral channels:

- c) focusing said spectral channels onto a spatial array of corresponding beam-deflecting elements, whereby each beam-deflecting element receives one of said spectral channels; and
- d) dynamically and continuously controlling said beam-deflecting elements, thereby directing in two dimensions to direct said spectral channels into a plurality any selected ones of said output ports and to control the power of the spectral channels coupled into said selected output ports.
- 62. (Amended) The method of claim 61 further comprising the step of providing feedback control of said beam-deflecting elements, thereby maintaining to maintain a predetermining coupling of each spectral channel directed into one of said output ports.
- 63. (Original) The method of claim 62 further comprising the step of maintaining power levels of said spectral channels directed into said output ports at a predetermining value.
- 64. (Original) The method of claim 61 wherein each spectral channel is directed into a separate output port.
- 65. (Original) The method of claim 61 wherein a subset of said spectral channels is directed into one of said output ports, thereby providing one or more pass-through spectral channels.

- 66. (Original) The method of claim 65 further comprising the step of multiplexing said pass-through spectral channels with one or more add spectral channels, so as to provide an output optical signal.
- 67. (Original) The method of claim 61 wherein said beam-deflecting elements comprise an array of silicon micromachined mirrors.
- 68. (New) A wavelength-separating-routing apparatus, comprising:

  a) multiple fiber collimators providing an input port for a multi-wavelength optical signal and a plurality of output ports;
- b) a wavelength-separator for separating said multi-wavelength optical signal from said input port into multiple spectral channels;
- c) a beam-focuser for focusing said spectral channels into corresponding spectral spots; and
- e) a spatial array of beam-deflecting elements positioned such that each beam-deflecting element receives a corresponding one of said spectral channels, said beam-deflecting elements being dynamically and continuously controllable in two dimensions to reflect said received spectral channels into any selected ones of said output ports and to control the power of the spectral channels reflected into said selected output ports.

#### Remarks

Independent apparatus/system Claims 1 and 44 have been amended to recite that the channel micromirrors are "pivotal about two axes" and are individually and continuously controllable to reflect "corresponding received spectral channels into any selected ones of said output ports and to control the power of said received spectral channels coupled into said selected output ports".

Independent method Claim 61 has been amended somewhat similarly to Claims 1 and 44 to recite dynamically and continuously controlling said beam-deflecting elements "in two dimensions to direct said spectral channels into any selected ones of said output ports and to control the power of the spectral channels reflected into said selected output ports".

New Claim 68 adds an independent apparatus claim that corresponds substantially to independent method Claim 61.

The basis for these amendments is in the specification at Col. 3, line 61 – Col. 4, line 26; Col. 7, lines 6-11; Col. 8, lines 24-39; Col. 9, lines 11-17; and Col. 10, lines 48-50.

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The amendments correct errors and ensure that the amended claims

distinguish over the prior art; and new Claim 68 adds an apparatus claim that

corresponds to method Claim 61.

Favorable early consideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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