

**FULLY CONNECTED GENERALIZED STRICTLY NONBLOCKING
MULTI-LINK MULTI-STAGE NETWORKS**

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5 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

FIG. 1A is a diagram 100A of an exemplary symmetrical multi-link multi-stage network $V_{mlink}(N, d, s)$ having inverse Benes connection topology of five stages with $N = 8$, $d = 2$ and $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections, in accordance with the invention.

10 FIG. 1B is a diagram 100B of an exemplary symmetrical multi-link multi-stage network $V_{mlink}(N, d, s)$ (having a connection topology built using back-to-back Omega Networks) of five stages with $N = 8$, $d = 2$ and $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections, in accordance with the invention.

15 FIG. 1C is a diagram 100C of an exemplary symmetrical multi-link multi-stage network $V_{mlink}(N, d, s)$ having an exemplary connection topology of five stages with $N = 8$, $d = 2$ and $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections, in accordance with the invention.

20 FIG. 1D is a diagram 100D of an exemplary symmetrical multi-link multi-stage network $V_{mlink}(N, d, s)$ having an exemplary connection topology of five stages with $N = 8$, $d = 2$ and $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections, in accordance with the invention.

25 FIG. 1E is a diagram 100E of an exemplary symmetrical multi-link multi-stage network $V_{mlink}(N, d, s)$ (having a connection topology called flip network and also known as inverse shuffle exchange network) of five stages with $N = 8$, $d = 2$ and $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections, in accordance with the invention.

FIG. 1F is a diagram 100F of an exemplary symmetrical multi-link multi-stage network $V_{mlink}(N, d, s)$ having Baseline connection topology of five stages with $N = 8$, $d = 2$ and $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections, in accordance with the invention.

5 FIG. 1G is a diagram 100G of an exemplary symmetrical multi-link multi-stage network $V_{mlink}(N, d, s)$ having an exemplary connection topology of five stages with $N = 8$, $d = 2$ and $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections, in accordance with the invention.

10 FIG. 1H is a diagram 100H of an exemplary symmetrical multi-link multi-stage network $V_{mlink}(N, d, s)$ having an exemplary connection topology of five stages with $N = 8$, $d = 2$ and $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections, in accordance with the invention.

15 FIG. 1I is a diagram 100I of an exemplary symmetrical multi-link multi-stage network $V_{mlink}(N, d, s)$ (having a connection topology built using back-to-back Banyan Networks or back-to-back Delta Networks or equivalently back-to-back Butterfly networks) of five stages with $N = 8$, $d = 2$ and $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections, in accordance with the invention.

20 FIG. 1J is a diagram 100J of an exemplary symmetrical multi-link multi-stage network $V_{mlink}(N, d, s)$ having an exemplary connection topology of five stages with $N = 8$, $d = 2$ and $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections, in accordance with the invention.

FIG. 1K is a diagram 100K of a general symmetrical multi-link multi-stage network $V_{mlink}(N, d, s)$ with $(2 \times \log_d N) - 1$ stages with $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections, in accordance with the invention.

25 FIG. 1A1 is a diagram 100A1 of an exemplary asymmetrical multi-link multi-stage network $V_{mlink}(N_1, N_2, d, s)$ having inverse Benes connection topology of five

stages with $N_1 = 8$, $N_2 = p * N_1 = 24$ where $p = 3$, $d = 2$ and $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections, in accordance with the invention.

FIG. 1B1 is a diagram 100B1 of an exemplary asymmetrical multi-link multi-stage network $V_{mlink}(N_1, N_2, d, s)$ (having a connection topology built using back-to-back Omega Networks) of five stages with $N_1 = 8$, $N_2 = p * N_1 = 24$ where $p = 3$, $d = 2$ and $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections.

FIG. 1C1 is a diagram 100C1 of an exemplary asymmetrical multi-link multi-stage network $V_{mlink}(N_1, N_2, d, s)$ having an exemplary connection topology of five stages with $N_1 = 8$, $N_2 = p * N_1 = 24$ where $p = 3$, $d = 2$ and $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections, in accordance with the invention.

FIG. 1D1 is a diagram 100D1 of an exemplary asymmetrical multi-link multi-stage network $V_{mlink}(N_1, N_2, d, s)$ having an exemplary connection topology of five stages with $N_1 = 8$, $N_2 = p * N_1 = 24$ where $p = 3$, $d = 2$ and $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections, in accordance with the invention.

FIG. 1E1 is a diagram 100E1 of an exemplary asymmetrical multi-link multi-stage network $V_{mlink}(N_1, N_2, d, s)$ (having a connection topology called flip network and also known as inverse shuffle exchange network) of five stages with $N_1 = 8$, $N_2 = p * N_1 = 24$ where $p = 3$, $d = 2$ and $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections, in accordance with the invention.

FIG. 1F1 is a diagram 100F1 of an exemplary asymmetrical multi-link multi-stage network $V_{mlink}(N_1, N_2, d, s)$ having Baseline connection topology of five stages with $N_1 = 8$, $N_2 = p * N_1 = 24$ where $p = 3$, $d = 2$ and $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections, in accordance with the invention.

FIG. 1G1 is a diagram 100G1 of an exemplary asymmetrical multi-link multi-stage network $V_{mlink}(N_1, N_2, d, s)$ having an exemplary connection topology of five stages with $N_1 = 8$, $N_2 = p * N_1 = 24$ where $p = 3$, $d = 2$ and $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections, in accordance with the invention.

FIG. 1H1 is a diagram 100H1 of an exemplary asymmetrical multi-link multi-stage network $V_{mlink}(N_1, N_2, d, s)$ having an exemplary connection topology of five stages with $N_1 = 8$, $N_2 = p * N_1 = 24$ where $p = 3$, $d = 2$ and $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections, in accordance with the invention.

5 FIG. 1I1 is a diagram 100I1 of an exemplary asymmetrical multi-link multi-stage network $V_{mlink}(N_1, N_2, d, s)$ (having a connection topology built using back-to-back Banyan Networks or back-to-back Delta Networks or equivalently back-to-back Butterfly networks) of five stages with $N_1 = 8$, $N_2 = p * N_1 = 24$ where $p = 3$, $d = 2$ and $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections, in accordance with the
10 invention.

FIG. 1J1 is a diagram 100J1 of an exemplary asymmetrical multi-link multi-stage network $V_{mlink}(N_1, N_2, d, s)$ having an exemplary connection topology of five stages with $N_1 = 8$, $N_2 = p * N_1 = 24$ where $p = 3$, $d = 2$ and $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections, in accordance with the invention.

15 FIG. 1K1 is a diagram 100K1 of a general asymmetrical multi-link multi-stage network $V_{mlink}(N_1, N_2, d, s)$ with $(2 \times \log_d N) - 1$ stages with $N_1 = p * N_2$ and $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections, in accordance with the invention.

FIG. 1A2 is a diagram 100A2 of an exemplary asymmetrical multi-link multi-
20 stage network $V_{mlink}(N_1, N_2, d, s)$ having inverse Benes connection topology of five stages with $N_2 = 8$, $N_1 = p * N_2 = 24$, where $p = 3$, $d = 2$ and $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections, in accordance with the invention.

FIG. 1B2 is a diagram 100B2 of an exemplary asymmetrical multi-link multi-
25 stage network $V_{mlink}(N_1, N_2, d, s)$ (having a connection topology built using back-to-back Omega Networks) of five stages with $N_2 = 8$, $N_1 = p * N_2 = 24$, where $p = 3$, $d = 2$ and $s=3$, strictly nonblocking network for arbitrary fan-out multicast connections, in accordance with the invention.

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