

**ABSTRACT**

A telecommunications network comprising a plurality of bearer links, and a plurality of nodes, wherein at least some of the nodes have elements configurable to allow signals
5 arriving over one link to be re-transmitted over more than one link, and/or at least some of the nodes have elements configurable to allow signals arriving over different links to be combined for retransmission over a single link, so permitting traffic to be carried between the two end point
10 nodes a plurality of routes simultaneously.