

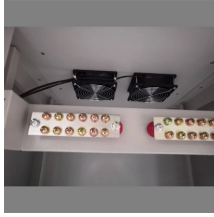
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Overview

Discover how silicon photonics enables high-speed, energy-efficient optical communication by integrating photonics and silicon electronics—applications, advantages, and challenges. Silicon photonics (SiPh) is an advanced technology that merges silicon-based semiconductor manufacturing with photonic components for data transmission, processing, and sensing. This enables high-speed, low-power, and low-cost optical modulators, which are essential for optical interconnects in data centers. Optical links are moving to higher and higher transmission speeds while shrinking to shorter and shorter ranges where optical links are envisaged even at the chip scale. Traditional electronic data transmission through copper wires increasingly feels like rush-hour traffic, hitting bandwidth. In silicon photonics, modulators are crucial components that enable the manipulation of light signals, typically through the plasma dispersion effect, where free-carrier density changes alter the refractive index.

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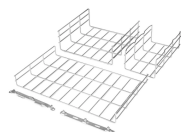
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