

Principle of Optical-to-Electrical Conversion in Switches



Overview

It involves the conversion of an optical signal into an electrical signal, followed by the conversion of the electrical signal back into an optical signal. This process is essential for maintaining signal integrity, extending transmission distances, and facilitating. Optical switching represents a fundamental technological evolution, shifting data routing from the domain of electrons to the realm of photons, or light. They're a core component in fiber-optic networks, where data travels as pulses of light through glass fibers. Optical packet switching provides an almost arbitrary fine granularity but faces significant challenges in the processing and buffering of bits at high speeds. Now, a team of researchers from the University of Tokyo has developed an ultrafast and energy-efficient nonvolatile switching device. This paper compares the core differences between optical switches and electrical switches, clarifying their distinctions across seven key dimensions including signal conversion mechanisms, switching layers, latency, power consumption, and more. It also provides technical selection recommendations.



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