What is a high-speed silicon photonics module

Overview

Common silicon photonic modulators include Mach–Zehnder interferometers and micro-ring resonators, offering high-speed performance suitable for 100 Gb/s and beyond data transmission. Because silicon is an indirect-bandgap material, it cannot efficiently emit light. It enables optical communication on a silicon platform, bringing together the speed of light with the scalability of CMOS. The transceiver modules at the ends of the fiber link are a key driver of the performance of the optical interconnect. These are the pluggable optical modules that convert electrical signals to optical signals and back again. While silicon photonics integration is used in these scenarios, traditional. Silicon photonics—the technology of manufacturing the hundreds of components required for optical communications with CMOS processes—has been employed to produce coherent optical modules for metro and long-distance communications for years.

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