What does a silicon photonics fusion switch do

Article Overview

Silicon photonics fusion switches leverage integrated optical components to achieve high-speed, low-power, and high-bandwidth switching, with NVIDIA's co-packaged silicon photonics exemplifying state-of-the-art commercial deployment.

Overview of Silicon Photonic Switches

Silicon photonic switches use light instead of electrons to route signals, offering ultra-low power consumption (picojoules per bit), terabit-per-second bandwidth, and compact integration on chip-scale platforms . They are increasingly considered as replacements for traditional electrical switches in telecommunication networks, data centers, and high-performance computing, where conventional electronic interconnects face bottlenecks in speed, bandwidth, and energy efficiency . The fundamental building blocks of silicon photonic switches include:

• Mach-Zehnder Interferometers (MZIs): Utilize interference of light to switch signals with high speed and low insertion loss.
• Micro-Ring Resonators: Compact resonant structures that enable wavelength-selective switching.
• MEMS-Actuated Waveguide Couplers: Mechanically adjust optical paths for routing signals . 2 × 2 silicon photonic switches serve as the basic units for constructing large-scale optical switching matrices, enabling programmable photonic integrated circuits (PICs) for applications like optical neural networks, quantum information, and microwave photonics ....

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