Principle of Thermo-Optical Modulator

Overview

Thermo-optic modulators (TOMs) leverage the thermo-optic effect, the phenomenon where a material's refractive index changes with temperature. This relatively simple principle unlocks a wide range of applications, particularly in areas where precise and low-cost optical control is. This article explains the working principle of thermo-optical modulators, their advantages and disadvantages, and their applications in various fields. TOMs are used in a variety of. In integrated photonic technology, micro-electro-mechanical systems (MEMSs), electro-optic effect, and thermo-optic effect are commonly used mechanisms for optical signal modulation and processing. The operation principle of the heater is fairly straightforward. A resistive material is placed above (or near) and along the waveguide.

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