All-Optical Regenerators

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ABSTRACT

Reconfigurable multi-channel all-optical regenerators.

FULL DESCRIPTION

Researchers at the University of California, Davis have developed an all-optical regenerator based on a Mach-Zehnder interferometer. The device is a novel solution to the old problem of optical signal strength dissipation over long distances. It resolves this issue by receiving weak signals, analyzing the data, and regenerating a new optical carrier to be further transmitted. The device does not rely on flawed amplification techniques that magnify not only the signal but also the background noise. Furthermore, it's all-optical nature eliminates the need for conversion of the optical signal to electrical and back. This has huge advantages over other optical-electrical regenerators because it can be easily scaled to large networks, and the simplicity of the design allows this technology to be implemented on a single integrated chip.

APPLICATIONS

- Boost optical signal strength
- Send data over longer distances with reduced introduction of noise

FEATURES/BENEFITS

- Low signal to noise ratio
- Highly scalable
- Amenable to Mass production

PATENT STATUS

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ADDITIONAL TECHNOLOGIES BY THESE INVENTORS

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OTHER INFORMATION

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  - Wireless
- **Computer**
  - Hardware
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