



PHOTONIC ANALOG-TO-DIGITAL CONVERTER

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The Invention

UW-Madison researchers, along with collaborators at the University of Southern California, have developed a photonic analog-to-digital converter (pADC) architecture utilizing micro-ring resonators and balanced photodiodes, featuring a photonic flash and 1-hot encoding approach. The electrical analog input is digitized by modulating the voltage-dependent transmission spectrum of the micro-ring resonators and comparing the resulting optical output power from the ring with a reference optical power using a balanced photodiode. One embodiment is shown below, and there are several designs and methods that relate to this innovation that can be used depending on application requirements.

Tech Fields

- [Information Technology : Computing methods, software & machine learning](#)
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