



## Recent Advances for Next-Generation High-Speed Optical Networks: Technologies, Components, Systems and Architectures

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Recently advanced Si- and InP-based photonic platforms have scaled the per lane speed up to 100G and even 200G, facilitating the next generation of Tb/s capacity transceivers. The quest to develop novel active and passive building blocks that will address these future requirements in a low-cost and scalable way continues.

For the deployment of next-generation metro/core networks, the combination of sliceable bandwidth variable transceivers and reconfigurable switching nodes is gaining momentum, allowing the effective allocation of resources and facilitating the programmability of the network.

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