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## Overview

An acousto-optic modulator (AOM), also called a Bragg cell or an acousto-optic deflector (AOD), uses the acousto-optic effect to diffract and shift the frequency of light using sound waves (usually at radio-frequency). A light beam is diffracted into several orders. By vibrating the material with a pure sinusoid and tilting the AOM so the light is reflected from the flat sound waves into. An acousto-optic modulator (AOM) is a device which can be used for controlling the transmitted power of a laser beam with an electrical drive signal. Within these devices incoming light Bragg diffracts off acoustic wavefronts which propagate through a crystal. Functioning as a high-speed controller in modern optical systems, the AOM translates an electrical signal into a corresponding optical response.

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Here, the researchers bring acousto-optic devices on-chip and make them more efficient for integrated photonic circuits.



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Their operation, based on the acousto-optic effect, allows for dynamic modulation of light beams, making them indispensable in a myriad of applications from industrial processing to cutting ...



This technique relies on the use of a pinhole to block unwanted light, resulting in an optical sectioning and improved image quality compared to traditional microscopy.



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They leverage the acousto-optic effect to modulate light beams, providing versatile functionalities such as intensity modulation, frequency shifting, and beam deflection.



Turn on the AOM and position it at the beam focus, less a small distance to account for the increased optical path length inside the modulator crystal. This increment is of the order of millimeters and can ...



Acousto-optic modulators allow the intensity of light to be controlled and modulated at rates that far exceed mechanical shutters. We also offer a range of germanium modulators.



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