

MEMS optical switch design



Overview

In figure 1.2 a row of protection switches is shown that is used in parallel optical connections (e.g. bus connections between computers). All channels have to be switched at the same time to reroute the signals from one computer to another. Protection switching is required to avoid a permanent interrupt of a connection due to fiber break or due to mirror / shutter surface micromachining Si-On-Insulator Electromagnetic actuators are used in optical switches, as these actuators are known from precision machined solutions and the actuating part is a simple coil of many turns of wire. The ferromagnetic materials required in microsystems can easily be realized by sputtering or electroplating of Permalloy. Additionally, the combination of permanent ma.



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