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### Overview

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For low-light detection in the 200 to 1150 nm range, the designer has three basic detector choices - the silicon PIN detector, the silicon avalanche photodiode (APD) and the photomultiplier tube (PMT).



Discover how Avalanche Photo Diodes (APDs) enhance optical transceiver performance in 5G, data centers & PON networks. Learn key benefits & applications.



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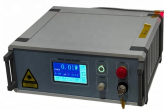
An avalanche photodiode (APD) is a highly sensitive type of photodiode, which in general are semiconductor diodes that convert light into electricity via the photovoltaic effect.



Thorlabs' Free-Space Silicon Avalanche Photodetectors (APD) are designed to offer increased sensitivity and lower noise compared to standard PIN detectors, making them ideal for applications ...



What is an Avalanche Photodiode? An avalanche photodiode is a semiconductor -based photodetector (photodiode) which is operated with a relatively high reverse voltage (typically tens or even hundreds ...



This article explores the concept, working principles, types, differences, and applications of photodiodes, while introduce some optical module from LINK-PP that integrate PIN and APD ...

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