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Due to the advantages of high bandwidth, low loss, and strong anti-interference, optical communications and networks are the key technologies to realize large-capacity and long-haul data transmission in the big data era. However, optical communications and networks are developing rapidly in the directions of hardware resource diversification, transmission system flexibility, and network function virtualization. Moreover, the existing optical communication systems encounter severe challenges in accurate monitoring, dynamic detection, real-time measurement, and smart control.

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