

Optical switches in the server room



Overview

Optical switches offer flexible routing capabilities, allowing data centers to swiftly respond to traffic surges and balance loads across servers. By redirecting optical signals, data centers can prevent server overloads, improve efficiency, and avoid costly infrastructure. 1State Key Laboratory of Information Photonics and Optical Communications (IPOC), Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications, 10 Xitucheng Rd, Bei Tai Ping Zhuang, Haidian Qu, Beijing, 100876, China 2IPI-ECO Research Institute, Eindhoven University of Technology, 5600MB Eindhoven, The. Enter the Optical Circuit Switch (OCS), a technology poised to revolutionize data center architecture by moving network switching from the electrical domain to the optical domain. OCS is not merely an incremental improvement but a fundamental shift, addressing critical challenges of power. Optical switch technology offers a promising solution to these challenges by providing high-bandwidth, low-latency, and energy-efficient switching. They differ from traditional electrical switches by manipulating light paths rather than electrical currents. Ethernet routers and traditional.



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