

Principle of Optical Cross-Connector



Article Overview

Optical Cross-Connects (OXC) enable dynamic, all-optical switching of signals between multiple fiber inputs and outputs, maintaining protocol transparency and high-speed routing without electrical conversion.

Core Functionality

An OXC is a network device that switches optical signals between input and output fibers entirely in the optical domain, avoiding optical-to-electrical-to-optical (O-E-O) conversions. This allows protocol transparency, meaning it can handle diverse traffic types such as Ethernet, 5G, or Fibre Channel without modification, while preserving data rates and minimizing latency (). The basic operational steps of an OXC include:

- Signal Reception: Optical signals arrive from incoming fibers.
- Signal Processing: The system determines the destination output fiber for each signal.
- Switching: Signals are routed through an optical switching fabric to the appropriate output.
- Signal Transmission: Switched signals are transmitted over the outgoing fibers ().

Optical Switching Technologies

OXCs employ various optical switching mechanisms to redirect signals:

- MEMS (Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems): Uses micromirror arrays to steer optical beams between input and output fibers. Each micromirror can deflect along two axes, enabling flexible N×N port switching ()....

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Optical cross-connect (OXC) is a more flexible all-optical grooming mode. Compared with traditional ROADM based on separate

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What is Optical Cross-connect (OXC)?

OXC,optical cross-connect. Same as ROADM, OXC is also an optical transmission device that can exchange optical

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Such a switch is often called a transparent OXC or photonic cross-connect (PXC). Specifically, optical signals are demultiplexed,

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