

Optical Cross-Connector Hardware Design



Article Overview

Optical cross-connects (OXC) are all-optical switching devices that route wavelength channels between fiber inputs and outputs using photonic switching fabrics, enabling high-speed, protocol-transparent optical networks.

Core Design Principles

An OXC is designed to switch optical signals without converting them to electronics, preserving data rates and protocol transparency. The hardware typically consists of:

- All-optical backplane: Provides system-level optical cross-connections without manual fiber patching, enabling plug-and-play deployment and dynamic reconfiguration of lightpaths .
- Optical tributary boards: Handle local wavelength add/drop operations and support features like colorless, directionless, and contentionless (CDC) routing .
- Optical line boards: Transmit and receive line-direction signals, integrating WSS modules, optical amplifiers, and supervisory boards for efficient line management .

Switching Technologies

OXC employ various switching mechanisms, each with trade-offs in speed, loss, and scalability:

- Mechanical (Fiber/Prism) Switches: Use motorized mirrors or movable fiber stages to physically reroute light. They offer low insertion loss (

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