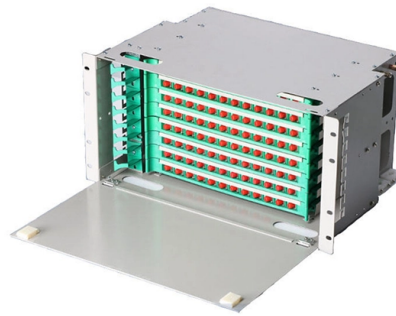


Optical Silicon Switch



Overview

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Large-Scale Silicon Photonic Switches with Sub-Microsecond

One such emerging technology is the optical circuit switch, which can increase the performance, flexibility, and power consumption of data centers. The optical circuit switch presented

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