

Parallel connection of optical ports on switches



Article Overview

Parallel optical connections use multiple fibers to transmit and receive data simultaneously, enabling high-speed links like 40G, 100G, and beyond in data center switches.

Overview of Parallel Optical Interfaces

Parallel optics transmit data over multiple fibers simultaneously, rather than a single high-speed serial link. Each fiber carries a portion of the total data, often one bit per fiber per clock cycle, allowing aggregate bandwidths far exceeding traditional duplex fiber links . This approach is widely used in high-performance computing (HPC) and data center networks, particularly for top-of-rack (TOR) to leaf, leaf to spine, and spine to core connections .

Implementation in Switches

Switches use parallel optical transceivers or embedded parallel optics modules mounted directly on the PCB to connect multiple lanes in parallel . Common configurations include:

- 4-lane, 12-lane, or 24-lane modules, each lane typically supporting 10-25 Gbps or higher .
- Embedded modules like MicroPOD™ or MiniPOD™ provide high density, signal integrity, and thermal management advantages over edge-mounted transceivers

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All-optical Ethernet switches are a type of switch that provides optical uplink and downlink ports, making them an ideal

Application Guide: Connecting Fiber-ready Network Switches

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Parallel Optics is the Answer

Parallel optics can streamline the future of your network. It's the only IEEE-approved transmission protocol for 40G and 100G.

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Parallel optical interface

A parallel optical interface is a form of fiber-optic technology aimed primarily at communications and networking over relatively short

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Optical Coupler

Optical couplers (or splitters) are photonic devices enable of dividing an optical signal from one port to other ports, as shown in Fig.

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