

Photovoltaic power supply switch with multiple optical and electrical components



AI Overview

Photovoltaic power supply switches integrate electrical protection, isolation, and optical driver components to safely manage DC power from multiple PV strings.

Overview In photovoltaic (PV) systems, switches are essential for combining, protecting, and controlling multiple PV strings before power reaches inverters or charge controllers. These switches often reside in PV combiner boxes, which consolidate outputs from several strings, provide overcurrent protection, surge suppression, and allow safe disconnection for maintenance or emergency isolation.

Key Components

Electrical Components

- DC Circuit Breakers or Fuses:** Protect individual PV strings from overcurrent conditions.
- Surge Protective Devices (SPDs):** Limit voltage spikes caused by lightning or switching events.
- Switch-Disconnectors:** Enable safe isolation of PV strings or the entire array for maintenance.
- MOSFETs or JFETs:** Used in solid-state switches for fast, low-loss DC switching.

Optical Components

- Photovoltaic MOSFET Drivers:** Provide galvanic isolation between control circuits and power semiconductors, allowing safe high-voltage switching without direct electrical connection.
- Optocouplers:** Enable signal transmission from low-voltage control circuits to high-voltage power devices, ensuring operator safety and reducing noise interference.

Functionality

- Combining Multiple Strings:** Switches in combiner boxes aggregate outputs from multiple PV strings into a single or multiple downstream circuits.
- Protection and Isolation:** Each string is protected against overcurrent, reverse current, and surge events. Switches allow disconnection for maintenance or emergency shutdowns.
- Power Conditioning:** In compact photovoltaic...

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