Optical technologies have long been used for standard telecom applications ranging from long haul to metro and access networks. With the rapid expansion of traffic in data center networks, the deployment of optical technologies for computationally intensive short reach networking has attracted a lot of attention. The main interest in photonics comes from the fact that optical technologies are known for providing high bandwidth at low-cost and low power consumption. Unlike electrical switching, optical switching offers bit rate-independent operation; thus, the required processing capacity can greatly be reduced as there is no need to perform operations like electrical demultiplexing of high-speed data streams. Moreover, simultaneous switching of wavelength channels using an optical circuit switch yields energy-efficient operation, which is crucial to data centers.