

AI Server Optical Module



Overview

Optical modules convert electrical signals into light to move data quickly and reliably in AI systems, enabling fast and smooth data processing. Although co-packaged optics (CPO) and on-board optics (OBO) have been proposed to increase bandwidth density, these approaches introduce significant challenges in field serviceability, scalability, and manufacturability, making them difficult to deploy widely in hyperscale environments. Understanding their role is key to building efficient, scalable AI systems. As hyperscale AI data centers continue to scale, high-quality optical modules play a crucial role in this process, providing stable high-bandwidth and low-latency links for training and inference tasks, and effectively reducing data transmission error rates in large-scale clusters.



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Networking chips and modules for AI data centers:

A growing portion of the billions of dollars being spent on AI data centers will go to the suppliers of networking chips, lasers, and switches that

Goldman Sachs Outlook for 2026 Greater China Tech Trends: ASIC

Within Greater China, Goldman Sachs is particularly optimistic about AI servers, optical modules, cooling, advanced PCBs, semiconductor equipment and materials, as well as the high-end

Where co-packaged optics (CPO) technology stands in

Co-packaged optics (CPO) technology, a key enabler for next-generation data center architectures, promises unprecedented bandwidth density

Kyocera Develops Pluggable Optoelectronic Module

Kyocera Develops Pluggable Optoelectronic Module Supporting PCIe® 6.0, Contributing to High-Speed, Power-Efficient AI Data Centers Product

The Critical Role of High-Quality Optics in AI Networks: How ...

Investing in premium optics can mitigate the cost of downtime in an AI environment. Learn how Cisco combines advanced technologies, a complete portfolio, and rigorous testing

AI servers are becoming increasingly integrated systems. GPUs,

AI servers are becoming increasingly integrated systems. GPUs, CPUs, NICs, switch ASICs, optical modules, power modules, liquid cooling systems, and high-speed PCBs must be designed as

Optical Communication Industry Trends 2026: AI, 800G/1.6T Optical ...

Explore optical communication industry trends in 2026, driven by AI infrastructure, 800G and 1.6T optical modules, silicon photonics, and next-generation data center connectivity solutions.

Over 800G optical transceiver shipments to soar 2.6x by 2026

High-speed optical interconnects are now central to performance and scalability, especially as AI data centers grow into large clusters, according to TrendForce. The report predicts

Inside an AI server today, the GPUs talk to each other through copper ...

Inside an AI server today, the GPUs talk to each other through copper cables and small pluggable optical modules. Starting in the second half of 2026, that wiring gets replaced by lasers

XPO: Redefining Pluggable Optics for AI Networking

The Arista XPO (eXtra-dense Pluggable Optics) module is a purpose-built solution designed from the ground up to address the unique challenges of hyperscale AI data centers.

Marvell Joins XPO MSA To Accelerate Innovation in AI

XPO modules are designed to complement existing modules and other interconnect technologies rather than compete directly against them.

Global AI Optical Transceiver Market to Reach US\$26 Billion in 2026 ...

TrendForce's latest research indicates that the global market for AI-focused optical transceivers has entered a phase of rapid growth, with market size projected to expand from

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To address these challenges, Arista Networks, together with an ecosystem of more than 45 industry partners, introduces eXtra-dense Pluggable Optics (XPO) . XPO represents a new class of optical

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The Application of Optical Modules in AI Technology

Optical modules reduce power consumption and improve system stability, allowing AI systems to run longer with fewer interruptions. These

Optical Module Chip Market 2025

The optical module chip market exhibits a fragmented yet competitive structure with global technology providers, semiconductor manufacturers, and specialized optical communication companies vying for

Optical Modules and Networks for AI-Era Data Centers

We review recent advances in optical modules and networks for AI-era data centers (DCs), covering intra-DC optical pluggable transceivers, DC interconnections, optical cross-connect based flexible

Optical-First Data Centers: CPO vs NPO vs XPO in 2026 · KAD

CPO, NPO, and XPO redefine data center connectivity in 2026, shifting from copper to optical-first architectures for AI-scale infrastructure.

Co-packaged Optics: Powering the Next Wave of AI

Co-packaged optics (CPO) will play a fundamental role in improving the performance, efficiency, and capabilities of networks, especially the scale-up

The Key Role of High-quality Optical Transceivers in AI

This paper analyzes the potential risks of using low-quality optical modules in AI networks and explores how to build highly stable and scalable

AI infrastructure accelerates the shift to scalable optical systems ...

Emerging themes and trends OFC 2026 showed that AI scale-up is reshaping optical roadmaps. Optical interconnect is increasingly central not just to networking, but to AI system

AI data centers hit interconnect limits, boosting optical module demand

The surge in optical module stocks reflects a deeper shift in AI infrastructure: the bottleneck is no longer computing power alone, but how that power is connected.

Why liquid cooling will dominate AI data centres in 2026

As AI power demands surge into 2026, liquid cooling is becoming the essential technology keeping data centres efficient, stable, and future-ready.

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