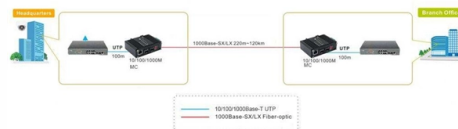


Do optical chip modules require silicon wafers



Overview

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The optical communications market has been much smaller than the electronics industry, and optics technologies developed along a different technology path, using substrates like gallium arsenide or

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