

Adding optical modules to the AI industry chain



Summary of Content

Optical modules are becoming critical enablers of AI infrastructure, connecting high-speed compute and storage while driving efficiency, scalability, and market growth.

Role in AI Infrastructure

Optical modules, including transceivers, convert electrical signals into optical signals and vice versa, enabling high-speed, low-latency data transfer across AI clusters, data centers, and cloud computing platforms . They are essential for handling massive datasets and complex neural networks, supporting terabytes to petabytes of data movement between storage and GPU/TPU clusters, and ensuring efficient parallel computation with minimal latency . Advanced modules also reduce power consumption and improve system stability, which is critical for large-scale AI training and inference .

Market Growth and Demand

The AI compute boom has accelerated demand for high-speed optical modules. Data center interconnect speeds are rapidly increasing from 100G to 800G, 1.6T, and beyond, with AI servers like NVIDIA DGX H100 requiring multi-terabit bandwidth per rack, often needing hundreds of optical modules per system . Global shipments of 400G+ modules are projected to exceed 31.9 million units in 2025, with the market expected to grow from \$11.5 billion in 2025 to \$47.6 billion by 2035 . Major cloud providers, including Meta, Microsoft, Amazon, and Google, are significantly increasing capital expenditures to meet AI compute demands .

Technological Developments

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Optical Module Supply Chain & Quality Control | AI Infrastructure

This article examines the optical module supply chain ecosystem, explores quality control methodologies, provides

All AI Data Center Interconnects Will Be Optical Within

InP and SiPho join CMOS as critical technologies. Lasers, CPO and OCS will be everywhere

The Application of Optical Modules in AI Technology

Optical modules boost AI technology by enabling high-speed data transfer, reducing latency, and improving energy

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We review recent advances in optical modules and networks for AI-era data centers (DCs), covering intra-DC optical pluggable

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The AI optics supply chain is expanding: from modules to ...

The supply chain benefiting from AI optics demand now spans module makers, DSP chip designers, laser fabs and

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How AI Revolutionizes the Optical Module Industry

Powered by the dual engines of AI and cloud computing, the optical module industry is evolving from a support role

Chinese Optical Modules Own 7 of the Top 10 Seats. So Why Are

This article examines how the Chinese optical module industry's "assembly powerhouse, chip desert" structure was

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Expert guide to managing optical module supply chains for AI data centers. Covers vendor qualification, quality

The Future of AI Data Center Networking: CPO, XPO and Optical ...

The volume of optical connectivity required in AI infrastructure is growing very quickly. That means the industry needs

High-Speed Optical Module Demand Soars: AI Computing and Market ...

Discovering the intersection of AI computing and escalating market trends, the reliance on optical modules has

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