

Data Center Interconnection LPO Optical Module Intelligent



Overview

LPO modules cut per-port power by up to 50% compared to DSP-based optics, enabling denser fabrics and lower rack-level OPEX. Ideal for hyperscale, cloud, and enterprise AI deployments where every watt and degree matters. To address this, Macom and NVIDIA first proposed Linear-drive Pluggable Optics (LPO) in 2022. In the LPO architecture: ● The transmitter. LPO (Linear-drive Pluggable Optics) is a new optical module architecture designed to reduce power consumption and latency by removing the DSP from the optical module. Figure 1: Traditional Solution with DSP vs. LPO Solution without DSP Traditional high-speed optical modules rely heavily on Digital. Traditional optical transceivers, especially in 400G and 800G deployments, generate significant heat and demand substantial power just to keep the lights blinking. Enter LPO (Linear Pluggable Optics) — a low-power alternative that offers dramatic energy savings and cooling benefits while keeping up. As hyperscale data centers and AI/ML clusters demand ever higher bandwidth, lower latency, and improved power efficiency, optical interconnect technology faces unprecedented challenges. The idea is simple: instead of a DSP (digital signal processor) inside the module – replacing it with transimpedance amplifier (TIA) and a driver chip with high linearity and EQ capability – LPO shifts signal processing into.

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They bring all the efficiency and performance benefits of LPO to data center operators, while integrating seamlessly

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