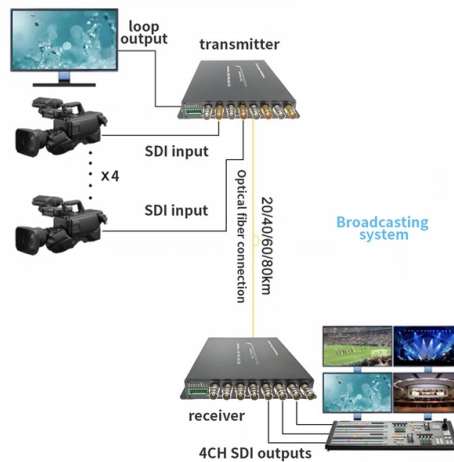


Why did the price of optical modules rise so much



Summary of Content

Optical module prices are rising due to surging demand from AI and data centers, supply bottlenecks in high-speed chips and materials, technological upgrades, and geopolitical pressures.

Supply and Demand Pressures

The explosive growth of AI computing and data center expansion has sharply increased demand for high-speed optical modules, particularly 800G and 1.6T modules, which are essential for high-bandwidth interconnects . Cloud providers and hyperscalers are investing heavily in infrastructure, creating a demand surge that outpaces current production capacity . Emerging applications such as FPV drones, vision link systems, and AI-driven networks are also contributing to higher downstream demand for optical fiber and modules .

Production Bottlenecks

High-end optical modules require advanced optical chips and packaging technologies, which are in short supply. The self-sufficiency rate for high-speed optical chips above 25G is below 30%, and advanced packaging capacity (e.g., CoWoS) is limited to a few manufacturers like TSMC and ASE . Expansion cycles for optical fiber production are long, often exceeding two years, and global capacity is concentrated among a few companies, creating structural supply constraints .

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