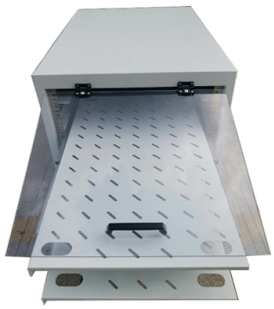
CPO Optical Module Concept



Overview

Next-Gen Optical Modules: A Technical Comparison of Compare CPO, NPO, and XPO optical modules for 800G/1.6T data centers. Evaluate power efficiency, integr.

Key Takeaways

Co-Packaged Optics (CPO) integrates optical engines directly with switch ASICs to reduce power consumption, increase bandwidth, and improve data center efficiency. What is CPO?

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O, or Co-Packaged Optics, is a technology where the optical engine (lasers, modulators, photodetectors, drivers, and TIAs) is integrated directly with the switching ASIC on the same substrate or interposer, rather than being a separate pluggable module. This tight integration drastically shortens the electrical signal path from centimeters to millimeters, reducing latency and insertion loss while improving signal integrity. Evolution of Optical PackagingCPO represents the ultimate stage in optical packaging evolution: Pluggable Modules: Traditional optical transceivers that connect via front panels and external SerDes channels.

Near-

Packaged Optics (NPO): Optical engines mounted on the same PCB as the ASIC, reducing electrical path length.



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Co-

Packaged Optics (CPO): Full integration of the optical engine and ASIC within the same package, achieving maximum performance and energy efficiency.

Key Benefits

Power Efficiency: By minimizing the distance between optics and electronics, CPO can reduce power consumption by up to 50–65% compared to pluggable modules, significantly lowering data center energy costs. Bandwidth and Performance: Direct integration allows higher data rates, improved throughput, and lower latency, supporting next-generation data center speeds like 800G, 1. 6T, and beyond.

Scalability: CPO enables high-density interconnects, allowing data centers to handle more nodes and larger AI or HPC workloads efficiently. Compact Design: The co-packaged approach reduces the physical footprint of optical interconnects, enabling more data to fit in smaller spaces.

Core Technology Enablers

Silicon Photonics (SiPh): Provides compact, high-speed optical components. Advanced Packaging: 2. 5D/3D integration techniques allow ASICs and optical engines to share substrates.

High-

Density Substrates: Silicon interposers or organic packages support tight integration and thermal management. ChallengesCPO introduces manufacturing and thermal challenges due to the high integration density. Cooling solutions and precise packaging techniques are critical to maintain reliability and performance.

Additionally, unlike pluggable modules, CPO optics are not hot-swappable, making maintenance and replacement more complex. Practical ApplicationsCPO is increasingly adopted in data centers, cloud infrastructure, and AI compute clusters, where high bandwidth, low latency, and energy efficiency are essential. For example, systems integrating multiple silicon photonics optical engines with high-speed ASICs demonstrate significant power savings and improved throughput compared to traditional pluggable modules.

SummaryCPO represents a paradigm shift in optical module design, moving from discrete, pluggable transceivers to fully integrated optical-electronic packages. By co-locating the optical engine with the ASIC, CPO achieves higher performance, lower power consumption, and greater scalability, making it a key technology for next-generation data centers and AI infrastructure.

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