Optical-to-Electronic Network Module



Overview

To address these challenges, Arista Networks, together with an ecosystem of more than 45 industry partners, introduces eXtra-dense Pluggable Optics (XPO) .

Key Takeaways

An Optical-to-Electronic (O/E) Network Module converts optical signals into electrical signals for high-speed data transmission, testing, and network analysis.

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Electronic (O/E) Network Module is a device that receives optical signals transmitted through fiber optics and converts them into electrical signals for further processing, measurement, or integration into electronic systems. These modules are essential in high-speed networks, optical testing, and lab environments where precise signal characterization is required.

Key Functions

Signal Conversion: Converts optical signals from single-mode or multi-mode fibers into electrical signals compatible with oscilloscopes, digitizers, or network analyzers. High Bandwidth Support: Modern O/E modules support bandwidths ranging from 12 GHz up to 60 GHz or higher, enabling testing of high-speed optical data streams such as 10G, 40G, 100G, and 400G Ethernet. Calibration and Measurement: Many modules include onboard calibration storage and SCPI command interfaces for precise, traceable measurements.

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Compatibility: Designed to work with PXI, PXIe, or benchtop instruments, as well as high-performance oscilloscopes like Keysight Infiniium UXR.

Applications

Data Center Networks: O/E modules are used to monitor and troubleshoot high-speed optical links in data centers, supporting standards like Ethernet, SONET/SDH, and Fibre Channel. Optical Testing and Lab Measurement: Used in optical labs for characterizing optical transceivers, modulators, and photodetectors, including PAM4 and other advanced modulation formats. Network Analysis: Integrated into opto-electronic network analyzers (ONAs) to perform O/E, E/O, and O/O measurements across multiple wavelengths (850, 1310, 1550 nm) with high traceability.

Technical Features

Wavelength Range: Typically covers 400 nm to 1700 nm depending on the module and application. Output Connectors: BNC or SMA outputs for direct connection to measurement instruments. Power Options: Some modules support dual power sources, including battery and external supply.

Form Factor: Available in compact benchtop designs or PXIe modules for integration into automated test systems.

Examples of O/

E Modules

Keysight N7005A: 60 GHz O/E converter for high-speed optical signal characterization, compatible with Infiniium UXR oscilloscopes.

Quantifi Photonics O2

E: High-bandwidth PXIe optical-to-electrical converter with customizable wavelength support and remote network access.

TREND Networks TI

A Series: Compact O/E converters with bandwidth up to 12 GHz and multiple output options for lab testing.

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Star ME7848A: Modular opto-electronic network analyzer supporting O/E, E/O, and O/O measurements up to 110 GHz. SummaryOptical-to-Electronic Network Modules are critical for converting optical signals into electrical signals for high-speed network monitoring, optical testing, and precise measurement applications. They provide high bandwidth, wavelength flexibility, and compatibility with advanced measurement instruments, making them indispensable in modern optical communications and lab environments.

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