

Optical modules and CPO devices



Overview

This article provides a comprehensive overview of CPO optical modules, exploring their technology, benefits, challenges, and the pivotal role they play in future data centers and AI infrastructure. CPO optical modules put optical and electronic parts together. OFC 2025 made one thing clear: The transition to Co-Packaged Optics (CPO) switches in data centres is inevitable, driven primarily by the power savings they offer. From Jensen Huang showcasing CPO switches at GTC 2025 to a wide range of vendors demonstrating optical engines integrated inside ASIC. Today, data centers use a separate approach for optics and electronics, in which optical modules are connected to switches and routers through high-speed electrical interfaces. As data demands grow, these systems face limitations such as bandwidth constraints, latency issues, and space limitations. Enter Co-Packaged Optics (CPO), a transformative architecture where the optical engine moves inside the switch ASIC package. But after nearly a decade of existence, where does this next-generation optical. To address this, Macom and NVIDIA first proposed Linear-drive Pluggable Optics (LPO) in 2022. In the LPO architecture: The transmitter uses.



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AI drives demand for optical transceivers, LPO, CPO –

The Figure below presents LightCounting's forecast for sales of optical transceivers, LPO and CPO for scale-out and scale-up networks used in

Optics Primer, Part 3: Co-Packaged Optics (CPO)

Near package optics (NPO) brings the optics module on the same substrate or very close to the switch package, but not inside it: It's close enough

The Rise of Co-Packaged Optics: A Deep Dive into

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Nvidia's \$4B Photonics Venture: What You Need to Know

Lumentum, a supplier of CPO-optimized laser modules, specializes in high-power continuous-wave laser chips used in external laser sources for CPO.

Co-packaged optics (CPO): status, challenges, and

Therefore, the MRR-based transceiver array for co-packaged optics (CPO) is a promising solution to replacing the existing implementation of

Co-Packaged Optics (CPO) Market Trends 2026: AI Data Center Optical ...

Explore the future of co-packaged optics (CPO) in AI data centers. Learn how silicon photonics, optical I/O, and high-speed optical interconnect technologies are shaping next-generation

Optical Component Startup Tracker

The number of venture-backed optical component startups has exploded - the Optical Component Start-Up Tracker identifies these companies

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Optics Primer, Part 3: Co-Packaged Optics (CPO) From EML lasers and DSPs to silicon photonics and external CW lasers. How CPO works and the

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Discover the evolution from 400G to 800G and 1.6T optical modules. Learn key technologies, CPO vs pluggable, and upgrade strategies for future-ready data centers.

LPO and CPO: Reshaping the Next Generation of AI Optical

Still, CPO is not without challenges. Thermal management becomes more complex when optical engines and high-power ASICs share the same package area. Serviceability also changes

Samsung Foundry Reportedly Wins Optical Module Order,

As a result, optical transmission technologies are becoming increasingly important. TrendForce forecasts that co-packaged optics (CPO) will steadily increase their share of optical

LightCounting :: Scale-up networks in AI Clusters is a

A surge in AI development created a new wave in demand for optical connectivity in 2023-2025 and it will sustain the market's growth through 2030. The Figure

GlobalFoundries' Unveils Optical Module Solution Targeting CPO

The SCALE CPO solution uses both coarse and dense wavelength-division multiplexing (CWDM and DWDM) for bi-directional data transmission over each optical fiber, delivering significant

Marvell Announces Breakthrough Co-Packaged Optics

Marvell is extending its custom silicon leadership by enabling customers to seamlessly integrate CPO into their next-generation custom XPU's

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Communications Transform global communications networks with our comprehensive portfolio of coherent transceivers and modules, lasers,

Co-packaged Optics: all eyes on high-performance

CPO is an innovative approach that brings the optics and the switch ASIC very close together. Since it is challenging with today's technology to surround the

GlobalFoundries accelerates adoption of co-packaged optics for

MALTA, N.Y., May 4, 2026 – GlobalFoundries (Nasdaq: GFS) (GF) today announced the introduction of its SCALE™ optical module solution for co-packaged optics (CPO). GF's SCALE solution, or Silicon

What is Co-Packaged Optics (CPO) Technology?

Co-Packaged Optics (CPO) is a technology and design approach where optical components, such as lasers and photodetectors, are integrated alongside

OFC 2025: Marvell demos SiPho light engine for AI networks

Marvell Technology, Inc. demonstrated its 1.6T silicon photonics light engine integrated into a linear-drive pluggable optics (LPO) module at OFC 2025. The new product is the second in the

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Optical modules are known to experience both hard and soft failures. Even with high-quality optics, hard failure rates are around 100 FIT, and soft failures — often caused by dust in the

Optical Communication Industry Trends 2026: AI, 800G/1.6T Optical ...

Explore optical communication industry trends in 2026, driven by AI infrastructure, 800G and 1.6T optical modules, silicon photonics, and next-generation data center connectivity solutions.

Co Packaged Optics (CPO) – Scaling with Light for the

This section will explore the evolution of the market from copper to co-packaged copper and from digital signal processor (DSP) optics to linear

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Such optical IOs, known as co-packaged optics/Near-packaged optics (CPO/NPO), have attracted investment from the datacom industry, hoping

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Source: IDTechEx The importance of advanced semiconductor packaging technologies for Co-Packaged Optics (CPO) Traditional pluggable optical

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Optical Module Stocks Surge Over 6% as 1.6T Era Begins

Driven by accelerating AI infrastructure demand, key optical module stocks like InnoLight and Eoptolink surged after a Huatai Securities report confirmed 1.6T modules have entered

Optical Interconnect Technology Analysis: LPO, NPO,

Exploring optical interconnects for AI data centers: LPO for low-power, short-distance links, NPO for high-density, near-package connections,

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To overcome these limitations, a new generation of optical interconnect technologies has emerged. LPO (Linear-drive Pluggable Optics),

When Light Replaces Copper: Lumentum (LITE) — The Optical Heart

Nvidia's strategic investments in Lumentum highlight the shift towards optical interconnects in AI. Lumentum's vertical integration, spanning InP wafer fabs to optical modules and

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