Does computing power require an optical module

Overview

The advent of the 800G optical communication era and the AI-driven acceleration of computing power infrastructure construction indicate a surge in demand for optical modules – foundational components in data transmission. In this context, data centers, now major energy. For years, pluggable optics have been the industry standard, but they are becoming a bottleneck in terms of power, density, and speed. Enter two revolutionary paradigms: NPO (Non-Powered Optics) and CPO (Co-Packaged Optics). These chips leverage advanced integration, high-speed electrical connections, and co-packaged optics (CPO) to handle modern. Optical neural networks, which use photons instead of electrons, have advantages over traditional systems. They also face major obstacles. Moore's law is already pretty fast.

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Explaining CPO

Initially, pluggable optical modules—SFP, QSFP, OSFP—served the industry well, scaling from 10G to 400G. But as 800G and 1.6T modules approached, the limitations became stark:

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