

AI computing power optical module



Overview

Optical modules convert electrical signals into light to move data quickly and reliably in AI systems, enabling fast and smooth data processing. Although co-packaged optics (CPO) and on-board optics (OBO) have been proposed to increase bandwidth density, these approaches introduce significant challenges in field serviceability, scalability, and manufacturability, making them difficult to deploy widely in hyperscale environments. Understanding their role is key to building efficient, scalable AI systems. Yole Group attended OFC 2026 with a dedicated team of analysts on site, actively engaging with major players in the photonics. The widespread adoption of AI large-scale models, represented by ChatGPT, will drive a rapid increase in computational power demand. In this process, the server industry chain will become a crucial beneficiary.



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Co-packaged optics (CPO) will play a fundamental role in improving the performance, efficiency, and capabilities of networks, especially the scale-up

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What is the Relationship Between AI and Optical Modules

Optical modules—the devices that convert electrical signals into optical signals and vice versa—have become the critical enablers of AI infrastructure, determining not only the performance

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Jensen Huang Maps the AI Factory Era at NVIDIA GTC 2026

From the “inference inflection point” to OpenClaw's rise as an agent operating system, Nvidia's GTC keynote outlined the architecture of the AI factory, spanning Rubin systems, Groq

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Co-packaged Optics Boost AI Hardware Efficiency

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Breakthrough optical processor lets AI compute at the

Researchers at Tsinghua University developed the Optical Feature Extraction Engine (OFE2), an optical engine that processes data at 12.5 GHz

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Five Key Trends of Co-Packaged Optics (CPO) in 2026

And about 60% of data center energy is spent on data movement, not compute. To address the energy demand from AI, co-packaged optics (CPO)

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Scaling AI Factories with Co-Packaged Optics for Better

In this blog, we'll explore how NVIDIA networking innovations have enabled co-packaged optics to deliver massive power efficiency and resiliency

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XPO: Redefining Pluggable Optics for AI Networking

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AI infrastructure accelerates the shift to scalable optical systems ...

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TrendForce reports the global AI optical transceiver market

TrendForce reports the global AI optical transceiver market is projected to surge from \$16.5B in 2025 to \$26B in 2026, growing over 57% annually. Demand is driven by AI data center

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How AI Revolutionizes the Optical Module Industry

Powered by the dual engines of AI and cloud computing, the optical module industry is evolving from a support role into strategic infrastructure.

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Google's High-Speed Interconnect Architecture to Push

Google's next-generation TPU, Ironwood, integrates a 3D Torus network topology with the Apollo optical circuit switch (OCS) all-optical network,

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