Will co-connection replace optical modules

Overview

Will CPO replace optical modules?

CPO will not immediately replace pluggable optical modules. Both technologies are expected to coexist. What are the advantages of CPO?

CPO offers lower power consumption, higher bandwidth density, improved signal integrity, and better scalability. From Jensen Huang showcasing CPO switches at GTC 2025 to a wide range of vendors demonstrating optical engines integrated inside ASIC packages at OFC 2025, CPOs are everywhere. However, it's worth noting that Andy Bechtolsheim, co-founder of Arista and a long-standing visionary in data centre. As optical connections work their way deeper into the data center, a debate is underway. Is it better to use pluggable optical modules or to embed lasers deep into advanced packages?

There are issues of convenience, power, and reliability driving the discussion, and an eventual winner isn't clear. Co-Packaged Optics (CPO) is an advanced optical interconnect architecture that integrates optical components—such as photonic integrated circuits (PICs) and lasers—directly alongside switching ASICs or processors within the same package. This approach significantly reduces electrical I/O distance. Traditional electrical interconnects and pluggable optical module technologies are approaching their performance limits when dealing with network speed demands of 800G, 1. CPO, a technology that deeply co-packages the optical engine with the switch chip, offers a solution for. Traditional high-speed interconnect solutions typically rely on digital signal processors (DSP) and clock data recovery circuits (CD...

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Co-Packaged Optics in Modern Data Centres

Conclusion Co-packaged optics is a deep architectural shift driven by the limits of pluggable modules at very high speeds. By bringing optical

Optical Interconnect Technology Analysis: LPO, NPO, CPO

NPO, or Near-Packaged Optics, is a highly integrated optical interconnect solution that falls between traditional pluggable optical modules and CPO.

CPO vs LPO: A Comprehensive Comparison for Next-Generation

While both technologies aim to overcome the limitations of traditional pluggable optical modules, they differ fundamentally in architecture, implementation, and application scenarios.

Pluggable vs. co-packaged optics in AI data centers: Power, scale and ...

Pluggable optics have been the de facto choice in data center communication for years. However, in 2025, support for co-packaged optics grew. Power savings are a primary reason for

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Co-Packaged Optics (CPO) Solutions for Fiber

With the surge in demand for computational power driven by AI technologies, major manufacturers are developing new high-speed optical

Co-Packaged Optic Assembly Guidance Document

The SMB connector will provide the required power supply connections from the SMB to the optical modules and switch. In addition, the electrical connector will be used for control and signaling to the

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CPO will soon replace pluggable optical modules, and Rubin will

CPO packages silicon photonics devices with ASICs, and is about to replace traditional pluggable optical modules, improving energy efficiency by 3.5 times and deployment speed by 1.3 times compared to

Traction of embedded optical modules highlighted in

Pluggable optical solutions have been around since 2016, but integrated solutions — namely OBO, NPO and CPO — are now bringing

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Co-packaged optics (CPO) hold some promise, but that technology needs to overcome reliability concerns before it can be fully embraced. Once it achieves commercial status, it may usher

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High-capacity, high-density, power-, and cost-efficient optical links are undoubtedly of critical importance for datacenter infrastructure. However, the

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CPO (Co-Packaged Optics): A Key Technology Path for

In the future, CPO and pluggable optical modules will not replace each other but will coexist at different levels of network architecture. 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

LPO vs CPO: Understanding the Future of Data Center Optical ...

This has driven the emergence of two major approaches: Co-Packaged Optics (CPO) and Linear Pluggable Optics (LPO). Understanding the technical differences, advantages, and

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Earlier this year, Nvidia outlined that its next-generation rack-scale AI platforms will use silicon photonics interconnects with co-packaged optics

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OFC 2025 made one thing clear: The transition to Co-Packaged Optics (CPO) switches in data centres is inevitable, driven primarily by the power

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Explores Co-Packaged Optics (CPO), its promise, challenges, and impact on the future of data center connectivity. Broadcom, NVIDIA, Ayar Labs

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

What is Co-Packaged Optics: Architecture, Benefits,

Co-packaged optics integrates photonic engines directly with switch ASICs and AI accelerators, cutting power draw and latency at the board level.

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Discover how co-packaged optics (CPO) are transforming high-speed interconnects, offering a five-fold bandwidth increase and improved efficiency. Learn more

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NVIDIA is developing a co-packaged optics (CPO) platform that integrates optical and electrical components to improve data-center connectivity,

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Understanding Co-Packaged Optics: Revolutionizing

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