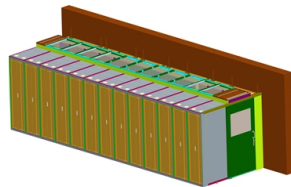


Optical module CPO and LPO



Overview

This has driven the emergence of two major approaches: Co-Packaged Optics (CPO) and Linear Pluggable Optics (LPO). Understanding the technical differences, advantages, and operational implications of each is essential for network architects planning next-generation data center. In the LPO architecture: The transmitter uses a high-linearity driver chip to directly drive the optical modulator, converting the electrical signal into an optical signal. The receiver uses a high-linearity transimpedance amplifier (TIA) for photoelectric conversion and amplification. Pluggable optical transceivers (like QSFP-DD and OSFP) have been the backbone of data center. Among the emerging technologies, LPO (Linear Pluggable Optics), NPO (Near-Packaged Optics), and CPO (Co-Packaged Optics) represent three important stages in the evolution of next-generation data center optical networking. This article delves deep into the intricacies of LPO and CPO, exploring their unique. Data Recovery (CDR) in the system. Instead, the signal regeneration and signal equalization that are typically performed by the DSP are split between the switch ASIC, the driver IC and the TIA. Some of the key proponents of LPO in the industry are Macom, Semtech and Maxlinear.



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Arista also benefits because pluggable optics preserve the current Ethernet switch-plus-transceiver deployment model. The read-through reduces risk of abrupt architecture disruption in

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