

The Role of Co-packaged Optics



Article Overview

Co-packaged optics (CPO) is a technology that integrates optical components directly alongside electronic components, such as switch ASICs or AI accelerators, within the same package to reduce power consumption, latency, and improve bandwidth density.

What Co-Packaged Optics Is

Co-packaged optics (CPO) is an advanced design approach where optical components like lasers, photodetectors, and photonic engines are integrated directly with electronic circuits such as Application-Specific Integrated Circuits (ASICs) or GPUs in the same package or on the same substrate . Unlike traditional pluggable optics, which connect to switches via long PCB traces, CPO places the optical engine within millimeters of the ASIC, drastically reducing electrical path length, signal loss, and power consumption . This integration can be implemented using 2.5D silicon interposers or 3D die stacking techniques, including through-silicon vias or hybrid bonding .

Benefits of CPO

- **Power Efficiency:** By shortening electrical paths and eliminating the need for DSP retimers, CPO can reduce power consumption by up to 70% compared to pluggable transceivers, which is critical for energy-intensive data centers .
- **Higher Bandwidth:** Direct integration allows higher SerDes rates (200 Gbit/s or more) and supports bandwidth densities that pluggable optics cannot achieve, enabling next-generation data centers to handle massive AI and HPC workloads .
- **Reduced Latency:** The proximity of optical and electronic components improves si...

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