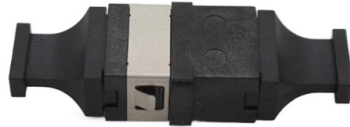


Optical Modules and AI Servers



Article Overview

Optical modules are high-speed, high-bandwidth components that enable low-latency, energy-efficient data transfer between GPUs, TPUs, and storage in AI servers.

Role and Importance

Optical modules convert electrical signals into light for transmission over fiber optic cables, allowing AI servers to handle massive data movement with minimal latency and high reliability . They are essential for:

- High-speed interconnects: Supporting communication between thousands of processors in AI clusters.
- Low-latency operation: Reducing delays in distributed training and inference tasks.
- Energy efficiency: Consuming less power than copper cabling while maintaining signal integrity over longer distances.
- System stability: Ensuring continuous operation under high-density, high-temperature conditions typical in AI data centers .

Types and Technologies

Modern AI servers use advanced optical modules, including:

- 800G Optical Modules: Support 800 Gbps transmission, leveraging PAM4 modulation and silicon photonics or EML lasers. They are critical for large-scale AI clusters, enabling microsecond-level synchronization between GPU nodes and reducing latency below 1 ms

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