

The function of the C-optical module

Article Overview

A C-optical module, or Co-Packaged Optics (CPO) module, integrates optical and electronic components directly with a switching or routing ASIC to increase data speed, reduce power consumption, and lower latency.

Overview

A C-optical module is an advanced optical transceiver design where optical components—such as lasers, modulators, and photodetectors—are co-located with electronic components, typically an Application-Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC), on the same substrate or interposer. Unlike traditional pluggable optical modules that connect via front-panel sockets, CPO modules are tightly integrated assemblies that shorten the high-speed electrical paths from centimeters to millimeters, improving signal integrity and performance.

Key Components

- Optical Engine: Includes lasers, modulators, photodetectors, and driver circuits.
- ASIC Integration: The module is placed directly on or near the switching/routing ASIC.
- Substrate/Interposer: High-density substrates like silicon interposers or organic packages enable 2.5D/3D integration.
- Supporting Circuits: Trans-impedance amplifiers (TIAs) and other functional circuits for signal conversion and amplification.

Benefits...



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MCU(Microcontroller Unit): Responsible for the operation of the underlying software, the monitoring of DDM functions related to the

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Optical module

In order to save power within the module, optical modules have been made that used the digital interface definition, such as the CEI,

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ABSTRACT The objective of this application note is to help product developers better understand optical module specifications and

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Mark Curran/Brian Shirk Fiber optics, which is the science of light transmission through very fine glass or plastic fibers, continues to

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Corning Varioptic C-C-39N0-160 Auto Focus Lens Module

Electrical Connection The C-C-module has a 6-pin connector for power and control (JST_1). Connector reference: JST SHR-06V-S

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What is Co-packaged Optics?

Co-packaged optics is an approach that aims to address growing challenges around bandwidth density,

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It mainly consists of optoelectronic devices (optical transmitter and optical receiver), functional circuits, and optical bores. Its main

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As an important part of fiber-optic communication, an optical module is a photoelectric converter which converts electrical signals into

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Coherent optical module

Coherent optical module refers to a typically hot-pluggable coherent optical transceiver that uses coherent modulation (BPSK / QPSK

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An optical module is mainly composed of optoelectronic devices (including the optical transmitter and optical receiver), functional

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What is Optical Link Module?

Optical link modules works at the hardware level - it's the physical bridge between your device and the fiber cable. Its function is

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How a Tiny, Low-Power MCU Meets the Needs of an Optical Module

At the same time, optical module customers generally need an MCU with an online upgrade function so that the host

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