High-end AI chips require optical modules



Overview

In conclusion, AI compute chips do not directly require optical modules. However, in large-scale, high-speed distributed computing environments, optical modules are essential for fully utilizing the computational power of AI chips. Copper has been the preferred conduit because it's reliable and requires no extra power. At current network speeds, copper works well at lengths of up to five meters. Optical modules convert electrical signals into light to move data quickly and reliably in. Pluggable optical modules running on PAM4 DSPs have become fundamental for server-to-switch and switch-to-switch connectivity: the vast majority of connections from 5 meters to 2 kilometers inside data centers or campuses today are forged with PAM4 DSP-based optical modules. Bandwidth has doubled. This report explores the evolving role of optics in AI Clusters, covering both connectivity and switching. The company's comprehensive product portfolio addresses high-speed data communications, empowering hyperscale data centers and telecom operators to.

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