

Configuration Scheme for LPO Optical Modules and SFPs in Supercomputing Centers



AI Overview

LPO optical modules and SFPs in supercomputing centers require host-driven signal integrity management, pre-calibrated ports, and standards-based configuration to achieve low power, low latency, and multi-vendor interoperability.

LPO Module Architecture and Advantages

Linear Pluggable Optics (LPO) are DSP-less optical transceivers designed for 400G, 800G, and future 1.6T Ethernet networks. Unlike traditional DSP-based modules, LPO modules remove the retimer and rely on the host ASIC's SerDes to maintain signal integrity across the electrical and optical path, significantly reducing power consumption (typically 7-9W per module) and latency (~100ns) compared to DSP-based modules (14-18W) while maintaining a pluggable form factor. This architecture is particularly advantageous in high-density AI and HPC clusters, where thermal and power constraints are critical.

Host and System-Level Considerations

Deploying LPO modules requires careful host-side configuration:

- **SerDes Compensation:** The host ASIC must drive a clean PAM4 signal through the PCB, connector, and linear driver, as the module no longer performs signal retiming.
- **PCB and Connector Quality:** High-quality PCB materials and low insertion loss are essential to maintain signal integrity.

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Silicon photonics reduces power consumption in both LRO and LPO modules by integrating optical components

Linear Pluggable Optics – An Overview

Comparison of proposed solutions: In response, several solutions such as Linear Receive Optics (LRO), Linear Pluggable Optics

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