

Artificial Intelligence and Optical Modules



AI Overview

Optical modules are critical enablers of AI systems, providing the high-speed, low-latency data transmission necessary for large-scale AI computation and enabling scalable, efficient AI infrastructure. Role of Optical Modules in AI Optical modules convert electrical signals into optical signals and vice versa, allowing data to move rapidly and reliably across AI systems. In AI data centers, thousands of GPUs or AI chips must communicate constantly during model training and inference. This interconnectivity relies heavily on optical links, as they provide extreme bandwidth, low latency, long reach, and high density, which are essential for handling massive datasets and synchronizing parallel computations. Advanced modules like 400G, 800G, and emerging 1.6T transceivers are increasingly used to meet these demands.

AI Driving Demand for Optical Modules The growth of AI, particularly deep learning and large language models, has created an explosive demand for high-speed optical connectivity. Global shipments of 800G and above optical transceivers are projected to nearly triple from 24 million units in 2025 to 63 million units in 2026, with a market size expected to reach \$14.6 billion. This surge reflects AI's need for rapid data movement, low-latency inter-GPU communication, and energy-efficient transmission.

Integration in AI Infrastructure AI chips and optical modules form a dual-layer system: AI chips handle computation, while optical modules manage communication. A typical AI data center architecture involves GPUs connected via NVLink or PCIe to switches, which then interface with optical modules transmitting data over fiber networks to other servers. This setup ensures that AI systems can scale efficiently without bandwidth bottlenecks or excessive power consumption.

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Optical Interconnect Market Analysis by Mordor Intelligence The Optical Interconnect Market size is projected to be USD 17.32 billion in 2025, USD 18.83 billion in 2026, and reach USD

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