

Co-packaged optical core



Overview

Co-Packaged Optics (CPO) is a technology and design approach where optical components, such as lasers and photodetectors, are integrated alongside electrical components, like Application-Specific Integrated Circuits (ASICs), within the same package. CPO revolutionizes data center design by integrating optics and electronics, leading to improvements in power efficiency and bandwidth density. As applications like AI and machine learning become more prevalent, demanding higher bandwidth data processing capabilities, CPO technology provides a. OFC 2025 made one thing clear: The transition to Co-Packaged Optics (CPO) switches in data centres is inevitable, driven primarily by the power savings they offer. From Jensen Huang showcasing CPO switches at GTC 2025 to a wide range of vendors demonstrating optical engines integrated inside ASIC. Enter Co-Packaged Optics (CPO), a transformative architecture where the optical engine moves inside the switch ASIC package. This contrasts with conventional pluggable optics, where optical transceivers sit. Co-Packaged Optics (CPO) Flyer Download Co-Packaged Optics (CPO) is an emerging technology that integrates optical engines directly with electronic switching chips to enable higher bandwidth, lower power consumption, and improved signal integrity in next-generation data centers and high-performance. As AI clusters push beyond 100 Tb/s per node, the gap between what silicon can generate and what traditional copper interconnects can deliver is widening fast. Three hurdles are now colliding: First, power delivery is nearing practical limits. Adding GPUs no longer scales linearly, with power and

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The optical engine is the core of CPO; it converts between the optical and electrical domains. Since the OE is on-package, fiber runs directly to the package edge.

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There are two main ways to integrate these optical engines inside the ASIC package containing the switch or XPU cores.

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