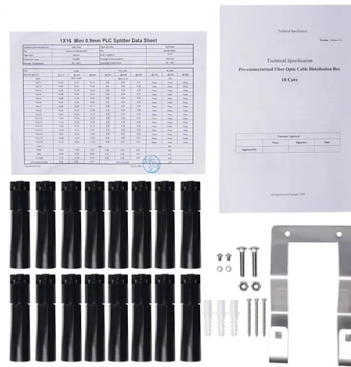


Supercomputing chips and optical modules



Overview

MCU chips powering optical modules have emerged as a critical semiconductor segment driven by the AI data center construction boom, with prices rising approximately 40% year-to-date and overseas AI power and optical communication companies beginning large-scale procurement of. MCU chips powering optical modules have emerged as a critical semiconductor segment driven by the AI data center construction boom, with prices rising approximately 40% year-to-date and overseas AI power and optical communication companies beginning large-scale procurement of. Supercomputing chips are designed for massively parallel computation, supporting: Floating-point computation, tensor calculations, matrix multiplication, and AI-specific workloads. High computational throughput: trillions of operations per second (TOPS or FLOPS) for AI and scientific computing. Lightmatter's photonic chips form a complete interconnect platform. Edgeless I/O architecture enabling unlimited bandwidth. MCU chips for optical modules emerge as a critical semiconductor segment as AI data center buildout drives 800G/1. This blog digs into how embedded semiconductor solutions—think On-Board Optics (OBO), Near-Packaged Optics (NPO), and Co-Packaged Optics. While Google's TPU v5p provides less than 30% of the peak performance of Nvidia's H100, Google has maintained a competitive edge by treating the cluster as a cohesive supercomputer. The "secret weapon" in this strategy is the Optical Circuit Switch (OCS), a pivotal solution that maximizes. A growing portion of the billions of dollars being spent on AI data centers will go to the suppliers of networking chips, lasers, and switches that integrate thousands of GPUs and conventional micro-processors into a single AI computer cluster. AI can't advance without advanced networks, says.

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About Lumilens Lumilens we are building the critical photonics infrastructure that powers tomorrow's AI supercomputing. From chip-to-chip optical interconnects to scalable photonic engines, Lumilens is

Broadcom debuts Taurus DSP to power 1.6T optical

Broadcom debuted the Taurus BCM83640, a specialized chip to power next-generation optical transceivers. The digital signal processor (DSP) is

Nvidia Unveils Silicon Photonics Cpo Technology For Ai

Discover NVIDIA's groundbreaking silicon photonics CPO technology, transforming AI data center networks. Learn about the Spectrum-X and Quantum

Optical Module MCUs Become Critical as AI Data Centers Drive

MCU chips for optical modules emerge as a critical semiconductor segment as AI data center buildout drives 800G/1.6T demand, with domestic players GigaDevice and Nations

LetinAR Cracks AI Glasses Optical Module Problem

The race for the next major computing platform—AI glasses—hasn't been about software. It's been stalled by a fundamental physics problem: the optical module. Existing lenses are either too ...

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Nvidia, TSMC use AI to advance chip design and

Nvidia has announced that TSMC is using Nvidia accelerated computing and AI to advance semiconductor design and manufacturing,

High-performance computing chips and optical modules

Supercomputing chips are the compute engines, performing trillions of operations per second. Optical modules are the data highways, enabling high-speed, low-latency data transfer

With the explosive growth of AI computing power, Wuhan Guangyu ...

Generative AI and large models have driven the exponential growth of computing power, and supercomputing centers have shifted from "computing power competition" to "computing power

Networking chips and modules for AI data centers:

A growing portion of the billions of dollars being spent on AI data centers will go to the suppliers of networking chips, lasers, and switches that

Source Photonics to Expand Optical Chip and Module Production

Source Photonics is one of the world's leading optical communications suppliers, with operations spanning optical chip R&D, wafer manufacturing, packaging and testing, and optical

Optical interconnection networks for high-performance systems

At the same time to improve energy efficiency and resource utilization, both supercomputers and data centers are exploring new architectures at all levels of the network from the full system to chip

Embedded Optical Transmission Tech, Arrival of CPO

Shipments of embedded optical modules are set to grow at a CAGR of 50% through 2033. Of the various types of I/O solutions — OBO, NPO and CPO — the latter

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It is shown that optical storage is advancing rapidly and holds the potential of hundreds of megabytes per second data rates from a single storage unit, which can provide many new opportunities for

Inside the NVIDIA Vera Rubin Platform: Six New Chips,

The Vera Rubin platform supports sixth-generation NVIDIA NVLink (NVLink 6) for GPU-to-GPU communication within the system, NVIDIA NVLink

Elon Musk Acquires Mesh Optical Technologies for AI and Space ...

Key Highlights: - **Mesh Optical Technologies**: Founded in 2025 by ex-SpaceX engineers, Mesh specializes in the Alpha C1 1.6Tbps optical transceiver, designed for both AI supercomputing and ...

How OCS is Redefining AI Supercomputing and Data Center

For the next generation of AI supercomputing, OCS is not merely an alternative to electronic switching—it is the only viable path to sustainable scaling.

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Companies like Broadcom and Marvell are solidifying their positions as the indispensable architects of the AI era, moving beyond simple chip design into full-stack interconnect providers. By

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As AI clusters continue to expand, traditional pluggable optical modules are facing increasing challenges in terms of power consumption, maintenance, and failure rates. In response,

From optical modules to chips: China's tech supply chains sustain ...

A researcher displays rolled-up "fiber chips" and a smart tactile glove made by weaving the chips into textiles at Fudan University in east China's Shanghai, Jan. 19, 2026. (Xinhua/Liu Ying)

Networking chips and modules for AI data centers:

The opportunity for optical connections reaches beyond the AI data center. That's because there isn't enough power. In September, Marvell,

Optical interconnection networks for high-performance systems

The optical interface of the transmitter chip includes MRR modulators that use carrier dispersion for high-speed modulation. The optical interface at the receiver includes demultiplexing filters,

Embedded Optical Modules Expected to Grow 50% CAGR by 2033

Embedded optical modules aren't just a tech upgrade—they're a push toward making AI supercomputing more accessible. High-speed optical connections are crucial for advanced AI

NVIDIA GTC 2025

In the keynote speech, Nvidia announced its first co-packaged optics (CPO) solution to be deployed in their scale-out switches. With CPO,

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