

The impact of optical modules on network card performance



AI Overview

Optical modules significantly influence network card performance by determining bandwidth, latency, power efficiency, and scalability of data transmission.

Bandwidth and Throughput

Optical modules directly affect the maximum data rate a network card can handle. Modern pluggable modules, such as QSFP, CFP2, and the next-generation XPO modules, provide high-speed connectivity ranging from 100Gbps to over 12Tbps per module. The choice of module impacts the aggregate switching capacity of a network card, with denser modules like XPO enabling up to 204.8Tbps in a single rack unit, which is critical for AI and hyperscale data centers. Higher bandwidth modules reduce bottlenecks and allow network cards to fully utilize their processing capabilities.

Latency and Signal Integrity

Optical modules influence latency and jitter, which are crucial for applications requiring precise timing, such as high-frequency trading or AI model training. Modules with advanced digital signal processing (DSP) and coherent optics can minimize latency variation, while simpler pluggable modules may introduce additional propagation delays. The integration of optical components into silicon photonics further reduces latency by shortening electrical-to-optical conversion paths and improving signal integrity.

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