

Intelligent Selection Guide for Supercomputing Center-Grade Active Optical Devices



AI Overview

Selecting active optical devices for supercomputing centers requires balancing bandwidth, latency, power efficiency, and scalability across technologies like MEMS OCS, silicon photonics, thin-film lithium niobate, VCSELs, and co-packaged optics. Key Considerations

1. **Bandwidth and Radix Requirements** Supercomputing and AI workloads demand extremely high aggregate bandwidth. Devices should support multi-terabit per second throughput, with per-lane speeds ranging from 25 Gbps to 200 Gbps or higher. Co-packaged optics (CPO) and 3D photonic interposers can deliver 32–64 Tbps aggregate bandwidth and high radix, enabling dense interconnects between GPUs, TPUs, and switches in AI clusters (Lightmatter) .
2. **Latency and Switching Speed** Low latency is critical for HPC synchronization. Optical Circuit Switching (OCS) technologies, such as MEMS, piezo-actuated, and liquid-crystal devices, provide ultra-low latency and zero buffering, avoiding O-E-O conversion delays. Switching times vary: MEMS typically operate in milliseconds, while silicon photonics can achieve microsecond-scale reconfiguration, suitable for dynamic HPC workloads (Open Compute Project) .
3. **Power Efficiency** Power consumption is a major factor in large-scale deployments. VCSEL-based modules offer low power per bit, while co-packaged optics reduce SerDes energy overhead by integrating optics directly on the chip. Thin-film lithium niobate (TFLN) and silicon photonics also provide high-speed modulation with moderate power efficiency, supporting next-generation coherent applications above 200 GBd (EcoC Exhibition) .
4. **Device Type and Integration** MEMS OCS: High scalability, low insertion loss, suitable for...

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