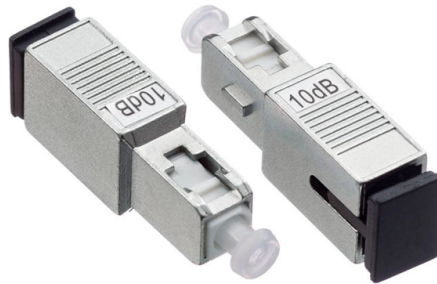


Optical Module Interconnection Production



Overview

This research program unites material and tool suppliers, foundries, IDMs, OSATs, fabless and system companies in the exploration of optical I/O technologies.

Key Takeaways

Optical module interconnection fabrication involves integrating optical pathways, components, and PCBs to enable high-speed, low-loss data transmission with precise mechanical and thermal control.

Overview of Optical Interconnects

Optical interconnects replace traditional electrical connections with light-based pathways to overcome limitations such as signal attenuation, crosstalk, and electromagnetic interference at high data rates. They are increasingly used in high-performance computing, networking, and data center applications, supporting speeds of 112 Gbps, 224 Gbps, and beyond. Optical interconnects can be implemented as pluggable modules (SFP, CFP), near-packaged optics (NPO), or embedded directly into PCBs.

Key Fabrication Techniques
PCB Integration: Optical waveguides can be embedded in multilayer PCBs using glass fibers or polymer waveguides. Glass fibers are typically embedded in core or prepreg layers, while polymers allow precise surface geometry for coupling with optical components. Blind vias and capacitive power/ground layers are used to maintain short electrical paths and reduce EMI.

Optical Component Placement: Lasers, modulators, and photodetectors are mounted on the PCB surface or within optical sub-assemblies (TOSAs/ROSAs). Alignment requires sub-micron mechanical precision to ensure efficient light coupling and minimal signal loss. **Thermal Management:** High-density optical modules generate significant heat.

Fabrication involves high-Tg materials, low Z-axis CTE substrates, and careful thermal design to prevent warping and maintain optical alignment.

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O architectures separate optical engines from high-heat xPU cores to avoid wavelength drift.

Signal Integrity and High-

Speed Design: Optical interconnects reduce the need for complex DSPs by minimizing channel loss and crosstalk. Linear-drive pluggable optics (LPO) use analog signal paths to lower latency and power consumption, while embedded optical PCBs maintain high bandwidth without bulky fiber routing. **Assembly and Quality Control:** Fabrication includes laser direct imaging, precision SMD placement, fiber coupling, and encapsulation.

Optical modules undergo rigorous testing for bit error rate, thermal cycling, and mechanical reliability.

Advanced Considerations

Hybrid Integration: Combining electrical, optical, and power electronics on a single PCB or package allows compact, high-performance modules. **Maintenance and Replaceability:** Modular optical engines facilitate easier replacement and thermal management compared to fully integrated CPO solutions. **Material Selection:** Polymers and glass are chosen based on optical clarity, thermal stability, and compatibility with PCB lamination processes.

Conclusion

Optical module interconnection fabrication is a multidisciplinary process requiring precision PCB design, optical component integration, thermal management, and high-speed signal optimization. By embedding optical pathways and carefully aligning components, manufacturers achieve high-bandwidth, low-latency, and reliable optical communication suitable for modern data-intensive applications.

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