

Optical module with FEC



Overview

In this white paper, you will learn how FEC works, the trade-offs involved, and how we apply FEC in Cisco equipment.

Key Takeaways

Most modern optical modules, especially 100G and above, support Forward Error Correction (FEC) to ensure reliable data transmission. What is FEC? Forward Error Correction (FEC) is a technique that adds redundant bits to transmitted data, allowing the receiver to detect and correct errors without retransmission.

This improves signal integrity, reduces bit error rates (BER), and extends the reach of optical links, particularly in high-speed networks.

FE

C is essential for maintaining multi-vendor interoperability and compliance with IEEE and ITU standards.

FEC in Optical Modules100

G Modules: FEC may be optional for NRZ-based modules (e.g., 25G SFP28) but is generally mandatory for PAM4-based modules.

The FE

C type is often RS-FEC or KP4-FEC. 400G Modules: Predominantly use PAM4 modulation, making FEC mandatory. Modules like 400GBASE-DR4, FR8, LR8, and SR8 rely on FEC to maintain error-free transmission over long distances.

800G and Beyond: FEC is a critical requirement for 800GbE and 1.6TbE optics, with performance, latency, and power considerations defined by standards. Configuration and Operation FEC functionality is typically negotiated between both ends of the link.

If one end enables FEC, the other must also enable it for the link to operate correctly.

Most FE

C logic resides in the host device PHY/MAC, while transceivers are designed to be FEC-compliant.

Disabling FE

C on PAM4-based modules can lead to link errors and is not recommended.

Benefits

Reduces BE

R and improves signal quality. Extends transmission distance without additional amplification. Ensures reliable operation in multi-vendor environments.

Supports high-speed data rates (100G, 400G, 800G) efficiently. In summary, if your optical module is designed for high-speed Ethernet (100G and above), it supports FEC, and proper configuration is required to ensure reliable operation and compliance with standards.

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Forward Error Correction (FEC) in Optical Networks | 100G, 400G

Learn how Forward Error Correction (FEC) improves reliability and reduces errors in 100G, 400G, and 800G optical networks. Explore KP4-FEC, RS-FEC, LDPC codes, and LINK-PP

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The proposed FEC Architecture can enable both Concatenated and Segmented FEC schemes using a simple soft decision FEC that sits in the DSP SerDes inside the optical module.

Optical Specifications for Different FEC Modes at 200G/L

Answer: It is unknown if all future optical transmitters will meet the requirement, and if so when. Experience at 100G/L suggest that considerable technology improvement is possible over the first 2

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optical modules with different rates have been launched one after another, among which 100G, 400G and 800G optical modules have become the

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