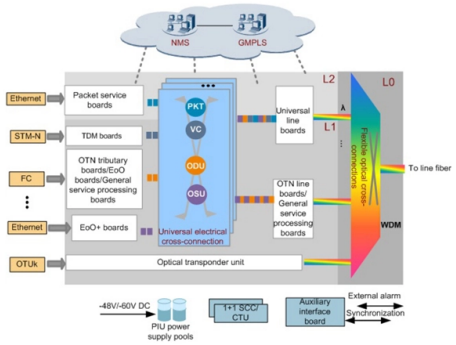
# Cost-efficient linear-drive pluggable optical SFP




## Overview

LPOs are a low-power pluggable module interface that eliminates DSP chips, creating a linear signal path. By simplifying the connection, the LPO reduces cost, latency, and power consumption. New Castle, Delaware – FS, a trusted provider of ICT products and solutions, has launched its cutting-edge 800G Linear Pluggable Optics (LPO) module. The idea is simple: instead of a DSP (digital signal processor) inside the module – replacing it with transimpedance amplifier (TIA) and a driver chip with high linearity and EQ capability – LPO shifts signal processing into. Fig. 1 shows the typical block diagram of a pluggable transceiver consisting of on-board lasers, optics, a Photonics die housing the modulator, the photodetector, and associated photonic components required for the optical path, an Electrical IC with the Modulator driver and the Transimpedance. As data center infrastructures upgrade to transition to higher bandwidths, LPOs are emerging as a promising solution to enable faster, more energy-efficient, and cost-effective optical connectivity. A few days before the OFC 2025 optical networking conference, the LPO MSA (Linear Pluggable Optics. Linear pluggable optics have undergone significant evolution since their introduction in the early 2000s, driven by the exponential growth of data traffic and the increasing demands of modern data centers. The journey began with basic SFP modules operating at 1 Gbps, which provided the foundation. An SFP transceiver is a compact, hot-swappable interface module designed to convert electrical signals from a network switch or router into optical signals for transmission over fiber optic cables—and vice versa. The term “Small Form-factor Pluggable” reflects its physical design philosophy:.

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The main advantages offered by LPO are reduced power consumption and lower system latency due to the absence of the DSP and reducing the operational costs. The system retains a pluggable form

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