Does the LPU still need an optical module



Overview

Over the past decade, optical communication speeds have advanced from 100G to 400G and are now accelerating into the 800G era.

Key Takeaways

Yes, LPUs generally require an optical module (SFP or LPO) for proper operation, especially when the interface supports only optical connections. Optical Module Requirement for LPUsLPUs, depending on the device and application, often require optical transceivers to establish network connectivity. For example, in Huawei firewalls, the LPU must have either an SFP optical transceiver or an SFP electrical transceiver configured.

If the interface supports only optical connections, inserting an electrical transceiver will not work, and the link will remain down, indicated by the LINK LED or interface status showing DOWN. Compatibility between the optical transceiver and the fiber type (single-mode vs. multi-mode) is also critical to ensure proper signal transmission.

Types of LPU Optical Modules

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U modules support various optical ports and speeds. For instance, H3C LPUs can be equipped with modules such as: XP2/XP4 modules: 10GE XFP/LC optical portsGP12/GP24 modules: 1000 Mbps SFP/LC optical portsFP20 module: 100 Mbps SFP/LC optical portsSP4/UP1 modules: OC-48c or OC-192c SFP/LC POS optical ports These modules allow LPUs to connect to optical networks at different speeds and configurations, depending on the deployment requirements. Advanced Optical Modules: LPOFor high-speed applications, Linear Pluggable Optics (LPO) modules are used.

Unlike traditional DSP-based optical modules, LPO modules eliminate the DSP chip, reducing power consumption and latency while maintaining signal integrity through linear drive technology. For example, FS 800G LPO modules can reduce power usage by up to 50% and achieve up to 90% lower latency, making them suitable for AI/ML workloads and high-density data centers. SummaryLPUs require optical modules if the interface is optical-only.

Compatibility between the transceiver type and fiber type is essential.

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Us support a variety of optical modules, from standard SFP/XFP ports to high-speed LPO modules. Using the correct optical module ensures proper link status, low latency, and efficient operation. Ensuring the correct optical module is installed is critical for LPU functionality and network performance.

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Replacing an LPU

Before removing an LPU, remove the optical modules close to the card edges. This prevents these optical modules from being damaged when we rotate the ejector levers on the card.

Linear Pluggable Optics – An Overview

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Thus freed, we can see some detail on the cantilever mount for the LPU core optics module. Clearly, there is some concern about the tolerance of

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What is an LPO Optical Module?

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