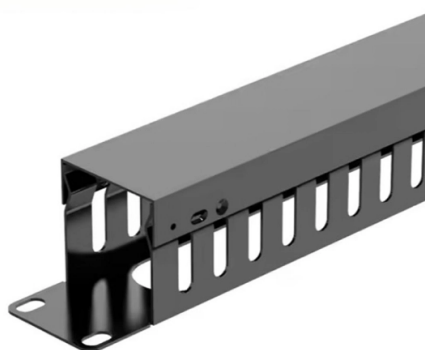


# Will silicon photonics technology replace fiber optics



## Overview

At GTC 2025 on March 18, 2025, NVIDIA unveiled its revolutionary silicon photonics technology, replacing traditional pluggable optical transceivers with co-packaged optics (CPO). OFC 2026, the world's largest annual gathering for optical networking and communications professionals, wrapped up on March 19 in Los Angeles, drawing nearly 18,000 attendees from across the global optical ecosystem. Five days of major product announcements, technical exchange, and live. Silicon Photonics is an emerging technology that is bringing a paradigm shift in the field of single mode fiber-optic communications. Silicon Photonics leverages mature CMOS wafer fabrication and packaging infrastructures to deliver high bandwidth, low power transceivers. Figure 1: Google Jupiter Network for multi-thousand Ironwood TPU clusters. Source: Google Refresher for new readers: Data. Co-Packaged Optics (CPO) is an advanced optical interconnect architecture that integrates optical components—such as photonic integrated circuits (PICs) and lasers—directly alongside switching ASICs or processors within the same package.



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Explore the key innovations from OFC 2026 — from 1.6T commercial deployment and CPO vs. pluggables to silicon photonics and hollow-core fiber. See what's shaping the future of AI

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### Nvidia Unveils Silicon Photonics Cpo Technology For Ai Data Centers ...

This breakthrough connects optical fibers directly to switches, reducing data center power consumption by an estimated 40 megawatts and greatly enhancing network efficiency for AI

## Optical Fiber Communications: the Role of Silicon Photonics

As we look ahead, silicon photonics looks well-positioned to take its place as one of the technologies shaping the future of optical communications and networking.

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Silicon photonics improves high-speed data transmission by multiplexing multiple laser wavelengths onto a single fiber and minimizing signal degradation. In advanced architectures

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### Photonics21 – A Key Enabling Technology for Europe

The European Technology Platform Photonics21 represents the photonics community of industry and research organisations.

### Nvidia to invest \$4B into photonics companies

Coherent, also based in the U.S., develops photonics technology, which refers to harnessing light (photons) to create components and systems

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