Why optical modules cannot replace copper cables



Overview

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The fabrication of optical components requires precision and the ability to align optical pathways accurately. Moreover, thermal management within optical systems needs to be addressed,

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It sounds technical, but the logic is actually quite simple: the optical engine is directly packaged next to the switching chip, eliminating the power-consuming and heat-generating DSP chip

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Why can''t optical fiber replace network cables currently?

Optical fiber cannot replace copper cables in terms of voice signal transmission and wireless access, POE system and other power supply applications. First, copper cables, unlike

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Copper cable still occupies an important position in applications such as voice transmission, indoor network, horizontal wiring, and POE system, and will not be completely replaced

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Therefore, even if NVIDIA''s latest GB200 adopts a copper cable solution, there is no so-called copper cable replacing optical interconnection. GF Communications said that "light advances and copper

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