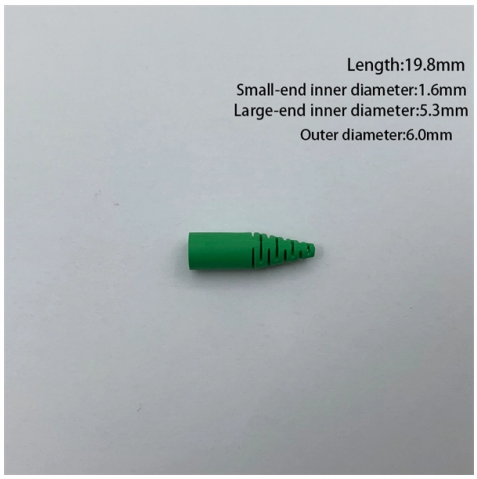
LDO in optical modules



Overview

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Key Takeaways

In optical modules, an LDO (Linear Driver/Linear Optical module) enables analog signal transmission without DSP-based retiming, reducing power consumption and latency.

Overview of LD

O in Optical ModulesLDO in the context of optical modules typically refers to linear drivers or linear optical designs used in Linear Pluggable Optics (LPO) or Linear Receive Optics (LRO). Unlike fully retimed modules that rely on DSPs (Digital Signal Processors) for signal conditioning and retiming, LDO-based modules maintain a linear, analog signal path from the host ASIC to the optical transmitter and from the photodiode/TIA back to the host ASIC. This approach eliminates regeneration within the module, shifting the responsibility for signal integrity to the host system.

Key Components and Functionality

Linear Driver (LDO): Converts electrical signals from the host ASIC into optical signals for transmission. It operates in a linear mode to preserve signal fidelity without digital retiming. Trans-impedance Amplifier (TIA): Converts received optical signals back into electrical signals while maintaining linearity.



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Time Linear Equalization (CTLE) and Equalization (EQ): Compensate for channel losses and maintain signal quality over the analog link. Advantages of LDO-Based Optical ModulesLower Power Consumption: Removing DSPs reduces module power significantly. For example, 800G LPO modules with linear drivers can consume less than 4W compared to over 13W for DSP-based modules.

Reduced Latency: Analog signal paths avoid the processing delay introduced by DSPs, which is beneficial in high-performance applications like AI/ML and data center interconnects. Simplified Module Design: Fewer components reduce cost and complexity, making LDO-based modules suitable for short-range, high-density applications.

Considerations

Signal Integrity: Since the module does not perform retiming, the host ASIC must handle signal conditioning and equalization to ensure robust links. Interoperability: LDO-based modules may face challenges when connecting with DSP-based optics, requiring careful system-level design and testing. Application Scope: LPO and LDO-based modules are ideal for short-range connections, such as server-to-switch or adjacent rack links, where power efficiency and low latency are prioritized.

SummaryLDO in optical modules represents a linear, analog approach to high-speed optical transmission. By eliminating DSPs and relying on linear drivers and TIAs, these modules achieve lower power consumption, reduced latency, and simplified design, while requiring the host system to manage signal integrity. This makes LDO-based modules particularly suitable for data center and short-reach high-speed networking applications.

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Both of these technologies reduce power consumption and eliminate components in optical modules, which makes them increasingly favored for high-speed AI clusters and data centers.

The Fundamentals of LDO Design and Applications

LDO regulators are used to derive lower output voltages from a main supply or battery. The output voltage is ideally stable with line and load variations, immune to changes in ambient temperature,

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LDO Intrinsic noise is dominated by noise from the reference and the error amplifier. In a standard LDO, decreasing AFB (feedback resistor attenuation) will result in higher noise at the output. Higher output

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Block Diagram: Optical Module The Kyocera electronic components used in an optical module are shown in the block diagram.

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