Spanish cost-effective active optical device PAM4



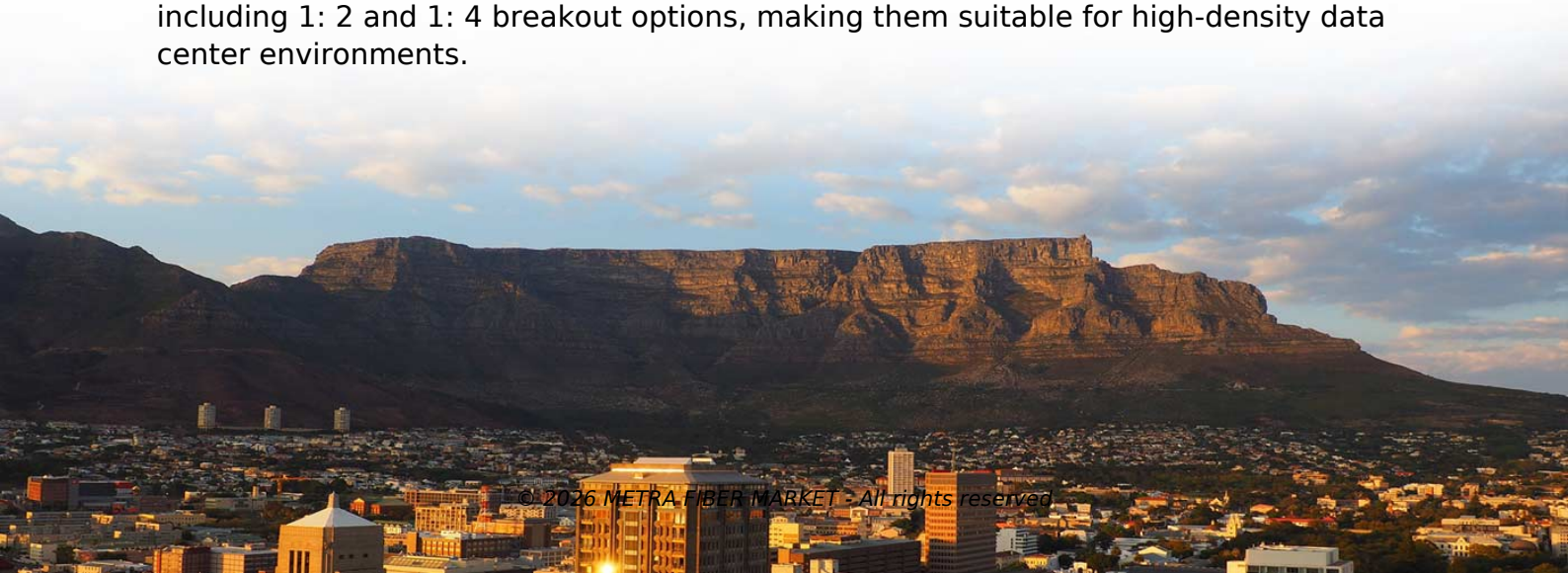
Overview

Spanish silicon photonics technology PAM4 AITAF provides end-to-end optical communication solutions, structured cabling, ODN, optical modules, fiber testin.

Key Takeaways

PAM4 active optical devices offer a cost-efficient solution for high-speed data center and metro interconnects, enabling 200G–400G transmission over short distances with reduced infrastructure costs. Overview of PAM4 TechnologyPAM4 (Pulse Amplitude Modulation with 4 levels) is a multilevel modulation scheme that encodes two bits per symbol, effectively doubling the data rate compared to traditional NRZ modulation. This makes it ideal for 400G and 800G short-reach applications, such as data center interconnects (DCI), where cost and power efficiency are critical.

PAM4 devices typically operate over distances up to 10 km, with higher forward error correction (FEC) requirements to maintain signal integrity. Active Optical Cables (AOCs)Active Optical Cables integrate optical transceivers and fiber in a single assembly, providing low-latency, low-power, and cost-effective connectivity. For example, Siemon QSFP56 AOCs support 200G PAM4 at lengths up to 100 meters, including 1: 2 and 1: 4 breakout options, making them suitable for high-density data center environments.



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These cables reduce the need for additional transceivers and simplify deployment while maintaining high performance. PAM4 TransceiversDevices like the Amphenol QEPT 4-TRX 200G PAM4 are hot-pluggable, optically and electrically pluggable transceivers capable of 56 Gbps per lane, aggregating 200 Gbps over four channels. They are designed for short-reach multimode applications (up to 70 meters) and are compatible with existing 100G NRZ footprints, allowing upgrades without changing infrastructure.

These transceivers integrate advanced VCSEL drivers and TIAs to optimize performance while minimizing heat and space requirements.

Smart Optical Amplifiers

For direct-detect PAM4 DCI links, devices like the ADVA FSP 3000 SmartAmp provide cost-effective amplification with automated dispersion compensation and simplified deployment. These amplifiers reduce operational complexity, minimize spare requirements, and optimize power consumption, making them suitable for metro and short-haul networks.

Advantages of Cost-

Effective PAM4 DevicesHigher data rates without doubling fiber count, reducing infrastructure costs. Lower power consumption compared to coherent solutions for short-reach links. Compact form factors for high-density deployments in data centers.

Backward compatibility with existing NRZ systems, enabling gradual upgrades. Flexibility in deployment with active optical cables, transceivers, and amplifiers tailored to specific distances and network architectures.

Conclusion

For Spanish data centers or metro networks seeking cost-effective high-speed optical solutions, PAM4-enabled active optical devices—including 200G/400G transceivers, QSFP56 AOCs, and smart amplifiers—offer a practical balance of performance, power efficiency, and deployment flexibility. These devices are particularly advantageous for short-reach interconnects, where minimizing cost and power consumption is critical while still achieving high aggregate bandwidth.

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I. INTRODUCTION Optical communication with intensity modulation and direct detection (IM/DD) systems are simple and cost-effective. Throughput can be increased with the use of pulse amplitude

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