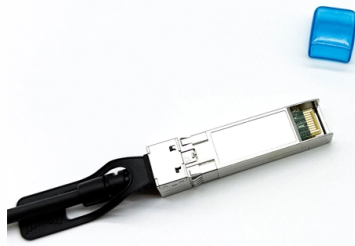


Latest News on Copper Cable Replacement for Optical Modules



Overview

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By using light to transmit data, optical interconnects offer significant advantages over copper, including higher bandwidth, lower latency, and reduced power consumption.

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