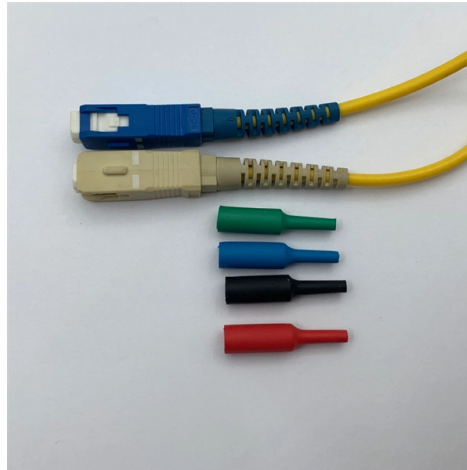


## Why is the LPO optical module not used



### Overview

An LPO-based transceiver is not ideal for all applications. Because these transceivers are more sensitive to fiber issues (bends, splices, connectors) because there is nothing onboard to compensate for signal issues due to fiber plant. However, at 400G and beyond, these DSP chips can consume up to 50% of the module's total power (approximately). LPO (Linear-drive Pluggable Optics) is a new optical module architecture designed to reduce power consumption and latency by removing the DSP from the optical module. Figure 1: Traditional Solution with DSP vs. The idea is simple: instead of a DSP (digital signal processor) inside the module - replacing it with transimpedance amplifier (TIA) and a driver chip with high linearity and EQ capability - LPO shifts signal processing into. With the challenges of DSP-based or fully retimed optical technology, Linear-drive Pluggable Optics (LPO) emerged.

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LPO is very cost-effective because it removes the DSP from the optical modules and transfers this function to the switch's DSP. This requires a deeper

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