

# **Power Consumption Comparison of 8-Core Special Optical Cables Used in IDC Data Centers**



## **Overview**

This guide will provide actionable strategies to significantly reduce optical transceiver power usage, helping you build a greener, more efficient infrastructure. Before diving into the "how," let's understand the "why." Energy efficiency in data centers is a critical concern given the exponential growth in data processing demands worldwide. Cushman & Wakefield reported in its 2023 Global Data Center Market Comparison that the 11,000 data centers around the world used 7.9 GW in 2022 and. The 800G Active Optical Cable (AOC) series redefines data-center interconnect performance by combining the simplicity of a pluggable copper cable with the reach and signal integrity of embedded optics. This article will dissect the technical differences between the two and explore practical application. This guide covers real specifications for all four technologies, a distance-first decision framework, mixed-fabric design patterns, deployment scenarios, and 1.6T upgrade path considerations. Not all these need to be fully delivered for data center operators to benefit from 800G upgrades.

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The ultra-low latency and high throughput of our 800G Active Optical Cables make it perfect for AI/ML clusters, GPU-to-GPU aggregation, and HPC environments—ensuring data moves at line rate even ...

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