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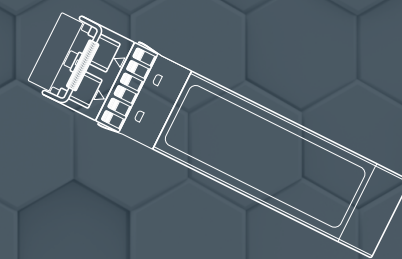
WELL, THAT WAS A SURPRISE!

OFC WAS BIG!



WAIT...OFC WAS REALLY BIG!

Integra Optics has been attending the OFC Conference for many years, so we know how big the event can be. That being said, it's not hard to stagger a bit on day one of the convention when you take in the size of it all.



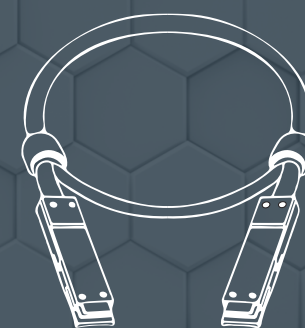
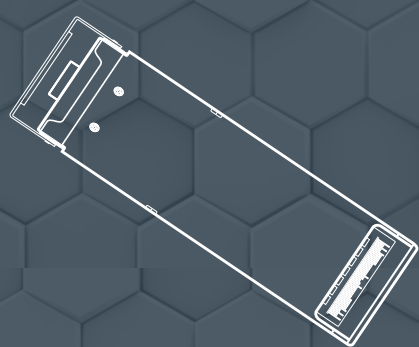
BUSINESSES STILL HAVE A LOT OF 10G AND EVEN 1G

10G and even 1G have such an enormous installed base that they are not going anywhere in the near future. Some players are turning away from 10G and below, but overwhelmingly we were assured that all of the products used today will still be critical for the foreseeable future.



EVERYONE WAS HYPING 400G CAPABILITES

Overwhelmingly, transceiver-related booths touted 200G and 400G capabilities. From our observation when we dug in though, these offerings are part of planned line-ups and very little is in production yet.



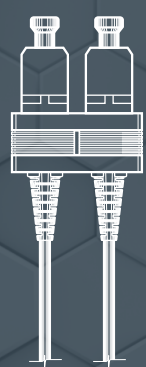
AOC/DAC WAS EVERYWHERE

We've seen the industry really leaning into the challenges that 5G wireless networks will bring. With faster speed delivery to end users, the need for speed within enterprise networks goes hand-in-hand. The most cost-effective way of augmenting these networks is to leverage AOC/DAC transceivers.



INNOVATIONS IN FIBER CONNECTORS

Fiber connections are getting smaller and smaller. CS connectors are definitely going to move into the mainstream with QSFP-DD maturing, but there are even tighter connections like the SN connector that will shrink patch-panel sizes.



ALL ABOUT 5G

5G is shaping every type of tech it touches, so it's no surprise that OFC continued this trend with predictions and associated product.



BLAZING SPEEDS ON THE HORIZON (800G!?)

The hunger for higher speeds and longer distances is insatiable. Most manufacturers are focused on 200G and 400G, but the sky's the limit...as Doc said it best, "Where we're going, we don't need roads..."



TESTING EQUIPMENT IS MATURING WELL

Testing solutions tend to grow alongside deployment solutions, which we confirmed by getting some hands-on time with QSFP56, QSFP-DD, and OSFP testing equipment.

