Jitter Specifications for 1000Base-T

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Jitter Issues in Echo Canceller Based Systems

• Jitter degrades the performance of the echo and NEXT cancellers, because it creates a transient mismatch between the samples of the echo or NEXT impulse response and the taps of the canceller.



- This effect has been extensively studied in the literature [1].
- This is an issue for both baseband and passband systems.



Jitter Issues (continued)

- Although DSP based jitter compensation techniques exist [2,3], the simplest solution is to use low jitter phase locked loops for timing recovery.
- As a result of the use of echo cancellation, jitter specifications for 1000Base-T will have to be significantly tighter than they are for 100Base-TX.

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A Possible PLL Implementation for 1000Base-T

- Phase locked loops based on phase interpolation of a crystal oscillator have been extensively used in 100Base-TX transceivers, read channel devices for magnetic recording, etc.
- Jitter in this type of PLL comes from substrate noise pick up by the ring oscillator and the frequency multiplier to up the frequency of the crystal.
- Low jitter implementations have been demonstrated. Reynolds [1] described a 320MHz PLL with 9ps rms and 60ps peak-to-peak jitter in 1994.
- Even better performance is possible today (50ps peak to peak jitter for a 250MHz phase controlled oscillator is reasonable in today's technology, according to experts).
- [1] D.Reynolds, "A 320 MHz CMOS triple 8 bit DAC with on-chip PLL and hardware cursor," IEEE Journal of Solid-State Circuits, vol.29, No.12, December 1994, pp.1545-1551



Jitter in 1000Base-T

- The following sources of jitter exist in a 1000Base-T transceiver:
- Intrinsic jitter of the phase controlled oscillator (caused by switching noise pick up). This is 50ps or less (possibly at high frequencies).
- Phase steps introduced by the timing recovery system in order to control frequency and phase. If the baud clock is interpolated by 64, the phase steps are:

 Δt =8ns/64=125ps

• The frequency of phase steps needed to pull the baud clock by 100ppm is:

fstep = fbaud x 1e-4 x 64 = 800KHz

• A 125ps phase step causes tolerable degradation in PAM-5.



Criteria to Limit Jitter in 1000Base-T

 A reasonable criterion to establish the range of permissible jitter in the received signal is to demand that the instantaneous frequency deviation caused by sinusoidal jitter (Φ/2)sin(2πft) of peak-to-peak amplitude Φ and frequency f shall not exceed 100ppm of the baud clock f_{B.} Then:

$$2\pi f \Phi/2 = 10^{-4} f_B$$

 Φ [radians] = 10⁻⁴ f_B/ π f

 Φ [Baud Periods] = 10⁻⁴ f_B/2 π ²f = 12500/(2 π ²f)



Criteria to Limit Jitter in 1000Base-T (continued)

- However, the limit on high-frequency jitter should not be less than 1/64 of the baud period, to allow implementation of analog phase interpolation based PLLs with reasonable complexity (64-stage ring oscillators)
- It should also allow for the intrinsic jitter of the frequency multiplier and ring oscillator (~50ps peak to peak)
- Therefore we establish the upper limit for high-frequency peak to peak jitter at 0.02 baud periods (=160ps)
- Also, the low-frequency jitter should be bounded to a reasonable value. We propose 0.3 baud periods (2.4ns).



Permissible Jitter in Signal

