

C2M spec consistency and tolerancing

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Topic, questions and answers

- Topic: C2M module output (200GAUI-4 and 400GAUI-8)
- Five requirements to the eye: Table 120E-3

Parameter	Value	Unit
Near-end eye height	70	mV
Near-end eye width (ESMW)	0.265	UI
Far-end eye height	30	mV
Far-end eye width (ESMW)	0.200	UI
Far-end pre-cursor ratio	2.5	%

- Question 1: Can all five be fulfilled at the same time?
- Answer 1: Probably; but the five optima do not appear at the same module Tx-emphasis setting
- Question 2: Does the auxiliary far-end pre-cursor ratio requirement restrict module tuning?
- Answer 2: Current pre-cursor ratio requirements seems to force module Tx-emphasis to be set away from the most reliable (optimal) with respect to eye width and height



Results Summary and Change Proposal

In one example channel:

- High jitter case: pre-cursor ratio and far-end eye optima (width and height) differ
- High noise case: better alignment between optima
- Change Proposal
 - Increase (or offset) precursor ratio limits to e.g. [-2.5%; 5%]
 - Relax the near end eye height limit
 - From 70 mV to 45 mV
 - Wording change
 - See last slide





Simulation approach

- A simple illustrative example



A simplified C2M (module electrical output) framework

Receiver noise: Fixed

- Xtalk "noise": Fixed
 - CTLE has fixed gain at Nyquist (802.3(bs), Table 120E-2)
 - FFE has fixed gain at Nyquist ($\Sigma |c_n| = \text{constant}$)
 - => (fairly) equalizer independent Xtalk
- Noise and Xtalk are pooled in one random Gaussian noise term





Channel components

eMCB-HCB - orange

- example of mated MCB-HCB
- measured S-parameters
- used to emulate module PCB + QSFP + MCB
- Synth purple
 - synthetic transmission line, 151 mm
 - generated
 - using 802.3, Sect. 92.10.7.1.1, Table 92-12
 - assume two uncoupled TLs (i.e. diff. excitation)
 - driven and terminated in 100 Ohm

• Eq. 120E-01 - blue

- the IEEE mask
- similar to the MCB-HCB followed by the synthetic loss channel





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Examples with different jitter/noise balance

Large jitter

- RJ = 0.025 UI (random jitter)
- uBJ = 0.040 UI (uniform Bounded Jitter)
- Vrms = 2 mV (Gaussian noise)

Large noise

- RJ = 0.010 UI
- uBJ = 0.040 UI
- Vrms = 4 mV



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Large jitter results



Eye height (large jitter example)

- RJ = 0.025 UI
- uBJ = 0.040 UI
- Vrms = 2 mV









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Eye Width (large jitter example)

- RJ = 0.025 UI
- uBJ = 0.040 UI
- Vrms = 2 mV









EW @1e-6 (UI): Long channel

Pre-cursor ratio

Derived from pulse response

- Pre cursor 1 UI before the maximum value
- Independent of:
 - noise and Xtalk (Vrms)
 - jitter (here RJ and uBJ)
 - near-end CTLE











65

80

0

-0.02

70

65

-0.04

60 55

-0.06

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-0.08

Large jitter example

Random jitter: 0.025 UI Uniform jitter: 0.040 UI Noise (rms): 2 mV

CTLE near:	1 dB
CTLE far:	6 dB





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-0.1

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-0.12

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Wording

- 120E.3.2.1.1 Reference receiver for module output eye width and eye height evaluation
 - Any of the equalizer settings from Table 120E–2 may be used.
- 120E.3.2.2 Far-end pre-cursor ratio
 - The setting of the reference CTLE is the same used to measure eye width and height.
- This implies that the tester chooses **one** peaking value that works for eye width and height, then checks to see if it passes precursor ratio. We do not believe this is the intention.
- Change
- "... The setting of the reference CTLE is the same used to measure eye width and height."
- To
- "... Any setting of the reference CTLE for which the eye width and height satisfy the limits in Table 120E-3, may be used."
- Consider changing the headings to make it clear that the tests go together:
- 120E.3.2.1 Module output eye width and eye height and far-end pre-cursor ratio
- 120E.3.2.1.1 Reference receiver for module output eye width and eye height evaluation
- 120E.3.2.1.2 Far-end pre-cursor ratio

