DR4 Tx 'off' specs

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Tx 'off' spec for multi-lane SMF

- Global (all transmitters) Tx 'off' is required
 easily met by turning off the master laser for PSM
- Individual Tx lane 'off' is optional
 - can't turn off master laser;
 - must use the extinction of an individual lane's modulator to attenuate the light on that lane in order to meet the Tx 'off' spec
 - The D3.0 Tx 'off' spec sets a per lane limit that is still hard to reach with a modulator that would otherwise be completely fit for purpose
 - Aim: find a spec value that is achievable

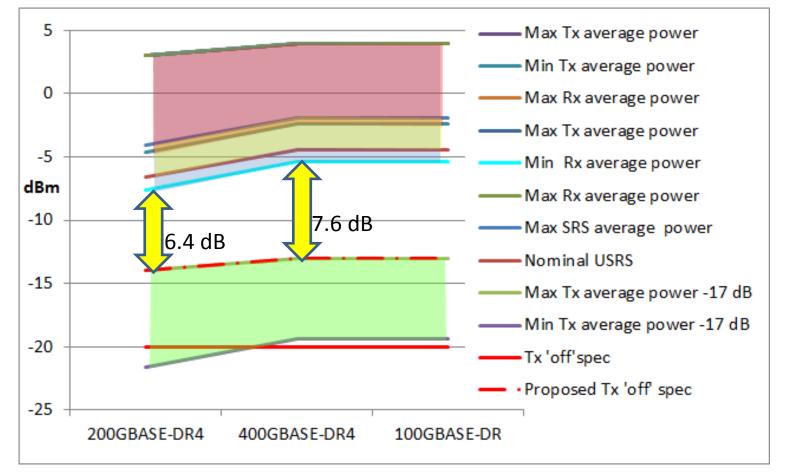
Tx 'off' power spec

 DC modulator extinction data, 3 temperatures, 4 lanes, ~13 devices:

1 1 0.9 0.8 0.7 cum've 0.1 ~99.8% yield for 0.6 Gaussian fit 20 dB DC Extinction 0.5 to cum've 0.4 pdf 0.01 0.3 0.2 0.1 0 0.001 18 20 22 24 26 28 30

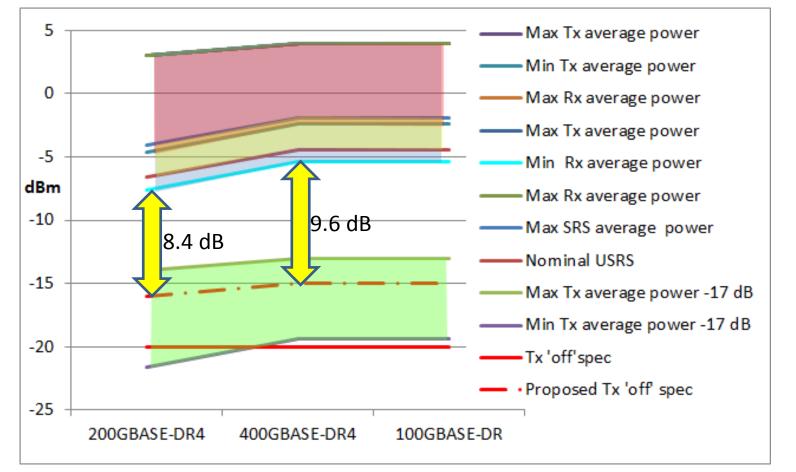
- The Tx average power 'uses up' 3 dB of ER (quadrature bias)
- The rest of the ER can be used to attenuate the power of individual lanes.

200G DR4, 400G DR4 & 100G DR specs, **proposal A**: -14, -13 and -13 dBm Tx 'off' spec



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200G DR4, 400G DR4 & 100G DR specs **proposal B**: -16, -15 and -15 dBm Tx 'off' spec



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Conclusion

- Based on the measured data, 17 dB is the minimum extinction available to turn down Tx average power on a per lane basis.
 - The available modulator extinction is still much higher than required to generate a high quality optical PAM4 signal.
 - Tx 'off' spec = -20dBm cannot be achieved reliably on a lane by lane basis

Two options:

- A. Tx 'off' specs of **-14 dBm** for 200GBASE-DR4, and **-13 dBm** for 400GBASE-DR4 and 100GBASE-DR, allow Tx 'off' spec to be met for the full Tx average power range per lane with anticipated good yield.
 - leaves >6 dB between min Rx average power spec and Tx 'off' spec.
- B. Tx 'off' specs of -16 dBm for 200GBASE-DR4, and -15 dBm for 400GBASE-DR4 and 100GBASE-DR. Tx 'off' spec can be met reliably if lane to lane average power variation can be controlled to better than 4 dB on any lane.

leaves >8 dB between min Rx average power spec and Tx 'off' spec. ⁶