Link Parameters

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Important parameters in the 200G multimode link are highlighted, and limits (or range) are proposed

Bandwidth of the directly-modulated laser is a limitation for the multimode link. Margins for Tx and Rx must be set accordingly.

Ongoing work toward the baseline

Bernier et al. <u>bernier_200gmmf_01a_2511</u>

Link Power (OMA) Budget

200G Link (30 m OM4)

[drawn with -4.9 dBm as Rx sensitivity]

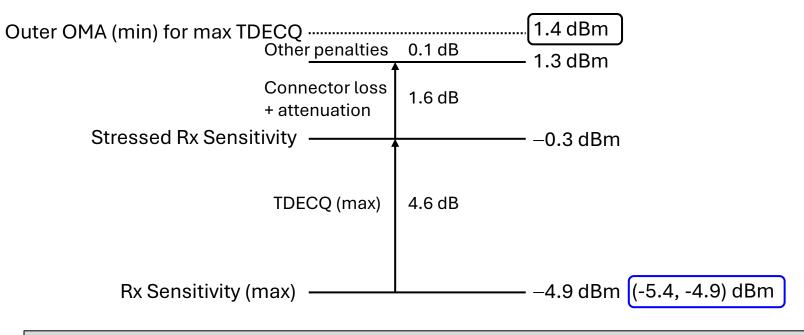
Outer OMA (max) — 3.5 dBm

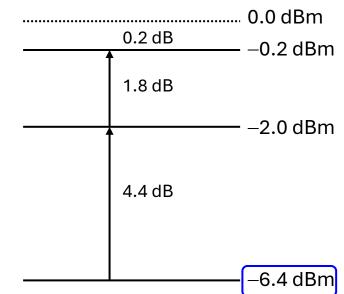
Average launch power (max)

4.0 dBm

802.3db SR (100 m OM4)

_____ 3.5 dBm





200G Link

- Rx sensitivity higher by 1.0 1.5 dB (there is margin against -6.4 dBm in the 100G link)
- Max average launch power has to be increased to accommodate the high launch OMA

Key Optical Specifications

Description	Value / Range	Unit	Remarks		
Average launch power, each lane (max)	(4.5, 5)	dBm			
Transmitter overshoot and undershoot, each lane (max)	29	%	at 3E-3 HR; same as 802.3db (and P802.3dj D2.2 which uses 1E-2 HR)		
Rx sensitivity OMA _{outer} (max)	(-5.4, -4.9)	dBm			
TDECQ-related parameters					
Transmitter and dispersion eye closure for PAM4 (TDECQ), each lane (max)	4.6	dB			
TDECQ histogram spacing	(0.06 UI, 0.08 UI)	_			
Reference equalizer	15-tap FFE + 1-tap DFE	_	from P802.3dj D2.2		

Average Power

Higher launch OMA needed for the 200G link along with typical extinction ratio in the range of 2-3 dB requires a higher average launch power

The max average launch power was +4 dBm in the previous three multimode projects, 802.3cd, 802.3cm, and 802.3db

Considerations in setting max average launch power (4.5, 5 dBm)

- Have margin against eye safety limit
- Operate in the linear range of the photodiode

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Based on the max average power per lane of +4 dBm and MPO geometries for multi-lane implementations, 50GBASE-SR, 100GBASE-SR2 and 200GBASE-SR4 PMDs can be consistent with a Hazard level 1M classification for IEC 60825-2, Edition 3.2 (December 2010).

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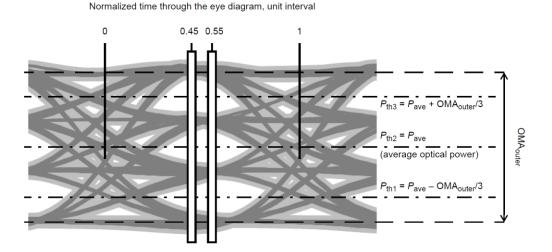
Wavelength			
and fibre type	1	1M	
633 nm (MM)	1,23 mW (+0,9 dBm)	3,77 mW (+5,8 dBm)	
780 nm (MM)	1,78 mW (+2,5 dBm)	5,45 mW (+7,4 dBm)	
850 nm (MM)	2,46 mW (+3,9 dBm)	7,52 mW (+8,8 dBm)	
980 nm (MM)	4,47 mW (+6,5 dBm)	13,7 mW (+11,4 dBm)	

TDECQ Histogram Spacing

Histogram spacing of 0.1 UI defined in Clause 121 has been used in optical PAM4 links

Pros/Cons of a smaller histogram spacing (0.06, 0.08 UI) for 200G per lane multimode link

- The lateral extent of eye opening is small due to limited bandwidth of the directly-modulated laser. Link penalty calculated with a smaller histogram spacing will be more robust.
- Histogram spacing of 0.1 UI overestimates the link penalty reducing the spacing improves correlation with link penalty murty_200gmmf_01a_2511
- A smaller histogram spacing will reduce sensitivity to jitter



From 802.3-2022, Clause 121

Figure 121-5—Illustration of the TDECQ measurement

Summary

Key parameters for the 200G multimode link have been highlighted and values (or range) proposed

Presentations to support / refine the proposed limits will help set up the baseline