Link Startup Time Specification

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Agenda

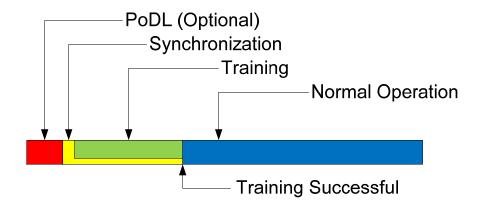
- Nature of Issue
- Suggestions on how to specify startup time



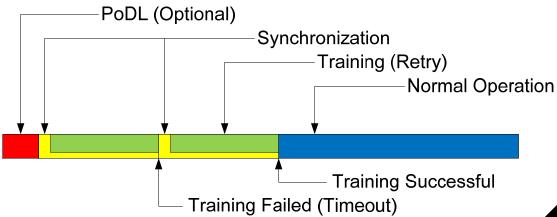
Link Retry Necessary

Lo_3bp_03_0514.pdf shows 10GBASE-T link training has less than 100% probability of finishing in any given attempt

▶ 1 Attempt



2 (or more)



Link Retry Necessary

- ▶ 1000BASE-T1 likely to have same issues
 - Shorter startup time < 100ms vs. 2.0 2.5s for 10GBASE-T
 - Noisier environment

- It is not realistic to specify link training:
 - Completing under 100ms 100% of the time
 - Under any and all conditions



What does 100ms start up time encompass?

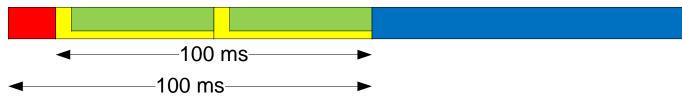
After power up?



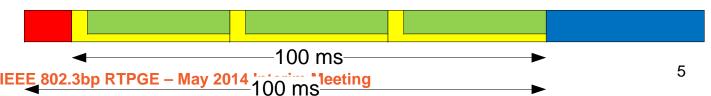
Include power up time?



Include all link training attempts?



Where does it stop?





How to Specify

- ▶ First Agree on whether power up time is included
 - If so then what is the time allocated for PoDL



Some startup time options

- Specify N attempts < 100ms</p>
 - Pro: Simple to understand and measure
 - Con: Potentially less robust training due to less time for all attempts, no guarantee % of success
- Specify minimum % of successful attempts < 100ms under given condition</p>
 - Pro: Give up to maximum time to link up for all attempts, potentially more robust training, some performance guarantee
 - Con: Need to specify condition and %, may be more difficult to setup/measure



THANK YOU

