DR4 Tx 'off' specs

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Tx 'off' spec for multi-lane SMF

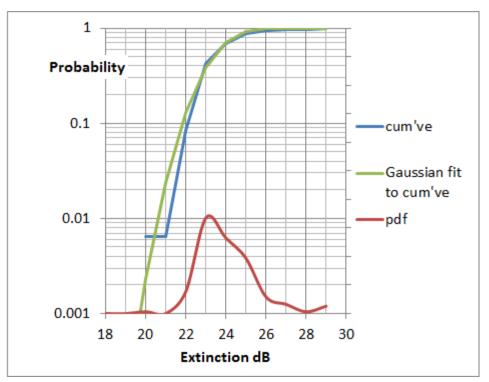
- Global (all transmitters) Tx 'off' is required
 - easily met by turning off the master laser for PSM
- Individual Tx lane 'off' is optional
 - can't turn off master laser;
 - must use the extinction of an individual lane's modulator to attenuate the light on that lane in order to meet the Tx 'off' spec
 - The 802.3bs 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
 - While the single lane variants will have no issue meeting even a -30dBm spec, the single lane variants should be consistent with the multi-lane SMF PMDs
 - Aim: find a spec value that is viable

Tx 'off' power spec

DC modulator extinction data, 3 temperatures, 4

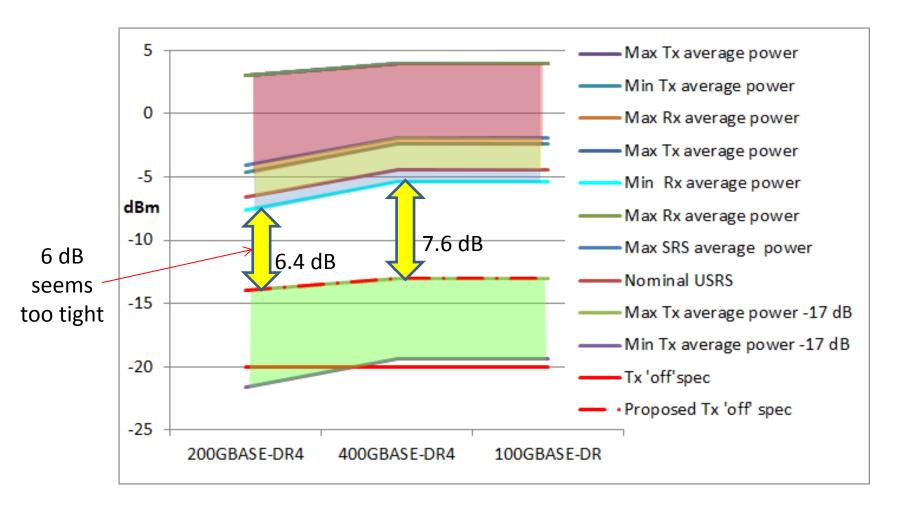
lanes, ~13 devices:

~99.8% yield for 20 dB DC Extinction



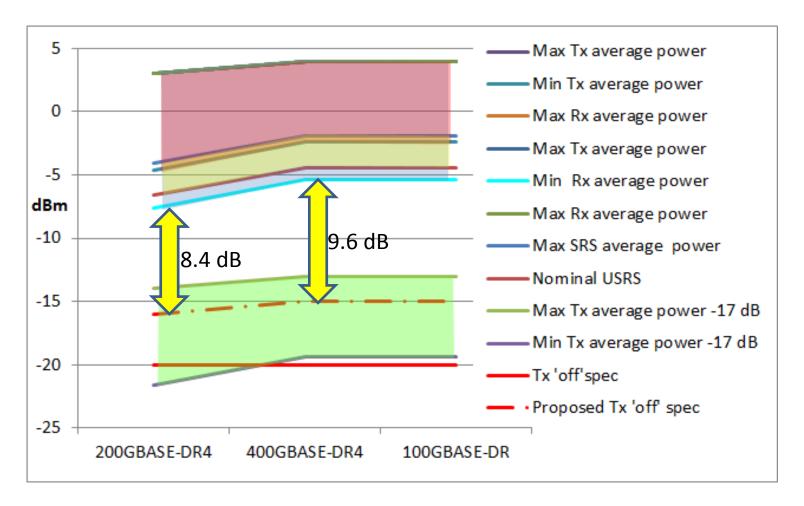
- The Tx average power 'uses up' 3 dB of ER (quadrature bias)
- The rest of the ER can be used to attenuate the power of individual lanes.

200G DR4, 400G DR4 & 100G DR specs, proposal 1: -14, -13 and -13 dBm Tx 'off' spec



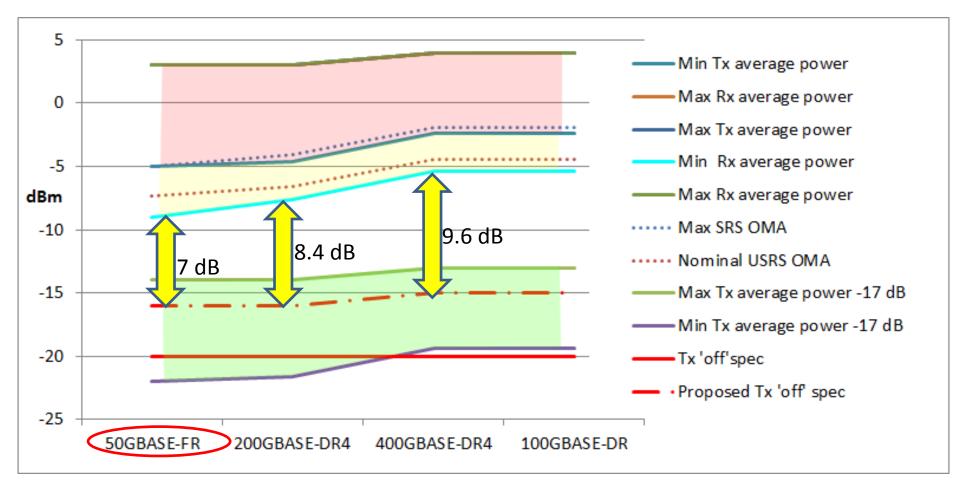
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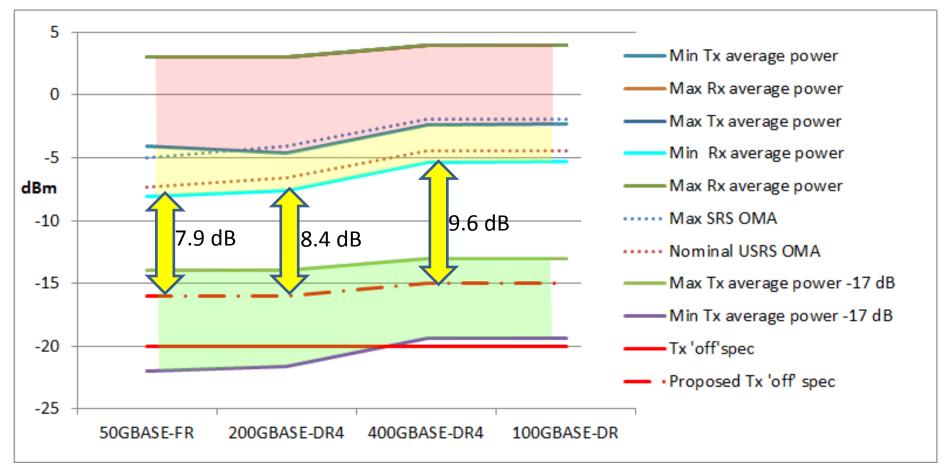


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Helpful changes to 50GBASE-FR

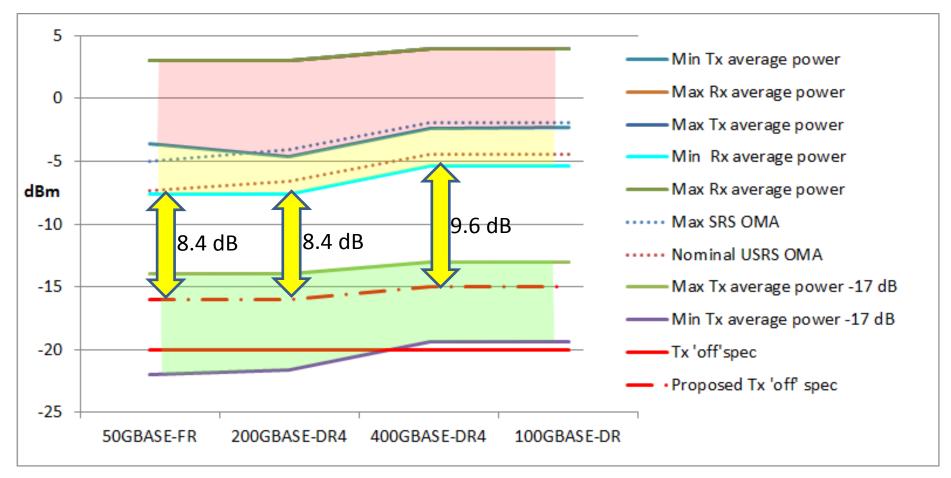
- 50GBASE-FR has lower Tx average launch power (min) than 200GBASE-DR4, and a 1 dB larger channel loss, resulting in a lower 'Average received power (min)' spec. But 50GBASE-FR and 200GBASE-DR4 have the same max Tx average power.
 - The result is a narrower gap between achievable Tx'off' and 'Average received power (min)'.
- To widen the gap between the 'Average received power each lane (min)' and the Tx'off' spec:
 - Other DR and DR4 PMD specs have calculated the min Tx average power from the min Tx OMA and an assumed max ER of 9.8 dB.
 - 50GBASE-FR uses an infinite ER assumption.
 - Option 1: For 50GBASE-FR, use same assumed ER with other PMDs, to raise the min Tx average power from -5 dBm to -4.1 dBm.
 - 'Average received power each lane (min)' would increase to -8.1 dBm.
 - Option 2: Use a higher assumed ER of 8 dB for 50GBASE-FR: raises the min Tx average launch power from -5 dBm to -3.6 dBm, and increases the 'Average received power' to -7.6 dBm, i.e. same value as for 200GBASE-DR4.

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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
- Tx 'off' specs of -16 dBm for 200GBASE-DR4 and 50GBASE-FR, and -15 dBm for 400GBASE-DR4 and 100GBASE-DR, allow Tx 'off' spec to be met reliably if lane to lane variation can be controlled to better than 4 dB average output on any lane.
 - If the 50GBASE-FR specs are adjusted to make the min average received power -7.6 dBm, the same as for 200GBASE-DR4, this would leave >8 dB between the min average received power spec and Tx 'off' spec.

Proposed changes to 802.3bs and 802.3cd

- Change Tx 'off' specs for 200GBASE-DR4 and 50GBASE-FR to -16 dBm.
- Change Tx 'off' specs for 400GBASE-DR4 and 100GBASE-DR to -15 dBm.
- Change the min average received power spec in 50GBASE-FR to -7.6 dBm.