

Reliability constrained link budget assessment for 25 and 10 Gb/s

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Introduction & objectives

- This contribution is based on the reliability criteria and reliability models presented in [1], which are consistent with the ones considered in [2]
- It is also based on the mission profile proposal of [3]
- The objectives of this contribution are:
 - Exploration of the maximum operation bias current at maximum temperature based on wear out reliability criteria
 - Link budget assessment based on max bias current
- As explained in [2], 5 FIT target of maverick failures have not been verified so far. The presented reliability analysis will only be based on the wear out / fatigue failures
- Only TRUMPF 850nm 25G VCSEL will be considered, because reliability data and oxide aperture of the tested devices are known
 - Smallest oxide aperture diameter corner will be considered for the reliability calculation
 - Smallest and largest aperture will be considered for link budget analysis



VCSEL wear out reliability models [1]

VCSEL wear out statistics – lognormal PDF

- VCSEL aging failures are collected in time according to a lognormal distribution
 - This is very different of the general consideration of exponential distribution used in complex CMOS integrated circuits (λ is constant)
- Because VCSEL lifetime statistics follow a lognormal distribution, λ is not constant
- Lognormal PDF is defined as:

$$f(t') = \frac{1}{\sigma' \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{t' - \mu'}{\sigma'}\right)^2\right)$$

where:

- t' is the natural logarithm of the time to failure
- μ' mean of the natural logarithms of the time to failure
- σ' standard deviation of the natural logarithms of the time to failure
- Therefore, the unreliability function is:

$$F(t) = \Phi\left(\frac{\ln(t) - \mu'}{\sigma'}\right)$$

where Φ is the standard normal distribution (i.e. $N(0,1)$)

VCSEL wear out reliability model

- Reliability model is as follows. The time to failure is reduced with temperature (T) according to Arrhenius's equation and with a negative power of the average current density (J):

$$TTF_{x\%} = C \cdot J^{-n} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{E_a \cdot e}{k_B \cdot T}\right)$$

where:

- E_a is the activation energy of failure mechanism (eV)
- e is the electron charge (SI units)
- k_B is the Boltzmann's constant (SI units)
- T is absolute temperature (Kelvin)
- C is a constant
- $TTF_{x\%}$ is the time to x% failures (e.g. in hours)
- Reliability model can be built on T_J (junction or active region temperature) or it can be built on T_s (substrate or heat-sink temperature, direct to measure)



VCSEL wear out reliability analysis results

VCSEL reliability analysis based on extracted model from [4]

Reliability parameters

Operation	Operation total time (h)		32000	Reliability model	Wear out Ea (eV) @ T _J	1.075
	Service life (years)		15		Wear out n @ T _J	6.084
	Min oxide aperture diam. (um)		6.5		Arrhenius C factor (hours) @ T _J	1.070547E-02
	I _{OP} (mA) max		4.4770		TTF x%	50
	J _{OP} (kA/cm ²)		13.50		Log-normal σ', ln (hours)	0.32
	V _F (V) w/c		2.0		Q _e	1.6022E-19
	P _{opt} (mW) w/c		0		K _B	1.3806E-23
	P _{DIS} (mW)		8.9540		Q _e /K _B	1.1605E+04
	R _{JS} (K/W) w/c		2500		°C to Kelvin	273.15
	ΔT _{AS} (°C)		20			

Calculation according to [1], slide 18. Model extracted from [4].

Reliability result

	Temperature profile					Failure rate						
	Percentage	Time per Temperature (h)	T _A (°C)	T _s (°C)	T _J (°C)	TTF x% (hours)	TTF x% (years)	Equivalent time in max T (hours)	Log-normal mu', ln (hours)	Failure-rate wear out (FIT)	Failure-rate maverick (FIT)	Total ppm
T ₀	6 %	1920	-40	-20	2.4	6.652E+10	7.594E+06	0.00	24.9208			
T ₁	20 %	6400	23	43	65.4	1.454E+07	1.659E+03	4.84	16.4921			
T ₂	65 %	20800	50	70	92.4	9.548E+05	1.090E+02	239.28	13.7692			
T ₃	8 %	2560	100	120	142.4	1.570E+04	1.792E+00	1791.29	9.6612			
T ₄	1 %	320	105	125	147.4	1.098E+04	1.254E+00	320.00	9.3042			
Cummulative	100 %	32000						2355.40	9.3042	5.0	5.0	319.21

Original mission profile

VCSEL reliability analysis based on extracted model from [4]

Reliability parameters

Operation	Operation total time (h)		12000	Reliability model	Wear out Ea (eV) @ T _J	1.075
	Service life (years)		15		Wear out n @ T _J	6.084
	Min oxide aperture diam. (um)		6.5		Arrhenius C factor (hours) @ T _J	1.070547E-02
	I _{OP} (mA) max		4.7960		TTF x%	50
	J _{OP} (kA/cm ²)		14.46		Log-normal σ', ln (hours)	0.32
	V _F (V) w/c		2.0		Q _e	1.6022E-19
	P _{opt} (mW) w/c		0		K _B	1.3806E-23
	P _{DIS} (mW)		9.5920		Q _e /K _B	1.1605E+04
	R _{JS} (K/W) w/c		2500		°C to Kelvin	273.15
	ΔT _{AS} (°C)		20			

Calculation according to [1], slide 18. Model extracted from [4].

Reliability result

	Temperature profile					Failure rate						
	Percentage	Time per Temperature (h)	T _A (°C)	T _s (°C)	T _J (°C)	TTF x% (hours)	TTF x% (years)	Equivalent time in max T (hours)	Log-normal mu', ln (hours)	Failure-rate wear out (FIT)	Failure-rate maverick (FIT)	Total ppm
T ₀	6 %	720	-40	-20	4.0	3.372E+10	3.849E+06	0.00	24.2413			
T ₁	20 %	2400	23	43	67.0	8.045E+06	9.183E+02	1.93	15.9005			
T ₂	65 %	7800	70	90	114.0	9.353E+04	1.068E+01	538.67	11.4461			
T ₃	8 %	960	100	120	144.0	9.206E+03	1.051E+00	673.55	9.1276			
T ₄	1 %	120	105	125	149.0	6.459E+03	7.374E-01	120.00	8.7733			
Cummulative	100 %	12000						1334.15	8.7733	5.0	5.0	119.54

New mission profile

VCSEL reliability analysis based on extracted model from [5]

Reliability parameters

Operation	Operation total time (h)		32000	Reliability model	Wear out Ea (eV) @ Ts	1.225
	Service life (years)		15		Wear out n @ Ts	6.588
	Min oxide aperture diam. (um)		6.5		Arrhenius C factor (hours) @ Ts	4.044972E-05
	I _{OP} (mA) max		4.5840		TTF x%	1
	J _{OP} (kA/cm ²)		13.82		Log-normal σ', ln (hours)	0.37
	V _F (V) w/c		2.0		Q _e	1.6022E-19
	P _{opt} (mW) w/c		0		K _B	1.3806E-23
	P _{DIS} (mW)		9.1680		Q _e /K _B	1.1605E+04
	R _{JS} (K/W) w/c		2500		°C to Kelvin	273.15
	ΔT _{AS} (°C)		20			

Calculation according to [1], slide 23. Model extracted from [5].

Reliability result

	Temperature profile				Failure rate							
	Percentage	Time per Temperature (h)	T _A (°C)	T _s (°C)	T _J (°C)	TTF x% (hours)	TTF x% (years)	Equivalent time in max T (hours)	Log-normal mu', ln (hours)	Failure-rate wear out (FIT)	Failure-rate maverick (FIT)	Total ppm
T ₀	6 %	1920	-40	-20	2.9	3.071E+12	3.506E+08	0.00	29.6139			
T ₁	20 %	6400	23	43	65.9	4.229E+07	4.827E+03	0.61	18.4207			
T ₂	65 %	20800	50	70	92.9	1.228E+06	1.402E+02	67.93	14.8818			
T ₃	8 %	2560	100	120	142.9	6.317E+03	7.212E-01	1625.49	9.6118			
T ₄	1 %	320	105	125	147.9	4.011E+03	4.579E-01	320.00	9.1576			
Cummulative	100 %	32000						2014.03	9.1576	5.0	5.0	320.05

Original mission profile

VCSEL reliability analysis based on extracted model from [5]

Reliability parameters

Operation	Operation total time (h)	12000	Reliability model	Wear out Ea (eV) @ Ts	1.225
	Service life (years)	15		Wear out n @ Ts	6.588
	Min oxide aperture diam. (um)	6.5		Arrhenius C factor (hours) @ Ts	4.044972E-05
	I _{OP} (mA) max	5.0775		TTF x%	1
	J _{OP} (kA/cm ²)	15.31		Log-normal σ', ln (hours)	0.37
	V _F (V) w/c	2.0		Q _e	1.6022E-19
	P _{opt} (mW) w/c	0		K _B	1.3806E-23
	P _{DIS} (mW)	10.1550		Q _e /K _B	1.1605E+04
	R _{JS} (K/W) w/c	2500		°C to Kelvin	273.15
	ΔT _{AS} (°C)	20			

Calculation according to [1], slide 23. Model extracted from [5].

Reliability result

	Temperature profile					Failure rate							
	Percentage	Time per Temperature (h)	T _A (°C)	T _s (°C)	T _J (°C)	TTF x% (hours)	TTF x% (years)	Equivalent time in max T (hours)	Log-normal mu', ln (hours)	Failure-rate wear out (FIT)	Failure-rate maverick (FIT)	Total ppm	
T ₀	6 %	720	-40	-20	5.4	1.566E+12	1.788E+08	0.00	28.9403				
T ₁	20 %	2400	23	43	68.4	2.156E+07	2.461E+03	0.23	17.7471				
T ₂	65 %	7800	70	90	115.4	6.392E+04	7.296E+00	249.59	11.9261				
T ₃	8 %	960	100	120	145.4	3.221E+03	3.677E-01	609.56	8.9382				
T ₄	1 %	120	105	125	150.4	2.045E+03	2.335E-01	120.00	8.4840				
Cummulative	100 %	12000						979.38	8.4840	5.0	5.0	119.61	

New mission profile

VCSEL reliability analysis based on TRUMPF data [2]

Reliability parameters

Operation	Operation total time (h)	32000	Reliability model	Wear out Ea (eV) @ T _J	1.180
	Service life (years)	15		Wear out n @ T _J	1.640
	Min oxide aperture diam. (um)	6.5		TTF x%, location	50.0
	I _{OP} (mA) max	5.6820		Log-normal σ', ln (hours)	0.5
	J _{OP} (kA/cm ²)	17.13		J ₀ (kA/cm ²)	19.49
	J _{OP} (mA/um ²)	0.17		T _{J0} (°C)	193
	ΔT _{AS} (°C)	20.0		TTF ₀ x% (hours)	965
VCSEL model fitting	R _{JS} (K/W) @ room Ts reference	1950	VCSEL model fitting	Arrhenius C factor (hours) @ T _J	2.198993E-08
	R _{JS} factor	100 %		Q _e	1.6022E-19
	R _{JS} (K/W) @ room Ts	1950		K _B	1.3806E-23
	R _{JS} room Ts (°C)	20.0		Q _e /K _B	1.1605E+04
	R _{JS} Exponent	1.067		°C to Kelvin	273.15
	R _{JS} Current fitting p0	0.01754		P _{DIS} poly-fitting p11	-0.006889
	R _{JS} Current fitting p1	0.9636		P _{DIS} poly-fitting p02	-5.203E-05
	P _{DIS} poly-fitting p00	-0.3481		P _{DIS} poly-fitting p21	0.0001612
	P _{DIS} poly-fitting p10	1.291		P _{DIS} poly-fitting p12	3.641E-05
	P _{DIS} poly-fitting p01	0.01552		P _{DIS} poly-fitting p03	1.736E-15
	P _{DIS} poly-fitting p20	0.05763			

Reliability result

	Temperature profile						Failure rate								
	Percentage	Operation time per Temperature (h)	T _A (°C)	T _s (°C)	R _{JS} (K/W)	P _{DIS} (mW)	T _J (°C)	TTF x% (hours)	TTF x% (years)	Equivalent time in max T (hours)	Log-normal mu', ln (hours)	Failure-rate wear out (FIT)	Failure-rate maverick (FIT)	ppm	
T0	6 %	1920	-40	-20.0	1772.9	9.28	-3.6	2.384E+12	2.721E+08	0.00	28.4996				
T1	20 %	6400	23	43.0	2247.4	8.34	61.7	1.192E+08	1.361E+04	1.19	18.5963				
T2	65 %	20800	50	70.0	2452.7	8.32	90.4	4.751E+06	5.423E+02	97.41	15.3738				
T3	8 %	2560	100	120.0	2835.9	8.87	145.1	3.434E+04	3.920E+00	1658.43	10.4442				
T4	1 %	320	105	125.0	2874.4	8.97	150.8	2.225E+04	2.540E+00	320.00	10.0100				
Cummulative	100 %	32000								2077.03	10.0100	5.0	5.0	320.54	

Original mission profile

VCSEL reliability analysis based on TRUMPF data [2]

Reliability parameters

Operation	Operation total time (h)	12000	Reliability model	Wear out Ea (eV) @ T _J	1.180
	Service life (years)	15		Wear out n @ T _J	1.640
	Min oxide aperture diam. (um)	6.5		TTF x%, location	50.0
	I _{OP} (mA) max	6.5200		Log-normal σ', ln (hours)	0.5
	J _{OP} (kA/cm ²)	19.66		J ₀ (kA/cm ²)	19.49
	J _{OP} (mA/um ²)	0.20		T _{J0} (°C)	193
	ΔT _{AS} (°C)	20.0		TTF ₀ x% (hours)	965
VCSEL model fitting	R _{JS} (K/W) @ room Ts reference	1950	VCSEL model fitting	Arrhenius C factor (hours) @ T _J	2.198993E-08
	R _{JS} factor	100 %		Q _e	1.6022E-19
	R _{JS} (K/W) @ room Ts	1950		K _B	1.3806E-23
	R _{JS} room Ts (°C)	20.0		Q _e /K _B	1.1605E+04
	R _{JS} Exponent	1.067		°C to Kelvin	273.15
	R _{JS} Current fitting p0	0.01754		P _{DIS} poly-fitting p11	-0.006889
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	P _{DIS} poly-fitting p00	-0.3481		P _{DIS} poly-fitting p21	0.0001612
	P _{DIS} poly-fitting p10	1.291		P _{DIS} poly-fitting p12	3.641E-05
	P _{DIS} poly-fitting p01	0.01552		P _{DIS} poly-fitting p03	1.736E-15
	P _{DIS} poly-fitting p20	0.05763			

Reliability result

	Temperature profile						Failure rate								
	Percentage	Operation time per Temperature (h)	T _A (°C)	T _s (°C)	R _{JS} (K/W)	P _{DIS} (mW)	T _J (°C)	TTF x% (hours)	TTF x% (years)	Equivalent time in max T (hours)	Log-normal mu', ln (hours)	Failure-rate wear out (FIT)	Failure-rate maverick (FIT)	ppm	
T0	6 %	720	-40	-20.0	1797.5	11.04	-0.1	1.010E+12	1.153E+08	0.00	27.6412				
T1	20 %	2400	23	43.0	2278.4	9.89	65.5	6.019E+07	6.871E+03	0.48	17.9130				
T2	65 %	7800	70	90.0	2641.6	9.99	116.4	3.071E+05	3.506E+01	306.88	12.6349				
T3	8 %	960	100	120.0	2875.1	10.48	150.1	1.863E+04	2.127E+00	622.63	9.8324				
T4	1 %	120	105	125.0	2914.1	10.60	155.9	1.208E+04	1.379E+00	120.00	9.3995				
Cummulative	100 %	12000								1049.99	9.3995	5.0	5.0	119.77	

New mission profile

Conclusions on max I_{BIAS}

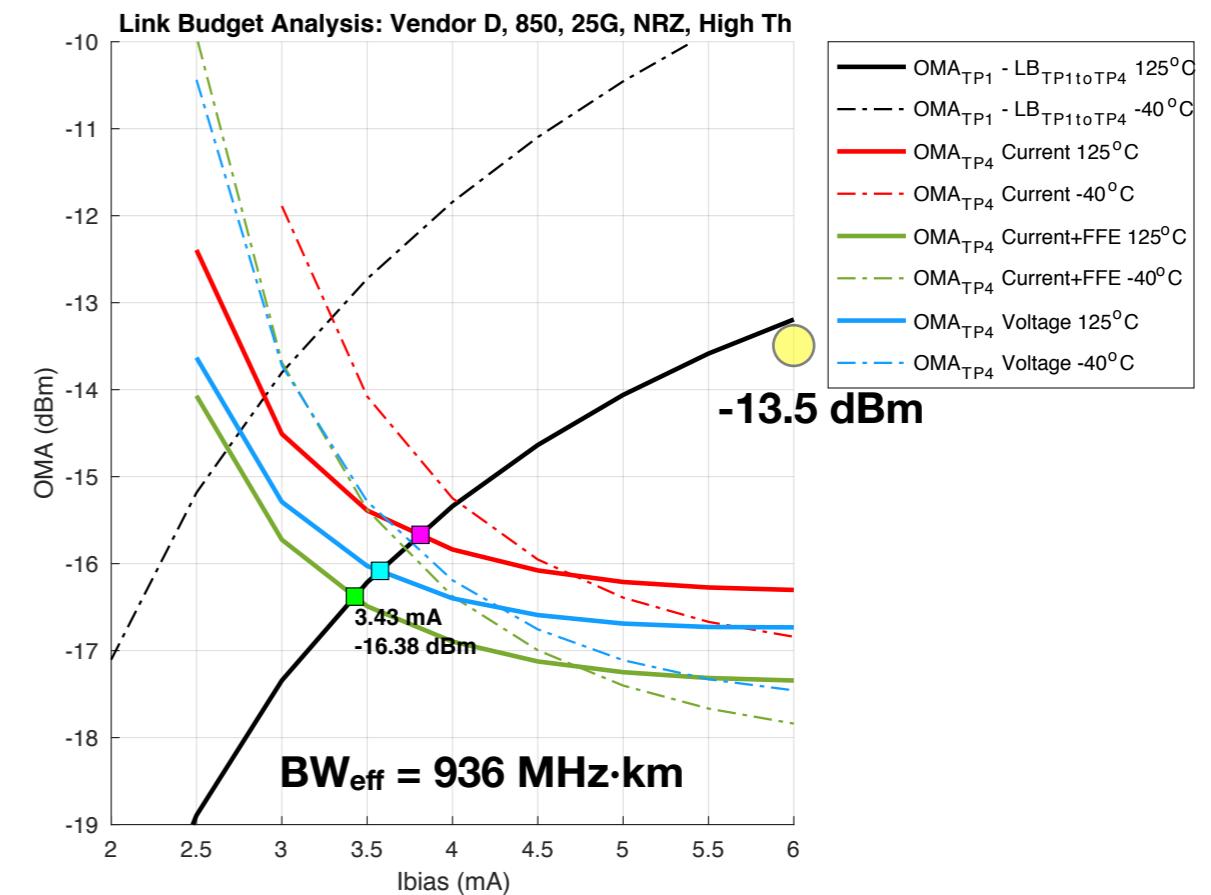
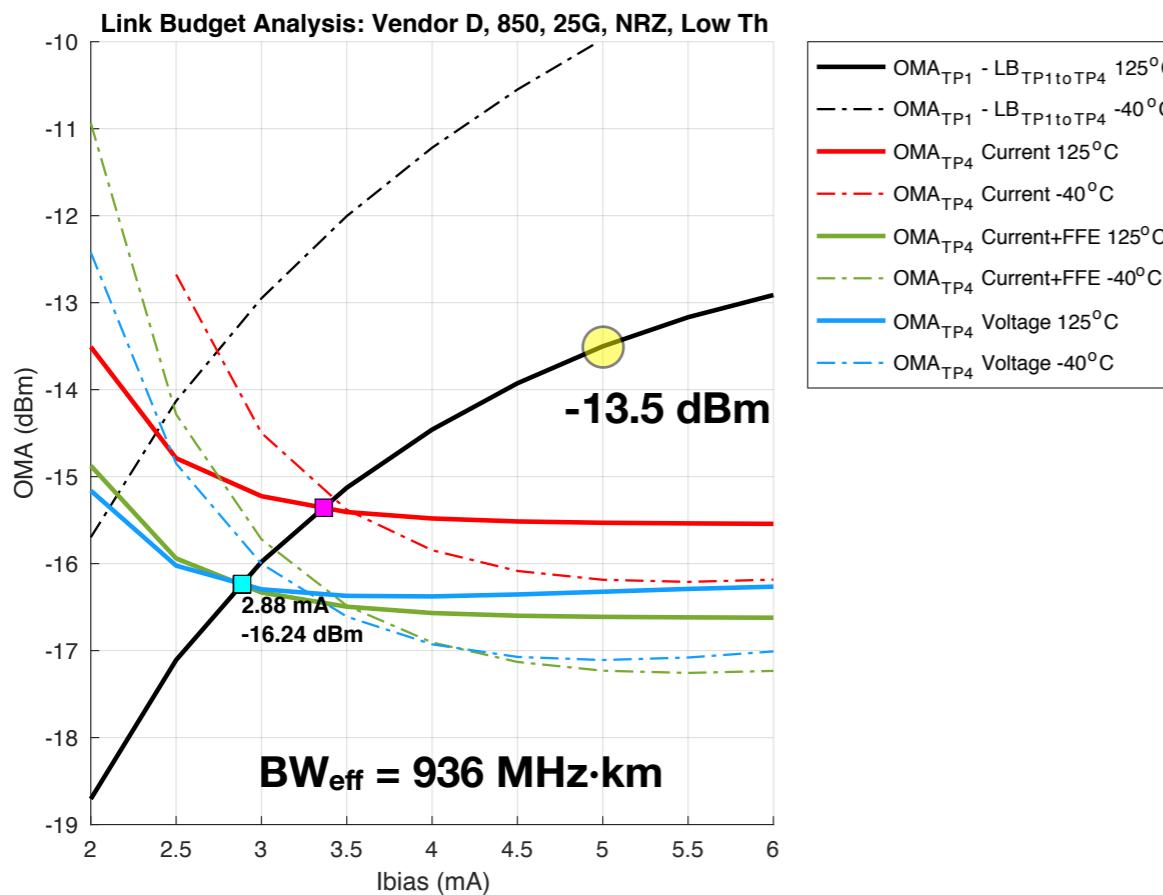
- For the **original mission profile** presented in [1], i.e. 32000 hours:
 - According to models considered in [1]: max current density is between 13.5 and 13.8 kA/cm²
 - max I_{BIAS} between 4.5 and 4.6 mA, for 6.5 um aperture
 - TRUMPF 850 nm 25G VCSEL: max current density is 17.1 kA/cm²
 - max I_{BIAS} is 5.7 mA, for 6.5 um aperture
- Considering the **new mission profile** proposed in [3], which is more suitable for multi-gigabit applications, i.e. 12000 hours:
 - According to models considered in [1]: max current density is between 14.5 and 15.3 kA/cm²
 - max I_{BIAS} between 4.8 and 5.1 mA, for 6.5 um aperture
 - TRUMPF 850 nm 25G VCSEL: max current density is 19.7 kA/cm²
 - max I_{BIAS} is 6.5 mA, for 6.5 um aperture
- Let's consider a conservative (i.e. 5 FIT random failures not verified so far) max current density of 15.2 kA/cm² for TRUMPF 850nm 25G VCSELs:
 - $I_{BIAS} = 5$ mA for low threshold devices, 6.5 um aperture
 - $I_{BIAS} = 6$ mA for high threshold devices, 7.5 um aperture



Reliability constrained link budget assessment

Link budget assessment for 25 Gb/s

- From [6], we have $IL_{TP1\text{-to-}TP4} = 11.84 \text{ dB}$, so based on the following curves we can calculate OMA_{TP1} for $ER = 3\text{dB}$



Link budget assessment for 25 Gb/s

- Proposal considering ER = 3dB:
 - $(OMA_{TP1} - IL_{TP1\text{-to-}TP4})_{min} = -13.5 \text{ dBm}$
 - $OMA_{TP1,min} = -13.5 + 11.84 = -1.7 \text{ dBm}$
 - $IL_{TP1\text{-to-}TP2,max} = 4.0 \text{ dB} = 0.5 + 1.0 + 2.5 \text{ (SE variation + aging + coupling loss)}$
 - $OMA_{TP2,min} = -1.7 - 4.0 = \mathbf{-5.7 \text{ dBm}}$
 - $OMA_{TP4,max} = -16.5 \text{ dBm}$
 - $IL_{TP3\text{-to-}TP4, max} = 2.5 \text{ dB} \text{ (more realistic with actual knowledge)}$
 - $OMA_{TP3,max} = -16.5 + 2.5 = \mathbf{-14.0 \text{ dBm}}$
 - Power Budget = $\mathbf{-5.7 + 14.0 = 8.3 \text{ dB}}$
- For $I_{BIAS} \geq 5 \text{ mA}$, it is reasonable to increase the ER to 4dB without receiver sensitivity degradation caused by VCSEL non-linear response, therefore:
 - $OMA_{TP2,min} = -5.7 + 1.125 = \mathbf{-4.6 \text{ dBm}}$
 - Where $10 \cdot \log_{10}((10^{(3/10)} + 1)/(10^{(3/10)} - 1) \cdot (10^{(4/10)} - 1)/(10^{(4/10)} + 1)) = 1.125 \text{ dB}$
 - $OMA_{TP3,max} = \mathbf{-13.5 \text{ dBm}}$
 - With extra OMA at TP2, we give margin 0.5 dB to the RX implementation, equivalent to $OMA_{TP4,max} = -16 \text{ dBm}$
 - Power budget = $\mathbf{-4.6 + 13.5 = 8.9 \text{ dB}}$
- Channel attenuation = 8.28 dB (fiber att. + 0.2 dB bending + 4×2dB inline connections)
- Unallocated margin = $8.9 - 8.28 = \mathbf{0.62 \text{ dB}}$

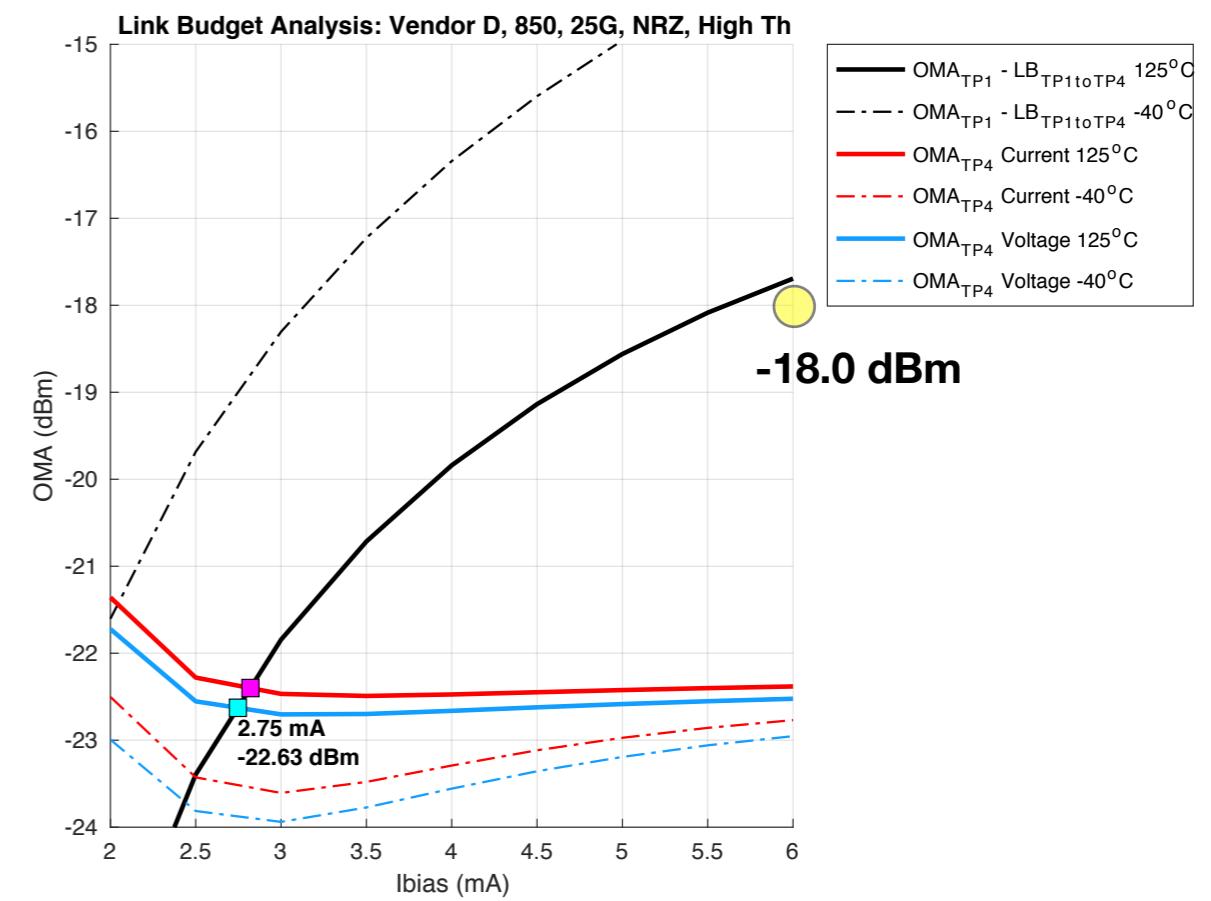
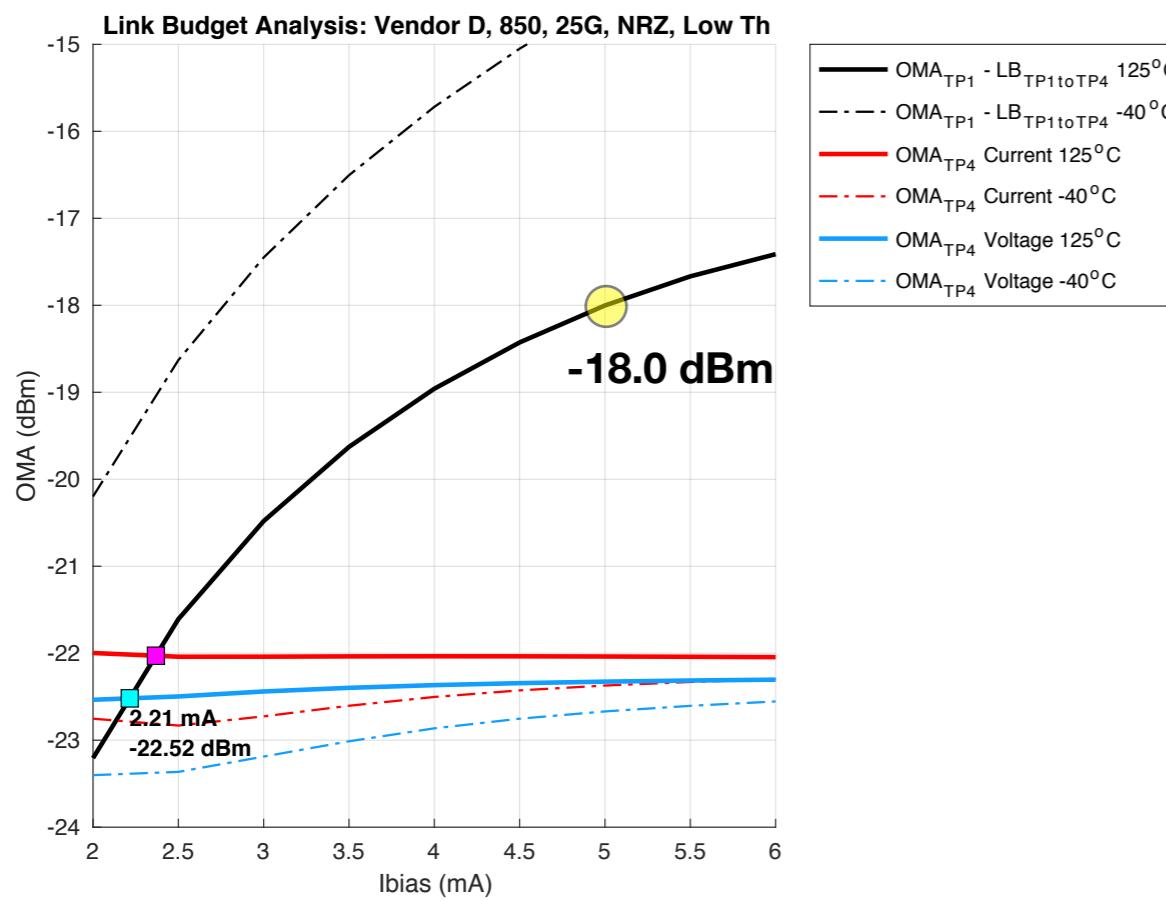
Link budget assessment for 25 Gb/s

25 Gb/s link budget assessment

Parameter	Value	
VCSEL SE variation in the same bin (dB)	0.50	A
VCSEL aging (dB)	1.00	B
VCSEL to TP2 max coupling loss (dB)	2.50	C
$IL_{TP1\text{-}to\text{-}TP2}, \text{max}$ (dB)	4.00	$D = A + B + C$
$IL_{TP3\text{-}to\text{-}TP4}, \text{max}$ (dB)	2.50	E
Insertion loss per inline connection, IL_{IC} max (dB)	2.00	F
Number of inline connections (N_{IC})	4	G
Macrobend insertion loss, max (dB)	0.20	H
Microbend insertion loss, max (dB)	0.00	I
Bending insertion loss, IL_{BEND} max (dB)	0.20	$J = H + I$
Fiber attenuation (dB/km)	2.00	K
Channel attenuation, $IL_{TP2\text{-}to\text{-}TP3}, \text{max}$ (dB)	8.28	$L = (F \times G) + J + (40/1000 \times K)$
$IL_{TP1\text{-}to\text{-}TP4}, \text{max}$ (dB)	14.78	$M = D + E + L$
OMA_{TP1} min (dBm)	-0.60	N
OMA_{TP2} min (dBm)	-4.60	$O = N - D$
OMA_{TP4} max (dBm)	-16.00	P
OMA_{TP3} max (dBm)	-13.50	$Q = P + E$
Power budget (dB)	8.90	$R = O - Q$
Unallocated margin (dB)	0.62	$S = R - L$

Link budget assessment for 10 Gb/s

- From [7], we have $IL_{TP1\text{-to-}TP4} = 16.34 \text{ dB}$, so based on the following curves we can calculate OMA_{TP1} for $ER = 3\text{dB}$



Link budget assessment for 10 Gb/s

- Proposal considering ER = 3dB:
 - $(\text{OMA}_{\text{TP1}} - \text{IL}_{\text{TP1-to-TP4}})_{\min} = -18.0 \text{ dBm}$
 - $\text{OMA}_{\text{TP1,min}} = -18.0 + 16.34 = -1.7 \text{ dBm}$
 - $\text{IL}_{\text{TP1-to-TP2,max}} = 5.0 \text{ dB} = 0.5 + 1.0 + 3.5 \text{ (SE variation + aging + relaxed coupling loss)}$
 - $\text{OMA}_{\text{TP2,min}} = -1.7 - 5.5 = \mathbf{-7.2 \text{ dBm}}$
 - $\text{OMA}_{\text{TP4,max}} = -22.0 \text{ dBm}$
 - $\text{IL}_{\text{TP3-to-TP4, max}} = 3.5 \text{ dB} \text{ (relaxed design of receiver coupling elements)}$
 - $\text{OMA}_{\text{TP3,max}} = -22.0 + 3.5 = \mathbf{-18.5 \text{ dBm}}$
 - Power budget = $\mathbf{-7.2 + 18.0 = 11.8 \text{ dB}}$
- Channel attenuation = 11.28 dB (fiber att. + 0.2 dB bending + 4×2.75dB inline connections)
- Unallocated margin = $11.8 - 11.28 = \mathbf{0.52 \text{ dB}}$

Link budget assessment for 10 Gb/s

10 Gb/s link budget assessment

Parameter	Value	
VCSEL SE variation in the same bin (dB)	0.50	A
VCSEL aging (dB)	1.00	B
VCSEL to TP2 max coupling loss (dB)	3.50	C
$IL_{TP1\text{-}to\text{-}TP2}, \text{max}$ (dB)	5.00	$D = A + B + C$
$IL_{TP3\text{-}to\text{-}TP4}, \text{max}$ (dB)	3.50	E
Insertion loss per inline connection, IL_{IC} max (dB)	2.75	F
Number of inline connections (N_{IC})	4	G
Macrobend insertion loss, max (dB)	0.20	H
Microbend insertion loss, max (dB)	0.00	I
Bending insertion loss, IL_{BEND} max (dB)	0.20	$J = H + I$
Fiber attenuation (dB/km)	2.00	K
Channel attenuation, $IL_{TP2\text{-}to\text{-}TP3}, \text{max}$ (dB)	11.28	$L = (F \times G) + J + (40/1000 \times K)$
$IL_{TP1\text{-}to\text{-}TP4}, \text{max}$ (dB)	19.78	$M = D + E + L$
OMA_{TP1} min (dBm)	-1.70	N
OMA_{TP2} min (dBm)	-6.70	$O = N - D$
OMA_{TP4} max (dBm)	-22.00	P
OMA_{TP3} max (dBm)	-18.50	$Q = P + E$
Power budget (dB)	11.80	$R = O - Q$
Unallocated margin (dB)	0.52	$S = R - L$

Conclusions

- VCSEL wear out reliability analysis for proposed mission profile in [3] has been presented to determine max bias current that might be used to meet the reliability requirements
- Specifically, reliability analysis for TRUMPF 850nm 25G VCSEL has been presented
- Based on max bias current, link budget assessment has be presented for 25 and 10 Gb/s operations

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Thank you!