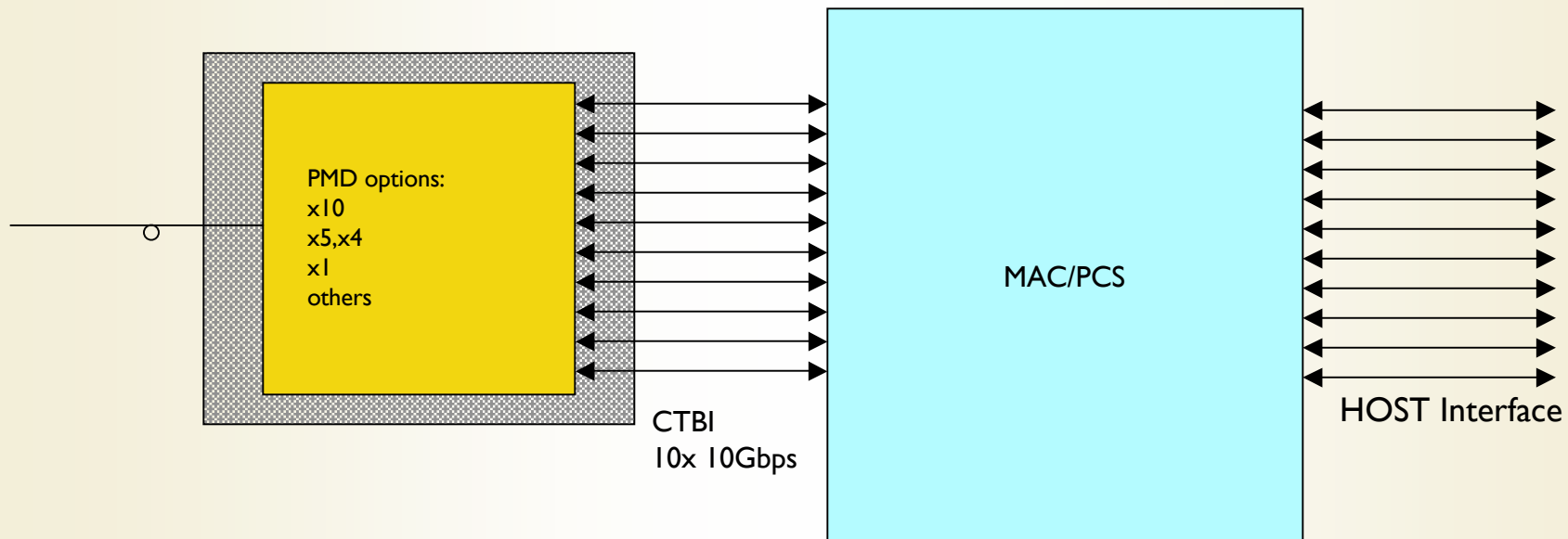




More on the Feasibility of a 100GE MAC

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100G MAC





100G MAC Feasibility



- Deal with Feasibility of:
 - CTBI Interface ?
 - PCS ?
 - Digital Core ✓
 - Gear-box ✓
 - Internal Bus ✓
 - CRC32 ✓
 - Host Interface (CGMII or CAUI) ?
 - The complete solution ?

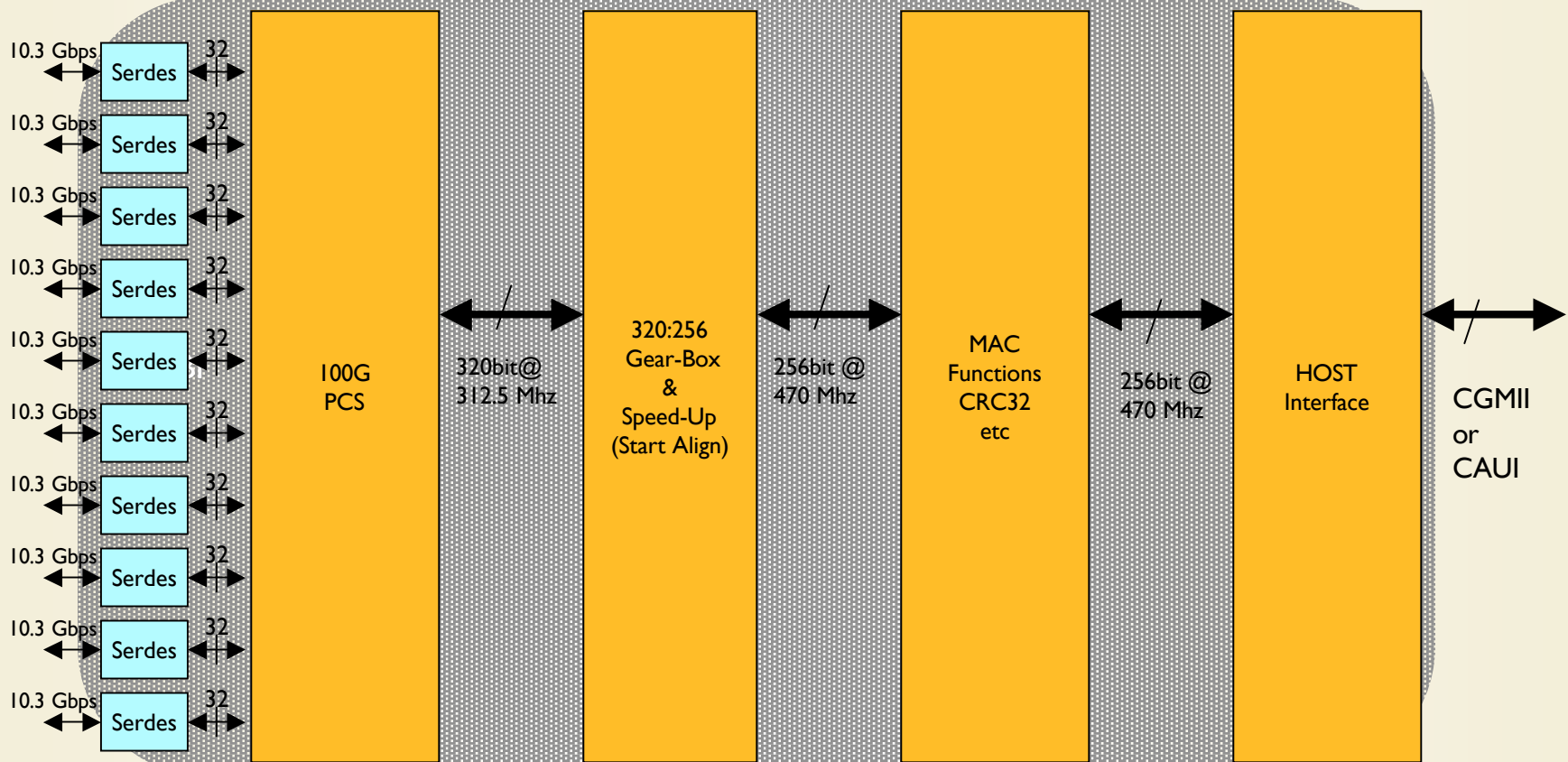


Example of a PCS & MAC



Feasibility discussed
in Mark Gustlin's slides

Feasibility shown in
Last Meeting



Recap of Major Digital Blocks (90nm CMOS)



Blocks		Size (in Kgate)	Notes
CRC32 Checker and Generator	320 @ 425 Mhz	400	Post Place & Route result
	256 @ 470 Mhz	400	
Gear-Box	(320:256)@ 390 Mhz	10	Rough estimate using Synthesis only with no optimization (No P&R)
Striping across 10 Lanes	Columns (32 bits)	2	
	Words (64 bits)	10	
De-scrambler (self-sync 10GE)	32 bits x (10 instances)	50	
	320 bits		
Scrambler	32bits x (10 instances)	10	
	320bit @425 Mhz	35	
Full PCS64/66 (10 instances)	32bits @ 321.8 Mhz (10 instances)	440	Post Place & Route result 10GE PCS with 32:33 Gearbox

Sizes are used for reference, actual implementation might vary (based on tools, process, additional features such as diagnostic, etc)



CGMII or CAUI interface options



- To implement 100Gbps interface, the following options can be used:
 - 10x 10 Gbps (as in CTBI)
 - 16x 6.25 Gbps
 - 20x 5.00 Gbps
 - 32x 3.12 Gbps
 - 64x 1.56 Gbps
 - 80x 1.25 Gbps



Data for Comparison



- Using Existing silicon (.13u CMOS):
 - SPI4.2 (LVDS from 600 to 1200 Mbps)
 - XAUI and double XAUI (3.125 to 6.25 Gbps)
 - XFI (10.3 Gbps)
- Different criteria impact power and area:
 - Reach (long or short)
 - Type of channels to be supported
 - Jitter specs to be met
 - Other design and technology considerations



Example of Relative Area & Power



For 100Gbps Interface	LVDS 1.25Gbps	CML 3.125Gbps	CML 5Gbps	CML 6.25Gbps	CML 10Gbps
Power	2x	1.8x	1.25x	1x	2.6x
Traces	5x	2x	1.25x	1x	0.6x
Area (Active + Bumps)	.9x	1.8x	1.25x	1x	2.2x

Based on existing silicon (.13u CMOS)



Possible Interfaces



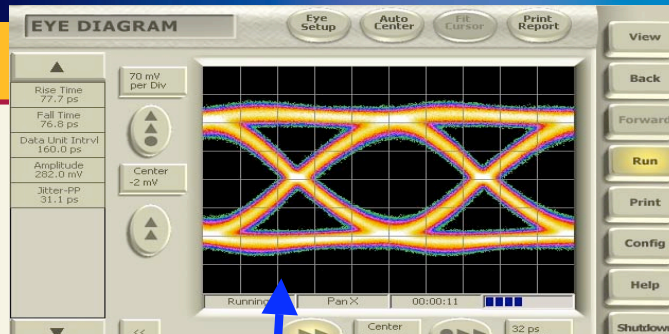
- CAUI using CML
 - 16x 6.25G using 64/66 coding (6.44 Gbps)
 - 20x 5G using 8B10B coding (6.25 Gbps)
- CGMII using LVDS
 - 80x 1.25G + 10 bit control
 - 64 data bit + 1 control @ 1.5625Gbps



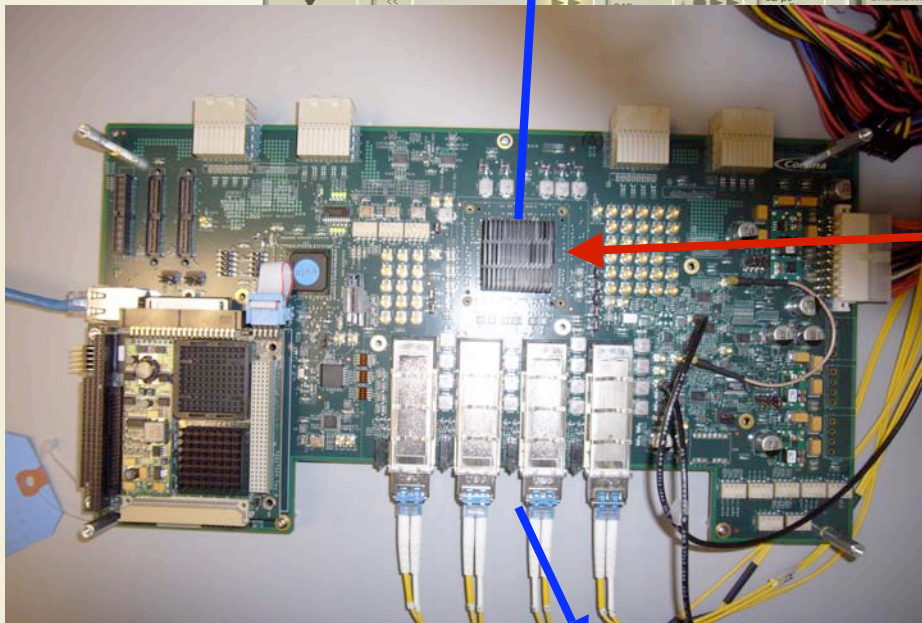
Putting It All Together



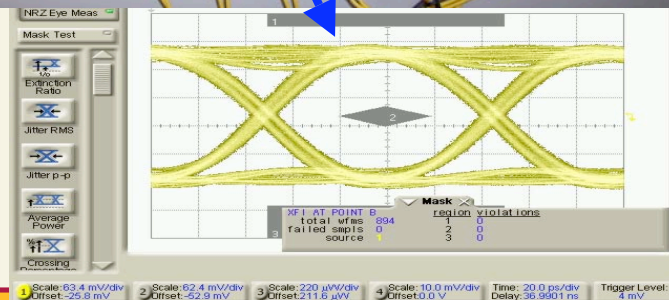
- Are there existing designs with
 - Line interface of 10x 10Gbps or Equiv.
 - Host interface of 16x 6.25Gbps or Equiv.
 - Large Digital core
 - ??
- Current Technology (.13 u):
 - 4x 10Gbps
 - 16x 6.25Gbps
 - Large digital core



Interlaken Interface Eye Diagram
6.25Gbps over 12" FR4 and
HMZD connector



MAC ASIC (.13 u CMOS)
Quad XFI (4x 10Gbps) and
Dual Interlaken (16 x 6.25 Gbps)



XFI Interface Eye Diagram
10.3125Gbps measured electrically
with Intel XFP compliance board



Conclusion



- A 100G MAC is feasible and of a reasonable complexity
- Multiple implementation of 100G digital core are feasible in standard CMOS
- A “lower” rate interface CGMII or CAUI is possible
- When considering technical feasibility, an existing implementation in .13u provides the required 100GE host interface, and approximately half the line rate.