



40/100 Gb/s Ethernet Over Multi-mode Optical Fiber

Planning for Infrastructure Readiness

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- Part of the Telecommunications Industry Association (www.tiaonline.org)
- Formed 16 years ago
- Mission: to educate users about the benefits of deploying fiber in customer-owned networks
- FOLS provides vendor-neutral information



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 - Corning Optical Fiber
 - CommScope
 - Draka Communications
 - Fluke Networks
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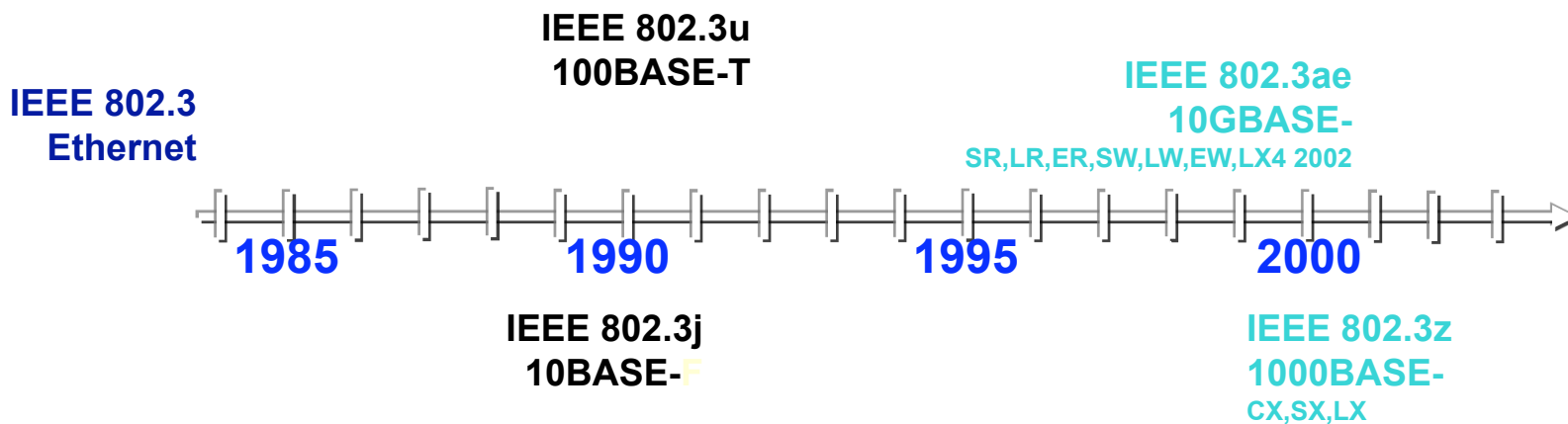


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Ethernet Timeline

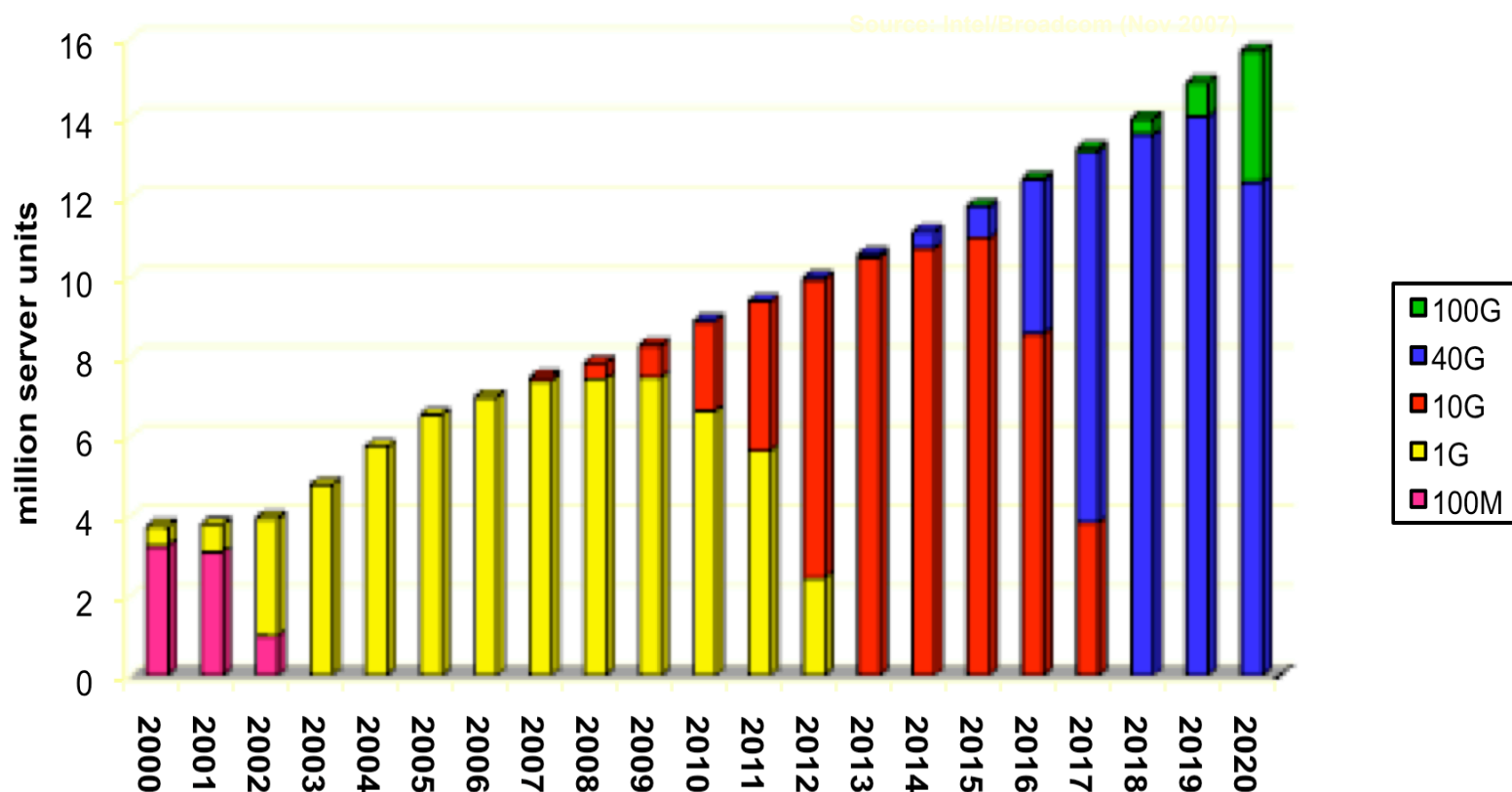


| | Time to Reach (years) | |
|-----------|--|------------------------|
| | Million Port Sale (after Ratification) | 60% Market Penetration |
| 10 Mb E | 1 | |
| 100 Mb E | 1 | 5 |
| 1000 Mb E | 2 | 9 |
| 10 Gb E | 6 | 10+ |

Flatman, LAN Technologies, 2007

40/100 Gb Ethernet

x86 Servers by Ethernet Connection Speed





IEEE 802.3ba Objectives

- Provide Physical Layer specifications which support 40 Gb/s operation over:
 - At least 100m on OM3 MMF
 - At least 10m over a copper cable assembly
 - At least 1m over a backplane
- Support a MAC data rate of 100 Gb/s
- Provide Physical Layer specifications which support 100 Gb/s operation over:
 - At least 40km on SMF
 - At least 10km on SMF
 - At least 100m on OM3 MMF



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- OM3* multi-mode fiber is:
 - 50/125 μm
 - 2000 MHz•km EMB**, minimum, at 850 nm
- ANSI/TIA-598-C Optical Fiber Cable Color Code
 - Indoor cable with **AQUA** jacket

* Type A1a.2 as specified in IEC 60793-2-10

** Effective Modal Bandwidth



Link and Cable Characteristics*

- Supported fiber types
 - 50/125 μm , OM3
- Effective Modal Bandwidth (EMB)
 - 2000 MHz \cdot km** minimum
- Power Budget
 - Greater than 8.3 dB***
- Channel Insertion Loss
 - 1.9 dB \diamond

*As of December 2008

**Launch Condition Dependent

***For Further Study

\diamond Connector Loss Under Study



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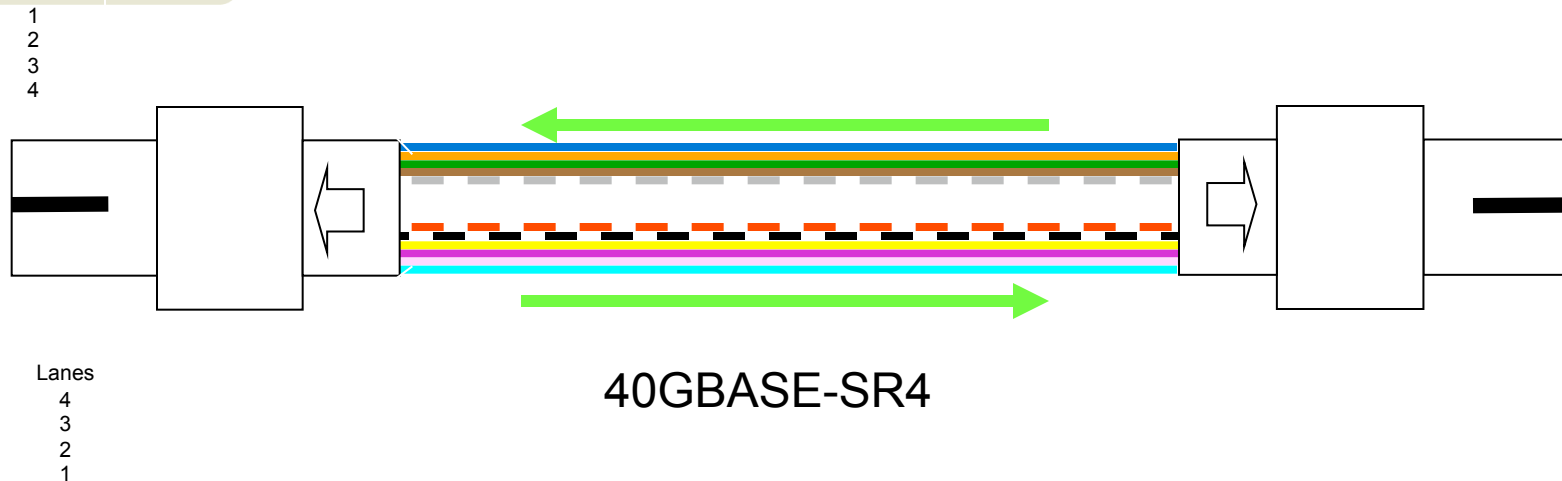
Enabling Technology

- Multilane Distribution (MLD) – Parallel Links
 - 40 Gb/s equals 4x fibers each for Tx and Rx
 - Each carrying a 10 Gb/s signal
 - 100 Gb/s equals 10x fibers each for Tx and Rx
 - Each carrying a 10 Gb/s signal

Today, two fibers can support full duplex 10 Gb/s

40 Gb/s will require 4x the fiber count

Parallel Optics, 40 Gb/s

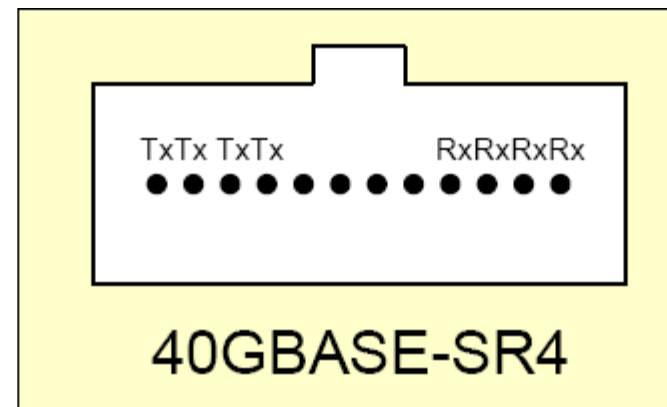


- MTP™*/MPO (Multi-fiber Push On) Connectors
- 8 or 12 Fiber Loose Tube or Ribbon cable
- Likely a pre-terminated

*MTP is a registered trademark of USCONEC

Proposed MDI Interface

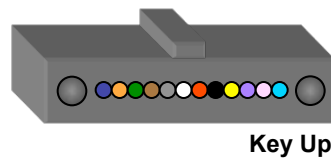
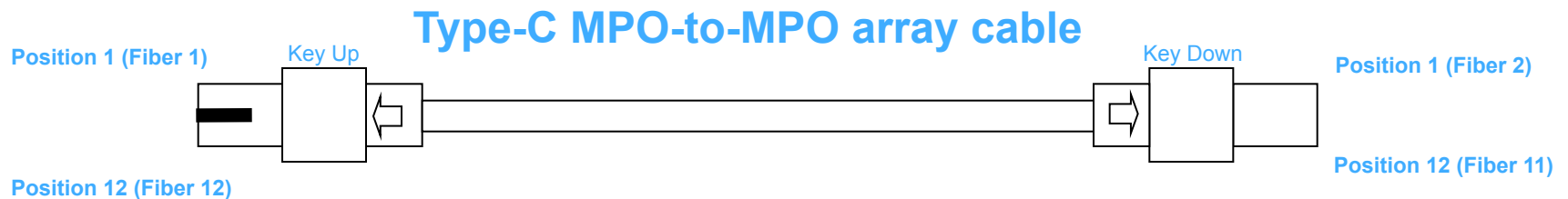
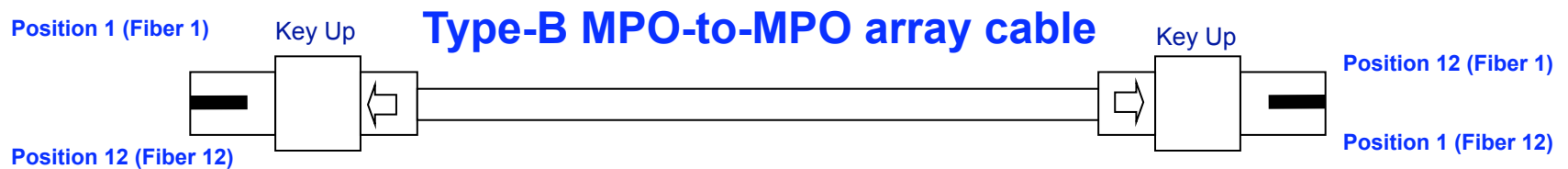
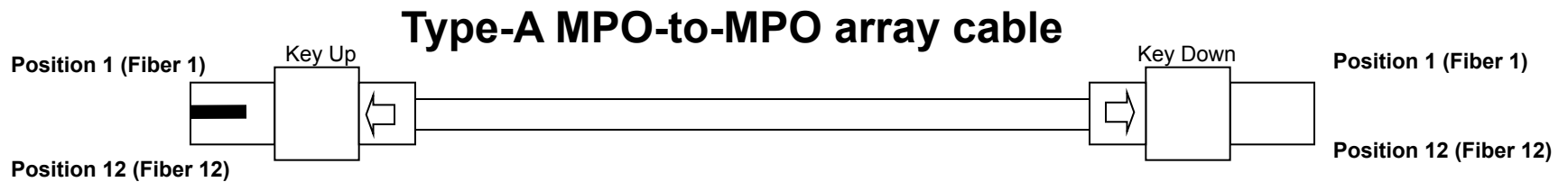
- This is what the connector on your switch/router will likely look like
- Pins (male) will be on this receptacle
- MPO – MPO preterm assemblies will be pinless (female)



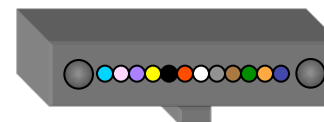
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Array Assemblies – Polarity Today

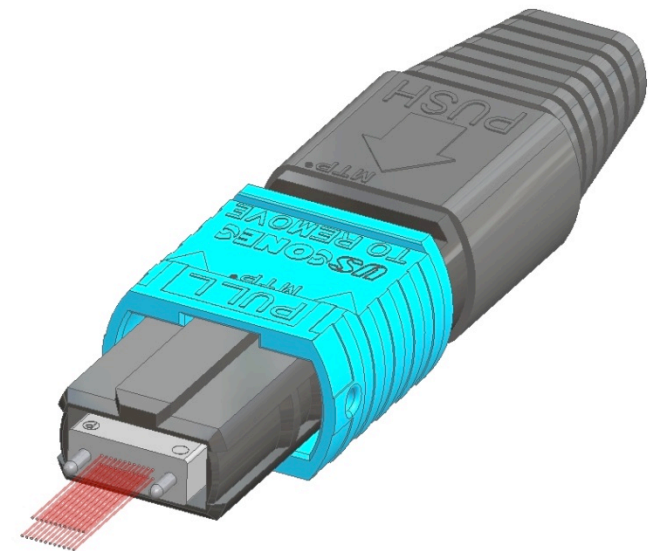


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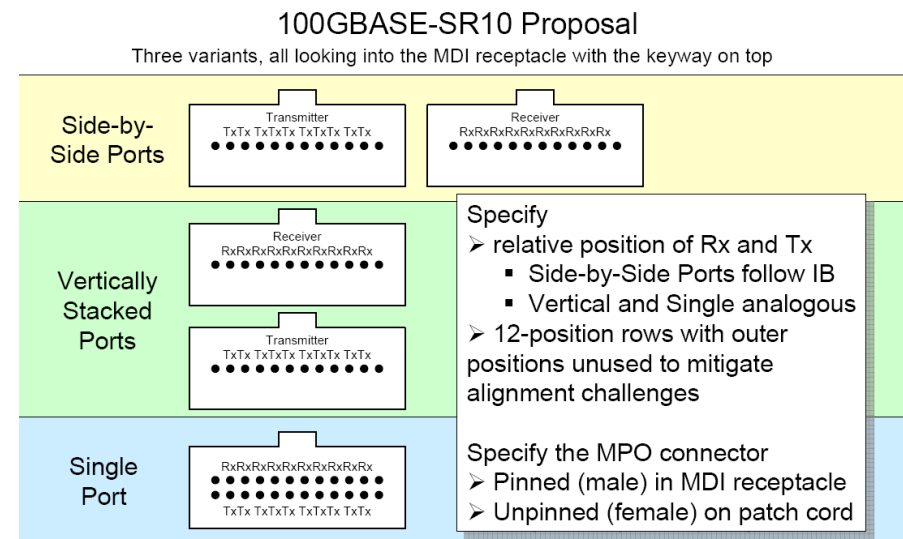
Parallel Optics, 100 Gb/s

- 100 Gb/s will use 10 fibers per Tx to Rx link
- Two 12F MTP/MPO connectors, or
- 24-Fiber MTP/MPO connections can significantly reduce pre-terminated connection costs and increase connection densities
- Lane assignments accepted at IEEE P802.3ba Draft 1.1



Proposed MDI Interface

- For 100GBASE-SR10
 - Proposed options on switch/router connector
 - Pins (male) will be on these receptacles
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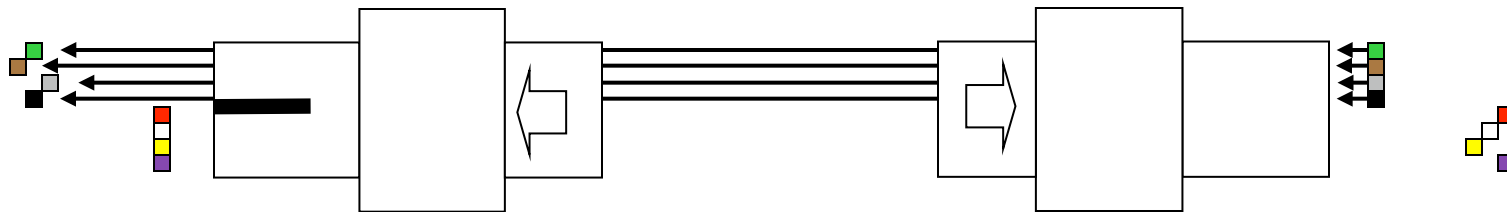
- 40/100 Gb/s will use
 - Multiple fibers per Tx/Rx link
 - Minimum of OM3 specified, 2000 MHz•km @ 850 nm
 - MTP/MPO connectors
 - Loose tube or ribbon cabling compatible with MTP/MPO
 - Preterm likely the norm
 - Polarity puzzle



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- **Issues**
 - Arrival Time
 - Optical Skew
 - Skew Measurement
 - Skew Results
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Arrival Time



- Multi-lane signals launch simultaneously
- Fiber length and modal paths vary
- Signal components arrive out of sync

This difference in arrival time is optical skew

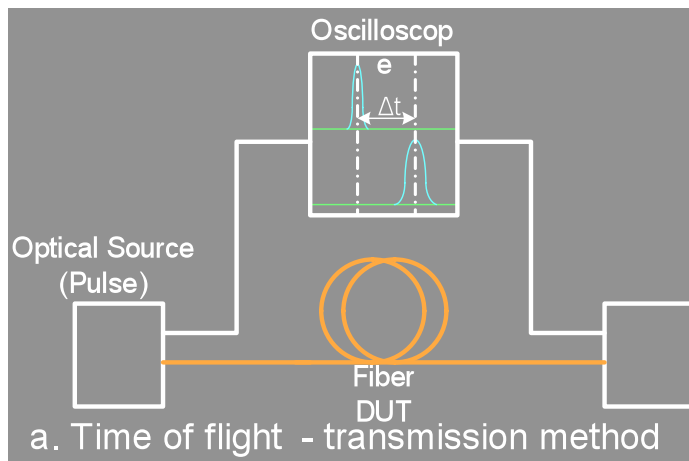
Is Optical Skew a Problem?



- Transmission media (optical fiber) major contributor to skew
 - Proposed allowance* for skew due to transmission media
 - 79 ns
 - Expected maximum contribution from optical media
 - 13.6 ns
- Is a particular cable construction better in minimizing transmission optical skew?

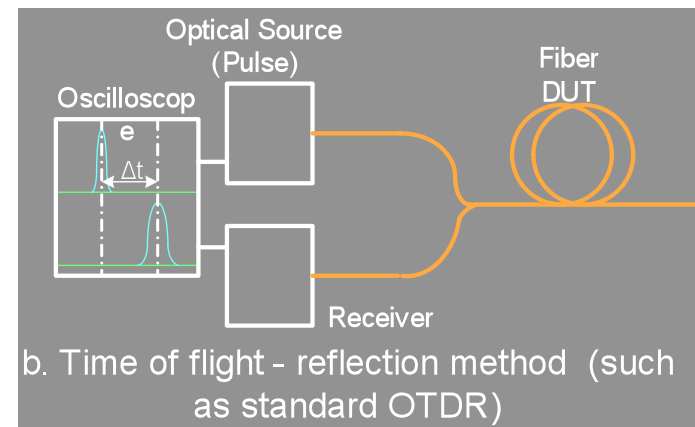
* 100GE/40GE skew budget, IEEE 802.3ba TF, Dallas November 2008, Gustlin/Anslow/Giannakopoulos

Optical Skew Measurement



- Method A
 - Transmit a pulse down the fiber
 - Measure arrival time
 - Repeat for all fibers
 - Calculate maximum difference

- Method B
 - Transmit a pulse down the fiber
 - Measure arrival time of reflections
 - Repeat for all fibers
 - Calculate maximum difference





Skew Measurement Results

- Quadrature Phase
 - 100 meter test length
 - Loose Tube tested maximum
 - 0.8 ns
 - Ribbon tested maximum
 - 0.3 ns
- Proposed Skew Allowance for 40GBASE-SR4 and 100GBASE-SR10
 - 100 meter length
 - 79 ns (about 100 times measured maximums)

For Optical Skew neither loose tube cabling or ribbon cabling is a problem.



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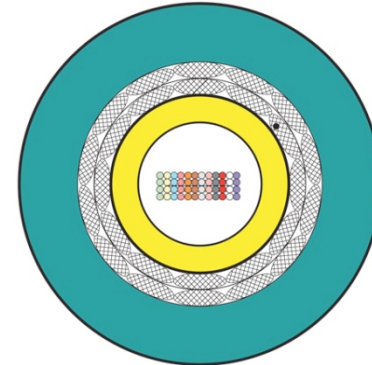
Size and Bend



Reduced O.D. 48F Loose
Tube Cable (0.231")



48F Loose Tube
Cable (0.370")



48F Stacked Ribbon
Cable (0.520")

- Optical Skew
 - Loose Tube and Ribbon cabling
 - Optical skew adequately handled by electronics
- Preferential Bending Limits Flexibility
 - Loose Tube Cabling
 - No preferential bend
 - Ribbon Cabling
 - Has preferential bend



Fiber Count Requirements (1)

- Today, a 12F, OM3, MPO-MPO backbone link
 - Provides up to six full duplex 10Gb/s Tx/Rx pairs
- 40GBASE-SR4
 - Requires a minimum of eight OM3 fibers for a Tx/Rx link
 - 4 fibers Tx
 - 4 fibers Rx
 - Should be able use installed legacy 10GBASE-SR links
 - 100m length
- 100GBASE-SR10
 - Requires a minimum of 20 OM3 fibers for a Tx/Rx link
 - 10 fibers Tx
 - 10 fibers Rx



Fiber Count Requirements (2)

- Legacy 10 GbE systems may not be directly mappable to 40/100 Gb/s
 - A legacy 144F MPO-MPO backbone
 - Will support 72x 10GBASE-SR duplex links
 - Will support 12x 40GBASE-SR4 duplex links
 - May support 6x 100GBASE-SR10 duplex links
- Bottom Line
 - Installing 10Gb Ethernet installations today will fully utilize available fibers
 - Future adoption of 40/100 Gb Ethernet will be able to use legacy cabling
 - Fiber utilization using legacy cabling will likely not be at 100



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Link Cost Ratios on OM3

- Traditional rule of thumb, 3x cost increase for 10x performance increase
 - Not likely to hold for 40/100 Gb/s
 - Estimates very preliminary, around 4x for 40GBASE-SR4



About Single Mode

- Not Parallel Optics
- Initial release using CWDM
 - 40GBASE-LR4 uses 4x 10 Gb/s wavelengths
 - 100GBASE-LR4 will likely use 4x 25 Gb/s wavelengths
- Estimate of 6x* cost of 10GBASE-LR
 - Expected cost reductions with technology/ optimization improvements

* 40GbE Market: Timing and Opportunity, Alessandro Barbieri, September 2008 IEEE Seoul



OM3 and OS2

- Selecting a singlemode 40 GbE over an OM3 40 Gbe solution is expected to cost over 75% more than the multimode solution



About OM4*

- Current 10GBASE-SR uses VCSELs
 - RMS Spectral width about 0.25 nm
 - That is a tight light source
 - When you combine low modal dispersion of OM4/OM3 fiber with low chromatic dispersion of this laser – you go farther
- Initial 40/100 Gb/s specification calls for
 - RMS Spectral width of 0.65 nm
- Why?
 - Reduce costs of transmitters and receivers
 - Early adopters of 40/100 Gb/s will be data centers/SANs

* Not yet a standard



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- OM3 multi-mode fiber specified
 - 2000 MHz•km EMB at 850 nm
- At least 100 meter runs supported
- Parallel optics used
 - MTP/MPO
- Optical skew exists but is compensated for by active components
 - Observed skew 100 times less than specified
- Optical cabling recommendations
 - Loose tube, no bending preference
- Relative Cost



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