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Centellax Background

Centellax delivers low-cost, high-performance test instruments, test accessories, and electronic components for high-speed communication and signal integrity applications

Test and Measurement







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Centellax Company

2001: Incorporated in Santa Rosa, CA.

- 2002: First products for 40G telecom
 - Optical modulator drivers, SerDes
- 2003: Introduced microwave products
 - Amplifier ICs, amplifier modules, programmable frequency dividers
- 2005: Developed test product suite
 - Phy-level signal integrity focus
 - 10G & 40G PRBS generators, BER Testers, CRUs, Synth, Amps
- 2006: Introduced test systems
 - Jitter tolerance/transfer testing
- 2009: Next generation instruments

2010: Strong Product Roadmap and 3 new products to Market



Centellax Know-how

Centellax core competency

- Analog & digital IC design
- Module design
- Instrument design
- Broad bandwidth / high-speed

Centellax value proposition

- High performance
- Low cost

Centellax product focus

- Test instruments & systems

Centellax technology portfolio

- Test systems
- _ Test instruments
- Test accessories
- Connectorized modules
- PC boards
- QFN packaged ICs
- GaAs and SiGe MMICs

•Many 10G and 40G products are based on single-chip solutions!

modular integration





Types of Transceivers

Type speed in novati	Form Factor	Optical Data Rate	Electrical Data Rate	Standard/ Application	Notes
XFP		10 Gb/s	Same	10GbE, SONET/SDH	Widely deployed, low cost, mainly shorter distance applications.
SFP		1.25, 2.12, 4.25 Gb/s	Same	Ethernet, Fibre Channel 1x, 2x, 4x	Smaller than XFP, low cost, low data rates.
QSFP		4x5/10Gb/s		Infiniband, QDR	30% bigger size than SFP, 4 channel parallel.
SFP+		8.5, 10, 14 Gb/s	Same	Fibre Channel 8x,10x, 16x, 10GbE LRM	New, smaller than XFP for higher density 10Gb/s. 2 Variants, Limited & linear.
Xenpak/ X2		10 Gb/s	4x 3.125 Gb/s	10GbE	Older incarnation for 10GbE, larger than XFP, little R&D now.
300 Pin MSA		10 Gb/s 40Gb/s	16x 622M 16x2.488 Gb/s	SONET/SDH	Telecom transceiver for longer range applications. Higher quality/cost.
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Transceiver Evolution Timeline





Same principles apply for SFP (1.25, 2.12, 4.25 Gb/s) Same for SFP+ (8.5, 10, 14 Gb/s) Similar for 300 pin (electrical side has more low speed lanes that add up to 10 Gb/s)





The Remainder of the Presentation....

- Going to talk about:
 - Testing transmitters
 - Testing receivers
- We will focus on optical interfaces, although the same principles will apply to electrical interfaces such as XFI. See references at the end for information on testing XFI.







Agenda



Why Test Transmitters?

S P E E	Need	What can go wrong?	Resulting Parameter	Comment
1.	Verify that there is enough signal to be received at the other end.	Receiver errors because of signal to noise.	Power	Usually accomplished through mask specified in relevant standard.
2.	Need to know that there is enough difference between a 1 and 0 power level for a receiver to make the right decision*.		Vertical eye opening	
3.	Verify that overshoot and undershoot won't cause long distance eye closure from dispersion, AGC setting issues at the receiver.	X	Upper & lower limit regions of mask	Keep out
4.	Verify that there is enough eye opening in time for the receiver to make the right decision.		Rise time & jitter	
5.	Need to know that the transmitter is working efficiently and not wasting power.	1Mega Wa	Extinction ratio	Tricky measurement, difficult to get consistent results.

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* Recent standards such as LRM use TWDP – more on this later



Why Use Clock Recovery? (1)

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- BERTs & Sampling Scopes require a synchronous trigger.
- Some systems have no
 clock available (e.g. some 300 pin transceivers)
- 2. Often with systems or experiments using long fiber runs, effects such as polarization mode dispersion (PMD) *destroy the relationship between the transmitter clock & arriving data.*





3.

Why Use Clock Recovery? (2)

More subtle: Handling of Jitter in transmitter testing.

- Incoming data likely to have jitter on it.
- Up to a certain jitter frequency (~few MHz), jitter would be tracked by clock recovery in the system receiver.
- For transmitter test, don't want this to appear in the measurement – only care about jitter that won't be tracked out by a receiver. Hence use of clock recovery.





Why Use Clock Recovery? (3)

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• Mandated in many standards.

Standard			Data Rate (Gb/s)	Common Clock Divide Ratios	Loop Bandwidth (MHz)	Peaking (dB)	Slope	Clock Type	Spread Spectrum Clocking
Ethernet [4]	10 Gb/: Transn	s Ethernet nitter Test	10.3125		≤4		-20 dB/ decade	Embedded	No
	Х	AUI	3.125		1.875				
		1X	1.063	10	0.638	0.3 max	-20 dB/	Emboddad	No
Fibre Channel		2X	2.12	20	1.275	0.3 max			
[5]		4X	4.25	40	2.550	0.3 max	decade	Ellipedded	NU
		8X	8.5	80	5.100	0.3 max			
OWNERPOIL	OC-1	2/STM-4	0.622		0.250		20.401		
	OC-48	S/STM-16	2,488		1.000		-20 OB/	Embedded	No
la'al	OC-19	/2/STM-64	9.95		4.000		decade		
XEP/XEL[10]	XEP/XEI	Receiver Test	9.95 - 11.2	64	8.000	0.1 max		Embedded	No
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(Information applying to transmitter testing and receiver stress calibration.)





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""1." Why test a receiver?

- 2. Receiver Sensitivity
- 3. Testing Clock Recovery for Jitter Tolerance
- 4. Testing Receiver Tolerance with Stresses











Testing Clock Recovery (Need B) "Jitter Tolerance Measurement"



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Jitter Tolerance Measurement



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So What Can Go Wrong?



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Rx Stress Spectral Coverage Crosstalk is a headache problem!

Impairment Spectral Coverage
 Spectrum Type

*SI is often common mode which differential receivers usually cope with well, and therefore has limited effect on clock recovery •









1. 500M-12.5Gb/s BERT solution for TOSA,ROSA, XFP,SFP,etc 2. 10GE SFP+ BERT solution

3. Parallel Channel BERT solution for QSFP, Crosstalk testing

4. 22G-40Gb/s BERT solution for 40G SDH/SONET, 100GE







Optical Component BER Test System -ROSA,TOSA, XFP,SFP,lasers,diodes,etc

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OPTICAL COMPONENT BER TEST SYSTEM

•500Mbps to 12.5Gbps AnyRate BER test solution for physical-layer testing
•Ideal for optical components: ROSA, TOSA, XFP, SFP, lasers, diodes, etc.
•Clock Recovery Unit handles PMD and other optical dispersion
•System shown: SB10+0PTC13+0PTS13, which includes 10G BERT, 13G Clock Recovery Unit, and 13G Clock Synthesizer
•Affordable price



SFP+ Block Diagrams



Figure 1. SFP+ Transceiver and Active Cable (internal optical example, could also be copper with pre-emphasis and equalization) Simplified Block Diagrams

Brief Notes on SFP+



Notes:

- **SFP+** is intended to be smaller and cheaper than XFP, with lower power dissipation
- Same form factor as SFP (lower speed transceiver design)
- Many of the gains come from the receive side, having some of the circuitry not included in the transceiver – intention is that power hungry functions such as electronic dispersion compensation (EDC) etc. are performed on the next chip in the chain.



Jitter
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• Linear: No decision circuit, only a linear amplifier with AGC. Output is amplified version of input, EDC can be applied later.

parametric information is lost.

 Linear receivers is tested differently, not by BER. Need to measure Waveform
 Dispersion Penalty.



- LRM (Long Reach Multimode, IEEE 802.3aq) is a 10GbE standard intended to allow 10Gb/s over older multimode fiber (220m).
- The biggest headache is multimode • fiber dispersion
- Signal shape at a receiver can be ٠ difficult to predict.
- Transmitter performance not • measured with an eye diagram directly: Transmitter Waveform **D**ispersion **P**enalty (TWDP).
- Output is a number.







TWDP

Calculates a dispersion penalty: eye should be open x, is only open y, so penalty is x-y.





Diagram showing key voltage level, skew, wavelength coverage, and sensitivity requirements necessary to drive and test an SFP+ device for 10GbE compliance



Need for Equalization

• At higher data rates, frequency dependent losses in channel lower transition speed, closing the eye at the receiver.







Applying Equalization

 Boosting (peaking) the signal with an equalization filter response which is the inverse of the channel loss restores the wave shape and eye opening at the receiver





Equalizer Implementation

- Equalization can be located at Tx output or Rx input
 - Rx side boosts HF noise along with the signal, but Tx has limited voltage swing.
 - Tx side equalization is referred to as "Emphasis"
- Implementation can be either analog (linear) or digital
 - Linear gives more design resolution of response, but requires more chip area to implement
 - Response resolution of digital filters is determined by number of "taps", each tap boosts or reduces response over 1 time interval



Pre-Emphasis versus De-Emphasis

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- Both have the same wave shape, but amplitude specified differently
- Pre-Emphasis <u>boosts</u> the amplitude of the transition bit above the ongoing output amplitude



 With De-Emphasis, the specified amplitude refers to the transition bit, with the remaining bits <u>reduced</u> in amplitude







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PPG12500: Programmable Pattern Generator

- Includes many Telecom and Serial Data preloaded RAM patterns
 - Examples: CRPAT, CJPAT, K28-3, K28-5, K28-7, and PRBS 2N
 [N = 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 23, 29, 31], 1100, 1010, etc.
- Create custom patterns in binary or hexadecimal format
- Check syntax of custom patterns to ensure file integrity
- Save pattern files to PC disk drive
- Upload custom patterns to a PPG





Integrated De-Emphasis

- Used in higher data rate systems to open closed eyes at receiver
 - HF peaking at transmitter to counteract the HF loss in channel
- 2-Tap (acts on consecutive bit or bits of same logic state after transition)







Differential data signal Blue = D+, Red = D-



Effect of De-Emphasis on Eye Opening

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6db applied











PPG12500: Summary

- Flexible and Low Cost PG solution for TX generation
- Supports Programmable Patterns and PRBS generation
- Built-in 2-tap De-emphasis (0-20db), **4-tap is coming in June!**
- Jitter Tolerance Measurement when combined with Centellax Clock Synthesizer with Sinusoidal jitter injection capability
- BER testing with Centellax Programmable Error Detector





 Test channel with cross talk in adjacent channels/lanes (victim – aggressor testing)



Multi lane standards – QSFP

– Backplanes





Delay Sweep Phase Interference

- Victim is most susceptible to crosstalk induced errors at receiver sample point – near center of eye.
- Use of 1010 clock for aggressor signal does not guarantee edge at sample point cable phase delay variations
- Effective crosstalk testing <u>requires varying the phase</u> of aggressor.
 - Phase Interference sweeps phase relative to clock $\pm \frac{1}{2}$, 1, or 2 UI, user selectable
 - Triangular modulation, unique low frequency on each channel (7 19 Hz)









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- Time-domain measurement of victim channel jitter
 - 1.Measures the increase of jitter on a victim channel
 - 2.Requires pattern generator(s) and oscilloscope/BERT
 - 3. This method accounts for multiple aggressors and measures
 - the most important metric of a datacom link: the eye opening





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Key Messages / Value Proposition

- Cost Effectiveness
 - "Half the price with no sacrifice in signal quality"
 - Independent control of heads can eliminate signal switching
- Ease of system integration
 - Single control point for pattern generation, error detection
 - Less cabling, no external mixers or modulators
- Generator Integrated De-Emphasis
 - (cost effective and simpler integration) + no loss from extra cable lengths.





SB40 Overview

- Single channel serial Bit Error Rate Tester (BERT)
- Supports very high data rates (40, 28 & 25 Gb/s)
- Modular System comprised of 3 instruments
- Very cost effective compared to competitive systems



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Opto-Electronic Devices

• Shift from 10 G to 40 G systems



- Enabling technologies in long haul optical components make 40 Gb/s practical for telecom use
- Great reduction on costs allow 40 Gb/s use in datacom / server farm applications
- Device terminology:
 - Transceivers = optical transmitter and receiver with straight fullrate OE and EO conversion. Need 25 and 40Gb/s BERTs
 - Transponders = optical transmitter and receiver with clock recovery, framing, mux/demux in same package. I/O is multiple lower data rate electrical signals. (e.g. 4 X10G, 16 X 2.5G)
 - Can use lower speed BERTs





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Overview of high data rate BERTs

- The pattern generator (PG) and error detector (ED) in low to intermediate speed BERTs usually operate at the full data rate.
- Both the PG and ED are often in the same housing ("single box")
- Logic to support high data rates (>13 Gb/s) is limited to simple implementations
 - Dissipates high power & requires transmission line interconnection
 - Practically limited to a few gates or flip-flops / package (Low level of integration)
- High data rate O/E transponders mux / demux optical data into several slower electrical streams in same package
- Same limitations apply to instrumentation complex measurements performed on divided lower data rate streams





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High Data Rate BERT Topology

- Streams from fractional rate pattern generators are multiplexed together to full rate to drive DUT
 - Some implementations use full rate pattern generators
- Full rate output passes through demultiplexer to feed lower rate BERT (single or multiple)





Pattern Requirements for Sub- Rate BER Measurement

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BERT ED Pattern (1/4 data rate)

- Because BERTs sample sub-rate data, in general error detector pattern ≠ full rate pattern
- ED pattern is the decimated version of full rate pattern (retain every *n*th bit)
 - PRBS patterns decimated to a binary divisor automatically produce the same PRBS pattern at lower rate
 - i.e. every 4th bit of a PRBS-7 pattern is the same PRBS-7 pattern.



Do I need a BERT on all DeMux outputs?

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- Ideally YES, however a single BERT can work, if:
 - Random events will equally disperse on all DeMux outputs.
 - Pattern lengths not an even multiple of demultiplexer ratio will circulate through all outputs. (will measure pattern dependent errors)
- Math works subrate BERTs count 1/*n* errors on 1/*n* bits
- Measuring a single demultiplexer output will not count subrate clock related errors
 - Possible if the DUT uses Mux and DeMux sub-rate data streams





Notes when using multiple BERTs

- Possible to use single BERT with switching to monitor each demultiplexer output sequentially
- Do not interrupt demultiplexer when switching BERT to next output.
 - Individual output offset to full rate clock may change if test is interrupted
- To calculate total BER, don't use individual BER measurements from each demultiplexer output
 - Combine total bit count and total error count, then divide these totals





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SB40 Key Features





22 – 44 Gbps Operation

- One system covers 40, 28 and 25 Gb/s standards
 - Broadband option in the pattern generator is required to support the lower speeds (22-37Gb/s)
- Additional speed to accommodate headroom for data encoding and Forward Error Correction (FEC)
- De-multiplexer operates in either 1:4 or 1:2 modes to optimize configuration for data rate
- Flexible clock dividers support virtually any configuration





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Flexible Source Capability

- Built in 39.8 Gb/s clock oscillator for 40 Gb/s applications
 - Options for 25 and 28GHz oscillators
 - Operation at other bit rates requires an external synthesizer
- True hardware PRBS generation with PRBS-7, PRBS-15, and PRBS-31 patterns
- Operates in differential or single ended configurations
- Optional output drivers amplifiers for Lithium Niobate or Electro Absorption laser modulator applications
- Pattern trigger and divided clock outputs for scope trigger.



Choice of BERTs

- TG1B1-A 10 G BERT cost effective for monitoring one Demultiplexer output
 - Can add additional TG1B1-A to measure all data



 PCB12500 with TR2P1A Error Detector heads – compact, low cost method to measure all data (coming soon)







SB40 System Components

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• TG1P4A 22 – 44 Gb/s PRBS Source

- Built in 39.8 Gb/s oscillator
- Options for 25G and 28G operation
- TR1D4A 40 G Clock and Data Demultiplexer

- Configurable as 1:4 or 1:2 demultiplexer

• TG1B1-A 10 G BERT (1, 2 or 4)

or

 PCB12500 Parallel Channel BERT with TR2P1A Error Detector Heads (1, 2, or 4)



SB40 Configurations

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SB40 System with 1x TG1B1-A 10G BERT





SB40 System with PCB12500 and 4x TR2P1A Error Detector Heads





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Typical Configuration: 40 Gb/s receiver application

40 Gb/s 12.5 Gb/s Demultiplexer BERT DUT Modulator TR1D4A Laser Fiber Data In 40 Gb/s Data In **PRBS Source** D0 Out Data In D1 Out TG1P4A Ŵ'n D2 Out Clk Out Wn Data Out гħ Data Out Clk In D3 Out Wn Modulator Clk In Driver Clk In Clk/2 Out





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User Control Interface

PRBS Source and Demultiplexer are manually configured

- Switch selection and cable connections used to configure system
- BERTs have front panel controls as well as remote program control
 - TG1B1-A has dedicated pushbutton controls
 - PCG12500 uses display defined buttons, numeric keypad and knob for parameter entry and editing







LabView Drivers and GUI

- LabView drivers on the web site for TG1B1-A and SB40 configuration
 - SB40 configuration allows gated BER measurements on 4x TG1B1-A
 - Version with PCB12500/TR2P1A available soon
- Provide GUI which shows all control parameters at once
- Driver only and self executable versions available
- Set up guide for installing LabView libraries and run time engine
- SCPI Command Set documented in TG1B1A manual for users who need to program outside of LabView environment





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SB40 Product Positioning (Customer Screening)

- SB40 is a cost effective tool for characterizing of components and systems used at high data rates
 - 40 Gb/s OC 768, STM 256
 - 25 Gb/s 100 GBase LR4/ER4 (4 X 25G)
 - 28 Gb/s 100 Gbase with FEC (4 x 28G)
- Anyone who works with the <u>electrical</u> signal at these data rates is a candidate for a BERT



Key Messages / Value Proposition

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- Cost Effectiveness
 - Lowest cost BERT operating at these data rates
 - Flexible BERT options for measuring one or all sub-rate demultiplexer outputs
 - Even lower cost for measuring all data with PCB12500 BERT
- Simpler Configuration
 - Internal oscillator and full operation in the PRBS source eliminate external clock synthesizers and data multiplexers
- Compact Size
 - Smaller components in modular system require less bench or rack space – Important in production test environments





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