Uplink and Downlink PHY Complexity Analysis Based on IEEE 802.3ch Channel Parameters

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Overview

- There have been many contributions on IEEE 802.3dm potential solutions such as enabling EEE [1] through existing .3ch PHY, TDD [2,3], ACT [4], and GMSLE [5]
- Rigorous PHY analysis [6,7] and comparison [5] among the solutions have been presented/discussed in the task force
- Among the existing solutions, downstream (Camera to ECU) PHY complexity looks close to each other, except for the echo cancellation
- The main differences that exist in the task force is for the upstream (ECU to Camera) link
- This contribution explores the feasibility of low power and low complexity upstream PHY

Assumptions

- Upstream data rate = 100Mbit/s
 - Overhead = 25%
 - Modulation = DME
 - Baud Rate = 250MBaud
 - Bandwidth = 125MHz
- Max. Downstream data rate = 10Gbit/s
 - Overhead = 12.5%
 - Modulation = PAM4
 - Baud Rate = 5625MBaud
 - Bandwidth = 2.8GHz
- BER = 10⁻¹²

Channel Consideration

- Insertion loss (IEEE 802.3ch)
 - 15m STP cable loss
 - MDI loss
 - PCB loss
 - @125MHz = ~6dB loss
 - @2.8GHz = ~33dB loss
- Return loss is based on agreed <u>new</u> <u>limit line</u> in the task force



TX-PSD @ MDI

- Upstream/Downstream 1Vpp
- High Pass Filter (first order) effect due to PoDL inductors = 30MHz
- Low Pass Filter (2nd order[‡]) Butterworth filter 100MHz and 2.8GHz



[‡]Note: The order of filter can be achieved more than 2nd order for the upstream to suppress the side lubes

Received Signal

- Loss includes 15m cable + 2*PCB + 2*MDI losses
- Transmit signal passes through high pass and low pass filters



Decision Point SNR Analysis

- Required minimum Slicer SNR
 - DME needs ~17dB
 - PAM4 needs ~24dB
- Upstream Receiver

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- Signal-To-Echo Ratio[‡] = 25.2dB
- This means 8dB SNR margin
 → No need of echo cancellation at camera RX
- Downstream Receiver
 - Signal-To-Echo Ratio[‡] = 10.2dB
 - This means -14dB SNR margin
 - ightarrow Echo cancellation is required at ECU RX



[‡]Note: This analysis does not include residual echo from Hybrid

Baseline Wander (BLW) Effect

- Smaller foot print of PoDL inductor is desirable for camera application
- However, this will increase the corner frequency of high pass filter
- Typical 30MHz high pass filter can increase the swing up to 45%
- This needs 0.5 ENOB of added complexity at RX with 5.4 ENOB for a complete BLW cancellation
- More realistic BLW cancellation adds <0.5 ENOB to RX complexity
 - $\sim 5\%$ added complexity on the receive front-end



Conclusion

- Low power and low complexity PHYs for upstream and downstream is feasible based on IEEE 802.3ch channel
- Analysis shows a sufficient SNR margin w/o echo cancellation
 Ideally there is no need of echo cancellation at the receiver of camera side
- Baseline wander effect is higher at the receiver of camera side
- However, BLW effect can be managed with well proven techniques
- Added complexity (realistic) to the camera side receiver "front-end" is expected to be ~ 5%

Recommendations

- IEEE 802.3 working group has a history on "know-how" to implement full duplex communication on single pair cable using hybrid circuit
- Thus, ACT is the best way forward for the IEEE 802.3dm task force
 - To enable low power and low complexity PHY at camera node
- Adopt DME encoding for the upstream transmission
 - Enables low complexity receiver
- Have a channel code to correct burst error due to fast transient pulse for the upstream PHY

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Thank You!

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