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5 Introduction

This technical document describes and offers detailed specifications for a Serial OC-192 Very Short Reach (VSR) optical interface that provides additional flexibility and advantages in the design of interoperable central office (CO) equipment. The serial OC-192 VSR interface described in this document provides a robust and cost effective solution to meet the desire to reduce the cost of interconnecting network elements and other CO equipment over shorter distances.

The parameter specifications for this VSR interface are based on a laser operating in the 1310nm region, transmitting at approximately 10Gb/s (OC-192/OC-192c), with a target distance of 600 meters on Single-Mode Fiber (SMF). This specification references the range of application models defined by the OIF for 10Gb/s VSR. Two different optical link budgets with maximum attenuation of 4dB and 11dB are defined, which collectively meet all the requirements of all the application models. The 11dB link is specifically intended for application through a photonic crossconnect (PXC).

6 Applications

Serial OC-192 VSR Interfaces may be used to provide interconnection of Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing (DWDM) terminals, Photonic Cross-Connects (PXC), SONET/SDH Add Drop Multiplexers (ADM), Routers and other networking elements that are all co-located, or located within short distances of each other, as in a central office.

Currently, in many central offices, interconnection between network elements may only require fiber links of several hundred meters. Optical transmitters/receivers compliant to the Serial VSR OC-192 interface spec proposed in this contribution provide a cost-effective solution covering these distances (<600m), as opposed to using interface specifications intended for longer distance applications (20km-80km) which require more costly optical transmitters and receivers.

Examples of applications that could benefit from a more cost effective serial VSR solution are listed below and shown in Figure 1:

A. Router to PXC
B. Transport Equipment (SONET) to PXC
C. PXC to DWDM
D. Transport to DWDM
E. Router to DWDM
F. DWDM to DWDM
G. PXC Transparency—Router/Transport to DWDM
The reference models for OC192 VSR were defined in OIF2000.317 and are summarized in table 1 below. It is intended that all reference models can be addressed with the Optical link budgets included in this Implementation agreement.

### Table 1. OC192 VSR Reference models

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<th>Link specification</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>2m to between 50m and 100m intra-office direct connection, no patch panel or junction boxes</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>2m to 300m intra-office inter-connection, with 0-2 patch panels</td>
<td>4dB</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>2m to 600m intra-office inter-connection, with 0-2 patch panels</td>
<td>4dB</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>2m to 600m intra-office inter-connection with exactly one PXC in the interconnect, and 0-4 junction boxes</td>
<td>11dB</td>
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Reference model 1 is a simple direct point to point connection between 2 equipments.

Reference models 2, 3 have up to 2 patch panels, with up to 600m of fibre. A typical arrangement is shown in fig. 1.

### Figure 1. Reference model for applications 2, 3

![Reference model for applications 2, 3](image-url)
Figure 2 below shows typical interfaces relating to application nos 1, 2, 3.

**Figure 2. Applications for OC192 VSR Interfaces Ref Models 1 - 3**

Reference model 4 defines a VSR link through a transparent Photonic Crossconnect. A typical arrangement is shown in figures 3 and 4 below.

**Figure 3. Reference model for application 4**

2m to 600m, with one PXC, and 0-4 junction boxes
7 Functional Description

A way to realize an optical interface compliant to the VSR interface specification proposed in section 6 is an optical transponder device which generates and receives a single 10Gbit/s data-stream and is designed to work on standard single-mode fiber. This solution incorporates the SERDES (Mux/Demux) and transceiver devices into a single module, with a SONET compliant OC-192 Framer used externally. The transponder described in Figures 1 through Figure 6 does not preclude the possible integration of the components (i.e. Framer and SERDES) at a later date, but instead offers one possible implementation that meets the parameter specification as shown in Table 2.
The transmit direction includes an electrical multiplexer, laser driver and the 1310 nm laser with spectral characteristics appropriate to link lengths of 600m. The 16:1 multiplexer receives the data and clock from an external OC-192 Framer. The output of the multiplexer is a data stream framed in a SONET/SDH compliant OC-192 (9.95Gb/s) manner, along with the clock. The multiplexer function usually includes a clock synthesis PLL, which generates a low jitter clock from an external reference. A direct modulation laser driver uses both the clock and 9.95Gb/s data signal from the mux to drive a laser, such as an uncooled 1310 nm Fabry-Perot laser, which places the 9.95Gb/s optical output on Single Mode Fiber (SMF).

The receive direction includes a PIN Photodetector, pre-amplifier, post-amplifier and electrical demultiplexer which delivers the 16 data outputs and clock from the Deserializer. The demultiplexer function conventionally includes the clock and data recovery.

Both transmit and receive portions of the OC-192 VSR serial transponder proposal are shown in Figure 6.

It is important to note that the OC-192 transponder modules, as shown in Figure 6, are fully compliant with the SFI-4 electrical I/O specifications (at SERDES interface). Use of a Fabry-Perot laser to achieve the proposed VSR parameter specification in this contribution does not preclude the use of other technologies or lasers to achieve the same performance criteria, allowing for new technologies in the future that may also yield significant cost savings with the serial approach.
8 Optical Interface Specifications

The optical interface specifications, as shown in Table 2, are derived from ITU-T specifications for STM-64 Optical Interfaces. The 4dB link budget is copied from G.693. The 11dB Link budget is modified from that defined in G.693. Since work has already been done in this area, the optical physical layer parameters are listed below with a reference to the ITU-T G.691 and G.693 recommendations.

It should be noted that the distance of 600 m is not limited by the power budget of 4 dB, but by the worst case transmitter rms spectral width of 3 nm, which in combination with a wide operating wavelength range of 1260 – 1360 nm, creates a worst case dispersion limit of 600 m on standard single-mode fiber. The above mentioned spectral characteristics are chosen to allow Fabry Perot Lasers to be manufactured at lowest cost.

Table 3 provides the necessary optical parameter requirements for a serial OC-192 VSR interface on SMF. The ITU-T and other standards bodies (for example IEC) have approved and accepted recommendations that cover measurement of optical parameters (i.e. jitter, eye-mask, extinction ratio), terminology, and detailed descriptions of all the optical parameters contained within this recommendation. Rather than reproduce this work, the proposed serial VSR parameter specification will be included in detail in Table 3, with a reference for additional information that directs the user to the series of ITU-T recommendations (G.691 and G.693 in particular) on optical physical layer interfaces.

Jitter specifications will be as defined in ITU G.783.

8.1 Eye Pattern Masks

The transmitted pulse shape for both the 4 dB and 11 dB links are specified in the form of a mask shape as in fig. 7 below. Parameters specifying the eye mask are defined in table 2. This eye mask for the 4 dB link is as defined in G.693. The eye mask for the 11 dB link is also from G.693. Eye mask measurements are made with a fourth order Bessel Thomson filter as defined in G.691 and G.693.
Figure 7. Eye diagram mask for optical transmit signal

![Eye Diagram Mask](image)

Table 2. Eye mask parameters

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Note: $x_2$ and $x_3$ of the rectangular eye mask need not be equidistant with respect to the vertical axes at 0UI and 1UI.
Table 3. Serial OC-192 1310nm VSR Optical Parameter Interface Specifications

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<td>1260-1360</td>
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<td>Mean launched power (note 5)</td>
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<td>- maximum RMS width ($\sigma$)</td>
<td>nm</td>
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<td>- maximum –20 dB width</td>
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<td>- minimum SMSR</td>
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<td>Minimum EX</td>
<td>dB</td>
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<td><strong>Main Optical Path Characteristics</strong></td>
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<td>- minimum</td>
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<td>Chromatic dispersion (note 4,6)</td>
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<td>Maximum DGD</td>
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<td>Minimum sensitivity (BER of 1*10^{-12}) (note 5)</td>
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<td>Minimum overload</td>
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<td>Maximum reflectance of receiver, measured at MPI-R</td>
<td>dB</td>
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Notes:
1. Optical parameters are derived from Table 3 in ITU-T recommendation G.693.
2. In the case that passive optical devices in the main optical path introduce additional chromatic dispersion, the achievable link distance may be reduced. Alternatively an application with a higher chromatic dispersion tolerance may be used to overcome this restriction.
3. The Serdes function, clocking scheme and synchronization method should comply with SFI-4 and are all defined in OIF199.102.8
4. Refer to ITU-T G.691 and 693 for other relevant optical parameter criteria (e.g. reference points)
5. A value of 12dB link loss and 1dB path penalty is highly desirable and should be adopted when the TX/RX technology matures and/or optical cross connects insertion loss improves
6. Chromatic dispersion is not added through the Optical Cross Connect Switch. The dispersion is a result of the 600m of SLM fiber as indicated in the application model shown in Figure 3.
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