400g coherent optical module baud rate

Overview

400G ZR/ZR+ pluggable coherent modules It offers enhanced optical performance compared to 400ZR by utilizing high-gain forward error correction (FEC), flex.

Key Takeaways

400G coherent optical modules typically operate with baud rates in the range of 64–95 Gbaud per polarization, depending on modulation format (QPSK, 8QAM, 16QAM) and line rate configuration. Overview of 400G Coherent Modules400G coherent optical modules, such as QSFP-DD ZR+ transceivers, use coherent modulation to achieve high data rates over long distances.

Unlike NR

Z or PAM4, coherent optics encode information in both amplitude and phase of the optical carrier, enabling higher spectral efficiency and longer reach. These modules support multiple line rates, typically 100G–400G, and can operate with different modulation formats: QPSK, 8QAM, and 16QAM.

Baud Rate and Modulation

The baud rate refers to the symbol rate of the optical signal. For 400G coherent modules: 16QAM at 400G: Typically around 95 Gbaud per polarization, using dual-polarization (DP) to achieve 400G total throughput. 8QAM at 400G: Slightly lower baud rate, around 80–90 Gbaud, depending on FEC and link conditions.

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QPS

K at 400G: Lower spectral efficiency, requiring higher baud rates or multiple wavelengths to reach 400G, often around 64–75 Gbaud per polarization. The choice of modulation affects both reach and signal robustness. Higher-order modulation (16QAM) provides higher data rates but shorter reach, while QPSK allows longer distances, up to 600–750 km with external amplification and advanced FEC.

Additional ConsiderationsFEC Modes: Coherent modules use cFEC or oFEC to correct errors, which can slightly affect effective baud rate and throughput. Line Rate Flexibility: Many 400G ZR+ modules support sub-rates, allowing operation at 100G, 200G, or 300G using the same hardware. Network Compatibility: Modules are designed to operate over DWDM C-band grids and may require transponders or muxponders for ROADM networks due to low transmit power in some QSFP-DD implementations.

Summary

In practice, 400G coherent optical modules achieve 400G throughput using dual-polarization coherent modulation with baud rates typically between 64 and 95 Gbaud per polarization, depending on the modulation format and network conditions. The combination of modulation type, FEC, and line rate flexibility allows these modules to balance reach, spectral efficiency, and performance for metro, regional, and long-haul optical networks.

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Configuring 400G Digital Coherent Optics

The following table contains the possible traffic configuration values for the 400G Digital Coherent QSFP-DD optical modules, in the Transponder (TXP) and Muxponder (MXP) mode:

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