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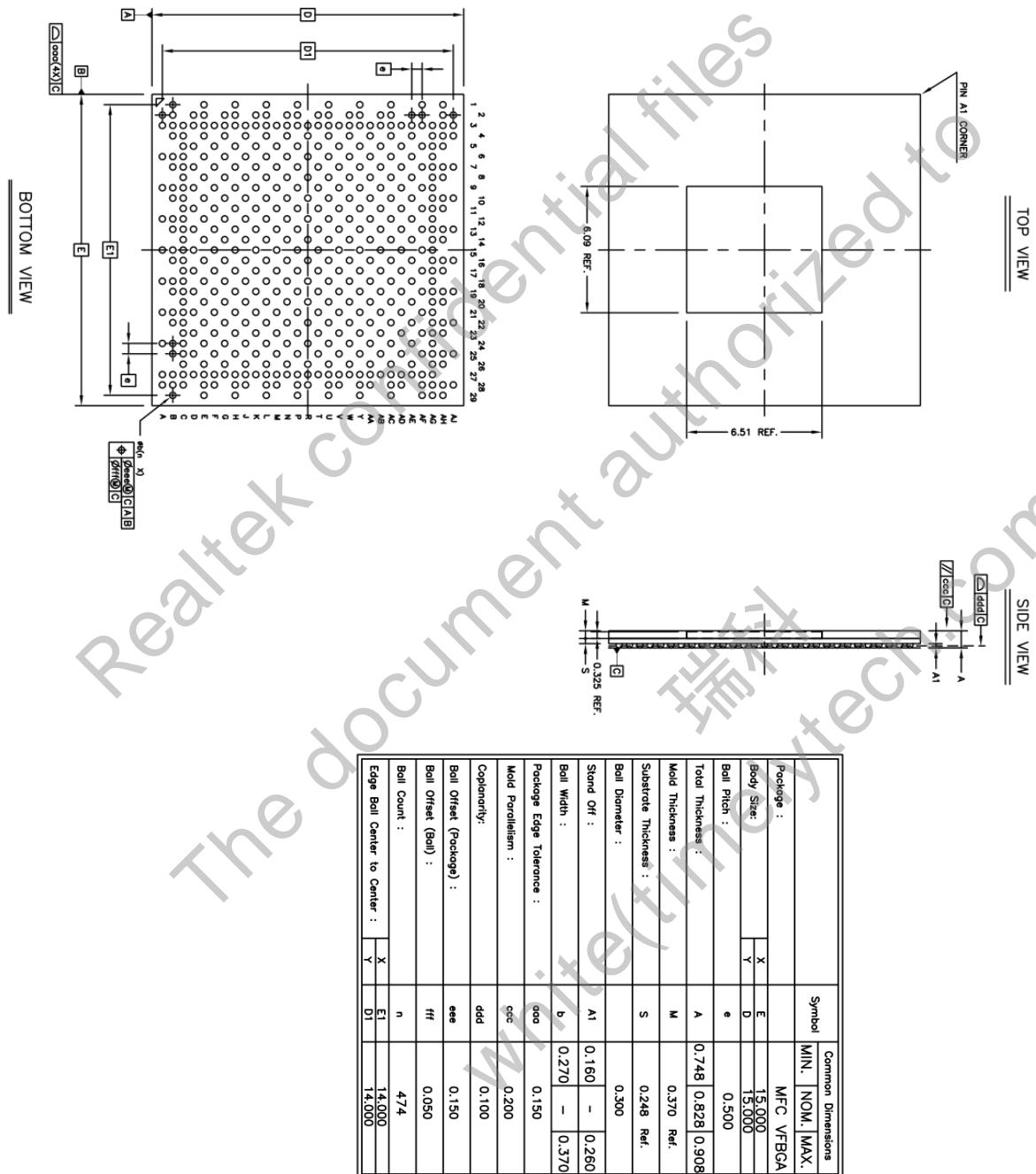
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# 1. Chip package Description

## 1.1. Package Information

FC-CSPBGA (15\*15)



## 2. Chip Mode Config Guide

RTL9311BM 共有 29 个 MAC，MAC0~27 为正常 port 并支持 stacking，MAC28 为 CPU port。当配置为 cascade mode 时，MAC24、MAC25 为 cascade channel，其中 MAC24 会升速到 20G。

一般会有如下两种应用：

- 24\*10/100/1000Base-T + 4 \*10G
- 48\*10/100/1000Base-T + 4\*10G

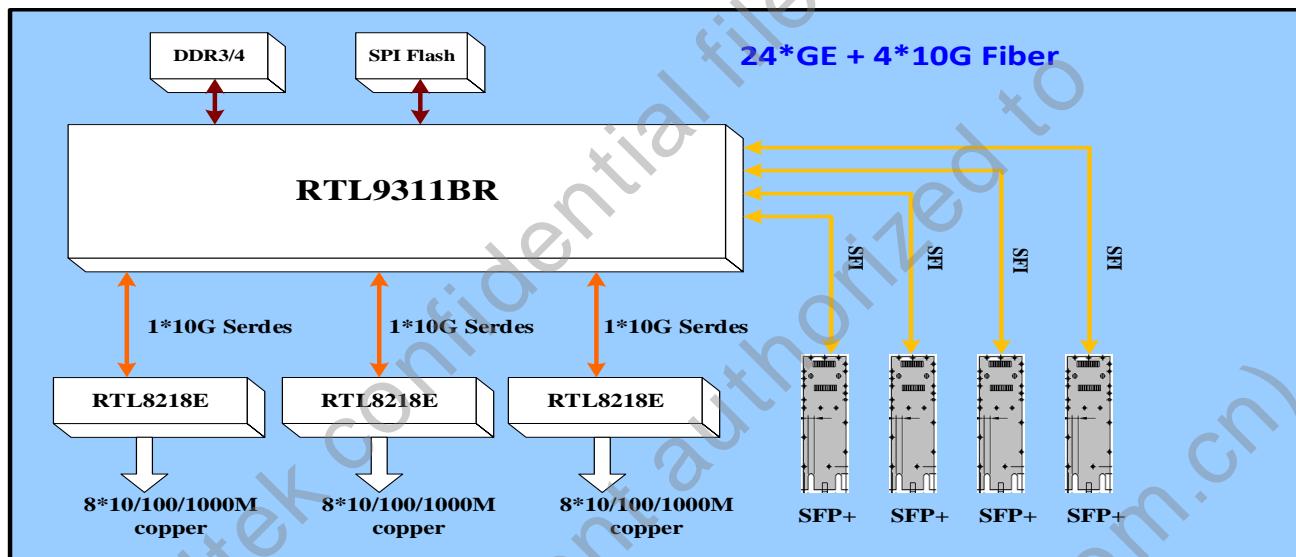


Figure 1. 24 10/100/1000Base-T + 4 10G Fiber

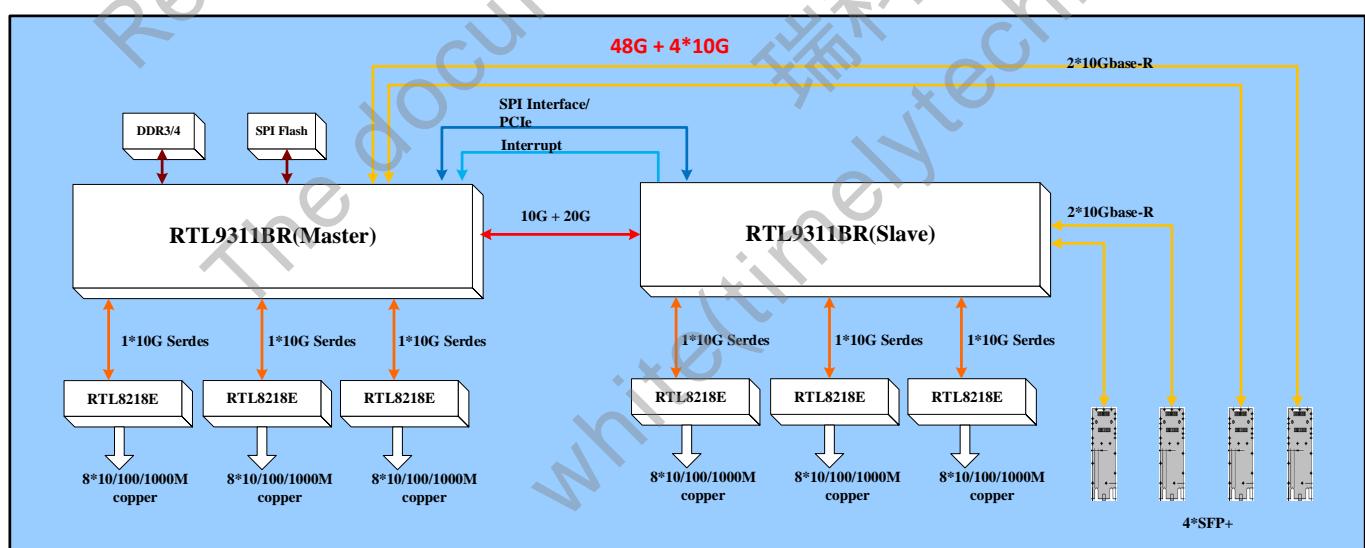


Figure 2. 48 10/100/1000Base-T + 4 10G Fiber

如 Figure 2 所示 cascade 应用中，master 和 slave RTL9311BM 会有配置差异，加上 24G+4\*10G 的模式，会有三种情况，下面会列举这三类配置差异。

## 2.1. Hardware configure differences

### 2.1.1. Power Supply

由于 cascade slave RTL9311BM 的 CPU 不工作，所以一些相关的 power 可以不用供电，具体 power pin 如下：

**Table 1 Power Supply differences**

Power pin	24G+4*10G	24G+20G+3XG(master)	24G+20G+3XG(slave)
MVDDH/MVDD/MVDD_CK	√	√	×
DVDDL_CPU	√	√	×
Other power	√	√	√

### 2.1.2. External interface

同上，由于 slave RTL9311BM 的 CPU 不工作，所以一些相关的 interface 不支持使用：

**Table 2 External interface differences**

Interface	24G+4*10G	24G+20G+3XG(master)	24G+20G+3XG(slave)
DDR	√	√	×
SPI Flash	√	√	×
P Nand Flash	√	√	×
UART	√	√	×
USB	√	√	×
PCIE	√	√ (RC Mode)	√ (EP Mode)
GPIO	√	√	×

### 2.1.3. Strap pin

Strap pin 会涉及 SYS\_CLK\_SEL (reg: 0xBB00A5C0[0]可查看代值) 的区别，cascade mode 下会升频至 375M，另外会由 SOC\_PCIE\_MODE\_SEL[1:0] (reg: 0xBB00A5C0[9:8]可查看代值) 决定两片 RTL9311BM mode。

**SYS\_CLK\_SEL:**

0b0: 24G+4\_10G mode

**0b1: 24G+1\_20G+3\_10G mode**
**SOC\_PCIE\_MODE\_SEL[1:0]:**

2b00: internal CPU only (soc on and PCIe power down)

**2b01: EP mode (soc power down and PCIe EP)**
**2b10: RC mode(soc on and PCIe RC)**

2b11: RESERVED

**Table 3 Strap pin differences**

Strap pin	24G+4*10G	24G+20G+3XG(master)	24G+20G+3XG(slave)
SYS_CLK_SEL	0	1	1
SOC_PCIE_MODE_SEL[1]	X	1	0
SOC_PCIE_MODE_SEL[0]	X	0	1

**2.1.4. Cascade & Serdes mode differences**
**Table 4 Cascade & Serdes mode differences**

Register	24G+4*10G	24G+20G+3XG(master)	24G+20G+3XG(slave)
MAC_L2_GLOBAL_CTRL2[7]	0x0	0x1	0x1
STK_DBG_CTRL[0]	0x1	0x0	0x0
SDS_MODE_SEL_1[4:0]	Not 0xB	0XB	0xB
SDS_MODE_SEL_1[9:5]	all value is valid	0x1A	0x1A

**2.2. Software configure differences**
**Table 5 Configure register differences**

Register	24G+4*10G	24G+20G+3XG(master)	24G+20G+3XG(slave)
FC_PORT_THR_SET_SEL[17:16]	0x1	0x1	0x1
TRK_CTRL[2]	1	0	0
TRK_CTRL[4]	0	0	0
TRK_LOCAL_TBL_REFRESH[0]	0x1	0x1	0x1
TRK_STK_CTRL[15:0]	0x0	0x3	0x3
TRK_LOCAL_TBL_REFRESH[0]	0x1	0x1	0x1
STK_GBL_CTRL[7:4]	0x0	0x2	0x1

STK_GBL_CTRL[3:0]	0x0	0x2	0x2
STK_GBL_CTRL_ENCAP_DUP[7:4]	0x0	0x2	0x1
STK_GBL_CTRL_ENCAP_DUP[3:0]	0x0	0x1	0x1
STK_PORT_ID_CTRL [0]. STK_PORT_ID[5:0]	0x0	0x18	0x18
STK_PORT_ID_CTRL [1]. STK_PORT_ID[11:6]	0x0	0x19	0x19
STK_PORT_ID_CTRL_DUP [0]. STK_PORT_ID[5:0]	0x0	0x18	0x18
STK_PORT_ID_CTRL_DUP [1]. STK_PORT_ID[11:6]	0x0	0x19	0x19
STK_DEV_PORT_MAP_CTRL [1].DEV_PORT_MAP[31:16]	0x0	0x3	0x3
L2_CTRL[11]	0x0	0x1	0x1
TRK_CTRL.STK_HASH_CAL[3:3]	0x0	0x1	0x1
ETE_FC_CTRL[2]	0x0	0x1	0x1
ETE_FC_CTRL[1]	0x0	0x1	0x1
ETE_FC_CTRL[0]	0x0	0x1	0x1
STK CASCADE TRK_HASH	0x1	0x21	0x21
STK CASCADE TRK_HASH_PORT_SEL	0x0	0x8100100	0x8100100
STK CASCADE_CTRL. CASCADE_SLAVE_ID[7:4]	0x0	0x1	0x1
STK CASCADE_CTRL. CASCADE_MASTER_ID[3:0]	0x0	0x2	0x2
MAC_L2_PORT_CTRL [24]	0x800193	0x193	0x193
MAC_L2_PORT_CTRL [25]	0x800193	0x193	0x193
PER_PORT_MAC_RSVD [24]	0x0	0xe	0xe
PER_PORT_MAC_RSVD [25]	0x0	0x8	0x8

### 3. Power domain Description

RTL9311BM 所有的 power pin 见下图，其中 Voltage range 统一为±3%，Current 裕量很大，后续会补上实际测量值。

**Table 6 Configure register differences**

Power#	NET_NAME	Pin count	Curren/mA	Voltage/A	Description
1	DVDDL_CPU	6	1000	0.9	CPU Digital Low Voltage Power
2	SVDDL	9	1500	0.9	SERDES Low Voltage Power
3	SVDDL_CK0	2	120	0.9	CMU Low Voltage Power
	SVDDL_CK1	1	80	0.9	CMU Low Voltage Power
	SVDDL_CK2	1	40	0.9	CMU Low Voltage Power
	SVDDL_CK3	1	40	0.9	CMU Low Voltage Power
	SVDDL_CK4	1	40	0.9	CMU Low Voltage Power
4	DVDDL	21	6000	0.9	Digital Low Voltage Power
	AVDDL_BG	1	50	0.9	BandGap Low Voltage Power
	AVDDL_XTAL	1	50	0.9	XTAL Low Voltage Power
	AVDDL_PLL	1	50	0.9	PLL Low Voltage Power
	SVDDL_PEX	1	150	0.9	PCIE Low Voltage Power
	SVDDL_SOC	1	150	0.9	SOC serdes (USB & SGMII) Low Voltage Power
5	SVDDH	1	1000	3.3	SERDES High Voltage Power
	DVDDH	2	1000	3.3	Digital High Voltage Power
	DVDDH_XSMI	1	1000	3.3/1.8	XG PHY smi High Voltage Power
	AVDDH_BG	1	1000	3.3	BandGap High Voltage Power
	AVDDH_XTAL	1	1000	3.3	XTAL High Voltage Power
	AVDDH_PLL	1	1000	3.3	PLL High Voltage Power
	MVDDH	1	1000	3.3	DDR PLL High Voltage Power
	SVDDH_SOC	1	1000	3.3	SOC serdes (USB & SGMII&PCIe) High Voltage Power
	VDDH_SOC	1	1000	3.3	SOC Digital High Voltage Power
6	VDD_SPI	1	1000	3.3/1.8	Power for SPI flash controller
	VDD_NAND	1	1000	3.3/1.8	Power for P-nand flash controller
7	MVDD	6	500	1.2	Power for DDR SDRAM IO
	MVDD_CK	1	500	1.2	

## 4. LED user guide

### 4.1. General Description

RTL9311BM provide flexible LED display to show speed, link status and other information of the port status. RTL9311BM supports three LED modes: serial mode, single color scan mode and bi-color scan mode. LED mode is decided by register configured after power on or reset as shown on Table 7.

**Table 7 LED mode select register**

Register Name	Description
LED_MOD[1:0]	LED MODE selection. 0x0: Disable LED. 0x1: Enable LED, and display LED in serial mode; 0x2: Enable LED, and display LED in single color scan mode; 0x3: Enable LED, and display LED in bicolor scan mode;

#### 4.1.1. LED definition setting

RTL9311BM supports four sets of LED definition setting. Furthermore, RTL9311BM provides two registers for LED\_SET selecting, one for copper and the other for fiber.

Note: In bi-color LED mode, LED0 and LED1 cannot light simultaneously, so the definition of LED0 and LED1 should avoid this restriction.

**Table 8 LED SET register**

Name	Description
SETx_LED3_SEL[15:0]	Select set0 LED3 mode configuration. Default is 500M Link/Act.
SETx_LED2_SEL[15:0]	Select set0 LED2 mode configuration. Default is Full duplex.
SETx_LED1_SEL[15:0]	Select set0 LED1 mode configuration. Default is 1000M Link/Act.
SETx_LED0_SEL[15:0]	Select set0 LED0 mode configuration. Default is 10M/100M Link/Act.
LED_COPR_SET_PSEL[1:0]	Select per port copper LED definition is set0 or set1 or set2 or set3.
LED_FIB_SET_PSEL[1:0]	Select per port fiber LED definition is set0 or set1 or set2 or set3.

**Table 9 LED mode select register**

SETx_LEDx_SEL[15:0]		Description	
Bit[0]	10G	Speed selection.	
Bit[1]	5G	Combine with Link/Link Flash/ACT (Bit[11:9])	
Bit[2]	two_pair2.5G		
Bit[3]	2.5G		
Bit[4]	two_pair 1G		
Bit[5]	1G		
Bit[6]	500M		
Bit[7]	100M		
Bit[8]	10M		
Bit[9]	Link	LED light when link established	Combine with speed selection (Bit[8:0])
Bit[10]	Link Flash	LED blink when link established	
Bit[11]	ACT	LED blink when packet transmitting or receiving	
Bit[12]	RX	LED blink when packet receiving	There is no relationship with speed selection.
Bit[13]	TX	LED blink when packet transmitting	
Bit[14]	COL	LED blink when collision occurring	
Bit[15]	Duplex	LED light when link at full duplex	

#### 4.1.2. Power on blinking

RTL9311bBR also support power on blinking after every power on or reset. In order to support bi-color LED display, three steps are designed. Table 10 is the list of register that control the LED on/off in step1 and step2, and in step3 all LED are off. LED on/off time in each step can also be set by register.

**Table 10 LED POWER SETP register**

Register Name	Description
STEP2_PWR_ON_LED_3_0	Select power on blinking LED[3:0] in step 2 power on duration. "0" is LED off, "1" is LED on.
STEP1_PWR_ON_LED_3_0	Select power on blinking LED[3:0] in step 1 power on duration. "0" is LED off, "1" is LED on

**Table 11 PWR\_ON\_BLINK\_SEL register**

Register Name	Description
PWR_ON_BLINK_SEL[1:0]	Select power on blinking time (T). 0x0: disable 0x1: 400ms 0x2: 800ms 0x3: 1.6s

### 4.1.3. LED Port Number Selection

RTL9311BM support register COPR\_PMASK[27:0], FIB\_PMASK[27:0] to decide enable/disable port LED signal stream. Furthermore, Per-Port LED number can be selected by register configured. RTL9311BM also support combo port LED to distinguish from UTP port and Fiber port, when the PHY can work either on UTP mode or fiber mode. and LED\_COMBO[27:0] decide whether copper/fiber status display on the same LED, as listed in table 15.

**Table 12 LED\_COPR\_PMASK register**

Name	Description
LED_COPR_PMASK [27:0]	Copper LED port mask. Mapping to physical port 27 ~ port 0.

**Table 13 LED\_FIB\_PMASK register**

Name	Description
LED_FIB_PMASK [27:0]	Fiber LED port mask. Mapping to physical port 27 ~ port 0.

**Table 14 LED\_NUM\_SEL register**

Name	Description
LED_NUM_SEL	Select LED number for each port. 0x0: 1 LEDs for each port. Pn_LED[0]. 0x1: 2 LEDs for each port. Pn_LED[1:0]. 0x2: 3 LEDs for each port. Pn_LED[2:0]. 0x3: 4 LEDs for each port. Pn_LED[3:0].  Note: This register must be select 3-LEDs in Bi-color scan LED mode.

**Table 15 LED\_COMBO\_PMASK register**

Name	Description
LED_COMBO_PMASK [27:0]	LED combo port selection. Mapping to physical port 27 ~ port 0. 0b0: Copper status display on copper LED, fiber status display on fiber LED. 0b1: Copper and fiber status display on same LED.

#### 4.1.4. Pin Assignments for LED

RTL9311BM provide 2 LED pins to connect with shift register in serial mode or RTL8231 in scan mode. The description of these two pins is listed in table 15.

**Table 16 LED pin description**

Pin Name	Pin No.	Type	Drive (mA)	Description
LED_MDC	AJ4	O	12	(1) In Serial LED mode: Reference output clock for serial LED interface and Data is latched on the rising of LED_MDC. (2) In single color scan LED mode and bi-color scan LED mode: Reference output clock for MDC/MDIO interface.
LED_MDIO	AJ3	O	12	(1) In Serial LED mode: Serial bit stream of link status information. (2) In single color scan LED mode and bi-color scan LED mode: The data written to LED IC.

### 4.2. Serial LED mode

#### 4.2.1. Serial LED Mode Setting

The serial LED interface, LED\_MDC and LED\_MDIO provide clock and data to enable/disable the external shift registers.

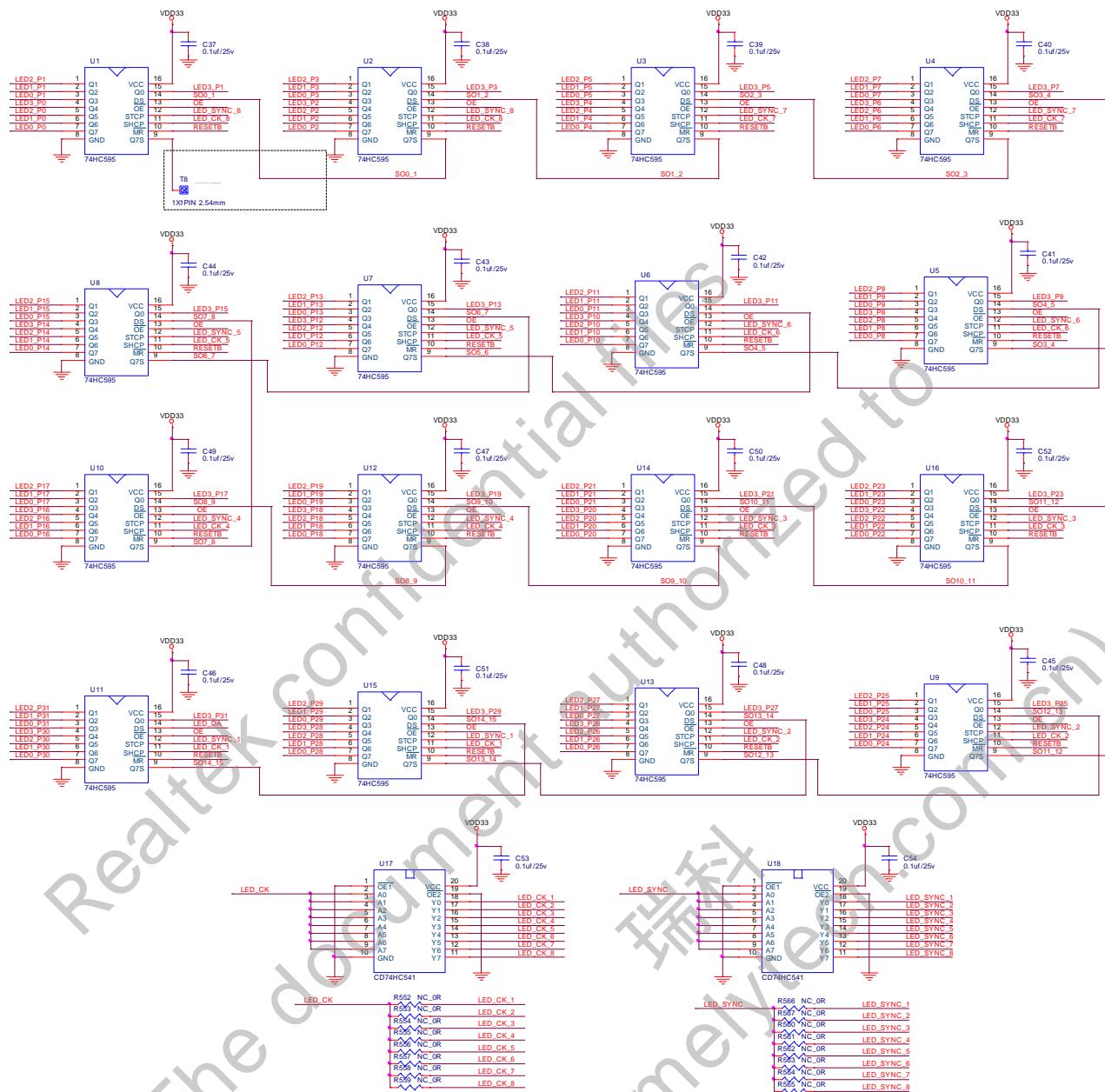
What should be take care is that these LED settings should be configured properly before LED mode selected.

**Table 17 Serial LED application**

Application mode		LED_NUM_SEL	LED_COPR_PMASK	LED_FIB_PMASK	LED_COMBO_PMASK	Total LED	
RTL9311BM	24G+4*10G combo	Per-port 4 LED	0x3	0xffffffff	0xffffffff	0xffffffff	128
	24G+4*10G fiber	Per-port 4 LED	0x3	0xffffffff	0xffffffff	0xffffffff	112
		Per-port 3 LED	0x2	0xffffffff	0xffffffff	0xffffffff	84
		Per-port 2 LED	0x1	0xffffffff	0xffffffff	0xffffffff	56

#### 4.2.2. Serial LED with 74HC595

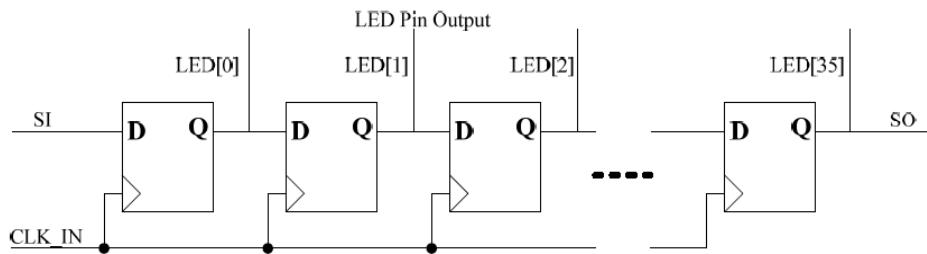
A 74HC595 8-Bit Serial–Input/Serial or Parallel–Output Shift Register with Latched 3–State Outputs captures per-port link status and diagnostic information. The related circuit design for 24G+4\*10G Combo mode with per-port 4 LED, as shown in figure 3. In non-combo port mode, those fiber LED and related 74HC595( U11 and U15 in figure 3) can be removed.



**Figure 3. RTL9311BM 24G+ 4\*10G Combo Serial LED Connection with 74HC595 Diagram**

#### 4.2.3. Serial LED with RTL8231

The RTL8231 shift register mode could reserve the serial data, and output parallel data in order. There are 36 shift registers in one RTL8231. The output data sequence is shown below:



**Figure 4. RTL8231 Shift Register Mode Logic Diagram**

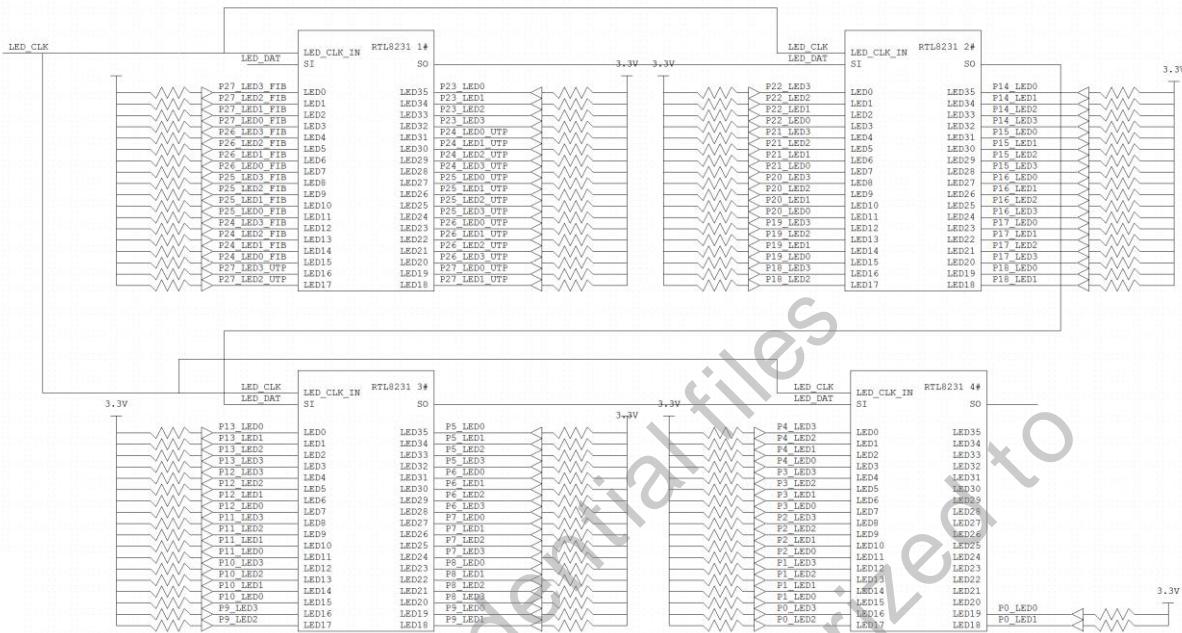
RTL8231 latches the current serial data which received at the SI pin and shift the preceding data to the next stage at the each rising edge of the serial clock. At the first serial data input, RTL8231 output from pin 15 LED[0]. At the last shift register, the serial data output from LED[35] pin and SO pin at the same time.

Strapping pins configuration of RTL8231 in shift register mode is depicted in table 6.

**Table 18 RTL8231 Shift Register Mode Strapping Pins Configuration**

Pin Name	Pin Number	Type	Description	Configuration for serial LED mode
LED[0]/Dis_SMI	15	I/O <sub>PD</sub>	Select RTL8231 in the SMI mode or Shift Register mode. 0: SMI mode.(default) 1: Shift register mode.	Pull high
SO/MOD[1]	16	I/O	MOD[1] defines that application circuit is active high or low. 0: Low active 1: High active Note: internal floating. Must be pulled high or low to select the active high or active low application.	Pull low
LED[15]/MOD[0]	42	I/O <sub>PU</sub>	MOD[0] defines the initial value is output high or low. 0: Output low after power on or hardware pin reset. 1: Output high after power on or hardware pin reset. (default)	Pull high

The related circuit design is shown in figure 5



**Figure 5. RTL9311BM 24G+ 4\*10G Combo Serial LED Connection with RTL8231 Diagram**

Figure 5 is an example of RTL8231 shift register mode for 24G+ 4\*10G Combo with per-port 4 LED, totally 128 LED are used. In this case, four RTL8231 are needed, connect LED\_CLK to both RTL8231 and connect the ahead RTL8231's SO to the next RTL8231's SI so that two RTL8231 can be combined together to form a 144 bits shift register, which is enough for 128 LED application. Same to more RTL8231 applications.

## 4.3. Scan LED mode

### 4.3.1. Scan LED Mode Setting

The RTL9311BM support scan LED by connecting with LED IC of the RTL8231, which provides single color and bi-color scan LED. The LED\_CLK/ LED\_DAT change to MDC/ MDIO interface mode and transmit MDC/ MDIO data to LED IC.

After power on or hardware reset, RTL9311BM initialize the RTL8231, and then write LED status to it to turn on/ off LED.

The strapping pins configuration of RTL8231 in SMI Mode is depicted in table 18.

**Table 19 RTL8231 SMI Mode Strapping Pins Configuration**

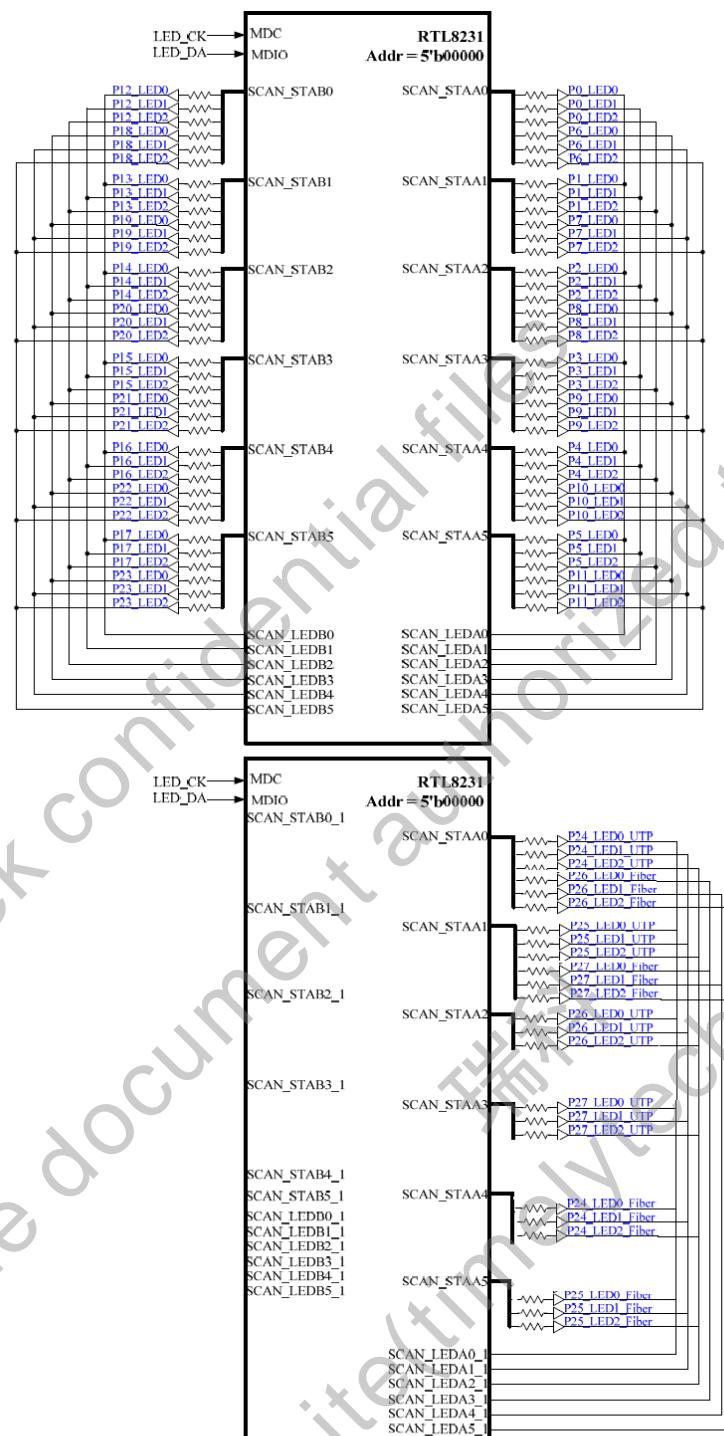
Pin Name	Pin Number	Type	Description	Configuration for I2C-like mode
GPIO[35]/Dis_SMI	15	I/O <sub>PD</sub>	Select RTL8231 in the SMI mode or Shift Register mode. <b>0: SMI mode.(default)</b> 1: Shift register mode.	Pull low
SCAN_STAB0/Addr[0]	37	I/O <sub>PU</sub>	Addr[4:0] is Device ID. The first LED IC device address should be 0, and others are incrementally addressed;	Pull low
SCAN_STAB1/Addr[1]	38	I/O <sub>PU</sub>		Pull low
SCAN_STAB2/Addr[2]	39	I/O <sub>PU</sub>		Pull low
SCAN_STAB3/Addr[3]	40	I/O <sub>PU</sub>		Pull low
SCAN_STAB4/Addr[4]	41	I/O <sub>PU</sub>		Pull low
SCAN_STAB5/MOD[0]	42	I/O <sub>PU</sub>	When SMI mode is enable, <b>1: MDC/MDIO interface(default)</b> 0: I2C interface	Pull high

RTL8231 can support at most 72 single color LED in single color mode or 24 bi-color LED plus 24 single color LED in bi-color mode.

In the scan mode, RTL9311BM support at the most 4 single color LED or 1 bi-color plus 1 single color LED for each port.

#### 4.3.2. Single color Scan LED application

Some related circuit design is shown below:



**Figure 6. RTL9301 24G+ 4\*10G Combo and per-port 3 LED circuit in single color scan mode**

### 4.3.3. Bi-color Scan LED Application

In bi-color LED mode, a little difference from single color LED is that LED\_NUM\_SEL register must be select 3-LEDs.

The related circuit design is shown as below:

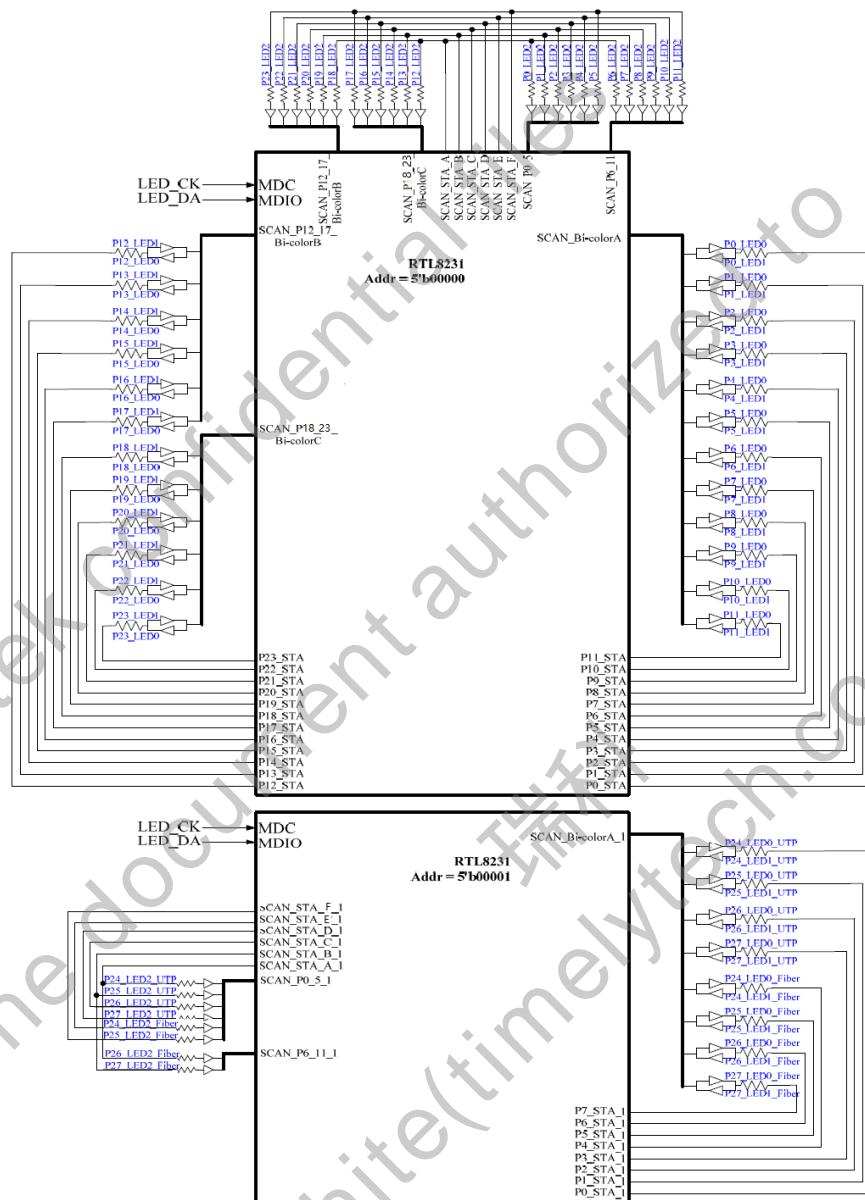


Figure 7. RTL9301 24G+ 4\*10G Combo in Bi-color scan mode

## 5. SOC related Introduction

### 5.1. DDR/FLASH User Guide

#### 5.1.1. SPI Nor Flash

The RTL9311BM supports a Maximum 64Mbyte SPI Nor Flash.

Features are shown below:

- Support both 3.3V and 1.8V
- Up to 100MHz
- Two chip select with up to 64MB

Table 20 SPI Nor Flash Recommend Model List

Manu.name	Model name	Note.
MXIC	MX25L25645G	3.3V,32MB
Winbond	W25Q256JVFQ	3.3V,32MB
XTX	XT25F256BSFIGU	3.3V,32MB
GD	GD25LB512MEFFRY	1.8V,64MB

#### 5.1.2. SPI Nand Flash

The RTL9311BM supports a Maximum 512Mbyte SPI Nand Flash.

Features are shown below:

- Support both 3.3V and 1.8V
- Up to 100MHz (3.3V) / 50MHz (1.8V)
- Two chip select with up to 512MB

Table 21 SPI Nand Flash Recommend Model List

Manu.name	Model name	Note.
MXIC	MX35LF2G14AC	3.3V,256MB
	MX35LF4G24AD	3.3V,512MB
Winbond	W25N01GVZEIG	3.3V,128MB
Dosilicon	DS35Q4GM-IB	3.3V,512MB

### 5.1.3. Parallel Nand Flash

The RTL9311BM supports a Maximum 2Gbyte Parallel Nand Flash.

Features are shown below:

- Support both 3.3V and 1.8V
- Up to 50MHz (3.3V) / 33.3MHz (1.8V). Considering WE\_N and OE\_N as 1T
- Up to 2GB total for Parallel Nand Flash

**Table 22 Parallel Nand Flash Recommend Model List**

<b>Manu.name</b>	<b>Model name</b>	<b>Note.</b>
MXIC	MX30LF2G28AD	3.3V,256MB, TSOP48
MXIC	MX60LF8G28AD-TI	3.3V,1GB, TSOP48
Winbond	W29N08GVSIAA	3.3V,1GB, TSOP48
XTX	PN27G02BBGITG	3.3V,256M, BGA24

### 5.1.4. DDR

The RTL9311BM supports a Maximum 2G-Byte DDR3 SDRAMs, or 4G-Byte DDR4 SDRAMs.

Features are shown below:

- DDR3 / DDR4, 16-bit
- DDR4 Up to 1066MHz (data rate 2133), DDR3 Up to 933MHz (data rate 1866)
- Support side-band ECC
- DDR4 Support up to 4GB, DDR3 Support up to 2GB
- DDR4 Support dual rank

**Table 23 DDR4 Recommend Model List**

<b>Manu.name</b>	<b>Model name</b>	<b>Note.</b>
SKhynix	H5ANAG6NCMR	16Gb
	H5AN8G6NDJR	8Gb
Nanya	NT5AD512M16C4	8Gb
	NT5AD256M16D4	4Gb

**Table 24 DDR3 Recommend Model List**

<b>Manu.name</b>	<b>Model name</b>	<b>Note.</b>
ISSI	IS43TR16K01S2AL	16Gb
Nanya	NT5CB256M16ER	4Gb

## 5.2. PCIe EP&RC User Guide

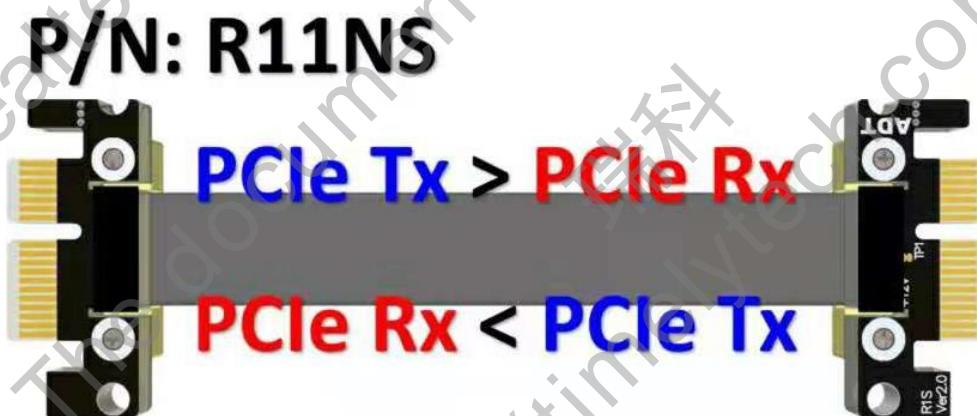
### 5.2.1. Mode select

可参考 2.1.3 节中，strap pin 的差异，EP mac 和 RC mac 会共用一颗 PHY，通过 strap pin SOC\_PCIE\_MODE\_SEL[1:0] 来选择 mode。

### 5.2.2. Design Note

- RTL9311BM 有专门处理 PCIE 的 PERSTN，有单独出 pin：PCIE\_RST(AE2)。在 cascade 运用中，需将此 pin 对接，来实现 RC 对 EP 的 reset 操作。
- 除正常 TX/RX 信号对接外，PCIE\_REFCLK\_P/M 也许对接，RC 会提供 100M differential clock 给 EP。
- 当一块板子需要同时使用 EP/RC 两种 mode 时，由于 PCIE 接口不同，而 GEN2 速度在 5G，不一定能同时出两套接口，可选择外部 cable 进行接口转换。

例如，目前 QA board 出的是 PCIe 母座，默认 RC mode，当要使用 EP mode 时，可通过如下 cable 将 PCIe 母座外接转换为金手指（cable 线需选择支持 gen2 的材质）：



### 5.2.3. GPIO application guide

Refer to RTL9311BM GPIO Application Note\_0.1.doc

## 6. Layout guide

### 6.1. General Design and Layout

In order to achieve maximum performance with the RTL9311BM, good design attention is required throughout the design and layout process. The following recommendations will help implement a high performance system.

#### 6.1.1. General Guidelines

- Provide a good power source, minimizing noise from switching power supply circuits. The following criteria are recommended; power noise of DVDDH/DVDDH\_XSMI/AVDDH\_BG/AVDDH\_PLL/AVDDH\_XTAL/SVDDH/SVDDH\_SOC/VD<sub>DH\_SOC</sub>/MVDDH should be under 30mV and power noise of SVDDL/SVDDL\_CK<sub>x</sub>(x=0,1,2,3,4) should be under 20mV, power noise of AVDDL\_BG/AVDDL\_XTAL/AVDDL\_PLL/SVDDL\_SOC/SVDDL\_PEX/DVDDL should be under 30mV

- Verify the critical components, such as clock source and transformer, to meet the application requirements
- Use bulk capacitors (4.7  $\mu$ F-47  $\mu$ F) between each power and ground plane
- Use 0.1  $\mu$ F decoupling capacitors to reduce high-frequency noise on the power and ground planes
- Keep decoupling capacitors as close as possible to the RTL9311BM
- Fill in unused areas of component side and solder side with solid copper and attach them with vias to the ground plane
- The IBREF pin of the RTL9311BM must connect to GND via a 2.49K +/- 1% ohm resistor. This resistor must be placed as close as possible to the RTL9311BM
- The LED\_sync pin must use a 4.7K pull low external resistor to GND if used for 74HC595 ST\_CP.
- Avoid right angle turns on all traces

### 6.1.2. Clock Circuits

- Place the crystal as close to the RTL9311BM as possible
- Surround clock traces with ground trace to minimize high-frequency emissions
- Use a 1.5K pull up external resistor to 3V3 for MDIO.
- Keep the MDC traces away from other signals
- Keep a clear area under the crystal or OSC component
- Ensure clock traces have an unbroken reference ground plane
- All clock traces should use a source termination scheme to reduce the signal reflection and EMI radiation
- Termination resistors must be as close to the driver side as possible

### 6.1.3. Power Planes

- Divide the power plane into 3.3V, 0.9V and 1.2V.

3.3V power plane for

DVDDH/DVDDH\_XSMI/AVDDH\_BG/AVDDH\_PLL/AVDDH\_XTAL/SVDDH/SVDDH\_SOC/VD  
DH\_SOC/MVDDH.

0.9V power plane for AVDDL\_BG/AVDDL\_XTAL/AVDDL\_PLL/SVDDL\_SOC/  
SVDDL\_PEX/DVDDL/SVDDL/SVDDL\_CKx(x=0,1,2,3,4).

1.2V power plane for MVDD/MVDD\_CK.

3.3V or 1.8V power plane for VDD\_SPI/VDD\_NAND

- Use 0.1 $\mu$ F decoupling capacitors and bulk capacitors between each power plane and ground plane
- Use Pi filter for the power of SVDDL\_CK

### 6.1.4. Ground Planes

- Keep the ground region under the RTL9311BM. Avoid too many breaches to achieve good heat conductive ability and a good signal return path

- Keep the system ground region as one continuous, unbroken plane that extends from the primary side of the transformer to the rest of the board
- Place a moat (gap) between the system ground and chassis ground

### 6.1.5. Reset Circuit

At RTL9311BM side, we place a circuit of pull-high R 220K and 0.1uF to ground near the reset input pin to avoid noise trigger reset during system ESD test.

But if reset circuit design used AND-gate logic to implement combinational reset, it needs to take care the C load of AND-gate output if meets the AND-gate datasheet requirement. Normal C load requirement of AND-gate is pF order.

For example, if C load used 0.1uF will cause the AND-gate(74LVC08A) output has glitch signal, and has the risk of system boot-up fail.

### 6.1.6. Reserved GPIO for SFP+

While planning the RTL9311BM system design with SFP+, the LOS/SDA/SCL/MOD\_ABS/TX\_DIS pins of SFP+ connector must connect to GPIO pins.

- Connect GPIO to LOS pin:

If CPU detect the LOS is low, it will execute 10G SerDes rx calibration to optimize 10G SerDes performance.

- Connect GPIO to SDA/SCL pins:

It provides CPU to judge the fiber transceiver which plug-in is 1G or 10G mode since the SerDes parameters for these two transceivers is different.

- Connect GPIO to MOD\_ABS pin:

It provides the signal of fiber module present for CPU.

- Connect GPIO to TX\_DISABLE pin:

When Tx\_Disable is asserted low or grounded the module transmitter is operating normally.

## 6.1.7. PWRMON Electrical Specification

RTL9311BM support OAM dying gasp function, and it monitor the voltage level of PWRMON pin to check if it meets OAM dying gasp conditions.

The electrical specification for PWRMON pins is shown below:

- Trigger condition: voltage is under 1.2V~ 1.25V
- Normal state: voltage must be above 1.55V, and in the range of 1.55V~3.3V

## 6.2. Serdes Layout Guidelines

As the SFI/XSGMII transmits over 10.3125Gbps/10.3125Gbps differential signal pairs, the PCB layout needs some attentions in order to meet layout guidelines. The following lists some important guidelines for layout of the SFI/XSGMII.

When using 2x2 or 2x1 SFP+ cage, please Refer to Chapter 6.2.3.

### 6.2.1. General Guidelines

- All SFI/XSGMII must be laid on the top side of a 4/6-layer or PCB, and cannot pass through a via
- Recommend ground shielding for Serdes TX & RX differential pairs. Clearance between signal and ground least 30mils in a 4-layer PCB
- As possible to space to all other signals be at least 30-mil in order to avoid harmful coupling issues in a 4-layer PCB (see Figure 8)

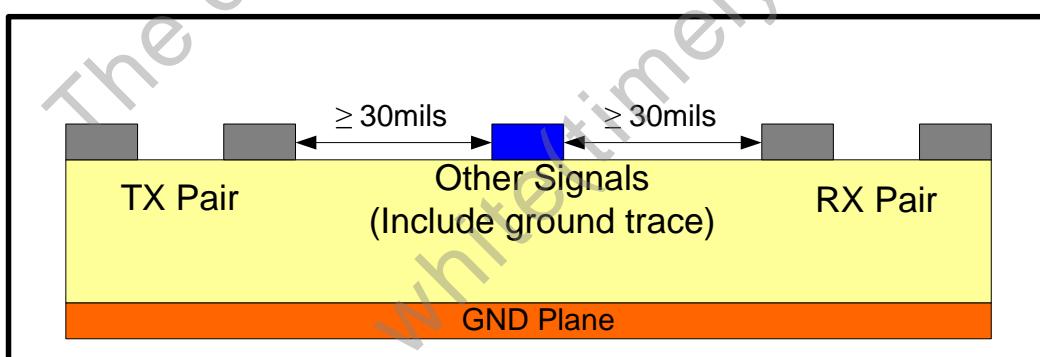


Figure 8. Trace Spacing Recommendation for a 4-Layer PCB

- Differential pairs should maintain symmetry between the two signals of a differential pair whenever possible.

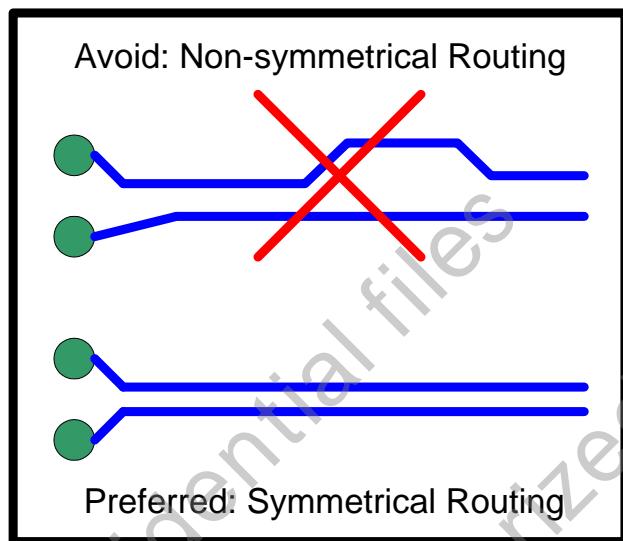


Figure 9. Symmetrical Routing

- Trace routes over long distances should be routed at an off-angle to the X-Y axis of a PCB layer to distribute the effects of fiber glass bundle weaves and resin-rich areas of the dielectric

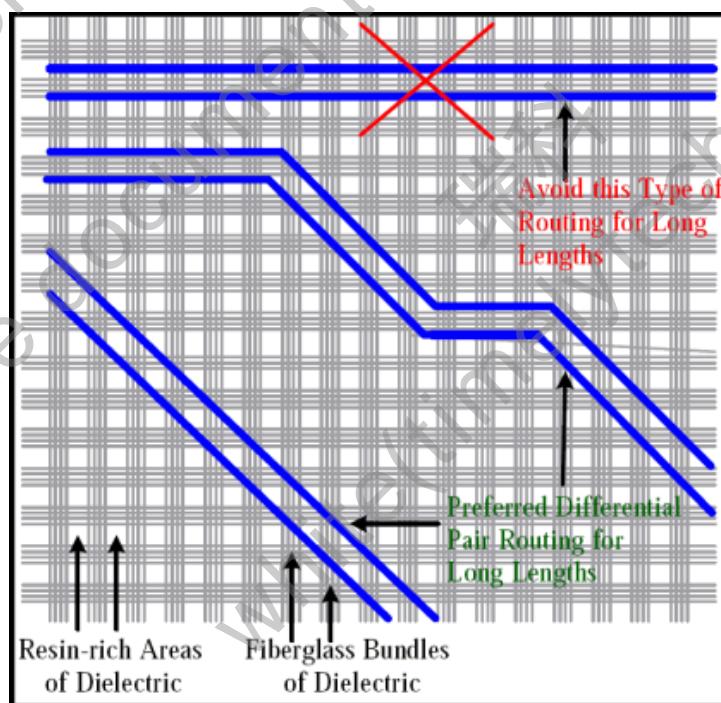


Figure 10. Long Trace Layout for Serdes

- Differential pairs should have a continuous reference plane, and avoid via
- For XSGMII interface, size 0402 AC coupling capacitors are strongly encouraged as the smaller the package size, the less ESL
- **For SFI interface to take account of SFF-8431 testing**, AC coupling capacitors are not needed
- Place AC coupling capacitors near output pins of differential pairs
- Locate capacitors for coupled traces at the same location along the differential traces

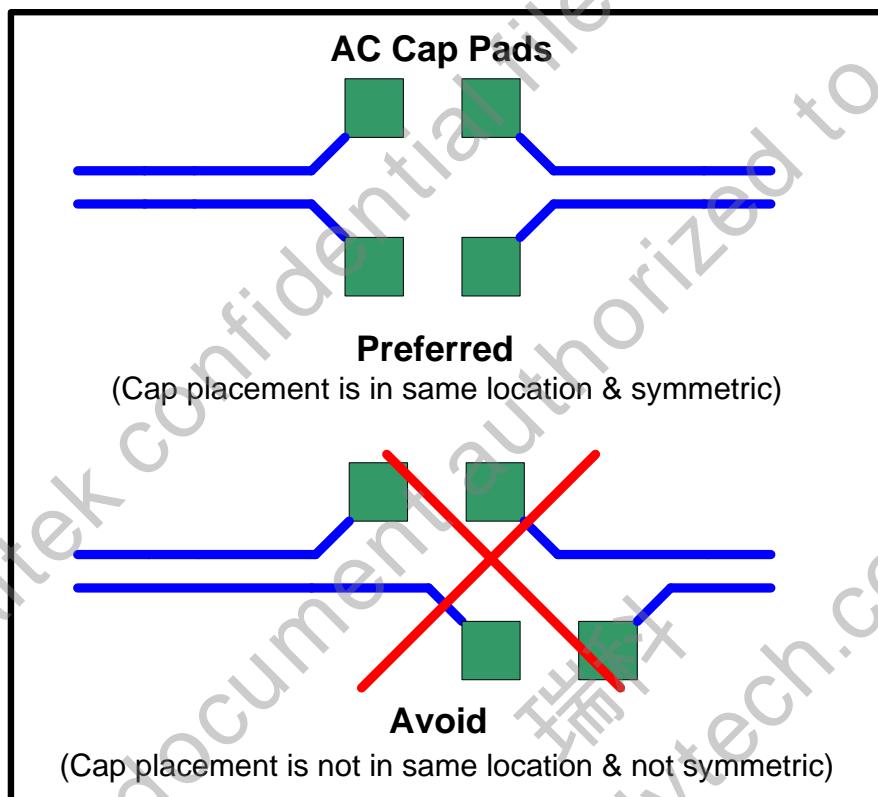


Figure 11. Symmetrical Routing Into AC Capacitors

### 6.2.2. SFI/XSGMII Layout Guidelines

- Differential pair impedance for SFI/XSGMII is  $100\Omega \pm 10\%$
- SFI trace length is required to follow bellow rules for SFF-8431 testing:
  - SFI host interconnect budget SDD21 at 5.5GHz is between -6.5dB and -2.25dB (SDD21 is defined from chip pads to SFP+ connector). The minimum channel transfer SDD21 (maximum loss) is given by:

$$SDD21(dB) = -0.73 \quad f \text{ from } 0.01 \text{ GHz to } 0.25 \text{ GHz}$$

$$SDD21(dB) = (-0.108 - 0.845 \times \sqrt{f} - 0.802 \times f) \quad f \text{ from } 0.25 \text{ GHz to } 7 \text{ GHz}$$

$$SDD21(dB) = 20 - 4 \times f \quad f \text{ from } 7 \text{ GHz to } 8 \text{ GHz}$$

$$SDD21(dB) \geq -16 \quad f \text{ from } 8 \text{ GHz to } 11.1 \text{ GHz}$$

where  $f$  is the frequency in GHz.

- The reflection coefficients, SDD11 and SDD22, of the SFI channel are recommended to meet following equations:

The reflection coefficients, SDD11 and SDD22, of the SFI channel are recommended to meet the following equations:

$$SDDxx(dB) \leq -14.5 \quad f \text{ from } 0.01 \text{ to } 5 \text{ GHz}$$

$$SDDxx(dB) \leq -23.25 + 8.75 \times \left(\frac{f}{5}\right) \quad f \text{ from } 5 \text{ to } 11.1 \text{ GHz}$$

where  $f$  is the frequency in GHz and SDDxx is either SDD11 or SDD22.

- SFI PCB trace length maximum is -inch in a 4-layer of normal FR4 PCB and recommend SFI PCB trace length is 3.5-inch for SFF-8431 testing

- XSGMII trace length is required to follow the below rule:

- Trace length must be between 1.5 inches and 15 inches in a 4-layer of normal FR4 PCB

- Connected to DAC, System link budget SDD21 at 5.15625G is greater than -20dB.

- The recommended minimum channel transfer SDD21 of DAC is greater than -11dB.

- The recommended maximum channel transfer SDDxx of DAC is less than -14dB.

Application example: PCB TX: -3dB + RX: -3dB + Connector: -1dB + CABLE: -11dB +

thermal/environmental margin: -2dB, Total: -20dB.

- Differential pairs P and N trace in substrate and PCB total mismatch cannot exceed 5 mils for SFI interface (Connected to Fiber Module/DAC) or 30 mils for XSGMII interface (Connected to other chip directly). If total length matched within 5 mils or 30 mils, avoid serpentine routing. If total length matched over 5 mils or 30 mils, serpentine routing is acceptable. The length matching compensation should be made as close as possible to the point where the length variation occurs, for example, near chip pins. Minimize the length of the serpentine sections as much as possible. SFI/ XSGMII trace

length in substrate:

**Table 25 SFI/ XSGMII trace length in substrate**

Ball No.	Pin Name	Substrate Total Trace Skew Pos vs Neg (mil)
AH22	HSOP_S0	4.6
AJ22	HSON_S0	
AG23	HSIP_S0	0.07
AFG24	HSIN_S0	
AH25	HSOP_S1	4.63
AJ25	HSON_S1	
AG26	HSIP_S1	0.2
AG27	HSIN_S1	
AH28	HSOP_S2	4.63
AJ28	HSON_S2	
AG29	HSIP_S2	0.2
AF29	HSIN_S2	
AA27	HSOP_S3	-0.44
AB27	HSON_S3	
Y28	HSIP_S3	0.19
Y29	HSIN_S3	
V27	HSOP_S4	-0.41
W26	HSON_S4	
U28	HSIP_S4	0.02
U29	HSIN_S4	
R27	HSOP_S5	0.61
T27	HSON_S5	
P28	HSIP_S5	-0.4
P29	HSIN_S5	
M27	HSOP_S6	0.62
N27	HSON_S6	
L28	HSIP_S6	0.31
L29	HSIN_S6	
AA27	HSOP_S7	0.19
AB27	HSON_S7	
AD27	HSIP_S7	0.2
AE27	HSIN_S7	

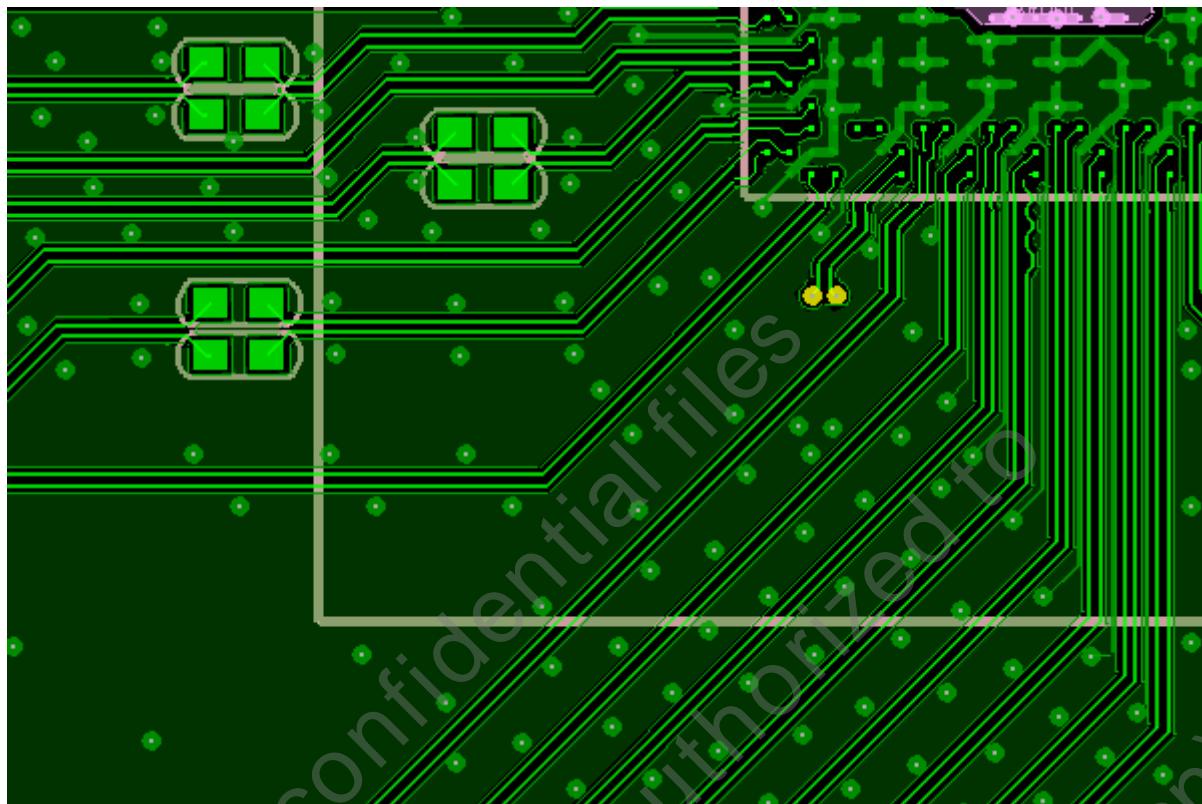


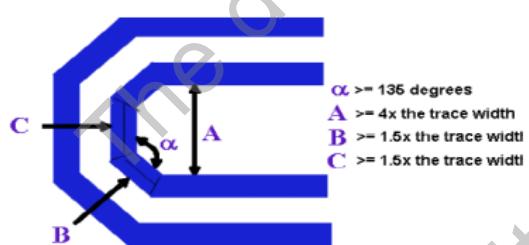
Figure 12. Length Matching and Compensation Example

Maintain symmetrical routing

Avoid bends

- Otherwise, make the bend angle > 135 degree
- Match the number of left bends to the number of right bends for length

These two opposite bends compensate each other naturally



Preferred - Not Considered "Tight Bends"

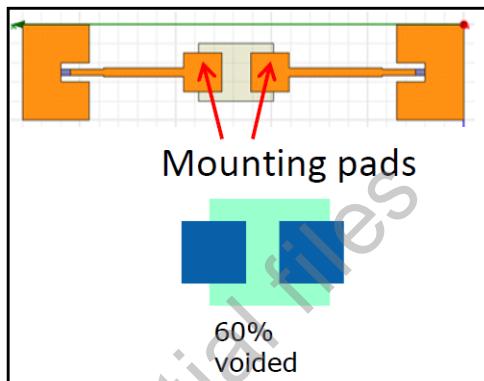


Avoid! -"Tight Bends"

Figure 13. Bend Rule Example

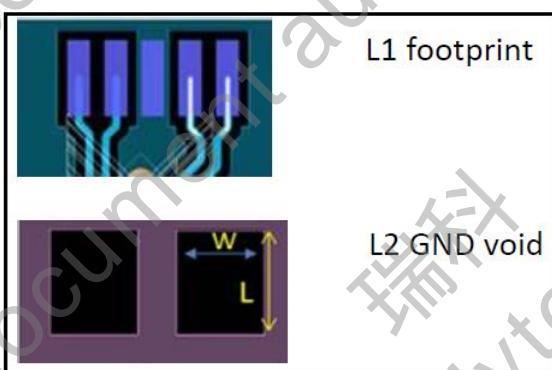
- Recommend arc turn and oblique line for SFI/XSGMII trace
- Minimize impedance mismatch between transmission lines & mounting pads for SFI/XSGMII PCB layout:

1. Use smallest mounting pad size if possible.
2. Partially void the reference layer (~60%) to reduce the capacitance. (see Figure 14)



**Figure 14. SFI Layout Rules for AC Coupling Capacitors**

- The biggest discontinuity of impedance occurs at the connector; use ground voiding under the connector footprint to mitigate the effect. The void for tx & rx differential pair pins of SFP+ connector is shown in Figure 15



**Figure 15. SFP+ Connector Footprint Voiding**

### 6.2.3. Stacked SFP+ Connectors Layout Guidelines

RTL9311BR Demo board layout on FR4 4-layers PCB

- Trace routes from BGA-> Layer1 -> Vias -> Layer4 -> Connector

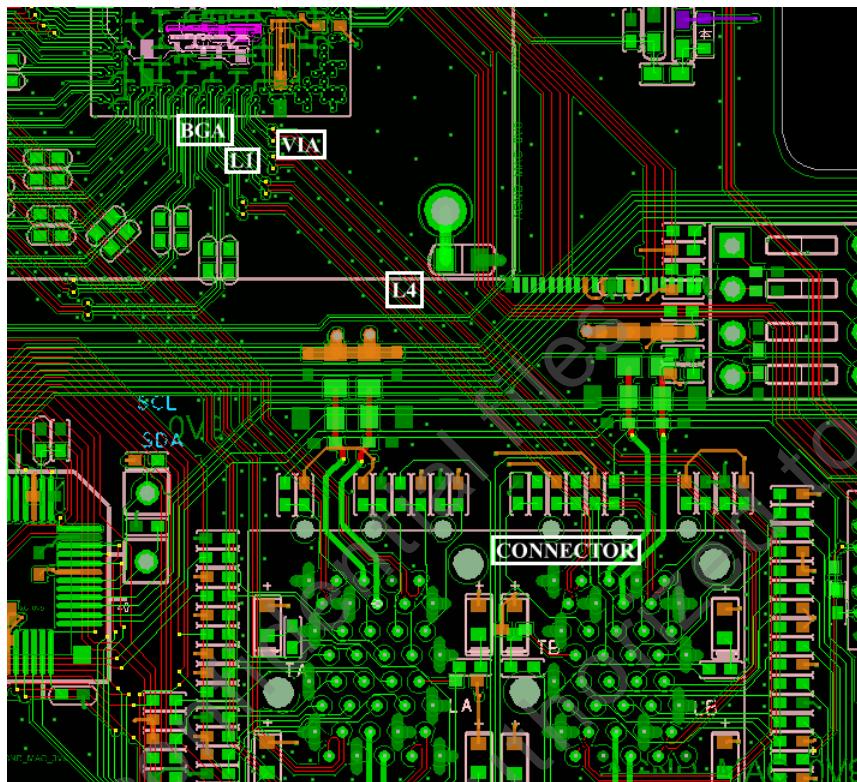


Figure 16. Stacked SFP+ Connector Layout on FR4 4-layer PCB

- Route Differential pairs on bottom layer

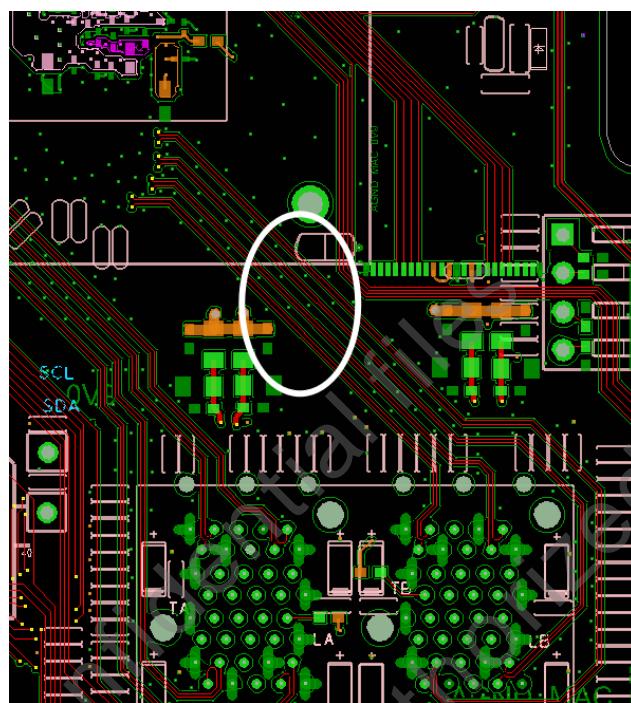


Figure 17. Differential pairs traces on L4

- Diff. pairs on connector side, ring pad & L1
- Remove connector pin ring pad on inner layers.
- L1 (Top layer) pad void 40mils (1mm)

## Cu Layer Design – L1



Figure 18. Diff. pairs on connector side, ring pad & L1

3. Diff. pairs on connector side, L2
- L2 pad void 40mils (1mm)

## Cu Layer Design – L2

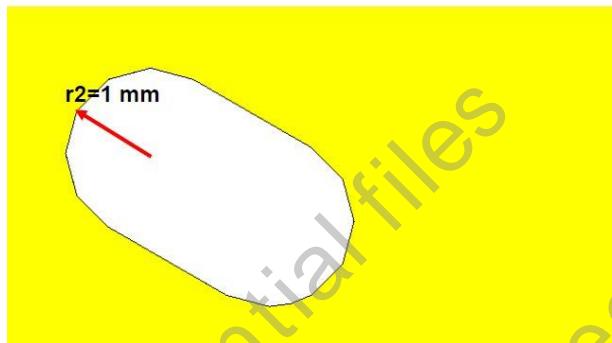


Figure 19. Diff. pairs on connector side, L2

4. Diff. pairs on connector side, L3
- L3 pad void 20mils (0.5mm)

## Cu Layer Design – L3



Figure 20. Diff. pairs on connector side, L3

5. Diff. pairs on connector side, L4
- L4 (bottom) pad void 44mils (1.1mm)

## Cu Layer Design – L4

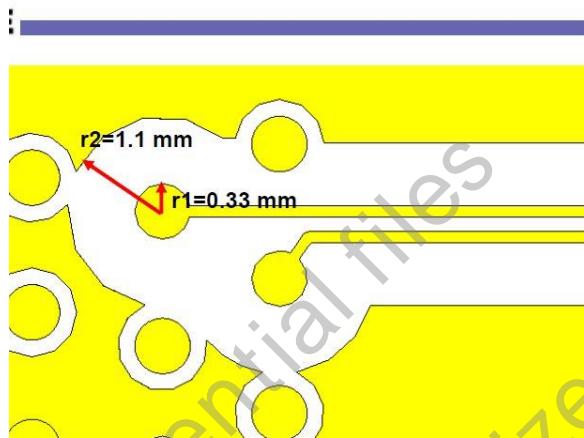


Figure 21. Diff. pairs on connector side, L4

6. Diff. pairs layer changing from top to bottom
- Via pitch 32mils (0.8mm)

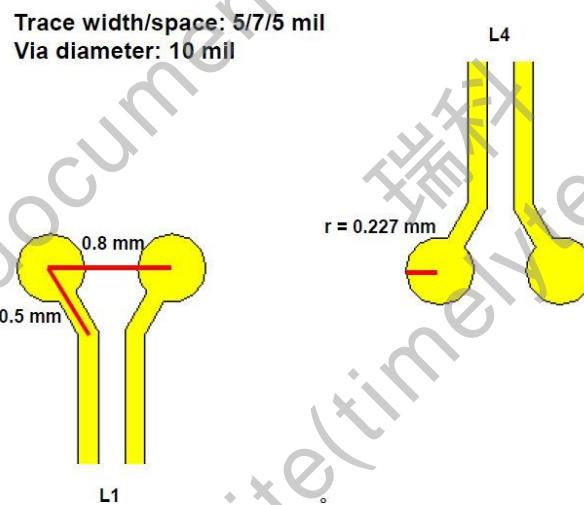


Figure 22. Diff. pairs layer changing from top to bottom

7. Diff. pairs layer changing void
  - Void 20mils (0.5mm) on inner layers

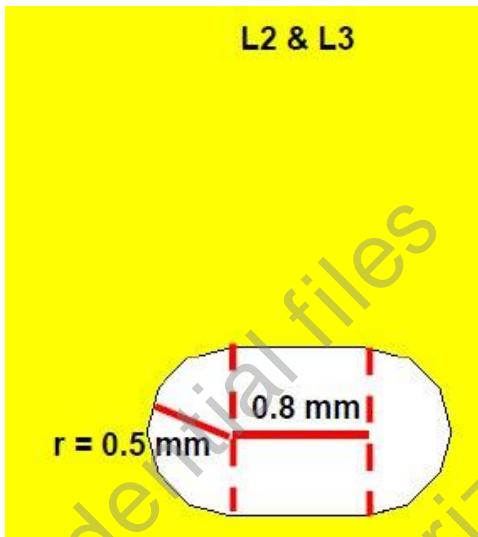


Figure 23. Diff. pairs layer changing void

8. Diff. pairs layer changing: GND stitching via
  - Add symmetrical GND stitching vias as possible.

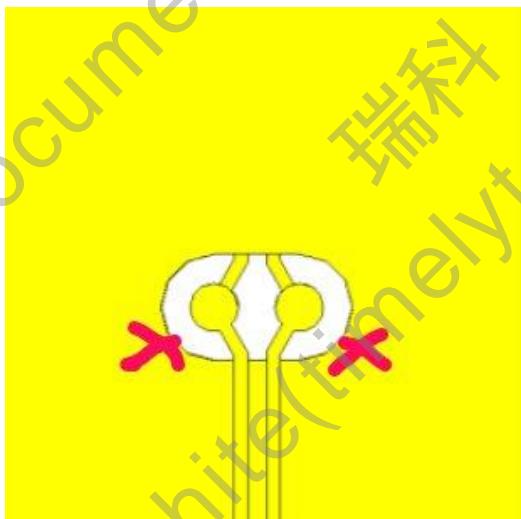


Figure 24. Diff. pairs on connector side, ring pad & L1

## 6.3. PCIe Layout Guidelines

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## 6.4. USB Guidelines

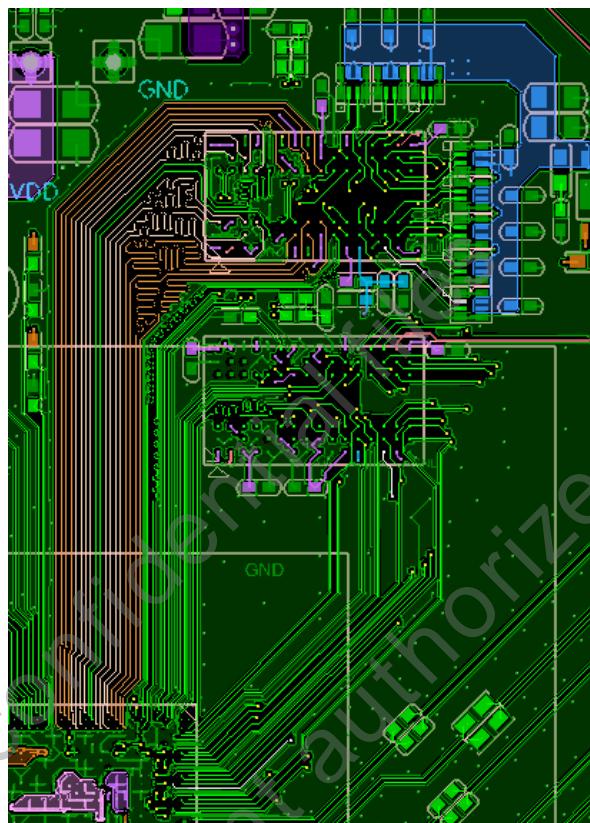
- Differential pair impedance for USB is  $90\Omega \pm 10\%$

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## 6.5. DDR4 PCB Layout Guidelines

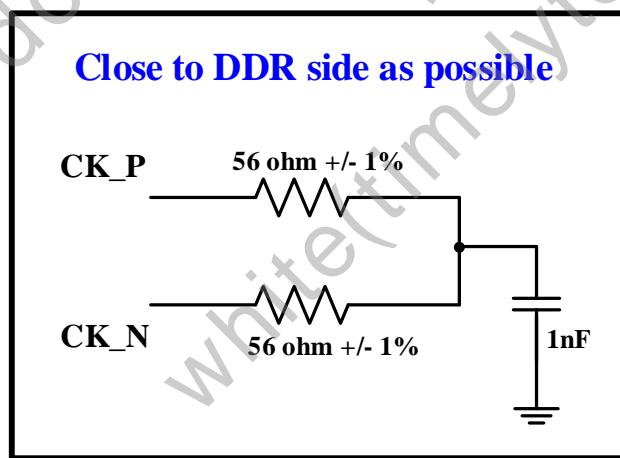
- DDR4 will run up to 1066MHz. The following PCB layout guidelines should be followed
- DDR4 signal traces should be kept as short as possible
- The suggested longest trace length for DQ0-DQ15 / DM0 / DM1 / DQS0/N / DQS1/N is not over 1000-mil, allowing no more than a 300-mil delta between the lengths of DQ0-DQ15 / DM0 / DM1 and DQS0/N / DQS1/N
- The suggested longest trace length for A0-A16 / BA0-BA1 / BG0-BG1 / CLK/N / CLK1/N / CKE[0-3] / CSN[0-3] / PAR / TEN / ACTN / ODT0-ODT1 / ALERTN / RSTN is not over 5000-mil, allowing no more than a 1000-mil delta between the lengths of Address/Command and CLK/N
- Match the length of both sets of the differential pairs (CLK/N / CLK1/N / DQS0/N / DQS1/N), allowing no more than a 50-mil delta between the lengths of the P/N signals
- A0-A16 / BA0-BA1 / BG0-BG1 / CLK/N / CLK1/N / CKE[0-3] / CSN[0-3] / PAR / TEN / ACTN / ODT0-ODT1 / ALERTN / RSTN should use a source termination resistor
- Termination resistors must be as close to the driver side as possible
- Recommend differential-pair impedance is  $100\Omega \pm 10\%$ , single-ended impedance is  $55\Omega \pm 10\%$  in 4-layer PCB

- DDR4 ( Single rank + ECC ) layout reference for a 4-layer PCB:



**Figure 25. DDR4 Layout Reference for 4-Layer PCB**

- The CK\_P/N pins must be dealt as following figure to adjust the amplitude of CK\_P/N and filter noise.

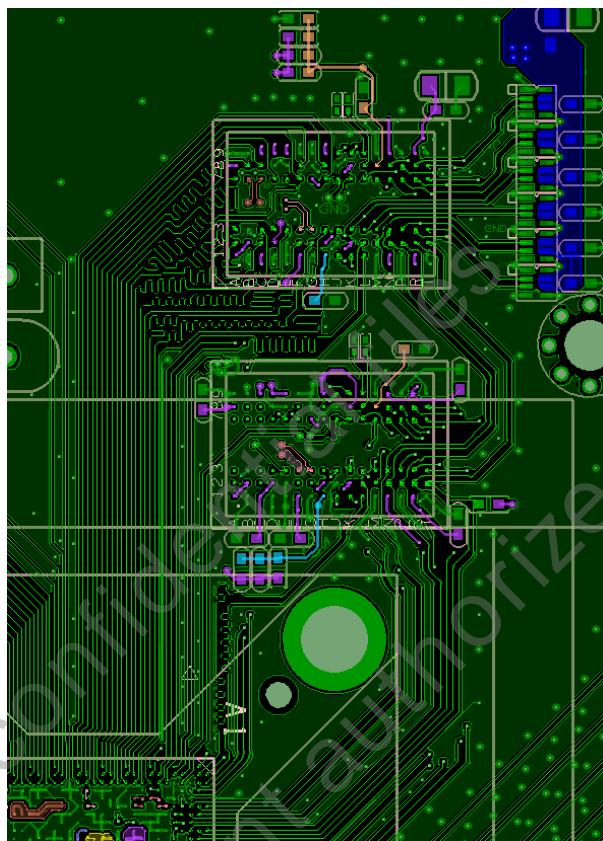


**Figure 26. The Scheme for CK\_P/N Pins**

## 6.6. DDR3 PCB Layout Guidelines

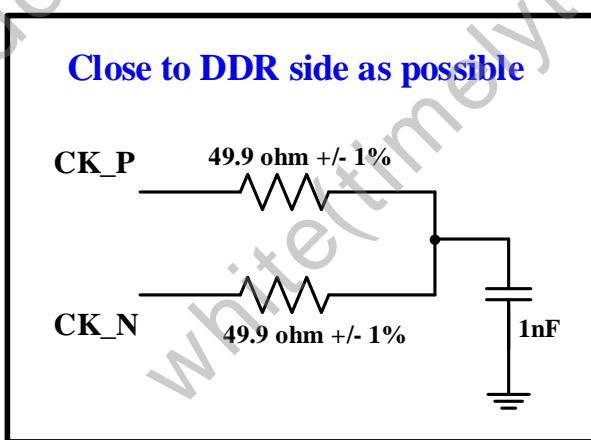
- DDR3 will run up to 933MHz. The following PCB layout guidelines should be followed
- DDR3 signal traces should be kept as short as possible
- The suggested longest trace length for DQ0-DQ15 / DM0 / DM1 / DQS0/N / DQS1/N is not over 1800-mil, allowing no more than a 700-mil delta between the lengths of DQ0-DQ15 / DM0 / DM1 and DQS0/N / DQS1/N
- The suggested longest trace length for A0-A15 / BA0-BA2 / CLK/N / CLK1/N / CKE[0-3] / CSN[0-3] / RAS# / CAS# / WE# / ODT0-ODT1 / RSTN is not over 3000-mil, allowing no more than a 1300-mil delta between the lengths of Address/Command and CLK/N
- Match the length of both sets of the differential pairs (CLK/N / CLK1/N / DQS0/N / DQS1/N), allowing no more than a 100-mil delta between the lengths of the P/N signals
- No more than a 1200-mil delta between the lengths of DQS0/N / DQS1/N and CLK/N / CLK1/N is suggested
- A0-A16 / BA0-BA1 / BG0-BG1 / CLK/N / CLK1/N / CKE[0-3] / CSN[0-3] / RAS# / CAS# / WE# / ODT0-ODT1 should use a source termination resistor
- Termination resistors must be as close to the driver side as possible
- Recommend differential-pair impedance is  $100\Omega \pm 10\%$ , single-ended impedance is  $55\Omega \pm 10\%$  in 4-layer PCB

- DDR3 ( Single rank + ECC ) layout reference for a 4-layer PCB:



**Figure 27. DDR3 Layout Reference for 4-Layer PCB**

- The CK\_P/N pins must be dealt as following figure to adjust the amplitude of CK\_P/N and filter noise.



**Figure 28. The Scheme for CK\_P/N Pins**

## 6.7. ESD/EMI Design Guide

- Merge Fiber\_Cage\_GND with System\_GND together(See Figure 29) will improve its ESD performance.

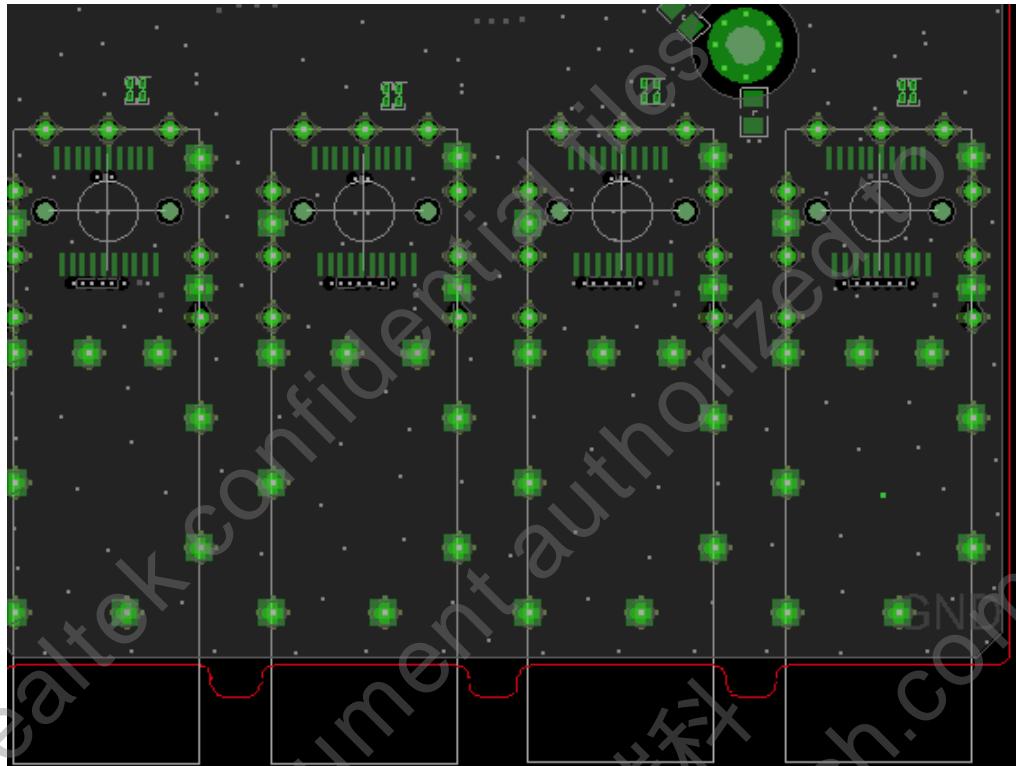


Figure 29. GND plane on Layer 2 in 4-layer PCB for Fiber

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