# LEDs for high speed applications (above 100 Mbps)

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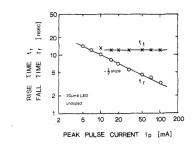
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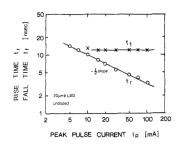
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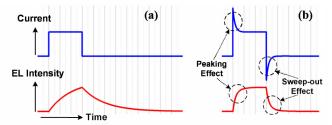


Figure : (a) EL pulse excited by current pulse. (b) Peaking effect and sweep-out effect

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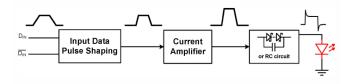


Figure: Proposed novel LED driver diagram

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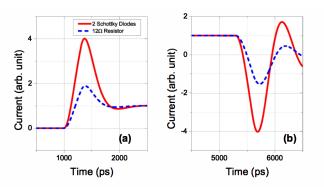


Figure : Simulation of (a) peaking current (b) reverse current of LED in SD-C and RC circuits. Parallel capacitors are 22 pF. Excitation pulse is 3  $V_{p-p}$ , rise and fall times of 300 ps.

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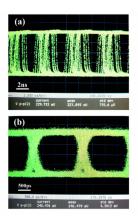


Figure : Optical eye diagrams using MC2042-4 with (a) RC circuit at 200 Mbps (b) SD-C circuit at 500 Mbps

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