NOTE—Strict adherence to manufacturer-supplied guidelines for the operation and use of PMA serializer components is required to meet the jitter specifications of the respective PMD clause. ~~Clause 52.~~ The supplied guidelines should address the quality of powersupply filtering associated with the transmit clock generator, and also the purity of the reference clock fed to the transmit clock generator.

51.3.1 PMA transmit function

The PMA Transmit function passes data unaltered (except for serializing) from the PMA client directly to the PMD. Upon receipt of a PMA_UNITDATA.request primitive, the PMA Transmit function shall serialize the sixteen bits of the tx_data-group<15:0> parameter and transmit them to the PMD in the form of sixteen successive PMD_UNITDATA.request primitives.

51.3.2 PMA receive function

The PMA Receive function passes data unaltered from the PMD directly to the PMA client. Upon receipt of sixteen successive PMD_UNITDATA.indication primitives, the PMA shall assemble the sixteen received bits into a single sixteen-bit value and pass that value to the PMA client as the rx_data-group<15:0> parameter of the primitive PMA_UNITDATA.indication. The PMA receive function does not align rx_data-group<15:0> to the original tx_data-group<15:0> from the remote end of the link.

51.3.3 Delay Constraints

The PMA receives a one bit data stream from the PMD and presents a sixteen bit wide data unit to the PMA client. Received bits from the PMD are buffered to facilitate proper deserialization of the rx_data-group<15:0> to the PMA client. These functions necessitate an internal PMA delay of at least sixteen bit times. In practice, this serial to parallel conversion may necessitate even longer delays of the incoming data stream.

Predictable operation of the MAC Control PAUSE operation (Clause 31, Annex 31B) demands that there be an upper bound on the propagation delays through the network. This implies that MAC, MAC Control sublayer, and PHY implementers will conform to certain delay maxima, and that network planners and administrators conform to constraints regarding the cable topology and concatenation of devices. The sum of transmit and receive delay constraints for the serial PMA/PMD sublayer shall meet the requirements as specified in the respective PMD clause. ~~be no more than 512 BT.~~ The serial PMA/PMD sublayer includes the serial PMA, the serial PMD, and two meters of fiber.

51.4 Sixteen-Bit Interface (XSBI)

A physical instantiation of the sixteen-bit PMA service interface (XSBI) is defined to provide compatibility among devices designed by different manufacturers for the operation of PHY implementations in either the 10GBASE-R family or the 10GBASE-W family. There is no requirement for an integrated compliant device to implement or expose the XSBI. A XSBI implementation is described in 51.4 through 51.9. Though the XSBI is an optional interface, it is used extensively in this standard as a basis for specification. The PMA is specified to the XSBI interface, so if the XSBI is not physically implemented, a conforming implementation shall behave as if the XSBI functions were implemented.

Table 51–1 defines terms used within the description of the XSBI interface and the rest of this clause. For the XSBI instantiation of the PMA service interface, the mapping of bits between the PMA service interface and the XSBI physical interface is defined for transmit in Table 51–2 and for receive in Table 51–3. Figure 51–2 depicts the relationship between the XSBI physical instantiation and the service interface provided by the PMA to its client.

NOTE—Document OIF SFI-4-01.0, an implementer's agreement, was used as a basis for the development of the XSBI instantiation.

51.10.4.4 PMA delay constraints

Item	Feature	Subclause	Value/Comment	Status	Support
PD1	Maximum delay for PMA/ PMD functions	51.3.3	~~transmit and receive including PMD and fiber shall be less than 512 BT (bit times)~~	M	Yes [ ]

Meets the requirements of the respective PMD clause.