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Cl 92 SC 92.12.1.1 P178 L24 # 1 [redacted]
Sommers, Scott Molex

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

Figure 92-21 - Style-2 example MDI board receptacle

SuggestedRemedy

The drawing is a Style 1 connector and not a Style 2, (Style 2 connectors are in the next section of the document, 92.12.1.2). Remedy - need to simply change the -2 to -1 in the text:

Figure 92-21 - Style-1 example MDI board receptacle

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #255.

Cl 91 SC 91.5.3.3 P126 L9 # 2 [redacted]
Szczepanek, Andre Inphi

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

"The RS-FEC sublayer shall also be capable of detecting uncorrectable codewords"
It is not theoretically possible to detect all possible uncorrectable codewords as some error patterns can change one valid codeword into another valid codeword.
The text in almost all of the rest of the clause has been altered to be consistent with clause 74 and use the terminology "corrected" and "uncorrected" codewords/blocks. This terminology was adopted for Clause 74 to avoid the issue of what is and isn't a correctable block and focus instead on what the sublayer actually does : correct, or fail to correct a block.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete sentence "The RS-FEC sublayer shall also be capable of detecting uncorrectable codewords" as it includes a "shall" that isn't achievable or verifiable.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

[changed Subclause to 91.5.3.3 for consistent sorting.]

See comment #112.

Cl 91 SC 91.5.3.3 P126 L22 # 3 [redacted]
Szczepanek, Andre Inphi

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

"or is uncorrectable"
See previous comment related to line 9 on the same page.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace "or is uncorrectable"
with
"or contains errors and has not been corrected"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

[changed Subclause to 91.5.3.3 for consistent sorting.]

Change the beginning of the first sentence of the last paragraph of 91.5.3.3 to:
"When the error indication function is enabled and the decoder determines that a codeword contains errors (when the bypass correction feature is enabled) or contains errors but was not corrected (when the bypass correction feature is not supported or not enabled)."

See also comment #375.

Cl 91 SC 91.7.4.2 P143 L18 # 4 [redacted]
Szczepanek, Andre Inphi

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

See previous comments related to the use of "uncorrectable" on page 126

SuggestedRemedy

Delete Item RF5

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

[Changed Clause from 19 to 91, changed Subclause to 91.7.4.2 for consistent sorting.]

Change RF5 Value/Comment to:
"Capable of indicating when a codeword was not corrected."

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Cl 91 SC 91.7.4.2 P143 L21 # 5
 Szczepanek, Andre Inphi

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

See previous comments related to the use of "uncorrectable" on page 126

SuggestedRemedy

Replace "for uncorrectable codewords"
 with
 "for uncorrected errored codewords"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

[Changed Clause from 19 to 91, changed Subclause to 91.7.4.2 for consistent sorting.]

Change RF6 Value/Comment to:
 "When enabled, corrupts 66-bit block synchronization headers for uncorrected errored
 codewords (or errored codewords when correction is bypassed)"

Cl 82 SC 82.2.3.4 P81 L19 # 6
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell

Comment Type T Comment Status D PICS

This subclause calls out the control codes. The pics in 82.7.4.1 call out c5 (only valid
 control characters are transmitted), however there isn't a corresponding SHALL statement
 for this in the text. The included SHALL statements address NOT transmitting values only.

SuggestedRemedy

modify PIC statement to properly address codes to be transmitted and not transmitted.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

There are "shall" statements in the base standard for both C5 and C6 in Table 82.7.4.1.

[Set CommentType to T (not specified by commenter).]

Cl 78 SC 78.1 P53 L30 # 7
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell

Comment Type E Comment Status D Style

Avoid listings of PHYs

SuggestedRemedy

Table 78-1 specifies clauses for EEE operation over twisted-pair cabling systems, electrical
 backplanes, XGMII extension using the XGXS for 10 Gb/s PHYs and and inter-sub layer
 service interfaces using the XLAUI for 40 Gb/s PHYs and CAUI for 100 Gb/s PHYs

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Some information is missing in the suggested remedy. Change paragraph to:

Table 78-1 specifies clauses for EEE operation over twisted-pair cabling systems, twinax
 cable, and electrical backplanes; for XGMII extension using the XGXS for 10 Gb/s PHYs;
 and for inter-sub layer service interfaces using the XLAUI for 40 Gb/s PHYs and CAUI for
 100 Gb/s PHYs.

Cl 84 SC 84.7.2 P107 L6 # 8
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell

Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket

subclause numbering is incorrect

SuggestedRemedy

84.7.2, 84.7.4, 84.7.6 should not be subclauses under 84.2.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Add paragraph header for 84.7

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Cl 91 SC 91.7.4.1 P142 L31 # 9
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 TF9 is for 100GBASE-KR4 and 100GBASE-CR4
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add 100GBASE-CR4
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 In 91.7.3, change item *KR4 as follows.
 Feature: "100GBASE-CR4 or 100GBASE-KR4"
 Value/Comment: "Used to form complete 100GBASE-CR4 or 100GBASE-KR4 PHY"
 Change TF9 Feature to "Reed-Solomon encoder for 100GBASE-CR4 or 100GBASE-KR4"
 Change RF3 Feature to "Reed-Solomon decoder for 100GBASE-CR4 or 100GBASE-KR4"

Cl 91 SC 91.7.4.2 P143 L26 # 10
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket
 subclause reference for RF7 wrong
 SuggestedRemedy
 change to 91.5.3.4
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 91 SC 91.7.4.3 P143 L53 # 11
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket
 Feature name for SD5 is incorrect
 SuggestedRemedy
 change to Rx LPI process
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Change to "Receive LPI process".

Cl 73 SC 73.11 P52 L19 # 12
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D bucket
 LE17 is in regards to "Incompatible abilities" and per Rev. D3.1, is specific to 40GBASE-CR4 and 40GBASE-KR4. 802.3bj D1.2 adds text to address various rates of backplane and cable PHYs, but PIC LE17 has not been modified to reflect this.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add LE17 modification to 73.11.4.3
 Change value / comment to
 "PHYs for operation over electrical backplane and copper cable assembly shall not be advertised simultaneously."
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Change Value/Comment for LE17 to:
 "PHYs for operation over electrical backplane are not simultaneously advertised with PHYs for operation over copper cable"

Cl 73 SC 73.6.4 P49 L3 # 13
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D bucket
 Statement "Reserved fields shall be sent as zero and ignored on receive." does not have a corresponding PIC.
 SuggestedRemedy
 add PIC
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Add item LE8a as follows.
 Feature: Technology ability reserved fields
 Subclause: 73.6.4
 Value/Comment: Sent as zero and ignored by the receiver
 Status: M

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Cl 81 SC 81.1.7 P72 L43 # 14
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell

Comment Type TR Comment Status D PICS

Following sentence
 "EEE capability requires the use of the MAC defined in Annex 4A for simplified full duplex operation (with...")

states a requirement, but there is associated SHALL statement

SuggestedRemedy

Change sentence to
 "EEE capability shall use the MAC defined in Annex 4A for simplified full duplex operation (with...")

Add corresponding PIC

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Adding a "shall" and associated PIC would create a requirement in one clause that could only be satisfied in a different clause. The statement as written matches those used in other RS clauses.

Cl 81 SC 81.3a P77 L11 # 15
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Bucket

Wake up time / Transmit LPI state diagram has shall statement with no corresponding PIC

SuggestedRemedy

add PIC table for LPI Assertion and Detection
 Feature > Wake up time
 subclause > 81.3.a.2
 Value - Per Transmit LPI state diagram 81-10a

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 81 SC 81.3a.3.1 P78 L31 # 16
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Bucket

RS Mapping function has Shall statement with no corresponding PIC

SuggestedRemedy

add PIC to LPI Assertion and Detection
 Feature > RS Mapping DATA_NOT_VALID
 subclause > 81.3.a.3.1
 Value - "signal DATA_NOT_VALID on PLS_DATA_VALID.indication while it is detecting LP_IDLE on the XLGMII and CGMII."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 82 SC 82.2.8a P83 L10 # 17
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Bucket

NO PIC statements for corresponding shall statements in this subclause on this page.
 Line 10, Line 15, Line 17, Line 50

SuggestedRemedy

Add corresponding PIC statement or statements.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Add PICS item:

LP-03
 RAM insertion
 82.2.8a
 Insertion of Rapid Alignment Markers meets the requirements of 82.2.8a

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Cl 82 SC 82.2.18.2.5 P88 L25 # 18
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D** Bucket
 rx_tq_timer SHALL statement does not have a corresponding PIC statement
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add PIC
 Proposed Response Response Status **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 There is already an overarching PICS item for timers. Change the wording for this timer to match the others in the set:
 "The timer terminal count is set to Twr."

Cl 83 SC 83.5.8 P27 L28 # 19
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D** Bucket
 There is a shall statement for the PMA adjacne to the PMD sublayer, where 100GBASE-KR4 and 100GBASE-CR4 have been added. However, these PHYs have not been added to the PIC in 83.7.3 for Item *KRCR
 SuggestedRemedy
 add in Item *KRCR under Feature - 100GBASE-KR4 and 100GBASE-CR4
 Proposed Response Response Status **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 84 SC 84.2 P106 L43 # 20
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D** PICS
 PIC statement for LPI, but no corresponding SHALL statement
 SuggestedRemedy
 add SHALL statement
 Proposed Response Response Status **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 The PICS item is for the major capability that is refernced by other PICS items. This does not correspond to a "shall" - compare this to XLAUI.
 However, the reference should be to 84.1 as that is the overall description of major capabilities.

Cl 84 SC 84.7.2 P106 L10 # 21
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D** PICS
 It would seem that there should be some SHALL statements in here. PICS missing as well
 SuggestedRemedy
 change
 When tx_mode is ALERT, the transmitter equalizer taps are set to the preset state specified in 72.6.10.2.3.1.
 to
 When tx_mode is ALERT, the transmitter equalizer taps shall be set to the preset state specified in 72.6.10.2.3.1.
 add PIC

Change
 When tx_mode is QUIET, the transmitter is disabled as specified in 84.7.6
 to
 When tx_mode is QUIET, the transmitter SHALL be disabled as specified in 84.7.6
 add PIC
 Proposed Response Response Status **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Make the suggested changes to 84.7.2, add 1 PICS item:

FS13 - Transmit function for EEE - Transmitter behavior during ALERT and QUIET

Cl 84 SC 84.7.4 P L # 22
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D** Bucket
 two pic statements FS13 (signal detect during LPI) and FS14 (signal detect for EEE) but only one shall statement
 SuggestedRemedy
 add appropriate shall statement (believe it is for LPI)
 Proposed Response Response Status **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Combine to 1 item: signal detect function for EEE.

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Cl 84 SC 84.7.6 P106 L50 # 23
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D** PICS
 Loopback during bloopal_PMD_transmit_disable Shall statement with no corresponding PIC
 SuggestedRemedy
 add pic to address
 Proposed Response Response Status **W**
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 The base standard covers this with item FS9.

Cl 85 SC 85.7.6 P110 L49 # 24
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D** PICS
 This shall statement
 Loopback, as defined in 85.7.8, shall not be affected by Global_PMD_transmit_disable.
 has no PIC
 SuggestedRemedy
 add PIC
 Proposed Response Response Status **W**
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 Yes it does. PF12.

Cl 85 SC 85.7.6 P110 L50 # 25
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D** PICS
 Output amplitude LPI voltage and Output Amplitude ON voltage PICS
 Similar to TC3 and TC4 in Clause 84 PICS) missing
 SuggestedRemedy
 add PICS
 Proposed Response Response Status **W**
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 See PICS items DS6, DS7

Cl 91 SC 91.7.3 P141 L5 # 26
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D**
 Item KR4 and KP4 have no corresponding shall statements. Also, both values are set to -
 KR4, which doesn't make sense.
 SuggestedRemedy
 delete
 the determination of the KR4 and KP4 PHY is not done in the FEC sublayer
 Proposed Response Response Status **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The RS-FEC sublayer implements a different Reed-Solomon code depending on whether it
 is used to form a complete 100GBASE-KR4 PHY or a complete 100GBASE-KP4 PHY.
 These options are defined in order to specify that conditional requirement (see TF9, TF10,
 RF3, and RF4).
 Change Value/Comment for *KP4 to be "Used to form a complete 100GBASE-KP4 PHY".

Cl 92 SC 92.7.12 P151 L6 # 27
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D** bucket
 No PIC statement for
 The training frame structure used by the 100GBASE-CR4 PMD control function shall be as
 defined in
 SuggestedRemedy
 add pic statement
 Proposed Response Response Status **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Include training frame structure PICS to 92.13.4.1 PMD functional specifications

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Cl 92 SC 92.7.12 P151 L17 # 28
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 no pic statement for
 If the MDIO interface is implemented, then this function shall map these variables to the
 appropriate bits in
 SuggestedRemedy
 add pic statement
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 See P183, L25

Cl 92 SC 92.13.4.3 P187 L3 # 29
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D bucket
 value / comment field does not match text
 TC12 value: 0.52 x vf
 Text value: 0.5 x vf
 SuggestedRemedy
 make equations consistent
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See response comment #321

Cl 92 SC 92.13.4.4 P188 L12 # 30
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D bucket
 PIC RC4 does not have a matching SHALL statement in 92.8.4.1
 SuggestedRemedy
 change
 The reference impedance for differential return loss measurements is 100 Ω.
 to
 The reference impedance for differential return loss measurements shall be 100 Ω.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Use suggested remedy

Cl 92 SC 92.13.4.4 P188 L20 # 31
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D bucket
 Item RC7 and RC8 refer to the wrong subclause
 SuggestedRemedy
 change subclause reference to 92.8.4.3.4
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Use suggested remedy

Cl 92 SC 92.8.4.4 P162 L21 # 32
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D bucket
 no pic statement for shall statement
 The receiver shall operate with a BER 10⁻¹² or better when receiving a compliant transmit
 signal, as defined in 92.8.3 , through a compliant cable assembly as defined in 92.10
 .
 SuggestedRemedy
 add pic statement
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Add PICS to 92.13.4.4 Receiver specifications...RSx Bit Error Ratio 92.8.4.4 BER of better
 than 10⁻¹²

Cl 92 SC 92.12.1 P177 L17 # 33
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 two shall statements do not have PIC statements
 Connectors meeting the requirements of 92.11.1.1 (Style-1) or 92.11.1.2 (Style-2) shall be
 used as the mechanical interface between the PMD of 92.7 and the cable assembly of
 92.10. The plug connector shall be used on the cable assembly and the receptacle on the
 PHY. Style-1 or Style-2 connectors may be used as the MDI interface
 SuggestedRemedy
 add pic statements
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 For discussion. Will add redundant PICS

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Cl 78 SC 78.5 P55 L34 # 34
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco
 Comment Type T Comment Status D Timing
 The values in Table 78-4 have been proposed and discussed, these can now be inserted.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change Tphy_shrink_tx to 2uS for Normal mode, all PHYs
 Change Tphy_shrink_rx to 3uS for Normal mode, all PHYs
 Change Tphy_shrink_tx to 0uS for Fast Wake mode, all PHYs
 Change Tphy_shrink_rx to 0uS for Fast Wake mode, all PHYs
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 78 SC 78.5 P55 L35 # 35
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco
 Comment Type T Comment Status D Timing
 The values in Table 78-4 have been proposed and discussed, these can now be inserted.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change Tw_sys_tx to 5.5uS for Normal mode, all PHYs; 0.34uS for Fast Wake, all PHYs.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 79 SC 79.4 P58 L1 # 36
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco
 Comment Type T Comment Status D LLDP
 LLDP definitions are required for the exchange and negotiation of Fast Wake.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Bring Clause 79 into the draft & make the changes included in the separate submission.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 See barrass_nn_1011

Cl 82 SC 82.2.18.2.2 P86 L # 37
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco
 Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket
 The definition for scr_bypass_enable should be underlined
 SuggestedRemedy
 Underline it.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 78 SC 78.5 P55 L20 # 38
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco
 Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket
 The editor's note is no longer needed - the decision regarding scrambler bypass will be made for other comments, but either way the note can be deleted.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Delete the editor's note.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 82 SC 82.2.18.3.1 P88 L33 # 39
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco
 Comment Type T Comment Status D Timing
 Scrambler bypass will require extra time for the wake.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change Table 82-5b:
 Add a row:
 Twr | Time the receiver waits in the RX_WAKE state before indicating a wake time fault,
 LPI_FW = FALSE & scr_bypass = TRUE | - | 6.5 | uS
 Add "& scr_bypass = TRUE" to other row with LPI_FW = FALSE
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 See also comment #202

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Cl 78 SC 78.5 P55 L32 # 40
Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D Timing

With the addition of scrambler bypass, rows need to be added to table 78-4.

SuggestedRemedy

Add rows for 40GBASE-CR4, 40GBASE-KP4 and 100GBASE-CR10 between Normal and Fast Wake with values of Tw_sys_tx, Tw_phy and Tphy_shrink_rx all 2uS larger than the corresponding values for "Normal."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See also comment #96

Cl 78 SC 78.5 P55 L8 # 41
Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D Timing

The timing values for Table 78-2 have been presented and discussed (see separate presentation).

SuggestedRemedy

Insert the following values in every row:

Ts = 0.9/1.1 uS
Tq = 1700/1800 uS
Tr = 5.9/6.5 uS

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 78 SC 78.5 P55 L32 # 42
Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D Timing

The values in Table 78-4 have been proposed and discussed, these can now be inserted.

SuggestedRemedy

change Tw_sys_rx as follows:

Normal wake - 1.2uS for 40G, 1.0uS for 100G
Fast Wake - 0.25uS for all PHYs

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 78 SC 78.5 P55 L33 # 43
Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D Timing

The values in Table 78-4 have been proposed and discussed, these can now be inserted.

SuggestedRemedy

Change Tw_phy to 5.5uS Normal; 0.30uS Fast Wake

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 94 SC 94.4.1 P256 L26 # 44
Ben-Artsi, Liav Marvell

Comment Type TR Comment Status D channel com

The transmitter reflection equation does not represent the appropriate reflection coefficient from a PKG (especially at the low frequency range).

SuggestedRemedy

Update PKG equation and coefficients according to BenArtsi_3bj_01_1112.
This may require adding a different equation on top of 93-A3 (if 93-A3 is still referenced by other locations within this specification)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See benartsi_3bj_01_1112.

Cl 94 SC 94.4.1 P256 L29 # 45
Ben-Artsi, Liav Marvell

Comment Type TR Comment Status D channel com

The receiver reflection equation does not represent the appropriate reflection coefficient from a PKG (especially at the low frequency range).

SuggestedRemedy

Update PKG equation and coefficients according to BenArtsi_3bj_01_1112.
This may require adding a different equation on top of 93-A3 (if 93-A3 is still referenced by other locations within this specification)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See benartsi_3bj_01_1112.

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CI 93 SC 93.8.2.3 P207 L15 # 46
Ben-Artsi, Liav Marvell

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Table 93-7 - Receiver interference tolerance parameters lacks a COM definition per test case. Not having such makes to test interconnect ambiguous.

SuggestedRemedy

Reccomend adding a COM parameter per test case - a defaults max value of 3dB can be inserted for now and updated later on.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The suggested remedy is incomplete in that it is unclear how COM calculation in Annex 93A applies to the interference tolerance test channel. Areas to consider include, but are not limited to the following.

1. The applied jitter terms do not agree with the jitter terms in Table 93-8.
2. The applied broadband noise has no comparable parameter in Table 93-8 (recall this noise would applied at the receiver input and shaped by the receiver continuous time filter, so sigma_r is not a good fit).
3. Two test cases require a 1E-12 BER without FEC whereas Table 93-8 has a fixed SER_0 value that considers FEC coding gain.
4. The test pattern generator is likely to be superior to the assumptions of the device and package filter and transmitter return loss.

CI 94 SC 94.4.1 P256 L26 # 47
Ben-Artsi, Liav Marvell

Comment Type T Comment Status D channel com

PAM4 PKG insertion loss model does not represent the worst case insertion loss that meets the PKG definition

SuggestedRemedy

Update according to BenArtsi_3bj_01_1112

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See benartsi_3bj_01_1112.

CI 93 SC 93.9 P165 L15 # 48
Ben-Artsi, Liav Marvell

Comment Type T Comment Status D

PKG insertion loss model may cause SBR to become somewhat non-causal

SuggestedRemedy

Update PKG insertion loss model according to BenArtsi_3bj_01_1112

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

[Device and package insertion loss model is defined in Annex 93A. This comment should be applied to the Annex.]

Pending consideration of benartsi_3bj_01_1112.

CI 93 SC 93.8.2.1 P205 L16 # 49
Ben-Artsi, Liav Marvell

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The test fixture return loss lacks the definition between 13GHz and 20GHz

SuggestedRemedy

Add a slope from 15dB @ 13GHz and 12dB @ 20GHz according to benartsi_3bj_01_0912.pdf slide 14 (already adopted during the September interim)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 93 SC 93.8.2.2 P206 L52 # 50
Ben-Artsi, Liav Marvell

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The Differential receiver return loss at TP5a of equation 93-2 has a low frequency region which does not correlate to the return loss as defined in table 93-3

SuggestedRemedy

Update Measured return loss limit according to BenArtsi_3bj_01_1112

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Pending consideration of benartsi_3bj_01_1112.

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Cl 93 SC 93.9 P209 L10 # 51
Ben-Artsi, Liav Marvell

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Transmitter reflection coefficients (as a part of the complex: PKG return loss, Interconnect return loss, reference receiver capabilities) makes target interconnect meeting problematic

SuggestedRemedy

The reflection equation does not represent the appropriate reflection coefficient from a PKG (especially at the low frequency range). Update PKG equation and coefficients according to BenArtsi_3bj_01_1112.

This may require adding a different equation on top of 93-A3 (if 93-A3 is still referenced by other locations within this specification)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Pending consideration of benartsi_3bj_01_1112.

Cl 93 SC 93.9 P209 L13 # 52
Ben-Artsi, Liav Marvell

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Receiver reflection coefficients (as a part of the complex: PKG return loss, Interconnect return loss, reference receiver capabilities) makes target interconnect meeting problematic

SuggestedRemedy

The reflection equation does not represent the appropriate reflection coefficient from a PKG (especially at the low frequency range). Update PKG equation and coefficients according to BenArtsi_3bj_01_1112.

This may require adding a different equation on top of 93-A3 (if 93-A3 is still referenced by other locations within this specification)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Pending consideration of benartsi_3bj_01_1112.

Cl 93 SC 93.8.1.4 P201 L32 # 53
Ben-Artsi, Liav Marvell

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Transmitter output return loss (eq. 93-2) has a low frequency value that does not correlate to coefficients / equation of 93.9

SuggestedRemedy

Update measured return loss limit according to BenArtsi_3bj_01_1112

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Pending consideration of benartsi_3bj_01_1112.

Cl 93 SC 93.9.1 P209 L17 # 54
Ben-Artsi, Liav Marvell

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Transmitter victim and Far-end aggressor differential peak output voltage defined at an ambiguous location along the end to end path

SuggestedRemedy

Define the victim and Far-end aggressor differential peak output voltage at TP0 (min 800mV pk-pk @ the device PKG ball) ==> incorporate only one PKG IL model in the COM code (the Rx side only)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

[The definition and application of parameters is defined Annex 93A. Only the parameter values are defined here and there is no proposal to change them. This comment should be applied to the Annex.]

Pending consideration of benartsi_3bj_01_1112.

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Cl 93 SC 93.9.3 P208 L32 # 55
 Ben-Artsi, Liav Marvell
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Interconnect return loss (as a part of the complex: PKG return loss, Interconnect return loss, reference receiver capabilities) makes target interconnect meeting problematic
 SuggestedRemedy
 In order to provide better guidelines and to increase certainty of meeting target interoperability a tighter return loss target is suggested.
 Update informative return loss according to BenArtsi_3bj_01_1112.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Pending consideration of benartsi_3bj_01_1112.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.12.4 P249 L8 # 56
 Ben-Artsi, Liav Marvell
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D pmd tx return loss
 Transmitter output return loss (eq. 94-6) has a low frequency value that does not correlate to coefficients / equation of Table 94-17-Channel operating margin parameters.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Update measured return loss limit according to BenArtsi_3bj_01_1112
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See benartsi_3bj_01_1112.

Cl 94 SC 94.4.1 P256 L33 # 57
 Ben-Artsi, Liav Marvell
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D channel com
 Transmitter victim and Far-end aggressor differential peak output voltage defined at an ambiguous location along the end to end path
 SuggestedRemedy
 Define the victim differential peak output voltage and Far-end aggressor at TP0 (min 800mV pk-pk @ the device PKG ball) ==> incorporate only one PKG IL model in the COM code (the Rx side)
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.13.2 P254 L48 # 58
 Ben-Artsi, Liav Marvell
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D pmd rx return loss
 Receiver output return loss (eq. 94-14) has a low frequency value that does not correlate to coefficients / equation of Table 94-17-Channel operating margin parameters.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Update measured return loss limit according to BenArtsi_3bj_01_1112
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See presentation benartsi_3bj_01_1112.

Cl 92 SC 92-4 P146 L44 # 59
 DiMinico, Christopher MC Communications
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 92.4 Delay constraints includes TBDs.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Revise 92.4 with TBD values provided here. 92.4 Delay constraints
 The sum of the transmit and the receive delays at one end of the link contributed by the 100GBASE-CR4 PMD, AN, and the medium in one direction shall be no more than (TBD=2048) bit times (TBD=2 pause_quanta or TBD=20.48 ns). It is assumed that the one way delay through the medium is no more than TBD=6000 bit times (TBD= 60 ns).
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Use suggested remedy

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CI 92 SC 92.5 P146 L1 # 60
DiMinico, Christopher MC Communications

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

92.5 Skew constraints includes TBDs

SuggestedRemedy

Revise 92.5 with TBD values provided here. 92.5 Skew constraints
If the PMD service interface is physically instantiated so that the Skew at SP2 can be measured, then the Skew at SP2 is limited to TBD=43 ns and the Skew Variation at SP2 is limited to TBD=400 ps. The Skew at SP3 (the transmitter MDI) shall be less than TBD=54 ns and the Skew Variation at SP3 shall be less than TBD=600 ps. The Skew at SP4 (the receiver MDI) shall be less than TBD=134 ns and the Skew Variation at SP4 shall be less than TBD=3.4 ns. If the PMD service interface is physically instantiated so that the Skew at SP5 can be measured, then the Skew at SP5 shall be less than TBD =145 ns and the Skew Variation at SP5 shall be less than TBD=3.6 ns.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Use suggested remedy

CI 92 SC 92.8.4.3.4 P162 L46 # 61
DiMinico, Christopher MC Communications

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Subclause 92.8.4.3.4 includes TBDs

SuggestedRemedy

Revise 92.8.4.3.4 with TBD values provided here.

Its output amplitude shall be no more than
TBD = 800 mV.

The transition times of the pattern generator, as defined in
93.8.1.5 are TBD= 19 ps.

If the transition times of the pattern generator, T
r, are less than TBD=19 ps

Equation 92-7: TBD=
 $da4=6.05 \cdot 10^{-5} \cdot (tr^2-19^2)$
tr in ps

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Use suggested remedy

CI 92 SC 92.11.3.1 P L1 # 62
DiMinico, Christopher MC Communications

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

92.11.3.1 Mated test fixtures insertion loss Equations (92-25) and (92-26) and
Figure 92-16 are TBDs

SuggestedRemedy

Revise 92.11.3.1 with TBD equations provided here. From D1.1 comment#318 with revision
to max frequency.

Equation (92-25)

$ILMTF_{min}=0.08 \cdot \sqrt{f}+0.2 \cdot f$
for f= 0.01 GHz to 18.75 GHz

Equation (92-26)

$ILMTF_{max}=0.114+0.45 \cdot \sqrt{f}+0.21 \cdot f$
for f= 0.01 GHz to 14 GHz

$ILMTF_{max}=-4.5+0.66 \cdot f$
for f= 14 GHz to 18.75 GHz

Use Equation (92-25) and Equation (92-26) for Figure 92-16 TBD

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Use suggested remedy, consider with information from diminico_1112.pdf

CI 92 SC 92.11.3.5 P177 L35 # 63
DiMinico, Christopher MC Communications

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

92.11.3.5 Mated test fixtures integrated crosstalk noise Table 95-12 includes TBDs.

SuggestedRemedy

diminico_1112.pdf provides the Table 95-12 TBDs

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Use suggested remedy

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Cl 92A SC 92A.8 P285 L29 # 64
DiMinico, Christopher MC Communications

Comment Type TR Comment Status D
92A.8 Channel integrated crosstalk noise (ICN) includes TBDs; Equation 92A-7 and Figure 92A-3

SuggestedRemedy
diminico_1112.pdf provides Equation 92A-7 to be used for Figure 92A-3.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Use suggested remedy

Cl 91A SC 91A.2 P277 L1 # 65
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type E Comment Status D
The CL91 text already clarifies in section 91.5.2.7 that when the transcoded data [0:256] is partitioned into 10-bit message symbols from left to right in the encoder, the resulting values are {m<k-1>[0:9], m<k-2>[0:9],...,m<0>[0:9]}. An additional statement to section 91A.2 to indicate that when these values are used for parity symbol generation, the values must first be flipped end-to-end to become {m<k-1>[9:0], m<k-2>[9:0],...,m<0>[9:0]}) before being applied to the parity generation algorithm.

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

The annex clearly states the bit order for the contents of the tables and refers the reader to 91.5.2.7 which defines the how the bits are to be organized and ordered for processing by the Reed-Solomon encoder.

Correct implementation of the rules of 91.5.2.7 would yield the codewords included in Annex 91A.

No additional statements appear to be necessary.

Cl 91A SC 91A.1 P276 L1 # 66
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type E Comment Status D
The example RS-FEC blocks contains only Idle control characters. It will be better if we can have a block that has a mix of data and control codewords that addresses the different combinations. Basically a set that exercises the complex equations in subclause 91.5.2.5 and 91.5.3.5

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

This example is sufficient for the user to verify the correct bit order and implementation of the Reed-Solomon encoder.

Figure 91-3 was provided to illustrate the construction of 257-bit blocks for different mixtures of control and data words.

Cl 91 SC P118 L14 # 67
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type E Comment Status D
Fig 91-2 does not show the BER Monitor in the transmit path.

SuggestedRemedy
Add a block to show the BER Monitor attached to the Alignment lock and deskew.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

The BER monitor is not required by the "Lane block synchronization" or "Alignment lock and deskew" functions. In the Clause 82 PCS, its function is to inhibit the operation of the PCS Receive state diagram when the BER is to large to reliably determine synchronization. It therefore has no function in the Clause 91 RS-FEC sublayer.

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Cl 91 SC 91.5.3.3 P126 L25 # 68
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket
 256B/267B to 64B/66B transcoder, rx_coded_0<1:0>
 SuggestedRemedy
 Needs to be
 256B/257B to 64B/66B transcoder, rx_coded_0<1:0>, is s
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 [Changed Subcl from 91.5.3.4 to 91.5.3.3.]
 See comment #379.

Cl 91 SC 91.5.2.6 P120 L28 # 69
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom
 Comment Type ER Comment Status D bucket
 payloads corresponding to PCS lanes 1, 5, 6, 13, and 17 are
 is not correct
 SuggestedRemedy
 It needs to be
 payloads corresponding to PCS lanes 1, 5, 9, 13, and 17 are
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 91 SC 91.5.4.2.1 P131 L8 # 70
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 fec_alignment_valid variable description needs to indicate that each FEC lane needs to lock to a unique AM. This unique requirement is in the alignment_valid variable description in CL82.2.18.2.2
 SuggestedRemedy
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Note that the lane mapping assignment is added by comment #183.

Change the definition of fec_alignment_valid to:
 "Boolean variable that is set to true if all FEC lanes are aligned. FEC lanes are considered to be aligned when amps_lock<x> is true for all x, each FEC lane is locked to a unique alignment marker payload sequence (see 91.5.2.6), and the FEC lanes are deskewed. Otherwise, this variable is set to false."

Cl 91 SC 91.5.3.5 P127 L34 # 71
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket
 a)Set c = 1 and h<3:0> = 0000.
 The variable c is set to 1; On the transcoding side for the case of invalid sync header, c is set to 0
 SuggestedRemedy
 For consistency sake C should be set to 0
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 91 SC 91.5.2.6 P122 L19 # 72
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Text talks about bit error monitoring, but there are no counters attached to this statment. Either we should add error counters or remove this line.

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

BIP errors are monitored by the alignment marker removal function and the corresponding counters are cited there (see 91.5.2.4).

The paragraph in 91.5.2.6 is an advisory to the user that, while the BIP fields are preserved by the mapping function defined in that subclause, they should NOT be used to monitor errors over the FEC-protected link.

Cl 91 SC 91.5.3.5 P127 L31 # 73
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D bucket

If rx_xcoded<0> is 0 and all rx_coded<j+1>=1 is not correct.

SuggestedRemedy

It needs to be

If rx_xcoded<0> is 0 and all rx_xcoded<j+1>=1

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 91 SC 91.5.3.5 P127 L6 # 74
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D bucket

If rx_xcoded<0> is 0 and any rx_coded<j+1>=1 is not correct

SuggestedRemedy

It needs to be

If rx_xcoded<0> is 0 and any rx_xcoded<j+1>=0

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 82 SC 82.2.8a P83 L49 # 75
Wong, Don Cisco Systems

Comment Type T Comment Status D RAM

The current propose method of distinguishing between RAM versus existing alignment marker relies upon the replacement of the bip fields with the CD. Upon sampling single a RAM or alignment marker, it's hard to tell if a bip3 or CD field is present.

SuggestedRemedy

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Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

There should be a foolproof way of distinguishing between the two. The editor proposes that the bit fields for M4, M5, M6 should be reversed for RAMs. However this topic needs some discussion.

Note also that some solutions for the OTN compatibility issue (see comment #251, #331) may involve changing RAMs to a form that might be carried over OTN (e.g. sequence ordered sets).

Cl 82 SC 82.6 P92 L38 # 76
Wong, Don Cisco Systems

Comment Type T Comment Status D RAM

Figure 82-11. When transiting from alignment marker to rapid alignment marker, there is no guidance on when the am_counter terminal count changes from 16K to 8/16 blocks.

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

There is no precise requirement for positioning of the first RAM after transitioning (other than the 4-block boundary rule - 82.2.8a). If such a requirement is necessary it could be added but there has been no justification for such a restriction. Therefore it is left to the system implementer to decide exactly when the terminal count changes, provided that the 8/16 block rule is observed.

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Cl 82 SC 82.6 P92 L38 # 77
Wong, Don Cisco Systems

Comment Type T Comment Status D RAM

Fig 82-11. When transiting from align marker to rapid alignment marker, will take 64K blocks (83.8 msec) to lose alignment lock. 83.8 msec seems like a long time.

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

When transitioning to RAMs for normal mode, the LP will stop transmitting and block_lock will fail - which causes an immediate loss of alignment_lock. When transitioning to RAMs in Fast Wake mode, the alignment is checked much more frequently because the RAMs are only 8 or 16 blocks apart - therefore the alignment loss would be 1000 or 2000 times faster than the example. When transitioning back to normal alignment markers, the time to lose alignment is 83.8 msec which is a long time but is the same for all 100G PHYs.

Cl 93a SC 93A.1.5 P292 L9 # 78
Mellitz, Richard Intel Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Bmax is "DFE coefficient magnitude limit". It should be related to the available signal.

Equation 93A-19 should have the term b_max multiplied by the available signal, A_s.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace,

Equation 93A-19 middle line with:

$$h^{(0)}(n) - \text{sgn}(h^{(0)}(n)) \min(b_{\text{max}} * A_s, |h^{(0)}(n)|), 1 < n < N_a$$

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Replace b_max with A_s * b_max in Equation (93A-19) for the $1 \leq n \leq N_b$.

Also, change references to "DFE coefficient magnitude limit" in Tables 93-8, 94-17, and 93A-1 to "Normalized DFE coefficient magnitude limit".

Cl 93 SC 93.9 P209 L48 # 79
Mellitz, Richard Intel Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Table 93-8

SER_0 for KR4 should be lower since the KP4 FEC is stronger than the KR4 FEC

SuggestedRemedy

Table 93-8
Change SER_0 to 1e-7

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #237.

Cl 93 SC 93.8.2.3 P207 L19 # 80
Mellitz, Richard Intel Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Clause 85 802.3ba-2010-246 ff first defines a1, a2, and a4
93.8.2.3 Receiver interference tolerance table 93-7 adds parameters a0

reference to a0 needs to ripple through standard where appropriate.

SuggestedRemedy

Either update clause 85 or add appendix describing fitting in general

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #178.

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CI 94 SC 94.3.13.3 P255 L31 # 81
Mellitz, Richard Intel Corporation

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D**
Clause 85 802.3ba-2010~246 ff first defines a1, a2, and a4
94.3.13.3 Receiver interference tolerance Table 94-16 adds parameters a0
reference to a0 needs to ripple through standard where appropriate.

SuggestedRemedy
Either update clause 85 or add appendix describing fitting in general

Proposed Response Response Status **W**
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

[Changed Clause from 93 to 94.]

See comment #178.

CI 73 SC 73.3 P48 L17 # 82
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type **E** Comment Status **D**
The PHYs are listed in the same order as they are in the Technology ability field and the priority resolution so 100GBASE-KP4 should be listed before 100GBASE-KR4

SuggestedRemedy
change:
include 1000BASE-KX, 10GBASE-KX4, 10GBASE-KR, 40GBASE-KR4, 40GBASE-CR4, 100GBASE-CR10, 100GBASE-KR4, 100GBASE-KP4, and 100GBASE-CR4
to:
include 1000BASE-KX, 10GBASE-KX4, 10GBASE-KR, 40GBASE-KR4, 40GBASE-CR4, 100GBASE-CR10, 100GBASE-KP4, 100GBASE-KR4, and 100GBASE-CR4

Proposed Response Response Status **W**
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Also change order on:
Page 48, Line 52.
Page 49, Line 38.

CI 73 SC 73.10.7 P51 L25 # 83
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type **E** Comment Status **D**
To be consistent we should have the PHY order in the same order as in the technology ability field and priority resolution - switch the order of the link status for KP4 and KR4

SuggestedRemedy
per comment

Proposed Response Response Status **W**
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 00 SC 0 P L # 84
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type **E** Comment Status **D**
Normal wake mode is not the best name for the "non-FW" mode. Should come up with better naming

SuggestedRemedy
some options: higher power save mode, full power save mode, deep power save mode, physical idle power save mode, full idle power save mode.

Proposed Response Response Status **W**
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Pending consideration by the Task Force.

CI 80 SC 80.2.6 P62 L43 # 85
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type **E** Comment Status **D** PHY order
For consistency PHYs should be listed in the same order as they are in the Technology ability field and the priority resolution so 100GBASE-KP4 should be listed before 100GBASE-KR4

SuggestedRemedy
per comment

Proposed Response Response Status **W**
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 83 SC 83.3 P101 L43 # 86
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket
 Replace 100GBASE-R FEC with 100GBASE-R RS-FEC
 SuggestedRemedy
 per comment
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 80 SC 80-3b P65 L # 87
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status D Style
 Figure 80-3b Optional inter-sublayer service interface for EEE support is confusing need to clarify and split into 2 figures
 SuggestedRemedy
 1) add a comment that this figure only has the additional signals on top of those in Figure 80-3a.
 2) the PMA attached below an RS-FEC sublayer can only be a 4:4, because the figure has both the RS-FEC and CL74 FEC in the same figure it looks like a 4:n or a 10:n or a 20:10 PMA can be attached to the RS-FEC sublayer. splitting this into 2 Figures - one with the optional CL74 FEC and one with the mandatory RS-FEC will make this more clear
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 To reduce confusion:
 Add text to the diagram stating that this is only the additional signals for optional EEE.
 Delete the specifics for the PMA sublayers (20:10 etc.) and add a PMA between the PCS & the FEC (issue highlighted by comment #337)

Cl 91 SC 91.5.2.5 P119 L19 # 88
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 In bullet c) there is a redundant statement. In line 14 we establish that all synch header are valid so there is no need to state that both $c_{<0>} = 1$ and $c_{<1>} = 0$ it is enough to say that $c_{<0>} = 1$
 SuggestedRemedy
 change:
 Let c be the smallest value of j such that $tx_coded_c_{<0>}=1$ and $tx_coded_c_{<1>}=0$. In other words, tx_coded_c is the first 66-bit control block that was received in the current group of four blocks.
 To:
 Let c be the smallest value of j such that $tx_coded_c_{<0>}=1$. In other words, tx_coded_c is the first 66-bit control block that was received in the current group of four blocks.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 91 SC 91.5.2.5 P119 L31 # 89
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 bullet b) - change to $tx_xcoded_{<4:0>}=1111$
 SuggestedRemedy
 per comment
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 The text is correct as written.

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Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.6 P28 L # 90
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status D PHY order
 For consistency PHYs should be listed in the same order as they are in the Technology ability field and the priority resolution so 100GBASE-KP4 should be listed below 100GBASE-KR4
 SuggestedRemedy
 per comment
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Table 45-7 - reverse KR4 & KP4

Cl 45 SC 45-72a P31 L # 91
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket
 for the FEC enable error indication field it will be better if the case of 0 is phrased like the case for
 SuggestedRemedy
 change:
 0 = FEC decoder does not indicate errors
 To:
 0 = FEC decoder does not indicate errors to the PCS
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 78 SC 78.1 P53 L32 # 92
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D Bucket
 Typo - replace 40GBASECR10 with 40GBASE-CR4
 SuggestedRemedy
 Per comment
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Nb comment #7 deletes this text.

Cl 30 SC 30.1.1.15 P23 L19 # 93
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D FEC mgmt
 aFECability - CL91 FEC is not optional
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change:
 A read-only value that indicates if the PHY supports an optional FEC sublayer for forward error correction (see 65.2, and Clause 74, and Clause 91).
 To:
 A read-only value that indicates if the PHY supports an optional FEC sublayer for forward error correction (see 65.2, and Clause 74) or support of the Clause 91 mandatory FEC.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 30 SC 30.1.1.16 P23 L25 # 94
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D FEC mgmt
 aFECmode - Clause 91 FEC is mandatory so it shouldn't be enabled or disabled
 SuggestedRemedy
 There are 3 possible ways to handles this:
 1. remove CL91 FEC from the text
 2. Make the FEC 91 value as RO enabled
 3. Use this verible to enable or disable the FEC correction at the receive side
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Option #1, also suggested by comment #367

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Cl 78 SC 78.5 P54 L48 # 95
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D Style

The text is:Fast wake is mandatory for PHYs that implement EEE; normal wake is an additional option his statement is only true for the 40G and 100G PHYs that support EEE and not to all PHYs

SuggestedRemedy

options 1:
change the text to - Fast wake is mandatory for 40Gb/s and 100Gb/s PHYs that implement EEE; normal wake is an additional option for those PHYs
Option 2:
Fast wake is mandatory for PHYs that implement EEE and are connected to Clause 82 PCS; normal wake is an additional option for those PHYs

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Use suggested option #1

Cl 78 SC 78.5 P55 L # 96
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D Timing

In table 78-4 PHYs with the CL74 FEC should have 2 rows under the normal mode - case 1 and case 2 when case 1 is without CL74 FEC and case 2 is with CL74 FEC

SuggestedRemedy

for the 40GBASE-CR4, 40GBASE-KR4 and 100GBASE-CR10 split the normal mode into 2 rows - case 1 and case 2.
in 78.5 change:
Case-1 of the 10GBASE-KR PHY applies to PHYs without FEC. Case-2 of the 10GBASE-KR PHY applies to PHYs with FEC.
To:
Case-1 of the 10GBASE-KR, 40GBASE-KR4, 40GBASE-CR4, and 100GBASE-CR10 PHYs applies to PHYs without FEC. Case-2 of the 10GBASE-KR, 40GBASE-KR4, 40GBASE-CR4, and 100GBASE-CR10 PHYs applies to PHYs with FEC.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See also comment #40

Cl 80 SC 80.1.3 P58 L49 # 97
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D MDI

bullet g and h are wrong - 40GBASE-LR4, 100GBASE-LR4 and 100GBASE-ER4 are single lane MDI and not 4 lanes

SuggestedRemedy

g) The MDIs as specified in Clause 89 for 40GBASE-FR, in Clause 87 for 40GBASE-LR4, in Clause 88 for 100GBASE-LR4 and 100GBASE-ER4 all uses a single lane data path.
h) The MDIs as specified in Clause 84 for 40GBASE-KR4, in Clause 85 for 40GBASE-CR4, in Clause 86 for 40GBASE-SR4, and in Clause 92 for GBASE-CR4 all use a 4 lane data path.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Although they use 1 fiber, there are 4 lanes of data using 4 wavelengths.

Cl 80 SC 80.1.4 P59 L50 # 98
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D Style

if we state that some 100GBASE-R PHYs use CL91 FEC we should also state that some 40GBASE-R and 100GBASE-R may use CL74 FEC

SuggestedRemedy

after - "...Layer devices also use the transcoding and FEC of Clause 91."
add "Some 40GBASE-R and 100GBASE-R also may use FEC of caluse 74"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 80 SC 80.3.1 P62 L51 # 99
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D Bucket

There are 4 additional primitive and not 2

SuggestedRemedy

change:
...sublayer service interface includes two additional primitives defined as follows
To:
...sublayer service interface includes four additional primitives defined as follows

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 80 SC 80.3.3.4 P63 L51 # 100
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D scr bypass

Per changes to the LPI transnit state diagram (Figure 82-16) this should be changed

SuggestedRemedy

change:
The tx_mode parameter takes on one of up to eight values: DATA, SLEEP, QUIET, FW, ALERT, RF_ALERT, WAKE or RF_WAKE.
To:
The tx_mode parameter takes on one of up to six values: DATA, SLEEP, QUIET, FW, ALERT or BYPASS.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 81 SC 81.3.1.5 P73 L45 # 101
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D Timing

Might be good to calrify that the time in this statement is Tw_sys_tx

SuggestedRemedy

change to:
The RS should not present a start code for valid transmit data until after the wake up time specified for the PHY (Tw_sys_tx). The wake times are shown in Table 78-4

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 82 SC 82.2.3.4 P81 L31 # 102
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D Control

LPI should not be transmitted or received when EEE is not supported or when it is not enabled.

SuggestedRemedy

Change:
If EEE is not supported LPI shall not be transmitted and shall be treated as an error if received.
To:
If EEE is not supported or EEE is supported but not enabled LPI shall not be transmitted and shall be treated as an error if received.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

There is no "enable" for EEE. The onus is on the LPI Client (See Clause 81) to send or not send LPI according to ability, negotiation or system preferences.

Cl 82 SC 82.2.18.2 P87 L9 # 103
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D Control

LPI should not be transmitted or received when EEE is not supported or when it is not enabled.

SuggestedRemedy

change:
Note: A PCS that does not support EEE classifies vectors containing one or more /L/ control characters as type E
To:
Note: A PCS that does not support EEE or a PCS that does support EEE but EEE is disableed classifies vectors containing one or more /L/ control characters as type E

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

There is no "disable" for EEE.

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Cl 82 SC 82.2.18.2 P87 L50 # 104
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D Bucket

Per latest change the RAMs should be sent every 15 blocks for 40GBASE-R

SuggestedRemedy

Change:
This counter counts 16383 66-bit blocks that separate two consecutive alignment markers for normal alignment markers or 7 66-bit blocks for rapid alignment markers for the optional EEE capability
To:
This counter counts 16383 66-bit blocks that separate two consecutive alignment markers for normal alignment markers. This counter counts 7 66-bit blocks for 100GBASE-R PCS or 15 66-bit blocks for 40GBASE-R PCS that separate two consecutive rapid alignment markers for optional EEE capability

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 84 SC 84.7.4 P107 L31 # 105
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D Bucket

The Alert detect is only needed if normal mode is supported

SuggestedRemedy

change:
When the PHY supports the EEE capability,
To:
When the PHY supports the EEE capability with the normal wake mode,

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 84 SC 84.2 P106 L54 # 106
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D scr bypass

per latest change to the LPI transmit state diagram TX_MODE values should change

SuggestedRemedy

change:
The tx_mode parameter takes on one of up to eight values: DATA, SLEEP, QUIET, FW, ALERT, RF_ALERT, WAKE or RF_WAKE.
To:
The tx_mode parameter takes on one of up to six values: DATA, SLEEP, QUIET, FW, ALERT or BYPASS.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 84 SC 84.7.4 P107 L21 # 107
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D Bucket

The Alert detect is only needed if normal mode is supported

SuggestedRemedy

change:
When the PHY supports the optional EEE capability, PMD_SIGNAL.indication is also used to indicate when the ALERT signal is detected, which corresponds to the beginning of a refresh or a wake
To:
When the PHY supports the optional EEE capability with the normal wake mode, PMD_SIGNAL.indication is also used to indicate when the ALERT signal is detected, which corresponds to the beginning of a refresh or a wake

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 85 SC 85.7.4 P111 L19 # 108
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D Bucket
 The Alert detect is only needed if normal mode is supported
 SuggestedRemedy
 change:
 When the PHY supports the EEE capability,
 To:
 When the PHY supports the EEE capability with the normal wake mode,
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 85 SC 85.7.6 P111 L29 # 109
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D Bucket
 The Alert detect is only needed if normal mode is supported
 SuggestedRemedy
 change:
 When the PHY supports the EEE capability,
 To:
 When the PHY supports the EEE capability with the normal wake mode,
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 91 SC 91.5.2.6 P122 L28 # 110
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 The tx_lpi_active reference to 82.2.7a is no longer correct and should be referenced to the new figure 91-10
 SuggestedRemedy
 per comment
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 The reference to 82.2.7a should have been 82.2.8a and pertain to the definition of Rapid Alignment Markers.
 tx_lpi_active is set by the Transmit LPI state diagram in Figure 91-10.
 Correct the cross-reference to be 82.2.8a.

Cl 80 SC 80-4 P69 L # 111
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D Delay
 Table 80-4
 The PCS lane to lane skew should not be applicable for the 100GBASE-CR4/KR4/KP4. Those number include significant skew components that are not relevant - optical PMD skew - SP3 and SP4, it also has significant PMA skew that is too high for a 4:4 PMA
 SuggestedRemedy
 Split the table into 2 table. Table 1 should remain the same as table 80-4 in 802.3-2012.
 the second table should only have the 100G skew and should be applicable to the new PHYs.
 For the new table SP0 should remain 29ns, SP1 can be 29ns, SP2 should be ~36ns. SP3 should be~41ns, SP4 should be~60ns (copper MDI only), SP5 should be~65ns and SP6 should be~73ns. SP7 should still be 29ns.
 as a result the latency at the FEC receive should change from 180ns to~90ns this should also effect 91.5.3.1 on page 124 line 41.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

The skew budgeting mechanism in 40/100G Ethernet is based around interchangeable usage of sublayers. It is likely that future projects will continue to use sublayers in that manner. A system implementer who configures sublayers in a fixed manner may take advantage of reduced skew budgets according to the specific configuration.

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Cl 91 SC 91.5.3.3 P126 L9 # 112
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The RS-FEC can't detect all the uncorrectable codewords

SuggestedRemedy

change:

The RS-FEC sublayer shall also be capable of detecting uncorrectable codewords

To:

The RS-FEC sublayer shall also be capable of detecting some of the uncorrectable codewords

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change the last sentence of the second paragraph of 91.5.3.3 to:

"The RS-FEC sublayer shall also be capable of indicating when an errored codeword was not corrected."

Cl 91 SC 91.5.3.3 P126 L23 # 113
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Should allow an implementation to nullify more than one 64/66 block in every other transcoding block - for example an implementation should be able to nullify all blocks

SuggestedRemedy

change to:

...it shall ensure that, at least for every other 257-bit block within the codeword starting with the first (1st, 3rd, 5th, etc.), the synchronization header for the first 66-bit block at the output of the 256B/267B to 64B/66B transcoder, rx_coded_0<1:0>, is set to 11. In addition, it shall ensure rx_coded_3<1:0> corresponding to the last (20th) 257-bit block in the codeword is set to 11. This will cause the PCS to discard all frames 64 bytes and larger that are fully or partially within the codeword. The decoder may set rx_coded_j<1:0> to 11 and thus nullify more 66-bit blocks at the PCS.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

If an implementation were to invalidate the synchronization headers of all 66-bit blocks included in a codeword, the PCS would lose block lock and this would result in an extended loss of data.

The synchronization header error pattern was chosen to ensure no packet could be incorrectly accepted while maintaining block lock.

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Cl 91 SC 91.5.4.3 P136 L34 # 114
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

When only FW EEE is supported the arch from TX_TEST_NEXT to TX_QUIET should not be taken

SuggestedRemedy

Add paramter called LPI_FW - true in FW mode false in normal wake mode in Figure 91-10 - on the arch from TX_TEST_NEXT to TX_QUIET add LPI_FW*(false!align_status + !ram_valid). And add an arch !LPI_FW*(false!align_status + !ram_valid) from TX_TEST_NEXT to TX_FAULT

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

[Changed Subcl from 91-10 to 91.5.4.3 for consistent sorting. Added Line 34.]

It is true that a loss of alignment in the "fast wake" mode should be considered a fault and not a transition to a quiet line state.

Define new variable "fec_lpi_fw" as follows:

"Boolean variable that controls the behavior of the Transmit LPI and Receive LPI state diagrams. This variable is set to true when the local PCS is configured to use the Fast Wake mechanism and set to false otherwise."

Change the transition condition from TX_TEST_NEXT to TX_QUIET to:
!fec_lpi_fw * (!rx_align_status + !ram_valid)

Add a transition from TX_TEST_NEXT to TX_FAULT with the condition:
fec_lpi_fw * (!rx_align_status + !ram_valid)

Change the transition condition from RX_TEST_NEXT to RX_QUIET to:
!fec_lpi_fw * (!fec_align_status + !ramps_valid)

Add a transition from RX_TEST_NEXT to RX_FAULT with the condition:
fec_lpi_fw * (!fec_align_status + !ramps_valid)

Cl 91 SC 91.5.4.2 P130 L36 # 115
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

When EEE is supported lanes 16,17,18 and 19 should only be compared when rx_lpi_active is true - this is because in the next state the amp_counter counts lower only when the rx_lpi_active is true. It is not broken as EEE capable device when rx_lpi_active false and first_pcs_l is 16,17,18 or 19 then 4096 FEC code word later there should be lane 16, 17, 18 or 19 in the same position but this was not the intent

SuggestedRemedy

change:

For the optional EEE capability, each FEC lane also compares the candidate block to the alignment marker payload for PCS lanes 16, 17, 18, and 19 To:

For the optional EEE capability, when rx_lpi_active is true each FEC lane also compares the candidate block to the alignment marker payload for PCS lanes 16, 17, 18, and 19

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #207.

Cl 92 SC 92.7.4 P150 L22 # 116
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

signal detect should also function as Alert detect when EEE normal mode is supported and rx_mode is not active

SuggestedRemedy

Add the following text:

When the PHY supports the optional EEE capability normal wake mode, PMD_SIGNAL.indication is also used to indicate when the ALERT signal is detected, which corresponds to the beginning of a refresh or a wake. Can consider adding a condition of PMD:IS_RX_MODE != ACTIV

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See healey_3bj_02_1112.pdf for PMD functional and electrical behavior for Energy Efficient Ethernet with applicability to clause 92.

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Cl 91 SC 91.5.3.3 P126 L25 # 117
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket
 typo - replace 256B/267B with 256B/257B
 SuggestedRemedy
 per comment
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 See comment #379.

Cl 93 SC 93.7.4 P196 L49 # 118
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 signal detect should also function as Alert detect when EEE normal mode is supported and rx_mode is not active
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add the following text:
 When the PHY supports the optional EEE capability normal wake mode, PMD_SIGNAL.indication is also used to indicate when the ALERT signal is detected, which corresponds to the beginning of a refresh or a wake. Can consider adding a condition of PMD:IS_RX_MODE != ACTIV
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See comment #174.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.1.3 P231 L54 # 119
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D eee
 signal detect should also function as Alert detect when EEE normal mode is supported and rx_mode is not active
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add the following text:
 When the PHY supports the optional EEE capability normal wake mode, PMD_SIGNAL.indication is also used to indicate when the ALERT signal is detected, which corresponds to the beginning of a refresh or a wake. Can consider adding a condition of PMD:IS_RX_MODE != ACTIV
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See healey_3bj_xx_1112.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.93 P32 L4 # 120
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D FEC mgmt
 when FEC bypass is not supported the FEC bypass should be read only 0
 SuggestedRemedy
 add the following text:
 Writes to this bit are ignored and reads return a zero if the RS-FEC does not have the ability to bypass correction (see 91.5.3.3).
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.3.9 P36 L21 # 121
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D FW mgmt

As LPI FW is mandatory and normal mode is not this register should change to EEE both modes.

SuggestedRemedy

change in table 45-105 3.20.0 in the folwoing way:
Replave LPI_FW with LPI both mode supported.
in the description replace:
1 = Both Fast Wake and normal mode are supported
0 = only Fast Wake is supported
Replace in 45.2.3.9.6 the text with:
LPI normal mode (3.20.0)
If this bit is read as 1 the device support both modes for PHYs with the LPI FW and normal mode.
If this bit is set to 0 device support LPI FW only for those phys

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This bit is a control bit not a status bit, it must select one or the other. However, a status bit is also required.

Add bit 3.20.9 - LPI modes supported:

1=FW only; 0 = both FW and normal.

(not valid for PHYs <40G, returns 0).

CI 94 SC 94.2.2.1 P223 L43 # 122
Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

the word "also" is not required

SuggestedRemedy

delete "also"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 94 SC 94.3.7 P236 L30 # 123
Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

The names of functions are typically not concatenated with underscore. The underscore is typically used for variable and function names.

SuggestedRemedy

In title of 94.3.7 replace "pmd_fault" with "PMD fault".

In the first paragraph of 94.3.8 replace "PMD_transmit_fault" with "PMD transmit fault".

In the first paragraph of 94.3.9 replace "PMD_receive_fault" with "PMD receive fault".

Similar corrections are required in Clauses 92 and 93.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Make similar changes in 92.7.6 and 93.7.6.

CI 94 SC 94.3.8 P236 L42 # 124
Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

The fact that PMD transmit fault function is optional is already established in the previous paragraph.

SuggestedRemedy

In the second paragraph in 94.3.8, delete "(optional)".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

92.7.10 does not require this change.

Make similar changes in 93.7.10.

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Cl 72 SC 72.6.10.2.4 P476 L34 # 125
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket
 In Clause 72 of 802.3bh in sub-clause 72.6.10.2.4, the first sub-sub-clause is 72.6.10.2.4.4 (rather than 72.6.10.2.4.1).
 SuggestedRemedy
 Fix heading numbering so that the first sub-sub-clause under 72.6.10.2.4 is 72.6.10.2.4.1.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 Before such a change can be considered, it must first be verified that the error exists in the published version of IEEE Std 802.3-2012.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.6.5 P235 L37 # 127
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket
 Only one following paragraph.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "two paragraphs" to "paragraph".
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Make the same change to 92.7.5 and 93.7.5.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.6.5 P235 L36 # 126
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket
 Concatenation of words with underscore is typically used for variable and function names, whereas as MDIO field names do not.
 SuggestedRemedy
 replace "PMD_signal_detect_i" with "PMD signal detect i".
 replace "PMD_signal_detect_0" with "PMD signal detect 0".
 replace "PMD_signal_detect_1" with "PMD signal detect 1".
 replace "PMD_signal_detect_2" with "PMD signal detect 2".
 replace "PMD_signal_detect_3" with "PMD signal detect 3".
 Similar corrections are required in Clause 92 and 93.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Make similar changes in 92.7.5 and 93.7.5.

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Cl 94 SC 94.3.1.3.1 P231 L52 # 128
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status D pmd service interface

This sub-clause redundantly redefines SIGNAL_DETECT, which is fully defined in sub-clause 94.3.6.4. The mapping of SIGNAL_DETECT to SIGNAL_OK is not defined.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace the contents of 94.3.1.3.1 with the following:

PMD:IS_SIGNAL.indication(SIGNAL_OK)

The SIGNAL_OK parameter indicates the global status of the receive lanes. SIGNAL_OK takes on the value of global_signal_detect variable defined in 94.3.6.4.

Replace the contents of 94.3.1.3.2 with...

The PMD generates the PMD_IS_SIGNAL.indication primitive to the PMD client whenever there is a change in the value of the global_signal_detect variable.

Replace the contents of 94.3.6.4 including editor's note with...

The pmd_global_signal_detect variable indicates the successful completion of the start-up protocol on all lanes. The pmd_global_signal_detect variable shall be set to FAIL following system reset or the manual reset of the training state diagram. Upon successful completion of training on all lanes, the pmd_global_signal_detect variable shall be set to OK.

If training is disabled by management, the global_signal_detect variable shall be set to OK.

If the MDIO interface is implemented, then Global PMD signal detect (1.10.0) shall be continuously set to the value of the pmd_global_signal_detect variable as described in 45.2.1.9.7.

Similar changes to Clauses 92 and 93 are required.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Apply to corresponding sub-clauses 92 and 93, as well.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.12.6.3 P251 L30 # 129
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status D pmd tx initialize

Sub-clause 94.3.12.6.3 specifies emphasis ratios for the INITIALIZE, but provides no specification for the amplitude.

SuggestedRemedy

In addition to the two ratios, specify the amplitude.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Add the following sentence to the end of 94.3.12.6.3.

"When the PMD enters the INITIALIZE state of the Training state diagram (Figure 72-5) or receives a valid request to "initialize" from the link partner, the coefficients of the transmit equalizer shall be configured such that the ratio $(c(0)+c(1)-c(-1))/(c(0)+c(1)+c(-1))$ is 1.29 +/- 10%, the ratio $(c(0)-c(1)+c(-1))/(c(0)+c(1)+c(-1))$ is 2.57 +/- 10%, and the steady state voltage is greater than or equal to 140 mV."

The proposed response assumes that the peaking ratios proposed in comment #138 are adopted.

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CI 94 SC 94.4.1 P256 L44 # 130
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The values for the transmitter coefficient step size specified for COM (Table 94-17) of 0.02 are much smaller than the maximum step size specified for the transmitter (94.3.12.6.4) of 0.05.

SuggestedRemedy

Modify procedure in 93A.1.3.4, such that after finding the optimal transmitter coefficients re-test COM with each coefficient offset from the optimal value found by half the transmitter maximum step size (e.g., 0.025).

Similar consideration may be required for Clause 93.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

[Changed Clause from 93A to 94.]

This is a modification of the process defined in Annex 93A and warrants Task Force discussion. It consists of two steps:

- 1) Identify the optimal values of $c(-1)$ and $c(1)$ via a search over a fine grid.
- 2) Execute 4 additional calculations for the following settings (where Dc is the maximum transmitter equalizer coefficient step size from corresponding PMD specification).
 - a) $[c(-1)-Dc/2, c(1)-Dc/2]$
 - b) $[c(-1)-Dc/2, c(1)+Dc/2]$
 - c) $[c(-1)+Dc/2, c(1)-Dc/2]$
 - d) $[c(-1)+Dc/2, c(1)+Dc/2]$

For each of these settings, the best value over the full range of g_DC should be chosen. The worst-performing set of values from a) through d) should be taken as the worst case and used for subsequent processing.

An alternative, suggested by #181, is to simply use the coarsest grid allowed by the corresponding PMD specification. It may not yield the same answer as the suggested remedy, but is less computationally intensive.

CI 94 SC 94.3.6.8 P236 L17 # 131
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status D loopback

Specification of the loopback in the PMD is redundant and out of place. It is already specified for the PMA.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace the first two paragraphs of 94.3.6.8 with ...

"Local loopback mode is provide by the PMA (94.2.9). Loopback shall not affect the state of the transmitter, which continues to send data unless disabled (94.3.6.7)."

Delete Note 1.

Similar corrections are required for Clause 92 and 93.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Replace the first two paragraphs of 94.3.6.8 with ...

"Local loopback mode is provided by the PMA (94.2.9). Loopback shall not affect the state of the transmitter, which continues to send data unless disabled (94.3.6.7)."

Delete Note 1.

Consider similar changes in 92 and 93. For these sub-clauses the change is not so clear, since the loopback specified in 83.5.9 is optional.

CI 94 SC 94.2.1 P221 L23 # 132
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status D eee

The editor's note points out that the function of rx_mode and tx_mode must be defined.

SuggestedRemedy

Provide functional specifications for rx_mode and tx_mode .

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

See healey_3bj_xx_1112.

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Cl 94 SC 94.3.1 P230 L24 # 133
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status D eee
 The editor's note points out that the function of rx_mode and tx_mode must be defined.

SuggestedRemedy

Provide functional specifications for rx_mode and tx_mode.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See healey_3bj_xx_1112.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.3 P232 L20 # 134
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status D delay
 Delay constraints have TBD values.

SuggestedRemedy

Provide values for TBD delay constraints.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Set the net delay to 16 pause quanta and the medium delay to 800 bit times.

Replace the first paragraph in 94.3.3 with the following:

"The sum of the transmit and the receive delays contributed by the 100GBASE-KP4 PMA, PMD, AN, and the medium in one direction shall be no more than 8192 bit times (16 pause_quanta or 81.92 ns). It is assumed that the one way delay through the medium is no more than 800 bit times (8 ns)."

Cl 94 SC 94.3.4 P232 L46 # 135
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status D skew
 Skew constraints have TBD values.

SuggestedRemedy

Provide values for TBD skew constraints.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Use values from Table 80-4 and Table 80-5 for skew and skew variation at each skew point.

SP2
 skew: 43 ns
 skew variation: 0.4 ns

SP3
 skew: 54 ns
 skew variation: 0.6 ns

SP4
 skew: 134 ns
 skew variation: 3.4 ns

SP5
 skew: 145 ns
 skew variation: 3.6 ns

Cl 94 SC 94.3.12.5 P249 L42 # 136
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status D pmd tx transition time
 The editor's note indicates that test pattern, methodology, and values are needed.

SuggestedRemedy

Specify test pattern, methodology, and values for transition time or replace with appropriate alternative.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #246.

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Cl 94 SC 94.3.12.6.1 P250 L51 # 137
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status D pmd tx pulse response
 The values for steady state voltage and peak value are TBD.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Provide values for the steady state voltage and peak value.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See comment #247.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.12.6.3 P251 L32 # 138
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status D pmd tx initialize
 The values for pre-cursor and post-cursor peaking ratios are specified as TBD.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Provide values for the TBD peaking ratios.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Use values from 85.8.3.3.1. Set the first TBD to "1.29 +/- 10%" and the second TBD to "2.57 +/- 10%".
 See comment #129.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.12.7 P252 L15 # 139
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status D pmd tx far end noise
 The values for low-loss and high-loss channel insertion loss are specified as TBD.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Provide values for low-loss and high-loss channel insertion loss.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See response to comment #176.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.13.2 P255 L5 # 140
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status D pmd rx return loss
 The value for CM return loss is specified as TBD.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Provide specification for CM return loss.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 The commenter is referring to the RX common mode return loss in Equation 94-16.
 See comment #215.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.13.3 P255 L31 # 141
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status D pmd rx interference tolerance
 In Table 94-16 several parameters for the receiver interference tolerance test are specified as TBD.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Provide values for each of the parameters in 94-16 currently specified as TBD.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See comment #248.

Cl 94 SC 94.2.2.3 P224 L30 # 142
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status D pma encoder
 Editor's note points out that the usage of the overhead bits must be specified.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Specify the usage and behavior of the overhead bits.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See wang_3bj_01_1112.

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Cl 94 SC 94.2.3 P227 L4 # 143
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status D eee
 The editor's note points out that the transmit EEE operation must be specified.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Provide functional specification for transmit EEE operation.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See healey_3bj_xx_1112.

Cl 94 SC 94.2.5 P228 L4 # 144
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status D eee
 The editor's note points out that the receive EEE operation must be specified.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Provide functional specification for receive EEE operation.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See healey_3bj_xx_1112.

Cl 94 SC 94.2.11 P229 L18 # 145
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status D test pattern
 The editor's note points out that management control of the three test patterns must be specified.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add test pattern control bits with descriptions in Clause 45.
 Add reference to the Clause 45 control bits in 94.2.11.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Add the follow rows to Table 45-73:
 1.1501.8 | JP03A pattern enable | 1 = Enable JP03A pattern; 0 = Disable JP03A pattern | R/W
 1.1501.9 | JP03B pattern enable | 1 = Enable JP03B pattern; 0 = Disable JP03B pattern | R/W
 1.1501.10 | QPRBS13 pattern enable | 1 = Enable QPRBS13 pattern; 0 = Disable QPRBS13 pattern | R/W

Change row 2 in Table 45-73 to:
 1.1500.15:11 | Reserved | Value always zero, writes ignored | RO

Add the following paragraph to 45.2.1.100

Register field 1.1501.8 enables testing with the JP03A pattern defined in 94.2.11.1.
 Register field 1.1501.9 enables testing with the JP03B pattern defined in 94.2.11.2.
 Register field 1.1501.10 enables testing with the QPRBS13 pattern defined in 94.2.11.3.
 The assertion of register 1.1501.8, 1.1501.9, 1.1501.10 are mutually exclusive. If more than one bit are asserted the behavior is undefined. The assertion of 1.1501.8, 1.1501.9, and 1501.10 works in conjunction with register field 1.1501.3. If 1.1501.3 is not asserted then 1.1501.8, 1.1501.9, and 101501.10 have no effect.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.10.7.2 P241 L31 # 146
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status D training countdown
 The editor's note points out that the trigger to start countdown must be re-visited.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Provide functional specification describing when the (training to normal) countdown begins.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See comment #347.

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Cl 94 SC 94.3.10.8 P243 L7 # 147
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status D training pattern
 The editor's note points out that a method for initializing the termination bit generator must be specified.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Specify method for initializing the termination bit generator during training and by extension for EEE alert.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See comment #163.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.10.8 P243 L7 # 148
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status D training pattern
 The editor's note points out that the training pattern each lane must be re-specified taking into account the new termination symbol generation introduced in Draft 1.2.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Re-specify the training pattern seeds.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See comment #163.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.10.8 P243 L7 # 149
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status D training pattern
 The editor's note points out that a table or diagram should be provided to show the training pattern content for the first several cycles to ensure correct interpretation by the implementor.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Provide a table or diagram showing explicit values for the training pattern for several cycles.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See comment #163.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.12.1.2 P248 L6 # 150
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket
 The editor's note points out where the value for ILD came from.
 SuggestedRemedy
 If the ILD value is correct, then remove the editor's note.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Remove the editor's note.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.12.3 P248 L28 # 151
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status D pmd tx peak levels
 The editor's note points out that the methodology and values peak signal levels are different for Clause 94 and 93. A common (or at least similar) methodology should be used for both PHY types.
 SuggestedRemedy
 For measuring the peak value, use the QPRBS13 pattern as specified in 94.2.11.3 and set the peak limit to 1200 mVppd.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.12.6.2 P251 L16 # 152
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status D pmd tx linear fit
 The editor's note points out that the test method for linear fit error must be modified to make use of a PAM4 test signal.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Re-specify the linear fit error test method to make use of a PAM4 test pattern such as the QPRBS13 test pattern specified in 94.2.11.3.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See moore_3bj_01_1112.

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CI 94 SC 94.4.1 P256 L17 # 153
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status D channel com
 All COM parameters in Table 94-17 must be reconciled against the transmitter and receiver specifications in 94.2 and 94.3.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Reconcile all parameters in Table 94-17 with the corresponding transmitter and receiver specifications in 94.2 and 94.3.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See comments 44, 47, 45, 57.

CI 94 SC 94.4.4 P258 L27 # 154
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status D channel icn
 The editor's note points out that the ICN must be specified here.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Provide ICN specification(s).
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 The effect of crosstalk is constrained by COM and with a trade off with other channel parameters.
 Remove 94.4.4.

CI 94 SC 94.2.12 P229 L50 # 155
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket
 A summary table should be provided for the PMA-specific MDIO control and status fields.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Provide PMA MDIO summary table(s) similar to Table 94-3 and Table 94.4 for PMA specific control and status fields: 1.0.0, 1.0.1, 1.8.0, and 1.13.15.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 99 SC P6 L13 # 156
 Lusted, Kent Intel
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket
 Officer title of Chair contains redundant information.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "IEEE P802.3bj Task Force name Task Force Chair" to "IEEE P802.3bj Task Force Chair"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See comment #167.

CI 99 SC P6 L14 # 157
 Lusted, Kent Intel
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket
 Officer title of Editor-in-Chief contains redundant information.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "IEEE P802.3bj Task Force name Task Force Editor-in-Chief" to "IEEE P802.3bj Task Force Editor-in-Chief"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See comment #167.

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Cl 94 SC 94.2.2.4 P224 L42 # 158
Lusted, Kent Intel

Comment Type ER Comment Status D bucket

The first 2 paragraphs are confusing to read. The length of the termination block is defined after it is used to form a PMA frame.

Reordering the existing sentences and combining into 1 paragraph would improve readability.

SuggestedRemedy

Consider this:

"The PMA shall create a sequence of termination blocks by inserting two termination bits for every 90 overhead frame bits as specified in this sub-clause. The termination block is 92 bits in length. The overhead frame mapped into 192 consecutive termination blocks forms a PMA frame."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Per comment #164, the number of termination blocks should be 348 not 192.

Modify suggested remedy as follows:

"The PMA shall create a sequence of termination blocks by inserting two termination bits for every 90 overhead frame bits as specified in this sub-clause. The termination block is 92 bits in length. The overhead frame mapped into 384 consecutive termination blocks forms a PMA frame."

Cl 94 SC 94.3.10.5.2 P239 L6 # 159
Lusted, Kent Intel

Comment Type ER Comment Status D bucket

The first data row of the table shows the frame marker. This row's contents of the symbol columns are misleading because the value of "0" is not a valid PAM4 level.

The text in 94.3.10.4 clearly defines the frame marker.

SuggestedRemedy

I can't think of a better way to describe it. Consider striking the frame marker row from the table.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

<Changed sub-clause from Table 94-6 to 94.3.10.5.2>

Delete frame marker row from table.

Cl 00 SC 0 P L # 160
Lusted, Kent Intel

Comment Type ER Comment Status D

The term "100GBASE-P" is now used in 13 separate instances the draft. However, it is not defined.

For example, Clause 30 uses the term in the PhyType and MAUType fields as valid syntax.

To make matters worse, Clause 80.1.4 Nomenclature now states "40GBASE-R or 100GBASE-R represents a family of Physical Layer devices using the Clause 82 Physical Coding Sublayer a physical coding sublayer...and a PMD implementing 2-level pulse amplitude modulation (PAM)." Then it states "100GBASE-P represents Physical Layer devices using the Clause 82 Physical Coding Sublayer for 100 Gb/s operation over multiple PCS lanes (see Clause 82) and a PMD implementing more than 2-level pulse amplitude modulation (PAM)."

Table 80-1 says that 100GBASE-KP4 is a "100 Gb/s PHY using 100GBASE-P encoding..." Why call it out as using BASE-P encoding? All of the other Table 80-1 entries in the base standard imply encoding to be the PCS.

Then the term sneaks into Table 82-5 and attempts to camouflages itself in the PCS column of all places! There is no 100GBASE-P PCS.

Furthermore, the IEEE 802.3bh Draft 3.1 standard defines "100GBASE-R" as "An IEEE 802.3 family of Physical Layer devices using the physical coding sublayer defined in Clause 82 for 100 Gb/s operation. (See IEEE Std 802.3, Clause 82.)"

SuggestedRemedy

Consider adding a "100GBASE-P" to the Definitions section or strike 100GBASE-P from the document.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Add the following definition to 1.4:

"100GBASE-P: An IEEE 802.3 family of Physical Layer devices using the physical coding sublayer defined in Clause 82 and a physical medium dependent sublayer that employs pulse amplitude modulation with more than 2 levels for 100 Gb/s operation. (See IEEE Std 802.3, Clause 82 and Clause 84.)"

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Cl 94 SC 94.3.10.5.1 P238 L19 # 161
Lusted, Kent Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D training frame
Items "b" and "c" in the list DME rules.

"b)A positive value is represented by a series PAM4 +1 symbols.
c)A negative value is represented by a series of PAM4 -1 symbols."

These 2 requirements are superfluous because a DME cell does not take on a signed

SuggestedRemedy

Strike these 2 lines and re-numerate the list.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The positive and negative values are referring to the upper and low levels of the DME cell.

In item b replace "positive value" with "upper level".
In item c replace "negative value" with "lower level".

See comment #159.

Cl 94 SC 94.4.1 P256 L21 # 162
Lusted, Kent Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D
It seems quite odd to use the term "signaling rate" with GHzertz. Should it be GBaud?

SuggestedRemedy

change Hertz to GBaud or change signaling rate to something else.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

[Changed Clause from 00 to 94. Set Subcl to 94.4.1, Page to 256, and Line to 21.]

In Table 94-17, change the units of signaling rate to be GBd.

Modify Clause 93 (Table 93-8) and Annex 93A (Table 93A-1) to be consistent with this change.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.10.8 P242 L6 # 163
Lusted, Kent Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D training pattern
100GBASE-KP4 training pattern details need updating per editors note.

A method for initializing the termination bit generator was not specified in the
lusted_01_0912 or lusted_03a_0912.

The PRBS13 seeds were chosen for optimal performance using the PMA encoding
specified in Draft 1.1. Since the PMA encoding has changed in Draft 1.2, the seed values
must be re-visited.

To ensure interoperability, inclusion of a table or diagram showing the training pattern
PAM4 symbol values after PMA encoding is suggested. As an example, see
lusted_3bj_01_0912 slide 25.

SuggestedRemedy

See presentation lusted_3bj_01_1112 to be submitted in the future.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See lusted_3bj_01_1112.

Cl 94 SC 94.2.2.4 P223 L42 # 164
Lusted, Kent Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D bucket
The number of termination blocks to form a PMA frame is not 192. This number appears
to have been mistakenly used from the training 94.3.10.3.

The PMA frame size is 31320 bits. 31320 bits / 90 bits per termination block = 348
termination blocks.

SuggestedRemedy

Update the number to 348.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See comment #158.

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CI 92 SC 10 P167 L4648 # 165
 Bugg, Mark Molex
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Modify Eqn 92-14 based on measured data
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change Equation 92-14 from
 $10.80-13\log(f/5.5)$
 to
 $10.70-14\log(f/5.5)$
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 The commenter did not provide sufficient data to support the change. Please note the minimum cable assembly insertion loss has been changed to 8 dB @12.8906 GHz.

CI 92 SC 92.10 P167 L4648 # 166
 Bugg, Mark Molex
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Return loss limit extending to 25GHz is inconsistent with remainder of cable limits
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change Frequency limits of Eqn 92-14 from
 $4.1 \leq f \leq 25$
 to
 $4.1 \leq f \leq 20$
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Use suggested remedy
 See response to comment #256

CI 99 SC 99 P6 L13 # 167
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket
 Replace "Task Force name" with the actual Task Force name for both Chair and Editor-in-Chief.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Per comment.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 92A SC 92A.4 P282 L28 # 168
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket
 The caption to Figure 92A-1 is corrupted.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Repair the figure caption.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Use suggested remedy

CI 83A SC 83A.4 P271 L6 # 169
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation
 Comment Type T Comment Status D Bucket
 The editor's note indicates that the PICS proforma will be updated when the content of this clause stabilizes. The contents appear to be stable enough to complete this section.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Update the PICS proforma for Annex 83A.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See comment #292, delete editor's note.

CI 92A SC 92A.5 P283 L15 # 170
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Figure 92A-2 is no longer aligned with Clause 92. For example, the TP2/TP3 test fixture insertion loss from Equation 92-23 is approximately 2 dB but is shown in the figure as 1.5 dB. It is likely the mated test fixture insertion loss will need to be updated as well.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Re-align Figure 92A-2 with Clause 92.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See response comment #323

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CI 93 SC 93.7.9 P198 L1 # 171
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Function/variable name confusion:

"PMD_fault" appears to refer to the definition of a variable, which may optional be mapped to an MDIO bit. Referring to 93.7.10 and 93.7.11, it appears that the name of the function that assigns this variable should be "PMD fault".

SuggestedRemedy

Change heading of 93.7.9 to "PMD fault function".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 93 SC 93.7.10 P198 L9 # 172
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Function/variable name confusion:

The heading of 93.7.10 implies that the name of the function is "PMD transmit fault function" which assigns the variable "PMD_transmit_fault".

SuggestedRemedy

Change the first sentence of 93.7.10 to:
 "The PMD transmit fault function is optional."

Change the second paragraph to:
 "If PMD_transmit_fault is set to one, then Global_PMD_transmit_disable should also be set to one."

Change the third paragraph to:
 "..., then PMD_transmit_fault shall be mapped to the Transmit fault bit..."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 93 SC 93.7.11 P198 L20 # 173
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Function/variable name confusion:

The heading of 93.7.11 implies that the name of the function is "PMD receive fault function" which assigns the variable "PMD_receive_fault".

Also, what does it mean for a variable to "contribute" to an MDIO bit?

SuggestedRemedy

Change 93.7.11 to:

"The PMD receive function is optional. The faults detected by this function are implementation specific. A fault is indicated by setting the variable PMD_receive_fault to one.

"If the MDIO interface is implemented, then PMD_receive_fault shall be mapped to the Receive fault bit as specified in 45.2.1.7.5."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 93 SC 93.2 P193 L20 # 174
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The functional and electrical behavior of the 100GBASE-KR4 PMD for the optional Energy Efficient Ethernet capability is undefined.

SuggestedRemedy

Define the functional and electrical behavior as recommended in contribution healey_02_3bj_1112.pdf.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Pending consideration of the cited contribution.

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CI 93 SC 93.8.1.6.3 P203 L41 # 175
Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The initialized values for the transmitter pre- and post-cursor equalization ratios are TBD.

SuggestedRemedy

Specify the ratio $[c(0)+c(1)-c(-1)]/v2$ to be 1.29 +/- 10%.
Specify the ratio $(c(0)-c(1)+c(-1))/v2$ to be 2.57 +/- 10%.

Note $v2=c(0)+c(1)+c(-1)$.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 93 SC 93.8.1.7 P204 L24 # 176
Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The "low-loss" and "high-loss" channels for the transmitter far-end output noise measurement should have well-defined transfer functions as they filter the noise and influence the measurement. However, the test channel ICN does not need be limited. It only needs to be known so that it can be removed from the measurement.

SuggestedRemedy

Define the shape of the test channels via the polynomial models corresponding to Test 1 and Test 4 in Table 93-7 with reasonable tolerances.

Rather than refer to the ICN requirements in 93.9.4 (which have been TBD for some time), define sigma_l and sigma_h to be the far-end ICN for the "low-loss" and "high-loss" test channels respectively.

Finally, the procedure in 85.8.3.2 measures the RMS deviation from the mean amplitude of a fixed point on the square wave test pattern at the output of the test channel. These are labeled RMSldev and RMSHdev respectively. To be consistent, rephrase the requirements at follows:

"For the low-loss channel, RMSldev shall be less than or equal to $\sqrt{\sigma_l^2+2^2}$. For the high-loss channel, RMSHdev shall be less than or equal to $\sqrt{\sigma_h^2+1^2}$."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 93 SC 93.8.2.2 P206 L52 # 177
Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The differential to common-mode return loss limit (Equation 93-7) is TBD.

SuggestedRemedy

Define the limit or remove the placeholder.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #325.

CI 93 SC 93.8.2.3 P207 L7 # 178
Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Channel insertion loss fit methodology is undefined.

SuggestedRemedy

Define the methodology based on OIF-CEI-3.0 section 12.2 as a new section in Annex 93A (in addition to Channel Operating Margin).

Add a cross-reference to the procedure in 93.8.2.3.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 93 SC 93.9.4 P210 L24 # 179
Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

This placeholder for channel ICN has existed for multiple drafts but no proposals have been provided to complete this subclause. Since the normative channel specification is based on Channel Operating Margin (COM), a recommendation on ICN may be useful but not necessary.

SuggestedRemedy

Provide a recommendation for channel ICN or remove the subclause.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Remove 93.9.4.

See also comment #176.

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Cl 93 SC 93.9.1 P209 L21 # 180
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

It is not clear that the transmitter emulated for the calculation of COM corresponds to the worst-case performance allowed by 93.8.1.

Presumably, a transmitter 3 dB bandwidth of $f_v = 0.55 \cdot f_b$ would yield at linear fit pulse peak value of $0.8 \cdot v_f$ at the output of a simulated test fixture.

Furthermore, this f_v setting, combined with a differential peak output voltage of $A_v = 0.4$ V, this should yield a v_f value of about 0.4 at the output of a simulated test fixture.

Such a linkage is necessary to provide confidence that transmitters, channels, and receivers that are compliant to the standard will interoperate.

SuggestedRemedy

Verify the values of f_v and A_v in Table 93-8 are consistent with the limits in 93.8.1.6 or modify them accordingly. The values of f_f and A_f should also be adjusted to match.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Pending consideration of healey_3bj_03_1112.

Cl 93 SC 93.9.1 P209 L25 # 181
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The transmitter pre- and post-cursor equalizer coefficients should have a smallest range and largest step size that would be deemed compliant.

Such a linkage is necessary to provide confidence that transmitters, channels, and receivers that are compliant to the standard will interoperate.

SuggestedRemedy

Verify that the range and step sizes in Table 93-8 are consistent with the limits in 93.8.1.6 or modify them accordingly.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See also #130.

Cl 93 SC 93.9.1 P209 L45 # 182
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

93.8.1.8 implies that a compliant transmitter allowed to have TJ minus DDJ equal to 0.28 UI peak-to-peak at 1E-12 and effective RJ of 0.15 UI peak-to-peak at 1E-12.

A rough calculation shows that the jitter contributed via σ_{RJ} and A_{DD} is $14 \cdot 0.01 + 2 \cdot 0.1 = 0.34$ UI peak-to-peak.

This is considerably larger than the corresponding transmitter limit. Is this intended to enforce margin?

SuggestedRemedy

Verify that the range and jitter terms in Table 93-8 are consistent with the limits in 93.8.1.8 or modify them accordingly. If margin enforcement is desired, it may be better to include it as a line item (or point this out in a note to the table) so that correlation to the transmitter specifications is more clear.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Reduce A_{DD} to 0.07 UI to yield roughly 0.28 UI peak-to-peak jitter, at 1E-12, excluding any data dependent jitter introduced by the transmitter filter and device and package filter.

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Cl 91 SC 91.6 P138 L26 # 183
 Gustlin, Mark Xilinx

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Since a given FEC lane can be received on any of the four service interface lanes, add a register that captures which FEC lane is received at a given time on each service interface lane.

This is analogous to Lane x mapping register that is part of Clause 82 (Table 82-7).

Suggested Remedy

Per the comment.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

When the RS-FEC sublayer is connected to the PCS via CAUI, the PCS lane mapping for the RS-FEC transmit function would also be of interest.

Add PCS "Lane x mapping" registers similar to Clause 82, Table 82-7 to Table 91-3. The variables lane_mapping<x> are assigned by Alignment marker lock state diagram (Figure 82-11) which is incorporated into Clause 91 by reference.

Add FEC "Lane x mapping" registers to Table 91-3. Add "fec_lane_mapping<x> <= fec_lane" assignment to the "2_GOOD" state of the FEC synchronization state diagram Figure 91-8. Define fec_lane to be an fec_lane number (0 to 3) that is derived from the values of first_pcs1 and/or current_pcs1 per the mapping defined in 91.5.2.6.

Cl 92 SC 8.3.6 P157 L35 # 184
 Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Definition of even-odd jitter refers to the difference between the positive pulse and the negative pulse. By its name, it should compare the difference between even pulses and odd pulses. These definitions coincide when the test pattern has period with an even number of symbols, but with odd length (such as PRBS) they measure two different things.

Suggested Remedy

Change

"the difference between the mean width of the positive pulse and the mean width of the negative pulse"

to

"the difference between the mean width of even-numbered pulses and the mean width of odd-numbered pulses".

Consider adding

"If the base pattern period is an odd number of symbols, both even- and odd-numbered pulses should contain both positive and negative polarities".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The first sentence of 92.8.3.6 states that "even-odd jitter is measured from the two symbols in the middle of a sequence of no fewer than 8 symbols of alternating polarity." By definition, one of those pulses is in an even position while the other is in an odd position.

The suggested remedy is incomplete in that the definition of mean width of "even-numbered pulses" and "odd-numbered pulses" when considering a PRBS pattern with variable run length is unclear, i.e. what constitutes a "pulse".

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Cl 92 SC 7.12 P151 L10 # 185
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Choice of seeds to minimize correlation seems like an informative sentence, but there is no hint of how that goal can be achieved, nor criteria on what is considered low enough.

In practice, with the large inter-lane skew allowed in 100GBASE-R, such minimization cannot be achieved reliably by just selecting seeds.

The original (normative!) requirements of "randomness" in clause 72 and "different for each lane" in clauses 84 and 85 do not achieve this goal, although it seems to be the reason they were included.

The very loose specification of the seed requirements in clause 72 makes it impossible to validate that a product meets it.

It is somewhat pointless to specify something that is both unverifiable and ineffective. Let's avoid copying and repeating an error.

See attached presentation.

SuggestedRemedy

Use a different PRBS11 polynomial for each lane.
Specify the polynomials and the initial bit patterns explicitly (see presentation).
Change PICS item PF18 in 92.13.4.1 accordingly and add a suitable PICS item in 93.11.4.1.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Pending review of presentation. For committee discussion.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.93f P34 L21 # 186
Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D Style

"register bits 15:0" may cause confusion regarding the size of the error counter register.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "Errors detected in each FEC lane are counted and shown in register bits 15:0 in the corresponding register."
to
"Errors detected in each FEC lane are counted and shown in the corresponding register."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.93f P34 L23 # 187
Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket

Typo on the ending FEC lane number.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "FEC lane 2, lower 16 bits are shown in register 1.213; through register 1.217 for FEC lane 1, upper 16 bits."
to
"FEC lane 2, lower 16 bits are shown in register 1.214; through register 1.217 for FEC lane 3, upper 16 bits."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 82 SC 82.1.3 P80 L27 # 188
Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D Style

Note 1 & 2 now state the same thing.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove NOTE 2 from Figure 82-1 and change all references in the diagram for NOTE 2 (the two instances of AN2) to reference NOTE 1.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

This was addressed by comment #337 on draft 1.1.

Although the comment is correct, the consolidation of the 2 notes may be more easily achieved during the revision.

Cl 83 SC 83.3 P102 L50 # 189
Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket

There are 3 additional primitives added by EEE to the PMA sub-clause

SuggestedRemedy

Change "two" to "three"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 91 SC 91.5.3.4 P126 L38 # 190
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket
 If rx_lpi_active is asserted, then the Rx will see RAMs every other codeword.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "The rx_lpi_active is true"
 to "When rx_lpi_active is true"

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

[Changed Subcl to 91.5.3.4 for consistent sorting.]

In addition, change Page 126, Line 36 to:
 "...result in changes in the relative position."

Cl 91 SC 91.6.3 P138 L47 # 191
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket
 The FEC_*_ability registers reference the wrong MDIO registers

SuggestedRemedy

Change FEC_bypass_correction_ability to refer to 1.201.1
 Change FEC_error_indication_ability to refer to 1.201.2

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

[Changed Subcl to 91.6.3 for more consistent sorting.]

Note changes to Table 91-3 and 91.6.4 in addition to 91.6.3.

FEC_error_indication_ability may be removed per comment #TBD which would overtake
 that portion of this response.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.93g P34 L39 # 192
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D Bucket
 Register number is incorrect in the table.

SuggestedRemedy

Change 3.200.15:0 to 1.230.15:0

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.7.13a P39 L43 # 193
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D FW mgmt
 Both is not the best term to use for describing support of Normal and Fast Wake options.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "Both EEE modes" to be "Quiescent EEE mode support" for Tables 45-190, 45-191

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change the sense to match register 3.20.9 (proposed).

FW only - 1=FW only, 0= both EEE modes (not valid for PHYs <40G, always reads 0).
 Make appropriate changes in 45-190 & 45-191.

Cl 73 SC 6.10 P49 L15 # 194
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 The transmit switch function is only applicable during Auto-Negotiation.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "Prior to entry into the AN_GOOD_CHECK state, the Transmit Switch function
 shall connect only the DME page generator controlled by the Transmit State Diagram to the
 MDI."

to:

"During Auto Negotiation and prior to entry into the AN_GOOD_CHECK state, the Transmit
 Switch function shall connect only the DME page generator controlled by the Transmit
 State Diagram to the MDI."

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

The Transmit Switch function continues to connect the transmit path of the HCD PHY to
 the MDI after the completion of Auto-Negotiation.

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Cl 73 SC 7.2 P50 L1 # 195
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 The receive switch function is only applicable during auto-negotiation.

SuggestedRemedy
 Change "Prior to entry into the AN_GOOD_CHECK state, the Receive Switch function shall connect the DME page receiver to the MDI."
 to:
 "During Auto Negotiation and prior to entry into the AN_GOOD_CHECK state, the Receive Switch function shall connect the DME page receiver to the MDI."

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

The Receive Switch function continues to connect the receive path of the HCD PHY to the MDI after the completion of Auto-Negotiation.

Cl 78 SC 78.5.2 P56 L8 # 196
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D Bucket
 Register bits for PEASE have been defined.

SuggestedRemedy
 Change 1.n.n to 1.7.8

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 78 SC 78.5.2 P56 L13 # 197
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D Bucket
 PIASE MDIO register bit has been assigned

SuggestedRemedy
 Change 1.n.n to 1.7.9

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 80 SC 80.3.3.4.1 P63 L52 # 198
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D scr bypass
 WAKE, RF_ALERT and RF_WAKE no longer exist as tx_mode values.

SuggestedRemedy
 Change "The tx_mode parameter takes on one of up to eight values: DATA, SLEEP, QUIET, FW, ALERT, RF_ALERT, WAKE or RF_WAKE."
 to:
 "The tx_mode parameter takes on one of up to five values: DATA, SLEEP, QUIET, FW or ALERT."

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 80 SC 80.5 P70 L23 # 199
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D Timing
 Table 80-5 states that SP6 is N/A for 25G rates, but Figure 80-5a shows it coming out of a PMA(4:4) for a 100GBASE-R PHY stackup which would be a 25G signaling location.

SuggestedRemedy
 Change the N/A for SP6 in Table 80-5 to~98

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 82 SC 82.2.8a P83 L5 # 200
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D Bucket
 RAMs are used for alignment process when we're in a lower power state and not when we're in standard operating mode.

SuggestedRemedy
 Change "For the optional EEE function, an alternate method of alignment is used."
 to
 For the optional EEE function, an alternate method of alignment is used when operating in the low power state.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 82 SC 82.2.18.2.5 P88 L41 # 201
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D scr bypass
 The state TX_RF_WAKE has been removed.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Remove the "or TX_RF_WAKE" from the tx_tw_timer definition.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 82 SC 82.2.18.3.1 P89 L12 # 202
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D Timing
 Tx LPI Transmit state machine needs update to support scrambler bypass modes and such. Changes for Table 82-5a and 82-5b are also needed to support the changes to state machine diagram.
 SuggestedRemedy
 See slavick_3bj_01_1112.pdf
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 See also comment #39

Cl 84 SC 84.2 P106 L50 # 203
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D scr bypass
 RF_ALERT, WAKE nad RF_WAKE are no longer valid settings for tx_mode.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Remove the references in 84.2 to RF_ALERT, WAKE and RF_WAKE and update the number of valid values to be five. Also fix section 85.2
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Comment #106 makes the change in 84.2.
 Make the same change in 85.2.

Cl 91 SC 91.5.4.3 P136 L35 # 204
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 The last RAM down_count value transmitted is 1 not 0. So figures 91-10 and 91-11 need to reflect that.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change the test values on the exit of TX_TEST_NEXT and RX_TEST_NEXT to compare *_down_count against 1.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

[Changed Subcl to 91.5.4.3 for more consistent sorting.]

Note that there are two locations in each state diagram where the change needs to be made.

From *_TEST_NEXT to *_LPI:
 (*)_valid * (*)_down_count > 1

From *_TEST_NEXT to *_ACTIVE:
 (*)_valid * (*)_down_count=1

Cl 91 SC 91.5.4.2.1 P130 L16 # 205
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 With the inclusion of EEE into clause 82, Figure 82-12 now sets rx_align_status rather than align_status. Other text in Clause 82 states that align_status = rx_align_status when EEE is not supported. However, Clause 91 just references Figure 82-12.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change align_status variable name to be rx_align_status
 Change Figure 91-10 to use rx_align_status rather than align_status
 Change tx_quiet_timer to refer to rx_align_status
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

[Changed Subcl to 91.5.4.2.1 for more consistent sorting.]

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Cl 91 SC 91.5.4.2.1 P131 L50 # 206
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 ram_valid and ramps_valid are testing for valid Rapid Alignment Markers.

SuggestedRemedy
 Change "valid alignment markers" to "valid Rapid Alignment Markers" for both ram_valid and ramps_valid variables.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

[Changed Subcl to 91.5.4.2.1 for more consistent sorting.]

Strictly speaking, ramps_valid tests for valid Rapid Alignment Marker payloads as the header bits are discarded in the mapping process.

Change the end of the definition of ram_valid to:
 "...are valid Rapid Alignment Markers and is set to false otherwise."

See #210 for the definition of ramps_valid.

Cl 91 SC 91.5.4.2.1 P130 L36 # 207
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Setting amp_valid true by comparing alignment markers to PCS lanes 16,17,18,19 is only valid when we're receiving RAMs.

SuggestedRemedy
 Change "For the optional EEE capability, each FEC lane also compares the candidate block to the alignment marker payload for PCS lanes 16, 17, 18, and 19."
 to:
 "For the optional EEE capability, each FEC lane also compares the candidate block to the alignment marker payload for PCS lanes 16, 17, 18, and 19 when rx_lpi_active is true."

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

[Changed Subcl to 91.5.4.2.1 for more consistent sorting.]

Cl 91 SC 91.5.4.2.1 P133 L17 # 208
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 TBDs are in place for the quiet timers for Clause 91.

SuggestedRemedy
 see slavick_3bj_01_1112.pdf

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

[Changed Subcl to 91.5.4.2.1 for more consistent sorting.]

Specify the value of tx_tq_timer to be between 1.8 and 2 ms.
 Specify the value of rx_tq_timer to be between 2 and 2.8 ms.

Cl 91 SC 91.5.4.2.1 P131 L51 # 209
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 The bit error ratio of a CAUI that separates the PCS from the RS-FEC sublayer is expected to be low (less than 1E-12). Furthermore, it is unlikely (on the order of 1/2^50) to detect a valid alignment marker in random data.

Therefore, it is not necessary to check all PCS lanes for rapid alignment markers. The actual number to be checked is TBD.

SuggestedRemedy
 For ram_valid, set TBD to 2.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 91 SC 91.5.4.2.1 P132 L2 # 210
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The variable ramps_valid checks for "rapid" alignment marker payload sequences on the FEC lanes.

Since FEC codeword boundaries are known during this search, the corrected message could be used as the subject of the search (unless correction is bypassed).

If correction is not bypassed, it is unlikely that the RAM payload patterns would appear in random data. Therefore, it should be sufficient to check that a 64-bit block marker payload on any 2 FEC lanes corresponds to the first rapid alignment marker payload corresponding to that lane.

If the mechanism is intended to be operated with correction bypassed, a more complicated analysis of the appropriate distance between the reference pattern and the observed pattern must be performed.

SuggestedRemedy

Update the definition of ramps_valid accordingly.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

If correction is bypassed, it seems likely that the error probability is sufficiently low that an error in the Rapid Alignment Marker payload sequence would be very unlikely. If correction is not bypassed, the corrected Rapid Alignment Marker payload sequences are available to be examined with a low likelihood of error.

Given these assumptions, change the definition of ramps_valid to:
 "Boolean variable that is set to true if the received 64-bit blocks concurrently received on at least 2 FEC lanes are valid Rapid Alignment Marker payloads and is set to false otherwise."

Cl 91 SC 91.5.4.2.3 P133 L17 # 211
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The counters rx_quiet_timer and tx_quiet_timer are both TBD. Both timers should exceed the maximum value of the rx_quiet_timer at the PCS (currently set to 3 ms).

SuggestedRemedy

Set the range of both timers to 3.1 to 3.4 ms.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #208.

Cl 91 SC 91.5.4.2.1 P130 L39 # 212
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Editor's note states the maximum distance of 3 nibbles may not be suitable for a 100GBASE-KP4 PHY.

However, the following argument has been suggested (by Zhongfeng Wang):

1. Estimates of the net coding gain imply about 0.4 dB additional coding gain for 100GBASE-KP4 FEC.
2. Therefore roughly assume the uncorrected error ratio for 100GBASE-KP4 could be 10x greater than for 100GBASE-KR4.
3. This implies, for the worst-case scenario, the mechanism would fail to lock with 6 RS-FEC codewords on an average of once every 1E7 years rather than 1E9 years for 100GBASE-KR4.

If this is the case, the likelihood of failure is very small and thus there is no compelling reason to modify the synchronization mechanism for 100GBASE-KP4.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove the editor's note.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.13.2 P253 L50 # 213
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status D pmd rx return loss

Transmitter output return loss 94-14 is very unreal

SuggestedRemedy

Propose to use EQ 92-1 from section 92.8.3.2 as I assume these are the same chip anyway
 $RL = 12 - 0.5 \log_{10} \left(\frac{f}{14} \right) \leq f \leq 8$
 $= 5.65 - 9.71 \log_{10} \left(\frac{f}{14} \right) \leq f \leq 14 \text{ GHz (dB)} (92-1)$

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

<Changed sub-clause from 3.13.2 to 94.3.13.2.>

The comment refers to "transmitter output return loss". It is assumed that the commenter meant to refer to "receiver input return loss".

The return loss values were chosen for a backplane application. It is not a given that the same chip will be used for both applications since a PAM4 PHY is not standardized for front side applications. It is not necessary to specify return loss to 14 GHz since this value is larger than the symbol rate.

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Cl 93 SC 93.9.2 P207 L50 # 214
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 The insertion loss is defined up 13.89 GHz where the loss is ~80 dB
 SuggestedRemedy
 Suggest to limit the range to 60 dB loss
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 [Changed Subcl to 93.9.2 for consistent sorting.]
 Insertion loss is defined up to 25.78 GHz. See comment #231.

Cl 92 SC 8.4.2 P159 L42 # 216
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Differential to common mode conversion with flat value of 10 dB is too relax and simplistic
 SuggestedRemedy
 Purpose the following limit
 RL >= -25+20*(f/25.78) dB for 0.05 <= f <= 12.89 GHz
 = -15 dB from 12.89 GHz to 25.87 GHz
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 For committee discussion.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.13.2 P254 L7 # 215
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D pmd rx return loss
 Receiver common return loss is defined which require termination to virtual ground which result in more complex implementation and will degrade the differential return loss. The key parameter is differential to common mode conversion which captures the key requirements without limiting the implementation
 SuggestedRemedy
 Purpose the following limit
 RL >= -25+20*(f/13.89) dB for 0.05 <= f <= 6.95 GHz
 = -15 dB from 6.95 GHz to 13.89 GHz
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 <Changed sub-clause from 3.13.2 to 94.3.13.2.>
 It is assumed that the suggested remedy is to replace the TBD in Equation 94-16 (differential to common mode conversion).
 It is not necessary to specify the return loss to the bit rate. Instead, set the upper limit to 10 GHz to be consistent with other return loss specifications.
 Replace the TBD in Equation 94-16 with:
 -25+20*(f/13.89), 0.05 <= f <= 6.95 GHz
 -15, 6.95 GHz to 10 GHz

Cl 92 SC 8.3.5 P157 L45 # 217
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Please multiply the constant factor in EQ 92.4
 SuggestedRemedy
 Updated equation will be
 IL = 0.0807 + 0.57781 sqrt(f) + 0.6092 * f 0.01 <= f <= 14 GHz
 IL = 19.368 + 2.152 * f for 14 <= f <= 18.75 GHz
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Updated equation will be
 IL = 0.0807 + 0.57781 sqrt(f) + 0.6090*f 0.01 <= f < 14 GHz
 IL = -19.368 + 2.152 * f for 14 <= f <= 18.75 GHz

Cl 92 SC 11.1.2 P172 L36 # 218
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D bucket
 Please multiply the factor 2 in front of the equation
 SuggestedRemedy
 IL(f) = -0.002 + 0.192*sqrt(f) + 0.092*f
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Use suggested remedy.

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Cl 92 SC 8.4.1 P160 L28 # 219
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Traditionally we have used 0.05 GHz for low freq RL measuremnts and in some case 0.01 GHz is used as in the case of Eq 92-5
 SuggestedRemedy
 Please change 0.01 GHz limit with 0.05 GHz
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 For committee discussion.

Cl 92 SC 11.1.1 P172 L36 # 220
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D bucket
 Please multiply the factor 2 in Eq 92-23
 SuggestedRemedy
 $IL(f) = 0.002 + 0.192 * \sqrt{f} + 0.092 * f$
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See response comment #218.

Cl 92 SC 11.2 P173 L7 # 221
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D bucket
 Please multiply factor 1.25
 SuggestedRemedy
 $IL(f) = -0.00125 + 0.120 * \sqrt{f} + 0.0575 * f$
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Equation (92-24) multiply factor 1.25
 $-0.00125 + 0.12\sqrt{f} + 0.0575f$

Cl 92A SC 3 P281 L36 # 222
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Equation 92A-1 is not consistant with the TP0 to TP2 loss where coefficient SQRT(F) and f are about the same, but equation 92A-1 linear term is twice the SQRT term. Propose to use scale version of equation 92-4
 SuggestedRemedy
 If equation 92-4 is multiplied by 0.7 then loss at 12.89 Ghz will be 6.8 dB
 $IL_Prop = 0.0565 + 0.4263 * \sqrt{f} + 0.4045 * f$ where f is from 0.01 to 18.75 GHz
 ghiasi_01_1112 will compare these two graphs
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 92A-1 is PCB IL
 TP0-TP2 includes connector which will add to sqrt(f) loss. TPO-TP2 should not be linearly scaled for Tx/Rx PCB IL.

Cl 92A SC 4 P280 L37 # 223
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Equation 92A-1 is not consistant with the TP0 to TP2 loss where coefficient SQRT(F) and f are about the same, but equation 92A-1 linear term is twice the SQRT term. Propose to use scale version of equation 92-4
 SuggestedRemedy
 If equation 92-4 is multiplied by 0.7*0.5/0.092 then loss at 12.89 Ghz will be 1.25 dB
 $IL_Prop = 0.0097 + 0.0729 * \sqrt{f} + 0.0692 * f$ where f is from 0.01 to 18.75 GHz
 ghiasi_01_1112 will compare these two graphs
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 See comment #222

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CI 92 SC 11.32 P174 L3 # 224
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 With the range limited to 18.75 GHz the difference between $18-0.5*f$ and $11.2-20.5\log_{10}(f/14)$ is only 8.6250 vs 8.599
 SuggestedRemedy
 Remove the third part of 92-27 and change the range on the 2nd part from $4<=f<=16$ to $4<=f<=18.75$ GHz
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Use suggested remedy

CI 92 SC 11.3.4 P176 L28 # 225
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Defining common mode return loss of only 3 dB does not provide any protection, the mated board differential to common mode return have been tightened to limit common mode generation
 SuggestedRemedy
 Remove section 92.11.3.4
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Use suggested remedy

CI 92 SC 11.3.5 P177 L38 # 226
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Near end and far end crosstalk are TBD
 SuggestedRemedy
 Proposed limit for
 NEXT = 1 mV RMS
 MDNEXT= 1.7 mV RMS
 FEXT= 2.6 mV RMS
 MDFEXT=5.2 mV RMS
 see ghiasi_01_1112
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 For committee discussion. Consider with diminico_1112.pdf.

CI 93 SC 93.8.1.2 P200 L20 # 227
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 It is not clear the purpose of the common mode return loss for the test fixture as this will eliminate the option of coupled differential traces to meet RL of 10 dB. Lets instead define what matters the mated test fixture common-mode conversion loss
 SuggestedRemedy
 Please use EQ 92-28 from section 92.11.3.3 to replace the test fixture common mode RL
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 [Changed Subcl to 93.8.1.2 for consistent sorting.]
 The suggested remedy is incomplete.
 93.8.1.4 and Equation (93-3) specify the transmitter common-mode output return loss. It is unclear what impact the test fixture will have on this measurement if its common-mode return loss is not defined.
 Furthermore, Equation (92-28) applies to mated test fixture including a connector. It is unclear that this limit is applicable to the test fixture defined in this subclause.

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Cl 92 SC 11.3.1 P174 L7 # 228
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Mated test fixture max and minimum loss is TBD
 SuggestedRemedy
 $ILMTF_{min} = (0.08 * \sqrt{f} + 0.2 * f)$ for 0.01 to 25.78 GHz
 $ILMTF_{max} = (-0.114 + 0.45 * \sqrt{f} + 0.21 * f)$ for 0.01 to 14 GHz
 $= 4.5 - 0.66 * f$ for 14 to 25.78 GHz
 See ghiasi_01_1112 for the proposed graph
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See response comment #62.
 [CommentType set to T (not specified by the commenter).]

Cl 93 SC 93.8.1.4 P201 L32 # 229
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Transmitter output return loss 93-2 is very unreal
 SuggestedRemedy
 Propose to use EQ 92-1 from section 92.8.3.2 as I assume these are the same chip anyway
 $RL = 12 - 0.5f$ from $0.05 \leq f \leq 8$
 $= 5.65 - 9.71 \log(f / 14)$ $8 \leq f \leq 25$ GHz(dB)(92-1)
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 [Changed Subcl to 93.8.1.4 for consistent sorting.]
 Equation (92-1) is the return loss limit at TP2 and includes a host channel, connector, and host compliance board (~10 dB loss from the package-board interface).
 Even if the same chip were to be used for both backplane and direct attach copper cable applications, the proposed limit does not necessarily apply to both TP0a and TP2.
 See comment #53.

Cl 93 SC 93.8.2.2 P206 L22 # 230
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Transmitter output return loss 93-5 is very unreal
 SuggestedRemedy
 Propose to use EQ 92-1 from section 92.8.3.2 as I assume these are the same chip anyway
 $RL = 12 - 0.5f$ from $0.05 \leq f \leq 8$
 $= 5.65 - 9.71 \log(f / 14)$ $8 \leq f \leq 25$ GHz(dB)(92-1)
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 [Changed Subcl to 93.8.2.2 for consistent sorting.]
 This comment is against receiver return loss.
 See comment #229 regarding the applicability of Clause 92 TP2/TP3 return loss limits to Clause 93 TP0a/TP5a test points.
 See comment #50.

Cl 93 SC 93.9.2 P207 L50 # 231
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 The insertion loss is defined up to 25.78 GHz where the loss is ~80 dB, many specification in this document are only defined up to 18.75 GHz
 SuggestedRemedy
 Suggest to be consistent and limit the Freq to 18.75 GHz or 60 dB
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 [Changed Subcl to 93.9.2 for consistent sorting.]
 This warrants discussion there is really no practical difference between the two options as a) this is a recommendation and not a normative requirement and b) it is the difference between a 60 to 80 dB insertion loss limit and no insertion loss limit.
 It seems that whatever is decided here, the frequency range for the return loss limit should be adjusted to match.

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Cl 94 SC 94.3.12.1.1 P245 L45 # 232
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D test fixture return loss
 It is not clear the purpose of the common mode return loss for the test fixture as this will eliminate the option of coupled differential traces to meet RL of 10 dB. Lets instead define what matters the mated test fixture common-mode conversion loss
 SuggestedRemedy
 Please use EQ 92-28 from section 92.11.3.3 to replace the test fixture common mode RL
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 <Changed sub-clause from 3.12.1.1 to 94.3.12.1.1.>
 Equation 92-28 specifies common mode conversion loss, not return loss.
 Bounding of the common mode return loss of the test fixture is necessary to enable accurate measurement of device transmitter common mode return loss.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.12.1.1 P246 L45 # 233
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D test fixture return loss
 Return loss stops at 10 GHz
 SuggestedRemedy
 change stop frequency of 10 GHz to 14 GHz
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 <Changed sub-clause from 3.12.1.1 to 94.3.12.1.1.>
 The symbol rate for 100GBASE-KP4 is ~13.59 Gbaud. 10 GHz is 50% higher than Nyquist and should be sufficient. Note that 100GBASE-KR4 transmitter return loss stop frequency is specified as the Nyquist frequency.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.12.4 P248 L14 # 234
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D pmd tx return loss
 Transmitter output return loss 94-6 is very unreal
 SuggestedRemedy
 Propose to use EQ 92-1 from section 92.8.3.2 as I assume these are the same chip anyway
 $RL = 12 - 0.5 \text{ from } 0.05 \leq f \leq 8$
 $= 5.65 - 9.71 \log(f / 14) \text{ dB} \text{ for } 8 \leq f \leq 14 \text{ GHz}$
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See comment #56.

Cl 92 SC 92.1 P144 L42 # 235
 Arumugham, Vinu Cisco
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 "Differential signals received at the MDI from a transmitter that meets the requirements of 92.8.3 and have passed through the cable assembly specified in 92.10 are received with a BER less than 10⁻⁵"
 "92.8.4.4 Bit error ratio
 The receiver shall operate with a BER 10⁻¹² or better when receiving a compliant transmit signal, as defined in 92.8.3, through a compliant cable assembly as defined in 92.10"
 Seem like two different BER values for the same configuration?
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change BER to the same value in both sections or remove one section.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Replace the text in 92.8.4.4 with the corresponding paragraph from 92.1, then remove that paragraph from 92.1.

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Cl 93 SC 93.8.1.8 P204 L32 # 236
 Arumugham, Vinu Cisco
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket
 Multiple references to 92.8.3.8, should be 92.8.3.6.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Multiple references to 92.8.3.8, should be 92.8.3.6.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Instances at Lines 34, 37, and 41.

Cl 93 SC 93.1 P192 L38 # 237
 Arumugham, Vinu Cisco
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Multiple different BER values in different sub-clauses. (93.1/1e-5, 93.8.2.3/1e-12 and 2e-5).
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add a section titled BER, FEC and MTTFPA Add the following text to the section:
 Channels can be designed to target either a BER of 1e-5 or 1e-12.
 When a BER of 1e-5 is the target, the receiver is required to implement error correction using FEC information from transmitter.
 When a BER of 1e-12 is the target, the receiver can optionally ignore FEC information from transmitter.
 DFE error propagation can result in burst errors. Due to the type of data multiplexing used on these lanes and depending on the channel characteristics, there is a higher probability that such burst errors are undetectable by CRC. This could result in undesirably low MTTFPA (Mean Time To False Packet Acceptance) if receiver ignores FEC.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 The project objective is to support a BER of better than or equal to 1E-12 at the MAC/PLS service interface which yields the frame error ratio equivalent defined by brown_3bj_02_0912 and cideciyan_3bj_01a_0912.
 The adopted baseline proposal (gustlin_01_0312, slide 6) asserts that an output BER of 1E-12 could be achieved with an uncorrected input BER of 2.34E-5 using the RS(528,514) code. The 1E-5 and 2E-5 values are rough approximations to this value (although the same approximation should be consistently used).
 Ensure the uncorrected BER target is consistently set to 1E-5 in 92.1, Table 93-7 Test 3 and Test 4 values, and Table 93-8 (target uncorrected symbol error ratio, SER_0).
 The second part of the comment applies to the target uncorrected BER when the Reed-Solomon decoder correction is bypassed (see 91.5.3.3) which would presumably be 1E-12. Coverage of this case is implied by Table 93-8 Test 1 and Test 2 values. However, the definition is incomplete as there is no requirement in 93.9.1 that a channel achieve some minimum COM value, with SER_0 of 1E-12, when correction is bypassed.
 This is a topic for Task Force discussion. If the specifications are completed, then the text in 93.1 should also be amended accordingly.
 The third part of the comment addresses the degradation in MTTFPA when the the decoder is bypassed. Comment #369 proposes to make error detection/indication mandatory and, if accepted, the point about unacceptable MTTFPA need not be made (see gustlin_01a_0712).

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Cl 93 SC 93.9.5 P210 L30 # 238
 Arumugham, Vinu Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 DC coupled operation is desirable (DC-blocking implemented outside TP0 and TP5).

SuggestedRemedy

Use OIF CEI 3.0, CEI 11G LR electrical requirements for DC coupled operation.
 Add a requirement that transmitter and receiver shall support hot plug.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

While it is understood that DC coupling is desirable for some applications, per the response to comment #1 against Draft 1.0, DC-coupled operation is beyond the scope of the standard.

Also refer to goergen_01a_0712.pdf which reflects the consensus that led to this decision.

Cl 92 SC 92.8.3.4.1 P156 L36 # 239
 Arumugham, Vinu Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket
 0.5xVf does not match value in Table 92-5

SuggestedRemedy

Remove one.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #321.

Cl 92 SC 92.8.3.5 P158 L6 # 240
 Arumugham, Vinu Cisco

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket
 Figure 92-5 Y axis reads ... Max and Min.

SuggestedRemedy

Should be only Max.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Use suggested remedy

Cl 92 SC 92.8.4 P159 L40 # 241
 Arumugham, Vinu Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 No sinusoidal jitter mask is specified.

SuggestedRemedy

Add sinusoidal jitter mask spec. like Figure 86A-10.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

See comment #242.

Cl 93 SC 93.8.2 P204 L44 # 242
 Arumugham, Vinu Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 No sinusoidal jitter mask is specified.

SuggestedRemedy

Add sinusoidal jitter mask spec. like Figure 86A-10.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

This warrants discussion by the Task Force.

High-frequency sinusoidal jitter is added as an impairment to the interference tolerance test (93.8.2.3). However, the test includes no provision for verifying the receiver can track increase levels of jitter below a low frequency test point. Historically, this has been verified for any Backplane Ethernet PHY (see Annex 69A) so it is not clear whether or not it needs to be added.

The suggested remedy is incomplete as it does not suggest the break point, slope, or the high frequency value.

The first two parameters can be assumed to be signaling rate/2500 and 20 dB/decade based on the reference to 86A-10 but the high-frequency jitter amplitude differs from what is required by the interference tolerance test.

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Cl 92 **SC 92.8.4.3.1** **P161** **L43** # **243**
 Arumugham, Vinu Cisco
Comment Type E **Comment Status D** *bucket*
 Figure 92-6 has PCG.
SuggestedRemedy
 Change to PGC.
Proposed Response **Response Status W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Use suggested remedy

Cl 93A **SC 93A.1.1** **P286** **L49** # **244**
 Moore, Charles Avago Technologies
Comment Type E **Comment Status D** *bucket*
 "The input and output return loss" refers to 2 items: it is plural
SuggestedRemedy
 replace
 "The input and output return loss is"
 with
 "The input and output return loss are"
Proposed Response **Response Status W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 93 **SC 93.8.1.5** **P201** **L13** # **245**
 Moore, Charles Avago Technologies
Comment Type T **Comment Status D**
 Use linear fit pulse to find transition time. It will eliminate a messy test.
SuggestedRemedy
 change 93.8.1.5 to read something like:
 "Transition times (rise and fall times) are measured on the linear fit pulse. It is the time the linear fit pulse takes to transition between 20% and 80% of the steady state value, using linear interpolation to work between sampled values. If the peak of linear fit pulse is less than 80% of the steady state value the transition time is considered to exceed its minimum value."
Proposed Response **Response Status W**
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 The term "transition time" is already defined by 86A.5.3.3 and it is unclear that the proposed measurement of the linear fit pulse is equivalent. It is possible that the rising edge of the linear fit pulse will deviate from measured waveform especially when the waveform contains non-linear distortions that do not appear in the fit.
 Unless the two methods can be shown to be equivalent, it should not be offered as an alternative definition of "transition time."

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CI 94 SC 94.3.12.5 P248 L17 # 246
 Moore, Charles Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D pmd tx transition time

Use linear fit pulse to find transition time. It will eliminate a messy test.

Use the same 8ps value as used in 93.8.1.5

SuggestedRemedy

change 94.3.12.5 to read something like:

"Transition times (rise and fall times) are measured on the linear fit pulse. It is the time the linear fit pulse takes to transition between 20% and 80% of the steady state value, using linear interpolation to work between sampled values. The transition time shall be greater than 8 ps. If the peak of linear fit pulse is less than 80% of the steady state value the transition time is considered to exceed its minimum value."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

See response to comment #245.

CI 94 SC 94.3.12.6.1 P249 L51 # 247
 Moore, Charles Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D pmd tx pulse response

TBD's make this spec technically incomplete

SuggestedRemedy

Recommend:

Minimum steady state voltage = 0.4 V
 peak value > 0.85 x vf

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 94 SC 94.3.13.3 P254 L7 # 248
 Moore, Charles Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D pmd rx interference tolerance

References to Annex 69A may be insufficient to define this test. It will need a PAM4 oriented test pattern which has not been defined. If we use Annex 69A, we need to define the channel in terms of mTC and bTC not a0, a1, a2, a4.

SuggestedRemedy

use method described in separate presentation.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See dudek_3bj_01_1112.

CI 82 SC 82.2.8a P83 L294 # 249
 Trowbridge, Steve Alcatel-Lucent

Comment Type T Comment Status D OTN

Rapid alignment markers are only needed for the "Normal Wake" mode of EEE to rapidly frame the refresh or wake signal after turning back on the transmitter. For the "fast wake" mode of operation, LPI control characters should be sent while maintaining normal lane alignment.

SuggestedRemedy

For "fast wake", LPI should be signaled while maintaining lane alignment. LPI control characters are changed to Idle characters Tw prior to resuming transmission of MAC data. This provides a simpler method of "fast wake" operation that could be reused for P802.3bm and maintain OTN compatibility for those interfaces. See supporting presentation trowbridge_01.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

See comment #251, 331

[CommentType set to T (commenter did not specify).]

The choice of the current mechanism for Fast Wake was based on multiple presentations and discussions in the Task Force. It would be premature to make a drastic change based on a possible requirement from another project. If, at some time in the future, an optical project should choose to define EEE it would need to make a number of choices regarding OTN. The operation of EEE Fast Wake might be redefined (in a number of different ways) if such choices were made and the copper Task Force can define the optimal changes to the mechanism.

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CI 78 SC 78.5 P54 L47 # 250
Trowbridge, Steve Alcatel-Lucent

Comment Type T Comment Status D Terms

"Fast Wake" is not a good or accurate term for the second mode of operation for EEE. It is more a different type of sleep which, by not turning off the transmitter, is able to wake faster. Figure 78-3 of the base document does not accurately show the way this new kind of sleep works.

SuggestedRemedy

Come up with a term to better characterize the type of sleep. Add a new figure (besides 78-3) to show the operation of this new type of EEE operation. See supporting presentation trowbridge_01

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Add a figure that illustrates Fast Wake operation.

Discussion regarding terminology may result in a more acceptable nomenclature

CI 80 SC 80.1.2 P58 L29 # 251
Trowbridge, Steve Alcatel-Lucent

Comment Type T Comment Status D OTN

Concerning the deleted objective "Provide Appropriate Support for OTN", while P802.3bj does not have this objective, it touches three interfaces from the 802.3ba project which do, and the mechanism proposed for EEE does not preserve the OTN mapping.

SuggestedRemedy

Add, in an appropriate place, a warning note about the fact that "normal wake" operation should not be used for an interface that is transparently carried over an OTN network. Modify the operation of the "fast wake" mode so that LPI indication can be carried transparently through the OTN mapper. See supporting presentation trowbridge_01

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

See also #331, #249

The current draft does not pose any problems with appropriate support for OTN for copper interfaces. In order to connect to OTN transport, a device must be used that can act as an autonegotiation link partner and can control and terminate any functions that would not be supported over OTN (e.g. optional FEC as defined in 802.3ba). Such a device can decline the use of optional EEE if the capability is not adequately supported.

If, at some time in the future, an optical project should choose to define EEE it would need to make a number of choices regarding OTN. The operation of EEE Fast Wake might be redefined (in a number of different ways) if such choices were made.

CI 94 SC 94.4.2 P256 L35 # 252
Shanbhag, Megha TE Connectivity

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket

Equation (94-17) is defined as $\rightarrow a5+a6.f-f2$ for frequency range $f2 < f \leq fmax$. It seems like there could be ambiguity on whether this means $a6.(f-f2)$ or $(a6.f)-f2$

SuggestedRemedy

change Equation (94-17) to $a5+a6.(f-f2)$ for frequency range $f2 < f \leq fmax$

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

<Changed sub-clause from 4.2 to 94.4.2.>

In Equation (94-17) change "a5+a6*f-f2" to "a5+a6*(f-f2)".

CI 92A SC 5 P283 L34 # 253
Shanbhag, Megha TE Connectivity

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket

Isn't equation (92A-5) same as (92A-4)?

SuggestedRemedy

Delete eq. (92A-5) if redundant.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

[CommentType set to T (commenter did not specify).]

Use suggested remedy.

CI 92 SC 12.1 P177 L17 # 254
Shanbhag, Megha TE Connectivity

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

92.11.1.1 and 92.11.1.2 are referenced for definition of Style-1 and Style-2 connectors. However, 92.11.1.1 and 92.11.1.2 are subclauses for test fixture RL and IL.

SuggestedRemedy

Change 92.11.1.1 and 92.11.1.2 to 92.12.1.1 and 92.12.1.2 respectively.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Use suggested remedy

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Cl 92 **SC 12.1.1** **P178** **L24** # **255**
 Shanbhag, Megha TE Connectivity

Comment Type **E** **Comment Status** **D** *bucket*

Figure 92-21 -Style-2 example MDI board receptacle
 Incorrectly labelled as Style-2 when it should be Style-1

SuggestedRemedy
 Change Figure title from Style-2 to Style-1

Proposed Response **Response Status** **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Use suggested remedy

Cl 92 **SC 8.3.2** **P153** **L33** # **256**
 Shanbhag, Megha TE Connectivity

Comment Type **T** **Comment Status** **D**

In equation (92-1) Maximum frequency for Tx Output RL is defined as 25GHz.
 But IL in equation (92-4) is defined up to a maximum frequency of 18.75GHz.

SuggestedRemedy
 Change Equation (92-1) to reflect a maximum frequency of 18.75GHz

Proposed Response **Response Status** **W**
 PROPOSED REJECT.

For committee discussion.

The frequency range has been debated during each ballot cycle. The Tx/Rx RL max frequency represents current consensus. Stakeholders in the Tx/Rx RL specifications have expressed interest in specifying Tx/Rx RL as well as test fixtures for Tx/Rx at the baud rate.

Cable assembly manufactures have resisted extending the frequency range beyond what's absolutely necessary so not to impose unnecessary measurement requirements both equipment and the time to perform measurments. Many VNAs used by cable assembly manufacturers are specified to 20 GHz.

The 18.75 Ghz was derived as follows
 $18.75 \text{ GHz} = (7.5/10.3125) * 25.78125$
 From 802.3ba, the 7.5 GHz is the 3 dB reference receiver bandwidth and 10.3125 is the signaling rate, per lane.
 From 802.3bj, the 3 dB reference receiver bandwidth is set to 18.75 GHz.

Cl 92 **SC 8.4.1** **P159** **L29** # **257**
 Shanbhag, Megha TE Connectivity

Comment Type **T** **Comment Status** **D**

In equation (92-5) and (92-6) maximum frequency is defined as 25 GHz. But IL in equation (92-4) is defined up to a maximum frequency of 18.75GHz.

SuggestedRemedy
 change maximum frequency in Eq. (92-5) and (92-6) to 18.75GHz

Proposed Response **Response Status** **W**
 PROPOSED REJECT.

See response comment #256.

Cl 92 **SC 10.2** **P164** **L41** # **258**
 Shanbhag, Megha TE Connectivity

Comment Type **T** **Comment Status** **D**

It reads "b The limit on the maximum insertion loss at 12.8906 GHz....." but the parameter being refered is minimum insertion loss.

SuggestedRemedy
 change to "b The limit on the minimum insertion loss at 12.8906 GHz...."

Proposed Response **Response Status** **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Resolve with comment #322.

Cl 94 **SC 94.2.2** **P223** **L12** # **259**
 Brown, Matthew APM

Comment Type **T** **Comment Status** **D** *bucket*

Clarify that the FEC is PMA client referred to in the previous section.

SuggestedRemedy
 Change "from the FEC to" to "from the FEC (the PMA client) to".

Proposed Response **Response Status** **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 94 SC 94.2.4 P227 L46 # 260
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket
 tx_symbol should be rx_symbol
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "tx_symbol" to "rx_symbol".
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.1.2.1 P231 L29 # 263
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket
 There is no start parameter on the PMD interface.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Delete the second sentence in the paragraph "The start parameter ... is otherwise FALSE."
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 94 SC 94.2.6 P228 L13 # 261
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status D skew
 The net skew for the PMA/PMD combination is specified the the PMD section.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add the following paragraph..
 "Skew considerations for the 100GBASE-KP4 PMA, PMD, and AN are specified in 94.3.4."
 The values in response to the editor's note should be captured in 94.3.4.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 See comment #135.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.1.2.2 P231 L35 # 264
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket
 tx_symbol should be rx_symbol
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "tx_symbol" to "rx_symbol".
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 94 SC 94.2.10 P228 L52 # 262
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status D loopback
 The PMA remote loopback should be mandatory. 94.3.6.8 specifies the remote loopback in the PMA is mandatory.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Remove "(optional)" for sub-clause title.
 Change "from the FEC to" to "from the FEC (the PMA client) to".
 Page 228, line 54, delete "PMA remote loopback mode is optional. If implemented,"
 Page 229, line 1, delete ", if provided,".
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.6.3 P235 L9 # 265
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket
 tx_symbol should be rx_symbol
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "tx_symbol" to "rx_symbol".
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 94 SC 94.3.10.2 P237 L24 # 266
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket
 Refer to Figure 94-5 not Figure 94-4.
 For training frame words refer to describing section.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "Figure 94-4" to "Figure 94-5".
 Change "training frame words" to "training frame words (94.3.10.3)".
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 94 SC 94 P219 L1 # 267
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket
 Various grammar, spelling, etc. errors.
 SuggestedRemedy
 page 219, line 8, change "sub-layers" to "sublayers".
 page 221, line 45, change "client to PMA" to "client to the PMA".
 page 222, line 4, change "in the FEC" to "in a FEC".
 page 223, line 43, change "i also indicates" to "i indicates".
 page 226, line 35, change "P,(i" to "P(i".
 page 227, line 12, change "process with meeting" to "process meeting".
 page 230, line 10, change "interface based on" to "interface is based on".
 page 238, line 3, change "frame marker" to "a frame marker".
 page 238, line 18, change "represent" to "represents".
 page 238, line 19:20, change "a series" to "a series of".
 page 238, line 50, delete "sent".
 page 238, line 50 change "updates" to "update fields".
 page 240, line 26, change "tap be set" to "tap must be set".
 page 240, line 30, change "are not be sent" to "must not be sent".
 page 245, line 52, change "indicate" to "indicates".
 page 246, line 23, change "always set" to "always be set".
 page 248, line 14, change "4th" to "fourth" (consistent with Clause 92)
 page 253, line 14, change "each the zero" to "each zero"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 94 SC 94.2.2 P223 L25 # 268
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket
 Clarify that the interface between the "insert termination bits" and "gray coding" include the PMA frame as well.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "termination blocks" to "terminations blocks, PMA frames".
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 94 SC 94.2.4 P227 L36 # 269
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket
 Clarify that the interface between the "remove termination bits" and "inverse gray coding" includes the PMA frame as well.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "termination blocks" to "terminations blocks, PMA frames".
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 94 SC 94.3.6.6 P235 L52 # 270
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status D pmd tx disable
 Use consistent terminology with 94.3.6.7.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "may turn off the electrical transmitter in all lanes" to "may set global_pmd_transmit_disable to one".
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Apply to corresponding sub-clauses in 92 and 93, as well.

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CI 94 SC 94.3.6.6 P235 L52 # 271
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status D pmd tx disable
 Add list item specifying MDIO control.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add list item (d):
 "If the MDIO interface is implemented, then Global_PMD_transmit_disable is set to one when Global PMD transmit disable bit (1.9.0) is set to one (see 45.2.1.8.7)."
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Apply to corresponding sub-clauses in 92 and 93, as well.

CI 94 SC 94.3.6.7 P236 L13 # 272
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status D pmd tx disable
 Add list item specifying MDIO control.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add list item (d):
 "If the MDIO interface is implemented, then PMD_transmit_disable_i is set to 1 when the corresponding PMD transmit disable bit (1.9.1, 1.9.2, 1.9.3, and 1.9.3) is set to 1 (see 45.2.1.8.3 to 45.2.1.8.7)."
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Apply to corresponding sub-clauses in 92 and 93, as well.

CI 94 SC 94.3.10.7.1 P241 L24 # 273
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket
 The sub-clause defines the status fields.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "control messages" to "status messages".
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 94 SC 94.3.11 P244 L21 # 274
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket
 Use correct service layer names.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "the PMD_TX_MODE and PMD_RX_MODE requests"
 To "PMD:IS_TX_MODE.request and PMD:IS_RX_MODE.request."
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 94 SC 94.3.12 P247 L36 # 275
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket
 Notes a and b are redundant. These details are fully described in the referenced sections.
 There are many crucial details associated with each of the parameters in this table that are provided in the referenced sections. It seems inconsistent to provide details as footnotes for one or two and not the others.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Remove notes a and b from table 94-13.
 Proposed Response Response Status Z
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

CI 94 SC 94.3.12.4 P249 L4 # 276
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket
 The reference impedance for the test is not in itself normative. Remove the shall. It doesn't make sense to write a PICS entry for this.
 SuggestedRemedy
 line 5 and line 13 change "shall be" to "is".
 Proposed Response Response Status Z
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

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Cl 94 SC 94.3.12.9 P253 L42 # 277
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status D pmd tx linearity
 Various fixes to linearity test methodology.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Line 41, change to "multiple" to "multiple, K,".
 line 8, append "p = {1,2,...,M}"
 line 48.5, change "+1" to "+1/3".
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 In item 4, change "M*K" to "N".
 In item 9, change "+1" to "+1/3".
 In item 8, change ", p," to ", p = {1,2,..M},"
 Further and alternative updates are proposed in moore_3bj_01_1112.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.13 P254 L21 # 278
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket
 In table 94-15 add reference to Interference tolerance test.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add new row
 parameter = "Interference tolerance"
 reference = "94.3.13.3"
 value = "N/A"
 units = "--"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.13.2 P254 L4 # 279
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket
 The reference impedance for the test is not in itself normative. Remove the shall. It doesn't make sense to write a PICS entry for this.
 SuggestedRemedy
 line 46 and line 53 change "shall be" to "is".
 Proposed Response Response Status Z
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.13.3 P255 L37 # 280
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 In table, 94-16 the sinusoidal jitter and random jitter should be characterized using the methodology for CRJrms and CDJ.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Replace note c with "sinusoidal jitter and random jitter are measured use the methodology for CRJrms and CDJ in 94.3.12.8.1."
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 [Changed Clause from 00 to 94. Set Subcl to 94.3.13.3, Page to 255, and Line to 37.]

Cl 83A SC 83A.3.2a P270 L33 # 281
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco
 Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket
 The editor's note is no longer relevant.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Delete the editor's note.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 82 SC 82.2.18.3.1 P89 L20 # 282
Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D Timing

LPI Tx state diagram needs to change to support scrambler bypass. In support of this Twl needs to be set for the cases of scr_bypass_enable = TRUE or FALSE.

SuggestedRemedy

Duplicate the row with Twl & LPI_FW = FALSE, the two rows consisting of:

Twl | Time spent in the TX_WAKE states, LPI_FW = FALSE & scr_bypass = FALSE | 3.9 | 4.1 | uS

Twl | Time spent in the TX_WAKE states, LPI_FW = FALSE & scr_bypass = TRUE | 2.4 | 2.6 | uS

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 82 SC 82.2.18.3.1 P89 L18 # 283
Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D scr bypass

LPI Tx state diagram needs to change to support scrambler bypass. State TX_RF_ALERT is being deleted.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete references to state TX_RF_ALERT.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 82 SC 82.2.18.3.1 P97 L1 # 284
Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D scr bypass

LPI Tx state diagram needs to change to support scrambler bypass.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace Fig 82-16 with the version supplied in a separate submission.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See also comment #202

Cl 83A SC 83A.3.2a P270 L30 # 285
Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D Bucket

The changes for rx_mode operation from draft 1.1 to draft 1.2 were not reflected in this clause.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "two additional primitives" to "four additional primitives"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 83A SC 83A.3.2a P269 L33 # 286
Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D AUI

The XLAUI/CAUI EEE behavior can be defined in the same way as 40GBASE-CR4 (etc.) as it is a similar 10Gbps interface.

SuggestedRemedy

If the EEE capability includes XLAUI/CAUI shutdown (see 78.5.2) then when tx_mode is set to ALERT, the transmit direction sublayer sends a repeating 16-bit pattern, hexadecimal 0xFF00 which is transmitted across the XLAUI/CAUI. When tx_mode is QUIET, the transmit direction XLAUI/CAUI transmitter is disabled as specified in 83A.3.3.1.1. Similarly when the received tx_mode is set to ALERT, the receive direction sublayer sends a repeating 16-bit pattern, hexadecimal 0xFF00 which is transmitted across the XLAUI/CAUI. When the received tx_mode is QUIET, the receive direction XLAUI/CAUI transmitter is disabled as specified in 83A.3.3.1.1.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 83A SC 83A.3.3.1.1 P270 L52 # 287
Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D AUI

The XLAUI/CAUI EEE behavior can be defined in the same way as 40GBASE-CR4 (etc.) as it is a similar 10Gbps interface.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete the editor's note.

Change the clause to read:

For EEE capability with XLAUI/CAUI shutdown, the XLAUI/CAUI transmitter lane's differential peak-to-peak output voltage shall be less than 30mV within 500ns of tx_mode changing to QUIET in the relevant direction. Furthermore, the CAUI transmitter lane's differential peak-to-peak output voltage shall be greater than 720mV within 500ns of tx_mode ceasing to be QUIET in the relevant direction.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 83A SC 83A.3.3.6 P270 L22 # 288
Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D Bucket

Some instances of CAUI need to be changed

SuggestedRemedy

Change CAUI to XLAUI/CAUI - 2 instances.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 83A SC 83A.3.4.7 P27 L36 # 289
Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D Bucket

Some instances of CAUI need to be changed

SuggestedRemedy

Change CAUI to XLAUI/CAUI - 2 instances.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 83A SC 83A.3.3.6 P270 L24 # 290
Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D Bucket

The rx_mode changes need to be reflected in this paragraph.

SuggestedRemedy

On line 24, change "rx_mode is QUIET" to "the received tx_mode is QUIET"

on line 25, change "tx_mode or rx_mode (as appropriate)" to "the appropriate direction tx_mode"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 83A SC 83A.3.3.6 P270 L35 # 291
Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D rx_mode

The rx_mode changes need to be reflected in this paragraph.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the paragraph after "If no energy is being received on the CAUI for the ingress direction..." to:

SIGNAL_DETECT is set to FAIL following a transition from rx_mode = DATA to rx_mode = QUIET. When rx_mode = QUIET, SIGNAL_DETECT shall be set to OK within 500 ns following the application of a signal at the receiver input detects an ALERT signal driven from the XLAUI/CAUI link partner. While rx_mode = QUIET, SIGNAL_DETECT changes from FAIL to OK only after the valid ALERT signal is applied to the channel.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl **83A** SC **83A.4** P**271** L**1** # **292**
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco
 Comment Type **T** Comment Status **D** Bucket
 PICS items need to be added.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add PICS items for:
 83A.3.2a - Support for XLAUI/CAUI shutdown
 83A.3.3.1.1 - Amplitude & swing for XLAUI/CAUI shutdown
 83A.3.3.6 - transmit disable for XLAUI/CAUI shutdown
 83A.3.4.7 - signal detect for XLAUI/CAUI shutdown
 Proposed Response Response Status **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl **93** SC **93.7.5** P**197** L**9** # **293**
 Kochuparambil, Beth Cisco Systems
 Comment Type **E** Comment Status **D** bucket
 The first statement ends with "as described in the following two paragraphs" yet there is only one paragraph that follows.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Remove the word 'two'
 Proposed Response Response Status **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Note that this subclause may be amended based on the response to comment #174 and therefore this comment could be overtaken.

Cl **93** SC **93.8.1.1** P**199** L**46** # **294**
 Kochuparambil, Beth Cisco Systems
 Comment Type **E** Comment Status **D**
 Differential return loss and return loss are used interchangeably. As well as the same symbol being used for differential return loss and common-mode return loss. This confusion exists throughout the clause.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Include 'differential' in figure and equation labels and differentiate the equation symbols such as RLdiff vs RLcm.
 Proposed Response Response Status **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Change the caption of Figure 93-3, Figure 93-6, Figure 93-8, Figure 93-10, and Figure 93-12 to read "differential return loss" rather than "return loss".
 Change the first paragraph of 93.9.3 to begin:
 "The differential return loss, in dB, of the channel."
 Use the notation RL_d to denote differential return loss and RL_cm to denote common-mode return loss throughout Clause 93 (this is consistent with the notation used in 93.8.1.3).

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Cl 91 SC 3 P116 L37 # 295
 Ofelt, David Juniper Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The current draft indicates that the RS FEC is only supported on services interfaces with width (p) of 4.

This is overly restrictive and ensures that when we develop 2 and 1 physical lane interfaces that we'll need to rework this part of the standard. It is possible to bit-interleave the four lanes into two or one, but the result does not handle burst errors well. An argument that comes up is that "we'll only support muxing for interfaces that are more unlikely to have burst errors (e.g. no DFE)". This is unsatisfying to me- we have an architecture from .3ba that handles a large variety of interface structures and then we follow it with the next rev of the PCS where we remove all that good flexibility or we can support it for a subset of the interface schemes.

SuggestedRemedy

Add text to 91.3 indicating something like:

"If a PMA wants to multiplex the four FEC lanes into two or one lanes, then the multiplexing shall be done at a Reed-Solomon codeword boundary"

I believe this is the necessary requirement to make FEC work properly once multiplexed.

With this change, we should have the features needed to implement all optics variety being discussed in .3bm.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

1. It is not clear what it means to multiplex "at a Reed-Solomon codeword boundary."
2. The requirement is incomplete because it requires that the PMA also identify "codeword boundaries" to correctly demultiplex them for presentation to the RS-FEC sublayer. This is a non-trivial function, as can be seen by the mechanism Clause 91 uses for this purpose, but is omitted from the proposed requirement.
3. The proposed normative requirement applies to a PMA and such requirements should appear in the PMA clause.
4. There is no Physical Layer defined in P802.3bj that requires this feature.

While this feature could extend the applicability of the RS-FEC sublayer to a PHY, yet to be defined, based on less than 4 physical lanes, the suggested remedy is not complete and perhaps misplaced. It seems that the objective of the proposal is to add a new PMA that multiplexes 10-bit Reed-Solomon symbols rather than bits which could be done in the context of that new PHY.

Cl 93 SC 93.4 P194 L4 # 296
 Liu, Zhenyu Marvell Semiconductor

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The delay constraint of PMD is inconsistent with comment #236 of D1.1. Comment 236 suggests PMD/AN delay is fixed at 2048BT, but draft 1.2 says 2048BT is PMD/AN plus medium. If medium is excluded, PMD/AN delay will be 1248BT. Compared with 10G-KR delay constraint which is 1024BT at 10G, this is very tight.

SuggestedRemedy

Put 2048BT as PMD/AN delay only, instead of PMD+AN+medium.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The delay should be an integer multiple of pause_quanta (e.g. 2048+800 isn't a valid value). It was the intent to keep the delay the same a 84.4 in terms of pause_quanta and increase the medium allocation in recognition that propagation delay does not scale with the bit rate.

It is not clear that 1248 BT is onerous for the PMD sublayer alone. Recall that for a complete Physical Layer, this allocation is to be combined with the PMA sublayer allocation of 9 pause_quanta, RS-FEC allocation of 80 pause_quanta, etc.

If the Task Force wishes to increase the delay allocation, then change 93.4 to: "The sum of the transmit and the receive delays at one end of the link contributed by the 100GBASE-KR4 PMD, AN, and the medium in one direction shall be no more than 3072 bit times (3 pause_quanta or 30.72 ns). It is assumed that the one way delay through the medium is no more than 800 bit times (8 ns)."

Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.8 P29 L44 # 297
 Dudek, Mike QLogic

Comment Type E Comment Status D Style

This is a very long list contained in Text it would be better to use a table

SuggestedRemedy

Create a table for Transmit disable description and point to it from here.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

There is no compelling reason to make such a change to the base text. However, the inserted text must be underlined.

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Cl 92 SC 92.7.7 P151 L4 # 298
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket
 The sentence is incomplete
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add "to be disabled" on the end of the sentence.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Add: to be selectively disabled....to end of sentence
 The PMD lane-by-lane transmit disable function is optional and allows the electrical transmitter in each lane.

Cl 92 SC 92.10.2 P166 L7 # 299
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket
 letter got lost
 SuggestedRemedy
 In Figure 92-8 change "eets" to "meets"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Use suggested remedy

Cl 30 SC 30.5.1.1.17 P24 L5 # 300
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status D FEC mgmt
 We should have error counters for 100GBASE-KP4 as well
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add 100GBase-P Phys to this list. Also to 30.5.1.1.18
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 30 SC 30.5.1.1.17 P24 L7 # 301
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status D FEC mgmt
 Does it make sense to have this array of counters per PCS lane when the FEC is not operating on a per PCS lane basis?
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add after "do not use PCS lanes" "or use the RS-FEC described in clause 91.
 Do the same for 30.5.1.1.18
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Change "PCS lanes" to "PCS lanes or FEC lanes" throughout both subclauses.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.81 P31 L6 # 302
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status D Training mgmt
 Consider whether it would be useful for the 100GBASE-KP4 to provide equivalent information to that contained in 45.2.1.81 to 45.2.1.84
 SuggestedRemedy
 Either reword this to be BASE-R and Base-P or create equivalent additional registers for Base-P
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Registers 1.150 through 1.155 and similarly 1.1100-1.1103; 1.1200-1.1203; 1.1300-1.1303; 1.1400-1.1403 are all used by Clause 94.
 Update the wording in these register descriptions. Make references clear in Clause 94.

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Cl 80 SC 80.1.3 P58 L48 # 303
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status D MDI
 It states at the top of the next page that there is no electrical or mechanical specification of the MDI for bakplane Physical lanes
 SuggestedRemedy
 Delete "in Clause 84 for 40GBASE-KR4,"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Note that this is a change to the base standard.

Cl 80 SC 80.2.2 P62 L5 # 304
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status D Style
 Clause 94 does not belong in this section unless there is also some description of 100GBASE-P.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add 100GBASE-P to the list of Phy types on line 5.
 Do so also in Clause 80.2.5 on line 35
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Change the beginning of the clause to:
 "The terms 40GBASE-R, 100GBASE-R and 100GBASE-P refer ."
 On line 7 change "40GBASE-R and 100GBASE-R PCSs" to "Clause 82 PCSs"
 Change the beginning of 80.2.5 as 80.2.2

Cl 84 SC 84.7.4 P107 L35 # 305
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status D Style
 Once trained the pk-pk output of the channel even with a 16 unit interval square wave will not be 720mV.
 SuggestedRemedy
 State that the signal detect should be set to OK within 500ns of receiving a signal that is slightly larger than the Transmitter Off amplitude (35mV). 40mV would be a good value. Remove the words about interference tolerance test channels etc.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change the sentence to read:
 "When rx_mode = QUIET, SIGNAL_DETECT shall be set to OK within 500ns following the application of a signal at the receiver input that corresponds to an ALERT transmission (see 85.7.2) from the link partner."
 See also comment #306

Cl 85 SC 85.7.4 P111 L31 # 306
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status D Style
 Once trained the pk-pk output of the channel even with a 16 unit interval square wave will not be 720mV.
 SuggestedRemedy
 State that the signal detect should be set to OK within 500ns of receiving a signal that is slightly larger than the Transmitter Off amplitude (30mV). 40mV would be a good value. Remove the words about interference tolerance test channels etc.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Change the sentence to read:
 "When rx_mode = QUIET, SIGNAL_DETECT shall be set to OK within 500ns following the application of a signal at the receiver input that corresponds to an ALERT transmission (see 85.7.2) from the link partner."
 See also comment #305

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Cl 92 SC 92.8.1 P152 L25 # 307
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket
 The AC coupling is in the cable not at the receiver.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Replace "at the receiver" with "within the cable"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Change: coupling at the receiver
 To: within the plug connectors

Cl 92 SC 92.8.3.5 P157 L32 # 308
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 With the change in loss of the HCB from 1.5dB at Nyquist (12.89GHz) to 1.87dB at Nyquist for the same host loss the insertion loss from TP0 to TP2 should have increased
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change 10dB to 10.37dB on line 33.
 Change the multipliers in equation 92-4 from 1.076 to 1.115
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See comment#323

Cl 92 SC 92.8.3.6 P159 L2 # 309
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket
 The editor's note is no longer required
 SuggestedRemedy
 Delete the editor's note.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Use suggested remedy
 P158 L50- Total jitter excluding data dependent jitter is the difference between TJ and DDJ...

Cl 92 SC 92.8.4.3.4 P162 L48 # 310
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 We should make clear that during the training algorithm the pattern generator should refuse to increase its amplitude above the stated value.
 SuggestedRemedy
 After "alternating one zero pattern" add "including after the training described in 92.8.4.3.5"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Use suggested remedy

Cl 92 SC 92.8.4.3 P161 L12 # 311
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 The Interference tolerance test can be performed with a PRBS pattern and hence we need to specify the BER before FEC.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change the Parameter in table 92-8 from Maximum BER to Maximum BER before FEC.
 Change the Test 2 value from 10e-12 to 10e-5
 Consider changing the Test 1 value from 10e-12 to 10e-5. (We may desire that FEC can be turned off in the Rx for this shorter channel.)
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

For committee discussion. Change the Parameter in table 92-8 from Maximum BER to Maximum BER before FEC. Change the Test 2 value from 10-12 to 10-5
 Consider changing the Test 1 value from 10^-12 to 10^-5. (We may desire that FEC can be turned off in the Rx for this shorter channel.)

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Cl 92 SC 92.8.4.4 P163 L21 # 312
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 We should specify the error rate before FEC
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "10e-12" to "10e-5 before FEC"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 For committee discussion
 Change "10^-12" to "10^-5 before FEC"

Cl 92 SC 92.10 P164 L9 # 313
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 With the reduction in loss of the Cable assembly test fixture from 1.25dB at Nyquist (12.89GHz) to 1.17dB with no change in the cable loss as measured with the compliance boards the cable insertion loss in table 92-9 should be increased
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change Maximum Insertion loss at 12.8906 GHz from 22.64dB to 22.48dB.
 Make the same change in Table 92-10
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Resolve with comment #62

$$IL_{Chmax35dB}(f) = IL_{Camax5m}(f) + 2 * IL_{Host}(f) - 2 * IL_{MatedTF}(f)$$

Cl 92 SC 92.10.2 P165 L33 # 314
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Having these fitted co-efficients exactly matching the maximum loss at Nyquist heavily constrains the channel fit so that it is likely that many channels that pass the maximum loss at Nyquist will fail one or other of these fint parameters. (It also removes the need for the footnote which should be deleted if the suggested remedy is not adopted)
 SuggestedRemedy
 Increase the maximum insertion loss parameters by 20%.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 See diminico_1112.pdf for development of cable assembly insertion loss.

Cl 92 SC 92.10.2 P166 L30 # 315
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket
 The "Meets equation constraints" is on the wrong side of the curve.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Move it below the curve.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Use suggested remedy

Cl 92 SC 92.10.5 P168 L51 # 316
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket
 There are not 9 lanes in 100GBASE-CR4
 SuggestedRemedy
 Delete "or nine"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Use suggested remedy

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Cl 92 SC 92.10.7 P170 L29 # 317
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket
 The range for insertion loss in the equation is going to less attenuation than is allowed by the minimum attenuation in table 92-10
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change the range to start at 8dB in both Equation 92-22 and Figure 92-12
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Use suggested remedy

Cl 92 SC 92.11 P171 L32 # 318
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 I think the intent of the sentence
 "The requirements in this section are not MDI specifications for an implemented design" are intended to state that these are not connector specifications. It would be clearer to state so.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change the sentence to "The requirements in this section are not connector specifications for an implemented design."
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Change: The requirements in this section are not MDI specifications for an implemented design.
 To: The requirements in this section are not MDI connector specifications for an implemented design.

Cl 92 SC 92.11 P173 L4 # 319
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Allowing the test boards to have un-restricted performance above 18.75GHz could significantly degrade system performance, resulting in good devices failing. OIF has continued the specifications up to Baud Rate for the equivalent test boards. I hope to have a presentation on this for the San Antonio meeting. OIF has also adopted complete specifications for these test boards in their VSR specification. It would be good to have the same specifications for these two standards so that the same test boards could be used for both, and most of the specifications are already identical.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Increase the frequency range for the test boards to 25.9GHz for all the equations in this section.
 Adopt other specifications from the OIF document for these test boards to fill in any TBD values or missing specifications.(eg Mated MDNEXT=1.8mV Mated MDFEXT=4.8mV
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE
 For committee discussion..review with presentation.
 See comment#63 (ICN TBD)

Cl 92A SC P281 L6 # 320
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket
 This annex contains a lot more than test point parameters.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change the title to "100GBASE-CF4 TP0 and TP5 test point parameters and channel characteristics.
 Add to the end of 92A.1 "It also provides information on channel characteristics."
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Use suggested remedy

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Cl 92 SC 92.8.3 P153 L21 # 321
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D bucket
 The Linear fit pulse (min) value in table 92-5 does not match the value in 92.8.3.4.1
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change the value from 0.52 to 0.5
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Use suggested remedy.
 Correct value is 0.50 [per D1.1 comment #283]

Cl 92 SC 92.10.2 P165 L33 # 322
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 In Table 92-10 Having two values for each of the Maximum fitted insertion loss co-efficients is very confusing and isn't what is required. The second set are intended to describe the minimum Insertion loss curve but we do not really want to limit the minimum value of the co-efficients (particularly for the square root and square terms). Also the footnote b certainly isn't true.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Delete footnote b
 Delete the last 3 rows in the table.
 Replace the paragraph starting on row 16 with
 "The minimum measured loss of the cable should meet the attenuation curve given by $IL=0.7*\sqrt{f}+0.3*f+0.01*(f^2)$ which is shown in figure 92-9"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Delete paragraph starting "The maximum allowed...
 Replace with >>The measured insertion loss of the cable shall greater than or equal to the minimum insertion loss given in equation xx
 "The measured insertion loss of the cable shall greater than or equal to the minimum insertion loss given in equation xx
 Equation xx $IL_{camin} = 0.7*\sqrt{f}+0.3*f+0.01*(f^2)$
 Delete last three rows of Table 92-10
 and note (b)
 In 92A.5 P283 L22
 Replace..is the minimum 0.5
 m cable assembly insertion loss using
 Equation (92-8)..
 With.is the minimum 0.5
 m cable assembly insertion loss using
 Equation (xx-x). Where (xx-x) is the minimum cable assembly loss above

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CI 92A SC 92A.5 P284 L2 # 323
 Dudek, Mike QLogic

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Figure 92A-2 should be updated based on the adopted compliance board losses at 12.8906 GHz of 1.17dB for the Cable Assembly Test Fixture (a.k.a MCB) and 1.87dB for the HCB.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the Cable Assembly Text Fixture loss from 1.25 dB to 1.17dB
 Change the HCB loss from 1.5dB to 1.87dB
 Change the TP0 to TP2 loss from 10 dB to 10.37dB
 Change the TP1 to TP4 loss from 22.64dB to 22.48dB.
 Change the mated cable assembly and test point test fixture loss from 3.84dB to 4.11dB.
 Also change these numbers in the channel loss equation (it still is correct equalling 35dB).

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Mated test fixture specification insertion loss is TBD Equation (92-24) and Equation (92-25). Further, editor did not want to use assumed limits as in suggested remedy without explicit agreement by committee Added editor's note (to be removed prior to final publication):The channel insertion loss budget at 12.8906 GHz, Figure 92A, will be updated when the insertion loss of the mated test fixture is determined i.e.,Equation (92-24) and Equation (92-25) are defined.

Per remedy:

Change the Cable Assembly Text Fixture loss from 1.25 dB to 1.17dB
 Change the HCB loss from 1.5 dB to 1.87 dB
 In addition,
 >>change ILPCBmin to 1.17 dB @12.89 Equation (92A-2)

For committee discussion:

Change the mated cable assembly and test point test fixture loss from 3.84 dB to 4.11 dB.
 Change the TP0 to TP2 loss from 10 dB to 10.37dB
 Change the TP1 to TP4 loss from 22.64dB to 22.48dB.

CI 94 SC 94.3.10.8 P243 L2 # 324
 Wang, Zhongfeng Broadcom Corp.

Comment Type TR Comment Status D training pattern

Terminations bits for PMA frame were specified to use PRBS13 to generate in normal mode.

The initial state of PRBS is said to be the ending state of PRBS after training. Then in training mode, how do we determine termination bits? Not clear yet.

In addition, it is not clear whether the PRBS in normal mode will change state only for termination bits.

SuggestedRemedy

In training mode, those termination bits can be defined in another way, e.g., termination symbol=(13th symbol + 33th symbol in previous TB45blk) mod 4.

The PRBS for termination bits in normal mode should change state once every 45 symbols.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #163.

CI 93 SC 93.8.2.2 P206 L52-53 # 325
 Li, Mike Altera

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Eq (93-7) is still TBD

SuggestedRemedy

A proposed Eq for (93-7) will be provided.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

No contribution was provided.

Comment #215 against Clause 94 proposes a conversion limit. Given the interest in making return loss requirements for Clauses 93 and 94 similar (with the exception of the frequency range of applicability), change Equation (93-7) to:
 $-25+20*(f/13.89)$, $0.05 \leq f \leq 6.95$ GHz
 -15 , 6.95 GHz to 13 GHz

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Cl 92 SC 92.11.3.5 P177 L39-44 # 326
 Li, Mike Altera
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 parameters are still TBDs
 SuggestedRemedy
 values for the TBDs will be provided
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See comment #63.

Cl 81 SC 81.3a P76 L1 # 327
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco
 Comment Type T Comment Status D Style
 What appears to be missing in this section (and in Figure 91-9a) is a description of whether this LPI assertion and detection functional block and associated state machines is implemented upstream or downstream from the link fault signaling functional block (described in section 81.3.4).
 I believe it must be implemented upstream (above) the link fault signalling block as when a Local Fault is received by the RS from the PHY layer, then the transmit RS stops sending either MAC data or LPI and instead sends continuous Remote Fault towards the PHY.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Please clarify where in the data path this function is to be included, with respect to link fault signalling. If the convention is that this is implicitly defined by the fact that this section(81.3a) occurs before the link fault signalling section (81.4) then you can ignore this comment.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 The position of the LPI assertion and detection mechanism is immaterial. The behavioral definition of the link fault signaling makes it clear that link fault overrides LPI.

Cl 82 SC 82.1.4 P80 L36 # 328
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco
 Comment Type T Comment Status D Style
 "For Physical Layers that use Clause 91 RS-FEC, if an optional physical instantiation, i.e. CAUI, is not implemented directly below the PCS sublayer, then the lower interface connects to the FEC sublayer."
 I want to make sure that this text does not preclude a CAUI-4 (i.e. optionally 4 lane electrical interface) being implemented between the PCS sublayer and the RS-FEC sublayer.
 Perhaps this is something that should be punted until we add an optional CAUI4 interface in 802.3bm. I do see applications however where a standalone backplane PHY chip (FR4,KP4) would be connected to an existing 8023.ba MAC ASIC via a 4x25G (CAUI4) electrical interface.
 SuggestedRemedy
 More of a question for clarification. Remedy if required may be punted to a comment against a future 802.3bm draft.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 This sentence describes the simple fact that the PCS may or may not be connected directly to the FEC. The existence, or otherwise of a 4-lane CAUI would make no difference to the sense of this section.

Cl 80 SC 80.3.2 P63 L32 # 329
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D Style
 Comment against Fig 80-3b (physically located on page 65).
 The figure shows a PMA (20:10) and a PMA (10:n) layer implemented below a RS-FEC layer. It is my understanding that the only PMA layer that is allowed to be implemented below a Clause 91 RS-FEC layer is a PMA (4:4), i.e. you are not allowed to do any lane bit muxing below the RS-FEC layer.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Please correct figure accordingly.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 The figure shows a PMA (4:4) and a PMA (4:4) below a RS-FEC layer also. The use of "or" indicates that either type of PMA may be appropriate - depending on PHY speed and FEC type. Since the purpose of this figure is to show IEEE primitives it is not necessary to go into precise detail on the options that are already shown in the other diagrams.

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Cl 81 SC 81.3a P76 L35 # 330
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Style

"The definition of TXC<7:0> and TXD<63:0> is derived from the state of PLS_DATA.request (81.1.7), except when it is overridden by an assertion of LP_IDLE.request."

Is this actually ture ?

In the case of a Remote Fault condtion aren't both the state of PLS_DATA.request and LP_IDLE.request ultimately overwritten by the assertion of Remote Fault.

The definition of TXC<7:0> and TXD<63:0> is derived from the state of the follwoing in priority order:

1. Remote Fault
2. LP_IDLE.request
3. PLS_DATA.request

SuggestedRemedy

If my comment is correct then I suggest updating the text to reflect this.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change: "an assertion of LP_IDLE.request" to "an assertion of Remote Fault or LP_IDLE.request"

Cl 82 SC 82.2.8a P83 L2 # 331
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type TR Comment Status D OTN

Rapid alignment markers cause issues when running over OTN equipment.

The primary ethernet PMDs used to connect to OTN equipment are likely to be optical (i.e. no backplane or copper).

For optical PMDs I believe the proposal is to only define support for the EEE fast wake mode.

For EEE fast wake mode, where the PCS, PMA and PMD are never turned of I see no reason or value in switching to rapid alignment markers.

For EEE fast wake mode I would propose to continue using standard alignment markers, and this resolves the issue with interop over OTN equipment.

SuggestedRemedy

Propose that rapid alignment makers are only used for EEE normal wake mode (where they are needed and add value), whereas standard alignment makers should continue to be used for EEE fast wake mode.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

See also #251, 249

There is currently no objective for EEE for optical interfaces. It would be premature to make a drastic change based on a possible requirement from another project. If, at some time in the future, an optical project should choose to define EEE it would need to make a number of choices regarding OTN. The operation of EEE Fast Wake might be redefined (in a number of different ways) if such choices were made and the copper Task Force can define the optimal changes to the mechanism.

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Cl 80 SC 80.3.2 P63 L32 # 332
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket

Figure 80-3b is referenced in this section, but is physically located in the middle of section 80.3.3.4.3. on page 65 . Why ? I actually found it confusing that Figure 80-3b which shows all of the different primitaves defined in 80.3.3.4 through 80.3.3.7 is stuck in the middle of the sections describing the primitaves.

SuggestedRemedy

Propose repositioning Fig 80-3a and Fig 80-3b under section 80.3.2 where they belong.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The style guide requires that figures are left to float in the draft but the editor will attempt to adjust text and whitespace to improve the placement of these figures.

Cl 80 SC 80.5 P67 L44 # 333
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type E Comment Status D Style

Do we need to add an additional figure (say Figure 80-5b), showing an example with a CAUI4 interfacae between the 100GBASE-R PCS layer and RS-FEC layer ? Perhaps this is not required if the skew points and skew values would be identical to those shown in Figure 80-5a ?

SuggestedRemedy

If you agree with the comment then add a new figure as described above. If not then don't.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

There is no CAUI-4 defined in this project, however the skew points defined (SP0/SP7) should remain the same for either CAUI-10 or CAUI-4. If a future project should see fit to define an interface for CAUI-4 then the diagram could be updated to include the appropriate labeling for both PMA SERVICE INTERFACE instances (and adjacent PMAs).

Cl 81 SC 81.3.1.5 P73 L40 # 334
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type E Comment Status D Style

This line states that LPI is requested by the RS aasserting TXC and setting TXD to 0x06 (in all lanes). However Fig 81-6a at the top of page 74, gives the impression that 0x06 is only sent on lane 0 , i.e. TXD <7:0>.

SuggestedRemedy

Modify Fig 81-6a to show that LPI is signalled as 0x06 on all lanes and not just on lane 0 (TXD<7:0>).

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The note in this figure states:

Note: TXC and TXD are shown for one lane, all 8 lanes behave identically during LPI

Cl 80 SC 80.3.2 P63 L32 # 335
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type ER Comment Status D Style

I would like to see another figure added similar to Fig 80-3a, but showing an example where the RS-FEC layer is separated from the 100GBASE-R PCS block by a PMA layer.

I think it is important to include this example, as it makes it very clear that applications where the RS-FEC is implemetned in a separate standalone PHY chip can be, and in fact must be, supported.

I am considered that if we do not include this example in the document we may overlook some subtle inter-layer communication that is required to support this critical application.

to shown an example where the FEC

SuggestedRemedy

Add figure added similar to Fig 80-3a, but showing an example where the RS-FEC layer is separated from the 100GBASE-R PCS block by a PMA layer.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Figure 83C-2a should be sufficient.

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Cl 82 SC 82.2.3.6 P82 L52 # 336
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type ER Comment Status D Bucket

"/LI/s may only be inserted following other LPI characters."

What does this mean ? How would you ever transmit the first /LI/ then ? I thought /LI/s were inserted when the appropriate LPI control characters were received from the XLGMII it CGMII.

I guess what is being referred to here is the local insertion of additional /LI/s by the PCS sublayer itself , as needed to adapt between clock rates ?

Is there any similar required for the deletion of /LI/s by the PCS sublayer , again for clock adaptation ?

SuggestedRemedy

Suggestion using something like the text above to make it crystal clear that we are referring to the local insertion of /LI/s by the PCS layer for clock rate compensation.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change to "inserted for clock compensation /LI/s may only be inserted following other LPI characters."

Cl 80 SC 80.3.3.6.1 P66 L15 # 337
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D Primitives

How does this work if there is an intermediate PMA layer between the PCS layer and the FEC layer, i.e. how is the IS_RX_LPI_Active.request primitive transparently passed through the PMA layer than may reside between PCS and FEC layers ?

The description for this primitive seems a little different than the others as the effect of receipt is defined specifically by the FEC sublayer whereas for the other primitives in this section the effect of receipt is defined by the sublayer which receives it (which in practice may not be the FEC layer)

SuggestedRemedy

Please add some further clarification around how this operates with an intermediate PMA layer between the PCS and the FEC, and whether the intent was in fact that IS_RX_LPI_Active.request primitive should be treated different to the other primitives in the surrounding section, IS_TX_MODE, IS_RX_MODE, etc

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

In the case where there is a PMA sublayer (or sublayers) between the PCS and the FEC IS_RX_LPI_Active.request must be passed through the PMA.

Add appropriate text in Clause 80.3.3.6 to describe this.

Add the following sentence after "communicates to the FEC that the PCS LPI receive function is active." -

"This primitive may be passed through a PMA sublayer but has no effect on that sublayer."

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Cl 80 SC 80.3.3.7 P66 L34 # 338
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D Primitives

Does this primitive have to be invoked in the case of fast wake EEE ?

Do we need to clarify that the IS_ENERY_DETECT primitive is never invoked and has no effect when EEE fast wake mode is active ?

SuggestedRemedy

I think we should clarify that this primitive is never invoked and has no effect both for the case on no EEE cappability or fast wake EEE capability ? However this comment could be incorrect sa I still don't fully understand fast wake EEE :)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This is made clear in the PMD clauses, but needs to be clarified here.

For all of the EEE primitives, add "with the normal wake mode option" after "optional Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) capability" (1 instance) and after "Without EEE capability" (4 instances)

Cl 80 SC 80.4 P67 L14 # 339
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D Delays

Does the first row of Table 80-3 have any aimplications for supporting a RS-FEC implementation on a 802.3ba host line card not originally designed for supporting RS-FEC.

An example here would be the inclusion of the RS-FEC into an optical module supporting the new 100GBASE-SR4 PMD being developed within 802.3bm, and plugged into an existing 802.3ba host line card. It is critical that this application can be supported so I am wondering if the additional delay of the RS-FEC layer would break anything on an existing 802.3ba host, for example with PAUSE buffering ?

SuggestedRemedy

More of a question for clarification, so no proposed remedy just yet.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The design of pause buffers (and the control of latency, generally) is a matter for system implementers. The delays in this table are intended to help interoperability.

It should be noted that the delay specified for RS-FEC is significantly less than that specified for BASE-R FEC in 802.3ba, so any system designed to tolerate the existing FEC will cope with the newly specified FEC. Furthermore, the delay of the RS-FEC sublayer is of a similar magnitude to the media delay from 100m of fiber.

Cl 81 SC 81.3.2.4 P74 L41 # 340
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D Style

This section indicates that the PHY signals LPI to the RS by asserting RXC and setting RXD to 0x06 (on all lanes). However Figure 81-8a gives the impression that only lane 0 , i.e. RXD<7:0> is set to 0x06.

SuggestedRemedy

Propose modifying the table to show that all RXD lanes are set to 0x06, or at least make it clear that all lanes are set and that only lane 0 is shown in the diagram for clarity.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The note in this figure states:

Note: RXC and RXD are shown for one lane, all 8 lanes behave identically during LPI

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Cl 81 SC 81.3.4 P75 L31 # 341
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D Style

This section states:

"Sublayers within the PHY are capable of detecting faults that render a link unreliable for communication. Upon recognition of a fault condition, a PHY sublayer indicates Local Fault status on the data path."

The term "unreliable for communication" is very vague and not clearly defined.

Now that we are moving to these higher speed ethernet links customers are starting to take link fault signalling more seriously (and see more value in it), I am getting increasing questions from the field where a customer see a LF condition and wants to know what caused it This is always a difficult question to answer as it is not clearly defined in the standard.

SuggestedRemedy

I think we should clearly define in the standard as to which alarm conditions generate a Local Fault (LF). I don't think this is that difficult and the list would be something like PMD:LOS, PMA:LOL, PCS:Loss-of-block-lock: PCS: HI-BER .. basically the basic PHY alarms reported in the MDIO section.

I think standardizing this would be a great service to the industry.

This is really no different to what has been done in the past for SONET and OTN equipment where the alarm conditions which generate AIS (SONET/OTN equivalent of LF) are clearly defined and implemented consistently across equipment from multiple vendors.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

This is the text that was agreed during 802.3ba. This is simple descriptive text, it is unnecessary to go into details regarding other clauses.

Cl 94 SC 94.3.10.6.4 P239 L26 # 342
 Ran, Adeo Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D training frame

"A new request to increment or decrement is not to be sent before the incoming status message for that tap reverts to not_updated."

This is a strong enough requirement to deserve the s-word.

SuggestedRemedy

Change this sentence to
 "The hold setting shall be maintained until the incoming status message for that tap reverts to not_updated. A new request to increment or decrement a tap may be sent only when the incoming status message for that tap is not_updated."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

<Change sub-clause from 3.10.6.4 to 94.3.10.6.4.>

The entire sub-clause is normative per the first sentence in Clause 94.3.10.6.4.

Use the following in place of the suggested remedy:

"The hold setting must be maintained until the incoming status message for that tap reverts to not_updated. A new request to increment or decrement a tap may be sent only when the incoming status message for that tap is not_updated."

Cl 94 SC 94.3.10.6.4 P239 L30 # 343
 Ran, Adeo Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D training coefficient update

"Coefficient increment and decrement update requests are not be sent in combination with initialize or preset."

"Shall" is adequate.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "are" to "shall".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

<Changed sub-clause from 3.10.6.4 to 94.3.10.6.4.>

The entire sub-clause is normative per the first sentence in 94.3.10.6.4. It is not necessary to point out that each element in the sub-clause is normative.

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CI 94 SC 94.2.11.3 P228 L45 # 344
 Ran, Adeo Intel

Comment Type ER Comment Status D test pattern

QPRBS13 is currently specified with a length of 182 training frame words. The intent is to make it equivalent to the training pattern (not just length but also different seeds etc).

Also, there is a proposal (see lusted_3bj_01_1112) to change the training pattern length to align with the PMA frame. If it is accepted, the length should be changed here as well. Preferably, the reference to clause 94.3.10.8 is sufficient without repeating the length.

SuggestedRemedy

Change:
 "The QPRBS13 test pattern is a repeating 8372-symbol (182 training frame words) sequence equivalent to the training pattern specified in 94.3.10.8."
 To:
 "The QPRBS13 test pattern is a repeating sequence equivalent to the pattern used in training frames, as specified in 94.3.10.8. The PRBS13 pattern generator is re-initialized for each repetition of QPRBS13 with the same seeds specified in table 94-10."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

<Changed sub-clause from 2.11.3 to 94.2.11.3.>

The reference to "training pattern" was to be specific to the "training pattern" specified in "94.3.10.8 Training pattern sub-clause". The specific phrase "training pattern" should be retained.

The "training pattern" specified in 94.3.10.8 is 182 training frame words in length. The statement in 94.2.11.3 "8372-symbol (182 training frame words)" is helpful to ensure the reader of which portion is relevant.

The current second sentence in 94.2.11.3 is correct and less ambiguous than the one proposed by the commenter. No changes should be made to this sentence.

To address the ambiguity of the pattern re-seeding the second sentence should be added to the sub-clause as follows:

"The PRBS13 pattern generator is re-initialized for each repetition of QPRBS13 with the same seeds specified in Table 94-10."

CI 94 SC 94.3.10.6.2 P239 L3 # 345
 Ran, Adeo Intel

Comment Type ER Comment Status D bucket

Wrong reference to 72.6.10.3.2. In 802.3-2008 section 5 Initialize is defined in 72.6.10.2.3.2.

SuggestedRemedy

Refer to 72.6.10.2.3.2 instead.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

<Changed subclause from 3.10.6.2. to 94.3.10.6.2.>

CI 94 SC 94.3.10.6.4 P240 L26 # 346
 Ran, Adeo Intel

Comment Type ER Comment Status D bucket

"At that point, the outgoing requests for that tap (???) be set to hold"

(???) is missing. Is it "should", "shall", "may", or something else?
 My interpretation is that that the request can be kept up for some (undefined) period after one of the status values is detected.

SuggestedRemedy

Insert "may" at the marked position.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

<Changed sub-clause from 3.10.6.4 to 94.3.10.6.4. Changed page from 239 to 240.>

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Cl 94 SC 94.3.10.7.2 P240 L37 # 347
 Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D training countdown
 Countdown must be synchronized on the four lanes. It is currently not specified.

SuggestedRemedy

Change:
 "When received status report receiver ready is 1 and transmitted status report receiver ready is 1, the transmitter will decrement the countdown in three successive frames."
 To:
 "When received status report receiver ready is 1 in all four lanes and transmitted status report receiver ready is 1 in all four lanes, the transmitter will decrement the countdown in three successive frames. the countdown values shall be equal in all four lanes".

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Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

<Changed sub-clause from 3.10.7.2 to 94.3.10.7.2.>

Per the first sentence in 94.3.10.7.2, the entire sub-clause is normative, so it is not necessary to add more "shalls".

Modify the sentence referred to in the suggested remedy with the following:
 "When the received status report receiver ready is 1 in all four received lanes and the transmitted status report receiver ready is 1 in all four transmitted lanes, the transmitter on each transmitted lane will decrement the countdown in three successive frames. The countdown values will be equal in all four lanes".

Cl 78 SC 78.2 P55 L5 # 348
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket
 Comment #22 against D 1.1 changed the left hand column heading in both tables 78-2 and 78-4 to "PHY or interface type"

However, in D 1.2 it has been changed to "PHY or interface Type" in both cases (with a spurious capital T in "Type")

SuggestedRemedy

Change "Type" to "type" in the left hand column heading in both tables

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 99 SC P4 L26 # 349
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket
 The frontmatter has been updated in accordance with comment #29 against D 1.1 to include a description of the 802.3bj amendment.

There is a spurious quotation mark at the end of the added text.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove the spurious quotation mark after "copper cables."

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 00 SC 0 P L # 350
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket
 Comment #172 against D 1.1 was accepted, but not fully implemented.

Now that IEEE Std 802.3-2012 has been approved, update all references in the draft to reflect 2012.

This has not been done in the page headers.

SuggestedRemedy

Update the all of the page headers for the clauses from the TOC onwards to say "IEEE Std 802.3-2012"

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 80 SC 80.1.5 P61 L37 # 351
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket
 Comment #175 against D 1.1 changed the nomenclature column of Table 80-2a under Clause 91 to "RS-FEC", however the hyphen is missing.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the nomenclature column of Table 80-2a under Clause 91 from "RS FEC" to "RS-FEC"

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 80 SC 80.4 P67 L20 # 352
 Anslow, Pete Ciena
 Comment Type E Comment Status D PHY order
 Comment #178 against D 1.1 was accepted but not fully implemented. Reach order has not been preserved.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change the order of the additional rows shown in Table 80-3 to be:
 100GBASE-R RS-FEC
 100GBASE-KR4
 100GBASE-KP4
 100GBASE-CR4
 In other words, move the CR4 row to the bottom.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 01 SC 1.4.53a P21 L15 # 353
 Anslow, Pete Ciena
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket
 This says "insertion loss up to 33 dB at 7.0 GHz"
 As stated in 1.2.6, the trailing zeros have no significance, so this should be shown as simply "7 GHz"
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change:
 "insertion loss up to 33 dB at 7.0 GHz" to:
 "insertion loss up to 33 dB at 7 GHz"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Check remainder of the draft for other instances where this definition is used and modify the accordingly.

Cl 30 SC 30.3.2.1.2 P L # 354
 Anslow, Pete Ciena
 Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket
 "100 Gb/s multi-PCS lane using more than 2-level PAM" could be taken to mean 2-level PAM and something else.
 Same issue in 30.3.2.1.3
 SuggestedRemedy
 Use the format from aMAUType below:
 Change:
 "100 Gb/s multi-PCS lane using more than 2-level PAM" to:
 "100 Gb/s multi-PCS lane using >2-level PAM"
 Make the same change in 30.3.2.1.3
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 30 SC 30.5.1.1.15 P23 L20 # 355
 Anslow, Pete Ciena
 Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket
 The text ", and Clause 91" has been added, but is not in underline font.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Show the inserted text ", and Clause 91" in underline font.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 30 SC 30.5.1.1.16 P23 L38 # 356
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket

The text ", and Clause 91" has been added, but is not in underline font.
 The text "or FEC enable bit in RS-FEC control register (see 45.2.1.93a)" has been added, but is not in underline font.

SuggestedRemedy

Show the inserted text ", and Clause 91" in underline font.

Show the inserted text "or FEC enable bit in RS-FEC control register (see 45.2.1.93a)" in underline font.

Note: this comment may be OBE due to a companion comment that RS-FEC cannot be disabled.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

The text will be underline whether deleted or not.

Cl 30 SC 30.5.1.1.17 P24 L4 # 357
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket

The base text for 30.5.1.1.17 is different from the in-force standard

SuggestedRemedy

Show the changes to 30.5.1.1.17 with respect to the version in the Revision project D 3.2.
 The first sentence of BEHAVIOUR DEFINED AS: in D 3.2 was:
 "For 1000BASE-PX, 10/40/100GBASE-R PHYs, an array of corrected FEC block counters."

The last sentence is:
 "If a Clause 45 MDIO Interface to the PCS is present, then this attribute maps to the FEC corrected blocks counter(s) (see 45.2.8.5, 45.2.1.91, and 45.2.1.93).;"

Show changes with respect to this text with underline and strikethrough font.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 30 SC 30.5.1.1.18 P24 L36 # 358
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket

In "an array of uncorrectable FEC blocks counters" the "s" at the end of "blocks" is shown with strikethrough font, but it should not be there at all.

At the end in "(see 45.2.8.6, 45.2.1.92 and 45.2.1.94" there is a comma missing.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete the strikethrough "s" at the end of "blocks".
 Add the comma after "45.2.1.92"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.8 P29 L53 # 359
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket

The additions to 45.2.1.8 are not shown with underline font

SuggestedRemedy

Show the additions with underline font

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1.93a P31 L37 # 360
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket

The agreed convention on inserted clause numbering is:
 Where a subclause is inserted prior to the existing first subclause it is labelled [existing subclause - one level].[a through z]. Where a subclause is inserted after an existing subclause - assuming it is not the last - the new subclause it is labelled [subclause number][a through z].
 For example to insert two subclauses before 43.2.1 the subclauses would be numbered 43.2.a and 43.2.b. Two subclauses between 43.2.1 and 43.2.2 would be numbered 43.2.1a and 43.2.1b. Two subclauses added after the last subclause 43.2.2 would be numbered 43.2.3 and 43.2.4.

The editing instruction:
 "Insert 45.2.1.93a through 45.2.1.93f before 45.2.1.93 for RS-FEC registers:" does not follow this.

Also, there are additions of subclauses a through h

SuggestedRemedy

Change to:
 "Insert 45.2.1.92a through 45.2.1.92h before 45.2.1.93 for RS-FEC registers as follows:"

Change subclause numbers accordingly.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.9.a P35 L46 # 361
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket

The editing instruction says "Insert the following subclauses before 45.2.1.9.1:" but this should be 45.2.3.9.1

SuggestedRemedy

Change "45.2.1.9.1:" to "45.2.3.9.1:"

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.9.6 P36 L19 # 362
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket

The editing instruction says "Insert the following subclause after 45.2.1.9.5:"

Firstly, this should be 45.2.3.9.5
 Secondly, 45.2.3.9.6 already exists for bit 3.20.1

SuggestedRemedy

Change editing instruction to "Insert the following subclause after 45.2.1.9.6:" and renumber text for bit 3.20.0 to 45.2.3.9.7

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 78 SC 78.1.4 P54 L1 # 363
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket

The title of 78.1.4 seems to have been changed without this being indicated in the draft

SuggestedRemedy

Add an editing instruction for the title of 78.1.4 and show the changes with underline and strikethrough font

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 80 SC 80.3.1 P62 L51 # 364
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket

This says "the inter-sublayer service interface includes two additional primitives" but there are four.

SuggestedRemedy

Change to "the inter-sublayer service interface includes four additional primitives"

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 81 SC 81.3a P76 L35 # 365
 Anslow, Pete Ciena
 Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket
 Comment #11 against D 1.1 was accepted, but not implemented.
 The formatting of the text below Figure 81-9a is not usual (the left margin is indented)
 SuggestedRemedy
 Correct the formatting
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.93g P34 L39 # 368
 Anslow, Pete Ciena
 Comment Type T Comment Status D Bucket
 In Table 45-72f the "Bit(s) cell should be "1.230.15:0" rather than "3.200.15:0"
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "3.200.15:0" to "1.230.15:0"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 80 SC 80.2.2 P L # 366
 Anslow, Pete Ciena
 Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket
 "and the PMA specifications defined in Clause 83 and Clause 94" would be better as "and the PMA specifications defined in Clause 83 or Clause 94"
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change " in Clause 83 and Clause 94" to "in Clause 83 or Clause 94"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 30 SC 30.5.1.1.16 P23 L47 # 367
 Anslow, Pete Ciena
 Comment Type T Comment Status D FEC mgmt
 This text says "or FEC enable bit in RS-FEC control register (see 45.2.1.93a)".
 However, there isn't a FEC enable bit in the RS-FEC control register (Register 1.200) in 45.2.1.93a only "FEC enable error indication" which is quite different.
 BASE-R FEC is optional, but I understood RS-FEC is not and hence a "FEC enable" isn't appropriate.
 Am I missing something?
 SuggestedRemedy
 Make no change to 30.5.1.1.16 since RS-FEC cannot be disabled.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 91 SC 91.5.3.3 P126 L16 # 369
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

This says that the indication of uncorrected errors to the PCS is optional. But if uncorrected errors are not indicated, the MTTFFPA will be poor because any FEC frame with uncorrected errors will contain at least 8 or 16 errored symbols.

Doing a simple minded calculation:

If the errors turn up in bursts of 8, then a BER of 1E-12 is a block of errors every 80 seconds. The only thing stopping this from being accepted as a good packet is the CRC. This fails with a probability of 2.3E-10 which is a false packet every 10,000 years.

If the BER falls to 1E-6, this is a false packet every 4 days.

I think Roy Cideciyan has shown that reporting errors with FEC enabled gives a MTTFFPA of better than 10,000 years at 1E-6.

This is a huge improvement in performance, so marking uncorrected errors should be mandatory.

SuggestedRemedy

Make the indication of uncorrected errors mandatory in Clause 91. Make the appropriate changes to the other clauses e.g. Clause 45

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change the fourth paragraph of 91.5.3.3 as follows and consolidate it with the last paragraph.

"The Reed-Solomon decoder shall indicate errors to the PCS sublayer by intentionally corrupting 66-bit block synchronization headers."

Change the first sentence of the last paragraph of 91.5.3.3 to:
 "When the decoder determines."

Remove the "FEC error indication enable" variable from Table 91-2 as well as 91.6.2.

Remove the "FEC error indication ability" variable from Table 91-3 as well as 91.6.4.

Update Clause 45 management and the Clause 91 PICS accordingly.

Cl 92 SC 92.7.7 P151 L4 # 370
 Kvist, Bengt Ericsson AB

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket

Selective or individual disable disappeared in last edit. Compare 93.7.7, 94.3.6.7

The PMD lane-by-lane transmit disable function is optional and allows the electrical transmitter in each lane.

SuggestedRemedy

The PMD lane-by-lane transmit disable function is optional and allows the electrical transmitter in each lane to be selectively disabled.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

[CommentType set to T (commenter did not specify).]

See comment#298

Cl 92 SC 92.13 P183 L1 # 371
 Kvist, Bengt Ericsson AB

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket

This is a second sub-clause 92.13

92.13 .Environmental specifications
 92.13 Protocol implementation conformance.....

SuggestedRemedy

Change to

92.14 Protocol implementation conformance.....

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

[CommentType set to T (commenter did not specify).]

Correct redundant clauses.

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Cl 83 SC 83.3 P102 L50 # 372
 Kvist, Bengt Ericsson AB
 Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket
 Text talks about two primitives then lists and defines three on next page
 interface includes two additional primitives defined as
 SuggestedRemedy
 interface includes three additional primitives defined as
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.93f P34 L24 # 373
 Kvist, Bengt Ericsson AB
 Comment Type T Comment Status D Bucket
 FEC lane 1 indicated for register 1.217, should be lane 3
 for FEC lane 1, upper 16 bits.
 SuggestedRemedy
 for FEC lane 3, upper 16 bits.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 91 SC 91.5.2.7 P123 L34 # 374
 Cideciyan, Roy IBM
 Comment Type ER Comment Status D bucket
 Figure 91-5 states "symbol delay element, holds 1 10-bit symbol". The formulation can be improved.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Replace "symbol delay element, holds 1 10-bit symbol" by "symbol delay element, holds a 10-bit symbol"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Reduces the risk the someone could interpret it read "holds 110-bit symbol".

Cl 91 SC 91.5.3.3 P126 L23 # 375
 Cideciyan, Roy IBM
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket
 The formulation "... not supported or enabled" does not seem to be clear.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Replace "... not supported or enabled), ..." by "... not supported or not enabled), ..."
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 91 SC 91.5.3.3 P126 L16 # 376
 Cideciyan, Roy IBM
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 MTTFPA computations in cideciyan_01_0512.pdf always assume that RS decoder reports (indicates) errors to PCS layer whenever there is an uncorrectable code word (error correction mode) or code word contains errors (error detection mode). Therefore, indication of errors to the PCS sublayer is not an option but a mandatory feature of the RS decoder in order to have satisfactory MTTFPA.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Replace "The Reed-Solomon decoder may optionally provide ..." by "The Reed-Solomon decoder shall provide ..."
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See comment #369.

Cl 91 SC 91.5.3.3 P126 L17 # 377
 Cideciyan, Roy IBM
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 MTTFPA computations in cideciyan_01_0512.pdf always assume that RS decoder reports (indicates) errors to PCS layer whenever there is an uncorrectable code word (error correction mode) or code word contains errors (error detection mode). Therefore, indication of errors to the PCS sublayer is not an option but a mandatory feature of the RS decoder in order to have satisfactory MTTFPA.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Omit the following two sentences: "The presence of this option is indicated by the assertion ... (see 91.6.4). When the option is provided, it is enabled ... (see 91.6.2)."
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 See comment #369.

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Cl 91 SC 91.5.3.3 P126 L21 # 378
Cideciyan, Roy IBM

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

MTTFPA computations in cideciyan_01_0512.pdf always assume that RS decoder reports (indicates) errors to PCS layer whenever there is an uncorrectable code word (error correction mode) or code word contains errors (error detection mode). Therefore, indication of errors to the PCS sublayer is not an option but a mandatory feature of the RS decoder in order to have satisfactory MTTFPA.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace "When the error indication function is enabled and the decoder determines that a code word ..." by "When the decoder determines that a code word ..."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See comment #369.

Cl 91 SC 91.5.3.3 P126 L25 # 379
Cideciyan, Roy IBM

Comment Type TR Comment Status D bucket

Transcoder in the receiver is 256B/257B to 64B/66B transcoder.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace "256B/267B to 64B/66B transcoder" by "256B/257B to 64B/66B transcoder"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 91 SC 91.6.2 P138 L35 # 380
Cideciyan, Roy IBM

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

MTTFPA computations in cideciyan_01_0512.pdf always assume that RS decoder reports (indicates) errors to PCS layer whenever there is an uncorrectable code word (error correction mode) or code word contains errors (error detection mode). Therefore, indication of errors to the PCS sublayer is not an option but a mandatory feature of the RS decoder in order to have satisfactory MTTFPA.

SuggestedRemedy

Omit subclause 91.6.2 as this variable is not needed.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #369.

Cl 91 SC 91.6.4 P138 L48 # 381
Cideciyan, Roy IBM

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

MTTFPA computations in cideciyan_01_0512.pdf always assume that RS decoder reports (indicates) errors to PCS layer whenever there is an uncorrectable code word (error correction mode) or code word contains errors (error detection mode). Therefore, indication of errors to the PCS sublayer is not an option but a mandatory feature of the RS decoder in order to have satisfactory MTTFPA.

SuggestedRemedy

Omit subclause 91.6.4 as this variable is not needed.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #369.

Cl 30 SC 30.5.1.1.17 P23 L53 # 382
Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

nonresetable

SuggestedRemedy

nonresettable, as in base document. Two places.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 92 SC 92.8.3.7 P159 L36 # 383
Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

Put the subclauses in the same order as Table 92-5 (or vice versa).

SuggestedRemedy

Also in 92.8.4.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Align table and subclause ordering Table 92-5 and Table 92-7

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Cl 30 SC 30.6.1.1.5 P25 L22 # 384
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics
 Comment Type ER Comment Status D PHY order
 Order of PHY types.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Use the order chosen for p48 line 42 73.6.4 Table 73-4-Technology Ability Field encoding or (reversed) in p50 73.7.6 Table 73-5-Priority Resolution. That is: slow to fast, wide to narrow, high power or short reach to low power or long reach. Also in 45.2.1.6 and 45.2.1.7.4
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 The inserted items are in priority resolution order in 30.6.1.1.5.
 Comment #90 changes 45.2.1.6 to be the same as 45.2.1.7.4 and 45.2.1.7.5 (i.e. also priority resolution order).

Cl 80 SC 80.5 P70 L11 # 385
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics
 Comment Type T Comment Status D Delay
 The Skew and particularly, Skew Variation allocations were developed for 10 lanes. When there can be no more than 4 lanes, trace length mismatch will be reduced, so these limits are probably higher than needed for 4 lanes, costing buffers that will never be used.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Review the Skew and Skew Variation allocations, bearing in mind the difference between 10 lanes and 4.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 In project .3ba it was concluded that 4 lane and 10 lane implementations could suffer from the same skew (in terms of time). There has been no evidence presented in this project to overturn that conclusion.

Cl 92 SC 92.1 P144 L46 # 386
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Where do 1e-5 and 1.7e-10 come from? I'm not convinced they are exactly right.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add an informative section documenting the calculations - perhaps in 80.1.2 BER Objective, because the issue is not specific to Clause 92.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 The project objective is to support a BER of better than or equal to 1E-12 at the MAC/PLS service interface which yields the frame error ratio equivalent defined per brown_3bj_02_0912 and cideciyan_3bj_01a_0912.
 The adopted baseline proposal (gustlin_01_0312, slide 6) asserts that an output BER of 1E-12 could be achieved with an uncorrected input BER of 2.34E-5 using the RS(528,514) code. The 1E-5 is a rough approximation to this value.
 It is not necessary to include a section that derives these values (there are a number of parameters in the standard where the derivation is present only in the contributions that propose them).

Cl 92 SC 92.7.1 P148 L43 # 387
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket
 maximum insertion loss
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change to recommended maximum insertion loss, as D1.1 comment 451.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Use suggested remedy.
 Comment #451 correctly implemented.

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Cl 93 SC 93.9.1 P209 L48 # 388
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type T Comment Status D

What does symbol error ratio mean? In 91.6.7 a symbol is 10 bits on one FEC lane. But this might mean a bit, or a PAM-4 symbol (2 bits, 1 UI).

SuggestedRemedy

Please clarify.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This table assigns a value to parameters defined in Annex 93A. The definition must be addressed first in the annex and changed in Clause 93 and Clause 94 to be consistent.

"Target uncorrected symbol error ratio" was intended to be a catch-all term for both PAM2 and PAM4 modulation, the latter of which conveys 2 bits in a 4-level "symbol". However, it is understood that this could be misunderstood to mean 10-bit Reed-Solomon symbol errors.

Therefore, in Annex 93A, as well as Clause 93 and Clause 94, change "Target uncorrected symbol error ratio" to "Target detector error ratio" with the symbol "DER_0".

Change the second paragraph of 93A.1.6 to:

"The noise amplitude, A_n , is the magnitude of the value of y_0 that satisfies the relationship $P(y_0) = \text{DER}_0$ where DER_0 is the target detector error ratio. The detector error ratio is the probability that the detector fails to identify the signal level that was transmitted."

Cl 92A SC 92A.4 P281 L29 # 389
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket

maximum insertion loss

SuggestedRemedy

Change to recommended maximum insertion loss, as D1.1 comment 451.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Use suggested remedy

Comment#451 correctly implemented.

Cl 92 SC 92.8.3.5 P157 L28 # 390
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Recommending insertion loss for host channel is good but not the whole story.

SuggestedRemedy

Add a recommendation for ILD or other metric to control host channel quality.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Suggested remedy proposal lacking sufficient recommended changes to implement in the draft.

Cl 92 SC 92.8.4.3.1 P161 L42 # 391
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type T Comment Status D

It would be more practical if signals from test equipment were calibrated after a mated MCB/HCB as is normal in the compliance board method, rather than before the MCB. This also puts the LH MCB connector loss and crosstalk within the calibration.

SuggestedRemedy

Define the signals from test equipment (including crosstalk, Figure 92-7) after a mated MCB/HCB rather than at PGC or equivalent.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Suggested remedy proposal lacking sufficient recommended changes to implement in the draft.

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Cl 93A SC 93A.1.1 P289 L1 # 392
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type T Comment Status D

This says "It is recommended that the scattering parameters be measured with uniform time step no larger than Δf from a start frequency no larger than f_{min} to a stop frequency of at least the signaling rate f_b ." However, Eq. 93A-17 integrates from $-\infty$ to ∞ .

SuggestedRemedy

This annex is a normative definition, so please define which frequencies are to be taken into account in Eq. 93A-17.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The annex recommends that the scattering parameters be measured from f_{min} to f_b (see 93A.1.1). In 93A.1.4, it recognizes that the Fourier integral will most likely be implemented as discrete Fourier transform and in NOTE 1 states that the measured data would need to be extrapolated to DC and half of the sampling rate for the purpose.

It is left as an exercise for the user determine the sampling frequency and extrapolation method required to achieve the most accurate result. This is analogous to leaving the user to determine which instrument or method of calibration would yield the most accurate measurement. This annex endeavors to specify what is to be calculated in the purest of terms.

Cl 93A SC 93A.1.3.1 P290 L19 # 393
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Don't use a mixture of units for the same purpose. The rest of this document uses decibels.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the three entries in 93A-2 from nepers to dB. Also adjust Eq. 93A-8.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Specifying α_i in dB and converting back to nepers for use in Equation (93A-8) would make the equation messy and more difficult to use.

Equation (93A-8) yields the correct answer with the parameters in Table 93A-2.

It should be noted that coefficients of the Amax equation in Annex 69B (channel recommendations for 1000BASE-X, 10GBASE-KX4, 10GBASE-KR, 40GBASE-KR4) are in units of nepers.

Cl 93A SC 93A.1.3.1 P290 L19 # 394
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Are these losses really per m?

SuggestedRemedy

Check.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The losses really are per meter.

Cl 93A SC 93A.1.4 P291 L32 # 395
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type T Comment Status D

This says "the filtered voltage transfer function may need to be extrapolated ... to DC ... The extrapolation method ... must be chosen carefully to limit the error in the COM computation." Agreed, so better to measure what we can.

SuggestedRemedy

Find out what frequency suitable network analysers can support (10 MHz? 20 MHz? Clause 92 host specs are from 10 MHz) and change f_{min} from 50 MHz to that.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

This comment is misplaced as f_{min} is defined in Annex 93A as a parameter and the value of the parameter is assigned by the clause that invokes the method.

In both Clause 93 (Table 93-8) and Clause 94 (Table 94-17) f_{min} is defined to be 50 MHz. The commenter does not recommend or justify a specific value of f_{min} for these clauses. There are number of suitable network analyzers that measure down to 50 MHz. The reference to Clause 92 is inconclusive because it pertains to a 5 m cable assembly with a significantly larger propagation delay than the backplane channels considered by Clauses 93 and 94.

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CI 93A SC 93A.1.4 P291 L33 # 396
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type T Comment Status D

This says "the ... Nyquist frequency must be chosen carefully to limit the error in the COM computation." But the Nyquist frequency (half the signalling rate) is not for choosing, and the S-parameters should be measured "to at least the signaling rate fb". What should be chosen carefully?

SuggestedRemedy
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Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The Nyquist frequency is half of the sampling frequency and not necessarily half of the signaling rate.

The calculation of COM requires multiple samples per unit interval, f_s/f_b , and therefore the sampling rate is f_s and the corresponding Nyquist frequency is $f_s/2$. The sampling rate is a choice for an implementer of the algorithm.

Therefore, f_s can be expected to be well in excess of f_b and the implementer of the COM algorithm has a number of choices for extrapolation, e.g. pad with zeros.

To avoid further confusion regarding "Nyquist frequency", change the last sentence of NOTE 1 to:
 ".the filtered voltage transfer function may need to be extrapolated (both to DC and to one half of the sampling frequency) for this computation. The extrapolation method and sampling frequency must be chosen carefully to limit the error in the COM computation."

CI 92 SC 92.8.3.6 P159 L12 # 397
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Don't proliferate almost-identical jitter metrics. We already have J9, we don't need "J0 where BER0 is 10^{-9} ".

SuggestedRemedy

Change "J0 where BER0 is 10^{-9} " to J9, consider changing "J1 where BER0 is 10^{-5} " to J5 or J4, adjust Q values appropriately.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

The definition of J2 and J9 jitter is defined to be the interval that includes all but $1E-2$ and $1E-9$ of the jitter distribution respectively (see 86.8.3.3.1 and 86.8.3.3.2).

However, J_n in 92.8.3.6 is defined to be the range of sampling times around the signal transitions for which the BER at these sampling times is BER_n .

Therefore, J0 in 92.8.3.6 is not the same as J9 in 86.8.3.3.2 and shouldn't be assigned the same name.

CI 92 SC 92.8.3 P153 L15 # 398
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Need specs for common-mode output return loss and output mode conversion loss (from common to differential).

SuggestedRemedy

Add specs for common-mode output return loss and output mode conversion loss (from common to differential). For example, use the InfiniBand FDR specs, scaled for signalling rate.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

Suggested remedy proposal lacking sufficient recommended changes to implement in the draft. Resubmitted D1.1 comment#445

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Cl 92 SC 92.8.3.6 P158 L28 # 399
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Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Following up on D1.1 comment 433.
 Several editorials and technical points, including that this section needs subheadings for each jitter type.

SuggestedRemedy

Editor see email I sent you on 13 August and again on 18 September.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Suggested remedy proposal lacking sufficient recommended changes to implement in the draft.

Cl 92 SC 92.1 P164 L1 # 400
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

For 35 dB headline loss, the consensus was that this method of specification is inadequate for backplanes. Cables have worse low frequency loss and the channel is divided in three parts, so it's not likely that this method can deliver as much performance reliably.
 Technical Feasibility of this draft has not been established.

SuggestedRemedy

Use COM and other analysis to establish what level of performance is reasonable. With this method of specification, a reduced headline loss and reach and/or tighter ILD may be needed.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Proposal lacking sufficient recommended changes to implement in the draft.

Cl 94 SC 94 P219 L1 # 401
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type TR Comment Status D general

PAM4 was sold as able to work on KR class channels - now I'm beginning to hear that's not true.

SuggestedRemedy

Unless someone shows a significant class of channels with Broad Market Potential that PAM4 with FEC can handle and PAM2 with FEC can't, delete Clause 94.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The commenter has provided insufficient justification for the suggested remedy.

Cl 93A SC 93A P287 L # 402
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Is the COM metric stable against small changes in electrical length such as would be caused by thermal expansion? I.e., does it predict the channel at an unlucky temperature?

SuggestedRemedy

Find out, and modify it if it isn't.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

93.5.10 highlights that a system integrating the 100GBASE-KR4 PHY is expected to operate over a reasonable range of environmental conditions related to temperature, humidity, etc. and that these parameters are beyond the scope of the standard.

Many of the parameters that are specified in the draft have some dependence on manufacturing process, supply voltage, temperature, etc. To be successfully integrated into a system environment, compliance must be maintained over these conditions. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the implementer to verify that these requirements continue to be met across the environmental variables expected for the target environment.

The channel should be no different. If the channel characteristics vary over temperature, for example, then the implementer should verify that the COM requirement is satisfied over the necessary temperature range.

Stability of the COM metric against temperature is not a requirement. It is required to provide a useful performance estimate for a channel measured in whatever environment conditions are appropriate (the definition of which is beyond the scope of the standard).

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Cl 92 SC 92.8.4.3.4 P162 L48 # 403
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 This is supposed to be a DEFINITION of what interference tolerance means. Possible testers with "no more than TBD m" can make anything fail by setting the amplitude very small.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Delete "no more than".
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See comment #61 provides TBD value

Cl 92 SC 92.10 P164 L1 # 404
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Cable needs a spec to control common-mode generation and maybe an Scc22 spec.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add an Scd21 or ICMCN spec. Check if other common-mode or mixed-mode specs are missing, add them if appropriate.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 Proposal lacking sufficient recommended changes to implement in the draft.

Cl 92 SC 92.12.1.1 P178 L25 # 405
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics
 Comment Type E Comment Status D late
 No need for obfuscatory names.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Rename "Style-1" as QSFP, "Style-2" as CFP4.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 CFP4 is an MSA HW Specification. Style used in base document for 802.3ba.

Cl 80 SC 80.1.3 P59 L33 # 406
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics
 Comment Type T Comment Status D late, Style
 This says "CONDITIONAL BASED ON PHY TYPE" but for some PHY types it's not conditional: 74.1 "The 40GBASE-CR4 and 100GBASE-CR10 PHYs described in Clause 85 optionally use the FEC sublayer".
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change to "DEPENDING ON PHY TYPE". Also Figure 80-3b.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 "CONDITIONAL BASED ON PHY TYPE" and "DEPENDING ON PHY TYPE" have identical meaning in the English language.

Cl 80 SC 80.3.2 P63 L31 # 407
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics
 Comment Type T Comment Status D late, Style
 Draft proposes changing OPTIONAL OR OMITTED DEPENDING ON PHY TYPE to CONDITIONAL BASED ON PHY TYPE in Figure 80-3. Yet figure shows 10-lane PMAs below FEC. In general, these can mix up the lanes so are not allowed with Clause 91 FEC.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Don't do proposed change. I think the same applies to Figure 80-4, Figure 80-5. But if a change is appropriate, use just "DEPENDING ON PHY TYPE".
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 "CONDITIONAL BASED ON PHY TYPE" means the same as "DEPENDING ON PHY TYPE"

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Cl 92 SC 92.10.4 P168 L9 # 408
Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type T Comment Status D late

Because of the (through) loss of the MCB, this return loss limit is ineffective at high frequencies.

SuggestedRemedy

Tighten the limit at high frequencies by up to twice the MCB trace loss.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Return loss specifications is already tight at high frequencies. Cable assembly plugs into host receptacle. Host trace has minimum IL consistent with MCB IL; see (92A-2). Resolve with comment#165.