

IEEE P802.3bj D1.2 100 Gb/s Backplane and Copper Cable 3rd Task Force review comments

Cl 00 SC P L # 280
Brown, Matthew APM

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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, deap power save mode, physical idle power save mode, full idle power save mode...

Proposed Response Response Status O

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

Comment Type ER Comment Status X

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.

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CI 00 SC 0 P L # 350
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

CI 00 SC Table 94-17 P L # 162
 Lusted, Kent Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

It seems quite odd to use the term "signaling rate" with GHertz. Should it be GBaud?

SuggestedRemedy

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

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 01 SC 1.4.53a P21 L15 # 353
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

CI 30 SC 30.1.1.15 P23 L19 # 93
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 30 SC 30.1.1.16 P23 L25 # 94
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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

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CI 30 SC 30.3.2.1.2 P L # 354
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status X

"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 O

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.15 P23 L20 # 355
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.16 P23 L38 # 356
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.16 P23 L47 # 367
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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.

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CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.17 P23 L53 # 382
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics
 Comment Type E Comment Status X
 nonresetable
 SuggestedRemedy
 nonresetable, as in base document. Two places.
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.17 P24 L4 # 357
 Anslow, Pete Ciena
 Comment Type E Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.17 P24 L5 # 300
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.17 P24 L7 # 301
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.18 P24 L36 # 358
 Anslow, Pete Ciena
 Comment Type E Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 30 SC 30.6.1.1.5 P25 L22 # 384
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics
 Comment Type ER Comment Status X
 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
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CI 45 SC 2.1.93f P34 L21 # 186
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status X
 "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 O

CI 45 SC 2.1.93f P34 L23 # 187
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 45 SC 2.1.93g P34 L39 # 192
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

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

SuggestedRemedy
 Change 3.200.15:0 to 1.230.15:0

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 45 SC 2.7.13a P39 L43 # 193
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

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

Comment Type E Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.8 P29 L53 # 359
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status X
 The additions to 45.2.1.8 are not shown with underline font

SuggestedRemedy
 Show the additions with underline font

Proposed Response Response Status O

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Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.81 P31 L6 # 302
 Dudek, Mike QLogic

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.93 P32 L4 # 120
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.93a P31 L37 # 360
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.93f P34 L24 # 373
 Kvist, Bengt Ericsson AB

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1.93g P34 L39 # 368
 Anslow, Pete Ciena
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.9.a P35 L46 # 361
 Anslow, Pete Ciena
 Comment Type E Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.9 P36 L21 # 121
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 45 SC 45-7 P28 L # 90
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status X
 For consistancy 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 O

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.9.6 P36 L19 # 362
 Anslow, Pete Ciena
 Comment Type E Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 45 SC 45-72a P31 L # 91
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status X
 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 O

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CI 72 SC 72.6.10.2.4 P476 L34 # 125
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type E Comment Status X
 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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

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

Comment Type E Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 73 SC 73.11 P52 L19 # 12
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell

Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 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."

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

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

CI 73 SC 73.6.4 P49 L3 # 13
D'Ambrosia, John Dell

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 78 SC 5.2 P56 L13 # 197
Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

PIASE MDIO register bit has been assigned

SuggestedRemedy

Change 1.n.n to 1.7.9

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 78 SC 5.2 P56 L8 # 196
Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

Regiset bits for PEASE have been defined.

SuggestedRemedy

Change 1.n.n to 1.7.8

Proposed Response Response Status O

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

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

CI 78 SC 78.1 P53 L32 # 92
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

Typo - replace 40GBASECR10 with 40GBASE-CR4

SuggestedRemedy

Per comment

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CI 78 SC 78.1.4 P54 L1 # 363
 Anslow, Pete Ciena
 Comment Type E Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 78 SC 78.2 P55 L5 # 348
 Anslow, Pete Ciena
 Comment Type E Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 78 SC 78.5 P54 L47 # 250
 Trowbridge, Steve Alcatel-Lucent
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 "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 O

CI 78 SC 78.5 P54 L48 # 95
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 78 SC 78.5 P55 L20 # 38
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco
 Comment Type E Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 78 SC 78.5 P55 L32 # 42
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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
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CI 78 SC 78.5 P55 L32 # 40
Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 78 SC 78.5 P55 L34 # 34
Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 78 SC 78.5 P55 L35 # 35
Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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.

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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

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CI 78 SC 78-4 P55 L # 96
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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.

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CI 79 SC 79.4 P58 L1 # 36
Barrass, Hugh Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 80 SC 3.2 P63 L32 # 335
Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type ER Comment Status X

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 implemented 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 O

CI 80 SC 3.2 P63 L32 # 329
Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

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CI 80 SC 3.2 P63 L32 # 332
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 primitives.

SuggestedRemedy

Propose repositioning Fig 80-3a and Fig 80-3b under section 80.3.2 where they belong.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 80 SC 3.3.4.1 P63 L52 # 198
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 80 SC 3.3.6.1 P66 L15 # 337
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status X

How does this work if there is a 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 O

CI 80 SC 3.3.7 P66 L34 # 338
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 capability or fast wake EEE capability ? However this comment could be incorrect as I still don't fully understand fast wake EEE :)

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 80 SC 4 P67 L14 # 339
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status X

Does the first row of Table 80-3 have any implications 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 O

CI 80 SC 5 P67 L44 # 333
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Do we need to add an additional figure (say Figure 80-5b), showing an example with a CAUI4 interface 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 O

CI 80 SC 5 P70 L23 # 199
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 80 SC 80.1.3 P58 L48 # 303
 Dudek, Mike QLogic

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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CI 80 SC 80.1.3 P59 L33 # 406
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics
 Comment Type T Comment Status X late
 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 O

CI 80 SC 80.2.2 P L # 366
 Anslow, Pete Ciena
 Comment Type E Comment Status X
 "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 O

CI 80 SC 80.1.4 P59 L50 # 98
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 80 SC 80.2.2 P62 L5 # 304
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 80 SC 80.1.5 P61 L37 # 351
 Anslow, Pete Ciena
 Comment Type E Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 80 SC 80.2.6 P62 L43 # 85
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status X
 For consistancy 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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 80 SC 80.3.1 P62 L51 # 364
Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

CI 80 SC 80.3.2 P63 L31 # 407
Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type T Comment Status X late

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

Per changes to the LPI transmit 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 O

CI 80 SC 80.4 P67 L20 # 352
Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

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CI 80 SC 80.5 P70 L11 # 385
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 80 SC 80-3b P65 L # 87
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

CI 80 SC 80-4 P69 L # 111
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 81 SC 3.1.5 P73 L40 # 334
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type E Comment Status X

This line states that LPI is requested by the RS asserting 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 O

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CI 81 SC 3.2.4 P74 L41 # 340
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 81 SC 3.4 P75 L31 # 341
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 81 SC 3a P76 L1 # 327
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 81 SC 3a P76 L35 # 330
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

"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 true ?

In the case of a Remote Fault condition 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 following 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 O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 81 SC 81.3a P76 L35 # 365
Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

RS Mapping function has Shall statement with no corresponding PIC

SuggestedRemedy

add PIC to LPI Asssertion 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 O

CI 82 SC 1.3 P80 L27 # 188
Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

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Cl 82 SC 1.4 P80 L36 # 328
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status X

"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 O

Cl 82 SC 2.18.2.5 P88 L41 # 201
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

Cl 82 SC 2.18.3.1 P89 L12 # 202
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

Cl 82 SC 2.3.6 P82 L52 # 336
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type ER Comment Status X

"/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 O

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CI 82 SC 2.8a P83 L2 # 331
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 82 SC 2.8a P83 L5 # 200
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 /LI/ control characters as type E

To:

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

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 82 SC 82.2.18.2.2 P86 L # 37
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco
 Comment Type E Comment Status X
 The definition for scr_bypass_enable should be underlined
 SuggestedRemedy
 Underline it.
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 82 SC 82.2.18.2.5 P88 L25 # 18
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 rx_tq_timer SHALL statement does not have a corresponding PIC statement
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add PIC
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 82 SC 82.2.18.3.1 P88 L33 # 39
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 82 SC 82.2.18.3.1 P89 L18 # 283
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 82 SC 82.2.18.3.1 P89 L20 # 282
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 82 SC 82.2.18.3.1 P97 L1 # 284
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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

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

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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

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

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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

RAM should not share M0, M1, M2, M4, M5 & M6 of existing alignment markers as defined in 802.3ba. This would make it easier to distinguish between the two type of alignment marker

Proposed Response Response Status O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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Cl 82 SC 82.6 P92 L38 # 77
 Wong, Don Cisco Systems
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

Cl 83 SC 83.3 P102 L50 # 372
 Kvist, Bengt Ericsson AB
 Comment Type E Comment Status X
 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 O

Cl 83 SC 3 P102 L50 # 189
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status X
 There are 3 additional primitives added by EEE to the PMA sub-clause
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "two" to "three"
 Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 83 SC 83.5.8 P27 L28 # 19
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 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 *KR4
 SuggestedRemedy
 add in Item *KR4 under Feature - 100GBASE-KR4 and 100GBASE-CR4
 Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 83 SC 83.3 P101 L43 # 86
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status X
 Replace 100GBASE-R FEC with 100GBASE-R RS-FEC
 SuggestedRemedy
 per comment
 Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 83A SC 83A.3.2a P269 L33 # 286
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

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Cl 83A SC 83A.3.2a P270 L30 # 285
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

Cl 83A SC 83A.3.3.6 P270 L22 # 288
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 Some instances of CAUI need to be changed
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change CAUI to XLAUI/CAUI - 2 instances.
 Proposed Response Response Status O

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

Cl 83A SC 83A.3.3.6 P270 L24 # 290
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

Cl 83A SC 83A.3.3.1.1 P270 L52 # 287
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

Cl 83A SC 83A.3.3.6 P270 L35 # 291
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

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CI **83A** SC **83A.3.4.7** P**27** L**36** # **289**
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco
 Comment Type **T** Comment Status **X**
 Some instances of CAUI need to be changed
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change CAUI to XLAUI/CAUI - 2 instances.
 Proposed Response Response Status **O**

CI **83A** SC **83A.4** P**271** L**1** # **292**
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco
 Comment Type **T** Comment Status **X**
 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 **O**

CI **83A** SC **83A.4** P**271** L**6** # **169**
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation
 Comment Type **T** Comment Status **X**
 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 **O**

CI **84** SC **2** P**106** L**50** # **203**
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies
 Comment Type **T** Comment Status **X**
 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 **O**

CI **84** SC **84.2** P**106** L**43** # **20**
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **X**
 PIC statement for LPI, but no corresponding SHALL statement
 SuggestedRemedy
 add SHALL statement
 Proposed Response Response Status **O**

CI **84** SC **84.2** P**106** L**54** # **106**
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type **T** Comment Status **X**
 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 **O**

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CI 84 SC 84.7.2 P107 L6 # 8
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type E Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 84 SC 84.7.2 P8 L10 # 21
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 84 SC 84.7.4 P L # 22
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 84 SC 84.7.4 P107 L21 # 107
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 84 SC 84.7.4 P107 L31 # 105
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

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CI 84 SC 84.7.4 P107 L35 # 305
 Dudek, Mike QLogic

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 84 SC 84.7.6 P106 L50 # 23
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

Loopback during blobal_PMD_transmit_disable Shall statement with no corresponding PIC

SuggestedRemedy

add pic to address

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 85 SC 85.7.4 P111 L19 # 108
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 85 SC 85.7.4 P111 L31 # 306
 Dudek, Mike QLogic

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 85 SC 85.7.6 P110 L49 # 24
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 85 SC 85.7.6 P110 L50 # 25
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

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CI 85 SC 85.7.6 P111 L29 # 109
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 91 SC P118 L14 # 67
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 91 SC 5.3.4 P126 L38 # 190
Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

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Cl 91 SC 5.4.2.1 P130 L16 # 205
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

Cl 91 SC 5.4.2.1 P130 L36 # 207
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

Cl 91 SC 5.4.2.1 P131 L50 # 206
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

Cl 91 SC 5.4.2.1 P133 L17 # 208
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

TBDs are in place for the quiet timers for Clause 91.

SuggestedRemedy

see slavick_3bj_01_1112.pdf

Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 91 SC 5.4.3 P136 L35 # 204
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

Cl 91 SC 6.3 P138 L47 # 191
 Slavick, Jeff Avago Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

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CI 91 SC 91.5.2.5 P119 L19 # 88
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

CI 91 SC 91.5.2.5 P119 L31 # 89
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status X

bullet b) - change to $tx_xcoded_{<4:0>} = 1111$

SuggestedRemedy

per comment

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 91 SC 91.5.2.6 P120 L28 # 69
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type ER Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 91 SC 91.5.2.6 P122 L28 # 110
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 91 SC 91.5.2.7 P123 L34 # 374
Cideciyan, Roy IBM

Comment Type ER Comment Status X

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 O

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CI 91 SC 91.5.3.3 P126 L16 # 376
Cideciyan, Roy IBM

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 91 SC 91.5.3.3 P126 L16 # 369
Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

This says that the indication of uncorrected errors to the PCS is optional. But if uncorrected errors are not indicated, the MTTFPA 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 MTTFPA 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 O

CI 91 SC 91.5.3.3 P126 L17 # 377
Cideciyan, Roy IBM

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 91 SC 91.5.3.3 P126 L21 # 378
Cideciyan, Roy IBM

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 91 SC 91.5.3.3 P126 L22 # 3
Szczepanek, Andre Inphi

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

"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

[changed Subclause to 91.5.3.3 for consistent sorting.]

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 91 SC 91.5.3.3 P126 L23 # 375
Cideciyan, Roy IBM

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 91 SC 91.5.3.3 P126 L25 # 379
Cideciyan, Roy IBM

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 91 SC 91.5.3.3 P126 L25 # 117
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

typo - replace 256B/267B with 256B/257B

SuggestedRemedy

per comment

Proposed Response Response Status O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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CI 91 SC 91.5.3.3 P126 L9 # 2
 Szczepanek, Andre Inphi

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

"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

[changed Subclause to 91.5.3.3 for consistent sorting.]

CI 91 SC 91.5.3.4 P126 L25 # 68
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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

SuggestedRemedy

It needs to be

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

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 91 SC 91.5.3.5 P127 L34 # 71
 Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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

SuggestedRemedy

It needs to be

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

Proposed Response Response Status O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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_pcsi 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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 91 SC 91.5.4.2.1 P131 L8 # 70
Pillai, Velu Broadcom

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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).

SuggestedRemedy

Per the comment.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 91 SC 91.6.2 P138 L35 # 380
 Cideciyan, Roy IBM

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 91 SC 91.6.4 P138 L48 # 381
 Cideciyan, Roy IBM

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

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CI 91 SC 91.7.3 P141 L5 # 26
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 91 SC 91.7.4.1 P142 L31 # 9
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell

Comment Type E Comment Status X

TF9 is for 100GBASE-KR4 and 100GBASE-CR4

SuggestedRemedy

Add 100GBASE-CR4

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 91 SC 91.7.4.2 P143 L18 # 4
 Szczepanek, Andre Inphi

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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

SuggestedRemedy

Delete Item RF5

Proposed Response Response Status W

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

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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

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

CI 91 SC 91.7.4.2 P143 L26 # 10
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell

Comment Type E Comment Status X

subclause reference for RF7 wrong

SuggestedRemedy

change to 91.5.3.4

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 91 SC 91.7.4.3 P143 L53 # 11
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Feature name for SD5 is incorrect

SuggestedRemedy

change to Rx LPI process

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 91 **SC 91-10** **P136** **L** # **114**
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type **T** **Comment Status** **X**

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

SuggestedRemedy

Add paramter called LPI_FW - true in FW mode false in normal wake mode in Figue 91-10 - on the arch from TX_TEST_NEXT to TX_QUITE 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** **O**

CI 92 **SC 10** **P167** **L4648** # **165**
 Bugg, Mark Molex

Comment Type **TR** **Comment Status** **X**

Modify Eqn 92-14 based on measured data

SuggestedRemedy

Change Equation 92-14 from 10.80-13log(f/5.5) to 10.70-14LOG(f/5.5)

Proposed Response **Response Status** **O**

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

Comment Type **E** **Comment Status** **X**

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** **O**

CI 92 **SC 10** **P167** **L4648** # **166**
 Bugg, Mark Molex

Comment Type **TR** **Comment Status** **X**

Return loss limit extending to 25GHz is inconsistent with remainder of cable limits

SuggestedRemedy

Change Frequency limits of Eqn 92-14 from 4.1<=f<=25 to 4.1<=f<=20

Proposed Response **Response Status** **O**

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

Comment Type **E** **Comment Status** **X**

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** **O**

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

Comment Type **T** **Comment Status** **X**

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** **O**

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CI 92 SC 11.1.1 P172 L36 # 220
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 Please multiply the factor 2 in Eq 92-23
 SuggestedRemedy
 $IL(f) = 0.002 + 0.192 \cdot \sqrt{f} + 0.092 \cdot f$
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 11.1.2 P172 L36 # 218
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 Please multiply the factor 2 in front of the equation
 SuggestedRemedy
 $IL(f) = -0.002 + 0.192 \cdot \sqrt{f} + 0.092 \cdot f$
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 11.2 P173 L7 # 221
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 Please multiply factor 1.25
 SuggestedRemedy
 $IL(f) = -0.00125 + 0.120 \cdot \sqrt{f} + 0.0575 \cdot f$
 Proposed Response Response Status O

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

CI 92 SC 11.3.4 P176 L28 # 225
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 92 SC 11.3.5 P177 L38 # 226
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 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 O

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CI 92 SC 11.32 P174 L3 # 224
Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 $4 \leq f \leq 16$ to $4 \leq f \leq 18.75$ GHz

Proposed Response Response Status O

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

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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CI 92 SC 8.3.5 P157 L45 # 217
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 Please multiply the constant factor in EQ 92.4
 SuggestedRemedy
 Updated equation will be
 $IL = 0.0807 + 0.57781 \sqrt{f} + 0.6092 * f$ for $0.01 \leq f \leq 14$ GHz
 $IL = 19.368 + 2.152 * f$ for $14 \leq f \leq 18.75$ GHz
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 8.3.6 P157 L35 # 184
 Ran, Adeo Intel
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 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.
 SuggestedRemedy
 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 O

CI 92 SC 8.4.1 P159 L29 # 257
 Shanbhag, Megha TE Connectivity
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 In equation (92-5) and (92-6) maximum frequency is defined as 25GHz. 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 O

CI 92 SC 8.4.1 P160 L28 # 219
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 Traditionally we have used 0.05 GHz for low freq RL measurements 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 O

CI 92 SC 8.4.2 P159 L42 # 216
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 Differential to common mode conversion with flat value of 10 dB is too relax and simplistic
 SuggestedRemedy
 Purpose the following limit
 $RL \geq -25 + 20 * (f/25.78)$ dB for $0.05 \leq f \leq 12.89$ GHz
 $= -15$ dB from 12.89 GHz to 25.87 GHz
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.1 P144 L42 # 235
 Arumugham, Vinu Cisco
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 "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 O

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CI 92 SC 92.1 P144 L46 # 386
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 92 SC 92.1 P164 L1 # 400
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 92 SC 92.10 P164 L1 # 404
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 92 SC 92.10 P164 L9 # 313
 Dudek, Mike QLogic

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 92 SC 92.10.2 P165 L33 # 322
 Dudek, Mike QLogic

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 92 SC 92.10.2 P165 L33 # 314
 Dudek, Mike QLogic

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 fit 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 O

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CI 92 SC 92.10.2 P166 L30 # 315
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 The "Meets equation constraints" is on the wrong side of the curve.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Move it below the curve.
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.10.7 P170 L29 # 317
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 92 SC 92.10.2 P166 L7 # 299
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type E Comment Status X
 letter got lost
 SuggestedRemedy
 In Figure 92-8 change "eets" to "meets"
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.11 P171 L32 # 318
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 92 SC 92.10.4 P168 L9 # 408
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics
 Comment Type T Comment Status X 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 O

CI 92 SC 92.11 P173 L4 # 319
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 92 SC 92.10.5 P168 L51 # 316
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 There are not 9 lanes in 100GBASE-CR4
 SuggestedRemedy
 Delete "or nine"
 Proposed Response Response Status O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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)

$ILMTF_{min}=0.08*\sqrt{f}+0.2*f$

for f= 0.01 GHz to 18.75 GHz

Equation (92-26)

$ILMTF_{max}=0.114+0.45*\sqrt{f}+0.21*f$

for f= 0.01 GHz to 14 GHz

$ILMTF_{max}=-4.5+0.66*f$

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 O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 92 SC 92.11.3.5 P177 L39-44 # 326
Li, Mike Altera

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

parameters are still TBDs

SuggestedRemedy

values for the TBDs will be provided

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.12.1 P177 L17 # 33
D'Ambrosia, John Dell

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 92 SC 92.12.1.1 P178 L24 # 1
Sommers, Scott Molex

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

CI 92 SC 92.12.1.1 P178 L25 # 405
Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type E Comment Status X

No need for obfuscatory names.

SuggestedRemedy

Rename "Style-1" as QSFP, "Style-2" as CFP4.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 92 SC 92.13 P183 L1 # 371
 Kvist, Bengt Ericsson AB

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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

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

CI 92 SC 92.13.4.3 P187 L3 # 29
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 92 SC 92.13.4.4 P188 L12 # 30
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 92 SC 92.13.4.4 P188 L20 # 31
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

Item RC7 and RC8 refer to the wrong subclause

SuggestedRemedy

change subclause reference to 92.8.4.3.4

Proposed Response Response Status O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 92 SC 92.7.1 P148 L43 # 387
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type T Comment Status X

maximum insertion loss

SuggestedRemedy

Change to recommended maximum insertion loss, as D1.1 comment 451.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 92 SC 92.7.12 P151 L17 # 28
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 92 SC 92.7.12 P151 L6 # 27
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 92 SC 92.7.4 P150 L22 # 116
 Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 signal detect should also function as Alert detect when EEE normal mode is supported and rx_mode is not active
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add the folowing 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 O

CI 92 SC 92.7.7 P151 L4 # 298
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type E Comment Status X
 The sentence is incomplete
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add "to be disabled" on the end of the sentence.
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.7.7 P151 L4 # 370
 Kvist, Bengt Ericsson AB
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 Selective or individual disable dissappeared 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
 [CommentType set to T (commenter did not specify).]

CI 92 SC 92.8.1 P152 L25 # 307
 Dudek, Mike QLogic
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 The AC coupling is in the cable not at the receiver.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Replace "at the receiver" with "within the cable"
 Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 92 SC 92.8.3 P153 L15 # 398
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 92 SC 92.8.3 P153 L21 # 321
 Dudek, Mike QLogic

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

0.5xVf does not match value in Table 92-5

SuggestedRemedy

Remove one.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.8.3.5 P157 L28 # 390
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 92 SC 92.8.3.5 P157 L32 # 308
 Dudek, Mike QLogic

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Figure 92-5 Y axis reads ... Max and Min.

SuggestedRemedy

Should be only Max.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 92 SC 92.8.3.6 P158 L28 # 399
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 92 SC 92.8.3.6 P159 L12 # 397
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 92 SC 92.8.3.6 P159 L2 # 309
 Dudek, Mike QLogic

Comment Type T Comment Status X

The editor's note is no longer required

SuggestedRemedy

Delete the editor's note.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.8.3.7 P159 L36 # 383
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Put the subclauses in the same order as Table 92-5 (or vice versa).

SuggestedRemedy

Also in 92.8.4.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

No sinusoidal jitter mask is specified.

SuggestedRemedy

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

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.8.4.3 P161 L12 # 311
 Dudek, Mike QLogic

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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CI 92 SC 92.8.4.3.1 P161 L42 # 391
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 92 SC 92.8.4.3.1 P161 L43 # 243
 Arumugham, Vinu Cisco

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Figure 92-6 has PCG.

SuggestedRemedy

Change to PGC.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92.8.4.3.4 P162 L48 # 403
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

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CI 92 SC 92.8.4.3.4 P162 L48 # 310
 Dudek, Mike QLogic

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 92 SC 92.8.4.4 P162 L21 # 32
 D'Ambrosia, John Dell

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 92 SC 92.8.4.4 P163 L21 # 312
 Dudek, Mike QLogic

Comment Type T Comment Status X

We should specify the error rate before FEC

SuggestedRemedy

Change "10e-12" to "10e-5 before FEC"

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 92 SC 92-4 P146 L44 # 59
 DiMinico, Christopher MC Communications

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 92A SC P281 L6 # 320
 Dudek, Mike QLogic

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 92A SC 3 P281 L36 # 222
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

Equation 92A-1 is not consistent 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 O

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CI **92A** SC **4** P**280** L**37** # **223**
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **X**

Equation 92A-1 is not consistent 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 $0.7 \cdot 0.5 / 0.092$ then loss at 12.89 GHz will be 1.25 dB
 $IL_{Prop} = 0.0097 + 0.0729 \cdot \sqrt{f} + 0.0692 \cdot f$ where f is from 0.01 to 18.75 GHz

ghiasi_01_1112 will compare these two graphs

Proposed Response Response Status **O**

CI **92A** SC **5** P**283** L**34** # **253**
 Shanbhag, Megha TE Connectivity

Comment Type **T** Comment Status **X**

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

SuggestedRemedy

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

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

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

CI **92A** SC **92A.4** P**281** L**29** # **389**
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type **T** Comment Status **X**

maximum insertion loss

SuggestedRemedy

Change to recommended maximum insertion loss, as D1.1 comment 451.

Proposed Response Response Status **O**

CI **92A** SC **92A.4** P**282** L**28** # **168**
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type **E** Comment Status **X**

The caption to Figure 92A-1 is corrupted.

SuggestedRemedy

Repair the figure caption.

Proposed Response Response Status **O**

CI **92A** SC **92A.5** P**283** L**15** # **170**
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type **T** Comment Status **X**

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 **O**

CI **92A** SC **92A.5** P**284** L**2** # **323**
 Dudek, Mike QLogic

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **X**

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 **O**

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CI 92A SC 92A.8 P285 L29 # 64
 DiMinico, Christopher MC Communications
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 93 SC 8.2.2 P206 L22 # 230
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 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
 $RL = 12 - 0.5 \log_{10}(f/8)$
 $= 5.65 - 9.71 \log_{10}(f/14)$ for $8 \leq f \leq 25$ GHz (dB) (92-1)
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 93 SC 8.1.2 P200 L20 # 227
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 93 SC 9.2 P207 L50 # 214
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 The insertion loss is defined up to 13.89 GHz where the loss is ~80 dB
 SuggestedRemedy
 Suggest to limit the range to 60 dB loss
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 93 SC 8.1.4 P201 L32 # 229
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 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
 $RL = 12 - 0.5 \log_{10}(f/8)$
 $= 5.65 - 9.71 \log_{10}(f/14)$ for $8 \leq f \leq 25$ GHz (dB) (92-1)
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 93 SC 9.2 P207 L50 # 231
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 The insertion loss is defined up to 25.78 GHz where the loss is ~80 dB, many specifications 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 O

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CI 93 SC 93.1 P192 L38 # 237
 Arumugham, Vinu Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 is undesirably low MTTFPA (Mean Time To False Packet Acceptance) if receiver ignores FEC.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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CI 93 SC 93.7.4 P196 L49 # 118
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X
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 O

CI 93 SC 93.7.5 P197 L9 # 293
Kochuparambil, Beth Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status X
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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X
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 O

CI 93 SC 93.8.1.1 P199 L46 # 294
Kochuparambil, Beth Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status X
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 O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X
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 O

CI 93 SC 93.8.1.5 P201 L13 # 245
Moore, Charles Avago Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X
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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 as 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 O

CI 93 SC 93.8.1.8 P204 L32 # 236
 Arumugham, Vinu Cisco

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

No sinusoidal jitter mask is specified.

SuggestedRemedy

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

Proposed Response Response Status O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

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CI 93 SC 93.8.2.2 P206 L52 # 50
 Ben-Artsi, Liav Marvell
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 93 SC 93.8.2.3 P207 L15 # 46
 Ben-Artsi, Liav Marvell
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 93 SC 93.8.2.2 P206 L52 # 177
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 93 SC 93.8.2.3 P207 L19 # 80
 Mellitz, Richard Intel Corporation
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 93 SC 93.8.2.2 P206 L52-53 # 325
 Li, Mike Altera
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 Eq (93-7) is still TBD
 SuggestedRemedy
 A proposed Eq for (93-7) will be provided.
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 93 SC 93.8.2.3 P207 L7 # 178
 Healey, Adam LSI Corporation
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X
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 O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X
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 O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X
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 O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X
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 O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X
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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 93 SC 93.9.1 P209 L48 # 388
Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 93 SC 93.9.3 P208 L32 # 55
Ben-Artzi, Liav Marvell

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 BenArtzi_3bj_01_1112.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 93 SC 94.3.13.3 P255 L31 # 81
 Mellitz, Richard Intel Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 93A SC 93A P287 L # 402
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 93A SC 93A.1.1 P286 L49 # 244
 Moore, Charles Avago Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status X

"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 O

CI 93A SC 93A.1.1 P289 L1 # 392
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type T Comment Status X

This says "It is recommended that the scattering parameters be measured with uniform time step no larger than Delta_f from a start frequency no larger than fmin to a stop frequency of at least the signaling rate fb." However, Eq. 93A-17 integrates from -infinity to infinity.

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 O

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Cl 93A SC 93A.1.3.1 P290 L19 # 394
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 Are these losses really per m?
 SuggestedRemedy
 Check.
 Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 93A SC 93A.1.3.1 P290 L19 # 393
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

Cl 93A SC 93A.1.4 P291 L32 # 395
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 fmin from 50 MHz to that.
 Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 93A SC 93A.1.4 P291 L33 # 396
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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
 ?
 Proposed Response Response Status O

Cl 93a SC 93A.1.5 P292 L9 # 78
 Mellitz, Richard Intel Corporation
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 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 O

Cl 93A SC 94.4.1 P256 L44 # 130
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

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CI 94 SC 2.11.3 P228 L45 # 344
 Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type ER Comment Status X

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 O

CI 94 SC 3.10.6.2 P239 L3 # 345
 Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type ER Comment Status X

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 O

CI 94 SC 3.10.6.4 P239 L26 # 342
 Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status X

"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 O

CI 94 SC 3.10.6.4 P239 L26 # 346
 Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type ER Comment Status X

"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 O

CI 94 SC 3.10.6.4 P239 L30 # 343
 Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status X

"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 O

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CI 94 SC 3.10.7.2 P240 L37 # 347
 Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 94 SC 3.12.1.1 P245 L45 # 232
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 insted 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 O

CI 94 SC 3.12.1.1 P246 L45 # 233
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

Return loss stops at 10 GHz

SuggestedRemedy

change stop frequency of 10 GHz to 14 GHz

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 94 SC 3.12.4 P248 L14 # 234
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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
 $RL = 12 - 0.5 \text{ from } 0.05 \leq f \leq 8$
 $= 5.65 - 9.71 \log(f / 14) \text{ dB for } 8 \leq f \leq 14 \text{ GHz}$

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 94 SC 3.13.2 P253 L50 # 213
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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
 $RL = 12 - 0.5 \text{ from } 0.05 \leq f \leq 8$
 $= 5.65 - 9.71 \log(f / 14) \text{ dB for } 8 \leq f \leq 14 \text{ GHz}$

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 94 SC 3.13.2 P254 L7 # 215
 Ghiasi, Ali Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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
 $RL \geq -25 + 20 \cdot (f / 13.89) \text{ dB for } 0.05 \leq f \leq 6.95 \text{ GHz}$
 $= -15 \text{ dB from } 6.95 \text{ GHz to } 13.89 \text{ GHz}$

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 94 SC 4.2 P256 L35 # 252
 Shanbhag, Megha TE Connectivity

Comment Type T Comment Status X
 Equation (94-17) is defined as $a_5 + a_6 \cdot f - f_2$ for frequency range $f_2 < f \leq f_{max}$
 It seems like there could be ambiguity on whether this means $a_6 \cdot (f - f_2)$ or $(a_6 \cdot f) - f_2$

SuggestedRemedy
 change Equation (94-17) to $a_5 + a_6 \cdot (f - f_2)$ for frequency range $f_2 < f \leq f_{max}$

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 94 SC 94 P219 L1 # 401
 Dawe, Piers IPtronics

Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 94 SC 94 P219 L1 # 267
 Brown, Matthew APM

Comment Type E Comment Status X
 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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

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CI 94 SC 94.2.10 P228 L52 # 262
Brown, Matthew APM

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 94 SC 94.2.11 P229 L18 # 145
Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 94 SC 94.2.12 P229 L50 # 155
Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 94 SC 94.2.2 P223 L12 # 259
Brown, Matthew APM

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 94 SC 94.2.2 P223 L25 # 268
Brown, Matthew APM

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type E Comment Status X

the word "also" is not required

SuggestedRemedy

delete "also"

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 94 SC 94.2.2.3 P224 L30 # 142
Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type ER Comment Status X

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 O

CI 94 SC 94.2.3 P227 L4 # 143
Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 94 SC 94.2.4 P227 L36 # 269
Brown, Matthew APM

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

CI 94 SC 94.2.4 P227 L46 # 260
Brown, Matthew APM

Comment Type T Comment Status X

tx_symbol should be rx_symbol

SuggestedRemedy

Change "tx_symbol" to "rx_symbol".

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 94 SC 94.2.5 P228 L4 # 144
Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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CI 94 SC 94.2.6 P228 L13 # 261
Brown, Matthew APM

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 94 SC 94.3.1.2.1 P231 L29 # 263
Brown, Matthew APM

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 94 SC 94.3.1.2.2 P231 L35 # 264
Brown, Matthew APM

Comment Type T Comment Status X

tx_symbol should be rx_symbol

SuggestedRemedy

Change "tx_symbol" to "rx_symbol".

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 94 SC 94.3.1.3 P231 L54 # 119
Sela, Oren Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 94 SC 94.3.10.2 P237 L24 # 266
 Brown, Matthew APM

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 94 SC 94.3.10.7.1 P241 L24 # 273
 Brown, Matthew APM

Comment Type T Comment Status X

The sub-clause defines the status fields.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "control messages" to "status messages".

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 94 SC 94.3.10.7.2 P241 L31 # 146
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

Termination 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 O

CI 94 SC 94.3.10.8 P243 L7 # 147
Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 94 SC 94.3.10.8 P243 L7 # 149
Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 94 SC 94.3.10.8 P243 L7 # 148
Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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CI 94 SC 94.3.11 P244 L21 # 274
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 94 SC 94.3.12 P247 L36 # 275
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 94 SC 94.3.12.1.2 P248 L6 # 150
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 94 SC 94.3.12.3 P248 L28 # 151
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 94 SC 94.3.12.4 P249 L4 # 276
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 94 SC 94.3.12.4 P249 L8 # 56
 Ben-Artsi, Liav Marvell
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 94 SC 94.3.12.6.1 P250 L51 # 137
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status X

The vlaues for steady state voltage and peak value are TBD.

SuggestedRemedy

Provide values for the steady state voltage and peak value.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 94 SC 94.3.12.6.2 P251 L16 # 152
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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CI 94 SC 94.3.12.6.3 P251 L32 # 138
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 94 SC 94.3.12.7 P252 L15 # 139
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 94 SC 94.3.12.9 P253 L42 # 277
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 94 SC 94.3.13 P254 L21 # 278
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 94 SC 94.3.13 P255 L5 # 140
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 The value for CM return loss is specified as TBD.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Provide specification for CM return loss.
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 94 SC 94.3.13.2 P254 L4 # 279
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

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CI 94 SC 94.3.13.2 P254 L48 # 58
 Ben-Artsi, Liav Marvell
 Comment Type TR Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 94 SC 94.3.3 P232 L20 # 134
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 Delay constraints have TBD values.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Provide values for TBD delay constraints.
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 94 SC 94.3.13.3 P2255 L31 # 141
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 94 SC 94.3.4 P232 L46 # 135
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 Skew constraints have TBD values.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Provide values for TBD skew constraints.
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 94 SC 94.3.13.3 P254 L7 # 248
 Moore, Charles Avago Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 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 O

CI 94 SC 94.3.6.3 P235 L9 # 265
 Brown, Matthew APM
 Comment Type T Comment Status X
 tx_symbol should be rx_symbol
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "tx_symbol" to "rx_symbol".
 Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 94 SC 94.3.6.5 P235 L36 # 126
Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

CI 94 SC 94.3.6.5 P235 L37 # 127
Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type E Comment Status X

Only one following paragraph.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "two paragraphs" to "paragraph".

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 94 SC 94.3.6.6 P235 L52 # 271
Brown, Matthew APM

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 94 SC 94.3.6.6 P235 L52 # 270
Brown, Matthew APM

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

CI 94 SC 94.3.6.7 P236 L13 # 272
Brown, Matthew APM

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

CI 94 SC 94.4.1 P256 L17 # 153
 Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type T Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

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

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

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CI 94 SC 94.4.1 P256 L33 # 57
Ben-Artsi, Liav Marvell

Comment Type TR Comment Status X

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 O

CI 94 SC 94.4.4 P258 L27 # 154
Matthew, Brown Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status X

The editor's note points out that the ICN must be specified here.

SuggestedRemedy

Provide ICN specification(s).

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 94 SC Table 94-6 P239 L6 # 159
Lusted, Kent Intel

Comment Type ER Comment Status X

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 O

CI 99 SC P4 L26 # 349
Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

CI 99 SC P6 L13 # 156
Lusted, Kent Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

CI 99 SC P6 L14 # 157
Lusted, Kent Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status X

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 O

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CI **99** *SC* **99** *P***6** *L***13** #

Healey, Adam LSI Corporation

Comment Type **E** *Comment Status* **X**

 Replace "Task Force name" with the actual Task Force name for both Chair and Editor-in-Chief.

SuggestedRemedy

 Per comment.

Proposed Response *Response Status* **O**