

ENCODING/DECODING SCHEME TO ACHIEVE STANDARD COMPLIANT MEAN TIME TO FALSE PACKET ACCEPTANCE



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- **Most hard-decision (HD) decoding of block is bounded distance decoding**
 - BCH and RS codes
 - Berlekamp-Massey decoding algorithm
- **Two kinds outputs for HD decoding**
 - 1) Decoding failure
 - 2) A valid codeword.
- **Output 2) can be a wrong codeword, i.e. not the transmitted codeword**
- **Two kinds of error rates for HD decoding**
 - a) P_f : probability of decoding failure (or uncorrectable)
 - b) P_m : probability of miscorrection (or undetectable)
- **The final probability of error is**

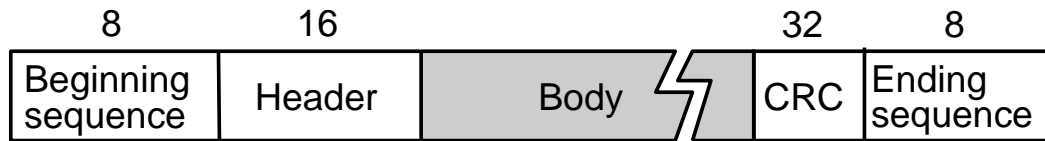
$$P_e = P_f + P_m \text{ (usually } P_f \gg P_m \text{)}$$

- **Optimal decoding: Maximum Likelihood Decoding (MLD)**
 - Always output a codeword
 - The codeword that maximizes the conditional probability of a codeword given a received word
 - No decoding failure for MLD
 - Probability of error is the probability of miscorrection $P_e = P_m$
- **Iterative decoding of LDPC codes**
 - Add a syndrome check for power saving in every iteration
 - Always output a word
 - The decoder will stop iterating if the estimated codeword passes the syndrome check
 - Otherwise it will keep iterating until the maximum number of iterations is reached and output a word
 - The information bits of the output word can be correct even though they may not pass the syndrome check due to errors in the (less protected) parity bits only
 - Therefore the LDPC decoder does not declare a decoding failure in this case
 - Probability of bit error is the probability of **miscorrection on information bits**

$$P_e = P_{m,\text{info}}$$

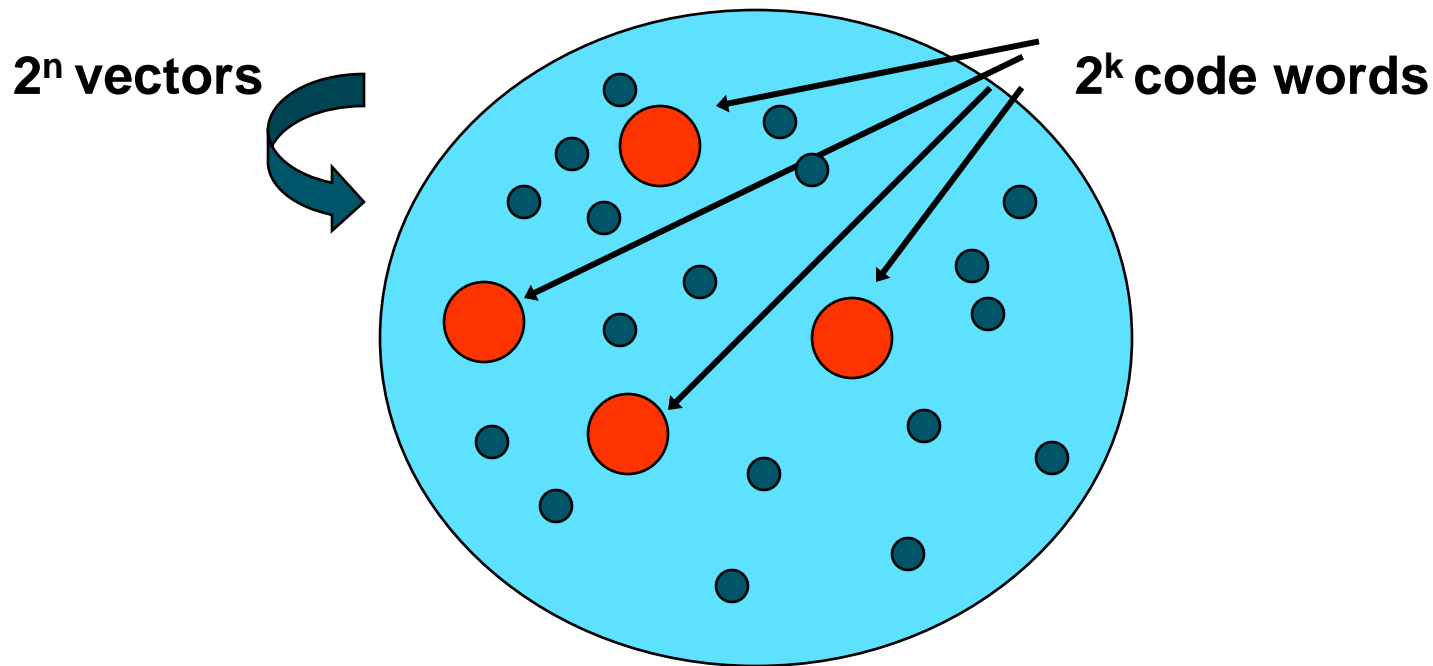
PACKET ERROR DETECTION WITH CYCLIC REDUNDANCY CHECK (CRC)

- Add $n-k$ bits of extra data (the CRC field) to an k -bit message to provide error detection function (i.e. an (n,k) binary cyclic code)



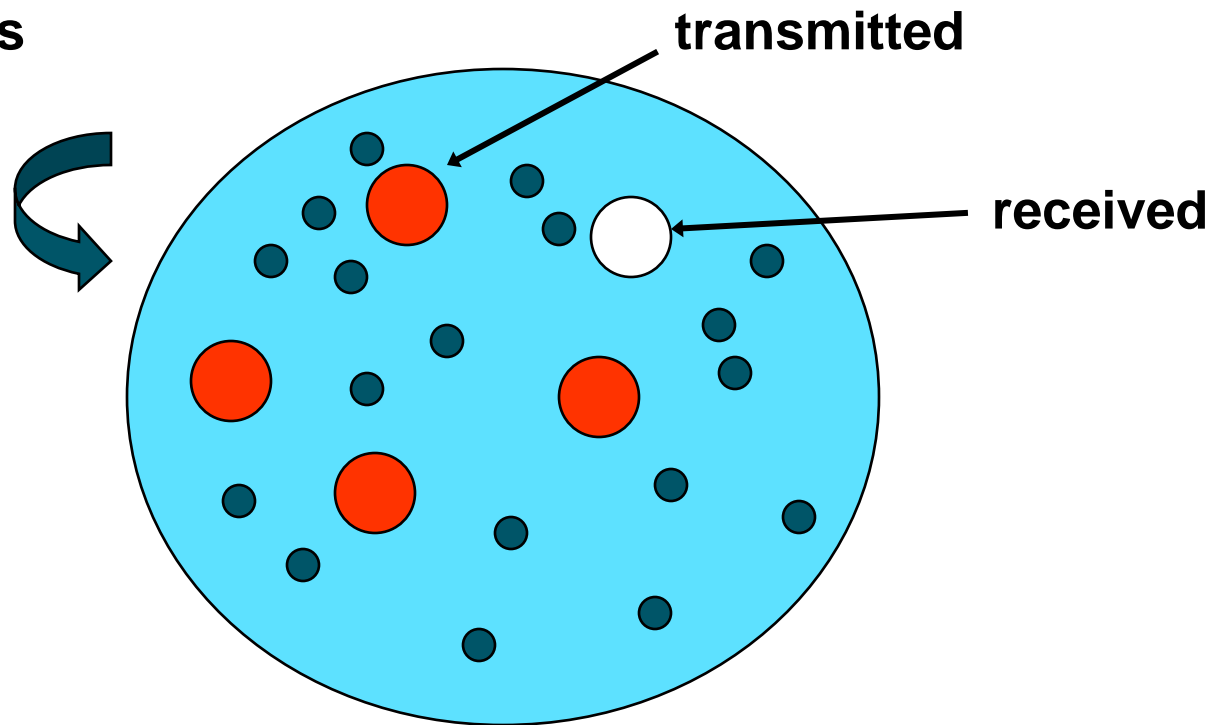
- For efficiency, $n-k \ll n$
 - e.g., $n-k = 32$ for Ethernet and $k = 12,000$ (1500 bytes)

Replace k information bits by a unique n bit code word



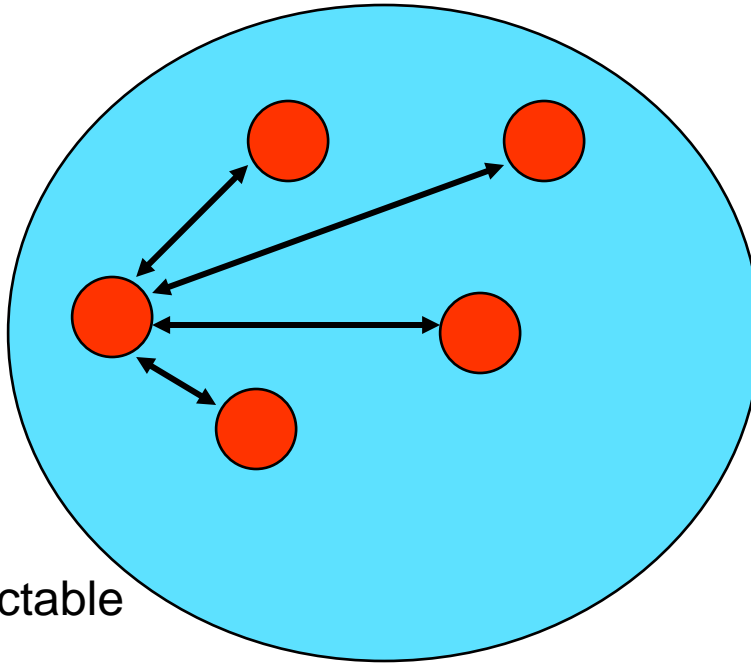
Received vector not equal to one of the 2^k code words

2^n vectors



code words differ in at least d_{\min} positions

2^k vectors



up to $d_{\min} - 1$
errors are detectable

0xx1x0x0



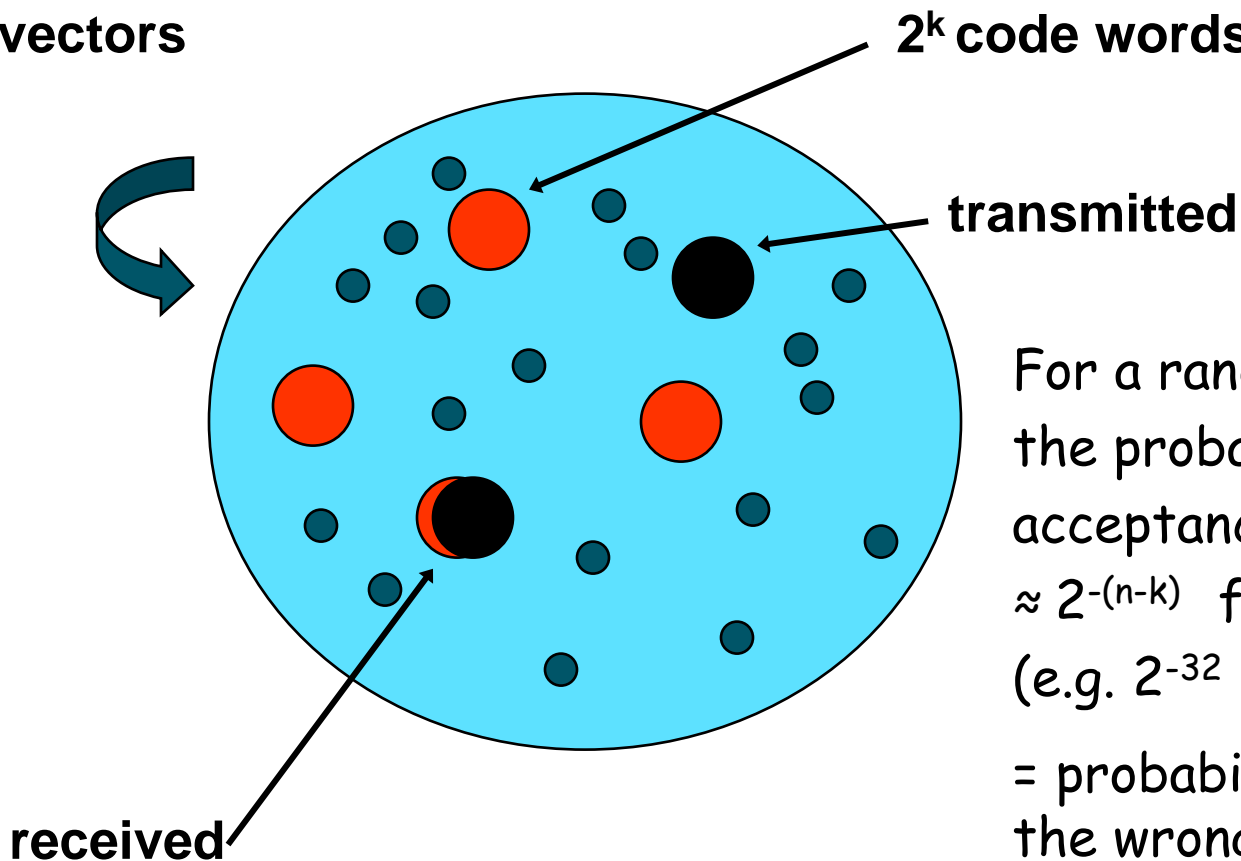
4 differences

1xx0x1x1

≤ 3 errors can be detected

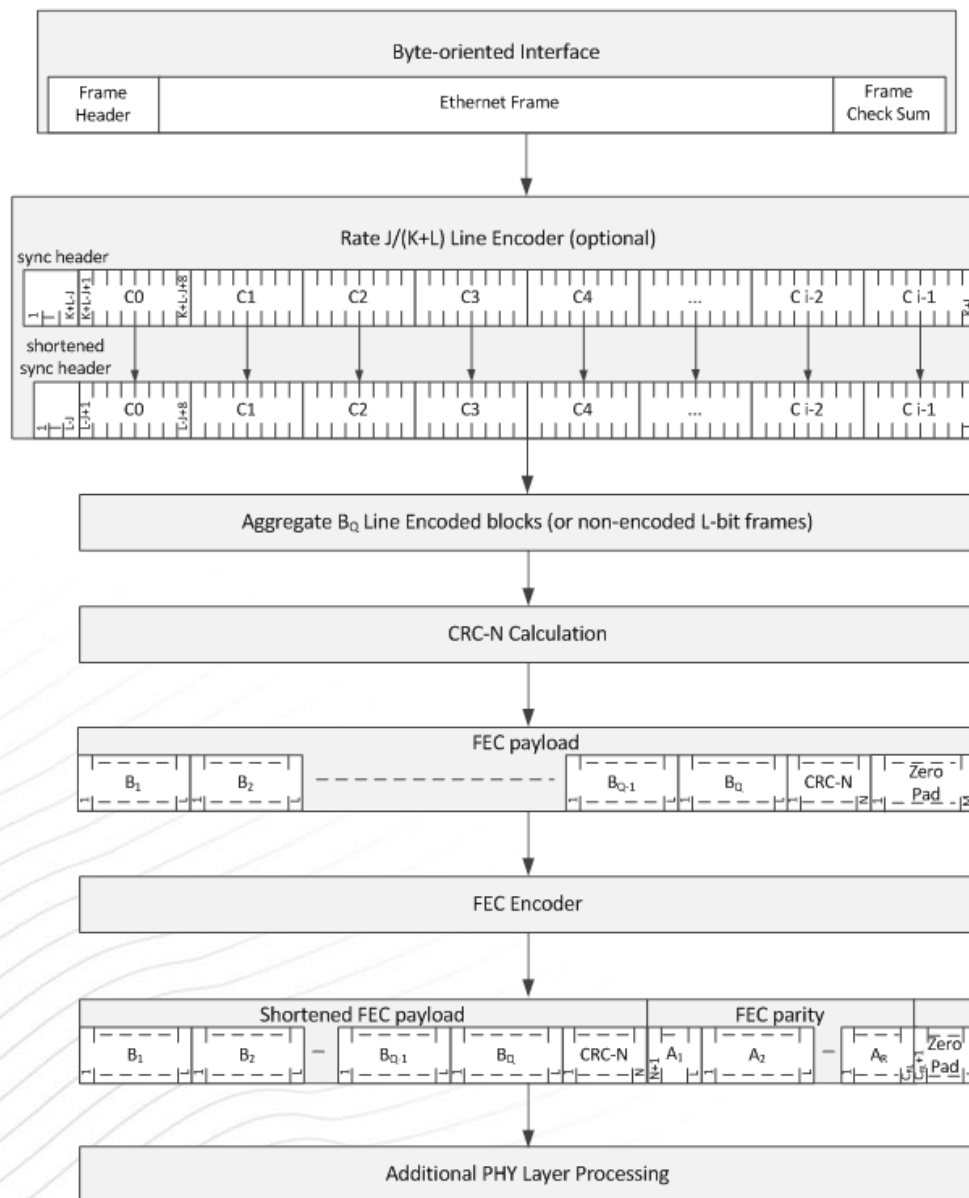
2^n vectors

2^k code words

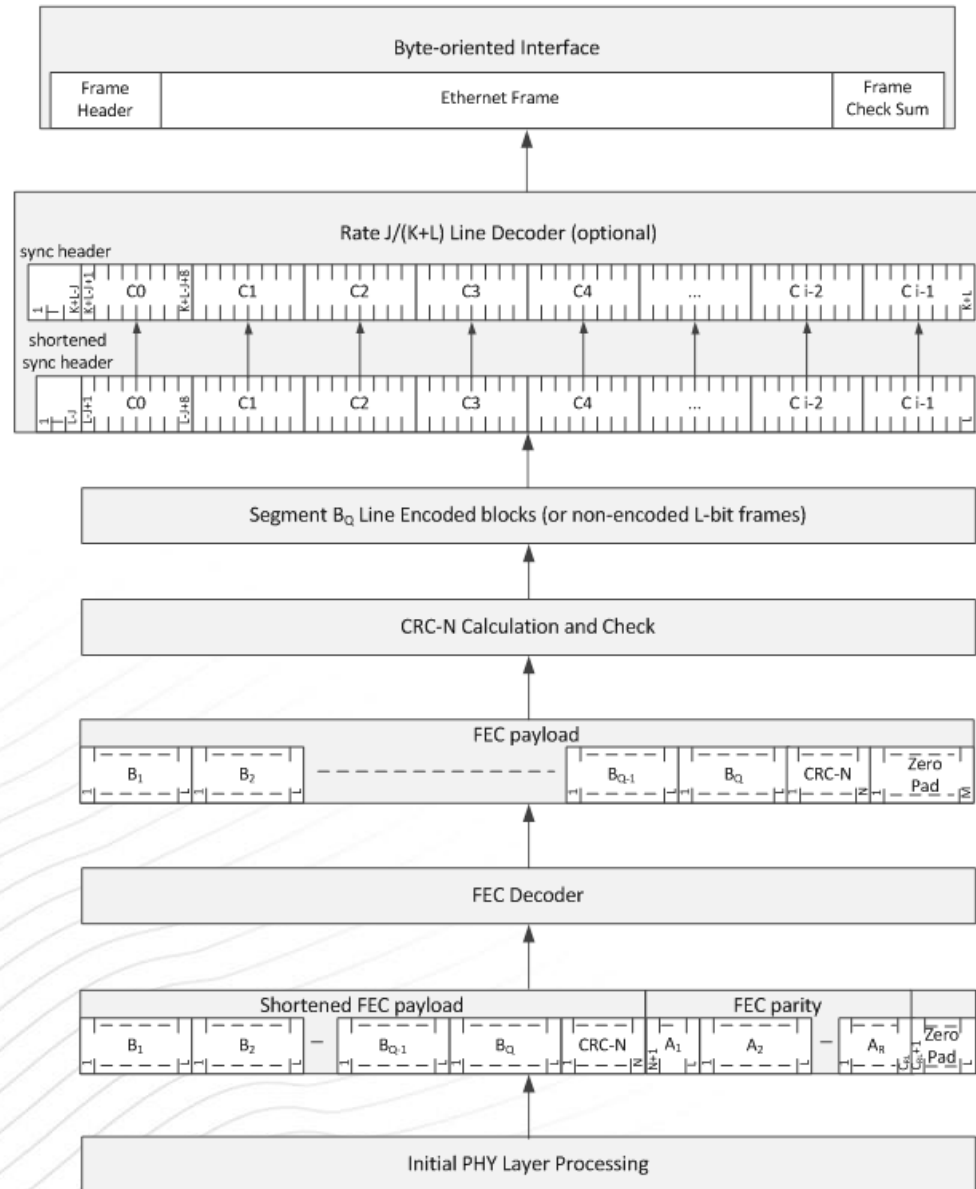


For a random vector:
the probability of false
acceptance is $(2^k - 1) / 2^n$
 $\approx 2^{-(n-k)}$ for $2^k \gg 1$
(e.g. $2^{-32} = 2.3e-10$)
= probability of hitting
the wrong code word
(misdetection)

GENERAL PHY ENCODING SCHEME



GENERAL PHY DECODING SCHEME



- Let F be the number of minimum size Ethernet frames including FCS and header per (n,k) FEC codeword information payload given by:

$$F = \frac{\text{FEC Payload}}{[8 * (64 + H)]} = \left\lfloor \frac{[k/L]}{(64 + H)} * \frac{L}{8} \right\rfloor + \begin{cases} 0, & k \bmod L = 0 \\ 1, & k \bmod L = 1 \\ 2, & k \bmod L \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Denote FLR as the Frame Loss Ratio (= Frame Error Ratio).

- Codeword information bit errors with probability P_{WE} corrupts any or all Ethernet frames with probability $P_{FE} = FLR$ in the (n, k) FEC codeword payload, where

$$P_{WE} = 1 - (1 - P_{FE})^F = FP_{FE} - \binom{F}{2} P_{FE}^2 + \dots \approx F * P_{FE}, P_{FE} \ll 1$$

- For the number of bits N in the CRC plus the number of bits in the FCS (which is 32 for the Ethernet CRC-32 FCS), the False Packet Acceptance Ratio (FPAR) is given by:

$$FPAR = P_{WE} * 2^{-(N+32)} = F * FLR * 2^{-(N+32)}$$

- The length N of the CRC is chosen to be long enough to insure the MTTFPA is achieved.
- The MTTFPA is the inverse of the False Packet Acceptance Ratio (FPAR) times the Ethernet frame bit rate R :

$$MTTFPA = 1/(FPAR * R)$$

- The minimum MTTFPA occurs at the maximum packet rate since they are inversely related.
- For a fixed bit rate B over the PHY layer, the packet rate is maximized for the smallest size Ethernet frames (64 bytes plus any additional header):

$$R = \frac{B}{8 * (64 + H + IFG)}$$

- where the number of header bytes H plus the number of bytes for the inter-frame gap IFG are added to the minimum Ethernet payload size of 64 bytes.

- Therefore the MTTFPA which is the inverse of the FPAR times the Ethernet frame rate R is given by:

$$MTTFPA = 1/(FPAR * R) = 1/\left(F * FLR * 2^{-(N+32)} * \frac{B}{8 * (64 + H + IFG)}\right)$$

- So the minimum value N for a CRC to achieve a desired MTTFPA can be calculated solving for N above:

$$N \geq \frac{\log[MTTFPA * F * FLR * \frac{B}{8 * (64 + H + IFG)} * 2^{-32}]}{\log[2]}$$

- The preferred value of the MTTFPA in IEEE 802.3 standards is the age of the universe which is estimated to be 14 billion years (4.4×10^{17} seconds).

The number of minimum size Ethernet frames including header and FCS per long FEC codeword information payload given by:

$$F = \left\lceil \frac{\lfloor 14400/65 \rfloor * 65}{(64 + 8)} * \frac{65}{8} \right\rceil + 2 = 26$$

- For an FLR of 1e-6 in the downstream at a 10 Gbps bit rate,

$$N \geq \frac{\log \left[4.4 \times 10^{17} * 26 * 10^{-6} * \frac{10 \times 10^9}{8 * (64 + 8 + 12)} * 2^{-32} \right]}{\log[2]} = 35.2$$

- A minimum 36 bit CRC is needed to achieve the required MTTFPA
- Choose a standard 40 bit CRC used in GSM control channels
 - CRC generator polynomial: $x^{40} + x^{26} + x^{23} + x^{17} + x^3 + 1$

EPOC MEAN TIME TO FALSE PACKET ACCEPTANCE (DOWNSTREAM)

- For a 40 bit CRC plus the 32 bits in the FCS, the Mean Time To False Packet Acceptance is:

$$MTTFPA = 1 / \left(26 * 10^{-6} * 2^{-(40+32)} * \frac{10 * 10^9}{8 * (64 + 8 + 12)} \right) = 1.22 * 10^{19}$$

- This is greater than the required age of the universe MTTFPA of $4.4 * 10^{17}$ seconds.

EPOC MEAN TIME TO FALSE PACKET ACCEPTANCE (UPSTREAM)



- For the same 40 bit CRC plus the 32 bits in the FCS, the Mean Time To False Packet Acceptance is:

$$MTTFPA = 1 / \left(5 \times 10^{-5} * 26 * 2^{-(40+32)} * \frac{10 \times 10^9}{8 * (64 + 8 + 12)} \right) = 2.44 \times 10^{17}$$

- This is less than the required age of the universe MTTFPA of 4.4×10^{17} seconds.
- Approaches to increase the upstream MTTFPA
 - Use a longer CRC
 - Reduce the Frame Loss Ratio
 - Reduce the maximum PHY layer bit rate
- Recommended approach is to reduce the upstream bit rate

EPOC MEAN TIME TO FALSE PACKET ACCEPTANCE (UPSTREAM) - CONTINUED

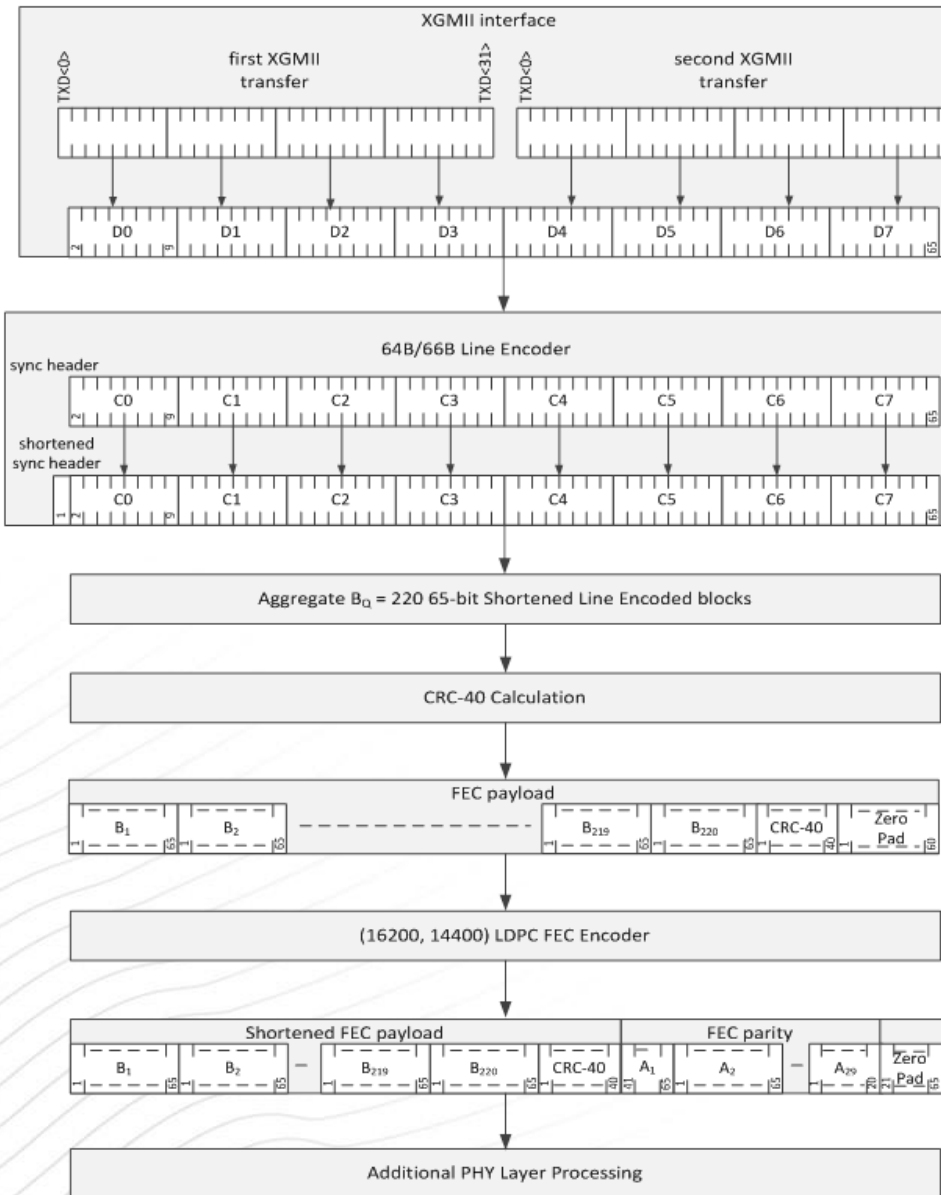


- Reduce the upstream maximum PHY layer bit rate to 5 Gbps
- For the same 40 bit CRC plus the 32 bits in the FCS, the Mean Time To False Packet Acceptance is:

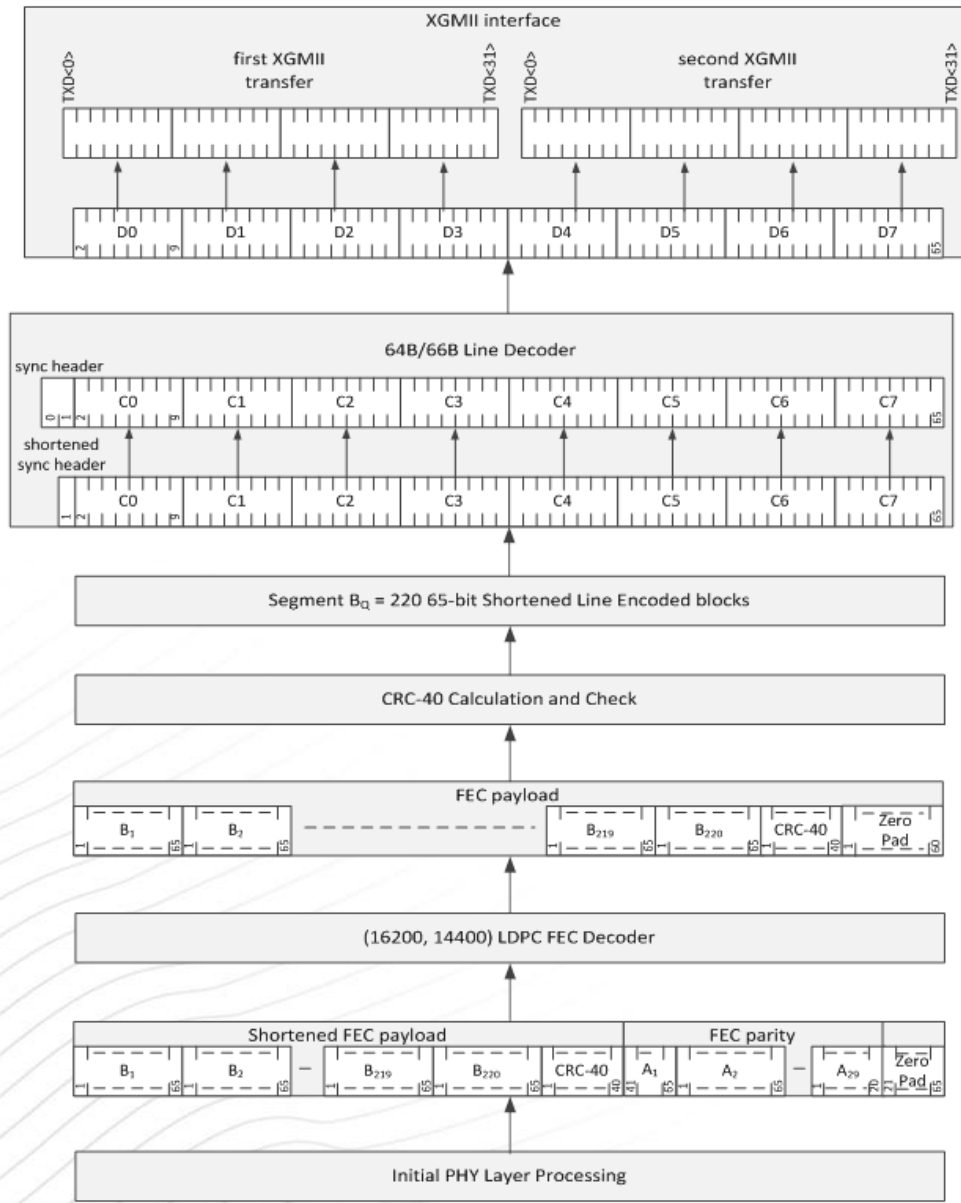
$$MTTFPA = 1 / \left(5 \times 10^{-5} * 26 * 2^{-(40+32)} * \frac{5 \times 10^9}{8 * (64 + 8 + 12)} \right) = 4.88 \times 10^{17}$$

- This is now greater than the required age of the universe MTTFPA of 4.4×10^{17} seconds.

EPOC PHY ENCODING SCHEME



EPOC PHY DECODING SCHEME



- **For each FEC Payload received (or equivalent)**
(Similar to 74.7.4.5 FEC decoder)
 - If Information CRC check is good
 - For each block contained in B_Q :
 - Set Bit 0 of expanded 64b/66b Sync Header to inverse of 65b Bit 0 (XOR)
 - Append remaining 65 bits from block
 - If Information CRC check is bad
 - For every block contained in B_Q :
 - Set Bit 0 and Bit 1 of expanded 64b/66b Sync Header to '11' to indicate invalid
 - Append remaining 64 bits of 65b block

- **Higher layer 64b/66b decoding will process as normal**
 - A “invalid” Sync Header gets flagged as “sh_invalid” and processed/counted accordingly to ensure that detected errors are signaled to the MAC for every frame containing an error.

- **An encoding and decoding scheme to achieve standard compliant Mean Time to False Packet Acceptance has been presented**
- **Analysis of this approach utilizing a 40 bit CRC exceeds the required MTTFPA equal to the age of the universe**
- **The use of a standardized 40 bit CRC used in the GSM standard is proposed for this scheme**
- **The maximum bit rates for the PHY layer depend on the Ethernet Frame Loss Ratios**
 - 10 Gbps downstream with a $1e-6$ Frame Loss Ratio
 - 5 Gbps upstream with a $5e-5$ Frame Loss Ratio

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Incorporate the MTTFPA encoding/decoding scheme as presented in prodan_3bn_02a_0913.pdf with the adopted FEC codes in the downstream and upstream EPoC PHY layer.

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Technical decision, 75% or greater

Yes:

No:

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