

IEEE P802.3bq D2.3 25G/40GBASE-T Ethernet 3rd Working Group recirculation ballot comments

Cl 00 SC 0 P L # 1 [redacted]  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

Now that the 802.3bx revision has been approved by the IEEE SASB, the "base\_year" variable in all files should be changed from 201x to 2015

SuggestedRemedy

Change the "base\_year" variable in all files from 201x to 2015 which should change all instances of "IEEE Std 802.3-201x" to "IEEE Std 802.3-2015"

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Cl FM SC FM P 11 L 28 # 2 [redacted]  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

This draft does not have the latest version of the Introduction text as per the latest 802.3 FrameMaker template.

On line 28, "IEEE Std 802.3 is comprised of" should be "IEEE Std 802.3 is composed of"

SuggestedRemedy

Change "IEEE Std 802.3 is comprised of" to "IEEE Std 802.3 is composed of"

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Make suggested change AND

Editor to confirm that latest version of introduction text is in use in the draft.

Cl 1 SC 1.4.131a P 24 L 37 # 3 [redacted]  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

A comma is not used in 802.3 as a thousands separator. The Style guide has: "Digits should be separated into groups of three, counting from the decimal point toward the left and right. The groups should be separated by a space, and not a comma, period, or dash. If the magnitude of the number is less than one, the decimal point should be preceded by a zero. In numbers of four digits, the space is not necessary, unless four-digit numbers are grouped in a column with numbers of five digits or more."

Consequently, "2,000" should be "2000"

SuggestedRemedy

Change "2,000" to "2000"

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Cl 1 SC 1.5 P 25 L 11 # 4 [redacted]  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

The expansion of abbreviations in 802.3 does not use initial caps unless the text is a proper noun.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "Attenuation to Crosstalk Ratio - Far End" to "attenuation to crosstalk ratio - far end"

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Cl 28 SC 28.5.3 P 27 L 40 # 5 [redacted]  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

"See Clause 1.4" is a very unhelpful cross-reference.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "See Clause 1.4" to "See 1.4.278a" where 1.4.278a is a cross-reference.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.1 P 35 L 32 # 6 [redacted]  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

In Table 45-3, 45.2.1.74 through 45.2.1.77 are shown in forest green, but they should be cross-references

SuggestedRemedy

Change 45.2.1.74 through 45.2.1.77 to be cross-references in black font.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1.6 P 36 L 16 # 7  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Editorial

The allocation of bits shown in Table 45-7 for the "25GBASE-T PMA" is "1 0 0 1 1 1"  
 This is not the allocation proposed in the meeting of editors on 13 February, see:  
[http://www.ieee802.org/3/by/public/adhoc/architecture/anslow\\_021815\\_25GE\\_adhoc.pdf#page=6](http://www.ieee802.org/3/by/public/adhoc/architecture/anslow_021815_25GE_adhoc.pdf#page=6)  
 This allocation would put 25GBASE-T between 40GBASE-T and 100GBASE-CR10  
 The proposed allocation was "1 1 0 1 1 1" which is adjacent to the 25G allocations being made by P802.3by.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the allocation from "1 0 0 1 1 1" to "1 1 0 1 1 1"

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.14c P 38 L 1 # 8  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

Subclause 45.2.1.14c being inserted by P802.3by comes after 45.2.1.14a as inserted by P802.3bw, hence it should be 45.2.1.14b not 45.2.1.14c.  
 Similar issue for Table 45-17c, which should be Table 45-17b.  
 A comment has been submitted against P802.3by D2.1 to correct these.

SuggestedRemedy

Change 45.2.1.14c to 45.2.1.14b  
 Change Table 45-17c to Table 45-17b

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.14c P 38 L 4 # 9  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial

References to amendments that are expected to complete before this one should be of the form "IEEE Std 802.3xx-201x"

SuggestedRemedy

In editing instructions, change all references:  
 from "IEEE P802.3by" to "IEEE Std 802.3by-201x"

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Editor to check with 802.3 leadership on the established best practice, and implement.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.14c P 38 L 6 # 10  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

The title of Table 45-17c should not have initial caps for "Extended Ability"

SuggestedRemedy

Change "Extended Ability" to "extended ability" as per P802.3by D2.1

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.14c.0a P 38 L 19 # 11  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

A subclause being inserted before 45.2.1.14c.1 should be 45.2.1.14c.a, not 45.2.1.14c.0a

SuggestedRemedy

Change the inserted subclause number (and the number in the editing instruction) from 45.2.1.14c.0a to 45.2.1.14c.a (actually 45.2.1.14b.a due to another comment)

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI FM SC FM P 14 L 1 # 12  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

The task force name has not been changed in the header for even pages of the TOC file

SuggestedRemedy

Correct the task force name in the header for even pages of the TOC file

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.3.6 P 44 L 3 # 13  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

The editing instruction for Table 45-123 does not match the changes being made: there are more changes than described and the whole table is shown.  
 This table is being modified by P802.3by which is likely to complete before P802.3bq.  
 The change made to the reserved row is incorrect.  
 Footnote a is incorrect.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the editing instruction to "Change Table 45-123 (as modified by IEEE Std 802.3by-201x) as follows:"  
 Show "0 1 1 1" as "= Select 25GBASE-R PCS type"  
 Show the reserved bits as being changed to "3.7.15:4"  
 Change footnote a to "R/W = Read/Write, RO = Read only"

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.7 P 44 L 28 # 14  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

Table 45-124 is being modified by P802.3by which is likely to complete before P802.3bq.  
 "Ignore when read" has been changed to "Value always 0" in the reserved row by the 802.3bx revision.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Coordinate with the P802.3by editorial team to show consistent changes between the two amendments.  
 Change "Ignore when read" to "Value always 0" in the reserved row.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.7.5a P 44 L 47 # 15  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

The subclause for "25GBASE-T capable (3.8.9)" should be inserted between:  
 45.2.3.7.3 Receive fault (3.8.10) and 45.2.3.7.4 100GBASE-R capable (3.8.5)  
 The P802.3by amendment is changing this to be:  
 45.2.3.7.3 Receive fault (3.8.10)  
 45.2.3.7.3a 25GBASE-R capable (3.8.7)  
 45.2.3.7.4 100GBASE-R capable (3.8.5)  
 Consequently, The subclause for bit 3.8.9 should be 45.2.3.7.3aa and for bit 3.8.6 should be 45.2.3.7.3b giving:  
 45.2.3.7.3 Receive fault (3.8.10)  
 45.2.3.7.3aa 25GBASE-T capable (3.8.9)  
 45.2.3.7.3a 25GBASE-R capable (3.8.7)  
 45.2.3.7.3b 40GBASE-T capable (3.8.6)  
 45.2.3.7.4 100GBASE-R capable (3.8.5)

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the editing instruction for the bit 3.8.9 subclause to: "Insert 45.2.3.7.3aa after 45.2.3.7.3 and before 45.2.3.7.3a (as inserted by IEEE Std 802.3by-201x) as follows:"  
 Add a separate editing instruction for the bit 3.8.6 subclause : "Insert 45.2.3.7.3b after 45.2.3.7.3a (as inserted by IEEE Std 802.3by-201x) as follows:"  
 Renumber the subclauses accordingly.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.9 P 45 L 20 # 16  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

The change of title for register 3.20 is not shown in Table 45-119.  
 The added "1" in the second sentence of 45.2.3.9 should be underlined.  
 The change to the title of Table 45-125 is not consistent with the register name "EEE control and capability 1"

*SuggestedRemedy*

Show the change of title for register 3.20 in Table 45-119.  
 Show the added "1" in the second sentence of 45.2.3.9 in underline font.  
 Change to the title of Table 45-125 from "EEE control and capability register 1 bit definitions" to "EEE control and capability 1 register bit definitions"

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

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CI 113 SC 113.12.1.1 P 200 L 18 # 17  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 Comment i-52 against P802.3bx D3.0 changed all instances of "enquiries" to "inquiries" in 802.3  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change "enquiries" to "inquiries".  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 113 SC 113.12.1.2 P 200 L 30 # 18  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 "IEEE Std 802.3-201x, Clause 113" should be "IEEE Std 802.3bq-201x, Clause 113"  
 On line 38, "conform to IEEE Std 802.3-201x" should be "conform to IEEE Std 802.3bq-201x"  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change "IEEE Std 802.3-201x, Clause 113" to "IEEE Std 802.3bq-201x, Clause 113"  
 On line 38, change "conform to IEEE Std 802.3-201x" to "conform to IEEE Std 802.3bq-201x"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 1 SC 1.4.131a P 24 L 43 # 19  
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 Missing serial comma in "10GBASE-T, 25GBASE-T and 40GBASE-T."  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change "10GBASE-T, 25GBASE-T>>><< and 40GBASE-T."  
 The same change on page 25, line 4  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.7.14 P 56 L 12 # 20  
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 Spurious "." in line 12 and line 41 and many more scattered around the document, primarily  
 after tables.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Remove "." in the empty lines.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.7.14c P 57 L 23 # 21  
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 "0= Local device requests" should be "0 = Local device requests"  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Multiple instances of "0=" which should be "0 =". Scrub clause 45, please.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.5 P 59 L 12 # 22  
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 PICS usually start at the top of the page.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Please place PICS at the top of the page.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

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Cl 45 SC 45.5.3.9 P 60 L 50 # 23  
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 AM61 has reference broken into two lines without any need.  
*SuggestedRemedy*  
 Extend the size of "Subclause" column to accomodate reference unbroken into two lines. There are plenty of other locations in PICS in thid draft where references are  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.1.3 P 83 L 7 # 26  
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A EZ  
 "modulation symbol rate of 2000 Msymbols/s results in a symbol period of 500.0 ps." - how much more precise you want to be about 500 ps? What is the target precision you're after?  
*SuggestedRemedy*  
 Change "500.0 ps" to "500 ps"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 55 SC 55.6 P 65 L 2 # 24  
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 Odd "." character at the beginning of title of 55.6  
*SuggestedRemedy*  
 Please remove the "." character. Seems like it is a dot.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2.16 P 111 L 22 # 27  
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 "Block field (see Figure 113–10)"  
*SuggestedRemedy*  
 make sure that "(see" starts in the second line - it is not very readable.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.1.1 P 81 L 49 # 25  
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 "Where a functionality or register refers to any member of the MultiGBASE-T set of PHYs, as defined in Clause 1.4, that nomenclature is used."  
*SuggestedRemedy*  
 It is not "Clause 1.4", it is "1.4" as in subclause 1.4.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.4.2.2.1 P 142 L 12 # 28  
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network  
 Comment Type E Comment Status R Editorial  
 It would be much clearer for a reader what this is, if the definitions of xpr\_master, xpr\_slave were given in a tabular form, with explanation of what X and Y axis are ...  
*SuggestedRemedy*  
 Please consider putting these into tables and adding X/Y descriptions. And yes, I do realize it is not changed text, but then it is not a technical change.  
 Response Response Status C  
 REJECT.  
 The text as it is will be familiar to the reader from Clause 55. Changing its format may cause reader confusion that the substance has changed.  
 Commenter would be encouraged to submit a maintenance request or future revision comment to ensure that all BASE-T clauses use consistent definitions.

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CI 113 SC 113.7.3.2.1 P 188 L 37 # 29  
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type T Comment Status A Cabling

Statements like this are easy to bake into equation "When Equation (113-30) values are greater than 75 dB, they shall revert to 75 dB." without the need for separate PICS. There are a few of them baked into the draft right now

SuggestedRemedy

Consider changing Equation 113-30 to the following form  $PSAACRF(f) \geq \min(75, 61 - 20\log_{10}(f/100))$ .

Remove PICS associated with the requirement: "When Equation (113-30) values are greater than 75 dB, they shall revert to 75 dB.". Remove statement "When Equation (113-30) values are greater than 75 dB, they shall revert to 75 dB.".

Repeat the process for other equations that carry similar upper bounds on equation values.

Repeat the process for other equations that carry similar lower bounds on equation values, using (max) rather than (min) function.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

With editorial licence remove shalls from text limiting reported values e.g.,

Change:

Calculations that result in insertion loss values less than 2 dB shall revert to a requirement of 2 dB.

To:

Calculations that result in insertion loss values less than 2 dB revert to a requirement of 2 dB.

(from insertion loss and similar requirements)

CI 113 SC 113.7.2.3 P 182 L 24 # 30  
 Flatman, Alan LAN Technologies

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Cabling

Comment 220 to 802.3bq D2.0 proposed to change link segment RL requirements from what ISO/IEC had been proposing for Class I/II to the more onerous TIA Cat 8 limits. It was agreed to await the outcome of the Sep 2015 ISO/IEC meeting before finalising any change, as indicated by the Editor's Note on line 43. A formal liaison was forwarded from the ISO/IEC Sep meeting to notify 802.3 of its decision to introduce a slight relaxation to the RL requirements at frequencies above 1.6GHz. I propose that this is adopted by 802.3bq.

SuggestedRemedy

Adopt link segment RL requirements of:

19 dB 1-10 MHz  
 24-5log(f) dB 10-40 MHz  
 16 dB 40-130 MHz  
 35-9log(f) dB 130-1000 MHz  
 8 dB 1000-2000 MHz

Additionally, due to the close proximity of connectors in short channels, when insertion loss at 1600 MHz  $\leq$  15 dB, the channel return loss from 1600 MHz to 2000 MHz is  $8 - 19\log(f/1600)$ .

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE:

The link segment return loss specifications should be independent of the link segments measured insertion loss.

Change RL requirements as follows:

Change: 8 dB 1000  $\leq$  f < 2000 xS MHz

To: 8 dB 1000  $\leq$  f < 1250 MHz

Insert: "(for 40GBASE-T): 8 dB 1250  $\leq$  f < 1600 MHz  
 8-19log(f/1600) dB 1600  $\leq$  f < 2000 MHz"

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.6 P 44 L 25 # 31  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type T Comment Status A EZ

This draft is expanding the PCS type selection field from 3.7.2:0 to 3.7.3:0, but there are places other than Table 45-123 where this change must also be reflected.

SuggestedRemedy

In 45.2.3.1.2 the draft incorrectly has "(3.7.1:0)". Show a change from "(3.7.2:0)" to "(3.7.3:0)"

In 45.2.3.2.7 the draft incorrectly has "(3.7.1:0)" (2 instances). Show a change from "(3.7.2:0)" to "(3.7.3:0)" (2 instances).

Bring 45.2.3.6.1 in to the draft and show the title as changing to: "PCS type selection (3.7.3:0)" and show the first sentence as changing to "The PCS type shall be selected using bits 3 through 0."

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

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Cl 45 SC 45.2.3.6.1 P 44 L 25 # 32  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type T Comment Status A EZ

This draft is allocating bit 3.8.6, but not reflecting this change in 45.2.3.6.1.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Show the second sentence of 45.2.3.6.1 as changing to "The PCS type abilities of the PCS are advertised in bits 3.8.9 and 3.8.6:0."

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Cl 1 SC 1.3 P 24 L 9 # 33  
 Maguire, Valerie Siemon

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

Follow 802.3-2012 style for ordering of punctuation and footnotes.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Move the superscript 1 after the "." in the first reference.

(i.e. replace "Cabling{^}1." with "Cabling.{^}1")

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Cl 1 SC 1.3 P 24 L 12 # 34  
 Maguire, Valerie Siemon

Comment Type TR Comment Status R Cabling

Insert a reference to the ISO/IEC Technical Report under development to address installed cabling support of 25GBASE-T.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add to Normative references:

ISO/IEC TR 11801-9905 (draft), Guidelines for the use of installed cabling to support 25GBASE-T

Add ISO/IEC TR 11801-9905 to the Editor's Note on line 14 as follows:

References to published versions of ANSI/TIA-568-C.2-1-201x, ISO/IEC 11801-1, and ISO/IEC TR 11801-9905 will be substituted when available.

Response Response Status W

REJECT.

Task group needs to review ISO/IEC TR 11801-9905 (draft), "Guidelines for the use of installed cabling to support 25GBASE-T" to ensure specifications meet the 802.3bq link segment specifications.

Commenter provides alternate resolution:

MOTION 7:

MOVE TO ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE:

Add Bibliography to the draft, inserting:

ISO/IEC TR 11801-9905 (draft), Guidelines for the use of installed cabling to support 25GBASE-T

Add an Editor's Note following the entry as follows:

Reference to published version of ISO/IEC TR 11801-9905 will be substituted when available.

M: Valerie Maguire

S: Paul Vanderlaan

Y:9

N:11

A:7

MOTION FAILS

NO CONSENSUS TO CHANGE DRAFT

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Cl 113 SC 113.7.2 P 181 L 38 # 35  
 Maguire, Valerie Siemon

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Cabling

The link segment consists of up to 30m of "cabling". Class I is not the correct object of the preposition in this sentence.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Replace, "A link segment consisting of up to 30 m of Class I that meets the transmission parameters..."

with, "A link segment consisting of up to 30 m of cabling that meets the transmission parameters..."

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.7.1 P 181 L 20 # 36  
 Maguire, Valerie Siemon

Comment Type TR Comment Status R Cabling

Recognize that up to 30m, 2-connector category 7A channels, to be described in ISO/IEC TR 11801-9905, will support 25GBASE-T.

*SuggestedRemedy*

See page 3 of "maguire\_3bq\_01\_1115.pptx" to view these changes with revision marks.

Replace entire of clause 113.7.1 (except Editor's Note) with:

The cabling system used to support 40GBASE-T requires 4-pair balanced cabling with a nominal impedance of 100 W listed in Table 113-21. The cabling system used to support 25GBASE-T requires 4-pair balanced cabling with a nominal impedance of 100 W listed in Table 113-22. Operation on other classes of cabling may be supported if the link segment meets the requirements of 113.7.

Additionally:

a) 40GBASE-T uses balanced cabling listed in Table 113-21- in a star topology to connect PHY entities.

b) 40GBASE-T is an application of the balanced cabling listed in Table 113-21- with the additional transmission requirements specified in this subclause. The ISO/IEC 11801-1 cabling limit calculation minimums apply to the link segment specifications.

c)25GBASE-T uses balanced cabling listed in Table 113-22- in a star topology to connect PHY entities.

d)25GBASE-T is an application of the balanced cabling listed in Table 113-21- with the additional transmission requirements specified in this subclause. The ISO/IEC 11801-1 cabling limit calculation minimums apply to the link segment specifications.

Response Response Status U

REJECT.  
 MASTER COMMENT ON CAT7A IN 113.7

See resolution to comment#34.  
 Resolve with comments 37,38

(Motion 4)

Move to ACCEPT text as corrected in maguire\_01a\_1115.pdf

M: Valerie Maguire

S: Paul Vanderlaan

Y: 13

N: 13

A: 8

MOTION FAILS

(Motion 5)

Move to ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE adding a note to Table 113-21 under "Cabling", as follows:

"(1) Additionally, 25GBASE-T support over up to 30m of installed Category 7A cabling is possible when qualified per ISO/IEC TR 11801-9905"



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M: Shadi Abughazaleh  
S: Valerie Maguire

Motion 6:  
Move to Amend Motion 5, deleting "Category 7A" from the text, to read: "(1) Additionally, 25GBASE-T support over up to 30m of installed cabling is possible when qualified per ISO/IEC TR 11801-9905"

M: Alan Flatman  
S: Masood Shariff  
Y: 19  
N: 6  
A:6  
MOTION PASSES

Motion 5 AS AMENDED:  
Move to ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE adding a note to Table 113-21 under "Cabling", as follows:  
"(1) Additionally, 25GBASE-T support over up to 30m of installed cabling is possible when qualified per ISO/IEC TR 11801-9905"

Y: 8  
N: 20  
A: 6  
MOTION FAILS

NO CONSENSUS TO CHANGE THE DRAFT

Commenters are encouraged to provide additional information on the content and status of ISO/IEC TR 11801-9905, and work to achieve consensus during subsequent ballot cycles (Working Group and Sponsor).

Cl	113	SC	113.7.2	P	18	L	43	#	37
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Maguire, Valerie

Comment Type	TR	Comment Status	R	Cabling
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Recognize that up to 30m, 2-connector category 7A channels, to be described in ISO/IEC TR 11801-9905, will support 25GBASE-T.

*Suggested Remedy*

See page 4 of "maguire\_3bq\_01\_1115.pptx" to see proposed table changes and to view these changes with revision marks.

Replace clause 113.7.2, starting at line 44, with:

Table 113-21 lists the supported cabling types and distances for 40GBASE-T and Table 113-22 lists the supported cabling types and distances for 25GBASE-T.

Table 113-21 40GBASE-T cabling types and distances  
Cabling Supported link segment distancesCabling references  
ISO/IEC Class I / Class II30 mISO/IEC 11801-1 Edition 3  
Category 830 mANSI/TIA-568-C.2-1  
Table 113-22 25GBASE-T cabling types and distances  
Cabling Supported link segment distancesCabling references  
ISO/IEC Class I / Class II30 mISO/IEC 11801-1 Edition 3  
Category 830 mANSI/TIA-568-C.2-1  
Category 7A30 mISO/IEC TR 11801-9905

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REJECT.  
See comment 36.

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Cl 1 SC 1.4 P 24 L 23 # 38  
 Maguire, Valerie Siemon  
 Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D** Cabling  
 Recognize that up to 30m, 2-connector category 7A channels, to be described in ISO/IEC TR 11801-9905, will support 25GBASE-T. (May wish to discuss Maguire-4 and Maguire-5 first.) This aligns with Clause 1.4 of 802.3-2015, which calls out Class E for support of 10GBASE-T.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Replace, "1.4.64j 25GBASE-T: IEEE 802.3 Physical Layer specification for a 25Gb/s LAN using four pairs of ANSI/TIA Category 8, ISO/IEC Class I, or ISO/IEC Class II balanced copper cabling. (See IEEE Std 802.3, Clause 113.)"  
 with, "1.4.64j 25GBASE-T: IEEE 802.3 Physical Layer specification for a 25Gb/s LAN using four pairs of ANSI/TIA Category 8, ISO/IEC Category 7A, ISO/IEC Class I, or ISO/IEC Class II balanced copper cabling. (See IEEE Std 802.3, Clause 113.)"  
 Proposed Response Response Status **Z**  
 REJECT.  
 This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.  
 See resolution to comment#34.  
 Resolve with comments#36,37

Cl 105 SC 105.2 P 79 L 23 # 39  
 Lo, William Marvell Semiconductor  
 Comment Type **T** Comment Status **A** Architecture  
 Clause 107, 109, 109A, 109B does not apply to 25GBASE-T  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete the O from the 4 clauses above.  
 Response Response Status **C**  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 28 SC 28.3.2 P 27 L 17 # 40  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type **E** Comment Status **A** Editorial  
 Need to update text for link\_fail\_inhibit\_timer to include MultiGBASE-T and be consistent with Table.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change "operating at 10 Gb/s" to "in the MultiGBASE-T PHY set"  
 Response Response Status **C**  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 78 SC 78.5 P 68 L 38 # 41  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type **E** Comment Status **A** Editorial  
 Need to include 25GBASE-T in text  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change "10GBASE-T and 40GBASE-T PHY" to "PHY in the MultiGBASE-T set" in 2 places (L38 & L40)  
 Response Response Status **C**  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 80 SC 80.1.4 P 71 L 51 # 42  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type **E** Comment Status **A** EZ  
 RS-FEC needs nonbreaking hyphen  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 change hyphen to nonbreaking  
 Response Response Status **C**  
 ACCEPT.

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Cl 81 SC 81.1 P 73 L 19 # 43  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 Clean up alignment in Figure 81-1 on 40GBASE-T stack  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.2.2.5 P 105 L 53 # 47  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial  
 Editors note no longer applicable  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete editors note  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 105 SC P 77 L 1 # 44  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 Hanging "bq 25G/40GBASE-T"  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2.6 P 107 L 33 # 48  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A PCS  
 Table 113-1 footnote a is inappropriate  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete footnote a  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.1.1 P 81 L 53 # 45  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 typo - tranfer  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 change "tranfer" to "transfer"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2.13 P 109 L 33 # 49  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 Space should be nonbreaking  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.1.1 P 81 L 49 # 46  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 Clause 1.4 is an unuseful reference, be more precise  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change "Clause 1.4" cross ref to "1.4.278a"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2.15 P 110 L 1 # 50  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial  
 needs to include 25GMII with XLGMII  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change to "Where the XLGMII" to "Where the 25GMII or XLGMII"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

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Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2.16 P 110 L 31 # 51  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial  
 64/65b are BASE-T codes, not the BASE-R codes  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change 25GBASE-R and 40GBASE-R to 25GBASE-T and 40GBASE-T  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.7.11.2 P 54 L 5 # 55  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 "10GBASE-T status register" should be "MultiGBASE-T status register"  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change "10GBASE-T" to "MultiGBASE-T"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2.20 P 115 L 22 # 52  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 Hyphen should be nonbreaking  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.4.2.5.3 P 147 L 10 # 56  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 Clean up figure 113-28, tick marks for bit settings protrude below line, align labels  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.7.10.4e P 52 L 9 # 53  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial  
 subclause 45.2.7.10.4e should be 4h  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change 45.2.7.10.4e to 45.2.7.10.4h  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. See comment 54

Cl 113A SC 113A.2 P 221 L 43 # 57  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Clamp  
 "As shown in Figure 113A-2 the inner conductor on the bottom half of the clamp extends slightly (-0.1mm) - this is not shown in the figure  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete "As shown in Figure 113A-2", capitalize "the"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.  
 (per ad hoc report) - see cibula\_01\_1115.pdf

Cl 45 SC 45.2.7.11.7c P 54 L 40 # 54  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial  
 45.2.7.11.7c should be 45.2.7.11.7g since it is after the bz bits  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 see comment  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Editor to align subclause numbering between bq and bz after this meeting.

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Cl 1 SC 1.4 P 24 L 22 # 58  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 Editing instruction should be 'as inserted by IEEE P802.3b'  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 30 SC 30.3.2 P 29 L 37 # 62  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 typo: "PHY devicePHY device managed object class"  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change to "PHY device managed object class"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 1 SC 1.4.131a P 24 L 38 # 59  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 2,000 should be 2000 per style guide  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 00 SC 0 P 31 L 5 # 63  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A BZ Order  
 It is now clear that 802.3bq will precede 802.3bz to sponsor ballot. References to bz and may be deleted and related editor's notes removed.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Editor to remove editor's notes referring to 802.3bz duplication of text and instructing which amendment is to carry these changes forward.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.  
 Task Force to discuss

Cl FM SC P 11 L 3 # 60  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 Update title to include 25 Gb/s operation in introductory text  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.1 P 35 L 27 # 64  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 Table 45-3 subclauses for 45.2.1.70 - should be active cross references, not external as indicated  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Replace 45.2.1.70 and on external references with active cross references  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 28 SC 28.5.3 P 27 L 40 # 61  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 reference to just clause 1.4 is less than useful  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Replace reference to Clause 1.4 with 1.4.278a  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

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Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.65.1 P 39 L 49 # 65  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 Add in 45.2.1.65.1 and 45.2.1.65.2 to the draft to include cross references to Clause 113  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.3.13 P 46 L 19 # 66  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 Include 25GBASE-T in editing instruction  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.5.3.2 P 59 L 27 # 67  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A PICS  
 add option \*25T to indicate implementation of 25GBASE-T PMA, like 40GBASE-T  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.5.3.3 P 59 L 27 # 68  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A PICS  
 Add in subclause 45.5.3.3 PMA/PMD management functions - add in \*40T and \*25T as MM111 and MM112  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 see comment  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 81 SC 81.1.7.3 P 73 L 51 # 69  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A Architecture  
 Logic for CARRIER\_STATUS is convoluted, unclear and stated twice. CARRIER\_ON and CARRIER\_OFF states possibly overlap.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete P73 L54 "CARRIER STATUS is set to CARRIER\_OFF..." through P74 L3, "or if link\_fault is Link Interruption"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 105 SC 105.2 P 79 L 23 # 70  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A Architecture  
 Table 105-2 needs to be consistent with changes to 40GBASE-T stack up - delete BASE-R PCSs, and AUIs -  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete "O" in columns for Clauses 107, 109, 109A and 109B  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Duplicate of comment 39

Cl 113 SC 113.7 P 181 L 5 # 71  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A EZ  
 "Each of the four pairs supports an effective data rate of 10 Gb/s in each direction simultaneously."  
 Only refers to 40GBASE-T. Explanatory statement needs to be updated to include 25GBASE-T.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Insert, "for 40GBASE-T and 6.25 Gb/s for 25GBASE-T " after "of 10 Gb/s ".  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

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Cl 113 SC 113.7.1 P 181 L 22 # 72  
 Rossbach, Martin Nexans  
 Comment Type T Comment Status R Cabling  
 The Media Choices for 25GBASE-T are different to 40GBASE-T. Introduce a new table 113-22 for 25GBase-T.  
 (note - commenter indicated TR, changed on input since commenter isn't listed in ballot pool)  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Add text to say: The cabling system used to support 25GBASE-T requires 4-pair balanced cabling with a nominal impedance of 100 listed in Table 113-22.  
 Response Response Status C  
 REJECT.  
 See comment 36.  
 The references in Table 113–21— Cabling types and distances apply to 25GBASE-T and 40GBASE-T.

Cl 113 SC 113.7.2 P 181 L 45 # 73  
 Rossbach, Martin Nexans  
 Comment Type T Comment Status R Cabling  
 Add ISO/IEC Class FA to Table "Cabling types and distances"  
 (note - commenter indicated TR, changed on input since commenter isn't listed in ballot pool)  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Add ISO/IEC Class FA to Table "Cabling types and distances"  
 Response Response Status C  
 REJECT.  
 See comment 36.  
 The 802.3bq link segment consists of up to 30 m of Class I that meets the transmission parameters of 113.7.2 Link segment transmission parameters. ISO/IEC Class FA does not uniquely specify a 30 m channel to consider for compliance to 113.7.2.

Cl 113 SC 113.5.4.3 P 174 L 25 # 74  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A Clamp  
 It is unclear whether the signal power limit is 6dBm as stated in 113.5.4.3 or 6dBm plus the 10% variation allowed by Annex 113A.3.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Clarify that the limit is 6dBm by adding this footnote: "The 6dBm limit includes the 10% frequency-dependent variation mentioned in Annex 113A.3."  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT. (per ad hoc report)  
 Note: The 6dBm limit includes the 10% frequency-dependent variation mentioned in Annex 113A.3. (see cibula\_01\_1115.pdf)

Cl 113.5 SC 113.5.2.1 P 170 L 17 # 75  
 Moffitt, Bryan CommScope  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A PMA Electrical  
 B not identified  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 delete or ID  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Delete both "A" and "B" (and their arrows) in Figure 113-36.

Cl 113.5 SC 113.5.2.1 P 170 L 41 # 76  
 Moffitt, Bryan CommScope  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D PMA Electrical  
 why only up to 1600 MHz? Why no balun spec?  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Make full range. Also the balun should have some specification RL> 15 dB balance > 35 dB across 2GHz range  
 Proposed Response Response Status Z  
 REJECT.  
 This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.  
 Specification is clear and proven for droop testing in 10GBASE-T.

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Cl 113.5 SC 113.5.3.2 P 171 L 45 # 77  
Moffitt, Bryan CommScope

Comment Type E Comment Status R EZ  
Should identify the term SFDR

SuggestedRemedy

The Spurious-Free Dynamic Range (SFDR) of the transmitter

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

Term is defined in the abbreviations section (Clause 1.5) of 802.3

Cl 113.7 SC 113.7.1 P 181 L 34 # 78  
Moffitt, Bryan CommScope

Comment Type E Comment Status A Cabling

What is the intent of this sentence that seems to single out the ISO spec?

The ISO/IEC 11801-1 cabling limit calculation minimums apply to the link segment specifications.

SuggestedRemedy

delete

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Cl 113.7 SC 113.7.2.1 P 182 L 15 # 79  
Moffitt, Bryan CommScope

Comment Type E Comment Status D Cabling

this solution isn't targeting work areas

SuggestedRemedy

change to

This includes the insertion loss of the balanced cabling pairs, including attachment cord, equipment cable and connector losses within each duplex channel.

Proposed Response Response Status Z

REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

Although not targeted at work areas, text allows for work area and equipment cable considerations.

Cl 113.7 SC 113.7.4.2 P 189 L 25 # 80  
Moffitt, Bryan CommScope

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
ReturnLoss needs space

SuggestedRemedy

as suggested

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Cl 113.7 SC 113.7.4.1 P 189 L 13 # 81  
Moffitt, Bryan CommScope

Comment Type E Comment Status R Cabling

Why does this IL have a 3 dB floor, while the other one has a 2 dB floor?

SuggestedRemedy

set to a common floor

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

113.7.2.1 Insertion loss specification aligns with referenced cabling standards.

113.7.4 Direct attach cable assembly is a short reach link segment supporting up to 5 meters. The specification aligns with referenced standards "Direct attach channel insertion loss"

Cl 113.7 SC 113.7.4.3.1 P 190 L 1 # 82  
Moffitt, Bryan CommScope

Comment Type E Comment Status R EZ

Table 113-22 why in a table?

SuggestedRemedy

change to equation

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

Requirement is clear



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Cl 113.7 SC 113.7.4.3.5 P 190 L 1 # 83  
 Moffitt, Bryan CommScope  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 fix ;,  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 delete comma  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 113A. SC 113A.3 P 223 L 30 # 86  
 Moffitt, Bryan CommScope  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 should be plural - two are shown  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 change to Oscilloscopes, power meters or spectrum analyzers  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 113A. SC 113A.3 P 222 L 20 # 84  
 Moffitt, Bryan CommScope  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Clamp  
 This sentence gives me the impression that it implies the documented test is normative (not just doubly equivalent). It is also not clear what it is referring to; the entire procedure, the measurement or the validation.  
 Note that other measurement methods are allowed providing they can demonstrate equivalent results to the method described in this Annex.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 delete or figure a good way to move the repaired statement into the overview 113A.1  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Delete "measurement" in 'other measurement methods...' as shown in highlight in cibula\_01\_1115.pdf

Cl 113A. SC 113A.3 P 224 L 10 # 87  
 Moffitt, Bryan CommScope  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Clamp  
 duplicate statement two sentences above (and incorrect as stated)  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 delete The cable between the clamp and the balun should be straight and not in contact with the ground plane.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT. (see cibula\_01\_1115.pdf)

Cl 113A. SC 113A.3 P 223 L 7 # 85  
 Moffitt, Bryan CommScope  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 indentations not matching  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 dent  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Format lines 6-12 as a single paragraph.

Cl 113A. SC 113A.3 P 224 L 31 # 88  
 Moffitt, Bryan CommScope  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Clamp  
 Note 1 should be with the first figure  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 move it  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT. (see cibula\_01\_1115.pdf)

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Cl 113A. SC 113A.4 P 224 L 36 # 89  
 Moffitt, Bryan CommScope  
 Comment Type E Comment Status R Clamp  
 this paragraph reads as if a new cable is now inserted, but the previous section ends instructing the tester not to move the cable used for validation  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 delete it or merge it with the original description in the validation step page 224 line 6  
 Response Response Status C  
 REJECT.  
 Text is clear as is.

Cl 113A. SC 113A.4 P 225 L 11 # 90  
 Moffitt, Bryan CommScope  
 Comment Type E Comment Status R Clamp  
 It would be better to see this image redrawn so it does not appear that the cable was pulled out an extra length from its original validation position.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 as suggested  
 Response Response Status C  
 REJECT.

Cl 00 SC 0 P 00 L 0 # 91  
 Thompson, Geoff GraCaSI S.A.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 I have examined the draft for correct usage of the terms "MDI" and "MDI connector". All usage of those terms seems to be correct.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 No change required.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.  
 No change required.

Cl 113 SC 113.5.4.3 P 174 L 14 # 92  
 Thompson, Geoff GraCaSI S.A.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status R Cabling  
 This sub-clause seems to grammatically indicate that a shield is always present. The other two uses of the term "shield" in the draft seem to indicate that a shield is optional.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change grammar here to somehow indicate "when present" or change the other two uses.  
 Response Response Status C  
 REJECT.  
 113 is shielded. Other instances of shield are found in Annex 113A which can be used for shielded or unshielded cabling.

Cl 113 SC 113.8.1 P 195 L 8 # 93  
 Thompson, Geoff GraCaSI S.A.  
 Comment Type ER Comment Status A EZ  
 The term "(published)" is unnecessary. It is assumed that all references are published.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Remove the text: "(published)"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

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Cl 113 SC 113.7.2.1 P 182 L 3 # 94  
 Thompson, Geoff GraCaSI S.A.

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Cabling

This sub-clause is either using the cabling industry definition for channel, which is not among the 802.3 definitions for channel -OR- it is using the the term "duplex channel" in place of the appropriate 802.3 term "link segment". I can't tell which. The two are not precisely equivalent. The term "duplex channel" as defined in 802.3 is not precise and the use here is not sufficiently precise to overcome that deficiency.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Remove the term "duplex channel" and replace with "link segment" or "lane of the link segment" as appropriate. If the technical values need to be adjusted, do that too.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Insert the following on P181 L5, as the third sentence in 113.7, to define 'duplex channel' as in clause 40.7, and maintain consistent language across the BASE-T PHYs.

"The term "link segment" used in this clause refers to four duplex channels. The term "duplex channel" will be used to refer to a single channel with full duplex capability."

Cl 00 SC 0 P 00 L 0 # 95  
 Thompson, Geoff GraCaSI S.A.

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Editorial

I have no idea what the term "channel" means throughout your document. It seems to be used for both physical signaling paths and "virtual" paths. Further, it is not clear whether it intends to point to one pair when used as a physical term or as a collective term for the 4 pairs. In any case, its use does not conform to the definitions for channel in cl. 1.4 nor are the uses modified to be sufficiently precise.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Review the entire draft for the use of the term "channel". In that review consider the augmentation of the cl. 1.4 definition being made by other drafts in ballot. When appropriate use the term "link segment" (your draft is already pretty good about this). Align usage to cl. 1.4 definitions and add defining modifiers to make each use of the term explicitly specific.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Editor to review the draft and replace 'channel' with 'link segment' where appropriate. Editor to review draft to check alignment with proposed definition of 'channel' in 802.3by.

- usages of 'channel' as the 4-pair cabling to be replaced by 'link segment'
- usages of 'duplex channel' (113.7): Insert text from clause 40: "The term "duplex channel" will be used to refer to a single channel with full duplex capability." after "simultaneously." (P181 L5, clause 113.7)

- usages of 'channel' as a single twisted pair in Cl 30 parameters and Cl45 register names in the 4-pair medium are consistent with definition proposed in 802.3by

- editor to replace 'transmit channel' and 'receive channel' with 'transmitter' and 'receiver' in descriptive text

- editor notes conflict exists for 802.3by definition in regards to virtual channels, such as the 'handshake control channel' not only in this clause but elsewhere in 802.3. Leave these unchanged, and comment on 802.3by to fix the definition.

Commenter to note that usage of channel is largely as in existing text in 802.3-2015 (specifically Clauses 45 & 55), which any new proposed definition should be made to accommodate.

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Cl 113 SC 113.5.4.3 P 174 L 24 # 96  
 Cibula, Peter Intel Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status R Clamp

The text referring to the impairment signal power in 113.5.4.3 defines a maximum limit by stating that the calibrated power "...does not exceed 6 dBm..." The calibration procedure outlined in Annex 113A, 113A.3 Cable clamp validation uses a nominal value and a tolerance of +/- 10%.

Given that the calibration procedure permits a maximum value of 6.6dBm for the power level defined in Clause 113, the normative text should identify a nominal value with tolerance instead of a maximum value.

Note that the suggested remedy, which explicitly identifies the impairment signal power as a nominal level with a tolerance, is better aligned with Clause 40, which defines a signal level in the normative text (40.6.1.3.3) and a tolerance about this level in the informative annex (Annex 40B).

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the text in 113.5.4.3, Page 174, Lines 24 and 25 from

"A sine wave with the amplitude held constant over the whole frequency range from 80 MHz to 2000 MHz, with the amplitude calibrated so that the signal power measured at the output of the clamp does not exceed 6 dBm, is used to generate the external electromagnetic field and corresponding shield current."

to

"A sine wave with the amplitude held constant over the whole frequency range from 80 MHz to 2000 MHz, with the amplitude calibrated to a nominal signal power of 6 dBm measured at the output of the clamp, is used to generate the external electromagnetic field and corresponding shield current."

and add a footnote to 113.5.4.3 stating

"The 6dBm nominal measured power may vary by +/-10% across frequency as discussed in Annex 113A."

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

Cl 113A SC 113A.4 P 224 L 54 # 97  
 Cibula, Peter Intel Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status A Clamp

The Task Force has been careful to keep Annex 113A flexible and refer practitioners to the receiver specifications of the PHY under test for specific impairments, impairment source power levels, and relevant frequency ranges.

However, the description of the test setup, Page 224, Line 54 and Page 225, Line 1 states "...the signal generator output frequency is swept incrementally from 1 MHz to 2000 MHz...". Since 113A.4 describes the setup for the referenced specifications, this statement should more generic and refer to the "calling" normative text for the test frequency range.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the text in Annex 113A, Page 224, Line 54 and Page 225, Line 1 from

"As with the calibration procedure, the signal generator output frequency is swept incrementally from 1 MHz to 2000 MHz with a step size that should not exceed 1% of the preceding frequency value and with a dwell time at each step of at least 500 ms."

to

"As with the calibration procedure, the signal generator output frequency is swept incrementally over the specified frequency range with a step size that should not exceed 1% of the preceding frequency value and with a dwell time at each step of at least 500 ms."

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Accept text changes shown in cibula\_01\_1115.pdf, including these and other comments.

Cl 1 SC 1.4.278a P 25 L 3 # 98  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

Shouldn't the entry for 'MultiGBASE-T' be placed between the entry for '1.4.277 mixing segment' and '1.4.278 multipoint device'. If this is correct, it should be noted that IEEE P802.3bn is adding the entry '1.4.277a modulation error ratio (MER)'.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the text '1.4.278a MultiGBASE-T' to read '1.4.277b MultiGBASE-T'. Note that this designation may need swapped with IEEE P802.3bn once the approval order becomes more definitive

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

IEEE P802.3bq D2.3 25G/40GBASE-T Ethernet 3rd Working Group recirculation ballot comments

Cl 28 SC 28.3.1 P 27 L 7 # 99  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type E Comment Status A BZ order

Suggest the editing instructions should be based on inserting the new values alphabetically to remove a dependence on which amendment is approved first, it should also note that the subclause is also being modified by IEEE P802.3bz, but only if IEEE P802.3bz is approved first. There is also a typo in the editing instruction since '25Gig T' should read '25GigT'.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that:

[1] Update the editing instructions to read 'Insert new rows for 25GigT and 40GigT into the first list in subclause 28.3.1 (as modified by IEEE Std 802.3bz-201X), in alphabetical order:'.

[2] Add an editors note be added that reads 'Editor's note (to be removed prior to publication) If, once the approval order of the various amendments becomes settled, IEEE P802.3bq is to be approved prior to IEEE P802.3bz the editing instructions should be updated to remove reference to IEEE P802.3bz.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Implement [1] of the suggested remedy  
 OBE by 63

Cl 28 SC 28.3.2 P 27 L 26 # 100  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type E Comment Status A BZ Order

An editors note should be added to delete this change if IEEE P802.3bq is approved prior to IEEE P802.3bz since IEEE P802.3bz contains the same change.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that an editors note be added that reads 'Editor's note (to be removed prior to publication) This change is also being made in IEEE P802.3bz. If, once the approval order of the various amendments becomes settled, IEEE P802.3bz is to be approved prior to IEEE P802.3bq this change should be deleted.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 It appears that BQ will precede BZ.  
 OBE by comment 63 -

Cl 28 SC 28.5.4.8 P 28 L 10 # 101  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type E Comment Status A BZ order

An editors note should be added to delete this change if IEEE P802.3bq is approved prior to IEEE P802.3bz since IEEE P802.3bz contains the same change.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that an editors note be added that reads 'Editor's note (to be removed prior to publication) This change is also being made in IEEE P802.3bz. If, once the approval order of the various amendments becomes settled, IEEE P802.3bz is to be approved prior to IEEE P802.3bq this change should be deleted.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 OBE by comment 63

Cl 30 SC 30.5.1.1.24 P 32 L 18 # 102  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type T Comment Status A EZ

The attributes 'aLDFastRetrainCount' and 'aLPFastRetrainCount' are not part of the '10GBASE-T Operating Margin package (conditional)' but instead are part of the 'Energy-Efficient Ethernet (optional)' package, see IEEE Std 802.3-2015 Table 30-1e.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the editing instruction '... (as part of the MultiGBASE-T operating package) ...' to read '... (as part of the 'Energy-Efficient Ethernet package)...' for subclause 30.5.1.1.24 and 30.5.1.1.25. If the intent was to move these attributes, provide editing instructions for table 30-1e.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Change editing instruction.  
 The intent was NOT to move these, so no editing instructions for table 30-1e due to this.

Cl 30 SC 30.5.1.1.24 P 32 L 18 # 103  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

Suggest '... Change 30.5.1.1.24 aLDFastRetrainCount include ...' to read '... Change text of 30.5.1.1.24 aLDFastRetrainCount to include ...'.

SuggestedRemedy

See comment.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

IEEE P802.3bq D2.3 25G/40GBASE-T Ethernet 3rd Working Group recirculation ballot comments

Cl 30 SC 30.5.1.1.25 P 32 L 34 # 104  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 Suggest '... Change 30.5.1.1.25 aLPFastRetrainCount include ...' to read '... Change the text of 30.5.1.1.25 aLPFastRetrainCount to include ...'.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.3.13.1 P 47 L 30 # 105  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A EZ  
 This change states that '... This bit is a reflection of the PCS\_status variable defined in ... in 113.3.6.1 for 25GBASE-T and 40GBASE-T ...'. I can't find mention of PCS\_status variable in subclause 113.3.6.1 'State diagram conventions', nor in 113.3.6.2.2 'Variables'. The nearest mention I could find was in subclause 113.3.6.3 'Messages' however this just states 'Indicates whether the PCS is in a fully operational state. (See 113.3.7.1.)'. Based on this suggest the reference should be to 113.3.7.1.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Suggest the text '... in 113.3.6.1 for 25GBASE-T and 40GBASE-T ...' be changed to read '... in 113.3.7.1 for 25GBASE-T and 40GBASE-T ...'.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.1 P 81 L 22 # 106  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 Suggest '... in this document. This clause also specifies ...' should be changed to read '... in this clause. This clause also specifies ...'.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.1.2 P 82 L 28 # 107  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 Suggest that 'AUTO-NEGOTIATION' be replaced with 'AN' in both the 25GBASE-T and 40GBASE-T layer diagrams since the abbreviation AN is defined in the list.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.1.2 P 82 L 30 # 108  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 The solid line from the OSI layers to the top of the MEDIUM should be dotted as are other similar lines.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.1.2 P 82 L 44 # 109  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Cabling  
 Suggest that '... over four pairs of balanced cabling.' should read '... over four pairs of balanced twisted-pair structured cabling.'.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

IEEE P802.3bq D2.3 25G/40GBASE-T Ethernet 3rd Working Group recirculation ballot comments

Cl 113 SC 113.1.3 P 85 L 19 # 110  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type T Comment Status A Ref Model

PMA\_LINK.indication (link\_status) is not shown connecting the PMA to the PCS in Figure 113-4 '25GBASE-T and 40GBASE-T service interfaces', is not listed in subclause 113.2.2 'PMA service interface', and is not used in the PCS state diagram on referenced in the PCS related text.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that:

- [1] Remove the 'link\_status' signal from the connection above the 'LINK MONITOR' block to the 'PCS TRANSMIT & TRANSMIT CONTROL' block in figure 113-3 'Function block diagram'.
- [2] Remove the 'link\_status' signal from figure 113-5 'PCS reference diagram'.
- [3] Remove the 'link\_status' signal from the connection above the 'LINK MONITOR' block to the 'PMA SERVICE INTERFACE' in figure 113-23 'PMA reference diagram'.
- [4] Update the variable definition for 'link\_status' in subclause 113.4.5.1 'State diagram variables' to read 'The link\_status parameter set by PMA Link Monitor state diagram and communicated through the PMA\_LINK.indicate primitive.'

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 This is apparently correct - PHY implementors should check whether there are any uses of link\_status within the PCS that should be documented in the standard.

The same issue exists in Clause 55, commenter may wish to file a maintenance request.

Cl 113 SC 113.1.3.3 P 88 L 24 # 111  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial

This subclause states that support for the EEE capability is advertised '... during the PMA\_PBO\_Exch state.'

SuggestedRemedy

Either add a cross reference to the Figure 113-30 'PHY Control state diagram' or, since this is introduction text, change the text '... during the PMA\_PBO\_Exch state.' To read '... during link startup.'

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Change text reading "during the PMA\_PBO\_Exch state." to read "during link startup."

Cl 113 SC 113.1.5 P 89 L 14 # 112  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type T Comment Status A EZ

Not sure what a 'logical 25GMII/XLGMII' is. Shouldn't implementations be compatible at the 25GMII/XLGMII, if implemented.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the text '... at the MDI and at a logical 25GMII/XLGMII, if implemented.' be changed to read '... at the MDI and at the 25GMII/XLGMII, if implemented.'

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.2.1.2 P 90 L 41 # 113  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type T Comment Status A State diagrams

This subclause states that 'This primitive informs the PCS, PMA PHY Control function, and the Auto-Negotiation algorithm about the status of the underlying link.'. 'PMA\_LINK.indication' however is not listed in subclause 113.2.2 'PMA service interface', so is not passed to the PCS, and 'PMA\_LINK.indication', nor the link\_status parameter communicated by this primitive, are used in Figure 113-30 'PHY Control state diagram'.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the text 'This primitive informs the PCS, PMA PHY Control function, and the Auto-Negotiation algorithm about the status of the underlying link.' be changed to read 'This primitive informs the Auto-Negotiation algorithm about the status of the underlying link.'

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

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Cl 113 SC 113.2.1.2.1 P 90 L 50 # 114  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type T Comment Status D State diagrams

While not used by 25GBASE-T or 40GBASE-T, for completeness, and to match the definition in Clause 28, suggest that the READY value be listed as well.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that:

[1] The text '... can take on one of two values: FAIL or OK.' be changed to read '... can take on one of three values: FAIL, READY, or OK.'

[2] Add the text 'READY For 25GBASE-T and 40GBASE-T link\_status does not take the value READY.' between 'FAIL' and 'OK'.

Proposed Response Response Status Z

REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

Removed in response to prior ballot comments, and not needed for 25G/40GBASE-T

Cl 113 SC 113.2.1.2.3 P 91 L 11 # 115  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type T Comment Status A Ref Model

This subclause states that 'The effect of receipt of this primitive is specified in 113.3.6.2.' however 'PMA\_LINK.indication', nor the 'link\_status' parameter communicated by this primitive, are referenced in subclause 113.3.6.2 'State diagram parameters' for the PCS state diagrams. Instead this primitive is generated by the Link Monitor state diagram and used by Auto-Negotiation.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the text 'The effect of receipt of this primitive is specified in 113.3.6.2.' should be replaced with 'Auto-Negotiation uses this primitive to detect a change in link\_status as described in Clause 28.'

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

The same text exists in Clause 55, commenter may wish to file a maintenance request.

Cl 113 SC 113.2.2.3.2 P 94 L 32 # 116  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type T Comment Status A Ref Model

This subclause states that 'The PCS generates PMA\_UNITDATA.request (SYMB\_4D) synchronously with every transmit clock cycle.'. As well as SYMB\_4D, the value ALERT can also be conveyed by this message (see subclause 113.2.2.3.1). Shouldn't this case also be covered, if so the simplest approach would appear to be to send a PMA\_UNITDATA.request message every clock cycle.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that 'The PCS generates PMA\_UNITDATA.request (SYMB\_4D) synchronously with every transmit clock cycle.' should be changed to read 'The PCS generates PMA\_UNITDATA.request synchronously with every transmit clock cycle.'

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

The same text exists in Clause 55, commenter may wish to file a maintenance request.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.1 P 99 L 52 # 117  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type T Comment Status A State diagrams

This subclause states that 'PCS Reset sets pcs\_reset=ON while ...' however subclause 113.3.6.2.2 'Variables' defines pcs\_reset as a Boolean.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that '... sets pcs\_reset=ON ...' should be changed to read '... sets pcs\_reset = true ...'.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

The same text exists in Clause 55, commenter may wish to file a maintenance request.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2 P 100 L 3 # 118  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

Should list both parts of the PCS 64B/65B Transmit state diagram.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the text '... state diagram in Figure 113-18 and the ...' to read '... state diagram in Figure 113-18 and Figure 113-19, and to the ...'.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.



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Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2 P 100 L 18 # 119  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type E Comment Status R Editorial

This paragraph states '... the transmit channel is in normal mode ...' however 'normal mode' is not described until five paragraph below where it is stated 'In the normal mode of operation, the PMA\_TXMODE.indication message has the value SEND\_N ...'. In addition, it seems some of this text in this paragraph is duplicative of the text five paragraphs below. For example it states '... the PCS Transmit process then transcode the first 96 25GMII transfers for 25GBASE-T, or 48 XLGMII transfers for 40GBASE\_T into 512B/513B blocks ...', five paragraphs below it states '... the PCS Transmit function uses a 65B coding technique, transcoded to a mixed 513B-65B-RS-FEC-LDPC encoding to generate at each symbol period code-groups ...'.

Note: I have submitted another comment on this paragraph in respect to the need to include a 'shall' statement.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that paragraph four be deleted, with its content combined in to the ninth paragraph. The ninth paragraph would then read 'If a PMA\_TXMODE.indication message has the value SEND\_N, the PCS is in the normal mode of operation, and the PCS Transmit process shall continuously generates 65B blocks based upon the TXD <31:0> and TXC <3:0> signals on the 25GMII for 25GBASE-T, or the TXD <63:0> and TXC <7:0> signals on the XLGMII for 40GBASE-T. The subsequent functions of the PCS Transmit process then transcode the first 96 25GMII transfers for 25GBASE-T, or 48 XLGMII transfers for 40GBASE\_T into 512B/513B blocks, append the subsequent four 25GMII transfers (25GBASE-T), or two XLGMII transfers (40GBASE-T) as (non-transcoded) 64B/65B blocks, scramble the bits, pack the resulting blocks, appending an unscrambled auxiliary bit, and split the bits into two sets. The first set is encoded by a Reed-Solomon encoder, and the second set is processed by a low density parity check (LDPC) encoder and then the two sets are joint mapped into a transmit LDPC frame of DSQ128 symbols. Transmit data-units are sent to the PMA service interface via the PMA\_UNITDATA.request primitive.'

Response Response Status C

REJECT.  
 Proposed text has been clear evidenced by Clause 55 resulting in interoperable 10GBASE-T implementations. This needs to be balanced with the risk of losing information in the existing formulation (e.g., the number of bits to each encoder).

Commenter may consider resubmitting to the first sponsor ballot.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2 P 100 L 35 # 120  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type T Comment Status A State diagrams

While this subclause states that the PCS transmit function shall meet the PCS state diagram (Figure 113-18) and bit ordering (Figures 113-6 and 113-8) I don't believe that either of these address the operation of what appears to be a three way multiplexor controlled by the PMA\_TXMODE.indication parameter tx\_mode which selects between training (SEND\_T), normal (SEND\_N) and sending zeros (SEND\_Z). There does appear to be a description of this in paragraphs six, seven and nine of this subclause, however they do not contain 'shall' statements, nor does it appear there are any related shall statements elsewhere. Based on this there doesn't appear to be any 'shall' statements in relation to the control of the parameter tx\_mode.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that:

- [1] The text '... has the value SEND\_Z, PCS Transmit passes a vector of zeros ...' be change to read '... has the value SEND\_Z, PCS Transmit shall pass a vector of zeros ...'.
- [2] The text '... has the value SEND\_T, PCS Transmit generates sequences ...' be changed to read '... has the value SEND\_T, PCS Transmit shall generate sequences ...'.
- [3] The text 'In the normal mode of operation, the PMA\_TXMODE.indication message has the value SEND\_N, and the PCS Transmit function uses a ...' to read 'If a PMA\_TXMODE.indication message has the value SEND\_N, the PCS is in the normal mode of operation, and the PCS Transmit function shall use a
- [4] The PICS be updated to add these three new shall statements.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.  
 The same text exists in Clause 55, commenter may wish to file a maintenance request.

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CI 113 SC 113.3.2.2 P 100 L 38 # 121  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type T Comment Status R State diagrams

Subclause 113.3.2.2 states that when tx\_mode = SEND\_T the '... PCS Transmit generates sequences of code-groups (TAn, TBn, TCn, TDn) defined in 113.3.4.2 ...' and that when tx\_mode = SEND\_N the '... PCS Transmit function uses a 65B coding technique ...' but there seems to be no description of the transition from the tx\_mode = SEND\_T to SEND\_N. I assume however the transition from the tx\_mode = SEND\_T to SEND\_N state needs to ensure that the first LDPC frame sent is complete.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that a statement be added to subclause 113.3.2.2 that on the transition from the tx\_mode = SEND\_T to SEND\_N the PCS shall ensure this results in the transmission a of complete first LDPC frame.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.  
 A single frame error may be created in this case, this is considered acceptable.

CI 113 SC 113.3.2.2.4 P 101 L 48 # 122  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type T Comment Status A PICS

The statement 'The PCS Transmit bit ordering shall conform to Figure 113-6 and Figure 113-8.' appears to be a duplicate 'shall' statement to that found in the first paragraph of subclause 113.3.2.2 'PCS Transmit function' which reads 'The PCS Transmit function shall conform to ... and the PCS Transmit bit ordering in Figure 113-6 and Figure 113-8.'

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that:

- [1] The text 'The PCS Transmit bit ordering shall conform to Figure 113-6 and Figure 113-8.' be changed to read 'The PCS Transmit bit ordering is shown in Figure 113-6 and Figure 113-8.'
- [2] The subclause cross-reference for PICS items PCT3 be changed from 113.3.2.2.4 to 113.3.2.2.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 113 SC 113.3.2.2.4 P 101 L 48 # 123  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial

This subclause states 'Note that these figures show the mapping from XGMII to 64B/65B block for a block containing eight data characters.' however the figure itself doesn't provide this note. Suggest it would be better to provide the note in respect to the figure on the figure itself.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that the note 'Note that this figure shows the mapping from XGMII to 64B/65B block for a block containing eight data characters.' be move to, or added to, Figures 113-6 and 113-8. A similar note should also be added to Figure 113-7.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 113 SC 113.3.2.2.4 P 102 L 11 # 124  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type E Comment Status A PCS

The 65B block is actually the output of the PCS 64B/65B Transmit state diagram (figure 113-18 and 113-19). See definition of tx\_coded<64:0> in subclause 113.3.6.2.2 and description subclause 113.3.2.2.15 which states 'The contents of each block are contained in a vector tx\_coded<64:0> ...'.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that in Figure 113-6:

- [1] The text 'Output of encoder function 65B block' be changed to read 'Output of encoder function 65B block (see figure 113-18 and 113-19)'
- [2] Label the 'Data/Ctrl header' bit as tx\_coded<0> and bit 7 of D7 as tx\_coded<64>.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 113 SC 113.3.2.2.5 P 103 L 12 # 125  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

Suggest the subscripts be removed from D0 through D2 as subscripts aren't used elsewhere in the figure.

SuggestedRemedy

See comment.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

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Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2.5 P 103 L 13 # 126  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type E Comment Status A PCS

The 65B block is actually the input to the PCS 64B/65B Receive state diagram (figure 113-20 and 113-21). See definition of rx\_coded<64:0> in subclause 113.3.6.2.2.'

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that in Figure 113-7:

[1] The text 'Input to decoder function 65B block' be changed to read 'Input to decoder function 65B block (see figure 113-20 and 113-21)'

[2] Label the 'Data/Ctrl header' bit as rx\_coded<0> and bit 7 of D7 as rx\_coded<64>.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2.6 P 106 L 40 # 127  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

Suggest that '25GMII/XLGMII encodes a control ...' be changed to read 'The 25GMII/XLGMII encodes a control ...'.

SuggestedRemedy

See comment.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2.6 P 106 L 44 # 128  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

Close brackets without open brackets.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that '... into a 7-bit C code).' be changed to read '... into a 7-bit C code.'

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2.11 P 109 L 16 # 129  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type T Comment Status A EZ

This subclause states '... only valid on the first octet of the 25GMII (TXD<0:3> and RXD<0:3>) ...'. Is this correct, shouldn't these be 8 bits?

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that '... only valid on the first octet of the 25GMII (TXD<0:3> and RXD<0:3>) ...' should read '... only valid on the first octet of the 25GMII (TXD<7:0> and RXD<7:0>) ...'.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2.11 P 109 L 16 # 130  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

Suggest that '... TXD<0:7> and RXD<0:7>)' should read '... TXD<7:0> and RXD<7:0>)'.

SuggestedRemedy

See comment.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2.11 P 109 L 17 # 131  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

Suggest that '... octet of TxD ...' should read '... octet of TXD ...'.

SuggestedRemedy

See comment.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

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Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2.15 P 110 L 5 # 132  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

Suggest that the actual title of the state diagram be used, and a cross reference added.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that the text '... as specified in the transmit process state diagram.' be changed to read '... as specified in the PCS 64B/65B Transmit state diagram (see Figure 113–17 and 113-18).'

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2.24 P 119 L 25 # 133  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type T Comment Status A Ref Model

It is the tx\_symb\_vector parameter of the PMA\_UNITDATA.request primitive that can be set to the value ALERT (see subclause 113.2.2.3.1). As a result of that the next time the PMA\_UNITDATA.request message is sent it will have the value ALERT.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the text '... the PMA\_UNITDATA.request message is set to the value ALERT.' be changed to read '... the PMA\_UNITDATA.request parameter tx\_symb\_vector is set to the value ALERT.'

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.  
 The same text exists in Clause 55, commenter may wish to file a maintenance request.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.3 P 120 L 3 # 134  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

Update the cross reference.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that the text '... in Figure 113–20 ...' be changed to read '... in Figure 113–20 and Figure 113–21 ...'.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.3 P 120 L 10 # 135  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type T Comment Status A PCS

Suggest this this text should mention that the 64B/65B mapping to the XGMII is performed by the PCS 64B/65B Receive state diagrams by decoding the output of the transcoded, rx\_coded<64:0>.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the text '... are transcoded to 64B/65B, and the 64B/65B ordered sets are converted to two 32-bit data blocks in the case of 25GBASE-T, or 64-bit data blocks for 40GBASE-T to obtain the signals RXD and RXC for transmission to the 25GMII/XLGMII.' be changed to read '... are transcoded to 64B/65B. This process generates the 64B/65B block vector rx\_coded<64:0> which is then decoded to form the 25GMII signals RXD<31:0> and RXC<3:0> for 25GBASE-T or RXD<63:0> and RXC<7:0> for 40GBASE-T, as specified in the PCS 64B/65B Receive state diagram (see Figure 113–20 and 113-21).'

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.3 P 120 L 18 # 136  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

Suggest the text '... by setting the parameter scr\_status to OK.' be changed to read '... by setting the scr\_status parameter of the PMA\_SCRSTATUS.request primitive to OK.'

SuggestedRemedy

See comment.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

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CI 113 SC 113.3.2.3 P 120 L 23 # 137  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type T Comment Status A State diagrams

Subclause 113.3.7.1 'Status' seems to be the only location where the definition of the parameter PCS\_status is provided where it states that 'Indicates whether the PCS is in a fully operational state. It is only true if block\_lock is true and hi\_lfer is false.'. In addition the PCS\_status parameter is defined as having the values 'OK' and 'NOT\_OK' (see 113.2.2.6.1) and not 'true' and 'false'.

Since this is a subclause of 113.3.7 'PCS management' suggest this is not the best place to provide the only definition. Instead, since Figure 113-3 shows PCS\_status sourced from the PCS RECEIVE block, suggest this definition be provided in subclause 113.3.2.3 'PCS Receive function'.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Suggest that in subclause 113.3.2.3 'PCS Receive function' the text '... hi\_lfer is de-asserted, the PCS Receive process continuously accepts blocks.' be changed to read '... hi\_lfer is de-asserted, the PCS\_status parameter of the PMA\_PCSSTATUS.request primitive is set to OK, and the PCS Receive process continuously accepts blocks.'.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.  
 The same text is in clause 55, commenter may wish to submit a maintenance request.

CI 113 SC 113.3.6.2.2 P 128 L 34 # 138  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

Subclause 113.1.6 'Conventions in this clause' states that 'The notation used in the state diagrams follows the conventions of 21.5.' and IEEE Std 802.3 Table 21-1 'State diagram operators' defines 'Equals (a test of equality)' as '='.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the four instances of '==' to read '='.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 113 SC 113.3.6.3 P 132 L 1 # 139  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type T Comment Status A State diagrams

Delete the subclause 113.3.6.3 'Messages', a subclause 113.3.6.2 'State diagram parameters' since for the following reasons there are not related to the state diagram.

[1] The message 'PMA\_UNITDATA.indication' and the parameter 'rx\_symb\_vector' are not referenced in the PCS state diagrams.

The input to Figures 113-18 and 113-19 'PCS 64B/65B Receive state diagram' are 'rx\_coded' which is the 'Input to decode function 65B block' in Figure 113-7 'PCS Receive bit ordering'. As can be seen in that figure, there are a number of processes that have already been performed on the parameter 'rx\_symb\_vector' from the message 'PMA\_UNITDATA.request' before 'rx\_coded' is presented as the input to the PCS state diagram.

[2] The message 'PMA\_UNITDATA.request' and the parameter 'tx\_symb\_vector' are not referenced in the PCS state diagrams. The output of Figures 113-20 and 113-21 'PCS 64B/65B Transmit state diagram' are 'tx\_coded' which is the 'Output of encoder function 65B block' in Figure 113-6 'PCS transmit bit ordering'. As can be seen in that figure, there are a number of processes that have to be performed before the parameter 'tx\_symb\_vector' for the message 'PMA\_UNITDATA.request' is generated.

[3] 'PCS\_status' is not a message, but instead a parameter of a message, regardless it is not generated or used by the PCS state diagrams.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete the subclause 113.3.6.3 'Messages'.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.  
 The same text is in clause 55, commenter may wish to submit a maintenance request.

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CI 113 SC 113.3.6.1 P 135 L 2 # 140  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type T Comment Status R State diagrams

It appears the PCS 64B/65B Transmit state diagram is not controlled by the state of the PMA PHY Control State Diagram when EEE is not implemented. In this case, as stated in the definition for the pcs\_data\_mode variable in subclause 113.4.5.1, the 'PHY operates as if the value of this variable is TRUE'. Hence once 'pcs\_reset = false' and the PHY enters training, the MAC could send a packet (it does not take account of link\_status) causing the PCS 64B/65B Transmit state diagram to start encoding the packet on to tx\_coded even though the PHY is in training mode. This could then result in the transition from the tx\_mode = SEND\_T to SEND\_N occurring mid packet resulting in the transmission of a truncated frame and an error at the receiver. Similarly when EEE is implemented, pcs\_data\_mode = true could occur mid packet with similar results.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that:

- [1] A new 'TX\_RESET' state be added that is entered on open arrows of 'pcs\_reset + !pcs\_data\_mode', sets 'tx\_coded <= LBLOCK\_T', and exited on 'T\_TYPE(tx\_raw) = C + LII' to the 'TX\_INIT' state. This ensure reset is only exited during idle.
- [2] The new 'TX\_RESET' state is also entered until tx\_mode = SEND\_N using a suitable variable.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.  
 Commenter may resubmit on sponsor ballot, preferably with a diagram.

Task force to discuss.  
 This same state diagram control has been operational in 10GBASE-T systems without report of the problem indicated. If a change is needed, recommend commenter file a maintenance request on Clause 55.

- [1] A new 'TX\_RESET' state be added that is entered on open arrows of 'pcs\_reset + !pcs\_data\_mode', sets 'tx\_coded <= LBLOCK\_T', and exited on 'T\_TYPE(tx\_raw) = C + LII' to the 'TX\_INIT' state. This ensure reset is only exited during idle.
- [2] The new 'TX\_RESET' state has a second exit condition tx\_mode = SEND\_N

CI 113 SC 113.3.6.4 P 135 L 8 # 141  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type T Comment Status A EZ

There seem to be three different formats used for when comparing T\_TYPE(tx\_raw) to a set of possible values On line 8 there is the example where the options are in brackets: 'T\_TYPE(tx\_raw) = (E + D + LI +T)'; on line 10 there is an example where they are not: 'T\_TYPE(tx\_raw) = C + LII'; and on line 16 the brackets are around the whole equation: 'T(T\_TYPE(tx\_raw) = C+LII)'. Suggest that the first example, where the options are listed in brackets where there is more than one, be used. And strictly speaking shouldn't these actually use the 'Indicates membership' character '∈' rather than the '=' character. If so the first example 'T\_TYPE(tx\_raw) = (E + D + LI +T)' would read 'T\_TYPE(tx\_raw) ∈ {E, D, LI, T}'.

SuggestedRemedy

Please use a consistent format when comparing T\_TYPE(tx\_raw) and R\_TYPE(rx\_coded) to a set of possible values

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 113 SC 113.4.2.4 P 144 L 35 # 142  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

Suggest that 'PMA Receive contains the ...' should read 'The PMA Receive function contains the ...'.

SuggestedRemedy

See comment.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 113 SC 113.4.2.4 P 144 L 39 # 143  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp

Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ

Suggest that '... shall allow LFER of ...' should read '... shall allow a LFER than ...' (missing 'a').

SuggestedRemedy

See comment.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Insert "an" to read:  
 '...shall allow an LFER of less than...'

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Cl 113 SC 113.4.5.1 P 157 L 2 # 144  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A State diagrams  
 The definition for the 'link\_control' variable states 'This variable is defined in 28.2.6.2' however IEEE Std 802.3 subclause 28.2.6.2 defines the PMA\_LINK.request primitive.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Suggest that variable description be changed to read 'The link\_control parameter generated by Auto-Negotiation and passed to the PMA via the PMA\_LINK.request primitive (see 113.2.1.1).'  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.  
 The same text is in clause 55, commenter may wish to submit a maintenance request.

Cl 113 SC 113.4.5.1 P 157 L 5 # 145  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 Suggest that '... PMA Link Monitor and ...' should read '... PMA Link Monitor state diagram and ...'.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.4.6.1 P 162 L 8 # 146  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EZ  
 Mark the state box wide enough to fit the state name inside.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.4.6.1 P 162 L 45 # 147  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A State diagrams  
 The variable 'pcs\_status' is not defined in the PMA state diagram variables in subclause 113.4.5.1.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Suggest that variable description be added that reads:  
 pcs\_status  
 The pcs\_status parameter generated by the PCS and passed to the PMA via the PMA\_SCRSTATUS.request primitive (see 113.2.2.5).  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 PCS\_status is defined under "Messages" (which was deleted by another comment) (113.3.6.3) P132 L9, however, it is uppercase in PCS, in error.  
 Implement suggested remedy AND  
 Change "PCS\_status" to "pcs\_status" on P132 L9 and throughout clause 113.

Cl 00 SC 0 P All L All # 148  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enterp  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A General  
 Please note that I am willing to re-submit any, or all, of my comments on the initial sponsor ballot of IEEE P802.3bq if the IEEE P802.3bq Task Force would prefer.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT. No change required to draft - Editor's recommendation is to make changes now that we can.

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CI 113 SC 113.1.3 P 85 L 28 # 149  
Zimmerman, George CME Consulting

Comment Type T Comment Status A LATE

The parameter 'scr\_status' appears to only be used by the PMA Receive function and not by the PHY or Link control functions. In contrast the parameter 'pcs\_status' appears to be used by the PHY and Link control functions and not by the PMA Receive function. Based on this, combining these two parameters on to a single line that connects to the PMA Receive, Link control, and PHY control functions doesn't seem to be the cleanest approach.

*SuggestedRemedy*

- [1] In Figure 113-3 separate lines be drawn from the PCS RECEIVE block (1) for 'scr\_status' connecting to the PMA RECEIVE block, and (2) for 'pcs\_status' connecting to both the LINK MONITOR and PHY CONTROL blocks.
- [2] In Figure 113-5 separate lines be drawn from the PCS RECEIVE block for 'scr\_status' and 'pcs\_status' to the PMA service interface.
- [3] In Figure 113-23 separate lines be drawn from the PMA service interface (1) for 'scr\_status' connecting to the PMA RECEIVE block, and (2) for 'pcs\_status' connecting to both the LINK MONITOR and PHY CONTROL blocks.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.