

IEEE P802.3bq D3.0 25G/40GBASE-T Ethernet Initial Sponsor ballot comments

Cl 113 SC 113.11 P 196 L 27 # i-97  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Architecture

Equation 44-1 and Table 44-3 are specific to 10 Gb/s. For higher bit rates, the calculation should be modified due to the different definition of Bit Time. See Equation 80-1, Table 80-5 (should be updated to include 40GBASE-T) and Equation 105-1, Table 105-3 (which should be updated to include 25GBASE-T).

*SuggestedRemedy*

Refer to the suggested tables and equations.

Add editing instructions to add the BASE-T PHYs to the tables.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.6 P 36 L 17 # i-12  
 Marris, Arthur Cadence Design Syst

Comment Type TR Comment Status D BY alignment

Editing instruction for 25GBASE-T PMA is type selection incorrect. None of IEEE Std 802.3bw-201X, IEEE Std 802.3bn-201X, or IEEE Std 802.3by-201X have an entry for: "1101xx = reserved for future use"

*SuggestedRemedy*

802.3by has:  
 "111011 = reserved"

Suggest adding editorial instruction to change this to:  
 "111011 = 25GBASE-T PMA"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

(802.3bn has the 1101xx entry, but will probably follow 802.3bq)

Commenter's suggested remedy would change the 802.3 Chief Editor's proposed allocation of 110111 to 25GBASE-T PMA.

Proposed remedy - retain exist allocation of 110111, and make edits consistent with 802.3bw and 802.3by, by:

1. Change editor's note to delete reference to 802.3bn, but still reflect 802.3bw and 802.3by
2. Retain existing rows "110111 = 25GBASE-T PMA" and "110110 = reserved for future use"
3. Below that, insert new row "11010x = reserved for future use"
4. Below that, replace edit changing row "1101xx"... to "11010x"... by row changing "110xxx"... to "1100xx"... (with appropriate underline and strikeouts)

Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.14b.a P 38 L 21 # i-22  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status D BY alignment

802.3by does not have 45.2.1.14c.1. This reference should be to 45.2.1.14b.1.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "before 45.2.1.14c.1" to "before 45.2.1.14b.1".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 78 SC 78.2 P 65 L # i-182  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter

Comment Type E Comment Status D BY alignment

Editing instructions need updated based on the likelihood that IEEE P802.3by will be the second amendment to IEEE Std 802.3-2015 and that IEEE P802.3bq will be the third.

*SuggestedRemedy*  
 Suggest that the editing instruction be changed to read 'Insert the following new rows into Table 78-2 (as modified by IEEE Std 802.3by-201X) after the entry "25GBASE-CR-S" for 25GBASE-T and after the entry "40GBASE-CR4" for 40GBASE-T:'.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 78 SC 78.1 P 65 L 8 # i-98  
 Zimmerman, George Aquantia, and CommS

Comment Type E Comment Status D BY alignment

Editing instruction should reference that this edit is on the text WITHOUT the modifications in IEEE Std 802.3by-201x.

*SuggestedRemedy*  
 Change editing instruction so it reads, "Change text in clause 78.1.3.3.1 (shown without modifications of IEEE Std 802.3by-201x) as follows:"

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Align text with IEEE Std 802.3by-201x (see comment i-180)

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.4 P 30 L 49 # i-20  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D BY alignment

The text that appears here is not based on 802.3by. as of D3.0 of 802.3by the sixth paragraph of "BEHAVIOUR DEFINED AS" is not changed compared to the 802.3-2015 revision. 802.3by only changes the eighth paragraph.

The original sixth paragraph refers to "For 40 Gb/s and 100 Gb/s", not to "For 25 Gb/s or greater".

It seems to make sense to reference 25 Gb/s in the sixth paragraph instead, since most of the eighth paragraph does not apply to 25 Gb/s, but that should be coordinated with 802.3by.

*SuggestedRemedy*  
 Unless 802.3by changes its draft to fit 802.3bq D3.0, make the addition of "and Link Interruption" in both the sixth and the eighth paragraphs. Change the editing instruction accordingly.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.  
 Change page 30 line 49 to match IEEE Std 802.3-2015 (should be 40Gb/s)

Move editor's note after the sixth paragraph, and before the eight.

Add editing instruction to (also) change eighth paragraph, as inserted by IEEE Std 802.3by-201x, to add Link Interruption, as described in comment i-74.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.7 P 44 L 23 # i-15  
 Marris, Arthur Cadence Design Syst

Comment Type T Comment Status D BY alignment

There is a comment against 802.3by draft 3.0 to insert a row into Table 45-124 for 3.8.6 and mark it as reserved.

*SuggestedRemedy*  
 Make editing instruction so it changes  
 "3.8.6 Reserved Value always 0"  
 to:  
 "3.8.6 40GBASE-T capable 1 = PCS is able ...."

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. (editor to check that BY d3p0 comment is accepted as described, if so, implement change, if not, align with BY to insert 40GBASE-T)

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Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.14b P 38 L 3 # i-13  
Marris, Arthur Cadence Design Syst

Comment Type E Comment Status D BY alignment  
Editorial instruction should reference Table 45-17b

SuggestedRemedy

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

Also change "45.2.1.14c.1" to "45.2.1.14b.1" on line 21

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 30 SC 30.5.1.1.4 P 30 L # i-168  
Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter

Comment Type TR Comment Status D BY alignment

Based on comment #217 on draft D2.0 of IEEE P802.3by <[http://www.ieee802.org/3/by/public/comments/8023by\\_D20\\_comment\\_final\\_responses\\_by\\_clause.pdf#Page=8](http://www.ieee802.org/3/by/public/comments/8023by_D20_comment_final_responses_by_clause.pdf#Page=8)> being accepted, the IEEE P802.3by draft was changed to modify the 10Gb/s text in paragraph 8 rather than modifying the 40Gb/s and 100Gb/s text in paragraph 6. The text in this draft has however not been modified to reflect this. Regardless, on the assumption that IEEE P802.3by will be Amendment 2 and IEEE P802.3bq will be Amendment 3, the text modification provided in IEEE P802.3by to the subclause 30.5.1.1.4 aMediaAvailable behaviour will provide support for all 25 Gb/s PHYs including 25GBASE-T. And further, the existing IEEE Std 802.3-2015 subclause 30.5.1.1.4 aMediaAvailable behaviour already supporting all 40 Gb/s PHYs. Based on this no further modification of the subclause 30.5.1.1.4 aMediaAvailable behaviour description is required in IEEE P802.3bq and hence this subclause should be deleted from the IEEE P802.3bq Clause 30 changes.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that the subclause 30.5.1.1.4 aMediaAvailable should be deleted from the IEEE P802.3bq Clause 30 changes.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Align with IEEE Std 802.3by, see comments i-20 and i-74, inserting Link Interruption and aligning with IEEE P802.3by draft by also changing paragraph 8.

Cl 105 SC 105.2 P 77 L 8 # i-29  
Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Laboratories of

Comment Type E Comment Status D BY alignment  
Title of Table 105-2 includes 25GBASE-R.

SuggestedRemedy

Change 25GBASE-R with 25GBASE in the title of Table 105-2.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT. (implemented by i-176)

Cl 105 SC 105.2 P 77 L 8 # i-176  
Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter

Comment Type T Comment Status D BY alignment  
Shouldn't the title of table 105-2 also be changed since 25GBASE-T isn't a 25GBASE-R PHY.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that '... clause correlation, 25GBASE-R' be changed to read '... clause correlation for<S>, 25GBASE-R</S><U> 25 Gb/s Ethernet PHYs</U>'.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.3.6 P 43 L 40 # i-14  
Marris, Arthur Cadence Design Syst

Comment Type T Comment Status D BY alignment

There is a comment against 802.3by draft 3.0 to amke the row:  
"1 1 0 = reserved"

SuggestedRemedy

For the "0 1 1 0" entry remove the underlining from the last three bits and make the editing instruction indicate a change from:

"1 1 0 = reserved"

to:

"0 1 1 0 = Select 40GBASE-T PCS type"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. (editor to check that BY d3p0 comment is accepted as described, if so, implement change, if not, align with BY to insert 40GBASE-T)

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Cl 105 SC 105.1.3 P 76 L 8 # i-174  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter

Comment Type E Comment Status D BY alignment

The editing instructions read 'Insert the following paragraph after the paragraph on 25GBASE-R and before Table 105-1' however there is already a paragraph at the location in IEEE P802.3by draft D3.0 that reads 'Physical Layer devices listed in Table 105-1 are defined for operation at 25 Gb/s.'

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the editing instructions should read 'Insert the following new third paragraph:'.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.14b.a P 38 L 21 # i-4  
 Anslow, Peter Ciena Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status D BY alignment

"... before 45.2.1.14c.1 ..." should be "... before 45.2.1.14b.1 ..."

SuggestedRemedy

Change "... before 45.2.1.14c.1 ..." to "... before 45.2.1.14b.1 ..."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 78 SC 78.1.4 P 65 L 24 # i-181  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter

Comment Type E Comment Status D BY alignment

Suggest that the editing instruction be placed after the subclause heading they relate to, they mention that this table has been modified by IEEE P802.3by, and places 25GBASE-T after the 25GBASE-SR entry with the 40GBASE-T entry after 40GBASE-ER4.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that the editing instruction be placed on line 28 after the subclause 78.1.4 'PHY types optionally supporting EEE' and be changed to read 'Insert the following new rows into Table 78-1 (as modified by IEEE Std 802.3by-201X) after the entry "25GBASE-SR" for 25GBASE-T and after the entry "40GBASE-ER4" for 40GBASE-T:'.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 78 SC 78.1.3.3.1 P 65 L 41 # i-180  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter

Comment Type E Comment Status D BY alignment

Text needs updated based on the likelihood that IEEE P802.3by will be the second amendment to IEEE Std 802.3-2015 and that IEEE P802.3bq will be the third.

SuggestedRemedy

- [1] The editor's note on line 6/7 be deleted.
- [2] The editing instruction should be updated to read 'Change text in clause 78.1.3.3.1 (as modified IEEE Std 802.3by-201X) as follows:'.
- [3] Based on IEEE P802.3by draft D3.0 the text '... an operating speed of 40 Gb/s or greater ...' be changed to read '... an operating speed of 25 Gb/s or greater ...' on line 12.
- [4] Based on IEEE P802.3by draft D3.0 the text '... with an operating speed less than 40 Gb/s.' be changed to read '... with an operating speed of 10 Gb/s or below on line 15.
- [5] Based on IEEE P802.3by draft D3.0 the text '... with an operating speed of 40 Gb/s or greater ...' be changed to read "... with an operating speed of 25 Gb/s or greater ..." on line 16 and line 21.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.6 P 36 L 18 # i-3  
 Anslow, Peter Ciena Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status D BY alignment

The reserved combinations for bits 1.7.5:0 are labelled "reserved", not "reserved for future use"

SuggestedRemedy

Change "reserved for future use" to "reserved" (3 instances)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 802.3bw draft 3.3 shows these edited to 'reserved for future use' - editor to coordinate with staff and make consistent. (reserved is used elsewhere).

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Cl 30 SC 30.5.1.1.4 P 30 L 43 # i-74  
 Marris, Arthur Cadence Design Syst

Comment Type TR Comment Status D BY alignment

Make consistent with modifications in 802.3by

SuggestedRemedy

Delete editors note.

Make the change to the eighth paragraph and not the sixth so it reads:

For 10 Gb/s and 25 Gb/s the enumerations map to value of the link\_fault variable within the Link Fault Signaling state diagram (Figure 46-11) as follows: the values OK and Link Interruption map to the enumeration "available", the value Local Fault maps to the enumeration "not available" and the value Remote Fault maps to the enumeration "remote fault".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Insert change to eighth paragraph in proposed response, but retain sixth paragraph, making it consistent with IEEE Std 802.3-2015 (applies to 40Gb/s) and retaining the insert of Link Interruption.

Move editor's note after the sixth paragraph, and before the eight.  
 Implemented in comment i-20

Cl 105 SC 105.3 P 77 L 32 # i-177  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter

Comment Type T Comment Status D BY alignment

The third paragraph of subclause 105.3.1 'Reconciliation Sublayer (RS) and 25 Gigabit Media Independent Interface (25GMII)' of IEEE P802.3by reads 'While the 25GMII is an optional interface, it is used extensively in this standard as a basis for functional specification and provides a common service interface for the 25GBASE-R PCS (Clause 107)'. With the addition of 25BASE-T by IEEE P802.3bq the 25GMII will no longer be limited to just the 25GBASE-R PCS.

SuggestedRemedy

Based on the description of the 25GMII found in subclause 1.1.3.2 'Compatibility interfaces' of IEEE P802.3by draft D3.0 that includes the statement that 'The 25GMII is designed to connect a 25 Gb/s capable MAC to a 25 Gb/s PHY' suggest that following change to the third paragraph of subclause 105.3.1 be included in the IEEE P802.3bq draft:

105.3.1 Reconciliation Sublayer (RS) and 25 Gigabit Media Independent Interface (25GMII)

Change the third paragraph of subclause 105.3.1 as follows:

While the 25GMII is an optional interface, it is used extensively in this standard as a basis for functional specification and provides a common service interface for the 25GBASE-R PCS (Clause 107) a 25 Gb/s PHY.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.7.2 P 178 L 42 # i-134  
 Schicketanz, Dieter Reutlingen Universty

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Cabling

In 802.3 bz the lower 2.5 G is specified to 100 MHz, 5G to 250 MHz. Scaling this frequencies up to 25 G and 40 G the frwuenicies would be 1000 MHz and 2000 MHZ

SuggestedRemedy

To be in line with 802.3bz change 0.625 to 0.5 in the link formulas , it should be sufficient to do it in 113.7.2 once

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The commentor does not provide a sufficient technical basis to align 802.3bq frequency scaling with 802.3bz.

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Cl 113 SC 113.7.2.1 P 182 L 6 # i-135  
 Schicketanz, Dieter Reutlingen Universty  
 Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D** Cabling  
 Formula 113-13 contains an error  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 The last f^2 should multiply only the 7 of 10^-7 not (10^-7)xf^2  
 Proposed Response Response Status **W**  
 PROPOSED REJECT.  
 See formula and table results given in diminico\_3bq\_01\_0914.pdf consistent with equation 113-13.

Cl 113 SC 113.7.2.3 P 179 L 35 # i-111  
 Rossbach, Martin Nexans Canada Inc.  
 Comment Type **T** Comment Status **D** Cabling  
 Merge lines for 1000<f<1250MHz and 1250<f<1600MHz. It is the same requirement.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete line 35. Change Formula to show a 8dB requirement from 1000MHz to 1600MHz (for 40GBASE-T)  
 Proposed Response Response Status **W**  
 PROPOSED REJECT.  
 The equation addresses both 25GBASE-T and 40GBASE-T. 25GBASE-T is not specified >1250 MHz.

Cl 113 SC 113.7.2 P 178 L 38 # i-137  
 Schicketanz, Dieter Reutlingen Universty  
 Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D** Cabling  
 Sreens are mentioned everywere, but the main qualifiere is missing in the link specification. It would add the possibility to match the link specifications to the local environment.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Add coupling attenuation depending on local environment after suubclause 113.7.3.2.1. Proposal to be given in Atlanta it does not fit here. (from 11801)  
 Proposed Response Response Status **W**  
 PROPOSED REJECT.  
 Coupling attenuation is specified in the referenced cabling standards and is not necessary to include as a link segment parameter as not directly related to PHY performance.

Cl 113 SC 113.7.4.3.1 P 187 L 1 # i-144  
 Moffitt, Bryan CommScope, Inc.  
 Comment Type **E** Comment Status **D** Cabling  
 Table format is inconsistent with other specification equations  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 alter to equation format  
 Proposed Response Response Status **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Implement suggested remedy if possible.

Cl 113 SC 113.7.4.3.2 P 187 L 24 # i-145  
 Moffitt, Bryan CommScope, Inc.  
 Comment Type **E** Comment Status **D** Cabling  
 Table format is inconsistent with other specification equations  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 alter to equation format  
 Proposed Response Response Status **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Implement suggested remedy if possible.

Cl 113 SC 113.7.4.2 P 186 L 21 # i-136  
 Schicketanz, Dieter Reutlingen Universty  
 Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D** Cabling  
 While the link formulas reference cabling standards were reference measurements and set ups are mentioned clause 113.7.4 direct attach shows limits without saying how to measure them. Therefore it is difficult to compare both but the formulas should look at least similar. RI from 1600 MHz looks different.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 The two sets are difficult to compare but at least match RL from 1600 MHz onwards to the link performance.  
 Proposed Response Response Status **W**  
 PROPOSED REJECT.  
 Commentor does not suggest changes to the draft.

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Cl 113 SC 113.1.1 P 81 L 46 # i-133  
 Schicketanz, Dieter Reutlingen Universty

Comment Type E Comment Status D Cabling

The parameter S which is used to calculate the link frequency range is defined here but used multiple times in the link formulas. But there it is not mentioned any more like frequency and others.

SuggestedRemedy

Repeat in all formulas the definition of S

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Add at the end of the first paragraph in 113.7.2 ....

The parameter S is used in 113.7.2 to scale the data rate for each PHY. For 25GBASE-T, S = 0.625 and for 40GBASE-T, S = 1.

Cl 113 SC 113.7.1 P 178 L 33 # i-131  
 Thompson, Geoffrey GraCaSI S.A.

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Cabling

The phrase "in a star topology" refers to equipment which is out of scope for 802.3 networks using link segments. It would require the involvement of 802.1 bridges or routers. There is no star topology involving purely 802.3 equipment.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove the phrase "in a star topology" from the sentence. It is not necessary and is technically incorrect.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.8 P L # i-129  
 Fritsche, Matthias HARTING Electronics

Comment Type T Comment Status D Cabling

Category 7A cable/connectors (Amendment 1 and 2 to ISO/IEC 11801, 2nd Ed.) are not included

SuggestedRemedy

Class FA: link/channel up to 1000 MHz using Category 7A cable/connectors (Amendment 1 and 2 to ISO/IEC 11801, 2nd Ed.) should be added

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.  
 See comment#109 and comment#10.

Cl 113 SC 113.7.4.3.4 P 188 L 9 # i-146  
 Moffitt, Bryan CommScope, Inc.

Comment Type E Comment Status D Cabling

No need to repeat this odd voltage calculation

SuggestedRemedy

Delete - already overdone at 113.7.2.4.4

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. At the end of the first paragraph 113.7.4.3.4 add FEXT loss is defined in Equation (113-22) ACRF is defined in Equation (113-23).

Delete Equation (113-34) and Equation (113-35).

Cl 113 SC 113.7.4.3.9 P 190 L 8 # i-149  
 Moffitt, Bryan CommScope, Inc.

Comment Type E Comment Status D Cabling

identical to Equation 113-27

SuggestedRemedy

could delete and add reference

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. P190 L1, delete "as follows" change Equation (113-40) to Equation (113-27).  
 Delete Equation (113-40).

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Cl 113 SC 113.7.1 P 178 L 25 # i-108  
 Rossbach, Martin Nexans Canada Inc.

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Cabling

Chapter 113.1.1 introduces Scaling factor for PCS, PMA and MDI to be 0.625 of 3200MBaud. For Cabling we need the Scaling factor to be 0.5 as we start with 2000MHz upper frequency. Redefine Scaling factor for 25GBASE-T = S = 0.5

SuggestedRemedy

Add text to 113.7.1 "For Cabling system characteristics for 25GBASE-T described in this Clause 113, the Scaling parameter S =0.5 is used."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

In 113.1.1 the scaling factor S is introduced for scaling the "parameters" which scale with the PHYs data rate not scaling the PHYs data rate as the mentor suggests.

Cl 113 SC 113.7.1 P 178 L 25 # i-109  
 Rossbach, Martin Nexans Canada Inc.

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Cabling

Add Class FA for 25GBASE-T Cabling Types

SuggestedRemedy

use the following text for 113.7.1 "The cabling system used to support 40GBASE-T requires 4-pair balanced cabling with a nominal impedance of 100 Ohm listed in Table 113-21. The cabling system used to support 25GBASE-T requires 4-pair balanced cabling with a nominal impedance of 100 Ohm 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.
- 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. "

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Resubmission of rejected comment #73 to D2.3.

Response: 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 113.7.2 P 178 L 39 # i-110  
 Rossbach, Martin Nexans Canada Inc.

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Cabling

Add Table 113-22 for 25GBASE-T Cabling Types including Class FA

SuggestedRemedy

Link segment transmission parameters  
 A link segment consisting of up to 30 m of cabling that meets the transmission parameters of this subclause provides a reliable medium. The transmission parameters of the link segment include insertion loss, delay parameters, nominal impedance, NEXT loss, ACRF, and return loss. In addition, the requirements for the alien crosstalk coupled "between" link segments is specified.

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 distances Cabling references  
 ISO/IEC Class I / Class II 30 m ISO/IEC 11801-1 Edition 3  
 Category 8 30 m ANSI/TIA-568-C.2-1

Table 113-22 25GBASE-T Cabling types and distances  
 Cabling Supported link segment distances Cabling references  
 ISO/IEC Class I / Class II 30 m ISO/IEC 11801-1 Edition 3  
 Category 8 30 m ANSI/TIA-568-C.2-1  
 CLASS FA 30 m ISO/IEC 11801-1 Edition 3 up to 30m / ISO/IEC TR 11801-9905

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

See comment#109 and comment#10.

Cl 113 SC 113.7.2.4 P 179 L 50 # i-119  
 Donahue, Curtis

Comment Type E Comment Status D Cabling

In this paragraph, and repeated in some of the following subclauses, spells out the acronym of ACRF as "attenuation to crosstalk ratio, far-end", but in 1.5 Definitions it is defined as "attenuation to crosstalk ratio - far end".

SuggestedRemedy

Make the acronym definition and text consistent. The easiest solution would be to change the definition in 1.5 to "attenuation to crosstalk ratio, far-end".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change the definition in 1.5 to "attenuation to crosstalk ratio, far-end."



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Cl 113 SC 113.8.1 P 192 L 8 # i-132  
Schicketanz, Dieter Reutlingen Universty

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Cabling

in Kanata 2014 when deciding on the MDI connector the motion for an "RJ45" failed. It passed later by saying it would not preclude other options. This wording was not implemented just old wording used. In the Berlin meeting this was discussed but it was said it would be a technical change. To my knowledge implementing a motion is editorial and not a technical change. I personally was very disappointed about the treatment in Berlin.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the sentence to reflect the outcome of the motion that the one mentioned connector is not the only one possible. e.g.: Start at line 8: One option is an..... After-7-81 replace "shall" with "to" My English is not sufficient to propose a good wording that would satisfy all.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

From the September 2014 Task Force meeting, Ottawa, ON, Canada meeting minutes ([http://www.ieee802.org/3/bq/public/sep14/unconfirmed\\_minutes\\_3bq\\_0914.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bq/public/sep14/unconfirmed_minutes_3bq_0914.pdf))

The secretary & Editor noted that they understood the language of the motion not to preclude additional MDI's should they be offered in the future.

Cl 113 SC 113.8.2 P 192 L 50 # i-152  
Moffitt, Bryan CommScope, Inc.

Comment Type T Comment Status D Cabling

This subclause jumps right into FEXT

SuggestedRemedy

There should be a FEXT subclause and the first sentence about a plug should be true for all MDI specs below. Also, should the plug ID be more specific?

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Under 113.8.2 MDI electrical specifications  
Change first paragraph to:  
The MDI connector mated with a specified balanced twisted-pair cable connector shall meet the electrical requirements specified in this subclause.  
Include FEXT parameter in header level i.e., 113.8.2.1. FEXT loss

Cl 113 SC 113.7.4.3.3 P 187 L 45 # i-147  
Moffitt, Bryan CommScope, Inc.

Comment Type E Comment Status D Cabling

identical to Equation 113-21

SuggestedRemedy

could delete and add reference

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
P187 L45, delete "as follows" change Equation (113-34) to Equation (113-21).  
Delete Equation (113-34).

Cl 113 SC 113.7.1 P 178 L 23 # i-10  
Maguire, Valerie The Siemon Company

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Cabling

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

SuggestedRemedy

Refer to page 3 of [http://www.ieee802.org/3/bq/public/nov15/maguire\\_3bq\\_01a\\_1115.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bq/public/nov15/maguire_3bq_01a_1115.pdf) to see proposed changes with revision marks.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Resubmission of rejected comment#36 against D2.3 with response "no consensus to change the draft".

For committee discussion.

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Cl 113 SC 113.7.2 P 178 L 52 # i-157  
Hess, David CORD DATA

Comment Type T Comment Status D Cabling

Recognize Category 7A balanced cabling capacity to support 25GBASE-T, as it is already defined in 802.3, and as it is already used in Class FA cabling listed among 10GBASE-T supported cabling types.  
"1.4.124 Category 7A balanced cabling: Balanced 100 U cables and associated connecting hardware whose transmission characteristics are specified up to 1,000 MHz (i.e., cabling components meet the performance specified in ISO/IEC 11801:2002 Amendment 2). In addition to the requirements outlined in ISO/IEC 11801:2002 Amendment 2, IEEE 802.3 Clause 14, Clause 23, Clause 25, Clause 40, and Clause 55 specify additional requirements for this cabling when used with 10BASE-T 100BASE-T and 10GBASE-T "

SuggestedRemedy

Insert footnote reference "a" within Table 113-21- Cabling types and distances, to the end of column 1, row 2, "ISO/IEC Class I / Class II"  
Place the note below Table 113-21- Cabling types and distances:  
"Category 7A balanced cabling, defined in clause 1.4.124, which is used in Class FA cabling, which is listed in Table 55-17 among the 10GBASE-T supported cabling types, supports 25GBASE-T for a link segment distance of 30 m; Category 7A balanced cabling link segment characteristics are verified according to this subclause (113.7) over the frequency range of 1 MHz to 1000 MHz "

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT

Content of suggested remedy similar to proposals in rejected comment#36 against D2.3 with the response " no consensus to change the draft".

For committee discussion.

Cl 113 SC 113.7.2 P 178 L 44 # i-11  
Maguire, Valerie The Siemon Company

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Cabling

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

SuggestedRemedy

Refer to page 4 of [http://www.ieee802.org/3/bq/public/nov15/maguire\\_3bq\\_01a\\_1115.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bq/public/nov15/maguire_3bq_01a_1115.pdf) to see proposed changes with revision marks.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT. This comment seems to be a duplicate of comment#10. See response to comment#10

Cl 113 SC 113.8.2.2 P 194 L 5 # i-153  
Moffitt, Bryan CommScope, Inc.

Comment Type T Comment Status D Cabling

Impedance Balance seems to be defined in two mutually exclusive ways - "Test- mode 5 to generate an appropriate transmitter output" and using a network analyzer which will not work with transmission data

SuggestedRemedy

more detail or correction is needed

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Delete: The impedance balance is defined as the S parameter measurement of Sdc11 in dB at the MDI.

The paragraph below details the impedance balance measurement which is the intent.

Cl 113 SC 113.7.5 P 191 L 51 # i-151  
Moffitt, Bryan CommScope, Inc.

Comment Type E Comment Status D Cabling

Is background noise the sum of all above, some above, or a separate additional source?

SuggestedRemedy

It might be useful to know since it has an assumed specification

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. Check for definition of background noise. Add, if not defined elsewhere, sentence to the end of g) Background noise is independent of PHY noise.

Cl 113 SC 113.7.4.3.10 P 190 L 48 # i-150  
Moffitt, Bryan CommScope, Inc.

Comment Type E Comment Status D Cabling

identical to Equation 113-29

SuggestedRemedy

could delete and add reference

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. P190 L48, delete "as follows" change Equation (113-42) to Equation (113-29).  
Delete Equation (113-42).

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Cl 0 SC 0 P L # i-138  
 Schicketanz, Dieter Reutlingen Universty  
 Comment Type GR Comment Status D Cabling  
 in bz in the alin clause there is a sentence that the calculation is done up tp 100 and 200 MHz due to niuse issues  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 It is done differently in bq, for the sake of Multigigabit both standards should be harmonized  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED REJECT.  
 The commentor doe not provide enough detail or page/line references to understand the issues raised nor recommend specific changes to the draft to implement any changes.

Cl 113 SC 113.7.4.3.5 P 189 L 6 # i-148  
 Moffitt, Bryan CommScope, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D Cabling  
 identical to Equation 113-26  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 could delete and add reference  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 P189 L1, delete "as follows" change Equation (113-38) to Equation (113-26).  
 Delete Equation (113-38).

Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2.10 P 107 L 6 # i-69  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
 Comment Type ER Comment Status D Editorial  
 EEE is an optional capability. PHYs may support EEE or not, but it is not a separate standard.  
 For optional features the usual term is "support". "PHYs that support EEE" (or other features like fast retratin) is very common in 802.3. "EEE compliant" is seldom used (only twice in clause 55).  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change "EEE compliant PHYs" to "PHYs that support EEE" throughout clause 113.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.5 P 122 L 4 # i-79  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D Editorial  
 "R" label in the box seems to refer to the refresh cycle, but it is not readily apparent. The detailed description of "Pair A" does not include "R".  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Add "R" under the "refresh" label for pair A.  
 Consider adding, either in a note in the figure or in the text, an indication that R denotes to the refresh period.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Change "refresh" on pair A to "refresh (R)"

Cl 55 SC 55.3.4 P 61 L 8 # i-32  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Laboratories of  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D Editorial  
 The periodically repeating pattern is deleted from the existing standard of 10GBASE-T without an explanation and a note of the change from prior revisions of the standard.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Add a note of the change from prior revisions of the standard and an explanation for the reason of the change.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 See comment i-27

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Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2.19 P 113 L 8 # i-72  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D Editorial

The text can be interpreted as if the first 1536 bits of the payload are RS-FEC encoded and the final 1732 are LDPC encoded. But Figure 113-8 (which is not referenced here) and subclause 113.3.2.2.20 (also not referenced here) suggest a different division scheme. 113.3.2.2.20 does define how the RS-FEC codeword is constructed, but figuring out the LDPC construction is difficult, and the way this is shown is quite confusing.

SuggestedRemedy

State clearly in the text how the LDPC 1723-bit payload is constructed from the 513B and 65B blocks, similar to the RS-FEC payload construction details in 113.3.2.2.20.

Align the text with Figure 113-8 if necessary.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Existing text is similar in construction to uncoded and LDPC encoded bits in clause 55 which has been clearly understood.

Add on line 10 (after "in Annex 55A.") "See Figure 113-8 and subclause 113.3.2.2.20 for details on PCS bit ordering and RS-FEC encoding."

Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2.8 P 106 L 43 # i-67  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status D Editorial

"to account for self-synchronizing scrambler error propagation" - this may be the motivation for this rule (part of the rule), but should not be the rule itself. For people unfamiliar with "self-synchronizing scrambler error propagation" this adds an unnecessary confusion.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete "to account for self-synchronizing scrambler error propagation", or move it to a NOTE.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Delete "to account for self-synchronizing scrambler error propagation"

Cl 113 SC 113.2.2 P 90 L 42 # i-58  
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type E Comment Status D Editorial

"a 4 bit control word and 32 bit data word" - adjectives made from multiple compound words should be hyphenated.

SuggestedRemedy

Change to "a 4-bit control word and 32-bit data word"  
 Scrub the rest of the draft for similar instances (there are multiple)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change to "a four-bit control word and 32-bit data word". Editor to search draft for other similar instances of " bit " with a leading number and correct consistently.

Cl 30 SC 30.5.1.1.19 P 31 L 11 # i-169  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter

Comment Type T Comment Status D Editorial

Suggest for clarity it should be stated that SNR operating margin is measured at the slicer input for MultiGBASE-T PMAs.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that the text '... for the <S>10GBASE-T </S>PMA.' be changed to read '... for the <S>10GBASE-T </S><U>MultiGBASE-T</U> PMA.' should be changed here and in subclause 30.5.1.1.20 'aSNROpMarginChnlB' (line 26), in subclause 30.5.1.1.21 'aSNROpMarginChnlC' (line 41) and subclause 30.5.1.1.22 'aSNROpMarginChnlD'.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.7.10.5 P 51 L 15 # i-27  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Editorial

I understand and accept the reasons for deprecating the periodic training sequence functionality, but I am uncomfortable with the way it is done. Usually deprecated text is kept and marked as such so that the old functionality is documented. But this seems like rewriting history to delete the past, and the new text may be very confusing to read, especially once the strikeout text is gone.

The meaning of bits 7.32.2 and 7.33.9 should not be changed, since existing 10GBASE-T equipment may still have them implemented (though they might never be set to 1 in practice). The amended text includes things like "bit 7.33.9 should always read zero" which would immediately make some existing implementations non-compliant, if the bit reads as the value received in auto-negotiation.

Making the specific value 1 "reserved" or "not defined" (in Table 45-208) while the value 0 isn't reserved and is defined, is very unusual. It is also unusual to have a R/W bit (7.32.2) with the description "value always 0".

The changes in clause 55 should also keep the original behavior since existing devices may have it implemented (though they may never be requested to use it).

*SuggestedRemedy*

In 45.2.7.10.5, Keep the original text, and insert at the beginning "For 10GBASE-T, ". In addition, insert a new paragraph after the original text:  
 "The periodic training sequence request functionality is deprecated and may be unsupported by some implementations. The link partner may ignore a request caused by setting this bit to one. It is recommended to always set this bit to zero."

In Table 45-207, keep the original description of bit 7.32.2, and append a paragraph:  
 "NOTE--the periodic training sequence request functionality is deprecated. Link partners may ignore a value of one in this bit. It is recommended to always set this bit to zero."

In 45.2.7.11.7, keep the original text, and replace the new text (underlined) with the following paragraph:  
 "The periodic training sequence request functionality is deprecated. Implementations may ignore a value of one in this bit or have it always read as zero."

In Table 45-208, keep the original description of bit 7.33.9, and append a paragraph:  
 "NOTE--the periodic training sequence request functionality is deprecated. Implementations may ignore a value of one in this bit or have it always read as zero."

In Clause 55, do not delete the second paragraph of 55.3.4. Instead, change it to a note (informative instead of normative) and change the text as follows:

"NOTE-- During Auto-Negotiation a device may request its link partner to use periodic training sequence initialization. This functionality is deprecated; devices may ignore this

request if it is received, and it is recommended not to send it. A device that receives this request and does not ignore it generates a periodically repeating pattern, by reinitializing its scrambler state after every 16384 symbol periods to the 33-bit value generated by combining 0x39A422 for the 22 MSBs and SB10-SB0 from Table 55-15 generated by the local device for the 11 LSBs, as shown in Figure 55-13."

Also, delete the change instructions to Figure 55-13, subclause 55.3.5.3, and bit U20 in Table 55-15.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 113 SC 113.3.2.2.16 P 108 L 19 # i-70  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type GR Comment Status D Editorial

Multiple issues with this subclause:

1. The lists is not in list format, and do not have the required indentation.
2. Multiple lists in the same subclause require separate numbering. The second list should be changed to a1, b1, c1, the third should be a1, b2, c2. (see 85.8.3.3 for an example).
3. In the "b" item of the second list, "8-k" should use a minus sign instead of a hyphen, "C={1,4}" should have a right curly brace.
4. In the "c" item of the second list, it is not clear which 4-bit code is referred. Should it be the rightmost column of Table 113-4? Please rephrase to clarify.
5. In the paragraph that starts with "Given this," the words "can be constructed" refer to "a 513-bit block". It seems that they should be preceded by a space, or the sentence re-ordered.
6. Missing periods at the end of sentence in "c" item of the third list, and the paragraph which follows ("The resulting translation...").
7. List items within the examples should have distinct labels, and preferably without sub-list items "a.". It may be better to move the examples to a separate subclause.
8. When j/k/C/U is used as an index, as in tx\_coded\_j, the index variable should be italicized. But j is never italicized and, k, C and U are inconsistently italicized.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Address all issues as listed in the comment body, in this subclause and the tables and figures within it.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Address all issues - editor to check style guide on practice for third list (commenter says a1, b2, c2 - looks like it should be a2, b2, c2, Clause 85 doesn't provide an example of this)

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Cl 45 SC 45.2.7.11.7c P 53 L 35 # i-31  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status D Editorial

When read as 1 the bit "is used to indicate" but when read as 0 it just indicates. Also, in previous clauses 45.2.7.11.7a and 45.2.7.11.7b, bits just indicate.

Comment also applies to 45.2.7.11.8 and 45.2.7.11.9.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "is used to indicate" to "indicates", in 45.2.7.11.7c, 45.2.7.11.8, and 45.2.7.11.9.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.4.5.1 P 153 L 39 # i-90  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status D Editorial

Inconsistent right margin and justification for the variable definitions. Line breaks seem to be present where they should not.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Apply paragraph formatting suitable for list of variables as in other lists in this draft.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 0 SC 0 P L # i-89  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Editorial

The style manual says  
 "...the use of the word must is deprecated and shall not be used when stating mandatory requirements; must is used only to describe unavoidable situations"  
 and  
 "The word may is used to indicate a course of action permissible within the limits of the standard (may equals is permitted to)"  
 And also deprecates usage of the word "will" and says "will is only used in statements of fact".

The word "must" appears in the draft in P114 L2, P122 L24, and P148 L14. In all cases it does not describe an unavoidable situation, and seems to be a mandatory requirement.

The word "will" also appears in some places not as a statement of fact.

The word "may" is found in numerous places but sometimes has a meaning inconsistent with "is permitted to". In (P92 L18, P126 L25) it seems to be a normative statement (listing only several allowed values, others values are not). In (P130 L8 and L9, P149 L35) it is part of "may not" which is inconsistent (optional vs. prohibitive) and confusing - this is the reason for this comment being TR. In (P171 L17, P176 L14, P195 L19, L26 and L27, P197 L10) it points to a capability or to natural phenomena.

A significant effort was done in 802.3bx to clean the standard with respect to these words. It would be helpful for the next revision if this amendment adheres with the manual.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Across the draft, change "must" and "will" to "shall" or rephrase as necessary.

Check usage of the word "may" in the listed locations and replace to "can", "shall", "shall not", or rephrase as necessary.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 P114 L2 see comment i-73 to remove "must"  
 P122 L24 describes a desired state, not a requirement, what follows states the requirements to achieve this. Delete "must" on P122 L24  
 P148 L14 change "must" to "shall"

P92 L24, P110 L1, L4, and L13, P124 L4 change "will be" to "is"

P127 L18 change "will" to "shall" to read "When the timer reaches its terminal count it shall set lfer\_timer\_done = TRUE", and update PICS.

P139 L3 delete "will"

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P150 L37 change "will" to "shall" to read: "Otherwise the PHY shall keep its THP turned on with its previously exchanged coefficients, and send PAM2 signaling within a time period equivalent to 9 LDPC frame periods." and update PICS.

P178 L6 change "will" to "is"

P92 L18 replace "may take on" with "takes on"

P92 L19 replace "may additionally take on" with "additionally takes on"

P126 L25 change "may take" with "takes"

P130 L8, L9 - change "may not" to "might not" (2 instances)

P149 L35 change "may not" to "shall not" to read: "The THP coefficients and PBO setting shall not be changed during PMA\_Fine\_Adjust." and update PICS

P171 L17, P176 L14, P195 L19, L27, P197 L10 change "may" to "can"  
P195 L26 delete "may"

Cl 113A SC 113A.3 P 216 L 44 # i-65  
Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type E Comment Status D Editorial

There are a few editorial inconsistencies in text on page 216 and 217.  
Lettered list uses "-" and "--" (em-dash) as separators without any consistency  
The use of "<->" symbol is not really clear - if a link is intended, spell it out using "link between Port 1 and Port 2) or something similar.  
There is, by definition, a non-breaking space between numeric value and unit, but there are multiple instances where space is missing, e.g., "A 30m, 4-pair 100 &#61527;"

*SuggestedRemedy*

Fix the issues

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 1 SC 1.4.277b P 25 L 6 # i-19  
RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status D Editorial

"(for both 25GBASE-T and 40GBASE-T)" can be read as if it refers to both Clause 55 and Clause 113.

There is no need for the nested parenthesis, the reference is informative enough without it. Other clauses that define sublayers used in multiple rates (such as Clause 82) are referenced without listing all relevant types.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete "(for both 25GBASE-T and 40GBASE-T)".

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.1.3.2 P 85 L 28 # i-50  
RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Editorial

This sentence ends with "...or whether the PHY sends special PAM2 code-groups that are used in the training mode". But training mode affects the receiver behavior too. Also, data transmission (mentioned in normal mode) is disabled, but here it is not mentioned.

The next sentence, "The latter occurs when either one or both of the PHYs that share a link segment are not operating reliably.", seems incorrect. Training mode is part of link creation and has nothing to do with reliability.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change from  
"or whether the PHY sends special PAM2 code-groups that are used in the training mode" to  
"or in training mode, in which it sends and receives special PAM2 code-groups and data transmission is disabled."

In addition, either delete the last sentence of this paragraph, or rephrase it so it becomes correct.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Implement suggested remedy, deleting the last sentence of the paragraph. ("The latter occurs... reliably.")

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Cl 113 SC 113.1.3 P 80 L 43 # i-42  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type **G** Comment Status **D** Editorial

Here "Megasympols per second" is used, later in this subclause and in 113.1.3.2 it's Msymbol/s. Consistency is preferred.

In many other clauses (including clause 40) the unit in used is Baud, with the relevant abbreviation being GBd. It is a well-understood terminology.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Use consistent units throughout the draft. Preferably, change to 2 GBd, 3.2 GBd , 3.2\*S GBd.

*Proposed Response* Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Adopt consistent terminology within the clause. Msymbol/s terminology is consistent with Clause 55), Mbaud terminology would be consistent with non-BASE-T PHYs. Both are well understood. Task Force to discuss.

Cl 113 SC 113.5.4.3 P 171 L 21 # i-142  
 Moffitt, Bryan CommScope, Inc.

Comment Type **E** Comment Status **D** Editorial

"a 30 meter plug-terminated cabling that meets the requirements of 113.7" is off sense.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change to: "a 30 meter plug-terminated cabling span that meets the requirements of 113.7,"

*Proposed Response* Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.1.3.1 P 84 L 40 # i-48  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type **E** Comment Status **D** Editorial

"Details of the PCS function are covered in 113.3"

This sentence does not seem to belong in this paragraph, which deals with the PMA.

The former several paragraphs dealt with the PCS transmit operation (as a summary/overview). The next two paragraph summarize the receiver operation and include "The PCS functions and state diagrams are specified in 113.3".

Reference to the detailed description should be put at the end.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Merge the two sentences "Details of the PCS function are covered in 113.3" and "The PCS functions and state diagrams are specified in 113.3", and move the result to a separate paragraph ending this subclause.

Consider moving the sentence "The interface to the PMA is an abstract message-passing interface specified in 113.2" to this final paragraph too.

*Proposed Response* Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Implement suggested remedy as well as moving the sentence "The interface to the PMA..." as suggested.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2 P 98 L 50 # i-66  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type **E** Comment Status **D** Editorial

6x513B and 2x65B bits?

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete either the B's or "bits".

*Proposed Response* Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Change "the 6x513B and 2x65B bits" to "the six blocks of 513B transcoded bits and the two blocks of 65B encoded bits"



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Cl 113 SC 113.4.2.2.1 P 139 L 3 # i-86  
RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
Comment Type **T** Comment Status **D** *EEE*  
"will" seems to be a normative requirement here.  
SuggestedRemedy  
Change "will" to "shall".  
Proposed Response Response Status **W**  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.5.3.5 P 170 L 45 # i-93  
RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D** *EEE*  
Does the frequency variation requirement also apply to SLAVE PHYs?  
Specifically, since asymmetric LPI operation is possible, the SLAVE clock recovery function has no clock to track for extended periods when the MASTER is in LPI. The SLAVE TX has to use loop-timing clock during that time. What are the frequency/phase requirements when the MASTER is in LPI? Holding the open-loop frequency within 0.1 ppm/second of the closed-loop frequency seems challenging. I don't see another value specified for the slave.

Also, there is no test mode that enables measurement of the SLAVE frequency when MASTER is going in and out of LPI.

SuggestedRemedy  
If SLAVE is subject to the specifications in the second paragraph, state it explicitly.  
If not, state that it only holds for MASTER, and specify separately what is required from SLAVE, especially with MASTER in LPI.  
If anything is required from SLAVE, please address how it can be validated.

Proposed Response Response Status **W**  
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
Task force to discuss. This is the exact text in clause 55 and was not misunderstood - need to align with practice and recommend maintenance if necessary to clause 55.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.7.2 P 136 L 42 # i-84  
RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D** *EEE*  
According to Figure 113-22, during SEND\_WAKE we have:  
tx\_lpi\_alert\_active=false (deasserted in this state)  
tx\_lpi\_qr\_active=false (deasserted in SEND\_ALERT)  
So according to the definition of lpi\_tx\_mode, we get lpi\_tx\_mode=QUIET during SEND\_WAKE.

That does not seem correct, although the corresponding diagram in Figure 55-20 is similar.

SuggestedRemedy  
I assume tx\_lpi\_qr\_active should be asserted to true in SEND\_WAKE, to enable REFRESH signaling. But perhaps something else should be done.  
Proposed Response Response Status **W**  
PROPOSED REJECT.  
The definition of tx\_lpi\_qr\_active is A Boolean variable that is set true during the LPI transmit mode, when the PHY is transmitting quiet-refresh signaling. Set false otherwise.  
The WAKE signal is not a quiet-refresh signal. It is composed of LDPC frames (512B/513B and 64/65B blocks) of Idle (/I) signals.

Cl 113 SC 113.5.4.3 P 171 L 22 # i-94  
RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D** *EMI test*  
What does "remain over the ground reference plane" mean? does it mean component enclosures are grounded to the same connection? or should they all float to be isolated from ground connection?  
SuggestedRemedy  
Please reword to clarify.  
Proposed Response Response Status **W**  
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
See comment i-139

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CI 113 SC 113.5.4.3 P 171 L 25 # i-140  
 Moffitt, Bryan CommScope, Inc.  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D EMI test  
 6dBm should be verified against more recent ad-hoc test data  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 review test results and change if necessary  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Additional test data will be reviewed if provided.

CI 113A SC 113A.3 P 216 L 50 # i-154  
 Moffitt, Bryan CommScope, Inc.  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D EMI test  
 BALUN specs should be verified against more recent ad-hoc test data  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 review test results and change if necessary  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Review data if provided

CI 113A SC 113A.4 P 219 L 1 # i-156  
 Moffitt, Bryan CommScope, Inc.  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D EMI test  
 "reduced to the minimum output level" does not ensure relief from transients. Fast switching to and from zero still can create strong transients.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change to something like: The signal generator output transitions should be controlled to minimize any disruptive frequency switching transients.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Change to "The signal generator output should be controlled between steps to minimize any frequency switching transients."

CI 113 SC 113.5.4.4 P 171 L 40 # i-143  
 Moffitt, Bryan CommScope, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EMI test  
 injected into each MDI inputs (Should be a singular sense?)  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change to: injected into each MDI input  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 113A SC 113A.3 P 216 L 48 # i-155  
 Moffitt, Bryan CommScope, Inc.  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D EMI test  
 The fixture should be grounded as well  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change to: Grounds of the fixture should be connected to the ground plane and the wires of pairs not being measured should be terminated to the ground plane with a 50 ohm resistor.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Insert " The fixture ground should be connected directly to the ground plane." as a new sentence between the sentence ending "8 signal wires." and the one starting "Wires of pairs"

CI 113A SC 113A.2 P 213 L 31 # i-128  
 Donahue, Curtis  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EMI test  
 There seems to be some differences in the described width of the center opening (rounding issues?). On pg 213 ln 31 it says " 9.525 mm (0.375 in)", but pg 214 ln 3 says "9.53 mm (0.375 in)". And lastly, figure 113A-2 on pg 215 uses "9.53".  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change the values to be consistant, either all should be "9.53" or all should be "9.525".  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Change all dimensions to 3 significant figures (change 9.525 mm references to 9.53 mm)

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Cl 113 SC 113.5.4.3 P 171 L 32 # i-141  
 Moffitt, Bryan CommScope, Inc.

Comment Type E Comment Status D EMI test

This note has created several ambiguous issues: The 10% refers to a calibration procedure of the Annex (113A.3) that is not necessarily carried into the actual Annex test (113A.4) where it only says "impairment as specified". It is clearly identified in the annex as optional. There is no good reason to drag the 10% statement into the main document.

SuggestedRemedy

It should be recognized that 10% in any interpretation is a small deviation by conventional EMC methods and since it was not clearly defined, delete the note.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.  
 Text was added to clear up a previous ambiguity flagged in comments.

Cl 113 SC 113.5.4.3 P 171 L 22 # i-139  
 Moffitt, Bryan CommScope, Inc.

Comment Type T Comment Status D EMI test

The sentence "All components in the test remain over the ground reference plane." is not true and should be deleted or modified to match the test in the Annex.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete or could be corrected, such as: Components that are exposed to the induced fields remain over a ground reference plane.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Change to "Components that are exposed to the induced fields remain over the ground reference plane."

Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2.9 P 106 L 52 # i-68  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

two periods..

SuggestedRemedy

Delete one period.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.2.2 P 90 L 1 # i-57  
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

Dashed line in Figure 113-4, and other figures in the draft, are very dense.

SuggestedRemedy

Please use less dense dashed line - it is hard to distinguish continuous and dashed lines.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.4.1 P 137 L 51 # i-59  
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

Test in NOTE2 is a full sentence, but does not have "." at the end.

SuggestedRemedy

Please scrub existing NOTES and Footnotes, and make sure that full sentences are followed by "."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.2.2 P 90 L 3 # i-54  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

In Figure 113-4, the optional signals appear in a hatched box. The exact same hatch pattern appears in other places in the diagram, as an interface boundary.

There is no reference to this box in the note (as in Figure 113-3).

SuggestedRemedy

Change the hatched pattern of this box (only) to a dashed line.

Consider adding indication of this box in the NOTE.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 No note needed, these relate to EEE and the use of dash has already been stated.

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Cl 113A SC 113A.2 P 216 L 1 # i-64  
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 inconsistent font size in Table 113A-1  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Please apply proper style template and decrease font size for individual entry rows.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.7.2.3 P 179 L 44 # i-63  
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D EZ  
 misplaced Editorial note.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Either fix reference from Equation 113-27 to Equation 113-14 (where the note is located) or move the note to location under said Equation 113-27.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Note deleted by comment i-100

Cl 113 SC 113.7.2 P 178 L 47 # i-62  
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 Incorrect table format for Table 113-21  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Please apply proper style (and fix offending line thickness)  
 The same observation applies to Table 113-22.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.5.3.4 P 170 L 16 # i-61  
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 Is there any reason for the Y axis title be displayed in this form?  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Typically, Y axis title is displayed in 90deg rotation, for example see Figure 85-4--Maximum insertion loss TP0 to TP2 or TP3 to TP5 in IEEE Std 802.3-2012 version  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT. Implemented as i-107

Cl 113 SC 113.4.6.2 P 160 L 1 # i-60  
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 Inconsistencies in font size and text box styles in individual state diagrams, e.g., when comparing Figure 113-31 and Figure 113-32  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Please align font sizes and text box styles at least within this amendment.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.2.2 P 90 L 42 # i-56  
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Network  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 Missing space in "RXC<3:0>, RXD<31:0>, TXC<3:0>, and TXD<31:0>," between "," and "and".  
 Also, sentence finishes with "," and should with "."  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Per comment  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 80 SC 80.1.3 P 69 L 36 # i-35  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 Text box in the figure uses serif font type.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change font to sans serif type.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.3.2.1.2 P 29 L 43 # i-2  
 Anslow, Peter Ciena Corporation  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 IEEE Std 802.3bw has been approved by the SASB, so this should be "IEEE Std 802.3bw-2015"  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change all instances of "IEEE Std 802.3bw-201x" to "IEEE Std 802.3bw-2015" throughout the draft  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.65.1 P 40 L 1 # i-5  
 Anslow, Peter Ciena Corporation  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 In "Change text of clauses 45.2.1.65.1 and 45.2.1.65.2 ...", 45.2.1.65.1 and 45.2.1.65.2 are not clauses.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete the word "clauses"  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.9 P 45 L 1 # i-6  
 Anslow, Peter Ciena Corporation  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 "Change the name of Table 45-125 ..." should be "Change the title of Table 45-125 ..." and "(unchanged bits not shown)" should be "(unchanged rows not shown)".  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change "the name of Table 45-125 ..." to "the title of Table 45-125 ..." and change "(unchanged bits not shown)" to "(unchanged rows not shown)".  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3 P 42 L 44 # i-7  
 Anslow, Peter Ciena Corporation  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 Subclause 45.2.3.9a has been added for EEE control and capability 2 (Register 3.21), but there is no change to Table 45-119 for this new register  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Add a row for register 3.21 and show appropriate changes to the reserved registers.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.5.3.9 P 59 L 42 # i-8  
 Anslow, Peter Ciena Corporation  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 "add" is not a valid editing instruction  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change "and add rows" to "and insert rows"  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 1 SC 1.4.64j P 24 L 25 # i-16  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 Missing space.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change "25Gb/s" to "25 Gb/s".  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.62 P 38 L 31 # i-23  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 The letter "G" seems smaller than others in "MultiGBASE-T". This occurs multiple times from this point and forth.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Correct font sizes.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 1 SC 1.4 P 24 L 21 # i-17  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 "25GBASE-R as inserted by IEEE Std 802.3by-201X" is in 1.4.64g. Looking at the project listed as running in parallel (IEEE P802.3bn, IEEE P802.3bs, IEEE P802.3bw, IEEE P802.3by, and IEEE P802.3bz) I could not find any one that inserted later subclauses h and i.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change subclause identifier to 1.4.64h and update editing instruction accordingly.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT. (implemented by i-161)

Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.78 P 41 L 51 # i-26  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 Missing space between value and units.  
 Missing period at the end of this paragraph.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change "1.25ns" to "1.25 ns".  
 Change "2.5ns" to "2.5 ns".  
 Add period after the last word.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 1 SC 1.4.131a P 24 L 41 # i-18  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 Superfluous comma between "IEEE Std 802.3" and "Clause 14".  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Remove the comma.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.64.2 P 39 L 40 # i-24  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D EZ  
 "Normal mode" is defined in clause 55 as the mode of operation that enables data transfer, as opposed to training mode. This is not the opposite of "short reach mode". Therefore, setting bit 1.131.0 to zero does not necessarily make the PHY operate in normal mode; it only disables short reach mode.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change "If bit 1.131.0 is a zero the PHY is operating in normal mode" to "If bit 1.131.0 is a zero, the PHY is not in short reach mode".  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.7.13 P 54 L 9 # i-33  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D EZ

The non-underlined text does not match the original content of 45.2.7.13 (as of IEEE Draft P802.3/D3.2). The original text includes "or sent as part of the 10GBASE-T and 1000BASE-T technology message code as defined in 28C.11".

In addition, the new text inserted makes the text quite confusing. The first sentence says what this register defines and how it paps to auto-negotiation "Next Page" messages. The third sentence again refers to "Next Page" messages. But it seems as if neither 25GBASE-T nor 40GBASE-T use next pages; the second sentence refers to 25GBASE-T and 40GBASE-T advertising being done during training.

It is also unclear whether the new bits are exchanged only during training; if a device supports 10GBASE-T or lower speeds with clause 28 AN, aren't the new bits included in the U10 to U0 bits as defined in 28C.12?

I am not sure I know the answer to the above so the proposed remedy may need some corrections.

SuggestedRemedy

From the original content of P802.3-2015 as the baseline, change to the following text:

This register defines EEE advertisement for several device types. Devices that use Clause 28 auto-negotiation send EEE advertisement in the Unformatted Next Page following a EEE technology message code as defined in 28C.12 or as part of the 10GBASE-T and 1000BASE-T technology message code as defined in 28C.11. Devices that use Clause 73 auto-negotiation send EEE advertisement in the unformatted code field of Message Next Page with EEE technology message code as defined in 73A.4. 25GBASE-T and 40GBASE-T EEE advertisement is exchanged in the InfoField during training as defined in 113.4.2.5.10.

The assignment of bits in the EEE advertisement register and the correspondence with the bits in the Next Page messages or in the training InfoField are shown in Table 45-210.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 113 SC 113.1. P 87 L 26 # i-53  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

"specifically specified" is redundant.

SuggestedRemedy

Change to "unless specified"

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 80 SC 80.1.4 P 69 L 50 # i-36  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D EZ

"transmitting 40GBASE-T" used as part of the definition of 40GBASE-T is inadequate. Also, it isn't just transmitting that is required.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "for transmitting 40GBASE-T over" to "for data communication at 40 Gb/s over".

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 105 SC 105.1.3 P 76 L 11 # i-37  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D EZ

25GBASE-T is not only about transmitting.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "for transmitting 25 Gb/s Ethernet over" to "for data communication at 25 Gb/s over".

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 113 SC 113.1 P 79 L 19 # i-39  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 Sentence refers to many things that are defined in this clause, not just two. "Both" seems out of place.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete "both".  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.1 P 79 L 33 # i-40  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D EZ  
 It is not immediately clear that advertising lack of support for fast retrain is done in auto-negotiation. Only looking at 45.2.7.10 reveals that.  
 Clause 45 is optional, and the way auto-negotiation is controlled can be different, perhaps with a different register address or without any register.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change "advertising lack of support in register 7.32" to "advertising lack of support during auto-negotiation".  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.1.1 P 79 L 50 # i-41  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 4-bit and 32-bit  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change spaces to hypens  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.1.3 P 81 L 25 # i-43  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 "two second retrain" is confusing. "Second" is a unit, and according to the style guide should be abbreviated.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change "two second" to either "two-second" or "2 s".  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Change "two second" to "two-second"

Cl 113 SC 113.1.3 P 83 L 1 # i-44  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 In Figure 113-3, note 2 says items are shown in dashed boxes, but the boxes are not dashed. The box pattern is almost solid hatched lines and is difficult to discern from other lines.  
 Dashed boxes do appear in the similar Figure 113-23. This is much more clear.  
 These boxes denote either of the optional capabilities, not just EEE.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Preferably, make the boxes dashed as in Figure 113-23. If not, label them "hatched boxes" instead.

In note 2, change "only required for EEE" to "only required for these capabilities".  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. Do not change note 2. 'these capabilities' is unclear. EEE capabilities are indicated and consistent with existing 802.3 clauses.

Cl 113 SC 113.1.3.1 P 84 L 23 # i-45  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 "192, 8 bit symbols"  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change to "192 8-bit symbols".  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Change to "192 eight-bit symbols" (IEEE style guide says to spell out numbers less than ten).



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CI 113 SC 113.1.3.1 P 84 L 25 # i-46  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

The letter "x" is used here to denote multiplication. A slanted multiplication character is used in nearby places. "x" is used again in page 98.

Comment also applies to Figure 113-8, Table 113-7, Table 113-8, and 113.3.6.2.5

SuggestedRemedy

Replace all "x" and slanted multiplication signs to the multiplication character (as in 55.1.3.1).

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 113 SC 113.1.3.2 P 85 L 13 # i-49  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

"discrete time value" can be confusing.

SuggestedRemedy

change to "discrete-time value"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 113 SC 113.1 P 79 L 24 # i-28  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Laboratories of

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

Reference to table for associated sublayers and options is given only for 40GBASE-T.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the last sentence of second paragraph of clause 113.1 as follows:  
 Please refer to Table 105-2 and Table 80-2 for associated sublayers and options for assembling a 25 Gb/s system with the 25GBASE-T PHY and a 40 Gb/s system with the 40GBASE-T PHY, respectively.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 0 SC 0 P 0 L 0 # i-158  
 Turner, Michelle

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

This draft meets all editorial requirements.

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 113 SC 113.4.2.4 P 141 L 39 # i-114  
 Donahue, Curtis

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

pairs BI\_DA, BI\_DB, BI\_DC, and BI\_DB. Second instance of "BI\_DB" should be "BI\_DD".

SuggestedRemedy

Change second "BI\_DB" to "BI\_DD".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 113 SC 113.4.5.1 P 155 L 19 # i-116  
 Donahue, Curtis

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

The definition for THP\_next starts with "THP is a variable that contains". Should it be "THP\_next"?

SuggestedRemedy

Change "THP" to "THP\_next". Additionally, the same issue occurs in the THP\_tx definition. Change "THP" to "THP\_tx" there too.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 113 SC 113.5.2.1 P 168 L 21 # i-91  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type GR Comment Status D EZ

Figure title includes "need to update". What does it mean?

SuggestedRemedy

Update what's needed, and delete this part of the title.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Delete "(need to update)" update was completed long ago.

Cl 113 SC 113.5.2.1 P 168 L 21 # i-117  
 Donahue, Curtis

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

The title for Figure 113-38 is "Transmitter test fixture 3 for transmitter jitter measurement (need to update)". I'm assuming "(need to update)" was some kind of note for the editor and shouldn't be in the figure title.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove the "(need to update)". And additionally update the figure appropriately if necessary.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Implemented as comment i-91

Cl 113 SC 113.5.4.3 P 171 L 32 # i-118  
 Donahue, Curtis

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

Change "6dBm" to "6 dBm".

SuggestedRemedy

See comment (add space).

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.8.2.2 P 194 L # i-120  
 Donahue, Curtis

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

Change "Test- Mode 5" to "Test mode 5" to be consistant with other instances of "test mode" throughout the draft.

SuggestedRemedy

See comment.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 1 SC 1.4 P 24 L 25 # i-121  
 Donahue, Curtis

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

Change "25Gb/s" to "25 Gb/s".

SuggestedRemedy

See comment.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Implemented by i-16

Cl 45 SC 45.2.7.14a P 55 L 47 # i-122  
 Donahue, Curtis

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

"RW" is used in Table 45-211a.

SuggestedRemedy

In the second and third row of the table change "RW" to "R/W", and change the footnote at the bottom of the table to "R/W = Read/Write, RO = Read only"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 80 SC 80.1.4 P 70 L 4 # i-123  
 Donahue, Curtis  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 Change "40Gb/s and 100 Gb/s PHYs" to "40 Gb/s and 100 Gb/s PHYs".  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See Comment (add space in "40Gb/s").  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.4.2.3.1 P 140 L 26 # i-113  
 Donahue, Curtis  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 . at the end of the sentence should be ".".  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.1.1 P 79 L 48 # i-124  
 Donahue, Curtis  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 Change "different" to "different".  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment (remove third "f").  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT. Implemented by comment i-130

Cl 113 SC 113.1.1 P 79 L 48 # i-130  
 Thompson, Geoffrey GraCaSI S.A.  
 Comment Type ER Comment Status D EZ  
 There is a misspelling.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change "difference" to "differnce".  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2 P 98 L 21 # i-125  
 Donahue, Curtis  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 Change " 40GBASE\_T" to " 40GBASE-T".  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.4.2.5 P 142 L 32 # i-115  
 Donahue, Curtis  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 The InfoField is also denoted IF. While there is nothing wrong with this statement, the only use of "IF" instead of "InfoField" is twice in the following sentence. Is it necessary?  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Remove the sentence "The InfoField is also denoted IF." and in the following sentence change "IF" and "IFs" to "InfoField" and "InfoFields" respectively.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.5.2 P 123 L 44 # i-126  
 Donahue, Curtis  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 Change "-41dBm" to "-41 dBm".  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment (add space).  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI FM SC FM P1 L1 # i-159  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

Based on IEEE P802.3by entering sponsor ballot in November 2015, IEEE P802.3bq and IEEE P802.3bp entering sponsor ballot in December 2015, the published timeline for IEEE P802.3bq showing approval in June 2016, and the published timeline for IEEE P802.3bp showing approval in August 2016, it seems likely that that IEEE P802.3by will be the second amendment and IEEE P802.3bq will be the third amendment to IEEE Std 802.3-2015 after IEEE Std 802.3bw(TM)-2015 and IEEE Std 802.3by(TM)-201X.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Please change '(Amendment of IEEE Std 802.3(TM)-2015)' to read 'Amendment of IEEE Std 802.3(TM)-2015 as amended by IEEE Std 802.3bw(TM)-2015 and IEEE Std 802.3by(TM)-201X'

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI FM SC FM P11 L18 # i-160  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

Text needs updated based on the approval of IEEE Std 802.3bw-2015, the likelihood that IEEE P802.3by will be the second amendment and IEEE P802.3bq will be the third amendment to IEEE Std 802.3-2015, and the use of the (TM) symbol only on the first instance.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Suggest that:

[1] The following text should be inserted prior to the existing text 'IEEE Std 802.3bq(TM)-201x':

IEEE Std 802.3bw-2015

Amendment 1--This amendment includes changes to IEEE Std 802.3-2015 and adds Clause 96. This amendment adds 100 Mb/s Physical Layer (PHY) specifications and management parameters for operation on a single balanced twisted-pair copper cable.

IEEE Std 802.3by-201x

Amendment 2--This amendment includes changes to IEEE Std 802.3-2015 and adds Clause 105 through Clause 112, Annex 109A, Annex 109B, Annex 110A, Annex 110B, and Annex 110C. This amendment adds MAC parameters, Physical Layers, and management parameters for the transfer of IEEE 802.3 format frames at 25 Gb/s.

[2] The text 'IEEE Std 802.3bq(TM)-201x' should be changed to read 'IEEE Std 802.3bq-201x'.

[3] The text 'This amendment includes changes to IEEE Std 802.3-2015 and adds Clause 113 ...' be changed to read 'Amendment 3--This amendment includes changes to IEEE Std 802.3-2015 and adds Clause 113 ...'.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 1 SC 1.4 P 24 L 21 # i-161  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

The entries that are being added by IEEE P802.3by draft D3.0 are 1.4.64a through 1.4.64g therefore, assuming that IEEE P802.3by will be approved before IEEE P802.3bq, 25GBASE-T should be 1.4.64h.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that:

- [1] The text '... into the list after 1.4.64i 25GBASE-R as inserted ...' be changed to read '... into the list after 1.4.64g 25GBASE-SR as inserted ...' assuming IEEE P802.3by comment i-89
- <[http://ieee802.org/3/by/public/comments/8023by\\_D30\\_comment\\_received\\_by\\_clause.pdf#Page=3](http://ieee802.org/3/by/public/comments/8023by_D30_comment_received_by_clause.pdf#Page=3)> is accepted or '... into the list after 1.4.64g 25GBASE-R as inserted ...' if not.
- [2] The text '1.4.64j 25GBASE-T: ...' be changed to read '1.4.64h 25GBASE-T: ...'.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 1 SC 1.4 P 24 L 21 # i-162  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

We normally place reference to something having been modified by another amendment in parenthesis, we usually end the editing instructions with the text ' as follows:'.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the text '... as inserted by IEEE Std 802.3by-201X' be changed to read '... (as inserted by IEEE Std 802.3by-201X) as follows:'.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 1 SC 1.4 P 25 L 1 # i-163  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

As it now seems likely that IEEE P802.3bq will be approved before IEEE P802.3bn this addition should be updated.

SuggestedRemedy

- [1] The text '... after 1.4.277 mixing segment (and after 1.4.277a inserted by IEEE Std 802.3bn-201x) as ...' be changed to read '... after 1.4.277 mixing segment as ...'.
- [2] The text ' 1.4.277b MultiGBASE-T: ...' be changed to read ' 1.4.277a MultiGBASE-T: ...'.
- [3] The editors box and text on line 8 be deleted.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 1 SC 1.4 P 25 L 4 # i-164  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter

Comment Type T Comment Status D EZ

Isn't a 'BASE-T Ethernet PCS/PMA' just a 'BASE-T PHY'?

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that '... of specific BASE-T Ethernet PCS/PMAs at ...' be changed to read '... of specific BASE-T PHYs at ...'.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 30 SC 30.3.2.1.2 P 29 L 41 # i-165  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

Text needs updated based on the approval of IEEE Std 802.3bw last year and the likelihood that IEEE P802.3bq will be the third amendment to IEEE Std 802.3-2015.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that:

- [1] The text '... (as modified by IEEE Std 802.3bw-201X, IEEE Std 802.3by-201X and TBD) ...' be changed to read '... (as modified by IEEE Std 802.3bw-201X and IEEE Std 802.3by-201X) ...'.
- [2] The Editors note in the box on line 47 be deleted.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 30 SC 30.3.2.1.3 P 30 L 3 # i-166  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

Text needs updated based on the approval of IEEE Std 802.3bw last year and the likelihood that IEEE P802.3bq will be the third amendment to IEEE Std 802.3-2015.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that:

- [1] The text '... (as modified by IEEE Std 802.3bw-201X, IEEE Std 802.3by-201X and TBD) ...' be changed to read '... (as modified by IEEE Std 802.3bw-201X and IEEE Std 802.3by-201X) ...'.
- [2] The Editors note in the box on line 7 be deleted.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 30 SC 30.5.1.1.2 P 30 L 22 # i-167  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

Text needs updated based on the approval of IEEE Std 802.3bw last year and the likelihood that IEEE P802.3bq will be the third amendment to IEEE Std 802.3-2015.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that:

- [1] The text '... (as modified by IEEE Std 802.3bw-201X, IEEE Std 802.3by-201X and TBD) ...' be changed to read '... (as modified by IEEE Std 802.3bw-201X and IEEE Std 802.3by-201X) ...'.
- [2] The Editors note in the box on line 28 be deleted.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 30 SC 30.6.1.1.5 P 33 L 9 # i-171  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

Text needs updated based on the approval of IEEE Std 802.3bw last year and the likelihood that IEEE P802.3bq will be the third amendment to IEEE Std 802.3-2015.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that:

- [1] The text '... (as modified by IEEE Std 802.3bw-201X, IEEE Std 802.3by-201X and TBD) ...' be changed to read '... (as modified by IEEE Std 802.3bw-201X and IEEE Std 802.3by-201X) ...'.
- [2] The Editors note in the box on line 13 be deleted.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.1.79.1 P 42 L 20 # i-172  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

The fr\_rx\_counter is defined in subclause 55.4.5.4 'Counters' of IEEE Std 802.3-2015.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that the text '... fr\_rx\_counter as defined in 55.4.5.1 for 10GBASE-T ...' should be changed to read '... fr\_rx\_counter as defined in 55.4.5.4 for 10GBASE-T ...'.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 105 SC 105.2 P 77 L 3 # i-175  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

Typo, 40GBASE-T should read 25GBASE-T.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that 'Insert row for 40GBASE-T after 25GBASE-SR ...' should be changed to read 'Insert row for 25GBASE-T after 25GBASE-SR ...'.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 105 SC 105.3 P 77 L 30 # i-178  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 Typo.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Suggest that text '... of clause 105.3.6 ...' be changed to read '... of subclause 105.3.6 ...'.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 28D SC 28D.8 P 211 L 29 # i-127  
 Donahue, Curtis  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 Change " 25GBASE\_T" to " 25GBASE-T".  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 See comment.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 113 SC 113.7.2.3 P 179 L 45 # i-100  
 Zimmerman, George Aquantia, and CommS  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 Editor's note on ISO Return Loss is no longer relevant  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete editor's note  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 113 SC 113.4.2.2 P 138 L 40 # i-85  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D EZ  
 "An EEE-capable PHY shall operate with loop timing when configured as SLAVE"  
 This statement is redundant in this clause, since loop timing is always performed on the SLAVE side, regardless of EEE support. (In clause 55, SLAVE could work without loop timing, and this sentence seemed to be an exception. But it is not an exception here).  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete this sentence.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 28 SC 28.3.1 P 27 L 8 # i-1  
 Anslow, Peter Ciena Corporation  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 In the editing instruction "the first list" should be "in the first list", subclause numbers are not preceded by "subclause", and the location should be specified.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change the editing instruction to: "Insert rows for 25Gig T and 40GigT in the first list in 28.3.1 below the row for 10GigT as follows:  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 113 SC 113.3.2.2.9 P 106 L 53 # i-112  
 Donahue, Curtis  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 Extra "." at end of sentence  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 delete.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT. Implemented by comment i-68

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CI 113 SC 113.3.4 P 120 L 18 # i-77  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

The italics vs. Moman font type in Figure 113-15 is inconsistent both internally and with regards to the text preceding it. As a result the italics distract rather than help.

In the text, n is a variable that appears in italics, but in the figure it sometime is and sometimes isn't. Likewise, Scr is not italicized (not a variable) in the text, but in the figure it sometimes is and sometimes isn't.

The number "1" appears italicized in the figure within "n-1", it looks like the letter l. Numbers should never be italicized.

The word "otherwise" is in italics although it is not a variable.

SuggestedRemedy

Make the variable "n" always italicized in Figure 113-15.

If "Scr" is a variable then make it consistently italicized (and likewise for Sa, Sb, Sc, Sd) in the figure and in the clause text; otherwise make it consistently Roman.

Make everything else Roman.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 113 SC 113.7.2.3 P 179 L 44 # i-96  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type G Comment Status D EZ

Editor's note refers to an equation number different from the equation that precedes it. Also, it state that resolution is expected in September 2015; is there a resolution?

SuggestedRemedy

Either correct the number or move the note near the equation. Update the expected date if the comment is still relevant.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Note delete by comment i-100

CI 113 SC 113.3.2.2 P 118 L 11 # i-99  
 Zimmerman, George Aquantia, and CommS

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

Text only mentions 25GMII, although it also speaks to XLGMII. "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,"

SuggestedRemedy

Change insert "the XLGMII signals" after 25GBASE-T, so it reads: "rx\_coded<64:0> which is then decoded to form the 25GMII signals RXD<31:0> and RXC<3:0> for 25GBASE-T or the XLGMII signals RXD<63:0> and RXC<7:0> for 40GBASE-T,"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 113 SC 113.5.3.4 P 170 L 18 # i-92  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

The y axis label is written vertically with horizontal letters, and the plot seems to be hand-drawn. Compare to figure 55-37.

SuggestedRemedy

Redraw figure as vector plot with thinner lines, set y-axis title correctly.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Plot is embedded Excel. Y axis fixed by comment i-107

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.62.1 P 38 L 37 # i-101  
 Zimmerman, George Aquantia, and CommS

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

Reference to 10GBASE-T clause 55 has dropped out of the text without even change marks

SuggestedRemedy

Change "When read as a one, bit 1.129.0 indicates that the startup protocol defined in 113.4.2.5 has been completed" to: "When read as a one, bit 1.129.0 indicates that the startup protocol defined in 55.4.2.5 (for 10GBASE-T) or 113.4.2.5 (for 25G/45GBASE-T) has been completed," and show appropriate underlining for "(for 10GBASE-T) or 113.4.2.5 (for 25G/45GBASE-T)".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.



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CI 113 SC 113.4.1 P 137 L 31 # i-105  
 Zimmerman, George Aquantia, and CommS  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 Missing dot on connection from scr\_status to LINK MONITOR in Figure 113-23  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 add dot per comment  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 113 SC 113.5.3.4 P 170 L 16 # i-107  
 Zimmerman, George Aquantia, and CommS  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 Figure 113-39 vertical axis label is stacked, vs. rotated as most other similar 802.3 plots are.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change vertical axis label to rotated text  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 113 SC 113.3.3 P 120 L 4 # i-76  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 Missing terminating period  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Add a period after "113.5.2".  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 113 SC 113.3.2.3 P 118 L 16 # i-75  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 "the receive process inserts idles, delete idles, or delete sequence ordered sets"  
 Inconsistent verb form.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change to  
 "the receive process inserts idles, deletes idles, or deletes sequence ordered sets".  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 0 SC 0 P 49 L 3 # i-103  
 Zimmerman, George Aquantia, and CommS  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 Table 45-119, entry for register 3.21, EEE control and capability 2 is missing  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 add entry for register 3.21 to Table 45-119  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.7 P 49 L 49 # i-102  
 Zimmerman, George Aquantia, and CommS  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ  
 Table 45-200, reserved row needs to be adjusted  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 add "and adjust the reserved row" to the editing instruction.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 113 SC 113.4.5.1 P 155 L 6 # i-106  
 Zimmerman, George Aquantia, and CommS

Comment Type E Comment Status D EZ

Typo and incorrect reference in pcs\_status request primitive - "PMA\_SCRSTATUS.request primitive (see 113.2.2.5)" obviously means to refer to PCSSTATUS, not SCRSTATUS, and the cross reference needs to match too.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace SCRSTATUS with PCSTATUS and 113.2.2.5 cross reference with 113.2.2.6 cross reference (to match PCSSTATUS).

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.64.2 P 39 L 39 # i-25  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D Maintenance

Since this bit is read/write, I assume writing it should control the short reach mode. The way the text is written suggests that it only indicates the short reach mode.

Is there something else that can put the PHY in/out of short reach mode?

SuggestedRemedy

Change "If bit 1.131.0 is a one, the PHY is in short reach mode" to "Setting this bit to a one puts the PHY in short reach mode". Change similarly for a value of zero.

If something else within the standard can cause setting short reach mode on/off, please indicate that.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Commenter is recommended to submit maintenance request with regard to 10GBASE-T systems, which might be affected by the change.

Insert at the end of the paragraph:

"For 25GBASE-T and 40GBASE-T, setting this bit to a one puts the PHY in short reach mode, and setting this bit to a zero puts the PHY into normal (non-short reach) mode.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.79.2 P 42 L 29 # i-173  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter

Comment Type E Comment Status D Maintenance

The fr\_tx\_counter is defined in subclause 55.4.5.4 'Counters' of IEEE Std 802.3-2015.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that the text '... fr\_tx\_counter as defined in 55.4.5.1 for 10GBASE-T ...' should be changed to read '... fr\_tx\_counter as defined in 55.4.5.4 for 10GBASE-T ...'.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.7.11.2 P 53 L 1 # i-30  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status D Maintenance

In both of these long conditional sentences, the logic structure is "if (master/slave) and (complete) and if (no fault)...". The second "if" is confusing and should not be there.

Also, what if either "AN complete" is 0 or "fault" is 1?

SuggestedRemedy

Change "and if" to "and" twice in this subclause.

Append the following text: "In all other cases, neither SLAVE mode nor MASTER mode has been selected".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Reviewers are recommended to consider whether this impacts 10GBASE-T systems

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.1.2 P 43 L 4 # i-104  
 Zimmerman, George Aquantia, and CommS

Comment Type T Comment Status D Management

Need to specify how the speed of the loopback is selected

SuggestedRemedy

Insert: "The speed of the loopback is selected by the PCS control 1 (Register 3.0) defined in 45.2.3.1." after "return it on the receive path." (see 802.3bz draft 1.2 if further guidance is required)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 113 SC 113.3.6.2.2 P 127 L 5 # i-82  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D Management

There is no reference to register 1.147.2 in this draft. It appears in the base document but only points to the variable list in clause 55. A reference to clause 133 should be added.

In addition, it would be better to define the functionality here, not just in clause 45. Since MDIO is optional, other means to access this variable may be provided.

Similar issue exists for fr\_enable (1.147.0) in 113.4.5.1. it is defined in 45.2.1.79.6 and does not reference clause 113.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the first paragraph of the definition to:  
 "If fast retrain is supported, this variable controls the block type the PMA sends on the receive path during fast retrain. if MDIO is supported, this variable is set based on the value in 1.147.2:1 as follows".

Append a paragraph: "If MDIO is not supported, an equivalent method of controlling fast retrain functionality should be provided".

Bring in 45.2.1.79.5 and add a reference to 113.3.6.2.2.

Apply similar change to 45.2.1.79.6 and 113.4.5.1.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 45 SC 45.2.7.14 P 55 L 2 # i-34  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Management

The "shall" in the next statement does not hold for the new PHYs.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Move the sentence  
 "Except for 10GBASE-T, members of the MultiGBASE-T PHY set exchange the EEE ability in the InfoField during link training. For these PHYs, the EEE LP ability register is updated after link is established."

To be after the first sentence, and prepend "For all other PHYs" to the next sentence.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 113 SC 113.1.5 P 87 L 12 # i-52  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D MDI

"All 25GBASE-T and 40GBASE-T PHY implementations are compatible at the MDI" - that is a very optimistic statement... written as a fact.

It seems that this sentence attempts to define the MDI as the compatibility point. If that's the case, it should be resphrased.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change  
 "All 25GBASE-T and 40GBASE-T PHY implementations are compatible at the MDI, and at the 25GMII/XLGMII, if implemented"  
 to  
 "The compatibility of 25GBASE-T and 40GBASE-T PHY implementations is specified at the MDI and at the 25GMII/XLGMII".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.  
 Language is consistent with other BASE-T PHYs specified in 802.3bq.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.4.2 P 121 L 18 # i-78  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D PCS

"If requested by the link partner, the PCS shall reset the training mode scrambler every 16384 periods..."

This functionality is deprecated for 10G. Should it exist here?

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete the second sentence.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT. (this was supposed to have been removed)

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Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2.20 P 114 L 8 # i-73  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status D PCS

"(Note that two random fill bits must be transmitted instead of zeros, and then this information is discarded upon receipt)"

"Must" here does not seem to describe an unavoidable situation. Does it stand for a normative requirement, or a recommendation?

If it is normative, how is this randomness specified? would a constant value chosen at random, and alternating 10, or a PRBS31 output sufficiently random?

Would any damage occur if these bits just contain zeros?

Is the RS-FEC parity calculated with zeros in these two bits and then they are replaced by other bits? This would make these bits unprotected by RS-FEC, and may not be useful for implementers.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete the quoted note from this location. It only creates confusion in understanding the RS-FEC encoder.

If replacing the zero bits is important, make it a normative requirement, and state clearly what these bits should contain instead of zeros. For example, the output of some LFSR or a copy of previous bits. Use "shall" instead of "must".

Alternatively, make it a recommendation to replace these bits by implementation-dependent arbitrary bits, and add a note that the arbitrary bits are not protected by RS-FEC.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change to read "(It is highly recommended that two random fill bits be transmitted instead...)"

Cl 113 SC 113.3.6.2.2 P 126 L 13 # i-80  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status D PCS

"when the lfer\_cnt exceeds 16" - but lfer\_cnt is defined as "Count up to a maximum of 16" so it cannot exceed 16. Figure 113-17 sets hi\_lfer to true at 16.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "exceeds" to "reaches".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Commenter is suggested to put a maintenance request on clause 55, where the same text exists.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.6.2.2 P 125 L 34 # i-81  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type TR Comment Status D PCS

It seems that both LDPC and RS-FEC should be have no errors to declare a valid frame.

Also, "uncorrectable error" for the RS-FEC is not defined anywhere. This might mean that the received codeword had no more than t=3 8-bit symbol errors, but it is not obvious for a non-expert reader. Also, it is not clear that errors that are not uncorrectable are actually corrected, and that uncorrected errors must be identified as such (some implementations might not check the syndrome after a correction attempt).

To align with the LDPC definition, the RS-FEC definition should be stated in terms of the correctness (not correctability) of the codeword.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "valid if:" to "valid if both:"

Change item b to read:

b. The RS-FEC-coded bits form a valid RS-FEC codeword.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change "valid if:" to "valid if both:"

Change item b to read:

b. The RS-FEC-coded bits, after decoding, form a valid RS-FEC codeword.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.6.2.3 P 127 L 17 # i-83  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D PCS

lfer\_timer implies the triggering frames error ratio for 40G is equal to that of 10G (clause 55 uses 125 us). What about 25G?

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change 25/4 to 25/(4S) (S italicized).

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change "125/4 usec" to "125/(4xS)" usec (S is italicized, x is multiplication symbol.)

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CI 113 SC 113.3.4.2 P 121 L 24 # i-87  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
 Comment Type **E** Comment Status **D** PCS  
 InfoField is mentioned here but it is defined only much later, in 113.4.2.5.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Add a cross-reference to 113.4.2.5.  
 Proposed Response Response Status **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Definition added to 1.4 by comment i-51

CI 113 SC 113.4.2.5.11 P 146 L 46 # i-88  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
 Comment Type **E** Comment Status **D** PCS  
 Does tilde-equal means "not equal"?  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change to a non-equal sign (or whatever it should be).  
 Proposed Response Response Status **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Replace ~= with !=  
 Editor to check on proper style for this.

CI 113 SC 113.2.2.11.1 P 96 L 9 # i-55  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
 Comment Type **ER** Comment Status **D** PCS  
 Semantics details of the primitives are missing.  
 Also in 113.2.2.12.1.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Add the values of pcs\_data\_mode and fr\_active and their meanings (as in previous primitives).  
 Proposed Response Response Status **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.  
 Add pcs\_data\_mode values to 113.2.2.11.1 (after line 9)  
 The pcs\_data\_mode parameter can take on one of two values of the form:  
 TRUE = PHY is in state PCS\_Data (see Figure 113-30)  
 FALSE = PCS is not in state PCS\_Data (see Figure 113-30).  
 Similarly fr\_active values to 113.2.2.12.1, for values:  
 TRUE = Fast Retrain is currently performing a fast retrain  
 FALSE = Fast Retrain is not currently performing a fast retrain

CI 113 SC 113.1.3.3 P 86 L 24 # i-51  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation  
 Comment Type **T** Comment Status **D** PCS  
 "Infofield" occurs here fore the first time. It has no definition in 1.4. What is it?  
 In 113.4.2.5 it is called "InfoField". Capitalization is inconsistent across this draft.  
 Also "link startup" is vague. InfoFields are used in training mode.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Provide a cross reference (113.4.2.5). Consider adding a definition in 1.4.  
 Change "during link startup" to "in training mode".  
 Scan the draft for various capitalization of "InfoField" and make them consistent.  
 Proposed Response Response Status **W**  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Insert definition of Infofield to 1.4 (editor to determine correct clause number)  
 "Infofield - A sixteen octet frame transmitted at regular intervals containing messages for startup operation by PHYs in the MultiGBASE-T family. By this mechanism, a PHY indicates the status of its own receiver to the link partner and makes requests for remote transmitter settings."

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Cl 113 SC 113.1.3.1 P 84 L 30 # i-47  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status D PCS

"The DSQ128 symbols are obtained by concatenating two time-adjacent 1D PAM16 symbols and retaining among the 256 possible Cartesian product combinations, 128 maximally spaced 2D symbols."

This sentence is a verbatim copy of a sentence in the parent clause 113.1.3 (P80 L48). These are very close pieces of text; the repetition does not seem necessary.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete one of the copies (preferably the first).

*Proposed Response* Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Delete the sentence indicated in the first instance, 113.1.3 P80 L48.

Cl 113 SC 113.3.2.2.19 P 113 L 7 # i-71  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D PCS

"The use of the auxiliary bit for vendor-specific communication is outside the scope of this document. It is highly recommended that the auxiliary bit be randomized. For the purposes of this standard it is ignored by the link partner, as are the random fill bits".

It is not clear what these sentence mean in the context of the LDPC encoder. They do not seem to be encoded. Is the encoder required or expected to use specific values or are they left to implementation choice? The decoder behavior should be stated in the decoder subclause, not the encoder subclause.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete these sentences.

*Proposed Response* Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 These bits are not encoded by the LDPC encoder. The descriptive language of this section covers more than just the encoder, but also the LDPC frame

Change title of 113.3.2.2.19 to LDPC framing and LDPC encoder

Cl 113 SC 113.1.3.1 P 84 L 34 # i-38  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Laboratories of

Comment Type TR Comment Status D PCS

The seventh paragraph of clause 113.1.3.1 "The DSQ128 constellation is partitioned into 16 subsets ..." is not consistent with slide 9 of [http://www.ieee802.org/3/an/public/sep04/ungerboeck\\_2\\_0904.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/an/public/sep04/ungerboeck_2_0904.pdf) that is the basis of DSQ128 bit mapping described in the second paragraph of clause 113.3.2.2.21.

In the above paragraphs, the four LDPC-coded bits and three RS-FEC-coded (or uncoded) bits are swapped.

The sixth paragraph of clause 55.1.3.1 has the same problem and needs a maintenance change.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the paragraph as follows:

The DSQ128 constellation is partitioned into eight subsets, each subset containing 16 maximally spaced 2D symbols. The three RS-FEC-coded bits of each 7-bit label select one DSQ128 subset, and the four LDPC-coded-bits of the label select one 2D symbol in this subset.

*Proposed Response* Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.  
 Commenter is recommended to put in a maintenance request on clause 55.

Cl 105 SC 105.5 P 78 L 12 # i-179  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter

Comment Type T Comment Status D PMA/PMD

I don't believe that there is a 25GBASE-T PMD, only a 25GBASE-T PCS and a 25GBASE-T PMA (see Figure 113-1).

*SuggestedRemedy*

Suggest that '25GBASE-T PMD' be changed to read '25GBASE-T PHY'.

*Proposed Response* Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1.12.9a P 37 L 41 # i-21  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type E Comment Status D PMA/PMD

Text here says "operate as a 40GBASE-T PMA type". All other bits in this register use "PMA/PMD type". This is also the text used in 45.2.10.9 for 10GBASE-T.

Also applies to 45.2.1.14b.a 25GBASE-T ability.

*SuggestedRemedy*

In 45.2.1.12.9a, change "40GBASE-T PMA type" to "40GBASE-T PMA/PMD type", twice.

In 45.2.1.14b.a, change "25GBASE-T PMA type" to "25GBASE-T PMA/PMD type", twice.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The BASE-T PHYs, like 10GBASE-T, only have PMA, they have no PMD. The selection table 45-7 and all sections other than 45.2.10 for 10GBASE-T only has PMA, but the usage in 45.2.10.9 is inconsistent (and should be fixed by maintenance).

Language is consistent with existing 802.3 usage.

CI A SC A P 209 L 1 # i-9  
 Maguire, Valerie The Siemon Company

Comment Type GR Comment Status D References

The pending Technical Report ISO/IEC TR 11801-9905, "Guidelines for the use of installed cabling to support 25GBASE-T application", will contain useful information related to the implementation of 25GBASE-T with existing structured cabling systems.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Insert Annex A Bibliography and add: ISO/IEC TR 11801-9905 (draft), Guidelines for the use of installed cabling to support 25GBASE-T application

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Insert Annex A and add report to bibliography with an editor's note that insertion is pending receipt of draft from ISO/IEC SC25 WG3 out of their February 2016 meeting.

CI 113 SC 113.5.4.5 P 172 L 38 # i-95  
 RAN, ADEE Intel Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D Short reach mode

Requirements in short reach mode do not exclude operation with longer cables (as specified in 113.5.4.1). It can be interpreted as if short reach mode only adds another set of requirements.

I assume the intent is that in short reach mode only the shorter reach link segment requirements are in effect.

*SuggestedRemedy*

State in 113.5.4.1 that the requirements in that subclause hold only when not in short reach mode.

Alternatively, state in 113.5.4.5 that in short reach mode the requirements of 113.5.4.1 do not hold.

Consider merging these two subclauses.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Add to 113.5.4.5, (at end).

When operating in short reach mode, only operation over the direct attach link segment specified in 113.7.4 is required.

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CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.25 P 32 L 35 # i-170  
 Law, David Hewlett Packard Enter

Comment Type T Comment Status D Training

There is no 'PHY event counter' defined in IEEE Std 802.3-2015 subclause 55.4.5.1 'State diagram variables' or subclause 113.4.5.4 'Counters'. Instead I think the reference should be to fr\_tx\_counter defined in IEEE Std 802.3-2015 subclause 55.4.5.4 'Counters' and subclause 113.4.5.4 'Counters'.

In addition, while the size of the counter isn't explicitly stated in the its definition in IEEE Std 802.3-2015 subclause 55.4.5.4 or subclause 113.4.5.4, in both cases it is stated that it 'is reflected in MDIO register 1.147.10:6 specified in 45.2.1.79.2' which implies it is a five bit counter.

Since the aLDFastRetrainCount attribute is defined as a counter with a maximum increment rate of 1000 counts per second, it will have to be considerable bigger than five bits to allow a reasonable polling speed through a management protocol without loss of information.

Based on this aLDFastRetrainCount can be derived by the local management agent from fr\_tx\_counter, or from the LD fast retrain count register, but can't be mapped to them directly.

A similar set of issues exist for 30.5.1.1.25 aLPFastRetrainCount.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that:

[1] In subclause 30.5.1.1.24 the text 'The indication reflects the state of the PHY event counter (see 55.4.5.1 and 113.4.5.4)' be changed to read 'This counter can be derived from fr\_tx\_counter (see 55.4.5.4 and 113.4.5.4).'

[2] In subclause 30.5.1.1.24 the text '... then this attribute maps to the LD fast retrain count register (see 45.2.1.79.2).;' be changed to read '... then this attribute can be derived from the LD fast retrain count register (see 45.2.1.79.2).;'

[3] In subclause 30.5.1.1.25 the text 'The indication reflects the state of the PHY event counter (see 55.4.5.1 and 113.4.5.4)' be changed to read 'This counter can be derived from fr\_rx\_counter (see 55.4.5.4 and 113.4.5.4).'

[4] In subclause 30.5.1.1.25 the text '... then this attribute maps to the LP fast retrain count register (see 45.2.1.79.1).;' be changed to read '... then this attribute can be derived from the LP fast retrain count register (see 45.2.1.79.1).;'

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.