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CI 121 SC 121.5.8 P 218 L 48 # 1

Ran, Adee

Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status A

(This comment is against an unchanged portion of the draft)

The wording of the "PMD lane-by-lane transmit disable function" subclause is inconsistent with other similar subclauses:

1. Unlike other optional function, it is not stated as optional in the subclause heading
2. There is no reference to the MDIO subclause.
3. "If the optional PMD\_transmit\_disable\_i function is not implemented in MDIO, an alternative method may be provided to independently disable each transmit lane for testing purposes" - this text does not appear in any other subclause, and is practically redundant (an alternative method may always be provided).

In addition to this inconsistency, it is somewhat unclear if lane-by-lane transmit disable is required for testing purposes. Is it really optional?

This comment also applies to the "PMD lane-by-lane transmit disable function" subclauses in clauses 122 and 124. For clause 123, the comment applies partially (it is stated as optional in the subclause heading).

*SuggestedRemedy*

If it is an optional feature, apply the following

1. add "(optional)" to the subclause heading (except in clause 123 which has it already)
2. Replace the last paragraph with a paragraph stating the MDIO mapping: "If the MDIO interface is implemented, PMD\_transmit\_disable\_i shall be mapped to the PMD transmit disable i bit as specified in 45.2.1.8". (in clause 123 add the extension register in 45.2.1.14g).

If this feature is required for testing purposes, then remove its marking as optional.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

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However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

Add "(optional)" at the end of the titles for 121.5.8 and 124.5.8.

The MDIO registers are already listed in Tables before these subclauses.

There is no harm in the informative text on an alternative method, which is consistent with previous non-WDM clauses such as Clause 86.

In 121.12.4.2, change the Status for item M3 to "MD:O" and remove item M4

In 123.12.4.2, change the Status for item M3 to "MD:O" and remove item M4

In 124.12.4.2, change the Status for item M3 to "MD:O" and remove item M4

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CI 121 SC 121.5.4 P 217 L 40 # 2

Ran, Adee

Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status R

(This comment is against an unchanged portion of the draft)

Several functional specifications subclauses lack MDIO mapping (121.5.4 PMD global signal detect function, 121.5.5 PMD lane-by-lane signal detect function, 121.5.7 PMD global transmit disable function (optional)) unlike other functional specification subclauses.

This comment also applies to the corresponding subclauses in clauses 122 , 123 and 124.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add MDIO mapping information, as in 121.5.9 to 121.5.11.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

The MDIO mapping for PMD global signal detect, PMD lane-by-lane signal detect, and PMD global transmit disable is given in Tables 121-2 and 121-3.

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CI 120D SC 120D.3.1 P 350 L 42 # 3  
Ran, Adeo Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status A

(This comment is against an unchanged portion of the draft)

"A 200GAUI-4 or a 400GAUI-8 chip-to-chip transmitter shall meet the specifications given in Table 120D-1 if measured at TP0a."

"if measured" can be read as a condition, but the transmitter characteristics are normative whether or not they are actually measured.

The specifications are already defined at TP0a in Table 120D-1, so there is no need to add "if measured at TP0a"

Also applies to 120D.3.2 (TP5), 120E.3.1 (TP1a), 120E.3.2 (TP4), 120E.3.3 ("appropriate test point"), and 120E.3.4 ("appropriate test point"). In all these cases, the referenced table defines the test point.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Delete the "if measured at x" part of the sentence in all occurrences.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

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CI 120D SC 120D.3.1 P 351 L 19 # 4  
Ran, Adeo Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

The steady state voltage and linear fit pulse peak parameters have a reference to 94.3.12.5.3. These parameters have a new measurement procedure in 120D.3.1.4.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Change the references to point to 120D.3.1.4 for the parameters: Steady state voltage vf (max), Steady state voltage vf (min), and Linear fit pulse peak (min).

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #106

CI 00 SC 0 P 185 L 30 # 5  
Ran, Adeo Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

The PMA service interface uses the enumerated tx\_sym and rx\_sym which take values zero, one, two, three or zero and one (116.3.3.1.1 and 116.3.3.2.1). But the physical instantiations of this interface (annexes 120B to 120E) do not define how these values are mapped to electrical signals.

Compare to e.g.121.5.2 which includes the statement "The highest optical power level in each signal stream shall correspond to tx\_symbol = three and the lowest shall correspond to tx\_symbol = zero."

#### SuggestedRemedy

Define the required mapping in 120.1.4 (which discusses the physical instantiations)

Add to item b) 2): 'In NRZ modulation, the highest differential voltage level shall correspond to the tx\_symbol or rx\_symbol value "one" and the lowest level shall correspond to the tx\_symbol or rx\_symbol value "zero".'

Add to item b) 3): 'In PAM4 modulation, the highest differential voltage level shall correspond to the tx\_symbol or rx\_symbol value "three" and the lowest level shall correspond to the tx\_symbol or rx\_symbol value "zero".'

Additionally (or alternatively) add similar statements in every AUI annex as appropriate.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

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In 120B.1 change:

"differential lanes using NRZ signaling, which are AC-coupled." to:

"AC-coupled differential lanes using NRZ signaling, where the highest differential voltage level corresponds to the symbol one and the lowest level corresponds to the symbol zero." (in two places).

In 120C.1 change:

"differential lanes using NRZ signaling, which are AC-coupled within the module." to:

"differential lanes using NRZ signaling, where the highest differential voltage level corresponds to the symbol one and the lowest level corresponds to the symbol zero. Each lane is AC-coupled within the module." (in two places).

In 120D.1 change:

"differential lanes using PAM4 signaling, which are AC-coupled." to:

"AC-coupled differential lanes using PAM4 signaling, where the highest differential voltage

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level corresponds to the symbol three and the lowest level corresponds to the symbol zero." (in two places).

In 120E.1 change:

"differential lanes using PAM4 signaling, which are AC-coupled within the module." to:  
"differential lanes using PAM4 signaling, where the highest differential voltage level corresponds to the symbol three and the lowest level corresponds to the symbol zero. Each lane is AC-coupled within the module." (in two places).

CI 120E	SC 120E.3.2	P 370	L 16	# 6
Ran, Adeo		Intel		

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **A**

Module differential output voltage (max) is specified in Table 120E-3 as 900 mV. Using the definition in the reference (120E.3.1.2) means that the peak-to-peak is 1800 mV. In comparison, the Host output is specified 880 mV peak-to-peak (Table 120E-1).

Host input tolerance (Table 120E-4) is also specified as 900 mV, but that is peak-to-peak.

I assume the intent is that host output, host input tolerance, and module output use the same definition and at least the latter two use the exact same value.

#### SuggestedRemedy

In Table 120E-3, change "Differential output voltage (max)" to "Differential peak-to-peak output voltage (max)", as in Table 120E-1.

Consider changing both module output and host input tolerance values from 900 to 880 to match hos output.

Response Response Status **C**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

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In Table 120E-3, change "Differential output voltage (max)" to "Differential peak-to-peak output voltage (max)", as in Table 120E-1.

Value not changed to 880mV because loss to this test point is lower and hence with QPRBS13 pattern the signal is close to full amplitude.

CI 116	SC 116.1.2	P 107	L 3	# 7
Ran, Adeo		Intel		

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **A** Bucket

This list specify the interfaces for which the width cannot be chosen "for implementation convenience".

All items except item a refer to physically instantiated interfaces; for these, it makes sense to specify the width. But item a refers to 200GMII and 400GMII and "logical interconnection points" and sets their widths as 64 bits.

The high-speed nGMII are assumed to be logical interfaces and not expected to be implemented physically (at least not in an observable way). Furthermore, even internal to an implementation, 200G with 64-bit bus width requires more than 2.5 Gtransfers/second and 400G requires more than 5 GT/s. This is not really feasible with today's technology and it is much more likely that implementations will use much larger bus widths such as 256 or 512 bits.

200GMII and 400GMII are interfaces for which "implementations may choose other data-path widths for implementation convenience", therefore they are not exceptions and should not be listed.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Delete item a from the list.

Alternatively, reword it to clarify that multiple-word implementations of 200GMII and 400GMII are possible.

Response Response Status **C**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

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Add: "Physical instantiations of this interface may use other data-path widths." to the end of item a).

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CI 120A	SC 120A.2	P 328	L 8	# 8
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Ran, Adeel  
Intel

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **A** Bucket

(This comment is against an unchanged portion of the draft)

The PMA on the top left should be 8:8 if it connects to 200GAUI-8 and the one on the right should be 16:16 if it connects to 400GAUI-16.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change top PMAs from PMA(8:4) to PMA(8:8) and from PMA(16:8) to PMA(16:16).

Response Response Status **C**

ACCEPT.

CI 120B	SC 120B.1	P 332	L 7	# 9
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Ran, Adeel  
Intel

Comment Type **T** Comment Status **R**

(This comment is against an unchanged portion of the draft)

It is better to use different names for different things. The version of 200GAUI-8 defined here is different from the one defined in 120C, but but are labeled (200GAUI-8). Same goes for 400GAUI-16, 200GAUI-4 and 400GAUI-8.

In 802.3by the abbreviations C2C and C2M were defined for chip-to-chip and chip-to-module. They can be used to differentiate the labels.

This can also be applied to abbreviate text in the annex, e.g. "200GAUI-8 chip-to-chip" in figure 120B-1, if desired.

In addition, in some places "200GAUI-4" appears unqualified (e.g. P333 L34) while in other places a qualifier such as "chip-to-chip" is appended (e.g. P333 L44). Although the type can be implied from the clause, using the qualifiers "C2C" or "C2M" in all places can improve readability and consistency.

*SuggestedRemedy*

In the title of annex 120B, change "(200GAUI-8)" to "(200GAUI-8 C2C)" and "(400GAUI-16)" to "(400GAUI-16 C2C)".

Similarly in 120C add "C2M", in 120D add "C2C", and in 120E add "C2M".

Consider using the abbreviations to qualify the AUIs across the text of the annexes too.

Response Response Status **C**

REJECT.

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The titles of the annexes already state "Chip-to-chip" or "Chip-to-module"

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CI 120B SC 120B.1 P 333 L 34 # 10  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status R Bucket

(This comment is against an unchanged portion of the draft)

The paragraphs starting in lines 34 and 41 contain a lot of information about loosely related topics (definition of link, loss budget, NRZ modulation, AC coupling, recommendation about -3 dB point) and have lots of common text. This is complete, but difficult to read. It would be easier to read if they are edited to "factor out" the common text.

Also, the first sentence of the third paragraph (L48) seems to fit better into the previous paragraphs.

Suggest reordering for clarity.

Also applies to similar text in 120D.1.

#### *SuggestedRemedy*

Replace the three paragraphs in this page with the following text:

"The 200GAUI-8 bidirectional link is described in terms of a 200GAUI-8 transmitter, a 200GAUI-8 channel, and a 200GAUI-8 receiver. The 400GAUI-16 bidirectional link is described in terms of a 400GAUI-16 transmitter, a 400GAUI-16 channel, and a 400GAUI-16 receiver.

Figure 120B-3 depicts a typical 200GAUI-8 application. Figure 120B-4 depicts a typical 400GAUI-16 application.

Equation (83D-1) (illustrated in Figure 83D-3) summarizes the informative differential insertion loss budget associated with the chip-to-chip application.

The 200GAUI-8 chip-to-chip interface comprises independent data paths in each direction, with each data path containing eight differential lanes. The 400GAUI-16 chip-to-chip interface comprises independent data paths in each direction, with each data path containing sixteen differential lanes.

The lanes on each data path are AC-coupled. The low-frequency 3 dB cutoff of the AC-coupling should be less than 100 kHz.

The 200GAUI-8 or 400GAUI-16 transmitter and receiver communicate using NRZ signaling on each lane with a nominal signaling rate of 26.5625 GBd.

The 200GAUI-8 or 400GAUI-16 transmitter on each end of the link is adjusted to an appropriate setting based on channel knowledge. If implemented, the transmitter equalization feedback mechanism described in 83D.3.3.2 may be used to identify an appropriate setting. The adaptive or adjustable receiver perform the remainder of the equalization."

Apply corresponding change in 120D.1 replacing "NRZ" with "PAM4".

Consider changing 120C and 120E in a similar way.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot.

Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

When implementing only one of the interfaces (200G or 400G) the current arrangement is clearer than the proposed revision.

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CI 120B SC 120B.3.1 P 335 L 4 # 11

Ran, Adeo

Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

(This comment is against an unchanged portion of the draft)

In 802.3by we identified a "hole" in the loss budget due to the fact that transmitter that barely meets the existing specs represents a long transition time which was not accounted for in COM. As a result, the specification for the transmitter parameter "Linear fit pulse peak" in the PMD was changed from  $0.71 \times v_f$  to  $0.75 \times v_f$  (see 111.8.2). It was claimed that there is margin in existing transmitters to meet this specification. In addition, an exception was added in the receiver tolerance test to account for the measured transimition time of the transmitter (list item c in 111.8.3.1).

Unfortunately, probably due to lack of attention, these changes were not applied to 25GAUI C2C (109A.3.1 refers to 83D.3.1, which has uses the same specification method but with the old value, and there is no exception in the receiver tolerance test). This enables a loss deficit in annex 109A.

It would be preferable not to have this hole in 120B. It seems that it was already fixed in 120D.

For the transmitter, this is a simple matter of adding one more exception. Based on 111.8.2, it is expected that transmitters can meet this specification.

For the receiver, the exception in 120D.3.2.1 item c can be added with minor modifications.

#### SuggestedRemedy

In 120B.3.1, add to the list of exceptions:

- The value of linear fit pulse peak (min) in Table 83D-1 is  $0.75 \times v_f$ .

In 120B.3.2, add to the list of exceptions:

- The transmitter device package model S(tp) is omitted from Equation (93A-3) in the calculation of COM. The filtered voltage transfer function  $H(k)(f)$  calculated in Equation (93A-19) uses the filter  $H_t(f)$  defined by Equation (93A-46), where  $\beta$  is 2,  $T_r$  is calculated as  $T_r = 1.09 \times T_{rm} - 4.32$  ps, and  $T_{rm}$  is the measured 20% to 80% transition time of the signal at TP0a.  $T_{rm}$  is measured using the method in 86A.5.3.3, with the exception that the observation filter bandwidth is 33 GHz instead of 12 GHz.  $T_{rm}$  is measured with the transmit equalizer turned off (i.e., Local\_eq\_cm1 and Local\_eq\_c1 both equal to 0, see 83D.3.1.1).

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

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Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

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CI 120C SC 120C.5.4.3 P 346 L 8 # 12

Ran, Adeo

Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status R Bucket

Host input does not include an item for the modified BER requirement.

Compare to Module input, item RM2.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Add item RH2: "Host stressed input test BER requirement"; 120C.3.3; "Meet BER requirement of 120C.1.1"; M

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot.

Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

The reason that there is an extra PICS item for the module input compared to the host input is that there is an extra "shall" in 83E.3.4.1.1 associated with the BER having to be met with three values of Recommended\_CTLE\_value.

CI 120D SC 120D.3.2.1 P 355 L 21 # 13

Ran, Adeo

Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status R Bucket

J4 and JRMS appear as equation parameters, so should be in italic font in the text as well as in the equation.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Set J4 and JRMS in italics in the text.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

While J4 and JRMS are parameters in equations 120D-7 and 120D-8, in the text: "are calculated from the measured values of J4 and JRMS" they refer to the parameter names as defined in 120D.3.1.1 and therefore should be set in upright font.

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CI 120D SC 120D.3.2.1 P 355 L 22 # 14  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

Q4 is not defined anywhere; the "note" is not a definition. It is not clear to the reader where this number comes from.

Q(3.8906) is 5e-5; is this intended to represent probability of 1e-4?

Way back in 48B.3.1.3.1 I found:

"For each BER\_n, determine the associated Qn from the inverse normal cumulative probability distribution, adjusted for transition density, e.g., Q = 3.94 for BER = 1e-5, and Q = 5.77 for BER = 1e-9, where transition density is assumed to be 0.5"

These Q values correspond to 4e-5 and 4e-9 respectively; the BER is divided by half of the transition density, or 0.25. But in 120D.3.2.1 the "BER" is divided by 2. I'm confused...

It would be preferable to define Q4 using the inverse complementary error function (already defined in clause 92) with the appropriate argument, either in the text or in another equation, and explain the argument's relation to the 1e-4 probability measured.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Assuming the value is correct, add an equation:

$Q4 = \sqrt{2} \cdot \text{erfc}^{-1}(2 \cdot 10^{-4} / (\text{transition density factor}))$

Where  $\text{erfc}^{-1}$  is the inverse of the complementary error function  $\text{erfc}(x)$  defined by Equation (92-14).

And explain why the "transntion density factor" in the argument is taken as 2 instead of 0.25 as in 48B. (If the number is incorrect, modify accordingly)

Alternatively use  $\text{erfcinv}$  instead of  $Q^{-1}$

Move the note after the equation.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Replace "Note that Q4 is approximately 3.8906."  
with  
"Where Q4 is 3.8906."

CI 120D SC 120D.3.2.2 P 356 L 33 # 15  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

"jitter amplitude" is confusing, since amplitude of a sinusoidal is half of the peak-to-peak. The values here should be the peak-to-peak.

Compare to Table 111-7.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "'Jitter amplitude" to "Peak-to-peak jitter amplitude".

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

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Change

"Jitter amplitude"

to

"Jitter amplitude (pk-pk)"

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CI 120D SC 120D.3.2.2 P 356 L 15 # 16  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

What does "be at least 3 dB" mean? Should it be "should be", "shall be"?

What happens if the COM is below 3 dB? This may happen since the added jitter is higher than A\_DD even at high frequencies which are not filtered in measurement (if the transmitter and channels are minimally compliant then even with no noise added COM will be 3 dB).

Is there a reason for testing tolerance to a sinusoidal with PtP of 0.05 UI when in COM A\_DD is 0.02 (corresponding to PtP of 0.04)?

*SuggestedRemedy*

Preferably change the maximum peak-to-peak amplitude to 0.04 UI.

If jitter is kept higher than 2\*A\_DD, remove the requirement for COM, since it might not be possible to meet it. And if possible explain in the text why the test is defined with this high amplitude.

Fix the "be".

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

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However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

Change "be at least 3 dB" to "is at least 3 dB"

CI 120D SC 120D.4 P 357 L 30 # 17  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket

Mixed font size in the "value" column.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Set all cells to 9 point font.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

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Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket

"ohms" should use the capital Omega sign (per style manual)

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change to Ohm sign (Hexadecimal 2126) or capital Omega (Hexadecimal 03A9).

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

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CI 120E SC 120E.3.2 P 370 L 16 # 19  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Module differential output voltage (max) is specified as 900 mV. This value seems extremely and unnecessarily high for PAM4 signaling, and using it may be waste of electrical power in the module transmitter. Nevertheless the specified host input tolerance is also 900 mV.

Since there is no de-emphasis in the module output, long runs will reach the launch voltage at the host input. The reference CTLE attenuates up to 9 dB at DC, which would still leave over 300 mV peak voltage with the maximum module output. Such high voltages may cause saturation of the host receiver which is detrimental for PAM4 detection.

To avoid saturation with the maximum module output the host would likely have to apply additional flat attenuation to the signal; this causes adds complexity and possibly increases noise in the receiver.

On the other hand, the minimum far-end eye height (after reference equalization) is specified as only 30 mV. Currently there is no connection between the minimum eye height and the differential output voltage, so a module with a 30 mV far-end eye height and a high differential output voltage (that requires attenuation in the host ) would be compliant. A host that attenuates the signal to maintain linearity will have a smaller than expected eye height.

Assuming the host receiver may also function as a PAM4 electrical PMD (such as the ones being defined in 802.3cd) which operate over more lossy channels, the host receiver will also have to detect PAM4 with much lower incoming amplitudes. These PMDs typically use transmitter equalization to de-emphasize the low-frequency content of the signal and thus don't need attenuation at the receiver (in fact they usually need positive gain). The large difference of expected amplitudes between these two cases adds complexity to the receiver design.

Since a module is pluggable we cannot assume proprietary solutions to reduce the module output voltage.

A possible remedy is to state the near-end and far-end eye height parameters relative to the differential output voltage, in order to prevent having a combination of small eye height with a large peak voltage.

This problem may also apply in the other direction, dhost output to module input (although the module does not have to double as a CR receiver).

#### SuggestedRemedy

Add a specification fot maximum far-end module output differential voltage to be no more than 5 times the far-end eye height (so that the peak-to-peak of the host input is up to 10 times the eye height - equivalent to ~30% eye opening).

In addition it will be good to reduce the maximum module output differential voltage to 450

mV (900 mV differantial PtP).

Change the host receiver tolerance (Table 120E-4) and crosstalk generator in host stressed input test (120E.3.3.2.1) parameters accordingly.

Optionally add a way to control the module output voltage with an MDIO register.

If desired, change the host output and module input specifications accordingly.

Proposed Response Response Status Z

REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

CI 120E SC 120E.3.4 P 374 L 13 # 20  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status A

In Table 120E-7, "Differential pk-pk input voltage tolerance" value is minimum 900 mV, while the host output is specified in Table 120E-1 with a maximum of only 880 mV.

In previous similar clauses these specs were aligned.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Change input tolerance minimum value to 880 mV.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The Table 120E-1 value was changed to 880mV as the result of the comment resolution of comment #563 on D2.0. For a transmitter that has a peak-to-peak voltage of 880 mV when measured with PRBS13Q, the peak-to-peak voltage in service can be as high as 900 mV, hence this is the required tolerance.

However a footnote needs to be added to this Table item:

"With the exception to 120E.3.1.2 that the pattern is PRBS31Q or Scrambled Idles"

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CI 121 SC 121.1.1 P 213 L 48 # 21  
Ran, Adeo Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status R

"The bit error ratio (BER) when processed according to Clause 120 shall be less than  $2.4 \times 10^{-4}$ ..."

This sentence does not define the conditions under which the BER is measured. For this requirement to hold, it makes sense to assume that the transmitter and the receiver (both including PMA and PMD) are compliant, and the optical channel is compliant (e.g. according to the fiber types and lengths listed in 121.7). But none of that is listed here.

There is a PICS item associated with this "shall". BER is typically associated with the receiver, so a supplier of a PMD has to commit that the receiver meets the specified BER. It doesn't make sense to commit to meeting it under unspecified conditions.

In electrical PMD clauses, this is solved by having the BER requirement is stated as "link BER". A link is described as including compliant transmitter, channel, and receiver. This way the conditions are specified and every supplier should be able to commit.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Define the performance in terms of a compliant link. Add a definition of "link" in a separate paragraph following the current paragraph.

Suggested wording:

The bit error ratio (BER) of a link shall be less than  $2.4 \times 10^{-4}$  (. conclude the existing paragraph).

In this context, a link consists of a compliant transmitter (PMA and PMD), a fiber optic channel meeting the specifications of Table 121-13, and a compliant receiver (PMD and PMA).

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

The BER (and FLR) specified in 121.1.1 doesn't describe the BER of a complete link: it is used in the TDEC and SEC measurements, and specifies the required BER for the SRS test.

CI 122 SC 122.1.1 P 242 L 43 # 22  
Ran, Adeo Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status R

"The bit error ratio (BER) when processed according to Clause 120 shall be less than  $2.4 \times 10^{-4}$ ..."

This sentence does not define the conditions under which the BER is measured. For this requirement to hold, it makes sense to assume that the transmitter and the receiver (both including PMA and PMD) are compliant, and the optical channel is compliant (e.g. according to the fiber types and lengths listed in 122.7). But none of that is listed here.

There is a PICS item associated with this "shall". BER is typically associated with the receiver, so a supplier of a PMD has to commit that the receiver meets the specified BER. It doesn't make sense to commit to meeting it under unspecified conditions.

In electrical PMD clauses, this is solved by having the BER requirement is stated as "link BER". A link is described as including compliant transmitter, channel, and receiver. This way the conditions are specified and every supplier should be able to commit.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Define the performance in terms of a compliant link. Add a definition of "link" in a separate paragraph following the current paragraph.

Suggested wording:

The bit error ratio (BER) of a link shall be less than  $2.4 \times 10^{-4}$  (. conclude the existing paragraph).

In this context, a link consists of a compliant transmitter (PMA and PMD), a fiber optic channel meeting the specifications of Table 122-17, and a compliant receiver (PMD and PMA).

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

The BER (and FLR) specified in 122.1.1 doesn't describe the BER of a complete link: it is used in the TDEC and SEC measurements, and specifies the required BER for the SRS test.

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CI 123 SC 123.1.1 P 271 L 52 # 23  
Ran, Adeo Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status R

"The bit error ratio (BER) when processed according to Clause 120 shall be less than  $2.4 \times 10^{-4}$ ..."

This sentence does not define the conditions under which the BER is measured. For this requirement to hold, it makes sense to assume that the transmitter and the receiver (both including PMA and PMD) are compliant, and the optical channel is compliant (e.g. according to the fiber types and lengths listed in 123.7). But none of that is listed here.

There is a PICS item associated with this "shall". BER is typically associated with the receiver, so a supplier of a PMD has to commit that the receiver meets the specified BER. It doesn't make sense to commit to meeting it under unspecified conditions.

In electrical PMD clauses, this is solved by having the BER requirement is stated as "link BER". A link is described as including compliant transmitter, channel, and receiver. This way the conditions are specified and every supplier should be able to commit.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Define the performance in terms of a compliant link. Add a definition of "link" in a separate paragraph following the current paragraph.

Suggested wording:

The bit error ratio (BER) of a link shall be less than  $2.4 \times 10^{-4}$  (. conclude the existing paragraph).

In this context, a link consists of a compliant transmitter (PMA and PMD), a fiber optic channel meeting the specifications of Table 123-6, and a compliant receiver (PMD and PMA).

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

The BER (and FLR) specified in 123.1.1 is referred to in sections 123.7.1, 123.7.2, and 123.8.5. It doesn't describe the BER of a complete link: it is used in the TDEC and SEC measurements, and specifies the required BER for the SRS test.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

CI 124 SC 124.1.1 P 289 L 45 # 24  
Ran, Adeo Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status R

"The bit error ratio (BER) when processed according to Clause 120 shall be less than  $2.4 \times 10^{-4}$ ..."

This sentence does not define the conditions under which the BER is measured. For this requirement to hold, it makes sense to assume that the transmitter and the receiver (both including PMA and PMD) are compliant, and the optical channel is compliant (e.g. according to the fiber types and lengths listed in 124.7). But none of that is listed here.

There is a PICS item associated with this "shall". BER is typically associated with the receiver, so a supplier of a PMD has to commit that the receiver meets the specified BER. It doesn't make sense to commit to meeting it under unspecified conditions.

In electrical PMD clauses, this is solved by having the BER requirement is stated as "link BER". A link is described as including compliant transmitter, channel, and receiver. This way the conditions are specified and every supplier should be able to commit.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Define the performance in terms of a compliant link. Add a definition of "link" in a separate paragraph following the current paragraph.

Suggested wording:

The bit error ratio (BER) of a link shall be less than  $2.4 \times 10^{-4}$  (. conclude the existing paragraph).

In this context, a link consists of a compliant transmitter (PMA and PMD), a fiber optic channel meeting the specifications of Table 124-11, and a compliant receiver (PMD and PMA).

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

The BER (and FLR) specified in 124.1.1 doesn't describe the BER of a complete link: it is used in the TDEC and SEC measurements, and specifies the required BER for the SRS test.

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Cl 119 SC 119.3.1 P 175 L 1 # 25  
Lapierre, Dominic EXFO

Comment Type E Comment Status A

MDIO status variable PCS FEC High SER (clause 45.2.3.47k.4, register/bit number 3.801.2) is missing from table 119-5.

## SuggestedRemedy

Add the PCS FEC High SER status variable to table 119-5, in a similar way that 802.3cd defines it in clause 134.6.5.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Add the following variable definition to 119.2.6.2.1:

hi\_ser

This variable is defined when the FEC\_bypass\_indication\_ability variable is set to one. When FEC\_bypass\_indication\_enable is set to one, this bit is set to one if the number of RS-FEC symbol errors in a window of 8192 codewords exceeds the threshold (see 119.2.5.3) and is set to zero otherwise. This variable is mapped to the bit defined in 45.2.3.47k (3.801.2).

Add this entry to table 119-5:

PCS FEC high SER, PCS FEC status register, 3.801.2, hi\_ser

Cl 120E SC 120E.4.2 P 378 L 20 # 26  
Rabinovich, Rick IXIA

Comment Type T Comment Status A

Figure 120E-13 does not reflect the text describing the methodology to measure eye-width and eye-height in subclause 120E.4.2. The procedure has gone through multiple edits but the subject figure did not track the terminology included in the text.

## SuggestedRemedy

Edit Figure 120E-13 appropriately. Please refer to presentation given at electric adhoc: [http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/elect/17Oct\\_16/rabinovich\\_01\\_101716\\_elect.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/elect/17Oct_16/rabinovich_01_101716_elect.pdf). Plan to update presentation to be given at Plenary Meeting.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Pending presentation.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

Replace Figure 120E-13 with the diagram on slide 6 of rabinovich\_3bs\_01\_1116.pdf

Cl 122 SC 122.7.3 P 254 L 8 # 27  
Swanson, Steve Corning Incorporated

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

In Table 122-13, the channel insertion loss for 200GBASE-LR4 and 400GBASE-LR8 is specified at 6.3 dB. However 10km x 0.46 dB/km plus the 2.0 dB allocation for connectors = 6.6 dB.

## SuggestedRemedy

Add a footnote tied to Channel Insertion Loss:

bUsing the 0.46 dB/km at 1272.55 nm attenuation for optical fiber cables derived from Appendix I of ITU-T G.695 may not support operation at 10 km for 400GBASE-LR8 at worst case conditions.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Add a footnote to the value "6.3" in Table 122-13 that says:

Using 0.46 dB/km at 1272.55 nm attenuation for optical fiber cables derived from Appendix I of ITU-T G.695 may not support operation at 10 km for 400GBASE-LR8 under worst case conditions.

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CI 123 SC 123.7 P 278 L 4 # 28  
Swanson, Steve Corning Incorporated

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

The decision to add wide band multiple mode fiber to the 400GBASE-SR16 PMD is a mistake that will lead at minimum to confusion in the market and is IMHO misleading the reader of the standard to believe that deploying a fiber designed for operation in SWDM systems in a parallel application, will lead to enhanced performance or a viable upgrade path when in fact it will not. It is not clear that 400GBASE-SR16 will reach broad market potential given the fact that the work in 802.3cd will likely obsolete 400GBASE-SR16 in favor of 400GBASE-SR8. In addition, there is no good rationale for deploying 32 wideband fibers in a parallel fiber solution as an upgrade path.

#### SuggestedRemedy

The suggestion is to reverse our decision in Fort Worth and remove wide band multimode fiber from 400GBASE-SR16 rather than mislead the reader of the standard. A user is always free to use a fiber that meets/exceeds the OM4 specification but if it provides no benefit at higher cost, it should not be recommended.

If this comment is not selected, several changes still must be made:

1. Replace "...type A1a.3 (OM4), or fiber compliant to TIA-492AAAE, according to the specifications defined in Table 123.6" with "...type A1a.4 (OM5)"
2. Replace "The fiber type and operating range shown in Table 123..5 are the same as 100GBASE-SR4 (See Clause 95)." with "The operating range shown in Table 123.5 is the same as 100GBASE-SR4 (See Clause 95)."
3. 2.Consistent with Table 122-8 for single-mode fiber, there is no need to add a new row for WBMMF in Table 123-5 since the supportable link length is the same as OM4 and the fiber should only be used as an OM4 equivalent fiber, i.e., a single wavelength solution in this parallel application. Replace Table 123-5 with the following:  
Table 123-5 - 400GBASE-SR16 operating range  
PMD type Required operating range  
400GBASE-SR16 0.5 m to 70 m for OM3  
0.5 m to 100 m for OM4 or OM5 operating as OM4 fiber at 850nm

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
See also response to comment #28

Replace "The fiber type and operating range shown in Table 123-5 are the same as 100GBASE-SR4 (See Clause 95)." with "The operating range shown in Table 123-5 is the same as 100GBASE-SR4 (see Clause 95)."

The rows in Table 123-5 follow the structure of Table 68-2 which has several different fiber types with the same reach on separate rows.

There was a consensus that if a version of IEC 60793-2-10 containing fibre type A1a.4 is

going to be available before the end of Sponsor ballot then a change should be made to replace "... type A1a.3 (OM4), or fiber compliant to TIA-492AAAE, ..." with "... type A1a.3 (OM4), or type A1a.4 (OM5), ..."

At this point do not make this change to the draft.

CI 118 SC 118.1.2 P 130 L 15 # 29  
Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Lab of America

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

Comment #255 to D2.0 said that 200GXS and 400GXS are different from 200GBASE-R PCS and 400GBASE-R PCS regarding to IS\_SIGNAL.indication. The response to the comment was accept in principle, but suitable text to describe the precise difference is requested. Here is revised changes.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Change the paragraph of 118.1.2 to:

The 200GXS is identical in function to the 200GBASE-R PCS in Clause 119 excepting the functions described in 118.2 and 118.2a and the 400GXS is identical in function to the 400GBASE-R PCS in Clause 119 excepting the functions described in 118.2 and 118.2a.

Add the following sub clause 118.2a before 118.3:

118.2a IS\_SIGNAL.indication

A PHY 200GXS or PHY 400GXS sublayer generates the IS\_SIGNAL.indication primitive to the next higher sublayer always with a value of OK.

A DTE 200GXS or DTE 400GXS sublayer monitors the IS\_SIGNAL.indication primitive presented by the lower sublayer and behaves in the same way as the 200GBASE-R PCS or 400GBASE-R PCS in Clause 119.

Add a diagram to illustrate the direction of IS\_SIGNAL.indication that is an output from PHY XS and an input to DTE XS or 200/400GBASE-R PCS.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See presentation [http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/16\\_11/anslow\\_3bs\\_03\\_1116.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/16_11/anslow_3bs_03_1116.pdf)

Add text to the end of 120.3 to say that in the case where the sublayer below the PMA is a PHY XS the PMA does not receive a PHY\_XS:IS\_SIGNAL.indication as an input to the SIL.

Add text at the end of 120.4 to say that in the case where the sublayer below the PMA is a PHY XS, there is an additional primitive: PHY\_XS:IS\_SIGNAL.request derived from SIL associated with the signal in the Tx direction.

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**Cl 118**      **SC 118.2.2**      **P 131**      **L 50**      # **30**  
Hidaka, Yasuo      Fujitsu Lab of America

**Comment Type**    **E**      **Comment Status**    **A**      **Bucket**

There is unnecessary new line and extra line space.

**SuggestedRemedy**

Remove the new line and extra line space.

**Response**      **Response Status**    **C**

ACCEPT.

**Cl 1**      **SC 1.4.72h**      **P 34**      **L 33**      # **31**  
Hidaka, Yasuo      Fujitsu Lab of America

**Comment Type**    **TR**      **Comment Status**    **A**

200/400GMII Extender is defined as a mechanism for communication with future PHYs that utilize a PCS sublayer other than that defined in Clause 119. Although it is important to prepare for future extension in some aspect, this definition of 200/400GMII Extender is far beyond such preparation. It is very strange to exclude current use by restricting it only for future PHY/PCS for many reasons. (1) It cannot be technically complete for unknown future compatibility issues until we define the future PHY/PCS. (2) There is no point to define IEEE standard that nobody can rely on it. (3) There is no need to do it now. When we define the future PHY/PCS, we can define it in a better way by resolving all the unknown compatibility issues. (4) The definition quoting future must be changed in the future, when we define the future PHY/PCS. It is not good to change the definition from the consistency.

On the other hand, although I have carefully reviewed the whole specification, I do not see any serious technical problems to use 200/400GMII Extender in Clause 118 with the current PHYs and Clause 119 PCS.

**SuggestedRemedy**

Change the definition of 200 GMII Extender to:  
The 200 Gb/s Media Independent Interface Extender extends the reach of the 200GMII and consists of two 200GXS sublayers with a 200GAUI-n between them. (See IEEE Std 802.3, Clause 118.)

Change the definition of 400GMII Extender to:  
The 400 Gb/s Media Independent Interface Extender extends the reach of the 400GMII and consists of two 400GXS sublayers with a 400GAUI-n between them. (See IEEE Std 802.3, Clause 118.)

Otherwise, remove Clause 118 and postpone it for a future project that will be used.

**Response**      **Response Status**    **C**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

In the debate associated with Comment #498 against D2.0, it was recognised that the 200GBASE-R PCS could be used as the PCS layer below a 200GMII extender sublayer. Delete "It is defined as a mechanism for communication with future 200 Gigabit Ethernet PHYs that utilize a PCS sublayer other than that defined in Clause 119." from the 200GMII Extender definition.

Delete "It is defined as a mechanism for communication with future 400 Gigabit Ethernet PHYs that utilize a PCS sublayer other than that defined in Clause 119." from the 400GMII Extender definition.

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CI 118 SC 118.5.7 P 141 L 48 # 32  
Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Lab of America

Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket

M2 is mandatory only when the options MD and PHYXS are supported.

## SuggestedRemedy

Add "N/A []" in the support column of M2.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 118 SC 118.5.7 P 141 L 51 # 33  
Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Lab of America

Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket

M3 is mandatory only when the options MD and DTEXS are supported.

## SuggestedRemedy

Add "N/A []" in the support column of M3.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 120 SC 120.5.11.1.1 P 196 L 22 # 34  
Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Lab of America

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

The description of the error counter is not clear for burst errors.

Also, we should revise non-exact error counting by the sliding 1000-bit window, because it was introduced in the past when the target BER was rather low such as  $< 1E-12$  and a DFE was not commonly used.

Now, the target BER before RS-FEC is rather high such as  $< 2.4E-4$ .

Also, use of the sliding window will miss significant degradation of BER due to error propagation of DFE that is now commonly used in electrical interfaces.

Hardware to measure the exact error count without a sliding window is a few hundred cells and consumes less than 1mW.

This is related to comment #430 to D2.0. This comment is a revised change to the text.

## SuggestedRemedy

Change the text "The checker shall increment the test-pattern error counter by one for each incoming bit error in the PRBS31 pattern for isolated single bit errors. Implementations should be capable of counting at least one error whenever one or more errors occur in a sliding 1000-bit window." to either of the following options:

## Option A:

The checker shall increment the test-pattern error counter by one for each bit error in the PRBS31 pattern. A burst error is exactly counted as multiple errors.

## Option B:

The checker shall increment the test-pattern error counter by one for each error in the PRBS31 pattern. If a DFE is not used, a burst error that is multiple errors within 100 bits may be counted as one error.

Response Response Status C

## REJECT.

This was a carefully crafted set of words from the P802.3ba project to allow for parallel implementations. The fact that an implementation is not required to count every error in a burst does not disallow an implementation that does count every error.

Whether a DFE is used only affects the probability of a burst occurring, and has nothing to do with how errors are to be counted when a burst does occur (for any reason).

An implementation that meets either of the proposed alternative requirements meets the requirement as written. There is no evidence provided that the tests using this pattern require more than one error to be counted in a 1000-bit burst (e.g., why counting one error for bursts of up to 100 bits is OK but counting one error for bursts of up to 1000 bits is not).

A straw poll of the Task Force was taken:

I support:

No change to the draft

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Change the sliding window to 128 bits 2  
 Changing to counting every error 8

CI 120 SC 120.5.11.2.4 P 199 L 35 # 35  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Lab of America

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

The description of the error counter is not clear for burst errors.  
 Also, we should revise non-exact error counting by the sliding 1000-bit window, because it was introduced in the past when the target BER was rather low such as  $< 1E-12$  and a DFE was not commonly used.

Now, the target BER before RS-FEC is rather high such as  $< 2.4E-4$ .  
 Also, use of the sliding window will miss significant degradation of BER due to error propagation of DFE that is now commonly used in electrical interfaces.  
 Hardware to measure the exact error count without a sliding window is a few hundred cells and consumes less than 1mW.

This is related to comment #301 to D2.0. Although #301 was rejected, #301 refers to #430 which was accepted in principle. This comment is a revised change to the text.

## SuggestedRemedy

Change the text "The checker shall increment the test-pattern error counter by one for each incoming bit error in the PRBS31 pattern for isolated single bit errors. Implementations should be capable of counting at least one error whenever one or more errors occur in a sliding 1000-bit window." to either of the following options:

## Option A:

The checker shall increment the test-pattern error counter by one for each bit error in the PRBS31 pattern. A burst error is exactly counted as multiple errors.

## Option B:

The checker shall increment the test-pattern error counter by one for each error in the PRBS31 pattern. If a DFE is not used, a burst error that is multiple errors within 100 bits may be counted as one error.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.  
 See comment 34.

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1.6 P 354 L 20 # 36  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Lab of America

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

When the waveform is captured, averaging multiple waveform captures was recommended in clause 85.8.3.3.4 that is referred from clause 94.3.12.5.2 that is referred from 120D.3.1.3 that is referred from 120D.3.1.6. Since averaging removed uncorrelated noise, it is not recommended to use averaging when capturing waveform for SNDR measurement.

However, such restriction of not to use averaging would mandate use of a realtime scope and exclude an option to use a sampling scope.

Alternatively, we may permit to use averaging, if we send PRBS13Q on the lanes not under test.

PRBS13Q on different lanes should be uncorrelated as much as possible.  
 However, PRBS13Q on different lanes are synchronous because the pattern length is same.

Therefore, averaging will not remove their effect of crosstalk.

## SuggestedRemedy

Change the first and second paragraphs of 120D.3.1.6 to:

Signal-to-noise and distortion ratio (SNDR) is measured at the transmitter output using the following method, with transmitters on all lanes enabled, with identical transmit equalizer settings.

Capture at least one complete cycle of the PRBS13Q test pattern (120.5.11.2.3) at TP0a per 85.8.3.3.4 excepting that averaging multiple waveform captures is not recommended. If averaging is used, although it is not recommended, send PRBS13Q on the lanes not under test.  
 Otherwise, send PRBS31Q or a valid 200GBASE-R or 400GBASE-R signal on the lanes not under test.

Compute the linear fit to the captured waveform and the linear fit pulse response,  $p(k)$ , and error,  $e(k)$ , according to 120D.3.1.3. Denote the standard deviation of  $e(k)$  as  $se$ .

Also specify the minimum offset of 940 symbols between PRBS13Q patterns between any lane and any other lanes in Clause 120.5.11.2.3.

Proposed Response Response Status Z

REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

Pending consensus

Note that if this comment is accepted, then the requirement for "a minimum offset of 940



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symbols between the PRBS13Q sequence on any lane and any other lane" should be local to 120D as well as changing 120.5.11.2.3 since the test does not have to be done using the PMA to generate the signals

CI 120 SC 120.5.11.2.3 P 198 L 40 # 37  
Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Lab of America

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Unlike PRBS31Q, PRBS13Q does not specify the seed for each lane or the minimum offset between PRBS13Q on different lanes. The Autocorrelation function of PRBS13Q has a strong peak at an offset of 452 symbols with correlation coefficient of 0.4. Lack of specification of seed for each lane or the minimum offset between lanes may result in strong correlation between test patterns on different lanes that is not desired for measurement accurately. It is also discouraged to reuse 4 seeds in Table 94-11 by adding 4 more seeds, because they will make the offset between Lane 1 and 2 only 827 symbols that is not sufficient to separate the strong peak between lanes. Autocorrelation function of PRBS13Q is almost flat for an offset between 470 symbols and 7720 symbols.

## SuggestedRemedy

Add the following statement to the second paragraph in 120.5.11.2.3:

To avoid correlated crosstalk, it is highly recommended that the PRBS13Q pattern is generated from different seeds for each lane so that the PRBS13Q pattern has a minimum offset of 940 symbols between any lane and any other lane.

Proposed Response Response Status Z

REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

It should first be demonstrated that the use of this pattern in another part of the draft requires a minimum offset between lanes.

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1.1 P 350 L 51 # 38  
Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Lab of America

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

There has been discussion on jitter measurement using PRBS13Q such as comment #131 to D2.0 by Piers.

This is my recommendation to measure jitter using PRBS13Q.

## SuggestedRemedy

Measure jitter on each of 12 specific transitions in PRBS13Q in order to exclude DDJ

- Get a horizontal histogram for each of specific transitions.
- Each specific transition may be replaced with a similar specific transition.
- Each histogram should include at least 10^5 hits.
- Derive JRMS and J4 from the histogram using the method in 120D.3.1.1
- JRMS and J4 should meet the specification at each specific transition.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Straw Poll: For Jitter measurement

- I support method in hidaka\_3bs\_01a\_1116.pdf, slide 10, 1st paragraph
  - I support existing method
  - I need more information
- a) 8; b) 5; c) 1;

Straw Poll:

- I support method the comment resolution below
  - I do not support the comment resolution below
- a) 8; b) 1;

Create a replacement J4/Jrms measurement sub-clause based on hidaka\_3bs\_01a\_1116.pdf slides 5, 6, and the first paragraph of slide 10, with editorial license.

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1.1 P 351 L 42 # 39  
Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Lab of America

Comment Type T Comment Status R

J4 in D2.0 was changed to J5 in D2.1. Then, we can reduce the number of samples in the histogram from  $10^6$  to  $10^5$ .

SuggestedRemedy

Change "at least  $10^6$  hits" to "at least  $10^5$  hits".

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

1million hits means that 100 hits are excluded. To find J4, you find the time with 50 hits earlier than it and the time with 50 hits later than it and J4 is the difference between these two times.

Reducing to 100,000 hits means that only 5 samples are excluded at either end. While it is recognized that before the change to J4, this was the requirement, it seems that 5 samples is too small for an accurate answer.

Note that J2 requires 10,000 hits which is 50 hits excluded at either end.

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1.1 P 351 L 28 # 40  
Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Lab of America

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

Test pattern for EOJ has been once changed from JP03B to PRBS13Q, but changed back to JP03B due to some problem.

There has been still discussion to use PRBS13Q for EOJ measurement such as comment #565 to D2.0 by Piers.

This is my recommendation to measure EOJ using PRBS13Q.

SuggestedRemedy

For each of 12 specific transitions in PRBS13Q.

- Measure 2 cycles of PRBS13Q test pattern
- Get a first horizontal histogram for the specific transition in the first PRBS13Q
- Let T1 be the mean time of the first histogram
- Get a second horizontal histogram for the specific transition in the second PRBS13Q
- Let T2 be the mean time of the second histogram
- Calculate EOJ as  $\text{abs}(T2 - T1 - 8191 \text{ UI})$
- Each histogram should include at least  $10^5$  hits.
- EOJ should meet the specification at each specific transition.
- Each specific transition may be replaced with a similar transition as long as the same transition in PRBS13Q is measured for T1 and T2

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Create a replacement EOJ measurement sub-clause based on hidaka\_3bs\_01a\_1116.pdf slides 6, 8, 9, and the first paragraph of slide 10, with editorial license.

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1 P 351 L 21 # 41  
Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Lab of America

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

The Value of Np, 13 in D2.0 was changed to 200 in D2.1.  
A larger Np value increases the steady-state voltage vf, because a longer fitted pulse will capture more long-term ISI.  
On the other hand, peak of the fitted pulse does not change.  
As a result, the ratio of the linear fit pulse peak to the steady-state voltage vf is reduced.

In order to avoid changing the requirement for Tx due to the Np value change, we should adjust the values of vf and the ratio of the linear fit pulse peak to the steady voltage vf. According to my simulation, vf was increased by 4.3279% for 30mm package and by 1.7706% for 12mm package when I changed Np from 13 to 200.  
The ratio of the linear fit pulse peak to the steady-state voltage vf was reduced by 4.1471% for 30mm package and by 1.7393% for 12mm package when I changed Np from 13 to 200..

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the Steady state voltage vf (max)  
from 0.6 to 0.611

Change the Steady state voltage vf (min)  
from 0.4 to 0.417

Change the value of Linear fit pulse peak (min)  
from "0.736 x vf" to "0.705 x vf".

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change

"The steady-state voltage v\_f is defined to be the sum of the linear fit pulse p(k) divided by M, determined in step 3 of the linear fit procedure.

to

"The steady-state voltage v\_f is defined to be the sum of the linear fit pulse p(1) through p(M N\_v) divided by M, determined in step 3 of the linear fit procedure.

Here, N\_v represents the number of symbols to take into account for the steady-state voltage v\_f and has a value of 13."

With editorial license.

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1.4 P 352 L 46 # 42  
Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Lab of America

Comment Type E Comment Status A

It is written as the linear fit procedure in 120D.3.1.2, but 120D.3.1.2 does not describe the linear fit procedure. 120D.3.1.2 describes Transmitter linearity. The linear fit procedure is described in 120D.3.1.3.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the reference to 120D.3.1.2 with a reference to 120D.3.1.3.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1 P 351 L 19 # 43  
Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Lab of America

Comment Type E Comment Status A

In Table 120D-1, the reference for the steady state voltage vf (max) and (min) is 94.3.12.5.3. However, clause 94.3.12.5.3 refers to the linear fit procedure in 94.3.12.5.2 that does not include exceptions described in 120D.1.3. The reference should be made to 120D.3.1.4 which refers to the linear fit procedure in 120D.3.1.2 (it must be corrected to 120D.3.1.3).

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the reference for the steady state voltage vf (max) and (min) in Table 120D-1 from 94.3.12.5.3 to 120D.3.1.4.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See responses to comment #106 & #42

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1 P 351 L 21 # 44  
Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Lab of America

Comment Type E Comment Status A

In Table 120D-1, the reference for the linear fit pulse peak (min) is 94.3.12.5.3. However, clause 94.3.12.5.3 refers to the linear fit procedure in 94.3.12.5.2 and includes a contradictory description for the linear fit pulse peak. The reference should be made to 120D.3.1.4 which refers to the linear fit procedure in 120D.3.1.2 (that must be corrected to 120D.3.1.3).

## SuggestedRemedy

Change the reference for the linear fit pulse peak (min) in Table 120D-1 from 94.3.12.5.3 to 120D.3.1.4.

Alternatively, the reference may be directly to 120D.3.1.3, because 120D.3.1.4 merely point to 120D.3.1.2 (that must be corrected to 120D.3.1.3).

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
See response to comment #106

CI 121 SC 121.8.5.3 P 226 L 24 # 45  
King, Jonathan Finisar

Comment Type T Comment Status A

Equation 121-4 is intended to direct the reader to create a cumulative distribution for values of  $y > P_{th1}$  and  $y < P_{th1}$ , a few reviewers have commented that it's a bit ambiguous as written.

## SuggestedRemedy

Equation 121-4 could be expressed more clearly by describing the value of  $Cf1(y_i)$  as two expressions, one for  $y_i > P_{th1}$ , and one for  $y_i < P_{th1}$ .  
See example in presentation king\_3bs\_01\_1016\_smf

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

See response to comment #74.

CI 124 SC 124.8.1 P 298 L 40 # 46  
Le Cheminant, Greg keysight Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status A

As per earlier comments, allow SSPQRQ pattern 6 as a valid pattern for OMA and extinction ratio

## SuggestedRemedy

add pattern 6 to lines 40 and 45 page 298

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
[Editor's note: Type set to T]  
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

See responses to comments 50 and 49

CI 124 SC 124.8.6 P 299 L 50 # 47  
Le Cheminant, Greg keysight Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status A

As per earlier comments, SSPRQ should be a valid pattern for extinction ratio measurements

## SuggestedRemedy

change line 50 to read ".....pattern as defined in 120.5.11.2.3 or SSPRQ pattern as defined in 120.5.11.2.5 with the sum....."

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
[Editor's note: Type set to T]  
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

See response to comment #50

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

Cl 121 SC 121.8.5.1 P 224 L 10 # 48  
Le Cheminant, Greg keysight Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status A

Figure 121-4 is incomplete. Text was lost in the right side.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Figure 121-4 should be identical to 122-4 on page 257

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

In the process of editing the D2.1 version of Clause 121, changes were inadvertently made to the font used in several figures, which changed their appearance.

Restore all figures in Clause 121 to the versions in D2.0 while preserving the changes made to the figures by accepted comments against D2.0.

Cl 121 SC 121.8.1 P 222 L 41 # 49  
Le Cheminant, Greg keysight Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status A

Optical modulation amplitude should allow use of SSPRQ (pattern 6) as a valid test pattern in addition to PRBSQ13 (pattern 4). Currently OMA is measured only with pattern 4. TDECQ is measured only with pattern 6. TDECQ requires an OMA value, which forces two patterns to be used. The data acquired for the TDECQ measurement using the SSPRQ pattern can effectively be reused for the OMA measurement if the SSPRQ pattern is documented as a valid pattern. This will reduce test times as well as not require the test process to be forced to switch test patterns.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Allow SSPRQ as a valide pattern for OMA measurements. Add pattern 6 to Table 121-10, line 37

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

Add pattern 6 to the patterns that can be used to measure OMAouter in Tables 121-10, 122-15, and 124-10.

In 121.8.4, change:

"The OMAouter of each lane shall be within the limits given in Table 121-6." to:

"The OMAouter of each lane shall be within the limits given in Table 121-6 if measured using a test pattern specified for OMAouter in Table 121-10."

In 122.8.4, change:

"... if measured using a PRBS13Q pattern as defined in 120.5.11.2.3 ." to:

"... if measured using a test pattern specified for OMAouter in Table 122-15 ."

Also change "the run of" to "a run of" in two places.

In 124.8.4, change:

"The OMAouter of each lane shall be within the limits given in Table 124-6." to:

"The OMAouter of each lane shall be within the limits given in Table 124-6 if measured using a test pattern specified for OMAouter in Table 124-10."

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 121 SC 121.8.1 P 222 L 41 # 50  
Le Cheminant, Greg keysight Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status A

Allow SSPRQ pattern 6 as a valid pattern for extinction ratio test. This will allow the extinction ratio measurement to be derived from the same data acquired for the TDECQ test, saving test time and not requiring the test process to do a pattern switch

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add pattern 6 to table 121-10 line 41

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

Add pattern 6 to the patterns that can be used to measure Extinction ratio in Tables 121-10, 122-15, and 124-10.

In 121.8.6, change:

"The extinction ratio of each lane shall be within the limits given in Table 121-6 if measured using the PRBS13Q pattern as defined in 120.5.11.2.3." to:

"The extinction ratio of each lane shall be within the limits given in Table 121-6 if measured using a test pattern specified for extinction ratio in Table 121-10."

Also change "the run of" to "a run of" in two places.

Make equivalent changes in 122.8.6 and 124.8.6.

CI 121 SC 122.8.6 P 227 L 35 # 51  
Le Cheminant, Greg keysight Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status A

Assuming pattern 6 is allowed for extinction ratio test, the text in 121.8.6 needs to document this

*SuggestedRemedy*

change the text at line 35 to read ".....as defined in 120.5.11.2.3 or the SSPRQ pattern as defined in 120.5.11.2.5."

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

See response to comment #50

CI 122 SC 122.8.1 P 255 L 29 # 52  
Le Cheminant, Greg keysight Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status A

As per earlier comments, allow SSPQRQ pattern 6 as a valid pattern for OMA and extinction ratio

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add pattern 6 to table 122-15 line 29 and line 33

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

See responses to comments 50 and 49

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 122 SC 122.8.4 P 255 L 54 # 53  
Le Cheminant, Greg keysight Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status A

As per previous comments, SSPRQ should be documented as a valid pattern for OMA test

*SuggestedRemedy*

change line 54 page 255 to read ".....pattern as defined in 120.5.11.2.3 or SSPRQ pattern as defined in 120.5.11.2.5 with the sum.....".

Note that 121.8.4 makes no reference to patterns for making an OMA measurement. If that is the preferred text, then 122.8.4 should be similar and just drop the reference to the specific PRBSQ13 pattern

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

See response to comment 49.

CI 122 SC 122.8.6 P 258 L 17 # 54  
Le Cheminant, Greg keysight Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status A

As per earlier comments, SSPRQ should be a valid pattern for extinction ratio measurements

*SuggestedRemedy*

change line 18 to read ".....pattern as defined in 120.5.11.2.3 or SSPRQ pattern as defined in 120.5.11.2.5 with the sum....."

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

See response to comment #50

CI 120E SC 120E.4.2 P 379 L 46 # 55  
Szczepanek, Andre Inphi

Comment Type E Comment Status A

The definitions of AVupp, Vupp, AVmid, Vmid, AVlow, & Vlow are redundant and should be removed.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Remove the definitions of AVupp, Vupp, AVmid, Vmid, AVlow, & Vlow.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 119A SC 119A P 318 L 6 # 56  
Dillard, John Microsemi

Comment Type T Comment Status A

Since the alignment markers changed for 200g, tables 119A-1 and 119A-3 require updating.

*SuggestedRemedy*

I will plan to provide supporting material

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Use the tables in [http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/16\\_11/dillard\\_3bs\\_01\\_1116.txt](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/16_11/dillard_3bs_01_1116.txt) to replace the 200G tables in clause 119A.

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 121 SC 121.3.2 P 215 L 40 # 57  
Ran, Adeel Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status R

(Comment is against an unchanged portion of the draft)

"The Skew at SP4 (the receiver MDI) shall be less than 134 ns and the Skew Variation at SP4 shall be less than 3.4 ns.

If the PMD service interface is physically instantiated so that the Skew at SP5 can be measured, then the Skew at SP5 shall be less than 145 ns and the Skew Variation at SP5 shall be less than 3.6 ns."

Which provider is responsible for meeting the requirements at SP4? Most of the skew and variation at SP4 is caused by the medium. The PMD provider cannot control them.

Having a PICS item for a parameter that is not controllable does not make sense. Such items would probably be checked blindly.

It makes more sense that the skew and variation created by the PMD between SP4 and SP5 should be limited; this is the difference between the values at SP4 and the values at SP5. The skew at SP4 can be provided informatively.

Comment similarly applies to 122.3.2, 123.3.2, 124.3.2.

*Suggested Remedy*

Change the quoted paragraphs (L40 to L44) to read

"The Skew at SP4 (the receiver MDI) can be assumed to be less than 134 ns and the Skew Variation at SP4 can be assumed to be less than 3.4 ns.

If the PMD service interface is physically instantiated so that the Skew at SP5 can be measured, then the Skew at SP5 shall be less than the Skew at SP4 plus 11 ns, and the Skew Variation at SP5 shall be less than the Skew Variation at SP4 plus 0.2 ns."

Change PICS accordingly.

Change similarly in the other clauses.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

Clause 121 specifies both the optical transmitter and the medium. As long as the "Skew at SP2 is limited to 43 ns and the Skew Variation at SP2 is limited to 400 ps" and the fiber meets its specification for dispersion, the skew at SP4 is within the control of the optical transmitter supplier.

This specification is also consistent with Clause 86, Clause 87, and Clause 88 in the base standard.

Similarly for 122.3.2, 123.3.2, and 124.3.2.

CI 121 SC 121.3.2 P 215 L 47 # 58  
Ran, Adeel Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status R

(Comment is against an unchanged portion of the draft)

The measurement method defined in 86.8.3.1 cannot be applied directly to the PMDs in this project: for the signal at the PMD input or output, the alignment markers are bit-muxed and PAM4 modulated, and identifying the alignment markers must be done after at least an equivalent of a PMA sublayer that recovers and de-muxes two serial bit stream.

The measurement of skew parameters at the PMD may be done in several ways, and can be left to the test implementer, outside the scope of the standard, without affecting interoperability.

Comment similarly applies to 122.3.2, 123.3.2, 124.3.2.

*Suggested Remedy*

Delete the sentence "The measurements of Skew and Skew Variation are defined in 86.8.3.1." here and in the other PMD clauses.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

The text in 86.8.3.1 defining the measurements of Skew and Skew Variation can be applied to the PMDs in Clause 121, 123, and 124.

The text in 87.8.2 defining the measurements of Skew and Skew Variation (for a WDM signal) can be applied to the PMDs in Clause 122.

For Clauses 86 and 87, the alignment markers are bit-muxed, and identifying the alignment markers must be done after at least an equivalent of a PMA sublayer that recovers and de-muxes to two serial bit streams.



## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 120C SC 120C.5.3 P 344 L 13 # 59  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status R Bucket

"Adaptive equalizer" is not relevant for a host. A host vendor should not mark this item. This feature is characteristic of a module, specifically the module input. Therefore it should be part of the "module input" table.

Also applies to 120E.5.3.

## SuggestedRemedy

Move item ADE from 120C.5.3 to 120C.5.4.4 (Module input).  
Move item ADE from 120E.5.3 to 120E.5.4.4 (Module input).

Response Response Status C

REJECT.  
The PICS in Annex 120C follows the PICS in Annex 83E as closely as possible, so moving this item causes more confusion than clarity. This item is also in the same place in Annex 109B.

CI 120D SC 120D.4 P 357 L 31 # 60  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket

(Comment is against an unchanged portion of the draft)

Several numbers in the "value" column seem to have a larger font than the rest.

## SuggestedRemedy

Use consistent font for numbers.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.  
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

CI 120D SC 120D.4 P 357 L 33 # 61  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

(Comment is against an unchanged portion of the draft)

The parameter with symbol C\_b in Table 120D-7 seems to correspond to "Single-ended package capacitance at package-to-board interface" in Table 93A-1, which has the symbol C\_p. Unless this is a new parameter definition (which I can't find), it should have the same symbol and the same name as in Table 93A-1.

## SuggestedRemedy

Change parameter symbol from C\_b to C\_p and change the corresponding name to "Single-ended package capacitance at package-to-board interface".

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.  
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

CI 120E SC 120E.3.1 P 365 L 50 # 62  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket

(Comment is against an unchanged portion of the draft)

What does the "A" in "eye height A" stand for?

## SuggestedRemedy

Clarify, or delete the "A".

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

Change "Eye height A" to Eye Height"

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 120E SC 120E.3.1.5 P 367 L 8 # 63  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status A  
(Comment is against an unchanged portion of the draft)

The average reader should be familiar with the concept of transition time, but here it is redefined in a confusing way. The transition times are defined to apply to only specific transitions; "PAM4 edges" is unclear ("edge" usually refers to the zero-crossing on the signal, as in the next paragraph); and "isolated edge" is not defined at all. Punctuation of the sentence is also unclear.

Also, 0% and 100% are not well defined (only "may be estimated", and "in this case").

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the first paragraph to read:

"In this annex, transition times are specified for transitions between three consecutive "zero" symbols and three consecutive "three" symbols, or vice versa. The specified times are between the crossings of 20% and 80% levels of the signal."

In the second paragraph, change "In this case, the 0% level and the 100% level may be estimated as" to "The 0% level and the 100% level are defined as".

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

CI 120E SC 120E.3.3.2 P 371 L 47 # 64  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Bucket  
(Comment is against an unchanged portion of the draft)

Reference to the procedure in 83E.3.3.2.1 is obsolete - there is a specific procedure for this annex in 120E.3.3.2.1.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change reference to 120E.3.3.2.1.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 120E SC 120E.3.3.2.1 P 373 L 51 # 65  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **A**

(Comment is against an unchanged portion of the draft)

This subclause describes the host stressed input test procedure in great detail, but I don't see where any requirement for the BER or SER of the host under test. There should be a "shall" statement, and also a corresponding PICS item (this is addressed in another comment).

If the test is conducted using pattern 5 or any valid PCS output pattern, then there is no way to check the BER before unscrambling; Therefore a requirement can reasonably be defined in terms of symbol error ratio (after processing by the PCS FEC).

Alternatively, if the test is conducted using pattern 3 (PRBS31Q) then the pattern is not a valid PCS sequence and the requirement can reasonably be defined in terms of BER at a PMA pattern checker.

The suggested remedy handles both options.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Append the following paragraphs at the end of this subclause:

"If the test is performed with pattern 3, the host bit errors are counted using the host's PMA test pattern checker (see 120.5.11.1.1). If the test is performed with pattern 5 or a valid 200GBASE-R/400GBASE-R signal, the host bit errors are counted using the host's PCS Reed-Solomon decoder error counters (see 119.2.5.3), with every symbol error considered as a single bit error. The number of received bits may be estimated based on the test time.

The host BER under the stressed input test conditions shall meet the requirements of 120E.1.1."

Response Response Status **C**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

Append the following paragraph at the end of 120E.3.3.2.1:

"If the test is performed with pattern 3, the host BER may be calculated using the host's PMA test pattern checker (see 120.5.11.1.1). If the test is performed with pattern 5 or a valid 200GBASE-R/400GBASE-R signal, the BER may be calculated using the host's PCS Reed-Solomon decoder error counters (see 119.2.5.3), as the number of FEC symbol errors divided by the number of received bits. The number of received bits may be estimated based on the test time.

CI 120E SC 120E.3.4.1.1 P 376 L 1 # 66  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type **E** Comment Status **A**

(Comment is against an unchanged portion of the draft)

The first paragraph (starting on P375) describes the procedure at length, and ends by stating the required performance, without a break. It seems too long and should be broken for ease of reading.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Break the last sentence ("The module... receiver under test shall ...") to a separate paragraph.

Preferably, change the text starting at P375 L54 ("For the high loss case.") and ending at P376 L9 ("as described for the high loss case") to a list of two items, one describing the high-loss case and another describing the low-loss case, or to two level-5 subclauses.

Response Response Status **C**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

Break the last sentence ("The module... receiver under test shall ...") to a separate paragraph.

# IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s & 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 120E SC 120E.3.4.1.1 P 376 L 11 # 67

Ran, Adeo Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

(Comment is against an unchanged portion of the draft)

It is not clear how errors should be detected and counted in this test. The module is not required to count errors internally (and is unlikely to have this capability for anything but test pattern 3), and the test setup does not include a BER checker at the optical output of the module or elsewhere. If such BER checker is assumed, there should be a definition of what it is expected to do - which is not trivial. In addition, there should be some guidance on where this BER checker can be placed.

Specifically, the BER checker should use a bit sequence which depends on the test pattern:

If the test is conducted using pattern 5 or any valid PCS output pattern, then there is no way to check the BER before unscrambling; Therefore a requirement can reasonably be defined in terms of symbol error ratio (after processing by the PCS FEC).

Alternatively, if the test is conducted using pattern 3 (PRBS31Q) then the pattern is not a valid PCS sequence and the requirement can reasonably be defined in terms of BER at a PMA pattern checker. This may be done inside the module, if implemented, or somewhere else.

The suggested remedy handles both options.

## SuggestedRemedy

Add the following text before the last sentence of 120E.3.4.1.1 (i.e. before BER requirements are discussed):

"If the test is performed with pattern 3, the module bit errors may be counted using a PMA test pattern checker (see 120.5.11.1.1) if this option is implemented in the module.

If the test is performed with pattern 5 or a valid 200GBASE-R/400GBASE-R signal, the module bit errors may be counted by placing the module under test into local loopback (see 120.5.9) and feeding the module output into a compliant host or its equivalent, and then using the host's PCS Reed-Solomon decoder error counters (see 119.2.5.3), with every symbol error considered as a single bit error.

Methods of extracting the received bit pattern and counting errors other than the ones described above may be used if they generate equivalent results.

The number of received bits may be estimated based on the test time."

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

Straw Poll: on the following proposed change

Add the following text before the last sentence of 120E.3.4.1.1 (i.e. before BER requirements are discussed):

"If the test is performed with pattern 3, the module bit errors may be counted using a PMA test pattern checker (see 120.5.11.1.1) if this option is implemented in the module.

If the test is performed with pattern 5 or a valid 200GBASE-R/400GBASE-R signal, the module BER may be calculated by placing the module under test into local loopback (see 120.5.9) and feeding the module output into a compliant host or its equivalent. The BER may then be calculated using the host's PCS Reed-Solomon decoder error counters (see 119.2.5.3), as the number of FEC symbol errors divided by the number of received bits.

Methods of extracting the received bit pattern and counting errors other than the ones described above may be used if they generate equivalent results.

The number of received bits may be estimated based on the test time."

In favor of this change: 6;

Against this change: 0

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 120E SC 120E.4.2 P 377 L 25 # 68  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

The procedure in this subclause is referenced in host/module stressed input tests as a method of measuring "eye height" and "eye width". But procedure in this list generates three eye heights (Vupp, Vmid, and Vlow) and three eye widths (Hupp, Hmid, and Hlow). It is not clear which height/width should be used.

Note that for the "eye height" parameters Table 120E-1 and Table 120E-3, which also reference this subclause, there are footnotes stating "All 3 PAM4 eyes at 10<sup>-5</sup> probability". It may be understood that the "3 PAM4 eyes" refers to the measured Vupp, Vmid and Vlow, but it is not stated explicitly.

When calibrating a stressed eye test, I assume the minimum width/height of all 3 eyes should be specified (if the maximum is specified, the other eyes may be completely closed). If that's the case, the procedure should define the "eye height" and "eye width" as the minimum across the three measurements.

Assuming this is done, this definition can replace the table footnotes too.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Add an item after current item 6 with text: "The eye height is defined as the minimum of Vmid, Vupp, and Vlow".

Add an item after current item 9 with text: "The eye width is defined as the minimum of Hmid, Hupp, and Hlow".

Delete footnote a in Table 120E-1 and Table 120E-3.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

CI 120E SC 120E.4.2 P 379 L 3 # 69  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

(Comment is against an unchanged portion of the draft)

According to the style guide, the word "must" should not be used in this place, since it does not indicate an unavoidable situation.

In addition, this is a procedure for measurement of EH/EW parameters. It should always yield values. What are the EH and EW if any of the conditions are not met? If they are they undefined, stressed eye calibration is not well defined.

This eye mask seems to be a minimum requirement for the "symmetrical eye width" (where the latter is twice the minimum of left and right openings relative to TCmid). If that's the case, the minimum should not be a part of the \_procedure\_; the procedure should yield the symmetrical eye width, and the tables can specify the minimum for that \_result\_.

Note that in all tables which refer to this procedure, either ESMW and eye width are specified with the same value, or ESMW alone is specified; this means that the important parameter is the symmetrical eye width, and there is no need to calculate the "total" eye widths as currently done in steps 7, 8, and 9.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Change item 7 to read:

"Calculate the middle eye symmetrical width (Hmid) as the minimum of Tcmid-TL(1e-5) and TR(1e-5)-Tcmid, where TR(1e-5) and TL(1e-5) are the times where MIDCDFR and MIDCDFL, respectively, have a value of 1e-5."

Delete item 10.

Change the text and labels in Figure 120E-14 accordingly (especially, eliminate "must").

Change ESMW in Table 120E-1 and Table 120E-3 to "eye width".

Delete ESMW rows in Table 120E-5, Table 120E-8.

Proposed Response Response Status Z

REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

Change item  
"must all extend beyond this mask" in item 10) to  
"shall all extend beyond this mask"

Change the text labels "must extend" in Figure 120E-14 to  
"shall extend"

Add a PICS item for the "shall" in item 10)

CI 120E	SC 120E.5.4.3	P 383	L 54	# 70
Ran, Adeo				
Intel				

Comment Type	TR	Comment Status	R	Bucket
(Comment is against an unchanged portion of the draft)				

There is no PICS item for host receiver performance. RH1, "Host input characteristics", mostly deals with the host input (electrical parameters which should always comply), but does not state the host receiver performance (BER or SER) with stressed input. The BER item in 120E.5.3 is too generic, and does not address the stressed input test conditions either.

Compliance of receiver performance under stressed input test should be separate from input signal compliance.

**SuggestedRemedy**

Add a PICS item in 120E.5.4.3:  
RH2 | Host stressed input test | 120E.3.3.2.1 | Host under test meets the BER requirements | M | Yes [ ]

Response	Response Status	C
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REJECT.  
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

There is an existing PICS item covering Table 120E-4 and in Table 120E-4, the parameter "Host stressed input test" has note a applied and note a is "Meets BER specified in 120E.1.1.

CI 120E	SC 120E.5.4.4	P 384	L 7	# 71
Ran, Adeo				
Intel				

Comment Type	TR	Comment Status	R	Bucket
(Comment is against an unchanged portion of the draft)				

There is no PICS item for module receiver performance. The BER item in 120E.5.3 is too generic, and does not address the stressed input test conditions.

Compliance of receiver performance under stressed input test should be separate from input signal compliance.

**SuggestedRemedy**

Add a PICS item to 120E.5.4.4:  
RM2 | Module stressed input test | 120E.3.4.1.1 | Module under test meets the BER requirements | M | Yes [ ]

Response	Response Status	C
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REJECT.  
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

There is an existing PICS item covering Table 120E-7 and in Table 120E-7, the parameter "Module stressed input test" has note a applied and note a is "Meets BER specified in 120E.1.1.

CI 121	SC 121.8.5.3	P 225	L 6	# 72
Le Cheminant, Greg				
keysight Technologies				

Comment Type	T	Comment Status	A
Specify that OMAouter is measured on the equalized signal.			

Allow the TDECQ measurement to be more portable. Given the two gain terms of the equalizer, the measurement, as proposed, can be made entirely on the resulting waveform. This also allows the equalizer used for this measurement to be implemented in hardware

**SuggestedRemedy**

Update the text of line 6 to read: OMAouter is measured according to 121.8.4 on the equalized signal

Response	Response Status	C
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ACCEPT.  
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 121 SC 121.8.5.3 P 225 L 21 # 73  
Le Cheminant, Greg keysight Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status A

Specifically document which signal average power is derived from, which is the equalized eye diagram

*SuggestedRemedy*

Modify line 21 to read "The average optical power (Pave) of the equalized eye diagram is determined...."

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

In 121.8.5.3, change:

"The average optical power (Pave) of the eye diagram is determined," to:

"The average optical power (Pave) of the equalized eye diagram is determined,"

CI 121 SC 121.8.5.3 P 226 L 25 # 74  
Le Cheminant, Greg keysight Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status A

Equation 121-4 requires some modifications (too complex to be entered in the comment tool)

*SuggestedRemedy*

Modifications to the equation will be provided in a separate document e-mailed with the comments

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

Make the change to Equation (121-4) shown in attachment lecheminant\_3bs\_01\_1116.pdf in  
[http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/comments/P802d3bs\\_D2p1\\_attachments.zip](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/comments/P802d3bs_D2p1_attachments.zip)  
with the exception that <= is changed to <

CI 121 SC 121.8.5.3 P 226 L 31 # 75  
Le Cheminant, Greg keysight Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status A

we should call out the actual Gaussian distribution of equation 121-5 and provide a method for estimating it

*SuggestedRemedy*

Modify line 31 to read "Gth1(yi) is given by Equation (121-5) and can be estimated by (121-6)".

Add new equation 121-5 (too complex for comment tool, provided in separate contribution)

Original equation 121-5 becomes equation 121-6

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

Make the change associated with Equation (121-5) according to item 2) shown in attachment lecheminant\_3bs\_01\_1116.pdf in  
[http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/comments/P802d3bs\\_D2p1\\_attachments.zip](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/comments/P802d3bs_D2p1_attachments.zip)  
with the exception that the upper limit of the new equation contains "+" instead of "-"

# IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s & 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 121 SC 121.8.5.3 P 227 L 16 # 76  
Le Cheminant, Greg keysight Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status A

Equation 121-8 needs a term to compensate for the equalizer DC gain

## SuggestedRemedy

Modification of the equation provided in a separate contribution (too complex for comment tool)

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

Make the change associated with Equation (121-8) according to items 3) and 4) shown in attachment lecheminant\_3bs\_01\_1116.pdf in [http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/comments/P802d3bs\\_D2p1\\_attachments.zip](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/comments/P802d3bs_D2p1_attachments.zip) with the exceptions that "for minimum TDECQ" is omitted and the equation in item 4) is rearranged to have  $C_{dc} =$  rather than  $1/C_{dc} =$

CI 121 SC 121.8.5.3 P 227 L 24 # 77  
Le Cheminant, Greg keysight Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status A

Document the equalizer DC gain coefficient (as provided in earlier comment on equation 121-8)

## SuggestedRemedy

Add text at line 24:

$C_{dc}$  is a coefficient which compensated for the reference equalizer DC gain when the equalizer has been optimized for minimum TDECQ

The value  $C_{dc}$  can be calculated from the equalizer tap coefficients  $A_i$  as shown in equation (new #)

(New equation): (provided in separate contribution)

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

[Editor's note: Attachment is lecheminant\_3bs\_01\_1116.pdf in [http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/comments/P802d3bs\\_D2p1\\_attachments.zip](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/comments/P802d3bs_D2p1_attachments.zip)]

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

See response to comment #76



## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 121 SC 121.8.5.4 P 227 L 27 # 78  
Le Cheminant, Greg keysight Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status A

T/2 spacing allows the equalizer to reduce the noise, which a T spaced equalizer cannot do. This creates strange behaviors where the TDECQ value can go down as OMA drops relative to the intrinsic noise because the equalizer starts optimizing to reduce noise instead of ISI.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change: .is a 5 tap, T/2 spaced, feed-forward equalizer (FFE), where T is the symbol period.  
To: is a 5 tap, 1 precursor, T spaced, feed-forward equalizer (FFE), where T is the symbol period.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

This comment was discussed at the SMF Ad Hoc call on 25 October. The consensus view was that changing the sigma\_s value to account for the bandwidth reduction of the equalizer should be pursued rather than changing to a T spaced equalizer at this point.

Change equation 121-6 so that Ceq multiplies (sigma\_w squared + sigma\_s squared)

CI 121 SC 121.8.5.3 P 225 L 11 # 79  
Le Cheminant, Greg keysight Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status A

For cosnsistent results across various implementations, the TDECQ optimizations requires some constraints. MMSE optimization is a standard technique that can be implemented by software algorithms or by actual receiver equalizers. By specifying the optimization criteria, it avoids multiple T&M vendors implementing different optimization techniques, or T&M vendors using optimization techniques that an actual receiver could not achieve

*SuggestedRemedy*

Section 121.8.5.3 currently has this statement:  
The reference equalizer (specified in 121.8.5.4) is used to minimize the value of TDECQ derived from the captured waveform.

Modify to read: The reference equalizer (specified in 121.8.5.4) is applied to the waveform. The equalizer taps are optimized for the minimum mean square error about the symbol levels (Pave - OMA/2), (Pave - OMA/6), (Pave+OMA/6), and (Pave+OMA/2), where the mean square error is calculated over the center 0.1 UI of the eye diagram

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

Make the change in the suggested remedy.  
Also delete "for minimum TDECQ" from the definition of Ceq

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.47h P 73 L 41 # 80  
Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket  
"PCS FEC lane 0" should be "PCS lane 0"

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "PCS FEC lane 0" to "PCS lane 0"

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 121 SC 121.12.4.6 P 240 L 1 # 81  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket

In the headings for 121.12.4.6, 122.12.4.9, and 124.12.4.6 "MD" should be "MDI"

## SuggestedRemedy

In the headings for 121.12.4.6, 122.12.4.9, and 124.12.4.6 change "MD" to "MDI"

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

CI 119A SC 119A P 318 L 6 # 82  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type T Comment Status A

The example codewords in Annex 119A include the AMs.

The 200G AMs were changed in D2.1, but Tables 119A-1, 119A-3 and 119A-4 have not been updated to reflect the changes.

## SuggestedRemedy

Update Tables 119A-1, 119A-3 and 119A-4 to reflect the latest AMs.  
 Note, another comment proposes to further change AM0 for 200G.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #56

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.4 P 45 L 25 # 83  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket

In Table 45-6, "operating as 400 Gb/s" should be "operating at 400 Gb/s"  
 Also, "operating as 200 Gb/s" should be "operating at 200 Gb/s"

## SuggestedRemedy

In Table 45-6, change "operating as 400 Gb/s" to "operating at 400 Gb/s"  
 Also, change "operating as 200 Gb/s" to "operating at 200 Gb/s"

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 120C SC 120C.3.2 P 341 L 29 # 84  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type T Comment Status A Bucket

Comment #48 against D2.0 changed (in 120C.3.2 and 120C.4) "as specified in 109B.3.2.1 for a PHY that includes an RS-FEC sublayer" to "as specified in 109B.3.2.1".

But 109B.3.2.1 defines two different test methods. One "For a PHY that includes an RS-FEC sublayer" and the other "For a PHY that does not include an RS-FEC sublayer". Since the PHYs in the P802.3bs draft do not include an RS-FEC sublayer (the FEC is in the PCS layer), the effect of the change made by comment #48 is to select the method appropriate to a PHY without FEC.

## SuggestedRemedy

Change this text in 120C.3.2 and 120C.4 back to how it was in D2.0 "as specified in 109B.3.2.1 for a PHY that includes an RS-FEC sublayer"

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 119 SC 119.2.4.4 P 154 L 18 # 85  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type T Comment Status A

The spreadsheet that was used to calculate the hex values in [http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/16\\_05/anslow\\_3bs\\_03\\_0516.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/16_05/anslow_3bs_03_0516.pdf) for inclusion in Table 119-1 had an error that resulted in UP2, UM3, UM4, UM5 not being the inverse of UP1, UM0, UM1, UM2 as they are for the 400GbE markers. The performance of the markers in D2.1 with AM0 changed to correct this error is expected to be reviewed in [http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/logic/oct27\\_16/anslow\\_01\\_1016\\_logic.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/logic/oct27_16/anslow_01_1016_logic.pdf)

## SuggestedRemedy

Change AM0 for 200 Gb/s Ethernet to be:  
 0x9A, 0x4A, 0x26, 0x05, 0x65, 0xB5, 0xD9, 0xD6, 0xB3, 0xC0, 0x8C, 0x29, 0x4C, 0x3F, 0x73

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 120 SC 120.5.11.2.5 P 200 L 45 # 86  
Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type T Comment Status A Bucket

The PRBS31 generator that was used to generate the sequence in [http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/logic/apr28\\_16/anslow\\_01\\_0416\\_logic.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/logic/apr28_16/anslow_01_0416_logic.pdf) was an different to that used by the PRBS31 generator referenced from 120.5.11.2.5. Unlike the generator used for anslow\_01\_0416\_logic the generator shown in Figure 49-9 does not output the seed as the first 31 bits of the sequence and it has an inverter at the output.

The characteristics of the SSPRQ test sequence created with the changes in the Suggested remedy are expected to be reviewed in [http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/logic/oct27\\_16/anslow\\_02\\_1016\\_logic.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/logic/oct27_16/anslow_02_1016_logic.pdf)

## SuggestedRemedy

In the heading of Table 120-2, change "Start" to "Seed".  
Change the paragraph below the table from:  
"The start value is a 31 bit hexadecimal value sent MSB first that represents the first 31 bits of each section, continuing the PRBS31 sequence for the indicated length of bits as if produced by the shift register implementation shown in Figure 49-9." to:  
"Each section of PRBS31 is generated as if produced by the shift register implementation shown in Figure 49-9 and the seed is a 31-bit hexadecimal value used to preset S30 through S0 (S30 is set to the MSB and S0 is set to the LSB) prior to the generation of the PRBS31 sequence for the indicated length of bits."

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

CI 121 SC 121.5.4 P 218 L 6 # 87  
Welch, Brian Luxtera Inc.

Comment Type T Comment Status A

SIGNAL\_DETECT Fail level set to <= -30 dBm, higher than the -20 dBm for 400G-DR4.

## SuggestedRemedy

Suggest Revising to <= -20 dBm.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #105

[Editor's note: Clause set to 121, Subclause set to 121.5.4]

CI 121 SC 121.7.1 P 220 L 34 # 88  
Welch, Brian Luxtera Inc.

Comment Type T Comment Status A

Average launch power of OFF transmitter, each lane (max) set to -30 dBm, vs. -20 dBm for 400GBase-DR4

## SuggestedRemedy

Suggest revising to -20 dBm.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #105

[Editor's note: Clause set to 121, Subclause set to 121.7.1]

CI 123 SC 123.7 P 278 L 5 # 89  
Pimpinella, Rick Panduit

Comment Type T Comment Status R

Although the new wide band multimode fiber defined in TIA-492-AAAE has the same minimum EMB at 850 nm as OM4, these two fibers do not perform the same when coupled to VCSEL based transceivers. The modification made to the refractive index profile for WBMMF results in a combined modal and chromatic bandwidth which is different from OM4 and consequently, has a different channel reach. The channel reach of WBMMF, and how it relates to OM4 has not been characterized at this time and currently, there is no collaborative effort to do so. In regards to channel reach, these two fibers are not equivalent and must be further studied before specifying in an IEEE application standard. Furthermore, at least one of the fiber manufacturers are still in the process of tuning their WBMMF process. The premature inclusion of WBMMF in 802.3bs will result in customer confusion, particularly when future PMDs are specified that claim a longer reach for WBMMF compared to OM4.

## SuggestedRemedy

I strongly suggest we reverse the decision to include WBMMF, which was proposed during the Fort Worth meeting and blindsided several active participants in 802.3.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

[Editor's note: Subclause set to 123.7, Page set to 278, line set to 5]

Verification of the 100m reach for wideband MMF (TIA-492AAAE) was provided in king\_3bs\_01a\_0916, based on fibre specs in TIA-492AAE, optical specs in Clause 123 (draft 2.0), and a variant of the 10GE spreadsheet adapted for the bit rate and target BER for 400GBASE-SR16.

The commenter is invited to provide a contribution to show why wideband MMF (TIA-492AAE) should not be included as an acceptable medium for 400GBASE-SR16.

# IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s & 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 119 SC 119.2.4.1 P 149 L 1 # 90  
Trowbridge, Steve Nokia

Comment Type T Comment Status A

The OTN mapping reference point needs to include both the stream of 66B blocks and the FEC\_degrade\_SER and rx\_local\_degrade information

## SuggestedRemedy

Change "The stream of 66-bit blocks generated by this process is used as the reference signal for mapping to OTN." to "The stream of 66-bit blocks generated by this process, together with the FEC\_degrade\_SER and rx\_local\_degrade is used as the reference signal for mapping to OTN."

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

Change to: "The stream of 66-bit blocks generated by this process, together with the FEC\_degraded\_SER and rx\_local\_degraded bits are used as the reference signal for mapping to OTN."

CI 120D SC 120D.4 P 358 L 9 # 91  
Mellitz, Richard Samtec

Comment Type TR Comment Status R Bucket

The is no equation reference for fz1,fz2,fp1,fp2. It is closely related to eq. 93A-22. One could deduce the meaning. However we should be more explicit.

## SuggestedRemedy

Add equation proposed for COM in mellitz\_3bs\_01\_0815\_elect.pdf or explicitly specified in Healey\_02\_0115.pdf

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

Furthermore the changes to Annex 93A to define these terms (in 93A.1.4.3) are part of the draft.

CI 120E SC 120E.4.1 P 376 L 25 # 92  
Mellitz, Richard Samtec

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

The frequency domain electrical specification for the mated fixture (HDB/MCB) could allow for up to 1 dB difference in COM as described in healey\_3bs\_01\_0916. The difference may result in 5mV of VEO uncertainty.

## SuggestedRemedy

Add a requirement that the mated fixture must have a COM within 0.15 dB of that specified in healey\_3bs\_01\_0916 on page 8 of 5.18 dB. A presentation demonstrated this will be requested. This will use a new version of the example COM implementation which includes features suggested in healey\_3bs\_01\_0916.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

No consensus to make this change at this meeting. Further work needed, no change to draft.

Straw Poll on this change (Chicago rules)

Add the following to the end of 120E.4.1

"The mated fixture's COM VEO shall be 33 mv +/-1 mv without crosstalk considerations."

- a) I support this change at this meeting
- b) I do not support this change
- c) I need more information
- a): 4; b): 3; c): 9;

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1.1 P 351 L 24 # 93  
Mellitz, Richard Samtec

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

Since Np has been set to 200, there is no way of limiting the ISI of transmitter/package.

## SuggestedRemedy

Add a table entry, ISI\_SNR max, of 32.3 dB as suggested in mellitz\_3bs\_01\_0916\_adhoc. This the amount of ISI that is comprehended in the COM computation.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Add a row to Table 120D-1, SNR\_ISI max, of 32.3 dB.

Add a sub-clause to 120D.3.1 titled "Transmitter output residual ISI"

Add the formula from slide 7 of mellitz\_3bs\_01\_1116.pdf to this sub-clause, changing the name of the parameter from ISI\_SNR to SNR\_ISI.

Give editorial license for definition of terms within the equation.

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 120 SC 120.5.11.2.5 P 200 L 47 # 94  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

This SSPRQ is not suitable for use in TDECQ or stressed receiver calibration because measurements with this pattern do not give the correct penalty.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Either adjust SSPRQ to a pattern that gives the correct penalty, e.g. by changing the first start sequence in Table 120-2, or remove SSPRQ (using PRBS13Q for TDECQ and stressed receiver calibration).

Response Response Status U

REJECT.  
See comment #152

CI 121 SC 121.8.5.3 P 225 L 8 # 95  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

The draft says Pattern 6 (SSPRQ) should be used for TDECQ. But SSPRQ is a short, deliberately stressful pattern and therefore a TDECQ measurement does not give anything like the correct penalty for a range of reasonable transmitters.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Either adjust SSPRQ to a pattern that gives the correct penalty (e.g. by changing the first start sequence in Table 120-2); or use PRBS13Q for TDECQ (and stressed receiver calibration) with a separate requirement for low frequency performance as appropriate, similar to how the 200GAUI-4 etc. specifications handle this, choosing any limit according to the circumstances of the optical link. Apply to clauses 121, 122, 124.

Response Response Status U

REJECT.  
This is an updated version of unsatisfied comment #129 against D2.0.  
The commenter is invited to bring in a proposal for an alternative pattern that allows TDECQ measurements that correlate to the TDP.  
One of the patterns for measurement of TDEC in Clause 95 or TDC in Clause 88 is PRBS31 and the SSPR pattern is made up of segments of PRBS31.  
The transmitter eye mask or TDC/TDEC has not been allowed to be measured in previous clauses with a pattern as benign as PRBS13Q.

CI 121 SC 121.7.1 P 220 L 37 # 96  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

The purpose of the RIN spec has changed from something to ensure a good transmitter to something to ensure a good TDECQ measurement. The limit should be adjusted for the intended purpose.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Correct the RIN limits according to what is necessary for to enable a good TDECQ, all clauses that use TDECQ.

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
This is an updated version of unsatisfied comment #130 against D2.0.  
Commenter is invited to demonstrate that the current values are not those necessary for to enable a good TDECQ and to propose alternative values.  
See response to comment #110

CI 120 SC 120.5.11.1.3 P 197 L 13 # 97  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

In this draft, square wave is proposed for RIN measurement. But we can't use square wave because it isn't PAM4. CDRs, CRUs and any linearity control circuits may fail because two of the expected PAM4 levels are missing, CRUs with the special low PAM4 bandwidth (3 MHz nominal) won't hold lock properly because square wave has an unusually low transition density.

*SuggestedRemedy*

When the RIN spec has been adjusted, remove this section and associated MDIO registers.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.  
This clause only describes the square wave used for NRZ measurements. A PAM4 version of the square wave pattern is described in 120.5.11.2.6. This pattern is called out for testing in clauses 121, 122, and 124. If the need for this pattern is removed in those clauses, as proposed by comment #98, this response could be reconsidered.

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 121 SC 121.8.1 P 222 L 19 # 98  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

In this draft, square wave is proposed for RIN measurement. But we can't use square wave because it isn't PAM4. CDRs, CRUs and any linearity control circuits may fail because two of the expected PAM4 levels are missing, CRUs with the special low PAM4 bandwidth (3 MHz nominal) won't hold lock properly because square wave has an unusually low transition density.

*SuggestedRemedy*

If a RIN spec is needed, define it based on PRS13Q. All PAM4 optical clauses. Remove square wave from the draft.

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

The use of a square wave to measure RIN was discussed during the resolution of comment #152 against D2.0 with the consensus being to continue to use a square wave. The commenter is invited to provide the details of a measurement method for RIN which uses the PRBS13Q pattern.

CI 120 SC 120.5.11.2.1 P 197 L 43 # 99  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

Should not use such unrepresentative patterns when more normal ones we use anyway will do the job.

*SuggestedRemedy*

When the jitter measurement methods have been improved, remove JP03A and JP03B test pattern generator and registers.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Comments 100, 101 for JP03A and comment 40 for JP03B have been resolved to remove the need for these patterns.

Remove JP03A and JP03B patterns and registers from the draft.

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1.1 P 350 L 51 # 100  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

Should not use such an unrepresentative pattern for just one spec measurement.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Measure J4 Jitter and Jrms with PRBS13Q as discussed on the electrical ad hoc. Remove the JP03A test pattern generator and registers.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #38

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1.1 P 351 L 28 # 101  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

Should not use such an unrepresentative pattern for just one spec item. Should not rely on Clause 94.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Measure EOJ with PRBS13Q as discussed on the electrical ad hoc. Remove the JP03A test pattern generator and registers.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #40

CI 121 SC 121.7.1 P 220 L 36 # 102  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

Requiring an extinction ratio of 4.5 dB restricts the range of transmitter technologies but does not appear to benefit the link or the receiver significantly (they are protected by the TDECQ spec). Its effect is to push up cost.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Reduce the extinction ratio limit to a defensible amount, such as 3 dB.

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

This is an updated version of unsatisfied comment #566 against D2.0. Commenter is invited to demonstrate that there is a need to relax the ER for this PMD and that this will not impact the ability of receivers to meet the sensitivity requirements.

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 122 SC 122.7.1 P 250 L 35 # 103  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

Requiring an extinction ratio of 4.5 dB restricts the range of transmitter technologies but does not appear to benefit the link or the receiver significantly (they are protected by the TDECQ spec). Its effect is to push up cost.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Reduce the extinction ratio limit to a defensible amount, such as 3 dB (all 4 PMDs in this clause).

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

This is an updated version of unsatisfied comment #566 against D2.0.

Commenter is invited to demonstrate that there is a need to relax the ER for this PMD and that this will not impact the ability of receivers to meet the sensitivity requirements.

CI 124 SC 124.7.1 P 296 L 31 # 104  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

Requiring an extinction ratio of 5 dB restricts the range of transmitter technologies but does not appear to benefit the link or the receiver significantly (they are protected by the TDECQ spec). Its effect is to push up cost. Curious that the limit for 400GBASE-DR4 is higher than for 200GBASE-DR4 anyway.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Reduce the extinction ratio limit to a defensible amount, such as 3 dB.

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

This is an updated version of unsatisfied comment #566 against D2.0.

Commenter is invited to demonstrate that there is a need to relax the ER for this PMD and that this will not impact the ability of receivers to meet the sensitivity requirements.

CI 121 SC 121.7.1 P 220 L 34 # 105  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

Th limit for "Average launch power of OFF transmitter, each lane (max)" is not suitable for transmitters that share a laser and may be used in breakout scenarios.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the limit from -30 dBm to -20dBm, same as in 400GBASE-DR4. Note this is still way lower than the average receive power in 200GBASE-DR4 and 6.7 dB below the average receive power in 25GBASE-LR.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

In Table 121-4, change:

"For any lane; Average optical power at TP3 <= -30 dBm" to:

"For any lane; Average optical power at TP3 <= -20 dBm"

In Table 121-6, change the Average launch power of OFF transmitter, each lane (max) from -30 dBm to -20 dBm

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1 P 351 L 19 # 106  
Healey, Adam Broadcom Ltd.

Comment Type T Comment Status A

In Table 120D-1, the references for steady state voltage vf (max), steady state voltage vf (min), and linear fit pulse peak (min) should be the newly created subclause 120D.3.1.4.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Update the references per the comment.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

In Table 120D-1, the references for steady state voltage vf (max), steady state voltage vf (min), and linear fit pulse peak (min) should be 120D.3.1.4.

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1 P 351 L 24 # 107  
Healey, Adam Broadcom Ltd.

Comment Type T Comment Status A

In Table 120D-1, the reference for signal-to-noise-and-distortion ratio (min) should be the newly created subclause 120D.3.1.6.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Update the reference per the comment.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1 P 351 L 31 # 108  
Healey, Adam Broadcom Ltd.

Comment Type T Comment Status R

Footnote (b) in Table 120D-1 states that "the state of the transmit equalizer is controlled by management interface." It is unclear what the purpose of this note is. 120D.3.1.5 (which is referenced by the parameters of interest) includes the statement that "the 200GAUI-4 or 400GAUI-8 transmit output is manipulated via management."

SuggestedRemedy

Remove the note.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

There was no consensus for this change.

CI 120 SC 120.1.3 P 183 L 46 # 109  
Nowell, Mark Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status R

Since the definition of the 200GBASE-R and 400G-BASE-R PMAs are unique compared to PMAs at other rates in that they are defined to support both PAM4 and NRZ based PMDs, be clear in the summary list of this fact.

SuggestedRemedy

Modify from:

j) Perform PAM4 encoding and decoding for 200GBASE-R PMAs where the number of physical lanes is 4, and for 400GBASE-R PMAs where the number of physical lanes is 4 or 8.

to:

j) Perform PAM4 encoding and decoding for 200GBASE-R PMAs where the number of physical lanes is 4, and for 400GBASE-R PMAs where the number of physical lanes is 4 or 8. For 400GBASE-R PMAs where the number of physical lanes is 16, no PAM4 encoding or decoding is required.

or similar...

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

The current text is clear: the text "where the number of physical lanes is ." specifies exactly the circumstances where PAM4 encoding and decoding is done. If these circumstances don't apply, PAM4 encoding and decoding is not only not required, it is not even possible or relevant.



## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 121 SC 121.7.1 P 220 L 37 # 110  
Lewis, David Lumentum

Comment Type T Comment Status A

Table 121-6. The value of RIN21.4OMA appears unnecessarily low at -142. Other 26.6 GBd PAM-4 PMDs, such as 200GBASE-FR4/-LR4 and 400GBASE-FR8/-LR8 have RINxxOMA values of -136 dB/Hz. Those PMDs have lower receiver sensitivity requirements than 200GBASE-DR4, considering that they have optical demuxes, and yet can tolerate RIN of -136 dB/Hz.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the value of RIN21.4OMA from -142 to -136 dB/Hz.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

Change the value of RIN21.4OMA (max) from -142 to -136 dB/Hz.

[Editor's note: Page changed from 239 to 220]

CI 120A SC 120A.2 P 328 L 12 # 111  
Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type T Comment Status A Bucket

There is a problem with figure 120A-4. The PMA's immediately below the PCS have the wrong ratios.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the ratio for the top PMA for 200G to 8:8 and that for the top PMA for 400G to 16:16

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #8

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1.3 P 351 L 50 # 112  
Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type T Comment Status A

If there is asymmetry normalization may not be enough to align the levels to the specified values.

*SuggestedRemedy*

change "normalized" to "normalized and offset adjusted".

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change  
"normalized so that V0 corresponds to -1,"  
to  
"normalized and offset adjusted so that Vmid corresponds to 0, V0 to -1"

CI 120E SC 120E.3.3.2 P 373 L 11 # 113  
Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type T Comment Status A Bucket

The Eye height is ambiguous.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change to "Far-end Eye height.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 120 SC 120.5.11.2 P 197 L 37 # 114  
Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

JP03B is used for the measurement of EOJ. With the pattern enabled on all the lanes at the same time crosstalk will affect the measured value degrading the result. If the other lanes have a non-synchronous pattern then crosstalk will be averaged and the correct value of EOJ will be obtained.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Add JP03B to the list of patterns that can be enabled on a lane-by-lane basis. Add control registers to clause 45 (separate comment submitted). Make similar changes to 120.5.11.2.2 that were made to 120.5.11.2.1 (for JP03A) in this draft.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Comments #40 and #116 against Annex 120D were resolved so that JP03B is no longer used.

Remove this pattern from Clause 120.

See also comment 122 for the corresponding proposed clause 45 changes.

CI 120C SC 120C.3.2 P 341 L 29 # 115  
Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Bucket

Clause 109B.3.2.1 contains two specifications one for a PHY that includes an Clause 109B.3.2.1 RS-FEC sublayer (clause 108) and one for a PHY that does not Clause 109B.3.2.1 provides two different methods to measure the module eye opening. One when the Phy includes an RS-FEC sublayer (Clause 108) and another for a Phy that does not include an RS-FEC sublayer. Technically 200G and 400G do not include an RS-FEC sublayer as the FEC is part of the PCS layer. The change to delete the words "for a PHY that includes an RS-FEC sublayer" will cause the wrong specification to be used. I also had trouble finding the justification for the change in the D2.0 comment data base.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Revert back to the wording in draft 2.0 or better add "using the method described in 109B.3.2.1.2" Make the same change in 120C.4 on page 342 line 16.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The method is described in 109B.3.2.1.2, so it is better to revert to the previous text.

See response to comment #84.

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1 P 351 L 32 # 116  
Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

Crosstalk from other lanes in a real system does not affect Even-odd jitter, however with the use of the JP03B pattern on all lanes as implied by 94.3.12.6.2 the measured Even-odd jitter will be affected by crosstalk which could either increase it or decrease it. An asynchronous pattern should be used on the other lanes. I have made other comments to add the controls to clauses 120 and 45 to provide per lane enablement of the JP03B pattern.

#### SuggestedRemedy

change footnote c from "As an exception to 94.3.12.6.2, the clock recovery unit (CRU) used in the jitter measurement has a corner frequency of 4 MHz and a slope of 20 dB/decade." to "As exceptions to 94.3.12.6.2, the clock recovery unit (CRU) used in the jitter measurement has a corner frequency of 4 MHz and a slope of 20 dB/decade, and transmitters on lanes not under test transmit PRBS13Q, PRBS31Q or a valid 200GBASE-R or 400GBASE-R signal."

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

In the new J4/Jrms sub-clause created by comment #38, require that the lanes not under test transmit an un-correlated pattern (PRBS31Q or scrambled idles).

In the new EOJ sub-clause created by comment #40, require that the lanes not under test transmit an un-correlated pattern (PRBS31Q or scrambled idles).

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1.4 P 352 L 41 # 117  
Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

The change in the Np value from 13 to 200 removes almost all reflections or other linear distortions from the measurement of sigma e. Package reflections (or other transmitter degradations) that occur in time after the end of the DFE assumed in the Rx will degrade system performance but will no longer be measured. Some method of ensuring that transmitters do not have larger imperfections than those in the COM reference transmitter is required to ensure inter-operability.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Revert Np back to 13 and make TxSNR in COM larger than TxSNDR to account for the sigma e created by the COM package, or create an additional control method and specifications for these effects.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
See response to comment #93

CI 120D SC 120D.3.2.1 P 355 L 19 # 118  
Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

With the change of Np from 13 to 200 in draft 2.1 the effect of reflections in the test system will not be captured and any reflections in the test system will over-stress the receiver.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "the measured value of SNDR" to "the measured value of SNDR with Np=13 in the waveform fit".

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
Needs further investigation in light of the definition of SNR\_ISI.

CI 120E SC 120E.3.3.2.1 P 373 L 46 # 119  
Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

It is unlikely that it will be possible to create an input signal that has exactly equal eye height and eye width on all three eyes, but the test procedure implies this is required. If the individual levels of the pattern generator output are adjusted rather than the overall amplitude it should be possible to achieve the same eye height, but it is very likely that the middle eye width will be larger than the outer two.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change

"Random jitter and the pattern generator output amplitude are adjusted (without exceeding the differential pk-pk input voltage tolerance specification as shown in Table 120E-4) to result in the eye height and eye width given in Table 120E-5 using the reference receiver with the setting of the CTLE that maximizes the product of eye height and eye width."

to

"Random jitter and the pattern generator output levels are adjusted (without exceeding the differential pk-pk input voltage tolerance specification as shown in Table 120E-4) to result in the eye height for all three eyes and eye width for the smallest eye given in Table 120E-5 using the reference receiver with the setting of the CTLE that maximizes the product of eye height and eye width."

Make the equivalent change to the Module input test calibration.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

CI 118 SC 118.2.2 P 131 L 50 # 120  
Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type E Comment Status A

Bucket

two returns that shouldn't be there.

*SuggestedRemedy*

remove them

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #30

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 120D SC 120D.3.2.1 P 355 L 21 # 121  
Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket

It would read better if the order of sigma RJ and ADD were reversed so that the equations were in order.

SuggestedRemedy  
swap the order.

Response Response Status C  
ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1 P 43 L 44 # 122  
Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type T Comment Status A

A comment is being made to clause 120 to make JP03B also controllable on a per lane basis.

SuggestedRemedy  
Assuming that comment is accepted additional appropriate registers for JP03B should be added here.

Response Response Status C  
ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
Comments #40 and #116 against Annex 120D were resolved so that JP03B is no longer used.  
Make any necessary changes to Clause 45 to reflect this.

CI 122 SC 122.8.5.1 P 256 L 44 # 123  
Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type T Comment Status A

The definition of what pattern is on the other lanes should be included. (SSPRQ with at least 31 UI delay between lanes).

SuggestedRemedy  
Copy the appropriate sentences from 121.8.5.1

Response Response Status C  
ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
Change:  
"Each optical lane is tested individually with all other lanes in operation." to:  
"Each optical lane is tested individually with all other lanes in operation and all lanes using the same test pattern. There shall be at least 31 UI delay between the test pattern on one lane and the pattern on any other lane."

CI 121 SC 121.11.3.2 P 234 L 46 # 124  
Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type T Comment Status A

The optical lane assignments for 200GBASE-DR4 shown in figure 121-9 are different from those for 400GBASE-DR4 shown in figure 124-5. They are also different from what was shown in draft 2.0 and I can't find a comment that explained the change and there are no change bars against it.

SuggestedRemedy  
Change the figure back to what was in draft 2.0.

Response Response Status C  
ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
See response to comment #48

CI FM SC FM P 2 L 7 # 125  
Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC

Comment Type ER Comment Status A Bucket  
Missing keywords

SuggestedRemedy  
Suggest adding 200GBASE-R, 400GBASE-R, and PAM4

Response Response Status C  
ACCEPT.  
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot. However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

[Editor's note: Clause and Subclause changed from Abstract to FM]

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 121 SC 121.11 P 233 L 15 # 126  
Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **R**

Table 121-13 uses optical return loss is hanging in the air and should be tight to # of discrete reflectances

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add note maximum number of discrete reflectance is given by Table 121-15.

Response Response Status **C**

REJECT.

While it is true that the value of 37 dB was changed because of the introduction of Table 121-15, the requirement is not dependent on the number of discrete reflectances, so adding a note would just be confusing.

CI 121 SC 121.11.3.1 P 234 L 47 # 127  
Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **A**

MDI definition of Fig 121-9 is not consistent with definition in CL 95 or PSM4 MSA where the outer 4 fiber are used

*SuggestedRemedy*

Please define left most 4 fibers for TX and right most fibers as RX, please also align the text with fibers

MDI Fig 124-5 looks fine so you could just borrow it

Response Response Status **C**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #48

CI 122 SC 122.11.1 P 263 L 24 # 128  
Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **R**

The 200Gbase-FR4/LR4 having CL88 LAN-WDM grid could also support 0.44 dB/km fiber

*SuggestedRemedy*

Suggest keeping current 0.47/0.5 dB for 400G-FR8/LR8 but use 0.44/0.5 dB for 200G-FR4/LR4 per definition in CL88

Response Response Status **C**

REJECT.

The value shown in this table is a maximum at the worst case wavelength for any of the PMDs. As long as the Channel insertion loss (max) values in Table 122-17 are met, there is no need for the Cabled optical fiber attenuation (max) value in Table 122-18 to be tailored for each PMD type.

CI 122 SC 122.10 P 262 L 44 # 129  
Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **R**

Table 121-13 uses optical return loss is hanging in the air and should be tight to # of discrete reflectances

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add note maximum number of discrete reflectance is given by Table 122-19.

Response Response Status **C**

REJECT.

[Editor's note: Clause changed from 120 to 122, Subclause changed from 120.1 to 122.10] While it is true that the values of 25 dB and 22 dB were changed because of the introduction of Table 122-19, the requirement is not dependent on the number of discrete reflectances, so adding a note would just be confusing.

CI 124 SC 124.10 P 302 L 45 # 130  
Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **R**

Table 124-11 optical return loss is hanging in the air and should be tight to # of discrete reflectances

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add note maximum number of discrete reflectance is given by Table 122-19.

Response Response Status **C**

REJECT.

[Editor's note: Subclause changed from 124.1 to 124.10] While it is true that the value of 37 dB was changed because of the introduction of Table 124-13, the requirement is not dependent on the number of discrete reflectances, so adding a note would just be confusing.

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 120E SC 120E.3.4.1.1 P 375 L 45 # 131  
Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

Loss budget is specified at 12.89 GHz not consistent with Fig 120E-3 loss budget definition at 13.28 GHz which is PAM4 signal Nyquist

## SuggestedRemedy

Change 12.89 GHz to 13.28 GHz

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

Change "such that the loss at 12.89 GHz from the output of the pattern generator to TP1a is 13.8 dB. The 13.8 dB loss represents 10.25 dB channel loss with an additional allowance for host transmitter package loss" to

Change "such that the loss at 13.28 GHz from the output of the pattern generator to TP1a is 14.2 dB. The 14.2 dB loss represents 10.5 dB channel loss with an additional allowance for host transmitter package loss".

CI 120E SC 120E.3.4.1.1 P 376 L 1 # 132  
Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

The pattern generator device has a package but it would be internal to the generator and in many cases I have seen pattern generator having slower rise time due to internal losses than actual SerDes. Please don't suggest to use a broken methodology!

## SuggestedRemedy

Change TP1a loss to 10.2 dB. Please define the nominal generator output risetime to account for any package loss, suggested TP0 20-80% risetime is 12.5 ps. If the generator output is faster than 12.5 ps add the required 4th order Bessel Thomson filter to slow down the output to 12.5 ps.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

Consensus needs to be built on such a change. A supporting presentation is solicited.

CI 120E SC 120E.4.2 P 376 L 31 # 133  
Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

This section is out of sync with the OIF-56G-VSR liason to the IEEE.

## SuggestedRemedy

The new OIF document has new figure to show the CDF high and low, Fig 16-6. We need Fig like OIF 16-6. To stay constant with OIF terminology we could use Fig 16-6 instead of defining UPCDF1 and UPCDF0, just remove all these definition and instead you can say adjust the CDF-High and CDF-Low from middle eye to upper eye and lower. This will make the procedure more clear and shorter.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

There is no requirement to "stay in sync" with the OIF documentation. See the resolution to comment 26 which improves Figure 120E-13.

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 121 SC 121.7.3 P 219 L 47 # 134  
 Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **R**

Current -45 dB RL require APC connector and may not support installed based.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Standard should allow reducing the number of connectors from 4 as defiend for operation with -45 dB RL to -35 dB with 2 connectors.

Adhoc contribution

[http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/smf/16\\_08\\_16/anslow\\_01\\_0816\\_smf.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/smf/16_08_16/anslow_01_0816_smf.pdf)

inducate to support 2 connector the RL for each connector must be -39 dB. This is close enough to either the MPI budget or trade connector loss as few are used with MPI.

Response Response Status **C**

REJECT.

This is a repeat of comment #84 against D2.0 (including page and line number).

This comment was discussed during the SMF Ad Hoc on 30 August 2016. In comment resolution against D2.0, 121.11.2.2 was modified to allow a smaller number of discrete reflections with higher values, but there was no support for changing the power budget to accommodate 2 connectors with -35 dB reflectance.

CI 120E SC 120E.3.1 P 365 L 21 # 135  
 Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **R** Bucket

Based simulation to show feasibility 200GAUI-4/400GAUI-8 C2M were base on hypotitcal connector haivng ~1/3 the connector crosstalk specified in 120E.4.1

[http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/elect/24Aug\\_15/dallaire\\_01\\_082415\\_elect.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/elect/24Aug_15/dallaire_01_082415_elect.pdf)

*SuggestedRemedy*

Need to verify if current eye width and eye height are feasible with QSFP28 like connector having ~3x the crosstalk. Attach presentation provide background

[http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/16\\_09/ghiasi\\_3bs\\_01\\_0916.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/16_09/ghiasi_3bs_01_0916.pdf)

Response Response Status **U**

REJECT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

This a duplicate of "T" comment #83 on D2.0.

No change to draft proposed.

No updated presentations were received.

CI 30 SC 30 P 41 L 21 # 136  
 Slavick, Jeff Broadcom Limited

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **A** Bucket

aRSFECIndicationEnable and aRSFECIndicationAbility are missing references to clause 119

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add references to clause 119 to the definitions of those two management objects

Response Response Status **C**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot. However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

aRSFECIndicationEnable and aRSFECIndicationAbility in Clause 30 apply to the RS-FEC sublayer, whereas the FEC in Clause 119 is in the PCS sublayer.

Add two new management objects for aPCSFECIndicationEnable and aPCSFECIndicationAbility in Clause 30.

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.124 P 63 L 41 # 137  
Slavick, Jeff Broadcom Limited

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Bucket

To support test operation of "Lane under test shall transmit pattern X, while other lanes are sending PRBS13Q, PRBS31Q or mission data" the definition for 1.1501 bit 3 (tx\_gen) needs to be amended. Since to transmit the test pattern it has to be set, but the only way to send mission would be to not enable any pattern on the other lanes. Additionally the tx\_gen enable allows for more than just PRBS to be sent.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Change: "Register 1.1501, bit 3 enables PRBS generation in the transmit direction. Register 1.1501, bit 2 enables PRBS checking in the transmit direction. Register 1.1501, bit 1 enables PRBS generation in the receive direction. Register 1.1501, bit 0 enables PRBS checking in the receive direction. If neither of the bits 7 and 6 are asserted then bits 3:0 have no effect."

to: "Register 1.1501, bit 3 allows for pattern generation to be sent in the transmit direction. Register 1.1501, bit 2 enables PRBS checking in the transmit direction. Register 1.1501, bit 1 allows for pattern generation to be sent in the receive direction. Register 1.1501, bit 0 enables PRBS checking in the receive direction."

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Bring the second to last paragraph of 45.2.1.124 in to the draft.

Show it as changing from:

"Register 1.1501, bit 3 enables PRBS generation in the transmit direction. Register 1.1501, bit 2 enables PRBS checking in the transmit direction. Register 1.1501, bit 1 enables PRBS generation in the receive direction. Register 1.1501, bit 0 enables PRBS checking in the receive direction. If neither of the bits 7 and 6 are asserted then bits 3:0 have no effect." to:

"Register 1.1501, bit 3 enables pattern generation in the transmit direction. Register 1.1501, bit 2 enables pattern checking in the transmit direction. Register 1.1501, bit 1 enables pattern generation in the receive direction. Register 1.1501, bit 0 enables pattern checking in the receive direction. If none of the bits 3:0 are asserted then bits 7 and 6 have no effect."

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.124 P 63 L 1 # 138  
Slavick, Jeff Broadcom Limited

Comment Type T Comment Status R Bucket

Control register 1.1501 has more than just PRBS patterns.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Remove the word PRBS from the name of the register and the title of Table 45-93.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

The P802.3bs amendment has not added any patterns to register 1.1501 that are not PRBS based. Changing the name of this register would involve changing the name in 11 places in the base standard in clauses not currently being modified by P802.3bs.

CI 118 SC 118.2.2 P 131 L 53 # 139  
Slavick, Jeff Broadcom Limited

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

Only the DTE XS has the variable rx\_local\_degraded

#### SuggestedRemedy

Remove "or rx\_local\_degraded" from the definition of adjacent\_pcs\_local\_degraded

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.



## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

Cl 119 SC 119.2.4.4 P 151 L 50 # 140  
Slavick, Jeff Broadcom Limited

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

The Clause 119 PCS does not forward a XS degraded signal. Clause 118 PHY XS also does not send a degrade indication across the AUI to the DTE XS.

SuggestedRemedy

Presentation to be provided with changes

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This presentation was reviewed in comment resolution:

[http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/16\\_11/slavick\\_3bs\\_01a\\_1116.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/16_11/slavick_3bs_01a_1116.pdf)

There is wide agreement that changes need to be made, but the specific changes needed are not yet agreed to. Consensus on the needed changes will be driven in the logic ad hoc and a new comment will be submitted, but no changes will be made due to this comment at this time.

Cl 119 SC 119.2.6.2.4 P 168 L 42 # 141  
Slavick, Jeff Broadcom Limited

Comment Type T Comment Status A Bucket

The amps\_counter is counting the interval of AM insertions. So "separate the ends of", is that inclusive or exclusive of the codeword containing the AM block?

SuggestedRemedy

Change: "amp\_counter

This counter counts the i FEC codewords that separate the ends of two consecutive normal alignment marker payload sequences (where i is 4096 for the 200GBASE-R PCS, and 8192 for the 400GBASE-R PCS)."

to "amp\_counter

This counter counts the interval of i FEC codewords containing normal alignment marker payload sequences (where i is 4096 for the 200GBASE-R PCS, and 8192 for the 400GBASE-R PCS)."

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

Cl 119 SC 119.2.6.3 P 169 L 13 # 142  
Slavick, Jeff Broadcom Limited

Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket

The opening paragraph talks about how AM lock is achieved, then how things lose lock, and then the last sentence says, oh by the way when you got lock, also do this. So the flow of the paragraph could be improved.

SuggestedRemedy

Move the last sentence to precede the sentence starting with "Once in lock".

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Cl 119 SC 119.2.6.3 P 170 L 3 # 143  
Slavick, Jeff Broadcom Limited

Comment Type T Comment Status A

Should me make all the FSMs look the same? The maintenance request version has the A transition going to the GOOD\_AM state rather than the COUNT\_2 state?

SuggestedRemedy

Delete amp\_bad\_count <= 0 from 2\_GOOD

Move the A transition to go from 2\_GOOD -> GOOD\_AM

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 120 SC 120.5.11.1.1 P 196 L 22 # 144  
Slavick, Jeff Broadcom Limited

Comment Type T Comment Status R

Do we really want to restrict (and I doubt implementations do this) error counting to "isolated single bit errors". I believe the current implementations are able to count all bits, and don't always create single bit errors. I think we want to allow for all errors to be counted along with the ability to reduce a burst error to be a single increment.

#### SuggestedRemedy

In 120.5.11.1.1, 120.5.11.2.4

Change: "The checker shall increment the test-pattern error counter by one for each incoming bit error in the PRBS31 pattern for isolated single bit errors. Implementations should be capable of counting at least one error whenever one or more errors occur in a sliding 1000-bit window."

To: "The checker shall increment the test-pattern error counter by one for each incoming error in the PRBS31 pattern. Implementations should be capable of counting at least one error whenever one or more errors occur in a sliding 100-bit window"

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

See comment #34.

While many implementations may count more than the minimum number of errored bits required by the text as written, there is no evidence provided that more errors must be counted.

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1.1 P 351 L 40 # 145  
Li, Mike Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status A

All but 1e-4 of the jitter distribution can be confusing and ambiguous.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Change it to "jitter distribution with its probability density function (pdf) at and above 1e-4"

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change

"J4 is defined as the time interval that includes all but 10-4 of the jitter distribution."

to

"J4 is defined as the time interval that includes all but 10-4 of the jitter probability density distribution, which is the time interval from the 0.005th to the 99.995th percentile of the jitter histogram."

Note that J2 is defined as:

"J2 Jitter is defined as the time interval that includes all but 10-2 of the jitter distribution, which is the time interval from the 0.5th to the 99.5th percentile of the jitter histogram."

CI 120D SC 120D.3.2.1 P 352 L 1 # 146  
Li, Mike Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Vmid definition only uses V0 and V3, yet is used as the reference for calculating level separation mismatch involving V1 and V2, therefore is a biased Vmid and can cause inaccurate and biased estimation.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Change Vmid to  $V_{mid} = (1/4) * (V0 + V1 + V2 + V3)$

Proposed Response Response Status Z

REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1.3 P 352 L 38 # 147  
Li, Mike Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status A

"ES is defined to be  $(ES1 + ES2)/2$ " is wrong

#### SuggestedRemedy

Change it to "ES is defined to be  $(|ES1| + ES2)/2$ "

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change

"ES is defined to be  $(ES1 + ES2)/2$ "

to

"ES is defined to be  $(|ES1| + |ES2|)/2$ "

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 120E SC 120E.3.1.2 P 366 L 43 # 148  
Li, Mike Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status A

900 mv is not consistent with that in Table 120E-1

## SuggestedRemedy

Change it to be 880 mv to be consistent with Table 120E-1

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Remove redundant paragraph:

"The peak-to-peak differential output voltage is less than or equal to 900 mV. The peak-to-peak differential output voltage is less than or equal to 35 mV when the transmitter is disabled."

CI 120E SC 120E.3.1.5 P 367 L 16 # 149  
Li, Mike Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status A

Filter definition unclear and inconsistent

## SuggestedRemedy

Change "The waveform is observed through a 33 GHz low-pass filter response (such as a Bessel-Thomson response)." To  
"The waveform is observed through a low-pass filter response with a 3 dB bandwidth of 33 GHz (such as a Bessel-Thomson response)." to be clear and complete and consistent (e.g., with Line 14, page 366)

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

Change "The waveform is observed through a 33 GHz low-pass filter response (such as a Bessel-Thomson response)." To  
"The waveform is observed through a 4th order Bessel-Thomson low-pass response with a 3 dB bandwidth of 33 GHz."

Editorial license is given to make other such changes as appropriate.

CI 120E SC 120E.3.1.7 P 369 L 49 # 150  
Li, Mike Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status A Bucket

Figure caption for Figure 120E-9 inconsistent with section title and table 120E-2

## SuggestedRemedy

Change "Selectable continuous time linear equalizer (CTLE) characteristic" to "Reference continuous time linear equalizer (CTLE) characteristic"

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

CI 120E SC 120E.3.4.1 P 374 L 40 # 151  
Li, Mike Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status A

Table 120E-8 inconsistent with Table 120E-1

## SuggestedRemedy

Change "ESMW (Eye symmetry mask width) = 0.25 UI" to "ESMW (Eye symmetry mask width) = 0.22 UI"  
Change "Eye width= 0.25 UI " to "Eye width = 0.22 UI"  
Change "Eye height = 50 mV" to "Eye height = 32 mV"

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

[Editor's note: Line changed from "40-45" to "40"]

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

Cl 120 SC 120.5.11.2.5 P 200 L 43 # 152  
Wertheim, Oded Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

The current SSPRQ test pattern is too stressful for transmitter (TDECQ) or stressed receiver testing.

*SuggestedRemedy*

The shortened test pattern structure of sections of PRBS31 is convenient from implementation perspective, we may modify the start values of the segments to produce the right penalty.

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

This pattern is called for in tests specified in the other clauses. Comment 95 could remove the use of SSPRQ from clauses 121, 122, 124 but several comments propose to use this pattern for additional tests. This pattern should only be used if comment 95 removes the current use for the pattern and no others are added.

Cl 120 SC 120.5.11.2.6 P 201 L 28 # 153  
Wertheim, Oded Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

A square test pattern is not suitable test pattern for a PAM4 receiver. It doesn't include all the PAM4 symbols / transitions that a CDR or tuning implementation may assume.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Remove the square test pattern from clause 120.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The PAM4 version of this pattern was added in response to D2.0 comments for RIN tests for PAM4 signals.

This can be reconsidered if comment 98 changes the RIN tests in clauses 121, 122, 124 to be based on PRBS13 rather than square wave

Add after the first sentence of 120.5.11.2.6:

"Note that if a square wave is transmitted through a 200GAUI-4 or 400GAUI-8 it may not be correctly forwarded to the output of the PMD sublayer."

Cl 1 SC 1.472r P 35 L 20 # 154  
D'Ambrosia, John Futurewei, Subsidiary

Comment Type E Comment Status A

Definition of 400GXS Text essentially says that the functionality of the 400GXS is similar in functionality to the 400GBASE-R PCS and IT may be configured as itself, which doesn't communicate the true intent. It should communication that it can be configured as either the 400GXS or the 400GBASE-R PCS

1.4.72r 400GXS: The 400 Gb/s Extender Sublayer (400GXS) is part of the 400GMII Extender. In functionality, it is almost identical to the 400GBASE-R PCS Sublayer defined in Clause 119, but it may be configured as a 400GXS through different optional management registers. (See IEEE Std 802.3, Clause 118.)

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change definition to -

The 400 Gb/s Extender Sublayer (400GXS) is part of the 400GMII Extender. In functionality, it is almost identical to the 400GBASE-R PCS Sublayer defined in Clause 119. It may be configured as either a 400GXS or the 400GBASE-R PCS through different optional management registers. (See IEEE Std 802.3, Clause 118.)

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #161

Cl 1 SC 1.472i P 34 L 38 # 155  
D'Ambrosia, John Futurewei, Subsidiary

Comment Type E Comment Status A

The body of the standard introduces DTE 200GXS and PHY 200GXS (and used throughout the rest of the standard), but neither of these terms are defined.

*SuggestedRemedy*

There are two options -

1. Modify the definition of 200GXS to include the definition of these two terms, based on their location in the stack.

2. Create new definitions in 1.4 for each term.

Option 1 makes the most sense to the commenter in terms of gathering relevant information together, but i recognize that this doesn't allow easy location of these terms.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #161

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

Cl 1 SC 1.472r P 35 L 20 # 156  
D'Ambrosia, John Futurewei, Subsidiary

Comment Type E Comment Status A

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*SuggestedRemedy*

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Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #161

Cl 120b SC 120b.1 P 332 L 26 # 157  
D'Ambrosia, John Futurewei, Subsidiary

Comment Type E Comment Status R

Fig 120B-1 and 120B-2 include terms 200GBASE-R PCS and 400GBASE-R PCS, respectively. However, these terms are not defined below. It is noted that in both of these diagrams, layers are defined that are not general, and rate specific.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Include terms 200GBASE-R PCS and 400GBASE-R PCS in terminology below respective diagram.

200GBASE-R PCS - 200 Gb/s BASE-R PCS

400GBASE-R PCS - 400 Gb/s BASE-R PCS

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

The term PCS is already shown in the key below the diagram.

The expansion 200GBASE-R = 200 Gb/s BASE-R is not helpful as this expansion does not exist anywhere else in the draft. The term 200GBASE-R is already explained in the definitions.

Similarly for 400GBASE-R.

Cl 120c SC 120c.1 P 339 L 26 # 158  
D'Ambrosia, John Futurewei, Subsidiary

Comment Type E Comment Status R

Fig 120C-1 include terms 200GBASE-R PCS and 400GBASE-R PCS, respectively. However, these terms are not defined below diagram. It is noted that in both of these diagrams, layers are defined that are not general, and rate specific.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Include terms 200GBASE-R PCS and 400GBASE-R PCS in terminology below diagram.

200GBASE-R PCS - 200 Gb/s BASE-R PCS

400GBASE-R PCS - 400 Gb/s BASE-R PCS

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

See response to comment #157

Cl 120d SC 120d.1 P 348 L 26 # 159  
D'Ambrosia, John Futurewei, Subsidiary

Comment Type E Comment Status R

Fig 120D-1 and 120D-2 include terms 200GBASE-R PCS and 400GBASE-R PCS, respectively. However, these terms are not defined below. It is noted that in both of these diagrams, layers are defined that are not general, and rate specific.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Include terms 200GBASE-R PCS and 400GBASE-R PCS in terminology below respective diagram.

200GBASE-R PCS - 200 Gb/s BASE-R PCS

400GBASE-R PCS - 400 Gb/s BASE-R PCS

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

See response to comment #157

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Cl 120e SC 120e.1 P 362 L 26 # 160  
D'Ambrosia, John Futurewei, Subsidiary

Comment Type E Comment Status R

Fig 120E-1 include terms 200GBASE-R PCS and 400GBASE-R PCS, respectively. However, these terms are not defined below diagram. It is noted that in both of these diagrams, layers are defined that are not general, and rate specific.

## SuggestedRemedy

Include terms 200GBASE-R PCS and 400GBASE-R PCS in terminology below diagram.  
200GBASE-R PCS - 200 Gb/s BASE-R PCS  
400GBASE-R PCS - 400 Gb/s BASE-R PCS

Response Response Status C

REJECT.  
See response to comment #157

Cl 1 SC 1.472i P 34 L 36 # 161  
D'Ambrosia, John Futurewei, Subsidiary

Comment Type E Comment Status A

Definition of 200GXS Text essentially says that the functionality of the 200GXS is similar in functionality to the 200GBASE-R PCS and IT may be configured as itself, which doesn't communicate the true intent. It should communication that it can be configured as either the 200GXS or the 200GBASE-R PCS

The 200 Gb/s Extender Sublayer (200GXS) is part of the 200GMII Extender. Inf functionality, it is almost identical to the 200GBASE-R PCS Sublayer defined in Clause 119, but it may be configured as a 200GXS through different optional management registers. (See IEEE Std 802.3, Clause 118.)

## SuggestedRemedy

Change definition to -  
The 200 Gb/s Extender Sublayer (200GXS) is part of the 200GMII Extender. Inf functionality, it is almost identical to the 200GBASE-R PCS Sublayer defined in Clause 119. It may be configured as either a 200GXS or the 200GBASE-R PCS through different optional management registers. (See IEEE Std 802.3, Clause 118.)

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
Change the definition of 200GXS to:  
The 200 Gb/s Extender Sublayer (200GXS) is part of the 200GMII Extender. In functionality, it is almost identical to the 200GBASE-R PCS Sublayer defined in Clause 119. Two types of 200GXS are defined: the DTE 200GXS adjacent to the RS sublayer and the PHY 200GXS adjacent to the PHY. (See IEEE Std 802.3, Clause 118.)

Change the definition of 400GXS to:  
The 400 Gb/s Extender Sublayer (400GXS) is part of the 400GMII Extender. In functionality, it is almost identical to the 400GBASE-R PCS Sublayer defined in Clause 119. Two types of 400GXS are defined: the DTE 400GXS adjacent to the RS sublayer and the PHY 400GXS adjacent to the PHY. (See IEEE Std 802.3, Clause 118.)

Change the text in 118.1.2 to:

The 200GXS is identical in function to the 200GBASE-R PCS in Clause 119 with the addition of the functions defined in 118.2. A single device may be configured as either a 200GXS or the 200GBASE-R PCS and may be managed through different optional management registers.

The 400GXS is identical in function to the 400GBASE-R PCS in Clause 119 with the addition of the functions defined in 118.2. A single device may be configured as either a 400GXS or the 400GBASE-R PCS and may be managed through different optional management registers.

See also comments #155, 154, 156

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CI 121 SC 121.8.5.3 P 226 L 25 # 162  
 Hanan, Leizerovich MultiPhy

Comment Type T Comment Status A

Equation 121-4 is intended to direct the reader to create a cumulative distribution of  $y_i$ . Because the value of C1F in Equation 121-4 is used in calculation BER, it should be complete for all values of  $y_i$ . Specifically, for the value  $y_i < P_{th1}$ ,  $y_i > P_{th1}$  and  $y_i = P_{th1}$ .

## SuggestedRemedy

Use Either -  
 $CF1(y_i) =$   
 $\begin{cases} \sigma\{f(y), \text{ from } y=P_{th1}+Dy \text{ to } y_i\} & \text{for } y_i > P_{th1} \\ \sigma\{f(y), \text{ from } y=y_i \text{ to } P_{th1}-Dy\} & \text{for } y_i < P_{th1} \\ 0 & \text{for } y_i = P_{th1} \end{cases}$   
 \*\*Dy is delta y

Or more elegant manner is -  
 $CF1(y_i) = \sigma\{f(y), \text{ from } y=\min(P_{th1}, y_i) \text{ to } \max(P_{th1}, y_i)\} - f(P_{th1})$

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 [Editor's note: This comment was sent after the close of the comment period]

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

However, the changes suggested are an improvement to the draft that would otherwise need to be made in Sponsor Ballot.

See response to comment #74.

CI 119 SC 119.2.6.3 P 170 L 10 # 163  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status A

In Figure 119-12, conditions for some transitions are missing.

## SuggestedRemedy

For the transition COUNT\_NEXT to COMP\_2ND use "amp\_counter\_done \* amp\_valid".  
 For the transition COMP\_2ND to 2\_GOOD use "amp\_match".  
 For the transition from SLIP to GET\_BLOCK use "UCT".

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 [Editor's note: This comment was sent after the close of the comment period]

For the transition COUNT\_NEXT to COMP\_2ND use:  
 "amp\_counter\_done \*  
 amp\_valid".  
 For the transition COMP\_2ND to 2\_GOOD use "amp\_match".  
 For the transition from SLIP to GET\_BLOCK use "slip\_done".  
 For the transition from FIND\_1st to Slip, use "!amp\_valid".

CI 120 SC 120.5.11.2.6 P 201 L 20 # 164  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status A

The SSPRQ pattern is a complex pattern comprised of a set of independently generated bit pattern segments followed by conversion to PAM4 symbols, gray coding, and precoding. As such, there is ample opportunity for the description to be incorrectly interpreted. There is ample opportunity to misinterpret the specification and implement an incorrect pattern.

## SuggestedRemedy

Provide a copy of the entire PAM4 either within the P802.3bs document or in a file on the IEEE web site in a location that is perpetually accessible.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 [Editor's note: This comment was sent after the close of the comment period]

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D2.1 and IEEE P802.3bs/D2.0 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the initial ballot. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

Including a list of the PAM4 symbols of the current SSPRQ pattern in the draft would take up 10 pages of 8 point text. This would be hard to read and not very convenient to use. The Chief editor will investigate the possibility of adding a .csv file such as:  
[http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/logic/oct27\\_16/anslow\\_03\\_1016\\_logic.csv](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/logic/oct27_16/anslow_03_1016_logic.csv) to the IEEE Std 802.3 Machine readable extracts web page:  
<http://www.ieee802.org/3/publication/index.html>

# IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s & 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 122 SC 122.7.3 P 252 L 8 # 2017  
Swanson, Steven Corning Incorporated

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

In Table 122-13, the channel insertion loss for 200GBASE-LR4 and 400GBASE-LR8 is specified at 6.3 dB. However 10km x 0.46 dB/km plus the 2.0 dB allocation for connectors = 6.6 dB.

## Suggested Remedy

Change the channel insertion loss for 200GBASE-LR4 and 400GBASE-LR8 in Table 122-13 to 6.6 dB.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

There was no consensus on increasing the loss budget of 200GBASE-LR4 and 400GBASE-LR8.

CI 120E SC 120E.3.1.6 P 363 L 35 # 20126  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

This crosstalk generator is intended to represent a module, and generate broadband energy. The spec allows an implementer to achieve the letter of the spec by using a lot of emphasis but miss the intention.

## Suggested Remedy

This transition time spec should be replaced by a slew time spec, e.g. 4.5 ps between +/- 0.1 V. Definition of slew time similar to transition time but with fixed thresholds instead of the signal-dependent 20% and 80%. Same for the counter propagating crosstalk channels during calibration of the module stressed input signal (120E.3.4.1.1).

We don't need to change the spec for the crosstalk generator in the opposite direction because that's a slower signal so an implementer won't be using emphasis.

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

No change to the document on this draft due to lack of consensus. Further presentations solicited.

See response to comment #127

CI 120E SC 120E.3.2 P 366 L 32 # 20127  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

The module output transition time min. spec is there to protect the module's input from too much crosstalk when connected to a host with more NEXT than the MCB. "Too much" doesn't depend on the module's output amplitude setting, so we should have an absolute spec here not a relative one.

## Suggested Remedy

This transition time spec should be replaced by a slew time spec, e.g. 3.5 ps between +/- 0.1 V. Definition of slew time similar to transition time but with fixed thresholds instead of the signal-dependent 20% and 80%.

There is less need to change the transition time spec for the host output because the connector is on the host board, so the NEXT is already in the measurement.

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

No change to the document on this draft due to lack of consensus. Further presentations solicited.

Straw Poll

1)

Replace "Transition time (min, 20% to 80%)" with "Slew time (min)" in Table 120E-3, with units of ps and a value of 3.5

Add footnote "Measured between +/- 0.1V"

2)

Make no change

1): 4; 2): 4; No consensus

CI 120 SC 120.5.11.2.5 P 199 L 36 # 20128  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

This SSPRQ pattern will give inconsistent results when testing a range of transmitters.

## Suggested Remedy

If we can find a less extreme pattern that better achieves the objective of allowing TDEC measurements that correlate to the TDP we don't want to measure at line rate, change to that pattern.

If we can't, change to a pattern that is less extreme, and don't use it for TDEC testing.

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

No alternative test pattern proposed. If the optical track selects a different test pattern than SSPRQ, the PMA can generate it.

TYPE: TR/technical required ER/editorial required GR/general required T/technical E/editorial G/general

COMMENT STATUS: D/dispatched A/accepted R/rejected RESPONSE STATUS: O/open W/written C/closed U/unsatisfied Z/withdrawn

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## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 121 SC 121.8.5 P 221 L 37 # 20129

Dawe, Piers

Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

This SSPRQ pattern will give inconsistent results when testing a range of transmitters.

#### SuggestedRemedy

If we can find a less extreme pattern that better achieves the objective of allowing TDEC measurements that correlate to the TDP we don't want to measure at line rate, change to that pattern.

If we can't, use PRBS13Q, which is much more representative, for TDECQ testing. Tell the implementer to be careful about low frequency effects.

Similarly in clauses 122, 124.

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

Incomplete remedy.

The commenter is invited to bring in a proposal for an alternative pattern that allows TDECQ measurements that correlate to the TDP.

One of the patterns for measurement of TDEC in Clause 95 is PRBS31 and the SSPR pattern is made up of segments of PRBS31.

CI 121 SC 121.7.1 P 218 L 33 # 20130

Dawe, Piers

Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

Now we have a TDECQ spec, we should look again at the RIN spec. The effect of RIN is included in TDECQ; the acceptable level of RIN depends strongly on other transmitter impairments. All we could \*require\* in a spec is the amount of RIN that would create substantially all of the TDECQ limit, which I don't think is this number. It would be hard to \*recommend\* any number without making assumptions on behalf of all future transmitter implementers that we can't justify.

As 52.9.6 says "This procedure describes a component test that may not be appropriate for a system level test depending on the implementation. If used..." and "In order to measure the noise, the modulation to the DUT is turned off." A transmitter that's trying to deliver 4 well-spaced PAM4 levels can't be expected to do anything in particular if the modulation to the DUT is turned off!

#### SuggestedRemedy

As we no longer need a RIN spec and it would be difficult to choose a recommended value - delete the RIN22.8OMA row in Table 121-6, and in Table 121-10. Delete 121.8.7. In 121.8.5.1 and 121.8.5.2, we could change "The state of polarization of the back reflection is adjusted to create the greatest RIN" to "The state of polarization of the back reflection is adjusted for the greatest TDECQ". Similarly in clauses 122, 124.

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

Insufficient justification in the comment and incomplete Remedy proposal. The commenter is invited to bring in a presentation clarifying why a RINxOMA spec is no longer needed and why the current specification in draft 2.0 is broken. The transmitter RINxOMA spec is intended to screen out potentially bad transmitters even if the noise correction required by the TDECQ test is not very accurate.

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1.1 P 347 L 48 # 20131

Dawe, Piers

Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

Should not use such an unrepresentative pattern

#### SuggestedRemedy

Measure jitter with PRBS13Q. Either apply the spec to a subset of emphasis settings, or apply to all emphasis settings but ignore the edges that are not present when emphasis is off.

Remove the JP03A test pattern generator and registers.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Further contributions are solicited on jitter measurement using the PRBSQ13 test pattern.

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 120 SC 120.5.11.2.1 P 196 L 45 # 20149  
Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

The JP03A test pattern is used for measuring Jitter. With this pattern on all lanes crosstalk will not appear in the jitter measurement while it will degrade the jitter in the real application. We need to create the effect of the crosstalk during these tests by having a different pattern on the lanes not under test.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Add a per-lane enable for this pattern (and MDIO registers to match). Section 120.5.11.1.3 (square wave test pattern) provides a template for this.

Consider doing the same for JP03B however JP03B is not presently used. If it were used (eg for measuring EOJ) then this should be done for that pattern as well.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Modify the text of 120.5.11.2.1 in accordance with the response to Comment #29

Even odd jitter is measured using JP03B through reference to 94.3.12.6.4.2. See response to D1.3 comment #33 where this test pattern was restored to the draft.  
See response to comment #133.

CI 120B SC 120B P 329 L 1 # 20258  
Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Lab of America

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

IS\_SIGNAL.indication primitive is mandaory for chip-to-chip 200GAUI-8 and 400GAUI-16, because they are physical instantiations of the PMA service interface, but it is completely missing.

It was also missing in CAUI-4, CAUI-10 and 25GAUI.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Add a specification of IS\_SIGNAL.indication.  
It is a uni-directional signal from lower PMA to upper PMA.  
It may refer to 120.5.8 Link status for the detail.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

The AUI is a physical instantiation of the IS\_UNITDATA\_i.request and PMA:IS\_UNITDATA\_i.indication primitives between two adjacent PMA sublayers. There is no specification for the physical instantiation of the IS\_SIGNAL.indication primitive. How this is communicated between the PMA sublayers is implementation dependent. Consequently, it would be inappropriate to add this here.

CI 120C SC 120C P 336 L 1 # 20259  
Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Lab of America

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

IS\_SIGNAL.indication primitive is mandaory for chip-to-module 200GAUI-8 and 400GAUI-16, because they are physical instantiations of the PMA service interface, but it is completely missing.

It was also missing in CAUI-4, CAUI-10, and 25GAUI.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Add a specification of IS\_SIGNAL.indication.  
It is a uni-directional signal from lower PMA to upper PMA.  
It may refer to 120.5.8 Link status for the detail.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

The AUI is a physical instantiation of the IS\_UNITDATA\_i.request and PMA:IS\_UNITDATA\_i.indication primitives between two adjacent PMA sublayers. There is no specification for the physical instantiation of the IS\_SIGNAL.indication primitive. How this is communicated between the PMA sublayers is implementation dependent. Consequently, it would be inappropriate to add this here.

CI 120D SC 120D P 344 L 1 # 20260  
Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Lab of America

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

IS\_SIGNAL.indication primitive is mandaory for chip-to-chip 200GAUI-4 and 400GAUI-8, because they are physical instantiations of the PMA service interface, but it is completely missing.

It was also missing in CAUI-4, CAUI-10, and 25GAUI.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Add a specification of IS\_SIGNAL.indication.  
It is a uni-directional signal from lower PMA to upper PMA.  
It may refer to 120.5.8 Link status for the detail.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

The AUI is a physical instantiation of the IS\_UNITDATA\_i.request and PMA:IS\_UNITDATA\_i.indication primitives between two adjacent PMA sublayers. There is no specification for the physical instantiation of the IS\_SIGNAL.indication primitive. How this is communicated between the PMA sublayers is implementation dependent. Consequently, it would be inappropriate to add this here.  
See also comment #261

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CI 120E SC 120E P 358 L 1 # 20261  
Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Lab of America

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

IS\_SIGNAL.indication primitive is mandatory for chip-to-module 200GAUI-4 and 400GAUI-8, because they are physical instantiations of the PMA service interface, but it is completely missing.

It was also missing in CAUI-4, CAUI-10, and 25GAUI.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Add a specification of IS\_SIGNAL.indication.  
It is a uni-directional signal from lower PMA to upper PMA.  
It may refer to 120.5.8 Link status for the detail.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

The AUI is a physical instantiation of the IS\_UNITDATA\_i.request and PMA:IS\_UNITDATA\_i.indication primitives between two adjacent PMA sublayers. There is no specification for the physical instantiation of the IS\_SIGNAL.indication primitive. How this is communicated between the PMA sublayers is implementation specific. Consequently, it would be inappropriate to add this here..  
See also comment #260

CI 120 SC 120.5.11.2.4 P 198 L 26 # 20301  
Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Lab of America

Comment Type TR Comment Status R Bucket

The restriction of error counter "for isolated single bit errors" implicates that it does not increment for burst errors. It seems contradictory to the next sentence which says it should count at least one error whenever one or more errors occur in a sliding 1000-bit window.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Remove the phrase of "for isolated single bit errors" at the end of the sentence which begins with "The checker shall increment" in the second paragraph of 120.5.11.2.4.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

See response to comment #430

CI 122 SC 122.1 P 239 L 1 # 20558  
Booth, Brad Microsoft

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

400GBASE-FR8 does not satisfy broad market potential or economic feasibility. It is well understood in the Ethernet industry that all solutions for 2 km optical PMDs are considered "client" or "grey" optics. These PMDs must be able to satisfy the faceplate density requirements (32 ports per 1 RU) to be considered economically feasible. The current power estimations for 400GBASE-FR8 does not permit the PMD to meet the power envelope or cost requirements needed to satisfy this requirement. Because the PMD will not be economically feasible, it is therefore unlikely to have broad market potential.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Two options:  
1) Delete 400GBASE-FR8 from the draft and remove the objective from the project.  
2) Consider other options that will result in a solution that satisfies the economic feasibility and broad market potential requirements.

As #2 is highly unlikely at this point in time, option #1 is the preferred suggested remedy.

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

Based on data presented that supported the development of the responses to the Broad Market Potential and Economic Feasibility Criteria, the Study Group and subsequently the 802.3 WG approved these responses. This data covered the solution that was eventually adopted by the Task Force and is specified in P802.3bs Draft 2.0.

The SMF objective for 2km was adopted based on data presenting its need across multiple applications. This need across multiple application areas is noted in the Broad Market Potential Response in the IEEE P802.3bs CSD (<https://mentor.ieee.org/802-ec/dcn/16/ec-16-0057-00-ACSD-802-3bs.pdf>). The commenter notes a specific implementation of faceplate density (32 ports per 1 RU) as a requirement that must be satisfied. However, the stated requirement is not supported by reference to an existing presentation or new data that demonstrates this requirement across the different application areas that have been noted in the Broad Market Potential Response.

Additionally, the commenter used the noted implementation for determining a power envelope and cost requirements for the optical solutions, and then continues with statements regarding "current power estimations." However, the commenter has not provided any reference to an existing presentation or new data regarding the power envelope, cost requirements, or "current power estimations" that can be considered.

## IEEE P802.3bs D2.1 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 1st Working Group recirculation ballot comments

CI 123 SC 123.1 P 269 L 1 # 20559  
Booth, Brad Microsoft

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

400GBASE-SR16 requires twice the number of fibers as two 200GBASE-SR4; therefore, it does not satisfy the balanced cost requirement of economic feasibility. Because the PMD does not meet the economically feasibility, it is unlikely to have broad market potential.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Two options:

- 1) Delete 400GBASE-SR16 from the draft and remove the objective from the project.
- 2) Modify the PMD to be 400GBASE-SR8 based on the same technology proposed for 200GBASE-SR4.

As #1 is highly unlikely at this point in time, option #2 is the preferred suggested remedy.

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

As noted in the Economic Feasibility response, "the project will examine alternatives that trade off between PMD complexity and the number of fibers in order to maintain a reasonable balance between these two costs." The selection examined these tradeoffs and concluded that the cost balance for this PMD is reasonable. The PMD specifications have been developed in the light of the state of technology for MMF optics. In addition the PMD specs potentially allow optical interface compatibility between individual lanes of 25GBASE-SR, 100GBASE-SR4 and 400GBASE-SR16.

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1.1 P 348 L 28 # 20565  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

Should not use such an unrepresentative pattern; should not require such a strange pattern for just one spec item.  
Should not rely on Clause 94.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Either: measure EOJ with PRBS13Q (or a shorter PRBSnQ if we have one) as in D1.4 120E.3.3.2 Even-odd jitter, but with 120D style slicing levels based on 120D.3.1.2.2. Apply the spec to a subset of emphasis settings, or apply to all emphasis settings but ignore the edges that are not present when emphasis is off. This will be a by-product of the SNDR and other jitter measurement, avoiding a separate measurement.  
Or, if we think that J<sub>RMS</sub>, J5 (J4), SNDR, and linear fit components provide good enough coverage, remove the EOJ spec.  
Remove the JP03B test pattern generator and registers.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Further contributions are solicited on EOJ measurement using the PRBS13Q test pattern.

CI 121 SC 121.7.1 P 218 L 31 # 20566  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

Does the extinction ratio matter much in PAM4?

#### SuggestedRemedy

Unless it's important, reduce the limit to 3 dB, or as appropriate, for each optical PMD.

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

Commenter is invited to demonstrate that there is a need to relax the ER for this PMD and that this will not impact the ability of receivers to meet the sensitivity requirements.

CI 121 SC 121.7.1 P 218 L 16 # 20567  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

The SMSR spec has been described variously as a diagnostic, a component level spec for buying lasers to make into PMDs, an early warning, a comfort blanket / included by default, or something that can be measured relatively easily in a component lab. Any SMSR problems will contribute to TDECQ - but we haven't quantified them. The effect of SMSR will depend strongly on the amount of dispersion which varies from one PMD to another and lane to lane, and on laser technology. We should not obstruct innovative implementations.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Make the SMSR limit a recommendation not a PICS requirement. All optical PMDs in this project.

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

In response to similar comments, #219 and #221, to draft 1.0, it was agreed not remove the SMSR limit with the following justification:

"Measuring SMSR is not required - it must pass if it is measured. The background of this spec is related to unstable laser performance, probably being very temperature sensitive. Even though measuring SMSR in a DWDM environment is less straightforward than in Clause 122, it is believed that this parameter should be specified.

30 dB value for SMSR is considered to be an appropriate value for this interface."