

## IEEE P802.3bs D3.3 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 3rd Sponsor recirculation ballot comments

**Cl 45**      **SC 45.2.3.47k.3**      **P 75**      **L 46**      # **r03-1**  
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**Comment Type E**      **Comment Status A**      **Bucket**

"the value of the PCS FEC degraded SER activate threshold is less than the value of the PCS FEC degraded SER deactivate threshold (registers 3.806 and 3.807)." should be:  
"the value of the PCS FEC degraded SER activate threshold (registers 3.806 and 3.807) is less than the value of the PCS FEC degraded SER deactivate threshold (registers 3.808 and 3.809)."

**SuggestedRemedy**

Change "the value of the PCS FEC degraded SER activate threshold is less than the value of the PCS FEC degraded SER deactivate threshold (registers 3.806 and 3.807)." to:  
"the value of the PCS FEC degraded SER activate threshold (registers 3.806 and 3.807) is less than the value of the PCS FEC degraded SER deactivate threshold (registers 3.808 and 3.809)."

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

ACCEPT.

**Cl 119**      **SC 119.2.4.4**      **P 152**      **L 48**      # **r03-4**  
Slavick, Jeff      Broadcom Limited

**Comment Type G**      **Comment Status A**

The signaling of the FEC degrade status is a mandatory operation of the link.  
Identify if the link has degraded and asserting FEC\_degraded\_SER is optional.  
So the word optional here could be misleading.

**SuggestedRemedy**

Remove the word "optional"

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

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

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Apply the suggested remedy.

**Cl 119**      **SC 119.2.5.3**      **P 164**      **L 19**      # **r03-13**  
Dudek, Michael      Cavium

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

splitting "interval" and "codewords" with the section reference is confusing as codewords are the units to be used for the register.

**SuggestedRemedy**

Change "FEC\_degraded\_SER\_interval (see 119.3.1) codewords" to  
"FEC\_degraded\_SER\_interval codewords (see 119.3.1) "

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

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

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CI 119 SC 119.6.3 P 179 L 15 # r03-3  
Slavick, Jeff Broadcom Limited

Comment Type G Comment Status R Bucket

The Major Capabilities "Bypass Indication" is really Bypass Error Indication per 119.2.5.3 paragraph 3. Also, CI108 and CI91 both include the word error Feature name.

## SuggestedRemedy

In 119.6.3  
Change \*BI to \*BEI  
Change "Bypass indication" to "Bypass error indication"

In 119.6.4.2 change \*BI:M to \*BEI:M

In 118.6.3  
Change \*BI to \*BEI  
Change "Bypass indication" to "Bypass error indication"

In 118.6.4.2 change \*BI:M to \*BEI:M

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D3.3 and IEEE P802.3bs/D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the previous ballots. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

The existing terminology is consistent with the variables used for this feature such as: FEC\_bypass\_indication\_enable etc.

CI 119 SC 119.6.3 P 179 L 24 # r03-2  
Slavick, Jeff Broadcom Limited

Comment Type T Comment Status R Bucket

The Major Capabilities section is used to indicate whether the device contains optional features. The PICS to confirm the functionality of the feature is placed into the appropriate Function section being dependent upon the presence of the optional feature. The PICS for FEC Degradate Detection is not following that layout.

## SuggestedRemedy

In 119.6.3 change FDD to \*FDD, delete the contents of the Value/Comment field.

Int 119.6.4.2 add a new PICS item: RF# | FEC decoder detects FEC degraded SER at a programmable threshold | 119.2.5.3 | | FDD:M | Yes [] N/A []

In 118.6.3 change FDD to \*FDD, delete the contents of the Value/Comment field.

Int 118.6.4.2 add a new PICS item: RF# | FEC decoder detects FEC degraded SER at a programmable threshold | 119.2.5.3 | | FDD:M | Yes [] N/A []

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D3.3 and IEEE P802.3bs/D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the previous ballots. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

The "Major capabilities/options" subclause is not restricted to indicating whether the device contains the optional features. For instance, item "DC" is not an option and contains specific requirements on the implementation.

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**Cl 119A SC 119A P 324 L 23 # r03-17**  
Dudek, Michael Cavium  
**Comment Type E Comment Status D Bucket**  
Font appears inconsistent  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
fix it  
**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/D3.3 and IEEE P802.3bs/D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the previous ballots. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

The font is correct as is, the last line has the parity purposely in bold to indicate that it is the parity portion of the codeword.

**Cl 120B SC 120B.1 P 335 L 33 # r03-29**  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie  
**Comment Type E Comment Status R**  
Why doesn't the new text added to 120C.1 and 120E.1 appear in 120B.1 and 120D.1?  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
Add equivalent text here and in 120D.1. This is the text in 120C.1: The sublayers (including the PCS and associated FEC) of each PHY that can optionally include a 200GAUI-8 C2M or 400GAUI-16 C2M are summarized in the tables in 116.1.4 and are specified in the corresponding PMD clause. The positioning of the 200GAUI-8 C2M or 400GAUI-16 C2M relative to other sublayers is shown in 120.1 with further examples in Annex 120A.  
**Response Response Status C**  
REJECT.  
The text referred to in the comment was added in response to comments r02-64 and r02-65 against version D3.2 of the draft. The new text was only agreed to be added to the two chip-to-module annexes. This was because these interfaces are expected to be used with pluggable modules that may be re-used for other purposes than Ethernet and to clarify that when used with Ethernet, FEC is employed.

**Cl 120C SC 120C.1 P 341 L 53 # r03-18**  
Dudek, Michael Cavium  
**Comment Type E Comment Status R Bucket**  
Normally things are "shown" in figures not in sections  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
Change "shown" to "described" Make the same change in annex 120E on page 368 line 54.  
**Response Response Status C**  
REJECT.  
The positioning of the 200GAUI-8 C2M or 400GAUI-16 C2M relative to other sublayers is "shown" in 120.1 via Figures 120-1 and 120-2 and also via figures in Annex 120A. The term "shown" is therefore more appropriate than described.

**Cl 120D SC 120D.3.1.1 P 352 L 54 # r03-19**  
Dudek, Michael Cavium  
**Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket**  
This is the Transmitter return loss section. It would be better to refer to the transmitter return loss section in clause 93  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
Change 93.8.2.1 to 93.8.1.1  
**Response Response Status C**  
ACCEPT.

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CI 120D SC 120D.3.1.1 P 353 L 24 # r03-30  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

Signal-to-noise-and-distortion ratio (min), increased to 31.5 dB for all Tx emphasis settings, is too high: see daw\_3bs\_04\_0717 and daw\_3cd\_02a\_0717 - can barely measure the IC through the test fixture. It seems SNDR depends on emphasis, while COM assumes the spec limit at all emphasis settings which is pessimistic and not realistic. Also I suspect there is double counting of jitter in SNDR and as jitter, in COM.  
D3.2 r02-42

SuggestedRemedy

Either apply the SNDR spec for no emphasis only, and adjust eq 93A-30 for the way sigma\_e varies with emphasis (not much, the equation might get simpler), or apply a SNDR limit that accounts for the way sigma\_e varies with emphasis:  
SNDR0+20log10(Pmax\_equalized/Pmax\_unequalized)

Response Response Status U

REJECT.  
This is an extension of comment r02-42, which was rejected after review of presentation: [http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/17\\_07/daw\\_3bs\\_04\\_0717.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/17_07/daw_3bs_04_0717.pdf) at the July meeting, with this justification:

Changing the SNDR limit to 28.5 dB is considered to be placing too great a burden on the receiver and it has not been demonstrated that implementations cannot meet the current specification.

Noise is treated in the COM calculation as independent of the Tx equalization, just as in this test.

There was no consensus to apply either change in the suggested remedy.

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1.1 P 353 L 24 # r03-33  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket

Please make the spec easier to use by including short names in the tables as the optical clauses do for OMAouter, SMSR and TDECQ

SuggestedRemedy

Signal-to-noise-and-distortion ratio (SNDR) (min)

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 during publication.

Change:  
"Signal-to-noise-and-distortion ratio (min)"  
to  
"Signal-to-noise-and-distortion ratio SNDR (min)"

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1.1 P 353 L 26 # r03-31  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

Transmitter output residual ISI SNR\_ISI (min) 34.8 dB is still too high see daw\_3bs\_04\_0717 and daw\_3cd\_02a\_0717 - can barely measure the IC through the test fixture. The warning NOTE in 120D.3.1.7 shows the issue, but doesn't solve it.  
D3.1 comments 22 and 36, D3.2 comment 43

SuggestedRemedy

In 120D.3.1.7, change "The SNR\_ISI specification shall be met for all transmit equalization settings" to "The SNR\_ISI is measured with Local\_eq\_cm1 and Local\_eq\_c1 set to zero".

Response Response Status U

REJECT.  
Re-statement of comment r02-43 which was rejected with the response:  
"No remedy provided."  
A remedy is now provided, however there was no consensus for the suggested remedy to be adopted since it is not expected that SNR\_ISI will change significantly with transmit equalization setting and poor SNR\_ISI with transmit equalization turned on would cause poor performance.

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CI 120D SC 120D.3.1.1 P 353 L 36 # r03-32  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

The low frequency RL at 14.25 dB is insignificant for signal integrity compared with the 8.7 dB at 6 GHz. This RL is much tighter than CEI-56G-MR at low (and high) frequency (although apparently looser between 4 and 9 GHz). Also it is tighter at low frequencies than the new channel return loss limit, which seems wrong.  
Following D3.1 comment 41, D3.2 r02-44

SuggestedRemedy

Particularly now we have a channel return loss limit, we can change 14.25 - f to 12 -0.625f

Response Response Status U

REJECT.  
Re-statement of comment r02-44 which was rejected with the response:  
"While additional work has been done on this topic, there is still no consensus to make a change."

There is still no consensus to make the suggested change since the effect that this relaxation would have on system performance due to the interaction between the channel and the Tx and Rx devices has not been shown.

CI 120D SC 120D.3.1.3 P 355 L 3 # r03-41  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type T Comment Status A

This says "The following test procedure shall be followed to determine the linear fit pulse response, linear fit error, and normalized transmitter coefficient values." It provides information for the linear fit pulse response and normalized transmitter coefficient values, but nothing for linear fit error.

SuggestedRemedy

Define linear fit error, which is needed in 120D.3.1.6.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D3.3 and IEEE P802.3bs/D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the previous ballots. 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 Maintenance.

In the third paragraph of 120D.3.1.3, change:

"Compute the linear fit pulse response p(k) from the captured waveform per 85.8.3.3.5 ..." to:  
"Compute the linear fit pulse response p(k) and linear fit error e(k) from the captured waveform per 85.8.3.3.5 ..."

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CI 120D SC 120D.3.2 P 359 L 36 # r03-34  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

Changing the return loss spec for the receiver was a mistake, because the effects of receiver reflections to a nominal-impedance channel and transmitter are in the receiver interference tolerance test, and the extra reflections to a channel and transmitter with different impedances are controlled/accounted for by the channel COM, now based on nominal impedances, the new channel return loss spec and the transmitter return loss spec. From the simple formula for reflection at an impedance mismatch, one can see that these effects are close to additive, so controlling/accounting for them separately is OK. In other words, the receiver pays for its own reflections in the interference tolerance test, so we don't have to tell the receiver designer how to do his job in this regard.

## SuggestedRemedy

Revert 120D.3.1.1, Equation (120D-2) to 93.8.1.4, Equation (93-3).

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

The change in definition of receiver return loss was the direct result of the resolution of comment r02-60. There was consensus for this change.

The commenter made a revised proposal in regard of this comment as shown in [http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/17\\_09/dawe\\_3bs\\_02a\\_0917.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/17_09/dawe_3bs_02a_0917.pdf)

There was no consensus to make the suggested change in this presentation since the effect that this relaxation would have on system performance due to the interaction between the channel and the Rx device has not been shown.

CI 120D SC 120D.3.2.1 P 360 L 25 # r03-35  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type E Comment Status R Bucket

It's not a NOTE, and if we did not want the reader to note it we would not write it.

## SuggestedRemedy

Delete "Note that" here and in 120D.3.2.2 item d.

Could simplify the sentences a little: "As this requirement can be somewhat more stringent than using the scrambled idle test pattern and measuring FEC symbol error ratio, failing..."

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

The format of this item is exactly the same as that used in 120D.3.2.2 (where a change is out of scope).

This text is consistent with the use in 120D.3.2.2 and is not incorrect.

CI 120D SC 120D.3.2.1 P 360 L 53 # r03-36  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

The COM in the calibration of the receiver interference tolerance test is not a maximum, because then any arbitrarily bad COM would be allowed in the test, so all receivers could fail.

## SuggestedRemedy

Move the 3 dB COM back from the Max columns to the Target columns. Or "Specification value" as in 86A.

With regard to comment r02-11: there could be an informative note saying that a pass with lower COM implies a pass with 3 dB COM.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Move the COM value from the Max column to a Target column.

Add the following table footnote to the "COM" parameter label:

"The COM value is the target for the receiver noise level calibration defined in 93C.2 step 7. The channel noise voltage applied in 93C.2 step 8 should be as close as practical to the value needed to produce the target COM. If higher amplitude values are used, this would demonstrate margin to the specification but this is not required for compliance."

Change 120B.3.2 back to the D3.2 version:

"The target values for the parameter "COM including effects of broadband noise" in Table 83D-5 are 3 dB."

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CI **120D** SC **120D.3.2.2** P **361** L **36** # **r03-37**  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

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

Untidy table layout

## SuggestedRemedy

Using the full width, make the first column wider and other columns such as the last narrower so that the parameter cells each take just one row. E.g. shrink to contents then make full width.

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 during publication.

Apply the suggested remedy.

CI **120D** SC **120D.4** P **362** L **21** # **r03-38**  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

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

Subclause structure needs adjustment for the new channel spec

## SuggestedRemedy

Insert a new heading 120D.4.1 Channel Operating Margin. 120D.4.1 Channel return loss becomes 120D.4.2.

Alternatively, remove the heading 120D.4.1 Channel return loss

Response Response Status **C**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Insert a new heading 120D.4.1 Channel Operating Margin. 120D.4.1 Channel return loss becomes 120D.4.2.

CI **120D** SC **120D.4** P **362** L **23** # **r03-20**  
Dudek, Michael Cavium

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

The changes made in this draft, changing the die and package trace impedances, having a tight specification for the return loss of the interference tolerance test set up, and having a channel return loss specification have significantly improved inter-operability however due to impedance mis-matches it is still possible to have a Transmitter that passes its specification that won't interop with a channel and Rx that pass their specifications. A presentation will be made.

## SuggestedRemedy

Change the COM value from 3dB to 3.2dB

Response Response Status **U**

REJECT.

This comment is a re-statement of comment r02-56 which was rejected after a straw poll which showed strong consensus for no change:

"I support the following option (choose one):

A) Change the required value of COM for the channel from 3 dB to 3.1 dB and change the calibration of the interference tolerance test COM from 3 dB to 2.9 dB.

B) Change the required value of COM for the channel from 3 dB to 3.2 dB while leaving the calibration of the interference tolerance test COM at 3 dB.

C) No change (i.e., both COM for the channel and calibration of the RX ITT remain at 3 dB).

A 2

B 0

C 24"

A straw poll was taken:

I support the following option (choose one):

A) Change the required value of COM for the channel from 3 dB to 3.2 dB while leaving the calibration of the interference tolerance test COM at 3 dB.

B) No change (i.e., both COM for the channel and calibration of the RX ITT remain at 3 dB).

A 6

B 11

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CI 120D SC 120D.4 P 362 L 23 # r03-39  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Because the COM package and termination impedances have been moved to nearly neutral (a good move), there needs to be a small difference between the channel COM and the COM in the receiver interference tolerance test, to allow for the range of transmitter-channel reflections that are not included in either. Comments i-73, r02-56.

SuggestedRemedy

Increase the COM limit here, maybe to 3.2 dB, or reduce the COM limit in Table 120D-6, Receiver interference tolerance parameters.

Proposed Response Response Status Z

REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

This comment is a re-statement of comment r02-56 which was rejected after a straw poll which showed strong consensus for no change:

"I support the following option (choose one):

- A) Change the required value of COM for the channel from 3 dB to 3.1 dB and change the calibration of the interference tolerance test COM from 3 dB to 2.9 dB.
  - B) Change the required value of COM for the channel from 3 dB to 3.2 dB while leaving the calibration of the interference tolerance test COM at 3 dB.
  - C) No change (i.e., both COM for the channel and calibration of the RX ITT remain at 3 dB).
- A 2  
B 0  
C 24"

A straw poll was taken in association with comment r03-20:

I support the following option (choose one):

- A) Change the required value of COM for the channel from 3 dB to 3.2 dB while leaving the calibration of the interference tolerance test COM at 3 dB.
  - B) No change (i.e., both COM for the channel and calibration of the RX ITT remain at 3 dB).
- A 6  
B 11

CI 120D SC 120D.4 P 363 L 17 # r03-9  
Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Laboratories of

Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket

The symbol f\_z1 is not a COM parameter. It should be f\_z.

SuggestedRemedy

Change f\_z1 to f\_z.

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 Maintenance.

Apply the suggested remedy.

CI 120D SC 120D.4.1 P 364 L 11 # r03-21  
Dudek, Michael Cavium

Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket

"Illustrated in" is consistent with the rest of the document rather than "illustrated by"

SuggestedRemedy

Change "illustrated by" to "illustrated in"

Response

Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 120D SC 120D.5.4.3 P 367 L 36 # r03-22  
Dudek, Michael Cavium

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Bucket

Section 120D.4.1 was added with a normative requirement for return loss for channels with COM less than 4.0dB

SuggestedRemedy

Add a PICS for "Return loss for channels with COM less than or equal to 4dB" Subclause 120D.4.1 Value Meets equation (120D-12) constraints

Response

Response Status C

ACCEPT.



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CI 120E SC 120E.3.1 P 372 L 20 # r03-40  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

The host is allowed to output a signal with 900 mV peak-to-peak amplitude but only 32 mV eye height - a very bad signal. If the module is exactly like the reference receiver, that would work, but with a good but slightly different receiver the eye will collapse with not enough margin for e.g. temperature changes causing mistuning. The module can't inconvenience the host in the same way because its peak-to-peak output voltage is measured before most of the loss.  
D3.0 comment 119, D3.2 r02-46.

## SuggestedRemedy

Add a vertical eye closure spec to protect the module from such unexpected signals. VEC defined as largest of three ratios for the three sub-eyes, limit in the low teens of dB.

Response Response Status U

REJECT.  
Re-statement of comment r02-46 which was rejected with the response:  
"No presentation providing a suggested remedy for this comment was submitted.  
While a vertical eye closure specification was considered worth further investigation, no consensus was reached to make a change to the draft."

No consensus was reached for the suggested change as there is evidence that signals with large amplitude and small eyes will be seen in practice and evidence for what the limiting ratio for these should be has not been provided.

CI 120E SC 120E.3.1.6 P 373 L 42 # r03-10  
Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Laboratories of

Comment Type T Comment Status A

It is not obvious that a reference receiver with a reference CTLE is not used for calibration of the crosstalk. For instance, the box at TP4 in figure 120E-8 is labeled just with crosstalk calibration omitting the detail. A scope is definitely there. However, it is not clear whether a reference receiver drawn at TP1a is also in the box of the crosstalk calibration. I suppose that a reference receiver is not used for the crosstalk calibration, but it is not obvious. We should clearly state it in the text, because the same paragraph refers to a reference receiver for eye measurement.

## SuggestedRemedy

Add the following statement at the end of the first paragraph of 120E.3.1.6, at the end of the first paragraph of 120E.3.2.1, at the end of the third paragraph of 120E.3.3.2.1, and at the end of the third paragraph of 120E.3.4.1.1:

A reference receiver with a CTLE is not used for the calibration of the crosstalk generator.

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 Maintenance.

n 120E.3.1.6, change:  
"The crosstalk generator is calibrated at TP4 with target ..." to:  
"The crosstalk generator is calibrated at TP4 (without the use of a CTLE) with target ..."  
In 120E.3.2.1, change:  
"The crosstalk generator is calibrated at TP1a with target ..." to:  
"The crosstalk generator is calibrated at TP1a (without the use of a CTLE) with target ..."  
In the third paragraph of 120E.3.3.2.1, change:  
"... and 20% to 80% target transition time of 19 ps as measured at TP1a." to:  
"... and 20% to 80% target transition time of 19 ps as measured at TP1a (without the use of a CTLE)."  
In the third paragraph of 120E.3.4.1.1, change:  
"... and target slew time between  $\pm 270$  mV of 12 ps as measured at TP4." to:  
"... and target slew time between  $\pm 270$  mV of 12 ps as measured at TP4 (without the use of a CTLE)."

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CI **120E** SC **120E.3.1.7** P **375** L **1** # **r03-12**  
Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Laboratories of

Comment Type **T** Comment Status **A**

The CTLE in the reference receiver of 120E.3.1.7 does not provide sufficient bandwidth for PAM4 signals as reported recently in P802.3bs Electrical Ad Hoc conference call on June 28, 2017. The effective bandwidth of CTLE is restricted by the lowest pole which is not associated with any zero, because the effects of poles associated with zeroes may be cancelled by the associated zeroes.

In 120E.3.1.7, the pole of the CTLE effective bandwidth is specified as P1. In D3.3, P1 / 2pi is 15.6GHz (0.5873 fb) or 18.6GHz (0.7 fb) that is too low for PAM4. These values remained unchanged since 83E.3.1.6.1 which were chosen for NRZ. They are OK for NRZ, but not OK for PAM4. PAM4 requires higher effective bandwidth of CTLE than NRZ in order to amplify the third harmonics of the signal component. Otherwise, the top and bottom eyes degrade significantly due to the lack of third harmonics.

In COM, the pole of the CTLE effective bandwidth is specified as f\_p2. In 120D (chip-to-chip), f\_p2 is specified as 53.125GHz (2 fb), which was doubled since 83D.4. 2 fb is sufficiently high to cover the third harmonics which is 1.5 fb.

The requirement of the bandwidth of CTLE is even higher for C2M than C2C, because the device for C2M may not have a DFE. For C2C, DFE can relax the requirement for CTLE bandwidth. Besides, C2M and C2C will be implemented in the same generation of technology. Therefore, we should align the effective bandwidth of reference CTLE between C2M and C2C.

This comment is related to the comment r02-21 to D3.2.

## SuggestedRemedy

Change P1 / 2pi in Table 120E-2 to 53.125GHz.  
Adjust other columns to achieve the max gain of 0dB with the same DC gain.  
Update Figure 120E-9 accordingly.

The details of the updates to Table 120E-2 will be provided as a presentation.

Response Response Status **C**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D3.3 and IEEE P802.3bs/D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the previous ballots. 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 Maintenance.

Change the CTLE parameters in Table 120E-2 to those proposed on the option 3 Page of [http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/17\\_09/hidaka\\_3bs\\_01a\\_0917.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/17_09/hidaka_3bs_01a_0917.pdf) and update Figure 120E-9 accordingly.

A straw poll was taken:

I support changing the CTLE parameters in Table 120E-2 to those proposed on the option 3 Page of [http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/17\\_09/hidaka\\_3bs\\_01a\\_0917.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/17_09/hidaka_3bs_01a_0917.pdf)

Yes 11

No 2

CI **120E** SC **120E.3.2** P **376** L **51** # **r03-42**  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

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

Following up D3.2 comment r02-47: Meeting the five module output specs simultaneously (near and far end eye height and width, far-end pre-cursor ratio) requires finer resolution (+/-2.5% required) than the C2C transmitter may have (steps on a 5% grid with tolerances), which doesn't seem sensible or necessary. Meeting all five means doing worse on the important ones and may not be feasible in some cases. Setting up for the highest loss is the important thing, then lower loss hosts will naturally have an easier task. For module input testing, high loss now includes the host package loss; this should apply here also.

## SuggestedRemedy

Decrease the limit for far-end eye height from 70 mV to 60 mV.

Widen the pre-cursor ratio limit from +/-2.5% to +/-3.5%.

Increase the loss in the software channel (moving the "far end" to after a reasonable package loss), reducing the far-end eye height and width to account for the extra loss.

Review the way this works for a reasonable variety of channels.

Review what range of CTLE peaking is consistent with the insertion loss budget.

Response Response Status **C**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Re-statement of comment r02-47 which although resolved with "Accept in Principle" did not change near-end eye height after a straw poll showed no consensus for a change:

"A Straw poll was taken:

A) Change the near end eye height from 70 mV to 60 mV

B) Make no change to the draft

A 9

B 16"

Still no consensus has been shown for the suggested changes except for the Far-end pre-cursor ISI ratio.

In Table 120E-3, change the Far-end pre-cursor ISI ratio (max) from +/-2.5% to -4.5% to +2.5% with editorial license.

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COMMENT STATUS: D/dispatched A/accepted R/rejected RESPONSE STATUS: O/open W/written C/closed U/unsatisfied Z/withdrawn

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SC **120E.3.2**

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CI 120E SC 120E.3.2.1 P 337 L 21 # r03-43  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket

Making the structure of the subclauses align with the contents: far-end pre-cursor ISI ratio is not a separate measurement to far-end eye height and width.

## SuggestedRemedy

Change: 120E.3.2.1 Module output eye width and eye height to 120E.3.2.1 Module output eye width, eye height and pre-cursor ISI ratio  
120E.3.2.1.1 Reference receiver for module output eye width and eye height evaluation to 120E.3.2.1.1 Reference receiver for module output evaluation  
120E.3.2.2 Far-end pre-cursor ISI ratio to 120E.3.2.1.2 Far-end pre-cursor ISI ratio

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D3.3 and IEEE P802.3bs/D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the previous ballots. 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 Maintenance.

Change:  
"120E.3.2.1 Module output eye width and eye height" to:  
"120E.3.2.1 Module output eye width, eye height, and pre-cursor ISI ratio"  
Change:  
"120E.3.2.1.1 Reference receiver for module output eye width and eye height evaluation" to:  
"120E.3.2.1.1 Reference receiver for module output evaluation"  
Change:  
"120E.3.2.2 Far-end pre-cursor ISI ratio" to:  
"120E.3.2.1.2 Far-end pre-cursor ISI ratio"

CI 120E SC 120E.3.2.2 P 377 L 52 # r03-44  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket

Removing ambiguity

## SuggestedRemedy

Change "for which the eye width and height satisfy" to "for which the far-end eye width and height satisfy".

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 120E SC 120E.3.4.1.1 P 382 L 45 # r03-11  
Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Laboratories of

Comment Type T Comment Status A

The target pattern generator 20% to 80% transition time in the module stressed input test is specified as 9.5ps. It is not clear where this transition time is measured. If it is measured at TP1a after frequency-dependent attenuator and reference receiver, it may be difficult to meet the specification. If it is measured directly at the pattern generator without reference receiver, it should be clearly stated. Besides, it is probably not necessary to specify the transition time of the pattern generator, because the eye height and the eye width are specified. For the host stressed input test, the transition time of pattern generator is not specified.

## SuggestedRemedy

Remove the requirement of the target pattern generator 20% to 80% transition time in the module stressed input test of 9.5ps.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D3.3 and IEEE P802.3bs/D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the previous ballots. 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 Maintenance.

Change:

"The target pattern generator 20% to 80% transition time in the module stressed input test is 9.5 ps." to:

"The target pattern generator 20% to 80% transition time at the input to the test channel in the module stressed input test is 10.5 ps."

## IEEE P802.3bs D3.3 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 3rd Sponsor recirculation ballot comments

CI 120E SC 120E.3.4.1.1 P 383 L 9 # r03-45  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type T Comment Status A

The module output is measured with a 10.5 dB channel (part mated compliance boards, part software channel) plus module's own loss with EW, EH 0.2, 30. The module stressed input signal is measured after a 14.2 dB hardware channel, plus pattern generator's own loss, with EW, EH 0.22, 32 - not very different. Although the host and pattern generator are expected to have more sophisticated outputs than the module, it is said that the stressed signal EW is not feasible - this may be because of the extra loss.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Reduce the 14.2 dB loss because some of the loss is already in the pattern generator and the 14.2 dB represents all the loss including a long host IC package path. We could choose to let the max trace loss, max package loss host look after itself to an extent and target something between 10.5 (no package) and 14.2 (max package). Equivalently, don't connect the longest package trace to the longest PCB trace! Some other metric such as (unequalized) pulse height that takes the pattern generator into account may be better than test channel loss.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D3.3 and IEEE P802.3bs/D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the previous ballots. 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 Maintenance.

#### Change:

"For the high loss case, frequency-dependent attenuation is added 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 ..." to:

"For the high loss case, frequency-dependent attenuation is added such that the loss at 13.28 GHz from the output of the pattern generator to TP1a is 12.2 dB. The 12.2 dB loss represents ..."

CI 120E SC 120E.3.4.1.1 P 383 L 9 # r03-46  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

The high loss module stressed input signal can be set up with relatively strong Tx emphasis, with a low optimum CTLE peaking. This gives a test signal that is like the low loss one, and doesn't test the receiver for ability to equalize. We could impose a minimum CTLE peaking for calibrating the high loss signal, but that signal could be easier to receive with a lower CTLE peaking, so we want a signal for which the best peaking is say 8 to 9 dB.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Add another requirement, that the optimum CTLE peaking (given by worst of three eye width \* eye height, similar to 83E) must be at least 8 dB. This can be done by adjusting the pattern generator's output.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D3.3 and IEEE P802.3bs/D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the previous ballots. 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 Maintenance.

After: "...that maximizes the product of eye height and eye width." add:  
"This CTLE setting has to be greater than or equal to 7 dB."

#### Also change:

"Eye height and eye width at TP1a are then adjusted in the same way as described for the high loss case." to:

"Eye height and eye width at TP1a are then adjusted in the same way as described for the high loss case except that the restriction that the CTLE setting has to be greater than or equal to 7 dB does not apply."

## IEEE P802.3bs D3.3 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 3rd Sponsor recirculation ballot comments

CI 120E SC 120E.5.4.1 P 388 L 28 # r03-23  
 Dudek, Michael Cavium

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

The PICS values don't match the spec requirements

SuggestedRemedy

Change TH6 to 0.22UI, TH7 to 32mV, TM5 to 70mV.

Response Response Status **C**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D3.3 and IEEE P802.3bs/D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the previous ballots. 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 Maintenance.

Apply suggested remedy

CI 121 SC 121.7 P 220 L 29 # r03-5  
 Welch, Brian

Comment Type **T** Comment Status **A**

In table 121-6 propose reducing OMAouter each lane min from -2.5 dBm to -3.5 dBm, and revising note b to read "Even if the TDECQ < 0.9 dB, the OMAouter (min) must exceed this value". This allows for high bandwidth transmitters than can achieve lower TDECQ mins than the current stated minimum to operate at lower power, which can improve transceiver power consumption, yield, and cost. See supporting presentation for more details.

SuggestedRemedy

In table 121-6 propose reducing OMAouter each lane min from -2.5 dBm to -3.5 dBm, and revising note b to read "Even if the TDECQ < 0.9 dB, the OMAouter (min) must exceed this value".

Response Response Status **C**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Following the sense of the discussions on [http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/smf/17\\_08\\_22/anslow\\_01a\\_0817\\_smf.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/smf/17_08_22/anslow_01a_0817_smf.pdf) during the SMF Ad Hoc on 22 August 2017 and for further discussion during Task Force meeting.

In Table 121-6:

Change OMAouter each lane min from -2.5 dBm to -3 dBm.

Change note b to read "Even if the TDECQ < 1.4 dB, the OMAouter (min) must exceed this value".

Change Average launch power, each lane (min) from -4.6 dBm to -5.1 dBm.

In Table 121-7:

Change Average receive power, each lane (min) from -7.6 dBm to -8.1 dBm.

# IEEE P802.3bs D3.3 200 Gb/s & 400 Gb/s Ethernet 3rd Sponsor recirculation ballot comments

CI 121 SC 121.7.2 P 221 L 17 # r03-24  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type T Comment Status A

Clashing definitions of unstressed sensitivity: this says "Receiver sensitivity (OMAouter), each lane (max) is informative and is defined for a transmitter with SECQ of 0.9 dB", while 121.8.8 says "Receiver sensitivity, which is defined for an ideal input signal ... the test signal should have negligible impairments such as intersymbol interference (ISI), rise/fall times, jitter and RIN".

## SuggestedRemedy

It would be better to say in 121.8.8 that we expect such a signal would have a SECQ of 0.9 dB; better still to use a scale of SECQ that does not depend on our arbitrary choice of reference receiver bandwidth.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
See response to comment r03-15.

[Editor's note added after comment resolution completed.

The response to comment r03-15 is:

"This was discussed in association with

[http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/smf/17\\_08\\_22/anslow\\_01a\\_0817\\_smf.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/smf/17_08_22/anslow_01a_0817_smf.pdf) during the SMF Ad Hoc on 22 August 2017.

Change "Receiver sensitivity, which is defined for an ideal input signal," to "Receiver sensitivity, which is defined for an input signal with SECQ of 0.9 dB (e.g., an ideal input signal without overshoot)". Make the same change in clauses 122.8.8 and 124.8.8"  
]

CI 121 SC 121.7.3 P 221 L 41 # r03-14  
Dudek, Michael Cavium

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

The Power budget for other Ethernet clauses is equal to min OMA at maximum TDP minus Receiver Sensitivity. Due to having Receiver Sensitivity with SECQ at 0.9dB the equivalent equation doesn't hold. It would be good to clarify what the power budget is here.

## SuggestedRemedy

In Table 121-8 Change parameter "Power budget (for max TDECQ)" to "Power budget (for max TDECQ and SECQ=0)". Make the same change in Tables 122-13 and 124-8.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

The proposed remedy to specify the power budget "for max TDECQ and SECQ=0" doesn't make sense because it refers to a extremely unrealistic transmitter with SECQ=0 and TDECQ=max.

CI 121 SC 121.8.1 P 222 L 46 # r03-25  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type T Comment Status R

For SRS testing, while Table 138-12 following 802.3by Table 95-10 allows PRBS31Q, scrambled idle (with FEC) or valid 50GBASE-SR, 100GBASE-SR2, or 200GBASE-SR4 signal, but this Table 121-10 (following the older 802.3ba?) allows only PRBS31Q and scrambled idle. The 58-bit scrambler is so long that we can't tell the statistics of RS-FEC encoded scrambled idle from any other valid 50GBASE-R signal. RF, which is a valid 50GBASE-R signal, is often more convenient than scrambled idle. Table 89-10 (40GBASE-FR) also allows PRBS31, scrambled idle or valid 40GBASE-R signal.

## SuggestedRemedy

Change "3 or 5" to "3, 5 or valid 50GBASE-R signal". Also in tables 122-15 and 124-10.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D3.3 and IEEE P802.3bs/D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the previous ballots. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

In line with the resolution to comment #126 to P802.3cd D2.0:

The recommended test patterns 3 (PRBS31Q) or 5 (scrambled idle) are more than adequate for SRS testing. The current approach is used in in-force SMF Clauses 87 and 88.

# IEEE P802.3bs D3.3 200 Gb/s & 400 Gb/s Ethernet 3rd Sponsor recirculation ballot comments

CI 121 SC 121.8.5.3 P 225 L 29 # r03-47  
King, Jonathan Finisar Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status A

The current definition for time centre of eye ("0.5 UI") is based on the time average of the centre crossing points.  
This was OK for T/2 spaced reference equalizers, which would effectively optimize the equalized eye time-centre for best TDECQ.  
But it is not sufficient for a T spaced reference equalizer, which cannot optimize the time-centre of the equalized eye.  
PHYs with T-spaced equalizers are expected to optimize their sampling point, equivalent to optimizing the timing position of the histograms used to measure TDECQ.  
Therefore, the TDECQ method should be allowed to optimize the timing position when measuring transmitter eyes, to avoid penalizing or excluding transmitters which have open eyes which are offset from the time average of the centre crossing points.  
See [http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/17\\_09/king\\_3bs\\_01\\_0917.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/17_09/king_3bs_01_0917.pdf)

## SuggestedRemedy

In 121.8.5.3, replace the paragraph "Two vertical histograms are measured through the eye diagram, centered at 0.45 UI and 0.55 UI. Each of the histogram windows spans all of the modulation levels of the eye diagram, as illustrated in Figure 121-5. " with "Two vertical histograms are measured through the eye diagram, nominally centered at 0.45 UI and 0.55 UI. Each of the histogram windows spans all of the modulation levels of the eye diagram, as illustrated in Figure 121-5. The precise time position of the 0.45 UI and 0.55 UI histograms may be adjusted (e.g. to minimize TDECQ), but the histograms must be spaced 0.1 UI apart."

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
[Editor's note: This comment was sent after the close of the comment period]

In 121.8.5.3, replace the paragraph "Two vertical histograms are measured through the eye diagram, centered at 0.45 UI and 0.55 UI. Each of the histogram windows spans all of the modulation levels of the eye diagram, as illustrated in Figure 121-5. " with "Two vertical histograms are measured through the eye diagram, nominally centered at 0.45 UI and 0.55 UI. Each of the histogram windows spans all of the modulation levels of the eye diagram, as illustrated in Figure 121-5. The precise time position of the pair of histograms is adjusted to minimize TDECQ while keeping the histograms spaced 0.1 UI apart."

CI 121 SC 121.8.5.3 P 228 L 23 # r03-26  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type T Comment Status R

We need some constraints to exclude crazy transmitters and to reduce the search space for the TDECQ equalizer and for real receivers.

## SuggestedRemedy

Require the cursor to be early in the equalizer, e.g. first to second tap.  
Also, do we want to exclude very over-emphasized signals, e.g. by requiring that the cursor must be at least some value?  
These rules could go here or in 121.8.5.4 TDECQ reference equalizer.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.  
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D3.3 and IEEE P802.3bs/D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the previous ballots.  
Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

This comment was discussed during the SMF Ad Hoc on 22 August 2017 in association with [http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/smf/17\\_08\\_22/anslow\\_01a\\_0817\\_smf.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/smf/17_08_22/anslow_01a_0817_smf.pdf) and there was no consensus on imposing constraints on the TDECQ equalizer.  
No evidence has been provided that there is a problem with the current draft in this respect or that particular constraints on the equalizer solve that problem.

## IEEE P802.3bs D3.3 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 3rd Sponsor recirculation ballot comments

CI 121 SC 121.8.5.3 P 228 L 43 # r03-27  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

It seems that it is possible to make a bad transmitter (e.g. with a noisy or distorted signal), use emphasis to get it to pass the TDECQ test, yet leave a realistic, compliant receiver with an unreasonable challenge (up to 2.5/2 dB worse than the SRS test?) With some of the changed low-bandwidth TDECQ being used to equalize the reference receiver's own bandwidth, this issue becomes more apparent.  
D3.0 comment 140, D3.2 r02-35

## SuggestedRemedy

Define TDECQrms =  $10 \cdot \log_{10}(A\_RMS/(s \cdot 3 \cdot Q_t \cdot R))$  where A\_RMS is the standard deviation of the measured signal after the 13.28125 GHz filter response. We choose s, which is close to the standard deviation of a fast clean signal with OMA=0.5 and without emphasis, observed through the 13.28125 GHz filter response, according to what level of dirty-but-emphasised signal we decide is acceptable. Q<sub>t</sub> and R are as in Eq 121-12. Require that TDECQrms shall not exceed the limit for TDECQ.

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

This is related to unsatisfied comments i-140 and r02-35.

The resolution to comment r02-35 was: Insufficient evidence of the claimed problem and that the proposed remedy fixes the problem.

The commenter is invited to provide a contribution that demonstrates the problem (a waveform that passes TDECQ but cannot be decoded by a reasonable receiver implementation) and that the proposed additional requirement prevents this issue from occurring.

The proposed remedy is almost identical to the one proposed in r02-35.

A contribution that demonstrates the problem (a waveform that passes TDECQ but cannot be decoded by a reasonable receiver implementation) and that the proposed additional requirement prevents this issue from occurring, has not been provided.

CI 121 SC 121.8.8 P 229 L 22 # r03-15  
Dudek, Michael Cavium

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

On this draft the Receiver sensitivity was changed to be with an SECQ of 0.9, but here it is defined to be for an ideal input signal. There appears to be a conflict here.

## SuggestedRemedy

Change "Receiver sensitivity, which is defined for an ideal input signal", to "Receiver sensitivity, which is defined for an ideal input signal without overshoot", Make the same change in clauses 122.8.8 and 124.8.8

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This was discussed in association with  
[http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/smf/17\\_08\\_22/anslow\\_01a\\_0817\\_smf.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/smf/17_08_22/anslow_01a_0817_smf.pdf) during the SMF Ad Hoc on 22 August 2017.

Change "Receiver sensitivity, which is defined for an ideal input signal," to "Receiver sensitivity, which is defined for an input signal with SECQ of 0.9 dB (e.g., an ideal input signal without overshoot)". Make the same change in clauses 122.8.8 and 124.8.8



## IEEE P802.3bs D3.3 200 Gb/s &amp; 400 Gb/s Ethernet 3rd Sponsor recirculation ballot comments

CI 121 SC 121.8.9.1 P 231 L 11 # r03-16  
Dudek, Michael Cavium

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

With this calibration method for stressed receiver sensitivity a receiver with wider bandwidth than Nyquist will have an improved stressed sensitivity. (around 0l.9dB if at 0.75\*Baud rate). This may encourage vendors of receivers to have receiver bandwidths wider than Nyquist. However Transmitters are tested for TDECQ with the Nyquist filtered reference equalizer so that Energy above Nyquist is not "aliased" degrading their TDECQ. There will be an interoperability issue between Transmitters with bad high frequency content and Receivers which have wider bandwidth.

## SuggestedRemedy

In Figure 121-6 move the sinusoidal amplitude interferer after the Low-pass filter. On page 299 line 54/page 230 line 1. Change " to "The sinusoidal amplitude interferer is set to 0.71\*Baud rate. On page 213 line 10 change "Any remaining SECQ must be created with a combination of sinusoidal jitter, sinusoidal interference, and Gaussian noise" to "0.1dB SECQ is created with th sinusoidal interference and any remaining SECQ must be created with a combination of sinusoidal jitter, and Gaussian noise"

Alternatively change the bandwidth of the reference receiver used for TDECQ back to 0.75\*Baud rate and change the numbers back to what they were on earlier revisions. Or add an additional test for the transmitter where TDECQ is measured with a 0.75\*Baud rate filter and has to be <2.5dB

Make the equivalent changes in clauses 122 and 124 . (Note that if 0.71\*Baud rate is changed to an exact frequency then another exception needs to be added in 124.8.9)

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D3.3 and IEEE P802.3bs/D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the previous ballots. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

This comment was discussed during the SMF Ad Hoc on 22 August 2017 in association with [http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/smf/17\\_08\\_22/anslow\\_01a\\_0817\\_smf.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/smf/17_08_22/anslow_01a_0817_smf.pdf) and there was no consensus on making the proposed change.

It is unclear how the magnitude of the expected penalty due to the sinusoidal interferer at 0.71\*symbol rate changes with the receiver bandwidth and how this relates to the penalty due to "Transmitters with bad high frequency content".

It is also unclear what impact a sinusoidal interferer at 0.71\*symbol rate will have on practical PAM4 receivers containing an equalizer.

The draft is clear that the transmitter quality is assessed using a receiver with a bandwidth of 0.5\*symbol rate, so receiver vendors should be aware that some transmitters allowed by the specification may have significant high frequency content above Nyquist.

A straw poll was taken:

Do you support moving the sinusoidal interferer to 0.71 \* Baud rate?

Yes 3  
No 7

CI 122 SC 122.7 P 252 L 22 # r03-6  
Welch, Brian

Comment Type T Comment Status A

In table 122-9 propose reducing OMAouter each lane min from -0.7 dBm to -1.7 dBm for 200GBase-FR4, reducing OMAouter each lane min from 0.1 dBm to -0.9 dBm for 200GBase-LR4, and revising note b to read "Even if the TDECQ < 0.9 dB for an extinction ratio of >=4.5 dB or TDECQ < 0.8 dB for an extinction ration of < 4.5 dB, the OMAouter (min) must exceed this value". This allows for high bandwidth transmitters than can achieve lower TDECQ mins than the current stated minimum to operate at lower power, which can improve transceiver power consumption, yield, and cost. See supporting presentation for more details.

## SuggestedRemedy

In table 122-9 propose reducing OMAouter each lane min from -0.7 dBm to -1.7 dBm for 200GBase-FR4, reducing OMAouter each lane min from 0.1 dBm to -0.9 dBm for 200GBase-LR4, and revising note b to read "Even if the TDECQ < 0.9 dB for an extinction ratio of >=4.5 dB or TDECQ < 0.8 dB for an extinction ration of < 4.5 dB, the OMAouter (min) must exceed this value".

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Following the sense of the discussions on [http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/smf/17\\_08\\_22/anslow\\_01a\\_0817\\_smf.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/smf/17_08_22/anslow_01a_0817_smf.pdf) during the SMF Ad Hoc on 22 August 2017 and for further discussion during Task Force meeting.

In Table 122-9:

Change OMAouter each lane min from -0.7 dBm to -1.2 dBm for 200GBASE-FR4 and from 0.1 dBm to -0.4 dBm for 200GBASE-LR4.

Change note b to read "Even if the TDECQ < 1.4 dB for an extinction ratio of >=4.5 dB or TDECQ < 1.3 dB for an extinction ratio of < 4.5 dB, the OMAouter (min) must exceed this value".

Change Average launch power, each lane (min) from -3.7 dBm to -4.2 dBm for 200GBASE-FR4 and from -2.9 dBm to -3.4 dBm for 200GBASE-LR4.

In Table 122-11:

Change Average receive power, each lane (min) from -7.7 dBm to -8.2 dBm for 200GBASE-FR4 and from -9.2 dBm to -9.7 dBm for 200GBASE-LR4.

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CI 122 SC 122.7 P 253 L 27 # r03-8  
Welch, Brian

Comment Type T Comment Status A

In table 122-10 propose reducing OMAouter each lane min from 0 dBm to -1.0 dBm for 400GBase-FR8, reducing OMAouter each lane min from 0.7 dBm to -0.3 dBm for 400GBase-LR8, and revising note b to read "Even if the TDECQ < 0.9 dB for an extinction ratio of  $\geq 4.5$  dB or TDECQ < 0.8 dB for an extinction ratio of < 4.5 dB, the OMAouter (min) must exceed this value". This allows for high bandwidth transmitters than can achieve lower TDECQ mins than the current stated minimum to operate at lower power, which can improve transceiver power consumption, yield, and cost. See supporting presentation for more details.

## SuggestedRemedy

In table 122-10 propose reducing OMAouter each lane min from 0 dBm to -1.0 dBm for 400GBase-FR8, reducing OMAouter each lane min from 0.7 dBm to -0.3 dBm for 400GBase-LR8, and revising note b to read "Even if the TDECQ < 0.9 dB for an extinction ratio of  $\geq 4.5$  dB or TDECQ < 0.8 dB for an extinction ratio of < 4.5 dB, the OMAouter (min) must exceed this value".

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Following the sense of the discussions on [http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/smf/17\\_08\\_22/anslow\\_01a\\_0817\\_smf.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/smf/17_08_22/anslow_01a_0817_smf.pdf) during the SMF Ad Hoc on 22 August 2017 and for further discussion during Task Force meeting.

In Table 122-10:

Change OMAouter each lane min from 0 dBm to -0.5 dBm for 400GBASE-FR8 and from 0.7 dBm to 0.2 dBm for 400GBASE-LR8.

Change note b to read "Even if the TDECQ < 1.4 dB for an extinction ratio of  $\geq 4.5$  dB or TDECQ < 1.3 dB for an extinction ratio of < 4.5 dB, the OMAouter (min) must exceed this value".

Change Average launch power, each lane (min) from -3 dBm to -3.5 dBm for 400GBASE-FR8 and from -2.3 dBm to -2.8 dBm for 400GBASE-LR8.

In Table 122-12:

Change Average receive power, each lane (min) from -7 dBm to -7.5 dBm for 400GBASE-FR8 and from -8.6 dBm to -9.1 dBm for 400GBASE-LR8.

CI 124 SC 124.7 P 298 L 32 # r03-7  
Welch, Brian

Comment Type T Comment Status A

In table 124-6 Propose reducing OMAouter each lane min from -0.3 dBm to -1.3 dBm, and revising note b to read "Even if the TDECQ < 0.9 dB, the OMAouter (min) must exceed this value". This allows for high bandwidth transmitters than can achieve lower TDECQ mins than the current stated minimum to operate at lower power, which can improve transceiver power consumption, yield, and cost. See supporting presentation for more details.

## SuggestedRemedy

In table 124-6 Propose reducing OMAouter each lane min from -0.3 dBm to -1.3 dBm, and revising note b to read "Even if the TDECQ < 0.9 dB, the OMAouter (min) must exceed this value".

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Following the sense of the discussions on [http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/smf/17\\_08\\_22/anslow\\_01a\\_0817\\_smf.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/adhoc/smf/17_08_22/anslow_01a_0817_smf.pdf) during the SMF Ad Hoc on 22 August 2017 and for further discussion during Task Force meeting.

In Table 124-6:

Change OMAouter each lane min from -0.3 dBm to -0.8 dBm.

Change note b to read "Even if the TDECQ < 1.4 dB, the OMAouter (min) must exceed this value".

Change Average launch power, each lane (min) from -2.4 dBm to -2.9 dBm.

In Table 124-7:

Change Average receive power, each lane (min) from -5.4 dBm to -5.9 dBm.

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CI 124 SC 124.8.5 P 302 L 6 # r03-28  
Dawe, Piers J G Mellanox Technologie

Comment Type E Comment Status A

Most of the definitions in 121 and 124 identify the pattern to use by reference to Table 121-10 or Table 121-10. 124.8.5 (TDECQ) and 124.8.9 (SRS) don't, leaving the associated rows in the table without effect. For consistency, they should identify the pattern too. 802.3cd made a similar change just after the 802.32bs meeting (but with "a test pattern" for TDECQ).

## SuggestedRemedy

In 124.8.5 change "The signaling rate of the test pattern generator is as given in Table 124-6." to "The signaling rate of the test pattern generator is as given in Table 124-6 and uses the test pattern specified for TDECQ in Table 124-10."

In 124.8.9 change "The signaling rate of the test pattern generator and the extinction ratio of the E/O converter are as given in Table 124-6." to "The signaling rate of the test pattern generator and the extinction ratio of the E/O converter are as given in Table 124-6 using test patterns specified in Table 124-10."

Possible similar changes in 122, 123.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3bs/D3.3 and IEEE P802.3bs/D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from the previous ballots. 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 Maintenance.

In line with the resolution to comment #131 to P802.3cd D2.0.

In 124.8.5 change "The signaling rate of the test pattern generator is as given in Table 124-6." to "The signaling rate of the test pattern generator is as given in Table 124-6 and uses the test pattern specified for TDECQ in Table 124-10."

In 124.8.9 change "The signaling rate of the test pattern generator and the extinction ratio of the E/O converter are as given in Table 124-6." to "The signaling rate of the test pattern generator and the extinction ratio of the E/O converter are as given in Table 124-6 using test patterns specified in Table 124-10."

The relevant subclauses in Clauses 122 and 123 already contain appropriate references to the relevant test patterns, so for these 2 Clauses no changes are necessary.