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CI SC **114.6.6** P**105** L**9** # **88**
 Kolesar, Paul CommScope

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

The channel attenuation is sensitive to the test wavelength and to the test launch condition. Yet there is no specification as to how to make this measurement in the field.

SuggestedRemedy

Define or provide a reference for the measurement of channel loss in the field.

Response Response Status **U**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The channel attenuation is sensitive to the test wavelength and to the test launch condition. That is true.

Improve text of Pg 101, line 34, as: "Fiber optic channel type I includes up to at least 50 m length. The fiber optic channel type I meets a maximum insertion loss of 9.5 dB without inline connections and the transfer function specification of 114.6.5.1 under spectral distribution and launching mode power distribution at TP2 specified per EAF lower bound limits in 114.6.3.1."

Modify items b and c of the same list accordingly for consistency.

The insertion loss, the transfer function specifications, TP EAF and pointer to IEC 60793-2-40 sub-category A4a.2, all together define the minimum set of specifications to produce SI-POF cabling for GEPOF link operation.

Measurement methodology of SI-POF channel in the field is out of the scope of this standard. Characteristics of cable have to be guaranteed by the specification of the cable.

CI **FM** SC **FM** P**10** L**1** # **243**
 Carlson, Steve HSD/Marvell

Comment Type **ER** Comment Status **A** FM

The description of the 802.3 standard suite is not up-to-date. Please use the template available at: http://www.ieee802.org/3/tools/framemaker/P802_3xx_D0p1_version_2p5.zip. Update the list of amendments per comment i-55 in http://www.ieee802.org/3/bp/comments/8023bp_D30_approved.pdf

SuggestedRemedy

Per comment

Response Response Status **U**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #3.

CI **1** SC **1.4** P**19** L**21** # **245**
 Carlson, Steve HSD/Marvell

Comment Type **ER** Comment Status **A** Definitions

Unnumbered definitions - all new definitions under 1.4 are numbered as 1.4.x. Please provide specific locations where the new term is expected to be added, as is done in other amendments.

SuggestedRemedy

Please add the missing numbers to individual new definitions

Response Response Status **U**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #5.

CI **1** SC **1.4** P**19** L**28** # **241**
 Thomson, Geoff GraCaSI S.A.

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

Having 3 PMD types is addressing 3 instances of Broad Market Potential. This divides the market and is beyond what the group justified and was chartered to do.

SuggestedRemedy

Reduce to a single PMD type.

Response Response Status **U**

REJECT.

The attempt to define one port type with multiple link/channel types was rejected by 802.3 optics experts. They demanded multiple port types. The three major markets described in P802.3 project documents do not have the same requirements, and those project documents make it clear that different reaches were required for the requirements of the different markets.

The three port types (RHA, RHB, and RHC) use 1000BASE-H PCS and PMA sublayers and only differ on a small set of specifications of the PMD sublayer. Significant reuse of components between the three port types is expected and enhances Broad Market Potential.

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CI 30 SC 30 P21 L1 # 10
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Networks

Comment Type ER Comment Status R Ed Inst

All objects being modified in Clause 30 are already modified by other projects. Please align editorial instructions to the ones used in P802.3bp D3.1, including list of projects changing these specific objects

SuggestedRemedy

This helps both the reader, as well as staff editor folding in individual amendments into a single document.

See also comment i-162 in

http://www.ieee802.org/3/bp/comments/8023bp_D30_approved.pdf

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

Recent refinements of 802.3 style for writing editing instructions only cite the amendments necessary to unambiguously define the Insert point. Change instructions only cite amendments that are the basis for the text below the instruction.

The editing instructions are consistent with the new guidelines.

CI 30 SC 30 P21 L1 # 246
 Carlson, Steve HSD/Marvell

Comment Type ER Comment Status R Ed Inst

All objects being modified in Clause 30 are also modified by other projects. Please align editorial instructions to the ones used in P802.3bp D3.1, including the list of projects changing these specific objects

SuggestedRemedy

This helps the reader, as well as the staff editors in combining individual amendments in the base standard.

See also comment i-162 in

http://www.ieee802.org/3/bp/comments/8023bp_D30_approved.pdf

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

See response to comment #10

CI 45 SC 45 P32 L1 # 254
 Carlson, Steve HSD/Marvell

Comment Type ER Comment Status A Big Ticket PICS 45

Clause is missing PICS

SuggestedRemedy

Insert PICS

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Same response as #36.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3 P23 L28 # 248
 Carlson, Steve HSD/Marvell

Comment Type ER Comment Status A Ed Inst

"Replace 3.420 through 3.1799 row with the following rows" is not clear. Where are the strike-through and underline changes to the reserved space being modified?

SuggestedRemedy

Please show all changes to Table 45-119 reserved bit space in the standard underline / cross-through format. Update the editorial note to use the word "Change" instead of "Replace."

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #15.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.48 P23 L36 # 258
 Carlson, Steve HSD/Marvell

Comment Type ER Comment Status A EZ

45.2.3.48 exists in the base standard (Clause 90 TimeSync PCS capability (Register 3.1800))

SuggestedRemedy

Re-number 45.2.3.48 to 45.2.3.54 to be 45.2.3.47a to 45.2.3.47g

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.3.48 P24 L3 # 16
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Networks

Comment Type ER Comment Status R EZ

P802.3bp is already adding 45.2.3.51 through 45.2.3.57, so I assume you intended to start adding at 45.2.3.58?

SuggestedRemedy

Update subclause numbers and table numbers, accordingly, using 802.3bp numbers as the end of the range you should be adding after

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

P802.3bv's defined registers 3.500 through 3.522 sequentially belong between 45.2.3.47 and 45.3.48. If current new numbering conventions hold, the register descriptions will be 45.2.3.47a through 45.2.3.47g.

See #114 for acceptance of the new lettering convention for inserts.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.48 P24 L3 # 249
 Carlson, Steve HSD/Marvell

Comment Type ER Comment Status R EZ

P802.3bp has added 45.2.3.51 through 45.2.3.57.

SuggestedRemedy

Update the subclause numbers and table numbers accordingly, using 802.3bp numbers as the end of the range. Add P802.3bv registers after this range.

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

P802.3bv's defined registers 3.500 through 3.522 sequentially belong between 45.2.3.47 and 45.3.48. If current new numbering conventions hold, the register descriptions will be 45.2.3.47a through 45.2.3.47g.

See #114 for acceptance of the new lettering convention for inserts.

This comment conflicts with commenter's #258.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.48.1 P24 L47 # 250
 Carlson, Steve HSD/Marvell

Comment Type ER Comment Status A EZ

As part of a general style clean-up, please implement comment #70 from http://www.ieee802.org/3/bp/comments/8023bp_D20_approved.pdf.

SuggestedRemedy

Change all instances of "This bit" to "Bit xxxx" with a precise and unambiguous cite of the register number to avoid any possible confusion as to which bit is meant. Also, where the word "it" is used at the beginning of the sentence in Clause 45, please also mention the bit reference explicitly - again, this avoids concerns with interpretation as to what bit is meant

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.49.2 P25 L21 # 265
 Carlson, Steve HSD/Marvell

Comment Type TR Comment Status A OAM

"This bit contains the toggle identifier of the received message. It toggles with every new received message." What is a "toggle identifier?"

SuggestedRemedy

A search of Clause 45 in 802.3-2015 has no reference to this term. Please define what it is, or describe in other terms.

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #26.

CI 78 SC 78.1.4 P33 L5 # 255
 Carlson, Steve HSD/Marvell

Comment Type ER Comment Status A Ed Inst

"Insert new rows below into Table 78-1 after 1000BASE-KX:" does not account for other amendments (802.3bw, 802.3bp, etc.) that are changing the same table

SuggestedRemedy

Update the editorial instructions accounting for other amendments in (802.3bw, 802.3bp, etc.) Also applies to the editorial note in 78.2 and 78-5

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #37.

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Cl 114 SC 114.1.2 P35 L38 # 257
 Carlson, Steve HSD/Marvell

Comment Type ER Comment Status A EZ

"Mathematical expressions in this clause include symbols and delimiters as specified in ISO 80000-2." Which specific expressions or symbols require reference to ISO? The base standard does not require references to ISO.

SuggestedRemedy

Consider removing this reference, unless it is explicitly clear which expressions, symbols, and delimiters require this reference. If this ISO standard is actually needed, it will need to be included in references.

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #41.

Cl 114 SC 114.1.4 P36 L14 # 267
 Carlson, Steve HSD/Marvell

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Fig 114-1

The PCS in Figure 114-1 seems to be missing. There is a box, but it's empty.

SuggestedRemedy

Assuming that this PHY has a PCS, please add it to the figure.

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #42

Cl 114 SC 114.2 P38 L2 # 222
 Ran, Adee INTEL

Comment Type TR Comment Status A PCS TX Intro

The text refers to PAM16 symbols, then MLCC codewords, then PAM16 codewords. That seems incorrect or is confusing.

SuggestedRemedy

Correct or clarify as necessary

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #45.

Cl 114 SC 114.2.1 P38 L19 # 224
 Ran, Adee INTEL

Comment Type TR Comment Status A PCS TX Intro

Are all these symbols PAM16?

SuggestedRemedy

Assuming they are, either use "PAM16 symbols" consistently or make it clear earlier that "symbols" always means PAM16.

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comments #45 and #54.

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CI 114 SC 114.2.2.1 P39 L45 # 191
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Big Ticket PCS TX

Mixed requirement and informative text makes it nearly impossible to tell what is the requirement and what is descriptive informative language. "shall be generated as follows:" really only works when there is a clearly enumerated list of step by step requirements. Generation of a sequence would ordinarily be a small set of equations. The requirement can't be HOW the thing is generated, but WHAT the sequence must be.

SuggestedRemedy

Rewrite the requirement to clearly state the requirement. Sorry, its such a mess I can't do it for you in a comment, but suggest that you start with something like "the S1 sequence shall be a sequence of 128 pseudo-random binary numbers, resulting from a linear feedback shift register with generator polynomial $1+x^{22}+x^{25}$." You don't need to write a tutorial on how to make LFSRs, and nomenclature should be consistent with the many existing LFSRs in 802.3. See clauses 40, 55, or many others for examples on how to do this compactly. Further, delete the MATLAB, or show why it is necessary. It leaves the reader searching for something nonobvious.

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

PICS item delimits the bounds of the requirement. See also the comment #194.

Change pg 39, lines 45 - 50 to:

"A pilot S1 sub-block is transmitted at the beginning of each Transmit Block as shown in Figure 114-4. The S1 generator shall produce an S1 sub-block using a maximum length sequence (MLS) generator from which the first 128-bit binary sequence bits are then mapped into PAM2 symbols so that bits with value 0 are mapped to {-1} and bits with value 1 mapped to {+1}. The resulting 128-symbol long sequence is prefixed and postfixed by a sequence of 16 zero {0} symbols, thus obtaining the 160 symbol length for S1 sub-block."

Delete pg 40, lines 45, 46.

Detailed description of LFSR and MATLAB code are going to remain in the text. It is important to note that initialization value and how the LFSR start generating the sequence have to be clearly defined. Other clauses uses self-synchronized scramblers, where these topics are not relevant for interoperability. The same applies to S2 sub-blocks generation and the binary and symbol scramblers. Please, note that these circuits initialize the LFSR register to specific values several times per Transmit Block (S2), or once (S1, scramblers).

See comment #196 for additional changes to 114.2.2.

Pg 40, line 50/51, change:

"The pilot S2 sub-blocks of a Transmit Block shall be generated as follows."

to:

"The S2 generator shall produce S2 sub-blocks using a sequence of 1664 PAM8 symbols."

CI 114 SC 114.2.2.1 P39 L52 # 58
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Big Ticket PCS TX

Substantial over-specification and implementation-specific details that are not needed for the standard

SuggestedRemedy

Change "The MLS generator is made from a linear feedback shift register (LFSR) of 25-bits (see Figure 114-7)." to "The MLS generator shall produce the same result as the shift register implementation shown in Figure 114-7. The shift register shall be initialized with the value of 0x0172 DB9D for each Transmit Block, where the leftmost digit corresponds to the initial value of register element r[0]."

Update Figure 114-7 to show the output from the MLS generator

Remove text on page 40, lines 23 - 43, including unnecessary Matlab code.

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change "The MLS generator is made from a linear feedback shift register (LFSR) of 25-bits (see Figure 114-7)." to "The MLS generator produces the same result as the shift register implementation shown in Figure 114-7.". (with no addition shall, that it is not necessary).

Figure 114-7 shows the output, rename MLS Generator output.

Rest of text remains as is, because many parts of it, including MATLAB code, were demanded by others during TF review. In addition, it is consistent and fill some gaps that could leave ambiguities with just only the figure. See also response to comment #191.

There is no implementation-specific details, only the needed details to specify the functionality. Typically, this kind of circuits are implemented with parallel architectures that compute N output bits per N input bits, so the needed clock frequency is reduced (this specially applies to the payload data binary scrambler that has to cope with greater than 1Gbps data-rate). Therefore, the description is far to be considered implementation-oriented.

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CI 114 SC 114.2.2.1 P40 L28 # 228
 Ran, Adee INTEL

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **A** Big Ticket PCS TX

"first symbol" - and then "rest of the S1 pilot bits" ... should that be "first bit"?

Also "(128 symbols)" in line 31. And later "16-symbol long sequences of zeros". This is all really confusing on first read.

I realize that there is a 1:1 correspondence but PAM2 and bits are not the same. It would be clearer to define the LFSR output as a bit sequence and then convert it to PAM2 as a whole.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "symbol" to "bit" and "symbols" to "bits". Add a clear conversion equation from bits to PAM2 symbols (or better, to PAM16 symbols)..

Response Response Status **U**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comments #191 and #196.

CI 114 SC 114.2.2.1 P40 L30 # 171
 Remein, Duane Huawei Technologies

Comment Type **ER** Comment Status **R** Matlab

MATLAB is a registered trademark and should be so noted

SuggestedRemedy

Add trademark symbol and footnote indicating it is a trademark per Mathworks requirements

Response Response Status **U**

REJECT.

This is not the first time MATLAB has been used in IEEE Std 802.3 for specification of normative requirements. There is a normative reference for MATLAB in IEEE Std 802.3 (see P8023_D3p2_SECTION1, pg 68, line 43 and footnote 17). See 40.6.1.2.4, as an example.

Cross reference to 1.3 is provided in pg 40, line 30. Section 1.3 includes all required trademarking and references to MathWorks.

CI 114 SC 114.2.3.1 P42 L13 # 65
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Networks

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **A** Big Ticket PCS TX

Unnecessary details for CRC16 definition

SuggestedRemedy

Insert new text under 114.2.3.1 as follows: "The Physical Header CRC16 generator shall produce the same result as the shift register implementation shown in Figure 114-10. The shift register shall be initialized with the value of 0x00 for each PHD."

Strike text page 42, lines 15-21

Response Response Status **U**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

During TF review, the consensus was that the distillation here of the more verbose description in Clause 55 was the proper amount of reduction of description. Further reduction as the commenter recommends is believed likely to reduce consensus.

Change the second sentence as suggested.

Change the reset value of 0 to 0x0000 as suggested.

CI 114 SC 114.2.4.1.1 P44 L43 # 71
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Networks

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **R** Big Ticket 64B/65B

Unnecessary description of GMII - Clause 35 is very complete as is, and does not require summary here.

SuggestedRemedy

Strike text in lines 43-47 on page 44.

On the first following use of the word "GMII" add the following statement "(see Clause 35)" with proper markup - that is all we really need as far as GMII description is concerned Remove "TXD <7:0>, TX_EN and TX_ER, compose each GMII transmit path sample." as well ...

Response Response Status **U**

REJECT.

There are no normative descriptions in the text requested to be deleted. It is not uncommon to include minimal description of functions spread over many pages of another clause. This paragraph provides appropriate and minimal context to understand the signal names used in this clause that by reference are normatively described in Clause 35.

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Cl 114 SC 114.2.4.1.1 P46 L40 # 80
Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status R Big Ticket 64B/65B

Ambiguous statement with no clear purpose: "Because the minimum length of an Ethernet packet is longer than 7 octets, all the GMII control samples (GCTRLs) in a chunk of a correct packet must be contiguous. Consequently, all the CBs beyond the first will also be contiguous within the PDB.CTRL." - not sure what the intention in here really is.

SuggestedRemedy

Text is informative right now. Strike text in lines 39-46 - it does not seem to have any formal requirements right now and it is just confusing in discussing "non-contiguous GMII control samples" without explaining what these are ...

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

The sentence is a simple reminder of pages of Clause 35 specification, and possible sequences of GMII transfers. None of the defined sequences in a GMII data stream allow GCTRL, data, GCTRL except for transmit error propagation (e.g., IPG, some preamble, transmit error propagation, more preamble) can occur within 8 GMII transfers.

The next paragraph describes what is done in the encoding for this case of an incorrect/errorred packet. The same applies if an implementer uses transmit error propagation for a transmit abort (IPG, some preamble, transmit error propagation, IPG). Though transmit abort is not defined in Clause 35 it would be the natural GMII sequence for what is counted in management as a runt packet.

Neither is a "correct" frame.

Cl 114 SC 114.2.4.1.2 P48 L20 # 82
Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Matlab

The code itself cannot be really normative, given that it forces the use of a commercial tool (Matlab) in this case. The code can be informative only, but the process of encoding data from GMII should be described in a state diagram instead, following our normal 802.3 methodology.

SuggestedRemedy

If the process is already described in an SD, please make the SD normative and make code informative only

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This is not the first time MATLAB has been used in IEEE Std 802.3 for specification of normative requirements. There is a normative reference for MATLAB in IEEE Std 802.3 (see P8023_D3p2_SECTION1, pg 68, line 43 and footnote 17).

Modify introductory text to the code to make it clear that MATLAB is not required, only consistent output as produced by the MATLAB code.

Change Pg 48, line 21:

"The 64B/65B encoder implementation shall be consistent with the following formal MATLAB definition."

to

"The 64B/65B encoder implementation shall produce output consistent with the following MATLAB (see 1.3) code (add footnote)."

Footnote to read: "Copyright release for MATLAB code: Users of this standard may freely copy or reproduce the MATLAB code in this subclause so it can be used for its intended purpose."

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CI 114 SC 114.2.4.1.2 P48 L 20 # 268
 Carlson, Steve HSD/Marvell

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

Matlab code is used here to provide normative behavior. I do not believe this is allowed in 802.3. The code itself cannot be normative, as it forces the use of a commercial tool (Matlab) in this case. The code can be informative only. Matlab code is typically used in test procedures to allow for a uniform test setup. The process of encoding data from the GMI should be described in a state diagram instead, following our normal 802.3 methodology.

SuggestedRemedy

If the process is already described in an state diagram, please make the state diagram normative and make code informative only

Response Response Status **U**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comments #82 and #83.

CI 114 SC 114.2.4.1.2 P48 L 21 # 83
 Hajduczenia, Marek Bright House Networks

Comment Type **ER** Comment Status **R** Matlab

Matlab is a trademarked name:
http://www.mathworks.com/company/aboutus/policies_statements/trademarks.html and should be listed as follows. Furthermore, it is not clear what the actual policy is on forcing implementers of the standard to comply with Matlab code implementation - at best, we should be using a pseudocode with the same result, that can be then implemented in any formal language of choice

SuggestedRemedy

My personal preference would be to remove all Matlab code, or convert it into a pseudocode instead.

If Matlab is to stay, it needs to be trademarked, and staff editor needs to be consulted on the use of trademarked names and scripts

Response Response Status **U**

REJECT.

See also response to comment #82.

Matlab code is to stay. Pseudocode should be based on a well-defined language (syntax, data types, etc). To be the use of pseudocode (no trademarked) feasible, the syntax and then the complete language definition needs to be public and at least an implementation of the golden interpreter be accessible under FRAND terms to all the implementers, to ensure all of them can produce interoperable implementations.

Matlab language / syntax can be used by any implementer. Use of Matlab language does not force to use MathWorks software.

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Cl 114 SC 114.2.4.3.1 P51 L7 # 194
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Big Ticket PCS TX

There are several problems with this subclause. First and foremost, the only requirement is that the bits are split into 2 levels. Actually it should say two groups. The rest is descriptive, but not a requirement. Other 802.3 clauses do similar mappings, but none are written some confusing and obscure. The resulting MLCC encoding and constellation is similar to that used in Clause 55 (with a different FEC). It should be possible to describe the encoding requirements, one by one in direct equation form.

SuggestedRemedy

Identify and clarify the requirements for the bit ordering and encoding.

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The PICS item clarifies the bounds of the requirement.

In general, it was decided by the TF to use a single "shall" per block, so that PICS generation and verification are simplified, because testing more detailed shalls is impractical.

Editor will attempt to accommodate removing descriptions of method rather than specification of output. The shall statement will cover a list of items clearly specifying the operations needed to generate the demultiplexion output from the input bits.

In this context "group" and "level" can be considered synonymous. "level" is commonly used in multi-level coding literature, so it can be considered valid.

Cl 114 SC 114.3.5.2 P68 L1 # 269
 Carlson, Steve HSD/Marvell

Comment Type TR Comment Status A SD

The state machine has an entry on the side (pma_reset = ON +link_control ≠ ENABLE). It should be on the top per editorial convention. This problem is also present in a number of other state machines.

SuggestedRemedy

Please follow the editorial guidelines for state machines and scrub the draft for these problems.

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT.

Cl 114 SC 114.6 P L # 157
 Stassar, Peter Huawei Technologies

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Big Ticket PMD

Responding to rejection of comment #37 to draft D1.4, repeating "I haven't seen any presentation from the Task Force meetings, with some form of evidence, that a set of devices, when meeting these requirements, will operate satisfactorily in the field on a standard version of POF, and that, when they fail these requirements, they do not operate in the field."

I remain therefore unconvinced that this Optical specification is sufficiently complete and therefore have the opinion that the Task Force has not completed its work. It should be emphasized that home applications, really will need plug-and-play devices.

SuggestedRemedy

Provide evidence that the specification is adequate for usage in home applications

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

It is important to note that in the CSD documents we reference existing implementation of the VDE specifications. Though we have made a number of different choices from that VDE draft, both, VDE and 3bv, are based on PAM16 plus THP and the same type of photonics. During SG, the technical feasibility was demonstrated by theoretical analysis that supported the baseline specification, and by real experiments using VDE based existing implementations. Following presentations show VDE based devices operating satisfactorily in the field on a standard version of POF (A4a.2).

- http://www.ieee802.org/3/GEPOFSG/public/July_2014/Luecke_GEPOF_02_0714.pdf
- http://www.ieee802.org/3/GEPOFSG/public/July_2014/Faller_GEPOF_02a_0714.pdf
- http://www.ieee802.org/3/GEPOFSG/public/Sep_2014/Lichtenegger_GEPOF_0914.pdf
- http://www.ieee802.org/3/GEPOFSG/public/Sep_2014/perezaranda_GEPOF_01_0914.pdf
- http://www.ieee802.org/3/GEPOFSG/public/Sep_2014/perezaranda_GEPOF_03_0914.m4v
- http://www.ieee802.org/3/GEPOFSG/public/Sep_2014/perezaranda_GEPOF_02_0914.m4v

It is also important to note that many of the bounds specified for the parameters of the transmitter and the receiver are based on very worst-case simulations (1000BASE-RHx implementations are not available yet):

- worst case channel response compliant with transfer function lower bound limits
- worst TP2 launching condition compliant with EAF lower bound limits
- min. ER, min rise/fall time, largest harmonic distortion HD2 and HD3, max RIN, max jitter, etc.
- the receiver is modeled based on circuit level simulations with worst case technology process corner (slow) and highest temperature.

The simulation models correlate very well with VDE implementation.

Being said that, the main objective of the TF has been to generate a specification able to guarantee the satisfactory operation of any two compliant devices in the field. However, there can be scenarios in the field where a device that is non-compliant in some set of parameters is able to operate with a compliant device satisfactory with very good

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performance. This situation can be possible because the compliant device integrates typical components that have not moved to worst-case, for example, or because temperature is below the maximum.

CI 114 SC 114.6.4.8 P L # 158
 Stassar, Peter Huawei Technologies

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Big Ticket PMD

It's totally unclear whether the script contained in this clause is appropriate to distinguish good from bad transmitters in a way that transmitters, when meeting these requirements, will operate satisfactorily in the field, and that, when they fail these requirements, they do not meet performance requirements in the field.

SuggestedRemedy

Provide evidence that the transmitter specification/script is adequate

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Please, see response to comment #118.

CI 114 SC 114.6.4.8 P97 L3 # 118
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Big Ticket PMD

The multi-vendor interoperability of this PHY is critically dependent on the ability of the specification to define a suitable quality for the worst case transmitter. It is very difficult without a physical implementation to assess whether the transmitter distortion measurement defined here does this adequately.

I can't find any presentations on the P802.3bv web pages that show any correlation between the performance of transmitters in actual links and the transmitter distortion measurement defined here.

While there is no rule that requires this to be done, it has been seen as a requirement in other projects before new specification methods have been accepted. See for instance, http://www.ieee802.org/3/bm/public/nov14/petrilla_01b_1114_optx.pdf#page=8 which has plots of receiver sensitivity vs the newly proposed TDEC transmitter quality metric.

SuggestedRemedy

Please provide some measurement results showing the correlation between link performance and the transmitter distortion measurements that show that HD2 of -21 dB, HD3 of -27 dB and RPD of -40 dB are attainable using transmitters that work in conformant links and that transmitters with HD2 of worse than -21 dB or HD3 of worse than -27 dB or RPD of worse than -40 dB do not work in conformant links.

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See perezaranda_3bv_3_0316.

As stated in this presentation (slides 14 - 16), TX non-linear distortion will affect to receiver sensitivity. However, it will be possible to find an implementation in the field that meets TP3 AOP specs connected to a transmitter with worse TP2 HD (I mean, no compliant TX). There are some margins agreed among the implementers, specially because 1000BASE-RH has to operate in a car during >10 years between -40 and 105°C.

Editor to modify Table 114-6 and subclause 114.6.4.8 according to the refinement of the transmitter distortion measurement of slides 7 through 9 of perezaranda_3bv_3_0316.

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Cl 114 SC 114.6.5 P L # 159
 Stassar, Peter Huawei Technologies

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Big Ticket PMD

The justification for the rejection of comment #37 to draft D1.4, where it was stated "there are providers in the market that produce very low cost and very poor quality POF that in spite of being A4a.2 compliant it does not fit the 802.3bv freq response and attenuation specs. In order to filling this gap, 802.3bv specifies bounds on the response and attenuation." implies that additional requirements beyond a certain length of a specific type of POF seem necessary. Clause 114.6.5 contains requirements for transfer characteristics which seem to indicate more specific requirements than compliance to A4a.2. It needs to be made clear roughly how many of the "standard" POF fibers do not comply to these additional requirements in order to investigate in how far "broad market potential" is satisfied.

SuggestedRemedy

Make clear how in applications in the home users can use standard POF

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

It is not appropriate to include in the standard anything about how many fibers meet the specs if that was what the commenter meant in the Suggested Remedy. If only a response about broad market potential is requested, the following is provided.

Please, see:
http://www.ieee802.org/3/bv/public/Jan_2016/takahashi_3bv_03a_0116.pdf

In this presentation, transfer functions measurements are reported for part numbers selected from the most commonly used IEC 60793-2-40 sub-category A4a.2 POF for communications. Members of the TF indicated that actual market percentage is larger than 98%. Therefore, we can say that more than 98% of the A4a.2 POF market is fiber that meets the tightened additional specifications of P802.3bv.

As it was done in 1000BASE-T (40.7.1) for Class D cables, 802.3bv is specifying additional requirements compatible with A4a.2 fibers (transfer functions, insertion loss).

Cl 114 SC 114.6.5 P101 L29 # 240
 Thomson, Geoff GraCaSI S.A.

Comment Type TR Comment Status R Channel

The use of the term "channel" is not consistent with cabling standards. The cabling standards "channel" is NOT an equipment to equipment connection as it does not include equipment connectors.

SuggestedRemedy

Use the 802.3 term that was invented for this use, i.e. "link segment".

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

IEEE 802.3 optics experts demanded during TF review same terminology used in other optical PMDs.
 See response to comment #238.

Cl 114 SC 114.6.5 P101 L30 # 209
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting

Comment Type ER Comment Status R Channel

Everywhere else in 802.3 where there are generic cabling standards we don't use the term channel. No need to do it here - it is a link segment.

SuggestedRemedy

Use standard terminology, or explain the difference you mean by channel.

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

See responses to comments #238, #240.
 The same terminology is used in other 802.3 optical PHYs clauses.

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CI 114 SC 114.6.5 P101 L 50 # 87
 Kolesar, Paul CommScope

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Channel

The current text states:
 "Any fiber optic channel including inline connections meets the transfer function specification of each type."
 This cannot be a generally true statement, because not every channel that can be deployed may be compliant to the transfer functions. Even if the channel reach is within the definitions of this clause, and the media is compliant to IEC 60793-2-40 sub-category A4a.2, inline connections will change the mode power distribution and therefore can affect the transfer function.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the sentence in question to state a requirement as follows:
 "Any fiber optic channel including inline connections shall meet the transfer function specification of each type."
 Also define or provide a reference as to how to test the transfer function in the field.

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The experience of TF members (>10 years of MOST deployment in automotive industry) is that inline connections for specified POF cabling produce higher insertion loss for higher modes than for lower modes. Therefore, the transfer function is slightly improved per inline connection although the AOP at TP3 is reduced. Because of that, it was natural to think as a general statement.

However, it may not be necessary true in general terms.

Change text as suggested and update PICS items accordingly.

See comment #88 for measurement methodology of transfer function in the field.

CI 114 SC 114.7 P105 L 16 # 239
 Thomson, Geoff GraCaSI S.A.

Comment Type TR Comment Status R Channel

There is no MDI connector specified.

SuggestedRemedy

A default MDI connector should be specified for those cases where a connector is used. It should be polarized to enforce the cross-over requirement in the cabling.

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

Connector is not specified because it is not needed for interoperability. Specifications are independent of connector.

The optical transmit signal is defined at the output end of 1 meter of plastic optical fiber consistent with the link type connected to the MDI (TP2). The optical receive signals are specified and measured at the output of the fiber optic cabling (TP3) which in a link is connected to the receiver.

Connectors are likely to be standardized in other standardization bodies (ISO, IEC) as in many other cases.

The TF is willing to consider specific proposals regarding to the topic raised by the comment.

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Cl 00 SC 0 P L # 45
 Thompson, Geoff GraCaSI S.A.

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

RE: Further response to comment D2.0 #239. Without a cited standard for how to parse the link budget for facilities installation and qualify installed facilities fiber you cannot achieve a consumer commodity standard.

SuggestedRemedy

See D2.0 comment 239

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

The draft provides the pointers to the standards requested by the commenter.

In 114.7.4 is stated:

"The fiber optic channel shall meet the insertion loss specification per measurement according to ISO/IEC 14763-3, under spectral distribution and launch modal power distribution at TP2 specified per EAF lower bound limits in 114.6.3.1."

In 114.7.5 is stated:

"The fiber optic channel shall meet the transfer function specification per measurement according to IEC 60793-1-41, under spectral distribution and launch modal power distribution at TP2 specified per EAF lower bound limits in 114.6.3.1."

In 114.6.4.11 is stated:

"The modal power distribution (MPD) at TP2 shall meet the specifications of 114.6.3.1 using an encircled angular flux (EAF) measurement method based on two-dimensional far field pattern data captured at TP2, which conforms to IEC 61300-3-53, defined for step-index multimode fibers."

Cl 00 SC 0 P L # 44
 Thompson, Geoff GraCaSI S.A.

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

RE: Response to comment D2.0 #239. Response is unsatisfactory, untrue and non-responsive. Without a cited specification for either a standard connector or a standard procedure for cutting a fiber and testing the termination this proposed standard doesn't have a prayer in the consumer commodity market and therefore FAILS the Broad Market Potential criterium.

SuggestedRemedy

See D2.0 comment 239

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

For automotive applications (RHC), the specification of the MDI connector is expected to be developed in other standardization body. ISO/TC 22/SC 32/WG10 has the mission of producing the specification of a MDI connector for GEPOF, among others specifications for automotive use of 1000BASE-RHC PHYs, like intermediate connectors, cable, harness, environmental tests, etc.

For industrial automation applications (RHB), many MDI connectors are already standardized for cables IEC 60794-2-41 (buffered A4 fibers): SMA, ST, FC, SC, SC-RJ, Versatile Link, SMI, etc. Selection of the connector depends on the specific application, and it is outside the objectives of this standard to point a default connector.

For home-network applications (RHA) there is not standardized MDI connectors in ISO, IEC, etc, therefore no pointer can be provided. However, the extended practice from many years in POF consumer grade products is that plug-less terminated IEC 60794-2-41 POF cables are connected to the PMD through a receptacle in the MDI.

The minimum set of specifications for interoperability has been identified by the P802.3bv MDI ad-hoc group.

Replace the MDI subclause with the text in RHA_MDI_proposal_8023bv_240516.pdf.

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Cl 114 SC 114.9.1 P108 L35 # 7
 John, D'Ambrosia Futurewei, Subsidiary

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

In the pics related to this section, only the STA transmission has a SHALL statement. IT would seem that the other main areas should have a corresponding "shall"

Local PHY acceptance simultaneous operation
 acceptance of a new message for transmission
 PHY reset

SuggestedRemedy

Review entire subclause -
 add 1000BASE-H Tx and 1000BASE-H Rx PICS
 add specific PICS to the different operations noted above.

Response Response Status **U**

REJECT.

STA transmission of a 1000BASE-H OAM message has a SHALL statement in Pg 108, line 26.
 STA reception of a 1000BASE-H OAM message has a SHALL statement in Pg 110, line 28.

SHALL statements for PHY operation are:

Pg 112, line 47: "The PHY operation for 1000BASE-H OAM message transmission shall conform to the 1000BASE-H OAM transmit control state diagram in Figure 114–38."
 and
 Pg 114, line 6: "The PHY operation for 1000BASE-H OAM message reception shall conform to the 1000BASE-H OAM receive control state diagram in Figure 114–39."

Cl 114 SC 114 P43 L1 # 4
 John, D'Ambrosia Futurewei, Subsidiary

Comment Type **ER** Comment Status **R**

Why do PHYs use "R" in the prefix? That is usually associated with 64b/66b encoding.

SuggestedRemedy

remove "R" from PHY names.

Response Response Status **U**

REJECT.

Port type naming was repeatedly discussed in SG and TF meetings and draft reviews. The R in our port type names is in the position typically used for optical wavelengths, where previous usage is in the PCS position. The specification of wavelength is felt appropriate for future development of longer reach POF port types (R for red light source and G for green were extensively discussed). Support for this was consistent (until this comment) after moving to the current port names. TF thinks that the requested change would reduce consensus.

Cl 114 SC 114.1 P43 L8 # 6
 John, D'Ambrosia Futurewei, Subsidiary

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

The draft refers to and names three PMD sublayers: 1000BASE-RHA, 1000BASE-RHB, and 1000BASE-RHC. It talks about a family of 1000BASE-H family of PHYs, but they are never named. The term 1000BASE-RHx PHY is then referred to.

This lack of clarify makes it difficult to understand if there is a single PHY or family and what their names are. This is further confused by Fig 114-1, which only shows a single PHY stack.

SuggestedRemedy

Add table defining PHYs (name and description) see Table 80-1 as example.

add table defining the PHY and then the clause correlation - see table 80-4 as example.

In Fig 114-1
 add PHY family name at bottom of stack - 1000BASE-RHx.
 Rename "PCS" to "1000BASE-H PCS"

Response Response Status **U**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change Pg 43, 8 through 12, to:

"1000BASE-H comprises a Physical Coding Sublayer (PCS) and a Physical Medium Attachment (PMA) sublayer that supports Physical Medium Dependent sublayers (PMD) for operation at 1000 Mb/s over duplex plastic optical fiber (POF) as the transmission medium. Three port types with different PMDs are defined: 1000BASE-RHA, 1000BASE-RHB, and 1000BASE-RHC (collectively referred to as 1000BASE-RHx)".

For consistency:

Pg 43, line 30: change "1000BASE-H family of PHYs" to "1000BASE-H set of PHYs".
 Pg 115, line 13: change "1000BASE-RHx" to "1000BASE-H".
 Pg 115, line 14: delete "1000BASE-RHx"
 Pg 86, line 48: "1000BASE-RHx PHYs" to "PHYs in the 1000BASE-H set".
 Pg 115, line 40: "The 1000BASE-RHx PHY" to "PHYs in the 1000BASE-H set"
 Pg 115, lines 47 and 48: "1000BASE-H based PHYs" to "PHYs in the 1000BASE-H set"

Search for locations when "1000BASE-H PHY" is used and replace with "1000BASE-H based PHY" with proper grammar changes.

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CI 114 SC 114.2.4.1.1 P52 L44 # 5

John, D'Ambrosia Futurewei, Subsidiary

Comment Type ER Comment Status R

The term "GMII chunk" is not added to the definitions

SuggestedRemedy

add the definition for the term "GMII chunk" to 1.4"

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

The term is local and is not used outside of 114.2.4.1. Therefore, it is not felt necessary to include in the definitions of 1.4. Further, the TF also believes inclusion in definitions would reduce consensus.

CI 114 SC 114.9.2 P109 L4 # 8

John, D'Ambrosia Futurewei, Subsidiary

Comment Type TR Comment Status R

No associated SHALL statements for channel status messages.

SuggestedRemedy

add appropriate SHALL statements

Response Response Status U

REJECT.

1000BASE-H OAM channel status is a consequence of the PHY operation according to the state diagrams of Figure 114-38 and Figure 114-39.

The shall statements are on the state diagrams, as indicated in response to comment #7.

A general shall here would be redundant with those more detailed shall requirements.