

A Quick Draft to 802.3bz: Editorial Considerations, Standards Dependencies, and Potential Timeline

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Outline

- Try to look at the entirety of work to get to 802.3bz and move forward decisions
 - A little more complicated than just ‘adopt 10GBASE-T and scale the frequency’
 - [Kim_NGE_BASE-T_Layering_and_Gaps_v2_2015_03_03.pdf](#) is a good starting point, but not all
- Good news:
 - Much commonality with work already done in 802.3bq
 - Much other work done in ad hocs
- Bad news:
 - Still a lot to do, especially link segment work!

Morphing 10GBASE-T or 802.3bq to 2.5G/5GBASE-T – Bigger stuff

- MAC/MII clauses
 - See Kim – key questions:
 - Do we need an AUI? – easier if not.
 - Do we base on XGMII? – easier if yes.
- Autoneg changes
 - Clause 28 – easy stuff, see Kim
 - Bigger issues – move exchange to PHY or add new XNP
 - PHY clauses - Register definition & parameters exchanged
- PHY Clauses – one (bq plan) or two (like an)
 - PCS blocking / coding changes (to decide)
 - Link Segment Specification – complex in Clause 55, likely to be more complex here
 - Noise tests – could be new

Morphing 10GBASE-T or 802.3bq to 2.5G/5GBASE-T – Smaller Stuff

- PHY clause:
 - PCS: Align MII references with new MII (easier if XGMII-based)
- PMA/PMD changes:
 - Frequency scale PMA/PMD and rate specs
 - 15 references to Msymbol/sec + 31 references to MHz on PHY
 - 8 of which are test setups
 - Scale or clean-out fixed references to times
- Clean up Clause 55 form, typos, etc.
 - See bq comment resolution (thanks to Howard Frazier)
- Clause 78 - EEE – include new PHYs
- Clause 30 – Mgmt – include new PHY types

Morphing 10GBASE-T or 802.3bq to 2.5G/5GBASE-T – Dependent Clauses

- Many are dependent on decisions we have yet to take
 - First define the PHY features, then its control
- Clause 1 – any new definitions or references?
- Clause 30 – Management
 - Easy stuff, include new PHY types, mirror 10GBASE-T functions
 - Harder stuff – is there any more functionality? Monitoring?
- Clause 45 – MDIO registers
 - Easy stuff, mirror 10GBASE-T bits and assume same
 - Harder stuff – what to change, what to make common, what to add?
- Clause 78 – EEE
 - Easy stuff, include new PHYs
 - Harder stuff – scale timings? Is there a ‘fast wake’?

Editorial Considerations

- Nomenclature: Long names
 - 10G/40GBASE-T blah blah is kind of wordy,
 - 10/25/40GBASE-T blah blah is worse
 - 2.5/5/10/25/40/50GBASE-T is unwieldy
- **PROPOSED SOLUTION:** Define term to apply to this family of BASE-Ts
 - Not 1000BASE-T – it's different in too many places
 - If you don't like xGBASE-T, propose something!
 - (See bq comment resolution)
- Handling two rates in 1 clause
 - If we go this route, bz will be ahead of bq on this

Standards Dependencies: 802.3 base

- Revision draft in sponsor ballot
- Relatively stable
- No significant issues

- PLAN: Check and track these dependencies as we move to WG ballot
 - Do careful check by then, should be near-final

- Additional dependency (not in bx) – bit allocations in multi-speed registers

Standards Dependencies - Cabling

- ISO/IEC 11801-1: 2002 – done
 - Edition 3 is in timeline, track any changes
- TIA 568-C – done
 - 568-D series likely longer term
- Use cases:
 - TIA guidelines for specific use cases (e.g., education, health care, WAPs)
- TSBs for 2.5G/5G
 - TIA TR42.7 Task Group on 2.5G/5G
 - ISO TR on 2.5G/5G ?

Parallel Standards work – 802.3bq

- Based on Clause 55 imported text
 - Much cleanup already done in Task Force review, more in WG ballot
- Frequency/time scalings: much of the work converting 10G to 40G is likely identical to 802.3bz
- Clause 45 register bit additions
 - With the exception of anything new for bz
- Same registers to add bits/multi-purpose
 - Perhaps bq will fix nomenclature & names for bz
 - Defining a term and just adding 2.5/5G to the definition
- Same Autoneg considerations
 - Would be good to go the same path
- Same parts of the text to manage frequency and possible time scalings
- State diagram and base-text cleanup largely same – track bq-CI 55 cleanup

Timeline issues

- Adopt baselines quickly, but carefully
 - Consider underlying assumptions on not-yet defined functionality
 - Sometimes the straightforward way doesn't scale
- Link Segment/Noise work to be done
 - Recommend: leave alien crosstalk parameters TBD for now
 - Begin review of an impulse noise test
- Decide what we can, here, starting at the heart:
 - Determining PMA/PCS – will help work issues
 - Determine basis of link segment, identify work for TIA/ISO TSBs
 - Autoneg Approach to relieve 'overcrowding'
 - Any Clause 45 sharing of functionality
- Move to ask the editor to produce draft 0.x for TF review, based on decisions in bz + cleaned-up text resulting in 802.3bq d2.1 as 802.3bz draft 1.0

Possible sequence of Events

- May – major PHY decisions made, draft 0.x comes out of this
- June – interim (TBD), correcting minor issues into draft 0.9, refine PHY decisions in dependent clauses in and progressing link segment
- July – link segment filled in, draft 1.0 out of this
- Sept – draft cleaned up, draft 1.1 out of this, requesting presubmission for WG ballot in November
- November – WG ballot
- Should be ready for sponsor ballot in March 2016
- Want a picture? See Slide 3 of [Kim_NGE_BASE-T_Potential_Timeline_and_challenges_v3_2015_02_24.pdf](#)
- “FASTEST Possible Timeline – one can dream, and VERY MUCH achievable” (Y. Kim)...

BUT...

- Only if we determine the big ticket items (PCS/PMA, Autoneg Approach) soon (before July)
- AND, only if we leverage much of the editorial work in bq (which leverages 10GBASE-T)