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Cl 045 SC 45.2.1.124 P63 L41 # 1 [REDACTED]  
Marris, Arthur Cadence Design Syste  
Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket  
Remove editors note  
SuggestedRemedy  
Add 50G, 100G PAM4 to 45.2.1.124 text as modified by 802.3bs  
Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 031B SC 31B.3.7 P308 L17 # 3 [REDACTED]  
Marris, Arthur Cadence Design Syste  
Comment Type T Comment Status D  
Replace TBD on lines 17 and 25  
SuggestedRemedy  
Make these the same as 100G, that is 394 and 25216  
Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 001 SC 1.4.7 P36 L39 # 2 [REDACTED]  
Marris, Arthur Cadence Design Syste  
Comment Type T Comment Status D  
Explain what 50GAUI and 100GAUI  
SuggestedRemedy  
In the definition section point out that 50GAUI and 100GAUI carry FEC encoded data while LAUI and CAUI do not.  
Also point this out in Annex 135A  
Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Cl 045 SC 45.2.1.7.4 P49 L10 # 4 [REDACTED]  
Anslow, Pete Ciena  
Comment Type ER Comment Status D bucket  
In Tables 45-9, 45-10, and 45-12 IEEE Std 802.3bq-2016 has inserted a row for 40GBASE-T below the row for 40GBASE-FR.  
SuggestedRemedy  
Change the editing instructions for the 50G insertions to be below 40GBASE-T  
Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

The IEEE Standards Style Manual specifies that the definitions are not to be prescriptive. The commenter is requesting only one of many unique characteristics to be included in the definition. These points are already specified in detail in Clause 135.

Also, the commenter incorrectly implies signals carried over CAUI-4 does not include FEC encoding. Signals with RS(528,514) FEC encoding are carried over CAUI-4.

However, the definition should point to the location where this distinction is described.

To the 100GAUI-n and 50GAUI-n definitions, add a reference to Clause 135.

Cl 082 SC 82.7.4.11 P95 L9 # 5 [REDACTED]  
Anslow, Pete Ciena  
Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket  
In the table in 82.7.6.4 (renumbered as 82.7.4.11) the entries in the support column are incorrect in the base standard. Since this table is being changed in this draft, these should be corrected.  
SuggestedRemedy  
In the row for \*AN1 add "No [ ]" in underline font in the support column.  
In the rows for AN2 through AN4 add "N/A [ ]" in underline font in the support column.  
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PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 000 SC 0 P105 L32 # 6  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type ER Comment Status D bucket

Many of the new PICS statements do not have the appropriate entries in the Support column.  
 If the Status is "M", then there should just be "Yes [ ]" in the Support column.  
 If the Status is "O", then there should just be "Yes [ ]" and "No [ ]" in the Support column.  
 If the Status is conditional on something else and M, then there should just be "Yes [ ]" and "N/A [ ]" in the Support column.  
 If the Status is conditional on something else and O, then there should be "Yes [ ]", "No [ ]", and "N/A [ ]" in the Support column.

SuggestedRemedy

Scrub the New PICS statements to apply the rules in the comment.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 138 SC 138.8.5 P254 L21 # 7  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Since the BER requirement in 138.1.1 is now 2.4E-4, there is no need for the last exception in 138.8.5.  
 (also, the equation number is now 121-9)

SuggestedRemedy

Remove the last exception.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 138 SC 138.11.4.5 P263 L39 # 8  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Since the Hazard Level in 138.9.2 and 138.9.7 is TBC, it should be TBC here also

SuggestedRemedy

Change "1M" to "TBC" in item ES2 (2 instances)

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 139 SC 139.7.5.3 P276 L45 # 9  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Since the BER requirement in 139.1.1 is now 2.4E-4, there is no need for the second exception in 139.7.5.3.  
 (also, the equation number is now 121-9)

SuggestedRemedy

Remove the second exception.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 138 SC 138.8.1 P253 L22 # 10  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Comment #49 against P802.3bs D2.1 made a change to allow OMAouter to be measured using pattern 6 (SSPRQ)  
 Comment #50 against P802.3bs D2.1 made a change to allow ER to be measured using pattern 6 (SSPRQ)

SuggestedRemedy

In Tables 138-12, 139-10 and 140-10 change "4" to "4 or 6" in the rows for OMAouter and Extinction ratio.  
 In 139.7.4, change:  
 "if measured using the PRBS13Q pattern as defined in 120.5.11.2.3." to:  
 "if measured using a test pattern specified for extinction ratio in Table 139-10."  
 Also change "the run of" to "a run of" in two places.  
 Make equivalent changes in 139.7.6, 140.7.4, and 140.7.6.  
 In the titles of Figures 139-3 and 140-3, change "Power levels" to "Example power levels"

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 139 SC 139.7.9.1 P278 L21 # 11  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Comment #168 against P802.3bs D2.0 changed the filter used in the SRS test from a "Fourth-order Bessel-Thomson low-pass filter" to just a "Low-pass filter". This change is reflected in the text of 139.7.9.1, but not in Figure 139-5.

SuggestedRemedy

In Figure 139-5 change "Fourth-order Bessel-Thomson low-pass filter" to "Low-pass filter".

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 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 080 SC 80.1.2 P85 L4 # 12  
 Anslow, Pete Ciena

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket

An item should be added to 80.1.2 for the 1 lane MDI for 100GBASE-DR

*SuggestedRemedy*

Show item g) as changing to: "The MDIs as specified in Clause 89 for 40GBASE-FR and Clause 140 for 100GBASE-DR use a single lane data path."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The 100GBASE-DR PHY is listed in list item m). However, it would be better to list 100GBASE-DR along with 40GBASE-FR.

Delete item m) and change item g) to:  
 "The MDIs as specified in Clause 89 for 40GBASE-FR and Clause 140 for 100GBASE-DR use a single lane data path."

Cl 138 SC 138.10.3.1 P258 L48 # 13  
 Kolesar, Paul CommScope

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Content is absent regarding optical lane assignments. There are two different array interfaces that require lane assignments: 100G-SR2 and 200G-SR4. This comment will address the first. A subsequent comment will address the second. Add the content proposed in the suggested remedy. Supporting information, including the proposed figure, can be found in contribution kolesar\_3cd\_01\_0117.

*SuggestedRemedy*

138.10.3.1 Optical lane assignments for 100GBASE-SR2

The two transmit and two receive optical lanes of 100GBASE-SR2 shall occupy the positions depicted in Figure 138-4 when looking into the MDI receptacle with the connector keyway feature on top. The interface contains four active lanes within 12 total positions. The four center positions and the outermost two lanes on the left and outermost two lanes on the right are unused. The transmit optical lanes occupy the remaining two position on the left. The receive optical lanes occupy the remaining two positions on the right.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change "138.10.3.1 Optical lane assignments " to "138.10.3.1 Optical lane assignments for 100GBASE-SR2".

Replace the magenta text with "The two transmit and two receive optical lanes of 100GBASE-SR2 shall occupy the positions depicted in Figure 138-4 when looking into the MDI receptacle with the connector keyway feature on top. The interface contains four active lanes within 12 total positions. The four center positions and the outermost two lanes on the left and outermost two lanes on the right are unused. The transmit optical lanes occupy the remaining two position on the left. The receive optical lanes occupy the remaining two positions on the right."

Add a figure: 'Figure 138-4 100GBASE-SR2 optical lane assignments' depicting the lane alignments as described above, following the style of Figure 121-9.

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Cl 138 SC 138.10.3.2 P259 L1 # 14  
Kolesar, Paul CommScope

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Content is absent regarding optical lane assignments. There are two different array interfaces that require lane assignments: 100G-SR2 and 200G-SR4. This comment will address the second. A prior comment addressed the first. Add the content proposed in the suggested remedy. Supporting information, including the proposed figure, can be found in contribution kolesar\_3cd\_01\_0117.

*SuggestedRemedy*

138.10.3.2 Optical lane assignments for 200GBASE-SR4

The four transmit and four receive optical lanes of 200GBASE-SR4 shall occupy the positions depicted in Figure 138-5 when looking into the MDI receptacle with the connector keyway feature on top. The interface contains eight active lanes within 12 total positions. The four center positions are unused. The transmit optical lanes occupy the leftmost four positions. The receive optical lanes occupy the rightmost four positions.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change "138.10.3.2 Medium dependent Interface (MDI) requirements" to

"138.10.3.2 Optical lane assignments for 200GBASE-SR4"

Replace magenta text with:

"The four transmit and four receive optical lanes of 200GBASE-SR4 shall occupy the positions depicted in Figure 138-5 when looking into the MDI receptacle with the connector keyway feature on top. The interface contains eight active lanes within 12 total positions. The four center positions are unused. The transmit optical lanes occupy the leftmost four positions. The receive optical lanes occupy the rightmost four positions."

Add a figure: 'Figure 138-5 200GBASE-SR4 optical lane assignments' depicting the lane alignments as described above, following the style of Figure 121-9.

Cl 138 SC 138.10.3.2 P259 L1 # 15  
Kolesar, Paul CommScope

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Content is absent regarding MDI requirements. All three different MDI interfaces require performance specifications, and two require physical specification: 100G-SR2 and 200G-SR4. Add the content proposed in the suggested remedy. Supporting information, including the proposed figure, can be found in contribution kolesar\_3cd\_01\_0117. Note that this comment proposes to increment the subclause number, as implementation of prior comments regarding lane assignments consumed two subclauses rather than the one that had been allocated.

*SuggestedRemedy*

138.10.3.3 Medium Dependent Interface (MDI) requirements

The MDI shall optically mate with the compatible plug on the optical fiber cabling.

For 100GBASE-SR2 and 200GBASE-SR4 the MDI adapter or receptacle shall meet the dimensional specifications for interface 7-1-3: MPO adapter interface - opposed keyway configuration, or interface 7-1-10: MPO active device receptacle, flat interface, as defined in IEC 61754-7-1. The plug terminating the optical fiber cabling shall meet the dimensional specifications of interface 7-1-4: MPO female plug connector, flat interface for 2 to 12 fibers, as defined in IEC 61754-7-1.

Figure 138-6 shows an MPO female plug connector with flat interface, and an MDI.

The MDI connection shall meet the interface performance specifications of IEC 61753-1 and IEC 61753-022-2 for performance class Bm/2m.

NOTE-Transmitter compliance testing is performed at TP2 as defined in 138.5.1, not at the MDI.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Add a subclause 138.10.3.3 :

"138.10.3.3 Medium Dependent Interface (MDI) requirements

The MDI shall optically mate with the compatible plug on the optical fiber cabling.

For 100GBASE-SR2 and 200GBASE-SR4 the MDI adapter or receptacle shall meet the dimensional specifications for interface 7-1-3: MPO adapter interface - opposed keyway configuration, or interface 7-1-10: MPO active device receptacle, flat interface, as defined in IEC 61754-7-1. The plug terminating the optical fiber cabling shall meet the dimensional specifications of interface 7-1-4: MPO female plug connector, flat interface for 2 to 12 fibers, as defined in IEC 61754-7-1.

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The MDI connection shall meet the interface performance specifications of IEC 61753-1 and IEC 61753-022-2 for performance class Bm/2m.

NOTE-Transmitter compliance testing is performed at TP2 as defined in 138.5.1, not at the MDI."

Add a figure: "Figure 138-6 MPO female plug with down-angled interface and MDI active device receptacle with angled interface" depicting an MPO female plug connector with flat interface, and an MDI, following the style of Figure 121-10.

Cl 136 SC 136.8.12.3.3 P191 L42 # 16  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D training

To address the editor's note, some additional text is suggested.

SuggestedRemedy

Add the following paragraph at the end of this subclause:  
"Receiver frame lock shall be set to 0 upon entering TRAINING mode and shall not be set to 1 until tf\_lock is true."

Delete editor's note.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 136 SC 136.8.12.6 P193 L46 # 17  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket

The number 2 is in magenta, a peculiar color. Nothing seems wrong with this value.

SuggestedRemedy

Paint it black.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 136 SC 136.8.12.7.2 P196 L20 # 18  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D training

There has been no discussion based on the editor's note. The function definition does not imply immediate execution, similar to other functions, e.g. UPDATE\_Cn and UPDATE\_IC which may take some time to execute.

SuggestedRemedy

delete editor's note.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 136 SC 136.8.12.7.5 P198 L37 # 19  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D training

Behavior in TRAINING\_FAILED state is not specified to be different from other states. If training frames are still transmitted with frame lock indication, the partner may time out and reach TRAINING\_FAILED too; this could become a deadlock unless both sides are reset within a short period of each other.

This deadlock can be avoided by having the "training" variable set to false in TRAINING\_FAILED state, and making this value resets the training frame lock state diagram:

- The "failed" device would go out of lock and signal no frame lock until it is reset by mangement; by that time, the partner will also fail.
- Resetting one device would make it go to either AN signaling or, if AN is bypaeed, to SEND\_TF, but it will not proceed to train\_local because the other device does not signal tf\_lock.
- Resetting the second device would make both devices go to either AN or SEND\_TF, and then they can acheive training frame lock and advance to TRAIN\_LOCAL

SuggestedRemedy

In figure 136-7, add inside TRAINING\_FAILED:  
"training <= False"  
In figure 136-8, change the open condition "reset" to "reset + !training".

Proposed Response Response Status W  
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Note: same idea as comments #118 and #101, which have slightly different remedies.

For task force discussion.

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Cl 136 SC 136.9.3 P201 L26 # 20  
 Ran, Adee Intel  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket  
 Editor's note has served its purpose.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 delete editor's note.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 136 SC 136.9.3.1.2 P203 L42 # 21  
 Ran, Adee Intel  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket  
 The number 0.49 is in magenta, a peculiar color. Nothing seems wrong with this value.  
 Editor's note has served its purpose.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Paint it black. Also in table 136-11.  
 Delete editor's note.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 136 SC 136.9.3.1.3 P204 L9 # 22  
 Ran, Adee Intel  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D Tx spec, TBD  
 We need numbers to replace TBDs in initial conditions.  
 Suggested values include:  
 - A no-equalization combination as initial setting (OUT\_OF\_SYNC) and as a result of preset 1.  
 - A maximum "de-emphasis" setting (minimum phase, c(+1) at minimum) as preset 2.  
 - A maximum "preshoot" setting (maximum phase, c(-1) at minimum) as preset 3.

This enables clear starting conditions suitable for a wide range of implementations.  
 Coefficient tolerance is suggested to be a maximum single step size.  
 c(1) is not necessarily zero in all presets.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Set values in the table to:  
 In "OUT\_OF\_SYNC" and "preset 1" rows: [0, 0, 1, 0]  
 In "preset 2" row: [0, 0, 0.75, -0.25]  
 In "preset 3" row: [0, -0.25, 0.75, 0]  
 Set tolerances to [0.025, 0.05, 0.05, 0.05] in all rows.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.  
 For task force discussion.

Cl 136 SC 136.9.3.1.4 P204 L19 # 23  
 Ran, Adee Intel  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D Tx spec, TBD  
 We need numbers to replace TBDs in minimum steps.  
 A minimum step should be larger than zero and smaller than the maximum step. A specified minimum of 0.005 seems suitable for all coefficients.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Set all TBDs in 136.9.3.1.4 to 0.005.  
 Delete editor's note.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 136 SC 136.9.3.1.5 P204 L37 # 24  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D Tx spec

The restriction on "minimum steady-state differential output voltage" is irrelevant here; it is specified only for unequalized setting (in 136.9.3.1.2).

There is no specification for a minimum output voltage in an equalized state - there was one in 72.7.1.11 (where this text also originated), but it was not carried over to clause 85 and newer clauses.

The condition for maximum or minimum indications (besides reaching specific coefficient bound) should allow the case where the sum of coefficient absolute values required by the request would exceed the capability of the transmitter. This is an implementation-specific limitation and will typically occur when the output differential voltage is still below the specified maximum PtP.

SuggestedRemedy

Change FROM:  
When sufficient "increment" or "decrement" requests have been received for a given coefficient, the coefficient reaches a lower or upper bound based on the coefficient range or restrictions placed on the minimum steady-state differential output voltage or the maximum peak-to-peak differential output voltage.

TO:  
When sufficient "increment" or "decrement" requests have been received for a given coefficient, the coefficient reaches a lower or upper bound based on the coefficient range or the combination of all coefficients.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Resolve with #40.

Cl 136 SC 136.9.4.2 P205 L38 # 25  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

The number 13.28 is in magenta, a peculiar color (twice). Nothing seems wrong with this value.

Also in 136.9.4.2.3.

SuggestedRemedy

Paint'em black.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 136 SC 136.9.4.2.4 P207 L10 # 26  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

Editor's note has served its purpose.

SuggestedRemedy

delete editor's note.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See comment #165

Cl 136 SC 136.9.4.2.5 P207 L25 # 27  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

Editor's note has served its purpose.

SuggestedRemedy

delete editor's note.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 136 SC 136.14 P215 L5 # 28  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket

PICS tables for clause 136 are not updated.

SuggestedRemedy

Create PICS tables based on the clause text.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 073 SC 73.3 P76 L49 # 29  
 Ran, Adee Intel  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket  
 "see 73-9" should be "see 73.9".  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 correct per comment  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 135 SC 135.5.8 P163 L23 # 30  
 Ran, Adee Intel  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D loopback  
 If the PMA is adjacent to a PMD, it would be beneficial for diagnostic purposes to have local loopback implemented through the PMD (the PMDs have no loopback control and the PMD clauses refer to the PMA loopback).  
 Also, Note 2 in 136.8.8 regarding network disruption should really be placed here, since this is where loopback is controlled.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Add the following NOTE after the second paragraph:  
 NOTE 1-The intention of providing this loopback mode is to permit diagnostic or self-test functions to test the transmit and receive data paths using actual data. If the PMA is adjacent to a PMD, it is recommended that the local loopback be implemented through the PMD and that the signal paths that are exercised in the loopback mode encompass as much of the PMD circuitry as is practical.  
 Add the following NOTE after the last paragraph:  
 NOTE 2-Placing a network port into loopback mode can be disruptive to a network.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Since loopback is defined as part of the PMA, it should be specified only in the PMA subclause. As precedent, the optical PMD clauses do not specify loopback (see P802.3bs clauses 121 to 124).

In 135.5.8, add the following NOTE after the last paragraph:

"NOTE—Placing a network port into loopback mode can be disruptive to a network."

Delete subclauses 136.8.8 and 137.8.8.

Cl 136 SC 136.1 P177 L1 # 31  
 Ran, Adee Intel  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D introduction, <cc>  
 The three paragraphs starting here describe the expected performance of a "link" in a very detailed way using normative language. But this "link" comprises multiple components - two hosts (each containing one or more PHY chips, PCB, connectors, and spanning multiple sublayers), and medium. These components may be supplied by multiple vendors.  
 The standard is written with the objective that a system of compliant transmitter, compliant cable assembly, and compliant receiver, will operate at the required BER (and FLR); but it is the task force's responsibility, not any single vendor's responsibility. No single vendor can guarantee a normative requirement for link performance.

There are separate specifications for the transmitter, receiver, and cable assembly, and they are coupled together to facilitate the expected overall "link" performance. These normative requirements are sufficient, and there is no need to add a system-level normative statement that no vendor is accountable for.

There should be no "shall" and no PICS item for this text. Instead, it would be a service to readers if the introduction includes the expected performance of a complete physical layer (in terms of frame loss ratio or mean time between errors) and the suggested performance of a PMD and an adjacent PMA (in terms of detector/bit/symbol error ratio).

This applies to other PMD clauses too.

SuggestedRemedy

A detailed replacement text will be presented.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Pending presentation.

Cl 136 SC 136.6 P180 L34 # 32  
 Ran, Adee Intel  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket  
 Editor's note has served its purpose.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete the editor's note.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.



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Cl 136 SC 136.6.1 P180 L48 # 33

Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D skew, <CC>

Skew constraints are TBD.

Based on discussions in the task force meetings and ad hoc call, it is proposed that the PMD skew constraints be independent of PMD type and that 50G skew constraints enable future multi-lane 50G PMDs. The suggested numbers are the same as the ones on clause 80 (100 Gb/s Ethernet) and clause 116 (200 Gb/s, 802.3bs D2.2).

Since this is a single-lane PMD, an informative note can be added for the fact that PMD and medium do not add skew and have no skew variation.

*SuggestedRemedy*

- For Skew at SP2, change TBD to 43 ns.
- For Skew at SP3, change TBD to 53 ns.
- For Skew at SP4, change TBD to 134 ns.
- For Skew at SP5, change TBD to 145 ns.

Delete the sentences "Since the signal at the (...) represents a serial bit stream, there is no Skew Variation at this point" and instead add the following informative NOTE before the final paragraph:

NOTE--Since the signals at the PMD service interface and the MDI represent a serial bit stream, there is no Skew Variation at these points. The 50GBASE-CR PMDs and cable assembly do not contribute to the skew between SP2 and SP5.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Resolve with #80.

Cl 136 SC 136.6.2 P181 L17 # 34

Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D Skew, <CC>

Skew constraints are in magenta.

Based on discussions in the task force meetings and ad hoc call, it is proposed that the PMD skew constraints be independent of PMD type. The numbers in 136.6.2 are consistent with clauses 116 for 200G and clause 80 for 100G.

Comment can be applied to all PMD clauses.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change all numbers in 136.6.2 from magenta to black.

Use same skew and skew variation numbers in other clauses.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Resolve with #80.

Cl 136 SC 136.7 P181 L41 # 35

Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket

Control and status variable mapping should be updated, so that the editor's note can be removed.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Update table 136-5 and table 136-6 according to variable definitions in 136.8.12.7 and register mapping in clause 45. Add registers in clause 45 if necessary.

Implement with editorial license.

Delete editor's note.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 136 SC 136.8.8 P185 L35 # 36  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D loopback, <cc>

"Other loopback signal paths may also be enabled independently using loopback controls within other devices or sublayers"

The statement is vague and arguably incorrect. The only loopback controls specified are in the PMA (referenced below). The "other loopback paths" include remote loopback, but enabling both local loopback and remote loopback together on the same PHY may yield unexpected results.

This statement is within an informative note, but does not add any valuable information.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete the quoted statement.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #30.

Cl 136 SC 136.8.8 P185 L37 # 37  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D loopback

This subclause describes the `_local_` loopback function. Control of the local loopback function is specified in 135.5.8.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the cross reference from 135.5.9 to 135.5.8.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #30.

Cl 136 SC 136.8.8 P185 L22 # 38  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket

Editor's note has served its purpose.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Delete the editor's note.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 136 SC 136.8.12.2.4 P190 L34 # 39  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D training

In "no equalization" state `c(0)` should not be set to zero but rather to 1. setting `c(0)` to zero would practically create an attenuated, inverted, or zero signal.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change FROM forcing its value to zero TO setting it to "No equalization". The "No equalization" value is 1 for `c(0)` and 0 for `c(-2)`, `c(-1)`, and `c(1)`.

In the coefficient update algorithm (136.8.12.5) replace line 43 "`ck_ask=0`" with the following lines:

```
if k = 0
    ck_ask = 1
else
    ck_ask = 0
end if
```

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 136 SC 136.8.12.5 P193 L26 # 40  
 Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D training

The definition of CHECK\_VOLTAGE is strictly based on whether the specified maximum output voltage would be exceeded if the request is carried out.

In practice a transmitter may be unable to carry out the request due to the combination of coefficients, even though the specified maximum voltage is not reached. The transmitter may even be designed so that it is limited to a voltage strictly below the specified maximum, so that it would not exceed that maximum even if the request were carried out.

The definition should be changed so that it does not address the max voltage specification but rather the transmitter equalization capability. The required capability is specified in the electrical characteristics subclauses; it does not need to be listed here.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the function name to CHECK\_EQ in the definition and in the algorithm listing above.

Change the definition text FROM  
 "against the maximum steady-state voltage (see 136.9.3.1.2). Returns true if the steady-state voltage would exceed the maximum. "  
 TO  
 "against the transmitter's steady-state voltage (see 136.9.3.1.2) and equalization capability. Returns true if the resulting combination of coefficients would exceed the maximum steady-state voltage or the transmitter's equalization capability."

Change the status string from "maximum voltage" to "equalization limit" in 136.8.12.5 and in table 136-10.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Suggested remedy requires consensus.

For task force discussion.

CI 136 SC 136.11 P208 L38 # 41  
 Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Text in magenta has not drawn any discussion. It can be made black.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Paint it black.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The proposed response to comment #88 deletes this text.

CI 136 SC 136.11.3 P209 L36 # 42  
 Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Reference in magenta has not drawn any discussion. It can be made forest green.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Paint it forest green.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Resolved with comment #108.

CI 136 SC 136.11.4 P209 L40 # 43  
 Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Reference in magenta has not drawn any discussion. It can be made forest green.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Paint it forest green.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Resolve using the response to comment #109.

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Cl 136 SC 136.11.7 P209 L24 # 44  
 Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Values in magenta have not drawn any discussion. They can be made black.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Paint all magenta values in table 136-15 black.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change 8 dB @ 13.28 GHz as minimum cable assembly IL to 8.3 dB @ 13.28 GHz as minimum cable assembly IL per agreed to "Baseline proposals for copper twinaxial cable" slide 14 in diminico\_3cd\_01a\_0716.pdf

Resolve with comment #108 and #109.

Set text color to black.

Cl 136 SC 136.11.7.1.1 P211 L8 # 45  
 Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

Value in magenta has not drawn any discussion. It can be made black.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Paint it black.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 137 SC 137.1 P222 L39 # 46  
 Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D <CC>

The first three paragraphs starting on line 39 describe the expected performance of a link that comprises multiple components - two physical layers (which may each contain one or more chips, PCB, connectors, and span multiple sublayers), and a "backplane" channel which may consist of multiple PCBs and connectors. These components may be supplied by multiple vendors.

The standard is written with the objective that a system of compliant transmitter, compliant channel, and compliant receiver, will operate at the required BER (and FLR); but it is the task force's responsibility, not any single vendor's responsibility. No single vendor can guarantee a normative requirement.

There are separate specifications for the transmitter, receiver, and channel, and they are coupled together to facilitate the expected overall "link" performance. These normative requirements are sufficient, and there is no need to add a system-level normative statement that nobody is accountable for.

There should be no "shall" and no PICS item for this text. Instead, it should be phrased in a way that explains the expected performance of a complete physical layer (in terms of frame loss ratio) and suggests the performance of a PMD and an adjacent PMD (in terms of detector/bit/symbol error ratio).

*SuggestedRemedy*

A detailed replacement text will be presented.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Pending presentation.  
 Resolve with #31.

Cl 137 SC 137.1 P223 L28 # 47  
 Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

Editor's note has served its purpose.

*SuggestedRemedy*

delete editor's note.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 137 SC 137.9.1 P228 L39 # 48  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Despite the editor's note here, there has been no proposal for a different test fixture.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the references to black and delete editor's note.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 137 SC 137.9.2 P228 L48 # 49  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D Tx spec

Transmitter return loss specifications are part of table 120D-1, but do not appear in the referenced subclauses, nor anywhere in this clause.

SuggestedRemedy

Add a reference to 93.8.1.4.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 137 SC 137.9.3.1 P228 L24 # 50  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D Rx spec

"This output impedance requirement applies to all valid output levels"

This is the receiver specification. It has no output impedance and no output levels.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete the quoted statement.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 137 SC 137.9.3.1 P228 L23 # 51  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D Rx spec

The receiver return loss is stated as normative. In practice, devices may use impedance different than 100 Ohm. It should not matter as long as the receiver functions correctly (any functional requirements and BER).

Any reflections caused by return loss are not expected to have a significant effect on the receiver, and would not affect interoperability. Design choices should be enabled.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the normative statements (shall) in this clause to recommendations (should/recommended), with editorial license.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Suggested remedy requires consensus.

For task force discussion.

CI 137 SC 137.9.3.1 P230 L2 # 52  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

Values in magenta have not drawn any discussion. They can be made black.

SuggestedRemedy

Paint'em black, and delete editor's note.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 137 SC 137.10 P230 L38 # 53  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D Channel spec

We should decide if channel RL specs are normative or informative.

It seems that making them informative would put this to sleep, so it seems like easy choice. But if we can agree on normative specs it would improve interoperability and make a better standard.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the text to "shall" in black and update 137.10.2 accordingly, using black text and editorial license. Delete editor's note on page 233.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Suggested remedy requires consensus.

For task force discussion.

Cl 137 SC 137.10 P231 L6 # 54  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

Values in magenta have not drawn any discussion. They can be made black.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Paint all magenta values in table 137-5 black.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 137 SC 137.10.1 P232 L21 # 55  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

Values in magenta seem agreeable. They can be made black.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Paint'em black.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See comment #77.

Cl 137 SC 137.12 P234 L5 # 56  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket

PICS tables for clause 137 are not updated.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Create PICS tables based on the clause text.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 000 SC 0 P197 L20 # 57  
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D precoding 200G

200GBASE-CR4 (and 200GBASE-KR4) use the same PMD control function as the 100G and 50G PHYs, which includes PAM4 precoding request. If PAM4 is requested then the PMD "shall cause the adjacent PMA to transmit ... with precoding", and similarly for receive. But the 200G PHYs use clause 120 PMA which does not include precoding capability.

Precoding is useful not only for controlling error propagation but also for enabling alternative receiver architectures which may be favorable in highly dispersive channels (such as cable assembly and backplane). Implementation of PMDs, especially with breakout capability (where 200G, 100G, and 50G using the same circuitry), may become more complex if the 200G PMA alone does not support precoding.

Suggested change is to add optional precoding to the clause 120 PMA for usage with CR4/KR4 PMDs.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Bring in 120.5.7 and amend it by changing the structure that of 135.5.7 (Title "PAM4 encoding", subclause for Gray coding including the existing text, new subclause for precoding based on 135.5.7.2).

Support for precoding in 200GBASE-R PMA should be optional, and is required for PMAs adjacent to 200GBASE-CR4 or 200GBASE-KR4 PMDs.

Add new control variable definitions.

Add control variable mappings in 120.6 and expand MDIO register definitions in 45.2.1.116h through 45.2.1.116n from two to four lanes.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Pending task force discussion.

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Cl 140 SC 6 P L # 58  
Stassar, Peter Huawei

Comment Type T Comment Status D

In Tables 140-6 values for "RIN21.4OMA (max)" and "Optical return loss tolerance (max)" are still labelled "magenta". There have no further inputs to modify these, so it is appropriate to turn them "black"

SuggestedRemedy

Turn values for "RIN21.4OMA (max)" and "Optical return loss tolerance (max)" into "black"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Pending Task Force discussion.

Cl 139 SC 140.6 P L # 59  
Stassar, Peter Huawei

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

In Tables 139-6, 139-7 and 139-8 there are several values listed as TBD and others still in Magenta.

There has been a presentation stassar\_120716\_3cd\_adhoc to the CD ad hoc on 7 December. There appears to be consensus on the proposals for replacing the TBDs by certain values, except on the values for Stressed Receiver Sensitivity. There appears some support for SRS values of -5dBm and -6.3dBm for 50GBASE-FR and 50GBASE-LR respectively, which would be mathematically consistent with the other values.

Also there have been no further inputs on the magenta values, so it is appropriate to make them "black"

SuggestedRemedy

Table 139-6:

Average launch power (min), -5dBm for 50GBASE-FR and -4dBm for 50GBASE-LR

Make other "magenta" values "black"

Table 139-7:

Damage threshold: +5.2dBm for both columns

Average receive power (max): 3dBm for 50GBASE-FR and 4.2dBm for 50GBASE-LR

Average receive power (min): -9dBm for 50GBASE-FR and -10.3dBm for 50GBASE-LR

Receive power (OMAouter) (max): 2.8dBm for 50GBASE-FR and 4dBm for 50GBASE-LR

Stressed receiver sensitivity (OMAouter) (max): -5dBm for 50GBASE-FR and -6.3dBm for 50GBASE-LR

Make other "magenta" values "black"

Table 139-8: Make "magenta" values "black"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Proposed resolution consistent with consensus from CD Ad Hoc 7 December. To be confirmed by Task Force.

Cl 140 SC 6 P L # 60  
Stassar, Peter Huawei

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

In the baseline for 100GBASE-DR adopted in the September 2016 meeting in Fort Worth, an MPI penalty of 0.3dB was contained, to provide an Allocation for penalties (for max TDECQ) of 2.8 dB. Comments had been made to draft 1.0, which were discussed at the November meeting in San Antonio, proposing to use total of link loss and MPI penalty in the link budget consideration, and keep the optical specs unchanged from 400GBASE-DR4 specs. No changes in Tx OMA and Tx OMA - TDECQ. The proposed resolution in presentation traverso\_3cd\_01a\_1116 was not accepted.

Resolution to main comment #108 says "There is consensus on the concept to allow a tradeoff between the channel insertion loss and MPI penalty. Refer traverso\_3cd\_01a\_1116. How to account of this in the draft is for further consideration. No changes to the draft at that this time."

There have however been no follow-up inputs to any CD Ad Hoc until 15 December. Therefore it is proposed to go back to the initial baseline adopted in the Fort Worth meeting in September and base values on an MPI penalty of 0.3dB and split the additional 0.2 dB needed for the budget equally over transmitter and receiver

SuggestedRemedy

Table 140-6:

Modify Average launch power (min) from -2.4dBm to -2.3dBm

Modify Outer Optical Modulation Amplitude (OMAouter) (min) from -0.3dBm to -0.2dBm

Modify Launch power in OMAouter minus TDECQ (min) from -1.3dBm to -1.2dBm

Table 140-7:

Modify Receiver sensitivity (OMAouter) (max) from -4.4dBm to -4.5dBm

Modify Stressed receiver sensitivity (OMAouter) (max) from -1.9dBm to -2dBm

Table 140-8:

Modify Power budget (for max TDECQ) from 5.6dB to 5.8dB

Modify Allocation for penalties (for max TDECQ) from 2.6dB to 2.8dB

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Pending Task Force discussion.

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CI 137 SC 137.10 P231 L40 # 61  
Sakai, Toshiaki Socionext

Comment Type T Comment Status D COM

Table 137-5, Continuous time filter, pole frequencies do not include low frequency CTLE pole.  
fp1 : fb/2.5, fp2 : fb should be  
fp1 : fb/2.5, fp2 : fb/40, fp3 : fb  
Preliminary COM paramter spreadsheet includes this low frequency CTLE pole. (f\_HP\_PZ : fb/40 = 0.6640625 GHz)

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change Table 137-5, Continuous time filter, pole frequencies  
fp1 : fb/2.5, fp2 : fb  
to  
fp1 : fb/2.5, fp2 : fb/40, fp3 : fb

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Resolve with comment #64.

CI 137 SC 137.10 P231 L37 # 62  
Sakai, Toshiaki Socionext

Comment Type E Comment Status D COM

Table 137-5, Continuous time filter, zero frequencies  
Symbol "fz" is used for high frequency CTLE zero. In 802.3bs D2.2, corresponding symbol is "fz1". Also, corresponding pole is fp1.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change Table 137-5, Continuous time filter, zero frequencies "Symbol"  
fz  
to  
fz1

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

See comment #65.

CI 136 SC 136.11.7 P210 L15 # 63  
Sakai, Toshiaki Socionext

Comment Type E Comment Status D

COM paramter table  
Table 136-15(50GBASE-CR/100GBASE-CR2/200GBASE-CR4), table item express is not the same as Table 137-5(50GBASE-KR/100GBASE-KR2/200GBASE-KR4).  
Table 136-15 : Parameter - Symbol - 50GBASE-CR/100GBASE-CR2/200GBASE-CR4- Units  
Table 137-5 : Parameter - Symbol - Value - Units

*SuggestedRemedy*

Since other clauses use"Parameter - Symbol - Value - Units"  
change table item expression from,  
Parameter - Symbol - 50GBASE-CR/100GBASE-CR2/200GBASE-CR4- Units  
to  
Parameter - Symbol - Value - Units

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #88.

CI 136 SC 136.11.7 P211 L13 # 64  
Sakai, Toshiaki Socionext

Comment Type T Comment Status D COM

Table 136-15, Continuous time filter, pole frequencies do not include low frequency CTLE pole.  
fp1 : fb/2.5, fp2 : fb should be  
fp1 : fb/2.5, fp2 : fb/40, fp3 : fb  
Preliminary COM paramter spreadsheet includes this low frequency CTLE pole. (f\_HP\_PZ : fb/40 = 0.6640625 GHz)

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change Table 136-15, Continuous time filter, pole frequencies  
fp1 : fb/2.5, fp2 : fb  
to  
fp1 : fb/2.5, fp2 : fb/40, fp3 : fb

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The commenter is correct in pointing out incorrect value of fp2. It should be fb/40.

However, fp3 is not a defined COM parameter.

Change f\_p2 value from f\_b to f\_b/40.



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Cl 136 SC 136.11.7 P211 L10 # 65  
Sakai, Toshiaki Socionext

Comment Type E Comment Status D COM

Table 136-15, Continuous time filter, zero frequencies  
Symbol "fz" is used for high frequency CTLE zero. In 802.3bs D2.2, corresponding symbol is "fz1". Also, corresponding pole is fp1.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change Table 136-15, Continuous time filter, zero frequencies "Symbol"  
fz  
to  
fz1

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The symbols defined in 93A.1.4.3 (as amended by 802.3bs) are "fz" and "fz2", so the text in Table 136-15 is correct.

It seems that in 802.3bs D2.2, Table 120D-8 incorrectly refers to "fz1", and this is where a fix should be applied.

Cl 136 SC 136.11.7 P211 L35 # 66  
Sakai, Toshiaki Socionext

Comment Type E Comment Status D COM

Table 136-15 : COM table has "Channel Operating Margin (min)" row, while "50G-KR (CL137)", "100GKR-4 (CL93)" and 100G"KP-4 (CL94)" do not have.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Use consistent table items.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The precedence for having minimum COM as a table row is from Table 110-11, where the minimum is not the same for all cable assembly types. This is not the case here.

Also, minimum COM is not specified anywhere in clause 137. This should be fixed.

Delete the "Channel Operating Margin (min)" row in Table 136-15.

Append to the paragraph preceding Table 136-15: "COM shall be greater than or equal to 3 dB."

In the first paragraph of 137.10, change FROM  
"Channels shall meet the Channel Operating Margin (COM) requirements, computed using the procedure in 93A.1"

TO  
"The Channel Operating Margin (COM) is computed using the procedure in 93A.1"

Append to this paragraph: "COM shall be greater than or equal to 3 dB."

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Cl 000 SC 0 P0 L0 # 67  
 Nowell, Mark Cisco

Comment Type T Comment Status D <CC>

A number of specification values were adopted in baselines and colored magenta to represent that they were values which should be considered as TBDs but the current value used was a good starting point unless further analysis suggested changing it. If after the completion of D1.1 Task Force Review, any of these magenta values have not been commented on or modified, then suggest to convert them to black font to represent that they are no longer considered TBDs.

This will not limit and ability to comment and adjust these values during further reviews or ballots. They will be dealt with consistently with all other specification values in the document.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change all magenta fonts values that have not been modified at the close of D1.1 comment review to black font.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

!!! include those marked numbers with associated "TBC" in 138 !!!

Pending task force discussion.

Cl 136 SC 136.11.2 P209 L33 # 68  
 Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

We expect that the lanes in a 2-lane or 4-lane cable will be reasonably matched, and it is convenient to know that - but there is nothing in the spec that requires it.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add a loss matching spec (max loss - min. loss at 13.28 GHz); max 2 dB so as not to add significantly to cable costs yet provide assurance to host implementers.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Commentor has not sufficiently demonstrated the need to add a loss matching specification nor supporting measurements of compliant cable assemblies to support suggested max loss to assess the impact of the change.

For committee discussion.

See also comment #103.

Cl 136 SC 136.9.3 P202 L18 # 69  
 Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Tx spec

If the BER is 2.4e-4, then J4 (all but 1e-4 of the edges, or about 5e-5 of the number of UI, divided between early and late, so ~2.5e-5 per UI) is overkill, and J3 is a good match to the BER - just as J4 is a good match to the BER of 1e-5 (PCS FEC Symbol error ratio 1e-4) for 120D. Getting this right makes the spec better and reduces test time.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change J4 to J3

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

It should not be assumed that every edge outside of the specified PtP range causes an error, and that every edge within that range does not cause an error.

Besides Tx jitter, the error probability is affected by many other phenomena, which are modeled separately in COM.

The Tx jitter measurement should characterize the jitter distribution in terms of the Dual-Dirac model used in COM. It is not clear that the suggested remedy improves this characterization.

Cl 140 SC 140.6.1 P294 L49 # 70  
 Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

53 GBd PAM4 is hard! Speed and linearity are important. Please remove unnecessary difficulties.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Reduce the minimum extinction ratio from 5 dB to 3 dB.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The proposed value for Extinction Ratio is not consistent with BS Draft 2.2 for 400GBASE-DR4.

The comment does not provide a sufficient justification for the proposed change.

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Cl 139 SC 139.6.1 P271 L45 # 71  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The Average launch power of OFF transmitter (max) should allow for shared-laser transmitters (typically, one end of each single-lane link could be in e.g. QSFP with a shared laser). 100GBASE-DR already does this.

SuggestedRemedy

Change -30 dBm to -20 dBm. Also for signal detect in 139.5.4.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Accept for 50GBASE-FR. This is consistent with 200GBASE-DR4, despite it is not consistent with 200GBASE-FR4.  
Reject for 50GBASE-LR, because it is not consistent with 200GBASE-LR4 specification.  
To be confirmed by Task Force.

Cl 136 SC 136.9.3 P201 L34 # 72  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

The first sentence of 136.9.3 says these are specifications. This is a spec, not a datasheet.

SuggestedRemedy

Change Table 136-11--Transmitter characteristics at TP2 summary to Table 136-11--Summary of transmitter specifications at TP2

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 136 SC 136.1 P177 L1 # 73  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type T Comment Status D introduction

As far as I can see, "link BER" is not defined or even referenced. The term was used in 802.3by where there is only one lane so less ambiguity, but not normatively, nor explicitly defined.

SuggestedRemedy

Is this is the interface BER defined in 86.8.2.1? If so, call it interface BER.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The BER of a link is also discussed in the introduction to Clause 93 with similar language. "the link is required to operate with a BER of 10-5 or better".

Clauses 110 and 111 use language similar to Clause 93.

This paragraph does deviate from precedent clauses by adding a "shall".

Resolve with comment #31.

Cl 131 SC 131.5 P114 L21 # 74  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status D skew, <cc>

We need to go back to the principles in [http://iee802.org/3/ba/public/may08/anslow\\_01\\_0508.pdf](http://iee802.org/3/ba/public/may08/anslow_01_0508.pdf) to work out the Skew and Skew Variation limits. Applies to 50GE and 100GBASE-P PHYs such as 100GBASE-SR2, 100GBASE-DR

SuggestedRemedy

Take into account that the unit interval here is 38 ps not 97 ps, the number of lanes is 2 not 10, some PMDs are serial so can't add Skew or SV, and the Skew from a possible 2-lane 40/80 km WDM PMD may not be the same as for a 4-lane 80 km WDM PMD that P802.3ba considered. Also whether there are now cost-sensitive 50GE applications for which support of 40 km, maybe even 10 km, is irrelevant. Take care to round the right thing: if the buffers have to be twice as long as the SV, and if we want them in whole UI, SV should be rounded up to the next 0.5 UI not 1 UI.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

See comment # 80.

Pending task force discussion.

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Cl 136A SC 136A.5 P355 L16 # 75  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type T Comment Status D

I believe real mated compliance boards show more low frequency loss than this.

SuggestedRemedy

Keeping the established 3.59 dB at 12.8906 GHz:

Change  $0.091\sqrt{f} + 0.25f$  to  $0.475\sqrt{f} + 0.1204f + 0.002f^2$

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Commentor offers better fit to low frequency mated test fixture insertion loss compared to D1.1 (136A-2) ( $0.091\sqrt{f} + 0.25f$ ) with  $\sim .3$  dB @ 2.5 GHz difference. Compared to measurement data proposal is a better fit.

Keeping D1.0 3.65 dB at 13.28 GHz (3.55 dB @ 12.89):

Change  $0.091\sqrt{f} + 0.25f$  to  $0.471*\sqrt{f(\text{GHz})} + 0.1194*f(\text{GHz}) + 0.002*f(\text{GHz}) = 3.654$

For task force discussion.

Cl 136A SC 136A.5 P355 L12 # 76  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

Wrong reference

SuggestedRemedy

Reference to using Equation (136A-3) should be to Equation (136A-2).

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment resolution #136

Cl 137 SC 137.10.1 P232 L21 # 77  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status D channel spec

The max. recommended insertion loss of the KRn channel, Equation (137-3) comes from D1.0 comment 122 which says "loss from 0.05 to Fb/2 has very strong SQRT(f) which is not typical of backplane material", and ghiasi\_3cd\_02\_1116.pdf says "represent any common implementation of low loss PCB". I don't agree with the reasoning; these days a "backplane" might be a cable backplane, or it might be a board (of something) using very thin traces to save space, which is OK if the trace lengths are short. So there could be very strong SQRT(f). I would expect that a KRn PMD could handle a CRn-like channel. Also, I would expect that the cleaner 100GBASE-KR4 and 25GBASE-KR channels should be usable here.

SuggestedRemedy

We could remove the maximum loss curve and rely on maximum loss at Nyquist, plus COM, as in Clause 136. If we want to keep a curve - here is Eq 93-6 (100GBASE-KR4), scaled and tweaked to go through -30 dB at this PMD's Nyquist:  $1.25 + 3.9\sqrt{f} + 1.095f$ , 12.5-3.2f.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Suggested remedy requires consensus.

For task force discussion.

Cl 137 SC 137.10.1 P232 L18 # 78  
Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type T Comment Status D channel spec

This says "The recommended insertion loss of the channel is limited by Equation (137-3)." A recommendation doesn't limit.

SuggestedRemedy

If such an equation is kept, change to "The maximum recommended insertion loss of the channel is given by Equation (137-3)."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 139 SC 139.6.1 P271 L47 # 79  
 Dawe, Piers Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status D  
 If short wavelength 27 GBd PAM4 is viable, won't long wavelength direct modulated PAM4 be viable sometime? Particularly for a single-lane PMD.

SuggestedRemedy  
 Reduce the minimum extinction ratio from 4.5 dB to 3 dB, as for 50GBASE-SR.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED REJECT.

This value is not consistent with BS draft D2.2 for 200GBASE-DR4 and 200GBASE-FR4, where ER spec is 4.5 dB minimum. Comment statement "If short wavelength 27 GBd PAM4 is viable, won't long wavelength direct modulated PAM4 be viable sometime? Particularly for a single-lane PMD." Is totally unclear. PAM4 is specified anyway.

Cl 000 SC 0 P0 L0 # 80  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status D skew, <CC>  
 Most skew specifications for the various new sublayers specified in clause 131 to 140 are currently marked in magenta text.

SuggestedRemedy  
 For 50G sublayers, use numbers specified for corresponding 40G sublayers in 802.3-2015. For new 100G sublayers, use numbers specified for corresponding 100G sublayers in 802.3-2015. For new 200G sublayers, use numbers specified for corresponding 200G sublayers in P802.3bs.

Remove related editor's notes.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See comment #74.

Pending task force discussion.

Cl 134 SC 134.2 P133 L33 # 81  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket  
 Given that there are both "FEC lanes" and "PCS lanes", the full term should be used rather than just "lanes".

SuggestedRemedy  
 Where "lanes" is referring to FEC lanes, replace "lanes" with "FEC lanes" as necessary. Where "lanes" is referring specifically to PCS lanes, replace "lanes" with "PCS lanes" as necessary.

Some specific locations:  
 page 133, line 33, "FEC lane"  
 page 134, lines 16 and 32, "PCS lane"  
 page 135, Figure 134-2  
 page 138, line 5  
 page 141, Figure 134-5

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 134 SC 134.5.4.2.1 P142 L44 # 82  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket  
 The redefinition for fec\_optional\_states includes the opening sentence "Boolean variable that is true if the optional states are implemented and false otherwise." For the Clause 134 FEC, this sentence is out of context since the "optional states" are always implemented.

SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete "Boolean variable that is true if the optional states are implemented and false otherwise."

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Replace the definition with the following:  
 "Boolean variable that is always set to true to indicate that the optional states in the FEC synchronization state diagram in Figure 91-8 are implemented."

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Cl 082 SC 82.7.4.7 P94 L38 # 83  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket  
 Editor's note has served it's purpose.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Remove editor's note.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 134 SC 134.5.3.7 P140 L13 # 84  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket  
 Editor's note has served it's purpose.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Remove editor's note.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 134 SC 134.5.4.2.1 P142 L9 # 85  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket  
 Editor's note has served it's purpose.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Remove editor's note.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 136 SC 136.1 P176 L28 # 86  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket  
 Editor's note has served it's purpose.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Remove editor's note.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 136 SC 136.8.1 P183 L5 # 87  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket  
 Editor's note has served it's purpose.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Remove editor's note.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 See response to #154.

Cl 136 SC 136.11.7 P210 L6 # 88  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D  
 Editor's note suggests that if COM parameters are the same for all cable types then Table 136-15 need not have a column for each column type. All parameters are the same for all cable types.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 The 3 column headings into a single column and delete the editor's note.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Delete; P208, L38 with separate COM requirements:  
 Delete; P210 L6 editors note.  
 In Table 136–15—COM parameter values Change cable assembly column heading to "value".  
 In Table 136–14—Cable assembly characteristics summary. Change cable assembly column heading to "value"  
 Align text with these changes as necessary.

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Cl 137 SC 137.8.1 P227 L13 # 89  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket  
 Editor's note has served it's purpose.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Remove editor's note.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Per comment #154, the lane numbers are actually zero-based.  
 Delete "+1" from all indices.  
 Delete editor's note.

Cl 137 SC 137.9.2 P229 L3 # 90  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket  
 Editor's note speculates that a different SNR may be required. If this is necessary then a comment a supporting information is required.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Remove editor's note.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 137 SC 137.10.2 P233 L2 # 91  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket  
 Parameters in Equation 137-4 are magenta. The editor's note below says that the figure must be updated if the parameters change.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change the parameters to black text and remove editor's note.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 138 SC 138.1 P242 L30 # 92  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro  
 Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket  
 Editor's note has served it's purpose.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Remove editor's note.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 000 SC 0 P0 L0 # 93  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket  
 PICS in Annexes 135B to 135G and 136B are incomplete.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Complete PICS.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 136B SC 136B.1 P358 L20 # 94  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket  
 If any changes are required to the QSFP28 specifications then a comment is required.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Remove editor's note.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 136C SC 136C.3.1 P363 L13 # 95  
 Brown, Matt Applied Micro  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket  
 Editor's note solicits contributions on breakout from 200GBASE-CR4 to 100GBASE-CR2. Since there have been no contributions remove editor's note.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Remove editor's note.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 136 SC 136.11 P208 L29 # 96  
 Maki, Jeffery Juniper Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

QSFP28 is used erroneously when describing the use of the QSFP form factor with 56 Gb/s electrical lanes. It is only appropriate to use QSFP28 when describing the use of the QSFP form factor with 28 G/s electrical lanes. QSFP28 host and module piece parts and their assembly as an interface are only tested for operation up to 28 Gb/s. The QSFP form factor for use with 56 Gb/s electrical lanes that have been tested for such performance are called QSFP56. Unnecessary confusion in the industry and market expectation of performance will be created by using QSFP28 when QSFP56 is meant.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace QSFP28 when referring to operating with 56 Gb/s electrical lanes with QSFP56 here and all other locations in the draft.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Response below given to Comment# 127 D1.0 to change SFP28 with SFP56 and QSFP28 with QSFP56 which was rejected.

The 136.12 MDI specifications point to clause 110 and clause 92. For 50GBASE-CR, the mechanical interface between the PMD and the cable assembly may be either a mated pair of connectors meeting the requirements of 110.11.1 (singlelane MDI) or a mated pair of connectors meeting the requirements of 92.12.1.1 (multi-lane MDI). The plug connector is used on the cable assembly and the receptacle is used on the PMD. For 100GBASE-CR2 or 200GBASE-CR4, the mechanical interface between the PMD and the cable assembly is a mated pair of connectors meeting the requirements of 92.12.1.1 (multi-lane MDI). The plug connector is used on the cable assembly and the receptacle is used on the PMD.

For task force discussion.

CI 136 SC 136.11.7.2.2 P213 L29 # 97  
 Maki, Jeffery Juniper Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

SFP28 is used erroneously when describing the use of the SFP form factor with 56 Gb/s electrical lanes. It is only appropriate to use SFP28 when describing the use of the SFP form factor with 28 G/s electrical lanes. SFP28 host and module piece parts and their assembly as an interface are only tested for operation up to 28 Gb/s. The SFP form factor for use with 56 Gb/s electrical lanes that have been tested for such performance are called SFP56. Unnecessary confusion in the industry and market expectation of performance will be created by using SFP28 when SFP56 is meant.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace SFP28 when referring to operating with a 56 Gb/s electrical lane with SFP56 here and all other locations in the draft.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Resolve using the response to comment #96.

CI 136 SC 136.11.7 P210 L39 # 98  
 Wertheim, Oded Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type ER Comment Status D bucket

Table 136-15-COM parameter values - Transmitter equalizer, 2nd post-cursor coefficient should be 2nd pre-cursor coefficient

SuggestedRemedy

Fix the text to Transmitter equalizer, 2nd pre-cursor coefficient

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.



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Cl 136 SC 136.9.3.1.3 P204 L3 # 99  
 Wertheim, Oded Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D Tx spec, <cc>

The training protocol uses 3 fixed preset values that don't use information about the channel which in many cases is available (for example the channel attenuation). Starting the tuning with a good starting point can allow the peer port to only do fine tuning

SuggestedRemedy

Define preset 3 as channel based equalization preset.  
 Add MDIO registers to configure preset 3.

Preset 3 is set to equalize the channel when channel data is available. When channel data is not available, preset 3 is set to the default value according to table 136-12.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

While programming the transmitter equalization for a known channel may be considered useful, the step sizes in this specification are implementation dependent, and there is nothing that enables generic translation from a set of register values to a set of coefficients. The startup protocol in this clause, as well as in clause 72 and others based on it, is based on relative updates without knowing the exact coefficient values.

Note that if the exact desired settings are known (e.g. known channel and known partner), it is still necessary to program the partner's "preset 3" setting externally to the startup protocol. Regardless of how this is done, it seems better to program the initial setting (in OUT\_OF\_SYNC state) to the desired values.

Since the mapping from register values of coefficients is implementation-specific, it seems likely that in practice the preferred values can be programmed using implementation-specific methods. This does not require specifying any standardized registers.

See also comment #100.

Cl 045 SC 45.2.1 P63 L48 # 100  
 Wertheim, Oded Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D tx spec, <cc>

There are no MDIO registers to configure the training protocol presets.

SuggestedRemedy

Add the following MDIO registers:  
 Preset 3 1st pre-cursor coefficient:  
 1 1 1 Reserved  
 1 1 0 Reserved  
 1 0 1 preset\_3\_cm1 = 5 (c(-1) ratio -0.25)  
 1 0 0 preset\_3\_cm1 = 4 (c(-1) ratio -0.2)  
 0 1 1 preset\_3\_cm1 = 3 (c(-1) ratio -0.15)  
 0 1 0 preset\_3\_cm1 = 2 (c(-1) ratio -0.1)  
 0 0 1 preset\_3\_cm1 = 1 (c(-1) ratio -0.05)  
 0 0 0 preset\_3\_cm1 = 0 (c(-1) ratio 0)

Preset 3 2nd pre-cursor coefficient:  
 1 1 1 Reserved  
 1 1 0 Reserved  
 1 0 1 Reserved  
 1 0 0 preset\_3\_cm2 = 4 (c(-2) ratio 0.1)  
 0 1 1 preset\_3\_cm2 = 3 (c(-2) ratio 0.075)  
 0 1 0 preset\_3\_cm2 = 2 (c(-2) ratio 0.05)  
 0 0 1 preset\_3\_cm2 = 1 (c(-2) ratio 0.025)  
 0 0 0 preset\_3\_cm2 = 0 (c(-2) ratio 0)

Preset 3 post-cursor coefficient:  
 1 1 1 Reserved  
 1 1 0 Reserved  
 1 0 1 preset\_3\_c1 = 5 (c(1) ratio -0.25)  
 1 0 0 preset\_3\_c1 = 4 (c(1) ratio -0.2)  
 0 1 1 preset\_3\_c1 = 3 (c(1) ratio -0.15)  
 0 1 0 preset\_3\_c1 = 2 (c(1) ratio -0.1)  
 0 0 1 preset\_3\_c1 = 1 (c(1) ratio -0.05)  
 0 0 0 preset\_3\_c1 = 0 (c(1) ratio 0)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Presets are fixed values.

See also comment #99.

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CI 136 SC 136.8.12.7.5 P198 L35 # 101  
 Wertheim, Oded Mellanox Technologies

Comment Type TR Comment Status D training

Reset the PMD control state machine upon timeout a-synchronously with the peer state machine can create a race where each state machine assumes the peer is locked, tries to lock and fails.

SuggestedRemedy

Add a transition from TRAINING\_FAILED to INITIALIZE on break\_training\_timer\_done.

Add a break\_link\_timer variable to 136.8.12.7.3  
 Timer for the amount of time to wait in TRAINING\_FAILED to assure that the link partner also entered a the TRAINING\_FAILED state. The timer shall expire 60 ms to 75 ms after being started.

Set local\_rx\_ready <= false in the TRAINING\_FAILED state.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Resolve with #19.

CI 136 SC 136.8.12.3 P190 L36 # 102  
 Rechtman, Zvi Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status D training

The Control and status fields of the training frame are DME encoded. When those fields have an odd number of logical ones, the encoded DME is not DC balanced (+6.25%), and therefore the training frame is not DC balanced.

SuggestedRemedy

Add a parity bit to the Status field. This bit will be used to keep an even number of logical ones and to ensure DC balance of the training frame

Add new variable "parity bit" to the Status field as bit 7.  
 "parity bit" - even parity bit is used to ensure that the encoded DME field is DC balanced.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Suggested remedy requires consensus.

For task force discussion.

CI 136 SC 136.11 P208 L23 # 103  
 Rechtman, Zvi Mellanox

Comment Type TR Comment Status D CA spec

The Cable assembly characteristics doesn't define max loss variation between cable channels.

SuggestedRemedy

Add an Insertion Loss Variation (ILV) peak to peak limit of 2dB between lanes at 13.28GHz to Table 136-14-Cable assembly characteristics summary

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The commentor has not provided sufficient information that warrants the addition of insertion loss variation to the cable assembly characteristics.

For committee discussion.

See also comment #68.

CI 131 SC 131.1.2 P107 L10 # 104  
 Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC

Comment Type TR Comment Status D bucket

LAUI-2 and 50GAUI-2 are introduced to this point the reader does not know what they till they read page 113

SuggestedRemedy

We either need to add explicit definition for LAUI-2 is an optional 2 lanes electrical interface above the FEC operating at 25.78125 GBd and 50GAUI-2 is an optional 2 lanes electrical interface below the FEC operating at 26.5625 GBd. This wording should in this section or it could added in front material.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

A definition for 50GAUI-n and LAUI-2 is provided in 1.4.72a7.

IEEE 802.3 is a consistently structured document. Although, references to many terms occur in the introduction clauses, the reader understands that for full understanding the defining clause or annexes must be consulted.

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Cl 134 SC 134.5.2.6 P137 L24 # 105  
 Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D bucket  
 Tx\_scrambled no clear  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 change to Start of tx\_scrambled data  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED REJECT.  
 Current implementation is consistent with Clause 91 (Figure 91-4).

Cl 136 SC 136.8.12.1.3 P187 L34 # 106  
 Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D training  
 It would be nice to have one sentence description of Fig 136-4 instead of the read whole next page  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 You could couple right something like "The output of PRBS generator is demultiplexed 1:2 into A and B. The output A goes through block x3 (maybe you need better name) to generate PAM2 signal. For PAM4 signal generation the output A and B are 1st gray encoded or optionally the pre-coder is enabled.  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 The suggested remedy is a textual representation of figure 136-4. It is not a substantial improvement to the existing text in page 188.  
 The description of PAM4 encoding (with optional precoding) follows the description of the PRBS generator polynomials. Unfortunately these descriptions do not fit into a single page.  
 However, the order of the text in this subclause may be unfriendly to the reader: page 189 goes from discussing the PRBS to Gray coding and precoding, and then on 190 PRBS generation is discussed again. This can be improved.  
 Move the first paragraph on page 189 and Table 136-8 following it so that they appear before the paragraph starting with "For a given configuration of the PRBS generator".

Cl 136 SC 136.11 P208 L30 # 107  
 Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D bucket  
 One discuss SFP28 and QSFP28, I don't see the third connector  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 either change three connector to two or add the third connector  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED REJECT.  
 The paragraph states that there are "two specified MDI connectors" with "three possible combinations"; SFP28 to SFP28, QSFP28 to QSFP28, and QSFP28 to 4xSFP28.

Cl 136 SC 136.11 P209 L10 # 108  
 Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D  
 Not sure how 6 dB RL got into the draft!  
 A 6 dB RL results in 50% reflection and at low frequency a double reflection with no loss can destroy the PAM4 eye!  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Use equation 92-27 but extend the range to 26.5525 GHz and extend the low frequency to 10 Mhz as PAM4 is more sensitive to baseline wander  
 $RL=16.5-2*\sqrt{f}$  from 10 MHz to 4.1 GHz  
 $10.66-14*\log_{10}(f/5.5)$  from 4.1 Ghz to 26.5525 Ghz  
 Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED REJECT.  
 The return loss specification was accepted in the "Baseline proposals for copper twinaxial cable specifications" see slide 14 diminico\_3cd\_01a\_0716.pdf.  
 The commentor suggests to extend the low frequency RL equation to 10 MHz asserting that PAM4 is more sensitive to baseline wander (assuming more sensitive than NRZ). This topic should be supported by a presentation that demonstrates the sensitivity as related to the suggested change to RL and addresses other related parameters so topic can be comprehensively addressed. No justification was offered to extending the frequency range to 26.5525 GHz.  
 Review with comment#109.  
 For task force discussion.

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Cl 136 SC 136.11 P209 L12 # 109  
 Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

In many of NRZ application the return loss has been defined to the Buadrate, PAM4 being more sensitive we should at last do the same .  
 Dfferential to common mode return loss range should be 26.5525. in CL 137 these parameters are specifiied to Baudrate why the cable get to test to just 19 GHz!

SuggestedRemedy

Updated EQ  
 $\text{Return\_loss}(f) = ? 22 - (20 / 25.78)f 0.01 = f < 12.89 \text{ (dB)}$   
 and  $15 - (6/25.78)f 12.89 = f = 26.5525 \text{ GHz}$

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The basis for the cable assembly specifications in 136 are to be consistent with clause 92 so that the cable assemblies complying to 92 are compliant to 136 (and 110); see adopted baseline diminico\_3cd\_01a\_0716.pdf.

Replacing the upper frequency to 26.5625 GHz has the implication of imposing new requirements on the cable assemblies specified to 92 and 110; 92 and 110 cable assemblies measured compliant to 19 GHz are not proven (required) to comply with limits extrapolated to 26.5625 GHz. Please note that the COM Rx 3 dB BW is 0.75 fb (19.92 GHz).

For task force discussion.

Cl 136 SC 136.11 P209 L14 # 110  
 Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

In many of NRZ application the return loss has been defined to the Buadrate, PAM4 being more sensitive we should at last do the same.  
 Dfferential to common mode conversion loss range should be 26.5525, in CL 137 these parameters are specifiied to Baudrate why the cable get to test to just 19 GHz!

SuggestedRemedy

Updated EQ  
 $\text{RL} = 10 0.01 = f < 12.89 \text{ GHz}$   
 $27 - (29/22)f 12.89 = f < 15.7 \text{ GHz}$   
 6.3 from 15.7 to 26.5525 GHz

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

See comment #109.

For task force discussion.

Cl 136 SC 136.11 P209 L14 # 111  
 Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

In many of NRZ application the return loss has been defined to the Buadrate, PAM4 being more sensitive we should at last do the same.  
 Common mode conversion range should be 26.5525

SuggestedRemedy

Updated EQ  
 $\text{RL} = 2 \text{ dB from } 0.2 \text{ Ghz to } 26.5525 \text{ GHz}$

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

See comment #108.

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Cl 137 SC 137.9.3.1 P229 L28 # 112  
 Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Rx spec

In many of NRZ application the return loss has been defined to the Buadrate, PAM4 being more sensitive we should at last do the same. in CL 137 these parameters are specifiied to Baudrate why the cable get to test to just 19 GHZ!

SuggestedRemedy

Change max range from 19 to 26.5525 Ghz

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

There is precedence for using a limit of 19 GHZ for Tx and Rx input return loss in 93.8.1.4.

The transmitter signal is expected to have a low power at frequencies above 19 GHz, and the channel is expected to have high insertion loss at these frequencies. Therefore, the power reflected from the receiver should not have a significant effect on the transmitter.

Receiver return loss can affect receiver performance, but there is no evidence that the effect of frequencies above 19 GHz is significant.

See also comment #51.

Cl 137 SC 137.9.3.1 P230 L2 # 113  
 Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Rx spec

In many of NRZ application the return loss has been defined to the Buadrate, PAM4 being more sensitive we should at last do the same

SuggestedRemedy

Change max range from 19 to 26.5525 Ghz

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

There is precedence for using a limit of 19 GHZ for Rx Diff-to-CM return loss in 93.8.2.2.

Resolve with comment #112.

Cl 137 SC 137.1 P232 L8 # 114  
 Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC

Comment Type TR Comment Status D COM

Random jitter of 0.01 UI or ~0.37 ps seems outrageous

SuggestedRemedy

Something more like 0.0065 would be more reasonable or item needs to stay magenta to study it further

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

There isn't sufficient evidence that the suggested remedy is required for making target channels pass.

Note that the COM jitter parameters should eventually be aligned with the Tx jitter specification in 137.9.2, which uses different parameters.

Resolve with comment #115.

Cl 136 SC 136.11.7 P211 L29 # 115  
 Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC

Comment Type TR Comment Status D COM

Random jitter of 0.01 UI or ~0.37 ps seems outrageous

SuggestedRemedy

Something more like 0.0065 would be more reasonable or item needs to stay magenta to study it further

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

There is insufficient evidence that a lower value is required to meet the project objectives.

Note that the COM jitter parameters should eventually match the Tx jitter parameter values in Table 136-11, which are still TBD.

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Cl **135G** SC **135G.1** P**349** L**10** # **116**  
 Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D**

For this clause we are referencing CL120.D broken specification. C2M simulation were based on channels with ICN of ~0.7 dB where QSFP28 ICN is in excess of 4 mV. For background please see attach presentation [http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/16\\_09/ghiasi\\_3bs\\_01\\_0916.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/bs/public/16_09/ghiasi_3bs_01_0916.pdf)

*SuggestedRemedy*

Both BS and CD task force need to develop a robust C2M specifications, this will likley involve tightening the transmitter RLM and jitter and receiver sensitivity.

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED REJECT.

[pulled from bucket]

Annex 135G references all specifications in P802.3bs Annex 120E (not Annex 120D).

Since Annex 120E is still open for commenting no changes are required to Annex 135G.

See presentation ghiasi\_3cd\_01\_0117.

Cl **136A** SC **136A.4** P**354** L**41** # **117**  
 Ghiasi, Ali Ghiasi Quantum LLC

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D**

The maximum insertion loss from TP0 to TP2 or from TP3 to TP5 is defined in clause to be 10.07 dB but in clause 135G is 10.2 dB

*SuggestedRemedy*

Increase the loss from 10.07 to 10.2 dB in the text and on figure 136A-1 and andjust the end to end loss from 28.9 dB to 29.2 dB

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED REJECT.

The request to increase the loss from 10.07 to 10.2 dB and end to end loss from 28.9 dB to 29.2 dB was addressed in comment # 126 to D1.0 given below. For committee discussion.

Response to D1.0 comment # 126 below.

There was no consensus to implement the suggested change.

Contributions to build consensus are welcome.

It was observed that the noted differences already exist in prior clauses, e.g., Clause 92 vs. Annex 83D.

Figure 136A-1 values taken from slide 13 adopted baseline in [http://www.ieee802.org/3/cd/public/July16/diminico\\_3cd\\_01a\\_0716.pdf](http://www.ieee802.org/3/cd/public/July16/diminico_3cd_01a_0716.pdf). The values are consistent with referenced equations in clause 92 and clause 110.

Cl **136** SC **136.8.12.3.3** P**191** L**43** # **118**  
 Slavick, Jeff Broadcom Limited

Comment Type **T** Comment Status **D** *training*

In forced bring-up mode using link training, if both sides are in TRAINING\_FAILED state, and one side is reset, it could immediately start it's max\_wait\_timer because it's got tf\_lock and if the other side is still sending "ready to respond" the rcv\_tf\_lock could be true good.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add the following text to 136.8.12.3.3  
 "While training\_failure is TRUE this bit is transmitted as a 0."

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Resolve with #19.

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Cl 136 SC 136.8.12.7.5 P198 L18 # 119  
 Slavick, Jeff Broadcom Limited

Comment Type T Comment Status D training

rcv\_tf\_lock is used in Figure 136-7 but never defined

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add definition for rcv\_tf\_lock into 136.8.12.7.1  
 Variable derived from the Reciever Frame Lock bit of the status field of the received training frames.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Committer is correct and a definition is required.

It seems preferable align with the existing definition of remote\_rx\_ready.

Moreover, tf\_lock is similar to rx\_ready in that it has local and remote versions. Therefore it seems preferable to follow the naming convention of the rx\_ready variables.

Add new definition in 136.8.12.7.1:  
 "remote\_tf\_lock: Boolean variable derived from the "receiver frame lock" bit of the status field of received training frames. If the bit is 1, the value of remote\_tf\_lock is true, otherwise it is false."

Change "rcv\_tf\_lock" to "remote\_tf\_lock" in the PMD control state diagram (136-7).

Rename variable tf\_lock to "local\_tf\_lock" across Clause 136.

Cl 134 SC 134.5.2.6 P136 L52 # 120  
 Slavick, Jeff Broadcom Limited

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The AM marker pad bit is defined to alternate between 1 and 0. 802.3by sets it's AM marker pad bit to always be 0. A 0 is an indicator of a "Control" block and the AM 66b blocks are constructed as Control blocks.

*SuggestedRemedy*

To be consistent with 802.3by remove "or 1 in an alternating pattern" from the last paragraph on page 136.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

There is no technical reason to make the change.

This simplification may be okay, but we would need verify the impact on PAM4 edge content and baseline wander.

Pending task force discussion.

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Cl 134 SC 134.5.3.3 P139 L16 # 121  
 Slavick, Jeff Broadcom Limited

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Error marking is part of the decoder. The error marking pattern in Clause 91 is not appropriate for a single 257b AM block. You need to use the text from Clause 108.

SuggestedRemedy

Add an exception to the decoder section stating the error marking is done as follows and copy the 4th paragraph of 108.5.3.2 as the new text.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

In addition to the changes proposed by Jeff relating to the 4th paragraph of 91.5.3.3, the 7th paragraph from 91.5.3.3 also needs to be updated to reflect that fact that Clause 134 is based on two (and not four) FEC lanes.

Rather than identifying all of these as exceptions in 134.5.3.3, it is proposed to copy the text from 91.5.3.3 and edit as appropriate.

Change the text of 134.5.3.3 from:

"The Reed-Solomon decoder is identical to the RS(544,514) Reed-Solomon decoder defined in 91.5.3.3."

to:

"The Reed-Solomon decoder extracts the message symbols from the codeword, corrects them as necessary, and discards the parity symbols.

The RS-FEC sublayer shall be capable of correcting any combination of up to  $t=15$  symbol errors in a codeword. The RS-FEC sublayer shall also be capable of indicating when an errored codeword was not corrected. The probability that the decoder fails to indicate a codeword with  $t+1$  errors as uncorrected is not expected to exceed  $10^{-6}$ . This limit is also expected to apply for  $t+2$  errors,  $t+3$  errors, and so on.

The Reed-Solomon decoder shall indicate errors to the PCS sublayer by intentionally corrupting 66-bit block synchronization headers. When the decoder determines that a codeword contains errors that were not corrected, it ensures that for every other 257-bit block within the codeword starting with the first (1st, 3rd, 5th, etc.), the synchronization header for the first 66-bit block at the output of the 256B/257B to 64B/66B transcoder,  $rx\_coded\_0<1:0>$ , is set to 11. In addition, it shall ensure that  $rx\_coded\_0<1:0>$  corresponding to the second 257-bit block and  $rx\_coded\_3<1:0>$  corresponding to the last (20th) 257-bit block in the codeword are set to 11. Setting  $rx\_coded\_0<1:0>$  to 11 as described causes the PCS to assign  $R\_BLOCK\_TYPE=E$  to the 66-bit block and decode its content as  $EBLOCK\_R$  (see 49.2.13.2.1 and 49.2.13.2.3). This causes the PCS to discard all frames 64 bytes and larger that are fully or partially contained within the codeword.

The Reed-Solomon decoder may optionally provide the ability to bypass the error indication feature to reduce the delay contributed by the RS-FEC sublayer. The presence of this

option is indicated by the assertion of the  $FEC\_bypass\_indication\_ability$  variable (see 134.6.2). When the option is provided it is enabled by the assertion of the  $FEC\_bypass\_indication\_enable$  variable (see 134.6.1).

When  $FEC\_bypass\_indication\_enable$  is asserted, additional error monitoring is performed by the RS-FEC sublayer to reduce the likelihood that errors in a packet are not detected. The Reed-Solomon decoder counts the number of symbol errors detected in consecutive non-overlapping blocks of 8192 codewords. When the number of symbol errors in a block of 8192 codewords exceeds 6380, the Reed-Solomon decoder shall cause synchronization header  $rx\_coded<1:0>$  of each subsequent 66-bit block that is delivered to the PCS to be assigned a value of 00 or 11 for a period of 60 ms to 75 ms. As a result, the PCS sets  $hi\_ber=true$ , which inhibits the processing of received packets. When Auto-Negotiation is supported and enabled, assertion of  $hi\_ber$  causes Auto-Negotiation to restart."

Cl 136 SC 136.8.12.2.4 P190 L34 # 122  
 Slavick, Jeff Broadcom Limited

Comment Type T Comment Status D training

Forcing of  $c(0)$  to zero is not the desired affect for the "No Equalization" state of the cursor. Since we do refer to it as cursor and not an attenuator.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "by forcing its value to be zero" to "forcing its value to have no equalization effect."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Resolve with #39.

Cl 136 SC 136.8.12.5 P192 L43 # 123  
 Slavick, Jeff Broadcom Limited

Comment Type T Comment Status D training

The  $NO\_EQ$  state for  $c(0)$  is 1 not 0.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace  $ck\_ask = 0$  with "if  $k = 0$   $ck\_ask = 1$  else  $ck\_ask = 0$  end if" in the  $coef\_req = NO\_EQUALIZATION$

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

[Editor's note: Editor set clause to 136]

Resolve with #39.



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Cl 045 SC 45.2.1.116d P55 L8 # 124  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

45.2.1.116d has been updated in P802.3bs draft.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "The transmitter, receive direction, is the transmitter that sends data towards the PCS."

to

"The transmitter, receive direction, is the transmitter that sends data towards the MAC."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 045 SC 45.2.1.116e P57 L38 # 125  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

45.2.1.116e has been updated in P802.3bs draft.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "The transmitter, receive direction, is the transmitter that sends data towards the PCS."

to

"The transmitter, receive direction, is the transmitter that sends data towards the MAC."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 135 SC 135.6 P165 L44 # 126  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

The description of PMA precoder control in Table 135-2 is inconsistent with Clause 45.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "1.152.7" to "1.602.1"  
 Change "1.152.6" to "1.602.0"  
 Change "1.152.5" to "1.603.1"  
 Change "1.152.4" to "1.603.0"  
 Change "1.152.3" to "1.600.1"  
 Change "1.152.2" to "1.600.0"  
 Change "1.152.1" to "1.601.1"  
 Change "1.152.0" to "1.601.0"  
 Change "precoder\_up\_tx\_enable\_1" to "precoder\_tx\_up\_enable\_1"  
 Change "precoder\_up\_tx\_enable\_1" to "precoder\_tx\_up\_enable\_0"  
 Change "precoder\_up\_rx\_enable\_1" to "precoder\_rx\_up\_enable\_1"  
 Change "precoder\_up\_rx\_enable\_1" to "precoder\_rx\_up\_enable\_0"  
 Change "precoder\_down\_tx\_enable\_1" to "precoder\_tx\_down\_enable\_1"  
 Change "precoder\_down\_tx\_enable\_1" to "precoder\_tx\_down\_enable\_0"  
 Change "precoder\_down\_rx\_enable\_1" to "precoder\_rx\_down\_enable\_1"  
 Change "precoder\_down\_rx\_enable\_1" to "precoder\_rx\_down\_enable\_0"  
 Change "PMA precoder control" for the appropriate name of "PMA precoder control Tx down", "PMA precoder control Rx down", "PMA precoder control Tx up", or "PMA precoder control Rx up".  
 Add rows for "PMA precoder request down (1.605)".  
 Add rows for "PMA precoder request up (1.606)".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 135 SC 135.1.4 P153 L12 # 127  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

Item 3) of item g) is describing CAUI-10.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "CAUI-4" in item 3) of item g) to "CAUI-10".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See also comment 187.

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Cl 136 SC 136.3 P179 L13 # 128  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type E Comment Status D service interface

The PMD service interface for 100Gb/s PHYs is defined in 80.3.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the reference to 116.3 in the third paragraph of 136.3 to a reference to 80.3.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Resolve with #153.

Cl 136 SC 136.5 P180 L23 # 129  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket

The bit time in the footnote a) of Table 136-4 is wrong.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "20ns for 50GBASE-CR, 10ns for 100GBASE-CR2, and 5ns for 200GBASE-CR4" to "20ps for 50GBASE-CR, 10ps for 100GBASE-CR, and 5ps for 200GBASE-CR4".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 135 SC 135.6 P167 L1 # 130  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

"PMA precode request status (1.604)" is missing in Table 135-3.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add rows for "PMA precode request status (1.604)" to Table 135-3.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

This is used only for 50GAUI-1 and 100GAUI-2 C2C interfaces and thus is defined and referenced in Annex 135F only.

Cl 136 SC 136.9.3.1.1 P203 L16 # 131  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Tx spec

The linear fit procedure described in 92.8.3.5.1 uses PRBS9 as the test pattern.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add the following exception:

The test pattern is PRBS13Q as specified in 120.5.11.2.1.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #132.

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Cl 136 SC 136.9.3.1.1 P203 L17 # 132  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Tx spec

The definition of R\_m in the second paragraph of 92.8.3.5.1 and Equation 92-4 is not general enough to change the range of the index i from "-1 to 1" to "-2 to 1", because the second index of R\_m in Equation 92-4 must be changed from "i + 2" to "i + 3".

SuggestedRemedy

Change the items a) and b) as follows:

Define an M N\_p-by-4 matrix R\_m. The elements of R\_m are assigned values per Equation (136-xx) where i = -2 to 1, j = 1 to M N\_p, and m = -M/2 to M/2 - 1 when M is even and -(M-1)/2 to (M-1)/2 when M is odd.

$$R_m(j, i + 3) = \begin{cases} r(m + j - i M) & \text{if } 1 \leq m + j - i M \leq M N_p \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (136-xx)$$

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The commenter is correct in pointing a required change.

However, adding another equation as suggested would make subclause 136.9.3.1.1 comparable in length to subclause 92.8.3.5.1 to which it refers. In addition, further exceptions may be required based on 802.3bs changes and other comments against the current draft or future ones.

Referring to another clause with a list of exceptions overriding most of it becomes tedious to readers.

Create an independent subclause based on 92.8.3.5.1, applying the current list of exceptions and the suggested remedy.

In addition, apply the following changes based on exceptions in 120D.3.1.3:

- Use PRBS13Q
- use measured ES1/ES2
- Np=200
- CRU bandwidth of 4 MHz

And the following changes based on other comments in this review:

- D\_p=3
- clarify that c\_m(i) is defined per m

Cl 136 SC 136.9.3.1.1 P203 L16 # 133  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Tx spec

The linear fit procedure described in 92.8.3.5.1 uses D\_p=2 to compute the linear fit pulse response p(k) from the captured waveform. Since the range of the index i is changed from "-1 to 1" to "-2 to 1", D\_p should be changed to 3.

SuggestedRemedy

Add the following exception:

The value of D\_p is 3.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #132.

Cl 136A SC 136A.4 P354 L31 # 134  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type TR Comment Status D bucket

The recommended minimum printed circuit board trace insertion loss is specified by Equation (92A-2), not by Equation (92A-1).

SuggestedRemedy

Change "The recommended maximum and minimum printed circuit board trace insertion losses are specified in Equation (92A-1)."

to

"The recommended maximum and minimum printed circuit board trace insertion losses are specified in Equation (92A-1) and Equation (92A-2), respectively."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl **136A** SC **136A.5** P355 L17 # **135**  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type **T** Comment Status **D**

The nominal insertion loss of the mated test fixture is defined for the frequency from 0.01GHz up to 25GHz. Although it is consistent with the reference test fixtures PCB insertion loss defined in Equation (92-34), the upper frequency was replaced with 26.5625 GHz in 120E.4.1. Since the symbol rate is higher than clause 92, it is recommended to follow the change in 120E.4.1.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the upper frequency of Equation (136A-2) from 25 GHz to 26.5625 GHz.

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED REJECT.

The basis for test fixture specifications, as commentor recognizes, is to be consistent with clause 92 so that test fixtures complying to 92 are compliant to 136 (and 110); see adopted baseline diminico\_3cd\_01a\_0716.pdf.

Replacing the upper frequency to 26.5625 GHz has the implication of imposing new requirements that are not necessary on test fixtures specified to 92 and 110; 92 and 110 test fixtures measured compliant to 25 GHz are not proven to comply with limits extrapolated to 26.5625 GHz. Please note that the COM Rx 3 dB BW is 0.75 fb and the symbol rate in 92 is 25.78125 GBd not 25 GHz.

For task group discussion.

See comment #137.

Cl **136A** SC **136A.5** P355 L11 # **136**  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type **E** Comment Status **X** bucket

The nominal insertion loss of the mated test fixture is defined by Equation (136A-2), not by Equation (136A-3).

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the reference of IL\_MatedTF(f) from Equation (136A-3) to Equation (136A-2).

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change: P355 L12 Equation (136A-3)  
 To: Equation (136A-2)

Change: P355 L39 Equation (136A-3)  
 To: Equation (136A-2)

Cl **136B** SC **136B.1.1** P358 L38 # **137**  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type **T** Comment Status **D**

92.11.3 specifies the characteristics of the mated test fixtures up to 25GHz. In 120E.4.1, the upper frequency of the reference test fixture PCB insertion loss was raised to 26.5625GHz. Since the symbol rate of clause 136 is higher than clause 92, it is recommended to raise the upper frequency from 25GHz.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add the exception of the upper frequency that is changed from 25GHz to 26.5625GHz for

The requirements of the differential insertion loss of the mated test fixtures in 92.11.3.1.  
 The requirements of the FOM\_ILD of the mated test fixtures in 92.11.3.1.  
 The requirements of the differential return loss of the mated test fixtures in 92.11.3.2.  
 The requirements of the common-mode conversion insertion loss of the mated test fixtures in 92.11.3.3.  
 The requirements of the common-mode return loss of the mated test fixtures in 92.11.3.4.  
 The requirements of the common-mode to differential mode return loss in 92.11.3.5.

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED REJECT.

See comment resolution #135

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Cl **136B** SC **136B.1.1.6** P**359** L**14** # **138**  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D**

110B.1.1.7 uses f<sub>r</sub> (the 3dB reference receiver bandwidth) of 18.75 GHz that is inconsistent with the 3dB reference receiver bandwidth of the COM parameter,  $0.75 * f_b = 0.75 * 26.5625\text{GHz} = 19.921875\text{GHz}$ .

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add the following row to Table 136B-1:

Description: The 3dB reference receiver bandwidth  
 Symbol: f<sub>r</sub>  
 Value: 19.92  
 Units: GHz

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE

The Receiver 3 dB bandwidth fr given in Table 110-11-COM parameter values is  $0.75 \times fb$  GHz with  $fb = 25.78125$ ,  $fr = 0.75 * 25.78125 = 19.34$ .

In 110B.1.3.7 Mated test fixtures integrated near-end crosstalk noise it's stated that fr is the 3 dB reference receiver bandwidth, which is set to 18.75 GHz ( $.75 * 25 = 18.75$ ). I believe inconsistencies in cited fr are due to rounding 25.78125 to 25 GHz.

The commentor points out that the Receiver 3 dB bandwidth fr given in in Table 136-15-COM parameter values is  $0.75 \times fb$  GHz with  $fb = 26.5625$  GHz  
 $fr = 0.75 * 26.5625 = 19.92$

Add the following row to Table 136B-1:

Description: The 3dB reference receiver bandwidth  
 Symbol: fr  
 Value: 19.92  
 Units: GHz

For committee discussion.

Cl **136B** SC **136B.1.1.6** P**359** L**31** # **139**  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D**

Mated test fixture integrated crosstalk RMS noise voltages determined using Equation (92-44) through Equation (92-48) uses a parameter f<sub>r</sub> that is the 3dB reference receiver bandwidth and is set to 18.75 GHz. This is inconsistent with the 3dB reference receiver bandwidth of the COM parameter that is  $0.75 * f_b = 0.75 * 26.5625\text{GHz} = 19.921875\text{GHz}$ .

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add the following row to Table 136B-2:

Description: The 3dB reference receiver bandwidth  
 Symbol: f<sub>r</sub>  
 Value: 19.92  
 Units: GHz

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Resolve with comment#138 for rationale

Add the following row to Table 136B-2:

Description: The 3dB reference receiver bandwidth  
 Symbol: fr  
 Value: 19.92  
 Units: GHz

Cl **136B** SC **136B.1.1.6** P**359** L**33** # **140**  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type **E** Comment Status **D** bucket

Table 136B-2 gives parameters for near-end crosstalk as well as far-end crosstalk.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the title of Table 136B-2 from "Mated test fixture integrated near-end crosstalk noise parameters" to "Mated test fixture integrated crosstalk noise parameters".

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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<b>Cl 136C</b>	<b>SC 136C</b>	<b>P362</b>	<b>L7</b>	# <b>141</b>
Hidaka, Yasuo		Fujitsu Labs. of Americ		
<b>Comment Type</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Comment Status</b>	<b>D</b>	<i>bucket</i>
The title of 136C says 100GBASE-CR1.				
<i>SuggestedRemedy</i>				
Change "100GBASE-CR1" in the title of 136C to "100GBASE-CR2".				
<b>Proposed Response</b>		<b>Response Status</b>	<b>W</b>	
PROPOSED ACCEPT.				

<b>Cl 136C</b>	<b>SC 136C.1</b>	<b>P362</b>	<b>L23</b>	# <b>142</b>
Hidaka, Yasuo		Fujitsu Labs. of Americ		
<b>Comment Type</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Comment Status</b>	<b>D</b>	
Three references of "(see 92.10)" look inappropriate. The text in 110C.1 was "The CA-25G-L specifications are based on a single lane of 100GBASE-CR4 cable assembly (see 92.10), enabling a 5m length, and .". Since the phrase of "of 100GBASE-CR4" was removed, the reference of "(see 92.10)" became inappropriate.				
<i>SuggestedRemedy</i>				
Change the third paragraph of 136C.1 as follows:				
Cable assemblies have a common set of electrical specifications, denoted 50GBASE-CR, 100GBASE-CR2, or 200GBASE-CR4, as specified in 136.11 based on 100GBASE-CR4 cable assembly (see 92.10) with referenced parameters specified at 13.28 GHz to account for the increase in signaling rate. The 50GBASE-CR specifications are based on a single-lane cable assembly, enabling a 3 m length. The 100GBASE-CR2 specifications are based on a two lane cable assembly, enabling a 3 m length. The 200GBASE-CR4 specifications are based on a four-lane cable assembly, enabling a 3 m length.				
Cable assemblies have a common set of electrical specifications, denoted 50GBASE-CR, 100GBASE-CR2, or 200GBASE-CR4, as specified in 136.11. The 50GBASE-CR specifications are based on a single-lane cable assembly (see 92.10), enabling a 3 m length. The 100GBASE-CR2 specifications are based on a two lane cable assembly (see 92.10), enabling a 3 m length. The 200GBASE-CR4 specifications are based on a four-lane cable assembly (see 92.10), enabling a 3 m length.				
<b>Proposed Response</b>		<b>Response Status</b>	<b>W</b>	
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.				
Cable assemblies have a common set of electrical specifications, denoted 50GBASE-CR, 100GBASE-CR2, and 200GBASE-CR4, as specified in 136.11. These specifications are based on the 100GBASE-CR4 cable assembly specifications (see 92.10) with referenced parameters specified at 13.28 GHz to account for the increase in signaling rate.				
The 50GBASE-CR is a single-lane cable assembly, enabling a 3 m length. The 100GBASE-CR2 is a two-lane cable assembly, enabling a 3 m length. The 200GBASE-CR4 is a four-lane cable assembly, enabling a 3 m length.				

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CI 136 SC 136.9.3.1.1 P203 L20 # 143  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type E Comment Status D Tx spec

c<sub>m</sub>(i) is the normalized coefficients of the transmit equalizer for a given value of m. (Note that the phrase of "for a given value of m" is missing in the description of Equation (92-5).)

The normalized transmit equalizer coefficients c(i) are the values of c<sub>m</sub>(i) for the value of m that minimizes epsilon(m)<sup>2</sup>. (See description of Equation (92-7).)

It is also recommended to give a description of the normalized transmit equalizer coefficients with a reference to Equation (92-7) using a notation that is different from the equalizer coefficient c(k) in 136.9.3.1 in order to avoid confusion.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the item c) as follows:

c1) The normalized transmit equalizer coefficients c<sub>m</sub>(i) are computed for for each value of m using Equation (136-2).

c2) The normalized transmit equalizer coefficients ~c(i) are the values of c<sub>m</sub>(i) for the value of m that minimizes epsilon(m)<sup>2</sup> which are computed using Equation (92-7).

Change c(\*) to ~c(\*) in Table 136-12 and 136.9.3.1.4.

Change the second through fourth paragraphs in 136.9.3.1.5 as follows:

With c(-2) and c(-1) both set to zero and both c(0) and c(1) having received sufficient "decrement" requests so that they are at their respective minimum values, the normalized transmit equalizer coefficient ~c(1) shall be less than or equal to -0.25.

With c(-2) and c(1) set to zero and both c(-1) and c(0) having received sufficient "decrement" requests so that they are at their respective minimum values, the normalized transmit equalizer coefficient ~c(-1) shall be less than or equal to -0.25.

With c(-1) and c(1) set to zero, c(0) having received sufficient "decrement" requests so that it is at its minimum value, and c(-2) having received sufficient "increment" requests so that it is at its maximum value, the normalized transmit equalizer coefficient ~c(-2) shall be greater than or equal to 0.1.

In the above, ~c represents a letter c with a tilde above c.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Per the response to comment #132, it is suggested that this subclause be rewritten. New text will clarify that c<sub>m</sub>(i) is defined per m.

Regarding the rest of the comment:

The coefficients are defined as the set c<sub>m</sub> where m minimizes the fitting error, and these coefficients are the ones referred to in 136.9.3.1; there is no other definition and there should be no confusion.

CI 136 SC 136.9.3.1.4 P204 L19 # 144  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

c(coef\_sel) is the normalized transmit equalizer coefficient, not the normalized amplitude.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "the normalized amplitude" to "the normalized transmit equalizer coefficient" at two locations in the first paragraph of 136.9.3.1.4 and two locations in the second paragraph of 136.9.3.1.4.

Change "the normalized amplitude of a coefficient" to "the normalized transmit equalizer coefficient" in the third paragraph of 136.9.3.1.4.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 136 SC 136.9.3 P201 L21 # 145  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type T Comment Status D Tx specs

Table 136-11 has reference to 92.8.3.1. 92.8.3.1 specifies that differential and common-mode signal levels are measured with a PRBS9 test pattern.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the first sentence of 136.9.3 as follows:

The transmitter on each lane shall meet the specifications given in Table 136-11 and detailed in the referenced subclauses excepting that the differential and common-mode signal levels are measured with a PRBS13Q test pattern (see 120.5.11.2.1).

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Add a footnote to table 136-11, for items in the first four rows (signal levels):

"Measurement is as specified in 92.8.3.1 with the exception that the PRBS13Q test pattern is used."

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Cl 136 SC 136.9.4.1 P205 L12 # 146  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type T Comment Status D Tx spec

A reference to 92.8.3.1 is not appropriate, because 92.8.3.1 specifies that differential signal levels are measured with a PRBS9 test pattern.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the reference to 92.8.3.1 to a reference to 136.9.3 where we can add an exception to 92.8.3.1.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See comment #132.

Cl 136 SC 136.9.4.2 P205 L22 # 147  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

A grammer error.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "in specified in Table 136-13" to "are specified in Table 136-13".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 136 SC 136.11 P208 L39 # 148  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type E Comment Status D

"2", "4", and "s" are missing.

SuggestedRemedy

In item a, change "two 50GBASE-CR PHY" to "two 50GBASE-CR PHYs".  
 In item b, change "two 100GBASE-CR PHY" to "two 100GBASE-CR2 PHYs".  
 In item c, change "two 200GBASE-CR PHY" to "two 200GBASE-CR4 PHYs".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #168.

Cl 137 SC 137.1 P231 L9 # 149  
 Hidaka, Yasuo Fujitsu Labs. of Americ

Comment Type TR Comment Status D COM

The worst case is often overlooked with a combination of an R\_d value higher than the nominal value and a Z\_c value lower than the nominal value.

Simulation of publicly available channel data shows testing with high/low, low/high, and high/high combinations of R\_d and Z\_c significantly improves the test coverage. The low/low combination is less important.

On the other hand, the short package test condition of z\_p=12mm is not important and may be dropped.

There is also an effort of an adaptive scheme to choose Z\_c based on TDR of the channel, but the adaptive scheme is not working well yet.

Although we may continue to study the adaptive shceme, we need to have a concrete scheme with coverage better than D1.1.

This comment is continued from comment #74 against D1.0.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the values of Table 137-5 as follows:

Remove Test 1 and Test 2 from z\_p (transmission line length).  
 Define z\_p as 30 mm for Tx (victim, FEXT) and Rx, and 12 mm for Tx (NEXT).  
 Define Z\_c as 90 ohms for Test 1, 110 ohms for Test 2, 110 ohms for Test 3.  
 Define R\_d as 55 ohms for Test 1, 45 ohms for Test 2, 55 ohms for Test 3.  
 Define A\_v as 0.436 V for Test 1, 0.394 V for Test 2, 0.436 V for Test 3.  
 Define A\_fe as 0.436 V for Test 1, 0.394 V for Test 2, 0.436 V for Test 3.  
 Define A\_ne as 0.581 V for Test 1, 0.642 V for Test 2, 0.581 V for Test 3.

Apply the same changes to Table 136-15.

Add clause 136.11.7.1.1.1 "TP0 to TP1 and TP4 to TP5 signal paths" to clause 136.11.7.1.1 based on clause 92.10.7.1.1 with a new table based on Table 92-12 with the following modifications:

Define Z\_c in the new table as 109.8 ohms for Test 1, 90.2 ohms for Test 2, 109.8 ohms for Test 3.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Suggested remedy requires consensus.

For task force discussion.



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Cl 000 SC 0 P0 L6 # 150  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type T Comment Status D PHY names, <CC>

We have defined 100GBASE-P to represent the PMA for PAM4 100G. It would be good to change the names of the PHY's that use that PMA to P instead of R

SuggestedRemedy

Change 100GBASE-CR2 to 100GBASE-CP2  
 100GBASE-KR2 to 100GBASE-KP2  
 100GBASE-SR2 to 100GBASE-SP2  
 100GBASE-DR to 100GBASE-DP

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Despite the use of a different letter "P" for the PHY class 100GBASE-P, it is not necessary to rename all of the PHYs to match since there is no other conflicting NRZ PHY.

Pending task force discussion.

Cl 001 SC 1.4.54a P36 L1 # 151  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket

It seems strange to insert 100GBASE-DR between 100GBASE-CR10 and 100GBASE-KP4. It would make more sense to insert it between 100GBASE-LR4 and 100GBASE-SR2. Also to have 100GBASE-KR2 after 100GBASE-KR4 while 100GBASE\_CR4 is between

SuggestedRemedy

Make  
 100GBASE-DR become 1.4.58a1  
 100GBASE-SR2 become 1.4.58a2  
 100GBASE-KR2 become 1.4.54a

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The definitions are sequenced according to the 802.3 formatting rules.

See "Definition sort order" in the following:

[http://www.ieee802.org/3/WG\\_tools/editorial/requirements/words.html](http://www.ieee802.org/3/WG_tools/editorial/requirements/words.html)

Cl 001 SC 1.4.81 P37 L17 # 152  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket

There are two four-lane versions.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace "a four-lane version (CAUI-4, GAUI-4)" with "two four-lane versions (CAUI-4, GAUI-4)"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change:

"a four-lane version (CAUI-4, 100GAUI-4)"

To:

"two four-lane versions (CAUI-4, 100GAUI-4)"

Cl 136 SC 136.3 P179 L12 # 153  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type T Comment Status D service interface

The inter-sublayer interface for 100G isn't defined in 116.3

SuggestedRemedy

Replace 116.3 with 80.3

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The interface in 80.3 is defined in terms of bits, and is not applicable to PAM4 signaling.

The interface in 116.3 is defined in terms of symbols and, although stated as a specification for 200GBASE-R and 400GBASE-R, can be reused for 100GBASE-CR2 with n=2.

For task force discussion.

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Cl 136 SC 136.8.1 P183 L6 # 154  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket

The Editor's note is helpful and would be helpful for future readers of the standard. Why do we want to remove the note prior to publication? However Clause 92 (including the MDI which is specified for clause 136 by reference to Clause 92) uses the 0 to 3 nomenclature not 1 to 4. It may be better to re-label the lanes here to match what is done in Clause 92.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Either Change the Note from an Editor's note to a note. or as the previous paragraph already starts with "note that" just make this sentence into the last sentence of that paragraph.

Or remove the +1 in Figure 136-2 and the labels for SL and DL (throughout the clause) and the editors note.

Make the same change to Clause 137 (and the editors note on page 277 line 13

*Proposed Response* Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Indeed, contrary to the editor's note, the MDI in Clause 92 does use zero-based lane numbers. The one-based numbers are found only in 136.12, which should be fixed.

Remove the "+1" from indices in Figure 136-2 and clause text.

Delete editor's note.

In 136.12, change transmit and receive lane indices from 1-4 to 0-3.

See also comment #89.

Cl 136 SC 136.8.12.1.3 P188 L36 # 155  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type E Comment Status D training

Rather than defining the pre-coding here it would be better to reference it from clause 135

*SuggestedRemedy*

Reference clause 135.5.7.2 and delete equation 136-1.

*Proposed Response* Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Gray coding can also reference clause 135 (albeit adding a level of indirection).

Replace reference to 120.5.7 with reference to 135.5.7.1.

Change the last paragraph on this page to:

"When the modulation and precoding mode is set to PAM4 with precoding, the training pattern is the sequence of 16 382 PAM4 symbols derived by Gray coding the {A, B} pairs as specified in 135.5.7.1 and precoding the result as specified in 135.5.7.2. The precoder state is initialized to 0 at the beginning of each training pattern, so that P(j=0) in Equation (135-1) is set to 0."

Delete equation 136-1.

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Cl 136 SC 136.9.12.7.3 P197 L3 # 156  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type T Comment Status D training

There is only a factor of a little under 3 between min and max for the wait timer in us but it says this is equivalent to a ratio of 5 in training frames. One or other of these seems wrong.

SuggestedRemedy

Fix it, or clarify why there is a discrepancy.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Commenter is correct about having a discrepancy.

The text results from the response to comment #149 against D1.0, which was based on two alternatives in its suggested remedy.

To meet the spirit of the previous comment, setting the minimum to 40 training frames yields 25.1 us, which is slightly higher than the minimum wall-clock period of 25G (17 us).

Change "between 40 μs and 125 μs" to "between 25 μs and 125 μs".

=== backup data ===

- A 50G training frame period is 628 ns compared to 425 ns in 10G, 170 ns in 25G
- Minimum for 10G/25G is 100 frames => 42.5 μs and 17 μs respectively; For 50G, minimum 40 training frames => 25.1 μs
- Maximum for 10G/25G is 300 frames => 127 μs and 51 μs respectively; For 50G, set same maximum as 10G (127 μs) => 200 frames

Cl 136 SC 136.9.3 P202 L7 # 157  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type E Comment Status D Tx spec

The -1 to 1 is not very explicit. using -1,0,1 is no more characters and is less likely to cause confusion.

SuggestedRemedy

Change it.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

To align with the clause content, change " coefficients -1 to 1" to "c(-1), c(0), c(1)", and similarly for other parameter names under "Transmitter output waveform".

Cl 136 SC 136.9.3.1.5 P204 L38 # 158  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type T Comment Status D Tx spec

There isn't a minimum steady state differential voltage when equalization is enabled. (just with equalization off).

SuggestedRemedy

Delete "the minimum steady-state differential output voltage or"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #24.

Cl 136 SC 136.9.4.1 P205 L22 # 159  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket  
 typo

SuggestedRemedy

Change "requirements in" to "requirements are"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 136 SC 136.9.4.2.2 P206 L3 # 160  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type T Comment Status D Rx test

The reference to 110.8.4.2.2 would require the test channel meets the requirements for clause 110 not for 136.

SuggestedRemedy

Add "except that the cably assembly shall meet the requirements of 136.11 and the cable assembly test fixture shall meet the requirements of 136B.1

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

[Editor changed comment subclause from 136.8.4.2.2]

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Cl 136 SC 136.9.4.2 P205 L36 # 161  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type T Comment Status D Rx test

Total symbol error ratio (used in table 136-14) is confusing. It means here FEC symbol error ratio not PAM symbol error ratio

SuggestedRemedy

Change the parameter name to "FEC symbol error ratio" here and in section 136.9.4.2.5.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

[Editor changed comment subclause from 136.9, and added page/line info]

The suggested change can help avoid confusion.

Total symbol error ratio is used in Table 136-13, and subclauses 136.9.4.2.5, 136.9.4.3.2.

Rename parameter "Total symbol error ratio" to "FEC symbol error ratio".

Cl 136 SC 136.9.4.2.3 P206 L36 # 162  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Rx test, TBD

It is not appropriate to use Jrms as the value for sigma rj as the two will be very different if there is significant Dj. Also the value of ADD is TBD.

SuggestedRemedy

Use the equations developed in 802.3bs section 120D.3.2.1 to convert from Jrms and J4 to Add and Signma rj.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

!!! see 802.3bs D2.2 comment #30 !!!

Annex 120D defines transmitter parameters as J4 and JRMS. There are comments against P802.3bs D2.2 questioning whether the translation from these parameters to COM parameters A\_DD and sigma\_RJ (equations 120D-9 and 120D-10) is correct.

Additionally (as of P802.3bs D2.2) it seems that the Tx jitter parameters are not fully aligned with the COM parameters and the Rx jitter tolerance test conditions. This alignment is required for the CR PHYs to get a closed channel budget.

Pending comment resolution of 802.3bs and task force discussion.

Cl 136 SC 136.9.4.2.4 P206 L54 # 163  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket

An alternating one-zero pattern isn't appropriate for this PAM4 pattern

SuggestedRemedy

Change to "alternating zero-three pattern" (Two places)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 136 SC 136.9.4.2 P207 L34 # 164  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type T Comment Status D Rx test

We should be more explicit about what "multiple measurements have to be summed to yield the total symbol error ratio".

SuggestedRemedy

Replace "If noise is applied to one lane at a time, multiple measurements have to be summed to yield the total symbol error ratio." with "If noise is applied to one lane at a time, there will be n tests (where n is the number of lanes) and the total FEC symbol error ratio is the average of the FEC symbol error ratios on each FEC lane summed for all the n tests." (Average and FEC used based on other comments).

Make the equivalent change to page 208 line 1 (with jitter replacing noise)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

(Response is based on the suggested remedy, with an editorial change)

Change FROM

"If noise is applied to one lane at a time, multiple measurements have to be summed to yield the total symbol error ratio."

TO

"If noise is applied to one lane at a time, the n partial FEC symbol error ratios from each of the tests (where n is the number of lanes) are averaged to yield the FEC symbol error ratio."

On page 208 L1, change FROM

"If jitter is applied to one lane at a time, multiple measurements have to be summed to yield the total symbol error ratio"

TO

"If jitter is applied to one lane at a time, the n partial FEC symbol error ratios from each of the tests (where n is the number of lanes) are averaged to yield the FEC symbol error ratio."

Resolve with #161, #166.

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Cl 136 SC 136.9.4.2.4 P207 L8 # 165  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D** Rx test

"The Broadband noise may be added either to one lane at a time or to all lanes in parallel" is not specific enough.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Replace "The Broadband noise may be added either to one lane at a time or to all lanes in parallel" with "The broadband noise required for each lane is calibrated. The noise may be added either to one lane at a time or using multiple noise sources to all lanes at the same time"

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 136 SC 136.9.4.2 P207 L34 # 166  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type **T** Comment Status **D** Rx test

The symbol error ratio should not be the sum of the error ratios it should be the average. It is the sum of the total number of errored symbols divided by the total number of symbols. Each FEC lane symbol error ratio is the number of errored symbols divided by the number of symbols on that lane.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change to the average of the symbol error ratios.

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Per comment #161 it is suggested to change the parameter name from "total symbol error ratio" to "FEC symbol error ratio".

Change FROM

"The total symbol error ratio is defined as the sum of symbol error ratios measured while adding broadband noise to each lane on the pattern generator (see 136.9.4.2.4)"

TO

"The FEC symbol error ratio is specified with broadband noise added to each lane on the pattern generator (see 136.9.4.2.4)".

See also #161.

Cl 136 SC 136.11 P208 L29 # 167  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

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

The grammar is wrong. The sentences need an object.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "100GBASE-CR2 uses two lanes of the multi-lane (QSFP28, specified in 92.12). 200GBASE-CR4 uses four lanes of the multi-lane (QSFP28, specified in 92.12)." to "100GBASE-CR2 uses two lanes of the multi-lane QSFP28, (specified in 92.12). 200GBASE-CR4 uses four lanes of the multi-lane QSFP28, (specified in 92.12)."

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See resolution to comment # 142.

Cl 136 SC 136.11 P208 L39 # 168  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type **T** Comment Status **D**

The paragraph above which says that 50GBASE-CR can be used with QSFP is conflicting with the definitions of the cable types as the QSFP will not be a single-lane cable assembly. also PHY should be plural

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "50GBASE-CR: Single-lane cable assembly that supports links between two 50GBASE-CR PHY with achievable cable length of at least 3 m." to "50GBASE-CR: cable assembly that supports single-lane links between two 50GBASE-CR PHYs with achievable cable length of at least 3 m."

100GBASE-CR2: cable assembly that supports two lane links between two 100GBASE-CR PHYs with achievable cable length of at least 3 m.

Add the "s" to "PHY" in c)

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Also change to dashed list.

Change text P208 L38-45 to;

Three cable assembly types are specified:

- 50GBASE-CR: Cable assembly that supports single-lane links between two 50GBASE-CR PHYs with achievable cable length of at least 3 m.
- 100GBASE-CR2: Cable assembly that supports two-lane links between two 100GBASE-CR2 PHYs with achievable cable length of at least 3 m
- 200GBASE-CR4: Cable assembly that supports four-lane links between two 200GBASE-CR4 PHYs with achievable cable length of at least 3 m.

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CI 136 SC 136.11.7.1.1 P212 L8 # 169  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The value of 6.26dB was the correct value at 12.8906GHz. It needs to be changed for 13.28GHz.

SuggestedRemedy

Change 6.26dB to 6.42dB

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 136 SC 136.11.7.1.2 P212 L30 # 170  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The 3dB was the correct value for 12.89GHz it needs changing for 13.28GHz

SuggestedRemedy

Change 3dB to 3.1dB.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 136 SC 136.12 P214 L17 # 171  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type T Comment Status D

In 92.12.1.1 the lanes are labelled 0 to 3 rather than 1 to 4.

bucket

SuggestedRemedy

Change SL4 to SL0 and DL4 to DL0 and re-order

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Resolve with comments #154 and #172

CI 136 SC 136.12 P214 L23 # 172  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type T Comment Status D

For inter-operability it would be better for 100GBASE-CR2 if which lanes and paired and which lanes are not used in a partially used QSFP were specified. Also 92.12.1.1 labels the lanes as 0 to 3 not 1 to 4.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "For 100GBASE-CR2 multilane MDI, two of the paired transmit and receive lanes (SL1, DL1), (SL2, DL2), (SL3, DL3) or (SL4, DL4) may be used for the transmit and receive connections (SL1, DL1), (SL2, DL2)." to "For 100GBASE-CR2 multilane MDI, the paired transmit and receive lanes for one Phy shall be (SL0, DL0)and(SL1, DL1), and if a second Phy uses the same MDI connector it uses (SL2, DL2) and (SL3, DL3).

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Resolve using the response to comment #171.

CI 137 SC 137.9.1 P228 L35 # 173  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type E Comment Status D

"L" should have been converted to "n" as was done for many other instances.

bucket

SuggestedRemedy

Make the change.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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Cl 091 SC 91.5 P99 L1 # 174  
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type TR Comment Status D bucket

The 100G Phy's call out clause 91 FEC but there is no call out in those clauses as to which FEC is used. There may also be other changes needed in clause 91 for exceptions.

SuggestedRemedy

Either Amend clause 91 to explicitly add Clauses 136, 137, 138, 140, and annexes 135F and 135G (or the PHY and AUI names) with any amendments necessary (eg in section 91.5.2.7. maybe in 91.5.2.8, maybe in 92.5.3.1 definitely in 91.5.3.3 etc.) or. Write a FEC subsection for the 100G versions to go into each of these clauses describing which FEC is used and any exceptions to clause 91.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

802.3-2015 91.5.2.7 specifies which FEC format to use for the defined 100G PHY types.

Update 91.5.2.7 to include the new 100G PHY types with editorial license.

Cl 091 SC 91.5.3.1 P98 L39 # 175  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket, <late>

Figure 91-8. The "2\_Good" state is not consistent with the original Clause 91. I think it may have been copied from Clause 119 by mistake. In Clause 119 there are no FEC lanes.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "pcs\_lane\_mapping<x>  
 pcs\_lane" to "FEC\_lane\_mapping<x>  
 fec\_lane"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

Cl 091 SC 91.5.3.1 P98 L33 # 176  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type T Comment Status D withdrawn, <late>

Figure 91-8. Is the definition of the "AMP\_COMPARE" function correct ? It is not clear if "AMP\_COMPARE" only compares a single 64 bit alignment maker payload (and if so which one), or a sequence of 64 bit alignment marker payloads. Figure 91-4 indicates that the start of each FEC lane is comprised of 5 x 64 bit alignment marker payloads , e.g. FEC Lane 0 starts with amp\_tx\_0, amp\_tx\_4, amp\_tx\_8, amp\_tx\_12 and amp\_tx\_16". Which of these are used by the "AMP\_COMPARE" function ? The situation is further confused by the fact that "AMP\_COMPARE" refers to comparing values of "PCS lanes" rather than "FEC lanes", even though the output of the "AMP\_COMPARE" function is essentially to drive a FEC lane mapping (i.e. FEC\_lane\_mapping<x>  
 fec\_lane)

SuggestedRemedy

No proposed solution. Discuss in task force.

Proposed Response Response Status Z

PROPOSED REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

Cl 091 SC 91.5.3.1 P98 L45 # 177  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D withdrawn, <late>

It is not clear that there are four instances of the FEC alignment state machine running (one per FEC lane).

SuggestedRemedy

Add a note to make it clear that there are four instances of the "FEC synchronization state machine" shown in Figure 91-8, compared to only a single instance of the "FEC alignment state machine" shown in Figure 91-9

Proposed Response Response Status Z

PROPOSED REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

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Cl 091 SC 91.5.4.2.3 P99 L27 # 178  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type T Comment Status D withdrawn, <late>

Need to define more clearly what is meant by "alignment markers" in the definition for "amp\_bad\_count". For example there are only four "amp\_bad\_count" counters (one for each FEC lane), but there are 20 alignment markers. Does alignment marker mean a single 66 bit PCS lane alignment marker, a single 64 bit amp\_tx\_x (Figure 91-4) or a collection of five 64 bit amp\_tx that occur at the start of each FEC lane ?

SuggestedRemedy

No proposed solution. Discuss in task force.

Proposed Response Response Status Z

PROPOSED REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

Cl 131 SC 131.1.2 P107 L10 # 179  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket, <late>

Reading bullet "2c" it could be interpreted that LAUI-2 can use Annex 135D/E.

SuggestedRemedy

Reword to make it clear that LAUI-2 uses Annex135B/C and 50GAUI-2 uses Annex 135 D/E. Something like: "The PMA service interface, which, when physically implemented as LAUI-2 at an observable interconnection port uses a 2-lane data path as specified in Annex 135B or Annex 135C and when physically implemented as 50GAUI-2 (50 Gb/s two-lane Attachment Unit Interface) uses a 2-lane data path as specified in Annex 135D or Annex 135E" or change the text for bullet 2c to add the words "as appropriate" at the end so "The PMA service interface, which, when physically implemented as LAUI-2 and 50GAUI-2 (50 Gb/s two-lane Attachment Unit Interface) at an observable interconnection port, uses a 2-lane data path as specified in Annex 135B, Annex 135C, Annex 135D or Annex 135E, as appropriate"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

Replace item c) with the following:

"c) The PMA service interface, which, when physically implemented as LAUI-2, as specified in Annex 135B and Annex 135C, or as 50GAUI-2 (50 Gb/s two-lane Attachment Unit Interface), as specified in Annex 135D and Annex 135E, at an observable interconnection port, uses a 2-lane data path."

Cl 131 SC 131.2.3 P109 L13 # 180  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket, <late>

FEC is mandatory for all PHYs.

SuggestedRemedy

Change: "An FEC sublayer specified in Clause 134 is available for all 50GBASE-R PHYs" to "50GBASE-R PHYs use the FEC sublayer specified in Clause 134". This makes the description consistent with 131.2.2.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

Cl 131 SC 131.2.4 P109 L19 # 181  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket, <late>

There is no mention of FEC in this section ? For example "The 50GBASE-R PMA performs the mapping of transmit and receive data streams between the PCS and PMA via the PMA service interface, and the mapping and multi-plexing of transmit and receive data streams between the PMA and PMD via the PMD service interface" The 50GBASE-R PMA also performs the mapping of transmit and receive data streams between the FEC and PMA via the PMA service interface.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the sentence to read " The 50GBASE-R PMA performs the mapping of transmit and receive data streams between the PCS and PMA via the PMA service interface, the mapping of transmit and receive data streams between the FEC and the PMA via the PMA service interface, and the mapping and multi-plexing of transmit and receive data streams between the PMA and PMD via the PMD service interface"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

See comment #184.



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Cl 132 SC 132.4 P119 L44 # 182  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type T Comment Status D withdrawn, <late>

I didn't think we supported LPI for 50G PHYs (EEE deep sleep mode is not supported)?

SuggestedRemedy

No proposed solution.

Proposed Response Response Status Z

PROPOSED REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

Cl 134 SC 134.5.3.8 P141 L50 # 183  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D withdrawn, <late>

It would be better if Figure 134-5 was relocated to appear before sub-section 134.5.4.

SuggestedRemedy

Move Figure 134-5.

Proposed Response Response Status Z

PROPOSED REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

Cl 135 SC 135.1.1 P150 L11 # 184  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket, <late>

"The PMA allows the PCS (see Clause 133 and Clause 82) to connect in a media-independent way with a range of physical media. " Why is there no mention of FEC here ? The PMA also allows the FEC sub-layer (see Clause 91 and Clause 134) to connect in a media-independent way with a range of physical media. Why do we single out the PCS but not mention FEC ?

SuggestedRemedy

No proposed solution.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

Change:

"The PMA allows the PCS (see Clause 133 and Clause 82) to connect in a media-independent way with a range of physical media."

To:

"The PMA allows the PCS (see Clause 133 and Clause 82) and FEC (see Clause 134 and Clause 91) to connect in a media-independent way with a range of physical media."

See comment #181.

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Cl 135 SC 135.1.2 P151 L13 # 185  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket, <late>

Figure 135-1. We should decide whether to use "FEC" or "RS-FEC" in these OSI reference models, and then be consistent across all clauses

SuggestedRemedy

Decide whether to use "FEC" or "RE-FEC" for the OSI reference models and be consistent across all Clauses.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

In future 50G PHYs, there may be other FEC types defined so the introduction, RS/MII, PCS, and PMA, Clauses should refer to a generic FEC in the OSI layer diagram. The FEC type is explicitly called out in each of the PMD clauses.

Since the FEC clause and PMD clauses are referencing specific FEC specifications the OSI diagrams should refer to RS-FEC. All of the PMD clauses should be consistent.

In Figure 139-1 and Figure 140-1, change "FEC" to "RS-FEC".

Cl 135 SC 135.1.4 P152 L28 # 186  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket, <late>

Figure 135-2. Suggest extending Figure 135-2 to show LAUI-2 interface between 50G PCS and FEC, and CAUI-n between 100G PCS and FEC, to better align with the subsequent text which talks about both LAUI-2 and CAUI-n.

SuggestedRemedy

Add LAUI-2 and CAUI-n to Figure 135-2.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

This diagram shows the locations of the PMA specified in Clause 135. Adding, the CAUI-n to the 100G stack would be confusing or would require a lot more labelling to differentiate between the PMA layers used by CAUI-n and 100GAUI-n.

However, it makes sense to add LAUI-2 to the diagram since it also uses the PMA specified in Clause 135.

Add a LAUI-2 interface in the 50G stack.

Cl 135 SC 135.1.4 P153 L12 # 187  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket, <late>

CAUI-4 should be CAUI-10.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace "CAUI-4 is specified Clause 83 and associated annexes." with "CAUI-10 is specified Clause 83 and associated annexes."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

See also comment 127.

Cl 135 SC 135.2 P154 L30 # 188  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type T Comment Status D withdrawn, <late>

Figure 135-4. "z" can also be 20 for 100GBASE-P.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace "z = 4 for 100GBASE-P" with "z = 4 or 20 for 100GBASE-P" in the diagram. If you want to be more precise you could also identify PCSL and FECL so something like "z = 4 FECLs or 20 PCSLs for 100GBASE-P" and "z = 2 FECLs or 4 PCSLs for 50GBASE-R"

Proposed Response Response Status Z

PROPOSED REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

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Cl 135 SC 135.4 P156 L1 # 189  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D withdrawn, <late>

Why is the text starting with "In the Tx direction, the PMA transfers .." repeated from section 135.3 (page 155, line 10). Same comment for the text starting with "In the Rx direction, if the symbol is " on line 10.

SuggestedRemedy

Propose deleting this text and perhaps the whole of section 135.4. At the very least we appear to be mixing the definition of the PMA service interface and the description of the funtions within the PMA sub-layer (which belong in 135.5). Could also delete the same text in 135.3.

Proposed Response Response Status Z

PROPOSED REJECT.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

Cl 135 SC 135.5 P156 L27 # 190  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket, <late>

It is not clear what the word "divisors" means in the following sentence " As described in 135.1.4, the number of input lanes and the number of output lanes for a given PMA are divisors of 2 (below the FEC) or 4 (above the FEC) for 50GBASE-R, or 4 for 100GBASE-P, which are the number of PCSs/FECLs for the respective PHYs". A retimer PMA would have the same number of input lanes as output lanes, in which case I don't see how the divisor can be 2 (or 4) ?

SuggestedRemedy

Reword to make it clear what is meant by "divisors".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

Wikipedia defines divisor as follows:

"In mathematics, a divisor of an integer n, also called a factor of n, is an integer that can be multiplied by some other integer to produce n. An integer n is divisible by another integer m if m is a factor of n, so that dividing n by m leaves no remainder."

As an example for 50G below the RS-FEC, there are 2 FEC lanes so any divisor of 2 (1 or 2) is permissible as the number of input or output lanes.

Since divisor is a commonly used well-defined term, no further definition is required in the referenced text.

Cl 135 SC 135.5 P156 L38 # 191  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket, <late>

The list starting on line 38 is missing the condition "Whether the PMA is adjacent to the FEC"

SuggestedRemedy

Update the list to include "Whether the PMA is adjacent to the FEC"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

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Cl 135 SC 135.5 P157 L37 # 192  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket, <late>

Note LAUI-2 is missing from notes "a" and "b" in Figure 135-5.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "a If 50GAUI-n or 100GAUI-n immediately above this PMA" to "a If LAUI-2, 50GAUI-n or 100GAUI-n immediately above this PMA" and change "b If 50GAUI-n or 100GAUI-n immediately below this PMA or if this is the closest PMA to the PMD" to "b If LAUI-2, 50GAUI-n or 100GAUI-n immediately below this PMA or if this is the closest PMA to the PMD"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

Cl 135 SC 135.5.1 P157 L50 # 193  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket, <late>

Missing reference to LAUI-2

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "If the interface between the sublayer below the PMA and the PMA is physically instantiated as 50GAUI-n or 100GAUI-n, the PMA....." to "If the interface between the sublayer below the PMA and the PMA is physically instantiated as LAUI-2, 50GAUI-n or 100GAUI-n, the PMA....."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

Cl 135 SC 135.5.2 P158 L7 # 194  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D withdrawn, <late>

"The bit multiplexing behavior is illustrated in Figure 135-4." If the bit muxing behavior is a detail of the more generic PMA functional block diagram, then I suggest it would be better for Figure 135-4 to come after 135-5. It is a bit confusing the way it is currently structured where a diagram of some internal detail of the PMA comes before the high level PMA functional block diagram.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Move Figure 134-5 to after Figure 134-5 (i.e. reorder the figures).

Proposed Response Response Status Z

PROPOSED REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

Cl 135 SC 135.5.2 P158 L11 # 195  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket, <late>

There are no PCLS below the FEC (or if they are then the number is 4 and not 2) so the text is somewhat confusing.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "The number of PCLS/FECLs z is 2 (below the FEC) and 4 (above the FEC) for 50GBASE-R interface and 4 for 100GBASE-P interfaces" to "The number of PCSLs/FECLs z is 2 FECLs (below the FEC) and 4 PCSLs (above the FEC) for 50GBASE-R interface and 4 FECLs (below the FEC) for 100GBASE-P interfaces"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

From:

"The number of PCSLs/FECLs z is 2 (below the FEC) and 4 (above the FEC) for 50GBASE-R interfaces and 4 for 100GBASE-P interfaces."

To:

"The number of PCSLs/FECLs z is 2 FECLs (below the FEC) and 4 PCSLs (above the FEC) for 50GBASE-R interfaces and 4 FECLs for 100GBASE-P interfaces."

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Cl 135 SC 135.5.2 P158 L12 # 196  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket, <late>

"The nominal bit rate Rlane of each PCSL/FECL is 25.78125 Gb/s for 50GBASE-R above the FEC and.." This is incorrect. The nominal bit rate for the 50GBASE-R PCS lane is 12.890625 Gb/s as described in Clause 133. There are also no FECLs above the FEC.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "The nominal bit rate Rlane of each PCSL/FECL is 25.78125 Gb/s for 50GBASE-R above the FEC and." to "The nominal bit rate Rlane of each PCSL is 12.890625 Gb/s for 50GBASE-R above the FEC and." This wording is still a bit cumbersome and could be improved further.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

Cl 135 SC 135.5.2 P158 L18 # 197  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket, <late>

The following sentence is a bit cumbersome "The Baud rate is equal to half of the bit rate when the number of physical lanes is 1 for 50GBASE-R or the number of physical lanes is 1 or 2 for 100GBASE-P (PAM4 symbols are sent or received on the lanes)"> This text, or similar, seems to be repeated several times in the clause.

SuggestedRemedy

Why not simply state that "the Baud rate is equal to half the bit rate when PAM4 encoding is implemented". It is already stated elsewhere (several times) that PAM4 encoding is used when "the number of physical lanes is 1 for 50GBASE-R or the number of physical lanes is 1 or 2 for 100GBASE-P ". Too much repetition to quote a BBC radio 4 program !

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

Relate the number of lanes and NRZ/PAM4 once then refer to NRZ and PAM4 thereafter.

Cl 135 SC 135.5.2 P158 L33 # 198  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket, <late>

"As the PCS (see Clause 133 and Clause 82) has fully flexible receive logic, an implementation is free to perform the mapping of PCSLs/FECLs from input lanes to output lanes without constraint" It is also a requirement that the FEC (Clause 91 and Clause 134) has flexible receive logic as well to make this statement true.

SuggestedRemedy

Include a reference to FEC (Clause 91 and 134).

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

Change:

"As the PCS (see Clause 133 and Clause 82) has fully flexible receive logic"

To:

"As the PCS (see Clause 133 and Clause 82) and FEC (See Clause 91 and Clause 134) have fully flexible receive logic"

Cl 135 SC 135.5.2 P159 L9 # 199  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket, <late>

Figure 135-6. The result of the equation "x+4/m" is incorrect. The correct answer should be x+1 and not 1. Same comment for equation x+4/n on line 27.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace "x+4/m=1" with "x+4/m=x+1" and replace "x+4/n=2" with "x+4/n=x+2"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

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Cl 135 SC 135.5.2 P159 L13 # 200  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket, <late>  
 Figure 135-6. Redundant set of muxes.

SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete the redundant set of muxes.

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

Remove the 4 demux stages immediately below the boxes with labels 0.3, 2.6, 1.3, and 3.5, respectively.

Cl 135 SC 135.5.3 P159 L41 # 201  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket, <late>  
 "The Skew (relative delay) between the PCSs/FECLs must be kept within limits so that the information on the lanes can be reassembled by the PCS" This statement also applies to the FEC.

SuggestedRemedy  
 Change "The Skew (relative delay) between the PCSs/FECLs must be kept within limits so that the information on the lanes can be reassembled by the PCS" to "The Skew (relative delay) between the PCSs/FECLs must be kept within limits so that the information on the lanes can be reassembled by the PCS and FEC"

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

Cl 135 SC 135.5.3.2 P160 L12 # 202  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D withdrawn, <late>  
 (toward the PMD) is redundant as transmit direction has already been defined.

SuggestedRemedy  
 Remove "(toward the PMD)"

Proposed Response Response Status Z  
 PROPOSED REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

Cl 135 SC 135.5.3.8 P161 L6 # 203  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type T Comment Status D bucket, <late>  
 Remove the reference to PCSs.

SuggestedRemedy  
 Change "while maintaining the bit order and position of PCSs/FECLs on lanes sent in the receive direction towards the MAC." to "while maintaining the bit order and position of FECLs on lanes sent in the receive direction towards the MAC."

Proposed Response Response Status W  
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

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Cl 135 SC 135.7.2 P162 L54 # 204  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D withdrawn, <late>

"precoder\_up\_tx\_enable\_i, precoder\_up\_rx\_enable\_i, precoder\_down\_tx\_enable\_i," ..In these variable names do tx and rx still represent direction of data flow with respect to the PMD , so for example "precoder\_up\_tx\_enable\_0" would turn on decoding for precoded PAM4 symbols received on lane 0 from the FEC, e.g. generating G(j) from P(j) ?, or to put it another way is "precoder\_up\_tx" an input to the PMA and "precoder\_up\_rx" an output of the PMA (and from/to the FEC sublayer).

SuggestedRemedy

No proposed solution.

Proposed Response Response Status Z

PROPOSED REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

Cl 135 SC 135.6 P165 L21 # 205  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D bucket, <late>

There are no detailed descriptions provided for each of the MDIO variables in Table 135-2. Please see section 134.6 or 91.6 as examples.

SuggestedRemedy

Add a description for each of the MDIO variables in Table 135-2.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

Descriptions are provided in the referenced Clause 45 subclauses.

Cl 091 SC 91.5.3.1 P98 L12 # 206  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type T Comment Status D withdrawn, <late>

Figure 91-8. The new optional state "COMP\_AM" does not have any functions associated with it (i.e. the box is empty).

SuggestedRemedy

Define and add the appropriate functions into the "COMP\_AM" state. The new function would be similar (but not identical) to AMP\_COMPARE defined in 91.5.4.2.2.

Proposed Response Response Status Z

PROPOSED REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

Cl 091 SC 91.5.3.1 P98 L15 # 207  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type T Comment Status D withdrawn, <late>

Figure 91-8. I am not sure that "amp\_valid and !amp\_valid" are the correct exit conditions for the "COMP\_AM" state. amp\_valid as defined in 91.5.4.2.1 just checks that the received 64-bit block is a valid alignment marker payload, whereas in this state we also need to check that it is the correct alignment marker payload for the specific FEC lane being tested.

SuggestedRemedy

Need to define a new version of "amp\_valid" that is set to true if the received 64-bit block matches the expected alignment marker payload. Also in this case I think that amp\_valid has to be based on more than checking 64 bits (as the first 64 bits received on each FEC lane are identical ?

Proposed Response Response Status Z

PROPOSED REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

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CI 091 SC 91.5.3.1 P98 L27 # 208  
 Nicholl, Gary Cisco Systems

Comment Type T Comment Status D withdrawn, <late>

Figure 91-8. Why are variables "first\_pcsi" and "current\_pcsi" being used in a FEC synchronization state diagram. The definitions in 91.5.4.2.1 do not seem to apply here. I would have thought that the FEC synchronization state machine would be operating of FEC lanes (as defiend in 91.5.4.2.1) and not PCS lanes?

SuggestedRemedy

Perhaps "first\_pcsi" and "current\_pcsi" should be changed to "first\_feci" and "current\_feci" with new definitions. The definition should be changed to a variables that hold the " FEC lane number " and not the "PCS lane number" as in the current definition.

Proposed Response Response Status Z

PROPOSED REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

CI 136 SC 136.11.7 P211 L21 # 209  
 Mellitz, Richard Samtec

Comment Type TR Comment Status D COM

Since Tx SNR uses Np=200, host ISI is left unspecified

SuggestedRemedy

add line as table 120D for Transmitter Output residual ISI SNR\_ISI (max) and set to 30dB

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Table 136-15 assigns values for COM parameters. There is currently no SNR\_ISI parameter in COM, and the similar Table 120D-8 does not list this parameter.

The COM parameter that represents the TX SNR\_ISI should be added in Annex 93A. It seems preferable to do that in a comment against 802.3bs, which uses SNR\_ISI too (if that happens, it would apply in 802.3cd as well).

SNR\_ISI does appear in the Tx specs, Table 136-11.

CI 137 SC 137.9.2 P228 L52 # 210  
 Mellitz, Richard Samtec

Comment Type TR Comment Status D COM

Since Tx SNR uses Nb=12 and larger than in clause 120d, SNR\_ISI need to different

SuggestedRemedy

Set Transmitter Output residual ISI SNR\_ISI (max) to 40dB Presentation will be available

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The commenter is requesting an additional exception to change the SNR\_ISI from 32.3 to 40 dB.

Pending presentation.

CI 137 SC 137.1 P231 L9 # 211  
 Mellitz, Richard Samtec

Comment Type TR Comment Status D COM

Table 135-5: Z and Rd should represent a worst case. However, tolerance values around those values represents a hole in the spec reducing COM by around 0.4dB at 30dB loss. This was suggested in hidaka\_100516\_3cd\_adhoc.pdf.

SuggestedRemedy

Index entries for Zc and Rd, Av, Afe, and Afe. Add sections in Annex 93A on how to determine driving point impedance, zp11 and zp22. Use maximum difference between driving point impedance and Zc to determine which indexed value of Zc, Rd, Av, Afe, and Ane is used in COM. See presentation for COM impact data, decision algorithms, and suggestions on what lines in Annex 93A should be indexed. In addition table entries will be proposed.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Pending presentation.



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Cl 136 SC 136.9.3 P201 L53 # 212

Matt Brown

Comment Type E Comment Status D <late>

Several transmitter characteristics parameters are currently specified as TBD as follows:  
 Level separation mismatch ratio RLM (min.)  
 Signal-to-noise-and-distortion ratio (min.)  
 JRMS  
 J4

*SuggestedRemedy*

Provide values for these parameters.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

For Task Force discussion.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

Cl 136 SC 136.9.4.2.3 P206 L39 # 213

Matt Brown

Comment Type E Comment Status D <late>

The reference in the following list item is TBD.  
 F) The SNRTX value that results in the required COM value for the test is calculated. The injected noise (see 136.9.4.2.4) is set such that the SNDR, as measured at the Tx test reference using the procedure in TBD, matches the calculated SNRTX value.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Provide a reference.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

For task force discussion.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.

Cl 138 SC 138.9.7 P256 L36 # 214

Matt Brown

Comment Type E Comment Status D <late>

The hazard level in 138.9.2 and 138.9.7 is designated as TBC or TBD.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Provide the hazard levels for each case.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

For task force discussion.

Late comment: This comment was submitted after the Task Force review closed.