# A New Rate/Reach Objective for EFM-Copper

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## Outline

- Review the current rate/reach objective and its associated PHY
- Emphasize the importance of longer reach coverage
- Propose to add a new rate/reach objective to address the need for broader market potential

## Current Rate/Reach Objective

 PHY for single-pair non-loaded voicegrade copper with distance ≥ 750 m and speed ≥ 10 Mbps full duplex

## Interpretations of the Objective

- The objective is a minimum performance point on the rate/reach curve of the PHY
- The PHY, in addition to the 750 m / 10 Mbps point, may support any combination of higher/lower data rates at longer/shorter distances

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- The objective is a minimum performance point that happens to be symmetric in terms of upstream and downstream rates
- The PHY, in addition to symmetric data services, may support asymmetric services

### VDSL as Short-Reach PHY

- Standardized technology
- Achieve high data rates on short loops
- Meet the current rate/reach objective
- Meet the spectral compatibility objective
- Tested in labs and field trials

#### 998-VDSL Performance (26 AWG)



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#### 998-VDSL Performance (24 AWG)



## Simulation Assumptions

- Simulation parameters (same as T1E1.4/2002-159R0,R1,R2):
  - VDSL DS PSD: minimum of -50 dBm/Hz and FTTEx\_M2\_PSD in "T1.424/Trial-Use"
  - VDSL US PSD: M2\_PSD in "T1.424/Trial-Use" with UPBO incorporated
  - optional band 0 not used

## Simulation Assumptions

- VDSL\_SM\_ref:
  - T1E1.4 provisionally agreed VDSL spectral conformance criteria per 06/13/02 interim meeting via conference call
  - based on worst-case crosstalk combinations and some additional reduction
  - only specified for 26 AWG loops

## Simulation Assumptions

- VDSL/12 SMC6 + 12 SMC4:
  - moderate crosstalk model
  - SMC6: primarily accommodates VDSL, chosen to represent FDD systems
  - SMC4: primarily accommodates HDSL2, chosen to represent EC systems

## Limitation of 998-VDSL

- Not suitable for symmetric transmissions on longer loops:
  - upstream data rate drops rapidly as distance increases
  - poor scalability: even with a reasonable number of bonded pairs, upstream data rate is still low
- Using optional Band 0 increases upstream rate by about 1 Mbps: not enough

## Extending Band 0 for Upstream?

- Stretch Band 0 towards higher frequencies to increase upstream rates
- Result in non-standard and untested systems
- Require deployment guidelines to maintain spectral compatibility
- Reach limited by deployment guidelines

# Cumulative Distribution of North American Loop Length

(Source: TIA/EIA-876)



#### Source of Data

- Table A1 in TIA/EIA-876 "North American Network Access Transmission Model for Evaluating xDSL Modem Performance", which was published in June 2002
- TIA: Telecommunications Industry Association
- EIA: Electronics Industry Association

### Remarks

- Likelihood of occurrences were compiled from three recent North American Surveys that include samples as large as 14 million loops
- The surveys included both central office deployed and digital loop carrier deployed loops
- Loops are of mixed 24/26 AWG

# Limitations of Current Rate/Reach Objective

- A Fact: among existing DSL technologies, it only allows VDSL as a PHY
- VDSL can cover no more than 16% of the North American loops
- This will limit the applicability of EFM-Cu
- It does not meet the criterion of "**Broad Market Potential**"

# Importance of Longer Reach Coverage

- Provide service providers more and better opportunities to deploy EFM-Cu
  - utilize more existing loop plants
  - reduce extensive re-engineering of copper infrastructure
- Bring EFM-Cu to more customers
- Bring EFM-Cu to market faster

## Service Provider's Perspective

- SPs proposed longer reach coverage:
  - OTI: miller\_1\_0701.pdf
  - Qwest: cook\_1\_0901.pdf
  - GWI: kittredge\_1\_0901.pdf
  - SBC: starr\_1\_0102.pdf
  - SBC/Qwest: wei\_1\_0302.pdf
  - SBC/Sprint/Qwest: wei\_1\_0502.pdf

#### Another Solution Needed

- Both shorter and longer loops are important to the success of EFM-Cu
- Two distinct technical solutions are required for shorter and longer loops, respectively
- Therefore, besides the short-reach objective, we need a rate/reach objective for longer loops

# **Targeting Business Markets**

- Business customers are more likely to order higher-speed services such as EFM-Cu
- Scalable broadband services enabled by the combination of long-reach PHY and multipair bonding are highly desirable to business customers rather than to residential customers

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- Business-oriented applications require symmetric data rates:
  - video conferencing
  - web hosting
  - multiple voice channels (10 or more)
- Supporting POTS is not a requirement for business-oriented services

## Proposed New Objective

 PHY for single-pair non-loaded voicegrade copper with distance ≥ 2700 m and speed ≥ 2 Mbps full duplex

## Advantages of the New Objective

- Significantly increase the loop coverage of EFM-Cu
- Allow scalable broadband services with multi-pair bonding
- Provide EFM-Cu much broader market potential

## Feasibility of the New Objective

- There exists a standardized technology that has been proven in testing labs and fields to meet the new objective and to be fully compliant to T1.417: **SHDSL** 
  - ITU G.991.2 (G.shdsl)
  - ANSI T1.422-2001
  - ETSI TS101-524

### Conclusions

- The addition of the new objective is critical to the success of EFM-Cu
- Adopting the new objective will keep Copper Sub-TF moving forward