802.3ap Proposal for Auto-Negotiation

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General 802.3ap Autonegotiation Objectives

 Compatible with legacy auto-negotiation systems and align with any enhancements for 802.3an(10GBASE-T)

Objectives Of This Proposal

Define 802.3ap Auto-Negotiation for

- 1G/10G speeds
- Allow negotiation of new technology capabilities for backplane Ethernet. eg. Signaling, Lanes, congestion management parameters etc.
- Define electricals compatible with 802.3ap backplane signaling (to be defined)
- Leverage existing Clause 28 Auto-Neg
 - Stay within 3 sec link time limit established by 1000BASE-T
- Adopt Clause 45 Management registers
 - Be backwards compatible to Clause 22 registers?
- Need to operate with existing components and devices that opt not to use the proposed Auto-Negotiation
 - Compatible with legacy 1G and XAUI devices

High Level Model

RS, MAC and Higher layers



Layer Model

Auto-Negotiation

Speed negotiations

- IG single lane
- 10G single lane
- 10G 4-lane (compatible with XAUI, CX4, ATCATM BX4)?
- Other negotiations relevant to Backplane Ethernet
 - Signaling, failover etc.
 - Flow control, congestion management parameters (align with CMSG)

Clause 28 Auto-Negotiation

- Use FLP and timing as specified in Clause
 28
 - Should we consider speeding up FLPs or spacing between bursts?
- Base Page same as presented in the March Plenary Meeting
- Set NP to indicate the device is next page capable

S0	S1	S2	S3	S4	A0	A1	A2	A 3	A4	A5	A 6	A7	RF	Ack	NP
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1st Next Page Assignment

- Send one Formatted NP with Message Page for 802.3ap: M10:M0=0x9
- Upon receiving an ACK for this page, both sides can then speed up FLP transmission rate
- Min FLP burst time shortened to 32us
- Min period between FLP bursts shortened to 4ms
- Min FLP pulses is 17, as in Clause 28
- Max FLP pulses is 33, as in Clause 28
- Goal: Achieve consistency with potential 802.3an approach

2nd Next Page

- Transmitted using the faster FLP bursts
- Unformatted NP as defined below for BP capabilities
- Additional capabilities maybe added in this page or series of NPs following this page

Technology	BP traces
1000BASE-?X	1 lane BP trace
10GBASE-X4 (4 x 3.125)	4 lane BP trace
10GBASE-? (1 lane 10G)	1 lane BP trace
RESERVED*	
	Technology1000BASE-?X10GBASE-X4 (4 x 3.125)10GBASE-? (1 lane 10G)RESERVED*

* Can be used for other negotiations; Flow control, failover etc.

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Following Next Pages

- Information to be exchanged can include:
 - # of lanes used
 - Default lane # for 10G serial or 1G operation
 - Training seeds for specific line codes
 - Power saving modes
 - Presence of Clause 22 Management registers
 - Congestion Management Parameters
- Some of the next pages can be optional
- All can be accomplished with a goal of 3 second link time out budget established by 1000BASE-T

Receive Function

- Receive function compatible with Clause 28
- Legacy considerations for future implementations
 - May use parallel detect function if FLP is not received
 - May determine whether link is legacy 1G SERDES or XAUI based on number of valid 10B codes received within a given time (320ns)
 - May enable Clause 37 based Auto-Negotiation for legacy 1G SERDES
 - May Autonegotiate with 1000BASE-T devices

Electrical Definition

- Electrical template should be defined to be compatible with 802.3ap signaling specifications
 - Need inputs?

The electrical template as defined in Clause 28.4 may not be suitable for operation with existing backplane SERDES devices

Management Registers

- The Management Registers to use Clause 45 specification
- Check register 2.5.0 to see if Clause 22 based registers are present
- Backwards compatible with Clause 22 based registers (as in 802.3ah and has to be investigated by 10GBASE-T also)
- May need voltage translation devices for MDIO bus to be backwards compatible with Clause 22 specification (as specified in Annex 45A)

Capability Resolution

- Define capability arbitration and resolution based on extensions of current speed resolution table
- Capabilities that need arbitration are
 - PHY Type
 - Different speed capabilities
 - Any other enhancements from 802.3an
- Choose highest common denominator for capabilities

Things to Consider

- Specify Max FLP burst time?
- Be Clause 28 compatible but go to new simplified state machine specific to 802.3ap?
 - Logic block reuse for multiple designs
 - Compatibility with 802.3an

Summary

- Finalize the objectives for Auto-Negotiation
- Leverage Clause 28 Auto-Negotiation
- Adopt Clause 45 management registers
- Align with electricals to be defined in 802.3ap
- Need to operate with legacy devices and devices that opt not to implement Auto-Negotiation