

# IEEE P802.3bq (D 1.0) IEEE P802.3bq - 40GBASE-T 1st Task Force review comments

CI 98 SC 98.7.2.3 P 142 L 25 # 1  
DiMinico, Christopher MC Communications  
Comment Type ER Comment Status A Editorial  
EQ 98-14 redundant frequency range

## SuggestedRemedy

delete line in brackets {8 1600<f<=2000}  
change {8 1600<f<=2000} to {8 1000<f<=2000}

Response Response Status C  
ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.5.4.5.1 P 135 L 22 # 2  
DiMinico, Christopher MC Communications  
Comment Type T Comment Status A Short Reach  
98.5.4.5.1 Short reach test channel text provided in contribution  
per Ed note to delete or replace text with an appropriate short reach channel....

## SuggestedRemedy

see contribution diminico\_3bq\_01\_1114.pdf

Response Response Status C  
ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
98.5.4.5.1 Short reach test channels  
The short reach link segment meeting the transmission requirements in this  
subclause are specified to support up to 5 (TBD) meters.  
98.5.4.5.1.1 Direct attach cable assembly  
The direct attach cable assembly contains balanced twisted-pair terminated in a  
connector at each end for use as a short reach link segment between MDIs.  
98. 5.4.5.1.1.x.x Direct attach cable assembly transmission requirements – (TBD)  
TIA and ISO are developing direct attach channel specifications to support short  
reach link segments.  
Editor is directed to utilize the limits in TIA Category 8 specification D 2.0E, Clause 6.4  
to specify 98.xxx short reach link segment for the transmission requirements  
corresponding to the link segment parameters specified in 98.7.2 Link segment  
transmission parameters i.e., Insertion Loss, Return Loss, NEXT,MDNEXT  
(PSNEXT), ACRF, MDACRF (PSACRF), delay, delay skew, MDANEXT  
(PSANEXT), MDAFEXT (PSAACRF). The specifications will be TBD.

CI 98 SC 98.7.2.6 P 129 L 4 # 3  
Larsen, Wayne CommScope  
Comment Type T Comment Status A  
The range should be from 1-2000 MHz, not 2-500 MHz.

## SuggestedRemedy

Change the range to 1 MHz to 2000 MHz.

Response Response Status C  
ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
Link segment delay starting frequency 2 MHz consistent with BASE-T PHYs.  
Change: 2 MHz to 500 MHz  
to: 2 MHz to 2000 MHz

CI 98 SC 98.8.1 P 131 L 38 # 4  
Larsen, Wayne CommScope  
Comment Type T Comment Status A MDI  
The specification of the MDI was not updated correctly based on motion 7 from the September  
meeting.

## SuggestedRemedy

Change from

IEC 60603-7-4 (unscreened) or IEC 60603.7-5 (screened)

change to

IEC 60603-7-51 (published) with the improved characteristics and frequency extensions  
sepcified in 60603-7-81 (currently CDV draft)

Response Response Status C  
ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
See comment 119

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CI 98 SC 98.8.2.1 P 132 L 46 # 5  
Larsen, Wayne CommScope

Comment Type T Comment Status A MDI

The requirements need to be extended to 2000 MHz. The 6 dB level as a flat plateau might be fine.

This editor's note would be accurate, if it applies to the connector by itself, free of magnetics and PCB mounting. This product is normally produced as an integrated module containing the connector and the magnetic isolation coils. For this assembly, the return loss values in equation 98-31 are about right.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Delete the editor's note.

Add a new line, specifying RL of 6 dB, flat plateau, from 500 MHz to 2000 MHz.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
Delete the editor's note.

Replace the last line, starting at 400MHz and extend to 2000 MHz: specifying RL of 6 dB, flat plateau, from 400 MHz to 2000 MHz.

CI 98 SC 98.8.2.2 P 134 L 1 # 6  
Larsen, Wayne CommScope

Comment Type T Comment Status R MDI

The test procedures on this page can be improved.

Specific comments on how to improve them have been provided in the past.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Response Response Status C

REJECT.  
Commenter has not provided sufficient information to implement changes in draft.

CI 98 SC 98.8.2.3 P 134 L 45 # 7  
Larsen, Wayne CommScope

Comment Type T Comment Status R MDI

Thinking this is intended to prevent damage to the PHY itself and other electronic elements, not so much the MDI.

Since it is not really an MDI requirement, consider moving it to another place in the standard. The editor's note on line 53 alludes to this.

#### SuggestedRemedy

from:

each wire pair of the MDI shall, under all operation conditions, withstand without damage the application of short circuits of any wire to any other wire within the connected 4-pair cable to:

The electronic equipment containing a 40GBASE-T PHY shall, under all operation conditions, withstand without damage the application of short circuits of any wire to any other wire within the connected 4-pair cable

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

- Editor's note referred to the second paragraph ("A 40GBASE-T PHY...") Proposed resolution refers to the requirement on the MDI in the first paragraph of the subclause

See also comments 8 & 109

CI 98 SC 98.8.2.3 P 135 L 1 # 8  
Larsen, Wayne CommScope

Comment Type T Comment Status R MDI

Agree with the editor's note at the end of page 134. The wording of this sentence can be improved, and a suggestion is made below. Also agree this requirement should be moved to the isolation section.

#### SuggestedRemedy

From:

each wire pair shall withstand without damage a 1000 V common-mode impulse of either polarity.

To:

The electronic equipment containing a 40GBASE-T PHY shall withstand without damage a 1000 V common-mode impulse applied to any wire pair, of either polarity.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

- see comment 109

See also comment 7

Editor's note refers to preceding paragraph on lines 50-52, page 134, not subsequent paragraph.

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CI 98 SC 98.12.7 P 146 L 15 # 9  
Larsen, Wayne CommScope  
Comment Type E Comment Status A PICS  
To align with the terminology used in clause 98.7.  
SuggestedRemedy  
in table entries LKS6, LKS7, and LKS15, change "FEXT" to "ACRF"  
Response Response Status C  
ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.12.7 P 146 L 24 # 10  
Larsen, Wayne CommScope  
Comment Type T Comment Status A PICS  
To align the contents of this table with clause 98.7. The items listed are not included in clause 98.7.  
SuggestedRemedy  
Delete table entries LKS12, LKS13, LKS14, LKS16, LKS17, LKS18, and LKS19.  
Response Response Status C  
ACCEPT.  
- PICS to be scrubbed to align with revisions in clause 98 relative to clause 55 (these are some of them)

CI 98 SC 98.8.2.2 P 133 L 15 # 11  
Larsen, Wayne CommScope  
Comment Type T Comment Status A MDI  
To extend the MDI impedance balance requirement to 2000 MHz.  
It seems this change was supposed to be implemented in the last cycle but was not implemented for some reason.  
SuggestedRemedy  
Change 500 to 2000 in equation 98-32.  
Response Response Status C  
ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.7.2.1 P 124 L 48 # 12  
Larsen, Wayne CommScope  
Comment Type T Comment Status R  
The IEEE IL formula can be more onerous than the ISO formula by up to 0.01 dB in the frequency range of about 1-50 MHz. Not sure anything needs to be done about this.  
SuggestedRemedy

Response Response Status C  
REJECT. Commenter has not characterized problem to address or suggested remedy.

CI 98 SC 98.7.2.4.1 P 125 L 45 # 13  
Larsen, Wayne CommScope  
Comment Type T Comment Status A  
We should fill in something to replace the TBD for (pair-to-pair) NEXT. The equations should be chosen to support both the TIA and ISO equations.  
SuggestedRemedy  
Use the TIA equation for 1-1486 MHz, and the ISO equation from 1486-2000 MHz. These equations will be provided in a contribution (They are also available from the drafts).  
Response Response Status C  
ACCEPT.  
See larsen\_3bq\_01\_1114.pdf for equation

CI 98 SC 98.7.2.3 P 125 L 21 # 14  
Larsen, Wayne CommScope  
Comment Type E Comment Status A  
Combine lines 4 and 5 of equation 98-14 into one line.  
SuggestedRemedy  
Response Response Status C  
ACCEPT.  
See response comment#1

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CI 98 SC 98.7.2.4.2 P 126 L 33 # 15  
Larsen, Wayne CommScope

Comment Type T Comment Status R

The IEEE PSNEXT (MDNEXT) requirement is more onerous than the ISO spec by up to 0.02 dB in the frequency range from 1078 MHz to 1100 MHz. Not sure how serious this is, but a remedy is proposed that will overcome it.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the value 1100 to 1078 in two places. Lines 33 and 45.

Response Response Status C

REJECT. Motion to approve equations refers to zimmerman\_3bq\_03a\_0914.pdf illustrating differences and noting negligible effect. Motion #6: Move that 802.3bq accept the equations for PSNEXT and PSACRF on slides 5 & 6 of zimmerman\_3bq\_03a\_0914.pdf as baseline text for the link segment PSNEXT and PSACRF requirements, with editorial license to make the equations consistent with 802.3 draft

M: George Zimmerman S: Chris Diminico

Technical (> 75%)

Y: 18 N: 1 A: 3

MOTION PASSES

Commenter has not provided additional information pointing out a problem.

CI 98 SC 98.7.2.4.2 P 126 L 1 # 16  
Larsen, Wayne CommScope

Comment Type T Comment Status R

There is no reason to have both terms "MDNEXT" and "PSNEXT". The text as it is written does not explicitly say that those are the same. Clause .2, titled MDNEXT, seems to give the requirement, and clause .3, titled PSNEXT, seems to give an explanation of how to calculate it from measured data. Other SDOs use the term "PSNEXT" but they do not use the term "MDNEXT".

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the title of 98.7.2.4.2 to "Multiple disturber power-sum near-end crosstalk (PSNEXT) loss (same as the present title of .3). Delete the present clause heading of 98.7.2.4.3, so that the material therein becomes part of .2. Renumber sub-sequent clauses.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

The use of multiple disturber crosstalk used here is consistent BASE-T and twinaxial PHYs (802.3ba, 802.3bj). Multiple disturber is related to the signalling topology (e.g., number of pairs) and provides the basis for understanding the need to combine crosstalk between duplex channels provided in the text.

Text is explicit:

"To ensure the total NEXT coupled into a duplex channel is limited, multiple disturber NEXT loss is specified as the power sum of individual NEXT losses."

Power summation is a calculation used here and in other SDO's to sum the individual NEXT losses also given in the text.

CI 98 SC 98.7.2.4.4 P 127 L 47 # 17  
Larsen, Wayne CommScope

Comment Type T Comment Status A

We need to fill in something for the TBD for ACRF. The TIA is more onerous than the ISO by 0.008 dB at every frequency point, based on my calculations. Doesn't make much difference, but suggest using the TIA equation for this reason.

*SuggestedRemedy*

replace the TBD on line 47 with the TIA ACRF requirement. It will be provided in a contribution or can be obtained from the draft.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Editor to verify that TIA ACRF specification is in fact more onerous than ISO by a small amount.

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CI 98 SC 98.7.2.4.5 P 128 L 23 # 18  
Larsen, Wayne CommScope

Comment Type T Comment Status A

The equaiton used was the pair-to-pair ACRF equaiton, not the power sum, in error.

*SuggestedRemedy*

In equation 98-24, change 39 to 36, and change 43.1 to 40.1.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.7.2.4.5 P 128 L 14 # 19  
Larsen, Wayne CommScope

Comment Type T Comment Status R

There is no reason to have both terms "MDACRF" and "PSACRF". The text as it is written does not explicitly say that those are the same. Clause .5, titled MDACRF, seems to give the requiriment, and clause .6, titled PS ACRF, seems to give an explanation of how to calculate it from measured data. Other SDOs use the term "PSARCF" but they do not use the term "MDACRF".

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the title of 98.7.2.4.5 to "Mulitple disturber power-sum equal level far-end crosstalk (PSACRF) loss (same as the present title of .6). Delete the present clause heading of 98.7.2.4.6, so that the material therein becosmes part of .2. Renumbr sub-sequent clauses.

Response Response Status C

REJECT.

See response comment #16

CI 98 SC 98.7.2.5 P 128 L 53 # 20  
Larsen, Wayne CommScope

Comment Type T Comment Status A

The cabling channel will comply with 176 ns at 2000 MHz, but it has an increasing delay as the frequency becomes lower. We need to use an equation. Also, the requiriment needs to apply starting at 1 MHz, not starting at 2.

Alternatively, we could specify less than 187 ns at all f from 1-2000 MHz or less than 179 ns from 10-2000 ns.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Use the TIA equation for this. It will be provided in a contribution or can be obtained from the draft.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Link segment delay starting frequency of 2MHz is consistent with BASE-T PHYs.

Change: The propagation delay of a link segment shall not exceed 176 ns at all frequencies between 2 MHz and 2000 MHz.

To: The propagation delay of a link segment shall not exceed 185 ns at all frequencies between 2 MHz and 2000 MHz

Add editor's note - The delay is reconciled to TIA Category 8 delay at 2 MHz, PHY vendors are encouraged to consider what the lowest frequency they care about delay is (and what the delay is there according to cabling specifications) and submit comments.

CI 00 SC 0 P L # 21  
McClellan, Brett Marvell

Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial - references

subclause headers don't match 802.3-2012  
for example 45.2.1.66 in draft 1.0 is register 1.129 but in 802.3-2012 it is reg 1.134. 45.2.3.12 in draft 1.0 is 3.10.20 in 802.3-2012 it is 3.25.  
Are the headers in the draft supposed to reference 802.3-2012? or to a later amendment?

*SuggestedRemedy*

check that headers are correct

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.- EDITORIAL TEAM TO CHECK HEADERS AND IMPLEMENT

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1.66.2 P 22 L 13 # 22  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A Control/Status bits  
 45.2.1.66.2 40GBASE-T LP information valid (1.129.1)  
 Adding a new bit for 40G seems unnecessary, can we reuse the 10GBASE-T bit, 1.129.0?  
 Otherwise we need to search and replace instances of 1.129.0 and replace with 1.129.1. See  
 page 23 line 8.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 delete bit 1.129.1 and rename 1.129.0 10/40GBASE-T LP information valid  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.  
 See comment 68

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.12 P 26 L 29 # 23  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Control/Status bits  
 "45.2.3.12 40GBASE-T EEE deep sleep supported (3.20.10)" doesn't match other EEE  
 capability bit names.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 change to:  
 "45.2.3.12 40GBASE-T EEE supported (3.20.10)"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.  
 - SEE COMMENT 69

CI 45 SC 45.2.7.10.6 P 30 L 28 # 24  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D Fast Retrain  
 Task force should consider making fast retrain mandatory.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 If made mandatory, delete subclauses  
 45.2.7.10.6 40GBASE-T Fast retrain ability (7.32.3)  
 45.2.7.11.10 40GBASE-T Fast retrain ability (7.33.0)  
 modify tables accordingly  
 delete references to fast retrain "option" in Clause 98  
 Proposed Response Response Status Z  
 REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

- DISCUSS WITH COMMENT 52  
 (DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER LUNCH)

CI 78 SC 78.3 P 38 L 1 # 25  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial - references  
 "Table 78—Clauses associated with each interface type"  
 title is incorrect  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 change to:  
 "Table 78—Summary of the key EEE parameters for supported PHY"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 78 SC 78.4 P 38 L 33 # 26  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial  
 pages 38 to 41 have unrelated editorial notes  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 remove this section  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.  
 (see comment 72)

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CI 98 SC 98.1.3 P 47 L 10 # 27  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A Loop timing  
 "The MASTER-SLAVE relationship may include loop timing. If loop timing is implemented, the SLAVE PHY recovers the clock"  
 Loop timing is required if EEE is supported. Task force should consider making loop timing required for 40GBASE-T to eliminate an option that likely will never be used ( as in 10GBASE-T).  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 If made mandatory, change text to:  
 "The MASTER-SLAVE relationship requires. The SLAVE PHY recovers the clock"  
 modify other references in Clause 98 as required.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.  
 - see comment 51 for other references

CI 98 SC 98.1.3 P 47 L 4 # 28  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A PMA General  
 symbol period is 312.5ps not 325ps  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 change "325" to "312.5"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.3.2.2 P 64 L 20 # 29  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial  
 typo "and split the bits into an two sets"  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 change "and split the bits into an two sets"  
 to  
 "and split the bits into two sets"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.3.2.2 P 64 L 29 # 30  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial  
 "symbol period, T, is 1.25 ns."  
 needs to be updated  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 change "symbol period, T, is 1.25 ns."  
 to  
 "symbol period, T, is 312.5 ps."  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.3.2.2.16 P 73 L 3 # 31  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial  
 typo "The transcoder construct"  
 and "65- bit"  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 change to  
 "The transcoder constructs"  
 and  
 "65-bit"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.3.2.2.19 P 75 L 30 # 32  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A PCS  
 auxiliary bit should be randomized  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 add text:  
 "It is highly recommended that the auxiliary bit be randomized."  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

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CI 98 SC 98.3.2.2.20 P 77 L 36 # 33  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial  
 figure 98-13, there is a line covering the text "p2"  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 remove line  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.3.2.2.24 P 80 L 45 # 34  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A EEE  
 1.2 us should be 1.12us  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 change 1.2 to 1.12  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.3.4 P 83 L 13 # 35  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial  
 Figure 98-15 is missing/blank  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 fix the figure  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.3.5.3 P 87 L 20 # 36  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A EEE  
 the proposal lacks the details needed for a specification  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 remove until we have a full baseline or change to editorial note  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 See comment 128

CI 98 SC 98.3.6.2.3 P 90 L 18 # 37  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A PCS  
 The 125 us timer should be changed to 125/4 or the effective error rate should be changed from 4E-4 to 1E-4.

SuggestedRemedy  
 change timer to 31us,  
 similarly change 125us to 31us in other locations  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 See comment 81

CI 98 SC 98.3.6.2.2 P 88 L 38 # 38  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A PCS  
 "b. CRC8 check is satisfied"  
 The CRC check was removed.

SuggestedRemedy  
 replace with  
 "b. the RS did not have an uncorrectable error"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 replace with  
 "b. the RS-FEC did not have an uncorrectable error"

CI 98 SC 98.3.6.2.5 P 92 L 33 # 39  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A EEE  
 line 33 and line 38  
 lpi\_qr\_time x 4  
 should be  
 lpi\_qr\_time x 6

SuggestedRemedy  
 change to lpi\_qr\_time x 6  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.



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CI 98 SC 98.4.2.4 P 105 L 41 # 40  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A PMA Receiver  
 "The receiver shall correct for differential delay variations of up to 50 ns across the wire-pairs."  
 50ns is excessive for a 30 meter channel.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 change to 15ns  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 - see comment 84  
 Needs to be consistent with 98.7.2.6  
 Change to 17 ns

CI 98 SC 98.4.2.5.14 P 111 L 39 # 41  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A Startup - PBO  
 "PBO=4 (corresponding to a power backoff of 8 dB)."  
 needs to be updated for new PBO table  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 change to TBD until the PBO is selected for initial training  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Editors note to remain, see comment 87  
 PHY vendors encouraged to check margins and come with specific proposed level.

CI 98 SC 98.4.2.5.14 P 112 L 11 # 42  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A Startup - PBO  
 "the SLAVE shall request a desired PBO level that is within two levels (within 4 dB)"  
 4dB difference between devices is too large.  
 Task force should consider reducing the difference or the master selects PBO for both, or both  
 use the smaller backoff setting.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 both devices use the smaller backoff setting  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.4.2.5.14 P 112 L 18 # 43  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A Startup  
 "10ms" and "1ms"  
 absolute times should be reduced by 4 corresponding to the 4x clock rate  
 Task force should consider reducing initial count settings.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 change 10ms to 2.5ms  
 change 1ms to 250us  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 - see comment 90  
 No resolution to changing the initial count settings.

CI 98 SC 98.4.2.7 P 115 L 9 # 44  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A EEE  
 "50 complete quiet-refresh cycles (nominally equal to 512 us)"  
 should be  $8.192/4 = 2.048\text{ms}$   
 SuggestedRemedy  
 change 512us to 2.048ms  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.  
 Commenter advised similar error exists in Clause 55, and may consider submitting a  
 maintenance request

CI 98 SC 98.4.3.1 P 116 L 1 # 45  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type T Comment Status R Startup - PBO  
 "power backoff (up to 14 dB)"  
 14dB is excessive, consider change the max PBO to 6dB  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 change 14dB to 6dB  
 Response Response Status C  
 REJECT.  
 No savings proposed by eliminating the capability, and maintaining the capability could save  
 power. Additionally, see zimmerman\_3bq\_3\_0714.pdf, PBO up to 8dB can be of use  
 managing receiver dynamic rate, and would also eliminate any need to change startup.

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CI 98 SC 98.4.2.5.7 P 109 L 53 # 46  
 McClellan, Brett Marvell  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status R Startup  
 "frame error ratio of less than 3.2 X 10<sup>-9</sup>"  
 this doesn't match other occurrences of frame error ratio of 9.6 X 10<sup>-9</sup>page 134 line 2, line 28  
 page 135 line 14  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 change to:"frame error ratio of less than 9.6 X 10<sup>-9</sup>"  
 also need to change page 158 line 11  
 Response Response Status C  
 REJECT.  
 Frame error ratios of 3.2e-9 relate to LDPC frame error ratios at 1e-12 BER and 9.6e-9 frame  
 error ratios relate to 800 octet Ethernet frame errors

CI 78 SC 78.1 P 73 L 14 # 47  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type ER Comment Status A EEE  
 While phy implementations may or may not support EEE, in the standard, EEE as a protocol  
 supports the phys.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 reverse edit to read "EEE supports the 100BASE-TX PHY, ..., and the 40GBASE-T PHY".  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 78 SC 78.3 P 74 L 1 # 48  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type ER Comment Status A Editorial  
 Table 78-2 seems to have gotten the title of 78-1. In 802.3-2012, it is "Summary of the key EEE  
 parameters for supported PHY"  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Replace title of Table 78-2 with "Summary of the key EEE parameters for supported PHY"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.  
 See Comment 25

CI 98 SC 98.1 P 12 L 28 # 49  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A Cabling references  
 Reference to media in ISO/IEC 11801:2002 is inappropriate - should be to Ed 3 draft  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Replace reference with reference to ISO/IEC 11801 Edition 3 and ANSI/TIA-568-C.2-1-201x  
 Addendum 1: Specifications for 100ohm Category 8 Cabling  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.1.1 P 28 L 34 # 50  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type ER Comment Status A Editorial - Discuss  
 Remove editors notes in section  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Remove editors notes under objectives  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.1.3 P 30 L 9 # 51  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A Loop timing  
 There are no known instances of 10GBASE-T implementing the alternate non-loop timed  
 version. there has been no discussion that non-loop timed 40GBASE-T is technically feasible.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Remove references to optional loop timing in paragraph. (replace "may include" with "includes",  
 delete "If loop timing is implmeented", delete sentence beginning with "If loop timing is not  
 implemented"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.  
 Loop timing for 40GBASE-T is mandatory

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CI 98 SC 98.1.3 P 30 L 24 # 52  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A Fast Retrain  
 There have been no contributions to remove fast retrain  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete editors note  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.  
 - see comment 27 & 83

CI 98 SC 98.1.3.1 P 33 L 9 # 53  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial - Discuss  
 Editors note flagging the clause has done its job  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete editors note  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.1.4 P 35 L 34 # 54  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status A Editorial-technical  
 bit width of TXD, TXC, RXD, RXC are incorrect for XLGMII  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Replace TXD<31:0> with TXD<63:0>, RXD<31:0> with RXD<63:0>, TXC<3:0> with TXC<7:0>, and RXC<3:0> with RXD<7:0>  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.3.1 P 45 L 46 # 55  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type ER Comment Status A Editorial - references  
 cross reference to clause 45 for XLGMII is incorrect  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Should point to Clause 81 for XLGMII  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.3.2.2 P 47 L 20 # 56  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type ER Comment Status A Editorial  
 extra "an"  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 delete "an" to rean "into two sets."  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT. (see comment 29)

CI 98 SC 98.3.2.2.2 P 48 L 10 # 57  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A PCS  
 encoding of 64/65b in 40GBASE-T (and 10GBASE-T) did not provide for clock recovery or relate to LDPC frame errors.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete sentences "The encoding defined...., and "The encoding also..." , as shown in strikeout, and delete editors note.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

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CI 98 SC 98.3.2.2.4 P 48 L 49 # 58  
Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type TR Comment Status A PCS

Figure 98-9 needs to be redrawn with corrections - replace references to uncoded bits with references to RS coded bits, colors need to be letter or number coded

## SuggestedRemedy

Correct figure 98-9 as discussed above and delete editors note

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT. See comment 114

CI 98 SC 98.3.2.2.7 P 53 L 5 # 59  
Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type ER Comment Status A Editorial - references

reference to 10 Gigabit Ethernet and Clause 46 should be 40 Gigabit Ethernet and Clause 81, and 81.3.4

## SuggestedRemedy

Replace references as above

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 28 SC 28.5.4.8 P 8 L 26 # 60  
Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Autoneg

Autoneg requires additional changes:  
Link fail inhibit timer is defined for 10/100/1000 (SD11) & separately for 10G (SD11a)

## SuggestedRemedy

Extend definition of SD11a in 28.5.4.8 to include M: 40G (mandatory for 40G)

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Additionally modify table 28-9 in 28.3.2 to define 10GBASE-T link\_fail\_inhibit\_timer properly.

CI 28B SC 28B.3 P 9 L 1 # 61  
Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Autoneg

Add 40GBASE-T to autoneg priority resolution

## SuggestedRemedy

Add edit to normative Annex 28B, clause 28B.3 to insert 40GBASE-T above 10GBASE-T on the priority resolution list and renumber list accordingly

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 28C SC 28C.11 P 9 L 2 # 62  
Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type E Comment Status A Autoneg

name of message code in 28C.11 doesn't include 10GBASE-T  
also listed as code 9 in Table 28C-1 doesn't include 10GBASE-T

## SuggestedRemedy

Change message code 9 name from: "10GBASE-T/1000BASE-T Technology message code (Extended Next Page)" to:  
"Gigabit BASE-T Technology message code (Extended Next Page)"

Include 40GBASE-T (Clause 98) in the list of referenced clauses in 28C.11

Make appropriate changes to Clauses, 40, 55, and 98 to reflect the name change (see comment on 98.6.2)

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

- see comments 101 & 102

Change message code 9 to: "xGBASE-T Technology message code (Extended Next Page)"

Change "Message Code Description" in Table 28C-1 to "xGBASE-T Technology message code (Extended Next Page)"

Include 40GBASE-T (Clause 98) in the list of referenced clauses in 28C.11

Make appropriate changes to Clauses, 40, 55, and 98 to reflect the name change (see comment on 98.6.2)

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**CI 28D**    **SC 28D.6**    **P 9**    **L 1**    # **63**  
 Zimmerman, George    CME Consulting, Inc.  
**Comment Type** **TR**    **Comment Status** **A**    *Autoneg*  
 Annex 28D.6, changes for 10GBASE-T needs to also include 40GBASE-T  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Insert section 28D.7 with same text as 28D.6 and change references to reflect 40GBASE-T and Clause 98, including variable 40GigT  
**Response**    **Response Status** **C**  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Insert as section 28D.8, with same text as 28D.6 and change references to reflect 40GBASE-T and Clause 98, including variable 40GigT

**CI 30**    **SC 30.2.5**    **P 9**    **L 1**    # **64**  
 Zimmerman, George    CME Consulting, Inc.  
**Comment Type** **T**    **Comment Status** **A**    *Management*  
 Clause 30, requires minor changes:  
 1. extending 10G operating margin package to 40G (Table 30-1e "10GBASE-T operating margin package")  
 2. include 40GBASE-T Clause 98 in 30.3.2.1.2aPhyType and 30.3.2.1.3 aPhyTypeList  
 3. Edit 10GBASE-T SNR margin and fast retrain counts to include 40GBASE-T as well  
 4. Add 40GBASE-T to 30.6.1.1.5 aAutoNegLocalTechnologyAbility  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 1. Change label of column in Table 30-1e to "10G/40GBASE-T operating margin package (conditional)"  
 2. Add 40GBASE-T Clause 98 in 30.3.2.1.2aPhyType and 30.3.2.1.3 aPhyTypeList  
 3. Edit 30.5.1.1.19 through 30.5.1.1.22, and 30.5.1.1.24 & 25 to include 40GBASE-T with 10GBASE-T  
 4. Add 40GBASE-T to 30.6.1.1.5 aAutoNegLocalTechnologyAbility list  
**Response**    **Response Status** **C**  
 ACCEPT.

**CI 31B**    **SC 31B.3.7**    **P 9**    **L 2**    # **65**  
 Zimmerman, George    CME Consulting, Inc.  
**Comment Type** **T**    **Comment Status** **A**  
 Consider whether 40GBASE-T needs special treatment for PAUSE operation, as 10GBASE-T did relative to other 10G PHYs.  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Discuss - no specific remedy  
**Response**    **Response Status** **C**  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 10GBASE-T is specified as 76 pause quanta bit times, and all 40G PHYs are specified as 118 pause quanta bit times. Since 40GBASE-T latency is equal to 10GBASE-T latency in BT, this should be acceptable.

**CI 45**    **SC 45.2.1.66**    **P 13**    **L 3**    # **66**  
 Zimmerman, George    CME Consulting, Inc.  
**Comment Type** **E**    **Comment Status** **A**    *Control/Status bits*  
 subclause appears to relate only to register 1.129, although title is amended to add "and 1.130"  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Delete "and 1.130" from title  
**Response**    **Response Status** **C**  
 ACCEPT.

**CI 45**    **SC 45.2.1**    **P 10**    **L 20**    # **67**  
 Zimmerman, George    CME Consulting, Inc.  
**Comment Type** **ER**    **Comment Status** **A**    *Editorial*  
 Missing "/"  
**SuggestedRemedy**  
 Change to 10GBASE-T/40GBASE-T  
**Response**    **Response Status** **C**  
 ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1.66.2 P 13 L 13 # 68  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type T Comment Status A Control/Status bits

No need for both a 10GBASE-T LP information valid bit and a 40GBASE-T LP information valid bit. This also includes Table 45-54

If the new bit for 40GBASE-T is to be kept, paragraph references the wrong (10GBASE-T) bit on line 17.

## SuggestedRemedy

Delete inserted paragraph, and edit paragraph 45.2.1.66.1 10GBASE-T LP information valid (1.129.0) to be "40/10GBASE-T LP information valid"

If the paragraph is not deleted, correct the reference on line 17 to bit 1.129.0 which should be 1.129.1

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.  
 Delete inserted paragraph, and edit paragraph 45.2.1.66.1 10GBASE-T LP information valid (1.129.0) to be "40/10GBASE-T LP information valid"

See comment 22 as well

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.12 P 17 L 28 # 69  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Control/Status bits

40GBASE-T EEE deep sleep is not supported in clause 98

## SuggestedRemedy

Delete section 45.2.3.12

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 - RESOLVED BY COMMENT 23

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.17 P 17 L 40 # 70  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type ER Comment Status A Editorial - technical

Description says that a device that does not implement BASE-R, 10GBASE-T, AND (emphasis added) 40GBASE\_T ...

(FYI - same error is in the existing 802.3-2012)

while the bit is for BASE-R and 10GBASE-T currently, it isn't meant to mean that a device must implement ALL of the above, as an AND would indicate.

## SuggestedRemedy

change "and 40GBASE-T" to "or 40GBASE-T"

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.7.10 P 20 L 39 # 71  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial

subject (assignment of bits) and verb (are) should agree - subject is (still) singular. (no need to change "is" to "are")

## SuggestedRemedy

reverse proposed deletion of "is" to replace with "are"

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 78 SC 78 P 73 L 5 # 72  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type ER Comment Status A Editorial

Clause 78 has template text throughout, which needs to be cleaned out

## SuggestedRemedy

Clean out template text showing formates for paragraphs,etc.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

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CI 98 SC 98.3.2.2.9 P 54 L 42 # 73  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A PCS  
 Notes in Table 98-1 and column on 8B/10B are specific for 10Gbps Ethernet  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Remove notes a & c, and replace note b with appropriate 40G reference  
 Delete column referring to 8B/10B code  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.3.2.2.16 P 56 L 4 # 74  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial  
 65-bit block has extra spacing  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 clean up spacing on lines 4 & 34  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.3.2.2.17 P 58 L 3 # 75  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type ER Comment Status A Editorial  
 typo on "concatenated"  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 replace with concatenated  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.3.2.2.20 P 59 L 35 # 76  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type ER Comment Status A Editorial  
 extra "["  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 delete hanging "["  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.3.2.2.20 P 60 L 50 # 77  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A PCS  
 Don't need extra annex, editors note has served its purpose  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 delete editors note asking question  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.3.2.3 P 64 L 14 # 78  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status A PCS  
 Only uncorrectable RS errors should cause hi\_lfer  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 change "RS error" to "uncorrectable RS error"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Editor to make it clear we are referring to the RS-FEC

CI 98 SC 98.3.4 P 66 L 13 # 79  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type ER Comment Status A Editorial  
 figure 98-15 is missing  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Insert figure 98-15 from clause 55. (unchanged)  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT. - see comment 35

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CI 98 SC 98.3.6.2.1 P 71 L 6 # 80  
Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Fast Retrain  
Cross reference is to 10G, Need to add Link Interruption ordered\_set to XLGMII

SuggestedRemedy

Add Link Interruption Ordered\_set to XLGMII in Clause 81 similar to 46.3.4 and change reference

Response Response Status C  
ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.3.6.2.2 P 71 L 19 # 81  
Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type T Comment Status A PCS  
4x change changes bit error rate for hi\_lfer\_cnt, since 125usec now includes 4x the number of bits

SuggestedRemedy

Change hi\_lfer definition to "exceeds 64"  
alternatively, define in terms of a new term, N\_sym, and make it a constant \* N\_sym so that for 40G it comes to 64

Response Response Status C  
ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
Editorial license to make the reference generalizable with symbol rate.

CI 98 SC 98.3.6.2.2 P 71 L 43 # 82  
Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Editorial  
Text refers to 32 bit XGMII words, and needs to be updated to reflect XLGMII

SuggestedRemedy

change references reflect 64 bit XLGMII word.

Response Response Status C  
ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.4.2.2 P 85 L 37 # 83  
Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type T Comment Status A Loop timing  
remove option on loop timing - make it mandatory

SuggestedRemedy

Change "may include" to "includes", replace "If loop timing is implemented and the PMA\_CONFIG..." with "If the PMA\_CONFIG...", delete sentence beginning with "If loop timing is not implemented..."

Response Response Status C  
ACCEPT.  
DISCUSS - See comments 27 & 51

CI 98 SC 98.4.2.4 P 88 L 40 # 84  
Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type TR Comment Status A PMA Receiver  
Receiver correction for differential delay (50ns) is still the 100m value, inconsistent with delay skew spec in 98.7.2.6 (17ns)

SuggestedRemedy

Change receiver differential delay variation spec (50ns) to be consistent with 98.7.2.6 - preferably by reference to 98.7.2.6

Response Response Status C  
ACCEPT.  
See comment 40

CI 98 SC 98.4.2.5.15 P 97 L 3 # 85  
Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial  
Editors note has done its job

SuggestedRemedy

Delete editors note

Response Response Status C  
ACCEPT.



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CI 98 SC 98.7.2.3 P 125 L 21 # 86  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type ER Comment Status A Editorial  
 Equation 98-14 says "log" without showing it is a base-10 logarithm  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change "log f" to "log<sub>10</sub> f" in equation 98-14 consistent with IEEE style  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.4.2.5.14 P 94 L 48 # 87  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type T Comment Status R Startup - PBO  
 Editors note has done its job - PAM 2 Infocfield margin is greater than it was for 10GBASE-T at 100m.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete editors note  
 Response Response Status C  
 REJECT.  
 See comment 41

CI 98 SC 98.4.3.1 P 99 L 3 # 88  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status A Editorial  
 power backoff set size is incorrect (left over from prior version)  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change "approximately 6 dB steps" to "approximately 2 dB steps"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.4.3.1 P 99 L 14 # 89  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type ER Comment Status A Editorial  
 reference to "scaled insertion loss equation" is incorrect. There is no longer a scaled insertion loss equation in 98.7, and the explanatory remark is not relevant.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete "and have been computed using the scaled insertion loss equation in 98.7"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.4.2.5.14 P 95 L 17 # 90  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status A Startup  
 relation of time to transition counter is incorrect because of 4x symbol rate. Conversion to allow longer time would require rework of infocfield format to allow longer transition counter  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 delete reference to time (10ms, line 17) and (1ms, line 18)  
 also, page 102, lines 28 & 29,  
 DISCUSS - this may have implications relative to prior decision on startup time.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.  
 - see comment 43

CI 98 SC 98.4.2.5.14 P 96 L 34 # 91  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type T Comment Status D Startup  
 Table 98-10 - we may want to revisit Recommended times, especially average times.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Propose Chair charter an ad hoc to come back with proposals before the next meeting.  
 Proposed Response Response Status Z  
 REJECT.  
 This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

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CI 98 SC 98.4.5.2 P 104 L 13 # 92  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D EEE  
 time associated with 50 complete quiet refresh signal periods is incorrect  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change to 512usec, or, better, define a term, N\_sym (proportional # symbols/sec) so that for 40G it is 512usec.  
 Proposed Response Response Status Z  
 REJECT.  
 This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

CI 98 SC 98.4.6.3 P 108 L 24 # 93  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status A Editorial  
 References in note 2 point to 10GigT link status variables  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 replace with \_40GigT variables  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.5.3.2 P 114 L 51 # 94  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A PMA Transmitter  
 Scale transmitter linearity for frequency  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Discuss. Nominally this was related to distortion of the far-end signal and for safety should be > 33 dB (10dB better than threshold SNR) across the band to Nyquist. But, this is definitely an overkill safety margin and may be too high? (52 dB out to 200 MHz, then rolling off)  
 Scale frequency (25 becomes 100MHz), and put a "TBD" next to it, unless there is convergence on an alternate proposal.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Retain editors note flagging the issue

CI 98 SC 98.5.3.4 P 116 L 17 # 95  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type ER Comment Status A Editorial  
 Figure 98-39 has mirrored y-axis label, and title still says "(update)"

SuggestedRemedy  
 fix y-axis on Figure 98-39 Transmit PSD, and delete the word "(update)" from title  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.5.4.1 P 117 L 1 # 96  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status A PMA Receiver  
 BER is after LDPC and RS decoding which is in the PCS this isn't mentioned

SuggestedRemedy  
 insert ", after LDPC and RS decoding, " between 10<sup>12</sup> and "and sent to the XLGMII"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.5.4.4 P 118 L 4 # 97  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A PMA Receiver  
 5 meters is probably not the right shortening to account for 2.5dB insertion loss at 40GBASE-T frequencies. Also, desire to be independent of both the test equipment and the transmission rate suggests the "helpful commentary" is less than helpful.

SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete "by approximately 5m"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Delete "This can be accomplished by...5m."

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CI 98 SC 98.5.4.5.1 P 118 L 21 # 98  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A Short Reach  
 TIA has defined a direct attach cord channel, reflected in the draft, unaccepted text  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Accept the text inserted or alternate text referencing the TIA Category 8 direct attach channel.  
 Delete the editors note.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 See comment 2

CI 98 SC 98.6.1.1 P 119 L 8 # 99  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type ER Comment Status A Editorial  
 Editors note has served its purpose, accept text in section.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete editors note and accept text.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.6.1.2 P 119 L 48 # 100  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type ER Comment Status A Editorial  
 Editors note has served its purpose  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete editors note  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.6.2 P 122 L 2 # 101  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Autoneg  
 Technology message code name is specific to 10G/1000BASE-T. need a new name that can  
 apply also to 40GBASE-T. See comment on 28C.11  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change name to "Gigabit BASE-T Technology message code (Extended Next Page)"  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 See comments 62 & 102

"xGBASE-T Technology message code"  
 (also need to change references in Clause 55.6.2 and in Clause 40)  
 CI 98 SC 98.6.2 P 123 L 9 # 102  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type ER Comment Status A Autoneg  
 Editors note has served its purpose  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Delete editors note  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.6.2 P 123 L 24 # 103  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A Loop timing  
 optional loop timing - make it mandatory  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 fix references on lines 24, delete sentence beginning with "In the situation where one link  
 partner supports..." through the sentence ending with "was not resolved."  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.  
 - see comments

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CI 98 SC 98.7 P 124 L 3 # 104  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type T Comment Status R Cabling references

Reference to "additional requirements specified in this subclause" is dated to 10GBASE-T running on cat 6. any link segment meeting the "requirements specified in this subclause" should work.

## SuggestedRemedy

replace "Class I 4-pair balanced cabling that meets the additional requirements specified in this subclause" with "Class I or other 4-pair balanced cabling that meets the requirements specified in this subclause".

Response Response Status C

REJECT.  
 The basis for the link segment specification is not for all "4-pair balanced cabling"; Class I is used.  
 Page 141, L18 provide language to "support" other cabling that meets the requirements of 98.7.

CI 98 SC 98.7.1 P 124 L 24 # 105  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type T Comment Status D

"additional requirements" relative to class I? I don't think we have any

## SuggestedRemedy

delete "additional" - scrub document for other instances

Proposed Response Response Status Z

REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

See

98.7.2.2 Differential characteristic impedance.

In addition, like to keep the "additional" until we reach closure on link segment specifications.

CI 98 SC 98.7.2.4.1 P 125 L 46 # 106  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

pair-to-pair NEXT loss is unspecified (equation 98-15)

## SuggestedRemedy

Specify pair-to-pair next loss consistent with MDNEXT loss in 98.7.2.4.2

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.  
 See comment#13

CI 98 SC 98.7.2.4.2 P 126 L 14 # 107  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type ER Comment Status A Editorial

equations 98-16, 98-17, 98-18 say "lg" rather than "log"

## SuggestedRemedy

change equation to read "log\_10" consistent with IEEE style

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.8.1 P 131 L 39 # 108  
 Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type ER Comment Status A MDI

section does not implement resolution of motion 12 at September interim: "Move that 802.3bq include the RJ-45 as reflected in IEC 60603-7-51 (published) with the improved characteristics and frequency extensions specified in 60603-7-81 (currently CDV draft) as an MDI interface"

(apologies of the editor - I made this edit and it must have gotten lost in a crash...)

## SuggestedRemedy

Replace first sentence ("Eight pin...") with: "Eight-pin connectors meeting the requirements of IEC 60603-7-51 with improved characteristics and frequency extensions specified in IEC 60603-7-81 (currently in CDV draft) shall be used as the mechanical interface to the balanced cabling.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 - see comment 119

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CI 98 SC 98.8.2.3 P 134 L 50 # 109  
Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type E Comment Status D MDI

The requirement "A 40GBASE-T PHY shall be able to sustain" relates to the PHY not just the MDI - as such it is misplaced.

## SuggestedRemedy

Move lines 50 - 54 on page 134 and 1-3 on page 135 to 98.5.1 Isolation requirements, or, optionally, add a new clause after 98.5.1 to speak to this requirement.  
delete editors note

Proposed Response Response Status Z

REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

DISCUSS - see also comments 7 & 8

CI 99 SC P 3 L 36 # 110  
Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial

Draft needs to add letters of amendment. (802.3bq)

## SuggestedRemedy

Substitute 802.3bq for 802.3xx (global)

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Substitution will happen at appropriate phase of editing.

CI 99 SC P 4 L 26 # 111  
Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial

List of amendments appears incomplete, 802.3bj, possibly others missing

## SuggestedRemedy

Check amendments listed and include all relevant ones

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT. - see comment 120

CI 99 SC P 2 L 1 # 112  
Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type ER Comment Status A Editorial

Table of Contents is a placeholder

## SuggestedRemedy

Fix production of book so Table of Contents is generated correctly

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 99 SC P L 3 # 113  
Zimmerman, George CME Consulting, Inc.

Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial

Amendment should be : bq, not X

## SuggestedRemedy

Substitute in at appropriate phase of editing

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.3.2.2.20 P 59 L 32 # 114  
Wu, Peter Marvell

Comment Type T Comment Status A PCS

Text marked as pending approval

## SuggestedRemedy

Request to accept the text with some changes in the presentation of "RS code scheme to protect "un-coded" bits at 40GBASE-T"

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Approve already incorporated text, replace figure 98-9 (page51) with page 6 of presentation (wu\_3bq\_01\_1114.pdf), and add pad-bit definition from page 10 of presentation ("The added 0000 at C4 [3:0] will be omitted. ") to draft.

# IEEE P802.3bq (D 1.0) IEEE P802.3bq - 40GBASE-T 1st Task Force review comments

CI 98	SC 98.5.4.5.1	P 118	L 28	# 115
Belopolsky, Yakov		Bel Stewart		
Comment Type	TR	Comment Status	D	Cabling references
IEC/ISO TR 11801-99-01 Guidance for balanced cabling in support of at least 40 Gbit/s data transmission recognizes Classes I and II ,and correspondingly components of categories 8.1 or 8.2 can be utilized for a Short Reach Test Channel.				
SuggestedRemedy				
Replace "Category 8.1" with "Category I or Category II component				
Proposed Response	Response Status		Z	
REJECT.				
This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.				

- Short reach test channel text is to be "deleted or replaced" per Ed Note: "Need to delete or replace text below with an appropriate short reach channel, ideally referencing TIA or ISO specs". See contribution diminico\_3bq\_01\_1114.pdf for short reach test channel replacement text.

-Also, even in the existing text, ISO nomenclature is Category 8.1 or Category 8.2 for components. The nomenclature of "Class" refers to channel requirements, not the components referenced in the clause.

CI 98	SC 98.7	P 124	L 39	# 116
Belopolsky, Yakov		Bel Stewart		
Comment Type	TR	Comment Status	D	Cabling references
40GBASE-T is intended to operate over the cabling that meets the requirements of the ISO/IEC 111801 standard that specially supports 40G, that standard includes Class I and Class II channels and, in fact, recognizes that components of category 6a and 7a or better can support such transmission . The statement that 40GBase is designed to operate over Class I cabling is incorrect				
SuggestedRemedy				
remove the " Class I" or replace with Class I or Class II				
Proposed Response	Response Status		Z	
REJECT.				
This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.				

The language used in 98.7 allows for other classes to be supported if the link segment meets the requirements of 98.7. Reference to Class II is given in Table 98–18.

98.7.1 Cabling system characteristics  
The cabling system used to support 40GBASE-T requires 4 pairs of ISO/IEC 11801 Class I balanced cabling with a nominal impedance of 100 ohm. Operation on other classes of cabling may be supported if the link segment meets the requirements of 98.7.

CI 98	SC 98.7.1	P 124	L 2324	# 117
Belopolsky, Yakov		Bel Stewart		
Comment Type	TR	Comment Status	D	Cabling references
40GBASE-T is intended to operate over the cabling that meets the requirements of the ISO/IEC 111801 standard that specially supports 40G, that standard include Class I and Class II channels and in fact recognizes that components of categories 6a and 7a or better can support such transmission . The statement t that 40GBase is designed to operate over Class I cabling is incorrect				
SuggestedRemedy				
remove the " Class I" or replace with "at least Class I"				
Proposed Response	Response Status		Z	
REJECT.				
This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.				
See response to comment#104 and comment#117				

# IEEE P802.3bq (D 1.0) IEEE P802.3bq - 40GBASE-T 1st Task Force review comments

CI 98 SC 98.7.2 P 124 L 3042 # 118  
Belopolsky, Yakov Bel Stewart

Comment Type TR Comment Status D Cabling references

40GBASE-T is intended to operate over the cabling that meets the requirements of the ISO/IEC 111801 standard that specially supports 40G, that standard include Class I and Class II channels and in fact recognizes that components of categories 6a and 7a or better can support such transmission . The statement t that 40GBase is designed to operate over Class I cabling is incorrect  
Table 98.18 is incorrect

## SuggestedRemedy

line 30 remove the " Class I" or replace with "at least Class I"  
Line 42 Table 98.18 remove Category 8 replace with ISO/IEC Classes I or II

Proposed Response Response Status Z

REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

See response to comment#104 and comment#117

CI 98 SC 98.8.1 P 131,132 L # 119  
Belopolsky, Yakov Bel Stewart

Comment Type TR Comment Status A MDI

40GBASE-T is intended to operate over the cabling that meets the requirements of the ISO/IEC 111801 standard that specially supports 40G, that standard include Class I and Class II channels and in fact recognizes that components of categories 6a and 7a or better can support such transmission .  
The reference to IEC 60603-7-4 (unscreened) and IEC 606-7-5 (screened) is not correct  
The use of unscreened connectors in the 2000MHz transmission is not supported by technical evidence known to the commenter.  
The informational pictures 98-41 and 98-42 are misleading. The information on the recognized connectors is contained in the IEC/ISO TR 11801-99-01

( An animal with four legs is not always a horse)

## SuggestedRemedy

remove pictures 98-41 and 98-42  
Line 39 remove " IEC 60603-7-4 (unscreened) and IEC 606-7-5 (screened)" replace with "connectors recognized by IEC/ISO TR 11801-99-01"  
preferred text : "connectors categories 8.1 or 8.2 recognized by IEC/ISO 11801

Line 41 remove the sentence starting with "These connectors are depicted...

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
Resolve with comment 4, 108

In accordance with Motion#12 during 40GBASE-T Task Force  
September 9-10, 2014. Revise 98.8.1 to include IEC references.

From: Eight-pin connectors meeting the requirements of IEC 60603-7-4 (unscreened) or IEC 60603-7-5 (screened) shall be used as the mechanical interface to the balanced cabling.  
To: Eight-pin connectors meeting the requirements of IEC 60603-7-51 (published) with the improved characteristics and frequency extensions specified in IEC 60603-7-81 shall be used as the mechanical interface to the balanced cabling.  
Update figures if necessary to represent the referenced connectors.

Add Editor's Note below text: At the September 2014 meeting, the following motion was adopted, resulting in the text above: "Move that 802.3bq include the RJ-45 as reflected in IEC 60603-7-51 (published) with the improved characteristics and frequency extensions specified in 60603-7-81 (currently in CDV draft) as an MDI interface"

## IEEE P802.3bq (D 1.0) IEEE P802.3bq - 40GBASE-T 1st Task Force review comments

CI 99 SC P L 28 # 120

Lusted, Kent

Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial

IEEE Std 802.3bj-2014 now exists. Add a reference

#### SuggestedRemedy

Add 802.3bj and the relevant supporting text.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC Table 45-7 P 20 L 21 # 121

Lusted, Kent

Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial

Description adds "40GBASE-T PMA" but the correct type selection should be "40GBASE-T PMA/PMD".

Listing PMA/PMD makes it consistent with 10GBASE-T, 1000BASE-T, 100BASE-TX, and other listings in Table 45-7

#### SuggestedRemedy

Change to "40GBASE-T PMA/PMD".

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.1.3.1 P 50 L 22 # 122

Lusted, Kent

Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status A Editorial

The term "RS(140, 136, 2<sup>11</sup>) code" is used without defining what RS is. The 802.3-2012 base standard abbreviation list says RS is Reconciliation Sublayer. That doesn't make sense in this section where the text uses "RS-coded bits". RS must mean Reed Solomon.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Please define the use of RS in this section as Reed Solomon, if necessary.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

- Edit first usage in line 49 to read:

"comprising 3 RS-encoded (Reed-Solomon-encoded) bits and 4 LDPC-encoded"...

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.68.1 P 23 L 8 # 123

Lusted, Kent

Intel

Comment Type ER Comment Status A Control/Status bits

The last sentence references the LP information valid bit 1.129.0 and the TX power backoff bits. backoff bits are now defined for 10GbT and 40GbT. however, the 1.129.0 bit is now the 10GBASE-T LP information valid bit. Another bit is defined for 40GBASE-T (1.129.1).

#### SuggestedRemedy

Add reference to 1.129.1, which is the 40GBASE-T LP information valid bit.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Accommodated by comment #22, no change required

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.1.2 P 25 L 10 # 124

Lusted, Kent

Intel

Comment Type ER Comment Status A Editorial - references

Link to 98.3.6.3 is to wrong section. Loopback is 98.3.7.3.

Note that the sentence immediately preceding it for 10GBASE-T incorrectly references 55.3.6.3. The correct 10GBASE-T reference is 55.3.7.3.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Point to 98.3.7.3

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Recommend Commenter submit maintenance request on 10GBASE-T reference

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.17.4 P 27 L 40 # 125

Lusted, Kent

Intel

Comment Type ER Comment Status A Editorial - references

Link to 98.3.6.1 is to wrong section. Variables is 98.3.6.2.2, or least in section 98.3.6.2. The variable hi\_lfer is not in 98.3.6.1.

Note that the sentence immediately preceding it for 10GBASE-T incorrectly references 55.3.6.1. The correct 10GBASE-T reference is 55.3.6.2.

#### SuggestedRemedy

Point to 98.3.6.2.2 or 98.3.6.2

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.



## IEEE P802.3bq (D 1.0) IEEE P802.3bq - 40GBASE-T 1st Task Force review comments

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.17.5 P 27 L 52 # 126  
Lusted, Kent Intel

Comment Type ER Comment Status A Editorial - references

Link to 98.3.2.3 is to wrong section. Variable definitions is 98.3.6.2.2, or least in section 98.3.6.2. The variable block\_lock is not in 98.3.2.3.

Note that the sentence immediately preceding it for 10GBASE-T incorrectly references 55.3.2.3. The correct 10GBASE-T reference is 55.3.6.2.

## SuggestedRemedy

Point to correct section.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Recommend Commenter submit maintenance request on 10GBASE-T reference

CI 45 SC 45.2.7.11.1 P 31 L 29 # 127  
Lusted, Kent Intel

Comment Type ER Comment Status A Editorial

Added sentences uses "10GBASE-T" but should be "40GBASE-T".

## SuggestedRemedy

Change to "40GBASE-T"

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 98 SC 98.3.5.3 P 70 L 20 # 128  
Graba, Jim Broadcom

Comment Type TR Comment Status A EEE

This EEE feature, to allow a PHY to request the link partner to leave LPI mode, has not been approved by the TF.

## SuggestedRemedy

Discuss and vote on the inclusion of this feature.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

- discussed with comment 36  
reference graba\_3bq\_01\_0714.pdf slides 5&6  
and presentation graba\_3bq\_01\_1114.pdf

Chair to form ad hoc to prepare text and analyze corner cases for consideration in draft 1.2 - commenters asked to resubmit comments on draft 1.1 with proposed text and state machines to define.

CI 98 SC 98.7.2 P 124 L 28 # 129  
Cibula, Peter Intel Corporation

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Consider whether Subclause 98.7.2 should include link segment transmission parameters appropriate for shielded cabling system characteristics.

## SuggestedRemedy

Discuss adding coupling attenuation and/or other characteristics as a transmission parameter(s) for shielded link segments.

Clause 98.7 states that 40GBASE-T is designed to operate over ISO/IEC 11801 Class I 4-pair balanced cabling, and defines a link segment based upon copper media specified by ISO/IEC JTC1/SC25/WG3 and TIA TR42.7. The corresponding draft specifications, PN-568-C.2-1, Draft 2.0c (to be published as ANSI/TIA-568-C.2-1) and ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 25 DTR 11801-99-1 both include transmission requirements related to shielded implementations. The 40GBASE-T link segment should reflect those requirements and, of course, identify them as applying to shielded link segments.

Proposed Response Response Status Z

REJECT.

This comment was WITHDRAWN by the commenter.

Coupling attenuation measurements (laboratory) are used to characterize cabling electromagnetic immunity and not directly related to transmission parameters (i.e., the link segment transmission parameters) and transmission performance (SNR). The link segment alien crosstalk specifications indirectly characterizes cabling electromagnetic immunity as well as providing basis for transmission performance (SNR). In addition, 802.3bq references both ISO/IEC Class I and TIA Category 8 in which cabling characteristics related to the shielding performance are specified as well as other specifications not directly related to system performance (SNR). 802.3bq does not specify to characterize the link segment transmission performance.