BER Targets

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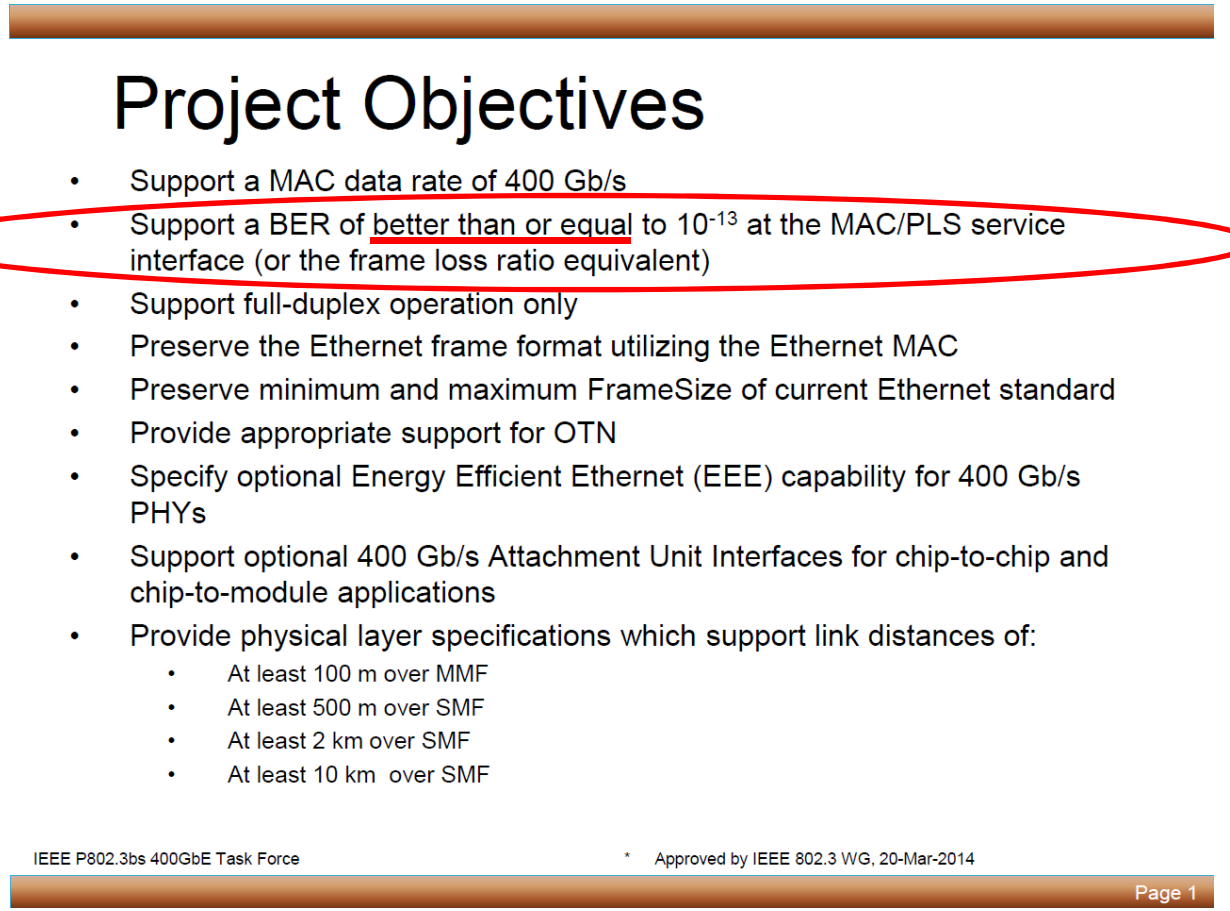
Project Objective for BER

Support a BER of better than or equal to 10^{-13} at the MAC/PLS service interface (or the frame loss ratio equivalent)



Requirements

Router-to-router and router-to-transport applications need an operating BER much better than 10^{-13}

Anticipated mandatory FEC for 400G PCS should enable optical transceivers to be tested at the pre-FEC BER target

Test times at the required pre-FEC BER target will be far less burdensome than testing at 10^{-13} or better BER target without FEC

The 802.3bs standard needs to be devised to support a pre-FEC BER target at the correct post-FEC BER target

The post-FEC BER target needs to support the actual or better required operating BER at the 400G MAC/PLS service interface

Proposal: BER Target at the 400G MAC/PLS Service Interface per Physical-Layer Specification

Physical-Layer Specification	Proposed BER Target
SMF (At least 2 km)	10^-15
SMF (At least 10 km)	10^-15