

IEEE P802.3cb D2.2 2.5 Gb/s and 5 Gb/s Backplane 2nd Working Group recirculation ballot unresolved comments

CI 128A SC 128A.3.1.7 P 172 L 33 # 7
 Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **R**

It seems unlikely that an SNDR value of only 5.6dB will provide a 1e-12 error rate. (SNDR is expected to be be un-equalizable noise and a 5.6dB SNR will not provide 1e-12 error rate). The effect of jitter and reflections from a worst case Rx (versus the good test load) will futher degrade the signal beyond this value.

SuggestedRemedy

Determine a reasonable value. Clause 92 uses 26dB which may be higher than necessary.

Make the change on page 175 line 8 as well, and change the SDNR for the drive interference in table 128A-8.

Response Response Status **C**

REJECT.

Suggested remedy for part one does not have enough specfic information to implement. Documentation exists that explains the reason for this value.

Out of scope for this recirculation, this text has been unchanged since Draft 1.0.

2nd part of suggested remedy was implemented by changing SDNR to SNDR in the Table 128A-8. This is a duplicate of comment 3.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1.89.6 P 36 L 15 # 7
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

"The PMD signal detect function is optional see 70.6.4" is not standards language.

Also, looking at 70.6.4, this function is described as mandatory if EEE is implemented, which is what's writing in the original text. The amendment breaks this text.

I suspect that the required text is included in the response to comment #11 against draft 2.1 but was not implemented correctly.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace the current text with the text in the resolution of comment #11 against D2.1:

"The PMD signal detect function for both 1000BASE-X PCS (see 70.6.4) and 2.5GBASE-X PCS (see 128.6.4) is mandatory if EEE is implemented, and optional otherwise."

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Revert to D2.2 wording with correct editing instructions relative to base text.

CI 128A SC 128A P 167 L 14 # 9
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type ER Comment Status A

The text effectively reads

"The compliance point definitions provide a unique partitioning of the channel defined in Annex 128A, such that the test points TP0D-H and TP0HD defined in this Annex are equivalent to TP1 defined in Annex 128A, and TP5D-H and TP5HD defined in this Annex are equivalent to TP4 defined in Annex 128A"

After the change from 128C to 128A the text refers to "this annex" and to "Annex 128A" (which are one and the same) twice in the same sentence. Also, TP1 and TP4 (unqualified) are not defined in this annex - they are defined in 128B.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "128A" to "128B" (three times).

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT.

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Cl 128A SC 128A.3.4.2 P 181 L 14 # 10
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

SNDR of 5.6 dB resulting from noise generated from a Gaussian noise source, if the transmitter and test channel do not create such low SNDR due to equalizable ISI, would make it impossible for a receiver to achieve BER<1e-12. It is well known that for an AWGN channel the required SNR for that performance is >17 dB.

I assume the intent is to allow ISI from the transmitter (as specified in 128A.3.1.7), since linear fitting is done with NP=3; but this is a bad way to allow that. It would be better not to require SNDR measurement from the test equipment and instead specify the additive Gaussian noise directly, as done in Annex 69B. Or use SNDR is it should be used, without equalizable ISI, to calculate how much noise should be added.

The transmitter SNDR should also be limited to prevent very noisy transmitters from being compliant.

SuggestedRemedy

In the SNDR measurement in 128A.3.1.7 and 128A.3.3.3, change NP=3 to NP=100, or instead define a reference equalizer and apply it in the measurement.

In both places, set required SNDR to a reasonable value for BER<1e-12, such as >25 dB, as defined for the host test, Table 128A-3.

Alternatively, delete the SNDR subclause and specify the additive noise RMS directly; a suggested value is 8.1 mV as used in 10GBASE-KX4 (same Baud rate and similar channel budget).

Implement similarly in annex 130A.

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change the specification methodology to use eye diagram(s) with a reference receiver and adjust the SNDR requirement accordingly.

Cl 128A SC 128A.3.4.2 P 180 L 34 # 11
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type ER Comment Status A

Wrong cross reference to Table 128C-1 - it does not define f1.

Also in P175 L37.

SuggestedRemedy

Change to Table 128B-1 in both places.

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT.

Cl 130A SC 130A.1 P 205 L 14 # 12
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type ER Comment Status A

The text refers to Annex 128C for channel partition and definitions of TP1 and TP4, but 128C is the text fixture annex. TP1 and TP4 are not defined in 128C - they are defined in 128B.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "128C" to "128B" (three times)

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT.

Cl 130A SC 130A.6.2 P 220 L 14 # 13
Ran, Adee Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

As stated in another comment on 128A, SNDR of 16 dB is still too low to enable BER<1e-12. The value should be aligned with the host input and drive output values, 28 dB in this annex.

SuggestedRemedy

In measurement, change Np from 8 to 100 or define a reference equalizer.

Set required SNDR to >28 dB.

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See resolution in comment #10.

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CI 128A SC 128A.3.3.1 P 179 L 32 # 14
Mellitz, Richard Samtec

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **A**

It is not clear that a receiver is expected to employ a CTLE. The measurements are made without one.

SuggestedRemedy

Add a note suggesting the reference receiver is a CTLE defined in eq (93A–22) but measurements are made without one. Add table for fz,fp1,fp2 and Gdc.

Response Response Status **U**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See resolution to comment #10.

CI 130A SC 130A.3.3.1 P 212 L 48 # 15
Mellitz, Richard Samtec

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **A**

It is not clear that a receiver is expected to employ a CTLE and DFE5.
The measurements are made without this.

SuggestedRemedy

Add a note suggesting the reference receiver is a CTLE defined in eq (93A–22) and a DFE5 but measurements are made with that. Add table for fz,fp1,fp2 and Gdc

Response Response Status **U**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See resolution in comment #10.

CI 130A SC 130A.5.1 P 218 L 40 # 16
Mellitz, Richard Samtec

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **A**

It is not clear that a receiver is expected to employ a CTLE and DFE5.
The measurements are made without this.

SuggestedRemedy

Add a note suggesting the reference receiver is a CTLE defined in eq (93A–22) and a DFE5 but measurements are made with that. Add table for fz,fp1,fp2 and Gdc

Response Response Status **U**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See resolution in comment #10.

CI 128B SC 128B.4.2 P 189 L 20 # 17
Mellitz, Richard Samtec

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **A**

Equation 120B-6 does not meet objective loss.
Eq 128B-6 at 1.56425GHz is 9.1761dB; it should be 11dB
Eq 128B-6 at 2.5781GHz is 13.4128dB; it should be 16dB

SuggestedRemedy

Scale equation to meet loss in objective.

Response Response Status **U**

ACCEPT.

CI 128A SC 128A.3.1.4.1 P 174 L 38 # 18
Mellitz, Richard Samtec

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **A**

It is not clear that a receiver is expected to employ a CTLE. The measurements are made without one.

SuggestedRemedy

Add a note suggesting the reference receiver is a CTLE defined in eq (93A–22) but measurements are made without one. Add table for fz,fp1,fp2 and Gdc.

Response Response Status **U**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See resolution in comment #10.

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CI 128A SC 128A.3.1 P 172 L 33 # 19

Dudek, Mike Cavium

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

This is a follow on comment to the unsatisfied comment #7 on draft 2.2

A Signal to Noise and Distortion ratio of 5.6dB from the Tx cannot be received by the Rx with a BER of 1e-12 unless the Noise and Distortion is mainly ISI which is equalized by the Rx. There are no restrictions on the type of Noise and Distortion that the Tx can produce and therefore fully compliant Tx's produced with little ISI but with large other distortions and noise won't work in the system.

A similar problem exists for the 5G system with the SNDR value of 16dB in clause 130A and the Remedy should be applied to both.

SuggestedRemedy

As this is a single connector specification it would be best to change the specification methodology to use eyes with a reference equalizer. Annex 83E is a good example of this methodology.

As a minimum the SNDR needs to be measured after the Tx signal under test has been equalized with a reference equalizer similar to what is expected in the receiver. The interference tolerance test should be calibrated with the same reference equalizer. The SNDR measured this way should be >25dB. (Same as for Host in Table 128A-3)

Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See resolution in comment #10.