Resolving D2.1 Comments 103, 182, 190

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Summary of comments

- #103 155.2.5.5.4, p47, line 30
 - Comment "The 400GBASE-ZR frame contains 1280-bit OH fields. This field is logically composed of inconsistent singular/plural
 - Suggested Remedy Replace: "The 400GBASE-ZR frame contains 1280-bit OH fields. This field is logically composed of" with: "The 400GBASE-ZR frame contains 1280-bit OH fields. These fields are logically composed of"
- #182 155.2.5.5.4, p47, line 30
 - Comment The first two sentences can be combined and made clearer
 - Suggested Remedy Rewrite as: The 128-bit OH field in the 400GBASE-ZR frame is logically composed of four 320-bit structures...
- #190 155.2.6.7, p53, line 15
 - Comment There is only one 1280-bit overhead field
 - Suggested Remedy Change "overhead fields" to "overhead field"
- While this appears to be a simple issue of singular vs. plural, it is more complicated, and concerns the structure of the 400GBASE-ZR frame

400GBASE-ZR frame structure

- Figure 155-4 shows the overall 400GBASE-ZR frame structure, which includes a 1280-bit field for overhead
 - That structure is being reused from OIF 400ZR, which reuses ITU-T G.709.3
- ITU developed this frame in the context of inverse multiplexing beyond-100G signals over 100G interfaces
 - The basic frame structure supports 100G
 - The 400G version of the frame is constructed by 10-bit interleaving four 100G frames
 - As such, the 1280 bit OH field is formed by interleaving four 320-bit structures
 - In the ITU inverse multiplexing application, each of those 320-bit structures needs to have separate overhead
 - In the 400GBASE-ZR application, there is no inverse multiplexing, and there is no value in writing the description around inverse multiplexing
 - Only the first 320-bit structure is used to carry overhead; the other three are all zeros



Construction of OH field within the 400GBASE-ZR frame

Figure 155-4-400GBASE-ZR frame structure

Contents of the 400GBASE-ZR overhead

- 400GBASE-ZR uses only a small part of the overhead that ITU-T G.709.3 defines
- ITU-T G.709.3 defines the overhead based on the 100G frame (i.e., the 320-bit structure)
 - That frame itself uses a multi-frame because not all the overhead elements need to be present in every frame
- Figure 155-5 shows 4-frame multiframe that 400GBASE-ZR uses
- 155.2.5.5.[1-3] describe the 3 overhead elements (MFAS, STAT, JCn)
- 155.2.5.4 describes how this is encoded into the 1280-bit overhead area based on the four 320-bit structures

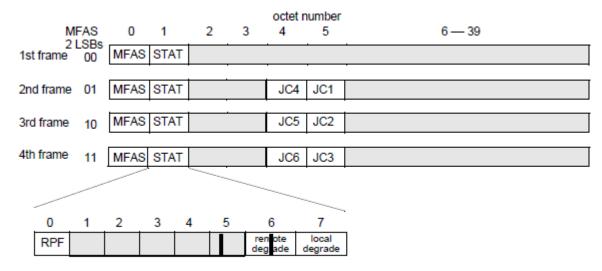


Figure 155-5—Contents of OH fields in four-frame multi-frame

Relating figure 155-4 to 155-5

Four instances of the 320-bit frame structure, with overhead only in the first one -

10-bit interleaving into the 1280-bit OH field – top row showing bit numbers in that field, second row showing bits of each instance

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Resolving the comments

- Per Figure 155-4, there is a single 1280-bit field called "OH"
- Per clause 155.2.5.5, there are several "overhead fields" (MFAS, STAT, JCn) that are in specific locations within that 1280-bit field, as described on slides 4-5 of this presentation
 - Figure 155-5 is not a simple magnified of the 1280-bit OH field
- The underlying issue is ambiguity created by using "OH field(s)" to refer to both the 1280-bit field and to set of overhead elements/components (MFAS, STAT, JCn) within that field
- Proposal: use 'OH field' to refer to the 1280-bit field in Figure 155-4, and use 'overhead elements' or 'overhead components' to refer to the contents
 - This impacts text in 155.2.2, 155.2.5.5[.x], and 155.2.6.7[.x]
 - Give the editor license to make the appropriate changes in these subclauses