Moving forward 802.3cz

PMD selection

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Three PMD proposals

- VCSEL 850/980 nm + OM3
 - Covers all objectives
 - Support from the industry
 - Lowest cost
- VCSEL 850/980 nm + GI-POF
 - Covers some objectives
 - Some support
- SI-Photonics (1310 nm) + OMx
 - Relative cost might be high
 - Automotive qualification pending

Si-photonics + OMx

- Based on the data presented, selecting non qualified Si-photonics with higher cost makes no sense:
 - Being the only PMD option compared with low cost VCSEL ...
 - No PHY compatibility with other PMDs due to different wave-length
 - Makes it very difficult to be included as a second PMD

Gi-POF

- SI-POF has a good history in Automotive, and is well perceived by the industry.
- But:
 - Are GI-POF fibers independently tested and qualified?
 - Why should we add a second fiber which can not fulfill all objectives?
 - Is there enough market support?

- Having a second PMD or integrate in the same PMD, may make sense, but ...
 - Further technical work is needed
 - Larger market support is required

VCSEL+OM3

- PMD is mostly ready
 - Wavelength selection will be based in reliability data & cost
 - Lowest cost solution

Should we stop PMD writing?

- 802.3cz calendar requires D1.1 to be technically complete up to 25 Gb/s
 - D1.2 & D1.3 will be fixing document and adding 50 Gb/s before submitting to WG
- We can not wait until GI-POF data is ready

• I encourage the group to adopt a PMD baseline based on VCSEL & OM3

- I encourage the group to keep PMD work open in order to add a second PMD or extend it if:
 - GI-POF technical and market data support it. All required data should be available for D1.2

Comments & Questions