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Cl **FM** SC **FM** P11 L54 # 11  
 Dawe, Piers Nvidia  
 Comment Type **E** Comment Status **A** Bucket  
 There are more amendments, ahead of this one but not yet published  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Add IEEE Std 802.3cp-202x and possibly more  
 Response Response Status **C**  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Add 802.3cp-202x and others

Cl **00** SC **0** P L # 6  
 Anslow, Pete Independent  
 Comment Type **ER** Comment Status **A** Bucket  
 All external cross-references should be "Forest green" by using the "External" character tag as per the 802.3 FrameMaker template.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Make all external cross-references "Forest green" by applying the "External" character tag as per the 802.3 FrameMaker template.  
 Response Response Status **C**  
 ACCEPT.

Cl **00** SC **0** P L # 5  
 Anslow, Pete Independent  
 Comment Type **ER** Comment Status **A**  
 Recent convention in 802.3 PHY naming when there are existing -?R2 PHY types in existence is to name the single lane variant ?R1. Examples being: -KR1, -CR1, -FR1, -LR1  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change 100GBASE-SR to 100GBASE-SR1 throughout the draft  
 Response Response Status **C**  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Change all instances of 100GBASE-VR to 100GBASE-VR1 and all instances of 100GBASE-SR to 100GBASE-SR1

Cl **30** SC **30.5.1.1.2** P7 L14 # 8  
 Dawe, Piers Nvidia  
 Comment Type **E** Comment Status **A**  
 If ordered by length  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Should VR come before SR before 100GBASE-SR4, VR2 before SR2 before 200GBASE-SR4, VR4 before SR4 before 400GBASE-SR16?  
 Response Response Status **C**  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Put VR before SR before 100GBASE-SR4, VR2 before SR2 before 200GBASE-SR4, VR4 before SR4 before 400GBASE-SR16  
 Cl **30** SC **30.5.1.1.2** P7 L25 # 9  
 Dawe, Piers Nvidia  
 Comment Type **E** Comment Status **A** Bucket  
 200GBASE-SR, 200GBASE-VR, 400GBASE-SR, 400GBASE-VR  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 200GBASE-SR2, 200GBASE-VR2, 400GBASE-SR4, 400GBASE-VR4  
 Response Response Status **C**  
 ACCEPT.

Cl **45** SC **45.2.1.6** P9 L21 # 10  
 Dawe, Piers Nvidia  
 Comment Type **E** Comment Status **A** Bucket  
 Shouldn't you show the modified reserved rows?  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 per comment  
 Response Response Status **C**  
 ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1.6 P21 L21 # 1

Anslow, Pete Independent

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Bucket

The draft shows :

- 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 = 400GBASE-SR4 PMA/PMD
- 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 = 400GBASE-VR4 PMA/PMD
- 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 = 200GBASE-SR2 PMA/PMD
- 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 = 200GBASE-VR2 PMA/PMD
- 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 = 100GBASE-SR PMA/PMD
- 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 = 100GBASE-VR PMA/PMD

but four of these choices are already allocated to other PMD types:

- 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 is 10GBASE-BR20-D in P802.3cp
- 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 is 10GBASE-BR10-D in P802.3cp
- 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 is not currently allocated
- 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 is not currently allocated
- 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 is 400GBASE-ZR in P802.3cw
- 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 is 400GBASE-ER8 in IEEE Std 802.3cn-2019

It seems that a better solution would be to put all six new PMDs together above the block used by P802.3cp

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the allocation to:

- 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 = 400GBASE-SR4 PMA/PMD
- 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 = 400GBASE-VR4 PMA/PMD
- 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 = 200GBASE-SR2 PMA/PMD
- 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 = 200GBASE-VR2 PMA/PMD
- 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 = 100GBASE-SR PMA/PMD
- 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 = 100GBASE-VR PMA/PMD

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.20 P22 L38 # 2

Anslow, Pete Independent

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Bucket

The draft shows :

- 1.23.8 200GBASE-SR2 ability
- 1.23.7 200GBASE-VR2 ability

But these bits are already allocated in P802.3ck to:

- 1.23.8 200GBASE-CR2 ability
- 1.23.7 200GBASE-KR2 ability

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the allocation to:

- 1.23.10 200GBASE-SR2 ability
- 1.23.9 200GBASE-VR2 ability

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.21 P23 L23 # 3

Anslow, Pete Independent

Comment Type TR Comment Status A Bucket

The draft shows :

- 1.24.11 400GBASE-VR4 ability
- But this bit is already allocated in P802.3cw to:
- 1.24.11 400GBASE-ZR ability

*SuggestedRemedy*

To maintain the usual increasing reach with bit number, change the allocations to:

- 1.24.13 400GBASE-SR4 ability
- 1.24.12 400GBASE-VR4 ability

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1.21a P24 L9 # 4 [REDACTED]  
 Anslow, Pete Independent  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A Bucket  
 The draft shows :  
 1.26.11 100GBASE-SR ability  
 However, a gap in the allocations was previously made for 100GBASE-SR ability as 1.26.2  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Change the allocation to:  
 1.26.2 100GBASE-SR ability  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 78 SC 78.1.4 P13 L12 # 12 [REDACTED]  
 Dawe, Piers Nvidia  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket  
 after 400GBASE-SR4.2  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 after 400GBASE-SR16, or possibly after 400GBASE-SR8  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Put 400GBASE-SR4 after 400GBASE-SR8

CI 78 SC 78.1.4 P13 L13 # 13 [REDACTED]  
 Dawe, Piers Nvidia  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket  
 This is too hard to follow  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Please show at least one existing row before and after each new one, as 802.3cd did  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 80 SC 80.1.4 P15 L18 # 14 [REDACTED]  
 Dawe, Piers Nvidia  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket  
 Please show the changes in context  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Please show one existing row before and after each new one, as 802.3ck does. Also for  
 Table 80-5.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 91 SC 91.7.4.1 P21 L12 # 15 [REDACTED]  
 Dawe, Piers Nvidia  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket  
 Inconsistent font size  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

CI 116 SC 116.1.3 P23 L41 # 16 [REDACTED]  
 Dawe, Piers Nvidia  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket  
 after 400GBASE-SR4.2  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Before, going by reach  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

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Cl 116 SC 116.1.4 P25 L29 # 17  
 Dawe, Piers Nvidia  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket  
 400GBASE-SR4 should come before 400GBASE-SR4.2, and I think it goes after 400GBASE-SR8  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Swap 400GBASE-SR4 and 400GBASE-SR4.2, both row and column  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 167 SC 167.1 P30 L9 # 18  
 Dawe, Piers Nvidia  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A  
 This table can be presented better by leaving out the unnecessary "Not applicable" entries  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Use columns for clause/annex no., description for 200G, description for 400G, and required/optional status. Similarly for tables 163-2 and 3.  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Adapt table

Cl 167 SC 167.1 P31 L7 # 19  
 Dawe, Piers Nvidia  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket  
 Empty line  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Remove  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT.

Cl 167 SC 167.1.1 P31 L50 # 20  
 Dawe, Piers Nvidia  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A Bucket  
 FEC (Clause 134 or Clause 91) and PCS (Clause 133 or Clause 82).  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 FEC (Clause 91) and PCS (Clause 82).  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Remove references to Clause 134 and Clause 133. Will read: "FEC (Clause 91) and PCS (Clause 82)".

Cl 167 SC 167.2 P32 L20 # 21  
 Dawe, Piers Nvidia  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A Bucket  
 116.3  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 80.3?  
 Response Response Status C  
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. Correct reference to Clause 80.3.

Cl 167 SC 167.7.1 P39 L32 # 23  
 Dawe, Piers Nvidia  
 Comment Type T Comment Status R  
 As the channel is relatively slower than for other optical PMDs, we should recognise a different balance of penalties while encouraging good (equalisable) transmitters.  
 SuggestedRemedy  
 Insert rows for TECQ-10.log10(Ceq') and TECQ-10.log10(Ceq'), limit TBD between 3.4 and 4 dB. Consider if TDECQ max (and SECQ) should be increased. TECQ limit is probably about right.  
 Response Response Status C  
 REJECT.  
 There are currently two specs (three if one counts TDECQ) to limit the use of "poor" optical signals: (a) overshoot/undershoot, and (b) minimum value of cursor in Rx FFE.  
 An example of a Tx waveform that passes these specifications but fails a link test would be useful in promoting a limit on TECQ - 10\*log10(Ceq').  
 Propose a value for max TDECQ and SECQ.

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Cl 167 SC 167.7.1 P39 L32 # 22

Dawe, Piers Nvidia  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A

This has TECQ before TDECQ while 802.3cu has the reverse.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Consider which is preferable. Plan to adjust 802.3cu in maintenance, or modify this table.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Location of TDECQ and TECQ specifications in Table 167-7 will be swapped.

Cl 167 SC 167.7.3 P41 L24 # 7

Bruckman, Leon Huawei  
 Comment Type E Comment Status R

Unnecessary text "cabled optical" in Note b. I believe this text has been removed also in the similar clause in 802.3cu

*SuggestedRemedy*

Remove "cabled optical"

Response Response Status C

REJECT.  
 This wording is used throughout the base document and is the description per the ISO/IEC 11801 nomenclature.

Cl 167 SC 167.8.1 P41 L51 # 24

Dawe, Piers Nvidia  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A

Scrambled idle 119.2.4.9

*SuggestedRemedy*

Scrambled idle or scrambled Remote Fault 82.2.11 or 82.2, 119.2.4 or 119.2.4.9

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.  
 Subsequent to the close of commenting period Piers sent an email:

"First, the scrambled idle or scrambled Remote Fault is generated by the PCS, and PMDs to this clause use one of two PCS/FECs, depending how many lanes there are in a logical port:

82, 91 for 100G (1 lane)

119 for 200G or 400G (2 or 4 lanes)

This clause is the multimode equivalent of the combination of

140. Physical Medium Dependent (PMD) sublayer and medium, type 100GBASE-DR...  
 and  
 124. Physical Medium Dependent (PMD) sublayer and medium, type 400GBASE-DR4  
 and a little more for 200G (but it's the same PCS clause).

Table 140-9—Test patterns  
 Pattern 5  
 Pattern description Scrambled idle encoded by RS-FEC  
 Defined in 82.2.11, 91

Table 124-9—Test patterns  
 Pattern 5  
 Pattern description Scrambled idle  
 Defined in 119.2.4.9

The second issue is that an Ethernet port with its transmitter connected to a scope and nothing connected to its input will generate Remote Fault automatically, not idle. One has to put the port into a test mode to make it produce idle. As the scrambler is very long, both are as good as random so a test can be done with either.

BUT, as I check this I am reminded that in Table 167-11—Test-pattern definitions and related subclauses, following Table 138-12—Test-pattern definitions and related subclauses, wherever we have

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pattern 5, we also have "or valid ... signal", which is said to cover Remote Fault (I hope readers don't think that as it has Fault in its name it's not a valid signal – it is supposed to be received correctly, like any other valid signal).

So we can drop the explicit Remote Fault items, but we should add the 100G FEC, giving:

Scrambled idle encoded by RS-FEC 82.2.11 and 91, or 119.2.4.9

This is my new proposal."

Change the entry in Table 167-10 to Scrambled idle encoded by RS-FEC 82.2.11 and 91, or 119.2.4.9

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| <i>Cl</i> <b>167</b> | <i>SC</i> <b>167.8.5</b> | <i>P</i> <b>43</b> | <i>L</i> <b>25</b> | # <b>30</b> |
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Le Cheminant, Greg

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*Comment Type* **T** *Comment Status* **A**

The reference receiver bandwidth for TDECQ analysis is typically at half baud to emulate DSP based receivers with anti-aliasing filters. For multimode transmitter test, the observation bandwidth is reduced further to emulate the dispersion that is created by the fiber span. An alternative approach should be considered. The transmitter waveform is acquired in the half-baud bandwidth. For TECQ, this waveform can be directly analyzed. For TDECQ, the waveform is additionally passed through a second processing block that emulates the fiber. This could be as simple as a low-pass Bessel-Thomson filter, but could be something that better emulates the physical impact of the fiber span, to be determined by the group. This method has the advantage of being able to provide several transmitter metrics, for both SR and VSR requirements, with a single oscilloscope acquisition, reducing overall test time and cost, and likely better emulating the true channel response

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change the text of lines 24-34 of page 43 (55 in the overall document) to read: The combination of the O/E converter and the oscilloscope used to measure the optical waveform has a 3 dB bandwidth of approximately 26.5 GHz with a fourth-order Bessel-Thomson response to at least 1.5 x 26.5 GHz. At frequencies above 1.5 x 26.5 GHz, the response should not exceed 24 dB. Compensation may be made for any deviation from an ideal fourth-order Bessel-Thomson response. Prior to TDECQ analysis the waveform is passed through a function that emulates the response of the maximum allowed fiber span. This function is described as TBD

*Response* *Response Status* **C**

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. The proposal allows recording of multiple parameters with a single measurement. Some open questions that were brought up a) noise handling, b) differences between using a single hardware filter vs. half baud rate hardware filter plus fiber emulation, and c) is a fourth order BT filter the best emulation of fiber bandwidth.

Add editors' note: The noise handling in the fiber emulation and the fiber response is under further study.

3 dBe bandwidth of the Bessel-Thomson filter is 18 GHz for the SR links and TBD for VR links.

Presentation was reviewed by the Task Force:  
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Cl 167 SC 167.8.5.1 P43 L51 # 25

Dawe, Piers Nvidia  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A

We have 9 taps rather than the usual 5 because the channel is relatively slower than for other optical PMDs. So the last few taps should be correcting the tail of the response and should be quite small.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Impose limits on the absolute values of tap coefficients 7, 8 and 9. Also for the last taps for TECQ, depending how long that reference equalizer is.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

What are the proposed limits for the tap coefficients 7, 8 and 9? An analysis of constraints placed on Tx by these limits would help evaluate the impact.

Add an editors' note stating that limits on taps 7, 8, and 9 may be considered.

Cl 167 SC 167.8.7 P44 L42 # 26

Dawe, Piers Nvidia  
 Comment Type T Comment Status A

1E-2 allows too much of the waveform beyond the limit and does a poor job of controlling overshoot

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change to 3E-3 TBC for now, and let people try that in the lab

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Change the hit ratio for overshoot/undershoot calculation to 3E-3 TBC in the draft.

Cl 167 SC 167.8.10 P45 L18 # 27

Dawe, Piers Nvidia  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket

This sentence (and one in 167.8.13) is too long and hard to understand. It should be divided in two, as in 167.8.5 and 167.8.6.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Change "response to at least 1.3 x 53.125 GHz and at frequencies above 1.3 x 53.125 GHz the response should not exceed -24 dB." to "response to at least 1.3 x 53.125 GHz. At frequencies above 1.3 x 53.125 GHz the response should not exceed -24 dB." Similarly in 167.8.13.

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Cl 167 SC 167.10.1 P49 L25 # 28

Dawe, Piers Nvidia  
 Comment Type E Comment Status A Bucket

and400GBASE-SR4.

*SuggestedRemedy*

insert a space

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Cl 167 SC 167.10.3.3 P52 L24 # 31

Xie, Chongjin Alibaba  
 Comment Type TR Comment Status A

Figure 167-8 only includes diagrams for flat 12 fiber MPO connectors.

*SuggestedRemedy*

Add diagrams that illustrate APC 12 fiber MPO connectors

Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Add a diagram like Figure 124-7 in clause 124.

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| Dawe, Piers            |                    | Nvidia                   |            |                                   |
| <i>Comment Type</i> E  |                    | <i>Comment Status</i> A  |            | <i>Bucket</i>                     |
| PICS needs work        |                    |                          |            |                                   |
| <i>SuggestedRemedy</i> |                    |                          |            |                                   |
| Revise PICS            |                    |                          |            |                                   |
| <i>Response</i>        |                    | <i>Response Status</i> C |            |                                   |
| ACCEPT.                |                    |                          |            |                                   |