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Comment Type  E  Comment Status  D  editorial

Putting "bit" on a new line looks odd

SuggestedRemedy
The text box for the figure title should be full width. Same issue on next page.

Proposed Response  Response Status  W

PROPOSED REJECT.
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Comment Type  E  Comment Status  D  editorial

Table title is strangely offset to the right. This might be related to the formatting in the base document for multiple tables in Clause 124.

SuggestedRemedy
The text box for the figure titles should be full width. Same issue on next page.

Proposed Response  Response Status  W

PROPOSED REJECT.
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In the .pdf version of the draft and also the .pdf version of the compare draft the axis labelling of Figure 124-2a is unreadable. It was correct in draft 3.1.

SuggestedRemedy
Replace this figure with the one from draft 3.1

Proposed Response  Response Status  W

PROPOSED REJECT.
No changes were made to the graphs in the referenced figures, however, it appears that FrameMaker incorrectly rendered the graphics file in D3.2. Although the suggested remedy is an improvement to the draft it is an editorial issue that may be addressed by referral to the IEEE SA Editorial staff.
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For 400GBASE-DR

Suggested Remedy
For 400GBASE-DR4

Proposed Response  Response Status: W

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Comment Type: E  Comment Status: D  editorial

For 400GBASE-DR4

Suggested Remedy
For consistency, insert a comma in Table 124-6 footnote c.

Proposed Response  Response Status: W

PROPOSED REJECT.
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Font or character problem, axes values and labels

Suggested Remedy
Fix. Also Figure 124-2c and 2d.

Proposed Response  Response Status: W

PROPOSED REJECT.
No changes were made to the graphs in the referenced figures, however, it appears that FrameMaker incorrectly rendered the graphics file in D3.2.
Although the suggested remedy is an improvement to the draft it is an editorial issue that may be addressed by referral to the IEEE SA Editorial staff.

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We show the sublayer stack in the first figure of each "Introduction to <MAC rate>" clause and the first figure of each sublayer clause in its overview. Usually we include all relevant sublayers, which gives the reader a familiar map to give the clause context. See figures 69-1, 80-1, 81-1, 82-1, 83-1, 91-1, for example. Also 105 106 107 108 109 for 25G, 131 132 133 134 135 for 50G.

This consistency should be maintained unless changed through the maintenance process. There are few exceptions: when 116, 117, 118, 119 and 120 for 200 Gb/s and 400 Gb/s were written, the first wave of PHYs had no AN, and 3ck did not add them to these diagrams, although AN is included in Figure 161-1 (RS-FEC-Int).

**Suggested Remedy**

Add the missing AN sublayer to Figure 169-1 (introduction to 800 Gb/s), like 80, 105, 131.
It may be advisable to revert "800GBASE" to "800GBASE-R" for consistency; any future project with a non-BASE-R 800G PHY may choose its own layer stack.

Add the missing AN sublayer to Figure 170-1 (RS and 800GMII), like 81, 106, 132.
Add the missing AN sublayer to figures 171-1 and 3 (800GMII Extender and 800GXS) for consistency.
Add the missing AN sublayer to Figure 172-1 (PCS), like 82, 107, 133.
Either now or via maintenance, (maybe to be implemented in 3dj), insert the missing AN in figures 116, 117, 118, 119 and 120.

**Proposed Response**

This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3df D3.1 and D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from previous drafts. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

Although this Figure was modified in Draft 3.2, the only modification was changing the label "800GBASE-R" to "800BASE" per comment R1-1 in the following:
The concerns expressed in this comment (R2-17) are not related to this change in label.

The reference to the figure states "relationships among 800 Gigabit Ethernet, the IEEE 802.3 MAC, and the ISO Open System Interconnection (OSI) reference model are shown in Figure 169–1." The figure is not intended to provide all of the details within all 800 Gb/s PHYs that might be defined.

There are many sublayers and structures that are not included in addition to the AN including the 800GMII Extender, 800GXS, 800GAUI-n, and additional sublayers might be added in the future. Its not practical or necessary to include all of these additional sublayers.

There is no consensus to make the proposed changes.
Comment Type  TR  Comment Status  D  bit ordering

Unsatisfied D3.1 comment 39: need examples to show some of the output from the PCS. Figure 119-11 implies that bit 0 (rather than 9) of a 10-bit symbol in a FEC codeword goes to the PMA first but there is no indication of what that means, and whether it corresponds to a bit 0 or a bit 9 of tx_scrambled_am.

Suggested Remedy
Define the bit ordering.

PROPOSED REJECT.
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3df D3.1 and D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from previous drafts. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

Note that comment R2-13 relates to a similar concern. The distribution and mapping of bits from tx_scrambled_am to the codeword message symbols is defined explicitly in 119.2.4.5.

If this algorithm is misinterpreted the error would be evident by comparing the outcome to the examples provided in Annex 172A.

Comment Type  T  bit ordering

As this Figure 119-11 is called "Transmit bit ordering..."

Suggested Remedy
The arrows from "10-bit round robin distribution" should not go to the middles of the FEC messages but to the appropriate end to show which way the FEC messages are filled.

PROPOSED REJECT.
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3df D3.1 and D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from previous drafts. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot. In regard to this comment, Figure 119-11 is accurate as currently written. There is no consensus to make the proposed change.

Comment Type  T  bit ordering

In Figure 119-11 400GBASE-R Transmit bit ordering and distribution, c_A29 = m_A0

Suggested Remedy
This should say c_A30 = m_A0, as in Figure 119-10 200GBASE-R Transmit bit ordering and distribution.

PROPOSED REJECT.
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3df D3.1 and D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from previous drafts. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot. The comment correctly points out an error in Figure 119-11 that may be addressed through the maintenance process. There is no consensus to make the proposed changes.

Comment Type  T  bit ordering

Figure 119-11, 400GBASE-R Transmit bit ordering and distribution

Suggested Remedy
should show am_mapped as another box under tx_scrambled, with an arrow indicating input to "AM Insertion" (indicating the order).

PROPOSED REJECT.
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3df D3.1 and D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from previous drafts. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot. Figure 119-11 is accurate as currently written. There is no consensus to make the proposed change.
Unlike Figure 119-10, there is nothing about bit ordering in Figure 172-4. It's all by reference to Figure 119-10.

Suggested Remedy
Move the arrow beside "66-bit blocks" to show which end of a 66-bit block goes first, or change the figure title from "800GBASE-R PCS transmit bit ordering and distribution" to "800GBASE-R PCS transmit distribution"

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.
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Figure 172-4 represents the top half of Figure 119-11, with the lower half of Figure 119-11 included in the boxes called "Flow 0 transmit function" and "Flow 1 transmit function", as described in the associated text. In this respect Figure 172-4 is identical to the equivalent part of Figure 119-11, with the exception of the additional "block distribution" function that distributes 66-bit blocks between the "Flow 0 transmit function" and "Flow 1 transmit function" as described in 172.2.4.3.

Subclause 119.2.4.2 defines explicitly how the bits in tx_coded are processed to form a 256B/257B block.

Further details in the figure are not necessary.

Comment Status D
Response Status W

Dawe, Piers J G NVIDIA

Comment Type T
Comment Status D
bit ordering

Comment Type E
Comment Status D
wording

Figure 119-7, 400GBASE-R alignment marker mapping to PCS lanes, shows "A = from FEC codeword A B = from FEC codeword B". But this is AM creation, part of the Transmit function. AMs are not from the FEC codewords here, they go into them.

Suggested Remedy
"from" should be "to", twice.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3df D3.1 and D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from previous drafts. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

Note that comment R2-24 relates to a similar concern.

The distribution and mapping of bits from tx_scrambled_am to the codeword message symbols is defined explicitly in 119.2.4.5.

If this algorithm is misinterpreted the error would be evident by comparing the outcome to the examples provided in Annex 172A.
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Comment Type TR  Comment Status D  bit ordering

Unsatisfied D3.1 comment 39: need examples to show some of the output from the PCS. Confusion between tx_out the 1088 x 10 array in 119.2.4.7 and tx_out<0:16> the contents of the 16 PCS lanes in Figure 119-11.

Suggested Remedy
As these seem to be different things, they should have different names.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3df D3.1 and D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from previous drafts. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.
The tx_out defined in 119.2.4.7 is the same as tx_out portrayed in Figure 119-11 so it is not necessary to use a different name as proposed.

Comment Type E  Comment Status D  editorial

The label "tx_coded<0>" on the left overlaps the block.

Suggested Remedy
Move the label leftward so that it does not overlap.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3df D3.1 and D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from previous drafts. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.
Although the suggested remedy is an improvement to the draft it is an editorial issue that may be addressed by referral to the IEEE SA Editorial staff.
This change will be passed to the IEEE staff editor for consideration during final editing.

Comment Type TR  Comment Status D  bit ordering

Inconsistent use of the term "both". Used as an adverb and predeterminer, and this may create ambiguity.

Suggested Remedy
Recommend consistency throughout to document as an adverb.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3df D3.1 and D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from previous drafts. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.
The use of the word "both" is correct in the referenced sentences.
[Editor's note: The page was changed from 230 to 226.]

Comment Type E  Comment Status D  bit ordering

Another reference would make this easier to use, so the reader can find what "am_mapped" and "tx_scrambled_am" at lines 29, 30 are (am_mapped does not appear in this amendment anywhere else, and while values for tx_scrambled_am are given in the tables, there is no indication of what it is).

Suggested Remedy
Please insert (see 172.2.4.6) after alignment marker.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3df D3.1 and D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from previous drafts. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.
The suggested change is redundant since the opening paragraph points to the subclause that defines the entire transmit function (172.2.4).
There is no consensus to make the proposed change.

PAGE 6
Cl 172A SC 172A P287 L 52 # R2-12
Dawe, Piers J G NVIDIA
Comment Type TR Comment Status D bit ordering
Unsatisfied D3.1 comment 39: need examples to show some of the output from the PCS. This says that 10 bits of \( c_x_A \) (in reverse order) is one symbol of \( c_A \). It is not clear whether the reverse order is telling the reader to reverse the order, or it is just weird notation. Also the order of the bits in a symbol of \( C_A \) is not given.

Suggested Remedy
Explain the bit and symbol ordering using words.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3df D3.1 and D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from previous drafts. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.

The mapping is defined by the algorithm on page 287 lines 49 to 54. If this algorithm is misinterpreted by the implementer, the error would be evident by comparing the outcome with the examples provided in Annex 172A.

Cl 172A SC 172A P288 L 19 # R2-8
Dawe, Piers J G NVIDIA
Comment Type E Comment Status D editorial
\( tx_{scrambled} \)

Suggested Remedy
Should be \( tx_{scrambled\_am} \) as in the column header. Fig 119-11 shows that these are different things. Also for Table 172A-2.
Annex 119A is the same, by the way, and should be fixed sometime.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3df D3.1 and D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from previous drafts. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.
The comment is requesting that in the title of Figure 172A-1 and Figure 172A-2 to change \( tx_{scrambled} \) to \( tx_{scrambled\_am} \).
Although the suggested remedy is an improvement to the draft it is an editorial issue that may be addressed by referral to the IEEE SA Editorial staff.
This change will be passed to the IEEE staff editor for consideration during final editing.

Cl 173 SC 173.5.2.1 P241 L 28 # R2-16
Dawe, Piers J G NVIDIA
Comment Type TR Comment Status D bit ordering
Unsatisfied D3.1 comment 39: show some of the 8-lane output of an 32:8 bit mux.

Suggested Remedy
In a NOTE, show some of the 8-lane output of a 32:8 bit mux for the beginning of the example in Annex 172A. 8 lanes x 80 hex characters should be more than enough. Cross-reference to 172A. In 172A, cross-reference to here.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.
This comment does not apply to the substantive changes between IEEE P802.3df D3.1 and D3.2 or the unsatisfied negative comments from previous drafts. Hence it is not within the scope of the recirculation ballot.
Subclause 173.5.2.1 provides sufficient guidance to correctly implement the intended functionality.
There is no consensus to make the proposed changes.