

Proposed PHY Objectives

IEEE 802.3 Multigig Automotive Ethernet PHY
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Basic PHY project objectives formulae

PHY projects typically have objectives of the form:

- Preserve the 802.3 / Ethernet frame format utilizing the 802.3 MAC
- Support a data rate of **X** Gbps at the MAC/PLS service **interface (may be multiple)**
- Preserve minimum and maximum Frame Size of current 802.3 standard
- Support full (**or half**) duplex operation
- Support a BER better than or equal to 10^{-x} at the MAC/PLS service interface
- Support optional single pair Auto-Negotiation
- Define optional Energy Efficient Ethernet
- Support point-to-point topologies
- Define or describe any link segments to be used (**see “hard objectives”**)
- Define a PHY (or PHYs) capable of operation over (**various link segments**)
- Do not preclude meeting FCC and CISPR EMC requirements
- Support optional PoE/PoDL ?
- Operate in any application environments/features necessary
 - E.g., Automotive, Industrial EMC, fault conditions, fast startup

Objectives Addressed Here

- Support a data rate of $>$ Gbps at the MAC/PLS service interface
 - *IS THERE ONLY ONE RATE? WHAT IS X?*
- Support a BER better than or equal to 10^{-X} at the MAC/PLS service interface
 - *WHAT IS X? (10^{-10} consistent w/1G, 10^{-12} consistent w/10GE)*
- Define the performance characteristics of link segments and a PHY to support X Gbps point-to-point operation over this link segment with *<media, lanes>* supporting up to Y inline connectors using *<media description>* cabling for up to at least Z m reach
 - *Need to spell out rates, media lanes, media description & reach*
 - *May be duplicated for multiple PHYs, media, reaches, etc.*
- Support operation at X Gbps in automotive environments (e.g., EMC, temperature) over *<media description>* cabling.
 - *(Noncontroversial but goes with the “Define...” objective)*

BER Objective

- All 2.5Gbps/5Gbps/10Gbps BASE-T PHYs share the same BER objectives: 10^{-12}
- Propose objective:
 - Support a BER better than or equal to 10^{-12} at the MAC/PLS service interface

Data Rate & Media: Presentations in Ad Hoc

- AdHocs heard presentations with survey showing use for 2.5Gbps, 5Gbps and 10Gbps, but converging on 10Gbps
 - Most respondents preferred 10 Gbps rate
 - Most respondents are OK with different media from 1000BASE-T1
 - [Multi-Gig Ethernet for Automotive Survey Results.pdf](#)
 - Most respondents preferred 10Gbps rate
 - [GMs Multi-Gig Ethernet Objectives Autosaved.pdf](#)

Market Potential, Technical/Economic Feasibility

- 10Gbps, 10m, 2 connectors supported by at least one major OEM
- 10Gbps, 15m, 4 connectors technically feasible as variant of 40GBASE-T technology
 - Same rate as 1 lane of 40GBASE-T, FTP cabling
 - Shielded cabling enables harsher EM environment
 - Technical feasibility as one lane of Cat 8
 - Lack of crosstalk & split pairs ease connector burden
 - Reduced distance (15m vs. 30m), single lane (no NEXT/FEXT cancellers) increases economic feasibility

Proposed PHY Objectives

1. Define the performance characteristics of a link segment and a PHY to support 10 Gbps operation over this link segment with a single twisted-pair supporting up to four inline connectors using shielded balanced copper cabling for up to at least 15 m reach
2. Support operation at 10Gbps in automotive environments (e.g., EMC, temperature) over single-twisted-pair shielded balanced copper cabling.

THANK YOU!