

P802.3ah Draft 2.0 Comments

CI 00 SC P L # 951
Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D reassigned

I have a problem with the use of the term "loopback" for the diagnostic return path being proposed for the OAM sublayer. The potential for confusion of this new path with the existing half-duplex DO to DI loopback path and its associated term of "loopback" is great. The term "loopback" has been an accepted label for this function at least since the drafting of FOIRL (ref: 9.9.2.1) in 1987.

SuggestedRemedy

Pick another terminology.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

The term "loopback", as used within Clause 57, is used in reference to a remote loopback of frames. Occasionally, the word "loopback" is improperly used without being preceded by the word "remote". See for example Figure 57-3 at line 20 on page 138. This figure title should be changed to read "OAM remote loopback". If the term "remote loopback" is used consistently, this should provide an adequate differentiation from the loopback defined in earlier clauses.

Note that this problem was actually introduced in 802.3ae,
see for example Figure 45-2.

CI 00 SC P L # 1248
Lee Sendelbach IBM

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Fix all the references with *ref*. Like 60.9.4, 60.8.13.2.1, 60.8.13.1 60.8.11 60.1 I don't understand what is going on with the *refs. Also fix #CrossRef# in 64.1

SuggestedRemedy

Fix it.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

These references are intended for the use of the editors to search for cross references. All these will be removed at time of publication as indicated in the editor's note boxes

CI 00 SC P L # 952
Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

What is being proposed in many places throughout this draft is not a peer network. To introduce such a foreign concept into a document where the implicit and explicit notion of peer relationships is so thoroughly infused throughout the existing document is likely to cause (a) significant confusion and (b) significant errors.

SuggestedRemedy

Move non-peer proposals to a new and separate document that can thoroughly, explicitly and unambiguously embrace the concept of Ethernet Services over asymmetrical infrastructure.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

The suggested remedy is ambiguous. What are "the non-peer proposals"? What is the "new and separate document"?

The draft in its current form satisfies the PAR and 5 Criteria for the project, which call for an amendment to IEEE Std 802.3, formatted as a set of clauses. The suggested remedy would not satisfy the PAR and 5 Criteria.

While there are asymmetric physical layer specifications in the draft, the services provided to the MAC Client are provided in the same fashion as the base standard. The peer relationship between MAC Clients described in the base standard is preserved.

Previous projects introduced physical layers with asymmetric behavior and characteristics.

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CI 00 SC P L # 1181
 Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status A all

PICS mapping to clauses is incomplete as not all PICS entries are supported by 'mandatory', 'shall', 'optional' or 'may' text within the clauses.

SuggestedRemedy

Review all PICS entries to ensure that each entry references an appropriate 'mandatory', 'shall', 'optional' or 'may' text within the referenced clause.

Review all clauses to ensure that all instances of 'mandatory', 'shall', 'optional' or 'may' within the clause have a corresponding PICS entry.

Proposed Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The convention used in 802.3 is that each "shall" statement correspondes to a PICS entry. Other words, such as "mandatory", "optional", and "may", do not receive corresponding PICS entries.

Every effort has been made to follow this convention, and any specific instances that the commenter can identify that do not follow this convention will be corrected.

If appropriate to document this convention then a maintenance request will be made by the commentor.

CI 00 SC P L # 1160
 Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D reassigned

Clause 21 does not sufficiently define the PICS as used in this specification. For example, the '*ITEM' notation to indicate an item is used as a predicate is not defined. It is defined in 802.1Q-1998 Clause A.3.4.2

SuggestedRemedy

Add reference to 802.1Q in Clause 21 or change references in each of the PICS clauses

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 00 SC P L # 837
 Brand, Richard Nortel Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Fundamental structural issue.

With the addition of a minimum of at least 562 pages of D 2.0 of EFM to the existing 802.3 document, the IEEE 802.3 document will become overly large. At this point, I find it extremely time consuming to scan the existing 802.3 document for consistency with the new draft sections. With so much bulk, we run an increased risk of approving a document that may not be up to our past level of quality.

The material that is generated by future Task Forces will only exacerbate this situation.

SuggestedRemedy

Move EFM into a new separate 802.3 document that addresses an Ethernet for service providers and/or access networks.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The draft in its current form satisfies the PAR and 5 Criteria for the project, which call for an amendment to IEEE Std 802.3, formatted as a set of clauses. The suggested remedy would not satisfy the PAR and 5 Criteria.

The page count for this draft is not extraordinary in comparison to other recent projects in 802.3. As an example, IEEE Draft P802.3ae/D5.0 had a page count of 540 pages when it was approved by the sponsor ballot group and the IEEE-SA Standards Board.

It is expected that the IEEE publications staff will elect to publish EFM as the fifth volume of a future edition of IEEE Std 802.3, which will make it easy for the document reader to select the relevant specification.

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CI 00 SC P L # 1167
 Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Amalgamation of these numerous seemingly unrelated clauses into the 802.3 standard is unrealistic. That is, using 'Ethernet' to bind all these clauses together stretches the meaning of Ethernet beyond what was originally intended and also restricts how much can be changed to add new functionality.

SuggestedRemedy

Rework this draft to be a stand-alone standard for 'access' or 'carrier' Ethernet. This would primarily affect the ammendments to clauses of 802.3. This draft would then, for example, have its own clause 4 with 'obsolete' material removed and new functions added. The existing 802.3 standard could then be termed as 'legacy' or 'enterprise' Ethernet.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The draft in its current form satisfies the PAR and 5 Criteria for the project, which call for an amendment to IEEE Std 802.3, formatted as a set of clauses. The suggested remedy would not satisfy the PAR and 5 Criteria.

Numerous prior projects performed amendments to the base standard. The scope of the changes described in the draft is consistent with past practice. With regard to the specific example given in the suggested remedy, the combination of physical layers described in the draft makes full use of the behavior and interfaces described in Clause 4, therefore nothing in Clause 4 can be considered "obsolete".

CI 00 SC P L # 1169
 Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D all

For optional clauses (which is essentially all of these clauses), all major capabilities are dependent on whether the particular clause is supported or not. These predicates are not shown.

SuggestedRemedy

Ensure that first item of PICS indicates that the clause or function is optional. All remaining PICS entries should then be a predicate of this item.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The suggested remedy is inconsistent with the PICS conventions used in 802.3. Many "optional clauses" have been defined in the past, see for example Clause 22. The draft in its current form correctly follows the conventions. Essentially, a vendor only fills out the PICS tables corresponding to the options that they implement. As an example, if you don't implement P2MP, you don't have to fill out the PICS tables in Clause 64 and 65.

CI 00 SC P L # 829
 Tzannes, Marcos Aware

Comment Type T Comment Status D reassigned

In T1.424 9.3.5.5 it is not clearly specified how many EOC bytes per frame are mandatory even though the maximum number of EOC byte per frame is exchanged during startup in O-MSG2 and R-MSG2.

SuggestedRemedy

State that support of 1 EOC byte per frame is mandatory. Also remove max EOC byte per frame field from the initialization messages O-MSG2, R-MSG2 and O-CONTRACT.

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 00 SC P L # 579

Glen Kramer Teknovus

Comment Type E Comment Status D olt

In many places the abbreviation OLT is incorrectly expanded as Optical Line Termination. The correct term should be Terminal.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "termination" to "terminal". The fix should be applied to C1.5 (page 13, line 12), Fig. 56-2 (page 169), C56.1.2.1 (page 169, line 52), Fig. 60-1 (page 289), and Fig. 66-4 (page 520).

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Will discuss in the TF meeting and pick the appropriate terminology.

CI 00 SC P L 1 # 552

Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Trademark symbols not required.

SuggestedRemedy

From this page onward, the trademark symbol for the draft and for 802.3 are not required in the heading.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 00 SC P L 1 # 596

Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

Per recent changes, we should begin including the front matter in the draft by Sponsor Ballot.

SuggestedRemedy

This is classified as a TR to assure it is implemented prior to Sponsor Ballot. The 802.3ah Editor-in-Chief will receive an appropriately edited copy of the front matter proposed for 802.3aj publication from the WG Chair at Ancona.

Proposed Response Response Status U

ACCEPT.

Will include when the source file is provided by the 802.3 WG Chair.

CI 00 SC P L 3 # 551

Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Trademark in wrong location.

SuggestedRemedy

Trademark symbol should be after 802.3, not 2002.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 00 SC P L 31 # 578

Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Annex 45B is not a change to previously approved clauses as it is a new annex.

SuggestedRemedy

Move Annex 45B to be in Clauses new to P802.3ah.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 00 SC P L 8 # 553

Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Text could be simpler. Also need to add the names of the 802.3 vice chair and the 802.3 secretary.

SuggestedRemedy

Change sentence on line 8 to read:

The following is a list of chairs and editors at the time the IEEE 802.3 Working Group balloted this standard:

Add David Law and Steve Carlson as Vice Chair and Secretary, respectively.

After list of chairs and editors, add the following before the list of 802.3 WG members: The following is a list of voters at the time the IEEE 802.3 Working Group balloted this standard:

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 00 SC P 156 L 17 # 448
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

There is no consistent notation for hex and binary when used within this document.

SuggestedRemedy

- 1) Except when used within C-code, use subscript 16 for hex.
- 2) Use subscript 2 for binary.
- 3) Use two thin-spaces to delineate bytes within values, when necessary (or, alternatively, use a ' ' to do this).
- 4) Whatever you do, document the convention and enforce it on all editors.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

IEEE 802.3ah is an ammendment to 802.3. The style is consistant with the 802.3 style and has been reviewed by the IEEE Staff Editor.

CI 00 SC P 24 L 51 # 562
Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D reassigned

The Unidirectional OAM Enable bit use is not only required for OAM but is also required for an OLT to operate correctly.

SuggestedRemedy

Change throughout the specification the name of Unidirectional OAM Enable to Forced Transmit. Change mr_unidirectional_oam_enable to mr_forced_tx.

- Change in Table 22-7 and 22.2.4.1.12.
Change in 24.2.3.2; strike OAMPDU in 24.2.4.2 on page 31, line 44; change in 24.3.4.5 and in Figure 24-16.
Change in 36.2.5.1.3; 36.2.5.2.1.
Change in 46.3.4; 46.3.4.2; 46.3.4.3.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 00 SC 0 P L 0 # 388
James, David JGG

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Unexpected title. Why is the per-page title different from all titles on the first page.

SuggestedRemedy

- Either:
- 1) Include Ethernet in the First Mile on the 1st page titles
 - 2) Use a first-page title on the page header.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 00 SC 0 P L 1 # 389
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Excess capitalization.

SuggestedRemedy

IEEE-SA Trademark Usage/Compliance Statement
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IEEE-SA trademark usage/compliance statement

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

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CI 00 SC 0 P L 10 # 385
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D
Excess capitalization

SuggestedRemedy

As per 802.3-2002, change:

Carrier Sense Multiple Access
with Collision Detection (CSMA/CD) access method
and physical layer specifications

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Carrier sense multiple access
with collision detection (CSMA/CD) access method
and physical layer specifications

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

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CI 00 SC 0 P L 25 # 392
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D
Excess capitalization.

SuggestedRemedy

Arithmetic addition ==> arithmetic addition
Em ==> em
En ==> en

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 00 SC 0 P L 34 # 390
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D
Excess capitalization.

SuggestedRemedy

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- Clause 56 Introduction to Ethernet for subscriber access networks
- Clause 57 Operations, administration, and maintenance (OAM)
- Clause 58 Physical medium eependent (PMD) sublayer and medium, type 100BASE-LX10 (Long wavelength) and 100BASE-BX10 (BiDirectional long wavelength)
- Clause 59 Physical medium eependent (PMD) sublayer and medium, type 1000BASE-LX10 (Long Wavelength) and 1000BASE-BX10 (BiDirectional long wavelength)
- Clause 60 Physical medium dependent (PMD) sublayer and medium, type 1000BASE-PX10 and 1000BASE-PX20 (long wavelength passive optical networks)
- Clause 61 Physical coding sublayer (PCS), physical medium attachment (PMA) sublayer and baseband medium, type 10PASS-TS and type 2BASE-TL
- Clause 62 Physical medium attachment (PMA) and physical medium dependent (PMD) sublayer, type 10PASS-TS
- Clause 63 Physical medium attachment (PMA) and physical medium dependent (PMD), type 2BASE-TL
- Clause 64 Multi-point MAC control
- Clause 65 Extensions of the reconciliation sublayer (RS) for point to point emulation and extensions of the 1000BASE-X PHY for forward error correction for multipoint optical links

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

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As an example reference Cl. 36

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CI 00 SC 0 P L 5 # 391

James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Excess capitalization.

SuggestedRemedy

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- Clause 66 System considerations for Ethernet for subscriber access networks
- Annex 58A Frame based testing
- Annex 61A EFM copper examples
- Annex 62A PMD profiles for 10PASS-TS
- Annex 62B Performance guidelines for 10PASS-TS PMD profiles
- Annex 62C 10PASS-TS examples
- Annex 63A PMD profiles for 2BASE-TL
- Annex 63B Performance guidelines for 2BASE-TL PMD profiles
- Annex 66A Environmental characteristics for Ethernet for subscriber access networks

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

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CI 00 SC 0 P 1 L 1 # 436

James, David JGG

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

A uniform notation for register, fields, state-machine names, functions, and constants is needed. Following is recommended:

- thisResetRegister -- lower case, run-together, italics
- thatField -- lower case, run-together, italics
- THIS_CONSTANT -- upper case with underscore word separators
- THAT_ENUMERATED_VALUE
- ThisFunction() -- Start caps, run-together, italics
- ThisStateMachine -- Start caps, run-together
- that_parameter -- service primitive parameter, underscore separators

SuggestedRemedy

- 1) Accept this convention or `_clearly_` define your own (spaces in names are not allowed)
- 2) Describe this in some notation clause, if possible, or simply in the draft foreward (if not possible).
- 3) The Chief Editor should enforce this convention.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

CI 00 SC 0 P 1 L 15 # 387

James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Excess capitalization. Acronyms are not capitalized, in general, nor are the capitalized on first usage.

SuggestedRemedy

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This is the text proposed by the IEEE 802.3ah Ethernet in the first mile task force editors as draft D2.0 of an amendment to IEEE Std 802.3-2002. This draft combines a minimal set of extensions to the IEEE 802.3 media access control (MAC) and MAC control sublayers with a family of physical (PHY) Layers. These physical layers include optical fiber and voice grade copper cable physical medium dependent sublayers (PMDs) for point to point connections in subscriber access networks. This draft also introduces the concept of Ethernet passive optical networks (EPONs), in which a point to multipoint (P2MP) network topology is implemented with passive optical splitters, along with optical fiber PMDs that support this topology. In addition, a mechanism for network operations, administration and maintenance (OAM) is included to facilitate network operation and troubleshooting.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

IEEE 802.3ah is an ammendment to 802.3. The style is consistant with the 802.3 style and has been reviewed by the IEEE Staff Editor.

CI 00 SC 00 P 7 L 54 # 905

Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The lowercase gamma symbol is used in Clause 63, but does not appear in the table of special symbols.

SuggestedRemedy

Add the greek letter gamma to the table of special symbols.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 00 SC 21.1.2 P L # 64
 Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D reassigned
 21.1.2 purports to be a complete list of 100 Mb/s physical layer implementations. It needs extension to mention the new 100 Mb/s PMDs.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Insert extra sentence just before the last one in this paragraph:
 "100BASE-LX10 and 100BASE-BX10 (Clauses 24 and 60) use one pair of single mode fibers, and a single, single mode fiber, respectively."
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 00 SC 45.2.1 P 81 L 23 # 1258
 Thaler, Pat Agilent
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 The existing registers need to be dealt with. Registers 1.0, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, and 1.6 are defined as general registers. Therefore, they will apply to 10PASS-TS and 10PASS-TL devices. Text must be added to the existing subclauses to clarify how they are applied to the new PMDs.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Provide the necessary information.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Add text as suggested:

1.0 -- speed selection bits 13 & 6: remove "10Gbps and higher", bits are reserved at one for compatability
 -- bits 5:2, add row in table for 10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL (speed variable, with a pointer to the speed control registers for each PMA/PMD)

1.1 -- this register applies to 10B/2P. Mention that local fault information is elaborated on for 10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL with pointer to these registers

1.2:3 -- this register applies unchanged to 10P/2B

1.4 -- add two rows to the table refering to 10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL

1.5:6 -- applies unchanged. The R-PMA/PMD and tone table devices are virtual and are required when the device supports 10PASS-TS and or 2BASE-TL.

Furthermore:

Remove bits 15,14 and 1 from Table 45-3 and the associated text. This, along with comment 327 removes this register completely.

Remove bits 15:13 from Table 45-4 and the associated text.

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CI 00 SC 45.2.1.14 P 85 L 5 # 1260
 Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

This comment applies to all counters that span 2 registers. A mechanism needs to be defined to ensure that the two counters are read with consistant values. Otherwise, the upper counter could roll between the reading of the two values and the manager would get an incorrect value for the two register quantity.

Also, these are each 2 registers, not 1. A register is one 16-bit addressable entity. Change the text to match that.

SuggestedRemedy

Define the mechanism. One method is to say that the most significant counter should be read first. When the most significant counter is read, the value in the least significant counter is held in a latch and the latched value rather than the current value of the counter is returned on a read of the least significant register.

Also, why aren't these counters clear on read and hold at all FFs? Is the assumption that they can't roll. If so, what is the time calculated for a 32 bit roll over?

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

As per the comment, change text for all "multi-word" registers to show that they are indeed separate 16-bit registers.

The mechanism for reading 32-bit counters is already defined globally for Clause 45 (replacing, as a service to humanity, the individual descriptions on a per register basis). See 45.2 amendments in 802.3ah Draft 2.0 (page 80, line 46).

32bit counters in 802.3ae are not clear on read, nor are they hold at FFs. This behavior was copied for 802.3ah

CI 00 SC 45.2.3.22 P 108 L 30 # 927
 Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Add cross reference to the NPar coding definition.

SuggestedRemedy

Add text:

See Table 61-40 for 10Pass-TS and Table 61-110 for 2Base-TL.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 00 SC 45.2.3.24 P 110 L 3 # 934
 Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Add/fix cross reference for PAF error registers.

SuggestedRemedy

Add/change cross reference to 61.2.2.7.2 for clause 45.2.3.24, 45.2.3.25, 45.2.3.26, 45.2.3.27, 45.2.3.28, and 45.2.3.29.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 00 SC 57.4.3.3 P 196 L 35 # 204
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type E Comment Status D reassigned

In other sections (e.g. loopback) we mentiond that certain OAMPDUs should be ignoredif the peer is a passive node. Should probably do that here as well.

SuggestedRemedy

Add sentence
 "DTEs shall ignore received Variable Request OAMPDUs from remote DTEs in Passive mode."

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 00 SC 58.8.1 P 231 L 5 # 117
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D reassigned

Grammar

SuggestedRemedy

Change "they are" to "It contains".

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 00 SC 61.2.2.7.3 P 339 L 45 # 945
 O'Mahony, Barry Intel Corp.

Comment Type T Comment Status D reassigned

The sentence "For CPE-subtype devices, PMD links shall not be enabled (such that no handshaking starts) until the PMI_Available register has been set to limit the connectivity such that each PMI maps to one, and only one MII (45.2.3.20)" describes a critical aspect of the PMI aggregation function. Until the CPE is locally configured such that a PMA/PMD is mapped to only one PCS, device operation cannot proceed. This is due to the fact that some CPE PCS registers, such as the remote_discovery_register and the PMI_Aggregate register, or remotely writable. Without the condition that a CPE PMD/PMA is mapped to only one PCS, it would be unclear as to which PCS these incoming commands would be directed to. Additional text is needed to make this clear.

Note also that, as the CPE's PMI_Available_register(s) are not remotely writable, although they are indirectly read through the discovery process, the CPE's PMI_Aggregate_register(s) may only be remotely configured to a subset of the configuration set in the CPE's PMI_Available_register by its local management entity.

SuggestedRemedy

Add second sentence: "For CPE-subtype devices, until this conditions is met, the device shall not repond to or initiate any G.994.1 handshaking sessions, on any of its PMI's."

Add footnote referenced by this sentence: This condition is necessary so that remote commands from the CO-end which affect PCS registers have a defined target.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 00 SC 61.2.2.7.3 P 340 L 2 # 944
 O'Mahony, Barry Intel Corp.

Comment Type E Comment Status D reassigned

In lines 2 and 5, the PMI_Aggregate_register is called "PMI_Aggregation_register". Also in Table 61-7, line 10, in "Description" column

SuggestedRemedy

Change "PMI_Aggregation_register" to "PMI_Aggregate_register" in these 3 places.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 00 SC Annex A P L # 143
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Please add these informative references from 66A to the consolidated informative reference list, Annex A.

SuggestedRemedy

IEC 60721-2-1, "Classification of environmental conditions - Part 2-1: Environmental conditions appearing in nature - Temperature and humidity", Edition 1.1
 IEC 62149-1, "Fiber optics active components and devices: Performance standards - Part 1: General and guidance", Draft standard

Renumber the [Bn] references in 66A.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

CI 00 SC Cover P L 9 # 595
 Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

Title doesn't agree with PAR. (Not complete).

SuggestedRemedy

Please update per PAR.

Proposed Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

However, note that the title as shown on cover page of the draft is consistent with the style that was used for IEEE P802.3ae/D5.0, approved by the sponsor ballot group, RevCom, and the IEEE-SA Standards Board. The words "Information technology - Telecommunications and information exchange between systems - Local and metropolitan area networks - Specific requirements - Part 3:" will be added.

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CI 00 SC FM P L 1 # 953

Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Needs note to keep this page in published standard

SuggestedRemedy

Insert:

[Note to IEEE publication editor, this note to be removed during preparation for final publication: This page is to be placed at the end of the published standard in the PDF format so that customers can easily check that they don't have font problems in their print-out. It should also be used as a check page for print version page proofs.]

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 00 SC Front Matter P 7 L 54 # 887

Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The square root symbol is used in Annex 62A, but it doesn't appear in the table of special symbols in the front matter.

SuggestedRemedy

Add the square root symbol to the table of special symbols.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 00 SC General P L # 619

Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The "NOTE" at the beginning of changed clauses should be "EDITORIAL NOTE". (When published, there will only be one of these on a page that leads all of the changes, though it may be appropriate to keep separate because some clause editors have attempted to reconcile to different standards and project drafts.)

SuggestedRemedy

Change the first paragraph of the "NOTE" at the beginning of changed clauses and annexes. The two examples below should be edited to reflect the level of source material review as appropriate for the content (see the EDITORIAL NOTE of Clause 30).

"EDITORIAL NOTE -- This amendment is based on the current edition of IEEE Std 802.3-2002 plus changes incorporated by IEEE Std 802.3ae-2002, and IEEE Std 802.3af-2003. The editing instructions define how to merge the material contained here into this base document set to form the new comprehensive standard as created by the addition of IEEE P802.3ah. It has not been harmonized with changes introduced by IEEE Std 802.3aj-2003 or proposed by P802.3ak."

"EDITORIAL NOTE -- This amendment is based on the current edition of IEEE IEEE Std 802.3ae-2002. The editing instructions define how to merge the material contained here into this base document set to form the new comprehensive standard as created by the addition of IEEE P802.3ah. It has not been harmonized with changes introduced by IEEE Std 802.3aj-2003 or proposed by P802.3ak. (This draft does not modify any text of IEEE Std 802.3af-2003.)"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 00 SC General P L # 598

Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

TM are misplaced it goes after "ah", not after year.

SuggestedRemedy

Change in headers.
Instances on iii should be fixed with replacement introductory material

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 00 SC General P L 3 # 597
 Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D all

Typically we use IEEE Std 802.3ah-200x in the body of the document when referring to itself.

SuggestedRemedy

This one will be replaced with new front matter. The occurrences to look for are usually in the boiler plate of the PICs. And a quick scan of those appears to be right. If you know of any others, please update to simplify things for the publication editor.

Do not change header and footer, those should remain P802.3ah

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 00 SC General P L 3 # 600
 Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status A P2MP

We seem to use two terms for the same thing unnecessarily. Is there any difference different between P2MP and EPON. A search on both terms finds most references are P2MP. P2MP is also consistent with P2P terminology.

SuggestedRemedy

Recommend deletion of EPON in most all cases (except perhaps an appropriate introduction reference to indicate that P2MP is used in this document for things typically called EPONs.

Proposed Response Response Status C
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The terms P2MP and P2MP network will be used throughout the document (Clauses 56 through 66 and associated annexes and management clauses) with the exception of the introductory clauses where the terms ePON and P2MP will be tied (in 56 and 64 where P2MP is introduced).

CI 00 SC Table 58-11 P 232 L 29 # 118
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type T Comment Status D reassigned

It would be a service to the reader to give specific examples of frame check sequence. To do this we need to choose a destination address; also define the alternative "implementation specific" field for every third frame. I'll try to bring examples to the meeting.

SuggestedRemedy

Add two actual FCS patterns to match the rest of the example pattern. Add alternative implementation specific field. Add footnote: "The frame check sequence for another pattern may be calculated following 3.2.8*ref* and 24*ref*."

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The commenter is asked to present his suggestions in the Optics STF

CI 00 SC various P L # 66
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D olt

OLT is sometimes expanded to "Optical Line Terminal" e.g. 1.4 on p11, sometimes "Optical Line Termination" e.g. 1.5 on p13.

SuggestedRemedy

Choose only one of these (following ITU-T), or something else.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

CI 01 SC P 13 L 12 # 192
 Yukihiro, Fujimoto NTT

Comment Type E Comment Status D olt

"Optical Line Terminal (OLT)" is defined page 11. However, the abbreviation of OLT is defined "Optical Line Termination". Using the term "OLT" as the term of the equipment with "ONU:Optical Network Unit", OLT should be "Optical Line Terminal".

SuggestedRemedy

Change "Optical Line Termination" to "Optical Line Terminal"

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Will discuss in the TF meeting and pick the appropriate terminology.

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CI 01 SC 1.3 P 10 L 12 # 1212
Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D
ANSI X3.230-1994 [B20](FC-PH), Information Technology—Fibre Channel—Physical and Signaling Interface.
duplicates (in an older form) the reference that follows it.

SuggestedRemedy
Delete the duplicate.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.3 P 10 L 8 # 134
Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D
Another normative reference.

SuggestedRemedy
IEC 61754-4:1997, Fibre optic connector interfaces —Part 4: Type SC connector family.
or successor.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.3 P 10 L 8 # 129
Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D
Duplicate 127 in:
ANSI/EIA/TIA-455-127-127-1991, FOTP-127 - Spectral Characterization of Multimode Laser Diodes.

SuggestedRemedy
ANSI/EIA/TIA-455-127-1991

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.3 P 10 L 8 # 130
Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D
Another normative reference.

SuggestedRemedy
ANSI/EIA-455-95-1986, Absolute Optical Power Test for Optical Fibers and Cables. or successor.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.3 P 10 L 8 # 135
Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D
Another normative reference.

SuggestedRemedy
ITU-T G.652

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Need full reference with the name

CI 01 SC 1.4 P L 10 # 601
Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D
Add is not one of the four editing terms.

SuggestedRemedy
Change to read: "Insert the following definitions alphabetically into 1.4. Renummer the definitions as required."

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L # 1269
Diab, Wael

Comment Type T Comment Status X
Review offline if 1.4.77 (802.3-2002) needs to be updated

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 10 # 212

Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Bad cross reference.

SuggestedRemedy

Here and on line 13, reference should be to Clause 58.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 13 # 1034

Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Why are only 100BASE-LX10 and 100BASE-BX10 being added to the definitions list and the other PHYs are not. The 1000BASE-X PHY range is already in the definitions [See IEEE Std 802.3-2002, subclauses 1.4.16, 1.4.17, and 1.4.18] shouldn't at least the new 1000BASE-X PHYs also be added.

SuggestedRemedy

Add additional new EFM PHYs to the definitions.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 19 # 1037

Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The term link is defined as a point to point path on a cable - see IEEE Std 802.3-2000 subclause 1.4.153 'link: The transmission path between any two interfaces of generic cabling. (From ISO/IEC 11801.)'. Since EFM in many cases does not use generic cabling and in some cases uses a point to Multi-Point topology the term link does not seem appropriate in many cases. Instead the term segment seems to be the correct one - see IEEE Std 802.3-2002 subclause 1.4.244 'segment: The medium connection, including connectors, between Medium Dependent Interfaces (MDIs) in a CSMA/CD local area network.'

SuggestedRemedy

Consider the use and definition of the word 'link' in IEEE 802.3 and consider change as necessary. In this particular case for example it seems '1.4.xxx Administration: A group of network support functions that monitor and sustain link operation.' should be changed to read '1.4.xxx Administration: A group of network support functions that monitor and sustain segment operation.'. Alternatively a change to the definition of Link might be in order although the impact of that to existing specifications needs to be considered.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Will go with the 1.4.xxx change suggested

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CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 20 # 393
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Excess capitalization.
Acronyms are not capitalized unless proper nouns, as per IEEE styles.

SuggestedRemedy

- 1.4.xxx 100BASE-LX10: IEEE 802.3 Physical layer specification for a 100 Mb/s link over two single mode optical fibers. (See IEEE 802.3 Clauses 24 and 60.).
- 1.4.xxx 100BASE-BX10: IEEE 802.3 Physical layer specification for a 100 Mb/s link over one single mode optical fiber. (See IEEE 802.3 Clauses 24 and 60.).
- 1.4.xxx administration: A group of network support functions that monitor and sustain link operation.
- 1.4.xxx aggregation group: A collection of PMIs that may be aggregated according to a particular implementation of the PMI aggregation function. CROSS REF See 61.2.2.
- 1.4.xxx bandplan: The set of parameters that defines the start and end of each 10PASS-TS frequency band.
- 1.4.xxx coupled power ratio (CPR): The ratio (in dB) of the total power coupled into a multimode fiber to the optical power that can be coupled into a single-mode fiber.
- 1.4.xxx downstream: Transmission from a network-side interface towards one (for P2P links) or more (for P2MP links) user-side interfaces.
- 1.4.xxx Ethernet passive optical network (EPON): A passive optical network using Ethernet, as extended by IEEE standard 802.3ah.
- 1.4.xxx grant: Permission to transmit at a specific time, for a specific duration. Grants are issued by the OLT (master) to ONUs (slaves) by means of GATE messages.
- 1.4.xxx logical link identifier (LLID): A numeric identifier assigned to a link established through the point-to-point emulation sublayer. Each link is assigned a unique LLID. The link is bound to a port at each end station, where a MAC would observe a private link.
- 1.4.xxx maintenance: An activity concerned with, but not limited to, failure detection, notification, location, and repairs, that is intended to eliminate faults and keep a link in an operational state.
- 1.4.xxx OAM discovery: Process that detects the presence and configuration of the OAM sublayer in the remote DTE.
- 1.4.xxx Operations: Support activities required to provide the services of a subscriber access network to users/subscribers.
- 1.4.xxx optical line terminal (OLT): The network interface for an optical access network. The OLT is the master entity in an EPON with regard to the MPCP protocol.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

IEEE 802.3ah is an ammendment to 802.3. The style is consistant with the 802.3 style and has been reviewed by the IEEE Staff Editor.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 20 # 602
Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D reassigned

Administration, Maintenance and Operations do not justify separate definitions, and the latter two terms have other meanings within IEEE Std 802.3.

SuggestedRemedy

Merge the three definitions into one for OAM perferred or limit the definition of each to the context of OAM.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 22 # 394
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Excess capitalization.
Acronyms are not capitalized unless proper nouns, as per IEEE styles.

SuggestedRemedy

- PMI ==> physical media interface (PMI)
- P2MP ==> point-to-multipoint (P2MP)
- DTE ==> bunch of text (DTE)
- or, whatever else is the correct meaning.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

We will be consistant with 802.3 style.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 25 # 954
Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type E Comment Status D reassigned

"start" and "end" are ambiguous terms

SuggestedRemedy

Change to:
"1.4.xxx Bandplan: The set of parameters that defines the lowest and highest frequencies of each 10PASS-TS frequency band."

Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 25 # 169
Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type E Comment Status D
"Bandplan" applies to 10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL.

SuggestedRemedy
Maybe something like

"The set of parameters that control the frequencies and power at which 10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL may operate."

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 26 # 955
Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type T Comment Status D reassigned
No definition in this clause for "capability".
(Service to humanity)

SuggestedRemedy
1.4.xxx Capability: In 802.3 a set of management packages that spans multiple management objects (see 30.2.5).

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 29 # 214
Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D all
Bad cross reference.

SuggestedRemedy
Here, and p12 line 26, replace all usage of PON with EPON. Place EPON in 1.5 Abbreviation, scrub document and replace elsewhere.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The use of the term EPON is inconsistant. The document should use P2MP.

Will consider here and in the entire document

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 29 # 213
Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D
Bad cross reference.

SuggestedRemedy
Once this amendment is rolled into the base standard, the reference to 802.3ah is lost. Change reference to a Clause.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Appropriate change will be made so that it is easy for the IEEE staff editors to merge into 802.3 document when that happens

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 31 # 170
Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type E Comment Status D
The "downstream" term is defined using "network-side" and "user-side" which aren't defined.

Ditto "upstream" on P12, L40.

SuggestedRemedy
Maybe something like:
"In an access network, where there is a clear indication in each deployment as to which end of a link closer to an subscriber, transmission toward the subscriber side of the link."

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 33 # 603
Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D
The phrase "using Ethernet" is too vague. 802.3ah will cease to exist in 2004 other than as a historical reference and doesn't belong in a definition.

SuggestedRemedy
A passive optical network providing transport of Ethernet frames using P2MP specifications. (see Clauses xx)".

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 33 # 555
Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status A P2MP

All PON's in 802.3 are EPON's. EPON is primarily a marketing term used in the industry and should not be defined here.

SuggestedRemedy

Change definition to read:

1.4.xxx Passive Optical Network (PON): A passive fiber optic network that divides optical power received at any input port among all output ports. The division of power is approximately uniform.

Proposed Response Response Status C

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Please refer to the comment resolution on #600.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 33 # 1035
Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Shouldn't reference IEEE 802.3ah as this will cease to exist when it is consolidated in to the base document at some point.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the text '... by IEEE Standard 802.3ah.' should be changed to read '... IEEE Std 802.3.'

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 34 # 167
Shimon Muller Sun Microsystems, In

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The definition of EPON includes a reference to "IEEE standard 802.3ah". By the time this standard is published and becomes incorporated into the main 802.3 document, 802.3ah will no longer exist.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove the second part of the sentence.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 37 # 604
Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status A

Grant needs to be clearly something in the context of P2MP.

SuggestedRemedy

Within P2MP protocols, a permission ...

Proposed Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 40 # 556
Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

D should be lower case.

SuggestedRemedy

Change IDentifier to Identifier.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 40 # 1036
Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D reassigned

A link is defined as a point to point path on a cable - see IEEE Std 802.3-2000 subclause 1.4.153 'link: The transmission path between any two interfaces of generic cabling. (From ISO/IEC 11801.)'. In addition - strange but true - a port only exists on a repeater - see IEEE Std 802.3-2000 subclause 1.4.215 'port: A segment or Inter-Repeater Link (IRL) interface of a repeater unit.' The definition of LLID therefore needs some significant rework.

SuggestedRemedy

Correct the definiotn of LLID so that it does not include incorrectly used the terms port and link.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment is referred to the P2MP STF for further work. The commenter is encouraged to work with the STF for an improved definition.

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CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 40 # 171
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 "IDentifer"
 SuggestedRemedy
 Shouldn't that just be "Identifier", or are you trying to indicate an abbreviation with the capitalization?
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 5 # 554
 Booth, Brad Intel
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Missing heading for definition.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add heading.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 53 # 1038
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type T Comment Status A
 The definition of ONU and OLT describe them as 'interfaces' however figure 56-2 clearly shows these as a entity consisting of a number of sublayers - although it is unclear from Figure 56-2 how far up the layers these extend. Isn't an ONU and a OLT a particular instance of a DTE rather than just a 'interface'.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Suggest the text 'The network interface for an optical access network.' should be change to read 'The network-side DTE for an optical access interface' and the text 'The user-side interface to an optical access network.' should be changed to read 'The user-side DTE to an optical access network.'
 Proposed Response Response Status C
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Suggest the text 'The network interface for an optical access network.' should be change to read 'The network-side DTE for an optical access network' and the text 'The user-side interface to an optical access network.' should be changed to read 'The user-side DTE to an optical access network.'

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 53 # 95
 Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 According to Figure 2/G.983.1, "Optical Line Termination" and "Optical Network Unit" are entities with at least two interfaces, not interfaces themselves.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Reconcile.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 11 L 53 # 557
 Booth, Brad Intel
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Use of undefined acronyms.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change EPON to passive optical network. Change MPCP protocol to multi-point control protocol.
 Same changes apply to ONU definition on page 12, line 1.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 The use of the term ePON is inconsistant and should be removed.

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CI 01 SC 1.4 P 12 L 1 # 395
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Excess capitalization.
Acronyms are not capitalized unless proper nouns, as per IEEE styles.

SuggestedRemedy

- 1.4.xxx optical network unit (ONU): A user-side interface to an optical access network. An ONU is a slave entity in an EPON with regard to the MPCP protocol.
- 1.4.xxx P2MP discovery: Process by which the master (e.g., OLT) finds newly attached active ONU in the PON, and by which the master and slave exchange registration information. The OLT sends a GATE flagged for discovery. The ONU replies with a REGISTER_REQ. The OLT sends a REGISTER and GATE message, and the ONU replies with a REGISTER_ACK. If this sequence is successful, the ONU is registered.
- 1.4.xxx P2MP discovery window: A time period in a given wavelength band reserved by the OLT exclusively for the discovery process.
- 1.4.xxx P2MP timestamp: A timestamp is used to synchronize slaves (e.g., ONUs) with the master (OLT) and for the ranging process. Timestamp granularity is 16 bit times, with 32 bit resolution. All MPCP messages passed between OLTs and ONUs contain timestamps See 802.3 Clause 64).
- 1.4.xxx Point-to-point emulation (P2PE): Emulation of private communication between two end-stations (e.g., ONU) in an EPON. Emulation creates the equivalent of a star topology with the OLT in the nexus, and is required for compliance with IEEE 802.1d bridging.
- 1.4.xxx Ranging: A procedure by which the propagation delay between a master (e.g., OLT) and slave (e.g., ONU) is measured. The round trip delay computation is performed by the OLT, using the timestamp in MPCP messages from the ONU.
- 1.4.xxx registration: The process by which an ONU and OLT exchange the necessary information to enable the ONU to participate in network exchanges in an EPON.
- 1.4.xxx round trip time (RTT): The total transit delay from the master to the slave and back. This is composed of propagation delays through the fiber and electronic hardware.
- 1.4.xxx single copy broadcast (SCB): Broadcast distribution of a single transmission, without the need to electronically replicate the transmission. SCB is an intrinsic, or "native," capability of a PON, where downstream transmissions are passively split and distributed to all ONUs within the PON.
- 1.4.xxx T_Optical_rec_recovery: Is the sum of receiver recovery time and level recovery time. It is defined as the time interval between receiving a valid optical level and a valid electrical output at TP4.
- 1.4.xxx T_Reflectance: Ratio of reflected to incident power (better check this with other standards, books etc.). This is the inverse of return loss.
- 1.4.xxx upstream: Transmission from a user-side interface towards a network-side interface.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

IEEE 802.3ah is an amendment to 802.3. The style is consistent with the 802.3 style and has been reviewed by the IEEE Staff Editor.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 12 L 12 # 558
Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Use of undefined acronym and missing bracket.

SuggestedRemedy

Change MPCP to multi-point control protocol. Insert (prior to See in the last sentence.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 12 L 14 # 1039
Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Typo.

SuggestedRemedy

'... timestamps See 802.3 Clause 64).' should read '... timestamps. (See 802.3 Clause 64).'

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 12 L 18 # 1040
Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Typo.

SuggestedRemedy

'... IEEE 802.1d bridging.' should read '... IEEE 802.1D bridging.'

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 01 SC 1.4 P 12 L 24 # 174
Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type E Comment Status D reassigned
"Registration" is a well-used term that in many contexts has nothing to do with P2MP.

SuggestedRemedy
Change to MPCP registration or something EPON specific.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

MPCP registration is a good starting point. The comment is referred to the P2MP STF for further discussion

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 12 L 27 # 606
Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D reassigned
This definition is inconsistent with round trip time as used in IEEE Std 802.3. It is also a variable which we generally do not define in clause 1.

SuggestedRemedy
Remove the definition of Round Trip Time and the acronym RTT.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

If the definition and acronym are inconsistent with existing terminology in 802.3 then it should be removed and/or modified. The comment is referred to the P2MP STF for further work.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 12 L 30 # 607
Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D
SBC is not a broadly used term. It doesn't belong in clause 1. I'll admit the definition even made me snicker. Most shared media accomplish a broadcast with a single transmission, it isn't anything special for PONs.

SuggestedRemedy
Remove the definition.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 12 L 31 # 173
Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type E Comment Status D
We use "PON" but have never defined it, though we've defined EPON.

SuggestedRemedy
Use EPON instead of PON.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

The term ePON is inconsistent. The appropriate reference should be P2MP. That has been identified in several other comments.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 12 L 34 # 608
Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D reassigned
To be included in IEEE Std 802.3, this definition needs better context definition. For example, TP4 occurs in copper clauses, not only 64.

SuggestedRemedy
Refine the scope of the definition.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

A more consistent definition will be considered

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 12 L 37 # 396
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status A
Job list should be excluded from the draft.

SuggestedRemedy
Delete:
(better check this with other standards, books etc.)

Proposed Response Response Status C
ACCEPT.

Refer to Comment 65

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CI 01 SC 1.4 P 12 L 37 # 609

Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

We obviously missed something in technical completeness.

SuggestedRemedy

Someone had "better check this with other standards, books etc."

Proposed Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

Will remove section within paranthesis.

Refer to comment 65

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 12 L 37 # 65

Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status A

Cleaning up:

1.4.xxx T_Reflectance: Ratio of reflected to incident power (better check this with other standards, books etc.). This is the inverse of return loss.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove T_ . Remove the section in parentheses.

Proposed Response Response Status C

ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 12 L 4 # 605

Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D *reassigned*

This one finally got to me. It is the worst of the definitions for defining the protocol within the definition.

SuggestedRemedy

Simplify.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The comment is referred to the P2MP STF for further work.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 12 L 4 # 172

Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type E Comment Status D

We introduce the concepts of "master" and "slave" throughout this section, and it doesn't really seem to be needed or good. We've defined ONU and OLT, and should use them instead of master/slave. Note the P2MP clauses don't really use master/slave, so the definitions shouldn't either.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace master with OLT, slave with ONU.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.4 P 12 L 40 # 610

Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status A

Upstream has a different usage in Clause 45

SuggestedRemedy

If this is really appropriate to define in clause 1, restrict its scope.

Proposed Response Response Status U

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Upstream was used in CI45 of 802.3ae within the context of MMD heirarchy (page 163 of 802.3ae).

The terms as defined by 802.3ah are generally accepted by the industry.

Change upstream to superior and downstream to subordinate as used by Figure 45-2 of 802.3ae.

CI 01 SC 1.4.xxx P 11 L 14 # 623

Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

100BASE-?X10 PHYs clause references are wrong.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "60" to "58" on lines 14 and 18.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 01 SC 1.4.xxx P 11 L 34 # 624
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

This definition is fairly weak as it only reorders the spelled out acronym/abbreviation. Also, the reference to "IEEE standard 802.3ah" is unconventional. Definitions normally point to clauses not loose reference to projects.

SuggestedRemedy

Either a) move definition to 1.5 and make it an abbreviation or b) fix the definition. Commentor has a slight preference for remedy (a).

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Will go with the commntors suggestion (a)

CI 01 SC 1.4.xxx P 12 L 14 # 625
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Reference to "802.3 Clause 64" is missing "IEEE".

SuggestedRemedy

Insert "IEEE" before "802.3" on line 14.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.4.xxx P 12 L 18 # 626
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Reference to "802.1d bridging" should be "802.1D bridging" should it not?

SuggestedRemedy

Change "d" to "D" on line 18.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.4.xxx P 12 L 37 # 627
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The text "(better check this with other standards, books etc.)" should either be removed or re-written as an editor's note.

SuggestedRemedy

Commenter prefers removing referenced text, which begins on line 37.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Referto comment 65

CI 01 SC 1.5 P 12 L 38 # 215
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Missing abbreviations.

SuggestedRemedy

Add EPON, MPCP, SCB, IDFT/DFT per p408, CL per page 410, OC-TC per p425, MS per p410, CLR per page 410, CE per p411, PTM-TC per p321, TPS-TC per p321.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Some abbreviation like EPON may be removed from the document. The missing abbreviations will be included.

CI 01 SC 1.5 P 12 L 43 # 1048
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Suggest that FEC be added to the list of abbreviations.

SuggestedRemedy

Add 'FEC Forward Error Correction' to list of abbreviations.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 01 SC 1.5 P 12 L 50 # 611
 Grow, Robert Intel
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 What is the context for "(start-up)".
 SuggestedRemedy
 Delete.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.5 P 12 L 51 # 398
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type TR Comment Status A
 Don't use another abbreviation within a definition
 SuggestedRemedy
 LLID logical link ID
 ==>
 LLID logical link identifier
 Proposed Response Response Status C
 ACCEPT.

CI 01 SC 1.5 P 12 L 51 # 397
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Excess capitalization.
 When spelling out acronyms, IEEE recommends no capitalization other than what is necessary due to proper noun usage.
 SuggestedRemedy
 ==>
 CO central office
 CPE customer premises equipment
 DMT discrete multi-tone
 DS downstream
 EFM Ethernet in the first mile
 EFM Cu Ethernet in the first mile (generically pertaining to 10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL port types)
 FSW frame synchronization word
 LLID logical link identifier
 LT line termination
 NT network termination
 OAM operations, administration, and maintenance
 OAMPDU operations, administration, and maintenance protocol data unit
 ODN optical distribution network
 OH overhead
 OLT optical line termination
 ONU optical network unit
 ORLT optical return loss tolerance
 P2P point to point
 P2PE point to point emulation
 P2MP point to multi-Point
 PAF PMI aggregation function
 PAFH PMI aggregation function header
 PAM pulse amplitude modulation
 PLL phase lock loop
 PMI physical medium independent
 PMS-TC physical media specific - transmission convergence
 PON passive optical network
 PSD power spectral density
 RTT round trip time
 SHDSL single-pair high-speed digital subscriber line
 STU-O SHDSL transceiver unit - central office
 STU-R SHDSL transceiver unit - remote
 TC-PAM Trellis coded PAM
 TCM Trellis coded modulation

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US upstream
 VTU-O VDSL transceiver unit - CO side (10PASS-TS-O)
 VTU-R VDSL transceiver unit - CPE side (10PASS-TS-R)

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 **SC 1.5** **P 12** **L 54** # **447**
 James, David JGG

Comment Type **T** *Comment Status* **D** *all*
 The use abbreviations for DS and US is unnecessary and leads to lack of clarity. Since they are only used 7 places each, abbreviation is unnecessary.

SuggestedRemedy
 1) Eliminate DS and US from 1.5
 2) Elsewhere, change:
 DS ==> downstream
 US ==> upstream

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 **SC 1.5** **P 13** **L 19** # **399**
 James, David JGG

Comment Type **TR** *Comment Status* **A**
 Don't use abbreviation within definition of another abbreviation.

SuggestedRemedy
 TC-PAM Trellis coded PAM
 ==>
 TC-PAM Trellis coded pulse amplitude modulation

VTU-O VDSL transceiver unit - CO side (10PASS-TS-O)
 ^^^
 VTU-R VDSL transceiver unit - CPE side (10PASS-TS-R)

Proposed Response *Response Status* **C**
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Remove VTU-O, VTU-R and TC-PAM from 1.5.

CI 01 **SC 1.5** **P 13** **L 21** # **613**
 Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type **E** *Comment Status* **D**
 PLL is already in 1.5 (802.3ae).

SuggestedRemedy
 Delete.

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 **SC 1.5** **P 13** **L 21** # **559**
 Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type **E** *Comment Status* **D**
 PLL abbreviation defined in 802.3ae.

SuggestedRemedy
 Delete.

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 **SC 1.5** **P 13** **L 22** # **1041**
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type **E** *Comment Status* **D**
 PMI is already defined in the existing subclause 1.5 [See IEEE Std 802.3-2002].

SuggestedRemedy
 Remove duplicate abbreviation.

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 01 **SC 1.5** **P 13** **L 22** # **612**
 Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type **E** *Comment Status* **D**
 PMI is already in 1.5

SuggestedRemedy
 Delete

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 01 SC 1.5 P 13 L 33 # 400

James, David JGG
Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Define VDSL.

SuggestedRemedy

- 1) Add term for VDSL
- 2) Spell out that term when used below:

VTU-O VDSL transceiver unit - CO side (10PASS-TS-O)

^^^

VTU-R VDSL transceiver unit - CPE side (10PASS-TS-R)

^^^

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Will define VDSL

CI 01 SC 1.5 P 13 L 35 # 628

Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

A few obvious abbreviations seem to be missing, including: MPCP, SCB, CPR and EPON (mentioned in an earlier comment).

SuggestedRemedy

- Include missing abbreviations:
 - MPCP Multi-Point Control Protocol
 - SCB Single Copy Broadcast
 - CPR Coupled Power Ratio
 - EPON Ethernet Passive Optical Network

others???

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Missing abbreviations will be added. Someterminology like ePON may be deleted from document based on other comments.

CI 01 SC 1.5 P 13 L 6 # 67

Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The terms "Line Termination" and "Network Termination" are not explained in 802.3ah or in 802.3.

SuggestedRemedy

Either don't use these terms, or add definitions for these terms to 1.4.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

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CI 01 SC 30.3.1.1.31 P 45 L 54 # 83
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

This would be an "ER" comment if there were such a category.

30.3.1.1.31 introduces this new term:

dual simplex: Capable of operating in half duplex mode with simultaneous receive and transmit

30B.2 uses "simu half duplex" for the same thing.

Neither term is actually used anywhere.

The definition "Capable of operating in half duplex mode with simultaneous receive and transmit" is a contradiction in terms.

1.1.1 Basic concepts says:

This standard provides for two distinct modes of operation: half duplex and full duplex. A given IEEE 802.3 instantiation operates in either half or full duplex mode at any one time.

30B.2 talks about "Simplex fiber" and we resolved on the last day in Seoul not to do this but instead to talk about one, two fibers (comment # 264).

59.11.5 mentions "duplex fibers" and "duplex optical plug".

Other clauses e.g. 4, 22 have a straight choice between "full duplex" and "half duplex".

SuggestedRemedy

You may need a new "plex" to describe a PON. If so, choose only one name for it, rewrite 1.1.1, add the new name to 1.4 Definitions, modify the Pascal in 4.2.8 Frame transmission to cover this new case, use the name in 56, 64 and maybe 65.

If not, get rid of "dual simplex" and "simu half duplex".

Replace all "Simplex fiber" "duplex fibers" with e.g. "one fiber path", two fiber paths".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Agree with 2nd part, use the terms 1 fiber and 2 fibers, as agreed to in Seoul, and consider whether directionality is necessary.

First part is pointed to comment #972.

CI 01 SC 4 P 12 L 37 # 680
 Joergensen, Thomas Vitesse Semiconduct

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Reflectance definition: Comment in the brackets should be removed

SuggestedRemedy

Remove comment on bracket

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Refer to p

CI 04 SC P 16 L 1 # 409
 James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Excessive capitalization

SuggestedRemedy

4. Media Access Control

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4. Media access control

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Media Access Control is used throughout the document. It is not within the scope of P802.3ah to make this kind of a change.

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CI 04 SC P 19 L 4 # 410
James, David JGG

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Table should have a table number, so that ambiguous definition of "following parameter values" can be avoided with a specific cross-reference.

SuggestedRemedy

Provide a table title.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

None of the Clause 4 tables in IEEE Std 802.3-2002 are numbered, nor does IEEE Std 802.3ae-2002 number its new consolidated table.

The multiple tables in IEEE Std 802.3-2002, 4.4.2, didn't need a label based on the reasoning from 15.5 of the April 2002 IEEE Standards Style Manual. When these were consolidated in IEEE Std 802.3ae-2002, 4.4.2, it probably should have had a label as the complexity of the new table brought it outside the realm of 15.5 and within 15.1. This means not only does this new table need a label but so does the table from .3ae. Is this out of scope?

Add table references in the text that currently refers to the "following parameter values" for both tables.

CI 04 SC P 19 L 4 # 402
James, David JGG

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Inconsistent line widths. Should be:

- 1) Thin around header & below borders.
- 2) Very thin elsewhere (including within the header).
- 3) Bottom line on cross-page table should be very thin

SuggestedRemedy

Fix the following tables:

- Page 19, line 4
- Table 45-18
- Table 45-100
- Table 45-102
- Page 114, line 51
- Page 116, line 51
- Page 117, line 53
- Page 118, line 52
- Page 119, line 53
- Page 120, line 54
- Table 31A-3
- Table 31A-6
- Page 221, line 50
- Table 58-4
- Table 58-5
- Table 58-6
- Table 58-7
- Table 58-8
- Page 254, line 53
- Table 59-5
- Table 59-7
- Table 59-16
- Table 60-5
- Table 60-9
- Table 60-10
- Table 61-15 through 61-119
- Page 393, line 4 through Page 398, line 28
- Page 418 line 47 through Page 422, line 45
- Table 63-4
- Page 433, line 5 through Page 434 line 20
- Table 64-1
- Table 64-2
- Table 64-3
- Table 64-4

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CI 04 SC 4.2.3.2.2 P 16 L 9 # 956
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D CarrierGrade

The further proposed expansion of this text makes it increasingly difficult to predict the behavior of a MAC in terms of its ability to sink data.

SuggestedRemedy

Move 4.2.3.2.2 out of the "legacy" Ethernet standard and into a new parallel 802.3 family standard for "Carrier Grade" applications.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Please refer to comment #952

CI 04 SC 4.2.3.2.2 P 16 L 9 # 836
 Brand, Richard Nortel Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Forward Error Control is introduced here with no background documentation and then does not appear until its use in cl 40.

SuggestedRemedy

Add to definitions cl 1.4.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Forward Error Correction: Transmission encoding used by the receiver to correct some errors in the received bit stream.

CI 04 SC 4.2.3.2.2 P 16 L 9 # 1211
 Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

This statement is not true. IPG is only enlarged for some of the physical layers that use FEC. 1000BASE-T says has a form of FEC and it does not require IPG enlargement because the FEC is done on the whole signal stream data rate is increased accordingly. It also appears that 10PASS-TS has a data stream form of FEC which doesn't require IPG enlargement.

This comment also applies to the text change in Deference Procedure 4.2.8 page 17 lines 1-3.

SuggestedRemedy

One needs to list the specific physical layers with FEC that need this or one needs to create a term covering only the type of FEC that requires IPG expansion.

One could define "frame-based Forward Error Correction (FEC)" as FEC applied to the frames rather than the data stream. Then replace the text in both places with "that uses frame-based Forward Error Correction (FEC) (e.g. 1000BASE-X with FEC extension see Clause 65)."

It is good to give an example of which clause uses this feature rather than making the reader dig for it.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

With acceptance of comment # 1185, the scope of this change is limited to the new parameter table in 4.2.2

Update Note 6 also to read "For 1Gb/s implementations using frame based FEC..."

CI 04 SC 4.2.7.2 P 16 L 15 # 957
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D CarrierGrade

Proposed Carrier Grade parameters mixed into "Legacy" text

SuggestedRemedy

Move appropriate proposed parameters out of the "legacy" Ethernet standard and into a new parallel 802.3 family standard for "Carrier Grade" applications. A small number of existing parameters may also need to be put into "Carrier Grade".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Please refer to comment #952

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CI 04 SC 4.2.7.2 P 16 L 20 # 1216
 Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

"Implementation dependent" is used here in a different sense than in the rest of the standards. In the rest of the standard (and in other standards) the term generally means that the implementor is free to chose the value, behavior, etc. I realize that .3ah didn't create this problem, but it is expanding its use with for new parameters that other may be tempted to tweak so it would be a good time to fix it.

In Clause 4, most occurances of "implementation dependent" really mean "Phy dependent" or "speed dependent" as clause 4 restricts each of these constants to a fixed value based on the speed or phy type that was chosen. (There are occurances in 4.2.4.2.1 and other places in Clause 4 such as after procedure WatchForCollision with the traditional meaning.)

To further confuse the reader, 4.2.7 (right before the constants are defined) says 4.4 contains values for "recommended" implementations while 4.4 states that using its values is "required".

SuggestedRemedy

Change both the new and existing instances of "implementation dependent" in Clause 4 to "PHY dependent" or other appropriate term. Also change other occurances of "implementation" in Clause 4 related to 4.4 to match the new term (in 4.1.2, 4.1.2.2, 4.2.3.2.3, 4.2.7 and 4.4).

In 4.2.7, change "recommended" to "allowed" or "compliant".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

I'm glad to change the new instances of implementation independent but it seems that changing all of them is a bit out of scope.

CI 04 SC 4.2.7.2 P 16 L 30 # 1219
 Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

"Determines the desire"? What does that mean. Neither NICS nor pseudo-Pascal have the capability to desire. They either do a thing or they don't.

Applies to ifsStretchCarry and ifsStretchIncludeIFS.

SuggestedRemedy

"Determines whether" Also, you need to be more specific about the nature of this constant. For example see extend in the existing 4.2.7.1. Is this a Boolean? If so, what does true mean? Is this an integer? If so, what values can it take and what do they mean. Note that one appears to be used as a Boolean and the other appears to be used as an integer. Both are shown as integers in 4.4.

The reader is not suppose to have to guess your intent by looking at how the variables are used in the code.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #1223

CI 04 SC 4.2.7.2 P 16 L 38 # 1224
 Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The equation here is not correct maximum value of ifsStretchRatio. Your current code adds ifsStretchConstant in deference and not to the ifsStretchSize variable (though it would have been better to do so). Also, this ignores the increase when ifsStretchCarry is true. Therefore, it is possible that for some values of the constants it needs to be increased by the additional stretch.

SuggestedRemedy

Make it correct.

One way is my rewrite.

If you don't do that, please note that ifsStretchRatio - 1 was the bits from the carry. For understandability, you shouldn't insert other terms between these two terms.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #1223

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CI 04 SC 4.2.8 P 16 L 54 # 1185

Thatcher, Jonathan N/A

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

New method for calculating deference need not be limited to 10GBASE-W and EPON.
 Future work should not have to return here to modify text. No existing port type is harmed by implementing this scheme.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove text: "at operating speeds above 1000... Forward Error Correction."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

To further this work, recommend moving the parameter table from Clause 4 into the specific clauses requiring stretch: 50, 65 & 62. This way, future PHYs requiring rate adaptation don't require any modifications to Clause 4 whatsoever.

CI 04 SC 4.2.8 P 17 L 1 # 175

Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type E Comment Status D

I have a very difficult time parsing this sentence. Interframe spacing can be used to lower the rate
 a) in full duplex mode
 1) when its necessary for WAN rate adaptation
 b) in full duplex mode
 1) when using FEC

SuggestedRemedy

Seems like this sentence could be easier...
 Inteframe spacing may be used to lower the average data rate of a MAC when that MAC is operating at at 1000 Mbps in full duplex mode, and either when it is necessary to adapt it to the data rate of a WAN-based physical layer, or when it it necessary to adapt it to the data rate of a physical layer using FEC.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #1185. Replace sentence with the following: "Interframe spacing may be used to lower the average data rate of a MAC."

or

Replace the entire sentence with the following:

"Interframe spacing may be used to lower the average data rate of a MAC in full duplex mode for 2 purposes: at the operating speed of 1000 Mb/s to adapt it to the data rate of a physical layer using Forward Error Correction or at operating speeds above 1000 Mb/s to adapt it to the data rate of a WAN-based physical layer."

CI 04 SC 4.2.8 P 17 L 1 # 958

Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D CarrierGrade

Text not compatible with "Legacy Ethernet" and will make it increasingly difficult to understand the simple nature of the legacy MAC for those who wish to implement legacy applications.

SuggestedRemedy

Move to parallel "Carrier Grade" standard

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Please refer to comment #952

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CI 04 SC 4.2.8 P 17 L 33 # 1218
Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The text says that the additional wait is an integer number of octets. I agree that it should be - we have never required waits of fractions of octets before. However, $\text{ifsStretchConstant} + (\text{ifsStretchSize} * \text{ifsStretchMultiplier})$ is not necessarily a multiple of 8. It is only a multiple of 8 if one constrains both `ifsStretchConstant` and `ifsStretchMultiplier` to be multiples of 8.

The definition of those constants does not currently require them to be multiples of 8 even though the values in 4.2.2 are currently multiples of 8.

SuggestedRemedy

Either add text requiring that these constants be multiples of 8 or alter the calculation so that it is rounded up to a multiple of 8.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Comment #1223 specifies these variables as octets so this isn't necessary.

CI 04 SC 4.2.8 P 17 L 46 # 1217
Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The language in this paragraph seems rather sloppy. I don't know what "is reflected by the variable `ifsStretchSize` and the constant `ifsStretchMultiplier`" means. The number of bits isn't in either of those. If one means that it is determined by a calculation based on those variables, then one also needs to include `ifsStretchMultiplier`. "is determined by a calculation based on ..." would be better than "is reflected by"

The next sentence is even more messy. `ifsStretchCount` is always less than `ifsStretchRatio` since the equation that sets it is $\text{mod } \text{ifsStretchRatio}$. (A good thing that is true because no where does it say what to do if that condition wasn't met.) Delete "the variable `ifsStretchCount` is less than `ifsStretchRatio` and". This sentence also leaves out `ifsStretchConstant`. One has already said above how the additional wait was determined. Also, the rest of the language implies that the test of whether a frame is waiting is done before deference enforces the interframe spacing. That isn't what the code above does. It enforces the spacing regardless of whether a frame is waiting. Then when the wait has finished, it checks to whether a frame is waiting. If it is, it retains the value of `ifsStretchCount`. If no frame is waiting, it waits one more byte and sets `ifsStretchCount` to zero. (Properly speaking, I don't think this is "initializing" since there is a process to initialize variables at start-up.)

SuggestedRemedy

Make the language more precise as above.

There is also another problem but since it involves the logic of the code as well as the text here, I will put it in another comment.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

I'm glad to make this change but this isn't P802.3ah text other than my additions, it comes from P802.3ae. Is this within the scope of this project?

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CI 04 SC 4.2.8 P 18 L 15 # 1222
Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Pascal is a strongly typed language. That means that it doesn't allow doing boolean operations (e.g. if and and) to non-boolean variables. Our existing pseudo-Pascal code stays within this requirement.

Therefore, this line is incorrect

SuggestedRemedy

If you made ifsStretchCarry a Boolean (see my comment on your variable declarations), this would be

if ifsStretcCount > 0 and not ifsStretchCarry then

however see also my other comment that suggests rewriting this whole area.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See the response to comment #1223 that makes this variable a boolean.

CI 04 SC 4.2.8 P 18 L 15 # 1220
Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

I wish there was something more severe than TR for this comment.

We do not change the model lightly. There are a lot of existing implementations based on it. Much care is necessary in reviewing changes to ensure that the modifications are acceptable.

Here we have changes to the model that are not marked as changes.

SuggestedRemedy

Recirculate with all changes to the MAC marked accurately and with adequate time for additional review.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Add underscores to lines 15-19 on page 18

CI 04 SC 4.2.8 P 18 L 17 # 1223
Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

This also affects 4.2.7.2 is a rewrite to address a number of issues raised in my other comments.

It makes ifsStretchMultiplier and ifsStretchConstant be in bytes so they can be defined simply as integers without the possibility that future values will insert partial bytes in the IFG. It fixes the problems with the constant and variable definitions.

Most importantly, it concentrates the calculation of gap extension into one place, Bit Transmitter, to make it easier to understand and reduce the chance of error.

SuggestedRemedy

Changes to 4.2.7.2

Define ifsStretchMultiplier as the number of bytes required for every ifsStretchRation bits rather than the number of bits.

Define ifsStretchConstant as the number of bytes required for every frame rather than the number of bits.

Define ifsStretchCarry as a Boolean which is True when one is carrying the remainder bits.

Define ifsStretchInclude as taking a value of 1 when the interframe space is to be included and 0 otherwise.

Change upper limit of ifsStretchSize to (((((maxUntaggedFrameSize + qTagPrefixSize) x 8 + headerSize + (interFrameSpacing * ifsStretchIncludeIFS) + ifsStretchRatio) - 1) div ifsStretchRatio) + 1) * ifsStretchMultiplier + ifsStretchConstant);

(I think that is as right except that it is a bit larger than it needs to be since it includes both the carry and the stretch done when ifsStretchCarry is false. It is okay for the range allowed to be bigger than it needs to be and I don't think we should complicate it further. It will take some checking to verify it.)

Remove the changes to process deference. All the needed changes can be done in BitTransmitter.

Change the first statement setting ifsStretchSize in process BitTransmitter to:
ifsStretchSize := (ifsStretchCount + headerSize + frameSize + (ifsStretchIncludeIFS * interFrameSpacing)) div ifsStretchRatio * ifsStretchMultiplier + ifsStretchConstant;

Change if statement testing StretchCount and StretchCarry on line 15 to:
if ifsStretchCount > 0 and not ifsStretchCarry then

Change the second statement setting ifs StretchSize to:
ifsStretchSize := ifsStretchSize + ifsStretchMultiplier

(Note that this is okay now because deference will multiply it by 8 which is what we

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want.)

In 4.4, for the FEC column of the table, change ifsStretchConstant to 14 bytes. Change ifsStretchMultiplier to 16 bytes. In the other columns, change bits to bytes for ifsStretchConstant. In the WAN column, change 8 bits to 1 byte for ifsStretchMultiplier. Change the values in the Notes to match this.

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

I can't see a difference in the last step of the suggested remedy. Other than this, it looks fine to me.

Also, change the values in notes 5 & 6 to reflect octets, not bits.

CI 04	SC 4.2.8	P 18	L 17	# 1221
Thaler, Pat		Agilent		

Comment Type **TR** *Comment Status* **D**

This line adds ifsStretchMultiplier to ifsStretchSize. Then in process deference, that sum will be multiplied by ifsStretchMultiplier. Therefore, when you have ifsStretchCount not zero you are adding the square of ifsStretchMultiplier or 16 kibi bits (units included just to make Howard happy) to the interframe gap. I doubt that is what you intended.

Note also that this would make ifsStretchSize much bigger than the limit you state for ifsStretchSize in 4.2.7.2.

SuggestedRemedy

I think you meant to add 1. However, this error also points out what a non-optimal spaghetti kludge this is written as. It will make it difficult for reviewers to spot the bugs.

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #1223.

CI 04	SC 4.4.2	P 18	L 43	# 960
Thompson, Geoff		Nortel		

Comment Type **TR** *Comment Status* **D** *CarrierGrade*
 Delete "ifstretch" as option in Legacy.

SuggestedRemedy

Insert into Carrier Grade
 Make additional changes to make this change complete including moving the WIS over too.

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**
 PROPOSED REJECT.

Please refer to comment #952

CI 04	SC 4.4.2	P 18	L 43	# 959
Thompson, Geoff		Nortel		

Comment Type **TR** *Comment Status* **D** *CarrierGrade*
 Text not compatible with "Legacy Ethernet". Bad idea for reasons previously given.

SuggestedRemedy

Move to parallel "Carrier Grade" standard

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**
 PROPOSED REJECT.

Please refer to comment #952

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CI 04 SC 4.4.2 P 18 L 45 # 560

Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The table was not intended to explain the implementation of the values as that is what the notes are for.

SuggestedRemedy

Add new parameters into existing table. ifsStretchRatio should be: not applicable, 1912 bits, 104 bits. ifsStretchConstant should be: 0 bits, 112 bits, 0 bits. ifsStretchCarry should be: 0, 0, 1. ifsStretchIncludeIFS should be: 0, 0, 1. ifsStretchMultiplier should be: not applicable, 128 bits, 8 bits.

Note 5 should have underlines and strikethroughs to show the changes in the text.

Note 6 should be moved before Note 4 and should start off as:
NOTE 6 - For 1 Gb/s FEC implementations, the values...

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Note 5 should have underlines and strikethroughs to show the changes in the text

All other changes are affected by other comments

CI 04 SC 4.4.2 P 19 L 3 # 1049

Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

There is no definition anywhere of what 'normal' means. In addition the text the introduces this table reads 'The following ... for rate control implementations:' yet the column labeled 'Normal ...' is not a rate control implementation.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that 'The following parameter values shall be used for the allowed rate control implementations:' be changed to read 'The following parameter values for interframe space stretching shall be used for their corresponding PHYs:'

Suggest that column 4 'FEC 1Gb/s' be moved to be column 2 and called '1Gb/s FEC', column 3 'WAN 10Gb/s' be renamed '10Gb/s WAN' but remain column 3 and column 2 becomes column 4 and be renamed 'All other implementations'.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Accept the suggested remedy with 1 exception: Change 1Gb/s FEC to 1Gb/s Frame Based FEC

CI 04 SC 4.4.2 P 19 L 4 # 961

Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

I don't know what the term "Normal" means in the column heading context. I don't think "normal" is a defined term as used here.

SuggestedRemedy

Pick another term that is more appropriate.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #1049

CI 22 SC P 23 L 12 # 404

James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Table center convention are for everything that is not text-like.

SuggestedRemedy

- 1) Center columns 1, 2, 4.
- 2) Establish and enforce such conventions throughout.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

This is the style that has been used in IEEE 802.3 by the IEEE editors. For example, in the existing published base standard IEEE Std 802.3-2002, Section TWO on page 24 Table 22-6 uses this format. Our draft has been reviewed multiple times by the IEEE staff editor, and we have incorporated all of the comments we received from her to date. Our group works very closely with the staff to ensure that our documents can be published very quickly (generally within days) after approval by the Standards Board. If there has been a style change we are sure our IEEE staff editor will inform us and that it will be resolved prior to publication.

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CI 22 SC 0 P 24 L 5 # 405
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D
Inconsistent capitalization after value listing.

SuggestedRemedy

- line 11: Reserved ==> reserved
- line 21: Restart Auto-Negotiation Process ==> restart auto-negotiation process
- line 24: Full Duplex ==> full duplex
- line 25: Half Duplex ==> half duplex
- line 30: Reserved ==> reserved

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

You missed a few:

- line 15: Enable ==> enable
- line 16: Disable ==> disable
- line 33: Read ==> read
- line 40: Read ==> read

CI 22 SC 0 P 26 L 28 # 407
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The register name and description here hopelessly merged, confusing this reading and following uses of register names.

SuggestedRemedy

- 1) Split the "Register name" into two columns, one for name and one for description.
- 2) Use run-together no-space words for register names, such as: unidirectionalOamAbility
- 3) Adopt a uniform convention for register names throughout the draft.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

This is an existing table that is having some lines added to it. It would be out of scope to make such a change as you're suggesting. Each register is described in the text. The table is not the proper location for a description.

CI 22 SC 0 P 27 L 28 # 408
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D
Inconsistent capitalization

SuggestedRemedy

- Function ==> function
- Address ==> address
- Data ==> data
- Reserved ==> reserved
- on Read ==> on read
- Device Address ==> Device address

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Accept everything but "Reserved" - this stays uppercase. Many other tables in this clause use this convention and I can't see making this table different.

CI 22 SC 22 P L # 74
Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Need to refer to the additional RS requirements in 65.1.

SuggestedRemedy

- Insert a sentence saying something like:
Additional requirements for a reconciliation sublayer in 1000BASE-PX are given in 65.1.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

Clause 22 deals with 100M, Clause 65 deals with 1000M. There is no need to reference clause 65 in Clause 22.

CI 22 SC 22. P 23 L 1 # 1208
Dove, Daniel HP ProCurve Networki

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Clause 22 "Reconciliation" is misspelled.

SuggestedRemedy

- Correct spelling.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 22 SC 22.2.4 P 23 L 1 # 962
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type T Comment Status D CarrierGrade
 Leave Table 22-6 in Legacy as prime reference within scope of proposed reorg/split

SuggestedRemedy

Carrier Grade refers to Legacy cl 6 master reference.
 Alternative would be to block out and show CG registers in legacy as "reserved for Carrier Grade use".

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

Please refer to Comment #952

CI 22 SC 22.2.4 P 23 L 34 # 403
 James, David JGG

Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 The register name and description here hopelessly merged, confusing this reading and following uses of register names.

SuggestedRemedy

- 1) Split the "Register name" into two columns, one for name and one for description.
- 2) Use run-together no-space words for register names, such as:
 pseControlRegister or
 PseControlRegister or
 pse_control_register
 (listed in my order of preference)
- 3) Adopt a uniform convention for register names throughout the draft.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

This is an existing table that is having some lines added to it. It would be out of scope to make such a change as you're suggesting. Each register is described in the text. The table is not the proper location for a description.

CI 22 SC 22.2.4 P 23 L 5 # 1042
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Editing instruction are incorrect.

SuggestedRemedy

The following text provides changes, suggest the editing instructions 'Delete row for reserved Registers 13 and 14 and insert rows for new Registers 13 and 14 in Table 22-6:' should read 'Change Table 22-6 as follows:'. to match change instructions give at the start of this Clause.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #618

CI 22 SC 22.2.4 P 23 L 5 # 618
 Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Incorrect edit instruction.

SuggestedRemedy

Change to read:

 Change Table-22-6 (IEEE Std 802.3af-2003) as follows:

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 22 SC 22.2.4.1 P 24 L 1 # 963
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D CarrierGrade
 Leave Table 22-7 in Legacy as prime reference

SuggestedRemedy

Carrier Grade refers to Legacy cl 6 master reference, or there is a block reserved in Legacy for CG & the details are in CG.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

Please refer to Comment #952

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CI 22 SC 22.2.4.1.11 P 24 L 45 # 1043
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The change provided does not follow the change instructions given at the start of this Clause [Page 21, line 7].

SuggestedRemedy

Please provide change text in underscore and strike out as described in the change instructions given at the start of this Clause. In addition it would be good if the subclause title of the changed text be provided just above the change instructions.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 22 SC 22.2.4.1.11 P 24 L 47 # 614
 Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Not a proper change instruction.

SuggestedRemedy

Rewrite with strike-through and underscore.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See response to comment #1043

CI 22 SC 22.2.4.1.11 P 24 L 47 # 561
 Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Edit is marked as a Change.

SuggestedRemedy

Use underlines and strikethroughs as appropriate to highlight the change.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See response to comment #1043

CI 22 SC 22.2.4.1.12 P 24 L 51 # 964
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D CarrierGrade

Delete as option in Legacy

SuggestedRemedy

Insert into Carrier Grade

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

Please refer to Comment #952

CI 22 SC 22.2.4.1.12 P 24 L 51 # 565
 Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Headings should use caps only for the first letter and abbreviations. All other words should start with lowercase.

SuggestedRemedy

Change Enable to enable.

Applies to 22.2.4.2.8, 22.2.4.3.11, 22.2.4.3.12 and to the table headings for 22-9 and 22-10.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 22 SC 22.2.4.1.12 P 24 L 53 # 1050
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

There appear to be contradicting shall statements. Page 24, line 54 states 'If bit 0.1 is set to a logic one, encoding and transmitting data from the media independent interface shall be enabled regardless of the value of link_status.' then page 25, line 8 states 'When bit 0.12 is one, bit 0.1 shall be ignored.'

While it could be argued we sometimes use similar wording for the ability bits overriding the enable bits, in those cases all we say is that the enable bit will return zero if the ability is not present.

In this case the enabling of unidirectional transmit is in fact more a combination of two bits, and only when they are both is the right state will the function be enabled. If the ability bit is true and the enable bit is true the function still might not be enabled if Auto-Negotiation is also enabled. In addition in this case including the second shall statement after the default value in a different paragraph makes it difficult to find.

I therefore suggest the following rewording for consideration.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that the text in subclause 22.2.4.1.12 that reads:

'The ability to encode and transmit data from the media independent interface regardless of the value of link_status is controlled by bit 0.1. If bit 0.1 is set to a logic one, encoding and transmitting data from the media independent interface shall be enabled regardless of the value of link_status. If bit 0.1 is set to a logic zero, encoding and transmitting data from the media independent interface shall be dependent on the value of link_status.'

should be changed to read:

'The ability to encode and transmit data from the media independent interface regardless of the value of link_status is controlled by bit 0.1 as well as the status of Auto-Negotiation Enable bit 0.12 since this ability cannot be supported if Auto-Negotiation is enabled. If bit 0.1 is set to a logic one, and bit 0.12 to logic zero, encoding and transmitting data from the media independent interface shall be enabled regardless of the value of link_status. If bit 0.1 is set to a logic zero or bit 0.12 to logic one, encoding and transmitting data from the media independent interface shall be dependent on the value of link_status.'

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 22 SC 22.2.4.1.12 P 24 L 53 # 1052
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

An additional shall statement needs to be added somewhere that this bit shall only be set to a one after the management entity has enabled a Clause 57 OAM sublayer and that it shall be cleared prior to disabling a Clause 57 OAM sublayer.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the text 'A management entity shall only set bit 0.1 to a logic one after it has enabled an associated Clause 57 OAM sublayer. A management entity shall only clear bit 0.1 to a logic zero prior to it disabling an associated Clause 57 OAM sublayer.' be added with an associated PICS item.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

A management entity shall only set bit 0.1 to a logic one after it has enabled an associated Clause 57 OAM sublayer or this device is connected to the medium through a 1000BASE-PX PHY. A management entity shall ALWAYS clear bit 0.1 to a logic zero prior to it disabling an associated Clause 57 OAM sublayer when this device is not connected to the medium through a 1000BASE-PX PHY..

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CI 22 SC 22.2.4.1.12 P 24 L 53 # 1053
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Please add text that require Unidirectional OAM to be disabled in whenever the PHY is operating in Half Duplex mode.

While IEEE P802.3ah of course does not support half-duplex mode it seems to me there is nothing currently to prevent the PHY being programmed for Half Duplex mode, Auto-Negotiation disabled and Unidirectional OAM Enabled. At that point we have a CSMA/CD node that will no longer do carrier sense nor collision detect and frames will be transmitted into a repeater whenever the MAC feels like on a unidirectional link loss - the classic half-duplex/full-duplex miss-configuration. While addressing my other TR that requires a Clause 57 OAM sublayer to be present and enabled before the Unidirectional OAM Enabled bit is set will go a long way to address this issue I would still like to see the PHY not allow this particular combination.

SuggestedRemedy

Assuming my other comment about re-wording the Auto-Negotiation bit is accepted suggest that the first few lines of this subclause reads:

'The ability to encode and transmit data from the media independent interface regardless of the value of link_status is controlled by bit 0.1 as well as the status of Auto-Negotiation Enable bit 0.12 and the Duplex Mode bit 0.8 as this ability can only be supported if Auto-Negotiation is disabled and the PHY is operating in full-duplex mode. If bit 0.1 is set to a logic one, bit 0.12 to logic zero and bit 0.8 to logic one, encoding and transmitting data from the media independent interface shall be enabled regardless of the value of link_status. If bit 0.1 is set to a logic zero, bit 0.12 to logic one or bit 0.8 to a logic zero, encoding and transmitting data from the media independent interface shall be dependent on the value of link_status.'

The description text for bit 0.1 should also be updated to read 'When bit 0.12 is one or 0.8 is zero this bit is ignored. When bit 0.12 is zero and bit 0.8 is one:'

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 22 SC 22.2.4.1.12 P 25 L 3 # 1051
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Suggest that the text 'If a PHY reports via bit 1.7 ...' should be the start of a new paragraph as is done for similar text in existing Clause 22 (for example see IEEE Std 802.3-2002 subclause 22.2.4.1.4).

SuggestedRemedy

See comment.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 22 SC 22.2.4.2 P 26 L 3 # 965
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D CarrierGrade

Leave Table 22-8 in Legacy as prime reference

SuggestedRemedy

Carrier Grade refers to Legacy cl 6 master reference, or there is a block reserved in Legacy for CG & the details are in CG.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

Please refer to Comment #952

CI 22 SC 22.2.4.2.8 P 27 L 1 # 615
 Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Instruction should be Replace and it is improperly located.

SuggestedRemedy

Move the instruction after the subclause heading and change to: "Replace 22.2.4.2.8 with the following:"

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 22 SC 22.2.4.2.8 P 27 L 1 # 563
Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D
This is not a delete and insert, this is a change.

SuggestedRemedy
Show strikethroughs and underlines to show the edits.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #615

CI 22 SC 22.2.4.2.8 P 27 L 3 # 966
Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D CarrierGrade
Delete as option in Legacy

SuggestedRemedy
Insert into Carrier Grade

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

Please refer to Comment #952

CI 22 SC 22.2.4.2.8 P 27 L 6 # 630
Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type TR Comment Status D
This 2nd sentence just seems funny to me. I know what it is trying to say. However, it can be interpreted, I would imagine, as 'When read as a logic zero, bit 1.7 indicates the PHY lacks the ability to encode and transmit data from the MII whether link_status is TRUE or FALSE.'

Perhaps this text should more closely follow the better worded (imo) text found in Table 22-8.

SuggestedRemedy
Change "lacks the ability to encode and transmit data from the media independent interface regardless of the value of link_status." on line 7-8, to read:
"is able to transmit from media independent only when link_status=TRUE."

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 22 SC 22.2.4.2.8 P 27 L 9 # 923
Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type T Comment Status D
Unidirectional OAM does not apply (or make sense) for Copper interfaces (10Pass-TS and 2Base-TL).

Add a note that the Unidirectional OAM Ability will always be "0" for 10Pass-TS and 2Base-TL PHYs.

SuggestedRemedy
Add a note that the Unidirectional OAM Ability will always be "0" for 10Pass-TS and 2Base-TL PHYs.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

A PHY that is operating in 10PASS-TS or 2BASE-TL would simply set the Unidirectional OAM Ability bit to 0. I don't believe this is the location to describe which PHYs support this function..

CI 22 SC 22.2.4.3 P 27 L 9 # 617
Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D
The changes are incomplete for defining additional registers.

SuggestedRemedy
Insert the following text with [instruction] appropriately followed then deleted.

22.2.4.3 Extended capability registers
Change the first paragraph of this subclause (IEEE Std 802.3af) as follows:
In addition to the basic register set defined in 22.2.4.1 and 22.2.4.2,PHYs may provide an extended set of capabilities that may be accessed and controlled via the MII management interface. [on]Thirteen[~~off~~, ~~off~~]Eleven[~~off~~] registers have been defined within the extended address space for the purpose of providing a PHY-specific identifier to layer management, to provide control and monitoring for the Auto-Negotiation process, [~~on~~]and [~~off~~]to provide control and monitoring of power sourcing equipment[on], and to provide MMD register access[~~off~~].

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Also, in the 3rd paragraph of 22.2.4 (IEEE Std 802.3af), change the 12 to 14 in the sentence: "Registers 2 through 12 are part of the extended register set."

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CI 22 SC 22.2.4.3.11 P 27 L 13 # 631
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Nowhere in 22.2.4.3.11 or 22.2.4.3.12 do we point to Annex 45B. I think we should.

SuggestedRemedy

Add a sentence after bullet d) to read "For additional insight into the operation and usage of this register, see Annex 45B."

Also, duplicate this sentence on page 28, about line 14.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 22 SC 22.2.4.3.11 P 27 L 16 # 1056
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Typo.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that '... (register 14) ...' should read '... (Register 14) ...'. I believe that when we reference a particular register the 'r' is register is uppercase. Please perform a global search and replace for this.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 22 SC 22.2.4.3.11 P 27 L 18 # 967
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Reference to [22.2.4] in para 1 not cross linked

SuggestedRemedy

Cross link

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

I'll double check this but it is cross referenced in my pdf version.

CI 22 SC 22.2.4.3.11 P 27 L 33 # 564
 Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

MMD abbreviation is explained long after its first use.

SuggestedRemedy

Change 22.2.4.3.11 heading to read:
 MDIO Manageable Device (MMD) access control register (Register 13)

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 22 SC 22.2.4.3.11 P 27 L 38 # 68
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

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SuggestedRemedy

four

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 22 SC 22.7.3.4 P 28 L 15 # 616
 Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The instructions should be an Insert and it needs a subclause heading preceding it.

SuggestedRemedy

"22.7.3.4 Management functions
 Insert the following PICS ms into 22.7.3.4 after MF37:" and renumber the inserted items as MF37a through MF37d.

OR

"22.7.3.4 Management functions
 Insert the following PICS items into 22.7.3.4 after MF37, and renumber the following PICS items:"

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 22 SC 22.7.3.4 P 28 L 29 # 1058
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 PICS items are missing for Register 13 and 14.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add PICS items for Register 13 and 14.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 There are currently no "shall" statements for registers 13 & 14. Without these, PICS aren't necessary.

CI 22 SC Table 22-7 P 24 L 35 # 1055
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Typo.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Suggest that 'When 0.12 is one ...' should read 'When bit 0.12 is one ...'.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 22 SC Table 22-7 P 24 L 35 # 406
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Inconsistent capitalization.
 SuggestedRemedy
 0.1 unidirectionalOamEnable. When 0.12 is one, this bit is ignored. When bit 0.12 is zero:
 1 = enable transmit from media independent interface regardless of link_status
 0 = enable transmit from media independent interface only when link_status=TRUE
 0.0 Reserved Write as 0, ignore on read
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 22 SC Table 22-8 P 26 L 27 # 1054
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Typos.
 SuggestedRemedy
 All non strikethrough text in the description column for bit 1.7 should be underlined as new.
 The text 'PHY is able ...' should read 'PHY able ..' to be consistent with other bits.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 22 SC Table 22-9 P 27 L 22 # 1057
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Typo.
 SuggestedRemedy
 In the case of Table 22-9 and 22-10 there should be the usual Table footnote 'a' to the corner of R/W with the explanation of that meaning in the footnote. See Table 22-8 for example.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 22 SC Table 22-9 P 27 L 23 # 1059
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Please add heading to two bit encoding of Function bits (13.15:14) as is done elsewhere in the case of a two bit encoding to ensure absolute clarity.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add 13.15 above the first column of numbers, 13.14 above the second. See Page 24, line 28, Bit 0.6 for an example.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 24 SC 0 P 31 L 6 # 411
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Excess capitalization
 SuggestedRemedy
 PCS Management Counter
 ==>
 PCS management counter
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See response to comment #1065

CI 24 SC 0 P 31 L 8 # 412
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Ambiguous reference.
 SuggestedRemedy
 The following counter ...
 ==>
 the coding_violation_counter counter ...
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See response to comment #1065

CI 24 SC 2.2.1.7 P 31 L 6 # 333
 Grow, Robert Intel
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Counter should be defined in receive state diagram, not in isolation here. As defined, interoperability problems are likely. For example, it isn't clear what role alignment or link_status has, nor if it counts inter-frame, only code groups within a frame, or something in between (when RX_DV is asserted). The term "normal mode" not defined for the PCS.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change counter definition to a variable in 24.2.3 and add to receive state diagram. I would recommend defining a constant of invalid, variable of coding_violation, and in the Figure 24-10 add the variable. The clause 45 counter then defines the counter size and behaviour in terms of the state diagram. It also should be clear this is an optional capability (independent of previously mandatory functions (probably needs its own major option in the PICS).
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See response to comment #1065

CI 24 SC 24.1.1 P L # 77
 Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 This sentence will become false: "There are currently two embodiments within this family: 100BASE-TX and 100BASE-FX."
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change to:
 This family includes 100BASE-TX, 100BASE-FX, 100BASE-LX10 and 100BASE-BX10.
 Insert before last sentence of first paragraph:
 100BASE-LX10 and 100BASE-BX10 are introduced in 56 and described in 58.
 Modify last sentence of first paragraph to:
 The term 100BASE-X is used when referring to issues common to any of these embodiments.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 24 SC 24.2.2.1.7 P 31 L 14 # 1065
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The text states that this counter only increments while '... the receiver is in normal mode ...' however I have searched Clause 24 and I can find no definition of what 'normal mode' is for a receiver.

The definition of the counter then states that the counter increments on each invalid code group however on examination of Figures 24-10 and 24-11 receive state diagrams it can be seen there is no such thing as a code group for 100BASE-X when carrier has not been detected. In Figure 24-11 it can be seen the DECODE function is only called in the DATA state.

Now there is a variable called gotCodeGroup.indicate that is asserted by Figure 24-10 that may be able to help. On examination of Figure 24-11 however it can be seen that in the IDLE state, entered upon start-up and at the end of a stream, the variable RX_DV is set to FALSE. This in turn sets Figure 24-10 into the UNALIGNED state where the gotCodeGroup.indicate variable is no longer asserted.

Based on that above it is not clear when the counter should be increment. To clarify this please add the state where the counter should be incremented to one of the existing state diagrams or add a new separate State Diagram to support this counter.

SuggestedRemedy

Please add the state where the counter should be incremented to one of the existing state diagrams or add a new separate State Diagram to support this counter.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Assuming the bit error ratio is low, the existing aFalseCarriers and aSymbolErrorDuringCarrier attributes provide the information necessary. Remove this counter from Clause 24.

CI 24 SC 24.2.2.1.7 P 31 L 16 # 970
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The text implies that the /H/ code group is an invalid code group. It is not. See 24.2.2.1. It is a valid non-data code group used (primarily) in half duplex systems to propagate the information that corrupted data or other carrier events were received at a repeater.

SuggestedRemedy

Eliminate this entire text per my other comment on this sub-clause.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #1065

CI 24 SC 24.2.2.1.7 P 31 L 16 # 80
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

This is a PCS counter but 45.2.1 is PMA/PMD registers.

SuggestedRemedy

Do you mean 45.2.3.17?

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #1065

CI 24 SC 24.2.2.1.7 P 31 L 17 # 216
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Bad cross reference.

SuggestedRemedy

Should be 45.2.3.17

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #1065

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CI 24 SC 24.2.2.1.7 P 31 L 17 # 1063
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Incorrect cross reference.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Suggest that cross ref 45.2.1 should be 45.2.3.17
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See response to comment #1065

CI 24 SC 24.2.2.1.7 P 31 L 6 # 969
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Wrongly placed in draft and redundant to existing counters in Clause 30, See: 30.3.2.1.5.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Delete and add to behavior of existing counter if necessary.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 See response to comment #1065

CI 24 SC 24.2.2.1.7 P 31 L 7 # 70
 Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Is the name "PCS Management Counter" the best name? It doesn't count managements, but coding violations.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Call it "PCS coding violation Counter"?
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 See response to comment #1065

CI 24 SC 24.2.2.1.7 P 31 L 7 # 69
 Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 This new function, PCS Management Counter, seems to be written in such a way that it would apply to all 100BASE-X PCSs with MDIO or equivalent. This would be a retrospective requirement on existing non-EFM 100BASE-X PCSs which presumably is not our intention.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Make it clear that this function is optional.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See response to comment #1065

CI 24 SC 24.2.2.1.7 P 31 L 8 # 1060
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 I not sure how accurate the statement that 'If an MDIO interface is provided (see CROSS REF Clause 22), it is accessed via that interface.' is correct as this counter is included in a Clause 45 MMD register, not a Clause 22 register. To be able to access this register 1) the Clause 22 MDIO interface has to be provided, 2) the Register 13 and 14 MMD interface has to be implemented as part of that Clause 22 interface, and 3) the Clause 45 PCS MMD has to be implemented.
 Furthermore if we now assume that all the above has been done it still isn't clear to me how to present the other registers in the PCS MMD registers, see subclause 45.2.3, as this subclause was never written to be able to cope with supporting a 100BASE-X PCS. What are the contents of the MMD PCS mandatory registers (see 45.5.5.7). What for example should the Speed Selection bits (3.0.5:2) in the MMD PCS register be set to and how do they interact with the Clause 22 Speed selection bits (0.6 & 0.13), are there any updates to the PCS ability bits to support 100 Mb/s operation. From the changes to Clause 45 in IEEE 802.3ah I cannot see any changes to these registers.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Please provide the necessary updates to Clause 45 to allow the PCS MMD to support inclusion in a 100BASE-X PHY.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See response to comment #1065

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CI 24 SC 24.2.3.2 P 31 L 23 # 1064
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The MDIO management interface is not mandatory therefore the variable should be defined in such as way that it isn't dependednt on the presence of a management regsiter.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that the text 'Controls the enabling and disabling of unidirectional OAM capability. This bit reflects the value in MDIO register 0.1.' should be changed to read 'A control variable that enables the unidirectional OAM. This variables is provided by a management interface that may be mapped to the Clause 22 Control register Unidirectional OAM Enable bit (0.1).'

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 24 SC 24.2.3.2 P 31 L 24 # 1062
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Typo.

SuggestedRemedy

The change instruction is Insert for this text therefore there should not be an underscore on 0.1.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 24 SC 24.2.3.2 P 31 L 29 # 1186
 Thatcher, Jonathan N/A

Comment Type E Comment Status D

"Insert new subclause:" instruction to editor doesn't make sense. Is this an insertion or a change?

SuggestedRemedy

Remove

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

This was inserted between D1.1 and D1.2 for no apparent reason.

CI 24 SC 24.3.4.5 P 32 L 14 # 414
 James, David JGG

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Hard to cross-reference inconsistent state machine names.

SuggestedRemedy

START STREAM J

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START_STREAM_J

And, similar changes throughout (although some already have underscores).

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

I don't see anywhere that should be using the underscores. The original clause in 802.3-2002 doesn't use underscores.

CI 24 SC 24.3.4.5 P 32 L 48 # 413
 James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Excess capitalization

SuggestedRemedy

Far-End Fault Generate

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Far-end fault generate

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

This is outside the scope of P802.3ah. This is the same heading used and approved in the original 802.3u project.

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CI 24 SC All P L # 838
 Brand, Richard Nortel Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D CarrierGrade

These new additions do not align with the objectives listed in 24.1.2 and no reference is made to cl 58 requirements

SuggestedRemedy

Separate the documents per comment 6.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Please refer to Comment #837

CI 24 SC All P 31 L 1 # 968
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D CarrierGrade

There is no justification for the inclusion of this material in clause 24 as it is unnecessary to satisfy the scope and objectives of 24.1 nor has any text been proposed to the introductory material of cl 24 to provide for the inclusion of a new 4B/5B PMD such as that being proposed in cl 58.

SuggestedRemedy

Move to parallel Carrier Grade standard

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Please refer to Comment #952

CI 24 SC Figure 24-16 P 33 L 4 # 1066
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Typo.

SuggestedRemedy

The change instructions should read 'Change figure 24-16 as follows:' as underscore and strikeout changes are shown.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC P L # 209
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

We seem to be missing all attributes related to PMI aggregation. Operations that need to be supported include (a) turning aggregation on/off (b) configuring the available connectivity for PMI-PMDs, (c) reading the current status of whats aggregated with what

SuggestedRemedy

Add attributes for:

- 1) PAF supported, Remote PAF supported, PAF enable (C45.2.3.18)
- 2) PMI Available (C45.2.3.20)
- 3) PMI Aggregate (C45.2.3.21)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC P 46 L 14 # 418
 James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Values for "True" and "False" should be TRUE and FALSE, and properly indented as when listing enumerated values below.

SuggestedRemedy

Do as suggested.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The syntax of this attribute is not an ENUMERATED VALUE but instead is BOOLEAN as stated on line 11 hence the indenting seen below for attributes with the syntax ENUMERATED VALUE is not required here.

In addition IEEE P802.3ah is not a stand alone document but instead is a amendment to IEEE Std 802.3. Due to this IEEE P802.3ah is not able to choose its own style but instead has to be consistent with IEEE 802.3 practice. IEEE Std 802.3 practice has never been to capitalized enumerations 'true' and 'false'.

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CI 30 SC P 47 L 3 # 419
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

This is not an "International Standard"

SuggestedRemedy

Change to something that is true, such as this document, this specification, EFM, or whatever you have standardized upon when referring to this draft.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

IEEE P802.3ah is not a stand alone document but instead is a Amendment to IEEE Std 802.3. The text '... this International Standard ...' appears many times within IEEE 802.3 as IEEE Std 802.3-2000 has been approved at the international level and forms standard ISO/IEC 8802-3, 2000 Edition. We have a policy within IEEE 802.3 to have our standard approved at the international level and are currently progressing IEEE Std 802.3-2002 and IEEE Std 802.3ae-2002. For the full internationalization status of IEEE Std 802.3 please see the URL - [<http://www.ieee802.org/3/ISO-status.html>].

The very first lines of IEEE 802.3 reads:

1. Introduction

1.1 Overview

This is a comprehensive International Standard for Local Area Networks (LANs) employing CSMA/CD as the access method.

Furthermore this particular instance of the text '... this International Standard ...' appears in a paragraph that shows no change from the existing text and was only included to assist the reviewer of IEEE P802.3ah by providing the entire subclause 30.3.2.1.2 to review rather than just the changed paragraphs.

CI 30 SC P 47 L 36 # 420
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Typo, with ".,;" sequence.

SuggestedRemedy

- 1) Correct.
- 2) General search and replace (many others exist also).

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

It is not clear from the comment what the actual typo is - it can only be assumed that the commenter feels '.,;' is a typo. Based on this the following response is provided.

In IEEE Std 802.3, Clause 30 provides a protocol independent management specification. This is addressed in paragraph 3 of subclause 30.1.1 'Scope' of IEEE Std 802.3-2002 which states 'This specification is defined to be independent of any particular management application of protocol.'. This enables the specifications provided in Clause 30 to be referenced in various other protocol depended MIBs such as GDMO and SNMP. We do provide some protocol dependent management specifications in the Clause 30 Annexes, Annex 30A & B provide a GDMO specification for all of Clause 30, Annex 30C provides a SNMP specification for the Link Aggregation portion of Clause 30. In the vast majority of cases however, and IEEE P802.3ah is another one of these cases, the SNMP MIB is provided by the IETF. There work will be heavily based on referencing Clause 30. This is addressed further in the presentation found at the URL -[http://www.ieee802.org/3/efm/public/sep01/law_1_0901.pdf].

Now given that Clause 30 is written in a protocol independent manner, a syntax had to be created and its syntax borrows heavily from GDMO. Due to this each object ends with a ';' and therefore it is believed that there is no typo present.

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CI 30 SC P 48 L 39 # 421

James, David

JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Enumerate values should be capitalized and described.

SuggestedRemedy

List and describe:

- ENABLED
- DISABLED

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

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In addition the draft has been reviewed multiple times by the IEEE staff editor, and we have incorporated all of the comments we have received to date. No comment has been received in relation to this particular style issue.

CI 30 SC P 48 L 42 # 422

James, David

JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Excess capitalization, capitalize only proper nouns

SuggestedRemedy

Multi-Point MAC Control sublayer

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multi-point MAC control sublayer

Here and throughout.

Proposed Response Response Status W

See comment #456.

CI 30 SC P 49 L 18 # 423

James, David

JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Excess capitalization, capitalize only proper nouns

SuggestedRemedy

MAC Control sublayer

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MAC control sublayer

Here and throughout.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

IEEE P802.3ah is not a stand alone document but instead is a Amendment to IEEE Std 802.3. Due to this IEEE P802.3ah is not able to choose its own style be instead has to be consistent with IEEE 802.3 practice. In this particular case the capitalization follows that of the base standard where this sublayer is first defined, Clause 31 of IEEE Std 802.3-2002, which is titled 'MAC Control'.

In addition the draft has been reviewed multiple times by the IEEE staff editor, and we have incorporated all of the comments we have received to date. No comment has been received in relation to this particular style issue.

CI 30 SC P 49 L 41 # 424

James, David

JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Excess capitalization, capitalize only proper nouns

SuggestedRemedy

Logical Link identity (LLID)

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logical link identity (LLID)

Here and throughout.

Proposed Response Response Status W

See comment #457.

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CI 30 SC 30.1 P 36 L 11 # 332
 Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The changes are very hard to track against approved amendments, and the source Std should be identified.

SuggestedRemedy

Page 11, lines 21, 35, page 39 line 14, page 41 line 36, insert "(IEEE Std 802.3af-2003)" following "subclause".

Page 11 line 42, page 46 line 36, page 47 lines 10 & 40, insert "(IEEE Std 802.3ae-2002, IEEE Std 802.3af-2003)".

Page 42 line 1, page 45 line 48, page 46 line 7, insert "(IEEE Std 802.3ae-2002)".

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.1.2 P 36 L 32 # 1067
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Subclause 30.1.2, as recently updated by IEEE Std 802.3af needs further update as it reference the entity relationship diagrams which we have now split into two, a separate one for DTE and Repeaters.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the text for subclause 30.1.2 in IEEE Std 802.3af that reads 'The Entity Relationship Diagrams, Figures 30-3 and 30-4, shows these bindings pictorially.' should be included in IEEE P802.3ah and updated to read 'The Entity Relationship Diagrams, Figures 30-3, 30-4 and 30-5, shows these bindings pictorially.'.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.11 P L # 355
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

We seem to have a C30 attribute to cover all information PDU fields except revision number.

SuggestedRemedy

Add aOAmRemoteRevision attribute to reflect the value of the revision field in the most recently received Information OAMPDU.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.11 P 59 L 37 # 431
 James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Excess capitalization.
 30.11 Management for Operations, Administration and Maintenance

SuggestedRemedy

30.11 Management for Operations, Administration and Maintenance
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 30.11 Management for operations, administration and maintenance (OAM)

Proposed Response Response Status W
 See comment #458.

CI 30 SC 30.11 P 59 L 37 # 643
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Missing comma.

SuggestedRemedy

Add comma after "Administration" on line 37.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.11.1.10 P 62 L 31 # 646
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Punctuation.

SuggestedRemedy

Add "." after "OAMPDU" on line 31.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.11.1.19 P 64 L 52 # 356
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Not clear how eventNotificationRx can go up by 16000 counts/second.

SuggestedRemedy

Make the increment rate match all of the other OAM PDU counters. Ditto 30.11.1.1.20.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 30 SC 30.11.1.1.2 P 60 L 12 # 644
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Wrong words.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "enable" to "enabled" and "disable" to "disabled" on line 12.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.11.1.1.2 P 60 L 14 # 1072
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Typo.
 SuggestedRemedy
 The ';' missing from end of the subclause.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.11.1.1.2 P 60 L 21 # 433
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Enumerate values should be capitalized and described.
 SuggestedRemedy
 List, alphabetize, and describe all enumerated values like the following:
 PASSIVE A description of this...
 ACTIVE A description...
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

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In respect of the request to add comments, these are already provided for these enumerations.

CI 30 SC 30.11.1.1.2 P 60 L 5 # 432
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Enumerated values should be capitalized and described.
 SuggestedRemedy
 List, alphabetize, and describe all enumerated values like the following:
 ENABLED A description of this...
 DISABLED A description...
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

See comment #421.

CI 30 SC 30.11.1.1.29 P 67 L 43 # 150
 Russell, Dale MRV Communications
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 The size of the second integer in sequence (four-octets) is smaller than the size of the threshold value specified in 57.5.3.1(e) (eight-octets).
 SuggestedRemedy
 Revise the sentence to read: The second integer is an eight-octect value...
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.11.1.1.29 P 67 L 43 # 30001
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Wrong width.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "four" to "eight" on line 43.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 30 SC 30.11.1.1.29 P 67 L 44 # 1073
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Typo. Also subclause 30.11.1.1.31, 30.11.1.1.33 & 30.11.1.1.35.
 SuggestedRemedy
 The ';' missing from end of the subclause. Also subclause 30.11.1.1.31, 30.11.1.1.33 & 30.11.1.1.35.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.11.1.1.31 P 68 L 16 # 151
 Russell, Dale MRV Communications
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 The first integer in sequence differs in size (four-octets) with the window value specified in 57.5.3.2(d) (two-octets). Though no values are lost by using a larger size, it seems reasonable to be consistent with the sizing used in the Errored Frame Event TLV.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Revise the sentence to read: The first integer is a two-octect value...
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.11.1.1.31 P 68 L 16 # 667
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Wrong width.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "four" to "two" on line 16.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.11.1.1.31 P 68 L 17 # 647
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 "100ms" needs a space. Also, the wrong word is used within the behaviour.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "100ms" to read: "100 ms" on page 68, line 18.
 Change "100ms" to read: "100 ms" on page 69, line 23.
 Change "field" to "value" on page 68, line 18.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.11.1.1.34 P 69 L 8 # 648
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Wrong number of integers is contained within behaviour.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "two" to read: "four" on page 69, line 8.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.11.1.1.37 P 70 L 3 # 649
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Wrong word and grammar problems.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "value field" to read: "respective fields" on page 70, line 3.
 Change "field" to read: "fields" on page 70, line 26.
 Change "Errors" to read: "Error" on page 70, line 47.
 Change "field" to read: "fields" on page 70, line 49.
 Change "a" to read: "an" on page 72, line 14.
 Change "a" to read: "an" on page 73, line 4.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 30 SC 30.11.1.1.40 P 71 L 14 # 668
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Two field names are missing "Summary".

SuggestedRemedy

Change "Errored Frame Seconds Window"
 to read "Errored Frame Seconds Summary Window" on line 14.

Change "Errored Frame Seconds Threshold"
 to read "Errored Frame Seconds Summary Threshold" on line 15.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.11.1.1.40 P 71 L 29 # 1074
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Typo. Also 30.12.1.5.

SuggestedRemedy

The '.' missing from end of the subclause, ';' should read '.;'. Also 30.12.1.5.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.11.1.1.5 P 60 L 52 # 645
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Typo and missing text.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "three" to "eight" on page 60, line 52.

Add "as specified in Table 57-4" after "code" on page 61, line 13.

Add "as specified in Table 57-4" after "code" on page 61, line 30.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.11.1.1.5 P 60 L 52 # 353
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Doesn't match table 57-8 (e.g. more than 3-bits)

SuggestedRemedy

Match up with table 57-8 after comments on 57-8 are resolved.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.11.1.1.7 P 61 L 42 # 354
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 The order of these bits (remote/local stable) is different than in table 57-3.

SuggestedRemedy

Reverse the order of local/remote stable. Ditto 30.11.1.1.8.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.11.1.1.7 P 61 L 42 # 830
 Russell, Dale MRV Communications

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 The ordering of the stability bits in aOAMLocalFlagsField, fourth is Local Stable and fifth is Remote Stable, reverses the ordering of the corresponding bits declared in Table 57-3 (Flags field). This contradicts the preserved ordering of the other flag bits.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the last two sentences of BEHAVIOR DEFINED AS to read:

The fourth bit corresponds to the Remote Stable bit in the Flags field. The fifth bit corresponds to the Local Stable bit in the Flags field.;

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 30 SC 30.11.1.1.8 P 62 L 1 # 831
Russell, Dale MRV Communications

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The ordering of the stability bits in aOAMRemoteFlagsField, fourth is Local Stable and fifth is Remote Stable, reverses the ordering of the corresponding bits declared in Table 57-3 (Flags field). This contradicts the preserved ordering of the other flag bits.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the last two sentences of BEHAVIOR DEFINED AS to read:

The fourth bit corresponds to the Remote Stable bit in the Flags field. The fifth bit corresponds to the Local Stable bit in the Flags field.;

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.2 P 39 L 12 # 82
Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

There seems to be a hierarchy problem: bookmarks 30.2.3, 30.2.5 and 30.3.5 are shown under 30.1, and 30.3.1.x under 30.2.5.

SuggestedRemedy

Please fix.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This is caused by the fact that the subclauses heading that are higher up in the hierarchy are not present as there are no changes required for IEEE P802.3ah to these subclauses. Will consult with chief editor to see if these subclause should be added to fix this problem.

CI 30 SC 30.2.2.1 P 37 L 27 # 632
Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The text "outside the scope of this International Standard" is used several places. See page 37, lines 27, 37, 53. However, on the following page, lines 16, 32, 51, the text "outside the scope of this standard" is used. We should probably make this consistent.

SuggestedRemedy

Choose one phrase and make consistent.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

The very first line of the very first Clause of IEEE Std 802.3-2002 reads the following so maybe 'International Standard' is the correct term.

1. Introduction

1.1 Overview

This is a comprehensive International Standard for Local Area Networks

CI 30 SC 30.2.3 P 39 L 21 # 633
Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

It appears a strikethrough is missing.

SuggestedRemedy

Add strikethrough over the numeral "4" on line 21.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 30 SC 30.2.5 P 42 L 21 # 1250
 Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

aRateControlConfig should not be mandatory. Many existing MACs do not support rate control and won't have the package. There is no justification for making the rate control package mandatory for MACs without rate control capability.

SuggestedRemedy

Make the package optional or make it conditionally mandatory for DTEs that support rate control.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Will create a new package that will be conditionally mandatory for DTEs that support rate control. The attribute aRateControlConfig will be placed in this package.

CI 30 SC 30.3.1.1.20 P 45 L 44 # 1251
 Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Not clear why this change was made. The MAC either operates in half-duplex or full-duplex. Clause 4 has not been changed to add any other modes. Also, the change makes the construction unnecessarily confusing.

"The contents of this attribute are defined only for MAC entities operation in half-duplex mode.;" would be better.

SuggestedRemedy

Either remove the change or improve the wording as suggested above.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See comment #971.

CI 30 SC 30.3.1.1.31 P 45 L 54 # 1252
 Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

If a new mode for the MAC is being introduced, then the MAC clause needs to say something about it. Also, note that process deference for a MAC in half duplex defers during carrier sense so when a receive has started, it will not transmit.

SuggestedRemedy

If an operational mode is being added for the MAC, do it properly in the MAC clause.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This enumeration will be removed.

CI 30 SC 30.3.1.1.33 P 46 L 32 # 1069
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Typo.

SuggestedRemedy

The ';' missing from end of the subclause.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.3.1.1.35 P 46 L 33 # 635
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Grammar.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "enable" to read "enabled" on line 32.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 30 SC 30.3.1.20 P 45 L 44 # 971
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Remove change. It is unnecessary as:
 there are no new "modes" proposed for 1.4 that I find
 A PON needs this counter because it is a "A mode of operation ... in which DTEs contend for access to a shared medium. (ref 1.4.139)

SuggestedRemedy

Remove change

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

As described in subclause 61.1.4.1.1 'Summary of MAC-PHY Rate Matching specification', the 2PASS-TL or 10BASE-TS PCS matches the MAC's rate of data transmission to the transmission data rate of the medium, if slower, through the use of deference function as defined in 4.2.3.2.1.

This Rate Matching function can therefore cause excessive deferrals which will result in the excessive deferral counter being incremented as reported in the aFramesWithExcessDeferral attribute. Hence as with full duplex operation the contents are also undefined when operating with a 2PASS-TL or 10BASE-TS PHY.

Based on accepting that references to any new MAC mode should be removed the last sentence of 30.3.1.1.20 should be changed to read 'The contents of this attribute are undefined for MAC entities operating in full duplex mode and also when connected to a PHY utilizing the MAC-PHY Rate Matching defined in 61.1.4.1.1.;

CI 30 SC 30.3.1.20 P 45 L 54 # 972
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Proposed change is not technically correct/complete and its addition would mess up the existing standard unbelievably as the existing standard uses the term full duplex for full duplex and dual simplex interchangeably (and not always strictly correctly). In order to properly implement this change every single instance of "duplex" within 802.3 would have to be examined and redone. This unnecessary change to the existitng standard would cause massive confusion to those users of the standard unconcerned with EFM. Further, the proposed syntax definition is redundant as most 10/100 existing 802.3 systems operate "in half duplex mode with simultaneous receive and transmit". Also, no definition in 1.4 for this proposed mode.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove change

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.3.2.1.2 P 46 L 44 # 349
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

2BASE-TL has modes of up to 5.6Mbps.

SuggestedRemedy

Change 3 Mbps to 5.5 Mbps. Ditto P47 L18.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.3.2.1.2 P 46 L 44 # 1091
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The aPhyType should contain a description of the PCS but should not contain a references to PMDs.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the text '2BASE-TL Clause 61 and Clause 63 0.5 Mb/s to 3 Mb/s TC-PAM' to read '2BASE-TL Clause 61 0.5 Mb/s to 3 Mb/s 64B65B' and the text '10PASS-TS Clause 61 and Clause 62 2.5 Mb/s to 100 Mb/s' to read '10PASS-TS Clause 61 2.5 Mb/s to 100 Mb/s 64B65B'.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 30 SC 30.3.2.1.2 P 46 L 44 # 636
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Missing space.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add space between "61" and "and" on line 44.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.3.2.1.3 P 47 L 18 # 1068
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 The aPhyTypeList should contain a description of the PCS but should not contain a references to PMDs.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change the text '2BASE-TL Clause 61 and Clause 63 0.5 Mb/s to 3 Mb/s TC-PAM' to read '2BASE-TL Clause 61 0.5 Mb/s to 3 Mb/s 64B65B' and the text '10PASS-TS Clause 61 and Clause 62 2.5 Mb/s to 100 Mb/s' to read '10PASS-TS Clause 61 2.5 Mb/s to 100 Mb/s 64B65B'.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.3.2.1.5 P 47 L 37 # 1047
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Remove all text realted to aSymbolErrorDuringCarrier. There is no change provided and for the following reason I belive no change is required:
 The final definition of the EFM PHYs, with the exception of 10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL, are all built upon existing PCSs and therefore the existing text is correct. Since this attribute is part of the '100/1000 Mb/s Monitor Capability (Optional)' (see Table 30-1b in IEEE Std 802.3-2002) it does not apply to the 10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL PHYs. Now I guess that an argument could be made that a attribute similar to symbol errors during carrier could be added for the 10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL PHYs however these PHYs also support FEC. Hence a 'symbol errors' on these PHYs will result in either a FEC correctable or uncorrectable error. In this cases therefore one of two new attributes that have been added will increment, either subclause 30.5.1.1.4 aFECCorrectedBlocks or subclause 30.5.1.1.15 aFECUncorrectableBlocks.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Remove all text realted to aSymbolErrorDuringCarrier.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The 2BASE-TL PHY does not support FEC however, as stated, this attribute is part of the '100/1000 Mb/s Monitor Capability (Optional)' (see Table 30-1b in IEEE Std 802.3-2002) hence it does not apply to the 10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL PHYs so no change is necessary.

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CI 30 SC 30.3.2.1.5 P 47 L 39 # 973

Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Can't see difference from old/approved text

Or the changed text has not yet been provided

Or this shouldn't be in the draft.

SuggestedRemedy

Add edit/compare marks if the presented text is not the same as in the existing standard.

-OR-

If the text does need to be changed and it has not yet been developed and approved by the Task Force then the ballot should be disqualified for lack of presentation of a technically complete draft.

-OR-

If the text does not need to be changed then this subclause should be deleted from the draft.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

All text related aSymbolErrorDuringCarrier will be removed from the IEEE P802.3ah draft.

The final definition of the EFM PHYs, with the exception of 10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL, are all built upon existing PCSs and therefore the existing text is correct. Since this attribute is part of the '100/1000 Mb/s Monitor Capability (Optional)' (see Table 30-1b in IEEE Std 802.3-2002) it does not apply to the 10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL PHYs.

CI 30 SC 30.3.2.1.5 P 47 L 40 # 839

Brand, Richard Nortel Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Where is the changed text?

SuggestedRemedy

Highlight/identify text change

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

There are no text changes required and this subclause was included in error. All text related aSymbolErrorDuringCarrier will be removed from the IEEE P802.3ah draft.

The final definition of the EFM PHYs, with the exception of 10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL, are all built upon existing PCSs and therefore the existing text is correct. Since this attribute is part of the '100/1000 Mb/s Monitor Capability (Optional)' (see Table 30-1b in IEEE Std 802.3-2002) it does not apply to the 10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL PHYs.

CI 30 SC 30.3.2.1.5 P 47 L 40 # 637

Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

This subclause does not appear to have changed, at least from 802.3ae. Shouldn't this be removed from .ah?

SuggestedRemedy

See comment.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 30 SC 30.3.2.1.5 P 47 L 46 # 350
Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Does this counter have any application to 10PASS-TS or 2BASE-TL?

SuggestedRemedy

Add:

This counter has no meaning for operation on 10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL PHYs.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This attribute is part of the '100/1000 Mb/s Monitor Capability (Optional)' (see Table 30-1b in IEEE Std 802.3-2002) hence it does not apply to the 10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL PHYs.

Therefore while it does not have application to 10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL no change is required either.

CI 30 SC 30.3.5 P 48 L 27 # 974
Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

No provision for subclause in preceding material in this clause, e.g. 30.2.2.1, 30.2.3

SuggestedRemedy

Remove all of 30.3.5

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Subclause 30.2.2.1 and 30.2.3 were not updated as these don't show the existing instance of oMACControlFunctionEntity, the oPAUSEEntity object. See subclause 30.3.4 'PAUSE entity managed object class'. On further consideration this doesn't seem correct and subclause 30.2.2.1 and 30.2.3 will be updated to include the oMPCP object class however subclause 30.3.5 will not be removed.

Consideration should also be given to updating subclause 30.2.2.1 and 30.2.3 to include the oPAUSEEntity object through the maintenance process.

CI 30 SC 30.3.5 P 52 L 1 # 939
Floyd, Gerhardt Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Attributes 30.5.1.1.2, 30.5.1.1.4, and 30.5.1.1.12-24 are defined under the MPCP managed object class, however none of these attributes use MPCP in their naming as all of the other attributes and actions do.

SuggestedRemedy

Rename Attributes 30.5.1.1.2, 30.5.1.1.4, and 30.5.1.1.12-24 to include aMPCP before the descriptive text.

For example 30.5.1.1.2 should be renamed to aMPCPMAUType.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

These attributes are not new attributes under the subclause 30.3.5 'MPCP managed object class' but are instead changes to existing attributes under the subclause 30.5.1.1 'MAU attributes' (see IEEE Std 802.3-2002).

CI 30 SC 30.3.5.1.1 P 48 L 45 # 638
Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Wrong words.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "enable" to "enabled" on line 45.
Change "disable" to "disabled" on line 46.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.3.5.1.11 P 51 L 9 # 845
Arnold, Brian Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Text in Behaviour section could be improved slightly.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace Behaviour section with:

A count of discovery windows generated. The counter is incremented by one for each generated discovery window.;

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 30 SC 30.3.5.1.12 P 51 L 20 # 846

Arnold, Brian Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Text in Behaviour section could be improved slightly.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace Behaviour section with:

A count of number of attempts to perform registration. The counter is incremented by one for each registration attempted.;

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.3.5.1.13 P 51 L 31 # 847

Arnold, Brian Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Text in Behaviour section could be improved slightly.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace Behaviour section with:

A count of the number of times a discovery timeout occurs. The counter is incremented by one for each discovery processing state-machine reset resulting from timeout waiting for message arrival.;

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.3.5.1.2 P 49 L 6 # 639

Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Grammar.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove "be".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.3.5.1.7 P 50 L 10 # 425

James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Enumerate values should be capitalized and described.

SuggestedRemedy

List and describe:

UNREGISTERED
REGISTERING
REGISTERED

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Comments will be added to these enumerations however IEEE P802.3ah is not a stand alone document but instead is an amendment to IEEE Std 802.3. Due to this IEEE P802.3ah is not able to choose its own style but instead has to be consistent with IEEE 802.3 practice. IEEE Std 802.3 practice has never been to capitalized enumerations except in the case where the enumeration is an acronym or PHY name.

CI 30 SC 30.3.5.1.8 P 50 L 30 # 1070

Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Typo.

SuggestedRemedy

The '.' missing from end of the subclause, ';' should read '.,';

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 30 SC 30.3.5.2 P 52 L 1 # 937
Floyd, Gerhardt Cisco Systems

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Section 30.3.5.2 is labeled MPCP Actions, however starting with 30.5.1.1.2 on page 52, line 1 and continuing through 30.5.1.1.24 on page 59, line 14 the variables are defined as attributes, not actions.

SuggestedRemedy

Move 30.5.1.1.2, 30.5.1.1.4, and 30.5.1.1.12-.24 to section 30.3.5.1 which defines the MPCP Attributes.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

These attributes are not new actions under the subclause 30.3.5.2 MPCP Actions but are instead changes to existing attributes under the subclause 30.5.1.1 MAU attributes (see IEEE Std 802.3-2002).

CI 30 SC 30.3.5.2 P 52 L 1 # 938
Floyd, Gerhardt Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Attributes 30.5.1.1.2, 30.5.1.1.4, and 30.5.1.1.12-.24 are defined under Section 30.3.5.2

SuggestedRemedy

Renumber the attributes to fit the numbers under their appropriate section.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

These attributes are not defined under the subclause 30.3.5.2 but are instead changes to existing attributes in IEEE Std 802.3-2002 as the editing instructions at the start of these clauses state 'Change this subclause as follows:'. See also 'Editing instructions' on page 35.

CI 30 SC 30.3.5.2.1 P 51 L 51 # 850
Arnold, Brian Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D

List the enumerated values for acMPCPAdminControl syntax, rather than say they're the same as aMPCPAdminState.

SuggestedRemedy

In the Syntax section, replace:

Same as aMPCPAdminState

with:

An ENUMERATED VALUE that has the following entries:

enabled
disabled

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.12 P 55 L 29 # 427
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Enumerate values should be capitalized and described.

SuggestedRemedy

List and describe:

SUBSCRIBER
OFFICE

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #425.

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CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.12 P 55 L 32 # 1253
 Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

According to the table, this attribute applies to all subscriber access MAUs, but the description appears to apply only to Clause 61 PCS and many of the other EFM Phys can't change sides through configuration.

A similar concern applies to aPCSCodingViolation - it is only defined for a subset of EFM PHYs.

SuggestedRemedy

Change aPHYSide to a package that is only for Clause 61 devices. Change aPCSCodingViolation to a package that is only for the appropriate PHYs.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The aPHYSide attribute will be placed in the 10PASS-TS/2BASE-TL Package. A new package will be required for the aPCSCodingViolation attribute as it appears due to other comment resolution this will only be supported by 1000BASE-X.

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.13 P 55 L 37 # 351
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Does this counter have any applicability to 10PASS-TS/2BASE-TL PHYs?

SuggestedRemedy

Could be:

For 10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL PHYS, it is a count of the TPS-TC CRC errors as defined in 45.2.3.17.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The aPCSCodingViolation counter is intended to record errors on symbol by symbol basis. Using a TPS-TC CRC error would be more similar to recording symbol error during carrier as multiple symbol errors on a segment will cause only a single TPS-TC CRC error to be recorded.

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.13 P 55 L 37 # 976
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

This counter is redundant to the existing counter defined in 30.3.2.1.5, aSymbolErrorDuringCarrier. Further, it is difficult to read and implement as it operates at (almost) data bit rate. Operating at this speed and its resultant potential for large counts with low meaning is contrary to the established philosophy of 802.3 Layer Management.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove proposed counter and use the existing one to capture the required information.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The aPCSCodingViolation counter was added in support of the OAM Link Monitoring objective to provide a more accurate measure of the link error rate.

This counter is not a duplicate of aSymbolErrorDuringCarrier since: [1] The aSymbolErrorDuringCarrier counter will only increment once regardless of the number of symbol errors during a packet, the aPCSCodingViolation will be incremented once for each symbol error during a packet. [2] The aSymbolErrorDuringCarrier counter will not increment during idle, the aPCSCodingViolation will be incremented once for each symbol error during.

In respect to the increment rate it is no faster than the current subclause 30.5.1.1.11 aIdleErrorCount which is supported by both 100BASE-T2 and 1000BASE-T and can therefore increment at symbol rate for these PHYs as well.

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.13 P 55 L 46 # 848
 Arnold, Brian Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Grammar in Behaviour section could be improved slightly.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace second sentence in Behaviour section (lines 45-46) with:

For 1000 Mb/s operation it is a count of the number of times an invalid code-group is received, other than the /V/ code-group.;

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.14 P 55 L 46 # 640
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Typo.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "groups received" to "group is received" on line 46.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.14 P 55 L 49 # 977
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 This counter operates at (almost) data bit rate, worst case. Operating at this speed and its resultant potential for large counts with their resultant low meaning is contrary to the established philosophy of 802.3 Layer Management.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Modify the behavior to capture the information in a smaller counter that operates at packet rate or less.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

The counter increment rate it is no faster than the current subclause 30.5.1.1.11 aldleErrorCount which is supported by both 100BASE-T2 and 1000BASE-T and can therefore increment at symbol rate for these PHYs as well.

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.14 P 56 L 2 # 708
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 2BASE-TL does not have FEC.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Remove 2BASE-TL from line 2.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.14 P 56 L 3 # 641
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Improper capitalization.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "Types" to "types" on line 3 and line 17.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.15 P 56 L 16 # 709
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 2BASE-TL does not have FEC.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Remove 2BASE-TL from line 16.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.15 P 56 L 7 # 978
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 This counter operates at (almost) data bit rate, worst case. Operating at this speed and its resultant potential for large counts with their resultant low meaning is contrary to the established philosophy of 802.3 Layer Management.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Modify the behavior to capture the information in a smaller counter that operates at packet rate or less.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

The counter increment rate it is no faster than the current subclause 30.5.1.1.11 aldleErrorCount which is supported by both 100BASE-T2 and 1000BASE-T and can therefore increment at symbol rate for these PHYs as well.

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CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.16 P 56 L 21 # 979
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

This counter operates at (almost) data bit rate, worst case. Operating at this speed and its resultant potential for large counts with their resultant low meaning is contrary to the established philosophy of 802.3 Layer Management. Further, it is derivable count from the previous 3. It is generally our policy to minimize the number of counters and let higher layer applications do the derivation of additional statistics.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.16 P 56 L 30 # 1254
 Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Since this is in the FEC Package group, this appears to apply only to 1000BASE_PX PHYs, but the language doesn't say that, nor does it say what this counter does for the other FEC PHYs - presumably it doesn't increment. The name of the attribute appears to have nothing to do with its description. Give it a better name and provide a reference to the clause where this is described.

SuggestedRemedy

Make the definition and name of this attribute consistent with its use in the FEC package.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #979. This attribute will be removed.

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.17 P 56 L 40 # 428
 James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Enumerate values should be capitalized and described.

SuggestedRemedy

List, alphabetize, and describe all enumerated values like the following:

NO_DEFECT A description of this...

LOSS_OF_FRAME A description...

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #425.

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.18 P 57 L 1 # 1255
 Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

This comment applies to most of the attributes in the 10PASS-TS/2BASE-TL package. Many of these attributes are defined for only one of the 2 PHY types served by this package, but since a whole package must be supported, the devices will have to respond to all of them.

SuggestedRemedy

Either split these into two packages or state the behavior of the attribute for the other PHY type.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Two new package will be created, one for 10PASS-TS only attributes and one for 2BASE-TL attributes. Attributes comment to both PHYs will remain in the current package.

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.18 P 57 L 10 # 352
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Don't we want to read the SNRM for 10PASS-TS PHYs as well as 2BASE-TL PHYs?

SuggestedRemedy

Make applicable to both copper PHY types.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.18 P 57 L 9 # 642
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Missing punctuation.

SuggestedRemedy

Add ".,;" after "(see 63.3)" on line 9.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.18 P 57 L 9 # 849
 Arnold, Brian Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Need semicolon.

SuggestedRemedy
 Need semicolon at end of Behaviour section.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.18 P 57 L 9 # 1071
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Typo.

SuggestedRemedy
 The ';' missing from end of the subclause.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.19 P 56 L 40 # 429
 James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Enumerate values should be capitalized and described.

SuggestedRemedy
 List, alphabetize, and describe all enumerated values like the following:
 PROFILE_1
 PROFILE_2

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #430.

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.2 P 55 L 24 # 975
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Defines ends of an asymmetrical network rather than peer.

SuggestedRemedy
 Move asymmetrical proposals to a new and separate document that can thoroughly, explicitly and unambiguously embrace the concept of Ethernet Services over asymmetrical infrastructure.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 See comments #952, #837 & #1167.

CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.22 P 58 L 27 # 430
 James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Enumerate values should be capitalized and described.

SuggestedRemedy
 List, alphabetize, and describe all enumerated values like the following:
 PROFILE_1
 PROFILE_2

Also, _don't_ use the same name here and anywhere else, including before and after listings. Common C style is to precede the listing, with something like:
 MP_PROFILE_1

Profile context may not always be obvious, so distinct names are the least that the editor can do on behalf of the readers.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

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Prefixes however will be added to each set of profiles.

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CI 30 SC 30.5.1.1.4 P 54 L 3 # 426
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D
Enumerated values should be capitalized iniformly.

SuggestedRemedy
Change to caps and alphabetize the following:

- OTHER undefined
- UNKNOWN initializing, true state not yet known
- AVAILABLE link or light normal, loopback normal
- NOT_AVAILABLE link loss or low light, no loopback
- REMOTE_FAULT remote fault with no detail
- INVALID_SIGNAL invalid signal, applies only to 10BASE-FB
- REMOTE_JABBER remote fault, reason known to be jabber
- REMOTE_LINK_LOSS loss remote fault, reason known to be far-end link loss
- REMOTE_TEST remote fault, reason known to be test
- OFFLINE offline, applies only to Clause 37 Auto-Negotiation
- AUTO_NEG_ERROR Auto-Negotiation Error, applies only to Clause 37 Auto-Negotiation
- PMD_LINK_FAULT PMD/PMA receive link fault
- WIS_FRAME_LOSS WIS loss of frame, applies only to 10GBASE-W
- WIS_SIGNAL_LOSS WIS loss of signal, applies only to 10GBASE-W
- PCS_LINK_FAULT PCS receive link fault
- excessive BER PCS Bit Error Rate monitor reporting excessive error rate
- DXS_LINK_FAULT DTE XGXS receive link fault, applies only to XAUI
- PXS_LINK_FAULT PHY XGXS transmit link fault, applies only to XAUI

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

IEEE P802.3ah is not a stand alone document but instead is a amendment to IEEE Std 802.3. The editing instruction state that subclause 30.5.1.1.4 should be changed as follows hence this is an existing subclause in IEEE Std 802.3-2002 and changed text is annotated by strikeout and underscores. Based on this, even if the style was in conflict with the IEEE Std 802.3 which it is not, the suggested change is beyond the scope of the IEEE P802.3ah PAR which only allows minimal augmentation to support Subscriber Access networks.

CI 30 SC Figure 30-4 P 41 L 1 # 415
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D
Inconsistent capitalization

SuggestedRemedy
existing Figures as required
==>
existing figures as required

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30 SC Figure 30-4 P 41 L 1 # 416
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D
Complete the specification

SuggestedRemedy
Complete the specification, rather than talking about what is incomplete.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

IEEE P802.3ah is not a stand alone document but instead is a amendment to IEEE Std 802.3. The text 'Renumber existing figures as require:' is an editing instruction and is not an indication of any lack of completeness of the standard.

CI 30 SC Table 30-1b P 42 L 22 # 417
James, David JGG

Comment Type TR Comment Status D
Table should not have a clear bottom row; that looks funny.
In some cases, this is due to starting with a buggy IEEE table format.

SuggestedRemedy
Change to get bottom-of-row "very thin" line, here and throughout.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

It is not clear what the correct style is here since the existing published base standard IEEE Std 802.3-2002 on page 91 Table 23-4 uses this format. Will confirm IEEE staff editor what the correct style to be used here is.

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CI 30 **SC Table 30-5** **P 43** **L 17** # **634**
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E **Comment Status D**

The OAM column should ideally read "Operations, Administration and Maintenance". If that is too long, "Operations, Administration, Maintenance" could be substituted. Either way, at least two commas are missing.

SuggestedRemedy

Add the missing commas as noted above. Same table header continued on page 44 and 45.

Proposed Response *Response Status W*
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30A **SC 30A.15.2** **P 136** **L 34** # **1078**
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type TR **Comment Status D**

The registration arc for aWISID [iso(1) member-body(2) us(840) ieee802dot3(10006) csmacdmgt(30) attribute(7) wisID(182)] is a duplicate of the registration arc for aSectionStatus [{iso(1) member-body(2) us(840) ieee802dot3(10006) csmacdmgt(30) attribute(7) sectionStatus(182)}]. Since Clause 57 OAM utilizes registration arcs to remotely access attributes this should really be fixed by IEEE P802.3ah

SuggestedRemedy

Add a change to IEEE P802.3ah to correct the registration arc for aWISID to be [iso(1) member-body(2) us(840) ieee802dot3(10006) csmacdmgt(30) attribute(7) wisID(181)].

Proposed Response *Response Status W*
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30A **SC 30A.19** **P 136** **L 37** # **1086**
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E **Comment Status D**

All subclauses after this point are incorrectly number, the following subclause is 30A.1.1, then 30A.1.1, then 30A.19.

SuggestedRemedy

Correct the subclause numbering.

Proposed Response *Response Status W*
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 30B **SC 30B.2** **P 150** **L 14** # **1092**
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T **Comment Status D**

A number of the values related to the new PHY TypeValue enumeration need updated to reflect the clauses numbers correctly. The comments related to the enumerations also need updated to reference the correct Clauses.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that:-

'100BASE-BX10D (601), --Simplex fiber OLT PHY as specified in Clause 60' should read '100BASE-BX10D (581), --Simplex fiber OLT PHY as specified in Clause 58',

'100BASE-BX10U (602), --Simplex fiber ONU PHY as specified in Clause 60' should read '100BASE-BX10U (582), --Simplex fiber ONU PHY as specified in Clause 58',

'100BASE-LX10 (60) --Duplex fiber PHY as specified in Clause 60' should read '100BASE-LX10 (58) --Duplex fiber PHY as specified in Clause 58',

'1000BASE-PX10D (581), --Simplex fiber OMP OLT 10Km PHY as specified in Clause 58' should read '1000BASE-PX10D (601), --Simplex fiber OMP OLT 10Km PHY as specified in Clause 60',

'1000BASE-PX10U (582), --Simplex fiber OMP ONU 10Km PHY as specified in Clause 58' should read '1000BASE-PX10U (602), --Simplex fiber OMP ONU 10Km PHY as specified in Clause 60',

'1000BASE-PX20D (583) --Simplex fiber OMP OLT 20Km PHY as specified in Clause 58' should read '1000BASE-PX20D (603) --Simplex fiber OMP OLT 20Km PHY as specified in Clause 60' and

'1000BASE-PX20U (584), --Simplex fiber OMP ONU 20Km PHY as specified in Clause 58' should read '1000BASE-PX20U (604), --Simplex fiber OMP ONU 20Km PHY as specified in Clause 60'.

Proposed Response *Response Status W*
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 31A SC P 156 L 21 # 576

Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

There is no indication of the edits that were performed on this text.

SuggestedRemedy

The editor must show the edits made to this text so that the IEEE editor can make the correct changes.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Edit markers shall be reintroduced to compare changes from IEEE802.3-2002

CI 31A SC P 157 L 2 # 262

Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Double colons vs period.

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 31A SC P 157 L 22 # 577

Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Format of Table 31A-3 & 31A-6 need fixing on the line weights.

SuggestedRemedy

In 31A-3, there should be a thicker line between indication_operand_list element and start. Same applies to the left line and bottom line for the table cell containing discovery.

In 31A-6, the left line and bottom line for the table cell containing ID should be thicker.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 31A SC 31A P 155 L 6 # 1087

Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The change instruction do not follow the latest version found in the IEEE Style manual. The same is true for Annex 43B

SuggestedRemedy

Update the change instruction for 31A and 43B to include the four instructions, Change, Delete, Insert and Replace. See introduction to Clause 46 for example.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 31A SC 31A P 156 L 22 # 84

Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Please mark this annex up or provide editor's note to distinguish old and new material.

SuggestedRemedy

Per comment.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 31A SC 31A P 156 L 7 # 1088

Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Need to add editing instructions.

SuggestedRemedy

Add the text 'Replace Table 31A-1 with the following:'.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 31A SC Table P 159 L 15 # 199

Murakami, Ken Mitsubishi Electric

Comment Type T Comment Status D

In Table 31A-6, "RTT" is defined as one of indication_operand_list elements for REGISTER MAC Control indications. However, RTT is not measured on the receipt of REGISTER message. Therefore, this element is not necessary.

SuggestedRemedy

"RTT" should be removed from Table 31A-6.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 31A SC Table 31A-1 P 156 L 16 # 1089

Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Typo.

SuggestedRemedy
 Please size the column so that 'Hexadecimal' is not hyphenated

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 31A SC Table 31A-3 P 157 L 18 # 263

Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Table 31A-1 has a column labeled "Timestamp" to indicate that opcodes 02 thru 06 have a field for "Timestamp". It is so important that it deserves its own column. However, there is no text in any of the fields in Table 31A-3 to indicate where the field "timestamp" is located.

SuggestedRemedy
 Show field Timestamp in opcode definition.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Timestamp field is defined in frame format description, however it is generated and sunc by MAC Control and is not exposed at the MAC Control client interface. For that reason no field was shown in the table.

CI 36 SC 0 P 494 L 1 # 315

Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Summary: EPONs need a bit for uni-directional operation, much like OAM uni-directional. Details: A very normal case for an EPON headend is when none of the subscribers are transmitting. The fiber optic light at he headend receive path is off. Then the headend receive link status, even if signal SIGNAL_DETECT is extended, becomes link fail. At link fail, the headend is not allowed to transmit any MAC data frames. Operation of any MAC Control frames is also halted. Only OAM frames, which are optional, are allowed on a uni-dir link per Clause 57.

SuggestedRemedy
 Discuss. Perhaps add another uni-dir bit which is specific to EPONs.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #1052

CI 36 SC 36 P L # 75

Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Need to refer to the additional FEC sublayer in 65.2.

SuggestedRemedy
 Insert a sentence at the end of 36.1.1:
 An optional forward error correction (FEC) sublayer for 1000BASE-PX is described in 65.2.
 Add a new subclause 36.1.4.4 with a few lines summarising the FEC sublayer and referring to it.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Make the change to 36.1.1 as suggested. 36.1.4.4 reads as follows:

36.1.4.4 Forward Error Correction

An optional Forward Error Correction (FEC) mechanism, as described in 65.2, is provided to increase the optical link budget or the fiber distance for 1000BASE-PX PHYs. The FEC appends to the Ethernet frame additional data that is a result of a set of non-binary arithmetic functions (known as Galois arithmetic) performed on the data of the Ethernet frame. This additional data (known as the FEC parity octets) is used to correct errors at the receiving end of the link that may occur when the data is transferred through the link. The MAC layer performs rate adaptation, stretching the IPG to provide the necessary space at the end of the Ethernet frame for the parity octets, as described in 4.2.8.

CI 36 SC 36.1.1 P L # 76

Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 This sentence will become false: "There are currently three embodiments within this family: 1000BASE-CX, 1000BASE-LX, and 1000BASE-SX."

SuggestedRemedy
 Change to:
 This family includes 1000BASE-CX, 1000BASE-LX, and 1000BASE-SX and several embodiments introduced in 56.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 36 SC 36.2.4.19 P 77 L 14 # 1075
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The text states that this counter only increments while '... the receiver is in normal mode ...' however I have searched Clause 36 and I can find no definition of what 'normal mode' is for a receiver.

While I guess it could be assumed that this means that the Synchronization is complete and that Auto-Negotiation is complete it would be more preferable to included the incrementing of this counter is one of the existing state machines.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the counter should be increment from one of the existing Clause 36 state machines.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #334

OR

Assuming the bit error ratio is low, the existing aFalseCarriers and aSymbolErrorDuringCarrier attributes provide the information necessary. Remove this counter from Clause 36.

OR

Modify the definition of the counter in 36.2.4.19 to read:

coding_violation_counter:

16-bit counter. When sync_status=OK, coding_violation_counter counts once each time the cgbad variable evaluates to TRUE. This counter is reflected in CROSS REF 45.2.1.

CI 36 SC 36.2.4.19 P 77 L 17 # 81
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

This is a PCS counter but 45.2.1 is PMA/PMD registers.

SuggestedRemedy

Do you mean 45.2.3.17?

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 36 SC 36.2.4.19 P 77 L 17 # 217
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Bad cross reference.

SuggestedRemedy

Should be 45.2.3.17

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See response to comment #81

CI 36 SC 36.2.4.19 P 77 L 6 # 71
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

This new function, PCS Management Counter, seems to be written in such a way that it would apply to all 1000BASE-X PCSs with MDIO or equivalent. This would be a retrospective requirement on existing non-EFM 1000BASE-X PCSs which presumably is not our intention.

SuggestedRemedy

Make it clear that this function is optional.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See response to comment #1075 or 334

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CI 36 SC 36.2.4.19 P 77 L 6 # 334
 Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Counter should be defined in receive state diagram, not in isolation here. As defined, interoperability problems are likely. For example, it isn't clear how this counter relates to invalid code-groups defined in 36.2.4.6. Are the seven reserved valid code points of Table 36-2 excluded from the count, or only the five used in Table 36-3? Is comma alignment required? The term "normal mode" is used in multiple ways in Clause 36 (e.g., for the TBI, not loopback), its use here is too imprecise.

SuggestedRemedy

Change counter definition to a variable in 36.2.5.1 and add to receive state diagram. I would recommend defining a constant of invalid, variable of coding_violation, and in the Figure 36-7 add the variable. The clause 45 counter then defines the counter size and behaviour in terms of the state diagram. It also should be clear this is an optional capability (independent of previously mandatory functions (probably needs its own major option in the PICS).

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #1075

OR

Won't this make the counter mandatory for all flavors of 1000BASE-X?

Remove new subclause 39.2.4.19

Add the following sentence to the end of the first paragraph in 36.2.5:
 The notation ++ after a counter indicates that its value is to be incremented.

Add the following new counter to 36.2.5.1.5:
 code_violations

Count of 8B/10B coding violations (or misaligned commas) while sync_status=OK. This counter takes the value 0 when power_on=TRUE or mr_main_reset=TRUE. This counter is referenced in 45.2.1

In Figure 36-9, states SYNC_ACQUIRED_2, SYNC_ACQUIRED_3 and SYNC_ACQUIRED_4, add the following assignment:
 code_violations++

CI 36 SC 36.2.4.19 P 77 L 6 # 72
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Is the name "PCS Management Counter" the best name? It doesn't count managements, but coding violations.

SuggestedRemedy

Call it "PCS coding violation Counter"?

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #1075 or 334

CI 36 SC 36.2.4.19 P 77 L 8 # 1061
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

I not sure how accurate the statement that 'If an MDIO interface is provided (see CROSS REF Clause 22), it is accessed via that interface.' is correct as this counter is included in a Clause 45 MMD register, not a Clause 22 register. To be able to access this register 1) the Clause 22 MDIO interface has to be provided, 2) the Register 13 and 14 MMD interface has to be implemented as part of that Clause 22 interface, and 3) the Clause 45 PCS MMD has to be implemented.

Furthermore if we now assume that all the above has been done it still isn't clear to me how to present the other registers in the PCS MMD registers, see subclause 45.2.3, as this subclause was never written to be able to cope with supporting a 1000BASE-X PCS. What are the contents of the MMD PCS mandatory registers (see 45.5.5.7). What for example should the Speed Selection bits (3.0.5:2) in the MMD PCS register be set to and how do they interact with the Clause 22 Speed selection bits (0.6 & 0.13), are there any updates to the PCS ability bits to support 1000 Mb/s operation. From the changes to Clause 45 in IEEE 802.3ah I cannot see any changes to these registers.

SuggestedRemedy

Please provide the necessary updates to Clause 45 to allow the PCS MMD to support inclusion in a 1000BASE-X PHY.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #1075 or 334

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CI 36 SC 36.2.4.19 P 77 L 9 # 1225
Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

This is inserting a retroactive recommendation. While you may want this feature for EFM use of the PCS, it seems excessive to recommend it at this point for all 1000BASE-X.

SuggestedRemedy

Modify the recommendation so that it applies specifically for PCS that will be used in a subscriber access network.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #1075 or 334

CI 36 SC 36.2.5.1.3 P 77 L 19 # 48
Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Operation of the Multipoint MAC Control Protocol of Clause 64 will require a small modification in clause 36 which is similar to that provided for the OAM Protocol:

Two Problems:

1)P2MP dose not use the Auto Negotiation (AN) protocol of Clause 37 so this needs to be turned off.

2) P2MP defines its own data link access and arbitration protocol where link start up commences with aid of the Discovery Process as defined in 64.3.7. This process in frame based and thus requires immediate transmission of frames and idles.

Both of the above problems can be fixed by setting the Clause 36 variable "xmit" to the value "data". Thus causes AN to be bypassed and enables transmission of idles and frames.

SuggestedRemedy

In 36.2.5.1.3 define a new variable called mp_mode_enable.

Add the text:

"mp_mode_enable

controls the enabling and disabling of Clause 36 support for the Multi Point MAC Control Protocol.

Values: FALSE; Support for the Multi Point MAC Control Protocol is not enabled
TRUE; Support for the Multi Point MAC Control Protocol is enabled"

Reword the following sentence in 36.2.5.2.1 at line 40:

"When mr_unidirectional_oam_enable = TRUE or mp_mode_enable=TRUE, the Auto-Negotiation process xmit flag always takes the value DATA and the Auto-Negotiation process is never invoked."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #1052

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CI 36 SC 36.2.5.1.3 P 77 L 20 # 1076
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Typo.
SuggestedRemedy
 The change instruction is Insert for this text therefore there should not be an underscore on 0.1.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 36 SC 36.2.5.1.3 P 77 L 23 # 1226
 Thaler, Pat Agilent
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 This is being inserted without any context. Reference the location of the description of unidirectional OAM capability and explanation of when it is appropriate. Also, the first usage of OAM in the clause should be expanded to.
 The consequences of setting the variable TRUE are not made apparent to the reader. For example, it should state explicitly that setting the variable TRUE disables auto-negotiation.
 The choice between full duplex and half duplex also needs to be covered when autonegotiation is disabled.
 There may be additional places where unidirectional operation requires some alteration of behavior.
SuggestedRemedy
 Provide a suitable reference. Provide information here on when this variable should not be set TRUE. In many cases such as operation with standard bridges, we rely on knowing that the link is either bidirectional or not there at all. It is only in environments designed to tolerate unidirectional operation that this variable should be set TRUE.
 Since you disable Auto-Negotiation in this mode, you should also say how the duplex mode is set. For subscriber access networks, it should be full-duplex as the distance requirements of half-duplex are not likely to be met. Also, unidirectional operation only makes sense for full duplex. If you were half duplex and your receive link was down, you could be transmitting when your partner is transmitting and your transmission would be discarded as a collision. Therefore, the unidirectional variable should also force full-duplex operation.
 Also, this should be reflected in the Auto-Negotiation chapter.
 Note that you could force xmit to equal data in the Auto-Negotiation chapter by disabling AutoNegotiation (mr_an_enable = FALSE) and using a unidirectional variable to override all the terms except power_on=TRUE in the global transiton to AN_ENABLE.
 I think this is tidier than saying that xmit sometimes gets its value from Clause 37 and sometimes doesn't.
 This also works for the issue of full/half duplex. Clause 37 is where the determination of duplex mode is made.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Change new subclause 36.2.4.19 to 36.2.4.20
 Insert new subclause:

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36.2.4.19 Unidirectional Operation

The 1000BASE-X PCS is capable of unidirectional operation in order to support Operations, Administration and Management (OAM) or Point to Multi-Point (P2MP) for a subscriber access network. However, this mode should only be enabled under very limited circumstances. Before enabling this mode, the MAC should be operating in full-duplex mode and Auto-Negotiation should be disabled. In addition, the OAM sublayer above the MAC (see Clause 57) must be enabled on both ends of the link or this PCS must reside within an Optical Line Terminal (OLT) in a 1000BASE-PX network (see Clause 64). Failure to follow these restrictions results in an incompatibility with the assumptions of the bridge protocol.

As for opening Clause 37,

I don't agree that is the best solution. It is very clear in the above document that Auto-Negotiation is disabled for this mode of operation so getting the variable value from another location is not such a big step.

OR

Remove the change to the xmit variable in Clause 36
Open Clause 37:
Add a new variable:

mr_unidirectional_enable

Controls the enabling and disabling of the unidirectional function for 1000BASE-X. Unidirectional function for 1000BASE-X is enabled when Control register bit 0.1 is set to one.

Values:
FALSE;Unidirectional is disabled.
TRUE;Unidirectional is enabled.

Change the global entry into state AN_ENABLE from existing to (existing *
mr_unidirectional_enable=FALSE)

Add a global entry into AN_DISABLE_LINK_OK with mr_unidirectional_enable=TRUE

This results in the Auto-Negotiation Enable bit being a don't care at least for the state

machine

Cl 36 SC 36.2.5.1.3 P 77 L 29 # 550

Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Incorrect edit instruction.

SuggestedRemedy

Alter Modify to Change.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 36 SC 36.2.5.1.3 P 77 L 30 # 1077

Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Typo.

SuggestedRemedy

The change instructions should read 'Change figure 24-16 as follows:' as underscore and strikethrough changes are shown.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #550

Cl 36 SC 36.3 P L # 73

Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Need to refer to the additional PCS requirements in 65.3.

SuggestedRemedy

Insert a sentence in 36.3 before 36.3.1 saying at least:
Additional requirements for a PMA in a 1000BASE-PX-D PHY are given in 65.3.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

I would put this statement in 36.4

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CI 43B SC 43B.2 P 162 L 28 # 85

Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

"per point-to-point link", "per ONU for point-to-multipoint link."

1.4.153 and 1.4.159 define "link" as having only two ends.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the word or change the definition of "link".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change: "the absolute maximum traffic loading that would result is 100 maximum length frames per second per point-to-point link and 100 maximum length frames per ONU for point-to-multipoint link."

to read: "the absolute maximum traffic loading that would result is 100 maximum length frames per second per point-to-point link and 100 maximum length frames per ONU for point-to-multipoint topologies."

CI 43B SC 43B.2 P 162 L 28 # 86

Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

"the absolute maximum traffic loading that would result is 100 maximum length frames per second per point-to-point link and 100 maximum length frames per ONU for point-to-multipoint link."

This begs the question of what's the loading on a CMSA/CD shared medium. If it is 100 per port on the medium, then we can generalise the sentence above.

SuggestedRemedy

Change to "100 maximum length frames per port on a shared or point-to-multipoint medium."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

See proposed response to comment #85. The maximum frame rate for EPON is calculated based on the number of ONUs. 100 frames is not the maximum for the EPON as a whole.

For instance, if there are 16 ONUs, then the theoretical maximum number of Slow Protocol frames is 1600 per second (16 ONUs x 10 Slow Protocols x 10 frames per second).

The maximum for a shared medium would be determined, in like manner, by the number of DTEs. However, since 802.3ad created Slow Protocols and specifically stated that LinkAg would not support Half Duplex, the OAM editor wonders if Slow Protocols were ever considered for HDx links???

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CI 43B SC 43B.4 P 162 L 40 # 454

James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Excessive capitalization.

SuggestedRemedy

Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP)

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Link aggregation control protocol (LACP)

Operations, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM)

==>

operations, administration, and maintenance (OAM)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

As the names of protocols, the OAM editor feels the capitalization is appropriate. OAM is following the pattern set by the work of 802.3ad.

CI 45 SC P 108 L 53 # 449

James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Inconsistent constant-value notation.

SuggestedRemedy

"Ready" ==> READY

"Get" ==> GET

"Set if clear" ==> SET_IF_CLEAR

"Clear if same" ==> CLEAR_IF_SAME

(etc. throughout the document)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC P 77 L 1 # 434

James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Excess capitalization

SuggestedRemedy

36. Physical Coding Sublayer (PCS) and Physical Medium Attachment (PMA) sublayer, type 1000BASE-X

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36. Physical coding sublayer (PCS) and physical medium attachment (PMA) sublayer, type 1000BASE-X

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The clause/page/line numbers are incorrect. This comment seems not to be against C45.

CI 45 SC P 80 L 1 # 435

James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Excess capitalization

SuggestedRemedy

45. Management Data Input/Output (MDIO) Interface

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45. Management data input/output (MDIO) interface

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The capitalization is the same as all clauses in 802.3ae-2002

CI 45 SC P 82 L 5 # 439

James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Items in tables should be centered if not sentences or text, as per IEEE style manual.

SuggestedRemedy

Center:

45-2, 1st column

(others throughout the specification)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC P 83 L 17 # 440
James, David JGG

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The column title conflicts with the enumerated value name.

SuggestedRemedy

In rows after title, change:

R/W ==> RW

This is also consistent with enumerated value names of all caps.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

R/W has been inherited from C22 and 802.3ae-2002 C45. R/W refers not to a specific enumerated value, but a field name that will contain that value (which may or not be RW, RO, etc.)

CI 45 SC P 83 L 23 # 441
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Excessive capitalization.

SuggestedRemedy

Read Only

==> read only

Latches High

==> latches high

Self Clearing

==> self clearing

Non Roll-over

==> non roll-over

Here and in other tables (do a global search)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

This convention was inherited from C22 and C45-802.3ae. The capitalization matches the acronym.

CI 45 SC P 83 L 25 # 437
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Confusing cross-references.

SuggestedRemedy

The descriptions of the figure would be better if row numbers were used, and the text after the table used the row numbers, such as:

Row 45-3-1: A one bit indicates...

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change text to match similar bits in C45 802.3ae-2002.

"When read as a one, bit 1.x.15 indicates. . ."

CI 45 SC P 83 L 33 # 438
James, David JGG

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Inconsistent cross-references.

SuggestedRemedy

Change:

A one in bit 15 ...

==>

A one in bit 14 ...

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC P 86 L 10 # 229
Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Conflict: Line states 2048 vs line 37 which says 1024 or 2048

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Remove selection capability bits from 1.x.2:1. FFT/IFFT size is always 2048 tones.

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CI 45 SC P 86 L 31 # 442
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Inconsistent and hard to cross-reference names.

SuggestedRemedy

Tx window length ==> txWindowLength
FFT/IFFT size ==> fftIfftSize
Tone spacing ==> toneSpacing
(and similar changes throughout)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Register names are descriptive, not variable names or constants. More concise reference to specific register bits is accomplished by referring to the bits themselves, as in:

45.2.1.18.1 Tx window length (1.x.15:8)
Bits 15:7 control the PMD transmit window. . .

CI 45 SC P 89 L 17 # 443
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The descriptions seem to be a formal specification, which limits the length of the specification while making the table hard to read.

SuggestedRemedy

- 1) Include row numbers in the table
- 2) Limit the description to a description of function
- 3) Provide specification details in the after-table row descriptions

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Move the descriptive text to the individual bit description subclauses. Do this throughout C45

CI 45 SC P 93 L 52 # 444
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Don't hyphenate key names across lines.

SuggestedRemedy

Eliminate '/' from line-breaking characters, in document properties.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Editor will take the appropriate steps to ensure proper style

CI 45 SC P 95 L 12 # 445
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Names should not be capitalized, unless done so consistently

SuggestedRemedy

Code violations ==> codeViolations
Errored seconds ==> erroredSeconds
(etc.)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

As from C22 and 802.3ae-2002 C45, register names have their first letter capitalized.

CI 45 SC P 97 L 43 # 245
Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Appears to be a bad reference, no text for "segment defect", add text to provide the signal name which drives this bit.

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This feature is removed with comment 712.

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CI 45 SC P 99 L 12 # 446
 James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Text in figures should be 8-point Arial, not smaller unless necessary, never larger, but occasionally bold for emphasis.

SuggestedRemedy

Change text in:

- Figure 45-100
- Figure 57-7
- Figure 57-8
- Figure 57-9
- Figure 57-10
- Figure 57-11
- Figure 57-12
- Figure 57-13
- Figure 58-2
- Figure 58-6
- Figure 58-9
- Figure 58-10
- Figure 58-11
- Figure 58-12
- Figure 59-2
- Figure 59-3
- Figure 59-4
- Figure 59-7
- Figure 60-2
- Figure 60-3
- Figure 60-4
- Figure 60-5
- Figure 60-6
- Figure 60-7
- Figure 60-8
- Figure 60-9
- Figure 60-10
- Figure 61-13 (& eliminate unnecessary bold)
- Figure 61-14 (& eliminate unnecessary bold)
- Figure 61-15 (& eliminate unnecessary bold)
- Figure 61-16 (& eliminate unnecessary bold)
- Figure 62-1
- Figure 62-3
- Figure 64-1
- Figure 64-4
- Figure 64-5

- Figure 64-6
- Figure 64-7
- Figure 64-8
- Figure 64-9
- Figure 64-10
- Figure 64-11
- Figure 64-12
- Figure 64-13
- Figure 64-14
- Figure 64-15
- Figure 64-16
- Figure 64-17
- Figure 64-18
- Figure 64-19
- Figure 64-20
- Figure 64-21
- Figure 64-22
- Figure 64-23
- Figure 64-24
- Figure 64-25
- Figure 64-26
- Figure 64-27
- Figure 64-28
- Figure 64-29
- Figure 64-30
- Figure 64-31
- Figure 64-32
- Figure 64-33
- Figure 61A-1
- Figure 61A-2

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 2.1.11.2 P 83 L 33 # 681
 Joergensen, Thomas Vitesse Semiconductor

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Reference to wrong register bit, bit 15. In Table 45.3 it is bit 14.

SuggestedRemedy

Change to bit 14

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 2.1.11.4 P 83 L 43 # 683
 Joergensen, Thomas Vitesse Semiconduct
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Reference to wrong register bit, bit 9. In Table 45.3 it is bit 0.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change to bit 0
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 2.1.22.3 P 83 L 38 # 682
 Joergensen, Thomas Vitesse Semiconduct
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Reference to wrong register bit, bit 11. In Table 45.3 it is bit 1.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change to bit 1
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45 P 105 L 15 # 252
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Need text to indicate that the Clause 61 PCS can also detect and report coding violations.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Add a pointer to 61.2.3.3.3 for the case of the EFM PCS.

CI 45 SC 45 P 108 L 8 # 259
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 p339 lines 49 to 53 implies that this register is remotely readable. Add O: and R: to register description. For remote reads, provide a 3.x.y register into which the remote read values are placed such that they can be read by local device management. Scrub clause 45 for all such instances and match up with clause 61, 62, and 63.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Implement.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 C61 is wrong. This register is not remotely readable. No mechanism exists to make it so.

CI 45 SC 45 P 80 L 1 # 219
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Need to support the generic 3.0.14 bit for loopback in generic register: PCS control 1.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add support for EFM Cu PCS 3.0.14 bit to 45.2.3.1.2
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45 P 80 L 1 # 220
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Need to support the generic 3.1.7 bit for fault in generic register: PCS status 1.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add support for fault to EFM Cu PCS 3.1.7 bit to 45.2.3.2.1. Also be nice to add a short summary to 45.2.3 and in Clause 61 that states which bits apply to EFM Cu, since most people assume Clause 45 applies and is specific only to 10Gig.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Addressed in comment 1082.

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CI 45 SC 45 P 80 L 1 # 218
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

In Clause 45, I can not find the text: buffer_head_coding_violation_counter, FEC_corrected_blocks_counter, or FEC_uncorrected_blocks_counter. These signals are used to increment the associated counter. See p508.

SuggestedRemedy

Add text buffer_head_coding_violation_counter, FEC_corrected_blocks_counter, or FEC_uncorrected_blocks_counter to aid users when searching for text strings. State that "text" is used to increment the counter. Add counters if missing.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Add a buffer_head_coding_violation counter to C45. Adjust the PICS appropriately.

Take the existing FEC corrected/uncorrected counters and point them also at p508. Ie, they no longer apply just to EFM.

Either get C65 to change the counters to 32 bits, or specify that only the lower 16 bits are used when dealing with *name* FEC. What do we call this thing anyway?

CI 45 SC 45 P 80 L 4 # 620
 Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The Working Group chair considers the assignment of registers as substantive, and will require WG recirculation prior to progressing the draft to Sponsor Ballot.

SuggestedRemedy

Assign the numbers before the "last" recirculation.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Assign numbers now.

Same as 1256.

CI 45 SC 45 P 80 L 8 # 1256
 Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

We didn't withhold register addresses on the registers in the initial clause 45. It seems pointless to do so now since, if we are consistent with the rest of the clause, the registers will be numbered in order as they appear in the table and the order of the subclauses will be the same as the order in the table. To do otherwise would be unfriendly to the reader. Unless the plan is to scramble the registers in the table and their corresponding subclauses before sponsor ballot, one can therefore determine the register addresses by looking at the order in the table.

We have made mistakes in register numbering before and we need to have the numbers inserted so they can be checked and rechecked.

SuggestedRemedy

Assign the addresses.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Assign the addresses for the next draft.

CI 45 SC 45.1 P 80 L 14 # 566
 Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Changes to the existing paragraph would make the readability much easier.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the third paragraph to read:
 This extension to the MDIO interface is applicable to the following:
 - Implementations that operate at speeds of 10 Gb/s and above,
 - Implementations of 10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL subscriber network Physical layer devices.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.1.2 P 80 L 22 # 567
Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The suggested edit could be performed in a much simpler manner with a service to humanity involved.

SuggestedRemedy

Change edit to read:
Delete "10 Gb/s" from the first paragraph.

Show the change in the text.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2 P 80 L 28 # 569
Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The 10PASS-TS and R-PMA/PMD are not separately manageable devices, but are instead part of the PMA/PMD manageable devices.

SuggestedRemedy

Roll the 10PASS-T tone table and R-PMA/PMD registers into the PMA/PMD section of the clause. Hint: put the tone table after the R-PMA/PMD. Delete the edit on pg 80, line 31. Move edit on pg 80, line 36 to be a note for Table 45-2. Delete edits from Table 45-1. Add R-PMA/PMD registers to Table 45-2 starting at 1.52. Add tone table registers to Table 45-2 starting at 1.64. Renumber 45.2.99 to be 45.2.1.51. Renumber 45.2.98 to be 45.2.1.52. Add reserved bits to Table 45-2 in the gaps.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

Even though the tone table and R-PMA/PMD are not separately manageable, placing them in their own MMDs makes a lot of sense.

For the R-PMA/PMD registers, this allows the register addresses for the remote to match with those in the local. Also, since the parameters being accessed actually `_do_` exist in a separately manageable device, use of a separate MMD is appropriate. See also the response to comment 1227.

The tone table is a huge block of registers that may actually grow in future versions of the standard as MCM technology improves. Placing the tone table into it's own MMD gives it room. Also, the math to compute the appropriate register is a little easier if there is no offset.

CI 45 SC 45.2 P 80 L 34 # 1227
Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

R-PMA/PMD is a confusing name. This is especially true since 10GBASE-R is a name of a 10 Gig PHY so it looks like a name for the PMA/PMD used with that PHY family.

Also far too many references are made to this new concept before it is explained what a remote PMA/PMD is.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the name to something else such as Remote-PMA/PMD

Add a figure and explanation of the concept to 45.1 or 45.2.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

R-PMA/PMD becomes Remote-PMA/PMD.

The individual MMDs are not described specifically in 45.2 Rather than explain the R-PMA/PMD twice, add a cross ref in 45.2 to the explanation in 45.2.99.

Add a figure to 45.2.99. The figure depicts the MMD stack as in Figure 45-1 with the remote MMD stack next to it. Show that the Remote-PMA/PMD MMD sits parallel to the PMA/PMD MMD.

CI 45 SC 45.2 P 80 L 42 # 568
Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Invalid reference.

SuggestedRemedy

Cross-reference to 61.1.5.5 does not exist. Change to be 61.1.5.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2 P 80 L 42 # 757
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Cross Reference 61.1.5.5 does not exist

SuggestedRemedy
 cross reference to 61.1 , page 320

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

same as 568

CI 45 SC 45.2 P 80 L 43 # 221
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Bad cross reference.

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

same as 568

CI 45 SC 45.2.1 P 81 L 23 # 570
 Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Registers 1.0, 1.1 are the primary PMA/PMD control and status registers, respectively, yet there is nothing in them that specifies that this is a 10PASS-TS or 2BASE-TL device.

SuggestedRemedy
 Add bit 1.1.8, EFM enabled, 1=10PASE-TS or 2BASE-TL device present, 0=10PASS-TS or 2BASE-TL device not present, RO. Define the bit in 45.2.1.2.1, increment the bits that follow.

Add sentence to end of first paragraph of 45.2.1.1.3:
 If 1.1.8 is set to one, the values set in 1.0.13, 1.0.6 and 1.0.5:2 shall be ignored.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

do response to 1267 instead.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1 P 81 L 27 # 1257
 Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 This replaces a row covering 32 752 registers with rows for less than 25 registers.
 What happened to the rest of the registers?

This comment also applies to 45.2.3 page 104 ine 5.

SuggestedRemedy
 Add a row to the table for the reserved registers.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1 P 81 L 37 # 571
 Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Control register comes before a status register.

SuggestedRemedy
 Move entries in Table 45-2. Change 45.2.1.12 to be 45.2.1.32, move 45.2.1.11 to be 45.2.1.33, increment all following registers accordingly.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The status register is going away anyway as in comment 1267

CI 45 SC 45.2.1 P 81 L 37 # 572
 Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Number the registers.

SuggestedRemedy
 Numbering for the registers should start at 1.32 and increment from there. This will not overlap on the 10G register space that goes to 1.15, plus permit other 10G registers to fit in more smoothly if required.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1 P 81 L 42 # 78

Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Can the "10P FEC correctable errors counter" and "10P FEC uncorrectable errors counter" be combined with any equivalent for 65.2 FEC?

This comment duplicated against 45.2.1 and 65.2.

SuggestedRemedy

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Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to 218

CI 45 SC 45.2.1 P 82 L 27 # 1082

Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Need to add the reserved registers to the end of the new entries.

SuggestedRemedy

Add a new row to the end of this table that reads register address '1.x through 1.32 767' and Register name 'Reserved'.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1 P 94 L 22 # 823

Beili, Edward Actelis Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

A mechanism for the transmission of remote 2B PM registers is not specified.

SuggestedRemedy

Specify the mechanism underlying the retrieval of such remote statistics (Status/Full Status request, Performance Status SHDSL EOC messages).

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Need some more reference material from the STF. Should be able to get this in Ancona.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.11 P 83 L 20 # 327

Simon, Scott Cisco Systems, Inc.

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The "Handshake result" bit is not needed. Handshake is only used to perform the PAF Discovery function.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove references to "Handshake result." Mark those bits as reserved.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.11 P 83 L 20 # 950

O'Mahony, Barry Intel Corp.

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Changes are needed to align with PAF functions in Clause 61.

SuggestedRemedy

see omahony_4_0903.pdf

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.11 P 83 L 8 # 222

Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Table title differs from p81 line 38.

SuggestedRemedy

Add "/PMD" to table title.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.11.2 P 83 L 33 # 223

Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Bit 15 should be bit 14.

SuggestedRemedy

bit 15 should be bit 14

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1.11.2 P 83 L 33 # 363
 Cravens, George Mindspeed
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 The description applies to bit 14, bit says bit 15.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change text to read:
 "A one in bit 14 indicates" ...
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.11.3 P 83 L 38 # 224
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Bit 11 s/b bit 1; no cross reference to signal name.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Line 38: bit 11 s/b bit 1
 map name: PMA_receive_synchronized to MMD bit as in: "This bit reflects the status of the signal pma_rcv_synchronized as described in 61.x.y, 62.x.y for 10P, 63.x.y for 2P."
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This bit goes away! Cross with Pat's comment

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.11.3 P 83 L 38 # 759
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Bit 11 is the wrong bit.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change to bit 1.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.11.4 P 83 L 43 # 364
 Cravens, George Mindspeed
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 The description of the handshake result refers to "bit 9". It seems that the text should refer to "bit 0". Also, the "result of the handshake operation" needs a reference to a sub-clause that provides a more detailed explanation of the operation.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change the text to refer to bit 0 (instead of 9), and add a cross reference to the description of the handshake operation.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.11.4 P 83 L 43 # 760
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Bit 9 is the wrong bit.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change to bit 0.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.11.4 P 83 L 43 # 225
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Bit 9 s/b bit 0
 SuggestedRemedy
 Bit 9 s/b bit 0
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.12.1 P 84 L 1 # 226
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Table title differs from p81 line 40
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add "/PMD" to table title.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1.12.1 P 84 L 53 # 1259

Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

A write that sets the PMD to an unadvertised type is meaning less and should not be allowed to succeed.

SuggestedRemedy

A PMD may ignore... should be "A PMD shall ignore"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.12.2 P 84 L 29 # 365

Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Bit 12 (the PMA/PMD link control) seems to conflict with bit 10 (handshake control). Bit 12 should be able to force the link down (by writing a "0"), but writing a "1" should be ignored since the handshake control bit is used to start the handshake process (which leads to initiating link).

SuggestedRemedy

Change the text both in Table 45-4 line 10 and in sub-clause 45.2.1.12.2:

Table 45-4:

- 0 = Link down (read), write to 0 forces link down.
- 1 = Handshake/link initiation in progress (read), writes ignored.

Sub-clause 45.2.1.12.2:

Change the text to read:

The PMA/PMD link can be forced down by writing a "0" to bit 12. To initiate a link, write a "1" to bit 10 (handshake control). The PHY shall ignore a write to this bit if handshake is in progress (bit 10), and will always ignore writing a "1".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

All good except for handshake control is going away as in 328

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.12.2 P 84 L 30 # 359

Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Why is the bit ignored during handshake? Why doesn't it just terminate the handshake and take the link down?

SuggestedRemedy

If this bit is cleared while a handshake is in progress (bit 10), the PHY shall terminate the handshaking procedures and take the link down.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.12.3 P 84 L 13 # 328

Simon, Scott Cisco Systems, Inc.

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The "Handshake control" bit is not needed. Handshake is only used by the PAF discovery function and therefore the PAF discovery registers are enough for this feature

SuggestedRemedy

Remove the "Handshake control" bit text. Mark table entries as reserved

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.12.3 P 84 L 30 # 358

Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type E Comment Status D

What happens if you set this to 1 when the link is active? Does this force the link down (same as 1.x.12 to 0 then 1)?

SuggestedRemedy

Add: Setting this bit to 1 while it is 0 causes the link to go down and reinitialize

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1.13 P 84 L 43 # 227

Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Loss of link should be when link transitions from up to down, not just when status is down.

SuggestedRemedy

Loss of link is when link transitions from up to down.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.14 P 85 L 4 # 366

Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The behavior of the 10P FEC correctable errors register should be consistent with the link loss register (and others). To be consistent, the register should be reset to all zeroes upon read by a management function, and the bits should be held at all ones in the case of overflow.

SuggestedRemedy

Insert the following text between "all zeroes" and "upon execution":
(match the text on line 44, pg. 84, sub-clause 45.2.1.13)

"when the register is read by the management function or"

Add the following sentence before line 5:
"These bits shall be held at all ones in the case of overflow."

In Table 45-6, lines 13 & 14, add "NR" in the R/W* column.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

32-bit counters are not currently handled this way.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.15 P 85 L 21 # 367

Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The behavior of the 10P FEC uncorrectable errors register should be consistent with the link loss register (and others). To be consistent, the register should be reset to all zeroes upon read by a management function, and the bits should be held at all ones in the case of overflow.

SuggestedRemedy

Insert the following text between "all zeroes" and "upon execution":
(match the text on line 44, pg. 84, sub-clause 45.2.1.13)

"when the register is read by the management function or"

Add the following sentence before line 22:
"These bits shall be held at all ones in the case of overflow."

In Table 45-7, lines 29 & 31, add "NR" in the R/W* column.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

32-bit counters are not currently handled this way.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.16.1 P 86 L 5 # 228

Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Bad cross reference

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Should be 62.3.4.2.2

same as 369

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1.16.1 P 86 L 5 # 369

Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The cross reference is incorrect. There is no clause 62.5.4.1.4.
The reference should be to clause 62.3.4.2.2

SuggestedRemedy

Change the cross reference to 62.3.4.2.2

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.17 P 86 L 17 # 370

Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The MMD at address 6 is called the 10Pass-TS tone table in Table 45-1.

SuggestedRemedy

Change text (two places in the same line) to "10Pass-TS tone table".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.18.1 P 86 L 49 # 230

Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Bad cross reference.

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Should be 62.2.4.1

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.18.1 P 86 L 53 # 231

Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Bad cross reference.

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Should be 62.2.4.2.2

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.22.2 P 88 L 44 # 233

Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Bad cross reference. There is no text "frame size" in 62.2.4.5

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

62.2.4.5 includes the reference to T1.424 part 3, clause 9.3.5 which specifies DMT VDSL framing

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.23 P 89 L 49 # 1262

Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

This appears to be two registers not 1.

Comment also applies to 45.2.1.20, 45.2.1.26, 45.2.1.27 and other places.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the text so that one register address is one register in all of Clause 45. A 32-bit quantity is two registers.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1.25.2 P 90 L 7 # 1261
 Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Shouldn't EOC be VOC?

Also applies to 45.2.1.22.2

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.25.2 P 90 L 8 # 235
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Title uses VOC, text uses EOC

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.27 P 90 L 52 # 1263
 Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 There is no reason to pack the values this way and we avoided doing this in creating the original register definitions. There are two instances here of a less than 16 bit value crossing registers.

Also, note that there is a typo in PSD level as the register value begins 2.x rather than 1.x.

SuggestedRemedy

Redefine so that a whole value is in a single register unless the value requires more than 16 bits.

Also fix the typo on PSD level.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.29 P 92 L 1 # 237
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 As p91, line 1 seems to be for the bits assigned by and for the local PMD, where is the table and register assigned for bits read from the remote PMA, the link partner.

SuggestedRemedy
 Assign register for bits accessed from remote PMD

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

The values in table 45-18 are set for individual tones. Bit 1.x.14 chooses the direction of that tone.

When the value for an US tone is changed, the -O PHY can send a message to the -R PHY to make the change.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.29 P 92 L 1 # 238
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 This table has no bit assigned for local fault and/or the local device PCS link status for passing to remote PCS. The indicator bits need to support a remote fault status bit from the PCS on the transmit path, and a local fault status bit on the receive path

SuggestedRemedy
 Assign

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See also 376

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1.29 P 92 L 3 # 376
 Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The description of the 10P indicator bits status register claims that it conveys both state of the bits being sent over the link by the local PMA, and those received on the link from the remote PMA. It cannot do both (all the bits are labeled "link partner" in Table 45-20).

SuggestedRemedy

Change text to correctly describe what the bits in Table 45-20 are showing (probably the remote PMA's status).

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Make a duplicate register that shows the local status of the IBs being sent.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.30 P 92 L 49 # 240
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

If the selected parameters are sent to the link partner, provide a cross-reference to where this process is described. I can find no map between table 45-21 bits for Annexes and corresponding NPAR or SPAR fields in Clause 61.

SuggestedRemedy

Provide text cross reference. Provide map from the black magic of Clause 45 registers and bits to all black magic Clause 61 NPAR or SPAR fields.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Need input from STF SHDSL experts on what to write.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.30 P 92 L 50 # 377
 Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Move the cross reference note on pg. 93 line 28 (sub-clause 45.2.1.31) to here since this is the first 2B PMA/PMD register. (The note points to the G.994.1 signalling description.)

SuggestedRemedy

Move the cross reference note on pg. 93 line 28 (sub-clause 45.2.1.31) to here since this is the first 2B PMA/PMD register. (The note points to the G.994.1 signalling description.)

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.32 P 93 L 50 # 822
 Beili, Edward Actelis Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The mechanism for a transmission of remote 2B Rx SNR value is not specified.

SuggestedRemedy

Specify (possibly in Clause 63) that the Remote SNR value shall be transmitted via EOC as specified in G.991.2 (Status Request and SNR/Status SHDSL EOC messages).

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.32 P 93 L 51 # 867
 Kimpe, Marc Adtran

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

- a) Clause 45 refers to an SNR register. Usually, one refers to an SNR Margin register since the SNR Margin is what people care about.
 - b) clause 45.2.1.32 contains a one-line subclause 45.2.1.32.1. The information in that subclause could be entered into Table 45-23 and result in a more elegant document.
 - c) if you really believe someone claiming that they can measure an SNR or SNR Margin with an accuracy of 0.25dB, may I interest you in some nice swamp land in Alabama that could make a real swell investement opportunity.
 - d) whether the register contains an SNR or SNR margin measurement, there needs to be a reference to a section that define the term.
- I realize that those are really 4 separate comments but since they are dependent on one another, I grouped them.

SuggestedRemedy

- a) In 45.2.1.32 change all SNR notations to SNR Margin notations (6 of them if I can count).
- b) remove 45.2.1.32.1
- c) change the 0.25 dB notation to a dB notation and the description field of table 45-23 to "S:= Value of SNR Margin in dB".
- d) add a CROSSREF to either section 63.2.2.3 (which is a new section I propose in another comment) or to the section that will refer to the management functions of 2BASE-TL.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Crocodile farms can be quite lucrative!

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1.33 P 94 L 19 # 868
 Kimpe, Marc Adtran

Comment Type T Comment Status D

There needs to be a reference to a section that defines the attenuation threshold and SNR margin threshold.

SuggestedRemedy

Add a CROSSREF to either section 63.2.2.3 (which is a new section I propose in another comment) or to the section that will refer to the management functions of 2BASE-TL.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Will follow the resolution of the 63.2.2.3 comment

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.34 P 94 L 49 # 241
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Bad cross reference. I can find no text for CRC or anomaly in 63.2..2.1.

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change reference to new clause referring to 2BASE-TL management as commented in by Marc Kimpe

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.34 P 94 L 49 # 869
 Kimpe, Marc Adtran

Comment Type T Comment Status D

We agreed to include G.991.2 as reference. This subclause incorporates text from G.991.2. The text should be referred, not included.

SuggestedRemedy

Strike the first paragraph and add a reference at the end of the 1st line of the second paragraph.

The reference can either be explicitly to section 9.2.1 of G.991.2 where the CRC anomaly is defined OR (better still) add a CROSSREF to either section 63.2.2.3 (which is a new section I propose in another comment) or to the section that will refer to the management functions of 2BASE-TL.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.34 P 94 L 54 # 368
 Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The behavior of the 2B FEC code violation errors register should be consistent with the link loss register (and others). To be consistent, the register should be reset to all zeroes upon read by a management function, and the bits should be held at all ones in the case of overflow.

SuggestedRemedy

Insert the following text between "all zeroes" and "upon an":
 (match the text on line 44, pg. 84, sub-clause 45.2.1.13)

"when the register is read by the management function or"

Add the following sentence as the next line:

"These bits shall be held at all ones in the case of overflow."

In Table 45-25, lines 13 & 15, add "NR" in the R/W* column.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

32-bit counters are not currently handled this way.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.35 P 95 L 18 # 870
 Kimpe, Marc Adtran

Comment Type T Comment Status D

We agreed to include G.991.2 as reference. This subclause incorporates text from G.991.2. The text should be referred, not included.

SuggestedRemedy

Strike the first paragraph. Change the first line of the 2nd paragraph to "This 16-bit counter contains the number of Errored Seconds (see CROSSREF XXX)" where XXX is a reference. The reference can either be explicitly to section 9.3.2 of G.991.2 where the ES is defined OR (better still) add a CROSSREF to either section 63.2.2.3 (which is a new section I propose in another comment) or to the section that will refer to the management functions of 2BASE-TL.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1.35 P 95 L 21 # 242
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 As only synch mode is allowed, wny even mention.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Remove text "In synchronous mode, "
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.36 P 95 L 50 # 871
 Kimpe, Marc Adtran
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 We agreed to include G.991.2 as reference. This subclause incorporates text from G.991.2. The text should be refered, not included.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change the current text from:
 "The 2B severely errored seconds register is a 16-bit counter that contains the number of 1-second intervals during which at least 50 CRC anomalies are declared or one or more LOSW defects are declared. (50 CRC anomalies during a 1-second interval is equivalent to a 30% errored frame rate for a nominal frame length (see CROSS REF 63.2.2.1). " to "This 16-bit counter contains the number of severely errored seconds (see CROSS REF XXX). " where XXX is a reference. The reference can either be explicitly to section 9.3.3 of G.991.2 where the SES is defined OR (better still) add a CROSSREF to either section 63.2.2.3 (which is a new section I propose in another comment) or to the section that will refer to the management functions of 2BASE-TL.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.36 P 95 L 53 # 243
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Appears to be a bad reference. I can find no text in 63.2.2.1 for "errored seconds"
 SuggestedRemedy
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Reference should be 63.2.2.3, as defined in a comment by Michael Horvat. See comment 868.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.37 P 96 L 19 # 872
 Kimpe, Marc Adtran
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 We agreed to include G.991.2 as reference. This subclause incorporates text from G.991.2. The text should be refered, not included.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change the current text from:
 "The 2B loss of sync seconds register is a 16-bit counter that contains the number of 1-second intervals during which one or more 2BASE-TL LOSW defects are declared, as in (CROSS REF 63.2.2.1)."
 "This 16-bit counter contains the number of loss of sync seconds (see CROSS REF XXX). "
 where XXX is a reference. The reference can either be explicitly to section 9.3.4 of G.991.2 where the SES is defined OR (better still) add a CROSSREF to either section 63.2.2.3 (which is a new section I propose in another comment) or to the section that will refer to the management functions of 2BASE-TL.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.37 P 96 L 20 # 244
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Appears to be a bad reference. I can find no text on "loss of sync" here. Same for p96, line48 on "unavailable seconds".
 SuggestedRemedy
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

The signals are present in the reference text. See G.991 Clauses 9.3.5 and 7.1.2.5.4

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1.38 P 96 L 42 # 873
 Kimpe, Marc Adtran

Comment Type T Comment Status D

We agreed to include G.991.2 as reference. This subclause incorporates text from G.991.2. The text should be referred, not included.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the current text from:

"The 2B unavailable seconds register is a 16-bit counter that contains the number 1-second intervals for which the 2BASE-TL PMA/PMD is unavailable. The 2BASE-TL line becomes unavailable at the onset of 10 contiguous severely errored seconds. The 10 severely errored seconds are included in the unavailable time. Once unavailable, the 2BASE-TL line becomes available at the onset of 10 contiguous seconds with no severely errored seconds. The 10 s with no severely errored seconds are excluded from unavailable time. These bits shall be set to all zeros when the register is read by management or upon an MMD reset. These bits shall be held at all ones in case of overflow. See (CROSS REF 63.2.2.1)"

to

"This 16-bit counter contains the number of unavailable seconds (see CROSS REF XXX). These bits shall be set to all zeros when the register is read by management or upon an MMD reset. These bits shall be held at all ones in case of overflow. where XXX is a reference. The reference can either be explicitly to section 9.3.5 of G.991.2 where the SES is defined OR (better still) add a CROSSREF to either section 63.2.2.3 (which is a new section I propose in another comment) or to the section that will refer to the management functions of 2BASE-TL.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.39 P 97 L 15 # 379
 Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The 2B state defects register bits should be cleared to zero upon MMD reset.

SuggestedRemedy

Add the following text to the description of the bits of the register (45.2.1.39.1 through 45.2.1.39.4), after "by the STA":

"or upon MMD reset"

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.39 P 97 L 38 # 874
 Kimpe, Marc Adtran

Comment Type T Comment Status D

We agreed to include G.991.2 as reference. This subclause incorporates text from G.991.2. The text should be referred, not included.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove subclauses 45.2.1.39.1 to 45.2.1.39.4.

Add "Those bits are cleared to zero when read by the STA" in 45.2.1.39.

Add "See CROSS REF XXX" in 45.2.1.39.

where XXX is a reference. The reference can either be explicitly to section 9.2.3 to 9.2.6 of G.991.2 where those terms are defined OR (better still) add a CROSSREF to either section 63.2.2.3 (which is a new section I propose in another comment) or to the section that will refer to the management functions of 2BASE-TL.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.39.1 P 97 L 40 # 712
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

According to clause 63.2.2 2BASE-TL does not support the use of regenerators. Therefore, this register will always remain zero.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove segment defect register.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.39.2 P 97 L 47 # 713
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D

SNR margin will be set using 2B line quality thresholds register (Table 45-24).

SuggestedRemedy

Add a note that SNR margin will be set using 2B line quality register.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.1.39.3 P 98 L 3 # 714
Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Loop attenuation threshold will be configured in 2B line quality thresholds register (Table 45-24).

SuggestedRemedy

Add a footnote that the configured loop attenuation threshold will be set in 2B line quality thresholds register.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.1.39.4 P 98 L 8 # 715
Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Define minimum interval for clearing LOSW defect.

SuggestedRemedy

The G.991.2 standard (SHDSL) specifies a time between 2 and 20 seconds. Therefore, set a minimum interval for LOSW defect of 2 seconds.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.11.4 P 83 L 39 # 357
Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

I'm not sure what the value of the result should be when the handshake is happening. The last result? Unsuccessful (e.g. not completed successfully)?

SuggestedRemedy

Add sentence: During the handshaking operation, the PHY shall set this value to 0 pending the handshake completion.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.2.16 P 98 L 11 # 1080
Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

It isn't clear why the text being removed here can be removed without impacting existing implementations.

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

The removed text is superceded by global text in C45 stating the same thing. 802.3ah introduces many 32-bit counters. Comments on previous drafts requested that this text be moved to a global location.

See 45.2 in Draft 2.0, page 80, line 46.

CI 45 SC 45.2.2.16 P 98 L 12 # 1264
Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Note that these section numbers are not right. The referenced sections are 45.2.2.14 and 45.2.2.15.

The primary issue is that these changes are not correct. WIS used a valid method to define counters that span two registers. There is no reason to change the existing text and the change creates the problem that the two reads may not return consistent values.

Also, these are not in scope for .3ah.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete the changes to 45.2.2

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See 1080.

45.2 in Draft 2.0, page 80, line 46.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.2.16 P 98 L 12 # 380

Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type T Comment Status D

There are two 45.2.2.16 sub clauses, and neither of them should be here. The first is really 45.2.2.14, and the second is 45.2.2.15, but they are both correct in the 802.3ae-2002 document, so delete mention of them here.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete both of the sub-clauses numbered 45.2.2.16.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See 1080. The text in these subclauses is correct, but is superceded by new text in 45.2, Draft 2.0, page 80, line 46.

CI 45 SC 45.2.2.16 P 98 L 12 # 1079

Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Subclause 45.2.2.16 is not '10G WIS far end line BIP errors (Registers 2.55 and 2.56)' nor is subclause 45.2.2.16 is not '10G WIS line BIP errors (Registers 2.57 and 2.58)' - see IEEE Std 802.3ae.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the first subclause 45.2.2.16 to be 45.2.2.14. Change the second subclause 45.2.2.16 to be 45.2.2.15.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.2.16 P 98 L 14 # 573

Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Edit instructions should show the change in the affected text.

SuggestedRemedy

Show the strikethroughs on the affected text.

The first 45.2.2.16 should be 45.2.2.14.

Same would apply to the second 45.2.2.16 which should be 45.2.2.15.

Word of caution, these headings in draft D2.0 are not the same as in 802.3ae. Watch the case.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Good idea. See also 1080

CI 45 SC 45.2.3 P 104 L 1 # 248

Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Move PCS registers to end of p98 such that MMD 3.x comes after 1.x and before 6.x. This keeps registers in numerical order.

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3 P 104 L 14 # 574

Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Number the registers.

SuggestedRemedy

Start the numbering at 3.64.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.3 P 104 L 38 # 1081
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Need to add the reserved registers to the end of the new entries.

SuggestedRemedy

Add a new row to the end of this table that reads register address '3.x through 3.32 767' and Register name 'Reserved'.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3 P 104 L 40 # 575
 Booth, Brad Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Registers 3.0, 3.1 are the primary PCS control and status registers, respectively, yet there is nothing in them that specifies that this is a 10PASS-TS or 2BASE-TL device.

SuggestedRemedy

Add bit 3.1.8, EFM enabled, 1=10PASE-TS or 2BASE-TL device present, 0=10PASS-TS or 2BASE-TL device not present, RO. Define the bit in 45.2.3.2.1, increment the bits that follow.

Add sentence to end of first paragraph of 45.2.3.1.4:
 If 3.1.8 is set to one, the values set in 3.0.13, 3.0.6 and 3.0.5:2 shall be ignored.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See also response to 1082

CI 45 SC 45.2.3 P 104 L 6 # 1084
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Are there not additional changes required for the MMD PCS registers to support 2BASE-TL and 10PASS-TS. Looking at the contents of the MMD PCS mandatory registers (see 45.5.5.7), what for example should the Speed Selection bits (3.0.5:2) in the MMD PCS register be set to. At the moment the only speed available seems to be 10Gb/s.

SuggestedRemedy

Add additional changes to Clause 45 as necessary to support 2BASE-TL and 10PASS-TS.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Update C45 PICS to separate 10G PCS registers and 2B/10P PCS registers.

The following changes are needed to existing general PCS registers:

3.0 -- speed selection bits 13 & 6: remove "10Gbps and higher", bits are reserved at one for compatability

-- bits 5:2, add row in table for the 10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL PCS (speed variable, speed controlled automatically by the speed of the attached PMA/PMD, as selected in 1.0)

3.1 -- this register applies to 10B/2P. Bit 2, is already amended properly in 802.3ah D2.0

3.2:3 -- this register applies unchanged to 10P/2B, no text needed

3.4 -- add a row to the table refering to the 10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL PCS. Note that the speed is determined by the attached PMA/PMD

3.5:6 -- applies unchanged. The R-PMA/PMD and tone table devices are virtual and are required when the device supports 10PASS-TS and or 2BASE-TL.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.3 P 81 L 23 # 1267
Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The existing registers need to be dealt with. Registers 3.0, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.14, and 3.15 are defined as general registers. Therefore, they will apply to 10PASS-T and 10PASS-T devices. Text must be added to the existing subclauses to clarify how they are applied to the new PCS's.

SuggestedRemedy

Provide the necessary information.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See 1082

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.17 P 105 L 10 # 1085
Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Typo.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest '... Only,, NR ...' should read '... Only, NR ...'.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.17 P 105 L 15 # 725
Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Reference not correct

SuggestedRemedy

Adjust reference to clause 61.2.3.3.3 (page 347,line 3)

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.17 P 105 L 15 # 253
Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

I note that the task force has chosen to update the 100 BASE and 1Gig PCSs for the coding violation counter, but has not updated the 10 Gig clauses such as Clause 48 and 49 to include coding violation counter.

SuggestedRemedy

Treat all historical, legacy PHYs equally. Update all or none. Thus include update of Clause 48 and 49 to include coding violation counter. What is a coding violation for 10 BASE-T, for 10 BASE-F.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

Philosophically, the commenter may be correct, but the suggested remedy is too vague.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.18 P 105 L 38 # 770
Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D

"PAF supported" is called "PAF_available" at other places

SuggestedRemedy

"change to PAF_available;adapt name also in 45.2.3.18.4"

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.18 P 105 L 40 # 771
Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Information about remote side is contained in local register. For PMA/PMD-Registers there is a remote register set defined (MMD7)

SuggestedRemedy

For consistency reasons: Define a Remote PCS-Register-Set (MMD8)

MMD8 is especially important for remote access to error counters, see table 45-201

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

The EFM PMA/PMD layers already include a mechanism for transmitting their remote parameters, counters and status across the link so that the R-PMA/PMD register may work. The EFM PCS does not have a mechanism for retrieving remote PCS information.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.3.18 P 105 L 43 # 254
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

P339 indicates that the PAF enable on the remote can be read by the central office.
 Should 3.x.10 be a R/O on CPE and R/W remotely per p339. If r/w remotely, then what register holds the remote value that is to be sent to the remote.

SuggestedRemedy
 Implement.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Actually, the intent was for bit 3.x.11 to reflect if PAF was either unsupported or disabled (it appears the same to the CO). Add clarifying text to 45.2.3.18.5

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.18 P 106 L 4 # 255
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Bad cross reference; also prove actual clause 61 signal name.

SuggestedRemedy

In a PCS that I believe has no uniqueness between use in a Central Office vs use in a Remote, I do want to see the name of the signal to the PCS layer that provides such uniqueness. Also want to see text in Clause 61 that details such uniqueness. This will provide fodder for next round of comments.

Since the PCS has no uniqueness, one of the lower layers must have such uniqueness. Provide here, and in Clause 61, signal names which cross the alpha-beta to set Central Office vs Remote operation.

Scrub clauses 45, 61, 62, and 63 to ensure that all signals have a complete path from MMD register all the way to the affected destination.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

This comment is mis-classified as an editorial. Should be technical.

The PCS is unique from CO to CPE because the CPE contains the PAF discover registers and the CO does not. I do not think the lower layers need to be aware of what type of PCS is present, therefore we don't need signals across the interfaces.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.18 P 106 L 4 # 772
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D

wrong crossreferences
 same holds for lines 9, 15, 21 and 28

SuggestedRemedy
 delete crossreferences

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Cross ref will be replaced with 61.1

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.18.3 P 106 L 10 # 256
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

p106 line 10: provide actual clause 61 signal name
 p106 line 15: provide actual clause 61 signal name
 p106 line 22: provide actual clause 61 signal name
 p106 line 28: provide actual clause 61 signal name, correct bad cross reference

SuggestedRemedy
 Implement

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.18.5 P 106 L 22 # 925
 Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The cross reference for the Remote PAF bit is incorrect.

SuggestedRemedy

Change cross reference to: Table 61-21 for 10Pass-TS and Table 61-50 for 2Base-TL.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.3.18.6 P 106 L 27 # 773

Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

"while link is active" should be described more concrete. Which signal should have which value?

SuggestedRemedy

Add required information: TC_synchronized? Data mode reached?

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

How about TC_synchronized?

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.19.2 P 107 L 6 # 926

Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type T Comment Status D

For PHYs that only support MII, the Tx_En and CRS infer collision bit is unneeded. Add text stating that the bit will default to a supported mode, and writes to unsupported modes are ignored.

SuggestedRemedy

Add text:

This bit will default to a supported mode, and writes to unsupported modes will be ignored.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.2.2 P 104 L 42 # 768

Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D

wrong crossref.

SuggestedRemedy

Crossref to 61.2.3.3.7, signal "TC_synchronized"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.2.2 P 104 L 42 # 249

Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

This bit should be a Latching Low version of PCS link status, just like in 802.3ae. Actual present link status should be in another 3.x.y, just like in 802.3ae. For the new 3.x.y register, reference the PCS signal TC_Sync'd.

SuggestedRemedy

Implement

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The written behavior definition does not mesh with the original .3ae latched low behavior. The comment is correct.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.2.2 P 104 L 47 # 250

Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Text ", The" should be lower case for "the"

SuggestedRemedy

Lower case

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.2.2 P 104 L 47 # 251

Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Bad cross reference.

SuggestedRemedy

61.2.3.3.7

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 **SC 45.2.3.2.2** **P 104** **L 48** # **1083**
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type **T** **Comment Status** **D**
 Suggest that a particular state in a State Diagram should be referenced in relation to the text '.. function is synchronized.'

SuggestedRemedy
 See comment.

Proposed Response **Response Status** **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

TC_synchronized as in Figure 61-19.

CI 45 **SC 45.2.3.20** **P 107** **L 7** # **257**
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type **E** **Comment Status** **D**
 Add text "3.45, 3.46" to clause title.
 Also, someplace in the text prove actual clause 61 signal name or names.

SuggestedRemedy
 Implement.

Proposed Response **Response Status** **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Clause 61.2.2.7.3 needs a little rewrite so that the registers are actually defined in C61 and then C45 can be changed accordingly to be a window into these registers. As the text appears now, the register is wholly defined in C45.

CI 45 **SC 45.2.3.21** **P 107** **L 43** # **258**
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type **E** **Comment Status** **D**
 Add text "3.47, 3.48" to clause title.
 Also, someplace in the text prove actual clause 61 signal name or names.

SuggestedRemedy
 Implement.

Proposed Response **Response Status** **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Clause 61.2.2.7.3 needs a little rewrite so that the registers are actually defined in C61 and then C45 can be changed accordingly to be a window into these registers. As the text appears now, the register is wholly defined in C45.

CI 45 **SC 45.2.3.21** **P 107** **L 45** # **774**
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type **E** **Comment Status** **D**
 What is meant by "addressed PMI"? This register is available per PCS, not per PMI.

SuggestedRemedy
 change to "addressed PCS"

Proposed Response **Response Status** **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 **SC 45.2.3.21** **P 107** **L 49** # **775**
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type **E** **Comment Status** **D**
 Purpose of this paragraph is not clear.

SuggestedRemedy
 change to "The 10P/2B PMI_aggregate_register shall be available per PCS".

Proposed Response **Response Status** **W**
 PROPOSED REJECT.

The suggested remedy is not a clarification.

CI 45 **SC 45.2.3.21** **P 107** **L 54** # **726**
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type **T** **Comment Status** **D**
 Definition of PAF not clear if just 1 bit in PMI aggregate register is set.

SuggestedRemedy
 Add a note that PAF will be done if the corresponding bit in the PMI aggregate register is set (also applies if just 1 bit is set).

Proposed Response **Response Status** **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.3.22 P 108 L 17 # 948
O'Mahony, Barry Intel Corp.

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

This senction defines registers for remotely accessing the CPE remote_discovery_register. However, registers for accessing the CPE PMI_Aggregate_register are missing (in 61.2.2.7.3, it states this register is remotely accessible).

SuggestedRemedy

Add a subclause, substantially similar to 45.2.3.22, but defining registers to read and set the remote PMI_Aggregate_register

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

61.2.2.7.3 is wrong and we have no mechanism to transmit this over the link anyway. This should be removed from C61.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.22 P 108 L 26 # 329
Simon, Scott Cisco Systems, Inc.

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

More text is required to specify when this register may be used and the behavior of the bits.

SuggestedRemedy

Add the text:

"This register may only be accessed while link is down. Writes to this register while the link is up shall be ignored."

Change 3rd sentence of 45.2.3.18.5 to read:

"This bit shall be set accordingly follwing the completion of a 'Get' operation performed using the 10P/2B aggregation discovery control register"

Add the appropriate PICS entries to capture this behavior.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.22.1 P 108 L 54 # 928
Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type T Comment Status D

If PAF is not supported, the Discovery Operation bits should indicate "Ready" and ignore writes.

SuggestedRemedy

Add text:

If PAF is not supported, the Discovery Operation bits should indicate "Ready" (value = 01) and ignore writes.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.22.1 P 109 L 13 # 930
Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The Discovery Operation bits should return to the "Ready" state (value = 01) upon MMD Reset.

SuggestedRemedy

Add text:

The Discovery Operation bits should return to the "Ready" state (value = 01) upon MMD Reset.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.3.22.2 P 109 L 23 # 931

Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The Discovery Operation should have a time limit after which the Discovery Operation Result bit should be set to 1 (operation unsuccessful), and the Discovery Operation bits should be set to "ready" (value = 01).

A timeout will prevent the possibility of a hang-up on the interface due to corrupted responses, or mis/non-behaviour on the part of the link partner.

SuggestedRemedy

Add text:

If the Discovery Operation Result does not complete within a 3 second timeout, the Discovery Operation bit will be set to "1" (operation unsuccessful), and the Discovery Operation bits will be set to "01" (ready).

NOTE: The 3 second timeout value is simply a placeholder. A value must be specified (TBD is unacceptable), and any value agreed to by the appropriate experts is acceptable.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.22.2 P 109 L 23 # 929

Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type T Comment Status D

If PAF is not supported, the Discovery Operation Result bit should indicate "operation completed successfully" (value = 0) and ignore writes.

SuggestedRemedy

Add text:

If PAF is not supported, the Discovery Operation Result bit should indicate "operation completed successfully" (value = 0) and ignore writes.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.23 P 109 L 24 # 776

Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

aggregation_discovery_code_register: according to the description in chapter 61A, this register must be available per PMI, not per PCS.

SuggestedRemedy

move register into chapter 45.2.1 (PMA/PMD registers).

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

The register is accessed at the PCS level, as aggregation discovery is a PCS function. The register description text indicates that this register is unique to each PCS.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.23 P 109 L 37 # 932

Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Add reference to the clause 61 tables describing access to the remote values.

SuggestedRemedy

Add text:

(See Tables 61-41 through 61-48 for 10Pass-TS and Tables 61-111 through 61-118 for 2Base-TL.)

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.3.24 P 109 L 51 # 933
 Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The PAF error registers and the TPS-TC CRC error register should be part of the "-R" MMD set so that the "-O" PHY can access the information for debug.

SuggestedRemedy

Add text necessary to include the following registers in the "-R" MMD set:

- 10P/2B PAF Rx error register
- 10P/2B PAF small fragments register
- 10P/2B PAF large fragments register
- 10P/2B PAF overflow register
- 10P/2B PAF bad fragments register
- 10P/2B PAF lost fragments register
- 10P/2B PAF lost start of fragment register
- 10P/2B PAF lost end of fragment register
- 10P/2B TPS-TC CRC error registers

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

C61 does not provide a mechanism to read this information over the link, so we cannot provide registers to read them over the link

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.24 P 110 L 3 # 260
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

- p110 line 3 provide actual clause 61 signal name
- p110 line 19 bad cross reference, also provide actual clause 61 signal name
- p110 line 36 bad cross reference, also provide actual clause 61 signal name
- p110 line 54 bad cross reference, also provide actual clause 61 signal name
- p111 line 21 prove actual clause 61 signal name
- p111 line 36 bad cross reference, also prove actual clause 61 signal name
- p112 line 2 prove actual clause 61 signal name
- p112 line 20 prove actual clause 61 signal name

SuggestedRemedy

Implement

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.32 P 112 L 31 # 261
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Do not increment this counter if coding violation occurs.
 p112 line 34 bad cross reference, also prove actual clause 61 signal name
 p112 line 34 primitive s/b signal or variable
 Add text that if the coding violation counter is incremented, this counter is not incremented. This maintains the MIB philosophy that any given error increments one and only one management counter.

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.3.32 P 112 L 34 # 777
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D

wrong crossref.

SuggestedRemedy

Cross ref to 61.2.3.3.9

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.98 P 99 L 1 # 1265
 Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

This clause defines device 6 so it should be inserted after DTE XS. Such a change is also much less disruptive. Other clauses reference existing clause 45 subclauses so the suggested renumbering would ripple all through the standard.

SuggestedRemedy

This subclause should be 45.2.6 Similarly 45.2.99 should be 45.2.7.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.98 P 99 L 17 # 1266
 Thaler, Pat Agilent
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Need to say that the rest of the registers are reserved.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add the statement.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.98 P 99 L 5 # 246
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Add text to title (Register 6.0) to make it easy to spot just where you are at.
 Also p101 line 4 add (Register 7.0).
 SuggestedRemedy
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.99 P 101 L 22 # 913
 Cravens, George Mindspeed
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 The details of the access method for the "-R" registers needs to be explained (at least by cross reference). It seems that this explanation belongs in Clauses 62 and 63, with a brief mention and cross reference here in clause 45.
 (Note: This would be classified as a TR if I were going to be present at the interim.)
 SuggestedRemedy
 Insert a brief paragraph describing how the "-R" registers are transferred across the link along with a cross reference to the appropriate (currently non-existent) sub-clauses in 62 and 63.
 The cross reference looks like it should be to 62.3.4.6.4 for 10Pass-TS and 63.1.4.3 (and a new 63.3.2.3) for 2Base-TL.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.99 P 101 L 24 # 716
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 STA command is called "get link partner parameters" and not "retrieve link partner parameters".
 SuggestedRemedy
 Replace "retrieve" with "get".
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.99 P 101 L 26 # 717
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Using the command "get link partner parameters" results in a read of all '-R' registers and, therefore, all MMD #7 registers will be updated.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add a comment that using the command "get link partner parameters" will update all MMD #7 registers.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.99 P 101 L 50 # 718
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Wrong register name; register is not called 2B parameter register, but it is called 2B PMD.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Replace 2B parameter register by 2B PMD register.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.99 P 101 L 54 # 719
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Typo in register address; address only consists of 2 digits.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Remove last digit (1) in register address.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.99.1 P 102 L 28 # 721
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Chapter 45.2.1 defines dedicated registers for status and control.

SuggestedRemedy
 Split up R-PMA/PMD control register to 2 registers: 1 control and 1 status.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

The R-PMA/PMD register performs different functions than then PMA-PMD control and status registers. The editor would prefer to keep R-PMA/PMD control register as a single entity that can sit at the lowest address in the MMD.

CI 45 SC 45.2.99.1 P 102 L 44 # 764
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Not just "read only", but also "clear on read"

SuggestedRemedy
 Add "clear on read" information

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.99.1 P 102 L 49 # 765
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Not just "read only", but also "clear on read"

SuggestedRemedy
 Add "clear on read" information

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.99.1 P 103 L 26 # 247
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Bad grammar.

SuggestedRemedy
 Perhaps solved by removing word "which".

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Remove "which"

CI 45 SC 45.2.99.1 P 103 L 5 # 766
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Not just "read only", but also "clear on read"

SuggestedRemedy
 Add "clear on read" information

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

The bit reflects the result of the previous operation or a zero if reset. There is no need to clear the bit on read.

CI 45 SC 45.2.99.1.1 P 103 L 12 # 722
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Description of how all the commands should be decoded at the '-R' device is missing.

SuggestedRemedy
 Define dedicated EOC/VOC messages for "get link partner parameters", "get link partner result", "send link partner parameters", "send link partner result", "activate link partner parameters" and "activate link partner result".

For 2BASE-TL use EOC message IDs from 95.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

We are not adding new EOC/VOC messages. The PHY will have to use the pre-existing messages to gather all of the parameters when these commands are executed.

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CI 45 SC 45.2.99.1.2 P 103 L 25 # 920
Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The time to acquire link partner results (due to a Get, Send, or Activate command) cannot be unbounded since all writes to MMD #7 (the "-R" PMA/PMD) are ignored during this time.

Add text defining a timeout period for the link partner results. If the results have not been returned before the timeout expires, the result will be marked as "failed" and the corresponding operation will be marked as "complete".

NOTE: The timeout period may need to be configurable, but there should be a default value in the spec.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace the sentence at line 25 with the following:

The "Get Link partner parameters" operation must complete within 3 seconds, or its result will be marked as "failed" and the operation marked as "complete".

NOTE: The value of 3 seconds is simply a swag. Please have the relevant experts come up with an appropriate number.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

use 10 seconds

CI 45 SC 45.2.99.2 P 103 L 40 # 723
Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Action of an unsuccessful "send link partner paramters" missing.

SuggestedRemedy

Copy from section 45.2.99.1.2 last sentence (beginning line 26) and append it to line 40.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.2.99.2.1 P 103 L 42 # 921
Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The time to acquire link partner results (due to a Get, Send, or Activate command) cannot be unbounded since all writes to MMD #7 (the "-R" PMA/PMD) are ignored during this time.

Add text defining a timeout period for the link partner results. If the results have not been returned before the timeout expires, the result will be marked as "failed" and the corresponding operation will be marked as "complete".

SuggestedRemedy

Insert the following text:

The "Send Link partner parameters" operation must complete within 3 seconds, or its result will be marked as "failed" and the operation marked as "complete".

NOTE: The value of 3 seconds is simply a swag. Please have the relevant experts come up with an appropriate number.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Use 10 seconds

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CI 45 SC 45.2.99.2.3 P 103 L 54 # 922
 Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The time to acquire link partner results (due to a Get, Send, or Activate command) cannot be unbounded since all writes to MMD #7 (the "-R" PMA/PMD) are ignored during this time.

Add text defining a timeout period for the link partner results. If the results have not been returned before the timeout expires, the result will be marked as "failed" and the corresponding operation will be marked as "complete".

SuggestedRemedy

Insert the following text:

The "Activate Link partner parameters" operation must complete within 3 seconds, or its result will be marked as "failed" and the operation marked as "complete".

NOTE: The value of 3 seconds is simply a swag. Please have the relevant experts come up with an appropriate number.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Use 10 seconds

CI 45 SC 45.2.99.2.3 P 103 L 54 # 724
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Action of an unsuccessful "activate link partner parameters" missing.

SuggestedRemedy

Copy from section 45.2.99.1.2 last sentence (beginning line 26) and append it to line 54.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC 45.5 P 113 L 1 # 450
 James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Excessive length subclause title, which would mandate manual table-of-contents updates to correct wrapping error, which is (in itself) prone to human errors.

SuggestedRemedy

1) Change:

Clause 45, MDIO/MDC management interface

==>

Clause 45

2) Use a nonbreaking space within:

Clause 45

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3) Apply the same heading-text changes to all PICS headings.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Will apply to Clause 45 PICS

CI 45 SC 45.5.5.5 P 116 L 8 # 451
 James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Brackets look like a square box.

SuggestedRemedy

Change:

[]

==>

[]

^

two thin spaces

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC Table 45-1 P 81 L 2 # 710
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Device address 7 registers R-PMA/PMD are only defined for '-O' devices.

SuggestedRemedy
 Add a footnote that device address 7 registers are only defined for '-O' devices.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Add the text to 45.2

CI 45 SC Table 45-101 P 102 L 10 # 918
 Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 The 10P/2B PMA/PMD link loss register, 10P FEC correctable errors register and 10P uncorrectable errors register are missing from the table. All of the other error registers are present, and these should be as well.

SuggestedRemedy
 Add entries in Table 45-101 for the 10P/2B PMA/PMD link loss register (45.2.1.13), the 10P FEC correctable errors register (45.2.1.14), and the 10P FEC uncorrectable errors register (45.2.1.15).

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC Table 45-101 P 102 L 13 # 917
 Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 The 2B PMD Parameters register comes before the 2B Rx SNR register (see 45.2.1.31).

SuggestedRemedy
 Move line 13 (2B PMD parameters) above the 2B Rx SNR row.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC Table 45-101 P 102 L 3 # 720
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Register 2B general parameter missing in this table.

SuggestedRemedy
 Add a line with register 2B general parameter to table 45-101.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC Table 45-101 P 102 L 3 # 916
 Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 The column header "R-PMA/PMD" is followed by a (6). This should be (7) for MMD 7.

SuggestedRemedy
 Change the (6) to (7).

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC Table 45-101 P 102 L 4 # 763
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 In the header of table 45-101, the MMD of R-PMA/PMD is "6"

SuggestedRemedy
 Change to 7

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC Table 45-102 P 102 L 44 # 919
 Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Each of the three result bits (Get, Send, and Activate) should be marked "LH".

SuggestedRemedy
 Mark bits 14, 13, and 10 as "RO, LH" in the R/W* column.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC Table 45-11 P 87 L 40 # 371

Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Downstream (and upstream) data rates are described as multiple of 64,000 bits per second. Is this correct? (As opposed to 64 kbps multiples?)

Same for the upstream data rates (Table 45-14).

SuggestedRemedy

Change table entries (two per table in Table 45-11 and 45-14)to:

"Data rate = M x 64 kbps"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC Table 45-12 P 88 L 12 # 372

Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Interleaver Parameters "M" and "I" are in a second register ("Bit(s)" should say "1.x+1.").

Same goes for the upstream register (Table 45-15).

SuggestedRemedy

Fix the "Bit(s)" column for the Interleaver Parameters "M" and "I".

Change to 1.x+1.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC Table 45-12 P 88 L 5 # 144

Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

This standard isn't written in C; its chosen programming language is (pseudo) Pascal. Clause 45 like most of 802.3 did not use "0x" up until now and new notation is not worth the reader's while for just a few occurrences.

SuggestedRemedy

Please replace "0x10" with "hexadecimal 10" and similarly, in this table and table 54-15, and on p109.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC Table 45-12 P 88 L 5 # 373

Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The RS overhead field can only contain one legal value (0x10), so it should be either removed or labeled "Read Only".

SuggestedRemedy

Change the "R/W*" column entry for RS Overhead to "RO".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

remove the bits, mark as reserved.

CI 45 SC Table 45-13 P 88 L 32 # 232

Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Name uses VOC, Description uses EOC

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change EOC in line 32 to VOC

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CI 45 SC Table 45-13 P 88 L 32 # 374
Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The Max DS VOC frame size description calls out EOC (same as the previous line).

If the table is correct, then the text needs to at least explain the acronyms (VOC & EOC), and preferably explain why two register parameters are needed for the same description. (Sub-clause 62.2.4.5 doesn't explain much of anything.)

Same goes for the Upstream EOC/VOC register (table 45-16).

SuggestedRemedy

NOTE: This may just be editorial, but I can't be sure based on the explanation, thus the "technical" label.

Change EOC to VOC if that would be correct, and add a sentence or two to explain what this does (or a cross reference to text that provides the explanation).

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

There's a typo. Also add the reference

CI 45 SC Table 45-16 P 89 L 50 # 234
Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Name uses VOC, Description uses EOC

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change EOC in line 49 to VOC

CI 45 SC Table 45-18 P 91 L 5 # 375
Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Spurious line appears in the "Bit(s)" column:
1.x.4:0.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete the following entry from the "Bit(s)" column: 1.x.4:0.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC Table 45-18 P 91 L 6 # 236
Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

1.x.4:0 for min snr margin seem to be already used by target snr margin
also, line 10 for 2.x should be 1.x

SuggestedRemedy

Do we need a separate register for target?

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The comment is correct. Target SNR should be split out into non overlapping bits. Also the text for target SNR refers to Min SNR, correct.

line 10 should be corrected as commented.

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CI 45 SC Table 45-2 P 81 L 37 # 360

Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type E Comment Status D

To be consistent with the existing registers in Clause 45 and Clause 22, the Control Register and Status register's addresses should be swapped (Control reg = 0, Status = 1).

NOTE: This also requires swapping clause 45.2.1.11 (the Status register definition), and 45.2.1.12 (the Control register definition).

SuggestedRemedy

Change the order of the 10P/2B PMA/PMD Status register and the 10P/2B PMA/PMD Control register so that the Control register has the lower address.

Also renumber sub-clause 45.2.1.11 (the status register definition) to 45.2.1.12, and sub-clause 45.2.1.12 (the control register definition) to 45.2.1.11.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Status is going away anyway, as per Scott Simon's comment

CI 45 SC Table 45-2 P 81 L 42 # 361

Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Several of the registers in the table consume multiple addresses which are not shown.

For multiple-word registers, either add lines in the table to describe all valid addresses, or revise the entries to denote the register size.

SuggestedRemedy

Modify Table 45-2 to show that the following registers are multiple words wide:

- 10P FEC correctable errors counter (MS, LS)
- 10P FEC uncorrectable errors counter (MS, LS)
- 10P downstream datarate configuration (min, max)
- 10P downstream RS/inteleaver configuration (RS, Interleaver)
- 10P upstream data rate (min, max)
- 10P upstream RS/inteleaver configuration (RS, Interleaver)
- 10P tone group (lower, upper)
- 10P tone control parameter (actually three registers)

2B code violation errors counter (MS, LS)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC Table 45-2 P 82 L 10 # 362

Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Two registers are missing from the table:

- 10P tone control action register
- 10P indicator bits status register

SuggestedRemedy

Add the two missing registers to the table:

- 10P tone control action register
- 10P indicator bits status register

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC Table 45-2 P 82 L 10 # 758
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 In table 45-2, the two registers "10P tone control action" and "10P indicator bits status" are missing. See 45.2.1.28 and 45.2.1.29

SuggestedRemedy
 Add registers in table.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC Table 45-20 P 92 L 38 # 239
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 What is the definition of "slow data", this seems like an unsupported option.

SuggestedRemedy
 Scrub document and remove all options. Only operating modes are supported.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

will change bit definitions for 1.x.0 and 1.x.1 to reserved

CI 45 SC Table 45-201 P 104 L 10 # 767
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Table 45-201: register names not identical to the names used in clause 61

SuggestedRemedy
 Make register names consistent (use underscore, append "_register" etc.)

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

This is intentional since the registers in Clause 61 are separate entities than the management method used to access them.

CI 45 SC Table 45-203 P 105 L 26 # 769
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Table 45-203: register names not identical to the names used in clause 61

SuggestedRemedy
 make register names consistent (use underscore etc.)

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

This is intentional since the registers in Clause 61 are separate entities than the management method used to access them.

CI 45 SC Table 45-203 P 105 L 33 # 924
 Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Add "-O" to bit 14's definition (CO supported), and "-R" to bit 13's definition since those are the official names.

SuggestedRemedy
 Add "-O" to bit 14's definition (CO supported), and "-R" to bit 13's definition since those are the official names.

Also add "(-O)" after CO in 45.2.3.18.2, pg. 106, line 3, and add "(-R)" after CPE in 45.2.3.18.3, pg. 106, line 9.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45 SC Table 45-22 P 93 L 44 # 378
 Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Two undocumented states for the Constellation field should be defined as "reserved".

SuggestedRemedy
 Add two lines to the "Constellation" field description:

- 11 = reserved
- 10 = reserved

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45 SC Table 45-25 P 95 L 10 # 711
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Not clear whether counter overflows or does not overflow.

SuggestedRemedy

Non-roll-over counter; clearing read or upon MMD reset, in case of an overflow held to all one.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

See 45.2 for a description of the operation of 32 bit counters

CI 45 SC Table 45-29 P 97 L 1 # 761
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D

"clear on read" missing in table 45-29

SuggestedRemedy

Add "clear on read". Define whether also clear when read from remote side.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Clear on read is not indicated in the table.

CI 45 SC Table 45-30 P 97 L 20 # 762
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D

"clear on read" missing in table 45-30

SuggestedRemedy

Add "clear on read" where appropriate. Define whether also clear when read from remote side.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Clear on read is not indicated in the table.

CI 45B SC 45B P 164 L 01 # 1045
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

I would hope that the Clause 22 describe how accesses to registers 13 and 14 work. Instead what I think this Annex describes is how registers 13 and 14 can be used to access MMDs.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that the text 'This informative annex provides users with some insight regarding how these accesses are intended to work.' to read 'This informative annex provides users with some insight how these registers can be utilized to access Clause 45 registers.'

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45B SC 45B P 164 L 01 # 1090
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Line 1 uses the term '... Clause 45 registers ...' however line uses the term '... Clause 45 MMD ...'.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that 'Clause 22 provides access to Clause 45 registers using registers 13 and 14.' should read 'Clause 22 provides access to registers in a Clause 45 MMD using registers 13 and 14.'.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 45B SC 45B P 164 L 01 # 1046
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Line 1 states that register 13 and 14 are used to access '... Clause 45 registers ...' yet line 3 states these registers are used to access '... registers in a Clause 45 MMD ...'. Please use a consistent term.

SuggestedRemedy

See comment - please use a consistent term.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change: "Clause 22 provides access to Clause 45 registers using registers 13 and 14."

to read: "Clause 22 provides access to Clause 45 MMD registers using registers 13 and 14."

CI 45B SC 45B.4 P 165 L 38 # 1044
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

This text states that 'MMDs with the same PHY Address, regardless of their access mechanisms, can coexist on the same bus using different Device Address values.' and then goes on to state 'MMDs using the Clause 22 access mechanism and sharing a common PHY address avoid bus conflicts using Device Address as well. However, the Device Address is available from the contents of the MMD's register 13.'

This Annex is informative so in itself cannot require the behavior described above from a Clause 22 device, nor, to be fair, does it try. The problem is that based on existing Clause 22 description it is permissible from a device to drive the MDIO line based only on a read cycle to its PHYADDR. There is no change that I can see to Clause 22 proposed in IEEE P802.3ah to change this to support any other behavior therefore the text reproduced above is not correct and should be removed.

Even if there were additional changes to Clause 22 to support this particular behavior, the implication that a MMD can be supported only by a Clause 22 logical interface would require other considerations. Clause 22 for example only supports a PHY, not MMDs. It further requires the provision of register 0 and 1 and 15 based on the PHY interface type, either MII or GMII. Based on this consider the case MMDs that form a single MII PHY supported only through Clause 22 logical interfaces. Since registers 0 and 1 are mandatory, they would also have to be provided in all MMDs. How is contention prevented when the status register 0 is read - which control register 1 when written to would actually have any effect.

To summarize the problem, as far as I am aware, there has been no proposal to modify Clause 22 to support stand alone MMDs.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the text 'MMDs with the same PHY Address, regardless of their access mechanisms, can coexist on the same bus using different Device Address values.' to read 'MMDs accessible via the Clause 45 access mechanism with the same PHY Address can coexist on the same bus using different Device Address values.'

Change the text 'Coexistence of MMDs with the same PHY Address is worth more consideration. MMDs using the Clause 45 access mechanism and sharing a common PHY address avoid bus conflicts because Device Address is part of the frame structure. Only an MMD with a matching Device Address responds to the bus access. MMDs using the Clause 22 access mechanism and sharing a common PHY address avoid bus conflicts using Device Address as well. However, the Device Address is available from the contents of the MMD's register 13.' to read 'Coexistence of MMDs with the same PHY Address is worth more consideration. MMDs using the Clause 45 access mechanism and sharing a common PHY address avoid bus conflicts because Device Address is part of

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the frame structure. Only an MMD with a matching Device Address responds to the bus access.'.

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 45B **SC 45B.4** **P 165** **L 50** # **455**
 James, David JGG

Comment Type **T** *Comment Status* **D**
 Improper list usage.

SuggestedRemedy
 Use the first-level list styles, not the second level.

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 46 **SC 46** **P 123** **L 1** # **452**
 James, David JGG

Comment Type **E** *Comment Status* **D**
 The orphan 46 number looks strange.

SuggestedRemedy
 Use a nonbreaking space within:
 Clause 46
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Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 46 **SC 46** **P 124** **L 1** # **453**
 James, David JGG

Comment Type **E** *Comment Status* **D**
 Excessive capitalization.

SuggestedRemedy
 Change:
 Reconciliation Sublayer (RS) and 10 Gigabit Media Independent Interface (XGMII)

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Reconciliation sublayer (RS) and 10 gigabit media independent interface (XGMII)

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**
 PROPOSED REJECT.

This is outside the scope of P802.3ah as this is copied from the approved standard that has already been reviewed by the IEEE editors.

CI 46 **SC 46** **P 124** **L 10** # **1230**
 Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type **TR** *Comment Status* **D**
 There is nothing to be gained by transmitting when receiving Remote Fault. Your link partner can't receive the transmission.

SuggestedRemedy
 Remove transmission when receiving Remote Fault or explain its use.

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 46 SC 46 P 124 L 10 # 1229
 Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

This is being inserted without any context. Reference the location of the description of unidirectional OAM capability and explanation of when it is appropriate. Also, the first usage of OAM in the clause should be expanded to.

The consequences of setting the variable TRUE are not made apparent to the reader. For example, it should state explicitly that setting the variable TRUE disables auto-negotiation.

SuggestedRemedy

Provide a suitable reference. Provide information here on when this variable should not be set TRUE. In many cases such as operation with standard bridges, we rely on knowing that the link is either bidirectional or not there at all. It is only in environments designed to tolerate unidirectional operation that this variable should be set TRUE.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Insert new subclause as 46.3.4, renumbering current 46.3.4 to 46.3.5, etc.:

46.3.4 Unidirectional Operation

The 10Gb/s RS is capable of unidirectional operation in order to support Operations, Administration and Management (OAM) for a subscriber access network. However, this mode should only be enabled under very limited circumstances. Before enabling this mode, the MAC should be operating in full-duplex mode and Auto-Negotiation should be disabled. In addition, the OAM sublayer above the MAC (see Clause 57) must be enabled on both ends of the link. Failure to follow these restrictions results in an incompatibility with the assumptions of the bridge protocol.

CI 46 SC 46.3.4 P 124 L 16 # 335
 Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type T Comment Status D

IPG may not be a multiple of four bytes and remote fault is a four byte status, therefore, not all IPG can be replaced with Remote Fault. The Terminate is also part of the interframe spacing.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete "all".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 46 SC 46.3.4.2 P 124 L # 1228
 Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

This change effectively disables detection of remote fault when unidirectional_oam_enable is true because it doesn't take into account the behavior of the Link Fault Signalling state machine. The existing Link Fault Signalling state machine cancels a sequence ordered set if it doesn't see one for 127 columns. Also, to prevent false detection due to noise, it requires 3 sequence ordered sets before it will detect. If there are packets, it detect the sets intermittently or not at all.

SuggestedRemedy

Take out unidirectional operation for 10 Gig or propose an alternate Link Fault Signalling state machine that will when unidirection operation is enabled so that Remote Fault may be detected when interspersed with packets.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

OR

PROPOSED REJECT.

If the RS is receiving Local Fault, it will not be interrupted with frames since those frames can't get through the broken link. If the RS is receiving Remote Fault, the only frames that it will be interrupted with are those that also report the Remote Fault. So, while the RS drops the Remote Fault indication, the OAM sublayer will detect it from the OAM PDU. The result is the same.

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CI 46 SC 46.3.4.3 P 124 L 44 # 336

Grow, Robert Intel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

PICS items LF4 and LF5 are in disagreement with the changes.

SuggestedRemedy

Amend the PICS items. Add a new PICS item for the transmission of a column of idles.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #1228 (if accepted)

OR

No changes to LF4

Change LF2 Features to read:

((link_fault = OK) or (link_fault = Local Fault and Unidirection_Oam_Enable=TRUE)) and MAC frames

Change LF4 Features to read:

link_fault = Local Fault and Unidirection_OAM_Enable = False

Add LF6 to read:

link_fault = Local Fault and Unidirection_OAM_Enable = True and no MAC frames

After completing the transmission of a MAC frame and transmitting one full column of IDLE, in the absence of MAC frames, RS transmits continuous Remote Fault Sequence ordered_sets

CI 56 SC P 169 L 36 # 456

James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Excessive capitalization.

DVJ

SuggestedRemedy

Change:

1000BASE-X Physical Coding Sublayer (PCS)

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1000BASE-X physical coding sublayer (PCS)

Physical Medium Attachment(PMA)

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physical medium attachment(PMA)

Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR)

==>

signal to noise ratio (SNR)

Optical Network Units (ONUs)

==>

optical network units (ONUs)

56.1.2.1 Multi-Point MAC Control Protocol (MPCP)

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56.1.2.1 Multi-point MAC control protocol (MPCP)

The Multi-Point MAC Control Protocol (MPCP)

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The multi-point MAC control protocol (MPCP)

Optical Line Termination(OLT)

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optical line termination(OLT)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

IEEE 802.3ah is an ammendment to 802.3. The style is consistant with the 802.3 style and has been reviewed by the IEEE Staff Editor.

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CI 56 SC 56 P 168 L 1 # 1268
 Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

This section of the standard is more complex than the 10 Gig addition as it defines physical layers that are based on a combination of new and old clauses. It should have a table similar to 44-1 showing which clauses apply to which PHYs.

SuggestedRemedy

Add the table.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Refer to comment 1033

CI 56 SC 56.1 P 168 L 1 # 109
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Need to mention that 100BASE-LX10 has broad market applicability in commercial and industrial as well as residential (FTTH) use: equipment is already deployed. See http://www.ieee802.org/3/smf_x_study/public/jonsson_1_0302.pdf.

SuggestedRemedy

Insert another sentence e.g. at line 12:
 100BASE-LX10 also fills a standards gap in the set of PMDs for conventional dual single mode fibre cabling.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC 56.1 P 168 L 47 # 1030
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Since the first line of 56.1 states that Ethernet for subscriber access networks is also know as EFM I think the text 'An important characteristic of EFM is that only full duplex links are supported in subscriber access networks.' could be seen to mean 'An important characteristic of EFM is that only full duplex links are supported in EFM.'. I also don't think the intent is to imply that Half Duplex would be supported if an EFM PHY was not being used in a subscriber access networks be in some other network.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that the text 'An important characteristic of EFM is that only full duplex links are supported in subscriber access networks.' should be changed to simply read 'An important characteristic of EFM is that only full duplex links are supported.'

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC 56.1 P 168 L 5 # 833
 Brand, Richard Nortel Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Overview:
 Defines "EFM" as a "minimal" set of extensions to... These are more than minimal.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete "minimum"

Proposed Response Response Status Z

WITHDRAWN.

CI 56 SC 56.1 P 168 L 51 # 88
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

"defer transmission by the MAC": do we really need such an arcane and specialised term in an overview?

SuggestedRemedy

Replace "defer" with "regulate", or perhaps "throttle back the MAC's throughput".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

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CI 56 SC 56.1 P 168 L 6 # 1093
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status A

I do not believe the text '... Physical (PHY) Layers.' is not correct. A 'PHY' as defined in 802.3 is a sublayer, not a layer, Figures 56-1/56-2 below this text correctly illustrates this. I believe in this context the text is correct, it is just the use of the abbreviation PHY which is incorrect. Please review the first two paragraphs of 34.1 Overview in the Introduction to 1000Mb/s baseband networks for the correct use of this terminology.

SuggestedRemedy

See comment.

Proposed Response Response Status C
 ACCEPT.

Remove the "(PHY)" from line 6

CI 56 SC 56.1 P 168 L 6 # 650
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status A

Wording can be improved.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "Physical (PHY) Layers. These Physical Layers include" to read: "Physical Layer entities (PHY sublayers). These include"

Proposed Response Response Status C
 ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Refer to resolution of comment 1093.

CI 56 SC 56.1 P 168 L 6 # 1028
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

I do not believe the text '... Physical (PHY) Layers.' is correct. A 'PHY' as defined in 802.3 is a sublayer, not a layer, Figures 56-1/56-2 below this text correctly illustrates this. I believe in this context the text is correct, it is just the use of the abbreviation PHY which is incorrect. Please review the first two paragraphs of 34.1 Overview in the Introduction to 1000Mb/s baseband networks for the correct use of this terminology.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the text '... with a family of Physical (PHY) Layers.' be changed to read '... with a family of Physical Layers.'

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC 56.1 P 168 L 8 # 1029
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

I do not believe that the text '... in which a point to multipoint (P2MP) network topology is implemented with passive optical splitters, along with optical fiber PMDs that support this topology.' is sufficient as modifications to the MAC Control and Reconciliation sublayer are also required to support this topology.

SuggestedRemedy

suggest the text '... in which a point to multipoint (P2MP) network topology is implemented with passive optical splitters, along with optical fiber PMDs that support this topology.' be changed to read '... in which a point to multipoint (P2MP) network topology is implemented with passive optical splitters, along with extensions to the MAC Control sublayer and Reconciliation sublayer and well as optical fiber PMDs to support this topology.'

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC 56.1 P 169 L 6 # 844
 Arnold, Brian Cisco Systems

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Figure 56-2, the architectural positioning of P2MP, could be slightly improved and made more consistent by making the datalink layer of the OLT stack more like that in Figure 64-2, page 438. In Figure 64-2, there are separate instances on the OLT of the MAC, OAM, and LLC (per ONU), which more accurately represents the architectural P2P emulation of P2MP than does Figure 56-2.

SuggestedRemedy

Modify Figure 56-2 such that the datalink layer of the OLT shows multiple instances of the MAC, OAM, and LLC sublayers, similar to Figure 64-2 on page 438.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

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CI 56 SC 56.1.1 P 169 L 34 # 1187
 Thatcher, Jonathan N/A

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Initial portion of paragraph under 56.1.1 and 56.1.2 begins with "EFM supports operation at several different bit rates, depending...."

This is unnecessarily redundant for one. But, more importantly, it is confusing in the context of P2MP.

SuggestedRemedy

Change 56.1.1 to: "EFM P2P supports operation at...."

Change 56.1.2 to: "EFM P2MP supports operation at a nominal bit rate of 1000 Mb/s, shared...."

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC 56.1.1 P 169 L 38 # 90
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Re "In the case of point to point optical fiber media, bit rates of 100 Mb/s and 1000 Mb/s In the case of point to point copper, EFM supports a variety of bit rates,". We can be more even handed and more informative.

SuggestedRemedy

Insert limits of range: "a variety of bit rates from X Mb/s to Y Mb/s, depending ...".

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

CI 56 SC 56.1.2 P 169 L 44 # 835
 Brand, Richard Nortel Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Both this paragraph and Fig 56-2 above it are misleading in that they do not detail that P2MP is NOT a peer to peer relationship between the OLT and the ONU. Cl 2 clearly states peer to peer so cl 56 needs to point out the difference in this overview.

SuggestedRemedy

Add text to define that P2MP is an exception to the peer to peer relationship.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

Refer to comment 952

CI 56 SC 56.1.2 P 169 L 44 # 834
 Brand, Richard Nortel Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The first sentence of this paragraph is confusing and also redundant to the first sentence of the preceeding paragraph. P2MP does not support operation at several different bit rates.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete the first sentence of that para.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC 56.1.2 P 169 L 47 # 91
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

As in 56.1.1, need to mention where the PMA/FEC/PCS come from.

SuggestedRemedy

Add sentence: "These PHYs use the 1000BASE-X Physical Coding Sublayer (PCS) and Physical Medium Attachment (PMA) sublayers defined in Clauses 36 and 65, with an optional FEC sublayer defined in 65."

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC 56.1.2 P 170 L 27 # 164
 Bruce Tolley Cisco

Comment Type E Comment Status D

It seems inconsistent to adopt two different suffix nomenclatures for CO or OLT vs NID or CPE. The copper suffixes are O and R. The optical bidi suffixes are D and U. Can we just adopt one set for both copper and optics?

See also table 56-1

SuggestedRemedy

Use O and R for the comment nomenclature for suffixes for copper and bidirectional fiber

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

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CI 56 SC 56.1.2.1 P 169 L 52 # 193
 Yukihiko, Fujimoto NTT

Comment Type E Comment Status D olt

Using "OLT" as an equipment with "ONU:Optical Network Unit", OLT should be "Optical Line Terminal".

SuggestedRemedy

Optical Line Termination -> Optical Line Terminal

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

CI 56 SC 56.1.2.1 P 169 L 54 # 93
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

In this sentence, "Each ONU in the P2MP topology contains an instance of the MPCP, which communicates with an instance of the MPCP in the OLT." Is there just one instance of MPCP in the OLT, or as many instances as there are ONUs?

SuggestedRemedy

Please clarify.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

There is one instance per ONU. Is the commenter asking a question or requesting a change. If the later a suggested remedy would be appropriate.

CI 56 SC 56.1.2.2 P 170 L 1 # 457
 James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D DVJ

Excessive capitalization.

SuggestedRemedy

Change:

56.1.2.2 Reconciliation Sublayer (RS) and media independent interfaces

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56.1.2.2 Reconciliation sublayer (RS) and media independent interfaces

56.1.2.2.1 Extentions of the Reconciliation Sublayer (RS) for Point to Point Emulation

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56.1.2.2.1 Extentions of the reconciliation sublayer (RS) for point to point emulation

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Logical Link Identification (LLID)

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logical link identification (LLID)

the family of 100BASE-X Physical Layer signaling systems

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the family of 100BASE-X physical layer signaling systems

(Bidirectional long wavelength Downstream laser)

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(bidirectional long wavelength downstream laser)

(Bidirectional long wavelength Upstream laser)

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(bidirectional long wavelength upstream laser)

Forward Error Correction (FEC)

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forward error correction (FEC)

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1000BASE-PX10-D (Passive Optical Network Downstream laser 10 km)

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1000BASE-PX10-D (passive optical network downstream laser 10 km)

referred to as Frequency Division Duplexing (FDD)

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referred to as frequency division duplexing (FDD)

a new distinct PMD based on Multiple Carrier Modulation (MCM, also referred to as Discrete Multi-Tone or DMT).

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a new distinct PMD based on multiple carrier modulation (MCM, also referred to as discrete multi-tone or DMT).

from the Single-Pair High-Speed Digital Subscriber Line (SHDSL)

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from the single-pair high-speed digital subscriber line (SHDSL)

Etc., remembering that acronyms are not capitalized when spelled out, unless they are actually proper nouns.

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**

PROPOSED REJECT.

IEEE 802.3ah is an ammendment to 802.3. The style is consistant with the 802.3 style and has been reviewed by the IEEE Staff Editor.

Cl **56** *SC* **56.1.2.2** *P* **170** *L* **3** # **1019**

Law, David

3Com

Comment Type **T** *Comment Status* **D**

I do not believe the statement that 'The MII and GMII defined in Clause 22 and Clause 35, respectively, are employed for the same purpose in EFM, that being the interconnection between the MAC sublayer and the PHY.' is correct. The Clause 22 and Clause 35 MII and GMII do not connect the MAC to the PHY. In both cases these clauses define a RS as well. See subclause 22.1, first paragraph - 'This clause defines the logical, electrical, and mechanical characteristics for the Reconciliation Sublayer (RS) and Media Independent Interface (MII) between CSMA/CD media access controllers and various PHYs.', and subclause 35.1, first paragraph - 'This clause defines the logical and electrical characteristics for the Reconciliation Sublayer (RS) and Gigabit Media Independent Interface (GMII) between CSMA/CD media access controllers and various PHYs.'. It is the RS in combination with the MII/GMII that connect the MAC to the PHY.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that the text 'The MII and GMII defined in Clause 22 and Clause 35, respectively, are employed for the same purpose in EFM ...' to read 'The Clause 22 RS and MII, and Clause 35 RS and GMII, are both employed for the same purpose in EFM'

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl **56** *SC* **56.1.2.2** *P* **170** *L* **4** # **1018**

Law, David

3Com

Comment Type **T** *Comment Status* **D**

I do not believe that the text 'Extensions to the RS and GMII for P2MP topologies are described in Clause 65.' is correct' On examination of Clause 65 it can be seen no extensions to the GMII are provided, only extensions to the Clause 35 RS. This is clearly stated in the title of subclause 65.1 which reads 'Extensions of the Reconciliation Sublayer (RS) for Point to Point Emulation' and also in the Title of subclause 56.1.2.2.1 below.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that the text 'Extensions to the RS and GMII for P2MP topologies are described in Clause 65.' be changed to read 'Extensions to the Clause 35 RS for P2MP topologies are described in Clause 65.'

Alternatively consider deleting this altogether since the following subclause covers this in more detail.

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

First proposed remedy will be implemented

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CI 56 SC 56.1.2.2 P 170 L 4 # 1027

Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type E Comment Status D

See suggested remedy.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that the text 'interconnection between the MAC sublayer and the PHY.' be changed to read 'interconnection between the MAC and the PHY sublayers.' since both the MAC and the PHY are both sublayers.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC 56.1.2.2.1 P 170 L 11 # 652

Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets
 Comment Type T Comment Status D

The LLID, as part of the preamble, is prepended to the beginning of a frame, not a packet.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "packet" to read: "frame" on line 11.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC 56.1.2.2.1 P 170 L 11 # 1024

Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type T Comment Status D

A packet consists of the data frame preceded by the Preamble and the Start Frame Delimiter (see 1.4.198). Based on this definition I do not believe that the LLID is being 'prepended' to the beginning of each packet [prepend: To append to the beginning. For example, a Media Access Control (MAC) frame is prepended with a preamble, and appended with a frame check sequence (FCS) - see 1.4.218]. Instead I believe that the LLID is replacing some of the preamble.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that the text 'It achieves this by prepending a Logical Link Identification (LLID) to the beginning of each packet, replacing two octets of the preamble.' should be changed to read 'It achieves this by replacing two octets of the preamble with a Logical Link Identification (LLID).'

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Please refer to comment 652

CI 56 SC 56.1.2.2.1 P 170 L 7 # 163

Bruce Tolley Cisco Systems
 Comment Type E Comment Status D

In two places the word Extentions is misspelled

SuggestedRemedy

correct spelling to Extensions

also on line 9

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC 56.1.2.2.1 P 170 L 7 # 92

Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D

Spelling: line 4 has Extensions, line 7 has Extentions, 9 has extention.

SuggestedRemedy

Extensions ?

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC 56.1.2.2.1 P 170 L 9 # 1188

Thatcher, Jonathan N/A
 Comment Type TR Comment Status A

Text "The extention of the Reconciliation Sublayer (RS)... above the MAC Client)" cannot be correct since the this must be in fact hidden from the upper sublayers in order to be architecturally consistent.

SuggestedRemedy

Do you mean: "Extentions to the Reconciliation Sublayer (RS) for P2MP hide the complexities of the underlying P2MP shared media from the higher protocol layers and makes it appear as a dedicated P2P link for each instance of the...." ???

Proposed Response Response Status W

ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change the first sentence to read:

The combination of MPCP and the extension of the Reconciliation Sublayer (RS) for P2P Emulation allows an underlying P2MP network to appear as a collection of point to point links to the higher protocol layers (at and above the MAC Client).

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CI 56 SC 56.1.2.2.1 P 170 L 9 # 1023
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 I believe it is only the Clause 35 RS that is being extended by Clause 65, not the Clause 22 RS.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Suggest that while it might be an idea to change the title to include the text 'Clause 35', but at least for now change the text 'The extension of the Reconciliation Sublayer (RS) for P2P Emulation ...' be changed to read 'The extension of the Clause 35 Reconciliation Sublayer (RS) for P2P Emulation...'.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC 56.1.3 P 170 L 19 # 653
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Wrong clause references.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "60" to "58" on page 170, line 19.
 Change "58" to "60" on page 170, line 33.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Refer to comment 264

CI 56 SC 56.1.3 P 170 L 19 # 264
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 p170 line 19 bad clause reference, 60 should be 58.
 p170 line 33 bad clause reference, 58 should be 60.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Implement
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC 56.1.3 P 170 L 22 # 101
 Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Use of "extended" could cause confusion. Telecoms talk about "Extended reach" for (say) 40+ km, and 802.3ae use E for Extra long wavelength (1550 band). 1000BASE-XL10 is neither of these.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Delete "extended".
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC 56.1.3 P 170 L 28 # 1184
 Thatcher, Jonathan N/A
 Comment Type TR Comment Status A
 These are not "enhancements to the RS...." To say this denegrates the existing RS.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "enhancements" to "extensions... for the support of P2MP operation."
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC 56.1.3 P 170 L 28 # 1021
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 I do not believe that there have been enhancements to the GMII for P2MP. On examination of Clause 65 it can be seen no extensions to the GMII are provided, only extensions to the Clause 35 RS. This is clearly stated in the title of subclause 65.1 which reads 'Extensions of the Reconciliation Sublayer (RS) for Point to Point Emulation' and also in the Title of subclause 56.1.2.2.1 above.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Suggest that text '... but which include enhancements to the RS, GMII, PCS and PMA ...' be changed to read '... but which include enhancements to the RS, PCS, and PMA ...'.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 56 SC 56.1.3 P 170 L 33 # 200

Murakami, Ken Mitsubishi Electric

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The referred clause is not correct. Not Clause 58 but Clause 60.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "Clause 58" to "Clause 60".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC 56.1.3 P 170 L 35 # 97

Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Need to remind the reader that we aren't talking about the building wiring "copper cable" that is commonplace in Ethernet. Also, some phone lines are made of aluminium.

SuggestedRemedy

"For electrical cabling, EFM introduces a family of Physical Layer signaling systems. There are two distinct signaling systems specified for voice grade telephony cabling."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Copper cabling is a common industry refernce

CI 56 SC 56.1.3 P 170 L 35 # 104

Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Do the phone lines have to be unloaded? 62 and 63 specify non-loaded.

SuggestedRemedy

If non-loaded is a hard or soft requirement, insert the term in this subclause.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Non-loaded is an unavoidable consequence of the signalling methods employed. A sentence to that effect can be added to clarify.

CI 56 SC 56.1.3 P 170 L 39 # 1020

Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

I believe that Clauses 62 and 63 define a physical Layer signaling system specific PMA and PMD for 10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL respectively, not just the PMD. Earlier on (lines 36 and 37) there is the statement 'There are two distinct signaling systems specified for copper cabling. Both of them share a set of common functions and interfaces as described in Clause 61.' This implies that the PCS is part of the signaling systems which is fine but why then exclude the PMA from being part of the signaling system. Are the PMA functions such as Scrambling, FEC and Interleaving considered part of the 'signaling system' or not.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the text (line 39) 'Underlying these functions, a set of PMD specific functions are described in Clauses 62 and 63.' be changed to read 'Underlying these functions, two Physical Layer signaling system specific PMAs and PMDs are described in Clauses 62 and 63.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC 56.1.3 P 170 L 41 # 96

Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

There's a problem of narrative here. We talk about optical PMDs which achieve at least 100 Mb/s and 10 km then say "For high speed applications, the 10PASS-TS" (nom. 10 Mb/s) and then "For long distance applications, ... 2BASE-TL." (nom. 2.7 km).

SuggestedRemedy

Could insert more words: "For high data rate transport on telephone cables", "For longer distance transport on telephone cables". Another fix would be to create two subordinate clauses (optical, electrical) containing three paragraphs each, and move the last sentence and table earlier to become the body of 56.1.3. Maybe the best would be to do both.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

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CI 56 SC 56.1.3 P 170 L 53 # 1022
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

I don't believe the text 'For long distance applications, EFM introduces a new distinct PMD, 2BASE-TL.' is correct as 2BASE-TL is a PHY, not just a PMD. It is of course true to say a new PMD has been introduced to support the 2BASE-TL PHY. Suggest therefore that this sentence and the following one be modified to align them to the parallel text at the start of the 10PASS-TS paragraph.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the text 'For long distance applications, EFM introduces a new distinct PMD, 2BASE-TL. The 2BASE-TL signaling system is defined in Clause 63.' be change to simply read 'For long distance applications, the 2BASE-TL signaling system is defined in Clause 63.' to make it parallel with the text at the start of the 10PASS-TS paragraph.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC 56.1.3 P 171 L 1 # 654
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Grammar.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "This PMDs support" to read: "This PMD supports" on page 171, line 1.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC 56.1.3 P 171 L 1 # 1231
 Beck, Michael Alcatel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The sentence "This PMDs support a nominal full duplex data rate of approximately 2 Mb/s." is grammatically incorrect, and ambiguous (it is not clear if it is about G.SHDSL or about 2BASE-TL).

SuggestedRemedy

Replace the sentence with: "The 2BASE-TL PMD supports a nominal full duplex data rate of approximately 2 Mb/s."

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 56 SC 56.1.3 P 171 L 1 # 98
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 This PMDs

SuggestedRemedy

This PMD or These PMDs ?

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC 56.1.3 P 171 L 2 # 727
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Data rates of up to 5.7 Mb/s (n=89) are agreed for 2BASE-TL.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace 'full-duplex data rate of approximately 2Mb/s' with 'full-duplex data rate of up to 5.7Mb/s'.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

CI 56 SC 56.1.3 P 171 L 6 # 99
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

These physical layer specifications are not unique (e.g. several options for each rate). As this table acts as a catalogue for network builders:

SuggestedRemedy

Change "Specifications unique to the operation of" to "Summary characteristics for the deployment of".

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

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CI 56 SC 56.1.3 P 171 L 6 # 146

Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Clause 66 is an orphan, in the sense that someone reading this "Introduction to EFM" would not be made aware of its presence.

SuggestedRemedy

Easy fix: add another sentence after this one: "System considerations for Ethernet subscriber access networks are described in Clause 66."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC 56.1.4 P 171 L 50 # 840

Brand, Richard Nortel Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Although one of the objectives of 802.3ah is to define OAM for subscriber access networks, the wording used here is not correct.

SuggestedRemedy

Change text (line 51) to delete "subscriber access networks to Ethernet" and replace with "point to point and emulated point to point to IEEE 802.3 links." as per 57.1.5.1 or create new document specific to SP networks

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Refer to 837 or 952

CI 56 SC 56.3 P 172 L 10 # 1031

Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Why has a conformance requirement, to complete a PICS, been added to the introduction. This was not included in IEEE Std 802.3ae and I'm not too sure why it would be needed.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that the text '... shall complete a Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS) proforma.' should be changed to read '... demonstrates compliance by completing a Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS) proforma.'

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC Figure 56-1 P 168 L 15 # 651

Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The dashed lines appear in the pdf but are not readily printed. Could be a shading or line thickness problem?

SuggestedRemedy

Fix lines delineating layers in Figures 56-1 and 56-2.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Will try to improve the dashed lines

CI 56 SC Figure 56-2 P 169 L # 194

Yukihiko, Fujimoto NTT

Comment Type E Comment Status D olt

Using "OLT" as an equipment with "ONU:Optical Network Unit", OLT should be "Optical Line Terminal".

SuggestedRemedy

Optical Line Termination -> Optical Line Terminal

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 56 SC Figure 56-2 P 169 L 16 # 89

Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

We have an opportunity to show the optional FEC sublayer in the right hand stack.

SuggestedRemedy

Insert optional FEC sublayer in the right hand stack.

Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 56 SC Figure 56-2 P 169 L 17 # 1025

Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Typo.

SuggestedRemedy

Please correct align the text 'PHY' with the PMA sublayer on the right-hand PHY.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 56 SC Figure 56-2 P 169 L 7 # 1026

Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type E Comment Status D

Formatting typo.

SuggestedRemedy

The word 'Optional' should be Uppercase in both the OLT and ONU as it is in Figure 65-1.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC Table 56-1 P 171 L 13 # 1033

Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type T Comment Status D

While the title of the table is 'physical layer signaling systems' the Clause number provide in the Clause column is only either the PMD clause or the PMA/PMD clause number. For the sake of additional clarity, consider adding a table similar to table 44-1 found in IEEE Std 802.3ae.

SuggestedRemedy

Consider adding a table similar to table 44-1 found in IEEE Std 802.3ae. I am happy to assist in its generation.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 56 SC Table 56-1 P 171 L 13 # 102

Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D

This issue was raised in the last commenting cycle but then was not the time to address it. I was invited to present an alternative naming convention that has broad consensus (!) but have not had time to progress that. Here's a comment and suggested remedy which is not a global fix but at least moves the problem out of clause 56:

We need to sort out the terminology used in Table 56-1 (and in other places). In the location columns, we need to agree the same words for both optical and electrical. As I believe OLT and ONU are items, not locations (or interfaces) and cannot apply to the electrical systems, perhaps the use of "CO" and "subscriber" will work here. To explain them I have used the terminology chosen for 66A.

SuggestedRemedy

In Table 56-1, change "OLT" to "CO" and "ONU" to "subscriber". In Figure 56-2, write "Central Office" and "Subscriber" under the two LAN stacks. In 56.1.2.1, insert extra words "... (OLT) at the side nearer the center of the network ("CO" side for "central office"), plus one or more ONUs nearer the periphery of the network ("subscriber" side), as shown ...

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

CI 56 SC Table 56-1 P 171 L 15 # 100

Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D

This table gives the misleading impression that there are 14 physical layer signaling systems (the number of rows).

SuggestedRemedy

Merge (straddle) the "Nominal reach", "Medium" and "Clause" cells for each D/U and O/R pair.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Will simplify table to merge and stradle complementary PMDs

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CI 56 SC Table 56-1 P 171 L 29 # 106
 Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Can the electrical reaches be achieved always?
 SuggestedRemedy
 If not, give worst/best spec. reaches.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

CI 56 SC Table 56-1 P 171 L 29 # 105
 Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 "Varies" is too weak.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Replace each "varies" with the lower and upper limits of rates.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

CI 56 SC Table 56-1 P 171 L 29 # 103
 Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Some phone lines are made of aluminium. I assume they are usable to at least some extent for DSL.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Replace each "copper" or "voice grade copper" in the table with "telephony".
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 Terminology is consistant with other standards

CI 56 SC Table 56-1 P 171 L 29 # 1032
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Would it be possible to add the range of nominal reach for each of the Copper PHYs. It will save the reader going elsewhere to figure out the range of distances supported.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add the range of nominal reach for each of the Copper PHYs.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

The nominal reach is already included in the table

CI 57 SC P 200 L 17 # 468
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D RAC
 Illegal and ill-advised OUI usage. All new identifier uses based on the OUI are required to use the EUI-64 unique identifier format. Relying on the owner of the OUI to properly administer Data/Pad values uniquely does not (in practice, speaking as an IEEE/RAC member) work.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change illustration on right to include OUI plus 5-byte extension, forming an EUI-64 value.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See proposed response to comment #1152.

CI 57 SC 30.11.1.1.29 P 67 L 43 # 666
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Wrong width.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "four" to "eight" on line 43.
 Proposed Response Response Status O

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CI 57 SC 57 P 173 L 01 # 458

James, David JGG
Comment Type T Comment Status D

Excessive capitalization.

SuggestedRemedy

Change:

57. Operations, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM)

==>

57. Operations, administration, and maintenance (OAM)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

As the name of the clause, the capitalization seems appropriate. It is also patterned after 802.3ad/Clause 43 - the other Slow Protocols clause.

CI 57 SC 57 P 173 L 01 # 816

Martin, David Nortel Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The OAM clause has broader applicability than just EFM PHYs and subscriber access networks. The OAM clause could be applied to any 802.3 PHY (granted the uni-directional operation may not work for all types) and any 802.3 link, wherever that link may be located in the network.

My concern is that this broader applicability will not be obvious given the structure of the CSMA/CD document. As was pointed out by David Law and Geoff Thompson at the opening 802.3 WG plenary at the July San Francisco meeting, the 2000 version of the document is about 1540 pages, with another 529 pages coming for 10Gig, 562 pages for EFM, and another 300 plus pages for DTE power etc, making a total of around 3000 pages for the 2004 version. The OAM clause is a slim 45 pages buried within the EFM portion of this SF phonebook sized document.

SuggestedRemedy

The OAM clause (and related portion of c30) should be moved out of the EFM portion of the CSMA/CD document into a new document capturing all clauses describing enhanced Ethernet functionality (i.e. non-legacy). The possibility of re-structuring the CSMA/CD document was briefly mentioned during the 802.3 WG discussion I noted above.

Besides relocating the OAM clause, there are only two obvious wording changes required. A word search of clause 57 for "OLT, ONU, subscriber, access" only had hits in subclause 57.1.2, where they are appropriate, and 57.1.3, where they could be removed to help with the broader applicability issue discussed above. Specifically, page 174 line 49 and page 174 line 51.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

This comment alludes to the splitting of the 802.3 document. Since this has not happened to date, the OAM STF can not act upon nor appropriately respond to this comment other than to reject it.

If/when the 802.3 document structure is split, this comment (and no doubt others) would be appropriate.

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CI 57 SC 57 P 173 L 01 # 1180

Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

PICS mapping to clause is incomplete as not all PICS entries are supported by 'mandatory', 'shall', 'optional' or 'may' text within the clauses.

SuggestedRemedy

Review clause to ensure that all instances of 'mandatory', 'shall', 'optional' or 'may' within the clause have a corresponding PICS entry.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57 P 174 L 09 # 980

Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

What set of documented requirements is being satisfied by OAM?

The only justification that I can find is the vague "The OAM described in this clause provides data link layer mechanisms that complement applications that may reside in higher layers." (emphasis added).

There is no reference to any particular application, set of applications, documented set of requirements for such applications or protocol/interface to any such thing as an "OAM client". There is no definition of an OAM Client or what standard defines the requirements, interfaces or interoperability parameters for such a client. If such a client is speculated for the future, then there is not even documentation of a commitment for such a project by a standards group.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete OAM for lack of a defined standards based interface customer set of requirements

Or provide appropriate justification/references/information

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

[Editor's note:] The following response was prepared with the assumption the commenter wanted to "delete OAM." Please read further down for a second editor's note.

Relative to the question of documented requirements:

At our Call for Interest in November 2000, the need for OAM-related features (e.g., remote loopback) first surfaced.

http://www.ieee802.org/3/efm/public/nov00/furlong_1_1100.pdf, slide 12

In January 2001, the SG voted by a margin of 60:4 to include OAM&P in the objectives. Also, Grant County, one of the earliest residential Ethernet access customers stated a need for in-band management.

http://www.ieee802.org/3/efm/public/jan01/goals_1_01_2001.pdf, slide 2
http://www.ieee802.org/3/efm/public/jan01/moore_1_01_2001.pdf, slide 10

In March 2001, NTT expressed their desire for remote loopback and link fault detection/notification.

http://www.ieee802.org/3/efm/public/mar01/ishida_1_0301.pdf

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In March 2001, by a unanimous vote of 79-0-12, the SG voted to include OAM&P in the objectives. (Later, the "P" would be dropped for obvious reasons.)

In September 2001, Qwest expressed their requirements for remote loopback, diagnostic test, dying gasp and power alarms.

http://www.ieee802.org/3/efm/public/sep01/cook_1_0901.pdf

In July 2002, the WG confirmed the TF objectives, which include the OAM objective listed below:

Support far-end OAM for subscriber access networks:

- o Remote Failure Indication
- o Remote Loopback
- o Link Monitoring

- - -

[Editor's Note:] The following response was prepared assuming the commenter wanted to "delete OAM client."

Once OAM transport was determined to be in Slow Protocol frames, the OAM STF set out to work on the draft. Initially, the STF envisioned defining a set of OAM frames - and nothing else. This was determined to be insufficient and the OAM sublayer was born. As the issues such as management interface, flexibility and extensibility were contemplated, the OAM STF created the OAM client. The following functional delineation exists:

The OAM sublayer contains the Discovery process which detects the presence and settings of the remote DTE's OAM sublayer. The OAM sublayer keeps the Discovery process from restarting by sending an OAMPDU once a second (if no other OAMPDUs have been sent). The OAM sublayer also performs loopback and multiplexes OAM frames with MAC client frames.

The OAM client provides the interface to signal events using the Event Notification OAMPDU. Implementations may choose to send EN OAMPDUs once a second (threshold set to zero) or only when a non-zero error threshold has been crossed. Implementations may send many events within the same EN OAMPDU. This level of flexibility seemed to naturally lead to a referenced yet undefined OAM client. The OAM client also requests variables and responds to variable requests. In fulfillment of the link monitoring objective, implementations may choose to request a static set of variables at regular intervals or request a specific set of variables when an event occurs. Another OAM client function is the set of extensions. Sending and receiving Organization Specific OAMPDUs and Organization Specific Events are handled by the OAM client. With Slow Protocols being a set of protocols falling under the auspices of 802.3, the OAM STF didn't want unknown

or unsupported OAMPDUs being sent up to the MAC client. We have also been very stringent about the OAMPDUs only being passed between two ends of a single link. For all of these reasons, the OAM client was utilized.

Cl 57 SC 57.1 P 174 L 10 # 1168
Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The fact that OAMPDUs use slow protocols is not mentioned until 57.4. This is a significant detail that should be mentioned in the overview.

SuggestedRemedy

Add text in appropriate subclause of 57.1 to indicate that OAMPDUs use slow protocols

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See proposed response to comment #981.

Cl 57 SC 57.1 P 174 L 11 # 981
Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

There is no mention of the type of PDU used for the OAM PDU until deep into this clause. It is key to the readers understanding that they be told that the mechanism being used for the OAMPDU is the Annex 43B slow protocol.

SuggestedRemedy

Add text in paragraph 2 indicating that the mechanism being used for the OAMPDU is the Annex 43B slow protocol.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change:

"OAM information is conveyed in frames called OAM Protocol Data Units (OAMPDUs)."

to read:

"OAM information is conveyed in Slow Protocol frames (see Annex 43B) called OAM Protocol Data Units (OAMPDUs)."

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CI 57 SC 57.1.1 P 174 L 13 # 1
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

"OAMPDUs traverse a single link and are not forwarded by bridges or switches."

I assume that when you mention "bridges" that you are referencing IEEE 802.1 bridges. It is out of the scope of 802.3ah to attempt to standardize the behavior of bridges in regard to the forwarding behaviour of OAM PDUs, especially IEEE 802.1 Bridges. As far as I am aware there is no standard or standardization effort for "switches". Switches tend to be a generic of marketing term.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete: "OAMPDUs traverse a single link and are not forwarded by bridges or switches."

and replace it with:

"OAMPDUs traverse a single link, being passed between OAM Client Entities or OAM Sublayer Entities."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The referenced sentence is not an attempt by 802.3ah to standardize the behavior of bridges. Rather, it is a statement of fact. Since OAMPDUs are only passed between OAM clients/sublayers, and hence, are not passed up to the MAC client, 802.1 bridges have no opportunity to forward them.

The OAM STF has desired text of this nature so as to be very clear in the mind of the read about the non-forwarding behavior of OAMPDUs.

Per 802.3-2002, 1.4.264, "switch" is defined as a synonym of bridge and is perfectly legal here.

CI 57 SC 57.1.1 P 174 L 14 # 201
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type E Comment Status D

"OAM peer entities" sounds weird.

SuggestedRemedy

In multiple other places in this clause, we use "peer OAM entities".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.1.1, 57.1.2 and 57.1 P 174-175 L 15 and 45 # 326
 Alan Weissberger Data Communications

Comment Type T Comment Status D

No mention of whether OAM can operate over concatenated physical links, e.g. 100Mb/sec SMF -to- 100 Base T/F or 1G SMF (subscriber access)-to- 1G MMF (local premises distribution). This is especially important for Fault Localization when "critical events" occur and must be conveyed to the far end DTE. These need to be transmitted as "real time critical" OAM PDU(s) and a MAC frame created to transport these indicators/flags.

SuggestedRemedy

Either list OAM operation over concatenated physical links as an objective in 57.1.2 or a non objective in 57.1.3

If it is an objective:

- Define an OAM Relay Function to be implemented in a 2 port bridge that interconnects the concatenated Physical links.
- Then specify a "Link Location" field in the appropriate OAM PDU(s) that identifies which of the links has failed (e.g. left or right side of the bridge).

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Per 57.1.1, OAM operates over a single link. OAMPDUs are not forwarded, relayed or otherwise passed beyond the OAM client.

In other words, OAMPDUs are not passed to the MAC client and do not traverse more than a single link.

CI 57 SC 57.1.2 P 174 L 33 # 265
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Clause 57 needs to specifically exclude clause 61 from support of unidirectional operation, but allow other generic OAM frames per p.323 line 52

SuggestedRemedy

Implement

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

No justification is provided as to the reason to exclude Clause 61 from support of unidirectional operation.

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CI 57 SC 57.1.5 P 175 L 33 # 460
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Excess capitalization.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change:
 57.1.5 Compatibility Considerations
 ==>
 57.1.5 Compatibility considerations
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.2.1 P 176 L L # 165
 Bruce Tolley Cisco Systems
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Several acronyms are in the diagram and are not defined in the text of the clause which precedes or closely follows the diagram : MCF, MADR, MADI.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Define/spellout acronymns in the text description of the diagram.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See comment #1166.

CI 57 SC 57.2.1 P 176 L 21 # 1166
 Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Abbreviations in figure 57-2 (e.g., MCF:MADI, OAM:MADR) are not obvious.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add a legend to the figure to explain these.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

CI 57 SC 57.2.1 P 176 L 27 # 1157
 Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 'Control' box in figure 57-2 could be confused with MAC control
 SuggestedRemedy
 Preface with OAM to call box 'OAM control'
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 Figure 57-1 clearly shows the architectural positioning of the OAM sublayer and the MAC Control sublayer. I would hope we wouldn't need to add prefixes to internal blocks.

CI 57 SC 57.2.1 P 176 L 38 # 1158
 Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 In figure 57-2 the label of the OAM box should be consistent with other optional sublayer (like MAC control) and explicitly state it is optional as in figure 57-1.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Replace the 'OAM' label with 'OAM (optional)'
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 Figure 57-1 shows the architectural diagram and includes "(optional)." Figure 57-2, which is modeled after Figure 43-2, does not need "(optional)."

CI 57 SC 57.2.2 P 170 L 11 # 166
 Bruce Tolley Cisco Systems
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Line 11 TLV is not defined and has not been defined or spelled out earlier in the clause
 SuggestedRemedy
 Define or spell out: TLV
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 TLV is spelled out in 1.5 Abbreviations in 802.3-2002.

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CI 57 SC 57.2.2 P 177 L 09 # 2

Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

OAMPDUs are not forwarded by OAM clients.
"OAMPDUs are not forwarded by OAM clients."

Relative to the previous sentence in the clause, the above sentence is redundant.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete the sentence: "OAMPDUs are not forwarded by OAM clients."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

See response to comment #1.

Since there has been some confusion about OAM and whether or not it can operate "end-to-end," this sentence adds emphasis and the important "forwarding" term.

CI 57 SC 57.2.2 P 177 L 11 # 581

Braga, Aldobino UNH-IOL

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Organization Specific Information TLV not mentioned as another way to make OAM extensible.

SuggestedRemedy

OAM is extensible through the use of an Organization Specific OAMPDU, Organization Specific Information TLV, and Organization Specific Event TLV.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #659.

CI 57 SC 57.2.2 P 177 L 11 # 659

Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The Organization Specific Information TLV is not mentioned. For completeness it should be.

SuggestedRemedy

Change bullet g) to read:

"OAM is extensible through the use of an Organization Specific OAMPDU, Organization Specific Information TLV and Organization Specific Event TLV. These may be used for functions outside the scope of this standard."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.2.3 P 177 L 13 # 841

Brand, Richard Nortel Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

OAM Client. The cl. 57 Overview states that The OAM descriptions within the clause provide "mechanisms that complement applications that may reside in higher layer". No interface to these mechanisms is defined in any way.

SuggestedRemedy

This is incomplete. We define how to i/f to the MAC client. Same applies to the OAM client.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The interface to the OAM client, as found within 57.2.5, is on par with the interface to the MAC client, as found within 802.3-2002/2.3.

The "northbound interface" of the MAC client is not addressed, I believe, within 802.3. Similarly, the "northbound interface" of the OAM client is not addressed within 802.3ah.

For additional information, see proposed response to comments #1165 and #980.

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CI 57 SC 57.2.3 P 177 L 14 # 1165

Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The OAM client definition is insufficient given that it is put on par with the more well understood and defined MAC client. Further, it is not clear why in figure 57-2 there are OAM service interfaces and MAC service interface (plural vs singular).

SuggestedRemedy

Add additional description of the requirements and functionality of the OAM client including details on all the interfaces supported.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The reason for the plural vs. singular difference is the inclusion of the OAM_CTL.request/indication service primitives.

So, up to the MAC client, MADR.request/indication is used.

Up to the OAM client, OAM.request/indication AND OAM_CTL.request/indication are used. Figure 57-2 was patterned after Figure 43-2, which also used the singular.

In response to the comment regarding insufficient detail pertaining to the requirements and functionality, see proposed response to comments #841 and #980. Also, the definition of the OAM sublayer with its internal blocks and state diagrams, and the OAMPDU field/frame formats/contents is sufficient, in the mind of the OAM editor, to enable implementation and interoperability. This has been demonstrated and announced by more than a handful of system/silicon vendors.

CI 57 SC 57.2.4 P 177 L 35 # 982

Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

DRAFT COMMENT NEEDS FURTHER REFINEMENT

The insertion of the OAM sublayer (into the stack) as specified in 57.2.4 breaks the functionality of the MAC Control sublayer because you have blocked the MA_CONTROL indication and request per figure 31-2.

MAC Control no longer has any mechanism for communicating with the MAC Control Client.

Whoops, I am wrong, just found the text (lines 40-43). I guess I still have a problem that this only appears in text, not in any figures and the text has no topical heading. It must be easily findable for those who are NOT implementing the OAM sub-layer.

SuggestedRemedy

Break 57.2.4 into separate titled sub-clauses, one for each instance or interface. Certainly, at least, there should be a separate titled sub-heading for MAC_Control.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The OAM editor does not understand the following assertion by the commenter: "It must be easily findable for those who are NOT implementing the OAM sub-layer."

The OAM editor asks (rhetorically), "Why would someone NOT implementing OAM read Clause 57?"

Furthermore, this section is patterned after (and improved, I might add) 802.3-2002/43.2.2. 802.3ad Link Ag successfully navigated through Working and Sponsor Ballots with this text and sub-clause structure.

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CI 57 SC 57.2.4 P 177 L 44 # 983
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 OAM per Figure 57-2 only uses 3 instances of the MAC service interface. (Actually of the MAC DATA service interface).
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "four" to "three".
 Change "MAC service interface" to "MAC data service interface" or "MAC service interface for data"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 See proposed response to comment #984.

CI 57 SC 57.2.4 P 177 L 50 # 984
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 LBF-MADR is not an instance of a sub-layer service interface per Figure 57-2. It does not appear at either the upper or lower service interface.
 The "interface between the Parser and other OAM functions" is depicted as a sub-layer internal data path.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Delete from this list. Place elsewhere as appropriate.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 57.2.4 was crafted using 43.2.2 as a model.
 Figure 57-2 was drawn using Figure 43-2 as a model.
 LBF:MADR, OAM:MADR, OAM:MADI are all instances of the MAC service interface - used internally to pass frames between sub-blocks within the OAM sublayer.

CI 57 SC 57.2.5.1 P 178 L 10 # 1159
 Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Unnecessary sub-clause makes paragraph inaccurate.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Remove clause 57.2.5.1 and move paragraph to the end of clause 57.2.5
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.2.5.2.2 P 178 L 25 # 461
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Excess and inconsistent indentation.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change to:
 OAMPDU.request (
 source_address,
 flags,
 code,
 data
)
 ^ two 18-point tabs
 ^ one 18-point tab
 The same for other service primitive indentations.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 802.3-2002/Clause 2 and 802.3ae/Clause 2 have maintained this indentation.
 802.3ah/Clause 57 is following this pattern.

CI 57 SC 57.2.5.4.2 P 179 L 54 # 580
 Braga, Aldobino UNH-IOL
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 The description of local_satisfied makes reference to a comparison between the local configuration and the remote configuration found in the Remote Information TLV.
 But if its the "remote's" Information TLV won't it be a comparison between the local configuration and the remote's Local Information TLV?
 SuggestedRemedy
 The local_satisfied parameter is set by the OAM client as a result of comparing its local configuration and the remote configuration found in the received Local Information TLV.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 57 SC 57.2.5.4.2 P 180 L 09 # 660
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The optional Organization Specific Information TLV fields are not mentioned in context of the automatic, once-a-second Information OAMPDU sent to prevent the Discovery process from restarting.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "Remote Information TLV fields" to read: "Remote Information and Organization Specific Information TLV fields" on page 180, line 09.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.2.5.4.2 P 180 L 10 # 202
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The term "sent automatically each second by the multiplexer function" is incorrect as the mux need not send frames each second automatically (e.g. if the OAM client is sending stuff, nothing is automatically generated).

SuggestedRemedy

Remove "each second".

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.2.5.5.2 P 180 L 38 # 817
 Martin, David Nortel Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The OAM_CTL.indication primitive contains the remote_flags_field. The Flags field received from the remote end is also passed up to the OAM Client via the flags portion of the OAMPDU.indication primitive (subclause 57.2.5.3.2 on page 179 line 7). At first glance this looks redundant, but I think it was done to simplify inputs to the Discovery process.

I suspect that only bits 3 and 4 (Remote Stable and Local Stable) of the received Flags field is required in the OAM_CTL.indication remote_flags_field, intended for use by the Discovery process.

SuggestedRemedy

If my suspicion above is correct, then add the following after p.180 line 44: "The Remote Stable and Local Stable indications in the received Flags field are used by the Discovery process."

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #152. The OAM editor agrees with Dale Russell in that the remote_flags_field of the OAM_CTL.indication service primitive is redundant to the flags field of the OAM.indication service primitive. David, your first glance was correct I believe.

CI 57 SC 57.2.5.5.2 P 180 L 38 # 152
 Russell, Dale MRV Communications

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Since the flags field of each error-free OAMPDU is already passed to the OAM client entity in the OAMPDU.indication() primitive, it is certainly capable of detecting and acting on any flag changes while servicing that primitive. Thus there is no need for a separate OAM_CTL.indication() to inform the client entity that flags have changed, and the remote_flags_field parameter in the OAM_CTL.indication() primitive becomes unnecessary.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove the remote_flags_field parameter from the OAM_CTL.indication() primitive specified in 57.2.5.5.2, and the corresponding discussion (lines 49-50) in 57.2.5.5.3.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 57 SC 57.2.6.1 P 181 L 36 # 582

Braga, Aldobino UNH-IOL

Comment Type E Comment Status D

should not -> shall not

SuggestedRemedy

Active devices shall not respond to loopback commands and variable requests from a Passive peer.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The behavior of OAM clients is not defined and therefore can not be constrained with "shalls."

CI 57 SC 57.2.7.1 P 181 L 54 # 211

Alan Weissberger Data Communications

Comment Type T Comment Status D

-Nothing in this sub-clause gives examples states when critical events need to be conveyed to the far end DTE (immediately or once per 100m sec). This comment was made above for subclause 57.2.7.3 Local Event Procedure, but is repeated here as an upfront "health warning."

-No examples of critical events are given to distinguish amongst the 3 that are listed in Table 57-2 on pg 182 (see related comment submitted earlier)

SuggestedRemedy

-If a critical event must be conveyed to the far end DTE in real time (to invoke protection/restoration or for quick fault diagnosis), then an OAM PDU conveying such events should be sent at the next transmit opportunity. The appropriate OAM PDU(s) was suggested in Remedy of previous comment for subclause 57.2.7.3 Local Event Procedure.

-The exact interpretation of a critical event is vendor dependent. Some examples are:

For Link Fault: No carrier detected/loss of signal/loss of light (fiber), Error thresholds (previously crossed and conveyed in Event Notification PDUs) have exceeded their absolute maximum value or upper bound

For Dying Gasp: Power Failure or Hardware/ Interface Failure

No suggestions here for "Critical Event" which seems to be redundant and unnecessary.

Proposed Response Response Status W

See proposed response to comment #210, #325. The OAM Editor will focus his response on the operative word "need" in the comment.

'Need' is subjective. Some will deem OAM as required. Others will deem OAM as a nice to have. Some uses of critical event indications require very fast signaling. Other uses may be less stringent. I'll give two examples.

If the recipient of a link fault event uses this information to change spanning tree tables or route information, then very fast signaling is certainly desired.

If the recipient of a dying gasp event merely changes the nature/level of an alarm being sent to a management console, the timing is much more relaxed.

However, and this is the most important point, critical event signaling isn't guaranteed. This is explained in the proposed response to #210. Again, the thought is, "if a critical event happens, it would be nice to have additional information just before the link went down."

CI 57 SC 57.2.7.3 P 182 L 25 # 210
 Alan Weissberger Data Communications

Comment Type T Comment Status D

57.2.7.3 a) 2nd sentence states that critical link events are communicated via Flag bits "on any subsequently generated OAM/PDU."

-Which PDU Type? Certainly a Loopback Control or Variable Response PDU would be inappropriate in this case.

-Further, if the critical link event is such that far end needs to be notified in real time, then a specific OAM MAC frame needs to be composed and transmitted immediately- not wait for up to 100msec (=10 frames/sec). What OAM PDU should be used?

SuggestedRemedy

-There are 2 possible OAM PDU types that could be sent:

1. Once critical event(s) is detected, suggest using the (Local) Information OAM PDU, with appropriate Flag bit(s) set for each (locally detected) critical event. Within the State field of this PDU (refer to Tabel 57-7 on pg 202), suggest that the Multiplexer Action bit be set to 1 and Parser Action bits be set to 10 to indicate that Device is discarding non OAM PDUs. Rationale: the critical event (e.g. power failure, no carrier detect/ broken link/ local hardware or interface failure, etc) is presumed to be such that normal data communications has been disrupted.

2. It might also be possible to use the Event Notification PDU with a new Event TLV codepoint "Critical Event Detected," taken from one of the reserved Type values (refer to Table 57-11 on pg 204)

-When to send the OAM PDU upon detection of critical event

Whichever OAM PDU is selected, the OAM MAC frame should be composed and sent at the next transmit opportunity, e.g. after the current frame being transmitted, if any, is completed.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

Responses principally addressing the comment:

57.2.7.3 (a) defines the action to be taken by the OAM sublayer when a critical link event is signalled via the OAM_CTL.request service primitive. The action is very clear. The OAM sublayer shall set/clear, as appropriate, the bits within the Flags field on subsequently generated OAMPDUs.

If a critical link event has occurred, either on the link or within the DTE, that DTE would

want it signaled as soon as possible. This could be on the OAMPDU that is currently being formed or the very next OAMPDU - regardless of OAMPDU code. The Flags field is carried within each and every OAMPDU for this very reason. If a critical link event has occurred, it becomes the most important information to communicate down the wire.

Figure 57-5 multiplexes OAMPDU transmit requests from the Control block/OAM client, MAC client frames and loopback frames. When a critical link event occurs, an OAMPDU may be sent immediately without waiting for 100 ms (or the interval between 10 fps). This is clear in the state machine. Furthermore, if the link is operating unidirectionally (with only OAMPDUs permitted on the link) OAMPDUs may be sent continuously to increase the chances of reception at the remote DTE.

Responses principally addressing the suggested remedy:

As explained earlier, a DTE experiencing/detecting a critical link event will naturally want to convey this as soon as possible. This could mean altering the Flags field of an OAMPDU being formed or creating an OAMPDU.

Depending upon the implementation, an Information OAMPDU or Event Notification OAMPDU may not be the fastest PDU to send. Perhaps another OAMPDU would be quicker. The OAM Editor doesn't feel this should be constrained.

The behavior that needs to be constrained is what the OAM sublayer does when a critical link event is signaled across the OAM_CTL:MADR service interface. We do not want to mandate large batteries in all devices implementing OAM in order to be compliant with the specification. The notion is "Notify the remote DTE of the critical link event, if possible." The "if possible" caveat includes: if the DTE has enough time before 'critical' becomes 'fatal', if the OAMPDU is transmitted by lower sublayers (not guaranteed), if the OAMPDU is received without errors (again, not guaranteed), etc.

In summary, OAM is an optional value-add for access links. Links will run without OAM. If enabled on a link, additional diagnostic, troubleshooting and event information can be gleaned.

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CI 57 SC 57.2.8 P 182 L 48 # 1171
 Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

No mandatory or optional indication given to support PICs entry.

SuggestedRemedy

Reword first sentence:

OAM provides an optional data link layer frame-level loopback mode, which is controlled remotely.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.2.8.1 P 183 L 33 # 684
 Joergensen, Thomas Vitesse Semiconduct

Comment Type T Comment Status D

If two active stations initiates remote loopback simultaneously, the result is undetermined. The text in 57.2.8.1 RECOMMEND that the local DTE with the highest MAC address is going into loopback mode. Why not make thas behavior mandatory? We want the standard to be robust, so an undifined behavior is not acceptable

SuggestedRemedy

- Change the procedure to be required:
- Replace "recommended" with "required" in line 35
 - Replace "should" with "shall" in line 36 and 38
 - Remove line 41-42
 - Create PICS entry

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Clause 57 defines the OAM sublayer, the OAMPDU field/frame formats, and the interfaces to superior and subordinate sublayers. Clause 57 does not define the OAM client. That is the reason the draft uses words such as "recommended."

CI 57 SC 57.2.8.5 P 184 L 40 # 685
 Joergensen, Thomas Vitesse Semiconduct

Comment Type T Comment Status D

It is required that the frames lost during OAM loopback are counted.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace line 40 with "Loopback frames that are discarded by the OAM sublayer within the remote DTE shall be counted"

Proposed Response Response Status W

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36.2.4.19 PCS Management Counter

The following counter applies to PCS management. If an MDIO interface is provided (see CROSS REF

Clause 22), it is accessed via that interface. If not, it is recommended that an equivalent access be provided.

This counter is reset to zero upon read or upon reset of the PCS. When it reaches all ones, it stops counting.

Its purpose is to help monitor the quality of the link.

coding_violation_counter:

16-bit counter. When the receiver is in normal mode, coding_violation_counter counts once for

each invalid code-group received. The single code-group Error_Propagation ordered_set (/V) is

not considered an invalid code-group and as such is not counted when received. This counter is

reflected in CROSS REF 45.2.1.

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CI 57 SC 57.2.8.6 P 184 L 09 # 583
Braga, Aldobino UNH-IOL

Comment Type T Comment Status D

How can you send an INFO OAMPDU reflecting a change that hasn't been made yet? I understand that there is a 1 second time constraint here, so its best to get the PDU out the door ASAP, but it doesn't make sense to me.

Can the order be changed?

SuggestedRemedy

After receiving a Loopback Control OAMPDU with the Disable Remote Loopback command, the remote OAM client first sets the local_par_action and local_mux_action parameters to FWD via the OAM_CTL.request service primitive and then sends an Information OAMPDU with updated state information reflecting the local_par_action and local_mux_action parameters set to FWD.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

See proposed response to comment #584.

CI 57 SC 57.2.8.6 P 185 L 03 # 584
Braga, Aldobino UNH-IOL

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Should the order of c and d be changed?
ie set the variables first, then send the PDU

SuggestedRemedy

make c -> d and d -> c

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

The rationale for the current bullet ordering was explained in a recent OAM STF meeting and will be reiterated here. Sending the Info PDU first allows the remote device to flip its local_par_action to FWD prior to the earliest possible reception of a MAC client frame. This does assume the Info PDU is received error-free.

This is a slight optimization over reversing the bullets. The possibility exists, if the bullets were reversed, that after (d), the MAC client begins sending frames that are discarded by the remote DTE before the OAM client can send the Info PDU telling the remote DTE to change its local_par_action.

CI 57 SC 57.2.9 P 185 L 14 # 1170
Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

No mandatory or optional indication given to support PICs entry.

SuggestedRemedy

Change sentence to:

Some physical layer devices may optionally support Unidirectional OAM operation

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.2.9 P 185 L 16 # 661
Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Second to last sentence is ambiguous in terms of which critical link event is being referenced.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "contain the critical link event indicating" on line 16 to read: "contain the Link Fault critical link event indicating".

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 57 SC 57.2.9 P 185 L 17 # 686
 Joergensen, Thomas Vitesse Semiconduct

Comment Type E Comment Status D

According to Annex 43B, the maximum number of OAM frames is 10 per second.
 In this section is is said that unidirectional OAMPDUs may be send continuously.
 There is no need to send more than 10 unidirectional OAMPDUs per second

SuggestedRemedy

Remove line 17 in 57.2.9

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The rationalization to send more than 10 frames per second when the link is operating unidirectionally is as follows:

- a) Since there is no data traffic flowing on a unidirectional link, there is no harm in sending more than 10 OAMPDUs per second.
- b) A link operating in unidirectional mode could be experiencing high bit/frame errors. Sending more than 10 OAMPDUs per second increases the chance of the remote device receiving one or more OAMPDUs with one or more Critical Link Event flags.

CI 57 SC 57.3.1.1 P 185 L 34 # 462
 James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Inconsistent capitalization of constants.

SuggestedRemedy

Change to:

57.3.1.1 Constants

OAM_SUBTYPE

The value of the subtype field for OAMPDUs (see Table 43B-3).

SLOW_PROTOCOLS_MULTICAST

The value of the slow protocols multicast address. (see CROSS REF Table 43B-1.)

SLOW_PROTOCOLS_TYPE

The value of the slow protocols lengthType field. (see CROSS REF Table 43B-2.)

57.3.1.2 Variables

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A variable that resets the functions within OAM.

(...)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

57.3.1.1 uses the proper capitalization of the constants found in 802.3-2002/Annex 43B.

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CI 57 SC 57.3.1.2 P 187 L 08 # 594
 Braga, Aldobino UNH-IOL

Comment Type T Comment Status D

local_satisfied is defined as: A parameter of the OAM_CTL.request service primitive, as defined in 57.2.5.4. This indicates the OAM client finds the local and remote OAM configuration settings are agreeable.

But what is it that makes two remote OAM configurations agreeable? Can and should this be defined by this standard? Isn't the auto-negotiation resolution process defined?

If we define rules as to why two configurations aren't agreeable, then we won't have to create a mechanism to indicate to the remote oam why the two configurations don't mesh (a to-think-about from the meeting in SF).

SuggestedRemedy

Create an annex detailing the procedure of determining if an oam link is agreeable or not

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

See proposed response to comment #679.

As the commenter mentioned, this was an "action item" from the SF meeting to go away and think about. The OAM editor believes there is only one reason why the Discovery process wouldn't complete (absent link errors and continual resets and such), and that is an expected mode mismatch. Consider a non-CPE device that is configured to only connect to passive DTEs. If the CPE is configured in Active mode, while legal in terms of the Clause 57, the non-CPE device will remain unsatisfied. It seems this case is worthy of signaling. Since the problem seems to be bound, a simple two-bit mechanism is proposed in #679.

CI 57 SC 57.3.1.2 P 187 L 41 # 662
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Grammar.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "with no critical link events set" on line 41 to read: "with no critical link event(s) set".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.3.1.5 P 188 L 52 # 586
 Braga, Aldobino UNH-IOL

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Timers usually have a range associated with them. Most clauses, including Clause 28 which has a large number of timers, have ranges for each timer.

SuggestedRemedy

replace "nominal" with +/- some number or percent

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

True. However, sometimes timers are just described as having nominal values. See 23.2.4.3, 32.3.4.2, 36.2.5.1.7, 40.3.3.3 for some examples.

CI 57 SC 57.3.2.1 P 189 L 26 # 585
 Braga, Aldobino UNH-IOL

Comment Type T Comment Status D

remote_state_valid just means that the local oam has seen an Info OAMPDU (not that the local oam has seen an Info OAMPDU with the remote's local info TLV).

I know that an Info OAMPDU shall have at a minimum a local info TLV, but I would still like to see that spelled out either in the variable or in the state machine.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the definition of remote_state_valid to indicate that the remotes local information TLV was received

or

change the state machine to check the type of info TLV

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The OAM Editor feels that the existing remote_state_valid definition as found within 57.3.1.2 is sufficient. However, if it makes UNH IOL that much more friendly, a small change is warranted.

Change: "This is used to indicate OAM client has received remote state information contained within Information OAMPDUs."

to read: "This is used to indicate OAM client has received remote state information found within Local Information TLVs of received Information OAMPDUs."

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CI 57 SC 57.3.2.1 P 190 L 01 # 728
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Case that the '-R' device and the '-O' device are both configured to passive mode is not excluded.

SuggestedRemedy

Add that '-O' device always has to support active mode.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

It is not appropriate for Clause 57 to mandate behavior of '-O' devices for at least two reasons. First, OAM is not mandatory. Second, it is not practical to update Clause 57 for all devices to come in the future.

Please see 66.6.2 for a brief subclause that mentions active and passive mode access devices. Is this sufficient?

CI 57 SC 57.3.3 P 191 L 17 # 3
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

In Figure 57-5 the Transition from state WAIT_FOR_TX to state CHECK_PHY+LINK has an extra parentheses on the right hand side of the state transition equation:

```
"!pdu_timer_done * !valid_pdu_req
* ((MCF:MADR * local_mux_action=FWD)
+ LBF:MADR))"
```

SuggestedRemedy

Delete the last parentheses on the right hand side of the equation.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Eagle eye award goes to Tom!

CI 57 SC 57.3.3.1.2 P 192 L 13 # 663
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The incorrect local_pdu value is referenced.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "NONE" to "RX_INFO" on line 13.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.3.3.1.3 P 192 L 37 # 664
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

To assist the reader in understanding Unidirectional OAM capability, a cross-reference could be added here.

SuggestedRemedy

After "capability" add "(See 57.2.9)" on line 37.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.3.3.1.4 P 192 L 53 # 203
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The term 'enabled' here seems misleading as OAM may be enabled, but the discovery process may not be completed (two different things).

SuggestedRemedy

Remove "and thus OAM has not been enabled on the link".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 57 SC 57.4 P 194 L 21 # 4
Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D
Section 57.4.1 subsections a through d are redundant to clause 3 sections 3.2 and 3.3

SuggestedRemedy
Delete subsections a through e and replace with a reference to clause 3.

Add: "Issues of OAM PDU Octet and bit ordering are described in Clause 3 subsections 3.2 and 3.3.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

57.4.1 bullets a) through d) deal with generic bit ordering within diagrams. This is needed for interpreting Figures 57-8 - 57-12.

3.2 and 3.3 deal specifically with MAC frame field encoding.

The OAM editor doesn't feel these are redundant.

CI 57 SC 57.4.2 P 195 L 06 # 464
James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D
Fields should be centered.

SuggestedRemedy
1) Center the field names within the boxes.
2) Describe the specific values in the field definitions.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

1) Since some boxes contain both field names and values, for readability sake, left-justified text is acceptable here.

2) The OAM editor feels the values are sufficiently described in the field definitions.

CI 57 SC 57.4.2 P 195 L 06 # 463
James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D
Inconsistent field naming conventions

SuggestedRemedy
Change:

Destination Address ==> destinationAddress
Source Address ==> sourceAddress
Length/Type ==> lengthType
Data/Pad ==> dataPad
FCS ==> fcs

Etc. for following farms also.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

Clause 57 OAM was patterned after Clause 43 Link Aggregation. LACP used field descriptors such as "Destination Address", "Length/Type" etc. The OAM editor doesn't feel there is a need to change the naming convention.

CI 57 SC 57.4.2 P 195 L 06 # 465
James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D
Inconsistent hex notation:

0X03
88-99
01-80-c2-00-00-02

SuggestedRemedy
1) Use a consistent notation through-out the document.
2) My preference is two thin spaces or '.' between pairs of digits, followed by a subscript 16, with A-F being capitals.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

The hexadecimal notations used in Clause 57 are consistent with 802.3ah and prior 802.3 projects. The canonical notation is used for addresses. The "0x03" style is used for field values. Refer to 802.3-2002/43.4.2.2 for an example.

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CI 57 SC 57.4.2 P 195 L 11 # 149
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Looks like you have made heavy use of "0x" notation which I understand comes from C; not required knowledge for reading a standard. Please refer to 1.2.5 at first use.

SuggestedRemedy

Per comment. Thanks!

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

See proposed response to comment #465.

CI 57 SC 57.4.2 P 195 L 21 # 467
 James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Inconsistent field names.
 The use of two field names for the same thing is confusing.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete mention of DA and SA.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The destination address and source address are two separate and distinct fields within the frame. The naming is consistent with long-standing 802.3 practice.

CI 57 SC 57.4.2 P 195 L 21 # 592
 Braga, Aldobino UNH-IOL

Comment Type E Comment Status D

There is no PICS entry for this shall statement.

OAMPDUs shall have the following fields:

SuggestedRemedy

Create a PICS entry for this shall statement.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Doesn't PDU2 cover this? Can two related 'shalls' map to the same PICS entry?

CI 57 SC 57.4.2 P 195 L 21 # 466
 James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Inconsistent formats for descriptions.

SuggestedRemedy

For _all_ fields, use a DefinitionLike style, to produce:

57.4.2 Destination Address: The ...

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The field definitions follow the 802.3ad/Clause 43, which first define Slow Protocols LACP and Marker. Clause 57 uses Clause 43 as a model.

CI 57 SC 57.4.3 P 195 L 53 # 5
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Text from line 53:
 "All OAMPDUs contain a common, fixed header comprising the Destination Address, Source Address, Length/Type field, Subtype field, Flags field and Code field."

Since OAM PDUs are really compliant IEEE 803.3 frames this sentence is redundant to clause 3.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete:
 "All OAMPDUs contain a common, fixed header comprising the Destination Address, Source Address, Length/Type field, Subtype field, Flags field and Code field."

Add:

"OAM PDUs shall be formatted as compliant IEEE 802.3 Frames, where the IEEE 802.3 Frame Header format is described in clause 3. OAM PDUs are further defined, as shown in figure 57-7, to include a Subtype Field, a Flags Field, and a Code Field following the IEEE 802.3 defined Length / Type Field"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Remedy needs to be amended:

"OAM PDUs" -> "OAMPDUs" 2x
 "figure 57-7 -> Figure 57-7" 1x

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CI 57 SC 57.4.3.6 P 200 L 03 # 1177
 Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

No mandatory or optional indication given to support PICs entry.

SuggestedRemedy

reword first paragraph as follows:

The optional Organization Specific OAMPDU, identified with the Code field set to 0xFE, is used for organization specific extensions.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.4.3.6 P 200 L 15 # 1156
 Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

To be consistent with the rest of the OAM clause, the Organization specific OAMPDU should use the 'vendor identifier' (that itself should be EUI64 per another comment) as the first part of its data instead of the OUI.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace OUI with EUI64 or vendor identifier (that is defined as a subset of EUI64)

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See proposed response to comment #1152.

CI 57 SC 57.4.3.6 P 200 L 22 # 1152
 Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

In this clause and table 57-10 the rationale for the reference to 22.4.3.1 is not clear. The reference describes how to map 24 bit OUI into 32 bit PHY identifier. This is not relevant.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete reference. Refer instead to OUI as defined in IEEE 802-2001.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Note: The OAM editor used this URL:
<http://standards.ieee.org/regauth/oui/tutorials/EUI64.html>
 to create the proposed response.

Change:

"Organizations are distinguished by the Organizationally Unique Identifier (OUI) as per CROSS REF 22.2.4.3.1.3. The first three octets of the Organization Specific OAMPDU Data field contains the 24-bit OUI. The remainder of the Data field is unspecified."

to read:

"Organizations are distinguished by the Organizationally Unique Identifier (OUI). The first eight octets of the Organization Specific OAMPDU Data field contains the 64-bit extended unique identifier (EUI). The first three octets of the EUI-64 contains the OUI. The remaining five octets of the EUI-64 contains a 40-bit extension identifier administered by the organization. Additional detail describing the format of OUIs can be found in IEEE Std 802-2001 Clause 9. The remainder of the Data field is unspecified."

CI 57 SC 57.4.3.6 P 200 L 22 # 6
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Incorrect reference, the reference is to section 22.2.4.3.1 is as follows:
 "22.2.4.3.1 PHY Identifier (Registers 2 and 3)"
 which does not define the OUI, it uses the OUI to form a PHY Identifier.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace reference to 22.2.4.3.1 with reference to IEEE Std 802-2001 Clause 9.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See proposed response to comment #1152.

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CI 57 SC 57.4.3.6 P 200 L 23 # 1153

Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The 'interested applicants' note should include more than a street address.

SuggestedRemedy

Add URL for OUI web page (<http://standards.ieee.org/regauth/index.html>) and possibly email address (ieee-registration-authority@ieee.org)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Propose URL be added.

CI 57 SC 57.5.2 P 201 L 01 # 7

Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Referring to the first line of table 57-6 the first entry reads: "Reserved - end of TLV marker". I would suggest that this entry is not reserved, that it is in fact defined and used as "End Of TLV Marker".

SuggestedRemedy

Delete the "Reserved".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.5.2.1 P 201 L 22 # 8

Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

"Local Information TLVs are identified by the value 0x01."
The above statement is redundant to Table 57-6.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete: "Local Information TLVs are identified by the value 0x01."

Add: "The encoding of this field is found in table 57-6."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.5.2.1 P 202 L 31 # 665

Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Bits 7:5 add no value. An OAM client can not determine anything useful from learning the remote device supports "Organization Specific" anything without knowing which specific OUIs are supported.

SuggestedRemedy

- Change bits 7:5 as follows
- Consolidate into one row in table 7:5
- Change name to Reserved.
- Change description to read same as State/bit 0

On page 212, lines 28, 30 and 33, the cross-references to Table 57-8 should be removed.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.5.2.2 P 201 L 44 # 9

Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

"Remote Information TLVs are identified by the value 0x02."

The above statement is redundant to Table 57-6.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete "Remote Information TLVs are identified by the value 0x02."

Add: "The encoding of this field is found in table 57-6."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 57 SC 57.5.2.2 P 201 L 49 # 205
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

We've cut & pasted the meanings of the remote information TLV from the local information TLV, and I don't think thats right. We should probably make clear that the remote Information TLV is really copied back from the other guy.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace description of all fields with (after size stuff)

The value of this field is copied from the value of the field in the last received Local Information TLV received from this peer.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.5.2.2 P 203 L 19 # 1155
 Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The Vendor Identifier described in table 57-10 should be aligned with the EUI64 identifier. IEEE/RAC now requires that new applications use EUI64. Their review would likely recommend the same thing. That is, it should be 64 bits.

SuggestedRemedy

Define the Vendor Identifier as a subset of EUI64 with a 24 bit device identifier and a 16 bit version identifier.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See proposed response to comment #1152.

CI 57 SC 57.5.2.2 P 203 L 31 # 1154
 Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Note a duplicates footnote 3 on page 200.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete this note.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.5.2.3 P 203 L 44 # 1178
 Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

No mandatory or optional indication given to support PICs entry.

SuggestedRemedy

Reword first sentence:

The optional Organization Specific Information TLV shall have the following fields:

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.5.2.3 P 203 L 46 # 10
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

"Organization Specific Information TLVs are identified by the value 0xFE."

The above statement is redundant to Table 57-6.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete: "Organization Specific Information TLVs are identified by the value 0xFE."

Add: "The encoding of this field is found in table 57-6."

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 57 SC 57.5.2.3 P 203 L 51 # 469
James, David JGG

Comment Type TR Comment Status D RAC

Illegal and ill-advised OUI usage. All new identifier uses based on the OUI are required to use the EUI-64 unique identifier format. Relying on the owner of the OUI to properly administer Data/Pad values uniquely does not (in practice, speaking as an IEEE/RAC member) work.

SuggestedRemedy

Change (c,d) to:

c) organizationEui. A three-octet organizationally unique identifier (OUI) followed by 5 bytes administered by that organization. The concatenation of these fields forms an EUI-64, as defined by the IEEE/RAC.

d) organizationSpecific. Data bytes whose format and meaning are dependent on the organizationEui.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Suggested remedy amended as follows:

Change c) to read:

"c) Extended Unique Identifier. A three-octet organizationally unique identifier (OUI) followed by 5 bytes administered by that organization. The concatenation of these fields forms an EUI-64, as defined by the IEEE/RAC."

Change d) to read:

"This field indicates the value of the Organization Specific Information TLV. This field's format and meaning are dependant on the Extended Unique Identifier."

CI 57 SC 57.5.3 P 204 L 03 # 1174
Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

No mandatory or optional indication given to support PICs entry.

SuggestedRemedy

Reword first paragraph:

Optional Link Event TLVs are found in Event Notification OAMPDUs. Table 57-11 contains the defined Link Event TLVs.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.5.3 P 204 L 07 # 1175
Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks

Comment Type E Comment Status D

'event' is ambiguous and does not match (or map to) 'link event' label in table 57-8

SuggestedRemedy

rename 'event' -> 'link event' as appropriate

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change "57.5.3 Event TLV" to "57.5.3 Link Event TLV"
Search through 57.5.3.*; replace "Event TLV" with "Link Event TLV."
Search through PICS and update appropriately.

CI 57 SC 57.5.3 P 204 L 11 # 11
Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Referring to the first line in Table 57-11:

"Reserved - end of TLV marker"

I would submit that this line is not reserved, and further that it is defined and used as "End Of TLV Marker".

SuggestedRemedy

Delete the "Reserved".

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 57 SC 57.5.3.2 P 205 L 21 # 729
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

According to Figure 57-2, there is no path between MAC client and OAM client.
 How does the reception status parameter of the MA_DATA comes to the OAM client?

SuggestedRemedy

Add respective connection between MAC client and OAM client in Figure 57-2.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

57.5.3.2 provides a simple definition of errored frames. Errored frames are detected at the MAC. The Clause 30 (or equivalent) management attributes that are intended to be reflected by Errored Frame Event TLV are:

- 30.3.1.1.6 aFrameCheckSequenceErrors
- 30.3.1.1.7 aAlignmentErrors
- 30.3.1.1.15 aFramesLostDueToIntMACRcvError
- 30.3.1.1.23 aInRangeLengthErrors
- 30.3.1.1.24 aOutOfRangeLengthField
- 30.3.1.1.25 aFrameTooLongErrors

Note: 802.3-2002 used as the source for the references.

Please refer to 30.3.1.1.5 and 4.2.9 for more information.

CI 57 SC 57.6 P 208 L 11 # 1173
 Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

No mandatory or optional indication given to support PICs entry.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the first sentence to:

MIB variables may be queried through the use of Variable Request OAMPDUs...

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.7.2.3 P 212 L 06 # 1161
 Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The first major capability of the OAM clause must be whether OAM is supported or not.

SuggestedRemedy

Insert new initial PICS entry:

*OAM OAM sublayer 57.1.5.1 O

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

See proposed response to comment #1162.

The OAM editor couldn't find this precedent during a quick scan of existing clauses.

CI 57 SC 57.7.2.3 P 212 L 06 # 1162
 Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

All major capabilities are dependent on whether the OAM sublayer is supported or not.
 These predicates are not shown.

SuggestedRemedy

Add predicate to all remaining major capability items pointing to 'OAM' item (added in another comment). For example:

OM OAM Object Class 30.11 OAM:O

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The OAM editor did a quick scan of other clauses and couldn't find examples this predicate. For instance, 37.5.3 doesn't have the predicate "AN:". 43.7.3 doesn't have the predicate "LACP:".

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CI 57 SC 57.7.2.3 P 212 L 06 # 1164
 Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 There is no mandatory or optional requirement for the OAM object class in clause 30.11.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add this requirement in clause 30.11 or in an appropriate location in clause 57 or delete this item.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Propose removing item OM. Management is always optional.

CI 57 SC 57.7.2.3 P 212 L 11 # 1163
 Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 MODE is redundant. Listing Active mode and passive mode as 'O.1' options is sufficient.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Delete the 'MODE' item
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.7.2.3 P 212 L 23 # 1176
 Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Information TLVs are a major feature that need to be added to the PICS:
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add a new item:
 *INFO Information TLV 57.5.2, table 57-8 OAM:M
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 57.7.3.5 covers Information TLVs (minus the relatively new Organization Specific Information TLV covered by another comment).

CI 57 SC 57.7.3 P 212 L 36 # 1172
 Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Since clause 57 is optional, all PICS entries must be a predicate of one of the the major capabilities.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Revise all PICS entries to ensure that the status is a predicate of the appropriate item in 57.7.2.3. The default would be to assign them all to be OAM:..., but this needs to be checked.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 See proposed response to comment #1162.

CI 57 SC 57.7.3 P 212 L 38 # 1179
 Parsons, Glenn Nortel Networks
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 PICS mapping to clause is incomplete as not all PICS entries are supported by 'mandatory', 'shall', 'optional' or 'may' text within the clauses.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Review all PICS entries to ensure that each entry references an appropriate 'mandatory', 'shall', 'optional' or 'may' text within the referenced clause.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

CI 57 SC 57.7.3.2 P 213 L 42 # 669
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 The items need to have the same prefix.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "CEV1" to "EV1" on page 213, line 42.
 Change "CEV2" to "EV2" on page 213, line 45.
 Change "LEV1" to "EV3" on page 213, line 47.
 Change "LS1" to "LB1" on page 214, line 8.
 Change "LS2" to "LB2" on page 214, line 10.
 Change "LE1" to "LB3" on page 214, line 19.
 Change "LE2" to "LB4" on page 214, line 24.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 57 SC 57.7.3.2 P 213 L 47 # 587
Braga, Aldobino UNH-IOL
Comment Type E Comment Status D
No previous PICS has had different item names (with the exception of the number) in the same table.
SuggestedRemedy
Recommend changing CEV# and LEV# to EVNT#
Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
See proposed response to comment #669.

CI 57 SC 57.7.3.3 P 214 L 03 # 589
Braga, Aldobino UNH-IOL
Comment Type E Comment Status D
These shall statements have been removed from the document.
These PICS should no longer exist.
SuggestedRemedy
Either remove the PICS or add the shalls
Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
With the 'shalls' downgraded to 'recommended,' the PICS entries will be removed.

CI 57 SC 57.7.3.5 P 216 L 22 # 591
Braga, Aldobino UNH-IOL
Comment Type E Comment Status D
IT5 and IT6 PICS Value/Comment do not match the intention of the shall in the document.
PICS:
Contains revision encoded as an unsigned 16-bit integer
Document Shall Statement:
The value of this field shall start at zero and be incremented each time something in the Information TLV changes.
SuggestedRemedy
Change PICS to reflect the shalls in the document
Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.7.3.5 P 216 L 32 # 590
Braga, Aldobino UNH-IOL
Comment Type E Comment Status D
PIC Statement handles two shalls.
Two pics should be created:
1) to handle Parser Action 0x03 shall not be transmitted
2) to handle Parser Action 0x03 shall be ignored on reception
SuggestedRemedy
Create two PICS
Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.7.3.5 P 216 L 47 # 818
Martin, David Nortel Networks
Comment Type T Comment Status D
The PICS entries related to the recently added Organization Specific Information TLV are missing
SuggestedRemedy
Add Feature entries for the Organization Specific Information TLV.
Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC 57.7.5 P 218 L 12 # 593
Braga, Aldobino UNH-IOL
Comment Type E Comment Status D
PICS entries VAR2 and VAR3 have value/comments different from the text in the document.
Variable Descriptors are not mentioned in the document, Variable Containers are.
SuggestedRemedy
Change VAR2 and VAR3 value/comments cells to reference Variable Containers not Variable Descriptors
Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 57 SC 57.7.6 P 218 L 37 # 588
Braga, Aldobino UNH-IOL

Comment Type E Comment Status D

I'm told that every shall shall have a PICS and every PICS shall have a shall.

RB1: represents 3 shalls in the document
Table 57-3
Table 57-7 line 6
Table 57-7 line 21

SuggestedRemedy

Create Three PICS: one for each shall statement

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 57 SC Figure 57-1 P 175 L 29 # 459
James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Excessive figure title, which will cause problems in a list of figures (LOF), if one is included (as they are now allowed).

SuggestedRemedy

Reduce the length of the title, perhaps to:

Figure 57-1 - OAM sublayer relationship to the ISO/IEC OSI reference model and IEEE 802.3 CSMA/CD LAN model

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

Figure title is patterned after 802.3ae. See Figures 46-1, 47-1, 48-1, 49-1.

CI 57 SC Figure 57-4 P 189 L 44 # 679
Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type T Comment Status D

If the local OAM client is not satisfied with the settings of the remote device it will not set local_stable to TRUE. In this situation, the local Discovery process will remain in SEND_LOCAL_REMOTE_1 indefinitely, sending Information OAMPDUs once per second. The remote DTE will receive the Information OAMPDUs, note the received local_stable bit is FALSE and just wait. No information is provided as to why a device is "unsatisfied."

SuggestedRemedy

One possible remedy is to add bits within the flags field. While local_stable=FALSE, these new bits could provide information as to why the device is not satisfied. The only reason clearly defined within the draft is a mode mismatch (i.e., I expected the remote DTE to be passive and instead he said he was Active).

With the addition on one bit, the following decode is possible:

```
{ local_stable, "new bit" }  
00 : Discovering  
10 : Discovery Complete (satisfied implicit)  
01 : Unsatisfied due to mode mismatch  
11 : Reserved
```

Modest value add in my opinion. Nice to have, but not a TR.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

The remedy is not complete. Let's discuss in Ancona and decide. If accepted, the OAM editor will hammer out the edits needed.

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CI 57 SC Table 57-2 P 182 L 09 # 325
 Alan Weissberger Data Communications

Comment Type T Comment Status D

- a] What is "an unspecified critical event?" This needs to be defined or examples given to facilitate interoperability.
- b] Also, the name of the Table is misleading, as one of the table entries- "critical event"- has almost the same name as the Table does -"Critical link events."

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Solutions:

a] Either define "critical event" or give examples to guide implementors. If there are several such events, then specify a "Cause field" with bits reserved for each one.

b] Also suggest renaming The table so as not to conflict with the name of the 3rd table entry. Suggest "Catastrophic link events," or "Real Time Link Events, or something similar

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

See proposed response to comment #210. Not entirely german, but useful nonetheless.

Link events are broken into two categories:

- Critical link events: Things that will most likely impact link operation
- Link events: Things that may impact link operation

At one point in time, the OAM STF had several link events defined. See 802.3ah/D1.1 Table 55-1. In particular, power, temperature and vendor defined were listed. Much discussion and debate ensued and the OAM STF decided to reduce the list down to 3 bits:

- Link fault - dealing directly with link operation
- Dying Gasp - dealing with DTE operation. This could include loss of power or other conditions which would likely impact link operation
- Other - an unspecified critical event, meaning something other than link fault or dying gasp has occurred.

Since 802.3 charter and domain is restricted to a single link, the OAM STF was given much guidance about straying too far north in this respect. The OAM STF also consciously decided not to list things like power, voltage levels, temperature etc. It quickly becomes a slippery slope.

CI 57 SC Table 57-8 P 202 L 30 # 206
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The organization specific flags don't really have any meaning, as you don't know what OUI they refer to. For example, I can support some/all/none of the organizational specific TLVs for my company, some/all/none of another company, some/all/none of some other standards body that's extended this protocol, etc.

SuggestedRemedy

Changes bits 7:5 to reserved.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See comment #665, which has more complete editing instructions.

CI 58 SC P 220 L # 851
 Meir Bartur Optical Zonu

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Does not include single wavelength option

SuggestedRemedy

Include single wavelength option

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

The dual wavelength option was adopted as baseline for the 100M bidi PMD. The single wavelength option was not adopted. This baseline was adopted at the Edinburgh Interim in May 2002, after the issue being discussed at several meetings.

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CI 58 SC P 220 L 11 # 470
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The *ref* convention is not specified and seems inconsistent with the previously used CROSS REF (page 16, line 13) like notation. Also, appears inconsistent with following #CrossRef# notation of Clause 64 or CROSS REF of Clause 65.

SuggestedRemedy

- 1) Describe the meaning of these notations, if different.
- 2) Elimination this notation, using real cross-references or (at least) printed text looks correct type of cross-references.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

The editor's box on p.219 explains that the *ref* highlight references outside this clause. The notations will be removed prior to publication.

CI 58 SC P 222 L 20 # 471
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The PHY primitives format is different from the normal service primitives, with no apparent benefit.

SuggestedRemedy

- 1) Figure out how service primitives are described.
- 2) Use the same convention for PHY primitives.

The format could, for example, be as follows:

The semantics of the service primitive are

```
PMD_UNITDATA.indication (
  rs_bit
)

rx_bit
  A data parameter that ...
  ONE--(...)
  ZERO--(...)
```

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

This is an editorial comment. The current style is more compact and was adopted at a previous meeting.

CI 58 SC P 224 L 15 # 472
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Inconsistent notation:
Signal_Detect
SIGNAL_DETECT
Signal detect

SuggestedRemedy

- 1) If this is a service primitive parameter, then I would prefer: signal_detect

- 2) Whatever is decided, search for inconsistencies and replace.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Check that all really are primitives before making changes.

CI 58 SC P 227 L 46 # 473
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Mandating the reader to "interpolate" a between-column line (due to straddled columns) should not be done; its strenuous and subject to error.

SuggestedRemedy

Rearrange listing so that split-column rows are at the top.

Similar changes for Figure 58-8 and 58-9.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

CI 58 SC P 230 L 18 # 474
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Non-text items should be centered.

SuggestedRemedy

- 1) Center all columns in this figure.
- 2) Do consistent changes for other figures.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Center all columns except for the leftmost column.

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CI 58 SC P 231 L 38 # 475
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

This table has alot of problems:

- 1) Item is a blank row
- 2) "Idle" is not hexadecimal, as claimed
- 3) Footnote is an orphan, which is confusing
- 4) The "Destination address" field is not defined elsewhere (perhaps should be destination_address)?
- 5) Binary number notation is not clear.

SuggestedRemedy

- 1-4) Fix them
- 5) Use subscript 2 for binary numbers.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

- 1) Reject
- 2) Reject. Keep idle as is
- 3) Reject
- 4) Reject. The destination address field is defined in 3.2.4
- 5) Accept in principle. Make clear when using binary numbers.

CI 58 SC P 233 L 20 # 477
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Its not clear why "0" and "1" values need quotes.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete the quotes.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

The quotation makes the document more readable.

CI 58 SC P 233 L 9 # 476
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Refrain from using three consecutive periods, as in ...

This makes it difficult to search for consecutive period errors, a common error observed within FrameMaker.

SuggestedRemedy

Change these to the proper character.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

CI 58 SC P 237 L 6 # 478
James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The vertical axis labels whould be right justified.

SuggestedRemedy

Change from left-justified to right-justified.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Consult the style guide and make appropriate changes.

CI 58 SC P 248 L 34 # 479
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The abbreviation "W" normally means "Watts"

SuggestedRemedy

- 1) Use a different acronym.
- 2) Be sure these acronyms are defined in the abbreviations subclause.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

W is not an abbreviation here, it is a quantity. Consult style guide on how to make this clear.

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CI 58 SC P 249 L 36 # 480
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Wrong font size in table, probably due to use of wrong paragraph style.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Use a consistent table style for smaller-sized text.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 58 SC P 251 L 16 # 481
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Excessive capitalization.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change:

 58.10.4 Medium Dependent Interface (MDI)
 ==>
 58.10.4 Medium dependent interface (MDI)
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

The current text style is consistent with Subclause 1.4 Definitions.

CI 58 SC P 257 L 1 # 482
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Excessive length clause title, which would mandate manual table-of-contents updates to correct wrapping error, which is (in itself) prone to human errors.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Make a shorter clause title.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment is more applicable to Clause 59. We will follow IEEE policy on clause title length.

CI 58 SC 58 P 219 L 8 # 107
 Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Re "Clause 58.1.1 "Goals and objectives" to be removed prior to final publication.": we don't need such an indirect way of preparing our draft. Let's show what we are voting on simply.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Put Clause 58.1.1 in an editor's note. Delete this note. Similarly in 59, 60.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 58 SC 58 P 220 L 5 # 108
 Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Broken quantity.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Use nonbreaking space between 10 and km.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 58 SC 58.1 P 220 L 10 # 1095
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 The physical layer includes the PHY as well as the RS - see figure 56-1.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Suggest that the text 'In order to form a complete physical layer, a PMD shall be integrated ...' should be changed to read 'In order to form a complete PHY, a PMD shall be integrated ...'.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

 See comment #986

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CI 58 SC 58.1 P 220 L 4 # 1096
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The introductory text doesn't seem to state what is specified in this Clause but does state that the PMD provides a 'Ethernet connection' which I'm not too sure is correct, the PMD is only part of a connection and a MAC would be required as well.

SuggestedRemedy

Based on similar text found elsewhere (for example IEEE Std 802.3ae-2002 Clause 53 and IEEE Std 802.3-2002 Clause 26) suggest that the first two paragraphs be replaced with the text:

'This clause specifies the 100BASE-LX10 and 100BASE-BX10 PMDs (including MDI) and the baseband medium for single-mode optical fiber. In order to form a complete PHY, the PMD shall be integrated with the with the 100BASE-X PCS and PMA of Clause 24, and optionally the management functions defined in Clause 22 and 45, which are hereby incorporated by reference.'

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

First paragraph: Keep text, but change either "provide" or "connection".

Second paragraph: See comment #986.

CI 58 SC 58.1 P 220 L 41 # 987
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Cross reference is not real, needs to made into a real link.

SuggestedRemedy

Do it

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

It is already a real link. Explain this in editor's box on front page.

CI 58 SC 58.1 P 220 L 9 # 986
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

This clause is not appropriately positioned as a PMD clause designed to attach to a cl 24 PHY in a manner that is compatible with the existing standard. In particular, the requirement that this PMD "shall" be integrated with the (cl 24) PHY to form a "complete physical layer" is not appropriate. That integration is a vendor implementation/marketing decision.

SuggestedRemedy

Define as a normal FDDI style PMD using established interface specifications.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change sentence to: "In order to form a complete physical layer, a PMD is combined with the 100BASE-X PCS and PMA of Clause 24*ref*, RS of Clause 22*ref*, and optionally combined with the management functions which may be accessible through the Management Interface defined in Clause 22*ref* or 45 *ref*."

CI 58 SC 58.1.1 P 220 L 48 # 988
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Extra carriage returns, incorrect style

SuggestedRemedy

Redit to conform to established style for enumerated list.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See #107.

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CI 58 SC 58.1.3 P 221 L 35 # 990
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

This subclause is not necessary if the draft is to go forward in its present form. These references are already normatively imposed on this clause. It has not been the convention of the remainder of 802.3 to include general references to the rest of the standard.

Further, the informative references are in "Annex A" not "Appendix A". Appendix A was, once upon a time "System Guidelines", but never informative references

SuggestedRemedy

If this clause is to stay in 802.3 as currently formulated then this subclause should be removed.

If this clause is to go a new standard that is external to the existing 802.3 then it may be appropriate in some form but should probably go to the front of the new book.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Keep this subclause. It contains very relevant information for the reader. The current document is huge and this subclause helps the reader to find relevant information. Considering that the EFM material might be published separately from the other clauses, this information becomes even more relevant.

Change "Informative references, see Appendix A*ref*" to "Informative references shown referenced in the format [Bn], see Annex A*ref*."

CI 58 SC 58.1.3 P 221 L 38 # 991
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Cross references are not real, needs to made into a real links.

SuggestedRemedy

Do it

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

We cannot convert all into real references now since we don't have access to Clauses 1.1, 1.2, and 21. Make real cross references to 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, Annex A and Clause 56 if another comment is accepted.

CI 58 SC 58.1.4 P 222 L 1 # 992
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type T Comment Status D

"code-groups" is technically incorrect.

The primitive is for "UNITDATA", i.e. a serial bit

SuggestedRemedy

Change to "NRZI code-bit stream"

Reference FDDI PMDs cl 6.1

Or possibly "NRZI 4B/5B encoded code-bit stream"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change to "4B/5B NRZI code-bit stream".

CI 58 SC 58.1.4 P 222 L 1 # 993
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Service primitive definition does not match syntax and content for existing PMDs.

SuggestedRemedy

Refer to LCF-PMD for new text.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

What is an LCF-PMD?

CI 58 SC 58.1.4.4 P 222 L 47 # 1097
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Typo.

SuggestedRemedy

Shouldn't '... error rate ...' read '... error ratio ...'.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See #821

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CI 58 SC 58.1.4.4 P 222 L 47 # 812
 Jönsson, Ulf Ericsson AB

Comment Type E Comment Status D

When 58.1.1 Goals and objectives is removed it will not be clear what we mean by "error rate objective".

SuggestedRemedy

Change "error rate objective" to "specified error rate"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change to "specified error ratio". See #1097.

CI 58 SC 58.10.4 P 251 L 16 # 999
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

There is no specified standardized MDI. It is very much a key element of the success of any Ethernet Standard to specify a single interoperable MDI for each cabling interface. The lack of such a specification is a major shortcoming of 10 GBE. We should not make the same mistake for EFM. If EFM was able to succeed in coming up with a single code for copper then choosing a connector should be well within the ability of the group.

SuggestedRemedy

Specify a single (standards based) connector type for connecting to single mode fiber or at least a single connector type for each PMD type. Change the business about specifying the performance at the end of TP2 to be part of the test set-up instead of the interoperability test point.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The premise is not correct. The MDI is properly specified (see subclause 58.10.4) and the explicit choice of a connector is neither necessary nor helpful to best meet our objectives in a timely manner.

CI 58 SC 58.11 P 252 L 1 # 1201
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The copyright release text for the PICS is missing.

SuggestedRemedy

Add the PICS copyright release - see 57.7 (page 211) for an example.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 58 SC 58.11.3.1 P 253 L 44 # 156
 Radcliffe, Jerry Hatteras Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Optional entries should have both Yes and No check boxes

SuggestedRemedy

Add No check box to FN3

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 58 SC 58.11.3.1 P 253 L 49 # 157
 Radcliffe, Jerry Hatteras Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Optional requirements should have both Yes and No check boxes

SuggestedRemedy

Add No check box to FN5

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 58 SC 58.2 P 222 L 51 # 1098
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The Clause 22 register set can also be used to manage a 100BASE-X PHY. This therefore might cause some contention with the Clause 45 register bits called out here. How would the Clause 22 Reset bit (0.15) interact with the MMD PMD/PMA Reset bit (1.0.15).

In addition I don't think I have found any modifications to the MMD PMA/PMD bits to support any speed other than 10Gb/s as it does at the moment. What are the contents of the MMD PMA/PMD mandatory registers (see 45.5.5.3) for a 100BASE-LX/BX PMD. What for example should the Speed Selection bits (1.0.5:2) in the MMD PMA/PMD register be set to and how do they interact with the Clause 22 Speed selection bits (0.6 & 0.13).

SuggestedRemedy

Please update the Clause 45 PMA/PMD MMD to support 100BASE-LX/BX operation. This update should take into account the inclusion of this MMD within a 100BASE-LX/BX PHY which also includes the Clause 22 mandatory registers 0 and 1.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This issue also applies to Clauses 59 and 60. This issue is not within the optics track expertise and should be referred to the logic experts.

CI 58 SC 58.3.1 P 223 L 35 # 1099
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Aren't shall statements required for when testing a TP2 and TP3.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the text 'Unless specified otherwise, all transmitter measurements and tests defined in 58.8 are made at TP2.' should read 'Unless specified otherwise, all transmitter measurements and tests defined in 58.8 shall be made at TP2.' and that the text 'Unless specified otherwise, all receiver measurements and tests defined in 58.8 are made at TP3.' should read 'Unless specified otherwise, all receiver measurements and tests defined in 58.8 shall be made at TP3.'.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

We have included "shall" statements as necessary in the measurement section. In fact, if a shall were necessary here the document would need to be structured in a way that these "shall" statements appear in the measurement section.

CI 58 SC 58.4 P 225 L 30 # 656
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Extra word in cross-reference.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "described in Clause 58.10." to read "described in 58.10." on page 225, line 30.

Also, change "described in Clause 58.10." to read "described in 58.10." on page 227, line 29.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 58 SC 58.4 P 225 L 30 # 995
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The text:
 "A 100BASE-LX10 compliant transceiver operates over the media types listed in Table 58-1"
 doesn't work because there is no real media type listed in Table 58-1 (or 58-9). There is the text: "Fiber type B1.1, B1.3 SMF" but that is meaningless gobbletygook without a proper reference. I assume that there should be a reference somewhere near here to an actual IEC spec.

SuggestedRemedy

Add normative reference to a full specification for a fiber that satisfies the transmission requirements for this standard or put the actual requirements into the clause.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Include reference to IEC 60793-2 in a footnote. See other comments. Apply to all clauses.

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CI 58 SC 58.4.1 P 226 L 23 # 996
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

I have no idea (in the standards sense) what the following text means nor how (a) I can determine whether the condition is satisfied or (b) if satisfaction of the condition is required. The text in reference is:

bThe great majority of the transmitted spectrum must fall within the operating wavelength range.

SuggestedRemedy

Define actual requirement
 Replace text with language appropriate to a standard.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

58.8.2 states "The great majority of the transmitted spectrum must fall within the operating wavelength range. The allowable range of central wavelengths is narrower than than the operating wavelength range by the actual RMS spectral width at each extreme."
 Add to note under table: "see 58.8.2"
 Check for consistency between and within optics clauses.

CI 58 SC 58.5 P 227 L 28 # 997
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The text:
 "A 100BASE-BX10-D or 100BASEBX10-U compliant transceiver compliant transceiver operates over the media types listed in Table 58-1"
 doesn't work because there is no real media type listed in Table 58-1 (or 58-9).
 There is the text: "Fiber type B1.1, B1.3 SMF" but that is meaningless gobbletygook without a proper reference. I assume that there should be a reference somewhere near here to an actual IEC spec

SuggestedRemedy

Add normative reference to a full specification for a fiber that satisfies the transmission requirements for this standard or put the actual requirements into the clause.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #995

CI 58 SC 58.5.1 P 228 L 14 # 114
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

In this clause we don't have a receiver upper bandwidth limit and also we allow a large amount of transmitter "overshoot", partly to allow for baseline wander (+0.25/-0.1) and partly for transient overshoot. This could hypothetically allow an extremely ringy transmitter and a very high bandwidth receiver to form a bad link. Experience indicates that 100 Mb/s transmitters show filtered eyes which do not have as much transient overshoot as higher speed transmitters, so we can reduce this loophole in the standard at no product cost.

SuggestedRemedy

Reduce Y3 from 0.5 to 0.4 and Y4 from 0.65 to 0.55 in tables 58-5 and 58-7. Modify figure 58-5 to match.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 58 SC 58.7 P 230 L 36 # 115
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Typo

SuggestedRemedy

Change 0.85 to 0.085. Or delete the note and leave the calculation as an exercise to the reader!

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change 0.85 to 0.085

CI 58 SC 58.7 P 235 L 5 # 125
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

There's no need for a "shall" because RIN spec is only a "should": TDP spec covers it.

SuggestedRemedy

Change to "If used, the procedure is ...".

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 58 SC 58.8 P 230 L 45 # 116
 Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Broken quantity
 SuggestedRemedy
 Use nonbreaking space between 5 and m.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 58 SC 58.8.1 P 230 L 54 # 266
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Table 24-1 lists the idle pattern, in 5 bit world, as 11111, what was intended?
 SuggestedRemedy
 Question is: what was intended.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 Yes, the idle is 11111 which appears as 10101 on the NRZI encoded line.

CI 58 SC 58.8.10 P 242 L 38 # 153
 Alan Flatman LAN Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 compliance is not something for an implementor to demonstrate.
 SuggestedRemedy
 replace implementor with supplier or manufacturer.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Remove "for the implementer"

CI 58 SC 58.8.12 P 247 L 51 # 1200
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Suggest that the cross reference to 59.9.1 would be a better cross reference here than 59.9 currently.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Suggest the text '... 58.8.1 or 59.9 as ...' should read '... 58.8.1 or 59.9.1 as ...'
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 58 SC 58.8.12 P 248 L 2 # 1107
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 The text states 'The channel and receiver are as specified in e.g. 58.10.2 and 58.10.3.' however subclauses 58.10.2 and 58.10.3 seem to be the channel and connector specifications.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Either change the text or correct the cross references.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Change to "58.8.9.2" and " 58.8.9.3"

CI 58 SC 58.8.3 P 233 L 3 # 120
 Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Language: "shall be measured" is not what we mean. We mean shall comply. Editorial: not sure what a "node" is.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change to:
 Optical power shall meet specifications according to the methods specified in ANSI/EIA-455-95. A measurement may be made with the port transmitting any valid balanced 4B/5B NRZI encoded data stream.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 58 SC 58.8.4 P 233 L 9 # 121

Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Language: "shall be measured" is not what we mean. We mean shall comply.

SuggestedRemedy

Change to:

Extinction ratio shall meet specifications according to the methods specified ...

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 58 SC 58.8.6 P 234 L 1 # 1102

Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

It's not normal to state if a subclause is informative of normative. To make text mandatory it would contain shall statements, from what I can see it does not.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove the text 'informative' from the subclause title.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

This is useful to the reader, and is used in other clauses (e.g. 52.5.3).

CI 58 SC 58.8.6 P 234 L 22 # 815

Jönsson, Ulf Ericsson AB

Comment Type E Comment Status D

log10

SuggestedRemedy

10 in "log10" should be in subscript

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 58 SC 58.8.7.2 P 235 L 37 # 1103

Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Typo.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the text '... specified in e.g. Table 58-5 ...' should read '... specified in Table 58-5 ...'.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

This procedure is used in other clauses which have their own optical return loss clauses.

CI 58 SC 58.8.7.2 P 235 L 38 # 1104

Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Please fully specify the reference to FOTP-107.

SuggestedRemedy

See comment.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Keep FOTP-107 here.

Add to the normative references list: FOTP-107 (ANSI TIA/EIA-455-107A), Determination of Component Reflectance or Link/System Return Loss Using a Loss Test Set.

CI 58 SC 58.8.7.2 P 235 L 41 # 122

Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Yesterday I was asked if this polarisation rotator really does what's intended.

SuggestedRemedy

I will seek an answer before the meeting.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

We believe no change is necessary.

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CI 58 SC 58.8.7.3 P 236 L 8 # 998
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type T Comment Status D

It would appear that this test procedure is flawed in that the power in step (d) PsubM is not deterministic because the power is (a) code dependent (4B/5B is not balanced) and (b) no input test condition code stream is specified. The equivalent procedure in 52.9.6.3 does not appear to have this problem.

SuggestedRemedy

Fix it or explain why it is not a problem.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Clarify that one should use the test pattern for testing RINxOMA. This pattern is specified in 58.8.1.

CI 58 SC 58.8.8 P 237 L 4 # 127
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Language: "Measurements shall be performed" is not what we mean. We mean that systems shall comply. Also, this subclause is now called by e.g. 59.9.8.

SuggestedRemedy

Change this sentence to:
 The transmitter optical waveform of a port transmitting the test pattern specified for the PMD type, e.g. in 58.8.1, shall meet specifications according to the methods specified below.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 58 SC 58.8.8 P 237 L 4 # 1106
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Incorrect cross refernce.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that '... as shown in 58-6.' should read '... as shown in 58-5.'

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 58 SC 58.8.8 P 237 L 49 # 1105
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Typo.

SuggestedRemedy

Please use a 'x' sign rather than a '.' for multiplication.

The same comment applies to Line 15, page 238.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Make consistent across clauses.

CI 58 SC 58.8.9 P 238 L 29 # 128
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Language: the sentence in 58.8.9.4, "the following procedure shall be used" is not what we mean. We mean that systems shall comply.

SuggestedRemedy

Insert a new sentence-paragraph at the beginning of 58.8.9:
 The TDP of a port transmitting the appropriate test pattern test shall meet specifications according to the methods specified below.

In first sentence of 58.8.9.4, change "shall be" to "is".

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 58 SC All P 220 L 1 # 985
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

If the 100BASE-BX10 PMD is to achieve its Broad Market Potential then it must include the combiner splitter within the scope of the specification and present a single specified MDI at each end. What seems to be here is separate specifications for the transmitter and receiver as though they were separate interfaces.

SuggestedRemedy

Respecify 100BASE-BX10 PMDs as transceivers (as opposed to transmitters and receivers) with on-board splitters-combiners and a specified interface to a single fiber.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The intention is to present a single MDI at each end and this will be made clearer.

CI 58 SC Figure 58-1 P 221 L 11 # 989
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Obsolete style of diagram refers to "LLC - LOGICAL LINK CONTROL" as the exclusive MAC CLIENT for 802.3

SuggestedRemedy

Redit to conform to current style (refer to 1000BASE-T diagram)
 "LLC - LOGICAL LINK CONTROL" should be "LLC - LOGICAL LINK CONTROL OR OTHER MAC CLIENT"

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 58 SC Table 58-1 P 220 L 22 # 1094
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Please complete the Fibre type specifications.

SuggestedRemedy

Please add additional text either in the table or in a footnote to clarify what B1.1 and B1.3 are referenced from.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See comment #995

CI 58 SC Table 58-10 P 230 L 21 # 155
 Radcliffe, Jerry Hatteras Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The high probability jitter entry for TP4 should be 2.44ns

SuggestedRemedy

Change entry to 2.44ns

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 58 SC Table 58-11 P 232 L 29 # 119
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

It would be a service to the reader to give a specific example destination address. I don't know what the criteria are.

SuggestedRemedy

May need help from logic experts and network test companies.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Suggestions are welcome.

CI 58 SC Table 58-4 P 224 L 53 # 994
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The average signal power* would normally be below the detection threshold but have a dynamic swing that puts its peak value above the detect threshold.

*(e.g. the min receive threshold - 1/2 the extinction ratio)

SuggestedRemedy

Change "input power" to "peak input power"
 (Also several other places)

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change to "Average input optical power". Apply to all three optics clauses.

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CI 58 SC Table 58-5 P 226 L 15 # 1100
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Suggest that for clarity the eye mask points should either have individual entries, or a separate table, rather than the list approach.

This comment also applies to Table 57-7.

SuggestedRemedy

Add new entries for each of the eye mask points or add a sperate table.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The list approach is clear, and is also used in the 10G optics clauses.

CI 58 SC Table 58-6 P 227 L 20 # 813
 Jönsson, Ulf Ericsson AB

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Cross-ref to definition of reflectance not complete

SuggestedRemedy

Change cross-ref to 1.4

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 58 SC Table 58-8 P 229 L 13 # 814
 Jönsson, Ulf Ericsson AB

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Cross-ref to definition of reflectance not complete

SuggestedRemedy

Change cross-ref to 1.4

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 58A SC P 523 L 5 # 541
 James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Excessive capitalization.

SuggestedRemedy

Change:

Frame Based Testing

==>

Frame based testing

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The optics STF will rely on guidance from the editor-in-chief on this issue. The need for consistency with Subclause 1.4 Definitions will be taken into account.

CI 58A SC 58A P 523 L 50 # 658
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Duplicate bullet a). Likely need to change the style of the bullet.

SuggestedRemedy

Change 2nd bullet a) to c) on page 523, line 50.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 58A SC 58A P 524 L 19 # 888
 Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type E Comment Status D

BERT is expanded incorrectly.

SuggestedRemedy

Expand BERT as Bit Error Ratio Testing.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 59 SC P 252 L 1 # 483
James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Excessive length subclause title, which would mandate manual table-of-contents updates to correct wrapping error, which is (in itself) prone to human errors.

SuggestedRemedy

1) Change:
Clause 58, Physical ...

==>

Clause 58

2) Use a nonbreaking space within:

Clause 585

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Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

CI 59 SC P 257 L # 852
Meir Bartur Optical Zonu

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Does not include single wavelength option

SuggestedRemedy

Include single wavelength option

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

Adoption of a two-wavelength solution has been discussed in detail and approved on the basis that it is a cost-effective and robust solution that meets our Objectives. Accordingly, the baseline proposals were selected in May 2002 with overwhelming majority.

CI 59 SC P 259 L 7 # 484
James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Excessive length subclause title, which would mandate manual table-of-contents updates to correct wrapping error, which is (in itself) prone to human errors.

SuggestedRemedy

Make a shorter subclause title.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

CI 59 SC P 272 L 3 # 485
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Wrong font size in table, probably due to use of wrong paragraph style.

SuggestedRemedy

Use a consistent table style for smaller-sized text, in:

Table 59-16

Table 59-17

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 59 SC P 278 L 3 # 486
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Excessive capitalization.

Capitalize only the first word of a heading, and not even necessarily that.

SuggestedRemedy

Change:

Offset Patchcord ==> Offset patchcord

Jumper Cable ==> Jumper cable

Fiber Optic Cabling ==> Fiber optic cabling

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The optics STF will rely on guidance from the editor-in-chief on this issue. The need for consistency with Subclause 1.4 Definitions will be taken into account.

CI 59 SC P 279 L 16 # 487
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The IEEE discourages the use of a dot for multiplication.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the "dot" to a mathematical x symbol.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

This is the traditional method for specifying modal bandwidth.

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CI 59 SC P 281 L 1 # 488
James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Excessive length subclause title, which would mandate manual table-of-contents updates to correct wrapping error, which is (in itself) prone to human errors.

SuggestedRemedy

- 1) Delete Physical Medium ...
- 2) Put nonbreaking space within Clause 59.
 ^ nonbreaking

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

CI 59 SC 4.1 and 4.2 P 263 L 36 # 1207
John George OFS

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The latest posted EFM link model (EFM_PBud0_0_1.xls) is out of date and does not reflect the Draft 2.0 Tx and Rx characteristics and PMD designations.

SuggestedRemedy

Please update EFM_PBud0_0_1.xls to reflect Draft 2.0 Tx and Rx characteristics and PMD designations.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The will be updated but does not require a change to the proposed Standard

CI 59 SC 59 P 257 L 1 # 1108
Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Subclause 56.1.3 calls the 1000BASE-LX10 PHY 'Extended Long Wavelength Laser', the existing Clause 38 calls 1000BASE-LX PHY 'Long Wavelength Laser' yet this Clause title calls the 1000BASE-LX10 PHY simply 'Long Wavelength'. Suggest that to be consistent with 56.1.3 and Clause 38 the 1000BASE-LX10 PHY be called 'Extended Long Wavelength Laser'.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the text 'type 1000BASE-LX10 (Long Wavelength) and 1000BASE-BX10 (BiDirectional Long Wavelength)' should read 'type 1000BASE-LX10 (Extended Long Wavelength Laser) and 1000BASE-BX10 (BiDirectional Long Wavelength Laser)'.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 59 SC 59.1 P 258 L 4 # 1109
Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The introductory text doesn't seem to state what is specified in this Clause but does state that the PMD provides a '1000BASE-X connection' which I'm not too sure is correct, the PMD is only part of a 1000BASE-X connection, a PCS would be required as well.

In addition the physical layer includes the PHY as well as the RS - see figure 56-1.

SuggestedRemedy

Based on similar text found elsewhere (for example IEEE Std 802.3ae-2002 Clause 53 and IEEE Std 802.3-2002 Clause 38) suggest that the first two paragraphs be replaced with the text:

'This clause specifies the 1000BASE-LX10 and 1000BASE-BX10 PMDs (including MDI). This clause also specifies the 1000BASE-LX10 PMD baseband medium for multimode and single-mode fiber and the 1000BASE-BX10 baseband medium for single-mode fiber. In order to form a complete PHY, the PMD shall be integrated with the 1000BASE-X PCS and PMA of Clause 36, and optionally the management functions defined in Clause 22 and 45, which are hereby incorporated by reference.'

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 59 SC 59.1.1 P 258 L 44 # 842
Brand, Richard Nortel Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

"Implementation may be declared or not so declared (compliant....). This is unclear as to the required action and will encourage deception. Does this mean that implementations will be declared not compliant, or to not state which temp range is covered?

The extended Temp range optics objective is not satisfied by this text including the Annex.

SuggestedRemedy

Add clarifying text to clearly state the action.
Make extended temp range normative.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change reference on line 44 in 59.1 from see Annex 66A *ref*" to "see 59.10.4"

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CI 59 SC 59.1.1 P 258 L 50 # 158
 Radcliffe, Jerry Hatteras Networks
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 The Goals and Objectives paragraph should be removed
 SuggestedRemedy
 Remove paragraph 59.1.1
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 59 SC 59.1.5 P 260 L 23 # 112
 Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Looking ahead to 802.3's future electronic dispersion compensation project: Electronic dispersion compensation would add noticeable delay into the PMD sublayer. As it could conceivably be applied to Gigabit Ethernet, and as a few more ns of delay is equivalent to a very few more metres of fibre (i.e. not significant for most networks), we should look ahead and specify the delay limit we need in the long term. This way, any higher level layers which use this limit will not have to be re-worked for future PMDs.
 This comment is copied against 59 and 60.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change 12 to 20 ns. Apply to clauses 59 and 60. Could apply to 58 for consistency.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 59 SC 59.11.4 P 279 L 25 # 912
 Frazier, Howard SWI
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 IS?
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "IS 11801" to "ISO/IEC 11801".
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

The current designation is correct - ISO/IEC standards are published as "IS xxxx." IS means "International Standard"

CI 59 SC 59.11.5 P 279 L 47 # 133
 Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 This sentence works for SC connectors only, need to generalise it for other smaller types. Also need to make the reference normative following the "shall".
 "All patch cord connecting ferrules containing the single-mode-to-multimode offset launch shall have single-mode tolerances (IEC 61754-4 [B25]grade 1 ferrule).
 SuggestedRemedy
 "... shall have single-mode tolerances (IEC 61754-4 grade 1 ferrule in the case of SC connectors)."
 Remove the [B25].
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 59 SC 59.12.3.2 P 283 L 28 # 123
 Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Status of mode-conditioning patch cord can't be LX:M as it is used for MMF only
 SuggestedRemedy
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Commentor to provide suggested remedy.

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CI 59 SC 59.12.3.2 P 283 L 30 # 124
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Note this comment applies to 58, 59 and 60. I didn't want to clutter the database with 9 or 10 clones.

PICS: want entry for stressed sensitivity following 59.9.14 "If the option for stressed receiver compliance is chosen".

For 1000BASE-BX10 and if we don't make stressed sensitivity mandatory or conditionally mandatory for 1000BASE-LX10,

SuggestedRemedy

Example table entries:

LX3 1000BASE-LX10 receiver 59.4.2 Receiver meets mandatory specifications in

Table 59-7 LX:M Yes [] N/A []

LX4 1000BASE-LX10 receiver 59.4.2 Receiver meets stressed sensitivity

specification LX:O Yes [] No [] N/A []

And similarly for other PMDs.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 59 SC 59.12.3.5 P 284 L 14 # 126
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

RIN spec and testing is a "should", as TDP covers it.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete OM6.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 59 SC 59.4 P 263 L 53 # 110
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

I have looked again at the use of stressed sensitivity in standards. Basically, ITU-T and 10G Ethernet use only stressed sensitivity, Fibre Channel uses stressed where MMF is involved and unstressed where SMF is involved, 1000BASE-LX uses both. If we were to proceed without a stressed sensitivity requirement for a MMF physical layer, we would be unusual, maybe in the wrong. Reluctantly, I think we should make stressed sensitivity mandatory for 1000BASE-LX10, or at least if to be used with MMF.

I have made this a TR because it may take more than one ballot cycle to get the technical input we need.

SuggestedRemedy

Options:

1. No change.
2. Create option for MMF compatibility within 1000BASE-LX10 with mandatory stressed sensitivity.
3. Make stressed sensitivity mandatory for 1000BASE-LX10.
4. Make stressed sensitivity mandatory for 1000BASE-anything.
5. Make stressed sensitivity mandatory for all EFM optical PMDs.

At present I am leaning towards option 3 if we can assure ourselves that the stressed requirement is not a significant cost burden; if it is, then option 2.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Deferred to Optics STF for decision.

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CI 59 SC 59.4 P 264 L 39 # 87

Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D

A recent trend in fiber optic transceivers is the "2/1/1" transceiver which implements 1 and 2 Gigabit Fibre Channel with Gigabit Ethernet. It would be beneficial (economies of scale) for 1000BASE-LX10 to be very compatible with Fibre Channel. The power budgets are similar but the 1000BASE-LX10 minimum powers are presently a little lower than Fibre Channel (and 1000BASE-LX receiver). This can be remedied while still maintaining a cost-effective transmit power window and complete interoperability between 1000BASE-LX10 and 1000BASE-LX.

Also, the stressed sensitivity for 1000BASE-LX10 (17 uW OMA) is much more demanding than for 1000BASE-LX (56 uW OMA) - this may be partly a separate problem (with separate comment).

I have made this a TR because it may take a while to choose the best limits.

SuggestedRemedy

Raise these limits by 0.5 or 1.0 dB:
 Tx minimum power on SMF from -9.5 to -9 or -8.5, Tx OMA, Rx unstressed "mean" sensitivity from -20 to -19.5 or -19, unstressed OMA. Review stressed sensitivity mean and OMA, raise as appropriate. Leave the Tx maximum at -3 dBm (common to all four PMD types). The link penalties and so on are unchanged by this.

It might also be possible to raise the sensitivities by 1 dB and the transmit powers by 0.5 dB, taking 0.5 dB out of the margin.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. Deferred to Optics STF for decision.

CI 59 SC 59.7 P 268 L 15 # 154

Alan Flatman LAN Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

BER (min) requirement is incorrect. BER (max) is already specified.

SuggestedRemedy

delete BER (min) requirement.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 59 SC 59.9.1 P 270 L 10 # 1110

Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The text states that these test patterns are only 'recommended' yet they appear in the PICS with a 'M' (Mandatory) status. Please clarify.

SuggestedRemedy

If these patterns are to be mandatory as the PICS implies please add a shall statement as appropriate.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. Delete the word "recommended" in line 9 and modify OM2 so that it refers to Table 59-13.

CI 59 SC 59.9.1 P 270 L 32 # 1111

Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Frames do not include preamble and SFD, packets do (see IEEE Std 802.3-2002). Based on the test pattern definitions they seem to included preamble and SFD.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the text 'They are compliant Ethernet frames with ...' should read 'They are compliant Ethernet packets with ...'.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 59 SC 59.9.11 P 274 L 24 # 1202

Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Suggest a cross reference should be added for where the 'random pattern test frame' is defined.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the text '... the random pattern test frame and ...' should read '... the random pattern test frame (see 59.9.1) and ...'.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. Add reference to 59.9.1

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CI 59 SC 59.9.15 P 275 L 34 # 132
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Language: "shall be measured" is not what we mean. We mean shall comply.

SuggestedRemedy

Change first sentence to:

The receiver 3 dB electrical upper cutoff frequency shall meet specifications according to the methods specified below.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 59 SC 59.9.15 P 276 L 12 # 137
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 BX

SuggestedRemedy

BX10

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 59 SC 59.9.3 P 272 L 37 # 131
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Language: "shall be measured" is not what we mean. We mean shall comply. Editorial: not sure what a "node" is. Editorial: delete "[B7]".

SuggestedRemedy

Change to:

Optical power shall meet specifications according to the methods specified in ANSI/EIA-455-95. A measurement may be made with the port transmitting ..."

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 59 SC 59.9.4 P 272 L 42 # 1112
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Isn't the ANSI/TIA/EIA-526-4A a mandatory test method - it seems to be included in the PICS with a 'M' status.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the text 'Extinction ratio is defined according to methods specified in ANSI/TIA/EIA-526-4A ...' should read 'Extinction ratio shall be measured according to methods specified in ANSI/TIA/EIA-526-4A ...'.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. Change text to read "Extinction ratio shall meet specifications according to methods specified in ANSI/TIA/EIA-526-4A and delete "measurements" in OM3, OM4, OM5, OM9, and OM10.

CI 59 SC 59.9.4 P 272 L 43 # 1113
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Suggest that 'l2' should read '/l2/ ordered_set (see 36.2.4.12)'.

SuggestedRemedy

See comment.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 59 SC 59.9.4 P 272 L 45 # 1114
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Suggest that the Idle pattern cannot contain frames but instead it is interspersed with OAM packets.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the text 'The idle pattern may contain a low proportion of OAM frames.' should read 'The idle pattern may be interspersed with a low rate of OAM packets.'.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. Deferred to Optics STF for decision.

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CI 59 SC 59.9.6 P 273 L 1 # 1117
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

It's not normal to state if a subclause is informative of normative. To make text mandatory it would contain shall statements, from what I can see it does not.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove the text 'informative' from the subclause title.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT. Several subclauses are designated "(informative).

CI 59 SC 59.9.8 P 273 L 17 # 1116
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

This subclause references the test pattern defined in subclause 58.8.8 yet subclause 58.8.8 references a test pattern defined in subclause 58.8.1 which is a 4B5B test pattern - therefore is the reference to 58.8.8 is this case correct.

SuggestedRemedy

Verify if the reference to 58.8.8 is correct.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. Deferred to Optics STF to verify correct reference.

CI 59 SC 59.9.8 P 273 L 19 # 1118
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Typo.

SuggestedRemedy

The text 'fr' should be in italics.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 59 SC Figure 59-1 P 259 L 18 # 1001
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Obsolete style of diagram refers to "LLC - LOGICAL LINK CONTROL" as the exclusive MAC CLIENT for 802.3

SuggestedRemedy

Redit to conform to current style (refer to 1000BASE-T diagram)

"LLC - LOGICAL LINK CONTROL" should be "LLC - LOGICAL LINK CONTROL OR ORHER MAC CLIENT"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 59 SC Figure 59-8 P 280 L 25 # 911
 Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

I can't believe that I drew this diagram 6 years ago, and it is still kicking around in a new standard.

SuggestedRemedy

Let's ban mode conditioning patch cords and multi-mode fibre from EFM. We don't need them. Delete all references to multi-mode fibre and mode conditioning patch cords.

Alternatively, replace the contents of 59.11.5 with the following:

See 38.11.4.

Go ahead, eight ball me.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT. 59.11.5 is not identical to 38.11.4 so we can't delete it. In addition, 1000BASE-LX10 is intended to be a superset of 1000BASE-LX which includes MMF.

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CI 59 **SC Table 59-1** **P 258** **L 21** # **1000**
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type **TR** **Comment Status** **D**

The text:
 "Fiber type B1.1, B1.3 SMF" is meaningless without a proper reference. I assume that there should be a reference somewhere near here to an actual IEC spec

SuggestedRemedy

Provide IEC reference

Proposed Response **Response Status** **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. Add reference to fiber type noting reference to IEC 60793-2.

CI 59 **SC Table 59-13** **P 270** **L 14** # **1203**
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type **T** **Comment Status** **D**

Suggest that an additional column be added to this table that lists for each pattern the subclause or Tables that provide the patten specification. For example 'Random Pattern Test Frame' will list Table 59-14 and 59-15.

SuggestedRemedy

See comment.

Proposed Response **Response Status** **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. Deferred to Optics STF for appropriate references.

CI 59 **SC Table 59-16** **P 272** **L 5** # **1115**
 Radcliffe, Jerry 3Com

Comment Type **T** **Comment Status** **D**

Footnote a to Table 59-14 states that 'The running disparity exiting the first portion of the MAC client data shall be positive.' On examination of the 7E 7E encoding provided in the first line of Table 59-16 the encoding 011110 0011 appears which I understand from table 36-1c should only be sent when the current running disparity is negative.

SuggestedRemedy

Please correct the 8B10B encoding provided in the first row of Table 59-19 if necessary.

Please also check lines 4 and 5 of this table as there seems to be a similar discrepancy there.

Proposed Response **Response Status** **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. Deferred to Optics STF for correct response. The commenter is encouraged to suggest specific corrections.

CI 59 **SC Table 59-18** **P 279** **L 25** # **94**
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type **E** **Comment Status** **D**

"IS 11801" doesn't make sense outside of IEC. They aren't the only international standards body.

SuggestedRemedy

ISO/IEC 11801

Proposed Response **Response Status** **W**

PROPOSED REJECT. See comment 912.

CI 59 **SC Table 59-5** **P 265** **L 14** # **1101**
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type **E** **Comment Status** **D**

Suggest that for clarity the eye mask points should either have individual entries, or a separate table, rather than the list approach.

This comment also applies to Table 59-8.

SuggestedRemedy

Add new entries for each of the eye mask points or add a sperate table.

Proposed Response **Response Status** **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. Deferred to Optics STF for decision - in GbE, we did not include the eye definition in the transmit characteristics but rather included the numbers in the transmit eye figure.

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CI 59 SC Table 59-5 P 265 L 21 # 1240
Ewen, John JDS Uniphase

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The 300ps differential delay specified for the TDP measurement does not seem to be correct. A simple extrapolation of 500MHz-km over 550m would yield a 3dB bandwidth of 900MHz. The 2-tap transversal filter with a 300ps delay gives a 3dB bandwidth of 1.1GHz, suggesting the specified delay is too small. In addition, the transversal filter methodology was developed for 802.3ae to accommodate MMF at 850nm, and it's not clear that this methodology is appropriate for 1310nm with a mode conditioned launch.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace the transversal filter with a Bessel-Thomson filter of the appropriate bandwidth. If measurements or analysis show that the transversal filter methodology is required for 1310nm over MMF with a mode conditioned launch, then adjust the differential delay value to be consistent with the worst case bandwidth.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Deferred to Optics STF for discussion. The commenter is encouraged to suggest a suitable value of delay or bandwidth.

CI 59 SC Table 59-7 P 264 L 39 # 111
Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The stressed sensitivity is 1.6 dB higher than the unstressed sensitivity while the vertical eye-closure penalty is 3.6 dB. This doesn't seem consistent (there are other factors involved but they are smaller than 3.6 dB). Another way of looking at the stressed sensitivity is that it should be appropriate for MMF use and calculated according to MMF loss.

SuggestedRemedy

Review stressed sensitivity mean and OMA and raise as appropriate.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. Deferred to Optics STF for discussion.

CI 60 SC P 287 L 1 # 489
James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Excessive length clause title, which would mandate manual table-of-contents updates to correct wrapping error, which is (in itself) prone to human errors.

SuggestedRemedy

Make a shorter clause title.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Will follow common policy on title lengths

CI 60 SC P 287 L 1 # 490
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Excessive capitalization.

SuggestedRemedy

60. Physical Medium Dependent (PMD) sublayer ...
==>
60. Physical medium eependent (PMD) sublayer ...

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

The current text style is consistent with Subclause 1.4 Definitions.

CI 60 SC P 288 L Table 60-1 # 853
Meir Bartur Optical Zonu

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Min Ch. Loss 5dB is too low (1x4 splitter is 7dB - and that is the min in IYU which is also too high IMHO)

SuggestedRemedy

Change to 10 dB

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT. This has been stable since at least D1.1. Committee should see technical arguments before making any change. APD(?) overload vs. tolerancing the loss of the optical plant?

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CI 60 SC P 290 L 49 # 491
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Wrong font size in "A signal for laser..."
 SuggestedRemedy
 Reapply the correct character font style.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 60 SC P 293 L 19 # 854
 Meir Bartur Optical Zonu
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 "PMD receiver is not required to verify whether a compliant 1000BASE-PX signal is being received."
 Table 60-4 "AND compliant 1000BASE-X signal input at the specified receiver wavelength" not a clear delineation
 SuggestedRemedy
 Remove "AND compliant 1000BASE-X signal input at the specified receiver wavelength" from table 60-4
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

Receiver cannot be expected to guarantee correct signal detect operation with unexpected signal formats. Could consider changing '1000BASE-X' to '1000BASE-PX' but it wouldn't make any difference. Commenter is requested to clarify the issue.

CI 60 SC P 293 L 35 # 492
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Inconsistent capitalization:
 Signal Detect
 SIGNAL_DETECT
 SuggestedRemedy
 Pick one name and use it throughtout.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Not sure if SIGNAL_DETECT parameter and Signal Detect function are the same thing or different, will investigate.

CI 60 SC P 302 L 49 # 493
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Spaces in variable names cause confusion.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change all variable names to be runTogetherWords.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This reviewer is not confused by the spaces, and prefers the readability. Insert subscript 10 after log. Put UI in brackets (twice).

CI 60 SC P 307 L 2 # 494
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Excessively dark lines.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Use the normal line-width conventions.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

What conventions?

CI 60 SC P 307 L 39 # 495
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 What is the meaning of "The Standard"
 SuggestedRemedy
 1) Provide a cross-reference to where Toff maximum value is specified.
 2) Eliminat the "should" in the second second, which is implied by the maximum value specification already.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The necessary information is already given in 60.8.13.1. Consider deleting the paragraph.

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CI 60 SC P 310 L 37 # 496
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Wrong font size in table, probably due to use of wrong paragraph style.

SuggestedRemedy

Use a consistent table style for smaller-sized text, in:
Table 60-15

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 60 SC P 313 L 1 # 497
James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Excessive length subclause title, which would mandate manual table-of-contents updates to correct wrapping error, which is (in itself) prone to human errors.

SuggestedRemedy

- 1) Delete Physical Medium ...
- 2) Put nonbreaking space within Clause 60.
^ nonbreaking

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. Will follow common policy on title lengths

CI 60 SC P 315 L 21 # 498
James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Bad line break.

SuggestedRemedy

- 1) Replace Table 60-4 with a nonbreaking space.
^ nonbreaking space
- 2) Do a search for all instances, replacing with nonbreaking space, throughout the draft.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT. If the space falls within a reference, it would come from the Frame template and the problem may not be correctable.

CI 60 SC 60 P 288 L 42 # 136
Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Please make tables 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 16 full width using the "shrink to fit" feature.

SuggestedRemedy

The document will look better for it and be may be slightly more compact.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 60 SC 60.1 P 289 L # 195
Yukihiko, Fujimoto NTT

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Using "OLT" as an equipment with "ONU:Optical Network Unit", OLT should be "Optical Line Terminal".

SuggestedRemedy

Optical Line Termination -> Optical Line Terminal

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Will check against ITU-T.

CI 60 SC 60.1.2 P 289 L 19 # 910
Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Inconsistent abbreviation of Multi-Point Control Protocol.
Clause 64 uses MPCP, while Clause 60 uses MPMC.

SuggestedRemedy

Use MPCP.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 60 SC 60.1.2 P 289 L 8 # 1002
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

P2MP violates 802.3 layering as the laser control takes place in the new "MULTI-POINT MAC CONTROL" sublayer above the MAC in the ONU, the actual switching function takes place in the PHY. There is no provision in the existing 802.3 MAC or the GMII to pass this signal between those sublayers.

SuggestedRemedy

Create a separate standard within 802.3 for EPON that frees EPON from the backward compatibility constraints of legacy Ethernet and allows for the standard to be structured and written appropriately. Rewrite so that the media access control actually takes place in an entirely new (non-CSMA/CD) TDMA MAC.
 A new non CSMA/CD GMI-like interface could then be freely specified with no impact on the existing 802.3 Standard.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Referred to P2MP group. See response to comment number 1119.

CI 60 SC 60.1.2 P 289 L 8 # 1003
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

P2MP has violated layering and good standards description practice by specifying the MAC function in 2 separate layers with a significant portion of the function being specified in the PHY.

The 2 layers need to communicate with each other where there is no path for doing so. The difference between this somewhat bizarre method of specification that is contorted to try to fit into the existing Ethernet spec will be an ongoing problem because it does not match normal system partitioning. There will be a natural desire during implementation to put MAC functions in a MAC and PHY functions in the PHY. The fact that the actual design spec must be interpreted from its current rather strange form is an invitation to interoperability/compatibility problems.

SuggestedRemedy

Create a separate standard within 802.3 for EPON that frees EPON from the backward compatibility constraints of legacy Ethernet and allows for the standard to be structured and written appropriately. Rewrite so that the media access control actually takes place in an entirely new (non-CSMA/CD) TDMA MAC.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Referred to P2MP group. See response to comment number 1119.

The commenter does not here propose a change to the Clause 60-specific material, but to other clauses and to a diagram which is kept consistent with Figure 65-1.

CI 60 SC 60.1.5 P 290 L 24 # 1113
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Looking ahead to 802.3's future electronic dispersion compensation project: electronic dispersion compensation would add extra delay into the PMD sublayer. As it could conceivably be applied to Gigabit Ethernet, and as a few more ns of delay is equivalent to a very few more metres of fibre (i.e. not significant for most networks), we should look ahead and specify the delay limit we need in the long term. This way, any higher level layers which use this limit will not have to be re-worked for future PMDs.

This comment is copied against 59 and 60.

SuggestedRemedy

Change 12 to 20 ns. Apply to clauses 59 and 60. Could apply to 58 for consistency.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 60 SC Figure 60-1 P 289 L 15 # 1004

Thompson, Geoff

Nortel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Obsolete style of diagram refers to "LLC - LOGICAL LINK CONTROL" as the exclusive MAC CLIENT for 802.3

SuggestedRemedy

Redit to conform to current style (refer to 1000BASE-T diagram)
 "LLC - LOGICAL LINK CONTROL" should be "LLC - LOGICAL LINK CONTROL OR OTHER MAC CLIENT"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 60 SC Table 60-5 P 294 L 38 # 855

Meir Bartur

Optical Zonu

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Average launch power (min) -1dBm for the ONU is too high. FSAN is -2dBm

SuggestedRemedy

Change to -2dBm

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

This has been -1 since D1.414, and a lower transmit power would mean a more demanding sensitivity. Committee should see technical arguments before making any change.

CI 60 SC Table 60-5 P 294 L 39 # 856

Meir Bartur

Optical Zonu

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Average launch power of OFF transmitter (max) for the OLT -39 dBm is astrange requirement - not neccessary

SuggestedRemedy

Remove

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

This item is included for consistency with other continuously operating optical transmitters within 802.3.

CI 60 SC Table 60-5 P 294 L 41 # 857

Meir Bartur

Optical Zonu

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Extinction ratio (min) 6dB (4/1) is too low

SuggestedRemedy

Change to 10 like ITU

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

This has been stable since D1.1, and was chosen to be cost effective for direct modulation. Committee should see technical arguments before making any change.

CI 60 SC Table 60-5 P 295 L 12,13 # 858

Meir Bartur

Optical Zonu

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Ton Toff 512nSec each IS TOO MUCH

SuggestedRemedy

Change to 50nSec

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

This item was been debated at length and has been fairly stable since D1.3 (600 ns), and was chosen to allow cost effective designs. Committee should see technical arguments before making any change.

CI 61 SC P 321 L 17 # 499

James, David

JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Inconsistent centering of fields.

SuggestedRemedy

- 1) Center LLC, OAM, MAC CONTROL, and MAC-- fields within boxes.
- 2) Work to make all layer diagrams with consistent notation.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 61 SC P 329 L 1 # 500
James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D
Excessive capitalization.

SuggestedRemedy
Change:
61.2 PCS Functional Specifications
==>
61.2 PCS functional specifications

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC P 335 L 18 # 501
James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D
Inconsistent naming of states.

SuggestedRemedy
Change:
WAIT FOR NEXT FRAGMENT
==>
WAIT_FOR_NEXT_FRAGMENT

Both here and throughout this document.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC P 336 L 47 # 502
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D
Inconsistent naming of 8-bit data:
octet elsewhere
byte here

SuggestedRemedy
1) Be consistent.
2) My preference is to change all instances:
octet ==> byte

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
Editor shall discuss this issue with Editor-in-Chief, prior to discussion of this comment in
Copper Sub Task Force.

CI 61 SC P 337 L 19 # 503
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D
Indentation needed to delineate the occur:
Items that are described.

SuggestedRemedy
1) Change these to enumerated lists.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC P 341 L 19 # 504
James, David JGG

Comment Type TR Comment Status D
Greek letters should not be included in titles, subclause, figure, or tables. The text in the
TOC, LOF, or LOT will be incorrect and fixes will be error prone.

SuggestedRemedy
Change symbols, perhaps to:
gamma, alpha, beta.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.
The "alpha(beta)"-interface and "gamma"-interface are well-known fundamental
concepts in the xDSL world. We've deliberately chosen to keep these concepts and their
original notation in our draft to make the relation with existing xDSL standards clear to the
reader.

CI 61 SC P 343 L 28 # 505
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D
Footnotes belong on text, not titles.

SuggestedRemedy
Move the footnote to the first line of text.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.
The place of the footnote was deliberately chosen to warn the reader that the entire
subclause 61.2.3.2.3 is about xDSL-style OAM, not EFM-style OAM.

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CI 61 SC P 345 L 1 # 293
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Scrambler serves no purpose. It was placed into the draft on the mistaken assumption that a local device could receive MAC data frames when the local device receive path is not sync'd. Such a situation is illegal.

SuggestedRemedy
 Remove scrambler, descrambler, and all associated text.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Comments #293(T), #267(T), #820(TR), #1210(TR), #1182(TR) and #1183(TR) suggest removing the scrambler.
 Comments #864(TR), #799(T), #800(T) and #1237(T) address issues related to the scrambler.

Proposed action:
 - Accept comment #1237
 - Remove scrambler/descrambler
 - Resolution of comments #293, #267, #820, #1210, #1182, #1183, #864, #799 and #800 immediately follows

CI 61 SC P 347 L 4 # 506
 James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Use IEEE styles on lists.

SuggestedRemedy
 Change:
 implemented: ==> implemented.
 an incorrect ... is expected; ==> An incorrect ... is expected.
 the received ... ==> The received ...

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC P 348 L 49 # 507
 James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Inconsistent notation

SuggestedRemedy
 Change:
 $x(n-1) ==> x_{n-1}$
 ^^ superscript

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC P 353 L 23 # 508
 James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 The meaning of "Stet" is unclear.

SuggestedRemedy
 Make this abbreviation clear.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See resolution of comments #1213, #1214 and #1215.

CI 61 SC P 356 L 24 # 510
 James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 The 'x' notation for don't care clouds the picture and is very informal.

SuggestedRemedy
 1) Use an em dash when an entry is not specified or ignored.
 2) Define this up front in terms and definitions, or there-around.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 The style is copied from ITU-T Recommendation G.994.1, which is a normative reference for this Clause. The notation is explained in subclause 9.2 of ITU-T Recommendation G.994. An 'x' in bit 8 of an NPar(1) or SPar(1) field, or in bits 8 and 7 of an NPar(2), SPar(2) or NPar(3) field indicates a delimiting bit, not a "don't care".

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CI 61 SC P 356 L 24 # 509
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The high "tick" over bit 8 is distracting and unnecessary.

SuggestedRemedy

Make this and other tick marke to the right of 8 or 7, within:
Table 61-15 through 61-119.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The style is copied from ITU-T Recommendation G.994.1, which is a normative reference for this Clause. The notation is explained in subclause 9.2 of ITU-T Recommendation G.994. An 'x' in bit 8 of an NPar(1) or SPar(1) field, or in bits 8 and 7 of an NPar(2), SPar(2) or NPar(3) field indicates a delimiting bit, not a "don't care". The high "tick" separates the delimiting bits from the parameter bits.

CI 61 SC P 395 L 15 # 511
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Excess capitalization.

SuggestedRemedy

Change:
Bytes ==> bytes

here and throughout.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61 P 319 L 1 # 1192
Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

To reduce the possibility of confusion with the existing use of the word 'fragment' in 802.3 relating to the result of a collision in half-duplex mode, subclause 9.6.4 for example is titled 'Fragment extension, suggest that it might be an idea to do a global replace of 'Fragment' with 'PMI Fragment', or something similar, throughout IEEE P802.3ah.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest a global replace of 'Fragment' with PMI Fragment', or something similar, throughout IEEE P802.3ah.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Given the fact that collisions aren't discussed anywhere in Clause 61, the possibility of confusion is seems to be very small. The reader will understand that the word "fragment" can have a different meaning in different contexts.

CI 61 SC 61 P 320 L 1 # 1190
Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

IEEE Std 802.3-2002 defines a 'data frame: Consists of the Destination Address, Source Address, Length Field, logical link control (LLC) Data, PAD, and Frame Check Sequence.' (see subclause 1.4.96) and a 'packet: Consists of a data frame as defined previously, preceded by the Preamble and the Start Frame Delimiter, encoded, as appropriate, for the Physical Layer (PHY) type.' (see 1.4.198).

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest that Clause 61 should be reviewed for correctness of these terms. In a number of cases I thing the term 'data frame' would be correct rather than 'packet.

One possible instances for example is line 18, page 333. The text states '... that short packets can be transported over a single fragment ...' however since, as far as understand, the preamble and SFD are not being transferred, this should really read '... that short data frames can be transported over a single fragment ...'.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Editor will work with Commenter to locate instances where change is required. See also comment #268.

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CI 61 SC 61 P 320 L 1 # 267
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Clause 61 needs to use the PCS receive link status, signal TC_synchronized, to help provide either a set of code points sourced and sunk by the 64/65 byte encapsulation layer, or a set of specified indicator bits as stated on p320, line 39. Code points need to be LF for local fault, and RF for remote fault. The need for these code points is well described in comments against previous drafts.

SuggestedRemedy

Implement either 64/65 byte code points or indicator bits. Provide signal names and use these names in Clause 45. Update tables and text. Then remove scrambler and descrambler, along with any text which references scrambler, descrambler.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Comments #293(T), #267(T), #820(TR), #1210(TR), #1182(TR) and #1183(TR) suggest removing the scrambler.
 Comments #864(TR), #799(T), #800(T) and #1237(T) address issues related to the scrambler.

Proposed action:
 - Accept comment #1237
 - Remove scrambler/descrambler
 - Resolution of comments #293, #267, #820, #1210, #1182, #1183, #864, #799 and #800 immediately follows

CI 61 SC 61 P 336 L 45 # 186
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

I suggest separating out the restrictions of which pairs can be aggregated together, from the restrictions related to what can be transmitted on pairs in an aggregate group. We list them all as "transmit" restrictions, when there are really two distinct categories of restrictions.

SuggestedRemedy

 Add section (new) 61.2.2.x (before 61.2.2.5)

61.2.2.5 PHY PMI Aggregation Restrictions

In order to guarantee correct receiver operation, a transmitter must ensure that pairs in an aggregate group obey certain restrictions.

The differential delay is one factor that restricts which PMIs can be aggregated. Differential latency measures the variation in time ...to have similar latencies. [Line 25-36 P 336]

The speed ratio of the links also restricts what PMIs can be aggregated together. The speed ratio is defined as the ratio of the bit rate of the faster link divided by the bit rate of the slower link.

These restrictions that govern which PMIS can be aggregated are:
 a) The differential latency between any two PMIs in an aggregated group shall be no more than maxDifferentialDelay
 b) The highest ration of speeds between any two aggregated links shall be maxSpeedRatio. Note that a speed ration of 4 may only be used if the latency is controlled to meet the restriction (a).

 Delete paragraph 2 of 61.2.2.5 (starts line 26 - was moved above)

 Change "second" to "first" on line 38.

 Delete 4th paragraph in 61.2.2.5 (starts line 41 - was moved earlier)

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 Add new 4th paragraph

"The second restriction is on the size of the fragments, in that fragments must be a multiple of 4 octets in size when possible."

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 **SC 61** **P 360** **L 20** # **148**
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type **E** *Comment Status* **D**

This standard isn't written in C; its chosen programming language is (pseudo) Pascal.
 You have used "0x" notation just four times - it's not worth the reader's while.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace "0x10" with "hexadecimal 00" and similarly.

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Use subscript "16" to indicate hexadecimal notation throughout the draft.

CI 61 **SC 61.1** **P 320** **L 10** # **1005**
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type **E** *Comment Status* **D**

I hope my network is not "public". Even over common carrier facilities it is (I would hope) a "private" network.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "public" to "common carrier"

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**
 PROPOSED REJECT.

A public network is a network that can be used by the public, typically after paying a subscription or usage fee. We believe this nomenclature to be unambiguous.

CI 61 **SC 61.1** **P 320** **L 15** # **1006**
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type **E** *Comment Status* **D**

The following text needs minor improvement:

Unlike the media types specified for 10BASE-T, 100BASE-T and 1000BASE-T, voice-grade copper networks have channel characteristics that are very diverse and therefore it is conventional to discuss the channel behavior only in terms of averages, standard deviations and percentage worst case.

SuggestedRemedy

Change to:

Unlike the specified copper categories for 10BASE-T, 100BASE-T and 1000BASE-T, existing common carrier voice-grade copper has channel characteristics that are very diverse. Therefore it is conventional to discuss the channel behavior only in terms of averages, standard deviations and percentage worst case.

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 **SC 61.1** **P 320** **L 24** # **1007**
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type **E** *Comment Status* **D**

This paragraph is nearly unparsable.

Why is "O" and "R" being used instead of matching the "D" and "U" of clause 58?

SuggestedRemedy

Start with the concept, text something like

"10PASS-TS and 2BASE-TL PHYS are not completely symmetrical, therefore a "-O" subtype is normally used at the service provide end of the link and a "-R" subtype is normally used at the CPE.

then add whatever else you need to clean it up.
 Harmonize sub-type terminology across clauses.

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**
 PROPOSED REJECT.

The text is unambiguous; "O"/"C" and "R" are common terminology in xDSL standards and recommendations.

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CI 61 SC 61.1 P 320 L 34 # 1008
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

This paragraph is implementation fluff not necessary to the specification.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete lines 33-36

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

As 61.1 is an overview section (see subclause heading), it may contain some information that is not strictly necessary to the specification.

The sentence "In this case [...] establish a link." is indeed implementation fluff and shall be removed.

The sentence "The CO and CPE [...] physical device." becomes the last sentence of the fifth paragraph.

CI 61 SC 61.1 P 320 L 35 # 176
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Change "take up to establish a link" to 'take to establish a link'.

SuggestedRemedy

See above.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Resolution of comment #1008 may apply.

CI 61 SC 61.1 P 320 L 38 # 177
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Add reference for unidirectional links.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "unidirectional links" to "unidirectional links as described in Clause 57.2.9."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61.1.1 P 320 L 45 # 1009
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

I don't think the reference to 100BASE-T4 adds value without more explanation than is offered here. If support for code bonding of multiple pairs is in here it should be mentioned also.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete reference to 100BASE-T4.

Redo so that it actually just a "scope"

E.g. specifies a PHY from MII to MDI that is based on blah, blah. It includes DSP coding stolen from blah blah and common initialization mechanisms used by both PHYs

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Replace subclause by following text:

"This clause defines the Physical Coding Sublayer (PCS) for 2BASE-TL and 10PASS-TS, which has similarities to other 802.3 PCS types but also differs since new sublayers are added within the PCS sublayer to accommodate the operation of Ethernet over access network copper channels. This clause also defines the common startup and handshaking mechanism used by both PHYs."

CI 61 SC 61.1.2 P 321 L 3 # 1204
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Typo.

SuggestedRemedy

Missing period, '... on multiple pairs' should read '... on multiple pairs.'

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61.1.4.1 P 321 L 54 # 268
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

As the preamble and sfd are not present, the better word is frame vs packet

SuggestedRemedy

Scrub Clause 45 and 61 and change packet to frame when the PCS payload has preamble and sfd stripped.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See also comment #1190.

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CI 61 SC 61.1.4.1 P 322 L 45 # 269
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Bad grammer in sentence "In multiple links are aggregated,". Replace word In with If
 SuggestedRemedy
 If multiple links are aggregated,
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61.1.4.1.1 P 323 L 18 # 178
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 The rate matching part can send the frame to the PAF or to the TPS-TC.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add to the end "or to the TPS-TC sublayer."
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61.1.4.1.1 P 323 L 20 # 179
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Poor word choice.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "receive" to "received"?
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Change:
 "The PHY buffers complete receive frames. On reception of a complete frame the PHY prepends the Preamble and SFD fields, and sends it to the MAC at 100Mb/s."
 To:
 "For reception the PHY buffers a complete frame, prepends the Preamble and SFD fields, and sends it to the MAC at 100Mb/s."

CI 61 SC 61.1.4.1.4 P 323 L 52 # 270
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 The text "runs over aggregated set" seems to exclude the case of single pair without loop agg.
 The text "Ethernet OAM" seems to exclude the more normal case of "Ethernet data frames".
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add text to support single wire pair.
 Add text to support all types of frames that make it to this layer.
 Add a few more words about lack of support for uni-directional.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Change first two sentences in 61.1.4.1.4 to:
 "Ethernet OAM (see Clause 57) runs over a MAC service which uses a PHY consisting of either a single physical link), or several physical 2BASE-TL or 10PASS-TS links, aggregated as described in 61.2.2. The Ethernet OAM operates as long as there is at least one PMI in the PHY that is operational. The physical xDSL PMIs in Clauses 62 and 63 each have their own management channel that operates per loop (eoc, VOC and IB for 10PASS-TS; EOC and IB for 2BASE-TL)."

CI 61 SC 61.1.5.3.1 P 325 L 40 # 271
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 The text "addressed by one MDIO bus. " is not quite correct. More than one physical MDIO bus could be used to access a set of PHYs.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Indicate that the requirement is logical access and use, the access could be via more than one physical MDIO bus
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Change "Similarly, the" to "The"
 Delete the text "addressed by one MDIO bus"
 so it reads "The number of PCS instances may be different from the number of PMA/PMD instances."

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CI 61 SC 61.1.5.3.3 P 327 L 38 # 780

Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D

wrong crossref for PMI_aggregate_register

SuggestedRemedy

change to 45.2.3.21

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See also comment #275.

CI 61 SC 61.1.5.3.3 P 327 L 38 # 275

Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Bad cross reference.

SuggestedRemedy

Should be 45.2.3.21

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See also comment #780.

CI 61 SC 61.2.1.1 P 329 L 21 # 276

Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

A good intent on discarding frames, but not all cases are covered. Since the rate matching block stores an entire frame, loop agg stores frames, and the encapsulation layer stores frames, there is the case of no frame being transmitted across the MII, but a frame is in transit somewhere between the rate match layer and the alpha-beta interface when the signal TC_synchronized becomes false. It is difficult to abort when the transmit path has multiple layers of storage. It is probably easiest to just let the internal layers just flush normally.

SuggestedRemedy

Change text "A frame being transmitted over the MII when TC_synchronized becomes false is passed normally."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The intention of the text "A frame being transmitted over the MII when TC_synchronized becomes false shall be aborted" is not to require the MAC to abort transmission. Reword this text to "A frame being transmitted over the MII when TC_synchronized becomes false is aborted."

Change: "Transmit frames shall not be forwarded unless TC_synchronized is true for the whole frame." To: "Transmit frames shall not be forwarded to the PAF/TPS-TC unless C_synchronized is true for the whole frame."

CI 61 SC 61.2.1.1 P 329 L 22 # 732

Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Not clear whether frames where transmission was aborted due to deassertion of TC_synchronized will be counted.

SuggestedRemedy

Add a register in the PCS section which counts these frames.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

There is no reason to count these frames.

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CI 61 SC 61.2.1.1 P 329 L 7 # 168
 Shimon Muller Sun Microsystems, In

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

A lot of effort was spent in this draft to define a more generic mechanism for IFS stretching. However, this specification stops short from allowing the use of this mechanism for what it was intended for in the first place: rate matching between the MAC and the PHY. Instead, it relies on the half-duplex nature of the MAC to achieve this purpose.
 Although the use of CRS and the deferral process in the MAC may be the preferred way for achieving lossless rate matching, the reality in the marketplace today is that half duplex operation is rarely used and many new MACs no longer support this mode of operation. This is going to be even more true in the future, since we did not have a standard in many years that relied for its feasibility on the half duplex nature of the MAC. I therefore believe that this standard should allow for the alternative scheme for rate matching using IFS stretching, particularly since the two mechanisms are fully compatible and should not cause any interoperability problems.

SuggestedRemedy

1. In 4.4.2 define how the parameter ifsStretchRatio is computed.
2. In 56.1 change the text to allow the alternative mechanism for rate matching.
3. In 61.1.4.1.1 change/add text to allow the alternative mechanism for rate matching.
4. In 61.2.1 change/add text to allow the alternative mechanism for rate matching.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 The resolution of whether and how to make Clause 4 generic enough to support MAC-PHY rate-matching for EFM copper is a matter for the Clause 4 editorial team. The PHY specified in Clause 61 works with MACs implemented to the original Clause 4 spec and would also work unmodified with a MAC that uses IPG stretch for rate-matching.
 At the end of 61.1.4.1.1 add the following text:
 "NOTE - if a MAC stretches the inter frame spacing between frames so that the transmitted data rate is below the PHY's data rate it may be configured for full-duplex mode of operation as the PHY's transmit buffer will never overflow. If however the MAC is configured for full-duplex and transmits data faster than the PHY's data rate the PHY's transmit buffer will overflow and its behavior will be undefined."

CI 61 SC 61.2.1.1 P 329 L 9 # 731
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Typo on line 9

SuggestedRemedy
 Remove "from"

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 61 SC 61.2.2 P L # 208
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

This is a general comment on PMI aggregation. It covers Clause 61, 45, & 30.

I believe we need a way to enable/disable the discovery mechanisms, and a way to statically provision bonded groups and disabling the G994.1 handshake mechanisms for discovery. Discovery is basically a management function, and one implemented using protocols, and every other such application (LACP, OAM, etc.) in 802.3 has an enable/disable switch that is not yet present in this application.

SuggestedRemedy

C61.2.2.7.3, P339

L30, new paragraph: Clause 45 defines a bit to enable or disable the automatic detection and control of PMI aggregation capabilities as described in this section and 63.3.8.12. The PAF_Discovery_enable bit is read-write. When clear, PMI aggregation discovery mechanisms are disabled. In this case, the PMI_available registers must be set so that each PMD is mapped to one and only one PMI, and when that PMI becomes operational, it is activated in that PMI and no remote discovery procedures are performed. When PMI_discovery_enable is set, the procedures below for PMI aggregation discovery are performed.

C45, 45.2.3.22, P108

L42, add new bit:

Discovery enable

0 - discovery operation disabled, other bits in this register are invalid

1 - discovery operation enabled

R/W

C30.5.1.1, P55(?)

Maybe insert new C30.5.1.1.18

Attribute: aPMIDiscoveryAdminState

Syntax: Same as aPortAdminState

Behavior: This attribute provides a means to control the use of PMI aggregation discovery.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Use of the remote discovery mechanism is not mandatory therefore the addition of a control to disable it is redundant. If the management entity does not wish to use discovery it may set the aggregation

registers in any manner that it chooses. No G.994.1 mechanisms to perform discovery register access are performed, if the Clause 45 discovery registers are not accessed.

Provision of the mechanism to support discovery is mandatory.

See #947

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.1 P 332 L 50 # 180
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Change "required" to "permitted".

SuggestedRemedy

See comment.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.1 P 333 L 1 # 181
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D

wrong crossref

SuggestedRemedy

change to 61.2.2.6

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See also comment #181.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.1 P 333 L 1 # 181
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Bad references

SuggestedRemedy

Change 61.2.2.5 to 61.2.2.6 (line 1)

Change 61.2.2.6.3 to 61.2.2.7.3 (line 7)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 61 SC 61.2.2.1 P 333 L 1 # 278
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Bad cross reference.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Should be 61.2.2.6
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 See also comment #181.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.1 P 333 L 7 # 279
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Bad cross reference.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE. (no remedy suggested)
 See resolution of comment #181.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.1 P 333 L 7 # 782
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 wrong crossref
 SuggestedRemedy
 change to 61.2.2.7.3
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 See also comment #181.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.2 P 333 L 13 # 1194
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Possible typo.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Suggest the text '... a standard data frame ...' should be changed to read '... a data frame ...'.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.2 P 333 L 15 # 1195
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 On this line it is stated that 'Each fragment is given a fragment header ...' yet the Figures below show a 'Fragmentation Header'.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Suggest one of these two terms should be used consistently.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Use "fragmentation header"

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.3 P 334 L 2 # 280
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Bad cross reference.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 No bad X-ref seen; commenter is not specific.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.3 P 334 L 6 # 733
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Missing that the fragment will be removed from packet in work.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add item f) remove fragement from packet in work
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 There is no requirement for a transmitter to remove data from its buffers after transmission - this is a practical issue that transmitter designers may solve in any manner that they wish.

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CI 61 SC 61.2.2.4 P 334 L 17 # 182
Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Would be good to separate initialization procedures into own section.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest adding a subheader between paragraphs 1 & 2

61.2.2.4.1 PHY PMI Aggregation Initialization Procedures

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Should be:

61.2.2.4.1 Expected sequence number

[The subsequent paragraphs apply at times other than initialization]

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.4 P 334 L 19 # 1193
Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

From my search of the document the only two instances of the string 'frame sequence errors' is here and its related PICS item. It is therefore unclear to me what this counter is for, when it is incremented, when it is cleared and how it is accessed.

SuggestedRemedy

If it really is missing please add a definition of when the 'frame sequence errors' counter is incremented, cleared, how it is accessed and what it is for.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The commenter is correct. There is no "frame sequencing" described in the standard, therefore:

61.2.2.4, p 334, l 19

Replace the term "frame sequencing errors" with "errors in fragment sequencing (61.2.2.6.2)"

and edit the PICS to match.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.4 P 334 L 30 # 942
O'Mahony, Barry Intel Corp.

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Replace "<=" with correct symbol.

SuggestedRemedy

ALT-0163 in symbol font

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.4.1 P 335 L 1 # 783
Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The condition for timeout is unclear. Is there a separate timer for each PMI-queue, each running at its own speed (according to the line rate) and each being separately resetted, when a new fragment comes in before 16384 bit times (maxDifferentialDelay) is reached?

SuggestedRemedy

define timeout condition in extra text

possible solution is given in comment

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Although the definition of differential latency is defined in 61.2.2.5 in terms of the bit rate of the higher speed link, the commenter is correct that this is unclear and would benefit from explicit statement.

The text is clear that the error condition is satisfied by (any queue non empty AND no fragment processed) for timeout period.

61.2.2.4.1, p 335, l 54

Add text at end of line "expressed in bit times of fastest link"

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CI 61 SC 61.2.2.4.1 P 335 L 12 # 183
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

I think the FRAGMENT_ERROR state should be transitioned from the INCREMENT_EXPECTED_FRAGMENT state. In the latter state, we process a fragment. When processing the fragment, we may detect the SoP/EoP/Overflow conditions.

SuggestedRemedy

Draw the transition to the FRAGMENT ERROR state from the INCREMENT EXPECTED FRAGMENT.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.4.2 P 335 L 47 # 784
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D

state diagram variables: expectedFragmentSequenceNumber: only initial value described, no condition for incrementing

SuggestedRemedy

additionally describe condition for incrementing (in State "Increment expected fragment")

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

The condition for incrementing is when nextFragmentSequenceNumber equals expectedFragmentSequenceNumber

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.4.2 P 335 L 47 # 184
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Add variable smallestFragmentSequenceNumber and adjust the definition of expectedFragmentSequenceNumber.

SuggestedRemedy

1) Add (before expectedFragmentSequenceNumber) smallestFragmentSequenceNumber - the smallest sequence number of fragments at the head of the per-PMI queues when either all active queues are non-empty or at least one queue has been non-empty for maxDifferentialDelay bit times at the bit rate of the PMD associated with that queue

2) Change expectedFragmentSequenceNumber - the sequence number expected in the receive process that would not result in a fragment error

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The additional text for expectedFragmentSequenceNumber is useful but the definition of smallestFragmentSequenceNumber is identical to nextFragmentSequenceNumber.

61.2.2.4.2, p 335, l 47

Insert text at beginning of definition "The sequence number expected in the receive process that would not result in a fragment error."

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.4.3 P 336 L 15 # 735
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Modulo operation for incrementation of sequence number missing

SuggestedRemedy

Add modulo(2^14) operation.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 61 SC 61.2.2.4.3 P 336 L 18 # 191
Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The per-PMI queue sizes don't seem to match the differential delays. The maxDifferentialDelay is now 15000 bit times. The per-PMI buffer sizes are 16Kb and 8Kb, respectively.

SuggestedRemedy

Bump up the perPMI receive buffer sizes to 16Kb. Or lower the maxDifferentialDelay for 2BASE-TL.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment is related to #736 and #381.

Accepting #381 will resolve the issue.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.4.3 P 336 L 19 # 736
Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Differential latency of 2BASE-TL and 10PASS-TS identical. Therefore, buffer size for both is identical.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove "... or 2^13 for 2BASE-TL only systems are sufficient."

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

See also comments #381 and #191.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.4.3 P 336 L 4 # 185
Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Change "preceeding section"

SuggestedRemedy

to "Section 61.2.2.4"

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change to "61.2.2.4.1" [new section; #182]

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.5 P 336 L 28 # 785
Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Definition of differential latency is still unclear.

Besides different speeds and different fragment sizes, the use of interleaving and error correction (only for 10PASS-TS) introduces additional delay which needs to be considered for differential latency calculation.

The sentence "A differential latency of N bit times implies that..." results, for fragments of the same size (512 Byte) over two lines with equal bitrates, in a differential latency of N=4096 instead of zero as expected. Is this intended?

SuggestedRemedy

Add a note which clearly defines the contributors of differential latency -according to the comment.

Add another note that even for same speeds and same packet sizes a differential latency -greater zero- exists.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The commenter is correct that the minimum value for differential latency is 4096 bit times. This is because the differential latency definition includes the maximum fragment size. This may be confusing and warrants a note,

61.2.2.5, p 336, l 35

Add after end of paragraph, "Note that the value for differential latency for two identical links will be 4096 bit times because the definition includes the length of a maximum size fragment."

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.5 P 336 L 29 # 282
Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Bad grammar, text "in by"

SuggestedRemedy

Correct grammar

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Delete "in"

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CI 61 SC 61.2.2.5 P 336 L 30 # 786
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The sentence "Larger differential latencies imply..." is a general statement that makes no sense here, as sequence number range is fix (2^14).

SuggestedRemedy
 Remove sentence

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Comment changed from "E" to "T" by chair

Paragraph is describing the implications of differential latency, but no where is there a precise definition of it. Propose the paragraph be re-written as follows:

"One factor is the differential latency between multiple PMIs in an aggregated group. Differential latency measures the variation in the time required to transmit across different PMIs. To normalize the latency measurement for high and low speed links it is measured in bit times. A differential latency between two PMIs is defined as the number of bits, N, that can be sent across the fast link, in the time that it takes one maxFragmentSize fragment to be sent across the slow link. Large differential latencies generate greater variance in bit delivery times across aggregated PMIs, which in turn require large sequence number ranges. . . ."

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.5 P 336 L 32 # 787
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The sentences "The PMD control ..." and "This is achieved ..." imply that the parameters bit rate, error correction and interleaving can be adjusted during data mode/show time.

For 2BASE-TL adjusting the bit rate in data mode is not applicable.

SuggestedRemedy
 Add a note that all contributors for latency have to be considered during handshake session (this implies they cannot change during data mode).

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Change "This is achieved by adjusting..."
 to "This is achieved by configuring..."

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.5 P 336 L 33 # 737
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Error correction and interleaving functions are just defined for 10PASS-TS.

SuggestedRemedy
 Add a footnote that error correction and interleaving function are only defined for 10PASS-TS.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Footnote will be added for interleaving.

Interleaving is the relevent issue here, since it affects latency. While 2BASE-TL does not have block error correction, it does use trellis coding, which is sometimes considered forward error correction.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.5 P 336 L 44 # 283
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

List of restrictions is not complete. When a maximum frame of 1522 bytes is split across multiple wire pairs using the minimum agg fragment size of 64 bytes, then not all 32 pairs can be used as $1522/64 = 23.78$.

SuggestedRemedy
 Add text that agg for a given frame can take place over no more than 23.78 wire pairs out of 32 possible.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 There is no necessity to add a restriction for this, it would be redundant (as the commenter demonstrates by deriving it from other restrictions).

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CI 61 SC 61.2.2.5 P 336 L 44 # 284

Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

List of restrictions is not complete. The intent of module 4 is not quite specific enough. I believe that the intent was that one and only one of the fragments in a sequence could be other than mod 4. When the text says last fragment, then if only one fragment is sent, then it is certainly the last one.

For example, with 3 wire pairs a 1522 byte frame could be split as:

Intended: 512, 512, 498

Allowed: 510, 51, 502

SuggestedRemedy

Add text line 51 to e) "one and only one of the fragments in a sequence shall be other than mod 4."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The text on line 51 is complete and unambiguous. The second example that the commenter gives (510, 510, 502) would be non-compliant according to this text.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.5 P 336 L 45 # 738

Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Differential latency can be up to 16384 bit times.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace 15000 bit times with 16384 (=2^14)

The number is based on the following derivation:

512 Byte (maxFragmentSize) x 8 Bits/Byte x 4 (maxSpeedRatio) = 16384 Bit

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The maxDifferentialDelay is restricted to 15,000 bit times to limit the size requirement for the receive buffer. It is related to the equation given by the commenter but not limited to that.

See the note on line 49/50.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.5 P 336 L 46 # 381

Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type T Comment Status D

maxDifferentialDelay should be defined as 15,000 bit times only for 10Pass-TS. For 2Base-TL, it should be 8,000 bit times. Clause 61.9.4.3 (pg. 395) already defines it this way (PAF-2, line 12).

SuggestedRemedy

Insert the following text before (maxDifferentialDelay):

"for 10Pass-TS or 8,000 bit times for 2Base-TL"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See also comments #191 and #736.

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CI 61 SC 61.2.2.5 P 336 L 47 # 187
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

I'd like to see if we can centralize all variables into a single table to make them appear just once and be easy to see how the aggregation function differs for VDSL & SHDSL.

SuggestedRemedy

- Eliminate values from 61.2.2.5
- Replace 64B with minFragmentSize and delete parenthesized comment [line47]
- Replace 512B with maxFragmentSize and delete parenthesized comment [line48]
- Replace 15000 with maxDifferentialDelay and delete parenthesized comment [line46]
- Replace 4 with maxSpeedRatio and delete parenthesized comment [line49]

 Add new 61.2.2.6 (or the like)

61.2.2.6 PHY PMI Aggregation Parameter Values

As described in earlier sections, the PHY PMI Aggregation function is controlled by a set of parameters that can vary depending on the underlying physical layer. The control parameters for the PHY PMI Aggregation function are given below

	10PASS-TS	2BASE-TL
maxDifferentialDelay	15000 bittimes	15000 bittimes
maxSpeedRatio	4	4
maxPMIsPerPCS	32	32
minFragmentSize	64B	64B
maxFragmentSize	512B	512B
minimum per-PMI buffer size	16Kb	8Kb
minimum per-PCS buffer size	1522B	1522B

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 As per proposed remedy except that 16Kb replaced by 2^14 bits and 8Kb replaced by 2^13 bits (to avoid "kibbi-byte" problems).

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.6 P 337 L 6 # 285
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Text on line 6 to send garbage frame up conflicts with line 49 which transfers frame up to MAC

SuggestedRemedy

Add text "or frame with error asserted"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.
 This section defines the contents of the garbage frame which is sent "When the PAF is unable to reconstruct a frame." The extra note is innapropriate.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.6.1 P 337 L 11 # 1191
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Is it 'frames' or 'fragments' that are passed across the gamma-interface. In this case isn't it fragments as what ever they are they are being passed up to the PAF.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the text '... all decapsulated frames ...' shoudl read '... all decapsulated fragments ...'

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.6.1 P 337 L 19 # 286
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

There is no reason to discard fragment simply because the encapsulation layer has asserted a receive error. It is better to pass the data up and mark with RxError across the MII to the next layer. Discarding data is bad and is to be avoided if possible.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove sentence.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.
 If a fragment is known to be in error then it should not be reassembled into a frame - it may be the wrong frame, causing unnecessary error propagation.

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CI 61 SC 61.2.2.6.2 P 337 L 49 # 188
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Last two paragraphs are subordinate to third to last
 SuggestedRemedy
 Indent or bullet-ize last two paragraphs.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Bullet-ize (i.e., create an unordered list compliant with Clause 11 of the IEEE Style Guide)

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.6.3 P 338 L 1 # 821
 Beili, Edward Actelis Networks
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 This complicates the implementation and allows for an occasional "correct" frame to be sent.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Send synthetic garbage frame in all cases
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

This relates to a matter of principle. Other members of the Task Force have strongly stated that information must not be discarded in case of error as the information may help trouble shooting. The STF have accepted this mechanism based on comments against previous drafts.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.6.3 P 338 L 14 # 189
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Kill reference to 1522B. Just refer to the variables and earlier clause (in case it ever changes, again).
 SuggestedRemedy
 In comment.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

This has already been the subject of too much discussion in the STF. The text already contains references to Clause 3 & 4.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.6.3 P 338 L 15 # 789
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Transmit also first part of the error causing fragment (up to max length) ?
 SuggestedRemedy
 add "including/excluding first part of the error causing fragment"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 61.2.2.6.3, p 338, l 14
 add "excluding the error causing fragment"

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.6.3 P 338 L 5 # 788
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 "Assert PAF_LostStart" forgotten
 SuggestedRemedy
 add "Assert PAF_LostStart"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.7.1 P 338 L 24 # 790
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Typo: aggragation
 SuggestedRemedy
 correct: aggregation
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 61 SC 61.2.2.7.1 P 338 L 24 # 287

Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Text states "This subclause specifies the data, sync and control signals ..." It does no such thing. All of the signals are in 61.2.3.1, not anywhere in the agg subclause.

SuggestedRemedy

Place reference to 61.2.3.1 into 61.2.2.7 where it belongs. Then remove subclause 61.2.2.7.1 as it adds no value.

If intent was that 61.2.2.7.2 defines the encapsulation to agg interface signals, then only one signal (RxErr) in the list could even be considered an interface signal, all the rest are internal to agg.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.
61.2.2.7.1 covers the gamma interface. This uses a pointer to 61.2.3.1 so that the interface is only defined in 1 place.
61.2.2.7.2 defines management entity signals - all of which are required for implementation of Clause 45 & Clause 30 management.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.7.2 P 338 L 35 # 791

Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D

"signals are mapped to registers": Signals are 1-bit, registers are 16-bit-counters"

some of the signals are directly mapped to the registers, some signals are used to increment

SuggestedRemedy

change to: signals PAF_enable and PAF_available are mapped to register bits, the other signals cause corresponding registers to be incremented

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.7.2 P 338 L 40 # 792

Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

forgot signal "PAF_available"

SuggestedRemedy

add signal "PAF_available"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

?? Since this signal indicates the presence of the PAF, not sure if it needs to be explicitly defined in the PAF definition in CL61.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.7.2 P 338 L 52 # 190

Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type T Comment Status D

I don't see why the overflow condition can be attributed to a particular PMA. Just like the later other error conditions, it can be caused by an error on any of the PMAs.

SuggestedRemedy

Eliminate the parenthesized words for TC_PAF_Overflow.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.
This event occurs when the per-PMI buffer overflows, therefore it can be traced to a particular PMA.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.7.3 P 339 L 18 # 1128

Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Clause 45 is optional and Clauses should be written is such as way that it can still operate in the absence of this interface. Generally the text 'If an MDIO interface is provided (see CROSS REF Clause 22/45), it is accessed via that interface. If not, it is recommended that an equivalent access be provided.' or similar is used.

SuggestedRemedy

Ensure that the text is written is such a way that it can still comply if the optional Clause 45 interface is not provided.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 61 SC 61.2.2.7.3 P 339 L 29 # 288
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Missing cross reference for both local and remote MMD address.

SuggestedRemedy

Add cross reference to the Clause 45 subclause where the CO 3.x.y register address is specified which holds the results of such a remote read.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The cross ref is given in line 19.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.7.3 P 339 L 36 # 207
 Squire, Matt Hatteras Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

I don't understand why PMI_Available is read-only for the CO-type. On the CO side, I may very well want to limit the connectivity just as I may on the CPE device.

SuggestedRemedy

Change 1st sentence to:

The PMI_Available_register is writable for both the CO and CPE subtypes. This is done so that one can restrict the connectivity via management to something less than what is physically available.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

There is no necessity to make PMI_available r/w for CO type devices as the management entity may choose whether to use the full range of available PMIs or not. Note that the requirement for a CPE device to change the PMI_available register is due to a corner case for CPE devices which have the capability of linking a PMI to one of multiple MIs - as described in the text, this linkage must be pre-configured before discovery starts. The CPE device is writing the PMI_available register prior to the CO device reading this register for discovery.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.7.3 P 339 L 38 # 739
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Not clear whether only 1 PMI aggregate register bit set means PAF fragmentation or not.

SuggestedRemedy

Add a note that even only 1 set bit in above register means PAF fragmentation.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

61.2.2.1 specifies that if PAF_enable is set then fragmentation rules must be followed.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.7.3 P 339 L 51 # 289
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Missing cross reference for both local and remote MMD address.

SuggestedRemedy

Add cross reference to the Clause 45 subclause where the CO 3.x.y register address is specified which holds the results of such a remote read.

Scrub clause 61 and 45 to ensure that a register is available for all remote reads or writes.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The cross ref is given in line 32.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.7.3 P 340 L 11 # 740
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Address of remote discovery register missing.

SuggestedRemedy

Define address for remote discover register in PCS section.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 61 SC 61.2.2.7.3 P 340 L 16 # 793
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 paragraph could be made clearer

reference to chapter 45.2.3.22 is missing (aggregation_discovery_control)

SuggestedRemedy

add: corresponds to command "Get", add respective cross reference

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

CL45 register commands should be referenced in Table 61-7. Editor directed to add appropriate text.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.7.3 P 340 L 18 # 794
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 paragraph could be made clearer

reference to chapter 45.2.3.22 is missing (aggregation_discovery_control)

SuggestedRemedy

add: corresponds to command "Set if clear", add respective cross reference

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

CL45 register commands should be referenced in Table 61-7. Editor directed to add appropriate text.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.7.3 P 340 L 26 # 741
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Chapter 61.3.12 and 45.2.3.22 define a clear if same operation.

SuggestedRemedy

Add description that a clearing takes only place if the current contents of remote_discovery_register is identical to remote_write_data.

Add respective cross reference to chapter 45

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 See resolution of comment #946.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.7.3 P 340 L 27 # 946
 O'Mahony, Barry Intel Corp.

Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 clearing the remote_discovery_register needs to include the "clear if same" functionality.

Also, need to clear PMI_Aggregate_register as discussed on bottom of page 339

SuggestedRemedy

Modify text as shown in omahony_2_0903.pdf

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61.2.2.7.3 P 340 L 38 # 795
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Definition of a read access to the remote_discovery_register where PMI_available bit is not set is missing.

SuggestedRemedy

Add the following sentence:

Read access to the remote_discovery_register where PMI_available bit is not set always returns 0.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

In the CO-side, there is no need for the PMI_Available registers to be configured prior to accessing the remote discovery registers. Note there may be multiple PMI_Available bits per PMI (1 in each PCS that the PMI is capable of being aggregated to).

In the CPE-side, the only requirement is to configure the registers so that each PMI is mapped to only one PCS. CPE devices do not respond to G.994.1 signals until this is done. Thus, the read attempt will fail (Nacknowledge read_write is asserted).

See resolution of comments #946 & #947. Also specify that NAcknowledge read_write is asserted if CPE devices fail to respond, with remote_read_data_bus set to hexadecimal 000000 000000

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CI 61 SC 61.2.3.1 P 341 L 35 # 742
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Reference to G.SHDSL missing
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add referenece G.SHDSL / Annex E.11.3
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Add footnote to first sentence: "A similar ? interface is defined in ITU-T Anne E.11.3 / G.991.2."

CI 61 SC 61.2.3.1 P 341 L 37 # 1197
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Clause 45 is optional and therefore it may not always be present in a Clause 61 implementation. Some text should therefore be included indicating these function can also be support in other ways.
 SuggestedRemedy
 See comment.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Change last two paragraphs to read:
 Additional Paragraph: OAM Information flow across the ?-interface supports access to registers referenced in Clause 45. Refer to Clause 45 for a complete description of access to TC, PMA and PMD registers from the MDIO interface.
 Additional signals, which would be represented in the referenced document section H.3.1.4, are described in Table 61-7. These signals are unused when Clause 45 is not implemented.

CI 61 SC 61.2.3.1 P 342 L 9 # 943
 O'Mahony, Barry Intel Corp.
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 In Table 61-7, In "Direction" column, all entries are incorrect, except for the first signal (PCS_link_state)
 SuggestedRemedy
 Fix (reverse) them.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 All entries except the first one are indeed incorrect, and have been ever since they were introduced in Draft 1.2. Nice catch!

CI 61 SC 61.2.3.2.1 P 342 L 52 # 860
 Kimpe, Marc Adtran
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Typo: additions
 SuggestedRemedy
 change addtions to additions
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 61 SC 61.2.3.2.1 P 342 L 52 # 1213

Thaler, Pat Agilent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D

This is the first occurrence but the problem is multiple places.

"Stet" is not correctly used. Stet is a technical editing word for reversing a marked deletion and not a generic term for "leave as is".

Stet means: to direct retention of (a word or passage previously ordered to be deleted or omitted from a manuscript or printer's proof) by annotating usually with the word stet.

SuggestedRemedy

Use a proper sentence such as the one at the beginning of 61.2.3.1, e.g.
 "The ā interface is specified by incorporating section H.3.1 and all subsections of ITU-T Recommendation G.993.1 (Annex H) by reference, with the following exceptions and additions:"

(Where there are no exceptions or additions, the last part of the sentence can be omitted of course.)

Also, for something like G.994.1 where it appears you are calling out large chunks with a few changes, it should be acceptable to delete most of your subsections and instead have one subclause which says:

This specifications incorporates Recommendation G.994.1 sections 2 through 12 by reference, with the following exceptions and additions:

And then just put in the exceptions and additions rather than having a paragraph for each section or subsection that is unchanged.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Editor shall discuss this issue with Editor-in-Chief, prior to discussion of this comment in Copper Sub Task Force. See also comments #508, #1214 and #1215.

CI 61 SC 61.2.3.3 P 343 L # 864

Kimpe, Marc Adtran
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Per our interpretation of the spec, it appears that due to the configuration of the scrambler and CRC it is possible to deliver bad frames with good CRC's.

The specific case in theory is as follows:

The scrambler scrambles the frame payload data. The CRC then calculates a CRC on the scrambled data. The transmitter then sends the scrambled data along with the CRC where it may be subjected to bits errors.

At the receiver, if a bit error occurs near the end of a frame, that frame will likely be discarded due to a CRC mismatch. This is good. The data from that frame is then sent to the scrambler. The scrambler will propagate errors into the first payload bits of the next frame.

The CRC on the next frame will be computed and will be a correct CRC since the scrambled bits are OK. The data of the second frame is then sent to the scrambler where it is corrupted due to error propagation from the first frame. The second frame will likely be delivered with the propagated errors from the scrambler in it's first bits but with a correct CRC check.

SuggestedRemedy

If this is correct then perhaps the CRC should be on the non-scrambled data. We propose to scramble everything in each codeword except the sync byte. (This might be simpler to explain in the spec and also might make sync detection possible if the TC is used in systems in the future without byte synchronization.)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Comments #293(T), #267(T), #820(TR), #1210(TR), #1182(TR) and #1183(TR) suggest removing the scrambler.

Comments #864(TR), #799(T), #800(T) and #1237(T) address issues related to the scrambler.

Proposed action:

- Accept comment #1237
- Remove scrambler/descrambler
- Resolution of comments #293, #267, #820, #1210, #1182, #1183, #864, #799 and #800 immediately follows

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CI 61 SC 61.2.3.3 P 343 L 45 # 12

Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

A terminology issue for block coding schemes. In the past in 802.3 we have degines our block codes in units of bits, not bytes as shown on line 45

"The TC then performs 64Byte/65Byte encapsulation, and sends the resulting codewords to the PMA via the a(?) interface."

Also in the body of the IEEE 802.3 Standard we use the Capitol "B" in out block coding nomenclature.

SuggestedRemedy

In section 61.2.3.3 on page 343 Line 45:
Change "64Byte/65Byte" to "512B/520B"

In section 61.2.3.3.6 on page 349 Line 24:
Change "64Byte/65Byte" to "512B/520B"

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

Past 802.3 block codes were defined over GF(2), because that was the alphabet of the underlying PMD.

That is not the case with EFM-Copper. The underlying DSL PHY's operate on byte-oriented data. Te block code used is thus defined on GF(256).

Labelling it as "512B/520B" is thus misleading, and would obscure the fact this code is operating on bytes and not bits and that the a(β) interface transports byte delineation.

Propose we leave it as is (64Byte/65Byte).

See also #1198.

CI 61 SC 61.2.3.3 P 343 L 46 # 861

Kimpe, Marc Adtran

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The 32-bit CRC is not the only one defined, there is also a 16-bit CRC that has been introduced.

SuggestedRemedy

change "additional 32-bit CRC" to "additional 16 or 32-bit CRC"

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61.2.3.3 P 344 L 43 # 862

Kimpe, Marc Adtran

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Figure 61-14. The value for S at the bottom right of the figure should be updated from C0_16 to 50_16.

SuggestedRemedy

Change C0_16 to 50_16

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 61 SC 61.2.3.3.1 P 345 L 1 # 820
 Beili, Edward Actelis Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Scrambler implementation described may cause a transmission error in one Ethernet frame (corrupted bit(s) at the end of the EndOfFrame fragment) to be propagated to the following frame (descrambler would corrupt bits in the beginning of the following StartOfFrame fragment).

SuggestedRemedy

Remove Scrambler/Descrambler function altogether.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Comments #293(T), #267(T), #820(TR), #1210(TR), #1182(TR) and #1183(TR) suggest removing the scrambler.
 Comments #864(TR), #799(T), #800(T) and #1237(T) address issues related to the scrambler.

Proposed action:

- Accept comment #1237
- Remove scrambler/descrambler
- Resolution of comments #293, #267, #820, #1210, #1182, #1183, #864, #799 and #800 immediately follows

CI 61 SC 61.2.3.3.1 P 345 L 1 # 799
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

data arrive 8-bit-parallel. Unclear whether LSB first or MSB first for serialization.

applies to subclause 61.2.3.3.2, line 31 as well

SuggestedRemedy

Define "LSB first" for serialization.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Comments #293(T), #267(T), #820(TR), #1210(TR), #1182(TR) and #1183(TR) suggest removing the scrambler.
 Comments #864(TR), #799(T), #800(T) and #1237(T) address issues related to the scrambler.

Proposed action:

- Accept comment #1237
- Remove scrambler/descrambler
- Resolution of comments #293, #267, #820, #1210, #1182, #1183, #864, #799 and #800 immediately follows

CI 61 SC 61.2.3.3.1 P 345 L 25 # 800
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Reset value of "all zero" causes a lock up state for linear feedback shift registers when data input contains only zeros until the first one arrives. This results in an output of also only zeros, i.e. the scrambler has no effect during that time.

also applies to subclause 61.2.3.3.2, line 35

SuggestedRemedy

"all one" would have the same effect with ones. Better choose 0x55 or 0xAA.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Comments #293(T), #267(T), #820(TR), #1210(TR), #1182(TR) and #1183(TR) suggest removing the scrambler.
 Comments #864(TR), #799(T), #800(T) and #1237(T) address issues related to the scrambler.

Proposed action:

- Accept comment #1237
- Remove scrambler/descrambler
- Resolution of comments #293, #267, #820, #1210, #1182, #1183, #864, #799 and #800 immediately follows

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CI 61 SC 61.2.3.3.1 P 345 L 3 # 1182
Langston, Daun Metanoia Technologie

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Problem:

If the receiver drops out of frame prematurely because of an error, the next good frame likely suffers errors in the first three bytes while the CRC indicates the frame is error free.

SuggestedRemedy

Either solution is acceptable:

- 1) Remove the scrambler/descrambler combination
- 2) Initialize the scrambler/descrambler memory to zero prior to the beginning of each frame.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Comments #293(T), #267(T), #820(TR), #1210(TR), #1182(TR) and #1183(TR) suggest removing the scrambler.

Comments #864(TR), #799(T), #800(T) and #1237(T) address issues related to the scrambler.

Proposed action:

- Accept comment #1237
- Remove scrambler/descrambler
- Resolution of comments #293, #267, #820, #1210, #1182, #1183, #864, #799 and #800 immediately follows

CI 61 SC 61.2.3.3.1 P 345 L 3 # 1210
Debbasch, Bernard GlobespanVirata

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The justification for this scrambler is to improve the frame synchronization. We believe that it actually increases the synchronization time:

- 1) The current definition of the PMA_receive_synchronized signal does not allow to synchronize the initialization of the scrambler on both sides of the link. It is very likely that PMA_receive_synchronized will be asserted on only one side of the link or, at different times on either side of the link. As a result, the resynchronization of the link will be lengthen instead of being improved.
- 2) There is the same probability to generate a stream of sync byte from scrambled data as from unscrambled data
- 3) The implementation of the scrambler seems to imply that the data stream is a bit-stream. The nature of the PHY's used in IEEE802.3ah is to be byte-oriented. By converting the byte-stream into a bit-stream, this may imply that the sync hunt should be performed at the bit level. That's not the case and would also slow down the resync process.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove the scrambler.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Comments #293(T), #267(T), #820(TR), #1210(TR), #1182(TR) and #1183(TR) suggest removing the scrambler.

Comments #864(TR), #799(T), #800(T) and #1237(T) address issues related to the scrambler.

Proposed action:

- Accept comment #1237
- Remove scrambler/descrambler
- Resolution of comments #293, #267, #820, #1210, #1182, #1183, #864, #799 and #800 immediately follows

P802.3ah Draft 2.0 Comments

CI 61 SC 61.2.3.3.2 P 345 L 33 # 1183
Langston, Daun Metanoia Technologie

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Problem:

If the receiver drops out of frame prematurely because of an error, the next good frame likely suffers errors in the first three bytes while the CRC indicates the frame is error free.

SuggestedRemedy

Either solution is acceptable:

- 1) Remove the scrambler/descrambler combination
- 2) Initialize the scrambler/descrambler memory to zero prior to the beginning of each frame.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Comments #293(T), #267(T), #820(TR), #1210(TR), #1182(TR) and #1183(TR) suggest removing the scrambler.

Comments #864(TR), #799(T), #800(T) and #1237(T) address issues related to the scrambler.

Proposed action:

- Accept comment #1237
- Remove scrambler/descrambler
- Resolution of comments #293, #267, #820, #1210, #1182, #1183, #864, #799 and #800 immediately follows

CI 61 SC 61.2.3.3.3 P 346 L 18 # 801
Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D

in case e), the wording "all idle" does not fit, as besides of idle also a new frame is started.

SuggestedRemedy

rename to "idle and start of frame"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change d.) to "idle: "; change e.) to "idle (start new frame):"

CI 61 SC 61.2.3.3.3 P 346 L 4 # 863
Kimpe, Marc Adtran

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The 32-bit CRC is not the only one defined, a 16-bit CRC has been introduced.

SuggestedRemedy

change "followed by a 32-bit CRC" to "followed by a 16 or 32-bit CRC"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT. See #1209

CI 61 SC 61.2.3.3.3 P 346 L 4 # 1209
Debbasch, Bernard GlobespanVirata

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The text only refers to the 32-bit CRC defined for 2BASE-TL. The text should be consistent with 61.2.3.3.5

SuggestedRemedy

Replace the text with:

... followed by a 16-bit or 32-bit CRC (referred to as TC-CRC) as defined in 61.2.3.3.5

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT. See #863

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CI 61 SC 61.2.3.3.3 P 346 L 41 # 819
 Beili, Edward Actelis Networks

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The 64/65 sync lock is based on finding the Sync Byte (0x0F or 0xF0) four times. A sequence of All Idle codewords being (0xF0,0x00,0x00,...0x00,0xF0,0x00,...) the state machine can possibly lock on 0x0F (second zero nibble from the last byte of the codeword and the first 0xF nibble from the first byte of the following codeword). This false lock would be detected only when data fragments start to flow, loosing a number of codewords in the process. This complicates the sync State machine to look at more than 8 bits.

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest replacing current Sync symbols (0x0F and 0xF0) with other symbols that are not nibble-symmetric, e.g. 0x8E and 0x71.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

[but needs STF discussion]

Since DSL PHY's preserve byte boundaries between the a and ß interfaces, this should not be a problem. Can the commenter identify where this would be a problem?

Note: 0F and F0 have low EMI characteristics when the a(ß) interface is implemented serially.

Note: If the STF decides to go with replacement values, any values chosen should be even parity, and currently unused. The values proposed by the commenter do meet these criteria.

CI 61 SC 61.2.3.3.3 P 347 L 3 # 294
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

For a coding error, it would be nice to invent an associated signal name which is used to increment the clause 45 counter described in clause 45, p105.

SuggestedRemedy

Invent a name and use here. Also use in Clause 45, aids in text searches.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See #1126

CI 61 SC 61.2.3.3.3 P 347 L 7 # 803
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

One error condition is missing !

SuggestedRemedy

Add c): when Z (or S) is expected and a value "not Z and not S" is received.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See also #1126

CI 61 SC 61.2.3.3.4 P 347 L 54 # 804
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

"The value of Ck inserted would be equal to the stage number..." is wrong.

SuggestedRemedy

Change to "The value of k would be equal...".

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change to "The value of Ck inserted would be such that k is equal to the stage number . .
 ."

CI 61 SC 61.2.3.3.4 P 348 L 13 # 805
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Make "R" more concrete, as the definition of line 5 (0x00-0xFF) leaves no room for "all other values"

SuggestedRemedy

Z (or S) expected, received a value "not Z and not S"

Alternatively, remove line 13.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Delete line 5; these are not "control character values"

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CI 61 SC 61.2.3.3.4 P 348 L 21 # 295
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The "should" statement is too cross reference is to PMA link

SuggestedRemedy

Reference must be to PCS link status, not PMA status
 Change "should" to "shall"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Current text:

"If the a(β)-interface requests transmit data while the link_status register is 0b (i.e., the link is down, but the PMA is not aware of this), the TPS-TC should transmit only idles. The link_status register is defined in 45.2.1.11.3"

Unclear how the a(β)-interface "requests" data (other than clock and osync signals running). Changes here should align with any changes in 45.2.1.11.3.

New text:

"If PMA/PMD link status is not Up (i.e., either Down or Initializing), the TPS-TC shall transmit only All Idle codewords. The PMA/PMD link status is defined in 45.2.1.11.3"

CI 61 SC 61.2.3.3.5 P 348 L 23 # 296
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

in order to not violate layering, need one and one CRC per PCS, not multiple.

SuggestedRemedy

To maintain the independence of layering, provide only one CRC for the PCS layer. Scrub Clause for other cases where the PCS capability is dependent on type of lower layer and remove. For example, buffer size associated with loop agg.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The a(β)-interface signal PMA_PMD_type was defined specifically to address this issue, and preserve layering.

CI 61 SC 61.2.3.3.5 P 348 L 23 # 382
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

I am receiving an increasing number of questions from customers which indicate a certain amount of confusion about the implementation of CRC functions and issues of bit ordering.

To assist in clearing up this confusion I am requesting that an informative annex be added to this clause which includes at least three compliant example frames with the associated correct CRC (FCS) value.

These frames will serve as divining rod frames which an implementor can quickly use to verify the integrity of his CRC implementation and thus achieve early inter operability.

Originally this comment was submitted at Task Group ballot and rejected. However some of the comments which arose during the debate raised my interest!

One member asserted that there was no need to include the suggested annex because the test vectors in question were available via the UNH-IOL Test Laboratory. So I recently investigated this avenue of thought.

In a response to my E-mail request of 08/29 Mr. Gerard Nadeau, Consortium Manager of UNH/IOL (grn@iol.unh.edu) sent the following:

"We don't have test vectors. When we test a MAC we are testing it in a system with an IP stack and use Pings and ARPs to stimulate the MAC and generate responses. Also our systems use scripts that would be of no use to you as they are proprietary."

So the UNH-IOL materials are proprietary and thus not available to all implementors!

Another member suggested that instead of adding a simple annex we should more properly generate a Conformance Specification. But to take this route, seems to me, to be a lot of extra and unnecessary work for what could be in essence, no more than a few pages added to the document in the form of an annex. I would also note that development of a Conformance Document would probably require a PAR or at least an amendment of the IEEE 802.3ah PAR which would be a time consuming process. Clearly the suggestion of a conformance document was intended to raise the bar of difficulty high enough to kill the original comment.

SuggestedRemedy

To assist in clearing up this confusion I am requesting that an informative annex be added to this clause which includes one to three compliant example frames with the associated correct CRC (FCS) value. The example frames should include the required scrambling function. Examples should be provided for both the 2BASE-TL and 10PASS-TS cases.

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Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See #865 & #1126

Cl 61 SC 61.2.3.3.6 P 349 L 24 # 1198
Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Is this encoding scheme going to be called '64Byte/65Byte' as it is here or '64B/65B' as in subclause 61.2.3.3.3.

SuggestedRemedy

Choose either '64Byte/65Byte' or '64B/65B' and then do a search and replace for the other.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See also #12. Keep "64Byte/65Byte"

Cl 61 SC 61.2.3.3.6 P 350 L 3 # 859
Kimpe, Marc Adtran

Comment Type T Comment Status D

We suggest to clearly spell out the ordering & computation of the bits to avoid potential confusion.

SuggestedRemedy

Add a sentence after line 3 of page 350.
"In transmitting and calculating the TC-CRC and scrambler, the bytes at the gamma interface are processed LSB first.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Cl 61 SC 61.2.3.3.8 P 352 L 3 # 1126
Law, David 3Com

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

I don't believe that this subclause fully specify the behavior of the 64B65B receiver in certain cases. For example what happens to a fragment if after a SOF, at some point the Sync Byte != 0F or F0. To clarify this and to ensure this and the equivalent Transmit function are fully specified add a State Diagram for both the Transmit (61.2.3.3.4) and Receive (61.2.3.3.8) functions.

I don't believe that adding additional 'shall' sentences in text is the best approach. Subclause 1.2.1, in combination with subclause 21.5, already clearly defines how State Diagrams are written in IEEE P802.3ah as referenced by subclause 56.2. State Diagrams are provided in equivalent cases for 4B5B (Figure 24-11), 8B10B (Figure 36-7), and 64B66B (Figure 49-15) and are very familiar to may participants in 802.3. Most importantly there is a clear statement in subclause 1.2.1 that states that 'The state diagrams contain the authoritative statement of the functions they depict; when apparent conflicts between descriptive text and state diagrams arise, the state diagrams are to take precedence. This does not override, however, any explicit description in the text that has no parallel in the state diagrams.'. This allows the text to simply be an explanation of the State Diagram.

I would be very happy to assist with generating these State Diagrams.

SuggestedRemedy

Add a State Diagram for both the Transmit (61.2.3.3.4) and Receive (61.2.3.3.8) functions.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

[Note in the example noted in the comment, receiver moves from state Synced to "FreeWheelSyncTrue - count to 4"]

Comment #865 material will be used to aid generation of diagrams.

Cl 61 SC 61.2.3.3.8 P 352 L 4 # 807
Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Typo: "TC_" missing

SuggestedRemedy

change to "TC_Synchronized"

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See #298

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CI 61 SC 61.2.3.3.8 P 352 L 4 # 298
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 use complete name for synchronized
 SuggestedRemedy
 TC_synchronized
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 See #807

CI 61 SC 61.2.3.3.9 P 352 L 11 # 299
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 this is an excellent place to rename subclause as PCS management, promote up a level,
 and map all PCS signals to the clause 45 names with 3.x.y registers and bits called out.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Implement
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Needs STF discussion, but seems worthwhile doing.

CI 61 SC 61.3 P 352 L 26 # 300
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Aid the reader. Someplace in this clause, provide a table which maps the clause 45
 1.y.z or 3.x.y registers to the corresponding Spar, Npar registers. In addition, verify that
 all such Spar/Npar have a corresponding 3.x.y assignment.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Implement a table to map clause 46 registers to Spar, Npar registers.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Clause 45 is that table. Editor to verify if naming of SPar and NPar bits is consistent with
 naming of Clause 45 registers.

CI 61 SC 61.3 P 352 L 26 # 811
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 For G.HS, the exchange of PML_aggregate_register (32 bit) is missing.
 See also Table 61-7: there it is included.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add according Level-2 and Level-3 code points
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See resolution of comments #947 and #949.

CI 61 SC 61.3.1 P 352 L 33 # 301
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Options are the dark force. Resist.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Remove all options from Clause 61,62, and 63. Operating modes are ok, but no options
 allowed
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 ITU-T Recommendation G.994.1, which is a normative reference for this Clause, contains
 certain options. By specifying which of these options are to be used by 2BASE-TL and
 10PASS-TS, they cease to be optional in EFM.

CI 61 SC 61.3.1.1 P 353 L 4 # 302
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 no half-duplex below the MAC
 SuggestedRemedy
 Remove text
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 ITU-T Recommendation G.994.1, which is a normative reference for this Clause, provides
 support for both duplex and half-duplex transmission modes; this pertains to the
 exchange of handshake messages. In 10PASS-TS, handshake messages are exchanged
 in full-duplex mode (as is the case in VDSL). In 2BASE-TL, handshake messages are
 exchanged in half-duplex mode (as is the case in SHDSL). However, both 10PASS-TS
 and 2BASE-TL support only full-duplex data transmission.

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CI 61 SC 61.3.12 P 390 L 11 # 947
 O'Mahony, Barry Intel Corp.
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Description of how CPE's PMI_Aggregate_register is remotely access is missing.
 SuggestedRemedy
 See suggested text in omahony_3_0903.pdf
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61.3.12 P 390 L 21 # 746
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 The '-R' device sends in its CLR message the contents of the remote_discovery_register (not the PMI aggregation register).
 This applies to the entire section 61.3.12
 SuggestedRemedy
 Replace the PMI aggregation register with remote_discovery_register.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61.3.12 P 390 L 47 # 747
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Description of how PMI aggregate register will be programmed missing
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add respective description
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See resolution of comment #947.

CI 61 SC 61.3.12 P 390 L 47 # 748
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 According to G.SHDSL, activation may only take 10 seconds.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Either consider these 10 seconds for the entire activation including programming of PAF or add a note that these 10 seconds are not mandatory for EFM application.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Add NOTE - A G.994.1 session including configuration of the PMI Aggregation Function may violate the maximum activation time imposed on G.SHDSL by ITU-T Recommendation G.991.2.

CI 61 SC 61.3.5.1.2 P 354 L 32 # 303
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 copy-paste w/o edits.
 SuggestedRemedy
 61-12 s/b 61-14
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Substitute "61-12" with "61-14" as suggested by commenter.
 Remove spurious word "Reference" before "Table 61-11".

CI 61 SC 61.3.8.7.1 P 359 L 10 # 949
 O'Mahony, Barry Intel Corp.
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Changes needed to codepoint tables to match changes to Clause 45 and 61.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add bits for PMI_Aggregate_register. Change "PAF Available" bit to "PAF-O Available" bit.
 Also, see if octets can be consolidated, since SCM option is no longer present. As a result, some bytes are now mostly empty.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 61 SC 61.3.8.7.3 P 362 L 2 # 1121
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Typo, two periods.
 SuggestedRemedy
 See comment.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61.3.8.7.3 P 368 L 1 # 878
 Kimpe, Marc Adtran
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 A recent addition in SHDSL has been the version number exchange. If for some reasons, modifications to the specs have to be made, it allows a unit to figure out whether the other end supports it or not. See T1E1.4/2003-198R1
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add a version number NPAR(2) and NPAR(3) see kimpe_2_0903 for the new tables.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 There are no "versions" in IEEE Std 802.3. A PHY with different capabilities from 2BASE-TL as specified in this document will be a different port type. If the new port type is intended for use with the Clause 61 PCS, it will need a new SPar(1) handshake codepoint.

CI 61 SC 61.3.8.7.3 P 368 L 12 # 877
 Kimpe, Marc Adtran
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 The "Diagnostic mode" parameter went MIA in Table 61-51. See T1E1.4/2003-198R1
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add "Diagnostic Mode" on the third bit and add the same "b" footnote as bits 1 and 2. see kimpe_2_0903 for the new tables.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61.3.8.7.3 P 368 L 33 # 879
 Kimpe, Marc Adtran
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 The PMMS DN & UP rates fields went MIA. See T1E1.4/2003-198R1
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add the fields back in to Table 61-52 see kimpe_2_0903 for the new tables
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61.3.8.7.3 P 369 L 3 # 880
 Kimpe, Marc Adtran
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 A more elegant way to pass the PMMS rates was defined in the approved T1E1.4 & ITU text of e-shdsl. We propose to include it in the EFM document to keep all specs as aligned as possible. See T1E1.4/2003-198R1
 SuggestedRemedy
 Rather than have 2 fixed ranges, allow a variable number of ranges to be passed. For each SPar(2), a variable number j of (min/max/step) 7-bit base rates need to be added at the NPar(3) level for the upstream and downstream PMMS rates. See kimpe_2_0903 for the new tables.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 This comment requests the introduction of a new feature based on recent progress in other SDOs. Needs discussion in Copper Sub Task Force.
 See also comment #875.

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CI 61 SC 61.3.8.7.4 P 367 L 14 # 876
 Kimpe, Marc Adtran

Comment Type T Comment Status D

A number of fields that were defined in the ITU documents were replaced by "Reserved for allocation by IEEE 802.3" fields. There are about 40 or 50 of those. Although they carry no info, they will need to be sent. We propose to concatenate some of those fields to reduce their number.

SuggestedRemedy

see kimpe_2_0903 for the new tables

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The EFM draft is now in Working Group Ballot, and we believe it is technically complete. Therefore, there should be no more need to assign further codepoints. The Editor shall remove "reserved" fields in the handshake tree wherever possible.

CI 61 SC 61.3.8.7.4 P 367 L 16 # 875
 Kimpe, Marc Adtran

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

A more elegant way to pass the training rates was defined in the approved T1E1.4 & ITU text of e-shdsl. We propose to include it in the EFM document to keep all specs as aligned as possible. See T1E1.4/2003-198R1

SuggestedRemedy

Rather than have 2 fixed ranges, allow a variable number of ranges to be passed.
 One needs to add 4 SPar(2) bits
 - DN training rates - 16-TCPAM
 - DN training rates - 32-TCPAM
 - UP training rates - 16-TCPAM
 - UP training rates - 32-TCPAM
 For each SPar(2), a variable number j of (min/max/step) 7-bit base rates need to be added at the NPar(3) level.
 See kimpe_2_0903 for the new tables.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

This comment requests the introduction of a new feature based on recent progress in other SDOs. Needs discussion in Copper Sub Task Force.
 See also comment #880.

CI 61 SC 61.3.8.7.4 P 367 L 17 # 808
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D

"Tables 61-51 to 61-53" is wrong.

SuggestedRemedy

change to "Tables 61-50 to 61-53"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61.3.8.7.4 P 367 L 34 # 809
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D

PAF Available, PAF Enable (line 36): Underscore missing.

SuggestedRemedy

Add underscore.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61.3.8.7.5 P 377 L 1 # 881
 Kimpe, Marc Adtran

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The PMMS codepoints should be partitioned in the same way as the original G.shdsl. There should be a PMMS parameter and a PMMS rate SPAR(2) each for the upstream and downstream (see other comment to that effect). In addition, the PMMS parameters codepoints should be grouped together and the PMMS rates should be grouped together.

SuggestedRemedy

Move Table 61-78 & 61-79 after table 61-86. & Table 61-91 and 61-92 after table 61-99.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61.3.8.7.6 P 387 L 14 # 810
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

only "clear if same" defined, "set if clear" and "get" code points are missing

SuggestedRemedy

define "set if clear" and "get" code points

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See resolution of comment #947.

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CI 61 SC 61.3.8.8 P 389 L 19 # 1232

Beck, Michael Alcatel

Comment Type E Comment Status D
typo: "informtion"

SuggestedRemedy
replace with: "information"

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61.6 P 391 L 16 # 908

Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The sentence beginning with the words "EFM Copper ports do not..." is not factually correct. PAUSE can operate with links of much longer latency than that encountered on EFM copper links. The reason that PAUSE can't be supported on EFM copper links can be found in 31B.1, which states:

PAUSE frames shall only be sent by DTEs configured to the full duplex mode of operation.

Since the rate control method used for EFM copper PHYs requires that the MAC be configured to the half-duplex mode of operation, PAUSE frame transmission is precluded by this requirement alone, regardless of anything else.

SuggestedRemedy
Rewrite the sentence to read:

PAUSE frame transmission via EFM Copper PHYs is therefore precluded, since the requirements of 31B.1 restrict the transmission of PAUSE frames to DTEs configured to the full duplex mode of operation.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC 61.6 P 391 L 17 # 304

Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

If one believes the chairperson and editor of clause 31 MAC Control, then the management variable assigned to link lengths (vs delays within the MAC) is sufficient to characterize a link the circumference of the earth.

SuggestedRemedy
Strike incorrect sentence and replace with words about rate control state diagram.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
See resolution of comment #908.

CI 61 SC Figure 61-1 P 321 L 17 # 1010

Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type E Comment Status D
Obsolete style of diagram refers to "LLC - LOGICAL LINK CONTROL" as the exclusive MAC CLIENT for 802.3

SuggestedRemedy
Redit to conform to current style (refer to 1000BASE-T diagram)
"LLC - LOGICAL LINK CONTROL" should be "LLC - LOGICAL LINK CONTROL OR ORHER MAC CLIENT"

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC Figure 61-10 P 333 L 47 # 1189

Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D
The title of this figure is 'Fragmentation header format' yet it also shows a field called 'Fragment Data' which I suspect is not part of the Fragmentation header.

SuggestedRemedy
Suggest that the 'Fragment Data' field be removed from this Figure as I don't think it is part of the Fragmentation header.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 61 SC **Figure 61-11** P 335 L 32 # 734
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Box "increment expected fragment"
 (expectedFragmentSequenceNumber<=expectedFragmentSequenceNumber+1)mod(2^14)
 missing

SuggestedRemedy
 Add modulo operation to the assignment given in the box.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC **Figure 61-11** P 335 L 6 # 281
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 1: use the real variable name TC_synchronized
 2: if the text "Link Up" means TC_synchronized = TRUE, then the unconditional entry in
 state "initializing" will always happen when the link is up, no exit is possible.

SuggestedRemedy
 Harmonize text with intent.
 Add a few words about power on, reset, begin, etc. in style of all other 802.3 projects.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Editor to propose text to clarify begin/reset conditions.

CI 61 SC **Figure 61-19** P 351 L 2 # 743
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Condition for loosing synchronization (5 missed sync in a row) and regaining
 synchronization (1 correct sync) are not identical.

SuggestedRemedy
 Make the conditions for leaving and entering the sync state identical.
 5 sync in a row should be necessary to regain synchronization.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 The system is intentionally biased towards keeping synchronization.

CI 61 SC **Figure 61-19** P 351 L 7 # 672
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 This state diagram doesn't follow long-standing conventions. The state names are not
 capitalized. Also, the figure title is not properly capitalized.

See 21.5 and 1.2.1 for more state diagram notation conventions.

SuggestedRemedy
 Fix 61-19.

Note: consistent capitalization of TRUE, capitalized state names, proper capitalization of
 figure name.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC **Figure 61-3** P 325 L 25 # 778
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 in figure 61-3: Adress 1.1 accesses PMA1 and PMD1, not PMA0 and PMD0

SuggestedRemedy
 change PMA0 to PMA1, change PMD0 tp PMD1

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

To be consistent with numbering in other figures and registers, the first element of a set
 shall be numbered '0'.
 Change Address 1.1 to Address 0.1.
 Change PMI 1 to PMI 0.

CI 61 SC **Figure 61-4** P 326 L 28 # 272
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Figures 61-4 and 61-5 should be an expansion of Figure 61-2.

SuggestedRemedy

In Fig 61-4 and 61-5, show the flexible cross connect and encapsulation layers

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 61 SC Figure 61-5 P 326 L 52 # 273
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

32 wire pairs with pairs of 4-to-1 connections results in 8 available sets. These sets are available for attachment to 16 MII and MACs. Thus 8 MII and MACs are unattached. Figure shows no unattached MACs.

SuggestedRemedy

Show at least one block labeled MAC-x with an arrow terminating at the MII dashed line.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The figure shows that each of the 8 available sets can be used by either of 2 PCS instances. A total of 16 PCS instances are connected to the 32 PMIs. Each PCS instance has an associated MAC. It is clear from the text that only 8 PCS instances (and therefore only 8 MACs) can be active at the same time in this setup.

CI 61 SC Figure 61-7 P 331 L 35 # 670
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type T Comment Status D

This state diagram doesn't follow long-standing conventions. For instance, "if" is lower-case and "THEN" is missing altogether.

See 21.5 and 1.2.1 for more state diagram notation conventions.

SuggestedRemedy

In state TX_EN_ACTIVE, change

```
"if crs_and_tx_en_infer_col
crs_tx <= FALSE
else
crs_tx <= TRUE"
```

to read:

```
"IF (crs_and_tx_en_infer_col)
THEN crs_tx <= FALSE
ELSE crs_tx <= TRUE"
```

Note: parentheses, capital IF, capital ELSE, usage of ELSE. The capitalization of "TRUE" and "FALSE" should at least be consistent within the clause.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC Figure 61-8 P 332 L 1 # 1124
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The state machines in Figures 61-8 seem to be incomplete. The MII output RX_DV is never set to any value in Figure 61-7 although it is used as an input.

SuggestedRemedy

Please add control of RX_DV to the state machine.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC Figure 61-8 P 332 L 14 # 671
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type T Comment Status D

This state diagram doesn't follow long-standing conventions. For instance, "if" is lower-case and "THEN" is missing altogether.

See 21.5 and 1.2.1 for more state diagram notation conventions.

SuggestedRemedy

TX_EN_ACTIVE state needs to be fixed.

Note: parentheses, capital IF, capital ELSE, usage of ELSE

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC Figure 61-8 P 332 L 15 # 277
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

line 15: variable crs_rx is already FALSE when this state is entered
 line 35: variable crs_rx is already TRUE when this state is entered

SuggestedRemedy

line 15: remove text for crs_rx <= FALSE
 line 35: remove text for crs_rx <= TRUE

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 61 SC Table 61-1 P 327 L 10 # 274

Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

MMD register s/b 15.3.45/46.

SuggestedRemedy

At line 10, 22, and 23: add text "/46"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See also comment #779.

CI 61 SC Table 61-1 P 327 L 10 # 779

Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D

table 61-1, 61-2, 61-3: in the last line of each table, not only register 45 must be referenced, but 45/46

SuggestedRemedy

add register 46

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See also comment #274.

CI 61 SC Table 61-10 P 348 L 13 # 297

Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

When a receive path detects an error in the sync length byte, then the remaining length of the associated frame is unknown. The text "ignore and skip to next codeword" is not sufficient. Ignoring has the possibility of concatenating two payloads together. Perhaps two maximum size frames, which will give a buffer sized for just over one maximum frame fits and conniptions and wreak havoc with the logic which runs the buffer/fifo.

The already received payload must be marked with receive error, passed on up to the next layer, and an error recovery process started. The error recovery is necessary since there are several possible count values and the 63 bytes to the next sync might include a start of frame code point for another frame. This next frame is also corrupted. The following analysis is considered correct even if count descriptions could be collapsed into a more simplified form.

Count value 0: no more payload bytes are expected. Logic is not able to identify and another idle, sof sequence might happen. This next frame can not be detected and is considered corrupted. Mark with receive error.

Count value 1 to 62: some number of payload bytes are expected. Logic is not able to identify and another idle, sof sequence might happen. This next frame can not be detected and is considered corrupted. Mark with receive error.

Count value 63: All of the 63 bytes are payload. Logic is not able to identify.

An analysis of errors in the sync byte has not yet been performed. While left to the student as an exercise, the following description should also cover sync byte errors.

Note that the following remedy requires that the hex values for idle and start of frame be different from any valid Cn value. This is the case now that Draft 2.0 p348 line 11 in Table 61-10 has changed the start of frame code point from 0xC0 to 0x50. Thank you Barry.

SuggestedRemedy

Add new subclause just after existing 61.2.3.3.8

61.2.3.3.x Receive error detection

Errors in either the sync byte (0xF0, 0x0F) or the sync length byte (Cn) are coding violations. The associated MMD counter is incremented. As the length of the incoming payload is now lost, an error recovery process is started using the following steps:

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a) Pass the already received payload up to the next layer and mark with receive error. The CRC error counter is not incremented.

b) Discard the next set of bytes by waiting for the next expected sync byte.

c) If the next sync byte is 0xF0 followed by an idle character, then the discarded bytes did not include a start of frame to payload sequence. Continue on as in a non-error operation.

d) If the next sync byte is 0xF0 followed by a valid Cn character, then the discarded bytes did include a start of frame to payload sequence. Mark this payload with receive error and continue on as in a non-error operation.

e) If the next sync byte is 0xF0 followed by a valid start of frame character, then the discarded bytes did not include a start of frame code point. Continue on as in a non-errored operation.

f) If the next sync byte is 0x0F, then the discarded bytes did include a start of frame to payload sequence or continued the previous payload. Mark this payload with receive error and continue on as in a non-error operation.

g) If the next sync byte is 0xF0 followed by an invalid Cn character, then proceed to step b).

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Discussion of receive errors seems useful. Text to be discussed by Copper Sub Task Force.

CI 61 **SC Table 61-10** **P 348** **L 14** # **806**

Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type **T** *Comment Status* **D**

Sync Bytes should be added here again for clarity

SuggestedRemedy

Add "Sync: 0F, F0"

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**

PROPOSED REJECT.

To avoid ambiguities and to facilitate future maintenance of the document, normative definitions should appear only once.

CI 61 **SC Table 61-10** **P 348** **L 8** # **1199**
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type **T** *Comment Status* **D**

In the fourth row 'End of frame ...', column two 'Character', the notation Cn, n=0-63 is used and then in column three the notation C0, C1, C2 ... is used. In table 61-9 the notation Ck is found. Looking at subclause 61.2.3.3.3 uses Cn, subclause 61.2.3.3.4 uses Ck. I'm not sure why there is a difference and wonder if this is rally intended.

SuggestedRemedy

Use a consistent terminology if possible.

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

The Editor shall use C subscript k throughout the Clause.

CI 61 **SC Table 61-111** **P 387** **L 34** # **936**

Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type **T** *Comment Status* **D**

The Remote discovery register bits are numbered 47:0 in clause 45.2.3.23 (Table 45-208). Fix the numbering in Tables 61-111 through 61-118.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the bit numbering of the Remote Discovery Register to match Table 45-208 (i.e. 47:0). This is done by changing the bit numbering in tables 61-111 through 61-118 (for example, in table 61-41, new text should be bits 47 to 43).

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 61 SC Table 61-17 P 357 L 1 # 909
 Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Lots of tables with lots of x's. Some of the tables have nothing but x's.
 How is a table of parameter values that are all "x" helpful?

SuggestedRemedy

Start by collapsing these tables. We don't need to span the entire page with tables filled with x's. The information content seems to be in the table title and in the header row, and in the second column. Page 362 provides a glaring example. 4 identical tables are presented, with differences so subtle that they are very hard to identify. If this page was collapsed into one table, with the redundant information removed, it would be much easier to identify the relevant differences.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The style is copied from ITU-T Recommendation G.994.1, which is a normative reference for this Clause. The notation is explained in subclause 9.2 of ITU-T Recommendation G.994. The same notation is used here, because we are listing exceptions and additions to the referenced document. Note that using this notation will make the Clause more easily understandable to readers familiar with G.994.1.
 See also comments #509 and #510.

CI 61 SC Table 61-41 P 365 L 31 # 935
 Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The Remote discovery register bits are numbered 47:0 in clause 45.2.3.23 (Table 45-208). Fix the numbering in Tables 61-41 through 61-48.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the bit numbering of the Remote Discovery Register to match Table 45-208 (i.e. 47:0). This is done by changing the bit numbering in tables 61-41 through 61-48 (for example, in table 61-41, new text should be bits 47 to 43).

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC Table 61-50 P 367 L 30 # 744
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Unclear how band A/B operation and max/min 1/2 (see Table 61-56) are related to each other.

SuggestedRemedy

Rename band a operation to band 1 and band b operation to band 2.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

There is no relation intended between band A/B operation and the two sets of min/max parameters.

CI 61 SC Table 61-53 P 369 L 20 # 745
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Footnote 'a': condition "2BASE-TL PAF enable is set to 0" is not correct.
 According to chapter 61.2.2.7.3, page 339, line 28, the "PAF enable" of the '-R' device is writable from the '-O' device.

SuggestedRemedy

PMI registration discovery for '-R' device should only set to '0' if "PAF available"==0.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See resolution of comments #949 and #950

Specifically, it is proposed that the PAF_Available bit be redefined as the "PAF-O" bit.

This bit is used to support the

Remote PAF Supported bit in the CPE (see 45.2.3.18.5). PAF_enable is used to indicate to the CPE that PAF is enabled.

CI 61 SC Table 61-6 P 328 L 25 # 730
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D

PMI aggregate register 1.3.47/48 shows only 1 bit set.

SuggestedRemedy

Add a note that PAF has to be done even if only 1 bit is set.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Add a note that PAF has to be done when PAF_enable is set, even if only 1 bit is set in the PMI_aggregate_register.

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CI 61 SC Table 61-7 P 342 L 1 # 1196
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Suggest that a footnote be attached to the text 'OAM' in the title, and also to the text 'OAM' found on line 42 of page 341, making it clear that OAM is not Clause 57 OAM. The existin footnote on page 342 could be used.
 SuggestedRemedy
 See comment.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC Table 61-7 P 342 L 1 # 290
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Sequence is understandable only to person who wrote the text. There never was a supporting presentation presented to the group.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Provide a complete set of timing diagrams
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Add a reference to the example in informative Annex 61A.
 See also comment #947

CI 61 SC Table 61-7 P 342 L 10 # 798
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 adapt register/signal-names
 also applies to line 19
 SuggestedRemedy
 adapt names *_aggregation-> *_aggregate
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61 SC Table 61-7 P 342 L 7 # 796
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Signal PCS_link_state: describe condition more exactly
 SuggestedRemedy
 reference to signal TC_synchronized
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Resolution of comment #1237 may apply.

CI 61 SC Table 61-7 P 342 L 9 # 797
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 All signals besides "PCS_link_state" are only defined in CPE and only during G.Hs.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change footnote to:
 Defined only if PAF is implemented, only in '-R' devices and only during G.handshake.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 Signals exist in CO subtypes only. If proposed resolution of comment #290 is accepted, the relation with G.handshake will be clear.

CI 61 SC Table 61-8 P 343 L 10 # 291
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 p84 line 7 has 2BASE as logic 1
 p343 line 10 has 2BASE as logic 0
 SuggestedRemedy
 Harmonize
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Values in Table 61-8 shall be updated to match those in "10P/2B PMA control register".
 Editor of Clause 45 is requested to update size of "PMA/PMD type selection field" to match PMA_PMD_type signal in Table 61-8.

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CI 61 SC Table 61-8 P 343 L 10 # 292

Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D
size

SuggestedRemedy

Size should be a 1 bit, not a 8 bit

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The PMA_PMD_type signal was chosen to be this size to allow future PMA/PMDs to reuse the Clause 61 PCS.

CI 61 SC Table 61-9 P 346 L 36 # 802

Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D

according to numeration a to e between lines 9 and 19, the lines of the table are in the order a, b, d, e, c.

SuggestedRemedy

rearrange lines of table

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 61A SC P L # 865

Kimpe, Marc Adtran

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The 64/65 encapsulation is new to this document. In one of our previous comments, we still spotted a typo for one of the values, in addition members of our team had to confered quite a bit to come to agreements on what needs to be sent for a variety of cases. In order to increase the likeliness that everyone comes up with the same interpretation, we propose to include a C program that simulates the TPS-TC and includes a set of corner cases. Everyone would then be able to check the result of their TPS-TC output against the program.

SuggestedRemedy

Enclose a simple 'C' program and it's output logfile in a new section of 61A. The program is a simulation of the SHDSL EFM TC transmitter. The logfile contains a valid EFM bitstream reading left to right and then top to bottom. The stream includes an assortment of corner test cases. The program and output file is provided in the associated file kimpe_1_0309

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The 'C' program shall be inserted in informative Annex 61A as an example, using formatting instructions in comment #545.

Ambiguities or errors in the description of the encapsulation method shall be fixed by means of normative text or state diagrams, as decided by the Copper Sub Task Force in resolution of comment #1126.

CI 61A SC P 525 L 5 # 542

James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Excessive capitalization.

SuggestedRemedy

Change:

EFM Copper Examples

==>

EFM copper examples

61A.2 Aggregation Discovery Example

==>

61A.2 Aggregation discovery example

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

"EFM Copper" and "Aggregation Discovery" are used as proper names, and shall be capitalized as shown. There shall be no capital 'E' in "example" or "examples".

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CI 62 SC P 401 L 5 # 512

James, David JGG
 Comment Type T Comment Status D

Improper field alignment.

SuggestedRemedy

Center the straddled fields, which represent new headings.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Center the straddled fields, which represent new headings, and use bold typeface.

CI 62 SC P 401 L 5 # 513

James, David JGG
 Comment Type T Comment Status D

Excess capitalization.

SuggestedRemedy

Change:

Data Signals ==> Data signals

Synchronization Signals ==> Synchronization signals

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 62 SC P 401 L 54 # 514

James, David JGG
 Comment Type T Comment Status D

Starting a left-justified sentence with a number is very confusing, since that is also how numbered definitions and subclauses start.

SuggestedRemedy

Change:

9.3.1 of ... is replaced by

Replace 9.3.1 of ... by

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 62 SC P 409 L 54 # 515

James, David JGG
 Comment Type T Comment Status D

Inconsistent state-machine notation.

SuggestedRemedy

Change:

POWER OFF ==> POWER_OFF

COLD-START ==> COLD_START

(etc.)

Here and throughout.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 62 SC P 410 L 33 # 516

James, David JGG
 Comment Type T Comment Status D

Blank table rows are fonfusing.

SuggestedRemedy

Eliminate blank rows, in:

Table 62-4, Table 62-6, Table 62-8, Table 62-10.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 62 SC P 419 L 1 # 517

James, David JGG
 Comment Type E Comment Status D

Excessive length subclause title, which would mandate manual table-of-contents updates to correct wrapping error, which is (in itself) prone to human errors.

SuggestedRemedy

1) Delete Physical Medium ...

2) Put nonbreaking space within Clause 62.

^ nonbreaking

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Title to remain unchanged, as content is very specific. The IEEE Staff Editor shall be asked to pay special attention to the appearance of this title in the book's Table of Contents.

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CI 62 SC 62.1 P 400 L 1 # 1205
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Suggest introductory text be provided. In addition a mandatory requirement to combine the 10PASS-TS PMA and PMD with a 64B65B PCS to form a PHY doesn't seem to appear anywhere else. This would be similar to text found in 100BASE-TX (Clause 25).

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the following text be added as a paragrph under Overview 'This clause specifies the 10PASS-TS Physical Medium Attachment (PMA) and Physical Medium Dependent (PMD) for voice grade twisted-pair wiring. In order to form a complete 10PASS-TS PHY, the 10PASS-TS PMA and PMD shall be integrated with the 64B65B PCS of Clause 61, which is assumed incorporated by reference.'

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 62 SC 62.1.2 P 400 L 11 # 907
 Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type T Comment Status D

As used in this sentence, the word "rate" should be "ratio".
 One part in 10E7 is a ratio, not a rate, as a rate would entail time.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "rate" to "ratio".

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 62 SC 62.1.4.1 P 400 L 23 # 1127
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

In IEEE 802.3 terms isn't the alpha(beta) Interface actually the PMA Service Interface and the I interface the PMD service Interface.

SuggestedRemedy

Consider remaining these interfaces as described above.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

The "alpha(beta)"-interface and "gamma"-interface are well-known fundamental concepts in the xDSL world. We've deliberately chosen to keep these concepts and their original notation in our draft to make the relation with existing xDSL standards clear to the reader. (See also comment #504.)

CI 62 SC 62.2.4.2 P 402 L 46 # 1214
 Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

This is the first occurrence but the problem is multiple places.

"Stet" is not correctly used. Stet is a technical editing word for reversing a marked deletion and not a generic term for "leave as is".

Stet means: to direct retention of (a word or passage previously ordered to be deleted or omitted from a manuscript or printer's proof) by annotating usually with the word stet.

SuggestedRemedy

One doesn't need the subclauses that only contain "stet" as they are already covered by: 62.2.4: The 10PASS-TS PMA shall comply to the requirements of MCM-VDSL Section 9.3. This statement is not exactly correct since there are some exceptions noted below so add "except as stated here" to the end of the sentence.

Similar changes need to be made to 62.3.4 and its subsections.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Editor shall discuss this issue with Editor-in-Chief, prior to discussion of this comment in Copper Sub Task Force. See also comments #508, #1213 and #1215.

CI 62 SC 62.2.4.3 P 402 L 51 # 825
 Tzannes, Marcos Aware

Comment Type T Comment Status D

T1.424 states in section 9.3.4.1 that a maximum interveaver depth of 64 is required. This contradicts the interweaving requirements in section 62.2.4.3. Also T1.424 section 9.3.4.2 is an example of a specific implementation of the interleaver and should be removed since this other implementations that meet the standard are also allowed.

SuggestedRemedy

State that a maximum interleaver depth of 64 is required. Remove the interleaving parameter requirements from section 62.2.4.3 as contained in (a) and (b) so that the maximum interleaver depth requirement is 64. Also remove reference to section 9.3.4.2 of T1.424 because it is just providing an example of a specific implementation of the interleaver.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

62.2.4 states "Where there is conflict between specifications in MCM-VDSL and those in this standard, those of this standard shall prevail."

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CI 62 SC 62.2.4.5 P 403 L 18 # 1237
 Beck, Michael Alcatel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

For obvious reasons, the VDSL indicator bits designed for ATM and STM are forced to 0 in 10PASS-TS. However, no new indicator bits for use by the EFM TC sublayer have been defined.

SuggestedRemedy

Define B5 of Byte #3 as "EFM TC Freewheeling", to be asserted iff state is FreeWheelSyncTrue or state is FreeWheelSyncFalse
 Define B6 of Byte #4 as "EFM TC Not Synced", to be asserted iff state is Looking or state is FreeWheelSyncFalse
 States refer to the state machine in Figure 61-19.
 Create appropriate registers in Clause 45 to read far-end EFM TC status.
 Add signals "Remote_PCS_Freewheeling" (1 bit PMA->PCS) and "Remote_PCS_NotSynced" (1 bit PMA->PCS) to the alpha(beta)-interface (Table 61-8).
 Change definition of signal PCS_link_state on the gamma-interface (Table 61-7) to "Control signal asserted when link is active and framing has synchronized according to the definition in 61.2.3.3. AND Remote_PCS_NotSynced is not asserted."

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 62 SC 62.2.4.5 P 403 L 51 # 828
 Tzannes, Marcos Aware

Comment Type T Comment Status D

In T1.424 9.3.5.5 it is specified that V=1 is mandatory and other values are optional. Therefore optional values of V should be removed from the EFM standard.

SuggestedRemedy

Stare that V=1 is mandatory and other values are beyond the scope of the EFM standard. Also remove Vmax field from the initialization messages O-MSG2, R-MSG2 and O-CONTRACT.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The required values of V that are mandatory for 10PASS-TS must be fixed by the Copper Sub Task Force, to remove the optional character of this feature.
 If V=1 is agreed, corresponding initialization fields shall be changed to "reserved".

CI 62 SC 62.3.4 P L # 305
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Options are the dark force. Resist.
 do not want any optional features negotiated during (handshake) initialization, operating modes are ok

SuggestedRemedy

Strike text about options and state that options are outside the scope of this standard.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.
 Our draft doesn't specify any options, but MCM-VDSL does. Any optional features of MCM-VDSL are either mandatory or out-of-scope for 10PASS-TS. Reserved fields in initialization messages can be used to activate certain vendor-specific extensions.

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CI 62 SC 62.3.4 P L 26 # 622
 Fanfoni, Sabina STMicroelectronics

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Having mandatory the use of 8.625 khz tone spacing in 10PASS-TS will cause an inconsistency between 10PASS-TS and T1.424/Trial-Use Part 3, where 8.625 khz tone spacing is in an informative annex. This means that vendors shall implement a feature that is optional in other standard. It may be preferable to support a large size FFT (4096 tones) then supporting two framing duration derived from the use of both 4.3125 khz and 8.625 khz tone spacing.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove from the text 'The 10PASS-TS PMD (including MDI) shall comply to the requirements of MCM-VDSL Section 8 (Physical medium dependent (PMD) sublayer), Section 10 (Operations and maintenance), Section 11 (Link activation and deactivation), Section 12 (Normative Annex A - Handshake procedure for VDSL) and Section 14 (Informative Annex C - 8.625kHz tone spacing).' the words 'and Section 14 (Informative Annex C - 8.625kHz tone spacing).'

I list other clauses where I found the reference to 8.625kHz and should be changed:
 45.2.1.18 table 45-9-10P row 41;
 62.3.4.2.2 row 30;
 62.3.4.6.4 table 62-4 row 39, table 62-6 row 45, table 62-8 row 17; table 62-10 row 20;
 62.3.4.8.5 row 9;
 62.4.4.2 page 422 row 7;
 62A.4 row 3.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.
 Support for 8.625 kHz tone spacing was made mandatory for 10PASS-TS at the November 2002 meeting (see comment #827/D1.1). This agreement has been confirmed by the responses to comments #580/D1.2 and #605/D1.414.
 Support for 8.625 kHz tone spacing was made mandatory because it allows the same performance with fewer tones, while providing lower latency and power consumption. (See also comment #824.)

CI 62 SC 62.3.4 P 405 L # 1244
 Sorbara, Massimo GlobespanVirata, Inc.

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The current draft (D2.0) of 802.3ah specifies 2,048 as the maximum number of subcarriers. With 4.3125 kHz tone spacing this spans approximately 8MHz of bandwidth. The bandplans specify use of bandwidths up to 12 MHz. When operating at bandwidths above 8 MHz, the current draft requires the use of 8.625 kHz tone spacings. The MCM-VDSL specification in D2.0 is specified by the use of T1.424/Trial-Use Part 3 Standard. T1.424 specifies the use of 4.3125 kHz tone spacing with up to 4,096 tones. The 8.625 kHz tone spacing is specified in an informative annex in T1.424 and it's use would be considered to be optional. The specification of MCM-VDSL in 802.3ah needs to be consistent with the specification in T1.424/Trial-Use Part 3. Therefore, we recommend that the 8.625 kHz tone spacing specification be removed from the MCM-VDSL specification in 802.3ah and specified with only 4.3125 kHz tone spacing together with a maximum number of tones of 4096. This consistency in specification will prevent the following problems:

- The 8.625KHz spacing provides only 50% of the cyclic extension provided by the 4.3125KHz systems. This creates additional ISI and performance degradation for loops longer than 700 meters.
- Complications in interoperability of systems from different vendors: The two tone spacing will result in twice the number of interoperability tests to be performed (unless the standard clearly specifies when and where each one shall be used).
- Avoid unnecessary increased crosstalk when mixing systems of 4.3125 KHz and 8.625 kHz tone spacing in the same cable (this scenario is explained in Annex C of T1.424/TU)

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Resolution: Remove 8.625 kHz tone spacing and change the maximum number of tones from 2048 to 4096.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.
 See discussion of comment #622.

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CI 62 SC 62.3.4 P 405 L 21 # 1129
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E Comment Status D

In the case of referencing other standards please use a format equivalent to that found in 25.4.

I have give an example starting at 62.3.4 and continued to the end of page 406 following. I am happy to assist with this work if it would help.

SuggestedRemedy

In subclause 62.3.4 change the text '...625kHz tone spacing)' to read '... 8.625kHz tone spacing) with the exceptions listed below. '.

Delete 62.3.4.1 as this is already stated above as these sections are not listed.

Delete 62.3.4.2, 62.3.4.2.1 since we are only now listing exceptions.

Change the title of 62.3.4.2.2 to read 'Replacement of 8.2.1, "<TITLE>" where TITLE is the title of 8.2.1.

On line 30 on Page 406 change the text to be a subclause, title 'Changes to 8.2.1.1, "Tone spacing"' and the subclause text reads 'Additionally, 8.625 kHz tone spacing shall be supported as specified in 62.4.4.8.'

Delete lines 33 and 35.

On line 36 change the text to be a subclause, title 'Changes to 8.2.2, "<TITLE>".

On line 42 change the text to be a subclause, title 'Changes to 8.2.3.1, "<TITLE>".

Delete lines 47 and 49.

On line 51 change the text to be a subclause, title 'Replacement of 8.2.3.4, "<TITLE>".

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 62 SC 62.3.4.2.2 P L 49 # 621
 Fanfoni, Sabina STMicroelectronics

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

State of the art of FFT/IFFT implementation can allow to operates with 4096. Other standards, along with the one reference in this clause, take advantages of this, specifying the use up to 4096 tones; also 10-PASS-TS shall benefit of using 4096 tones.

SuggestedRemedy

Change text '10PASS-TS transceivers shall support modulation of N SC = 2,048 subcarriers (n=3)' into '10PASS-TS transceivers shall support modulation of N SC = 4,096 subcarriers (n=4)'.

I list other clauses where I found a reference to a 2,048 number of tones that should be changed into 4,096:

- 45.2.1.17 row 10;
- 45.2.1.2.18 table 45-9-10P row 38;
- 62.4.4.2 row 14;
- 62A.4 row 42.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

This comment is to be discussed along with comment #622. The use of 4096 tones is unnecessary when 8.625 kHz tone spacing is available; a bandwidth in excess of that needed for any standard band plan (as defined in Annex 62A) can be obtained with 2048 tones.

CI 62 SC 62.3.4.2.2 P 405 L 45 # 824
 Tzannes, Marcos Aware

Comment Type T Comment Status D

T1.424 requires support of 4 kHz tone spacing and 8 kHz tone spacing is not specified in the normative part of T1.424 (it is contained in an informative appendix). There are several implementation disadvantages if 8 kHz tone spacing is required. The same transmission BW can be utilized if 4 kHz tone spacing is used with Nsc=4096 subcarriers.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the text so that 4 KHz tone spacing and Nsc=4096 shall be supported. Also change the mandatory cyclic length to 40.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

See discussion of comment #622.

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CI 62 SC 62.3.4.2.2 P 406 L 1 # 1239
 Beck, Michael Alcatel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The first paragraph contains a number of "shalls" which are redundant with the normative requirements of Annex 62A. Furthermore, it suggests that there are optional frequency plans for private networks. The paragraph needs to be rewritten to remove ambiguity.

SuggestedRemedy

Editor to replace the first paragraph with following text:
 "Frequency plans are defined in Annex 62A. In standard frequency plans, frequency bands are allocated as shown in Figure 62-3. The values of the splitting frequencies are given in Annex 62A. Adherence to a particular frequency plan may be mandatory under local regulations when 10PASS-TS is deployed in public networks. Other frequency plans, for use in private networks, can be supported by means of Clause 45 register settings (see Annex 62C for examples)."

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 62 SC 62.3.4.2.2 P 406 L 13 # 1238
 Beck, Michael Alcatel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The sentence "The use of the spectrum above 12 MHz is outside the scope of this standard." is an unnecessary restriction. The number of tones and tone spacing specified in this clause normatively limit the total bandwidth that can be used by 10PASS-TS systems. Band plans for use in public networks are normatively specified in Annex 62A. This additional restriction serves no purpose.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove sentence "The use of the spectrum above 12 MHz is outside the scope of this standard."

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 62 SC 62.3.4.2.2 P 406 L 31 # 906
 Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Bad cross reference. 62.4.4.8 does not exist.

SuggestedRemedy

Correct the cross reference. Since several subclauses describe requirements for 8.625 kHz tone spacing, I can't be sure of which subclause the editor intended to cross reference.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 The correct reference is 62.3.4.8.

CI 62 SC 62.3.4.2.2 P 406 L 5 # 306
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Options are the dark force. Resist.

SuggestedRemedy

Strike text about options and state that options are outside the scope of this standard.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See resolution of comment #1238.

CI 62 SC 62.3.4.2.2 P 408 L 22 # 884
 Behrooz Rezvani Ikanos Communicaiton

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Addition of Trellis code to DMT VDSL is very natural and well documented and practiced in DMT ADSL. Trellis code modulation TCM is also supported by 2 Base-TL the long reach PHY of 802.3ah. TCM was left out of discussion in short reach copper PHY due to entanglement in line code discussion which took very long. However this improvement is very simple and can easily be implement by DMT chip suppliers

SuggestedRemedy

remove referece to section 8.7 part 3 of T1.424 and replace it with sections 8.7, 8.8. and 8.9 of ITU-T G.992.1E

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 This comment requests the introduction of a new feature based on features existing in other standards. Needs discussion in Copper Sub Task Force.

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CI 62 SC 62.3.4.2.2 P 505 L # 1245
 Sorbara, Massimo GlobespanVirata, Inc.

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Simulation results for test #'s 2, 6, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, and 31 show results under ideal conditions that are very close to the objective value.

SuggestedRemedy

We recommend that each of these test cases be reviewed, taking into consideration practical implementation losses, in assuring feasibility of meeting each of the test cases by practical transceiver designs.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Comment should be against Annex 62B.

Further fine-tuning of values to be done in joint discussion of comments #882, #1234, #1241, #1242 and #1243.

CI 62 SC 62.3.4.4 P 407 L 33 # 826
 Tzannes, Marcos Aware

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Express Swapping in sections 10.7.3.8 and 10.7.3.9 of T1.424 is an optional feature and should be removed from the EFM standard because it would define different port types.

SuggestedRemedy

State Express Bit swapping is not specified in the EFM standard and remove reference to T1.424 section 10.7.3.8 and 10.7.3.9 on express swapping. Also remove Express Swap field from the initialization messages O-MSG2 and R-MSG2

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The draft already states that features which are optional in T1.424/Trial-Use are not required for compliance with 10PASS-TS. This implies that Express Swapping is not an option in 10PASS-TS.

Corresponding initialization fields shall be changed to "reserved".

CI 62 SC 62.3.4.5 P 408 L 35 # 827
 Tzannes, Marcos Aware

Comment Type T Comment Status D

support of Jmax>0 is optional in T1.424 section 11.2.6.2.1.3 and should be removed from the EFM standard because it would define different port types. If Jmax=0 the Bits and Gains on each subcarrier are independent (no polynomial interpolation) and therefore all the text and equations in 11.2.6.2.1.3 are redundant.

SuggestedRemedy

State that Jmax=0 is mandatory and all other values of Jmax are beyond the scope of the EFM standard. Also remove all references to Jmax in section 11.2.6.2.1.3 of T1.424. Also remove Jmax field from the initialization messages O-MSG2, R-MSG2, O-B&G and R-B&G.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The required Jmax that is mandatory for 10PASS-TS must be fixed by the Copper Sub Task Force, to remove the optional character of this feature.

If Jmax=0 is agreed, corresponding initialization fields shall be changed to "reserved".

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CI 62 SC 62.3.4.6.4 P 410 L 11 # 914
 Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

A description of the mapping of the Clause 45 R-PMA/PMD registers to EOC messages needs to be added. I can't provide a detailed remedy since there is currently nothing in the document to work with, and I don't have sufficient expertise in EOC.

NOTE: This would have been classified as a TR if I were going to be present at the interim meeting.

SuggestedRemedy

Add text and tables describing the mapping of the R-PMA/PMD registers to EOC messages.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Most Clause 45 registers map to Indicator Bits in a straightforward way (see Table 45-20). A few of the primitives exchanged by eoc could also be mapped to Clause 45 registers.

Provide a Table to specify following mapping:
 VTU-R data register (eoc) <-> Clause 45 register

- (0) VTU-R vendor ID <-> n/a
- (1) VTU-R revision number <-> n/a
- (2) VTU-R serial number <-> n/a
- (3) Self-test results <-> (non-zero value causes PMA/PMD link status to be cleared to 0)
- (4) Vendor-discretionary <-> n/a
- (5) Vendor-discretionary <-> n/a
- (6) Line attenuation <-> (Clause 45 register to be created)
- (7) SNR margin <-> (Clause 45 register to be created)
- (8) VTU-R configuration <-> n/a
- (9-F) For future use <-> n/a

CI 62 SC 62.3.5.3 P 416 L 36 # 307
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 TBDs

SuggestedRemedy

Provide exact value to meet requirements of technical completeness.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

These values are outside the scope of our standard; text shall be updated accordingly.

CI 62 SC Figure 62-4 P 409 L 1 # 1125
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Please provide the normal 802.3 definition of Variables used in the State Machine.

SuggestedRemedy

See comment.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Editor shall present proposed text at Sub Task Force meeting.

CI 62 SC Figure 62-4 P 409 L 22 # 673
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

false and true should be capitalized in this state diagram to be consistent within the copper clauses.

SuggestedRemedy

Fix

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 62A SC P 530 L 29 # 543
 James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Excessive capitalization.

SuggestedRemedy

Change:

62A.3 Profile Definitions
 ==>
 62A.3 Profile definitions

62A.3.1 Bandplan and PSD Mask Profiles
 ==>
 62A.3.1 Bandplan and PSD mask profiles

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 62A SC P 532 L 54 # 544
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Punctuation.
 SuggestedRemedy
 1) Throughout the spec, change:
 ... ==> elipse
 2).. ==> .
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 62A SC P 548 L 36 # 545
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 C-code should be an equation and use Courier font.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Do as requested.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 62A SC 62A P 530 L 1 # 320
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Clause 62A is normative, has a number of "shall", there are no pics for any of the shalls
 SuggestedRemedy
 Include PICS
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Editor to draft PICS for review at Sub Task Force meeting.

CI 62A SC 62A.3.6 P 534 L 33 # 1233
 Beck, Michael Alcatel
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 The example Payload Rate Profile of 10/3 uses an upstream bitrate for which no profile is defined.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Replace sentence with: "For example a Payload Rate Profile of 10/2.5 corresponds to a downstream payload rate of 10 Mb/s and an upstream payload rate of 2.5 Mb/s."
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 62A SC 62A.3.8 P 534 L 49 # 330
 Simon, Scott Cisco Systems, Inc.
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 It is not specified what default profile shall be used in the absence of management
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add a new subclause 62A.3.8 that state that the default profile shall be
 10/10 payload, bandplan #1, rs: (240,224), Interleaver: l=30 M=62, notches #2, 6, 10, 11 enabled, PBO ref PSD #3.
 Make a table containing the above information with explanatory text.
 Add a note:
 "Note: The default profile may not be spectrally compatable to any particular regional requirement, nor may it be the optimal profile for a particular cable segement."
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Needs to be discussed by the Copper Sub Task Force.
 10/10 is a fictitious number with current bandplans. In order to consider all possible bandplans and possible longer reach copper length it is recommended to select 7.5/7.5 data rate profile.

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CI 62A SC 62A.4 P 535 L 23 # 940
 O'Mahony, Barry Intel Corp.

Comment Type E Comment Status D

In Table 62A-5, replace "0x000" notation for hexadecimal numbers with subscripted "16".
 Also in Tables 62A-6 and 62A-7, and 63A-2

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 62A SC 62A.4 P 535 L 30 # 886
 Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The representation "Fx" in the last two rows of Table 62A-5 is confusing, especially since there are other entries in the table of the form 0x???? where ??? is a 4 digit hex value. Some one is likely to interpret "Fx" as 15 decimal, and that just won't work.

Since the intent is to allow flexibility in the selection of this crossover frequency, and not to set the crossover at 64 kHz, the value "Fx" should be footnoted in both occurrences to put appropriate bounds on the range of values.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace "Fx" in the second to last row of the table with "fx1".

Add footnote "a" to the "fx1" in the second to last row of the table, as follows:

a. Values for fx1 shall be in the range 0x0369 to 0x0ADA.

Replace "Fx" in the last row of the table with "fx2".

Add footnote "b" to the "fx2" in the last row of the table, as follows:

b. Values for fx2 shall be in the range (fx1 + 2) to 0x0ADE.

I am open to considering other values for the ranges.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

If comment #940 is accepted, the notation will be less confusing.
 Footnotes to be added as requested by the commenter.

CI 62B SC 62B P 540 L 1 # 321
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Clause 62B is normative, has a number of "shall", there are no pics for any of the shalls

SuggestedRemedy

Include PICS

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Editor to draft PICS for review at Sub Task Force meeting.

CI 62B SC 62B.3 P 541 L # 1242
 Sorbara, Massimo GlobespanVirata, Inc.

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Simulation results (assuming ideal conditions) for test #'s 11, 12, 17, 22, 23, 28, and 29 show test results that fall excessively short of the objectives specified in Table 62B-1. We recommend that these test be either removed or modified such that the performance objective in each test is achievable considering reasonable implementation losses.

SuggestedRemedy

We recommend that these test be either removed or modified such that the performance objective in each test is achievable considering reasonable implementation losses.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Further fine-tuning of values to be done in joint discussion of comments #882, #1234, #1241, #1242 and #1243.

CI 62B SC 62B.3 P 541 L # 1241
 Sorbara, Massimo GlobespanVirata, Inc.

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The transceiver compliant with the definitions in clauses 62 and 62B cannot physically meet the bit rate objectives in test cases#10 and #21 in table 62B-1. We recommend that test cases #10 and #21 be deleted from the specification.

SuggestedRemedy

We recommend that test cases #10 and #21 be deleted from the specification.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Further fine-tuning of values to be done in joint discussion of comments #882, #1234, #1241, #1242 and #1243.

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CI **62B** SC **62B.3** P **541** L # **1243**
 Sorbara, Massimo GlobespanVirata, Inc.

Comment Type **T** Comment Status **D**

Simulation results for test #'s 2, 6, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, and 31 show results under ideal conditions that are very close to the objective value. We recommend that each of these test cases be reviewed, taking into consideration practical implementation losses, in assuring feasibility of meeting each of the test cases by practical transceiver designs.

SuggestedRemedy

We recommend that each of these test cases be reviewed, taking into consideration practical implementation losses, in assuring feasibility of meeting each of the test cases by practical transceiver designs.

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Further fine-tuning of values to be done in joint discussion of comments #882, #1234, #1241, #1242 and #1243.

CI **62B** SC **62B.3** P **541** L **22** # **1234**
 Beck, Michael Alcatel

Comment Type **TR** Comment Status **D**

Using the band plans as defined in Annex 62A, and the values of B_max_d and B_max_u specified in 62.3.4.2.2, the total aggregate bitrate available to 10PASS-TS is limited to 12 MHz * (4/4.3125) * 12 bits/s/Hz = 134 Mb/s. As a result, profiles #10 and #21 cannot be supported with a physics-compliant PHY.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the Payload Data Rate to a feasible value.

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Further fine-tuning of values to be done in joint discussion of comments #882, #1234, #1241, #1242 and #1243.

CI **62B** SC **62B.3** P **541** L **9** # **885**
 Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type **T** Comment Status **D**

The column headed "Notes" contains no useful information. The user of this standard will not care whether a particular test case meets one of the project objectives, which is what I assume the appearance of the word "Objective" in this column implies.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete the column headed "Notes".

Proposed Response Response Status **W**

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 62B SC 62B.3 P 541 L 9 # 882
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco Systems

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Users should expect a high degree of interchangeability between compliant devices. In order to achieve this it is important that required performance levels are near to the maximum achievable within the standard. This will ensure the minimum of variation from on device to another without unduly constraining implementation.

Many of the distances specified in Table 62B-1 are significantly below the levels achieved by devices tested by T1E1.4 or capacity simulations. The required distances must be increased to more challenging levels as shown in the remedy.

Additionally, the distances specified for notched profiles and very high rate profiles must be shown to be near the theoretical limit for the test scenario.

Furthermore, given that a number of implementations are available which already comply with the PMA/PMD specification, it is expected that physical device testing should be performed according to this Clause prior to Sponsor Ballot.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the distances of the tests in Table 62B-1 as follows:

Test number : Change distance to

- 1 1100
- 2 750
- 3 1000
- 4 600
- 5 750

- 13 350
- 15 900
- 17 1000
- 18 1200
- 19 1400

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The Olympic test results, the testing method, and testing parameters were designed as technology evaluation and as such should be treated only as guidelines. The reaches indicated in the table are sufficient to indicate basic functionality and performance.

Further fine-tuning of values to be done in joint discussion of comments #882, #1234, #1241, #1242 and #1243.

CI 62C SC 62C.2 P 545 L 3 # 1235
 Beck, Michael Alcatel

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Figure 62C-1, Figure 62C-2, Figure 62C-3 and Figure 62C-4 don't comply with the IEEE Style Guide.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace figures with properly formatted FrameMaker-editable figures, or tables representing the same information.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See resolution of comment #941.

CI 62C SC 62C.2 P 545 L 40 # 883
 Barrass, Hugh Cisco Systems

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Distances are quoted in feet (& kft).

SuggestedRemedy

Changes distances to metric for Table 62C-1, Figure 62C-2, Figure 62C-3, Figure 62C-4.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 62C SC 62C.2 P 545 L 5 # 941
 O'Mahony, Barry Intel Corp.

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Figure 62C-1 to 62C-4 not in Framemaker format

SuggestedRemedy

Copy replacement figures from omahony_1_0903.pdf

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See also comment #1235. Resolution of comment #883 may apply.

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CI 62C SC 62C.3.1 P 548 L 36 # 1236
 Beck, Michael Alcatel
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 The example given in Figure 62C-6 iterates over 4096 tones. 62.3.4.2.2 limits the number of tones to 2048.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Replace iterator limit with 2048, and generally reformat the example to match the pseudo-programs in 62A.4.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Resolution of comment #545 may apply.

CI 63 SC P 423 L 1 # 518
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Excessive capitalization.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change:
 Physical Medium Attachment (PMA) and Physical Medium Dependent (PMD), type 2BASE-TL
 ==>
 Physical medium attachment (PMA) and physical medium dependent (PMD), type 2BASE-TL
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 "Physical Medium Attachment" and "Physical Medium Dependent" are used as proper names with capitalization as shown, in accordance with the established custom in IEEE Std 802.3.

CI 63 SC P 424 L 29 # 519
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Missing em-dash.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Include em-dash in the figure title.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 63 SC P 425 L 37 # 520
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Noncentered names.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Center the subtitle row text.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Center the subtitle row text and use bold typeface.

CI 63 SC P 427 L 23 # 522
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 IEEE standards have no sections, only subclauses.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change:
 section ==> subclause
 Here and throughout.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 When referring to an ITU-T Recommendation, "section" is ok.
 When referring to IEEE Std 802.3 (including this draft), the word "subclause" shall be used, except when the actual subclause number is given (in this case, use only the subclause number).

CI 63 SC P 427 L 60 # 521
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Sentence w/o a period.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change footing text:
 This is an unapproved IEEE Standards Draft, subject to change
 ==>
 This is an unapproved IEEE Standards Draft, subject to change.
 ^ period
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 63 SC 62.2.2.1 P 402 L 46 # 1215

Thaler, Pat Agilent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

This is the first occurrence but the problem is multiple places.

"Stet" is not correctly used. Stet is a technical editing word for reversing a marked deletion and not a generic term for "leave as is".

Stet means: to direct retention of (a word or passage previously ordered to be deleted or omitted from a manuscript or printer's proof) by annotating usually with the word stet.

SuggestedRemedy

See the resolutions I suggested in similar comments on Clauses 61 and 62 to remove the occurrences of "stet".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Editor shall discuss this issue with Editor-in-Chief, prior to discussion of this comment in Copper Sub Task Force. See also comments #508, #1213 and #1214.

CI 63 SC 63.1 P 424 L 2 # 1206

Law, David 3Com

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Suggest introductory text be provided. In addition a mandatory requirement to combine the 10PASS-TS PMA and PMD with a 64B65B PCS to form a PHY doesn't seem to appear anywhere else. This would be similar to text found in 100BASE-TX (Clause 25).

SuggestedRemedy

Suggest the following text be added as a paragraph under Overview 'This clause specifies the 2BASE-TL Physical Medium Attachment (PMA) and Physical Medium Dependent (PMD) for voice grade twisted-pair wiring. In order to form a complete 2BASE-TL PHY, the 2BASE-TL PMA and PMD shall be integrated with the 64B65B PCS of Clause 61, which is assumed incorporated by reference.'

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 63 SC 63.1.2 P 424 L 14 # 904

Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type T Comment Status D

As used in this sentence, the word "rate" should be "ratio".
One part in 10E7 is a ratio, not a rate, as a rate would entail time.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "rate" to "ratio".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 63 SC 63.1.4 P 424 L 26 # 308

Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

extra period in sentence at end of word overhead

SuggestedRemedy

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See also #749.

CI 63 SC 63.1.4 P 424 L 26 # 749

Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Typo

SuggestedRemedy

Remove "." after "overhead"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See also #308.

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CI 63 SC 63.1.4.1 P 424 L 54 # 750
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Definition of variable PMA_receive_synchronized not defined

SuggestedRemedy
 Add definition for PMA_receive_synchronized:
 PMA_receive_synchronized is true as long as LOSW is false

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 The signal PMA_receive_synchronized, defined in CROSS REF 61.2.3.2.2, shall be asserted when the LOSW bit is set to "0" (see 63.2.2.3), and deasserted when the LOSW is set to "1".

CI 63 SC 63.1.4.2.1 P 425 L 19 # 751
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Definition of MSB is changing various times.

SuggestedRemedy
 Add a cross reference to Figure 61-18 to clarify what MSB means.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Replace the 2nd paragraph of 63.1.4.2.1 with the following text:
 "If data streams are implemented serially, the LSB of each octet (i.e b8 of Figure 61-18) is sent first. In section 7.1.1 of G.991.2, with i = 0, the payload blocks are made of a stream of bytes. Each byte consists of 8 bits. The first bit of each byte (ie lowest frame bit number in a byte) maps to b8 in Figure 61-18 and the last bit of each byte maps to b1 of Figure 61-18."

CI 63 SC 63.1.4.3 P 426 L 4 # 915
 Cravens, George Mindspeed

Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 A description of the mapping of the Clause 45 R-PMA/PMD registers to EOC messages needs to be added. I can't provide a detailed remedy since there is currently nothing in the document to work with, and I don't have sufficient expertise in EOC.

(The detailed description seems to belong in a (new) 63.3.2.3 {G.991.2 Reference section 9}. See other comment.)

NOTE: This would have been classified as a TR if I were going to be present at the interim meeting.

SuggestedRemedy
 Add text and tables describing the mapping of the R-PMA/PMD registers to EOC messages.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Add the following text in 63.2.2.3 Reference section 9:

"The parameters of the various 2BASE-TL registers defined in clause 45 are gathered via the SHDSL management.

SNR Margin, Code violations, ES, SES, LOSW, UAS, SNR margin defect, Loop attenuation defect and loss of sync word failure shall be obtained in the following way:
 The 2BASE-TL-O shall send a Status Request (Msg ID 11) EOC message.

If there has been any change in performance status other than SNR margin since the last time a unit was polled, the peer 2BASE-TL-R shall respond with an SHDSL Customer Side Performance Status (Msg ID 141) EOC message

The following octets & bits are then mapped to the clause 45 registers:
 SNR Margin -> octet 3
 Code violations -> octet 7&8
 ES -> octet 5
 SES -> octet 6
 LOSW -> octet 9
 UAS -> octet 10

In addition, bit 6 & 7 of octet 11 indicate that either an overflow or reset condition has occurred on any of the Code violations / ES / SES / LOSW / UAS registers.

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SNR margin defect -> octet 1/ bit 3
 Loop attenuation defect -> octet 1/ bit 2
 LOSW Failure -> octet 1/ bit 1

Otherwise, the peer 2BASE-TL-R shall respond with a Status/SNR (Msg ID 139) EOC message.
 SNR Margin -> octet 3

The Loop attenuation and SNR margin threshold shall be set in the clause 45 register and passed to the peer 2BASE-TL-R using Message ID 3.

The segment defect is defined in sec. 9.2.4 and uses a dedicated framing bit rather than the EOC messaging."

1) In addition to the above text, it is recommended to change the length of the clause 45 registers to reflect the same length as the SHDSL parameters. ES, SES, LOSW and UAS should be 8 rather than 16 bits long. Although there are technically no problems assigning different lengths to the clause 45 & SHDSL parameters, the EFM management entity might not be aware that the 16 bit ES register should really be refreshed at the rate of an 8 bit register.

2) In addition, it is recommended that 2 more bits be allocated to the clause 45 2B state defects register. Those 2 bits would correspond to bit 6 & 7 of octet 11 of message ID 141 and indicate an overflow or reset condition on the Code violations / ES/ SES/ LOSW/ UAS 2Base-TL-R registers.

3) It is also recommended that an additional clause 45 register be created recording the loop attenuation. The loop attenuation is reported as octet 4 of message ID 141. Since the info is there, we might as well take advantage of it.

4) It is also recommended that an additional clause 45 register be created to record the power back-off status. The new register would have 3 fields that correspond to
 a) bit 6 of octet 1 - Power BackOff status
 b) bits 0 to 3 of octet 11 - Power Back-Off Base Value (dB)
 c) bit 7 of octet 12 Power Back-off Extension (dB).

5) It is also recommended that the updating mechanism be consistent across the clause 45 and the SHDSL registers. In order to facilitate this, the following additional text should be added to 63.2.2.3 Reference section 9.

"Note that the code violation, ES, SES, LOSW and UAS in SHDSL are modulo counters. The absolute value of the counter is meaningless, however the difference in between 2 consecutive readings provides the

change in code violation/ES/SES/LOSW/UAS. Also, if there are no changes in the performance registers, message ID 139 rather than 141 will be sent by the 2Base-TL-R. It only contains the SNR value and none of the other parameters."

Cl 63	SC 63.2.1	P 426	L 54	# 752
Horvat, Michael		Infineon Technologies		

Comment Type **T** *Comment Status* **D**
 No need to exclude dual-bearer mode.

SuggestedRemedy
 The 2BASE-TL PMA supports up to 2 channels.

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**
 PROPOSED REJECT.

The dual bearer channel can be used in two ways: either to carry 2 Ethernet streams or an Ethernet and a non-Ethernet stream (for example voice). To achieve objective 1, the aggregation function was created. Objective 2 is out of scope.

Cl 63	SC 63.2.2	P 427	L 17	# 866
Kimpe, Marc		Adtran		

Comment Type **TR** *Comment Status* **D**
 The description of the management primitives and EOC were inadvertently declared out of scope while clause 45 requires them.

SuggestedRemedy
 Reference section 9 of G.991.2 in section 63.2.2
 Three changes are required:
 a) Strike the words "Reference section 9 (Management)" from line 17
 b) Change line 13 to add the words in brackets "The 2BASE-TL PMA shall comply to the requirements of G.991.2 Section 7 [and Section 9]"
 c) add a section 63.2.2.3 Reference section 9
 set with the exception of section 9.5.5.6 where Message IDs 17 "ATM Cell Status Request", 20, "ISDN Request", 145 "ATM Cell Status Information" and 148 "ISDN Response" are out of scope.

Proposed Response *Response Status* **W**
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 63 SC 63.2.2 P 427 L 17 # 753
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Reference to section 9 of G.SHDSL is needed for exchanging PM and OAM data as well as access to the '-R' device.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Remove reference section 9
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 See also #755.

CI 63 SC 63.2.2 P 427 L 20 # 754
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Line 18 excludes the use of regenerators, whereas line 20 describes it as an implementation specific option.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Remove last sentence of 63.2.2
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 There is no conflict between those sentences. The definition of regenerator is out of scope of the 2BASE-TL spec however, were regenerators to be deployed, the spec encourages them to comply with annex D.

CI 63 SC 63.3.2 P 428 L 51 # 755
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Section 9 of G.SHDSL needed
 SuggestedRemedy
 Remove reference section 9 in line 51.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 See also #753.

CI 63 SC 63.3.2.1 P 429 L 10 # 63
 Concita Saracino Aethra
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 The minimal n for 32TC-PAM constellations ($12 < n \leq 89$) is inconsistent with the minimal rate for 32TC-PAM ("2.368Mb/s") .
 SuggestedRemedy
 In case of $12 < n \leq 89$ change "2.368Mb/s to 5.696Mb/s, using the 32-TCPAM constellation" with "832kb/s to 5.696Mb/s, using the 32-TCPAM constellation" $\implies 832=64*13$ or, eventually, in case $12 = n \leq 89$ Change with "768kb/s to 5.696Mb/s, using the 32-TCPAM constellation" $\implies 768=64*12$
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 63 SC 63.3.2.1 P 429 L 26 # 756
 Horvat, Michael Infineon Technologies
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Equation 63-4:
 In case of 32-TC PAM the minimum n value starts at 37.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Replace 12 with 37 in equation 63-4
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 The $n=12$ lower limit for 32-TCPAM was agreed in EFM and is consistent with agreements in T1E1.4 & ITU.

CI 63A SC 63A P 540 L 38 # 323
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 need a space between word 63A-1 and word will
 SuggestedRemedy
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 63A SC 63A P 552 L 1 # 322
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Clause 63A is normative, has a number of "shall", there are no pics for any of the shalls
 SuggestedRemedy
 Include PICS
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 63A SC 63A.3.1 P 550 L 46 # 331
 Simon, Scott Cisco Systems, Inc.
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 No default behavior profiles are specified for the managementless case
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add text specifying that the default profile shall be profile #2.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Would propose the following text instead:
 The default profile shall be profile #2 for countries supporting annex A and shall be profile #7 for countries supporting annex B.

CI 63B SC P 554 L 30 # 546
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Excess capitalization and punctuation.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change:

 63B.3 Performance Test Cases.
 ==>
 63B.3 Performance test cases

 63B.4 Deployment Guidelines
 ==>
 63B.4 Deployment guidelines
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 63B SC 63B P 556 L 1 # 324
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Clause 63B is normative, has a number of "shall", there are no pics for any of the shalls
 SuggestedRemedy
 Include PICS
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC P 435 L 1 # 523
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Excess capitalization
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change:
 Multi-Point MAC Control
 ==>
 Multi-point MAC control
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 64 SC P 436 L 7 # 524

James, David JGG
 Comment Type E Comment Status D

Excess capitalization: proper nouns and first-word-of-heading only.

SuggestedRemedy

Change:

Ethernet Passive Optical Network (EPON)

==>

Ethernet passive optical network (EPON)

Optical Line Terminal (OLT)

==>

optical line terminal (OLT)

Optical Network Units (ONU)

==>

optical network units (ONU)

Multi-Point Control Protocol (MPCP)

==>

multi-point control protocol (MPCP)

Multi-Point MAC Control sublayer

==>

multi-point MAC control sublayer

MAC Control sublayer

==>

MAC control sublayer

Figure 64–1—PON Topology Example

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Figure 64–1—PON topology example

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

With exception of MAC Control which is a proper name

CI 64 SC P 451 L 5 # 525

James, David JGG
 Comment Type E Comment Status D

Blank space is confusing; one doesn't know if its a TBD or no-action.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace blank state actions with an em-dash.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Blank states are no-action

CI 64 SC P 460 L 4 # 526

James, David JGG
 Comment Type E Comment Status D

Dont' break the figure number across lines.

SuggestedRemedy

Within figure style, use a non-breaking hyphen.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC P 463 L 34 # 314

Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D

For the exit from state COMPLETE DISCOVERY, it is nice that something is being tested.

SuggestedRemedy

It is customary to place the name of the variable, timer, etc. that is being tested in the exit condition.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

See 674

CI 64 SC P 469 L 27 # 527

James, David JGG
 Comment Type E Comment Status D

How can a default value be 48-bit, 32-bit, 16-bit and boolean value?

SuggestedRemedy

Make this comprehensible.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Editor will clarify vector values per element

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CI 64 SC P 477 L 21 # 528
James, David JGG

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

You should ABSOLUTELY NOT ever show fields with the LSB on the left, since everywhere else it is shown on the right.

SuggestedRemedy

- 1) Put LSB on the right and have the arrow scan right to left.
- 2) Apply this convention to all of the standard.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The LSB on left convention is currently used in the 802.3-2002 document. A specific example can be found at pg. 33 Figure 3-1 MAC frame format.

CI 64 SC P 482 L 7 # 529
James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Inconsistent notation.

SuggestedRemedy

Change:
Reserved ==> reserved

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC P 485 L 45 # 549
James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

PICS should start on their own page.

SuggestedRemedy

Force a page break before 64.5

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC P 485 L 45 # 530
James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Excessive length subclause title, which would mandate manual table-of-contents updates to correct wrapping error, which is (in itself) prone to human errors.

SuggestedRemedy

- 1) Delete: , Multi-Point ...
- 2) Put nonbreaking space within Clause 64.
^ nonbreaking

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

CI 64 SC P 489 L 6 # 531
James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Wrong font size in Value/Comment column.

SuggestedRemedy

Use correct style and character styles.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.1 P 437 L 12 # 687
Lynskey, Eric UNH-IOL

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Incorrect reference. Clause 58 refers to 100Mb/s PHY and not EPON PHY.

SuggestedRemedy

Change to #CrossRef# Clause 60.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 64 SC 64.1 P 437 L 13 # 14
Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Referring to the text below:

"However, a MAC Control client cannot assume the existence of additional MAC Control functions, as defined in Clause 31 annexes, in a remote DTE."

Since MAC Control is optional as defined in clause 31 this statement is redundant and should be deleted.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete: "However, a MAC Control client cannot assume the existence of additional MAC Control functions, as defined in Clause 31 annexes, in a remote DTE."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Also correct cross reference in same paragraph

CI 64 SC 64.1 P 437 L 9 # 13
Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Referring to the text below from line 9:

"Automatic discovery of end stations is performed, culminating in registration through binding of an ONU to a bridge port by allocation of a Logical Link ID (see LLID in #CrossRef# 65.1.2.4.2), and dynamic binding to a MAC connected to the bridge."

The OLT need not be connected to a bridge. Bridges are a feature of the 802 Architecture and compatability with IEEE 802.1 Bridging is a requirement of the IEEE 802.3ah PAR. However the OLT may be connected to an End Station, Layer 3 Router, or a Higher Layer Application Gateway.

SuggestedRemedy

Replace "bridge" in the paragraph above with "OLT"

The changed text is shown below:

"Automatic discovery of end stations is performed, culminating in registration through binding of an ONU to a OLT port by allocation of a Logical Link ID (see LLID in #CrossRef# 65.1.2.4.2), and dynamic binding to a MAC connected to the OLT."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.1.2 P L 34 # 1141
Maislos, Ariel Passave

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Cross reference hyperlink seems broken.

SuggestedRemedy

Fix cross reference.

At other locations as well.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 64 SC 64.1.2 P 437 L 33 # 1011

Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

It appears that P2P Emulation assigns an additional MAC address at the OLT for each real ONU added to the system. I believe that this concept is a violation of RAC Policy formulated to preserve the OUI address space. That is, 48 bit assignments will not be made to virtual entities.

SuggestedRemedy

This or any derivative draft should be reviewed by the RAC for conformance to RAC guidelines for use of registration values.
If the use of locally administered addresses could be mandated (though I can't quite see how and have it still be Ethernet) that would probably finesse the problem.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The case where P2P Emulation is used a MAC at the OLT communicates with the MAC at the ONU across a private link.

This case is identical to the situation where the MAC at the ONU communicates across a private link with a MAC situated at a port of a layer 2 switch at the OLT.

The same number of addresses are allocated in each case i.e. the implementer is free to allocate unique addresses to each port OR the implementer may allocate the same address to all ports.

Practical implementations allocate the same address to all the ports, much as in a layer 2 switch situation.

For removal of ambiguity the following shall be added to 64.1.2 according to comment 15:

Although figure 64-2 and supporting text describe multiple MACs within the OLT there may be a single assigned unicast MAC address for the OLT. Within the EPON Network MACs are uniquely identified by their LLID which is dynamically assigned by the Registration Process.

See also comment 15.

CI 64 SC 64.1.2 P 438 L 9 # 15

Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

In regard to the concept of Virtual MACs as shown in figure 64-2 it has come to my attention that there is still some confusion in the group with regard to the question of whether each Virtual MAC shown within the OLT Stack of figure 64-2 has a unique individual address.

My first thought is that this is unnecessary since the LLID concept can in effect be used to unique unicast addressing while using a single MAC address for all of the Virtual MACS shown in figure 64-2.

For those of the group who disagree and thus want to assign a unique MAC address to each Virtual MAC you need to be advised that some of the members of 802.3 and sponsoring organizations such as IEEE 802, and the IEEE Registration Authority (RAC) may provide vehement opposition. This will occur because of the perception that assignment of addresses to Virtual MACs waists MAC addresses and thus contributes to the premature exhaustion of the 802 address space.

SuggestedRemedy

Add a statement in 64.1:

“Although figure 64-2 and supporting text describe multiple or Virtual MACs within the OLT there is a single assigned unicast MAC address for the OLT. Within the EPON Network MACs are uniquely identified by their LLID which is dynamically assigned by the Registration Process”

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

My response to this would be that this case is similar to a layer 2 switch with multiple ports.

It is the implementer's prerogative to assign the MAC addresses, and in many cases all ports share the same address.

Add:

Although figure 64-2 and supporting text describe multiple MACs within the OLT there may be a single assigned unicast MAC address for the OLT. Within the EPON Network MACs are uniquely identified by their LLID which is dynamically assigned by the Registration Process.

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CI 64 SC 64.1.4 P L 32 # 1142
 Maislos, Ariel Passave
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 instanses
 SuggestedRemedy
 instanses
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.2.2 P 441 L 40 # 16
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 "The purpose of the Multiplexing Control is to allow only one of the multiple clients to transmit to the RS layer at any one time."
 Referring to the test below from line 40:
 "The purpose of the Multiplexing Control is to allow only one of the multiple clients to transmit to the RS layer at any one time."
 This text is a bit confusion in that the MAC sits between the Multiplexing Control Layer and the RS.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Replace the original text with the following:
 "The purpose of the Multiplexing Control is to allow only one of the multiple MAC Clients to transmit to its associated MAC and subsequently to the RS layer at any one time."
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.2.2 P 441 L 51 # 337
 Brown, Benjamin Independet
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Need a discussion here about the enforcement of interframe spacing since the deferece function within a MAC is not adequate to cover the case of multiple MACs transmitting through a single PHY
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add the following paragraph:
 "The deferece process within each individual MAC cannot be used to enforce an interframe spacing between packets from different MACs. Multiplexing Control is responsible for delaying sequential packets to different MACs in order to provide adequate interframe spacing at the PHY for proper end-of-packet delineation as well as any additional delay for other purposes (e.g. Forward Error Correction)."
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.2.2.6 P 443 L 21, 9 # 1249
 Lee Sendelbach IBM
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 What is UCT? I could find no reference to this in the text.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Please add to glossary or add into text somehow.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 UCT stands for unconditional transition. UCT is defined in 21.5 where state diagram conventions are defined. At 64.1.4 the appropriate reference is provided.

CI 64 SC 64.2.3.1 P 445 L 24 # 310
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 64.2.3.1 constants are not in alphabetical order.
 64.2.3.2 variables are not in alphabetical order.
 64.2.3.3 functions are not in alphabetical order.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Place all in alphabetical order.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 64 SC 64.2.3.1 P 445 L 27 # 900
 Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type T Comment Status D

"time_quanta" is used extensively in this Clause, but is never defined except on this line.

SuggestedRemedy

Define "time_quanta" as a constant equal to 16 bit times, in 64.2.3.1.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.2.3.1 P 445 L 34 # 17
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

The sentence at line 34 shown below is somewhat redundant to clauses 3 and 36:
 "Space is reserved for the MAC overheads including: preamble (8 bytes), DA (6 bytes), SA (6 bytes), FCS (4), and PCS trailer (5 bytes for /T/R/R/I/)."

SuggestedRemedy

Rewrite the sentence as follows:

"Space is reserved for the MAC overheads including: preamble, DA, SA, FCS, and the End Of Packet Delimiter (EPD). The sizes of the above listed MAC overhead items are described in Clause 3 subsections 3.1.1. The size of the EPD is described in Clause 36 subsection 36.2.4.14"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.2.3.1 P 445 L 36 # 309
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

5 bytes does not equal 4 symbols

SuggestedRemedy

Corect to what was intended

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Will scrub. It was previously demonstrated that 4 symbols were 5 bytes because /I/ is 2 bytes.

CI 64 SC 64.2.3.6 P 448 L 18 # 49
 Concita Saracino Aethra

Comment Type E Comment Status D

In PARSE TIMESTAMP box "timestamp<== data [16:47]"

SuggestedRemedy

Change in "timestamp<== data [17:48]"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

Correcuion should be move to [16:47] across the document clearing inconsistencies.

See 18

CI 64 SC 64.2.3.6 P 448 L 30 # 50
 Concita Saracino Aethra

Comment Type E Comment Status D

At the beginning of Note in Figure 64-9: ..."opcode-specific ...". A letter"i" is missing

SuggestedRemedy

Change in "opcode-specific"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.2.3.6 P 449 L 18 # 18
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Referring to the equation shown below which was lifted from state PARSE TIMESTAMP in figure 64-10:

"timestamp <= data[17:48]"

I think this should be 16:47 assuming we are starting with 0. This would then align with the same statement of the PARSE TIMESTAMP State shown in figure 64-9.

SuggestedRemedy

Change 17:48 to 16:47.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 64 SC 64.2.3.6 P 449 L 29 # 51
 Concita Saracino Aethra
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 At the beginning of Note in Figure 64-10: ..."opcode-specific ...". A letter"i" is missing
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change in "opcode-specific"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.2.3.6 P 451 L 13 # 19
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Referring to figure 64-12 and the transition from state GATED to state TRANSMIT READY.
 The current qualifying equation is:
 "TransmitFrame (DA, SA, Length/Type, data)"
 This is not mutually exclusive to the other transition from state GATED.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add a transmitAallowed to the equation:
 "transmitAallowed * TransmitFrame (DA, SA, Length/Type, data) "
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.2.3.6 P 451 L 36 # 1130
 Chan Kim ETRI
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 In Fig 64-12, in CHECK SIZE, laser_on, sync_time, laser_off should be considered.
 SuggestedRemedy
 In the size comparison, chage "sizeof(data)+tail_guard" to
 "sizeof(data)+tail_guard+laser_on+laser_off+sync_time".
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 This check is performed after turning on the laser so laser_on and sync_time should not
 be checked.
 Because stopTime is already calculated considering laser_off , laser_off should not be
 checked again.
 So it appears that the requirement is covered already by the existing diagram.

CI 64 SC 64.3 P 451 L 51 # 20
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Referring to:
 "Optical Multi-Point functional block"
 Figure 64-3 no longer includes a reference to the above block.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change reference to: "Multi-Point MAC Control" and augment the following lettered items
 to align to the new diagram.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.1 P 452 L 14 # 21
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Referring to: "Optical Multi-Point"
 Figure 64-3 no longer includes a reference to the above block.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change reference to: "Multi-Point MAC Control" in the following locations:
 Page 452 Line 14
 Page 452 Line 36
 Page 452 Line 37
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 64 SC 64.3.1 P 452 L 30 # 22
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Referring to the text below:
 "h) When operated, the network is asymmetrical, with the station connected to the network feeder assuming the role of master, and the station connected to the node assuming the role of slave."

Why introduce the new terminology of "network feeder" and "node" at this location in the text?

SuggestedRemedy

Rewrite the text to be:
 "h) When operated, the network is asymmetrical, with the OLT assuming the role of master, and the ONU assuming the role of slave."

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.2 P 452 L 36 # 898
 Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Subclause cross references should not be preceded by the word "Clause".
 The word "Clause" is used only when referring to a whole clause, e.g. "Clause 2".

SuggestedRemedy

Delete the word "Clause" before "2.3" on line 36 and before "4.3.2" on line 37.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.2 P 452 L 38 # 692
 Lynskey, Eric UNH-IOL

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Wrong spelling of consistent.

SuggestedRemedy

Change consistant to consistent.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.3.2 P 452 L 45 # 1012
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Point to Point emulation is an out of scope function that is only required for bridging. As closely as I can tell, from the carrier point of view, it is not part of their requirements. Carriers want a non-peer network that does not support direct ONU to ONU communication on a peer basis.

SuggestedRemedy

Split P2P Emulation from EFM as a separate PAR for joint development with 802.1 to be formulated as a separate amendment to 802.1D (similar to 802.11 & 802.12) in clause 6.5 distinct from 6.5.1. Further have PON as a separate (Carrier oriented) 802.3 standard that is more fully oriented to the market requirements of carriers.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

Point to Point Emulation is a function that allows the clean use of the full-duplex MAC in a point-to-multipoint topology. It also allows to use bridging, a key concept for making Ethernet networks function correctly.

Carriers are interested in peer-to-peer communications, otherwise applications may not function. In some cases this is achieved using routing, and in other cases using bridging. As long as traffic is billable and controllable.

Control and billing of traffic is performed at the layer 2 bridge and uses mechanism outside the scope of this project, none-the-less connecting a layer 2 bridge is simple as the point-to-multi-point network resembles a point-to-point network when using P2PE.

CI 64 SC 64.3.3.2 P 453 L 1 # 52
 Concita Saracino Aethra

Comment Type E Comment Status D

At the beginning of the line: ..."aditional ...". A letter"d" is missing

SuggestedRemedy

Change in "additional"

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 64 SC 64.3.3.3 P 453 L 7 # 1246
 Lee Sendelbach IBM
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 broadcast misspelled.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Fix it.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.3.4 P 453 L 32 # 313
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 requirements for delay variation must go into relevant clause, also not clear if MAC stack includes the PHY
 SuggestedRemedy
 Place requirements of delay variation into relevant clauses. Ok to reference from this subclause.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.4 P 453 L 42 # 23
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Referring to the sentence below:
 "The OLT has a 32 bits counter."
 SuggestedRemedy
 Suggest a reword to help with clarity:
 "The OLT has an OLT Timer which is implemented as a 32 bit counter."
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.4 P 453 L 42 # 693
 Lynskey, Eric UNH-IOL
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Wrong word
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change 32 bits counter to 32 bit counter.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.4 P 453 L 45 # 24
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Referring to the sentence below:
 "The ONU also has a 32 bits counter."
 SuggestedRemedy
 Suggest a reword to help with clarity:
 "The ONU also has an ONU Timer which is implemented as a 32 bit counter."

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 CI 64 SC 64.3.4 P 453 L 54 # 25
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Change "counter value" to "timer value".
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "counter value" to "timer value".
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.5 P 454 L 43 # 26
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Change "local counter" to "local timer".
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "local counter" to "local timer".
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.5 P 454 L 45 # 53
 Concita Saracino Aethra
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 A letter"s" is missing in word "tranmit clock"
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change in "transmit clock"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 64 SC 64.3.6 P 455 L 6 # 1131
 Chan Kim ETRI
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 The text and formula don't match.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change the text to "The comparison is made by subtracting b from a and .."
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.7 P 455 L 13 # 1247
 Lee Sendelbach IBM
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Text says "The periodicity of these windows is unspecified and left to the implementer."
 Do we really want to leave this open? Do we really want to not specify some large upper
 bound so that according to standards we should have been discovered by now?
 SuggestedRemedy
 Agree on a value and put it in the standard.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Upper bound should be defined.
 For group discussion on correct value for upper bound.

CI 64 SC 64.3.7 P 455 L 26 # 1132
 Chan Kim ETRI
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 The processing latency in ONU should be bound. Otherwise, OLT should set aside a long
 time in the later part of the discovery window. The current draft is assuming using 0 for
 unknown RTT. This is shown in the state diagram. Since this is not the only method, this
 should be explicitly identified.
 SuggestedRemedy
 specify that OLT should use RTT value of zero for discovery gate.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 64.3.3.4 line 35 provides the requested ONU processing delay.

CI 64 SC 64.3.7 P 456 L 15 # 28
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Referring to the term "Assigned port n" in the REGISTER Message:
 I think this is really the LLID, so why not call it LLID?
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "Assigned port n" to "LLID".
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.7 P 456 L 28 # 27
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Referring to the text below lifted from line 28:
 "Logical Link Established"
 The concept of Logical Link is defined and used in IEEE 802.2 Logic Link Control. I would
 suggest a name change to avoid a name collision with the IEEE 802.2 Standard.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "Logical Link Established" to "Discovery Handshake Completed"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.7.4 P 458 L 45 # 54
 Concita Saracino Aethra
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 A letter" is missing in word "transmssion"
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change in "transmission"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 64 SC 64.3.7.5 P L 25 # 1148
 Maislos, Ariel Passave
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 reisterStatus
 SuggestedRemedy
 registerStatus
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.7.5 P 459 L 23 # 701
 Lynskey, Eric UNH-IOL
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 The name of the field in the primitive lists register_status, and the textual description calls it registerStatus. Likewise, the REGISTER state of Figure 64-19 refers to it as registerStatus.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change register_status to registerStatus. This also appears on line 34.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.7.5 P 459 L 23 # 55
 Concita Saracino Aethra
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 The same parameter (REGISTER STATUS) is typed in different ways:
 pag 459 line23, 34 and 36 "register_status"
 pag 459 line25 "reisterStatus"
 pag 463 in figure 64-19 "registerStatus"
 pag 464 in figure 64-20 "registerstatus"
 SuggestedRemedy
 Use only one name: "register_status" or "registerStatus"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Use registerStatus

CI 64 SC 64.3.7.5 P 459 L 23 # 700
 Lynskey, Eric UNH-IOL
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 The definition of MA_CONTROL.request(DA, register, ID, register_status) states that the registerStatus parameter holds the values of accept or deny. This primitive is called in figure 64-19 and the registerStatus parameter is checked against Ack, reregister, and Nack. It is my belief that the registerStatus parameter should take on the value contained within the flags field of the REGISTER MPCPDU defined in Table 64-5.

SuggestedRemedy
 Change to: The parameter registerStatus takes on the indication supplied by the flags field in the REGISTER MPCPDU as defined in Table 64-5. This also appears on line 34.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.7.5 P 459 L 25 # 29
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Referring to the term ID in the MA_CONTROL.request message and "ID holds the LLID assigned by the client" If this is the case why call it ID? Why not call it LLID?
 SuggestedRemedy
 On Page 459 Line 23
 Page 459 Line 27
 Page 459 Line 38

Replace "ID" with "LLID" and delete the following sentence "ID holds the LLID assigned by the..."
 Add: "The parameter LLID holds the new value assigned by the OLT Client for the attempted registration"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 64 SC 64.3.7.5 P 459 L 3 # 1133
 Chan Kim ETRI

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The definition of MA_CONTROL.request(DA,register,starTime,grantLength,length) is missing which is used to initiate discovery processing in OLT ans shown in Figure 64-17.

SuggestedRemedy

add text for MA_CONTROL.request(DA,register,start_time,grant_length,length) that was in Draft 1.732 but omitted in this version. But this primitive is for OLT only and MA_CONTROL.indication(SA,register,start_time,grant_length) should be defined for ONU.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Interfaces to be scrubbed.
 See 901

CI 64 SC 64.3.7.5 P 459 L 3 # 901
 Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

There are multiple opcode-specific definitions of the primitives MA_CONTROL.request and MA_CONTROL.indication, with varying and inconsistent parameter lists, and all of the definitions are presented in textual form, without structure.

As an example, the MA_CONTROL.request primitive described on page 466 has the parameter list (report, n, report_list), yet the MA_CONTROL.request primitive parameter list as defined in Clause 2 always begins with the destination_address, *followed* by the opcode and the request_operand_list.

SuggestedRemedy

Restate all of the MA_CONTROL.request and MA_CONTROL.indication primitive definitions in Clause 64 using the structure found in 2.3.3 and 2.3.4, each time an opcode-specific parameter list is defined.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.7.6 P 443 L 1 # 34
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

This comment applies to all state machines in clause 64. I have noticed several instances where the defined state transition for exiting a state are not mutually exclusive. In this case it is possible that two or more transition equations can become true in the same instant. In this case what do you intend to happen?

For example review the state transitions which exit the state WAIT in Figure 64-23 on Page 467. What happens if both transitions become true at the same instant?

SuggestedRemedy

Review the state machines of clause 64 which I have listed below:
 64.2.2.6
 64.2.3.6
 64.3.7.6
 64.3.8.6
 64.3.9.6

Examine each state and its exit transitions to determine if all transitions are mutually exclusive. Fix the transition equations as required. Please excuse me for not providing an exact text remedy in this comment, however I believe that the comment addresses serious technical flaws in the draft that should be addressed.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Editor will review state machines for mutual exclusive exit conditions.
 Please excuse editor for missing some conditions, as suggested remedy is incomplete.

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CI 64 SC 64.3.7.6 P 460 L 1 # 31
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

This comment applies to all state machines in clause 64. When the state machines use "Messages" as defined in 64.3.7.5 the messages that are used are incorrect or inaccurate in that in many instances the parameters of the message as instanced in the state machine do not match those defined in the message in 64.3.7.5 or parameters are missing or renamed. I would submit that the instanced messages including the enumeration of their parameters should exactly match those defined in 64.3.7.5

SuggestedRemedy

Review each instance of each message in all state machines in clause 64 and update as required so as to exactly match the definition and parameters as defined in 64.3.7.5.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Editor will review state machines for correct usage of message definitions and parameters.

Please excuse editor for missing some messages as suggested remedy is incomplete.

CI 64 SC 64.3.7.6 P 461 L 11 # 1134
 Chan Kim ETRI

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The start time of the discovery gate is not compensated by RTT because it's unknown. ONU only sees this start time and grant length. grantLength contains the random delay and actual frame transmission time. Current document sounds like opening more window in OLT than the discovery gate length seen by the ONUs because of the unknown RTT. This assumes using value of zero for unknown RTT. (Because it's not compensated, the request frame will arrive much later) This should be clearly shown. We can either
 1. use zero for unknown RTT for discovery gate and keep some space after the actual discovery window. or,
 2. set aside some time period before the discovery window and use the maximum RTT value.
 Current choice is number 1.

SuggestedRemedy

clearly identify that we use RTT value of zero for discovery gate for clarity.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.7.6 P 461 L 20 # 1135
 Chan Kim ETRI

Comment Type T Comment Status D

to wait until the start of discovery window, the state diagram sets a counter and waits for it to expire.
 But This is implementation specific. In ONU gate processing, it just waits until localTime = currentGrant.start without any counter.

SuggestedRemedy

remove wait_for_window_timer and change the transition condition to "localTime = startTime".

This is more to the point.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.7.6 P 463 L 28 # 1136
 Chan Kim ETRI

Comment Type T Comment Status D

In WAIT FOR REGISTER ACK state, transition condition "opcode = REGISTER_ACK" doesn't clearly indicate frame reception. In control parser cases, we could use this syntax because frame reception was explicitly shown in previous states. But in this case, it's syntactically not correct. This applies to other diagrams.

SuggestedRemedy

add "message reception and" before the condition

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

In previous discussions in appears that OPCODE = ZZZ transition is sufficient. For group discussion if a need for change exists.

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CI 64 SC 64.3.7.6 P 463 L 32 # 30
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting
Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Referring to "If (flag = success)":
 This is not the normal format for these conditionals.
SuggestedRemedy
 Delete: "If (flag = success)"
 Change transition from "true" to "flag=success"
 Change transition from "false" to "flag!=success"
Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 See 674

CI 64 SC 64.3.7.6 P 464 L 15 # 33
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting
Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 The transition from state REGISTER_REQ to state RETRY which is qualified by the term "insideDiscoveryWindow" is not mutually exclusive to the other transitions from the REGISTER_REQ state. What happens if two of these conditions occur at the same instant?
SuggestedRemedy
 Add the term "insideDiscoveryWindow" to the other three transitions.
Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.7.6 P 464 L 42 # 32
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting
Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Referring to the transition from state LOCAL_DEREGISTER to REGISTERED in figure 64-20. I do not believe we would want to transition back to the REGISTERED state after sending the DEREGISTERED Message. I would suggest that we transition all the way back up to the WAIT State in a manor similar to the transition from REMOTE_DEREGISTER.
SuggestedRemedy
 Delete the transition from state LOCAL_DEREGISTER to state REGISTERED.
 Add a transition from state LOCAL_DEREGISTERED to state WAIT.
Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 The intention of this transition is to reduce all cases of deregistration into deregistration by the OLT, thus simplifying the logic.
 The ONU requests deregistration from the OLT, however this is actually performed through the REMOTE_DEREGISTRATION route.

CI 64 SC 64.3.8.5 P 466 L 31 # 902
 Frazier, Howard SWI
Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Spelling error.
SuggestedRemedy
 "numenclature" s/b "nomenclature"
Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 64 SC 64.3.8.6 P 467 L 35 # 35
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Referring to the global transition "registered=true" into the DISCOVERY_COMPLETED state. My interpretation of the transition as written implies that this transition will be taken continuously whenever the machine enters the state and the variable register is true. I doubt that this is what you intended!

SuggestedRemedy

I would suggest using a rising edge detect function otherwise known as a state change detect function so that the transition occurs when the variable registered transitions from false to true.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 Transition based on a variable are not raising edge according to the conventions of 21.5.3.
 A rising edge detect function would be used instead

CI 64 SC 64.3.9.2 P 469 L 44 # 1119
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

No modification that I can find is provided to the sublayers between the MAC Control sublayer and the PMD to carry this signal from this state machine to the PMD.

In addition there is no modification provided to the GMII to support this signal.

SuggestedRemedy

Sublayers that are missing modification are the MAC, RS, PCS and PMA.

In respect to the GMII either provide the additional signa for Laser Control signal or add text that states the GMII is not supported.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 A sulation mainatign GMII and avoiding layering violations is to be presented in Ancona based on kramer_1_0903

CI 64 SC 64.3.9.5 P 472 L 22 # 897
 Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type T Comment Status D

"actually" is superfluous.

SuggestedRemedy

delete "actually".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.9.5 P 472 L 24 # 36
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Change "tru" to "true"

SuggestedRemedy

Change "tru" to "true"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.9.5 P 472 L 24 # 896
 Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type E Comment Status D

typo? What is the value "tru"?

SuggestedRemedy

Replace with "true".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.9.5 P 472 L 24 # 57
 Concita Saracino Aethra

Comment Type E Comment Status D

A letter"e" is missing in word "tru"

SuggestedRemedy

Change in "true"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 64 SC 64.3.9.6 P 473 L 3 # 37
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Referring to the text below lifted from Line 3:
 "Instantiation of state machines as described is performed for all MACs."

I would suggest that this function is not required for broadcast MACs?

SuggestedRemedy
 Rewrite as:

"Instantiation of state machines as described is performed for all Unicast MACs."

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

When performing discovery functions the broadcast MAC is used. It appears that the statement is correct for all MAC types.

CI 64 SC 64.3.9.6 P 474 L 13 # 39
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Referring to the text shown below from Line 13.
 "for each i in n*(start, length)"

I am unclear as to the exact meaning of the (start, length) parameters.

SuggestedRemedy
 Please elaborate on the meaning of the (start, length) parameters in this context or add an informative note which is included in the final standard (Not an Editor's Note).

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Change for each I in n*(start,length) to while i < n
 This would provide same functionality while using a standard form

CI 64 SC 64.3.9.6 P 474 L 3 # 38
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Referring to the "registered=false" global transition into state FLUSH. I would suggest that we need to do this transition just once on the transition of registered from true to false.

SuggestedRemedy
 Use a state change detect function in the transition equation.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 See 35

CI 64 SC 64.3.9.6 P 475 L 35 # 58
 Concita Saracino Aethra

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 In STOP TX box a wrong typing word:"insideDiscoveryWindow"

SuggestedRemedy
 Change in "insideDiscoveryWindow"

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.3.9.6 P 475 L 47 # 59
 Concita Saracino Aethra

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 IT is used a box called B2B GRANT but B2B is an abbreviation never explained

SuggestedRemedy
 Add an explanation of B2B

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Rename B2B to read BACK TO BACK

CI 64 SC 64.4.1 P 477 L 32 # 60
 Concita Saracino Aethra

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 It's typed a wrong word:"appropriate"

SuggestedRemedy
 Change in "appropriate"

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 64 SC 64.4.2 P 478 L 1 # 61
 Concita Saracino Aethra
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 At the beginning of line "Flags. This is an 8 bit bitfield flag register..."
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change in "Flags. This is an 8 bit flag register..." Bit flag is used in page 482 line 1, page 483 line 9 and page 484 line 44 as well
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.4.2 P 479 L 16 # 1137
 Chan Kim ETRI
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 there is no way of assigning static gates to the ONUs.
 SuggestedRemedy
 put reserved bytes after Number of grants/Flags so that vendors can use the reserved byte.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 Static gates were discussed at early stages of the project. A static configuration was deemed unstable and leading to many error conditions. Protocol was designed to be stateless for gating with grants expiring aster use.

CI 64 SC 64.4.3 P L 15 # 1150
 Maislos, Ariel Passave
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 bit bitfield flag
 SuggestedRemedy
 bit flag
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See 61

CI 64 SC 64.4.3 P 480 L 15 # 62
 Concita Saracino Aethra
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 At the beginning of line "Report bitmap. This is an 8 bit bitfield flag register..."
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change in "Report bitmap. This is an 8 bit flag register...". Bit flag is used in page 482 line 1, page 483 line 9 and page 484 line 44 as well
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.4.3 P 481 L 13 # 1138
 Chan Kim ETRI
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 there is no way of sending special flags in the report.
 SuggestedRemedy
 put a reserved byte after Number of queue sets and put a reserved byte after report bitmap.
 so that vendors can use the reserved byte.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 Special signaling was discussed at the early stages of the project and rejected. There is problem of interoperability when interpretation is not defined in standard.

CI 64 SC 64.4.5 P 484 L 16 # 1139
 Chan Kim ETRI
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 The order of fields looks awkward.
 SuggestedRemedy
 make the flags come before assigned port.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

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CI 64 SC 64.5 P L 44 # 1151
 Maislos, Ariel Passave
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 some PICS not updated
 SuggestedRemedy
 update PICS
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 64.5 P 485 L 45 # 599
 Grow, Robert Intel
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 PIC should begin on a new page
 SuggestedRemedy
 Insert page break
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 643.9.3 P 471 L 9 # 56
 Concita Saracino Aethra
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 at the end of line a wrong typing word:"bnroadcast"
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change in "broadcast"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC 649 P 436 L 1 # 311
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 A quick review of the state diagrams showed a never ending litany of variables, constants, etc. which had no definitions.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Scrub entire clause for constants, variables, function, timers, etc. which are used in state diagrams but have no definition, or an incomplete definition, or mismatch of any sort. All exits from states need to be deemed mutually exclusive by simple examination of the text, without detailed knowledge.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC all P L # 843
 Brand, Richard Nortel Networks
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 The concept of point to point emulation is foreign to 802.3 and was introduced to allow compliance with 802.1D bridging

SuggestedRemedy
 Move this section to new document and as a part of the revised PAR, remove requirement to comply with 802.1
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 Point to Point Emulation is a function that allows the clean use of the full-duplex MAC in a point-to-multipoint topology.
 It also allows to use bridging, a key concept for making Ethernet networks function correctly.
 Thus, a new topology not dealt with in the past is transformed into a known topology using P2P emulation.

Bridging as defined by 802.1D and 802.1Q are an integral part of every carrier RFP when deploying Ethernet, and can not be ignored as going side by side with EFM.

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CI 64 SC Figure 64-1 P 436 L 22 # 903
 Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 There is no sentence introducing Figure 64-1.

Also, since Clause 66 now includes several P2MP topology examples, it would be good to provide a forward reference to them.

SuggestedRemedy
 Add the following sentence before Figure 64-1:

A simplified P2MP topology example is depicted in Figure 64-1. Clause 66 provides additional examples of P2MP topologies.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-12 P L 36 # 1144
 Maislos, Ariel Passave

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 2 is used instead of TQ_size constant

SuggestedRemedy
 replace value with defined constant

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-13 P 454 L 4 # 899
 Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Font size is too large for callouts in Figure 64-13.

SuggestedRemedy
 Use smaller font size.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-14 P L 1 # 1145
 Maislos, Ariel Passave

Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Figure is sourced in Visio

SuggestedRemedy
 Convert figure into FrameMaker format

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-15 P L 8 # 1146
 Maislos, Ariel Passave

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 arrow for timestampDrift missing

SuggestedRemedy
 add inbound arrow titled timestampDrift

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-16 P L 28 # 1147
 Maislos, Ariel Passave

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 arrow for timestampDrift missing

SuggestedRemedy
 add inbound arrow titled timestampDrift

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 64 SC Figure 64-17 P 461 L 11 # 694
Lynskey, Eric UNH-IOL

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The exit condition from IDLE to SEND DISCOVERY WINDOW is not defined in 64.3.7.5. It seems that this should be the MA_CONTROL.request(gate, discovery) primitive pictured in figure 64-15. The message and its applicable parameters need to be defined.

SuggestedRemedy

Change exit condition to: MA_CONTROL.request(DA, gate, discovery, startTime, grantLength). Define this primitive as: The service primitive used by the client at the OLT to initiate the Discovery Process. The DA parameter contains the well-known MAC Control multicast address.

DA: multicast MAC Control address

gate:

discovery:

startTime: start time of the discovery window

grantLength: length of the discovery window process

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-17 P 461 L 15 # 696
Lynskey, Eric UNH-IOL

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The TransmitFrame primitive is not being passed the Length/Type value as shown in 64.3.7.5. Also, the TransmitFrame primitive can only be passed four fields, DA, SA, Length/Type, and data. Figure 31B-1 shows an example of how the TransmitFrame primitive was called for a PAUSE frame. The different subfields within the data field were separated by the '|' symbol, whereas the different fields themselves were separated by commas. It also seems that all necessary fields should be supplied to the TransmitFrame primitive. Perhaps this means that the additional required fields such as timestamp and number of grants needs to be explicitly called out as well.

SuggestedRemedy

Add a field in the TransmitFrame message call that contains the proper Length/Type value and modify the rest of the fields so that only four fields are passed to this primitive.

Additionally, add the extra subfields if necessary.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-17 P 461 L 25 # 695
Lynskey, Eric UNH-IOL

Comment Type T Comment Status D

It is not clear what the value of the discovery_window_size_timer should take on. The length parameter is not defined in 64.3.7.5, and it seems that the length of the discovery window should take on the value of grantLength.

SuggestedRemedy

Change to [start discovery_window_size_timer, grantLength]

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Variable length should be clarified to different name like discoveryWindowLength.

The waiting period is definitely not grantLength as RTT must be accounted for.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-19 P L 42 # 1149
Maislos, Ariel Passave

Comment Type T Comment Status D

registered <= false

should be

registered <= true

SuggestedRemedy

fix per comment

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-19 P 463 L 12 # 697
Lynskey, Eric UNH-IOL

Comment Type E Comment Status D

In the REGISTER state, TransmitFrame is spelled wrong.

SuggestedRemedy

Change from TransmiFrame to TransmitFrame.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-19 P 463 L 32 # 698
 Lynskey, Eric UNH-IOL

Comment Type T Comment Status D

In the COMPLETE DISCOVERY state, the value of the flag field is looked at to see if it is success. Table 64-6 shows that there are three values for the flag: Nack, Ack, and Reserved. Also, this should be brought outside the state and evaluated as an exit condition.

SuggestedRemedy

Remove if(flag = success) from the state. Replace the current exit conditions with flag = Ack and flag != Ack.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 See 674

CI 64 SC Figure 64-19 P 463 L 35 # 702
 Lynskey, Eric UNH-IOL

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The DISCOVERY NACK state does not pass all of the necessary fields to the MA_CONTROL.indication primitive.

SuggestedRemedy

Add the additional fields: SA, ID, RTT.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-19 P 463 L 42 # 703
 Lynskey, Eric UNH-IOL

Comment Type T Comment Status D

In the REGISTERED state, the variable registered should be set to true.

SuggestedRemedy

Change to registered <= true.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-19 P 463 L 7 # 674
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Two comments on this state diagram.

- 1) "TransmiFrame" is misspelled.
- 2) The notation "if(flag = success)" is wrong.

See 21.5 and 1.2.1 for more state diagram notation conventions.

SuggestedRemedy

- 1) Fix.
- 2) Remove "if(flag = success)". Change exit condition "true" to read "flag = success". Change exit condition "false" to read "flag != success".

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 See 30

CI 64 SC Figure 64-19 P 463 L 9 # 699
 Lynskey, Eric UNH-IOL

Comment Type T Comment Status D

There are additional exit conditions from REGISTER to IDLE that need to be accounted for. Table 64-5 lists all of the possible status values.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the return to the IDLE state to ELSE so that all status conditions other than Ack or reregister will bring you to the IDLE state.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-2 P L 9 # 1140
 Maislos, Ariel Passave

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Arrow indicating laser control line is missing

SuggestedRemedy

Add arrow originating in Multi-Point MAC Control entering PMD. Title arrow laserControl*
 Add note to Figure saying:
 For the ONU MAC Control communicates with the PMD sublayer through the PMD service interface messages PMD_SIGNAL.request.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 64 SC Figure 64-20 P 464 L 46 # 704
Lynskey, Eric UNH-IOL

Comment Type T Comment Status D

It seems that after leaving the LOCAL_DEREGISTER state, you would not want to go back into the REGISTERED STATE, but rather into the REGISTER PENDING or WAIT states.

SuggestedRemedy

Change the exit condition from LOCAL_DEREGISTER to go to the WAIT state.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
See 32

CI 64 SC Figure 64-23 P 467 L 32 # 675
Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Parameters is misspelled (once) and possibly looks like a placeholder value. I don't think "parameters.." should be allowed as it is ambiguous.

SuggestedRemedy

Fix line 32 and 37.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
Replace parameters.. With complete argument list.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-23 P 467 L 35 # 705
Lynskey, Eric UNH-IOL

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The global transition into DISCOVERY_COMPLETED when registered = true will force the device to always stay in that state when registered = true. The timer will continuously be restarted and the wait state will never be entered.

SuggestedRemedy

Move the DISCOVERY_COMPLETED state above the WAIT state and rename the WAIT state to WAIT 2. Create a new state, WAIT 1 that has the BEGIN entrance condition. The exit condition will be registered = true, and this will lead to the DISCOVERY_COMPLETED state. Everything else stays the same.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-23 P 473 L 31 # 706
Lynskey, Eric UNH-IOL

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Figure 64-23 allows the ONU to transmit REPORT frames even before it is registered. The ONU should not be allowed to transmit any frames except for REGISTER_REQ and REGISTER_ACK messages before discovery is completed.

SuggestedRemedy

Add the qualifier, * registered, to the exit condition from WAIT into SEND_REPORT.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-25 P 473 L 16 # 707
Lynskey, Eric UNH-IOL

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The global transition into DISCOVERY_COMPLETED when registered = true will force the device to always stay in that state when registered = true. The timer will continuously be restarted and the wait state will never be entered.

SuggestedRemedy

Move the DISCOVERY_COMPLETED state above the wait state and have the exit condition from INIT to DISCOVERY_COMPLETED be: registered = true. Add an exit condition from INIT to SEND_GATE that is the same that currently exists from WAIT. The exit condition from DISCOVERY_COMPLETED to WAIT will be UCT.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-25 P 473 L 7 # 676
Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

I don't think "parameters.." should be allowed as it is ambiguous.

SuggestedRemedy

Fix, three places.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
Replace parameters.. With complete argument list

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CI 64 SC Figure 64-26 P 474 L 7 # 677
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Are 'while loops' and 'for loops' allowed in state diagrams? Also, the "IF (condition)
 THEN statement " notation is not followed.

SuggestedRemedy
 Guess we need to determine if 'while loops' and 'for loops' are allowed.

Also, add "THEN" to "IF" statement, 2 places.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Modify IF to add THEN as required.
 Discuss loop for/while in group.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-27 P 475 L 1 # 895
 Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 In the category of "Ugliest State Machine in the Draft", the winner is....

Figure 64-27. Don't feel bad, just about every WG ballot draft gets hit with this comment.

Tradition dictates that I identify this comment with a "TR".

SuggestedRemedy
 You can make this state machine much easier to understand, edit and maintain if you
 abbreviate long, wordy names like "random_delay_timer_done" as "rdt_done", and
 "currentGrant.discovery" as "cgd".

Really long assignments like: MA_CONTROL.indication(gate, localTime, effectiveLength,
 status <= active, currentGrant.forceReport, currentGrant.discovery) are very hard to
 read in the tiny font used inside a state diagram. This lengthy expression should be
 collapsed in the diagram, and then expanded in 64.3.9.5

Also, use all of the white space that has been provided. The bottom portion of the
 diagram seems needlessly crowded.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Use the following abbreviations:
 random_delay_timer to rdt
 random_delay_timer_done to rdt_done
 gate_periodic_timer to gpt
 gate_periodic_timer_done to gpt_done
 grant_window_timer to gwt
 grant_window_timer_done to gwt_done
 grant_start_timer to gst
 grant_start_timer_done to gst_done
 MA_CONTROL.request to MCr
 MA_CONTROL.indication to Mci

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CI 64 SC Figure 64-27 P 475 L 26 # 678

Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

" IF (condition) THEN statement1; statement2 ELSE statement " convention is not followed.

SuggestedRemedy

Fix "START TX" state per above.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

Fix also in additional locations where IF is not followed by THEN by adding THEN to statements.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-28 P 479 L 16 # 1014

Tae-Whan Yoo ETRI

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

All of the message fields in GATE MPCPDU except "Number of grants/Flags" are in even number of octets. It is, therefore, inconvenient to interpret the messages below the "Number of grants/Flags" in GATE MPCPDU when the logic is implemented to process in other than 8 bits, say 16 bits or 32 bits.

SuggestedRemedy

It is recommended to add one octet after "Number of grant/Flags" for two purposes:

- 1) To enable the messages after "Flags" to be interpreted in the unit of even octets.
- 2) To provide a reserved field for future application.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The MPCP protocol for gating is designed for very high performance processing by hardware.

It is expected to require capability of more than 10000 messages per second and is thus not intended for software implementations.

A compact form is required for the message.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-30 P 481 L 14 # 1015

Tae-Whan Yoo ETRI

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

All of the message fields in REPORT MPCPDU except "Number of queue sets" and "Report bitmap" are in even number of octets. It is, therefore, inconvenient to interpret the messages below the "Number of queue sets" and "Report bitmap" in REPORT MPCPDU when the logic is implemented to process in other than 8 bits, say 16 bits or 32 bits.

SuggestedRemedy

It is recommended to add one octet after "Number of queue sets" and another single octet after "Report bitmap" for two purposes:

- 1) To enable the messages to be interpreted in the unit of even octets.
- 2) To provide a reserved field for future application.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The MPCP protocol for reporting is designed for very high performance processing by hardware.

It is expected to require capability of more than 10000 messages per second and is thus not intended for software implementations.

A compact form is required for the message, where there is a shortage of space.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-32 P 484 L 14 # 1016

Tae-Whan Yoo ETRI

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The message fields for REGISTER MPCPDU and REGISTER_ACK MPCPDU are not defined in consistent way. It would be more efficient in processing MPCPDU if the message fields are arranged in even octet unit.

SuggestedRemedy

It is recommended to rearrange the message fields in the following order:

DA/SA/88-08/00-05/Time_Stamp/Flags/Echoed_pending_grants/Assigned_Port/Synch_Time/Pad_or_Reserved/FCS.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

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CI 64 SC Figure 64-33 P 485 L 22 # 1017
 Tae-Whan Yoo ETRI

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The message fields for REGISTER MPCPDU and REGISTER_ACK MPCPDU are not defined in consistent way. It would be more efficient in processing MPCPDU if the message field is arranged in even octet unit.

SuggestedRemedy

It is recommended to add a reserved field of a single octet after "Flags" and rearrange the message fields in the following order:

DA/SA/88-08/00-06/Time_Stamp/Flags/reserved_field(1 octes)/Echoed_assigned_port/Echoed_synch_time/Pad_or_Reserved/FCS.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-5 P 443 L 1 # 691
 Lynskey, Eric UNH-IOL

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Figure 64-5 should be renamed "OLT Multiplexing Control state diagram" since it only applies to the OLT. The ONU does not generate the transmitPending and transmitInProgress signals and therefore cannot control the Multiplexing Control state diagram.

SuggestedRemedy

Rename figure 64-5 to be OLT Multiplexing Control state diagram.
 Remove reference to ONU from the transmitEnable[] variable in 64.2.2.2.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-6 P L 444 # 1143
 Maislos, Ariel Passave

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Arrow for timestampDrift missing

SuggestedRemedy

Add arrow facing right labeled timestampDrift

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-9 P L # 196
 Yukihiro, Fujimoto NTT

Comment Type T Comment Status D

In the PARSE TIMESTAMP
 timestamp <= data[16:47]
 is incorrect

SuggestedRemedy

timestamp <= data[17:48]

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Should use 16:47, and not 17:48 will correct elsewhere for consistency
 see 18

CI 64 SC Figure 64-9 P 448 L 1 # 690
 Lynskey, Eric UNH-IOL

Comment Type E Comment Status D

There are very few differences between figures 64-9 and 64-10. The only differences that exist are in the PARSE TIMESTAMP state. I recommend combining the two state diagrams into a single diagram with two PARSE TIMESTAMP states, one for the OLT and one for the ONU.

SuggestedRemedy

Create a new variable OLT (or something similar) that is true if the device is an OLT and false if it is an ONU. Use this as the variable to decide which PARSE TIMESTAMP state will be entered.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Pending group discussion on issue as previous discussions requested separate diagrams.

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CI 64 SC Figure 64-9 P 448 L 12 # 689
Lynskey, Eric UNH-IOL

Comment Type T Comment Status D

When exiting the PARSE OPCODE state, it is not clear what happens if a frame is received that is both not supported and not a timestamp opcode. It would seem as if the exit conditions leading back to WAIT FOR RECEIVE and INITIATE MAC CONTROL FUNCTION would both be active. Recommend checking that the opcode is supported before exiting state. The same comment applies to Figures 64-10 and 64-12.

SuggestedRemedy

To the exit conditions into PARSE TIMESTAMP and INITIATE MAC CONTROL FUNCTION, add: opcode = {supported opcode} *, thus forcing the opcode to be a supported opcode before parsing the timestamp or initiating the mac control function.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-9 P 448 L 19 # 312
Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The only place the text "newRTT" appears in the draft is in the Figure 64-9 state diagram.

SuggestedRemedy

Scrub entire clause for constants, variables, function, timers, etc. which are used in state diagrams but have no definition, or an incomplete definition, or mismatch of any sort.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
Editor will add definition for newRTT variable.

CI 64 SC Figure 64-9 P 448 L 33 # 688
Lynskey, Eric UNH-IOL

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Incorrect reference to Annex 31B. Should be a reference to Annex 31A. Same error on next page, same line.

SuggestedRemedy

Change to 31A.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 65 SC P 491 L 1 # 532
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Excessive length clause title, which would mandate manual table-of-contents updates to correct wrapping error, which is (in itself) prone to human errors.

SuggestedRemedy

Make a shorter clause title.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

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CI 65 SC P 513 L 1 # 533
James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Excessive length subclause title, which would mandate manual table-of-contents updates to correct wrapping error, which is (in itself) prone to human errors.

SuggestedRemedy

- 1) Delete Extensions of ...
- 2) Put nonbreaking space within Clause 65.
^ nonbreaking

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #532

CI 65 SC P 514 L 15 # 534
James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Inconsistent font size.

SuggestedRemedy

Force a consistent font size (cut and pasted probably brought-over a larger font).

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 65 SC P 515 L 1 # 535
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Excessive capitalization.
 SuggestedRemedy
 65.4.4.2 Preamble Mapping and Replacement
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 65.4.4.4 State Machines
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 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 65 SC 65 P 494 L 1 # 338
 Brown, Benjamin Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Missing word
 SuggestedRemedy
 Replace "in an Ethernet" with "in a 1000BASE-PX Ethernet"
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 65 SC 65.1.1 P 494 L 41 # 1120
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Not sure if the cross reference in the text 'A successful registration process, described in 64.3.8 ...' is correct as subclause 64.3.8 is 'Report processing'.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Suggest this cross reference be corrected if required - subclause 64.3.7 appears to be the correct reference.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 65 SC 65.1.2.2 P 495 L 26 # 339
 Brown, Benjamin Independent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Registered ONU MACs should never use the value 0x7FFF
 SuggestedRemedy
 Replace the last sentence of the logical_link_id description with:

 Enabled OLT MACs may use any value for this variable. Registered ONU MACs may use any value other than 0x7FFF for this variable.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 65 SC 65.1.2.3.3 P 496 L 15 # 383
Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

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So the UNH-IOL materials are proprietary and thus not available to all implementors!

Another member suggested that instead of adding a simple annex we should more properly generate a Conformance Specification. But to take this route, seems to me, to be a lot of extra and unnecessary work for what could be in essence, no more than a few pages added to the document in the form of an annex. I would also note that development of a Conformance Document would probably require a PAR or at least an amendment of the IEEE 802.3ah PAR which would be a time consuming process. Clearly the suggestion of a conformance document was intended to raise the bar of difficulty high enough to kill the original comment.

SuggestedRemedy

To assist in clearing up this confusion I am requesting that an informative annex be added to this clause which includes one to three compliant example frames with the associated correct CRC (FCS) value.

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED REJECT.

Until proposed text is provided for such an annex, I'm inclined to reject this.

CI 65 SC 65.1.2.3.3 P 496 L 16 # 316
Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Text about CRCs typically include the initial value, and complement if necessary. Copper has now included the residue value.

SuggestedRemedy

What is initial value, what is the residue, and is any complement needed?

Proposed Response Response Status W
PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Text in Figure 65-2 states : Before calculation begins, the shift register is initialized to 0x00. It may be more explicit to move this text as a new sentence at the end of the sentence on line 24.

I'm not sure what the residue for this CRC. I'll try to ask or come up with it before the meeting.

Per figure 65-2, there is no inversion. Does this need to be explicitly stated?

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CI 65 SC 65.1.2.4.1 P 497 L 37 # 40
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Referring to the text below lifter from line 37"

"If the packet is transferred, the SPD shall be replaced with a normal preamble octet and the one or two octets preceding the SPD and the two octets following the SPD are passed without modification."

This sentence is redundant to 65.1.2.4.

SuggestedRemedy

"If the packet is transferred, the SPD shall be replaced with a normal preamble octet and the one or two octets preceding the SPD and the two octets following the SPD are passed without modification."

Delete the above sentence.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

65.1.2.4 contains no SHALLs and is intended as a short, descriptive narrative of the flow at the receiver. The full details are provided in the sections following it.

CI 65 SC 65.1.2.4.2 P 497 L 40 # 832
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

In order to support a true P2P Emulation function: if a frame is received by an ONU with a properly formed preamble as specified in 65.1.2 and more specifically in 65.1.2.4, and contains an LLID which dose not match any of the LLIDs values currently associated with the ONU, and has any other frame level errors such as but not limited to those described in Clause 3 the frame should be silently discarded without effecting any Management State or Counters.

This should occur because the mismatch of LLIDs indicates that the frame was not intended for this ONU and would not arrive at this ONU in a true P2P system and thus should not effect the Management State.

This behavior is intended to emulate the true point to point behavior that would be exhibited by legacy point to point links.

SuggestedRemedy

Rewrite 65.1.2.4 item e and add item f:

"e) in support of the P2P Emulation concept: frames received with a valid CRC8, an LLID which dose not match any LLID value currently associated with the ONU, and any other frame errors shall be silently discarded. replacing it with normal inter-frame, without affecting the Management State.

f) otherwise, discard the entire packet, replacing it with normal inter-frame."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

With the removal of all new counters below this sublayer (FEC correctable, FEC non correctable, FEC header errors, PCS coding violations), there are no counters that would be incremented as long as the packet is discarded. The term silently doesn't add anything.

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CI 65 SC 65.1.2.4.2 P 498 L 10 # 41
Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Referring to the text shown below which was lifted from line 10.

"If the packet is transferred, then both octets of the LLID field shall be replaced with normal preamble octets."

This sentence is redundant to 65.1.2.4.

SuggestedRemedy

"If the packet is transferred, then both octets of the LLID field shall be replaced with normal preamble octets."

Delete the above sentence.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

65.1.2.4 contains no SHALLs and is intended as a short, descriptive narrative of the flow at the receiver. The full details are provided in the sections following it.

CI 65 SC 65.1.2.4.3 P 498 L 17 # 42
Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

Referring to the text shown below which was lifted from line 17.

"If the packet is transferred, then the CRC8 field shall be replace with the SFD."

This sentence is redundant to 65.1.2.4.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete the sentence shown below:

"If the packet is transferred, then the CRC8 field shall be replace with the SFD."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

65.1.2.4 contains no SHALLs and is intended as a short, descriptive narrative of the flow at the receiver. The full details are provided in the sections following it.

CI 65 SC 65.2 P 81 L 42 # 79
Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Can the "10P FEC correctable errors counter" and "10P FEC uncorrectable errors counter" be combined with any equivalent for 65.2 FEC?

This comment duplicated against 45.2.1 and 65.2.

SuggestedRemedy

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Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

See response to comment #47

OR

These counters map to those described in 65.2.5.3.2 and 65.2.5.3.3. A reference needs to be added in 65 to tie these counters together. Change the second sentence of 65.2.5.3 to read:

"If an MDIO interface is provided (see Clause 22), they are accessed via that interface at the locations described in 45.2.1.14, 45.2.1.15 and 45.2.1.16."

Need to get the buffer_head_coding_violation_counter added to Clause 45.

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CI 65 SC 65.2.1 P 498 L 24 # 43
Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

During sub task force discussion in Korea I became aware of a subtle or maybe not so subtle operational requirement for EPON systems. You cannot run a multi point optical network which consists of some stations which are running the FEC function as specified in Clause 65 and some that are not. Either all stations run the FEC protocol or all do not. By the way when this came up in the discussions there was substantial discussion and disagreement within the group on this issue.

SuggestedRemedy

Add the following text to 65.2.1:

"To maintain full inter-operability including the maintenance of the integrity of the Layer Management Functions and state as specified in Clause 30 the FEC Function if selected for one station on the EPON must be present and selected for all stations on the EPON."

Proposed Response Response Status Z

WITHDRAWN.

FEC has been architected so that packets can be transferred between stations regardless of whether they are using FEC or not or 1 is and 1 isn't. If both stations are not using FEC then obviously the advantage provided by FEC does not exist but, in the absence of errors, the packets get through.

A FEC receiver that receives a non-FEC packet passes it through to the PCS without modification. In the absence of errors, the PCS should receive the packet fine.

A non-FEC receiver that receives a FEC packet passes it through to the PCS without modification. In the absence of errors, the PCS detects the first portion of the /S_FEC/ as IDLE and eventually detects the /S/ and receives the packet. At the end of the packet, the PCS detects the first /T_FEC/ and properly ends the packet then reports false-carrier during reception of the parity bytes.

If you see a problem with this, please describe it.

CI 65 SC 65.2.1 P 498 L 30 # 340
Brown, Benjamin Independent

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

In conjunction with a comment against clause 64, this last sentence should be modified since it is no longer the MAC that provides the stretched IFS to support the insertion of FEC for OLTs

SuggestedRemedy

Reword the last sentence of the first paragraph to read:

"The MAC layer at the ONU and the Multi-Point MAC Control sublayer at the OLT performs rate adaptation...as described in 4.2.8 for the ONU and 64.2.2 for the OLT."

Another option for this is to replace this sentence with:

"The data link layer performs rate adaptation...for the parity octets. This is described in 4.2.8 for the ONU and 64.2.2 for the OLT."

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

"The data link layer performs rate adaptation...for the parity octets. This is described in 4.2.8 for the ONU and 64.2.2 for the OLT."

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CI 65 SC 65.2.3 P 499 L 45 # 384
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

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“We don't have test vectors. When we test a MAC we are testing it in a system with an IP stack and use Pings and ARPs to stimulate the MAC and generate responses. Also our systems use scripts that would be of no use to you as they are proprietary.”

So the UNH-IOL materials are proprietary and thus not available to all implementors!

Another member suggested that instead of adding a simple annex we should more properly generate a Conformance Specification. But to take this route, seems to me, to be a lot of extra and unnecessary work for what could be in essence, no more than a few pages added to the document in the form of an annex. I would also note that development of a Conformance Document would probably require a PAR or at least an amendment of the IEEE 802.3ah PAR which would be a time consuming process. Clearly the suggestion of a conformance document was intended to raise the bar of difficulty high enough to kill the original comment.

SuggestedRemedy

To assist in clearing up this confusion I am requesting that an informative annex be added to this clause which includes one to three compliant example frames with the associated correct Parity value.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

Until proposed text is provided for such an annex, I'm inclined to reject this.

CI 65 SC 65.2.3.1 P 499 L 53 # 341
 Brown, Benjamin Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The description of the Reed Solomon encoder is different here than it is when first introduced on line 51 on the previous page

SuggestedRemedy

Replace "(255,239)" with "(255,239,8)"

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 65 SC 65.2.3.3 P 500 L 25 # 342
 Brown, Benjamin Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

"sync is considered to have been achieved" implies this has to do with the synchronization state machine

SuggestedRemedy

Replace "ordered_set and, when the match has less than d/2 errors, sync is considered to have been achieved." with "ordered_set with fewer than d/2 errors."

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 65 SC 65.2.3.3 P 500 L 40 # 343
 Brown, Benjamin Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

wrong word

SuggestedRemedy

Replace "disparity neutral" with "disparity preserving"

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 65 SC 65.2.4.2.1 P 502 L 27 # 344
 Brown, Benjamin Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 wrong word
 SuggestedRemedy
 Replace "continuously" with "continually" here and on line 35
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.
 "continuous" means unbroken
 "continual" means repetitive
 This usage is closer to repetitive than unbroken

CI 65 SC 65.2.5 P 65-8 L 28 # 44
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Referring to figure 65-8. Please note the selector control signal which exits the "FEC Packet Boundaries Detect" Block on the left and enters the two instances of blocks labeled "selector" on the left.
 I believe that these selector control signals are driven by two different logic equations and as such should be separated into two unique signals.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Separate the two selector control signals in figure 65-8.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 65 SC 65.2.5.1.2 P 505 L 5 # 45
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Referring to the text lifted from line 5 shown below:
 "(rx_code-groupCE/INVALID)"
 I believe that there is an extra "E" right before the /INVALID/. Either that or there is a missing item from 65.2.5.1.1 Notable Conventions.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Delete the extra "E" at Lines 5 and 8.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Change the name of 65.2.5.1.1 from Notable Conventions to Notation Conventions
 Add an entry to the 65.2.5.1.1:
 xOEy
 Used to determine if x is an element with membership in the set of y

CI 65 SC 65.2.5.1.4 P 506 L 46 # 46
 Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting
 Comment Type TR Comment Status D
 Referring to the text shown below which was lifted from line 46:
 "DECODE (/x/)"
 I believe that the right hand bracket "]" should be moved one space to the right.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Move the right hand bracket "]" one space to the right after the "/" per 65.2.5.1.1.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

This problem also exists in Clause 36 (where I copied it from).

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CI 65 SC 65.2.5.3.1 P 508 L 44 # 47

Thomas Dineen Dineen Consulting

Comment Type TR Comment Status D

In subsections:

65.2.5.3.1

65.2.5.3.2

65.2.5.3.3

a total of three 16 bit management counters are defined. Given today's line rates I am concerned that 16 bits is a tad small.

SuggestedRemedy

Increase the size of the three counters to 32 bits.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Remove these counters and this entire subclause - 65.2.5.3. See responses to comment #976, 977 & 978 against Clause 30.

OR

The size of the counters doesn't need to be increased. The definition needs to change to indicate that these counters only increment when sync_status is OK.

Add to each definition the sentence: "This counter only increments when sync_status is OK."

CI 65 SC 65.3.1 P 509 L 45 # 345

Brown, Benjamin Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Flow...

SuggestedRemedy

Move the contents of 65.3.1 to 65.3.3, delete the current contents of 65.3.3

Remove 65.3.1

Re-number 65.3.2 to 65.3.1

Re-number 65.3.3 to 65.3.2

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 65 SC 65.3.3.1 P 511 L 37 # 346

Brown, Benjamin Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Extra commas, full sentences, references - rewrite it

SuggestedRemedy

Replace this entire subclause with:

CDR Lock Time (denoted T_CDR) is defined as a time interval required by the receiver to acquire phase and frequency lock on the incoming data stream. T_CDR is measured as the time elapsed from the moment when electrical signal after the PMD at TP4 reaches the conditions specified in 60.8.13.2.1 for receiver settling time to the moment when the phase and frequency are recovered and jitter is maintained for a network with BER of no more than 10⁻¹² for non-FEC systems, or no more than 10⁻⁴ for FEC enabled systems.

The standard defines a maximal value for T_CDR. The measured value should not exceed be less than this number.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 65 SC 65.3.3.2 P 511 L 53 # 347

Brown, Benjamin Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

word change

SuggestedRemedy

Replace "Measuring Tcdr time" with "Measure Tcdr"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 65 SC 65.3.3.2 P 512 L 30 # 348

Brown, Benjamin Independent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Change wording

SuggestedRemedy

Replace "at TP4, at the beginning of the locking," with "throughout this test"

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 65 SC Figure 65-1 P 494 L 21 # 1013
 Thompson, Geoff Nortel

Comment Type E *Comment Status* D
 Obsolete style of diagram refers to "LLC - LOGICAL LINK CONTROL" as the exclusive MAC CLIENT for 802.3

SuggestedRemedy
 Redit to conform to current style (refer to 1000BASE-T diagram)
 "LLC - LOGICAL LINK CONTROL" should be "LLC - LOGICAL LINK CONTROL OR OTHER MAC CLIENT"

Proposed Response *Response Status* W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 65 SC Figure 65-1 P 494 L 29 # 1122
 Law, David 3Com

Comment Type E *Comment Status* D
 See suggested remedy.

SuggestedRemedy
 Typo - Please correct align the text 'PHY' with the PMA sublayer.

Proposed Response *Response Status* W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 65 SC Figure 65-1 P 494 L 38 # 657
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E *Comment Status* D
 The lines from the OSI stack to the LAN layer stack don't print out well. May need to change line shading/width.

SuggestedRemedy
 See comment.

Proposed Response *Response Status* W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 65 SC Figure 65-6 P 502 L 1 # 894
 Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type T *Comment Status* D
 The input arrow and output arrow in this block diagram are labeled.

SuggestedRemedy
 Please label the input and output arrows.

Proposed Response *Response Status* W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Label input arrow "tx_code-group"
 Label output arrow "ftx_code-group"

CI 65 SC Figure 65-7 P 503 L 2 # 893
 Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type T *Comment Status* D
 The input arrow to the 20-bit register is not labeled.

SuggestedRemedy
 Please label this arrow.

Proposed Response *Response Status* W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Label this arrow "PMD_UNITDATA.indication"

CI 65 SC Figure 65-8 P 503 L 25 # 892
 Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type E *Comment Status* D
 Arrows in this diagram are too heavy.

The same is true in Figure 65-6 and Figure 65-7.

SuggestedRemedy
 Use same size arrows as Figure 65-10.

Proposed Response *Response Status* W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 65 SC Figure 65-8 P 503 L 43 # 891
 Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type T Comment Status D

The exit arrow out of the bottom of the selector box in not labeled.

SuggestedRemedy

Please label this arrow.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Label this arrow "frx_code-group"

CI 66 SC P 518 L 30 # 536
 James, David JGG

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Wrong font in table entries.

SuggestedRemedy

Apply standard styles to get non-bold 10-point font.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Will improve fonts as appropriate

CI 66 SC P 518 L 30 # 537
 James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Excessive capitalization.

SuggestedRemedy

Discussion and Examples

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Discussion and examples

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 66 SC P 520 L 14 # 538
 James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Not centered properly.

SuggestedRemedy

Center the "1:2" within each box.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 66 SC P 520 L 46 # 539
 James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Excessive capitalization, and inconsistent acronym usage.

DVJ

SuggestedRemedy

Change:

CO = central office

ONU = optical network unit

SPE = subscriber premise equipment

OLT = optical line termination

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 66 SC P 521 L 15 # 540
 James, David JGG

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Excessive capitalization.

SuggestedRemedy

Change:

66.6 Operations, Administration, and Maintenance

==>

66.6 Operations, administration, and maintenance (OAM)

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

IEEE 802.3ah is an ammendment to 802.3. The style is consistant with the 802.3 style and has been reviewed by the IEEE Staff Editor.

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CI 66 SC 66 P 517 L 1 # 140
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type E Comment Status D

There doesn't seem to be enough content here to justify a whole clause. Also it appears to be wholly "informative" not normative. It looks more like an annex.

SuggestedRemedy

One option would be to make the contents of this and of 66A into two top level subclauses of an Annex 56A.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED REJECT.

The structure is consistent with previous standards

CI 66 SC 66.2.1 P 519 L 10 # 317
 Tom Mathey Independent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Text states that Table 66-1 includes channel insertion losses

SuggestedRemedy

Nothing is in the table about channel insertion losses

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Adjust text to match the table

CI 66 SC 66.2.1 P 519 L 3 # 142
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

Another question which needs an answer.

SuggestedRemedy

Tell us what the range of possible split ratios is (min, max).

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The splits will depend on the optical parametrics more than any logical protocol limit

CI 66 SC 66.2.1 P 519 L 5 # 889
 Frazier, Howard SWI

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Incorrect cross reference to Table 60-1.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "Table 66-1" to "Table 60-1".

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 66 SC 66.2.4 P 520 L 3 # 138
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

This topology won't work with 16 ONUs unless almost every splitter is different which does not seem economically feasible.

SuggestedRemedy

Delete the subclause and diagram. Or reduce the number of ONUs and write a description of the splitter requirements.

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Appropriate text to clarify the nature of the splitters will be added (i.e they are not necessarily 50% splitters)

Refer to comment 159

CI 66 SC 66.5 P 521 L 10 # 147
 Dawe, Piers Agilent

Comment Type T Comment Status D

More questions which needs answers.

SuggestedRemedy

Do the phone lines have to be unloaded? 62 and 63 specify non-loaded. Can these signalling schemes coexist with POTS on the same lines?

Proposed Response Response Status W

PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

Refer to Comment 104

A similar sentence can be added here to discuss un-loaded lines.

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CI 66 SC 66.6 P 521 L 18 # 318
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Clause 61 phys do not support the uni-directional part of OAM
 SuggestedRemedy
 Harmonize text with clause 61 phys.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 The commenter is encouraged to propose some specific text to remedy the issue

CI 66 SC 66.6.1 P 521 L 23 # 1123
 Law, David 3Com
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 The statement that some 'newer' PHYs support unidirectional mode doesn't seem to be quite correct. The only PHYs that fully support this mode are 100BASE-X and 1000BASE-X. - PONs' half support it but on from the CO side which doesn't seem the most useful feature.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Suggest that the text 'Some newer physical ...' should read 'Some physical ...'.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 66 SC 66.6.1 P 521 L 27 # 319
 Tom Mathey Independent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 sentence has no verb
 SuggestedRemedy
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.
 Will fix the grammar mistake

CI 66 SC Figure 66-3 P 520 L 6 # 159
 Radcliffe, Jerry Hatteras Networks
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 While technically correct, this figure is misleading and difficult to implement and manage in practice. In order to work the splitters labled as 1:2 will have to have a variety of split ratios. Also, the loss budget for the end ONU will be subject to a large number of splitter excess losses.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Add note to the figure:
 "The serial connection must use splittera with a variety of split ratios and is subject to many instances of excess loss from the number of splitter units."
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 66 SC Figure 66-4 P 520 L # 197
 Yukihiro, Fujimoto NTT
 Comment Type E Comment Status D olt
 Using "OLT" as an equipment with "ONU:Optical Network Unit", OLT should be "Optical Line Terminal".
 SuggestedRemedy
 Optical Line Termination -> Optical Line Terminal
 Proposed Response Response Status O

CI 66 SC Table 66-1 P 518 L 24 # 141
 Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 This would be an "ER" comment if there were such a category.
 Table leaves questions unanswered which a network planner needs answers to:
 What does nominal reach mean? is it a minimum reach (optical) or the maximum to be expected (electrical?)?
 If reach can vary, what does it depend on?
 If reach can vary, what range of values can it take?
 What's a "nominal rate"? What does it depend on? What range of values can it take?
 SuggestedRemedy
 Write text or use references to answer these questions.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

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CI 66 SC Table 66-1 P 518 L 24 # 139
 Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Table contents should not be bold. Don't use "full" justification in tables. Please make the table full width, it will become shorter.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Per comment.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.

CI 66 SC Table 66-1 P 518 L 30 # 890
 Frazier, Howard SWI
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Bad font in table.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Use appropriate font for body cells of Table 66-1.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 66 SC Table 66-1 P 518 L 40 # 145
 Dawe, Piers Agilent
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Not all phone lines are copper.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change "Copper" to "Electrical" throughout this clause. If appropriate, make the change in other clauses.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED REJECT.
 See previous comment response

CI 66 SC Table 66-1 P 518 L 45 # 198
 Yukihiro, Fujimoto NTT
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 "P2MP segments may be implemented with a trade off trade off between link span and split ratio listed. Refer to 66.2.1."
 "trade off" is duplicated.
 SuggestedRemedy
 delete a "trade off".
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 66A SC P 554 L 30 # 547
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type T Comment Status D
 Excess capitalization.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Change:
 Environmental Characteristics for Ethernet Subscriber Access Networks
 ==>
 Environmental characteristics for Ethernet subscriber access networks
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

The optics STF will rely on guidance from the editor-in-chief on this issue. The need for consistency with Subclause 1.4 Definitions will be taken into account.

CI 66A SC P 561 L 40 # 548
 James, David JGG
 Comment Type E Comment Status D
 Wrong font size.
 SuggestedRemedy
 Fix column 1 to use standard styles.
 Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

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CI 66A SC 66A.1 P 557 L 43 # 160
 Radcliffe, Jerry Hatteras Networks

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The introduction paragraph should state to which clauses it applies. In this case it would be for Clauses 58, 59, and 60 for optical interfaces. In addition, the general environmental consideration also apply to the copper clauses 62 and 63.

SuggestedRemedy

Add text to the introduction paragraph indicating applicability to Clauses 58, 59, 60, 62 and 63.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE.

To be discussed by the Optical PMD STF. The commenter is encouraged to suggest suitable text.

CI 66A SC 66A.1 P 557 L 44 # 655
 Daines, Kevin World Wide Packets

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Reference to 802.3ah should be removed. Also, the acronym OAM is incorrectly described.

SuggestedRemedy

Change "The purpose of IEEE 802.3ah (EFM)" to read: "The purpose of EFM".

Also, change "operation, administration and management" to read: Operations, Administration, and Maintenance" beginning on line 46.

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 66A SC 66A.3.1 P 562 L 17 # 162
 Radcliffe, Jerry Hatteras Networks

Comment Type E Comment Status D

Add references to IEC and Telcordia documents cited in the body of the text

SuggestedRemedy

Add references to:

GR-63-CORE, "NEBS Requirements: Physical Protection"

GR-468-CORE, "Generic Reliability Assurance Requirements for Optoelectronic Devices Used in Telecommunications Equipment

GR-487-CORE, "Generic Requirements for Electronic Equipment Cabinets"

ETSI EN 300 019-1-3, "Equipment Engineering (EE); Environmental conditions and environmental tests for telecommunications equipment Part 1-3: Classification of environmental conditions Stationary use at weatherprotected locations"

ETSI EN 300 019-1-4, "Equipment Engineering (EE); Environmental conditions and environmental tests for telecommunications equipment Part 1-3: Classification of environmental conditions Stationary use at non-weatherprotected locations"

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.

CI 66A SC Table 66A-2 P 559 L 25 # 161
 Radcliffe, Jerry Hatteras Networks

Comment Type E Comment Status D

The numbers should be centered in the columns

SuggestedRemedy

Center the numbers in the columns

Proposed Response Response Status W
 PROPOSED ACCEPT.