Proposal for a 100BASE-T1L PHY using PAM-3 8b6T

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▶ **PAM3 modulation at 80 MSym/s using 8b6T coding in conjunction with an 8N/8N+1 block code and with a low latency mode and a burst error protection mode**

- Using the list of non-negative disparity codewords in ctl_data_code_groups_07152024
  - This file has 256 lines and each line has 7 entries.
  - The first entry is the 8-bit binary selection
  - The remaining 6 entries provide the ternary values for the code-group
- The control of running disparity on the transmit side as described in slide 3
- The low latency mode using a 16B/17B block code as described in slide 4
- The burst error protection mode using a 64B/65B block code and a RS (128, 122, 3, 8) FEC code as described in slide 5
- The sequence of transmit bits and symbols is constructed as described in slides 3 to 6
- The receiver does not check for running disparity and decodes the receive byte irrespective of the receive running disparity
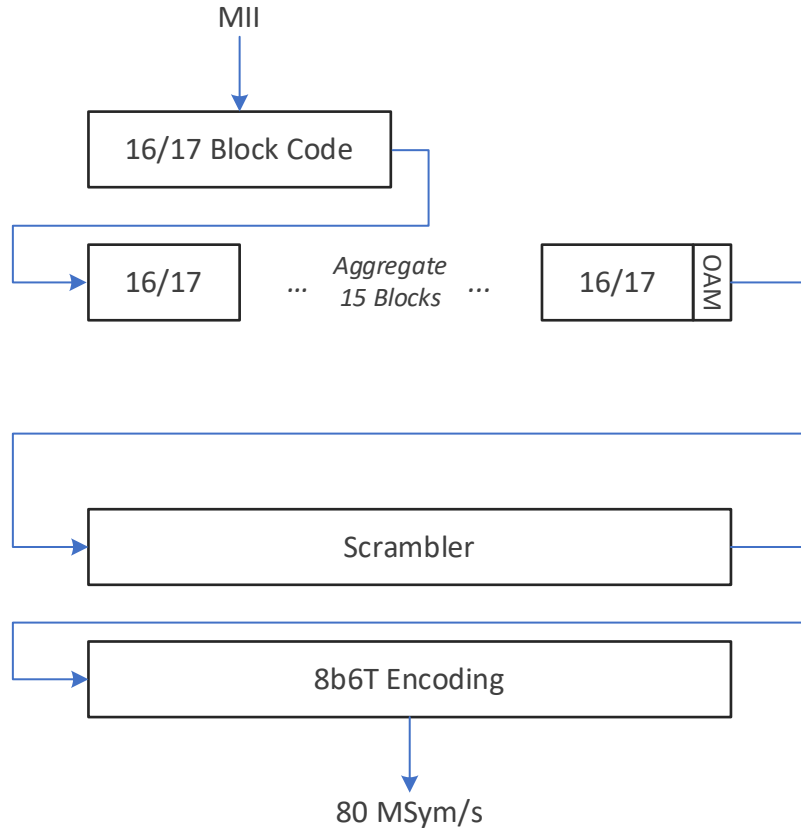
Control of Running Disparity

► The running disparity (RD) at the transmitter is controlled as follows

- Each 8-bit value from the encoder is associated with a 6-tuple with non-negative disparity

- If the 8-bit value from the encoder is associated with a 6-tuple with zero disparity, then the 6-tuple is transmitted as is

- If the 8-bit value from the encoder is associated with a 6-tuple with positive disparity, then the following rules apply

  - If RD is negative, then the 6-tuple associated with the 8-bit value from the encoder is transmitted as is

  - If RD is positive, then the 6-tuple associated with the 8-bit value from the encoder is negated before transmission

  - If RD is zero, then a pseudo random Boolean value derived from the scrambler determines whether to negate the 6-tuple before transmission

- RD is recomputed after transmission of each 6-tuple

Low Latency Mode 100BASE-T1L PHY

▶ Use PAM-3 modulation with an 8b6T code at 80 MSym/s

- Use an 8N/8N+1 block code with N = 2: a 16B/17B block code

- With L = 15 and a data block size of 15 x 16 = 240 bits

- With L = 15 and 1 x OAM bit we have 15 x 17 + 1 = 256 bits after the block code

- Transmitted as 32 x 8b6T symbols

- The symbol rate is (256/240) x (6/8) x 100 = 80 MSym/s

Burst Error Protection Mode 100BASE-T1L PHY

► Use PAM-3 modulation with an 8b6T code at 80 MSym/s

- Use an 8N/8N+1 block code with N = 8: a 64B/65B block code

- Use a Reed Solomon FEC code over a Galois Field $GF(2^8)$: RS(128, 122, 3, 8)

  - With 3 correctable symbols for 225 ns of burst error protection

  - The details of RS FEC is described on slide 5 of Tingting_3dg_02_16_07_2024

- With L = 15 and a data block size of 15 x 64 = 960 bits and thus a block length of 9.6 µs

- With L = 15 and 1 x OAM bit we have 15 x 65 + 1 = 122 x 8 = 976 bits after the block code

- And a total RS block size of 128 x 8 = 1024 bits

- Transmitted as 128 x 8b6T symbols

- The symbol rate is (1024/960) x (6/8) x 100 = 80 MSym/s

Block Diagram of Transmit Path for each Mode