

# Backward Compatible Enhanced Classification

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#### **Ping-Pong scheme review**

Ping-Pong scheme (Patoka 11-05) seems to get the best tradeoff between simplicity and accuracy
.af PSEs do not classify .at PDs at all (af class 4)
.at PDs within af power level are classified also by .af PSEs

PD programming requires to follow a large table



## **Proposed Classification Scheme**

#### It's a ping-pong scheme revisited

- First cycle .af classification (macro classes)
  - 0.44 to 3.84W →Class1
  - 3.84 to 6.49W →Class2
  - 6.49 to 12.95W →Class3
  - More than 12.95W →Class4
- Second cycle .at confirmation
  - Class 4 current for macro-classes 1&2
  - Class 1 current for macro-classes 3&4
- Third cycle and more, class refining
- Each cycle divides macro classes into 4 subsets



### **Proposed Scheme - Rules**

The second cycle allows .at PSEs to recognize .at PDs. Unlikely false .at indication

- .at PSE does only two Class cycles if second value does not indicate .at PD
- .at PD indicates .af PSE type if there are not at least three Class cycles before powering

No avoided class codes

Other rules same as Martin's proposal



### Class Set Example – 7.3W PD



### **Proposed scheme - Features**

#### Easy to program

- Each subclass limit can be set by a formula (linear, logaritmic...)
- No prohibited class codes
- The PSE can decide to do a coarser classification, decreasing the number of cycles

 $\square$  Four cycles set 4<sup>3</sup>=48 classes

- About the same of other proposals
- Fifth cycle available for special classes

