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Time-Sensitive Networking Profile for Automotive In-Vehicle Ethernet Communications

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<< Editor’s note: The Abstract will be re-written to reflect the changed scope since D1.4 - as per comment #14 on D2.0>>

Abstract: This standard specifies profiles for bounded latency automotive in-vehicle Bridged IEEE 802.3 Ethernet networks based on IEEE 802.1 Time-Sensitive Networking (TSN) standards.
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0. Editor’s Foreword

<< Editor’s note: This whole section 0 is considered an Editor’s Note and will be deleted before publication! >>

0.1 Editor’s Notes

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0.3 Introductory notes to P802.1DG Draft 2.1

Draft 2.1 was prepared by Max Turner based on the comments received during TG ballot of Draft 2.0. A contribution on Talker requirements (https://www.ieee802.org/1/files/public/docs2023/dg-hoffleit-EndstationProfile-0723-v01.pdf) was also considered with editorial liberty.

0.4 Introductory notes to P802.1DG Draft 2.0

<< Editor's note: Drafts before 2.0 used http://www.ieee802.org/1/files/public/docs2019/dg-finn-auto-prof-outline-0119-v02.pdf, presented 15 Jan 2019 at the IEEE 802.1interim in Hiroshima, Japan as the basis for their outline. >>

Draft 2.0 was prepared by Max Turner based on the structure of IEEE P802.1DC, and the functionality described in the AUTOSAR Ethernet specifications, as well as the OPEN Alliance TC11 work.

The document structure of previous drafts, which was originally suggested by http://www.ieee802.org/1/files/public/docs2019/dg-finn-auto-prof-outline-0119-v02.pdf (presented on Jan. 15th 2019 during the IEEE 802.1 interim meeting in Hiroshima, Japan) was abandoned. The previous Annex Z was deleted. The Bibliography, the Abbreviations, and the Definitions will be repopulated once new text has reached consensus.

The Draft creates a completely new modular profile structure. As there were no contributions on the excluded topics from Draft 1.4, these will remain excluded.

Further topics have been excluded:

- Life Cycle
- Security
- Safety
- Topology
- Redundancy
- Protocols

As indicated in https://www.ieee802.org/1/files/public/docs2023/dg-turner-finn-profile-commented-0223-v01.pdf (presented in the call on Feb. 21st 23)

In order to avoid duplication, the time synchronization section has been removed and replaced by a reference to the AUTOSAR Time Synchronization specifications.

Draft 2.0 will go through Task Group ballot and further development of the document will be based on comment resolution as well as further discussions in AUTOSAR and Open Alliance.

0.5 Introductory notes to P802.1DG Draft 1.4

Draft 1.4 was prepared by Max Turner based on Draft 1.3, contributions during the Task Group meetings as well as input collected by the editor personally outside Task Group meetings. The draft focuses on informative text in order to align the group on some basic concepts before normative language is added. The structure of the document was revised to a large degree since Draft 1.3, so the reader is advised to read the whole document and not try to focus just on changes, which may not all be obvious.

Draft 1.4 will go through Task Group ballot and further development of the document will be based on comment resolution as well as further contributions during Task Group meetings.

What Draft 1.4 specifically does not cover:

- Wireless links of any sort (cellular, wifi, ...)
- Ethernet encapsulation (USB, APIX, ...)
- Environmental Specifications (AEC Q100, temp., EMC, EMI, ...)
- Layer 1 details, except for a note in Section on Latency
- Link Aggregation
- TPMR specifics
- Smart Charge Communication
- OBD to Tester (ISO 13400) details
- Robo-Taxi specific requirements, except notes in Annex K
- Profile definitions or requirements

All of the above are open to be included in future documents, given enough input on comments and contributions.

As this Draft 1.4 is very much a request for input, the editor is looking for comments with proposed resolution! Approve votes without comments are not considered helpful at the current stage of work, neither are comments without any remedy or input.

0.6 Introductory notes to P802.1DG Draft 1.3

Draft 1.3 was prepared by Craig Gunther as a result of comment resolution on Draft 1.2. The purpose of Draft 1.3 is to establish a baseline for further development, via contributions by Task Group members, of the profile conformance requirements and any additional tutorial information. Draft 1.3 is not intended to go to Task Group ballot. It is expected that the Task Group participants will submit text for inclusion in the creation of D1.4 which will then be submitted for the next Task Group ballot.

This draft also addresses the concept of packet bursts related to 802.1CB missing packet recovery. It now correctly states that bursts might or might not be present depending on egress shaping, whereas in previous drafts they erroneously stated that bursts were always expected.

This document currently comprises:

- A title page for the proposed standard including an Abstract and Keywords. This title page will be retained following working group approval of this draft, i.e. prior to Standards Association (a.k.a. Sponsor) ballot.
- The editors' forewords, including this text. These include an unofficial and informal appraisal of history and status, introductory notes to each draft that summarize the progress and focus of each successive draft, and requests for comments and contributions on major issues.
- IEEE boilerplate text.
- A record of participants (not included in early drafts but added prior to publication).
- The introduction to this standard.
- The proposed standard proper.
- An Annex Z comprising the editors' discussion of issues. This annex will be deleted from the document prior to sponsor ballot.

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The ballot comments received on each draft, and the editors' proposed and final disposition of comments, are part of the audit trail of the development of the standard and are available, along with all the revisions of the draft on the 802.1 web site (for address see above).

0.7 Introductory notes to P802.1DG Draft 1.2

Draft 1.2 was prepared for the second Task Group ballot by Craig Gunther, as a result of comment resolution on Draft 1.1. Revision bars in Draft 1.2 are relative to Draft 1.1. The major focus of Draft 1.2 is to introduce profile(s) and move the tutorial content from clause 6 to Annex E. Regarding the profile(s), there are lots of questions in the Editor's note in clause 14 and items in Annex Zthat the TG is going to have to address to complete the profile(s).

Text from Draft 1.1 was changed as per ballot comments, but not all the requests for new figures or text have been completed in Draft 1.2; however, corresponding Editor's notes or Annex Z entries were added so as to not lose track of the resolution of those comments. Significant changes from Draft 1.1 include:

a) Clause 14 introduces the Base and Extended profiles including tables specifying which TSN features will be included in each profile and how they are configured.
b) Clause 6.2 through the end of clause 6 has been moved to the new Informative Annex E. No change bars or addition/deletion markings were included with this move. Any changes made after the text was moved to Annex E are highlighted appropriately.
c) Introduced the concept of Trusted and Untrusted networks and devices.
d) Removed all examples from Annex A (PCS). These PCS entries will be added as the profile(s) are developed.
e) Unresolved comments from Draft 1.1 have been recorded in Annex Z if the specific solution is not yet known. If a solution is understood but not yet implemented, or a more appropriate location than Annex Z is determined, an Editor's note has been put in those specific locations.

0.8 Introductory notes to P802.1DG Draft 1.1

Draft 1.1 was prepared by Craig Gunther for the initial Task Group ballot. Draft 1.0 was reviewed at the September 2019 interim in Edinburgh, the September 23 one-day interim in Detroit, and on the P802.1DG bi-weekly call on October 1. Based on comments received during those presentations, and especially from comments provided by the Editors of IEEE P802.1AS-Rev and IEEE Std 802.1CB-2017, updates to D1.0 have been included in the creation of this draft D1.1.

0.9 Introductory notes to P802.1DG Draft 1.0

Draft 1.0 was prepared by Craig Gunther for review before the initial Task Group ballot. Clause 6 now includes an introduction to in-vehicle networks and how TSN could influence those designs. New educational/tutorial information for 802.1CB Frame Replication and Elimination for Reliability (FRER) and 802.1AS Timing and Synchronization for Time-Sensitive Applications. The intent of these sections is to help those familiar with the concepts, but not the details of those TSN standards. This is not meant as a recap of the TSN standards, but a summarization of important details and discussion of subtle points that are often overlooked or forgotten. It is the Editor's intent that additional TSN standards will be added to this clause as those standards are identified for IVN use. It is the Editor's opinion that many who will use this standard are not involved with 802.1 in general and TSN in particular. As such, the Editor feels this approach will be extremely beneficial to that audience. Opinions in favor or against this approach are solicited. There is a substantial amount of work in this approach and if readers of this standard do not perceive a benefit then it would be best to spend that time on other areas of this standard.

Clause 14 is a placeholder to gather opinions on how we should determine what constitutes a profile. The Editor would like to get some direction so the next draft can fully address a simple profile, if possible, and update Clause 6 and other clauses as needed.

Clause 3 (definitions) and Annex D (bibliography) have also been updated.

0.10 Introductory notes to P802.1DG Draft 0.1

Draft 0.1 was prepared by Craig Gunther as a vehicle to continue to gather all the boiler plate text and generate a starting point for future drafts. Clause A boiler plate text was completed. A new clause B was introduced to hold extended definition of terms, beyond that specified in clause 3. This draft is not intended for Task Group ballot. Everything in this draft can be considered a contribution to the Time-Sensitive Networking Task Group by the editor; nothing has been approved by the Task Group or Working Group.

0.11 Introductory notes to P802.1DG Draft 0.0

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0.12 Project Authorization Request, Scope, Purpose, and Five Criteria

<< Editor's note: A PAR (Project Authorization Request) for P802.1DG was approved by the IEEE Standards Association on February 8, 2019. The following information is taken from the 802.1DG PAR. >>

0.12.1 Scope of Proposed Project:

> This standard specifies profiles for secure, highly reliable, deterministic latency, automotive in-vehicle Bridged IEEE 802.3 Ethernet networks based on IEEE 802.1 Time-Sensitive Networking (TSN) standards and IEEE 802.1 Security standards.

0.12.2 Purpose of Proposed Project:

> This standard provides profiles for designers and implementers of deterministic IEEE 802.3 Ethernet networks that support the entire range of in-vehicle applications including those requiring security, high availability and reliability, maintainability, and bounded latency.

0.12.3 Need for the Proposed Project:

> The automotive segment does not have a standards-based profile for IEEE 802.1 Time-Sensitive Networking (TSN) standards as usage can vary widely based on the networking scenarios. The lack of a profile makes the definition of the automotive manufacturer's requirements and the implementation of those requirements by suppliers more difficult and costly. Thus there is a need for

standardization of the selection and use of IEEE 802 standards and features in order to be able to deploy secure highly reliable converged networks.

0.12.4 IEEE 802 criteria for standards development (CSD)

The CSD documents an agreement between the WG and the Sponsor that provides a description of the project and the Sponsor's requirements more detailed than required in the PAR. The CSD consists of the project process requirements, 1.1, and the 5C requirements, 1.2.

1.1 Project process requirements

1.1.1 Managed objects

Describe the plan for developing a definition of managed objects. The plan shall specify one of the following:

a) The definitions will be part of this project.

b) The definitions will be part of a different project and provide the plan for that project or anticipated future project.

c) The definitions will not be developed and explain why such definitions are not needed.

Item c) is applicable to this project because this project will specify profiles that define the use and configuration of functions specified in other IEEE 802 standards, thus relying on the managed objects specified by the referred standards.

1.1.2 Coexistence

A WG proposing a wireless project shall demonstrate coexistence through the preparation of a Coexistence Assurance (CA) document unless it is not applicable.

a)Will the WG create a CA document as part of the WG balloting process as described in Clause 13? (yes/no)

b)If not, explain why the CA document is not applicable.

b) This project is not a wireless project; therefore, the CA document is not applicable.

1.2 5C requirements

1.2.1 Broad market potential

Each proposed IEEE 802 LMSC standard shall have broad market potential. At a minimum, address the following areas:

a)Broad sets of applicability.

b)Multiple vendors and numerous users.

a) IEEE 802.1 Time-Sensitive Networking (TSN) gives an opportunity to unify networking for automotive in-vehicle deterministic Ethernet networks. TSN is the foundation to provide interoperability and connectivity for automotive applications on converged networks to simultaneously support operational traffic that has pre-determined latency requirements. However, the breadth of choices in the use of the TSN features inhibits the interoperability of products designed for a particular market. By narrowing the focus, this profile expands the market for Bridges, End Stations, network interface cards, and integrated circuits. The specification and use of TSN features in these scenarios via TSN profiles is beneficial for suppliers offering and/or developing TSN products, e.g., in order to ease interoperability and deployment.

b) Many automotive manufacturers and suppliers consider TSN as the next generation Ethernet networking technology enabler to meet the deterministic latency, security and high reliability requirements for networking within the vehicle. The TSN profiles for automotive are essential for them.

1.2.2 Compatibility

Each proposed IEEE 802 LMSC standard should be in conformance with IEEE Std 802, IEEE 802.1AC, and IEEE 802.1Q. If any variances in conformance emerge, they shall be thoroughly disclosed and reviewed with IEEE 802.1 WG prior to submitting a PAR to the Sponsor.

a)Will the proposed standard comply with IEEE Std 802, IEEE Std 802.1AC and IEEE Std 802.1Q?

b)If the answer to a) is no, supply the response from the IEEE 802.1 WG.

a) Yes, this standard will comply with IEEE Std 802, IEEE Std 802.1AC and IEEE Std 802.1Q.

The review and response is not required if the proposed standard is an amendment or revision to an existing standard for which it has been previously determined that compliance with the above IEEE 802 standards is not possible. In this case, the CSD statement shall state that this is the case.

1.2.3 Distinct Identity

Each proposed IEEE 802 LMSC standard shall provide evidence of a distinct identity. Identify standards and standards projects with similar scopes and for each one describe why the proposed project is substantially different.

No other IEEE 802 standard or project defines Time-Sensitive Networking profiles for automotive in-vehicle Ethernet communications.

1.2.4 Technical Feasibility

Each proposed IEEE 802 LMSC standard shall provide evidence that the project is technically feasible within the time frame of the project. At a minimum, address the following items to demonstrate technical feasibility:

a)Demonstrated system feasibility.

b)Proven similar technology via testing, modeling, simulation, etc.

a) The proposed standard will specify profiles for the use of IEEE 802 standards, for which system feasibility has been demonstrated.

b) The proposed standard will use IEEE 802 standards for which the technology has been proven.

1.2.5 Economic Feasibility

Each proposed IEEE 802 LMSC standard shall provide evidence of economic feasibility. Demonstrate, as far as can reasonably be estimated, the economic feasibility of the proposed project for its intended applications. Among the areas that may be addressed in the cost for performance analysis are the following:

a)Balanced costs (infrastructure versus attached stations).

b)Known cost factors.

c)Consideration of installation costs.

d)Consideration of operational costs (e.g., energy consumption).

e)Other areas, as appropriate.

a) The well-established cost balance between infrastructure and attached stations will not be changed by the proposed standard.

b) The cost factors are known for the IEEE 802 standards that will be used by the proposed standard.

c) There are no incremental installation costs relative to the IEEE 802 standards that will be used by the proposed standard.

d) There are no incremental operational costs relative to the existing costs associated with the IEEE 802 standards that will be used by the proposed standard.

e) No other areas have been identified.

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This introduction is not part of IEEE P802.1DG™/D2.1, IEEE Standards for Local and Metropolitan Area Networks—Draft Standard for Local and metropolitan area networks —Time-Sensitive Networking Profile for Automotive In-Vehicle Ethernet Communications

This Standard defines the Time-Sensitive Networking Profile for Automotive In-Vehicle Ethernet Communications.

This standard contains state-of-the-art material. The area covered by this standard is undergoing evolution. Revisions are anticipated within the next few years to clarify existing material, to correct possible errors, and to incorporate new related material. Information on the current revision state of this and other IEEE 802 standards can be obtained from

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Draft Standard for Local and metropolitan area networks—

Time-Sensitive Networking Profile for Automotive In-Vehicle Ethernet Communications

1. Overview

1.1 Scope

This standard specifies profiles for bounded latency automotive in-vehicle Bridged IEEE 802.3 Ethernet networks based on IEEE 802.1 Time-Sensitive Networking (TSN) standards.

1.2 Purpose

This standard provides profiles for designers and implementers of automotive IEEE 802.3 Ethernet networks that support the entire range of in-vehicle applications.

1.3 Introduction

This Time-Sensitive Networking Profile for Automotive In-Vehicle Ethernet Communications standard addresses the use of Time-Sensitive Networking (TSN) techniques to meet the bandwidth, latency, and, synchronization, needs for communications within privately owned passenger vehicles. The profile introduces the subtleties of the operation of the TSN standards and the side-effects of the choices made when configuring various TSN functionalities.

The goal of this standard is to provide information to OEMs, Tier 1 and Tier 2 that will help them with the design of vehicular systems enabling bounded latency in automotive in-vehicle networks. As the TSN suite of standards are broad and intended for use in a variety of environments, this standard narrows the focus from the broad set of available TSN features to those that are applicable to in-vehicle networks (IVN). This standard determines the TSN features that are directly applicable to IVNs and explains how the associated TSN standards are used, including recommendations about how to configure optional parameters.

1.4 Outline of the document structure

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1.5 Reference conventions

The present standard makes frequent references to specific sections in several other standards and amendments. To make these references less cumbersome the present standard uses the notation described in Table 1-1.

Table 1-1—Conventions for references

Reference shorthand notation	Complete reference
[AC]:x.y	section x.y in IEEE std 802.1AC-2016
[CB]:x.y	section x.y in IEEE Std 802.1CB-2017
[CBdb]:x.y	section x.y in IEEE Std 802.1CBdb-2021
[Q]:x.y	section x.y in IEEE Std 802.1Q-2022
[B##]:x.y	section x.y in any document from the Bibliography (Annex E)
[AR###]:x.y	section x.y in AUTOSAR document ID ### of R22-11
[1588]:x.y	section x.y in IEEE Std 1588-2019
x.y	section x.y in the present standard

<< Editor’s note: The editor found the IEEE-SA convention for cross-document cross-references, “x.y in IEEE Std 802.1Q-2018” to be unwieldy because of the large number of references to the above documents, sometimes three or four in one sentence; hence, the alternative presented above. >>

2. Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document (i.e., they must be understood and used, so each referenced document is cited in text and its relationship to this document is explained). For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments or corrigenda) applies. Non-normative references (i.e., that provide additional information not required for the application of this document) are given in Annex E.

NOTE 1—The inclusion of a document in this list of normative references indicates that information in that document is necessary to implement the present standard. It does not imply that any other part of that referenced document is required to be implemented by a system conformant to the present standard.

NOTE 2—Active projects for the IEEE 802.1 Working Group can be found on the homepage: https://1.ieee802.org.

NOTE 3—IEEE 802.1 standards can be downloaded from through the IEEE GET Program: https://standards.ieee.org/products-programs/ieee-get-program/.

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[802] 802®-2014 IEEE Standard for Local and Metropolitan Area Networks: Overview and Architecture

[CB] IEEE Std 802.1CB™, IEEE Standard for Local and metropolitan area networks—Frame Replication and Elimination for Reliability.

[CBdb] IEEE Std 802.1CBdb™, IEEE Standard for Local and metropolitan area networks—Frame Replication and Elimination for Reliability. Amendment 2: Extend Stream Identification Functions.

[Q] IEEE Std 802.1Q™, IEEE Standard for Local and metropolitan area networks—Bridges and Bridged Networks.

[AR897] AUTOSAR Time Synchronization Protocol, Doc. Id. No. 897, Foundation, R22-11, (available at https://www.autosar.org/fileadmin/standards/R22-11/FO/AUTOSAR_PRS_TimeSyncProtocol.pdf.).

[802.3] IEEE Std 802.3-2022, IEEE Standard for Ethernet.

<< Editor’s note: This list as well as the Bibliography (Annex E) are work in progress. >>

3. Definitions

The IEEE 802 family of standards use terminology that can be confusing to automotive companies. The present standard uses terminology that is more consistent with automotive uses, without contradicting the established IEEE 802 terminology. For terms not defined here the reader is referred to [802] only.

<< Editor's note: This section will be completely revised and is intentionally left empty at this point.>>

3.1 Bridge A functional unit that interconnects two or more IEEE 802.3 networks using Virtual Local Area Network (VLAN) Bridge component functionality according to IEEE 802.1Q. Forwarding and filtering decisions are made on the basis of layer 2 information.

Note: Derived from IEEE Std 802 ([802])

3.2 End Station A functional unit in an IEEE 802.3 network that acts as the source of and/or destination for link layer data traffic carried on the network.

Note: Derived from IEEE Std 802 ([802])

3.3 fan-out The Forwarding Process queues each received frame to each of the potentially multiple transmission Ports.

3.4 Station An End Station or a Bridge.

Note: From IEEE Std 802 ([802])

4. Abbreviations

This present standard uses the following abbreviations:

ATS	Asynchronous Traffic Shaper
BE	Best Effort
CBS	Credit Based Shaper
CQF	Cyclic Queuing and Forwarding
ECU	Electronic Control Unit
EISS	Enhanced Internal Sublayer Service
FRER	Frame Replication and Elimination for Reliability
ICV	Integrity Check Value
IVN	In Vehicle Network
IPG	InterPacket Gap
MEF	Metro Ethernet Forum
MSDU	MAC Service Data Unit
TAS	Time Aware Shaper
TC	Traffic Class
SDU	Service Data Unit
SFD	Start of Frame Delimiter

<< Editor's note: This section is completely revised from the previous draft.>>

5. Conformance Modules

5.1 Introduction

This clause specifies the mandatory and optional capabilities provided by conformant implementations of this present standard.

5.2 Requirements terminology

For consistency with existing IEEE and IEEE 802.1 standards, requirements placed upon conformant implementations of this present standard are expressed using the following terminology:

a) “shall” is used for mandatory requirements.

b) “may” is used to describe implementation or administrative choices (“may” means “is permitted to,” and hence, “may” and “may not” mean precisely the same thing).

c) “should” is used for recommended choices (the behaviors described by “should” and “should not” are both permissible but not equally desirable choices).

The Profile Conformance Statement (PCS) proforma (see Annex A) reflects the occurrences of the words shall, may, and should within the standard. The words shall, may, and should, as used in Annex A itself, reflect the use of the PCS and not conformance to the standard.

Behavior that is permitted but is neither always required nor directly controlled by an implementer or administrator, or whose conformance requirement is detailed elsewhere, is described by “can”. Behavior that never occurs in a conformant implementation or system of conformant implementations is described by “cannot”. The word “allow” is used as a replacement for the phrase “support the ability for,” and the word “capability” means “can be configured to.”

5.3 Profile Conformance Statements (PCS)

The supplier of an implementation that is claimed to conform to this present standard shall complete a copy of the PCS proforma provided in Annex A and shall provide the information necessary to identify both the supplier and the implementation.

<< Editor’s note: The PCS are not populated yet! They will be created once the Profiles are finalized. >>

5.4 Physical Layer requirements

The present standard only applies to Ethernet Physical Layers as per [802.3].

This allows to define the SDU size (6.18.1), as it is dependent on the MAC procedures employed on the LAN to which the frame is to be transmitted on (compare items b3) and b8) in [Q]:6.5.2). In turn this gives a defined basis to calculate gate open times (Clause 10) as well as bandwidth (B.5) for the shapers (Clause 8 and Clause 9).

5.5 Bridge requirements

5.5.1 Mandatory Bridge requirements

A Bridge claiming conformance to this standard shall support VLANs ([Q]:3.297)

Any Bridge claiming conformance to this present standard shall on all of its ports:

a) Process ingress frames in the order as specified in 6.1.
b) Process egress frames in the order as specified in 6.2.
c) Comply to CM-IS as specified in 5.7.
d) Comply to CM-Pol as specified in 5.8.
e) Comply to CM-BS as specified in 5.9.
f) Support the Learning Process as specified in 6.15.
g) Support Congestion Separation as specified in 7.2.
h) Support the maximum SDU size as specified in 6.18.1
i) Support the Frame Filtering ([Q]:8.6.3) as specified in 6.16
j) Support the Stream Filter ([Q]:8.6.5.3) as specified in 6.17
k) By default, all Stream Gates ([Q]:8.6.5.4) shall always be in the state OPEN state.

5.5.2 Optional Bridge requirements

a) A Bridge claiming conformance to this present standard should comply to CM-TSyn as specified in 5.10.
b) A Bridge claiming conformance to this present standard may comply to CM-TAS as specified in 5.11 on any number of ports.
c) A Bridge claiming conformance to this present standard may comply to CM-Pre as specified in 5.12 on any number of ports.

<< Editor's note: There is no Compliance Module on FRER due to a lack of use-cases. >>

5.6 End Station requirements

5.6.1 End Station ingress path requirements

Any End Station claiming conformance to this present standard shall:

a) Comply with CM-Pol as specified in 5.8.
b) Perform Destination MAC address filtering
c) Support Out-facing Ingress Stream Identification Function(s) ([CB]:9.1.1.5)
d) Support Ingress filtering ([Q]:8.6.2)
e) Support Stream Filter assignment ([Q]:8.6.5.3 b)
f) Process frames on ingress in the following order, if they are supported and activated:
    1) Per link MACsec processing ([AE]:11.4)
    2) Frame Type Acceptance filter ([Q]:6.9 c))
    3) Destination MAC address filtering (as per item b))

4) Out-facing Ingress Stream Identification Function(s) ([CB]:9.1.1.5)
5) Ingress filtering ([Q]:8.6.2)
6) Stream filter assignment ([Q]:8.6.5.3 b)
7) Maximum SDU Size Filtering ([Q]:8.6.5.3.1)
8) Stream Gating ([Q]:8.6.5.4)
9) Flow metering ([Q]:8.6.5.5)

5.6.2 End Station egress path requirements

a) Support one or more shaping mechanisms to generate traffic conformant as input to the shapers deployed in the network's Bridges and End Stations.
b) Support Queuing frames ([Q]:8.6.6)
c) Support Transmission selection ([Q]:8.6.8)
d) Process frames on egress in the following order, if they are supported and activated:
   1) Shaping (as per item a))
   2) Queuing frames ([Q]:8.6.6)
   3) Transmission selection ([Q]:8.6.8)
   4) Per link MACsec processing ([AE]:11.4)

5.6.3 Optional End Station requirements

Any End Station claiming conformance to this present standard may:

a) Comply with CM-TSyn as specified in 5.10.
b) Comply with CM-TAS as specified in 5.11.
c) Comply with CM-Pre as specified in 5.12.
d) Support per link MACsec processing ([AE]:11.4)
e) Support Stream Gating on ingress ([Q]:8.6.5.4)
f) Support Flow metering on ingress ([Q]:8.6.5.5)

5.7 Conformance Module Ingress Selection (CM-IS)

A port of a Station claiming conformance to CM-IS shall:

a) Support the Ingress VID Translation ([Q]:6.9 f)) as specified in 6.7
b) Support the Port-based VLAN Classification ([Q]:6.9 d)) as specified in 6.8
c) Support the Priority Code Point Decoding ([Q]:6.9.3) as specified in 6.10
d) Support the Priority Regeneration ([Q]:6.9.4) as specified in 6.11
e) Support the Ingress Stream Identification Function(s) ([CB]:6.2) as specified in 6.12
f) Support the Active topology enforcement ([Q]:8.6.1) as specified in 6.13
g) Support the Ingress Filtering ([Q]:8.6.2) as specified in 6.14
h) Support Egress Filtering ([Q]:8.6.4)
i) Support Queuing Frames ([Q]:8.6.6) as specified in 6.24
j) Support the Egress VID Translation ([Q]:6.9 g)) as specified in 6.23

5.8 Conformance Module Basic Policing (CM-Pol)

A port of a Station claiming conformance to CM-Pol shall:

a) Support the Frame Type Acceptance Filter ([Q]:6.9 c)) as specified in 6.6
b) Support the Maximum SDU Size Filtering as specified in 6.18
c) Support the Flow Metering ([Q]:8.6.5.5) as specified in 6.20

5.9 Conformance Module Basic Shapers (CM-BS)

A port of a Station claiming conformance to CM-BS shall:

a) Provide the capabilities for the Credit Based Shaper ([Q]:8.6.8.2) as detailed in Clause 9.
b) Provide the capabilities for the Asynchronous Traffic Shaper ([Q]:8.6.11) as specified in Clause 8.
c) By default disable the Time Aware Shaper (TAS) as specified in 6.27 when CBS or ATS is active.

A compliant Station is not required to support the combination of TAS with the other shapers ATS or CBS on any port.

5.10 Conformance Module Time Synchronization (CM-TSyn)

A port of a Station claiming conformance to CM-TSyn shall:

— Support the time synchronization protocol according to the AUTOSAR PRS TimeSyncProtocol ([AR897])

This does not constitute a profile of IEEE Std 802.1AS-2020 nor of IEEE Std 1588-2019 as per the PTP Profile definition in [1588]:20.3.

5.11 Conformance Module Time Aware Shaper (CM-TAS)

A port of a Station claiming conformance to CM-TAS shall:

a) Comply with CM-TSyn (5.10)
b) Provide the capabilities for the Time Aware Shaper ([Q]:8.6.8.4) as specified in Clause 10
c) By default disable the Credit Based Shaper ([Q]:8.6.8.2) on a port, when the Time Aware Shaper is active.
d) By default disable the Asynchronous Traffic Shaper ([Q]:8.6.11) on a port, when the Time Aware Shaper is active.
e) Enable the closing of the Stream Gates ([Q]:8.6.5.4) using a separate schedule from the transmission gates.

5.12 Conformance Module Preemption (CM-Pre)

A port of a Station claiming conformance to CM-Pre shall:

a) Support the preemptable MAC as per [Q]:6.7.1 a).
b) Support the express MAC as per [Q]:6.7.1 b).

c) By default disable the Time Aware Shaper on any egress port where Preemption is configured.
d) Use a single TC for queuing frames to the express MAC.
e) Have no shapers configured for the TC queuing frames to the express MAC.
f) Configure the TC queuing frames to the express MAC as the numerically highest.

<< Editor's note: The editor invites presentations or other contributions on where the combination of TAS+preemption actually performs better than preemption alone>>

A compliant Station is not required to support the combination of TAS and preemption on any port.

6. IEEE 802.1 Features

6.1 Receive Path Processing Order (ingress)

On the receive path (ingress), the IEEE 802.1 Features are executed in the following order, if they are available and activated:

a) Default Priority Assignment ([AC]:13.1)
b) Per link MACsec processing ([AE]:11.4)
c) Support of the EISS ([Q]:6.9)
d) Frame Type Acceptance filter ([Q]:6.9 c))
e) Ingress VID translation ([Q]:6.9 f))
f) Port-based VLAN Classification ([Q]:6.9 d))
g) Port-and-Protocol-based VLAN classification ([Q]:6.9 e))
h) Priority Code Point Decoding ([Q]:6.9.3)
i) Priority Regeneration ([Q]:6.9.4)
j) Out-facing Ingress Stream Identification Function(s) ([CB]:9.1.1.5)
k) FRER Functionality (B.8)
l) In-facing Ingress Stream Identification Function(s) ([CB]:9.1.1.2)
m) Active topology enforcement ([Q]:8.6.1)
n) Ingress filtering ([Q]:8.6.2)
o) Frame filtering ([Q]:8.6.3)
p) Egress filtering ([Q]:8.6.4)
q) Stream filter assignment ([Q]:8.6.5.3 b) and c))
r) Maximum SDU Size Filtering ([Q]:8.6.5.3.1)
s) Stream Gating ([Q]:8.6.5.4)
t) Flow metering ([Q]:8.6.5.5)
u) ATS Eligibility Time Assignment ([Q]:8.6.5.6)

6.2 Transmission Path Processing Order (egress)

On the transmit path (egress), the IEEE 802.1 Features are executed in the following order, if they are available and activated:

a) In-facing Egress Stream Identification Function(s) ([CB]:9.1.1.4)
b) FRER Functionality (B.8)
c) Out-facing Egress Stream Identification Function(s) ([CB]:9.1.1.3)
d) Queuing frames ([Q]:8.6.6)
e) Transmission selection ([Q]:8.6.8)
f) Queue Management
g) Priority Code Point Encoding ([Q]:6.9.3)
h) Egress VID translation ([Q]:6.9 g))
i) Support of the EISS ([Q]:6.9)
j) Per link MACsec processing ([AE]:11.4)

k) Support of the ISS ([Q]:6.7.1)

6.3 MACsec processing ([AE])

If MACsec is applied per link in a VLAN aware Bridge ([AE]:11.4), the authentication information is processed before the VLAN Tag is processed.

If MACsec is applied end-to-end, a VLAN aware Bridge is not aware of the authentication information.

6.4 Default Priority Assignment ([AC]:13.1)

The Default Priority parameter is set to zero.

No per port change of the *priority* parameter is supported.

6.5 Flow Filtering ([Q]:44.2)

Flow Filtering is not supported.

Frames with a first Ethertype of 89-4B (F-Tag [Q]:Table 44-2) may be discarded silently.

A drop counter may be implemented.

6.6 Frame Type Acceptance Filter ([Q]:6.9 c))

Support and activation of the Frame Acceptance Filter is mandatory.

The Frame Acceptance Filter supports the following filter rules:

a) Admit Only VLAN-tagged frames (B.4.2)
b) Admit Only Untagged (B.4.1) and Priority-tagged frames (B.4.3)
c) Admit All frames

Frames not matching the activated Filter rule, are discarded silently. Counters may be present to keep track of the number of frames dropped or passed.

6.7 Ingress VID Translation ([Q]:6.9 f))

Support of the Ingress VID Translation is mandatory. Activation of the Ingress VID Translation is optional.

If the received Frame is VLAN-tagged, the value of the vlan_identifier parameter is set to either:

a) The value of the VID Field, if no VID Translation is active.
b) Or the translated value from the VID translation table.

6.8 Port-based VLAN Classification ([Q]:6.9 d))

Support and activation of the Port-based VLAN Classification are mandatory.

If Port-and-Protocol-based VLAN classification is NOT activated AND

a) the Frame is Untagged (B.4.1), OR
b) Priority-tagged (B.4.3), OR
c) the VID translation table is activated and the translation already set the *vlan_identifier* parameter to Zero,

the *vlan_identifier* parameter is set/changed to the Port-VID (PVID) value for the port.

6.9 Port-and-Protocol-based VLAN classification ([Q]:6.12)

Support of the Port-and-Protocol-based VLAN Classification for Ethernet Frames is optional.

If Port-and-Protocol-based VLAN Classification is activated AND

a) the Frame is Untagged (B.4.1), OR
b) Priority-tagged (B.4.3), OR
c) the VID translation table is activated and the translation already set the vlan_identifier parameter to Zero,

the *vlan_identifier* parameter is set/changed according to the Port-and-Protocol-based VLAN Classification configuration.

6.10 Priority Code Point Decoding ([Q]:6.9.3)

Priority Code Point en-/de-coding is not supported. Only the default configuration (8P0D) is supported. therefore no drop precedence can be communicated in the PCP Field.

The drop_eligible parameter is set to the received DEI Field’s value (1 bit).

The priority parameter is set to the received PCP Field’s value (3 bit).

6.11 Priority Regeneration ([Q]:6.9.4)

Support of the Priority Regeneration is mandatory. Activation of the Priority Regeneration is optional.

If the Priority Regeneration is activated, the priority is set/changed according to the Priority Regeneration configuration.

6.12 Ingress Stream Identification Function(s) ([CB]:6.2)

Only passive out-facing stream identification functions are configurable. Refer to the informative Annex C on Stream Identification for a rationale.

The Stream Identification functions operate on the EM_UNITDATA.indication parameters of the EISS.

All frames passing through the stream identification functions in the UP direction are assigned a *stream_handle*. A *stream_handle* of value Null (a negative denotes the Null value) indicates no matching stream identification function was found.

Bridges with the number of ports as given in Table 6-1 support the listed number of identification functions.

Table 6-1—Identification profile for Bridges

Number of ports (*n*)	Minimum number of Identification functions
less than 5 (2<n<5)	128
more than 4, but less than 10 (4<n<10)	192
more than 9 (n>9)	256

NOTE 1—There is no specification for a 2 Port Bridge here, as that would basically be an End Station, since no choice of egress port is possible.

6.12.1 Identification Mask Length ([CBdb])

All filter masks are long enough to cover:

— MAC addressing

— one VLAN tag

— the addresses, DSCP, and next header field of an IPv6 and protocol field IPv4 header

— the port information of TCP and UDP

NOTE 1—IPv6 extension headers and IPv4 options are out of scope, as they are not covered by [CB].

NOTE 2—End-to-end MACsec is out of scope, as it is not covered by [CB]. Per Link MACsec is covered earlier in the ingress processing.

6.13 Active topology enforcement ([Q]:8.6.1)

Learning is TRUE for all reception Ports. If ingress filtering ([Q]:8.6.2) did not cause the received frame to be discarded, the source address and VID are submitted to the Learning Process (6.15).

A loop-free network topology is ensured through configuration, the Rapid Spanning Tree Algorithm and Protocol (RSTP) are not required.

The forwarding of any frames to a port can be disabled by management. The conditions under which management allows or disables the forwarding are not further specified here.

6.14 Ingress Filtering ([Q]:8.6.2)

Frames received on a port that is not in the member set ([Q]:8.8.10) associated with the Frame's associated *vlan_identifier* parameter are discarded.

6.15 The Learning Process ([Q]:8.7)

The Learning Process:

a) Supports shared learning of source MAC addresses ([Q]:Annex F).
b) Supports independent learning of source MAC addresses ([Q]:Annex F).
c) Can disable learning per ingress port.
d) Can disable a change of the source port, once a source MAC address has been learned (one-shot-mode)

6.16 Frame Filtering ([Q]:8.6.3)

The set of potential transmission ports ([Q]:8.6.1) for each received Frame is reduced on the basis of:

a) The *destination_address* parameter ([Q]:8.6.3 a))
b) *The vlan_identifier* parameter ([Q]:8.6.3 b))
c) The Filtering Database (FDB) entries ([Q]:8.6.3 d))
d) The default Group Filtering behavior ([Q]:8.6.3 e))

6.16.1 The Filtering Database (FDB)

The Filtering Database (FDB) conforms to [Q]:8.8.

The FDB allows for at least 1024 address entries.

The ageing ([Q]:8.7.3) of learned entries can be disabled.

6.16.2 Reserved Addresses (01-80-C2-...)

The Reserved Addresses of [Q]:Table 8-1 and [Q]:Table 8-2 are supported.

Frames addressed to Reserved Addresses can carry a VLAN Tag on wire and have an associated *vlan_identifier* parameter. The exact forwarding behavior of VLAN tagged Frames to Reserved Addresses is implementation specific.

6.16.3 Bridge Protocol Data Units (BPDUs) ([Q]:14)

BPDUs are forwarded to a defined management port. The further handling of BPDUs is currently not mandated by the present standard.

6.17 Stream Filter ([Q]:8.6.5.3)

A Stream Filter is identified by

a) An *SF-stream_handle* AND
b) an *SF-priority* value.

Either one or both can be set to a wildcard value that matches any value.

Frames assigned to the same Stream Filter are processed together in the same SF-Instances of Max. SDU Size Filtering (6.18.2), Stream Gating (6.19), Flow Metering (6.20), and ATS eligibility time assignment (6.21).

More than one stream filter instance may be configured to use a specific Stream Gating, Flow Metering, and ATS eligibility time assignment instance.

A Frame with multiple egress ports passes only through a single Stream Filter before the fan-out.

A certain instance may be configured for one or more Stream Filters, meaning Frames with different associated *stream_handle* parameters may be processed by the same SF-Instance.

If the Frames are intended to go though a CBS, a Stream Filter configuration is suggested in the "Credit Based Shaper" section (Clause 9).

If the Frames are intended to go though an ATS, a Stream Filter configuration is suggested in the "Asynchronous Traffic Shaper" section (Clause 8).

6.18 Maximum SDU Size Filtering

6.18.1 Service Data Unit (SDU) Size

The SDU size considered here is specifically the MSDU size (Figure B-2), as described in Annex B.4.

All IEEE 802.1 features support at least a maximum MSDU size of 2000 octets, to allow for an envelope frame ([802.3]:1.4.310) of 2000 octets.

NOTE 1—This is not a requirement on the actual PHY/MAC attached!

6.18.2 Per Stream Filter Maximum SDU Size ([Q]:8.6.5.3.1)

All Stream Filters have a Max. SDU Size Filter configured.

6.18.3 Per Traffic Class Maximum SDU Size ([Q]:8.6.8.4)

A per TC max. SDU size filter can be configured and activated, even if no gate schedule is configured, i.e. all transmission gates are always open.

6.19 Stream Gates ([Q]:8.6.5.4)

An IPV value of Null (a negative denotes the null value [Q]:17.7.24) causes the received frame's priority parameter to be used as the IPV.

If CQF is not supported a static (non time dependent) IPV assignment is supported.

If CQF is supported a time dependent IPV assignment is supported.

If CQF is supported a minimum of three (3) IPV assignment slots are supported.

6.20 Flow Metering ([Q]:8.6.5.5)

All Stream Filters have a Flow Meter configured.

The MEF 10.3 algorithm is supported with:

a) A configurable MEF Committed Information Rate: MEF-CIR > 0
b) A configurable MEF Committed Burst Size: MEF-CBS > 0
c) A MEF Excess Information Rate: MEF-EIR = 0
d) A MEF Excess Burst Size: MEF-EBS = 0
e) A MEF Coupling Flag: MEF-CF = False (0)
f) A MEF Color Mode Flag: MEF-CM = color-blind

Items a) through f) of the above list represent a Single Rate Two Color Meter.

Frames are either:

a) Permitted to pass (green) OR
b) Dropped (red)

At this processing stage only the MSDU size (Annex B.4) is known, i.e. neither the media-dependent overhead ([Q]:12.4.2.2) at ingress nor at egress are known. It is therefore not possible to easily deduce the actual bandwidth used by the Frame on wire.

6.21 ATS Eligibility Time Assignment ([Q]:8.6.5.6)

Support the configuration as specified in Clause 8.

6.22 (Egress) Stream Identification Function(s) ([CB]:6.9)

Egress Stream Identification is performed per egress port. An ingress Frame with multiple egress ports must go through fan-out before Egress Stream Identification.

Only out-facing stream identification functions are configured.

Since only passive Stream Identification Functions are supported no action is performed here.

Please refer to the informative Annex C on Stream Identification for a rationale.

6.23 Egress VID Translation ([Q]:6.9 g))

Egress VID Translation is performed per egress port. An ingress Frame with multiple egress ports must go through fan-out before the Egress VID Translation.

The egress VID Translation as specified by [Q]:6.9 g) is supported.

6.24 Queuing Frames ([Q]:8.6.6)

Queuing frames is performed per egress port. An ingress Frame with multiple egress ports must go through fan-out before Queuing Frames is performed.

The default mapping is according to [Q]:Table 34-1.

Each frame is mapped to a traffic class using the Traffic Class Table for the port. The parameter used for this mapping is determined as follows:

a) If stream gates ([Q]:8.6.5.4) are not supported, the frame's associated priority parameter is used.
b) If stream gates are supported and the IPV parameter assigned to the frame is NULL, the frame's associated priority parameter is used.
c) If stream gates are supported and the IPV parameter assigned to the frame is Non-NULL, the IPV parameter is used.

NOTE 1—A negative value for the IPV denotes the NULL value.

6.25 Number of Traffic Class Queues

A Relay supports no less than 8 Traffic Classes (TCs) per egress port.

Since [Q] does not give any indication on how to handle a port with more than 8 Traffic Class Queues, it is up to the implementer to follow the concepts laid out in [Q] and this present standard in principle in case more queues are available.

6.26 Per TC-Queue Transmission Selection ([Q] 8.6.8 a))

The operation of the transmission selection algorithm activated for a given TC Queue determines if there is a frame available for transmission or not.

a) All TC Queues on all ports support the ATS Transmission Selection algorithm of [Q]:8.6.8.5.
b) At least the two numerically highest value Traffic Class Queues (highest priority) on any port support the Credit Based Shaper transmission selection of [Q]:8.6.8.2.

6.27 Transmission Gates ([Q]:8.6.8.4)

a) Support the Time Aware Shaper (TAS) according to Clause 10.
b) By default the TAS is not activated on any egress port where ATS or CBS are activated on any TC Queue.

NOTE 1—A rational for the restriction in b) can be found in [B6].

6.28 Port Transmission Selection ([Q]:8.6.8 b))

For each port, frames are selected for transmission on the basis of the TCs that the port supports and the operation of the transmission selection algorithms supported by the corresponding queues on that port. For a given port and traffic class, frames are selected from the corresponding queue for transmission if and only if:

a) The operation of the transmission selection algorithm supported by that queue determines that there is a frame available for transmission; AND
b) For each queue corresponding to a numerically higher value of traffic class supported by the port, the operation of the transmission selection algorithm supported by that queue determines that there is no frame available for transmission.

The order in which frames are selected for transmission from the queue maintains the ordering requirement specified in [Q]:8.6.6.

6.29 Limiting Frame lifetime ([Q]:6.5.6)

To prevent buffer overrun, a Relay may be required to discard frames.

6.29.1 Frame Discard

Discarding a Frame is an intentional action by the Management Entity. This will be based on:

a) Policing rules - limit potentially congesting traffic
b) Prevention of Buffer overrun - discard Frames from congested traffic
c) Unknown egress port
d) Security considerations

The Bridge may discard a Frame:

a) Due to Policing, if a flow metering algorithm ([Q]:8.6.5.5) determines that discard is necessary. ([Q]:6.5.2 b)7))
b) Due to Policing, if a shaping algorithm ([Q]:8.6.11.3.7) determines that discard is necessary.
c) Due to Policing, if the frame exceeds the queueMaxSDU ([Q]:8.6.8.4) for the TC queue. ([Q]:6.5.2 b)8))
d) Due to Policing, if the max. SDU Size Filter ([Q]:8.6.5.3.1) determines that discard is necessary.
e) Due to congestion, if there is a risk of ([Q]:6.5.6) or actual exhaustion ([Q]:6.5.2 b) 2)) of internal buffer capacity.
f) Due to an unknown egress port, if the FDB ([Q]:8.8) disallows the forwarding. ([Q]:6.5.2 b) 6))
g) Due to an invalid ingress port, if one-shot-learning (6.15) is active.
h) Due to security considerations, if the device attached to the port is not authorized (IEEE Std 802.1X) for access to the network. ([Q]:6.5.2 b)5))

6.30 Frame Loss

A Frame can be lost if the Relay is unable to process it:

a) Due to an invalid FCS on ingress. ([Q]:6.5.2 a))
b) If the SDU size ([802.3]:3.2.7) of the frame exceeds the maximum supported SDU size of the PHY/MAC on egress. ([Q]:6.5.2 b)3))
c) If the SDU size ([802.3]:3.2.7) of the frame exceeds the maximum supported SDU size of the Relay’s IEEE 802.1 Features on ingress.
d) If the SDU size ([802.3]:3.2.7) of the frame is below the minimum supported SDU size of the PHY/MAC on ingress. ([802.3]:4.2.3.3)

7. Congestion

7.1 Definitions

Congesting Traffic is providing excess ingress bandwidth, i.e. more Buffer is (or would be) required to store Frames than was expected/configured.

Congested Traffic is under-served on egress, i.e. Frames accumulate in the Buffer of the Relay as they do not get selected for transmission.

7.2 Congestion Separation

Congestion separation is to be performed on each Bridge locally as well as on the network.

a) A Bridge is configurable to segregate the Buffers for different Traffic, so Buffer overruns in one segregated block can lead to discarding of Frames within the one Traffic aggregate, but not for the other Traffic aggregates.
b) Frames are not forwarded on egress, if the bandwidth exceeds a configured maximum.
c) Frames are discarded if the bandwidth exceeds a configured maximum on ingress.

7.3 Causes for Congested Traffic

Traffic can become congested, if:

a) The Shaper (CBS, ATS, TAS) on egress is configured with too low a rate or too small a burst size.
b) Excessively large lower priority Frames block the transmission.
c) A large higher Priority Burst blocks the transmission.

Therefore in order to prevent Traffic from becoming congested:

a) Bandwidth needs for all Traffic must be well known.
b) All traffic shall go through a max. SDU Size Filter ([Q]:8.6.5.3.1).
c) All higher priority traffic (and therefore all traffic, except the lowest TC) shall go through a Flow Meter ([Q] 8.6.5.5).

7.4 Causes for Congesting Traffic

Traffic causes congestion, if:

a) Bursts of random size occur, as no shaping is implemented.
b) The Shaper (CBS, ATS, TAS) on egress is configured with too high a rate or too large a burst size.
c) The Traffic contains excessively large Frames.

Therefore in order to prevent Traffic from causing congestion:

a) All Traffic is shaped on egress at every Talker.
b) Bandwidth needs for all Traffic must be well known.

c) All traffic shall go through a max. SDU Size Filter ([Q]:8.6.5.3.1).

8. Asynchronous Traffic Shaper (ATS)

8.1 Configuration

Every ATS Instance is configured through:

a) Committed Information Rate (ATS-CIR)
b) Committed Burst Size (ATS-CBS)
c) Maximum Residence Time (ATS-MRT)
d) ATS Scheduler Group membership
e) Egress TC

8.2 Implicit Policing

An ATS Instance will discard a Frame if its Length exceeds the product of Maximum Residence Time and Committed Information Rate. This is independent of the Committed Burst Size (ATS-CBS) configured for the ATS instance.

An ATS Instance will discard a Frame if during Maximum Residence Time more data arrives than the product of Maximum Residence Time and Committed Information Rate.

The implicit ATS Policing is therefore equivalent to a MEF Flow Meter with the following configuration:

a) The MEF Committed Information Rate: MEF-CIR(ATS) = ATS-CIR
b) The MEF Committed Burst Size: MEF-CBS(ATS) = ATS-MRT * ATS-CIR
c) The MEF Excess Information Rate: MEF-EIR(ATS) = 0
d) The MEF Excess Burst Size: MEF-EBS(ATS) = 0
e) The MEF Coupling Flag: MEF-CF(ATS) = False (0)
f) The MEF Color Mode Flag: MEF-CM(ATS) = color-blind

The *length(frame)* parameter ([Q]:8.6.11.3.11) used in the ATS algorithm ([Q]:8.6.11.3) includes the egress media-dependent overhead ([Q]:12.4.2.2), while the MEF flow meter (6.20) only has the MSDU size available for policing. These resulting deviations are not accounted for in the current standard.

8.3 Policing Configuration

Any Frame to be processed by an ATS Instance shall be subject to a max. SDU Size Filter, where the ATS-CBS is at least as large as the max. SDU Size configured in the Filter.

Additional Flow Meter Policing is not required for Frames to be processed by an ATS Instance.

Frames in the egress Buffer of a TC configured with the ATS selection algorithm shall be subject to the same Lifetime limitations as all other Frames.

8.4 Instance and TC Queue Assignment

For Frames being processed by an ATS Instance, by default no IPV assignment is activated in the Stream Gates.

Note: This is to ensure frames with an assigned eligibility time are placed into a queue where the transmission selection algorithm is set to ATS.

The priority parameter associated with the ingress Frame is therefore mapped to the egress TC Queue in Queuing Frames.

Frames being processed by an ATS Instance should be queued into the same numerical TC on every hop as they traverse the network ([B2]:QAR3).

Frames which ingress on different ports should never be processed by the same ATS Instance ([B2]:QAR1).

Frames which use a different TC anywhere in the network should never be processed by the same ATS Instance ([B2]:QAR2).

In an End Station the Applications can be identified as the equivalent to the ingress ports of a Bridge. If no Middleware is present and every Application generates Frames just for its own communication needs, an ATS Instance per Application can ensure proper egress behavior.

In cases where data from different Applications with different operational cycles is aggregated into Frames by a Middleware (e.g. AUTOSAR's nPDU Feature in [AR416]:7.2.2), the trigger conditions in the Middleware must be configured such that proper egress behavior is ensured. Combining Middleware triggering and lower layer shaping can create hard to predict egress behavior and should be avoided.

8.5 ATS Scheduler Groups

All ATS Instances processing Frames in a specific TC on the network arriving on one specific ingress port belong to the same ATS scheduler Group.

If one ATS Instance within an ATS scheduler Group has a significantly higher Committed Information Rate, than a second ATS Instance within the same ATS scheduler Group (ATS-CIR[1] >> ATS-CIR[2]), the Group Eligibility Time shared between the two ATS Instances leads to a potentially undue delay of Frames if an ingress burst of Frames destined for the lower rate (ATS-CIR[2]=r2) ATS Instance within the Group pushes the Eligibility Time for the higher rate ATS Instance into the future. Worst case the Frame of the higher rate ATS Instance may be discarded, if ATS-MRT[1] < L2/r2.

If all ATS assignment rules are followed throughout the network, including the Talkers, the order of Frames can not be distorted in a way to create the above problem. If the network contains legacy components which do not have sufficient capabilities to allow a consistent ATS configuration, then Group assignments may need to differ from the rule prescribed in [Q]:8.6.5.6.

9. Credit Based Shaper (CBS)

9.1 Credit Based Shaper configuration

Every CBS TC Queue is configured through:

a) Idle Slope (CBS-IS)
b) Egress TC

9.2 Policing Configuration

The CBS does not provide implicit Policing. Any Frame to be processed in a CBS TC Queue shall be subject to a max. SDU Size Filter and a Flow Meter.

Suggested Flow Meter Policing for CBS Traffic:

a) The MEF Committed Information Rate: MEF-CIR(CBS) = CBS-IS
b) The MEF Committed Burst Size: MEF-CBS(CBS) = max. SDU size
c) The MEF Excess Information Rate: MEF-EIR(CBS) = 0
d) The MEF Excess Burst Size: MEF-EBS(CBS) = 0
e) The MEF Coupling Flag: MEF-CF(CBS) = False (0)
f) The MEF Color Mode Flag: MEF-CM(CBS) = color-blind

If different streams are combined to be processed by a single CBS instance and are rate limited by a single MEF flow meter, then the MEF-CIR becomes the sum of all stream rates (CBS-IS).

If the streams go through separate MEF flow meters then each stream must be configured with its own MEF-CIR, while the CBS will use the sum of all stream rates (CBS-IS).

The latency calculations in [BA]:6.6 assume Packet size and IPG (Figure B-2) to be included in the bandwidth. The MEF flow meter (6.20) only has the MSDU size available for policing. These resulting deviations are not accounted for in the current standard.

9.3 Configuration Rules

As can be derived from Annex L of [Q], CBS can create undesired Buffer occupancy and latency in Bridges.

Traffic which was shaped together in one CBS instance on the previous (upstream) Bridge but uses different egress ports on this bridge, should still be configured with the aggregated bandwidth on this port and on the further downstream path in order to avoid undue shaping delays.

Traffic egressing a Bridge on the last link to the Listener should not be shaped using CBS.

10. Time Aware Shaper

10.1 Introduction

The TAS ([Q]:8.6.8.4) can be operated in three modes:

a) Bus mode (10.2)
b) Phased Mode (10.3)
c) Cyclic Queuing and Forwarding - CQF (10.4)

If TAS is used on a port, by default no other shapers are used on TCs whose gates open and close for that port.

If TAS is used for Scheduled Traffic (Annex B.6.2) only one single TC is open for transmission at any time. This means there are no TCs whose gate is always open. All TCs for non Scheduled Traffic (Annex B.6.2) are open during a common time interval in between the Scheduled Traffic TCs openings.

If TAS is used, the transmission windows are configured so the timesync messages can be transmitted at the desired message intervals (within allowed tolerances) in order to achieve the required time synchronization accuracy.

As with all TDMA systems, finding the perfect schedule across applications, ECUs and relays can be an NP-hard problem [B5].

10.2 Bus Mode

In order to replicate the behavior one would get from a shared medium being accessed by synchronized Stations on a shared TDMA schedule, the bus mode opens a communication path from a single talker Station to all potential listener Stations on the entire network. The gate opening on all ports should be as close to the actual transmission time as possible in order to avoid a waste in bandwidth. The open time must be long enough for the data to traverse all links and Bridges and must therefore also include store and forward delays.

The most simple Bus Mode configuration involves only two intervals. The much shorter one is intended to transmit high priority traffic from maybe just a single talker to the relevant listeners. The second longer period is considered as non gated and other traffic patterns can be employed. In terms of worst-case latency the long period is added for all of the traffic in the shorter window and the short window plus its implicit guard-band can be considered a long interfering frame for the other traffic during the longer period. As the topology (number of hops) will influence the short period it may have to be configured for a maximum value if the exact number of hops is not known.

10.2.1 Bus Mode Configuration

The GateControlList shall have at least 8 entries per port.

The time resolution required for bus mode depends on the line rate, but is at least 10 µs.

10.3 Phased Mode

In order to allow data to flow from a talker to a listener on a pre-defined path at the lowest possible latency, while trying to not block the communication on other paths for longer than needed, each Bridge involved will be configured with a guard-band and schedule to allow an incoming frame to immediately be transmitted on the destination port.

10.3.1 Phased Mode Configuration

The GateControlList shall have at least 32 entries per port.

The time resolution required for phased mode depends on the line rates in the network and is not defined by this present standard. It should be better than 50% bus time of 64 byte frame.

10.4 Cyclic Queuing and Forwarding (CQF)

In contrast to the other modes, which are derived from other systems and the general TDMA operation, this mode was explicitly described in [Q]:Annex T.

While the other modes are intended to reach a minimum latency, this approach is based on minimizing jitter by maximizing the latency for each frame. The Bridges must be able to store the data which is received in each interval, likely leading to rather short intervals or large buffer requirements. Upon opening the transmission gate the data is burst on a strict priority basis. Technically it is possible to use shapers in order to intersperse the traffic during transmission, but this will not affect the given (maximum) bounded latency.

10.5 TAS Latency Considerations

One can refer to the Bus Mode and the Phased Mode as minimum latency configurations, while Cyclic Queuing and Forwarding (CQF) must be viewed as a bounded maximum latency configuration.

The latency of a frame passing through a TAS enabled Relay Port is dominated in all three cases by the time the gate for its particular stream is closed (*operCycleTime - gateOpenTime*). Since the bandwidth available for a stream is determined by the ratio of *operCycleTime* over *gateOpenTime*, the latency increases in principle for streams with low bandwidth requirements, assuming the link overall is not excessively over-provisioned and/or under-utilized.

10.6 Combining TAS with other Shapers

For Bus Mode and Phased Mode it is obviously counter intuitive to apply other shaping mechanisms to frames which are intended to pass through the network as quickly as possible. In order to achieve bounded latency in any of the three modes, it is vital for the transmission queues for any TC to be empty when its transmission gate closes. For CQF this is a fundamental design criterion ([Q]:Annex T.1). Otherwiseanother *operCycleTime* is added to the frame's latency.

The present standard refers to traffic matching best with the concepts of Bus Mode and Phased Mode as Scheduled Traffic (Annex B.6.2). This implicitly creates a CQF scenario for all other traffic, as it gets queued up while Scheduled Traffic is transmitted and then must be transmitted entirely in the window left for all the other queues. Assuming this window is sufficiently long, traffic arriving during said window will also needs to be transmitted before its gate closes again to prevent buffer overruns (i.e. Frame loss) and limit latency. In network calculus this is referred to as a stability condition.

10.6.1 Combining CBS with TAS

According to [Q]:8.6.8.2 d) the *idleSlope* for CBS is modified, if TAS is used on the egress port. In effect no credit is accumulated while the transmission gate is closed for a CBS TC, independent of frames queued. This will cause a shaped transmission as soon as the gate opens, with a proportionally higher shaping rate. In turn introducing additional delays, which need to be accounted for in the latency calculations. Furthermore lower priority TCs open concurrently can transmit frames within the shaping gaps, which may be beneficial for their latency, but cause further delays for the stream under consideration.

10.6.2 Combining ATS with TAS

The (virtual) credit of an ATS shaper instance is unaware of the transmission gate state. Assignment of eligibility times continues the same way upon arrival of the frame, independent of the transmission gate state. This will lead to the transmission of a burst of frames (depending on relative priority amongst those TCs which are open concurrently) as soon as the transmission gate opens. While this has less impact on the added latency (no further shaping delay) for the stream under consideration, it will block frames in lower priority TCs from transmission, thereby increasing their latency.

Annex A

PCS proforma (normative)

A.1 Introduction

The supplier of an implementation that is claimed to conform to a particular profile defined in this present standard shall complete the corresponding Profile Conformance Statement (PCS) proforma.

The tables do not contain an exhaustive list of all requirements that are stated in the referenced standards; for example, if a row in a table asks whether the implementation is conformant to Standard X, and the answer "Yes" is chosen, then it is assumed that it is possible, for that implementation, to fill out the PCS proforma defined in Standard X to show that the implementation is conformant; however, the tables in this present standard will only further refine those elements of conformance to Standard X where particular answers are required for the profiles defined here.

The profiles are not intended to be mutually exclusive; it is possible that a given implementation can support more than one of the profiles defined in this present standard. If that is the case, then either the PCS for the implementation should be filled out in order to reflect the support of multiple profiles, or a separate PCS should be filled out to reflect each profile supported.

A completed PCS proforma is the PCS for the implementation in question. The PCS is a statement of which capabilities and options of the protocol have been implemented. The PCS can have a number of uses, including use by the following:

a) Protocol implementer, as a checklist to reduce the risk of failure to conform to the standard through oversight;
b) Supplier and acquirer—or potential acquirer—of the implementation, as a detailed indication of the capabilities of the implementation, stated relative to the common basis for understanding provided by the standard PCS proforma;
c) User—or potential user—of the implementation, as a basis for initially checking the possibility of interworking with another implementation (note that, while interworking can never be guaranteed, failure to interwork can often be predicted from incompatible PCSs);
d) Protocol tester, as the basis for selecting appropriate tests against which to assess the claim for conformance of the implementation.

A.2 Abbreviations and special symbols

A.2.1 Status symbols

M mandatory

O optional

O.n optional, but support of at least one of the group of options labeled by the same numeral *n* is required

X prohibited

pred: conditional-item symbol, including predicate identification: see A.3.4

¬ logical negation, applied to a conditional item's predicate

A.2.2 General abbreviations

N/A not applicable

PCS Profile Conformance Statement

A.3 Instructions for completing the PCS proforma

A.3.1 General structure of the PCS proforma

The first part of the PCS proforma, implementation identification and protocol summary, is to be completed as indicated with the information necessary to identify fully both the supplier and the implementation.

The main part of the PCS proforma is a fixed-format questionnaire, divided into several subclauses, each containing a number of individual items. Answers to the questionnaire items are to be provided in the rightmost column, either by simply marking an answer to indicate a restricted choice (usually Yes or No) or by entering a value or a set or range of values. (Note that there are some items where two or more choices from a set of possible answers can apply; all relevant choices are to be marked.)

Each item is identified by an item reference in the first column. The second column contains the question to be answered; the third column records the status of the item—whether support is mandatory, optional, or conditional; see also A.3.4. The fourth column contains the reference or references to the material that specifies the item in the main body of this present standard, and the fifth column provides the space for the answers.

A supplier may also provide (or be required to provide) further information, categorized as either Additional Information or Exception Information. When present, each kind of further information is to be provided in a further subclause of items labeled *Ai* or *Xi,* respectively, for cross-referencing purposes, where *i* is any unambiguous identification for the item (e.g., simply a numeral). There are no other restrictions on its format and presentation.

A completed PCS proforma, including any Additional Information and Exception Information, is the Protocol Implementation Conformation Statement for the implementation in question.

NOTE—Where an implementation is capable of being configured in more than one way, a single PCS may be able to describe all such configurations. However, the supplier has the choice of providing more than one PCS, each covering some subset of the implementation's configuration capabilities, in case that makes for easier and clearer presentation of the information.

A.3.2 Additional information

Items of Additional Information allow a supplier to provide further information intended to assist the interpretation of the PCS. It is not intended or expected that a large quantity will be supplied, and a PCS can be considered complete without any such information. Examples might be an outline of the ways in which a (single) implementation can be set up to operate in a variety of environments and configurations, or information about aspects of the implementation that are outside the scope of this present standard but that have a bearing on the answers to some items.

References to items of Additional Information may be entered next to any answer in the questionnaire and may be included in items of Exception Information.

A.3.3 Exception Information

It may occasionally happen that a supplier will wish to answer an item with mandatory status (after any conditions have been applied) in a way that conflicts with the indicated requirement. No preprinted answer will be found in the Support column for this item. Instead, the supplier shall write the missing answer into the Support column, together with an *Xi* reference to an item of Exception Information, and shall provide the appropriate rationale in the Exception item itself.

An implementation for which an Exception item is required in this way does not conform to this present standard.

NOTE—A possible reason for the situation described previously is that a defect in this present standard has been reported, a correction for which is expected to change the requirement not met by the implementation.

A.3.4 Conditional status

A.3.4.1 Conditional items

The PCS proforma contains a number of conditional items. These are items for which both the applicability of the item itself, and its status if it does apply—mandatory or optional—are dependent on whether certain other items are supported.

Where a group of items is subject to the same condition for applicability, a separate preliminary question about the condition appears at the head of the group, with an instruction to skip to a later point in the questionnaire if the “Not Applicable” (N/A) answer is selected. Otherwise, individual conditional items are indicated by a conditional symbol in the Status column.

A conditional symbol is of the form “**pred:** S” where **pred** is a predicate as described in A.3.4.2, and S is a status symbol, M or O.

If the value of the predicate is true (see A.3.4.2), the conditional item is applicable, and its status is indicated by the status symbol following the predicate: The answer column is to be marked in the usual way. If the value of the predicate is false, the “Not Applicable” (N/A) answer is to be marked.

A.3.4.2 Predicates

A predicate is one of the following:

a) An item-reference for an item in the PCS proforma: The value of the predicate is true if the item is marked as supported and is false otherwise;
b) A predicate-name, for a predicate defined as a Boolean expression constructed by combining item-references using the Boolean operator OR: The value of the predicate is true if one or more of the items is marked as supported;
c) The logical negation symbol “¬” prefixed to an item-reference or predicate-name: The value of the predicate is true if the value of the predicate formed by omitting the “¬” symbol is false, and vice versa.

Each item whose reference is used in a predicate or predicate definition, or in a preliminary question for grouped conditional items, is indicated by an asterisk in the Item column.

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Annex B

Terminology (informative)

B.1 Automotive Stations (IEEE Std 802)

The IEEE 802.1 family of standards define features for Relays, Bridges [Q] and End Stations (IEEE Std 802), which are part of the profile definitions in this present standard.

B.1.1 Automotive VLAN Bridge

The combination of a Bridge Management Entity, a MAC Relay Entity and at least two Bridge ports is referred to a as a Bridge (IEEE Std 802.1Q).

The Bridge Management Entity can act as an End Station for certain protocols related to infrastructure services, like e.g. time synchronization, service discovery, or diagnostics.

B.1.2 Automotive End Station

An End Station is the source or the destination of the MAC Client Data (IEEE Std 802.3) in a Frame.

B.2 Automotive Electronic Control Unit (ECU)

In this present standard an ECU is any encased electronic device inside a vehicle. It is linked to other ECUs through power and communication connections.

B.3 Communication Aggregates

A Frame is defined by [802.3] as the core part of a Packet (see also B.4). Multiple Packets sharing a common source and destination, but traveling along different paths in a network topology, are considered to belong to Member Streams. A unidirectional Flow of Packets from one source to one or more destinations are referred to as a Stream, as per IEEE Std 802.1Q. All Packets which are part of a specific functional communication relation between two or more End Stations are considered to be part of one Flow. Any Packet sharing a certain characteristic (ingress port, or VLAN-ID, or destination MAC address, or ...) at a specific point in or along the network topology can be referred to as Traffic.]

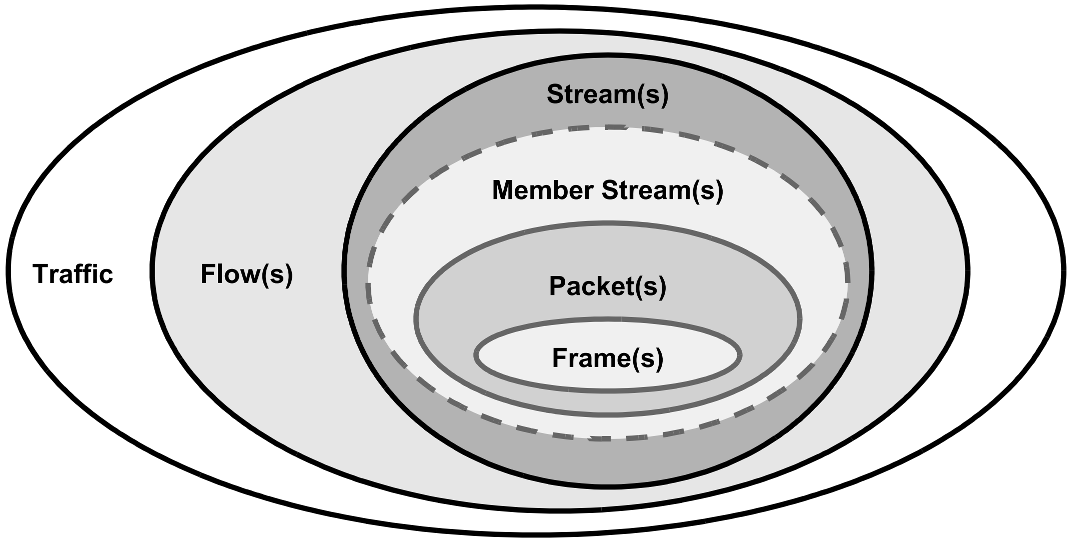

Figure B-1—Aggregate hierarchy

B.4 Frame Content as Received

This present standard uses the definitions of Packet and Frame as defined in [802.3]:Figure 3-1. The media-dependent overhead of [Q]:12.4.2.2 can be described as the Packet size plus the IPG (Figure B-2) minus the Frame size. The MSDU for this present standard (Figure B-2) is the *mac_service_data_unit* as passed from/to the EISS of [Q]:6.8.1.

A Frame in the context of this present standard contains one MAC Source Address, one MAC Destination Address, an optional C-VLAN Tag, and one (last) Ethertype.

The C-VLAN Tag ([Q]:9.) is composed of:

a) A (first/outer Ethertype) Tag Protocol Identifier (TPID) of 0x8100
b) A Priority Code Point (PCP)
c) A Drop Eligible Indicator bit (DEI)
d) A VLAN Identifier (VID)

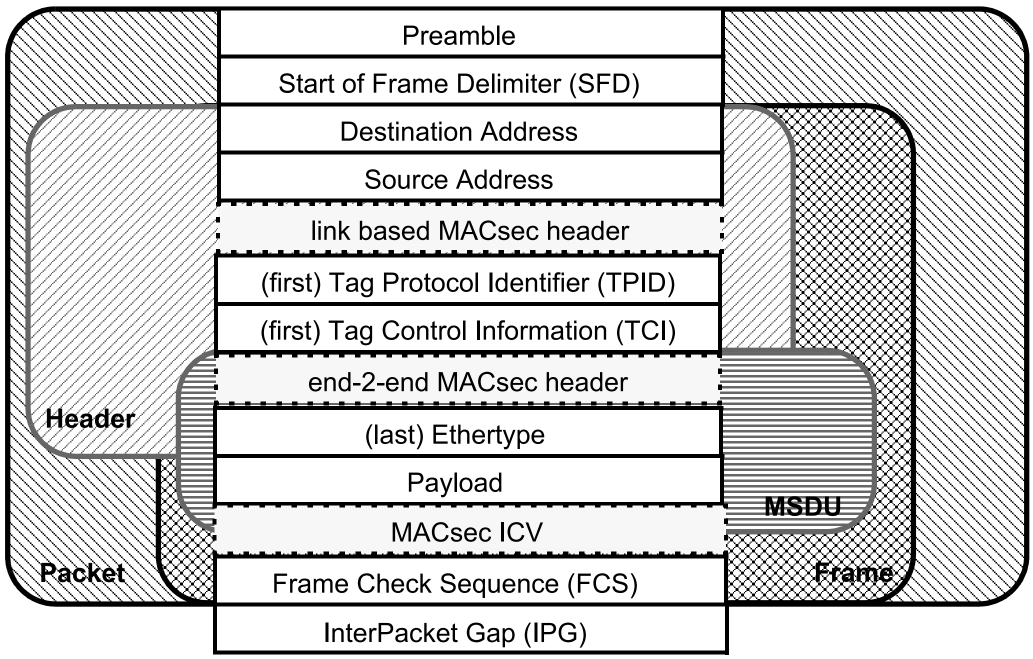

Figure B-2—Packet and Frame formats

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B.4.1 Untagged Frame ([Q]:3.286)

An Untagged Frame in the context of this present standard carries a value other than 0x8100 in the most outer (first) Ethertype (Figure B-2).

B.4.2 VLAN Tagged Frame ([Q]:9.5)

A (VLAN) Tagged Frame ([Q]:3.267) in the context of this present standard carries a TPID of 0x8100 ([Q]:Table 9-1) in the most outer (first) Ethertype (Figure B-2) and a non-Zero VID field. IEEE Std 802.1Q ([Q]:9.5 a)) refers to this tag as a C-TAG.

B.4.3 Priority-Tagged Frame ([Q]:6.9)

A Priority-Tagged Frame in the context of this present standard carries a TPID of 0x8100 in the most outer (first) Ethertype (Figure B-2) and a VID field of all Zero. IEEE Std 802.1Q ([Q]:9.5 a)) refers to this tag as a C-TAG.

B.5 Bandwidth

Bandwidth (B) is in general defined as the quotient of amount of Data (D) over an interval of Time (T):

B = D/T.

Any Ethernet communication link operates at a certain Line Rate (R). While the link is transmitting data, the instantaneous Bandwidth is always equal to the Line Rate. Only if the Time interval (T) includes a period where no data is transmitted on the link, can the Bandwidth of Traffic on that link drop below the Line Rate. It is therefore not advisable to give Bandwidth information without an indication of the period of Time over which it is measured.

One can also define Bandwidth as a number of Frames (F) of equal length (L) over an interval of Time (T):

B = F*L/T.

The following factors influence Frame size (L):

a) Header information at all ISO/OSI Layers.
b) Serialization of transported data.
c) Safety and Security overhead.

The following factors influence the number of Frames (F) over a period of Time (T):

a) Actual data available for transmission.
b) Maximum allowed SDU size (causing segmentation or fragmentation).
c) Retransmissions of lost Frames in reliable Flows (e.g. TCP).

B.6 Network Traffic Classification

B.6.1 Automotive Network Traffic Patterns

The communication on the IVN is dominated by cyclic messages to monitor or control (safety critical) functionality. Their periodicity varies between about 1ms and 500ms, i.e. less than 1000 frames per second per stream. Due to the mostly low to medium Frame size (Annex B.4), the average Bandwidth (Annex B.5) demand is low.

High resolution sensors (cameras, LIDARs, RADARs) can generate (1.5k Byte) frames (Annex B.4) at a rate of 10s of thousands per second. This traffic dominates the Bandwidth (Annex B.5) in the IVN.

Acoustic sensors for active noise cancellation can generate a small frame about every 20µs. These can be considered to have the highest latency constraint within the IVN, but at very low Bandwidth.

FlexRay (Annex D) enables a request-response exchange (2 messages) to happen within less than 100µs, i.e. within a single FlexRay cycle.

The so called “Best Effort” (BE) Traffic in the vehicle consists of distribution of SotA data, web access by the occupants, map downloads, and similar not time triggered Frames. This is the most bursty traffic in the IVN. In contrast to an IT or home network, this traffic does however have a need to be guarded against losses (6.30). Since a high percentage of traffic in the IVN is dominated by some sort of time triggered events, the Bandwidth available for BE Traffic is not as temporarily varying as in an office or home network installation. Retransmissions due to Frame loss present an unpredictable source of bandwidth demand, which in turn increases the risk of frame loss. This kind of feedback loop is best avoided.

B.6.2 Scheduled Traffic

The application independent term “Scheduled Traffic” is to denote streams, where transmission, reception, and response are tightly coupled in the time domain. While no absolute numbers are given, the latency and periodicity can be assumed to be below a few 100µs.

B.7 Scheduler vs. Shaper

This present standard defines the terms as follows:

a) Scheduling: Is the action of assigning Resources

b) Traffic Shaping: Is a Bandwidth management technique

c) Policing: Is the rule or bandwidth based Discarding of frames

If the Resource assigned by a Scheduler is (access to) Bandwidth, then a Scheduler will implicitly perform Traffic Shaping. E.g.: The Time Aware Shaper (TAS of Clause 10) is based on Scheduling access to a transmission port based on a timetable.

Strict Priority Queuing (SPQ) assigns access to a transmission port based on priority. But SPQ does not manage the bandwidth, as the highest priority can get 100% access to the transmission port.

An ingress Rate Limiter discards frames (polices them) in case they arrive too frequently. Less bandwidth is required for the left over egress traffic, but one would usually not call this shaping.

B.8 FRER Functionality

Frame Replication and Elimination for Reliability (FRER) as well as Stream Identification are defined in IEEE Std 802.1CB ([CB]).

In the context of this present standard the FRER Functionality is referring to all those functions defined in [CB], which do not concern the Stream Identification ([CB]:6).

In particular FRER Functionality entails:

a) Sequencing function ([CB]:7.4)

b) Individual recovery function ([CB]:7.5)

c) Sequence encode/decode function ([CB]:7.6)

d) Stream splitting function ([CB]:7.7)

e) Redundancy Tag ([CB]:7.8)

f) Sequence information ([CB]:7.9 and [CB]:7.10)

Annex C

Stream Identification (informative)

C.1 Configuring Stream Identification

The Stream Identification of [CB]:6. differentiates active and passive stream identification functions. All stream identification functions assign a *stream_handle* to the Frame they match in the input/up ([CB]:3.) direction. The Active Destination MAC and VLAN Stream Identification of [CB]:6.6 modifies a frame in the input/up as well as in the output/down ([CB]:3.) direction. Passive stream identification functions have no effect on frames in the output/down direction.

The out-facing ([CB]:3.) passive stream identification functions serve to assign a *stream_handle* to the Frames they match in the input/up direction to be used by the FRER functionality (Annex B.8) or the Stream Filtering (6.17). As this present standard does not make use of FRER, only the later usage is relevant. A passive in-facing ([CB]:3.) stream identification function therefore can not serve any purpose in the context of this present standard, as the assigned *stream_handle* in the input/up direction could only be used by the FRER functionality.

The Active Destination MAC and VLAN Stream Identification ([CB]:6.6) is used in the FRER context of [CB] to allow frame replication of IP unicast Frames in the Relay by changing the original MAC unicast destination address to a groupcast address and thereby triggering fan-out. Due to its ISO/OSI layer violating ([CB]:8.1 j)) nature and the ensued configuration complexity, this present standard discourages the use of active stream identification.

In conclusion there is no need to configure an in-facing stream identification function in the context of this current standard.

NOTE 1—This description ignores the potential issues with the internal LAN ([CB]:Figure 6-5) and the in-facing stream identification functions removing the *stream_handle*, thereby preventing the Stream Filter (6.17) to identify Frames.

Annex D

Flex Ray (informative)

D.1 How Ethernet can be used to replace FlexRay

Often TAS is seen as the ideal way to replace TDMA systems like FlexRay [B28] on Bridged Ethernet infrastructure. In many discussions around the topic it is unclear what the exact boundaries are in which Ethernet could be used to replace FlexRay. This section is aimed at giving the reader a better understanding of the quantitative numbers involved.

We assume a 100Mbit/s Ethernet link, keeping in mind FlexRay was 10Mbit/s. We further assume a full-duplex Bridged system on Ethernet without cut-through forwarding [B4] or preemption [Q]:6.7.1.

As a goal we want to achieve a latency of around 100µs between the generation of data by one scheduled application and the use of same data by another scheduled application on another ECU.

The applications are scheduled on each ECU per a global time-table, which uses [AR897] as its base. The exact accuracy to which such a scheduling can occur is not further considered here, but does contribute to the latency. Due to the inaccuracies at which an application may be scheduled and how long it will run, data on one ECU is delivered from multiple scheduled applications at roughly the same time. Due to jitter the frames from these applications enter an egress queue at a basically random order. For latency purposes we need to concern ourselves with the very last frame to be transmitted. Assuming each frame is 100byte long, this means every frame introduces a latency of 8µs. If we assume 5 frames to be transmitted by 5 ECUs in our example system, then just transmitting the 4 frames introduces a latency of 32µs, or roughly a third of our budget.

If we assume all 5 ECUs to be connected to just one single relay we could start by assuming all ECUs begin transmitting at exactly the same time. Postulating a full multicast, this means any ECU needs to receive 4 times 5 frames, which would already take longer than the allocated 100µs and is therefor not a viable option.

In a second model system we assume the applications across ECUs are scheduled in a way, so they get transmitted at different slots during a well defined interval. As we use full-duplex links and again use a single relay, it now takes 64µs for each set of 5 frames to reach the other 4 ECUs.

Assuming an additional relay just adds the store and forward delay to each frame, we could have 2 relays and use 96µs for each set of 5 frames to reach the other 4 ECUs.

Obviously we have over provisioned this system, as there are now a maximum of 3 ECUs which can send into one relay at the same time, so there is potential for optimization and for certain constellations 3 relays may be possible.

Annex E

Bibliography (informative)

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Annex Z

Commentary (informative)

<< Editor's note: This is a temporary Annex intended to record issues and their resolutions as the project proceeds. It will be removed prior to Sponsor ballot. >>

Z.1 Actions to be taken before Sponsor Ballot

The following tasks will be performed before this document goes to Sponsor Ballot:

a) Delete this Annex Z .
b) Delete the Editor's Foreword (0. Editor's Foreword).
c) Delete all Editor's Notes throughout the document.
d) Move some requirements to a tabular form

Z.2 Items remaining to be implemented

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Z.3 General Open Topics to be addressed

Z.3.1 Alignment with other SDOs

Other SDOs like Autosar and Open Alliance cover very similar functionality. It would be beneficial for the ecosystem to have definitions of terms and requirements aligned between them.

In particular this applies to:

a) SDU size definition