ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

PROTOCOL INDEPENDENT TRANSMISSION USING A 10 GIGABIT ATTACHMENT UNIT INTERFACE

A method, comprising initializing an interface capable of transmitting data as a 10 Gb/s Attachment Unit Interface (XAUI) in a plurality of serial data paths; and transmitting data code-groups in each of the serial data paths once the interface is initialized while inhibiting the transmission of at least some special code-groups in the serial data paths used for alignment of serial data paths in a XAUI.

FIG. 1