

“Splitting IEEE P802.3df”

Proposed Draft IEEE P802.3df CSD Modification Responses 400 GbE and 800 GbE Objectives

**John D’Ambrosia,
Chair, IEEE P802.3df Task Force
Futurewei, U.S. Subsidiary of Huawei**

**Mark Nowell
Vice-Chair, IEEE P802.3df Task Force
Cisco**

14 Sept 2022

Introduction

- **Emerging baseline status indicates that 100 Gbps/lane , 200 Gbps/lane, and LR / ER objectives are on different timelines**
 - **100 Gbps/lane based Std: Est Std June 2024**
 - **200 Gbps/lane based Std +10/40km: Est Std Mar 2026**
- **This presentation proposes modifications to the 802.3df CSD**
 - **Proposed Updated Objectives - dambrosia_3df_02_2207.pdf**
 - **Proposed PAR Responses - dambrosia_3df_03_2207.pdf**
- **Proposed Documentation**
 - **Proposed deleted text indicated by double crossout.**
 - **Additional text, as necessary, indicated by GREEN text.**

IEEE 802.3 Criteria for Standards Development (CSD)

The IEEE 802 Criteria for Standards Development (CSD) are defined in Clause 14 of the IEEE 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee (LMSC) Operations Manual. The criteria include project process requirements (“Managed Objects”) and 5 Criteria (5C) requirements. The 5C are supplemented by subclause 4.5 ‘Criteria for Standards Development’ of the ‘IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Working Group Operations Manual’.

The following are the CSD Responses in relation to the IEEE P802.3df PAR

Items required by the IEEE 802 CSD are shown in Black text and supplementary items required by IEEE 802.3 are shown in **blue** text.

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.
-
- The definition of protocol independent managed objects, to be included in Clause 30 of IEEE Std 802.3, will be part of this project.

Coexistence

A WG proposing a wireless project shall prepare a Coexistence Assessment (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.**

- No. A CA document is not applicable because the proposed project is not a wireless project.

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.

- The principle of building equipment that supports IEEE 802.3 networks operating at different Ethernet rates has been amply demonstrated by a broad set of product offerings.
- Per the IEEE 802.3 2020 Bandwidth Assessment Report, by 2025 the bandwidth requirements of various applications will grow between 2.3 to 55.4 times relative to their 2017 levels. The definition of 800 Gb/s ~~and 1.6 Tb/s~~ Ethernet will address the growing diverse bandwidth requirements and cost considerations for these key application areas: cloud-scale data centers, internet exchanges, co-location services, content-delivery networks, wireless infrastructure, service provider and operator networks, and video distribution infrastructure.
- Presentations have been submitted to the study group that illustrate the market adoption of Ethernet ports addressing multiple rates and medias for use with duplex and parallel infrastructures.
- Evolving needs of computing applications will be enabled by parallel solutions targeting noted high-bandwidth applications.
- There has been wide attendance and participation in the study group by subject matter experts familiar with the needs of end users, equipment manufacturers and component suppliers. It is anticipated that there will be sufficient participation to effectively complete the standardization process.

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.
- c) [Compatibility with IEEE Std 802.3](#)
- d) [Conformance with the IEEE Std 802.3 MAC](#)

- As an amendment to IEEE Std 802.3 the proposed project shall comply with IEEE Std 802, IEEE Std 802.1AC and IEEE Std 802.1Q.
- As was the case in previous IEEE Std 802.3 amendments, new physical layers will be defined for ~~200 Gb/s, 400 Gb/s,~~ and 800 Gb/s, ~~and 1.6 Tb/s~~ operation.
- As an amendment to IEEE Std 802.3, the proposed project will conform to the full-duplex operating mode of the IEEE 802.3 MAC.
- By utilizing the existing IEEE Std 802.3 MAC protocol, this proposed amendment will maintain compatibility with the installed base of Ethernet nodes.
- The definition of protocol independent managed objects, to be included in Clause 30 of IEEE Std 802.3, will be part of this project.

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.

Substantially different from other IEEE 802.3 specifications/solutions.

- The proposed amendment will be the first IEEE 802.3 standard defining 800 Gb/s ~~and 1.6 Tb/s~~ Ethernet, providing an upgrade path for IEEE 802.3 users from lower Ethernet rates, such as 200 Gb/s and 400 Gb/s Ethernet.
- The proposed amendment will define derivative physical layer specifications from those developed for 800 Gb/s ~~and 1.6 Tb/s~~ Ethernet to address ~~copper, multi-mode fiber, and~~ single-mode fiber specifications, ~~based on a reduced number of physical lanes,~~ for ~~200 Gb/s and~~ 400 Gb/s Ethernet.

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.
- c) Confidence in reliability.

- The principle of scaling the IEEE 802.3 MAC to higher speeds has been well established by previous work within IEEE.
- The principle of building equipment that supports IEEE 802.3 networks operating at different Ethernet rates has been amply demonstrated by a broad set of product offerings.
- Systems with an aggregate bandwidth of greater than or equal to ~~1.6 Tb/s~~ 800 Gb/s have been demonstrated and deployed in operational networks.
- The proposed project will build on the array of Ethernet component and system design experience, and the broad knowledge base of Ethernet network operation.
 - Contributions have been made that presented data on the feasibility of higher speed solutions. Proposals, which ~~either leverage existing technologies or employ new technologies~~, have been provided.
 - The experience gained in the development and deployment of technologies since the start of the development of 40 Gigabit Ethernet and 100 Gigabit Ethernet (IEEE 802.3ba) starting in 2008, is applicable to the development of specifications for components at higher speeds. For example, some combination of the following approaches could be used to address 800 Gb/s ~~and 1.6 Tb/s~~ Ethernet, as well as to address ~~reduced lane count solutions for 200 Gb/s and 400 Gb/s Ethernet: pulse-amplitude modulation, parallel transmission techniques~~ and forward error correction, ~~optical coherent signaling, and wavelength-division multiplexing.~~
- Based on prior experience with developing higher speed solutions, the reliability of Ethernet components and systems is understood and can be projected in the target environments with a high degree of confidence.

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) Known cost factors.
 - b) Balanced cost factors.
 - c) Consideration of installation costs.
 - d) Consideration of operational costs (e.g., energy consumption).
 - e) Other areas, as appropriate.
- Prior experience scaling IEEE 802.3 indicates the cost distribution between servers, switches, routers, and the infrastructure will remain acceptably balanced for ~~200 Gb/s,~~ 400 Gb/s, **and** 800 Gb/s, ~~and 1.6 Tb/s~~ Ethernet.
 - The cost factors for Ethernet components and systems are well known. The proposed project may introduce new cost factors which can be quantified.
 - The deployment of 800 Gb/s ~~and 1.6 Tb/s~~ Ethernet standards and derivatives at ~~200 Gb/s~~ ~~and 400 Gb/s~~ will allow economies of scale to reduce cost for all solutions.
 - In consideration of installation costs, the project is expected to use proven and familiar media, including electrical backplanes, twin-axial copper cables, multi-mode optical fiber cabling, and single-mode optical fiber cabling.
 - Network design, installation and maintenance costs are minimized by preserving network architecture, management, and software.
 - In consideration of operational costs associated with power consumption, the project will examine alternatives that trade off PMD complexity, power, latency, and implementation constraints.

BACKUP

IEEE 802.3 Criteria for Standards Development (CSD)

The IEEE 802 Criteria for Standards Development (CSD) are defined in Clause 14 of the IEEE 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee (LMSC) Operations Manual. The criteria include project process requirements (“Managed Objects”) and 5 Criteria (5C) requirements. The 5C are supplemented by subclause 4.5 ‘Criteria for Standards Development’ of the ‘IEEE 802.3 Ethernet Working Group Operations Manual’.

The following are the CSD Responses in relation to the IEEE P802.3df PAR

Items required by the IEEE 802 CSD are shown in Black text and supplementary items required by IEEE 802.3 are shown in **blue** text.

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.
-
- The definition of protocol independent managed objects, to be included in Clause 30 of IEEE Std 802.3, will be part of this project.

Coexistence

A WG proposing a wireless project shall prepare a Coexistence Assessment (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.**

- No. A CA document is not applicable because the proposed project is not a wireless project.

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.

- The principle of building equipment that supports IEEE 802.3 networks operating at different Ethernet rates has been amply demonstrated by a broad set of product offerings.
- Per the IEEE 802.3 2020 Bandwidth Assessment Report, by 2025 the bandwidth requirements of various applications will grow between 2.3 to 55.4 times relative to their 2017 levels. The definition of 800 Gb/s Ethernet will address the growing diverse bandwidth requirements and cost considerations for these key application areas: cloud-scale data centers, internet exchanges, co-location services, content-delivery networks, wireless infrastructure, service provider and operator networks, and video distribution infrastructure.
- Presentations have been submitted to the study group that illustrate the market adoption of Ethernet ports addressing multiple rates and medias for use with duplex and parallel infrastructures.
- Evolving needs of computing applications will be enabled by parallel solutions targeting noted high–bandwidth applications.
- There has been wide attendance and participation in the study group by subject matter experts familiar with the needs of end users, equipment manufacturers and component suppliers. It is anticipated that there will be sufficient participation to effectively complete the standardization process.

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.
- c) [Compatibility with IEEE Std 802.3](#)
- d) [Conformance with the IEEE Std 802.3 MAC](#)

- As an amendment to IEEE Std 802.3 the proposed project shall comply with IEEE Std 802, IEEE Std 802.1AC and IEEE Std 802.1Q.
- As was the case in previous IEEE Std 802.3 amendments, new physical layers will be defined for 400 Gb/s and 800 Gb/s operation.
- As an amendment to IEEE Std 802.3, the proposed project will conform to the full-duplex operating mode of the IEEE 802.3 MAC.
- By utilizing the existing IEEE Std 802.3 MAC protocol, this proposed amendment will maintain compatibility with the installed base of Ethernet nodes.
- The definition of protocol independent managed objects, to be included in Clause 30 of IEEE Std 802.3, will be part of this project.

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.

Substantially different from other IEEE 802.3 specifications/solutions.

- The proposed amendment will be the first IEEE 802.3 standard defining 800 Gb/s Ethernet, providing an upgrade path for IEEE 802.3 users from lower Ethernet rates, such as 200 Gb/s and 400 Gb/s Ethernet.
- The proposed amendment will define derivative physical layer specifications from those developed for 800 Gb/s Ethernet to address single-mode fiber specifications for 400 Gb/s Ethernet.

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.
 - c) **Confidence in reliability.**
- The principle of scaling the IEEE 802.3 MAC to higher speeds has been well established by previous work within IEEE.
 - The principle of building equipment that supports IEEE 802.3 networks operating at different Ethernet rates has been amply demonstrated by a broad set of product offerings.
 - Systems with an aggregate bandwidth of greater than or equal to 800 Gb/s have been demonstrated and deployed in operational networks.
 - The proposed project will build on the array of Ethernet component and system design experience, and the broad knowledge base of Ethernet network operation.
 - Contributions have been made that presented data on the feasibility of higher speed solutions. Proposals, which leverage existing technologies have been provided.
 - The experience gained in the development and deployment of technologies since the start of the development of 40 Gigabit Ethernet and 100 Gigabit Ethernet (IEEE 802.3ba) starting in 2008, is applicable to the development of specifications for components at higher speeds. For example, some combination of the following approaches could be used to address 800 Gb/s Ethernet, as well as to address 400 Gb/s Ethernet: pulse-amplitude modulation, parallel transmission techniques and forward error correction.
 - Based on prior experience with developing higher speed solutions, the reliability of Ethernet components and systems is understood and can be projected in the target environments with a high degree of confidence.

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) Known cost factors.
 - b) Balanced cost factors.
 - c) Consideration of installation costs.
 - d) Consideration of operational costs (e.g., energy consumption).
 - e) Other areas, as appropriate.
- Prior experience scaling IEEE 802.3 indicates the cost distribution between servers, switches, routers, and the infrastructure will remain acceptably balanced for 400 Gb/s and 800 Gb/s Ethernet.
 - The cost factors for Ethernet components and systems are well known. The proposed project may introduce new cost factors which can be quantified.
 - The deployment of 800 Gb/s Ethernet standards and derivatives at 400 Gb/s will allow economies of scale to reduce cost for all solutions.
 - In consideration of installation costs, the project is expected to use proven and familiar media, including electrical backplanes, twin-axial copper cables, multi-mode optical fiber cabling, and single-mode optical fiber cabling.
 - Network design, installation and maintenance costs are minimized by preserving network architecture, management, and software.
 - In consideration of operational costs associated with power consumption, the project will examine alternatives that trade off PMD complexity, power, latency, and implementation constraints.