Project Objectives

- Support a MAC data rate of 400 Gb/s
- Support a BER of better than or equal to $10^{-13}$ at the MAC/PLS service interface (or the frame loss ratio equivalent)
- Support full-duplex operation only
- Preserve the Ethernet frame format utilizing the Ethernet MAC
- Preserve minimum and maximum FrameSize of current Ethernet standard
- Provide appropriate support for OTN
- Specify optional Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) capability for 400 Gb/s PHYs
- Support optional 400 Gb/s Attachment Unit Interfaces for chip-to-chip and chip-to-module applications
- Provide physical layer specifications which support link distances of:
  - At least 100 m over MMF
  - At least 500 m over SMF
  - At least 2 km over SMF
  - At least 10 km over SMF

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