# Pair-set Coherency

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#### Purpose

- Ensure pair-sets act in coordination
  - To address SELV problems
  - To avoid multiplicity of pair-set states



## **SELV Problem**

 As discussed in IEEE 4-Pair task force simultaneously powering a cable with an Endspan and Midspan PSE can lead to SELV problems





# How to Avoid 4P SELV Problems

- Shorten or Remove  $T_{PON}$  for Type 3/4
- Modify PD state machine definition of present\_det\_sig
  - Dual PD signatures must corrupt pair-set B signature if pair-set A is V<sub>PD</sub> > V<sub>Reset</sub>
  - And vice versa
- Type 3/4 PSEs with dual detection capability shall not power an Rgood – !Rgood combination



## Multiplicity of Pair-set States

- PSE and PD state machines present and react to the electrical state of the link
  - Pair-sets inherently have fully orthogonal electrical states
  - A single PSE (or PD) state machine cannot be in two states simultaneously
- Changing the 802.3 Layer Management one-toone relationships has repercussions for the larger 802.3 committee



## **State Machine or Machines?**

- Two options exist:
  - One state machine shuts power off if either pair-set experiences a fault

#### Or

pair-set

• Two state machines, one per

POWER ON

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short detected +

ovId\_detected + option\_vport\_lim





## IEEE 802.3 Layer Management

- 802.3-2012 has defined data structures and objects to describe and relate CSMA/CD subsystems
- As specified today, the data object (oPHY) is the parent of exactly:
  - 1 PSE object (oPSE)
  - 1 PD object (oPD)



#### Existing Data Structures are 1-to-1



Figure 30–3— DTE System entity relationship diagram



# oPSE Data Structure Field Example

#### aPSEPowerDetectionStatus has 6 possible states

#### 30.9.1.1.5 aPSEPowerDetectionStatus

ATTRIBUTE APPROPRIATE SYNTAX:

> An ENUMERATED VALUE that has one of the following entries: disabledPSE disabled searchingPSE searching deliveringPowerPSE delivering power testPSE test mode faultPSE fault detected otherFaultPSE implementation specific fault detected





OtherFault



# Multiplicity– Two State Machines

If two state machines are used to track Alt A vs Alt B state the existing IEEE 802.3 Layer Management structure is violated





#### Fault Event – Two State Machines

- A fault on Alt A results in incoherent states
  - oPSE(A). aPSEPowerDetectionStatus = faultPSE
  - oPSE(B). aPSEPowerDetectionStatus = deliveringPowerPSE



#### Fault Event – One State Machine

- Fault on Alt A turns off power on Alt A & B
  - oPSE. aPSEPowerDetectionStatus = faultPSE
- One oPSE object and one PSE State Machine
  - Power Alt A & B on together
  - Fault Alt A & B off together



# Conclusion

- Specify one and only one oPSE and oPD
- Specify one and only one PSE and PD state machine
- Turn pair-sets on together
- Fault pair-sets off together
  - OR'ed fault response
- Only apply power if both pair-sets report R<sub>GOOD</sub>

