

RPRWG Objectives and Scope

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Objectives



- Develop a MAC standard to address deterministic service, high availability and cost optimization in packet based, high speed optical fiber rings for LAN, MAN and WAN applications
- Address carrier and service provider requirements for packet optimized and resilient public data networks
- Support multimedia distribution as well as real time voice and video over packet applications

Scope



- Distances and Nodes
 - MAN: Up to a minimum of 100 Km Circumference and 128 nodes
 - WAN: Up to a minimum of 1000 Km Circumference and 256 nodes
- Speeds
 - Up to a minimum of 10 Gbps
- Physical Layers
 - Utilize full duplex Gigabit Ethernet as well as 10 Gigabit Ethernet physical layer
 - Utilize SONET Physical layers (OC-3/12/48/192?)

Scope – continued



- Define a MAC to support dual counter rotating ring architecture with destination stripping
- Define a mechanism to support sub 50 ms restoration in case of link failure
- Meet 802.1d, q and f requirements
- Support packet sizes based on adopted physical layers
- Define fair and dynamic bandwidth distribution and congestion control mechanisms
- Define mechanisms for ease of configuration management