

# Proposed Modifications to IEEE P802.3cw Approved CSD

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# Introduction

- As part of request for conditional approval to proceed to IEEE Standards Association Ballot, the CSD for the project (<https://mentor.ieee.org/802-ec/dcn/19/ec-19-0219-00-ACSD-p802-3cw.pdf>) must be reaffirmed.
- Review of the cited CSD @ the 01 Nov 2023 Task Force Meeting raised questions about potential updates to better reflect the state of the project at this time
  - Proposed changes are administrative (not technical) in nature
- This presentation contains proposed modifications to the currently approved CSD
  - Broad Market Potential
  - Distinct Identity
- Updated “clean” CSD with proposed modifications implemented in backup slides.

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# Coexistence (Original)

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- a) Will the WG create a CA document as part of the WG balloting process as described in Clause 13?**
- b) If not, explain why the CA document is not applicable**

- A CA document is not applicable because the proposed project is not a wireless project.

# Broad Market Potential

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- a) Broad sets of applicability.
- b) Multiple vendors and numerous users.

- Ethernet is being adopted in new application areas that require longer transmission distances than currently specified by the IEEE 802.3 Ethernet standard for 400 GbE. Optical solutions targeting 80 km over DWDM systems will address the bandwidth growth and reach requirements of interconnect for distributed data centers where reaches in excess of 40 km are required or where fiber availability drives the need for multiple instances of Ethernet over a DWDM system.
- This project will provide upgrade paths for existing application areas that need greater bandwidth at the reaches specified. Applications over 80 km over DWDM systems migrating from 100 Gb/s do not have an upgrade path.
- A call-for-interest for “Beyond 10 km Optical PHYs” (for 50 GbE / 200 GbE / 400 GbE) had 103 participants. Approximately 60 individuals affiliated with at least 39 companies indicated that they would support the standardization process. It is anticipated that there will be sufficient participation to effectively complete the standardization process including individuals from end-users, equipment manufacturers and component suppliers.

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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**
- e) **Managed object definitions compatible with SNMP**

- 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, a new physical layers will be defined for 400 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.
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# 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.**

- While there are no other IEEE standards or projects with a similar scope, the IEEE 802.3 Working Group has received a liaisons from ~~two~~ one organizations indicating that ~~it~~ the respective groups ~~hasve~~ completed a related efforts ~~underway~~. ~~ITU-T Study Group 15 has communicated that it is working on a future revision of Recommendation ITU-T G.698.2 to include 400G application codes for multi-vendor interoperable 400 Gb/s single channel optical interfaces that operate over a DWDM system for approximately 80 km distances. The Optical Internetworking Forum (OIF) has communicated that it is~~ developed the 400ZR Implementation Agreement (IA), which is targeted at (passive) single channel and (amplified) short-reach DWDM (dense wavelength division multiplexing) / DCI (data center interconnect) pluggable modules with distances supported from 80-120 km. The effort ~~will supports~~ 400 Gb/s Ethernet via the 400GAUI-8 interface that is defined by IEEE 802.3.

Stakeholders have expressed the desire for this project, as it will define physical layer specifications and Protocol Implementation Conformance Statements (PICS) for 400 Gb/s Ethernet operation over DWDM systems that are consistent and completely integrated with existing IEEE 802.3 Ethernet specifications.

- There is no IEEE 802.3 standard or project developing a standard that supports point-to-point Ethernet over an 80km DWDM system at a data rate of 400 Gb/s.



# Technical Feasibility

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- a) Demonstrated system feasibility.
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- The principle of building equipment that supports IEEE 802.3 networks operating up to 400 Gb/s Ethernet rates has been amply demonstrated by a broad set of product offerings.
  - The proposed project will build on the array of Ethernet component and system design experience, and the broad knowledge base of Ethernet network operation.
    - The industry already has experience developing 100 Gb/s and 400 Gb/s coherent detection solutions for metro and long-haul networks. Subcomponents or design experience from these can be leveraged for the proposed Physical Layer specifications.
    - The experience gained from the wide deployment of optical coherent detection solutions at single wavelength 100 Gb/s and higher over DWDM systems with much longer reaches than 80 km provides confidence in feasibility of 80 km solutions over a DWDM system.
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- The cost factors for Ethernet components and systems are well known.
  - Reasonable cost for the resulting performance will be achieved in this project as established by prior experience in the development of optical coherent detection solutions targeting reaches much longer than 80 km at 100 Gb/s and above that are expected to be cost reduced for 80 km reaches over DWDM systems.
  - In consideration of installation costs, the project is expected to use proven and familiar media consistent with industry deployments.
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