IEEE P802.3ap Objectives

- Preserve the 802.3/Ethernet frame format at the MAC Client service interface.
- Preserve min. and max. frame size of current 802.3 Std.
- Support existing media independent interfaces.
- Support operation over a single lane across 2 connectors over copper traces on improved FR-4 for links consistent with lengths up to at least 1m.
 - Define a 1 Gb/s PHY
 - Define a 10 Gb/s PHY
- Define a 4-lane 10Gb/s PHY for operation over the 802.3ap channel model.
- Consider auto-negotiation.
- Support BER of 10^-12 or better.
- Meet CISPR/FCC Class A.