

IEEE 802.3 400 Gb/s Ethernet Study Group
Informal Communication

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Dear Bruce,

The IEEE 802.3 400 Gb/s Ethernet Study Group is exploring the need for 400 Gb/s Ethernet. As the IEEE 802.11 High Efficiency WLAN Study Group (HEW SG) is considering the improvement of spectrum efficiency to enhance the system throughput/area in high density scenarios of wireless access points and stations, we would like to understand the potential use cases to determine the impact on the supporting wireline network.

We would also appreciate any other data or trends that you feel would be beneficial to us as we define 400 Gb/s Ethernet for wireline applications.

As companion specifications in the IEEE 802 family of standards, both of our respective groups are faced with growing bandwidth requirements. Given the inherent symbiotic relationship of the wired and wireless networks, we look forward to future interaction that will enable the mutual success of our standards.

Sincerely,

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