# 802.1AS Hot Standby Amendment: 4 Domains 

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## Introduction

- This presentation is a response to this proposal, which shows 4 domains for 802.1AS hot standby
- This presentation assumes January PAR scope
- No BMCA, 2 domains


## Assumptions

- Time sync performance requirement is network-wide
- Conformance/certification is per system (hardware product)
- For example, see P60802 drafts
- Goal for hot-standby: maintain network performance
- Unlike BMCA, goal is not to find best-performing path
- All paths meet network requirement
- Use as many paths as possible for availability


## What is a Domain?

- Message headers have distinct domainNumber value
- Not relevant by itself... it's just a number
- Each domain carries a distinct time
- Do two GMs carry different time? Yes
- Yes; each GM has its own clock
- "Clock" per 1588 definition: "A device that can provide a measurement of the passage of time since a defined epoch."
- Do two paths carry different time?
- Technically Yes, but under the previous assumptions... No
- All paths meet network performance, so effectively the same
- Are there limitations on the path a domain can use?
- Yes, but there are simple ways to work around limitations


## Two Domains



## Multiple Flows Into Relay

How do we support this?


- Assume we have boolean isSynced per port
- Initial portState configuration:

- If isSynced for P2 becomes false, local hot-standby state machine changes configuration to:



## Two Links Fail: Mitigated



## Other Two Links Fail: Mitigated



## Two Links \& One GM Fail: Mitigated



## Thank You

