

# Feedback on IPPM/BMWG Joint Session

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# IPPM&BMWG joint Meeting Experiment

- The goal of the IPPM and BMWG Joint Meeting is to Leverage synergy and encourage both WG members to work together.
- The joint Meeting Experiment started from IETF 123, Madrid, July 2025
  - IETF 123, IETF 124, Joint interim meeting in November 2025
  - Feedback in IETF 124 has been collected from IPPM&BMWG session and discussed in OPSArea Session.
  - Position feedback to continue joint work during the interim
- After November Joint interim meeting, a few Core WG members in IPPM and BMWG have been consulted on the joint experiment and future
  - 9 folks have been consulted.

# Key Concerns and Benefits if Merging is considered

- Key concerns if merging is considered:
  - **Less focus, Less time** for existing work items and new work
  - **Slow down progress** of existing work or individual drafts
  - The scope of the two working groups is on lab and production environments and has only a minor overlap on measurements
  - **Early for joint chartering might create frictions** and at the end doesn't speed up the process and might have a negative effect.

- Key Benefits if merging is considered:
  - **Potentially increase the number of reviews and the energy** of the discussions.
  - **Improve work efficiency in the long term** with common building block as foundation
  - **Increase new work** with cross pollination across **WGs in the long term**

# Key challenges if merging is considered

- Is there any **cross review across BMWG and IPPM** WGs taking place?
- BMWG is a smaller community than IPPM, Less experts from test community to contribute to BMWG, less time to contribute?

# Improvement measures from WG Level

Based on feedback from previous 3 experiment joint sessions, Improvement measures have been proposed and Put into the practice:

- Continue to experiment with joint WG session
- Encourage more cross reviews by running joint adoption and last calls in both working groups
- Plan earlier about the meeting agenda and time length of the meeting, to make sure to make good use of the time
- Combined github repo for Both WGs to keep better track of open issues

# Possible Options to Move forward

For now, continue to experiment with Joint WG session and make good use of session time for both WGs

Options to take:

- Option 1: Recharter separately
  - Restructure BMWG and IPPM WG separately
- Option 2: Merge and target one single charter
  - Merge the WGs with a recharter that provides focus going forward, and an agreement to have interims and double sessions at the IETF meetings.
- Option 3: Show first charter proposals and then decide
  - make two separate charter proposals Ready, make decision on a joint charter for IETF 126.

# Discussion