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**P802.3cw**

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**1.1 Project Number:** P802.3cw  
**1.2 Type of Document:** Standard  
**1.3 Life Cycle:** Full Use

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**2.1 Project Title:** Standard for Ethernet  
Amendment: Physical Layers and Management Parameters for 400 Gb/s Operation over DWDM (dense wavelength division multiplexing) systems

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**3.1 Working Group:** Ethernet Working Group(C/LM/WG802.3)  
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**4.1 Type of Ballot:** Individual  
**4.2 Expected Date of submission of draft to the IEEE SA for Initial Standards Committee Ballot:** Jul 2021  
**4.3 Projected Completion Date for Submittal to RevCom:** Feb 2022

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**5.1 Approximate number of people expected to be actively involved in the development of this project:** 80  
**5.2.a Scope of the complete standard:** This standard defines Ethernet local area, access and metropolitan area networks. Ethernet is specified at selected speeds of operation; and uses a common media access control (MAC) specification and management information base (MIB). The Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection (CSMA/CD) MAC protocol specifies shared medium (half duplex) operation, as well as full duplex operation. Speed specific Media Independent Interfaces (MIIs) provide an architectural and optional implementation interface to selected Physical Layer entities (PHY). The Physical Layer encodes frames for transmission and decodes received frames with the modulation specified for the speed of operation, transmission medium and supported link length. Other specified capabilities include: control and management protocols, and the provision of power over selected twisted pair PHY types.  
**5.2.b Scope of the project:** Define physical layer specifications and management parameters for the transfer of Ethernet format frames at 400 Gb/s at reaches greater than 10 km over DWDM systems.

**5.3 Is the completion of this standard contingent upon the completion of another standard?** No  
**5.4 Purpose:** This document will not include a purpose clause.  
**5.5 Need for the Project:** Optical solutions targeting 400 Gb/s operation at reaches in excess of 10 km over a DWDM system will address the bandwidth growth and reach requirements of interconnect for distributed data centers where reaches greater than 10 km are required, or where fiber availability drives

the need for multiple instances of Ethernet over a DWDM system.

**5.6 Stakeholders for the Standard:** Users and producers of systems and components for data center interconnect networks, and any other networks needing 400 Gb/s operation at reaches in excess of 10 km over DWDM systems.

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## **6.1 Intellectual Property**

**6.1.1 Is the Standards Committee aware of any copyright permissions needed for this project?**

No

**6.1.2 Is the Standards Committee aware of possible registration activity related to this project?**

No

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## **7.1 Are there other standards or projects with a similar scope? Yes**

**Explanation:** While there are no other IEEE standards or projects with a similar scope, the IEEE 802.3 Working Group has received liaisons from two organizations indicating that the respective groups have 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 400 Gbit/s 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 developing 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 support 400 Gb/s Ethernet via the 400GAUI-8 interface that is defined by IEEE 802.3. Stakeholders have expressed the desire for this IEEE 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.

**7.1.1 Standards Committee Organization:** ITU-T SG15 and OIF

**Project/Standard Number:** Recommendation ITU-T G.698.2 and OIF 400ZR Implementation Agreement

**Project/Standard Date:**

**Project/Standard Title:** Recommendation ITU-T G.698.2 Amplified multichannel dense wavelength division multiplexing applications with single channel optical interfaces and OIF 400ZR Implementation Agreement

## **7.2 Is it the intent to develop this document jointly with another organization? No**

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**8.1 Additional Explanatory Notes :** Item 7.1 Project/Standard date: Recommendation ITU-T G.698.2 Work item created 29 Mar 2018.

Item 7.1 Project/Standard date: OIF 400ZR Implementation Agreement project start date 3rd Nov 2016.