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#### Abstract

Recent progress of the Optical Transport Network (OTN) has introduced new signal types (i.e., ODU0, ODU4, ODU2e and ODUFlex) and new Tributary Slot granularity (1.25Gbps).

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Since equipments deployed prior to recently defined ITU-T recommendations only support 2.5 Gbps Tributary Slot granularity and ODU1, ODU2 and ODU3 containers, the compatibility problem should be considered. In addition, a Higher Order ODU (HO ODU) link may not support all the types of Lower Order ODU (LO ODU) signals defined by the new OTN standard because of the limitation of the devices at the two ends of a link. In these cases, the control plane is required to run the capability discovering functions for the evolutive OTN.

This document describes the extensions to the Link Management Protocol (LMP) needed to discover the capability of HO ODU link, including the granularity of Tributary Slot to be used and the LO ODU signal types that the link can support. Moreover, extensions of LMP test messages detailing the OTN technology specific information in order to cover also G.709v3 signal types and containers are also provided.

#### Conventions used in this document

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [[RFC2119](#)].

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## 1. Introduction

The Link Management Protocol (LMP) defined in [[RFC4204](#)] is being developed as part of the Generalized MPLS (GMPLS) protocol suite to manage Traffic Engineering (TE) links.

Recently, great progress has been made for the Optical Transport Networking (OTN) technologies in ITU-T. New ODU containers (i.e., ODU0, ODU4, ODU2e and ODUFlex) and a new Tributary Slot (TS) granularity (1.25Gbps) have been introduced by the [[G709-V3](#)], enhancing the flexibility of OTNs.

With the evolution and deployment of G.709 technology, the backward compatibility problem requires to be considered. In data plane, the equipment supporting 1.25Gbps TS can combine the specific Tributary Slots together (e.g., combination of TS#i and TS#i+4 on a HO ODU2 link) so that it can interwork with other equipments which support 2.5Gbps TS. From the control plane point of view, it is necessary to discover which type of TS is supported at both ends of a link, so that it can choose and reserve the TS resources correctly in this link for the connection.

Additionally, the requirement of discovering the signal types of Lower Order ODU (LO ODU) that can be supported by a Higher Order ODU (HO ODU) should be taken into account. Equipment at one end of a HO ODU link may not support to transport some types of LO ODU signals (e.g., may not support the ODUFlex). In this case, this HO ODU link

should not be selected for those types of LO ODU connections.

From the perspective of control plane, it is necessary to discover the capability of a HO ODUk or OTUk link including the granularity of TS to be used and the LO ODU signal types that the link can support. Note that this capability information can be, in principle, discovered by routing. Since in certain case, routing is not present (e.g., UNI case) we need to extend link management protocol capabilities to cover this aspect. Obviously, in case of routing presence, the discovering procedure by LMP could also be optional.

A further enhancement needed with respect to LMP covers the link verification and link property correlation functionalities and the G.709 test procedures they are based on. Such procedures require the definition of a G.709 specific TRACE object. After data links have been verified, it is possible to group them into the TE links.

This document extends the LMP and describes the solution of discovering HO ODU link capability and operating link verification and link property correlation.

## [2.](#) Terminology

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [[RFC2119](#)].

## [3.](#) Overview of the Evolutive G.709

The traditional OTN standard [[ITUT-G709](#)] describes the optical transport hierarchy (OTH) and introduces three ODU signal types (i.e., ODU1, ODU2 and ODU3). The ODU<sub>j</sub> can be mapped into one or more Tributary Slots (with a granularity of 2.5Gbps) of OPU<sub>k</sub> where  $j < k$ . The ODU<sub>j</sub> can also be mapped into OTU<sub>j</sub> ( $j=1, 2$  or  $3$ ) directly.

Recent revisions of ITU-T Recommendation G.709 have introduced new features for the evolutive Optical Transport Networks (OTN). New ODU signals, including ODU<sub>0</sub>, ODU<sub>4</sub>, ODU<sub>2e</sub> and ODUflex, are described in [[G709-V3](#)]. This document also defines the new multiplexing hierarchy for the evolutive OTN. In this multiplexing hierarchy, LO ODU<sub>j</sub> can be mapped into an OTU<sub>j</sub>, or multiplexed into a HO ODU<sub>k</sub> (where  $j < k$ ) by occupying several tributary slots.

In case of LO ODU<sub>j</sub> mapping into OTU<sub>j</sub>, the following mappings are defined:

- ODU1 into OTU1 mapping
- ODU2 into OTU2 mapping
- ODU3 into OTU3 mapping
- ODU4 into OTU4 mapping

In case of LO ODU<sub>j</sub> multiplexing into HO ODU<sub>k</sub>, a new Tributary Slot granularity (i.e., 1.25Gbps) is introduced in [\[G709-V3\]](#). For the

evolutionary OTN, the multiplexing of ODU<sub>j</sub> ( $j = 0, 1, 2, 2e, 3, \text{flex}$ ) into an ODU<sub>k</sub> ( $k > j$ ) signal can be depicted as follows:

- ODU0 into ODU1 multiplexing (with 1,25Gbps TS granularity)
- ODU0, ODU1, ODUflex into ODU2 multiplexing (with 1.25Gbps TS granularity)
- ODU1 into ODU2 multiplexing (with 2.5Gbps TS granularity)
- ODU0, ODU1, ODU2, ODU2e and ODUflex into ODU3 multiplexing (with 1.25Gbps TS granularity)
- ODU1, ODU2 into ODU3 multiplexing (with 2.5Gbps TS granularity)
- ODU0, ODU1, ODU2, ODU2e, ODU3 and ODUflex into ODU4 multiplexing (with 1.25Gbps TS granularity)

Note that If TS auto-negotiation is supported, a node supporting 1.25Gbps TS can interwork with the other nodes that supporting 2.5Gbps TS by combining specific TSs together in data plane, as described in [\[OTN-frwk\]](#).

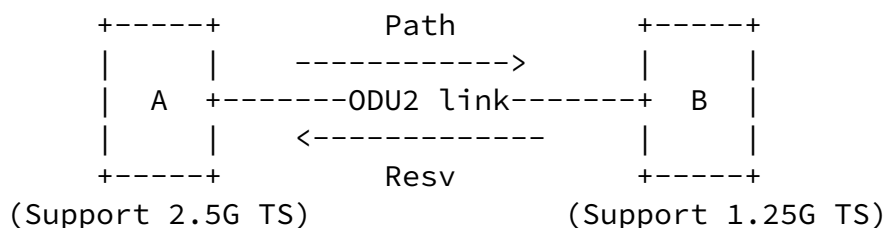
## [4. Link Capability Discovery](#)

### [4.1. Link Capabaplity Discovery Requirements](#)

#### [4.1.1. Discovering the Granularity of the TS](#)

As described in [section 3.1](#), if the two ends of a link use different granularities of TS, The LO ODU must be mapped into specific combined Tributary Slots in the end of link with TS of 1.25Gbps.

From the perspective of control plane, when creating a LO ODU connection, the node MUST select and reserve specific TS for the connection if the two ends of a link use different granularities of TS. For example, for an ODU2 link, we suppose that node A only supports the 2.5Gbps TS while node B supports the 1.25Gbps TS. When node B receives a Path message from node A requesting an ODU1 connection, node B MUST reserve the TS#i and TS#i+4 (where  $i \leq 4$ ) (with the granularity of 1.25Gbps) and tell node A via the label carried in the Resv message that the TS#i (with the granularity of 2.5Gbps) among the 4 slots has been reserved for the ODU1 connection. Otherwise, the reservation procedure will fail.

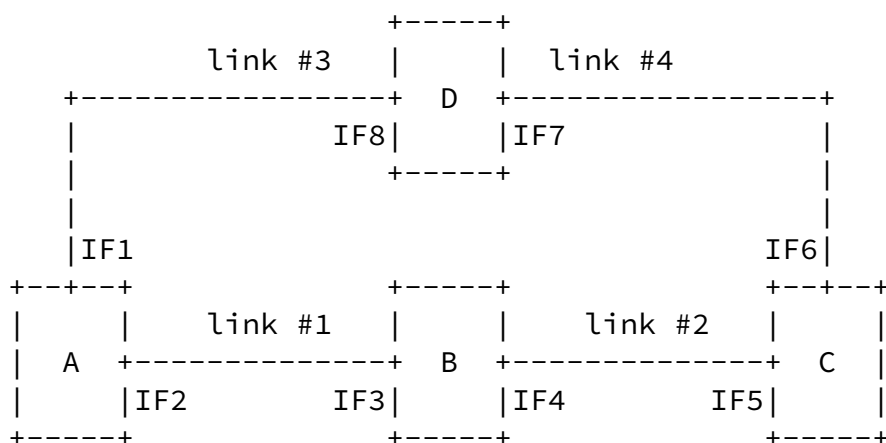


Therefore, for an ODU2 or ODU3 link, in order to reserve TS resources correctly for a LO ODU connection, the control plane of the two ends MUST know which granularity the other end can support before creating the LO ODU connection.

#### [4.1.2. Discovering the Supported LO ODU Signal Types](#)

Many new ODU signal types are introduced by [\[G709-V3\]](#), such as ODU0, ODU4, ODU2e and ODUflex. It is possible that equipment does not always support all the LO ODU signal types introduced by [\[G709-V3\]](#). If one end of a HO ODU link can not support a certain LO ODU signal type and there is no HO ODU FA LSP able to support this LO ODU signal, the HO ODU link/FA LSP can not be selected to carry such type of LO ODU connection.

For example, in the following figure, if the interfaces IF1, IF2, IF8, IF7, IF5 and IF6 can support ODUflex signals, while the interfaces IF3 and IF4 can not support ODUflex signals. In this case, if one ODUflex connection from A to C is requested, and there is no H0 ODU FA LSP from node A to C through node B, link #1 and #2 should be excluded, link #3 and link #4 are the candidates (the possible path could be A-D-C through link #3 and link #4).



Therefore, it is necessary for the two ends of a H0 ODU link to discover which types of L0 ODU can be supported by the H0 ODU link.

After discovering, the capability information can be flooded by IGP, so that the correct path for an ODU connection can be calculated.

#### 4.2. Extensions: LMP Link Summary Message

[RFC4204] defines the Link Management Protocol (LMP) which consists of four main procedures: control channel management, link property correlation, link connectivity verification, and fault management. As part of LMP, the link property correlation is used to verify the consistency of the TE and data link information on both sides of a link. This document extends the link property correlation procedure to discover the capability of both sides of a H0 ODU link.

The designated H0 ODU overhead bytes (e.g., the GCC1 and GCC2 overhead bytes) can be used as the control channel to carry the LMP message after the H0 ODU link is created. The out-of-band Data Communication Network (DCN) can also be used.

#### [4.2.1.](#) Message Extension

Three messages are used for link property correlation: LinkSummary, LinkSummaryAck and LinkSummaryNack Message. This document does not change the basic procedure of LMP but just add a new subobject (H0 ODU Link Capability) in the DATA\_LINK object to carry the capability of one end of a H0 ODU link.

The formats of LinkSummary, LinkSummaryAck and LinkSummaryNack messages are defined in [[RFC4204](#)].

##### [4.2.1.1.](#) LinkSummary Message

The local end of a TE link can send a LinkSummary message to the remote end to start the negotiation about the capability that the TE link can support.

One new Subobject named H0 ODU Link Capability Subobject in the DATA\_LINK object is introduced by this document. This new subobject is used to tell the remote end of the H0 ODU link which TS granularity and which L0 ODU signal types that the local end can support. When the DATA\_LINK object carries the new H0 ODU Link Capability Subobject, the N flag SHOULD be set to 1 which means that the subobject is negotiable.

##### [4.2.1.2.](#) LinkSummaryAck Message

The LinkSummaryAck message is used to tell the remote end that it has the same capability as the remote end after the LinkSummary message is received by the local end.

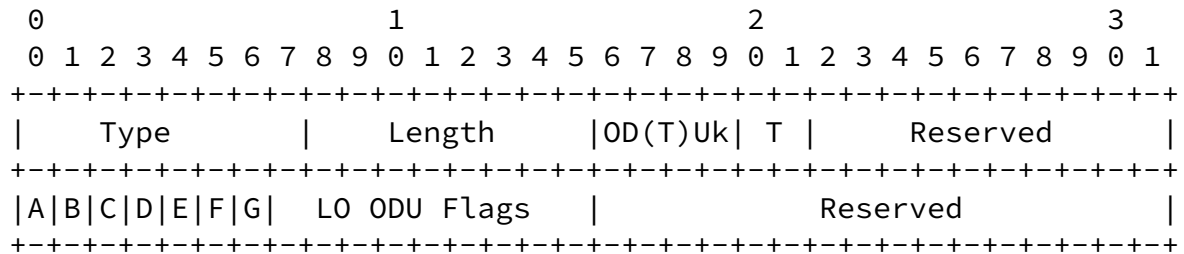
##### [4.2.1.3.](#) LinkSummaryNack Message

The LinkSummaryNack message is used to tell the remote end that it has different capability from the remote end after the LinkSummary message is received by the local end. The LinkSummaryNack message also carries the H0 ODU Link Capability subobject in the DATA\_LINK object to tell the remote end the exact capability of the H0 ODU link after negotiation, i.e., the granularity of TS and the types of L0 ODU that both side of the H0 ODU link can support.



#### [4.2.2. Object Definitions](#)

A new HO ODU Link Capability subobject type is introduced to the DATA LINK object to carry the HO ODU link capability information. The format of the new subobject is defined as follow:



Type (8 bits):

The value of this subobject type is TBD.

Length (8 bits):

The Length field contains the total length of the subobject in bytes, including the Type and Length fields. As for [RFC 4204](#), the Length MUST be at least 4, and MUST be a multiple of 4. Value of this field is 8.

OD(T)Uk (4 bits):

This field is used to indicate the HO ODU link type (in case of LO ODUj multiplexing into HO ODUk, wherein j<k) or the OTU link type (in case of LO ODUk mapping into OTUk).

OD(T)Uk field	Signal type of HO ODUk or OTUk
0	Reserved (for future use)
1	HO ODU1 or OTU1
2	HO ODU2 or OTU2
3	HO ODU3 or OTU3
4	HO ODU4 or OTU4
5-15	Reserved (for future use)

T (2 bits):

The T bits are used to indicate the granularity of the TS of the HO ODU link.

T field	TS type
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00	Meaningless
01	1.25Gbps TS granularity
10	2.5Gbps TS granularity
11	Reserved (for future use)

In case that an OTUk link only support ODUj (j=k) into OTUk mapping and does not support any ODUj into ODUk (j<k) multiplexing, then the T field is not meaningful and MUST be filled with 0 and be ignored on receipt.

L0 ODU flags (A|B|C|D|E|F|G) (16 bits):

These flags are used to indicate which L0 ODU signal types that one end or the both end can support. The flags will be set to 1 if the corresponding L0 ODU signal types are supported to be mapped or multiplexed into the OTUk or HO ODUk link.

This rule imposes that:

- At least one flag is set to 1.
- When the ODUj (j=k) flag corresponding to the signal type HO ODUk/OTUk is set to 1, then the signal type OD(T)Uk has to be intended as L0 ODUk and direct mapping over OTUk is supported.
  - \* Furthermore, if only the ODUj(j=k) flag is set to 1, it means that the HO ODUk/OTUk link only supports ODUj(j=k) into OTUk mapping. In other words, the link does not support any ODUj

into ODUk (j<k) multiplexing (i.e., payload type != 20/21), but may support carrying various non-ODU client signals listed in Table 15-8 of [\[G709-V3\]](#).

- When an ODUj (j<k) flag not corresponding to the signal type HO ODUk/OTUk is set to 1 then the signal type OD(T)Uk has to be intended as HO ODUk and multiplexing of L0 ODUj over HO ODUk is supported.

Flag A: indicates whether LO ODU0 is supported.

Flag B: indicates whether LO ODU1 is supported.

Flag C: indicates whether LO ODU2 is supported.

Flag D: indicates whether LO ODU3 is supported.

Flag E: indicates whether LO ODU4 is supported.

Flag F: indicates whether LO ODU2e is supported.

Flag G: indicates whether LO ODUFlex is supported.

For example, if one end of an OTU2 link supports LO ODU0, LO ODU1, LO ODUFlex into HO ODU2 multiplexing and supports LO ODU2 into OTU2 mapping, the flags A, B, C, and G will be set to 1.

As a further example, if one end of an OTU2 link supports only LO ODU2 into OTU2 mapping but no multiplexing, only flag C will be set to 1.

The remaining flags are reserved for future use and MUST be set to 0.

#### [4.2.3. Procedures](#)

The Link Summary messages used for capability discovery for HO ODUk or OTUk link are sent between adjacent nodes after the HO ODU link is created or driven by some events (e.g., an operator command). The procedure is described below:

- o The local end of the HO ODU link sends a LinkSummary message including one or more DATA\_LINK objects, each of which contains the Local\_Interface\_Id, the Remote\_Interface\_Id, and the HO ODU link capability subobject. This subobject carries the capability that the local end can support, i.e., the granularity of TS and the set of LO ODU signal types that the local end can support. The LinkSummary message is sent to the remote end.

- o On receipt of the LinkSummary message, the remote end of the HO ODU link firstly determines whether the local/remote Interface\_Id mappings match those that are stored locally as described in

[[RFC4204](#)], and then obtains the HO ODU link capability subobject and determines the capability of the HO ODU link that both ends can support. The detail procedures are as follow:

- Only if both ends support the 1.25Gbps TS, the remote end would choose the 1.25Gbps as the negotiated granularity for the HO ODU link. In other cases, the 2.5Gbps TS MUST be used (e.g., if the local end can support 1.25Gbps, and the remote end can support 2.5Gbps, and then the local end should imitate 2.5Gbps).
- The remote end compares the two sets of LO ODU signal types that the local end and the remote end can support, and calculates the intersection of them, i.e., extracts all the LO ODU signal types that both two ends can support. This intersection is the set of LO ODU signal types that the HO ODU link can support.
- o If both the two ends support the same capability, i.e., they support the same granularity of TS and the same LO ODU signal types, the remote end replies a LinkSummaryAck message to the local end. So the both ends know what capability the HO ODU link can support.
- o If the two ends support different capabilities, i.e., they support different granularities of TS or different LO ODU signal types, the remote end replies a LinkSummaryNack message to the local end. The LinkSummaryNack message carries an ERROR\_CODE object and one or more DATA\_LINK objects. The ERROR\_CODE "Renegotiate LINK\_SUMMARY parameters" (see [[RFC4204](#)]) indicates that the two ends of the HO ODU link support different capabilities, and the DATA\_LINK object carries the HO ODU link capability subobject which contains the negotiated granularity of TS and the set of LO ODU signal types that both ends can support. The local end can learn the HO ODU link capability after receiving the LinkSummaryNack message.
- o If the remote end does not support the HO ODU link capability negotiation procedure, the LinkSummaryNack message MUST be responded with an ERROR\_CODE "Not support of HO ODU Link Capability subobject" (TBA) indicating the reason of rejection.

## [5.](#) Verifying Link Connectivity

[RFC4204] defines a link verification procedure based on the in-band transmission of Test messages over the data links. It is used to verify the physical connectivity of such links, to discover data plane resources and to exchange the Interface\_Ids. It is also possible to use a single procedure to verify multiple data links and correlate the information collected by means of the Verify\_Id assigned to the procedure.

The link verification procedure works as follows:

- BeginVerify message: the local node sends a BeginVerify message over a control channel. It includes a BEGIN\_VERIFY object which contains all the parameters characterizing the data link like, for example, the number of data links that must be verified, the transmission interval of the Test messages or the wavelength over which the Test messages will be sent.
- BeginVerifyAck: if the remote node, upon receiving a BeginVerify message, is ready to begin the procedure, it replies with a BeginVerifyAck message. Such message specifies the desired transport mechanism for the Test messages and the Verify\_Id of the procedure assigned by the remote node.
- Data link Testing: the local node, upon receiving the BeginVerifyAck message, can begin testing the data links repeatedly sending Test messages over them. The remote node will reply either with a TestStatsSuccess or a TestStatusFailure for each data link. As a consequence the local node will send a TestStatusAck.
- End of testing: The local node can terminate the Test procedure at anytime just sending an EndVerifyMessage towards the remote node.

Evolutionary OTNs need the support from LMP for the testing of all the possible data links defined by ITU-T. This document provides, at present, support to the data links defined by G.709 and G.709 amendment 3 recommendations and to G.Sup43 temporary document.

The BEGIN\_VERIFY class is defined in [Section 13.8 of \[RFC4204\]](#). The following fields are extended: Encoding Type, Verify Transport Mechanism and Transmission Rate.

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### [5.1.](#) Encoding Type

The Encoding Type identifies the type of encoding supported by the interface. LMP encoding type is consistent with the LSP encoding types defined for RSVP-TE [[RFC3471](#)]. In particular, the value to be used for G.709 hierarchy ODU and OTU signals is "Digital Wrapper".

### [5.2.](#) Verify Transport Mechanism

This field defines the transport mechanism for the Test messages and its scope depends on each encoding type. It is a 16 bit mask set by the local node where each bit identifies the various mechanisms it can support for LMP test messages transmission. This document defines the field values with respect to the G.709 digital encoding (they are expressed in network byte order).

- 0x01 OTUk TTI: 64 byte Test Message

Capability of transmitting Test messages using OTUk Trail Trace Identifier (TTI) overhead with frame length of 64 bytes. See ITU G.709 [Section 15.2](#) and [Section 15.7](#) for the structure and definition. The Test message is sent according to [[RFC4204](#)].

- 0x02 ODUk TTI: 64 byte Test Message

Capability of transmitting Test messages using ODUk Trail Trace Identifier (TTI) overhead with frame length of 64 bytes. See ITU G.709 [Section 15.2](#) and [Section 15.8](#) for the structure and definition. The Test message is sent according to [[RFC4204](#)].

- 0x04 GCC0: Test Message over the GCC0

Capability of transmitting Test messages using the OTUk Overhead General Communications Channel (GCC0). See ITU G.709 [Section 15.7](#) for the structure and definition. The Test message is sent according to [[RFC4204](#)] using bit-oriented HDLC framing format [[RFC1662](#)].

- 0x08 GCC1/2: Test Message over the GCC1/2

Capability of transmitting Test messages using the ODUk Overhead General Communications Channels (GCC1/2). See ITU G.709 [Section 15.8](#) for the structure and definition. The Test message is sent

according to [[RFC4204](#)] using bit-oriented HDLC framing format [[RFC1662](#)].

- 0x10 OTUk TTI - Section Trace Correlation

Capability of transmitting OTUk Trail Trace Identifier (TTI) as defined in ITU-T G.709. The Test message is not transmitted using the OTUk TTI overhead bytes (i.e. data link), but is sent over the control channel and correlated for consistency to the received pattern. The correlation between the Interface\_Id and the in-band pattern is achieved using the TRACE Object as defined in [Section 4 of \[RFC4207\]](#). No modification to TestStatusSuccess or TestStatusFailure messages is required.

- 0x20 ODUk TTI - Path Trace Correlation

Capability of transmitting ODUk Trail Trace Identifier (TTI) as defined in ITU-T G.709. The Test message is not transmitted using the OTUk TTI overhead bytes (i.e. data link), but is sent over the control channel and correlated for consistency to the received pattern. The correlation between the Interface\_Id the Testmessage is sent from and the pattern sent in-band is achieved using the TRACE Object as defined in [Section 4 of \[RFC4207\]](#). No modification to TestStatusSuccess or TestStatusFailure messages is required.

### [5.3](#). Transmission Rate

The transmission rate of the data links where the link verification procedure can be performed is defined into the TransmissionRate field of the BEGIN\_VERIFY class ([\[RFC4204\] Section 13.8](#)). Values are expressed in IEEE floating point format using a 32-bit number field and expressed in bytes per second. The following table defines the values to be used in OTNs:

+-----+-----+-----+		
Signal Type	Bit-rate (kbps)	Value (Bytes/Sec)
+-----+-----+-----+		
ODU0	1 244 160	0x4D1450C0
+-----+-----+-----+		

	ODU1		2 498 775		0x4D94F048	
	OTU1		2 666 057		0x4D9EE8CD	
+-----+-----+-----+						
	ODU2		10 037 274		0x4E959129	

	OTU2		10 709 226		0x4E9F9475	
+-----+-----+-----+						
	ODU2e		10 399 525		0x4E9AF70A	
+-----+-----+-----+						
	ODU3		40 319 219		0X4F963367	
	OTU3		43 018 416		0X4FA0418F	
+-----+-----+-----+						
	ODU4		104 794 445		0x504331E3	
	OTU4		111 809 973		0x50504326	
+-----+-----+-----+						

Transmission Rate values (Bytes/Sec)

## 6. Trace Monitoring

[RFC4207] describes the set of trace monitoring procedures that allow a node to do trace monitoring by using the G.709 hierarchy capabilities.

This document defines a new C-Type of the TRACE Object class used for Trace Monitoring features as defined in [RFC4207].



## 6.1. TRACE Object for evolutive OTN

The TRACE Object Class assigned by IANA is 21. A new C-Type is TBA and value 2 is suggested. The TRACE Object format is the same as defined in [RFC4207] and is shown in the following:

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0                               1                               2                               3
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
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|           Trace Type           |           Trace Length           |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
|                                                                           |
//                               Trace Message                               //
|                                                                           |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+

```

### TRACE Object Class

Trace Type: 16 bits

The Trace Type field is used to identify the type of the trace message. The following values are defined and all other values are reserved and should be sent as zero and ignored on receipt.

1 = OTUk TTI

2 = ODUk TTI

3 = Level 1 ODUkT TTI

4 = Level 2 ODUkT TTI

5 = Level 3 ODUkT TTI

6 = Level 4 ODUkT TTI

7 = Level 5 ODUkT TTI

8 = Level 6 ODUkT TTI (default for layer adjacency discovery)

It shall be noted that an Amendment to ITU-T G.7714.1 has been approved in September 2010 that defines an extension for OTN layer adjacency discovery based on the ODUk TCM function (ODUkT) providing 6 TCM levels. By default the TCM level 6 SHALL be used.

Trace Length: 16 bits

Expresses the length of the trace message in bytes (as specified by the Trace Type).

Trace Message:

This field includes the value of the expected message to be received in-band. The valid length and value combinations are determined by the ITU.T G.709 recommendation. The message MUST be padded with zeros to a 32-bit boundary, if necessary. Trace Length does not include padding zeroes.

This object is non negotiable.

## [6.2](#). Discovery Response Message for Layer Adjacency Discovery

ITU-T Recommendation G.7714.1 [[ITUT-G.7714.1](#)] describes an automatic layer adjacency discovery procedure that can be applied to the ITU-T G.709 OTN technology. The discovery message can be sent to the adjacent node via the Trail Trace Identifier (TTI) and [Appendix III](#) of G.7714.1 describes how the discovery response message can be sent back to the originator of the discovery message (discovery agent in G.7714.1 terminology) using the LMP protocol.

As defined in [[ITUT-G.7714.1](#)], the TraceMonitor message [[RFC4207](#)] is used to convey the discovery response message. The following mapping table shows how the discovery response message attributes are mapped

to TraceMonitor message objects or other fields of the LMP message (see G.7714.1, [section 11](#) for the description of the attributes):

G.7714.1 discovery response		TraceMonitor/LMP message field
message attribute		
-----+-----		
<Received DA DCN ID>		<TRACE>: received discovery message
<Received TCP-ID>		<TRACE>: received discovery message
<Sent DA DCN ID>		IP source address in the IP header
<Sent Tx TCP-ID>		identical to <Sent Rx TCP-ID>

<Sent Rx TCP-ID>		<LOCAL_INTERFACE_ID>

The received TTI, more specifically the discovery message in the SAPI field contains the <Received DA DCN ID> and the <Received TCP-ID>. These attributes are included in the discovery response message by copying the received TTI into the <TRACE> field of the TraceMonitor message.

The IP address of the node sending the discovery response message corresponds to the <Sent\_DA\_DCN\_ID> and is the IP source address in the IP header of the LMP TraceMonitor message.

Typically, the Trail Connection Point (TCP-)IDs in transmit and receive direction are identical for OTN equipment, i.e., the <Sent Rx



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