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Abstract

This document is a companion to the Generalized MPLS (GMPLS) signalling documents. It describes the technology specific information needed to extend GMPLS signalling to control Optical Transport Networks (OTN); it also includes the so-called pre-OTN developments.

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In this document, the presented views on ITU-T G.709 OTN Recommendation (and referenced) are intentionally restricted as needed from the GMPLS perspective within the IETF CCAMP WG context.

Hence, the objective of this document is not to replicate the content of the ITU-T OTN recommendations. Therefore, the reader interested in going into more details concerning the corresponding technologies is strongly invited to consult the corresponding ITU-T documents (also referenced in this memo).

1. Introduction

Generalized MPLS extends MPLS from supporting Packet Switching Capable (PSC) interfaces and switching to include support of three new classes of interfaces and switching: Time-Division Multiplex (TDM), Lambda Switch (LSC) and Fiber-Switch (FSC) Capable. A functional description of the extensions to MPLS signaling needed to support these new classes of interfaces and switching is provided in [[GMPLS-SIG](#)]. [[GMPLS-RSVP](#)] describes RSVP-TE specific formats and mechanisms needed to support all four classes of interfaces, and CR-LDP extensions can be found in [[GMPLS-LDP](#)].

This document presents the technology details that are specific to G.709 Optical Transport Networks (OTN) as specified in the ITU-T G.709 recommendation [[ITUT-G709](#)] (and referenced documents), including pre-OTN developments. Per [[GMPLS-SIG](#)], G.709 specific parameters are carried through the signaling protocol in traffic parameter specific objects.

Note: in the context of this memo, by pre-OTN developments, one refers to Optical Channel, Digital Wrapper and Forward Error

Correction (FEC) solutions that are not G.709 compliant. Details concerning pre-OTN SONET/SDH based solutions including Optical Sections (OS), Regenerator Section(RS)/Section and Multiplex Section(MS)/ Line overhead transparency are covered in [GMLS-SSS] and [GMPLS-SSS-EXT].

2. GMPLS Extensions for G.709 - Overview

Although G.709 defines several networking layers (OTS, OMS, OPS, OCh, OChr constituting the optical transport hierarchy and OTUk, ODUk constituting the digital transport hierarchy) only the OCh (Optical Channel) and the ODUk (Optical Channel Data Unit) layers

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are defined as switching layers. Both OCh (but not OChr) and ODUk layers include the overhead for supervision and management. The OCh overhead is transported in a non-associated manner (so also referred to as the non-associated overhead - naOH) in the OTM Overhead Signal (OOS), together with the OTS and OMS non-associated overhead. The OOS is transported via a dedicated wavelength referred to as the Optical Supervisory Channel (OSC). It should be noticed that the naOH is only functionally specified and as such open to vendor specific solutions. The ODUk overhead is transported in an associated manner as part of the digital ODUk frame.

As described in [ITUT-G709], in addition to the support of ODUk mapping into OTUk ($k = 1, 2, 3$), [ITUT-G.709] supports ODUk multiplexing. It refers to the multiplexing of ODU_j ($j = 1, 2$) into an ODU_k ($k > j$) signal, in particular:

- ODU1 into ODU2 multiplexing
- ODU1 into ODU3 multiplexing
- ODU2 into ODU3 multiplexing
- ODU1 and ODU2 into ODU3 multiplexing

Therefore, adapting GMPLS to control G.709 OTN, can be achieved by considering that:

- a Digital Path layer by extending the previously defined "Digital Wrapper" in [GMPLS-SIG] corresponding to the ODUk (digital) path layer.
- an Optical Path layer by extending the "Lambda" concept defined in [GMPLS-SIG] to the OCh (optical) path layer.
- a label space structure by considering a tree whose root is an OTUk signal and leaves the ODU_j signals ($k \geq j$); enabling to identify the exact position of a particular ODU_j signal in an ODUk multiplexing structure.

Thus, GMPLS extensions for G.709 need to cover the Generalized Label

Request, the Generalized Label as well as the specific technology dependent fields equivalent to the one currently specified for SDH/SONET in [GMPLS-SSS]. Since the multiplexing in the digital domain (such as ODUk multiplexing) has been considered in the updated version of the G.709 recommendation (October 2001), we also propose a label space definition suitable for that purpose. Notice also that we directly use the G.709 ODUk (i.e. Digital Path) and OCh layers in order to define the corresponding label spaces.

3. Generalized Label Request

The Generalized Label Request as defined in [GMPLS-SIG], includes a technology independent part and a technology dependent part (i.e. the traffic parameters). In this section, we suggest to adapt both parts in order to accommodate the GMPLS Signalling to the G.709 recommendation [ITU-T-G709].

3.1 Technology Independent Part

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As defined in [GMPLS-SIG], the LSP Encoding Type and the Generalized Protocol Identifier (Generalized-PID) constitute the technology independent part of the Generalized Label Request.

The information carried in the technology independent part of the Generalized Label Request is defined as follows:

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As mentioned here above, we suggest here to adapt the LSP Encoding Type and the G-PID (Generalized-PID) to accommodate G.709 recommendation [ITUT-G709].

3.1.1 LSP Encoding Type

Since G.709 defines two networking layers (ODUK layers and OCh layer), the LSP Encoding Type code-points can reflect these two layers currently defined in [[GMPLS-SIG](#)] as `Digital Wrapper` and `Lambda` code.

The LSP Encoding Type is specified per networking layer or more precisely per group of functional networking layer: the ODUk layers and the OCh layer.

Therefore, the current `ôDigital Wrapperö` code-point defined in [\[GMPLS-SIG\]](#) can be replaced by two separated code-points:

- code-point for the G.709 Digital Path layer
- code-point for the non-standard Digital Wrapper layer

In the same way, two separated code-points can replace the current defined `ôLambdaö` code-point:

- code-point for the G.709 Optical Channel layer
- code-point for the non-standard Lambda layer (also referred to as Lambda layer which includes the pre-OTN Optical Channel layer)

Consequently, we have the following additional code-points for the LSP Encoding Type:

Value	Type
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12	G.709 ODUk (Digital Path)
13	G.709 Optical Channel

Moreover, the code-point for the G.709 Optical Channel (OCh) layer will indicate the capability of an end-system to use the G.709 non-associated overhead (naOH) i.e. the OTM Overhead Signal (OOS) multiplexed into the OTM-n.m interface signal.

[3.1.2](#) Switching Type

The Switching Type indicates the type of switching that should be performed at the termination of a particular link. This field is only needed for links that advertise more than one type of switching capability (see [\[GMPLS-RTG\]](#)).

Here, no additional values are to be considered in order to accommodate G.709 switching types since an ODUk switching (and so LSPs) belongs to the TDM class while an OCh switching (and so LSPs) to the Lambda class (i.e. LSC).

Moreover, in a strict layered G.709 network architecture, when a downstream node receives a Generalized Label Request with one of these values as Switching Type, this value is ignored.

[3.1.3 Generalized-PID \(G-PID\)](#)

The G-PID (16 bits field) as defined in [[GMPLS-SIG](#)], identifies the payload carried by an LSP, i.e. an identifier of the client layer of that LSP. This identifier is used by the endpoints of the G.709 LSP.

The G-PID can take one of the following values when the client payload is transported over the Digital Path layer, in addition to the payload identifiers already defined in [[GMPLS-SIG](#)]:

- CBRa: asynchronous Constant Bit Rate i.e. mapping of STM-16/OC-48, STM-64/OC-192 and STM-256/OC-768
- CBRb: bit synchronous Constant Bit Rate i.e. mapping of STM-16/OC-48, STM-64/OC-192 and STM-256/OC-768
- ATM: mapping at 2.5, 10 and 40 Gbps
- BSOT: non-specific client Bit Stream with Octet Timing i.e. Mapping of 2.5, 10 and 40 Gbps Bit Stream
- BSNT: non-specific client Bit Stream without Octet Timing i.e. Mapping of 2.5, 10 and 40 Gbps Bit Stream
- ODUk: transport of Digital Path at 2.5, 10 and 40 Gbps

The G-PID can take one of the following values when the client payload is transported over the Optical Channel layer, in addition to the payload identifiers already defined in [[GMPLS-SIG](#)]:

- CBR: Constant Bit Rate i.e. mapping of STM-16/OC-48, STM-64/OC-192 and STM-256/OC-768
- OTUk/OTUkV: transport of Digital Section at 2.5, 10 and 40 Gbps

Also, when client payloads such as Ethernet MAC/PHY and IP/PPP are encapsulated through the Generic Framing Procedure (GFP) as described in ITU-T G.7041, we use dedicated G-PID values. Notice that additional G-PID values such as ESCON, FICON and Fiber Channel could complete this list in future releases.

In order to include pre-OTN developments as defined above, the G-PID can take one of the values currently defined in [[GMPLS-SIG](#)] when the following client payloads are transported over a so-called lambda:

- Gigabit Ethernet: 1 Gbps and 10 Gbps
- ESCON and FICON : left for further consideration
- Fiber Channel : left for further consideration

The following table summarizes the G-PID with respect to the LSP Encoding Type:

Value	G-PID Type	LSP Encoding Type
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47	G.709 ODUj	G.709 ODUk (with k > j)
48	G.709 OTUk(v)	G.709 OCh ODUk mapped into OTUk(v)
49	CBR/CBRa	G.709 ODUk, G.709 OCh
50	CBRb	G.709 ODUk
51	BSOT	G.709 ODUk
52	BSNT	G.709 ODUk
53	IP/PPP (GFP)	G.709 ODUk (and SDH)
54	Ethernet MAC (framed GFP)	G.709 ODUk (and SDH)
55	Ethernet PHY (transparent GFP)	G.709 ODUk (and SDH)

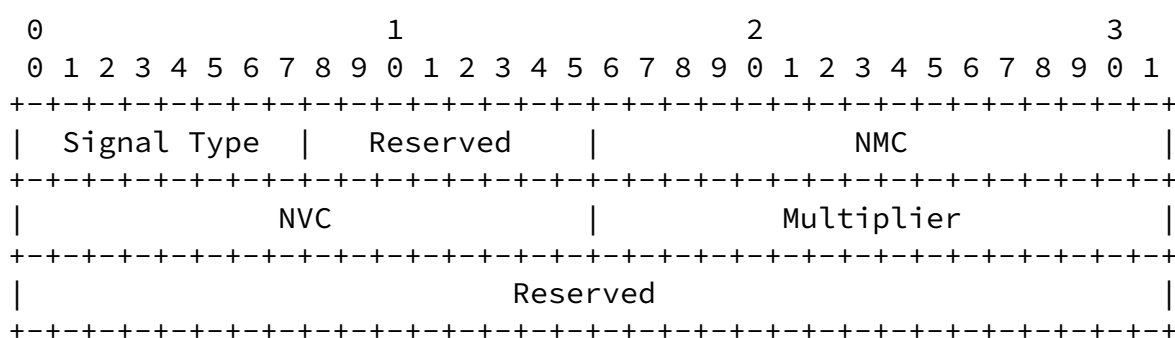
Note: Value 49 and 50 includes mapping of SDH

The following table summarizes the update of the G-PID values defined in [\[GMPLS-SIG\]](#):

Value	G-PID Type	LSP Encoding Type
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32	ATM Mapping	SDH, G.709 ODUk
33	Ethernet PHY	SDH, G.709 OCh, Lambda, Fiber
34	SDH	G.709 OCh, Lambda, Fiber
35	Reserved (SONET Dep.)	G.709 OCh, Lambda, Fiber

[3.2](#) G.709 Traffic-Parameters

When G.709 Digital Path Layer or G.709 Optical Channel Layer is specified in the LSP Encoding Type field, the information referred to as technology dependent information (or simply traffic-parameters) is carried additionally to the one included in the Generalized Label Request and is defined as follows:



In this frame, NMC stands for Number of Multiplexed Components and NVC for Number of Virtual Components. Each of these fields is tailored in order to support G.709 LSP.

[3.2.1](#) Signal Type (ST)

This field (8 bits) indicates the type of G.709 Elementary Signal that comprises the requested LSP. The permitted values are:

Value	Type
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0	Irrelevant
1	ODU1 (i.e. 2.5 Gbps)
2	ODU2 (i.e. 10 Gbps)
3	ODU3 (i.e. 40 Gbps)
4	Reserved for future use
5	Reserved for future use
6	OCh at 2.5 Gbps
7	OCh at 10 Gbps
8	OCh at 40 Gbps
9-255	Reserved for future use

The value of the Signal Type field depends on LSP Encoding Type value defined in [Section 3.1.1](#) and [GMPLS-SIG]:

- if the LSP Encoding Type value is the G.709 Digital Path layer then the valid values are the ODUk signals ($k = 1, 2$ or 3)
- if the LSP Encoding Type value is the G.709 Optical Channel layer then the valid values are the OCh at 2.5, 10 or 40 Gbps
- if the LSP Encoding Type is λ (which includes the pre-OTN Optical Channel layer) then the valid value is irrelevant (Signal Type = 0)
- if the LSP Encoding Type is ω , then the valid value is irrelevant (Signal Type = 0)

Several transforms can be sequentially applied on the Elementary Signal to build the Final Signal being actually requested for the LSP. Each transform application is optional and must be ignored if zero, except the Multiplier (MT) that cannot be zero and must be ignored if equal to one. Transforms must be applied strictly in the following order:

- First, virtual concatenation (by using the NVC field) can be optionally applied either directly on the Elementary Signal
- Second, a multiplication (by using the Multiplier field) can be optionally applied either directly on the Elementary Signal, or on the virtually concatenated signal obtained from the first phase.

[3.2.3](#) Number of Multiplexed Components (NMC)

The NMC field (16 bits) indicates the number of ODU tributary slots used by an ODU_j when multiplexed into an ODU_k ($k > j$) for the requested LSP. This field is not applicable when an ODU_k is mapped

into an OTUk and irrelevant at the Optical Channel layer. In both

cases, it MUST be set to zero (NMC = 0) when sent and should be ignored when received.

When applied at the Digital Path layer, in particular for ODU2 connections multiplexed into one ODU3 payload, the NMC field specifies the number of individual tributary slots (NMC = 4) constituting the requested connection. These components are still processed within the context of a single connection entity. For all other currently defined multiplexing cases (see [Section 2](#)), the NMC field is set to 1.

[3.2.4](#) Number of Virtual Components (NVC)

The NVC field (16 bits) is dedicated to ODUk virtual concatenation (i.e. ODUk Inverse Multiplexing) purposes. It indicates the number of ODU1, ODU2 or ODU3 elementary signals that are requested to be virtually concatenated to form an ODUk-Xv signal. By definition, these signals MUST be of the same type.

This field is set to 0 (default value) to indicate that no virtual concatenation is requested.

Note: the current usage of this field only applies for G.709 ODUk LSP. Therefore, it must be set to zero when requesting G.709 OCh LSP.

[3.2.5](#) Multiplier (MT)

The multiplier field (16 bits) indicates the number of identical composed signals requested for the LSP. A composed signal is the resulting signal from the application of the NMC and NVC fields to an elementary Signal Type. GMPLS signalling implies today that all the composed signals must be part of the same LSP.

The multiplier field is set to one (default value) to indicate that exactly one base signal is being requested. Zero is an invalid value. When the multiplier field is greater than one, the resulting signal is referred to as a multiplied signal.

[3.2.6](#) Reserved Fields

The reserved fields (8 bits and 32 bits) are dedicated for future use. Reserved bits should be set to zero when sent and must be

In case of ODUk in OTUk mapping, only one of label can appear in the Generalized Label.

In case of ODUj in ODUk ($k > j$) multiplexing, the explicit ordered list of the labels in the multiplex is given (this list can be restricted to only one label when $NMC = 1$). Each label indicates a component (ODUj tributary slot) of the multiplexed signal. The order of the labels must reflect the order of the ODUj into the multiplex (not the physical order of tributary slots).

In case of ODUk virtual concatenation, the explicit ordered list of all labels in the concatenation is given. Each label indicates a component of the virtually concatenated signal. The order of the labels must reflect the order of the ODUk to concatenate (not the physical order of time-slots). This representation limits virtual concatenation to remain within a single (component) link. In case of multiplexed virtually concatenated signals, the first set of labels indicates the components (ODUj tributary slots) of the first virtually concatenated signal, the second set of labels indicates the components (ODUj tributary slots) of the second virtually concatenated signal, and so on.

In case of multiplication (i.e. when using the MT field), the explicit ordered list of all labels taking part in the composed signal is given. The above representation limits multiplication to remain within a single (component) link. In case of multiplication

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of multiplexed/virtually concatenated signals, the first set of labels indicates the components of the first multiplexed/virtually concatenated signal, the second set of labels indicates components of the second multiplexed/virtually concatenated signal, and so on.

Note: As defined in [[GMPLS-SIG](#)], label field values only have significance between two neighbors, and the receiver may need (in some particular cases) to convert the received value into a value that has local significance.

[4.3](#) Optical Channel Label Space

At the Optical Channel layer, the label space must be consistently defined as a flat space whose values reflect the local assignment of OCh identifiers corresponding to the OTM-n.m sub-interface signals ($m = 1, 2$ or 3). Notice that these identifiers do not cover OChr since the corresponding Connection Function (OChr-CF) between OTM-nr.m/OTM-0r.m is not defined in [[ITUT-G798](#)].

The OCh identifiers can be defined as specified in [GMPLS-SIG] either with absolute values (channel identifiers (Channel ID) also referred to as wavelength identifiers) or relative values (channel spacing also referred to as inter-wavelength spacing). The latter is strictly confined to a per-port label space while the former could be defined as a local or a global (per node) label space. Such an OCh label space is applicable to both OTN Optical Channel layer and pre-OTN Optical Channel layer.

Optical Channel Label distribution rules are defined in [GMPSL-SIG].

5. Examples

The following examples are given in order to illustrate the processing described in the previous sections of this document.

1. ODUk in OTUk mapping: when one ODU1 (ODU2 or ODU3) signal is directly transported in an OTU1 (OTU2 or OTU3), the upstream node requests results simply in an ODU1 (ODU2 or ODU3) signal request.

In such conditions, the downstream node has to return a unique label since the ODU1 (ODU2 or ODU3) is directly mapped into the corresponding OTU1 (OTU2 or OTU3). Since a single ODUk signal is requested (Signal Type = 1, 2 or 3), the downstream node has to return a single ODUk label which can be for instance one of the following when the Signal Type = 1:

- t3=0, t2=0, t1=1 indicating a single ODU1 mapped into an OTU1
- t3=0, t2=1, t1=0 indicating a single ODU2 mapped into an OTU2
- t3=1, t2=0, t1=0 indicating a single ODU3 mapped into an OTU3

2. ODU1 into ODUk multiplexing ($k > 1$): when one ODU1 is multiplexed into the payload of a structured ODU2 (or ODU3), the upstream node requests results simply in a ODU1 signal request.

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In such conditions, the downstream node has to return a unique label since the ODU1 is multiplexed into one ODTUG2 (or ODTUG3). The latter is then mapped into the ODU2 (or ODU3) via OPU2 (or OPU3) and then mapped into the corresponding OTU2 (or OTU3). Since a single ODU1 multiplexed signal is requested (Signal Type = 1 and NMC = 1), the downstream node has to return a single ODU1 label which can take for instance one of the following values:

- t3=0, t2=4, t1=0 indicates the ODU1 in the third TS of the ODTUG2

- t3=2,t2=0,t1=0 indicates the ODU1 in the first TS of the ODTUG3
 - t3=7,t2=0,t1=0 indicates the ODU1 in the sixth TS of the ODTUG3
3. ODU2 into ODU3 multiplexing: when one unstructured ODU2 is multiplexed into the payload of a structured ODU3, the upstream node requests results simply in a ODU2 signal request.

In such conditions, the downstream node has to return four labels since the ODU2 is multiplexed into one ODTUG3. The latter is mapped into an ODU3 (via OPU3) and then mapped into an OTU3. Since an ODU2 multiplexed signal is requested (Signal Type = 2, and NMC = 4), the downstream node has to return four ODU labels which can take for instance the following values:

- t3=18, t2=0, t1=0 (first part of ODU2 in first TS of ODTUG3)
 - t3=22, t2=0, t1=0 (second part of ODU2 in fifth TS of ODTUG3)
 - t3=23, t2=0, t1=0 (third part of ODU2 in sixth TS of ODTUG3)
 - t3=26, t2=0, t1=0 (fourth part of ODU2 in ninth TS of ODTUG3)
4. When a single OCh signal of 40 Gbps is requested (Signal Type = 8), the downstream node must return a single wavelength label as specified in [\[GMPLS-SIG\]](#).
5. When requesting multiple ODUk LSP (i.e. with a multiplier (MT) value > 1), an explicit list of labels is returned to the requestor node.

When the downstream node receives a request for a 4 x ODU1 signal (Signal Type = 1, NMC = 1 and MT = 4) multiplexed into a ODU3, it returns an ordered list of four labels to the upstream node: the first ODU1 label corresponding to the first signal of the LSP, the second ODU1 label corresponding to the second signal of the LSP, etc. For instance, the corresponding labels can take the following values:

- First ODU1: t3=2, t2=0, t1=0 (in first TS of ODTUG3)
- Second ODU1: t3=10, t2=0, t1=0 (in ninth TS of ODTUG3)
- Third ODU1: t3=7, t2=0, t1=0 (in sixth TS of ODTUG3)
- Fourth ODU1: t3=6, t2=0, t1=0 (in fifth TS of ODTUG3)

6. Signalling Protocol Extensions

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This section specifies the [\[GMPLS-RSVP\]](#) and [\[GMPLS-LDP\]](#) protocol extensions needed to accommodate G.709 traffic parameters.

6.1 RSVP-TE Details

For RSVP-TE, the G.709 traffic parameters are carried in the G.709 SENDER_TSPEC and FLOWSPEC objects. The same format is used both for SENDER_TSPEC object and FLOWSPEC objects. The content of the objects is defined above in [Section 3.2](#). The objects have the following class and type for G.709:

- G.709 SENDER_TSPEC Object: Class = 12, C-Type = TBA
- G.709 FLOWSPEC Object: Class = 9, C-Type = TBA

There is no Adspec associated with the SONET/SDH SENDER_TSPEC. Either the Adspec is omitted or an Int-serv Adspec with the Default General Characterization Parameters and Guaranteed Service fragment is used, see [[RFC2210](#)].

For a particular sender in a session the contents of the FLOWSPEC object received in a Resv message SHOULD be identical to the contents of the SENDER_TSPEC object received in the corresponding Path message. If the objects do not match, a ResvErr message with a "Traffic Control Error/Bad Flowspec value" error SHOULD be generated.

6.2 CR-LDP Details

For CR-LDP, the G.709 traffic parameters are carried in the G.709 Traffic Parameters TLV. The content of the TLV is defined in [Section 3.2](#). The header of the TLV has the following format:

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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The type field indicates G.709 traffic parameters: 0xTBA

7. Security Considerations

This draft introduces no new security considerations to either [GMPLS-RSVP] or [GMPLS-LDP]. GMPLS security is described in section 11 of [GMPLS-SIG], in [RFC-3212] and in [RFC-3209].

8. IANA Considerations

IANA assigns values to RSVP-TE objects (see [RFC-3209]) and CR-LDP (see [RFC-3212]).

Two C-Type values have to be assigned by IANA for the following RSVP objects:

- G.709 SENDER_TSPEC object: Class = 12, C-Type = TBA (see Section

- 6.1).
- G.709 FLOWSPEC object: Class = 9, C-Type = TBA (see [Section 6.1](#)).

This draft also uses the LDP [[RFC 3031](#)] name spaces, which require assignment of the Type field for the following TLV:

- G.709 Traffic Parameters TLV (see [section 6.2](#)).

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Appendix 1 - Abbreviations

BSNT	Bit Stream without Octet Timing
BSOT	Bit Stream with Octet Timing
CBR	Constant Bit Rate
ESCON	Enterprise Systems Connection
FC	Fiber Channel
FEC	Forward Error Correction
FICON	Fiber Connector
FSC	Fiber Switch Capable
GFP	Generic Framing Procedure
LSC	Lambda Switch Capable
LSP	Label Switched Path

MS	Multiplex Section
naOH	non-associated Overhead
NMC	Number of Multiplexed Components
NNI	Network-to-Network interface
NVC	Number of Virtual Components
OCC	Optical Channel Carrier
OCG	Optical Carrier Group
OCh	Optical Channel (with full functionality)
OChr	Optical Channel (with reduced functionality)
ODTUG	Optical Data Tributary Unit Group
ODU	Optical Channel Data Unit
OH	Overhead
OMS	Optical Multiplex Section
OMU	Optical Multiplex Unit
OOS	OTM Overhead Signal
OPS	Optical Physical Section
OPU	Optical Channel Payload Unit
OSC	Optical Supervisory Channel
OTH	Optical transport hierarchy
OTM	Optical transport module
OTN	Optical transport network
OTS	Optical transmission section
OTU	Optical Channel Transport Unit
OTUkV	Functionally Standardized OTUk
PPP	Point to Point Protocol
PSC	Packet Switch Capable
RES	Reserved
RS	Regenerator Section
TDM	Time Division Multiplex
UNI	User-to-Network Interface

Appendix 2 û G.709 Indexes

- Index k: The index "k" is used to represent a supported bit rate and the different versions of OPUk, ODUk and OTUk. k=1 represents an approximate bit rate of 2.5 Gbit/s, k=2 represents an approximate bit rate of 10 Gbit/s, k = 3 an approximate bit rate of 40 Gbit/s and k = 4 an approximate bit rate of 160 Gbit/s (under definition). The exact bit-rate values are in kbits/s:

. OPU: k=1: 2 488 320.000, k=2: 9 995 276.962, k=3: 40 150 519.322

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. ODU: k=1: 2 498 775.126, k=2: 10 037 273.924, k=3: 40 319 218.983
. OTU: k=1: 2 666 057.143, k=2: 10 709 225.316, k=3: 43 018 413.559

- Index m: The index "m" is used to represent the bit rate or set of bit rates supported on the interface. This is a one or more digit

ôkô, where each ôkô represents a particular bit rate. The valid values for m are (1, 2, 3, 12, 23, 123).

- Index n: The index "n" is used to represent the order of the OTM, OTS, OMS, OPS, OCG and OMU. This index represents the maximum number of wavelengths that can be supported at the lowest bit rate supported on the wavelength. It is possible that a reduced number of higher bit rate wavelengths are supported. The case n=0 represents a single channel without a specific wavelength assigned to the channel.

- Index r: The index "r", if present, is used to indicate a reduced functionality OTM, OCG, OCC and OCh (non-associated overhead is not supported). Note that for n=0 the index r is not required as it implies always reduced functionality.

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