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Abstract

A wavelength switched optical network (WSON) requires that certain key information elements are made available to facilitate path computation and the establishment of label switching paths (LSPs). The information model described in "Routing and Wavelength Assignment Information for Wavelength Switched Optical Networks" shows what information is required at specific points in the WSON. Part of the WSON information model contains aspects that may be of general applicability to other technologies, while other parts are fairly specific to WSONs.

This document provides efficient, protocol-agnostic encodings for the WSON specific information elements. It is intended that protocol-specific documents will reference this memo to describe how information is carried for specific uses. Such encodings can be used to extend GMPLS signaling and routing protocols. In addition these encodings could be used by other mechanisms to convey this same information to a path computation element (PCE).

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 RFC-2119 [RFC2119].

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Introduction

A Wavelength Switched Optical Network (WSON) is a Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM) optical network in which switching is performed selectively based on the center wavelength of an optical signal.

[WSON-Frame] describes a framework for Generalized Multiprotocol Label Switching (GMPLS) and Path Computation Element (PCE) control of

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a WSON. Based on this framework, [WSON-Info] describes an information model that specifies what information is needed at various points in a WSON in order to compute paths and establish Label Switched Paths (LSPs).

This document provides efficient encodings of information needed by the routing and wavelength assignment (RWA) process in a WSON. Such encodings can be used to extend GMPLS signaling and routing protocols. In addition these encodings could be used by other mechanisms to convey this same information to a path computation element (PCE). Note that since these encodings are relatively efficient they can provide more accurate analysis of the control plane communications/processing load for WSONs looking to utilize a GMPLS control plane.

Note that encodings of information needed by the routing and label assignment process applicable to general networks beyond WSON are addressed in a separate document [Gen-Encode].

1.1. Revision History

1.1.1. Changes from 00 draft

Edits to make consistent with update to [Otani], i.e., removal of sign bit.

Clarification of TBD on connection matrix type and possibly numbering.

New sections for wavelength converter pool encoding: Wavelength Converter Set Sub-TLV, Wavelength Converter Accessibility Sub-TLV, Wavelength Conversion Range Sub-TLV, WC Usage State Sub-TLV.

Added optional wavelength converter pool TLVs to the composite node TLV.

1.1.2. Changes from 01 draft

The encoding examples have been moved to an appendix. Classified and corrected information elements as either reusable fields or sub-TLVs. Updated Port Wavelength Restriction sub-TLV. Added available wavelength and shared backup wavelength sub-TLVs. Changed the title and scope of section 6 to recommendations since the higher level TLVs that this encoding will be used in is somewhat protocol specific.

1.1.3. Changes from 02 draft

Removed inconsistent text concerning link local identifiers and the link set field.

Added E bit to the Wavelength Converter Set Field.

Added bidirectional connectivity matrix example. Added simple link set example. Edited examples for consistency.

1.1.4. Changes from 03 draft

Removed encodings for general concepts to [Gen-Encode].

Added in WSON signal compatibility and processing capability information encoding.

1.1.5. Changes from 04 draft

Added encodings to deal with access to resource blocks via shared fiber.

1.1.6. Changes from 05 draft

Revised the encoding for the "shared access" indicators to only use one bit each for ingress and egress.

1.1.7. Changes from 06 draft

Removed section on "WSON Encoding Usage Recommendations"

2. Terminology

CWDM: Coarse Wavelength Division Multiplexing.

DWDM: Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing.

FOADM: Fixed Optical Add/Drop Multiplexer.

ROADM: Reconfigurable Optical Add/Drop Multiplexer. A reduced port count wavelength selective switching element featuring ingress and egress line side ports as well as add/drop side ports.

RWA: Routing and Wavelength Assignment.

Wavelength Conversion. The process of converting an information bearing optical signal centered at a given wavelength to one with "equivalent" content centered at a different wavelength. Wavelength conversion can be implemented via an optical-electronic-optical (OEO) process or via a strictly optical process.

WDM: Wavelength Division Multiplexing.

Wavelength Switched Optical Network (WSON): A WDM based optical network in which switching is performed selectively based on the center wavelength of an optical signal.

3. Resource Accessibility/Availability

In this section we define the sub-TLVs for dealing with accessibility and availability of resource blocks. These include the ResourceBlockAccessibility, ResourceWaveConstraints, and RBPoolState sub-TLVs. All these sub-TLVs are concerned with sets of resources.

In a WSON node that includes resource blocks (RB) we will want to denote subsets these blocks to efficiently describe common properties the blocks and to describe the structure, if non-trivial, of the resource pool. The RB Set field is defined in a similar manner to the label set concept of [RFC3471].

The information carried in a RB set field is defined by:

| 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 |
| +-+-+ | +-+-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+-+ |
| | Action E C | Reserved | 1 | Length | 1 |
| +-+-+ | +-+-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+-+ |
| | RB Identifier | L | 1 | RB Identifier | 2 |
| +-+-+ | +-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+-+ |
| : | | | : | | : |
| +-+-+ | +-+-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+-+ |
| | RB Identifier n | า-1 | 1 | RB Identifier | n |
| +-+-+ | +-+-+-+- | ·-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+-+ |

Action: 8 bits

0 - Inclusive List

Indicates that the TLV contains one or more RB elements that are included in the list.

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2 - Inclusive Range

Indicates that the TLV contains a range of RBs. The object/TLV contains two WC elements. The first element indicates the start of the range. The second element indicates the end of the range. A value of zero indicates that there is no bound on the corresponding portion of the range.

E (Even bit): Set to 0 denotes an odd number of RB identifiers in the list (last entry zero pad); Set to 1 denotes an even number of RB identifiers in the list (no zero padding).

C (Connectivity bit): Set to 0 to denote fixed (possibly multicast) connectivity; Set to 1 to denote potential (switched) connectivity. Used in resource pool accessibility sub-TLV. Ignored elsewhere.

Reserved: 6 bits

This field is reserved. It MUST be set to zero on transmission and MUST be ignored on receipt.

Length: 16 bits

The total length of this field in bytes.

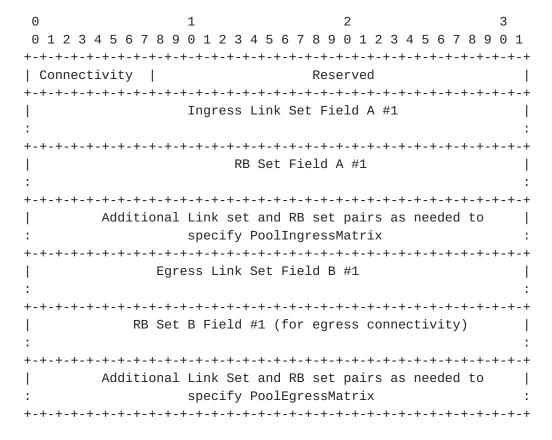
RB Identifier:

The RB identifier represents the ID of the resource block which is a 16 bit integer.

3.1. Block Accessibility Sub-TLV

This sub-TLV describes the structure of the resource pool in relation to the switching device. In particular it indicates the ability of an ingress port to reach a resource block and of a resource block to reach a particular egress port. This is the PoolIngressMatrix and PoolEgressMatrix of [WSON-Info].

The resource block accessibility sub-TLV is defined by:



Where

Connectivity indicates how the ingress/egress ports connect to the resource blocks.

- 0 -- the device is fixed (e.g. a connected port must go through the resource block)
- 1 -- the device is switched(e.g., a port can be configured to go through a resource but isn't required)

The Link Set Field is defined in [Gen-Encode].

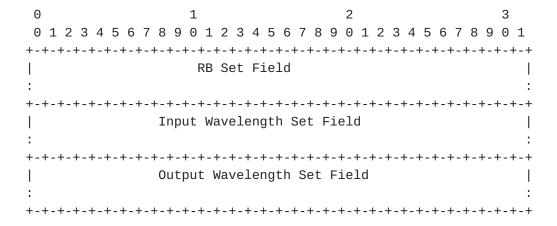
Note that the direction parameter within the Link Set Field is used to indicate whether the link set is an ingress or egress link set, and the bidirectional value for this parameter is not permitted in this sub-TLV.

See Appendix A.1 for an illustration of this encoding.

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3.2. Wavelength Constraints Sub-TLV

Resources, such as wavelength converters, etc., may have a limited input or output wavelength ranges. Additionally, due to the structure of the optical system not all wavelengths can necessarily reach or leave all the resources. These properties are described by using one or more resource wavelength restrictions sub-TLVs as defined below:



RB Set Field:

A set of resource blocks (RBs) which have the same wavelength restrictions.

Input Wavelength Set Field:

Indicates the wavelength input restrictions of the RBs in the corresponding RB set.

Output Wavelength Set Field:

Indicates the wavelength output restrictions of RBs in the corresponding RB set.

3.3. Block Pool State Sub-TLV

The usage state of a resource is encoded as either a list of 16 bit integer values or a bit map indicating whether a single resource is available or in use. This information can be relatively dynamic, i.e., can change when a connection is established or torn down.

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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 |
| +-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+-+- | -+-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+ |
| Action | Reserved | | - 1 |
| +-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+ |
| 1 | RB Set Field | | - 1 |
| : | | | : |
| +-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+-+-+-+-+ | +-+ |
| RE | 3 Usage state | | - 1 |
| : | | | : |
| +-+-+-+- | | -+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+ | +-+-+ |

Where Action = 0 denotes a list of 16 bit integers and Action = 1 denotes a bit map. In both cases the elements of the RB Set field are in a one-to-one correspondence with the values in the usage RB usage state area.

| Θ | 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 |
| +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+ | +-+-+-+ | -+-+-+ | +-+ | -+-+ |
| Action = 0 | Reserved | | | | | - 1 |
| +-+-+-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+ | +-+-+-+ | -+-+-+ | +-+ | +-+ |
| | RB Set Fiel | d | | | | - 1 |
| : | | | | | | : |
| +-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+ | +-+-+-+ | -+-+-+ | +-+ | -+-+ |
| RI | B#1 state | RE | 3#2 state | ! | | - 1 |
| +-+-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+ | +-+-+-+ | -+-+-+ | +-+ | -+-+ |
| : | | | | | | : |
| +-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+ | +-+-+-+ | -+-+-+ | +-+ | -+-+ |
| RBa | #n-1 state | RB#n | state or | Padding | 3 | - 1 |
| +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+ | +-+-+-+ | -+-+-+ | +-+ | +-+ |

Whether the last 16 bits is a wavelength converter (RB) state or padding is determined by the number of elements in the RB set field.



RB Usage state: Variable Length but must be a multiple of 4 byes.

Each bit indicates the usage status of one RB with 0 indicating the RB is available and 1 indicating the RB is in used. The sequence of the bit map is ordered according to the RB Set field with this sub-TLV.

Padding bits: Variable Length

3.4. Block Shared Access Wavelength Availability sub-TLV

Resources blocks may be accessed via a shared fiber. If this is the case then wavelength availability on these shared fiber is needed to understand resource availability.

```
2
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 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
Resource Block ID
             |I|E|
                    Reserved
Ingress Available Wavelength Set Field
Egress Available Wavelength Set Field
```

Resource Block ID:

The 16 bit integer used to identify a particular resource block.

I bit:

Indicates whether the ingress available wavelength set field is included (1) or not (0).

E bit:

Indicates whether the egress available wavelength set field is included (1) or not (0).

Ingress Available Wavelength Set Field:

Indicates the wavelengths currently available (not being used) on the ingress fiber to this resource block.

Egress Available Wavelength Set Field:

Indicates the wavelengths currently available (not being used) on the egress fiber from this resource block.

4. Resource Properties Encoding

Within a WSON network element (NE) there may be resources with signal compatibility constraints. Such resources typically come in "blocks" which contain a group on identical and indistinguishable individual resources. These resource blocks may consist of regenerators, wavelength converters, etc... Such resource blocks may also constitute the network element as a whole as in the case of an electro optical switch. In this section we primarily focus on the signal compatibility and processing properties of such a resource block, i.e., <ResourceBlockInfo> of section Error! Reference source not found. the accessibility aspects of a resource in a shared pool, except for the shared access indicators, were encoded in the previous section.

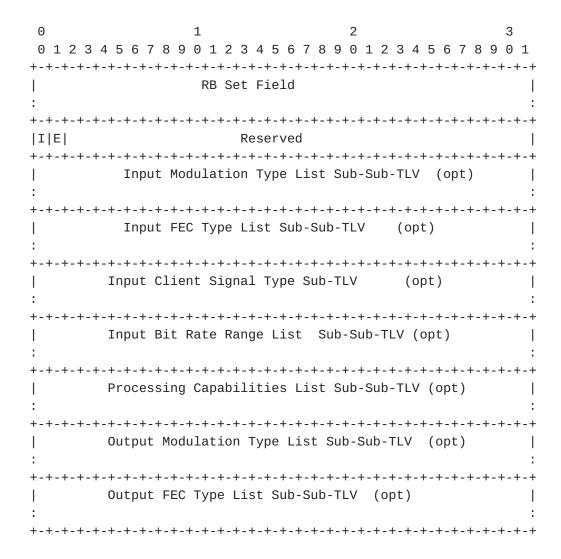
The fundamental properties of a resource block, such as a regenerator or wavelength converter, are:

- (b)Processing capabilities (number of resources in a block, regeneration, performance monitoring, vendor specific)
- (c)Output Constraints (shared egress, modulation, FEC)

4.1. Resource Block Information Sub-TLV

Resource Block descriptor sub-TLVs are used to convey relatively static information about individual resource blocks including the resource block properties of <u>section 3</u>. and the number of resources in a block.

This sub-TLV has the following format:



Where I and E, the shared ingress/egress indicator, is set to 1 if the resource blocks identified in the RB set field utilized a shared fiber for ingress/egress access and set to 0 otherwise.

4.2. Input Modulation Format List Sub-Sub-TLV

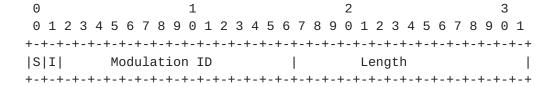
This sub-TLV contains a list of acceptable input modulation formats.

Type := Input Modulation Format List

Value:= A list of Modulation Format Fields

4.2.1. Modulation Format Field

Two different types of modulation format fields are defined: a standard modulation field and a vendor specific modulation field. Both start with the same 32 bit header shown below.



Where S bit set to 1 indicates a standardized modulation format and S bit set to 0 indicates a vendor specific modulation format. The length is the length in bytes of the entire modulation type field.

Where I bit set to 1 indicates it is an input modulation constraint and I bit set to 0 indicates it is an output modulation constraint.

Note that if an output modulation is not specified then it is implied that it is the same as the input modulation. In such case, no modulation conversion is performed.

The format for the standardized type for the input modulation is given by:

```
0
            1
                                    3
\begin{smallmatrix} 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 \\ \end{smallmatrix}
|1|1| Modulation ID | Length
Possible additional modulation parameters depending upon
the modulation ID
```

Modulation ID (S bit = 1); Input modulation (I bit = 1)

Takes on the following currently defined values:

- 0 Reserved
- optical tributary signal class NRZ 1.25G 1

- 2 optical tributary signal class NRZ 2.5G
- 4 optical tributary signal class NRZ 40G
- 5 optical tributary signal class RZ 40G

Note that future modulation types may require additional parameters in their characterization.

The format for vendor specific modulation field (for input constraint) is given by:

Vendor Modulation ID

This is a vendor assigned identifier for the modulation type.

Enterprise Number

A unique identifier of an organization encoded as a 32-bit integer. Enterprise Numbers are assigned by IANA and managed through an IANA registry [RFC2578].

Vendor Specific Additional parameters

There can be potentially additional parameters characterizing the vendor specific modulation.

4.3. Input FEC Type List Sub-Sub-TLV

This sub-TLV contains a list of acceptable FEC types.

Type := Input FEC Type field List

Value:= A list of FEC type Fields

4.3.1. FEC Type Field

The FEC type Field may consist of two different formats of fields: a standard FEC field or a vendor specific FEC field. Both start with the same 32 bit header shown below.

| 0 | 1 | 2 | | 3 |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------|
| 0 1 2 3 4 5 | 6 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 |
| +-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+ |
| S I F | EC ID | I | Length | |
| +-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+ | +-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+ |
| Possible | additional FEC par | rameters depe | ending upon | |
| +-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+- | +-+-+ | +-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+ |
| : the FEC | ID | | | : |
| +-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+ |

Where S bit set to 1 indicates a standardized FEC format and S bit set to 0 indicates a vendor specific FEC format. The length is the length in bytes of the entire FEC type field.

Where I bit set to 1 indicates it is an input FEC constraint and I bit set to 0 indicates it is an output FEC constraint.

Note that if an output FEC is not specified then it is implied that it is the same as the input FEC. In such case, no FEC conversion is performed.

The length is the length in bytes of the entire FEC type field.

The format for input standard FEC field is given by:

| Θ | 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 | | |
| +-+-+-+ | -+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+ | | |
| 1 1 | FEC ID | 1 | Length | 1 | | |
| +- | | | | | | |
| Possible additional FEC parameters depending upon | | | | | | |
| +- | | | | | | |
| : the F | EC ID | | | : | | |
| +-+-+-+ | -+-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+ | | |

Takes on the following currently defined values for the standard FEC ID:

- 0 Reserved
- 1 G.709 RS FEC
- 2 G.709V compliant Ultra FEC
- 3 G.975.1 Concatenated FEC
 (RS(255,239)/CSOC(n0/k0=7/6,J=8))
- 4 G.975.1 Concatenated FEC (BCH(3860,3824)/BCH(2040,1930))
- 5 G.975.1 Concatenated FEC (RS(1023, 1007)/BCH(2407, 1952))
- 6 G.975.1 Concatenated FEC (RS(1901,1855)/Extended Hamming Product Code (512,502)X(510,500))
- 7 G.975.1 LDPC Code
- 8 G.975.1 Concatenated FEC (Two orthogonally concatenated BCH codes)
- 9 G.975.1 RS(2720,2550)
- 10 G.975.1 Concatenated FEC (Two interleaved extended BCH (1020,988) codes)

Where RS stands for Reed-Solomon and BCH for Bose-Chaudhuri-Hocquengham.

The format for input vendor-specific FEC field is given by:

Vendor FFC TD

This is a vendor assigned identifier for the FEC type.

Enterprise Number

A unique identifier of an organization encoded as a 32-bit integer. Enterprise Numbers are assigned by IANA and managed through an IANA registry [RFC2578].

Vendor Specific Additional FEC parameters

There can be potentially additional parameters characterizing the vendor specific FEC.

4.4. Input Bit Range List Sub-Sub-TLV

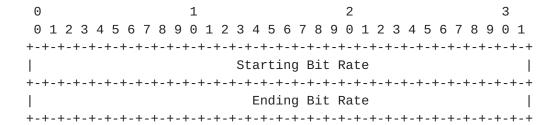
This sub-TLV contains a list of acceptable input bit rate ranges.

Type := Input Bit Range List

Value:= A list of Bit Range Fields

4.4.1. Bit Range Field

The bit rate range list sub-TLV makes use of the following bit rate range field:



The starting and ending bit rates are given as 32 bit IEEE floating point numbers in bits per second. Note that the starting bit rate is less than or equal to the ending bit rate.

The bit rate range list sub-TLV is then given by:

```
0
         1
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
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+ Bit Range Field #1 +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+ Bit Range Field #M +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
```

4.5. Input Client Signal List Sub-Sub-TLV

This sub-TLV contains a list of acceptable input client signal types.

Type := Input Client Signal List

Value:= A list of GPIDs

The acceptable client signal list sub-TLV is a list of Generalized Protocol Identifiers (GPIDs). GPIDs are assigned by IANA and many are defined in [RFC3471] and [RFC4328].

| 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 | |
| +-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+ | +-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+-+-+ | +-+-+-+ | |
| Numb | er of GPIDs | I | GPID #1 | | |
| +-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+-+-+ | +-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+-+-+ | +-+-+-+ | |
| : | | 1 | | : | |
| +- | | | | | |
| | GPID #N | 1 | | 1 | |
| +-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+ | +-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+-+-+ | +-+-+-+ | |

Where the number of GPIDs is an integer greater than or equal to one.

4.6. Processing Capability List Sub-Sub-TLV

This sub-TLV contains a list of resource block processing capabilities.

Type := Processing Capabilities List

Value:= A list of Processing Capabilities Fields

The processing capability list sub-TLV is a list of WSON network element (NE) that can perform signal processing functions including:

- 1. Number of Resources within the block
- 2. Regeneration capability
- 3. Fault and performance monitoring
- 4. Vendor Specific capability

Note that the code points for Fault and performance monitoring and vendor specific capability are subject to further study.

4.6.1. Processing Capabilities Field

The processing capability field is then given by:

0 2 3 1 $\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 0 & 1 \\ \end{smallmatrix}$ Processing Cap ID | Length Possible additional capability parameters depending upon | the processing ID

When the processing Cap ID is "number of resources" the format is simply:

0 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 Processing Cap ID | Length = 8 Number of resources per block

When the processing Cap ID is "regeneration capability", the following additional capability parameters are provided in the sub-TLV:

0 3 1 2 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 | T | C | Reserved

Where T bit indicates the type of regenerator:

T=0: Reserved

T=1: 1R Regenerator

T=2: 2R Regenerator

T=3: 3R Regenerator

Where C bit indicates the capability of regenerator:

C=0: Reserved

C=1: Fixed Regeneration Point

C=2: Selective Regeneration Point

Note that when the capability of regenerator is indicated to be Selective Regeneration Pools, regeneration pool properties such as ingress and egress restrictions and availability need to be specified. This encoding is to be determined in the later revision.

4.7. Output Modulation Format List Sub-Sub-TLV

This sub-TLV contains a list of available output modulation formats.

Type := Output Modulation Format List

Value:= A list of Modulation Format Fields

4.8. Output FEC Type List Sub-Sub-TLV

This sub-TLV contains a list of output FEC types.

Type := Output FEC Type field List

Value:= A list of FEC type Fields

5. Security Considerations

This document defines protocol-independent encodings for WSON information and does not introduce any security issues.

However, other documents that make use of these encodings within protocol extensions need to consider the issues and risks associated with, inspection, interception, modification, or spoofing of any of this information. It is expected that any such documents will describe the necessary security measures to provide adequate protection.

6. IANA Considerations

TBD. Once our approach is finalized we may need identifiers for the various sub-sub-TLVs.

7. Acknowledgments

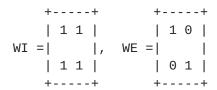
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APPENDIX A: Encoding Examples

A.1. Wavelength Converter Accessibility Sub-TLV

Example:

Figure 1 shows a wavelength converter pool architecture know as "shared per fiber". In this case the ingress and egress pool matrices are simply:



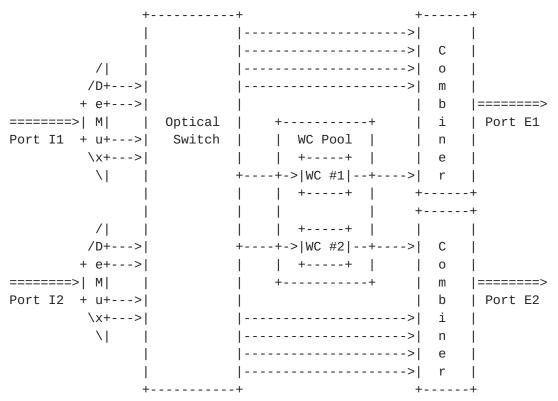


Figure 1 An optical switch featuring a shared per fiber wavelength converter pool architecture.

This wavelength converter pool can be encoded as follows:

| 0 | | 1 | | 2 | | | 3 | |
|--|--|-------------|---------|--------|----------|-----------|------------|--|
| | | 0 1 2 3 4 5 | | | | | | |
| | | -+-+-+-+- | | | | +-+-+- | +-+-+ | |
| Connectiv | Connectivity=1 Reserved Note: I1,I2 can connect to either WC1 or WC2 | | | | | | | |
| +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+- | | | | | | | | |
| Action=0 | 0 1 | 0 0 0 0 0 0 | | | Length : | = 12 | | |
| +- | | | | | | | | |
| Link Local Identifier = #1 | | | | | | | | |
| Link Local Identifier = #2 | | | | | | | | |
| +-+-+-+ | -+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+-+- | | | | +-+-+- | +-+-+ | |
| Action=0 | 1 | Reserved | | | Length : | = 8 | | |
| +-+-+-+-+ | | -+-+-+-+- | | | | +-+-+- | -+-+-+ | |
| 1 | RB ID = # | | • | | D = #2 | | | |
| +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+- | | | | | | | | |
| +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+- | | | | | | | | |
| Action=0 | | Reserved | • | | Length : | | | |
| +-+-+-+-+ | | -+-+-+- | +-+-+-· | | | +-+-+- | -+-+-+ | |
| RB ID = #1 zero padding | | | | | | +-+-+ | | |
| | | 0 0 0 0 0 0 | | | | | _,_,_, | |
| • | | -+-+-+- | | | ū | | -+-+-+ | |
| Link Local Identifier = #1 | | | | | | | | |
| Note: WC2 con only connect to F2 | | | | | | | | |
| Note: WC2 can only connect to E2 | | | | | | | | |
| Action=0 | 0 | | | | Length : | = 8 | | |
| +-+-+-+-+ | | -+-+-+- | | | | +-+-+- | -+-+-+ | |
| 1 | RB ID = # | | • | | padding | | | |
| | | 0 0 0 0 0 0 | | | | | -+-+-+ | |
| • | | -+-+-+-+- | | | ŭ | | ' +-+-+ | |
| Link Local Identifier = #2 | | | | | | | | |
| +-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+-+- | +-+-+- | +-+-+- | +-+-+- | +-+-+- | -+-+-+ | |

A.2. Wavelength Conversion Range Sub-TLV

Example:

We give an example based on figure 1 about how to represent the wavelength conversion range of wavelength converters. Suppose the

wavelength range of input and output of WC1 and WC2 are {L1, L2, L3, L4}:

```
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
        Note: WC Set
| Action=0 |1| Reserved | Length = 8
WC ID = #1 | WC ID = #2
Note: wavelength input range
2 | Num Wavelengths = 4
               Lenath = 8
           |Grid | C.S. | Reserved | n for lowest frequency = 1 |
Note: wavelength output range
| 2 | Num Wavelengths = 4 |
               Length = 8
|Grid | C.S. | Reserved | n for lowest frequency = 1 |
```

A.3. An OEO Switch with DWDM Optics

In Figure 2 we show an electronic switch fabric surrounded by DWDM optics. In this example the electronic fabric can can handle either G.709 or SDH signals only (2.5 or 10 Gbps). To describe this node we have the potential information:

```
<Node_Info> ::= <Node_ID>[Other GMPLS sub-
TLVs][<ConnectivityMatrix>...] [<ResourcePool>][<RBPoolState>]
```

In this case there is complete port to port connectivity so the <ConnectivityMatrix> is not required. In addition since there are sufficient ports to handle all wavelength signals we will not need the <RBPoolState> element.

Hence our attention will be focused on the <ResourcePool> sub-TLV:

```
<ResourcePool> ::=
<ResourceBlockInfo>[<ResourceBlockAccessibility>...][<ResourceWaveCon</pre>
straints>...]
```

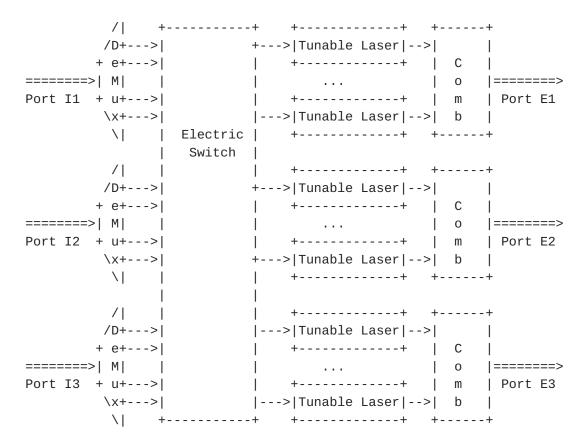
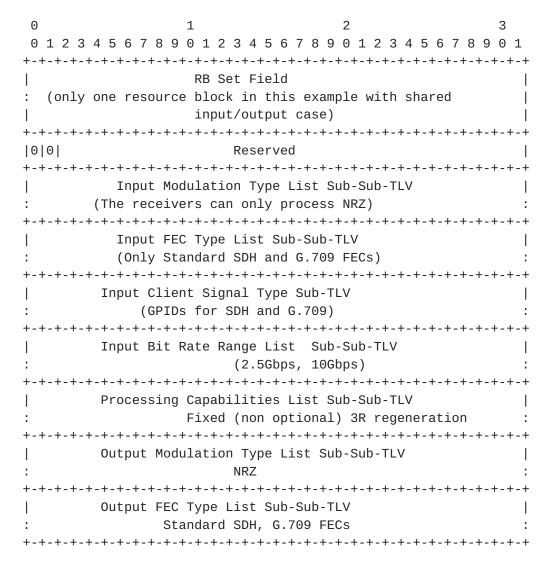


Figure 2 An optical switch built around an electronic switching fabric.

The resource block information will tell us about the processing constraints of the receivers, transmitters and the electronic switch. The resource availability information, although very simple, tells us that all signals must traverse the electronic fabric (fixed connectivity). The resource wavelength constraints are not needed since there are no special wavelength constraints for the resources that would not appear as port/wavelength constraints.

<ResourceBlockInfo>:



Since we have fixed connectivity to resource block (the electronic switch) we get <ResourceBlockAccessibility>:

| 0 | 1 | 2 | | | 3 | | | | |
|-------------|---|------------------|-------------|--------|-----|--|--|--|--|
| 0 1 2 3 4 5 | 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 | 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 | 2 3 4 5 6 | 7 8 9 | 0 1 | | | | |
| +-+-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+-+- | -+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+ | +-+ | | | | |
| Connectivit | y=1 Reserved | | | | | | | | |
| +-+-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+-+-+- | -+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+ | +-+ | | | | |
| | Ingress l | _ink Set Field A | 4 #1 | | | | | | |
| : | (All ingress links connect to resource) | | | | | | | | |
| +-+-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+-+- | -+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+ | +-+ | | | | |
| | RB | Set Field A #1 | | | | | | | |
| : | (trivial set or | nly one resource | e block) | | : | | | | |
| +-+-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+-+- | -+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+ | +-+ | | | | |
| | Egress Link S | Set Field B #1 | | | | | | | |
| : | (All egre | ess links connec | ct to resou | rce) | : | | | | |
| +-+-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+-+-+-+- | -+-+-+-+-+- | +-+-+-+-+ | -+-+-+ | +-+ | | | | |

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