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Amendment 1 to Recommendation ITU-T G.872 (2012) describes the use of the black link approach defined in Recommendations ITU-T G.698.1 and ITU-T G.698.2 within the context of an OTN network.

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1) Introduction

This amendment contains extensions to the third version (10/2012) of Recommendation ITU-T G.872 which relate to:

- the use of the black link approach defined in [ITU-T G.698.1] and [ITU-T G.698.2] in the context of an OTN network.

2) Changes

2.1) Additions to clause 4

Add the following abbreviations to clause 4:

OCC Overhead Communications Channel

OCN Overhead Communications Network

2.2) Clause 8.4.2

Replace the text of the first paragraph of clause 8.4.2 with the following:

The media channel is a topological construct that represents both the path through the media and the resource (frequency slot) that it occupies. A media channel is bounded by ports on media elements. A media channel can span any combination of network elements and fibres. A media channel may not be capable of supporting any OCh-P signal. The size of a media channel is specified by its effective frequency slot, which is described by its nominal central frequency and its slot width [ITU-T G.694.1]. The effective frequency slot of a media channel is that part of the frequency slots of the filters along the media channel that is common to all of the filters' frequency slots. The parameters "n" and "m" as defined in clause 7 of [ITU-T G.694.1], are used to describe the effective frequency slot with the exception that n and m (for cases where the n value of the constituent filters' frequency slots are not all the same) may have a granularity of 0.5 rather than being integers. A media channel may be dimensioned to carry more than one OCh-P signal. Also the effective slot width of a media channel may be administratively set to be less than the maximum slot width supported by the filter components on the media channel. A media channel may be configured before it has been decided which OCh-P signals it will be allocated to.

2.3) Clause 10.2.1

Modify the text in the connectivity supervision part of clause 10.2.1 as follows:

Connectivity supervision

Connectivity supervision refers to the set of processes for monitoring the integrity of the routing of the connection between source and sink trail terminations.

Connectivity supervision is necessary to confirm proper routing of a connection between trail termination source and sink during the connection set-up process. Furthermore, connectivity supervision is needed to ensure that connectivity is maintained while the connection is active.

The following process is identified for connectivity supervision:

- Trail trace identification (TTI)

TTI is necessary to ensure that the signal received by a trail termination sink originates from the intended trail termination source. The following requirements are identified:

 - TTI is necessary in the OTS_ME to ensure proper cable connection;
 - TTI is not needed in the OMS_ME because there is a one-to-one relationship between the OTS and the OMS_ME, i.e., media connectivity in the OMS_ME is fixed; therefore, the OMS-P channel is already covered by the OTS-O TTI. Flexible connectivity in the OMS-P channel is not envisaged. TTI at the OCh-P layer is not needed because there is a one-to-one relationship between the OCh-P trail and the OTU trail;
 - TTI is necessary at the OTU layer to ensure proper OCh connections;
 - TTI is necessary at the ODU layer to ensure proper ODU layer connections.

When the OCh-O is carried by an OCN/OCC (see clause 12) it is necessary to carry a TTI and the nominal central frequency of the associated OCh-P with the OCh-O in the OCC to ensure there are no misconnections across the OCN.

Detection of connectivity defects will lead to the same consequent actions as described above for the detection of loss of continuity for the characteristic information.

2.4) Clause 12

Replace clause 12 with the text below:

12 The black link approach

The black link approach is described in [ITU-T G.698.1] and [ITU-T G.698.2]. The specification method used in these Recommendations uses a "black link" approach which means that optical interface parameters for only (single-channel) optical tributary signals and the transfer function of the media path are specified by a set of application codes. Use of a common application code ensures the compatibility of the media path, transmitter and receiver. This approach enables transverse compatibility at the single-channel point using a direct wavelength-multiplexing configuration. However, it does not enable transverse compatibility at the multichannel points.

The black link approach may be used to provide an OCh-P network connection between an OCh source/sink pair as shown in Figure 12-1. The OCh-P network connection is supported by a network media channel that is terminated by an OCh-P source and an OCh-P sink where each of these components may be provided by different vendors but must all be within the domain of a single network operator.

The black link approach provides a media path, which is pre-certified for a particular intra-domain OCh-P, the characteristics of this signal at the S_S and R_S reference points are defined in [ITU-T G.698.1] and [ITU-T G.698.2]. The media path is terminated by an OCh-P termination (which makes it the path that carries an OCh-P network connection) and has no internal structure visible from either termination.

The OCh-O must also be supported; however, in this application it cannot be carried across the complete OCh network connection by the OSC as described in clause 8. To complete the OCh-O connection, it is carried across the interface between the OCh subnetwork and the OCh source/sink by an OCC within the OCN as shown in Figure 12-1.

4.2) Appendix IV

Renumber Appendix IV as Appendix III and renumber Figure IV.1 as Figure III.1.

Modify the text of Appendix III (previously Appendix IV) as follows:

This appendix describes the relationship between the model provided in this Recommendation and the existing functions and processes described in [ITU-T G.798]. Figure ~~IV~~III.1 illustrates that the additions to this Recommendation that support configurable media elements and the ability to manage the media at a granularity that is greater than a single OCh-P have no effect on processes defined in [ITU-T G.798].

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