

# Headroom Measurement Protocol Design

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# To-Do List

- **Ethertype for Qdt**
  - **What EtherType should be used for the round trip delay?**
- **DCBX TLV format design**
  - **Important not to let packet formats and perceived encoding efficiencies to drive the protocol design.**
- **Managed objects**
  - The effort, implementation cost, and purpose of statistic gathering and retention requires careful consideration
- **Timestamp point clarification**
  - Will  $(t_3 - t_2)$  be impacted (variably) by queue delay?
  - further specify  $t_1, t_4$
- **Timestamp accuracy**
  - What is the accuracy of  $t_1, t_4$ ?

# Ethertype for Qdt

## Reuse Qcz (CI) EtherType 89-A2

## Qcz definition

Table 47-1—Layer-2 CIM Encapsulation

	Octet	Length
PDU EtherType (89-A2)	1	2
Version	3	4 bits
Subtype	3	4 bits
CIM PDU	4	65-529

### Subtype:

This field, 4 bits in length, shall be transmitted with the value 0 to indicate an encapsulated CIM PDU. The Subtype field occupies the least significant 4 bits of the first octet of the layer-2 CIM Encapsulation.

Table 47-4—CIM PDU

	Octet	Length
Version	1	4 bits
Reserved	1	3 bits
Add/Del	1	1 bit
destination_address	2	6
source_address	8	6
vlan_identifier	14	12 bits
Encapsulated MSDU length	16	2
Encapsulated MSDU	18	48-512

## Qdt proposal

	Octet	Length
PDU EtherType(89-A2)	1	2
Version	3	4 bits
Subtype	3	4 bits
Headroom Measurement PDU	4	65-529

Subtype 0, CIM

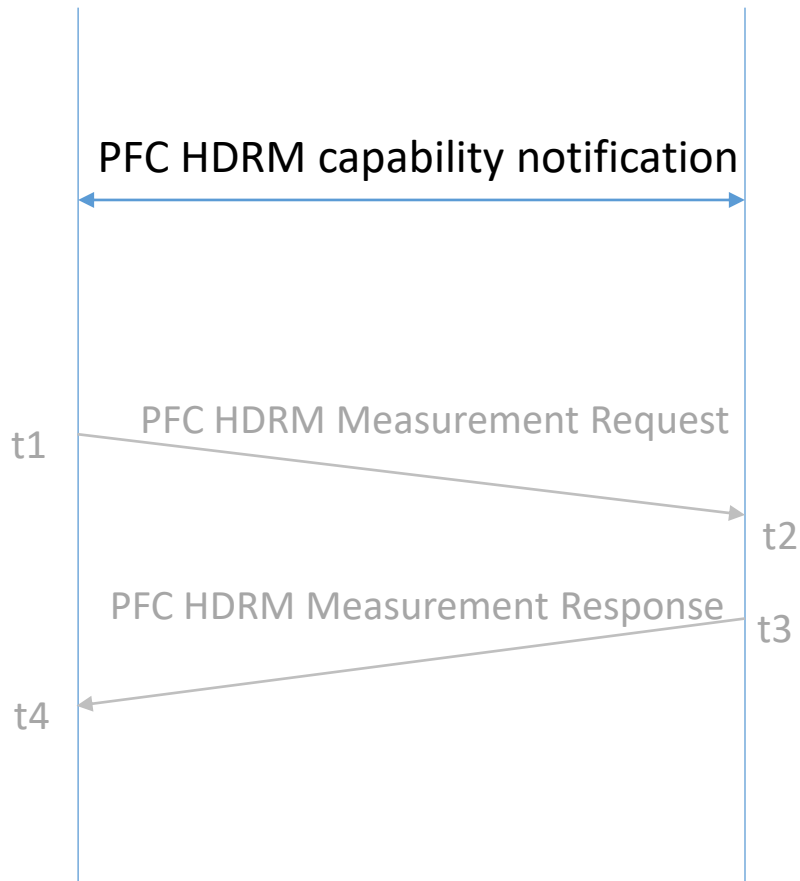
Subtype 1, Headroom Measurement Message

Question:

Is “65-529” too big for headroom measurement PDU?

# DCBX TLV format design

- This is relevant to headroom measurement protocol design



## Phase 1: Capability notification

-- If both sides support PFC HDRM, initiate PFC HDRM Measurement Request, otherwise, stop the procedure.

Non-PTP and PTP-based options add on complexity of phase 1.

- Which option(s) of measurement is supported?
- Which option of measurement will be used?

# DCBX TLV format design

- DCBX mechanism

- DCBX has 3 types of attributes:

- ❑ Informational attributes
    - ❑ Asymmetric attributes
    - ❑ Symmetric attributes

- PFC configuration TLV is sent using symmetric attributes passing.

- ❑ Symmetric attributes: “the passing of a attribute from one port to its peer port with objective of both ports utilizing the same attribute value.”

- ‘Willing’ is important in symmetric attribute passing.

- ❑ “A Willing port shall set its operational attribute to that indicated in the received TLV if the received TLV has the W bit set to zero. If both the local port and remote port are willing, then the attribute values of the port with the lower numerical MAC address shall take precedence.”

## PFC configuration TLV

PFC configuration TLV “**Shall be sent using Symmetric attribute passing**”

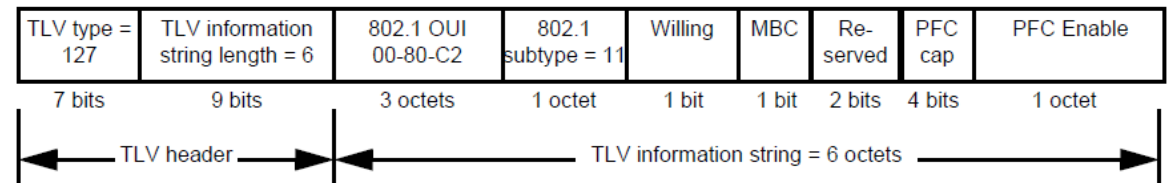


Figure D-10—Priority-based Flow Control Configuration TLV format

## DCBX symmetric attributes

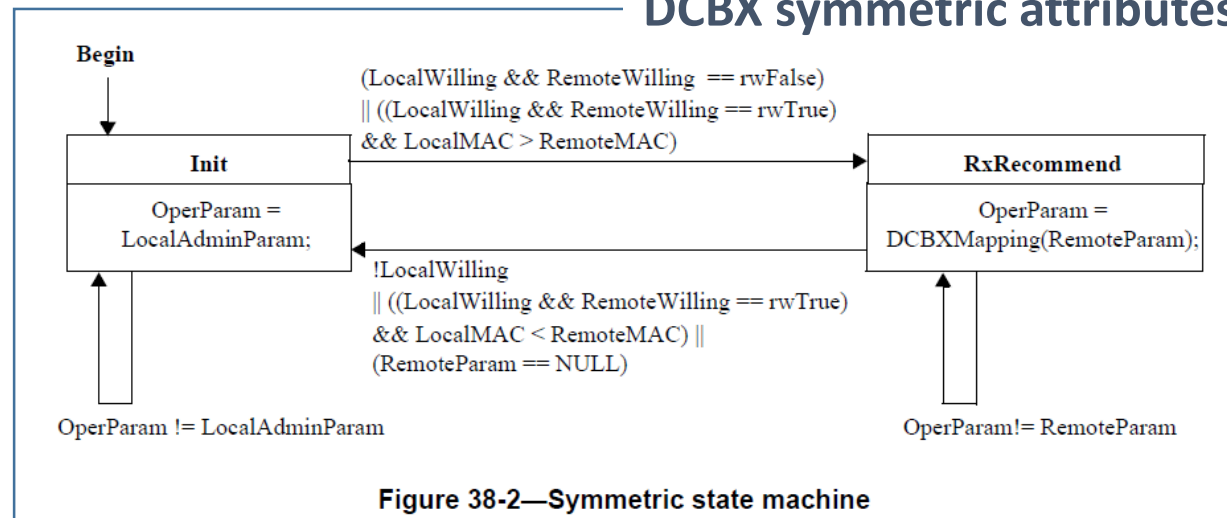


Figure 38-2—Symmetric state machine

# DCBX TLV format design

- Non-PTP measurement required information from phase 1
  - Non-PTP capability and preference of remote

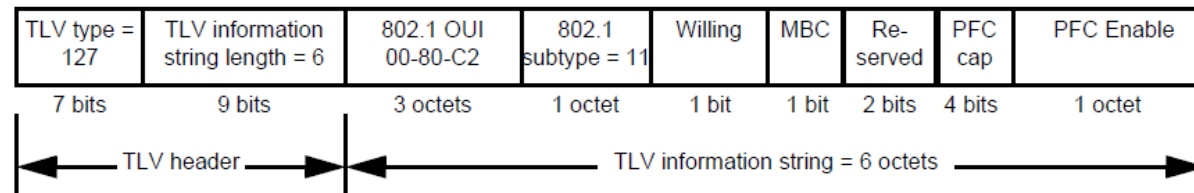
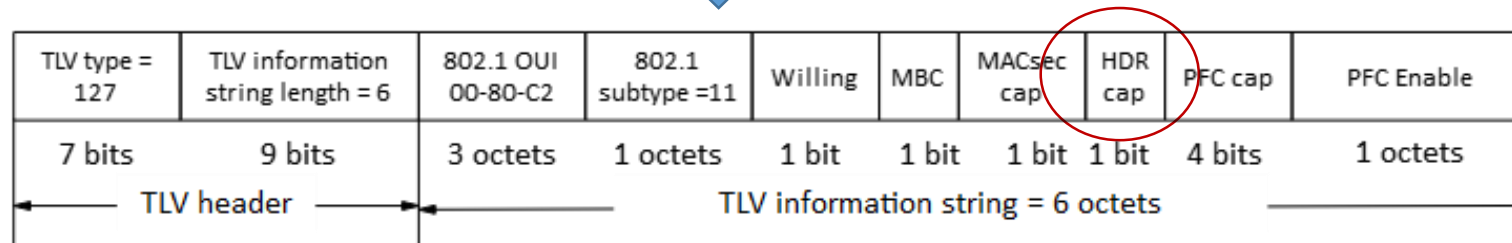


Figure D-10—Priority-based Flow Control Configuration TLV format



Only capability is included in PFC configuration TLV.  
Compensation value will be included in request-response procedure.

# DCBX TLV format design

- PTP-based measurement required information from phase 1
  - PTP-based capability and preference of remote
  - Compensation value (internal processing delay) of remote

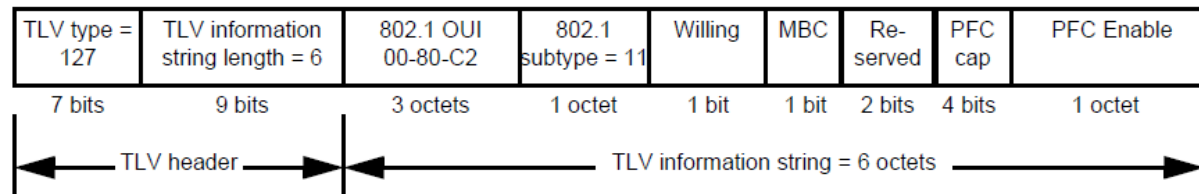
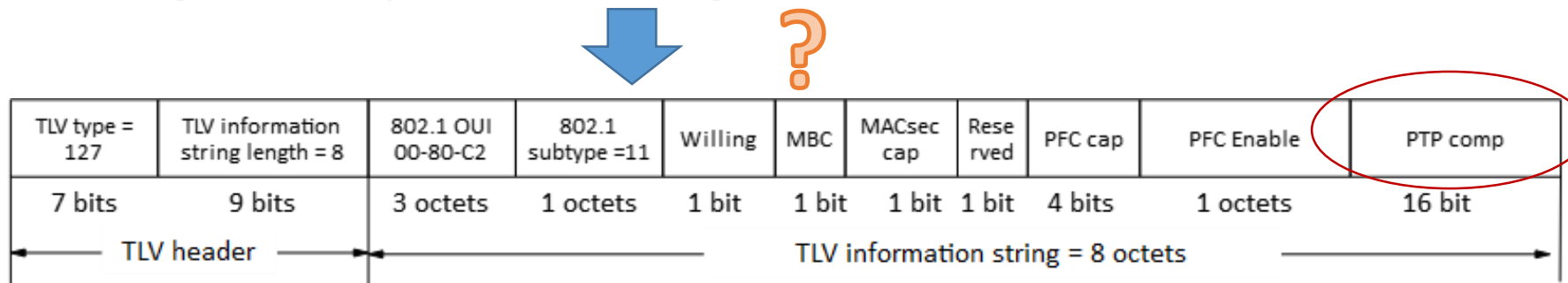


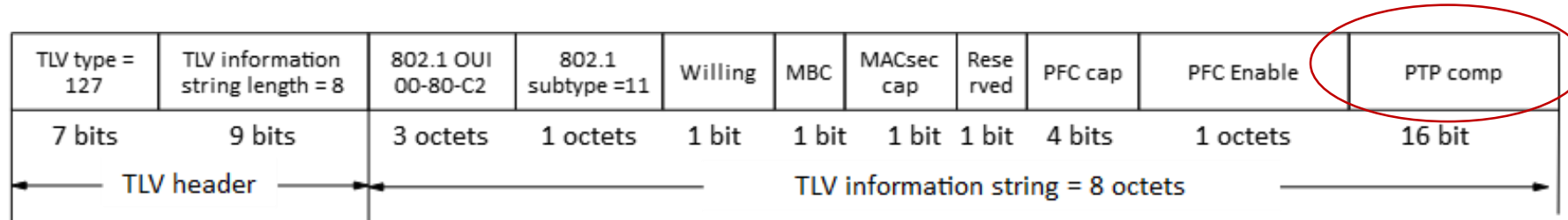
Figure D-10—Priority-based Flow Control Configuration TLV format



PTP comp > 0 , PTP-based measurement is capable, compensation value equals to 'PTP comp'  
PTP comp = 0 , PTP-based measurement is incapable.

# DCBX TLV format design

- PTP-based measurement required information from phase 1



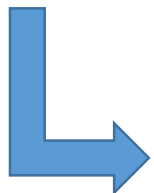
Does it contradict the symmetric attribute passing rule?

Assuming below case.

Local para: W=0, PTP comp = 'a' (>0)

Remote para: W=1, PTP comp = 'b' (>0)

According to symmetric attribute passing rule, local operation parameter of PTP comp will still be 'a'.  
However, what local system really needs to calculate headroom is 'b'.



**PTP-based capability and PTP comp cannot be combined together in PFC configuration TLV.**

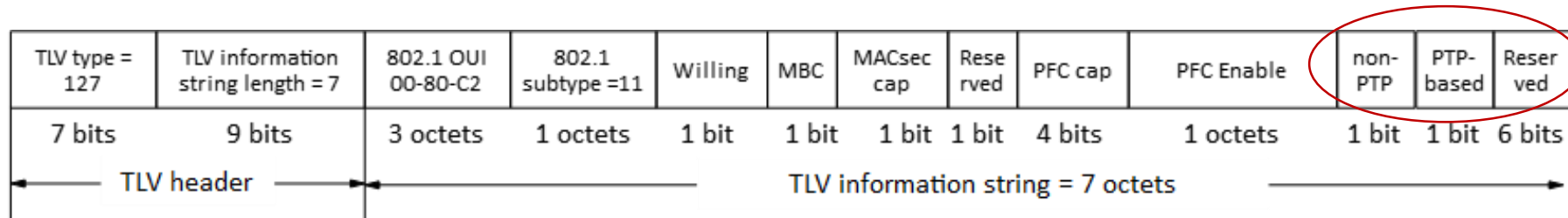
- PTP-based capability is symmetric attribute
- PTP comp is informational attribute



# DCBX TLV format design

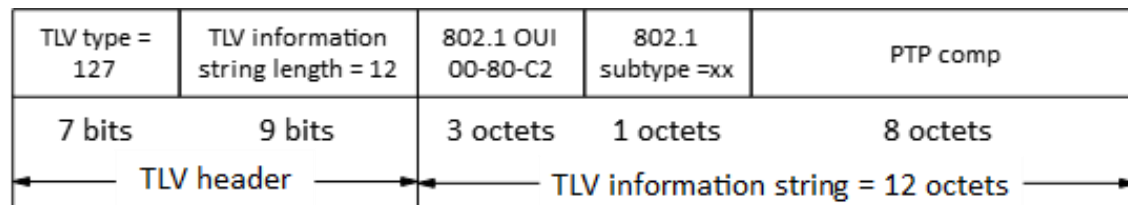
- Proposal :

- PFC configuration TLV only includes ‘capability’



- ‘PTP comp’ for PTP-based measurement passes to peer separately.

- ❑ Alternative 1: Define a new TLV - PFC informational TLV



DCBX informational attributes: “Informational attributes are exchanged via LLDP without any participation in a DCBX state machine.”

- ❑ Alternative 2: Do not specify it in Qdt.

Mention the internal processing delay impact, but allow vendor specific way to implement.

Thanks