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Configuration of
Proactive Operations, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM) Functions
for MPLS-Based Transport Networks Using RSVP-TE

Abstract

This specification describes the configuration of proactive MPLS Transport Profile (MPLS-TP) Operations, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM) functions for a given Label Switched Path (LSP) using a set of TLVs that are carried by the GMPLS RSVP-TE protocol based on the OAM Configuration Framework for GMPLS RSVP-TE.

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1. Introduction

This document describes the configuration of proactive MPLS-TP OAM functions for a given LSP using TLVs that use GMPLS RSVP-TE [RFC3473]. [RFC7260] defines use of GMPLS RSVP-TE for the configuration of OAM functions in a technology-agnostic way. This document specifies the additional mechanisms necessary to establish MPLS-TP OAM entities at the maintenance points for monitoring and performing measurements on an LSP, as well as defining information elements and procedures to configure proactive MPLS-TP OAM functions running between Label Edge Routers (LERs). Initialization and control of on-demand MPLS-TP OAM functions are expected to be carried out by directly accessing network nodes via a management interface; hence, configuration and control of on-demand OAM functions are out of scope for this document.

MPLS-TP, the Transport Profile of MPLS, must, by definition [RFC5654], be capable of operating without a control plane. Therefore, there are several options for configuring MPLS-TP OAM without a control plane by using either a Network Management System (NMS), an LSP Ping, or signaling protocols such as RSVP-TE in the control plane.

MPLS-TP describes a profile of MPLS that enables operational models typical in transport networks while providing additional OAM survivability and other maintenance functions not currently supported by MPLS. [RFC5860] defines the requirements for the OAM functionality of MPLS-TP.

Proactive MPLS-TP OAM is performed by three different protocols: Bidirectional Forwarding Detection (BFD) [RFC6428] for Continuity Check / Connectivity Verification, the Delay Measurement (DM) protocol [RFC6374] for delay and delay variation (jitter) measurements, and the Loss Measurement (LM) protocol [RFC6374] for packet loss and throughput measurements. Additionally, there are a number of Fault Management signals that can be configured [RFC6427].

BFD is a protocol that provides low-overhead, fast detection of failures in the path between two forwarding engines, including the interfaces, data link(s), and (to the extent possible) the forwarding engines themselves. BFD can be used to track the liveness and to detect the data plane failures of MPLS-TP point to point and might also be extended to support point-to-multipoint connections.

The delay and loss measurement protocols [RFC6374] use a simple query/response model for performing bidirectional measurements that allows the originating node to measure packet loss and delay in both directions. By timestamping and/or writing current packet counters

to the measurement packets four times (Tx and Rx in both directions), current delays and packet losses can be calculated. By performing successive delay measurements, the delay variation (jitter) can be calculated. Current throughput can be calculated from the packet loss measurements by dividing the number of packets sent/received with the time it took to perform the measurement, given by the timestamp in LM header. Combined with a packet generator, the throughput measurement can be used to measure the maximum capacity of a particular LSP. It should be noted that here we are not configuring on-demand throughput estimates based on saturating the connection as defined in [RFC6371]. Rather, we only enable the estimation of the current throughput based on loss measurements.

1.1. Conventions Used in This Document

1.1.1. Terminology

AIS - Alarm Indication Signal

BFD - Bidirectional Forwarding Detection

CC - Continuity Check

CV - Connectivity Verification

DM - Delay Measurement

FMS - Fault Management Signal

G-ACh - Generic Associated Channel

GMPLS - Generalized Multi-Protocol Label Switching

LDI - Link Down Indication

LER - Label Edge Router

LKR - Lock Report

LM - Loss Measurement

LOC - Loss Of Continuity

LSP - Label Switched Path

LSR - Label Switching Router

MEP - Maintenance Entity Group End Point

MIP - Maintenance Entity Group Intermediate Point

MPLS - Multi-Protocol Label Switching

MPLS-TP - MPLS Transport Profile

NMS - Network Management System

PM - Performance Measurement

RSVP-TE - Reservation Protocol Traffic Engineering

TC - Traffic Class

1.1.2. Requirements Language

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].

2. Overview of MPLS OAM for Transport Applications

[RFC6371] describes how MPLS-TP OAM mechanisms are operated to meet transport requirements outlined in [RFC5860].

[RFC6428] specifies two BFD operation modes: 1) "CC mode", which uses periodic BFD message exchanges with symmetric timer settings supporting Continuity Check, and 2) "CV/CC mode", which sends unique maintenance entity identifiers in the periodic BFD messages supporting CV as well as CC.

[RFC6374] specifies mechanisms for Performance Monitoring of LSPs, in particular it specifies loss and delay measurement OAM functions.

[RFC6427] specifies fault management signals with which a server LSP can notify client LSPs about various fault conditions to suppress alarms or to be used as triggers for actions in the client LSPs. The following signals are defined: Alarm Indication Signal (AIS), Link Down Indication (LDI), and Lock Report (LKR).

[RFC6371] describes the mapping of fault conditions to consequent actions. Some of these mappings may be configured by the operator depending on the application of the LSP. The following defects are identified: Loss Of Continuity (LOC), Misconnectivity, MEP Misconfiguration, and Period Misconfiguration. Out of these defect conditions, the following consequent actions may be configurable: 1)

whether or not the LOC defect should result in blocking the outgoing data traffic; 2) whether or not the "Period Misconfiguration defect" should result in a signal fail condition.

3. Theory of Operations

3.1. MPLS-TP OAM Configuration Operation Overview

GMPLS RSVP-TE, or alternatively LSP Ping [[LSP-PING-CONF](#)], can be used to simply enable the different OAM functions by setting the corresponding flags in the OAM Function Flags Sub-TLV [[RFC7260](#)]. For a more detailed configuration, one may include sub-TLVs for the different OAM functions in order to specify various parameters in detail.

Typically, intermediate nodes SHOULD NOT process or modify any of the OAM Configuration TLVs but simply forward them to the end node. There is one exception to this and that is if the MPLS OAM FMS Sub-TLV is present. This sub-TLV MUST be examined even by intermediate nodes that support these extensions but only acted upon by nodes capable of transmitting FMS signals into the LSP being established. The sub-TLV MAY be present when the FMS flag is set in the OAM Function Flags Sub-TLV. If this sub-TLV is present, then the "OAM MIP entities desired" and "OAM MEP entities desired" flags (described in [[RFC7260](#)]) in the LSP Attribute Flags TLV MUST be set and the entire OAM Configuration TLV placed either in the LSP_REQUIRED_ATTRIBUTES object or in the LSP_ATTRIBUTES object in order to ensure that capable intermediate nodes process the configuration. If placed in the LSP_ATTRIBUTES object, nodes that are not able to process the OAM Configuration TLV will forward the message without generating an error. If the MPLS OAM FMS Sub-TLV has been placed in the LSP_REQUIRED_ATTRIBUTES object, a node that supports [RFC 7260](#) but does not support the MPLS OAM FMS Sub-TLV MUST generate a PathErr message with "OAM Problem/Configuration Error" [[RFC7260](#)]. Otherwise, if the node doesn't support [RFC 7260](#), it will not raise any errors as described in the [Section 4.1 of \[RFC7260\]](#).

Finally, if the MPLS OAM FMS Sub-TLV is not included, only the "OAM MEP entities desired" flag is set and the OAM Configuration TLV may be placed in either LSP_ATTRIBUTES or LSP_REQUIRED_ATTRIBUTES.

3.1.1. Configuration of BFD Sessions

For this specification, BFD MUST be run in either one of the two modes:

- o Asynchronous mode, where both sides should be in active mode; or
- o Unidirectional mode.

In the simplest scenario, RSVP-TE (or alternatively LSP Ping [[LSP-PING-CONF](#)]), is used only to bootstrap a BFD session for an LSP without any timer negotiation.

Timer negotiation can be performed either in subsequent BFD Control messages (in this case the operation is similar to LSP-Ping-based bootstrapping described in [[RFC5884](#)]) or directly in the RSVP-TE signaling messages.

When BFD Control packets are transported in the G-ACh, they are not protected by any end-to-end checksum; only lower layers are providing error detection/correction. A single bit error, e.g., a flipped bit in the BFD State field, could cause the receiving end to wrongly conclude that the link is down and, in turn, trigger protection switching. To prevent this from happening, the BFD Configuration Sub-TLV has an Integrity flag that, when set, enables BFD Authentication using Keyed SHA1 with an empty key (all 0s) [[RFC5880](#)]. This would ensure that every BFD Control packet carries a SHA1 hash of itself that can be used to detect errors.

If BFD Authentication using a pre-shared key / password is desired (i.e., authentication and not only error detection), the BFD Authentication Sub-TLV MUST be included in the BFD Configuration Sub-TLV. The BFD Authentication Sub-TLV is used to specify which authentication method should be used and which pre-shared key / password should be used for this particular session. How the key exchange is performed is out of scope of this document.

3.1.2. Configuration of Performance Monitoring

It is possible to configure Performance Monitoring functionalities such as Loss, Delay, Delay variation (jitter), and Throughput, as described in [[RFC6374](#)].

When configuring Performance Monitoring functionalities, it is possible to choose either the default configuration (by only setting the respective flags in the OAM Function Flags Sub-TLV) or a

customized configuration. To customize the configuration, one would set the respective flags and include the respective Loss and/or Delay sub-TLVs.

By setting the PM/Loss flag in the OAM Function Flags Sub-TLV and by including the MPLS OAM PM Loss Sub-TLV, one can configure the measurement interval and loss threshold values for triggering protection.

Delay measurements are configured by setting the PM/Delay flag in the OAM Function Flags Sub-TLV; by including the MPLS OAM PM Loss Sub-TLV, one can configure the measurement interval and the delay threshold values for triggering protection.

3.1.3. Configuration of Fault Management Signals

To configure Fault Management signals and their refresh time, the FMS flag in the OAM Function Flags Sub-TLV MUST be set and the MPLS OAM FMS Sub-TLV included. When configuring Fault Management signals, an implementation can enable the default configuration by setting the FMS flag in the OAM Function Flags Sub-TLV. In order to modify the default configuration, the MPLS OAM FMS Sub-TLV MUST be included.

If an intermediate point is intended to originate fault management signal messages, this means that such an intermediate point is associated with a server MEP through a co-located MPLS-TP client/server adaptation function, and the "Fault Management subscription" flag in the MPLS OAM FMS Sub-TLV has been set as an indication of the request to create the association at each intermediate node of the client LSP. The corresponding server MEP needs to be configured by its own RSVP-TE session (or, alternatively, via an NMS or LSP Ping).

3.2. MPLS OAM Configuration Sub-TLV

The OAM Configuration TLV, defined in [RFC7260], specifies the OAM functions that are used for the LSP. This document extends the OAM Configuration TLV by defining a new OAM Type: "MPLS OAM" (3). The MPLS OAM type is set to request the establishment of OAM functions for MPLS-TP LSPs. The specific OAM functions are specified in the OAM Function Flags Sub-TLV as depicted in [RFC7260].

When an egress LSR receives an OAM Configuration TLV indicating the MPLS OAM type, the LSR will first process any present OAM Function Flags Sub-TLV, and then it MUST process technology-specific configuration TLVs. This document defines a sub-TLV, the MPLS OAM Configuration Sub-TLV, which is carried in the OAM Configuration TLV.

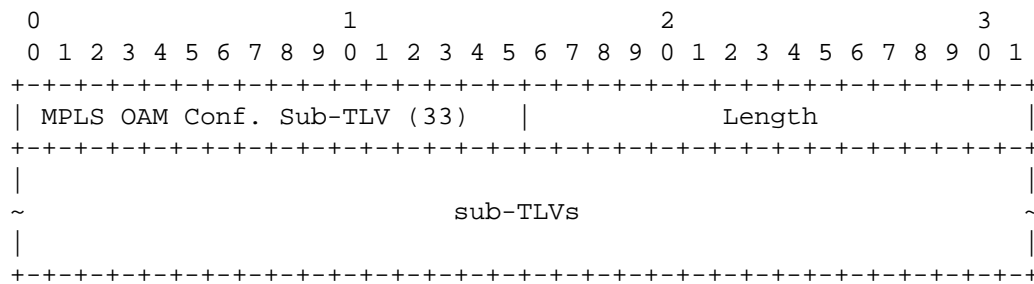


Figure 1: MPLS OAM Configuration Sub-TLV Format

Type: 33, the MPLS OAM Configuration Sub-TLV.

Length: Indicates the total length in octets, including sub-TLVs as well as the Type and Length fields.

The following MPLS-OAM-specific sub-TLVs MAY be included in the MPLS OAM Configuration Sub-TLV:

- o BFD Configuration Sub-TLV MUST be included if either the CC, the CV, or both OAM Function flags are being set in the OAM Function Flags Sub-TLV [RFC7260]. This sub-TLV carries additional sub-TLVs; failure to include the correct sub-TLVs MUST result in an error being generated: "OAM Problem/Configuration Error". The sub-TLVs are:
 - * BFD Identifiers Sub-TLV MUST always be included.
 - * Timer Negotiation Parameters Sub-TLV MUST be included if the N flag is not set.
 - * BFD Authentication Sub-TLV MAY be included if the I flag is set.
- o Performance Monitoring Sub-TLV, which MUST be included if any of the PM/Delay, PM/Loss, or PM/Throughput flags are set in the OAM Function Flag Sub-TLV [RFC7260]. This sub-TLV MAY carry additional sub-TLVs:
 - * MPLS OAM PM Loss Sub-TLV MAY be included if the PM/Loss OAM Function flag is set. If the MPLS OAM PM Loss Sub-TLV is not included, default configuration values are used. The same sub-TLV MAY also be included in case the PM/Throughput OAM Function flag is set and there is the need to specify measurement intervals different from the default ones. Since throughput measurements use the same tool as loss measurements, the same TLV is used.

- * MPLS OAM PM Delay Sub-TLV MAY be included if the PM/Delay OAM Function flag is set. If the MPLS OAM PM Delay Sub-TLV is not included, default configuration values are used.
- o MPLS OAM FMS Sub-TLV MAY be included if the FMS OAM Function flag is set. If the MPLS OAM FMS Sub-TLV is not included, default configuration values are used.

The following are some additional rules of processing the MPLS OAM Configuration Sub-TLV:

- o The MPLS OAM Configuration Sub-TLV MAY be empty, i.e., have no Value. If so, then its Length MUST be 8. Then, all OAM functions that have their corresponding flags set in the OAM Function Flags Sub-TLV MUST be assigned their default values or left disabled.
- o A sub-TLV that doesn't have a corresponding flag set MUST be silently ignored.
- o If multiple copies of a sub-TLV are present, then only the first sub-TLV MUST be used and the remaining sub-TLVs MUST be silently ignored.

However, not all the values can be derived from the standard RSVP-TE objects, in particular the locally assigned Tunnel ID at the egress cannot be derived by the ingress node. Therefore, the full LSP MEP-ID used by the ingress has to be carried in the BFD Identifiers Sub-TLV in the Path message and the egress LSP MEP-ID in the same way in the Resv message.

3.2.1. CV Flag Rules of Use

If the CV flag is set in the OAM Function Flags Sub-TLV [RFC7260], then the CC flag MUST be set as well because performing Connectivity Verification implies performing Continuity Check as well. The format of an MPLS-TP CV/CC message is shown in [RFC6428]. In order to perform Connectivity Verification, the CV/CC message MUST contain the "LSP MEP-ID" in addition to the BFD Control packet information. The "LSP MEP-ID" contains four identifiers:

MPLS-TP Global_ID

MPLS-TP Node Identifier

Tunnel_Num

LSP_Num

These values need to be correctly set by both ingress and egress when transmitting a CV packet, and both ingress and egress need to know what to expect when receiving a CV packet. Most of these values can be derived from the Path and Resv messages [RFC3473], which use a 5-tuple to uniquely identify an LSP within an operator's network. This tuple is composed of a Tunnel Sender Address, Tunnel Endpoint Address, Tunnel_ID, Extended Tunnel ID, and (GMPLS) LSP_ID.

3.3. BFD Configuration Sub-TLV

The BFD Configuration Sub-TLV (depicted below) is defined for BFD-OAM-specific configuration parameters. The BFD Configuration Sub-TLV is carried as a sub-TLV of the MPLS OAM Configuration Sub-TLV.

This TLV accommodates generic BFD OAM information and carries sub-TLVs.

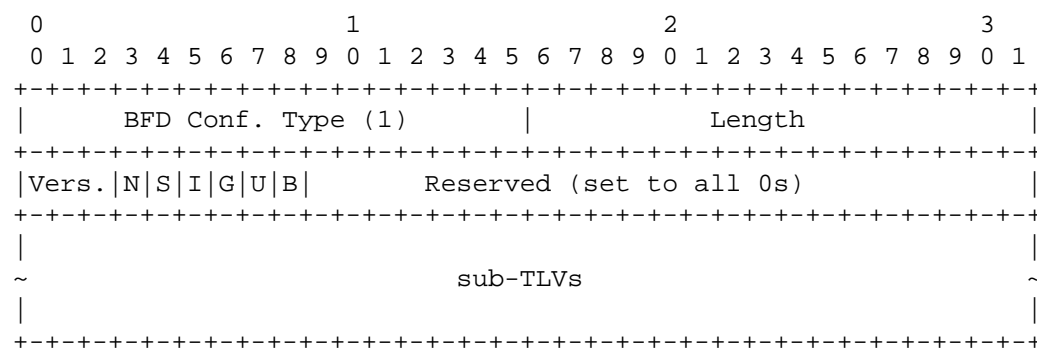


Figure 2: BFD Configuration Sub-TLV Format

Type: 1, the BFD Configuration Sub-TLV.

Length: Indicates the total length in octets, including sub-TLVs as well as the Type and Length fields.

Version: Identifies the BFD protocol version. If the egress LSR does not support the version, an error MUST be generated: "OAM Problem/Unsupported BFD Version".

BFD Negotiation (N): If set timer negotiation/re-negotiation via BFD Control messages is enabled, when cleared it is disabled.

Symmetric Session (S): If set, the BFD session MUST use symmetric timing values.

Integrity (I): If set, BFD Authentication MUST be enabled. If the BFD Configuration Sub-TLV does not include a BFD Authentication Sub-TLV, the authentication MUST use Keyed SHA1 with an empty pre-shared key (all 0s). If the egress LSR does not support BFD Authentication, an error MUST be generated: "OAM Problem/BFD Authentication unsupported".

Encapsulation Capability (G): If set, it shows the capability of encapsulating BFD messages into The G-Ach channel. If both the G bit and U bit are set, configuration gives precedence to the G bit. If the egress LSR does not support any of the ingress LSR Encapsulation Capabilities, an error MUST be generated: "OAM Problem/Unsupported BFD Encapsulation format".

Encapsulation Capability (U): If set, it shows the capability of encapsulating BFD messages into UDP packets. If both the G bit and U bit are set, configuration gives precedence to the G bit. If the egress LSR does not support any of the ingress LSR Encapsulation Capabilities, an error MUST be generated: "OAM Problem/Unsupported BFD Encapsulation Format".

Bidirectional (B): If set, it configures BFD in the Bidirectional mode. If it is not set, it configures BFD in unidirectional mode. In the second case, the source node does not expect any Discriminator values back from the destination node.

Reserved: Reserved for future specifications; set to 0 on transmission and ignored when received.

The BFD Configuration Sub-TLV MUST include the following sub-TLVs in the Path message:

- o BFD Identifiers Sub-TLV; and
- o Negotiation Timer Parameters Sub-TLV if the N flag is cleared.

The BFD Configuration Sub-TLV MUST include the following sub-TLVs in the Resv message:

- o BFD Identifiers Sub-TLV; and
- o Negotiation Timer Parameters Sub-TLV if:
 - * the N and S flags are cleared; or if

- * the N flag is cleared and the S flag is set and the Negotiation Timer Parameters Sub-TLV received by the egress contains unsupported values. In this case, an updated Negotiation Timer Parameters Sub-TLV containing values supported by the egress LSR MUST be returned to the ingress.

3.3.1. BFD Identifiers Sub-TLV

The BFD Identifiers Sub-TLV is carried as a sub-TLV of the BFD Configuration Sub-TLV and is depicted below.

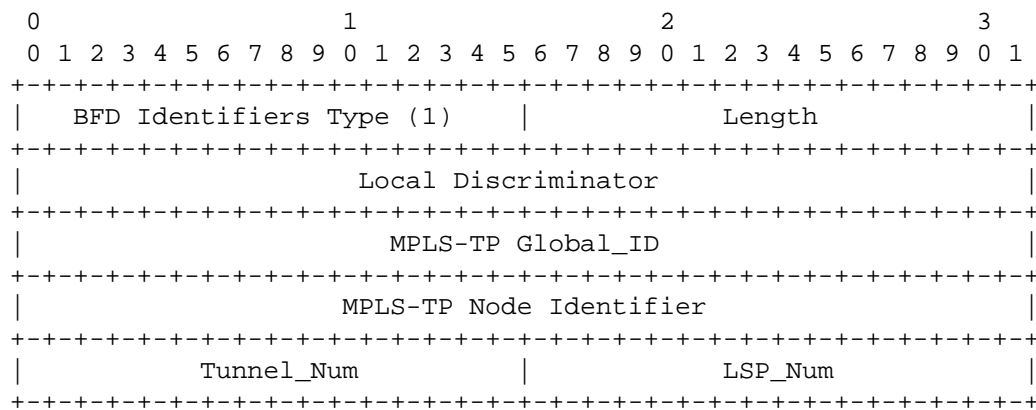


Figure 3: BFD Identifiers Sub-TLV Format

Type: 1, the BFD Identifiers Sub-TLV.

Length: Indicates the TLV total length in octets, including the Type and Length fields (20).

Local Discriminator: A unique, non-zero discriminator value generated by the transmitting system and referring to itself; it is used to demultiplex multiple BFD sessions between the same pair of systems as defined in [RFC5880].

MPLS-TP Global_ID, Node Identifier, Tunnel_Num, and LSP_Num: All set as defined in [RFC6370].

3.3.2. Negotiation Timer Parameters Sub-TLV

The Negotiation Timer Parameters Sub-TLV is carried as a sub-TLV of the BFD Configuration Sub-TLV and is depicted below.

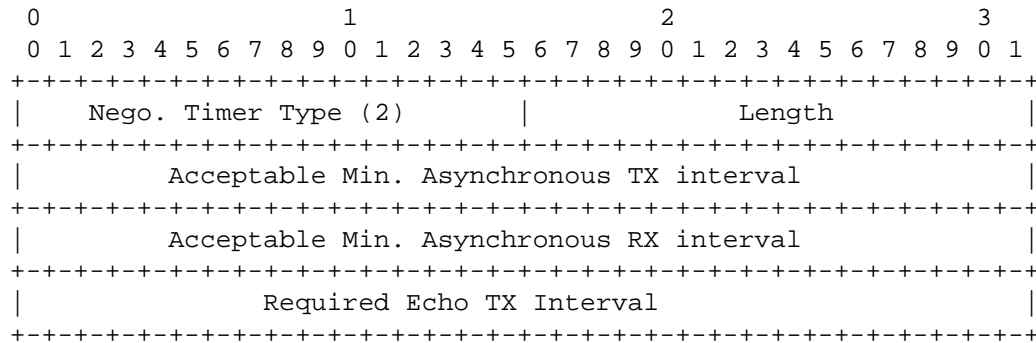


Figure 4: Negotiation Timer Parameters Sub-TLV Format

Type: 2, the Negotiation Timer Parameters Sub-TLV.

Length: Indicates the TLV total length in octets, including Type and Length fields (16).

Acceptable Min. Asynchronous TX interval: If the S flag is set in the BFD Configuration Sub-TLV, it expresses the desired time interval (in microseconds) at which the ingress LER intends to both transmit and receive BFD periodic control packets. If the egress LSR cannot support the value, it SHOULD reply with a supported interval.

If the S flag is cleared in the BFD Configuration Sub-TLV, this field expresses the desired time interval (in microseconds) at which the ingress LSR intends to transmit BFD periodic control packets.

Acceptable Min. Asynchronous RX interval: If the S flag is set in the BFD Configuration Sub-TLV, this field MUST be set equal to "Acceptable Min. Asynchronous TX interval" on transmit and MUST be ignored on receipt since it has no additional meaning with respect to the one described for "Acceptable Min. Asynchronous TX interval".

If the S flag is cleared in the BFD Configuration Sub-TLV, it expresses the minimum time interval (in microseconds) at which the ingress/egress LSRs can receive periodic BFD Control packets. If this value is greater than the "Acceptable Min. Asynchronous TX interval" received from the ingress/egress LSR, the receiving LSR MUST adopt the interval expressed in the "Acceptable Min. Asynchronous RX interval".

Required Echo TX Interval: The minimum interval (in microseconds) between received BFD Echo packets that this system is capable of supporting, less any jitter applied by the sender as described in [Section 6.8.9 of \[RFC5880\]](#). This value is also an indication for the receiving system of the minimum interval between transmitted BFD Echo packets. If this value is zero, the transmitting system does not support the receipt of BFD Echo packets. If the LSR node cannot support this value, it **SHOULD** reply with a supported value (which may be zero if Echo is not supported).

3.3.3. BFD Authentication Sub-TLV

The BFD Authentication Sub-TLV is carried as a sub-TLV of the BFD Configuration Sub-TLV and is depicted below.

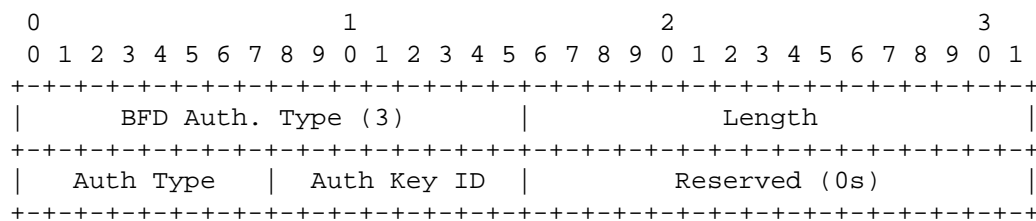


Figure 5: BFD Authentication Sub-TLV Format

Type: 3, the BFD Authentication Sub-TLV.

Length: Indicates the TLV total length in octets, including Type and Length fields (8).

Auth Type: Indicates which type of authentication to use. The same values are used as are defined in [Section 4.1 of \[RFC5880\]](#). If the egress LSR does not support this type, an "OAM Problem/Unsupported BFD Authentication Type" error **MUST** be generated.

Auth Key ID: Indicates which authentication key or password (depending on Auth Type) should be used. How the key exchange is performed is out of scope of this document. If the egress LSR does not support this Auth Key ID, an "OAM Problem/Mismatch of BFD Authentication Key ID" error **MUST** be generated.

Reserved: Reserved for future specifications; set to 0 on transmission and ignored when received.

3.3.4. Traffic Class Sub-TLV

The Traffic Class Sub-TLV is carried as a sub-TLV of the BFD Configuration Sub-TLV or Fault Management Signal Sub-TLV ([Section 3.5](#)) and is depicted in Figure 6.

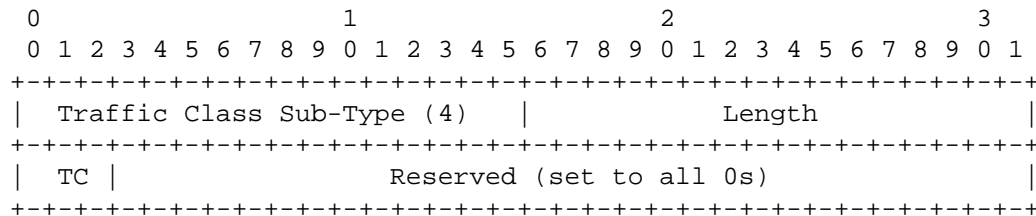


Figure 6: Traffic Class Sub-TLV Format

Type: 4, the Traffic Class Sub-TLV.

Length: Indicates the length of the Value field in octets (4).

Traffic Class (TC): Identifies the TC [[RFC5462](#)] for periodic continuity monitoring messages or packets with fault management information.

If the Traffic Class Sub-TLV is present, then the value of the TC field MUST be used as the value of the TC field of an MPLS label stack entry. If the Traffic Class Sub-TLV is absent from BFD Configuration Sub-TLV or Fault Management Signal Sub-TLV, then selection of the TC value is a local decision.

3.4. Performance Monitoring Sub-TLV

If the OAM Function Flags Sub-TLV has either the PM/Loss, PM/Delay, or PM/Throughput flag set, the Performance Monitoring Sub-TLV MUST be present in the MPLS OAM Configuration Sub-TLV. Failure to include the correct sub-TLVs MUST result in an "OAM Problem/Configuration Error" message being generated.

The Performance Monitoring Sub-TLV provides the configuration information mentioned in [Section 7 of \[RFC6374\]](#). It includes support for the configuration of quality thresholds and, as described in [[RFC6374](#)], "the crossing of which will trigger warnings or alarms, and result reporting and exception notification will be integrated into the system-wide network management and reporting framework."

In case the values need to be different than the default ones, the Performance Monitoring Sub-TLV includes the following sub-TLVs:

- o MPLS OAM PM Loss Sub-TLV if the PM/Loss and/or PM/Throughput flag is set in the OAM Function Flags Sub-TLV; and
- o MPLS OAM PM Delay Sub-TLV if the PM/Delay flag is set in the OAM Function Flags Sub-TLV.

The Performance Monitoring Sub-TLV depicted below is carried as a sub-TLV of the MPLS OAM Configuration Sub-TLV.

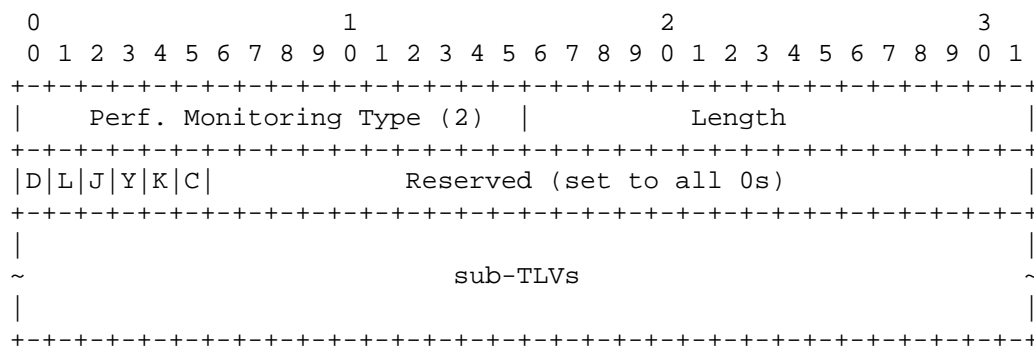


Figure 7: Performance Monitoring Sub-TLV Format

Type: 2, the Performance Monitoring Sub-TLV.

Length: Indicates the TLV total length in octets, including sub-TLVs as well as Type and Length fields.

Configuration Flags (for the specific function description please refer to [RFC6374]):

- o D: Delay inferred/direct (0=INFERRED, 1=DIRECT). If the egress LSR does not support the specified mode, an "OAM Problem/Unsupported Delay Mode" error MUST be generated.
- o L: Loss inferred/direct (0=INFERRED, 1=DIRECT). If the egress LSR does not support the specified mode, an "OAM Problem/Unsupported Loss Mode" error MUST be generated.
- o J: Delay variation/jitter (1=ACTIVE, 0=NOT ACTIVE). If the egress LSR does not support Delay variation measurements and the J flag is set, an "OAM Problem/Delay variation unsupported" error MUST be generated.

- o Y: Dyadic (1=ACTIVE, 0=NOT ACTIVE). If the egress LSR does not support Dyadic mode and the Y flag is set, an "OAM Problem/Dyadic mode unsupported" error MUST be generated.
- o K: Loopback (1=ACTIVE, 0=NOT ACTIVE). If the egress LSR does not support Loopback mode and the K flag is set, an "OAM Problem/Loopback mode unsupported" error MUST be generated.
- o C: Combined (1=ACTIVE, 0=NOT ACTIVE). If the egress LSR does not support Combined mode and the C flag is set, an "OAM Problem/Combined mode unsupported" error MUST be generated.

Reserved: Reserved for future specifications; set to 0 on transmission and ignored when received.

3.4.1. MPLS OAM PM Loss Sub-TLV

The MPLS OAM PM Loss Sub-TLV depicted below is carried as a sub-TLV of the Performance Monitoring Sub-TLV.

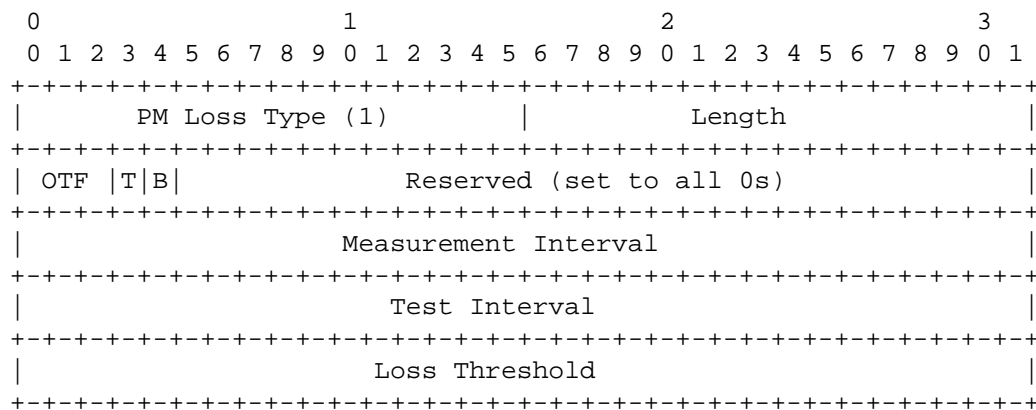


Figure 8: MPLS OAM PM Loss Sub-TLV Format

Type: 1, the MPLS OAM PM Loss Sub-TLV.

Length: Indicates the length of the parameters in octets, including Type and Length fields (20).

Origin Timestamp Format (OTF): Origin Timestamp Format of the Origin Timestamp field described in [RFC6374]. By default, it is set to IEEE 1588 version 1. If the egress LSR cannot support this value, an "OAM Problem/Unsupported Timestamp Format" error MUST be generated.

Configuration Flags (please refer to [\[RFC6374\]](#) for further details):

- o T: Traffic-class-specific measurement indicator. Set to 1 when the measurement operation is scoped to packets of a particular traffic class (Differentiated Service Code Point (DSCP) value) and zero otherwise. When set to 1, the Differentiated Services (DS) field of the message indicates the measured traffic class. By default, it is set to 1.
- o B: Octet (byte) count. When set to 1, it indicates that the Counter 1-4 fields represent octet counts. When set to 0, it indicates that the Counter 1-4 fields represent packet counts. By default, it is set to 0.

Reserved: Reserved for future specifications; set to 0 on transmission and ignored when received.

Measurement Interval: The time interval (in milliseconds) at which Loss Measurement query messages MUST be sent in both directions. If the egress LSR cannot support the value, it SHOULD reply with a supported interval. By default, it is set to 100 milliseconds as per [\[RFC6375\]](#).

Test Interval: Test messages interval (in milliseconds) as described in [\[RFC6374\]](#). By default, it is set to 10 milliseconds as per [\[RFC6375\]](#). If the egress LSR cannot support the value, it SHOULD reply with a supported interval.

Loss Threshold: The threshold value of measured lost packets per measurement over which action(s) SHOULD be triggered.

3.4.2. MPLS OAM PM Delay Sub-TLV

The MPLS OAM PM Delay Sub-TLV depicted below is carried as a sub-TLV of the Performance Monitoring Sub-TLV.

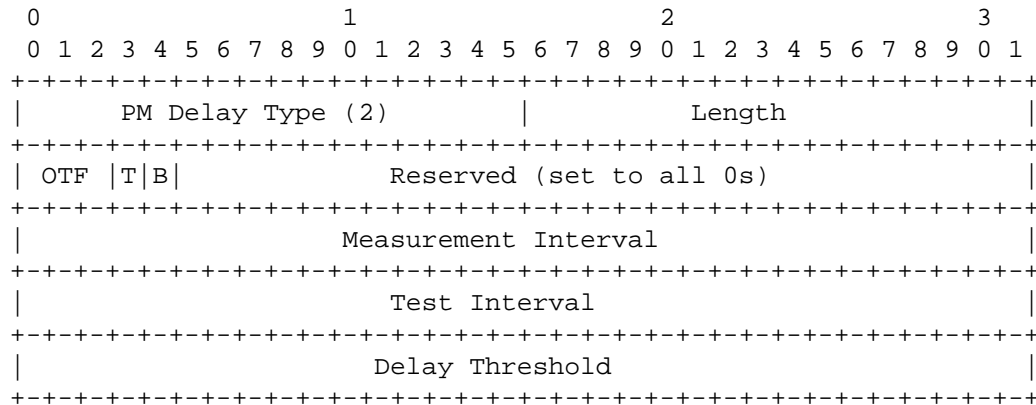


Figure 9: MPLS OAM PM Delay Sub-TLV Format

Type: 2, the MPLS OAM PM Delay Sub-TLV.

Length: Indicates the length of the parameters in octets, including Type and Length fields (20).

OTF: Origin Timestamp Format of the Origin Timestamp field described in [RFC6374]. By default, it is set to IEEE 1588 version 1. If the egress LSR cannot support this value, an "OAM Problem/Unsupported Timestamp Format" error MUST be generated.

Configuration Flags (please refer to [RFC6374] for further details):

- o T: Traffic-class-specific measurement indicator. Set to 1 when the measurement operation is scoped to packets of a particular traffic class (Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP) value) and zero otherwise. When set to 1, the Differentiated Service (DS) field of the message indicates the measured traffic class. By default, it is set to 1.
- o B: Octet (byte) count. When set to 1, it indicates that the Counter 1-4 fields represent octet counts. When set to 0, it indicates that the Counter 1-4 fields represent packet counts. By default, it is set to 0.

Reserved: Reserved for future specifications; set to 0 on transmission and ignored when received.

Measurement Interval: The time interval (in milliseconds) at which Delay Measurement query messages MUST be sent on both directions. If the egress LSR cannot support the value, it SHOULD reply with a supported interval. By default, it is set to 1000 milliseconds as per [RFC6375].

Test Interval: Test messages interval (in milliseconds) as described in [RFC6374]. By default, it is set to 10 milliseconds as per [RFC6375]. If the egress LSR cannot support the value, it SHOULD reply with a supported interval.

Delay Threshold: The threshold value of measured two-way delay (in milliseconds) over which action(s) SHOULD be triggered.

3.5. MPLS OAM FMS Sub-TLV

The MPLS OAM FMS Sub-TLV depicted below is carried as a sub-TLV of the MPLS OAM Configuration Sub-TLV. When both working and protection paths are signaled, both LSPs SHOULD be signaled with identical settings of the E flag, T flag, and the refresh timer.

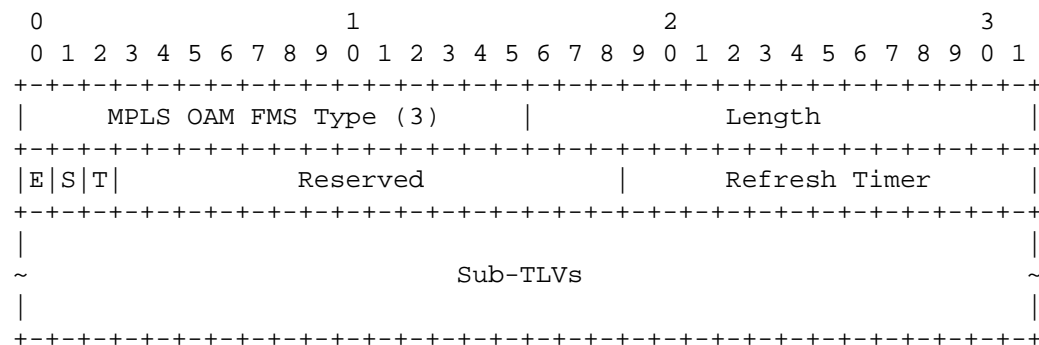


Figure 10: MPLS OAM FMS Sub-TLV Format

Type: 3, the MPLS OAM FMS Sub-TLV.

Length: Indicates the TLV total length in octets, including Type and Length fields (8).

FMS Signal Flags are used to enable the FMS signals at MEPs and the server MEPs of the links over which the LSP is forwarded. In this document, only the S flag pertains to server MEPs.

The following flags are defined:

E: Enable Alarm Indication Signal (AIS) and Lock Report (LKR) signaling as described in [RFC6427]. The default value is 1 (enabled). If the egress MEP does not support FMS signal generation, an "OAM Problem/Fault management signaling unsupported" error MUST be generated.

S: Indicate to a server MEP that it should transmit AIS and LKR signals on client LSPs. The default value is 0 (disabled). If a server MEP, which is capable of generating FMS messages, is for some reason unable to do so for the LSP being signaled an "OAM Problem/Unable to create fault management association" error MUST be generated.

T: Set timer value, enabled by the configuration of a specific timer value. The Default value is 0 (disabled).

Remaining bits: Reserved for a future specification and set to 0.

Refresh Timer: Indicates (in seconds) the refresh timer of fault indication messages. The value MUST be between 1 to 20 seconds as specified for the Refresh Timer field in [RFC6427]. If the egress LSR cannot support the value, it SHOULD reply with a supported timer value.

The Fault Management Signals Sub-TLV MAY include the Traffic Class Sub-TLV (Section 3.3.4.) If the Traffic Class Sub-TLV is present, the value of the TC field MUST be used as the value of the TC field of an MPLS label stack entry for FMS messages. If the Traffic Class Sub-TLV is absent, then selection of the TC value is local decision.

4. Summary of MPLS OAM Configuration Errors

In addition to error values specified in [RFC7260], this document defines the following values for the "OAM Problem" error code:

- o If an egress LSR does not support the specified BFD version, an error MUST be generated: "OAM Problem/Unsupported BFD Version".
- o If an egress LSR does not support the specified BFD Encapsulation format, an error MUST be generated: "OAM Problem/Unsupported BFD Encapsulation format".
- o If an egress LSR does not support BFD Authentication and it is requested, an error MUST be generated: "OAM Problem/BFD Authentication unsupported".

- o If an egress LSR does not support the specified BFD Authentication Type, an error MUST be generated: "OAM Problem/Unsupported BFD Authentication Type".
- o If an egress LSR is not able to use the specified Authentication Key ID, an error MUST be generated: "OAM Problem/Mismatch of BFD Authentication Key ID".
- o If an egress LSR does not support the specified Timestamp Format, an error MUST be generated: "OAM Problem/Unsupported Timestamp Format".
- o If an egress LSR does not support the specified Delay mode, an "OAM Problem/Unsupported Delay Mode" error MUST be generated.
- o If an egress LSR does not support the specified Loss mode, an "OAM Problem/Unsupported Loss Mode" error MUST be generated.
- o If an egress LSR does not support Delay variation measurements and it is requested, an "OAM Problem/Delay variation unsupported" error MUST be generated.
- o If an egress LSR does not support Dyadic mode and it is requested, an "OAM Problem/Dyadic mode unsupported" error MUST be generated.
- o If an egress LSR does not support Loopback mode and it is requested, an "OAM Problem/Loopback mode unsupported" error MUST be generated.
- o If an egress LSR does not support Combined mode and it is requested, an "OAM Problem/Combined mode unsupported" error MUST be generated.
- o If an egress LSR does not support Fault Monitoring signals and it is requested, an "OAM Problem/Fault management signaling unsupported" error MUST be generated.
- o If an intermediate server MEP supports Fault Monitoring signals but is unable to create an association when requested to do so, an "OAM Problem/Unable to create fault management association" error MUST be generated.

5. IANA Considerations

5.1. MPLS OAM Type

This document specifies the new MPLS OAM type. IANA has allocated a new type (3) from the "OAM Types" space of the "RSVP-TE OAM Configuration Registry".

| Type | Description | Reference |
|------|-------------|-----------|
| 3 | MPLS OAM | [RFC7487] |

Table 1: MPLS OAM Type

5.2. MPLS OAM Configuration Sub-TLV

This document specifies the MPLS OAM Configuration Sub-TLV. IANA has allocated a new type (33) from the OAM Sub-TLV space of the "RSVP-TE OAM Configuration Registry".

| Type | Description | Reference |
|------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 33 | MPLS OAM Configuration Sub-TLV | [RFC7487] |

Table 2: MPLS OAM Configuration Sub-TLV Type

5.3. MPLS OAM Configuration Sub-TLV Types

IANA has created an "MPLS OAM Configuration Sub-TLV Types" sub-registry in the "RSVP-TE OAM Configuration Registry" for the sub-TLVs carried in the MPLS OAM Configuration Sub-TLV. Values from this new sub-registry are to be allocated through IETF Review except for the "Reserved for Experimental Use" range. This document defines the following types:

| Type | Description | Reference |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 0 | Reserved | [RFC7487] |
| 1 | BFD Configuration Sub-TLV | [RFC7487] |
| 2 | Performance Monitoring Sub-TLV | [RFC7487] |
| 3 | MPLS OAM FMS Sub-TLV | [RFC7487] |
| 4-65532 | Unassigned | |
| 65533-65534 | Reserved for Experimental Use | [RFC7487] |
| 65535 | Reserved | [RFC7487] |

Table 3: MPLS OAM Configuration Sub-TLV Types

5.4. BFD Configuration Sub-TLV Types

IANA has created a "BFD Configuration Sub-TLV Types" sub-registry in the "RSVP-TE OAM Configuration Registry" for the sub-TLV types carried in the BFD Configuration Sub-TLV. Values from this new sub-registry are to be allocated through IETF Review except for the "Reserved for Experimental Use" range. This document defines the following types:

| Type | Description | Reference |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| 0 | Reserved | [RFC7487] |
| 1 | BFD Identifiers Sub-TLV | [RFC7487] |
| 2 | Negotiation Timer Parameters Sub-TLV | [RFC7487] |
| 3 | BFD Authentication Sub-TLV | [RFC7487] |
| 4 | Traffic Class Sub-TLV | [RFC7487] |
| 5-65532 | Unassigned | |
| 65533-65534 | Reserved for Experimental Use | [RFC7487] |
| 65535 | Reserved | [RFC7487] |

Table 4: BFD Configuration Sub-TLV Types

5.5. Performance Monitoring Sub-TLV Types

IANA has created a "Performance Monitoring Sub-TLV Type" sub-registry in the "RSVP-TE OAM Configuration Registry" for the sub-TLV types carried in the Performance Monitoring Sub-TLV. Values from this new sub-registry are to be allocated through IETF Review except for the "Reserved for Experimental Use" range. This document defines the following types:

| Type | Description | Reference |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 0 | Reserved | [RFC7487] |
| 1 | MPLS OAM PM Loss Sub-TLV | [RFC7487] |
| 2 | MPLS OAM PM Delay Sub-TLV | [RFC7487] |
| 3-65532 | Unassigned | |
| 65533-65534 | Reserved for Experimental Use | [RFC7487] |
| 65535 | Reserved | [RFC7487] |

Table 5: Performance Monitoring Sub-TLV Types

5.6. New RSVP-TE Error Codes

The following values have been assigned under the "OAM Problem" error code [RFC7260] by IETF Review process:

| Error Value Sub-Codes | Description | Reference |
|-----------------------|---|-----------|
| 13 | Unsupported BFD Version | [RFC7487] |
| 14 | Unsupported BFD Encapsulation format | [RFC7487] |
| 15 | Unsupported BFD Authentication Type | [RFC7487] |
| 16 | Mismatch of BFD Authentication Key ID | [RFC7487] |
| 17 | Unsupported Timestamp Format | [RFC7487] |
| 18 | Unsupported Delay Mode | [RFC7487] |
| 19 | Unsupported Loss Mode | [RFC7487] |
| 20 | Delay variation unsupported | [RFC7487] |
| 21 | Dyadic mode unsupported | [RFC7487] |
| 22 | Loopback mode unsupported | [RFC7487] |
| 23 | Combined mode unsupported | [RFC7487] |
| 24 | Fault management signaling unsupported | [RFC7487] |
| 25 | Unable to create fault management association | [RFC7487] |

Table 6: MPLS OAM Configuration Error Codes

The "Sub-Codes - 40 OAM Problem" sub-registry is located in the "Error Codes and Globally-Defined Error Value Sub-Codes" registry.

6. Security Considerations

The signaling of OAM-related parameters and the automatic establishment of OAM entities introduces additional security considerations to those discussed in [RFC3473]. In particular, a network element could be overloaded if an attacker were to request high frequency liveliness monitoring of a large number of LSPs, targeting a single network element as discussed in [RFC7260] and [RFC6060].

Additional discussion of security for MPLS and GMPLS protocols can be found in [RFC5920].

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