# MPLS Data Plane Encapsulation for In-situ OAM Data

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#### Requirements and Scope

#### Requirements:

- Transport In-situ OAM (IOAM) data fields with MPLS Encapsulation
  - OAM information (e.g. timestamps) carried by data traffic

#### Scope:

- Using data fields defined in:
  - draft-ietf-ippm-ioam-data
  - draft-ietf-ippm-ioam-direct-export
  - draft-ietf-ippm-ioam-flags
- Edge-to-edge (E2E) IOAM
- Hop-by-hop (HbH) IOAM

# History of the Draft

- Oct 2018
  - Draft was published draft-gandhi-spring-ioam-sr-mpls-00
- Nov 2018 and March 2019
  - Draft was discussed in IPPM WG meetings as part of the IOAM updates
- July 2019
  - Presented draft-gandhi-spring-ioam-sr-mpls-01 at IETF 105 Montreal in SPRING and MPLS WGs
- Oct 2019
  - Chairs agreed to progress the work in MPLS WG
  - Draft renamed to draft-gandhi-mpls-ioam-sr-00
- Nov 2019
  - Presented draft-gandhi-mpls-ioam-sr-00 at IETF 106 Singapore in MPLS WG

# Updates Since IETF-106 (Version-00)

#### **Updates:**

- ✓ Generic MPLS data plane encapsulation including SR
- ✓ Added procedure for hop-by-hop IOAM
- ✓ Addressed review comments
- ✓ Various editorial changes

#### Open Items:

None

#### IOAM Data Field Encapsulation in MPLS Header

```
IOAM Indicator Label
IOAM-Type
               IOAM HDR LEN
               IOAM Option and Data Space
               Payload + Padding
          Figure: IOAM Encapsulation in MPLS Header
```

#### **IOAM Indicator Label**

- "IOAM Indicator Label" is used to indicate the presence of the IOAM data fields in the MPLS header.
- Separate Label values are used for edge-to-edge and hop-by-hop IOAM:
  - Edge-to-edge TBA1
  - Hop-by-hop TBA3

#### IOAM Data Field Encapsulation with Flow Label in MPLS Header

```
IOAM and Flow Indicator Label
0 0 0 0
          Flow label
                                    Block Number
| IOAM HDR LEN |
             IOAM Option and Data Space
             Payload + Padding
  Figure: IOAM Encapsulation with Flow Label in MPLS Header
```

#### IOAM and Flow Indicator Label

- "IOAM and Flow Indicator Label" is used to indicate the presence of the IOAM data fields with Flow Label in the MPLS header.
- Separate Label values are used for edge-to-edge and hop-by-hop IOAM:
  - Edge-to-edge TBA2
  - Hop-by-hop TBA4
- Protocol value 0000b allows to avoid incorrect IP header based hashing over ECMP paths.
- Flow Label identifies the traffic flow that can be used for IOAM purpose.
- Block Number can be used to
  - Aggregate IOAM data collected in data plane, e.g. compute measurement metrics for each block of a flow
  - Correlate IOAM data from different nodes

### Edge-to-edge IOAM Procedure

- The encapsulating node inserts an edge-to-edge Indicator Label and one or more IOAM data field(s) in the MPLS header.
- 2. The decapsulating node for edge-to-edge IOAM "forwards and punts the timestamped copy" of the data packet including IOAM data field(s).
  - The decapsulating node for edge-to-edge IOAM also pops the IOAM Indicator Label and the IOAM data field(s) from the MPLS header.

#### **E2E Indicator Label Allocation Methods**

- 1. Label assigned by IANA with values TBA1 and TBA2
  - From Extended Special Purpose Labels (eSPL) range
- 2. Global Label allocated by a controller
  - The controller provisions the label on encapsulating and decapsulating nodes
- 3. The label allocated by the decapsulating node
  - Signaling mechanism used to convey the label to all encapsulating nodes

## Hob-by-hop IOAM Procedure

- The encapsulating node inserts a hop-by-hop Indicator Label and one or more IOAM data field(s) in the MPLS header.
- 2. The transit node for hop-by-hop IOAM "forwards and punts the timestamped copy" of the data packet including IOAM data field(s).
- 3. The decapsulating node for hop-by-hop IOAM "forwards and punts the timestamped copy" of the data packet including IOAM data field(s).
  - The decapsulating node for hop-by-hop IOAM also pops the IOAM Indicator Label and the IOAM data field(s) from the MPLS header.

#### HbH Indicator Label Allocation Methods

- 1. Label assigned by IANA with values TBA3 and TBA4
  - From Extended Special Purpose Labels (eSPL) range
- 2. Global Label allocated by a controller
  - The controller provisions the label on encapsulating, transit and decapsulating nodes

#### IOAM Encapsulation Example with SR-MPLS Header

```
Label(1)
             |s|
Label(n)
                TTL
PSTD
                TTT
IOAM Indicator Label
IOAM HDR LEN
IOAM-Type
          RESERVED
Α
     IOAM Option and Data Space
Payload + Padding
Figure: IOAM Encapsulation Example with SR-MPLS Header
```

#### IOAM Encapsulation with Flow Label Example with SR-MPLS Header

```
Label(n)
IOAM and Flow Indicator Label
Flow label
                 Block Number
IOAM HDR LEN
IOAM Option and Data Space
                      М
      Payload + Padding
Figure: IOAM Encapsulation with Flow Label Example with SR-MPLS Header
```

#### Next Steps

Welcome your comments and suggestions

# Thank you

#### WG Co-ordination Plan

- Draft to progress in MPLS WG
  - IANA code-points allocated by MPLS WG
- Keep SPRING WG in the loop for SR aspects
- Inform IPPM WG about the milestones (adoption, Last Call)
  - IOAM base work is done in IPPM WG

# Thank you