

# MPLS Data Plane Encapsulation for In-situ OAM Data

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# Agenda

- Requirements and Scope
- Summary
- Discussions
- Next Steps

# Requirements and Scope

## Requirements:

- Transport In-situ OAM (IOAM) data fields with MPLS Encapsulation

## Scope:

- Using IOAM 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 (that includes E2E)

# Updates Since Version-04

## Updates:

- ✓ Addressed MPLS-RT expert review comments
  - ✓ Added IOAM G-ACh header
  - ✓ Elaborate the IOAM procedures
- ✓ Clarified E2E and HbH Indicator Labels usage for different IOAM Option-Types
- ✓ Added multiple G-ACh / Control Word handling
- ✓ Editorial changes (e.g., cleanup SR text)

## Open Items:

- Discuss multiple G-ACh / Control Word headers

# MPLS Extensions

# IOAM G-ACh for IOAM Data Fields



Figure: IOAM G-ACh for IOAM Data Fields

# IOAM G-ACh Header

- New Generic Associated Channel (G-ACh) Type (value **TBA3**) defined for IOAM
- Protocol value *0001b* allows to avoid incorrect IP header based hashing over ECMP paths
- Note: GAL with G-ACh is used for control-channel/OAM packets whereas IOAM Label with G-ACh is used for user data packets
- Block Number is 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

<https://www.iana.org/assignments/g-ach-parameters/g-ach-parameters.xhtml#mpls-g-ach-types>

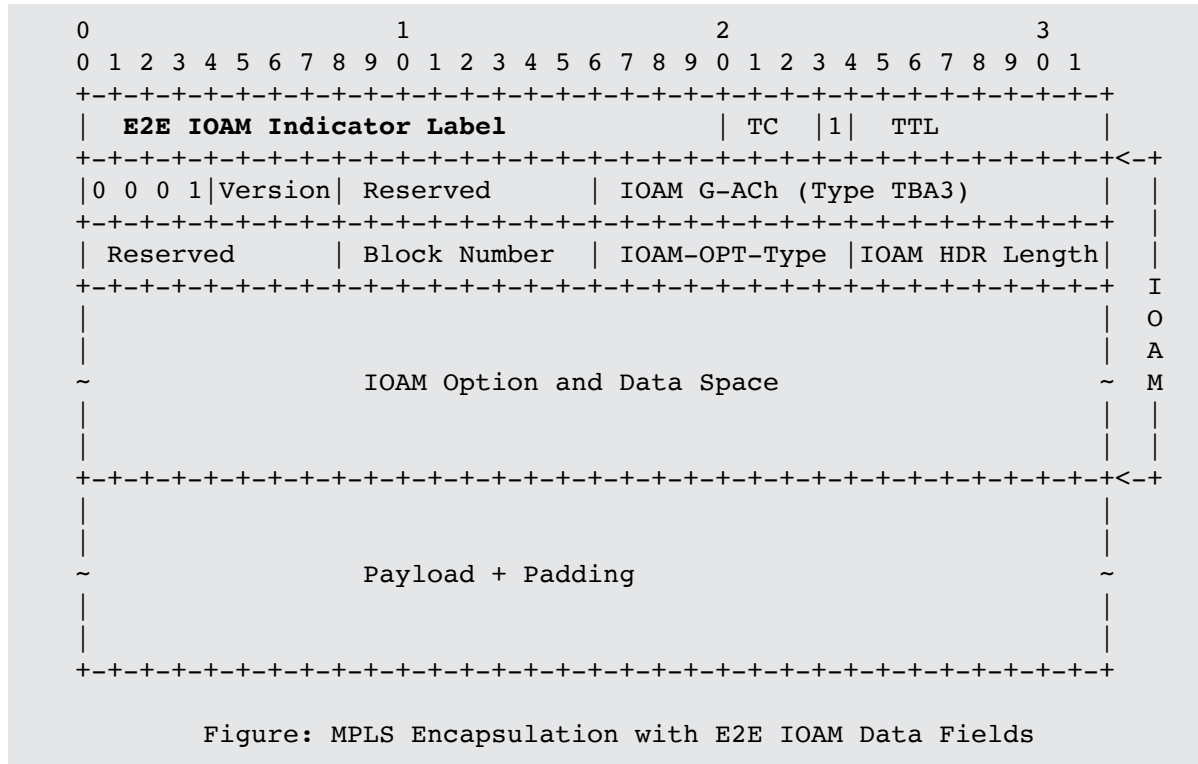
# IOAM Indicator Labels

- “IOAM Indicator Label” is used to indicate the presence of the IOAM data fields after EOS in the MPLS Encapsulation.
- Separate Indicator Labels are defined for E2E IOAM (for edge nodes) and HbH IOAM (*for edge and intermediate nodes*).
  - The E2E IOAM Label allows to bypass IOAM processing on intermediate nodes in case of E2E IOAM.
- In case of E2E IOAM, the IOAM Option-Type(s) in the data packets are processed on edge nodes only. The intermediate nodes ignore the IOAM Option-Type(s) carried by the data packets.
- In case of HbH IOAM, the IOAM Option-Type(s) in the data packets are processed on intermediate and edge nodes.



# E2E IOAM

# MPLS Encapsulation with E2E IOAM Data Fields



# E2E IOAM Indicator Label Allocation Methods

1. Extension Label (15) and Indicator Label assigned by IANA with value [TBA1](#)
  - From Extended Special Purpose Labels (eSPL) range
  - Both Labels are carried at the **bottom** of the label stack
2. Global Indicator Label allocated by a controller
  - The controller provisions the label on encapsulating and decapsulating nodes
  - The Label is carried at the **bottom** of the label stack
3. Indicator Label allocated by the decapsulating node
  - Signaling/advertisement extensions needed to convey the label to all encapsulating nodes (out of scope)
  - The Label is carried at the **bottom** of the label stack

# E2E IOAM Indicator Label - Comparisons

Methods	Extra Label Stack Size (Note 2)	Location on Stack
1. eSPL Indicator Label	+2 (Note 1)	Bottom
2. Global Indicator Label, 3. Signal/Advertise Indicator Label	+1	Bottom

1. This is true for any mechanism that we are defining using eSPL
  - For example SFC: <https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc8595>
2. IOAM data packets may require Entropy label for ECMP to work around hashing issue due to G-ACh for IP packets

# E2E IOAM Procedure

1. E2E IOAM includes IOAM processing on encapsulating and decapsulating nodes.
  - Only E2E Option-Type is carried in the IOAM data field.
2. The encapsulating node inserts an E2E Indicator Label and one or more IOAM data field(s) in the MPLS header.
3. The intermediate (intermediate) nodes do not process IOAM data.
4. The decapsulating node “punts the timestamped copy” of the data packet including IOAM data field(s).
  - The decapsulating node processes IOAM data field(s) from the punted packet.
5. The decapsulating node also pops the IOAM Indicator Label and the IOAM data field(s) from the MPLS encapsulation.
  - The decapsulating node forwards the data packet downstream.

# Example - SR-MPLS Encapsulation with IOAM Data Fields



Figure: Example SR-MPLS Encapsulation with IOAM Data Fields

# HbH IOAM

# HbH IOAM Indicator Label Allocation Methods

1. Extension Label (15) and Indicator Label assigned by IANA with value [TBA2](#)
  - From Extended Special Purpose Labels (eSPL) range
  - Both Labels are carried at the **bottom** of the label stack (as top label can break heterogeneous network)
2. Global Indicator Label allocated by a controller
  - The controller provisions the label on encapsulating, intermediate and decapsulating nodes
  - The Label is carried at the **bottom** of the label stack (as top label can break heterogeneous network)
3. IOAM FEC Label allocated by the intermediate and decapsulating nodes
  - Signaling/advertisement extensions needed to convey the label to all encapsulating nodes (out of scope)
  - The Label is carried at the **top** of the label stack



# HbH IOAM Indicator Label - Comparisons

Methods	Extra Label Stack Size (Note 2)	Location on Stack	Scan Label Stack (Notes 1)	Different FIB Entry for Local Labels with and without IOAM Enabled
1. eSPL Indicator Label	+2	Bottom	Yes	No
2. Global Indicator Label	+1	Bottom	Yes	No
3. Signal/Advertise IOM FEC Label	+0	Top	No	Yes

1. Intermediate node may have a limit on how many labels it can scan. However, with any indicator scheme, the node will have to look past EOS into the packet to find the IOAM data that needs to be processed
2. IOAM data packets may require Entropy label for ECMP to work around hashing issue due to G-ACh for IP packets

# HbH IOAM Procedure

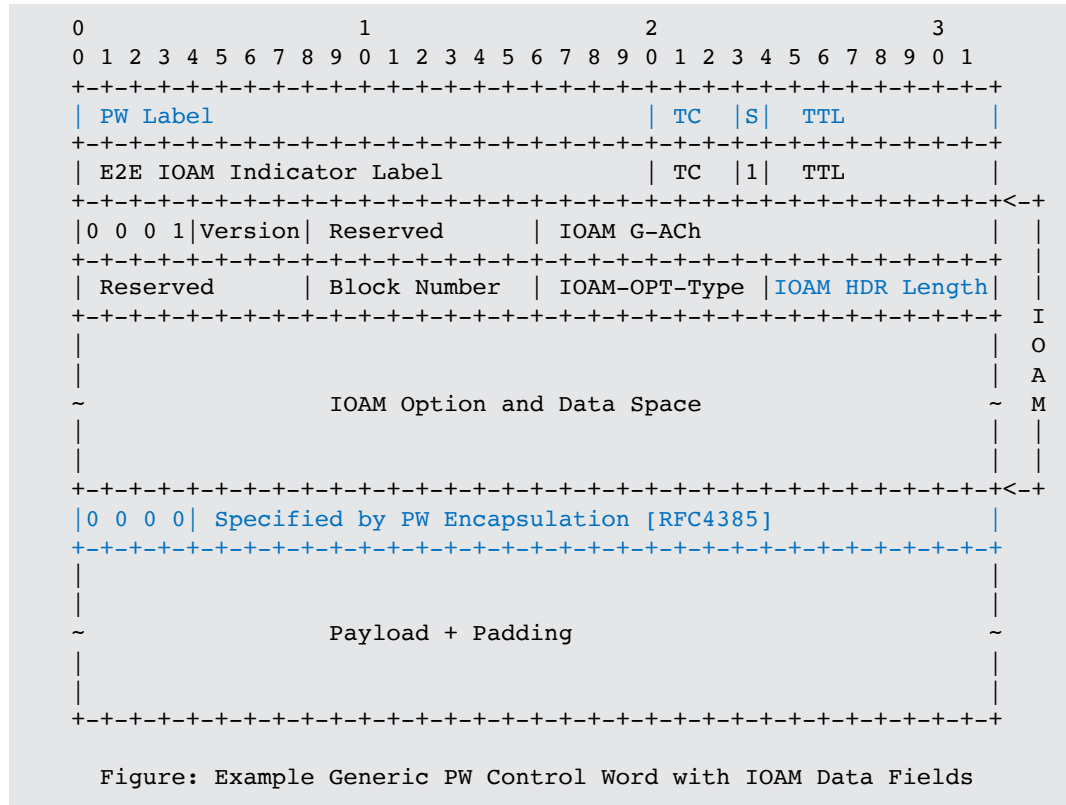
1. HbH IOAM includes IOAM processing on encapsulating, intermediate and decapsulating nodes.
  - Pre-allocated, Incremental, Proof of Transit and E2E Option-Types are carried in the IOAM data field(s).
2. The encapsulating node inserts a HbH Indicator Label and one or more IOAM data field(s) in the MPLS encapsulation.
3. The intermediate nodes process HbH IOAM data field(s) and forward the data packet including updated IOAM data field(s).
4. The decapsulating node "punts the timestamped copy" of the data packet including IOAM data field(s).
  - The decapsulating node processes IOAM data field(s) from the punted packet.
5. The decapsulating node also pops the IOAM Indicator Label and the IOAM data field(s) from the MPLS encapsulation.
  - The decapsulating node forwards the data packet downstream.

# MPLS Encapsulation for IOAM Data Fields with Control Word and Another G-ACh

# IOAM Data Fields with Control Word and Additional G-ACh

- IOAM Data Fields, including IOAM G-ACh header are added in the MPLS encapsulation after the MPLS header.
- The Control Word or additional G-ACh MUST be added after the IOAM Data Fields in the packet.
- **This allows the intermediate nodes to easily access the HbH IOAM data field(s) after the MPLS header.**
- The decapsulating node can remove the MPLS encapsulation including the IOAM Data Fields and then process the Control Word or G-ACh following it.
- *IOAM HDR Length* allows to locate the Control Word and G-ACh after the IOAM Data Fields.

# Generic PW Control Word [RFC4385] with IOAM Data Fields



# MPLS Encap with Additional G-ACh [RFC5586] with IOAM Data Fields

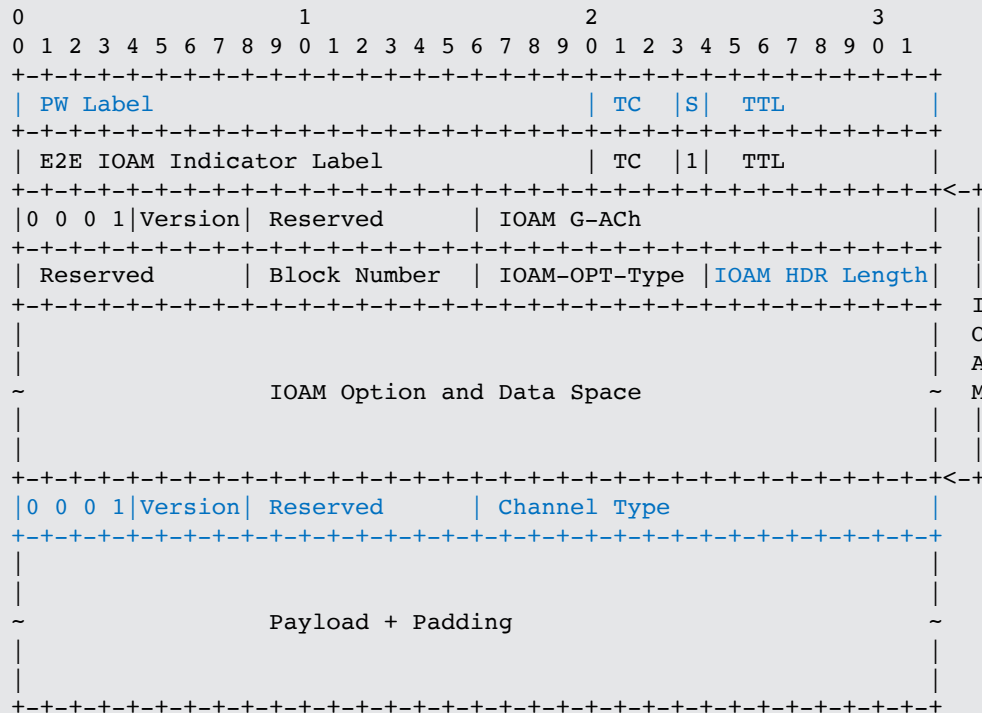


Figure: Example MPLS Encapsulation with Additional G-ACh with IOAM Data Fields

# Next Steps

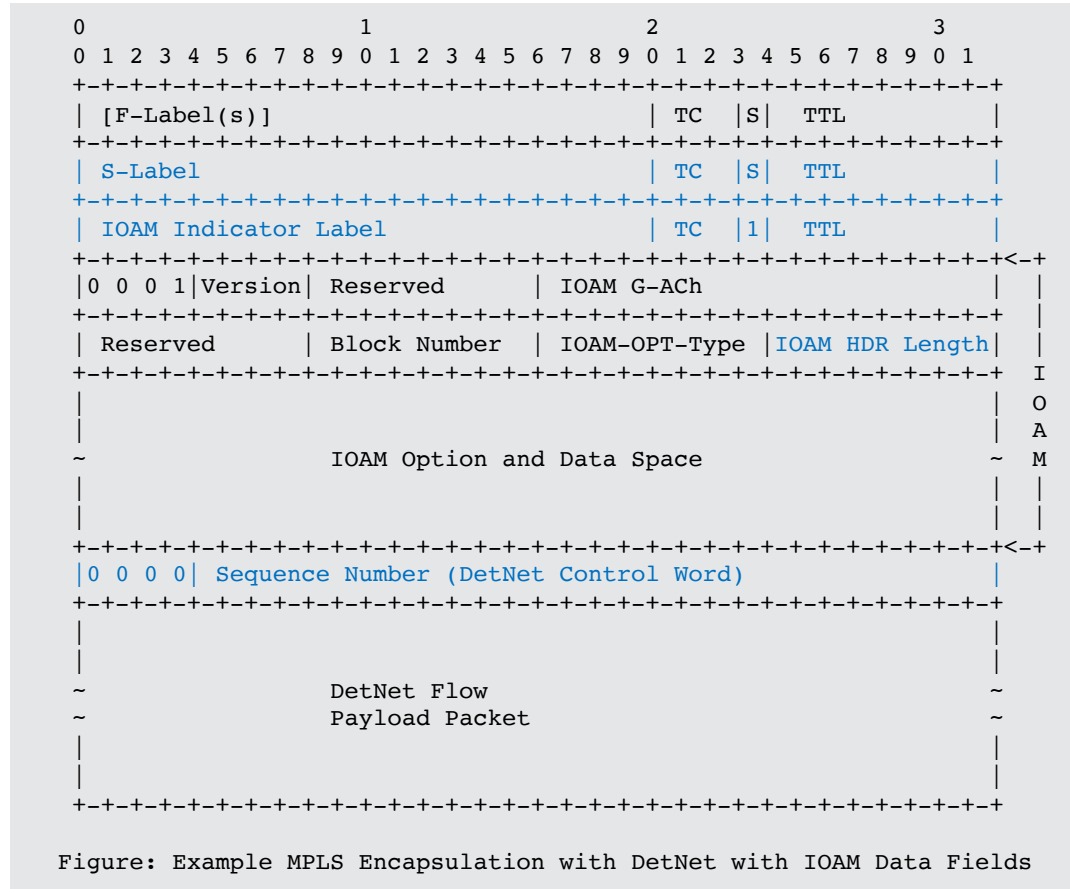
- Welcome your comments and suggestions
- Requesting WG adoption

# Thank you



# Example MPLS Encapsulations for IOAM Data Fields

# Example - DetNet Control Word [RFC8964] with IOAM Data Fields



# Example - Generic Delivery Function Encap with IOAM Data Fields

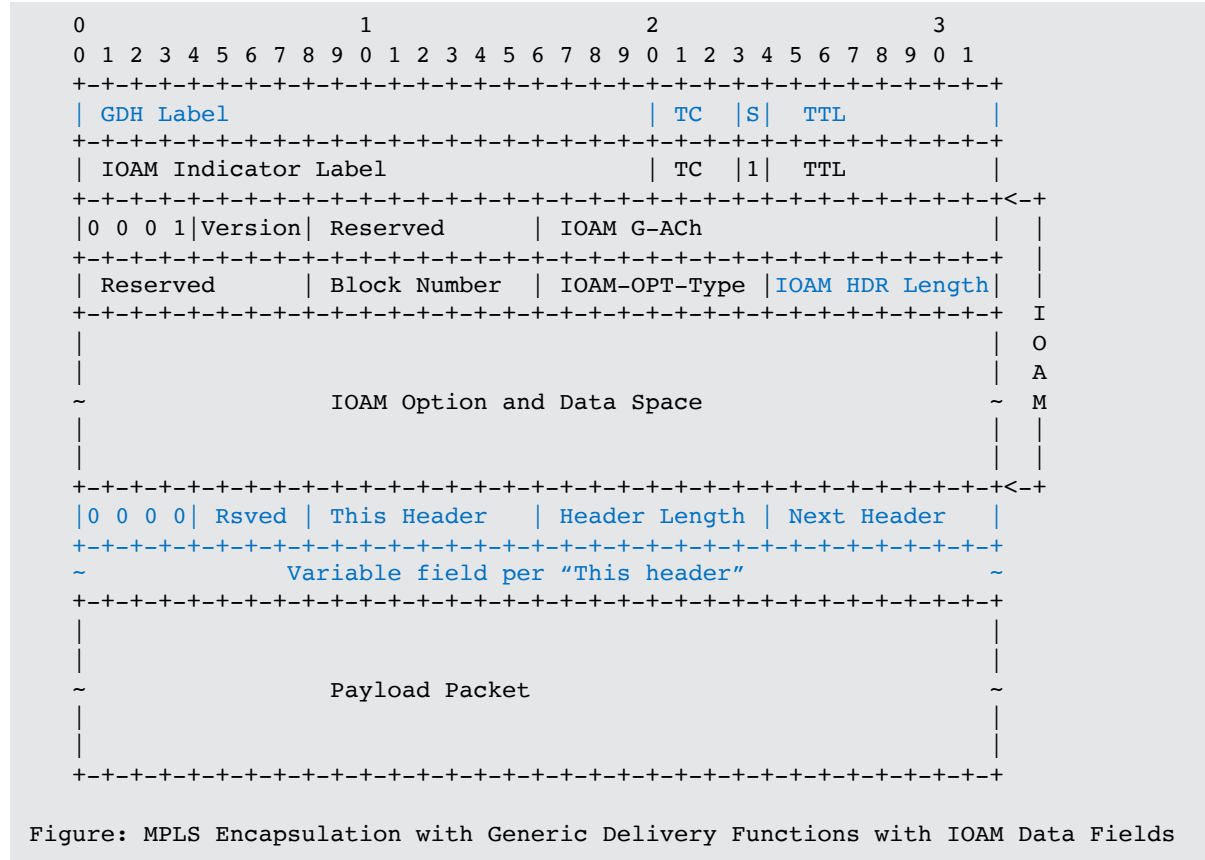


Figure: MPLS Encapsulation with Generic Delivery Functions with IOAM Data Fields

- <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-zhang-intarea-generic-delivery-functions/>

- GDF Ingress/Egress Nodes only.
- GDF has no Hop-by-hop processing

# Thank you