

MPLS Data Plane Encapsulation for In-situ OAM Data

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Requirements and Scope

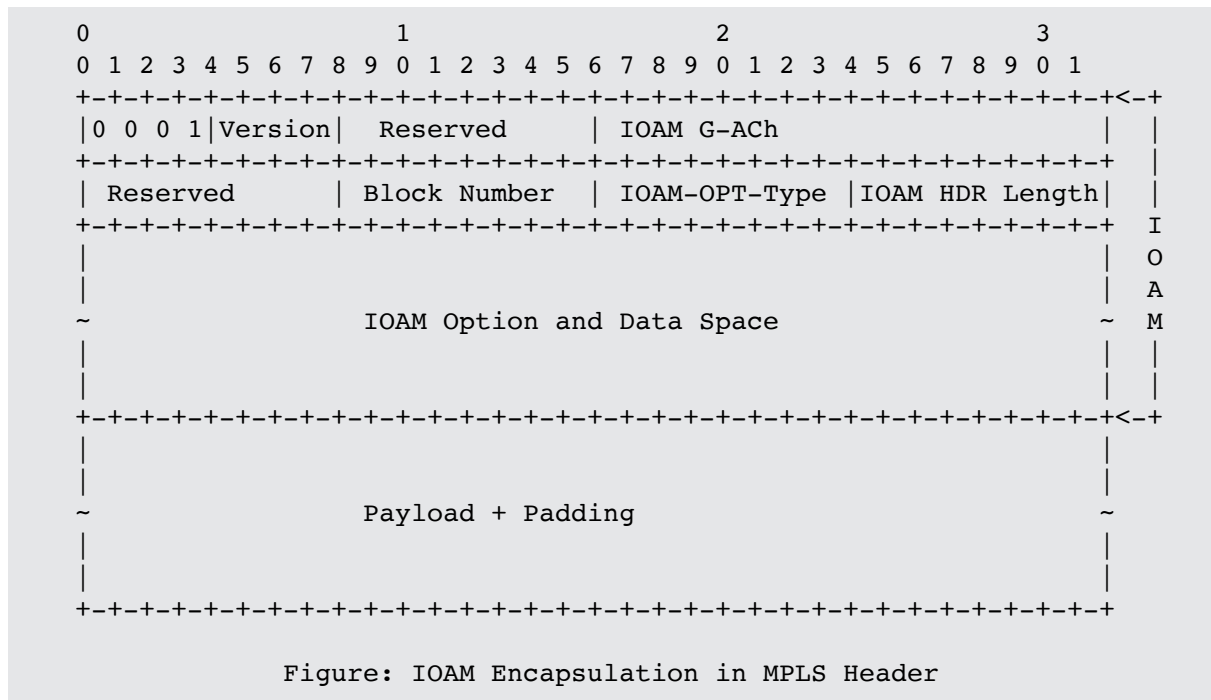
Requirements:

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

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

IOAM Data Field Encapsulation in MPLS Header



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
- 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

IOAM Indicator Label

- “IOAM Indicator Label” is used to indicate the presence of the IOAM data fields in the MPLS header after EOS.
- Separate Indicator Labels are used for E2E and HbH IOAM to optimize IOAM processing on transit nodes.

E2E IOAM Encapsulation in MPLS Header

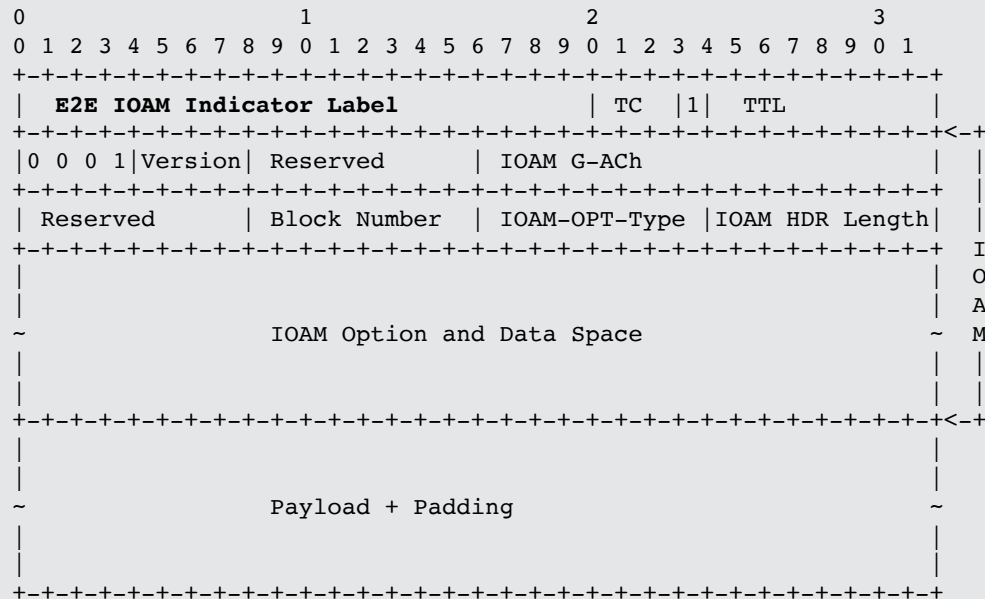


Figure: E2E IOAM Encapsulation in MPLS Header

E2E Indicator Label Allocation Methods

1. Extension Label (15) and Label assigned by IANA with value **TBA1**
 - 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 IOAM Enabled Label allocated by the decapsulating node**
 - **Signaling/advertisement extensions needed to convey the label to all encapsulating nodes (out of scope)**

E2E Indicator Label Allocation Methods

Method	Extra Label stack Size	Location on Stack
eSPL Labels	+2 (Note 1)	Bottom
Global Label	+1	Bottom
Signal/Advertise Label	+1 (compared to PHP)	Bottom

1. This is true for any mechanism that we are defining using eSPL
 - SFC: <https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc8595>
 - E2E: draft-cheng-mpls-inband-pm-encapsulation
2. May require Entropy label for ECMP

E2E IOAM Procedure

1. The encapsulating node inserts an E2E Indicator Label and one or more IOAM data field(s) in the MPLS header.
2. The decapsulating node "punts the timestamped copy" of the data packet including IOAM data field(s).
 - a. The decapsulating node for E2E IOAM also pops the IOAM Indicator Label and the IOAM data field(s) from the MPLS header.
 - b. The decapsulating node processes IOAM data field(s).
 - c. The decapsulating node forwards the data packet downstream.

HbH IOAM Encapsulation in MPLS Header

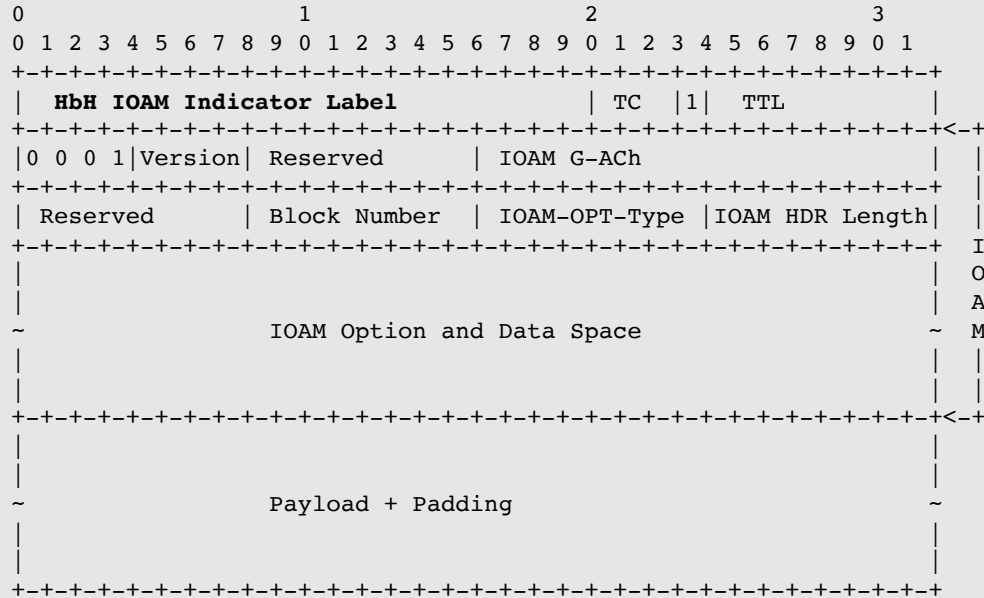


Figure: HbH IOAM Encapsulation in MPLS Header

HbH Indicator Label Allocation Methods

1. Extension Label (15) and Label assigned by IANA with value TBA2
 - 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
3. The IOAM Enabled Label allocated by the transit nodes
 - Signaling/advertisement extensions needed to convey the label to all encapsulating nodes (out of scope)

HbH Indicator Label Allocation Methods

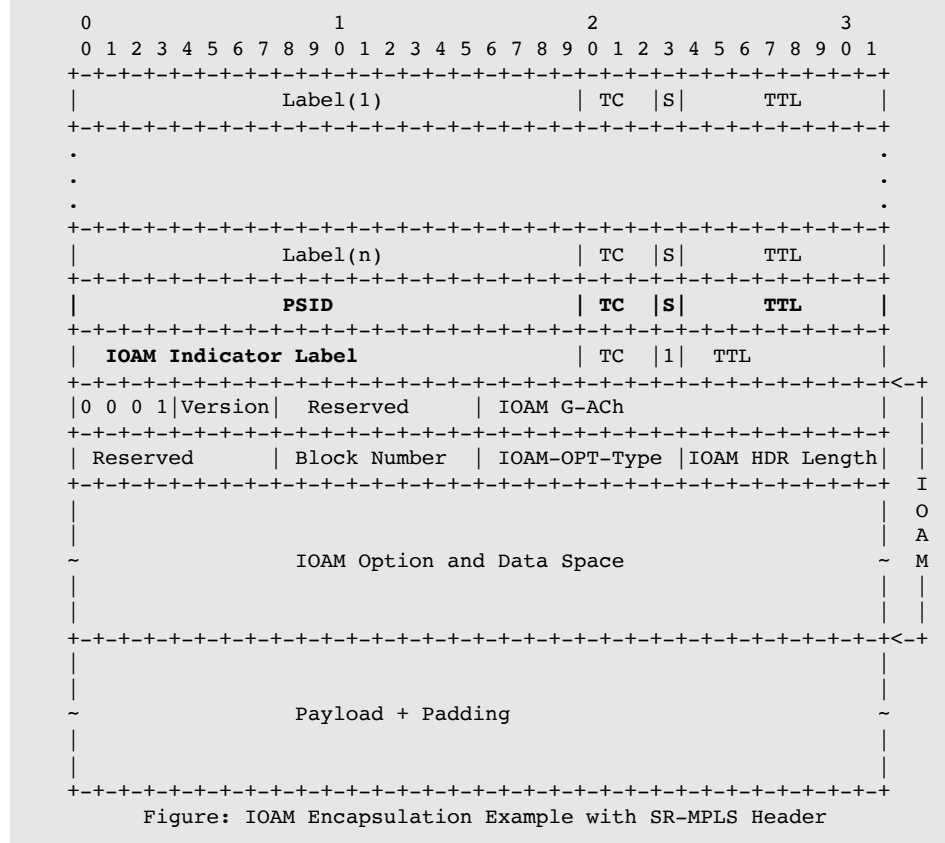
Method	Extra Label stack Size	Location on Stack	Scan Label Stack (Notes 2, 3)	Different FIB Entry for Local Label
eSPL Labels	+2	Bottom (Note 1)	Yes	No
Global Label	+1	Bottom	Yes	No
Signal/Advertise Label (like SFL)	+0	Top	No	Yes

1. eSPL at top of the label stack breaks MPLS forwarding in heterogenous network environment with and without IOAM capable nodes
2. Entropy Label also requires transit nodes to scan label stack
3. 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

HbH IOAM Procedure

1. The encapsulating node inserts a HbH Indicator Label and one or more IOAM data field(s) in the MPLS header.
2. The transit node processes HbH IOAM data field(s) and forwards the data packet including updated IOAM data field(s).
 - a. Transit node may punt the timestamped copy of the data packet for further IOAM processing
3. The decapsulating node "punts the timestamped copy" of the data packet including IOAM data field(s).
 - a. The decapsulating node for E2E IOAM also pops the IOAM Indicator Label and the IOAM data field(s) from the MPLS header.
 - b. The decapsulating node processes IOAM data field(s).
 - c. The decapsulating node forwards the data packet downstream.

IOAM Encapsulation Example with SR-MPLS Header



Next Steps

- Welcome your comments and suggestions
- Requesting MPLS WG adoption

Thank you

Open Review Comments

4. IOAM Data After EOS

- Applicable to E2E and HbH cases
- What if the LSP is carrying a PW or is DetNet?
- What if it is a MS-PW?
- In all these cases there is a CW immediately after EOS.
- Then there is the universal fragmentation idea that is floating about that also wants to follow EOS.

Reply:

- ✓ This is a generic issue applicable to all G-ACH mechanisms used for data traffic.

Thank you