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Note: This change is intended to clarify that MPLS-TP service is not provided to a CE

3.4.3. MPLS-TP Transport Service Interfaces

An MPLS-TP PE node can provide two types of interface to the Transport Service layer. The MPLS-TP User-Network Interface (UNI) provides the interface between a CE and the MPLS-TP network. The MPLS-TP Network-Network Interface (NNI) provides the interface between two MPLS-TP PEs in different administrative domains.

Note that the term MPLS UNI is to be interpreted as UNI to an MPLS-TP network and does not refer to the protocol transiting the UNI.

When MPLS-TP is used to provide a transport service for e.g. IP services that are a part of a Layer 3 VPN, then packets are transported in the same manner as specified in [RFC4364].

Note: The Encapsulation Label may be omitted when the service LSP is supporting only one network layer protocol payload type. For example, if only MPLS labeled packets are carried over a service, then the Service Label (stack entry) provides both the payload type indication and service identification. The Encapsulation Label cannot be any of the reserved labels [RFC 3032].

Note: This change clarifies that the encapsulation label must be a "normal" MPLS label.

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A MEG may also include a set of Maintenance Entity Group Intermediate

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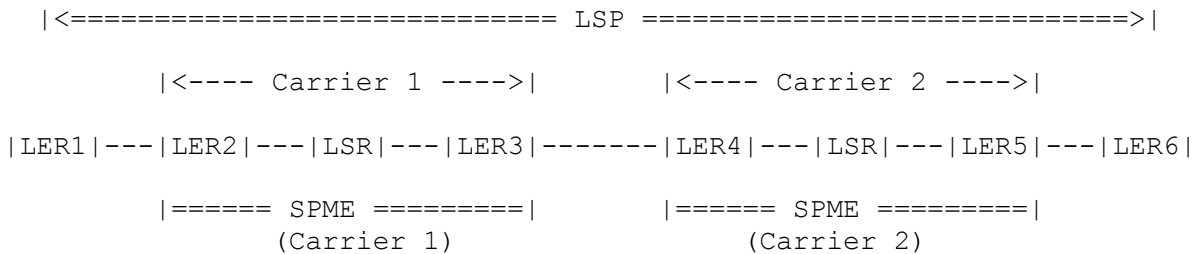
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Points (MIPs). ~~MEPs are capable of sourcing and sinking OAM flows, while MIPs can both react to OAM flows received from within a MEG and originate notifications to the MEPs as a result of specific network conditions.~~

Note: This change avoids a conflict with the description in the OAM framework draft.

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Note 1: LER2, LER3, LER4 and LER5 are with respect to the SPME but LSRs with respect to the LSP

Note: This change clarifies the role of the LERs.

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Hierarchical label stacking, in a similar manner to that described above, can be used to implement sub-path maintenance entities ~~enfor~~ pseudowires, as described in [I-D.ietf-mpls-tp-oam-framework].

Note: This change provides a reference to the full description.

