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Abstract

This document defines methodologies for benchmarking EVPN and PBB-EVPN performance. EVPN is defined in [RFC 7432](#), and is being deployed in Service Provider networks. Specifically, this document defines the methodologies for benchmarking EVPN/PBB-EVPN convergence, data plane performance, and control plane performance.

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1. Introduction

EVPN is defined in [RFC 7432](#), and describes BGP MPLS based Ethernet VPNs (EVPN). PBB-EVPN is defined in [RFC 7623](#), discusses how Ethernet Provider backbone Bridging can be combined with EVPNs to provide a new/combined solution. This draft defines methodologies that can be used to benchmark both [RFC 7432](#) and [RFC 7623](#) solutions. Further, this draft provides methodologies for benchmarking the performance of EVPN data and control planes, MAC learning, MAC flushing, MAC aging, convergence, high availability, and scale.

1.1. 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 8174](#) [[RFC8174](#)].

1.2. Terminologies

Most of the terminology used in this documents comes from [[RFC7432](#)] and [[RFC7632](#)].

All-Active Redundancy Mode: When all PEs attached to an Ethernet segment are allowed to forward known unicast traffic to/from that Ethernet segment for a given VLAN, then the Ethernet segment is defined to be operating in All-Active redundancy mode.

AA: All Active mode

CE: Customer Router/Devices/Switch.

DF: Designated Forwarder

DUT: Device under test.

Ethernet Segment (ES): When a customer site (device or network) is connected to one or more PEs via a set of Ethernet links, then that set of links is referred to as an 'Ethernet segment'.

EVI: An EVPN instance spanning the Provider Edge (PE) devices participating in that EVPN.

Ethernet Segment Identifier (ESI): A unique non-zero identifier that identifies an Ethernet segment is called an 'Ethernet Segment Identifier'.

Ethernet Tag: An Ethernet tag identifies a particular broadcast domain, e.g., a VLAN. An EVPN instance consists of one or more broadcast domains.

Interface: Physical interface of a router/switch.

IRB: Integrated routing and bridging interface

MAC: Media Access Control addresses on a PE.

MHPE2: Multi homed Provider Edge router 2.

MHPE1: Multi homed Provider Edge router 1.

SHPE3: Single homed Provider Edge Router 3.

PE: Provider Edge device.

P: Provider Router.

RR: Route Reflector.

RT: Traffic Generator.

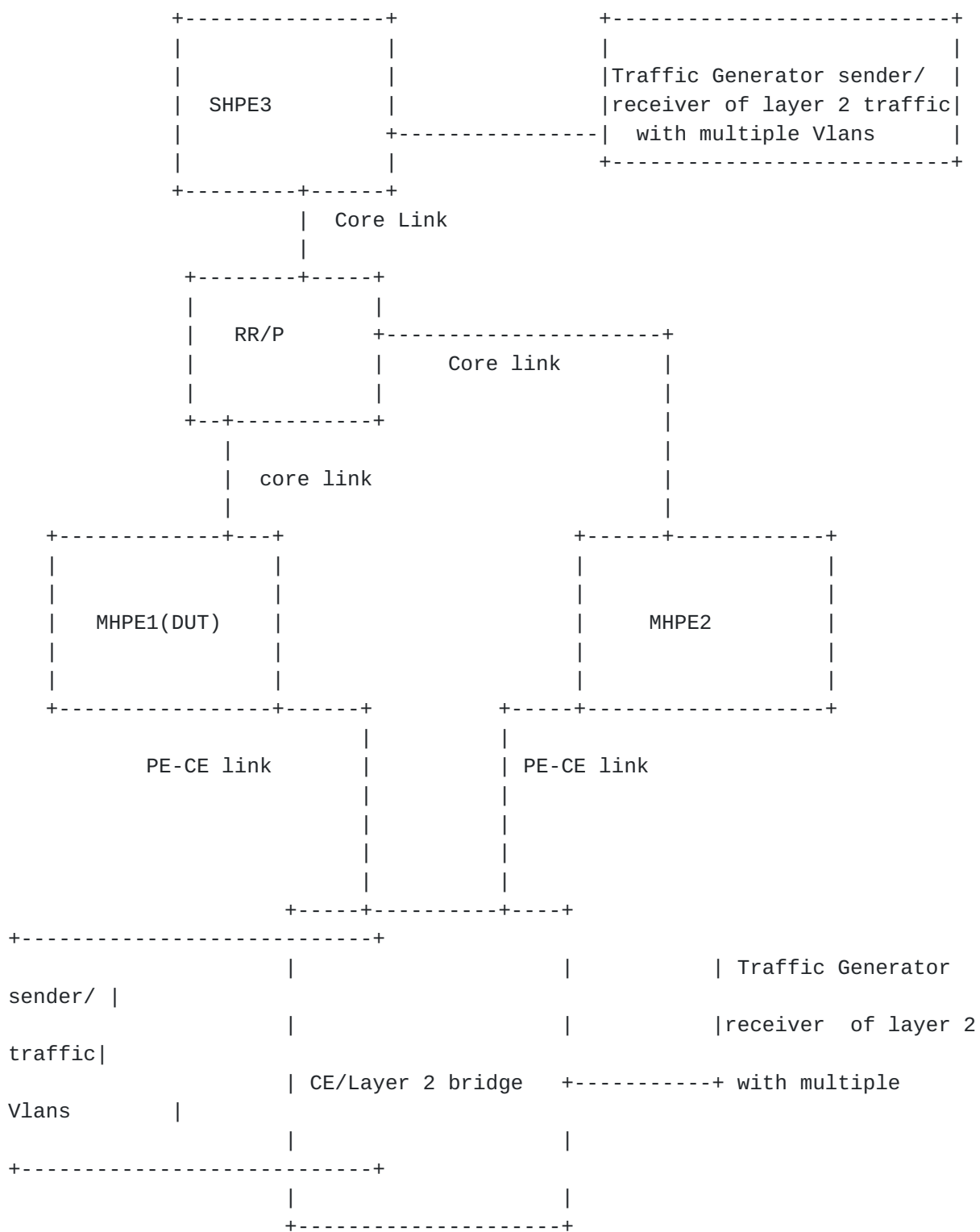
Sub Interface: Each physical Interfaces is subdivided in to a set of Logical units.

SA: Single Active

Single-Active Redundancy Mode: When a single PE (among all the PEs attached to an Ethernet segment) is the only PE allowed to forward traffic to/from a given Ethernet segment for a given VLAN, then that Ethernet segment is defined to be operating in Single-Active redundancy mode.

2. Test Topology

There are five routers in the Test setup. SHPE3, RR/P, MHPE1 and MHPE2 emulating a service provider network. CE is a customer device connected to MHPE1 and MHPE2. it is configured with bridge domains in multiple VLANs. The traffic generator is connected to the CE and SHPE3. The MHPE1 acts as DUT. The traffic generator will be used as sender and receiver of traffic. The test measurements are taken from the DUT. MHPE1 and MHPE2 are multi-homed routers connected to CE running single active mode. The traffic generator will be generating traffic at 10% of the line rate.



Topology 1

Test Setup

Figure 1

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Mode		Test	Traffic	Sender	Receiver
			Direction		
Single Active traffic	Local MAC	Learning	Uni	CE	SHPFE3 Layer 2
multiple MAC					
Single Active traffic	Remote MAC	Learning	Uni	CE	Layer 2
MAC					multiple
Single Active traffic	Scale Convergence		Bi	CE/SHPE3	Layer 2
MAC &	Local& Remote				multiple
vlangs	Learning				

Table showing the traffic directions of various EVPN/PBB-EVPN benchmarking test cases. Depending on the test scenario, the traffic can be uni-directional or bi-directional (configured in the traffic generator).

Figure 2

Test Setup Configurations:

SHPE3 is configured with Interior Gateway protocols like OPSF or IS-IS for underlay, LDP for MPLS support, Interior Border Gateway with EVPN address family for overlay support. This router must be configured with N EVPN/PBB-EVPN instances for testing. Traffic generator is connected to this router for sending and receiving traffic.

RR is configured with Interior Gateway protocols like OPSF or IS-IS for underlay, LDP for MPLS support, Interior Border Gateway with EVPN address family for overlay support. This router function as both provider router and a route reflector.

MHPE1 is configured with Interior Gateway protocols like OPSF or IS-IS for underlay, LDP for MPLS support, Interior Border Gateway with EVPN address family for overlay support. This router must be configured with N EVPN/PBB-EVPN instances for testing. This router is configured with ESI per vlan or ESI per interface. It is functioning as multi homing PE working on Single Active EVPN mode. This router serves as the DUT and it is connected to CE. MHPE1 is acting as DUT for all the test cases.

MHPE2 is configured with Interior Gateway protocols like OPSF or IS-IS for underlay, LDP for MPLS support, Interior Border Gateway with EVPN address family for overlay support. This router must be configured with N EVPN/PBB-EVPN instances for testing. This router is configured with ESI per vlan or ESI per interface. It is functioning as multi homing PE working on Single Active EVPN mode. It is connected to CE.

CE is acting as bridge configured with multiple vlans. The same vlans are configured on MHPE1, MHPE2, SHPE3. traffic generator is connected to CE. the traffic generator acts as sender or receiver of traffic.

Depending up on the test scenarios the traffic generators will be used to generate uni directional or bi directional flows.

The above configuration will be serving as the base configuration for all test cases.

The X is used as variable to denote scale factor of the testing parameters. It must be in the multiples of 100.

3. Test Cases for EVPN Benchmarking

3.1. Data Plane MAC Learning

Objective:

Measure the time taken to learn the Data Plane MAC in DUT.

Topology : Topology 1

Procedure:

The data plane MAC learning can be measured using the parameters defined in [RFC 2889 section 5.8](#).

Confirm the DUT is up and running with EVPN.

Traffic generator connected to CE must send frames with X different source and destination MAC address for one vlan, the same vlan must be present in all the devices except RR.

Send X unicast frames from CE to MHPE1(DUT) for one EVPN instance working in SA mode.

The DUT will learn these X MAC in data plane.

Measurement :

Measure the time taken to learn X MAC locally in DUT EVPN MAC table. The data plane measurement is taken by considering DUT as black box. The range of MAC are known from traffic generator, the same must be learned in DUT, the time taken to learn X MAC is measured. The measurement is carried out using external server which polls the DUT using automated scripts.

The test is repeated for N times and the values are collected. The MAC learning rate is calculated by averaging the values obtained from N samples. N is an arbitrary number to get a sufficient sample. The time measured for each sample is denoted by T1,T2...Tn.

MAC learning rate = $(T1+T2+..Tn)/N$

3.2. Control Plane MAC Learning

Objective:

Measure the time taken to learn the control plane MAC.

Topology : Topology 1

Procedure:

Confirm the DUT is up and running with EVPN.

Traffic generator connected to SHPE3 must send frames with X different source and destination MAC address for one vlan, the same vlan must be present in all the devices except RR.

Ensure the frames must be destined to one EVPN instance.

The DUT will learn these X MAC in control plane.

Measurement :

Measure the time taken by the DUT to learn the X MAC in the data plane. The test is repeated for N times and the values are collected. The remote MAC learning rate is calculated by averaging the values obtained from N samples. N is an arbitrary number to get a sufficient sample. The time measured for each sample is denoted by T1,T2...Tn. The measurement is carried out using external server which polls the DUT using automated scripts.

MAC learning rate = $(T1+T2+..Tn)/N$

3.3. MAC Flush-Local Link Failure and Relearning

Objective:

Measure the time taken to flush the Data Plane MAC and the time taken to relearn the same amount of MAC.

Topology : Topology 1

Procedure:

Confirm the DUT is up and running with EVPN.

Send X frames with X different source and destination MAC addresses to DUT from CE using traffic generator for one vlan.

Ensure the DUT learns all X MAC addresses in data plane.

Fail the DUT-CE link and measure the time taken to flush these X MAC from the EVPN MAC table.

Bring up the link which was made Down(the link between DUT and CE). Measure time taken by the DUT to relearn these X MAC.

The DUT and MHPE2 are running SA mode.

Measurement :

Measure the time taken for flushing these X MAC addresses. Measure the time taken to relearn these X MAC in DUT. The test is repeated for N times and the values are collected. The flush and the relearning time is calculated by averaging the values obtained by N samples. N is an arbitrary number to get a sufficient sample. The time measured for each sample is denoted by T1,T2...Tn. The measurement is carried out using external server which polls the DUT using automated scripts.

$$\text{Flush rate} = (T1+T2+..Tn)/N$$
$$\text{Relearning rate} = (T1+T2+..Tn)/N$$

3.4. MAC Flush-Remote Link Failure and Relearning.

Objective:

Measure the time taken to flush the Control plane MAC learned in DUT during remote link failure and the time taken to relearn.

Topology : Topology 1

Procedure:

Confirm the DUT is up and running with EVPN.

Send X frames with X different source and destination MAC addresses to DUT from SHPE3 using traffic generator for one vlan.

Bring down the link between SHPE3 and traffic generator.

SHPE3 will withdraw the routes from DUT due to link failure.

Measure the time taken to flush the DUT EVPN MAC table. The DUT and MHPE2 are running SA mode.

Bring up the link which was made Down(the link between SHPE3 and traffic generator).

Measure time taken by the DUT to relearn these X MAC from control plane.

Measurement :

Measure the time taken to flush X remote MAC from EVPN MAC table of the DUT. Measure the time taken to relearn these X MAC in DUT. The test is repeated for N times and the values are collected. The flush rate is calculated by averaging the values obtained by N samples. N is an arbitrary number to get a sufficient sample. The time measured for each sample is denoted by T1,T2...Tn. The measurement is carried out using external server which polls the DUT using automated scripts.

$$\text{Flush rate} = (T1+T2+..Tn)/N$$
$$\text{Relearning rate} = (T1+T2+..Tn)/N$$

3.5. MAC Aging

Objective:

To measure the MAC Aging time.

Topology : Topology 1

Procedure:

Confirm the DUT is up and running with EVPN.

Send X frames with X different source and destination MAC addresses to DUT from CE using traffic generator for one vlan.

Ensure these X MAC addresses are learned in DUT.

Then stop the traffic.

Ensure the DUT and other devices in the test are using the default timers for aging.

Measure the time taken to flush X MAC from DUT EVPN MAC table due to aging.

The DUT and MHPE2 are running SA mode.

Measurement :

Measure the time taken to flush X MAC addresses due to aging. The test is repeated for N times and the values are collected. The aging is calculated by averaging the values obtained by N samples. N is an arbitrary number to get a sufficient sample. The time measured for each sample is denoted by T1,T2...Tn. The measurement is carried out using external server which polls the DUT using automated scripts.

Aging time for X MAC in sec = $(T1+T2+..Tn)/N$

3.6. Remote MAC Aging

Objective:

Measure the control plane learned MAC Aging time.

Topology : Topology 1

Procedure:

Confirm the DUT is up and running with EVPN.

Send X frames with X different source and destination MAC addresses to DUT from SHPE3 using traffic generator for one vlan.

Ensure these X MAC addresses are learned in DUT via control plane.

Then stop the traffic.

Ensure the DUT and other devices in the test are using the default timers for aging.

Measure the time taken to flush X MAC from DUT EVPN MAC table due to aging.

The DUT and MHPE2 are running SA mode.

Measurement :

Measure the time taken to flush X remote MAC learned in DUT EVPN MAC table due to aging. The test is repeated for N times and the values are collected. The aging is calculated by averaging the values obtained by N samples. N is an arbitrary number to get a sufficient sample. The time measured for each sample is denoted by T1,T2...Tn. The measurement is carried out using external server which polls the DUT using automated scripts.

Aging time for X MAC in sec = $(T1+T2+..Tn)/N$

3.7. Control and Data plane MAC Learning

Objective:

To record the time taken to learn both local and remote MAC.

Topology : Topology 1

Procedure:

Confirm the DUT is up and running with EVPN.

Send X frames with X different source and destination MAC addresses to DUT from SHPE3 using traffic generator for one vlan.

Send X frames with different source and destination MAC addresses from traffic generator connected to CE for one vlan.

The source and destination addresses of flows must be complimentary to have unicast flows.

Measure the time taken by the DUT to learn 2X in EVPN MAC table.

DUT and MHPE2 are running in SA mode.

Measurement :

Measure the time taken to learn 2X MAC addresses in DUT EVPN MAC table. The test is repeated for N times and the values are collected. The MAC learning time is calculated by averaging the values obtained by N samples. N is an arbitrary number to get a sufficient sample. The time measured for each sample is denoted by T1,T2...Tn. The measurement is carried out using external server which polls the DUT using automated scripts

MAC learning rate = $(T1+T2+..Tn)/N$

3.8. High Availability.

Objective:

Measure traffic loss during routing engine fail over.

Topology : Topology 1

Procedure:

Confirm the DUT is up and running with EVPN.

Send X frames from CE to DUT from traffic generator with X different source and destination MAC addresses.

Send X frames from traffic generator to SHPE3 with X different source and destination MAC addresses, so that 2X MAC address will be learned in the DUT.

There is a bi directional traffic flow with X pps in each direction.

Ensure the DUT learn 2X MAC.

Then do a routing engine fail-over.

Measurement :

The expectation of the test is 0 traffic loss with no change in the DF role. DUT should not withdraw any routes. But in cases where the DUT is not properly synchronised between master and standby, due to that packet loss are observed. In that scenario the packet loss is measured. The test is repeated for N times and the values are collected. The packet loss is calculated by averaging the values obtained by N samples. N is an arbitrary number to get a sufficient sample. The time measured for each sample is denoted by T1, T2...Tn. The measurement is carried out using external server which polls the DUT using automated scripts to ensure the DUT learned 2X MAC. The packet drop is measured using traffic generator.

Packet loss in sec with 2X MAC addresses = $(T1+T2+..Tn)/N$

3.9. ARP/ND Scale

Measure the DUT scaling limit of ARP/ND.

Objective:

Measure the ARP/ND scale of the DUT.

Topology : Topology 1

Procedure:

Confirm the DUT is up and running with EVPN.

Send X arp/neighbour discovery(ND) from the traffic generator to DUT with different sender ip/ipv6, MAC addresses to the target IRB address configured in EVPN instance.

The EVPN instance learns the MAC+ip and MAC+ipv6 addresses from these request and advertise as type 2 MAC+ip/MAC+ipv6 route to remote provide edge routers which have same EVPN configurations.

The value of X must be increased at an incremental value of 5% of X, till the limit is reached. The limit is where the DUT can't learn any more type 2 MAC+ip/MAC+ipv6. The test must be separately conducted for arp and ND.

Measurement :

Measure the scale limit of type 2 MAC+ip/MAC+ipv6 route which DUT can learn. The test is repeated for N times and the values are collected. The scale limit is calculated by averaging the values obtained by N samples for both MAC+ip and MAC+ipv6. N is an

arbitrary number to get a sufficient sample. The scale value obtained by each sample be v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n . The measurement is carried out using external server which polls the DUT using automated scripts to find the scale limit of MAC+ipv4/MAC+ipv6.

Scale limit for MAC+ip = $(v_1 + v_2 + \dots + v_n) / N$

Scale limit for MAC+ipv6 = $(v_1 + v_2 + \dots + v_n) / N$

3.10. Scaling of Services

Objective:

Measure the scale of EVPN instances that a DUT can hold.

Topology : Topology 1

Procedure:

Confirm the DUT is up and running with EVPN.

The DUT, MHPE2 and SHPE3 are scaled to N EVI.

Ensure routes received from MHPE2 and SHPE3 for N EVI in the DUT.

Then increment the scale of N by 5% of N till the limit is reached.

The limit is where the DUT cant learn any EVPN routes from its peers.

Measurement :

There should not be any loss of route types 1,2,3 and 4 in DUT. DUT must relearn all type 1, 2, 3 and 4 from remote routers. The DUT must be subjected to various values of N to find the optimal scale limit. The scope of the test is find out the maximum EVPN instance that a DUT can hold. The measurement is carried out using external server which polls the DUT using automated scripts to find the scale limit of EVPN instances.

3.11. Scale Convergence

Objective:

Measure the convergence time of DUT when the DUT is scaled with EVPN instance along with traffic.

Topology : Topology 1

Procedure:

Confirm the DUT is up and running with EVPN.

Scale N EVIs in DUT, SHPE3 and MHPE2.

Send F frames to DUT from CE using traffic generator with X different source and destination MAC addresses for N EVI's.

Send F frames from traffic generator to SHPE3 with X different source and destination MAC addresses.

There will be 2X number of MAC addresses will be learned in DUT EVPN MAC table.

There is a bi directional traffic flow with F pps in each direction.

Then clear the BGP neighbours in the DUT.

Once the BGP session is in established state in DUT.

Measure the time taken to learn 2X MAC address in DUT MAC table.

Measurement :

The DUT must learn 2X MAC addresses. Measure the time taken to learn 2X MAC in DUT. The test is repeated for N times and the values are collected. The convergence time is calculated by averaging the values obtained by N samples. N is an arbitrary number to get a sufficient sample. The time measured for each sample is denoted by T1, T2...Tn. The measurement is carried out using external server which polls the DUT using automated scripts.

Time taken to learn 2X MAC in DUT = $(T1+T2+..Tn)/N$

3.12. SOAK Test.**Objective:**

This test is carried out to measure the stability of the DUT in a scaled environment with traffic over a period of time "T". In each interval "t1" the DUT CPU usage, memory usage are measured. The DUT is checked for any crashes during this time period.

Topology : Topology 1

Procedure:

Confirm the DUT is up and running with EVPN.

Scale N EVI's in DUT, SHPE3 and MHPE2. Send F frames to DUT from CE using traffic generator with different X source and destination MAC addresses for N EVI's.

Send F frames from traffic generator to SHPE3 with X different source and destination MAC addresses.

There will be 2X number of MAC addresses will be learned in DUT EVPN MAC table.

There is a bi directional traffic flow with F pps in each direction.

The DUT must run with traffic for 24 hours.

Every hour check for memory leak in EVPN process, CPU usage and crashes in DUT.

Measurement :

Take the hourly reading of CPU, process memory. There should not be any memory leak, crashes, CPU spikes. The CPU spike is determined as the sudden increase of CPU usage to 100 percent compared to the average usage. The average value vary from device to device. Memory leak is determined as the increase of memory usage with respect to time. The expectation is under steady state the memory usage for EVPN process should not increase with respect to time. The measurement is carried out using external server which polls the DUT using automated scripts which captures the CPU usage and process memory.

4. Test Cases for PBB-EVPN Benchmarking

4.1. Data Plane Local MAC Learning

Objective:

Measure the time taken to learn the Data Plane MAC in DUT.

Topology : Topology 1

Procedure:

Confirm the DUT is up and running with PBB-EVPN.

Traffic generator connected to CE must send frames with X different source and destination MAC address for one vlan, the same vlan must be present in all the devices except RR.

Send X unicast frames from CE to MHPE1(DUT) for one PBB-EVPN instance working in SA mode.

The DUT will learn these X MAC in data plane.

Measurement :

Measure the time taken to learn X MAC locally in DUT PBB-EVPN MAC table. The data plane measurement is taken by considering DUT as black box. The range of MAC are known from traffic generator, the same must be learned in DUT, the time taken to learn X MAC is measured. The measurement is carried out using external server which polls the DUT using automated scripts.

The test is repeated for N times and the values are collected. The MAC learning rate is calculated by averaging the values obtained from N samples. N is an arbitrary number to get a sufficient sample. The time measured for each sample is denoted by T1,T2...Tn.

MAC learning rate = $(T1+T2+..Tn)/N$

4.2. Data Plane Remote MAC Learning

Objective:

To Record the time taken to learn the remote MAC.

Topology : Topology 1

Procedure:

Confirm the DUT is up and running with PBB-EVPN.

Traffic generator connected to SHPE3 must send frames with X different source and destination MAC address for one vlan, the same vlan must be present in all the devices except RR.

Ensure the frames must be destined to one PBB-EVPN instance.

The DUT will learn these X MAC in data plane.

Measurement :

Measure the time taken by the DUT to learn the X MAC in the data plane. The test is repeated for N times and the values are collected. The remote MAC learning rate is calculated by averaging the values obtained from N samples. N is an arbitrary number to get a sufficient sample. The time measured for each sample is denoted by T1,T2...Tn. The measurement is carried out using external server which polls the DUT using automated scripts.

MAC learning rate = $(T1+T2+..Tn)/N$

4.3. MAC Flush-Local Link Failure

Objective:

Measure the time taken to flush the locally learned MAC and the time taken to relearn the same amount of MAC.

Topology : Topology 1

Procedure:

Confirm the DUT is up and running with PBB-EVPN.

Send X frames with X different source and destination MAC addresses to DUT from CE using traffic generator for one vlan.

Ensure the DUT learns all X MAC addresses in data plane.

Fail the DUT-CE link and measure the time taken to flush these X MAC from the PBB-EVPN MAC table.

Bring up the link which was made Down(the link between DUT and CE).Measure time taken by the DUT to relearn these X MAC.

The DUT and MHPE2 are running SA mode.

Measurement :

Measure the time taken for flushing these X MAC addresses. Measure the time taken to relearn these X MAC in DUT. The test is repeated for N times and the values are collected. The flush and the relearning time is calculated by averaging the values obtained by N samples. N is an arbitrary number to get a sufficient sample. The time measured for each sample is denoted by T1,T2...Tn. The measurement is carried out using external server which polls the DUT using automated scripts.

$$\text{Flush rate} = (T1+T2+..Tn)/N$$
$$\text{Relearning rate} = (T1+T2+..Tn)/N$$

4.4. MAC Flush-Remote Link Failure

Objective:

Measure the time taken to flush the remote MAC learned in DUT due to remote link failure and relearning it.

Topology : Topology 1

Procedure:

confirm the DUT is up and running with PBB-EVPN.

Send X frames with X different source and destination MAC addresses to DUT from SHPE3 using traffic generator for one vlan.

Bring down the link between SHPE3 and traffic generator.

Measure the time taken to flush the DUT PBB-EVPN MAC table. The DUT and MHPE2 are running SA mode.

Bring up the link which was made Down(the link between SHPE3 and traffic generator).

Measure time taken by the DUT to relearn these X MAC

Measurement :

Measure the time taken to flush X remote MAC from PBB-EVPN MAC table of the DUT. Measure the time taken to relearn these X MAC in DUT. The test is repeated for N times and the values are collected. The flush rate is calculated by averaging the values obtained by N samples. N is an arbitrary number to get a sufficient sample. The time measured for each sample is denoted by T1,T2...Tn. The measurement is carried out using external server which polls the DUT using automated scripts.

$$\text{Flush rate} = (T1+T2+..Tn)/N$$
$$\text{Relearning rate} = (T1+T2+..Tn)/N$$

4.5. MAC Aging

Objective:

Measure the MAC Aging time.

Topology : Topology 1

Procedure:

Confirm the DUT is up and running with PBB-EVPN.

Send X frames with X different source and destination MAC addresses to DUT from CE using traffic generator for one vlan.

Ensure these X MAC addresses are learned in DUT.

Then stop the traffic.

Ensure the DUT and other devices in the test are using the default timers for aging.

Measure the time taken to flush X MAC from DUT PBB-EVPN MAC table due to aging.

The DUT and MHPE2 are running SA mode.

Measurement :

Measure the time taken to flush X MAC addresses due to aging. The test is repeated for N times and the values are collected. The aging is calculated averaging the values obtained by N samples. N is an arbitrary number to get a sufficient sample. The time measured for each sample is denoted by T1,T2...Tn. The measurement is carried out using external server which polls the DUT using automated scripts.

Aging time for X MAC in sec = $(T1+T2+..Tn)/N$

4.6. Remote MAC Aging.

Objective:

Measure the remote MAC Aging time.

Topology : Topology 1

Procedure:

Confirm the DUT is up and running with PBB-EVPN.

Send X frames with X different source and destination MAC addresses to DUT from SHPE3 using traffic generator for one vlan.

Ensure these X MAC addresses are learned in DUT.

Then stop the traffic.

Ensure the DUT and other devices in the test are using the default timers for aging.

Measure the time taken to flush X MAC from DUT PBB-EVPN MAC table due to aging.

The DUT and MHPE2 are running SA mode.

Measurement :

Measure the time taken to flush X remote MAC learned in DUT EVPN MAC table due to aging. The test is repeated for N times and the values are collected. The aging is calculated by averaging the values obtained by N samples. N is an arbitrary number to get a sufficient sample. The time measured for each sample is denoted by T1,T2...Tn. The measurement is carried out using external server which polls the DUT using automated scripts.

Aging time for X MAC in sec = $(T1+T2+..Tn)/N$

4.7. Local and Remote MAC Learning

Objective:

Measure the time taken to learn both local and remote MAC.

Topology : Topology 1

Procedure:

Confirm the DUT is up and running with PBB-EVPN.

Send X frames with X different source and destination MAC addresses to DUT from SHPE3 using traffic generator for one vlan.

Send X frames with different source and destination MAC addresses from traffic generator connected to CE for one vlan.

The source and destination addresses of flows must be complimentary to have unicast flows.

Measure the time taken by the DUT to learn 2X in PBB-EVPN MAC table.

DUT and MHPE2 are running in SA mode.

Measurement :

Measure the time taken to learn 2X MAC addresses in DUT PBB-EVPN MAC table. The test is repeated for N times and the values are collected. The MAC learning time is calculated by averaging the values obtained by N samples. N is an arbitrary number to get a sufficient sample. The time measured for each sample is denoted by T1,T2...Tn. The measurement is carried out using external server which polls the DUT using automated scripts

MAC learning rate = $(T1+T2+..Tn)/N$

4.8. High Availability

Objective:

Measure traffic loss during routing engine failover.

Topology : Topology 1

Procedure:

Confirm the DUT is up and running with PBB-EVPN.

Send X frames from CE to DUT from traffic generator with X different source and destination MAC addresses.

Send X frames from traffic generator to SHPE3 with X different source and destination MAC addresses, so that 2X MAC address will be learned in the DUT.

There is a bi directional traffic flow with X pps in each direction.

Ensure the DUT learn 2X MAC.

Then do a routing engine fail-over.

Measurement :

The expectation of the test is 0 traffic loss with no change in the DF role. DUT should not withdraw any routes. But in cases where the DUT is not properly synchronised between master and standby, due to that packet loss are observed. In that scenario the packet loss is measured. The test is repeated for N times and the values are collected. The packet loss is calculated by averaging the values obtained by N samples. N is an arbitrary number to get a sufficient sample. The time measured for each sample is denoted by T1, T2...Tn. The measurement is carried out using external server which polls the DUT using automated scripts to ensure the DUT learned 2X MAC. The packet drop is measured using traffic generator.

Packet loss in sec with 2X MAC addresses = $(T1+T2+..Tn)/N$

4.9. Scale

Objective:

Measure the scale limit of DUT for PBB-EVPN.

Topology : Topology 1

Procedure:

Confirm the DUT is up and running with PBB-EVPN.

The DUT, MHPE2 and SHPE3 are scaled to N PBB-EVI.

Ensure routes received from MHPE2 and SHPE3 for N PBB-EVI in the DUT.

Then increment the scale of N by 5% of N till the limit is reached.

The limit is where the DUT can't learn any EVPN routes from its peers.

Measurement :

There should not be any loss of route types 2, 3 and 4 in DUT. DUT must relearn all type 2, 3 and 4 from remote routers. The DUT must be subjected to various values of N to find the optimal scale limit. The scope of the test is find out the maximum EVPN instance that a DUT can hold. The measurement is carried out using external server which polls the DUT using automated scripts to find the scale limit of PBB-EVPN instances.

4.10. Scale Convergence

Objective:

To measure the convergence time of DUT when the DUT is scaled with EVPN instance along with traffic.

Topology : Topology 1

Procedure:

Confirm the DUT is up and running with PBB-EVPN.

Scale N PBB-EVIs in DUT, SHPE3 and MHPE2.

Send F frames to DUT from CE using traffic generator with X different source and destination MAC addresses for N PBB-EVI's.

Send F frames from traffic generator to SHPE3 with X different source and destination MAC addresses.

There will be 2X number of MAC addresses will be learned in DUT PBB-EVPN MAC table.

There is a bi directional traffic flow with F pps in each direction.

Then clear the BGP neighbours in the DUT.

Once the BGP session is in established state in DUT.

Measure the time taken to learn 2X MAC address in DUT MAC table.

Measurement :

The DUT must learn 2X MAC addresses. Measure the time taken to learn 2X MAC in DUT. The test is repeated for N times and the values are collected. The convergence time is calculated by averaging the values obtained by N samples. N is an arbitrary number to get a sufficient sample. The time measured for each sample is denoted by T1, T2...Tn. The measurement is carried out using external server which polls the DUT using automated scripts.

Time taken to learn 2X MAC in DUT = $(T1+T2+..Tn)/N$

4.11. Soak Test

Objective:

To measure the stability of the DUT in a scaled environment with traffic.

Topology : Topology 1

Procedure:

Confirm the DUT is up and running with PBB-EVPN.

Scale N PBB-EVI's in DUT, SHPE3 and MHPE2. Send F frames to DUT from CE using traffic generator with different X source and destination MAC addresses for N EVI's.

Send F frames from traffic generator to SHPE3 with X different source and destination MAC addresses.

There will be 2X number of MAC addresses will be learned in DUT PBB-EVPN MAC table.

There is a bi directional traffic flow with F pps in each direction.

The DUT must run with traffic for 24 hours.

Every hour check for memory leak in PBB-EVPN process, CPU usage and crashes in DUT.

Measurement :

Take the hourly reading of CPU, process memory. There should not be any memory leak, crashes, CPU spikes. The CPU spike is determined as the sudden increase of CPU usage to 100 percent compared to the average usage. The average value vary from device to device. Memory leak is determined as the increase of memory usage with respect to time. The expectation is under steady state the memory usage for PBB-EVPN process should not increase with respect to time. The measurement is carried out using external server which polls the DUT using automated scripts which captures the CPU usage and process memory.

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6. IANA Considerations

This memo includes no request to IANA.

7. Security Considerations

The benchmarking tests described in this document are limited to the performance characterisation of controllers in a lab environment with isolated networks. The benchmarking network topology will be an independent test setup and MUST NOT be connected to devices that may forward the test traffic into a production network or misroute traffic to the test management network. Further, benchmarking is performed on a "black-box" basis, relying solely on measurements observable external to the controller. Security features mentioned in the [RFC 7432](#) will affect the test results. Special capabilities SHOULD NOT exist in the controller specifically for benchmarking purposes. Any implications for network security arising from the controller SHOULD be identical in the lab and in production networks.

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