HDLC

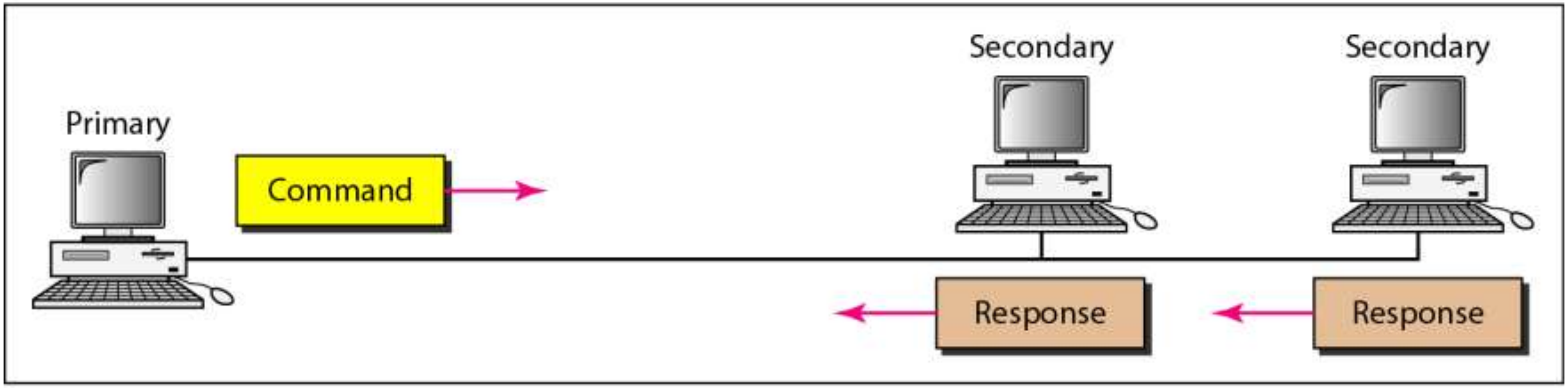
High-level Data Link Control (HDLC) ***is a*** ***bit-oriented protocol for communication over point-to-point and multipoint links. It implements the ARQ mechanisms***

Topics discussed in this section:

Configurations and Transfer Modes
Frames
Control Field

Normal response mode

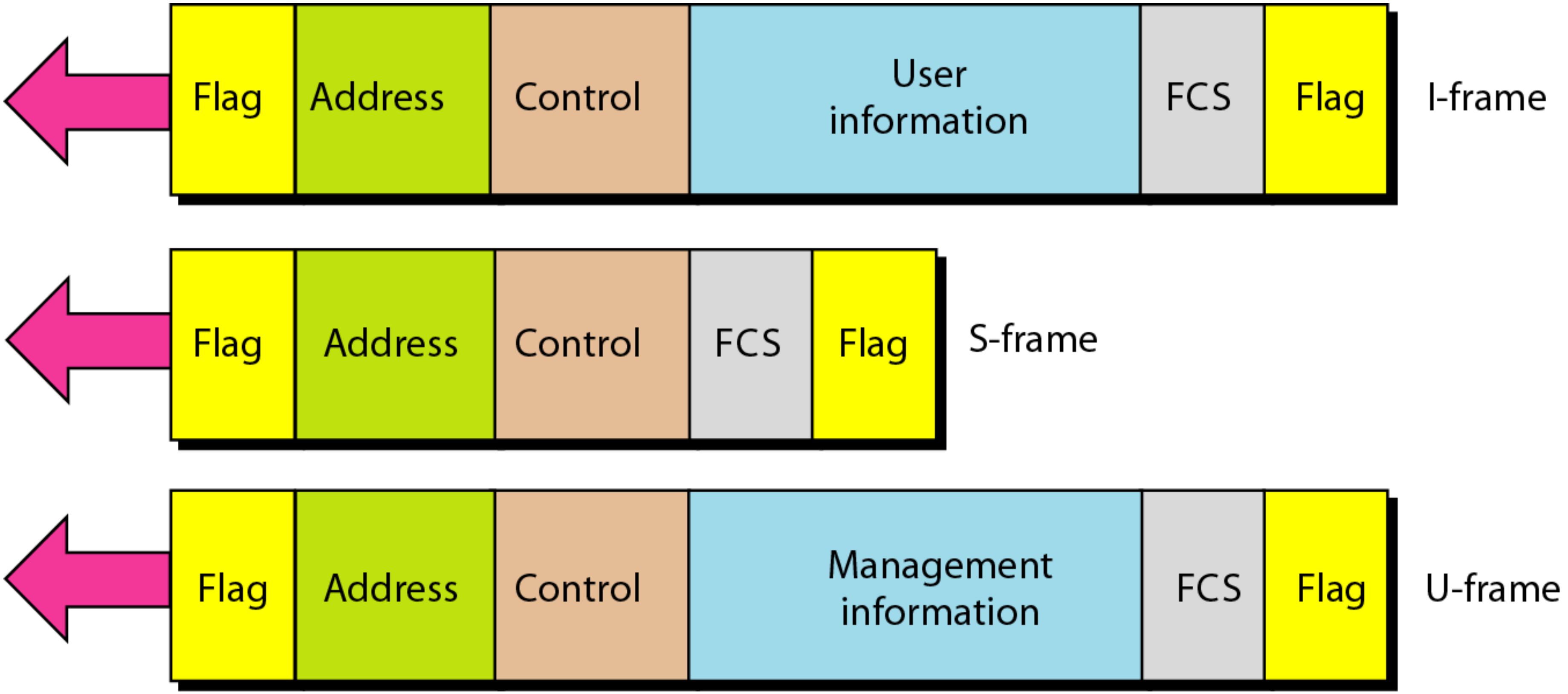
a. Point-to-point



b. Multipoint

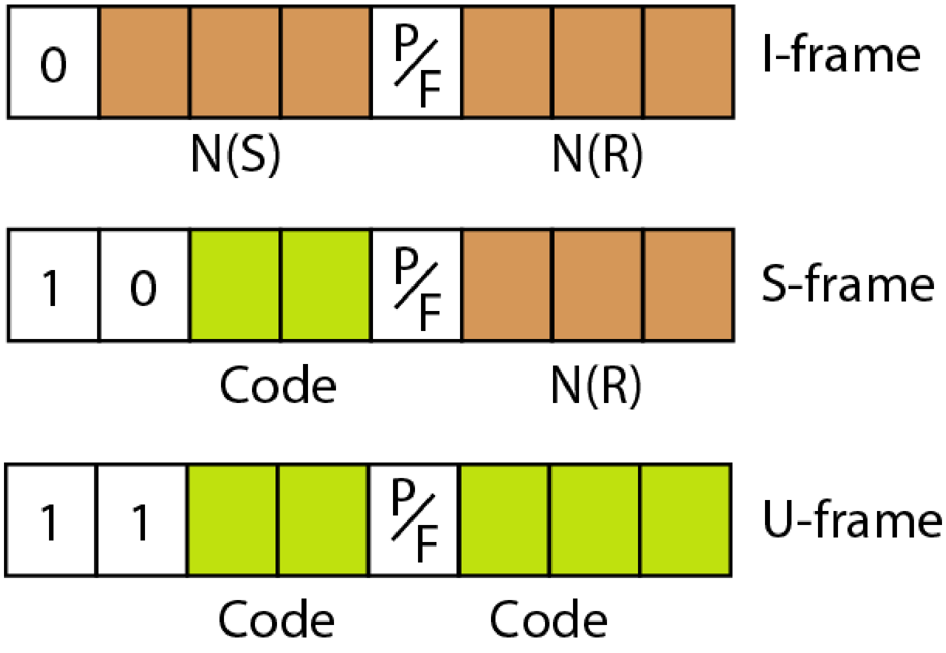
Asynchronous balanced mode

HDLC frames



Flag
Address
Control
User information
FCS
Flag
I-frame
Flag
Address
Control
FCS
Flag
S-frame
Flag
Address
Control
Management information
FCS
Flag
U-frame

Control field format for the different frame types



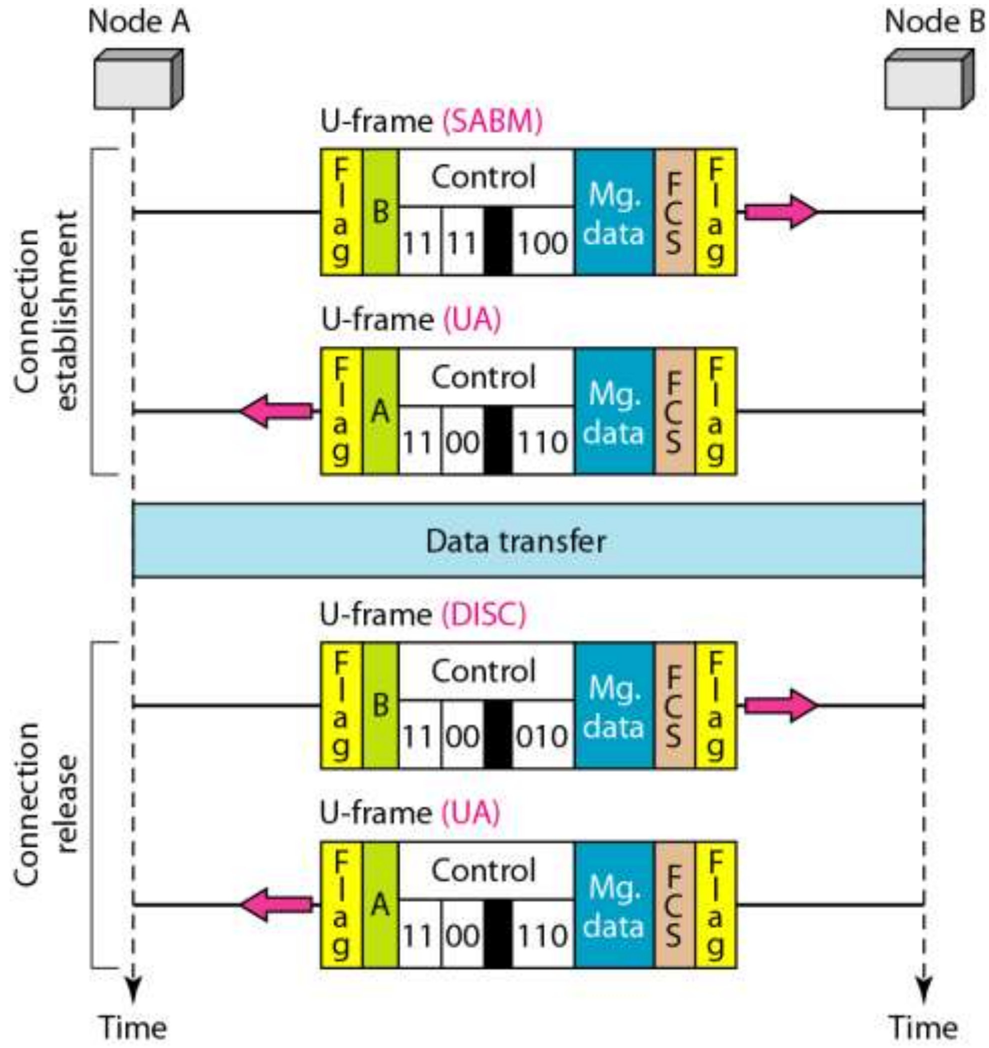
U-frame control command and response

Code	*Command*	*Response*	*Meaning*
00 001	SNRM		Set normal response mode
11 011	SNRME		Set normal response mode, extended
11 100	SABM	**DM**	Set asynchronous balanced mode or **disconnect mode**
11 110	SABME		Set asynchronous balanced mode, extended
00 000	UI	**UI**	Unnumbered information
00 110		**UA**	**Unnumbered acknowledgment**
00 010	DISC	**RD**	Disconnect or **request disconnect**
10 000	SIM	**RIM**	Set initialization mode or **request information mode**
00 100	UP		Unnumbered poll
11 001	RSET		Reset
11 101	XID	**XID**	Exchange ID
10 001	FRMR	**FRMR**	Frame reject

Example 11.9

Figure 11.29 shows how U-frames can be used for connection establishment and connection release. Node A asks for a connection with a set asynchronous balanced mode (SABM) frame; node B gives a positive response with an unnumbered acknowledgment (UA) frame. After these two exchanges, data can be transferred between the two nodes (not shown in the figure). After data transfer, node A sends a DISC (disconnect) frame to release the connection; it is confirmed by node B responding with a UA (unnumbered acknowledgment).

Figure 11.29 *Example of connection and disconnection*



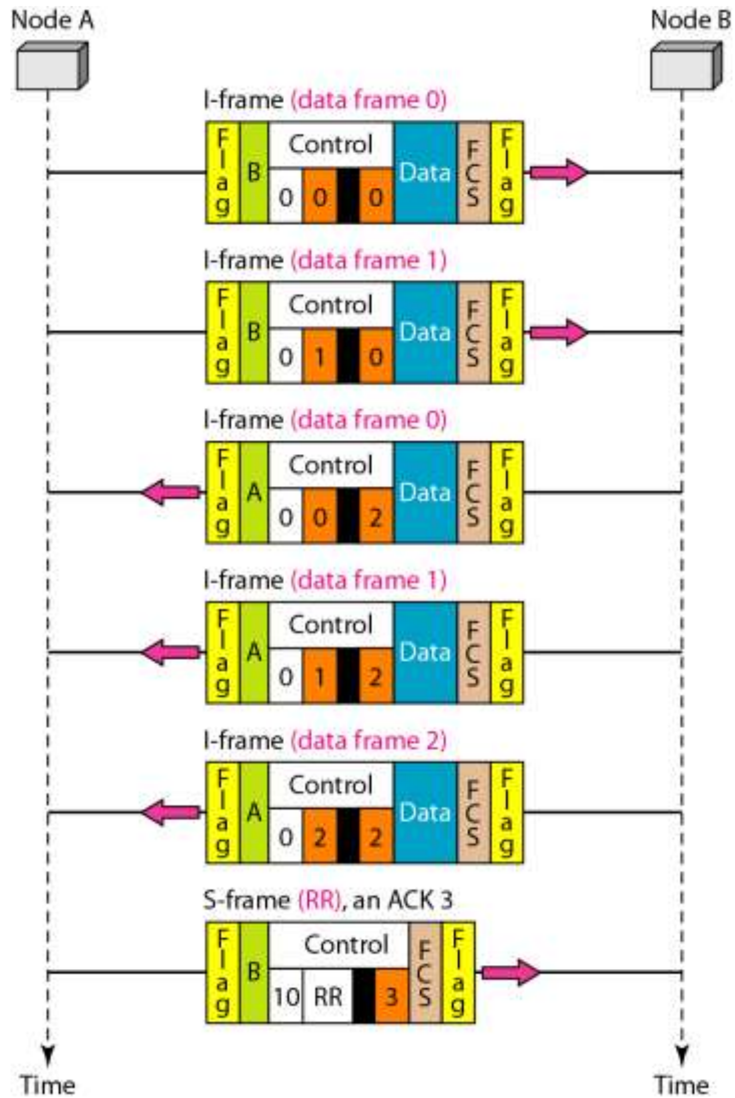
Example 11.10

Figure 11.30 shows an exchange using piggybacking. Node A begins the exchange of information with an I-frame numbered 0 followed by another I-frame numbered 1. Node B piggybacks its acknowledgment of both frames onto an I-frame of its own. Node B's first I-frame is also numbered 0 [N(S) field] and contains a 2 in its N(R) field, acknowledging the receipt of A's frames 1 and 0 and indicating that it expects frame 2 to arrive next. Node B transmits its second and third I-frames (numbered 1 and 2) before accepting further frames from node A.

Example 11.10 (continued)

Its N(R) information, therefore, has not changed: B frames 1 and 2 indicate that node B is still expecting A's frame 2 to arrive next. Node A has sent all its data. Therefore, it cannot piggyback an acknowledgment onto an I-frame and sends an S-frame instead. The RR code indicates that A is still ready to receive. The number 3 in the N(R) field tells B that frames 0, 1, and 2 have all been accepted and that A is now expecting frame number 3.

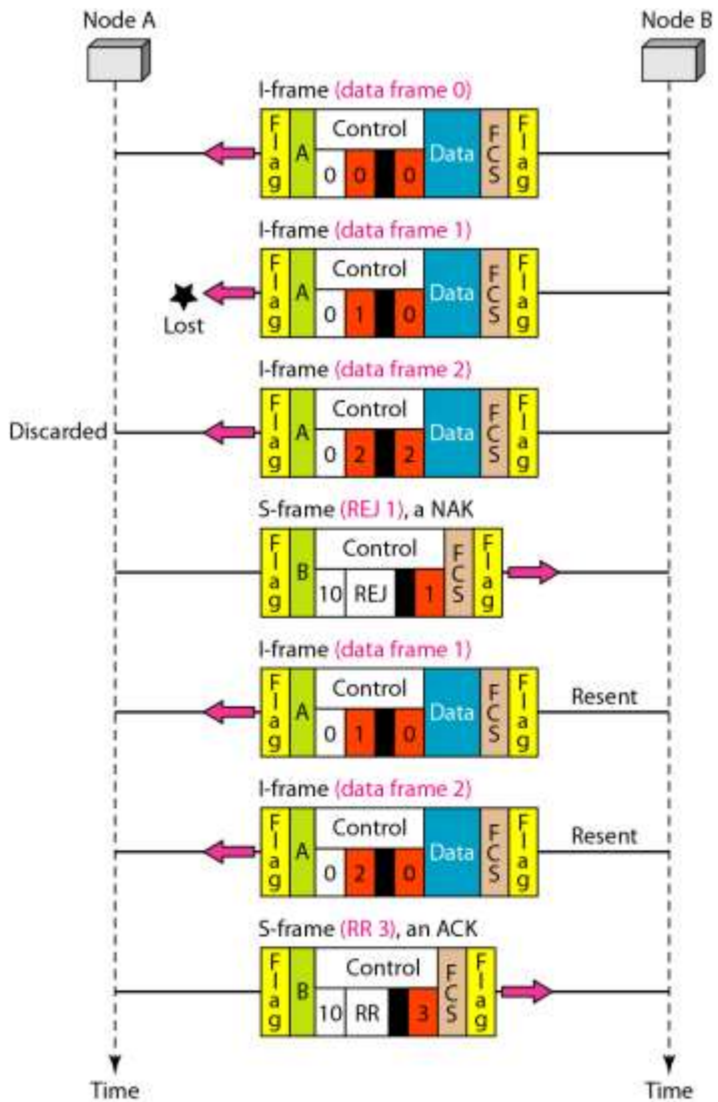
Figure 11.30 *Example of piggybacking without error*



Example 11.11

Figure 11.31 shows an exchange in which a frame is lost. Node B sends three data frames (0, 1, and 2), but frame 1 is lost. When node A receives frame 2, it discards it and sends a REJ frame for frame 1. Note that the protocol being used is Go-Back-N with the special use of an REJ frame as a NAK frame. The NAK frame does two things here: It confirms the receipt of frame 0 and declares that frame 1 and any following frames must be resent. Node B, after receiving the REJ frame, resends frames 1 and 2. Node A acknowledges the receipt by sending an RR frame (ACK) with acknowledgment number 3.

Figure 11.31 *Example of piggybacking with error*



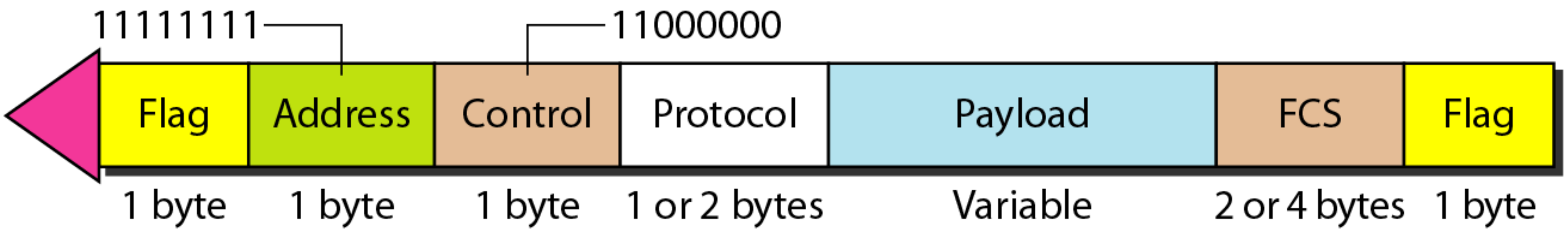
POINT-TO-POINT PROTOCOL

Although HDLC is a general protocol that can be used for both point-to-point and multipoint configurations, one of the most common protocols for point-to-point access is the Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP). PPP is a byte-oriented protocol.

Topics discussed in this section:

Framing
Transition Phases
Multiplexing
Multilink PPP

Figure 11.32 *PPP frame format*



Note

PPP is a byte-oriented protocol using byte stuffing with the escape byte 01111101.

Figure 11.33 *Transition phases*

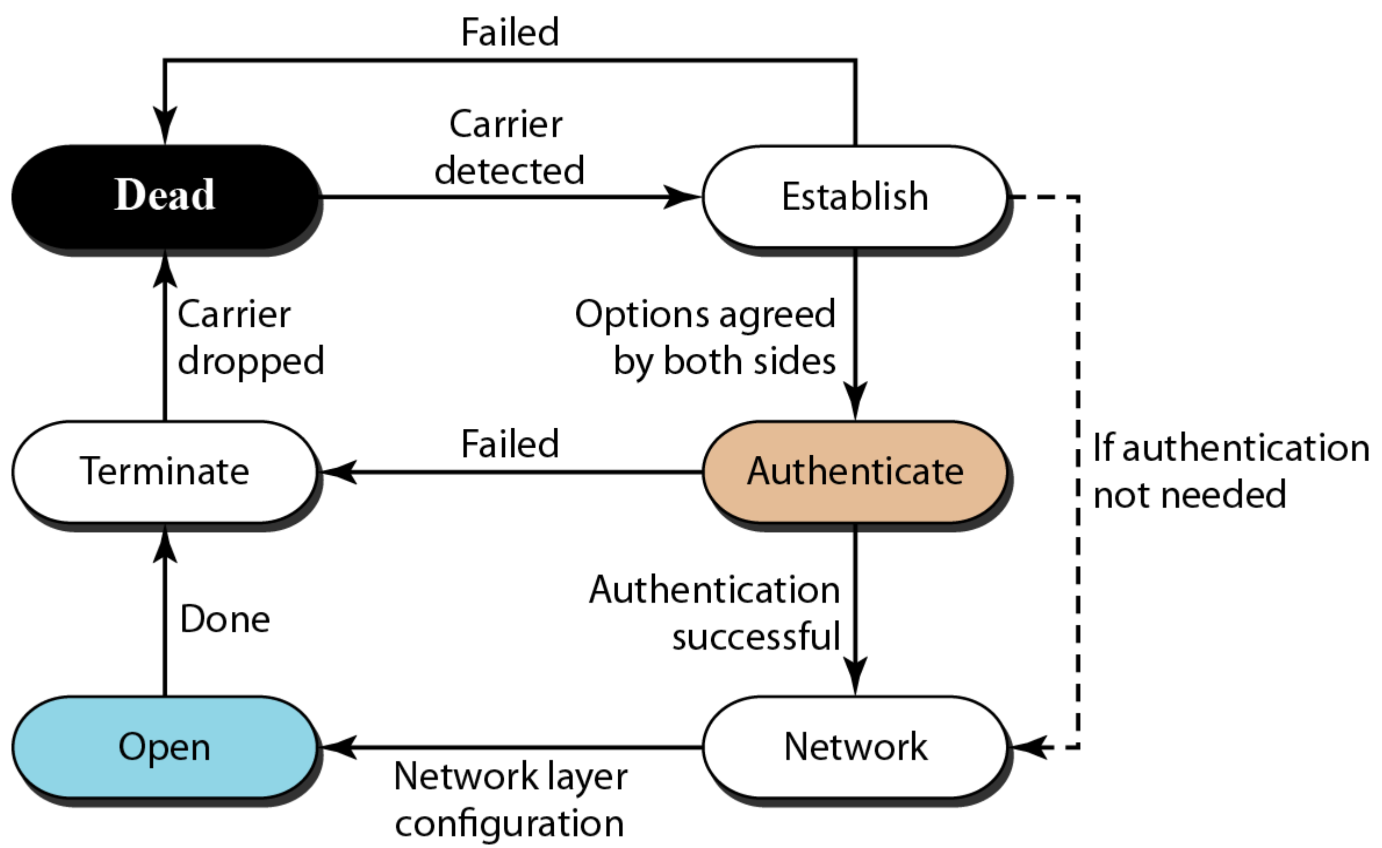


Figure 11.34 *Multiplexing in PPP*

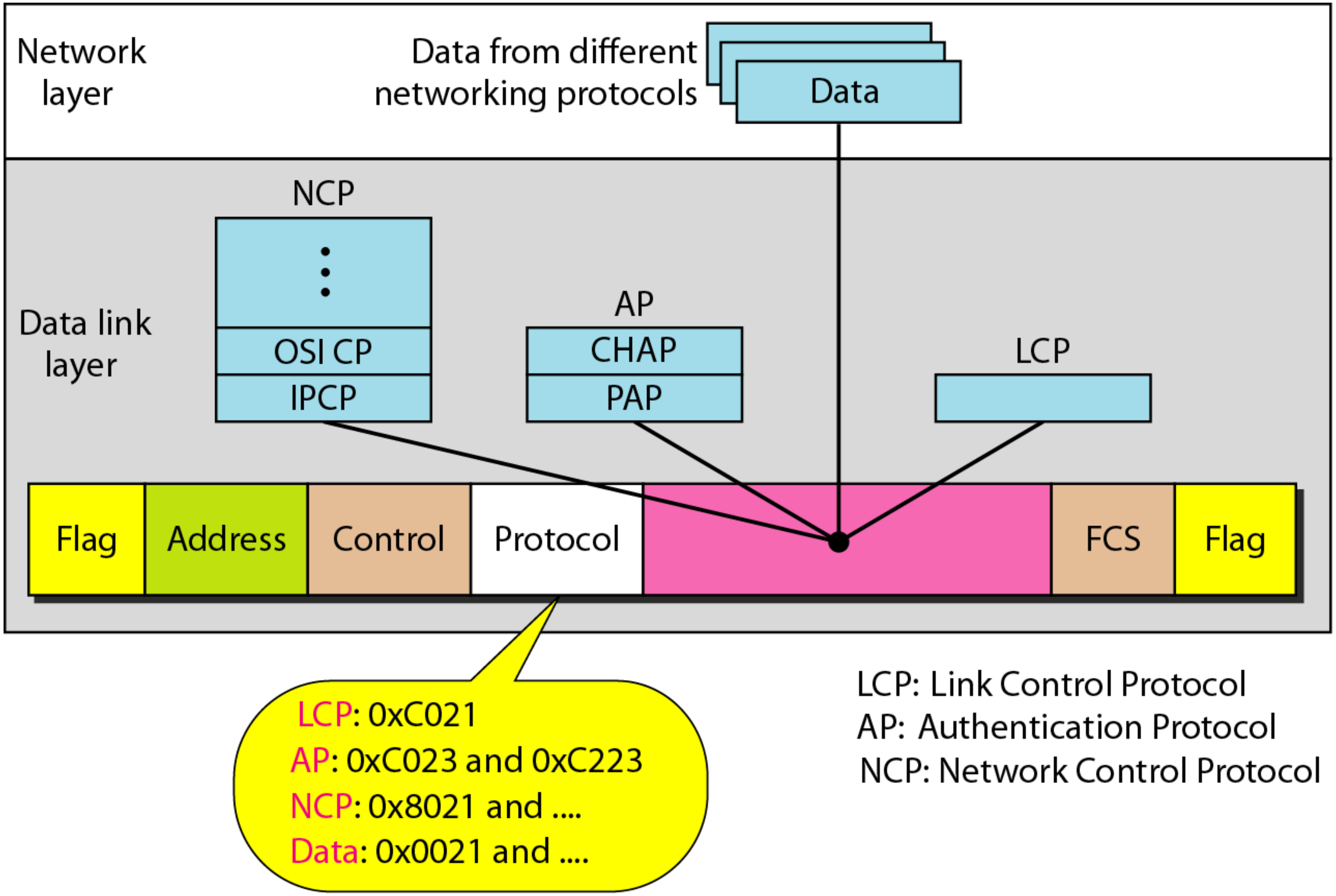


Figure 11.35 *LCP packet encapsulated in a frame*

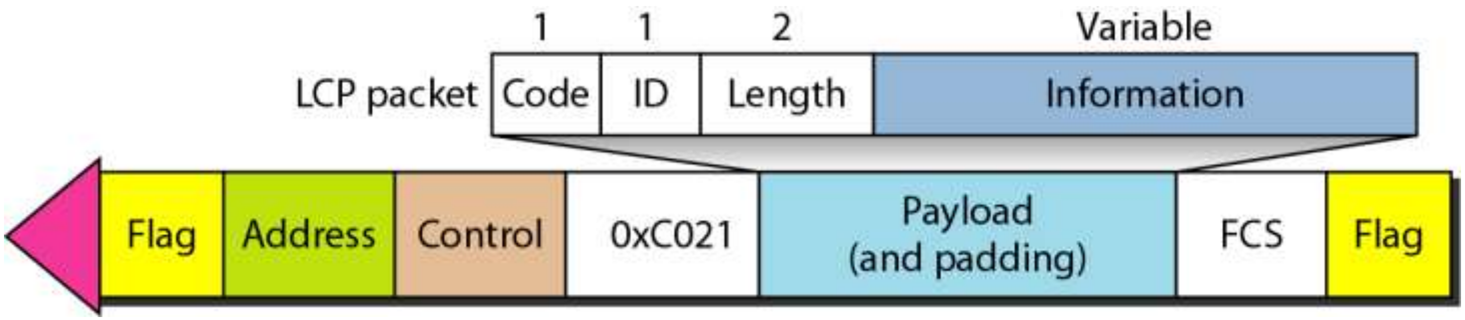


Table 11.2 *LCP packets*

Code	*Packet Type*	*Description*
0x01	Configure-request	Contains the list of proposed options and their values
0x02	Configure-ack	Accepts all options proposed
0x03	Configure-nak	Announces that some options are not acceptable
0x04	Configure-reject	Announces that some options are not recognized
0x05	Terminate-request	Request to shut down the line
0x06	Terminate-ack	Accept the shutdown request
0x07	Code-reject	Announces an unknown code
0x08	Protocol-reject	Announces an unknown protocol
0x09	Echo-request	A type of hello message to check if the other end is alive
0x0A	Echo-reply	The response to the echo-request message
0x0B	Discard-request	A request to discard the packet

Table 11.3 *Common options*

Option	*Default*
Maximum receive unit (payload field size)	1500
Authentication protocol	None
Protocol field compression	Off
Address and control field compression	Off

Figure 11.36 *PAP packets encapsulated in a PPP frame*

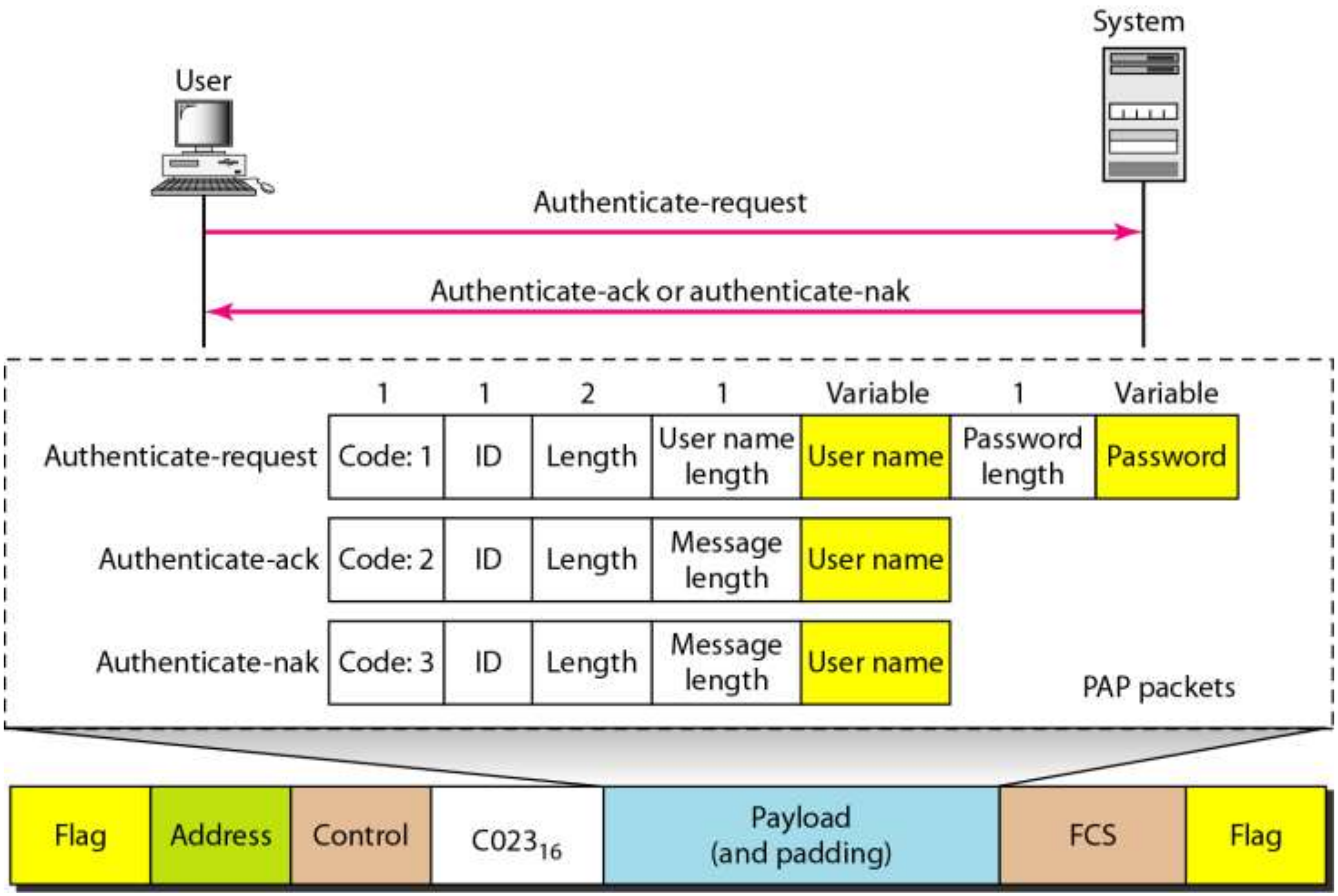


Figure 11.37 *CHAP packets encapsulated in a PPP frame*

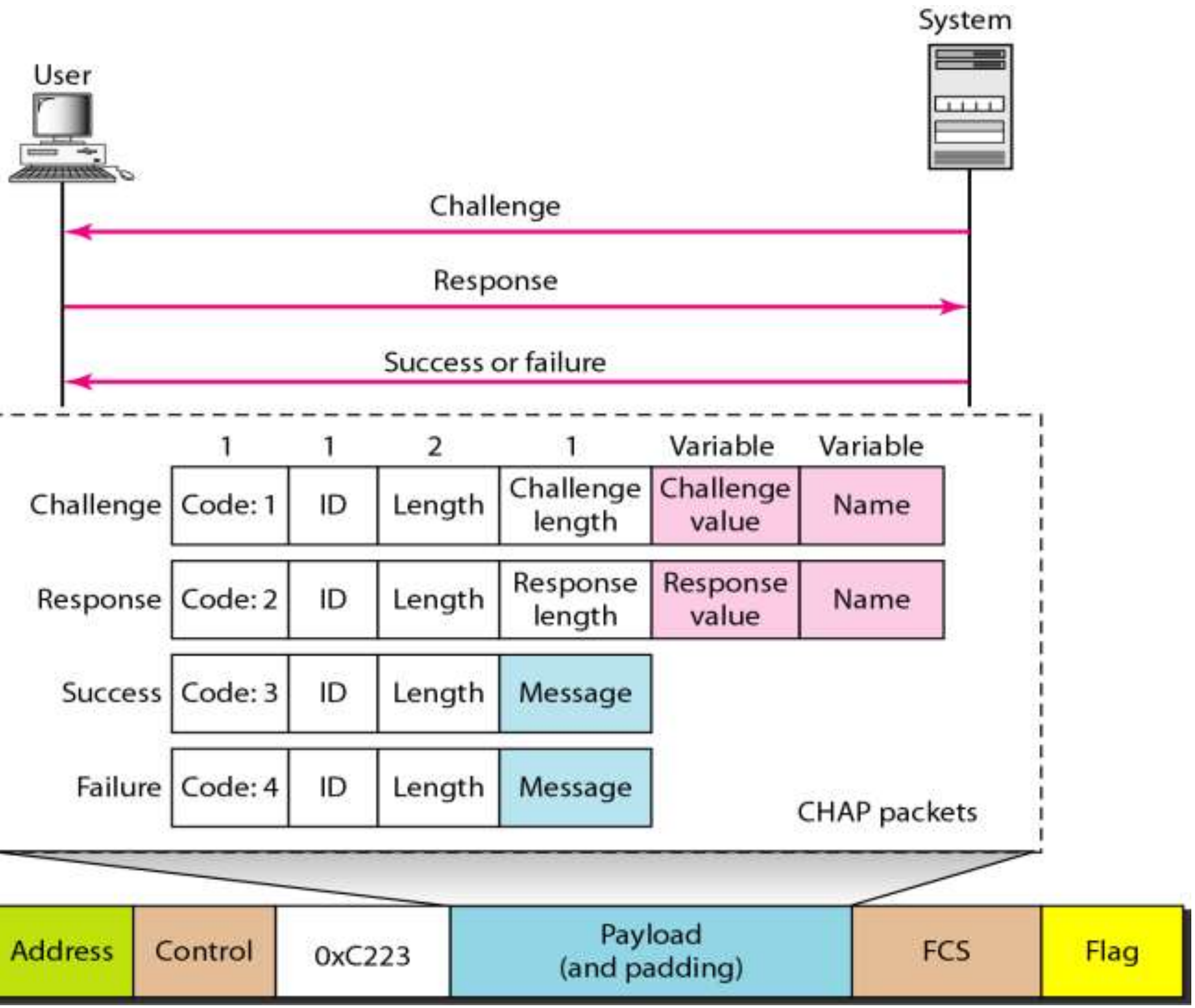


Figure 11.38 *IPCP packet encapsulated in PPP frame*

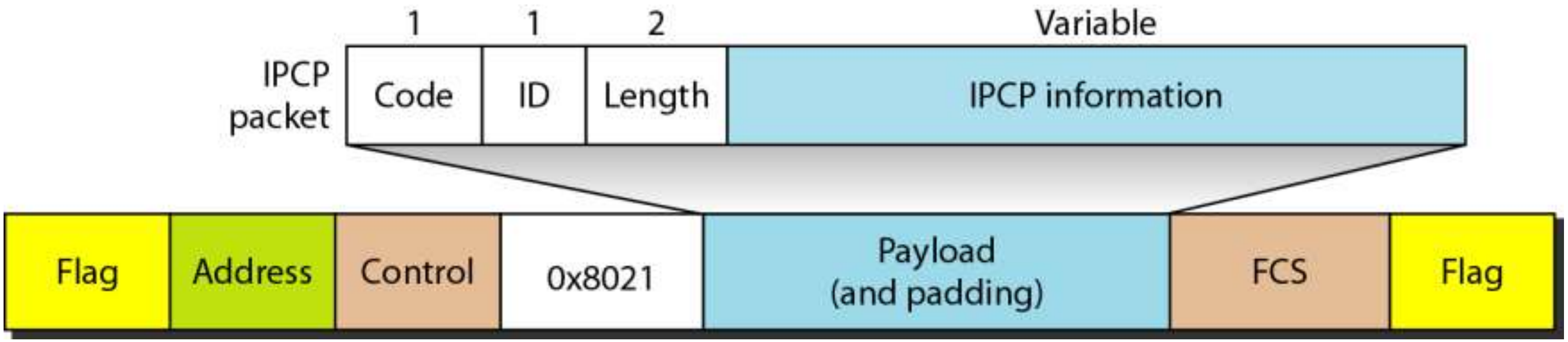


Table 11.4 *Code value for IPCP packets*

Code	*IPCP Packet*
0x01	Configure-request
0x02	Configure-ack
0x03	Configure-nak
0x04	Configure-reject
0x05	Terminate-request
0x06	Terminate-ack
0x07	Code-reject

Figure 11.39 *IP datagram encapsulated in a PPP frame*

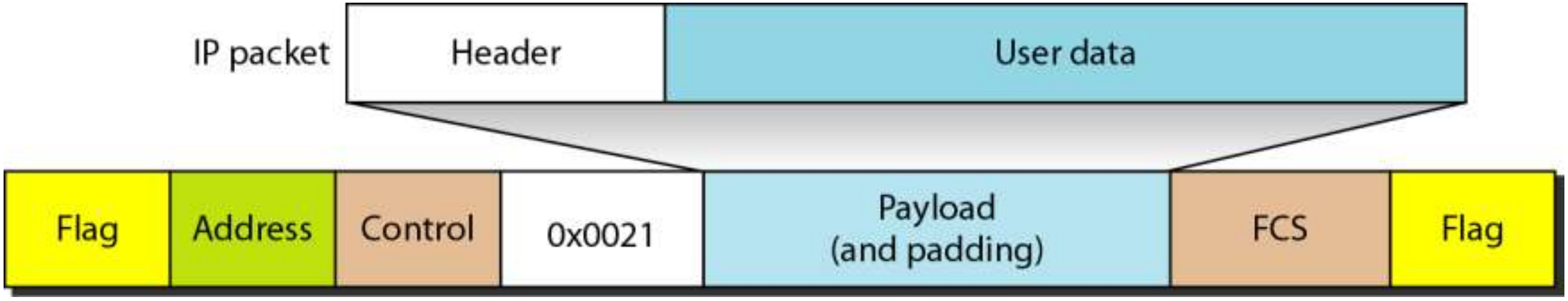
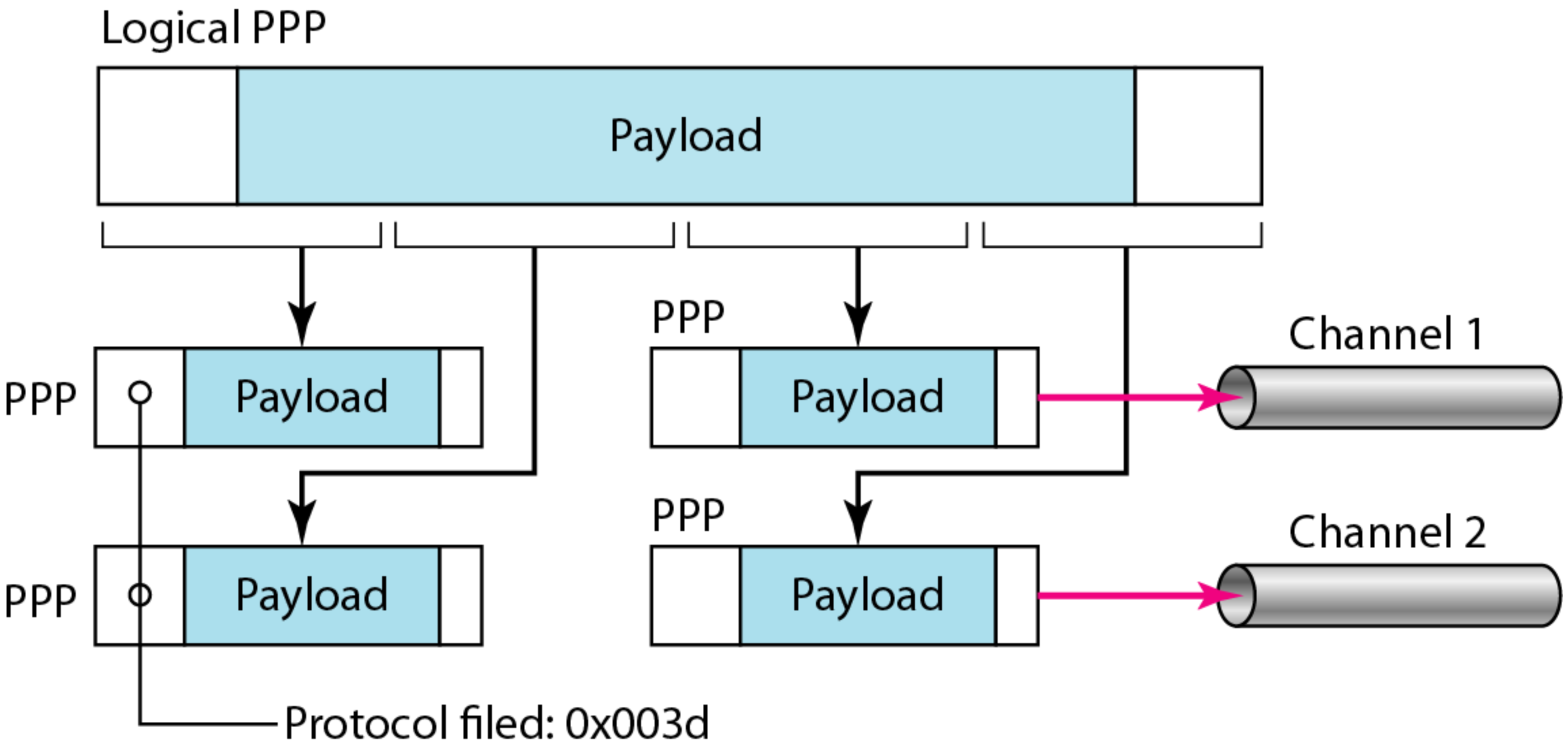


Figure 11.40 *Multilink PPP*



Example 11.12

Let us go through the phases followed by a network layer packet as it is transmitted through a PPP connection. Figure 11.41 shows the steps. For simplicity, we assume unidirectional movement of data from the user site to the system site (such as sending an e-mail through an ISP).

The first two frames show link establishment. We have chosen two options (not shown in the figure): using PAP for authentication and suppressing the address control fields. Frames 3 and 4 are for authentication. Frames 5 and 6 establish the network layer connection using IPCP.

Example 11.12 (continued)

The next several frames show that some IP packets are encapsulated in the PPP frame. The system (receiver) may have been running several network layer protocols, but it knows that the incoming data must be delivered to the IP protocol because the NCP protocol used before the data transfer was IPCP.

After data transfer, the user then terminates the data link connection, which is acknowledged by the system. Of course the user or the system could have chosen to terminate the network layer IPCP and keep the data link layer running if it wanted to run another NCP protocol.

Figure 11.41 *An example*

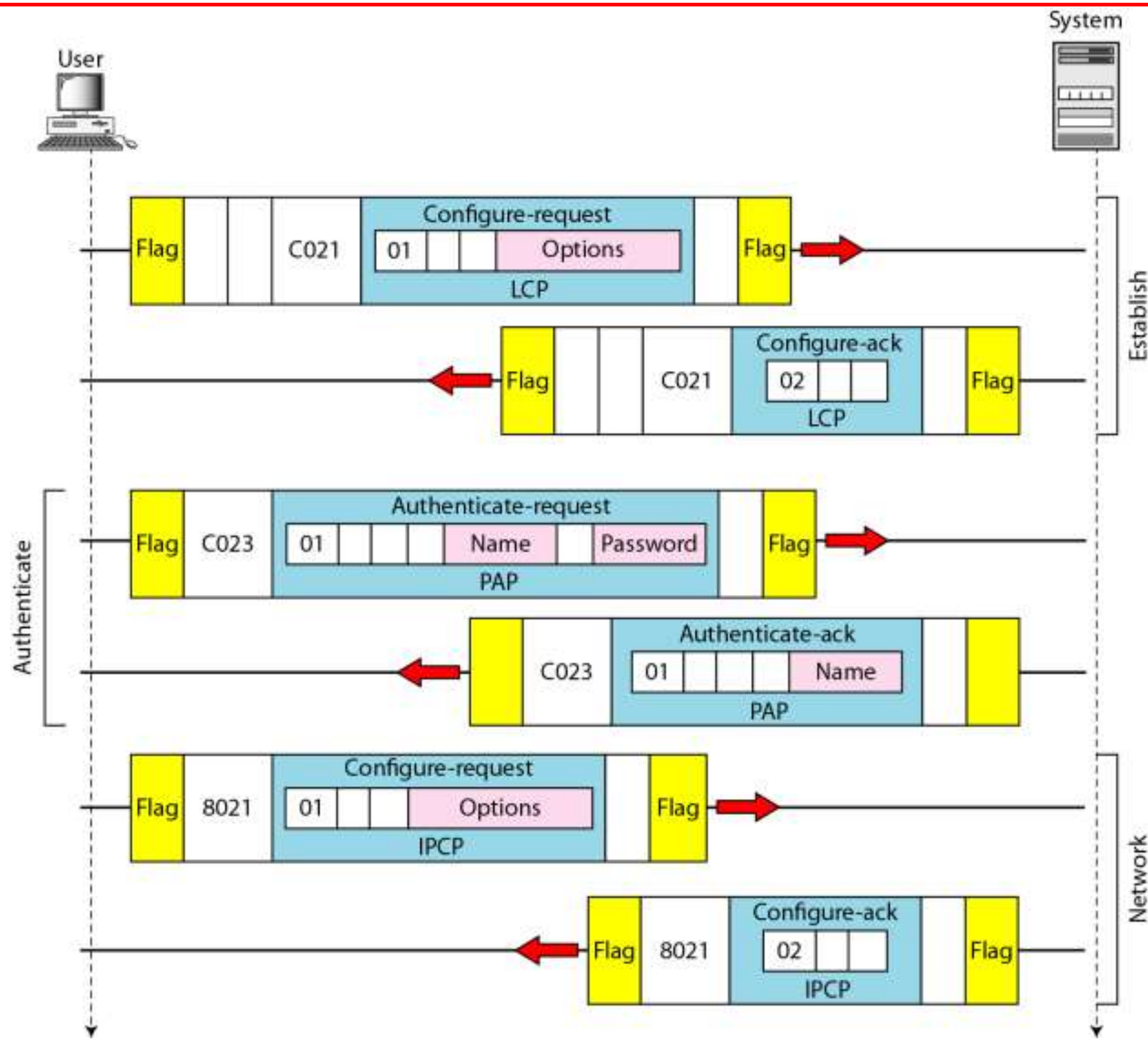
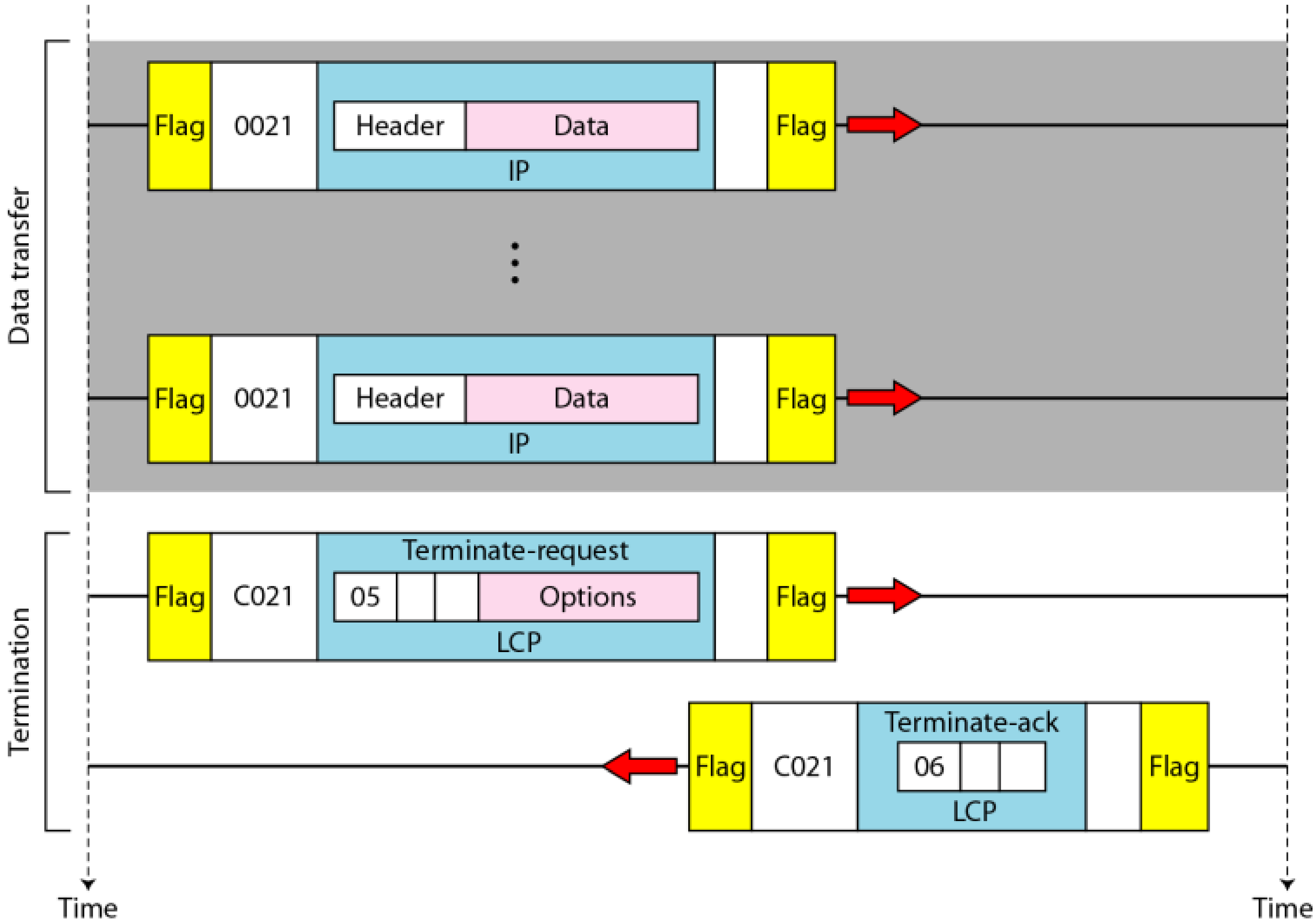


Figure 11.41 *An example (continued)*



HDLC	PPP
Bit oriented protocol	Byte oriented protocol
HDLC is implemented by Point-to-point link configuration and also multi-point link configurations	PPP is implemented by Point-to-Point configuration only
CISCO propriety	Standard protocol
Doesn't support authentication	Supports authentication
Doesn't support error detection and correction	Supports error detection and correction