Data Link Control Protocols

EE450: Introduction to Computer Networks

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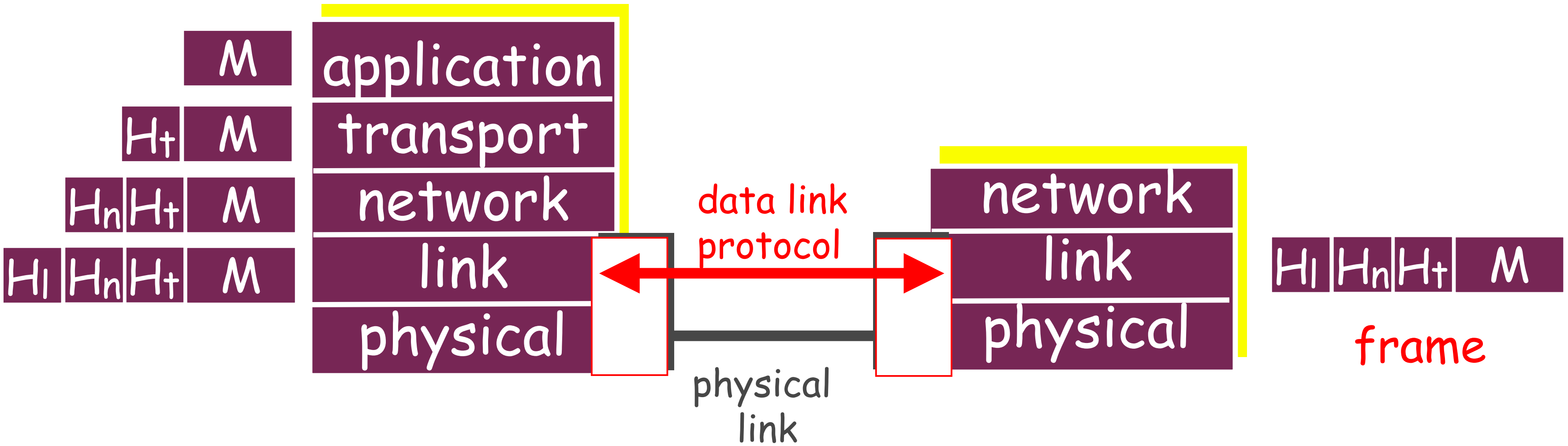
Data Link Layer

- Two physically connected devices:
  - Host-Router, Router-Router, Router-Host

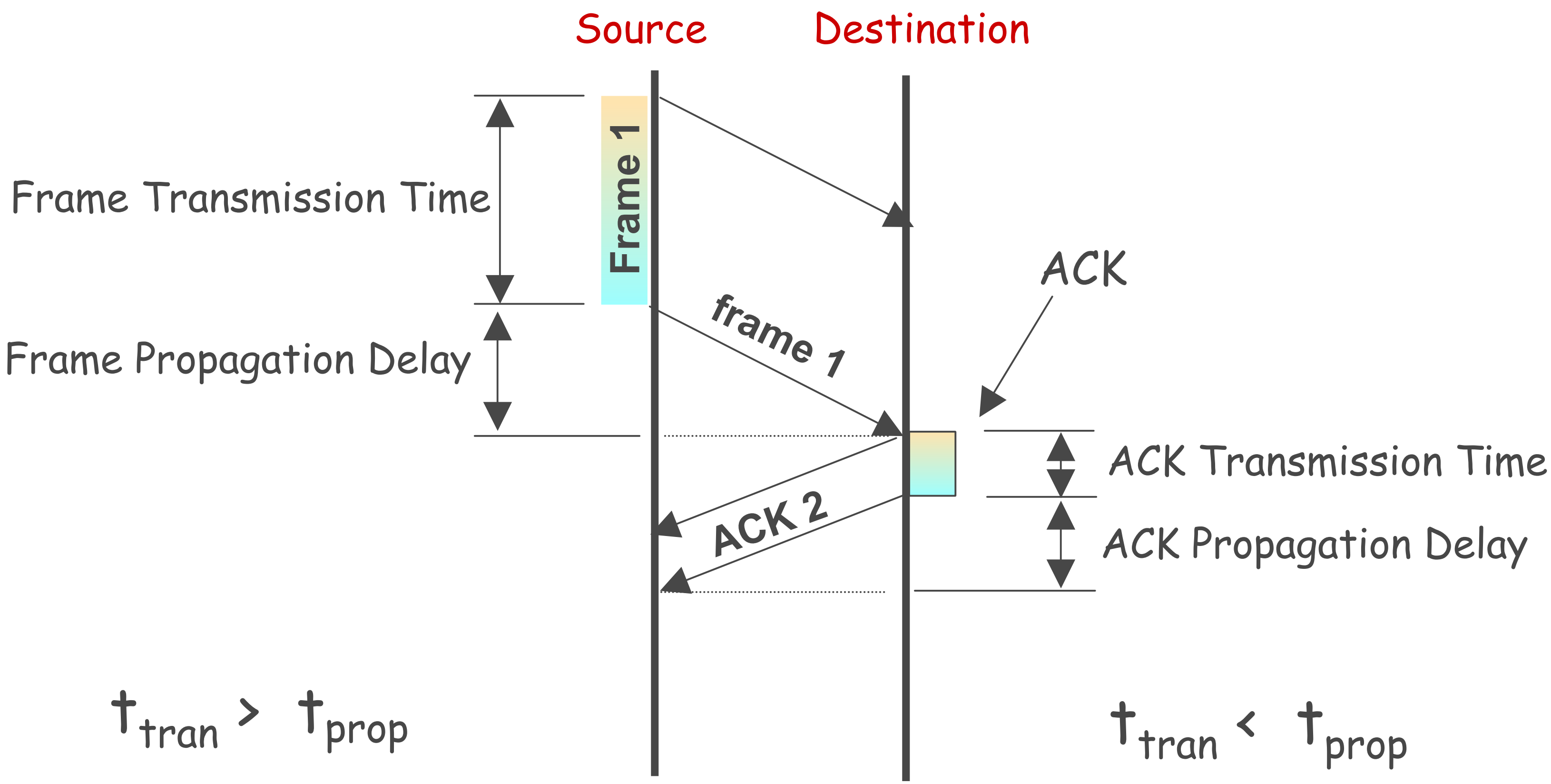
- Unit of data: frame



Data Link Layer Services

- Framing
  - Encapsulate packet into frame, adding header/trailer
  - Establish frame synchronization
- Error Detection & Control
  - Errors caused by signal attenuation, noise.
  - Receiver detects presence of errors:
    - Receiver drops frame
    - Receiver requests retransmission (ARQ)
    - Receiver corrects errors (discussed in EE568)
- Flow Control
  - Ensuring the sender does not overwhelm the receiver (i.e., preventing buffer overflow)

Frame Transmission Model



$t_{tran} > t_{prop}$

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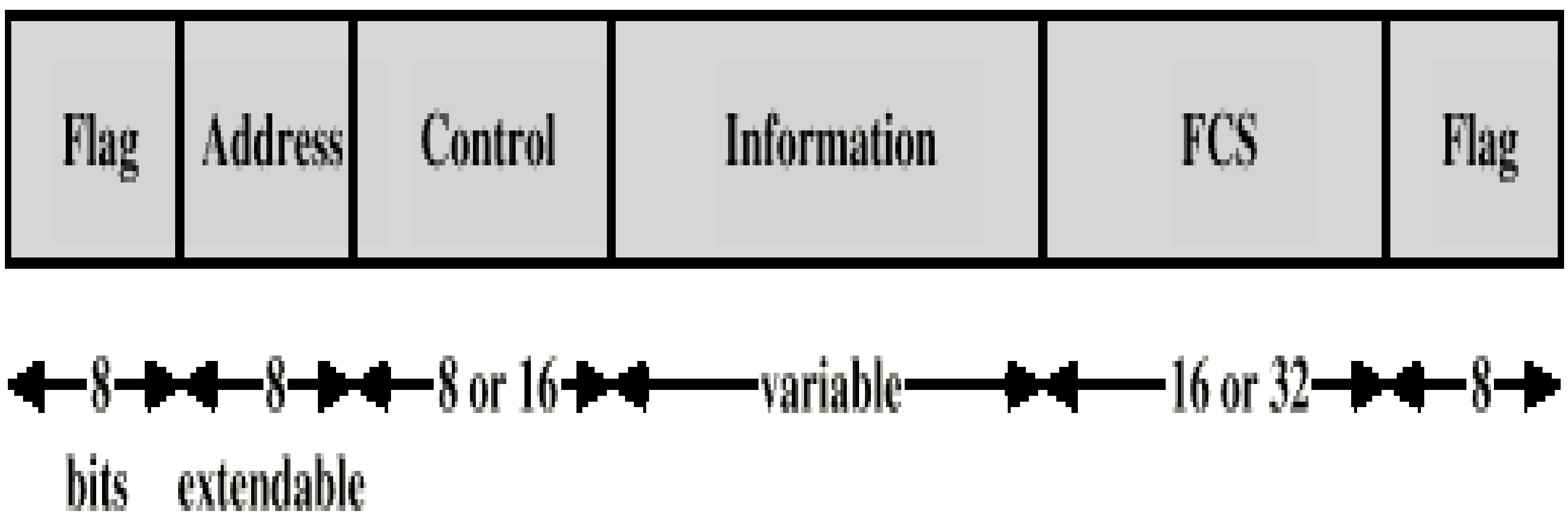
Typical Frame Structure

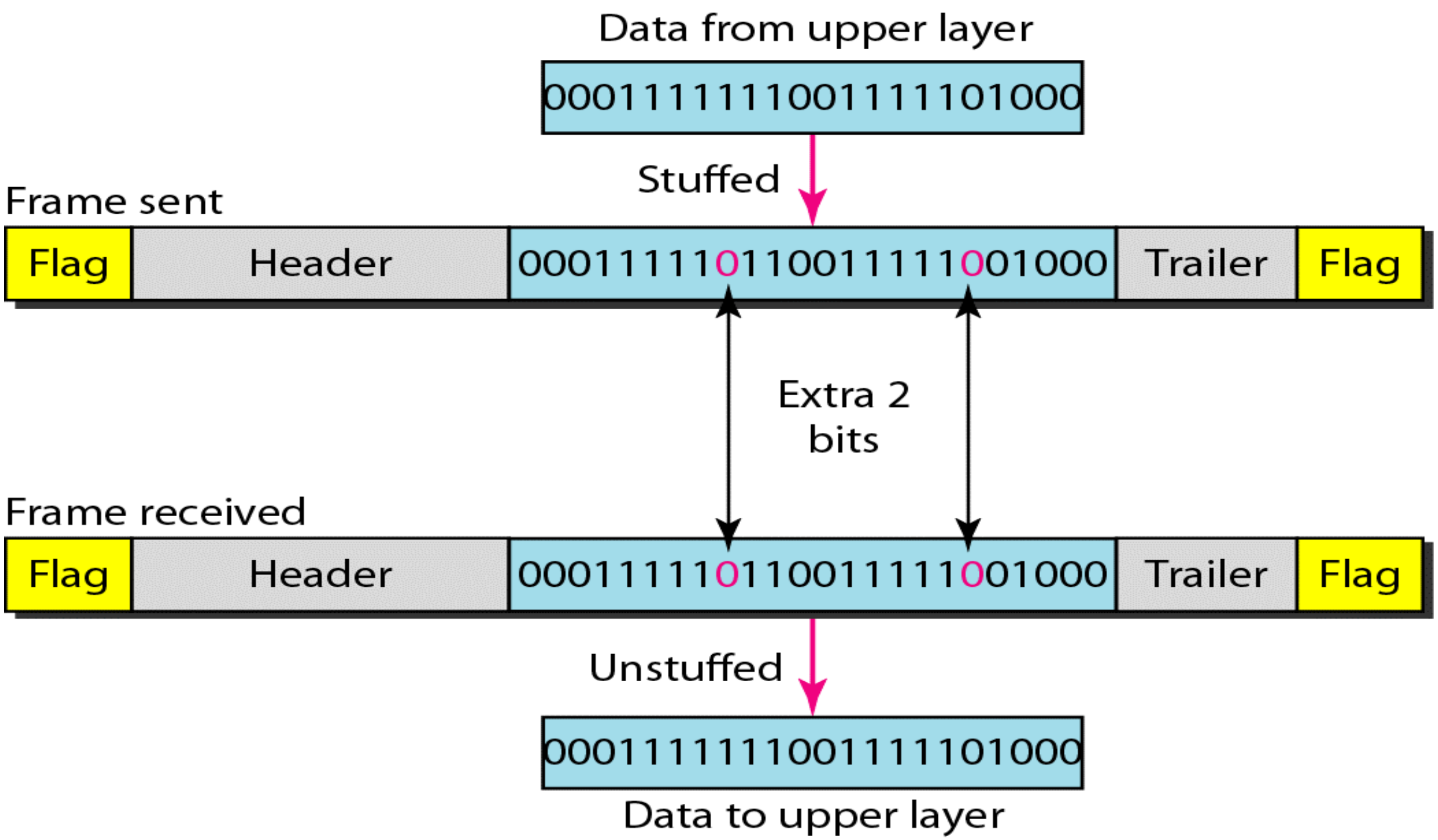


We shall see that the above structure does not work in a Multipoint link (like in LANs)

Frame Synchronization

- A special pattern, called a Flag (01111110) appears at the beginning and the end of the frame
- Receiver hunts for flag sequence to synchronize
- **Bit stuffing** used to avoid confusion with data containing 01111110
  - 0 inserted after every sequence of five 1s
  - If receiver detects five 1s it checks next bit
  - If 0, it is deleted
  - If 1 and seventh bit is 0, accept as flag
  - If sixth and seventh bits 1, sender is indicating abort

Bit Stuffing and un-Stuffing



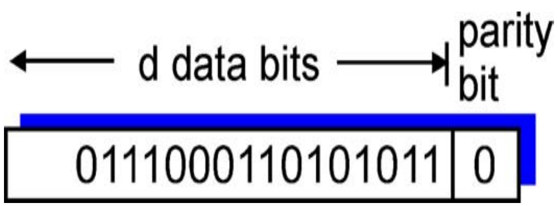
Error Detection

- Additional bits added by transmitter for error detection purposes
- Single Parity
  - Value of parity bit is such that character has even (even parity) or odd (odd parity) number of ones
  - Even number of bit errors goes undetected
- Two-Dimensional Parity

Parity Checking

Single Bit Parity:

Detect single bit errors

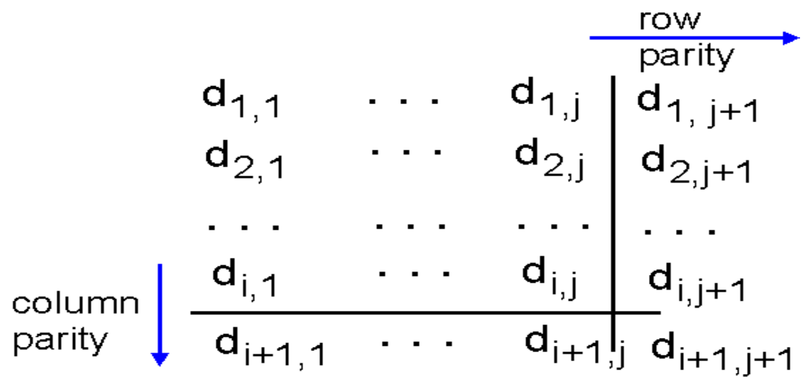


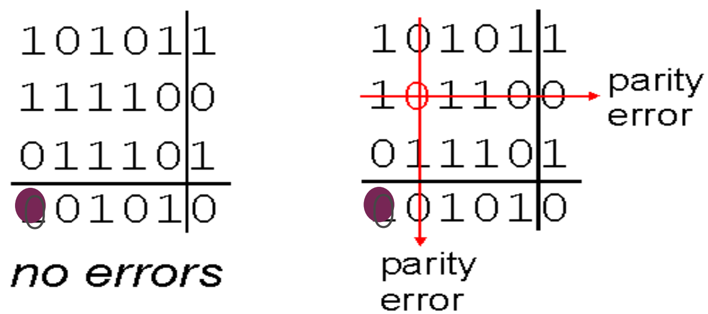
Odd parity scheme

Parity bit value is chosen such that number of 1's send is odd.
Ex. 9 1's in the data, so the parity bit is '0'.

Two Dimensional Bit Parity:

Detect *and correct* single bit errors





no errors

(even parity)

correctable single bit error

Example: Two-Dimensional Parity

1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1

Row parities

Column parities

a. Design of row and column parities

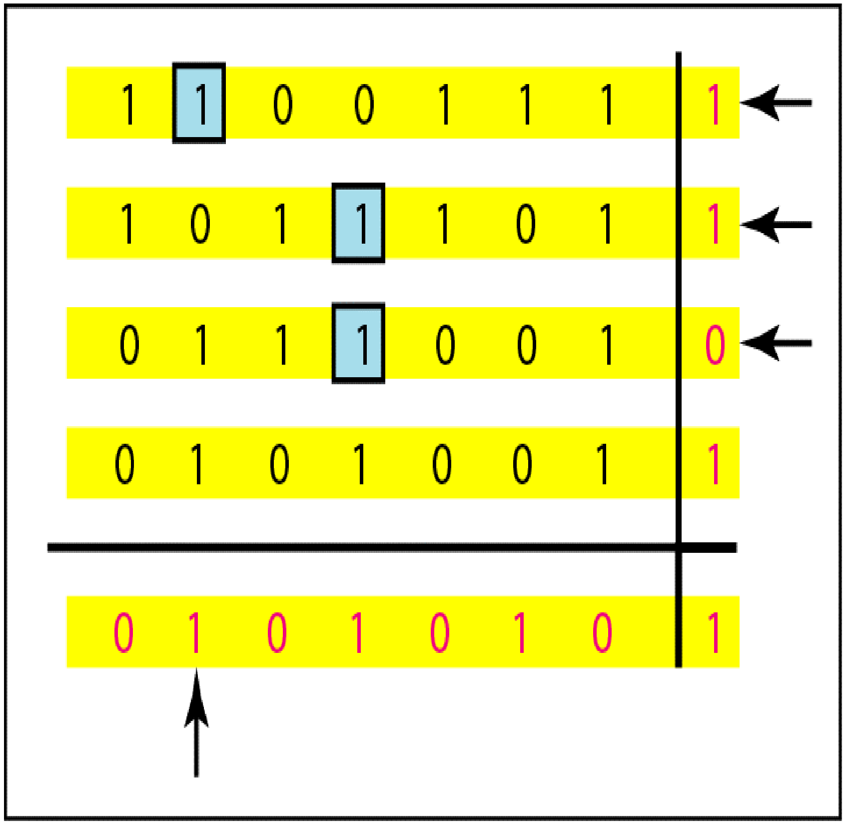
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
1	0	$\boxed{1}$	1	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1

b. One error affects two parities

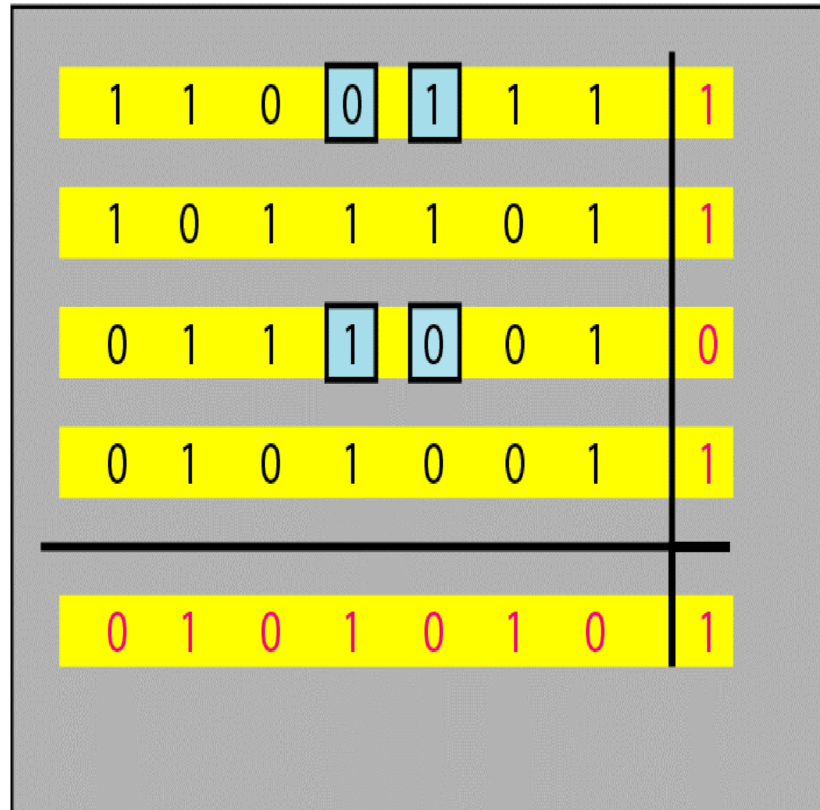
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
1	0	$\boxed{1}$	1	$\boxed{1}$	0	1	1
0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1

c. Two errors affect two parities

Example (Continued)



d. Three errors affect four parities

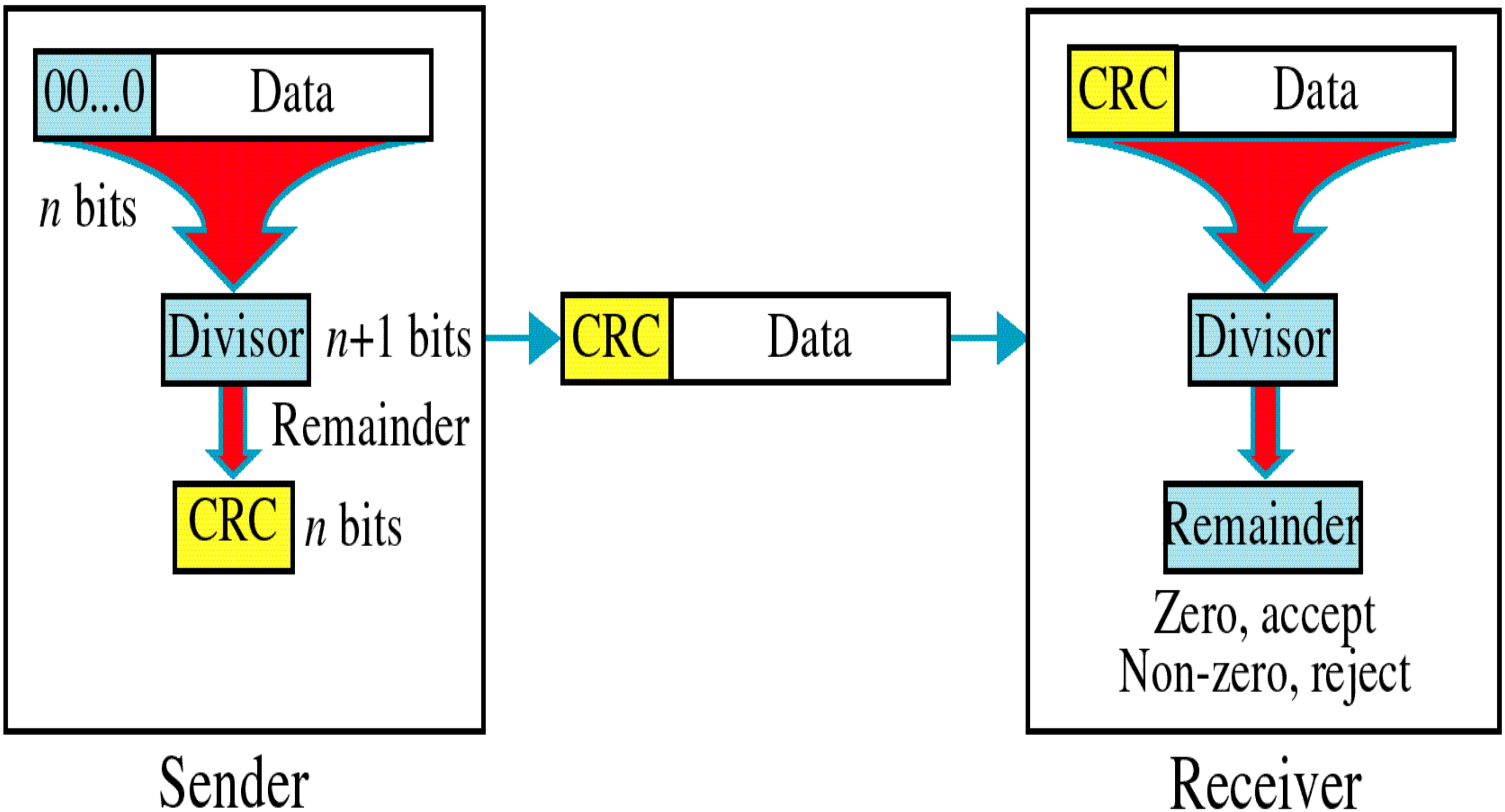


e. Four errors cannot be detected

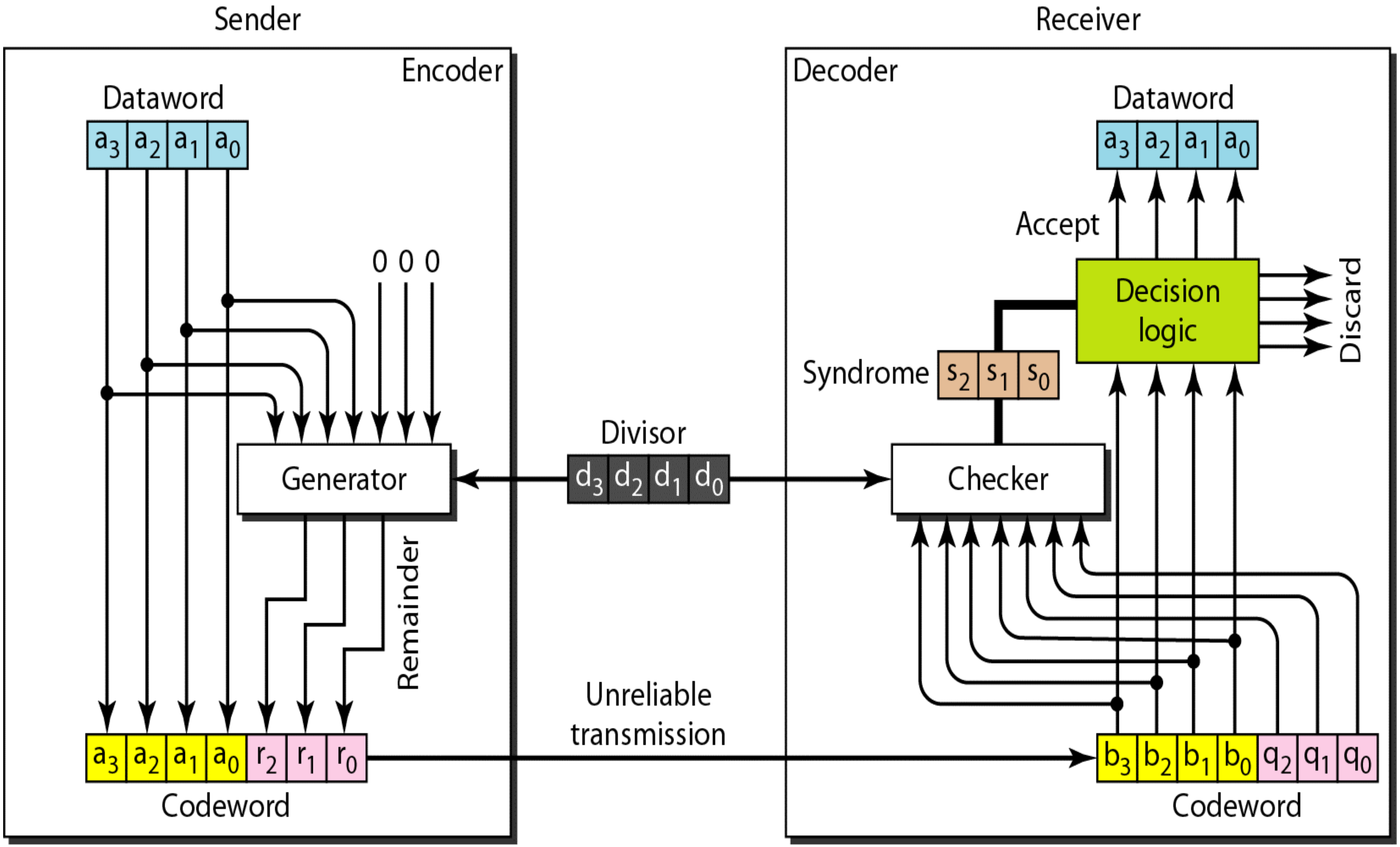
Frame Check Sequence (FCS)

- For every block of k bits, transmitter generates n bit sequence
- Transmit k+n bits which is exactly divisible by some number
- Receive divides frame by that number
  - If no remainder, assume no error
  - If reminder, an error is detected

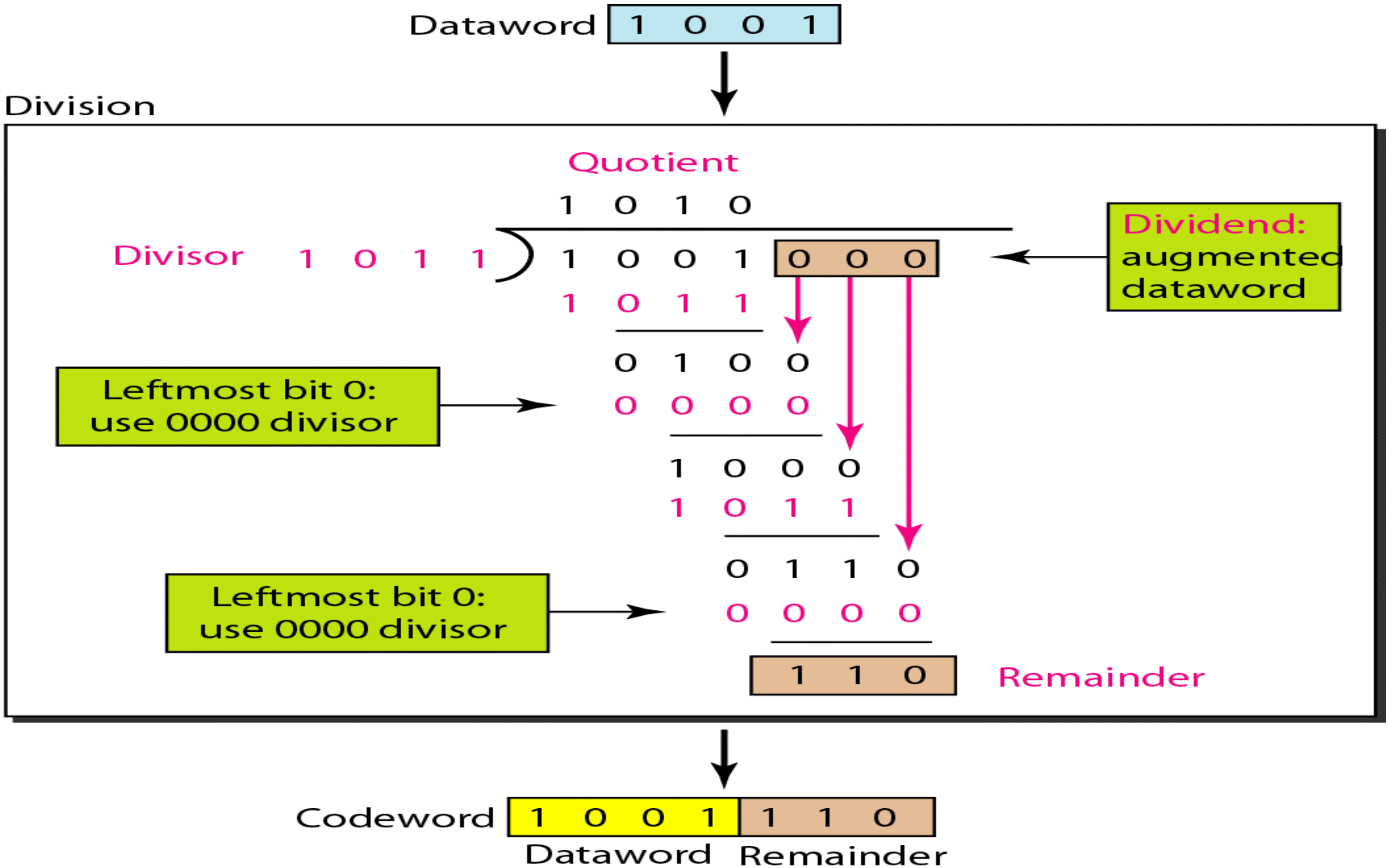
FCS (CRC) Structure



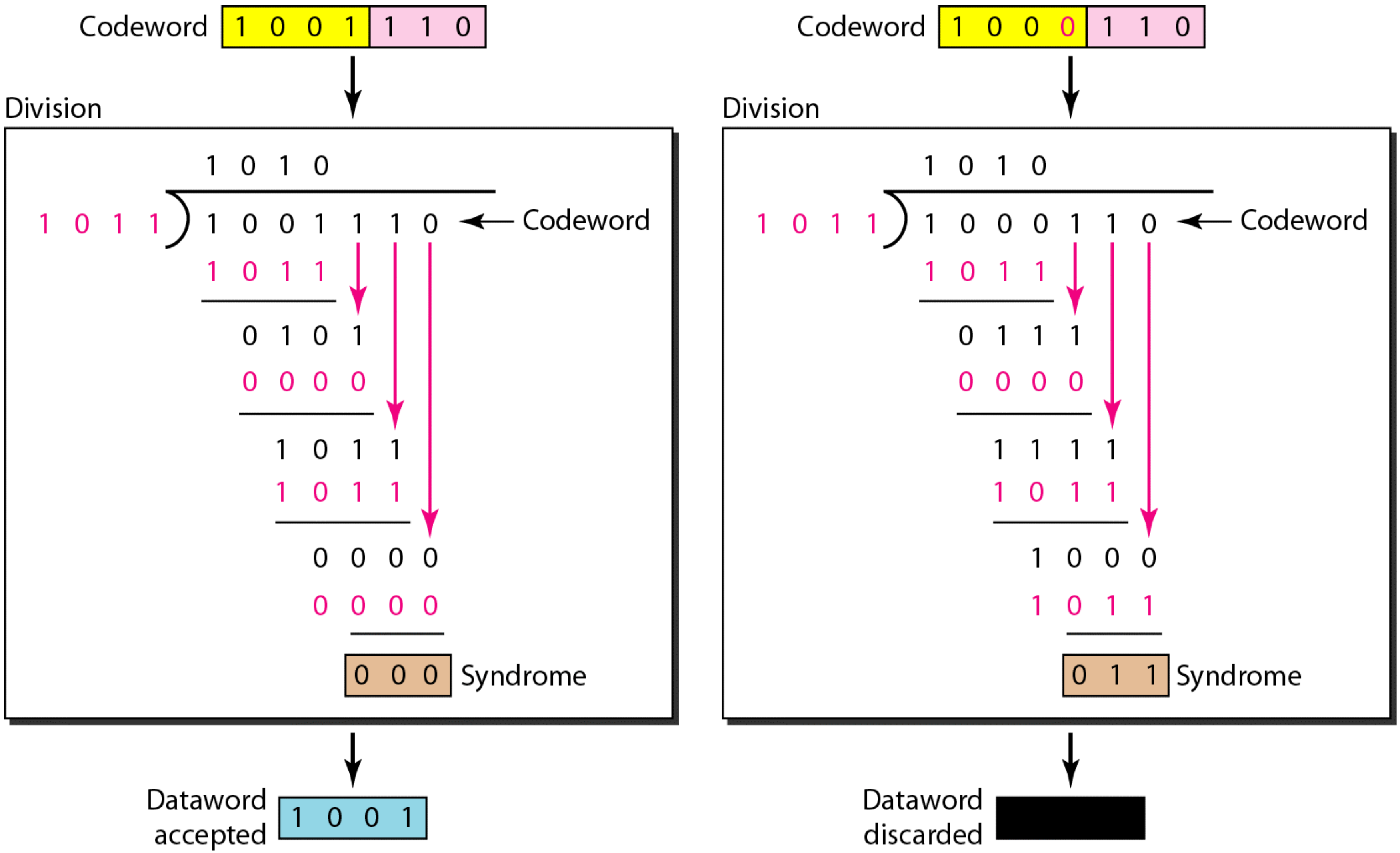
FCS Structure (Cont.)



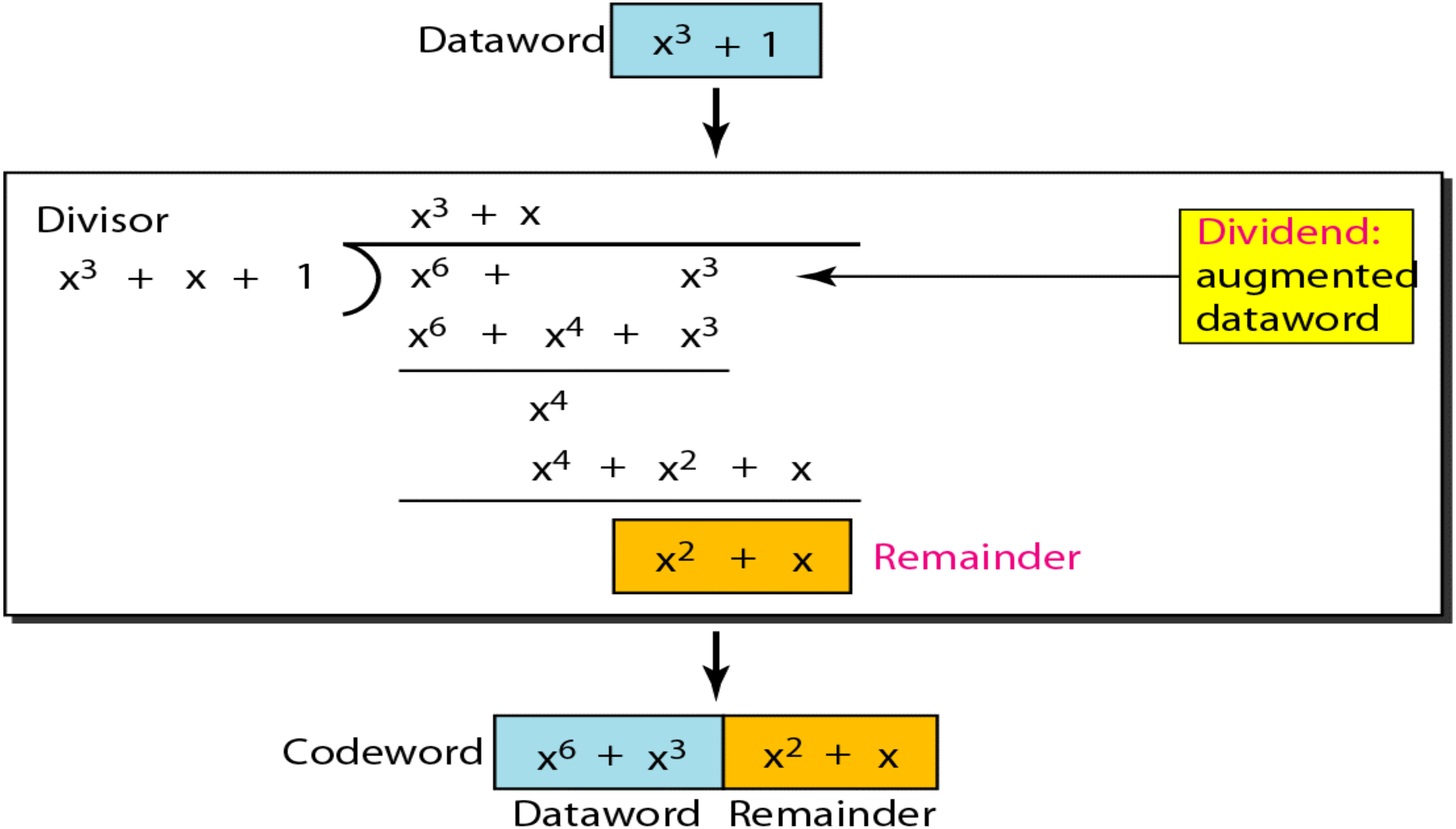
Example of FCS (CRC)



FCS (error-free and w/errors)



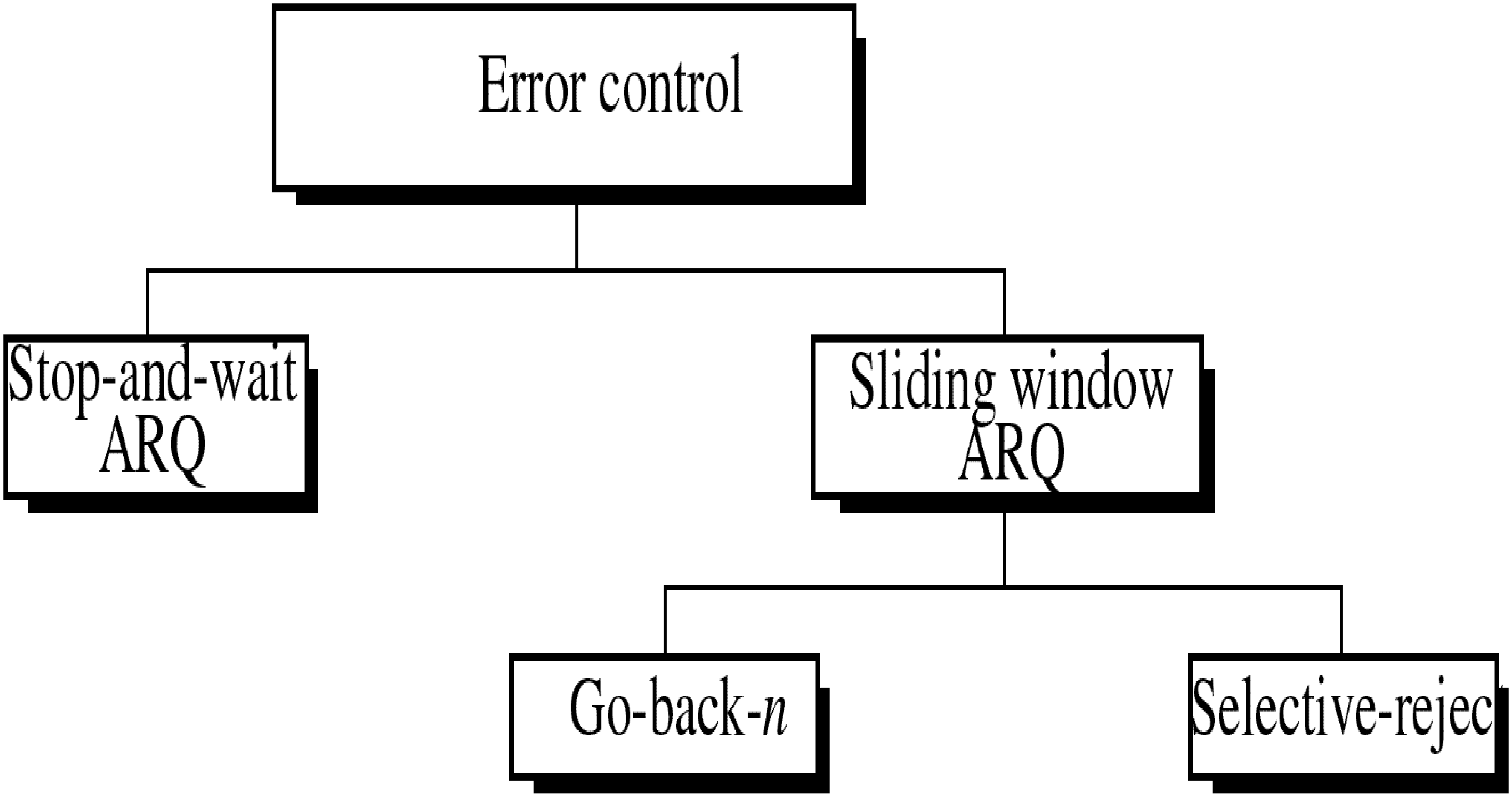
FCS using Polynomials



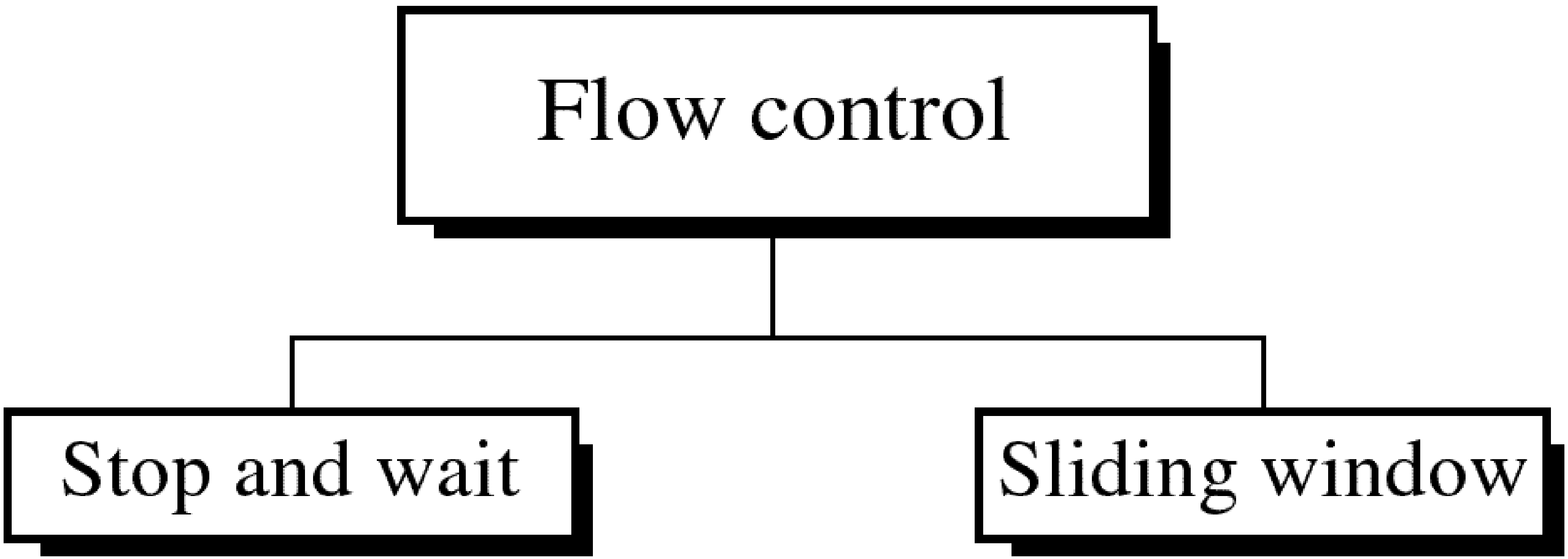
Receiver Rules

- If the reminder is not zero, then one or more bits are corrupted and the frame is rejected
- If the remainder is 0, then
  - No bits are corrupted or
  - Some bits are corrupted but the FCS decoder failed to detect them

Error Control Procedures



Flow Control Procedures



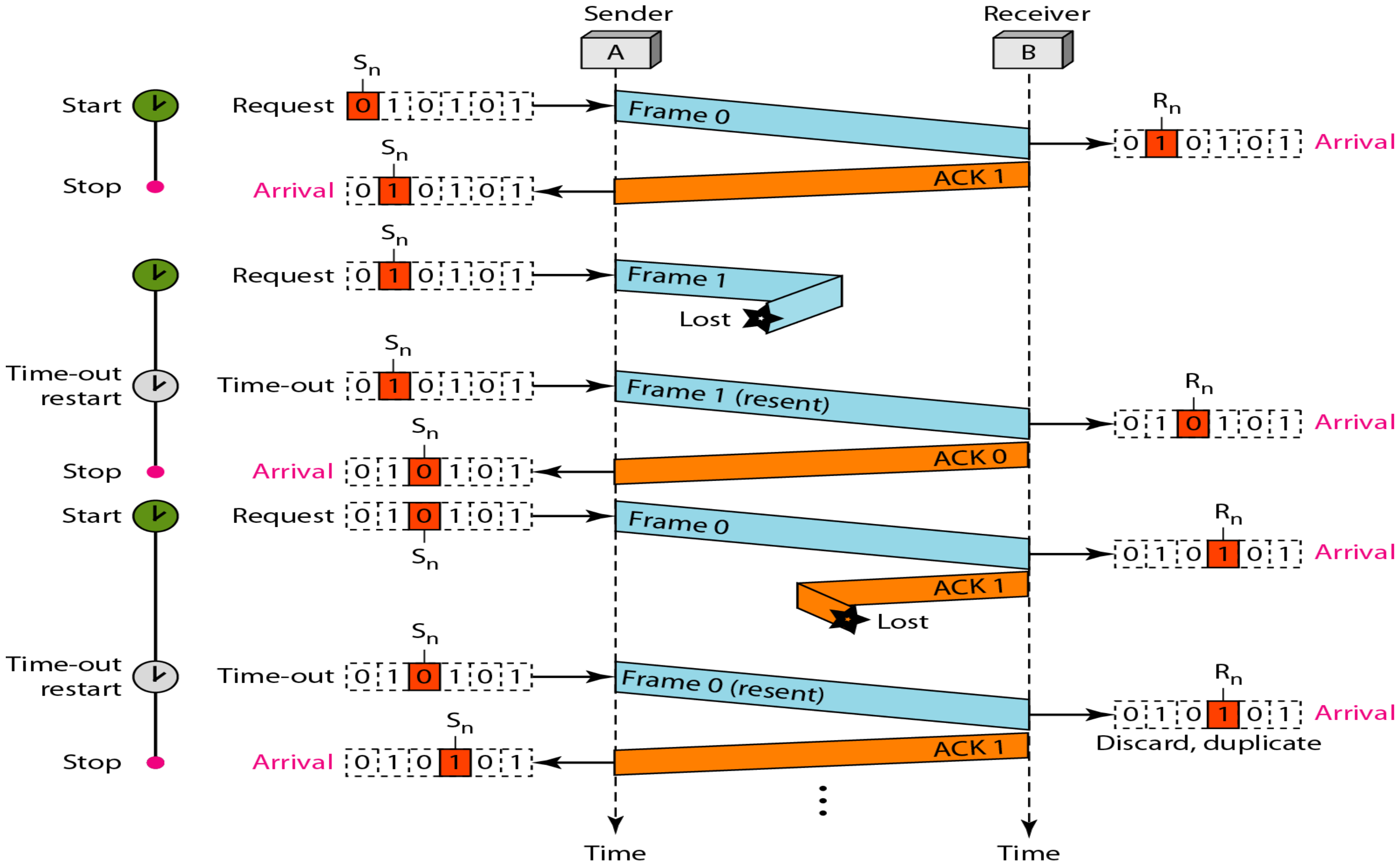
Send one frame at a time

Send several frames at a time

Stop and Wait ARQ

- Source transmits a single frame at a time
- Wait for ACK
- If received frame damaged, discard it
  - Transmitter has timeout timer
  - If no ACK within t_{out} = timeout, retransmit frame
  - Transmitter buffers copy of frame until ACK is received
- If ACK damaged, transmitter will not recognize it
  - Transmitter will retransmit
  - Receiver gets two copies of frame and discards one.
  - Use ACK_0 (recv'd frame 1) and ACK_1 (recv'd frame 0)

Stop & Wait ARQ



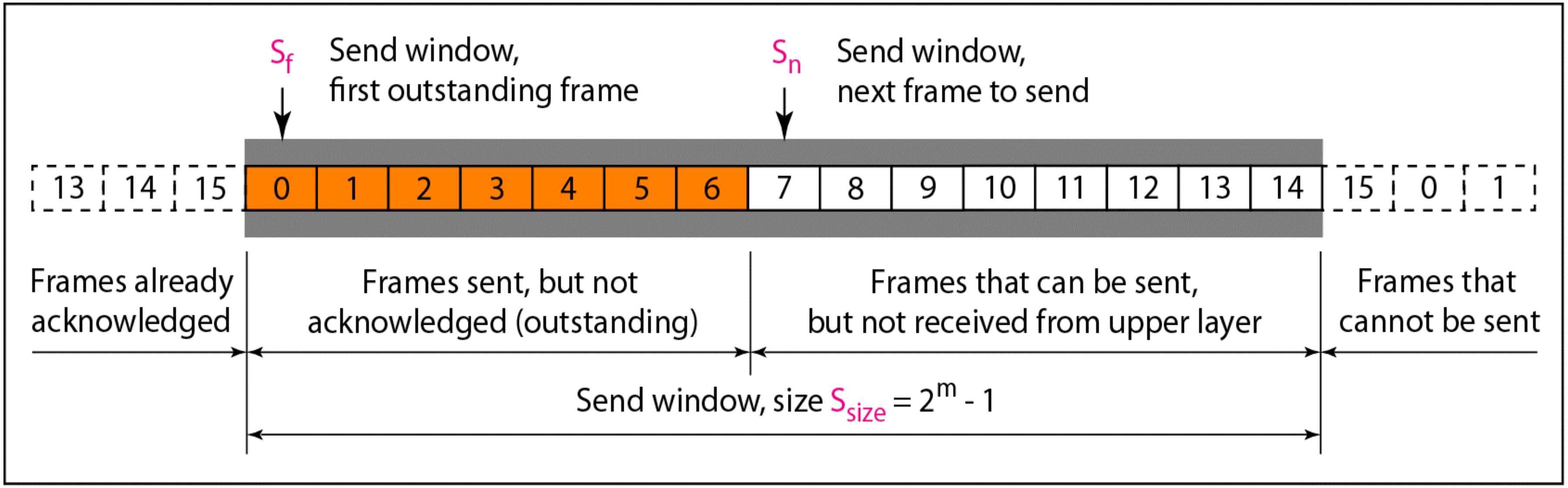
Link Utilization is Stop & Wait ARQ

- Link Bandwidth: 1 Mbps
- RTT: 20 msec
- Frame Length: 1000 bits
- BW x Delay Product = 20000 bits = 20 frames
- Sender can ONLY send 1 frame during RTT
- Hence Link Utilization is 5%
- Really Bad!

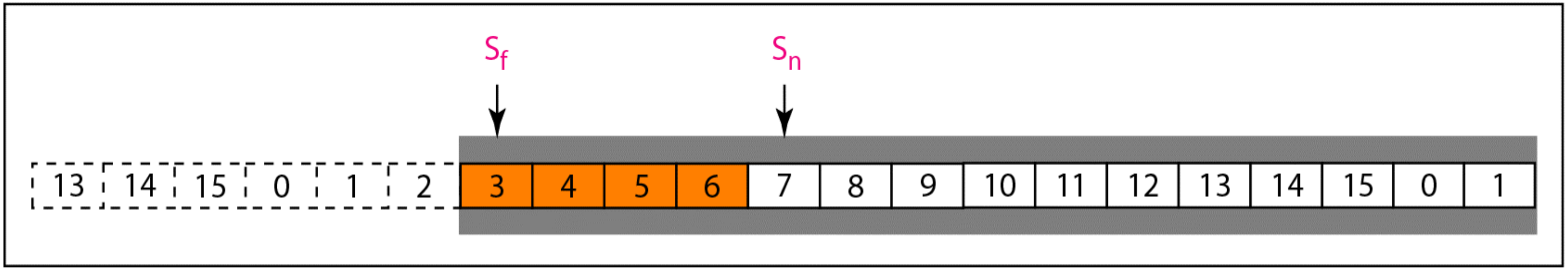
Go-Back-N ARQ

- Based on sliding window Protocol
- If no error, ACK as usual with next frame expected
- Use window to control number of outstanding frames
- If error, reply with rejection
  - Discard that frame and all future frames until error frame received correctly
  - Transmitter must go back and retransmit that frame and all subsequent frames

Sending Window in Go-Back-N ARQ

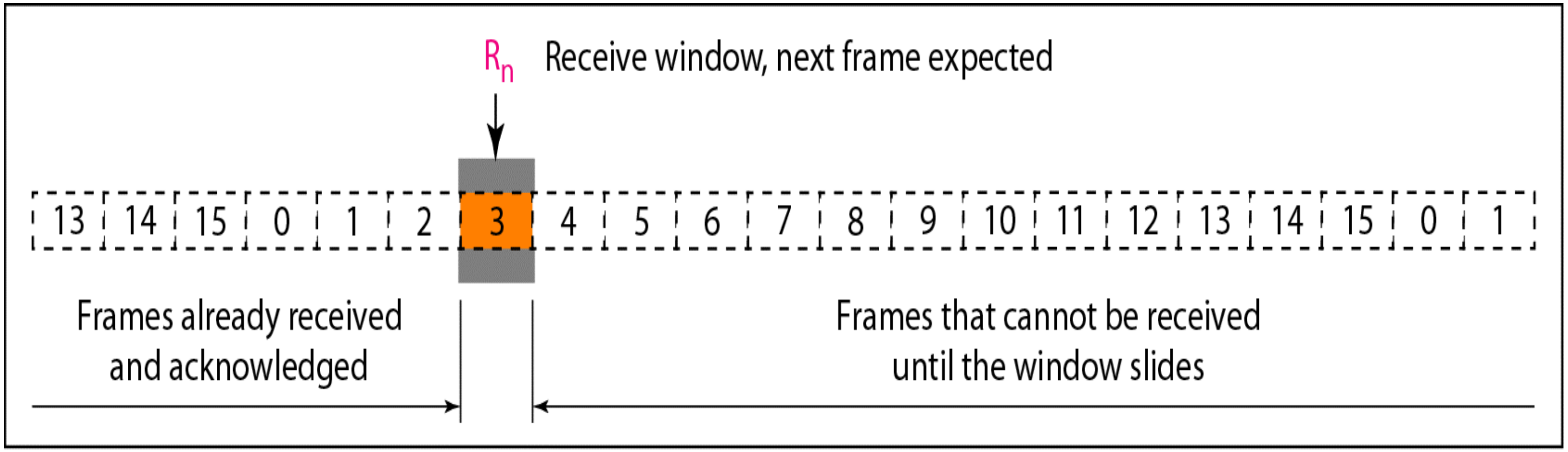


a. Send window before sliding

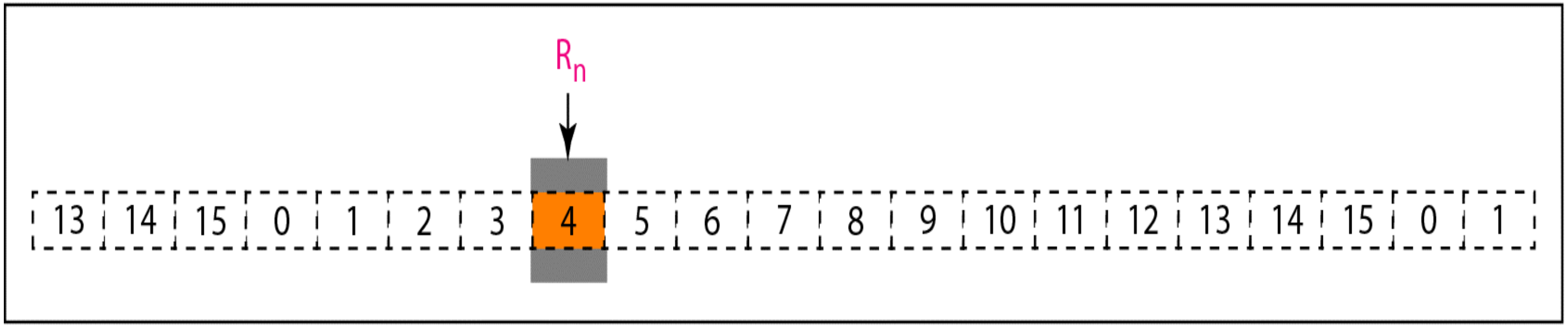


b. Send window after sliding

Receiver Window in Go-Back-N ARQ

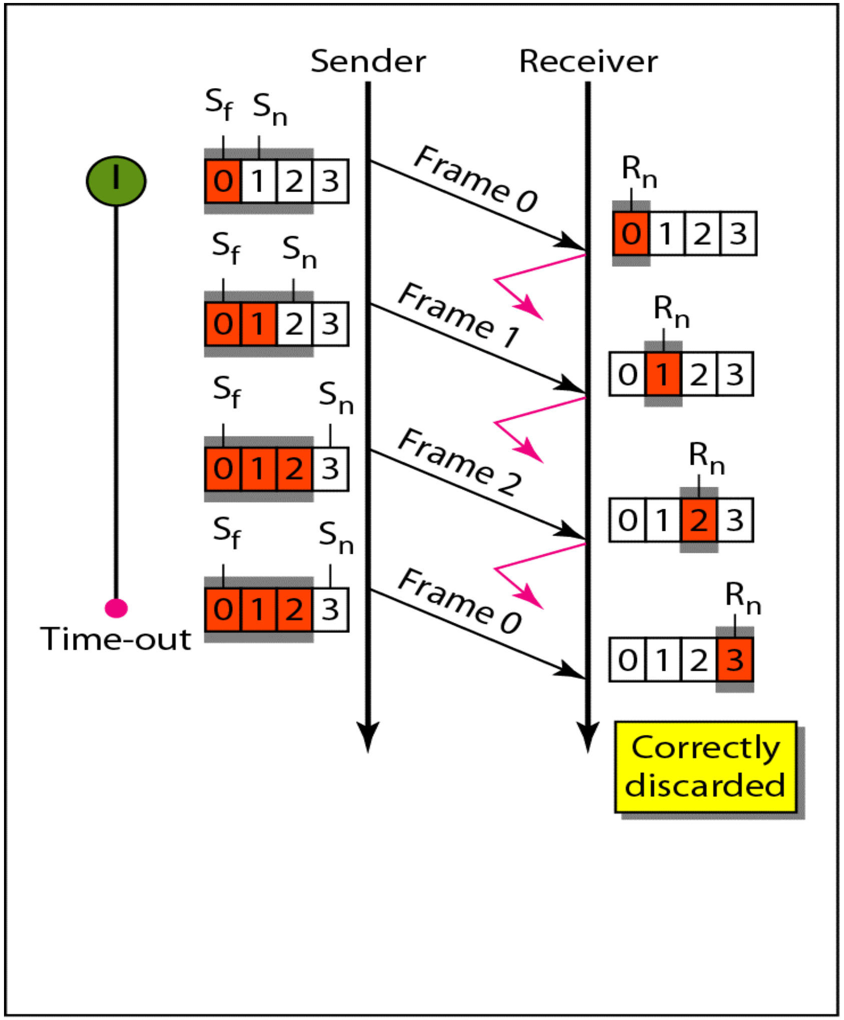


a. Receive window

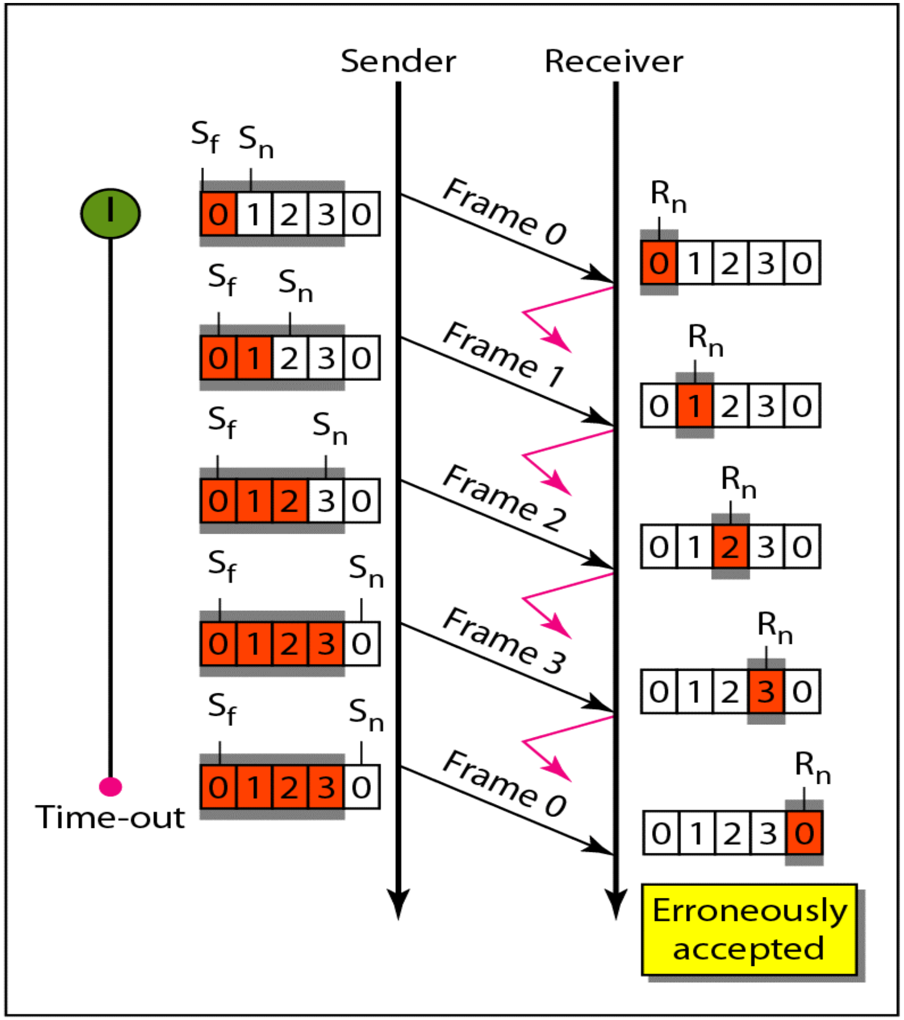


b. Window after sliding

Window Size in Go-Back-N ARQ



a. Window size < 2^m

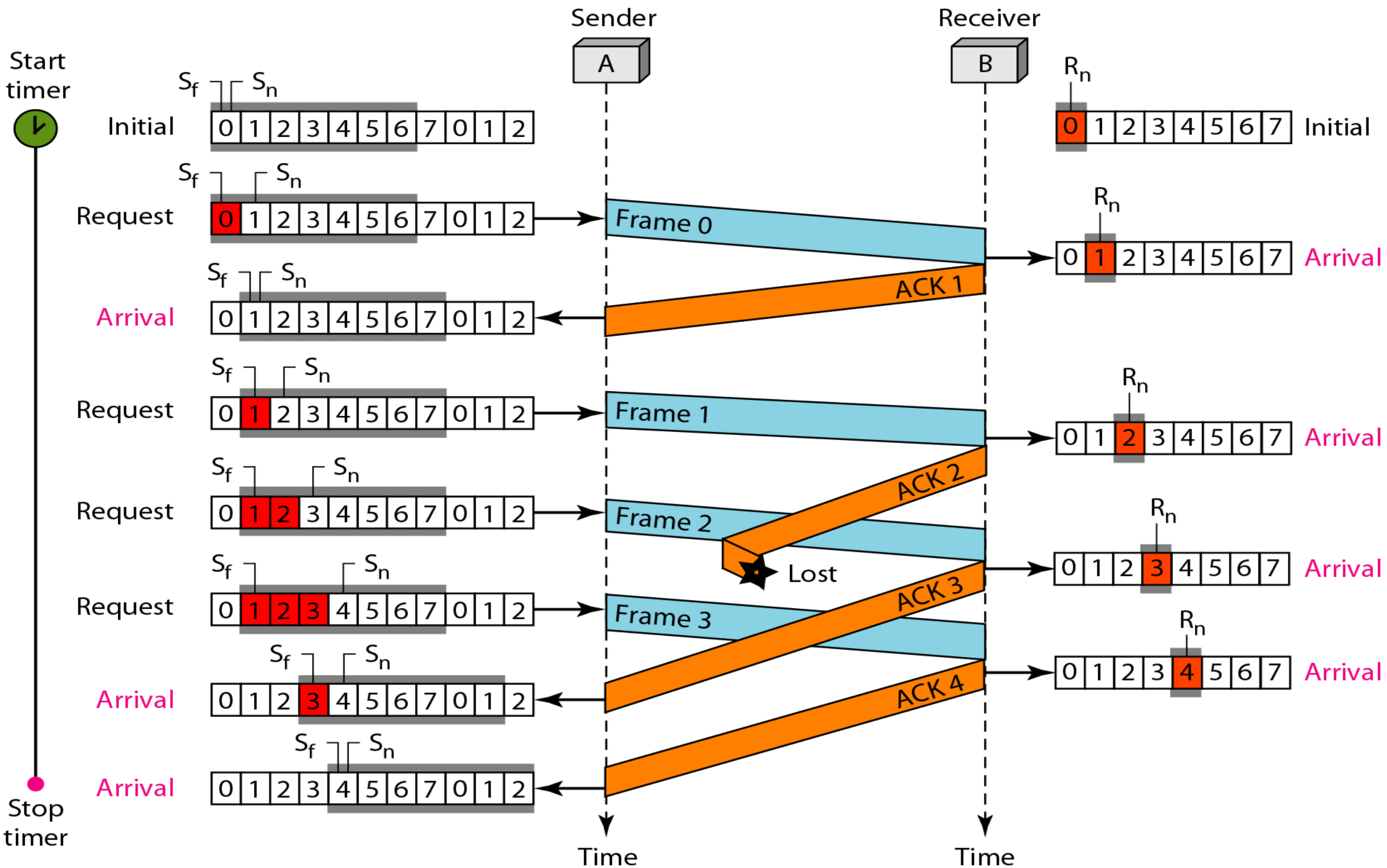


b. Window size = 2^m

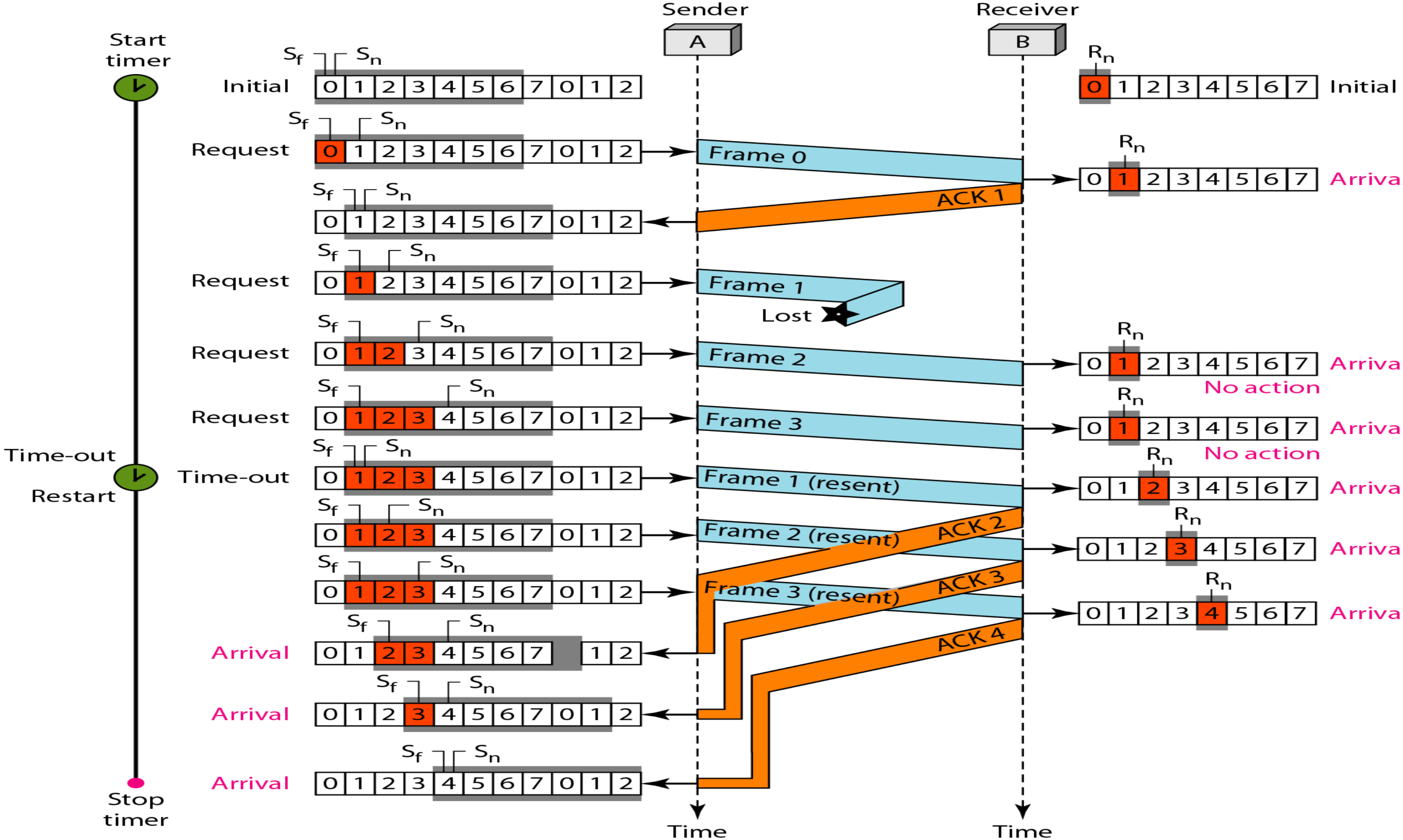
Summary Notes for Go-Back-N ARQ

- In the Go-Back-N Protocol, the sequence numbers are modulo 2^m, where m is the size of the sequence number field in bits.
- The send window can slide one or more slots when a valid acknowledgment arrives.
- In Go-Back-N ARQ, the size of the send window must be less than 2^m; the size of the receiver window is always 1.
- The receive window of size 1. The window slides when a frame with no detected errors arrive; i.e. sliding occurs one slot at a time. Receiver will drop any out-of-order frames

Example: Reliable Forward Channel



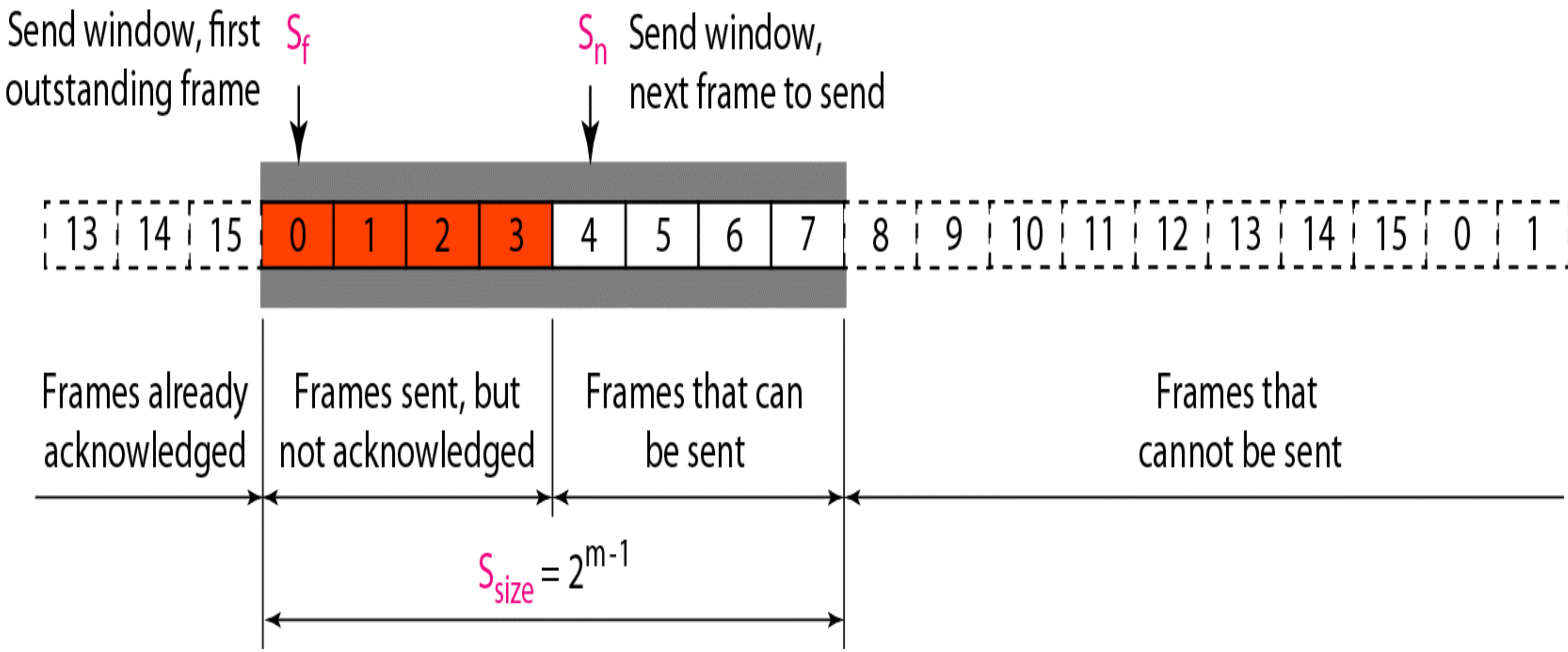
Example: Un-reliable Forward Channel



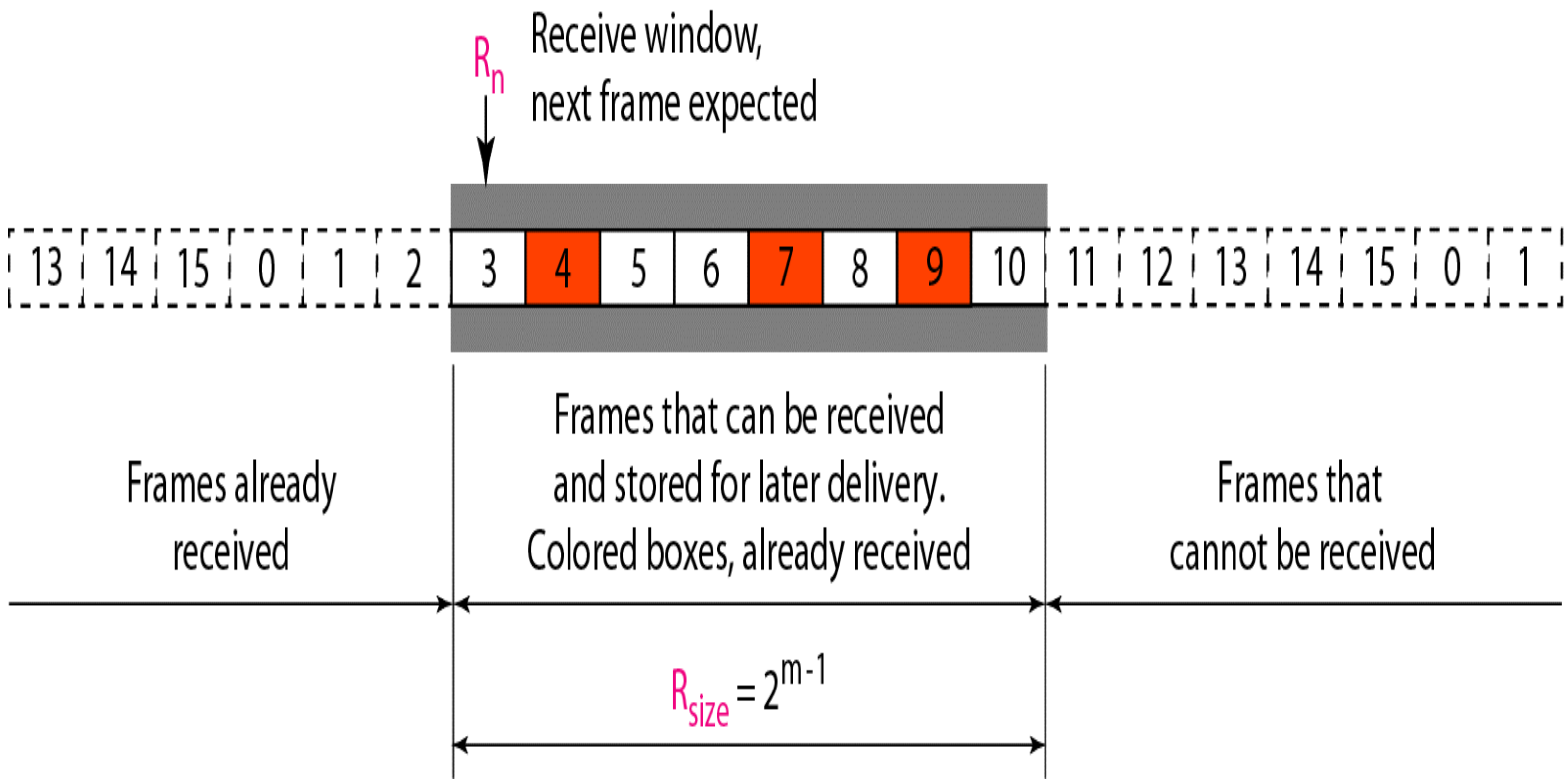
Selective Repeat (Reject) ARQ

- Only rejected frames are retransmitted
- Subsequent frames are accepted by the receiver and buffered
- Minimizes retransmission
- Receiver must maintain large enough buffer
- More complex transmitter

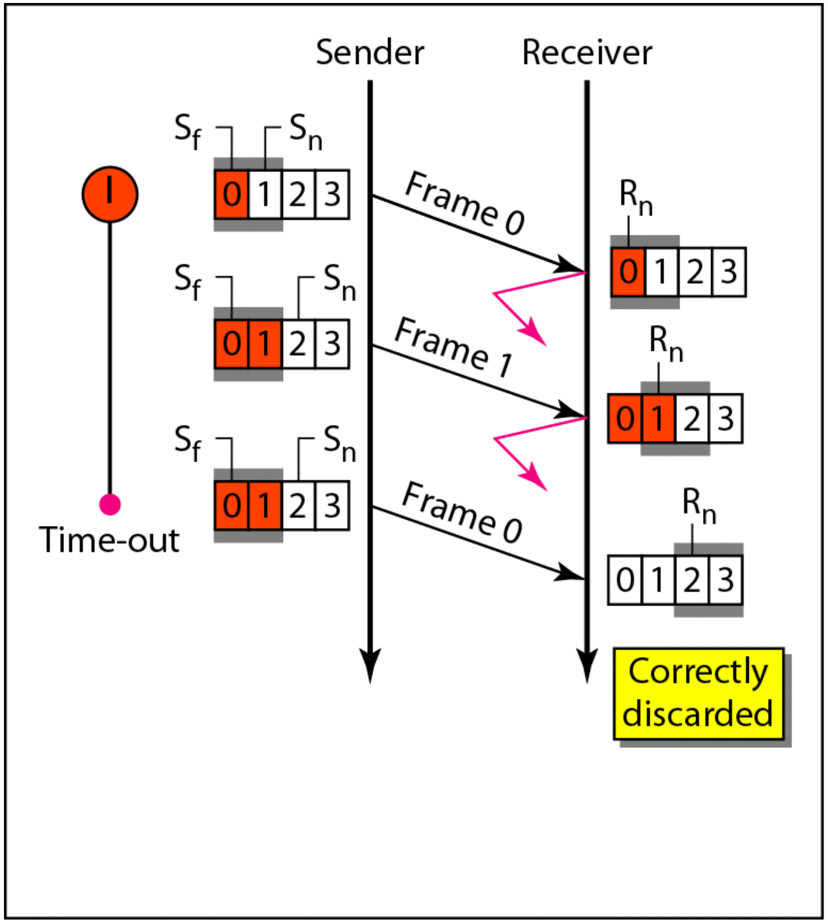
Sender Window fo SR ARQ



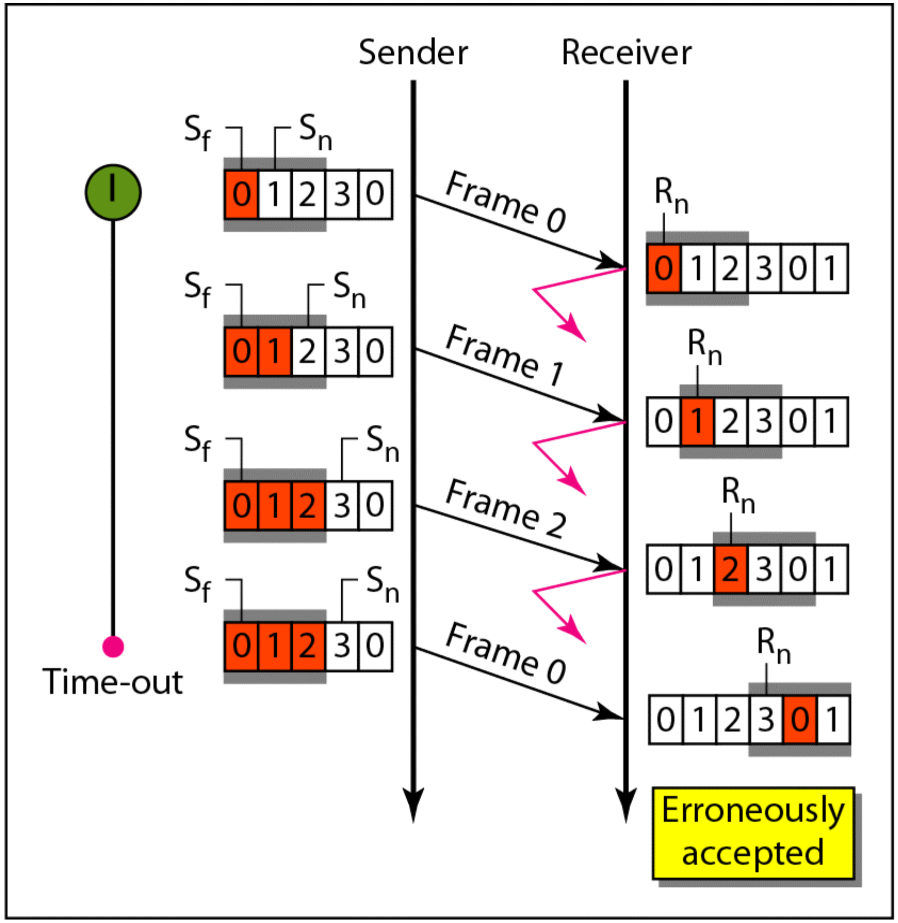
Receive Window for SR ARQ



SR ARQ Window Size



a. Window size = 2^{m-1}

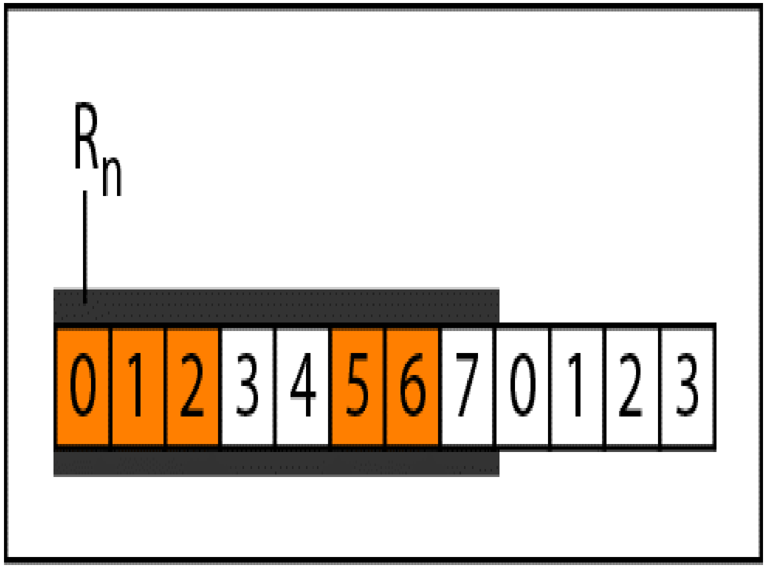


b. Window size > 2^{m-1}

Summary Notes for SR ARQ

- In Selective Repeat ARQ, the size of the send window must be at most 2^{m-1}; the size of the receiver window is always 1.
- The receive window of size is usually (but not necessarily) the same as that of the sender window. Receiver will buffer any out-of-order frames
- Receive can acknowledge only frames that are in sequence

Delivery of Data in SR ARQ



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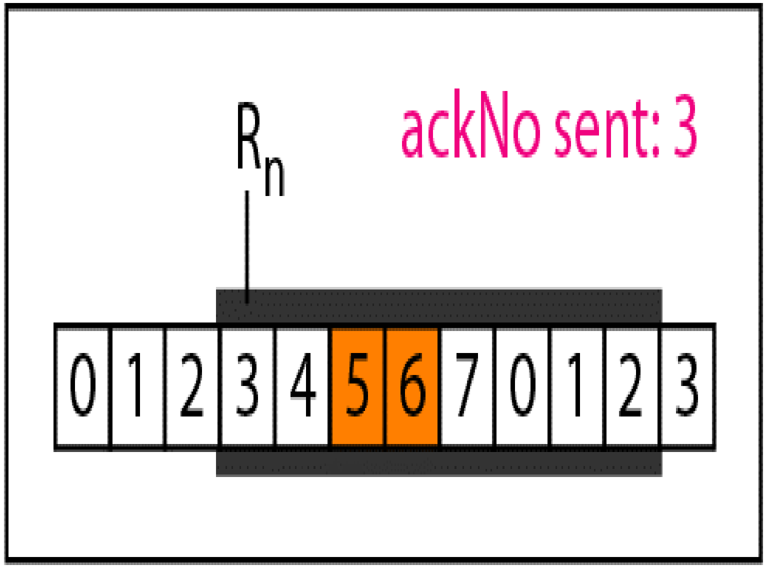

b. After delivery

Example of SR ARQ