



AVTransport

MPEG-2 Transport



The MPEG-2 Standard

■ ISO/IEC 13818 – 1994

■ Source Coding

- Video (Partie 2)
- Audio (Partie 3)
- Advanced Audio Coding (AAC, Partie 7)

■ Transport

- Error-free environments (PS)
- Error-prone environments (TS)
- Controle (DSM-CC)

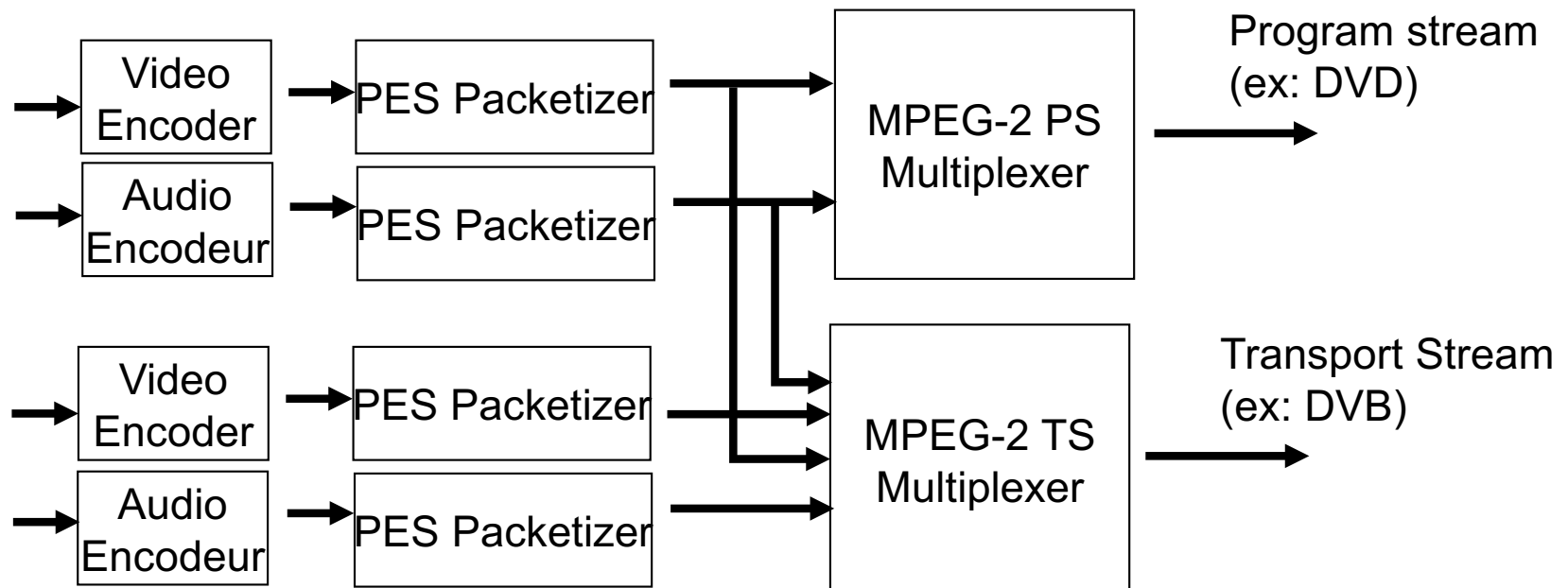
MPEG-2 Broadcasting

■ Packetized Elementary Streams (PES)

- Media: audio, video, subtitles
- Data: interactive services, program guide, IP traffic

■ 2 multiplexing modes:

- Program Stream (MPEG-2 PS)
- Transport Stream (MPEG-2 TS)



MPEG-2 Transport Stream

■ MPEG-2 TS = multiplexing format

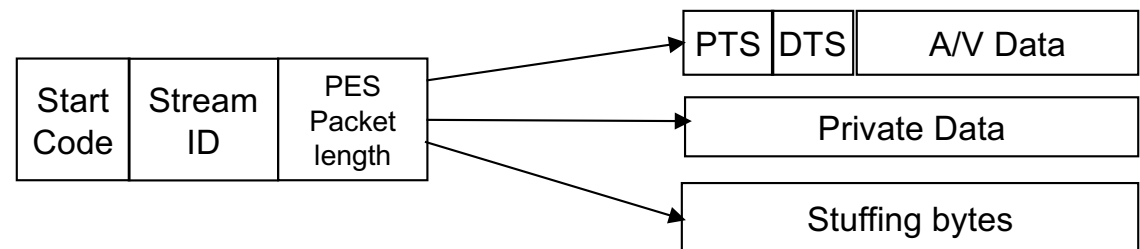
- For several TV channels
 - $N * (\text{Video} + \text{Audio(s)} + \text{Data})$ with different time bases
- Special Case: one program
 - Single Program Transport Stream (SPTS)

■ 1 transport stream = sequence of transport packets

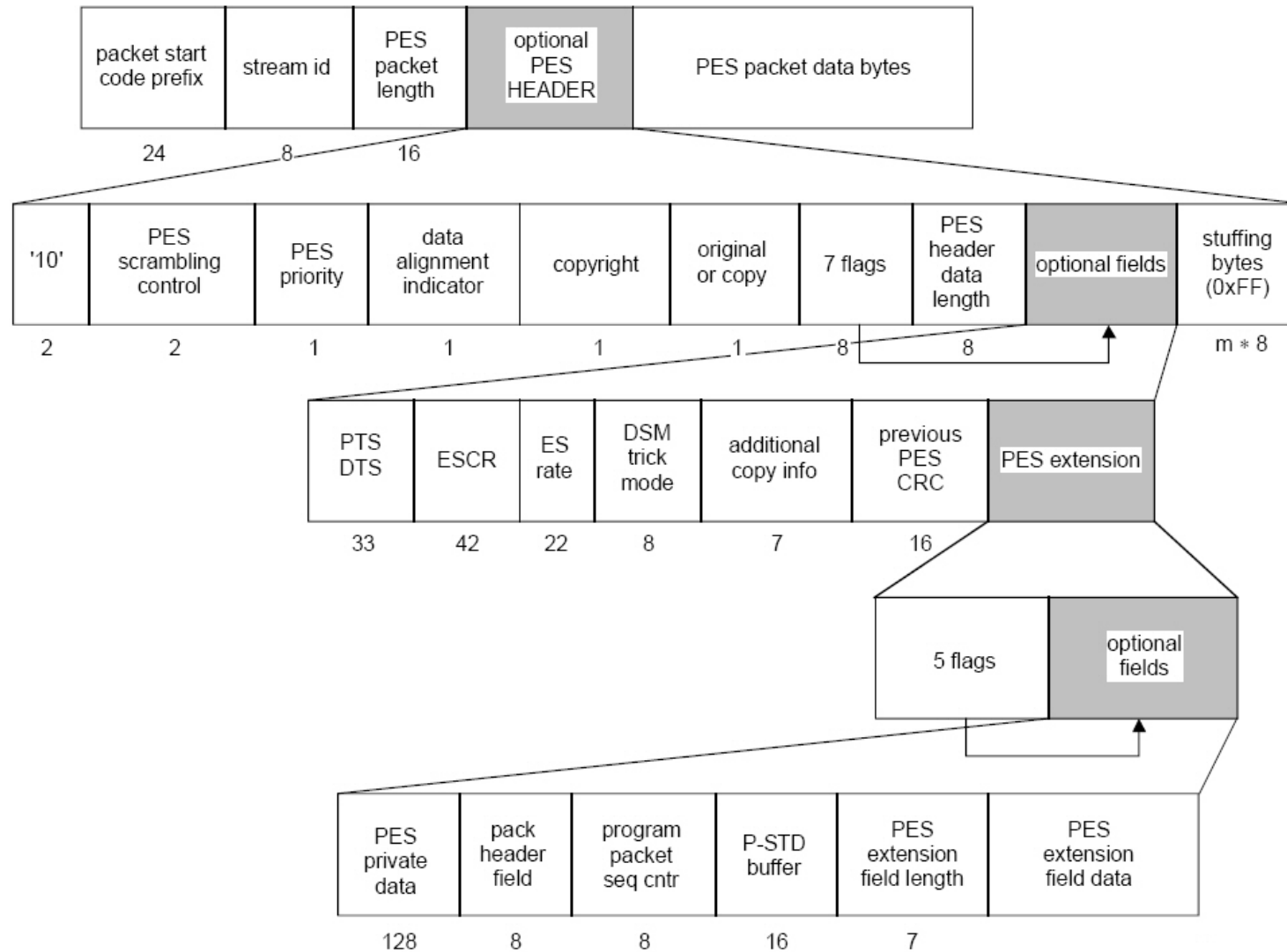
- Fixed size (188 bytes)
 - Helps integration with error correction tools
- Detection of data packet starts
- Synchronization after packet loss

■ Two ways of transporting data

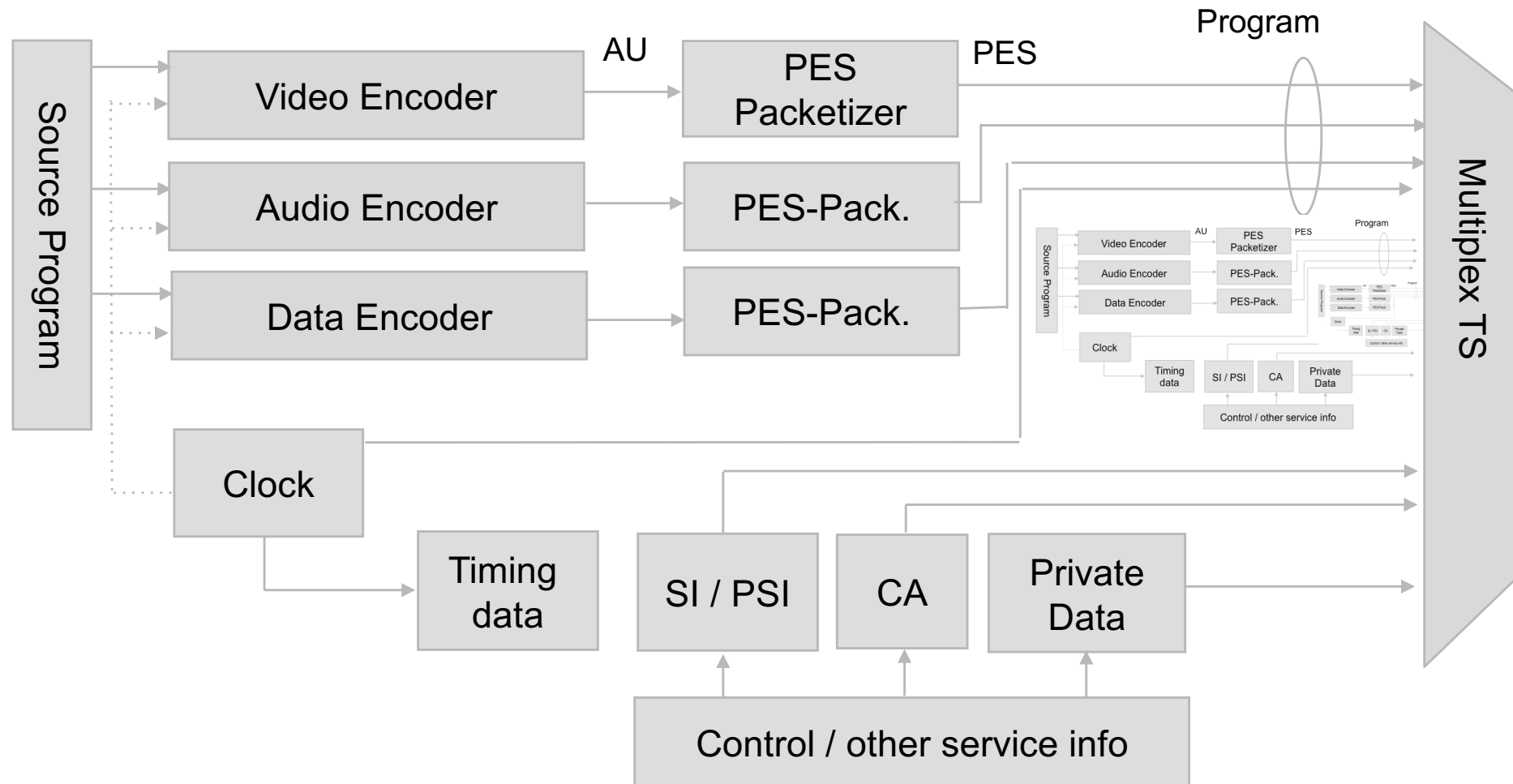
- Sections: meta data, EPG, etc...
 - Carousel
- PES Packets: audio, video
 - PTS+DTS, Clock
 - RAP, Size



MPEG-2 PES



MPEG-2 Transport Stream



MPEG-2 TS –Sections

■ Data Transport

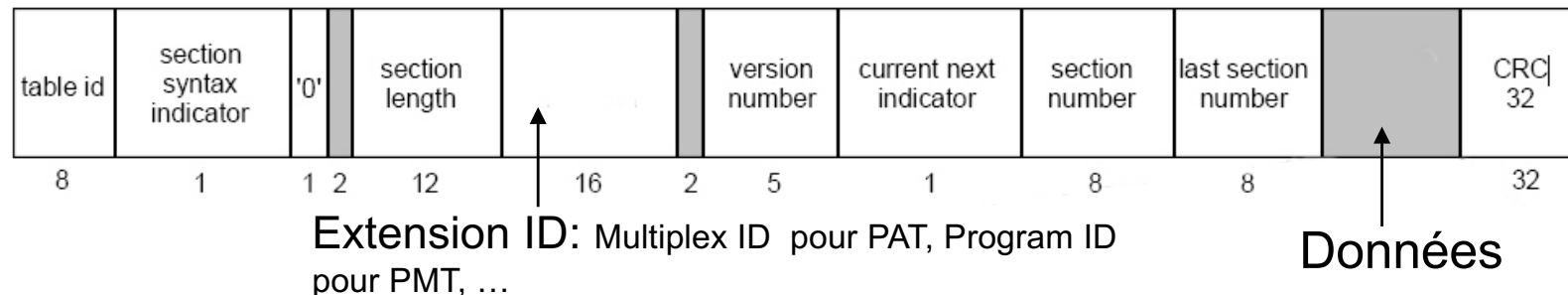
- Data Blocs or « tables », of any type
- No real-time constraint
- Supports data repetition or update (carousel)
 - Version number

■ Table fragmentation: sections

- Maximum size: 1024 or 4096 bytes
- Current and total fragments: 8-bit
 - Max 256 sections / table
 - 1 table < 256 KB or 1 MB
- Transport integrity: CRC32

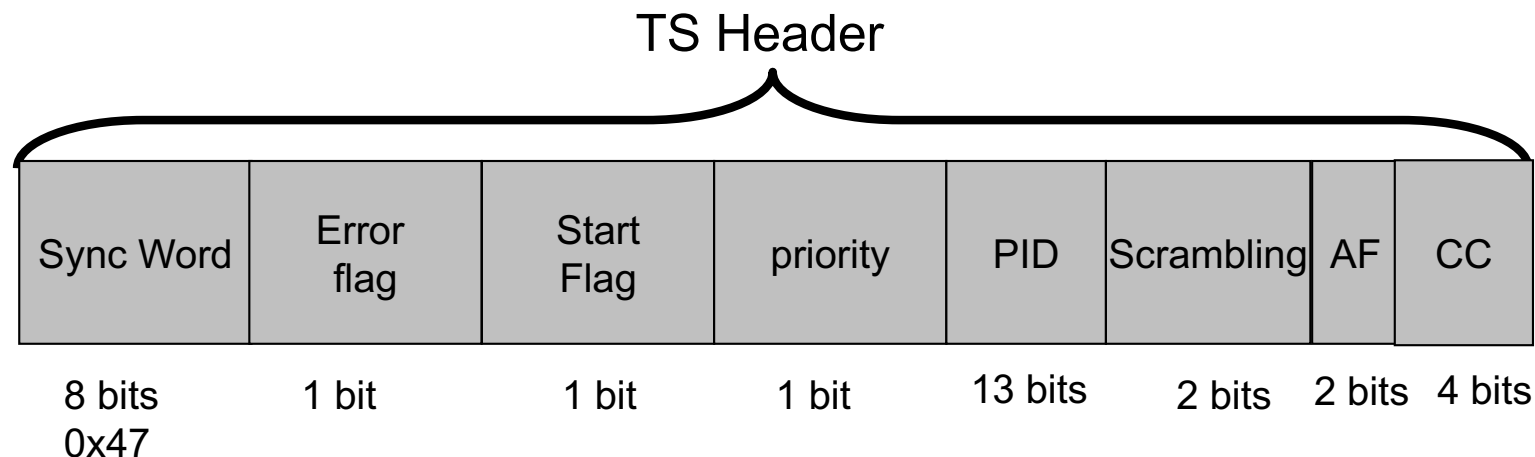
■ Table Multiplexing

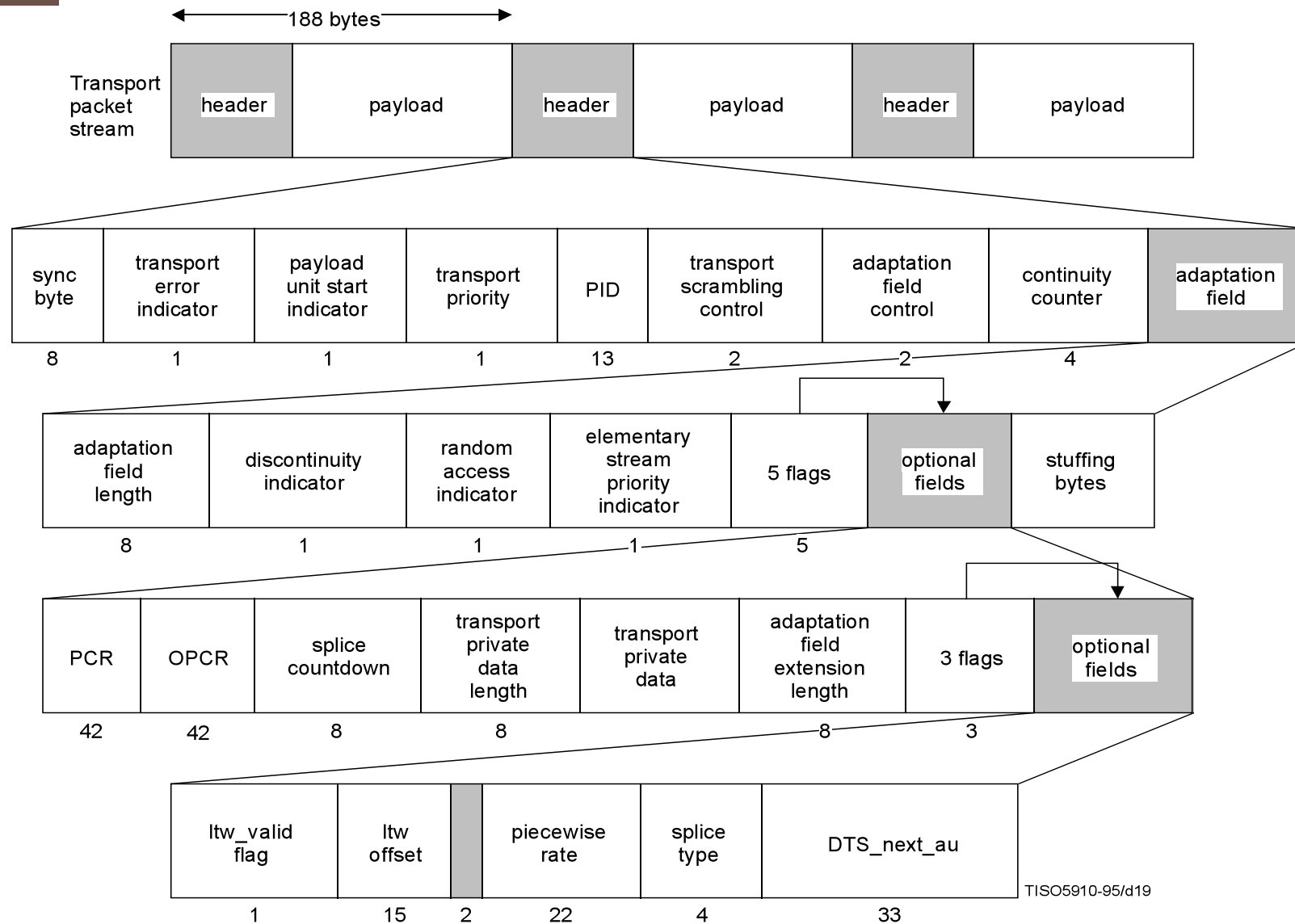
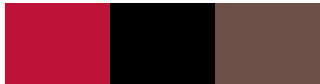
- TableID
- Allows sending of different tables on a single PID



MPEG-2 TS – Le paquet TS

- **Fixed packet size**
 - 188 bytes
- **Header 4 bytes:**
 - Synchronization word (1 byte): synchronization recovery when losses
 - Error flag: if errors are still present in the TS packet
 - Packet Identifier (PID): packet destination
 - (13 bits: max 8192 destinations)
 - Start flag: PES or Section first byte in this packet
- **Scrambling indicator**
- **Adaptation Field**
 - For header extensions
 - Random Access Point (RAP) indication
 - Clock (PCR)





MPEG-2 TS Timing

■ Each program carries a clock

- Program Clock Reference (PCR)
- PES Timestamps relate to this clock

■ Constraints:

- PCR shall be send often to compensate receiver clock drifts
 - MPEG-2 <100 ms
 - DVB: < 40 ms (i.e. once per frame @ 25 Hz)

■ Consequence

- At constant rate D , time between PCR_i and PCR_{i+1} is:
$$PCR_{\text{interpolate}} = PCR_i + \text{BitsSincePCR}_i / D$$
- Interpolation allowed even if VBR



Program and Streams

■ Program Association Table

- Identifies a multiplex (ID 16 bits)
- Lists all programs
 - Program Number (16 bit)
 - PID carrying PMT
 - If PID= 0, NIT

■ Program Map Table

- PID carrying the PCR
 - Not always a media stream !
- Program Descriptors
 - Protection systems, interactive apps ...
- Lists all streams
 - PID: where stream data is carried in the multiplex
 - streamType: type of media compression
 - Stream descriptors
 - Language, coding parameters, demux parameters, ...

MPEG-2 TS: Core Concepts

■ TS, PES

■ PID

- Indicates where the data goes
 - Allows filtering of packet for non viewed programs
- **Does not indicate PES/section or coding type**
- Reserved PID
 - Some PSI data
 - Program Association Table (PAT)
 - Conditional Access Table (CAT)
 - Transport Stream Description Table (TSDT)
 - User-reserved: Other standard bodies (DVB, ATSC, ...)

■ Stream Type

- One per PID at any point in time
 - But may change if PMT changes !
- Indicates coding type
- Implies transport type (PES or Sections)

■ PSI “Program Service Information”

- Multiplex description
- Program description
- Stream Description

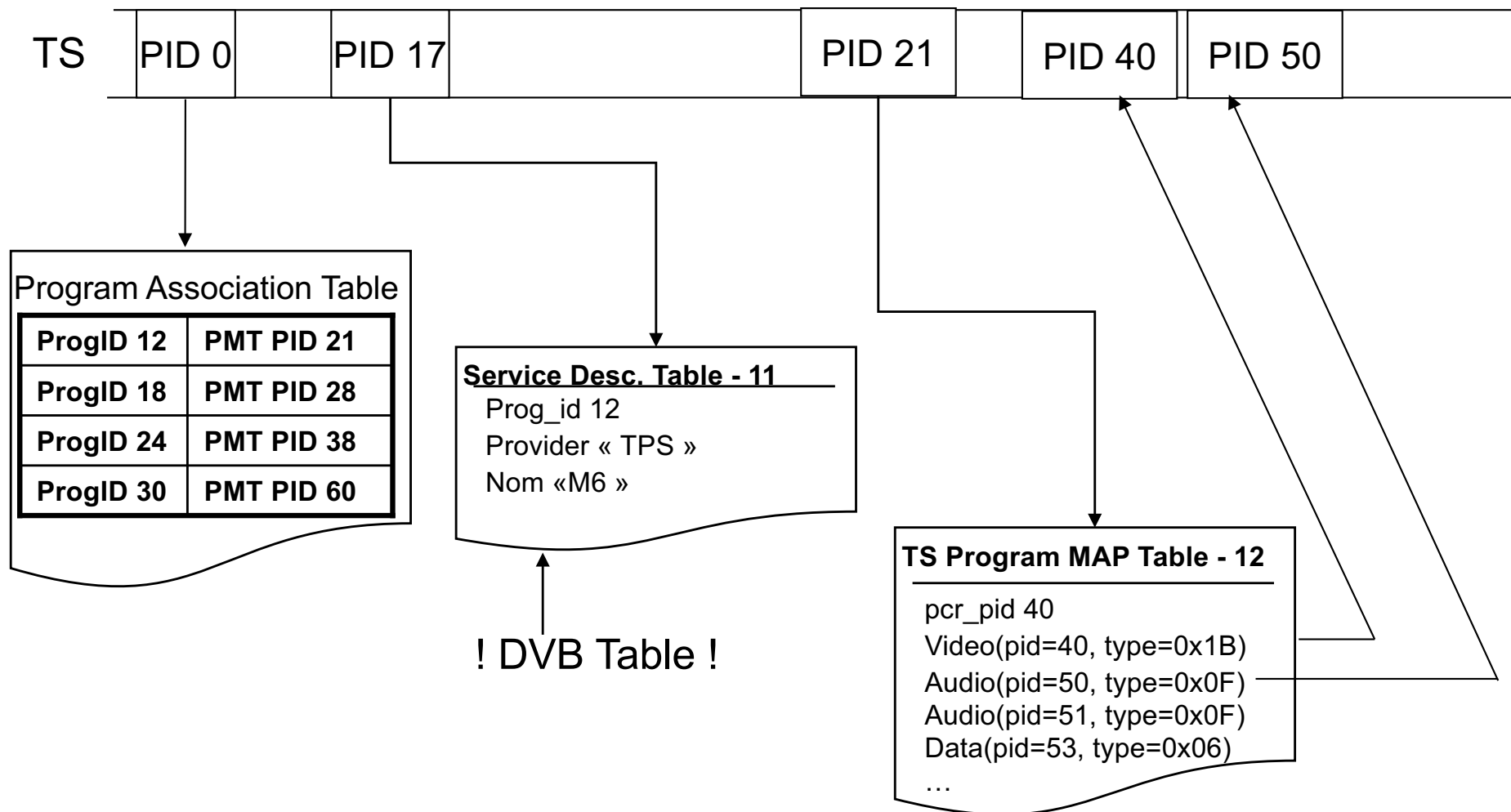
Valeur du PID	Description
0x0000	Program Association Table (PAT)
0x0001	Conditional Access Table (CAT)
0x0002	Transport Stream Description Table (TSDT)
0x0003	IPMP Control Table
0x0004 – 0x000F	Valeurs réservées
0x0010 – 0x1FFE	Valeurs utilisables pour: <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Network information table (NIT)-Program Map Table (PMT)-PID des flux élémentaires
0x1FFF	Paquet vide

MPEG-2 TS: streamType

Valeur	Stream Type
0x00	ITU-T ISO/IEC Reserved
0x01	ISO/IEC 11172-2 Video
0x02	ITU-T Rec. H.262 ISO/IEC 13818-2 Video or ISO/IEC 11172-2 constrained parameter video stream
0x03	ISO/IEC 11172-3 Audio
0x04	ISO/IEC 13818-3 Audio
0x05	ITU-T Rec. H.222.0 ISO/IEC 13818-1 private_sections
0x06	ITU-T Rec. H.222.0 ISO/IEC 13818-1 PES packets containing private data
0x07	ISO/IEC 13522 MHEG
0x08	ITU-T Rec. H.222.0 ISO/IEC 13818-1 Annex A DSM-CC
0x09	ITU-T Rec. H.222.1
0x0A	ISO/IEC 13818-6 type A
0x0B	ISO/IEC 13818-6 type B
0x0C	ISO/IEC 13818-6 type C
0x0D	ISO/IEC 13818-6 type D
0x0E	ITU-T Rec. H.222.0 ISO/IEC 13818-1 auxiliary
0x0F	ISO/IEC 13818-7 Audio with ADTS transport syntax

Valeur	Stream Type
0x10	ISO/IEC 14496-2 Visual
0x11	ISO/IEC 14496-3 Audio with the LATM transport Syntax as defined in ISO/IEC 14496-3/AMD-1
0x12	ISO/IEC 14496-1 SL-packetized stream or FlexMux stream carried in PES packets
0x13	ISO/IEC 14496-1 SL-packetized stream or FlexMux stream carried in ISO/IEC 14496_sections
0x14	ISO/IEC 13818-6 Synchronized Download Protocol
0x15	Metadata carried in PES packets
0x16	Metadata carried in metadata_sections
0x17	Metadata carried in ISO/IEC 13818-6 Data Carousel
0x18	Metadata carried in ISO/IEC 13818-6 Object Carousel
0x19	Metadata carried in ISO/IEC 13818-6 Synchronized Download Protocol
0x1A	IPMP stream (defined in ISO/IEC 13818-11, MPEG-2 IPMP)
0x1B	AVC video stream as defined in ITU-T Rec. H.264 ISO/IEC 14496-10 Video
0x1C-0x7E	ITU-T Rec. H.222.0 ISO/IEC 13818-1 Reserved
0x7F	IPMP stream
0x80-0xFF	User Private

MPEG-2 TS: multiplex tune-in





MPEG-2 TS: Scrambling

■ Scrambling may happen:

- At PES payload level
- At some sections payload level
- At TS packet level
 - Most common use case
 - **PES headers are scrambled**

■ Exceptions

- PAT: required to get list of programs
- PMT: required to get protection system used
- NIT/TSDT: infrastructure management

Descripteurs MPEG-2

descriptor_tag	TS	PS	Identification
0	n/a	n/a	reserved
1	n/a	X	forbidden
2	X	X	video_stream_descriptor
3	X	X	audio_stream_descriptor
4	X	X	hierarchy_descriptor
5	X	X	registration_descriptor
6	X	X	data_stream_alignment_descriptor
7	X	X	target_background_grid_descriptor
8	X	X	video_window_descriptor
9	X	X	CA_descriptor
10	X	X	ISO_639_language_descriptor
11	X	X	system_clock_descriptor
12	X	X	multiplex_buffer_utilization_descriptor
13	X	X	copyright_descriptor
14	X		maximum_bitrate_descriptor
15	X	X	private_data_indicator_descriptor
16	X	X	smoothing_buffer_descriptor
17	X		STD_descriptor
18	X	X	IBP_descriptor
19-26	X		Defined in ISO/IEC 13818-6
27	X	X	MPEG-4_video_descriptor
28	X	X	MPEG-4_audio_descriptor
29	X	X	IOD_descriptor
30	X		SL_descriptor
31	X	X	FMC_descriptor
32	X	X	external_ES_ID_descriptor
33	X	X	MuxCode_descriptor

descriptor_tag	TS	PS	Identification
34	X	X	FmxBufferSize_descriptor
35	X		multiplexbuffer_descriptor
36	X	X	content_labeling_descriptor
37	X	X	metadata_pointer_descriptor
38	X	X	metadata_descriptor
39	X	X	metadata_STD_descriptor
40	X	X	AVC video descriptor
41	X	X	IPMP_descriptor (defined in ISO/IEC 13818-11, MPEG-2 IPMP)
42	X	X	AVC timing and HRD descriptor
43	X	X	MPEG-2_AAC_audio_descriptor
44	X	X	FlexMuxTiming_descriptor
45	X	X	MPEG-4_text_descriptor
46	X	X	MPEG-4_audio_extension_descriptor
47	X	X	auxiliary_video_stream_descriptor
48	X	X	SVC extension descriptor
49	X	X	MVC extension descriptor
50	X	n/a	J2K video descriptor
51	X	X	MVC operation point descriptor
52	X	X	MPEG2_stereoscopic_video_format_descriptor
53	X	X	Stereoscopic_program_info_descriptor
54	X	X	Stereoscopic_video_info_descriptor
55-63	n/a	n/a	Rec. ITU-T H.222.0 ISO/IEC 13818-1 Reserved
64-255	n/a	n/a	User Private



Random Access in TS

■ RAP Random Access Point

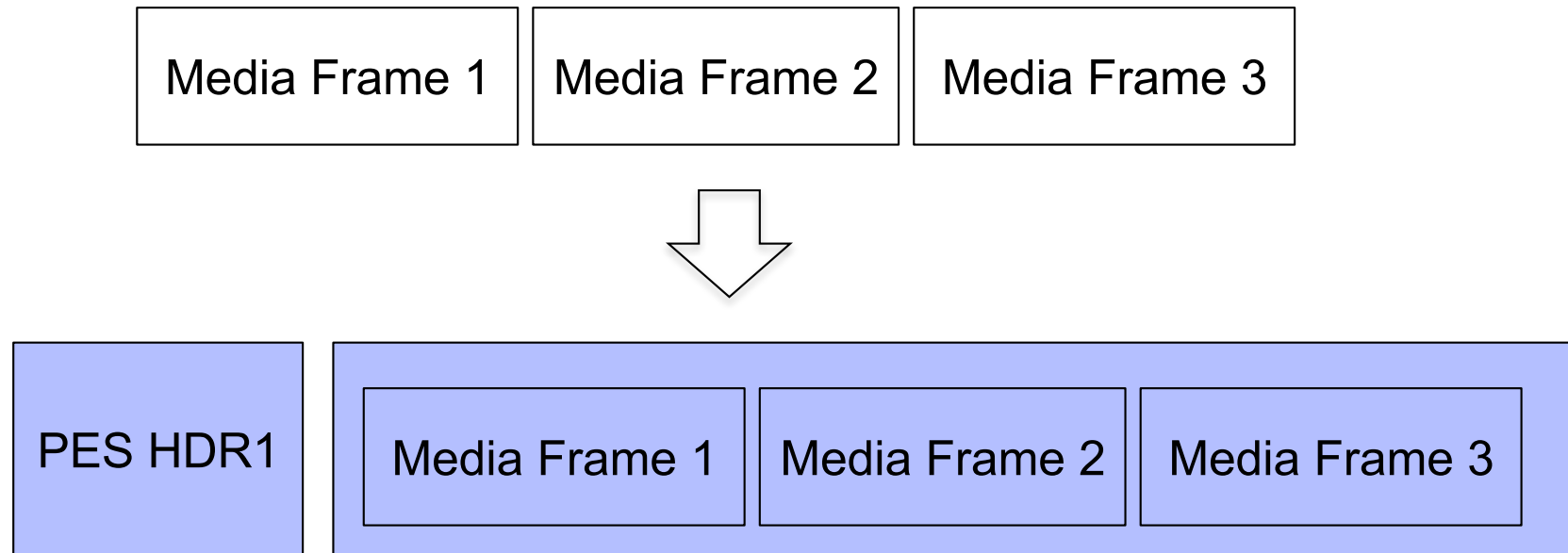
■ MPEG-2 TS random access

- First locate PAT
- Then locate CAT if present
- Finally locate PMT(s)
- Required for demuxer+decoder(+descrambler) setup

■ Media

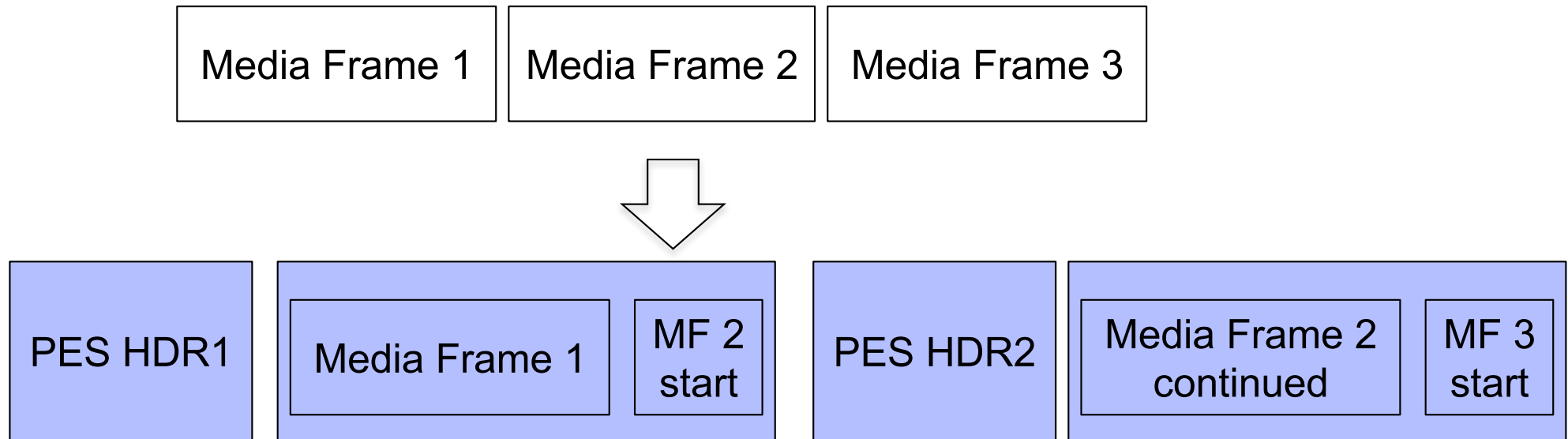
- May be signaled in adaptation field
- Audio
 - Each AU is a RAP
 - Exceptions about to be deployed with MPEG-H Audio
- Video
 - Intra frames (MPEG-2), IDR (AVC or HEVC) and CRA/BLA (HEVC)

MPEG-2 Packetization Ex #1



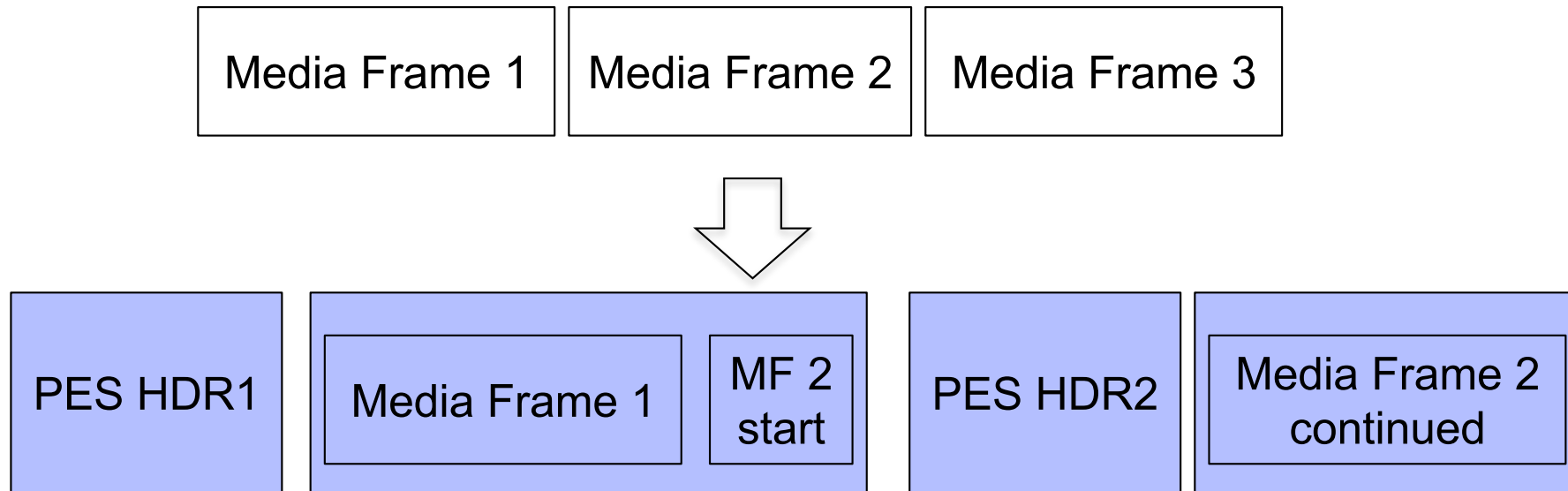
- **PES HDR1**
 - PTS/DTS of Frame 1
 - Size: sum of 3 frames
- **Timing of frames 2, 3 ?**
 - Interpolation !
 - Requires understanding the media (sample rate, samples/frame, ...)
- **Frames sizes for 1, 2, 3 ?**
 - Requires bitstream parsing !
 - Start code and other framing mechanisms

MPEG-2 Packetization Ex #2



- **PES HDR2**
 - PTS/DTS of frame 3 (i.e of the first frame that starts in the packet)
- **Timing of frame 2**
 - Interpolation !
 - Requires understanding the media (sample rate, samples/frame, ...)
- **Size of frames 1, 2, 3 ?**
 - Requires bitstream parsing !
 - Start code and other framing mechanisms
 - Requires storing parsing context between 2 PES packets

MPEG-2 Packetization Ex #3



- **PES HDR2**
 - **No PTS/DTS** (the frame does not start in this PES packet)
- **Timing of frame 2**
 - Interpolation !
 - Requires understanding the media (sample rate, samples/frame, ...)
- **Size of frames 1, 2, 3 ?**
 - Requires bitstream parsing !
 - Start code and other framing mechanisms
 - Requires storing parsing context between 2 PES packets

MPEG-2 Packetization

■ Alignment PES/frame

- May be indicated in adaptation field
- May match various media bitstream syntax elements:
 - Frame start
 - Frame start or slice start
 - Component Subset (SVC or MVC)

■ In real-life

- DVB/ATSC/ISDB: Video aligned, 1 frame per PES
 - DVB allows N complete frames / PES
 - And allows other configurations “if supported” 😊
- Audio : usually not aligned
- Cf ETSI TS 101 154



AVC / HEVC Packetization

- **NAL units produced by encoder**
- **Bitstream format before PES packetization**
 - Start-code 0x00000001 (or 0x000001)
 - NAL data
 - emulation prevention bytes for start codes
 - Avoids NALU data to be interpreted as a start code
 - 0x0000xx with x in {1,2,3} sequences in NALs
 - Replaced 0x0000030x
- **PES packet inspection**
 - By looking through start code (idem for MPEG-2 video)



Audio Packetization

■ MP3

- Sync word in the header of MP3 AU
- Frame size in the header of MP3 AU

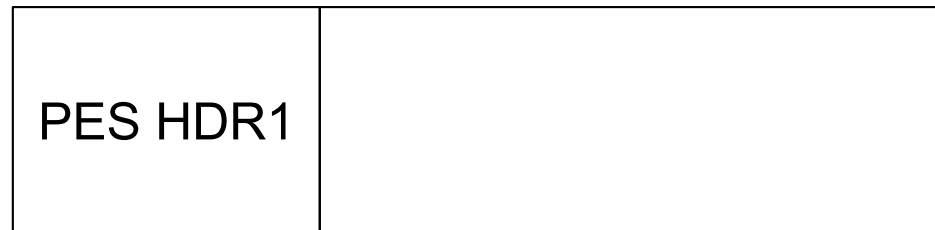
■ AAC Format ADTS

- Sync word
- Frame size and other info (channels, sample rate)
- AU AAC payload

■ Warning, no emulation prevention

- Fake start codes may happen
- Verify info coherence (channels, sample rate)
- Check stream coherence
 - $\text{position} + \text{Header}(N).\text{size} = \text{Valid Header}(N+1)$

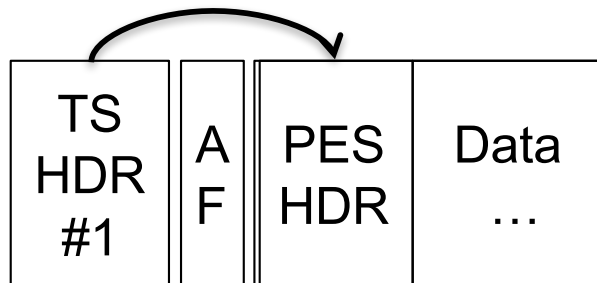
PES to TS Packetization



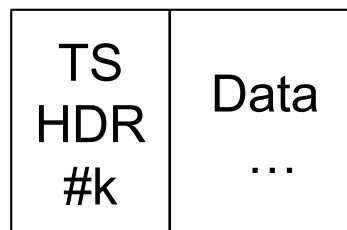
$\leq N \times 184$ bytes

AF : yes

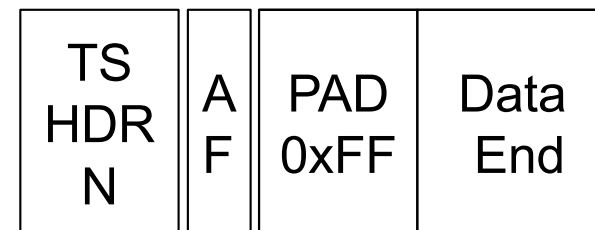
Payload Start Indicator = 1



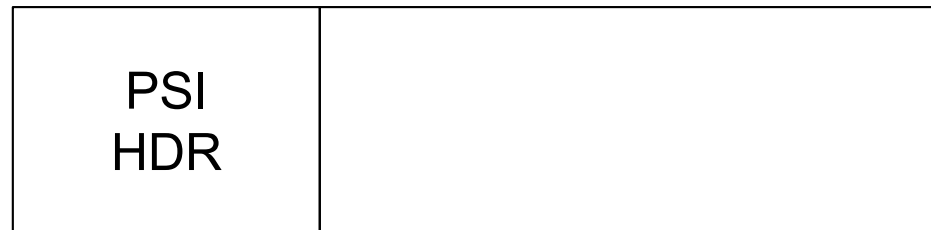
AF: no (most of the time)



AF: yes with padding

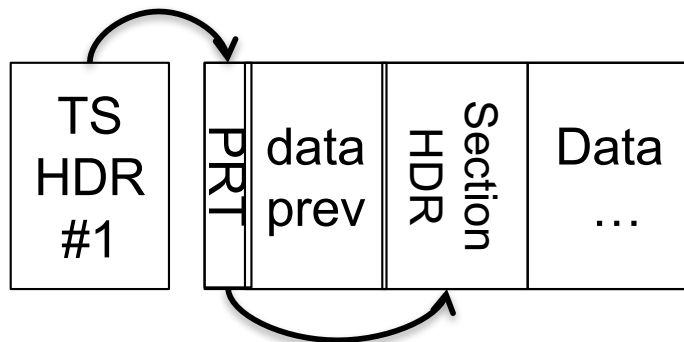


Section to TS Packetization

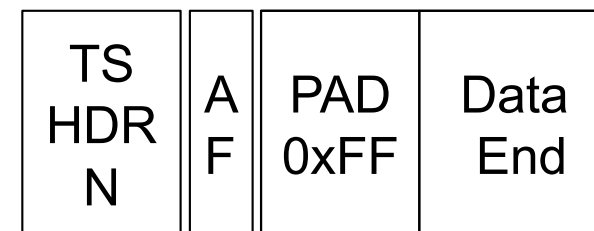


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Payload Start Indicator = 1



AF: yes with padding



Padding size

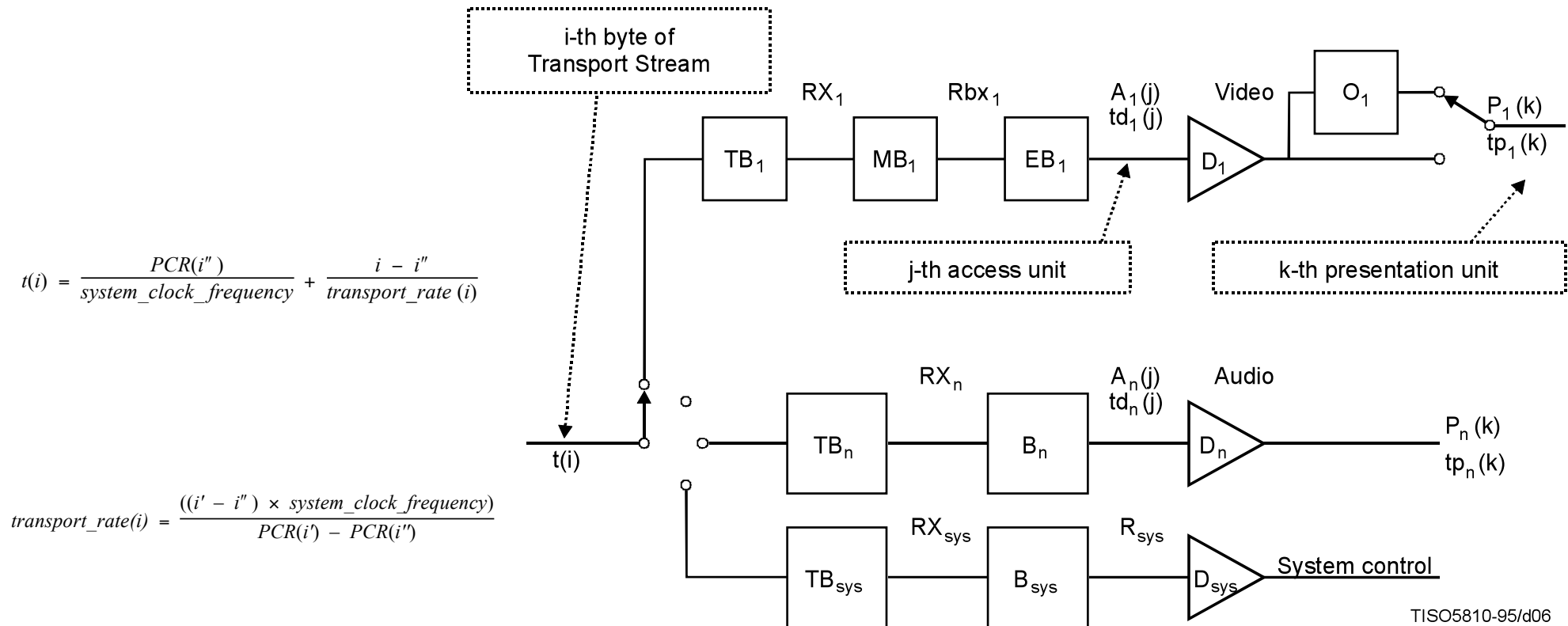
■ Pointer_field

- 1 byte if payload start Indicator = 1
- Gives number of bytes before next section (PSI) header

Timing model and decoder

■ Transport Stream System Target Decoder (T-STD)

- Hypothetical model describing data transfer rates in the demultiplexer and decoder(s)



T-STD Constraints

■ Max fetch rate from buffers

- $R_{X_n} \leq R_{MAX}$, specified for each media type
- Video: depends on Profile/Level
- Audio, DATA: depends on number of channels
 - MPEG-1/2, Systems: 2 Mbps
 - AAC: up to 33 Mbps

■ Buffer Sizes

- Transport Buffer size: 512 bytes
- ES Buffer Size given per media type
 - AAC: < 51 kBytes
 - MPEG-1/2: 3584 bytes
 - Systems: 1536 Bytes
 - Video: depends on Profile/Level
 - AVC: 10 sec max delay between TBn et Ebn



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DVB

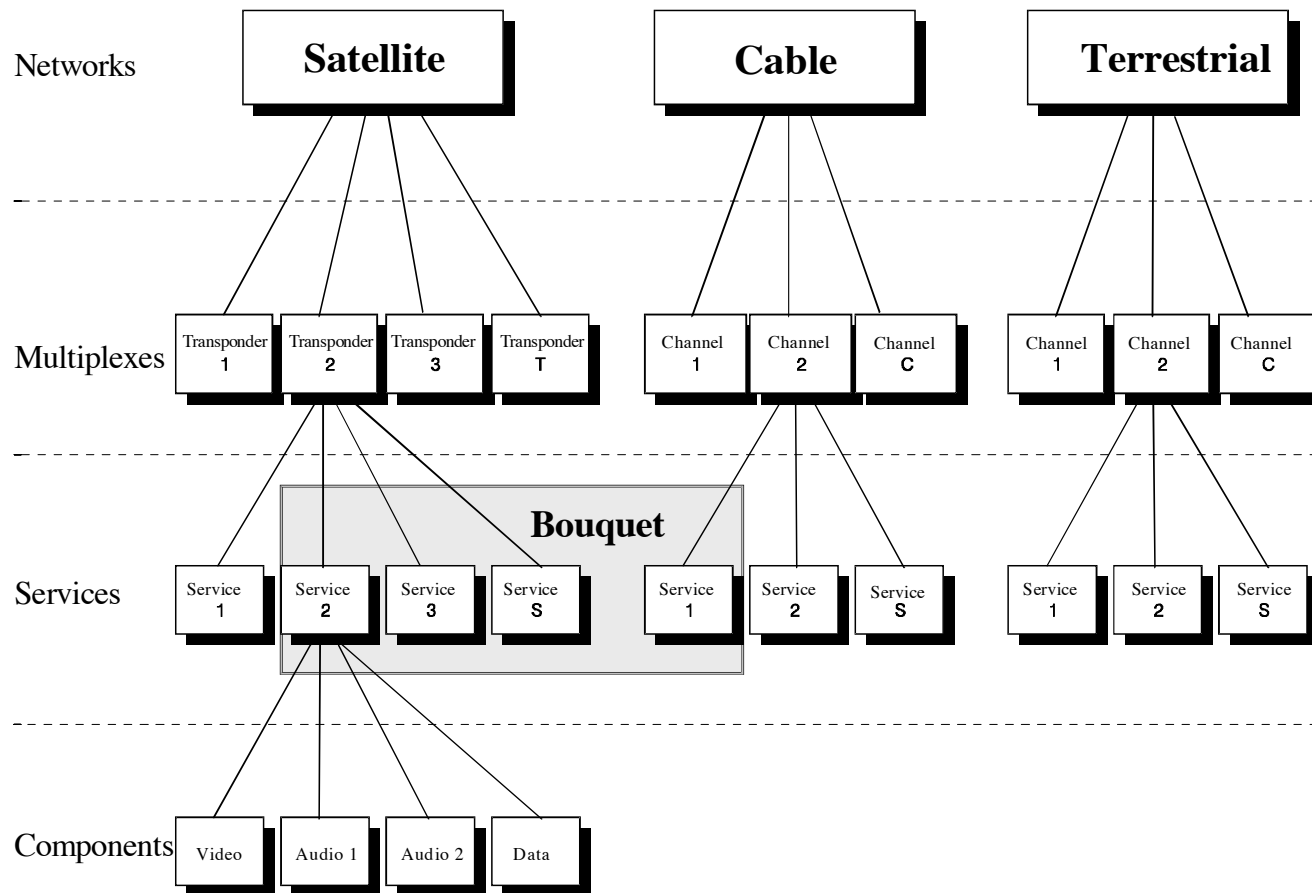
■ Created in 1992

- > 300 members, >35 countries - www.dvb.org
- Promotion of open standards for Digital TV broadcasting

■ Principal Recommendations

- Physical Layer
 - Satellite: DVB-S, DVB-S2
 - Cable: DVB-C
 - Terrestrial: DVB-T, DVB-T2
 - Mobiles DVB-H, DVB-SH
- Signalisation
 - Information de services: DVB-SI
 - Services synchro: DVB-SAD
- Protection
 - DVB-CAS, DVB-CSA
 - Interface smartcard: DVB-CI, DVB-CI+

DVB Service Model



Program Signaling Information / Service Information

- **Network Information Table (NIT)**
 - Network topology (Frequencies, FEC, ...)
 - PID 16, TableID 64 | 65
- **Service Description Table (SDT)**
 - Multiplex Description (channel names, ...)
 - PID 17, TableID 66 | 70
- **Bouquet Association Table (BAT)**
 - Link to other services
 - PID 17, TableID 74
- **Event Information Table (EIT)**
 - Electronic Program Guide for present and following shows
 - PID 18, TableID 78 | 79
- **Time and Date Table (TDT)**
 - UTC clock
 - PID 20, TableID 112
- **Application Information Table (AIT)**
 - Interactive App signaling (MHP, HbbTV,...)
 - PID dynamique, TableID 116
 - Type d'application
- **IP/MAC Notification Table (INT)**
 - IP Transport
 - PID Dynamique, TableID 76

DVB SI Tables

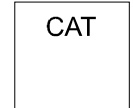
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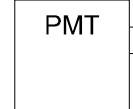
PID=0x0000



PID=0x0001



PID=P



PID=0x0002



Time &
Date

Defined in TS 300 468

DVB

(mandatory)

PID=0x0010



DVB

(optional)

PID=0x0010



Network
Information

PID=0x0011



Bouquet
Association

PID=0x0011



Service
Description

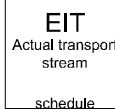
PID=0x0011



PID=0x0012



PID=0x0012



PID=0x0012



Event
Information

PID=0x0014



PID=0x0013



Running
Status

PID=0x0014



Time
Offset

PID=0x0010 to 0x0014



Stuffing

ETSI TS 300 468

- Mais pas 100% complet ☺

Short sections

- 1024 octet / section max
- Exception: EIT 4096 max

Sub-table

- Independent set of sections of a table Identified through table_extension_id

Repeat Rate ≥ 25 ms

Table	PID value
PAT	0x0000
CAT	0x0001
TSDT	0x0002
reserved	0x0003 to 0x000F
NIT, ST	0x0010
SDT, BAT, ST	0x0011
EIT, ST CIT (TS 102 323 [13])	0x0012
RST, ST	0x0013
TDT, TOT, ST	0x0014
network synchronization	0x0015
RNT (TS 102 323 [13])	0x0016
reserved for future use	0x0017 to 0x001B
inband signalling	0x001C
measurement	0x001D
DIT	0x001E
SIT	0x001F

Defined DVB SI Tables

Value	Description
0x00	program_association_section
0x01	conditional_access_section
0x02	program_map_section
0x03	transport_stream_description_section
0x04 to 0x3F	reserved
0x40	network_information_section - actual_network
0x41	network_information_section - other_network
0x42	service_description_section - actual_transport_stream
0x43 to 0x45	reserved for future use
0x46	service_description_section - other_transport_stream
0x47 to 0x49	reserved for future use
0x4A	bouquet_association_section
0x4B to 0x4D	reserved for future use
0x4E	event_information_section - actual_transport_stream, present/following
0x4F	event_information_section - other_transport_stream, present/following
0x50 to 0x5F	event_information_section - actual_transport_stream, schedule
0x60 to 0x6F	event_information_section - other_transport_stream, schedule
0x70	time_date_section
0x71	running_status_section
0x72	stuffing_section
0x73	time_offset_section
0x74	application information section (TS 102 812 [15])
0x75	container section (TS 102 323 [13])
0x76	related content section (TS 102 323 [13])
0x77	content identifier section (TS 102 323 [13])
0x78	MPE-FEC section (EN 301 192 [4])
0x79	resolution notification section (TS 102 323 [13])
0x7A	MPE-IFEC section (TS 102 772 [50])

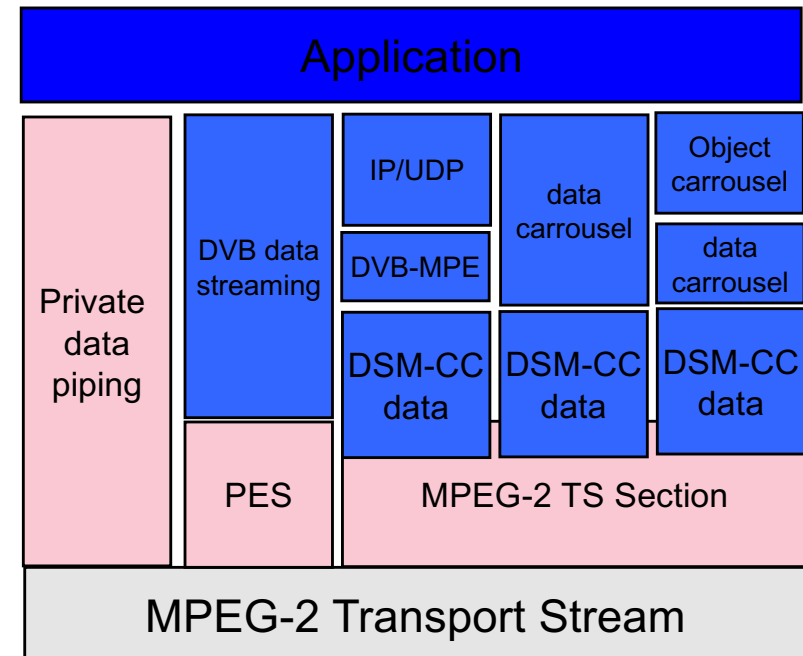


DVB Descriptors

- **A Lot of them !**
 - > 80
- **Physical Layer description**
 - frequencies, FEC, time-slicing, cellules, ...
 - 1 / standard: DVB-S / S2, DVB-C, DVB-T / T2, DVB-SH
- **Non-MPEG Codecs Description**
 - VC1, AC3, DTS, DTS-HD, AAC
 - Stream configuration (~= decoder specific information)
- **Textual Descriptions**
 - Service names, Stream names (mono and multi-lingual)
 - Parental rating, icons
 - Bouquet name (mono and multi-lingual)
- **And various indications**
 - Service Redirection
 - Data broadcast (carousel)
 - Mosaic video
 - Phone (back-channel setup), ...

Data over DVB

- **Data piping**
 - raw transport on a PID
- **Data streaming**
 - send in PES packets
- **DSM-CC Data carousel**
 - Transport on sections
- **Object Carousel**
 - Data Carousel + file system
- **Multi Protocol Encapsulation (MPE)**
 - IP datagram over TS



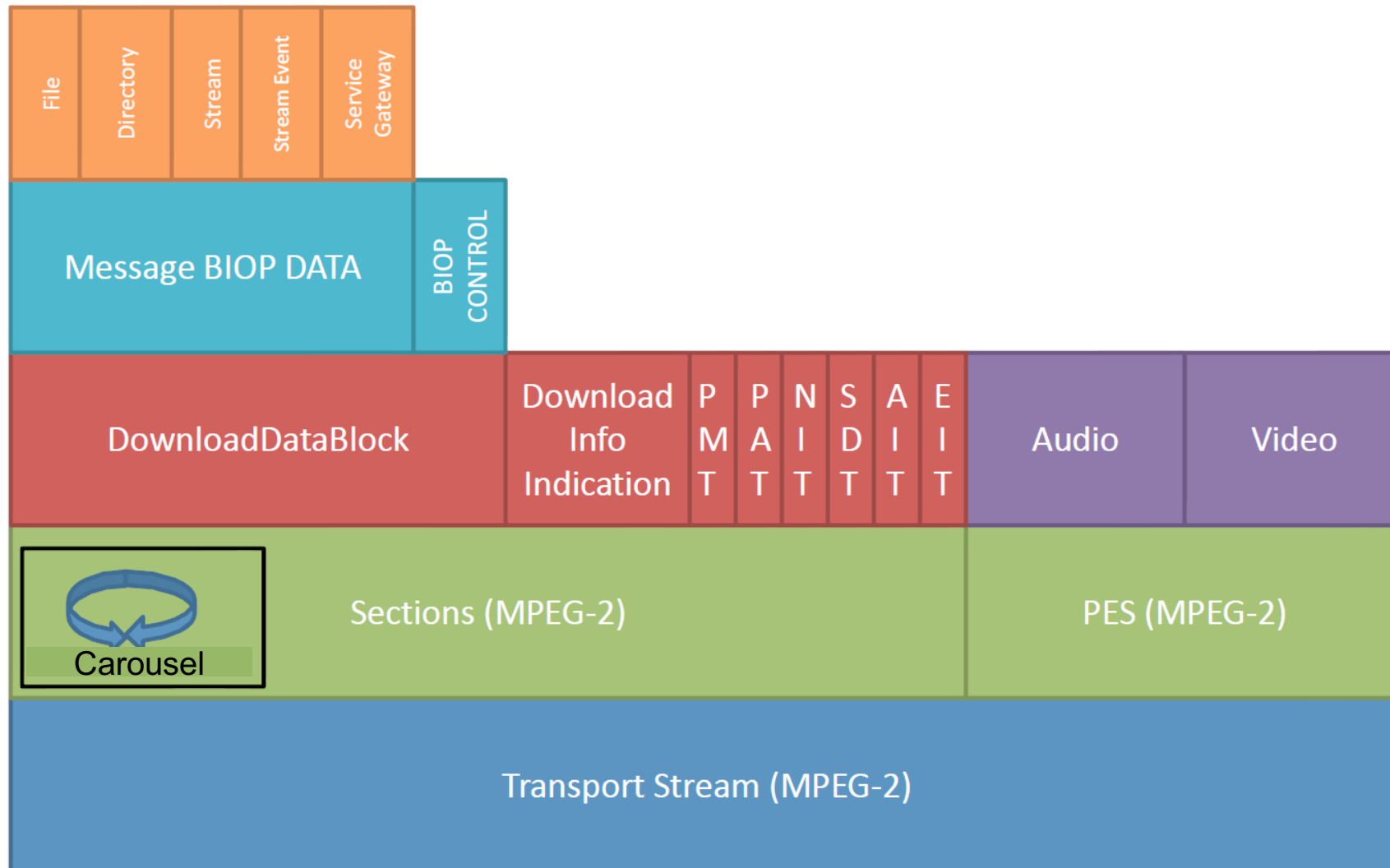


Object Carousel

- **Mix of MPEG-2 TS sections and CORBA**
- **Concept « modules »:**
 - Files
 - File system (eg, HTML + JS + CSS)
 - Events (notifications)
 - Links to MPEG-2 TS PIDs
- **Module updating**
 - Each module has its own version
 - Update may happen on any number of modules



Object Carousel



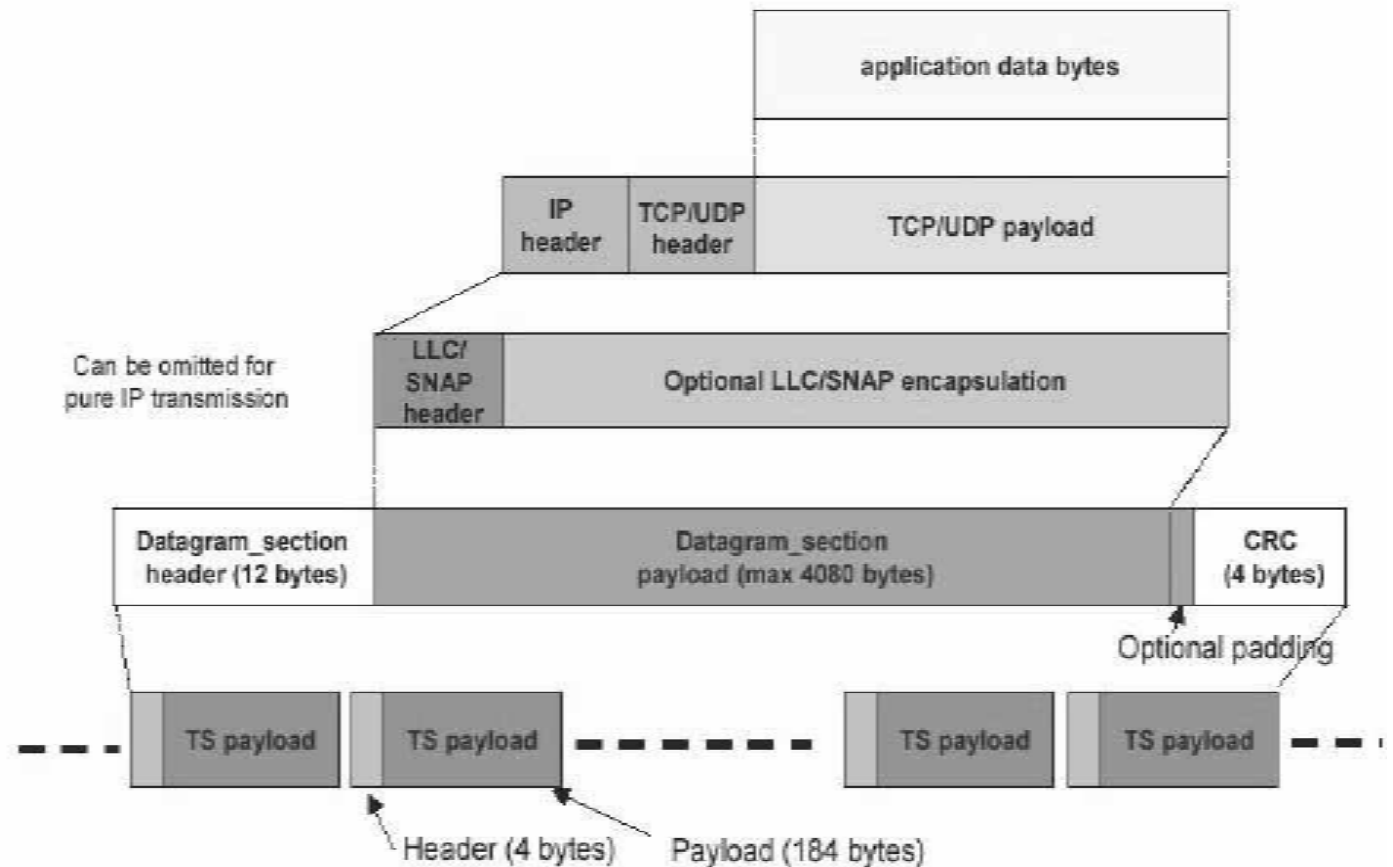
IP on MPEG-2 TS: DVB MPE

■ Pros

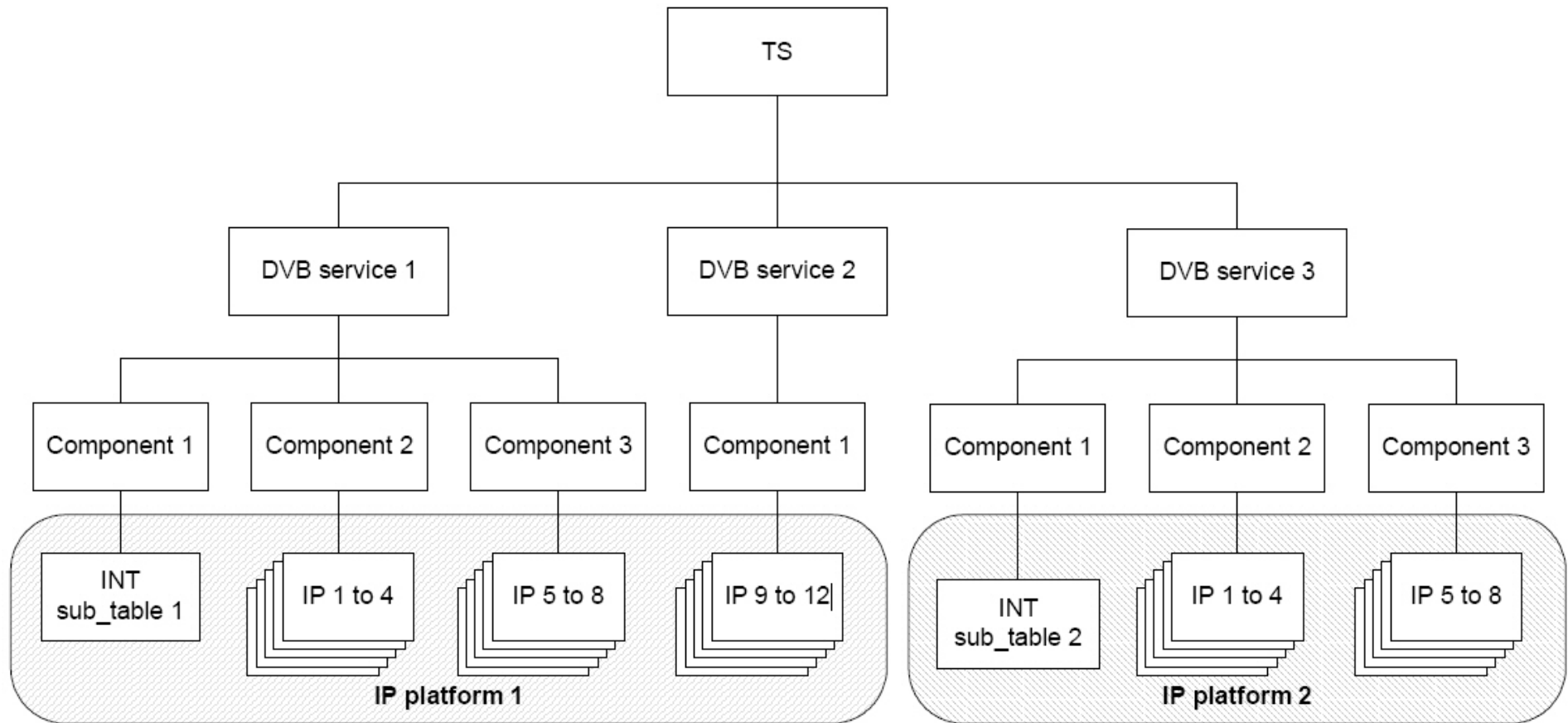
- Simple IPv4 encapsulation
- Fast

■ Cons

- Only two priority modes (QoS ...)
- Complex
- Overhead (≥ 16 bytes)



DVB IP Platform

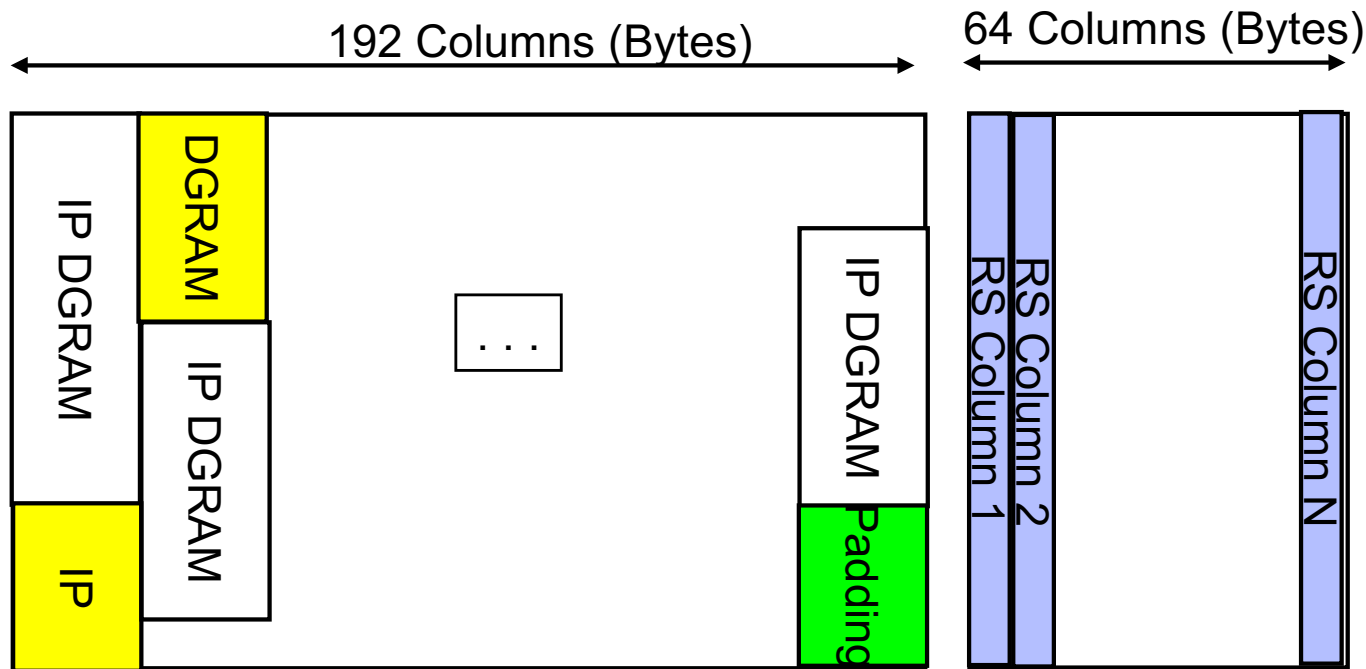




DVB MPE-FEC

- **Increase resilience to transmissions errors**
 - Redundancy
 - Reed Solomon 255/191, 25% redundant
- **Without modifying existing implementations**
 - No modification on MPE sections

DVB MPE-FEC



■ MPE

- Each MPE+IP on a section
- Aggregation of IP datagrams in memory

■ FEC

- Each RS column is send in a section
- FEC aggregation is in another table
 - Can be ignored
 - Does not interfere with MPE

Example: DVB-H

■ Mobile Broadcasting

- Compatible with DVB-T
- Time Slicing for power savings
- IP Transport everywhere, using DVB-MPE
 - RTP for AV streaming
 - FLUTE for file carousel (SDP for description, ...)
- MPE-FEC for better error resilience

■ Principles

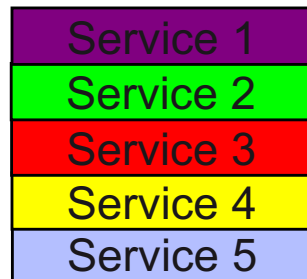
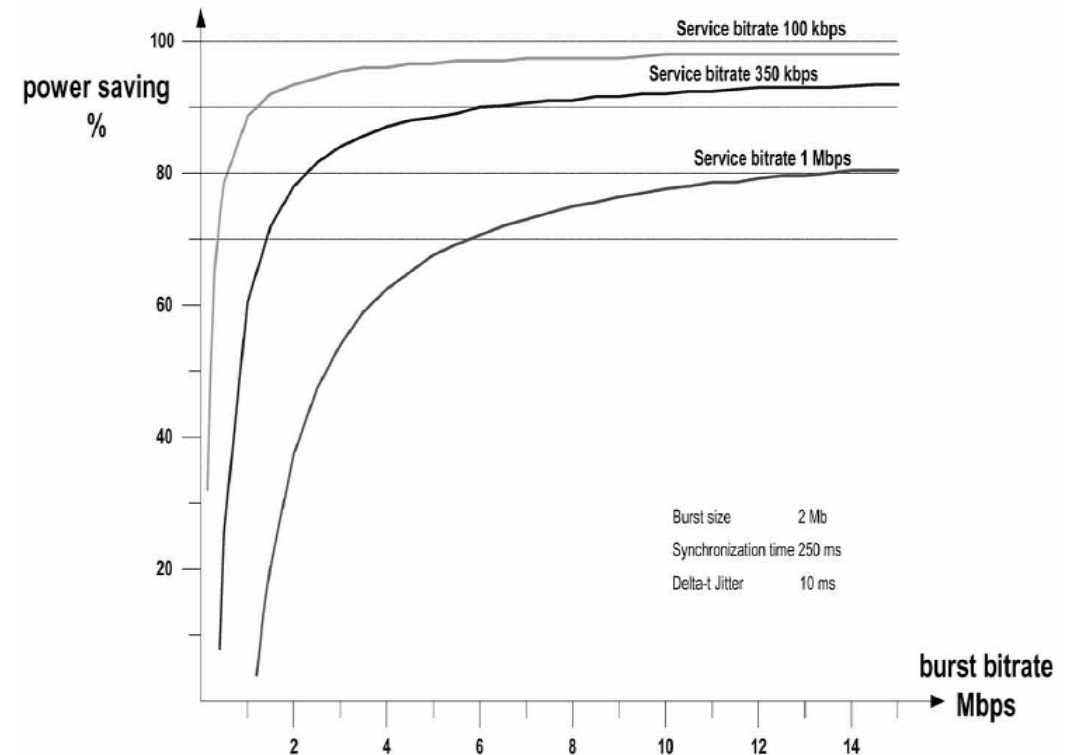
- Data sent in burst (2Mbits/burst)
- Temporal buffer of services

■ Pros

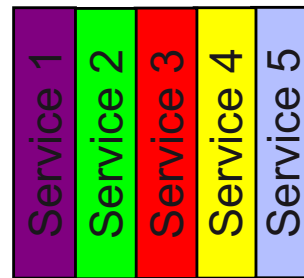
- Demod/demux off during $\sim (N-1)/N$ ($N = N_b$ services)
- Inactive time slot can be used for roaming handling

■ Cons

- Service access time



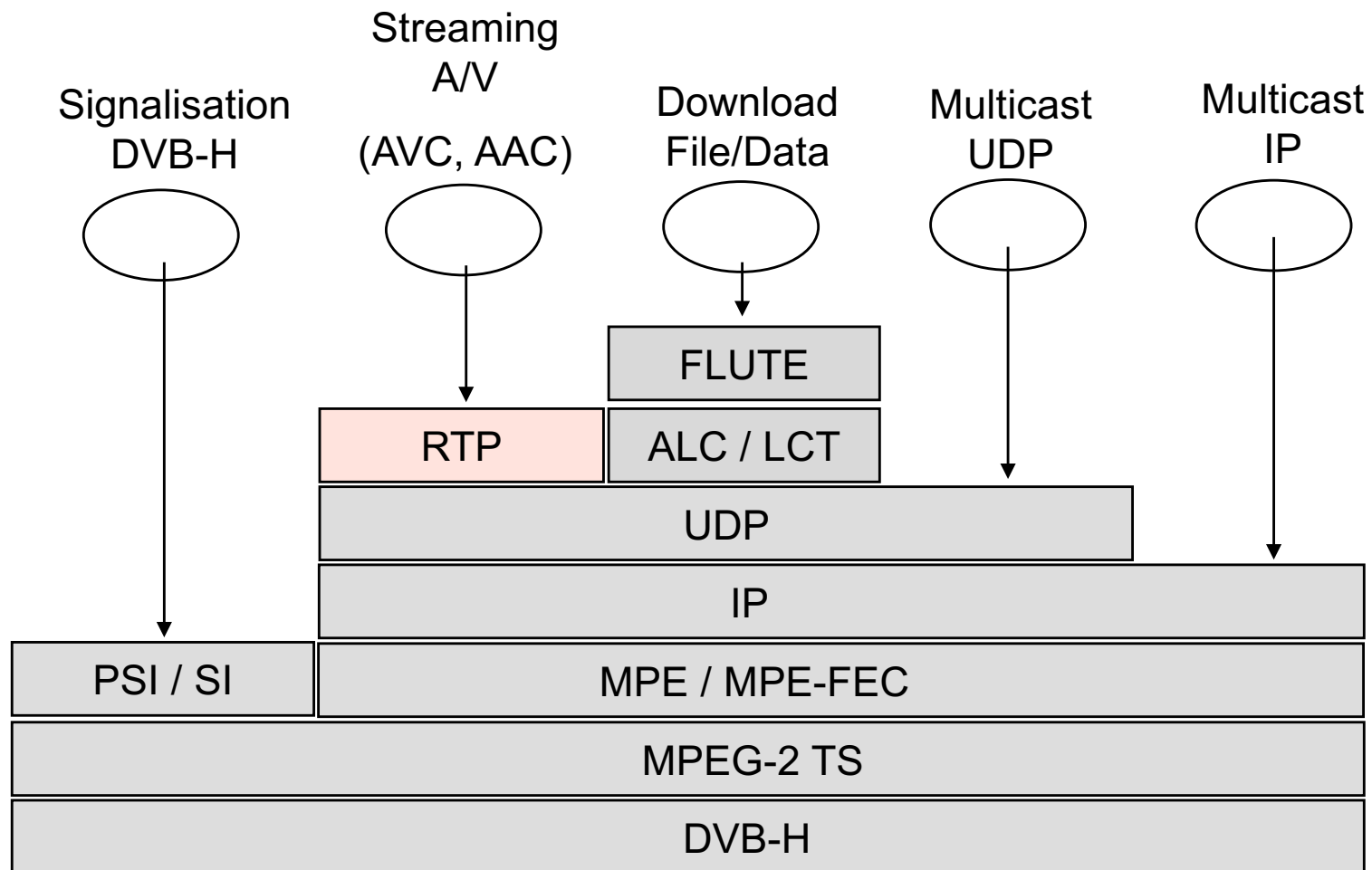
DVB-T Multiplexe



DVB-H Multiplexe

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DVB-H Protocol Stack



■ Beyond MPEG-2 TS ?

- DVB-S/T/C: 188 byte / data packet
 - TS encapsulation « too heavy »
 - 2% for Audio Video high bitrate
 - 4 - 14% for IP over MTE
- DVB-S/T/C 2: LDPC with large bloc sizes (16k ou 64k symbols)
 - Base-band frame large, variable size !!

■ IP in video services

- Real-time communication:
 - RTP
 - Packet-base
- Over-The-Top services (HTTP Streaming)
 - File-based (DASH, HLD, Smooth, HDS)



DVB GSE: Generic Stream Encapsulation

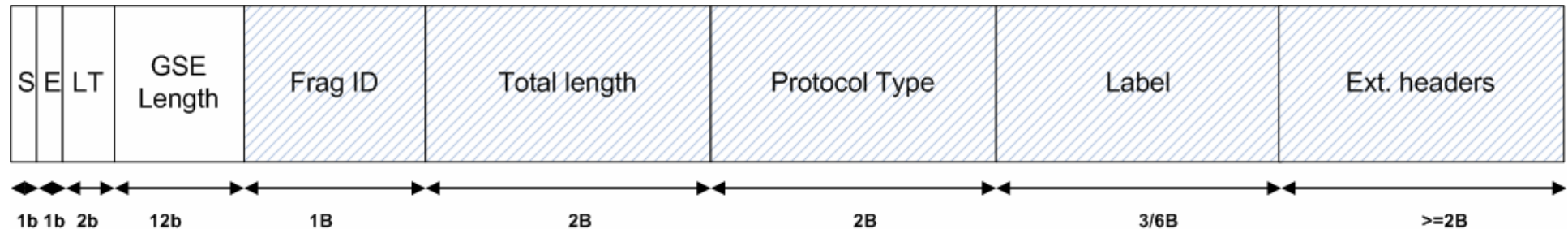
■ DVB-x2 Data Link

- ETSI TS 102 606
- GSE vs TS in T2/S2/C2 baseband frame
- GSE supports
 - Fixed or variable packet sizes
 - Packets from Different protocols (IPv4, IPv6)

■ Packetization

- Large PDUs cut in one or several GSE packets
- Several PDUs can be aggregated in one frame
 - NO REORDERING

GSE Header



- **S(tart): packet start**
- **E: packet end**
 - if !S && E, 4 bytes CRC at end of frame
- **GSE Length: size of frame**
 - Includes PDU, header extensions & co
 - Up to 4K payload
- **Frag ID (if fragmentation)**
 - Unique identifier for each GSE fragments of a same original PDU
 - Up to 255 PDUs in parallel
- **Protocol Type: type du PDU**
 - Type-1 [0,1535]: various header extensions
 - [0,255]: mandatory extensions
 - Type-2 [1536,0xFFFF]: EtherType

- **Total Length**
 - Source PDU size
- **LT (Label Type): packet filtering**
 - 00: 6 bytes, 01: 3 bytes
 - 10: no label (broadcast)
- **Label**
 - Network Point of Attachment

GSE and Base Band Frame

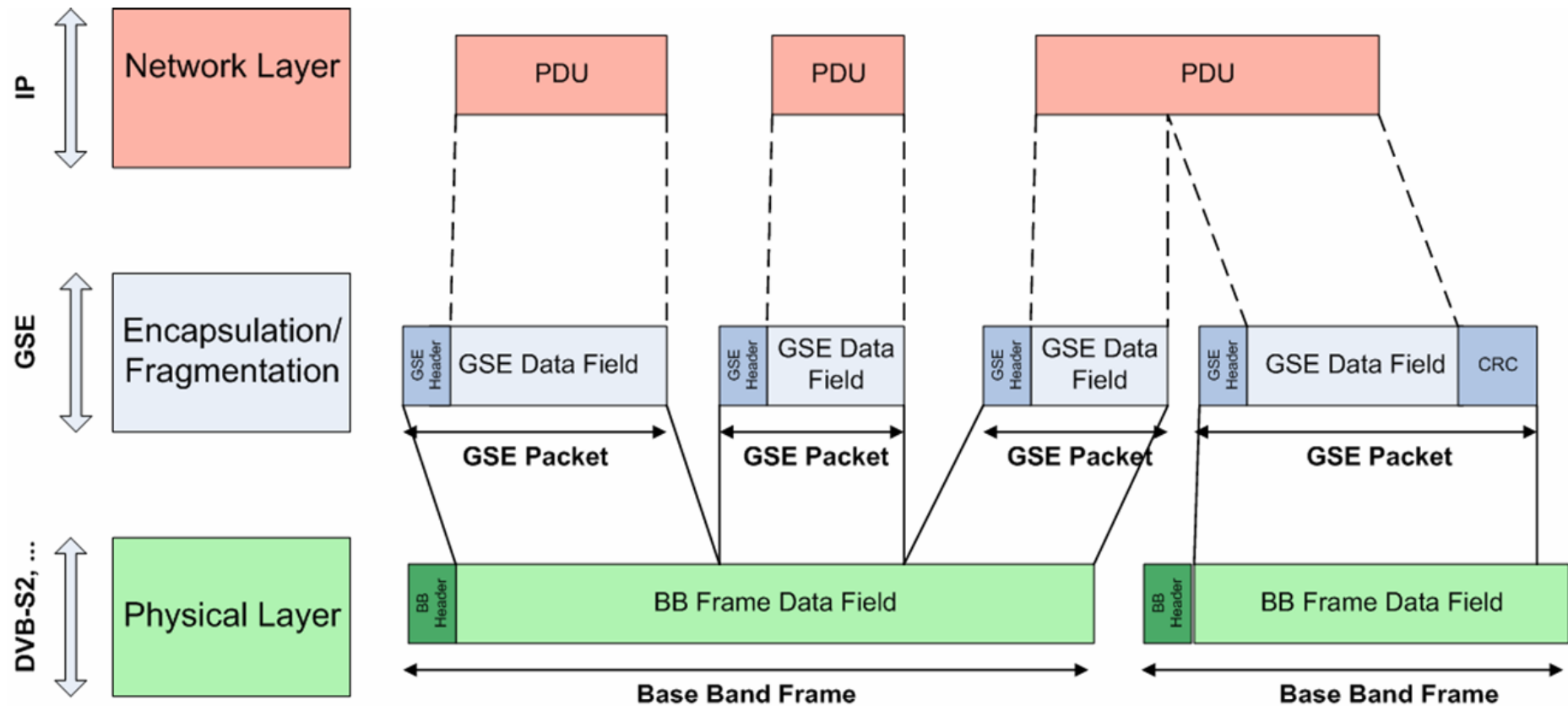


Figure 1: GSE encapsulation within DVB protocol stack