

ATM Traffic Management

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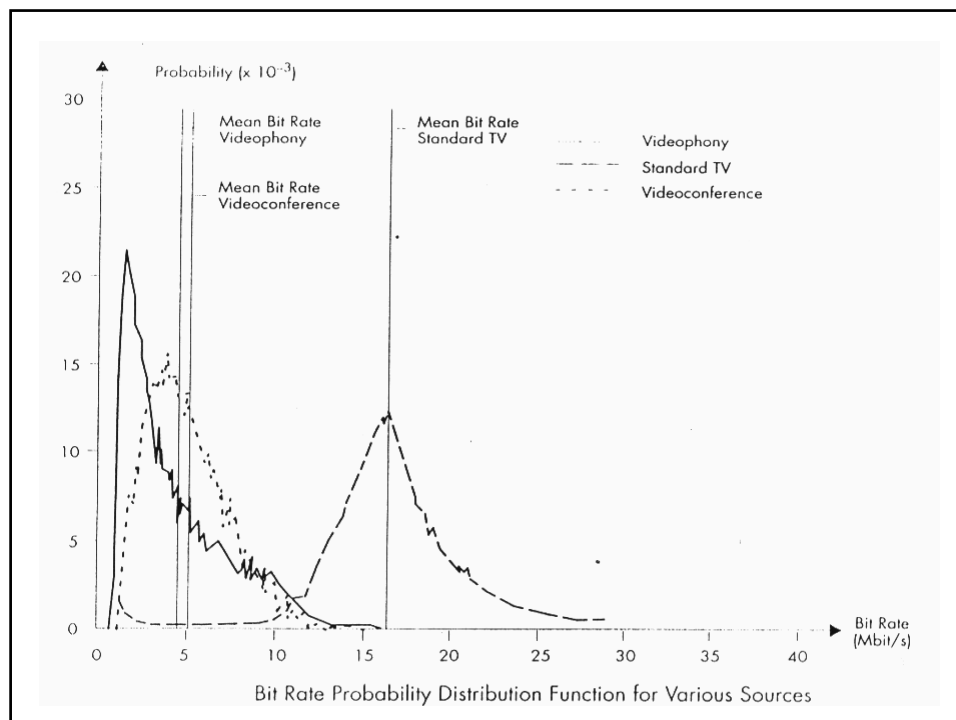
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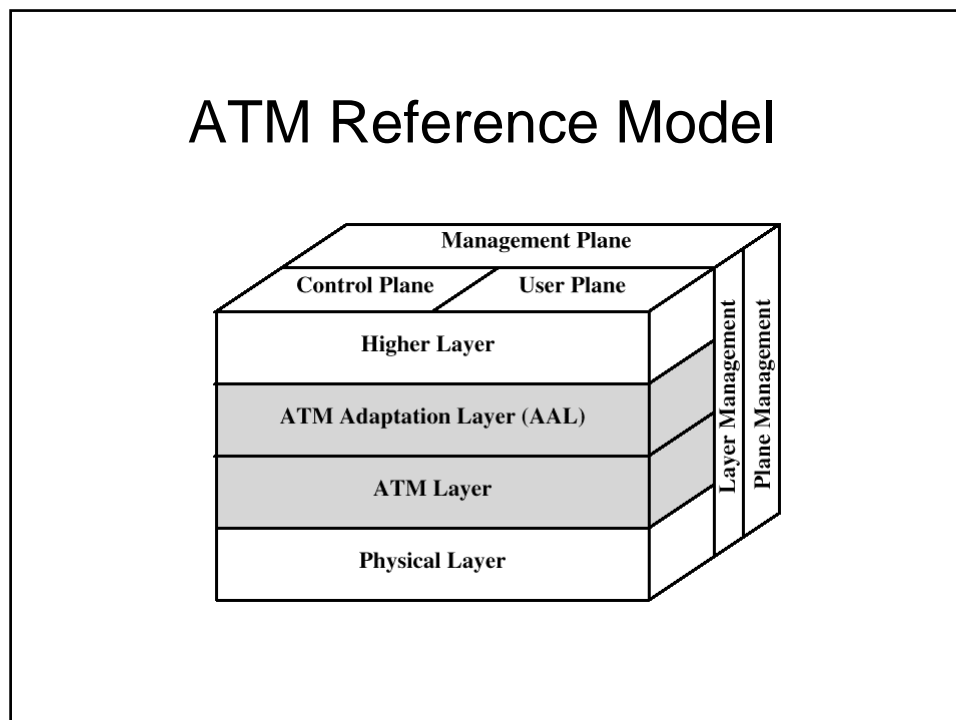
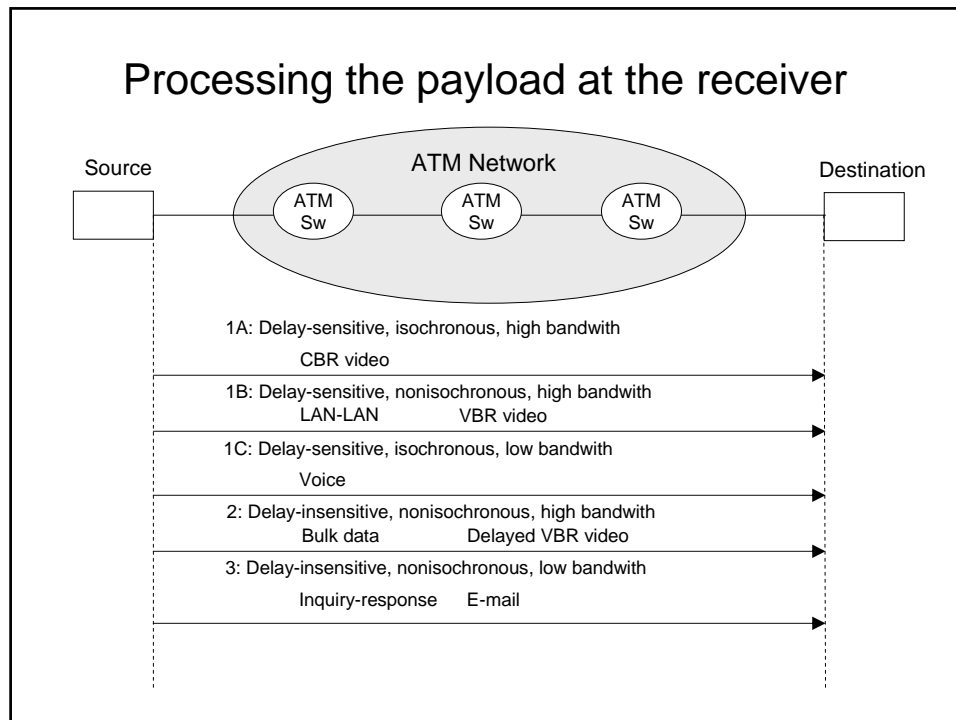
ATM Traffic Management

- ATM Service Architecture
- ATM Layer Quality of Service
- Traffic Contract
- Generic Functions
- Functions and Procedure for Traffic Management

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Service Classification for AAL

	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D
Timing relation between source and destination	Required		Not required	
Bit rate	Constant	Variable		
Connection mode	Connection oriented			Connectionless
AAL protocol	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3/4	
			Type 5	

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Item	AAL 1	AAL 2	AAL 3/4	AAL 5
Service class	A	B	C/D	C/D
Multiplexing	No	No	Yes	No
Message delimiting	None	None	Btag/Etag	Bit in PTI
Advance buffer allocation	No	No	Yes	No
User bytes available	0	0	0	1
CS padding	0	0	32-Bit word	0–47 bytes
CS protocol overhead (bytes)	0	0	8	8
CS checksum	None	None	None	32 Bits
SAR payload bytes	46–47	45	44	48
SAR protocol overhead (bytes)	1–2	3	4	0
SAR checksum	None	None	10 Bits	None

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ATM Classes of Service

- QoS classes (UNI 4.0)
 - Constant Bit Rate (CBR)
 - Variable Bit Rate - Real Time (rt-VBR)
 - Variable Bit Rate - Non Real Time (nrt-VBR)
 - Unspecified Bit Rate (UBR)
 - Guaranteed Frame Rate (GFR)
 - Available Bit Rate (ABR)

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ATM Service Categories

Class	Description	Example
CBR	Constant bit rate	T1 circuit
RT-VBR	Variable bit-rate:real time	Real-time videoconferencing
NRT-VBR	Variable bit-rate:non-real time	Multimedia email
ABR	Available bit rate	Browsing the Web
UBR	Unspecified bit rate	Background file transfer
GFR	Guaranteed Frame Rate	Browsing the Web

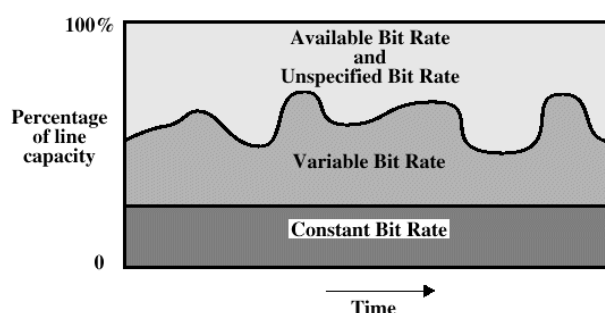
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Characteristics of the ATM service categories

Service characteristic	CBR	RT-VBR	NRT-VBR	ABR	UBR
Bandwidth guarantee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Optional	No
Suitable for real-time traffic	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Suitable for bursty traffic	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Feedback about congestion	No	No	No	Yes	No

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ATM bit-rate services



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ATM Traffic Parameters (user)

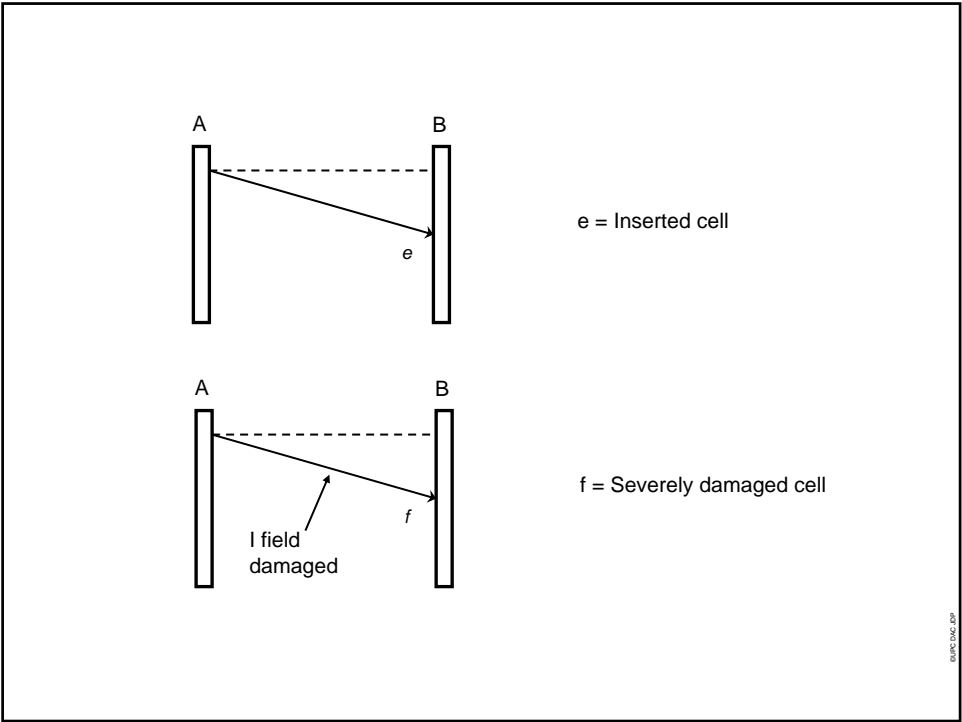
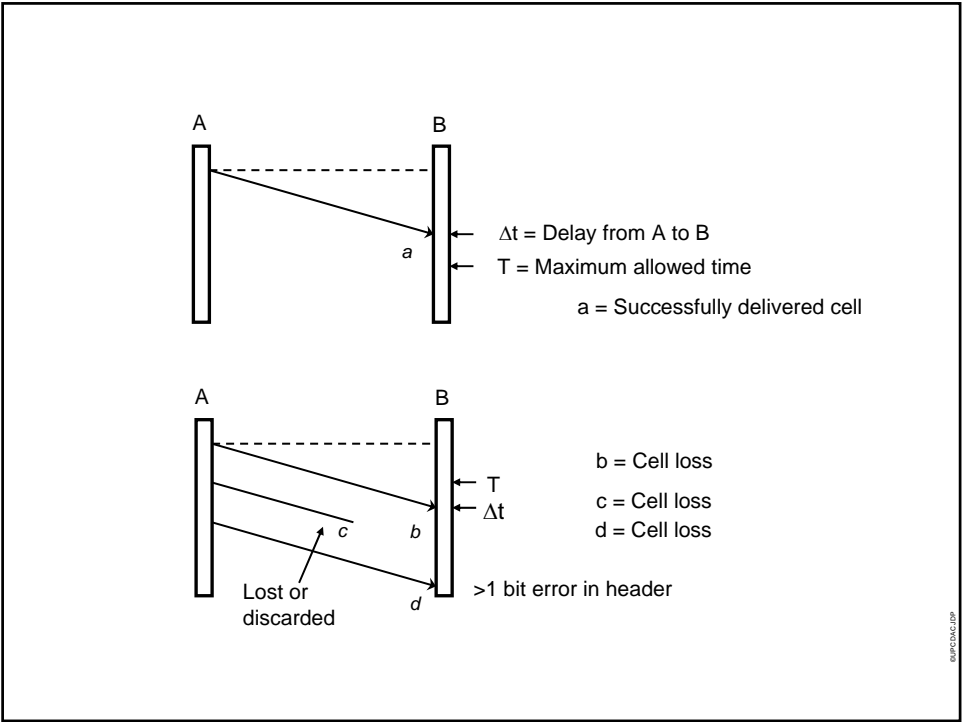
- Peak Cell Rate (PCR)
- Cell Delay Variation Tolerance (CDVT)
- Sustainable Cell Rate (SCR)
- Burst Tolerance (BT)
- Minimum Cell Rate (MCR), for ABR only

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ATM Quality of Service Parameters

Parameter	Acron.	Meaning
Peak cell rate	PCR	Maximum rate at which cells will be sent
Sustained cell rate	SCR	The long-term average cell rate
Minimum cell rate	MCR	The minimum acceptable cell rate
Cell delay variation tolerance	CDVT	The maximum acceptable cell jitter
Cell loss ratio	CLR	Fraction of cells lost or delivered too late
Cell transfer delay	CTD	How long delivery takes (mean and max.)
Cell delay variation	CDV	The variance in cell delivery times
Cell error rate	CER	Fraction of cells delivered with error
Severely-errored c.block ratio	SECBR	Fraction of blocks garbled
Cell misinsertion rate	CMR	Fraction of cells delivered to wrong dest.

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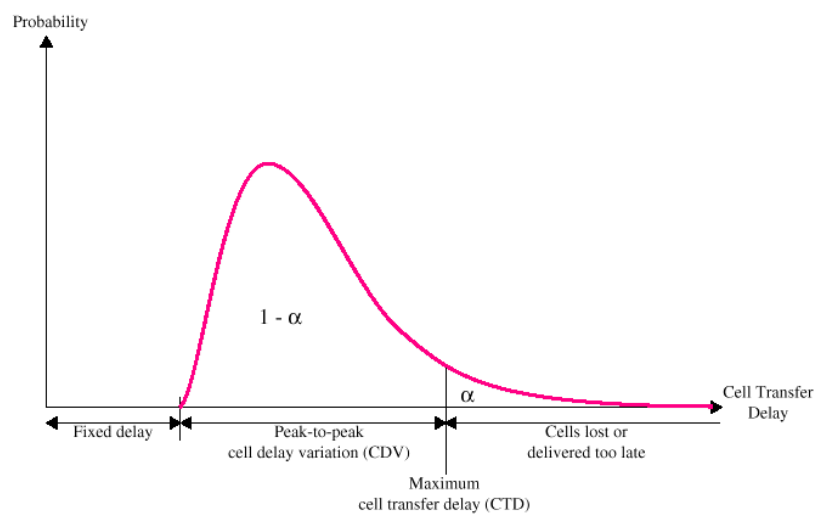


ATM Quality of Service Parameters (network)

- Peak-to-peak cell delay variation (CDV)
- Maximum cell transfer delay (Max CTD)
- Mean cell transfer delay (Mean CTD)
- Cell loss ratio (CLR)

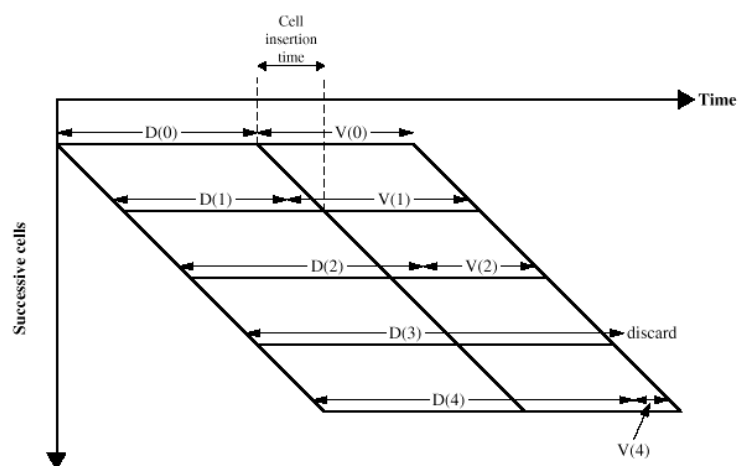
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Cell Transfer Delay probability density function

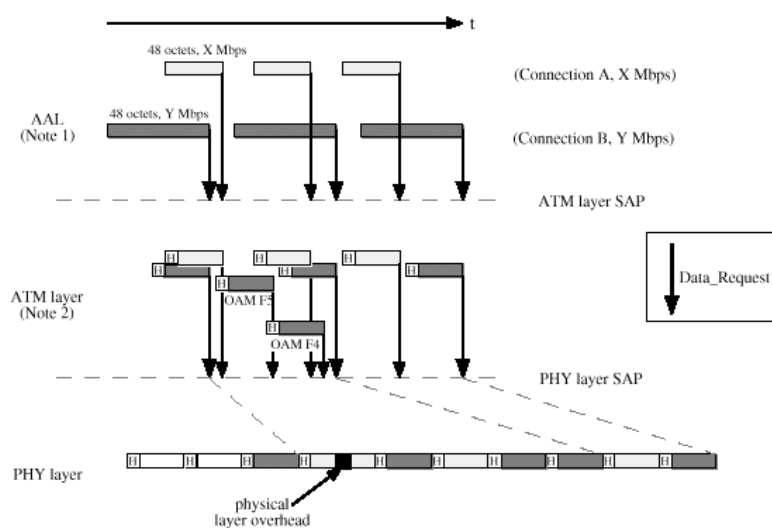


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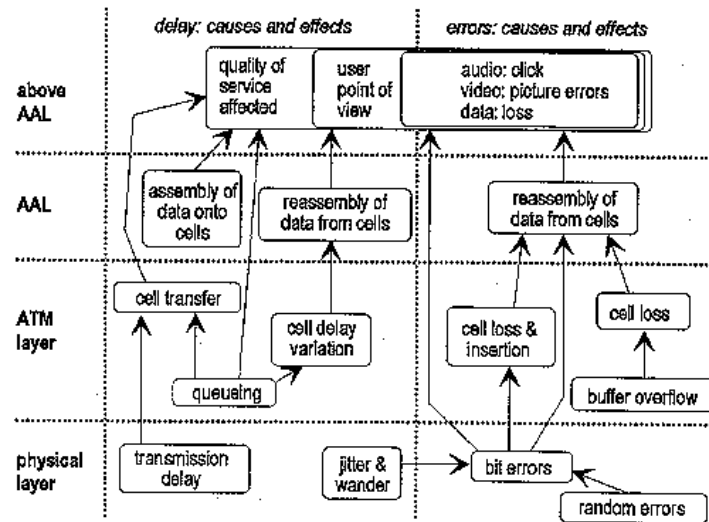
Time reassembly of CBR cells



Origins of cell delay variation (I.371)



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ATM Service Category Attributes

Attribute	ATM Layer Service Category				
	CBR	RT-VBR	NRT-VBR	UBR	ABR
Traffic Parameters:					
PCR and $CDVT_{PCR(4,5)}$	specified			specified (2)	specified (3)
SCR, MBS, $CDVT_{PCR(4,5)}$	n/a	specified		n/a	
MCR (4)	n/a			n/a	specified
QoS Parameters:					
Peak-to-peak CDV	specified	specified	unspecified		
maxCTD	specified	specified	unspecified		
CLR (4)	specified			unspecified	(1)
Other Attributes:					
Feedback	unspecified			unspecified	specified (6)

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ATM Service Category Attributes

1. CLR is low for sources that adjust cell flow in response to control information. Whether a quantitative value for CLR is specified is network specific.
2. May not be subject to CAC and UPC procedures
3. Represents the maximum rate at which the ABR source may ever send. The actual rate is subject to the control information.
4. These parameters are either explicitly or implicitly specified for PVCs or SVCs.
5. CDTV refers to the Cell Delay Variation Tolerance. CDVT is not signaled. Different values of CDVT may be specified for SCR and PCR. In general, CDVT need not have a unique value for a connection. Different values may apply at each interface along the path of a connection.

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Traffic management in ATM networks

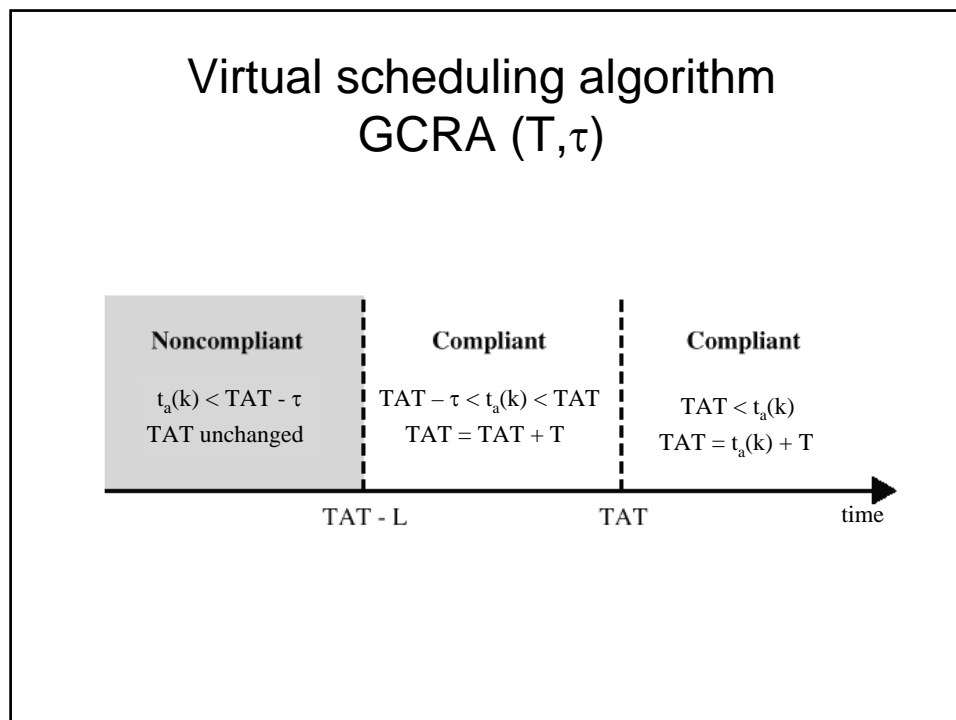
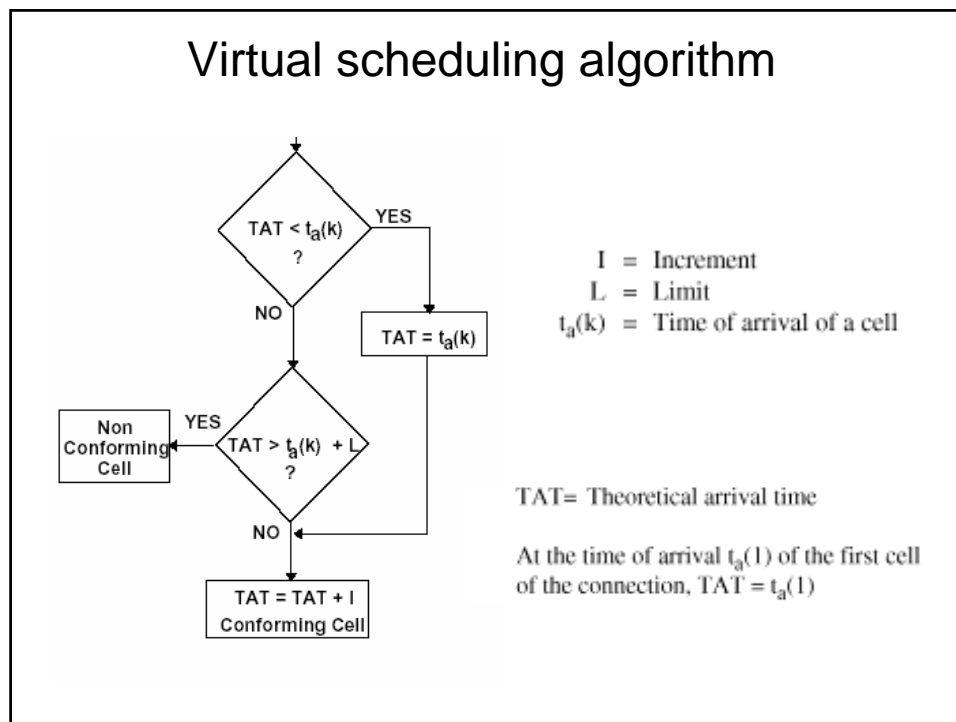
- Source:
 - Traffic parameters
 - QoS class
 - Generates traffic according to contract
- Network
 - QoS parameters appropriate for QoS class
 - Enforce source traffic (UPC)

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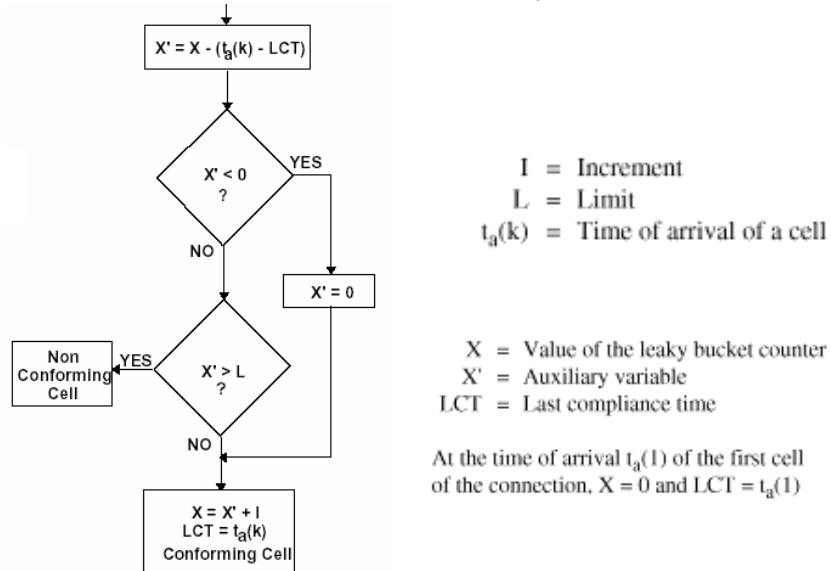
Traffic Contract

- Traffic Parameters and Descriptors
- Traffic Contract Specification
- Cell conformance and Connection Compliance
- Traffic Contract Parameters and Related Algorithms (GCRA)
- Traffic Contract and Conformance Definitions

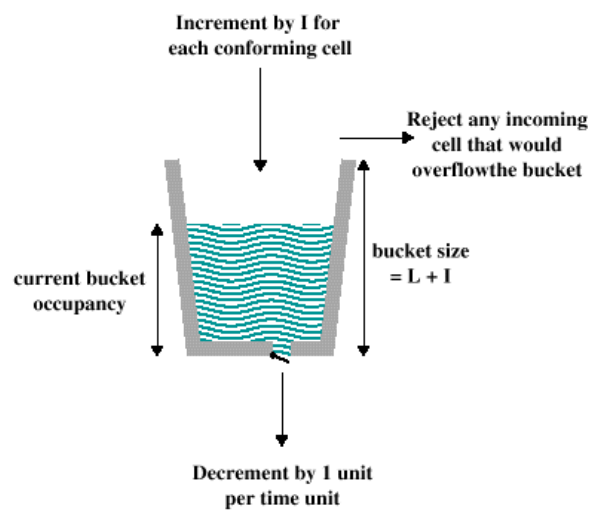
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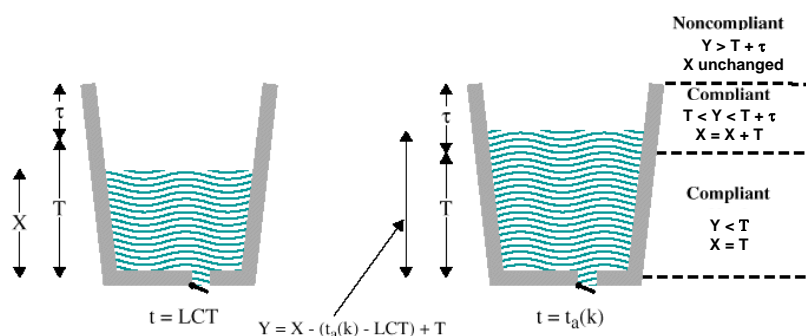
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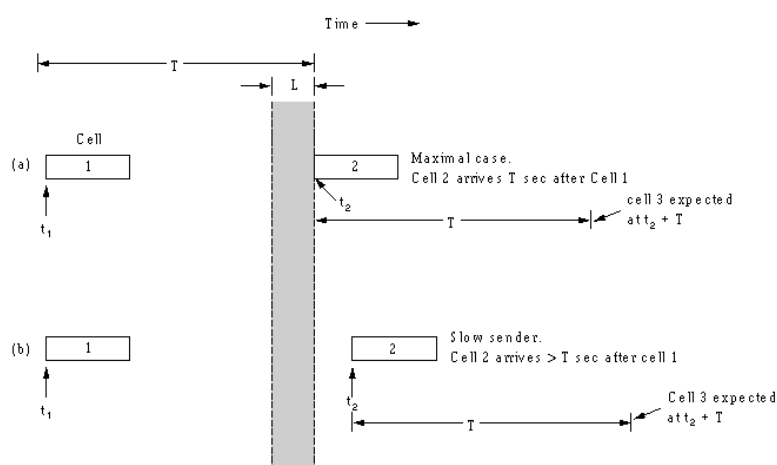
Leaky Bucket Algorithm



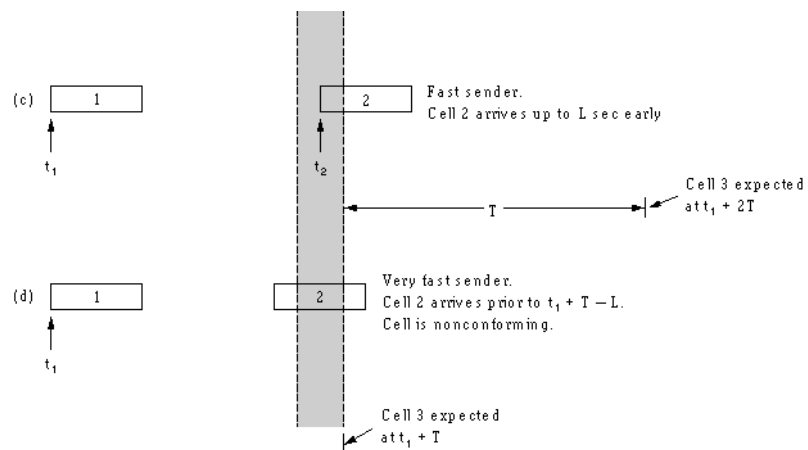
Continuous-state Leaky-Bucket GCRA (T, τ)



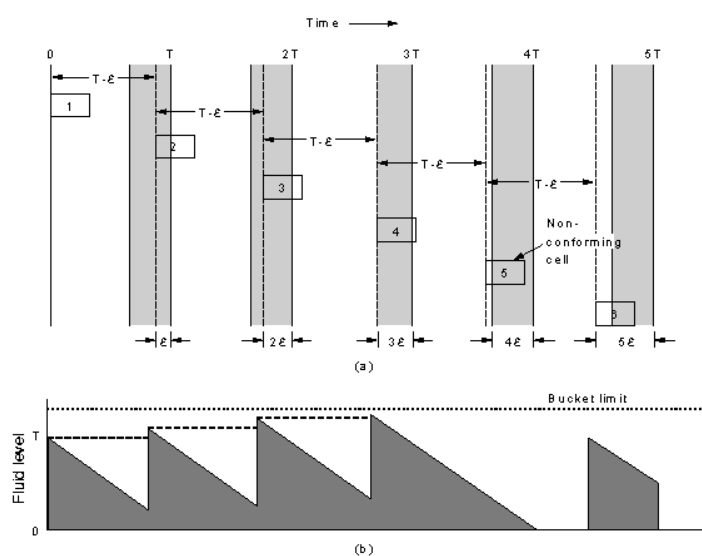
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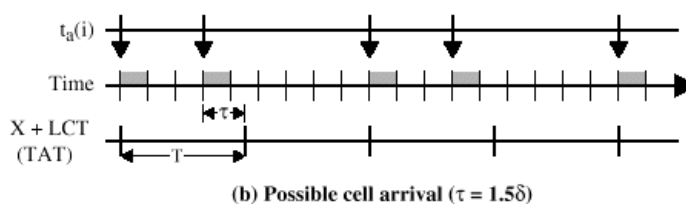
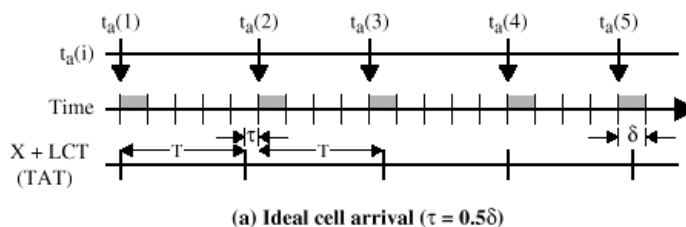
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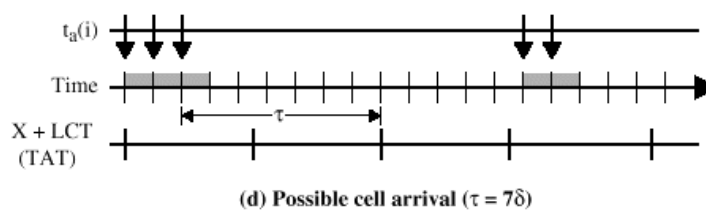
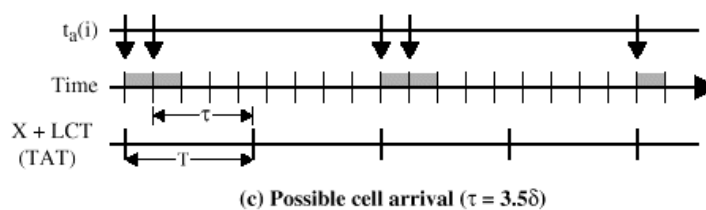
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Example GCRA. $\tau = 4.5\delta$



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The burst tolerance is represented as τ_s . Thus the sustainable cell rate algorithm is expressed as GCRA(T_s, τ_s).

Unlike the CDV, the burst tolerance is not selected directly. Rather, it is derived from an understanding of the burstiness of the traffic stream. In particular, let T be the time between cells at the peak rate. If the traffic stream is constrained by both a peak cell rate using GCRA(T, τ) and a sustainable cell rate GCRA(T_s, τ_s), then the maximum burst size, MBS, that may be transmitted at the peak rate is given by

$$MBS = \left\lceil 1 + \frac{\tau_s}{T_s - T} \right\rceil$$

In the signaling message, the burst tolerance is conveyed using MBS, which is coded in number of cells. The MBS is then used to derive τ_s , which in turn is used in the GRCA algorithm to monitor the sustainable cell rate. Given the MBS, T , and T_s , then τ_s can be any value in the half-closed interval

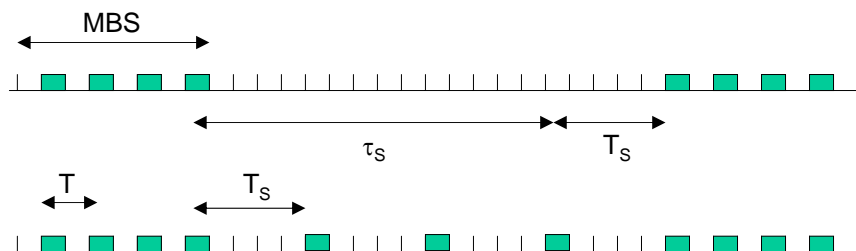
$$[(MBS-1)(T_s-T), MBS(T_s-T))$$

For uniformity, the minimum value is used:

$$\tau_s = (MBS-1)(T_s-T)$$

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Burst tolerance



Relation between MBS, τ_s , T_s and T .

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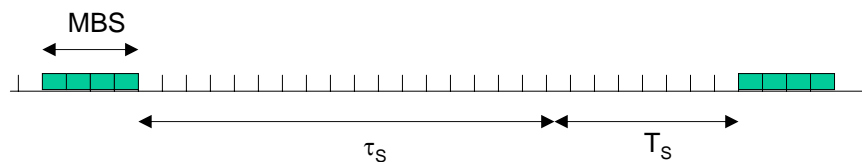
Example GCRA

- PCR = 2016 Kbps = 4754.7 cells/sec.
- SCR = 201.6 Kbps = 475.47 cells/sec.
- CDVT = 3 msec.
- MBS = 64 cells
- $T = 1/\text{PCR} = 0.21 \text{ msec.}$; $T' = 1$
- $T_s = 1/\text{SCR}$; $T'_s = 10$
- $\text{CDVT} = 3/0.21 = 14.28 \text{ cells at PCR !}$

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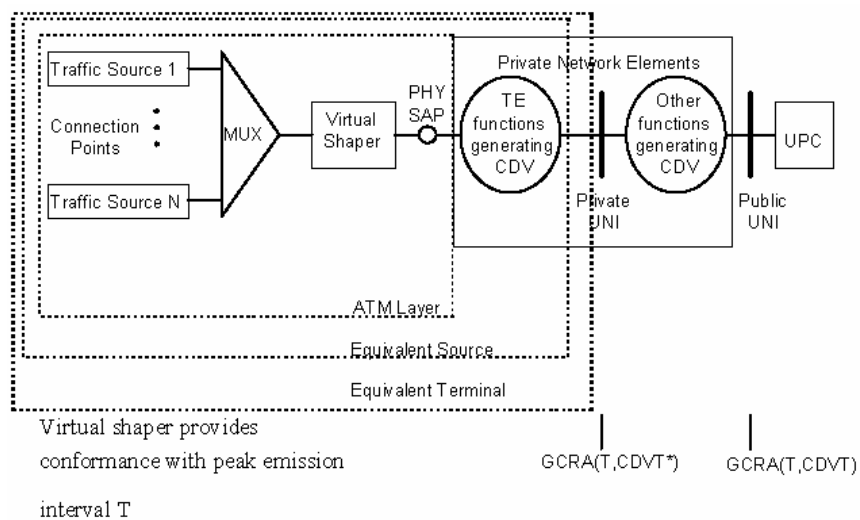
Example GCRA

- $\tau_s = (\text{MBS} - 1)(T_s - T)$
- $\tau_s = 63 * (10 - 1) = 567 \text{ cells}$

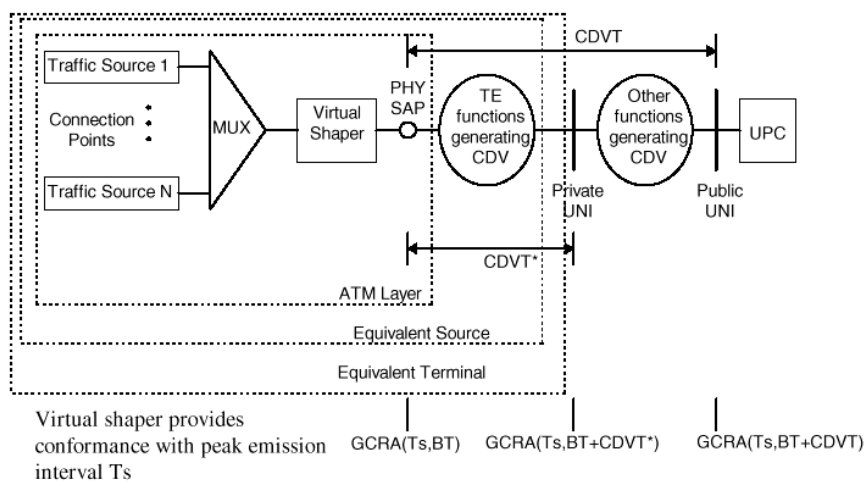


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PCR Reference Model



SCR and BT Reference Model



Burst tolerance

The burst tolerance τ_s is a source traffic parameter and reflects the *time scale* during which cell rate fluctuations are tolerated. It is defined in relation to the sustainable cell rate according to the algorithm GCRA(T_s, τ_s) and determines an upper bound on the length of a burst transmitted in compliance with the connection's peak cell rate.

The maximum number of cells which may pass the GCRA transparently at peak cell rate is given by the following formula:

$$MBS = \left\lfloor 1 + \frac{\tau_s}{T_s - T} \right\rfloor$$

Where $\lfloor x \rfloor$ is the greatest integer less than or equal to x and MBS stands for Maximum Burst Size

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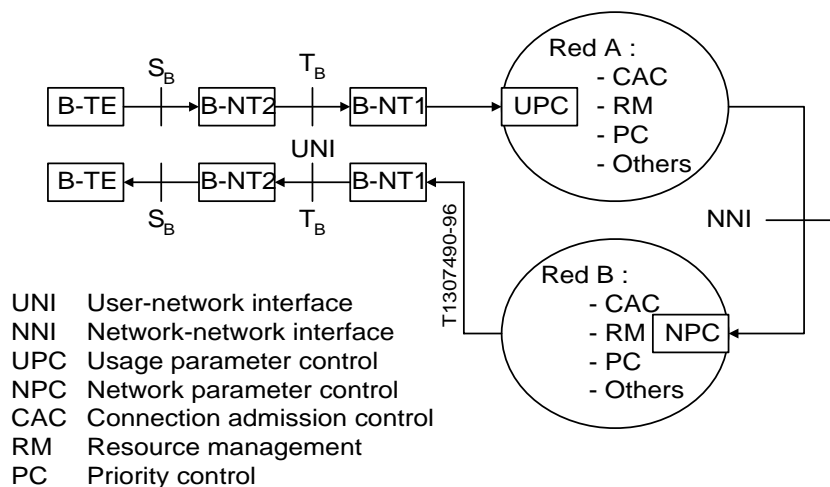
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Generic Functions

- Connection Admission Control (CAC)
- Usage Parameter Control (UPC)
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- Network Resource Management (NRM)
- Frame Discard
- ABR Flow Control

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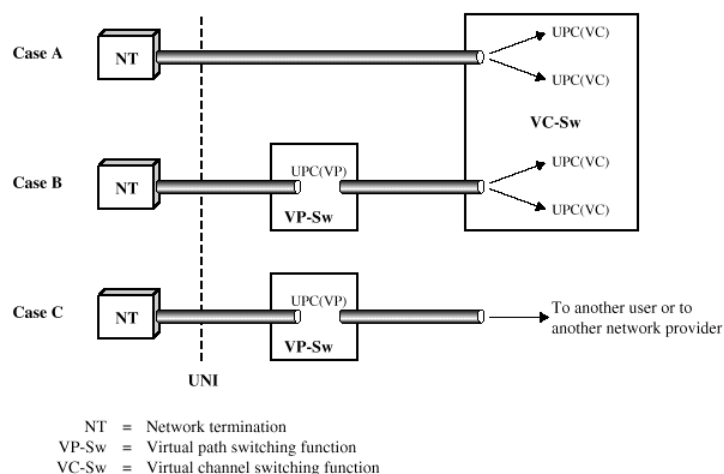
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Location of Usage Parameter Control



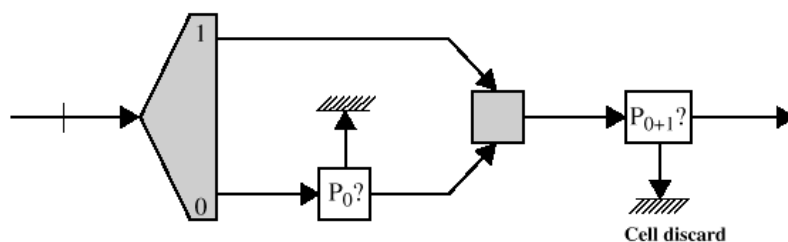
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Traffic Traffic Conformance Definitions

Conformance Definition	PCR flow	SCR flow	Tagging option active	CLR on
CBR.1	0 + 1	ns	na	0 + 1
VBR.1	0 + 1	0 + 1	na	0 + 1
VBR.2	0 + 1	0	No	0
VBR.3	0 + 1	0	Yes	0
UBR.1	0 + 1	ns	na	U
UBR.2	0+1	ns	Yes ⁴	U

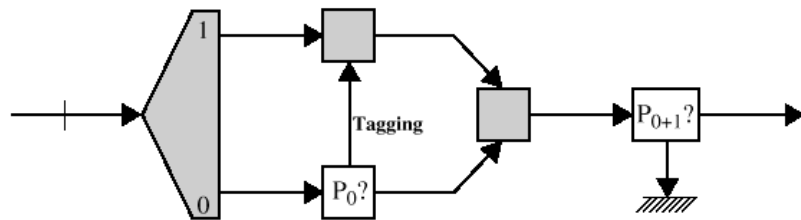
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Cell tagging



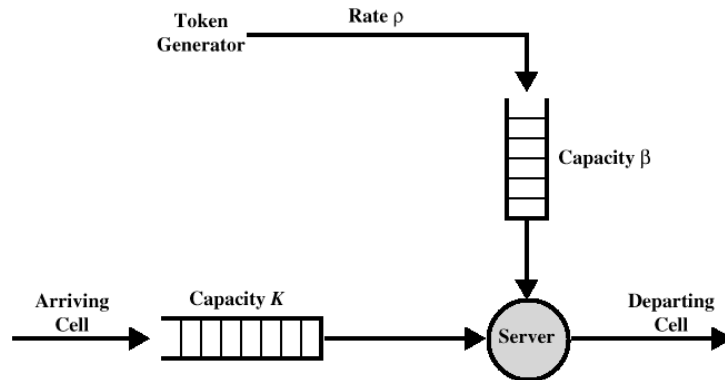
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Traffic Shaping Token Bucket Algorithm



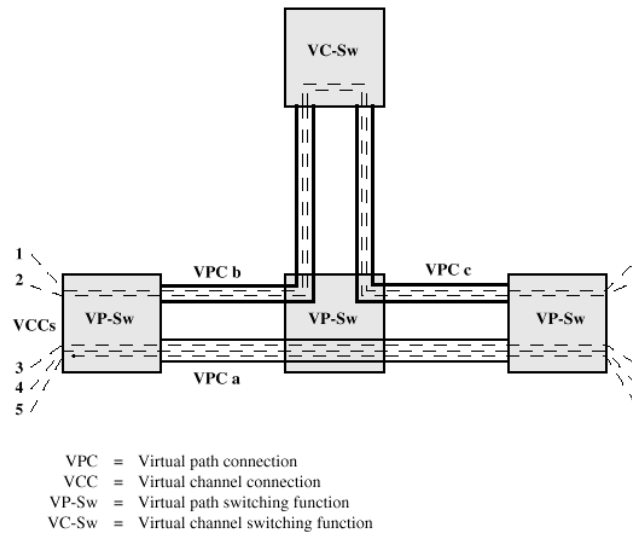
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Resource Management using VPs



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- **Frame Discard / Cell Discard**
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Traffic management in ATM networks

- Source:
 - Traffic parameters
 - QoS class
 - Generates traffic according to contract
- Network
 - QoS parameters appropriate for QoS class
 - Enforce source traffic (UPC)

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Congestion Control

- Cell discarding mechanisms
 - Partial Packet Discard (PPD)
 - Early Packet Discard (EDP)

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Cell discarding

- Basically for UBR traffic
- Best-Effort environment
- Typically packet data traffic
- Mixes of heterogeneous traffic (LAN interconnection over ATM and TCP/IP over ATM)

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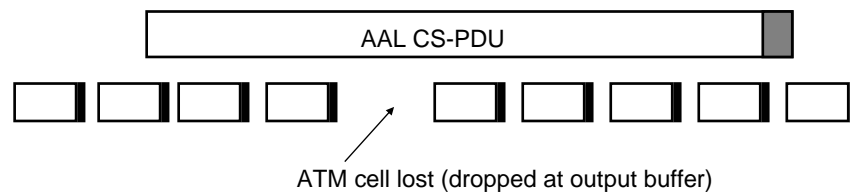
Packet oriented communications

LAN interconnection	(IEEE 802.2 frames)
WAN interconnection	(X.25 packets)
HS LAN interconnection	(FDDI, IEEE 802.2 frames)
FRAME-Relay over ATM	(LAP-E frames)
Data traffic	(TCP/IP segments)
SMDS traffic	(SMDS messages)
LAN Emulation over ATM	(IEEE 802.2 frames)

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QoS for packet oriented communications

- The Packet Loss Ratio is the QoS parameter



when one cell is lost the remaining cells of the PDU are useless
it implies the re-transmission of the PDU for data services
it implies degradation of QoS for interactive services

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QoS for packet oriented communications

Packet loss ratio depends on

- ◆ cell loss rate (CLR)
- ◆ packet length (number of cells per PDU)
- ◆ bit-rate at which the PDU is transmitted (PCR)
- ◆ capacity of the VC, VP or link (PCR / C)
- ◆ traffic control mechanisms applied (shaping)
- ◆ overall traffic load of the VC, VP, link
- ◆ traffic characteristics of other cell streams

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Selective cell discarding

- Partial Packet Discard (PPD)
 - if buffer is full then drop cell
 - once a cell is dropped, all the subsequent cells of the AAL-CS PDU are discarded
 - reduces congestion without degrading the packet loss ratio
 - improves packet loss ratio for other flows
 - truncated packets are transmitted

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Selective cell discarding

- It is a traffic control function that is performed at AAL level
- It is applied on a connection basis (VCI in the cell header)
- When a cell is dropped because of buffer overflow a discard signal is associated with the corresponding VCI
- While the discard signal is active all cells with that VCI are discarded as they arrive at the input port
- The last cell (AAL5 End-of-SDU-Type cell) is not discarded and resets the discard signal for that connection
- This mechanism can be implemented in hardware

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Selective cell discarding

- Early Packet Discard (EPD)
 - discard only entire packets (AAL-CS PDU)
 - if first cell arrives and buffer occupancy is above a pre-defined threshold, discard it
 - discard all the subsequent cells of the PDU
 - it is useful for long buffers
 - behaves as a bridge or router discarding entire PDUs

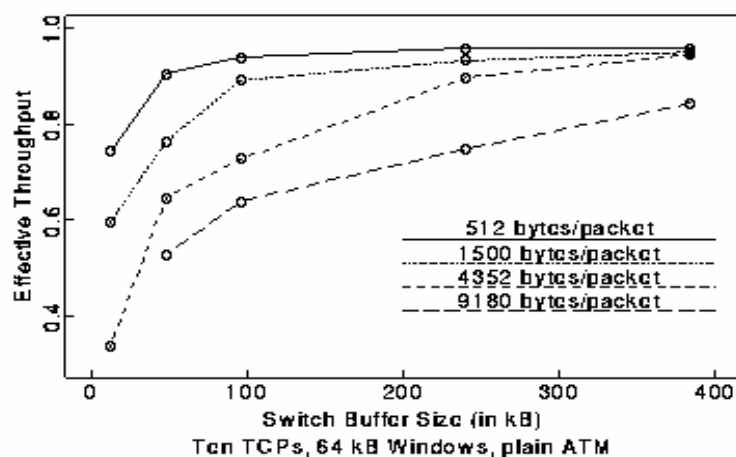
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Dynamics of TCP over ATM

- Performance study by simulation
- 10 simultaneous TCP connections are contending for the same output buffer
- Packet sizes: 20 - 200 cells
- Buffer size: 256 - 8000 cells
- TCP window: 8KB, 16KB, 32KB, 64KB
- TCP slow-start and fast retransmit

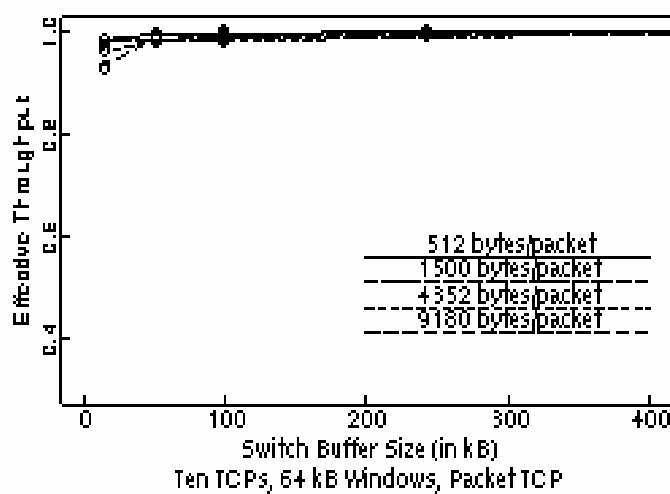
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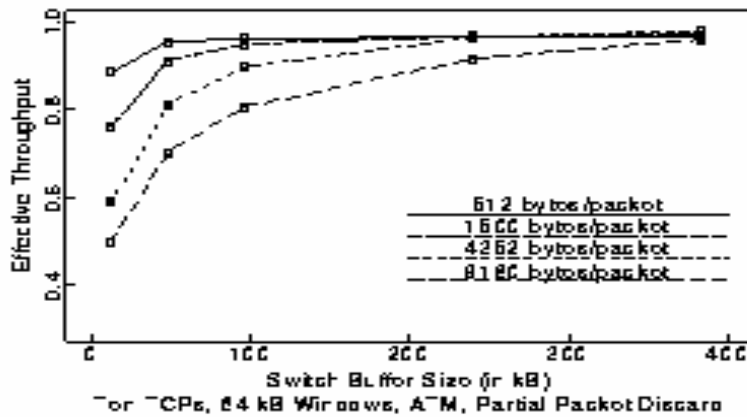
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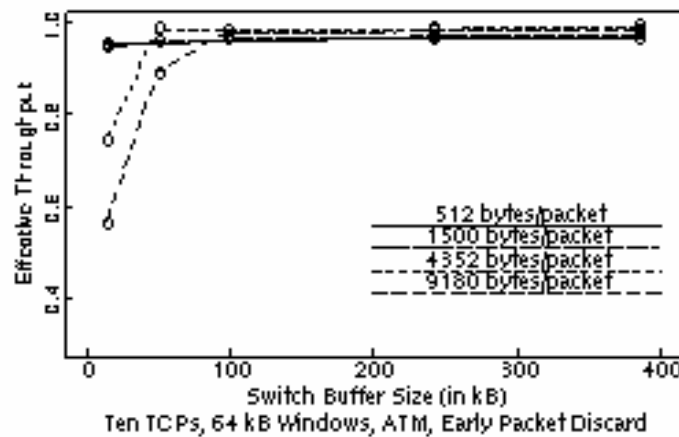
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Dynamics of TCP over ATM

- PPD
 - minor improvement on the effective throughput
 - effective throughput < 60% for long packets and short buffers
 - significant amount of useless cells cause link congestion

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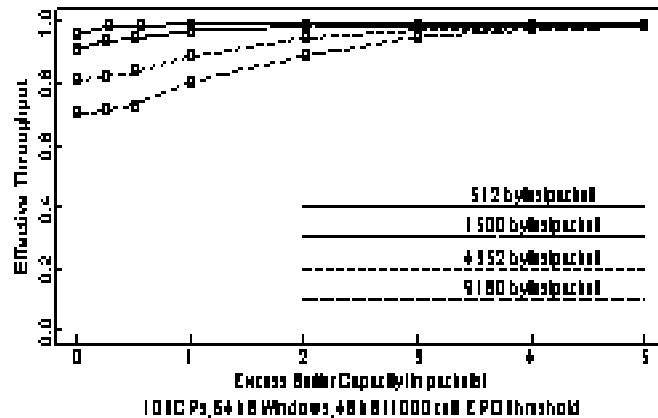
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Dynamics of TCP over ATM

- EPD
 - Threshold = half of the buffer size
 - It is an efficient reactive congestion control mechanism
 - Significant improvement on effective throughput (only < 90% for long packets and short buffers)
 - Emulates packet-based switch

Dynamics of TCP over ATM



Dynamics of TCP over ATM

- EPD
 - Excess buffer capacity

$$EB = k * P \text{ cells}$$
 P cells per packet
 k depends on the number of active TCP connections (for 10 connections, $k > 3$)
 - Bias against connections with shorter packets

Dynamics of TCP over ATM

- EPD
 - Effective buffer size (threshold) depends on the network context, the tradeoffs between throughput and delay, the mixes of non-best-effort traffic, etc.
 - Can be used with rate-based feedback control schemes
 - Long buffers and best-effort (high CLR)

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TCP performance over ABR and UBR Services in ATM

- Simulation results
 - UBR service with EPD schemes
 - ABR service (rate-based)
 - ABR credit-based scheme
- TCP performs poorly on plain UBR service

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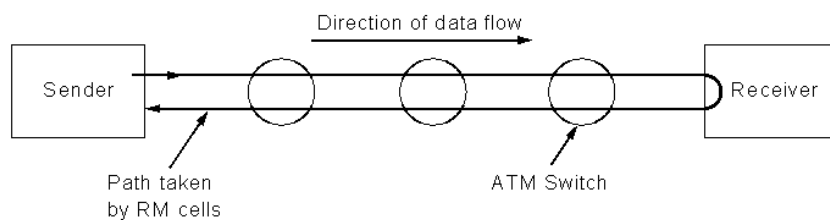
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Available Bit Rate (ABR)

- ABR is an ATM layer service category for which the limiting ATM layer transfer characteristics provided by the network may change subsequent to connection establishment. A flow control mechanism is specified which supports several types of feedback to control the source rate in response to changing ATM layer transfer characteristics. This feedback is conveyed to the source through specific control cells called Resource Management Cells, or RM-cells. It is expected that an end-system that adapts its traffic in accordance with the feedback will experience a low cell loss ratio and obtain a fair share of the available bandwidth according to a network specific allocation policy. The ABR service does not require bounding the delay or the delay variation experienced by a given connection. ABR service is not intended to support real-time applications. On the establishment of an ABR connection, the end-system shall specify to the network both a maximum required bandwidth and a minimum usable bandwidth. These shall be designated as peak cell rate (PCR), and the minimum cell rate (MCR), respectively. The MCR may be specified as zero. The bandwidth available from the network may vary, but shall not become less than MCR.

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Available Bit Rate ABR Flow Control


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ABR Parameters

Label	Description	Units and range
PCR	The Peak Cell Rate, PCR, is the cell rate which the source may never exceed.	In Cells/Sec, See Note 1 for range
MCR	The Minimum Cell Rate, MCR, is the rate at which the source is always allowed to send.	In Cells/Sec, See Note 1 for range
ICR	The Initial Cell Rate, ICR, is the rate at which a source should send initially and after an idle period.	In Cells/Sec, See Note 1 for range
RIF	Rate Increase Factor, RIF, controls the amount by which the cell transmission rate may increase upon receipt of an RM-cell.	RIF is a power of two, ranging from 1/32768 to 1.
Nrm	Nrm is the maximum number of cells a source may send for each forward RM-cell.	Power of 2 Range: 2 to 256
Mrm	Mrm controls allocation of bandwidth between forward RM-cells, backward RM-cells, and data cells.	Constant fixed at 2
RDF	The Rate Decrease Factor, RDF, controls the decrease in the cell transmission rate.	RDF is a power of 2 from 1/32,768 to 1
ACR	The Allowed Cell Rate, ACR, is the current rate at which a source is allowed to send.	Units: Cells/Sec

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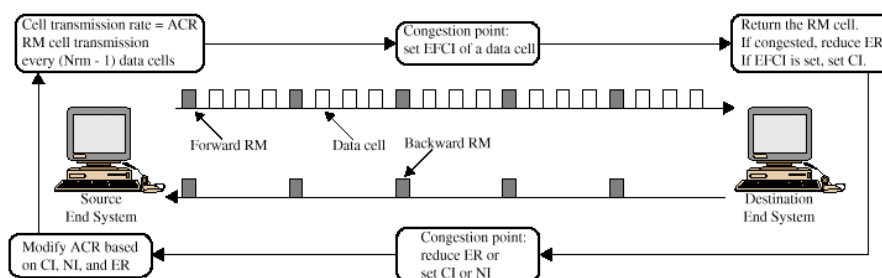
ABR Parameters

CRM	Missing RM-cell count. CRM limits the number of forward RM-cells which may be sent in the absence of received backward RM-cells.	CRM is an integer. Its size is implementation specific.
ADTF	The ACR Decrease Time Factor is the time permitted between sending RM-cells before the rate is decreased to ICR.	Units: seconds ADTF range: .01 to 10.23 sec: with granularity of 10 ms.
Trm	Trm provides an upper bound on the time between forward RM-cells for an active source.	Units: milliseconds Trm is 100 times a power of two Range: 100×2^{-7} to 100×2^0
FRTT	The Fixed Round-Trip Time, FRTT, is the sum of the fixed and propagation delays from the source to a destination and back.	Units : 1 microseconds Range: 0 to 16.7 seconds
TBE	Transient Buffer Exposure, TBE, is the negotiated number of cells that the network would like to limit the source to sending during startup periods, before the first RM-cell returns.	Units: Cells Range: 0 to 16,777,215
CDF	The Cutoff Decrease Factor, CDF, controls the decrease in ACR associated with CRM.	CDF is zero, or a power of two in the range 1/64 to 1.
TCR	The Tagged Cell Rate, TCR, limits the rate at which a source may send out-of-rate forward RM-cells.	TCR is a constant fixed at 10 cells/second

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Available Bit Rate

Flow of Data and RM cells on an ABR connection

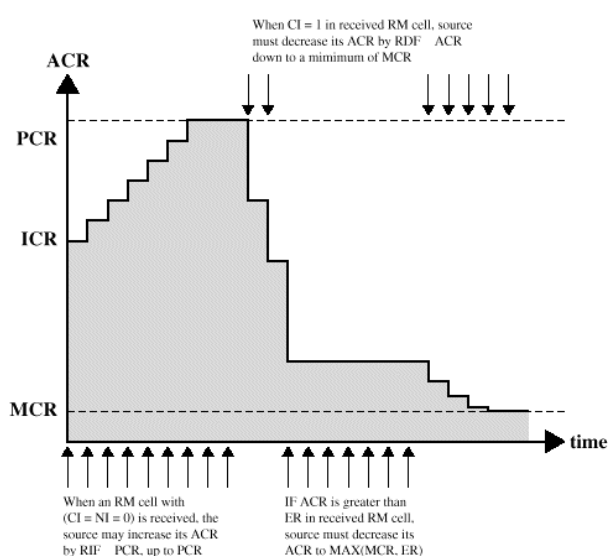

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ABR Feedback Mechanism

NI	CI	Action
0	0	$ACR = \max[MCR, \min[ER, PCR, ACR + (RIF \times PCR)]]$
0	1	$ACR = \max[MCR, \min[ER, ACR \times (1 - RDF)]]$
1	0	$ACR = \max[MCR, \min[ER, ACR]]$
1	1	$ACR = \max[MCR, \min[ER, ACR \times (1 - RDF)]]$

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Allowed Cell Rate



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ABR RM Cells

FIELD	OCTET	BIT(s)	DESCRIPTION	Initial Value	
				if source-generated	if switch-generated or destination-generated
Header	1-5	all	ATM Header	RM-VPC: VCI=6 and PTI=110 RM-VCC: PTI=110	
ID	6	all	Protocol Identifier	1	
DIR	7	8	Direction	0	1
BN	7	7	BECN Cell	0	1
CI	7	6	Congestion Indication	0	either CI=1 or NI=1 or both
NI	7	5	No Increase	0 or 1	
RA	7	4	Request/ Acknowledge	0 or set in accordance with I.371-draft	
Reserved	7	3-1	Reserved	0	

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ABR RM Cells

FIELD	OCTET	BIT(s)	DESCRIPTION	Initial Value	
				if source-generated	if switch-generated or destination-generated
ER	8-9	all	Explicit Cell Rate	a rate not greater than PCR parameter	any rate value
CCR	10-11	all	Current Cell Rate	ACR Parameter	0
MCR	12-13	all	Minimum Cell Rate	MCR Parameter	0
QL	14-17	all	Queue Length	0 or set in accordance with I.371-draft	
SN	18-21	all	Sequence Number	0 or set in accordance with I.371-draft	
Reserved	22-51	all	Reserved	6A (hex) for each octet	
Reserved	52	8-3	Reserved	0	
CRC-10	52	2-1	CRC-10	See Section 5.10.3.1	
	53	all			

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ABR RM Cells

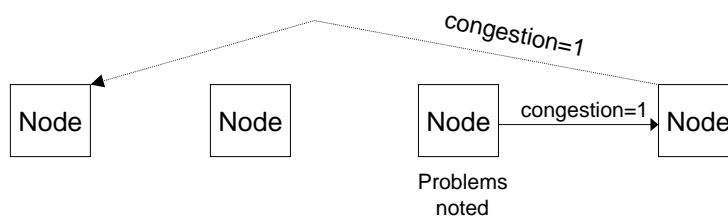
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
DIR	BN	CI	NI	RA	Res.	Res.	Res.

DIR = 0 for forward RM cells
 = 1 for backward RM cells
 BN = 1 for Non-Source Generated (BECN) RM cells
 = 0 for Source Generated RM cells
 CI = 1 to indicate congestion
 = 0 otherwise
 NI = 1 to indicate no additive increase allowed
 = 0 otherwise
 RA - Not used for ABR. See description below

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Available Bit Rate (ABR)

- Binary Rate Feedback
 - Amount of flow not specified
 - A bit is on or off

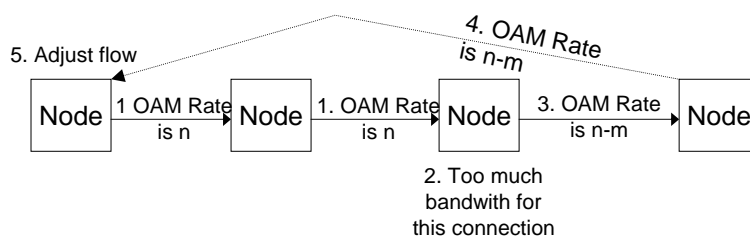


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Available Bit Rate (ABR)

•Explicit Rate Feedback

Each node determines each connection's fair share of resources. Periodically source device sends an OAM cell containing its current rate. Any node can reduce or expand this value, which is returned to the source. The source must adjust accordingly.

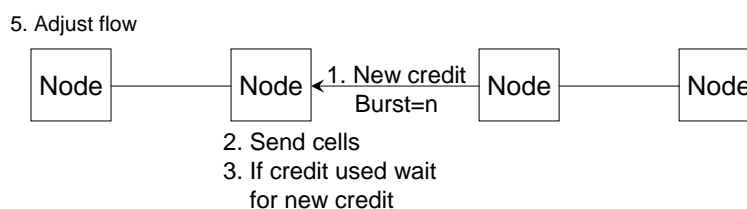


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Available Bit Rate (ABR)

•Explicit Burst Feedback

Number of cells a transmitter can send is limited by a burst size. Downstream node sends upstream node a credit. If upstream node uses up the credit, it must wait for a new credit.



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Guaranteed Frame Rate

- The GFR service category is intended to support non-real-time applications. It is designed for applications that may require a minimum rate guarantee and can benefit from accessing additional bandwidth dynamically available in the network. It does not require adherence to a flow control protocol. The service guarantee is based on AAL-5 PDUs (frames) and, under congestion conditions, the network attempts to discard complete PDUs instead of discarding cells without reference to frame boundaries. On the establishment of a GFR connection, the end-system specifies a PCR, and a Minimum Cell Rate (MCR) that is defined along with a Maximum Burst Size (MBS) and a Maximum Frame Size (MFS). The GFR traffic contract can be specified with an MCR of zero. The user may always send cells at a rate up to PCR, but the network only commits to carry cells in complete frames at MCR. Traffic beyond MCR will be delivered within the limits of available resources. There are no delay bounds associated with this service category.

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Guaranteed Frame Rate

	ATM Layer Service Category					
Attribute	CBR	rt-VBR	nrt-VBR	UBR	ABR	GFR
Traffic Parameters _i :						
PCR and CDVT ₅	Specified			Specified ₂	Specified ₃	Specified
SCR, MBS, CDVT ₅	n/a	Specified		n/a		
MCR	n/a				Specified	n/a
MCR, MBS, MFS, CDVT ₃	n/a					Specified
QoS Parameters _i :						
Peak-to-peak CDV	Specified		Unspecified			
MaxCTD	Specified		Unspecified			
CLR	Specified			Unspecified	See Note 1	See Note 7
Other Attributes:						
Feedback	Unspecified				Specified ₆	Unspecified

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Guaranteed Frame Rate

Conformance Definition	PCR flow	SCR flow	Tagging option active	MCR	CLR on
CBR.1	0 + 1	ns ₁	n/a ₂	ns	0 + 1
VBR.1	0 + 1	0 + 1	n/a	ns	0 + 1
VBR.2	0 + 1	0	No	ns	0
VBR.3	0 + 1	0	Yes	ns	0
ABR	0	ns	n/a	Yes	0 ₆
GFR.1	0 + 1	ns	No	Yes	0 ₇
GFR.2	0 + 1	ns	Yes ₅	Yes	0 ₇
UBR.1	0 + 1	ns	No	ns	U ₃
UBR.2	0 + 1	ns	Yes ₄	ns	U

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