ATM Details: Adaptation Layers

Section 3



Multiprotocol Encapsulation

◆ Various data formats are identified

Native Information, such as TCP/IP, in variable length frame

Protocol Identification information

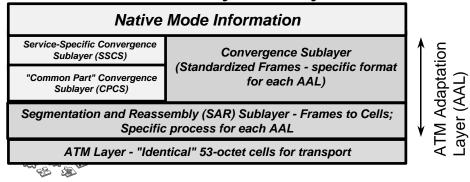
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Multiprotocol Encapsulated Frame



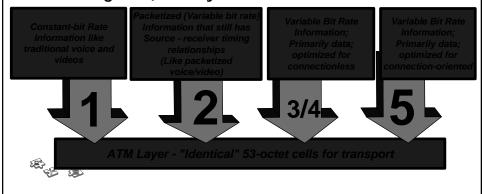
ATM Layers

- **▼**The "ATM Layer" is only one of the multiple layers in the entire process of data transmission.
- **▼**The CS and SAR Sublayers are key.



ATM Layers

 ◆ The adaptation process also includes "PMD" (Physical Media Dependent) and TC (Transmission Convergence) sublayers



ATM Adaptation Layers

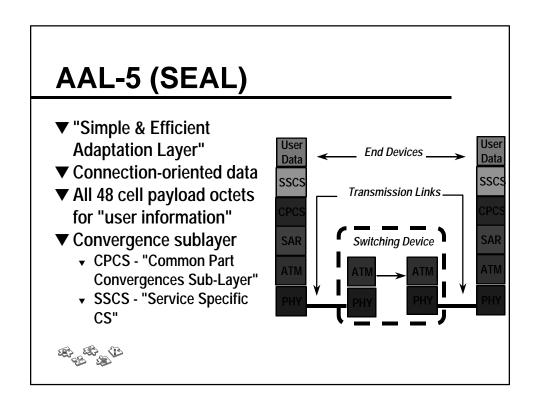
- ▼Many of the most important characteristics of an ATM transmission are determined in the "Adaptation Layers" - or AALs
- ▼The AALs determine how the native information is formatted into CS-PDUs and how the CS-PDUs are segmented into cells
- **▼**There are currently three primary AALs
 - ▼ Three more are (or have been) under development
 - ▼ Roughly allign to classes of service, but not exactly now

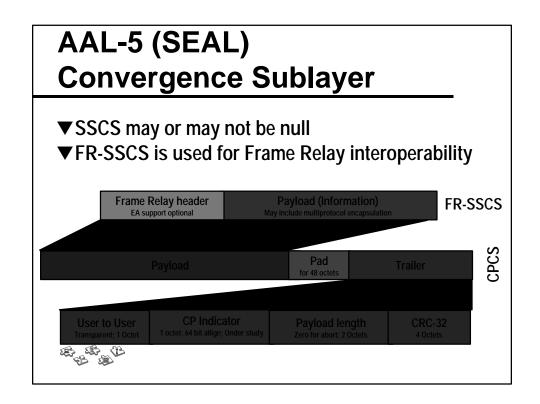


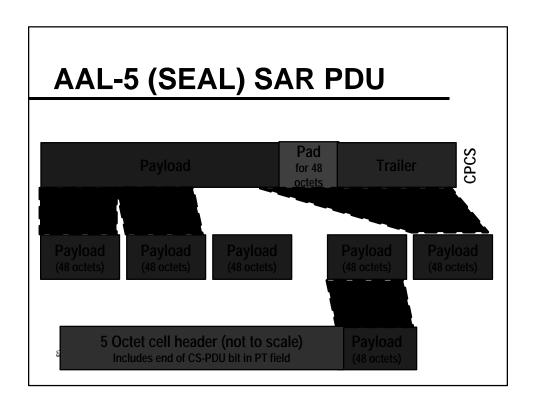
Primary ATM Adaptation Layers

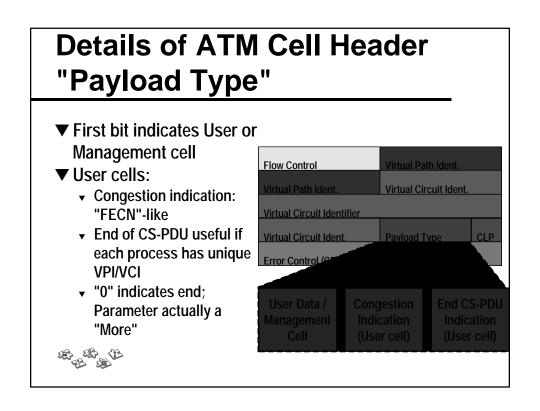
Service Class	ATM Adaptation Layer	Primary Type of Traffic	Source - Dest Timing Relation?	Current Interest Level	Complexity	Example
A	1	CBR Connect. Oriented	Yes	High	Low	CBR Voice & Video (Circuit Emulation)
D	3/4 (or 5)	VBR Conn'less	No	Medium (SMDS)	High	Conn'less Data
С	5 (or 3/4)	VBR Connect. oriented	No	High	Low	Connection Oriented Data





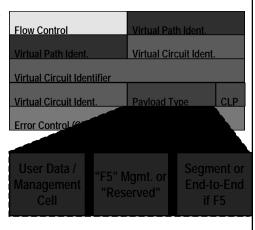






Details of ATM Cell Header "Payload Type"

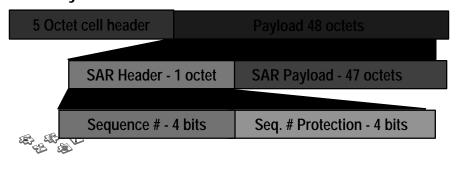
- ▼ First bit indicates User or Management cell
- ▼ Management cells:
 - ▼ "F5" manages VCIs
 - ▼ "F4" manages VPIs
 - Special VCIs reserved for VPI management





AAL-1 SAR PDU Format

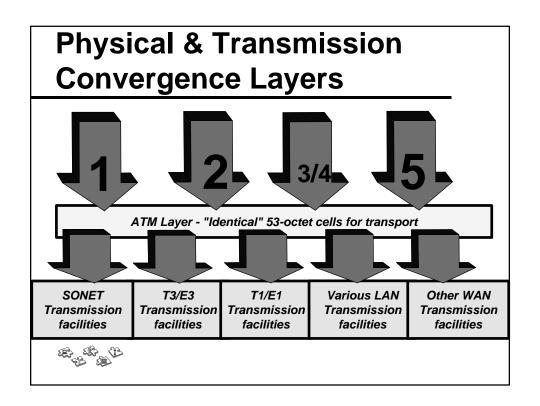
- **▼**Used for Constant Bit Rate traffic; "CES" (Circuit Emulation Service)
- **▼**Essentially a null convergence sublayer; nothing really added

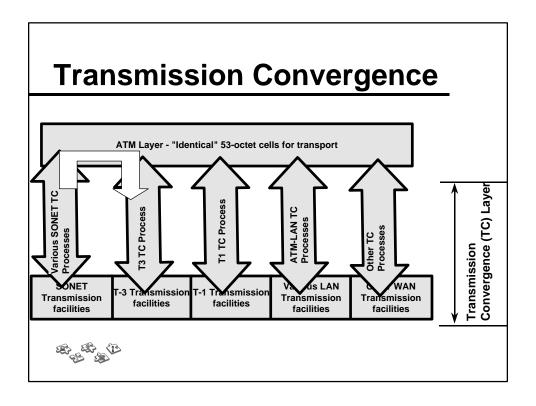


Additional Classes of ATM Service

	ervice lass	ATM Adaptation Layer	Type of Traffic	Source - Dest Timing Relation?	Current Interest Level	Complexity	Example
Υ -	- ABR	5?	VBR - Low Cell Loss	No	High	Medium High	LAN Emulation
Χ-	- UBR	5 Core	Raw cell delivery	No	Medium	Low	Cell delivery inside service
	В	2 (or possibly 5)	Variable Bit Rate (Conn. Oriented)	Yes	Medium	Medium	Packet Voice & Video







ATM Transmission Process (TC)

- ▼ Once the information is divided into cells, it is formatted for transmission on a physical facility.
 - There are different TC formats for each type of facility (LANs, SONET, T3/E3, T1/E1, etc.)
 - ATM cells as SONET payload





Sonet Transport of Cells

- **▼** Current specs perform cell allignment via HEC
- ▼ COSET used with X-OR due to null cells
 - Still allows method for cell delineation
 - COSET X-OR'ed twice yields original

Original	0	0	1	1
COSET	1	0	1	0
XOR	1	0	0	1
COSET	1	0	1	0
XOR	0	0	1	1

