



Multi-PHY Bonding in DSL

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Multi-PHY Bonding Advantages



- » Increases reach to deliver high speed services
- » Low Complexity:
 - can be implemented in multi-line DSL transceivers without extra chips.
- » No Extra Overhead:
 - Reuse existing DSL messaging methods - no extra header bytes wasted for bonding.
- » Rapidly adapt to Line Errors and Failures:
 - Drop (or Add) lines quickly when lines fail (or lines come up).
- » Transparent to upper layers:
 - acts like single line, maintains byte (& packet) order
- » Improves Latency
 - can reduce modem's end-to-end latency for bonded case
- » Coordinate x-talk cancellation

» VDSL modem sublayers:

- Transport Protocol Specific Transmission Convergence (TPS-TC) sublayer
- Physical Media Specific Transmission Convergence (PMS-TC) sublayer
- Physical Media Dependent (PMD) sublayer

» TPS-TC sublayer being defined for Ethernet Transport

- HDLC encapsulation with byte stuffing for rate matching



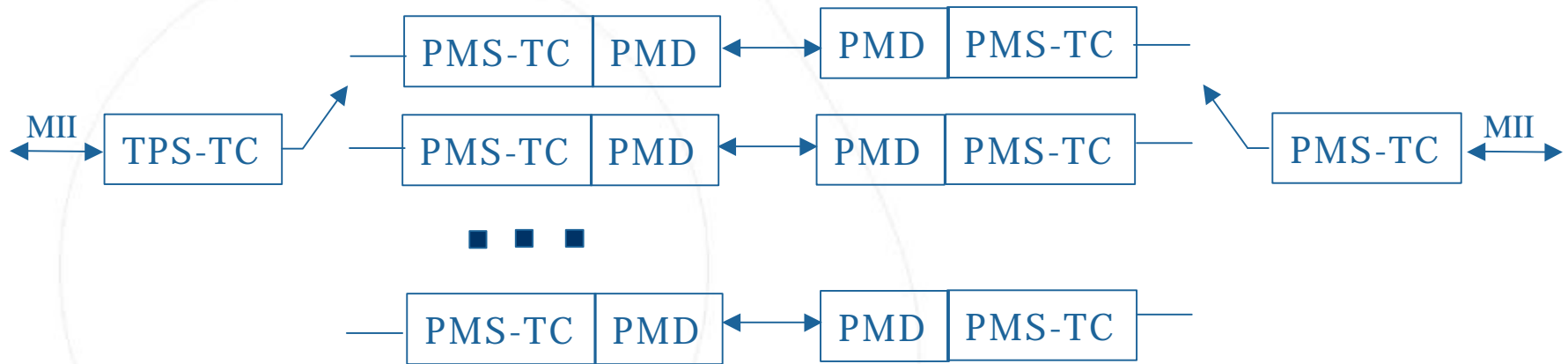
Ethernet over Single VDSL/ADSL line

- » **Single Channel Initialization, SCI**
 - Determine channel capacity
 - Determine noise margin
 - Identify presence of narrowband and wideband disturbers
 - Determine bit rate
- » **Multi PHY Channel Initialization, MCI**
 - Repeat n times SCI
- » **Bonding**
 - Coordinate across n channels
- » **Advanced features**
 - Optimize PSD by sharing channel information

Multi-PHY Bonding

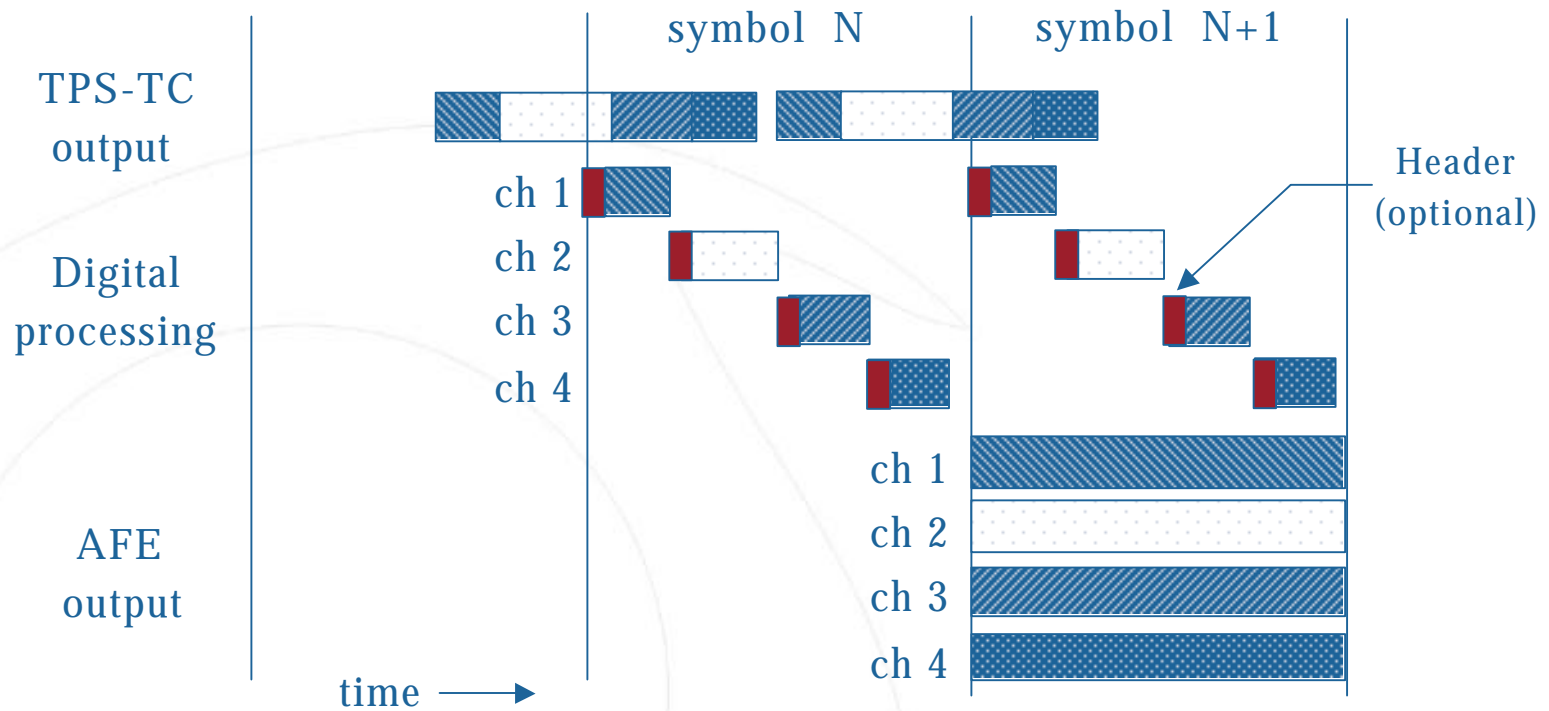
» TPS-TC sublayer output muxed onto multiple lines:

- TPS-TC output is rate matched stream of bytes
- Send TPS-TC output on each line, once every symbol, in sequence
- Each line takes the number of bytes which will be sent per symbol on that line
- Receive side puts them back together in same sequence



Ethernet over Multiple Bonded DSL lines

Data Flow in Bonded System



Data flow thru 4 channel Bonded DSL system

» Optional header has sequence number:

- Sequence number used for segmenting and reassembly

» Can work without header:

- When a line comes up, it is assigned an ID by CO side and a position in the line sequence used for segmenting and re-assembly
- When a line goes down, EOC messages can be sent on other lines to drop the line from the line sequence

» CRC check of segments not needed:

- Segments sent on each line already have CRC & RS encoder (DSL framing)
- HDLC encapsulation adds its own CRC
- Ethernet frames have their own 32-bit CRC