



# User's Guide

## INAT NetSpector Network Analyzer

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# On this manual

This manual describes the installation and use of the INAT NetSpector. Numerous illustrations taken from the running program are used to explain the individual steps involved in using the INAT NetSpector.

One chapter describes the ISO communication protocols for layers 1 to 4.

## Overview

### **Chapter 1: How the INAT NetSpector Works**

This chapter describes the performance features and options offered by the INAT NetSpector. Also covered in this chapter are the system required for NetSpector operation and the principle on which the INAT NetSpector is designed.

### **Chapter 2: Installation and Program Start**

This chapter provides guidelines on installing the INAT NetSpector. It also covers installation under various operating systems and the different methods of starting the program.

### **Chapter 3: Working with the INAT NetSpector**

This chapter provides general information on the **INAT** NetSpector. The menu items in the program are explained, and you are shown how to capture frames and analyze them.

Filters can be used for capture and analyzing frames. Among other topics, this chapter describes how to use the various filters.

### **Chapter 4: Description of the ISO Communication Protocols**

This chapter offers a detailed description of the ISO communication protocols, including the layout of the protocols of layers 1 to 4 of the ISO 7-layer model.

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# 1 How the INAT NetSpector Works

INAT NetSpector is a network, analysis and logging tool designed for Ethernet networks. Together with the included network card, it offers a package which is easy and quick to install and which can be run under the operating systems Windows 95, Windows NT and OS/2.

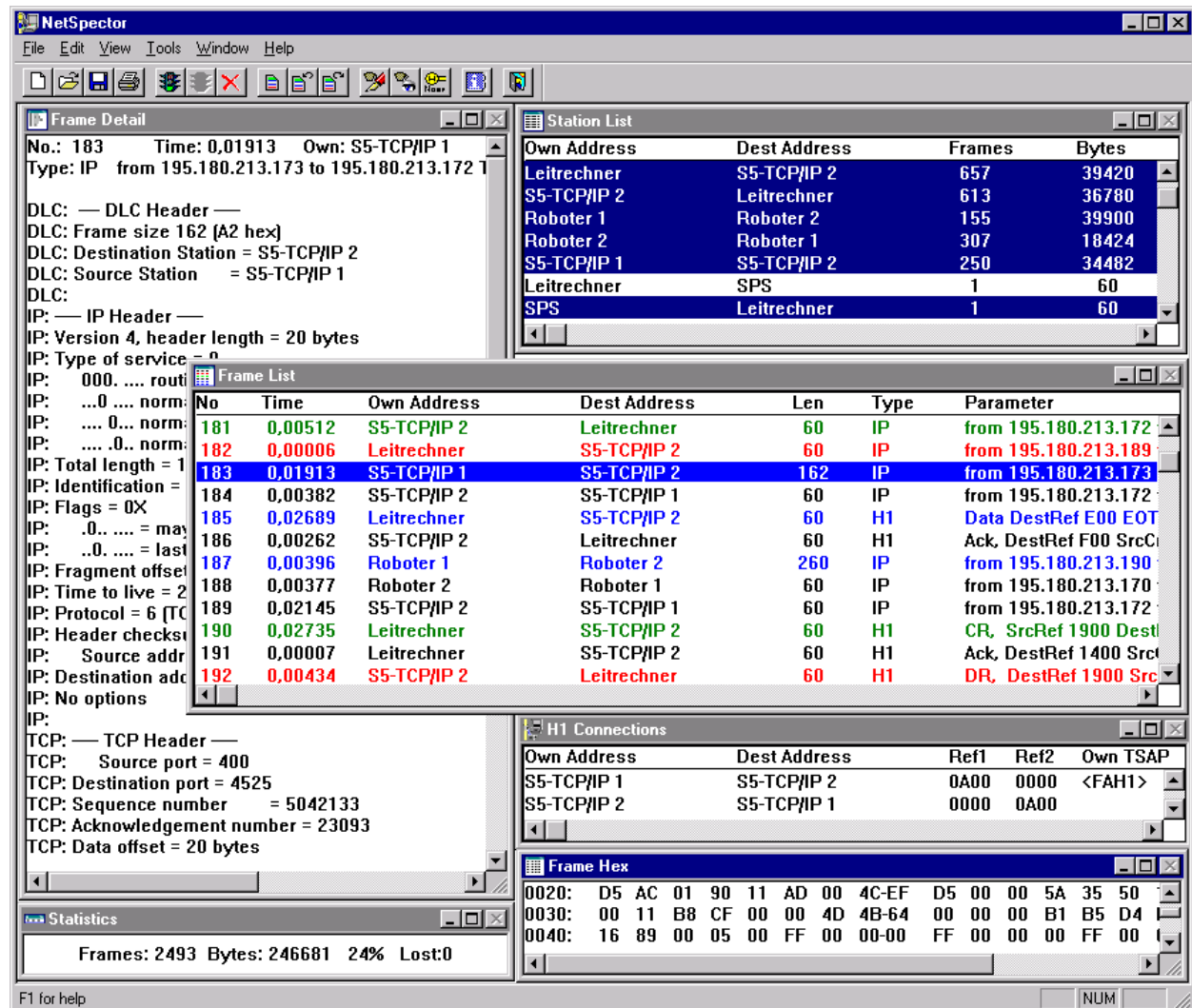


Fig. 1: NetSpector - overview

Since the network card is connected to the local network, all frames access the network card. The frames are transferred to the NespDev driver via the installed card driver. The capture filters now become active and transfer only the desired frames to the INAT NetSpector program where they are stored in a ring buffer or a linear buffer. While being transferred to the buffer, the sender and receiver of a frame are analyzed and a station list is prepared. Using the left mouse button or the space bar of the keyboard, you can select the stations from the station list whose frames are to appear in the frame list.

The frame list can be created after frame capture has been halted. The display filters now become active. Additional filters which can be selected via the options of the individual protocols also become active.

The frame list shows the frames in the order in which they occurred. Using the PgUp/PgDn keys or the arrow keys or the mouse, you can page through the list to analyze completeness of the transmission or the time frame and transactions of the stations.

The frame located under the selection bar of the frame list is shown in the frame detail and the hex window. Details of the frame are presented in plain text or in hex and ASCII. Even when no protocol DLLs are available for a certain frame type, these frames are shown decoded up to layer 2.

The capture can be stored for later analysis or printout.

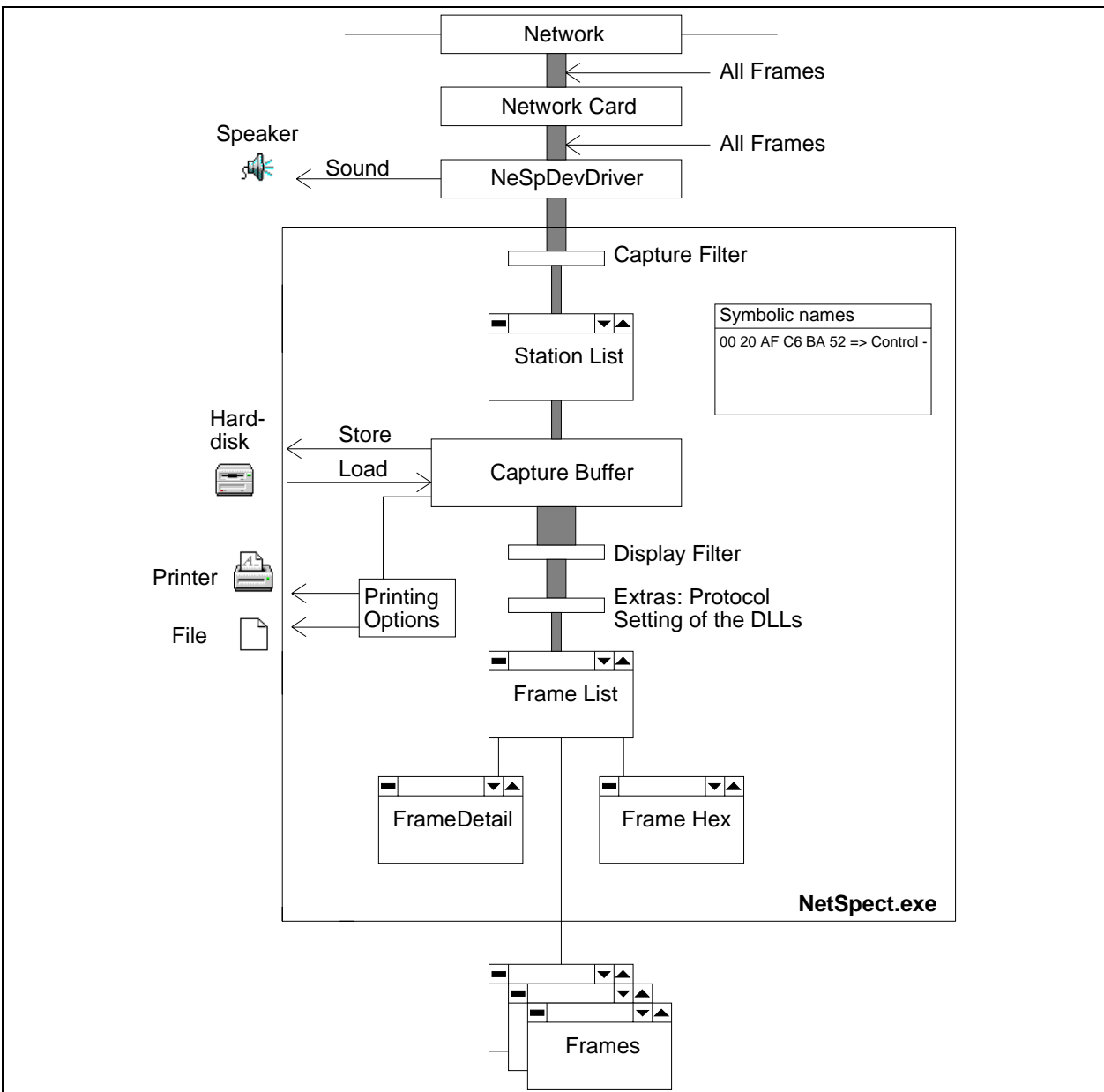


Fig. 2: How the INAT NetSpector works

## 1.1 What INAT NetSpector Gives You

- Executable under Windows 95<sup>®</sup>, Windows NT<sup>®</sup> and OS/2<sup>®</sup>
- Graphic multitasking user interface
- Object-oriented, user-definable environment so that you can design and store your windows yourself
- The program can be controlled intuitively with the mouse or with the keyboard. The program has a generous selection of hotkeys since the primary functions are assigned to function keys (i.e., fast access). The tool bar can also be used for easy control.
- Reliable information on all activities currently running on the network
- History recording of network activity over a certain period of time
- Online display of all communicating stations with names assigned to station numbers
- Overview of which stations are communicating and how much data is being exchanged
- You view the frames of a capture in a well-organized list with short descriptions. The individual frames can then be viewed, decoded in detail into plain text, hex and ASCII formats.
- Color identification of the various types of frames
- Display and printout of station lists and frames with various levels of information
- Individual settings permitting frame analysis with varying degrees of detail exist for the available protocols.
- Storage of the user profiles
- Recording depth up to 99 MB (i.e., approx. 1 million H1 frames)
- High-resolution time base of 10  $\mu$ sec
- INAT NetSpector can be provided with various protocols.
- Decoding of the SINEC H1 protocol and TCP/IP is already included.
- Single frames are interpreted in detail.
- Easy to install
- While the INAT NetSpector is recording network communication, you can use your computer for other applications.
- Extensive, context-sensitive help
- Easy to expand with other network protocols

## 1.2 Supported Protocols

**Ethernet** IEEE 802.3, Ethernet DIX V2, LLC, NSAP

**H1:** SINEC H1, ISO 8473: Layer2, 2a(MAC), 2b(LLC), 3, 4, AP

**TCP/IP** IP, TCP, UDP, ARP, RARP, ICMP, SMTP, NetBIOS(TCP), DNS, BOOTP, OSPF

## 1.3 What You Can Select

- Captures can be stored on hard disk and reloaded at a later time.
- Settings can be stored and loaded under a certain name.
- Frames can be printed out with varying degrees of detail.
- The Ethernet stations can be given "speaking" names.
- Filters for capture, display and analysis
- Variable size of the capture buffer
- Data can be written in a ring buffer so that the frames which were sent last can be captured. Otherwise, capture is halted when the buffer is full.
- A certain network card can be selected so that several networks can be monitored.
- Acoustic signal (can be switched off) via built-in loudspeaker when a frame is received
- Size and position of the windows can be varied as desired. Your settings are stored when the program is exited and restored when the program is started again.
- Evaluation of the AP header information of the H1 frames can be enabled or disabled.
- The "acknowledge frames" can be faded out for easier viewing of the data frames.
- Certain connections of a capture can be selected or deselected in the H1 connection window.

## 1.4 System Prerequisites

INAT NetSpector requires the following hardware and software.

- IBM-compatible 486-DX/2-66 or later
- Minimum of 12 MB of RAM (16 MB recommended)
- Monitor screen resolution of 640 x 480 (800 x 600 or better recommended)
- The program occupies approx. 1 MB of the hard disk. 100 MB of free hard-disk capacity is recommended for capture.
- One free 16-bit AT slot for the network card
- Windows 95<sup>®</sup>, Windows NT<sup>®</sup> or OS/2<sup>®</sup> Warp operating system



## 2 Installation and Program Start

### 2.1 Hardware Installation

#### 2.1.1 Installation on the Parallel Interface

The software protection module - Hardlock II Twin Protection - is a software protection module of the new generation. As the first module of its type, Hardlock II can be used for both the parallel and the serial interface. Its ease of handling is one of its primary features. Just install Hardlock II on the parallel interface of your computer, and, after a simple installation procedure, you are ready to begin working with NetSpector.

Hardlock II works with an ASIC (i.e., Application Specific Integrated Circuit) - a new-generation chip which cannot be bought "off the rack." This chip was developed especially for the complex requirements of both the parallel and serial interface. This enables you to decide where the protection hardware will be used, based on your own particular requirements.

A change in computers is no problem for Hardlock II.

- Hardlock II is transparent.  
If your computer is only equipped with a parallel interface, Hardlock II can be easily installed between computer and printer.
- No strain on the interface  
Due to the CMOS technology used in the ASIC, power consumption of Hardlock II in its idle state is so low that it can hardly be measured. Since the operational range of Hardlock II in parallel mode extends to below 2 Volts (minimum of 1.5 V), power supply problems with weak interfaces can be avoided.
- Hardlock II can be mounted side by side.  
Theoretically, more than 32,768 modules can be mounted side by side on the parallel interface (i.e., no remounting if you have installed several programs on a computer which are protected with Hardlock). The appropriate module is located via its module address.
- All systems  
Hardlock II can be used with all IBM-compatible PCs and laptops.

#### 2.1.2 Installation on the Serial Interface

If you do not want to use Hardlock II on the parallel interface, the dongle can also be used on the serial interface. Although in principle Hardlock II can be operated at speeds of up to 115,200 Baud, serial data processing speeds are naturally slower than when parallel interfaces are used. Maximum data throughput is achieved with the parallel interface. When Hardlock II is used on the serial interface, it can only be activated by the Hardlock configuration variable.

The syntax of the configuration variable is shown below.

```
HL_SEARCH=[ Port ]
```

[ Port ] consists of the **I/O address** in hexadecimal and a **port identifier**.

Example:

```
SET HL_SEARCH=378p, 2f8s
```

Hardlock is only searched for with address 0x378 on the parallel interface and 0x2f8 on the serial interface. The following table lists the port identifier.

Port Identifier	Meaning
p = parallel	Normal parallel port
s = serial	Normal serial port
e = ECP	Parallel port in ECP mode
n = NEC (Japan)	Since Japanese models have a different port assignment, this parameter can be used to activate special handling. A separate NEC API is not required.
C = Compaq Contura Dockingbase	The multiplexer of the docking base (for switching between parallel port and Ethernet adapter) is reset to the parallel port for the Hardlock scan.
i = IBM PS/2	Specification for IBM PS/2 corrects an error during port reprogramming of certain video drivers under Windows (i.e., Hardlock could no longer be found after Windows was started). This had always been performed internally by the Hardlock API. It can now only be activated by specifying the configuration variables.

As shown in the example above, the configuration variable is set under **Windows NT** in the menu:

```
Control panel / System / Environment
```

Under **Windows 95**, the appropriate entry is made in system file:

```
autoexec.bat.
```



Under **OS/2**, the appropriate entry is made in the file:

`config.sys`

Note:

- In contrast to the parallel interface, the serial interface being used by the dongle can no longer be used for connection of additional I/O devices.
- Two modules can be mounted side by side on the serial interface.

### 2.1.3 Technical Data of Hardlock II

Technical Data	
Storage temperature	-25° C to +70° C
Operating temperature	0° C to +70° C
Humidity	20% to 80% relative humidity
Dimensions (incl. plug connectors)	44.5 x 54.7 x 16 mm
Plug connector connection	DB 25
Signal lines used	DATA 0 to DATA 7, BUSY, INIT, STROB, GROUND
Feedback line	BUSY, FAN OUT 10 LSTTL
Current consumption	< 100 µA (< 2 mA, serial)
Minimum operating voltage	< 2 Volt
Battery	None
Recovery time	None
Max. number in rows	Theoretically any (215)
ASIC technology	CMOS 1 µ with E2 cells
Complexity	Approx. 1300 gates
Key factor	2 <sup>48</sup>
Module address factor	2 <sup>15</sup>
Number of programming cycles	> 10,000

## 2.2 Software Installation

### 2.2.1 Installation under Windows NT and Windows 95

**Note:** Installation of programs and drivers requires the rights of the system administrator.

#### 2.2.1.1 Installation of the Program under Windows NT and Windows 95

##### Step 1

- Insert the floppy disk ("**NetSpector NT, Win95 Programm 1**").
- Start the Setup.exe program.  
After preparation for the installation, the start window of the installation appears.
- Select "Next".  
The copyright screen appears.
- Select "Next" again.  
The programs and files which will now be installed on your system are displayed.
- In the next window, you will be asked for the destination directory under which INAT NetSpector is to be installed. **c:\INAT\NetSpect** is suggested as the standard directory. If you agree, continue with "Next" to specify the program group. Otherwise, start the file selection box first with "Browse".  
  
**Note:** The directories which you specify are set up automatically if they do not exist.
- Now specify the program group in which the icons of the INAT NetSpector are to be located. Under Windows NT 3.5x, this is a program group in the Program Manager. Under NT 4.x, this is an entry in the start menu.  
The files are then copied.
- After a while, you will be asked to insert the floppy disk labeled "**NetSpector NT, Win95, Disk 2/2**".  
The final window of the installation tells you that INAT NetSpector has been installed successfully on your hard disk.

##### Step 2

#### Capture driver under Windows NT 4.0

Install the NetSpector driver as described below.

- Start "Settings/Control Panel" in the "Start menu".
- Open "Network" in the control panel.
- Since the NetSpector capture driver is a protocol, select the "protocol" tab.
- Select the "Add" button.
- Since the NetSpector capture driver is stored on the floppy disk, select "Have Disk".
- Enter A:\NT or A:\Win95 in the input line.
- After clicking OK, the "INAT NetSpector Capture" is indicated.
- Select "OK". The driver is copied to the hard disk.

- The main window "Network" appears again. Confirm with OK.

The NetSpector capture driver is linked.

If you are using several network cards in your system, and if several cards are located in the same network, not all protocols may be linked to all cards. We recommend only linking the NetSpector capture driver to the NetSpector network card. For information on these links, see the Windows NT manuals.

You can link the NetSpector capture driver to all cards.

### **Capture driver under Windows NT 3.5**

Install the NetSpector driver as described below.

- Open the "Control Panel".
- In the "Control Panel" open "Network".
- Select the software button.
- Select "Others" in the network software list. This is the last entry in the list.
- Press "Continue".
- Enter A:\NT in the input line.
- After OK is clicked, the "INAT NetSpector Capture" is indicated.
- Select "Install". The driver is copied to the hard disk.
- The main window "Network settings" appears again. Confirm with OK.

The NetSpector capture driver is linked.

If you are using several network cards in your system, and if several cards are located in the same network, not all protocols may be linked to all cards. We recommend only linking the NetSpector capture driver to the NetSpector network card. For information on these links, see the Windows NT manuals.

### **Capture driver under Windows 95**

Install the NetSpector driver as described below.

- Start "Settings/Control Panel" in the "Start menu".
- Open "Network" in the control panel.
- In "Network," select the "Add Button".
- Now select the "Protocol list".
- Confirm the "Add" button.
- Confirm the "Have Disk" button.
- Enter "a:Win95" in the input line.
- Confirm with "OK".
- From the list of protocols, select "INAT NetSpector Capture".
- Confirm with "OK."
- Confirm the "Network" window with "OK."

### 2.2.1.2 Installation of the hardlock driver by hand

- The hardlock driver is automatically installed with the first installation of the netspector. If the installation was not performed the message "*Cannot open Hardlock driver*" tells you that the driver installation has not yet been done.
- Select " Cancel", and install the INAT NetSpector drivers for the dongle routine. The drivers you will find in the NetSpector installation directory, which was created by the install wizard (c:\inat\netspect\drv) or in the directory, which was created by the you, alternatively.

- **Installation of the dongle drivers under Windows NT**

The HARDLOCK.SYS and the HLVDD.DLL drivers are required to start the dongle version of NetSpector under Windows NT. Install the Windows NT drivers as described below.

- Open the command line editor by selecting Start / MSDOS command line.
- Change to the installation directory (default c:\inat\netspect\drv) with the command

```
cd inat\netspect\drv
```

- If an old driver version already exists, remove this version with the command

```
HLDINST -remove
```

**Remember:** Since this command deletes the HARDLOCK.SYS and HLVDD.DLL files and the applicable register entries, no applications which access the dongle routine should be running when this command is executed.

- Using the command

```
HLDINST -install
```

installs the HARDLOCK.SYS and HLVDD.DLL drivers in the appropriate system directories.

- **Installation of the dongle drivers under Windows 95**

The HARDLOCK.VXD driver is required to start the dongle version of NetSpector under Windows 95. Install the Windows 95 drivers as described below.

- Open the command line editor by selecting Start / MSDOS command line.
- Change to the installation directory (default c:\inat\netspect\drv) with the command

```
cd c:\inat\netspect\drv
```

- If an old driver version already exists, remove this version with the command

```
HLDINST -remove
```

**Remember:** Since this command deletes the HARDLOCK.VXD file and the applicable register entries, no applications which access the dongle routine should be running when this command is executed.

- Using the command

```
HLDINST -install
```

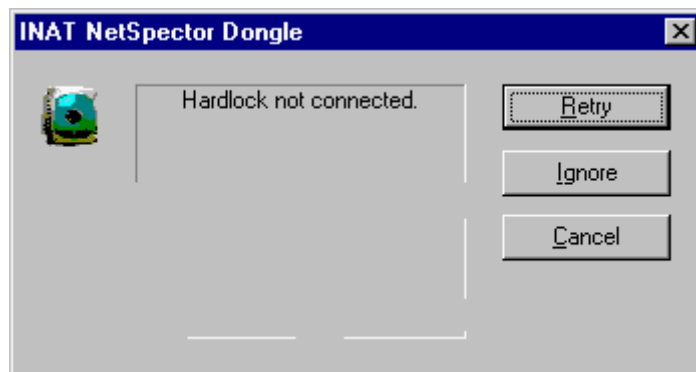
installs the HARDLOCK.VXD driver in the standard Windows directory.

More information about the HDLINST command you will get with entry HDLINST /?!

### 2.2.1.3 Starting the Program under Windows NT and Windows 95

There are several ways to start the program.

Start the program by double-clicking the "NetSpector Netzwerk Analyser" icon. If you want to start INAT NetSpector at the command prompt, switch to the directory in which you have installed INAT NetSpector. Then enter NETSPECT. The following message



indicates that the dongle has not been correctly mounted on the serial or parallel interface.

## 2.2.2 Installation under OS/2

The following steps are required to install the OS/2 version of the NetSpector network analyzer.

1. Install the program on the hard disk.
2. Install the driver for online captures.
3. Perform system conclusion.
4. Start computer again so that the changes will take effect.

### 2.2.2.1 Installation of the Program under OS/2

- Place the floppy disk labeled "**NetSpector OS/2 Disk 1/2**" in the floppy disk drive.
- Open the "System" folder. Then open the "command lines" folder. Start an "OS/2-window" or an "OS/2 complete screen".
- Change the current drive by entering "A: " or "B: " depending on your floppy disk drive.
- Start the INSTALL.EXE program by entering "Install".  
The installation will now be loaded.
- Click the "Continue" button.  
The "Install" window shows you the product and the version number.
- Click the "OK" button to install the product.
- In the "Install - directories" window, select the entry "NetSpector OS/2." You can also specify the directory in which the NetSpector network analyzer is to be installed. "C:\NETSPECT" is the standard entry. You will usually find that you can use this entry. If you do not have enough memory space, enter another drive or delete as many files as necessary. The "Disk space ..." button will give you an overview of the remaining memory space on all of your drives.
- Using the "Install" button, start the installation.
- After the first floppy disk has been copied, you will be asked to insert the second floppy disk which is labeled "**NetSpector OS/2 Disk 2/2**". "Continue" is used to continue the copy procedure for the second floppy disk.
- After the second floppy disk has been copied, a message to this effect appears.

The program has now been installed successfully. A folder called "NetSpector Network Analyzer" has been set up in your work area. Open this folder, and two icons appear.

NetSpector Network Analyzer                      The network analysis tool NETSPECTOR

Installation Utility                      A utility program to remove the NetSpector network analyzer from the computer and install updates.



Next, the drivers for the capture must be installed. These drivers are also located on the floppy disk labeled "**NetSpector OS/2 Disk 2/2**" which is already in the floppy disk drive.

**Note:** Check the entry "IOPL=" in the **Config.sys** file before installing the dongle drivers. The standard entry is shown below.

IOPL = YES.

Add this entry if it does not exist, or change the existing entry to conform to the above entry.

### **Driver installation OS/2 version A: Warp Version 4, Connect or Server**

The installation of network drivers is included in these versions of OS/2. The program is called MPTN (i.e., Multi-Protocol Transport Network).

#### **Step 1**

Mount the network card in your computer.

#### **Step 2**

Start OS/2, and open the MPTN program.

In the protocol window, select "Other protocol".

When asked for the floppy disk, insert Disk 2/2 and enter `a:\Driver`.

The driver installation finds the INAT NetSpector capture driver and copies it to your hard disk.

#### **Step 3**

Link the driver to the INAT NetSpector network card.

#### **Step 4**

Perform a system shutdown.

Start your computer again, and make sure that **all programs** are loaded **without error messages** when the system boots.

## Driver installation OS/2 version B with IBM LAN Requester 4.0

Installation with the following components

- NetSpector under OS/2
- IBM LAN Requester 4.0

**Note** You will need the IBM LAN Requester. This is included with IBM LAN Requester 4.0, IBM Warp Connect or IBM Warp Server.

### Step 1

Mount the network card in your computer.

### Step 2

Install the drivers of your Network adapter as described in the manual of your network adapter. If necessary, set the desired parameters.

### Step 3

Place the floppy disk labeled "**NetSpector OS/2**" in drive A:. Install the IBM LAN Requester 4.0, and proceed as follows.

```

      :
      :
In the Window "Network Adaptors"
-> Other adaptors
(select)
    Please insert Disk 2/2 NetSpector OS/2
    -> A:\TREIBER\MACS
(prompt)
    the files are copied
In the window "Network Adaptors"
    INAT NetSpector (3Com Etherlink III) Adapter
(select)
    -> Add
In the window "Current Configuration"
-> Edit
    please insert the presettet hardware values
In the window "Protocols"
-> other Protocols
(select)
    -> A:\TREIBER\PROTOCOL
(prompt)
    -> OK
    (Now the driver is copied to the hard disk)
    INAT NetSpector driver
(select)
    -> Add
    please selct also other protocols,
    which you like to install.
-> OK

```

### Step 4

Perform a system shutdown.

Start your computer again, and make sure that **all programs** are loaded **without error messages** when the system boots.

**Note** The directory A:\DRIVER\VAR\_B contains the CONFIG.SYS and PROTOCOL.INI files of a running installation. These files can provide you with useful information when questions arise.

### Driver installation OS/2 version C: Version 2.x, no further protocols

Installation with the following components

- NetSpector under OS/2 without further protocols

#### Step 1

Mount the network card in your computer.

#### Step 2

Install the drivers of your Network adapter as described in the manual of your network adapter. If necessary, set the desired parameters.

#### Step 3

Copy the files from the floppy disk labeled "**NetSpector OS/2 Disk 2/2**" from the directories \DRIVER\MACS, DRIVER\PROTOCOL, DRIVER\TOOLS and DRIVER\VAR\_A to hard disk C: in the directory \NESP\_OS2.

```
xcopy a:\treiber\MACS c:\nesp_os2\
xcopy a:\treiber\PROTOCOL c:\nesp_os2\
xcopy a:\treiber\TOOLS c:\nesp_os2\
xcopy a:\treiber\VAR_A c:\nesp_os2\
```

#### Step 4

Add the following entries to the CONFIG.SYS files.

##### Addition to C:\CONFIG.SYS

```
:
:
device=c:\NESP_OS2\protman.OS2 /i:c:\DRV_OS2
DEVICE=C:\NESP_OS2\ELNK3.OS2
device=c:\NESP_OS2\NESPDEV.OS2
RUN=C:\NESP_OS2\NETBIND.EXE
:
:
```

##### Excerpt from PROTOCOL.INI

```
[PROT_MAN]

DRIVERNAME = PROTMAN$

[IBMLXCFG]

ELNK3_nif = ELNK3.nif
NESPDEV_nif = NETSPECT.nif
```

```
[NESPDEV_nif]

    DriverName = NESPDEV$
    Bindings = ELNK3_nif

[ELNK3_nif]

    DriverName = ELNK3$
    IOADDRESS = 0X340
```

### Step 5

Perform a system shutdown.

Start your computer again, and make sure that **all programs** are loaded **without error messages** when the system boots.

### 2.2.2.2 Starting the Program under OS/2

There are several ways to start the program.

1. Start the NetSpector Network Analyzer program by double-clicking the "NetSpector Network Analyser" folder located in the work area.
2. In an OS/2 total screen or an OS/2 window, enter the following command.

```
NETSPECT
```

The program is started.

Open the following folders on your work area.

"OS/2 System" and then "drives". Open the folder of the drive on which you installed NetSpector. Then open the "NetSpector" folder. There are now several ways to proceed.

## 3 Working with INAT NetSpector

Basically, the INAT NetSpector network analyzer involves two stages.

- Capture frame communication
- Analyzing a capture

Filters and display options are set to obtain a clear and uncluttered view of the data.

### 3.1 Capture Frames

#### 3.1.1 New Capture

When the INAT NetSpector program starts, capture is started immediately. The frames from the network card are placed in the capture buffer if the network card is connected to an intact network. Active capturing is indicated by the red background of the "Statistics" window. All stations which are currently communicating with the network are indicated in the station list. You can also obtain a new capture of the frames by selecting the menu item "New Capture" in the "File" menu. This deletes the previous contents of the station list.

#### 3.1.2 Stopping the Capture

Capture is halted with the menu item "Stop Capture" in the "Edit" menu. The capture must be stopped for the following reasons.

- Generate the frame list
- Save the capture
- Print the capture
- Change the settings of the capture buffer
- Select another network card

#### 3.1.3 Starting the Capture

Capture is started with the menu item "Start Capture" in the "Edit" menu. The contents of the capture buffer are deleted without an "are-you-sure" inquiry, and a new capture is started. The stations in the station list are retained.

Capture can also be started with the menu item "New Capture" in the "File" menu, but the station list is deleted.

#### 3.1.4 Deleting the Capture

The capture is deleted with the menu item "Delete Capture" in the "Edit" menu. The capture buffer can be emptied at any point in time without an "are-you-sure" inquiry.

### 3.1.5 Saving the Capture

The capture must be stopped before it can be saved to the hard disk. The following dialog appears after the menu item "Save capture" is selected from the "File" menu.

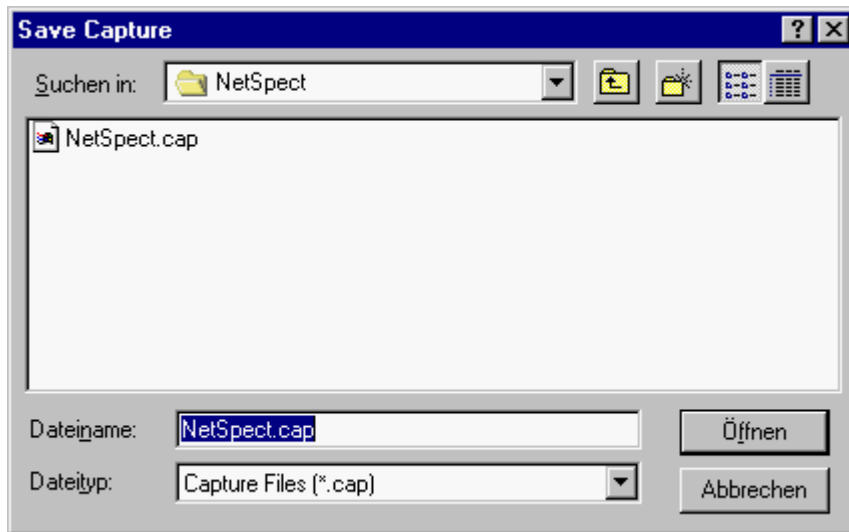


Fig. 3: Dialog for saving the capture

In the dialog for saving the capture, you can select the drive, the directory and the file name as desired. The file extension is fixed (i.e., ".cap"). This prevents a text file or an executable program from being overwritten by accident. The file extension also shows the type of file directly.

A blue window background in the "Statistics" window means that a capture is being loaded or saved. Since some captures are lengthy, storage may require time.

### 3.1.6 Opening the Capture

A capture which has been saved can be read in again. As with the save procedure, the file must have the extension ".cap". Before a saved capture can be loaded again, a running capture must be stopped. The contents of the capture buffer are deleted without an "are-you-sure" inquiry. The following dialog appears when the menu item "Open capture" is selected under the "File" menu.

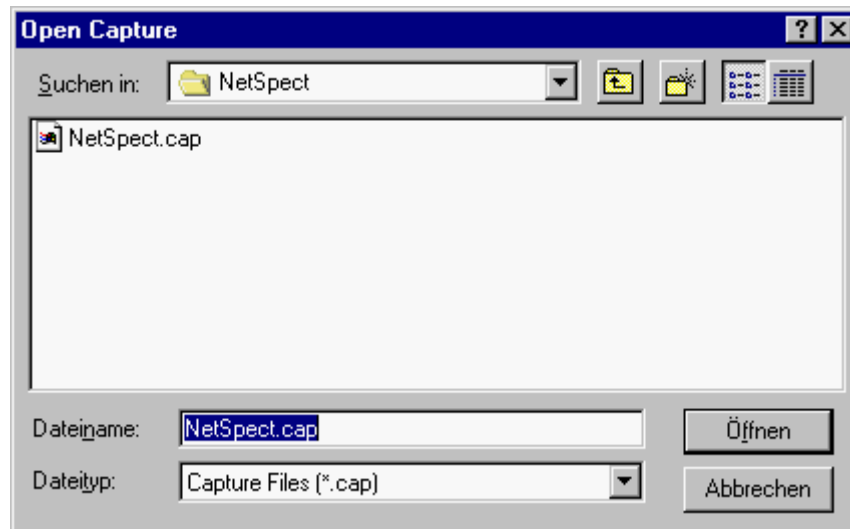


Fig. 4: Dialog for opening the capture

The file name under which you saved or opened the last time is already preselected.

A blue window background in the "Statistics" window means that a capture is being loaded or saved. Since some captures are lengthy, loading the capture in the RAM may require time.

### 3.2 The Station List

When a capture is involved, the station list is supplied with the current data on communicating stations. The frame list, the frame detail and the frame hex remain blank during the capture.

The screenshot shows the 'NetSpector - [Station List]' window. It features a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Tools, Window, Help) and a toolbar with various icons. The main area contains a table with the following data:

Own Address	Dest Address	Frames	Bytes
Leitrechner	S5-TCP/IP 2	657	39420
S5-TCP/IP 2	Leitrechner	613	36780
Roboter 1	Roboter 2	155	39900
Roboter 2	Roboter 1	307	18424
S5-TCP/IP 1	S5-TCP/IP 2	250	34482
Leitrechner	SPS	1	60
SPS	Leitrechner	1	60
Leitrechner	INAT 050013	2	120
INAT 050013	Leitrechner	2	120
Leitrechner	FFFFFFFFFFFF	16	1242

At the bottom of the window, there is a status bar with 'F1 for help' on the left and a 'NUM' button on the right.

Fig. 5: Station list

Since each entry stands for frames of a certain transmission direction, two stations which are communicating with each other cause two entries. In addition to "Own Address" and "Dest Address", the number of "Frames" which have been sent and the number of "Bytes" which have been transferred are indicated.

If the capture buffer is in ring mode, the number of frames and bytes does not match the number in the buffer. Instead, it represents the number of frames sent since the capture started. This happens when the ring buffer is full and old frames have already been overwritten.



### 3.3 Symbolic Station Names

You can use the INAT NetSpector to assign symbolic names to the stations. This makes it easy to identify stations in the network. To assign a symbolic name to a station, select the menu item "Edit Station Names" in the "Edit" menu, and the following dialog appears.

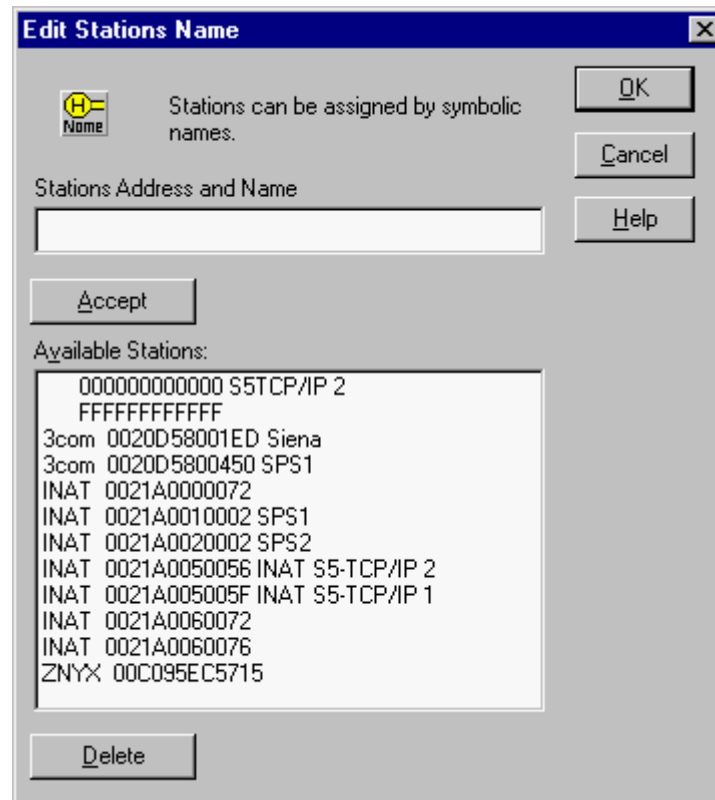


Fig. 6: Dialog for entering station names

In the "Available Stations" list, the Ethernet addresses with their company short code are indicated together with any symbolic names which have been entered.

After a single click on an entry in the "Available Stations" list, this address appears in the "Stations Address..." field. You can enter the symbolic name (maximum of 19 characters) directly after the address. Your entry is accepted with the "Accept" button.

You can also enter a 12-position Ethernet address directly in the "Stations Address..." field and assign a symbolic name to it. A station which is selected in the list is deleted with the "Delete" button.

All entries are saved when the window is exited.

### 3.4 Statistics

An active capture is indicated in the "Statistics" window by the red background of the window. If the capture had been stopped, the background of the window is white.



Fig. 7: Statistics

The “Statistics“ window offers the following information on the capture buffer.

- Frames      Number of frames
- Bytes        Number of bytes
- Capacity used in %
- Lost          Number of frames which were not captured due to poor computer performance or an overloaded computer

### 3.5 Presettings

At the beginning, no explicit settings must be selected for the capture. NetSpector comes with the following presettings.

- Write in a ring buffer
- Size of the ring buffer: 5 MB; network card selected: card 0
- All capture filters disabled
- All display filters disabled
- All protocol-related filters disabled
- Noise disabled
- All files in which NetSpector stores the parameters, station names and captures are located on the hard disk and in the directory under which NetSpector is installed.

## 3.6 Capture Filter

### 3.6.1 Working with NetSpector without Filters

If all stations which are participating in active frame communication on your network are to be captured, all filters remain disabled. All filters can be disabled in the "Tools" menu under menu item "Switch Filters Off".

If the stations which you want to watch are located in a large network, the capture buffer will be filled with irrelevant frames. Filters must be enabled if you only want to capture certain information or frames. The following chapter describes how to handle these filters.

**Attention: If you enable filters, the fewer frames are captured or displayed!**

### 3.6.2 Working with Capture Filters

The capture filters are selected with the menu item "Capture Filter" in the "Tools" menu. Fewer frames are captured when filters are enabled. The following dialog appears.

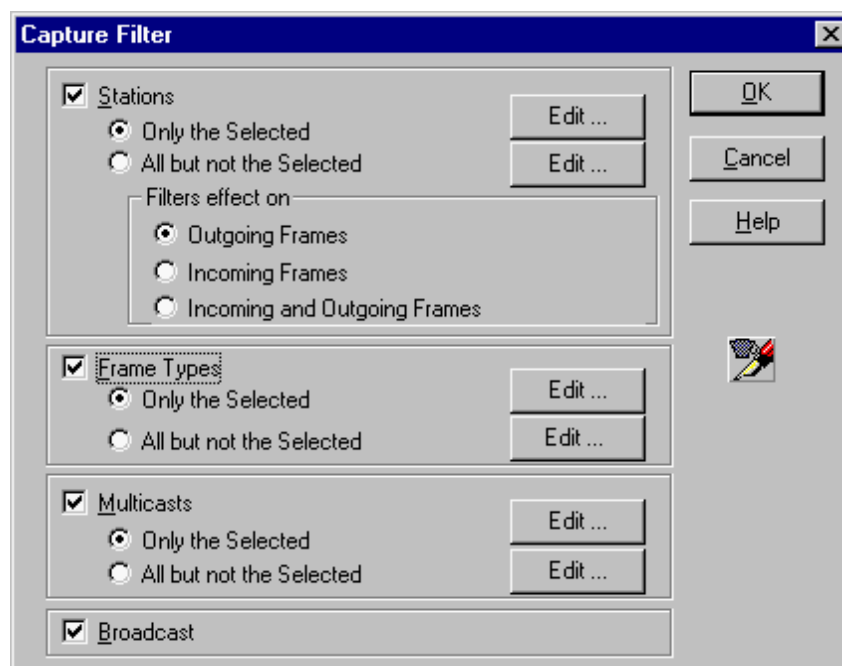


Fig. 8: Dialog for the capture filters

You can select the following settings.

#### Stations

You have two choices.

❑ "Only the Selected"

You specify all stations which you want included in the capture.

❑ “All but not the Selected”

You specify all stations whose frames you do not want included in the capture.

The following dialog appears for both selections after the “Edit” button is clicked.

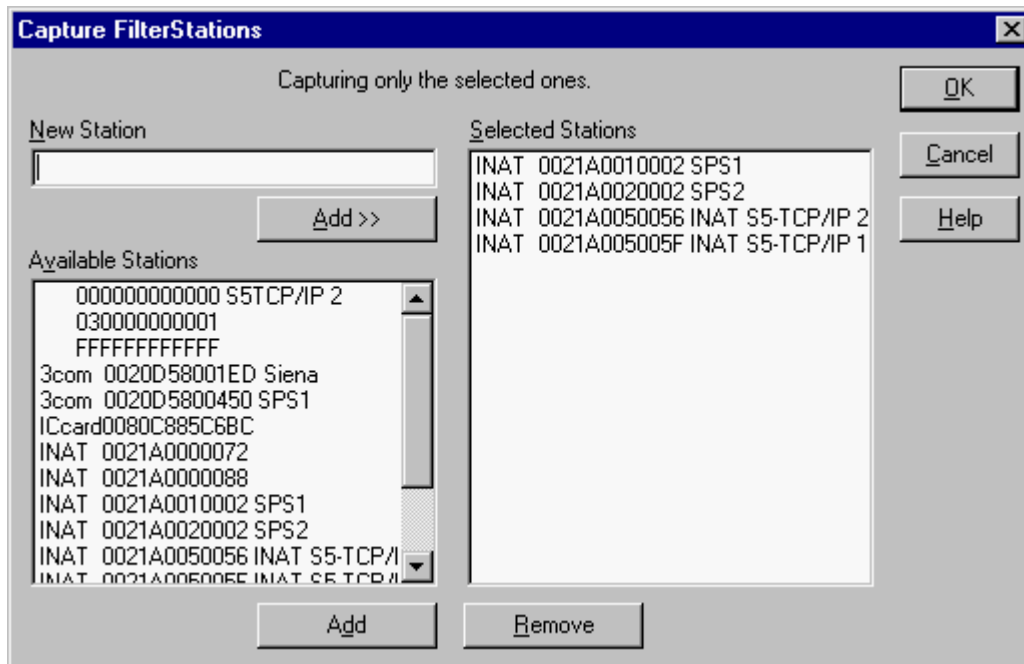


Fig. 9: Dialog for the station capture filters

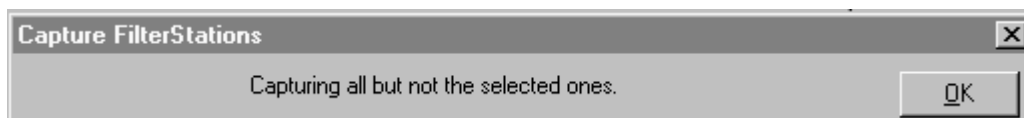


Fig. 10: Dialog for the station capture filters (“All but not the selcted ones”)

If the INAT NetSpector receives a frame from an unknown station during capture, the Ethernet address of this station is entered in the “Available Stations” list. You can enter an Ethernet address in the “New Station” field and add it to the “Selected Stations” list by clicking the “Add” button. You can also select a station in the “Available Stations” list and add it to the “Selected Stations” list with the “Add” button. You can also obtain the same result by double-clicking an entry in the “Available Stations” list. If you want to remove a station again from the “Selected Stations” list, double-click this entry, or select this station and click the “Remove” button.

### Filters effect on

❑ “Outgoing Frames”

Activating this selection, you will access a dialog regarding only the “Incoming Frames” of a correspondent station, which you would like to capture.

❑ “Incoming Frames”

Activating this selection, you will access a dialog regarding only the “Outgoing Frames” of a correspondent station, which you would like to capture.

□ “Incoming and Outgoing Frames“

Activating this selection, the selected Filters effect on both “Incoming and Outgoing Frames“ of a correspondent station, which you would like to capture.

### Frame types

Two lists are available.

□ “Only the Selected“

Using the “Edit“ button, you can access a dialog with which you can specify all frame types which you would like to capture.

□ “All but not the Selected“

Using the “Edit“ button, you can access a dialog with which you can specify all frame types which you do not want to capture.

The following dialog appears for both selections after the “Edit“ button is clicked.

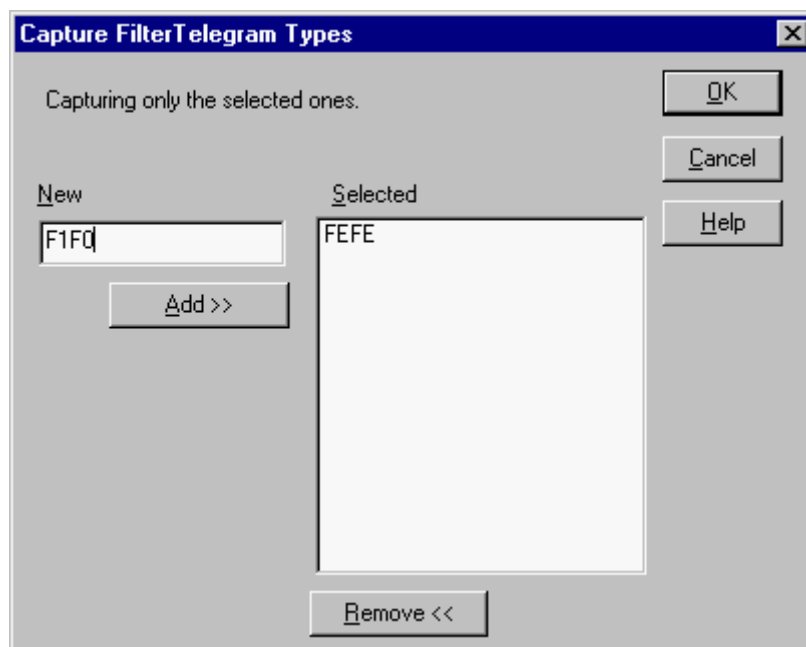


Fig. 11: Dialog for capture filters for frame types

The “Selected“ list contains the already entered frame types which were specified in the left-hand field and added with the “Add“ button. If you want to remove an entry from the “ Selected“ list, select the entry and click the “Remove“ button.

### Known types of frames

Hex Identifier	Designation
FEFE	SINEC H1 (Intel)
FFFF	IPX (Novell Netware)
F0F0	Netbeui (Microsoft)
F1F0	NetBIOS (IBM)

## Multicasts

Multicasts are frames which are sent by single stations only to selected network stations. Two lists are available.

- ❑ “Only the selected”  
Using the “Edit” button, you can access a dialog with which you can specify all multicasts which you would like to capture.
- ❑ “All but not the Selected”  
Using the “Edit” button, you can access a dialog with which you can specify all multicasts which you do **not** want to capture.

The following dialog appears for both selections after the “Edit” button is clicked.

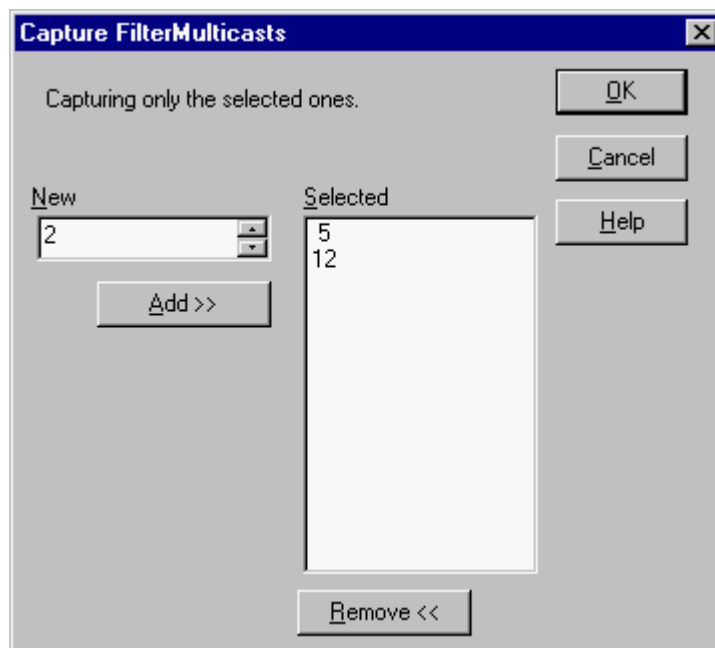


Fig. 12: Dialog for the multicast capture filters

The “Selected” list contains the already entered multicasts which were entered in the “New” field and added with the “Add” button. An entry can be removed again by double-clicking or selecting an entry and clicking the “Remove” button.

## Broadcast

Broadcasts are frames which are sent by single stations to all network stations.

Example: A server sends the time cyclically.

If this field is selected, no broadcast frames will be included in the capture buffer.

## 3.7 Settings and Options

### 3.7.1 Setting Noise and Time Display

The following dialog appears under menu item “Settings” in the “Tools” menu.

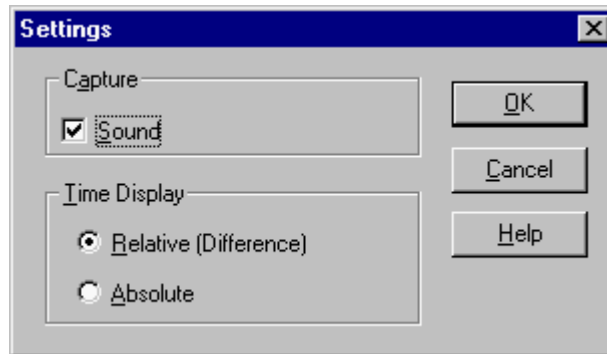


Fig. 13: Dialog for settings

#### Capture

Here, you can set whether the speaker is to generate a tone each time a frame is received. This permits you to roughly estimate the network load even without using a monitor screen.

#### Time display

If “**Absolute**” time display is selected, the absolute time of arrival of the captured frames is displayed in the Frame List and Frame Detail window. Absolute time means the system time of the computer, on which the NetSpector software is installed.

If you activate the “**Relative (Difference)**” button, the relative time of arrival of the captured frames, referring to the preceding frame, is displayed in the Frame list and Frame Detail window.

### 3.7.2 Capture Options

The following dialog appears under the menu item "Capture Options" in the "Tools" menu.

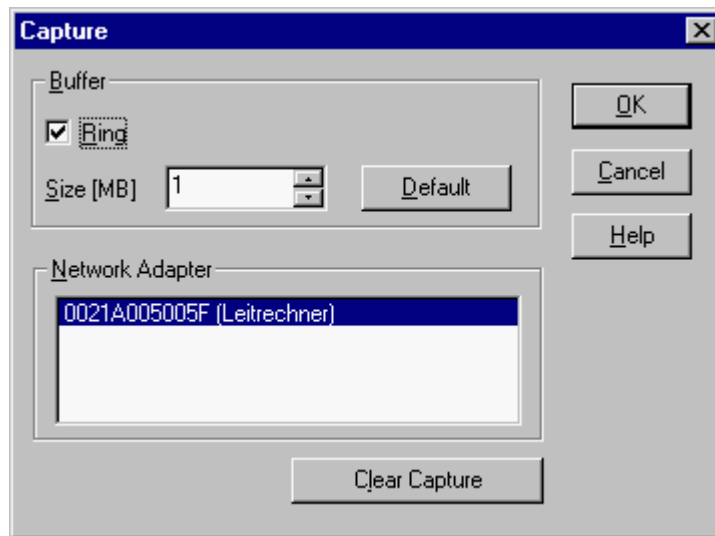


Fig. 14: Dialog for setting the capture options

Here, you can set the capture buffer. Capture must have been halted and deleted beforehand.

#### Buffer:

If the "Ring" option is selected, frames are captured until capture is stopped. When the buffer is full, capture continues according to the "ring" principle (i.e., the oldest frames are overwritten).

If the "Ring" option is not selected, capture stops when the capture buffer is full. All frames captured at the beginning remain in the buffer.

The "Size" of the capture buffer can also be set as an option. The value can be changed in 1-MB increments. The default size is 1 MB.

Very large amounts of data can be captured. If the capture buffer exceeds free RAM capacity, portions are relocated to hard disk (i.e., sufficient hard disk capacity must be available). Since a long frame list requires a large amount of memory space and a long time to set up, the size of the capture buffer should be kept **as small as possible**.

#### Network card:

If several network cards are mounted and their drivers are installed, several networks can be monitored. Select the appropriate network card in the "**Network Adapter**" field. Only one network card can be selected at a time. Only one network card can be selected at a time.



## 3.8 Analyzing the Capture

In addition to hardcopy and files, the “Frame List”, the “Frame detail”, the “Frame Hex” and the “H1 connections” window are available for analyzing frames with the INAT NetSpector. Before frames can be analyzed, the capture must be stopped and the entries selected in the “Station List”. The frames can then be indicated in a wide variety of ways.

You can use display filters to mask out unwanted stations and frames.

*The following functions can only be performed after capture has been stopped.*

### 3.8.1 Display Filters

The following dialog appears with the menu item “Display Filter” in the “Tools” menu.

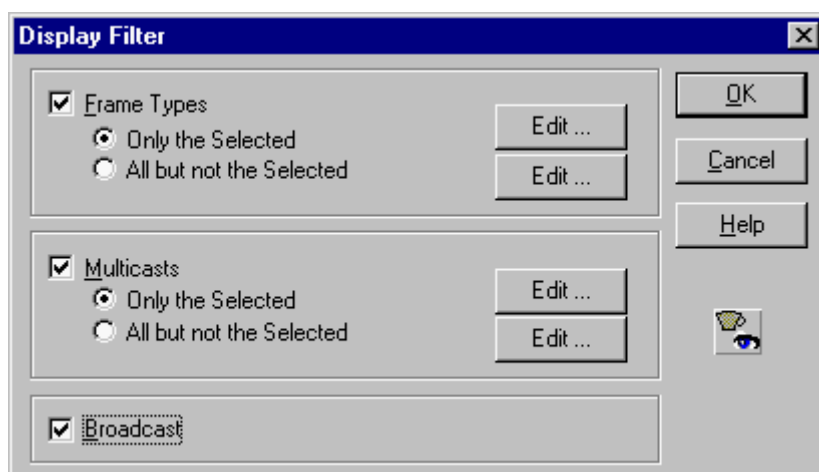


Fig. 15: Dialog for the display filters

The display filters are used in the same way as the capture filters. For details, see chapter 3.6 Capture Filter.

Filters for “Frame Types”, “Multicasts” and “Broadcast” can be specified for the display filters.

The frame list may remain empty due to the combination of capture and display filters.

Remember that selection only excludes a subset.

### 3.8.2 Frame List

Creation of the frame list is selected with the menu item “Create Frame List” in the “Edit” menu. Depending on the size of the capture, quite some time may be required to create the complete list.

No	Time	Own Address	Dest Address	Len	Type	Parameter
174	0,00377	Roboter 2	Roboter 1	60	IP	from 195.180.213.170 to 195.180.213.190 TCP:
175	0,02783	Roboter 2	Roboter 1	60	IP	from 195.180.213.170 to 195.180.213.190 TCP:
176	0,02836	S5-TCPMP 2	S5-TCPMP 1	60	IP	from 195.180.213.172 to 195.180.213.173 TCP:
177	0,02399	Leitreehner	S5-TCPMP 2	60	HI	Ack, DestRef E00 SrcCredit 1 Seq F7
178	0,00194	S5-TCPMP 2	Leitreehner	60	HI	Data DestRef F00 EOT Seq F7, Daten 20
179	0,00006	Leitreehner	S5-TCPMP 2	60	HI	Ack, DestRef E00 SrcCredit 0 Seq F8
180	0,00292	S5-TCPMP 2	Leitreehner	60	HI	Ack, DestRef F00 SrcCredit 1 Seq F8
181	0,00512	S5-TCPMP 2	Leitreehner	60	IP	from 195.180.213.172 to 195.180.213.189 TCP:
182	0,00006	Leitreehner	S5-TCPMP 2	60	IP	from 195.180.213.189 to 195.180.213.172 TCP:
183	0,01913	S5-TCPMP 1	S5-TCPMP 2	162	IP	from 195.180.213.173 to 195.180.213.172 TCP:
184	0,00382	S5-TCPMP 2	S5-TCPMP 1	60	IP	from 195.180.213.172 to 195.180.213.173 TCP:
185	0,02689	Leitreehner	S5-TCPMP 2	60	HI	Data DestRef E00 EOT Seq F8, Daten 16
186	0,00262	S5-TCPMP 2	Leitreehner	60	HI	Ack, DestRef F00 SrcCredit 0 Seq F9
187	0,00395	Roboter 1	Roboter 2	260	IP	from 195.180.213.190 to 195.180.213.170 TCP:
188	0,00377	Roboter 2	Roboter 1	60	IP	from 195.180.213.170 to 195.180.213.190 TCP:
189	0,02145	S5-TCPMP 2	S5-TCPMP 1	60	IP	from 195.180.213.172 to 195.180.213.173 TCP:
190	0,02735	Leitreehner	S5-TCPMP 2	60	HI	CR, SrcRef 1900 DestRef 0 <PCPCPCPC> cSPS
191	0,00007	Leitreehner	S5-TCPMP 2	60	HI	Ack, DestRef 1400 SrcCredit 0 Seq 41 subseq C
192	0,00434	S5-TCPMP 2	Leitreehner	60	HI	DR, DestRef 1900 SrcRef 0 TSAP unknown
193	0,00007	Leitreehner	S5-TCPMP 2	60	HI	DC, DestRef 0 SrcRef 1900
194	0,02630	Leitreehner	S5-TCPMP 2	60	HI	Ack, DestRef E00 SrcCredit 1 Seq F8
195	0,00199	S5-TCPMP 2	Leitreehner	60	HI	Data DestRef F00 EOT Seq F8, Daten 20
196	0,00006	Leitreehner	S5-TCPMP 2	60	HI	Ack, DestRef E00 SrcCredit 0 Seq F9
197	0,00299	S5-TCPMP 2	Leitreehner	60	HI	Ack, DestRef F00 SrcCredit 1 Seq F9
198	0,02642	Roboter 2	Roboter 1	60	IP	from 195.180.213.170 to 195.180.213.190 TCP:
199	0,02800	S5-TCPMP 1	S5-TCPMP 2	162	IP	from 195.180.213.173 to 195.180.213.172 TCP:
200	0,00797	S5-TCPMP 2	S5-TCPMP 1	60	IP	from 195.180.213.172 to 195.180.213.173 TCP:
201	0,02328	Leitreehner	S5-TCPMP 2	60	HI	Data DestRef E00 EOT Seq F9, Daten 16
202	0,00256	S5-TCPMP 2	Leitreehner	60	HI	Ack, DestRef F00 SrcCredit 0 Seq FA
203	0,00042	Roboter 1	Roboter 2	260	IP	from 195.180.213.190 to 195.180.213.170 TCP:
204	0,02577	Roboter 2	Roboter 1	60	IP	from 195.180.213.170 to 195.180.213.190 TCP:
205	0,01086	S5-TCPMP 2	S5-TCPMP 1	60	IP	from 195.180.213.172 to 195.180.213.173 TCP:
206	0,01947	S5-TCPMP 2	S5-TCPMP 1	60	IP	from 195.180.213.172 to 195.180.213.173 TCP:
207	0,00348	S5-TCPMP 1	S5-TCPMP 2	60	IP	from 195.180.213.173 to 195.180.213.172 TCP:
208	0,00445	Leitreehner	FFFFFFFFFFFF	60	ARP	ARP request
211	0,02492	Leitreehner	S5-TCPMP 2	60	HI	Ack, DestRef E00 SrcCredit 1 Seq F9
212	0,00188	S5-TCPMP 2	Leitreehner	60	HI	Data DestRef F00 EOT Seq F9, Daten 20

Fig. 16: Frame list

The frame list contains a well-organized list of the frames so that time and logical sequence can be analyzed. The types of protocols transferred via the network are also displayed.

The scroll bars to the right of the window and at the bottom can be used to page through the list. The Home and End keys are used to access the beginning and end of the frame list. The highlight bar can be moved with PgUp, PgDn, and the arrow keys and with a single click of the left mouse button.

The following information is indicated for each frame.

- Number of the frame since the start of capture
- Time difference of the frame from the previously indicated one or absolute time, respectively.
- Own address of the sending station
- Destination address
- Length of the frame in bytes
- Frame type
- Parameters of the frame

The frame on which the highlight bar is positioned is shown in detail in the "Frame Detail" window and in the "Frame Hex".

### 3.8.3 Meaning of the frame colours

The frames are depicted with different colours in the frame list. The frame colours do not depend on the kind of protocol that is used:

<i>Colour</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
<i>green</i>	Connection establishment
<i>blue</i>	Data frame with INAT PLC Header
<i>light blau</i>	Data frame without INAT PLC Header
<i>red</i>	Connection disruption
<i>black</i>	Acknowledges

### 3.8.4 Frame detail

The protocol display is accessed with the menu item "Frame Detail" in the "Windows" menu by pressing the Tab key several times or by double-clicking an entry in the "Stations List".

This window is divided into two areas.

- The top part contains a short description of the frame.
- In the bottom part of the window, the frame is dissected into its single elements. Each logical level has its own prefix. The contents of this field also depend on the options which have been set for the appropriate protocol. Frames for which no protocol DDL exists are decoded up to layer 2a.

For the meaning of the individual parameters, see the descriptions of the individual protocols further back in this manual (e.g., the protocol description of SINEC H1).

Make the following settings to obtain a clear view of the capture with the frame detail.

Set the "Frame Detail" to maximized screen by clicking the maximize icon.

Using the PgUp/PgDn or arrow keys, move the highlight bar to the desired frame.

The "Frame Detail" appears when the desired frame is double-clicked.

You can page to the previous or the next frame with the key combination Alt + PgUp or Alt + PgDn or with the menu items "Previous Frame" and "Next Frame" in the "View" menu.

If the frame is too large for the window, you can scroll through it with the arrow or PgUp/PgDn keys.

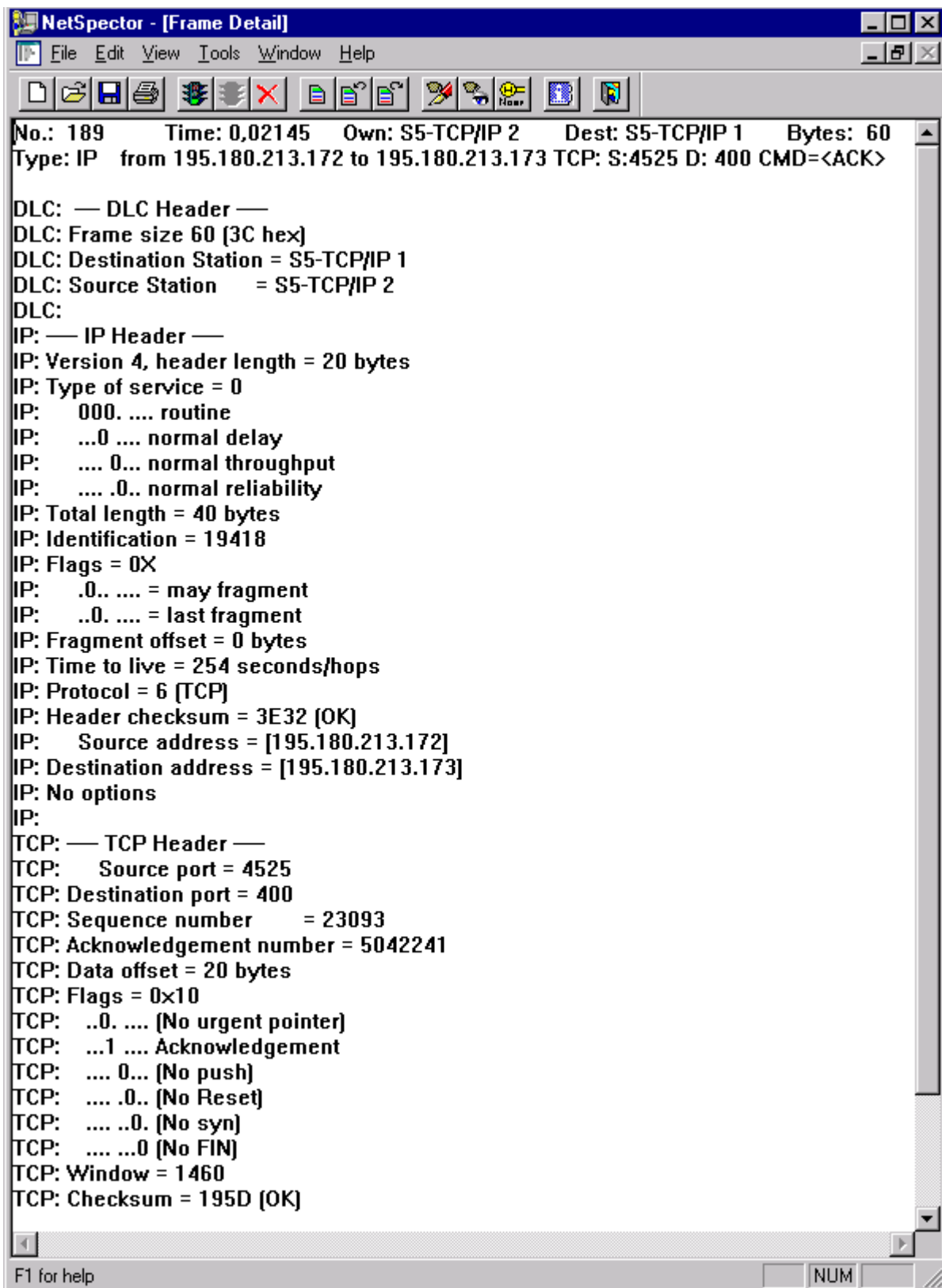


Fig. 17: Frame detail

### 3.8.5 Hex Display

The hex display is accessed with the menu item "Frame Hex" in the "Window" menu.

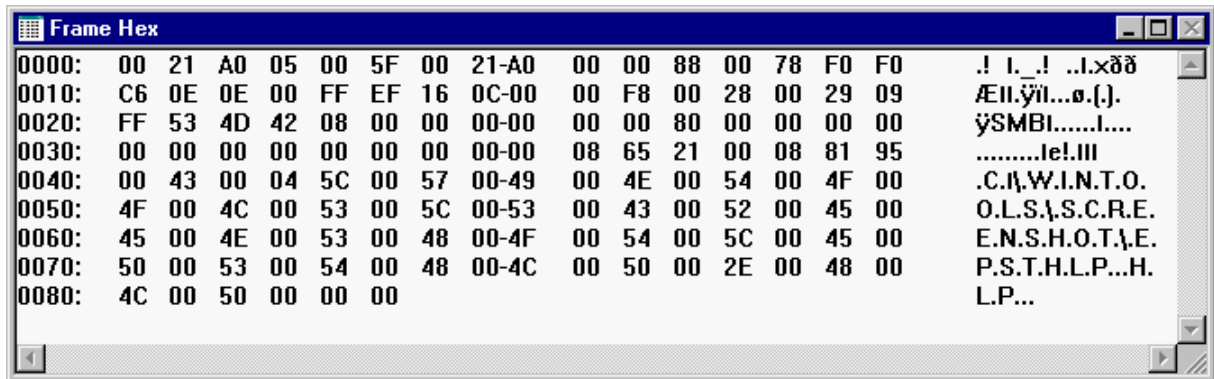


Fig. 18: Hex display

Here, the frame is presented in hex and, to the extent possible, in ASCII. The frame displayed in the "Frame Detail" is displayed in the "Frame Hex". If the frame is too large for the window, you can scroll through it with the arrow or PgUp/PgDn keys.

### 3.8.6 H1 Display Filter and H1 Connections

The dialog box "H1 Display Filter" and the window "H1 Connections" are available for more detailed analysis of data communication between two Ethernet stations communicating via the H1 protocol.

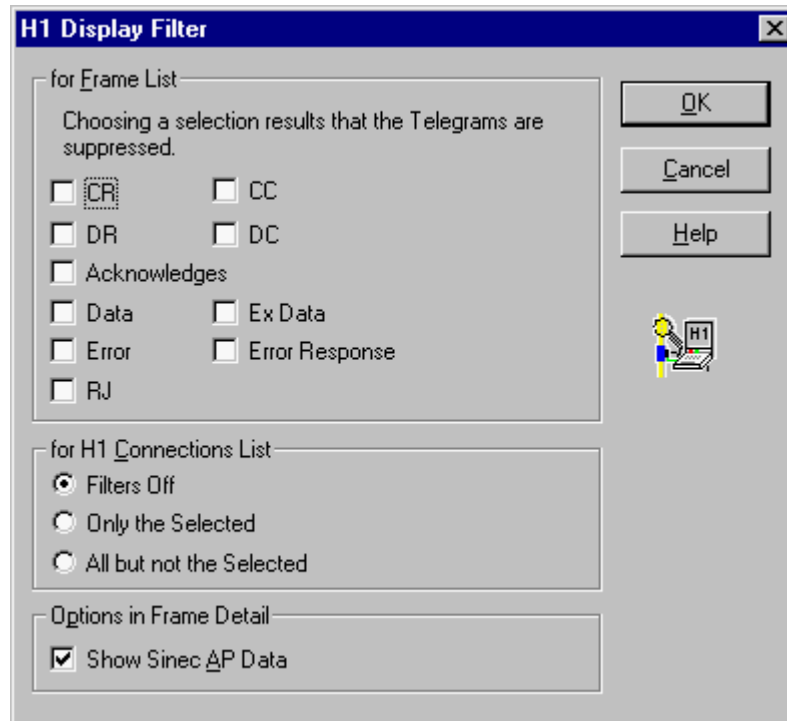


Fig. 19: H1 Display filter

#### Frame filter

Certain types of frames can be filtered from the station list. A check mark for a filter option means that this type of frame will not be indicated.

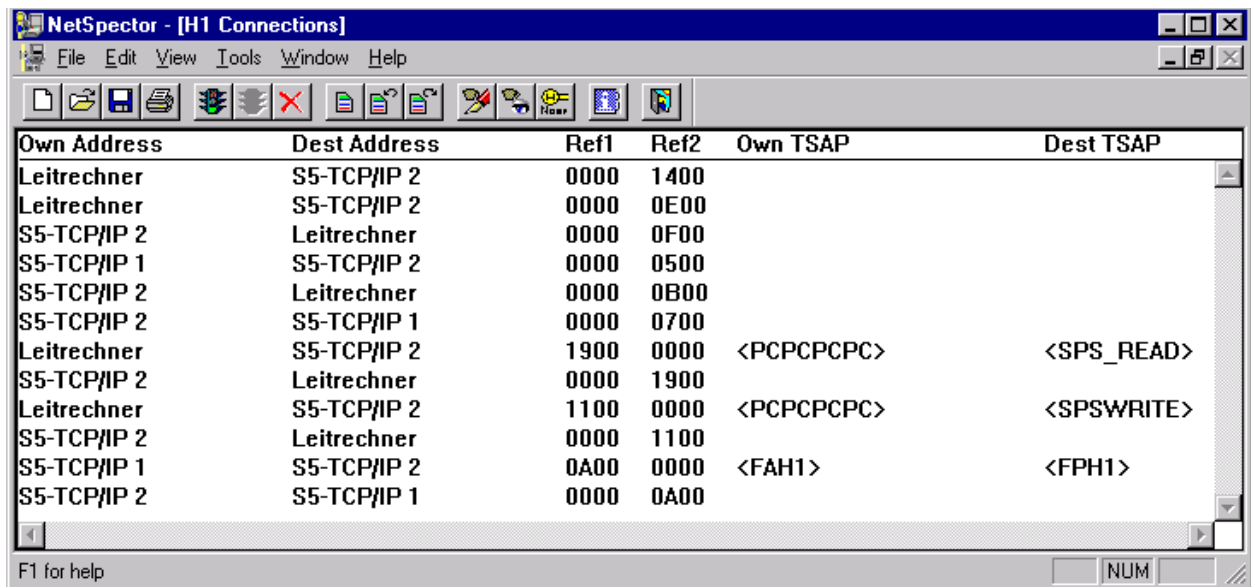
CR	Connection Request	see 91
CC	Connection Confirm	see 98
DR	Disconnect Request	see 101
DC	Disconnect Confirm	see 104
Acknowledges	Acknowledges are receipts.	see 109
Data	Data Frames	see 105
Ex Data	Expedited Data	see 107
Error	Error Frames	see 115
Error Response	Confirmation of Error Frames	see 84
RJ	Reject	siehe 113

### Options - SINEC AP data in the "frame detail" window

When this option is selected, the Siemens AP (i.e., Application Protocol) header of the H1 frames is indicated decoded.

### Connection filter

The individual H1 connections between the stations are shown in the "H1 Connections" window.



The screenshot shows the 'NetSpector - [H1 Connections]' window with a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Tools, Window, Help) and a toolbar. The main area contains a table with the following data:

Own Address	Dest Address	Ref1	Ref2	Own TSAP	Dest TSAP
Leitrechner	S5-TCP/IP 2	0000	1400		
Leitrechner	S5-TCP/IP 2	0000	0E00		
S5-TCP/IP 2	Leitrechner	0000	0F00		
S5-TCP/IP 1	S5-TCP/IP 2	0000	0500		
S5-TCP/IP 2	Leitrechner	0000	0B00		
S5-TCP/IP 2	S5-TCP/IP 1	0000	0700		
Leitrechner	S5-TCP/IP 2	1900	0000	<PCPCPCPC>	<SPS_READ>
S5-TCP/IP 2	Leitrechner	0000	1900		
Leitrechner	S5-TCP/IP 2	1100	0000	<PCPCPCPC>	<SPSWRITE>
S5-TCP/IP 2	Leitrechner	0000	1100		
S5-TCP/IP 1	S5-TCP/IP 2	0A00	0000	<FAH1>	<FPH1>
S5-TCP/IP 2	S5-TCP/IP 1	0000	0A00		

At the bottom of the window, there is a status bar with 'F1 for help' on the left and a 'NUM' button on the right.

Fig. 20: H1 connections

Entries can be selected similar to the station list. The "H1 Display Filter" dialog in the "Connection Filter" area can then be used to specify whether only the specified connections are to be indicated or whether all connections except those specified are to be indicated or whether the markings in the window are to be disregarded.

### 3.8.7 TCP/IP Settings

The dialog box "TCP/IP settings" and the window "Frame detail " are available for more detailed analysis of data communication between two Ethernet stations communicating via the TCP/IP protocol.

Activating the button "IP Header", "TCP Header" or "UDP Header", the corresponding Header display in the "Frame Detail" window is suppressed. The suppression becomes active when a new frame is displayed in the "Frame Detail" window.

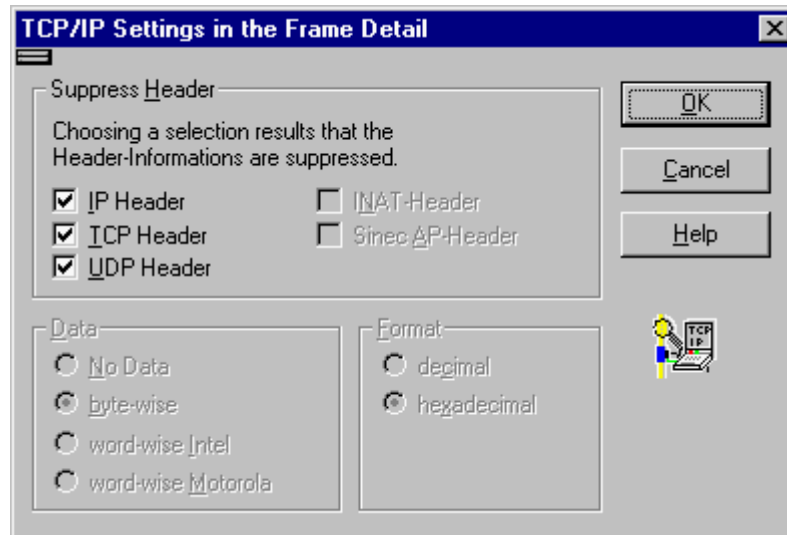


Fig. 21: Suppression of Header information TCP/IP settings in the Frame detail

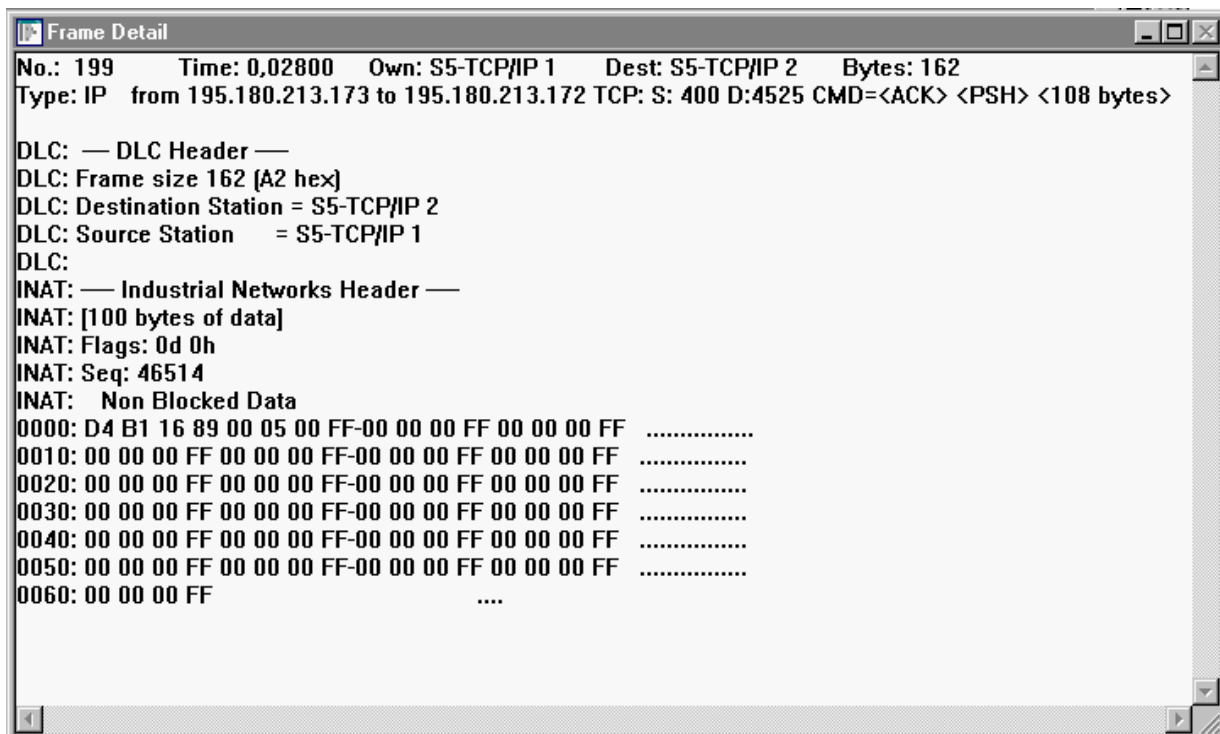


Fig. 22: Suppression of Header information TCP/IP settings in the Frame detail

In the "Frame Detail" window of Figure 21 the TCP and UDP Header information is suppressed for a more detailed analysis of the INAT Header.



### 3.8.8 TCP/IP Display Filter

The dialog box "TCP/IP Display Filter" controls the display of the TCP/IP frames of the window "Frame List".

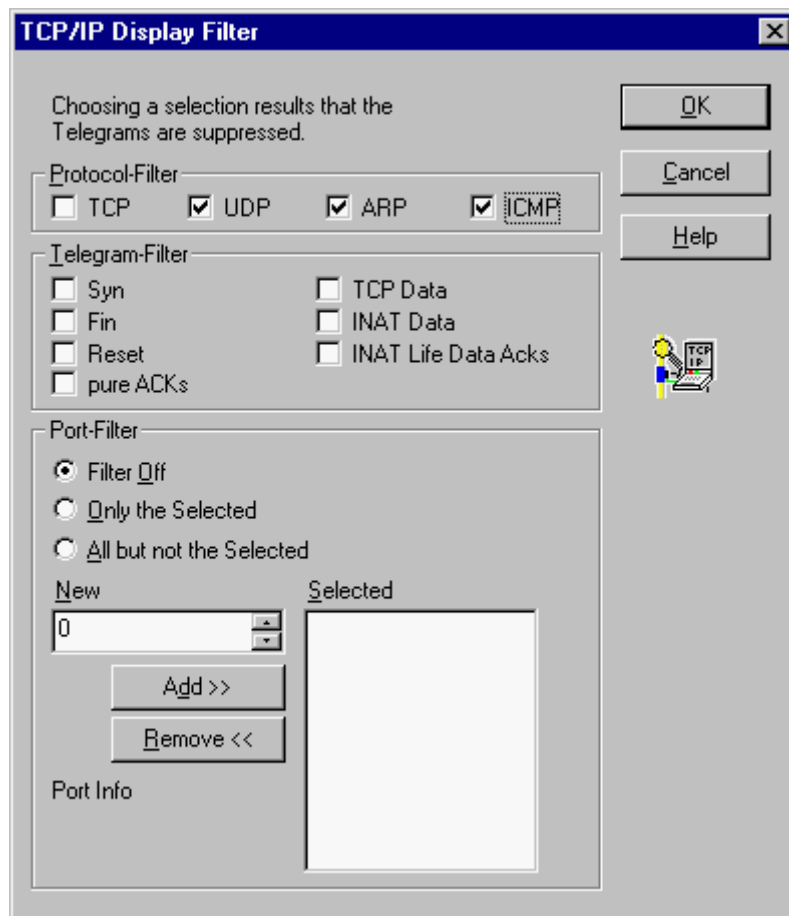


Fig. 23: Suppression of TCP/IP frames "Frame List"

#### Protocol Filter

Activating the button "TCP", "UDP", "ARP" or "ICMP", the corresponding frame is **not** displayed in the "Frame List" window.

#### Telegram Filter

You are also able to suppress special kinds of the Protocol. Activating the buttons "Syn", "Fin", "Reset", "pure Acks" and "TCP data", "INAT data" and "INAT Life data Acks" the corresponding frames are suppressed in the a "Frame List".

#### Port Filter

TCP/IP communication between two Ethernet stations may take place via several ports.

You have three choices.

- ❑ " Only the Selected"  
You specify all ports which you want displayed in the "Frame List".
- ❑ " All but not the Selected "  
You specify all ports whose frames you do not want displayed in the "Frame List".
- ❑ "Filters off"  
The default setting is "Filters Off". The frame traffic of all ports is displayed.

### 3.8.9 Printing

The menu item "Print" in the "File" menu can be used to access the following dialog.

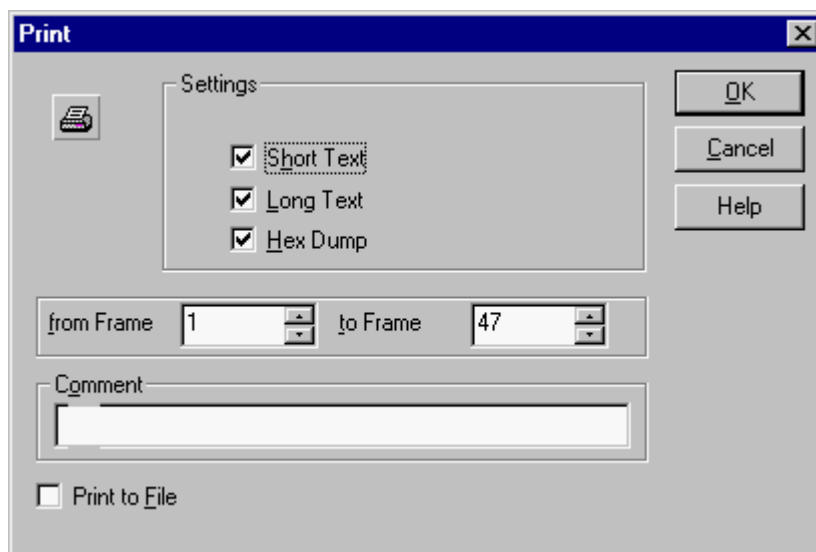


Fig. 24: Printing

**Attention:** After printing the "Creation of the Frame List" should be repeated!

Complete captures or only parts thereof can be printed for logging purposes or for a more detailed analysis. Only the frames of the stations are printed which are selected in the "Station List". The set "Display Filter" and the options of the individual protocol DLLs apply here.

Various combinations can be selected.

If "Short Text" is selected, the entries are printed as a list. The information is available from the "Frame List" window. The printer should be set to condensed type since the printout has approximately 130 columns.

If the short text printout is not sufficient, "Long Text" and/or "Hex Dump" can also be printed. "Long Text" is a detailed description from the protocol display. Just how detailed this is depends on the settings of the appropriate protocol DLLs.

Before the printout, the NetSpector.DRA file is sent to the printer. This permits the printer to be initialized with a certain printing sequence. After the printout, the NetSpector.DRE file is sent to

the printer. This permits the printer to be reset with a certain printing sequence. Both files should be located in the same directory as "NETSPECTOR.EXE".

"Print to File" sends the output to a file. At the start of the printout, the file selection box is shown where the drive, the path and file name can be specified. If this option is not used, output is made to the standard system printer (i.e., "prn").

### 3.9 Tool Bar

The most important functions can be triggered from the tool bar.

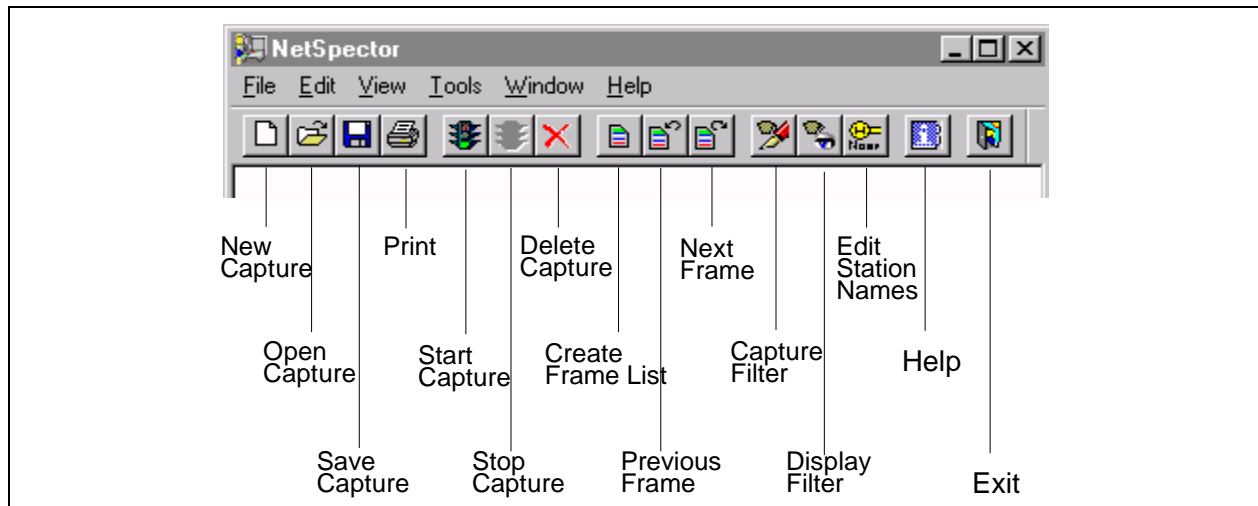


Fig. 25: NetSpector tool bar

### 3.10 Keyboard Assignment

The INAT NetSpector can be used with both the mouse and the keyboard. Use of the INAT NetSpector requires a basic knowledge of window-oriented user interfaces.

NetSpector uses the following keys.

Key	Function
F1	Help
F3	Create frame list
F4	Delete capture
F6	Start capture
F7	Stop capture
Tab key	Switch to next window  When a dialog window is involved, the input marker jumps to the next dialog element.
Shift+Tab key	Switches to the previous window  When a dialog window is involved, the input marker jumps to the previous dialog element.
Alt + PgUp	Jumps to the previous frame
Alt + PgDn	Jumps to the next frame
Space bar	Selects or deselects an option
Return key	Same as the OK button
ESC key	Same as the Cancel button
Alt+F4	Exits the program

## 4 Description of the ISO Communication Protocols

### 4.1 The Protocols of Layer 1

The electrical, physical and procedural parameters and aids for a physical connection are specified in layer 1. Layer 1 is not concerned with how bits are grouped into larger units or what these units mean. In case of errors, only the failure of the medium can usually be determined (e.g., no signal, plug not connected, line interrupted or short circuited, and so on). Layer 1 is the only layer without addressing. The following parameters are conceivable.

#### Transmission medium

- Coaxial cable
- Twisted pair
- Optical fiber
- Carrier frequency medium

#### Encoding

- NRZ (non return to zero)
- Manchester
- Parallel data (IEC bus)

#### Connection technique

- Plug connectors
- Connections

#### Data transmission speed

- Bit/sec
- Byte/sec

#### Signal level

- Current
- Voltage
- Rise and fall time of the signal
- Input and output impedance

#### Access procedures

- Token
- Polling
- CSMA/CD

Layer-1 errors can be best located and corrected with the following devices.

- Level meters and reflector meters
- Carrier frequency measuring instruments
- Optical fiber measuring instruments
- Oscilloscopes
- Logic analyzers

In contrast, the INAT NetSpector serves no useful purpose until decoded data bits are available for evaluation. These bits are provided with a clock pulse which indicates that the bit queued on the data line is valid. Eight bits are combined into one octet. These octets are the smallest units for decoding the higher protocol layers (i.e., also for the INAT NetSpector).

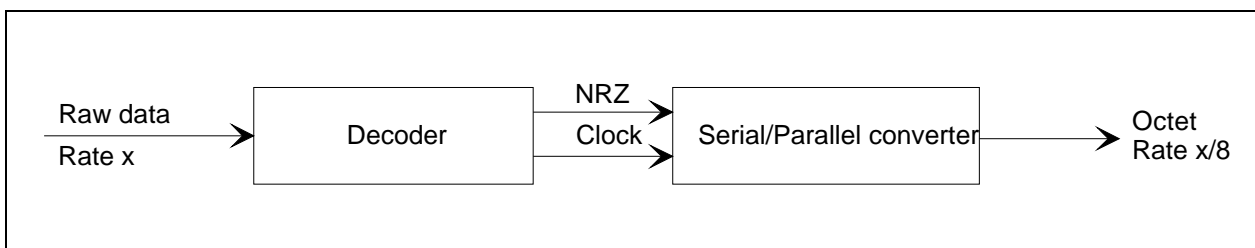


Fig. 26: Principal data conditioning for the INAT NetSpector

## 4.2 The Protocols of Layer 2

### 4.2.1 General

Layer 2 converts an unreliable transmission channel into a reliable one. It converts a stream of raw data bits into a packet to which a security checksum is added. The packet is not sent to a higher layer unless this checksum is correct. This layer is often referred to as the DLC layer (i.e., Data Link Control layer). It ensures a reliable connection between network connections. It offers both datagram services and connection-oriented services. Where datagram services are concerned, the data of the higher layers are usually combined into several packets and transmitted from sender to receiver without further flow monitoring by layer 2. Monitoring and arrangement of the packets are left to the higher layers. Where connection-oriented services are concerned, a virtual connection between both communication partners is established and then the data which have been combined into packets are transferred with layer-2 flow monitoring (i.e., layer 2 ensures that all packets transmitted from sender to receiver arrive in error-free condition, and are sent to the next higher layer in the correct order).

Layer 2 is made up of two sublayers (i.e., layer 2a and layer 2b). Layer 2a provides the physical connection and is responsible for code security. Layer 2b provides the logical link to the next higher layer. Layer 2a is also called the MAC layer (i.e., media access) while layer 2b is also referred to as LLC (i.e., logical link).

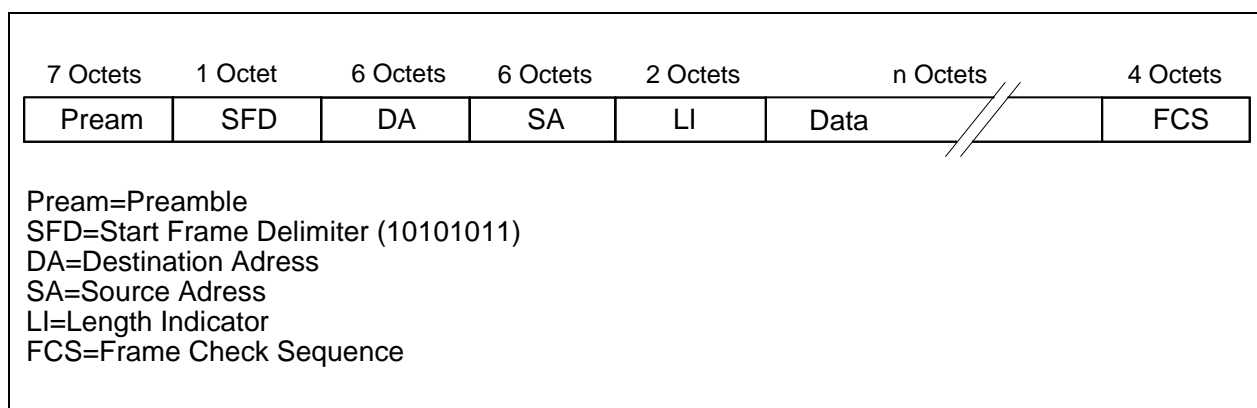


Fig. 27: Layout of an 802.3 packet, elements of the MAC layer

### 4.2.2 The MAC Layer

The physical connection (i.e., which computer communicates with which computer) is determined by SA and DA. As the figure shows, the destination address (i.e., the address of the station for which the packet is intended) is always sent first. Since only one station can send at a time, all other stations monitor this destination address and compare it with their own address. When the addresses match, the packet is accepted and transferred to the higher layers for processing. Various standards (e.g., Ethernet or XNS) also permit broadcast and group addresses as destination addresses. If this is true, several stations are addressed simultaneously by one station.

The four-octet checksum is sent at the end of the packet. During sending, the sending station uses a certain algorithm to calculate the data for the checksum from the data stream, and append these data to the data stream. During receiving, the receiving station also uses the same algorithm to calculate the checksum. If, at the end of a packet, both checksums are identical, there is a very high probability that the packet has arrived at the receiving station without errors. An error does not cause a direct reaction of layer 2a in the direction of the sending station. A request for repetition would be conceivable.

Layer 2 also supplies the receiver with information on the physical length of the user data in octets. As already mentioned, the CSMA/CD protocol requires that the packets have a certain minimum length calculated from the signal run time and the maximum network length. However, the actual user data may be as short as desired. The unused remainder is filled with padding bits which contain no relevant information. The length indicator is used to distinguish between user information and the padding bits. When protocols which are not based on IEEE 802.3 are involved, these two octets must be interpreted as the type field (i.e., they provide no information on the actual length of the user data).

The elements of layer 2 provides answers to the following questions.

- Where is the packet going?
- From where is the packet coming?
- Was the packet distorted during its transmission?
- How much information does the packet contain?

Before we move on to a discussion of the higher layers, we will briefly explain some basic principles and definitions.

A layer executes certain services. It has an interface to the next higher layer and to the next lower layer. Individual services can be performed by the layer 2 without the aid of higher layers. The individual services are accessed by SAPs (i.e., Service Access Points). SAPs are special software addresses. Each unit of data which passes through a certain layer is provided with specific data from this layer, thus becoming a PDU (i.e., Protocol Data Unit) of this layer.

For example, the PDU of layer 2a is the total packet. The PDU of layer 2b is the packet of layer 2a minus the preamble of the SFD, the two addresses, the length indicator and the FCS sequence.



### 4.2.3 The LLC Layer

The LLC layer handles the transmission of a packet between two stations without switching nodes in-between.

Two classes are defined.

Class I	Only services of type 1
Class II	Services of type 1 and type 2

#### Type 1

Type 1 defines a service without a connection or confirmation (i.e., all data are passed through from layer 3 to layer 2a without being checked by the sender and from layer 2a to layer 3 (i.e., datagrams) without being checked by the receiver.

#### Type 2

Type 2 defines a service which establishes a logical connection, transmits data over it, and then disconnects this link again. In addition, it monitors the flow. The elements of this type are a subset of the HDLC protocol for WAN. There are two differences. First, only ABM (i.e., Asynchronous Balanced Mode) is permitted. Second, multiplex mode (i.e., the simultaneous use of several virtual connections) is made possible by using different SAPs. Although type-1 procedures are permitted, they should not be used.

Only type-1 LLC connections have been used for the CSMA/CD protocols used up to now. The DIN suggestion for standardization (i.e., DIN 41103) for local networks states that stations must be able to answer XID or test packets although they do not have to be able to create them. MAP and TOP only support type-1 LLCs. In the IBM token ring concept, type-2 LLCs are also used (DIN 41108).

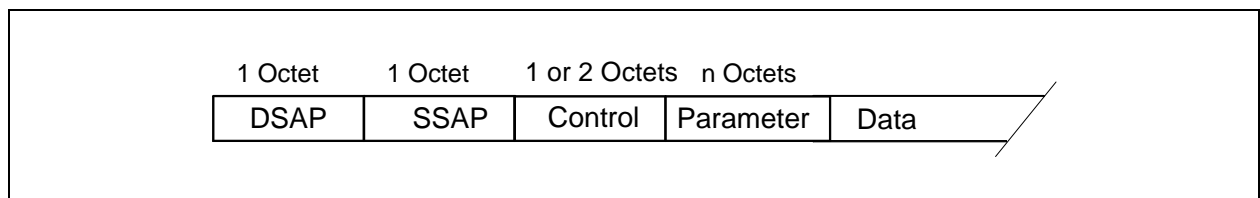


Fig. 28: Layout of the LLC layer

### 4.2.3.1 Presentation of the Individual Bits

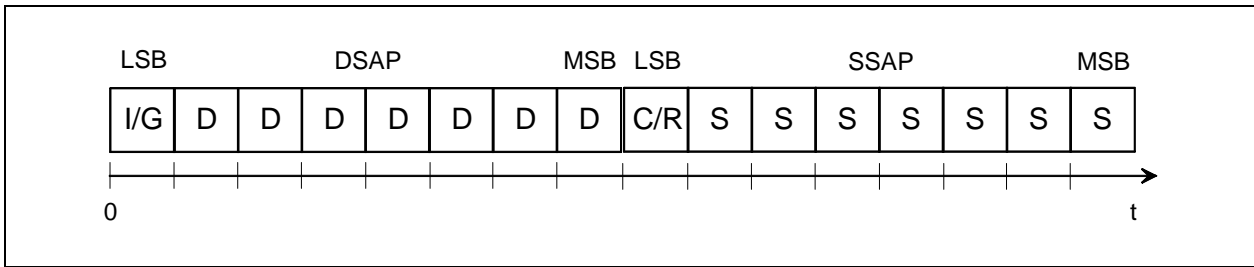


Fig. 29: Addresses of the LLC layer given in octets

#### Explanation

When octets are not shown in individual boxes, they are shown as bytes, words and so on. Their significance is inverted and adapted to the mathematical formulation for hex, binary or decimal numbers. In this type of formulation, the LSB (i.e., Least Significant Bit) is located to the far right. The octet representation shown above indicates the sequence in which the data appear on the network. This type of representation conforms to explanations used in the standards. The bit to the far left is not sent until time  $t=0$ .

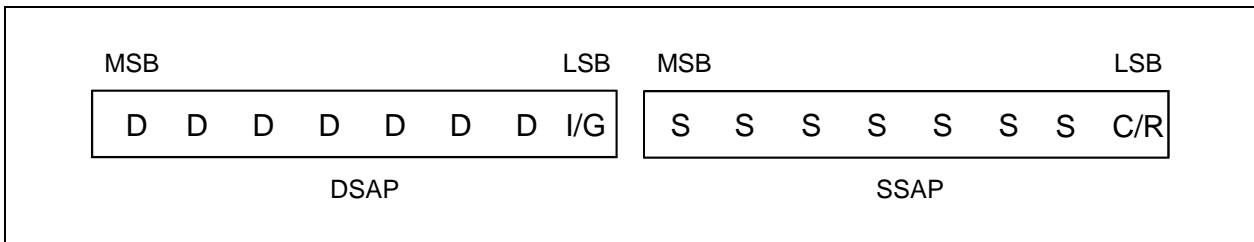


Fig. 30: Addresses of the LLC layer in bytes

The meaning of the individual bits is shown below.

**In DSAP:**

- I/G = 0 Individual DSAP
- I/G = 1 Group DSAP

**In SSAP:**

- C/R = 0 Command
- C/R = 1 Response

- SAP = xxxxxx0x Individual addresses
- SAP = xxxxxx1x Reserved for 802 definitions

- SAP = 11111111 = 'FF'h Global SAP
- SAP = 0000001x SAP for layer management
- SAP = 0000000x Zero address, only connection to the MAC layer, no connection to higher layers

The following example shows how SAPs are used.

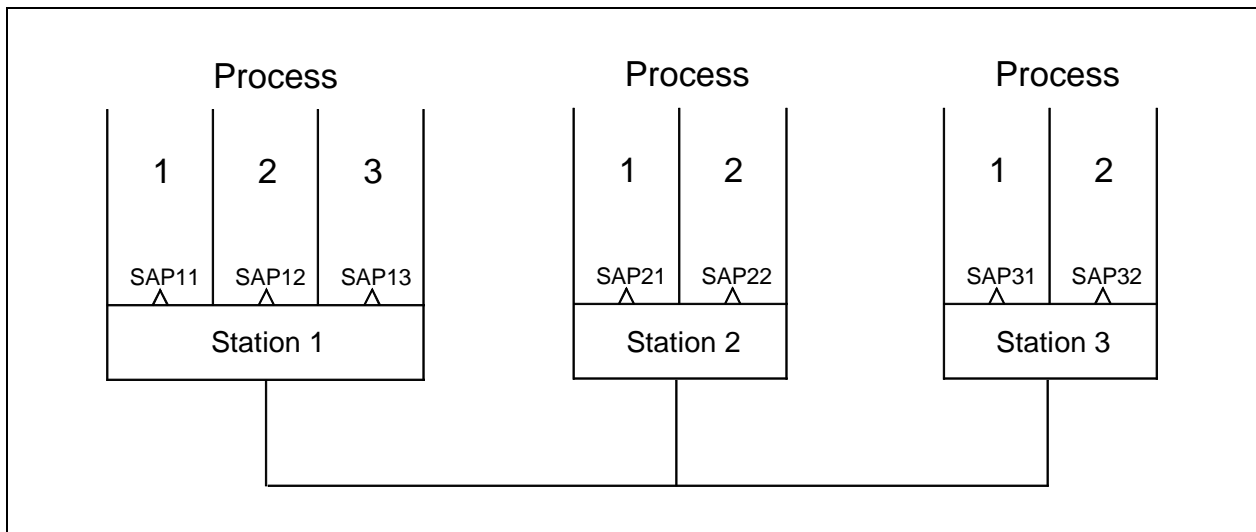


Fig. 31: SAPs in various stations

For example, process 1 on station 1 can communicate via SAP 11 with process 2 on station 3 via SAP 32. Process 2 on station 1 can communicate via SAP 12 with process 2 on station 3 via SAP 31, and so on. Although the same physical stations are involved, the two services are logically completely separate from each other. Thus, one physical connection can theoretically handle up to 128 logical connections. SAPs are logical addresses. Multiplexing in this case means that a connection is established in the LLC layer between station 1 and station 3, for example, and SAP 11 communicates with SAP 31 at the same time as SAP 12 communicates with SAP 32.

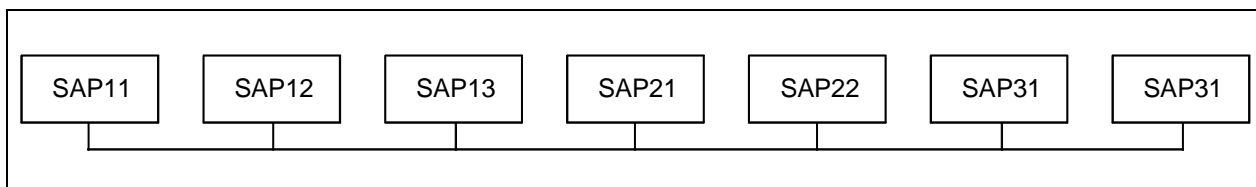


Fig. 32: Equivalent of the arrangement shown above

This example also applies to higher-layer SAPs. A communication connection itself must no longer have anything to do with the physical connection.

### 4.2.3.2 The Control Field in Type-1 PDUs

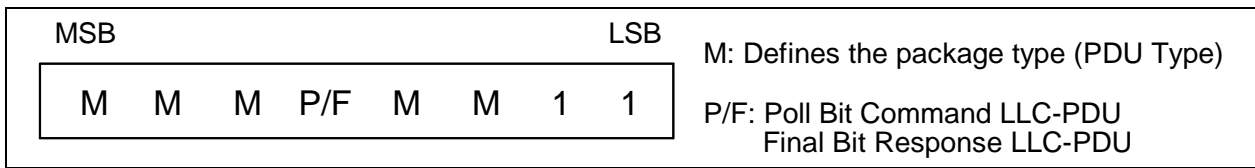


Fig. 33: General presentation of the control field

### The control field of the U-format PDU

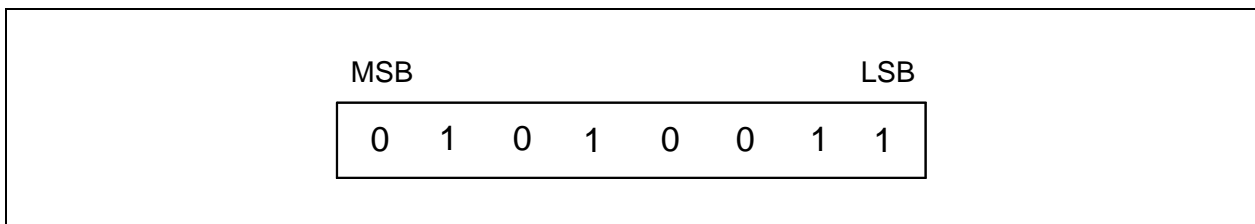


Fig. 34: The UI control field

UI stands for Unnumbered Information. Data bytes always follow. This PDU is used for the data transfer. The P/F bit should always be zero. If not, this must be interpreted as a protocol error. The C/R bit in SSAP must always be 1. The LLC layer does not check to determine whether all UIs which were sent have actually been received. This is handled by the higher layers. Full-duplex operation (i.e., user data can be exchanged simultaneously in both directions) can always be used.

### The control field of the type-1 XID-TPDU

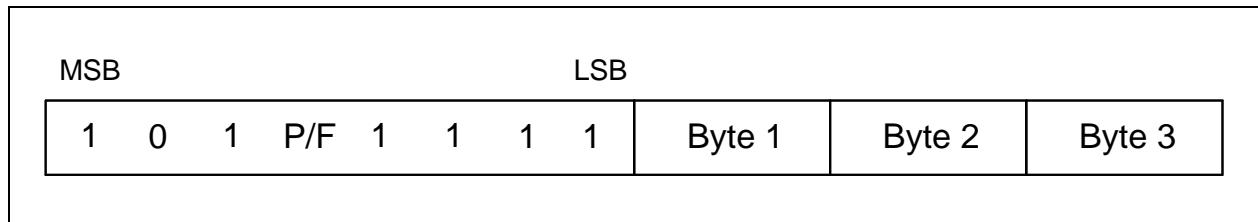


Fig. 35: The XID control field

The XID command (i.e., exchange identification) is optional. The response XID is mandatory. The P/F bit can be disregarded for type-1 connections. It can be 1 or 0 in the command. The F bit of the response must always have the value of the received P bit. If the command contains P=1, the response must contain F=1. If P=0, then F=0. The P/F bit has more uses in type-2 connections. See appropriate reference.

After the XID byte, three additional bytes follow. These bytes provide more details on the type of data communication. In the command, the sending station specifies which type it supports. The response contains the specifications of the receiving station. The XID command can be used for an echo test (XID + Broadcast + zero address), for a group determination (XID + group address), for a test to determine whether the network contains double addresses, and to poll the supported type. The XID command has more uses in type-2 connections. See appropriate reference.

### The control field of the test PDU

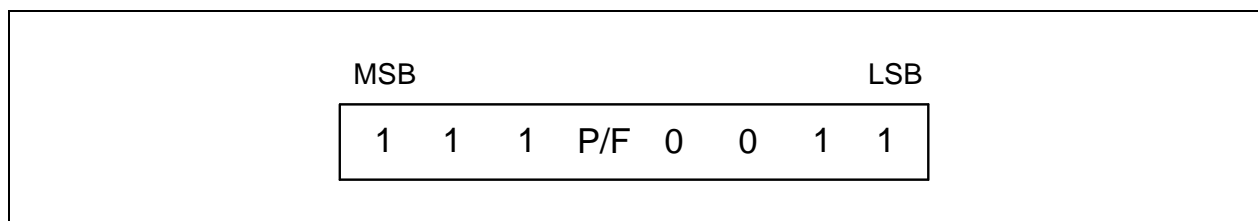


Fig. 36: The test control field

This command is used to implement a loop-back test from LLC to LLC. All data in this test packet must be sent back unchanged by the receiving station (i.e., the test packet is imaged and sent as an echo to the station which sent the command). Since this portion has no effect on the higher layers, it can be used to check the correct physical connection of a station to the network.

### 4.2.3.3 The Control Field in Type-2 PDUs

A mode corresponding to the extended mode of the HDLC is used (i.e., the sequence numbers have a length of seven bits). I-format PDUs are used for the data transmission. S-format PDUs are used for maintenance of the connection and the security of the data transmission. U-format PDUs are used to establish and disconnect the connection. With type 2, connections between two LLCs can be established with U-format PDUs, and the data stream can be monitored via sequence numbers and error repair mechanisms (i.e., requests for repetition). Full-duplex operation (i.e., two connected stations can send and receive at the same time) can be used for an established connection. The powerful functions which do not become available until layer 4 of the ISO reference model are already available in layer 2.

#### The control field of the I-format PDU

The I-format PDU is used for data transmission. "I" stands for Information. This control field must be followed by data bytes.

N(R) and N(S) are cyclic numbers (i.e., when 127 is reached, counting starts again at zero).

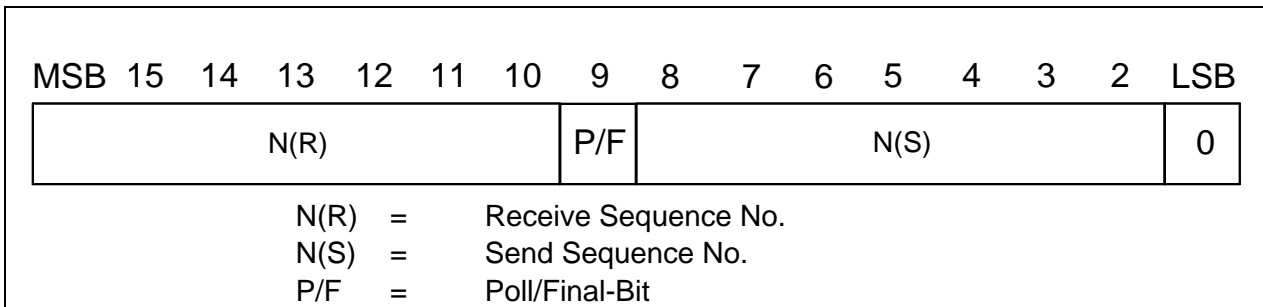


Fig. 37: I-format PDU

#### The control field of the S-format PDU

The S-format PDU is used to control data communication.

#### The control field of the RR-PDU

Data bytes are not permitted in this PDU. It is used to confirm received I-format PDUs. N(R) specifies which sequence number the receiver expects next. All packets up to N(R)-1 are confirmed.

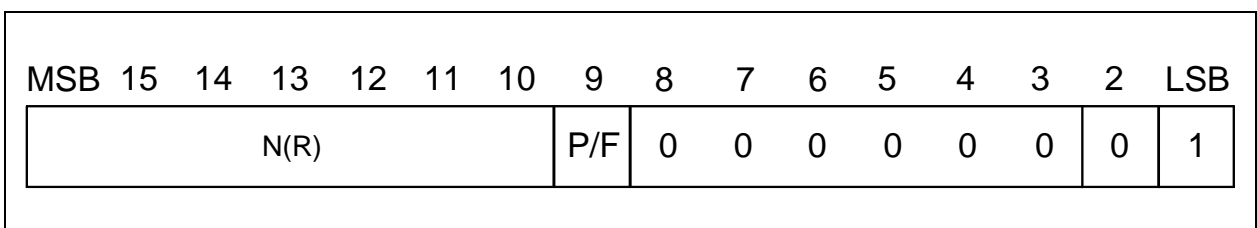


Fig. 38: RR control field

### The control field of REJ-PDU

Data bytes are not permitted in this PDU. This PDU is used to request I-PDUs be sent again starting at  $N(R)$ . The PDUs up to  $N(R)-1$  are confirmed. If these PDUs occur frequently, the transmission path is probably malfunctioning.

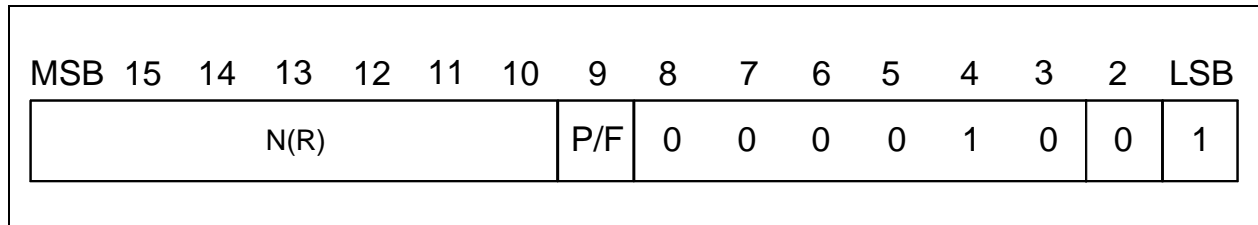


Fig. 39: REJ control field

### The control field of the RNR-PDU

Data bytes are not permitted in this PDU. It is used to indicate a temporary interruption of the information transfer on the receiver side. All packets up to  $N(R)-1$  are confirmed.

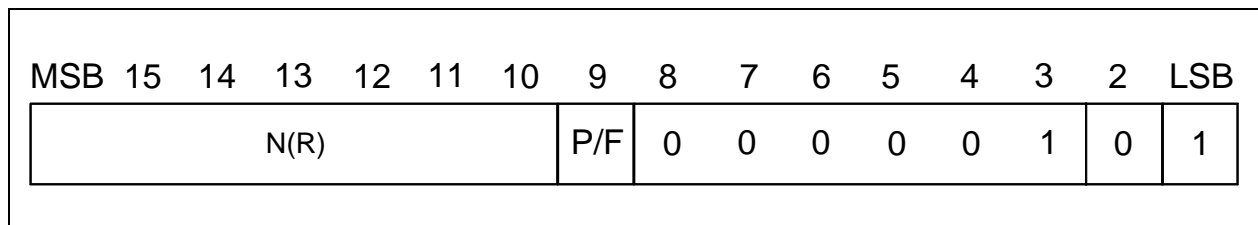


Fig. 40: RNR control field

### The control field of the U-format PDU

The following PDUs have been defined in addition to the UI, XID and TEST PDUs of type 1.

- SABME-PDU
- DISC-PDU
- UA-PDU

Type-1 PDUs should not be used in type-2 operation. U-format PDUs are used to implement the establishment and disconnection of a communication connection.

### The control field of the SABME-PDU

SABME stands for "Set Asynchronous Balanced Mode Extended." This PDU is used to initialize establishment of a connection. A UA or a DM-PDU is expected in response. The poll bit must always be set. Balanced mode means that two LLCs are establishing a connection and each LLC is responsible itself for the organization of its data stream and correction of errors. Extended means that  $N(R)$  and  $N(S)$  may not be larger than 127.

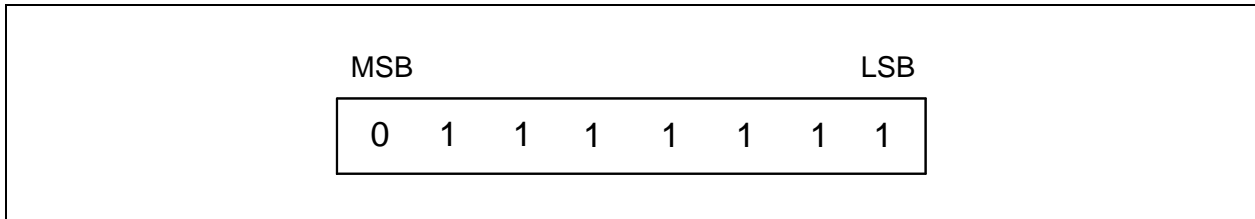


Fig. 41: SABME control field

### The control field of the DISC-PDU

DISC stands for disconnect. This PDU is used to implement the disconnection of a connection. A UA or DM-PDU is expected in response. The poll bit must always be set.

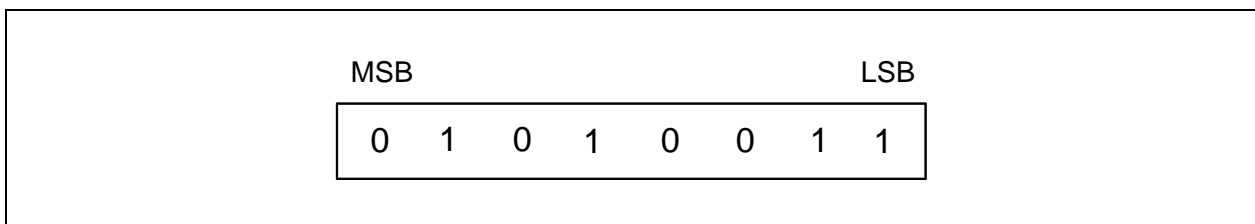


Fig. 42: The DISC control field

### The control field of the UA-PDU

UA stands for "unnumbered acknowledge." This PDU is used to confirm SABME and DISC-PDUs. The F bit should always be set.

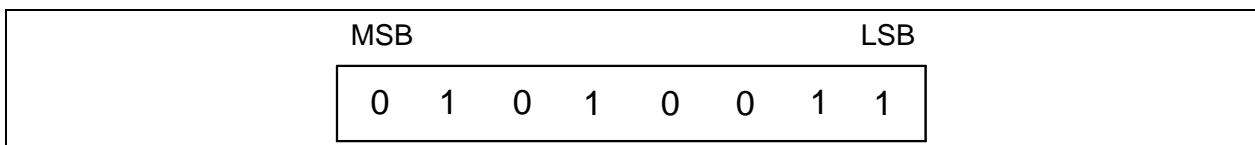


Fig. 43: The UA control field



### The control field of the DM-PDU

DM stands for "disconnect mode." This PDU indicates that the addressed LLC is not ready to receive data at the moment. The F bit should always be set.

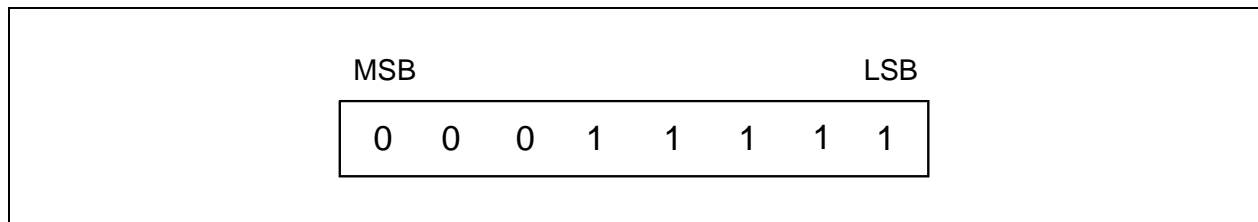


Fig. 44: The DM control field

### The control field of the FRMR-PDU

FRMR stands for "frame reject response." This PDU is used by an LLC when errors which cannot be remedied by resending must be corrected. The possible results are listed below.

- Receipt of an invalid or unexpected PDU
- Receipt of an I-PDU whose information field is too long
- Receipt of an invalid, implausible N(R)
- Receipt of an invalid, implausible N(S)

Bytes 1 to 5 are required for additional information. For details, see the description in the standard.

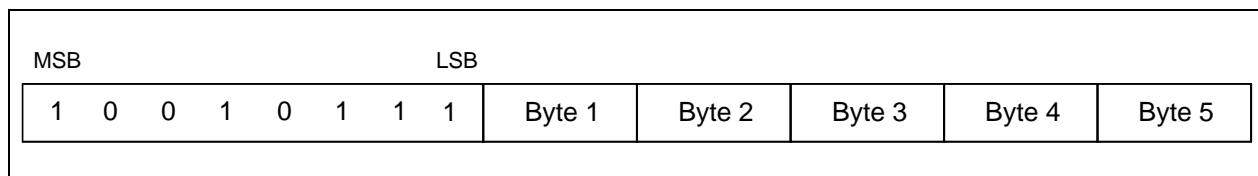


Fig. 45: The FRMR control field

## The control field of the typ-2 XID-PDU

The XID information field contains three pieces of information.

- Byte 1: '81'h format identification: IEEE basic format
- Byte 2, bits 0 to 4: 00001 Class I-LLC  
00011 Class II-LLC
- Byte 3, bits 1 to 7 Receiver's window size. Specifies how many packets can be sent without having to wait for a higher N(R).  
 $N(R) + W = V(S)_{\max}$  with  $V(S)$  = Sending count variable

See also the next example.

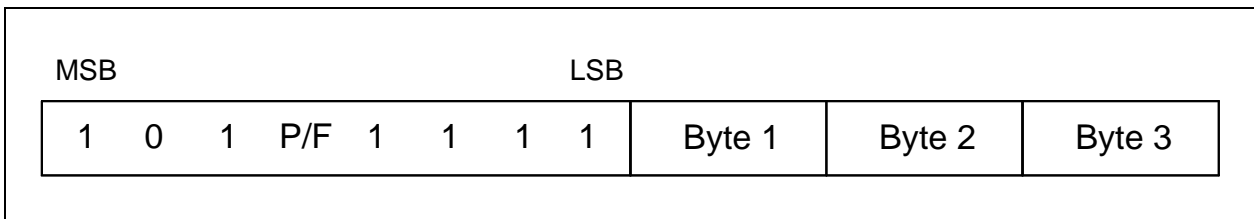


Fig. 46: The XID information field

### Example 1: $N(R) = 25, w = 50, V(S) = 72$

The last acknowledgment is available for the packet with the sending count variable 25 (i.e.,  $N(R) = 25$ ). Since the size of the window is 50, 50 additional packets can still be sent without acknowledgment. When the sending count variable  $V(S)$  reaches 75, the sending LLC must wait for an acknowledgment (i.e., 3 packets can still be sent). It is obvious that a large window should be used when transmission paths are secure since many packets can be sent with a minimum of time spent on acknowledgment. However, if, for example, an error occurs in the 26th packet, all packets sent after that (i.e., in our example 47 packets) must be sent again. This requires additional sending time.

### Example 2: Sending I-format PDUs with acknowledgment

LLC1	LLC2
Send to	LLC2, I, $N(S) = 0, P=0, N(R) = 0$
Send to	LLC2, I, $N(S) = 1, P=0, N(R) = 0$
Send to	LLC2, I, $N(S) = 2, P=0, N(R) = 0$
Send to	LLC2, I, $N(S) = 3, P=1, N(R) = 0$
Send to	LLC1, RR, $F = 1, N(R) = 4$
Send to	LLC2, I, $N(S) = 4, P=0, N(R) = 4$
Send to	LLC2, I, $N(S) = 5, P=1, N(R) = 4$
Send to	LLC1, RR, $F = 1, N(R) = 6$

and so on

P = poll bit, F = final bit, I = I-format, RR = Receive Ready, N = sequential numbers

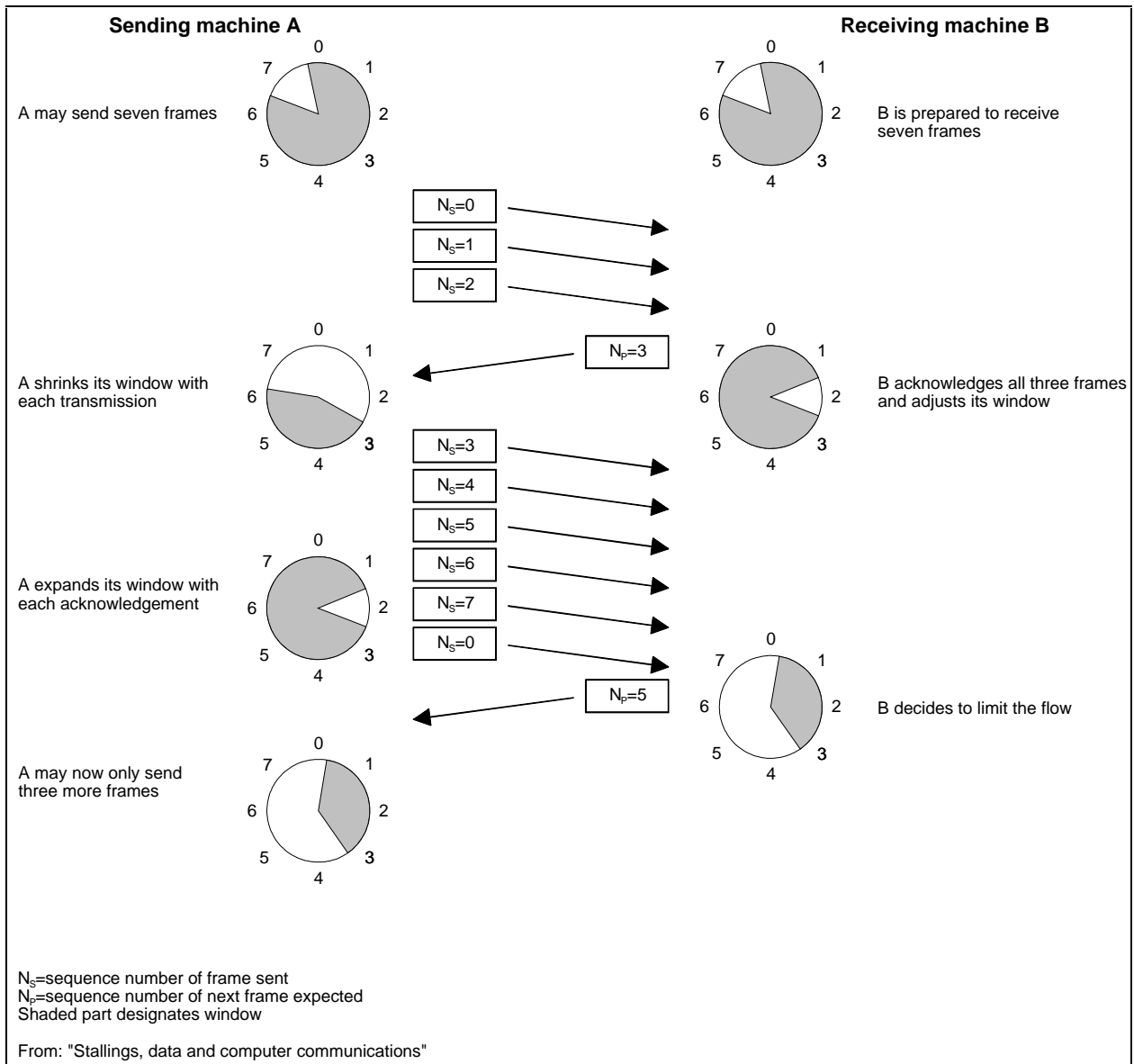


Fig. 47: Sending I-format PDUs with acknowledgment

## 4.3 The Protocols of Layer 3

### 4.3.1 General

Layer 3 (i.e., the network layer) provides optimal data transport within a network which itself can be made up of many subnetworks.

Layer 3 offers the following services.

- Routing
- Error detection
- Segmenting (i.e., dividing a large packet into many small ones)
- Reassembling (i.e., putting the large packet back together)
- Sorting of packets which got out of order during transmission

The simple presentation below shows three subnetworks which are connected via gateways. Think, for example, of the three office networks of a national bank with one network in Hamburg, one in Berlin and one in Cologne.

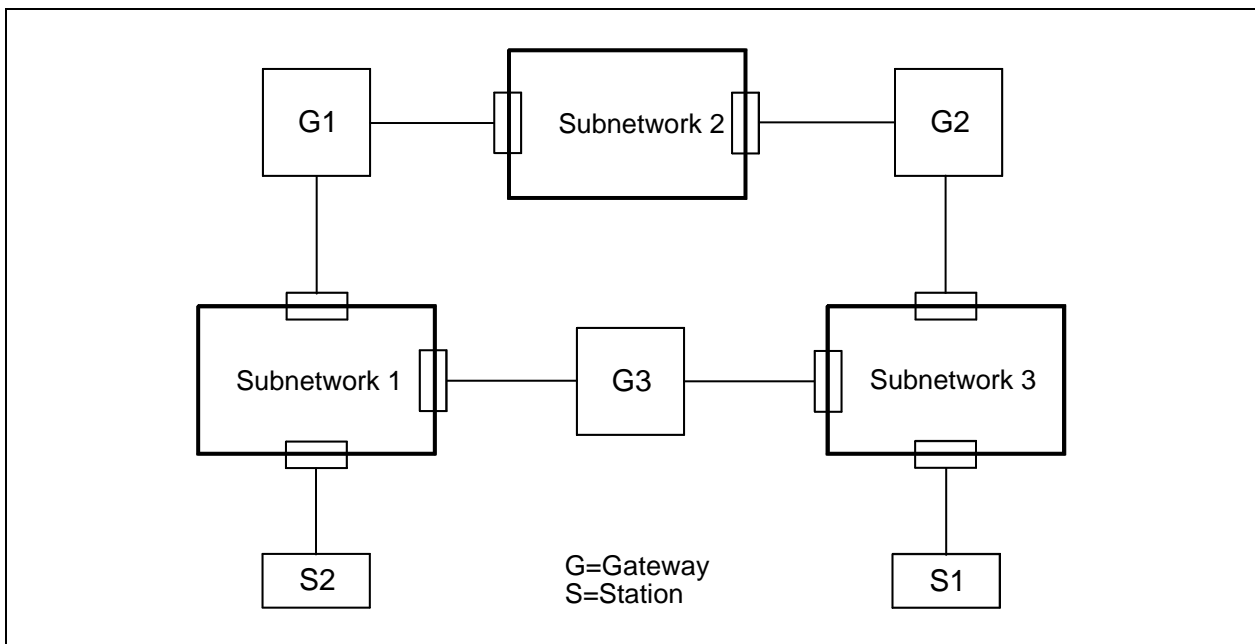


Fig. 48: Typical arrangement of several subnetworks in one total network

When station 1 wants to send data to station 2, there are two possible paths.

- Path 1: From network 3 via G3 to network 1 and station 2
- Path 2: From network 3 via G2 over network 2 via G1 to network 1 and station 2

Either station 1 decides on the path itself by specifying the path (i.e., source routing), or the gateways connected to subnetwork 3 determine the optimal (based on time, cost or security) path using so-called routing tables.

The ISO standard for layer 3 is ISO 8473.

Since this standard assumes that each station within the total network has a unique address, 48-bit addresses are used (i.e., one network can contain more than  $10^{14}$  stations).

Source routing is not provided.

### 4.3.2 Notes on the Connection of Local Networks

The "store and forward" principle is used for all network transitions (i.e., data elements which are to leave the LAN are completely stored on the interface before being forwarded). The meaning of "data element" varies from transition to transition. A repeater implements the "store and forward" principle at the bit level, while a bridge or gateway or router implements this principle at the packet level. These three transition components will now be explained.

#### 4.3.2.1 The Repeater

The repeater is the simplest way to connect LAN subnetworks. It functions at a purely physical level. It implements the "store and forward" principle at the bit level (i.e., each bit which arrives is forwarded one to one in both directions). Repeaters are used when a LAN area is too large or when a LAN must be segmented because there are a very large number of stations.

Since the repeater performs purely physical routing, the connected LANs must also precisely adhere to the physical specifications, particularly concerning the run time conditions of CSMA/CD networks. The total signal run time from one end of the total network to the other may not exceed one half of one slot time.

It is obvious that layer 3 does not have to be used for LANs equipped with repeaters.

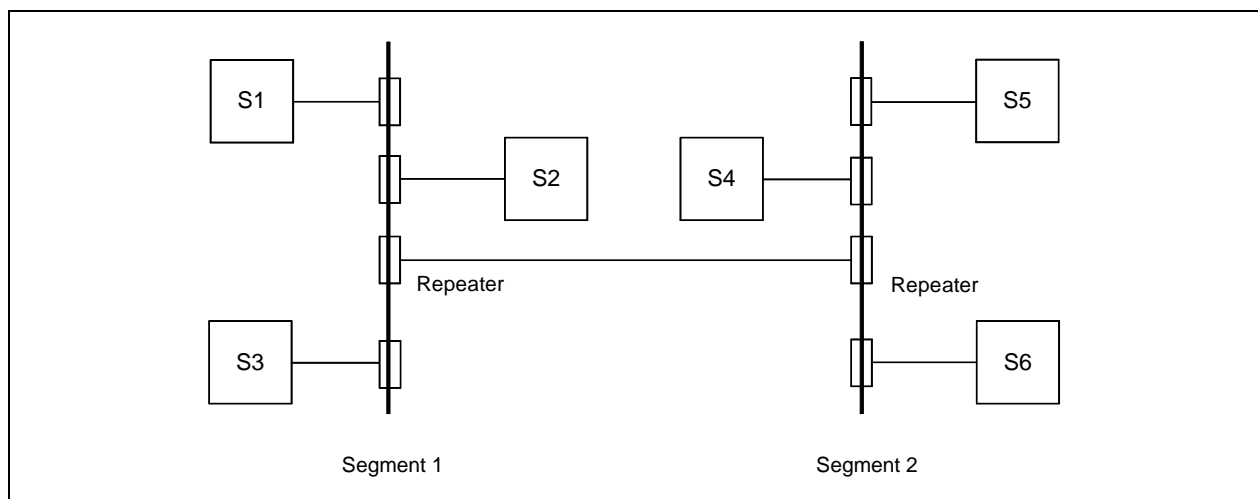


Fig. 49: Connection of two LAN segments with repeaters

### 4.3.2.2 The Bridge

A bridge is a connection element for homogenous networks. It implements the "store and forward" principle at the packet level. The maximum length of the packets must be identical on both networks to be connected. A bridge must be able to intermediately store at least one maximum-length packet. It can convert various MAC protocols (e.g., IEEE 802.3 to IEEE 802.4). Acting as a filter when forwarding packets, the bridge only forwards those packets whose destination address is not located in the source network.

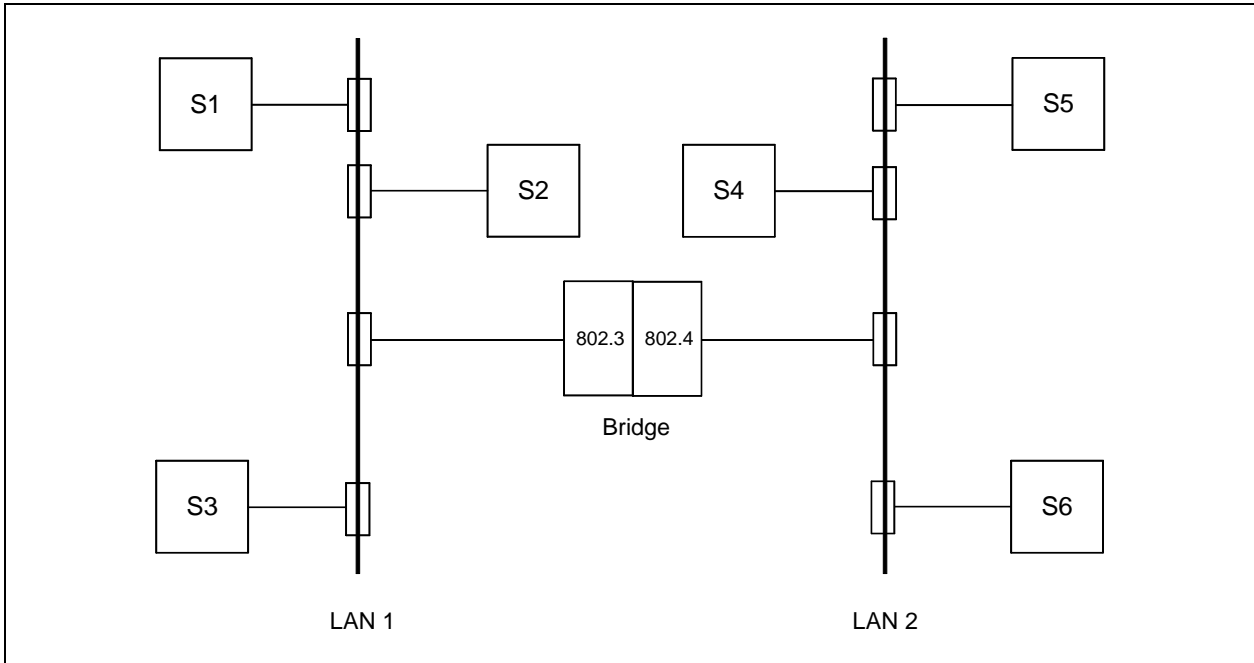


Fig. 50: Connection of two LANs with bridges

Bridges are often used in backbone networks. A backbone network consists of several subnetworks which handle the main communication and one common network which connects all subnetworks together. Bridges are used to connect the subnetworks with the common network. The rule that all station addresses must be unique also applies here.

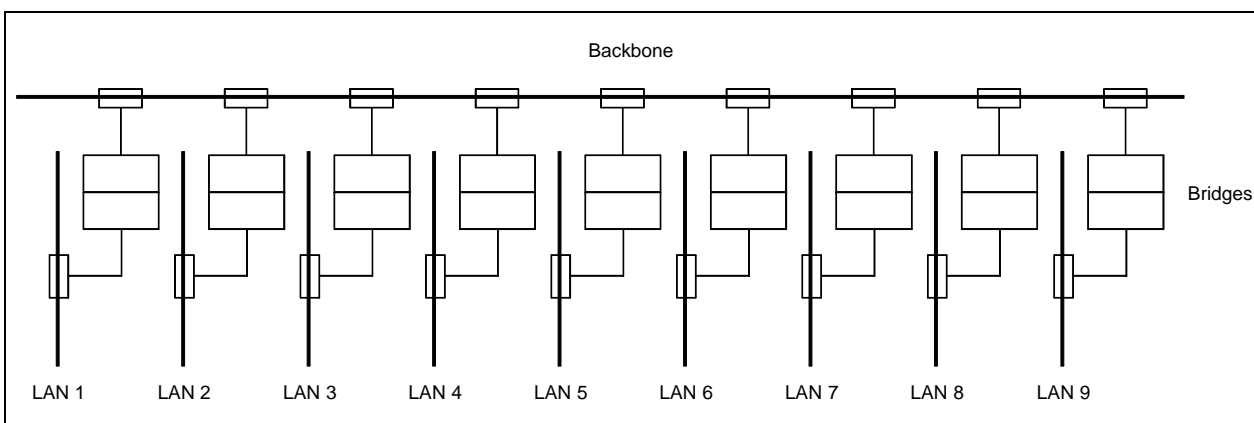


Fig. 51: The backbone network

Layer 3 also does not have to be used for LANs connected with bridges. For source routing, layer 3 is filled with routing information but this information does not meet the criteria of ISO standard 8473 (see below). There are three basic types in use today.

#### **4.3.2.3 The Intelligent Bridge**

By monitoring communication on both LANs, the bridge learns all addresses on both LANs and automatically sets up a station list (i.e., in Fig. 50, stations S1, S2, S3 on LAN1 and S4, S5, S6 on LAN2). When S1 sends to S2, the bridge does not activate since it "knows" that communication is restricted to LAN 1. However, when S1 sends to S5, the bridge intermediately stores the packet and, after a frame check, forwards the packet to S5. The bridge itself does not have a frame address. This procedure makes it obvious that a bridge will not be able to handle the total data throughput of an 802.3 network (i.e., theoretically 1.25 Mbyte/sec).

#### **4.3.2.4 The Programmed Bridge**

The programmed bridge functions exactly like the intelligent bridge except that it does not automatically set up a station list. Instead, the network administrator tells the programmed bridge the addresses to be used.

#### 4.3.2.5 The Bridge with Source Routing

This procedure is a simple implementation of a layer-3 protocol. The sending station tells the bridge the route which the packet is to travel. The bridge then converts the routing information to an address of its network and sends the packet to that address.

ISO does not use the principle of source routing since it has several disadvantages. For example, when routing involves WAN networks, segmentation must be possible. A fixed route does not permit detouring to other routes if the requested route has malfunctioned (e.g., a bridge failure or overload is causing a malfunction). This procedure is used for the IBM token ring since many small local subnetworks are to be connected via bridges. The rule that all addresses must be unique also applies here.

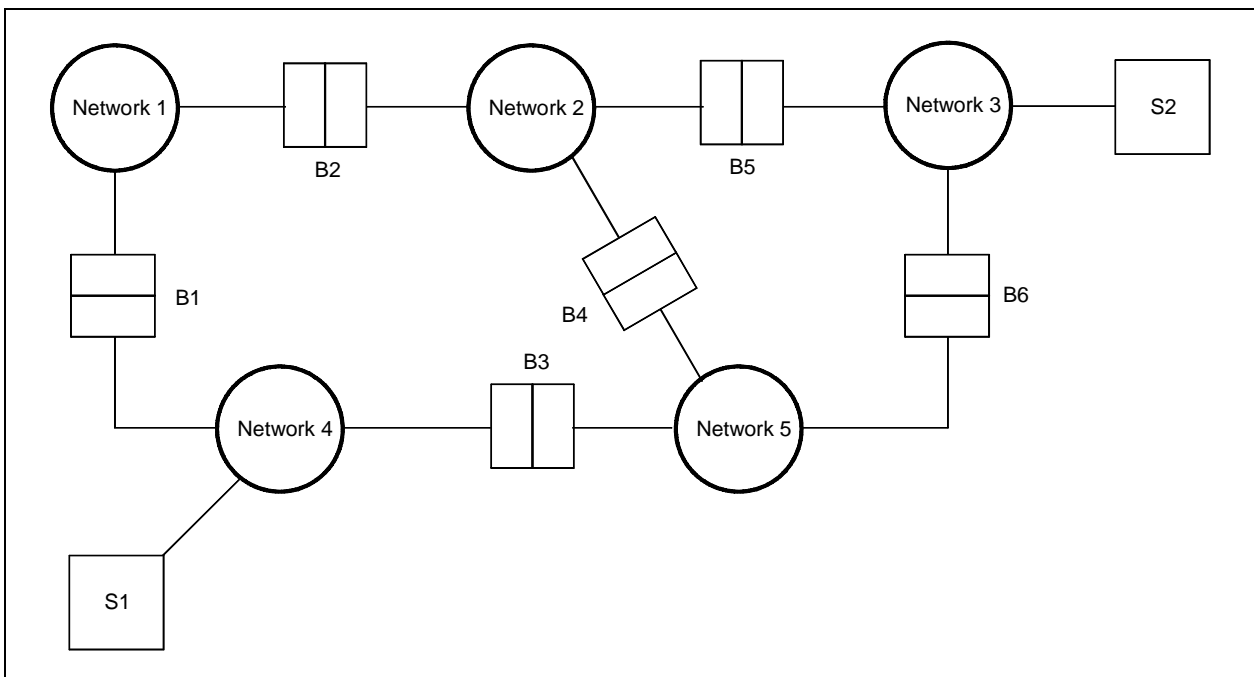


Fig. 52: Sample network for source routing

#### 4.3.2.6 Source Routing Explained by Fig. 52

Station 1 (S1) wants to send station 2 (S2) a packet. The specified route is S1, B3, B4, B5, S2. The route could just as well have been S1, B1, B2, B4, B6, S2. How the route is determined is explained below.

##### 1st step:

S1 sends a packet in network 4 (destination address: S2; source address: S1; routing information: B3, B4, B5); final destination address: S2). B3 and B1 recognize that this address is located outside network 4. Based on the routing information, B3 recognizes that it must forward the packet.

##### 2nd step:

B3 accepts the packet and forwards it to network 5 (destination address: S2; source address: S1; routing information: B3, B4, B5).



**3rd step:**

B4 accepts the packet and forwards it to network 2 (destination address: S2; source address: S1, routing information: B3, B4, B5).

**4th step:**

B5 accepts the packet and forwards it to network 3 (destination address: S2; source address: S1, routing information: B3, B4, B5). The packet has reached S2. If S2 sends a packet in return, the same route is used in reverse.

S2 sends a packet in network 3 (destination address: B5; source address: S2, routing information: B5, B4, B3; final destination address: S1; and so on). The routing information represents layer 3 of communication between stations S1 and S2 and enables the packet to be transmitted.

One more question remains. How does S2 get the routing information?

There are two ways.

Either the routing information is permanently specified by the network manager or the following procedure is used.

**1st step:**

S1 sends a broadcast (destination address: broadcast; source address: S1; routing information; final destination address: S2).

**2nd step:**

B1 and B3 receive the packet and check to determine whether the final destination address is located on their other side (i.e., network 1 or network 5).

**3rd step:**

Since this is not the case, they forward the packet as a broadcast packet and add their own address to the routing information. B3 then sends (destination address: broadcast; source address: S1; routing information: B3; final destination address: S2). B1 sends also (destination address: broadcast; source address: S1; routing information: B1; final destination address).

**4th to nth step:**

This is how several packets finally reach S2 over many paths and with many different pieces of routing information.

**(n+1)th step:**

S2 selects a route and sends a packet to S1 via this route. This specifies the route. In the future, source routing will certainly be used more frequently for distributed LANs since it is very easy to implement and takes full advantage of a bridge. Following this discussion of source routing, we will now introduce you to the most complex link between several subnetworks - the gateway or the router.

### 4.3.2.7 The Gateway

The gateway is a protocol converter. It permits data from one LAN (e.g., via an X.25 network) to be forwarded to another LAN. Since gateways have their own network addresses, stations send packets to them.

A gateway handles routing automatically using address tables which tell it where the destination address is located. The criteria (e.g., time, cost-optimized and so on) to be used by the gateway when selecting the route can be specified. The gateway adapts the format to the requirements of the particular network. For example, a CSMA/CD network uses a maximum packet length of 1500 bytes, while an X.25 network works with 128-byte packets. The gateway must segment the 1500-byte packet into 12 X.25 packets and reassemble the packet on the other side. In addition, the gateway can inform the sending stations of any errors.

In summary, the services of layer 3 (ISO 8473) are usually only required for gateways. Gateways which only perform protocol conversions up to layer 3 are often called routers while gateways are generally thought of as protocol converters up to layer 7.

### 4.3.3 The Network Layer in Accordance with ISO 8473

A PDU (i.e., Protocol Data Unit) of layer 3 consists of two parts (i.e., the header portion and the data portion). The header portion contains all layer-3 information. ISO 8473 provides for connectionless datagram communication (i.e., each packet contains all information required for it to be sent from the sender to the receiver). No virtual connection is established; no response acknowledgment of correct receipt is made; and, naturally, the flow is not monitored. Use of ISO 8473 is only recommended when used together with the ISO 8073 transport protocol which provides the auxiliary services mentioned above. The LLC layer must be type-1 IEEE 802.2.

All data of the header portion are assembled by the sending station. Segmentation is not performed by the sending station since this is done by the gateway, if necessary. Reassembly is performed by the receiving station. The gateway reads the routing from the address portion of the PDU.

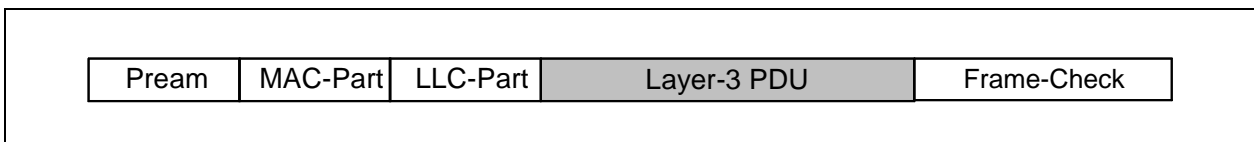


Fig. 53: Location of the layer-3 PDU complete packet

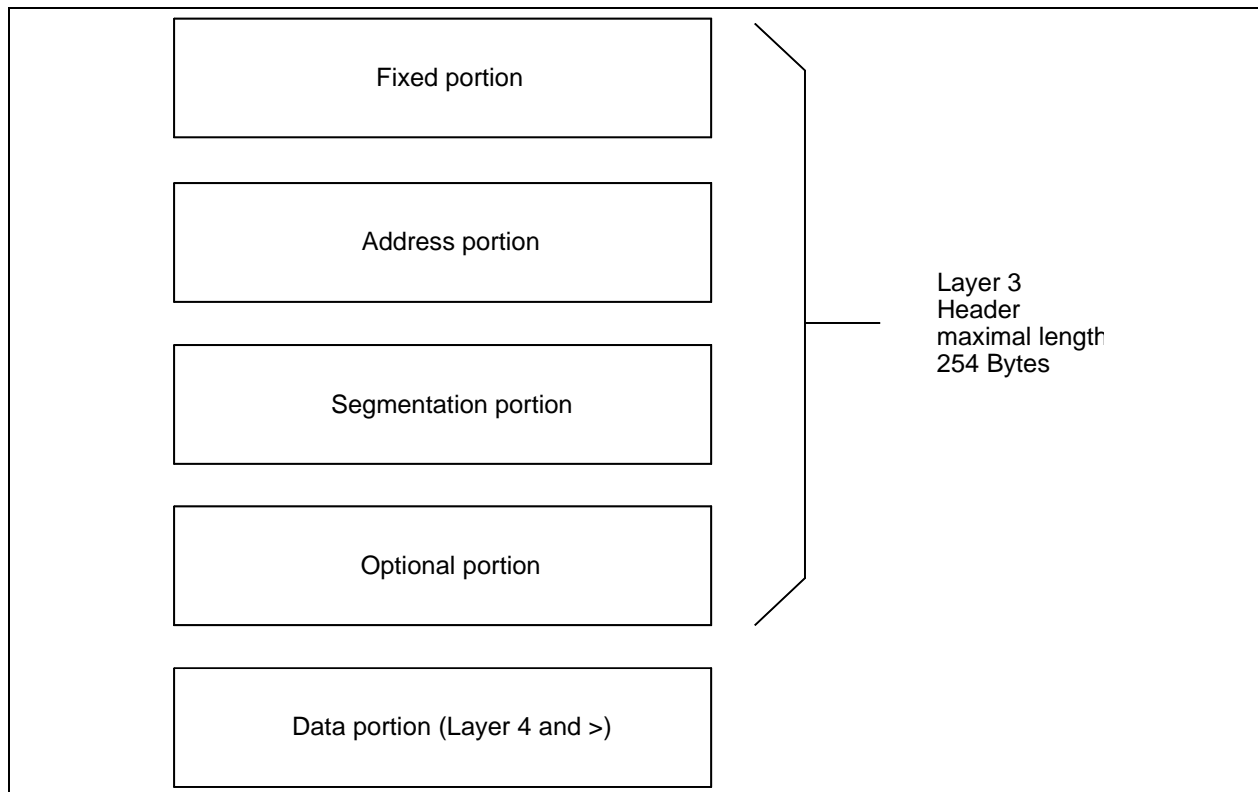
**A layer-3 PDU has the following layout.**

Fig. 54: The layer-3 PDU

The fixed portion contains information on whether layer 3 exists, the length of the PDU header, the ISO 8473 version supported, the length of time the PDU has been on the network, and the length of the packet. The checksum provides additional protection of the entire header against distortion. This checksum is also located in the free portion of the PDU.

The address portion contains the station address of the source and destination station. Throughout the entire network, each station should have a unique address.

After segmentation by the gateway, the segmentation portion handles the correct designation of the individual segments so that these can be reassembled correctly by the receiving station.

The optional portion permits the use of various services (e.g., certain transmission security procedures, recording of the route, priorities, error transmittal and so on).

The individual parameters will now be explained in more detail. The nomenclature of the data monitor of the INAT NetSpector will be used for the short designations.

### 4.3.3.1 Fixed Portion

The fixed portion consists of nine bytes.

#### 1st byte

Short designation: NLPI (network layer protocol identifier)

At this time, this byte can only assume two values.

NLPI = '81'h: The PDU is designed in accordance with ISO 8473.

NLPI = '00'h The network layer is empty. The packet remains in the source LAN. Routing is not supported. No layer-3 information follows.

#### 2nd byte

Short designation: Li\_3 (length indicator\_3)

The length of the layer-3 header is indicated including NLPI and Li\_3. If a packet is transmitted in segments, this length may not be change in the individual segments (i.e., the header must always contain the same information in the individual segments). Since this length indicator has a length of only one byte, the maximum length is 254 bytes. The 255-byte length is reserved for future expansions.

#### 3rd byte

Short designation: Net\_version (version/protocol identifier extension)

At this time, this byte can only assume one value.

Net\_version = '01'h: Version 1 of the ISO 8473 protocol

#### 4th byte

Designation: Lifetime

When no fixed routing from the source station to the destination station has been selected, segments or even whole datagrams may be caught in endless loops due to routing errors or run times.

This wastes network resources unnecessarily. In addition, the transport layer above can only function reliably when the time during which a packet is present in the network is finite since flow monitoring assumes that only a limited number of packets of a transport connection can be present at one time on the network since the sequential numbers are repeated cyclically.

To prevent packets from being caught in the network in endless loops, each PDU is provided with the maximum permissible presence (in 500-msec units) when sent. Each gateway which is passed decrements this value, based on certain delays on certain paths. It is not necessary to reduce Lifetime to an exact time value since this would require a worldwide synchronous clock pulse. For example, ISO 8473 recommends using a delay of 20 msec for a transmission path. For details, see annex B of ISO 8473.

Since every gateway functions according to the "store and forward" principle combined with waiting queues, delays which affect Lifetime also occur on the gateway itself.

When a packet is segmented, all segments receive the same Lifetime. Before forwarding the packet, a gateway collects all segments and reassembles the original packet, and then transfers it to the sending waiting queue. The sender of the gateway segments the packet again. When Lifetime expires, the packet is removed from the ring. Time monitoring is also advantageous since it tells the gateway when a datagram can no longer be reassembled (e.g., due to loss of single segments). The gateway is then able to rid its receiving buffer of segments which have already arrived since arrival of the missing segments can no longer be expected.

It is obvious to the observer of network communication that when the Lifetime of the received packet is still long, this indicates high-speed data communication.

Other protocols use the hop count to monitor the Lifetime. Here, only the number of gateways passed is counted. Each gateway decrements this number. A packet is removed from the network if it does not reach its destination by the time the hop count equals 0. The advantage of buffer cleanup provided when Lifetime mode is used does not exist here. Segments of a packet which have already arrived at the gateway occupy buffer space and may not be deleted. Other internal mechanisms must be used to regulate the Lifetime of such fragments in the buffer, or segmentation must be forbidden altogether.

The Internet protocol (i.e., IP) also uses Lifetime for PDUs, while XNS and DECNET work with hop counts.

### 5th byte:

Designation: Flags or type

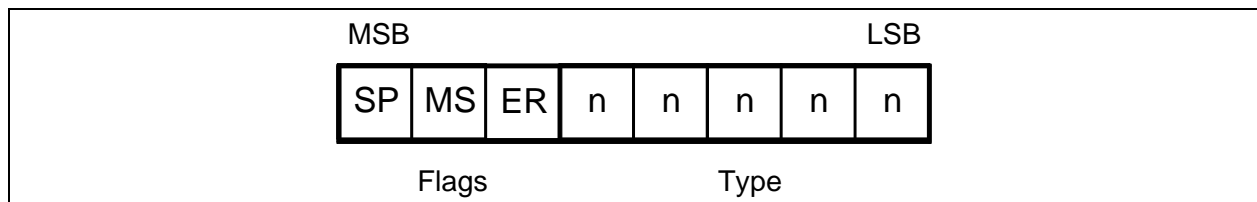


Fig. 55: Byte 5

SP: Segmentation permitted

MS: More segments

ER: Error report

Flags = 1xx Segmentation permitted

Flags = 11x More segments (i.e., this segment is not the last segment of a datagram).  
This constellation can only be used when segmentation is permitted.

Flags = xx1 Error report desired. An error report PDU must be sent to the sender when a datagram has to be rejected.

Type = 11100 = '1C'h Data-PDU

Type = 00001 = '01'h Error-PDU

### 6th and 7th bytes

Designation: segment\_length

This value contains the total length (i.e., header plus data of the segment). Byte 6 is the more significant byte, and byte 7 is the less significant byte.

### 8th and 9th bytes

Designation: net\_checksum

A checksum is generated for the entire header. A checksum of zero can be ignored. A checksum other than zero must be calculated by the receiver and compared with the checksum received. If the two checksums are not identical, the PDU must be rejected. When Lifetime changes, the checksum also changes. See annex C of ISO standard 8473 for the algorithm to be used for calculating the checksum.

### 4.3.3.2 Address Portion

The address portion consists of a number of bytes which is not fixed. A length indicator specifies how many bytes an address is to contain. The length of the address is usually six bytes as with the MAC layer since the same addresses are used and these addresses are unique throughout the entire network.

**1st byte** of the address portion or 10th byte of the header

Designation: da\_li

The destination address-length indicator specifies the length in bytes of the destination address which follows. This value is usually six.

**2nd byte** of the address portion or **11th byte** of the header up to (m-1)th byte of the address portion

Designation: net\_destination

Specification of the network destination address in accordance with ISO 8348/AD2 where a hierarchical address management is defined (see also ISO 8348/AD2). The address consists of three subgroups.

1st group: AFI = Authority and format identifier (i.e., specification of the network administrator)

2nd group: IDI = Initial domain identifier (i.e., which network is addressed)

3rd group: DSP = Domain specific part (i.e., which station is addressed)

ISO 8348 permits a maximum address length of 20 bytes.

**mth byte** of the address portion

Designation: sa\_li

The source address-length indicator specifies the length in bytes of the source address which follows. The value is usually six.

**(m+1)th byte** to nth byte of the address portion

Designation: net\_source

Rules for this address are the same as those for net\_destination.

### 4.3.3.3 Segmentation Portion

This portion directly follows the address portion. Since the address length varies, the exact byte positions cannot be specified. The segmentation portion must exist when the SP flag is set in the fixed portion. When a PDU is segmented by the network layer due to different maximum permissible packet lengths in the network, the segmentation portion ensures that the PDU will be able to be reassembled correctly by the receiver. The segmentation portion is always six bytes in length.

**1st and 2nd bytes** of the segmentation portion

Designation: unit\_id

The data unit identifier specifies the starting PDU. The segment offset in this PDU must always be zero.

**3rd and 4th bytes** of the segmentation portion

Designation: seg\_off

Segment\_offset specifies the relative position of the data portion which follows to the starting position.

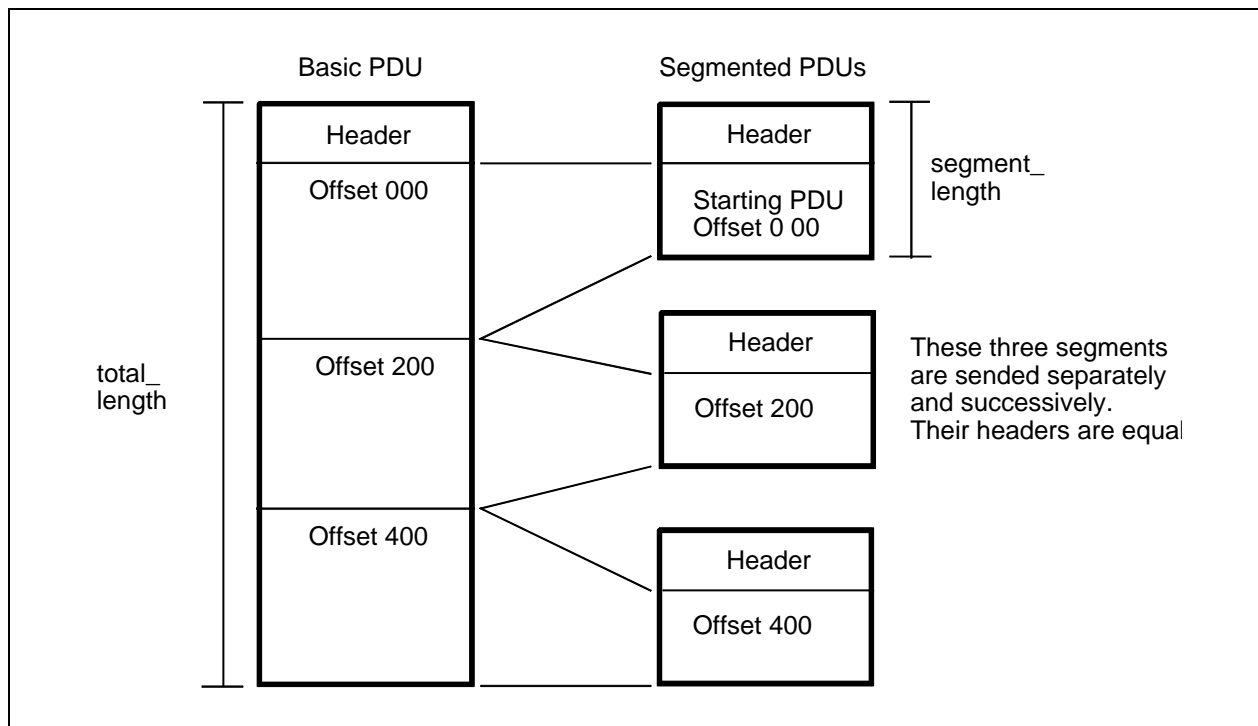


Fig. 56: Segmentation of a PDU

**5th and 6th bytes** of the segmentation portion

Designation: total\_length

In contrast to the segment\_length of the fixed portion, total\_length specifies the total length of the basic PDU. This value must be identical in all segments of the basic PDU. It includes header and data.

#### 4.3.3.4 Optional Portion

The optional parameters are transferred in this portion of the PDU. Each parameter consists of a parameter code (i.e., which parameter?), a parameter length (i.e., how long is the option?) and the parameter value (i.e., what are the contents of the parameter?). A parameter may only be present once in the PDU. Parameter codes 'FF'h and '00xxxxxx'b are not permitted. The parameter length specifies in bytes the length of the parameter without parameter code and without the parameter length itself.

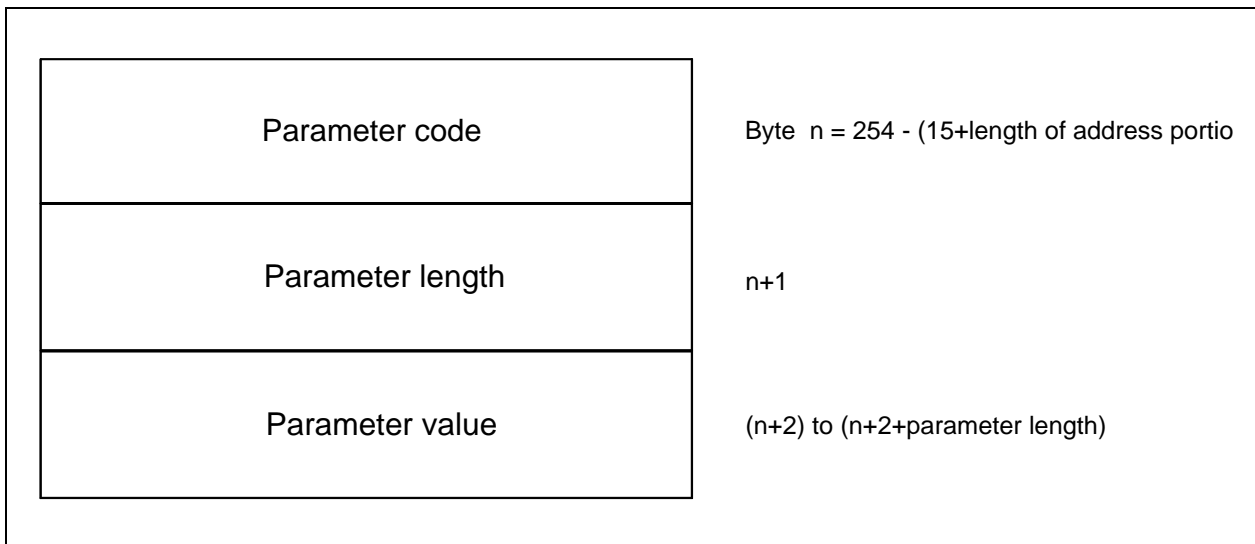


Fig. 57: Layout of the parameters

The following parameters are presently defined by ISO 8473 (i.e., only seven different 1st bytes are available).

#### 'CC'h= padding (one byte)

Designation: Net\_Opt

This parameter can be used to increase the length of the header as desired. The other bytes do not contain relevant information. The decoding software does not offer further explanation.

1.2 Parameter length: Variable (one byte)

1.3 Parameter value: A number of bytes with any content

#### 'C5'h= security (one byte)

Designation: Net\_security

This parameter requires a certain transmission security level from the transmission instances. ISO 8348 ADD.1 suggests four levels.

1. No protection
2. Protection against passive monitoring
3. Protection against modification, repetition, insertion and destruction of data
4. Items 2 and 3



ISO does not specify how the security level is to be encoded in the PDU header. It only provides the possibility and differentiates between the individual transmission instances from which the security level coded in the header stems. This prevents misinterpretations.

This "differentiation byte" is the first byte of the parameter value. Further level coding is located in the value parameter and must be known to the participating instances along the transmission path.

**Parameter length: Variable (one byte)**

**Parameter value: Only the first byte is specified.**

'00'h = Reserved  
'40'h = Source address-related  
'80'h = Destination address-related  
'C0'h = Global

"Source address-related" means that the bytes which follow represent a security level which is used in a security system. This security system is established by the facility which assigned the source address. The same applies to "destination address-related".

The global security level provides a generally known level. It is not specified by ISO 8473 and may become the topic of a future ISO standard.

**'C3'h= Quality of service (one byte)**

Designation: Qual\_of serv

Similar to the security parameter. ISO 8473 provides the possibility of individual encoding. In contrast to security, a global standard is defined. The following quality criteria are defined by ISO 8348 ADD.1.

- Transit delay
- Cost determinants
- Residual error probability

**Parameter length: Variable (one byte)**

**Parameter value: Only the first byte is specified.**

'00'h = Reserved  
'40'h = Source address-related  
'80'h = Destination address-related  
'C0'h = Global

"Source address-related" means that the bytes which follow represent a security level which is used in a security system. This security system is established by the facility which assigned the source address. The same applies to "destination address-related".

A uniform global quality service is provided here.

Parameter length: 1

Parameter value: '110abcde' B (one byte)

a = 1: Routing decisions should take precedence over the delays of transmission instances (i.e., all packets of a PDU must use the same route regardless of how long it takes).

- a = 0: Minimum delay takes precedence.
- b = 0: Is always set to zero by the sending station
- b = 1: Tells the receiving station that the PDU is experiencing congestion along the transmission path (i.e., the selected or specified route was not ideal)
- c = 1: Routing decisions should favor short transmission times over low cost.
- c = 0: Low cost takes precedence over short transmission times.
- d = 1: Routing decisions should favor low error probability over short transmission times (i.e., a good connection takes precedence over fast transmission).
- d = 0: Vice versa: Fast transmission takes precedence over a good connection.
- e = 1: Low error probability takes precedence over low cost.
- e = 0: Low cost takes precedence over low error probability.

Remember that although all options can be set by the sending station, the transmission instances do not necessarily have to fulfill them (e.g., not all gateways have several different sending methods at their disposal, and so on).

### 'CD'h= Priority (one byte)

Designation: Net\_Opt

The sending station may choose between 15 different degrees of priority. The normal priority is 0, while the highest priority is 14. Priorities are used to provide special handling of packets during the transmission instances. For example, packets can be placed at the front of the sending queue on gateways. Again, the transmission instances do not necessarily have to fulfill this option.

**Parameter length: 1**

**Parameter value: '00000000' B (normal) to '00001110' (highest priority)**

### 'C8'h= Source routing (one byte)

Designation: Source\_routing

This option can be used by the sending station to specify the route that the packet is to take. See Fig. 52.

**Parameter length: Variable (one byte)**

**Parameter value: Only two options are provided.**

1st byte: '00000000'b = Partial source routing requested

or

1st byte: '00000001'b = Total source routing requested

2nd byte: Specifies the offset of the next valid address relative to the beginning of the parameter. This byte is reset by each transmission instance.

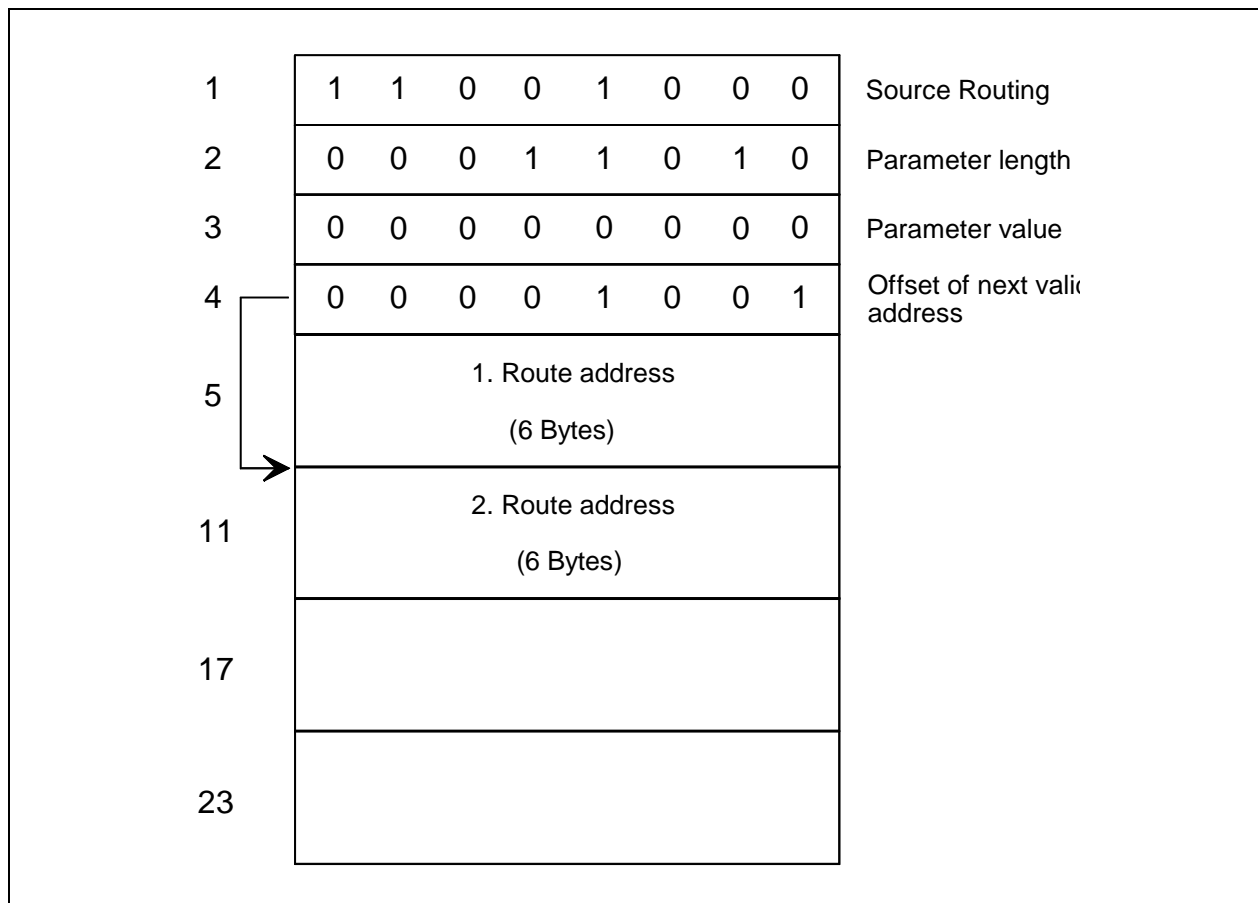


Fig. 58: Parameter setup for source routing

**'CB'h= Recording of route (one byte)**

Designation: Recording of route

This option permits the route which the packet has taken to be specified in the packet. Each gateway which is passed enters its address. When a PDU contains this parameter, all instances along the route are requested to enter their address.

**Parameter length: Variable (one byte)****Parameter value: Only two options are provided.**

1st byte: '00000000'b = Partial recording of the route

1st byte: '00000001'b = Total recording of the route

2nd byte: Pointer to the end of the list

The individual entries are arranged so that the latest entry is always located at the beginning of the list. The first byte of each address entry always contains the length of the entry.

### The "error report" PDU

This special PDU is used to determine errors which occurred along the transmission path. When an instance detects an error which must lead to rejection of the PDU, this instance sends an error report to the sender of this PDU, provided that the ER bit is set in the fixed portion of the header.

The layout of an error report PDU is shown below.

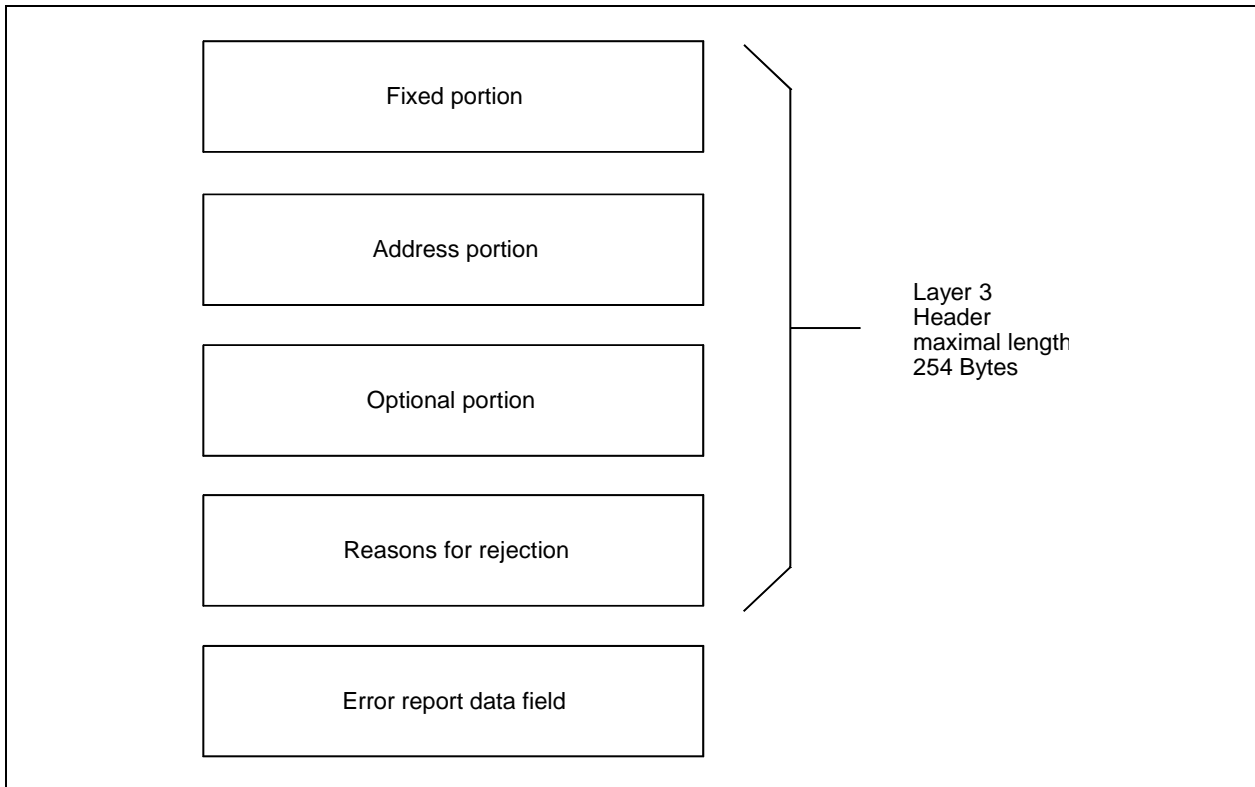


Fig. 59: The error report PDU

The 5th byte of the PDU is always:

'00100001'b

The destination address is the address of the originator of the rejected PDU. The source address is determined by the instance which set up the error report PDU.

## Reasons for rejection

'C1'h

**Parameter length: Two bytes**

### Parameter value:

The first byte contains the type of error. If the error can be associated with a certain field, the number of the first byte of this field is entered. If the error cannot be localized or if a checksum error has occurred, the value of the second byte is always zero.

The following errors have been defined.

Byte1	Byte2	Error class	Meaning
0000	0000	General	Reason, not specified
	0001		Error in Protocol Procedure
	0010		Incorrect Checksum
	0011		PDU rejected due to Traffic Jam
	0100		Header Syntax Error
	0101		Segmentation necessary, but not allowed
	0110		Received incomplete PDU
	0111		Option Duplication
1000	0000	Address	Destination Address not achievable
	0001		Destination Address not known
1001	0000	Source	Source Routing Error, not specified
	0001	Routing	Syntax Error in the Source Routing Field
	0010		Unknown Address in the Source Routing Field
	0011		Path not acceptable
1010	0000	Lifetime	End of Lifetime during Transit
	0001		End of Lifetime during Reassembling
1011	0000	PDU	Option not supported
	0001	rejected	Protocol Version not supported
	0010		Option "Security" not supported
	0011		Option "Source Routing" not supported
	0100		Option "Recording of Route" not supported
1100	0000	Reassembly	Interrupt during Reassembling

## 4.4 The Protocols of Layer 4

### 4.4.1 General

Layer 4 is the highest data communication layer and exclusively concerns transport. The user-related side of the total architecture and the transmission-related side are separated here. Since the protocols have end-to-end characters (e.g., similar to telephones), they represent the primary link guaranteeing correct data communication between users. The transport layer corrects errors, establishes and disconnects connections, and monitors correct data flow. Since each process and each application can be programmed to directly build on layer 4, it is ensured that the process will be able to work with correct data. The transport layer ensures that all data transferred by it to higher layers are complete, unduplicated and have no errors caused by the transmission path.

Generally speaking, the following service categories may conceivably be used to describe a transport service.

#### 1. Transport type

Connection-oriented or non-connection datagram service

Only the connection-oriented service is described in the ISO standard.

#### 2. Quality of the transport service

Acceptable degree of errors and data loss

Expected average and maximum delay

Expected average and minimum data throughput and high reliability to prevent repetitions at the file level since this would be particularly time-consuming

#### 3. Data transmission

The basic task of a transport service is to transmit user and monitoring data.

#### 4. User interface

The user interface to the transport service

#### 5. Connection management

The correct establishment or disconnection of a connection

#### 6. Option to transport data with special priority

Both sender and receiver must have the option of providing special handling for urgent data.

#### 7. Status report

The transport layer should be able to tell the user the status of the transport connection (e.g., amount of throughput, length of the average delay, addresses being supplied, and so on). This service is not offered by the ISO standard.

#### 8. Security

It is conceivable that the transport layer may provide security services (e.g., verification of the sender and receiver or encryption/decryption of the data). This service is not offered by the ISO standard.

The following functions are provided by layer 4 in accordance with the ISO standard.

#### Connection establishment and disconnection

Example: Communication between PC and file server

When a user issues a login command to the PC, the transport layer of the PC sends a request to the file server to establish the connection. After connection establishment has been

confirmed by the file server, the actual login procedure can be started. However, this takes place in a higher layer which uses layer 4 for data transportation.

#### □ Data transfer

After the connection has been established, all further data of the higher layers are transported back and forth with TPDU's (i.e., transport data control units). Full-duplex communication (i.e., both stations of a transport connection can send simultaneously) is possible.

#### □ Multiplexing

Several transport connections are supported by one network connection. Again we will use the example of the file server which is to handle several PCs in one network at the same time. Although our file server has one physical address to which all PCs send their requests, it has many logical "transport addresses" which are used to distinguish between the individual transport connections.

#### □ Chaining and splitting up again

Various individual TPDU's can be combined into one group TPDU and sent. The receiving transport layer splits up these TPDU's again and transfers the individual TPDU's to the respective transport connection.

**Example:** A PC with a multi-tasking operating system. Several programs execute a file transfer simultaneously. The transport layer combines the confirmation TPDU's of the individual programs into one TPDU. Data TPDU's cannot be chained.

#### □ Segmentation and reassembly

The specified TPDU size can be selected without regard to the maximum TPDU size of the lower-level layer. The transport layer segments the TPDU so that it can be processed by the lower-level layer. On the receiving side, the transport layer reassembles the individual TPDU's into the total TPDU.

**Example:** Although large TPDU's (e.g., 8092 bytes) are desirable for the file transfer, Ethernet can only transfer data packets with a maximum of 1500 bytes. If this is the case, the transport layer of the sending station segments the TPDU's into six partial TPDU's and sends these to the Ethernet sender. The receiver waits until all six TPDU's have been received before transferring them to the file server. The individual TPDU's are sent over the network in succession.

#### □ Splitting and recombination

This procedure is comparable to segmentation except that the individual TPDU's are sent in parallel over several networks and not in succession. This provides greater elasticity against errors and improves data throughput.

## 4.4.2 The Transport Layer in Accordance with ISO 8073

### 4.4.2.1 The Individual Transport Classes

Transport services of various classes are available depending on the network and LLC layer and their services below the transport layer. If, for example, a class-2 LLC connection is being used, flow monitoring (i.e., measures intended to prevent a receiver from overflowing or duplicated data records from being transferred to the next instance) is already provided by layer 2, thus relieving the transport connection of this task.

Three types of subordinate layers have been defined.

- A: Network layer - transport layer connection with an acceptable residual error rate and acceptable rate of indicated errors. This would mean that the lower layers have already prepared the data stream so that no errors related to transmission occur and thus no errors are reported to the transport layer.
- B: Network layer - transport layer connection with an acceptable residual error rate and unacceptable rate of indicated errors. This means that the network layer reports errors to the transport layer which it is unable to correct itself and which the transport layer must then correct. However, a large portion of the data security measures is handled by the network layer.
- C: Network layer - transport layer connection with unacceptable residual error rate and unacceptable rate of indicated errors. This means that the network layer forwards the data unchecked to the transport layer and leaves all error treatment to the transport layer. This type is usually used by LANs (i.e., the LLC layer is not user-friendly, and the network layer is primarily responsible for transporting the data over the various networks). Correct logical data flow is handled by the transport layer.

Because of this organization, five classes of transport have been defined in the ISO standard (i.e., two each for type A and B and one for type C.). See table.

#### **Class 0:** Simple class

This class was developed by CCITT for teletex. Flow monitoring is handled by the LLC layer or by X.25.

The following services are available.

- Connection establishment
- Data transfer with segmentation
- Error report

The following services must be provided by the lower layers.

- Connection establishment
- Flow monitoring



**Class 1:** Simple class with simple error reconstruction

This class was developed by CCITT for X.25. The TPDU's (i.e., transport data units) are numbered, and flow monitoring is handled by the LLC layer or X.25.

The following services are available.

- All services of class 0
- Expedited data communication
- Connection establishment
- Chaining and splitting up
- Error reconstruction

The following service must be provided by the lower layers.

- Flow monitoring

**Class 2:** Multiplexing class

This class actually belongs to class 0 but with expanded capabilities. Several transport connections can be performed on one network connection (i.e., multiplexing). If, for example, one station is a file server, it can establish many transport connections simultaneously over one network connection. If this is the case, a class-2 transport protocol is recommended.

The following services are provided.

- All class-0 services
- Multiplexing
- Connection disconnection

The following service must be provided by the lower layers.

- Flow monitoring

**Class 3:** Multiplexing class with simple error reconstruction

The following services are available.

- All class-0 to 2 services
- Flow monitoring

**Class 4:** Error detection and correction class

Since this class assumes that the services of the network layer and the layers below are unreliable, the transport layer must provide repetition strategies, detection of duplicates, flow monitoring and recovery after total breakdowns (i.e., all services which ensure that distorted data are not transferred to higher layers).

The following services are available.

- All class-0 to 3 services
- Data security with checksums
- Time monitoring (i.e., repeated transfer after timeout and inactivity monitoring)
- Splitting and recombination

The transport class is selected based on the subordinate layer on which the transport layer is built. A class-1 LLC layer and a class-4 transport layer are usually used for LANs. A combination of class-2 LLC layer and class-0 or 2 transport layer is also used for token ring networks.

Protocol Mechanism	Variant	0	1	2	3	4
Assignment of the Network Connection		*	*	*	*	*
TPDU Transmission		*	*	*	*	*
Segmentation		*	*	*	*	*
Comprise and Separate			*	*	*	*
Establish Connection		*	*	*	*	*
Reject Connection		*	*	*	*	*
Status Display normal	Implicit	*				
	Explicit		*	*	*	*
Status Display Error		*		*		
Assignment of TPDU's to Transport Connections		*	*	*	*	*
DT TPDU Numbering	Normal	*	(m)1	m	m	
	Extented		(o)1	o	o	
Express Data Transfer	Network					
	Normal		m	(1)	*	*
	Network					
	Expedited		ao			
Reestablishment after Errors			*		*	
Repeat until Confirmation of the TPDU's	Conf. Receipt		ao			
	AK		m		*	*
New Synchronization			*		*	
Multiplexing and Demultiplexing				*	*	*
Separate Flow control with Checksum				m	*	*
without Checksum		*	*	o		
Using of -						*
Not using of -		*	*	*	*	o
frozen Reference Numbers			*		*	*
Repeat until Time Error						*
Determining new order						*
Idle recognizing						*
Recognizing of Protocol Errors		*	*	*	*	*
Separate and comprise						*

Symbols of the table:  
 \* Function always available.  
 m Function may be available, not necessarily.  
 o Function may be available, if supported by other stations.  
 (1) Not available in class 2. if explicit flow control is switched off.

Fig. 60: Functions of the ISO transport protocol classes

Fig. 64 presents and explains the class-4 TPDUs.

Each TPDU consists of a fixed portion and a variable portion. Together, both parts are called the layer-4 header. The length of the header is defined in a length indicator byte preceding the header. This length information specifies the number of bytes of the length byte itself. If successive bytes represent a binary number, the first byte to be sent has the highest significance.

#### 4.4.2.2 The Individual TPDUs

##### Connection request (CR)

To establish a connection, the station desiring the connection sends this TPDU to the partner station together with information on the expected parameters of the connection. CR\_TPDU contains all important parameters of the transport connection. If at all possible, CR\_TPDU should not contain user data. If this is unavoidable, the user data should not exceed 32 bytes.

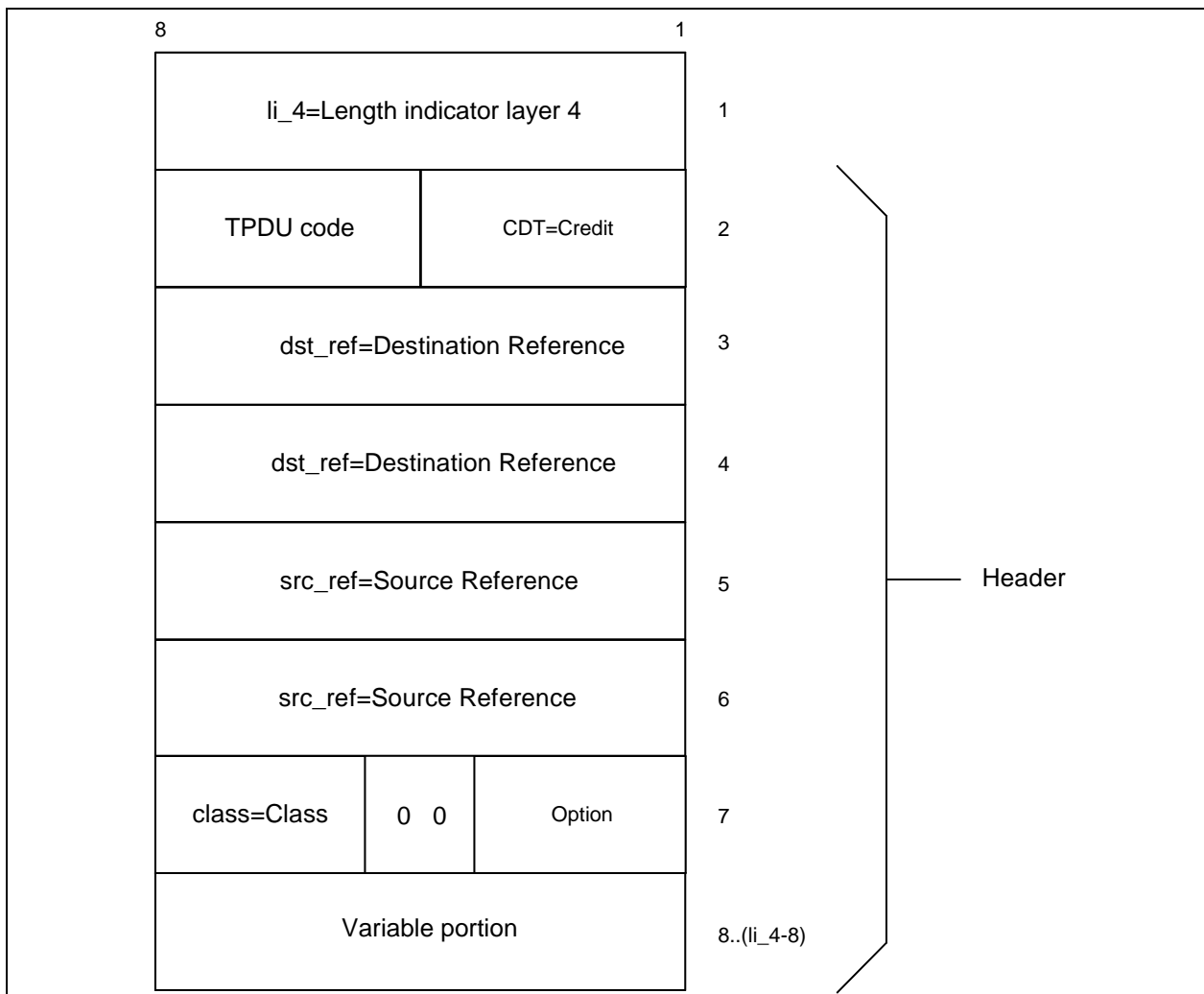


Fig. 61: CR\_TPDU

**Fixed portion:**

li_4:	Length of the layer 4 header in Bytes, the li_4-Bytes exclusively.
TPDU_Code:	1110 = 'e'h
CDT:	Assignment of the original credit = 0000
	Credit is the number of the TPDU's, which the sending station may send without a confirmation of the receiving station. The receiving station is able to tune the credit to their free receive buffer dynamically. See also the following figure, displaying mechanism of credits.
Dst_ref:	Is always zero in a CR_TPDU, because the "connect requesting" station gets the number not before the CC_TPDU (connection confirm) from the remote station.
Src_ref:	No. of the connection, which defines the establishing connection in the "CR" of the sending station.
Class:	Characterization of the layer 4 class, which supports the connection.
	0000 = class 0
	0001 = class 1
	0010 = class 2
	0011 = class 3
	0100 = class 4
Option:	
Format:	0 = normal format in all classes; the TPD number as well as the confirmation numbers have a length of seven bits.
	1 = extended format in the classes 2, 3, 4; the numbers have a length of 31 Bits.
Flow_control:	0 = with flow control in class 2
	1 = without flow control in class 2

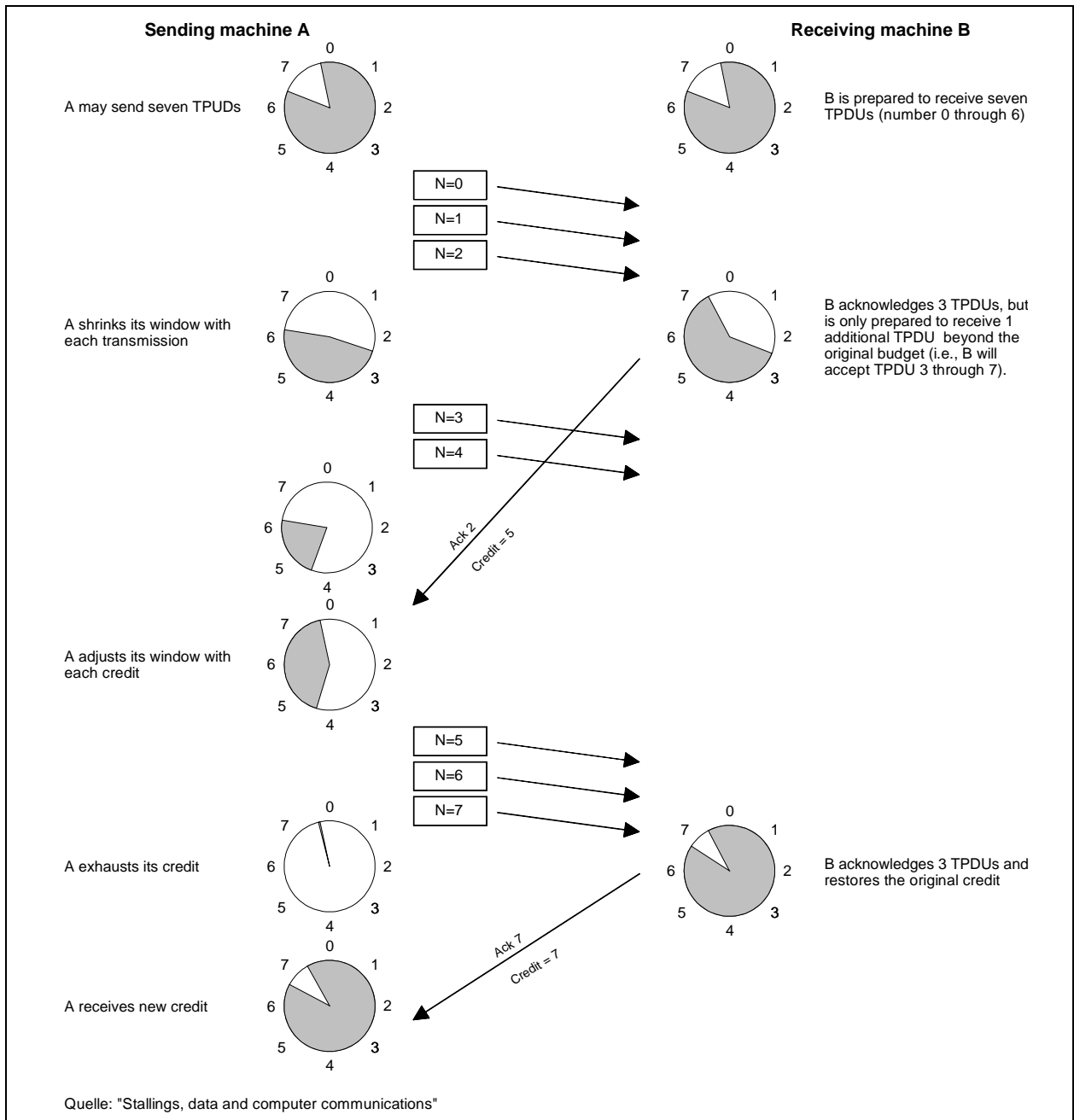


Fig. 62: Example of a credit

**Variable portion:**

Definition of the variable portion permits additional information on the desired transport connection to be transferred to the partner station. Up to 14 different transport parameters can be transmitted.

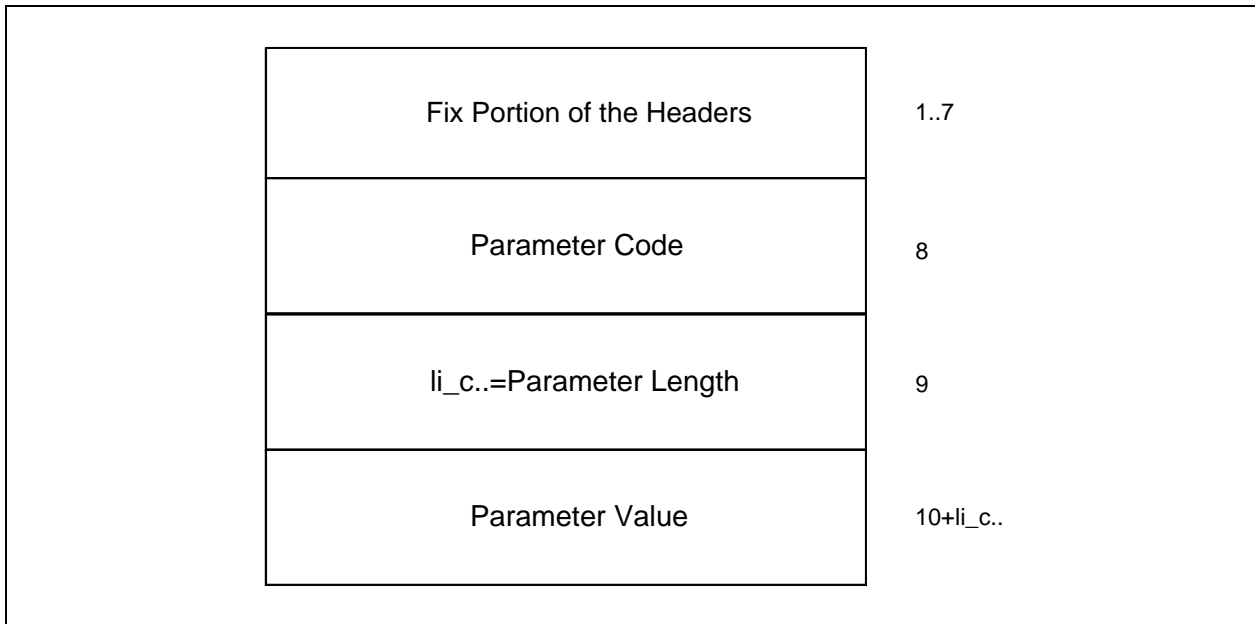


Fig. 63: Layout of the variable portion

### a) Transport service access point identifier (TSAP-ID)

Parameter Code:	11000001 = 'C1'h for the calling TSAP
INAT NetSpector notation:	t_ssap
	11000010 = 'C2'h for the called TSAP
INAT NetSpector notation:	t_dsap
Parameter Length:	not defined
Parameter Value:	Identifier for the calling or the called TSAP

### b) TPDU size

This parameter contains the maximum size of the TPDU for the connection.

Parameter Code:	11000000 = 'C0'h
INAT NetSpector notation:	tpdu-size
Parameter Length:	1 Byte (00000001)
Parameter Value:	00001101 = '0D'h means 8192 Bytes (not in class 0)
	00001100 = '0C'h means 4096 Bytes (not in class 0)
	00001011 = '0B'h means 2048 Bytes
	00001010 = '0A'h means 1024 Bytes
	00001001 = '09'h means 512 Bytes
	00001000 = '08'h means 256 Bytes
	00000111 = '07'h means 128 Bytes

**c) Version number**

This parameter contains the version of the transport software used. It is not used for class 0.

Parameter Code:	11000100 = 'C4'h
INAT NetSpector notation:	vers_nr
Parameter Length:	1 Byte (00000001)
Parameter Value:	00000001 = '01'h

**d) Security parameters**

INAT NetSpector notation:	security
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Are not specified in the norm.

**e) Checksum**

This parameter is only defined for class 4. The checksum is calculated for all elements of the TPDU and consists of one record with two modulo 255 sums.

Parameter Code:	11000011 = 'C3'h
INAT NetSpector notation:	checksum
Parameter Length:	2 Bytes (00000010)
Parameter Value:	2 Bytes Checksum

**f) Additional option selection**

This parameter contains additional transport parameters of the partner station. It is not used for class 0.

Parameter Code:	11000110 = 'C6'h
INAT NetSpector notation:	add_opt
Parameter Length:	1 Byte (00000001)
Parameter Value:	0000 wxyz
	w = 1 : expedited data in class 1
	w = 0 : no expedited data in class 1
	x = 1 : Connect confirm in class 1
	x = 0 : Explicit confirmation in class 1
	y = 1 : 16 Bit Checksum in class 4 should be used
	y = 0 : 16 Bit Checksum in Class 4 should not be used
	z = 1 : Use of "expedited data" transport service
	z = 0 : No use of "expedited data" transport service

The basic setting is 0001 (i.e., expedited data communication can be used).

### g) Alternate protocol class(es)

This parameter indicates which protocol classes are supported as alternates. It is not supported by class 1. For example, if a station wants to have a class-4 connection but is also able to support class-2 connections, the station enters class 2 in this parameter as an alternate class.

Parameter Code:	11000111 = 'C7'h
INAT NetSpector notation:	alt_class
Parameter Length:	n (4 at the most)
Parameter Value:	One byte per supported class

### h) Acknowledge time

This parameter is sent by the CR-sending station for information purposes only to the remote station. The confirmation time is the time which may pass between the receipt of a TPDU and the sending of the corresponding confirmation. This parameter is only used for class-4 connections.

Parameter Code:	10000101 = '85'h
INAT NetSpector notation:	ack_time
Parameter Length:	2 Bytes (00000010)
Parameter Value:	n, a binary value, which gives the time in milliseconds.

### i) Throughput

Data throughput is the number of octets per second. A maximum and an average data throughput can be specified. Specification of the average value is optional. This parameter cannot be used for class-0 connections.

Parameter Code:	10001001 = '89'h	
INAT NetSpector notation:	throughput	
Parameter Length:	12 or 24 Bytes	
Parameter Values:	Bytes 1 to 12:	Maximum throughput
	Octets 1 to 3:	Destination value sending and receiving station
	Octets 4 to 6	Lowest acceptable value S-E
	Octets 7 to 9	Destination value E-S
	Octets 10 to 12	Lowest acceptable value E-S
	Bytes 13 to 24	Average throughput
	Octets 13 to 15	Destination value S-E
	Octets 16 to 18	Lowest acceptable value S-E
	Octets 19 to 21	Destination value E-S
	Octets 22 to 24	Lowest acceptable value E-S



**j) Residual error rate**

The residual error rate is the desired rate and the minimum rate of unexplained data losses. It is specified in exponents of 10. This parameter cannot be used for class-0 connections.

Parameter Code:	10000110 = '86'h
INAT NetSpector notation:	res_error
Parameter Length:	3 Bytes (00000011)
Parameter Values:	1. Byte: Destination value
	2. Byte: Lowest acceptable value
	3. Byte: TSDU size (exponent to base 2)

**k) Priority**

The priority specifies which transport connection is to be processed by the transport layer at what time. Higher-priority connections are given special treatment. A connection with the priority of 0 has the highest priority. This parameter cannot be used for class-0 connections.

Parameter Code:	10000111 = '87'h
INAT NetSpector notation:	priority
Parameter Length:	2 Bytes (00000010)
Parameter Values:	Integer (0...FFFFh)

**l) Transit delay**

Transit delay is the number of milliseconds which a TPDU may be delayed when it passes from layer 4 of the sender to layer 4 of the receiver. This specification is based on a TPDU size of 128 bytes. This parameter cannot be used for class-0 connections.

Parameter Code:	10001000 = '88'h
INAT NetSpector notation:	tra_delay
Parameter Length:	8 Bytes (00001000)
Parameter Values:	Bytes 1 and 2 : Destination time sending and receiving station
	Bytes 3 and 4 : Highest acceptable time S-E
	Bytes 5 and 6 : Destination time E-S
	Bytes 7 and 8 : Highest acceptable time E-E

**m) Reassignment time**

The reassignment time is the number of seconds during which the CR-sending station attempts to reestablish the connection following the failure of the transport connection. This parameter is only used for class-1 and class-3 connections.

Parameter Code:	10001011 = '8B'h
INAT NetSpector notation:	reassign
Parameter Length:	2 Bytes (00000010)
Parameter Value:	n (1...FFFFh) Seconds

**Connection confirm (CC)**

This TPDU is sent back by the CR-receiving station. The variable portion must contain the same parameters as the variable portion of the CR TPDU. Receipt of this TPDU means that the transport connection has been established and data transfer can begin. As before, an eventual data portion should not contain more than 32 bytes.

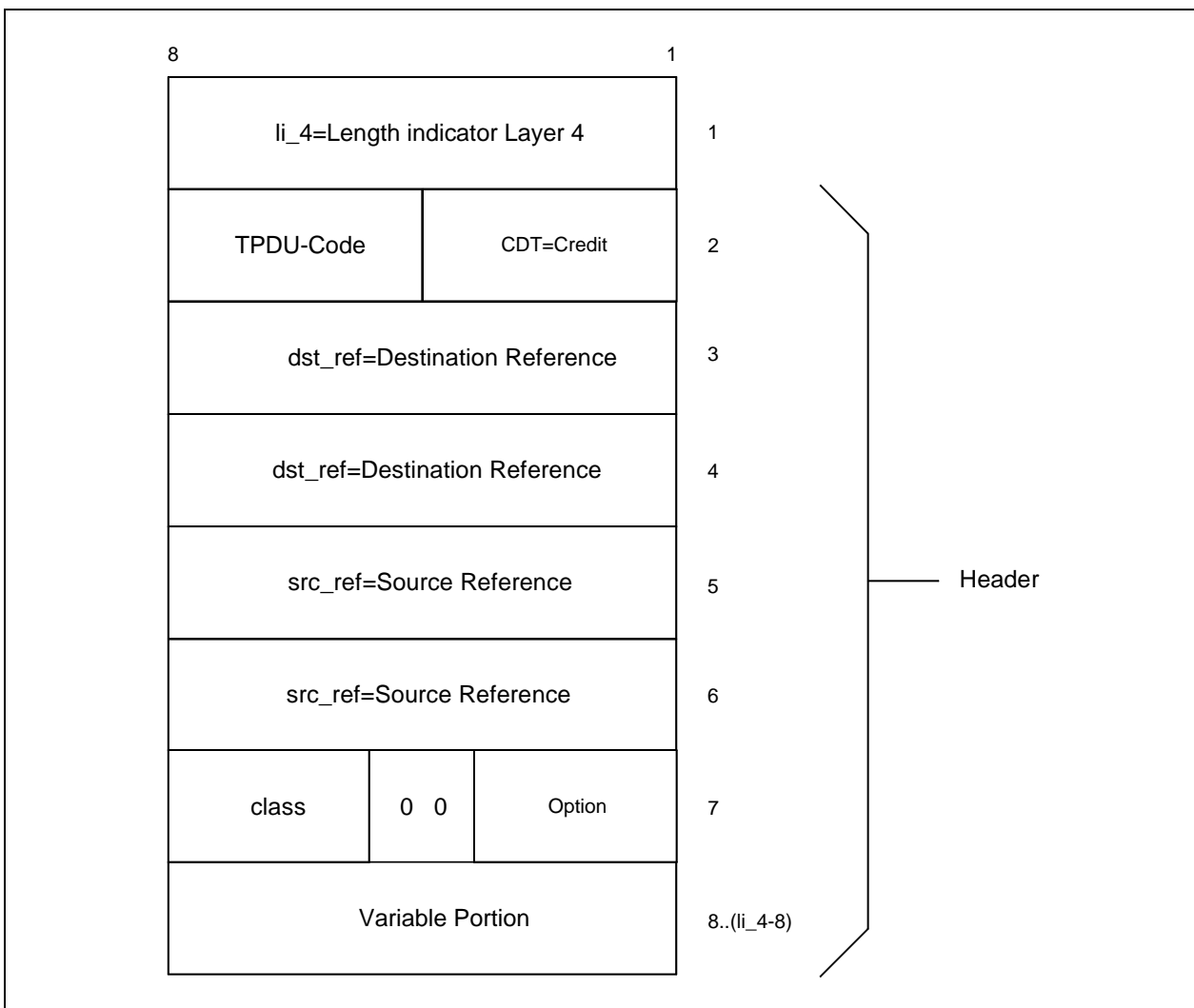


Fig. 64: The CC\_TPDU

**Fixed portion**

li_4:	Length of the layer 4 header in Bytes, the li_4-Bytes exclusively
TPDU_Code:	1101 = 'D'h
CDT:	Assignment of the original credit = 0000
dst_ref:	Insert here the 'src_ref' of the received CR_TPDU.
src_ref:	No. of the connection, which defines the establishing connection, in the "CC" of the sending station.
class:	Notation of the Layer 4 class, which supports the connection.
	0000 = Class 0
	0001 = Class 1
	0010 = Class 2
	0011 = Class 3
	0100 = Class 4
Option:	
format:	0 = normal format in all classes; the TPD number as well as the confirmation numbers have a length of seven bits..
	1 = extented format in the classes 2, 3, 4; the numbers have a length of 31 Bits.
flow_control:	0 = with flow control in class 2
	1 = without flow control in class 2

### Disconnect request (DR)

This TPDU is sent by the station which wants to disconnect the connection. User data should not exceed 64 bytes.

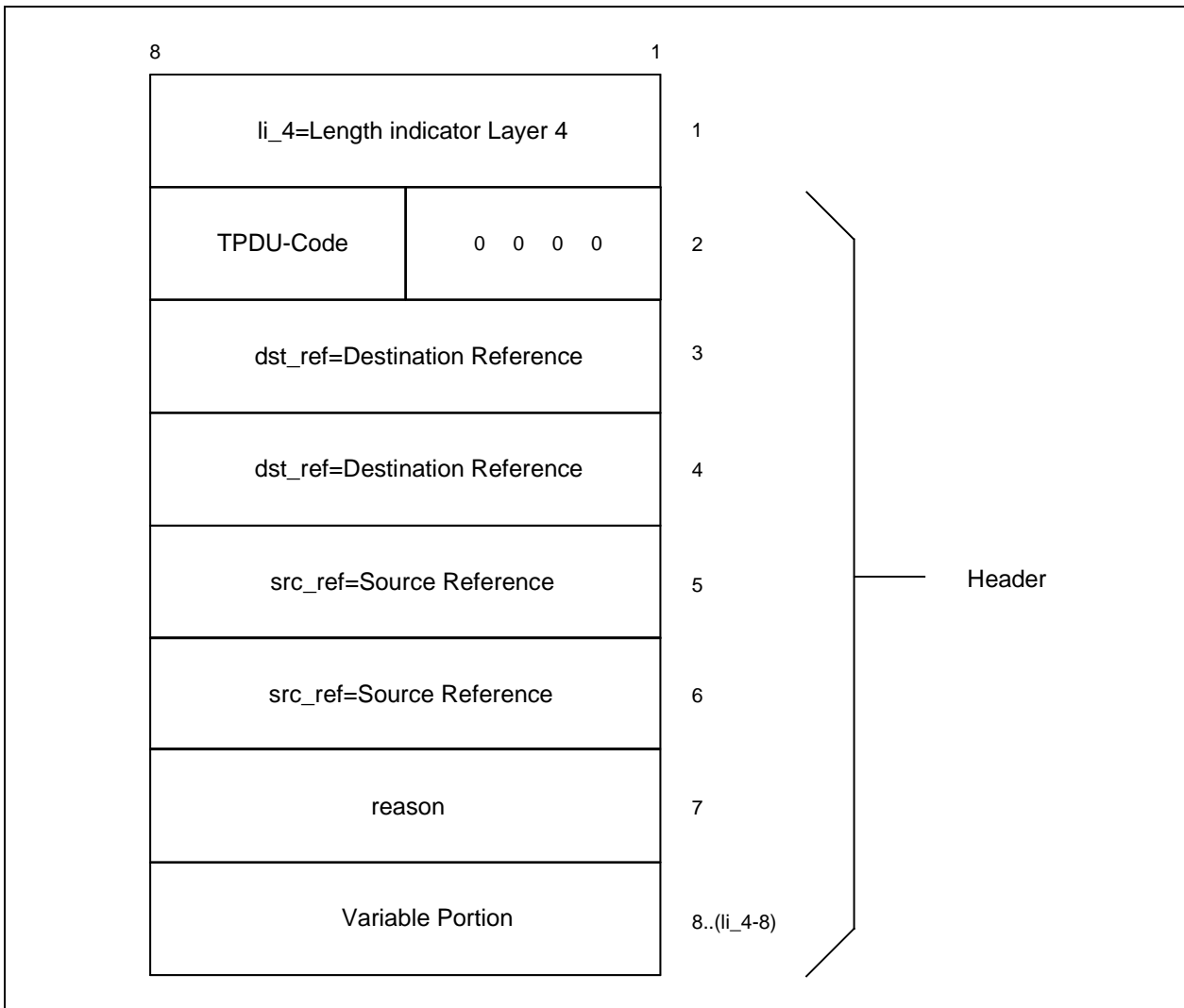


Fig. 65: The DR\_TPDU

**Fixed portion**

li_4:	Length of the Layer 4 Headers in Bytes, the li_4 Bytes exclusively.	
TPDU_Code:	1000 = '8'h	
dst_ref:	Insert here the 'src_ref' of the remote station.	
src_ref:	No. of connection of the DR sending station.	
reason:	The reason for disconnection. Following values are possible:	
	10000000 :	Normal disconnection by the session layer
	10000001 :	The remote station is not able to establish a connection due to traffic jam. Darauf wird der Verbindungswunsch mit diesem DR-Grund aufgehoben.
	10000010 :	Both station do not agree in the transport connection.
	10000011 :	A duplicate src_ref was detected.
	10000100 :	The references do not agree.
	10000101 :	Protocol error
	10000111 :	There are no references available.
	10001000 :	The connection was rejected by the Network-Layer.
	10001010 :	The length of the header or of a parameter is invalid.
	Following values can be used in all classes:	
	00000000 :	Reason not specified.
	00000001 :	Traffic jam of the transport connection.
	00000010 :	No session unit is connected to the transport unit.
	00000011 :	The address is unknown.

**Variable portion**

a) This parameter is defined by the user. It contains additional information on disconnection of the connection.

Parameter Code:	11100000 = 'E0'h
INAT NetSpector notation:	add_inf
Parameter Length:	each value <128
Parameter Value:	Defined by the user

b) Checksum

The checksum is calculated from all elements of the TPDU and consists of one record of two modulo 255 sums.

Parameter Code:	11000011 = 'C3'h
INAT NetSpector notation:	checksum
Parameter Length:	2 Bytes (00000010)
Parameter Value:	2 Bytes checksum

## Disconnect confirm (DC)

This TPDU is sent by the station which has received a DR-TPDU.

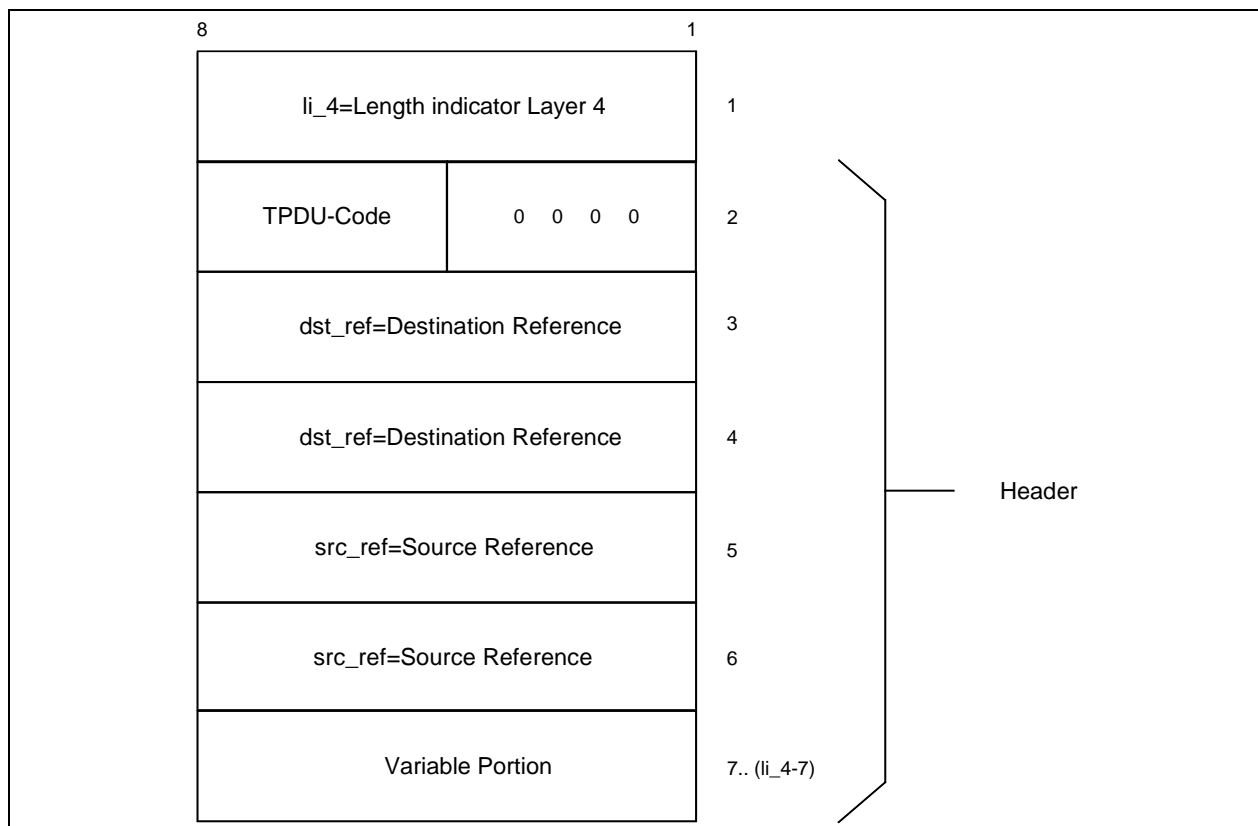


Fig. 66: The DC-TPDU

### Fixed portion

li_4:	Length of the Layer 4 Headers in Bytes, the li_4 Bytes exclusively.
TPDU_Code:	1100 = 'C'h
dst_ref:	Insert here the 'src_ref' of the remote station.
Src_ref:	No. of the connection of the "DC" sending station.

### Variable portion

Checksum:

The checksum is calculated from all elements of the TPDU and consists of one record of two modulo 255 sums.

Parameter Code:	11000011 = 'C3'h
INAT NetSpector notation:	checksum
Parameter Length:	2 Bytes (00000010)
Parameter Value:	2 Bytes checksum

### Data (DT)

This TPDU is used to send the actual user data via the transport connection. Three different formats have been defined based on the transport class used.

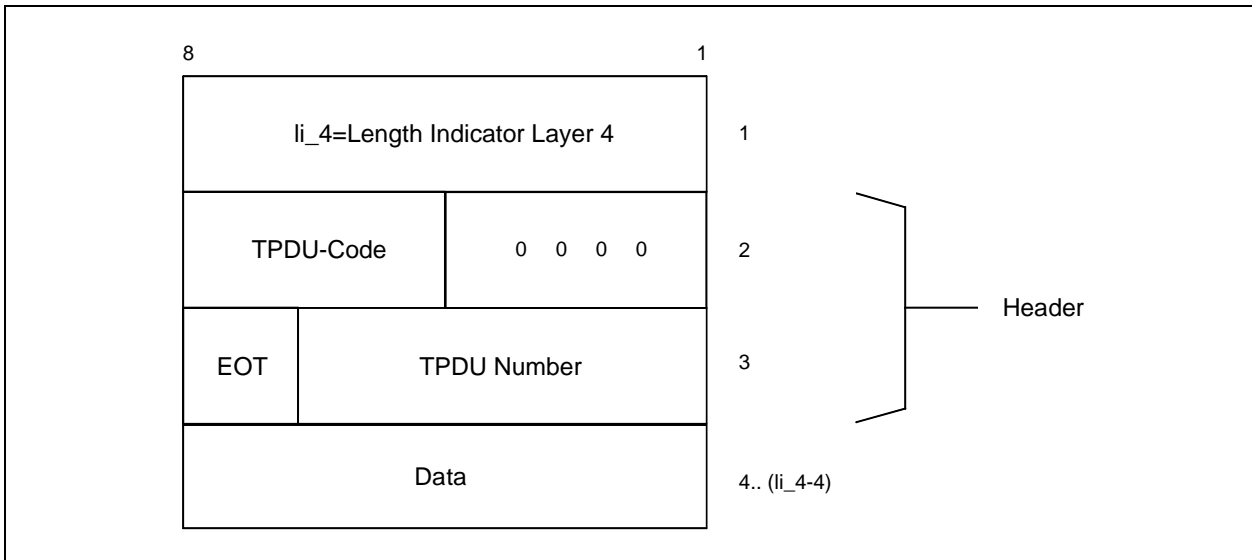


Fig. 67: DT\_TPDU - normal format for classes 0 and 1

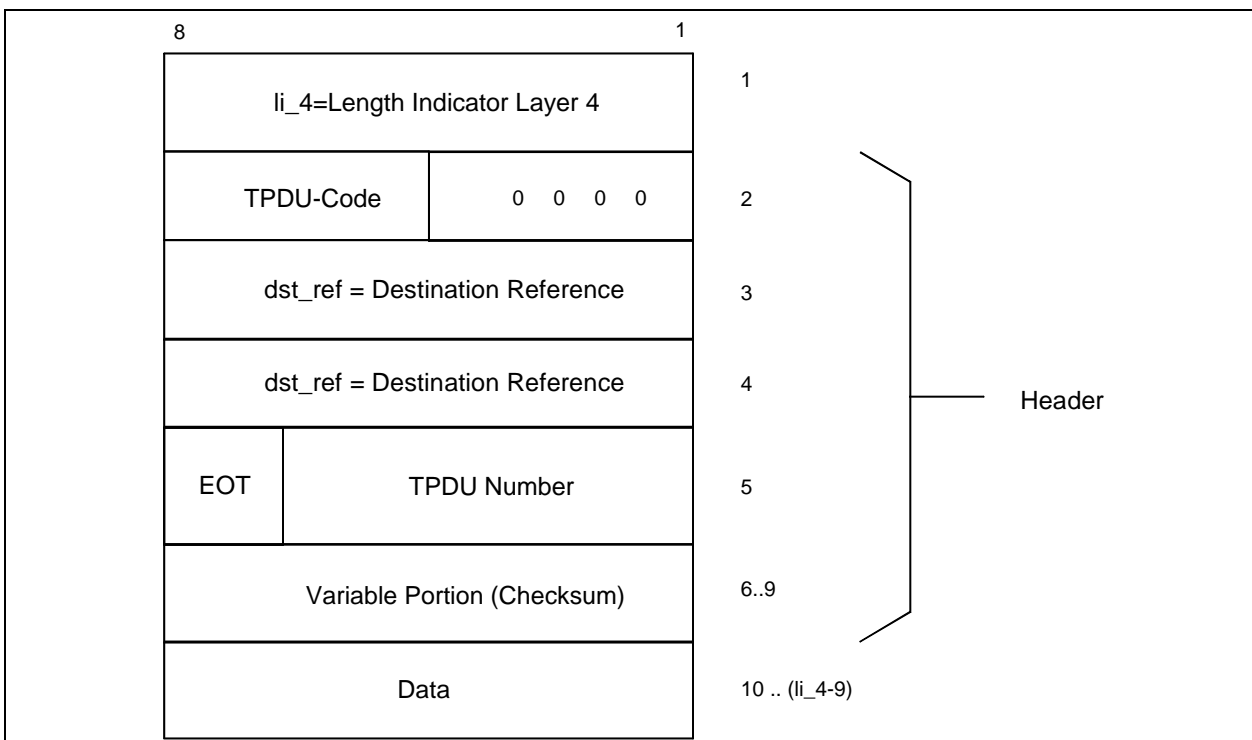


Fig. 68: DT\_TPDU - normal format for classes 2, 3 and 4



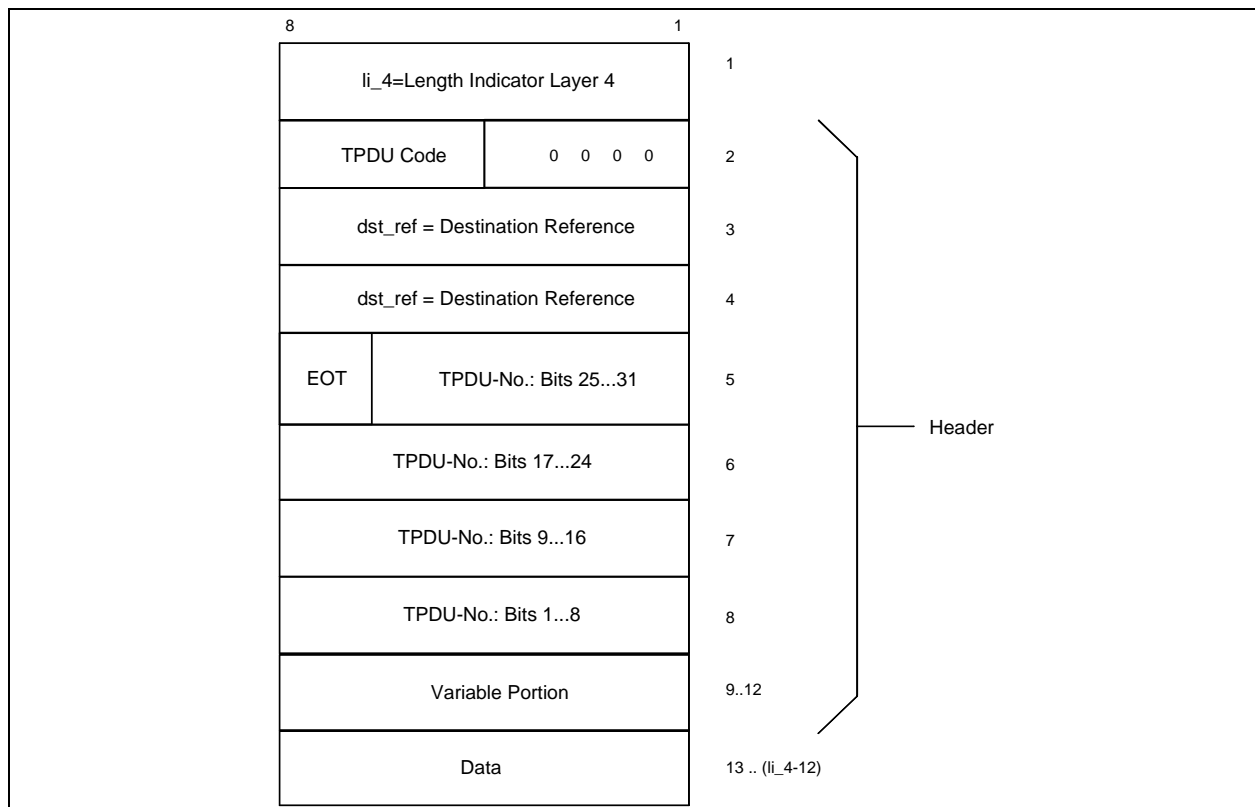


Fig. 69: DT-TPDU - expanded format for classes 2, 3 and 4

### Fixed portion

li_4:	Length of the Layer 4 Headers in Bytes, the li_4 Bytes exclusively.
TPDU_Code:	1111 = 'F'h
dst_ref:	Insert here the 'src_ref' of the remote station.
EOT:	EOT is '1', if the last TPDU of a TSDU, which was possibly segmented by the transport layer, is content of the data TPDU.
TPDU-No.:	Is a Modulo number, which increases by one with each data TPDU. The number is used for flow control. Just in the expanded format each TPDU number should appear only once during a trouble free transmission; that means repeats are not necessary.

### Variable portion

#### Checksum

The checksum is calculated from all elements of the TPDU and consists of one record of two modulo 255 sums.

Parameter Code:	11000011 = 'C3'h
INAT NetSpector notation:	Checksum
Parameter Length:	2 Bytes (000010)
Parameter Value:	2 Bytes Checksum

## Expedited data (ED)

This TPDU is used to sent expedited data via the transport connection. Three different formats have been defined based on the transport class used. This TPDU is not supported by class-0 connections. Maximum data length is limited to 16 bytes.

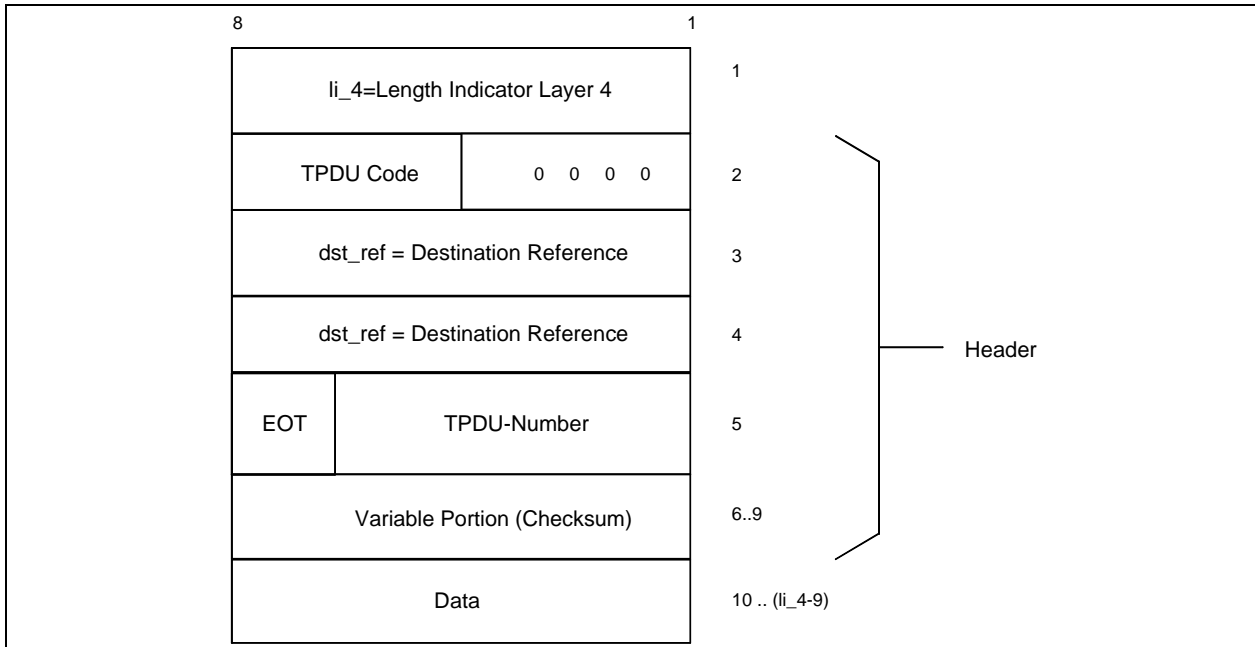


Fig. 70: ED-TPDU - normal format for classes 1, 2, 3 and 4

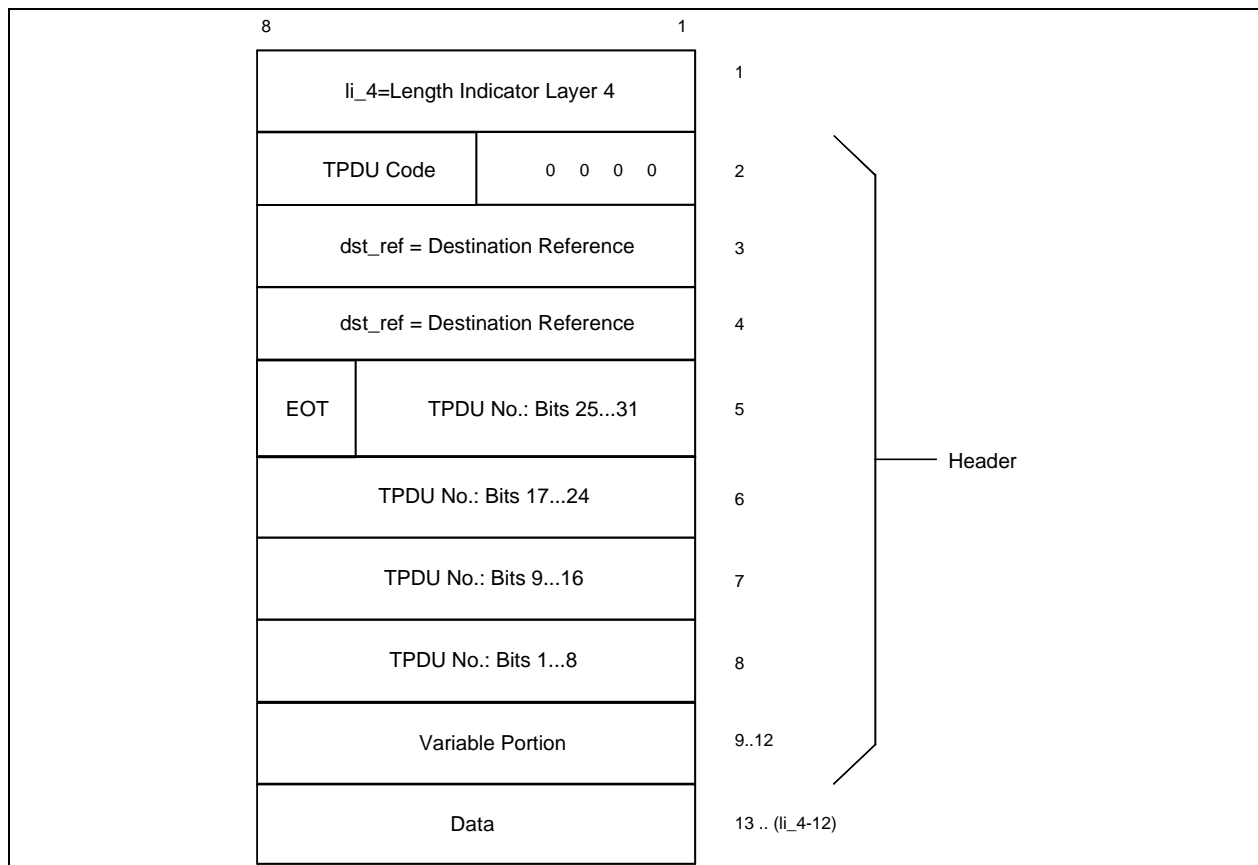


Fig. 71: ED-TPDU - expanded format for classes 2, 3 and 4

### Fixed portion

li_4:	Length of the Layer 4 Headers in Bytes, the li_4 Bytes exclusively.
TPDU_Code:	1111 = 'F'h
dst_ref:	Insert here the 'src_ref' of the remote station.
EOT:	EOT is '1', if the last TPDU of a TSDU, which was possibly segmented by the transport layer, is content of the data TPDU.
ED-TPDU-No.:	Is a Modulo number, which increases by one with each data TPDU. The number is used for flow control. Just in the expanded format each TPDU number should appear only once during a trouble free transmission; that means repeats are not necessary.

### Variable portion

#### Checksum

The checksum is calculated from all elements of the TPDU and consists of one record of two modulo 255 sums.

Parameter Code:	11000011 = 'C3'h
INAT NetSpector notation:	Checksum
Parameter Length:	2 Bytes (0000010)
Parameter Value:	2 Bytes Checksum

### Data acknowledgment (AK)

This TPDU is used for flow monitoring. The receiving station uses this TPDU to confirm correct receipt of one or more (depending on the credit) data TPDU.

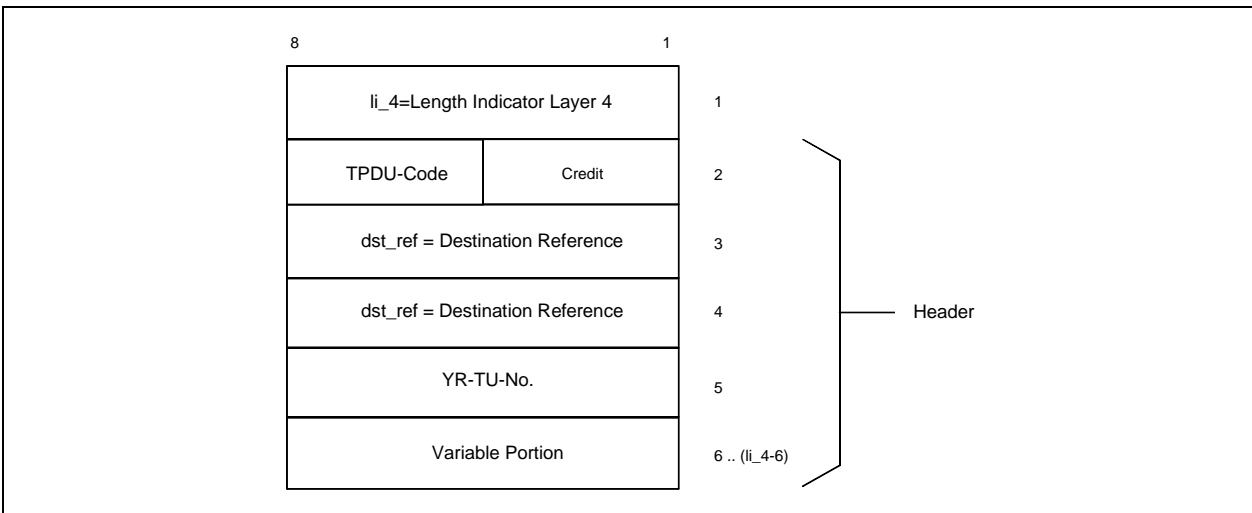


Fig. 72: AK-TPDU - normal format for classes 1, 2, 3 and 4

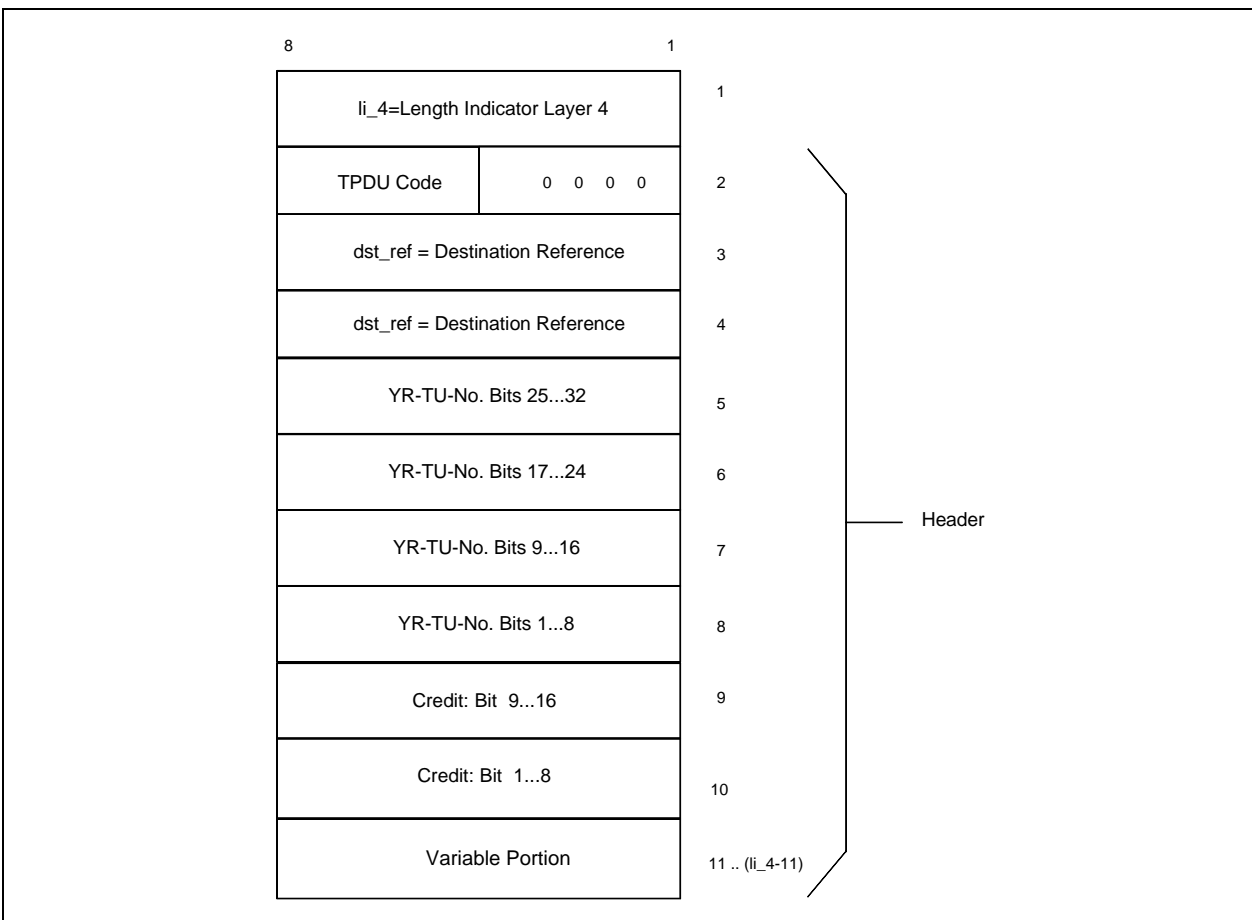


Fig. 73: AK-TPDU - expanded format for classes 2, 3 and 4

**Fixed portion**

li_4:	Length of the Layer 4 Headers in Bytes, the li_4 Bytes exclusively.
TPDU_Code:	0110 = '6'h
dst_ref:	Insert here the 'src_ref' of the remote station.
YR-TU-Nr.:	Shows the next expected TPDU-No. The number is used for flow control. Just in the expanded format each TPDU number should appear only once during a trouble free transmission; that means repeats are not necessary.
Credit:	Shows the number of data TPDU's, which can be sendet without a confirmation. See also CR credit mechanism

**Variable portion**

## a) Checksum

The checksum is calculated from all elements of the TPDU and consists of one record of two modulo 255 sums.

Parameter Code:	11000011 = 'C3'h
INAT NetSpector notation:	Checksum
Parameter Length:	2 Bytes (0000010)
Parameter Value:	2 Bytes Checksum

## b) Subsequent number

This parameter ensures that the acknowledge-TPDU's are handled correctly when flow monitoring subordinate to layer 4 is used.

Parameter Code:	10001010 = '8A'h
INAT NetSpector notation:	subseq_nr
Parameter Length:	2 Bytes (00000010)
Parameter Value:	16 Bit Sub-sequence number

## c) Flow control confirmation

A copy of the AK-TPDU which was sent is sent back as confirmation to the station which sent an AK-TPDU. This permits the sender of the AK-TPDU to check the status of the receiving terminal.

Parameter Code:	10001100 = '8C'h
INAT NetSpector notation:	window
	yr_subseq
	yr_credit
Parameter Length:	8 Bytes (00001000)
Parameter Value:	Window: 32 Bits
	YR-TU number of the received TPDU. Bit 8 of the first byte is always zero. In normal format only bits 1...7 of the fourth Byte are relevant.
	Sub sequence: 16 Bits
	The sub sequence parameters of the received AK TPDU are sent back. If the sub sequence parameter is not used, these bits are zero.
	Credit: 16 Bits
	The 'credit' information of the received AK-TPDU is sent back . In normal format only bits 1...4 of the second byte are relevant.

## Expedited data acknowledgment (EA)

This TPDU is used for flow monitoring. The receiving station uses this TPDU to confirm correct receipt of an expedited-data TPDU.

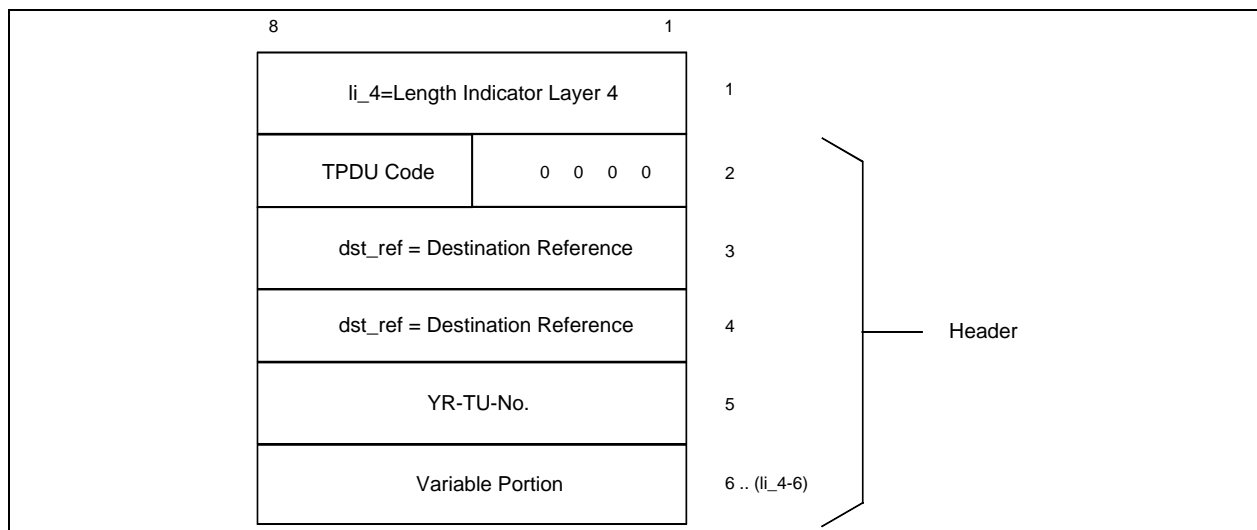


Fig. 74: EA-TPDU - normal format for classes 1, 2, 3 and 4

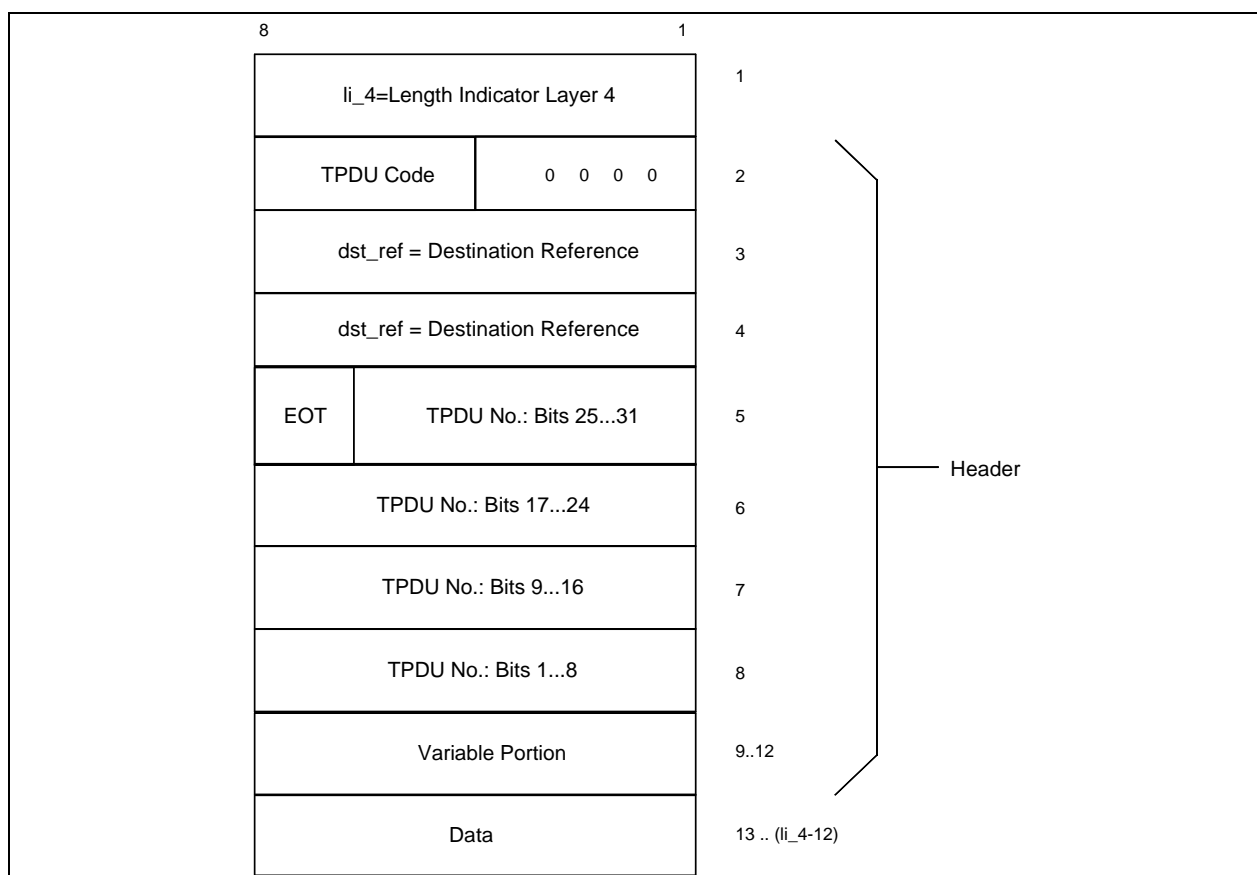


Fig. 75: EA-TPDU - expanded format for classes 2, 3 and 4

## Fixed portion

li_4:	Length of the Layer 4 Headers in Bytes, the li_4 Bytes exclusively.
TPDU_Code:	0010 = '2'h
dst_ref:	Insert here the 'src_ref' of the remote station.
YR-TU-Nr.:	Shows the next expected ED-TPDU No. The number is used for flow control. Just in the expanded format each YR-TU number should appear only once during a trouble free transmission; that means repeats are not necessary.

## Variable portion

### Checksum

The checksum is calculated from all elements of the TPDU and consists of one record of two modulo 255 sums.

Parameter Code:	11000011 = 'C3'h
INAT NetSpector notation:	Checksum
Parameter Length:	2 Bytes (0000010)
Parameter Value:	2 Bytes Checksum

## Reject (RJ)

This TPDU is only used for classes 1 and 3. If a TPDU is lost during transmission, the YR-TU-no. is specified in RJ-TPDU stating the starting point from which the transmission must be repeated. For example, receipt of the TPDU's with the numbers 1, 2, 5 and 6 means that the TPDU's with the numbers 3 and 4 have been lost. The receiver sends an RJ-TPDU with the number 3 (i.e., the next TPDU number expected). The sender must then repeat all TPDU's with numbers greater than 2.

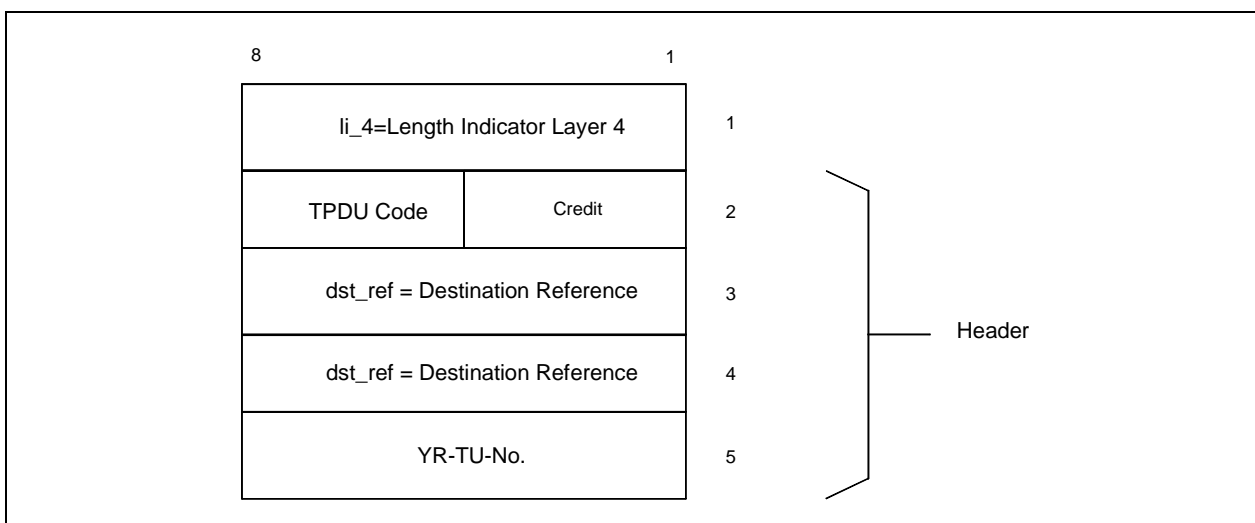


Fig. 76: RJ-TPDU - normal format for classes 1 and 3



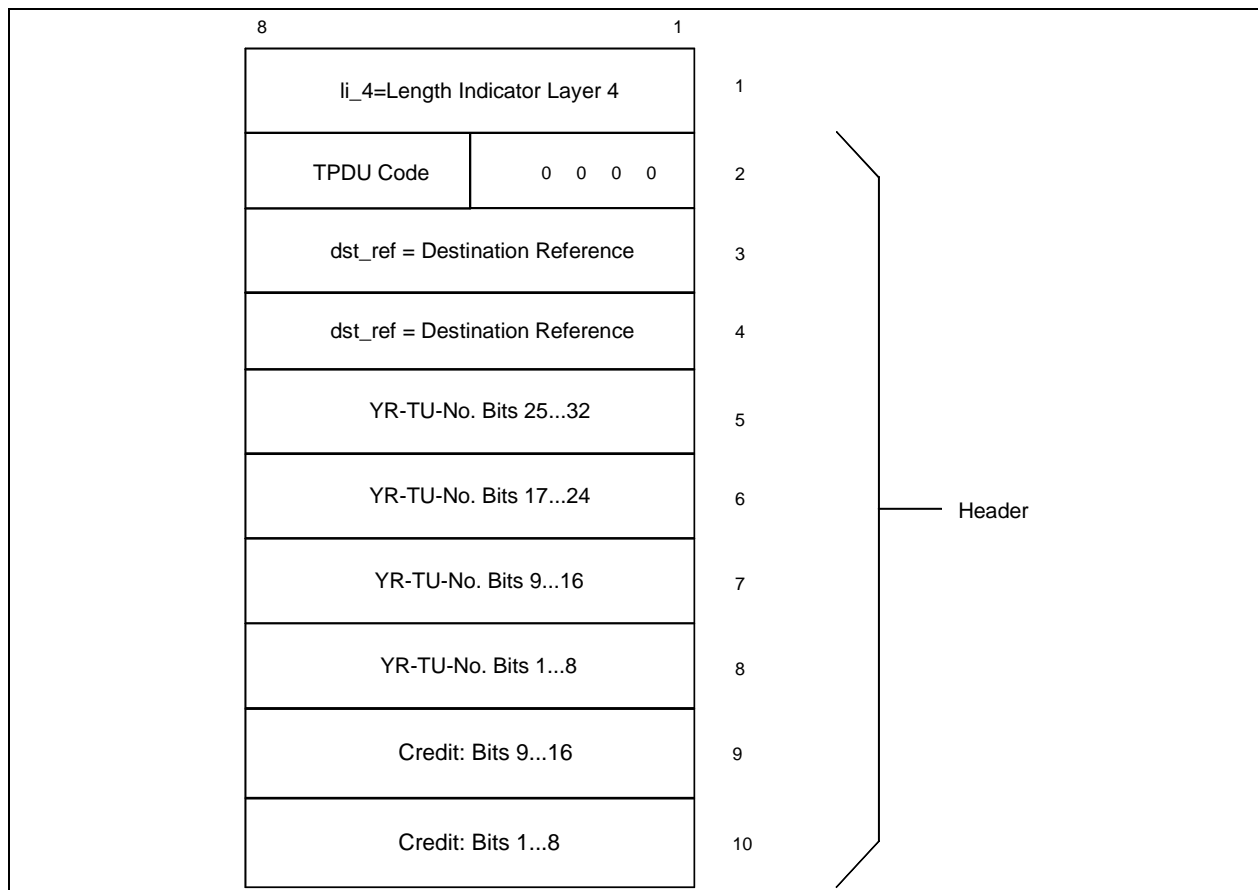


Fig. 77: RJ-TPDU - expanded format for class 3

### Fixed portion

li_4:	Length of the Layer 4 Headers in Bytes, the li_4 Bytes exclusively.
TPDU_Code:	0101 = '5'h
dst_ref:	Insert here the 'src_ref' of the remote station.
YR-TU-No.:	Shows the next expected ED-TPDU No.

## Error (ER)

This TPDU is only used for classes 1 and 3. It contains the reason for the rejection.

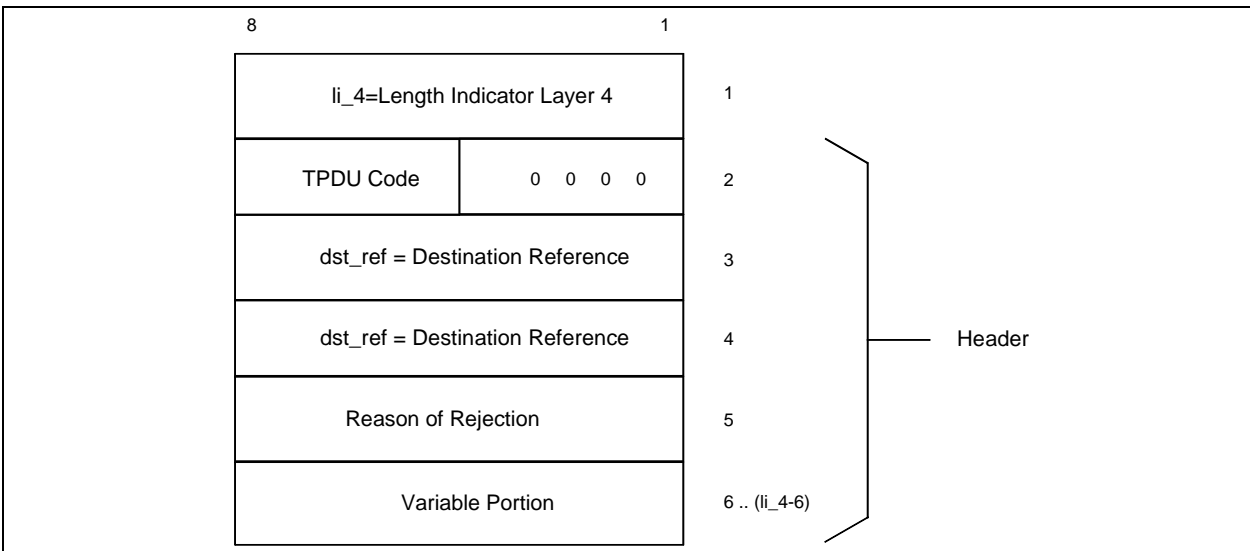


Fig. 78: ER-TPDU for classes 1 and 3

### Fixed portion

li_4:	Length of the Layer 4 Headers in Bytes, the li_4 Bytes exclusively.
TPDU_Code:	0111 = '7'h
dst_ref:	Insert here the 'src_ref' of the remote station.
Reason of rejection:	00000000 No specific reason. 00000001 Invalid parameter 00000010 Invalid TPDU type 00000011 Invalid parameter value

### Variable portion

a) Invalid TPDU

Parameter Code:	11000001 = 'C1'h
INAT NetSpector notation:	inv_tpdu
Parameter Length:	n=Number of bytes in parameter value field
Parameter Value:	Contains the header of the rejected TPDU.

b) Checksum The checksum is calculated from all elements of the TPDU and consists of one record of two modulo 255 sums.

Parameter Code:	11000011 = 'C3'h
INAT NetSpector notation:	Checksum
Parameter Length:	2 Bytes (0000010)
Parameter Value:	2 Bytes Checksum

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## 6 List of Abbreviations

### A/B

ABM	Asynchronous Balanced Mode
AFI	Authority and Format Identifier (specification of the network administrator)
AK	Data Acknowledgment
AP	Application Protocol

### C

CC	Connection Confirm
CCITT	Consultative Committee for International Telegraphy and Telephony
CR	Connection Request
CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check
CSMA/CD	Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detect

### D

DA	Destination Address
DC	Disconnect Confirm
DISC	Disconnect
DLC	Data Link Control
DM	Disconnect Mode
DR	Disconnect Request
DSP	Domain Specific Part (i.e., which station is addressed)
DT	Data

### E

EA	Expedited Data Acknowledgment
ED	Expedited Data
ER	Error Report

### F

FCS	Frame Check Sequence
FRMR	Frame Reject Response

### G/H

HDLC	High-Level Data Link Control
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### I/J/K

I	Information
ID	Identifier
IDI	Initial Domain Identifier (i.e., which network is addressed)
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers
ISO	International Organization for Standardization

### L

LAN	Local Area Network
LI	Length Indicator
LLC	Logical Link
LSB	Least Significant Bit

**M**

MAC Media Access  
MS More Segments  
MSB Most Significant Bit

**N/O**

NRZ Non Return to Zero

**P/Q**

PDU Protocol Data Unit

**R**

R(E)J Reject  
RNR Receiver Not Ready  
RR Receive Ready

**S**

SA Source Address  
SABME Set Asynchronous Balanced Mode Extended  
SAP Service Access Point  
SFD Start Frame Delimiter  
SP Segmentation Permitted

**T**

TOP Technical and Office Protocols  
TPDU Transport Data Control Units  
TSAP Transport Service Access Point

**U/V**

UA Unnumbered Acknowledge  
UI Unnumbered Information

**W**

WAN Wide Area Network

**X/Y/Z**

XID Exchange Identification  
XNS Xerox Network System

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