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D+ MAC for Dual-PHY Approach

- Purpose
 - Dual Mode PHY Proposal requires MAC support
 - Raise awareness of some of the issues
 - Show how the D+ MAC can support both modes
 - Most issues handled by the current MAC
 - Some minor additions required

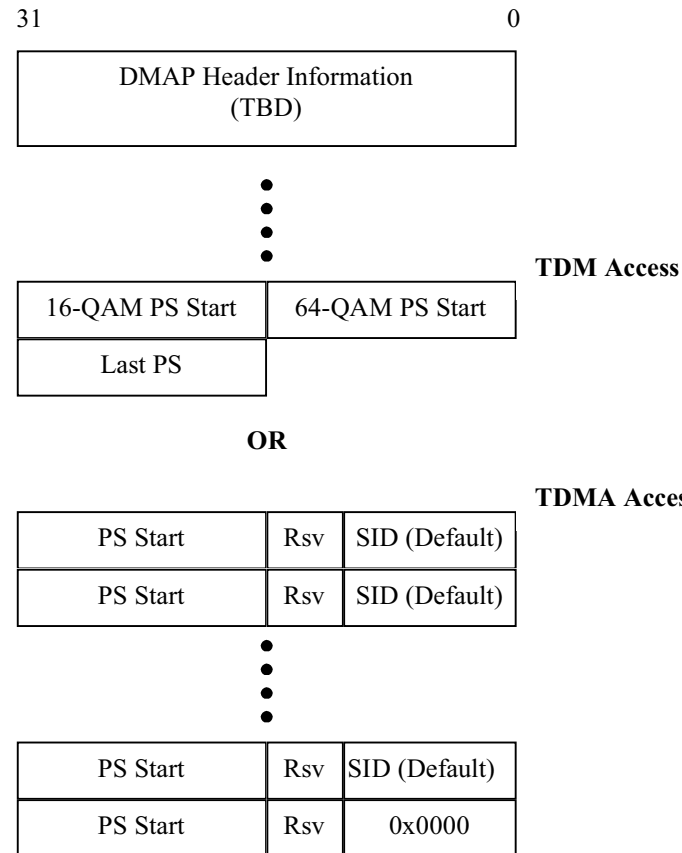
Network Entry

- Issue
 - CPE must be able to correctly obtain appropriate downstream
- Resolution
 - Mainly a CPE receiver issue (PHY Group)
 - Dual-Mode capable CPEs may require some provisioning
 - Use of non-volatile memory for search parameters
 - Allocation/Authentication of CPE during registration
 - D+ MAC support via REG-REQ/REG-RSP messages

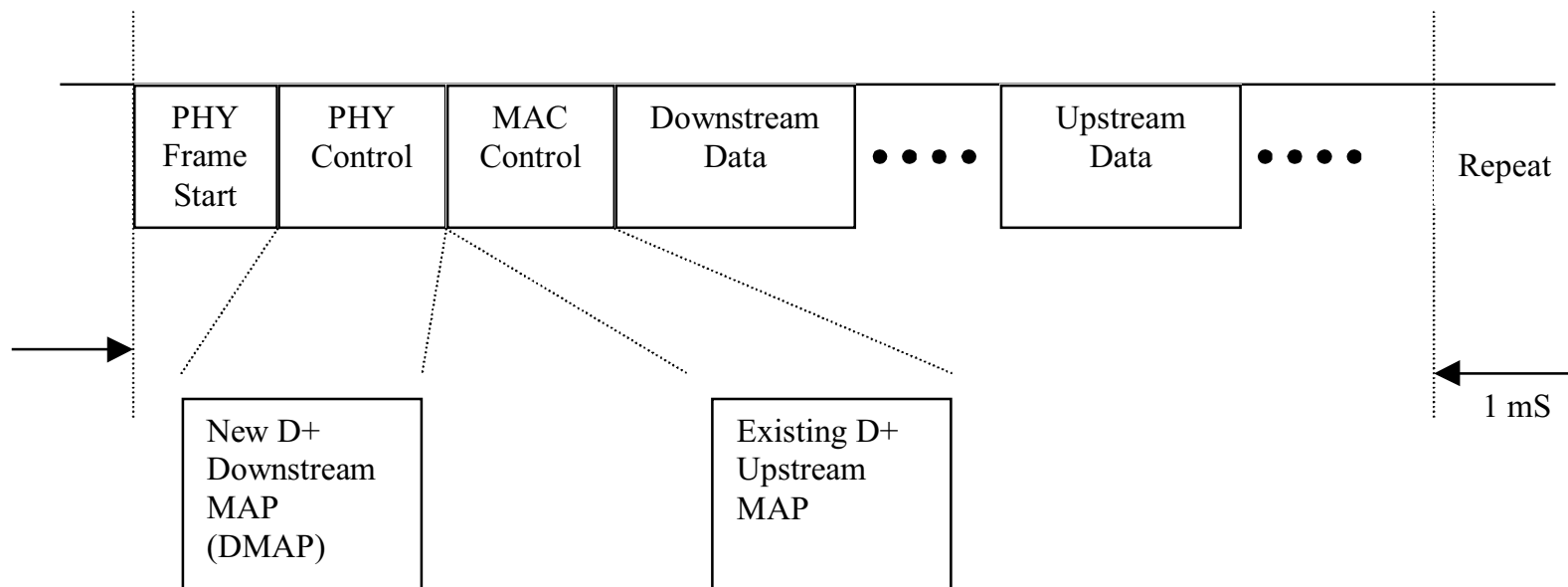
Downstream MAP

- Issue
 - Mode B requires a downstream MAP message
- Resolution
 - Add new MAP message to D+ MAC
 - SID defines CPE
 - PS defines starting slot within a frame

Downstream MAP Format



Downstream Frame Structure (Mode B)

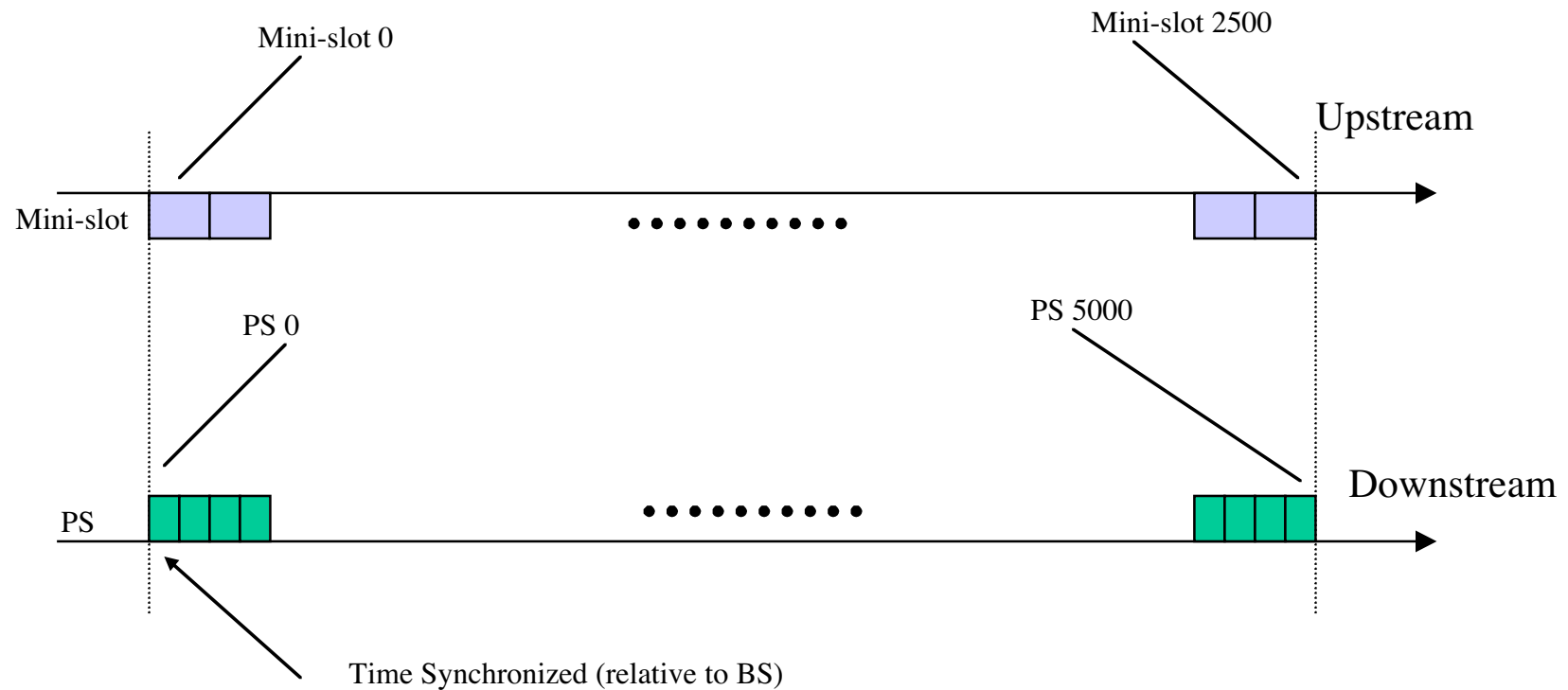


Framing

- Issue
 - Mode B requires framing structure
- Resolution
 - PHY has preamble that marks frame start
 - Use flexible MAP structure from D+ MAC
 - Link upstream mini-slots to downstream PS
 - Ex:
 - 5000 PS in downstream
 - 2500 mini-slots in upstream
 - Every two PS map to one mini-slot

Framing Example (cont.)

- Mini-slots synchronized to downstream PS



Bandwidth Allocation

- Issue
 - Mode A allocations are in mini-slots (upstream) and PS (downstream)
 - Mode B allocations are in PS
- Possible Resolution
 - Define a PS to be a multiplier in the mini-slot equation
 - ex: one mini-slot is equal to 2 PS

Downstream Adaptive Modulation

- Issue
 - Management messages need to be defined
- Resolution
 - Current D+ MAC completely supports management of adaptive modulation
 - Part of normal ranging process
 - CPE measures downstream channel
 - CPE requests modulation change as part of ranging
 - BS controls modulation
 - Can limit if based upon provisioned capabilities
 - Can limit if extra bandwidth not required

Contention Intervals

- Issue
 - Mode B defines contention intervals with specific FEC encodings, length, modulation type, etc.
- Possible Resolution
 - The D+ MAC provides the ability to define a complete burst profile via UCD
 - Any combination of T and K
 - Any required modulation type
 - MAP message can define any position and length for contention intervals

Security

- Issue
 - The Mode B PHY numbering is used for the encryption Counter Mode
- Resolution
 - The CBC mode as defined by the D+ MAC can support encryption without PHY linkage
 - PHY should not be linked to encryption sub-layer

Mode A Upstream Timing Synchronization

- Issue
 - Mode A requires MAC aid in synchronizing upstream bursts
- Resolution
 - Already supported by the SYNC message in the current D+ MAC
 - CPE use mini-slot timing in SYNC message to coordinate upstream bursts

Error Detection

- Issue
 - Error detection is done on a TDU basis for Mode B
 - Error detection is left to the MAC for Mode A
- Resolution
 - Move error detection to MAC layer

Conclusions

There is no inherent limitation in the D+ MAC that prevents its use with both PHY modes

- D+ MAC can support both PHY modes
 - Most issues resolved without change
 - New MAP message required for downstream
 - PS mapping to mini-slots required
 - Framing becomes explicit with PHY synchronization and appropriate scheduling of MAPs and PDUs
 - Possible because of flexibility in original D+ MAC design