

RTCP Feedback for Congestion Control

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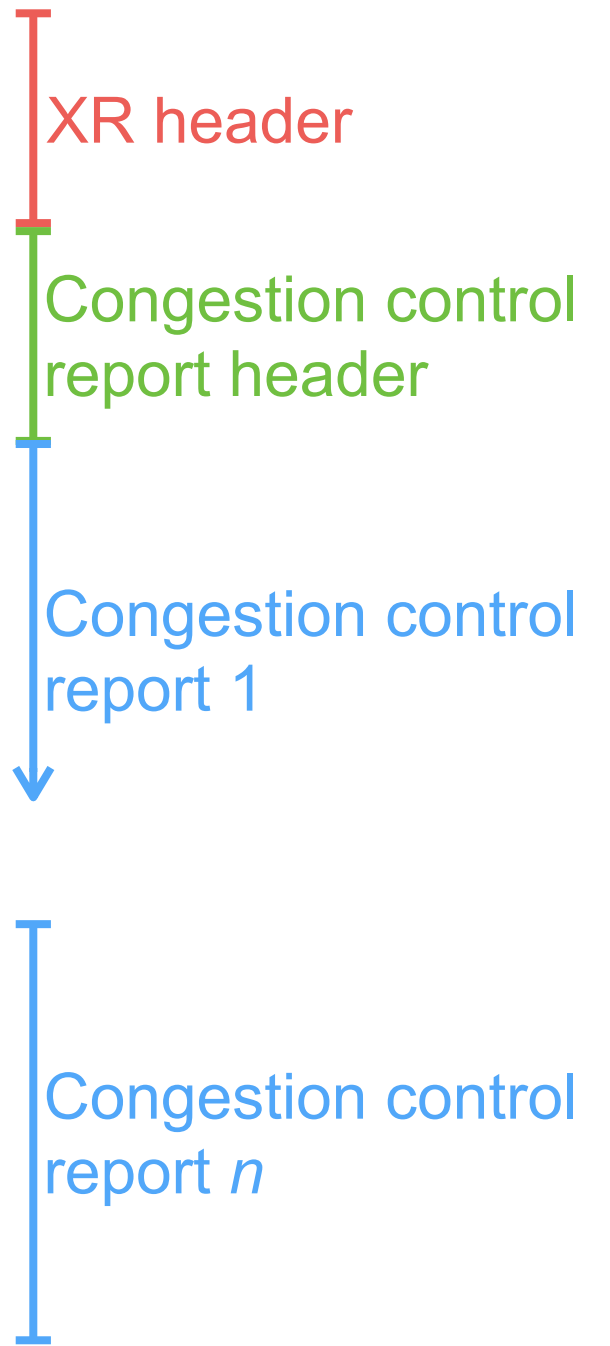
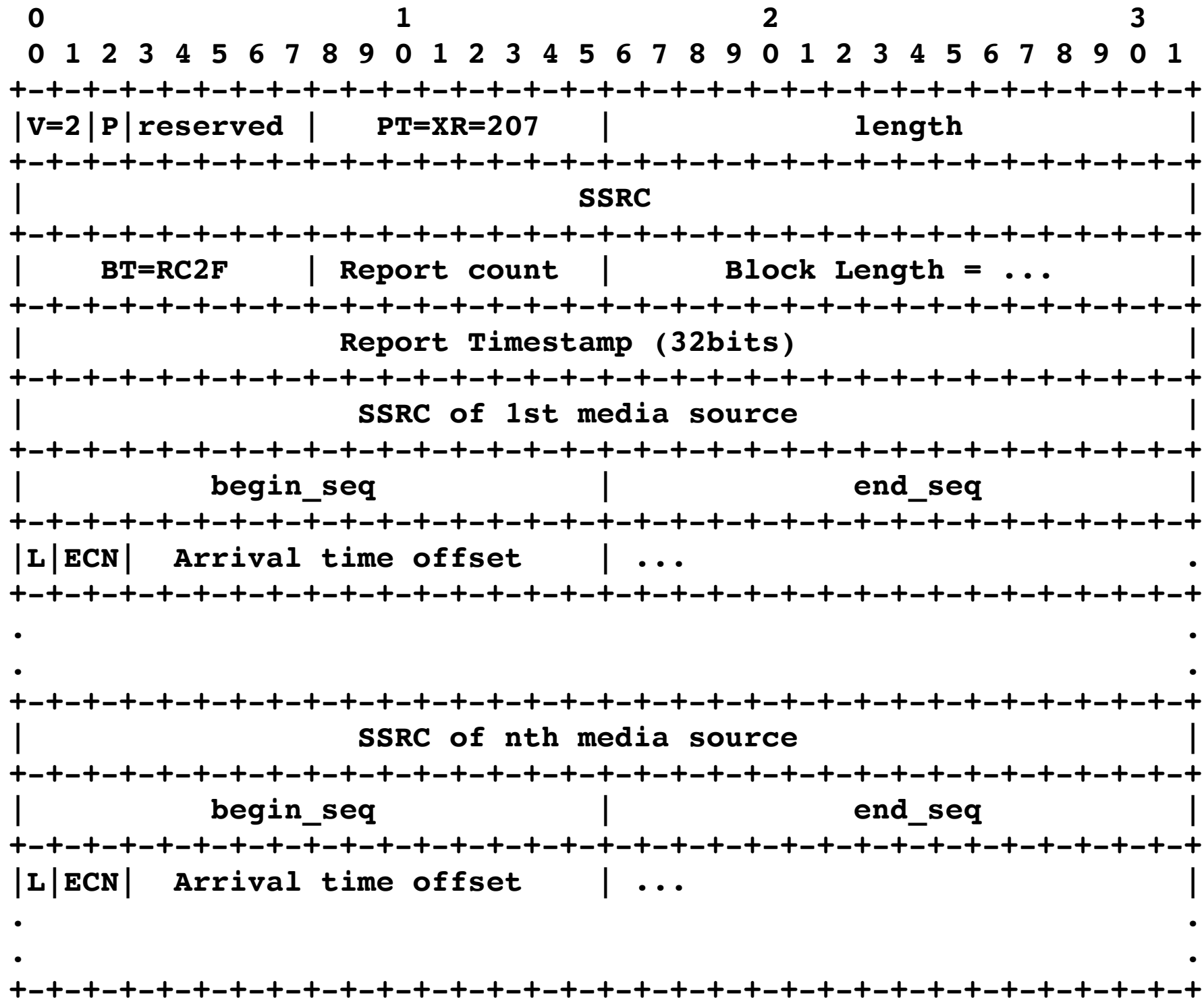
Goals

- Design team building common congestion control feedback format:
 - Per-packet arrival times
 - Per-packet loss events
 - Per-packet ECN feedback
- Desire to send feedback in scheduled compound RTCP packets or as RTP/AVPF early transport layer feedback

Feedback in scheduled compound RTCP packets

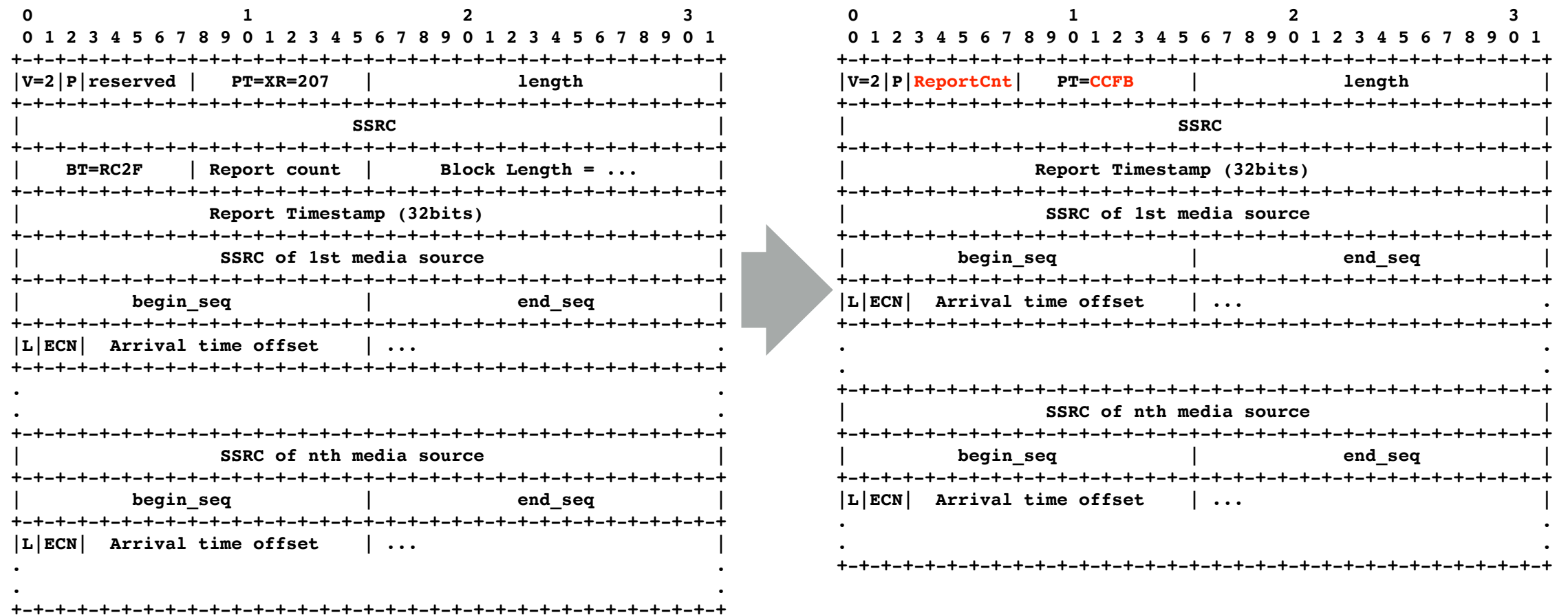
- RTP endpoints send regularly scheduled RTCP packets
 - Frequency of reporting depends on allocated RTCP bandwidth – defaults to 5% session bandwidth, but configurable
- Each report **MUST** be a compound RTCP packet
 - Sender report/receiver report (SR/RR)
 - Source description (SDES) containing CNAME item, other items optional
 - Other RTCP packets
- Extended Report (XR) packets provide detailed reception quality feedback → define XR block for congestion control feedback

Proposed RTCP XR packet format



Optimising the proposed RTCP XR packet format

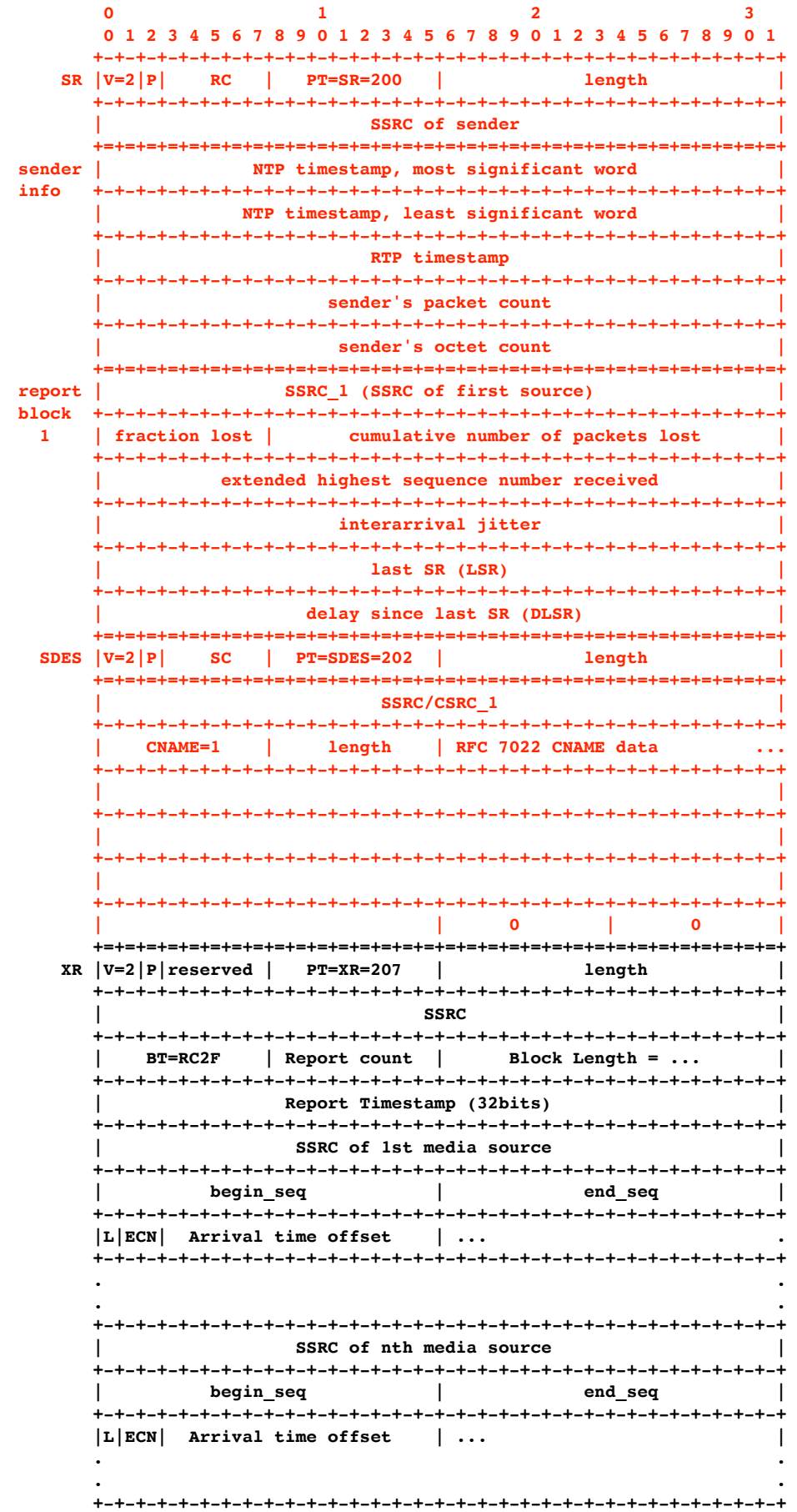
- Could define as custom RTCP packet type, rather than XR block to save four octets



- Might also be possible to optimise format of report data

Overhead of compound RTCP

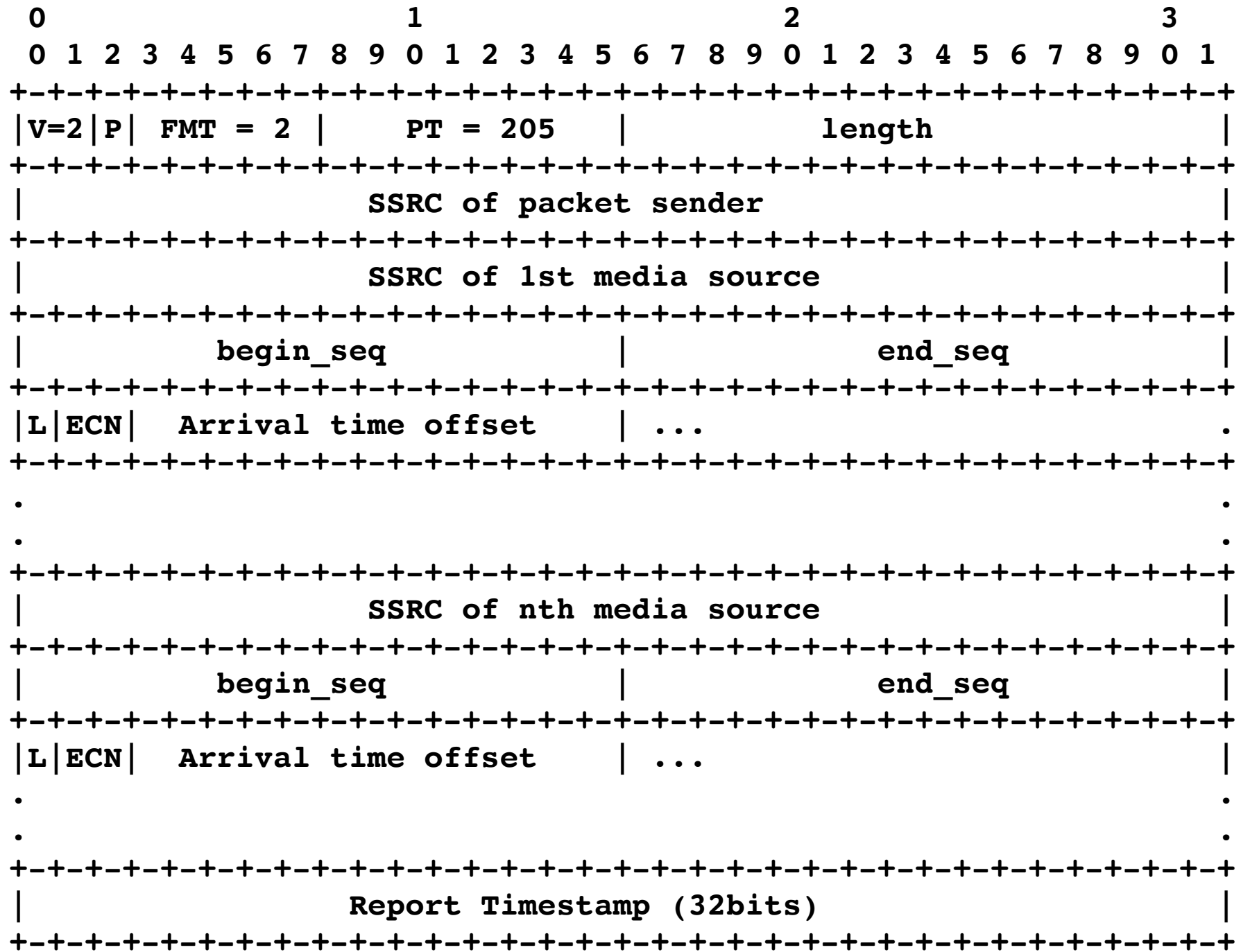
- Compound RTCP packets MUST contain SR/RR and SDES CNAME
- Gives *minimum* 80 octets overhead per-report
 - SR comprising sender info (28 octets) + a reception report block (24 octets)
 - SDES + RFC7022 CNAME (28 octets)
 - Sessions with multiple streams have a higher overhead
- Implication: optimising the XR block likely not worthwhile



Non-compound RTP/AVPF transport layer feedback

- Reduce overheads using non-compound RTCP with RTP/AVPF
- Still need to send scheduled compound RTCP packets
- But, can *also* send non-compound packets in between – these contain just a transport layer RTCP feedback packet containing congestion feedback

Proposed RTP/AVPF Transport Layer Feedback Packet



Same information as in the XR block, formatted to fit in a transport layer feedback packet

Sent as a non-compound RTCP, without SR/RR or SDES packets

Status and Discussion

- Proposed simple way of encoding required feedback
 - As XR block in a scheduled compound RTCP packet
 - As transport layer feedback in a non-compound RTCP packet sent between scheduled reports
 - The format has not been optimised – can trade complexity for some space saving, but unclear if this is worthwhile:
 - Likely to report on <16 packets per report – per packet saving small
 - Use of non-compound packets gives *much* greater per-packet saving
- Questions for the working group:
 - Is this the right information to report?
 - Is encoding this using RTCP XR and transport layer feedback appropriate?
 - Is the format reasonable? Should it be optimised?