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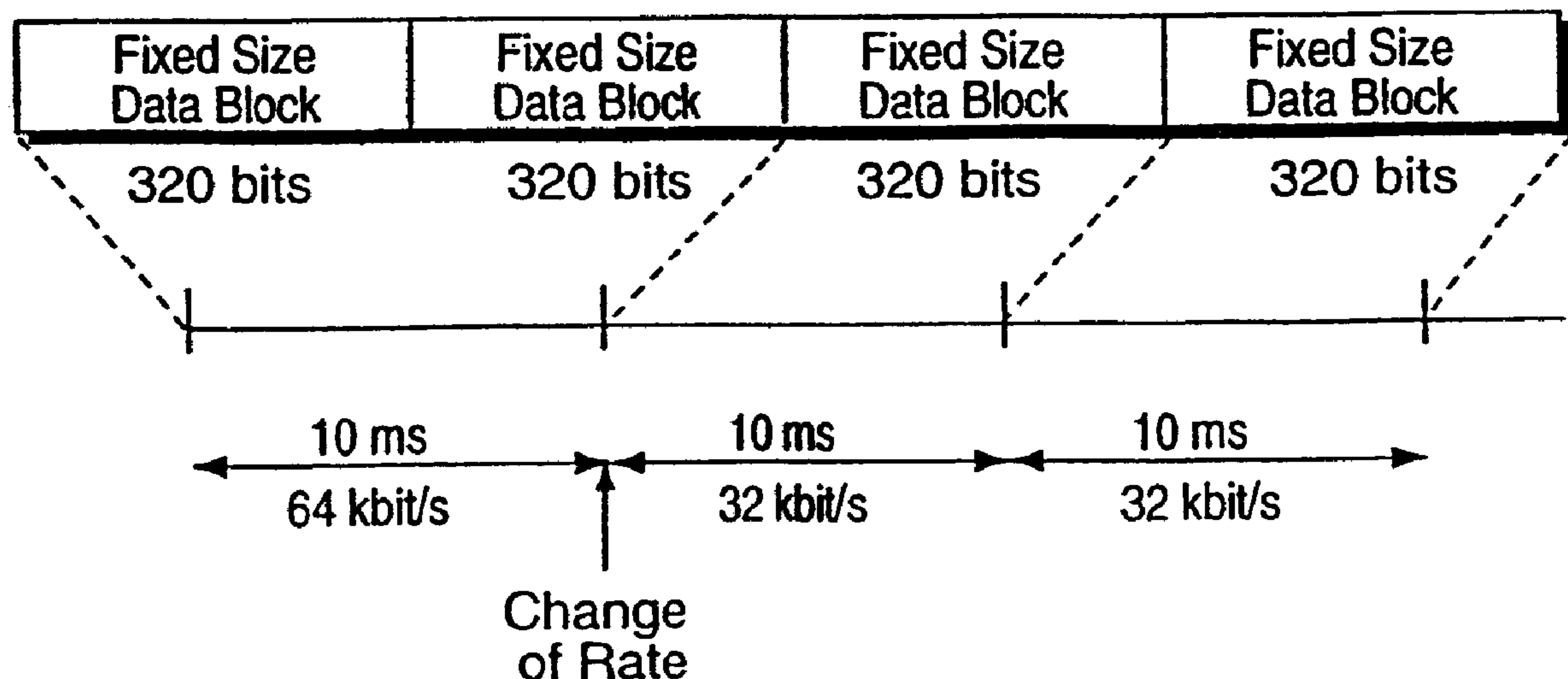
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An optimal data block size is determined for use in transmitting data at variable rates over a communications link in predetermined time intervals, where each predetermined time interval has the same time duration. Rather than varying data block size according to changes in transmission rates, which adds unnecessary complexity, the data blocks all have the same fixed size, i.e., the same number of data bits in each block. That fixed data block size is determined so that for all of the available data transmission rates, each predetermined time interval is fully occupied with useful information. The fixed data block size is determined based on a maximum frequency at which the transmission rate may change on the communications link and a lowest available transmission rate. Preferably, the fixed size of each data block is limited by predetermined maximum and minimum data block sizes in order to reduce the

