

ABSTRACT

This application provides a data processing method and an apparatus, applied to the field of communication technologies. The method includes: A transmitting end obtains first SN information of a data unit discarded by a first protocol layer of the transmitting end, and sends the
5 first SN information to a second protocol layer of a receiving end by using control signaling of a second protocol layer of the transmitting end. Correspondingly, after obtaining the first SN information by using the control signaling from the second protocol layer of the transmitting end, the second protocol layer of the receiving end may deliver the first SN information to a first protocol layer of the receiving end. This method can effectively reduce an end-to-end transmission
10 delay of service data.