COMMUNICATION METHOD AND APPARATUS

ABSTRACT

This application provides a communication method and apparatus, and relates to the field of communication technologies. In this method, before creating an IMS data channel, a communication entity may determine whether a created connection (for example, an SCTP association) is capable of carrying the IMS data channel. If there is one or more created connection capable of carrying the IMS data channel, the communication entity does not create a new connection, but indicates to use the created connection to carry the IMS data channel. If there is no created connection capable of carrying the IMS data channel, the communication entity indicates to use a new connection to carry the IMS data channel, and creates the new connection. Therefore, when the IMS data channel is created according to the foregoing method, the created connection may be multiplexed, so that resource overheads can be reduced.

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