

Seminar on ITU-T hot topics for Standardization

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Overview of HATS

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1. HATS General -What is HATS ?-

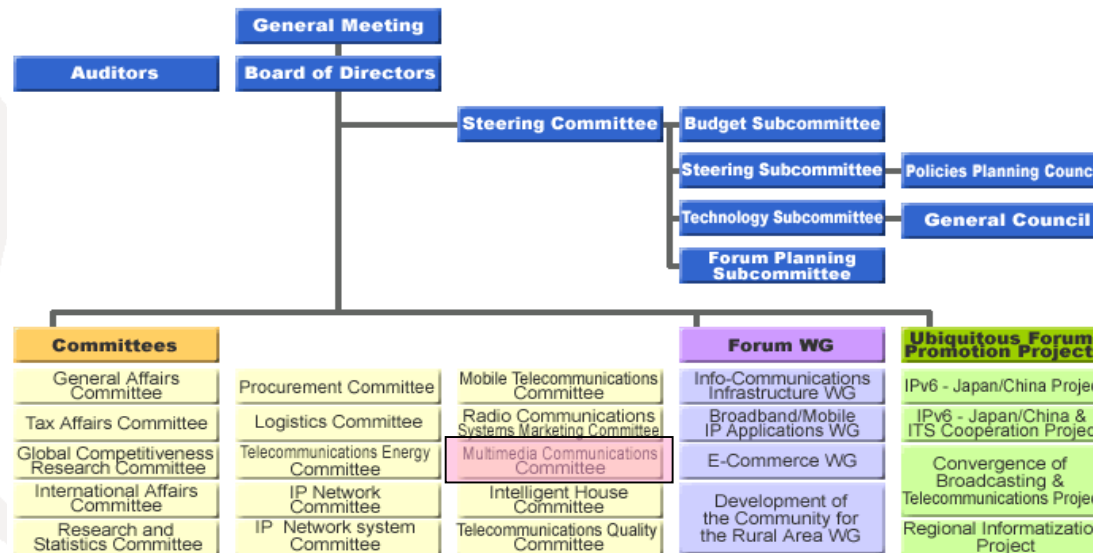
- HATS Conference:
Promotion Conference of
Harmonization of Advanced Telecommunication Systems
- Activates to assure interconnectivity and interoperability test (IOT) between info-communication equipment of different manufacturers.
- HATS is the Non-Profit organization to ensure the Telecommunication Equipments Inter-operability in order to give a user convenience.
- HATS was established in Aug. 1988.
 - Members: info-communications manufacturers, vendors, carriers, TTC, MIC*1
 - Secretariat: Communications and Information network Association of Japan (CIAJ)

For the details, <http://www.ciaj.or.jp/hats/e/what/about.html>

Note*1: MIC (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication, At that time MPT: Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications)

1. HATS General -What is the CIAJ ?-

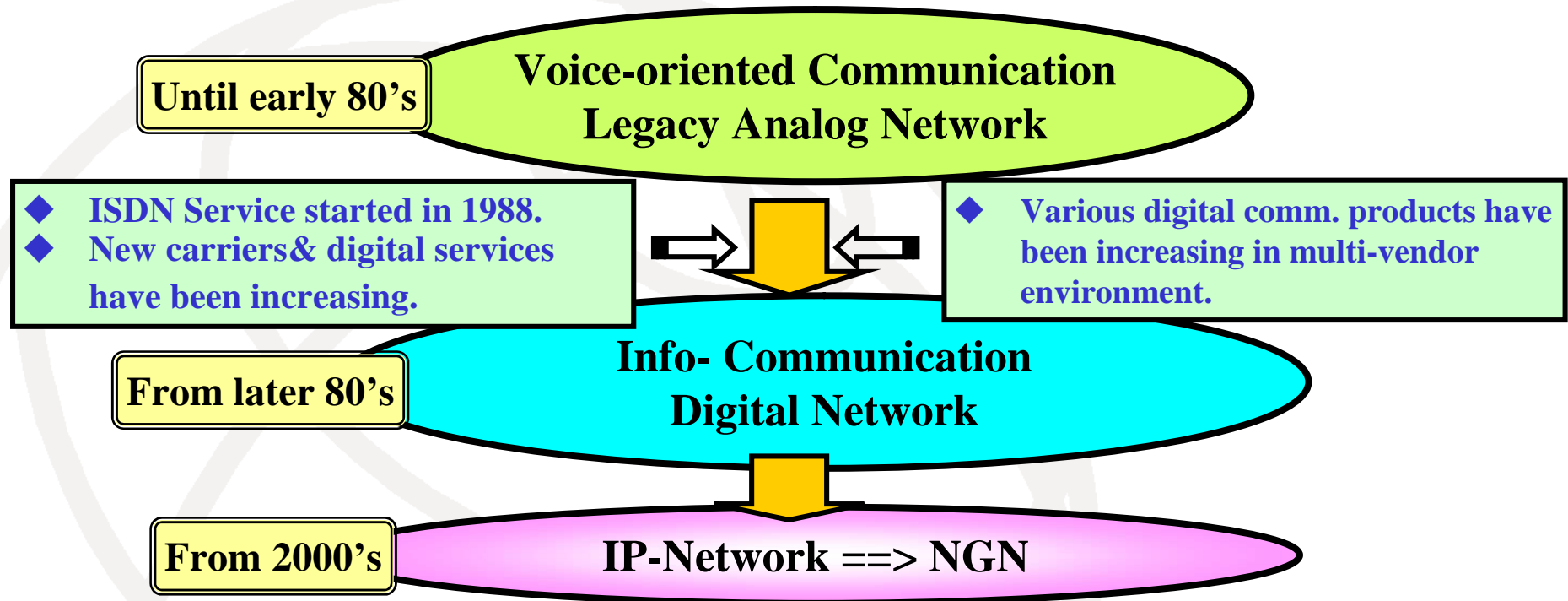
- CIAJ: Communications and information network association of Japan
- CIAJ is committed to the healthy development of info-communication network industries through the promotion of info-communication technologies (ICT) in Japan.
- The Multi Media Communication Committee discuss the technical issues about multimedia communication equipment, and act the IOT with HATS which is a



And more...

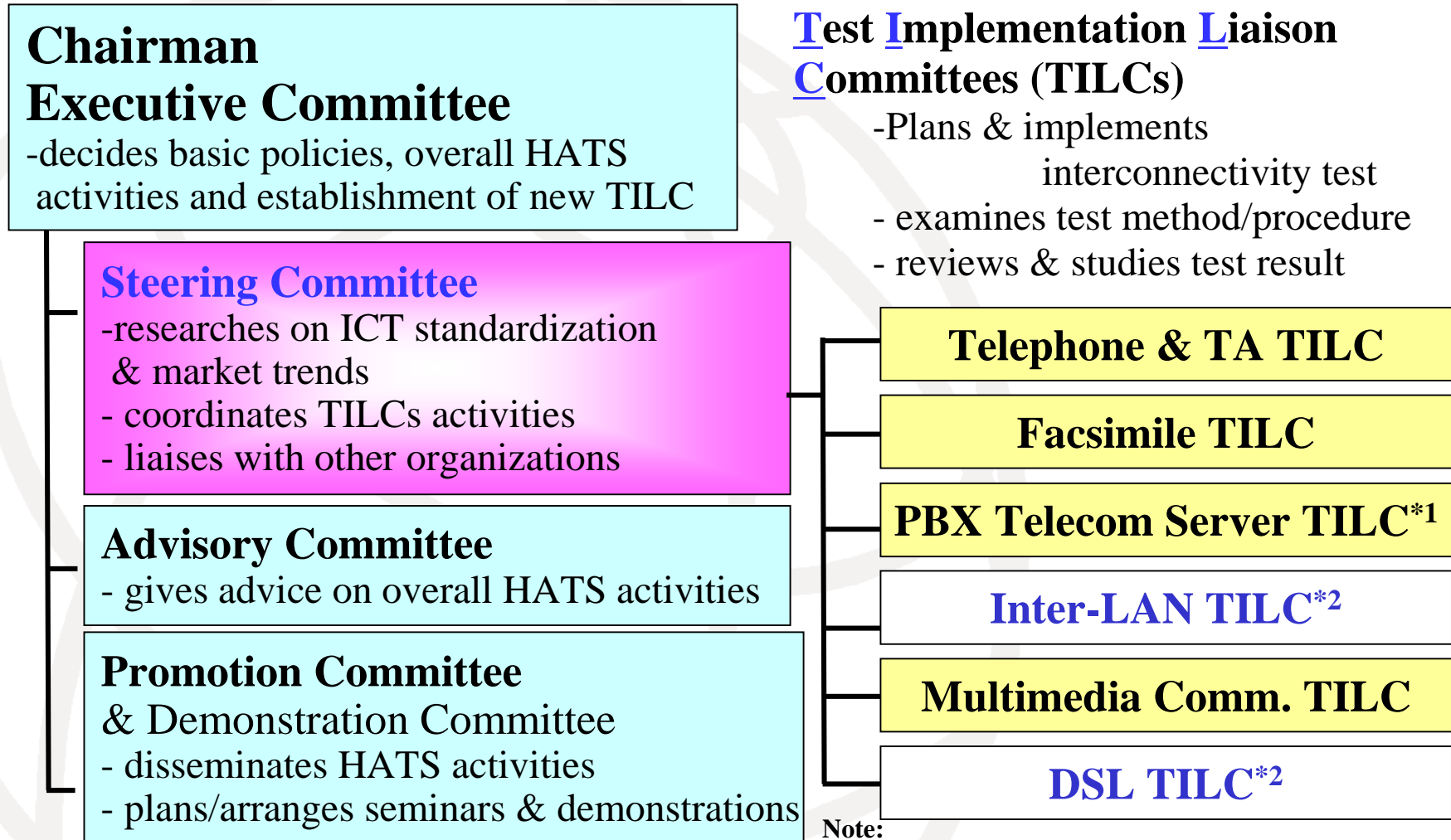
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2. Necessity of HATS -Background-



- IOT was required between several ICT equipments.
- In order to develop Info-communication market, a framework aiming to ensuring end-to-end IOT among various Info-communication equipments was needed in multi-carrier/multi-vendor environment.

3. Structure of HATS Conference

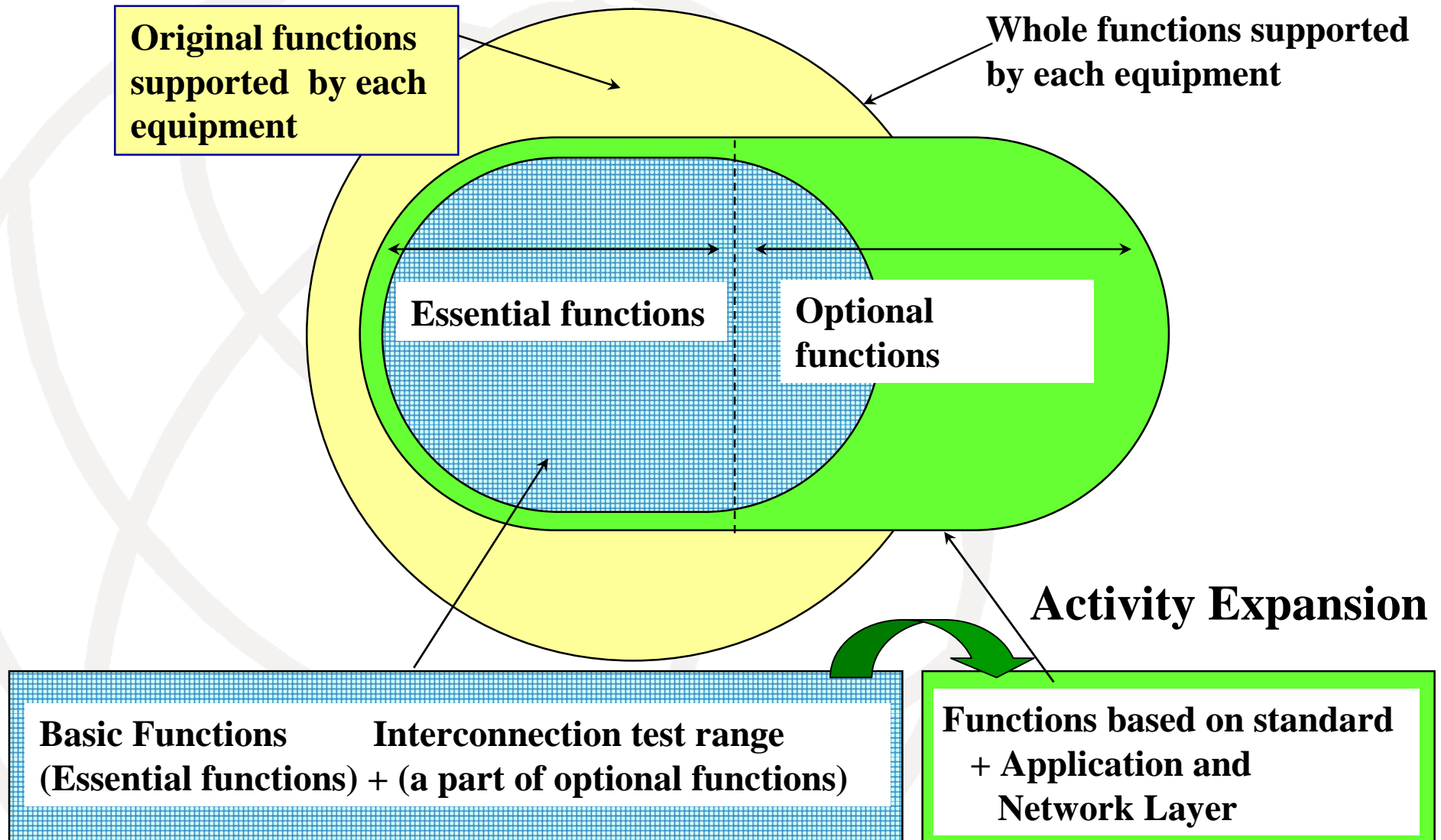


Note:
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*2: Those TILC has terminated on 2005.

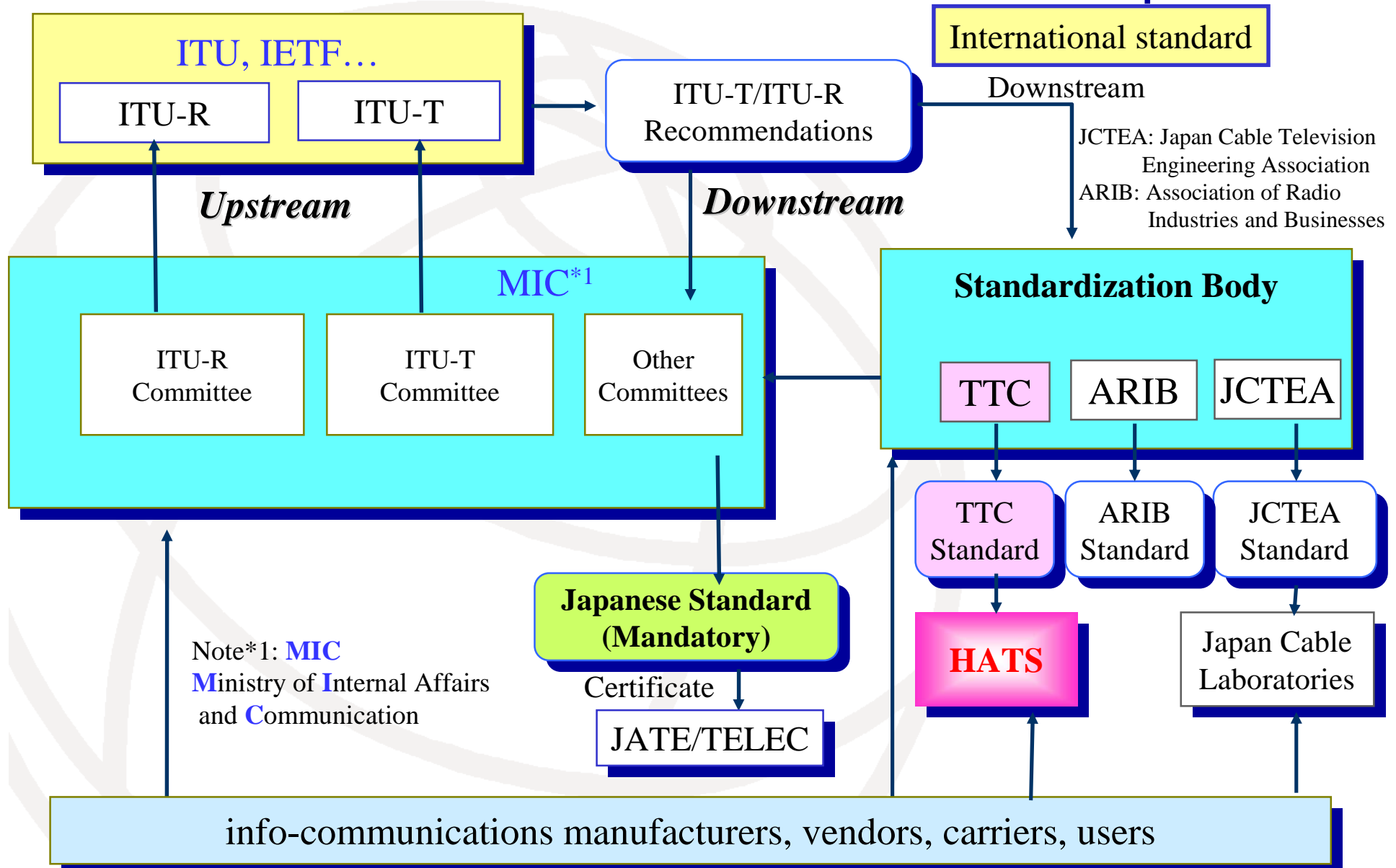
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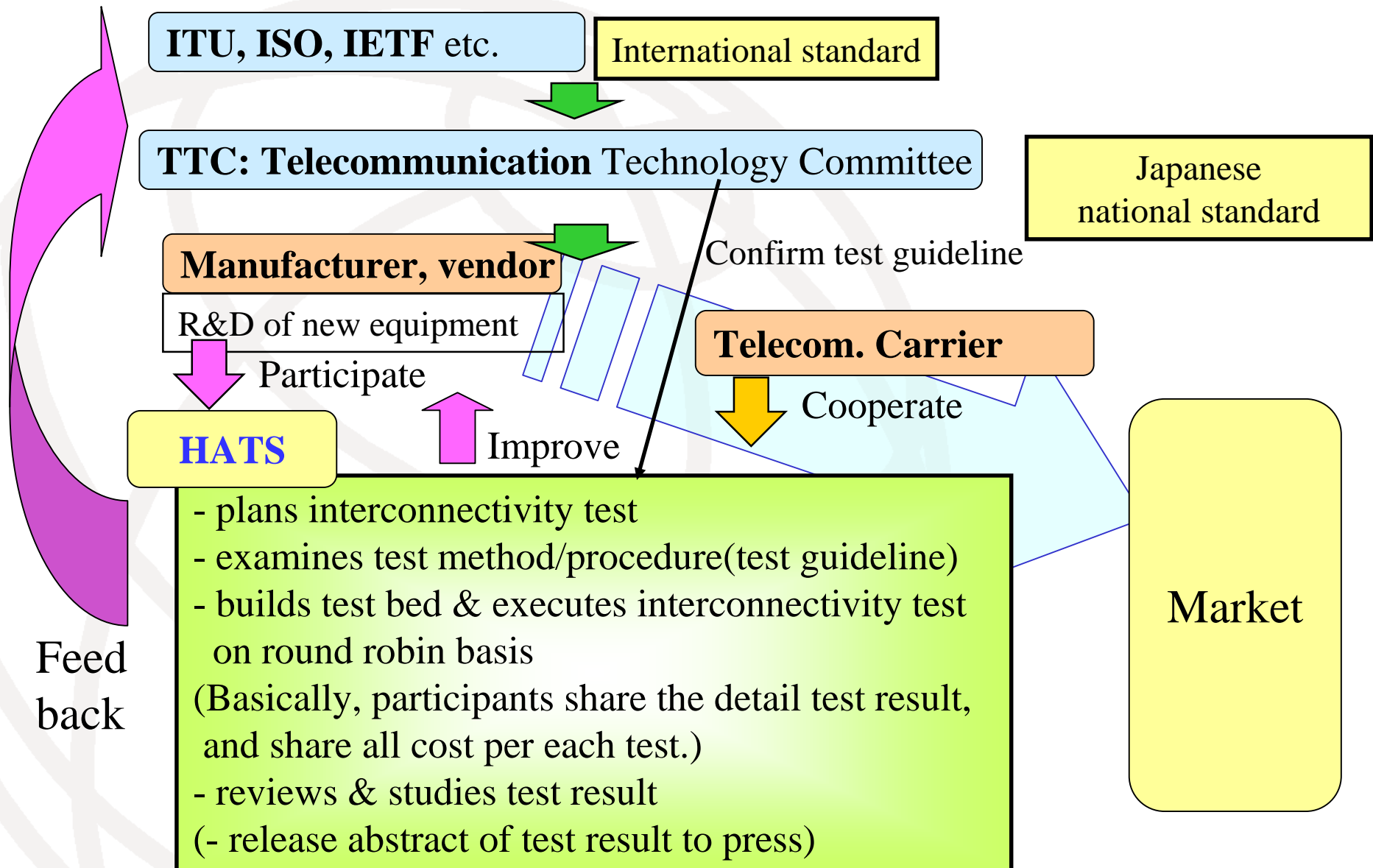
4. The Interconnectivity Test Range Targeted by HATS



5. Standardization Flow in Japan



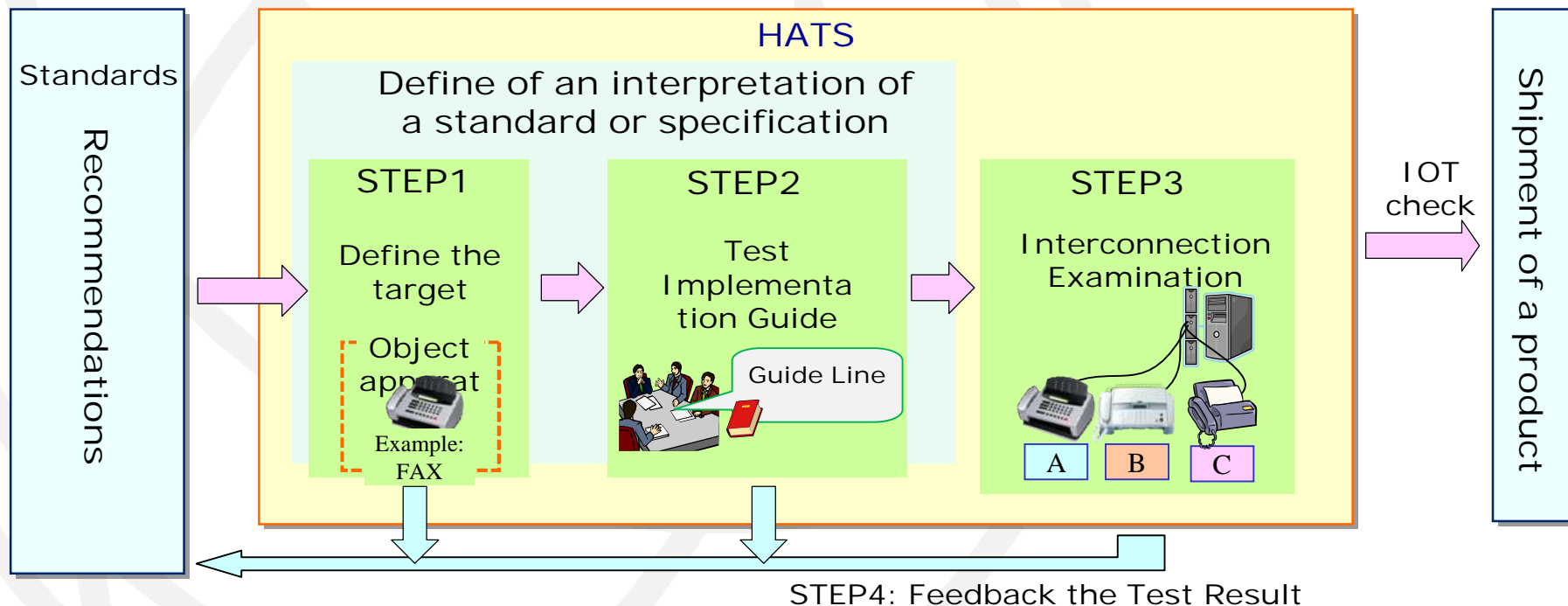
6. Role of HATS



6. Role of HATS -Details-

■ When a standardization has been recommended in ITU etc, the various systems and equipments are planned to develop by several companies. The interconnectivity test is the voluntary basis and the is following process.


- ◆STEP1: I identify the targets of ICT products and standards for interconnectivity test.
- ◆STEP2: Publish the guideline for the interconnectivity test; decide the method and procedures for the interconnectivity test.
- ◆STEP3: Carry out the interconnectivity test in accordance with the guideline mentioned in Step 2.
- ◆STEP4: Analyze the results of the interconnectivity test mentioned in Step 3, get feedback and improve the whole process of interconnectivity test (Feedback to Test Implementation Point, Rule, Standard, Etc.) .



7. Variety of HATS Test

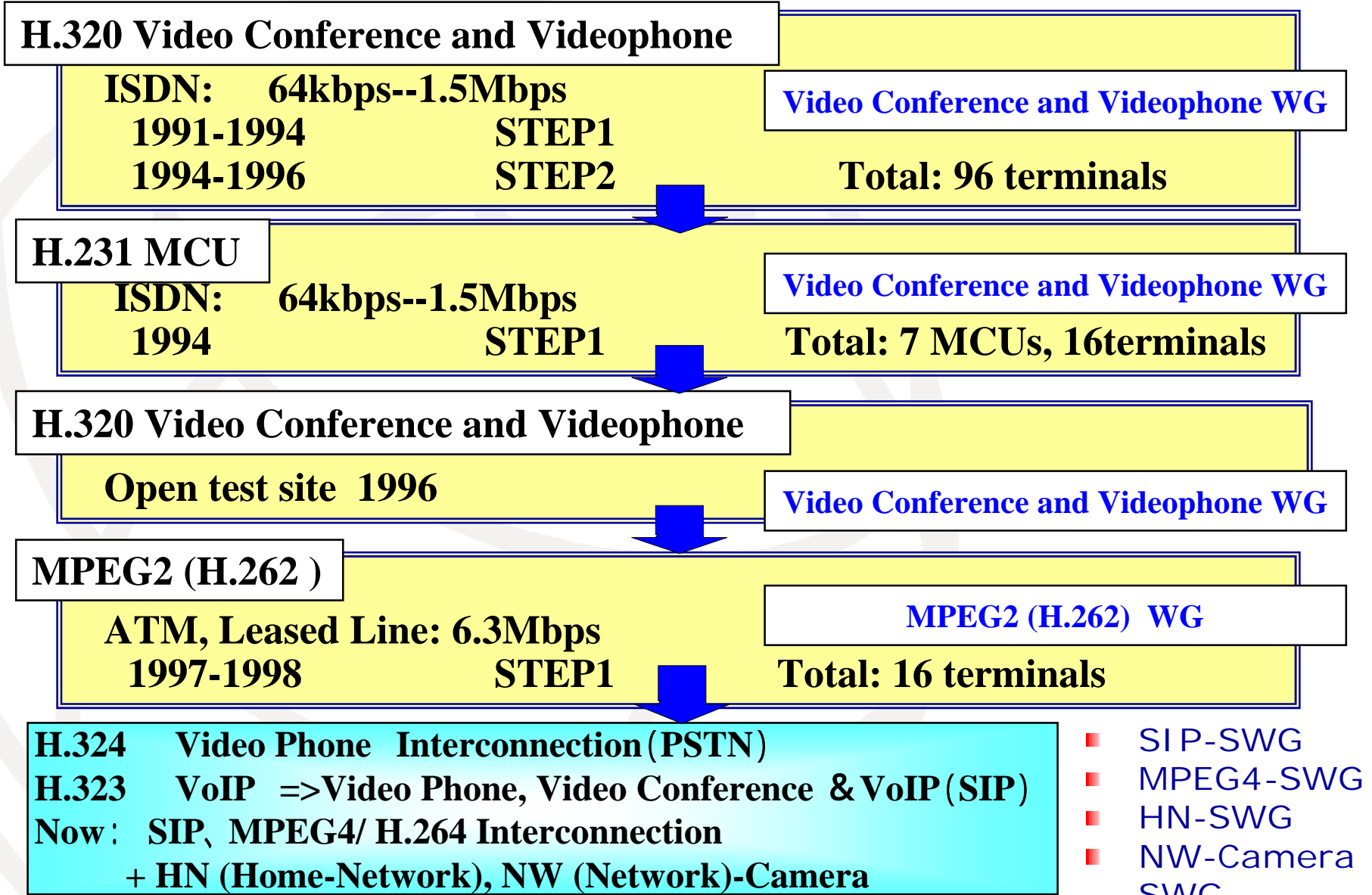
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- 2004- LAN router (Internet VPN: IPsec-IKE), PBX-SIP , H.323, SIP
- 2005- PBX-SIP, IP-FAX, SIP, MPEG4
- 2006- PBX-SIP, IP-FAX, SIP, MPEG4, H.264
- 2007-2008 Expand the test function of the above-mentioned

8. Major Activity of 2002-2009

(1) Facsimile TILC	For Digital Camera Spread Direct Data Transmission, 2002/10:ITU Contribution from Japan (2003/7:ITU Recommendation) 2003/9: s Y C C Color Picture Interconnection After 2004: Interoperability Test of Internet FAX ->Direct SMTP (T.37)
(2) PBX Telecom Server TILC	Interoperability Test using SIP (RFC3261)
(3) Inter-LAN TILC	Interoperability Test of several Internet Protocol: VPN(IPsec)IPv6 , PPPoE, OSPF, VRRP (Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol), IPsec(IKE: Aggressive Mode) etc Since the duty was finished, a liaison committee is freezing.
(4) Multimedia Comm. TILC	Expand to SIP Connection from H.323 SIP/VoIP SIP/MPEG4, H.264  Shows the details after
(5) DSL TILC	Interoperability Test of ADSL (ITU-T G.992.1 Annex C / ITU-T G.992.2 Annex C) and G.992.1 Annex I , VDSL (G.993.1) on 2003 Since the duty was finished, a liaison committee was terminated.
(6) Telephone & TA TILC	Examine the problems of VoIP communication on IP Network and NGN

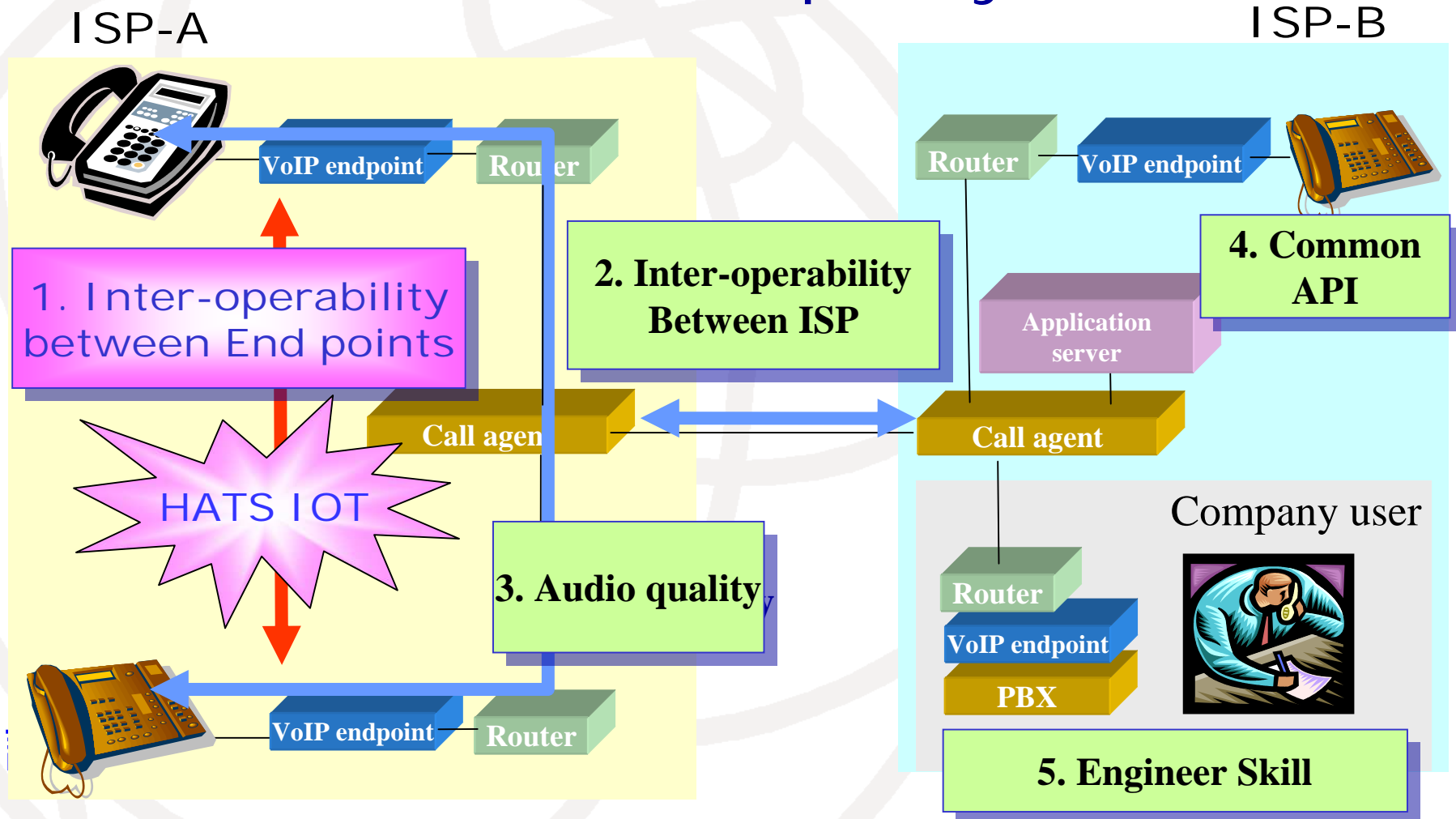
Test Implementation Liaison Committees(TILCs)

8.1 Details on Multimedia Comm. IOT



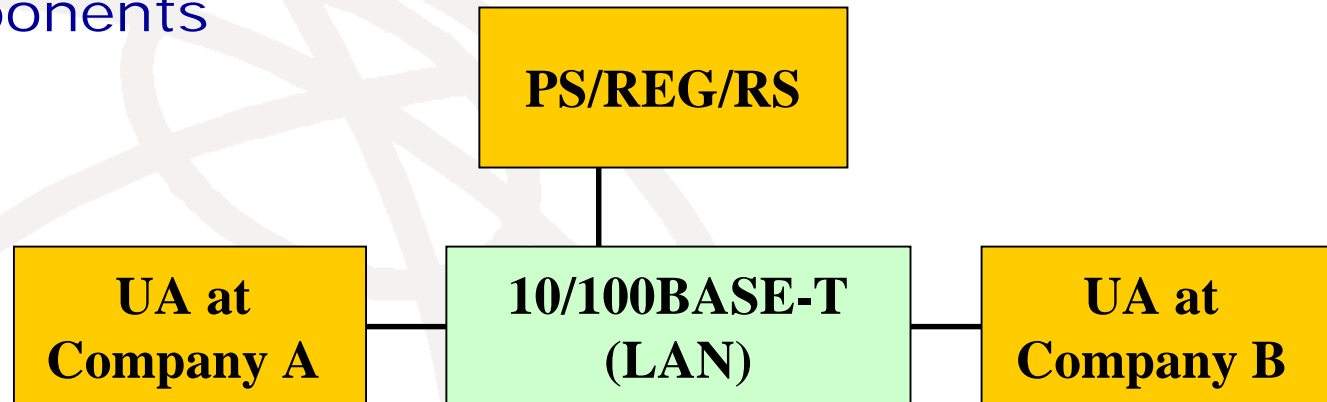
8.2 VoIP IOT -General-

■ Problems for IP Telephony



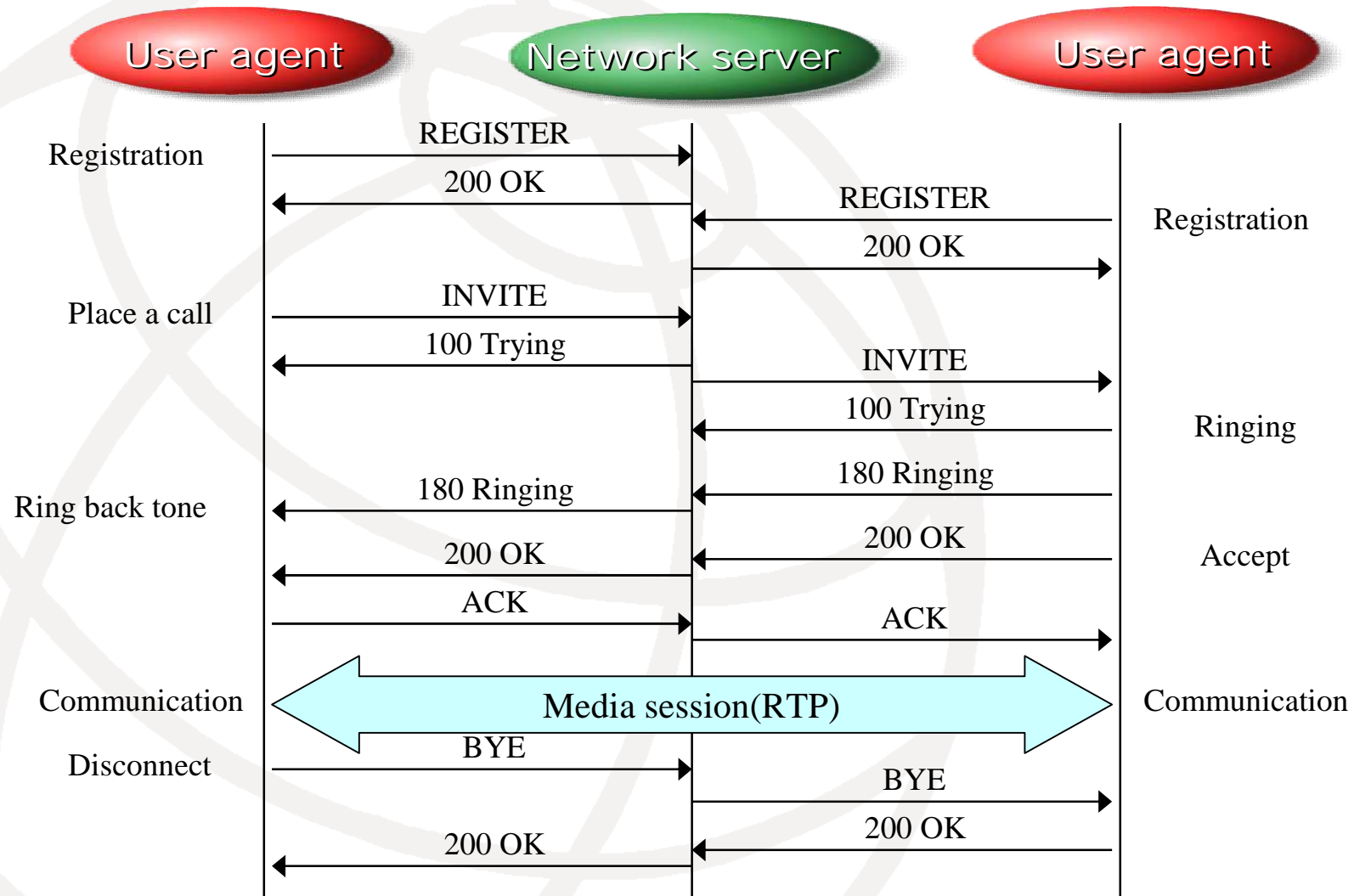
8.2 VoIP IOT –HATS IOT-

■ SIP IOT Components



- **User Agent (UA) :**
Includes elements such as terminals and gateways which are used to establish and terminate sessions
- **Network server :**
Provides the following functionality:
 - Proxy server (PS)—issues messages on behalf of other clients
 - Registrar (REG)—accepts registration requests from the user agent
 - Redirect server (RS)—changes the address when the user moves
 - Location server—registers user position information (NB: beyond the scope of SIP)

Basic SIP Call Flow



Test Procedure

- Scenario 1: UAs connected without server
- Scenario 2: UAs connected through server

- UA registered at server (Scenario 2 only)
- Transmission from UA at Company A to UA at Company B for three minutes; cut off by UA at Company A
- Transmission from UA at Company A to UA at Company B for three minutes; cut off by UA at Company B
- Transmission from UA at Company B to UA at Company A for three minutes; cut off by UA at Company B
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From Guidelines for Interconnectivity Trials on
Multimedia Communication Systems Using RFC3261
(SIP)—Step 1

**For the details of Guide Line,
<http://www.ciaj.or.jp/hats/e/activity/guideline.html>**

Sample of IOT Sheets

Appendix 1 Check sheet				
			Test number/combination number	
			1E < = > 2E1 (non-P)	
SIP Interconnectivity Trial—Check sheet				
Date/time				
Location				
U A A	[Company/organization:	Machine/model:	Supervisor:	
U A B	[Company/organization:	Machine/model:	Supervisor:	
Server C	[Company/organization:	Machine/model:	Supervisor:	
Test items				
No.	Item	Standard decision	Result (O = OK, X = NG)	Remarks (faults, problems, etc.)
1	Audio transmission OK	Check for proper audio and video transmission in all modes. Record modes checked.		Transmission encoding mode Reception encoding mode
2	Video transmission OK	Record highest transmission speed where capacity exchange is achieved.		Transmission encoding mode Reception encoding mode
3	Video transmission speed	Should disconnect properly when disconnection is initiated by the remote side.	bps	
4	Other			
5	Remote disconnect	Should disconnect properly when disconnection is initiated by the local side.		
6	Local disconnect	Check for proper audio and video transmission in all modes. Record modes checked.		
7	Audio transmission OK	Check for proper audio and video transmission in all modes. Record modes checked.		Transmission encoding mode Reception encoding mode
8	Video transmission OK	Record highest transmission speed where capacity exchange is achieved.		Transmission encoding mode Reception encoding mode
9	Video transmission speed	Record highest transmission speed where capacity exchange is achieved.	bps	
10	Other			
11	Remote disconnect	Should disconnect properly when disconnection is initiated by the remote side.		
12	Local disconnect	Should disconnect properly when disconnection is initiated by the local side.		
— MEMO —				
Fault analysis (select one of the options below and enter in left-hand column)				
1. Fault at Company A end 2. Fault at Company B end 3. Fault at both ends 4. Connection not possible due to discrepancy between specifications				
《Test results》				
: Result OK				
x : Result NG (see description of problem in Remarks column)				
- : Not part of test item or connection not possible due to discrepancy between specifications (see				
* To record results from second and subsequent connection tests conducted in connection with prep time or follow up, copy this sheet using the Edit à Move or Copy Sheet function in Excel.				
* After confirmation by both participants, the results of the interconnectivity test(s) should be forwarded to the Secretariat file server PC via an online file write procedure.				

Test date/time and location
Company name, terminal, proxy information, etc.

Results for call originated at Terminal A

Results for call originated at Terminal B

Analysis of problems (if any)

Test results submitted after confirmation from both participants

Previous SIP IOT Trials

- 1st trial: February 20 –22, 2002 and April 3, 2002
Trial involved 23 models from 14 manufacturers
- 2nd trial: July 23 – 25, 2002 and September 3, 2002
Trial involved 28 models from 19 manufacturers
- 3rd trial: July 28 – 31, 2003 and August 26, 2003
Trial involved 32 models from 15 manufacturers
- 4th trial: Jun 8 – 9, 2004 and July 21, 2004
Trial involved 22 models from 16 manufacturers
- 5th trial: July 12-13, 2005 and August 25, 2005
Trial involved 18 models from 12 manufacturers
- 6th trail :Jun 26-27, 2006 and September 3, 2006
Trial involved 19 models from 12 manufacturers
- 7th trail :July 26, 2007
Trial involved 10 models from 4 manufacturers
- 8th trail :July 1-2, 2008 (Basic TEST + Additional Services: Abnormal Operation, Call Transfer, instant message and presence...)

We have tested over 164 models.

From next year, overseas company also join !

> We prepare English document for this trial.

Problems Samples on Identified During IOT

- Some connection failures are actually attributable to overly strict evaluation of the message body content (tag)
- The UA design verification via the server was not sufficient
- Some UA can only handle specific codec, and cannot accept plural description in media description header.

8.3 MPEG4 IOT

- Added H.264 spec. to the MPEG-4 guide line.
- Test Profiles

Item	MPEG-4	H.264
Session Control	SIP (RFC3261), SDP (RFC2327)	
Capability Exchange	(RFC3264)	(RFC3264,RFC3984)
Media Transfer	RTP (RFC3550, RFC3551) , RTCP (RFC3550 Option)	
	Packetization mode(RFC3016)	Packetization mode(RFC3984)
Video (High Rate:CIF, Low Rate:QCIF)	High:MPEG-4 Visual SP@L3 Low:MPEG-4 Visual SP@L0	High:H.264 (BP@L1.2) Low:H.264 (BP@L1)
Audio	JT-G711 μ -Law	

Mandatory INVITE request items (request line, header item)

Mandatory SDP parameters (m line : media/port, a line : profile/level)

Make Offer/Answer model clear (using RFC3264 in SDP)

Testing Procedure

- Preparation for IOT
 - Confirm a specification of each vendor
 - Exchange a INVITE message via ftp server
- Method of testing
 - Round-robin Test
 - Face to Face Testing
- Process
 - 1) Call and Receive
 - 2) Keep 3 minutes then disconnect
 - 3) Put the result onto the test sheet
 - 4) Exchange caller and receiver, and test above 1-3

receiver

	A	B	C	D
A				
B				
C				
D				

caller

**For the details of Guide Line,
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Test Sheet Sample (H.264 IOT)

No	Item	Judging Standard	Result (Yes / No)	Remarks (problems etc...)	
1	Sending side (Terminal A)	Confirmation of Audio communication		Sending Side Encoding mode Receiving Side Encoding mode	
2		Confirmation of Video communication		Sending side Encoding mode(Profile/Level) Receiving side Encoding mode(Profile/Level)	
3		Transmission rate Of Video	Record the maximum transmission rate capability that was exchanged.	bps bps	Sending side Transmission Rate Receiving side Transmission Rate
4		RTP confirmation	Confirm the packetization mode of RFC3984.		When transmitted with Single NAL Unit, fill in Yes, otherwise, fill in No
			Confirm that the PPS/SPS is transmitted.		When transmitted, fill in Yes, When not transmitted, fill in No
5		Disconnection by A	Confirm that Terminal A disconnected properly when Terminal B disconnected.		
6	Disconnection by B	Confirm that Terminal B disconnected properly when Terminal A disconnected.			

The problem is filled in on Memo section or remarks to the extent possible.

Result of MPEG-4 IOT

Held 4th IOT in June, 2008

- First IOT was held in Tokyo in 2004.
- By now, 20 models from 16 manufacturers participated.

Held 2nd H.264 IOT in June, 2007

- First IOT was held in Tokyo in 2006
- By now, 7 models from 6 manufacturers participated.

Test under a IOT guide line

- MPEG-4 and H.264

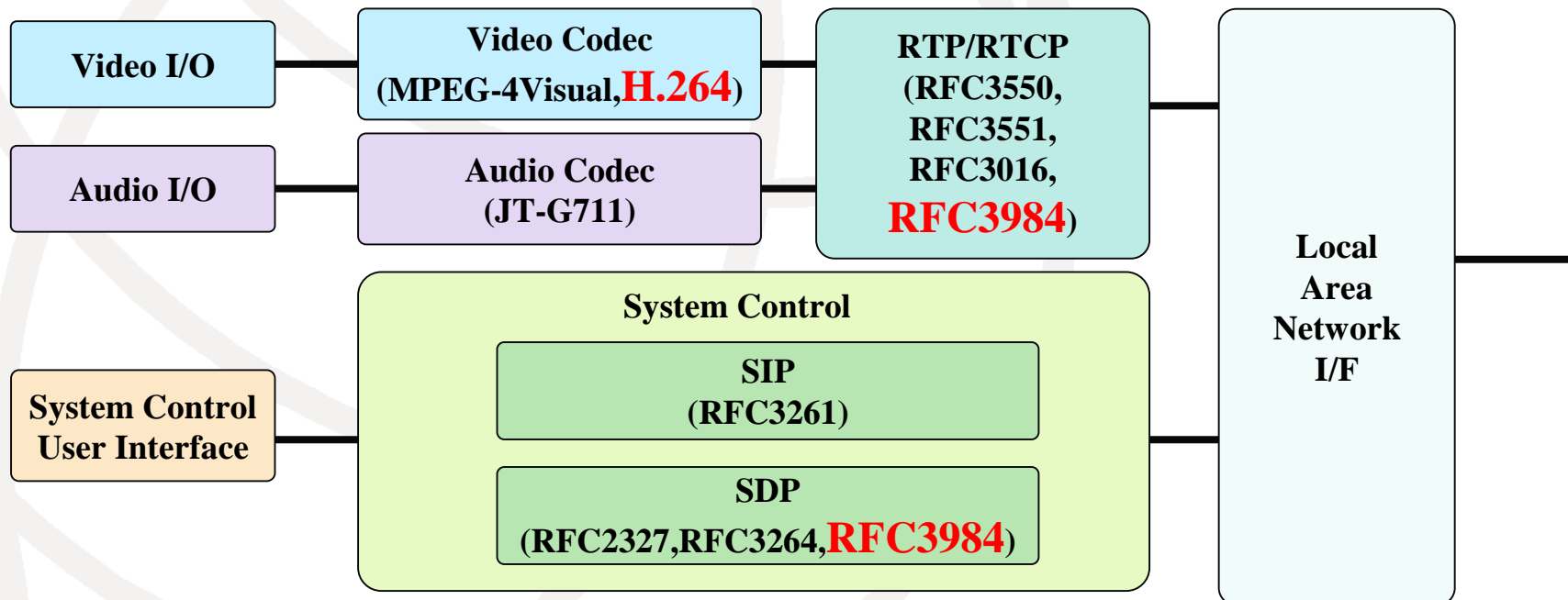


9. Problems on IOT –On HATS-

- At the beginning of HATS, the interconnection tests were based on such as ISDN and ATM, so the examination tests were based by a single recommendation.
- In current interconnection tests, network is based on IP network. So most of new ICT products consist of the combination of several standards, which includes not only ITU Recommendations but also technical standards/specifications by other standardization bodies/forums than ITU, it is required to identify what standards are included in the ICT products targeted by the test.
- Because of many recommendations, there are many profiles of the target equipments. So, we have to fix the target profiles to establish the interoperability.
- Technical specifications and User-Network Interfaces (UNIs) of actual networks (e.g. call control/management in SIP protocol) vary in countries and/or networks operators. It is not feasible to target and cover all varieties of technical specifications and UNIs of actual networks in the test.

9. Problems on IOT –Profiles-

- Two or more standards (not only ITU but various FORUM specifications are used) are required
 - For example, the example of TV Conference Terminal for multimedia services is considered.
 - By the term of H.323, Recommendation included not only the coding scheme but also communication protocol. But such as H.264, it had recommended only for the coding scheme.
 - For the development of the equipment, manufacturers have to determine the target specifications such as video profiles, voice coding scheme and the communication protocol. Following is the sample of the HATS choice.



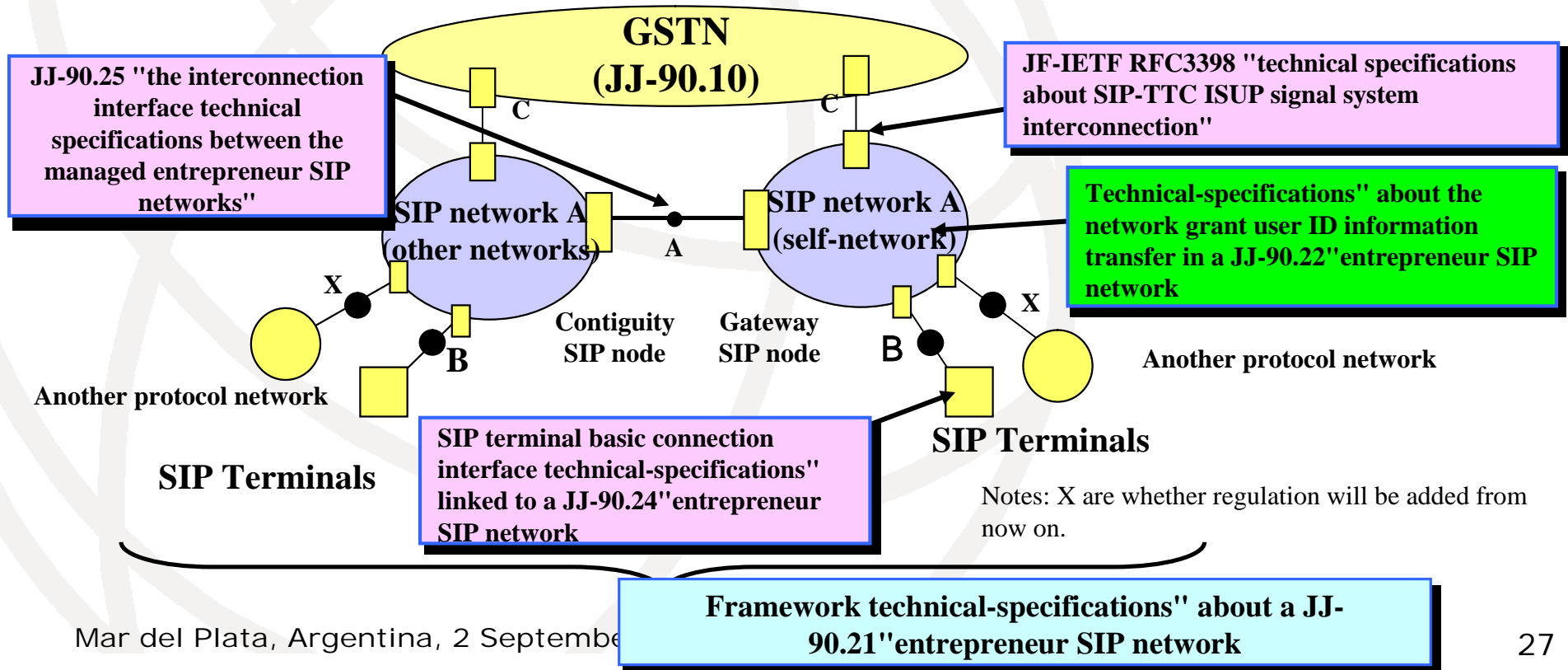
Testing Procedure

- Various development targets exist in a terminal specifications
 - Since MPEG4 and H.264 have various kinds of profiles, they need to determine a profile supposing the apparatus developed in fact. The following is the example.

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9. Problems on IOT -On UNIs-

- The check of END-END interoperability is very difficult
 - Since call control of an SIP server etc. intervenes, for example, the connectivity of UNI is required of NGN, but it is impossible in practice, and a virtual server must be placed and interconnection must be checked.
 - Although interconnection nature of actual apparatus is performed through a network, since it changes with a country and carriers, the check of END-END is very difficult.



10. Actual Results of HATS Test

ITEMS	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
PBX	3	7	5	5	5	5	5
Facsimile	1	5	0	11	10	22	0
LAN	24	11	6			0	0
H.323	17	13	6			0	0
SIP	29	32	23	18	20	10	12
MPEG4			4	5	4	2	2
H.264					3	4	3
DSL	4						0
Total	78	68	44	39	42	43	22

Number of Info-communication Equipments Tested Under HATS Scheme

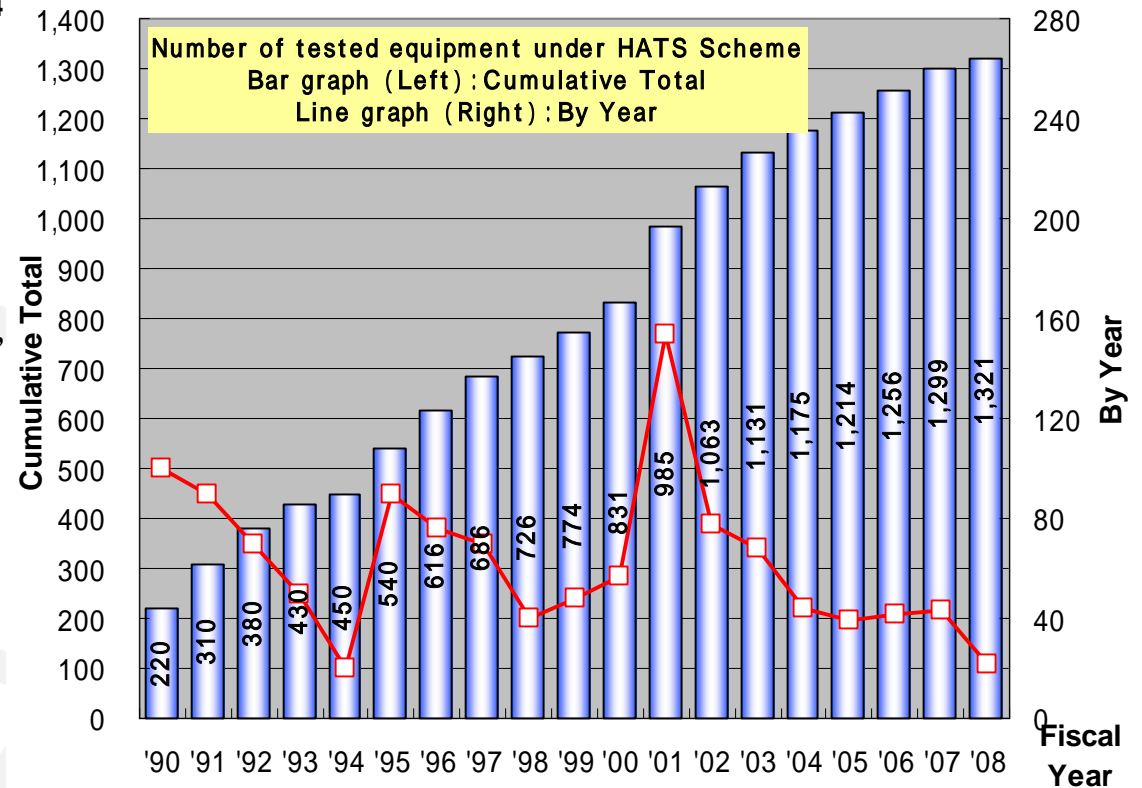
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(TOTAL : JFY1988-2008)

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11. Future Activity on HATS - 1

Although HATS has performed the interconnection examination of apparatus based on the existing advice as mentioned above, only by apparatus, we will spread ranges, not only services but also network. For the future, Business solution of NGN or OAB-J will consider and the problem in a relevant market should be prevented at the same time reservation of the interconnection nature of service etc.

<An example>

As the latest examination, there will be the problem of a telephone etc. on ALL-IP network as following items.

- 1) Quality and a function
- 2) Safety and reliability
- 3) Interconnection and network operation
- 4) In addition to this (wireless, number portability, etc.)

<Our output >

We will propose an industry standard, required industry regulation, etc. relevant to the above.

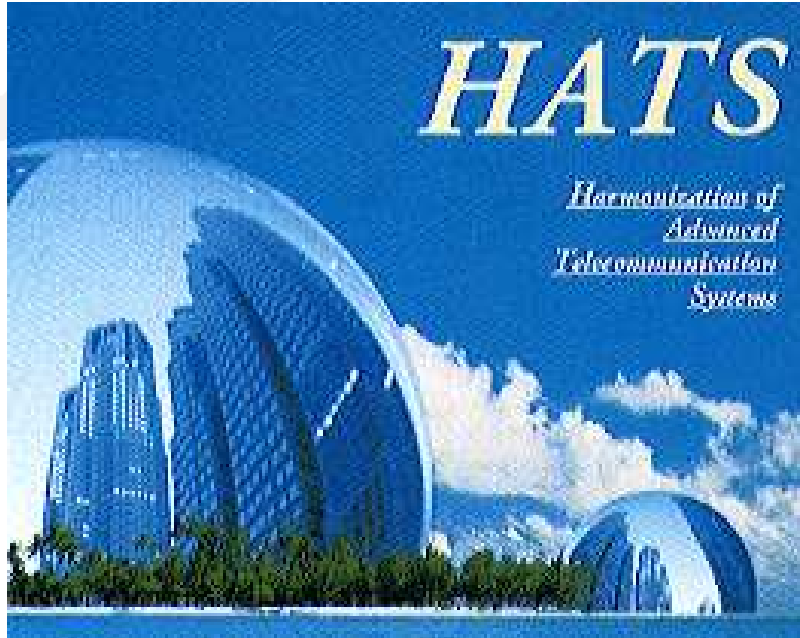
- "Secured of facsimile communication in IP phone of OAB-J" => guideline creation

VoIP-TA /at the time of accommodating a facsimile terminal in IP-PBX via VoIP-TA Facsimile terminal guideline

<http://www.ciaj.or.jp/content/info/kikaku/CES-Q006-1.pdf>

- OAB-J IP phone terminal safety and reliability functional guideline

<http://www.ciaj.or.jp/content/info/kikaku/CES-I001-1.pdf>



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Problems on IOT –Discussions-

- Definition: What is IOT?
 - IOT or CT (Conformance Test)?
 - IOT: The examination of the interconnection of target apparatus
 - CT: Certificate (for example, qualifying activity, a carrier, etc.) and standard compliance (for example, 3G-WiFi, etc.) by an organization
- Required Documents?
 - The document for deciding the candidate for an examination
 - Physical Architecture of testing
 - Implementation Agreement
 - Test Profile
 - Test Scenario, Test Specification
 - Output of Test Recognition or Certificate?
- Details?
 - What is the Profiles?
 - Why the Test Scenario and Test Specification is required?

My Background

- After graduating from Hiroshima University in Japan, Join to OKI
- Technical Experiment
 - Development of CATV Equipment
 - Development of TV Broadcasting Equipment
 - Development of Video CODEC and Teleconference Systems
 - Development of MODEM Systems
 - Development of Access Network Equipment
 - Development of Ad-hoc Network Systems
- Business Management
 - Video Communication
 - Access Network Systems
 - Home Network Systems
- Committee activity
 - Chair of HATS Steering Committee
 - Sub-Leader of Home Network (HN) Committee of TTC and HN Committee of NGN Forum in Japan

