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Title: International connection of Flexible Hardware

In a Flexible Hardware experiment, compatibility checking should be performed not only within countries but also between countries. In view of the tight schedule, it is proposed that international FH experiments be performed using international telecommunication lines. These experiments could also check the error resiliency of the coding algorithm and the performance of FEC codes.

The following lines would be available for the experiments in Japan.

International ISDN

countries : USA, UK

bitrate : 2B + D

International leased lines

countries : USA, Canada, Europe

bitrate : 64kbit/s ~ 2Mbit/s

Taking these circumstances into account, it would be desirable to perform the experiments using the ISDN for 2B connections and the leased lines for higher bitrate (possibly 384kbit/s) connections. Details of the experiments, such as line set-ups and tariffs, should be negotiated in a bilateral manner.