

TTCN-3 Test Environment in IPv6 Test

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Outline

- Who are we
- What is TTCN-3
- TTCN-3 compiler
- TTCN-3 example
- Test Configuration
- Test Suite Development Process
- Current Status



Our aims

- **Competence center for conformance and interoperability testing**
- **Formal methods for protocol specification and testing (SDL, TTCN version 3, CATG)**
- **Functional and performance testing**
- **Test methodology of software testing**
- **Tester prototype development for different types of testing**

Our activities

- **Branch of Ericsson Research**
- **Tool (prototype) development for**
 - TTCN-3 compiler
 - performance feature test
 - etc.
- **Investigating test methodologies**
 - TTCN-2 to TTCN-3 conversion
- **Test Suite writing in TTCN for testing protocol implementations**
 - for Ericsson needs (IPv6, IPv6/v4 transition, MIB conformance)
 - for standardization

TTCN-3

- **Tree and Tabular Combined Notation 3 (ETSI standard)**
- **TTCN-3 supports new areas of testing**
 - performance & integration testing
 - stability & stress test
- **Powerful, flexible and protocol/platform independent**
- **Can be viewed in various presentation formats**
 - text (easy to read and understand)
 - tabular format (like TTCN-2)
 - graphical format (Message Sequence Chart)
 - possible to add other standardized formats



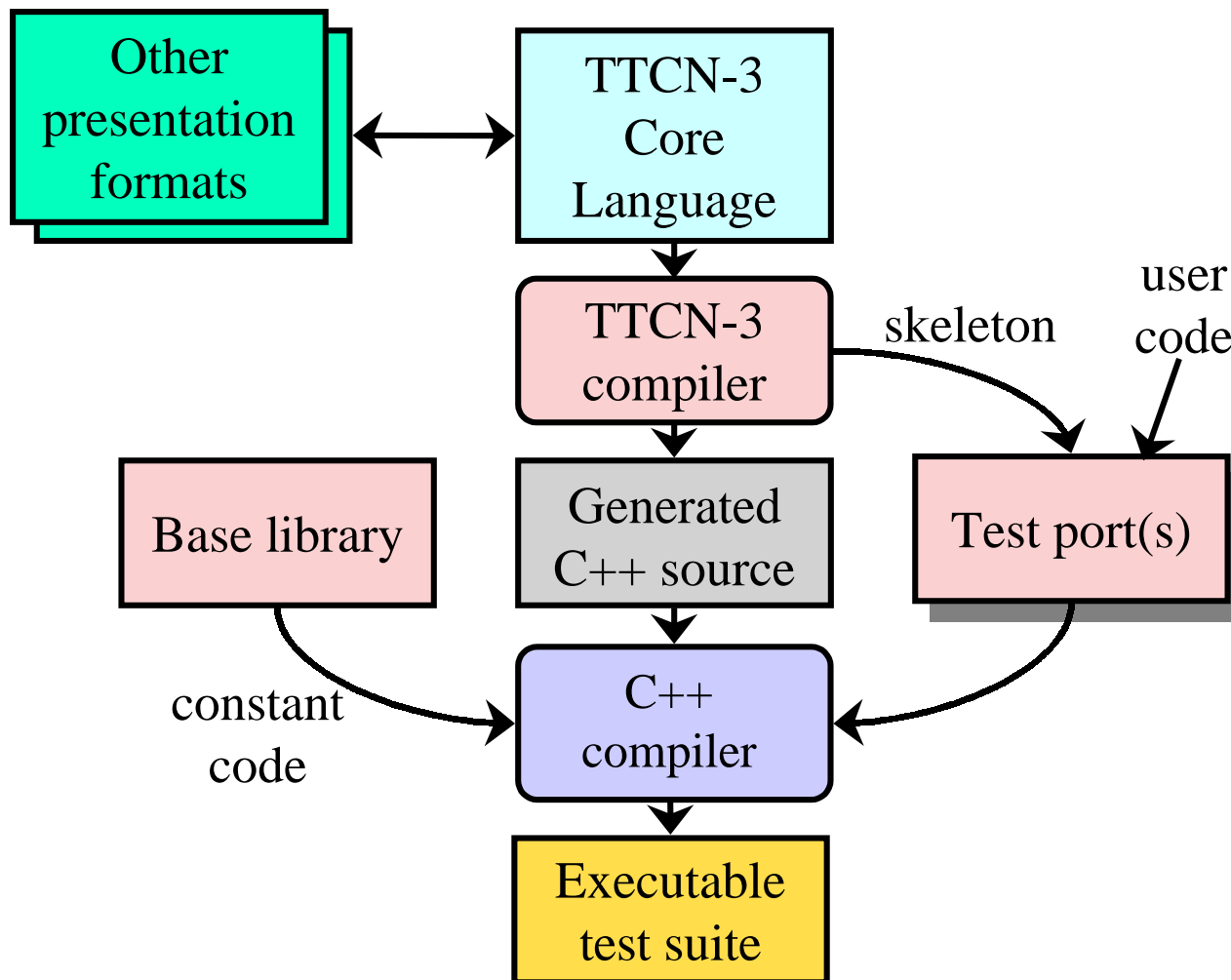
Main capabilities of TTCN-3

- **Designed specifically for testing**
 - **Dynamic concurrent testing configurations**
 - **Various communication mechanisms (synch and asynch)**
 - **Data and signature templates with powerful matching mechanisms**
 - **Specification of encoding information**
 - **Display user-defined attributes**
 - **Test suite parameterization**
 - **Test case control and selection mechanisms**
 - **Assignment and handling of test verdicts**
 - **Harmonized with ASN.1**
 - **Different presentation formats**
 - **Well-defined syntax, static semantics and operational semantics**

Development of a TTCN-3 compiler

- **Creating a parser for TTCN-3 from the BNF**
 - Using GNU flex and bison
 - Finding and correcting errors in BNF and reporting to ETSI
 - Resolving grammar conflicts
- **System architecture design**
 - Single step cross compilation to C++
 - No interpretation
 - Still without semantic analysis
- **Implementation of the basic run-time environment**
 - Basic data types & operations
- **Adding code generation functions to the parser**

Structure of the test executor



Test Suite in TTCN-3: Hello, world!

```
module MyExample
{
  type port      PCOType      message
  {
    inout      charstring
  }

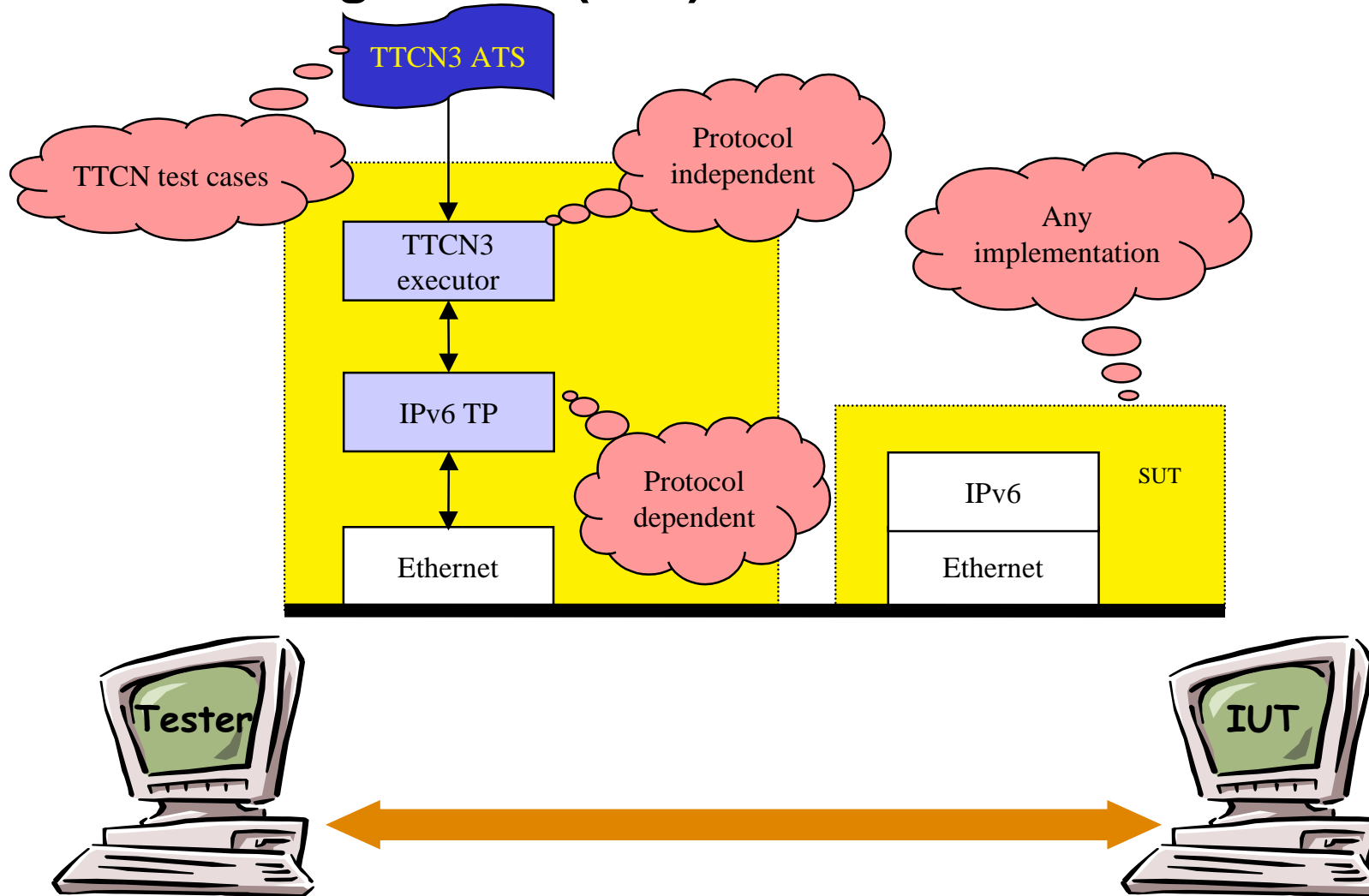
  type component  MTCType
  {
    PCOType      MyPCO
  }
}
```

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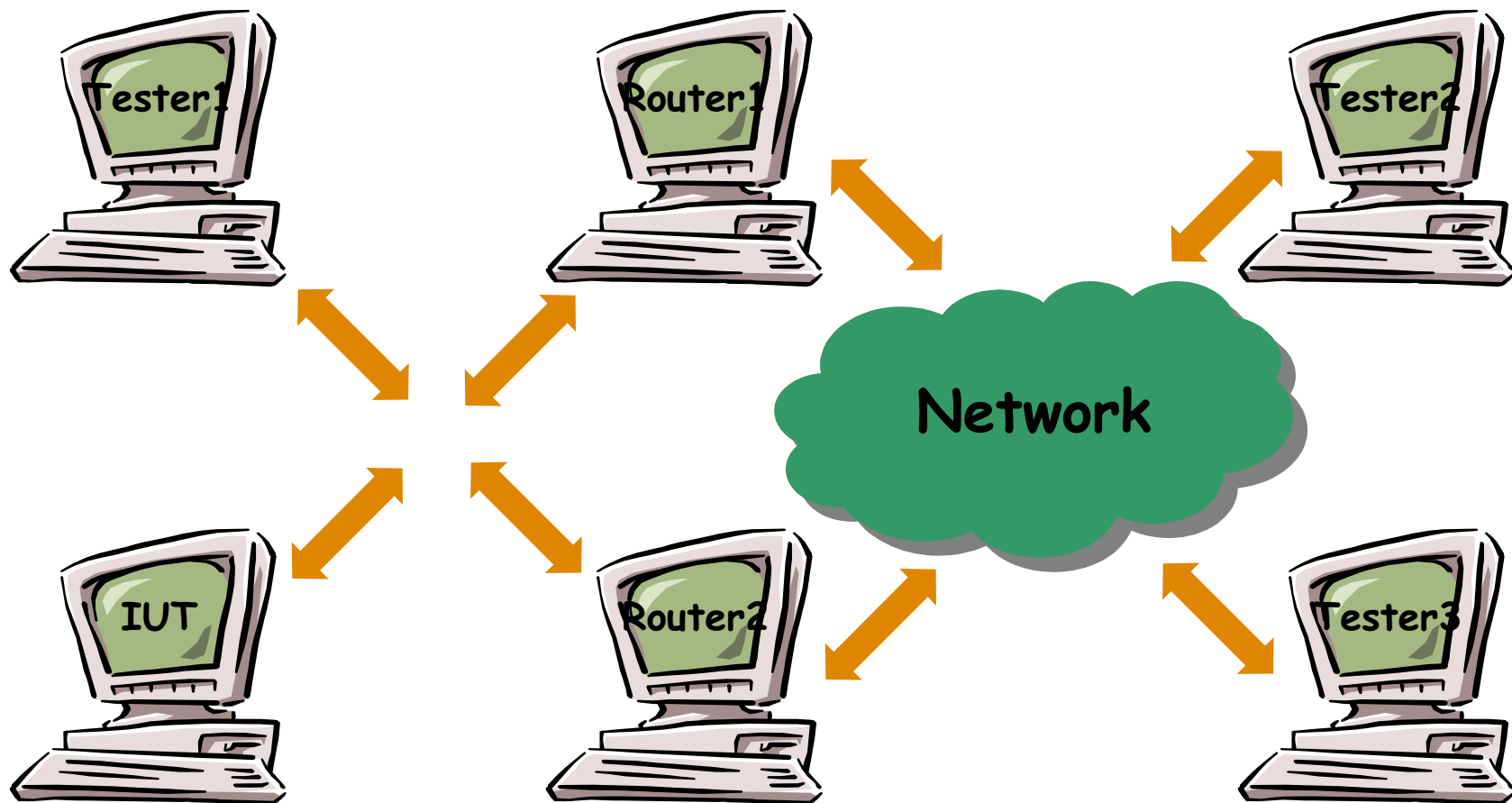
```
testcase      HelloW()      runs on MTCType
{
  MyPCO.start;
  MyPCO.send ( "Hello, world!" );
  verdict.set ( pass );
  MyPCO.stop;
}
```

```
control
{
  HelloW();
}
}
```

Test configuration (real)



Test configuration (simulated)



Features of conformance testing

- ✓ **Laboratory environment**
- ✓ **Black box method**
- ✓ **Repeatable and reliable tests**
- ✓ **Automatic execution**
- ✓ **Easy to trigger possible (or known) errors**
- ✓ **No need for trace analysis**
- ! **Not about certification**
- ! **Extension to interoperability test**

Test Suite development

- **Protocol Specification**
 - RFC
 - Standard
 - etc.
- **Requirement Specification**
 - What to test
 - Based on protocol specification
- **Test Purposes**
 - How to test
 - Textual format
- **Test Suite in TTCN-3**

Mobile IPv6

- **Correspondent node (19)**
 - Valid and erroneous Binding Updates
 - Handling of Binding Cache
 - Usage of Routing Header
- **Home agent (31)**
 - Home Agent Address Discovery
 - Primary Care-of-address registration and deregistration
 - Handling of tunnelled packets
- **Mobile node (25)**
 - Home Agent Address Discovery
 - Primary Care-of-address registration and deregistration
 - Movement Detection
 - Processing of tunnelled packets, BAs and RAs

Current status

- **Test environment:**
 - TTCN-3 compiler
 - Test Ports
- **Test Suites:**
 - IPv6
 - Mobile IPv6
 - SIP
 - OSPFv2
 - IPv4/v6 transition
- **Types of testing:**
 - conformance
 - performance
 - interoperability
- **Demonstration on IPv6 Summit, Birmingham, 05/2000 (organized by IPv6 Forum)**
- **Demonstration on 8th Internet Days, Stockholm, 06/2000**
- **Providing conformance testing services on IPv6 Bake-off in ETSI, Sophia Antipolis, 10/2000**
- **Tool demonstration on TTCN-3 Launch**
- **Connectathon 2001**