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Introduction

Context of C-ITS

This document is part of a family of deliverables from Standard Development Organizations (SDOs) for Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems (C-ITS), a subset of standards for Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS).

ITS aims at improving surface transportation in terms of:

- **safety**, e.g. crash avoidance, obstacle detection, emergency call, dangerous goods;
- **efficiency**, e.g. navigation, green wave, priority, lane access control, contextual speed limits, car sharing;
- **comfort**, e.g. telematics, parking, electric vehicle charging, infotainment;

by applying information and communication technologies (ICT).

To support interoperability, C-ITS specifications are developed to exchange and share information within a given ITS application domain, or between ITS application domains.

C-ITS services are based on the exchange of data between vehicles of any category, the roadside and urban infrastructure (e.g. traffic lights, road tolls, variable message signs), control and services centres (e.g. traffic control centre, map providers), and other road users (e.g. pedestrians, cyclists).

Many ITS services require the cooperation of vehicles with their surrounding environment (e.g. other vehicles, other road users, roadside and urban infrastructure), whilst other services require connectivity to remote service platforms (e.g. road traffic control centres, map providers, service providers, fleet managers, equipment manufacturers).

In order to support:

- a large variety of C-ITS services with differing requirements, and
- efficient sharing of information maintained by individual service applications,

it is necessary to combine multiple access technologies and communication protocols with distinct performance characteristics (communication range, available bandwidth, end-to-end transmission delay, quality of service, security, etc.).

Combining multiple access technologies and communication protocols requires a common approach to the way communications and data are managed in a secure way. A functional architecture (the ITS station architecture) has therefore been specified to manage security, communications and data related to C-ITS services.

For more details on C-ITS, see the ITS station and communication architecture specified in ISO 21217, and the multi-part technical report CEN/TR 21186 providing guidelines on the usage of C-ITS; see also <https://www.itsstandards.eu/cits>.

Need for position, velocity and time (PVT) information in C-ITS

Many ITS services, particularly those where vehicles or other mobile devices such as smartphones are involved, require position, velocity and time (PVT) information. Such PVT information is needed for various purposes. It is notably used by navigation systems, any related ITS service where position is needed (e.g. car-sharing, taxi ride booking, fleet management), advanced driver assistance or automated driving systems. The information transmitted between ITS stations or between components of an ITS station can be required to be marked with position or time information (geo- or time stamping).

PVT-related information can originate from various sources, such as a global navigation satellite system or systems (GNSSs). Accuracy and reliability can be improved by usage of several sources, such as anti-spoofing flags used for GNSS signal authentication, inertial measurement units (IMUs), light detection

and ranging (LIDAR)-based sensors, video camera-based sensors, digital maps and differential correction systems. Input from the various sources needs to be properly merged and the output be associated with a defined accuracy.

The provision of PVT information in a standardized form that can be used by all types of C-ITS services (e.g. road safety, traffic efficiency, public transport, freight and logistics, emergency call and other value-added services) is urgently needed, particularly in pilots and pre-deployment of C-ITS standards in Europe (e.g. ITS Corridor, ECo-AT, SCOOP@F, C-Roads), North America (e.g. Connected Vehicle Pilot Deployments) and Asia (e.g. Anting Project). In addition, PVT information is applicable to forthcoming deployments of the European emergency call (eCall) service. Further, high resolution and accurate PVT information is essential for automated driving.

High availability, precision and integrity of PVT information is essential for some C-ITS services, notably for advanced driver assistance or automated driving (e.g. lane keeping, platooning).

A major challenge in defining and assessing the (GNSS) positioning performance, is that it is highly influenced by the environment and the operational scenario. Research projects, standardization activities and pilot projects are on-going to address open issues and to define a common and broadly adopted framework, including the definition of relevant quality parameters and associated test procedures for conformance assessment.

SaPPART, an Action under the European Cooperation in Science and Technology programme, brought together experts in GNSSs, ITS and mobility to address the open issues. SaPPART defined a framework for the assessment of the performances of GNSS-based positioning terminals^{[23][24]}, whose concepts have been integrated in leading ongoing research projects (e.g. inLANE and ESCAPE).

Context of use of this document

This document aims to define a functionality providing the PVT information and the interface between this new functionality and other existing functionalities of the ITS station so that it can be used in a uniform, flexible and future-proof extensible way by ITS-application processes complying with the ITS station and communication architecture and related standards.

This document makes provision for any kind of quality parameter definitions, for example, the accuracy levels for predefined confidence levels, associated with PVT information.

It is outside the scope of this document to define the associated conformance evaluation test procedures.

The EN 16803 series^[11] defines a framework for assessing the performance of ITS GNSS-based terminals. It defines so-called protection levels of position and velocity (i.e. error bounds around the estimated position and velocity provided by the positioning module), of which each is associated with an integrity risk (i.e. probability that the actual error for a given position or velocity exceeds the associated protection level). EN 16803-2^[11] defines a test methodology based on replay in the laboratory of real data sets recorded during field tests. It may be used to assess the accuracy of the position and velocity of the positioning terminal and underpin the confidence levels of the position and the velocity as defined in this document.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a generic position, velocity and time (PVT) service. It further specifies the PVT service within the ITS station (ITS-S) facilities layer (ISO 21217) and its interface to other functionalities in an ITS-S such as:

- ITS-S application processes (ITS-S-APs), defined in ISO 21217;
- the generic facilities service handler (FSH) functionality of the ITS station facilities layer, defined in ISO/TS 17429.

This document specifies:

- a PVT service which, dependent on a specific implementation, uses a variety of positioning-related sources such as global navigation satellite systems (GNSSs, e.g. GALILEO, GLONASS and GPS), roadside infrastructure, cellular infrastructure, kinematic state sensors, vision sensors;
- a PVT service which merges data from the above-mentioned positioning-related sources and provides the PVT output parameters (carrying the PVT information) including the associated quality (e.g. accuracy);
- how the PVT service is integrated as an ITS-S capability of the ITS station facilities layer;
- the interface function calls and responses (Service Access Point – service primitives) between the PVT ITS-S capability and other functionalities of the ITS station architecture;
- optionally, the PVT service as a capability of the ITS-S facilities layer; see ISO 24102-6;
- an ASN.1 module C-itsPvt, providing ASN.1 type and value definitions (in [Annex A](#));
- an implementation conformance statement proforma (in [Annex B](#)), as a basis for assessment of conformity to this document.

NOTE It is outside the scope of this document to define the associated conformance evaluation test procedures.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 8324-1, *Information technology — Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Specification of basic notation*

ISO 17423, *Intelligent transport systems — Cooperative systems — Application requirements and objectives*

ISO/TS 17429, *Intelligent transport systems — Cooperative ITS — ITS station facilities for the transfer of information between ITS stations*

ISO 17575-1:2016, *Electronic fee collection — Application interface definition for autonomous systems — Part 1: Charging*

ISO 21217, *Intelligent Transport Systems — Communications access for land mobiles (CALM — Architecture*