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INTRODUCTION

The Telecontrol Application Service Element (TASE.2) protocol (also known as Inter-Control Centre Communications Protocol, ICCP) allows for data exchange over Wide Area Networks (WANs) between a utility control centre and other control centres, other utilities, power pools, regional control centres, and Non-Utility Generators. Data exchange information consists of real-time and historical power system monitoring and control data, including measured values, scheduling data, energy accounting data, and operator messages. This data exchange occurs between one control centre's Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition/Energy Management System/Distribution Management System (SCADA/EMS/DMS) host and another centre's host, often through one or more intervening communications processors.

This part of IEC 60870 defines a mechanism for exchanging time-critical data between control centres. In addition, it provides support for device control, general messaging and control of programs at a remote control centre. It defines a standardized method of using the ISO 9506 Manufacturing Message Specification (MMS) services to implement the exchange of data. The definition of TASE.2 consists of three documents. This part of IEC 60870 defines the TASE.2 application modelling and service definitions. IEC 60870-6-702 defines the application profile for use with TASE.2. IEC 60870-6-802 defines a set of standardized object definitions to be supported.

The TASE.2 describes real control centres with respect to their external visible data and behaviour using an object oriented approach. The objects are abstract in nature and may be used in a wide variety of applications. The use of TASE.2 goes far beyond the application in the control centre to control centre communications. This standard must be understood as a tool box for any application domain with comparable requirements. i.e. the TASE.2 may be applied in areas like substation automation, power plants, factory automation, chemical plants, or others which have comparable requirements. It provides a generic solution for advanced Information and Communication Technology.

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1 Scope

1.1 General

This part of IEC 60870 specifies a method of exchanging time-critical control centre data through wide-area and local-area networks using a full ISO compliant protocol stack. It contains provisions for supporting both centralized and distributed architectures. This standard includes the exchange of real-time data indications, control operations, time-series data, scheduling and accounting information, remote program control and event notification.

Though the primary objective of TASE.2 is to provide control centre (telecontrol) data exchange, its use is not restricted to control centre data exchange. It may be applied in any other domain having comparable requirements. Examples of such domains are power plants, factory automation, process control automation, and others.

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1.2 Control centre

The model of a control centre includes four primary classes of host processors: SCADA/EMS, Demand Side Management (DSM)/ Load Management, Distributed Applications, and Display Processors. The SCADA/EMS host is the primary processor, utilizing analogue and digital monitoring data collected at power plants, Non-Utility Generators, and transmission and distribution substations via Data Acquisition Units (DAUs) and Remote Terminal Units (RTUs). The control centre typically contains redundant SCADA/EMS/DMS hosts in a "hot standby" configuration. The DSM/Load Management host(s) are used by either an operator or EMS application to initiate load management activities. The Distributed Application host(s) perform miscellaneous analysis, scheduling, or forecasting functions. Display Processors allow for local operator and dispatcher display and control. Typically, the control centre will contain one or more Local Area Networks (LANs) to connect these various hosts. The control centre will also access several WANs, often through intermediate communications processors. These WAN connections may include the company-wide area network for communications with the corporate host and a distinct real-time SCADA network. Each control centre will also have one or more TASE.2 instances to handle data exchange with remote control centres.

Other classes of host processors like archive systems, engineering stations, or quality control systems (e.g., for data recording according to ISO 9000) may also be included. The application of the TASE.2 control centre model is in principle unlimited. This model provides a common and abstract definition applicable for any real systems which have comparable requirements.

1.3 Architecture

The TASE.2 protocol relies on the use of MMS services (hence the underlying MMS protocol) to implement the control centre data exchange. Figure 1 shows the relationship of TASE.2, the MMS provider, and the rest of the protocol stack. In most cases, the values of objects being transferred are translated from/to the local machine representation automatically by the

local MMS provider. Some TASE.2 objects require a common syntax (representation) and meaning (interpretation) by both communicating TASE.2 systems. This common representation and interpretation constitutes a form of protocol. The control centre applications are not part of this standard. It is assumed that these applications request TASE.2 operations and supply control centre data and functions to the TASE.2 implementation as needed. The specific interface between TASE.2 and the control centre applications is a local issue and not part of this standard.

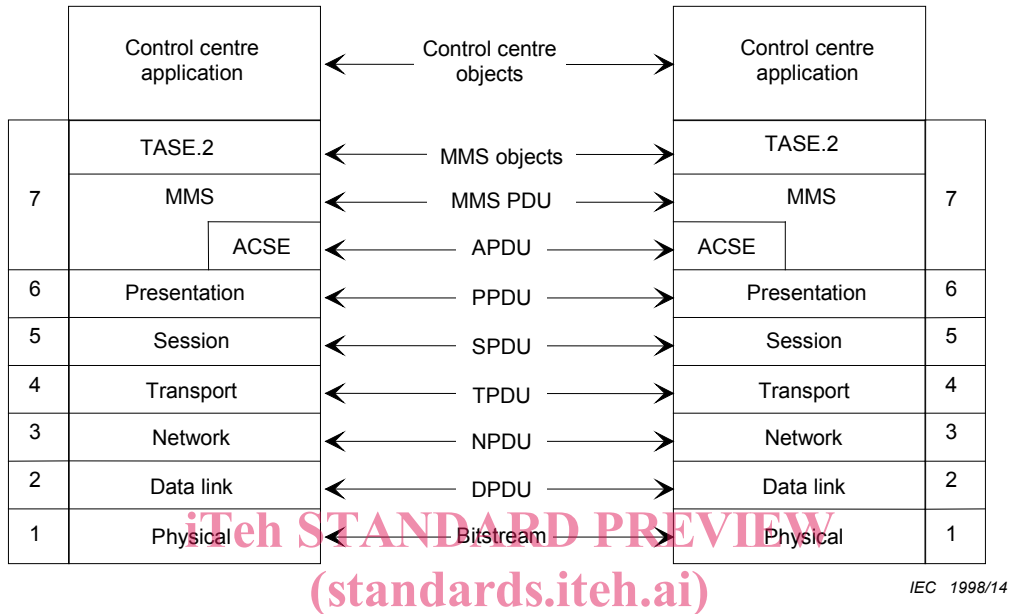


Figure 1 – Protocol relationships

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The protocol architecture for TASE.2 requires the use of ISO protocols in layers 5 to 7 of the OSI reference model. The Transport Profiles (layers 1 to 4) can use virtually any standard or de-facto standard (e.g. TCP) connection-mode transport layer and connectionless-mode network layer (e.g., IP) services over any type of transmission media.

1.4 Network Model

The TASE.2 Data Exchange network can be either a private or public packet-switched or mesh network connecting communications processors which provide adequate routing functionality to allow for redundant paths and reliable service.

Figure 2 shows a typical network topology using a router-based Wide Area Network (WAN). The WAN provides routing and reliable service between control centres (which may include internal networks and routing capabilities).

The mesh network shown in Figure 2 demonstrates the concept of redundant paths for a mesh network. Each control centre maintains its own series of direct circuits, and also provides a mechanism for routing between those direct circuits. Control Centre C provides an alternate routing path for network traffic going from Control Centre A to B. This network configuration requires key control centres to provide significant routing capabilities.

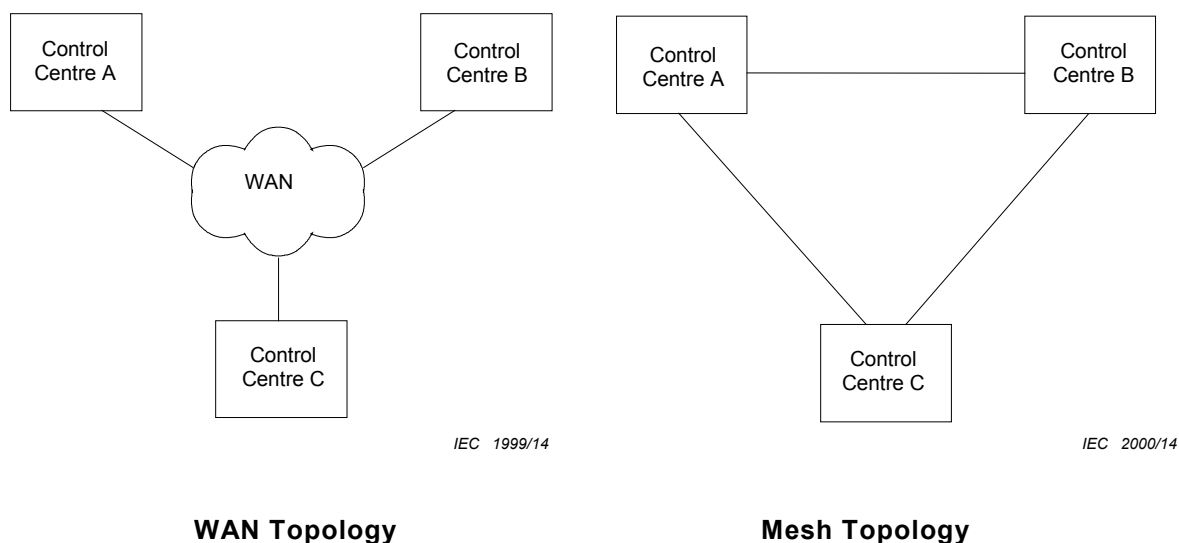


Figure 2 – TASE.2 network topologies

1.5 Relation between TASE.2 and MMS

The TASE.2 resides on top of MMS. It describes a standardized application of MMS using the MMS services and protocol. TASE.2 enhances the functionality of MMS by specifying structured data mapped to MMS objects and assigning specific semantics to it. As an example of pure MMS services, MMS allows reading data from a remote system. The data will be responded without any specific condition. If these data are read depending on very specific conditions (e.g., on change only) then TASE.2 provides appropriate services which are not provided by MMS.

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Though the specific requirements agreed upon within the IEC IEC TC 57 have led to the definition of TASE.2 there are several other application domains (outside the control centres) with less, very limited or mixed requirements which might use the TASE.2 services. These other areas are outside the scope of this standard but the use of TASE.2 goes far beyond the specific scope of this standard.

TASE.2 provides an independent and scalable set of services to allow efficient implementations optimized for the respective requirements of a control centre. It does this by defining several conformance building blocks. MMS offers also a scalability of its services specifying MMS Conformance Building Blocks (CBBs). A simple TASE.2 implementation requires only a simple MMS implementation.

TASE.2 and MMS provide their services to their respective users. MMS provides its services to TASE.2 and TASE.2 provides its services to the control centre application. MMS is an independent standard that can provide its services also to users other than TASE.2 – it can serve directly to specific control centre applications and to any other application. This means that the use of MMS is not restricted to TASE.2.

For requirements outside the scope of this standard or for future requirements, for example journaling of data, downloading and uploading of mass data like programs, additional MMS models and services, i.e. Journaling and Domain Loading respective can be applied by a real system in addition to TASE.2. This is possible because the additional application of MMS objects and services is independent of the use of TASE.2 and the use of MMS by TASE.2.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For