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- a) Two different control codes are described by the different terms: "control codes for text" and "control codes for speech".
- b) Pack processing and LZSS processing are shown in their additional subclauses.
- c) An example of the header file "Speechio.h" is added.
- d) An example of error correction encoding is shown in additional Annex D.

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INTRODUCTION

Information interchange via printed documents between blind or visually impaired people has been carried out by using Braille. However, in order to be able to read Braille, particular tuition is required. Learning Braille is very difficult for aged as well as visually non-impaired people.

Printed documents with texts and text-encoded texture maps can be interchanged by ordinary circulation or publication mechanisms. They are readable as ordinary printed materials and comprehensible by blind or visually impaired people with the support of decoding and auditory presentation equipment.

Today, interchanging of printed documents has become wide-spread and international. The text-encoding scheme to generate a texture map should therefore be standardized at an international level.

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MULTIMEDIA SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT – MULTIMEDIA E-PUBLISHING AND E-BOOK TECHNOLOGIES – TEXTURE MAP FOR AUDITORY PRESENTATION OF PRINTED TEXTS

1 Scope

In order to generate a texture map for auditory presentation of printed text information, this International Standard specifies

- a text encoding scheme to generate a texture map,
- a physical shape and dimension of the texture map for printing,
- additional features for texture map printing,
- texture map decoding and an auditory presentation of decoded texts.

These specifications enable the interchange of documents and publications between visually impaired and non-impaired people.

2 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

2.1

texture map

two dimensional cell patterns which include alignment lines and a data matrix which is generated from text data compression and error correction encoding

2.2

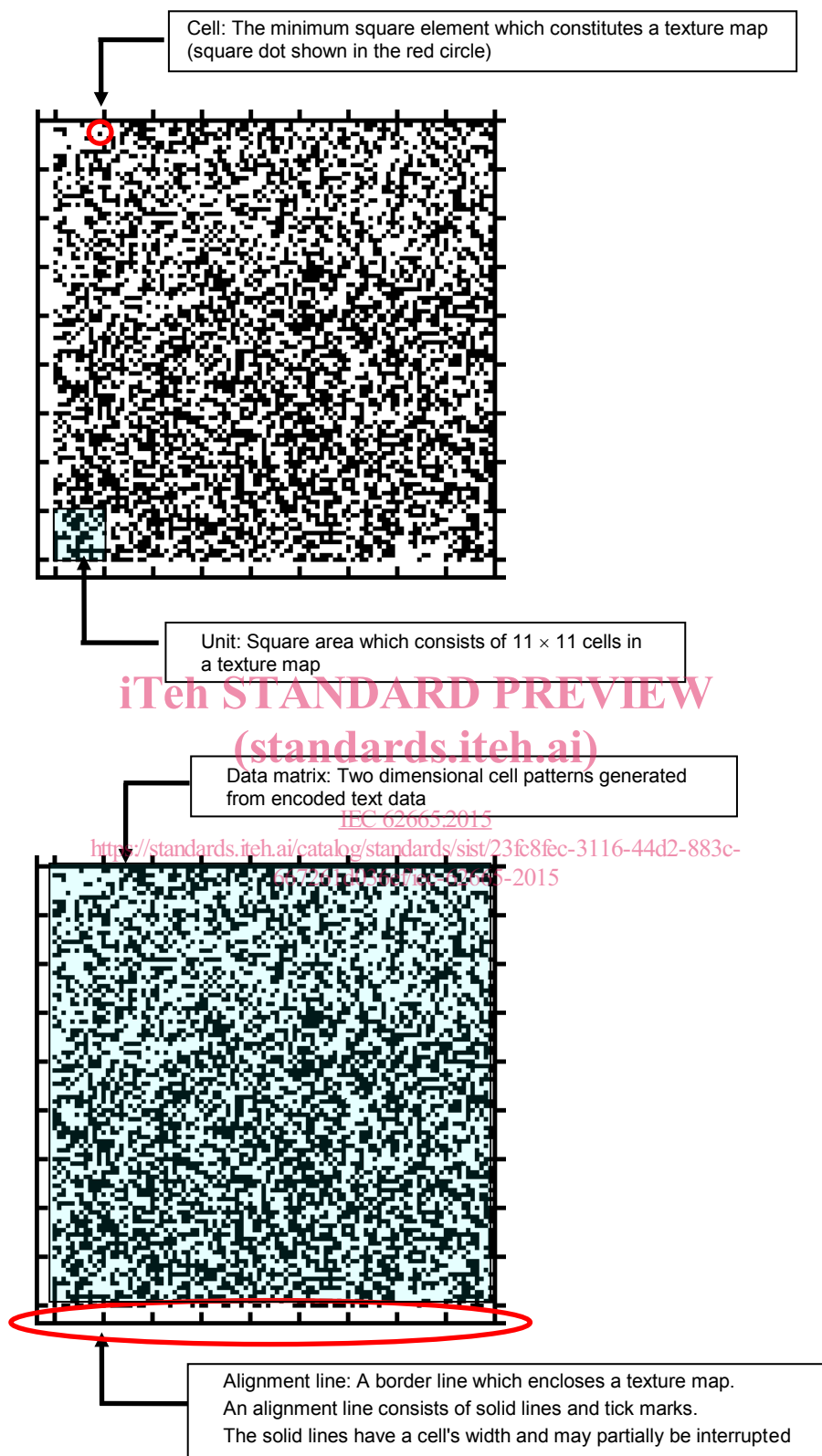
auditory presentation equipment

equipment including an engine to carry out a text-to-speech

3 Texture map

3.1 Names of elements

A shape and names of a texture map are indicated in Figure 1. The shape represents the M size in Table 1.



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Figure 1 – Shape and elements of a texture map

3.2 Size and data volume

Texture maps have four sizes: XS, S, M and L. The corresponding data volumes are shown in Table 1.

Table 1 – Sizes and data volume of texture maps

Size	Number of cells	Number of units	Dimensions at printing mm	Error correction level	Data volume (Double byte characters)
XS	40 × 40	3 × 3	6,8 × 6,8	strong	41
				medium	48
				weak	51
S	73 × 73	6 × 6	12,4 × 12,4	strong	250
				medium	298
				weak	329
M	106 × 106	9 × 9	17,9 × 17,9	strong	651
				medium	768
				weak	840
L	117 × 117	10 × 10	19,8 × 19,8	strong	793
				medium	921
				weak	1 027

NOTE 1 Number of cells: Cells including alignment line.

NOTE 2 Dimensions at printing: Dimensions of a BMP (bitmap) image created by the SpeechioSymbol¹ function (see 3.3.2.2) at printing with 600 dpi resolution.

NOTE 3 Error correction: One of the 3 levels of error correction: strong, medium and weak, is specified by the SpeechioEncode function at encoding texts to a texture map.

NOTE 4 Data volume: The values in this table depend on a compression of text data.

3.3 Encoding scheme of a texture map from texts

3.3.1 General

The process of generating a texture map from texts is shown in Figure 2. The SpeechioEncode function encodes input texts to create cell data that are stored in a buffer called bit string. Then, the SpeechioSymbol function processes the buffered cell data to generate image data of a texture map.

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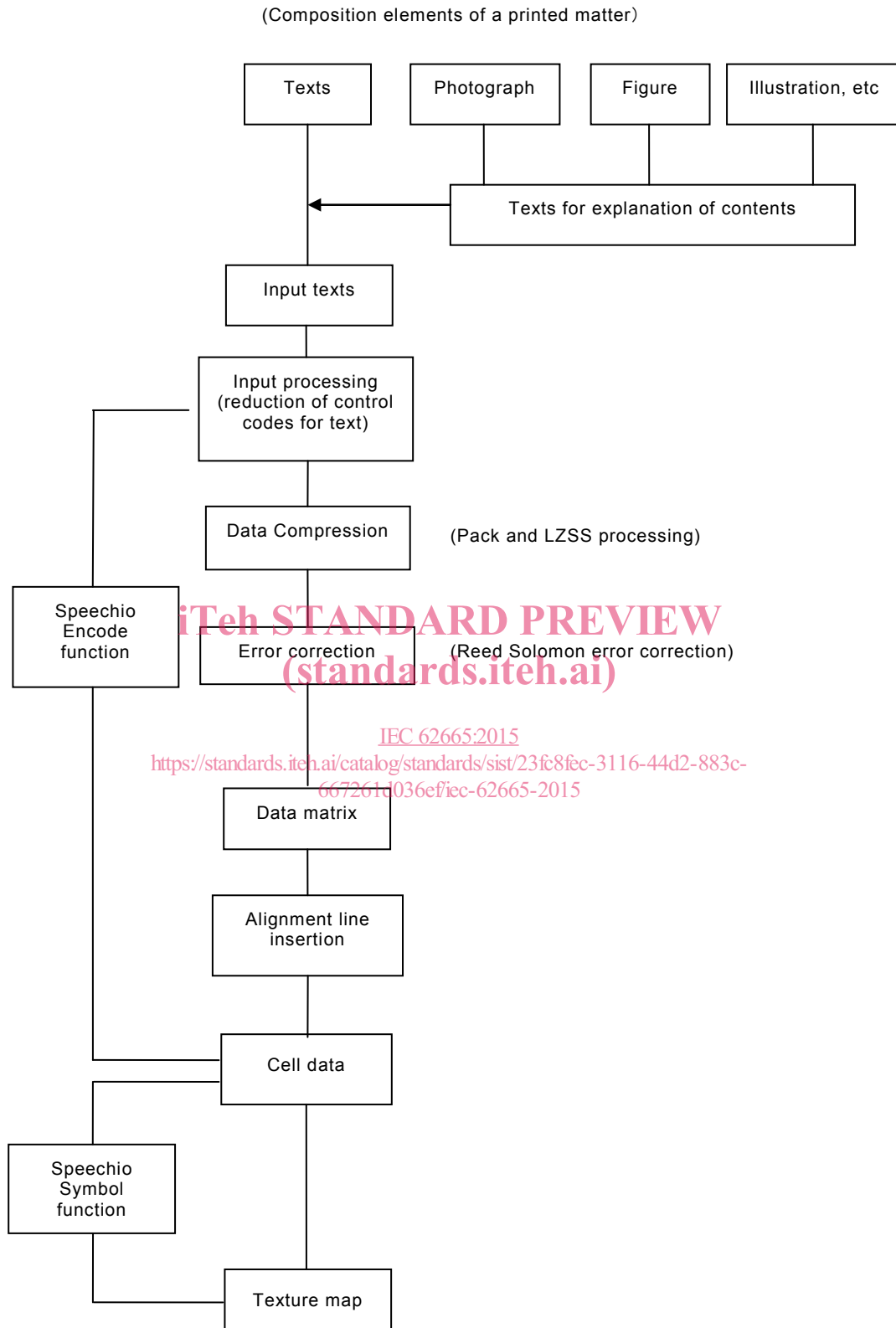


Figure 2 – Process of generating texture map from texts

3.3.2 Processing by SpeechioEncode function

3.3.2.1 Input processing

Input texts represented by Shift JIS code (JIS X 0208) are processed to remove the control codes for text: 0x01 through 0x08, 0x0b, 0x0c, 0x0e through 0x1f and 0x7f (hexadecimal representation). Input text data are delimited by 0x00.

Some control codes for speech are added in the input processing. See Annex A.

3.3.2.2 Data compression

The input processed text data are compressed by pack and LZSS processing, as follows.

a) Pack processing

2-byte codes of Katakana and other characters are converted to the corresponding 1-byte codes. The sequence of the codes converted from 2-byte Katakana or other characters is identified by the Katakana mode identifier SO(0x0e) or default mode identifier SUB(0x1a) respectively, at the beginning of the sequence. The sequence of the 1-byte code of Hankaku characters is identified by the Hankaku mode identifier SI(0x0f) at the beginning of the sequence.

b) LZSS processing

The LZSS algorithm with slide dictionary of 1 024-byte length is employed. Character codes are processed byte by byte and stored in the output buffer from the MSB of the first byte. When the last byte of the output buffer has unused bits, they will be filled with “0”.

The position and length of matched characters are indicated by the preceding 2 bits “10”, and 10 bits unsigned integer of the offset from the beginning of slide dictionary and 3 bits unsigned integer of the actual length minus 2.

3.3.2.3 Error correction

The Reed Solomon error correction using Galois field GF(2 048) is employed. An example of the error correction encoding is shown in Annex D.

3.3.2.4 Data matrix

The error corrected data are allocated into units consists of 11 × 11 cells to configure a data matrix.

3.3.2.5 Alignment line insertion

Alignment lines are inserted to the data matrix to create cell data, which show the values of cells (“0” (0x30) for white cell, “1” (0x31) for black cell) from the top left to the bottom right of a texture map. The cell data are stored in a buffer called bit string.

3.3.2.6 SpeechioEncode function

The SpeechioEncode function is shown below.

SpeechioEncode

```
short __stdcall SpeechioEncode(  
    char data_type[],  
    char cell_type[],  
    char recover_level[],  
    char copyright[],  
    short data_size,
```