
Subject: Feedback from 1st railML 3.1 Workshop 09./10.01.2018 - spot locations
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Dear RTM colleagues,

on January 9-10, 2018 the first railML 3.1 Workshop took place in Berlin. The aim of this workshop was to collect feedback on the beta version of railML 3.1 that has been released in October 2017. As railML 3.1 is based on RailTopoModel V1.1 (November 2017) another question that has been raised deals with the multiplicity of coordinates in SpotLocation to be forwarded to you:

A SpotLocation defines the location of a NetEntity on the basis of a single point within the topology network. A NetEntity (e.g. an OperationalPoint) may have an arbitrary number of SpotLocations in order to reference it with different coordinate systems or to define different "application points" of the NetEntity in the topology network.

Example in railML 3.1 beta:

```
<operationalPoint id="opp01" ...>
  <spotLocation id="opp01_sloc01" netElementRef="ne01" intrinsicCoord="0">
    <geometricCoordinate positioningSystemRef="gps01" x="14.3269"
y="49.0896"/>
  </spotLocation>
  <spotLocation id="opp01_sloc02" netElementRef="ne01" intrinsicCoord="0">
    <linearCoordinate positioningSystemRef="lps01" measure="231.860"/>
  </spotLocation>
</operationalPoint>
```

The problem:

Currently, a SpotLocation allows only for referencing exactly one location coordinate, e.g. a WGS84 coordinate or a (national) mileage coordinate or screen coordinates (for CAD drawings). This means, that if a location shall be described in different coordinate systems, several SpotLocation elements have to be defined. This has been considered by the workshop participants being not very beneficial, because of redundancy (repeating attributes @netElementRef and @intrinsicCoord). Instead, it was suggested to allow for referencing more than one location coordinate within the same SpotLocation element as long as the same location is addressed (unchanged parameters @netElementRef and @intrinsicCoord).

The following modified example shows how the problem can be solved if the RTM structure will be adapted:

```
<operationalPoint id="opp01" ...>
```

```
<spotLocation id="opp01_sloc01" netElementRef="ne01" intrinsicCoord="0">
  <geometricCoordinate positioningSystemRef="gps01" x="14.3269"
y="49.0896"/>
  <linearCoordinate positioningSystemRef="lps01" measure="231.860"/>
</spotLocation>
</operationalPoint>
```

Questions resulting from the discussion:

- * Is there a reason why currently a SpotLocation allows only for referencing one location coordinate instance?
- * What do you think about the proposal above of having more location coordinate instances for one SpotLocation as long as they refer to the same physical location? If considered positively, when will such a modelling change be implemented in RTM (V1.2?)?

Thank you very much and best regards
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