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## INTRODUCTION

### 0.1 General

This standard is a product family standard for high-voltage switchgear and controlgear and assemblies thereof. It provides an application of the horizontal standard series IEC 61850 which details layered power utility communication architecture, in the world of high-voltage switchgear and controlgear.

By providing tutorial material such as examples and explanations, it also gives an access for switchgear experts to concepts and methods applied in the IEC 61850 series.

Compared to switchgear equipment, digital communication technology is subject to ongoing changes which are expected to continue in the future. Profound experience with electronics integrated directly into switchgear has yet to be gathered on a broader basis, as this type of equipment is not widely spread in the industry and a change of metabolism has not yet occurred.

This situation is taken into account in this standard by setting an appropriate validity date and by specifying several options to most of the communication-related requirements, such as connectors or fibres.

### 0.2 Position of this standard in relation to the IEC 61850 series

The IEC 61850 series is a horizontal standard intended to be used for communication and systems in the power utility. The most important parts of this series define:

- 1) information models for the power utility automation system.  
These information models include both the models of the switchgear (like circuit-breakers and disconnectors) and other process equipment (like instrument transformers), and the models of the power utility automation system (like protection relays);
- 2) the communication between intelligent electronic devices (IEDs) of the power utility automation system;
- 3) a configuration language used to describe the configuration aspects of the power utility automation system;
- 4) conformance testing of the communication interfaces of the IEDs of the power utility automation system including their data models.

Typically, IEDs like bay level controllers interface to switchgear. In that case, the data models of the switchgear are implemented in these devices. However, this is not the only realization. In the case where electronics are integrated direct into switchgear, the above-mentioned data models should be implemented within the switchgear and the switchgear supports a communication interface.

IEC 61850, being a horizontal standard series, leaves many options open in order to support present and future requirements of all sizes of power utility automation system at all voltage levels.



## HIGH-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR –

### Part 3: Digital interfaces based on IEC 61850

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62271 is applicable to high-voltage switchgear and controlgear for all rated voltage levels above 1 kV and assemblies thereof and specifies equipment for digital communication with other parts of the power utility automation and its impact on testing. This equipment for digital communication, replacing metal parallel wiring, can be integrated into the high-voltage switchgear, controlgear, and assemblies thereof, or can be external equipment in order to provide compliance for existing switchgear and controlgear and assemblies thereof with the standards of the IEC 61850 series.

This International Standard is a product standard based on the IEC 61850 series. It deals with all relevant aspects of switchgear and controlgear, and assemblies thereof with a serial communication interface according to the IEC 61850 series. In particular it defines:

- a) a selection of the information models from the IEC 61850 series that are supported by such switchgear and controlgear, and assemblies thereof;
- b) conformance classes for the set of communication services that are supported by the switchgear and controlgear, and assemblies thereof;
- c) modifications and extensions to type and routine tests of switchgear and controlgear, and assemblies thereof that are required due to the serial communication interface.

The standard specifies the requirements for digital communication equipment used within high-voltage switchgear, controlgear, and assemblies thereof, as well as the relevant testing requirements.

The relevant switchgear standards of the IEC 62271 series are applicable in general, with the additional specifications described in this standard.

NOTE 1 This standard intends to promote interoperability of communication interfaces. Interchangeability is outside the scope of this standard, as there is no requirement for it. Interchangeability is also outside the scope of the IEC 61850 series.

NOTE 2 For an introduction to power utility automation communication and the related terms, definitions and models, refer to IEC 61850-1 which provides an overview of the objectives and requirements of the IEC 61850 series in general. IEC 61850-7-1 provides an overview of modelling techniques.

#### 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 undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60870-4:1990, *Telecontrol equipment and systems – Part 4: Performance requirements*

IEC 61850-3:2013, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 3: General requirements*

IEC 61850-4:2011, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 4: System and project management*

IEC 61850-5:2013, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 5: Communication requirements for functions and device models*

IEC 61850-7-2:2010, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-2: Basic information and communication structure – Abstract communication service interface (ACSI)*

IEC 61850-7-3:2010, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-3: Basic communication structure – Common data classes*

IEC 61850-7-4:2010, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-4: Basic communication structure – Compatible logical node classes and data object classes*

IEC 61850-8-1:2011, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 8-1: Specific communication service mapping (SCSM) – Mappings to MMS (ISO 9506-1 and ISO 9506-2) and to ISO/IEC 8802-3*

IEC 61850-9-2:2011, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 9-2: Specific communication service mapping (SCSM) – Sampled values over ISO/IEC 8802-3*

IEC 61850-10:2012, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automations – Part 10: Conformance testing*

IEC TR 61850-90-4:2013, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 90-4: Network engineering guidelines*

IEC 62271-1:2007, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1: Common specifications*  
IEC 62271-1:2007/AMD1:2011

IEC 62271-100:2008, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 100: Alternating current circuit-breakers*  
IEC 62271-100:2008/AMD1:2012

### **3 Terms and definitions**

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

#### **3.1**

##### **time requirement**

maximum acceptable time delay between source and sink

#### **3.2**

##### **mandatory data**

data where coding is specified and the information always present

Note 1 to entry: Mandatory data ensures interoperability in power utility automation.

#### **3.3**

##### **optional data**

data where the coding is specified but the information not necessarily present

#### **3.4**

##### **data integrity**

ability of a communication system to deliver data from its originator to its destinations with an acceptable residual error rate