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IEC 61850-7-4	2003	Communication networks and systems in substations - Part 7-4: Basic communication structure for substation and feeder equipment - Compatible logical node classes and data classes	EN 61850-7-4	2003
IEC 61850-7-410	<sup>-1)</sup>	Communication networks and systems for power utility automation - Part 7-410: Hydroelectric power plants - Communication for monitoring and control	EN 61850-7-410	2007 <sup>2)</sup>
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## INTRODUCTION

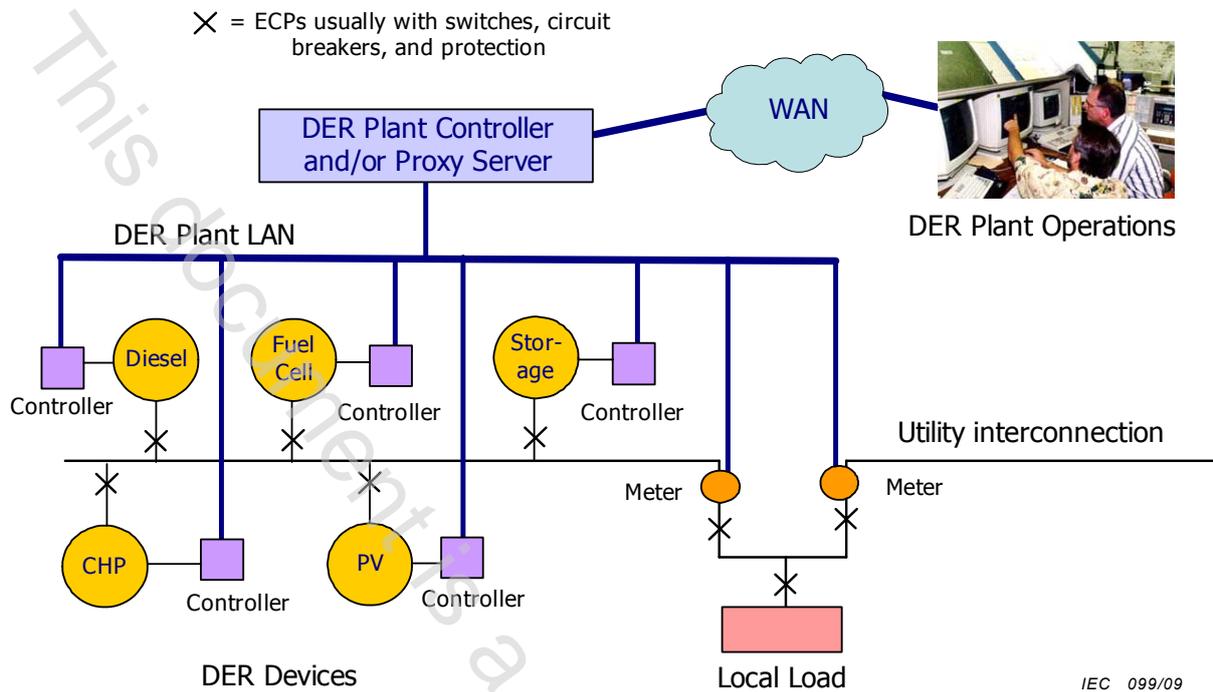
Increasing numbers of DER (distributed energy resources) systems are being interconnected to electric power systems throughout the world. As DER technology evolves and as the impact of dispersed generation on distribution power systems becomes a growing challenge - and opportunity, nations worldwide are recognizing the economic, social, and environmental benefits of integrating DER technology within their electric infrastructure.

The manufacturers of DER devices are facing the age-old issues of what communication standards and protocols to provide to their customers for monitoring and controlling DER devices, in particular when they are interconnected with the electric utility system. In the past, DER manufacturers developed their own proprietary communication technology. However, as utilities, aggregators, and other energy service providers start to manage DER devices which are interconnected with the utility power system, they are finding that coping with these different communication technologies present major technical difficulties, implementation costs, and maintenance costs. Therefore, utilities and DER manufacturers recognize the growing need to have one international standard that defines the communication and control interfaces for all DER devices. Such standards, along with associated guidelines and uniform procedures would simplify implementation, reduce installation costs, reduce maintenance costs, and improve reliability of power system operations.

The logical nodes in this document are intended for use with DER, but may also be applicable to central-station generation installations that are comprised of groupings of multiple units of the same types of energy conversion systems that are represented by the DER logical nodes in this document. This applicability to central-station generation is strongest for photovoltaics and fuel cells, due to their modular nature.

Communications for DER plants involve not only local communications between DER units and the plant management system, but also between the DER plant and the operators or aggregators who manage the DER plant as a virtual source of energy and/or ancillary services. This is illustrated in Figure 1.

### Example of a Communications Configuration for a DER Plant



**Key**

- CHP combined heat and power
- WAN wide area network
- DER distributed energy resources
- PV photovoltaics
- LAN local area network

**Figure 1 – Example of a communications configuration for a DER plant**

In basic terms, “communications” can be separated into four parts:

- information modelling (the types of data to be exchanged – nouns),
- services modelling (the read, write, or other actions to take on the data – verbs),
- communication protocols (mapping the noun and verb models to actual bits and bytes),
- telecommunication media (fibre optics, radio systems, wireless systems, and other physical equipment).

This document addresses only the IEC 61850 information modelling for DER. Other IEC 61850 documents address the services modelling (IEC 61850-7-2) and the mapping to communication protocols (IEC 61850-8-x). In addition, a systems configuration language (SCL) for DER (IEC 61850-6-x) would address the configuration of DER plants.

The general technology for information modelling has developed to become well-established as the most effective method for managing information exchanges. In particular, the IEC 61850-7-x information models for the exchange of information within substations have become International Standard. Many of the components of this standard can be reused for information models of other types of devices.

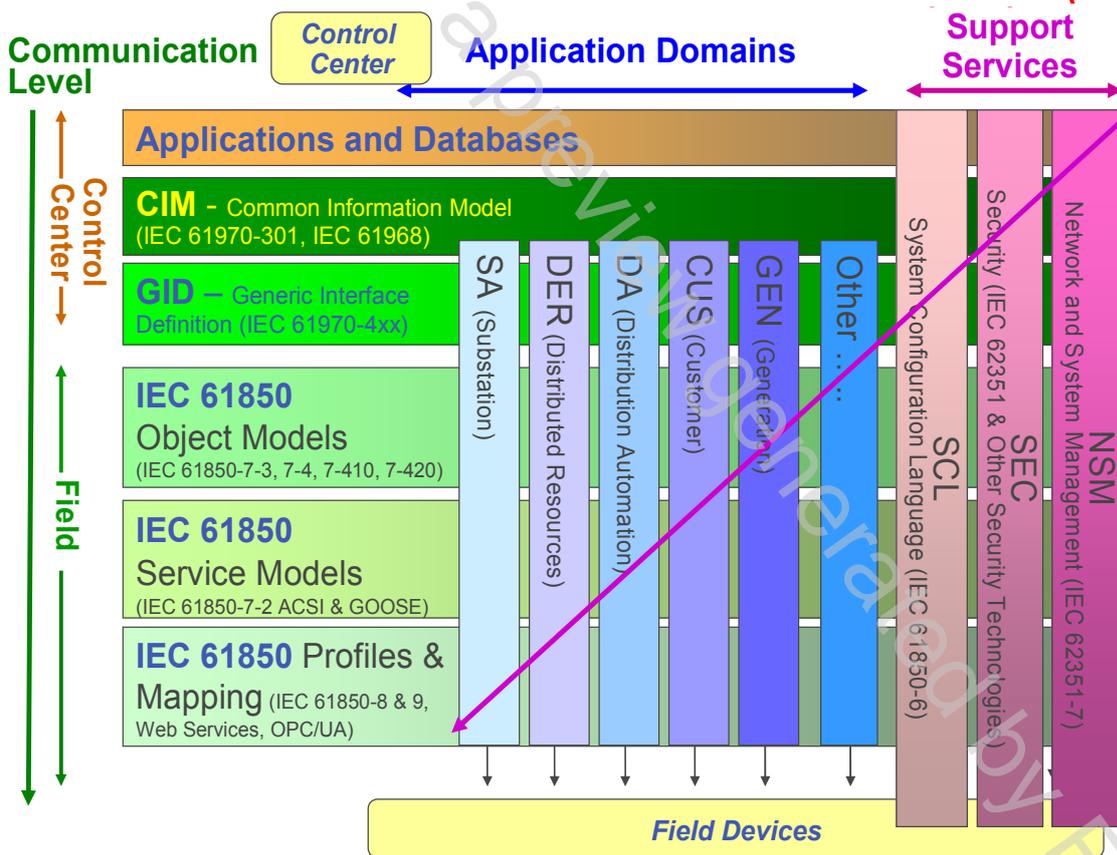
In addition to the IEC 61850 standards, IEC TC 57 has developed the common information model (CIM) that models the relationships among power system elements and other

information elements so that these relationships can be communicated across systems. Although this standard does not address these CIM relationships for DER, it is fully compatible with the CIM concepts.

The interrelationship between IEC TC 57 modelling standards is illustrated in Figure 2. This illustration shows as horizontal layers the three components to an information exchange model for retrieving data from the field, namely, the communication protocol profiles, the service models, and the information models. Above these layers is the information model of utility-specific data, termed the common information model (CIM), as well as all the applications and databases needed in utility operations. Vertically, different information models are shown:

- substation automation (IEC 61850-7-4),
- large hydro plants (IEC 61850-7-410),
- distributed energy resources (DER) (IEC 61850-7-420),
- distribution automation (under development),
- advanced metering infrastructure (as pertinent to utility operations) (pending).

### IEC 61850 Models and the Common Information Model (CIM)



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Figure 2 – IEC 61850 modelling and connections with CIM and other IEC TC 57 models

## COMMUNICATION NETWORKS AND SYSTEMS FOR POWER UTILITY AUTOMATION –

### Part 7-420: Basic communication structure – Distributed energy resources logical nodes

#### 1 Scope

This International Standard defines the IEC 61850 information models to be used in the exchange of information with distributed energy resources (DER), which comprise dispersed generation devices and dispersed storage devices, including reciprocating engines, fuel cells, microturbines, photovoltaics, combined heat and power, and energy storage.

The IEC 61850 DER information model standard utilizes existing IEC 61850-7-4 logical nodes where possible, but also defines DER-specific logical nodes where needed.

#### 2 Normative references

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IEC 61850-7-2:2003, *Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 7-2: Basic communication structure for substations and feeder equipment – Abstract communication service interface (ACSI)* <sup>1)</sup>

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IEC 61850-7-4:2003, *Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 7-4: Basic communication structure for substations and feeder equipment – Compatible logical node classes and data classes* <sup>1)</sup>

IEC 61850-7-410, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-410: Hydroelectric power plants – Communication for monitoring and control*

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