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## INTRODUCTION

Deterministic networking technologies enable applications that require bounded communication delays regardless of network load or reconfiguration. They allow traffic of different time-criticality to share the same physical medium. Deterministic network technologies are based on the pre-allocation of resources using for example scheduling, traffic shaping and the pre-emption of low priority messages to guarantee the timely delivery of high-priority traffic.

Power automation and control is an industry domain where deterministic networking is needed to support existing use cases and applications (requiring real-time communication), and to enable new developments. This networking is currently being provided by SDH networks or dedicated (for protection communications) Ethernet networks; however significant drivers (economic and political) are now emerging to use "converged" Ethernet networks.

In this document the term WAN is used for the inter-substation communication networks, with the driving force usually being the desire of a utility to use the same network infrastructure for IT as well as for operational tasks such as inter-substation protection communications.

The term LAN is used for the intra-substation communication networks. Converged networks are those supporting mixed traffic (e.g. process data, configuration management, voice and video surveillance data) in the same network being used for critical power automation applications. In the same way that using public transportation to get from A to B in a timely (deterministic) manner requires the ability to be guaranteed a seat at a particular time, using a communication network for the deterministic delivery of data also requires the guarantee of access at a particular time. This document identifies, describes, and discusses the known technologies to address this determinism issue.

Summary:

- Clause 5 describes [the problem \(with non-deterministic networks\)](https://standards.iteh.ai/iec-tr-61850-90-13-2021);
- Clause 6 provides use cases;
- Clause 7 lists deterministic networking technologies;
- Clause 8 discusses interoperability issues;
- Clause 9 suggests changes to the IEC 61850 standards needed to support determinism;
- Annex A lists some related works and liaisons.

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## Part 90-13: Deterministic Networking Technologies

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61850, which is a Technical Report, provides information, use cases, and guidance on whether and how to use deterministic networking technologies. Furthermore, this document comprises technology descriptions, provides guidance how to achieve compatibility and interoperability with existing technologies, and lays out migration paths. It will separate the problem statement from the possible solutions.

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IEC/IEEE 61588:2009, *Precision clock synchronization protocol for networked measurement and control systems*

IEC 61850 (all parts), *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation*

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IEC 61850-6:2009, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 6: Configuration description language for communication in electrical substations related to IEDs*

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

IEC/IEEE 60802, *Time-sensitive networking profile for industrial automation*

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IEC TR 61850-90-2:2016, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 90-2: Using IEC 61850 for communication between substations and control centres*

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IEEE 802.3-2018, *IEEE Standard for Ethernet*

IEEE C37.94-2017, *IEEE Standard for N times 64 kbps Optical Fiber Interfaces between Teleprotection and Multiplexer Equipment*

IEEE C37.118.1-2011, *IEEE Standard for Synchrophasor Measurements for Power Systems*

### **3 Terms and definitions, abbreviated terms and acronyms**

#### **3.1 Terms and definitions**

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##### **3.1.1**

##### **Centralized Network Configuration**

##### **CNC**

logical component that configures network resources on behalf of TSN applications (users)

### 3.1.2

#### **Centralized User Configuration**

##### **CUC**

logical component that discovers and configures application (user) resources in end stations; the CUC exchanges information with the CNC in order to configure TSN features on behalf of its end stations

### 3.1.3

#### **convergence**

heterogeneous applications running on devices connected to the same physical network (LAN, WAN, or combination of both) which are able to exchange data, within the defined QoS parameters derived from application requirements

### 3.1.4

#### **deterministic jitter**

property of a system to change its output in response to a change of its input after a guaranteed minimum delay and before a guaranteed maximum delay, under error-free conditions

### 3.1.5

#### **deterministic latency**

property of a system to change its output in response to a change of its input within a guaranteed maximum delay, under error-free conditions

### 3.1.6

#### **deterministic networking**

predictable network behaviour which can be characterized by bounded latency, nearly zero jitter and extremely low data loss rates

### 3.1.7

#### **DetNet**

IETF Deterministic Networking (DetNet) Working Group

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### 3.1.8

#### **end station**

device attached to a local area network (LAN) or wide area network (WAN), which acts as a source of, and/or destination for, traffic carried on the LAN or WAN

Note 1 to entry: The term end-station is used in relation to time-sensitive networking.

### 3.1.9

#### **EtherCAT**

Ethernet fieldbus system according to the type 12 specifications of IEC 61158 (all parts)

### 3.1.10

#### **hard real time**

property of a system with a deterministic latency

### 3.1.11

#### **jitter**

time variation of an expected occurrence with respect to a defined period

### 3.1.12

#### **Listener**

end station that is the destination, the receiver of a Stream

### 3.1.13

#### **Pdelay**

measure of the time from when a message is transmitted from one device to when the same part of the same message is received by the other device and vice versa as defined in IEC/IEEE 61588 and IEEE 802.1AS-2020

### 3.1.14

#### **pre-emption**

suspension of the transmission of a pre-emptible frame to allow one or more express frames to be transmitted before transmission of the pre-emptible frame is resumed

### 3.1.15

#### **process data**

data object containing application objects designated to be transferred cyclically or acyclically for the purpose of processing

### 3.1.16

#### **project**

system part with ownership of a set of IEDs, typically those located in one substation, and handled by one system configuration tool

### 3.1.17

#### **soft real-time**

property of a system whose latency is a probabilistic function with a low probability to exceed defined upper and lower bounds under error-free conditions

### 3.1.18

#### **Stream**

unidirectional flow of time-sensitive application data between from one source (Talker) to one or more destinations (Listeners)

### 3.1.19

#### **Talker**

end station that is the source or producer of a Stream

### 3.1.20

#### **traffic shaping**

queue management technique in packet-based networks to administrate data rates and bandwidth

### 3.1.21

#### **TSN**

series of Ethernet standards which is developed by the Time-Sensitive Networking task group in the scope of IEEE 802.1

## 3.2 Abbreviated terms and acronyms

The following abbreviated terms and acronyms apply to this document.

ARP	Address Resolution Protocol
CIP	Critical Infrastructure Protection
CNC	Centralized Network Configuration
CUC	Centralized User Configuration
DC	Distributed Clocks
DDoS	Distributed Denial of Service
DoS	Denial of Service
DER	Distributed Energy Resources
DL-	Data-link layer (as a prefix)
DLL	DL-layer
DLPDU	DL-protocol-data-unit
ENI	EtherCAT Network Information
ESI	EtherCAT Slave Information
ESP	Electronic Security Perimeter
FQTSS	Forwarding and Queueing for Time-Sensitive Streams
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System
GOOSE	Generic Object Oriented Substation Event
HMI	Human Machine Interface
HSR	High-availability Seamless Redundancy
ID	Identification (standards.iteh.ai)
IED	Intelligent Electronic Device – any programmable or configurable device in the system <a href="https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/8014e5a2-50d5-4cfd-bc0f-9203ba6ea44/iec-tr-61850-90-13-2021">IEC TR 61850-90-13:2021</a>
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IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force
IP	Internet Protocol
IPv4	Internet Protocol version 4
IPv6	Internet Protocol version 6
IS-IS	Intermediate System to Intermediate System
IT	Information Technology
LAN	Local area network
LD	Logical Device (IEC 61850)
MAC	Media Access Control
MPLS	Multiprotocol Label Switching
MSRP	Multiple Stream Registration Protocol (MSRP)
NERC	North American Electric Reliability Corporation
NFV	Network Function Virtualization
OSI	Open System Interconnect
PDF	Portable Document Format
PMU	Phasor Measurement Unit
PRP	Parallel Redundancy Protocol
PTP	Precision Time Protocol
QoS	Quality of Service
RAS	Remedial Action Scheme

RSTP	Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol
SA	Substation Automation
SCD	System Configuration Description in the sense of 61850-6. Output of a system tool of a project to configure the IEDs belonging to the project (imported by IED tools).
SCL	Substation Configuration description Language according to IEC 61850
SDH	Synchronous Digital Hierarchy
SDN	Software Defined Networking
SNMP	Simple Network Management Protocol
SONET	Synchronous Optical NETwork
SRP	Stream Reservation Protocol
SP	Synchrophasor
SPS	Special Protection Schemes
SS	Substation System
SV	Sampled Values
SW	Software
TAI	International Atomic Time
TDM	Time-division Multiplexing
TCP	Transmission Control Protocol
TP	Tele-Protection
TSN	Time Sensitive Networking
UDP	User Datagram Protocol
UNI	User Network Interface
VLAN	Virtual LAN
WAN	Wide area network
XML	eXtensible Markup Language
YANG	Yet Another Next Generation, a modeling language for network management

NOTE Abbreviated terms used for the identification of the common data classes and as names of the attributes are specified in the specific clauses of this document and are not repeated here.

## 4 Characteristics of determinism

### 4.1 Deterministic latency

A system with a deterministic latency is characterized by a guaranteed maximum delay between a change at its input and the reaction at its output, under error-free conditions.

Mathematically, the input to output delay of a system with a deterministic latency presents a probability distribution function (pdf) that has an upper bound smaller than a given deadline, in contrast to a non-deterministic system whose delay has a low, but non-zero probability, to exceed the deadline under error-free conditions, see Figure 1.