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- a) Process modelling according to IEC 61850-6:2009, including IEC 61850-6:2009/AMD1:2018.
- b) Examples of application of Reference Designation System together with the process modelling, in particular application of IEC/ISO 81346.
- c) Description of modelling related to Steam- and Gas turbines.
- d) Annexes with examples of application of SCL according to the examples in the Technical Report.

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## INTRODUCTION

This Technical Report is connected with IEC 61850-7-410, as well as IEC 61850-7-4:2010, explaining how the control system and other functions in a hydropower, steam or gas turbine plant can use logical nodes and information exchange services within the complete IEC 61850 package to specify the information needed and generated by, and exchanged between functions.

The dynamic exchange of values by using polling, GOOSE, Reporting or Sampled Values is beyond the scope of this document.

This document applies the SCL Process element structure for modelling of the processes.

Examples of application of SCL Code according to the modelling examples in this document are presented in Annex B and Annex C.

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#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61850, which is a technical report, is intended to provide explanations on how to use the Logical Nodes defined in IEC 61850-7-410 as well as other documents in the IEC 61850 series to model complex control functions in power plants, including variable speed pumped storage power plants.

IEC 61850-7-410 introduced the general modelling concepts of IEC 61850 for power plants. It is however not obvious from the standard how the modelling concepts can be implemented in actual power plants.

This document explains how the data model and the concepts defined in the IEC 61850 standard can be applied in Hydro; both directly at the process control level, but also for data structuring and data exchange at a higher level. Application of the data model for Thermal is limited to power evacuation (in principle the extraction of the generated electrical power) and the prime mover shaft and bearing system. The interfaces of the fuel and steam valves are modelled for the purpose of process control.

Communication services, and description of the use of mappings of the IEC 61850 data model to different communication protocols, are outside the scope of this document.

#### 2 Normative references

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IEC 61362:2012, *Guide to specification of hydraulic turbine governing systems*

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*

IEC 61850-7-3:2010, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-3: Basic communication structure – Common data classes*  
IEC 61850-7-3:2010/AMD1:2020

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 61850-7-4:2010/AMD1:2020

IEC 61850-7-410:2012, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-410: Basic communication structure – Hydroelectric power plants – Communication for monitoring and control*  
IEC 61850-7-410:2012/AMD1:2015

ISO 81346-10:—<sup>1</sup>, *Industrial systems, installations and equipment and industrial products – Structuring principles and reference designations – Part 10: Power Supply systems*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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## 4 Overview

### 4.1 General

This clause describes the target group of the document and introduces the modelled power plant domain.

### 4.2 Target group

This document targets engineers and system integrators working with control and modelling of Hydro Power and Thermal Power plant processes.

The document gives an overview of the process control in the different contexts and provides examples on how to structure and name the systems in a model, and how to use the DataObjects in control and supervision of the power plant processes. The document provides guidance on how to apply the IEC 61850 data model defined in IEC 61850-7-410.

### 4.3 Hydro power domain

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#### 4.3.1 General

In hydro power, the power is derived from the potential energy difference of water transferred from a higher to a lower level through a rotating turbine. The turbine transfers the power from the flowing water to a rotating shaft, and a generator transforms the mechanical power into electrical power. To handle the water level and the flow of water several types of gates are used.

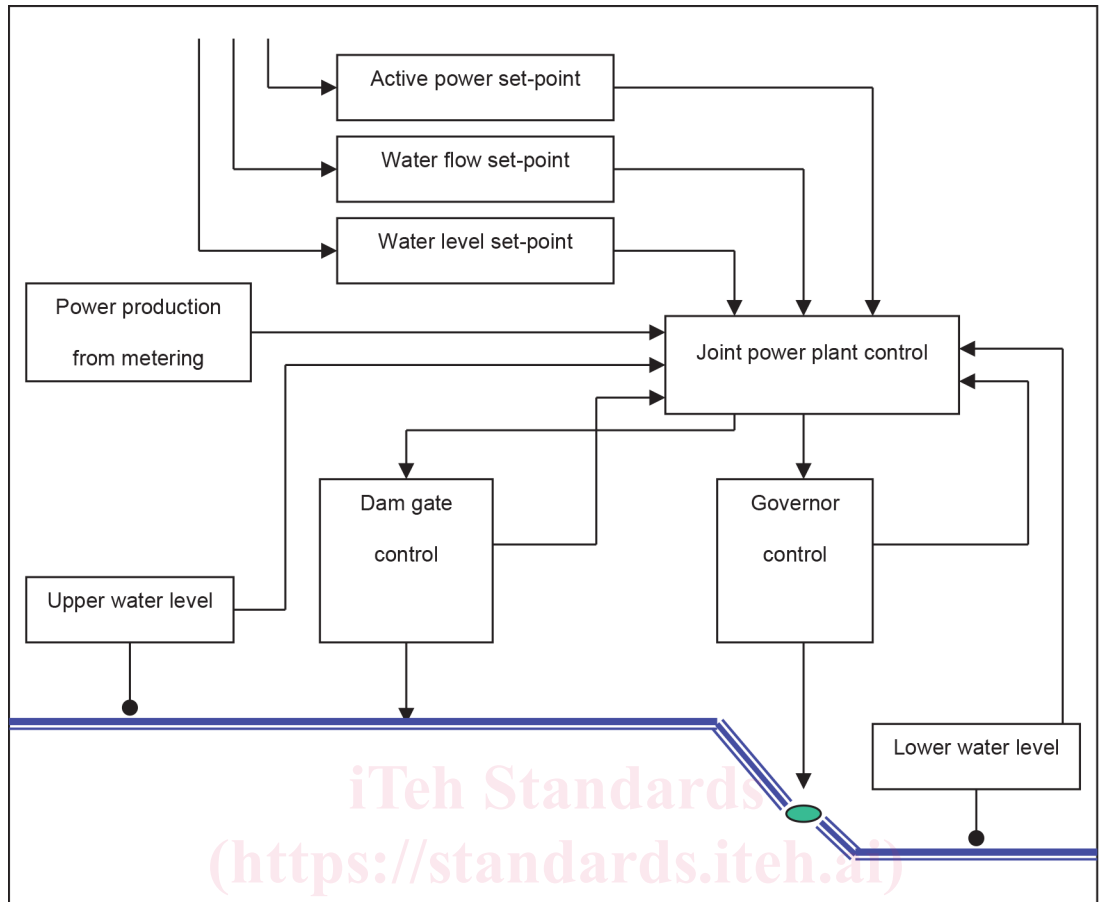
#### 4.3.2 Hydropower plant specific information

Different devices handle active and reactive power control. The turbine governor provides the active power control by regulating the water flow through the turbine and thus the pole angle between the rotating magnetic flux and the rotor. The excitation system provides the reactive power control by regulating the voltage of the generator. The magnetic flux corresponds to the shaft torque to keep the generator synchronised to the grid.

Figure 1 shows an example of an arrangement including a joint control function. The set-points will be issued from a dispatch centre and could be one of three optional values. Therefore, the type of set-point that will be used depends on the water control mode that is used for the plant.

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**Figure 1 – Principles for the joint control function**

In case of a reservoir without any power production, the water control function will get the water control set-points from a dispatch centre; in case of a power plant, it will normally be the joint control function that sets the values. The set-point will be either water level or water flow set-points.

The total water flow is the sum of flow through turbines and gates. The turbine control system can, due to this, be provided with different set-points for the control.

- Water flow set-point. The control system will base the regulation on the given water flow level and try to optimise the production.
- Active power set-point. The control system will try to meet the active power, the water flow will be reported back to the overall water control system.
- Active power control with speed droop. This is the mode when the unit is contributing to the network frequency control. The active power set-point is balanced over the speed droop setting to obtain the desired power/frequency amplification.
- Frequency set-point. In case of an islanded system or a power plant in peak load duty, the active power will be controlled to exactly meet the demand. This control mode is also used during start-up of the unit, up to the point when the generator is synchronised. Water flow will be reported.