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## INTRODUCTION

### 0.1 General

The IEC 62689 series is a product family standard for current and voltage sensors or detectors, to be used for fault passage indication purposes by suitable devices or functions, indicated as fault passage indicator (FPI) or distribution substation unit (DSU), depending on their performances.

Different names are used to indicate FPIs depending on the region of the world and on their functionalities concerning capability to detect different kinds of faults, for instance:

- fault detector;
- smart sensor;
- faulted circuit indicator (FCI);
- short circuit indicator (SCI);
- earth fault indicator (EFI);
- test point mounted FCI.
- combination of the above.

Simpler versions, using only local information/signals and/or local communication, are called FPI, while very evolved versions are called DSU. The latter are explicitly designed for smart grids and based on IEC 60870-5 and IEC 61850 communication protocols. Compared to instrument transformers, digital communication technology is subject to on-going changes which are expected to continue in the future.

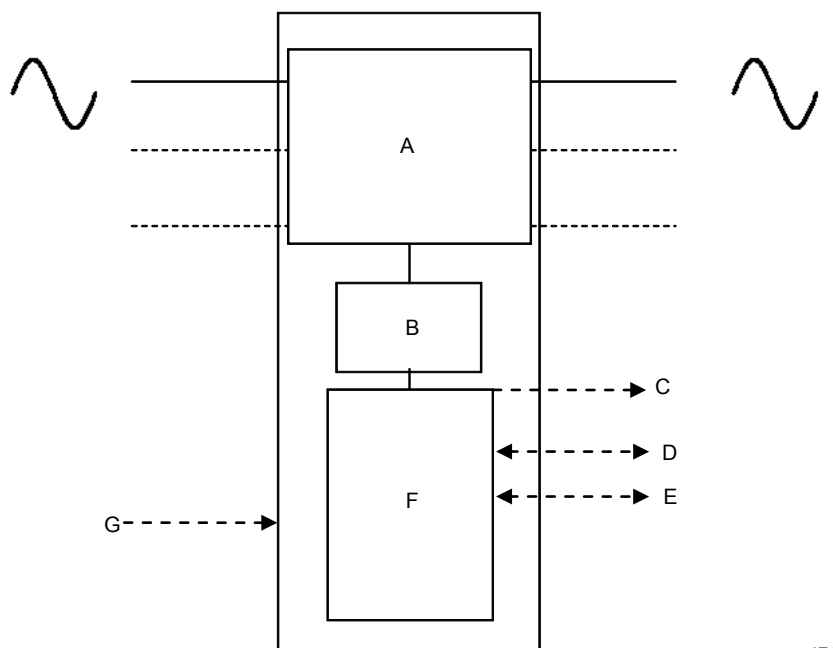
Profound experience with deep integration between electronics and instrument transformers has yet to be gathered on a broader basis, as this type of equipment is not yet widespread in the industry.

DSUs, besides FPI basic functions, may also optionally integrate additional auxiliary functions such as:

- voltage presence/absence detection for medium voltage (MV) network automation, with and without distributed energy resources presence (not for fault confirmation, which can be a basic FPI function depending on the adopted fault detection method, neither for safety-related aspects, which are covered by IEC 61243-5);
- measuring of voltage, current, and active and reactive power, etc., for various applications, such as MV network automation, monitoring of power flows, etc.;
- smart grid management (such as voltage control and unwanted island operation) by means of a proper interface with local distributed generators (DER);
- local output of collected information by means of suitable interfaces;
- remote transmission of collected information;
- others.

A general FPI scheme is outlined in Figure 1.

A DSU may have a much more complex scheme.



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**Key**

- A: Current (and, if necessary, voltage) sensors. 1 or 3 phases may be monitored.
- B: Transmission of signals between sensors and electronics.
- C: Local indications (lamps, LEDs, flags, etc.).
- D: Analogue, digital and/or communication inputs/outputs for remote communication/commands (hard wired and/or wireless).
- E: Connections to field apparatus.
- F: Signal conditioning, processing and indicating unit (CPIU).
- G: Power supply.

Current sensor(s) may detect fault current passages without any need of galvanic connection to the phase(s) (for instance in case of cable type current sensors or of magnetic field sensor).

Not all the above listed parts or functions are necessarily included in the FPI, depending on its complexity and on its technology. However, at least 1 one of C or D functions shall be present.

**Figure 1 – General architecture of an FPI**

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

IEC 61850 is the series of International Standards intended to be used for communication and systems to support power utility automation.

The IEC 62689 series will also introduce a dedicated namespace to support integration of FPIs/DSUs into power utility automation.

In addition, it defines proper data models and different profiles of communication interfaces to support the different use cases of these FPIs/DSUs.

Some of these use cases rely on the concept of extended substation, which is intended as the communication among intelligent electronic devices (IED) through IEC 61850 located both along MV feeders and in the main substation, for the most sophisticated FPI versions (for smart grid applications, for instance, usually DSUs). Such a profile may not be limited to FPI/DSU devices, but may embrace features needed to support extensions of these substations along the MV feeders connected to the main substation themselves.

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## Part 1: General principles and requirements

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62689 defines the minimum requirements (therefore performances) and consequent classification and tests (with the exception of functional and communication ones) for fault passage indicators (FPIs) and distribution substation units (DSUs) (including their current and/or voltage sensors), which are, respectively, a device or a device/combination of devices and/or functions able to detect faults and provide indications about their localization.

By localization of the fault is meant the fault position with respect to the FPI/DSU installation point on the network (upstream or downstream from the FPI/DSU's location) or the direction of the fault current flowing through the FPI/DSU itself. The fault localization may be obtained

- directly from the FPI/DSU, or
- from a central system using information from more FPIs or DSUs,

considering the features and the operating conditions of the electric system where the FPIs/DSUs are installed.

In this part of IEC 62689, the FPI/DSU classification is specified in detail, in accordance with the first "core" classification defined in IEC 62689-2, which is explicitly focused on the description of electric phenomena and electric system response during faults, considering the most widely diffused distribution system architecture and fault typologies.

Thus, IEC 62689-2 is mainly focused on helping users in the correct choice of FPIs/DSUs, whereas IEC 62689-1, IEC 62689-3 and IEC 62689-4 are mainly focused on FPI/DSU requirements, communication and testing procedures, respectively.

### 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 60028, *International standard of resistance for copper*

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IEC 60060-1, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

IEC 60068-2-1, *Environmental testing – Part 2-1: Tests – Test A: Cold*

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### **3 Terms, definitions, abbreviations and symbols**

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