

## **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

### **IEC 61850 Digital Communication Standard for Substation: History, Overview, and Future**

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# INTRODUCTION TO IEC 61850: STRUCTURE AND INTEROPERABILITY

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- Background
- Structure and Functions
- Information Model
- Communications
- Testing and Certification
- Interoperability Challenges

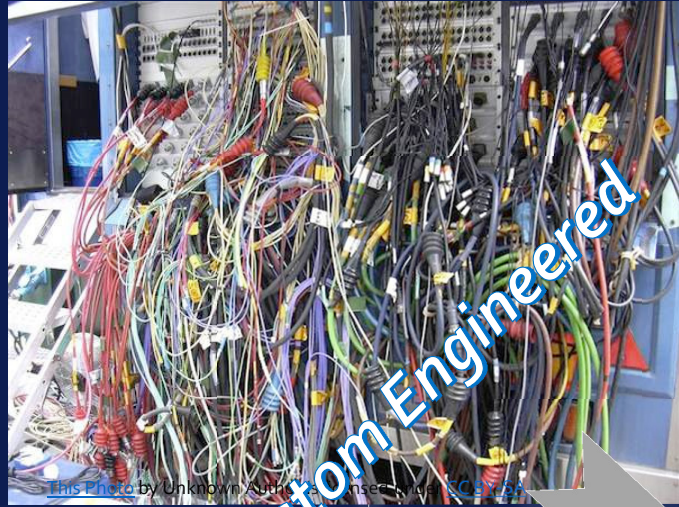


TOPICS



## IEC 61850 HISTORY

- Started 1989 by EPRI USA: 6 Volume report 1991
- IEC Started Work in 1995 to become IEC 61850 Edition 1
- Edition 1 was focused on Substation Automation
- Edition 2 added Distributed Energy Resources (DER)
- Formal title: *“IEC 61850 Ed 2 Communication Networks and Systems for Power Utility Automation”*



# SUBSTATION DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

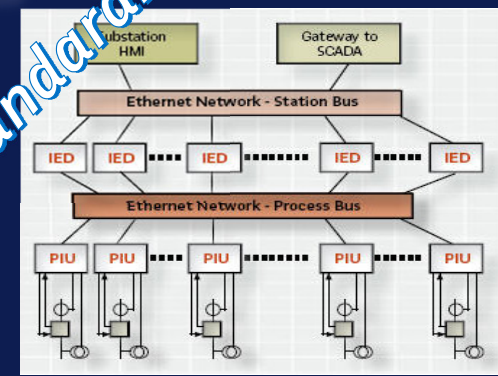


# IEC 61850 PURPOSE AND GOALS

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- Standardization of...
  - Information Model
  - Functionality
  - Communications
  - Substation Design
  - Substation Configuration

Standardized



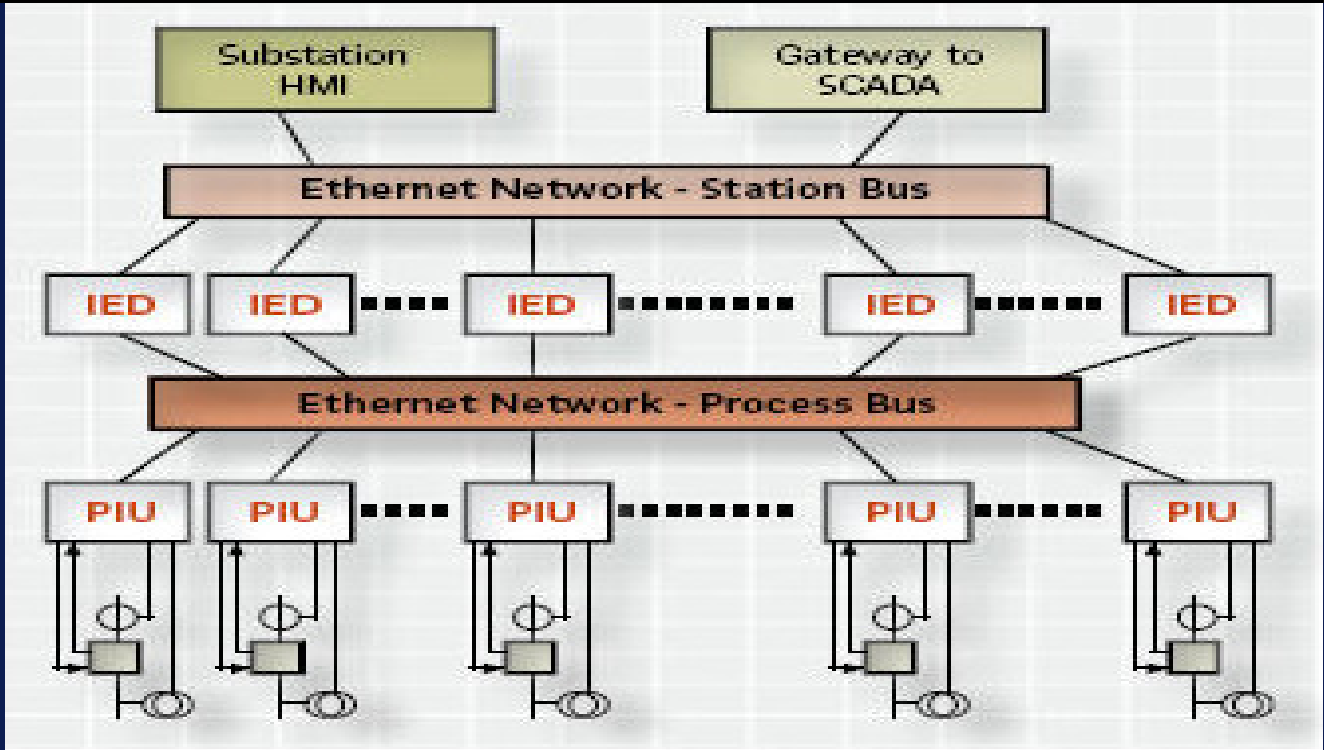


# IEC 61850 BENEFITS

- Multivendor, interoperable solutions
- Reduce/eliminate vendor lock-in
- Simplified wiring reducing costs
- Improved security/integrity
- Fewer communications protocols
- Flexible programmable protection schemes
- Communication network speeds in lieu of numerous hard-wired connections
- Access to better and faster grid information
- Reduced construction, commissioning and O&M time and costs



# IEC 61850 STRUCTURE



- Station bus Ethernet for Human Machine Interface (HMI) to Intelligent Electronic Device (IED)
- Process bus for very fast monitoring and control functions at the Process Interface Unit (PIU) –
- fast protocol Generic Object Oriented Substation Event (GOOSE)



# IEC 61850 STRUCTURE

- IEC 61850 includes 10 Parts
  - -1 Introduction and Overview
  - -2 Glossary
  - -3 General Requirements
  - -4 System and Project Management
  - -5 Communications Requirements for functions and device models
  - -6 Configuration description language
  - -7-1 Basic communication structure for substation and feeder equipment
  - -7-2 Abstract Communication Service Interface (ACSI)
  - -7-3 Common data classes
  - -7-4 Compatible logical node classes and data classes
  - -8 Specific communication service mapping within substation
  - -9 Specific communication service mapping for transmission of sampled values
  - -10 Conformance testing



- Core Substation Automation Functions
  - Monitoring
  - Protection
  - Control
  - Reporting



**IEC 61850  
STRUCTURE**



# IEC 61850 STRUCTURE : MONITORING

- Monitoring Functions
  - Reporting (buffered and un-buffered)
    - PQ data
    - Energy data
    - Relay data
  - Earth fault
  - Over current

- Protection Functions
  - Earth fault
  - Over current
  - Distance



**IEC 61850  
STRUCTURE :  
PROTECTION**

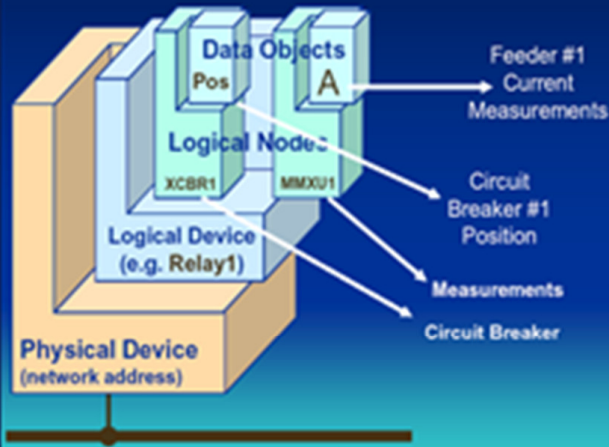


# IEC 61850 STRUCTURE: CONTROL

- Control Functions
  - Open/close circuit breakers
  - Change settings
  - Control Isolators, Earth Switch, etc
  - Online/Offline
  - Change configurations

# IEC 61850 INFORMATION MODEL

200 AMP 120 V 60 Hz 48 KW MAX  
BLOCK 15 MIN.



Discrete Points

Analog Points

## Information Model consists of:

- Standard data types: common digital formats such as Boolean, integer, and floating point.
- Common attributes: predefined common attributes that can be reused by many different objects, such as the quality attribute.
- Common data classes (CDCs): predefined groupings building on the standard data types and predefined common attributes, such as the single point status (SPS), the measured value (MV), and the controllable double point (DPC).
- Data objects (DO): predefined names of objects associated with one or more logical nodes. Their type or format is defined by one of the CDCs.
- Logical nodes (LN): predefined groupings of data objects that serve specific functions and can be used as “bricks” to build the complete device.
- Logical devices (LD): the device model composed of the relevant logical nodes for providing the information needed for a particular device. For instance, a circuit breaker could be composed of the logical nodes: XCBR, XSWI, CPOW, CSWI, and SMIG.



# IEC 61850 INFORMATION MODEL



## IEC 61850 COMMUNICATIONS

- IEC 61850-1 defines communication services :
  - Retrieving the self-description of a device,
  - Fast and reliable peer-to-peer exchange of status information (tripping or blocking of functions or devices),
  - Reporting of any set of data (data attributes),
  - Sequence of Event (SoE) – cyclic and event triggered,
  - Logging and retrieving of any set of data (data attributes)
  - Substitution,
  - Handling and setting of parameter setting groups,
  - Transmission of sampled values from sensors,
  - Time synchronization,
  - File transfer,
  - Control devices (operate service),
  - Online configuration.

- IEC 61850-8-1 communication protocols :
  - Generic Object Oriented Substation Event (GOOSE)
    - Multicast publish/subscribe protocol
    - Runs over Ethernet
  - Manufacturing Message Specification (MMS ISO 9506)
    - Client/server protocol
    - Uses the Abstract communication service interface (ACSI)
    - Runs over TCP/IP and Ethernet



## IEC 61850 COMMUNICATIONS



- MMS protocol supports authentication using certificates
- TLS support defined by IEC 62351-3
- GOOSE – state and sequence numbers
- Ratable GOOSE - authentication
- Role Based Access Control (RBAC) - spec being defined



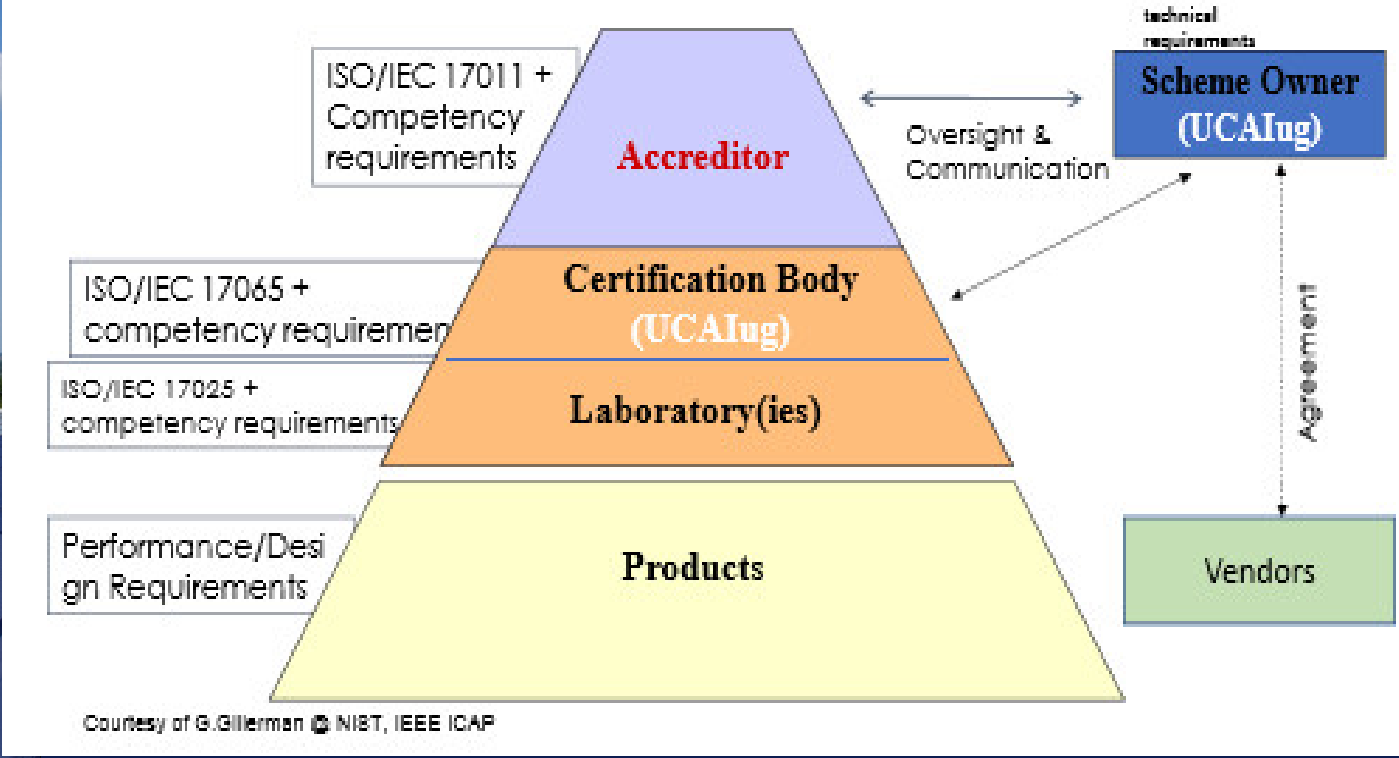
IEC 61850  
SECURITY

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- New UCAIug Conformity Assessment Certification Scheme – 2019



# IEC 61850 TESTING AND CERTIFICATION





## IEC 61850 TEST AND CERTIFICATION

- UCAIug is responsible for the certification program for IEC 61850 worldwide.
  - Develops and maintains the test specification
  - Approves test labs
  - Maintains database of certified products
  - Manages the overall program
- IEC 61850 Edition 1 certification will terminate December 31, 2020 (current proposal)



# IEC 61850 CHALLENGES

## Standard complexity and evolution

- Intentionally complicated to enable wide applications
- Creates interoperability challenges
- Standard evolving – slowly due to IEC process

## Interoperability Challenges

- Certification requirements minimal – do not insure interoperability (certified to not not conform!)
- Multiple certification centers and multiple test tools creates opportunities for incompatible certifications from different labs
- Lack of application profiles and associated certifications

## QualityLogic

- Test Tools for IEC 61850, IEEE 2030.5, OpenADR
- Training/support services
- Customized test tools for protocols commission testing

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