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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) Major restructuring of the datamodel to accommodate needed flexibility.
- b) UFF58 format is no longer used.
- c) Access to data is now using the standard reporting and logging functions.
- d) Recommendations for creating datanames to accommodate needed flexibility have been defined.

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## INTRODUCTION

The IEC 61400-25 series defines information models and information exchange models for monitoring and control of wind power plants. The modelling approach (for information models and information exchange models) of IEC 61400-25-2 and IEC 61400-25-3 uses abstract definitions of classes and services such that the specifications are independent of specific communication protocol stacks, implementations, and operating systems. The mapping of these abstract definitions to specific communication profiles is defined in IEC 61400-25-4<sup>1</sup>.

This document defines an information model for condition monitoring information and explains how to use the existing definitions of IEC 61400-25-2 as well as the required extensions in order to describe and exchange information related to condition monitoring of wind turbines. The models of condition monitoring information defined in this document may represent information provided by sensors or by calculation.

In the context of this document, condition monitoring means a process with the purpose of observing components or structures of a wind turbine or wind power plant for a period of time in order to evaluate the state of the components or structures and any changes to it, in order to detect early indications of impending failures. With the objective to be able to monitor components and structures recorded under approximately the same conditions, this document introduces the operational state bin concept. The operational state bin concept is multidimensional in order to fit the purpose of sorting complex operational conditions into comparable circumstances.

Condition monitoring is most frequently used as a predictive or condition-based maintenance technique (CBM). However, there are other predictive maintenance techniques that can also be used, including the use of the human senses (look, listen, feel, smell) or machine performance monitoring techniques. These could be considered to be part of the condition monitoring.

### **Condition monitoring techniques**

Condition monitoring techniques that generate information to be modelled include, but are not limited to, measured or processed values such as:

- a) vibration measurements and analysis;
- b) oil debris measurement and analysis;
- c) temperature measurement and analysis;
- d) strain gauge measurement and analysis;
- e) acoustic measurement and analysis.

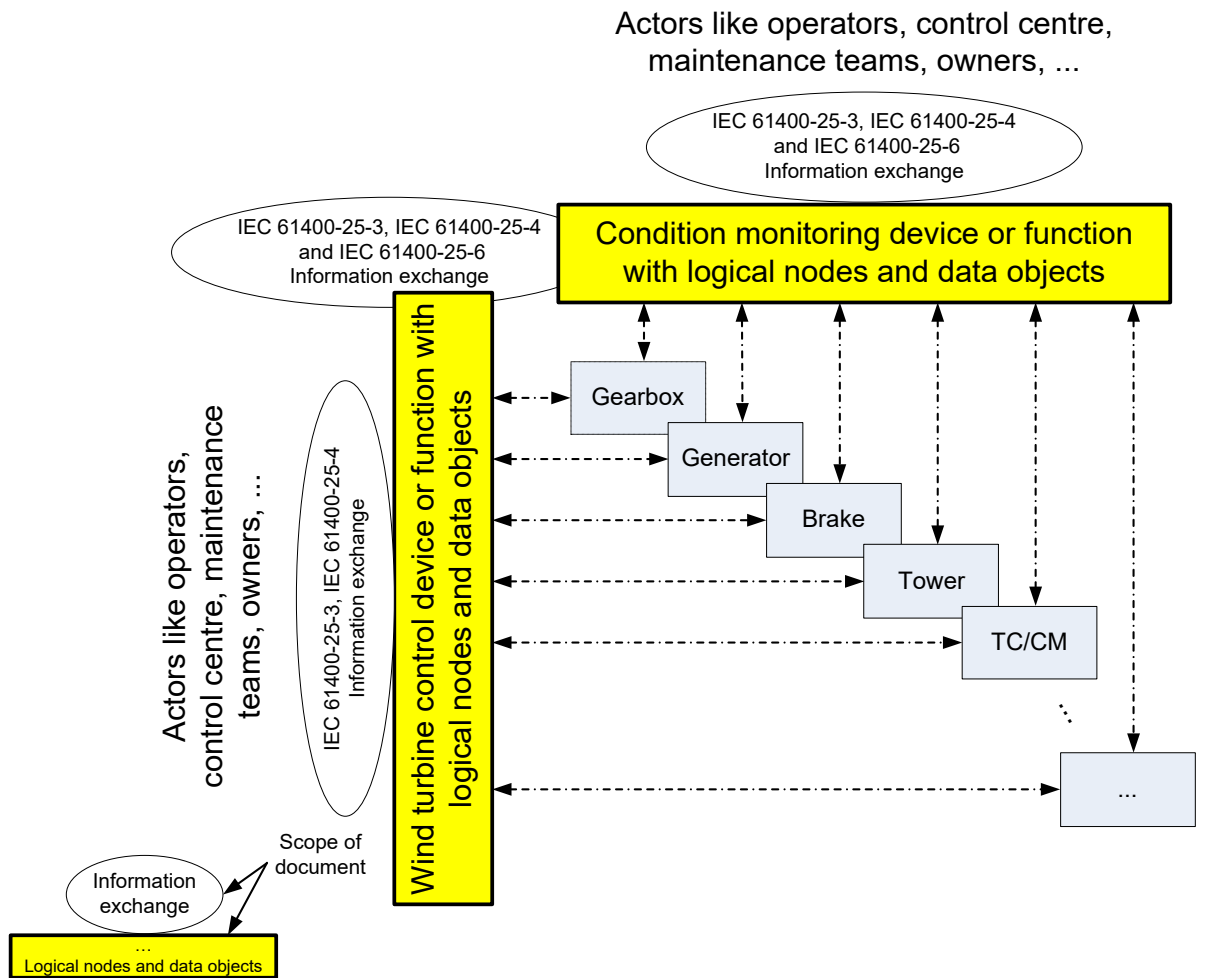
Components and structures can be monitored by using automatic measurement retrieval or via a manual process.

### **Condition monitoring devices**

The condition monitoring functions may be located in different physical devices. Some information may be exposed by a turbine controller device (TCD) while other information may be exposed by an additional condition monitoring device (CMD). Various actors may request to exchange data values located in the TCD and/or CMD. A SCADA device may request data values from a TCD and/or CMD; a CMD may request data values from a TCD. The information exchange between an actor and a device in a wind power plant requires the use of information exchange services as defined in IEC 61400-25-3. A summary of the above is shown in Figure 1.

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**Figure 1 – Condition monitoring with separated TCD/CMD functions**

The state of the art in the wind power industry is a topology with separated devices for control and condition monitoring applications. Based on this fact, the information and information exchange modelling in the present document is based on a topology with a TCD and a CMD.

IEC 61400-25-6 represents an extension of the IEC 61400-25 series focussing on condition monitoring.



## WIND ENERGY GENERATION SYSTEMS –

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#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61400-25 specifies the information models related to condition monitoring for wind power plants and the information exchange of data values related to these models.

NOTE Conformance to IEC 61400-25-6 presupposes in principle conformance to IEC 61400-25-2, IEC 61400-25-3 and IEC 61400-25-4.

Figure 2 illustrates the information flow of a system using condition monitoring to perform condition based maintenance. The figure illustrates how data values are refined and concentrated through the information flow, ending up with the ultimate goal of condition based maintenance; actions to be performed via issuing work orders to maintenance teams in order to prevent the wind power plant device to stop providing its intended service.

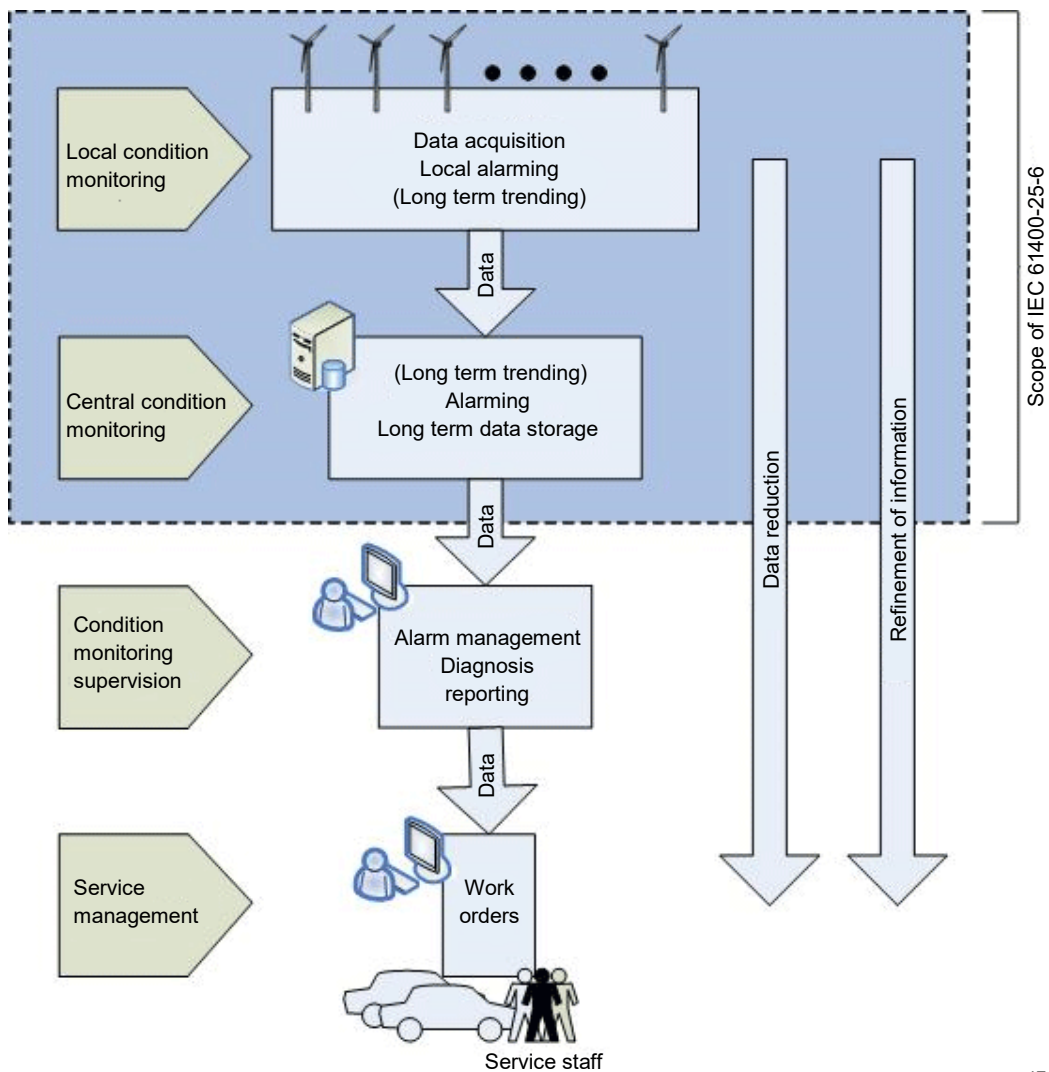


Figure 2 – Schematic flow of condition monitoring information

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 61400-25-1:2006, *Wind turbines – Part 25-1: Communications for monitoring and control of wind power plants – Overall description of principles and models*

IEC 61400-25-2:2015, *Wind turbines – Part 25-2: Communications for monitoring and control of wind power plants – Information models*

IEC 61400-25-3:2015, *Wind turbines – Part 25-3: Communications for monitoring and control of wind power plants – Information exchange models*

IEC 61400-25-4:2016, *Wind energy generation systems – Part 25-4: Communications for monitoring and control of wind power plants – Mapping to communication profile*

IEC 61400-25-5:—<sup>2</sup>, *Wind energy generation systems – Part 25-5: Communications for monitoring and control of wind power plants – Conformance testing*

IEC 61850-7-1:2011, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-1: Basic communication structure – Principles and models*

IEC 61850-7-2:2010, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-2: Basic information and communication structure – Abstract communication service interface (ACSI)*

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

ISO 13373-1:2002, *Condition monitoring and diagnostics of machines – Vibration condition monitoring – Part 1: General procedures*

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