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INTRODUCTION

The development of smart sensors which integrate analog-to-digital conversion and digital processing of the captured sensor signal(s) is in progress. A smart sensing unit, which comprises a smart sensor; a terminal module, to control the smart sensor and perform wireless communication; and a power supply for the smart sensor and the terminal module, can send the output data of the smart sensor wirelessly to the outside. Here, the power supply can be a plug-in power supply, a battery, an energy harvester, or their combination. A smart sensing network where a large number of smart sensing units are located in manufacturing factories, offices, and stores has been examined. With this network, environmental monitoring, sensing of operational situations of manufacturing equipment and sensing of other various events contribute to the realization of the following outcomes by analyzing the collected sensing data. Namely, energy saving, improvement in factory productivity such as operation rate, shortening of production lead time, preventive equipment maintenance, and product quality improvement can be achieved.

However, considering the three components of the smart sensing unit, namely, the smart sensor, terminal module, and power supply, standardization regarding control schemes to connect the components to each other and regarding the indication of specifications of the components has not been sufficiently established yet. This issue leads to the present situation, where the development of each component in the smart sensing unit has not proceeded efficiently.

The IEC 60747-19 series aims to address this issue. The IEC 60747-19 series comprises two parts and its structure is currently conceived as follows:

Part 19-1: Smart sensors – Control scheme of smart sensors

Part 19-2: Smart sensors – Indication of specifications of smart sensors and power supplies to drive smart sensors

Part 19-1 specifies a control scheme of the smart sensor from the terminal module in the smart sensing unit. Generally, the manufacturers of sensors have incorporated into the sensors various parameters and conditions for sensing operations to fulfil various requests and needs of the users. Therefore, it has been quite difficult for the users to understand how to set the parameters and conditions adequately and master the use of sensors. This issue has been a considerable obstacle in designing the smart sensing unit and smart sensing system. The main objective of this part is to solve this obstacle for future expansion of the smart sensors and smart sensing network systems.

Part 19-2 aims to provide guidelines to specify information that is required when the smart sensing unit is newly designed. When the smart sensing unit is newly designed especially to use an autonomous power supply, the designers have to appropriately arrange the selection of the components of the unit and their usage conditions to satisfy that the power capability of the power supply successfully exceeds the total power budget to be consumed in the unit as a whole. First, information about the detailed power consumption characteristics of the smart sensors is indispensable for this achievement. Namely, information about time-axis power profiles which is not necessarily described in the datasheet of sensors is essential when intermittent sensing operations are often adopted and a careful lower power design including time-axis characteristics to allow adoption of an autonomous power supply is needed in IoT (Internet of Things) applications. Therefore, Part 19-2 discusses an indication of smart sensors' electrical characteristics of time-axis power profiles. Second, information about total power capability of the power supply to drive the unit and the smart sensor(s) is essential. This power supply as a module comprises (a) primary battery(batteries), and(or) (a) secondary battery(batteries), and(or) (an) energy harvester(s), or their combinations.

¹ Under development.

Considering the not-so-simple configuration including power management circuits as a power supply, Part 19-2 also discusses the indication of specifications of the power supply. With the establishment of appropriate indications, the three components of the smart sensing unit can be easily selected and combined from a point of view of a low-power design, when the smart sensing unit is newly designed and the overall design of the smart sensing unit itself can be facilitated.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60747 specifies the control scheme of a sensor which is a device or a module which achieves a sensing function, data processing function and data output function, by employing a digital processing unit and a means of bidirectional communication between the sensor and an external terminal module.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.