



CIBU connection Review

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Beam Interlock System: Heart of the Machine Protection









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CIBU Failure Explanation

1. Background

- CIBU Input Circuits
- Installation Rules
- MI Stance

2. Before the Incident

- Vacuum System as Tested
- Conformity
- Functional Testing

3. The Incident

- Modified Interconnection
- Failure in the CIBU
- Report of Non-Conformities

4. Future Goals

- Connection Specification
- Improvements to Interfaces
- Automated Test Sequences





Machine Interlocks Section

Develop fail-safe dependable hardware Testing / failure modes analysis of all critical hardware Audited / reviewed internally and externally

We commit to

Be open and honest with you about our work Share our experiences openly (both bad & good) Be completely open to critique / criticism Optimise the balance safety versus physics

If ever we find weaknesses in our designs effecting safety We will present the findings to MPP and stop the LHC until issues can be solved Every experience is fed back into the design Everyone's opinion counts.

This is an example of this commitment to you – no blame to be assigned! Quite the opposite! We can use this to improve our designs - Let's take a look...



The User Interface (CIBU)

User System to Beam Interlock System connection

- 1. Unique Hardware for All Users
 - 2. Current Loops
 - 3. Redundant Circuits
- 4. Tested to CIBU Output Connector Internally using BIS TEST
 - 5. Need USER SYSTEM Test for full coverage

CIBU is used in the whole accelerator complex Many CIBU-Hours of operation for statistics Around 2e6 unit-hours - SPS since 2006

Link Specified in: https://edms.cern.ch/document/636589/1.4

Until this year – NO failures on critical paths



The User Interface (CIBU)





















CIBU Input Circuit







CIBU Input Circuit







7th August 2008

No Beam In the Machine

Final Commissioning Vacuum System to Beam Interlock System

- 1. Vacuum Valves moved IN around IR3
- 2. Vacuum UJ33 USER_PERMIT_A stayed TRUE
- 3. Vacuum UJ33 USER_PERMIT_B stayed TRUE
 - 4. BIC Test Mode showed ALL OK

Commissioning Fail



As Tested July 08







Between July and August EIS (Elément Important de Sécurité)

 Added to Interlock Logic
EIS controlled by Access System (Personnel Protection Device) 3. Access System connected to BIS via Vacuum System

MI were not aware of this cabling change



August 08 - After Incident 😡





August 08 - After Incident



WHEN CONNECTED CIBU ALWAYS TRUE (next slides)





Access – Connected Panel to Surface PLC incorrectly initially ...took several attempts ...







Presumed Failure 1. Excessive Voltage Is applied in the Access System PLC rack, due to erroneous cabling







2. This subjects the CIBU negative current loop to an excessive voltage (48V)







dissipates the energy





4. Experiments show that after 1-2 seconds the TVS will fail, this TVS fails open-circuit The 'A' loop TVS now absorbs the excess















6. The fault is discovered in the ACCESS system and is removed

But the TVS is so badly damaged it fuses to ground 24V 6 ≩¢ 100m 5-10m PLC 10 ≩€ Sector Valve Controller Sector Valve Controller 0V 4 1m





7. At this point both USER PERMIT A and B are stuck TRUE as current flows to ground through A (green) and B (blue) using the damaged TVS







Several events = complete Blind Failure

- 1. Two Equipment systems sharing the same channel
- 2. PLC Voltage against rules
- 3. TVS Blocked Short-Circuit
- 4. Inputs were not redundant
- 5. Not re-commissioned by MI after a significant change

In addition...

- a) Cable length against rules
- b) EMC would have been a show-stopper anyway!





Shows weaknesses in the interconnection conception:

No redundancy = No SIL
Can a GND short be mitigated?
Human Error can never be 100% eradicated –
Testing before each fill should be possible if in doubt!

For each User System











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Proposed cures



Several events has led to a complete Blind Failure

- 1. Two different Equipment systems sharing to the same channel
- 2. PLC Voltage against rules
- 3 .TVS Blocked Short-Circuit
- 4. Inputs were not redundant
- 5. Not re-commissioned after change
 - + Human errors...
 - + possible Hardware failure.

Vacuum "hosted" E.I.S. connections in 2008. E.I.S. (managed by Access system) will have theirs dedicated channels on 2009

No additional protection possible with existing design... (only regular tests can "protect")



Slight change of the interface (on User system side) for each connection (see next slide)

Redundant signals should be supplied It will become mandatory in 2009. (see following slide)



Tests. tests and tests... in other words: regular tests. "as frequently as possible". Every fill will be the best option => implementation of **Automatic tests** (see next presentation)





On User side, the connection should be modified in order to avoid a fail blind if GND short (i.e. a damaged TVS fuses to ground)



(Same for Input #B)

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The BIS is fully redundant from CIBU inputs to the outputs to Dump Kickers.







each User system has to provide two independent signals to the CIBU







Despite there is a single decision maker...

The aim is to make two physical connections....







Will be required for automated tests...





Consequences for the Users?



For the redundancy constraint:

As far as we know (information gathered during the 2008 commissioning): the following systems are not delivering redundant signals:

- ALICE magnet, ALICE ZDC
- BPM (Beam Excursion)
- BTV
- CMS (Detector part)
- TOTEM
- MKI2 & MKI8
- PO for the MSI Converter Sum Fault
- RF
- VAC

For the independency of the two outputs activation and

For the connection change (i.e. move of the "switch")

We cannot identify because basically

we do not know how it is currently implemented...

Only BLM has kindly sent us the corresponding schematics.



Diversity of BIS Users...



LHC Beam Interlock System Connections

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1. BIS side:

Test that all HW links from User Systems to CIBUs are working correctly

- ensure that each User system is able to give/remove both Permits
- guarantee no blind failures (electronic part)
- Forms part of BIS pre-operation checks
- will be launched by the LHC Sequencer
- Frequency not yet decided (every month? every week? every fill?...)

2. Machine protection side:

Test could be also used in order to check that the full chain is working correctly The way to perform the test will be different for each system (for ex: how to proceed with thousands of BLMs channels? in addition, not possible to move each vacuum valves, etc...) Should be discussed case by case => chosen solution endorsed by MPP.



BIC-PIC first experiences



- Automated tests successfully developed and tested during the HWC
- Integration in the Sequencer Framework
- BICs communication already implemented
- LSA database for configuration and storing results







- 1. Request to the User from external system (SEQ) to enter in Test Mode
- 2. User in Test Mode?

acknowledge by checking the Beam Permit Info (if connected)

3. Loop through all the Users involved in the test:



- 3.1. Initial conditions OK for BIC and User? (both Channels A/B are FALSE)
- 3.2. Set Channel A and Channel B independently on User side
- 3.3. Verify consistency on the BIC side
- 3.4. Reset failure conditions
- 3.5. Save results to Database (LSA?)





- 1. Name of the property CibuTest.
- 2. Property should allow setting and getting set/get type.
- 2. Fields of the property: A, B, Test all boolean type.
- 3. Partial set should be implemented.
- Server action implementation of this property, should ensure boolean complementary, that means when the A field is set, B isn't and viceversa when the B field is set, A isn't.
- 5. When user try to set both A and B at the same state in one call then an exception should be thrown and nothing should be changed.







The next steps



- 1. Give time to evaluate the proposals
- 2. Discussion for the feasibility and the timescale with each User
- 3. Summary of requests/issues presented in the framework of coming MPP meeting (possibly on 2nd or 3rd week of Feb.09)
- 4. Setting up of schedule for re-commissioning
- 5. Give support and discuss in case of issue





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