



Cause-and-Effect Matrix specifications for interlock based systems

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Context

Specifications for interlock logic in

Industrial controls and
Safety Systems

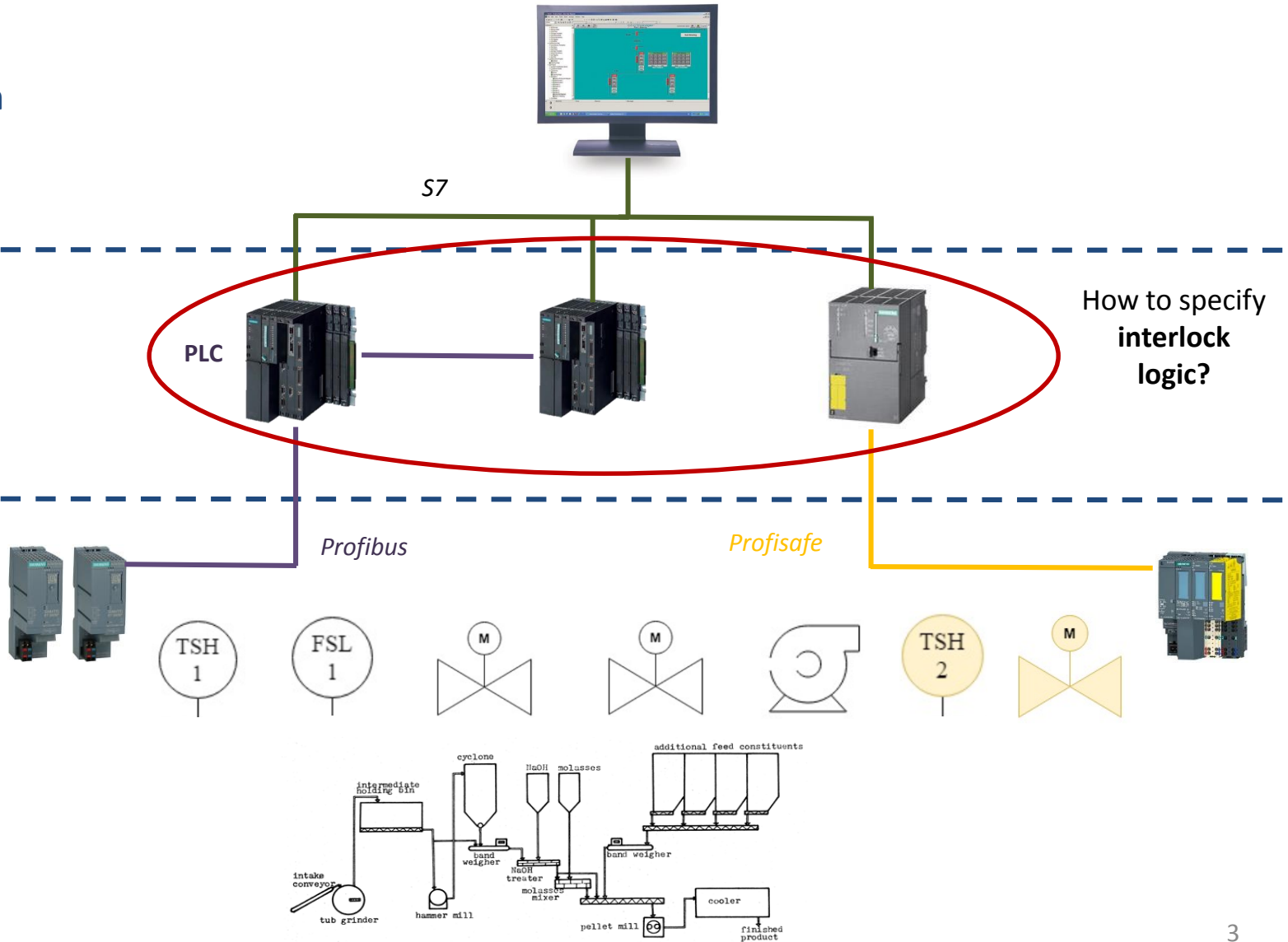
Industrial controls

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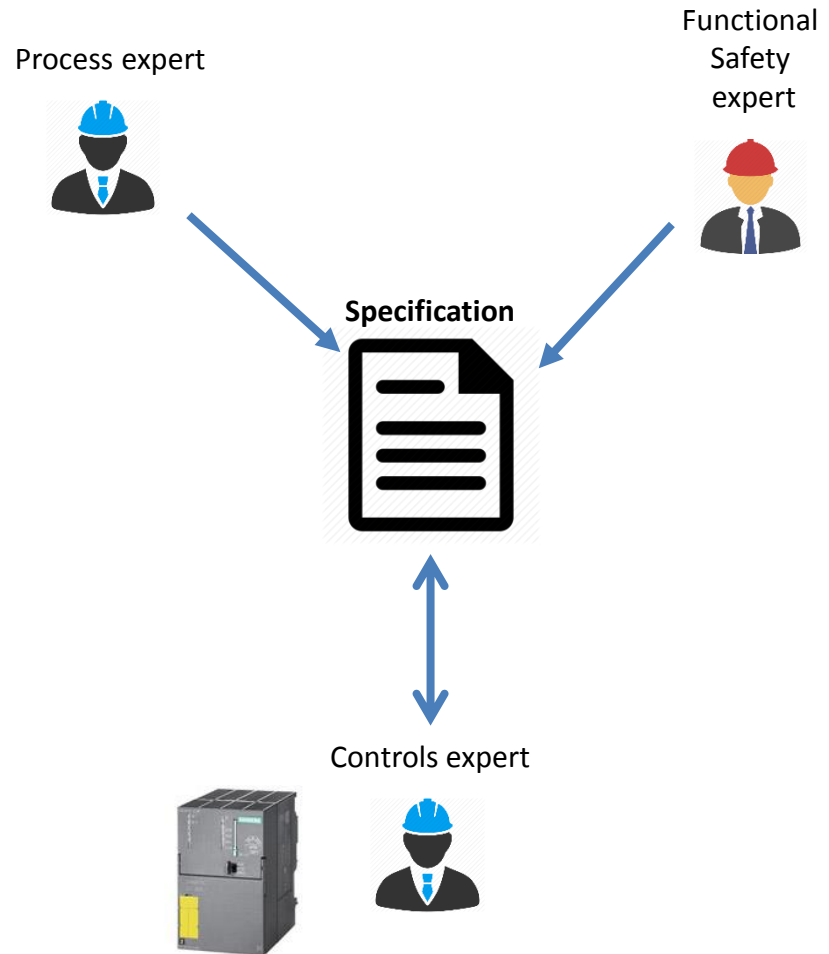


Main problems with specifications

1. **Ambiguous** specification

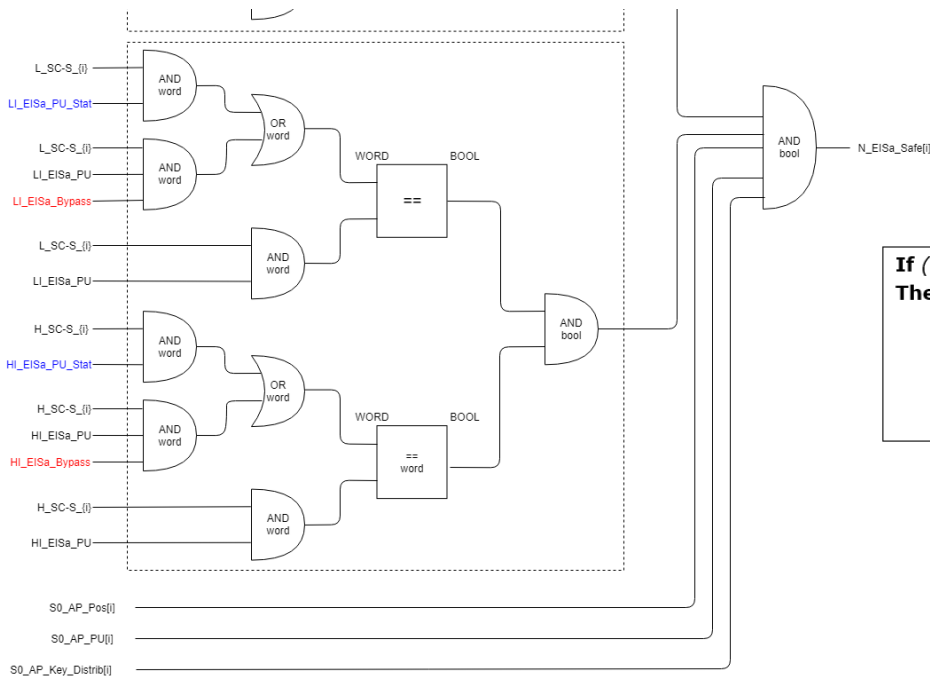
2. **Incomplete** specification

3. **Complex** specification



Specification options for stateless logic (some examples)

Logic diagram



Boolean expression

If ($SC-S_{[i][n]}$ and $I_EISa_Pos[n]$)
Then:

**$N_EISa_Safe_{[i][n]} = (I_EISa_Bypass[n]$ or $I_EISa_Pos_Stat[n]$) and
 $(I_EISa_Bypass[n]$ or $I_EISa_PU_Stat[n])$ and $S0_AP_Pos[i]$ and $S0_AP_PU[i]$ and
 $S0_AP_Key_Distrib[i]$**

Specification options for stateless logic (some examples)

Cause and Effect Matrix

StateOfElementsSC{1}		Description			
		Tag	N_EISa_Safe{1}[1]	N_EISa_Safe{1}[2]	N_EISa_Safe{1}[3]
Description	Tag	1	2	3	
Assignment of element [n] to safety chain {i}	SC-S{1}[1]	1	N,A1,A2,A3,A4		
Installation of door contact [n]	I_EISa_Pos[1]	2	A3,A4		
Installation of emergency handle [n]	I_EISa_PU[1]	3	A2,A4		
Feedback of door contact [n]	I_EISa_Pos_Stat[1]	4	A1,A2		
Feedback of emergency handle [n]	I_EISa_PU_Stat[1]	5	A1,A3		
Bypass on element (both door contact and emergency handle) [n]	I_EISa_Bypass[1]	6	A2,A3,A4		
Assignment of element [n] to safety chain {i}	SC-S{1}[2]	7		N,A1,A2,A3,A4	
Installation of door contact [n]	I_EISa_Pos[2]	8	A3,A4		
Installation of emergency handle [n]	I_EISa_PU[2]	9	A2,A4		
Feedback of door contact [n]	I_EISa_Pos_Stat[2]	10	A1,A2		
Feedback of emergency handle [n]	I_EISa_PU_Stat[2]	11	A1,A3		
Bypass on element (both door contact and emergency handle) [n]	I_EISa_Bypass[2]	12	A2,A3,A4		
Assignment of element [n] to safety chain {i}	SC-S{1}[3]	13		N,A1,A2,A3,A4	
Installation of door contact [n]	I_EISa_Pos[3]	14		A3,A4	
Installation of emergency handle [n]	I_EISa_PU[3]	15		A2,A4	
Feedback of door contact [n]	I_EISa_Pos_Stat[3]	16		A1,A2	
Feedback of emergency handle [n]	I_EISa_PU_Stat[3]	17		A3,A1	
Bypass on element (both door contact and emergency handle) [n]	I_EISa_Bypass[3]	18		A2,A3,A4	

Outline

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- ❑ Applicability of CEM
- ❑ Conclusions

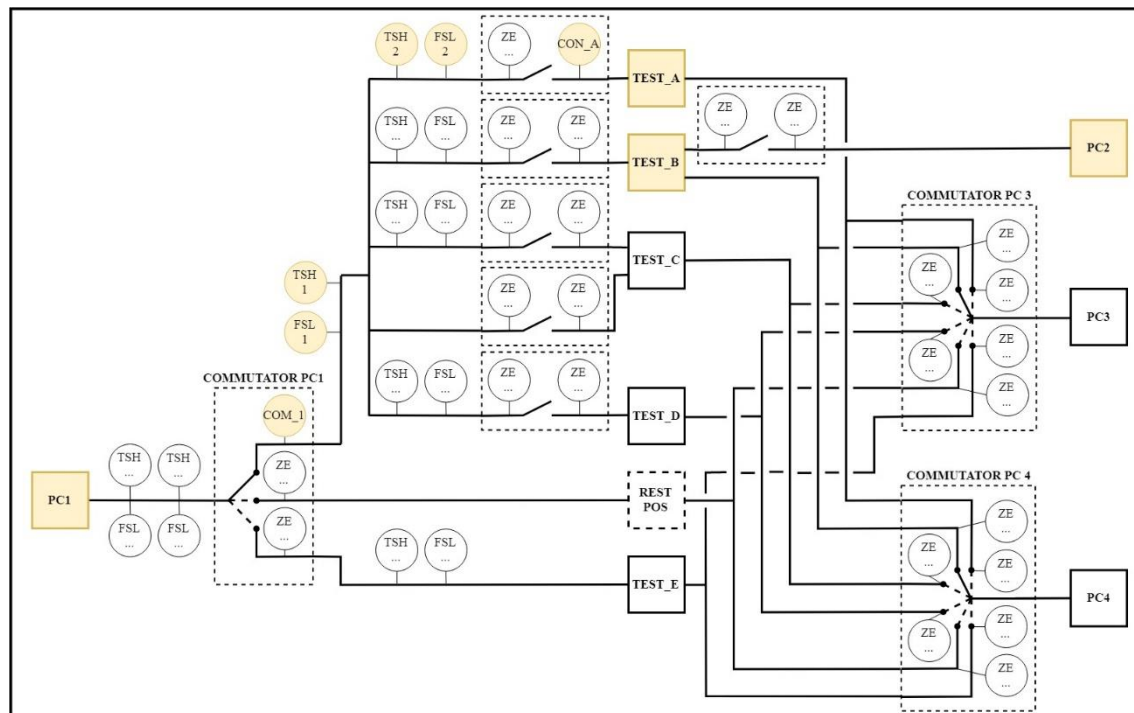
Case Study – CERN test bench facility

- Test benches for superconducting magnets (**SM18**, FAIR, B311)
- **Risks** to personnel and equipment
 - Cryogenics
 - Vacuum
 - Power converters
 - Cooling & ventilation
- Need for **Safety Instrumented Systems (IEC 61511 standard)**
- Specification was divided in **Operational requirements** and **Safety requirements**



Case Study – CERN test bench facility

- **5 test benches** and **4 different power converters**
- **42 analogue input signals** (e.g. temperature and voltage sensors)
- **130 digital input signals** (e.g. flow switches, commutators feedbacks)
- **56 output signals** (e.g. digital relays to operate the power converters)



Case Study – Operational specification

Test Types

SCADA
Commands

Process
Inputs

Process
Outputs

		TYPE OF TEST TO SELECT		
TEST CONFIG.	Signal name	LONGUE	HFM	
		Par.	xxx A	xxx A
	MTBG_Q_TO_CRYO_MIN_CUR_PC20	xxx A	xxx A	
	MTBG_Q_TO_CRYO_MIN_CUR_PC10			
	PC_selection (PC20, PC10, PC600_1, PC600_2)			
	QH_selection (QH 1-8)			
	PC10_INV_POL_selection (POLA or POLB)			
	TEST_selection_on_DIODE_STATION (DIODE / LEAD)			
	LEAD3_INSTALLED_on_LONGUE			
	MTBG_QH_MIN_VOLT	xxx V	xxx V	
	MTBG_MAGNET_PHASE			
	31 MTBG_TROLLEY_REST_DIODES	if PC = PC20_1	if PC = PC20_1	
	32 MTBG_TROLLEY_CONN_AUX	if PC = PC20_0	if PC = PC20_0	
	33 MTBG_TROLLEY_REST_AUX	if PC = PC20_1	if PC = PC20_1	
	34 MTBG_COM20_CO	if PC = PC20_0	if PC = PC20_0	
	35 MTBG_COM20_BUSBAR	if PC = PC20_1	if PC = PC20_1	
		TYPE OF TEST TO SELECT		
TEST CONFIG.	Signal name	LONGUE	HFM	
		xxx A	xxx A	
	MTBG_Q_TO_CRYO_MIN_CUR_PC20	xxx A	xxx A	
	MTBG_Q_TO_CRYO_MIN_CUR_PC10			
	PC_selection (PC20, PC10, PC600_1, PC600_2)			
	QH_selection (QH 1-8)			
	PC10_INV_POL_selection (POLA or POLB)			
	TEST_selection_on_DIODE_STATION (DIODE / LEAD)			
	LEAD3_INSTALLED_on_LONGUE			
	MTBG_QH_MIN_VOLT	xxx V	xxx V	
	MTBG_MAGNET_PHASE			
OUTPUT SIGNALS	DIGITAL OUTPUTS	26 MTBG_Q_TO_CRYO_DIODES		
		27 MTBG_Q_T_CRYO_AUX		
	28 MTBG_PC20_CUR_TO_CRYO	MTBG_PC20_CUR	MTBG_PC20_CUR	
	29 MTBG_PC10_CUR_TO_CRYO	MTBG_PC10_CUR	MTBG_PC10_CUR	
	30 MTBG_PC600_1_CUR_TO_CRYO	MTBG_PC600_1_CUR	MTBG_PC600_1_CUR	
	31 MTBG_PC600_2_CUR_TO_CRYO	MTBG_PC600_2_CUR	MTBG_PC600_2_CUR	
	32 MTBG_QH_CONN_CHECK	ACTION TAKEN BY OPERATOR	ACTION TAKEN BY OPERATOR	
	33 MTBG_QH_CONN_CHECK_2			
	34 MTBG_CMD_QH_SWITCH_LONGUE	ACTION TAKEN BY OPERATOR executed only if MTBG_V_QH1-16 = 0	0	
	35 MTBG_CMD_QH_SWITCH_HFM	0	ACTION TAKEN BY OPERATOR executed only if MTBG_V_QH1-16 = 0	
	36 MTBG_CMD_QH_SWITCH_DIODES	0	0	
	37 MTBG_CMD_QH_SWITCH_AUX	0	0	
	38 MTBG_CMD_INV_POLA		if PC = PC10_1 when POLA selected	
	39 MTBG_CMD_INV_POLB		if PC = PC10_1 when POLB selected	
	40 MTBG_PC600_1_PERMIT	if PC = PC600_1_1 when all input conditions fulfilled	if PC = PC600_1_1 when all input conditions fulfilled	
	41 MTBG_PC600_1_DIRECT_PA2			
	42 MTBG_PC600_2_PERMIT	if PC = PC600_2_1 when all input conditions fulfilled	if PC = PC600_2_1 when all input conditions fulfilled	
	43 MTBG_PC600_2_DIRECT_PA2			
	44 MTBG_PC10_PERMIT		if PC = PC10_1 when all input conditions fulfilled	
	45 MTBG_PC10_DIRECT_PA			
	46 MTBG_PC10_MCB_CMD		if PC = PC10, [pulse of 1s to 0, 100ms after MTBG_NO_Q_DETECT_HFM = 0, 1 if MTBG_NO_Q_DETECT_HFM = 1]	
	47 MTBG_PLC_EE10_OPEN_RQ		if PC = PC10, (1 if MTBG_PC10_EE_OPEN_RQ = 1)	
	48 MTBG_CLOSE_EE10 (500ms positive pulse)		if PC = PC10, ACTION taken by OPERATOR - See graphcat	
	49 MTBG_RESET_EE10 (500ms positive pulse)		if PC = PC10, ACTION taken by OPERATOR - See graphcat	

Case Study – Operational specification

	Condition	Test_A	Test_B
SCADA	SEL_PC ...	PC1 / PC3 / PC4 ...	PC1 / PC2 / PC3 / PC4 ...
Process Sensors	CRYO_A CRYO_B DAQ_A DAQ_B ...	1 1 ...	 1 1 ...
Process Actuators	PC1_OPER PC2_OPER ...	if PC1, 1 when all conditions fulfilled ...	if PC1, 1 when all conditions fulfilled if PC2, 1 when all conditions fulfilled ...

- **Simple** and **convenient** formalism for the process engineer
- but **ambiguous** specification

Case Study – Safety specification

FMEA risk analysis

Repère	Principal équipement en rapport avec le PLC (Inputs / Outputs)	Principaux composants Associés à la fonction	Fonction	Modes de défaillance potentielle	Effets de la défaillance	Causes potentielles	Événements redoutés pour la sécurité des opérateurs	Paramètre Sécurité des personnes				Niveau SIL cible (Sécurité)
								C	F	P	W	
1	WCC	Contrôleur de débit TOR PLC	Détecter un débit d'eau	Indication erronée	Plus de débit d'eau	Contrôleur de débit hors service	Dommages aux équipements : Brûlure des câbles, explosion des flexibles. Eau sur les équipements électriques. Brûlure par contact. Brûlure par projection d'eau chaude. Effet domino : Incendie	1	/	/	3	Pas d'exigence de sécurité particulière
2		Sondes de température PLC	Mesurer la Température de l'eau	Lecture erronée	Pas de refroidissement des câbles Cuivre.	Sondes de température défectueuse		1	/	/	3	SIF1 (SIL1)

Reference	SIF1_PC10
Related risk	Risk analysis references 1 and 2
Functionality	Shutdown the PC (10KA) if the corresponding temperature of the cable is high (thermoswitch signal = 0) or the water flow is low (switch signal = 0)
Formalized functionality	If (NOT MTBG_WCCF_HFM_BIS_P OR NOT MTBG_WCCF_HFM_BIS_M OR NOT MTBG_WCCT_PC10_EE10 OR NOT MTBG_WCCT_EE10_INV OR NOT MTBG_WCCT_INV_HFM) Then (MTBG_PC10_PERMIT_Q = FALSE)
Safety level	SIL1
Safety mode	Low demand

Safety Function Specification

- **Unambiguous specification**
- **But no tool support:**
 - **Test cases generation**
 - **Verification cases generation**
 - **Code generation**

Cause and Effect Matrix (CEM)

- A compact and intuitive **graphical** representation of **Boolean expressions**
- Adequate to **represent stateless logic**, where a given output depends only on a combination of the current input signals
- There are **many variants of CEMs** and the companies adopt the **semantics that best adapt to their processes and engineering practices**
 - SIMATIC Safety Matrix (Siemens Product)
 - IEC 62881:2018. Cause and effect matrix

Cause and Effect Matrix (CEM)

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q01 \\ Q02 \end{bmatrix} = \left[\frac{I01 \vee \text{TON}(I02, 20s) \vee (\neg I03 \wedge I04)}{I02 \wedge (I03 \vee \neg I04)} \right]$$

	Effect	Q01	Q02
Cause			
I01		X	
I02		TON20	A1,A2
I03		NA1	A1
I04		A1	NA2

Cause and Effect Matrix (CEM)

	Condition	Test A	Test B
SCADA	SEL_PC	PC1 / PC3 / PC4	PC1 / PC2 / PC3 / PC4

Process Sensor	CRYO_A	1	1
	CRYO_B		
	DAQ_A	1	1
	DAQ_B		1

Process	PC1_OPER	if PC1, 1 when all conditions fulfilled	if PC1, 1 when all conditions fulfilled
	PC2_OPER		if PC2, 1 when all conditions fulfilled

Reference	SIF1
Related risk	Risk analysis reference 1
Functionality	Shutdown the power converter if the corresponding temperature of the water-cooled cable is high (<i>FALSE</i>) or the water flow is low (<i>FALSE</i>)
Formalized functionality	$If (COM_1 \wedge CON_A \wedge (\neg TSH1 \vee \neg TSH2 \vee \neg FSL1 \vee \neg FSL2))$ $Then PC1_PP = 0$
Safety Level	SIL2
Operation mode	Low demand

(a) Top Operational CEM

Cause	Effect	PC1_OPER	PC2_OPER
SEL_PC1		A1,A2,A3,A4,A5	
SEL_PC2			A1
TEST_A		A1	
TEST_B		A2	A1
TEST_C		A3	
TEST_D		A4	
TEST_E		A5	

(c) Bottom Operational CEM

Cause	Effect	TEST_A	TEST_B
SEL_TEST_A		A1	
SEL_TEST_B			A1
CRYO_A		A1	
CRYO_B			A1
DAQ_A		A1	
DAQ_B			A1

(b) Top Safety CEM

Cause	Effect	PC1_PP	PC2_PP
SIF1		NA1	
SIF2		NA1	
SIF3			NA1
SIF4		NA1	NA1
PC1_OPER		A1	
PC2_OPER			A1

(d) Bottom Safety CEM

Cause	Effect	SIF1	SIF2
COM_1		A1,A2,A3,A4	
CON_A		A1,A2,A3,A4	
TSH1		NA1	
TSH2		NA2	
FSL1		NA3	
FSL2		NA4	
...			...

Variable discretization

Cause and Effect Matrix (CEM)

(a) Top Operational CEM

Cause	Effect	PC1_OPER	PC2_OPER
SEL_PC1		A1,A2,A3,A4,A5	
SEL_PC2			A1
TEST_A		A1	
TEST_B		A2	A1
TEST_C		A3	
TEST_D		A4	
TEST_E		A5	

(c) Bottom Operational CEM

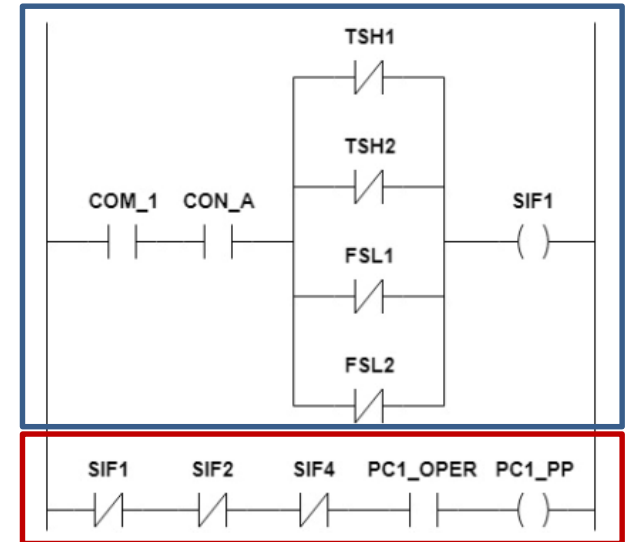
Cause	Effect	TEST_A	TEST_B
SEL_TEST_A		A1	
SEL_TEST_B			A1
CRYO_A		A1	
CRYO_B			A1
DAQ_A		A1	
DAQ_B			A1

(b) Top Safety CEM

Cause	Effect	PC1_PP	PC2_PP
SIF1		NA1	
SIF2		NA1	
SIF3			NA1
SIF4		NA1	NA1
PC1_OPER		A1	
PC2_OPER			A1

(d) Bottom Safety CEM

Cause	Effect	SIF1	SIF2
COM_1		A1,A2,A3,A4	
CON_A		A1,A2,A3,A4	
TSH1		NA1	
TSH2		NA2	
FSL1		NA3	
FSL2		NA4	
...			...



- **Code** generation (when possible)
- **Test** case generation
- **Verification** cases generation

SISpec: CEM Editor

The screenshot displays the SISpec CEM Editor interface. On the left is a Project View tree with a tree structure. The main area shows a Signal Table with columns for various MTBG permit signals and rows for different SIF signals. The Object Inspector at the bottom shows details for the selected 'Power_Permits' object, including its name, safety status, level, and a descriptive text box.

Project View Tree Structure:

- Specification
 - Digital Signals
 - Analog Signals
 - Safety Matrices
 - Bottom Level
 - SIF1
 - SIF5
 - SIF9
 - SIF7
 - SIF6
 - SIF2
 - Auxiliar
 - SIF3
 - SIF4
 - SIFs_10_11
 - Top Level
 - Power_Permits**
 - Operation Matrices
 - Bottom Level
 - Common
 - Aux_PC20a
 - Aux_PC600_1
 - Aux_PC600_2
 - Test_Types
 - Aux_PC20b
 - Aux_PC10
 - Quench_Heater
 - Top_Level_Alarms
 - Top Level
 - Cryo
 - Safety_Matrices_a
 - Safety_Matrices_b
 - Flashboxes
 - Energy_Extraction
 - Power_Converters
 - Quench_Heaters
 - Polarity_Inverter

Signal Table:

	MTBG_PC10_PERMIT_Q	MTBG_PC20_PERMIT_Q	MTBG_PC600_1_PERMIT_Q	MTBG_PC600_2_PERMIT_Q
SIF1_PC20		NA1		
SIF1_PC10	NA1			
SIF2		NA1		
SIF3_PC10	NA1			
SIF3_PC20		NA1		
SIF4_PC20		NA1		
SIF4_PC600_1			NA1	
SIF4_PC600_2				NA1
SIF5_PC10	NA1			
SIF5_PC20		NA1		
SIF5_PC600_1			NA1	
SIF5_PC600_2				NA1
SIF6_PC20_1		NA1		
SIF6_PC20_2		NA1		
SIF7_PC10	NA1			
SIF7_PC20		NA1		
SIF7_PC600_1			NA1	
SIF7_PC600_2				NA1

Object Inspector:

Attributes:

- Name: Power_Permits
- Is Safety:
- Level: topLevel
- Description: In this matrix the power permit signals for each power converter are set according to the SIFs' signals and to the permit operation signals coming from the operational specifications.

Conclusions

CEM pros	CEM cons	Future directions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simple and graphical mechanism• Allows a better communication between control, process and safety experts• Trivial generation of the PLC code• Allows automatic generation of test and verification cases• Improved maintainability of the PLC code and traceability of the whole project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not appropriate for all types of processes. Mainly convenient for stateless interlock logic• Certain Boolean logic may be difficult to express in one single CEM (auxiliary CEMs may have to be Included)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extension of the CEM semantics to different activation logics (rising edges, pulses, etc.)• PLC code generation and integration in the development cycle of SISs and interlock-based control systems