SAFETY EVALUATION OF THE MEGAPIE EXPERIMENTAL FACILITY: RESULTS AND INSIGHTS FROM THE APPLICATION OF PROBABILISTIC SAFETY ASSESSMENT

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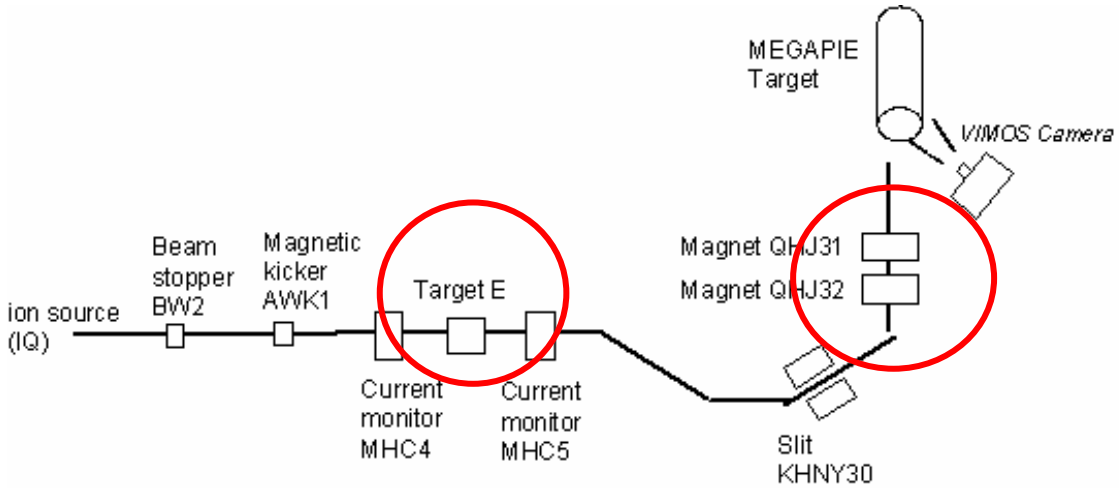
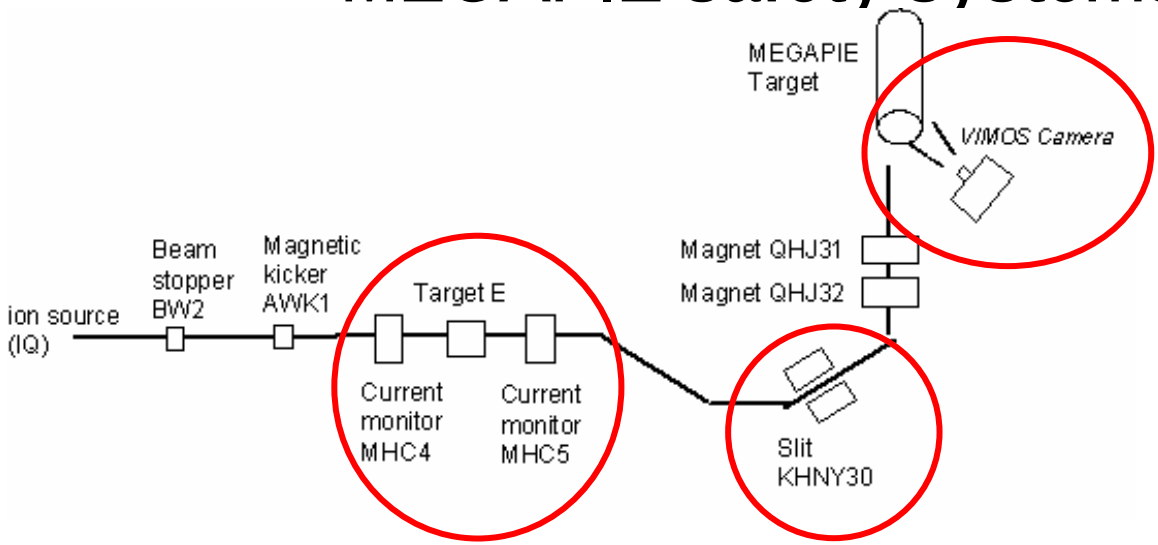
Issues for MEGAPIE safety



- Over-Focused beam → excessive intensity onto the target → breach of the LMC [MEGAPIE safety report; Smith, 2006]
- "Critical" components to avoid over-focusing are:
  - Scattering Target E - diffuses beam intensity distribution
  - Quadrupoles QJ31-QJ32 - located downstream of two out of three safety systems

MEGAPIE safety systems



- MHC4/5 – monitors transmission across scattering Target E
- KHNY30 –limits allowed spread of the trajectory → Detects if protons are correctly scattered by Target E
- VIMOS – visually monitors beam intensity distribution

→ Beam shutdown if parameters are outside allowed range

!!! There are additional safety barriers, e.g. components settings supervisions, that were outside the scope or this analysis

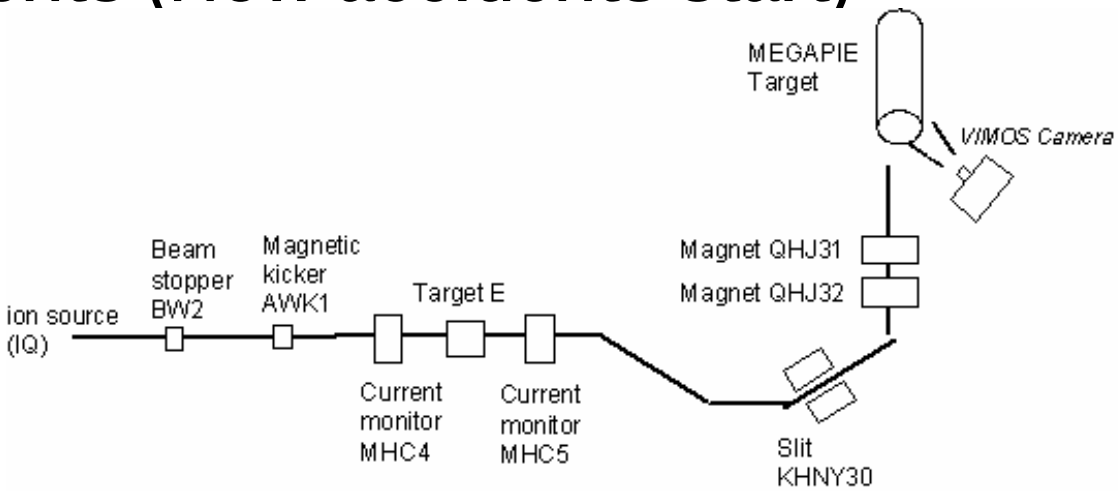
Goals of this study

- Evaluate **redundancy and diversity** of the MEGAPIE safety system
- Suggest possible **safety-enhancing improvements**

⇩ The tool

- Probabilistic safety assessment (**PSA**): methods to **analyze** systems, **model** scenarios and failures, **calculate** risk and its contributors
  - "event trees and fault trees"

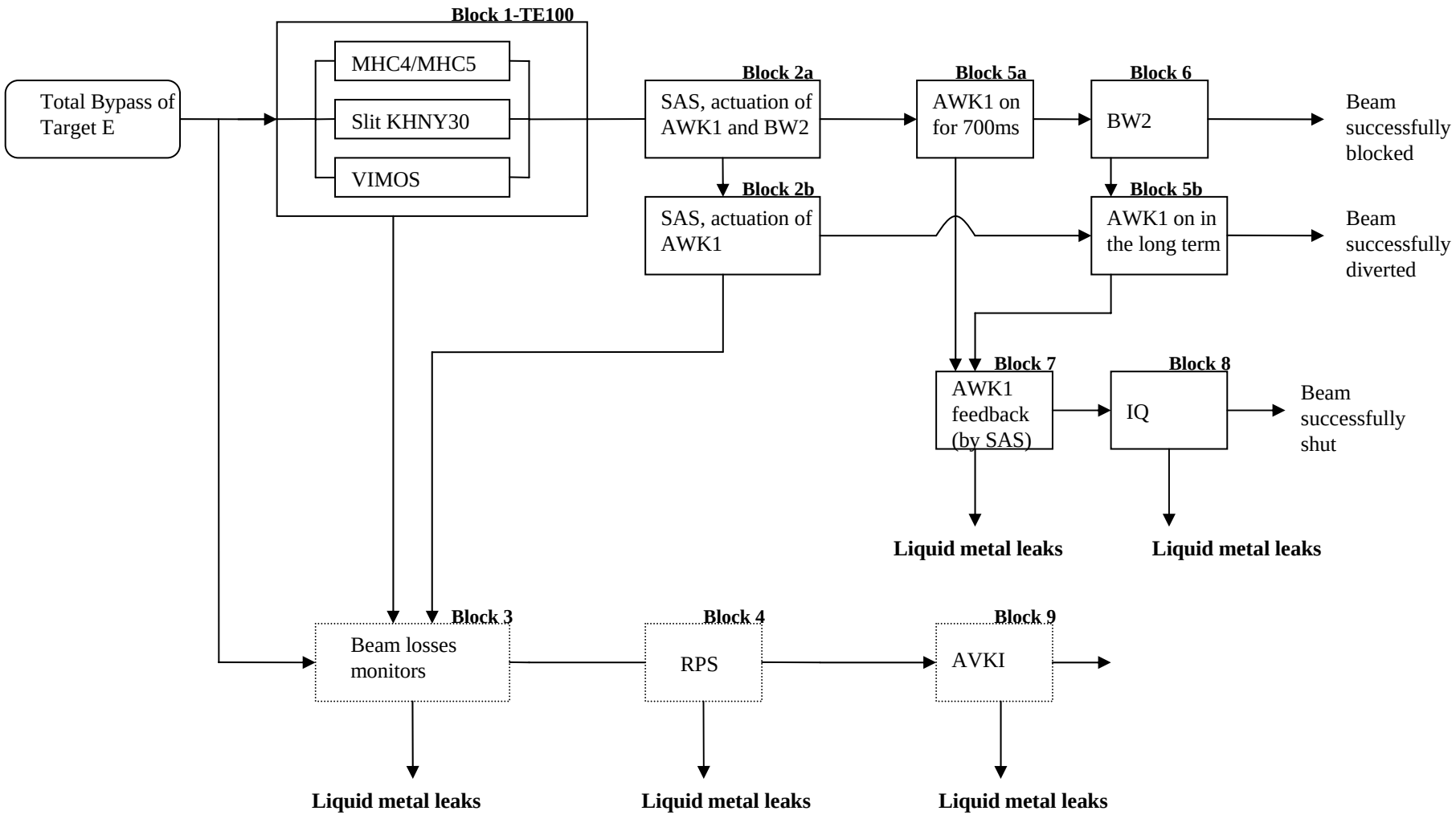
Initiating events (How accidents start)



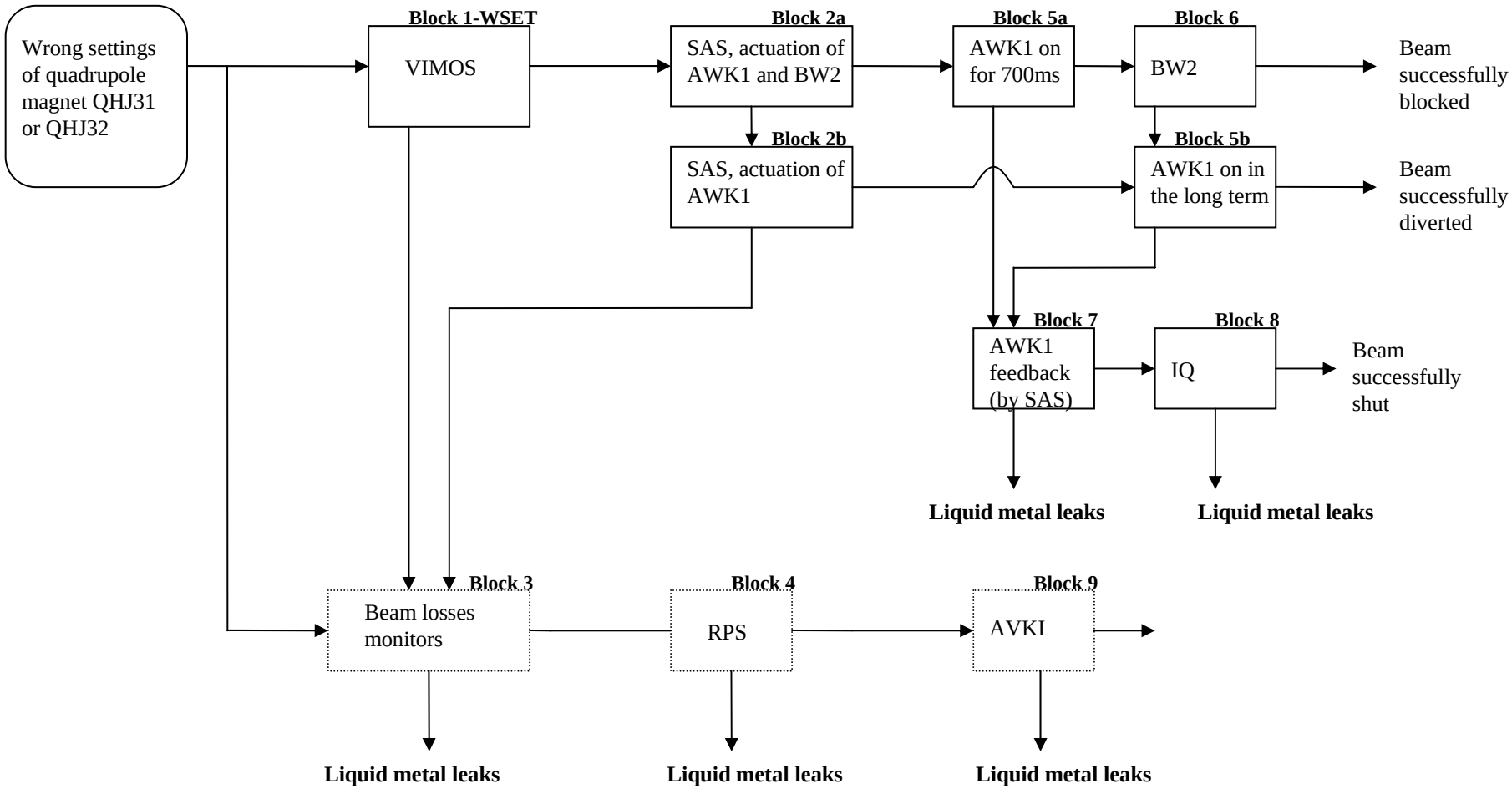
- Three events potentially initiating an accident of excessive beam over-focus:
  - TE-BY - total bypass of Target E by protons beam
  - WSET1 - Wrong settings of QHJ31 or QHJ32. Wrong settings loaded into the components control devices
  - WSET2 - Wrong settings of QHJ31 or QHJ32. Magnets failure to set or of control devices to command current

Model of scenario TE-BY

Event sequence diagrams: required functions and systems



Model of scenario WSET1



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Event Trees: sequence of functions and systems

Total (100%) bypass of Target E	MHC4/5, KNY30, VIMOS	MEGAPIE and SINQ SAS	BW2 shutter	AWK1 operates at least 700 ms	AWK1 operates in the long term	AWK1 feedback and IQ shutdown	beam losses monitors and RPS			
TE-BY	SENSORS-TE-BY	SAS	BW2	AWK1/700	AWK1	IQ	RPS	No.	Conseq.	Code
								1	SUCCESS	
								2	SUCCESS	AWK1/700
								3	SUCCESS	AWK1/700-IQ
								4	FAILURE	AWK1/700-IQ-RPS
								5	SUCCESS	BW2
								6	SUCCESS	BW2-AWK1
								7	SUCCESS	BW2-AWK1-IQ
								8	FAILURE	BW2-AWK1-IQ-RPS
								9	SUCCESS	SAS
								10	SUCCESS	SAS-IQ
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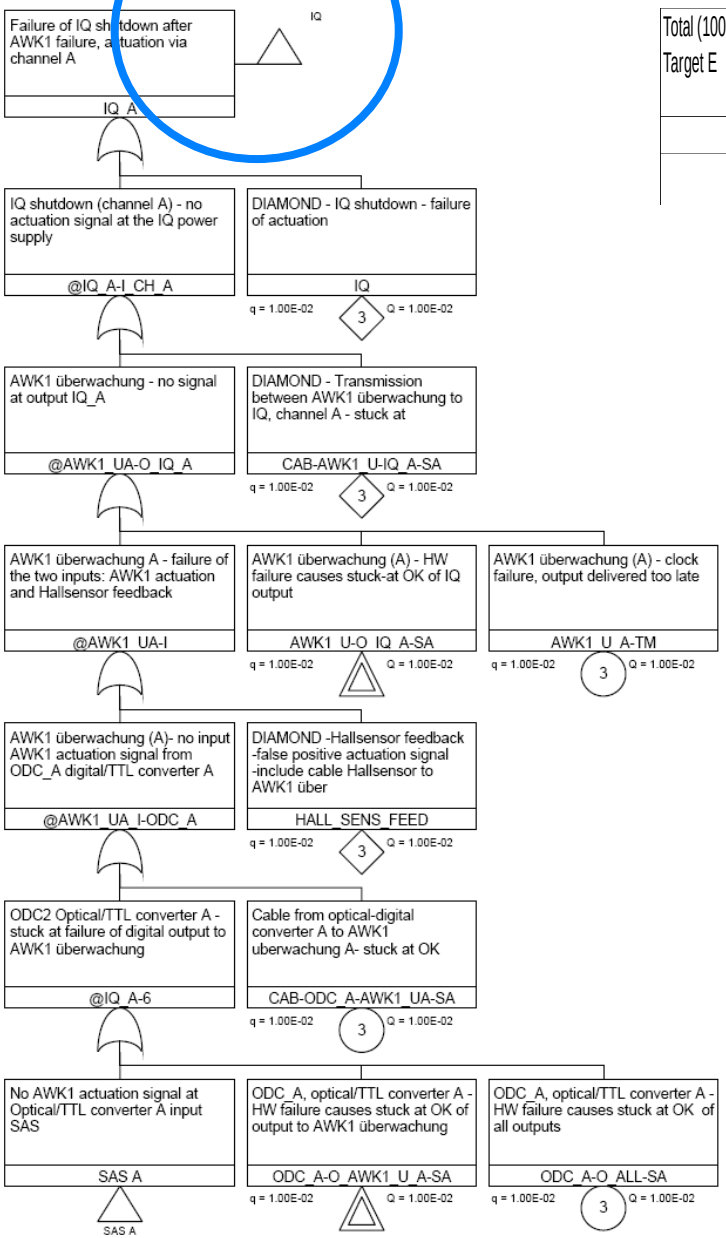

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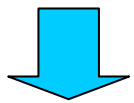
Fault trees

- **Systematic analysis** of the possible causes of functional failures
- **Functional** failures are systematically traced back to **basic events** failures (ANDs/ORs)
- Basic events: **basic components failure modes** (cables, electronic devices, power supplies, software)

Application of PSA to experimental facilities: challenges

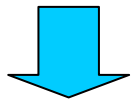
- Use of **digital and software** systems
  - Difficult to **predict** and **quantify** failure modes
  - Timing failures may be difficult to incorporate in fault trees
- Use of one-of-a-kind components
  - **Lack of data** to quantify probabilities of basic events



- Emphasis on **qualitative results** from the PSA
- No attempt to quantify failure events probabilities

What may qualitative results give?

- The PSA model (ETs and FTs) is processed by software (Risk Spectrum®)
- Minimal Cut sets: **sequences of failure events** that may lead to system failure given occurrence of the scenario



It is possible to:

- Identify **single, double, triple, points of failure** …
- Evaluate adequacy of safety systems (**redundancy and diversity**)
- (Independently on the probability of the sequences)

Results for scenario TE-BY

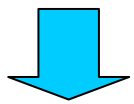
- 6 first-order cutsets (**common cause failures** – i.e. failures of multiple components at the same time)
- **No single point of failure** → MCH4/5, KHNY30, VIMOS constitute a **diverse protection** against scenarios originated by bypass of Target E (TE-BY)

#	Event	Description
1	OPT_PAN1-O_ALL-SA	Optical lead panel 1 - common cause stuck at failure of all outputs, due to loss of isolation
2	OPT_PAN2-O_ALL-SA	Optical lead panel 2 - common cause stuck at failure of all outputs, due to loss of isolation
3	S_SAS_A_B-CCF-ALL	SINQ SAS A and B - Common cause stuck at OK
4	M_SAS_A_B-CCF-ALL	MEGAPIE SAS A and B - Common cause stuck at OK
5	DOC_A_B-CCF-ALL	DOC, TTL/optical converters A and B - Common cause stuck at OK
6	ODC_A_B-CCF-ALL	ODC, optical/TTL converters A and B - Common cause stuck at OK

Results for scenario WSET1

- 16 first-order cutsets (10 related to failures of the VIMOS system)
- **Relevant safety contribution of VIMOS**: it is the only monitoring system able to catch WSET1
- VIMOS is devised with **multiple protections** against several failure modes
- Two Failure events identify scenarios where VIMOS would continue to evaluate the same frame, not recognizing a disturbance in the beam intensity distribution:

Event identifier	Description
VIMOSSW-SA	VIMOS SW - stuck at while executing due to programming error or operating system failure
FRAMEGRR-BUFFER-SA	Frame Grabber - memory buffer stuck-at due to buffer failure or software failure to save new picture



Specific safety-enhancing recommendations

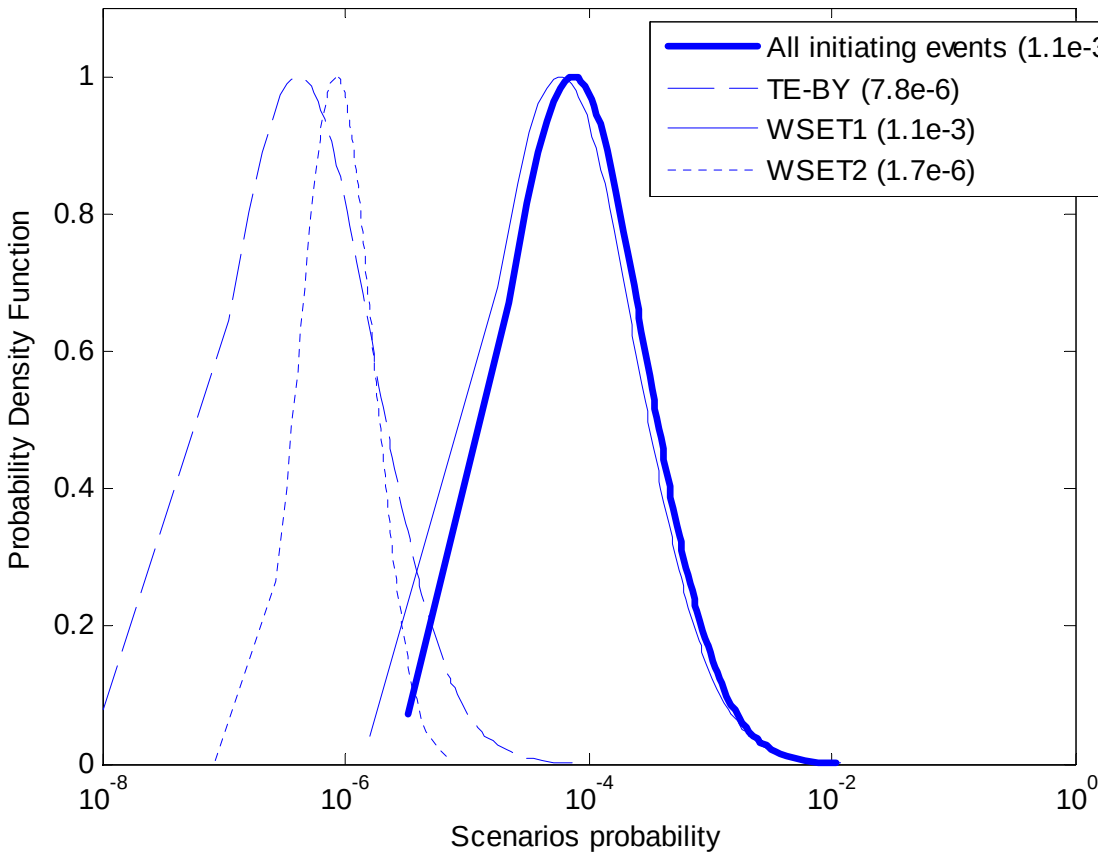
Recommendations

- Two (additional) recommendations to make sure VIMOS is actively processing valid pictures:
  - Implement an automatic check (e.g. control on signal variance)
  - Formalize daily routine checks in the control room

Yet, quantification has benefits (in conference Paper)

PSA handles uncertainties !!

- Prioritize scenarios, components, failure modes based on their impact on risk
- Prioritize recommendations based on their potential for risk-reduction



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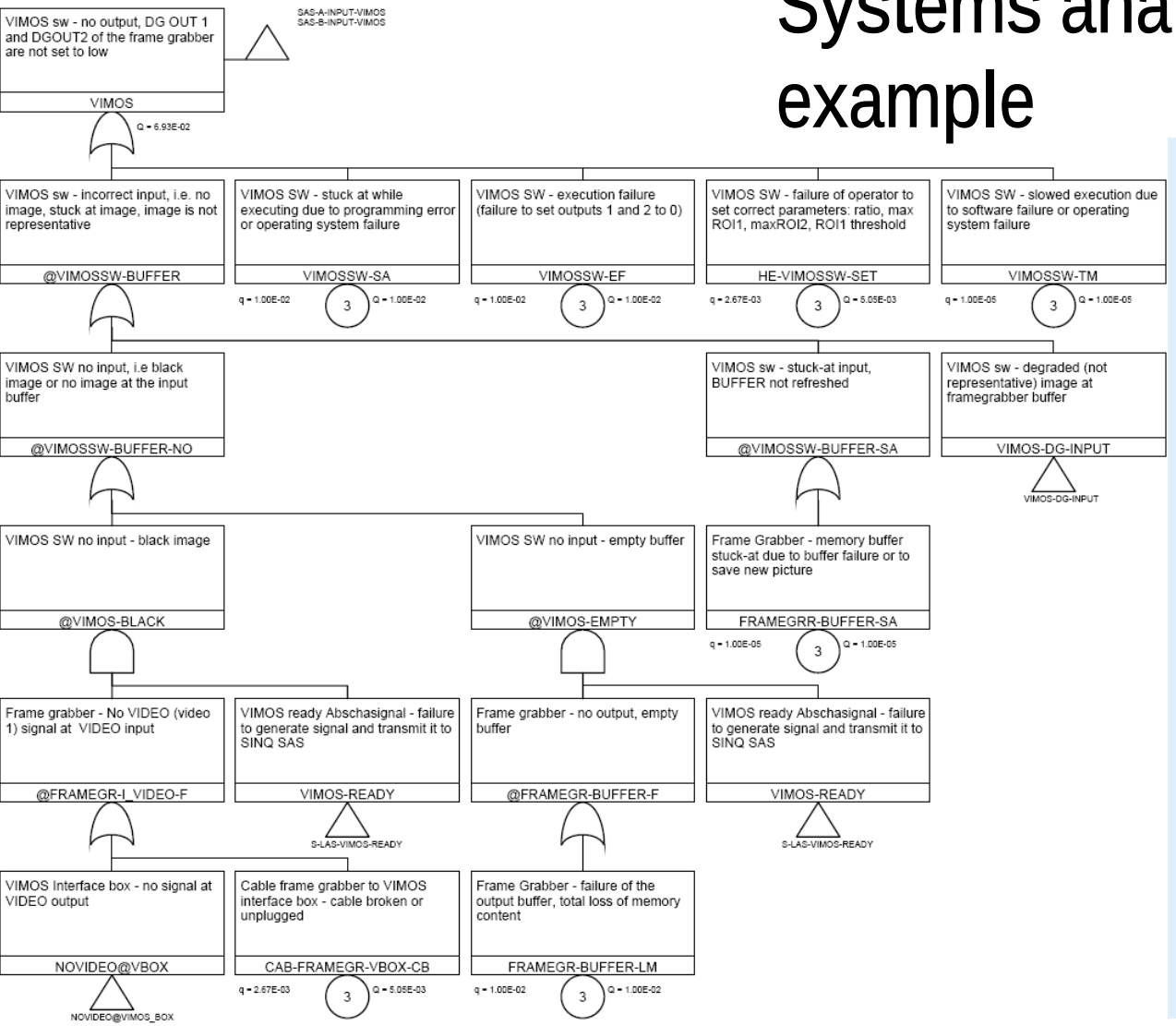
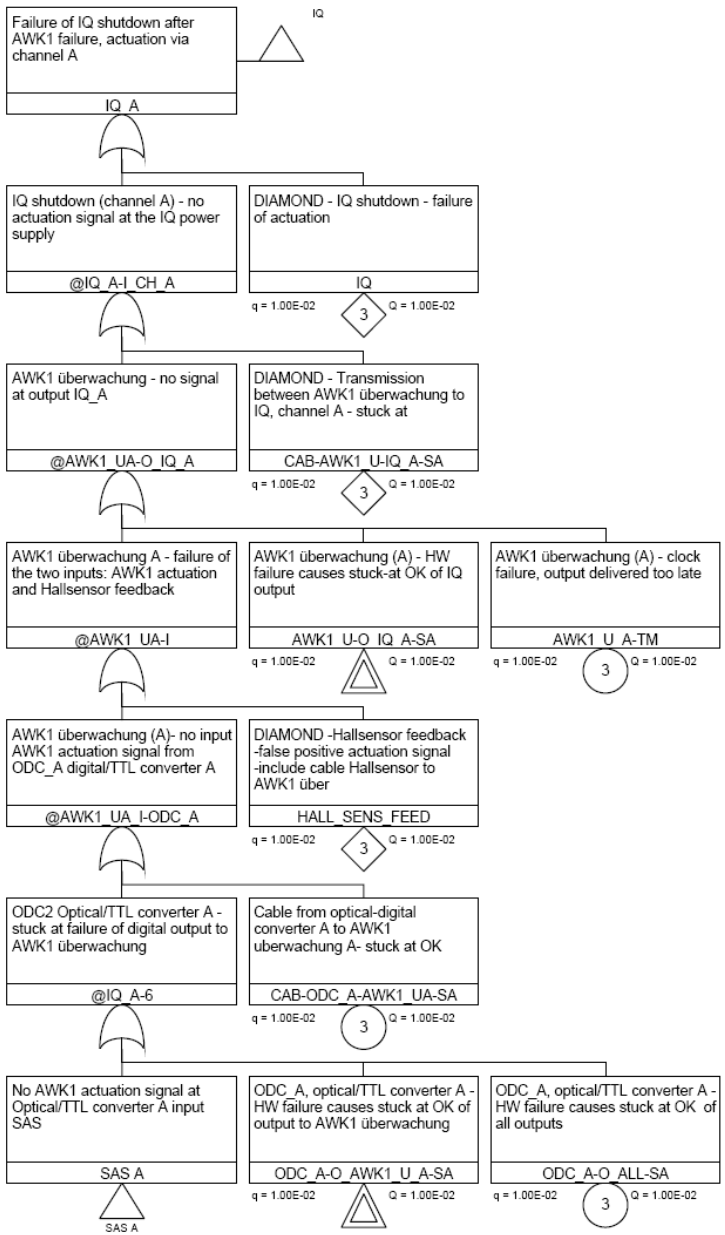


Failure modes for pc-based software (VIMOS)

- Challenging failure modes: part of the PC, SW, OP sys fail while other still function
- VIMOS software loads and processes over and over the same image (frame grabber memory failure).
- The VIMOS software fails to load new images with the result that it processes over and over the same image.



Systems analysis – Fault trees,

- Challenge: Failure modes analysis for digital devices:
  - No output: i.e. signal goes to zero
  - Stuck at output: the signal does not switch to the correct output value when needed
  - Timing failure: output of the device is delivered too late (internal clock failure)
  - Wrong parameters set: parameters (e.g. thresholds for signal comparison, timing limits) are set to wrong values.