



Quantitative risk evaluation based on IEC 61508 for SW functional safety of marine bigdata analysis system

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Abstract

Background/Objectives: SW functional safety is beyond the SW quality and IEC 61508 is needed instead of ISO/IEC 9126. Embedded SW for Sensor or actuation is needed to be tested as perspectives of functional safety.

Methods/Statistical analysis: Risk analysis and quantitative risk evaluation procedure is used for estimating the risk of SW related to safety of equipment and embedded system. FMEDA (Failure Mode, Effects and Diagnostic Analysis) is one of the method for certifying SIL (Safety Integrity Level) but it is not easy to use when the sensors or actuations are too many. FMEA (Failure Mode and Effects Analysis) is simple method to use with another bigdata analysis technique. MBAS (Marine Bigdata Analysis System) is the SW to be analyzed the risk quantitatively in this study to assure the target safety.

Findings: Test methods based on IEC 61508-3 are defined as SIL to assure SW quality effectively but SIL of FMEDA uses complex equations to be defined and sensing equipment parts could be classified as failure rates for input data for equations. I recommend simple method to decide test methods as Severity Level that is very similar to SIL but very easy based on FMEA in this study. MBAS is bigdata solution and sensing data can be validated and verified by the analyzed results of the relation of process functions as dependent value from sensor data as independent value.

Improvements/Applications: No needed to be classified and be calculated the detected or undetected failure rate of sensor to assign the parts of equipment to define risks.

Keywords: Functional Safety; Fmea; Fmeda; IEC 61508; SIL (Safety Integrity Level)

1. Introduction

The accidents caused of SW defects are increasing every year. Arian 5 Rocket explosion in 1996, Russia Mars weather explore ship crash-down in 1999 and recall state of Toyoda Prius in 2014 had all SW problems. The future of accidents of SW problem is unavoidable in all area of industry because the dependency of SW is bigger with 4th industry revolution. The methods to avoid the accident are validation and verification of SW based on strict quality standards but it is not enough to minimize the risk of systems included sensors and actuations.

The quality of SW is evaluated by ISO/IEC 9126 or ISO/IEC 25023. ISO/IEC 9126 has 6 quality characteristics (functionality, reliability, usability, efficiency, maintainability, portability). ISO/IEC 25023 is called "Systems and Software Quality Requirement and Evaluation" and 2 more quality characteristics (functional suitability, reliability, performance efficiency, operability, security, compatibility, maintainability, transferability). SW safety belongs to one of characteristics of SW quality but there is no characteristic of safety to evaluate the risk of accident in ISO/IEC 9126 and 25023 though the reliability is similar to the concept of safety.

The concept of functional safety is different with SW reliability precisely. The defects of system remained in machines or equipment

would be cause of big disasters. Especially sensor related to safety or actuation SW to control the system is riskier and it is needed rigid regulations to protect property and human life. The scope of SW functional safety is wider than the scope of SW quality. It is based on the SW quality to verify and valid the defects of SW but needed risk analysis quantitatively and cross check method to warn the risk situation as alarm to overcome the disaster and control the equipment before breaking out of accidents.

2. Background

Korea is peninsula and many fish ships and passenger ships are operating in the maritime area. But the current ships have to be examined more deeply because the ships are very old and exposed to danger without safety equipments. From the report of Korean Statistics as shown in table 1, it states that the number of marine accidents is not decreasing¹, but the scale of accident is bigger as the size of ship is bigger than the old one and the number of boarding people is increasing. To avoid the accidents, the navigation system is adopted in new big ship but the functional safety of the system is another issue to be examined

Table 1. Marine Accidents of Korea

Year	Collision	Contact	Stranding	Capsizing	Fire	Sinking	Distress	Casualty	sum
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2004	210	12	75	35	57	69	45	80	583
2005	172	10	46	22	71	45	16	34	416
2006	167	17	66	16	41	25	11	20	363
2007	148	9	39	21	37	19	8	11	292
2008	125	15	32	8	25	18	11	17	251
2009	160	10	43	18	34	22	16	21	324
2010	174	22	64	17	25	22	9	33	366
2011	208	23	64	38	57	27	41	82	540
2012	157	21	53	25	55	26	44	57	438
2013	149	21	58	20	43	13	19	42	365
sum	1,670	160	540	220	445	286	220	397	3,938
frequency	42.4%	4.1%	13.7%	5.6%	11.3%	7.3%	5.6%	10.1%	100.0%

2.1. Functional safety

Functional safety is the part of the overall safety of programmable equipment or system that depends on operating correctly. Equipment failures, operator error and rapid environmental changes are causes of emergency of whole machinery embedded SW as important alarming or monitoring. Embedded system has main role to control and check data from the sensors. The mission of safety control embedded system is to check operation of the systems that are constituted sensor, logical operator, actuator. Programmed SW on embedded system monitors the data from the sensor and operator but sometimes is extended the role to the external signal of environment and weather. IEC 61508 is intrinsic international standard for functional safety and related to risk mitigation. Functional safety is different to SW quality characteristics and is needed to enlarge the scope of SW to sensors and machine for safety of equipment like [Figure 1].

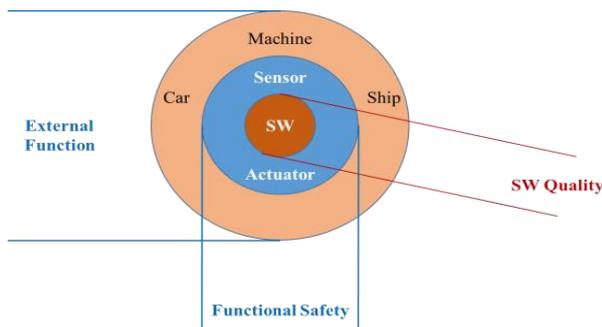


Fig. 1: The Scope of Functional Safety

2.2. IEC 61508

IEC 61508 is basic international standard for functional safety to adopt all kinds of industry and proposes the safety lifecycle for electrical/electronic/programmable electronic safety-related systems [2]. IEC 61508 does not only cover the classical technique aspects of a product, but also meet the demands of an entire safety lifecycle³. ISO 26262(automotive functional safety related) and IEC 60601(medical functional safety related) are derived from IEC 61508, but there is no specific international standard method or manual for marine or ship industry. Though new approaches like marine safety information systems are adopted to reduce the accidents but there is needed specific method to assure the safety and the regulations.

IEC 61508 defines the basic risk analysis process and [Figure 2] shows the process from concept to allocation of risk. The phase 3, "Hazard and risk analysis" in the process minimizes the risks and recommends checklist for risk factor excavation. There is calculation of probability and severity to analyze the risk factors quantitatively in the phase 3.

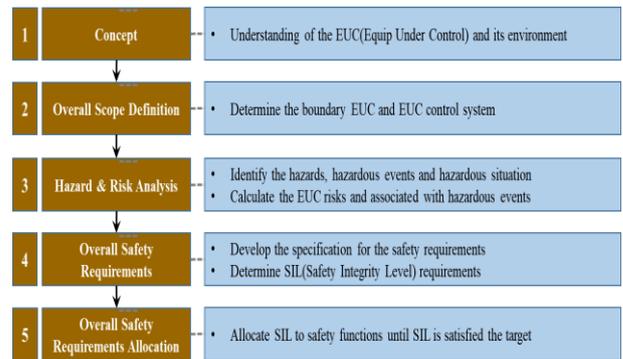


Fig. 1: Risk Analysis Process Based on IEC 61508.

SW functional safety uses SIL (Safety Integrity Level) to evaluate risks of a system or an equipment quantitatively. There are some methods to decide the SIL like FTA (Fault Tree Analysis), HAZOP (HAZard and Operability), LOPA (Layer of Protection Analysis), FMEA (Failure Modes and Effects Analysis) and FMEDA(Failure Modes, Effects andDiagnostic Analysis). FTA is a method to analyze the safety-related risks and is analysis technique supported by software tools⁴. OpenFTA and EMFTA are FTA analysis tools. HAZOP is a technique for studying the hazards of a system and its operability problems by exploring the effects of any difference in design intent [5]. HAZOP is also supported by software tools like PHAWorks or HAZOP+. LOPA is a tool to carry out an assessment of barriers and the protection using a simplified form of semi-quantitative assessment⁶. Furthermore, LOPA is used to determine the acceptable risk and the target factor⁷. FMEA is a systematic procedure to identify the potential failures and their causes in engineering management⁸ and uses a structured qualitative analysis technique. FMEDA is similar to FMEA but FMEDA is enforced by adding quantitative failure information to components being analyzed. FMEDA was developed by Exida that is a specialized company in functional safety area.

2.3. FMEA

FMEA is typical inductive analysis method and systematic What-If analysis. It was development in the USA by NASA (National Aeronautics Space Agency) to improve the reliability of equipment⁹. FMEA could be described as a bottom-up approach from the specific module or part of equipment to functional structure to identify and prioritize potential failure modes. From the process of FMEA, the criticality and possibility of failure is estimated to eliminate or reduce the incidence. The results of FMEA method are documented to provide a reference to act corrective measures. In the [Table 2], risk priority is the parameters used to determine the criticality of a process function and calculated by multiple of 3 parameters(severity, occurrence, detectability) of each potential failure mode.

Table 2: The Sample of FMEA Work Sheet

Process Function	Potential Failure Mode	Potential Effect of Failure	Severity	Occurrence	Detectability	Risk Priority	Recommended Action	Remarks
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3. Case study: MBAS (marine bigdata analysis system)

3.1. MBAS

MBAS is a SW to collect the sailing data from the related systems and analyze the sensor data to make the status report of the cruising ship. The main purpose of MBAS is to predict the failure of the parts or equipment related navigation from the analyzed data mathematically and to alarm the risky situation. The calculated output of MBAS is the image of efficiency fuel usage and correct route of the ship. The results of analysis show the safety of cruising status and validity of the safe environment of the ship. [Figure 3] shows the scope of MBAS and the boundary of related systems to collect the sensing data. MBAS checks the speed of ship by sea and land, and is monitoring the engine operation by RPM and fuel usage. From the sensor monitoring sub-system (GPS, compass, oscilloscope, Loran C, etc), 370 basic sensing data are collected to send MBAS. MBAS makes categorized 9 dependent values (velocity based on land, velocity based on sea, Max output of engine, RPM, fuel oriented control, etc) as process functions from the sensing dependent values to make the information of the efficient and safe voyage.

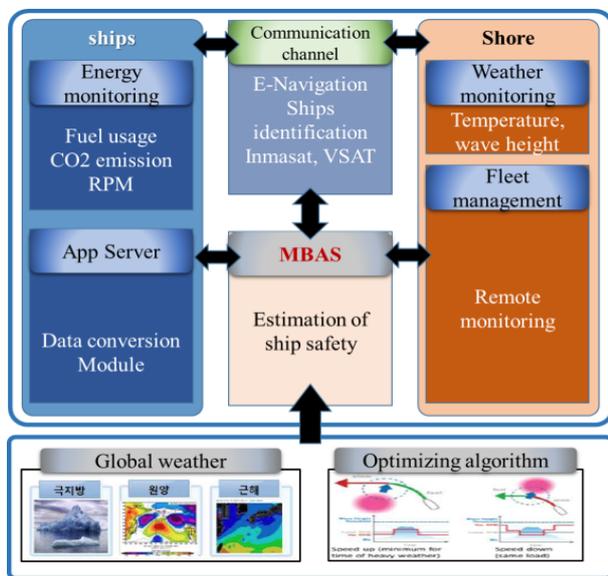


Fig. 3: Mbas and Related Systems.

3.2. SW Functional safety analysis project for mbas

The MBAS development project is belong to 4S project that are carried forward by a big consortium to make whole scope of [Figure 3]. The data from the energy monitoring would be sent to MBAS through app server and MBAS can analyze the data. The functional safety analysis of MBAS is another pilot project to verify and validate the software safety function of MBAS modules. MBAS Functional Safety Test (MFST) project has procedure like [Figure 4].

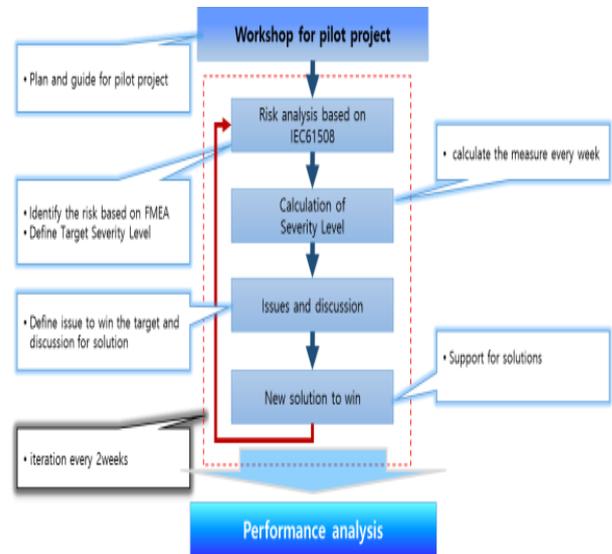


Fig. 4: Mbas functional Safety Analysis Project.

The mfst project started from the identification of the risk based on fmea and the document of risk analysis is resulted like [Table6]. RPN is risk priority number and RPN RE is minimized the risk after recommended actions to protect the risk.

Table 6: The Risk of MBAS (Sample).

Process Function	Potential Failure Mode	Possible disaster	S	O	D	RPN	Recommended Action(s)	S RE	O RE	D RE	RPN RE
Velocity based on the land	calculation defect	collision	8	5	3	120	confirm the calculation of sensor regularly	8	3	2	48
	signal omission	stranding	10	4	5	200	verify the cable and channel	10	3	3	90
	communication defect	collision	8	5	3	120	verify the cable and channel	8	3	2	48
	malfunction	fire	7	4	4	112	algorithm of malfunction detection	3	3	3	27
	alarm defect	collision	8	5	3	120	mathmatic modelling for anticipation of alarm failure	5	4	2	40
	access failure	shipwreck	9	3	3	81	authorization and re-set the access	9	2	2	36
Engine rotation	calculation defect	fire	7	4	3	84	confirm the calculation of sensor regularly	7	3	2	42
	malfunction	fire	7	4	4	112	algorithm of malfunction detection	3	3	3	27
	access failure	shipwreck	9	3	3	81	authorization and re-set the access	9	2	2	36
	alarm defect	collision	8	5	3	120	mathmatic modelling for anticipation of alarm failure	5	4	2	40
RPM (Revolutions Per minute)	calculation defect	fire	7	4	3	84	confirm the calculation of sensor regularly	7	3	2	42
	malfunction	minor collision	6	3	4	72	algorithm of malfunction detection	3	2	3	18
	alarm defect	fire	7	4	3	84	mathmatic modelling for anticipation of alarm failure	5	3	2	30

FMEA is easier than FMEDA that has very complex mathematical equations to make out. It is not easy to find out the failure rate of the sensors also when the number of sensors are too many. Target SIL can be defined by FMEDA with whole failure rate but SL (Safety Level) is estimated on this study based on the mean of RPN RE instead of SIL like [Table 7]. SIL is needed to decide the test

method but SL can be used to decide test methods with RPN mean values. The test methods are recommended by IEC61508-3. There is not needed to assign the failure rate to parts and classify the detectable or undetectable failure in this simple SL method to decide test methods but the sensor data were classified based on EASI (Effective Algorithm for Computing Global Sensitive Indices) that is

one of regression analysis method to verify the SW functional safety. The sensor data are independent values and had effects on process functions as dependent value that were calculated EASI results.

Table 7. The Severity Level of Process Function

Process Function	The mean of RPN RE	Severity Level	Test Method			
			performance	interface	dynamic	blackbox
Velocity based on the Sea	44.66	3	0	0	0	0
Velocity based on the land	48.16					
DFOC(Daily Fuel Oil Consumption)	42.5					
Engine rotation	36.25	2				0
RPM(Revolutions Per minute)	30					
SFOC(Stator-Flux Oriented Control)	30.2					
Efficiency of engine	35.5					
Fuel usage per 1 knot	38.5					
FOC(Field Oriented Control)	29.5	1				0

Table 8. The Sensing Data Related Fuel Usage per 1 Knot.

GPZDA_EX11	M/E NO.6 CYL EXH. GAS OUT TEMP_30	NO.1 HFO PURIFIER & SUPPLY PUMP(P-1M-8) 103	NO.1 440V FEEDER PANEL(LR-1) 335
GPZDA_EX2	M/E NO.7 CYL EXH. GAS OUT TEMP_31	NO.2 HFO PURIFIER & SUPPLY PUMP(P-2M-8) 104	NO.2 440V FEEDER PANEL(LR-2) 336
GPZDA_EX4	M/E NO.8 CYL EXH. GAS OUT TEMP_32	NO.3 HFO PURIFIER & SUPPLY PUMP(P-1M-9) 105	EM CY 440V FEEDER PANEL 337
GPZDA_EX5	M/E NO.9 CYL EXH. GAS OUT TEMP_33	NO.4 HFO PURIFIER & SUPPLY PUMP(P-2M-9) 106	E/R 220V FEEDER PANEL 338
BRSA_EX1	M/E NO.10 CYL EXH. GAS OUT TEMP_34	NO.1 MAIN LO PURIFIER & SUPPLY PUMP(P-1M-10) 107	BOW THRUST CURRENT(A) 339
BROT_EX1	M/E NO.11 CYL EXH. GAS OUT TEMP_35	NO.2 MAIN LO PURIFIER & SUPPLY PUMP(P-2M-10) 108	NO.1 G/E F.O SUPPLY PUMP 340
VDVBW_EX4	M/E NO.12 CYL EXH. GAS OUT TEMP_36	NO.1 G/E LO PURIFIER(P-1M-11) 109	NO.1 G/E F.O BOOSTER PUMP 342
VDVBW_EX5	M/E EXH.GAS MANIFOLD TEMP_34	NO.2 G/E LO PURIFIER(P-2M-11) 110	M/E LO INLET PRESS_354
VDVBW_EX9	M/E NO.1 T/C EXH. GAS IN TEMP_55	M/E JACKET C.F.W IN PRESS_162	M/E NO.1 T/C LO PRESS_359
WIMWV_EX1	M/E NO.1 T/C EXH. GAS OUT TEMP_56	M/E JACKET C.F.W IN TEMP_163	M/E NO.3 T/C LO PRESS_361
WIMWV_EX3	M/E NO.2 T/C EXH. GAS IN TEMP_57	M/E J.C.F.W COMMON OUT TEMP_164	M/E LO IN TEMP_377
MAIN_STEAM_PRESS_9	M/E NO.2 T/C EXH. GAS OUT TEMP_58	M/E NO.1 J.C.F.W OUT TEMP_165	M/E NO.1 T/C LO OUT TEMP_402
BOILER_FO_IN_TEMP_10	M/E NO.3 T/C EXH. GAS IN TEMP_59	M/E NO.2 J.C.F.W OUT TEMP_166	M/E NO.2 T/C LO OUT TEMP_403
BOILER_FO_IN_PRESS_11	M/E NO.3 T/C EXH. GAS OUT TEMP_60	M/E NO.3 J.C.F.W OUT TEMP_167	M/E NO.3 T/C LO OUT TEMP_404
AUX_BOILER_STEAM_DRUM_PRESS_12	M/E NO.1 T/C EXH. GAS IN PRESS_87	M/E NO.4 J.C.F.W OUT TEMP_168	M/E T/C LO IN TEMP_406
BOILER_EXH_GAS_OUT_TEMP_13	M/E NO.2 T/C EXH. GAS IN PRESS_88	M/E NO.5 J.C.F.W OUT TEMP_169	NO.2 MAIN LO COOLER IN PRESS_409
M/E_EXH_GAS_ECONO_OUT_TEMP_14	M/E NO.3 T/C EXH. GAS IN PRESS_89	M/E NO.6 J.C.F.W OUT TEMP_170	NO.1 MAIN LO COOLER OUT PRESS_410
NO.1_BOILER_FEED_W_PUMP_16	M/E NO.1 T/C EXH. GAS OUT PRESS_90	M/E NO.7 J.C.F.W OUT TEMP_171	NO.2 MAIN LO COOLER OUT PRESS_411
NO.1_BOILER_W_CIRC_PUMP_18	M/E NO.2 T/C EXH. GAS OUT PRESS_91	M/E NO.8 J.C.F.W OUT TEMP_172	NO.1 MAIN LO COOLER IN TEMP_412
NO.2_BOILER_W_CIRC_PUMP_19	M/E NO.3 T/C EXH. GAS OUT PRESS_92	M/E NO.9 J.C.F.W OUT TEMP_173	NO.2 MAIN LO COOLER IN TEMP_413
AUX_BOILER(P-1M-21) 20	M/E EXH. GAS MANIFOLD PRESS_93	M/E NO.10 J.C.F.W OUT TEMP_174	NO.1 MAIN LO COOLER OUT TEMP_414
NO.1_MAIN_AIR_COMP_21	M/E EXH. GAS ECONO IN PRESS_94	M/E NO.12 J.C.F.W OUT TEMP_176	NO.2 MAIN LO COOLER OUT TEMP_415
NO.2_MAIN_AIR_COMP_22	M/E EXH. GAS ECONO IN TEMP_95	M/E AIR COOLER F.W IN PRESS_181	NO.1 MAIN LO PUMP 416
NO.3_MAIN_AIR_COMP_23	M/E EXH. GAS ECONO OUT PRESS_96	NO.2 M/E J.C.F.W PUMP_185	NO.2 MAIN LO PUMP 417
NO.4_MAIN_AIR_COMP_24	M/E FO IN PRESS_97	NO.1 CENTRAL C.F.W PUMP_186	NO.3 AUX. BLOWER_426
M/E_NO.1_CYL_EXH_GAS_OUT_TEMP_25	M/E FO IN TEMP_98	NO.2 CENTRAL C.F.W PUMP_187	
M/E_NO.2_CYL_EXH_GAS_OUT_TEMP_26	NO.1 M/E FO CIRC. PUMP_99	M/E NO.3 A/C C.W OUT PRESS_195	
M/E_NO.3_CYL_EXH_GAS_OUT_TEMP_27	NO.2 M/E FO CIRC. PUMP_100	NO.6 REEFER TR LOAD_328	
M/E_NO.4_CYL_EXH_GAS_OUT_TEMP_28	NO.1 M/E FO SUPPLY PUMP_101	NO.1 STEP DOWN TR LOAD_333	
M/E_NO.5_CYL_EXH_GAS_OUT_TEMP_29	NO.2 M/E FO SUPPLY PUMP_102	NO.2 STEP DOWN TR LOAD_334	

SW could be tested for validation and verification and SIL would be the important value to decide the test method on IEC 61508-3. SIL can be defined through FMEDA but it is not easy when the sensing equipment parts are too many. FMEA and Severity Level based on the mean value of RPN is another simple method to decide the test methods for effectiveness and efficiency. MBAS was tested prioritized process functions. “fuel usage per 1 knot” has very high priority (SL is 3) and 4 test methods (performance, interface, dynamic, function and black box) were used to validation and verification for high quality. “FOC (Field Oriented Control)” has low priority (SL is 1) and function and black box test are used.

Every process function has sensing equipment parts related to and analyzed to define the safety of cruising ship based on MBAS results. MBAS is bigdata solution and uses HAD (High Dimension Approximation) model to estimate the result values of process functions. MBAS was verified the estimated value with real sensing data through ship cruising from the start point to the ending point of cruising. When some sensing data has trouble to make normal result because of unusual condition, MBAS shows the signal that process function values are different with the real cruising data from the ship and sailors can check the sensor or condition of the ship for safety of the navigation.

4. Results and Discussion

Sensing data from the equipment parts were 4,000 at every sensor and the number of sensor is 370. Sensors related to every process function were classified by EASI. For example, “fuel usage per 1 knot” has relationship with 115 sensing data like [Table 8].

5. Conclusion

This paper proposed Severity Level instead of SIL for easy decision of test methods for functional safety of embedded systems. The objective of this work is to acquire effectiveness and efficiency to test SW for functional safety based on FMEA. FMEDA is very good method to estimate the probability of failure and define SIL but is very difficult when the sensing equipment parts are too many to assign the failure rate on every sensor or part. Defined severity level as the mean value of RPN of FMEA are decided easily the test method based on IEC 61508-3 and it is very simple method. The functional safety was validated and verified the result value based on real sensing data of cruising ship in this case. It is possible because the target SW, MBAS is bigdata solution and can be verified and validated with estimated data and real data for functional safety of the sensors.

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