



Reliability matters



Process interlocking



Valve positioning



Partial stroke testing



Valve operation



# The integration of electronic components into mechanical valve interlocking solutions improves efficiency and safety



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<http://www.netherlocks.com/pigging-accident/>



## Mechanical interlocks avoid human error...



- > Particularly useful for operations that are generally recognized as highly dangerous, **such as pigging**
- > Valve interlocks guarantee strict adherence to procedure and thus avoid human error
- > Cost effective and create extremely high safety levels



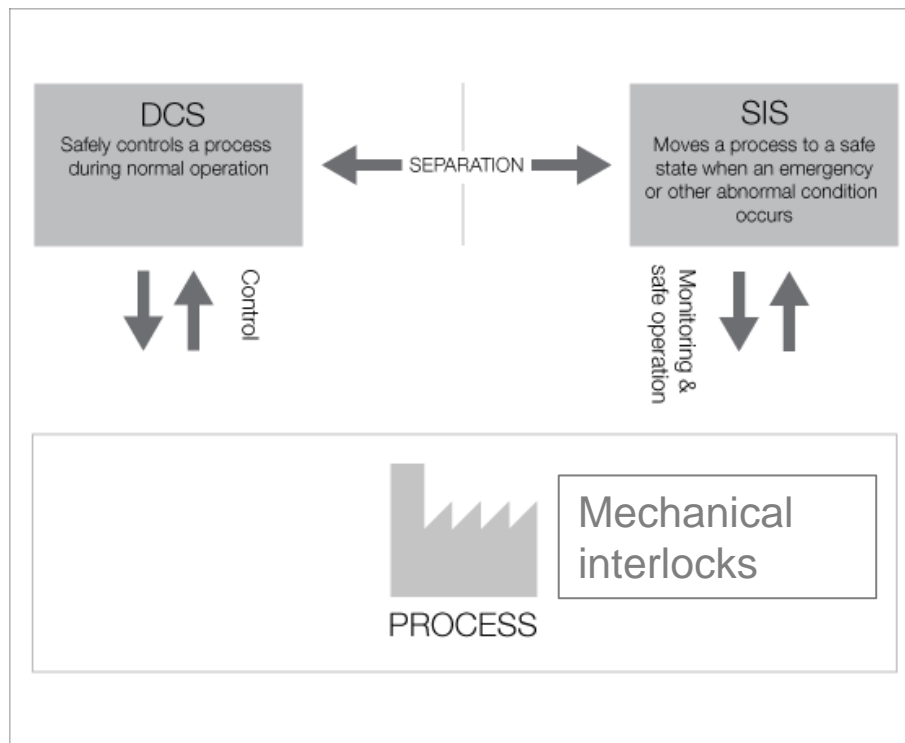
## Mechanical interlocks avoid human error...



- > **Independent** and **stand-alone** safety systems
- > Static safety systems



## Traditional style plant control

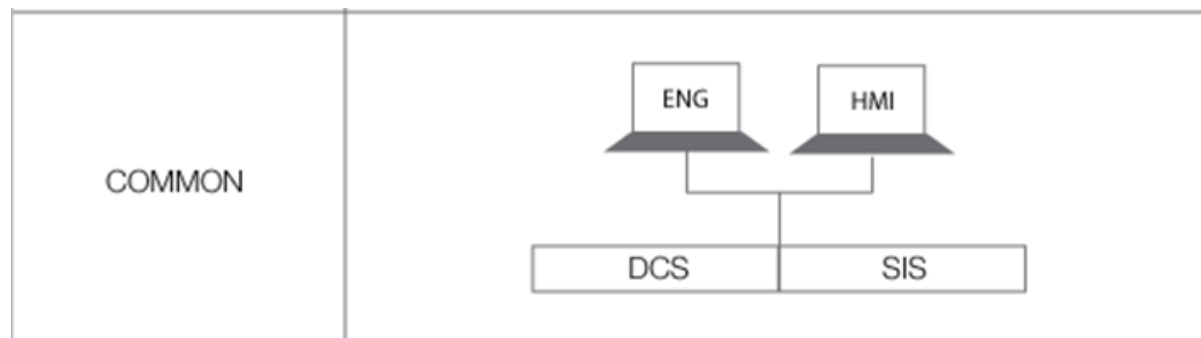


- > Each system has its own operator interfaces, engineering workstations, etc...
- > Mechanical interlocks are used to guide an operator through a procedure



## 'New style' plant control

- > allows combining process control and safety instrumented functions within a **common automation infrastructure** and mechanical interlocking should be included



## Combining the best of two worlds

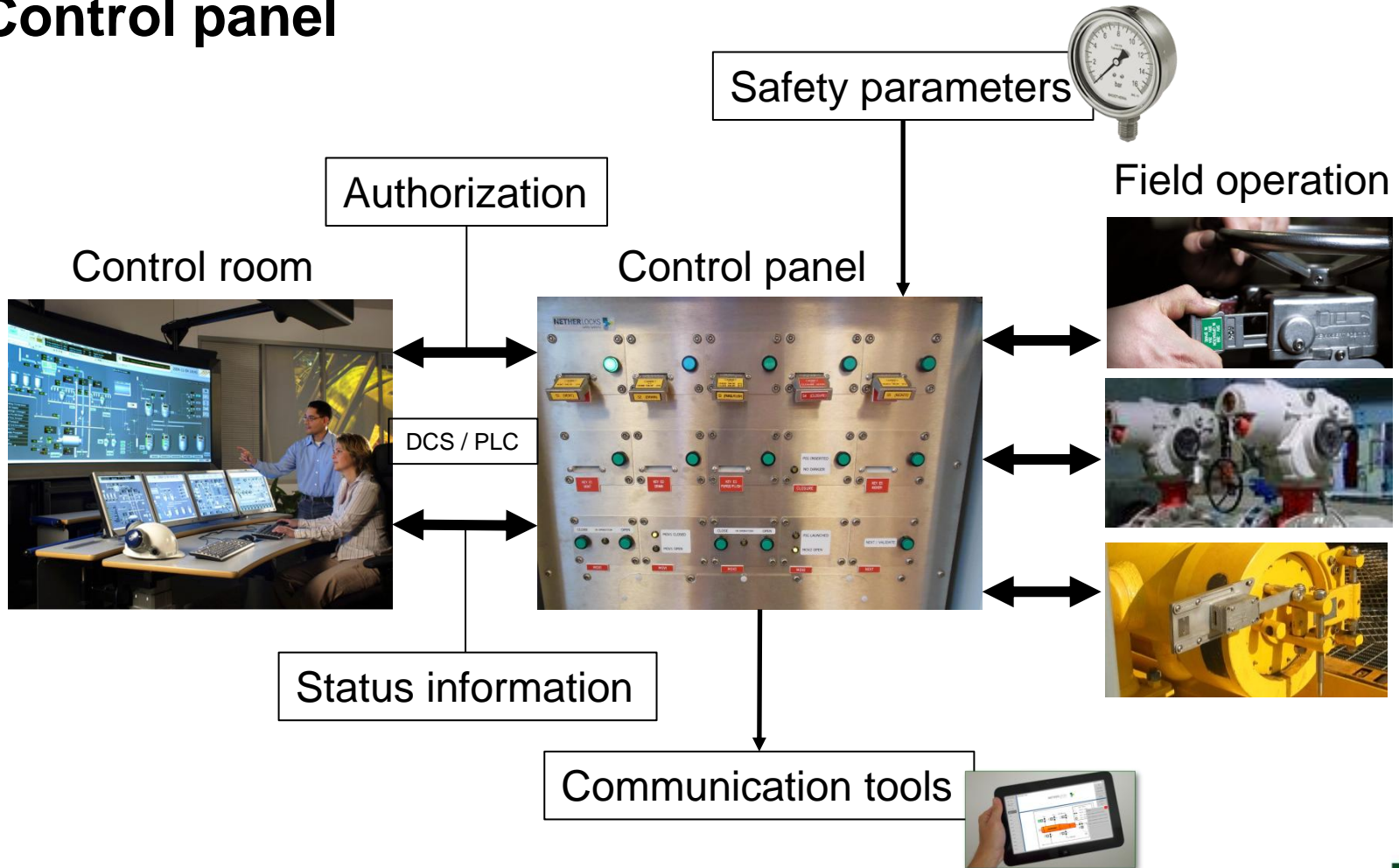
- > New breed of interlocking products that focus on the use of electro-mechanical and PLC controlled cabinets
  - > Sequence becomes dynamic by incorporating safety variables such as vessel / pipeline pressure and H2S levels
  - > Integrate authorization levels (local or remote)
  - > Communicating detailed instructions
  - > Interfacing launching and receiving procedure into one system
  - > Selection of various sequence options
  - > Real time status info
  - > Logging of complete procedures







# Control panel



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## An Intelligent Interlock System in practice: Nord Stream

- > Launching or receiving was determined from the control room (Switzerland)



## The integration of electronic components into mechanical valve interlocking solutions



- > Improves efficiency
- > Increases safety
- > Increases flexibility
- > Provides clear information





**Thank you.**

