

## Annotation Guideline

### 1. Category: Causality

<b>Labels:</b>	Causal, Non-Causal
<b>Explanation:</b>	A sentence is causal if it contains a relation between two events e1 and e2, where e1 causes the occurrence of e2. In this context, e1 is called cause and e2 effect.

#### Examples:

- **Causal:** After pushing the button, an input window is shown.
- **Non-Causal:** The customer shall be able to save customer data.

### 2. Category: Explicit

<b>Labels:</b>	Explicit, Implicit
<b>Explanation:</b>	Causal relations that contain information about both causes and effects are called explicit.

#### Examples:

- **Explicit:** The pump starts when the water level rises.
- **Implicit:** A parent process kills a child process. (The effect “the child process is terminated” is not explicitly stated.)

### 3. Category: Marked

<b>Labels:</b>	Marked, Unmarked
<b>Explanation:</b>	A causal relation is marked when a specific phrase indicates causality.

#### Examples:

- **Marked:** The system restarts **because** of an error.
- **Unmarked:** Drive slowly. The highway is iced.

### 4. Category: Single Sentence

<b>Labels:</b>	Single Sentence Causality, Two Sentence Causality
<b>Explanation:</b>	Causal markers do not always occur in the same sentence as the causal relation, which means that marked causality can also extend over two sentences. This also applies to unmarked causality

#### Examples:

- **Single Sentence Causality:** He cannot attend class, because he has a cold.
- **Two Sentence Causality:** He has a cold. **Therefore**, he cannot attend class.

### 5. Category: Single Cause

<b>Labels:</b>	Single Cause, Multiple Causes
<b>Explanation:</b>	A single cause contains no conjunctions or disjunctions. Rather, the cause consists of one atomic expression.

#### Examples:

- **Single cause:** If the **user enters a wrong password**, the login is not successful.
- **Multiple causes:** If the **user enters a wrong password** or **the system detects an error**, a warning window is shown.

### 6. Category: Single Effect

<b>Labels:</b>	Single Effect, Multiple Effects
<b>Explanation:</b>	A single effect contains no conjunctions or disjunctions. Rather, the effect consists of one atomic expression.

#### Examples:

- **Single effect:** If the user enters a wrong password, **the login is not successful**.
- **Multiple effects:** If the user enters the right credentials, **the system makes a sound** and **registers the user**.

### 7. Category: Event Chain

<b>Labels:</b>	Event Chain, No Event Chain
<b>Explanation:</b>	In some cases, causal relations may be linked. This means, for example, that the effect of one causal relation is the cause in another relation. We call such causal relations event chains.

#### Example:

Due to **potential impacts in battery performance** caused by **service life and manufacturing variability**, it is recommended **that pass/fail voltage criteria exceed mission requirements** during qualification testing.

→ **potential impacts in battery performance** represents the effect in the first causal relation as well as the cause in the second relation.