

PHYSICS APPLICATION INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN FOR FRIB DRIVER LINAC*

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Abstract

FRIB (Facility for Rare Isotope Beams) is a new heavy ion accelerator facility to provide intense beams of rare isotopes, and currently under active construction at MSU (Michigan State University). Its driver linac accelerates all stable ions up to uranium, and targets to provide a CW beam with the energy of 200MeV/u and the beam power of 400 kW. A new software infrastructure for high level control and physics application is under development to support the beam commissioning and operation, which is a 3-tier structure consisting of upper level, middle layer, and low level respectively. The detailed design and its current status are described in this paper.

INTRODUCTION

FRIB [1] is a new project under cooperative agreement between US Department of Energy and MSU. It is under construction on the campus of MSU and will be a new national user facility for nuclear science. Its driver accelerator is designed to accelerate all stable ions to energies > 200 MeV/u with beam power on the target up to 400 kW as shown in Table 1 [2].

Table 1: FRIB Driver Accelerator Main Parameters

Parameter	Value	Unit
Primary beam ion species	H to ²³⁸ U	
Beam kinetic energy on target	> 200	MeV/u
Maximum beam power on target	400	kW
Beam duty factor	100	%
Beam current on target (²³⁸ U)	0.7	emA
Beam spot size on target (90%)	1	mm
Driver linac beam-path length	517	m
Average uncontrolled beam loss	< 1	W/m

The layout of FRIB is as shown in Fig. 1, which consists of two ECR (Electron Cyclotron Resonance) ion sources, a low energy beam transport with a pre-buncher and a chopper, a RFQ (Radio Frequency Quadrupole) linac, LS1 (Linac segment 1) to accelerate the beam up to > 15 MeV/u, LS2 and LS2 to accelerates the beam > 200 MeV/u, two folding segments to confine the footprint and facilitate beam collimation, and a beam delivery system to transport to the target. The beam is stripped to higher charge states after LS1 section.

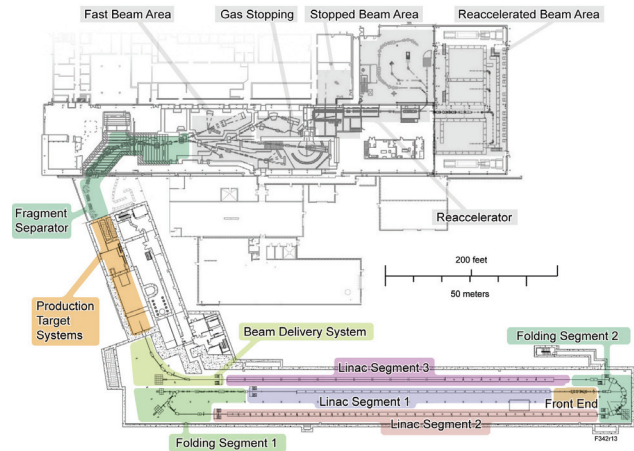


Figure 1: Layout of the FRIB driver accelerator, target and fragment separator as shown in colored area.

ARCHITECTURE

A distributed high level controls environment has been adopted for its beam commissioning and operation as shown in Fig. 2. It is a 3-tier structure consisting of upper level, middle layer, and low level respectively.

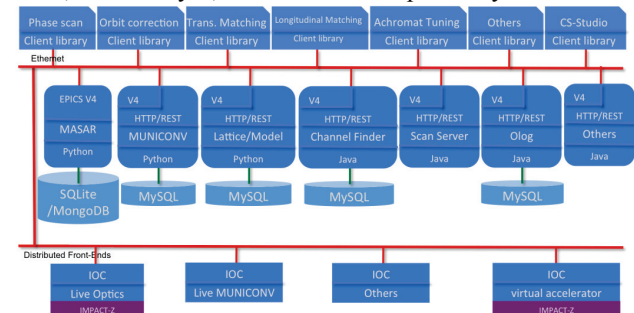


Figure 2: FRIB high level controls system architecture.

Since EPICS (Experimental Physics and Industry Control System) has been adopted as FRIB hardware control framework, the low level is represented as an EPICS IOC (Input Output Controller) for integration purpose. Some services are implemented in the low level layer, the middle layer consists some general services, and high level is mainly for OPI (Operator Interface).

LOW LEVEL SERVICE

At FRIB, the low level service is implemented as an EPICS IOC. One typical service is a virtual accelerator, which provides emulated accelerator behaviour such as setting and reading back a power supply setting, and reading beam orbit at each BPM position.

The architecture of FRIB virtual accelerator is as shown in Fig. 3. It uses IMPACT-Z [3] as underneath simulation engine. During first initialization, it reads

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accelerator from accelerator layout file and accelerator setting file, generates an IMPACT-Z input file, and initialize all hardware settings. Once the input file is ready, it executes the IMPACT-Z engine, reads simulation results, and updates the result. Every time when there is any setting change, it updates the lattice file, runs IMPACT-Z and updates the results.

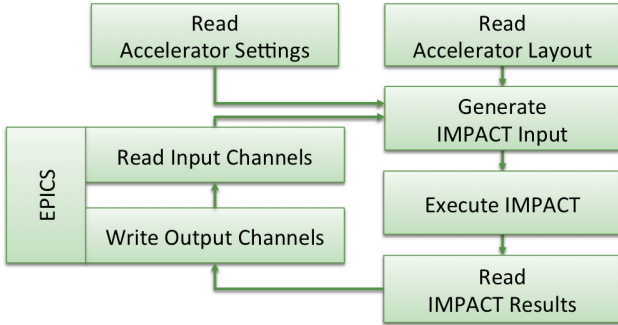


Figure 3: FRIB virtual accelerator.

MIDDLE LEVEL SERVICE

Currently, to support FRIB construction, beam commissioning and operation, a minimum set of middle layer services has been identified as below:

- eTraveler;
- Cable database;
- Configuration database (CDB);
- RBAC;
- Archiver Appliance;
- Channel Finder;
- Olog;
- Scan Server;
- MASAR;
- BEAST;
- META data store;
- Lattice/Model Web Server;
- Online model;
- Physics data server.

There are 2 different technologies adopted at FRIB to implement the middle layer services, which are EPICS V4 and web service respectively.

ID	Name	Status	Other
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Figure 4: FRIB MASAR.

EPICS V4

The EPICS V4 has been determined as FRIB official framework for the middle layer service. The first server adopted was MASAR [4], which is a save and restore tool originally developed at NSLS II project, as shown in Fig. 4, which is one user client developed in PyQt. The development to integrate MASAR into CS-Studio is on going, and will be available shortly.

Web Service

Together with EPICS V4, web service is used to complement their weaknesses. Most databases related middle layer services listed above are developed as a RESTful web service except MASAR. One typical example is CDB as shown in Fig. 5. The CDB development is a collaboration effort with ESS (European Spallation Source) to manage machine configuration and installation information.

Name	Value	Unit	Risk	Data type
BeamPosition	045.0	mm	Installation site property	Double
EffectiveLength	0.1900	mm	Installation site property	Double
AccumulatedLengthE2E	94.70441	mm	Installation site property	Double
AccumulatedLengthE2E	94.694701	mm	Installation site property	Double
CdbPath	41.028	-	Installation site property	Double
CdbPath	423.00000	-	Installation site property	Double
CdbPath	373.01644	-	Installation site property	Double

Figure 5: Configuration database.

Beyond above information, CDB also stores parameters for FRIB MPS (Machine Protection System). A software-based RPS (Run Permit System) is under design to provide several key functions for safe operation of the machine. It monitors relevant inputs from hardware subsystems, which includes but not limited to cryomodule, vacuum, power supply/magnet, diagnostics, and target equipment to verify whether they are all in the desired state for the selected machine mode, beam mode, ion species with the charges, beam energy, and the beam destination, and establishes the Beam Permit signal. All parameters for RPS are saved in CDB such as allowed setting range for a device.

HIGH LEVEL CONTROL AND CONTINUOUS INTEGRATION

The OPIs for FRIB high-level controls will be developed using CS-Studio framework. Its HMI (Human Machine Interface) has been well defined and documented, and the validation will be done with the help of CS-Studio OPI validation tool.

At FRIB, an automatic software deployment procedure is adopted as shown in Fig. 6. A developer checks out source code from FRIB git [5] repository, commits and checks in any change for the review, and gets the change merged after it passes the review. Once the merge finished, a Continuous Integration process is triggered to

compile and test all changes, and a package could be created after passing all tests. Package manager could manually or automatically upload the new package, and deploy it.

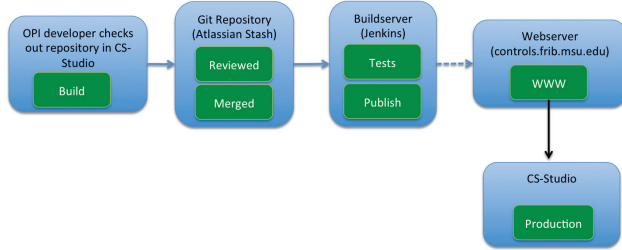


Figure 6: FRIB software development workflow.

PHYSICS APPLICATIONS

The development plan for FRIB physics application was described in [6].

Online Model

As mentioned in [6], an online model is one of the most critical components for our beam commissioning since FRIB has been designed with some specific features as below:

- Solenoid focusing lattice;
- Non-axisymmetric field components at QWRs (Quarter Wave Resonators). The non-axisymmetric nature of QWR induces dipole and quadrupole components, which has significant contribution to FRIB beam dynamics;
- Accelerate multi-charge-state beams simultaneously. FRIB is designed to accelerate up to five charge states to achieve high beam intensity. This gives a stringent beam-on-target requirements, which should be met especially for multi-charge-state beams;
- Achromat arc sections between linac segments;
- Second order achromat with sextupole magnets.

An online model named TLM (Thin Lens Model) is under active development at FRIB to meet its needs. Some details and latest status of TLM could be found in [7].

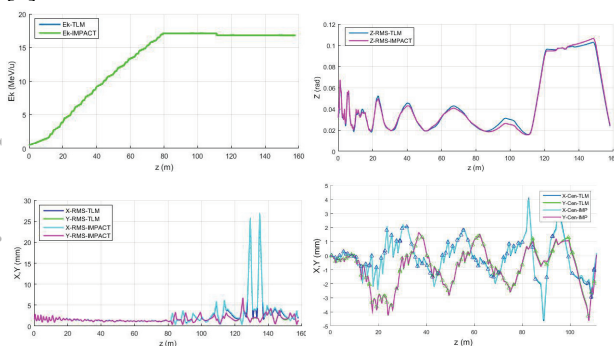


Figure 7: Benchmark of TLM against IMPACT for LS1 and FS1: (top left) Kinetic energy, (top right) RMS phase, (bottom left) transverse RMS beam size, and (bottom right) transverse beam orbit.

Fig. 7 shows a benchmark against IMPACT-Z, which compares results from the TLM and from the IMPACT-Z

using the same lattice. The results show that with the lattice of FRIB LS1 and FS1 section, kinetic energy mean error is within $5e-5$, longitudinal rms phase mean error is within 5%, transverse rms size mean error is within 2%, and transverse beam orbit mean error achieved within 2%.

As described above, the TLM now achieved an acceptable performance comparing with multiple particles tracking code. System integration is planned to integrate the TLM into our Python scripting environment.

Online model has been planned as a middle layer services, which is under active development. To enable physics application development from its early stage, an interface library has been developed to call it directly from physics application. Its architecture is as shown in Fig 8.

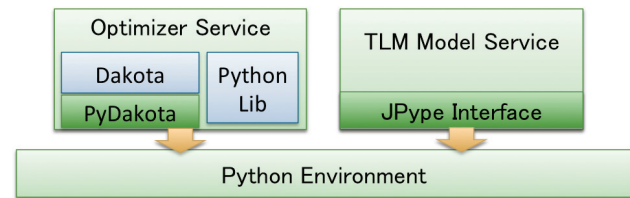


Figure 8: Architecture of TLM Model interface with Python Environment.

A prototype result for orbit correction is as shown in Fig. 9 against FRIB virtual accelerator.

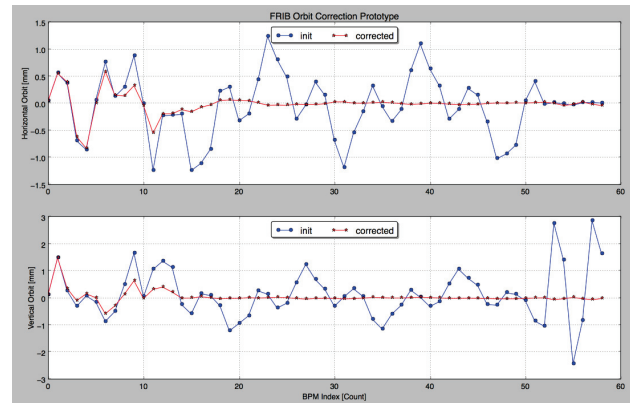


Figure 9: FRIB orbit correction prototype. The upper plot is for X direction, and lower part is for Y direction. The blue line is its original orbit, and red line is after correction.

The orbit distortion is given by artificially exciting the first steering magnet, and orbit correction is performed by using downstream correctors to flatten the downstream orbit. The results is with 5 iterations, and each iteration costs about 16 seconds with a few hundreds model calling.

System Integration

With the middle layer service, physics application development becomes much easier than ever before.

With Channel Finder service [8], there is no need to hardcode PV name any more, and the code is much clean and simple as shown in Fig. 10.

