Linear IFMIF Prototype Accelerator (LIPAc) commissioning and LCS integration in CCS

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What and where is LIPAc?
What is LIPAc?

ITER Agreement

21 November 2006

Broader Approach Agreement

1 June 2007

IFMIF/EVEDA

Linear IFMIF Prototype Accelerator (LIPAc)

Mission: Test the feasibility of technology.
What is LIPAc?

Japan-Europe scientific collaboration

Ion Source LEBT
CEA Saclay

RFQ
INFN Legnaro, F4E, QST

MEBT
CEA Saclay,
CIEMAT Madrid

SRF Linac
CEA Saclay,
CIEMAT Madrid, F4E

HEBT
CIEMAT Madrid, F4E

Control System
QST,
CIEMAT Madrid,
CEA Saclay,
INFN Legnaro,
F4E

RF Power
CEA Saclay,
CIEMAT Madrid,
SCK Mol

Diagnostics
CEA Saclay,
CIEMAT Madrid, INFN

Buildings Auxiliaries
System Installation
QST

36 m

9 MeV
125 mA

Cryoplant
CEA Saclay,
QST

BD
CIEMAT Madrid, F4E
Where is LIPAc?

Gym/Pool

Rokkasho

International School
Where is LIPAc?

- Administration & Research Building
- Computer Simulation & Remote Experimentation Building
- DEMO R&D Building
- IFMIF/EVEDA Accelerator Building
Control Tasks at LIPAc
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EU Contribution - Local control systems (LCS):
- Injector
- RFQ
- MEBT
- Diagnostics
- SRF LINAc
- HEBT
- Beam Dump
- RF power system
- Cooling systems

LCS at a glance:
- Typically PLC based (a lot of S7-300) but we also have VMEs / VxWorks systems.
- Typically we have industrial PCs interfacing with EPICS via Siemens S7 PLC driver.
- Microboxes.
- OPIs.

EPICS

JA Contribution - Central control system (CCS):
- Machine Protection System
- Personal Protection System
- Timing System
- Archivers

Interface

All these interfacing with CCS.
Control Tasks at LIPAc

LIPAc controls in glance:
- Common System Platform: EPICS v.3.14.12, CSS4.5.0, CentOS7
- PV count: ~60 000 PVs alive
- Archiver data/day (@EPICS archiver appliance): ~10GB / day
- IOC count: ~70 IOCs in operation @ ~100 DBs

Top repositories centralized – IOCs distributed
- topIFMIF_INJ
- topIFMIF_RFQ
- topIFMIF_MEBT
- topIFMIF_SRF
- topIFMIF_SoftIOC
- topIFMIF_OPI
- ...
- ...

Services on DMZ for version control:
- SVN in use since 2015
- Gitlab in use since 2019
EPICS Control Tools Development
Control Tools Development

LLRF automatic rearming tool developed using pyEPICS:
- RFQ cavity needs conditioning -> 8 x 200kW chains.
- LLRF units control the power and react to interlocks.
- The rearming tool allows the RF chains to restart automatically from “safe” interlocks.
LLRF rearming tool workflow (main points only):
1. In a case of a safe interlock - Stop the RF system.
2. Save the previous cavity voltage and frequency.
3. Reset interlocks.
4. Start the master LLRF chain at low cavity voltage value.
5. Restore previous frequency mode.
6. Start other LLRF chains.
7. Set ramps and ramp to the previous cavity voltage in two steps.
Remote participation (EU to JP) and sharing the experimental data. Data-share scheme has been developed:
1. Database cloning -> share archived data.
2. Data-diode -> share Live PV data.

Schedule:
- Internal tests started in 2018 (WebOPI).
- Trials to share with Europe scheduled in June 2019.
LCS Integration
Beam Operation OPI (and integrated OPI):
- When operating the machine there are certain conditions that have to be checked.
- Beam operation OPI was developed to automatize some of these checks.
- User management with pwd.
LIPAc Alarm System (BEAST)

1. Sub-system alarm data:
   • Pre-defined (from institutes). Alarm template.
   • Extracted (from PVs by using a script). Create CSV file.

2. Alarm configuration tool:
   • All alarms listed.
   • Severity/Levels.
   • Logic e.g. OR/AND
   • Advice, latch, etc.
   • -> Out = xxyyzz.CSV file.

3. Alarm Generator Script:
   • Reads the CSV
   • Creates Alarm IOC (input from the LCS)
   • Creates XML for BEAST.

4. Run Alarm IOC and BEAST with the info defined above.
Next Steps
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The big picture in terms of controls.

**Short haul plan:**
1. Establish collaboration with other institutes to share info.
2. Integrate LCS of HEBT/BD, SRF LINAc, Cryoplant (Phase B+ and Phase C).

**Long haul plan:**
1. Think about the LIPAc future in terms of Phase BA II (= Activity from 2020 – 2025).
   - Renovation of the control systems of LIPAc.
   - Timing system improvements.
   - Virtualization.
Summary

LIPAc controls are evolving:
1. LCS for many sub-systems successfully integrated -> The machine is being operated in daily-basis.
2. Challenges have been faced but they’ve been sorted out.

The future looks bright:
1. We are currently open to collaboration to share the gained knowledge and operational feedback.
2. The refurbishment of the current control system is planned from 2020 onwards.