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A SOFTWARE INTERFACE FOR LINAC-LEAR OPERATION

FROM THE PS CONTROL SYSTEM

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I) INTRODUCTION

The PSB (booster), the PS, the AA, the PS ejection and the transfer lines are all controlled from the Main Control Room via a TITN network of NORSK DATA computers.

The two LINACs and LEAR are controlled from the LINAC control area by several DEC computers.

Since the LINAC 2 is the PSB injector, operation of the PSB requires some uegree of access to LINAC control. These requirements were at first very modest but now involves about 500 machine parameters and some synoptic displays. This need is today fulfilled by a LINAC specialized console in the MCR but unfortunately prevents the operator to have an integrated view of the PSB injection process on one console.

A study was undertaken with the aim to centralize the operation of the PS complex, and to minimise the effort required for running the PS control systems which are built around the two different makes of computers.

The result of the study had shown that In the present economical situation, and considering the workload in front of us with manpower lacking everywhere, the only reasonable solution is to go ahead with a DATA-LINK. There is no technical reason why this solution should not achieve the goal of a centralised surveyance and standard operation of the whole PS complex, and furthermore at a price and effort better related to our present resources".

And so, in 1981, it was decided to implement the LINK between the two control systems.

The intent of this note is to describe the study of the software black box interface between the now implemented link and the PS main console devices.

The following description concerns only the aspects of the link on the NORD computer side (PS).

A LINAC/LEAR software specialist has to provide the gateway programs to interface the link to the LINAC equipment access.

II) <u>STATUS</u>

The situation with the data link at the start of this study is as follows:

1) <u>Hardware aspects</u>

A SENSION 1121 fast serial data link attached by CAMAC on two separate dedicated computers acting as gateways to their corresponding network has been implemented.

On the PS side the handling of the link is split between the gateway computer (LL) and an Auxiliary Crate Controler (ACC) in the same CAMAC crate as the SENSION module.





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2) The protocol

The link is based on a simple handshake protocol.

THE SENSION LINK PROTOCOL



The parenthesis indicates that the process makes the decision.

The STATES (circles)

- AM : Analyse of the Message
- N : Neutral state
- WA: Waiting on Answer
- WM: Waiting on Message

The MESSAGES (squares)

- ACK: Acknowledge
- NAK: Negative Acknowledge
- ENQ: Enquiry
- MES: The Message (block of data) which has been transmitted.

3) Software aspects

The protocol is handled by a real time task running in the ACC. This task also multiplexes the link into four logical channels.

3.1) The channel allocation

Channel	Particilarity	Type of message	Programs Concerned
1		Knob messages	Knob processor
2		Equipment modules calls	Remote calls from consoles
3	Unidirectionnel LINAC -> PS	Pages, pictures & repetitive displays	Console devices emulation
4	Unidirectionnel PS -> LINAC	Start/Stop display Program activation Button selection	Remote calls from consoles

3.2) How to use the LINK

Some useful functions have been implemented to interface the link handler and the application programs.

LGETT: Tries to read a message from the receive buffer for a given channel and transfers them in the message array defined by the application program. A time-out is provided to exit if no messages are received.

P+ calling sequence:

LGETT(RO	CH, WC:	INTEGER;
	RO	MES:	ROW[LH:INTEGER] OF INTEGER;
	RO	TIOUT:	INTEGER;
	RW	COCO:	INTEGER)
Where:	CH WC MES TIOUT COCO	2 2 2 2	channel number word count received message time-out (tenths of second) completion code

LPUT: Writes a message from the message array defined by the application program to the send buffer, updates the buffer pointers, resets the message age and kicks the LLPUT task.

P+ calling sequence:

LPUT(RO	CH,WC:	INTEGER;
	RO	MES:	ROW[LH:INTEGER] OF INTEGER;
	RW	COCO:	INTEGER)
Where:	СН	=	channel number
	WC	E	word count
	MES	Ŧ	user message array
	COCO	2	completion code

Reference 6 describes the other implemented functions.

3.3) Data flow

The incoming and outgoing messages are both queued in a receive and a send (chained ring) buffer in the LL computer.





The real time task nammed LLAGE updates the age of the active messages, in both receive and send buffers, every 2 seconds. A message is allowed to stay in the buffer for 20 seconds after which it is discarded and its space is liberated.

4) <u>A few control facilities</u>

A certain amount of control facilities has been done to test the link possibilities and to enable MCR operation.

They can be summarised as follows:

* A facility to start and stop programs running in the LINAC computers. Programs are started and stopped by sending an ASCII string through the channel 4. (See reference 8).

* A knob processor attached to the LINAC equipments permits the control of individual parameters through the channel 1.

* A facility to control the sub-system COBT.

The measure programs are remotely called from the main tree and the timing is managed like a standard parameter via a knob.

The result of the measure is sent thanks to the SOS video system to a black and white TV.

* A standard equipment module allows access (acquisition and control) by PS programs to data and status of any LINAC parameter (i.e. LT/LTB status, vaccum information...). This is done through the channel 2.

No interaction facilities are provided at this state.

Only one of the non-dedicated MCR consoles at a time can be served by the link.

III) THE SOFTWARE INTERFACE

A standard application program on the LINAC control network sees no difference between a physical console and a remote console emulated elsewhere in the network.

The functions available in the link must be increased in order to allow the sending of interactive synoptics coming from the PDP side and involving repetitive display on the colour TV, knobs to change parametres in a program, User Touch Panel to modify the values or the picture displayed and control buttons to handle programs or refresh the User Touch Panel.

1) The process

A process named "LLEMU" includes the following general actions in a main loop.

Process LLEMU:

Loop:

 \star Try to read an information block in the receive buffer and execute the associated function:

- Write on the console terminal.
 - Display a touch panel page (or a button) on the touch panel.
- Erase the touch panel.
- Write on the colour screen.
- Display a picture on the colour screen.
- Erase the colour screen.
- Initialise the colour screen by setting the line format.

* Test if an action has been done by the operator:

- A touch panel button has been pressed.
- A sub-button has been selected (on black & white TV 3 with the tracker ball).
- A numeric value has been entered (thanks to the touch panel).

and treat them by putting the relevant message block in the send buffer.

End_loop.

2) Design and layout

2.1) The software distribution



LLC3 (read from channel 3) and LLC4 (write to channel 4) are two simple passive routines which are in charge of getting and putting the information blocks from/to the link (via the receive and the send buffers).

Reasons of choice:

It is important to know that the total transfer speed on the data link is mainly determined by the amount of software treatment which has to be imposed on the message packed.

If we would like to improve performance, we therefore should reduce the number of computers the message has to be treated by.

For this reason and in order to provide an homogeneous centralized black box, we decide to implant the whole conversion software at the end of the LINAC/PS chain: on the MCR console computers.

2.2) The receive blocks

The incoming messages are constitued, for a given function, of a head block and none or several queue blocks.

Total block size

Maximum head block data size Maximum queue block data size : 256 words (of 16 bits)

- : 238 words
- : 254 words





2.3) The send block

The outgoing messages are constitued, for a given function, of a single head block.

Total block size	: 43
Maximum block data size	: 24

words (of 16 bits) words



3) The implemented functions

3.1) The terminal

Logical Unit Number	:	5
Link channel number	:	3

3.1.1) **WRITE**

Writes a message on the console terminal.

Function / Sub-function	: 000400 octal
P1	: message buffer address
P2	: message size
P3	: format:

decimal	octal	
0	0	Message
32	40	Line feed Message Carriage return
36	44	Line feed Message
43	53	Message Carriage return

P+ function: L5F400

PDP and NORD computers uses the same ASCII code.

3.2) The touch panel

Logical Unit Number	: 6
Link channel number	:4

3.2.1) **READ**

Sends the number of the pressed button, if one, to the LINAC program.

Function / Sub-function	: 001000 octal
I/O Status Word 2	: button number (1 - 16)

P+ function: L6F1000

LINAC and PS touch panel buttons are numbered are numbered line first.

3.3) The touch screen

Logical Unit Number	:	9
Link channel number	:	3

3.3.1) WRITE

Writes a button or a touch panel page on the touch screen.

Function / Sub-function	: 000400 octal
P1	: touch screen data buffer address
P2	: data size

The received touch screen data is in the following format:

Coordinate control	:	5 bits 01010	6 bits X coord.	5 bits Y coord.
Characters	:	8 bits 00010000	1 bit R. video	7 bits char

P+ function: L9F400

A LINAC touch screen has 24 lines of 64 characters, each button is composed of 3 lines of 9 characters.

A PS touch screen has 24 lines of 48 characters and a button is composed of 3 lines of 8 characters. Before displaying, the P+ function truncates the last character of a button line and cuts down to 48 characters all title text (the touch panel driver isn't accessible by the programmer).

3.3.2) ERASE

Erases the touch screen.

Function / Sub-function : 000401 octal

P+ function: L9F401

3.4) The sub-buttons

Logical Unit Number	: 11
Link channel number	: 4

3.4.1) READ

Sends the number of the selected button, if one, to the LINAC program.

Function / Sub-function	: 001000 octal
I/O Status Word 2	: button number (1 - 4)

P+ function: L11F1000

The LINAC sub-buttons are emulated on the black and white TV 3. The operator can select a button with the tracker ball.

3.5) The semigraphic colour screen

Logical Unit Number	:	10
Link channel number	:	3

The semigraphic colour screen is driven from a Kinetics 3232 programmable colour display driver (like on the LINAC side) which offers:

* 8 colours: (0 - 7)

0 :	Black	1:	Dark blue	2:	Green
3:	Light blue	4:	Red	5:	Purple
6 :	Yellow	7 :	White		

* 8 character sets (0 - 7) each of 64 characters (0 - 63)

Character sets 0 to 3 are in PROM and 4 to 7 in RAM. Sets 2 and 3 contains the 7-bit ASCII characters whilst sets 4 and 5 contains the special LINAC graphic characters (defined on the PS consoles thanks to the special character editor: See the appendice and reference **5**).

* 32 lines (0 - 31) of 64 characters (0 - 63) on a 16 * 8 matrix

The number of characters on a line can be 16, 32, 48 or 64. The rows/characters can be 1 to 16 and determines the number of visible lines. The driver has 32 line registers which allow both of the above parameters to be varied on a line by line basis.

Thanks to these facilities it has been possible to configurate the colour screen as made on the LINAC side. (See reference 1).

3.5.1) WRITE

Writes information(s) on the colour screen. This function is used when repetitive display occurs. This writing mode <u>isn't managed</u> by the driver.

Function / Sub-function	: 000400 octal
P1	: colour screen data buffer address
P2	: data size

The buffer is composed of 7-bit characters interpersed with some control sequences which are 1, 2 or 3 bytes long with the first byte having bit 8 set:

Cursor position	:	128	line	column
Colours	:	129	foregroung	background
Flash on	:	130		
Flash off	:	131		
Character set	:	132	set number (2: standard, 4: graphic)
Standard char. set	:	133	(<=> 132	2)
The initial characte Cursor Foregroung cold	eristics are	e: : unde : black	fined or last p	position
Flash	JUI	: off	ζ.	

P+ function: L10F400

Character set

The character code used on the PDP side is translated to a character code understandable on the NORD side.

: standard

3.5.2) WRITE ABSOLUTE

Displays a picture on the colour screen.

Function / Sub-function	: 000401 octal
P1	: colour screen data buffer address
P2	: data size
P3	: initial line
P4	: initial character

The buffer contains binary data for direct output to the Kinetics colour screen driver starting at the given coordinates. The format of the 64 words per line is as follows:

16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
	R	6	В	R	6	B	4	2	1	32	16	8	4	2	1
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P+ function: L10F401

The 16-bit words used by the driver on the PDP side are translated to 16-bit words understandable by the driver on the NORD side.

3.5.3) ERASE

Erases the colour screen.

Function / Sub-function : 002400 octal

P+ function: L10F2400

3.5.4) INITIALISE

Sets up the line registers from the start line (1 - 32) for the given number of lines (1 - 32) to display the given number of characters (16, 32, 48 or 64) with the given number of rows (1 - 16).

Function / Sub-function	: 003000 octal
P1	: start line
P2	: number of lines
P3	: number of characters per line
P4	: number of rows per character

P+ function: L10F3000

3.6) The key-pad

Logical Unit Number	: 8
Link channel number	: 4

3.6.1) **READ**

Reads the touch panel and sends the entered value to the LINAC program.

Function / Sub-function	: 001000 octal
P1	: "key-pad" data buffer address
P2	: data size = 4 (two 16-bit words)
I/O Status Word 2	: data size

The format of the buffer is as follows:



P+ function: L8F1000

The LINAC key-pad is emulated on the MCR console touch panel. After the selection (with the tracker ball) of a destination button (1 to 4) displayed on the black and white TV 3, a key-pad is framed on the touch panel and the operator is allowed to enter a numeric value associated with the selected destination parameter.

IV) PROGRAMMERS GUIDE

1) The software interface package

Program authors:

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Maintenance:

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Source languages:

NODAL : for some test programs. P-PLUS : for all the process, general and conversion routines.

P-PLUS source files:

PROCESS :<PRDEV>(LL-LINK)PPL-EMULATION:SYMB Contains the global variables, the process and the general routines.

CONVERSION :<PRDEV>(LL-LINK)PPL-CONVERSION:SYMB Contains the global conversion arrays (initialised by compilation) and the conversion routines.

The two .BRF files resulting of the compilation are duplicated on all the MCR consoles to be emulated.

COMMUNICATION : <PRDEV>(LL-LINK)PPL-SEND-RECV:SYMB Contains the passive routines for getting or putting the information blocks over the data link.

Backup source: Floppy (SOFT-INT:LL-LINK)

2) The function lexicon

For more explanations (concerning the parameters and the calling sequences) see the source files.

2.1) The PROCESS file

BANDW_POSITION: Calculates the selected button according to the cursor position on the black and white TV.

CHECK: Writes on the default device an error message generated by an unsuccessful library function call.

CREATE_PICT: Converts data of a LCR picture to data for the corresponding MCR picture.

DISPLAY_BUTTON: Displays a button on the black and white TV 3.

GET_LAST_VALUES: Takes the last or the two last bytes (if they belong to a cut control sequence) of the present block in order to push them on top of the next one. (See also UNPACK_TEST).

INITIAL: General initialisation.

INIT_BUT_TITLES: Initialises the touch screen button legends.

INIT_PICT: Initialises the array which will contain the picture for the write absolute on the colour screen. (See reference 1).

INIT_BUTTON_DISPLAY: Displays the LINAC sub-buttons on the black and white TV 3.

INIT_S_BLOCK: Initialises the send block (padding by 0).

L5F400: Write on the console terminal.

L6F1000: Send the number of the pressed touch panel button to LINAC.

L8F1000: Send the entered parameter value (associated with a given destination) to LINAC.

L9F400: Write on the touch screen.

L9F401: Erase the touch screen.

L10F400: Write on the colour screen.

L10F401: Write absolute on the colour screen (via the driver).

L10F2400: Erase the colour screen.

L10F3000: Initialise the colour screen by setting the line registers.

L11F1000: Send the number of the selected sub-button to LINAC.

LLEMU: Process for MCR console emulation. Includes the following actions in a main loop:

- Tries to read an information block in the receive buffer.

- Tests if a human action has been provided.

READ_QUEUE_BLOCKS: Reads and groups the queue blocks in an array.

RECALL_MESSAGE: Tries to get (several times) an information block by reading the receive buffer.

RESTORE: Resets the console devices and stops the process.

TEST_OP_ACTION: Tests if an action has been done by the operator and calls the relevant sending function.

TEST_RECEIVED_BLOCK: Reads, tests and treats an incoming block by writing the data on the given device.

UNPACK: Converts the received packed data (16-bit words) in usable bytes (8 bits).

UNPACK_TEST: Modifies the layout of the present and the next information blocks if a control sequence has been cut by them. (See also GET_LAST_VALUES).

WRITE_ERROR: Writes an error message on the default device (+ a string and an integer dependent on the program running).

ER 1: UNKNOWN FUNCTION ER 2: FUNCTION NOT IMPLEMENTED ER 3: UNKNOWN DEVICE ER 4: DEVICE NOT AVAILABLE ER 5: FUNCTION INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE DEVICE ER 6: A BLOCK HAS BEEN LOST ER 7: MESSAGE READING FAILED ER 8: PS -> LINAC TRANSMISSION FAILED

2.2) The CONVERSION file

2.2.1) The conversion arrays:

CONVERT_ASCII: Conversion array (LCR -> MCR) for the colour screen ASCII characters.

CONVERT_DRIVER: Conversion array (LCR -> MCR) for the colour pictures (16 bits driver words).

CONVERT_TP_BUT: Conversion array (MCR -> LCR) for the touch panel button matrix transposition.

2.2.2) The conversion functions:

INIT_ASCII_TABLE: Initialises the conversion array CONVERT_ASCII (LCR -> MCR) for the writing on the colour screen.

LMASC: ASCII character conversion (LCR -> MCR).

MLTPB: Touch panel button matrix transposition (MCR -> LCR).

LM16B: Converts colour picture data (LCR - > MCR).

SPECIAL_CHAR: Loads the defined graphic character set in the colour screen driver

2.3) The COMMUNICATION file

LLC3: Gets an information block from the receive buffer (channel 3).

LLC4: Puts an information block into the send buffer (channel 4).

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PROGRAM LISTINGS

See Luigi CASALEGNO, CERN, DIV. PS, GR. CO or Bernard VANDORPE, CERN, DIV. PS, GR. OP **APPENDIX**

SPECIAL CHARACTER SET DEFINED ON MCR CONSOLES

REPRODUCTION OF LINAC CHARACTERS

File name : (AP-PCP)LIN-CAR:DATA NODAL array name: LI.CAR

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	Uct: US1		Uct: US3
Det: 044 Oct: 054	<u>855</u>		021: 047
0 \$ 8 	8881 889 	022:022	Bee: 053

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821: 894	<u>855: 865</u>	<u> 855: 866</u>	821: 893
0ec: 064	Dec: 065 Oct: 101	0 e c : 0 6 6 0 c t : 102	0et: 087
Det: 068	Dec: 069 Oct: 105	824: 978	821: 973
Dec: 072 Oct: 110	Dec: 073 Oct: 111	855: 974 855: 112	Bec: 075 Oct: 113

Dec: 077 Oct: 115	Dec: 078 Oct: 116	Dec: 079 Oct: 117
Det: 081	821: 122	02E: 123
Det: 085	Bet: 188	828: 927
Bet: 089	<u> 855: 135</u>	<u>855: 031</u>
UEE: 033	828: 936	<u>BEE: 935</u>
Bet: 997	855: 855	Det: 143

Dec: 076 Oct: 114

Dec: 080 Oct: 120

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