ATF2 Flight Simulator & Controls Interface

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Online ATF2 modeling

- Lucretia & AML
- Online implementation of beam code (e.g. Tuning algorithm, BBA etc.)
 - How to develop and test beam dynamics code offsite and then implement code at ATF2?



Online ATF2 Model

- At SLAC, Matlab + Lucretia heavily used for constructing beam dynamics code, tuning algorithms etc.
- As Lucretia is embedded into Matlab, very flexible
 - Use BEAMLINE description to store all required ATF2 info
 - Online Matlab code talks to EPICS and/or V-System to maintain up-to-date model parameters.
 - Plan to mirror this in AML for non-Matlab users.



Accelerator Markup Language (AML)

- Use of any particular modeling code may force others into using the same code.
- The AML project aims to develop a universal accelerator format.
 - Based on XML so easy to extend.
 - Developing a Universal Accelerator Parser (UAP) to facilitate parsing of AML lattice into another form.
- AML <-> MAD parser already written.
 - UAP makes writing of parsers for other code simple.

ATF2 Code Integration

- Need a way to easily facilitate offsite writing and testing of code to be run at ATF2.
- NB: Remote running of code external to ATF control room forbidden.
- Currently discussing best way to do this
 - Through flight simulator (Lucretia + EPICS)
 - Directly through V-system API



Code Implementation Through Flight Simulator

One possible mechanism:

- Lucretia can access EPICS variables through Matlab using MML (Matlab Middle-Layer) interface.
- Flight simulator software can be downloaded to home institute along with current machine description.
- Write (Matlab) code to implement desired algorithms etc and test on flight simulator locally.
- Take code to ATF and it should run in the same fashion on the realtime software.
- Equivalent process possible to set up through AML.

