

MobiCharged



Module Guide

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Table 1: **Revision History**

Author	Date	Version	Description
All	April, 2023	Rev 1	Created final draft of Document

1 System Overview

1.1 Naming Conventions and Terminology

Table 2: Naming Conventions and Terminology

Word/Acronym	Definition/Context
Functional Requirement	Requirements that describe what the product is supposed to do
Non-functional Requirement	Requirements that describe qualities that product will have
General Contractor	Third party companies that acquire services by Mobilite-Power
Data Smoothing	The process of using old data as well as "future" data in order to predict designs
ML	"Machine Learning" algorithm
AC	Anticipated Change
R	Requirement
UC	Unlikely Change
A	Assumption
DS	Download Speed
US	Upload Speed
I/O	Input/Output

1.2 Relevant Facts and Assumptions

- There is an assumption that the developers will eventually have access to enough processing power to conduct large quantities of simulations.

1.3 Introduction

Engineers are tasked with design in construction to exceed expectations without hindering safety. Safety is a topic that is never missed within the industry and is continuously being highlighted amongst designs; especially as Engineers are reminded of their moral obligations to society by their awarded rings upon graduation.

As a current process, the construction industry places sensors within concrete spaces to continuously test and/or monitor the integrity of buildings during as well as after construction. Ultimately however, these sensors run out of battery and are required to be re-charged.

The industry still faces challenges when attempting to charge these sensors with the method of remote charging as the current products that satisfy remote charging abilities are yet to be optimized. There are a significant number of buildings being built in the Greater-Toronto-Area, which is emphasized considering that 70% of cranes within Canada are in just the GTA alone. To place innovation in the sub-field of safety within the industry, it is indeed a requirement to modernize the ability of producing efficient remote charging systems and to have the design process optimized to provide the most effective results.

The system-solution for this will be the development of MobiCharged.

2 Module Hierarchy

2.1 Software System Module Hierarchy

For the machine learning algorithm to be effective, it is efficient for it to be modularized. Below is a list and diagram of the software system module hierarchy, where further information upon these modules are outlined in the Module Decomposition section.

2.2 Modules

- Input Module
- Initializer Module
- Machine Learner Blackboard Indirection Layer
- Database Access Module 1
- Database Access Module 2
- User Interface Module
- Controller / Server Module

- “Client” Module

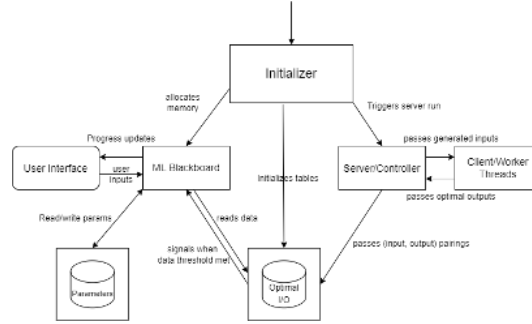


Figure 1: Software Architecture Modularized

2.3 Hardware Module Hierarchy

Although the physical simulation component of this project is not connected to the software portion directly, the hardware system can still be modularized to exhibit the workings of the system.

Below is a high-level module hierarchy of the hardware system where further information on each module will be described in the Module Decomposition section. Please note that the “modules” here can be more thought of to be component sections.

- Electronic circuitry (includes MOSFET drivers, capacitors & transducers i.e. electrosonic emitters)
- Microcontroller Module
- Power Supply Module (includes connectors & ports)
- Shaped 3D Printed Case

For further illustrations of the components of the hardware system, below are diagrams depicting the connection between components.

As shown in figure 8 above, output pins of the Arduino Nano will be used to control the driver. The driver board will be powered by an external power supply and will be used to boost the signals from the Arduino. The driver has two output channel. Each will control an individual array.

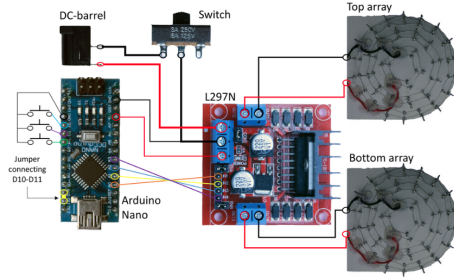


Figure 2: PCB Board Component with FPGA & Power Requirements

The arrays will be connected to the driver as shown in figure 8. Each concentric ring of transducers will be wired in parallel. One of the channels will be held constant, however the others phase will be able to be changed by the controlling software in order to impliment verticle movement.

The constructed shape of the 3D printed casing will work as psuedo-phase shifters. The offset of the verticle placement of the transducers in the case work to create the interference required for acoustic levitation.

3 Module Decomposition

3.1 Software Module Decomposition

Table 3: Software Modules

Module	Service	Secret	Estimated Completion

Initializer Module	Initializes main loop, and databases. Allocates space for data processing, verifies that the MATLAB simulation compiles. Bounces errors if memory cannot be allocated or if MATLAB does not compile.	The number of inputs/outputs that will determine how much memory is allocated, and the errors that can be returned.	End of January 2023. This module is finished for the most part. It may require slight edits when implementing with the other modules.
Controller/Server Module	Handles communication between the “Server” and “Client”. Passes inputs based on provided boundaries to Client module and returns optimal outputs.	The simulation inputs passed to client and the optimal outputs received by the client.	End of January 2023. This module is finished for the most part. It may require slight edits when implementing with the other modules.
Client Module	Client module receives inputs and passes through MATLAB simulation and returns optimal outputs.	The MATLAB simulation format, simulation inputs and outputs.	End of January 2023. This module is finished for the most part. It may require slight edits when implementing with the other modules.

Machine Learner Black-board Indirection Layer	Reads batches of data from Database Access Module 1. Once certain data thresholds have been reached, this module passes batched data to specific model training streams. During down-times where the amount of new data is received, this module will run validation test suites to monitor progress of models. Allows user requests for input into predictive models. This module will ultimately filter out the best performing models.	The data that is read from Database Access Module 1, format of validation tests, user requests, and trained models.	Feb-March. A large amount of simulation data still needs to be produced in order to train and test models.
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Database Access Module 1	Stores the generated inputs and corresponding optimal output. Establishes basic reading and writing concurrency control.	The simulation inputs and optimal outputs that are stored in this database.	End of January 2023. This module is completed for the most part. However, the formatting of the database may require editing when simulation data is produced.
Database Access Module 2	Stores the generated hyperparameters and performance of each model stream in the Machine Learner Blackboard Indirection Layer.	The hyperparameters and model performances stored in this database.	Feb-March. A large amount of simulation data still needs to be produced in order to train and test models.
User Interface Module	Controls the communication of the user prediction requests to the Machine Learner Blackboard Indirection Layer. It also displays the model performances after each validation test trial.	The results of the validation tests on the models, and the user requests.	Feb-March. This module requires the Machine Learner Blackboard Indirection Layer to be completed first.

3.2 Hardware System Module / Component Timelines

The following table will outline the dates of completion for the hardware modules.

Table 4: **Hardware System Timeline**

Module	Estimated Completion
3D Printed casing	Jan 20th, 2023
Electronic circuitry	Jan 28th, 2023
Microcontroller Module	Feb 3rd, 2023
Power Supply Module	Jan 20th, 2023

4 Traceability Matrix

The following is the traceability matrix for the software system.

Table 5: **Traceability Matrix**

Module	Requirements
Initializer Module	ACR1
Machine Learner Blackboard Indirection Layer	SR1, SR2, SR3, SR5, SR6, PAR1, RAR1
Database Access Module 1	IR1, RAR1, RFTR1, PRV1
Database Access Module 2	IR1, RAR1, RFTR1, PRV1
Controller/Server Module	SR5
Client Module	SR4, ACR1, IR1, ADAR1
User Interface Module	APR1, ACR1, EUR1, EUR2, LR1, SLR1, RAR1, ADAR1

5 Anticipated and Unlikely Changes

Table 6: Anticipated Changes

Module		Anticipated Changes
Initializer Module		The number of inputs/outputs and their bounds will change once the MATLAB simulation format is finalized.
Machine Learner Blackboard Indirection Layer		The range of model architectures will change as we gain insight on what types of models perform the best with the simulation data. The batch size of the data being read and the data thresholds will also change.
Database Access Module 1		The formatting of this database will change if the MATLAB simulation format changes. For example, the simulation may be changed to add or remove features in the data.
Database Access Module 2		The formatting of this database may change as new model architectures are tested.

Controller/Server Module	The formatting of the inputs and outputs sent and received from the client will change depending on the MATLAB simulation file.
Client Module	The formatting of the inputs and outputs sent and received from the client will change depending on the MATLAB simulation file.

Table 7: **Unlikely Changes**

Module	Unlikely Changes
Initializer Module	Handling memory storage and error calls as this is necessary and currently most efficient to be instilled within this module
Machine Learner Blackboard Indirection Layer	During downtimes where the amount of new data is received, this module will run validation test suites to monitor progress of models. This is unlikely to change in order to maximize efficiency as well as accuracy of results.

6 Use Hierarchy between Modules

The figure below displays the use cases between the modules (eg: Optimal I/O module depends on the Initializer module to work).

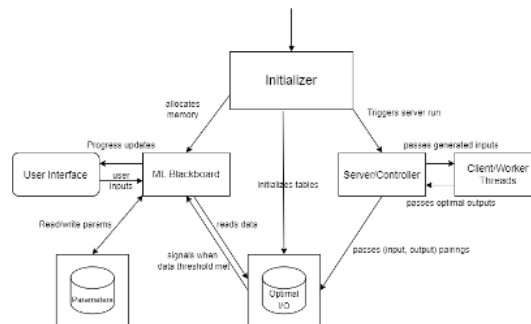


Figure 3: Uses Hierarchy for Software System

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Appendix — Reflection

The information in this section will be used to evaluate the team members on the graduate attribute of Problem Analysis and Design. Please answer the following questions:

1. What are the limitations of your solution? Put another way, given unlimited resources, what could you do to make the project better? (LO ProbSolutions)
2. Give a brief overview of other design solutions you considered. What are the benefits and tradeoffs of those other designs compared with the chosen design? From all the potential options, why did you select documented design? (LO Explores)

1. The limitations of our solution is primarily cost & time.

The problem of making the process of obtaining data values for the purpose of creating remote charging devices specific to certain applications easier is proposed to be solved through the methods of machine learning algorithms. That is, the process would become significantly easier if a machine learning algorithm could output the data values necessary at a much faster speed (and subsequently lower computational costs) without the use of simulations.

The proposed solution has limitations in verifications. Through the original method of using simulations, the consequence is that it is extremely timely to output. However, the benefit of it is exhibited with verification of values. Through the machine learning algorithms, although the speed of the values being outputted increases significantly, the idea of verification becomes lost; particularly in the case where the algorithm goes past the limits of inputs provided.

Given unlimited resources, the solution could become better if more time was present such that modules were created that verify the values and provide higher certainty in the values outputted. Moreover, more servers would be purchased so that it may feed the machine learning algorithm without the use of users inputting data manually (referring to the client modules).

In regards to the hardware system, the proposed solution would become better with appropriate equipment to create a real prototype as

opposed to a simulative one. The prototype would be better for display as well as feeding limits to the software by purchasing equipment such as antenna arrays, phase arrays, electromagnetic wave resistant encapsulations, etc. Moreover, with unlimited resources, the hardware system would be given an embedded system such that it may direct “charging” signals remotely to desired devices.

2. An alternative solution for the design of this project was manually obtaining values based on certain inputs (and subsequently certain applications) over a wide range such that we may feed it into the machine learning algorithm. Although the benefit of this method is that the values are verified, it was better thought of to use a single server or two in order to run these simulations continuously in the backend automatically. This way, it is more efficient obtaining the values in the long term. In addition, this would be more effective for our client Mobilite Power as they can use the architecture of our software system and feed their large data set into it. This way, the machine learning algorithm will output more accurate results over a wider range of data.

Regarding the hardware system, an alternative solution was to create a small charging device using a pre-purchased antenna array. This would be done without the phase arrays but be implemented with a larger structure around the system to solve our stretch goals (which include being resistant to weather conditions). The benefit in this is that we can display different antenna array shapes & sizing while illustrating the change in results; which we predicted to be power distributed as well as accuracy of electromagnetic waves sent. The problem with this solution is the limitation of resources. The group proceeded with creating a simulation of a remote charging device using a phased array system with the fear that the original solution mentioned would not be completed in a timely manner due to the expertise required. The original solution would dive into the area of PHD level projects and would be a risk in completion.