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# Likely Requirement Changes

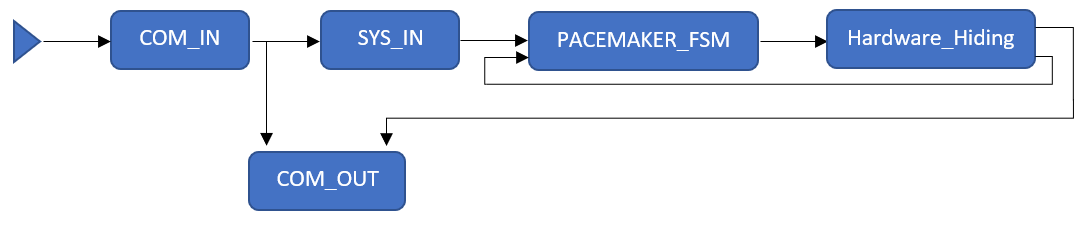
* Incorporate rate adaptive modes (AOOR, VOOR, AAIR, VVIR, DOOR)
* For long term usage of the pacemaker, impedance of the muscles must be taken into consideration
* Improve pacing efficiency to conserve battery life
* Reduce the overall dimensional specifications of the electrical circuitry, thereby minimizing the space consumption
* Implement dual-pacing, dual-sensing functionality (DDDR)
* Implement accountability for hysteresis

# Likely Design Changes

* Modularize the design to make the components more flexible and to allow design scalability
* To account for variation in muscle impedance, circuitry on the microcontroller can be used to measure muscle-resistance between different points in the chambers, which can then be used to adjust the programmable parameters
* Increase the rate at which electrogram (egram) data is sampled in order to attain a continuous plot
* Include a stateflow inside the SYS\_IN subsystem to control the parameters for rate modulation
* Add various programmable parameters to be used in rate modulation  
  (*SEE Table 7: Parameters introduced for the implementation of rate modulation*)
  + p\_reactionDelay
  + p\_recoveryDelay
  + p\_sameBPMDelay
  + p\_activityThreshold
  + k\_currentActivity
  + k\_BPM
* Adjust serial protocol for the incorporation of the new programmable parameters

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# Overview of Pacemaker Model Design



*Figure 1: An overview of the stateflow objects*

 Denotes a ‘receiving port’ which allows and maintains a communication channel from the DCM to this model (collects programmable parameters set from the DCM interface)

COM\_IN: Initializes the programmable parameters with default values, and when data is received from the DCM, this subsystem re-assigns the programmed variables after parsing the array of received data. This module also enables the DCM to display the programmable and electrogram (egram) values by reverting them through the COM\_OUT global function

SYS\_IN: Performs necessary functions to convert raw programmable variables to appropriate types and units of the Finite State Machine (FSM). This technique of making the values compatible with the FSM state helps eliminate unnecessary modification of the FSM’s charts

PACEMAKER\_FSM: Includes state flow charts to achieve the functioning of different modes such as AOO, VOO, AAI and etc. The hardware controlling variables are activated/deactivated from various states of this sub-system

HARDWARE\_HIDING: Contains all the hardware components to control the pins on the microcontroller and eventually, the pacemaker shield. By toggling the pins, the switches in the circuitry can be turned ON/OFF and also, the charge on the capacitor can be altered to obtain a certain outcome. Having a separate sub-system for the hardware allows the capability to replace the hardware (in case of a fault) without making drastic changes to the whole system

COM\_OUT: Represented as a global function, known as ‘send\_data()’, transmits data back to the DCM where it can be displayed on the interface. After byte packing, data of length 21 bytes is sent through UART serial transmit port

# Description of Subsystems

*NOTE:**For more details on inputs and outputs of the subsystems, please read the appendix section at the end of this document.*

## Serial Receive

* This receiving block reads data from the UART port on the board.

*Parameters:*

UART: 0 Specifies which port to use from the microcontrollers board

Data type: unit8 Block receives data of type uint8

Data length(N): 23 Represents the length of data to be received 23 (bytes)

Output status: Enabled Status port is available to display the status of the read operation

Sample time: -1 Determines the time according to the designed model

*Outputs:*

Rx: Continuously delivers the data to the model after each sample time

Status: Shows the result of receiving data operation. Outputs a zero when completed successfully, otherwise 32, which tells no new data received.

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## COM\_IN

This subsystem declares default programmable values and receives data from DCM

*Inputs*: rxdata, status

*Outputs*: p\_pacingMode, p\_lowerRateLimit, p\_upperRateLimit, p\_atrPulseAmplitude,  
 p\_ventPulseAmplitude, p\_atrPulseWidth, p\_ventPulseWidth, p\_atrThreshold,  
 p\_ventThreshold, p\_arpDelay, p\_vrpDelay, p\_fixedAVDelay, p\_rateModulation,  
 p\_modulationSenstivity, k\_echoData

*Locals*: k\_sampleRate

*NOTE: This module is executed at each initialization step.*

* The INIT state sets default values for the programmable parameters
* The model waits for the communication packet in the STANDBY state
* If a packet has been received and the first byte of the received data is 0x16 (a value chosen to indicate that the correct device is communicating with the simulink model), then there are three options to implement, namely SET\_PARAM, ECHO\_PARAM or ECHO\_EGRAM

*Table 1: State Transition Table of COM\_IN subsystem*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Current State** | **Event** | | **Next State** |
| INIT | --- | | STANDBY |
| STANDBY | status == 0 and rxdata(1) == 0x16 | rxdata(2) == 0x55 | SET\_PARAM |
| rxdata(2) == 0x22 | ECHO\_PARAM |
| rxdata(2) == 0x47 | ECHO\_EGRAM |
| NOT(rxdata(2) == 0x55 or 0x22 or 0x47) | --- |
| NOT(status == 0 and rxdata(1) == 0x16) | | --- |
| SET\_PARAM | --- | | STANDBY |
| ECHO\_PARAM | --- | | STANDBY |
| ECHO\_EGRAM | status == 0 and rxdata(1) == 0x16 and rxdata(2) == 0x62 | | STANDBY |
| NOT(status == 0 and rxdata(1) == 0x16 and rxdata(2) == 0x62) | After(k\_sampleRate) | ECHO\_EGRAM |
| NOT(After(k\_sampleRate)) | --- |

### State Configurations

#### INIT

p\_pacingMode = 0

p\_lowerRateLimit = 60

p\_upperRateLimit = 120

p\_atrPulseAmplitude = 3500  
p\_ventPulseAmplitude = 3500

p\_atrPulseWidth = 10

p\_ventPulseWidth = 10

p\_atrThreshold = 2640  
p\_ventThreshold = 2640

p\_arpDelay = 250

p\_vrpDelay = 320

p\_fixedAVDelay = 150

p\_rateModulation = 0  
p\_modulationSenstivity = 8

k\_sampleRate = 100

#### STANDBY

%Waiting for communication packet

#### SET\_PARAM

p\_pacingMode = rxdata(3)

p\_lowerRateLimit = rxdata(4)

p\_upperRateLimit = rxdata(5)

p\_atrPulseAmplitude = typecast(rxdata(6:7), ‘uint16’)  
p\_ventPulseAmplitude = typecast(rxdata(8:9), ‘uint16’)

p\_atrPulseWidth = rxdata(10)

p\_ventPulseWidth = rxdata(11)

p\_atrThreshold = typecast(rxdata(12:13), ‘uint16’)  
p\_ventThreshold = typecast(rxdata(14:15), ‘uint16’)

p\_arpDelay = typecast(rxdata(16:17), ‘uint16’)

p\_vrpDelay = typecast(rxdata(18:19), ‘uint16’)

p\_fixedAVDelay = typecast(rxdata(20:21), ‘uint16’)

p\_rateModulation = rxdata(22)  
p\_modulationSenstivity = rxdata(23)

#### ECHO\_PARAM

k\_echoData = rxdata(2)

send\_data()

#### ECHO\_EGRAM

k\_echoData = rxdata(2)

send\_data()

* k\_echoData informs the send\_data() function whether to send params or egram data back to the DCM
* ECHO\_EGRAM block is periodically entered at a rate given by k\_sampleRate
* ECHO\_EGRAM continues to sample until a communication packet is received of which the second byte is 0x62

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## COM\_OUT

* This subsystem represents the global function send\_data()

*Inputs:* p\_pacingMode, p\_lowerRateLimit, p\_upperRateLimit, p\_atrPulseAmplitude,  
 p\_ventPulseAmplitude, p\_atrPulseWidth, p\_ventPulseWidth, p\_atrThreshold,  
 p\_ventThreshold, p\_arpDelay, p\_vrpDelay, p\_fixedAVDelay, p\_rateModulation,  
 p\_modulationSenstivity, m\_atrSignal, m\_ventSignal, k\_echoData

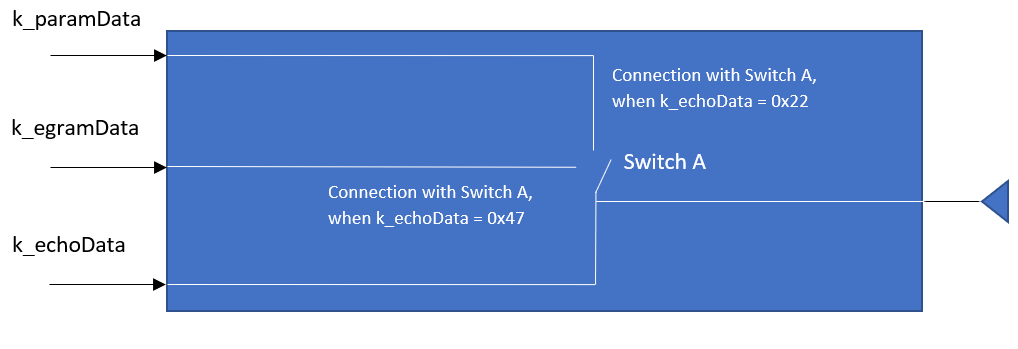
*Outputs:* k\_transmitData

*NOTE: Executes every time the chart is initialized, and outputs are initialized every time the chart wakes up.*

* f() function enables this subsystem to act as a global function and triggers this block each time send\_data() is called
* Two multiplexers (mux) are needed to combine the data into a packet of 21 bytes

First multiplexer (mux): Packs programmable variables, received from COM\_IN subsystem

Second multiplexer (mux): Packs egram data, received from the Hardware\_Hiding subsystem. Addition to the m\_atrSignal and m\_ventSignal (each of type  
double - 8 bytes each) variables, five zeros (uint8) are used to fill the entire packet since the sending packets length must be 21 bytes



*Figure 2: TRANSMIT\_DATA block portraying switch-case mechanism*

 denotes serial transmit port which sends data to the DCM

* The k\_transmitData matrix [uint8] delivers the 21 bytes to the serial transmit port
* k\_egramData is sent to the DCM every k\_sampleRate [ms]; however, k\_paramData is only sent once per DCM-request

*NOTE: Byte Pack block is used to convert a uint16 data type to two uint8 data*

*Table 2: State Transition Table of COM\_OUT subsystem*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Current State** | **Event** | **Next State** |
| INIT | k\_echoData == 0x22 | TRANSMIT\_PARAMS |
| k\_echoData == 0x47 | TRANSMIT\_EGRAM |
| NOT(k\_echoData == 0x22 or 0x47) | --- |
| TRANSMIT\_PARAMS | --- | INIT |
| TRANSMIT\_EGRAM | --- | INIT |

### State Configurations

#### INIT

%Check which data to echo to DCM

#### TRANSMIT\_PARAMS

%Set the transmit data to the programmable parameters

k\_transmitData = k\_paramData

#### TRANSMIT\_EGRAM

%Set the transmit data to the electrogram data

k\_transmitData = k\_egramData

## 

## SYS\_IN

* This subsystem manipulates the input variables for the next subsystem (PACEMAKER\_FSM)

*Inputs:* p\_pacingMode, p\_lowerRateLimit, p\_upperRateLimit, p\_atrPulseAmplitude,  
 p\_ventPulseAmplitude, p\_atrPulseWidth, p\_ventPulseWidth, p\_atrThreshold,  
 p\_ventThreshold, p\_arpDelay, p\_vrpDelay, p\_fixedAVDelay, p\_rateModulation,  
 p\_modulationSenstivity

*Outputs:* k\_pacingMode, k\_atrPulseAmplitude, k\_ventPulseAmplitude, k\_atrPaceDelay, k\_atrPulseWidth, k\_ventPaceDelay, k\_ventPulseWidth, k\_atrThreshold, k\_ventThreshold, k\_arpDelay, k\_vrpDelay, k\_pacingAVDelay, k\_atrialEscapeInterval

The following table indicates how the SYS\_IN subsystems transforms the programmable parameters into useful parameters for the PACEMAKER\_FSM:

*Table 3: Shows manipulation of SYS\_IN inputs*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Input** | **Modification** | **Output** |
| p\_pacingMode | - | k\_pacingMode |
| p\_atrPulseAmplitude [mV] | Divided by 50 to get the Atrium duty cycle | k\_atrPulseAmplitude |
| p\_ventPulseAmpitude [mV] | p\_ventPulseAmpitude  (divided by 50 to get the ventricle duty cycle) | k\_ventPulseAmplitude |
| p\_lowerRateLimit [BPM] | [ { ( 1 p\_lowerRateLimit ) X 60000 }  -  p\_atrPulseWidth ]  Finding the amount of msec/beat - by inverting the BPM to get min/beat, and multiplying by msec/min.  Finally, subtracting p\_atrPulseWidth to get k\_atrPaceDelay | k\_atrPaceDelay  This delay is equal to the total period between beats minus atrium pulse width |
| p\_atrPulseWidth | - | k\_atrPulseWidth |
| **Input** | **Modification** | **Output** |
| p\_lowerRateLimit [BPM] | [ { ( 1 p\_lowerRateLimit ) X 60000 }  -  p\_ventPulseWidth ]  Finding the amount of msec/beat - by inverting the BPM to get min/beat, and multiplying by msec/min.  Finally, subtracting p\_ventPulseWidth to get k\_ventPaceDelay | k\_ventPaceDelay  This delay is equal to the total period between beats minus the ventricle pulse width |
| p\_ventPulseWidth | - | k\_ventPulseWidth |
| p\_atrThreshold  [mV] | [ p\_atrThreshold 33 ]  Divided by 33 (~3.3V) to get the atrium duty cycle | k\_atrThreshold |
| p\_ventThreshold  [mV] | [ p\_ventThreshold 33 ]  Divided by 33 (~3.3V) to get the ventricle duty cycle | k\_ventThreshold |
| p\_arpDelay | - | k\_arpDelay |
| p\_vrpDelay | - | k\_vrpDelay |
| p\_fixedAVDelay | [ p\_fixedAVDelay - p\_atrPulseWidth ] | k\_pacingAVDelay |
| p\_lowerRateLimit | [ { ( 1 p\_lowerRateLimit ) X 60000 }  -  k\_pacingAVDelay  -  k\_ventPulseWidth ] | k\_atrialEspaceInterval  This delay is equal to the total period between beats minus the pacingAVDelay and minus the ventricle-pulse-width |

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## PACEMAKER\_FSM

* This subsystem includes implemented pulsating modes and controls the hardware circuitry

*Inputs:* k\_pacingMode, k\_atrPulseAmplitude, k\_ventPulseAmplitude, k\_atrPaceDelay, k\_atrPulseWidth, k\_ventPaceDelay, k\_ventPulseWidth, k\_atrThreshold, k\_ventThreshold, k\_arpDelay, k\_vrpDelay, k\_pacingAVDelay, k\_atrialEscapeInterval, m\_pushButton, m\_atrCMPDetect, m\_ventCMPDetect

*Outputs:* c\_atrPaceCtrl, c\_ventPaceCtrl, c\_pacingRefPWM, c\_paceChargeCtrl, c\_paceGNDCtrl, c\_atrGNDCtrl, c\_ventGNDCtrl, c\_zAtrCTRL, c\_zVentCtrl, c\_frontEndCtrl, c\_atrCMPRefPWM, c\_ventCMPRefPWM, c\_blueLED, c\_redLED

*Table 4: State Transition Table of PACEMAKER\_FSM subsystem*

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Current State** | **Event** | | | **Next State** |
| INIT | k\_pacingMode == 0 or 2 or 4 | | | 6. A\_CHARGING |
| k\_pacingMode == 1 or 3 | | | 2. V\_CHARGING |
| NOT(k\_pacingMode == 0 or 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5) | | | --- |
| A\_CHARGING | m\_pushButton == true | | | 9. A\_CHARGING |
| m\_pushButton == false | | | --- |
| k\_pacingMode == 0 | After(k\_atrPaceDelay) | | 7. A\_PACING |
| NOT(After(k\_atrPaceDelay)) | | --- |
| k\_pacingMode == 1 | | | 13. V\_CHARGING |
| k\_pacingMode == 2 | m\_atrCMPDetect == true | After(k\_arpDelay) | 9. A\_CHARGING |
| NOT(After(k\_arpDelay)) | --- |
| m\_atrCMPDetect == false | | --- |
| k\_pacingMode == 3 | | | 13. V\_CHARGING |
| k\_pacingMode == 4 | | After(k\_pacingAVDelay) | 11. V\_PACING |
| NOT(After(k\_pacingAVDelay)) | --- |
| **Current State** | **Event** | | | **Next State** |
| A\_PACING | After(k\_atrPulseWidth) | | | 8. A\_CHARGING |
| NOT(After(k\_atrPulseWidth)) | | | --- |
| V\_CHARGING | m\_pushButton == true | | | 5. V\_CHARGING |
| m\_pushButton == false | | | --- |
| k\_pacingMode == 0 | | | 12. A\_CHARGING |
| k\_pacingMode == 1 | After(k\_ventPaceDelay) | | 3. V\_PACING |
| NOT(After(k\_ventPaceDelay)) | | --- |
| k\_pacingMode == 2 | | | 12. A\_CHARGING |
| k\_pacingMode == 3 | m\_ventCMPDetect == true | After(k\_vrpDelay) | 5. V\_CHARGING |
| NOT(After(k\_vrpDelay)) | --- |
| m\_ventCMPDetect == false | | --- |
| k\_pacingMode == 4 | | After(k\_atrialEscapeInterval) | 10. A\_PACING |
| NOT(After(k\_atrialEscapeInterval)) | --- |
| V\_PACING | After(k\_ventPulseWidth) | | | 4. V\_CHARGING |
| NOT(After(k\_ventPulseWidth)) | | | --- |

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*Figure 3: Figure of Pacemaker FSM charts and their transition from one state to another*

### State Configurations

#### Initialization/INIT

* All switches are open and there is no current flow in the system
* Subsequently, the pacemaker goes to the appropriate atrium or ventricle charging states depending on which mode is being implemented

#### Ventricle Charging/V\_CHARGING

* Charging the C22 capacitor and reversing the current flow through the ventricle in order to create net zero charge
* This is done to ensure that the patient is not directly connected to the voltage supply by setting ventPaceCtrl to FALSE, which opens the switch to prevent current flow from C22 to C21 capacitor

#### Ventricular Pacing/V\_PACING

* Allowing current to flow from C22 capacitor across the impedance of the ventricle to C21 capacitor to generate an artificial pace in the ventricle (turns **red** LED on)

#### Atrium Charging/A\_CHARGING

* Charging the C22 capacitor and reversing the current flow through the atrium in order to create net zero charge
* This is done to ensure that the patient is not directly connected to the voltage supply by setting atrPaceCtrl to FALSE, which opens the switch to prevent current flow from C22 to C21 capacitor

#### Atrium Pacing/A\_PACING

* Allowing current to flow from C22 capacitor across the impedance of the atrium to C21 capacitor to generate an artificial pace in the ventricle (turns **blue** LED on)

*NOTE: For elaborated details on what is included in the charts and how the charts control the hardware circuitry, please read the appendix at the end of this document*

### Stateflow of DOO Mode

A\_PACING 🠞 A\_CHARGING 🠞 V\_PACING 🠞 V\_CHARGING🠞 A\_PACING 🠞 A\_CHARGING 🠞 V\_PACING 🠞 …

*NOTE: For all the other mode implementation, please read the documentation of Assignment #1*

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## HARDWARE\_HIDING

* This subsystem contains blocks for reading and writing from the pins of the FRDM-K64F micro-controller/shield
* This subsystem enables simple modification of the hardware in case of a hardware malfunction

*Inputs:* c\_atrPaceCtrl, c\_ventPaceCtrl, c\_pacingRefPWM, c\_paceChargeCtrl, c\_paceGNDCtrl, c\_atrGNDCtrl, c\_ventGNDCtrl, c\_zAtrCTRL, c\_zVentCtrl, c\_frontEndCtrl, c\_atrCMPRefPWM, c\_ventCMPRefPWM, c\_blueLED, c\_redLED

*Outputs:* m\_atrCMPDetect, m\_ventCMPDetect, m\_pushButton, m\_atrSignal, m\_ventSignal

The following table illustrates how the pins on the microcontroller are controlled by the input variables:

*Table 5: Behavior of microcontroller pins*

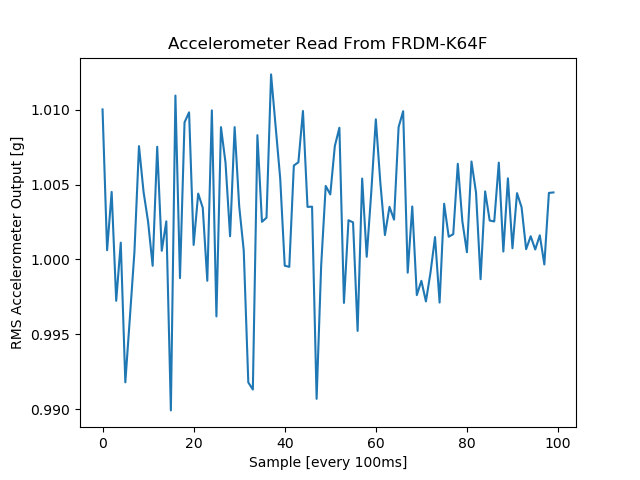
|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Controlled Variables** | **Write/Read** | **Pin** |
| c\_atrPaceCtrl | Digital Write | D8 |
| c\_ventPaceCtrl | Digital Write | D9 |
| c\_pacingRefPWM | PWM Output | D5 |
| c\_paceChargeCtrl | Digital Write | D2 |
| c\_paceGNDCtrl | Digital Write | D10 |
| c\_atrGNDCtrl | Digital Write | D11 |
| c\_ventGNDCtrl | Digital Write | D12 |
| c\_zAtrCtrl | Digital Write | D4 |
| c\_zVentCtrl | Digital Write | D7 |
| c\_frontEndCtrk | Digital Write | D13 |
| c\_atrCMPRefPWM | PWM Output | D6 |
| c\_ventCMPRefPWM | PWM Output | D3 |
| c\_blueLED | Digital Write | BLUE\_LED |
| c\_redLED | Digital Write | RED\_LED |
| m\_atrCMPDetect | Digital Read | D0 |
| m\_ventCMPDetect | Digital Read | D1 |
| **Controlled Variables** | **Write/Read** | **Pin** |
| m\_pushButton | Digital Read | Push Button (Physical Button) |
| m\_atrSignal | Analog Input | A0  Before the value is registered in m\_atrSignal, it is first multiplied by 3.3 to map the result within the range of (0 - 3.3V) |
| m\_ventSignal | Analog Input | A1  Before the value is registered in m\_ventSignal, it is first multiplied by 3.3 to map the result within the range of (0 - 3.3V) |

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# Rate Modulation

*NOTE: Functioning of accelerometer was tested in a different Simulink model.*

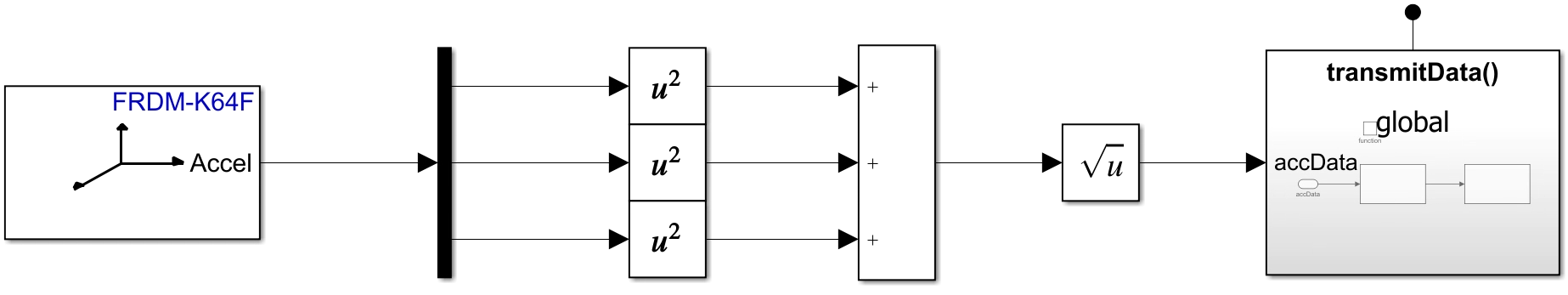
* The accelerometer block senses forces from -4g to +4g
* The FRDM-K64F accelerometer experiences approx. 1g at rest, as depicted below



*Figure 4: Accelerometer readings in idle state*

* Since the accelerometer is always experiencing a force of approx. 1g, the threshold for rate modulation, k\_activityThreshold is chosen to be 1.25g

The following figure shows an accelerometer vector reading being decomposed into three components:

*Figure 5: Data manipulation of an accelerometer*

* After the data is passed through a demux, the useful acceleration value is estimated using RMS (root-mean-square) function on all three vectors
* The RMS value is used to measure the current activity of the patient, namely k\_currentActivity

The following table provides state transition expressions for the rate modulation functionality:

*Table 6: Function table for Rate Modulation*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Current State** | **Event** | | | | | | **Next State** |
| MIN\_BPM | p\_rateModulation == e\_off | | | | | | --- |
| p\_rateModulation == e\_on | | k\_currentActivity < p\_activityThreshold | | | | --- |
| k\_currentActivity ≥ p\_activityThreshold | After(p\_reactionDelay) | | | UP\_BPM |
| NOT(After(p\_reactionDelay)) | | | --- |
| UP\_BPM | p\_rateModulation == e\_off | | | | | | DOWN\_BPM |
| p\_rateModulation == e\_on | | k\_current activity < p\_activityThreshold | After(p\_reactionDelay) | | | SAME\_BPM |
| NOT(After(p\_reactionDelay)) | | | --- |
| k\_currentActivity ≥ p\_activityThreshold | After(p\_reactionDelay) | | k\_BPM + p\_modulationSensitivity ≤ p\_upperRateLimit | UP\_BPM |
| k\_BPM + p\_modulationSensitivty > p\_upperRateLimit | MAX\_BPM |
| NOT(After(p\_reactionDelay)) | | | --- |
| SAME\_BPM | p\_rateModulation == e\_off | | | | | | DOWN\_BPM |
| p\_rateModulation == e\_on | | | k\_currentActivity < p\_activityThreshold | After(p\_sameBPMDelay) | | DOWN\_BPM |
| NOT(After(p\_sameBPMDelay)) | | --- |
| k\_currentActivity ≥ p\_activityThreshold | After(p\_sameBPMDelay) | | UP\_BPM |
| NOT(After(p\_sameBPMDelay)) | | --- |
| **Current State** | **Event** | | | | | | **Next State** |
| DOWN\_BPM | p\_rateModulation == e\_on | k\_currentActivity ≥ p\_activityThreshold | | After(p\_recoveryDelay) | | | SAME\_BPM |
|
| NOT(After(p\_recoveryDelay)) | | | --- |
| k\_current activity < p\_activityThreshold | | After(p\_recoveryDelay) | | k\_BPM - p\_modulationSensitivity ≥ p\_lowerRateLimit | DOWN\_BPM |
| k\_BPM - p\_modulationSensitivity < p\_lowerRateLimit | MIN\_BPM |
| NOT(After(p\_recoveryDelay)) | | | --- |
| p\_rateModulation == e\_off | After(p\_recoveryDelay) | | k\_BPM - p\_modulationSensitivity ≥ p\_lowerRateLimit | | | DOWN\_BPM |
| k\_BPM - p\_modulationSensitivity < p\_lowerRateLimit | | | MIN\_BPM |
| NOT(After(p\_recoveryDelay)) | | | | | --- |
| MAX\_BPM | p\_rateModulation == e\_off | | | | | | DOWN\_BPM |
| p\_rateModulation == e\_on | | k\_currentActivity < p\_activityThreshold | After(p\_recoveryDelay) | | | DOWN\_BPM |
| NOT(After(p\_recoveryDelay) | | | --- |
| k\_currentActivity ≥ p\_activityThreshold | | | | --- |

* If at any point, rate modulation is disabled, k\_BPM will decrease by p\_modulationSensitivty every p\_recoveryDelay until k\_BPM is equal to p\_lowerRateLimit
* If rate modulation is enabled and the current activity is greater than the threshold, k\_BPM will increase by p\_modulationSensitivity every p\_reactionDelay until it reaches p\_upperRateLimit
* If rate modulation is enabled and the current activity is less than the threshold, the BPM will remain at a constant rate for p\_sameBPMDelay
  + After p\_sameBPMDelay, if the threshold is exceeded, k\_BPM will increase by p\_modulationSensitivity every p\_reactionDelay until it reaches p\_upperRateLimit
  + After p\_sameBPMDelay, if the current activity remains less than the threshold, k\_BPM will decrease by p\_modulationSensitivty every p\_recoveryDelay until k\_BPM is equal to p\_lowerRateLimit

*Table 7: Parameters introduced for the implementation of rate modulation*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Parameter** | **Data Type** | **Description** |
| p\_rateModulation | uint8 | Indicates whether rate modulation is enabled or disabled |
| p\_modulationSensitivity | uint8 | Amount by which the BPM is increased or decreased each period |
| p\_reactionDelay | uint16 | Time to wait before comparing the patient’s current activity to the threshold when increasing the BPM |
| p\_recoveryDelay | uint16 | Time to wait before comparing the patient’s current activity to the threshold when decreasing the BPM |
| p\_sameBPMDelay | uint16 | Time to wait before comparing the patient’s current activity to the threshold when at a constant BPM |
| p\_activityThreshold | double | The amount of activity which must be exceeded in order to initiate rate modulation, 1.25g |
| k\_currentActivity | double | The measure of the patient’s current activity, which comes from the on-board accelerometer |
| k\_BPM | uint8 | Represents the current BPM rate |

### State Configurations

#### MIN\_BPM

k\_BPM = p\_lowerRateLimit

#### UP\_BPM

%New BPM is current BPM plus modulation amount

k\_BPM = k\_BPM + p\_modulationSensitivty

#### SAME\_BPM

%No change in BPM

#### DOWN\_BPM

%New BPM is current BPM minus modulation amount

k\_BPM = k\_BPM - p\_modulationSensitivity

#### MAX\_BPM

k\_bpm = p\_upperRateLimit

# APPENDIX

### Serial Inputs

*Table A-1*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Variables** | **Type** | **Description** |
| rxdata | uint8 | Variable which stores the received data (through the serial communication) |
| status | uint8 | Variable used to detect successful transmission of serial data |

### Programmable Parameters

*Table A-2*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Parameters** | **Type** | **Description** |
| p\_pacingMode | uint8 | Selects a mode based on the assigned value:  0 – AOO, 1 – VOO, 2 – AAI, 3 – VVI, 4 - DOO |
| p\_lowerRateLimit | uint8 | Specifies the minimum attainable value of BPM |
| p\_upperRateLimit | uint8 | Specifies the maximum attainable value of BPM |
| p\_atrPulseAmplitude | uint16 | Amplitude of the atrium pulse calculated for a certain frequency and duty cycle. Calculates the amplitude for the atrium chamber pulse by controlling the duty cycle.  e.g. the divide block is used to calculate duty cycle:  (3000mV/5000mV)\*100% = 60% |
| p\_ventPulseAmplitude | uint16 | Amplitude of the ventricle pulse calculated for a certain frequency and duty cycle.Calculates the amplitude for the ventricle chamber pulse by controlling the duty cycle.  e.g. the divide block is used to calculate duty cycle:  (3000mV/5000mV)\*100% = 60% |
| p\_atrPulseWidth | uint8 | Time during which the atrium chamber is paced |
| p\_ventPulseWidth | uint8 | Time during which the ventricle chamber is paced |
| p\_atrThreshold | uint16 | Used to sense activity in the atrium chamber. Value which sufficiently provides evidence of a natural pulse. Currently, set at 80% duty cycle |
| **Parameters** | **Type** | **Description** |
| p\_ventThreshold | uint16 | Used to sense activity in the ventricle chamber. Value which sufficiently provides evidence of a natural pulse. Currently, set at 80% duty cycle |
| p\_arpDelay | uint16 | Defines the refractory period in the atrium chamber |
| p\_vrpDelay | uint16 | Defines the refractory period in the ventricle chamber |
| p\_fixedAVDelay | uint16 | Specifies the duration between an atrium and ventricle pace |
| p\_rateModulation | uint8 | Specifies whether rate modulation is enabled or disabled |
| p\_modulationSenstivity | uint8 | Specifies the amount by which the rate changes per event |

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### Local Variables

*Table A-3*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Parameters** | **Type** | **Description** |
| k\_sampleRate | uint8 | COM\_IN subsystem - Specifies the period by which the egram data is sampled |
| k\_echoData | uint8 | COM\_IN/COM\_OUT subsystems - second byte of the received serial data. Represents which data string needs to be sent back to the DCM. |
| k\_paramData | 21 bytes | COM\_OUT subsystem - collection of all the programmable parameters which is collated to be sent back to the DCM. |
| k\_egramData | 21 bytes | COM\_OUT subsystem - contains voltage readings of the m\_atrSigna and m\_ventSignal. |
| k\_transmitData | 21 bytes | COM\_OUT subsystem - holds a string of data which is either k\_paramData or k\_egramData. |

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### Monitored Variables

*Table A-4*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Parameters** | **Type** | **Description** |
| m\_atrSignal | Double / 8-bytes | Outputs the analog signal of the atrium chamber - represents whats is happening in the heart in real-time. Used to collect information, in mV, about atrial electrogram. |
| m\_ventSignal | Double / 8-bytes | Outputs the analog signal of the ventricle chamber - represents whats is happening in the heart in real-time. Used to collect information, in mV, about ventricular electrogram. |
| m\_pushButton | SW2 | A physical push button used to delay an artificial beat |
| m\_atrCMPDetect | Input (∵, pin’s value is read from the microcontroller to observe natural pacing) | Used in the sensing circuitry. When a signal higher than threshold voltage is detected in the atrium chamber, pin D0 is set to HIGH, and OFF otherwise (includes 5mV hysteresis). |
| m\_ventCMPDetect | Input (∵, pin’s value is read from the microcontroller to observe natural pacing) | Used in the sensing circuitry. When a signal higher than threshold voltage is detected in the ventricular chamber, pin D1 is set to HIGH, and OFF otherwise (includes 5mV hysteresis). |

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### Controlled Variables

*Table A-5*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Parameters** | **Type** | **Description** |
| c\_atrPaceCtrl | Boolean | When this controllable switch is closed, the current in the primary capacitor can drain and potentially, induce a contraction in atrium.  Remember to turn OFF c\_paceChargeCtrl to avoid connecting the atrium directly with the PWM signal. |
| c\_ventPaceCtrl | Boolean | When this controllable switch is closed, the current in the primary capacitor can drain and potentially, induce a contraction in ventricle.  Remember to turn OFF c\_paceChargeCtrl to avoid connecting the atrium directly with the PWM signal. |
| c\_pacingRefPWM | uint8 | Controls the charge of the primary capacitor with duty cycle controlling the capacitor’s voltage |
| c\_paceChargeCtrl | Boolean | Required to charge the primary capacitor for pacing capabilities. To achieve this, set pin D2 to HIGH.  Make sure to turn OFF pin D8 or D9, before setting pin D2 to HIGH. |
| c\_paceGNDCtrl | Boolean | This is the final link in the chain of inducing a heartbeat. If this variable is left ON, along with either of the c\_...PaceCtrl, then a pulse is created in the respective chamber. |
| c\_atrGNDCtrl | Boolean | Used to discharge excess charge buildup at the tip of the electrode in the atrium. |
| c\_ventGNDCtrl | Boolean | Used to discharge excess charge buildup at the tip of the electrode in the ventricle. |
| c\_zAtrCtrl | Boolean | Used to monitor the impedance of the atrium chamber. Impedance can be measured at Z\_signal pin A2. |
| **Parameters** | **Type** | **Description** |
| c\_zVentCtrl | Boolean | Used to monitor the impedance of the ventricle chamber. Impedance can be measured at Z\_signal pin A2. |
| c\_frontEndCtrl | Boolean | Deployed in activating the sensing modes. This variable stays OFF unless sensing of the heartbeat is required. |
| c\_atrCMPRefPWM | uint8 | Used to set a threshold voltage for sensing in the atrium chamber. |
| c\_VentCMPRefPWM | uint8 | Used to set a threshold voltage for sensing in the ventricle chamber. |
| c\_blueLED | Boolean | Used to flash blue LED when atrium is paced artificially. |
| c\_redLED | Boolean | Used to flash red LED when ventricle is paced artificially. |

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## PACEMAKER\_FSM State Configurations

### INIT

*Table A-6*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| c\_frontEndCtrl = true; | Enables the sensing circuitry. In this assignment, the sensing mode is activated, however this parameter can be set to false as well. |
| c\_pacingRefPWM = 0; | Turn OFF voltage supply |
| c\_paceChargeCtrl = false; | OPEN connection between the voltage supply and C22 capacitor. Stops charging of C22 capacitor. |
| c\_atrPaceCtrl = false; | OPEN connection between C22 capacitor and the atrium chamber. Halts any pacing in the atrium chamber. |
| c\_ventPaceCtrl = false; | OPEN connection between C22 capacitor and the ventricle chamber. Halts any pacing in the ventricle chamber. |
| c\_atrGNDCtrl = false; | OPEN connection between the atrium and GND |
| c\_ventGNDCtrl = false; | OPEN connection between the ventricle and GND |
| c\_paceGNDCtrl = false; | No discharging of C21 capacitor |
| c\_blueLED = false; | Built-in LED is off (used to indicate an event of artificial pacing in the atrium chamber) |
| c\_redLED = false; | Built-in LED is off (used to indicate an event of artificial pacing in the ventricle chamber) |

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### V\_CHARGING

*Table A-7*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| c\_ventCMPRefPWM = p\_ventThreshold; | Not needed in this mode (useful during sensing) |
| c\_pacingRefPWM = p\_ventPulseAmplitude; | Assigning the PWM reference value to a programmable variable to be able to control it with GUI |
| c\_paceGNDCtrl = true; | Discharge Step #1 – to drain the C21 capacitor (blocking capacitor) |
| c\_ventPaceCtrl = false; | Discharge Step #2 – blocks current to go back to C22 capacitor |
| c\_zAtrCtrl = false; | No measurement of impedance in the leads or atrium muscles |
| c\_zVentCtrl = false; | No measurement of impedance in the leads or ventricular muscles |
| c\_atrPaceCtrl = false; | Turns off atrium response in this mode |
| c\_atrGNDCtrl = false; | Turns OFF atrium GND connections |
| c\_ventGNDCtrl = true; | Discharge Step #3 – current from C21 flows to the GND |
| c\_paceChargeCtrl = true; | Charge Step #1 – since C22 is only connected to the voltage supply, it can independently charge the C22 capacitor |
| c\_redLED = false; | Built-in LED is off (used to indicate an event of artificial pacing in the ventricle chamber) |

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### V\_PACING

*Table A-8*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| c\_paceChargeCtrl = false; | Now, we cut off the power supply to the C22 capacitor |
| c\_paceGNDCtrl = true; | Allows a direct connection between capacitor C22 and C21 |
| c\_atrPaceCtrl = false; | No involvement of atrium modes |
| c\_atrGNDCtrl = false; | Limits the functionality available only for ventricle chamber |
| c\_zAtrCtrl = false; | Not involving impedance as a factor in this case |
| c\_zVentCtrl = false; | Not involving impedance from any chambers |
| c\_ventGNDCtrl = false; | Makes sure that the current does not flow back to the GND terminal |
| c\_ventPaceCtrl = true; | Finally, switch activation to let the current flow from C22 to C21 capacitor |
| c\_redLED = true; | Built-in LED is ON (used to indicate an event of artificial pacing in the ventricle chamber) |

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### A\_CHARGING

*Table A-9*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| c\_atrCMPRefPWM = p\_atrThreshold; | Not needed in this mode (useful during sensing) |
| c\_pacingRefPWM = p\_atrPulseAmplitude; | Assigning the PWM reference value to a programmable variable to be able to control it with GUI |
| c\_paceGNDCtrl = true; | Discharge Step #1 – to drain the C21 capacitor (blocking capacitor) |
| c\_atrPaceCtrl = false; | Discharge Step #2 – blocks current to go back to C22 capacitor |
| c\_zAtrCtrl = false; | No measurement of impedance in the leads or atrium muscles |
| c\_zVentCtrl = false; | No measurement of impedance in the leads or ventricular muscles |
| c\_ventPaceCtrl = false; | Turns off ventricular response in this mode |
| c\_ventGNDCtrl = false; | Turns OFF ventricular GND connections |
| c\_atrGNDCtrl = true; | Discharge Step #3 – current from C21 flows to the GND |
| c\_paceChargeCtrl = true; | Charge Step #1 – since C22 is only connected to the voltage supply, it can independently charge the C22 capacitor |
| c\_blueLED = false; | Built-in LED is off (used to indicate an event of artificial pacing in the atrium chamber) |

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### A\_PACING

*Table A-10*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| c\_paceChargeCtrl = false; | Now, we cut off the power supply to the C22 capacitor |
| c\_paceGNDCtrl = true; | Allows a direct connection between capacitor C22 and C21 |
| c\_ventPaceCtrl = false; | No involvement of ventricular modes |
| c\_ventGNDCtrl = false; | Limits the functionality available only for atrium chamber |
| c\_zAtrCtrl = false; | Not involving impedance as a factor in this case |
| c\_zVentCtrl = false; | Not involving impedance from any chambers |
| c\_atrGNDCtrl = false; | Makes sure that the current does not flow back to the GND terminal |
| c\_atrPaceCtrl = true; | Finally, switch activation to let the current flow from C22 to C21 capacitor |
| c\_blueLED = true; | Built-in LED is ON (used to indicate an event of artificial pacing in the atrium chamber) |