

THE GNU CONTROL SYSTEM AT CAMD: PART TWO

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Plans and activities to upgrade the control system of the storage ring at CAMD have been reported previously [1]. The success of the project to replace VAX/VMS with PC/Linux will be reported. The design objectives of utilizing inexpensive hardware and free software were realized. The accommodation of a new superconducting wiggler and the complexity of its field ramp was completely successful. The next objective will be to upgrade the control system of the injector linac by replacing VME/OS9 with a combination of PC/Linux and PLC's. All equipment protection will be handled by the PLC's and the man-machine interface will be implemented with PC/Linux. This will eventually allow integration with the control system of the storage ring. This, in turn, will ultimately allow a much greater number of automated tasks in routine operation of the facility.

[1] B. Craft and P. Jines, "The GNU Control System at CAMD", Proceedings of the 1997 ICALEPCS, pp. 194-196., 1997