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Design and commissioning of a high-level control system for a medical isochronous cyclotron

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MEDICYC (MEDical CYCлотron) is an isochronous cyclotron dedicated to radiotherapy which was built and commissioned in Nice, France, in 1990 by a local team aided by experts from CERN. The cyclotron accelerates H⁻ to a maximum energy of 65 MeV and uses stripping to extract a proton beam. Its primary purpose is treating ocular melanoma by protontherapy but a significant research activity is also present on beam-lines dedicated for this purpose.

An extensive refurbishment program of the cyclotron has been started to cope with the end-of-life and/or the obsolescence of several sub-systems. In this context, a new high-level cyclotron control system has been developed and implemented in 2021-2023. The primary responsibility of the system is the high-level coordination of the H⁻ source, the RF system and the beam-line and cyclotron magnets to produce and deliver a beam with a given set of characteristics. A secondary responsibility is the collection, visualization and analysis of sub-system and beam data for monitoring and pre-emptive fault detection.

In this contribution, the control system software architecture is presented and the infrastructure on which the systems are deployed is laid out.

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