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The low-level RF (LLRF) systems for S-band linear accelerating structures are typically implemented with heterodyne base architectures. We have developed and characterized the next generation LLRF (NG-LLRF) based on the RF system-on-chip (RFSoC) for C-band accelerating structures and the platform delivered the pulse-topulse fluctuation levels considerably better than the requirement of the targeted applications. The NG-LLRF system uses the direct RF sampling technique of the RFSoC, which significantly simplified the architecture compared with the conventional LLRF. We have extended the frequency range of the NG-LLRF to S-band and experimented with different RFSoC devices and system designs to meet the more stringent requirement for S-band LLRF applications. In this paper, the characterization results of the platform with different system architectures will be summarized and the high-power test results of the NG-LLRF with the S-band accelerating structure in the Next Linear Collider Test Accelerator (NLCTA) test facility at SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory will be presented and analyzed.

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