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Abstract

The development of low cost, high performance micro processors and communications modules has enhanced the data reporting capabilities of present nuclear radiation monitoring systems and has created new applications for both data collection and data analysis. The improved instrumentation tools have overcome prior cost considerations and/or physical impracticalities. A system of networked instrumentation is described using standard, readily available hardware and software components. Three examples are given of the network's use in radiation detection situations. The examples are hardware and software independent and can be implemented with standard software on a number of commercially available computers with little or no vendor support.