

Automated Industrial Wind Tunnel Network Control with LabView

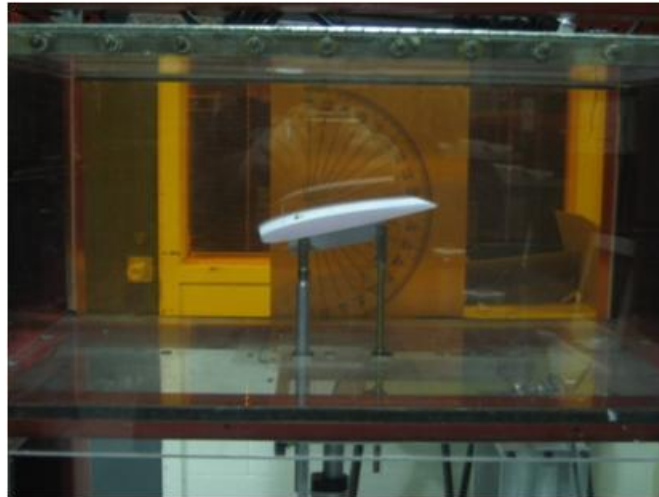
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Presentation Outline

- Previous Work
- Preliminary Work
- Project Details
 - System Overview
 - New National Instruments Hardware
 - LabView Graphical Programming Environment
- Equipment and Parts List
- Timeline



Previous Work

Michael Firman and Benjamin Morisson Web Based Wind Tunnel Control System 2010

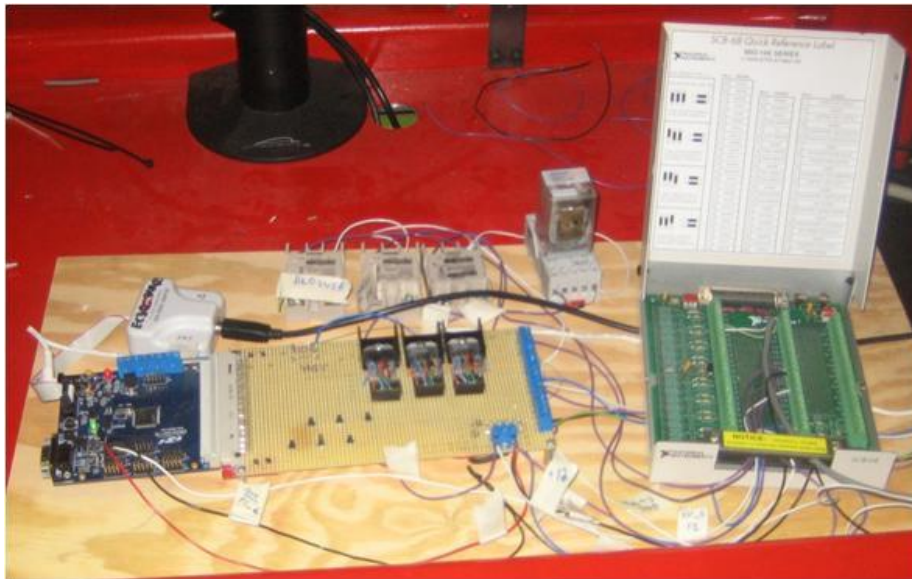
- System analysis
- Solid state relays to isolate control of damper and fan motors from control system
- Microcontroller and h-bridge design to control linear actuators

Adam Green Wind Tunnel Control (Remote Control and Measurement of Wind Tunnel System) 2011

- Network access to controls and measurements
- Use LabView on local PC to control wind tunnel
- Redesigned H-bridge interface with actuator(s) so that the attack angle of the object can be changed

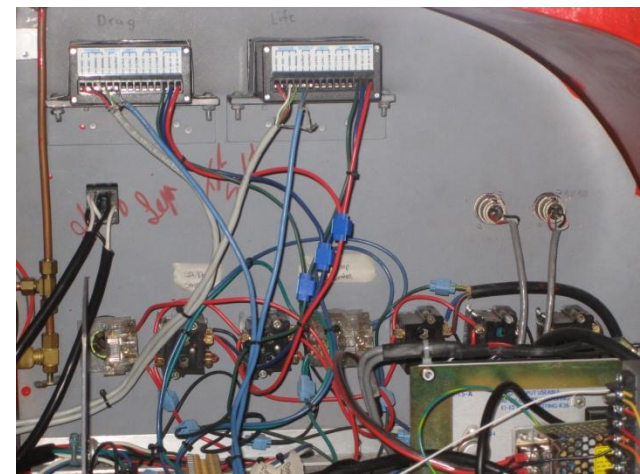
Daniel Monahan and Nicholas DeTrempe Automated Industrial Wind Tunnel 2012

- Replace National Instruments analog to digital converter with microcontroller
- Work on LabView user interface

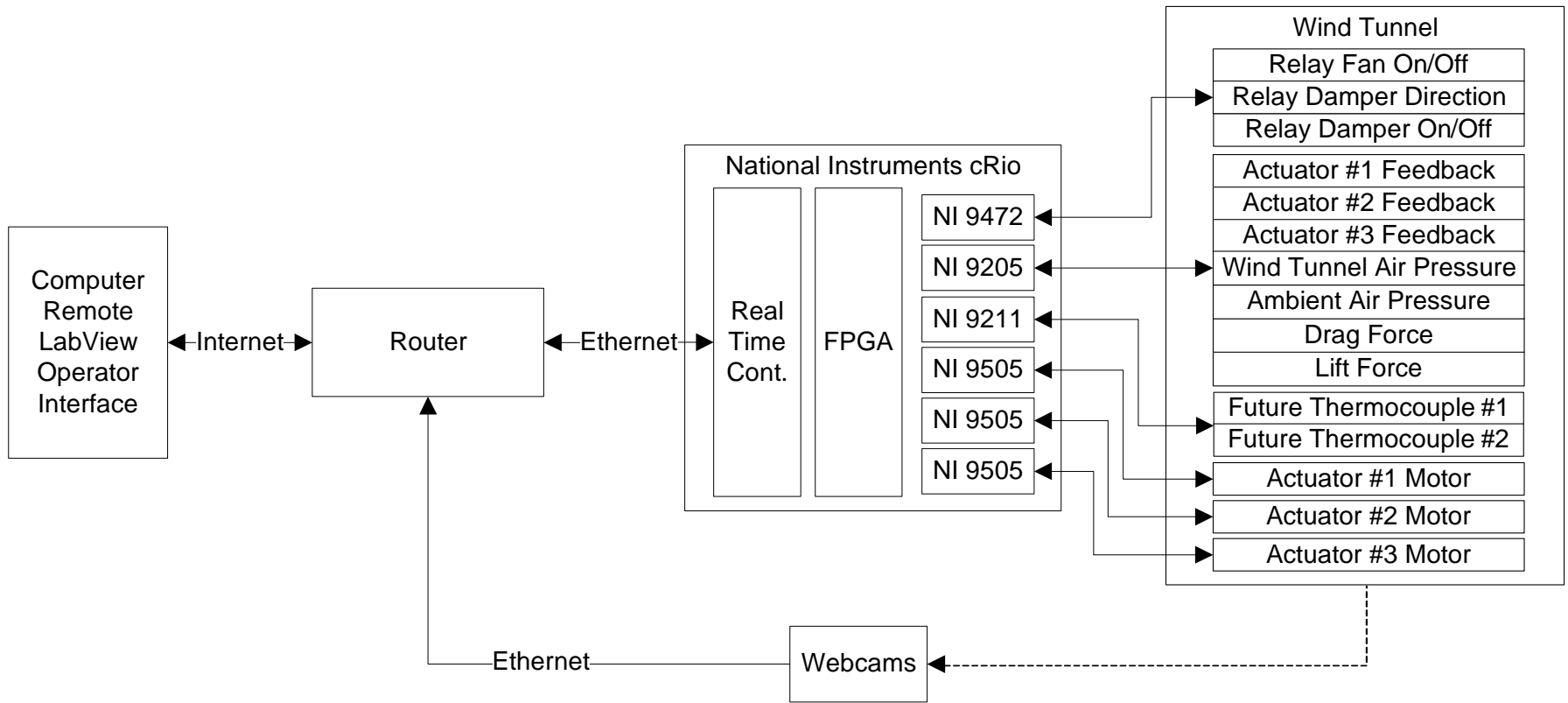


Preliminary Work

- Collected product requirements from customer
- Derived wind tunnel I/O control specifications from past project documentation
- Researched available LabView hardware for an affordable solution that would best interface as the wind tunnel controller
- Contacted National Instruments about the best way to host a LabView server
- Finalized functionality and hardware parts list by discussing it with the customer



Overall System with Proposed New Hardware



National Instruments cRIO – 9074



- Rugged, embedded control and monitoring system
- 400 MHz industrial real-time processor for control, data logging, and analysis
- 2M gate, 8-slot FPGA chassis for custom I/O timing, control, and processing
- Two 10/100BASE-T Ethernet ports; RS232 serial port for connection to peripherals
- Single 19 to 30 VDC power supply input
- 8 slot chassis

Analog Input NI - 9205



ADC Project Requirements

(Minimum 10-bit ADC Resolution)

- Wind tunnel pressure sensor (0-5V)
- Ambient pressure sensor (0-5V)
- Actuator one position feedback (0-5V)
- Actuator two position feedback (0-5V)
- Actuator three position feedback (0-5V)
- Lift force sensor (0-1V)
- Drag force sensor (0-1V)

National Instruments 9205 Quick Hardware Specifications

- 32 single-ended or 16 differential analog inputs
- 16-bit resolution; 250 kS/s aggregate sampling rate
- ± 200 mV, ± 1 , ± 5 , and ± 10 V programmable input ranges
- Overvoltage protection; isolation; NIST-traceable calibration

Thermocouple Input NI - 9211

Temperature Project Requirements

- Support for two future thermocouples



National Instruments 9211 Quick Hardware Specifications

- 4 thermocouple or ± 80 mV analog inputs
- 24-bit resolution; 50/60 Hz noise rejection
- Works over temperature ranges defined by NIST (J, K, T, E, N, B, R, S thermocouple types)

Digital Output NI - 9472



Digital Output Project Requirements

(Transition time < 1s, 5-24V, 7mA)

Solid state relay for fan on/off control

Solid state relay for damper on/off control

Solid state relay for damper direction control

National Instruments 9472 Quick Hardware Specifications

- 8-channel, 100 μ s digital output
- 6 to 30 V range, sourcing digital output
- Extreme industrial certifications/ratings

Motor Controller NI - 9505

Motor Controller Project Requirements

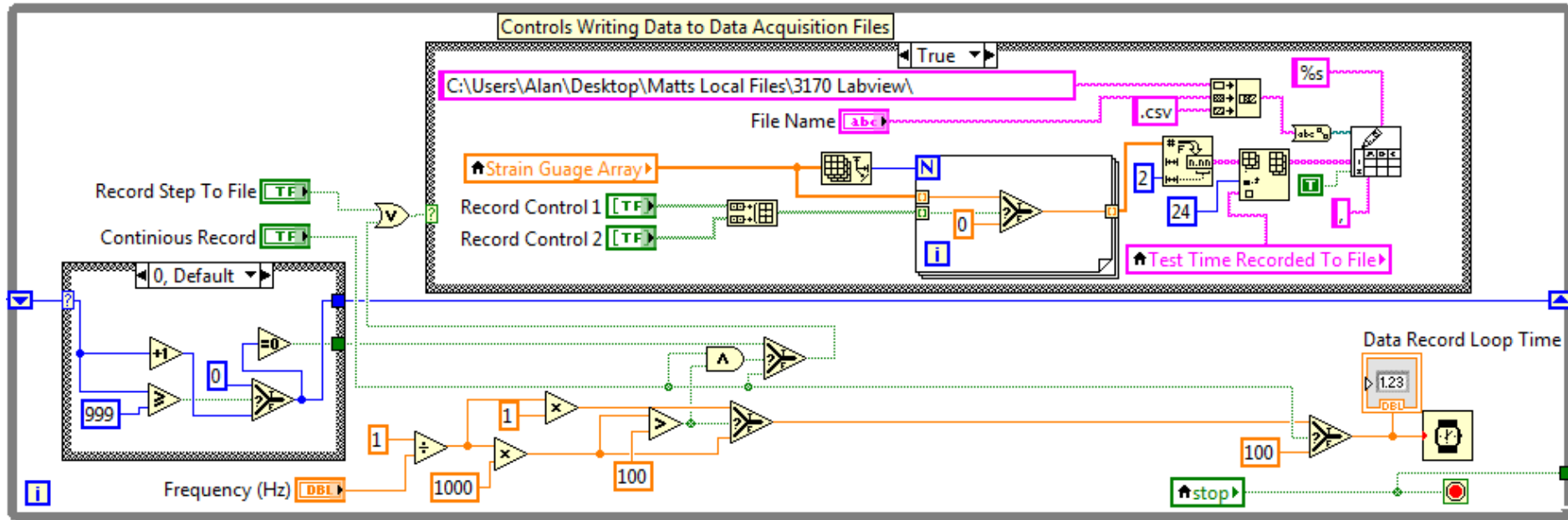
- Control FA-PO-150-12-4 linear actuator
- Bi-directional control
- Operating current 3 amps
- Inrush current 7 amps



National Instruments 9211 Quick Hardware Specifications

- Continuous current of up to 5 amps at 40 °C
- Full H-bridge brushed servo motor drive with a built-in current sensor
- Peak current 12 amps < 2 seconds max
- Direct connectivity to actuators - fractional horsepower brushed DC servo motors, relays, lamps

LabView Graphical Programming Interface



Example: Writing to File Loop

Equipment and Parts List

- NI cRIO - 9074
- Analog Input Card NI-9205
- Thermocouple Input Card NI-9211
- Digital Input Card NI-9472
- Three Motor Controller Cards NI-9505
- Local PC with LabView software
-(Real Time and FPGA Modules)
- Wind Tunnel System and Peripheral Components



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