# **XTS TRANSPORT LAYER – a station based approach**



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#### 1. Introduction

#### 2. Requirements

- XtsTransport (main control)
- Xpu (XTS Processing Unit)
- CaGroup (Collision Avoidance)
- Mover (MC and CA)
- Station (process handshake)

- use with any cyclic runtime
- use with non cyclic software
- 4. Examples
- 5. License

## XTS TRANSPORT LAYER (HAUD)

#### 1. Introduction

- This project collection is intended to convey the idea of a stand alone XTS transport layer to use in heterogen environments / applications.
- The main idea is that for every station a corresponding position on the xts exists.
- In order to reduce the amount of repetitive work when implementing a XTS into a machine, this
  project collection may help to put a transport layer in place
- A transport layer shall work a combination of discrete processes and continuous processes
- A transport layer shall have an interface for guiding a mover through a process station
- A transport layer shall have an interface to manipulate a mover
- A transport layer shall have an interface for setting-up or clearing the CollisionAvoidance Group

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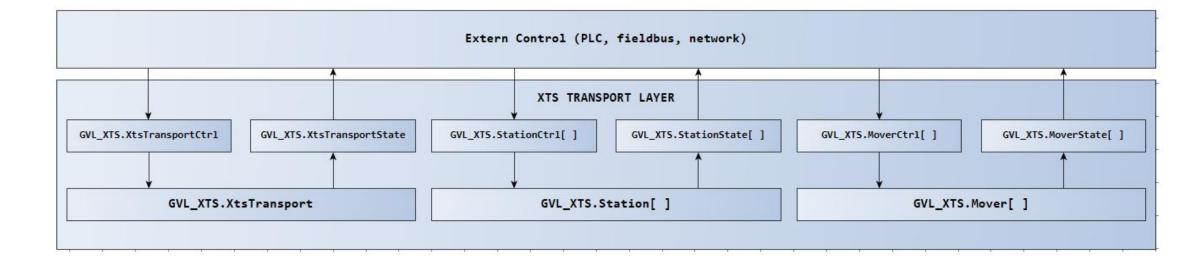
#### 1. Introduction

- The XTS transport system enables a flexible product transport for various use cases.
- In combination with the Collision Avoidance library sending movers does not require extra monitoring of the movement. The Collision Avoidance Group is controlling the gap between movers. The gap is an input parameter of the CA motion function blocks.
- Can be used for a station based approach, in which a station class is available for interaction with your process control.
- Can be used for a mover based approach, your process control has a direct connection to every mover.
- Can be used as a combination of station based and mover based approach.
- The use of predefined datafields also enables control of XTS TRANSPORT LAYER via fieldbus or network.

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#### 1. Introduction

- designed for use with extern cyclic or non cyclic flow control (PLC, EtherCAT, any network)
  - Ctrl / State datafields for extern to access
- station based approach and individual manipulation of mover
- handshake in station with extern process flow (ST\_STATION\_CTRL / ST\_STATION\_STATE)
- individual cyclic mover interface with given set of movement functionalities (ST\_MOVER\_CTRL / ST\_MOVER\_STATE)



## 2. Requirements

- TransportUnit
  - Access to CA group function blocks (interface pointer)
  - Access to Stations (interface pointer)
  - Access to Movers (interface pointer)
  - Commands for getting all members to defined state
  - Cyclic interface for access from extern control
    - Ctrl (write): command
    - State (read): response to command
      - information from Xpu
      - Information from CA Group

### 2. Requirements

- Xpu (XTS Processing Unit)
  - Check Init Parameter
  - Check Online Parameter
  - Get Module Info Data
  - Connect TcCOM Objects to instances from XTS\_Utility.lib function blocks
  - Cyclic plausibility checks
    - Mover ID detection after init
  - Cyclic interface for access from main control
    - Ctrl (write): command
    - State (read): response to command
    - Info (read): details from cyclic checks

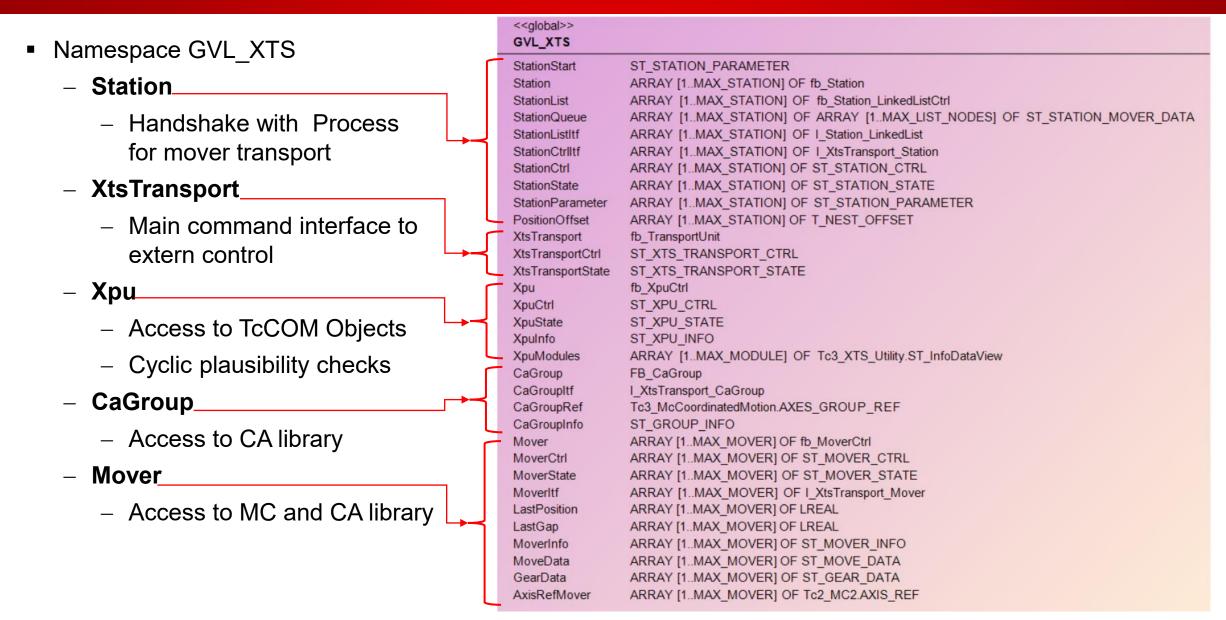
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- CaGroup
  - Access to group function blocks
  - Access to movers for group commands
  - Get Group Info Data
  - Implements interface pointer for use in
    - TransportUnit

- Mover
  - Access to MC function blocks
  - Access to CA function blocks
  - Cyclic interface for access from extern control
    - Ctrl (write): command
    - Data (write): command parameter
    - State (read): response to command
  - Implements Interface pointer for access from:
    - TransportUnit
    - Station
    - CaGroup

### 2. Requirements

- Station
  - Handshake mover transport with extern control
  - Close observation of movements in station with feedback to extern control
  - Linked List for movers in queue for infeed into station
  - Access to Linked List of target station for outfeed of mover
  - Cyclic interface for access from extern control
    - Ctrl (write): command and parameter
    - State (read): response to command and information about mover and queue
  - requires interface pointer to MC functionblocks

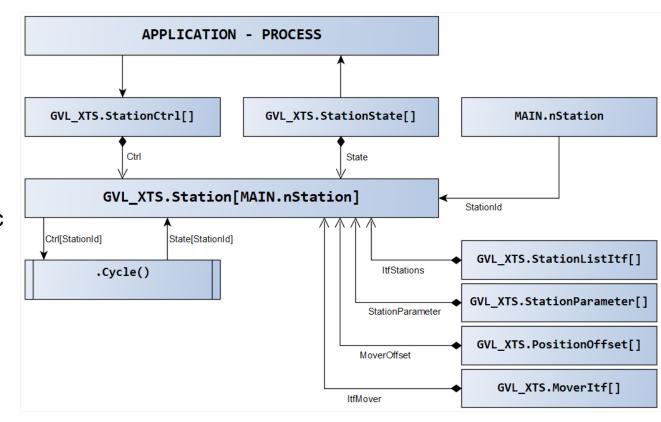


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- GVL\_XTS.Station
  - fb\_Station[].Cycle
    - State machine for handshaking with extern control
      - Init (clears everything in station)
      - Fnable
      - Mover Enter
      - Stop Position(s)
      - Mover Out
      - Empty
    - Control writes ticket for mover
      - MoverId
      - TargetStation
      - Mask
      - Offset

```
fb Station
                 UINT
nStationId
                 STRING(255)
_sState
                 E PROGRESS
elnitList
                 E STATION_STATE
_eFatalError
                 REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF ST_STATION_CTRL
_stCtrl
                 REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF ST_STATION_STATE
_stState
stStationCtrl
                 ST_STATION_CTRL
stStationState
                 ST_STATION_STATE
_ltfStation
                 REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF I_Station_LinkedList
_ltfMover
                 REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1..MAX_MOVER] OF I_XtsTransport_Mover
_rMoverOffset
                 REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF T_NEST_OFFSET
                 REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF ST_STATION_PARAMETER
_stParameter
_Mover
                 REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1..MAX_MOVER] OF AXIS_REF
                 ST_STATION_LIST_RESULT
_stListEnter
                 ST STATION LIST RESULT
stListTarget
stListDelete
                 ST STATION LIST RESULT
_stMoverDataSend ST_STATION_MOVER_DATA
stMoverData
                 ST_STATION_MOVER_DATA
_stMoveData
                 ST_MOVE_DATA
                 E_PROGRESS
Result
                 E_PROGRESS
_eState
                 UINT
nNest
_nMoverDetected
nMoverInStation
_nTargetStation
                 UINT
                 UINT
_rModActPosFetch LREAL
_stMsg
                 ST_Message
                 E_MessageType
_eMessageLevel
Ctrl
                 REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF ST_STATION_CTRL {property}
                 REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1..MAX_MOVER] OF I_XtsTransport_Mover {property}
ItfMover
                 REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1..MAX STATION] OF I Station LinkedList (property)
ItfStations
MessageLevel
                 e_messagetype {property}
Mover
                 REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1..MAX_MOVER] OF AXIS_REF {property}
MoverOffset
                 REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF T_NEST_OFFSET {property}
State
                 REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF ST_STATION_STATE {property}
StationId
                 UINT (property)
                 REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF ST_STATION_PARAMETER {property}
StationParameter
Check()
              BOOL
Cycle()
DelBitWord(...) WORD
GetBitWord(...) BOOL
Init()
              e progress
LogState(...)
MoveData()
MoverOut()
SetBitWord(...) WORD
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- GVL\_XTS.Station
  - nStation index is passed as value from caller
  - Global datafields are passed as references
     (REF=) into fb\_Station properties
    - Ctrl / State: handshakes
    - ItfStations: interface pointer to linked list methods for getting and setting of mover data
    - StationParameter: Coordinates and dynamic constraint of XtsStation
    - MoverOffset: correction values for every mover in every station with every nest (StopPos[])
    - ItfMover: interface pointer to CA movements



- GVL\_XTS.Station (Planning requirements for use of fb\_Station)
  - Put the Modulo turn anywhere, BUT NOT within PosWait, PosStop, ReleaseDistance of a station.
     The code does not support crossing the modulo turn within a station.
  - Since the project is designed for stations to send movers to a flexible target, with flexible nest positions, the control struct of a station you have to use, to forward those parameters together with the mover ID
    - ST\_STATION\_CTRL.nMask: commands the nest count and nest position of the mover in target station
    - **ST\_STATION\_CTRL.nTargetStation**: index of station in GVL\_XTS.StationParameter[]
  - The Use of LinkedList methods (AddTail, GetHead) requires thought about when the mover is entered into the target station.
  - all coordinates are modulo values, from station to station only forward,
     within station: movement by use of nest offset(PosStop[]) or use of ST\_MOVER\_CTRL.
  - IF move backwards required you have to make sure that there is room for it
    - Check PosStop[]
    - Each PosStop[] is relative to PosWait

- GVL\_XTS.Station (Example)
- ST\_STATION\_PARAMETER: parallel Xts stations for a process with common waiting position
  - Process uses GVL\_XTS.Station[1] to GVL\_XTS.Station[4]
    - Define PosWait(Queue position)
      - [1].rPosWait := 100
      - [2].rPosWait := 100
      - [3].rPosWait := 100
      - [4].rPosWait := 100
    - Define how many rPosStop(nests) the stations may have (configured count)
      - [1].nConfiguredStopCount := 1 (default)
      - [2].nConfiguredStopCount := 1
      - [3].nConfiguredStopCount := 1
      - [4].nConfiguredStopCount := 1

- Process uses GVL\_XTS.Station[1] to GVL\_XTS.Station[4]
  - Define the process position(s) relative to rPosWait
    - [1].rPosStop[1] := 100
    - [2].rPosStop[1] := 200
    - [3].rPosStop[1] := 300
    - [4].rPosStop[1] := 400
  - The ReleaseDistance of the last station shall be shortest, all other stations follow accordingly.
    - [1].rReleaseDistance := 40
    - [2].rReleaseDistance := 30
    - [3].rReleaseDistance := 20
    - [4].rReleaseDistance := 10

GVL\_XTS.Station (Example)

#### using stations sparsely:

- In this case it is easiest to always handshake the stations and use the forwarding command if a station shall be skipped.
- On Infeed state of mover, use: **E\_STATION\_CTRL**. **STATION\_MOVER\_SEND**.

#### deactivating stations:

- Make sure the queue is empty before deactivating, since the waiting mover will hold up all other, in case of required deactivation while movers are in the queue:
  - handshake mover with E\_STATION\_CTRL.STATION\_MOVER\_SEND to new target station if mover in queue cannot be processed
  - Handshake regular infeed if mover in queue can still be processed.
  - Do not send any new mover to the station in question
    - If queue of station is empty: E\_STATION\_CTRL.STATION\_DISABLE
    - preceding stations continue workflow with changed ST\_STATION\_CTRL.nTargetStation

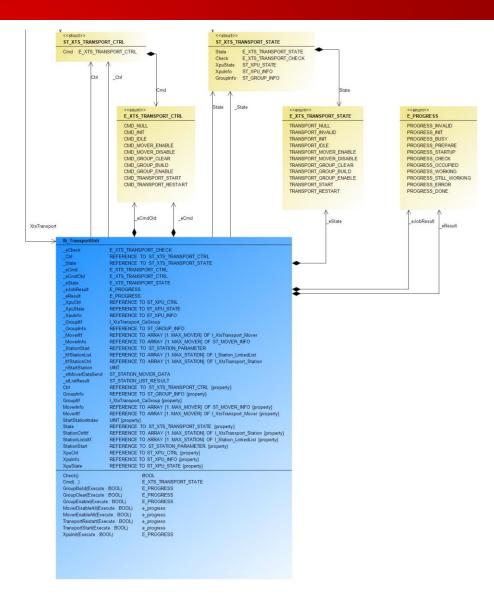
- GVL\_XTS.Station
  - Ctrl[nStation] : ST\_STATION\_CTRL
    - eCmd (E\_STATION\_CTRL):
      - enumeration for handshakes with State[nStation].eState (E\_STATION\_STATE)
    - nMask (BYTE):
      - bit mask to be used with multiple stop positions within a XtsStation.
         This mask tells the target station which StopPos[] (nest) has to be worked.
    - nTargetStation (USINT):
      - target to send mover to GVL\_XTS.Station[nTargetStation].rPosWait
    - rOffset (REAL):
      - Optional offset for mover, used in target station in addition to static offset

- GVL\_XTS.Station
  - State[nStation] : ST\_STATION\_STATE
    - eState (E\_STATION\_STATE):
      - Enumeration for active station state, Ctrl has to react to
    - nMask (BYTE):
      - Bitmask for active PosStop[] (nest)
    - nMoverld (USINT):
      - Active mover index in station
    - rMoverModPos (LREAL):
      - Modulo position of active mover
    - nQueue (USINT):
      - Count of movers, which were sent to XtsStation

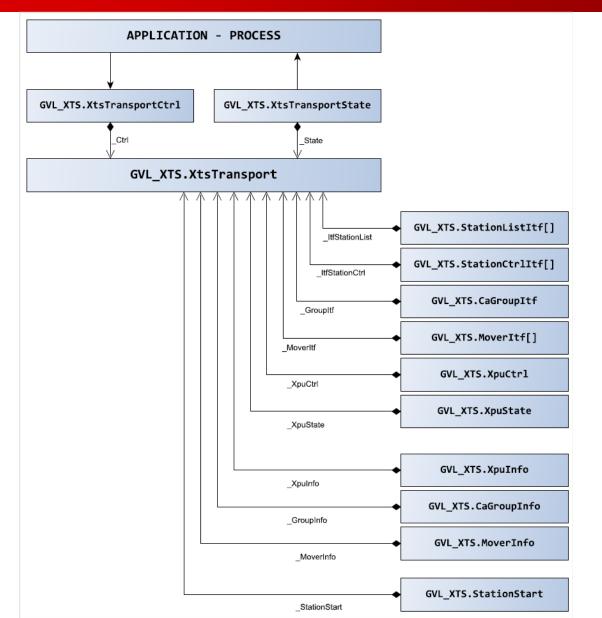
### GVL\_XTS.StationParameter

- sText :
  - Description only
- rPosWait :
  - start of station, a sending station is using this value to send mover to
- rReleaseDistance :
  - distance mover has to travel (from ActPos) in order for station to go back to mover detection
- rGap :
  - Active gap on infeed and outfeed of station
- rVelo :
  - Active velocity on infeed and outfeed of station
- rAccDec :
  - Active dyn constraint
- rJerk:
  - Active dyn constraint
- nConfiguredStopCount :
  - Count of PosStop (nests) a mover may has to stop at in XtsStation
- rPosStop[] :
  - Relative to rPosWait

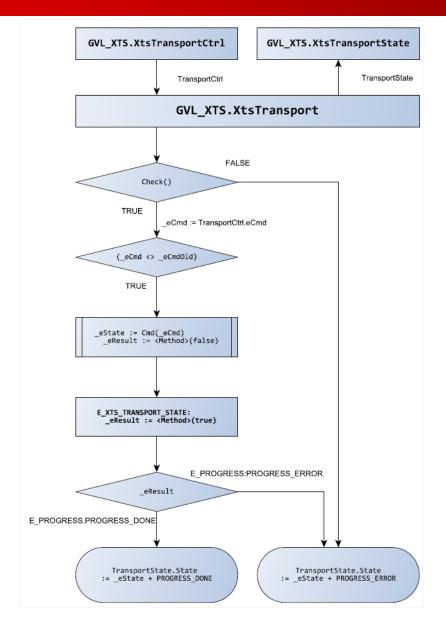
- TransportUnit
  - Fb\_TransportUnit():
    - Top level control of XtsTransport
    - Cycle check for change of command:
      - E\_XTS\_TRANSPORT\_CTRL.
        - CMD\_INIT
        - CMD\_IDLE
        - CMD\_MOVER\_ENABLE
        - CMD\_MOVER\_DISABLE
        - CMD\_GROUP\_CLEAR
        - CMD\_GROUP\_BUILD
        - CMD\_GROUP\_ENABLE
        - CMD\_TRANSPORT\_START



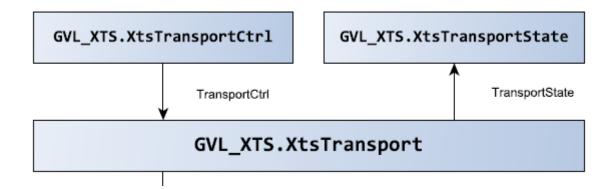
- TransportUnit
  - Fb\_TransportUnit():
    - Members:



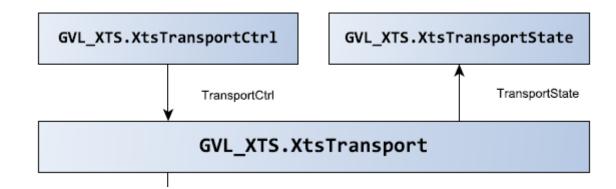
- TransportUnit
  - Fb\_TransportUnit():
    - Change of command triggers execution
    - Execution result is added to state
    - Extern control needs to react to BUSY,
       DONE or ERROR



- TransportUnit
  - GVL\_XTS.XtsTransportCtrl:ST\_TRANSPORT\_UNIT\_CTRL
    - Struct for commanding FB\_TransportUnit
    - eCmd : E\_XTS\_TRANSPORT\_CTRL

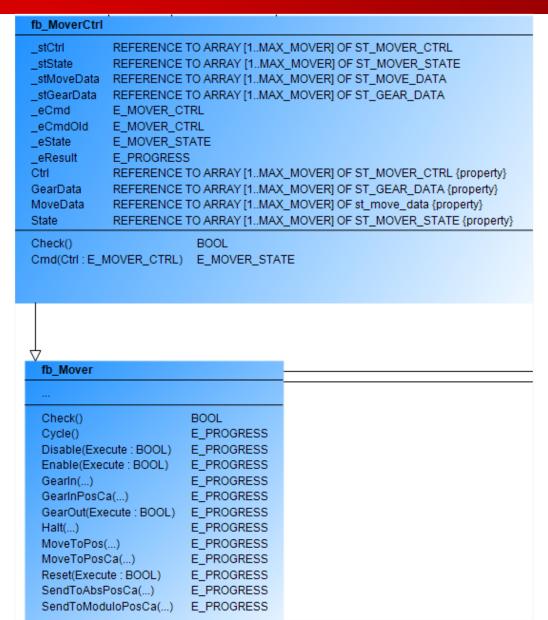


- TransportUnit
  - GVL\_XTS.XtsTransportState:ST\_TRANSPORT\_UNIT\_STATE
  - State: combines active command and result
  - Check: cyclic pointer checks
  - XpuState: state from fb\_Xpu
  - XpuInfo: cyclic plausibility checks to TcCOM Objects
  - GroupInfo: cyclic information from FB\_CaGroup

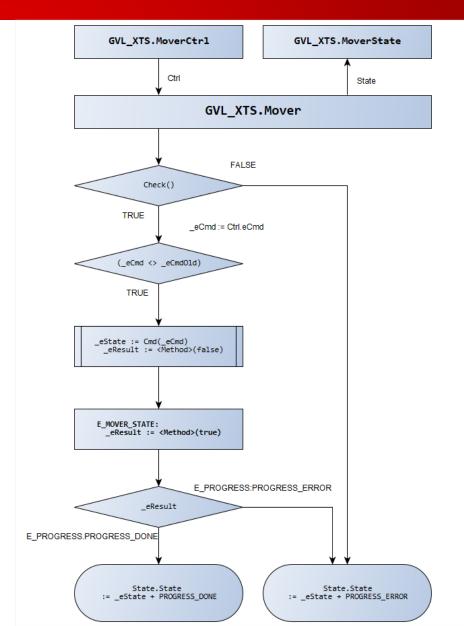


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ST XTS TRANSPORT STATE + X
        {attribute 'pack_mode' := '2'}
        TYPE ST XTS TRANSPORT STATE :
        STRUCT
                         : E XTS TRANSPORT STATE;
          State
                         : E XTS TRANSPORT CHECK;
          Check
          XpuState
                         : ST XPU STATE;
          XpuInfo
                         : ST XPU INFO;
                         : ST_GROUP_INFO;
          GroupInfo
        END STRUCT
        END TYPE
```

- GVL\_XTS.Mover[] (fb\_MoverCtrl)
  - Inherits fb\_Mover
    - Access to MC function blocks in library
    - Implements Interface for use in other classes
  - Contains cyclic interface
    - OnChange check of command
    - Ctrl datafield for setting commands
    - State data field for checking responses
    - Parameter datafields for using motion functions



- fb\_MoverCtrl:
  - Mover index is passed as value from caller
  - Global datafields are passed as references
     (REF=) into fb\_MoverCtrl properties
    - OnChange Ctrl / State: handshakes
      - standard return value for method (E\_PROGRESS)
    - OnExec log LastPosition of CA/MC function
    - OnExec log LastGap on CA function



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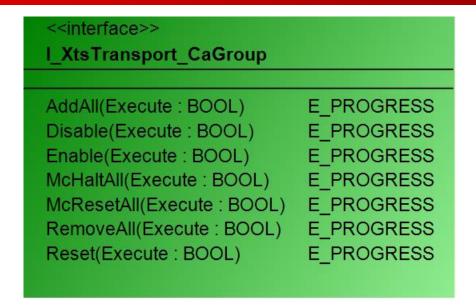
- fb\_CaGroup:
  - Collision Avoidance class wrapper
  - Implements I\_Transport\_CaGroup
  - Cyclic information from AXES\_GROUP\_REF
  - Mover commands via interfaceI\_XtsTransport\_Mover

FB_CaGroup	
GROUP_HALT_JERK	LREAL
GROUP HALT DEC	LREAL
eCheck	E_GROUP_CHECK
bError	BOOL
GroupRef	REFERENCE TO Tc3_McCoordinatedMotion.AXES_GROUP_REF
_GroupCommon	MCTOPLC_GROUP_COMMON_PART
_AxisRefMover	REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1MAX_MOVER] OF Tc2_MC2.AXIS_REF
_MoverItf	REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1MAX_MOVER] OF I_XtsTransport_Mover
_stMoveData	ST_MOVE_DATA
_fbAddAxisGroup	ARRAY [1MAX_MOVER] OF Tc3_McCoordinatedMotion.MC_AddAxisToGroup
_fbRemoveAxisGroup	ARRAY [1MAX_MOVER] OF Tc3_McCoordinatedMotion.MC_RemoveAxisFromGroup
_fbGroupDisable	Tc3_McCoordinatedMotion.MC_GroupDisable
_fbGroupEnable	Tc3_McCoordinatedMotion.MC_GroupEnable
_fbGroupErrorRead	Tc3_McCoordinatedMotion.MC_GroupReadError
_fbGroupStatusRead	Tc3_McCoordinatedMotion.MC_GroupReadStatus
_fbGroupReset	Tc3_McCoordinatedMotion.MC_GroupReset
_stGroupInfo	ST_GROUP_INFO
_rtrigGroupStatusRead	Tc2_Standard.R_TRIG
_rtrigGroupErrorRead	Tc2_Standard.R_TRIG
_stMsg	ST_Message
_eMessageLevel	E_MessageType
AxisRef	REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1MAX_MOVER] OF Tc2_MC2.AXIS_REF {property}
GroupInfo	REFERENCE TO ST_GROUP_INFO {property}
GroupRef	REFERENCE TO Tc3_McCoordinatedMotion.AXES_GROUP_REF {property}
MessageLevel	e_messagetype {property}
MoverItf	REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1MAX_MOVER] OF I_XtsTransport_Mover {property}

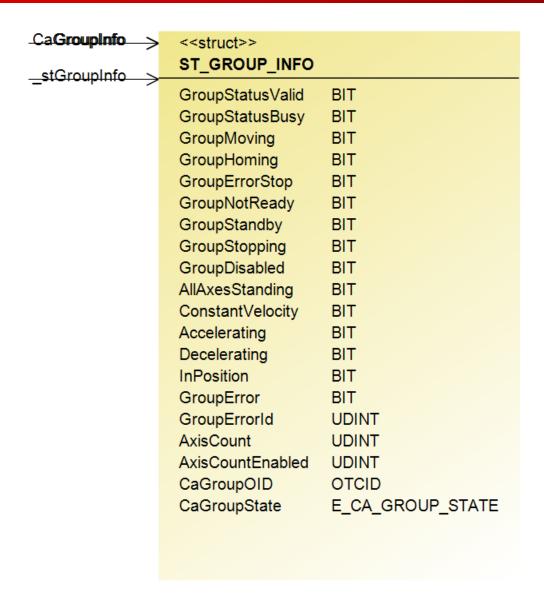
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- fb\_CaGroup:
  - Implements I\_Transport\_CaGroup
    - Used in fb\_TransportUnit



- fb\_CaGroup:
  - Cyclic information to ST\_GROUP\_INFO

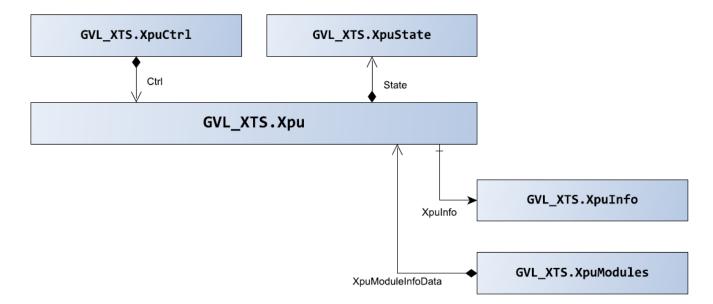


- GVL\_XTS.Xpu (fb\_XpuCtrl)
  - Inherits fb\_Xpu:
    - Class for interacting with XTS
       ProcessingUnit
    - XpuInit()
      - Connects to OTCIDs of XTS TcCOM Objects
    - Cycle
      - Plausibitlity checks, get module info data
    - ModuleInfoData, used in Cycle

```
fb_XpuCtrl
          REFERENCE TO ST_XPU_CTRL
_Ctrl
State
          REFERENCE TO ST XPU STATE
_eCmd
          E XPU CTRL
          E XPU CTRL
eCmdOld
          E PROGRESS
eResult
          E_XPU_STATE
_eState
Ctrl
          REFERENCE TO ST_XPU_CTRL {property}
State
          REFERENCE TO ST_XPU_STATE {property}
                          BOOL
Check()
Cmd(Ctrl : E_XPU_CTRL)
                          E_XPU_STATE
DetectMoverId(Enable: BOOL) E XPU CHECK
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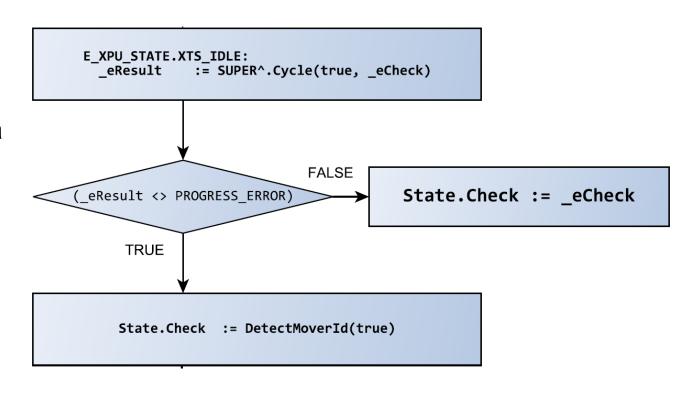
fb_Xpu	
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Cycle()	E_PROGRESS
GetEnvironment()	I_TcloXtsEnvironment
IdDetectionModeToString()	STRING(20)
ModuleInfoData(Enable : BOOL)	E_PROGRESS
MoverPositionAssignementToString()	STRING(20)
OpModeToString()	STRING(20)
Xpulnit()	E_XPU_INIT

- GVL\_XTS.Xpu (fb\_XpuCtrl)
  - Wraps cyclic execution of fb\_Xpu
  - Cyclic check for command change (ST\_XPU\_CTRL.Cmd)

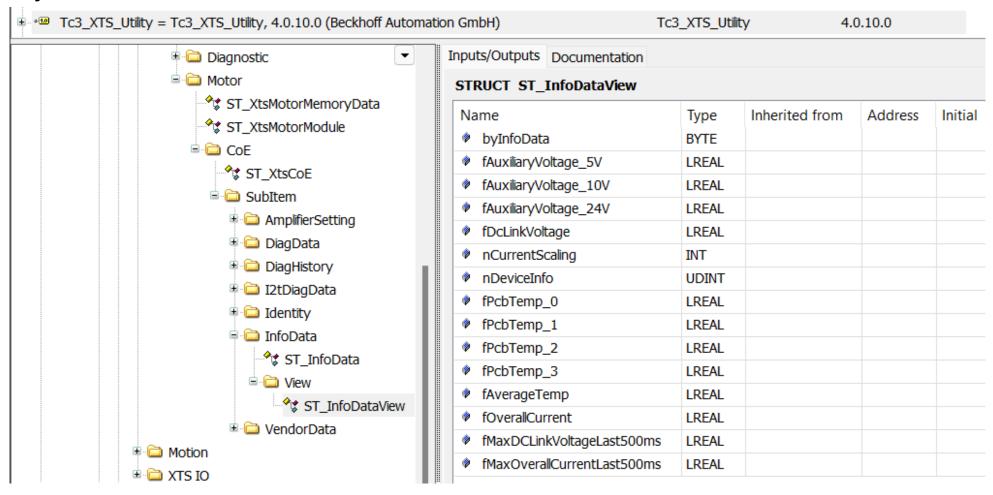


- fb\_XpuCtrl cyclic data:
  - SUPER^.Cycle():
    - Cyclic plausibility checks
    - Cyclic update motor modules data
  - Cyclic data ST\_XPU\_INFO:

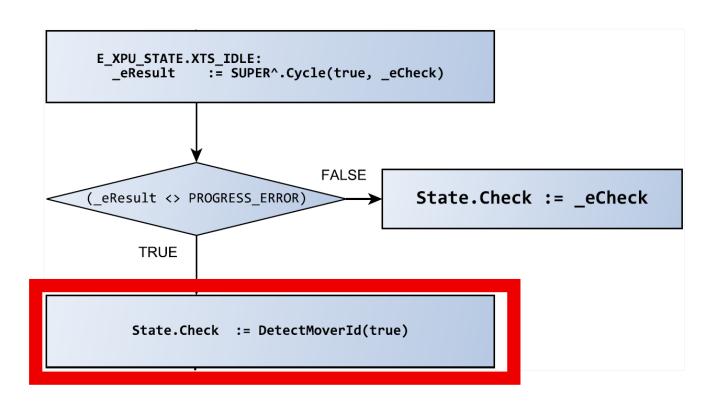
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ST XPU INFO 😕 🗙
      {attribute 'pack_mode' := '2'}
      TYPE ST XPU INFO :
      STRUCT
        AllPositionsValid
        IdDetectionError
                           : BIT;
        IdDetectionValid
                           : BIT;
        IdDetectionActive : BIT;
        OperationMode
                            : UINT;
        IdDetectionMode
                                  : UINT;
        MoverPositionAssignement : UINT;
        nDetectedAxisCount : UINT;
        nExpectedAxisCount : UINT;
      END_STRUCT
      END_TYPE
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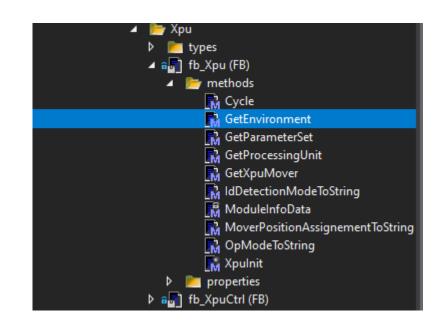
- fb\_XpuCtrl:
  - Cyclic motor module data:



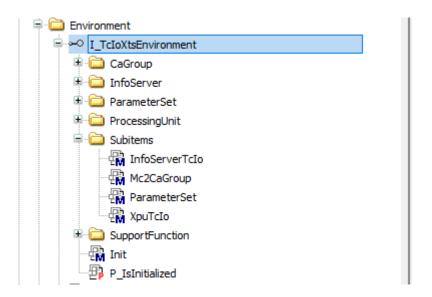
- fb\_XpuCtrl:
  - DetectMoverId:
    - Cyclic checks for valid
       Mover ID Detection
    - Check pdf flowchart in [doc] folder of project



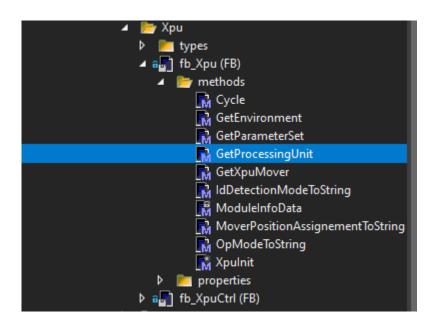
- fb\_Xpu.GetEnvironment():
  - Interface methods to Tc3\_XTS\_Utility.lib:
    - GetEnvironment() : I\_TcloXtsEnvironment
      - Startup initialization of \_fbEnvironment is done by fb\_Xpu.Init()
      - Top level interface
        - See interface structure (Library Manager) in order to reach lower level interfaces



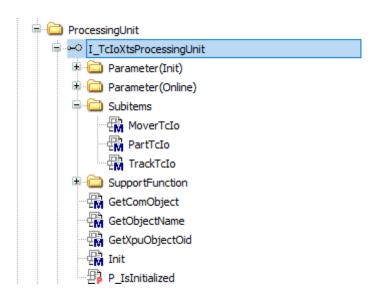
- fb\_Xpu.GetEnvironment():
  - I\_TcloXtsEnvironment:
    - See LibraryManager
    - Provides access to members



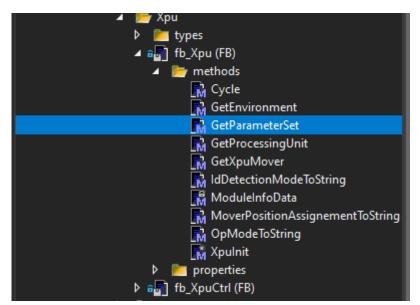
- fb\_Xpu.GetProcessingUnit():
  - Interface methods to Tc3\_XTS\_Utility.lib:
    - GetProcessingUnit : I\_TcloXtsProcessingUnit
      - Startup initialization of \_fbProcessingUnit is done by fb\_Xpu.Init()
      - Interface for ParameterSets
        - See interface structure (Library Manager) in order to reach lower level interfaces



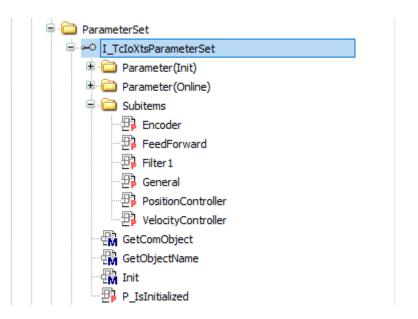
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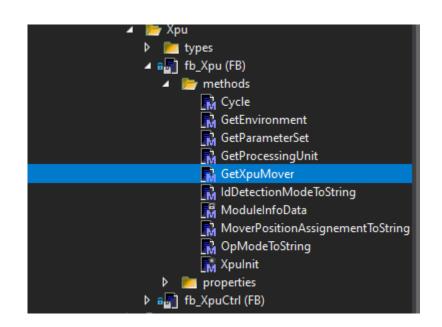
- fb\_Xpu.GetParameterSet(Index):
  - Interface methods to Tc3\_XTS\_Utility.lib:
    - GetParameterSet(Index) : I\_TcloXtsParameterSet
      - Startup initialization of \_fbParameterSet[] is done by fb\_Xpu.Init()
      - Interface for ParameterSets
        - See interface structure (Library Manager) in order to reach lower level interfaces



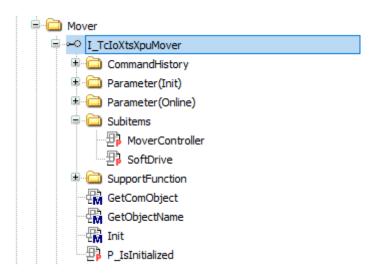
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  - I\_TcloXtsParameterSet:
    - See LibraryManager
    - Provides access to members



- fb\_Xpu.GetXpuMover(Index):
  - Interface methods to Tc3\_XTS\_Utility.lib:
    - GetXpuMover(Index) : I\_TcloXtsXpuMover
      - Startup initialization of \_fbMoverXpu[] is done by fb\_Xpu.Init()
      - Interface for Mover
        - See interface structure (Library Manager) in order to reach lower level interfaces



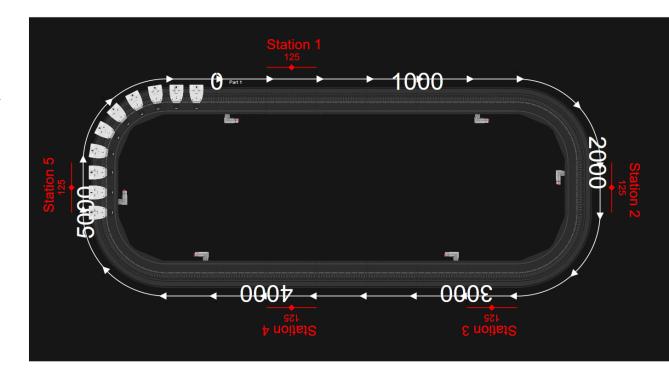
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  - I\_TcloXtsXpuMover:
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### Transport Logic can be easy

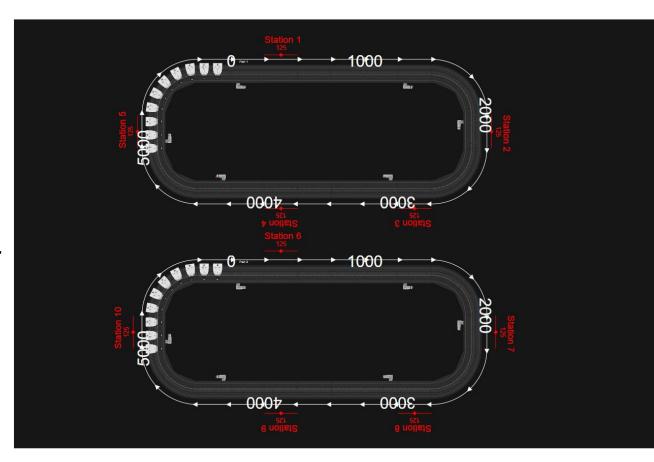
- All examples consider one specific aspect of the XTS transport system
  - Work as simple IndexTable
  - Work as Index Table where processes may host a number of XtsStations, working in parallel.
  - Complex, lot based decisions in order to achieve maximum production flexibility in one machine
  - Fast and precise for high speed packaging machines
  - Fast, synchronuous and precise for high end sorting and/or assembly machines

- XTS\_DEMO\_11
  - Single Station, Single Nest
  - Easy example for a XTS transport which requires only stations in which a mover stops once.
  - Easy transport logic; Target[n] := n+1; n+1 > MAX; n+1 := 1



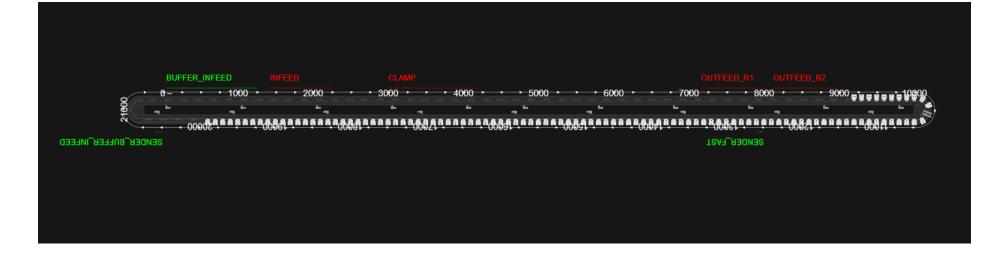
- XTS\_DEMO\_22
  - Multiple XPU
    - 2 ProcessingUnits in one PLC
  - Single Station, Single Nest
  - Easy example for an XTS transport requiring only stations in which a mover stops once.
  - Easy transport logic:

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Target[n] := n+1; n+1 > MAX; n+1 := 1
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- XTS\_DEMO\_APPLICATION\_108
  - High volume packaging application
  - 450 500 Mover/Minute
  - INFEED with gaps [1..12] possible
  - Any OUTFEED without gaps
    - 12 Movers per outfeed
  - 4 OUTFEED scenarios
    - software switch (PLC)
    - R1 or R2
    - R1 and R2
    - R1 xor R2
    - CLAMP

- Complex transport logic:
  - fb\_ProcessCollector: grouping of XtsStations
  - fb\_Instance: base class for logic implementation
  - Process\_Instances: extending fb\_Instance with transport details



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