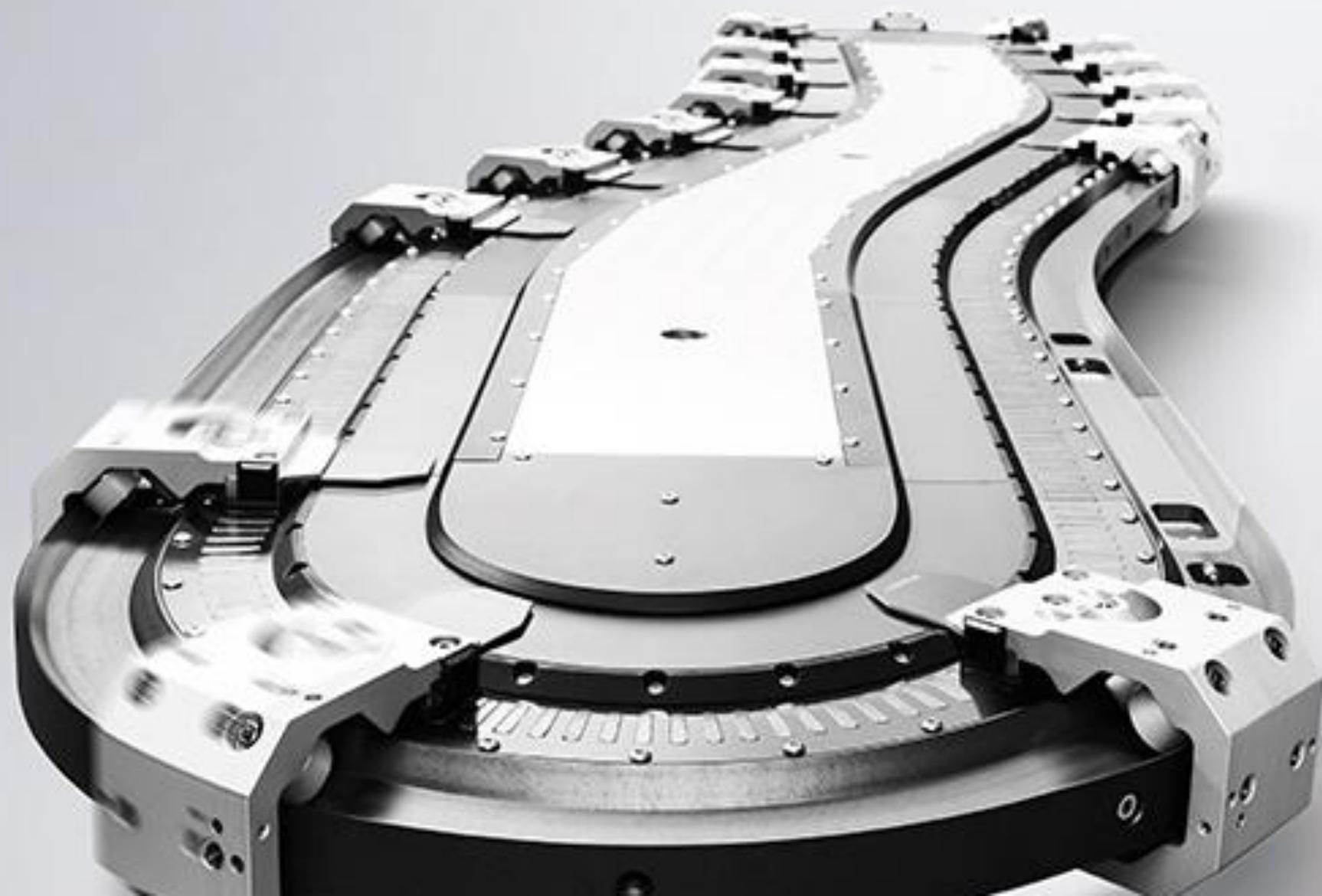


XTS TRANSPORT LAYER – a station-based approach

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1. Introduction

2. Requirements

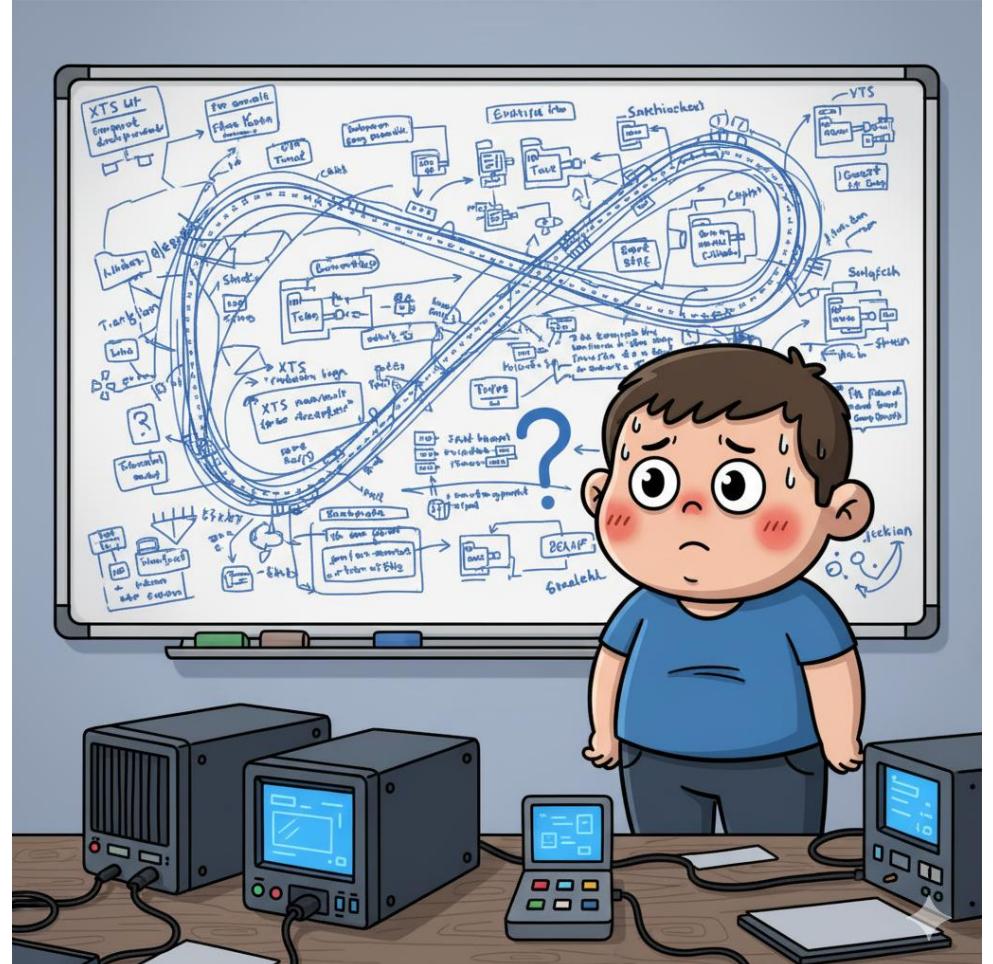
- XtsTransport (main control)
 - Xpu (XTS Processing Unit)
 - CaGroup (Collision Avoidance)
 - Mover (MC and CA)
 - Station (process handshake)

3. Design

- use with any cyclic runtime
 - use with non-cyclic software

4. Examples

5. License



All life is problem solving

1. Introduction

- Industrial automation software is historically burdened by the complexity of maintaining long procedural sequences, often necessitating risky inline debugging.
 - The presented architecture in this transport layer shall illustrate a counter position
 - The design shall provide a path away from architectural spooky action at a distance. “spukhafte Fernwirkung”
 - This design wants to foster deterministic and side-effect-free algorithms.
 -
- In order to achieve total observability, which is necessary to implement a portable and safe architecture, the design philosophy borrows:
 - **Instant state changes (2)**
 - **Observe state changes (2)**
 - **Logic portability (1)**
 - **Rigid hardware abstractions (1)**

1. Introduction

- This transport layer uses **self-similar** software design to preserve the stated observability goal.
 - This “self-similarity” will permeate through the whole software structure and will enable a granular approach to complexity.
 - By establishing this “self-similarity”, the XTS_TRANSPORT_LAYER follows the same grammatical behaviour on every level
- This project collection is intended to convey the idea of a stand alone XTS transport layer to use in heterogeneous environments / applications.
- The idea is that for every process you require, a corresponding position on the XTS exists.
 - **The station**
 - Another fundamental principle is that before anybody does anything, they must know what to do and that everybody involved in transport gets a list with atomic RW access.
 - The **sending** of movers runs parallel to **sending** information
 - This rids us of stations needing to talk to each other

1. Introduction

- A transport layer **shall** have a data driven way to manipulate a stations behaviour
- A transport layer **shall** work a combination of discrete processes and continuous processes
- A transport layer **shall** have a means of control for guiding a mover through a process station
- A transport layer **shall** have a means of control to manipulate a mover within a station
- A transport layer **shall** have a means of control for setting-up or clearing the CollisionAvoidance Group
- A transport layer **shall** provide higher level layers for grouping of stations and coding of transport logic
- **This transport layer shall enable use of all, or some layers provided.**
 - **Every means of control shall enforce self similarity in syntax and semantic.**

1. Introduction

- This transport layer **must** be used with TwinCAT Collision Avoidance library:
 - sending movers does not require extra monitoring of the movement. The Collision Avoidance Group (CA Group) is controlling the gap between movers. The gap is an input parameter of the CA motion function blocks.
- This transport layer **may** be used for a station-based approach, in which a station class is available for interaction with your process control.
- This transport layer **may** be used for a mover-based approach, your process control has a direct connection to every mover.
- This transport layer **may** be used as a combination of station based and mover-based approach.
- This transport layer **may** be connected via any network.
 - designed to have static datafields you can plug into, no matter your means of communication.

1. Introduction

- The XTS transport system enables a flexible product transport for various use cases.
- This transport layer deliberately tackles a specific subset of the flexibility of the XTS system.

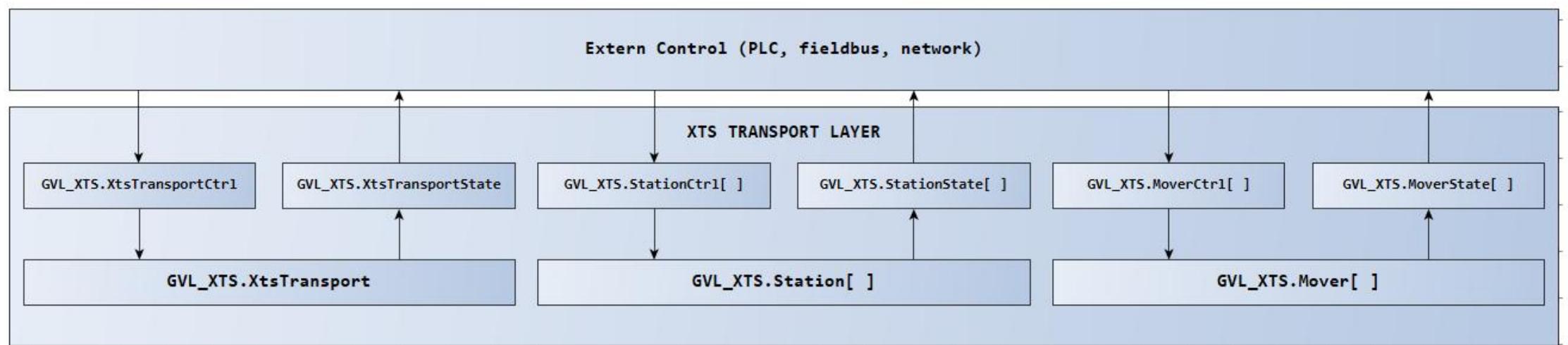
- This subset is working on:
 - One closed loop
 - One Track
 - Constant Mover count

- As all movers are bound to the same rail:
 - No passing at all times
 - A station table seems like a good choice

- This transport layer will focus on enabling high throughput and high flexibility process flow
 - Layered approach to offer you granular BlackBox building.

1. Introduction

- designed for use with any 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

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- 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

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- 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
 - Provide interface pointers from XTS.Utility.lib for advanced features
 - 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

2. Requirements

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- CaGroup
 - Access to group function blocks
 - Build Group
 - Clear Group
 - Reset Group
 - Access to movers for group commands
 - Mover interfaces must be available
 - Get Group Info Data
 - Cyclic check of GroupState
 - Must implement interface for use in
 - TransportUnit

2. Requirements

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- 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

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- 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 Mover / CA functionblocks

3. Design

▪ Namespace GVL_XTS

- **Station**
 - Handshake with Process for mover transport
- **XtsTransport**
 - Main command interface to extern control
- **Xpu**
 - Access to TcCOM Objects
 - Cyclic plausibility checks
- **CaGroup**
 - Access to CA library
- **Mover**
 - Access to MC and CA library

<<global>> GVL_XTS	
StationStart	ST_STATION_PARAMETER
StationStartIndex	UINT
Station	ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF fb_StationProcess
StationGearIn	ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF fb_StationGearInPos
StationList	ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF fb_Station_LinkedListCtrl
StationQueue	ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF ARRAY [1..MAX_LIST_NODES] OF ST_STATION_MOVER_DATA
StationListItf	ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF I_Station_LinkedList
StationCtrlItf	ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF I_XtsTransport_Station
StationCtrl	ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF ST_STATION_CTRL
StationState	ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF ST_STATION_STATE
StationParameter	ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF ST_STATION_PARAMETER
PositionOffset	ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF T_NEST_OFFSET
XtsTransport	fb_TransportUnit
XtsTransportCtrl	ST_XTS_TRANSPORT_CTRL
XtsTransportState	ST_XTS_TRANSPORT_STATE
Xpu	fb_XpuCtrl
XpuCtrl	ST_XPU_CTRL
XpuState	ST_XPU_STATE
XpuInfo	ST_XPU_INFO
XpuModules	ARRAY [1..MAX_MODULE] OF Tc3_XTS.Utility.ST_InfoDataView
CaGroup	FB_CaGroup
CaGroupItf	I_XtsTransport_CaGroup
CaGroupRef	Tc3_McCoordinatedMotion.AXES_GROUP_REF
CaGroupInfo	ST_GROUP_INFO
Mover	ARRAY [1..MAX_MOVER] OF fb_MoverCtrl
MoverCtrl	ARRAY [1..MAX_MOVER] OF ST_MOVER_CTRL
MoverState	ARRAY [1..MAX_MOVER] OF ST_MOVER_STATE
MoverItf	ARRAY [1..MAX_MOVER] OF I_XtsTransport_Mover
LastPosition	ARRAY [1..MAX_MOVER] OF LREAL
LastGap	ARRAY [1..MAX_MOVER] OF LREAL
MoverInfo	ARRAY [1..MAX_MOVER] OF ST_MOVER_INFO
MoveData	ARRAY [1..MAX_MOVER] OF ST_MOVE_DATA
GearData	ARRAY [1..MAX_MOVER] OF ST_GEAR_DATA
AxisRefMover	ARRAY [1..MAX_MOVER] OF Tc2_MC2.AXIS_REF

- **Yes, ...but why?**

- The 'WHYs' for the station explains the rest of the design
 - I focus on stations first, since they are the center of attention when production runs
- The goal is to build maintainability into the transport layer by applying encapsulation and separation of concerns
 - (e.g. in case MC3 becomes available in the stable feed of the package manager)
- This transport layer is intended to be flexible in complexity and application
 - This is why you'll discover ABSTRACT classes
- **OOP? it makes XTS so much easier.**
 - IEC 61131-3:2013

3. Design

- Yes, ...but why?

Fb / Class	Concern	Solution
Station	To whom am I talking to?	Ctrl / State pair Process-flow handshakes (please study the flowcharts in the doc folder)
	Where does the mover come from?	I_Station_LinkedList.GetHead() Who cares, I'll just take the one from the top. Interface of LinkedList and struct datafields for tickets
	How to move the mover?	I_Transport_Mover[nMoverDetected]
	Where is everybody?	Pointer / Reference to table of stations ST_STATION_PARAMETER[]
	Who am I?	MAIN injects loop counter: GVL_XTS.Station[nStation].StationId := MAIN.nStation;
	Where am I?	ST_STATION_PARAMETER[StationId].rPosWait
	Where am I precisely?	Pointer to static offset datafields [MAX_STATION, MAX_MOVER, MAX_NESTS]

3. Design

- Namespace XTS_Parameter
 - Project constants must match configuration:
 - Copied from ParameterList in: Tc3_XTS.Utility.TcIoXtsEnvironmentParameterList

```
MAX_MOVER      : UINT    := TO_UINT(Tc3_XTS.Utility.TcIoXtsEnvironmentParameterList.MaxXtsMoversPerXpu);  
MAX_MODULE     : UINT    := TO_UINT(Tc3_XTS.Utility.TcIoXtsEnvironmentParameterList.MaxModulesPerPart);  
MAX_PART       : UINT    := TO_UINT(Tc3_XTS.Utility.TcIoXtsEnvironmentParameterList.MaxXtsPartsPerXpu);  
MAX_TRACK      : UINT    := TO_UINT(Tc3_XTS.Utility.TcIoXtsEnvironmentParameterList.MaxXtsTracksPerXpu);  
MAX_GROUP      : UINT    := TO_UINT(Tc3_XTS.Utility.TcIoXtsEnvironmentParameterList.MaxXtsCaGroup);  
  
MAX_INFO_SERVER : UINT    := TO_UINT(Tc3_XTS.Utility.TcIoXtsEnvironmentParameterList.MaxXtsInfoServer);  
MAX_INFO_STATION: UINT    := TO_UINT(Tc3_XTS.Utility.TcIoXtsEnvironmentParameterList.MaxXtsInfoStation);  
MAX_INFO_STOP_POS: UINT    := TO_UINT(Tc3_XTS.Utility.TcIoXtsEnvironmentParameterList.MaxXtsStopPositionsPerStation);  
  
MAX_PARAMETER_SET: UINT    := TO_UINT(Tc3_XTS.Utility.TcIoXtsEnvironmentParameterList.MaxXtsParameterSet);  
  
MAX_NCT_BASE_UNIT: UINT    := TO_UINT(Tc3_XTS.Utility.TcIoXtsEnvironmentParameterList.MaxXtsNctBaseUnitInterfaces);  
  
MAX_STATION     : UINT    := 2;  
  
MAX_STATION_NEST: UINT    := TO_UINT(SIZEOF(ST_STATION_STATE.nMask)*8);  
  
MAX_LIST_NODES  : UINT    := MAX_MOVER;  
MAX_MASTER      : UINT    := 1;
```

3. Design

- GVL_XTS.Station
 - **fb_StationBase**
 - Abstract base class
 - Allowing for user defined XtsStations
 - Provides datafields and properties
 - Cycle placeholder; override with your station logic when extending this base class

fb_StationBase	
_nStationId	UINT
_sState	STRING(255)
_eInitList	E_PROGRESS
_eFatalError	E_STATION_STATE
_stCtrl	REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF ST_STATION_CTRL
_stState	REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF ST_STATION_STATE
_eCmd	E_STATION_CTRL
_eCmdOld	E_STATION_CTRL
_ItfStation	REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF I_Station_LinkedList
_ItfMover	REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1..MAX_MOVER] OF I_XtsTransport_Mover
_rMoverOffset	REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF T_NEST_OFFSET
_stParameter	REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1..MAX_STATION] OF ST_STATION_PARAMETER
_Mover	REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1..MAX_MOVER] OF AXIS_REF
_stListEnter	ST_STATION_LIST_RESULT
_stListTarget	ST_STATION_LIST_RESULT
_stListDelete	ST_STATION_LIST_RESULT
_stMoverDataSend	ST_STATION_MOVER_DATA
_stMoverData	ST_STATION_MOVER_DATA
_stInfeed	ST_MOVE_DATA
_stOutfeed	ST_MOVE_DATA
_Result	E_PROGRESS
_eStateProgress	E_PROGRESS
_stMsg	ST_Message
_eMessageLevel	E_MessageType
+ Check()	BOOL
+ Cycle()	
+ DelBitWord(...)	WORD
+ GetBitWord(...)	BOOL
+ Init()	e_progress
+ SetBitWord(...)	WORD
+ Ctrl Set(...)	
+ ItfMover Set(...)	
+ ItfStations Set(...)	
+ MessageLevel Set(...)	
+ Mover Set(...)	
+ MoverOffset Set(...)	
+ State Set(...)	
+ StationId Set(StationId : UINT)	
+ StationId Get()	UINT
+ StationParameter Set(...)	
+ TargetWindow Set(...)	
+ TargetWindow Get()	LREAL

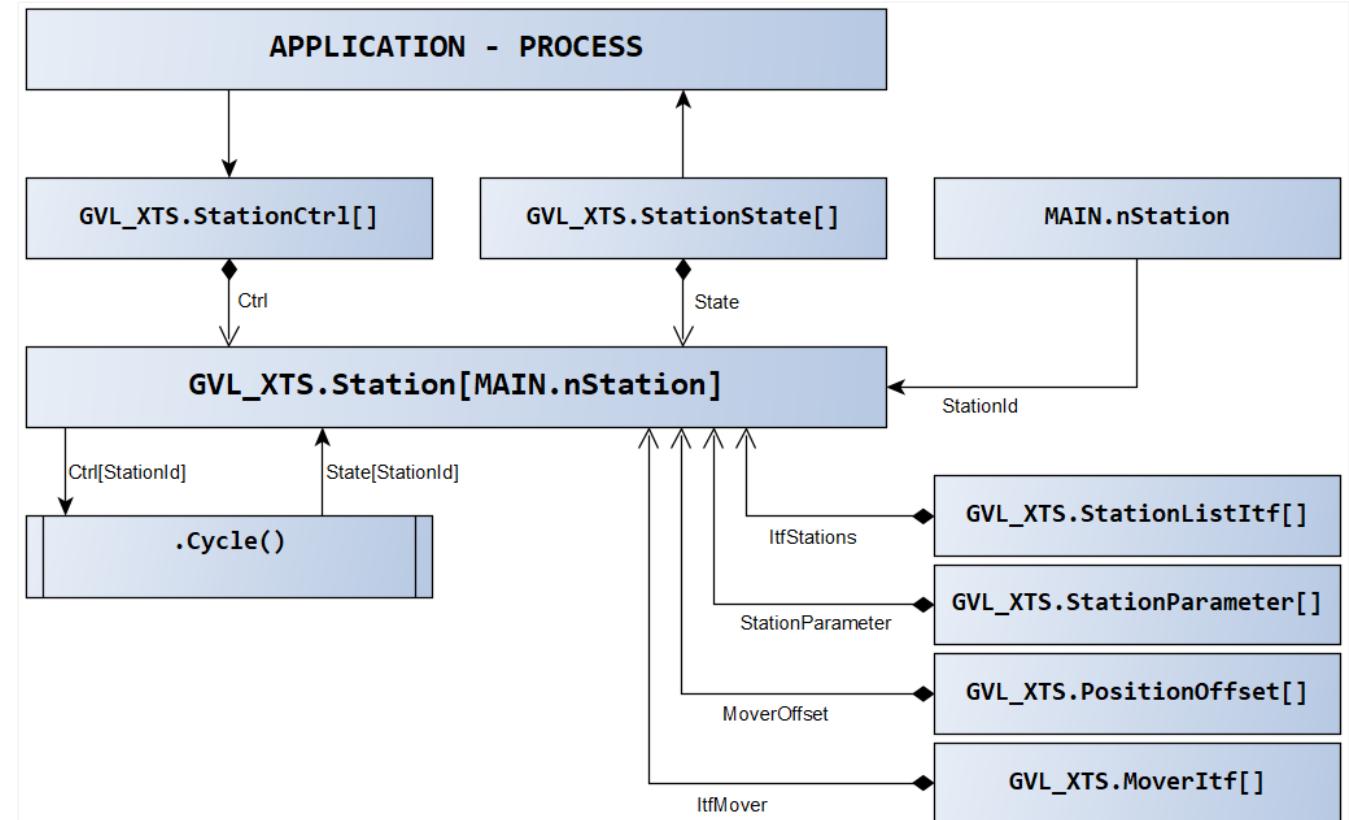
▪ **GVL_XTS.Station**

- fb_StationProcess[].Cycle
 - State machine for handshaking with extern control (check example pdf in [doc] folder)
 - Init (clears everything in station)
 - Enable
 - Mover Enter
 - Stop Position(s)
 - Mover Out
 - Empty
 - fb_StationProcess[].Cycle
 - Control writes ticket for mover
 - MoverId
 - TargetStation
 - Mask
 - Offset

3. Design

▪ GVL_XTS.Station

- **nStation** injected from loop call in MAIN
- fb_StationBase set properties (**REF=**):
 - **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 (PosStop[])
 - **ItfMover**: interface pointer to CA movements



- **GVL_XTS.Station**

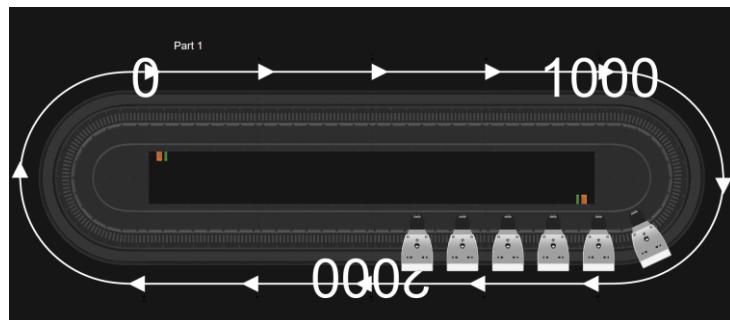
- **Planning requirements for use of fb_StationProcess**

- **One station: one mover**

- If you require multiple movers for your process (e.g. this one's a slow one):
 - Work in parallel → multiplication of the same task:
 - → fb_StationCollector and fb_ProcessCollector will help grouping the stations to a single Ctrl/State interface. (see example **XTS_DEMO_APPLICATION_108**)

- **Station to Station: only forward**

- We're on a closed loop (the defining part of the subset my focus lies on)



- **GVL_XTS.Station**

- **Planning requirements for use of fb_StationProcess**

- 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. The MoverId is forwarded by the Station in possession of the mover.
 - **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[]
 - **ST_STATION_CTRL.rOffset:** optional dynamic inline offset (added to every nest)

- **GVL_XTS.Station**
 - Planning requirements for use of **fb_StationProcess**

- The Use of **LinkedList** methods (AddTail, GetHead)
requires thought about when the mover is entered into the target station.
 - → why? → The targets' list must stay sorted → see examples on next pages
- **fb_StationProcess.Cycle()** is built in a way (see handshake flowcharts for this) that the movers' ticket is written via the list interface of the target station **after** having moved **rReleaseDistance** (a station parameter):
 - The movement:→

```
//-----
//-----
// check if mover has left the station
// enter mover data into list of target station
//-----
CASE _stState[_nStationId].eState
OF
    E_STATION_STATE.STATION_MOVER_RELEASE:
        _ItfMover[_stMoverData.nMoverId].MessageLevel := SEL(_bMatchMessageLevel, E_MessageType.eMessageError, _eMessageLevel);

        _Result := _ItfMover[_stMoverDataSend.nMoverId].SendToModuloPosCa(TRUE, _stOutfeed);

        IF (_Result = E_PROGRESS.PROGRESS_DONE)
        THEN
            // regular outfeed
            _stState[_nStationId].eState := E_STATION_STATE.STATION_MOVER_WRITE_TARGET;

        ELSIF (_stCtrl[_nStationId].eCmd = E_STATION_CTRL.STATION_MOVER_GONE) // in case outfeed has to be terminated by ctrl
        THEN
            // in order to finish the outfeed, ticket data has to be written to target station
            _stState[_nStationId].eState := E_STATION_STATE.STATION_MOVER_WRITE_TARGET;

        ELSIF (_Result = E_PROGRESS.PROGRESS_ERROR)
        THEN
            _stState[_nStationId].eState := E_STATION_STATE.STATION_ERROR_OUTFEED_ERROR; // ctrl has to fix this, go tell ctrl
            _stMsg.eType := E_MessageType.eMessageError;
            LogState(_stMsg.eType);
        END_IF
    END_CASE
```

- **GVL_XTS.Station**
 - Planning requirements for use of **fb_StationProcess**
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 - **The ticket:**→

```
//-----  
//-----  
// write mover ticket in target station list  
//-----  
//-----  
CASE _stState[_nStationId].eState  
OF  
    E_STATION_STATE.STATION_MOVER_WRITE_TARGET:  
        // add entry in target station list  
        _stListTarget           := _ItfStation[_stMoverDataSend.nTargetStation].AddTailValue(_stMoverDataSend);  
          
        IF (_stListTarget.wState <> 0)  
        THEN  
            // adding mover in target list was NOT successful  
            _stState[_nStationId].eState   := E_STATION_STATE.STATION_ERROR_LIST_ADD_TAILFAULT; // fatal error  
            _stMsg.eType                := E_MessageType.eMessageError;  
            LogState(_stMsg.eType);  
        ELSE  
            // mover data successfully added to target station list  
            IF (_eMessageLevel > E_MessageType.eMessageWarning)  
            THEN  
                _stMsg.eType          := E_MessageType.eMessageInfo;  
                _stMsg.eSubdevice     := e_Subdevice.StationAddTail;  
                _stMsg.iErrorNumber  := _stState[_nStationId].nMoverId;  
                _stMsg.sText          := concat('TargetStation: ', TO_STRING(_stListTarget.stData.nTargetStation));  
                f_MessageSet(_stMsg);  
            END_IF  
            _ItfMover[_stMoverDataSend.nMoverId].SendToModuloPosCa(FALSE, _stOutfeed);  
              
            _stState[_nStationId].eState  := E_STATION_STATE.STATION_MOVER_GONE; // go tell ctrl that station is empty  
              
            IF (_eMessageLevel = E_MessageType.eMessageVerbose)  
            THEN  
                _stMsg.eType          := _eMessageLevel;  
                LogState(_stMsg.eType);  
            END_IF  
        END_CASE
```

- **GVL_XTS.Station - Planning requirements for use of fb_StationProcess**

- 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**.
 - Within station: all kind of MC functions (CAM, NCI)
- **IF** move backwards is required you have to make sure that there is room for it by setting **ST_STATION_PARAMETER**, so the movement of the movers match your process requirements for each station
 - 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

3. Design

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- GVL_XTS.Station
(Example)

- What it may look like:
parallel Xts stations for a process with common waiting position

- drawings are not to scale, the possible configurations shall be illustrated

- Ex04:
This configuration is useful if you require the working area to be completely empty before pulling in movers. (move something other than your directly involved process mechanics out of the way of the mover etc.)

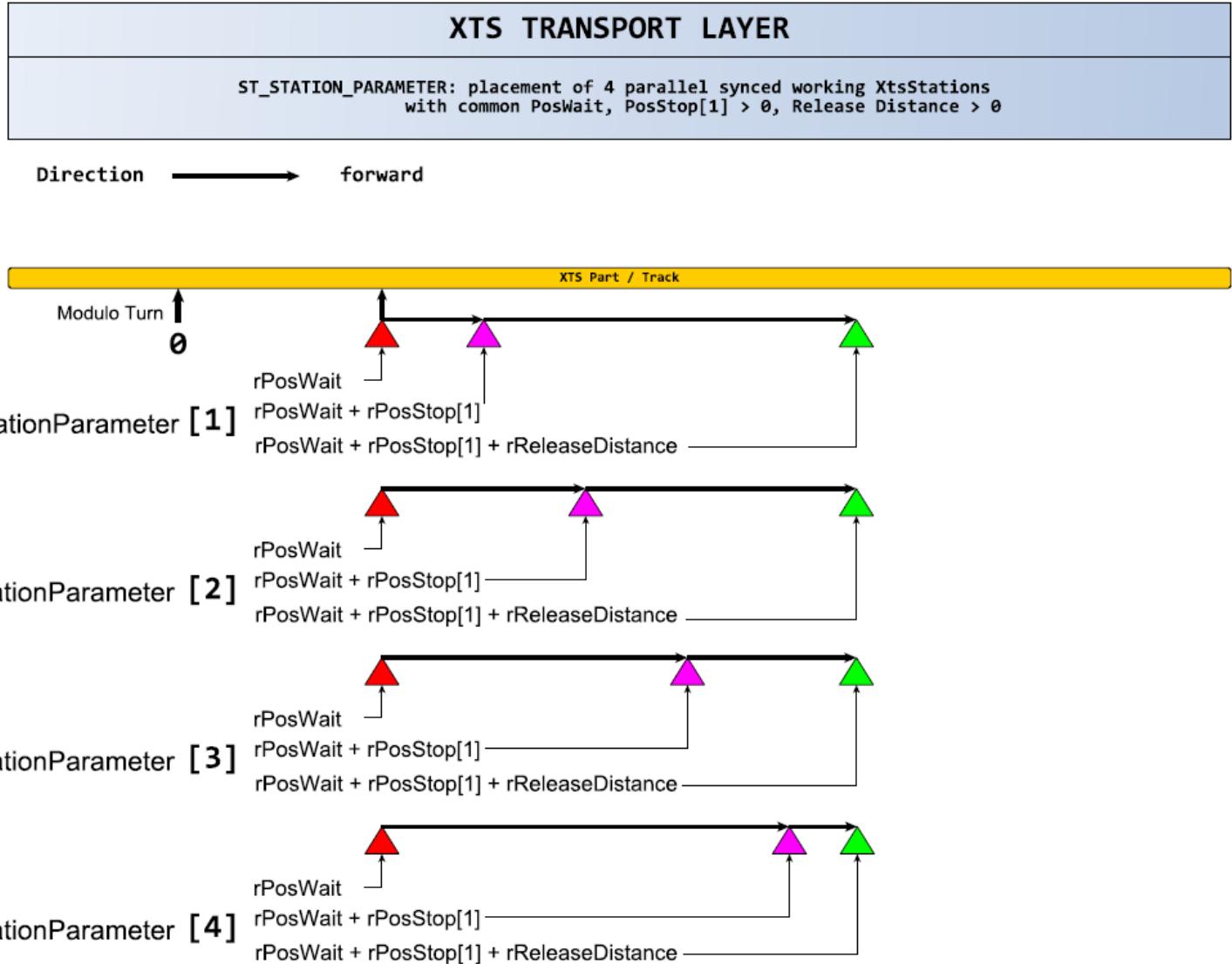
Ex04

GVL_XTS.StationParameter [1]

GVL_XTS.StationParameter [2]

GVL_XTS.StationParameter [3]

GVL_XTS.StationParameter [4]



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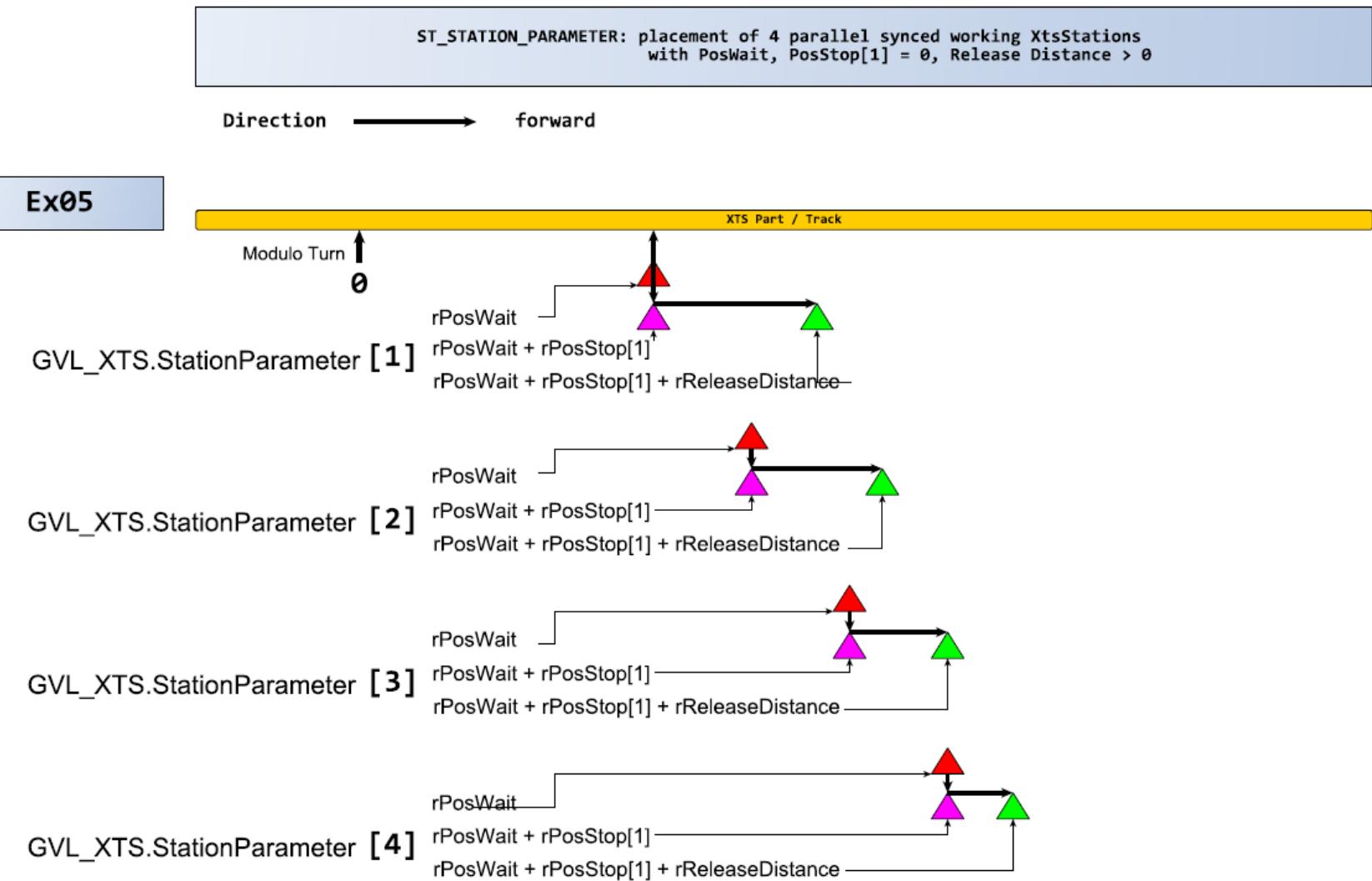
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- **GVL_XTS.Station**
(Example)

- **What it may look like:**
parallel Xts stations for a process with common waiting position

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- **Ex05:**
This configuration is useful if you require high throughput with minimal stops of the mover.
 $rPosWait[1-4]$ are already commanded by the sending station.



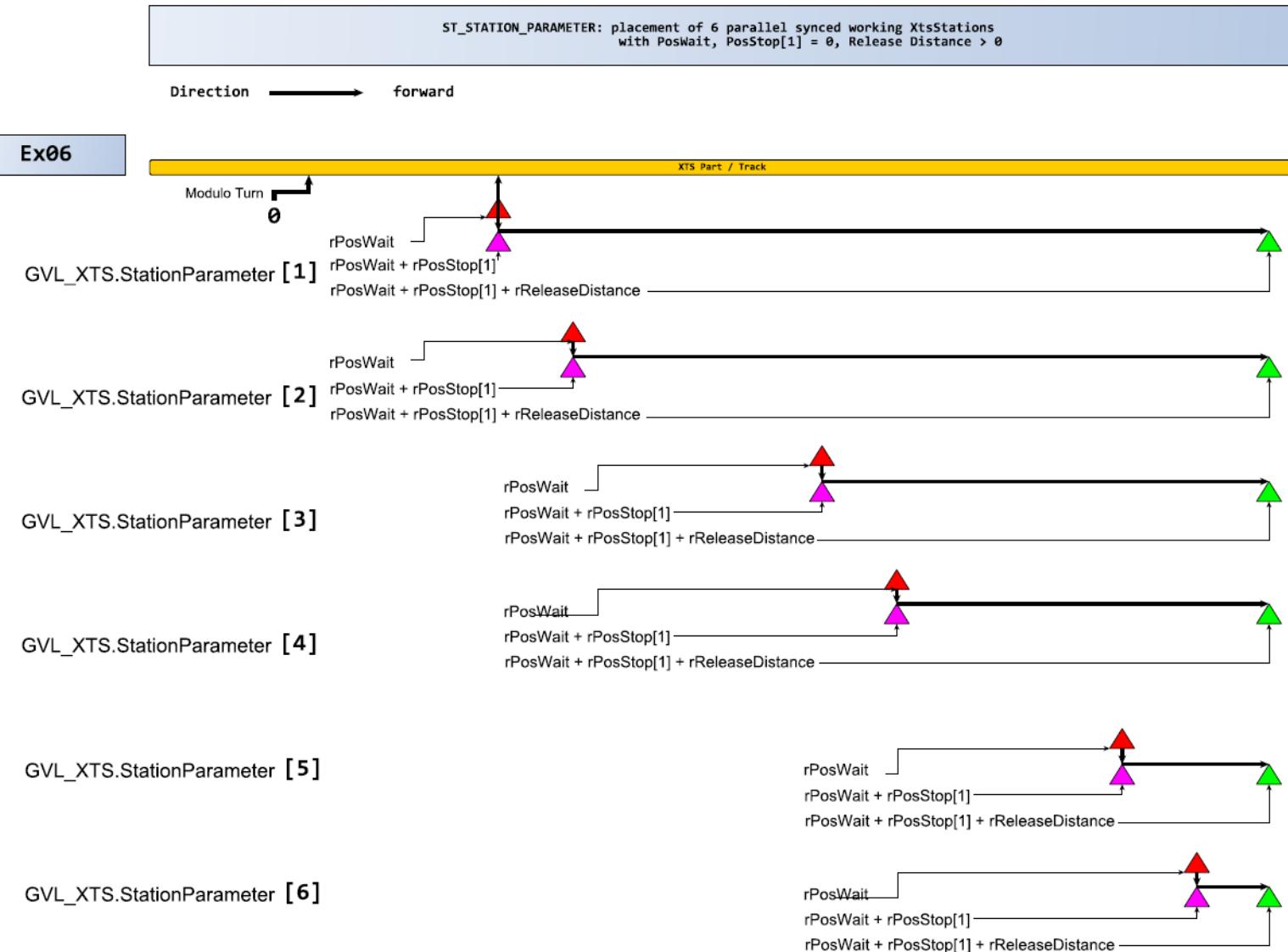
3. Design

- GVL_XTS.Station
(Example)

- What it may look like:
parallel Xts stations for a process with common waiting position

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- **Ex06:**
This configuration is useful if you require high throughput and **irregular spacing** with minimal stops of the mover.
rPosWait[1-6] are already commanded by the sending station.



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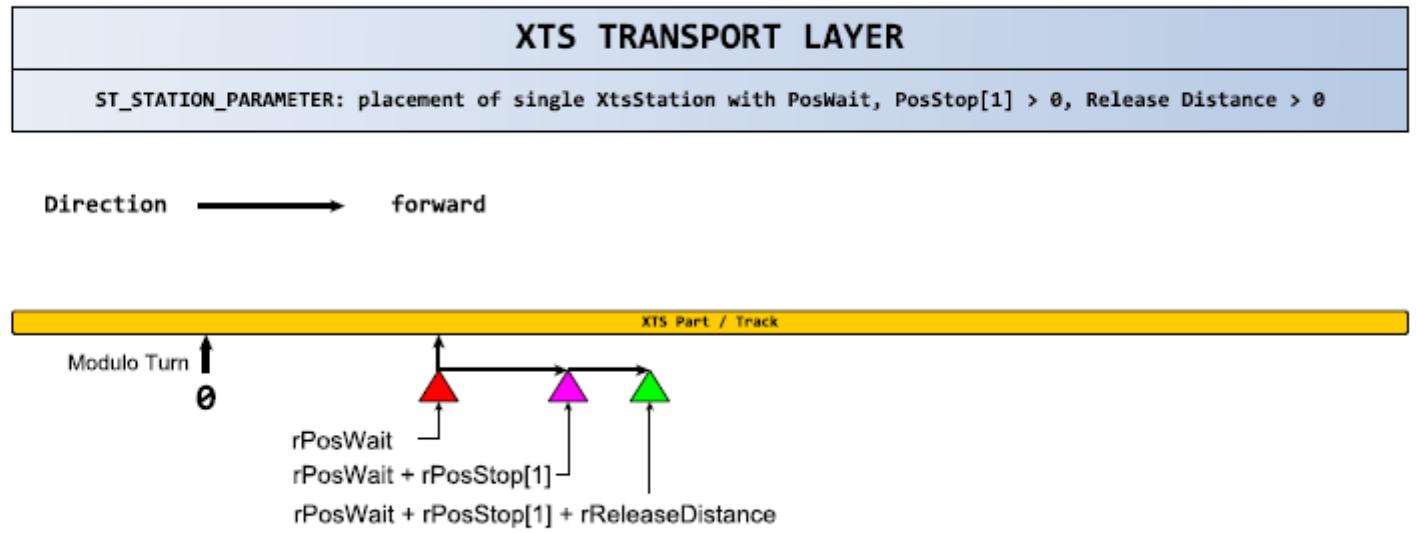
- **GVL_XTS.Station**
(On behalf of all the singles
on your XTS)

- **What it may look like:**
single Xts station for a
process

- drawings are not to
scale, the possible
configurations shall be
illustrated

- **Ex01:**
This configuration is
useful if you require the
working area to be
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pulling in movers. (move
something other than
your directly involved
process mechanics out
of the way of the mover
etc.)

Ex01



3. Design

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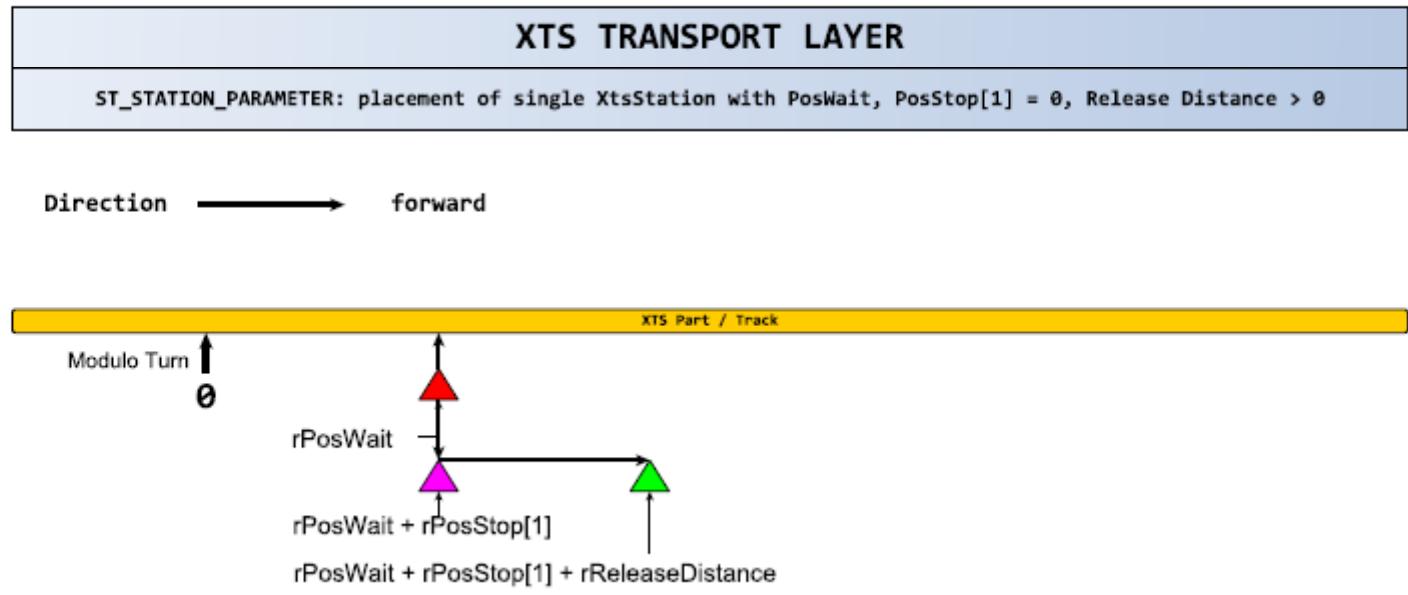
- **GVL_XTS.Station**
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- **What it may look like:**
single Xts station for a
process

- drawings are not to
scale, the possible
configurations shall be
illustrated

- **Ex02:**
This configuration is
useful if you require high
throughput with minimal
stops of the mover.
rPosWait is already
commanded by the
sending station.

Ex02



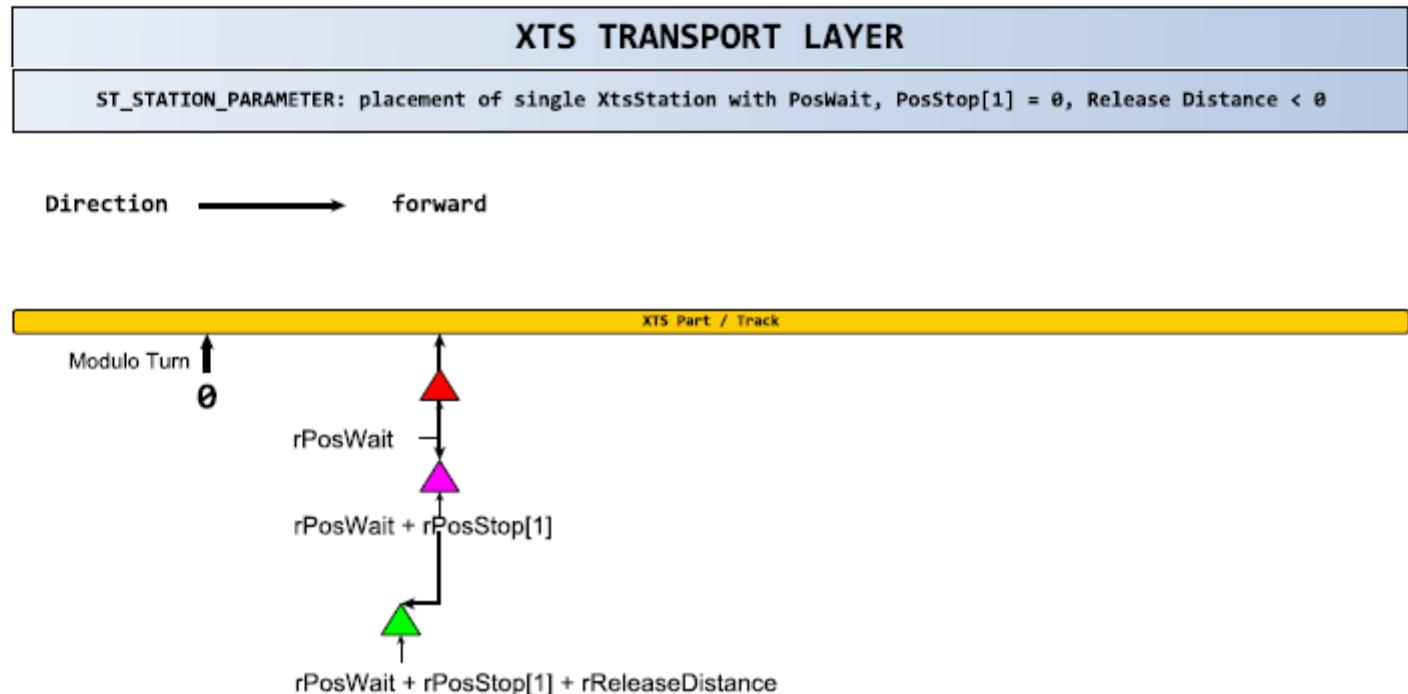
3. Design

- **GVL_XTS.Station**
(On behalf of all the singles
on your XTS)

- **What it may look like:**
single Xts station for a process

Ex03

- drawings are not to scale,
the possible configurations
shall be illustrated
- **Ex03:**
This configuration is useful if
you require **instantaneous**
handshake after the mover
was released. This is really
helpful if the station is a
Distributor. (if you are fast
enough with your reactions:
the mover needs not to stop
here.)



- 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**.
 - There are different handshake ‘routes’ → see pdfs **GVL_XTS.Station_Example_*.pdf**
- **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 (Example)
- Interruption of any kind (open doors, STO, etc.):
 - Let the error guide you:
 - The stations are **either** not using any motion functions (the states you handshake with) **or** right in the middle of using a motion function.
 - For this to be self explaining, the sequential CASE execution must be studied
 - fb_StationProcess.Cycle() is the state machine I left comments in to explain my reasoning behind my use of syntax.
 - In short, coded actions are perfectly separated by state yet executed without any latency (zero frame latency demand of this architecture)
 - The constraint of the CA Group of propagating any error to all movers I view as a very convenient constraint to get to a defined state when the production is restarted.
 - Do not try to prevent the error state during a power off (48 V) scenario.
 - Simply use CMD_GROUP_CLEAR to kill the group, it is up to you to decide whether to display the error messages, if the built-in logs are used, the observability requirement is met, since error states are always entered, and a dedicated counter is incremented.
 - fb_StationProcess and fb_StationGearInPos have error exits during the use (triggering) of the motion function.
 - Let a station catch the error, then the restart is a lot easier since you only have to reply to the set state.
 - Error states are static and isolated until resolved.

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▪ 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 PosStop[] (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

```
ST_STATION_CTRL  x  ST_STATION_STATE
1  {attribute 'pack_mode' := '2'}
2  TYPE ST_STATION_CTRL :
3  STRUCT
4      eCmd          : E_STATION_CTRL;
5      {attribute 'displaymode' := 'bin'}
6      nMask         : BYTE;
7      nTargetStation : USINT;
8      rOffset        : REAL;
9
10 END_STRUCT
11 END_TYPE
12
```

3. Design

▪ GVL_XTS.Station

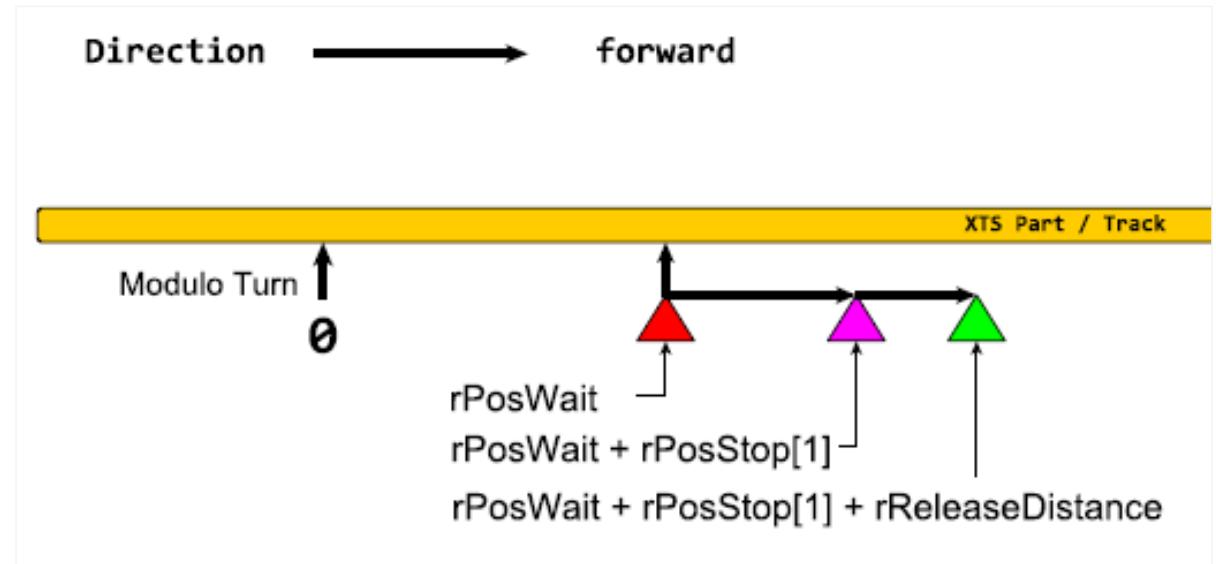
- State[nStation] : **ST_STATION_STATE**
- **eState (E_STATION_STATE):**
 - Enumeration for active station state, Ctrl has to react to
- **nMask (BYTE):**
 - Bitmask for active PosStop[] (nest)
- **nMoverId (USINT):**
 - Active mover index in station
- **rMoverModPos (LREAL):**
 - Modulo position of active mover
- **nQueue (USINT):**
 - Count of movers, which were sent to XtsStation

```
ST_STATION_CTRL    ST_STATION_STATE  # x
1 {attribute 'pack_mode' := '2'}
2 TYPE ST_STATION_STATE :
3 STRUCT
4     eState          : E_STATION_STATE;
5     {attribute 'displaymode' := 'bin'}
6     nMask           : BYTE;
7     nMoverId        : USINT;
8     rMoverModPos   : LREAL;
9     nQueue          : USINT;
10 END_STRUCT
11 END_TYPE
12
```

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■ GVL_XTS.StationParameter

- **eType:**
 - STATION_PROCESS
 - STATION_GEAR_IN_POS
- **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



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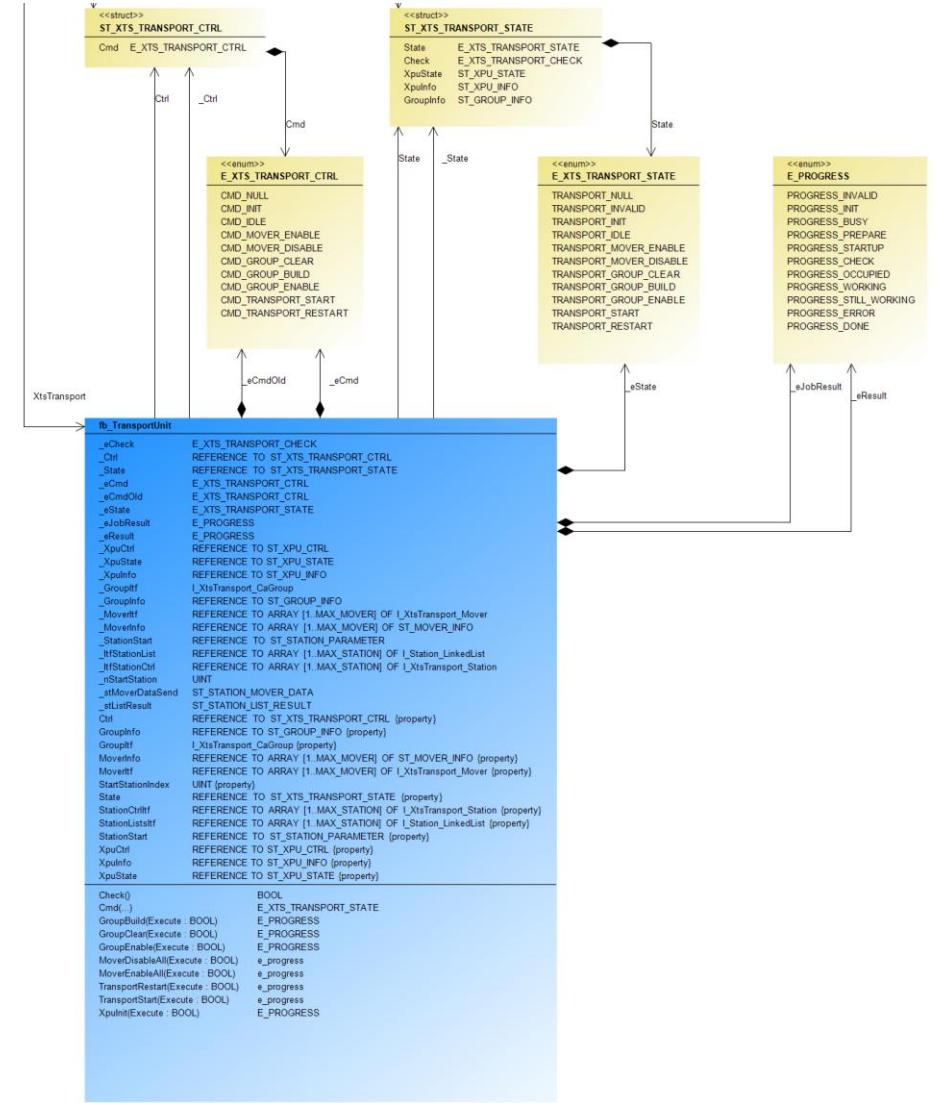
■ TransportUnit

- Fb_TransportUnit():
 - Top level control of XtsTransport
 - Cycle check for change of command:
 - **E_XTS_TRANSPORT_CTRL:**

```

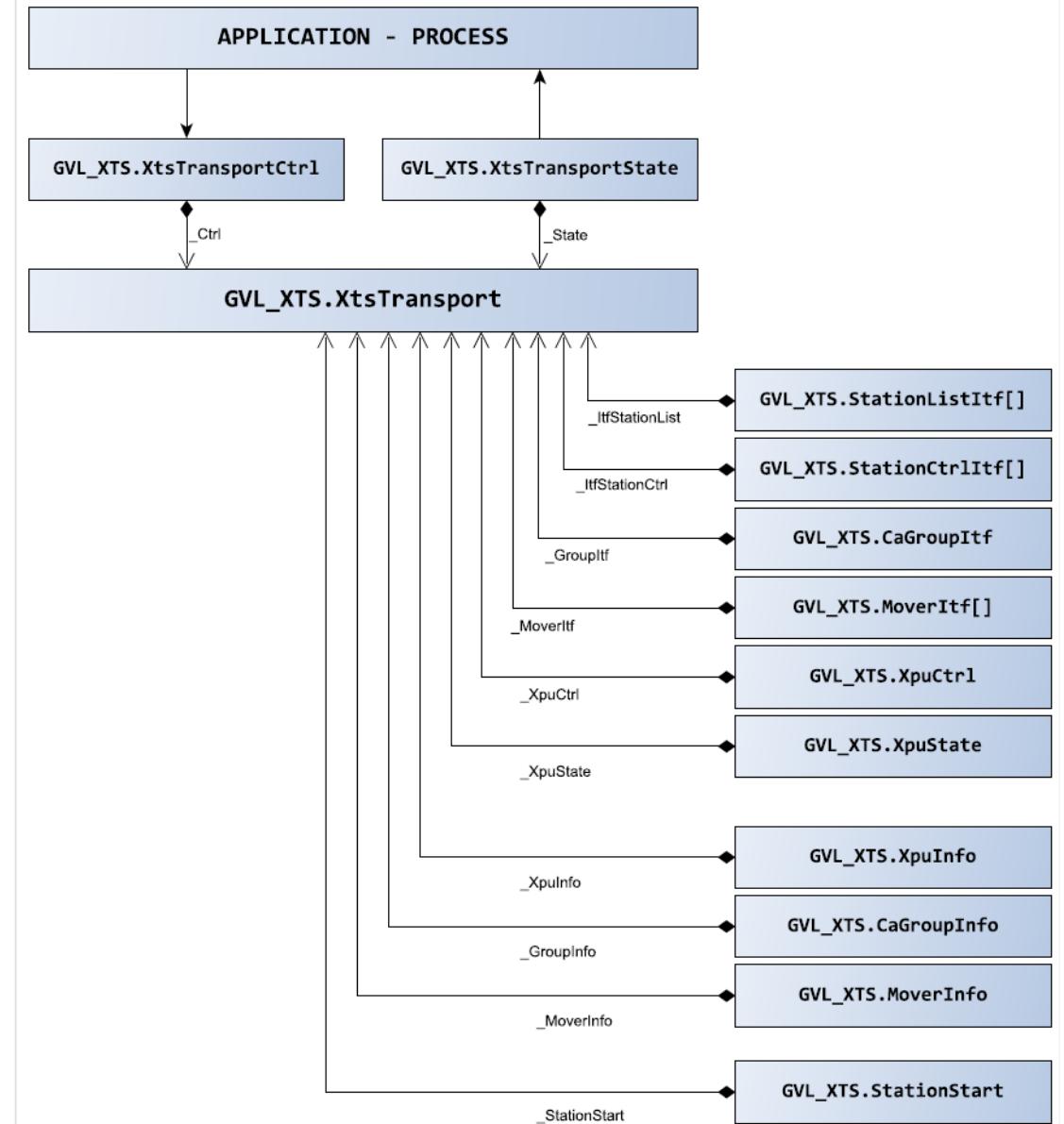
1 {attribute 'strict'}
2 {attribute 'to_string'}
3 TYPE E_XTS_TRANSPORT_CTRL :
4 (
5   CMD_NULL,
6   CMD_INIT           := 10,
7   CMD_IDLE,
8
9   CMD_MOVER_ENABLE   := 20,
10  CMD_MOVER_DISABLE,
11  CMD_MOVER_HALT_CA,
12  CMD_MOVER_STOP,
13
14  CMD_GROUP_CLEAR    := 30,
15  CMD_GROUP_BUILD,
16  CMD_GROUP_ENABLE,
17  CMD_GROUP_STOP,
18
19  CMD_TRANSPORT_START := 40,
20  CMD_TRANSPORT_RESTART
21
22 )UINT;
23 END_TYPE
24

```



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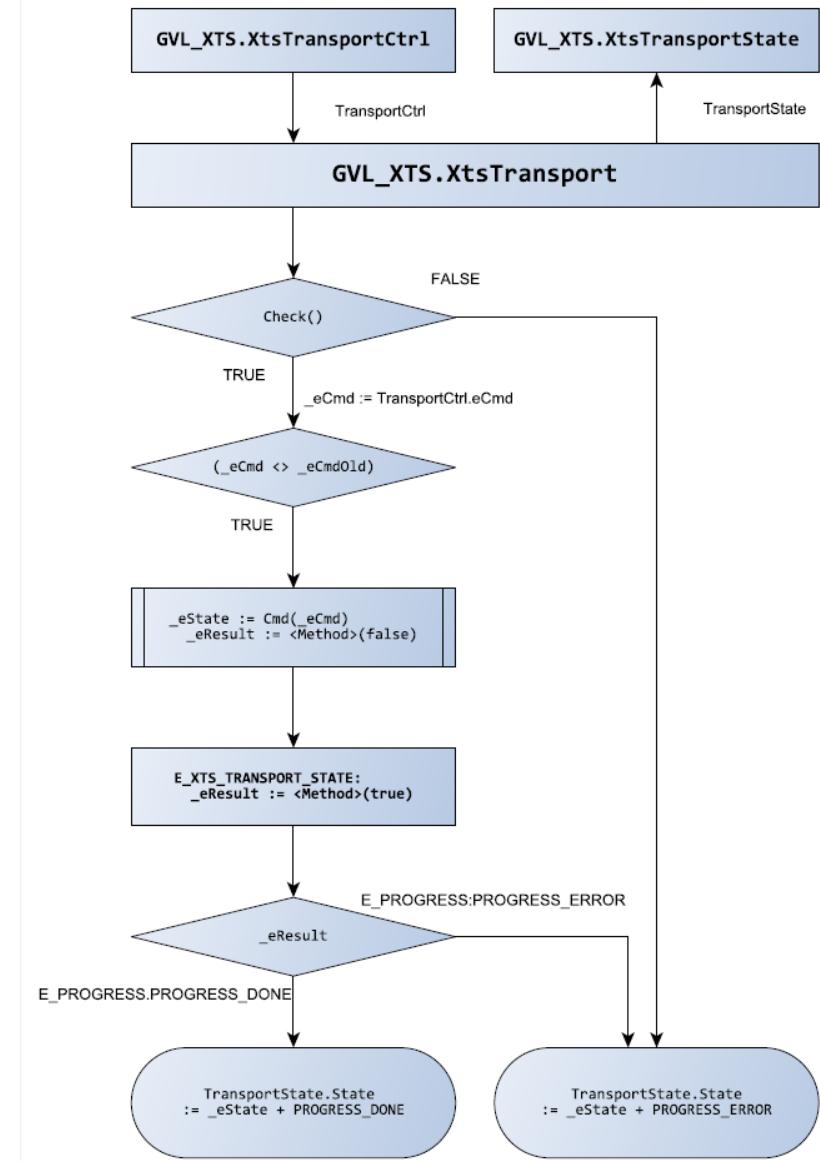
- TransportUnit
 - Fb_TransportUnit():
 - Members:



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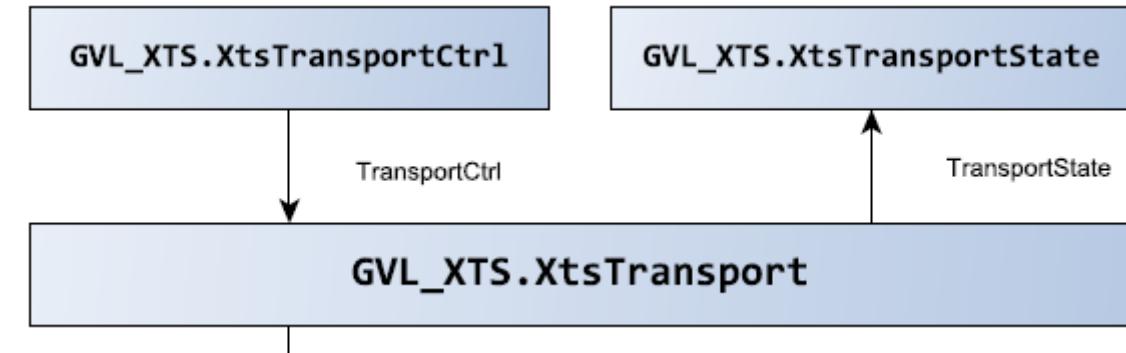
- TransportUnit

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



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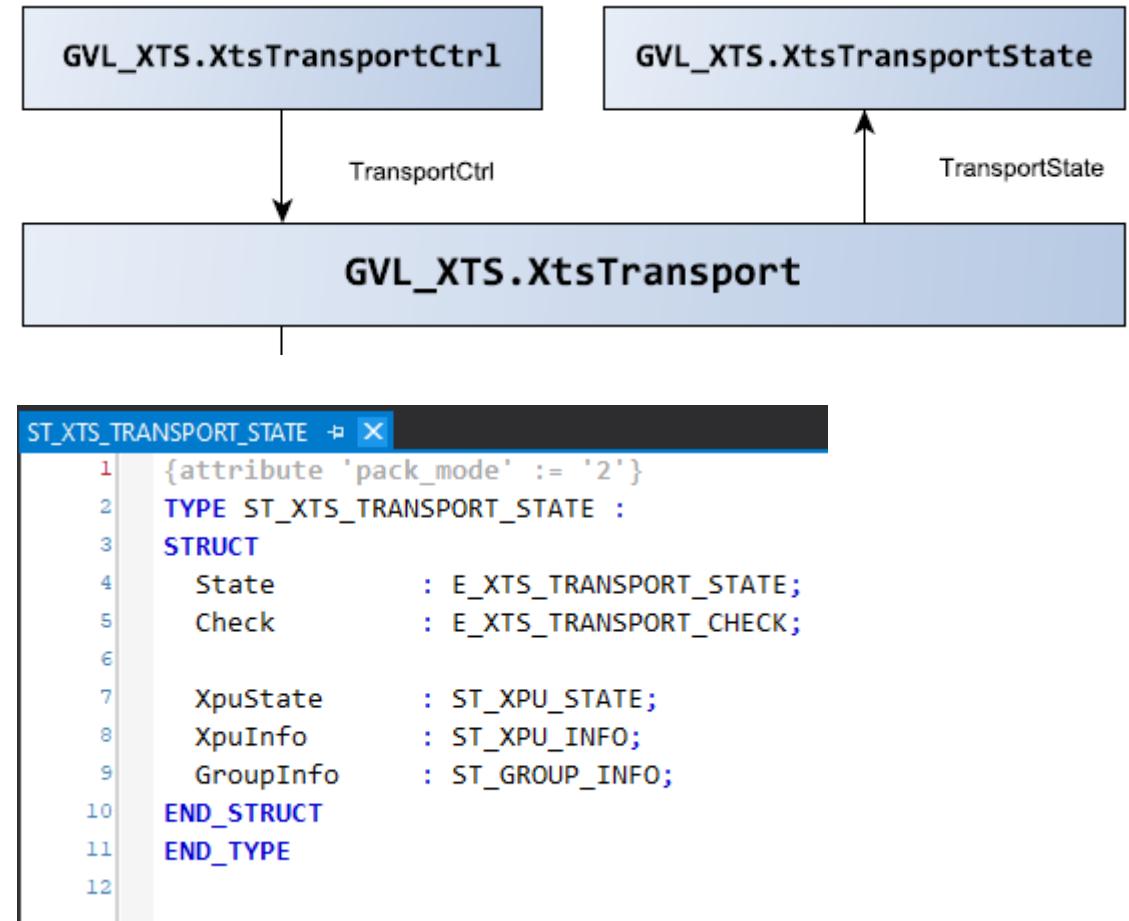
- TransportUnit
 - GVL_XTS.XtsTransportCtrl:
ST_TRANSPORT_UNIT_CTRL
 - Struct for commanding
FB_TransportUnit
 - eCmd : E_XTS_TRANSPORT_CTRL



```
ST_XTS_TRANSPORT_CTRL ▷ X
1  TYPE ST_XTS_TRANSPORT_CTRL :
2  STRUCT
3      Cmd      : E_XTS_TRANSPORT_CTRL;
4  END_STRUCT
5  END_TYPE
6
```

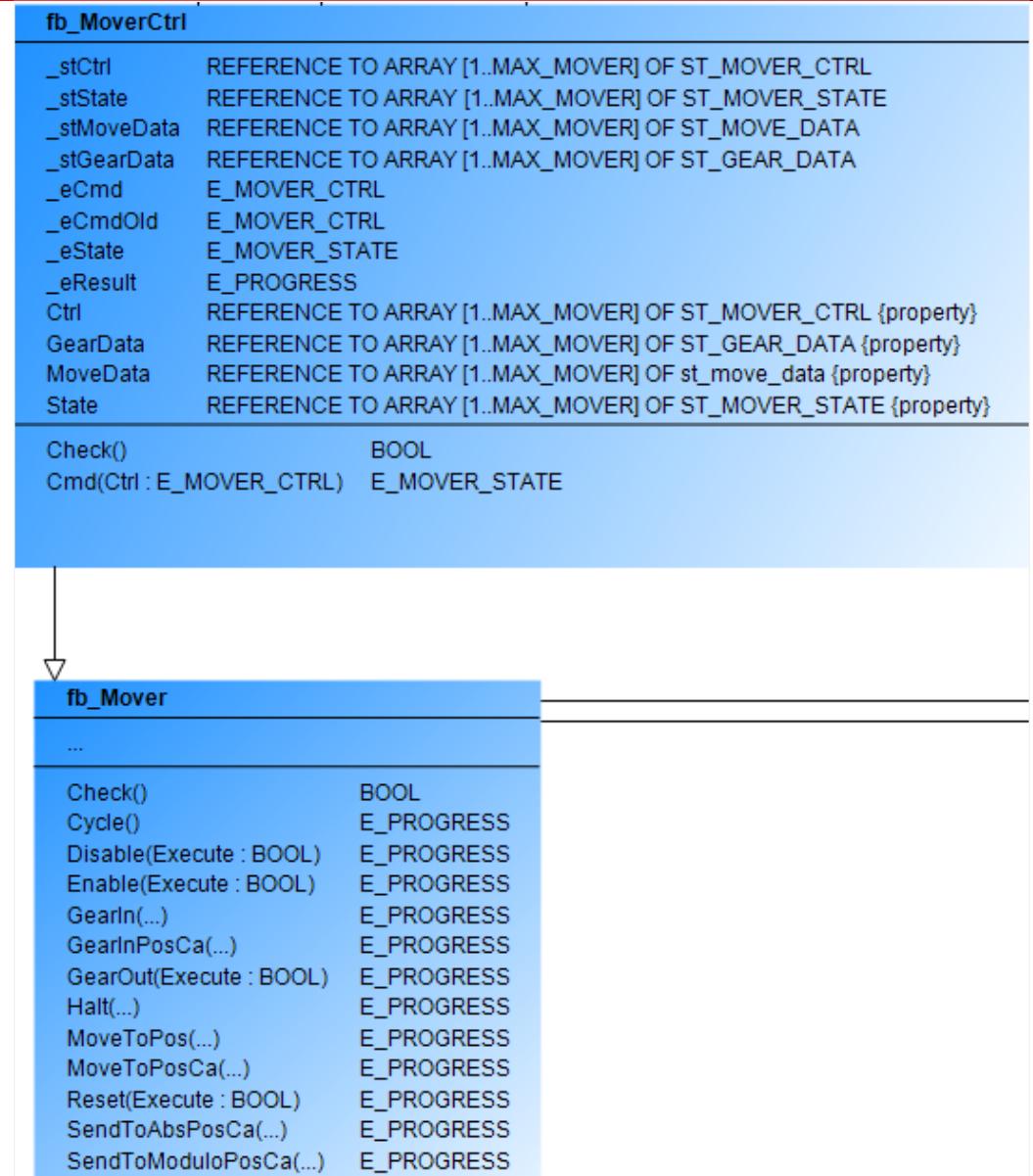
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- TransportUnit
 - GVL_XTS.XtsTransportState:
ST_TRANSPORT_UNIT_STATE
 - State: combines active command and result
 - Check: cyclic pointer checks
 - XpuState: state from fb_Xpu
 - XpuInfo: cyclic plausibility checks to
TcCOM Objects
 - GroupInfo: cyclic information from
FB_CaGroup



3. Design

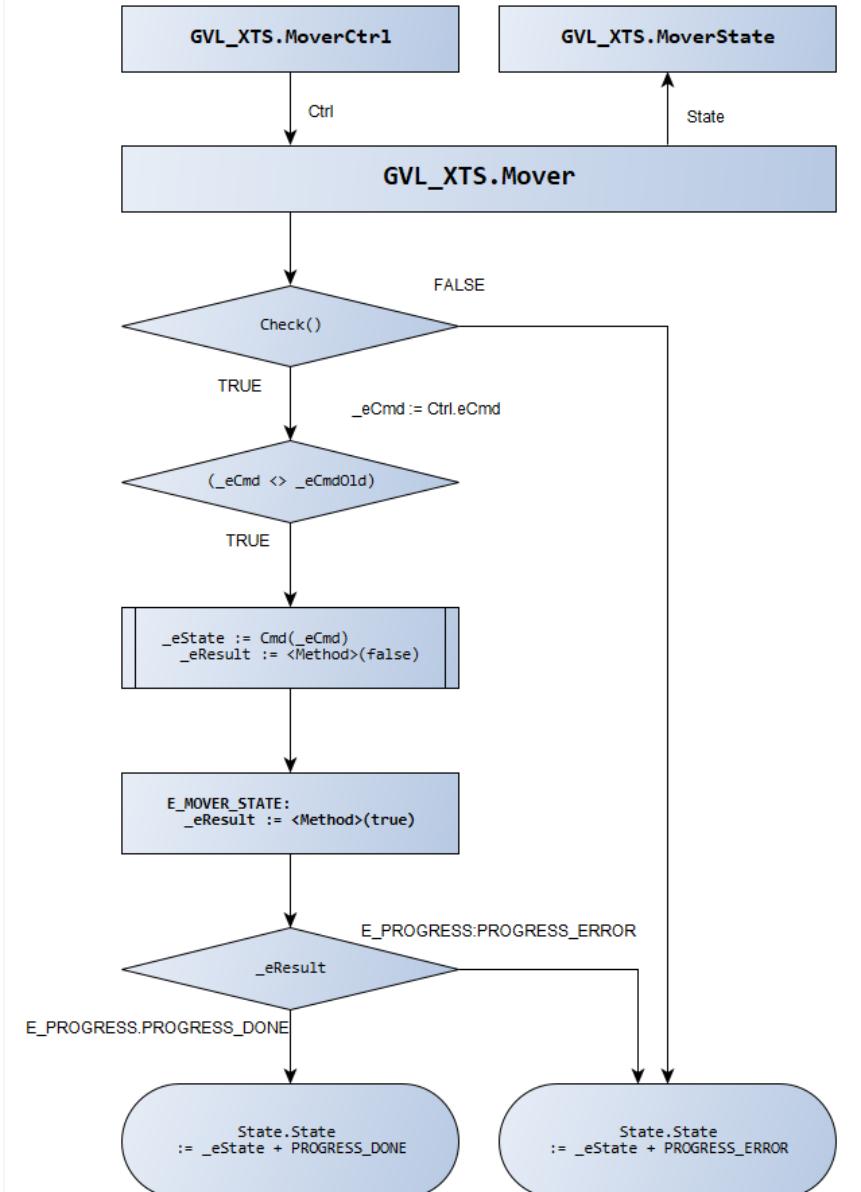
- GVL_XTS.Mover[] (**fb_MoverCtrl**)
 - Inherits **fb_Mover**
 - Access to MC function blocks in library
 - Implements Interface for use in other classes
 - Contains cyclic interface
 - OnChange check of command
 - Ctrl datafield for setting commands
 - State data field for checking responses
 - Parameter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



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■ 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



3. Design

- fb_CaGroup:
 - Collision Avoidance class wrapper
 - Implements **I_Transport_CaGroup**
 - Cyclic information from **AXES_GROUP_REF**
 - Mover commands via interface **I_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 [1..MAX_MOVER] OF Tc2_MC2.AXIS_REF
_MoverItf	REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1..MAX_MOVER] OF I_XtsTransport_Mover
_stMoveData	ST_MOVE_DATA
_fbAddAxisGroup	ARRAY [1..MAX_MOVER] OF Tc3_McCoordinatedMotion.MC_AddAxisToGroup
_fbRemoveAxisGroup	ARRAY [1..MAX_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
_trigGroupStatusRead	Tc2_Standard.R_TRIG
_trigGroupErrorRead	Tc2_Standard.R_TRIG
_stMsg	ST_Message
_eMessageLevel	E_MessageType
AxisRef	REFERENCE TO ARRAY [1..MAX_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 [1..MAX_MOVER] OF I_XtsTransport_Mover {property}
...	

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- fb_CaGroup:
 - Implements **I_Transport_CaGroup**
 - Used in fb_TransportUnit

<<interface>>	
I_XtsTransport_CaGroup	
AddAll(Execute : BOOL)	E_PROGRESS
Disable(Execute : BOOL)	E_PROGRESS
Enable(Execute : BOOL)	E_PROGRESS
McHaltAll(Execute : BOOL)	E_PROGRESS
McResetAll(Execute : BOOL)	E_PROGRESS
RemoveAll(Execute : BOOL)	E_PROGRESS
Reset(Execute : BOOL)	E_PROGRESS

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- fb_CaGroup:
 - Cyclic information to **ST_GROUP_INFO**

<code>_CaGroupInfo</code>	→	<code><<struct>></code>
<code>_stGroupInfo</code>	→	ST_GROUP_INFO
		GroupStatusValid BIT
		GroupStatusBusy BIT
		GroupMoving BIT
		GroupHoming BIT
		GroupErrorStop BIT
		GroupNotReady BIT
		GroupStandby BIT
		GroupStopping BIT
		GroupDisabled BIT
		AllAxesStanding BIT
		ConstantVelocity BIT
		Accelerating BIT
		Decelerating BIT
		InPosition BIT
		GroupError BIT
		GroupErrorId UDINT
		AxisCount UDINT
		AxisCountEnabled UDINT
		CaGroupOID OTCID
		CaGroupState E_CA_GROUP_STATE

3. Design

▪ GVL_XTS.Xpu (**fb_XpuCtrl**)

- Inherits **fb_Xpu**:
 - Class for interacting with XTS ProcessingUnit
 - Xpulnit()
 - Connects to OTCIDs of XTS TcCOM Objects
 - Cycle
 - Plausibility checks, get module info data
 - ModuleInfoData, used in Cycle

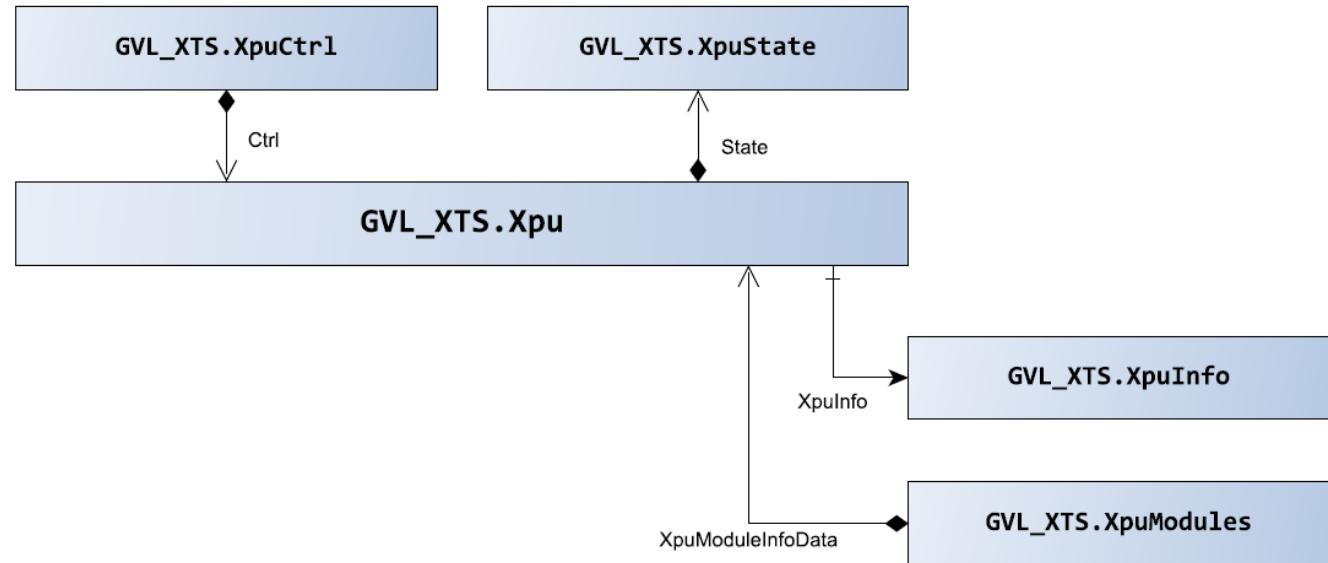
fb_XpuCtrl	
_Ctrl	REFERENCE TO ST_XPU_CTRL
_State	REFERENCE TO ST_XPU_STATE
_eCmd	E_XPU_CTRL
_eCmdOld	E_XPU_CTRL
_eResult	E_PROGRESS
_eState	E_XPU_STATE
Ctrl	REFERENCE TO ST_XPU_CTRL {property}
State	REFERENCE TO ST_XPU_STATE {property}
Check()	BOOL
Cmd(Ctrl : E_XPU_CTRL)	E_XPU_STATE
DetectMoverId(Enable : BOOL)	E_XPU_CHECK
fb_Xpu	
...	
Cycle(...)	E_PROGRESS
GetEnvironment()	I_TcloXtsEnvironment
IdDetectionModeToString()	STRING(20)
ModuleInfoData(Enable : BOOL)	E_PROGRESS
MoverPositionAssignmentToString()	STRING(20)
OpModeToString()	STRING(20)
Xpulnit(...)	E_XPU_INIT

3. Design

■ GVL_XTS.Xpu (fb_XpuCtrl)

- Wraps cyclic execution of fb_Xpu
- Cyclic check for command change
(ST_XPU_CTRL.Cmd)

```
E_XPU_CTRL # X
1 {attribute 'strict'}
2 TYPE E_XPU_CTRL :
3 (
4     XTS_CMD_NULL,
5     XTS_CMD_INIT          := 10,
6     //XTS_CMD_READ_STN_CONFIG      := 20,
7     XTS_IDLE                := 30
8 )UINT;
9 END_TYPE
```

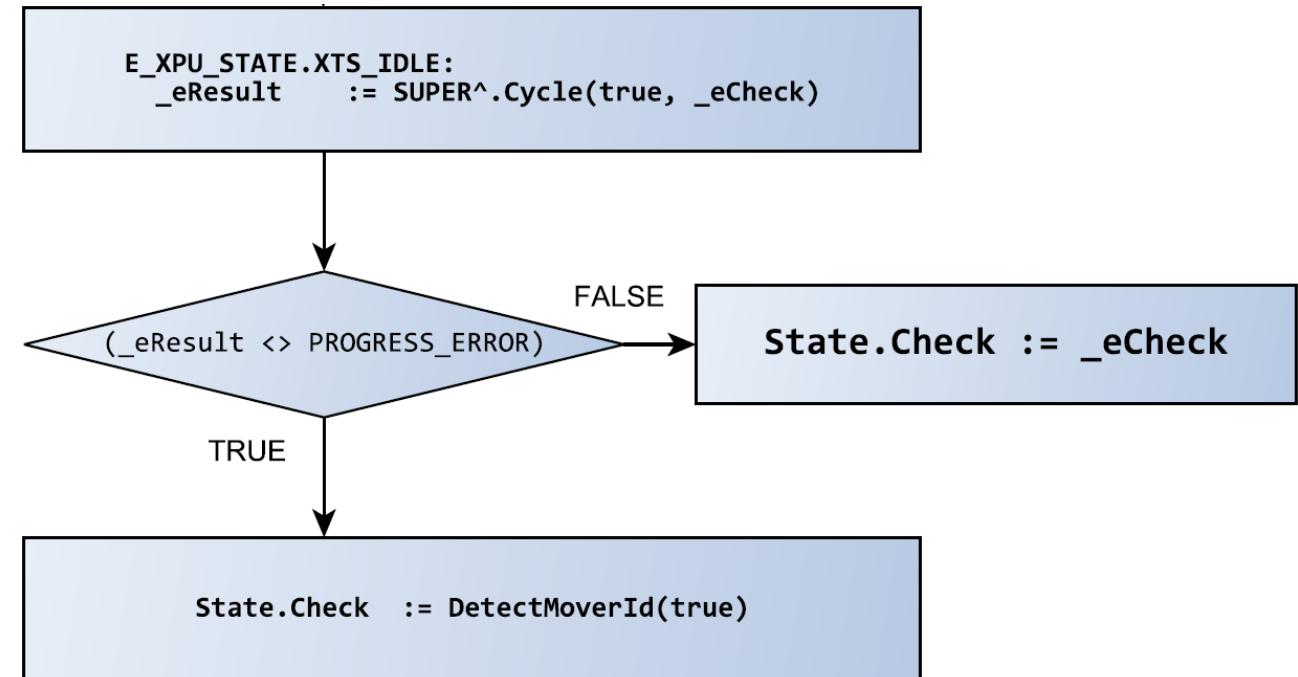


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- fb_XpuCtrl cyclic data:

- **SUPER^.Cycle():**
 - Cyclic plausibility checks
 - Cyclic update motor modules data
- Cyclic data **ST_XPU_INFO:**

```
ST_XPU_INFO # X
1 {attribute 'pack_mode' := '2'}
2 TYPE ST_XPU_INFO :
3 STRUCT
4     AllPositionsValid      : BIT;
5     IdDetectionError      : BIT;
6     IdDetectionValid      : BIT;
7     IdDetectionActive     : BIT;
8
9     OperationMode          : UINT;
10
11    IdDetectionMode        : UINT;
12    MoverPositionAssignment : UINT;
13
14    nDetectedAxisCount    : UINT;
15    nExpectedAxisCount    : UINT;
16
17
18 END_STRUCT
19 END_TYPE
```



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- fb_XpuCtrl:
 - Cyclic motor module data:

The screenshot shows the Tc3_XTS_Utility software interface. The title bar indicates the application name, version (4.0.10.0), and Beckhoff Automation GmbH. The left pane displays a hierarchical tree view of data structures:

- Diagnostic
- Motor
 - ST_XtsMotorMemoryData
 - ST_XtsMotorModule
- CoE
 - ST_XtsCoE
 - SubItem
 - AmplifierSetting
 - DiagData
 - DiagHistory
 - I2tDiagData
 - Identity
 - InfoData
 - ST_InfoData
 - View
 - ST_Info DataView
 - VendorData
- Motion
- XTS IO

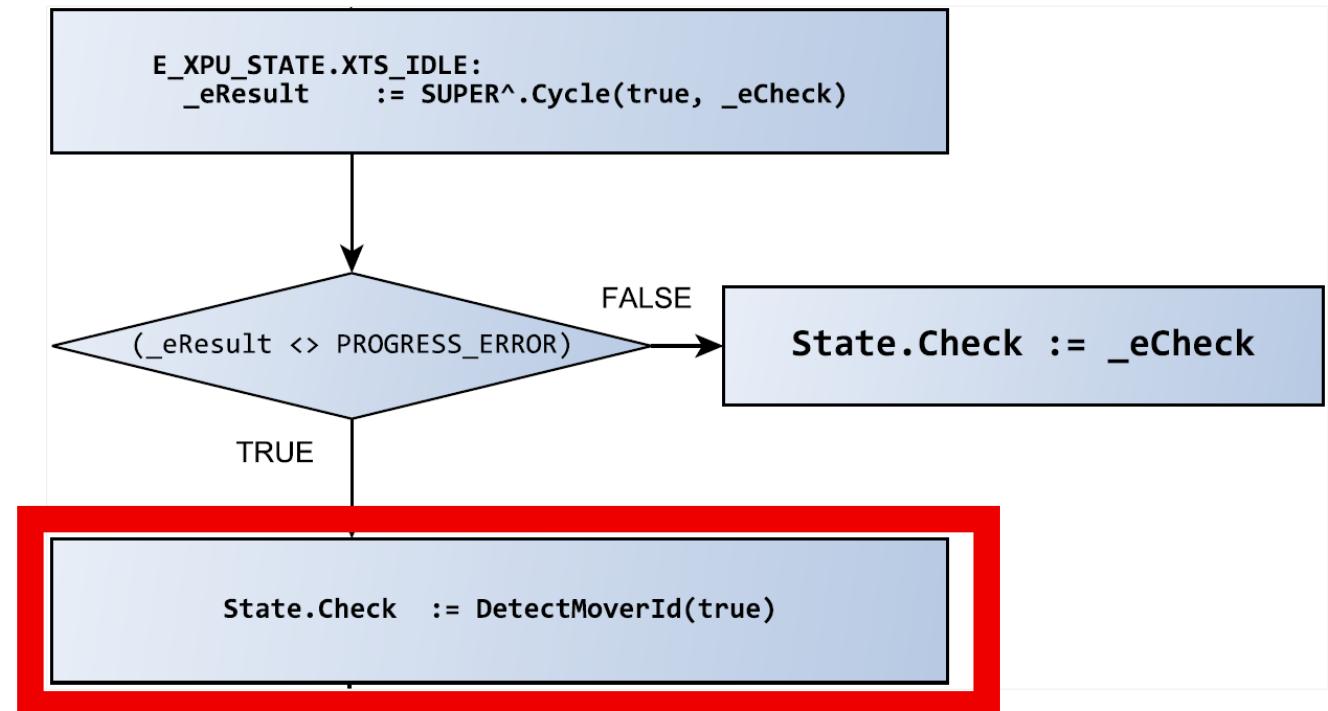
The right pane shows the details of the selected "ST_Info DataView" structure, with tabs for Inputs/Outputs and Documentation. The STRUCT definition is as follows:

Name	Type	Inherited from	Address	Initial
byInfoData	BYTE			
fAuxiliaryVoltage_5V	LREAL			
fAuxiliaryVoltage_10V	LREAL			
fAuxiliaryVoltage_24V	LREAL			
fDcLinkVoltage	LREAL			
nCurrentScaling	INT			
nDeviceInfo	UDINT			
fPcbTemp_0	LREAL			
fPcbTemp_1	LREAL			
fPcbTemp_2	LREAL			
fPcbTemp_3	LREAL			
fAverageTemp	LREAL			
fOverallCurrent	LREAL			
fMaxDCLinkVoltageLast500ms	LREAL			
fMaxOverallCurrentLast500ms	LREAL			

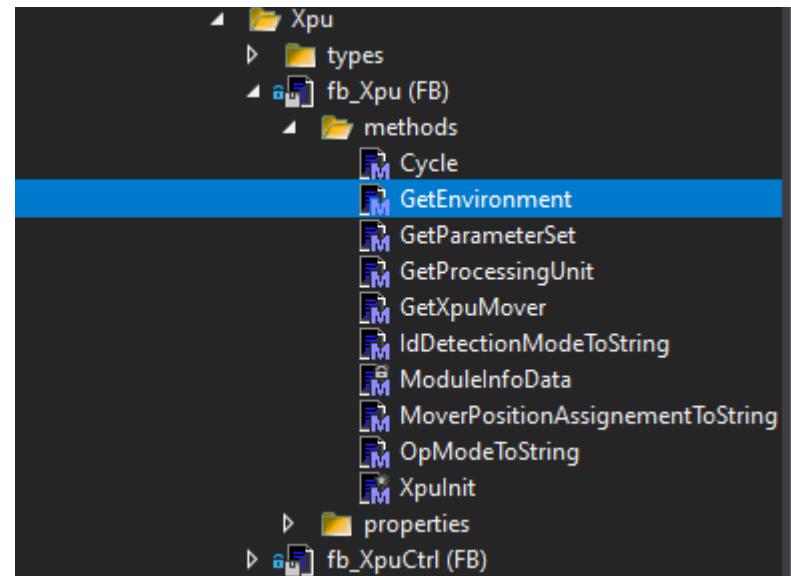
- fb_XpuCtrl:

- DetectMoverId:

- Cyclic checks for valid Mover ID Detection
 - Check pdf flowchart in [doc] folder of project



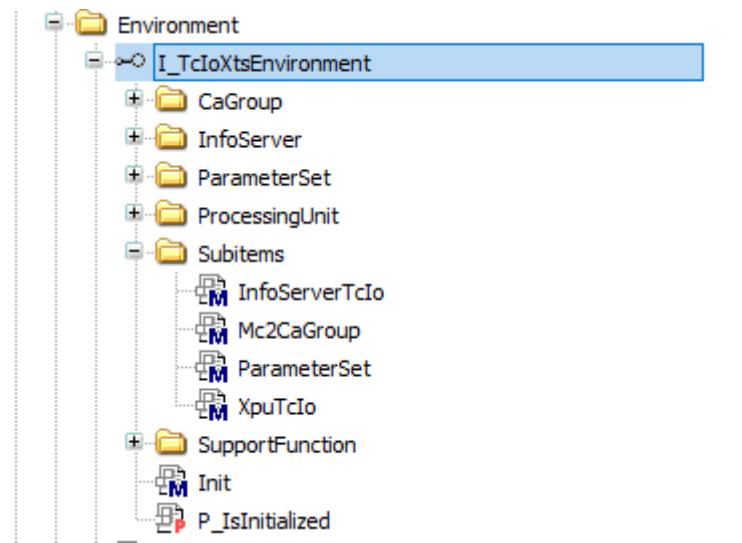
- `fb_Xpu.GetEnvironment()`:
 - **Interface methods to Tc3_XTS_Utility.lib:**
 - `GetEnvironment() : I_TcloXtsEnvironment`
 - Startup initialization of `_fbEnvironment` is done by `fb_Xpu.Init()`
 - Top level interface
 - See interface structure (Library Manager) in order to reach lower level interfaces



- fb_Xpu.GetEnvironment():

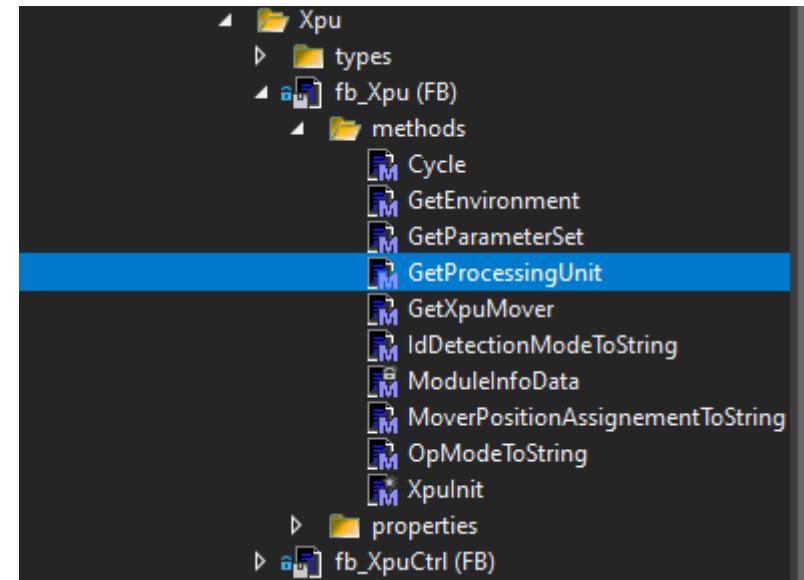
- **I_TcloXtsEnvironment:**

- See LibraryManager
 - Provides access to members



- fb_Xpu.GetProcessingUnit():

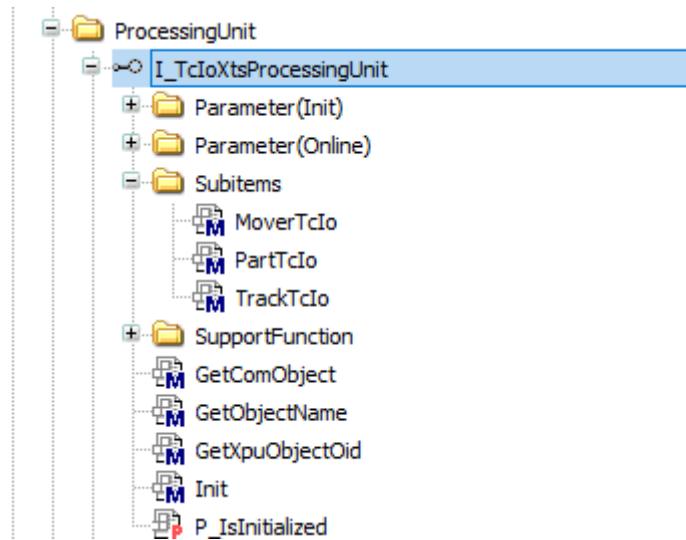
- **Interface methods to Tc3_XTS_Utility.lib:**
 - GetProcessingUnit : I_TcloXtsProcessingUnit
 - Startup initialization of _fbProcessingUnit is done by fb_Xpu.Init()
 - Interface for Processing Unit
 - See interface structure (Library Manager) in order to reach lower level interfaces



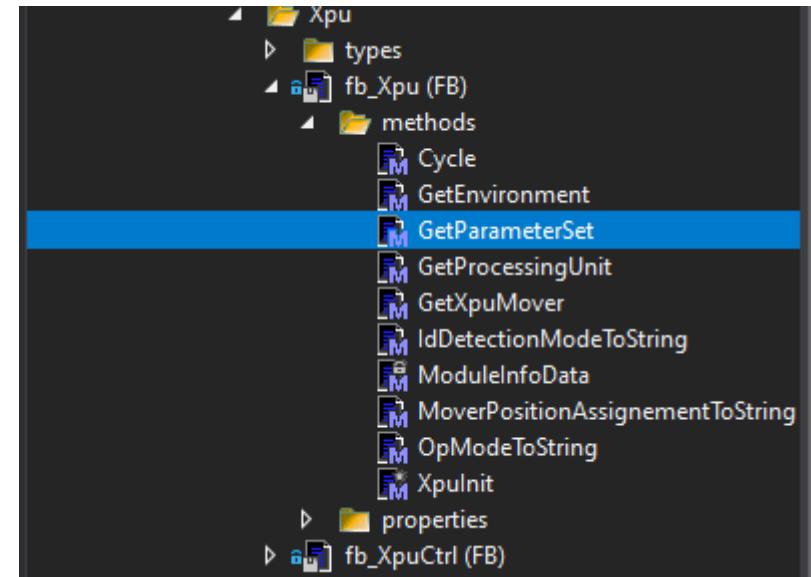
- fb_Xpu.GetProcessingUnit():

- **I_TcloXtsProcessingUnit:**

- See LibraryManager
 - Provides access to members

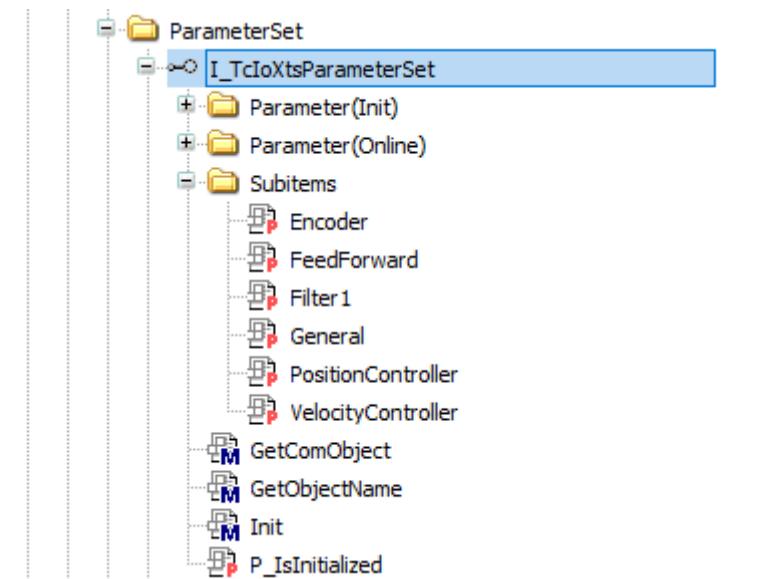


- `fb_Xpu.GetParameterSet(Index):`
 - **Interface methods to Tc3_XTS_Utility.lib:**
 - `GetParameterSet(Index) : I_TcloXtsParameterSet`
 - Startup initialization of `_fbParameterSet[]` is done by `fb_Xpu.Init()`
 - Interface for ParameterSets
 - See interface structure (Library Manager) in order to reach lower level interfaces



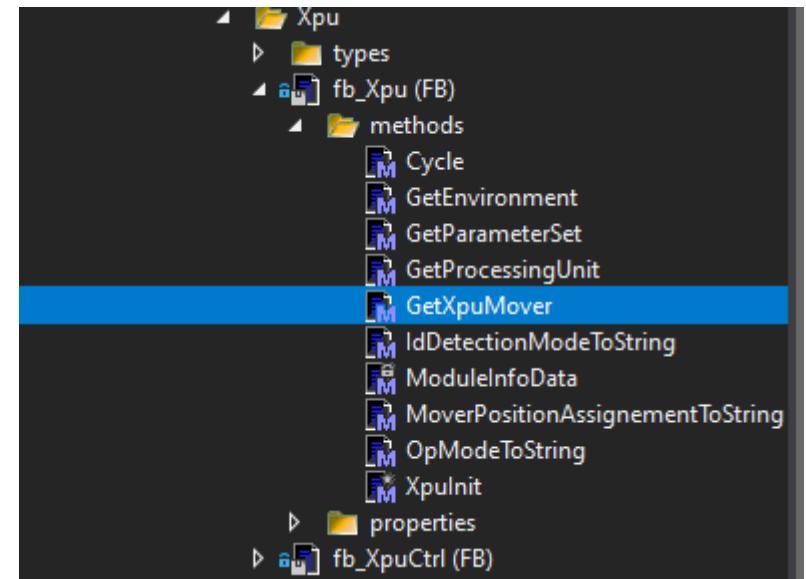
- fb_Xpu.GetParameterSet(Index):

- **I_TcloXtsParameterSet:**
 - See LibraryManager
 - Provides access to members

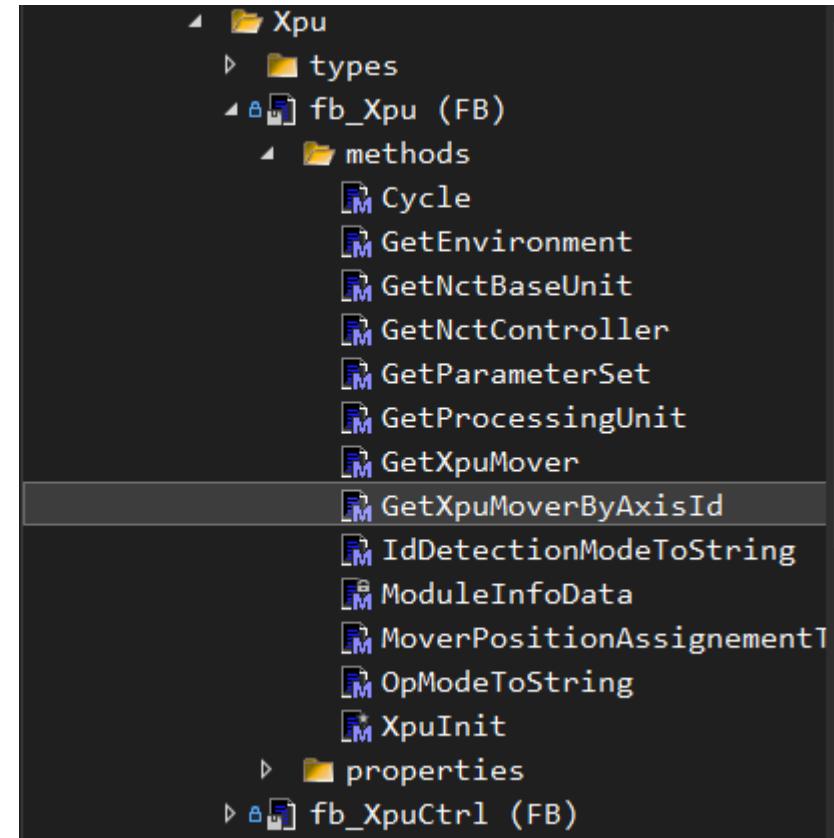


- fb_Xpu.GetXpuMover(Index):

- **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

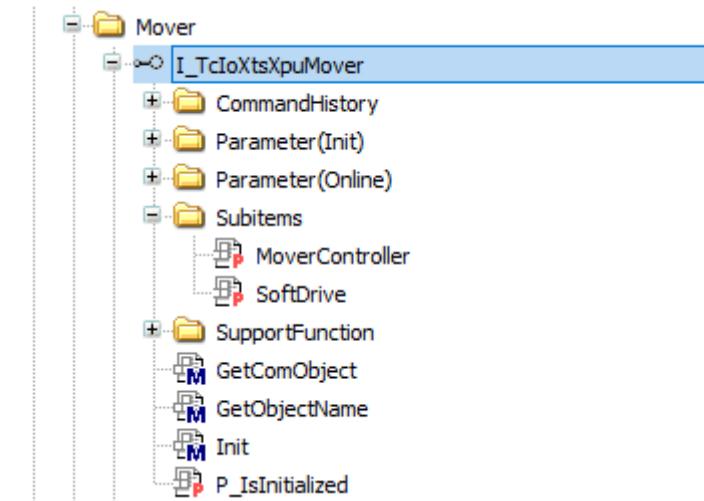


- fb_Xpu. GetXpuMoverByAxisId(AxisId):
 - **Interface methods to Tc3_XTS_Utility.lib:**
 - GetXpuMoverByAxisId(AxisId): I_TcloXtsXpuMover
 - Startup initialization of _fbMoverXpu[] is done by fb_Xpu.Init()
 - Interface for Mover
 - See interface structure (Library Manager) in order to reach lower level interfaces



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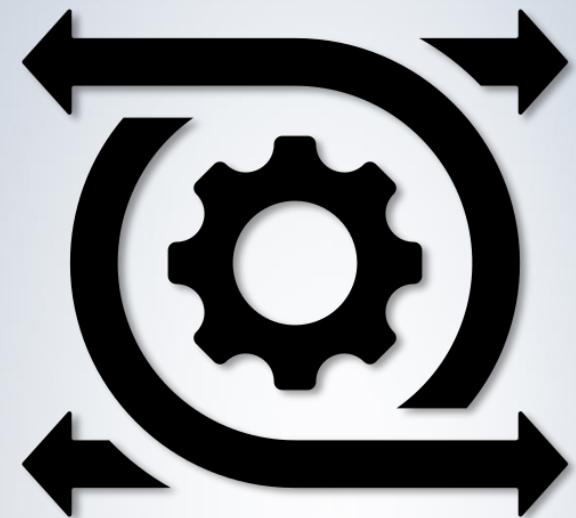
- fb_Xpu.GetXpuMover(Index):
- fb_Xpu.GetXpuMoverByAxisId(AxisId):
 - **I_TcloXtsXpuMover:**
 - See LibraryManager
 - Provides access to members



- **Transport Logic can be easy or may be complex**

- **Examples shall help you to easily build any product transport.**
- 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, synchronous and precise for high end sorting and/or assembly machines

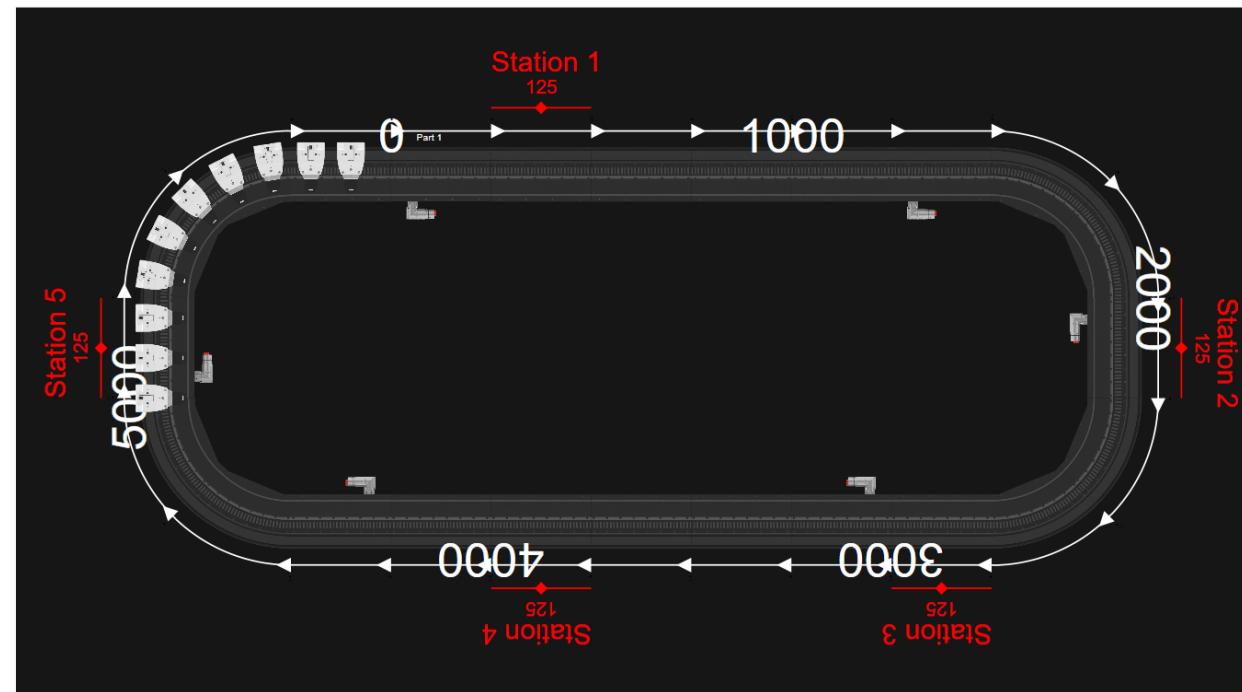
More flexible machines



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■ XTS_DEMO_11

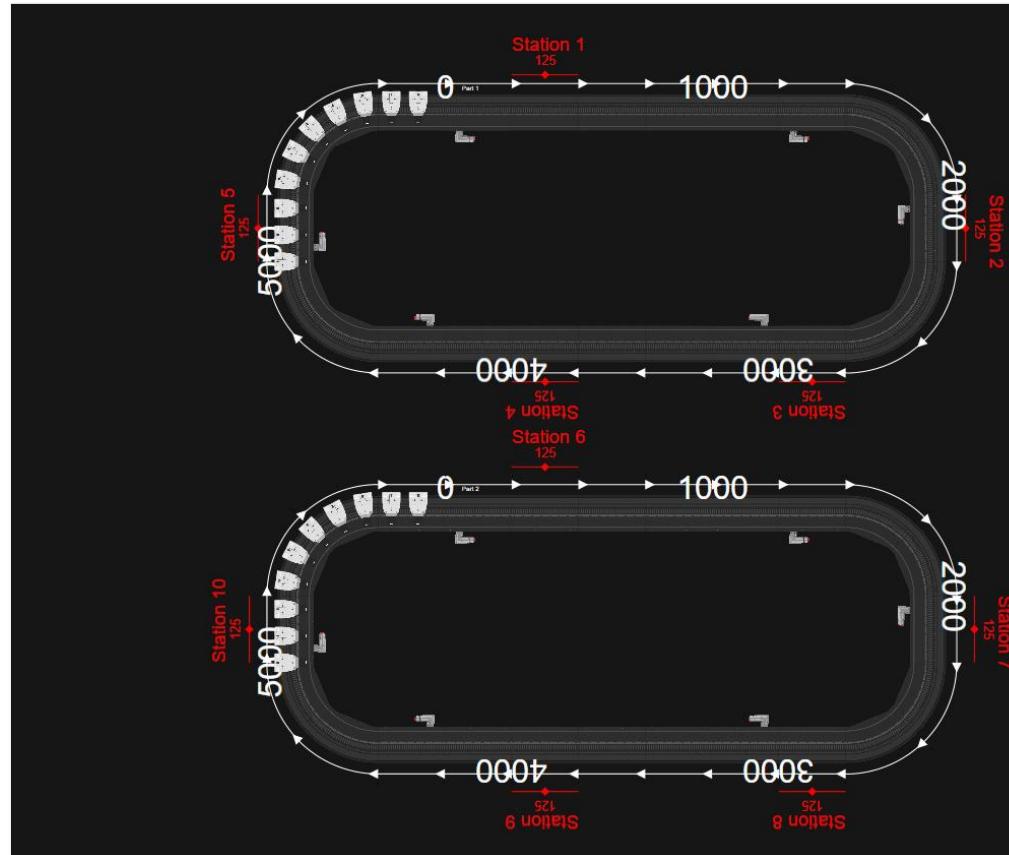
- Single Station, Single Nest
 - ST_STATION_CTRL/ST_STATION_STATE is used for mover handshakes
- Easy example for a XTS transport which requires only stations in which a mover stops once.
- Easy transport logic;
 $\text{Target}[n] := n+1; n+1 > \text{MAX}; n+1 := 1$



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- XTS_DEMO_22
 - Multiple XPU
 - 2 ProcessingUnits in one PLC
 - Single Station, Single Nest
 - ST_STATION_CTRL/ST_STATION_STATE is used for mover handshakes
 - Easy example for an XTS transport requiring only stations in which a mover stops once.
 - Easy transport logic:
 $\text{Target}[n] := n+1; n+1 > \text{MAX}; n+1 := 1$



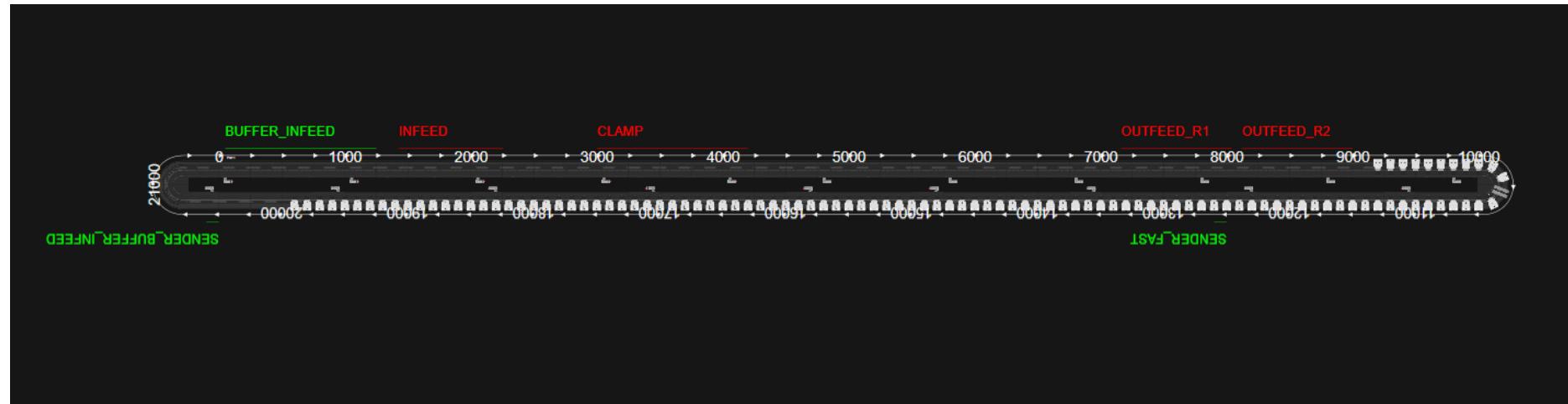
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- XTS_DEMO_APPLICATION_108

- 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

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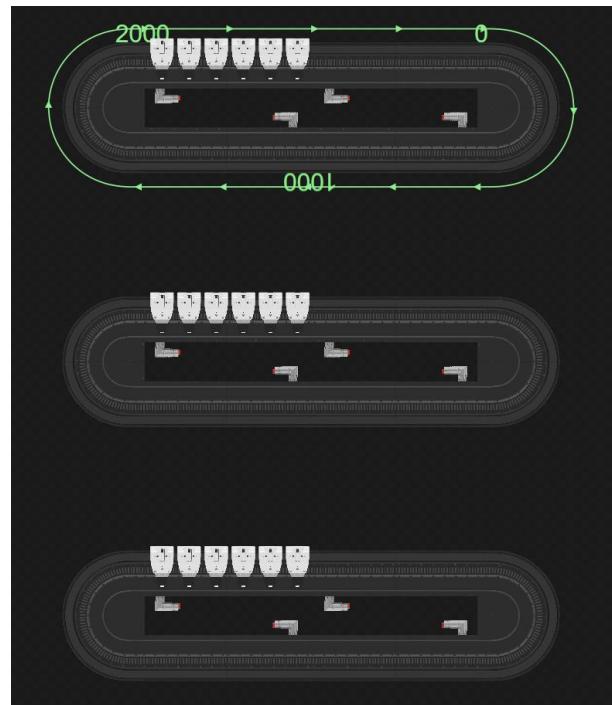
- Complex transport logic:
 - fb_ProcessCollector: grouping of XtsStations
 - fb_Instance: base class for logic implementation
 - Process_Instances: extending fb_Instance with transport details



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- XTS_DEMO_LASER_CUT
 - Flying Saw application with 3 XPU
 - ConveyerBelt MasterAxis
 - CutMark detection (simulated in example)
 - GearInPosCA for 3 XPU with 6 Movers each
 - Use of multiple PLC
 - XtsTransport
 - ExternControl
- - Complex transport logic:
 - fb_ProcessCollector: grouping of XtsStations
 - fb_Instance: base class for logic implementation
 - Process_Instances: extending fb_Instance with transport details
 - fb_GearInPos extends fb_StationBase
 - Control and Feedback datafields for ADS or fieldbus access



- XTS_DEMO_DISPENSING_MOVER
 - Station based example
 - Dispensing Station
 - GearIn of Mover in Station (standstill)
 - Select *.nc file
 - Build NCI Config
 - Activate NCI config
 - Start *.nc program
 - Use of Mfunc to start dispenser axis
 - Use of PLC_MOTION_LAYER
 - https://github.com/haud-ba/PLC_MOTION_LAYER
- - Complex transport logic:
 - fb_ProcessCollector: grouping of XtsStations
 - fb_Instance: base class for logic implementation
 - Process_Instances: extending fb_Instance with transport details

XTS_TRANSPORT_LAYER

"I spoke your name a door opened, I found light in absolute darkness, I look back in grateful memories."

Who am I?

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