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1. General

The motion control market displays a wide variety of incompatible systems and solutions. In businesses where different systems are used, this incompatibility induces considerable costs for the end-users, learning is confusing, engineering becomes difficult, and the process of market growth slows down.

Standardization would certainly reduce these negative factors. Standardization means not only the programming languages themselves, (as standardization is achieved using the worldwide IEC 61131-3 standard) but also standardizing the interface towards different motion control solutions. In this way the programming of these motion control solutions is less hardware dependent. The reusability of the application software is increased, and the costs involved in training and support are reduced.

Users have requested that PLCopen helps to solve this problem, which initiated the Motion Control Task Force. This Task Force has defined the programmer's interface by standardizing the Function Blocks for Motion Control.

Figure 1: The triangle with user options

For the positioning of this activity, please check figure 1. This triangle has the following user options at its corners:

- Performance
- Functionality
- Standardization.

In practice, users write their programs very closely coupled to the hardware with dedicated functions, in order to get the highest performance possible as dictated by their environment. This limits the user in his options with respect to the target hardware and the reusability of the control software and raises the training investment.

The second user option enables a very broad range of software functionality to be offered. This can be very helpful to the user, but will seldom lead to high performance. Also the training costs are increased.

The third corner, standardization, is primarily focused on reusability across different systems from different suppliers, including integrated, distributed and networked systems, as well as reduction in training investments. Due to the general character of this definition, the performance on different architectures can be less optimal than hard coding. Due to this, standardization should not be expected to offer maximum performance but can closely approach maximum functionality, meaning that the bottom of the triangle is very short.

The first specification was released as an independent library of function blocks for motion control. It included motion functionality for single axes and multiple axes, several administrative tasks, as well as a state diagram. This specification provides the user with a standard command set and structure independent of the underlying architecture.

This structure can be used on many platforms and architectures. In this way one can decide which architecture will be used at a later stage of the development cycle. Advantages for the machine builder are, amongst others, lower costs for supporting the different platforms and the freedom to develop application software in a more independent way, without limiting the productivity of the machine. In addition to those benefits, system maintenance is easier and the education period is shorter. This is a major step forward, and is more and more accepted by users as well as suppliers.

With the release of part 1, it was understood that additional functionality was needed. Part 1 provides the basis for a set

of inter-related specifications:

Part 1 - PLCopen Function Blocks for Motion Control

- Part 2 PLCopen Motion Control Extensions, which in the new release 2.0 is merged with Part 1
- Part 3 PLCopen Motion Control User Guidelines
- Part 4 PLCopen Motion Control Coordinated Motion
- Part 5 PLCopen Motion Control Homing Extensions
- Part 6 PLCopen Motion Control –Fluid Power Extensions

With the release of the underlying document, Part 1 – PLCopen Function Blocks for Motion Control version 2.0, Part 2 – PLCopen Motion Control Extensions has been integrated into the Basic document

The PLCopen Motion Control User Guidelines, Part 3, is an addition to the PLCopen Function Blocks for Motion Control, and should not be seen as stand alone document.

1.1. Objectives

The Motion Control Function Blocks are applicable in the IEC 61131-3 languages with following factors in consideration:

- 1 Simplicity ease of use, towards the application program builder and installation $\&$ maintenance
- 2 Efficiency in the number of Function Blocks, directed to efficiency in design (and understanding)
- 3 Consistency conforming to IEC 61131-3 standard
- 4 Universality hardware independent
- 5 Flexibility future extensions / range of application
- 6 Completeness - not mandatory but sufficiently

1.1.1. Language context goals

- Focus on definition of Function Block interfaces and behavior and the data types according to the IEC 61131-3 specification.
- These Function Blocks and data types can be used in all IEC 61131-3 languages.
- The examples in this document are given informatively in textual and graphical IEC 61131-3 languages.
- The contents of the Function Blocks can be implemented in any programming language (e.g. IEC 61131-3 ST, C) or even in firmware or hardware. Therefore the content should not be expected to be portable across platforms.
- Reusable applications composed from these Function Blocks and data types are simplified using PLCopen exchange standards.
- This specification shall be seen as an open framework without hardware dependencies. It provides openness in the implementation on different platforms such as fully integrated, centralized or distributed systems. The actual implementation of the Function Blocks themselves is out of the scope of this standard.

1.1.2. Definition of a set of Function Blocks

A basic problem concerns the granularity or modularity of the standardized Function Blocks. The extremes are one Function Block per axis versus a command level functionality. The objectives stated above can be achieved more easily by a modular design of the Function Blocks. Modularity creates a higher level of scalability, flexibility and reconfigurability. Large-scale blocks (Derived Function Blocks) can then be created from these, e.g. the whole axis, for ease of application program building and browsing.

If feasible, a Function Block specified here could be implemented as a Function (for instance MC_ReadParameter).

1.1.3. Overview of the defined Function Blocks

The following table gives an overview of the defined Function Blocks, divided into administrative (not driving motion) and motion related sets.

Administrative		Motion	
Single Axis	Multiple Axis	Single Axis	Multiple Axis
MC_Power	MC_CamTableSelect	MC_Home	MC_CamIn
MC ReadStatus		MC Stop	MC CamOut
MC ReadAxisError		MC Halt	MC GearIn
MC ReadParameter		MC_MoveAbsolute	MC GearOut
MC_ReadBoolParameter		MC_MoveRelative	MC_GearInPos
MC WriteParameter		MC MoveAdditive	MC_PhasingAbsolute
MC_WriteBoolParameter		MC_MoveSuperimposed	MC_PhasingRelative
MC_ReadDigitalInput		MC_MoveVelocity	MC_CombineAxis
MC_ReadDigitalOutput		MC_MoveContinuousAbsolute	
MC_WriteDigitalOutput		MC_MoveContinuousRelative	
MC_ReadActualPosition		MC_TorqueControl	
MC ReadActualVelocity		MC PositionProfile	
MC ReadActualTorque		MC_VelocityProfile	
MC_ReadAxisInfo		MC_AccelerationProfile	
MC ReadMotionState			
MC_SetPosition			
MC SetOverride			
MC_TouchProbe			
MC_DigitalCamSwitch			
MC_Reset			
MC_AbortTrigger			
MC_HaltSuperimposed			

Table 1: Overview of the defined Function Blocks

1.1.4. Compliance and Portability

The objective of this work is to achieve a level of portability for Motion Control Function Blocks acting on an axis, and providing the same functionality to the user as described within this document, with respect to user interface, input / output variables, parameters and units used.

The possibility of combining several MC libraries from different vendors within one application is left open to be solved by the systems integrator or end user.

An implementation which claims compliance with this PLCopen specification shall offer a set of (meaning one or more) Function Blocks for motion control with at least the **basic** input and output variables, marked as "**B**" in the defined tables in the definition of the Function Blocks in this document.

For higher-level systems and future extensions any subset of the **extended** input and output variables, marked as "**E**" in the tables can be implemented.

Vendor specific additions are marked with "**V**".

For more specific information on compliance and the usage of the PLCopen Motion Control logo, refer to Appendix B.

Any vendor is allowed to add Vendor Specific parameters to any of the Function Blocks specified within this document.

Note:

According to the IEC 61131-3 specification, the input variables may be unconnected or not parameterized by the user. In this case the Function Block will use the value from the previous invocation of the Function Block instance or in case of the first invocation the initial value will be used. Each Function Block input has a defined initial value, which is typically 0.

The data type REAL listed in the Function Blocks and parameters (e.g. for velocity, acceleration, distance, etc.) may be

exchanged to SINT, INT, DINT or LREAL without being seen as incompliant to this standard, as long as it is consistent for the whole set of Function Blocks and parameters.

Implementation allows the extension of data types as long as the basic data type is kept. For example: WORD may be changed to DWORD, but not to REAL.

Any FBs and inputs that are no longer specified in this new version of the specification can be kept in the vendors' systems to keep compatibility, avoiding incompatible changes in existing FBs.

1.1.5. Length of names and ways to shorten them

There are systems that only support a limited number of significant characters in the name. For these rules for shorter names are provided here. These names are still seen as compliant, although have to be mentioned in the certification document.

List of rules to shorten names:

Resulting compliant names as example:

1.1.6. History

The first official release of Part 1 was made in November 2001. Since that time feedback has been received from both users and implementers. In 2004 it was decided to release a new version, Version 1.1, of Part 1, which includes the changes resulting from inclusion of the feedback into the specification. This update was published in April 2005. In September 2005 the first official release of Part 2 – Extensions was published.

After that date, a corrigendum and addendum was maintained for both parts. During 2008 the proposal was accepted to merge both part 1 and 2 in one new part 1, to be released as version 2.0, the document you are looking at now. Basically the two sets of function blocks have been merged. In addition, several overall changes were done. These changes include (however are not limited to):

- The simplification of the representation of the State Diagram, with a.o. the removal of the transition commands
- The new input 'ContinuousUpdate' extending the behaviour of the relevant motion related function blocks
- Adopted description resulting in a changed behaviour of the output 'Active'
- Aborting mode deleted in some FBs
- Changes in the mcAborting enum
- The split of MC_Phasing and MC_MoveContinuous FBs in to relative and absolute versions for both
- New FBs MC_ReadMotionState, MC_ReadAxisInfo, MC_CombineAxes and MC_HaltSuperimposed
- The description at Camming
- The functionality of MC_CamTableSelect is extended with input 'ExecutionMode'. Description of 'Periodic'defined more precise.
- The functionality of MC_CamIn is extended with inputs 'MasterStartDistance'and 'MasterSyncPosition'.
- New input 'MasterValueSource' and corresponding datatype in MC_CamIn, MC_GearIn, MC_GearInPos, MC_ReadMotionState, and MC_CombineAxes
- Input 'Mode' of MC_SetPosition now called 'Relative' (in line with Part 4)
- Unified naming conventions for Function Blocks, Enum elements, Data types, Structures, Inputs and Outputs for all PLCopen Motion Control specifications.
- The behaviour of the 'InVelocity', 'InGear', 'InTorque', and 'InSync'outputs changed after the corresponding SET value is reached
- FBs MC_ReadAxisInfo, MC_PhasingRelative and MC_PhasingAbsolute added to Function Blocks which are not listed in the State Diagram
- Description of inputs 'Axis', 'Master' and 'Slave' changed
- Description of outputs 'Busy', 'Error' and 'ErrorID' changed

2. Model

The following Function Block (FB) library is designed for the purpose of controlling axes via the language elements consistent with those defined in the IEC 61131-3 standard. It was decided by the task force that it would not be practical to encapsulate all the aspects of one axis into only one function block. The retained solution is to provide a set of command oriented function blocks that have a reference to the axis, e.g. the abstract data type 'Axis', which offers flexibility, ease of use and reusability.

Implementations based on IEC 61131-3 (for instance via Function Blocks and SFC) will be focused towards the interface (look-and-feel / 'proxy') of the Function Blocks. This specification does not define the internal operation of the Function Blocks.

This leads to some consequences that are described in this chapter.

2.1. The State Diagram

The following diagram normatively defines the behavior of the axis at a high level when multiple Motion Control Function Blocks are «simultaneously» activated. This combination of motion profiles is useful in building a more complicated profile or to handle exceptions within a program. (In real implementations there may be additional states at a lower level defined).

The basic rule is that motion commands are always taken sequentially, even if the PLC had the capability of real parallel processing. These commands act on the axis' state diagram.

The axis is always in one of the defined states (see diagram below). Any motion command that causes a transition changes the state of the axis and, as a consequence, modifies the way the current motion is computed. The state diagram is an abstraction layer of what the real state of the axis is, comparable to the image of the I/O points within a cyclic (PLC) program.

A change of state is reflected immediately when issuing the corresponding motion command. (Note: the response time of 'immediately' is system dependent, coupled to the state of the axis, or an abstraction layer in the software)

The diagram is focused on a single axis. The multiple axis Function Blocks, MC_CamIn, MC_GearIn and MC_Phasing, can be looked at, from a state diagram point of view, as multiple single-axes all in specific states. For instance, the CAM-master can be in the state 'ContinuousMotion'. The corresponding slave is in the state 'SynchronizedMotion'. Connecting a slave axis to a master axis has no influence on the master axis.

Arrows within the state diagram show the possible state transitions between the states. State transitions due to an issued command are shown by full arrows. Dashed arrows are used for state transitions that occur when a command of an axis has terminated or a system related transition (like error related). The motion commands which transit the axis to the corresponding motion state are listed above the states. These motion commands may also be issued when the axis is already in the according motion state.

Remarks on states:

Standstill Power is on, there is no error in the axis, and there are no motion commands active on the axis.

Remarks on commands:

Function Blocks which are not listed in the State Diagram do not affect the state of the State Diagram, meaning that whenever they are called the state does not change. They are:

- MC_ReadStatus
- MC_ReadAxisError
- MC_ReadParameter
- MC_ReadBoolParameter
- MC_WriteParameter
- MC_WriteBoolParameter
- MC_ReadDigitalInput
- MC_ReadDigitalOutput
- MC_WriteDigitalOutput
- MC_ReadActualPosition
- MC_ReadActualVelocity
- MC_ReadActualTorque
- MC_ReadMotionState
- MC SetPosition
- MC_SetOverride
- MC_AbortTrigger
- MC TouchProbe
- MC_DigitalCamSwitch
- MC_CamTableSelect
- MC_ReadAxisInfo
- MC PhasingRelative
- MC_PhasingAbsolute
- MC_HaltSuperimposed

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Figure 2: FB State Diagram

2.2. Error handling

All access to the drive/motion control is via Function Blocks. Internally these Function Blocks provide basic error checking on the input data. Exactly how this is done is implementation dependent. For instance, if MaxVelocity is set to 6000, and the Velocity input to a FB is set to 10,000, either the system slows down or an error is generated. In the case where an intelligent drive is coupled via a network to the system, the MaxVelocity parameter is probably stored on the drive. The FB has to take care that it handles the error generated by the drive internally. With another implementation, the MaxVelocity value could be stored locally. In this case the FB will generate the error locally.

2.2.1. Centralized versus Decentralized

Both centralized and decentralized error handling methods are possible when using the Motion Control Function Blocks.

Centralized error handling is used to simplify programming of the Function Block. Error-reaction is the same independent of the instance in which the error has occurred.

Figure 3: Function Blocks with centralized error handling

Decentralized error handling gives the possibility of different reactions depending on the Function Block in which an error occurred.

Figure 4: Function blocks with decentralized error handling

2.2.2. Buffered Commands

All buffered commands will be aborted if the applicable axis moves to the state 'ErrorStop'. The 'Error' output of applicable aborted FBs are SET. Any subsequent commands will be rejected and the error output is SET (action not allowed – see state diagram)

If a FB has an error (for instance due to a wrong set of parameters) the error output is set, and the behavior is depending on the application program. For instance, with two FBs, the first FB instance FB1 executes any motion command on an axis. Start a new command on a second FB instance FB2 in buffered mode on the same axis. This command is buffered and waits until FB1 is done. Before the first instance FB1 has finished its command, let one of the following situations occur:

- 1. The axis goes to state 'ErrorStop' (e.g. due to a following error or over-temperature). FB1 sets the output 'Error'. FB2 (as well as any other FB instance that is waiting to execute a buffered command on this axis) sets its 'Error' output and shows with the output 'ErrorID', that it cannot execute its job, because the axis is in a state that doesn't allow it. All buffered commands are cleared. After the axis error is reset by MC_Reset, it can be commanded again.
- 2. The FB1 sets its 'Error' output (e.g. due to an invalid parameterization). FB2 becomes active and executes the given command immediately afterwards, and the application should handle the error situation.

2.2.3. Timing example for the 'Enable' input

Example 1: On the left side of the picture the normal operation is shown. On the right side during the operation an error occurs. This error forces the 'Valid' output to be reset. The output 'Busy' stays high. After the error has been reset, the normal operation procedure is restored, possibly after some time.

Figure 5: Example of error handling with 'Enable' input

The second example shows on the right side an error that cannot be automatically cleared. The outputs 'Busy' and 'Valid' are reset after the error is set. The FB needs a rising edge on the 'Enable' input to continue.

Figure 6: Second example of an error behavior with an 'Enable' input

2.3. Definitions

Within this document the following levels of values are used: Commanded/ Set/ Actual:

- *Commanded value* is the value that is based on the inputs of the function blocks and can be used as (one of the) input to the profile generator.
- *Set value* is at a 'lower' level, closer to the actuator. It is the latest value (generated by the profile generator) that is about to be send to the servo loop (e.g. actuator), e.g. the next value the actuator will use.
- *Actual value* the latest value that is available in the system from the feedback system

2.4. FB interface

2.4.1. General rules

Table 2: General Rules

The behavior of the 'Execute' / 'Done' style FBs is as follows:

Figure 7: The behavior of the 'Execute' / 'Done' in relevant FBs

The behavior of the 'Execute' / 'Inxxx' style FBs is as follows:

Figure 8: The behavior of the 'Execute' / 'Inxxx' in relevant FBs

2.4.2. Aborting versus Buffered modes

Some of the FBs have an input called 'BufferMode'. With this input, the FB can either work in a 'Non-buffered mode' (default behavior) or in a 'Buffered mode'. The difference between those modes is when they should start their action:

- A command in a non-buffered mode acts immediately, even if this interrupts another motion. The buffer is cleared.
- A command in a buffered mode waits till the current FB sets its 'Done' output (or 'InPosition', or 'InVelocity',..).

There are several options for the buffered mode. For this reason, this input is an ENUM of type MC_BUFFER_MODE. The following modes have been identified:

• BlendingHigh blending with highest velocity of FB 1 and FB 2 at end-position of FB1

The FNUM has been defined as follows:

Table 3: The ENUM type MC_BUFFER_MODE

Supplier specific extensions are allowed after these defined Enums.

The examples as listed in [Appendix A](#page-110-0) describe the different behavior of these modes. The following table gives an overview of the effects on the defined function blocks:

Table 4: Overview of the buffered commands on the relevant FBs

Note: The (administrative) FBs not listed here are basically not buffered, nor can be followed by a buffered FB. However, the supplier may choose to support the various buffering / blending modes.

If an on-going motion is aborted by another movement, it can occur that the braking distance is not sufficient due to deceleration limits.

In rotary axis, a modulo can be added. A modulo axis could go to the earliest repetition of the absolute position specified, in cases where the axis should not change direction and reverse to attain the commanded position.

In linear systems, the resulting overshoot can be resolved by reversing, as each position is unique and therefore there is no need to add a modulo to reach the correct position.

2.4.3. AXIS_REF Data type

The AXIS_REF is a structure that contains information on the corresponding axis. It is used as a VAR_IN_OUT in all Motion Control Function Blocks defined in this document. The content of this structure is implementation dependent and can ultimately be empty. If there are elements in this structure, the supplier shall support the access to them, but this is outside of the scope of this document. The refresh rate of this structure is also implementation dependent. According to IEC 61131-3 it is allowed to switch the AXIS_REF for an active FB, for instance from Axis1 to Axis2. However, the behavior of this can vary across different platforms, and is not encouraged to do.

AXIS_REF data type declaration: **TYPE AXIS_REF : STRUCT** (Content is implementation dependent) **END_STRUCT END_TYPE**

Example: **TYPE**

AXIS_REF : STRUCT

AxisNo: UINT; AxisName: STRING (255);

END_STRUCT END_TYPE

2.4.4. Technical Units

The only specification for physical quantities is made on the length unit (noted as [u]) that is to be coherent with its derivatives i.e. (velocity [u/s]; acceleration [u/s²]; jerk [u/s³]). Nevertheless, the unit [u] is not specified (manufacturer dependent). Only its relations with others are specified.

2.4.5. Why the command input is edge sensitive

The 'Execute' input for the different Function Blocks described in this document always triggers the function with its rising edge. The reason for this is that with edge triggered 'Execute' new input values may be commanded during execution of a previous command. The advantage of this method is a precise management of the instant a motion command is performed. Combining different Function Blocks is then easier in both centralized and decentralized models of axis management. The 'Done' output can be used to trigger the next part of the movement.

The example given below is intended to explain the behavior of the Function Block execution. The figure illustrates the sequence of three Function Blocks "First", "Second" and "Third" controlling the same axis. These three Function Blocks could be for instance various absolute or relative move commands. When "First" is completed the motion its rising output 'First.Done' triggers 'Second.Execute'. The output 'Second.Done' AND 'In13' trigger the 'Third.Execute'.

Figure 9: Function blocks to perform a complex movement

2.4.6. The input 'ContinuousUpdate'

Like described in the previous chapter, the input 'Execute' triggers a new movement. With a rising edge of this input the values of the other function block inputs are defining the movement. Until version 1.1 there was the general rule that a later change in these input parameters doesn't affect the ongoing motion.

Nevertheless, there are numerous application examples, where a continuous change of the parameters are needed. The user could retrigger the 'Execute' input of the FB, but this complicated the application.

Therefore, the input 'ContinuousUpdate' has been introduced. It is an extended input to all applicable function blocks. If it is TRUE, when the function block is triggered (rising 'Execute'), it will - as long as it stays TRUE – make the function block use the current values of the input variables and apply it to the ongoing movement. This does not influence the general behavior of the function block nor does it impact the state diagram. In other words it only influences the ongoing movement and its impact ends as soon as the function block is no longer 'Busy' or the input 'ContinuousUpdate' is set to FALSE. (Remark: it can be that certain inputs like 'BufferMode' are not really intended to change every cycle. However, this has to be dealt with in the application, and is not forbidden in the specification.)

If 'ContinuousUpdate' is FALSE with the rising edge of the 'Execute' input, a change in the input parameters is ignored during the whole movement and the original behavior of previous versions is applicable.

The 'ContinuousUpdate' is not a retriggering of the 'Execute' input of the function block. A retriggering of a function block which was previously aborted, stopped, or completed, would regain control on the axis and also modify its state diagram. Opposite to this, the 'ContinuousUpdate' only effects an ongoing movement.

Also, a 'ContinuousUpdate' of relative inputs (e.g. 'Distance' in MC_MoveRelative) always refers to the initial condition (at rising edge of 'Execute').

Example:

- MC_MoveRelative is started at 'Position' 0 with 'Distance' 100, 'Velocity' 10 and 'ContinuousUpdate' set TRUE. 'Execute' is Set and so the movement is started to position 100
- While the movement is executed (let the drive be at position 50), the input 'Distance' is changed to 130, 'Velocity' 20.
- The axis will accelerate (to the new 'Velocity' 20) and stop at 'Position' 130 and set the output 'Done' and does not accept any new values.

2.5. Example 1: the same Function Block instance controls different motions of an axis

Figure [10: Single FB usage with a SFC](#page-25-1) shows an example where the Function Block FB1 is used to control "AxisX" with three different values of 'Velocity'. In a Sequential Function Chart (SFC) the 'Velocity' 10, 20, and 0 is assigned to V. To trigger the 'Execute' input with a rising edge the variable E is stepwise set and reset.

Figure 10: Single FB usage with a SFC

The following timing diagram explains how it works.

Note: if the execute input is retriggered with the same commanded velocity while 'InVelocity' is SET, the behavior of the output 'InVelocity' is implementation dependent (for instance: reset for one cycle or not reset at all)

2.6. Example 2: different Function Block instances control the motions of an axis

Different instances related to the same axis can control the motions on an axis. Each instance will then be «responsible» for one part of the global profile.

Figure 12: Example of cascaded Function Blocks

The corresponding timing diagram:

Figure 13: Timing diagram of example cascaded Function Blocks

A corresponding solution written in LD can look like this:

Figure 14: Example of cascaded Function Blocks with LD

3. Single-Axis Function Blocks

3.1. MC_Power

Notes:

The 'Enable' input enables the power stage in the drive and not the FB itself

If the MC_Power FB is called with the 'Enable' = TRUE while being in 'Disabled', the axis state changes to 'Standstill'.

 It is possible to set an error variable when the Command is TRUE for a while and the Status remains false with a Timer FB and an AND Function (with inverted Status input). It indicates that there is a hardware problem with the power stage.

If power fails (also during operation) it will generate a transition to the 'ErrorStop' state.

'EnablePositive' and 'EnableNegative' are both level sensitive.

'EnablePositive' & 'EnableNegative' can both be true.

• Only 1 FB MC Power should be issued per axis.

3.2. MC_Home

3.3. MC_Stop

1. This FB is primarily intended for emergency stop functionality or exception situations

2. As long as 'Execute' is high, the axis remains in the state 'Stopping' and may not be executing any other motion command.

3. If 'Deceleration' = 0, the behavior of the function block is implementation specific

The example below shows the behavior in combination with a MC_MoveVelocity.

a) A rotating axis is ramped down with FB MC_Stop.

b) The axis rejects motion commands as long as MC_Stop parameter 'Execute' = TRUE. FB MC_MoveVelocity reports an error indicating the busy MC_Stop command.

Figure 16: Behavior of MC_Stop in combination with MC_MoveVelocity

3.4. MC_Halt

Notes:

 MC_Halt is used to stop the axis under normal operation conditions. In non-buffered mode it is possible to set another motion command during deceleration of the axis, which will abort the MC_Halt and will be executed immediately.

 If this command is active the next command can be issued. E.g. a driverless vehicle detects an obstacle and needs to stop. MC_Halt is issued. Before the 'Standstill' is reached the obstacle is removed and the motion can be continued by setting another motion command, so the vehicle does not stop.

The example below shows the behavior in combination with a MC_MoveVelocity.

a) A rotating axis is ramped down with Function Block MC_Halt

b) Another motion command overrides the MC_Halt command. MC_Halt allows this, in contrast to MC_Stop. The axis can accelerate again without reaching 'Standstill'.

Figure 17: Example of MC_Halt

3.5. MC_MoveAbsolute

Notes:

This action completes with velocity zero if no further actions are pending

 If there is only one mathematical solution to reach the 'CommandedPosition' (like in linear systems), the value of the input 'Direction' is ignored

- For modulo axis valid absolute position values are in the range of $[0, 360]$, $(360$ is excluded), or corresponding range. The application however may shift the 'CommandedPosition' of MC_MoveAbsolute into the corresponding modulo range.
- The Enum type 'mcShortestWay' is focused to a trajectory which will go through the shortest route. The decision which direction to go is based on the current position where the command is issued.

The following figure shows two examples of the combination of two absolute move Function Blocks:

- 1. The left part of the timing diagram illustrates the case if the Second Function Block is called **after** the First one. If First reaches the commanded position of 6000 (and the velocity is 0) then the output 'Done' causes the Second FB to move to the 'Position' 10000.
- 2. The right part of the timing diagram illustrates the case if the Second move Function Block starts the execution **while** the First FB is still executing. In this case the First motion is interrupted and aborted by the Test signal during the constant velocity of the First FB. The Second FB moves directly to the position 10000 although the position of 6000 is not yet reached.

Note to figure: the examples are based on two instances of the Function Block: instance "First" and "Second".
3.6. MC_MoveRelative

Notes: This action completes with velocity zero if no further actions are pending.

The following figure shows the example of the combination of two relative move Function Blocks

1. The left part of the timing diagram illustrates the case if the Second Function Block is called **after** the First one.

If First reaches the commanded distance 6000 (and the velocity is 0) then the output 'Done' causes the Second FB to move the commanded distance 4000 and moves the axis to the resulting position of 10000.

2. The right part of the timing diagram illustrates the case if the Second move Function Blocks starts the execution **while** the First FB is still executing. In this case the First motion is interrupted and aborted by the Test signal during the constant velocity of the First FB. The Second FB **adds on the actual position** of 3250 the distance 4000 and moves the axis to the resulting position of 7250.

3.7. MC_MoveAdditive

The following figure shows two examples of the combination of two Function Blocks while the axis is in 'DiscreteMotion' state:

1. The left part of the timing diagram illustrates the case if the Second Function Block is called **after** the First one.

If First reaches the commanded distance 6000 (and the velocity is 0) then the output 'Done' causes the Second FB to move the commanded distance 4000 and moves the axis to the resulting position of 10000.

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2. The right part of the timing diagram illustrates the case if the Second move Function Blocks starts the execution **while** the First FB is still executing. In this case the First motion is interrupted and aborted by the Test signal during the constant velocity of the First FB. The Second FB **adds on the previous commanded position** of 6000 the distance 4000 and moves the axis to the resulting position of 10000.

Figure 20: Timing diagram for MC_MoveAdditive

3.8. MC_MoveSuperimposed

- underlying motion command The FB MC_MoveSuperimposed causes a change of the velocity and, if applicable, the commanded position of an ongoing motion in all relevant states
- In the state 'Standstill' the FB MC_MoveSuperimposed acts like MC_MoveRelative
- The values of 'Acceleration', 'Deceleration', and 'Jerk' are additional values to the on-going motion, and not absolute ones. With this, the underlying FB always finishes its job in the same period of time regardless of whether a MC_MoveSuperimposed FB takes place concurrently.
- The output 'Active' has a different behavior as in buffered FBs.

Figure 21: Timing diagram for MC_MoveSuperimposed

Note 1: the 'CommandAborted' is not visible here, because the new command works on the same instance (see general rules [2.4.1](#page-18-0)) Note 2: the end position is between 7000 and 8000, depending on the timing of the aborting of the second command set for the MC_MoveSuperimposed

Example of MC_MoveSuperimposed during Camming with modulo axes. In green color the slave position is shown both with and without MC_MoveSuperimposed:

Figure 22: Example of the effect of MC_MoveSuperimposed on a slave axis

Note: at Slave velocity, the double line shows the effect of MoveSuperimposed while in synchronized motion during Camming. The same is valid for the related slave position.

The next example shows MC_MoveSuperimposed working on MC_MoveAbsolute. MC_MoveSuperimposed continues its movement even after the underlying discrete motion is finished.

3.9. MC_HaltSuperimposed

3.10. MC_MoveVelocity

Notes:

To stop the motion, the FB has to be interrupted by another FB issuing a new command

The signal 'InVelocity' has to be reset when the block is aborted by another block.

• Negative velocity $*$ negative direction = positive velocity

 In combination with MC_MoveSuperimposed, the output 'InVelocity' is SET as long as the contribution of this FB (MC_MoveVelocity) to the set velocity is equal to the commanded velocity of this FB.

The following figure shows two examples of the combination of two MC_MoveVelocity Function Blocks:

1. The left part of the timing diagram illustrates the case if the Second Function Block is called **after** the First one is completed. If First reaches the commanded velocity 3000 then the output 'First.InVelocity' AND the signal Next causes the Second FB to move to the velocity 2000. In the next cycle 'First.InVelocity' is Reset and

'First.CommandAborted' is Set. Therefore the 'Execute' of the 2nd FB is Reset. And as soon as the axis reaches 'Velocity' 2000 the 'Second.InVelocity' is set.

2. The right part of the timing diagram illustrates the case if the Second move Function Block starts the execution **while** the First FB is not yet 'InVelocity'.

The following sequence is shown: The First motion is started again by GO at the input 'First.Execute'. While the First FB is still accelerating to reach the velocity 3000 the First FB will be interrupted and aborted because the Test signal starts the Run of the Second FB. Now the Second FB runs and decelerates the velocity to 2000.

Figure 24: MC_MoveVelocity timing diagram

Note: $2nd FB$ in mode 'Aborting' (If in buffered mode the velocity would reach 3000 before actuating the next FB).

3.11. MC_MoveContinuousAbsolute

Notes:

 If the commanded position is reached and no new motion command is put into the buffer, the axis continues to run with the specified 'EndVelocity'.

• State 'ContinuousMotion' (meaning: it will not stop by itself).

• This FB can be replaced by the combination of MC_MoveAbsolute and MC_MoveVelocity if BufferMode is implemented on those FBs

One use case for MC_MoveContinuousAbsolute is a linear cutter:

One linear axis that is carrying a laser device that is used to cut a workpiece.

Starting from lrIdlePos the working chain is this:

During the cutting process the laser must be moved with a fix velocity, no acceleration or deceleration phase can be tolerated. The laser must be moved to its waiting position after the cutting was done.

This can be achieved with the FB MC_MoveContinuousAbsolute in the following way:

Figure 25: Example MC_MoveContinuousAbsolute

Started with a rising edge of xStartCuttingCycle, the instance 'mca' of MC_MoveContinuousAbsolute will move the axis with lrFastVelocity over lrStartCutPos, turn back and have the speed lrCutVelocity when reaching lrStartCutPos again in negative direction. In this point in time, 'InEndVelocity' is set, and the laser is switched on. As no other motion FB interrupts this movement, MC_MoveContinuousAbsolute will keep travelling in negative direction with the current speed. After the axis has overstepped the position lrEndPos, where the laser is switched off, the MC_MoveAbsolute instance 'ma' moves the axis with high speed to its idle position:

Figure 26: MC_MoveContinuousAbsolute timing diagram for example above

3.12. MC_MoveContinuousRelative

Notes:

 If the commanded position is reached and no new motion command is put into the buffer, the axis continues to run with the specified 'EndVelocity'.

State 'ContinuousMotion' (meaning: it will not stop by itself).

This FB is specified here for systems without the support for the 'BufferMode'.

 This FB can be replaced by the combination of MC_MoveAbsolute and MC_MoveVelocity if BufferMode is implemented on those FBs

These two sampling traces show the effect of the sign of the value of the input 'EndVelocity': 1. 'EndVelocity' with positive direction:

Figure 27: MC_MoveContinuousRelative timing diagram with positive direction

Figure 28: MC_MoveContinuousRelative timing diagram with negative direction

Example of MC_MoveContinuousRelative:

Figure 29: Example of MC_MoveContinuousRelative

3.13. MC_TorqueControl

Notes:

1. The movement is limited by velocity, acceleration / deceleration, and jerk, or by the value of the torque, depending on the mechanical circumstances.

2. Specific additional tests are outside this FB. For instance, checking on the traveled distance could be done via tracing the actual positions during the action.

3. 'Velocity' is a limit input and is always a positive value. The direction is dependent on the torque and load.

4. The axis ceases to be in 'Torque' control mode when any motion control (not administrative) Function Block is accepted on the same axis.

The example below shows the typical behavior of an intermediate "resistive" load (see 'Deceleration' limit) with some "inertia" (see 'TorqueRamp' limit).

Figure 30: First example of MC_TorqueControl

This example could be implemented in a Function Block Diagram like:

First Instance				Second Instance		
	MC_TorqueControl			MC_TorqueControl		
ExtruderDrive. Start 1stTorque - 0.2 _{m/s} 0.1m/s^2 0.1 m/s ² -	Axis Execute ContinuousUpdate 4Nm - Torque 1Nm/S - TorqueRamp Velocity Aceleration Deceleration Jerk Direction BufferMode	Axis InTorque Busy F Buffered F Command Aborted Error ErrorID	ExtruderDrive4 Start 2nd Torque- Execute 1Nm/s- 0.2 _{m/s} 0.1m/s ² + 0.1 _m /s ²	Axis ContinuousUpdate ONm- Torque TorqueRamp Velocity Aceleration Deceleration Jerk Direction BufferMode	Axis InTorque Busy Buffered H Command Aborted Error ErrorID	

Figure 31: Program of example of MC_TorqueControl

The second example (below) opposite signs for 'Direction' & 'Torque' are used (e.g. Retention or brake control). (In the FB: +Direction –Torque). It is like an unwinding application with torque on the material, and a break in the material. When the material breaks, as shown in the middle of the picture, this causes a drop in the real Torque value (in absolute terms): the velocity will decrease, limited by the fastest "deceleration" limit specified by the 'Deceleration' VAR_INPUT down to zero velocity (with no tension there is a risk of having shock breakings, so we have to limit to the fastest). In this case the torque setpoint might not be achieved.

Figure 32: Second example of MC_TorqueControl

NOTE: In an unwinding application (derived from this brake control) material tension is the target, not motor torque. The instantaneous diameter of the roll should be taken into account to transform the "User tension setpoint". Also additional inertia compensation by modification of the torque setpoint for acceleration / deceleration is common from instantaneous weight data (weight is commonly estimated from diameter). Additionally in unwinding applications, in the case of loose material (same condition as material break), a negative slow velocity reference is usually applied in order to "rewind" the loose material. In this case, this has to be provided by external programming.

3.14. MC_PositionProfile

Figure 33: Example of Time / MC_PositionProfile

Note: The Time / Velocity and Time / Acceleration Profiles are similar to the 'Position' Profile, with sampling points on the 'Velocity' or 'Acceleration' lines.

3.15. MC_VelocityProfile

3.16. MC_AccelerationProfile

FB-Name

This Function Block commands a time-acceleration locked motion profile. After finalizing the acceleration profile, the acceleration goes to 0 (and typically the final velocity is maintained). It stays in the state 'ContinuousMo- $\frac{\text{tion'} }{\text{VAD}}$ \overline{M} OUT

Notes:

- MC_TA_REF is a supplier specific datatype. An example for this datatype is given here below:
	- The content of Time/Acceleration pair may be expressed in DeltaTime/Acceleration, where Delta could be the difference in time between two successive points.
	- TYPE
		- MC_TA : STRUCT DeltaTime : TIME; Acceleration : REAL; END_STRUCT; END_TYPE
	- TYPE

```
MC_TA_REF : STRUCT
   NumberOfPairs : WORD;
   MC_TA_Array : ARRAY [1..N] of MC_TA;
 END_STRUCT;
END_TYPE
```
alternatively to this FB, the CAM FB coupled to a virtual master can be used

Example of an acceleration profile:

A profile is made from a number of sequential "A to B" positioning points. It is simple to visualize, but requires a lot of sequences for a smooth profile. These requirements are often beyond the capability of low-end servos.

Alternatively, by using a modest amount of constant acceleration segments it is possible to define a well-matching motion profile. With this method the capability range of low-end servos can be extended.

- It is possible to make matching to either:
	- 1. Position versus time profile
	- 2. Master versus slave axis

Advantages:

- Compact description of a profile
- Smooth profile properties by nature
- Low processor power requirements

Disadvantages

Higher programming abstraction level with existing tools

Figure 34: MC_AccelerationProfile, 10 segments only

Figure 35: Resulting MC_PositionProfile

3.17. MC_SetPosition

Note:

'Relative' means that 'Position' is added to the actual position value of the axis at the time of execution. This results in a recalibration by a specified distance. 'Absolute' means that the actual position value of the axis is set to the value specified in the 'Position' parameter.

3.18. MC_SetOverride

Figure 36: Graphical explanation of MC_SetOverride

3.19. MC_ReadParameter & MC_ReadBoolParameter

Note: The parameters are defined in the table below.

The parameters defined below have been standardized by the task force. Suppliers should use these parameters if they are offering this functionality.

All read-only parameters as defined may be writable during the initialization phase (supplier dependent).

These parameters are available for use in the application program, and typically are not intended for commissioning tools like operator panels, etc. (the drive is not visible – only the axis position) Note: that the most used parameters are accessible via Function Blocks, and are not listed here.

(Note: PN is Parameter Number see FB MC_ReadParameter / MC_WriteParameter and Boolean versions)

Table 5: Parameters for MC_ReadParameter and MC_WriteParameter

Extensions by any supplier or user are also allowed at the end of the list, although this can affect portability between different platforms. Parameter-numbers from 0 to 999 are reserved for the standard. Numbers greater than 999 indicate supplier-specific parameters.

3.20. MC_WriteParameter & MC_WriteBoolParameter

3.21. MC_ReadDigitalInput

Note: It is not guaranteed that the digital signal will be seen by the FB: a short pulse on the digital input could be over before the next Function Block cycle occurs.

3.22. MC_ReadDigitalOutput

Note: It is not guaranteed that the digital signal will be seen by the FB: a short pulse on the digital output could be over before the next Function Block cycle occurs.

3.23. MC_WriteDigitalOutput

3.24. MC_ReadActualPosition

3.25. MC_ReadActualVelocity

MC_ReadActualVelocity AXIS_REF Axis Axis AXIS_REF BOOL Enable Valid BOOL Busy BOOL Error BOOL ErrorID WORD Velocity REAL

3.26. MC_ReadActualTorque

MC_ReadActualTorque AXIS_REF Axis Axis Axis AXIS_REF BOOL Enable Valid BOOL Busy BOOL Error BOOL ErrorID WORD Torque REAL

3.27. MC_ReadStatus

3.28. MC_ReadMotionState

3.29. MC_ReadAxisInfo

3.30. MC_ReadAxisError

3.31. MC_Reset

3.32. MC_DigitalCamSwitch

Notes:

MC_CAMSWITCH_REFis a vendor specific reference to the pattern data.

MC_OUTPUT_REF is a vendor specific structure linked to the (physical) outputs

MC_TRACK_REF is vendor specific structure containing the track properties, e.g. the compensation per track

(A track is a set of switches related to one output). It can contain the reference to the output also.

This functionality is sometimes called PLS – Phase or Position or Programmable Limit Switch

Basic elements within the structure of MC_CAMSWITCH_REF

Basic elements within the array structure of MC_TRACK_REF

This definition of a cam has a start and an end position, so the user can define each single cam, which has a **FirstOn-Position** and a LastOnPosition (or time). This Function Block is similar to a mechanical cam but has the additional advantages that the outputs can be set for a certain time, and to give it a time-compensation and a hysteresis.

CamSwitchMode can be Position, Time or other additional vendor specific types.

Duration: Time, the output of a time cam is ON

The time compensation (**OnCompensation** and **OffCompensation**) can be positive or negative. Negative means the output changes before the switching position is reached.

Hysteresis: This parameter avoids the phenomenon where the output continually switches if the axis is near the switching point and the actual position is jittering around the switching position. Hysteresis is part of MC_TRACK_REF, which means that a different hysteresis is possible for each track.

Example of MC_CAMSWITCH_REF

Note: Values are Examples

The example below uses the values from the example for MC_CAMSWITCH_REF above. It uses neither On/OffCompensation, nor hysteresis.

This is the behavior of the outputs, when the axis is moving continuously in the positive direction. The axis is a modulo axis with a modulo length of 5000 u.

Figure 37: Example of MC_DigitalCamSwitch

Detailed description of Switch01.

This example additionally uses OnCompensation -125ms and OffCompensation +250ms.

Figure 38: Detailed description of Switch01.

Below the behavior of the outputs, when the axis is moving continuously in the negative direction without On/OffCompensation and without Hysteresis.

Figure 39: Example in negative direction

3.33. MC_TouchProbe

Notes:

1. Intended for single shot operation, that is the first event after the rising edge at 'Execute' is valid for recording only. Possible following events are ignored

2. One Function Block instance should represent exactly one probing command

3. In case of multiple instances on the same probe and axis, the elements of MC_TRIGGER_REF should be extended with TouchProbeID - Identification of a unique probing command – this can be linked to MC_AbortTrigger

Figure 40: Timing example MC_TouchProbe

Figure 41: Examples of windows, where trigger events are accepted (for modulo axes)

3.34. MC_AbortTrigger

4. Multi-Axis Function Blocks

With Multi-Axis Function Blocks a synchronized relationship exists between two or more axes. The synchronization can be related to time or position. Often this relationship is between a master axis and one or more slave axes. A master axis can be a virtual axis.

From the state diagram point of view, the multi-axis Function Blocks related to Camming and Gearing can be looked at as a master axis in one state (for instance: MC_MoveContinuous) and the slave axis in a specific synchronized state, called 'SychronizedMotion' (see State Diagram, chapter [2.1](#page-12-0)).

4.1. Remarks to Camming

A mechanical cam is a rotating or sliding piece in a mechanical linkage used especially in transforming rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa. It is often a part of a rotating wheel (e.g. an eccentric wheel) or shaft (e.g. a cylinder with an irregular shape) that strikes a lever at one or more points on its circular path. The cam can be a simple tooth, as is used to deliver pulses of power to a steam hammer, for example, or an eccentric disc or other shape that produces a smooth reciprocating (back and forth) motion in the follower, which is a lever making contact with the cam.

As such a cam creates a link between a master and one or more slaves in a position / position mode (see figure hereunder).

With motors and drives one can create the same position / position relationship but in this case via a so called Cam table listing the positions. So the relationship is converted to software and control.

Figure 42: CAM profile illustration

Basically, one can differentiate between two types of Camming for both modulo and linear (or finite) master axes:

- **Periodic mode** repeats the execution of the Cam profile on a continuous basis, even if the CAM profile does not match the modulo. This means that for a modulo axis with modulo is 360 degrees, and the CAM profiles is specified for 90 degrees it will be executed 4 times in a modulo. In reverse mode the profile is executed the inverse way.
- **Non-periodic mode** the CAM profile is run only once. If the master position is outside of the Cam profile, the slave axis stays in synchronized motion and keeps the last position. In reverse mode, the CAM profile is not executed after having reached the 'EndOfProfile' position. The 90 degrees example above will be run only once.

Camming may be done with several combined cam tables which are executed sequentially, like a ramp-in, a production cycle, and a ramp-out. Between the different cam curves may be a gap (wait for trigger) in the execution. However, one could the buffered mode or use the output 'EndOfProfile' to start the next profile.

CAM table

Camming is done with one table (two dimensional – describing master and slave positions together) or two tables - for master and slave positions separately. The table should be strictly monotonic rising or falling, going both reverse and forward with the master.

It is allowed and possible to change tables while CAM is running and to change elements in the table while the CAM is running.

The generation and filling of the CAM table (master, slave) is performed by an external tool, which is supplier specific. The coupling of the FB MC_CamIn to the table is also supplier-specific.

Value presentation types

Master and slave axes may have different presentations:

- Absolute values
- Relative to a starting position
- Relative steps (difference to the previous position)
- Equidistant or non-equidistant values.
- Polynomial Format. In this case the cam is described completely in the slave-table. The master-table is zero.

CAM Function Blocks

The advantages of having different Function Blocks for the camming functionality are a more transparent program execution flow and better performance in execution.

4.2. MC_CamTableSelect

4.3. MC_CamIn

Notes:

- It is not required that the master is stationary
- If the actual master and slave positions do not correspond to the offset values when MC_CamIn is executed, either an error occurs or the system deals with the difference automatically
- The Cam is placed either absolute or relative to the current master and slave positions.

Absolute: the profile between master and slave is seen as an absolute relationship.

Relative: the relationship between master and slave is in a relative mode.

 Ramp-in is a supplier specific mode. It can be coupled to additional parameters, such as a master-distance parameter, acceleration parameter, or other supplier specific parameters where the slave to ramp-in into the cam profile (" flying coupling")

• This FB is not merged with the MC CamTableSelect FB because this separation enables changes on the fly

 A mechanical analogy to a slave offset is a cam welded with additional constant layer thickness. Because of this the slave positions have a constant offset and the offset could be interpreted as axis offset of the master shaft, if linear guided slave tappets are assumed.

4.4. MC_CamOut

Notes:

 It is assumed that this command is followed by another command, for instance MC_Stop, MC_GearIn, or any other command. If there is no new command, the default condition should be: maintain last velocity.

 After issuing the FB there is no FB active on the slave axis till the next FB is issued (what can result in problems because no motion command is controlling the axis). Alternatively one can read the actual velocity via MC_ReadActualVelocity and issue MC_MoveVelocity on the slave axis with the actual velocity as input. The FB is here because of compatibility reasons

4.5. MC_GearIn

Notes:

1. The slave ramps up to the ratio of the master velocity and locks in when this is reached. Any lost distance during synchronization is not caught up.

2. The gearing ratio can be changed while MC_GearIn is running, using a consecutive MC_GearIn command without the necessity to MC_GearOut first

3. After being 'InGear', a position locking or just a velocity locking is system specific.

Figure 43: Gear timing diagram

4.6. MC_GearOut

Notes:

 It is assumed that this command is followed by another command, for instance MC_Stop, MC_GearIn, or any other command. If there is no new command, the default condition should be: maintain last velocity.

 After issuing the FB there is no FB active on the slave axis till the next FB is issued (what can result in problems because no motion command is controlling the axis). Alternatively one can read the actual velocity via MC_ReadActualVelocity and issue MC_MoveVelocity on the slave axis with the actual velocity as input. The FB is here because of compatibility reasons

4.7. MC_GearInPos

Notes:

- 1. If 'MasterStartDistance' is implemented, any previous motion is continued until master crosses 'Master-SyncPosition' – 'MasterStartDistance' in the correct direction (according to the sign of 'MasterStartDistance'). At that point in time the output 'StartSync' is set. When a 'Stop' command is executed on the 'Slave' axis before the synchronization has happened, it inhibits the synchronization and the function block issues 'CommandAborted'
- 2. If the 'MasterStartDistance' is not specified, the system itself could calculate the set point for 'StartSync' based on the other relevant inputs.
- 3. The difference between the 'SyncModes' 'CatchUp' and 'SlowDown' is in the energy needed to synchronize. 'SlowDown' costs the lowest energy vs. 'CatchUp'.

Figure 44: Timing Diagram of MC_GearInPos

Figure 45: Example of the difference between 'SyncModes' 'SlowDown' (green) and 'CatchUp' (red) with different initial velocities of the slave

Figure 46: Example of MC_GearInPos where the initial velocity of the slave is in the same direction of the master

Figure 47: Example of MC_GearInPos where the initial velocity of the slave is in the inverse direction of the master

4.8. MC_PhasingAbsolute

'Phase', 'Velocity', 'Acceleration', 'Deceleration' and 'Jerk' of a phase shift are controlled by the FB.

 For comparison: MC_MoveSuperimposed could also be used to act on the slave axis. MC_Phasing acts on the master side, as seen from the slave

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Figure 48: Timing example of MC_Phasing – both for absolute and relative

In this example the slave axis follows the master axis (in red – periodically) with a sine cam profile. Both the slave positions (green) and the slave velocity (blue) are shown. The effect of phasing is shown on the slave axis.

Master position

Figure 49: Example of MC_Phasing – both for absolute and relative

4.9. MC_PhasingRelative

Note:

'Phase', 'Velocity', 'Acceleration', 'Deceleration' and 'Jerk' of a phase shift are controlled by the FB.

• For comparison: MC_MoveSuperimposed could also be used to act on the slave axis. MC_Phasing acts on the master side, as seen from the slave

For examples, see at MC_PhasingAbsolute in the previous paragraph.

4.10. MC_CombineAxes

MC_CombineAxes can generate special synchronized movements that are not possible or complex to generate in other ways. In the following example, a CAM FB and the result of a Gear FB are both synchronized to a conveyor master, are added to generate a virtual master for a MC_GearInPos function of the final axis that will execute the movement.

The particular application of this example could be a machine to deposit the icecream waving layers on top of the icecream base travelling through the freezer line in icecream factory. The dosing axis has to synchronize with a waving manner to the conveyor carrying the icecream base block. And it has to do this in a particular starting position and wave phase to achieve the expected result (therefore the GearInPos). With the CAM FB one can define different wave patterns easily (like the one longer in the top of icecream).

Another case application can be chocolate bars with decoration (individual bars in mouldings). The dosificator makes the wave synchronized with conveyor and returns for the next

Figure 50: Application example of MC_CombineAxes

Figure 51: The corresponding timing diagram for MC_CombineAxes example
5. Application of MC FB – A Drilling Example with 'Aborting' versus 'Blending'

Figure 52: Example of a simple drilling unit

This simple example of drilling a hole shows the difference between two modes.

In order to drill the hole, the following steps have to be done:

Step 1: Initialization, for instance at power up.

Step 2: Move forward to drilling position and start the drill turning. In this way it will be fully operational before the position is reached and then check if both actions are completed.

Step 3: Drill the hole.

Step 4: After drilling the hole we have to wait for the step-chain sequence to finish dwelling to free the hole of any debris, which might have been stuck in the hole.

Step 5: Move drill back to starting position and shut the spindle off. Combining the completion of moving backwards and stopping the spindle we signal the step-chain to start over.

5.1. Solution with Function Block diagram

Both examples can be described with the same program in FBD. The difference is in the input of the 'BufferMode' at the second FB, the MC_MoveRelative. The modes shown in this example are 'Aborting' or 'BlendingLow'.

5.2. Solution with Sequential Function Chart

This is the classical approach using Sequential Function Charts for the specification of sequencing steps. The SFC implements the timing diagram given in the example above.

Figure 55: Straight forward step-transition chain for drilling example in SFC

Appendix A. Examples of the different buffer modes

Example 1: Standard behaviour of 2 following absolute movements

Figure 56: Basic example with two MC_MoveAbsolute on same axis

Figure 57: Timing diagram for example above without interference between FB1 and FB2 ('Aborting' Mode)

Figure 58: Timing diagram for example above with FB2 interrupting FB1 ('Aborting' Mode)

Example 3: 'Buffered' motion

Figure 59: Timing diagram for example above in 'Buffered' Mode (Stopping to velocity 0 and starting FB2 at that point without delay)

Figure 60: Timing diagram for example above with mode 'BlendingLow'

(Using lowest velocity (=velocity 2) from final position of FB1 until final position of FB2) With the blending (and other FBs working on the same axis at the same time (like MC_MoveAdditive)), the system has to combine the different values working on the axis before giving the positions to the relevant axis.

(Uses velocity FB1 at final position FB1)

Example 6: 'BlendingNext' motion

Figure 62: Timing diagram for example above with mode 'BlendingNext' motion

With a 2nd FB following MC_MoveVelocity all blending modes should work like blending previous or create an error.

Example 7: 'BlendingHigh' motion

	MC_MoveAbsolute			MC_MoveAbsolute					MC_MoveAbsolute			
Axis_1 $-$ Axis -		Axis			Axis ·		Axis			Axis -	Axis	
Start_1 $-$ Execute		Done	Done_1 Start_2-		Execute		Done		Done_2 Start_3-Execute		Done	Done_3
	ContinuousUpdate	Busy	- Busy_1	$\qquad \qquad$	ContinuousUpdate		Busy	- Busy_2		ContinuousUpdate	Busy	Busy_3
$1000 -$	Position	Active	Active ₁	$2000 -$	Position		Active	Active_2	$3000 -$	Position	Active	- Active_3
	100 $-$ Velocity	CommandAborted	CA_1	$50 -$	Velocity	CommandAborted		CA_2	$100 -$	$\overline{}$ Velocity	CommandAborted	CA_3
$100 -$	Acceleration	Error		$200 -$	Acceleration		Error			100-Acceleration	Error	
$100 -$	Deceleration	ErrorID		$200 -$	Deceleration		ErrorID		$100 -$	Deceleration	ErrorID	
	Jerk				Jerk					Jerk		
	Direction				Direction					Direction		
mcAborting -	BufferMode				mcBlendingHigh-BufferMode				mcBlendingHigh-	BufferMode		
		Start_14										
		Busy_1A										
		Done_14										
		CA_14										
		Active 14										
		Start_24										
		Busy_24										
		Done_24										
		CA_24										
		Active 24										
		Start 34										
		Busy_34										
		Done_34										
		CA_34										
		Active 34										
		Velocity ⁴										
		Position ⁴										
		2000										
		1000										

Figure 63: Timing diagram for example above with mode 'BlendingHigh' motion

Appendix B. Compliance Procedure and Compliance List

Listed in this Appendix are the requirements for the compliance statement from the supplier of the Motion Control Function Blocks. The compliance statement consists of two main groups: supported data types and supported Function Blocks, in combination with the applicable inputs and outputs. The supplier is required to fill out the tables for the used data types and Function Blocks, according to their product, committing their support to the specification.

By submitting these tables to PLCopen, and after approval by PLCopen, the list will be published on the PLCopen website, www.plcopen.org as well as a shortform overview, as specified in [Appendix B 2](#page-119-0) [Supported Data](#page-119-0) types and [Appendix B 3](#page-120-0) [Overview of the Function Blocks](#page-120-0) as below.

In addition to this approval, the supplier is granted access and usage rights of the PLCopen Motion Control logo, as described in [Appendix B 4:](#page-140-0)

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Data types

The data type REAL listed in the Function Blocks and parameters (e.g. for velocity, acceleration, distance, etc.) may be exchanged to SINT, INT, DINT or LREAL without to be seen as incompliant to this standard, as long as they are consistent for the whole set of Function Blocks and parameters.

Implementation allows the extension of data types as long as the basic data type is kept. For example: WORD may be changed to DWORD, but not to REAL.

Function Blocks and Inputs and Outputs

An implementation which claims compliance with this PLCopen specification shall offer a set of Function Blocks for motion control, meaning one or more Function Blocks, with at least the **basic** input and output variables, marked as "**B**" in the tables. These inputs and outputs have to be supported to be compliant.

For higher-level systems and future extensions any subset of the **extended** input and output variables, marked as "**E**" in the tables can be implemented.

Vendor specific additions are marked with "**V**", and can be listed as such in the supplier documentation.

All the vendor specific items will not be listed in the comparison table on the PLCopen website, but in the detailed vendor specific list, which also is published.

All vendor specific in- and outputs of all FBs must be listed in the certification list of the supplier. With this, the certification listing from a supplier describes all the I/Os of the relevant FBs, including vendor-specific extensions, and thus showing the complete FBs as used by the supplier.

Appendix B 1. Statement of Supplier

I hereby state that the following tables as filled out and submitted do match our product as well as the accompanying user manual, as stated above.

Name of representation (person):

Date of signature (dd/mm/yyyy):

Signature:

Appendix B 2. Supported Data types

Table 6: Supported datatypes

Within the specification the following derived datatypes are defined. Define which of these structures are used in this system:

Table 7: Supported derived datatypes

Table 8: Short overview of the Function Blocks

Appendix B 3.1 MC_Power

Appendix B 3.2 MC_Home

Appendix B 3.3 MC_Stop

Appendix B 3.4 MC_Halt

Appendix B 3.5 MC_MoveAbsolute

Appendix B 3.6 MC_MoveRelative

Appendix B 3.7 MC_MoveAdditive

Appendix B 3.9 MC_HaltSuperimposed

Appendix B 3.10 MC_MoveVelocity

Appendix B 3.11 MC_MoveContinuousAbsolute

Appendix B 3.12 MC_MoveContinuousRelative

Appendix B 3.13 MC_TorqueControl

Appendix B 3.14 MC_PositionProfile

Appendix B 3.15 MC_VelocityProfile

Appendix B 3.16 MC_AccelerationProfile

Appendix B 3.17 MC_SetPosition

Appendix B 3.18 MC_SetOverride

Appendix B 3.19 MC_ReadParameter & MC_ReadBoolParameter

Table 9: Parameters for MC_Read(Bool)Parameter and MC_Write(Bool)Parameter

Appendix B 3.20 MC_WriteParameter & MC_WriteBoolParameter

Appendix B 3.21 MC_ReadDigitalInput

Appendix B 3.22 MC_ReadDigitalOutput

Appendix B 3.23 MC_WriteDigitalOutput

Appendix B 3.24 MC_ReadActualPosition

Appendix B 3.26 MC_ReadActualTorque

Appendix B 3.27 MC_ReadStatus

Appendix B 3.28 MC_ReadMotionState

Appendix B 3.29 MC_ReadAxisInfo

Appendix B 3.30 MC_ReadAxisError

Appendix B 3.31 MC_Reset

Appendix B 3.32 MC_DigitalCamSwitch

Basic elements within the array structure of MC_CAMSWITCH_REF

Basic elements within the array structure of MC_TRACK_REF

Appendix B 3.33 MC_TouchProbe

Appendix B 3.34 MC_AbortTrigger

Appendix B 3.35 MC_CamTableSelect

Appendix B 3.36 MC_CamIn

Appendix B 3.37 MC_CamOut

Appendix B 3.38 MC_GearIn

Appendix B 3.39 MC_GearOut

Appendix B 3.40 MC_GearInPos

Appendix B 3.41 MC_PhasingAbsolute

Appendix B 3.42 MC_PhasingRelative

Appendix B 3.43 CombineAxes

Appendix B 4. The PLCopen Motion Control Logo and Its Usage

For quick identification of compliant products, PLCopen has developed a logo for the Motion Control Function Blocks:

Figure 64: The PLCopen Motion Control Logo

This motion control logo is owned and trademarked by PLCopen.

In order to use this logo free-of-charge, the relevant company has to fulfill all the following requirements:

- 1. the company has to be a voting member of PLCopen;
- 2. the company has to comply with the existing specification, as specified by the PLCopen Task Force Motion Control, and as published by PLCopen, and of which this statement is a part;
- 3. this compliance application is provided in written form by the company to PLCopen, clearly stating the applicable software package and the supporting elements of all the specified tables, as specified in the document itself;
- 4. in case of non-fulfillment, which has to be decided by PLCopen, the company will receive a written statement concerning this from PLCopen. The company will have a one month period to either adopt their software package in such a way that it complies, represented by the issuing of a new compliance statement, or remove all reference to the specification, including the use of the logo, from all their specification, be it technical or promotional material;
- 5. the logo has to be used as is meaning the full logo. It may be altered in size providing the original scale and color setting is kept.
- 6. the logo has to be used in the context of Motion Control.