

MC4U

EtherCAT® Master and Drive Controllers



The SPiiPlusNT (NT - Network Controller) is designed for incorporation in the MC4U. Once plugged into an MC4U, the MC4U becomes also an EtherCAT master designated MC4U_{nt}. It manages the EtherCAT network with up to 32 axes of motion and countless number of I/Os and sensor modules. The SPiiPlusNT also includes Servo Processors for controlling local drives that reside within the same MC4U_{nt} enclosure.

Like all SPiiPlus products, the SPiiPlusNT uses the same ACSPL+ high level programming language and is supported by the same set of software tools such as the SPiiPlus MMI Application Studio and API for host application development.

The SPiiPlusDC (DC - Drive Controller) is also designed for incorporation in the MC4U. Once plugged into an MC4U, the MC4U becomes an EtherCAT slave designated MC4U_{dc}. The MC4U_{dc} is a drive module with up to 8 drives.

The SPiiPlusNT Master generates the motion trajectories for all the axes, transmitting the data over the EtherCAT network, and the SPiiPlusDC executes the real-time control of the drives and axes.

The following versions are available:

- 1. SPiiPlusNT-HP** - High Performance EtherCAT master, with 4 or 8 built in drives for applications with up to 32 network axes
- 2. SPiiPlusNT-LT** - Economical EtherCAT master controller, with 4 or 8 built in drives for applications with up to 32 network axes
- 3. SPiiPlusNT-LD** - High Performance EtherCAT master Linear Drive controllers, with 4 or 8 built in drives for applications with up to 32 network axes
- 4. SPiiPlusDC-HP** - High Performance EtherCAT slave Drive Controllers, 4 and 8 axis versions
- 5. SPiiPlusDC-LT** - Economical EtherCAT slave Drive Controllers, 4 and 8 axis versions
- 6. SPiiPlusDC-LD** - High Performance EtherCAT slave Linear Drive controllers, 4 and 8 axis versions

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Profile Generation

Motion Profile generation rate: 1 or 2kHz
(see HW guide for details)

Servo

A standard comprehensive set of powerful algorithms to enhance accuracy, move & settle time, smooth velocity, stability and robustness.

- Advanced PIV cascaded structure
- Loop shaping filters
- Gain Scheduling
- Gantry MIMO control
- Dual feedback / loop control
- Disturbance rejection control

Optional Servoboost™ algorithm that provides better, more consistent servo performance, insensitive to noise and large changes in the system.

Feedback

Feedback types: incremental digital encoders, Sin-Cos encoders (optional), Absolute encoders (optional) analog inputs and 3 hall inputs for initiating commutation.

Incremental Digital Encoder:

One per axis, A&B,I; UP/DN,I; CLK/DIR,I.

Type: RS-422.

Max. rate: 40 million encoder counts/sec.

Sin-Cos Encoder (optional)

SPiiPlusNT/DC-HP/LD:

Multiplication factor: From x4, to-DC-LT: -x4,096, DC-HP- x65,536

Rate: 250*10³ or (LD version) 4*10⁶ sine periods/sec

Sin-Cos offset compensation: programmable, ±500mV.

Maximum acceleration with Sin-Cos encoder:

10⁸ sine periods/second²

SPiiPlusNT/DC-LT:

Multiplication factor: x4 - x1,024

Sin-Cos offset compensation: N/A

Rate: 125*10³ sine periods/sec

Maximum acceleration with Sin-Cos

encoder:10⁸ sine periods/second²

Hall inputs:

Quantity: A set of three per axis.

Single-ended, 5V, source, opto-isolated

Input circuit current: <7mA.

Absolute Encoder:

Absolute encoders (optional): EnDat 2.1(Digital)/2.2, Smart-ABS, Panasonic, Biss-C, Hiperface.

Drive Interface

Analog commands: Two per axis

For SPiiPlusNT-LD only:

Type: ±10V,differential, 16 bit resolution.

Offset compensation: programmable, 0.3mV resolution.

PWM Drive Commands: 3 per axis. PWM Switching Method, Advanced unipolar space vector modulation.

PWM Switching frequency: 40kHz on the motor. Current loop sampling rate: 20kHz

Control algorithm: Field Oriented control with PI filters

Current feedback resolution:

SPiiPlusNT/DC-HP: 16 bit

SPiiPlusNT/DC-LT: 12 bit

Digital I/O

Note: It is recommended to use a dedicated supply for digital I/O. See Power Supplies section.

Safety Inputs:

Emergency stop input:

Type: two-terminal, sink or source, opto-isolated.

Left and right limit inputs:

One pair per axis

Type: single-ended, sink (default) or source, configurable by jumper, opto-isolated.

Supply: 5V or 24V

Input current: <15mA

Digital Inputs:

General purpose inputs:

Quantity: eight. Type: single-ended, 5V or 24V, sink (default) or source, optoisolated.

Input current: <15mA

MARK (position capture) inputs:

Quantity: Up to four. Refer to SPiiPlusNT user manual for detailed information.

Type: RS-422

Propagation delay: <0.1 µsec

Note: additional four MARK inputs (MARK2), single-ended and opto-isolated, are available through general purpose digital inputs IN4, IN5, IN6 and IN7

Digital Outputs:

General purpose outputs:

Quantity: eight. Type: single-ended, 5V or 24V, sink (default) or source, optoisolated, 100mA per output

Mechanical Brake Outputs:

Quantity: one per axis. Type: single-ended, 5V, source only, opto-isolated, 7mA per output. By default, configured as dynamic brake.

Note: general purpose digital outputs can be configured as Mechanical Brake Outputs

PEG (Position Event Generator) pulse outputs:

For details, refer to "SPiiPlusNT PEG and MARK Operations" Application Note.

Quantity: Up to six. Refer to SPiiPlusNT user manual for detailed information.

Type: RS-422. Propagation delay: <0.1µsec.

PEG pulse width: 25nsec to 1.7msec.

PEG position accuracy: ±1 count at speeds up to 18,000,000 counts/sec.

PEG state outputs: Quantity: Up to six.

Refer to SPiiPlusNT user manual for detailed information.

Type: RS-422. Propagation delay: <0.1µsec

HSSI Expansion Channels: Up to three.

Each channel provides 64 input bits and 64 output bits per channel, sampled and updated every 50µS

Type: RS-422

Analog I/O

Analog Inputs:

Unused Sin-Cos encoder inputs can be used as general purpose analog inputs.

Quantity: up to 16

Type: 1Vptp, differential

Resolution and SNR:

SPiiPlusNT/DC-HP: 16 bit, SNR>72db

SPiiPlusNT/DC-LT: 12 bit, SNR>52db

General purpose ±10V analog inputs:

SPiiPlusNT/DC-HP:

Quantity: four and additional up to four when axes number 3 and/or 7 Sin-Cos encoders are not used. These inputs can be used as general purpose. Type: ±10V, differential

Resolution: 16 bits

SPiiPlusNT/DC-LT:

Quantity: up to four when axes number 3 and/ or 7 Sin-Cos encoders are not used.

These inputs can be used for general

purpose. Type: ±10V,differential.

Resolution: 12 bits

Analog Outputs:

General purpose Type: ±10V, PWM filtered

Quantity: 2, 4

Resolution: 10bit

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Communication Channels

Serial: two RS-232. Up to 115,200bps

Ethernet: one, TCP/IP, 10/100 Mbits/sec

Simultaneous communication through all

channels is fully supported. Modbus

protocol as master or slave is supported via

all channels

EtherCAT: One, 100 Mbit/sec, supporting CoE

and FoE protocols

MPU

User Memory: RAM: 128Mb

Flash: 128Mb

Powerup Time: 25-100 sec. according to

system and network configuration

Power Supplies

Power Supply Voltage/Current: +5Vdc

(±10%)/2.7A, -5Vdc (±10%)/0.1A, ±12Vdc

(±5%)/0.6A. Supplied internally from the

power supply module enclosed in the

MC4U

configuration I/O Supply Voltage/Current:

+5Vdc (±10%)/1A, or 24Vdc

(±10%)/1A

Safety Supply Voltage/Current: +5Vdc

(±10%)/1A, or 24Vdc (±10%)/1A.

Six LEDs on the front panel indicate the

status of all above power supplies.

Standards & Environment

Operating Temperature: 0°C to 55°C

Storage Temperature: - 40°C to 70°C

Humidity: 90%RH, non-condensing

The controllers are CE (EMC), UL certified

and RoHS compliant