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 MC4Unt. It manages the EtherCAT network with up to 64 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 MC4Unt 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 MC4Udc. The MC4Udc 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.

NetworkBoost™ (optional) - Network failure detection and recovery with ring topology.

The following versions are available:

- > SPiiPlusNT-HP High Performance EtherCAT master, with 4 or 8 built in drives for applications with up to 64 network axes
- > SPiiPlusNT-LT Economical EtherCAT master controller, with 4 or 8 built in drives for applications with up to 64 network axes
- > SPiiPlusNT-LD High Performance EtherCAT master Linear Drive controllers, with 4 or 8 built in drives for applications with up to 64 network axes
- > SPiiPlusDC-HP High Performance EtherCAT slave Drive Controllers, 4 and 8 axis versions
- SPiiPlusDC-LT Economical EtherCAT slave Drive Controllers, 4 and 8 axis versions
- > SPiiPlusDC-LD High Performance EtherCAT slave Linear Drive controllers, 4 and 8 axis versions



Profile Generation

Motion Profile generation rate: 1,2,4 or 5kHz (see HW guide for details)

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 (HP version only)

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 digital 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-HP/LD and SPiiPlusDC-HP/LD: Multiplication factor: From x4 to x65,536 Rate: Up to 500*10³ or (LD version) 4*10⁶ sine periods/sec

Note: Consult factory for higher rate options Sin-Cos offset, gain, phase compensation: programmable with automatic calibration. Offset is hardware compensated, +/-50% of signal

Maximum acceleration: 4 x 108 sine periods/sec² SPiiPlusNT-LT and SPiiPlusDC-LT: Multiplication factor: From x4 to x4,096 Sin-Cos offset gain, phase compensation: programmable with automatic calibration. Rate: 250*103 sine periods/sec Maximum acceleration: 4 x 108 sine periods/sec2

Hall inputs:

Quantity: A set of three per axis. Single-ended, 5V, source, opto-isolated Input circuit current: <7mA Absolute Encoder (optional): EnDat 2.1/2.2 (Digital only), Smart-ABS, Panasonic, Biss-C, SSI, Hiperface, Sanyo Denki.

Drive interface

Analog commands (SPiiPlusNT/DC-LD only): Two per axis Type: ±10V,differential, 16 bit resolution. Offset compensation: programmable,

0.3mV resolution. PWM Drive Commands: 3 phases per axis. Control algorithm: digital PI filters with field oriented control and space vector modulation. PWM frequency: 40kHz on the motor. Current loop sampling rate: 20kHz Current feedback resolution: SPiiPlusNT/DC-HP: 16 bit SPiiPlusNT/DC-LT: 12 bit SPiiPlusNT/DC-LD: 16 bit

Digital I/O

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

Safety Inputs:

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

Left and right limit inputs:

Type: single-ended, sink (default) or source, configurable by jumper, opto-isolated. Supply: 5V or 24V Input current: 4-14mA

Digital Inputs:

General purpose inputs:
Quantity: eight. Type: single-ended, 5V or 24V, sink (default) or source, opto-isolated.
Input current: 4-14mA

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: six. Type: RS-422. Propagation delay: <0.1µsec PEG pulse width: 25nsec to 1.7msec. PEG position accuracy: ±1 count at speeds up to 18x10⁶

counts/sec Refer to SPiiPlusNT user manual for detailed information.

- PEG state outputs: Quantity: Up to six. Time base peg support
- Improved incremental PEG support
- Fast random PEG loading support

Type: RS-422. Propagation delay: <0.1µsec Refer to SPiiPlusNT user manual for detailed information.

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.

Certifications CF: Yes

Electrical Safety: IEC61010-1 EMC: EN 61326-1 UL: UL508C Functional Safety: IEC 61800-5-1, 61800-5-2 pending

Standards and 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

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/LD: 16 bit, SNR>72db SPiiPlusNT/DC-LT: 12 bit, SNR>52db SPiiPlusNT-HP/LD and SPiiPlusDC-HP/LD: Quantity: Four dedicated general purpose inputs. Type: ±10V, differential Resolution: 16 bits SPiiPlusNT-LT and SPiiPlusDC-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: Quantity: 2, 4 Type: ±10V, PWM filtered Resolution: 10bit

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: SPiiPlusNT: one or two master ports, SPiiPlusDC: one input, one output, 100 Mbit/sec, supporting CoE and FoE protocols

Motion Processor Unit (MPU)

Processor Type: Multi-core Intel Atom CPU (model depends on controller configuration) RAM: 1GB

Flash: 2GB

MPU/EtherCAT Cycle RateThe following options are available for MPU Cycle Rate:
For Maximum Number of Axes = 2, 4, or 8: 2 kHz (default), 4 kHz, 5 kHz For Maximum Number of Axes = 16 or 32: 2 kHz

(default), 4 kHz For Maximum Number of Axes = 64:1kHz (default), 2

kHz

NetworkBoost™ and Segmented Motion (XSEG) features functionality can be limited as a function of MPU Cycle Rate and Number of Axes. Please refer to Software Documentation or contact ACS for more details.

Supported EtherCAT Slaves

All ACS SPiiPlus Platform EtherCAT slave products are supported. 3rd party EtherCAT drives can be controlled via DS402 CoE protocol in Cyclic Synchronous Position (CSP) mode.

ACS recommends qualification of 3rd party EtherCAT drives and I/O devices. Refer to ACS website for latest list of qualified devices and contact an ACS representative to discuss qualification options

Field Upgrades

For controllers ordered from the factory with Maximum Number of Axes equal to 32 or less and Maximum MPU Cycle Rate of 2kHz (default), the following field upgrade options are available:

| Maximium Number of Axes | Maximum MPU Cycle (kHz)) |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2 | 4, 5 |
| 4 | 4, 5 |
| 8 | 4, 5 |
| 16 | 4, 51 |



| Maximium Number of Axes | Maximum MPU Cycle (kHz)) |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 32 | 2 |

¹16 axes and 5 kHz (requires Dual EtherCAT Network option)

It is not possible to field upgrade a controller ordered with 32 axes or less to 64 axes.
For controllers ordered from the factory with Maximum Number of Axes equal to 64 and Maximum MPU Cycle Rate of 1kHz (default), the following field upgrade options are available:

| Maximium Number of Axes | Maximum MPU Cycle (kHz)) |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 64 | 2 |

