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Accessing remote I/Os with Ethernet POWERLINK and 4DIAC

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Introduction / Motivation

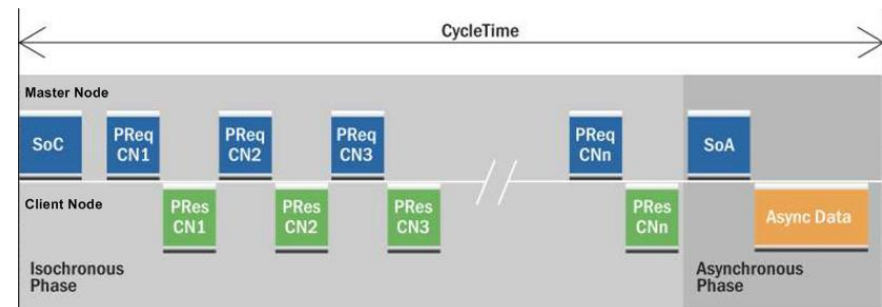
4DIAC and POWERLINK

- New control environment needed for AIT power distribution laboratory
 - Switches and loads
 - Control devices
 - Measurement units
- Based on standardized methods and free/open source
 - IEC 61499 as distributed control system
 - 4DIAC for distributed control
 - openPOWERLINK for decentralized I/O access
- Integration of openPOWERLINK and 4DIAC Framework needed
 - Development of IEC 61499 Ethernet POWERLINK I/O SIFBs
 - Integration of the openPOWERLINK stack into the FORTE (4DIAC-RTE)

Overview Ethernet POWERLINK

Main Characteristics

- Standard Ethernet
 - Only real-time solution based on standard Ethernet
 - Fully compliant to IEEE 802.3
 - Ready for future evolutions of Ethernet
- High performance
 - 100 Mbits/s
 - 100 ns synchronization
 - 100 μ s cycle time
- Simplicity
 - Basic and robust mechanism
 - No complex time synchronization
 - Adequate to industrial automation

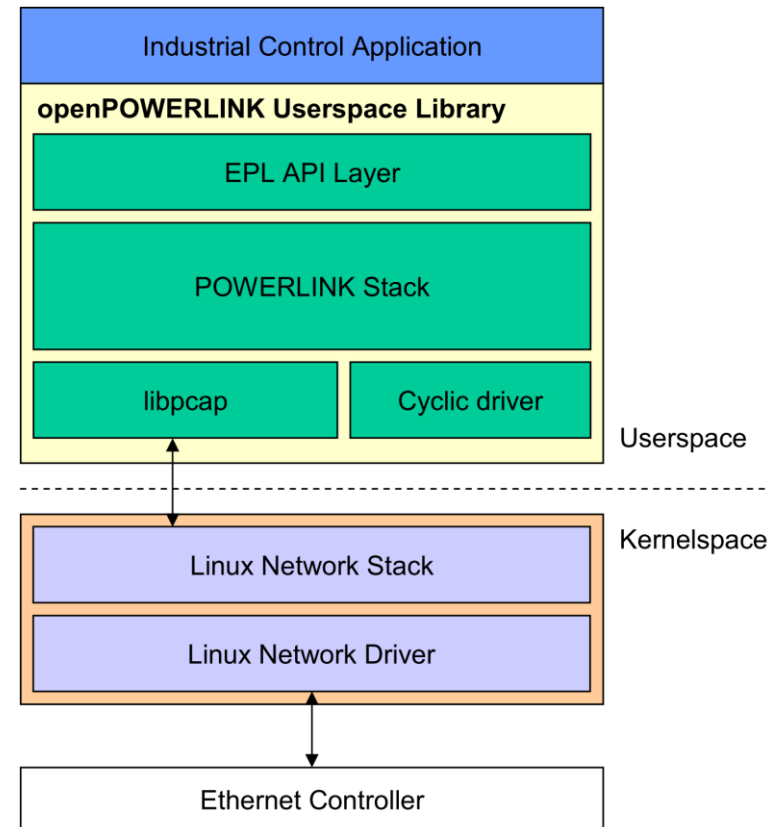


Source: Ethernet POWERLINK Standardisation Group (EPG)

Overview openPOWERLINK

Main Characteristics

- openPOWERLINK
 - Open Source POWERLINK stack (MN/CN)
 - Developed by SYS TEC electronic GmbH
 - Released under Open Source BSD license
 - Generic code (multi-platform)
 - Hosted on SourceForge
- Two stack implementations for Linux
 - Linux kernel module (max. performance)
 - Userspace library using libpcap
- Stack implementation on Windows
 - Implementation based on WinPcap library

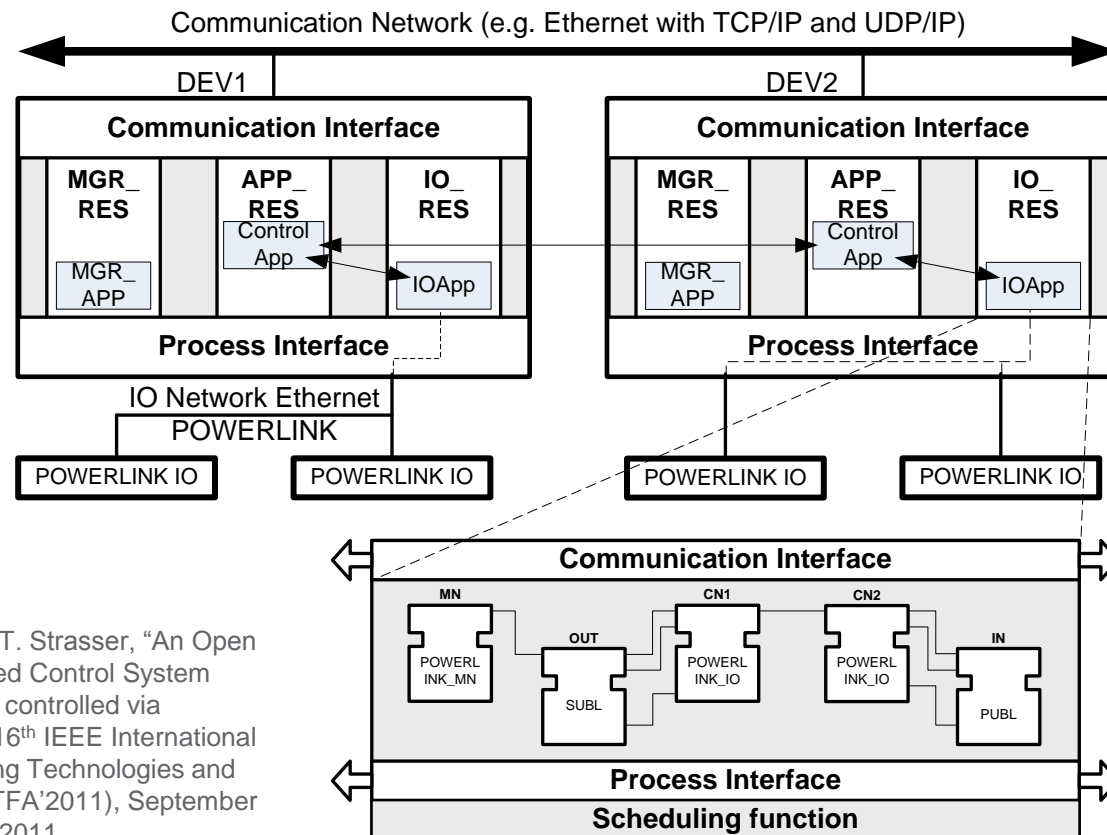


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IEC 61499 Integration of Ethernet POWERLINK

Concept Overview

- IEC 61499 System Model

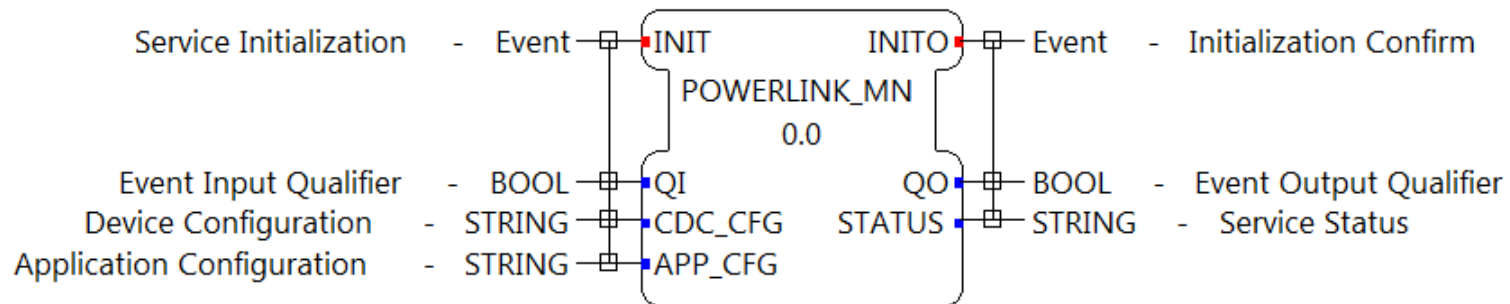


Source: F. Andrén and T. Strasser, "An Open Source based Distributed Control System with Decentralized I/Os controlled via Industrial Ethernet," in 16th IEEE International Conference on Emerging Technologies and Factory Automation (ETFA'2011), September 5-9, Toulouse, France, 2011.

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Function Block Library

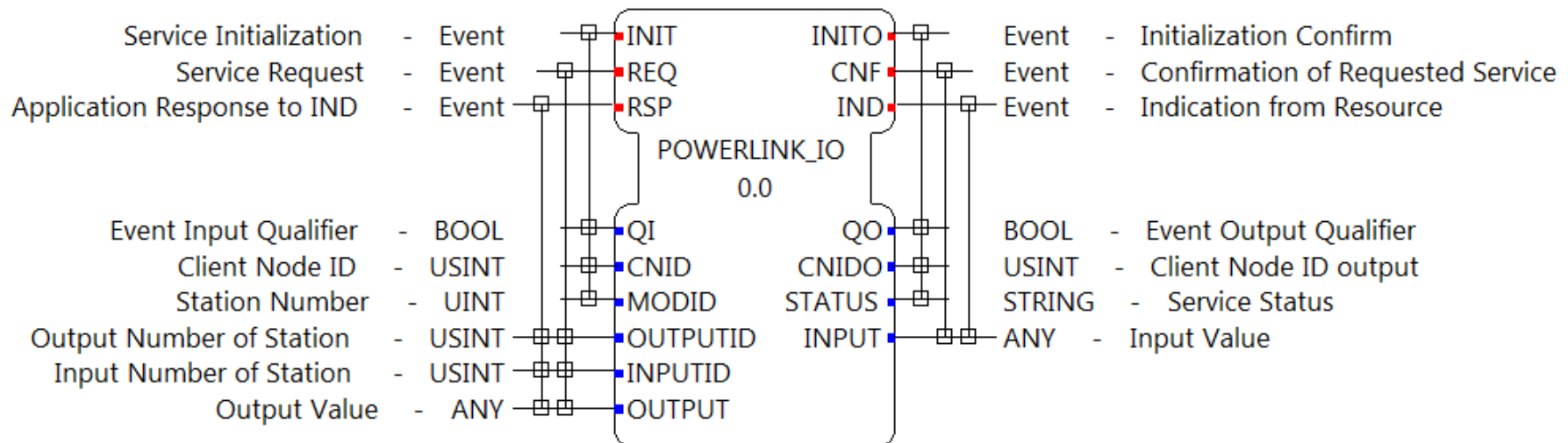
- Master Node FB



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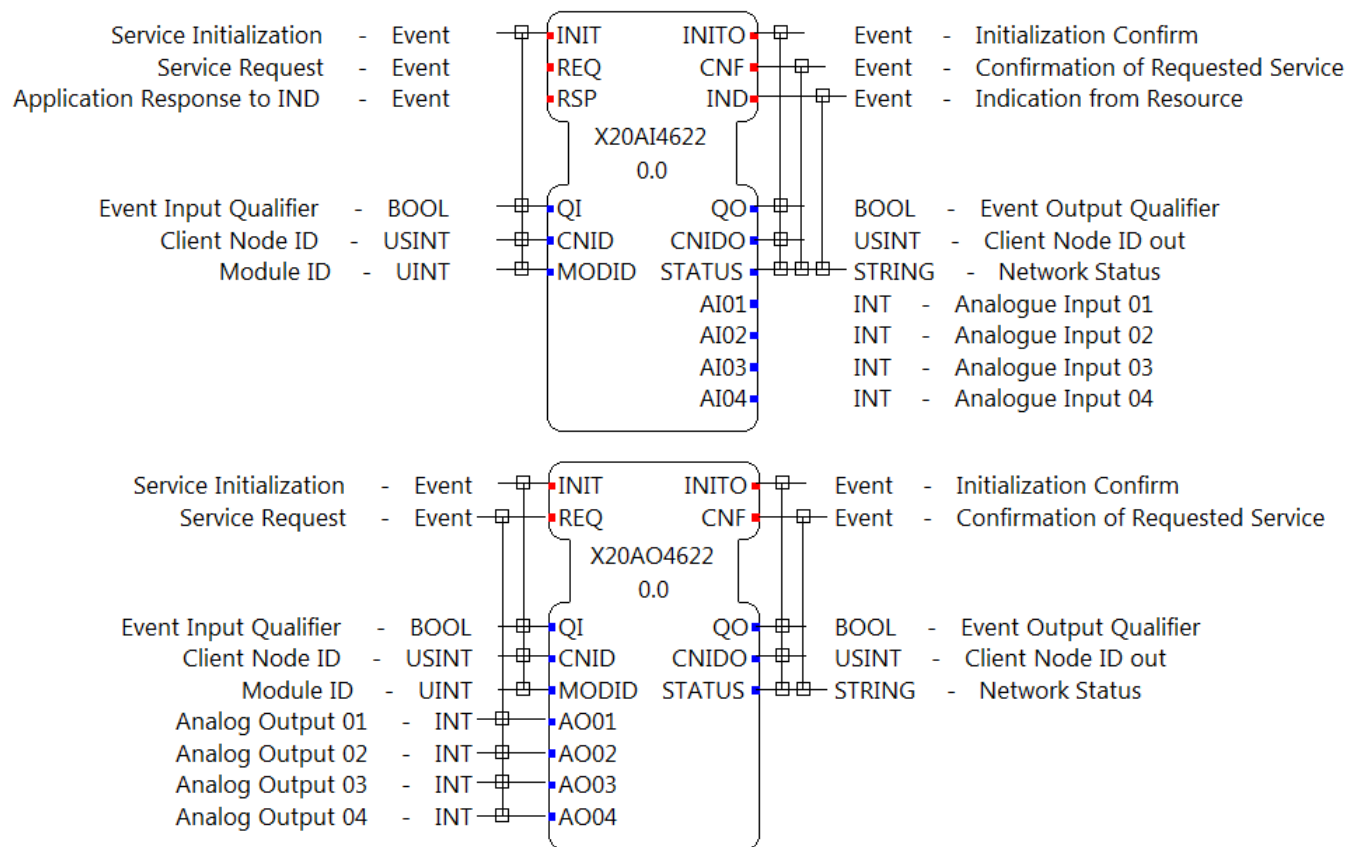
- Client Node FBs – Generic I/O FB



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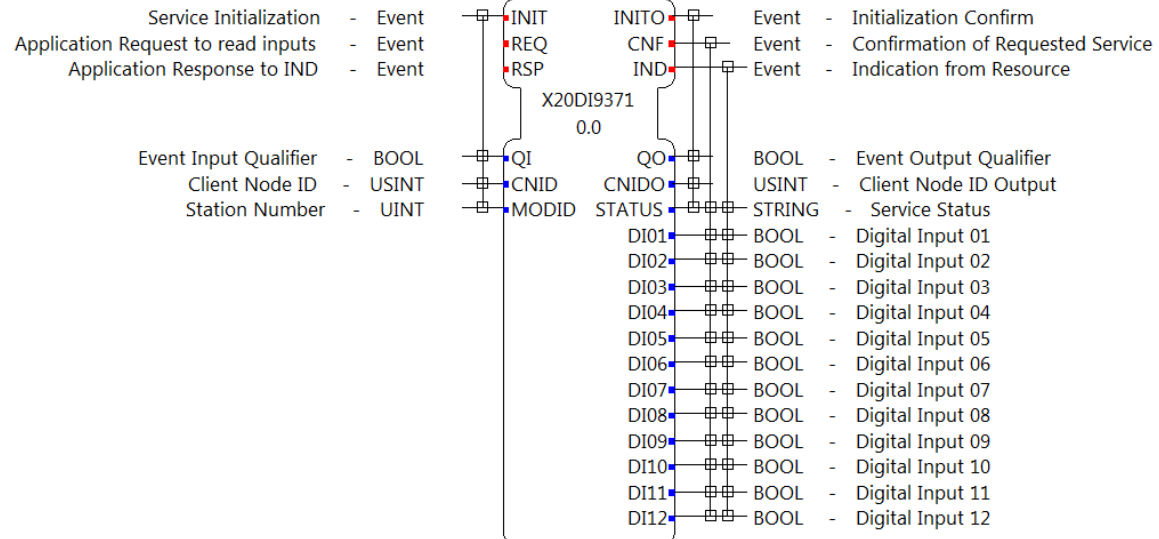
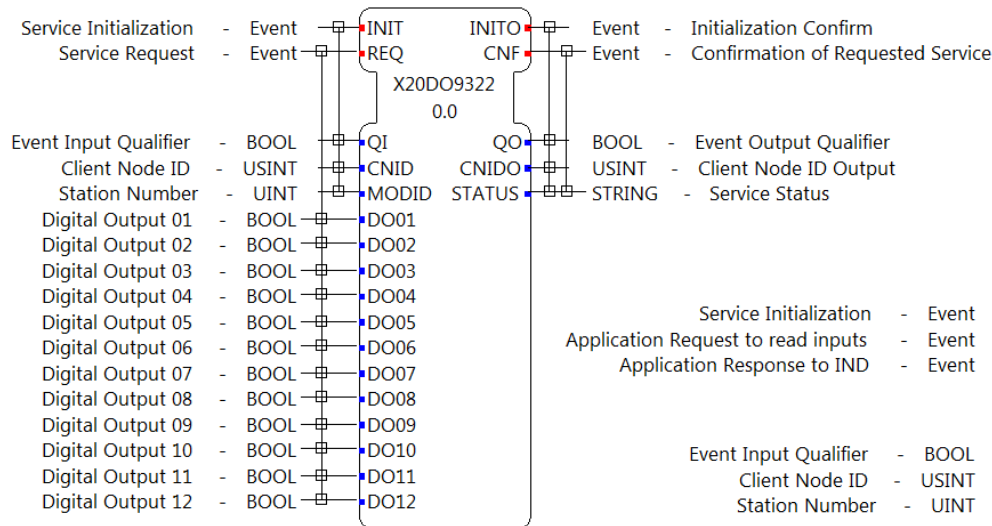
- Client Node FBs – Analogue I/O FBs



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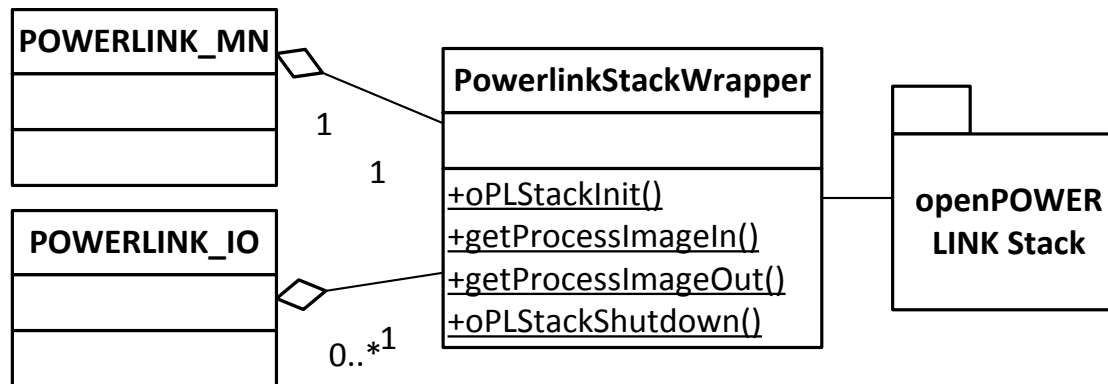
Client Node FBs – Digital I/O FBs



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4DIAC Integration

- openPOWERLINK stack access through wrapper class

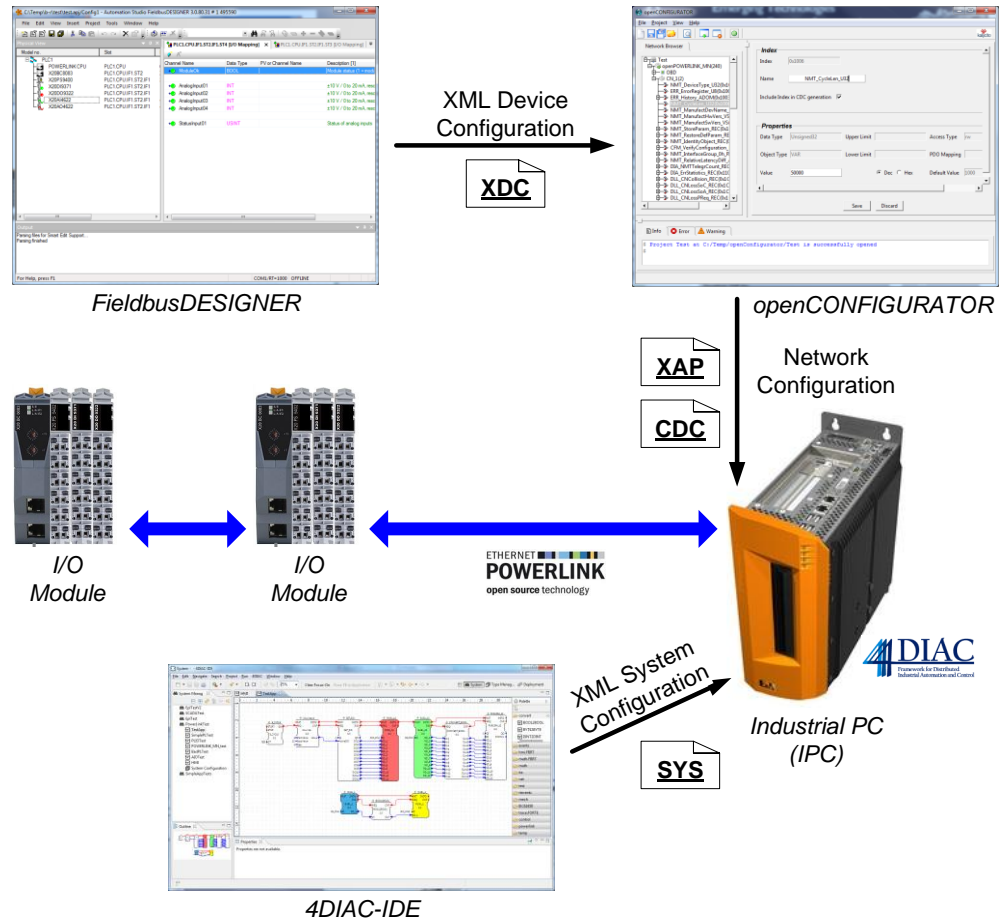


4DIAC/openPOWERLINK Toolchain

Distributed IEC 61499 System with Decentralized I/O Modules

Necessary Tools/Software

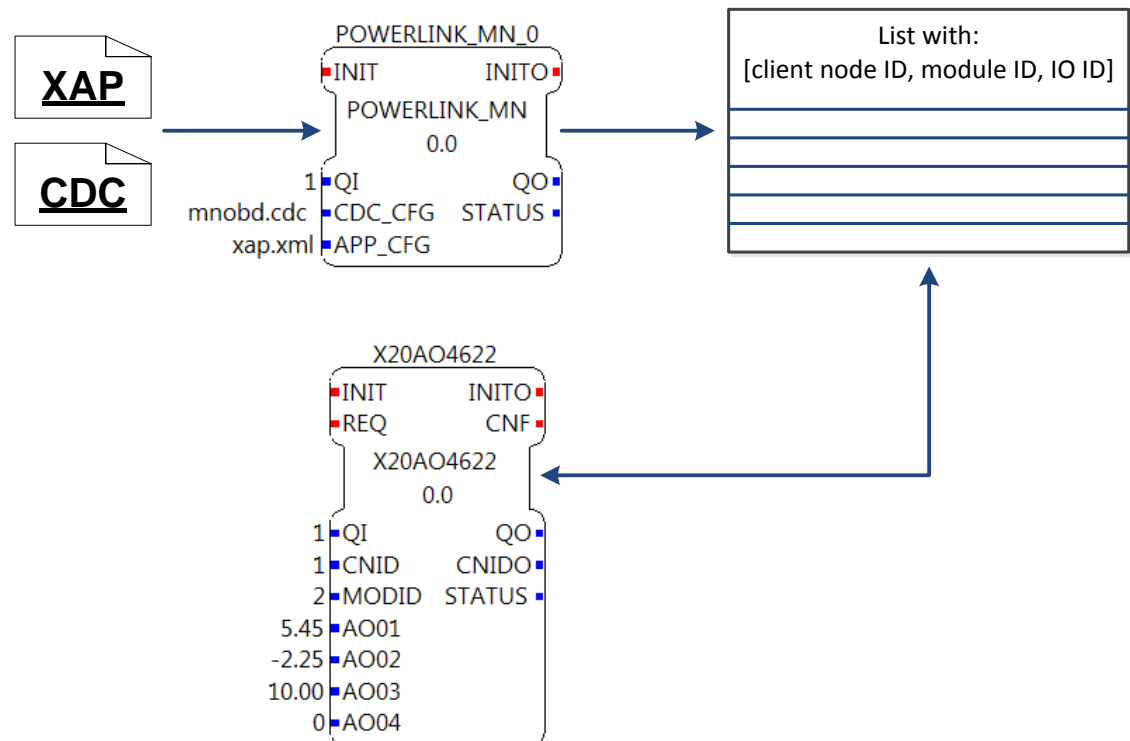
- FieldbusDESIGNER
- openCONFIGURATOR
- 4DIAC-IDE
- FORTE



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Configuration of Decentralized I/O Modules

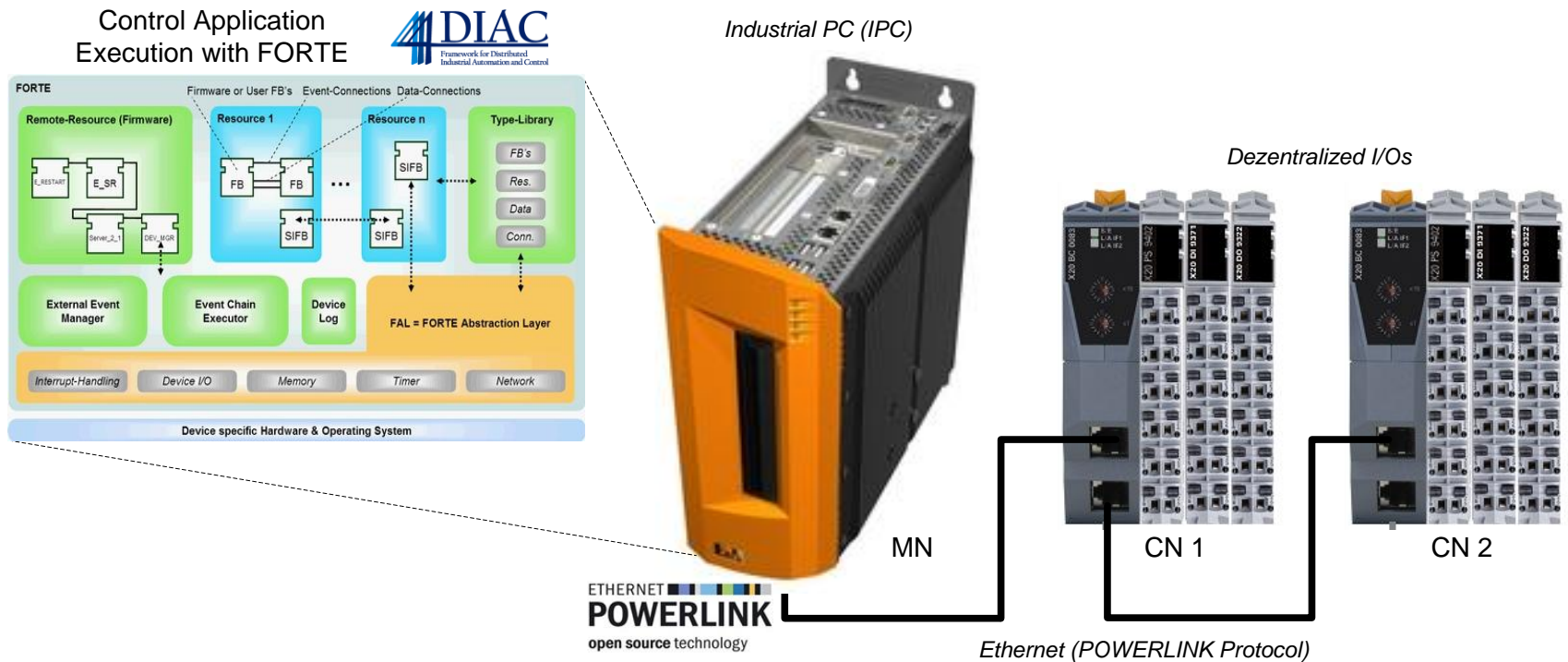
- Two Possibilities
 - Originally with header xap.h → compilation of FORTE necessary
 - Configuration using xap.xml & mnobd.cdc
 - no need to compile FORTE for every new I/O setup



Implemented Test Case

Hardware Setup

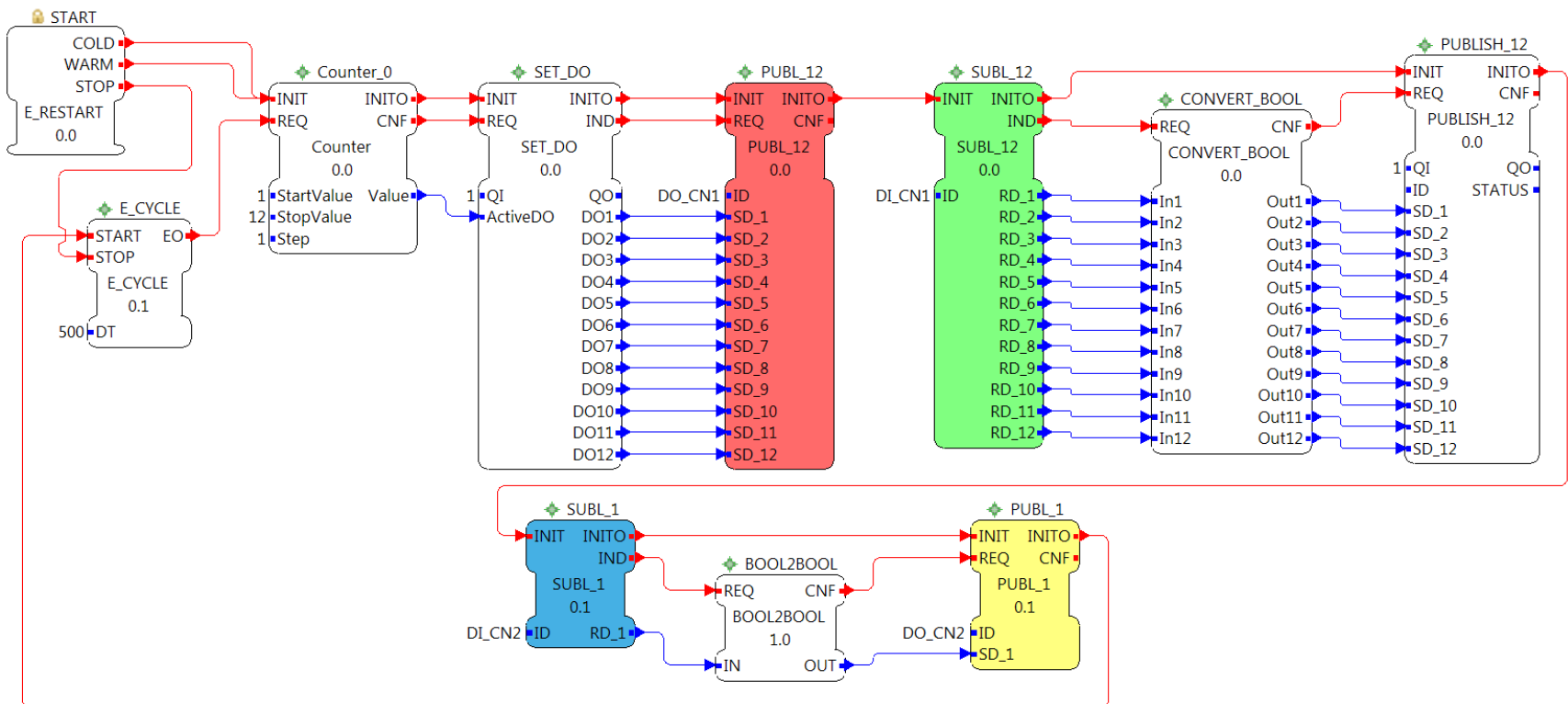
- Test Application



Implemented Test Case

Control Application

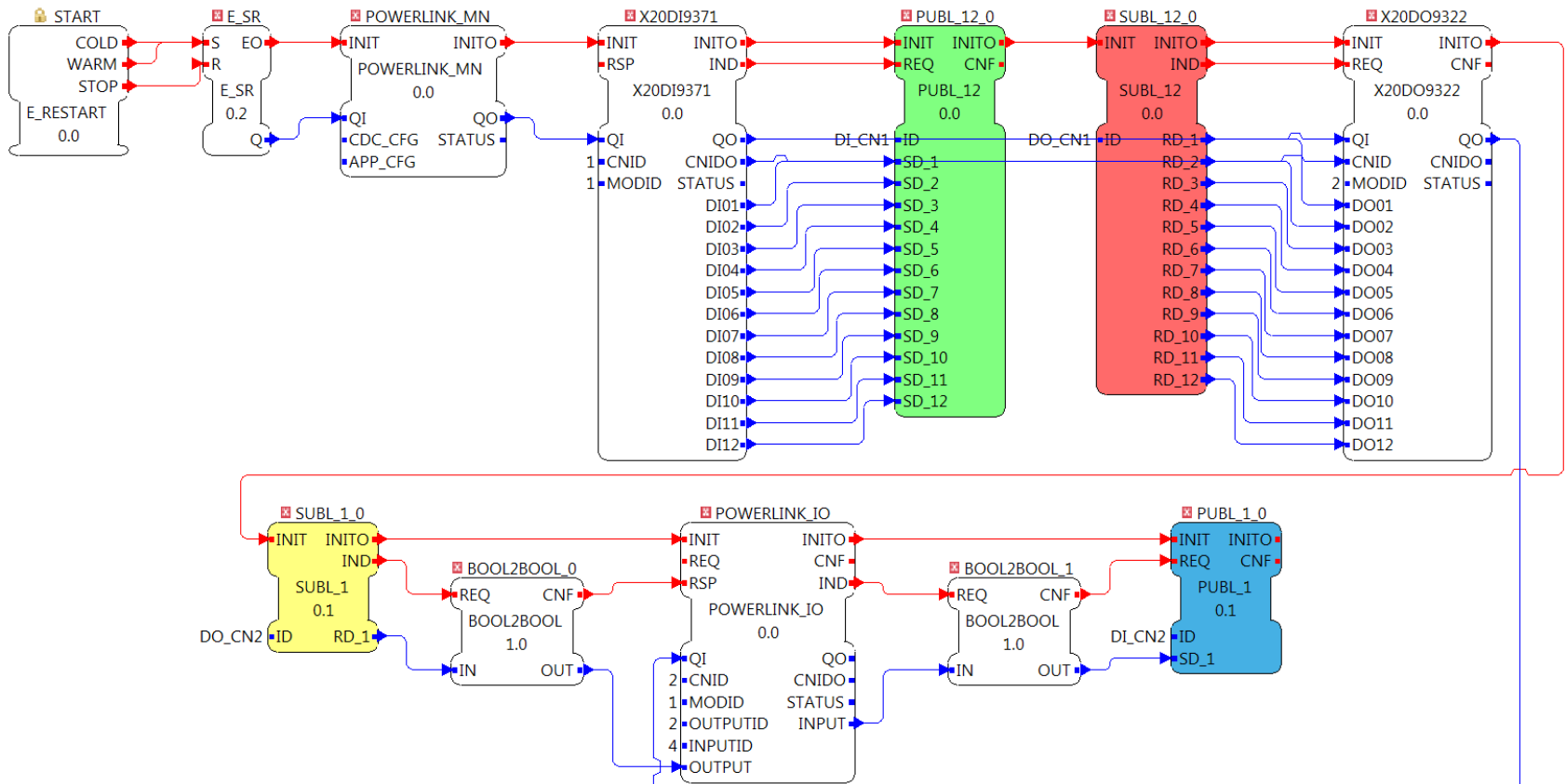
- Control Application Resource



Implemented Test Case

Control Application

IO Resource Application



Future Activities

Plans for the upcoming months

- Implementation of additional I/O modules (e.g. temperature module, etc.)
- Porting to Linux
- Documentation of the source code
- User documentation
- Further tests in the AIT laboratory environment
- Provision as 4DIAC open source module under the EPL

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