Cooperative Development for PANDA DCS to Control High Voltage Power Supply

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Motivation



- At least EMC and LMD are using EDS/EHS high voltage power supplies from iseg
- Maybe other groups as well?
- EHS/EDS modules offer very high precision and accuracy
- EHS/EDS modules are controlled via CANbus
- No convinient EPICS device support available
- ⇒ Program our own device support

EPICS Device Support Module drvAsynCan



- drvAsynCan: EPICS device support module for CANbus https://github.com/ffeldbauer/epics_RPi_can
- Currently used for iseg EHS/EDS modules (and others)
- Drawbacks:
 - Reads one module after another
 - ⇒ CANbus usage not optimized
 - Need to configure each module/board individually
 - Timing has to be managed by user (within records) has to be adjusted when number of modules changes
 - ⇒ Can be error-prone

 $\mathsf{EHS}/\mathsf{EDS} \Leftrightarrow \mathsf{Backplane} \Leftrightarrow \mathsf{Crate} \ \mathsf{Controller} \Leftrightarrow \mathsf{PC}$ $\mathsf{socketCAN} \ \mathsf{kernel} \ \mathsf{module} \Leftrightarrow \mathsf{EPICS}(\mathsf{drvAsynCan} \Leftrightarrow \mathsf{IOC}$

ECH44A: New Crate from iseg

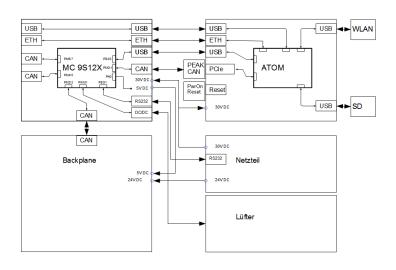






ECH44A Crate Controller





Cooperation with iseg



- Cooperative software development together with iseg to program EPICS device support for new crate
 - \Rightarrow isegIOC
- "Data miner" collecting and caching all informations of all connected modules (already used for iseg's OPC server)
- Reads out all connected modules in parallel
- \Rightarrow Optimized usage of CANbus
 - Autoconfiguring
 - isegIOC asks "data miner" for cached data
 - API of data miner defined according to our needs and whishes
 - Timing withing records independent from CANbus/configuration
 - Recommended OS: Debian wheezy LTS (kernel 3.14 or newer) socketCANkernelmodule ⇔ DataMiner ⇔ isegIOC

New Developments for LMD DCS

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Embedded Linux Device



- Used Raspberry Pi Computer as host for EPICS IOC with CANbus support
- Now tested BeagleBone Black as a alternative





BeagleBone Black vs Raspberry Pi



	Raspberry Pi	BeagleBone Black
CPU	ARM1176JZF-S (ARMv6)	AM3358 (ARMv7 Cortex-A8)
	700 MHz	1 GHz
RAM	512 MB	512 MB DDR3
Network	100 Mbit	100 Mbit
Storage	SD card	μ SD card $+$ 4 GB eMMC
Price	26.95€	38.48€

CANbus Extensions



Raspberry Pi

- Need to connect CAN controller via GPIO to Raspberry Pi
- ⇒ Bit banging
 - Need hacked/customized kernel
 - Nearly all GPIOs used for one CANbus interface
 - Only 1 RS232 interface in addition to CAN

BeagleBone Black

- **Two** CAN-Cores integrated into CPU
- No kernel hack needed
- Only need to modify Device Tree (Device Overlay) for configuration
- Only 2 GPIO lines per CANbus interface needed
- Second Cape board in pipeline providing 2 RS232 and 1 RS422/RS485 interfaces
- Still \sim 55 GPIOs + 8channel ADC unused

Apt Repository for Debian



- To simplify maintainability of EPICS installations created Apt-Repository
- Will be hosted at GSI
- Containing epics-base, asynDriver, SEQ, streamDevice, devSNMP, drvAsynCan, IOCs for Raspberry Pi/BeagleBone
- Repository available for amd64, i386 and armhf (rpi/beaglebone)
- Packages build according to Debian Packaging Policy and FHS