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# EtherCAT® backbone for automotive testing

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# Requirements of measurement-/automation-systems

- High amount of data
  - High bandwidth
  - Deterministic timing
  - One bus only
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# What is EtherCAT?

Ether**CAT**®

is

Real Time Ethernet

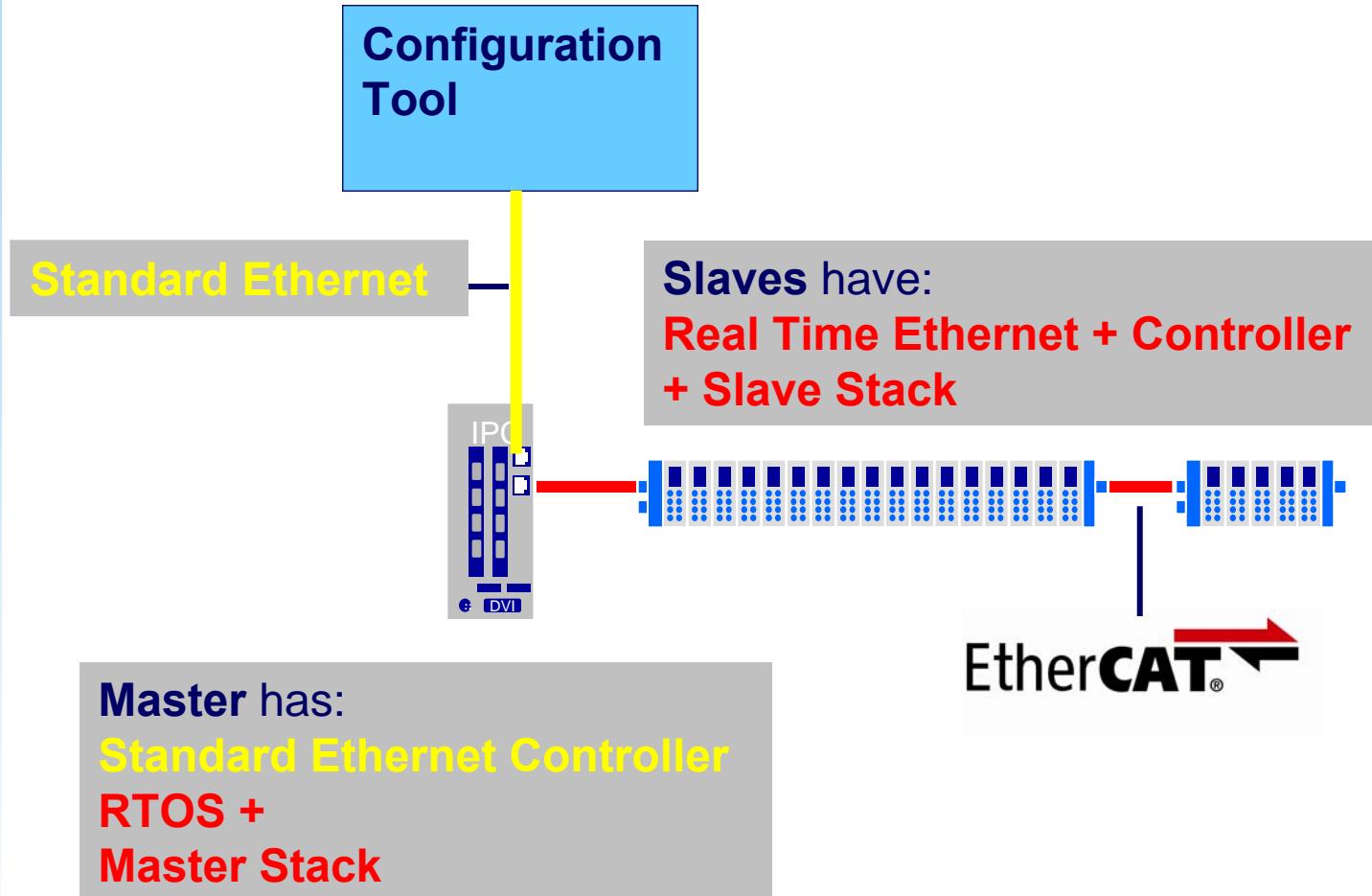
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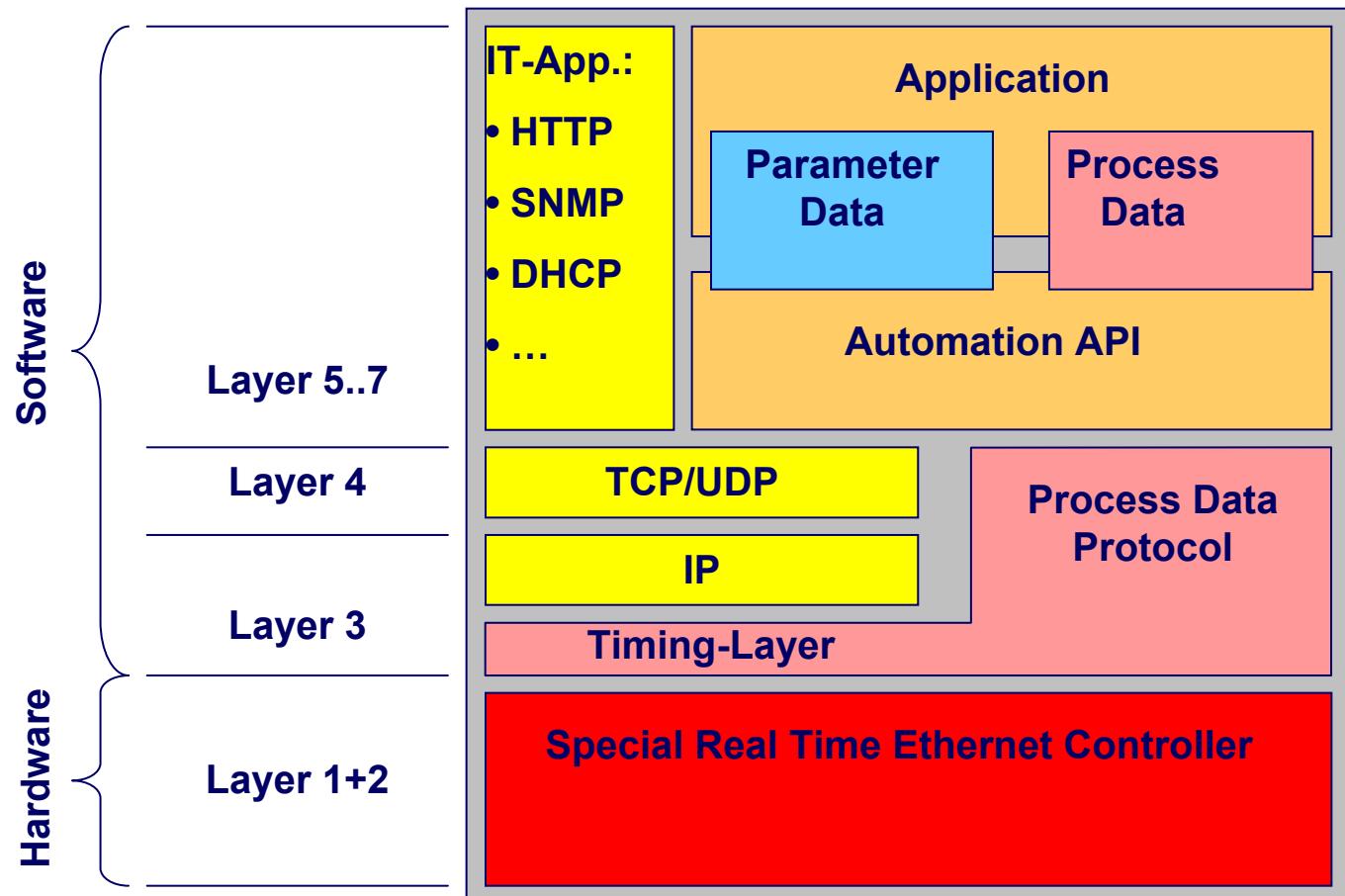
3 items

# Configuration tool + Master + Slaves



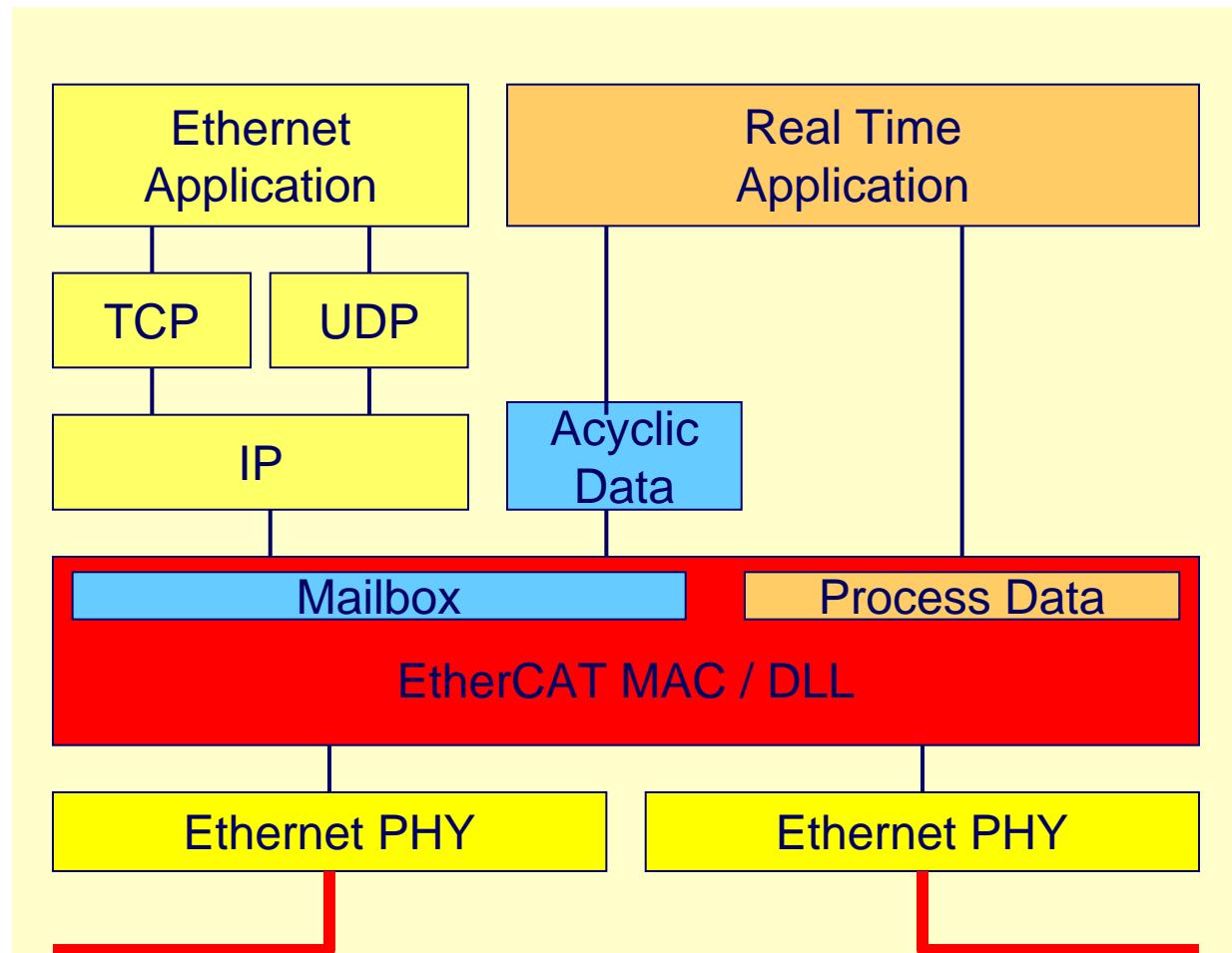
Ethernet  
+  
Real Time

# 7 Layer Structure with Real Time extensions



# EtherCAT technology.

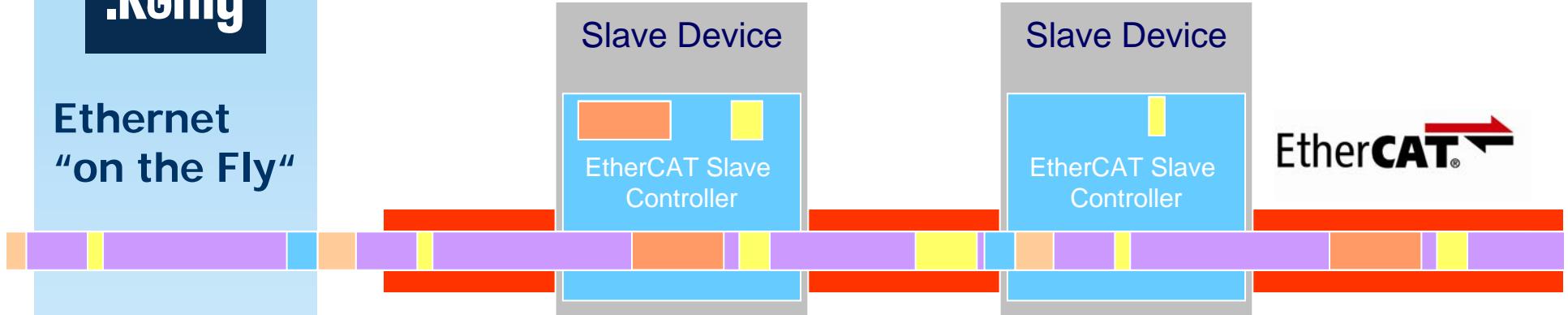
## EtherCAT Slave *(taken from ETG)*



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Ethernet  
“on the Fly”

# EtherCAT technology. Data exchange *(taken from ETG)*



- Process data is extracted and inserted on the fly
- Frames return on the far end (full duplex)
- Higher bandwidth than Ethernet due to collision avoidance
- Deterministic behavior based on RTOS of **master**
- 100 MBd – not being the end for Ethernet - is
  - 8 times more than **Profibus**
  - 10 times more than **flexray**
  - 100 times more than **CAN**

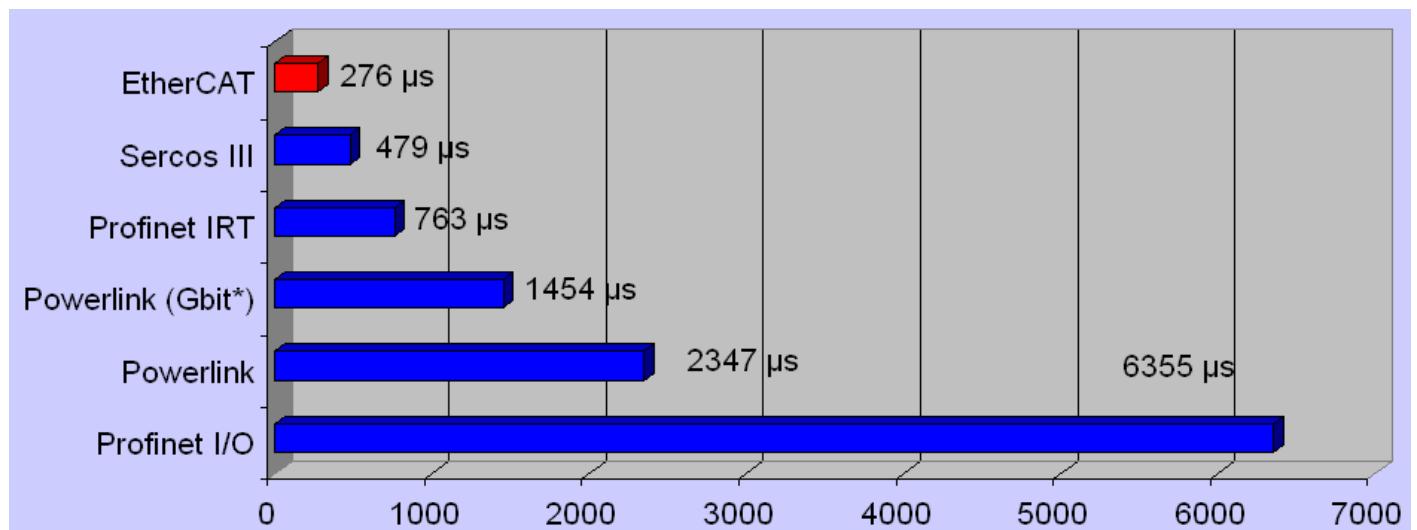
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## Comparison

# EtherCAT technology. High speed *(taken from ETG, adapted to testing)*

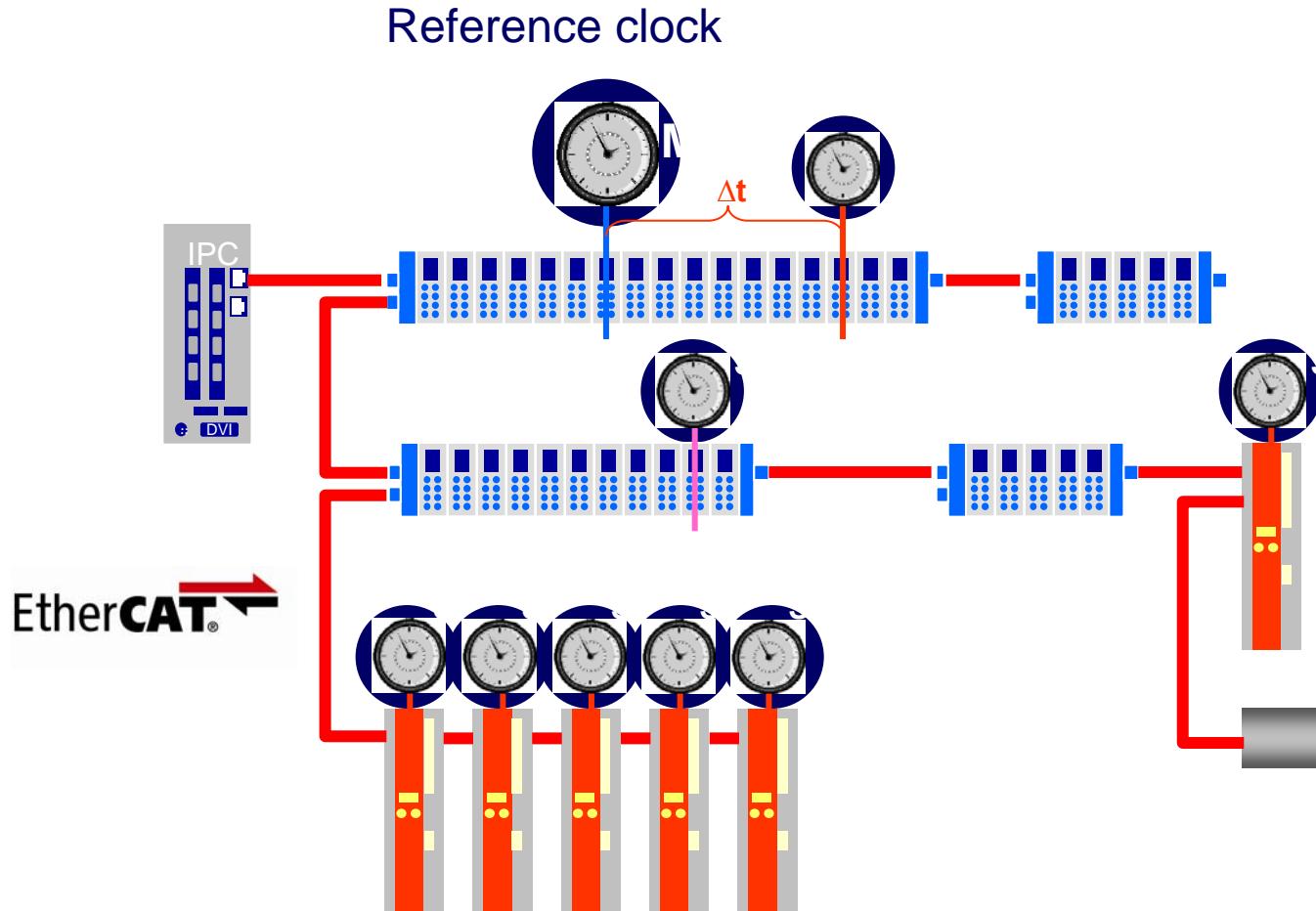
- 2000 Digital I/O → 250 Byte
- 300 Analog In → 600 Byte
- 300 Analog Out → 600 Byte
- 1 Byte = 80ns
- $1514 * 80\text{ns} \rightarrow$  Telegram length  $122\mu\text{s}$
- 600 slaves, 500m cable
- Frame Cycle Time  $276\mu\text{s} \rightarrow$  44% Bus load



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Precise  
timing  
(<< 100ns!)

# EtherCAT technology. Synchronous *(taken from ETG)*

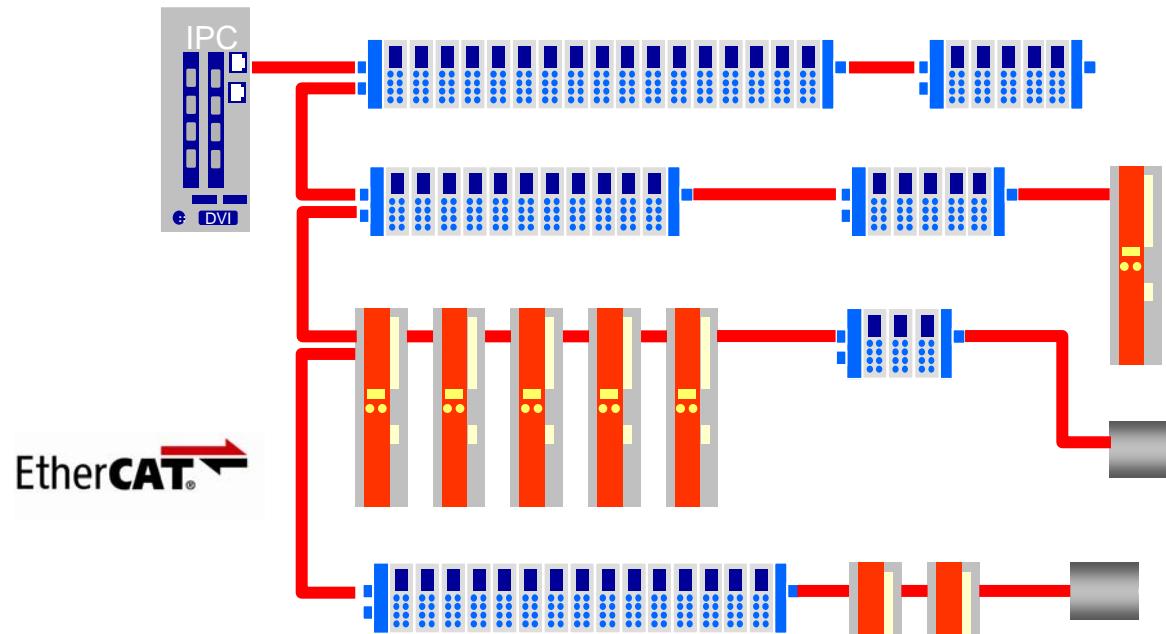


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Topology  
type:

“Daisy Chain”  
with  
Drop Lines

# EtherCAT technology. Topology *(taken from ETG)*

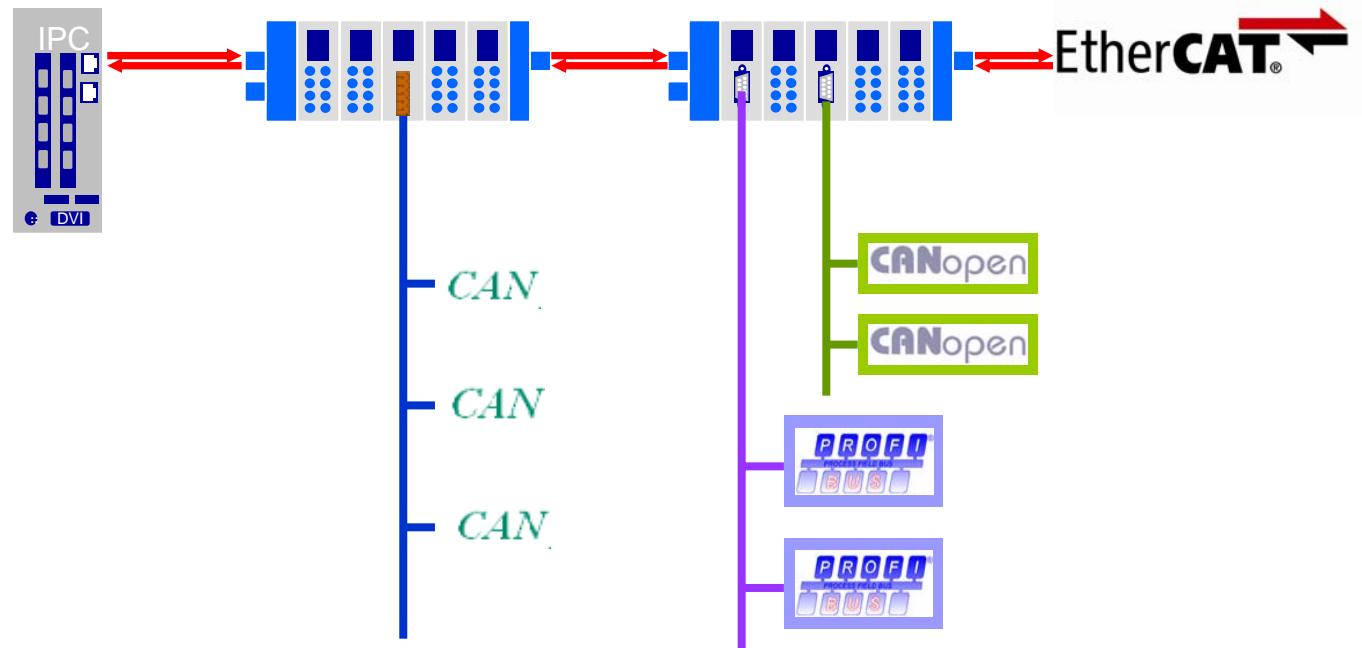


## Most widely used topologies:

- line (up to 65.536 nodes)
- tree
- drop lines
- ring

## Gateways

# EtherCAT technology. Topology *(taken from ETG, CAN extended)*

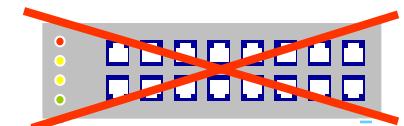


CAN

- for using AK Protocol.
- configuration via DBC-files.

# EtherCAT technology. **Low costs** (taken from ETG)

- **Master:**  
no dedicated plug-in card (co-processor),  
on-board Ethernet Port is fine
- **Slave:**
  - low-cost Slave Controller
  - FPGA, IP-Core or ASIC
  - for communication  
no powerful µC needed
- **Infrastructure:**
  - no Switches/Hubs required
  - Standard Ethernet cables + connectors



# EtherCAT technology.

## Openness *(taken from ETG)*

- EtherCAT is IEC and ISO Standard  
(IEC 61158, IEC 61784-2, ISO 15745-4)



Commission Electrotechnique Internationale  
International Electrotechnical Commission  
Международная Электротехническая Комиссия

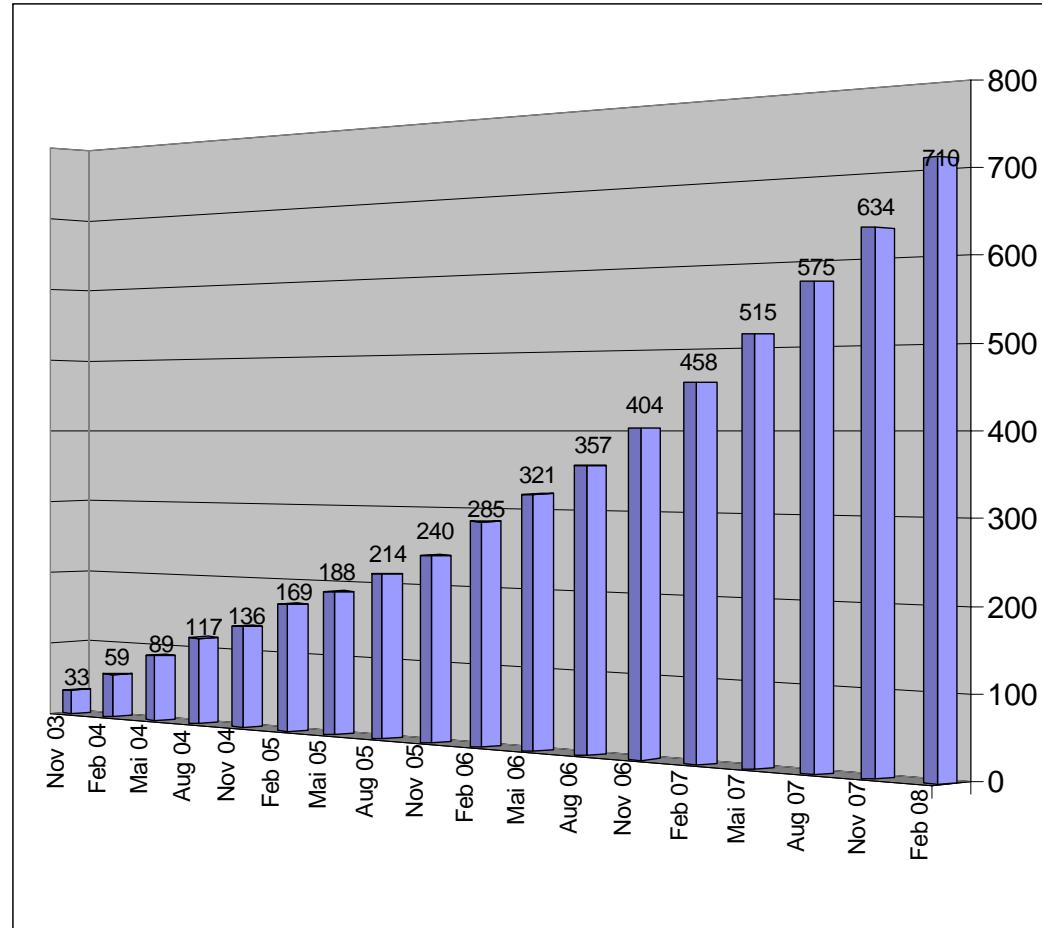


- Slave Controller from several sources
- Master Stacks for various RTOS from  
several providers
- ETG organizes „Plug-Fests“ and  
prepares Conformance Test

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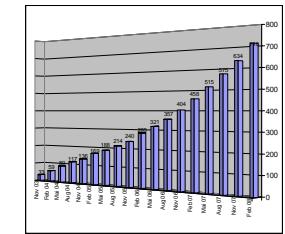
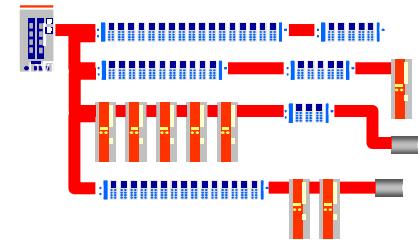
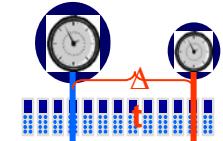
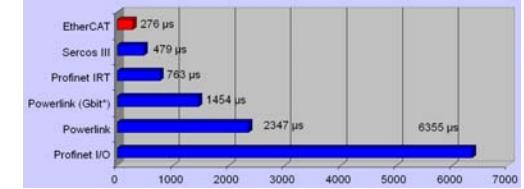
Greatest  
community  
**739** members  
(Status April 2008)

# EtherCAT technology. Openness *(taken from ETG)*



# EtherCAT technology. Summary

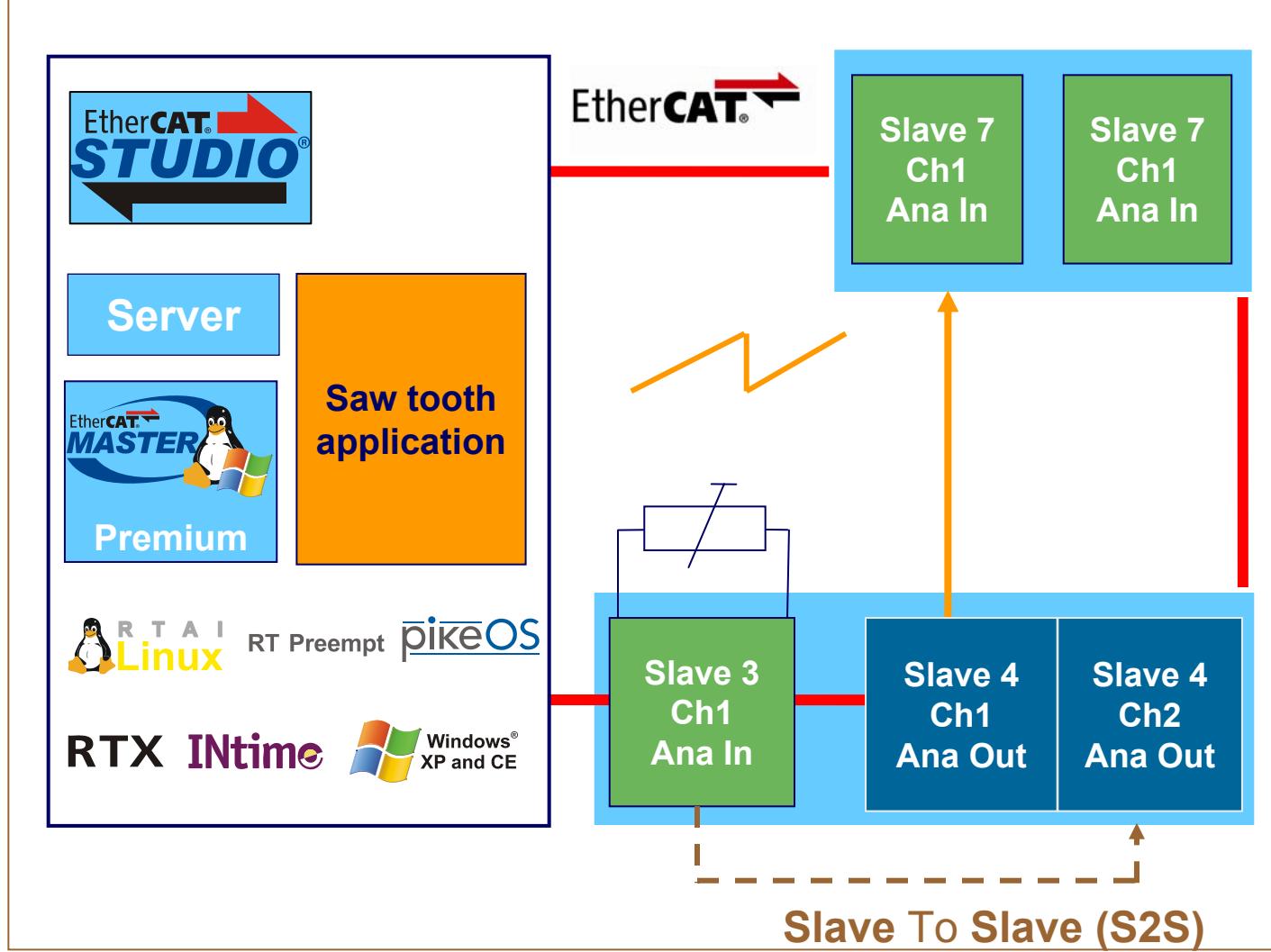
- High-speed
- Deterministic timing behavior
- Different topology types
- Low cost for slave, infrastructure, master  
(in comparison with other RT Ethernet)
- Openness



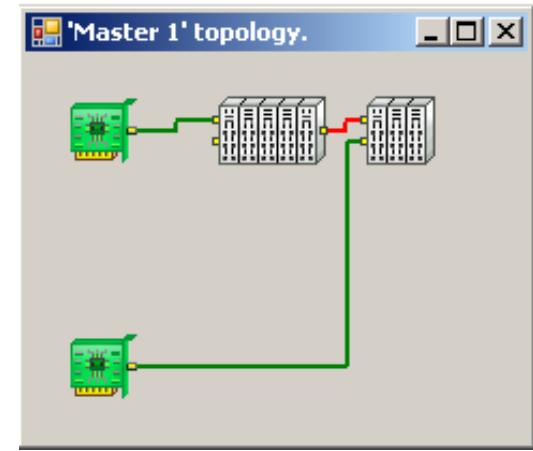
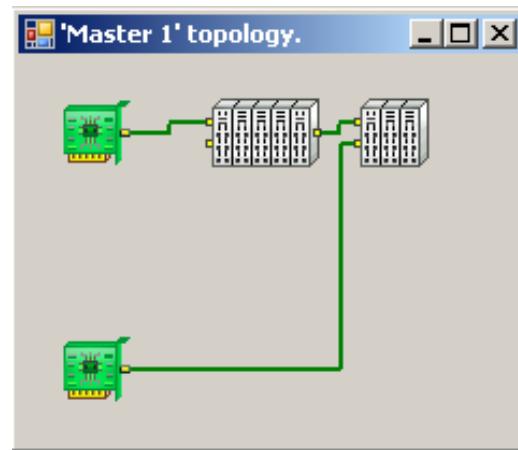
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# Demo. Redundancy, Hot Plug, Slave 2 Slave



# Demo. Redundancy

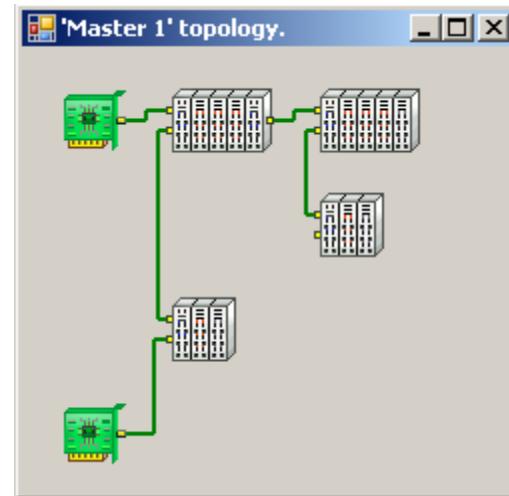


## Topology

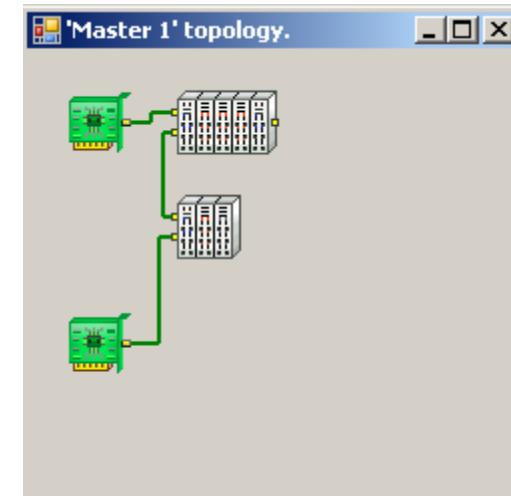
- Cable break detection
- Click on slave to see its settings

# Demo. Hot-plug

- Mark slaves as “pluggable”
- Give them an unique address
- Connect/disconnect even during “Operational”

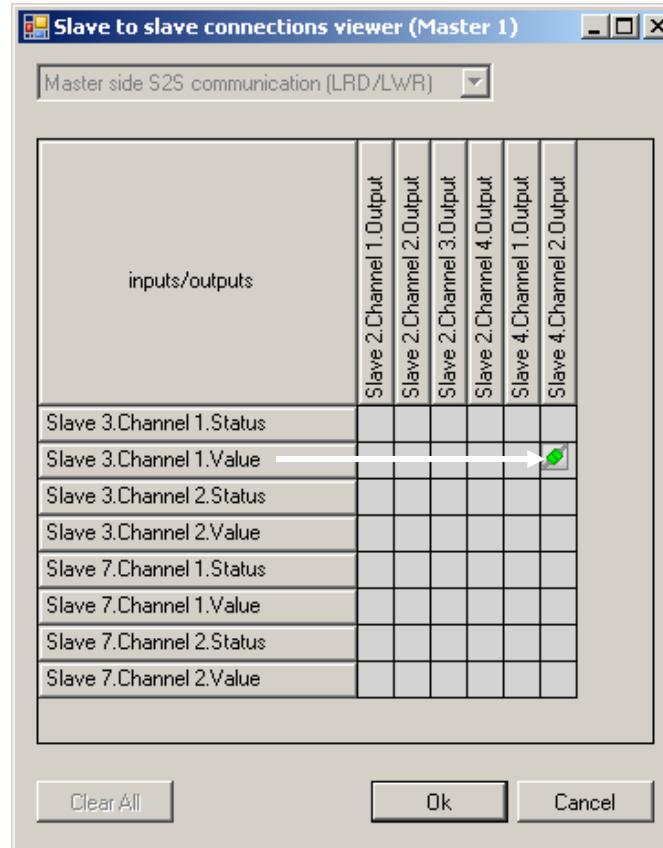


Hot-pluggable slave plugged



Hot-pluggable slave unplugged

# Demo. Slave-to-Slave communication



- Outside PLC: **output** passes its value to **input(s)**
- Inside PLC: **input** passes its value to **output(s)**

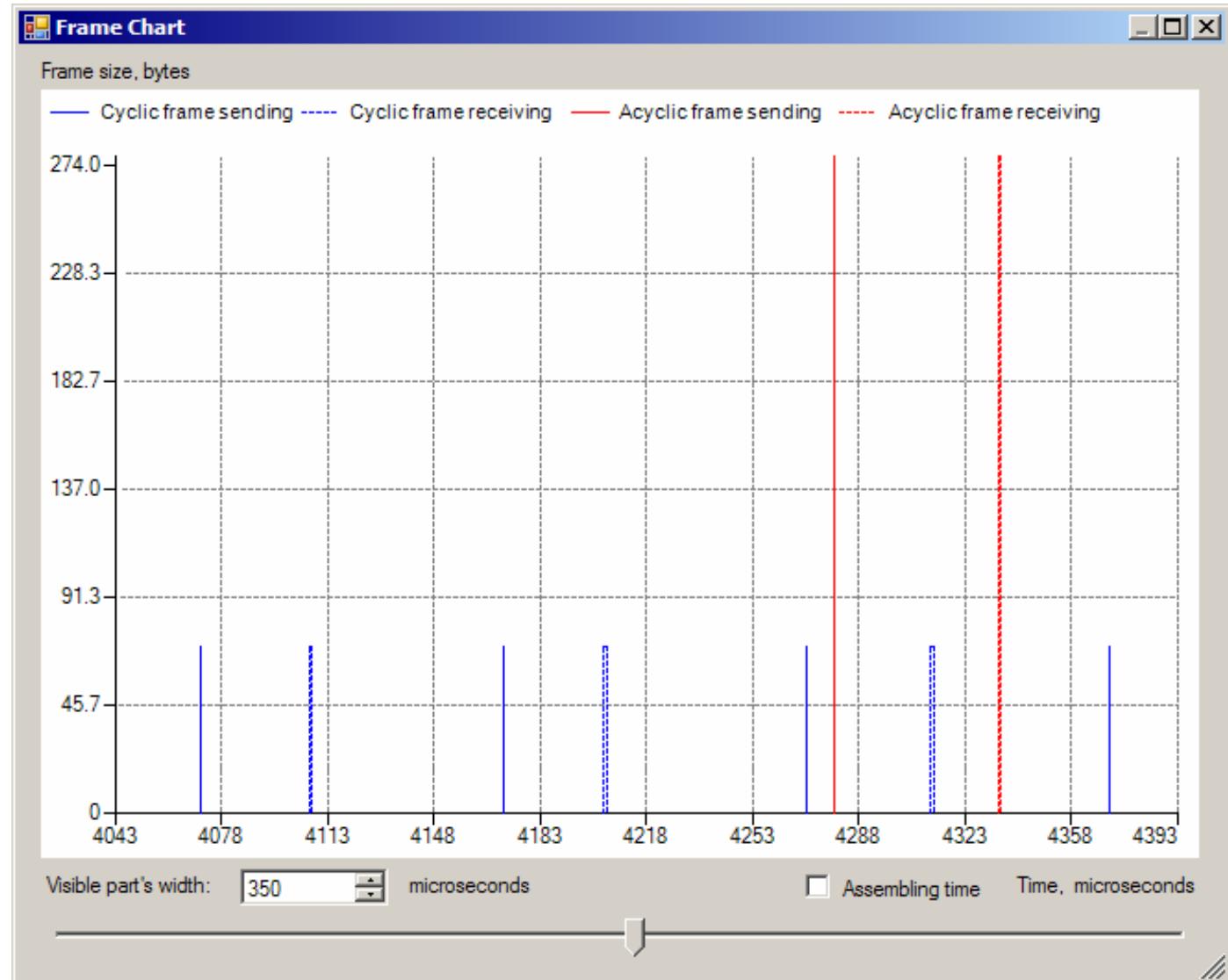
## Demo.

**100µs cycle, 17 byte, <1% CPU  
(Intel Pentium dual CPU E2180 2.0 GHz)**

Ethernet link information taken directly from NIC		Real-time information	
Frames/s	12387	Average cycle (µs)	100
Sent packets	62630	Average cycle jitter (µs)	0
Received packets	62627	Min cycle (µs)	93
Sent bytes	6842799	Max cycle (µs)	106
Received bytes	6842385	Average mailbox cycle (µs)	300
Send errors	0	Average mailbox cycle jitter (µs)	0
Receive errors	0	Min mailbox cycle (µs)	295
Sent dropped packets	0	Max mailbox cycle (µs)	305
Received dropped packets	0	Send errors	0
Multicast	0	Receive errors	0
Collisions	0	Wrong working counters	0
		Parse errors	0
System information		<a href="#">Reset statistics</a>	
CPU usage (%)	0	<a href="#">Frame logger</a>	
Bus usage (byte/s)	1351973		

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# Live demo. frame chart every 3rd cycle one acyclic exchange



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## "EtherCAT company"

1. EtherCAT Studio  
configuration & diagnostic tool
2. König EtherCAT master  
adaptation and extension
3. EtherCAT slaves  
design and prototyping
4. EtherCAT consultancy  
concepts for implementations  
application architectures
5. EtherCAT trainings



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## EtherCAT team

# Company. EtherCAT team

Management  
Sales, PM, Marketing  
Gerhard Spiegel



Development  
Operating manager  
deputy  
Alexander Saposhnikov



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Vysotski



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Vitaly  
Bondarchuk



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Valeria  
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Jury  
Tsybulka



Andrey  
Zakrevski



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Automotive  
customers

## Customers in automotive testing



Gantner  
instruments



SIEMENS



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# Company. Profile

- Since **1986**
- About **60** engineers, IT scientists, mathematicians
- Planning/Service in Feucht near **Nuremberg**, Germany
- Development/Test in **Minsk**, Belarus
- Industrial **communication** (Profibus, CAN, EtherCAT)
- Working in a tight cooperation with main customer **Atotech** (subsidiary of Total)



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PCB lines  
with SCADA

# Company. Production for **ATOTECH** printed circuit boards



SCADA with worldwide software-installations from KÖNIG

# Company. Activities

- **SCADA** systems for copper deposition on Printed Circuit Boards (PCB)
- **Soft PLCs** according to IEC 61131-3
- Pulse reverse power supplies with digital control
- **Vision control** systems
- Worldwide **installations**
- **Configurators** for (semi)-automatic creation of
  - electro-schemas
  - quotes

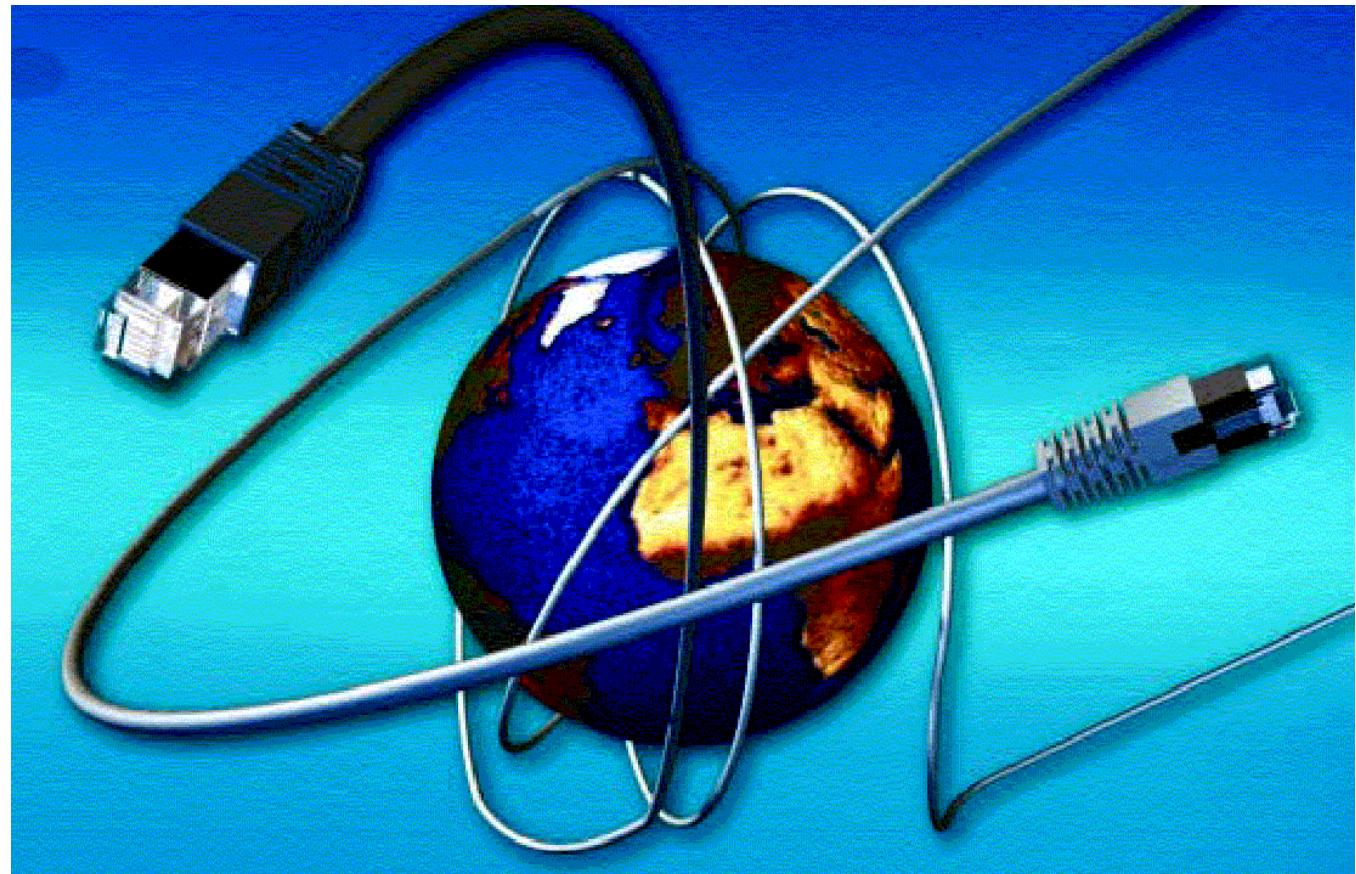
## Highlights

# High lights of EtherCAT for automotive testing

- **Redundancy in wiring**
  - **Hot plug of devices**
  - **Slave to Slave communication**
  - **Raw CAN gateway**
  - **Remote configuring of devices**
  - **Different scan rates**
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# Thank you!



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