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Abstract — Industrial control and automation systems are evolving towards infrastructures more connected. Its component's interconnection makes them more dependent on the networks and communication protocols used. On the one hand, high performance, low costs and real-time capabilities are generally required to cope with more and more demanding application requirements; while on the other hand, security solutions are often needed in an increasing number of communication attack scenarios. As part of new lift control generation, we will analyze a transition case from an electrical/electro technical component to network of communicating electronic components as part of the safety displacement system. This paper will describe the analysis of dependability requirements for the next electronic lift control.

I. INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, there are many industrial Ethernet protocols, which could act as fieldbus functionality. The introduction of Ethernet techniques in industrial communication allow to reduce the infrastructure costs. In this way the replacing cables by field bus has evolved from simple protocols such as Modbus (ASCII format) to Internet Protocol standard. The lift domain design has undergone same evolutions as the automotive domain; manufacturing cost, wiring reduction, energy optimization and meet a new norms constraints.

Nowadays, the lift safety chain based on interconnected electromechanical elements with interconnecting wireline cables. Therefore it requires a large number of cables that have a direct impact on the product cost and its installation complexity and thus its installation costs. So, in order to reduce these costs (installation cost, maintenance, certification, etc.) we will perform safety functions. This is done by means of a programmable electronic system to achieve some standardization requirements and not with electromechanical devices. We make an original approach in the lift eco-system, which uses a deterministic operating system [1] from Krono- safe Company (spin off CEA). To ensure the safety of people transportation, system availability should be considered behind the relevant safety. The deterministic lift control system is one of the ADN4SE project demonstrators (BGLE project). The global aim is to design and develop new lift safety functions supported on deterministic kernel and associated tools in accordance with the required lift-safety standard in order to achieve product certification.

The main contribution in this paper is an analysis case of the adopted standard IEC 61508 requirements specification targeting the development of a new safety chain for lift control system that allow to achieve SIL3. In addition, we propose a new lift safety architecture using a deterministic kernel to improve the safe real-time communication within the safety chain, in accordance with the safety standard. The challenge that is especially addressed is having a product certifiable PESSRAL with the integration of a deterministic core in electromechanical safety chain, i.e. transition from an electrical/electro technical component to network of communicating electronic components while respecting the business application specifications.

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows. In section II we present the existing architecture of the actual lift system, and we identify some problems in this architecture. In section III we analyze the safety requirements specification in the lift control system generally. Section IV describes a study case of existing fieldbus in lift eco-system, and we identify the bus limits in relation to the described standard safety. In section V and VI, we present our proposal. We describe the industrial communication over Ethernet with a classification for real-time communication. We propose how an Ethernet-based industrial communication can reach SIL3 and can be supported by deterministic kernel. Finally in Section VII we represent our conclusions.

II. THE SAFETY CHALLENGE IN THE LIFT APPLICATION CONTROL

Fig. 1 shows a lift demonstrator with a safety chain as currently running on the majority of lifts. Range of serial contacts whose purpose is to allow the displacement lift car control compose this safety chain. The displacement lift car is only possible if all the contacts are closed. However, the behavior of these elements is not identifiable, which complicate the safety chain control. It will be more difficult to identify the failed contact in the actual chain. We cannot neglect the mechanical maintenance costs of the safety chain. So, making the safety chain smarter is a business need. But without forgetting the security level required in this type of application because that will direct influence on human life. The applicable standards for lift safety system design are defined in EN 81-1 (Specification of the safety requirements for the design and installation of electric lifts), PESSRAL (Programmable Electronic components and Systems in Safety Related Applications for Lifts)

- Description: system reaction time $\leq 100\text{ms}$.
- Certification requirement:
 - Description: Lift-safety function (id 12) (among 51 functions).
- Dependability requirement:
 - Description: this function must be SIL2.

Achieving PESSRAL links four partners for this demonstrator in the ADN4SE project:

- LCIS: specialized dependability in industrial communication.
- SPRINTe: for the provision of the lift specifications.
- Krono-safe: for providing the real-time software solution.
- Schneider Electric: expert in the development of critical systems.

To ensure the safety integrity level SIL3 over the whole lift safety chain, which must be ensured with a single communication channel, we will use an important means of communication certified SIL 3 [8]. With a view to simplification, the bus must transmit critical and non-critical messages.

IV. EXISTING FIELDBUS IN LIFT ECO-SYSTEM

According to its original purpose, CAN, using bus topology, is strongly established in the automotive industry to reduce cable harnesses in vehicles. It is not suitable for transmission of data over long distances with a high rate (for an indicative maximum length of 40 m it's 1 Mbps) [9]. This one is particularly suitable for located systems with distributed intelligence and high reliability constraints [10]. His main objective was reliability with a low cost. Mercedes-Benz was the first automaker to equip his vehicles with CAN protocol. Since many manufacturers use it such Intel, Philips, Siemens, Motorola, NEC and Texas Instruments, were the first to implement the protocols in micro-controllers. The CAN protocol is a multi-master contention type (any master station can initiate a frame as soon as the bus is free allowing the production and consumption of information transmitted by diffusion thereof. This is a CSMA protocol with access collision inhibition (Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Resolution CSMA/CR) for priority frame by bitwise arbitration. Each node performs this bitwise arbitration. Any anomaly detected during the arbitration allow transmitter node to stop immediately its transmission. It is not possible to calculate a maximum reaction time, because CAN is not as deterministic except possibly for the data to have always the highest priority [10].

In the automation world, an international users group and manufacturers defined a subset of CAN protocol in the Can in Automation (CiA 04). The CiA group specified the application layer of the protocol stack over CAN bus: physical, data link and application. CANOpen based profiles are only software solution. The CanOpen application layer protocol supports synchronous and asynchronous channels shared. The synchronous transmission cycle is defined by the cyclic transmission of a synchronization frame (SYNC frame priority). The CANOpen profile applicative specifications describe the virtual devices (12 VD) for lift control system.

The virtual controllers (Call Controller, Controller car door, car drive controller) perform control functions dedicated to the lift application. In this application, all the control functions can be implemented in a single CANOpen device. Although in other applications, control functions must be implemented in different and various CANOpen devices. Virtual devices are implemented each in a CANOpen device as they can be combined in one or more devices CANOpen-Lift (Cia 417) and allows it to be a simple and sophisticated application. The virtual devices set are: Call- Controller, Car-door-Controller, Car-drive-Controller, Input- panel-Unit, Output- panel-Unit, Car-door-Unit, Light-barrier-Unit, Car-drive-unit, Car-position-Unit, Load-measuring-Unit, Remote-data-transmission-Unit, and Power-measuring-unit. The CAN protocol introduces object-oriented communication. In- deed, the CANOpen protocol uses the objects dictionary. It defines all the objects that can be exchanged in the network. Each object is addressed using a 16-bit index and a sub- index of 8 bits. Each node must have an object dictionary through which data transmission will be possible as shown in Fig. 3. While Can is largely adopted in industrial processes automation, it has disadvantages that limit its use as follows [11]:

- Transmission rate: It can reach as maximum throughput 10 Mbps, which is relatively, low (with FTT-Can version).
- Limited frame format: the CAN bus is dedicated for industrial communication systems that limit transmitted information types.

V. DETERMINISTIC FIELDBUS

The industrial communication protocols, as well as fieldbus must meet the constraints of industrial communication [9][12]

- Robust to the industrial environment (physical layer).
- Deterministic (ensuring the data refresh in cycle time) (Data Link Layer).
- Interoperable (exchanging information among all types of industrial equipment) (Application Layer).

Interoperability is the term most sensitive in terms of cost. New industry communication concepts progress after some problems in fieldbus network classic (determinism, reaction time, throughput, portability...). IEC TC65 has launched a new standardization project for industrial communication. Set the real-time Ethernet in the industry seems a logical consequence of the Ethernet introduction in industrial automation.

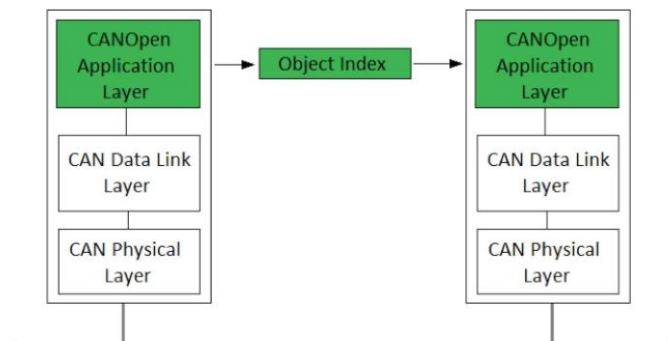


Fig. 3. Exchange principle of objects in CANOpen.

Researchers continue to propose solutions to the Ethernet specifications to meet the criteria of real-time. There are those who offer solutions for quality of service, devices synchronization or packet processing/modification to resolve Real-Time constraint [13].

After that, Ethernet has positioned itself as standard solution for industrial communication replacing classical fieldbus as CAN. Ethernet Real Time (RTE) resolves some existing problems in industrial control system [14][15] as; rate transmission (high rate about 1Gbps), over Ethernet, different kinds of data can be transmitted (Audio, Video...) and using Ethernet allows integrating different applications.

Considering the reaction time for the Ethernet-based real-time solutions, we can classify their protocols into 3 classes as shown in Fig. 4.

- Class 1: Top of transport layer (over TCP/UDP); low speed class, reaction time 100ms, moderate efficacy (e.g. Ethernet/IP).
- Class 2: Top of Ethernet layer; required by automate (PLC, control PC), reaction time < 10ms, hardware implementing to reduce the TCP/IP stack (e.g. PowerLink, Profinet RT).
- Class 3: Modified Ethernet (most challenging); required by Motion Control, reaction time < 1ms, high synchronization precision (e.g. EtherCAT, Profinet IRT).

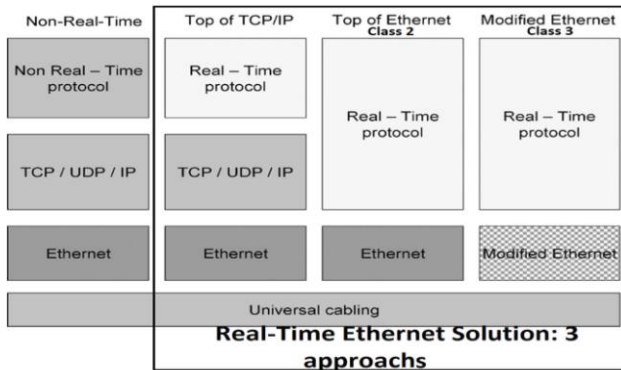


Fig. 4. Real-time Ethernet classification.

These solutions will be implemented over deterministic kernel safe by construction, which requires specific criteria to accelerate and ensure communication in the industrial system. Besides the reaction time, the communication model has to guarantee SIL3 safety level in communication phase to ensure the portability capacity of the deterministic operating system in embedded environments constrained. In this work, we are relying on actual architecture of safety chain in lift control system, improving it components behavior by introduction of controllers node network communicated instead of electric contact. Fig. 5 depicts the considered system with our modifications in safety chain. However, in our approach we are introducing network-based safety chain with communication network to transfer sensor measurements and control data using Ethernet based real time protocol.

We are replacing electric contacts with tow node kinds: Controlled node (CN) and manager node (MN). These new safety chain components are connected through an Ethernet network and the data frames are encapsulated in Ethernet PowerLink (EPL).

VI. OPEN SAFETY

The industrial communication in deterministic networks is far from being secure, it guarantees perfect synchronization among devices, and meets the temporal requirements imposed by the deterministic kernel, or the standard but not wholes safety requirements. To strengthen the security in this communication networks, we need to add a security measures at the top of application layer. OpenSAFETY is an application layer communication protocol. It ensures the security of the transmission frames. It allows creating communication systems requiring SIL 3 (Safety Integrity Level) according to IEC61508. OpenSAFETY is a set of components offering services and security mechanisms for secure data exchange via networks unsecured [16]. For example:

- Time stamp: This timestamp mechanism allows associating with each frame the time and date of transmission in order to avoid duplication of frames.
- Time monitoring: This time monitoring can predict moments of frame arrival and thus can detect losses and delays.
- Identification: Each frame is identified by a unique identifier to prevent and detect any kind of integration.
- Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC): To ensure the integrity of messages sent and to avoid the alteration and modification of data, OpenSAFETY uses the CRC.
- Frame format: Using different frame format allows the distinction between the standard frame and the Open SAFETY frames.

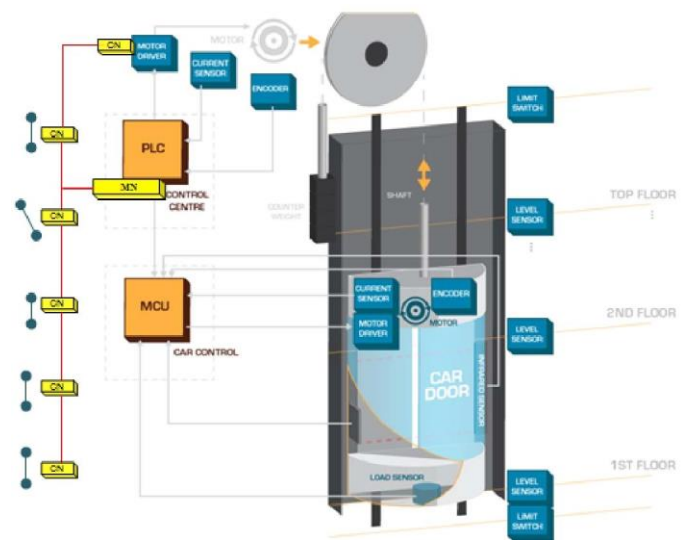


Fig. 5. Modified safety chain in lift control system.

OpenSAFETY operates at the application layer independently from real time Ethernet protocols used in the lower layers as shown in Fig. 6.

VII. CONCLUSION

The analysis and proposal for the new lift control are mandatory by new security level requirements. The innovative aspect of this collaborative project was the capacity to replace the safety chain electromechanical components (serial electric contacts) by dedicated fieldbus network. In this research project, we identified an adapted IP protocols to support dependability constraints for lift applications control. The IEC 61508 requirements for the performance machines applied to lift application have been regrouped into PESSRAL specifications. The paper summarizes the necessary criteria to achieve in the protocols selection to ensure the integrity of the PESSRAL standard. The mixed methodology allows integrating the communication architecture in the development in order to ensure the time performances based on deterministic operating system and safety by construction. Our contribution will allow to perform a safety chain analysis which is impossible to diagnose at this time. After specifying safety constraints required in the lift application, the next task will be devoted to the modeling of a safe communication. This modeling will be included in the modeling of a deterministic core used in the ADN4SE project. At least, this strategy will allow displacements command of the lift cabin in safe conditions clearly identified, which greatly simplifies the maneuver that today requires human intervention locally.

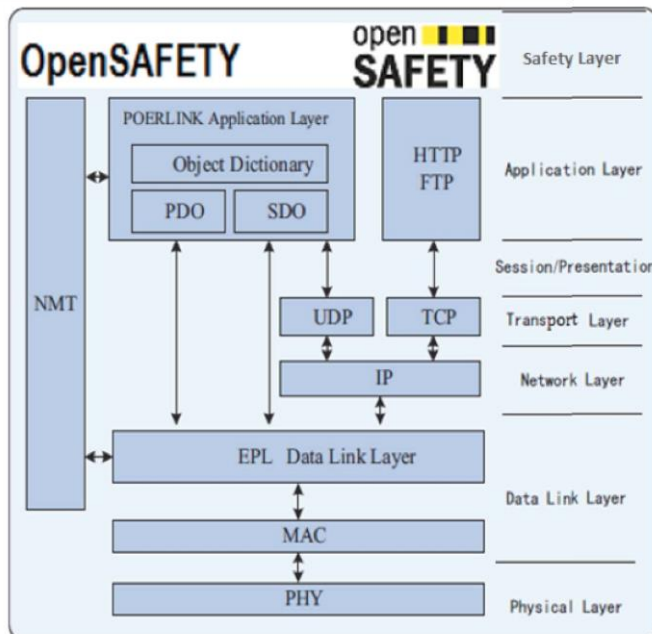


Fig. 6. OpenSAFETY over real-time Ethernet.

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