



# EICASLAB<sup>TM</sup> DEMO



*The Professional Software Suite  
for Automatic Control Design and Forecasting*

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## EICASLAB Demo RT-emb

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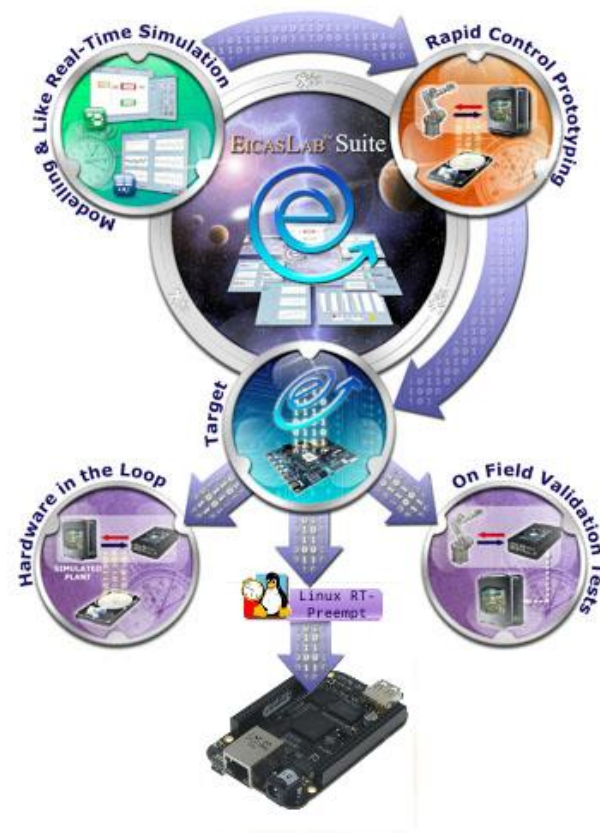


# EICASLAB™ Demo RT-emb

**Just 1 Software Suite**

**Just 1 Project**

**ALL the design phases**



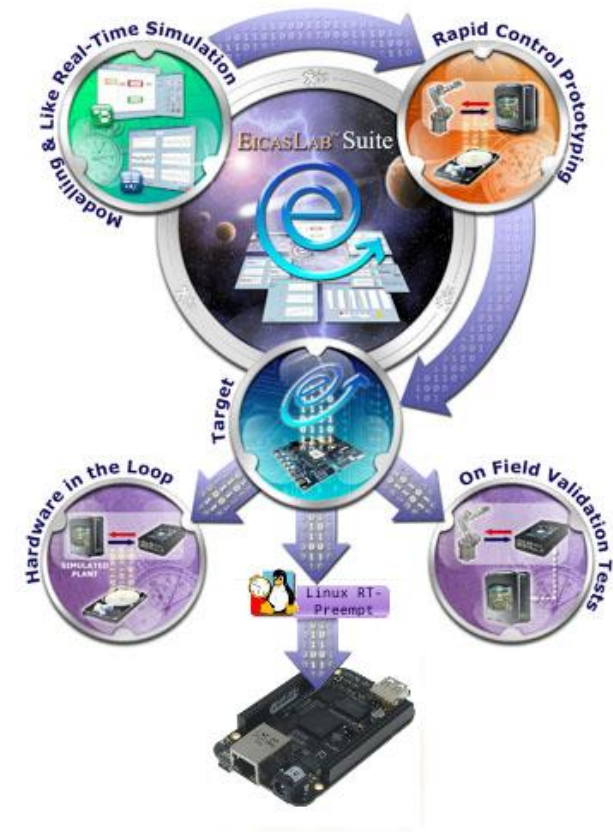
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## EICASLAB™ Demo RT-emb

### The operative modes:

- Modeling and Like Real-time Simulation
- Rapid Control Prototyping (RCP)
  - RCP On Field sub-mode
  - Slow Motion sub-mode
- Target
  - Hardware-in-the-loop (HIL) sub-mode
  - Final Validation Test (FVT) sub-mode



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# Summary

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  - Rapid Control Prototyping On Field and Slow Motion
  - Hardware-in-the-loop
  - Final Validation Test
- Further information



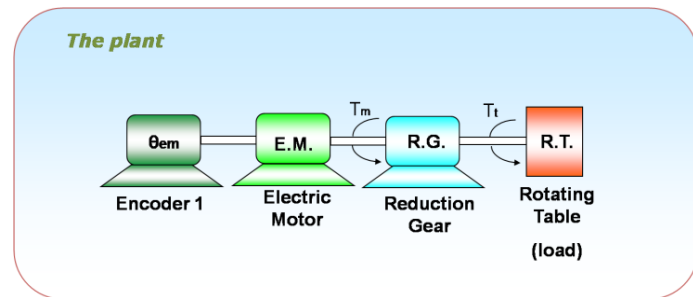
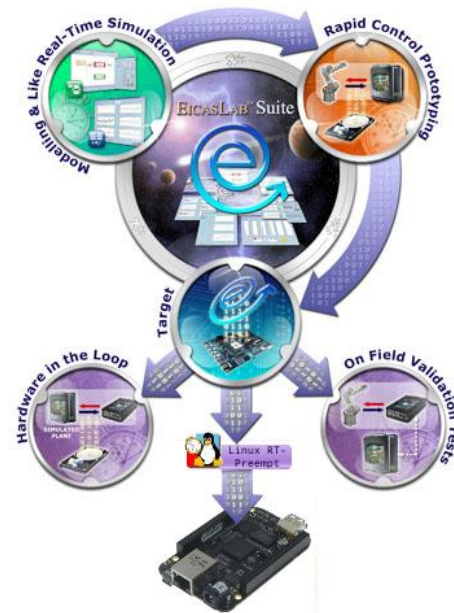
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## Overview

Example of a **complete control design development**, from the Simulation to the download to Final Target.

The application case is the *rotating table* of the EICASLAB DEMO.



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# Overview

## RT-emb = Real-Time on an embedded system

- Focus on the real-time operative modes: Rapid Control Prototyping (RCP), Hardware-in-the-loop (HIL) and Final Validation Test (FVT)
- Allows the user to experiment the Target mode on a popular embedded system (e.g. Raspberry Pi)



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# Overview

## The EICASLAB RCP Platform

Standard multi-core  
PC equipped with a  
Real-Time Operative  
System (RTOS) and the  
EICASLAB Suite

RCP=Rapid Control  
Prototyping



It is used to run  
EICASLAB, execute  
real-time tasks,  
to cross-compile  
the code for the  
embedded board  
and program it.

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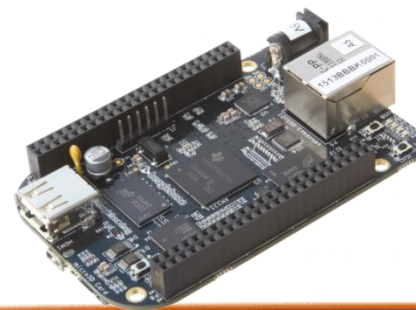
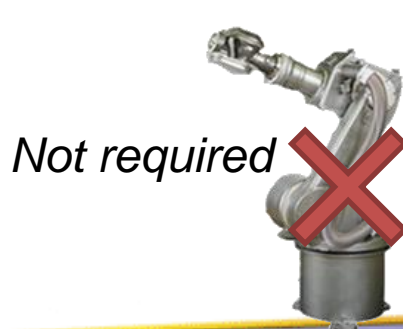


# Overview

There are two versions of the RT-emb demo for different hardware devices:

- BeagleBone Black board (BBB) version ,
- Generic Linux Target version (e.g. Raspberry Pi).

Both of them do not require real plant, as RT-PC demo.



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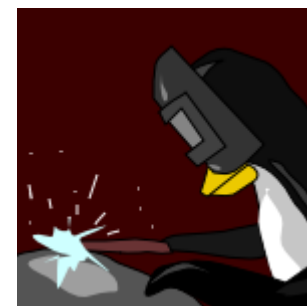




# Minimum requirements (PC)

This demo requires real-time performance, therefore it is only available in Linux version.

- Dual core CPU
- 2 GB of RAM
- 1 GB of disk space
- GNU/Linux operative system
- PREEMPT\_RT kernel configuration (recommended)
- Networking interface to connect to the target (USB2.0 or Ethernet for BBB, Ethernet or WiFi for other boards)



*rt.wiki.kernel.org*

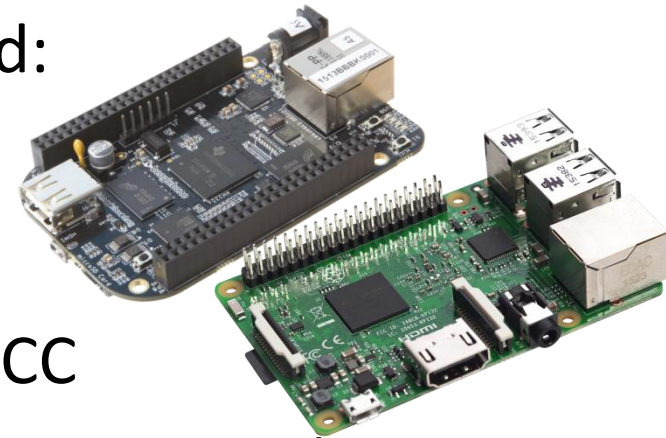
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# Minimum requirements (embedded)

Requirements for the embedded board:

- 512 MB of RAM
- 100 MB of storage space
- GNU/Linux operative system with GCC
- PREEMPT\_RT kernel configuration (mandatory)
- Networking interface to connect to PC, SSH server



The demo was tested on **BeagleBone Black** and **Raspberry Pi 3**.

For further information and how-to: read demo user manual,  
or mail to [support@eicaslab.com](mailto:support@eicaslab.com)

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# Minimum requirements (projects)

The EICASLAB Demo RT-PC includes **three** projects in the **DEMO** menu of the MASTER tool:

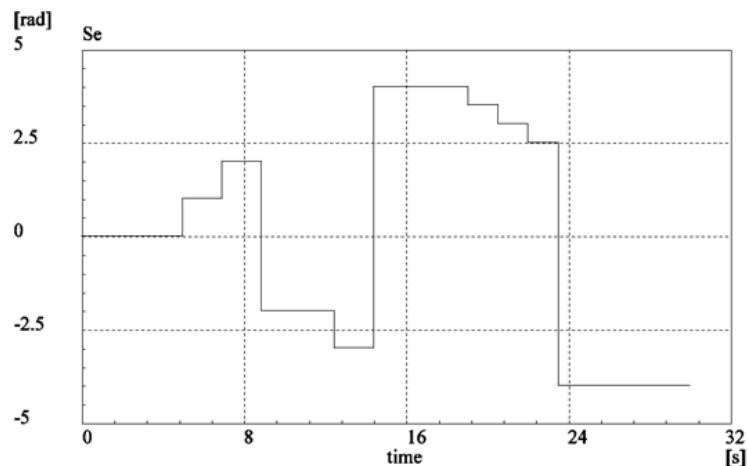
- the first with the pre-designed control algorithm by EicasLab Automatic Algorithm Generation (**AAG**)
- the second with an empty control where the **user** can program his own algorithm
- the third is a “**real-time plant emulator**” which is used in a second instance of the demo program during Rapid Control Prototyping and Final Validation Test trials, as explained in the following.

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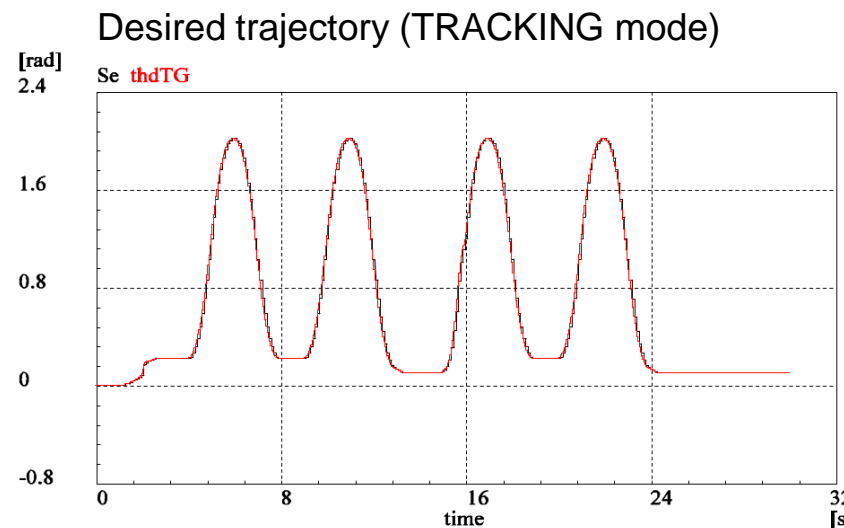


# The control objective

- Impose the **desired trajectory** to a **rotating table**
- Actuator: electric motor acting on the rotating table
- Sensor: one **encoder** measuring motor angle



Desired angle (POINT-TO-POINT mode)



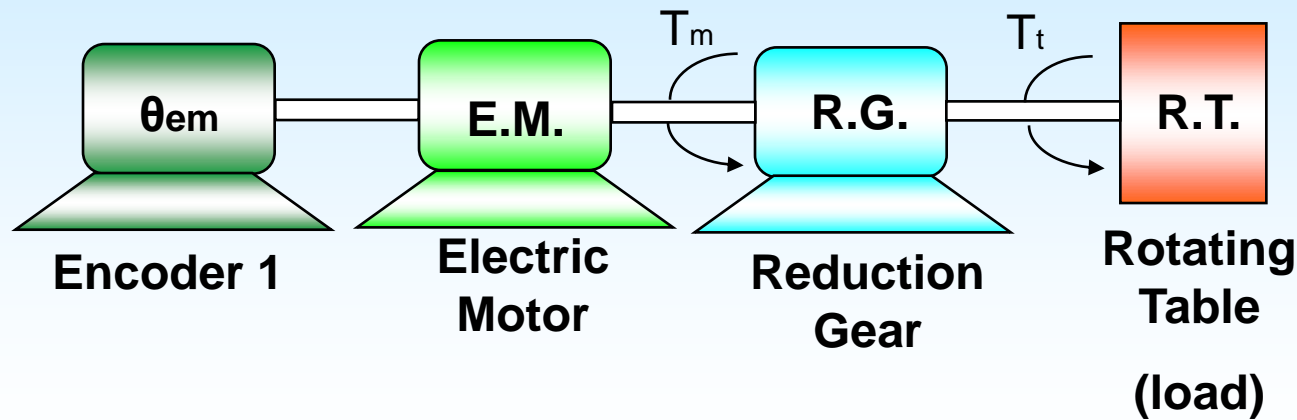
Desired trajectory (TRACKING mode)

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# Rotating Table Physical Model

## *The plant*

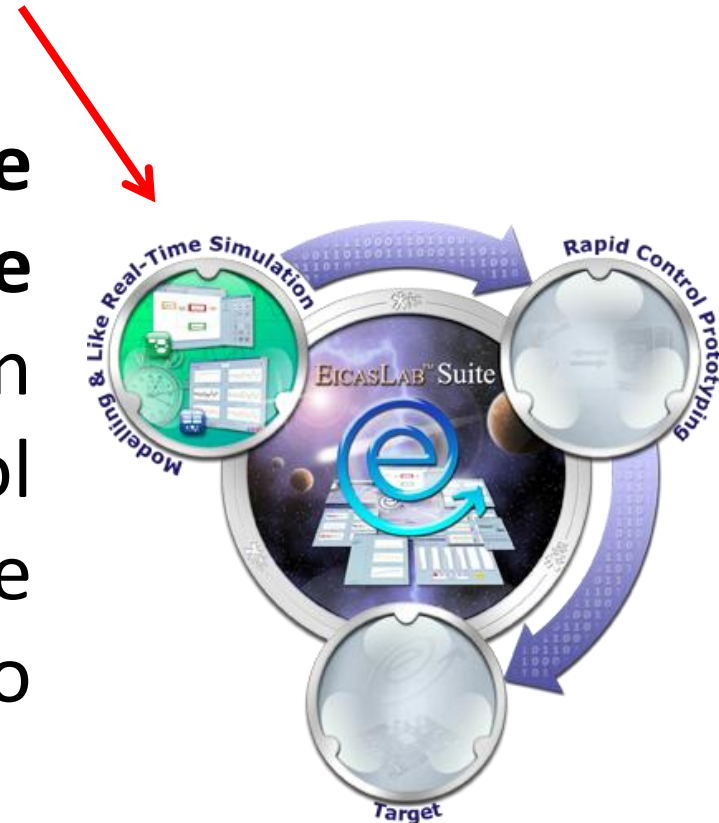


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# Modelling and Like Real-time Simulation

The **Modelling and Like Real-time Simulation** mode allows the user to design and test the control algorithm and simulate the Rotating Table response to its commands.



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# Modelling and Like Real-time Simulation

The main M&LRTS mode purposes are:

- to model the plant
- to run and to validate the model
- to design the control algorithm
- to run and to validate the algorithm against the simulated plant

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# Modelling and Like Real-time Simulation

**Who does what** in Modeling and Like Real-time Simulation operative mode in RT-emb demo:

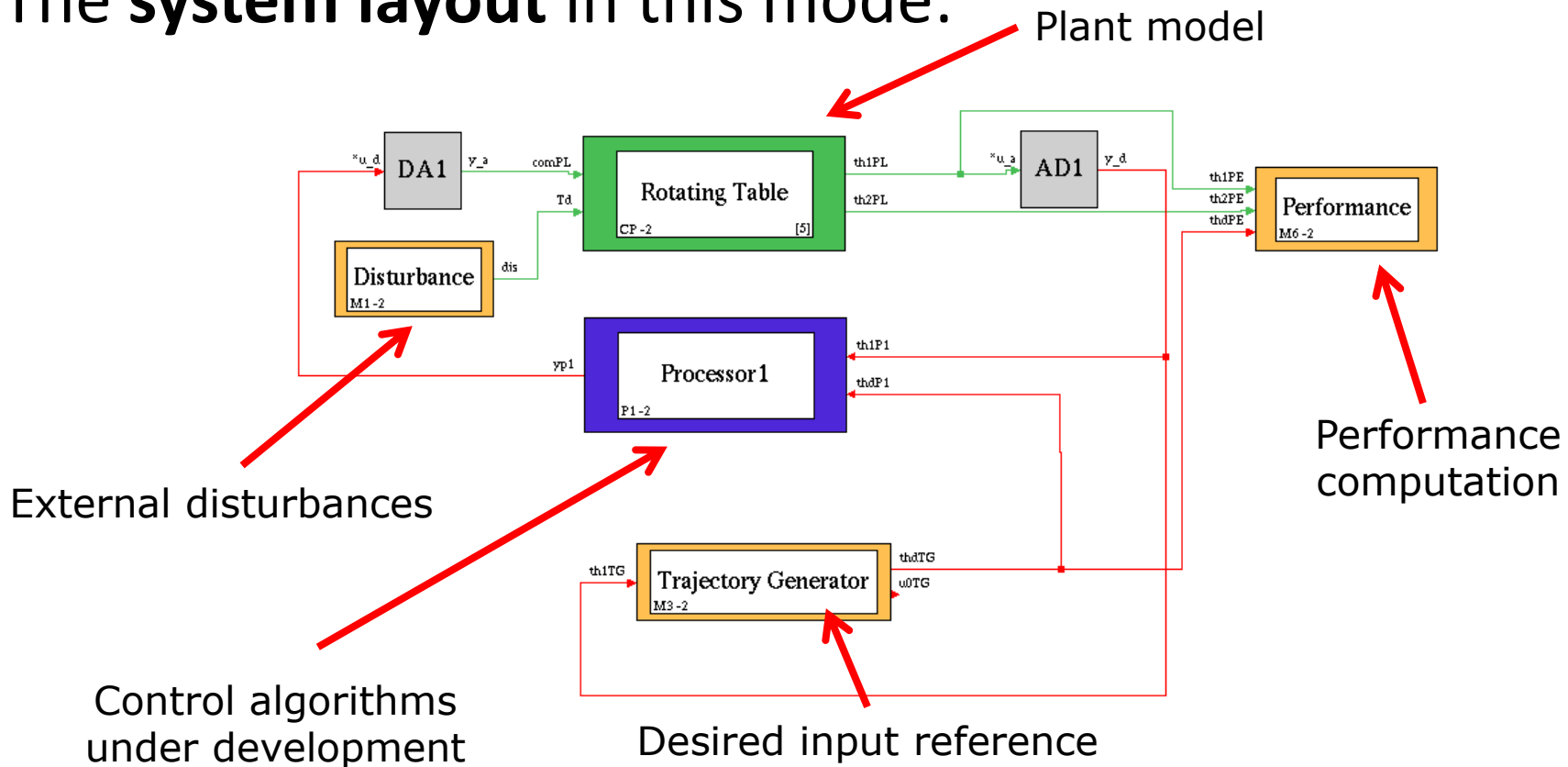
<b>HW</b>	<b>EICASLAB RCP Platform</b>	<b>Embedded board target</b>	<b>Rotating Table emulator</b>
<b>SW</b>	<b>run control logic</b>  <b>simulate the plant</b>	<b>unused</b>	<b>unused</b>

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# Modelling and Like Real-time Simulation

The **system layout** in this mode:

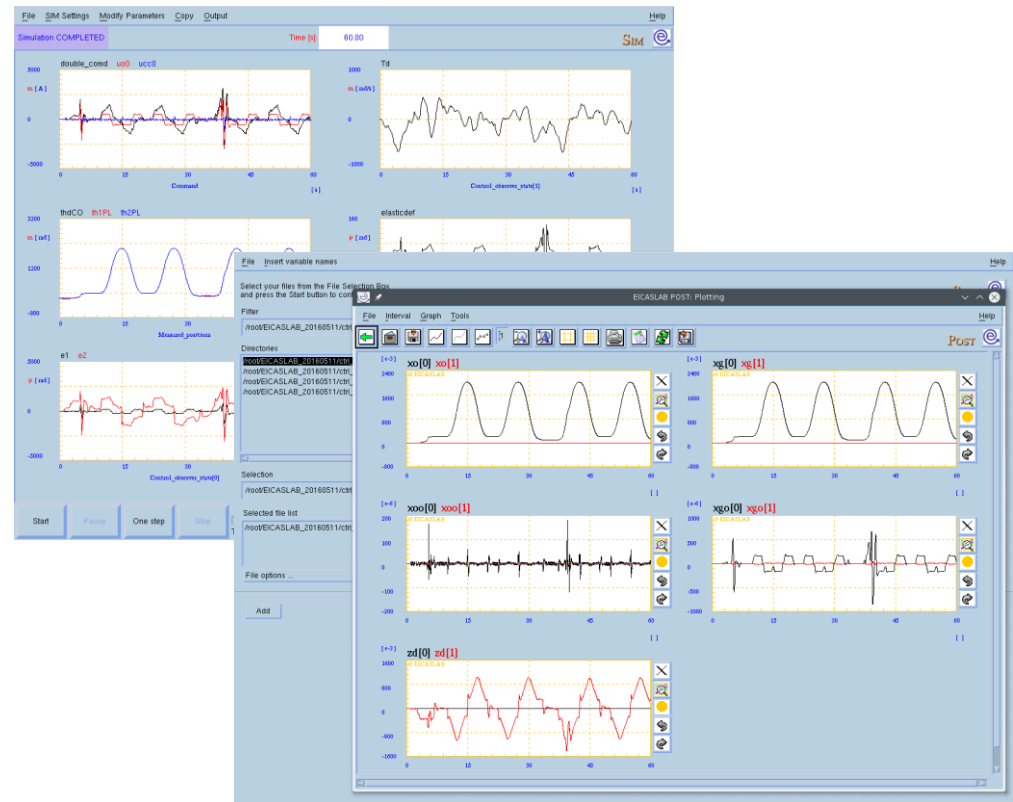


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## Modelling and Like Real-time Simulation

The **SIM tool** allows the user to control the execution of simulation trials, providing diagrams, editing of run-time parameters and storage of data for post-analysis with the **POST tool**.



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# Rapid Control Prototyping

The **Rapid Control Prototyping operative mode** allows the user to test the control algorithm under development directly on the **real plant** using the advanced (and comfortable) analysis, debug and recording tools available on the EICASLAB RCP Platform.

It includes two operative sub-mode: **RCP On Field** and **Slow Motion**.



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# Rapid Control Prototyping

The main RCP operative mode purposes are:

- to run and validate the algorithm against the **real** plant
- to monitor, record and tune real physical quantities and parameters
- to use debug and slow motion tools provided by the

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## RCP On Field

In **RCP On Field** operative sub-mode, EICASLAB runs the control as a real-time application, interfacing with the **real plant** through a set of I/O interfaces, created by EICASLAB Automatic Code Generation (ACG).

### Rapid Control Prototyping scenario

*Control algorithms*



**EICASLAB RCP Platform**



I/O Interfaces

measures

commands



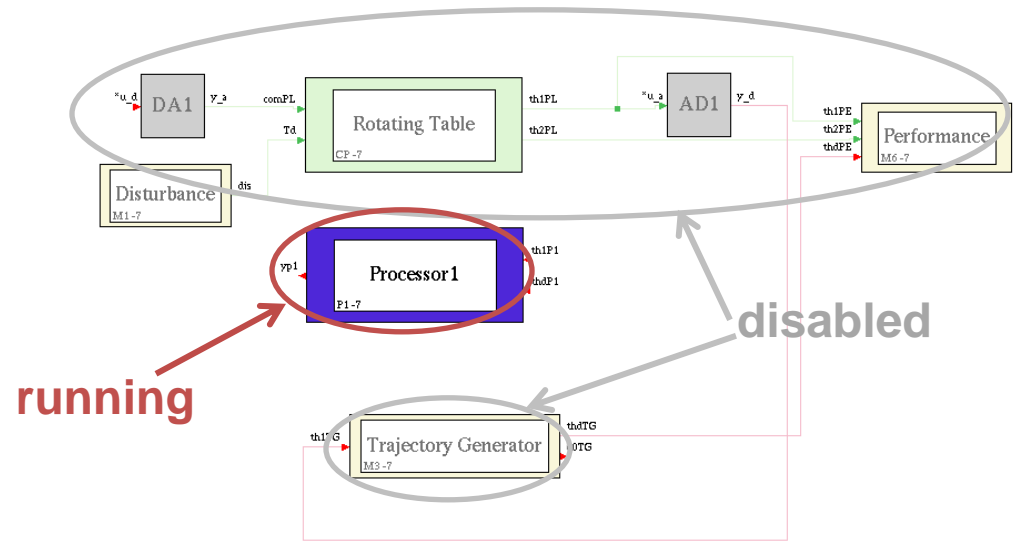
**Real plant**

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# RCP On Field

The **project layout** in this sub-mode:

no more simulated by the main project

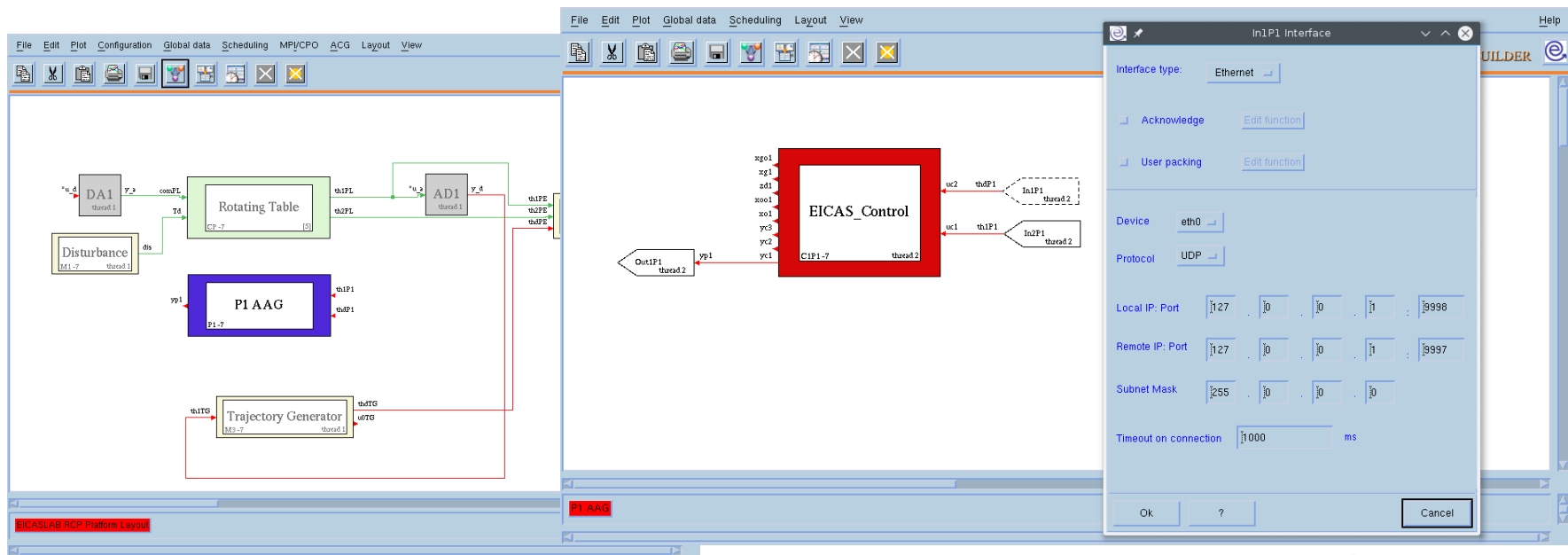


The System Layout of the Rotating Table project in RCP shows that all blocks except the *Processor* are disabled.

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# RCP On Field

In this demo, the user can explore the system layout, its pre-defined configuration and the set of parameters for the RCP trial, then generate the real-time application.



The screenshot displays the EICAS software interface. On the left, a block diagram titled "EICASLAB RCP Platform Layout" shows a control system with components: DA1 (Disturbance), Rotating Table, PI AAG, Trajectory Generator, and AD1. On the right, a detailed view of the "EICAS\_Control" block (CIP1-7) is shown with various input and output ports. A configuration window titled "InIP1 Interface" is open, showing settings for an Ethernet interface:

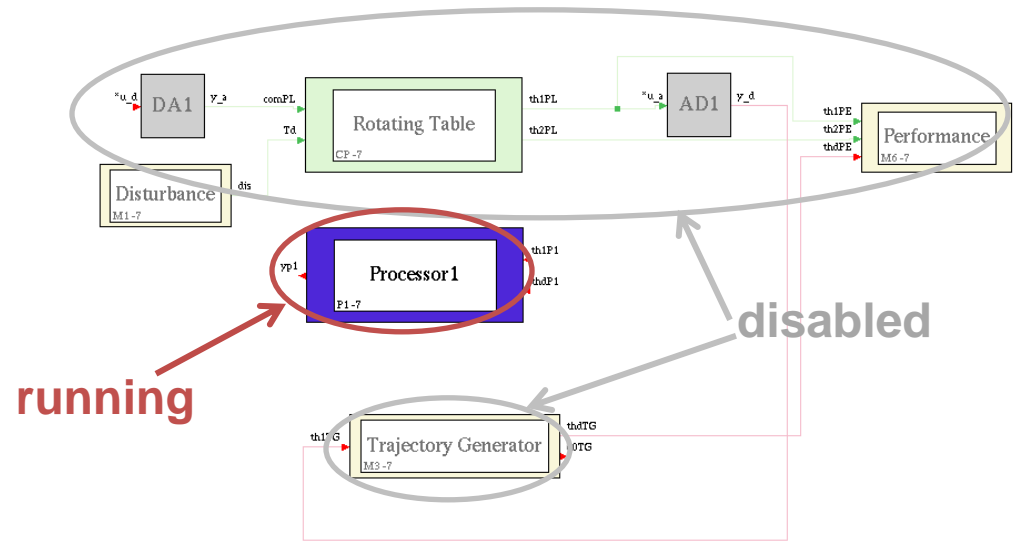
- Interface type: Ethernet
- Device: eth0
- Protocol: UDP
- Local IP: Port: 127.0.0.1 : 3998
- Remote IP: Port: 127.0.0.1 : 3997
- Subnet Mask: 255.0.0.0
- Timeout on connection: 1000 ms

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# RCP On Field

The **project layout** in this sub-mode:

no more simulated by the main project



Since the real rotating table is not available and we must close the loop, it will be simulated by using a separate project as real-time emulator.

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## RCP On Field

**Who does what** in RCP On Field operative sub-mode in RT-emb demo:

<b>HW</b>	<b>EICASLAB RCP Platform</b>	<b>Embedded board target</b>	<b>Rotating Table emulator</b>
<b>SW</b>	<b>run control logic</b>	<b>unused</b>	<b>simulated by second project</b>

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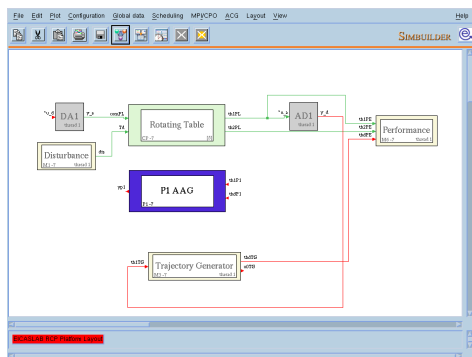


## RCP On Field

### The two projects in two EICASLAB instances

Linux PC

#### Main project in RCP



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*real-time  
communication  
on local  
interface*

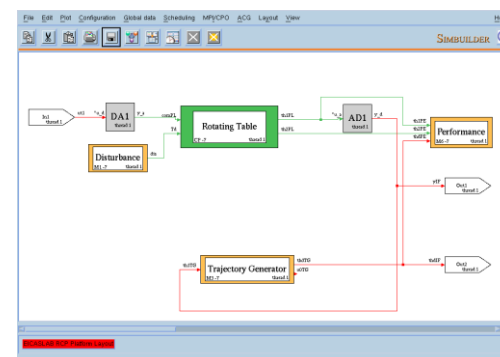
commands



measures



#### Plant emulator in RCP



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## RCP On Field

The **RCP Manager tool** includes a GUI for controlling the execution of the real-time program and providing timing diagrams, performance reports and other functions.

The screenshot displays the RCP Manager interface with a 'RCP process COMPLETED' status. It features several timing diagrams and a log window.

**EICASLAB Rapid Control Prototyping Timing report**

File: ..RCP\OUT\Acq\Tfm\_tim\_report.html  
 Date: Fri May 13 16:47:28 2016  
 Trial Duration: 0.315178+01 [s]  
 Tick Period: 0.00001 [ms]

**Threads Properties**

ID	Thr Name	Expec. Period [ms]	Recorded Periods	ID Core	Priority	Sync/Async
2	Th2	1.000000e-06	28743	15	99	Async

**Control/Output Properties**

Name	Thr ID	Expec. Duration [ms]	Phase [ms]	Type-Cod	Recorded
ProcInPI_InPI1	2	0.000000e+00	0.000000e+00	IN1	sk
ProcInPI_InPI1	2	0.000000e+00	1.000000e+00	IN1	sk
CIP1_EICAS_Control	2	3.000000e+00	0.000000e+00	Ctrl	sk
ProcOutPI_OutPI1	2	0.000000e+00	0.000000e+00	Out3	sk

**Maximum Timing Chart**

Normalizing Factor in [p/sv]  
 2 - Th2 [p=0.0ms] [0.000000]

**Average Timing Chart**

Normalizing Factor in [p/sv]  
 Th2 - 2 [p=0.0ms] [0.000000]

**Summarizing Time Chart**

Tick Used: 0.00001 [ms]

Name	Expec. Duration [ms]	Max Duration [ms]	Average Duration [ms]	Min Duration [ms]
ProcInPI_InPI1 - IN1	0.000000e+00	4.09243e-02	0.000000e-01	0.000000e-01
ProcInPI_InPI1 - IN1	0.000000e+00	3.286200e-02	6.220274e-03	1.710000e-03
CIP1_EICAS_Control - Ctrl	3.000000e+00	1.060400e-02	1.987200e-03	8.830000e-04
ProcOutPI_OutPI1 - Out3	0.000000e+00	3.105000e-02	1.086426e-02	7.453000e-03

The log window shows the following sequence of events:

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13 May 16 16:48:51 -> PRINT THREAD: STARTING.
13 May 16 16:48:51 -> UI THREAD: STARTING.
13 May 16 16:48:51 -> MAIN THREAD: Target is waiting to start ...
13 May 16 16:48:56 -> SCHED CONF THREAD: STARTING.
13 May 16 16:48:56 -> ACTIVITY THREAD: STARTING 'Th2'.
13 May 16 16:48:56 -> SCHED CONF THREAD: The thread 'Th2' is going to be started.
13 May 16 16:48:56 -> SLOW MOTION THREAD: STARTING.
13 May 16 16:48:56 -> POST THREAD: STARTING.
13 May 16 16:48:56 -> RCP PLOT THREAD: STARTING.
13 May 16 16:48:57 -> MAIN THREAD: Target is running.
13 May 16 16:47:26 -> SCHED CONF THREAD: The thread has been terminated.
13 May 16 16:47:26 -> ACTIVITY THREAD: The thread 'Th2' has been terminated.
13 May 16 16:47:28 -> SLOWTH: Task Deleted.
13 May 16 16:47:28 -> POSTTH: Task Deleted.
13 May 16 16:47:28 -> RCP PLOT THREAD: The thread has been terminated.
13 May 16 16:47:28 -> MAIN THREAD: Target has been stopped.
13 May 16 16:47:28 -> MAIN THREAD: Target is waiting to start ...
  
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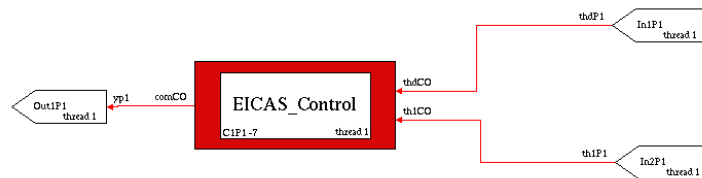
## RCP On Field

### RCP Manager

Run-time parameters  
and data recording

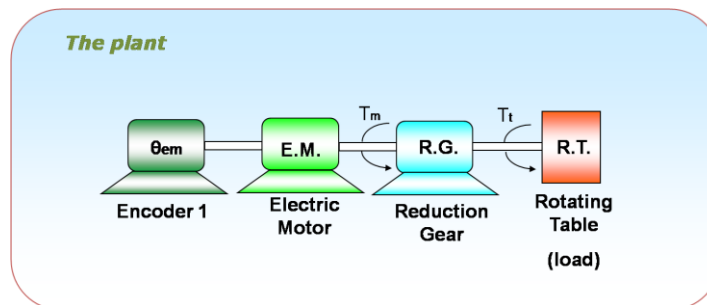


### EICASLAB RCP Platform



Motor command  
on Eth-UDP

**Plant**



Position Measure  
on Eth-UDP

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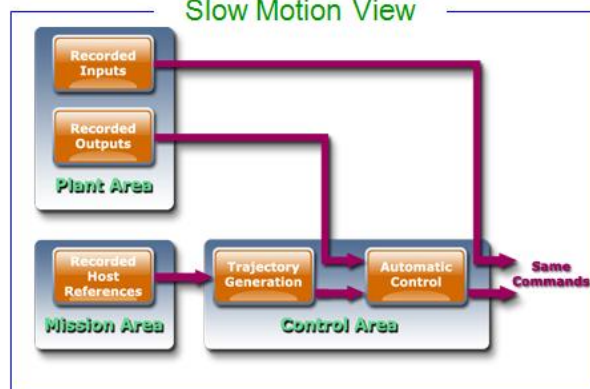
# Slow Motion

The **Slow Motion operative sub-mode** is an offline **replay** of the algorithm execution, using data recorded during the previous RCP trials.



## SLOW MOTION TOOL

Slow Motion View



Repeat the trial as a **MOVIOLA** with **EICASLAB™**



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# Slow Motion

**Who does what** in Slow Motion operative sub-mode in RT-emb demo:

<b>HW</b>	<b>EICASLAB RCP Platform</b>	<b>Embedded board target</b>	<b>Rotating Table emulator</b>
<b>SW</b>	<b>run control logic</b>	unused	unused

**simulated plant  
from recorded data**

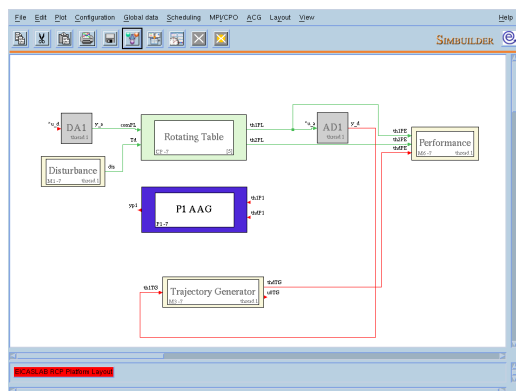
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## Slow Motion

The **Slow Motion tool** includes a GUI for managing the execution of the replay of trials recorded on field, providing timing diagrams and other functions.

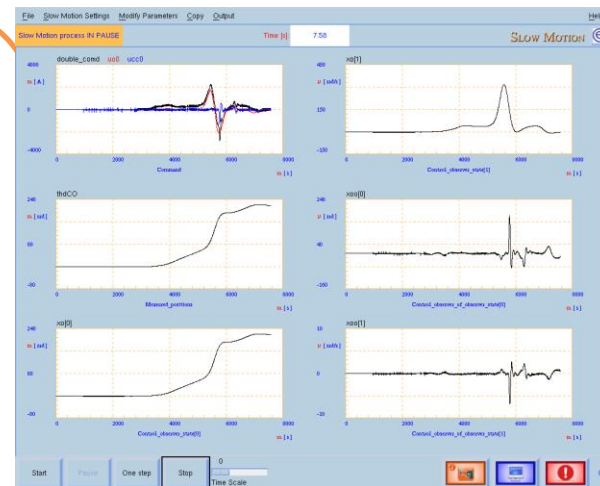
### Main project in Slow Motion



*Execution replay of control algorithms*

Previous acquisition

measures



*offline analysis, tuning*

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## Target

The **Target operative mode** allows the user to export the control algorithm to the **final hardware device** that will execute it to control first the simulated plant in Hardware-in-the-loop and then the real plant in Final Validation Test sub-modes.



**Embedded board  
(target)**

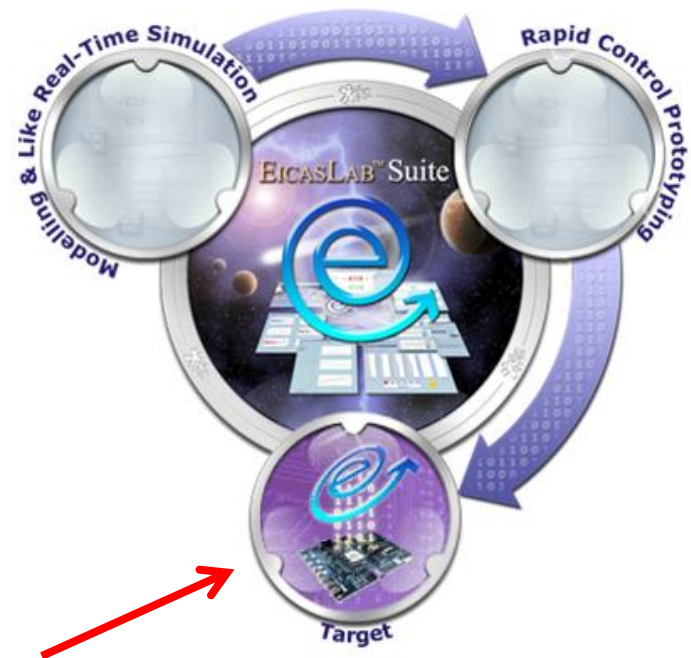
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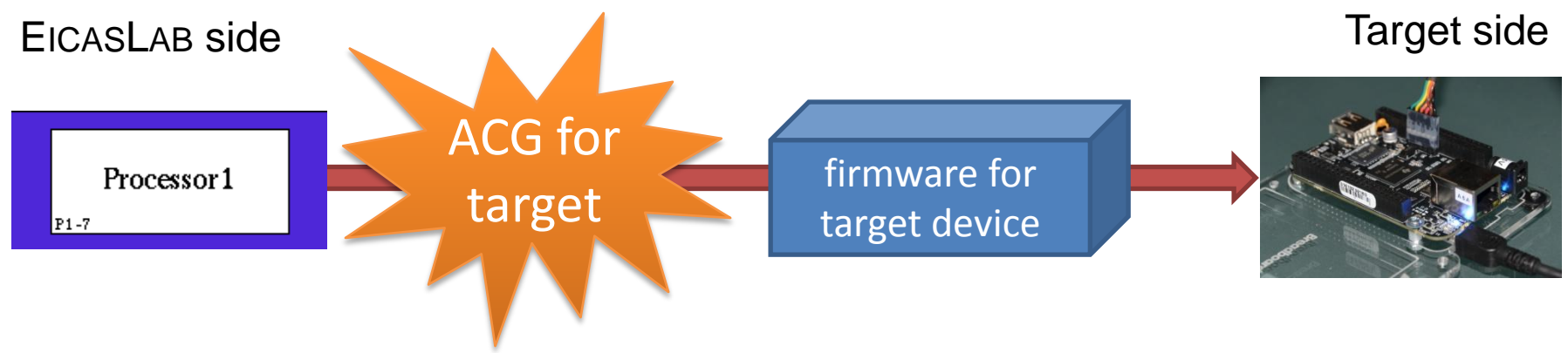


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# Target

EICASLAB provides the routines to generate the *Basic Software*, not only for the EICASLAB RCP Platform itself, but also for a family of devices or for a specific hardware architecture.

## ACG means *Automatic Code Generation*

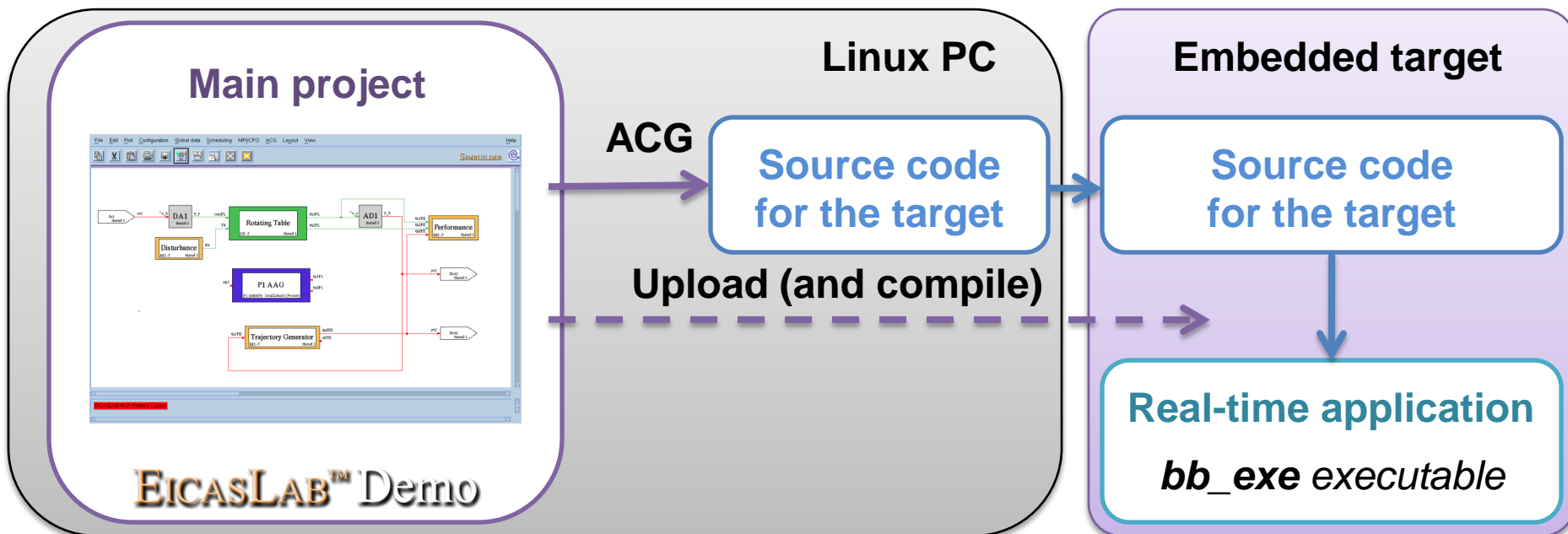


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## Target

This demo is designed to show EICASLAB in action on an external embedded systems: the ACG output is automatically transferred on it using SSH and compiled by GCC.

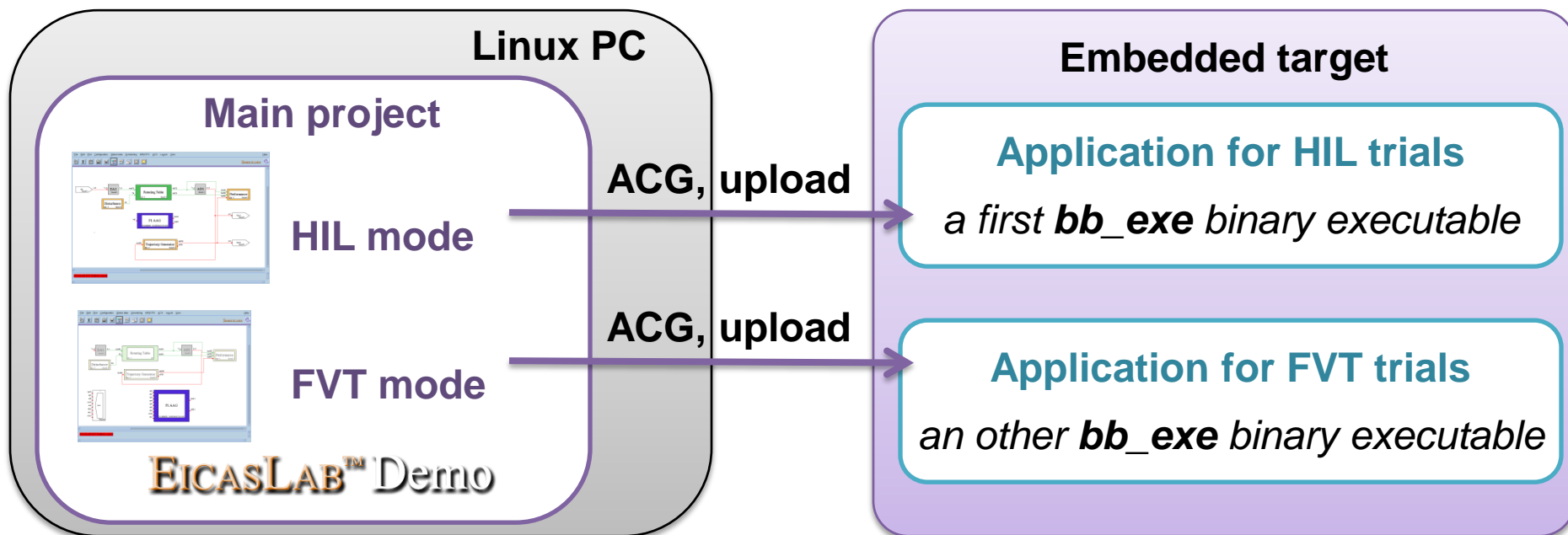


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# Target

This demo includes HIL and FVT operative modes, so the ACG for target is repeated twice to build two different real-time applications on the remote embedded target.



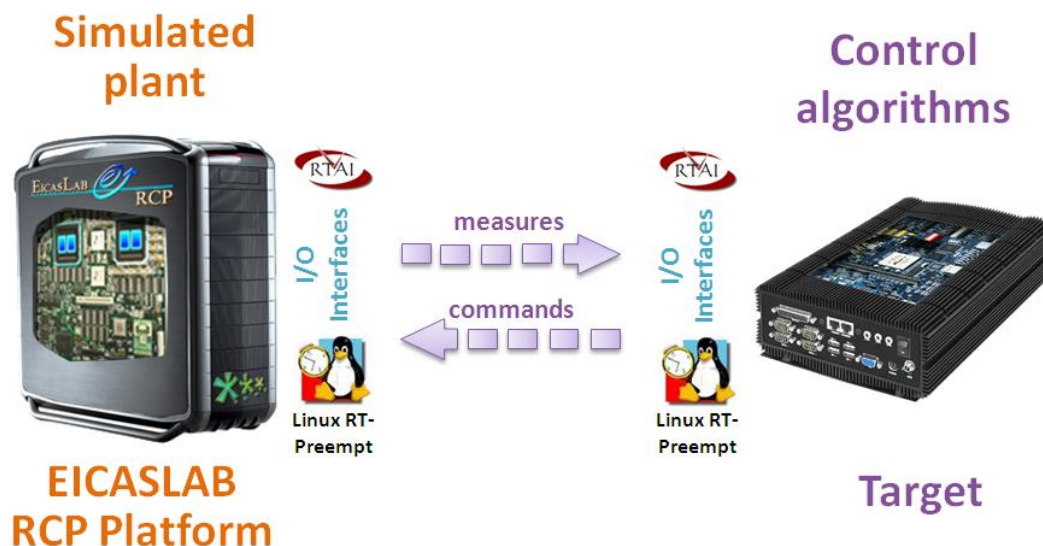
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# Hardware-in-the-loop

The **Hardware-in-the-loop** operative sub-mode allows to test the control algorithm execution on the target hardware against a **simulated plant** executed in real time on the **EICASLAB RCP Platform**.



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# Hardware-in-the-loop

**Who does what** in Hardware-in-the-loop operative sub-mode in RT-emb demo:

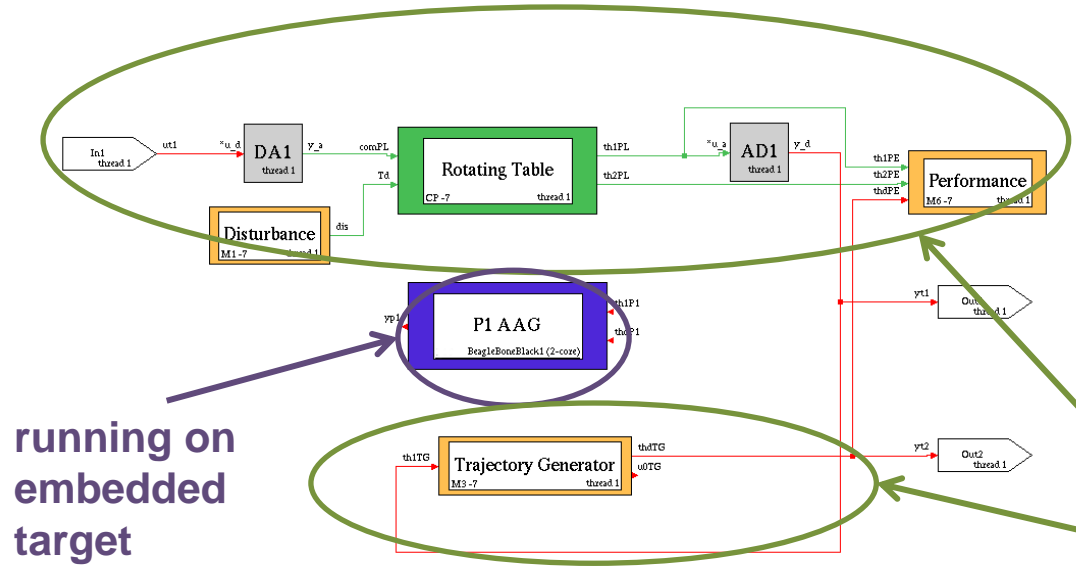
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<b>SW</b>	<b>simulates plant</b>	<b>runs control logic</b>	<b>unused</b>

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# Hardware-in-the-loop

The **project layout** in HIL sub-mode:

The system layout shows that the *Plant Area* is enabled again: during the HIL trials it is simulated by the **EICASLAB RCP Platform**.



running on embedded target

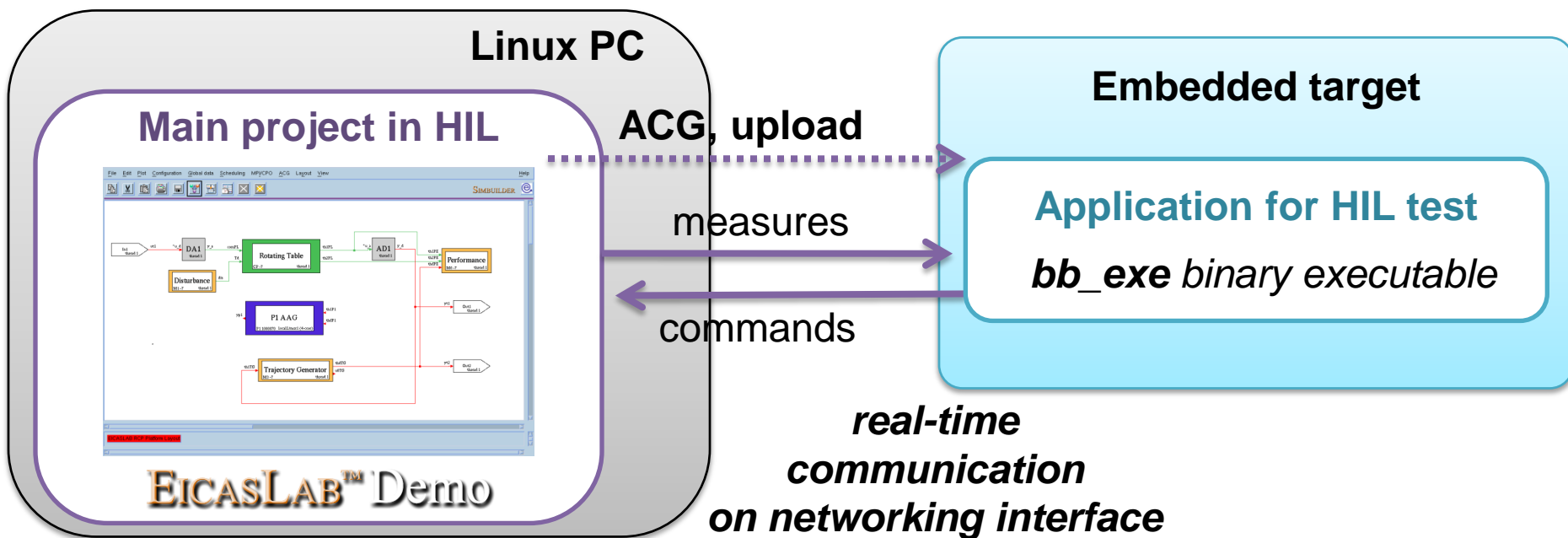
real-time simulated

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# Hardware-in-the-loop

When the demo is in HIL operative sub-mode, the user can see differences with respect to RCP: the plant is enabled for simulation and the processor is assigned to target.

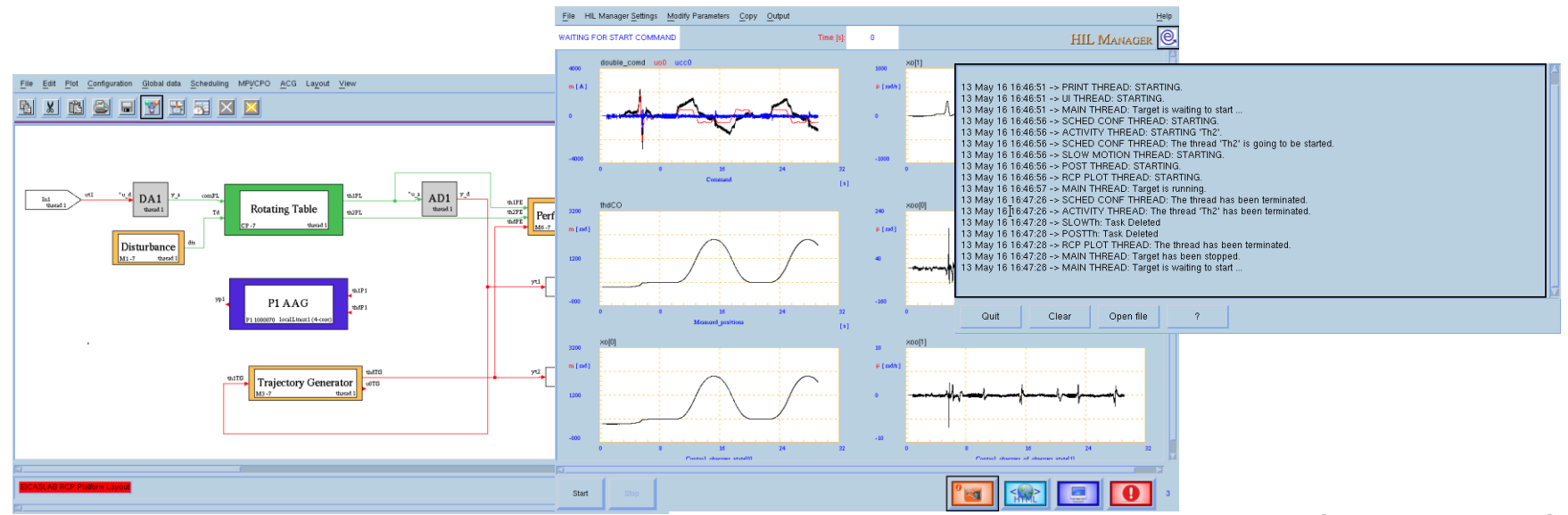


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# Hardware-in-the-loop

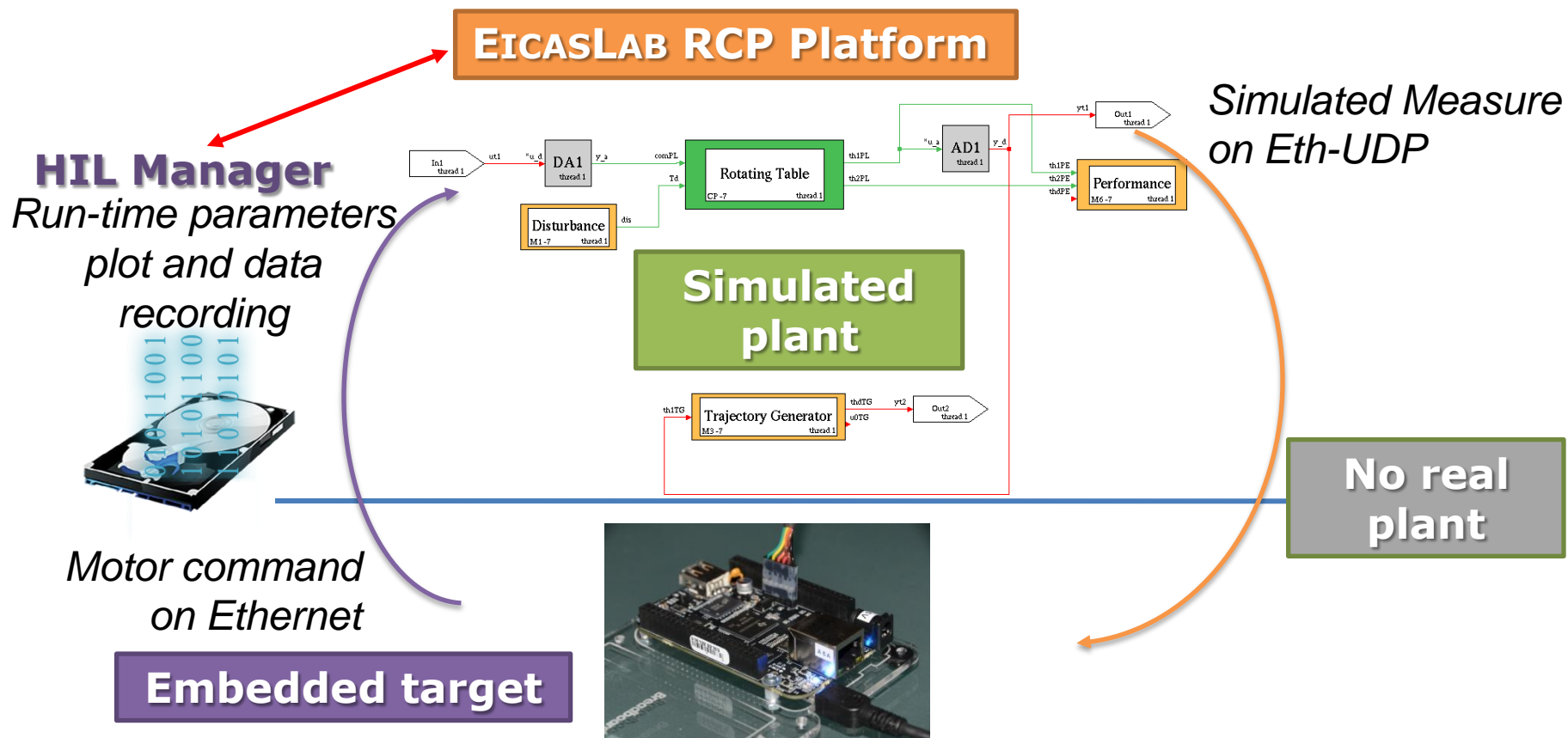
The **HIL Manager** includes a GUI for managing the execution of the real-time plant simulator program, similarly to RCP Manager for RCP operative mode.



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## Hardware-in-the-loop



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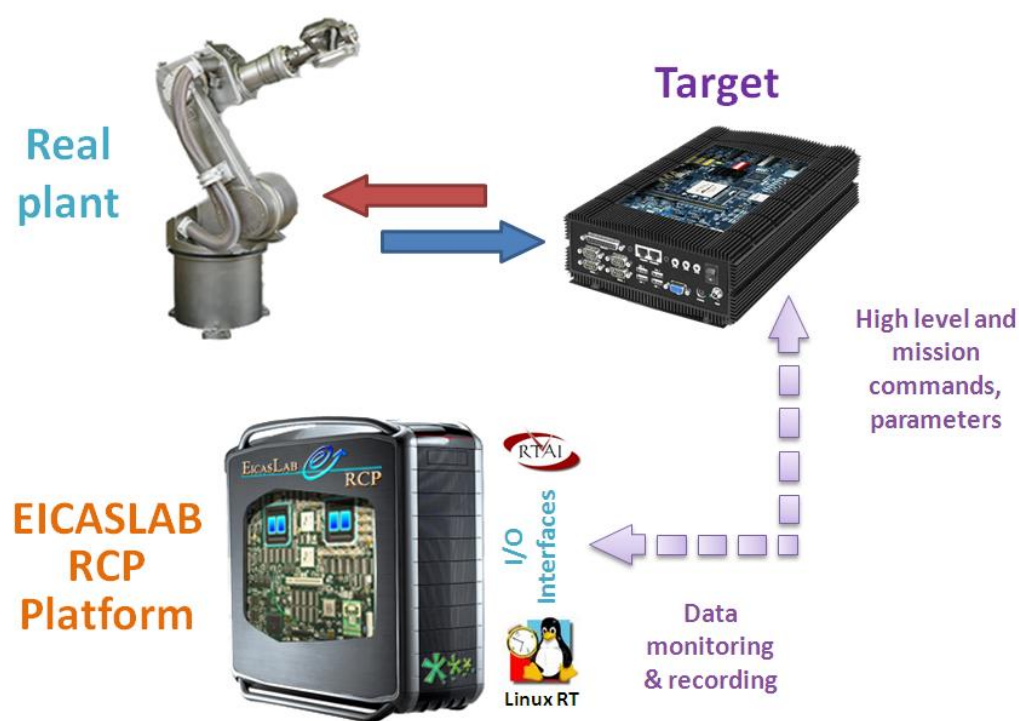
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# Final Validation Test

The **Final Validation Test operative sub-mode** allows the user to test the control algorithm **execution on the target hardware** controlling the **real plant**.

## Final Validation Test scenario



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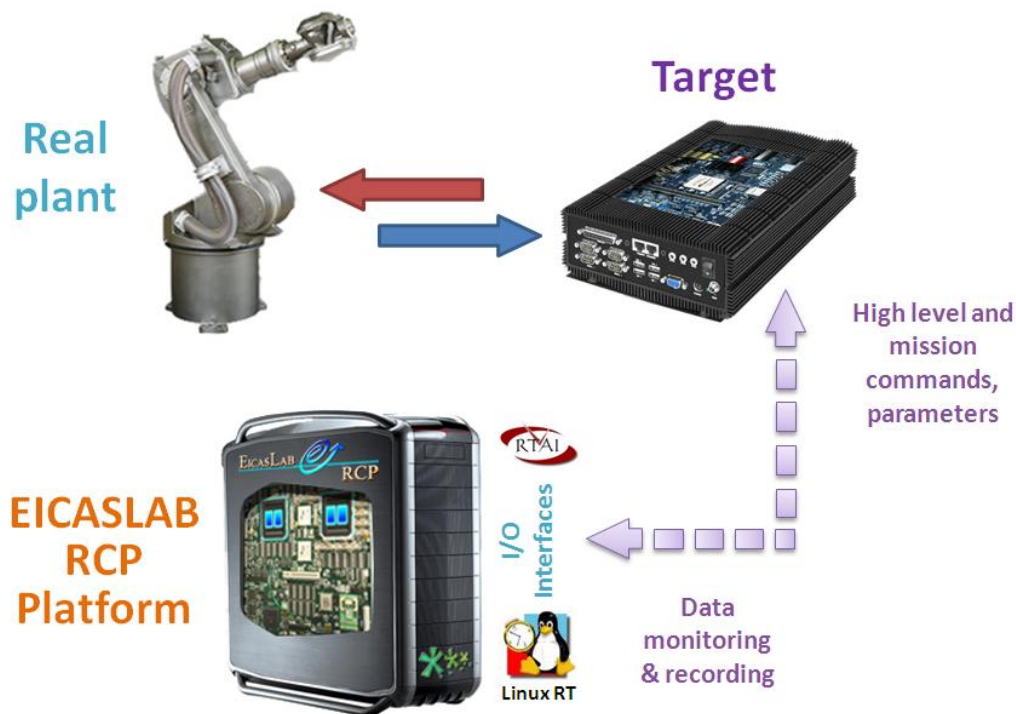
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# Final Validation Test

The monitoring and run-time tuning are provided exploiting the real time execution features by the **EICASLAB RCP Platform**.

## Final Validation Test scenario



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# Final Validation Test

**Who does what** in Final Validation Test operative sub-mode in RT-emb demo:

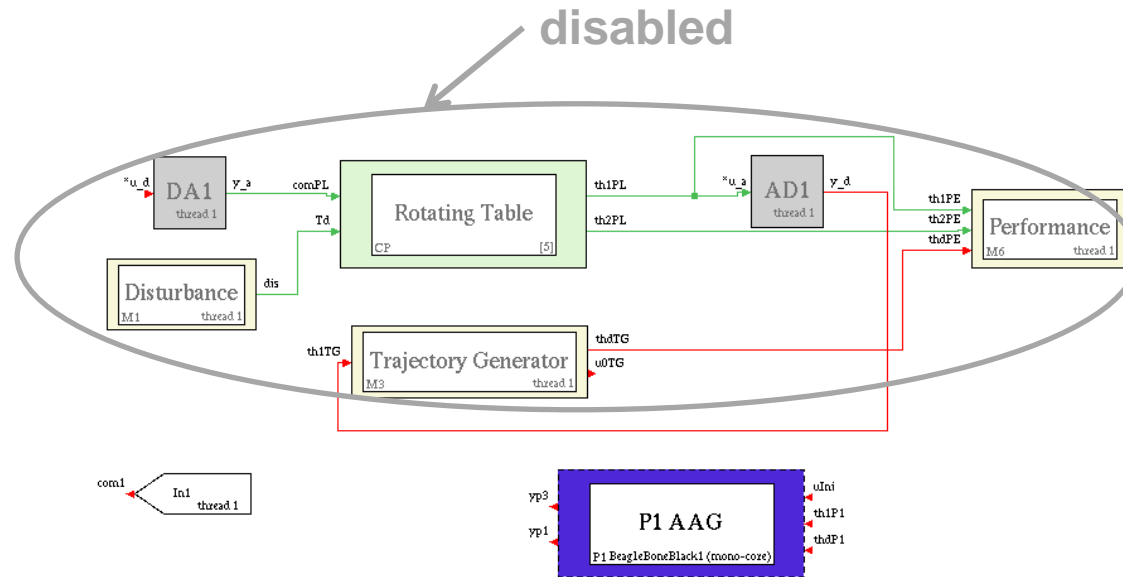
<b>HW</b>	<b>EICASLAB RCP Platform</b>	<b>Embedded board target</b>	<b>Rotating Table emulator</b>
<b>SW</b>	<b>monitoring supervisor</b>	<b>runs control logic</b>	<b>simulated by second project</b>

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# Final Validation Test

The **project layout** in this mode:

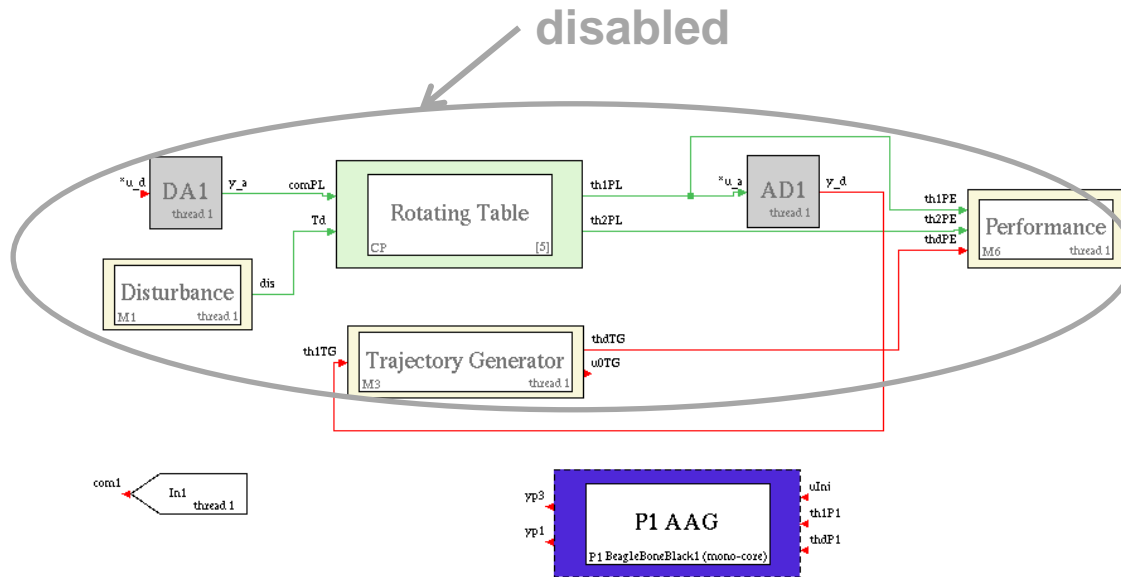


The system layout shows that the *Plant Area* is disabled again, because during the FVT trials the **real plant** is simulated using a separate project.

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# Final Validation Test

The **project layout** in this mode:



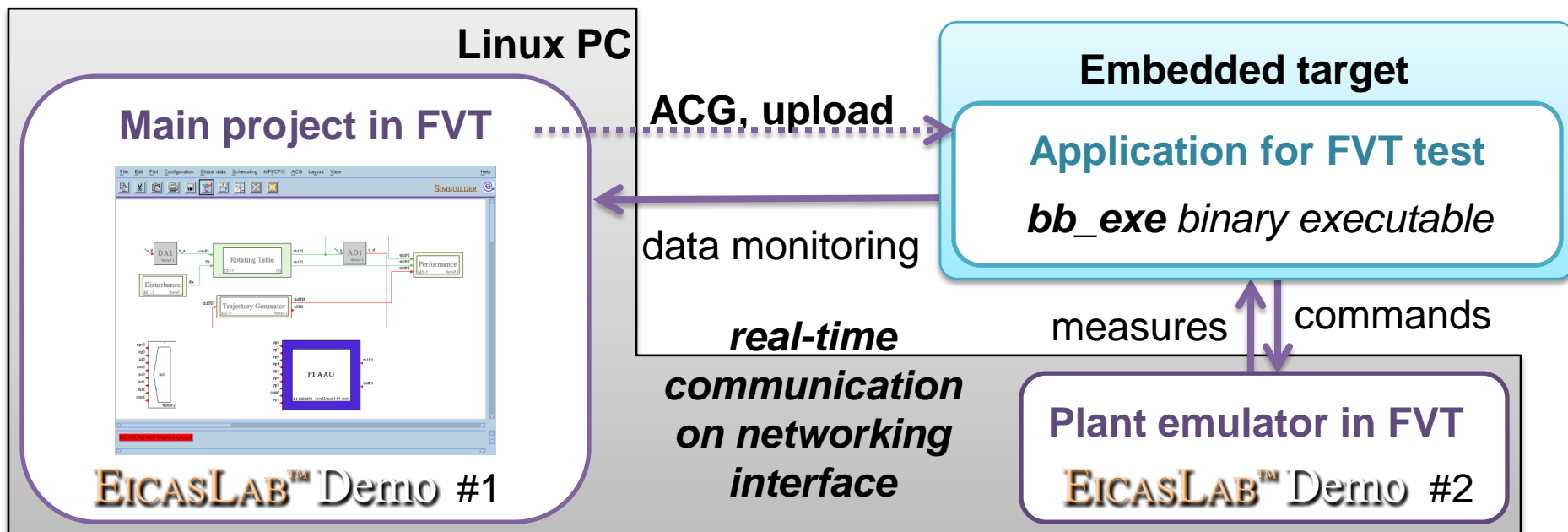
The control algorithm is executed by external **hardware target**, as in HIL trials.

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## Final Validation Test

Similarly as done in RCP On Field, this demo works without real plant: the user has to run the plant emulator in a second instance of EICASLAB demo.



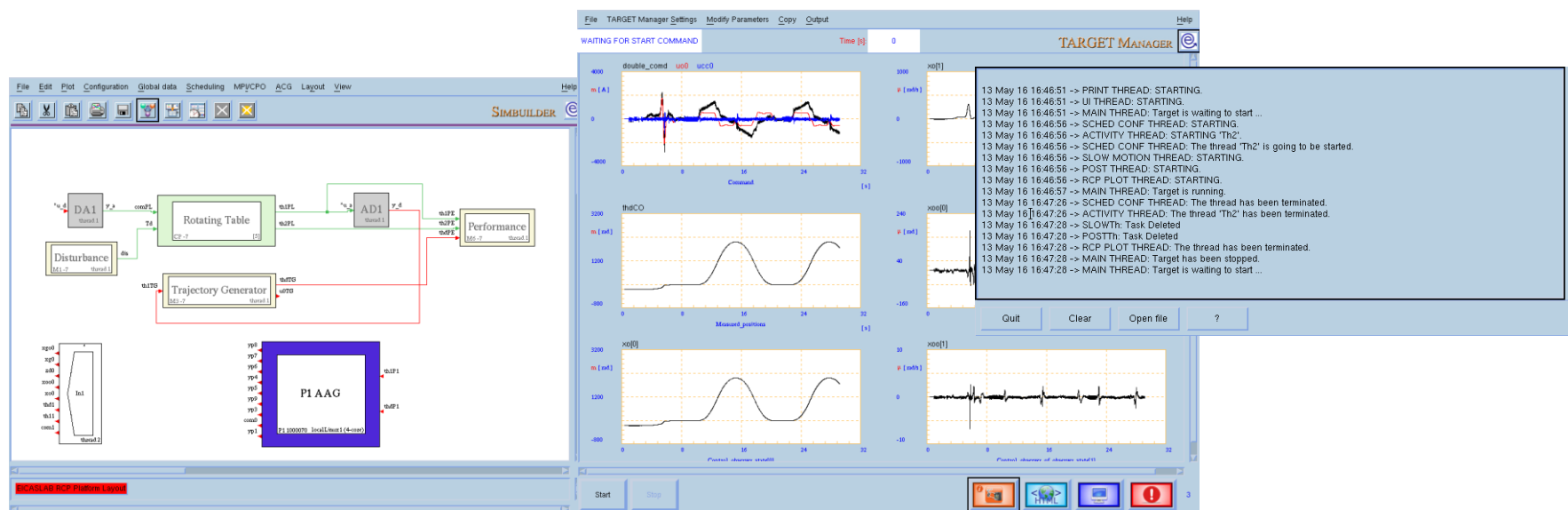
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The **TARGET Manager** includes a GUI for managing the execution of the real-time FVT program, similarly to RCP Manager and HIL Manager.



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### TARGET Manager

Run-time parameters plot and data recording



### EICASLAB RCP Platform

Monitoring data on Eth-UDP

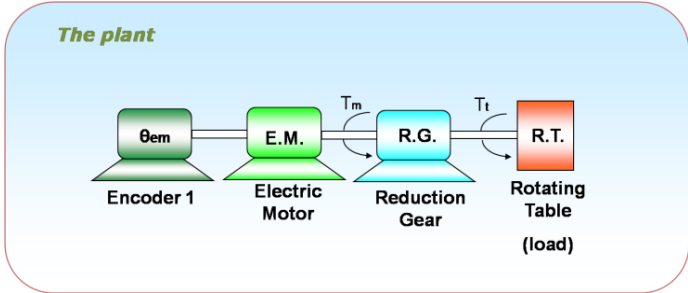


Run-time parameters on Eth-UDP

### Embedded target

Motor command on Eth-UDP

### Real plant



Trajectory measure on Eth-UDP

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# Further readings

About this demo:

- EICASLAB Demo RT-emb Webinar
- EICASLAB Demo RT-emb User Manual
- Rotating table technical note

About EICASLAB :

- EICASLAB User Manual
- Other EICASLAB Webinars

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The demo installer is downloadable from EICASLAB website ([www.eicaslab.com](http://www.eicaslab.com))



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