

Motion Objects

Introduction

A **Motion** object manages a single axis or group of axes. Its primary function is to provide an interface to command movement on a coordinate system. It also provides status information about all the axes under its control, so motion can be either stopped or resumed in a controlled manner, especially in the event of error recovery. The Motion object is really a host-based object, with a corresponding Motion Supervisor object in the controller. The Motion Supervisor handles the real-time issues associated with axis data and status synchronization.

Some careful consideration should be given to Motion object (Motion Supervisor) to axis mapping. While it's possible to have multiple Motion objects share the same axes, only one Motion Supervisor can command motion to an axis at a time. Motion object to axis maps can be changed dynamically at any time, but Motion Supervisor to axis maps should NOT be changed when the axes are moving.

To learn more about using MPI Motion Attributes and MEI Motion Attributes, [click here](#).

| [Error Messages](#) |

Methods

Create, Delete, Validate Methods

mpiMotionCreate	Create Motion object
mpiMotionDelete	Delete Motion object
mpiMotionValidate	Validate Motion object

Configuration and Information Methods

mpiMotionConfigGet	Get Motion configuration
mpiMotionConfigSet	Set Motion configuration
mpiMotionFlashConfigGet	Get Motion flash config
mpiMotionFlashConfigSet	Set Motion flash config
meiMotionFrameBufferLoad	
meiMotionFrameBufferStatus	Get a Motion object (motion) frame buffer status.
meiMotionLogClose	Frees memory buffer for motion logging
meiMotionLogOpen	Allocates a memory buffer for motion logging.
meiMotionLogPrint	Writes motion log buffer data

<u>mpiMotionParamsGet</u>	Get Motion parameters
<u>mpiMotionParamsSet</u>	Set Motion parameters
<u>mpiMotionParamsValidate</u>	Validate Motion parameters
<u>mpiMotionPositionGet</u>	Get position parameters of all axes associated with Motion
<u>mpiMotionPositionSet</u>	Set position parameters of all axes associated with Motion
<u>mpiMotionStatus</u>	Get Motion status
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Event Methods

<u>mpiMotionEventNotifyGet</u>	Get event mask
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Action Methods

<u>mpiMotionAction</u>	Perform an action on a Motion
<u>mpiMotionActionFunction</u>	
<u>mpiMotionModify</u>	Modify parameters of Motion while it is executing
<u>mpiMotionStart</u>	Start Motion (idle state > moving state)

Memory Methods

<u>mpiMotionMemory</u>	Set address to be used to access Motion memory
<u>mpiMotionMemoryGet</u>	Get bytes of Motion memory and place it into application memory
<u>mpiMotionMemorySet</u>	Put (set) bytes of application memory into Motion memory

Relational Methods

<u>mpiMotionControl</u>	Return handle of Control object associated with Motion
<u>mpiMotionNumber</u>	Get index of Motion
<u>mpiMotionAxis</u>	Return handle of axis by index number
<u>mpiMotionAxisAppend</u>	Append axis to list
<u>mpiMotionAxisCount</u>	Return number of axes in list
<u>mpiMotionAxisFirst</u>	Return handle to first axis in list
<u>mpiMotionAxisIndex</u>	Return index value of an axis in list
<u>mpiMotionAxisInsert</u>	Insert axis into list associated with Motion
<u>mpiMotionAxisLast</u>	Return handle to last axis in list
<u>mpiMotionAxisListGet</u>	Get list of axes associated with Motion
<u>mpiMotionAxisListSet</u>	Create a list of axes associated with Motion
<u>mpiMotionAxisNext</u>	Get handle to next axis in list
<u>mpiMotionAxisPrevious</u>	Get handle to previous axis in list
<u>mpiMotionAxisRemove</u>	Remove handle to axis in list

Data Types

[*MEIMotionActionFunction](#)
[MPIMotionAttr](#) / [MEIMotionAttr](#)
[MEIMotionAttrHold](#)
[MEIMotionAttrHoldSource](#)
[MEIMotionAttrHoldType](#)
[MPIMotionAttrMask](#) / [MEIMotionAttrMask](#)
[MEIMotionAttrOutput](#)
[MEIMotionAttrOutputType](#)
[MPIMotionAttributes](#) / [MEIMotionAttributes](#)
[MPIMotionBESSEL](#)
[MPIMotionBSPLINE](#)
[MPIMotionCam](#)
[MPIMotionConfig](#) / [MEIMotionConfig](#)
[MPIMotionDecelTime](#)
[MEIMotionFrame](#)
[MEIMotionFrameBufferStatus](#)
[MPIMotionMessage](#) / [MEIMotionMessage](#)
[MPIMotionParams](#) / [MEIMotionParams](#)
[MPIMotionPoint](#)
[MPIMotionPT](#)
[MPIMotionPTF](#)
[MPIMotionPVT](#)
[MPIMotionPVTF](#)
[MPIMotionSCurve](#)
[MPIMotionSCurveJerk](#)
[MPIMotionSPLINE](#)
[MEIMotionTrace](#)
[MPIMotionTrapezoidal](#)
[MPIMotionType](#) / [MEIMotionType](#)
[MPIMotionVelocity](#)

Macros

[mpiMotionATTR](#)
[mpiMotionAttrMaskBIT](#)

[mpiMotionTYPE](#)

Required Header

If **number** is -1, MotionCreate selects the next unused motion supervisor. The **axis** parameter specifies the initial element in the list of Axis objects which determine the coordinate system (axis may be MPIHandleVOID).

handle	handle to a Motion object
MPIHandleVOID	if the object could not be created

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mpiMotionDelete

Declaration long [mpiMotionDelete](#)([MPIMotion](#) *motion*)

Required Header stdmpi.h

Description [MotionDelete](#) deletes a Motion object (***motion***) and invalidates its handle. *MotionDelete* is the equivalent of a C++ destructor.

Deleting a Motion object does not delete any of the Axis objects in the coordinate system.

Return Values

MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionDelete</i> successfully deletes a Motion object and invalidates its handle
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See Also [mpiMotionCreate](#) | [mpiMotionValidate](#)

mpiMotionValidate

Declaration long **mpiMotionValidate**([MPIMotion](#) **motion**)

Required Header stdmpi.h

Description **MotionValidate** validates the Motion object (***motion***) and its handle. Always call *mpiMotionValidate* after creating a new Motion object.

Return Values

MPIMessageOK	if Motion is a handle to a valid object.
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See Also [mpiMotionCreate](#) | [mpiMotionDelete](#)

mpiMotionConfigGet

Declaration

```
long mpiMotionConfigGet(MPI\_Motion motion,  
                        MPI\_Motion\_Config *config,  
                        void *external)
```

Required Header

Description	MotionConfigGet gets the configuration of a Motion object (<i>motion</i>) and puts (writes) it in the structure pointed to by <i>config</i> , and also writes it into the implementation-specific structure pointed to by <i>external</i> (if <i>external</i> is not NULL).
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The configuration information in **external** is in addition to the configuration information in **config**, i.e, the configuration information in **config** and in **external** is not the same information. Note that **config** or **external** can be NULL (but not both NULL).

XMP Only

external either points to a structure of type **MEIMotionConfig** or is NULL.

Return Values

MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionConfigGet</i> successfully gets the configuration of a Motion object and writes it into the structure(s)
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See Also [mpiMotionConfigSet](#) | [MEIMotionConfig](#)

mpiMotionConfigSet

```

Declaration
long mpiMotionConfigSet(MPIMotion motion,
                        MPIMotionConfig *config,
                        void *external)

```

Required Header

Description	MotionConfigSet sets (writes) the configuration of a Motion object (<i>motion</i>) using data from the structure pointed to by <i>config</i> , and also using data from the implementation-specific structure pointed to by <i>external</i> (if <i>external</i> is not NULL).
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The configuration information in **external** is in *addition* to the configuration information in **config**, i.e, the configuration information in **config** and in **external** is not the same information. Note that **config** or **external** can be NULL (but not both NULL).

XMP Only

external either points to a structure of type **MEIMotionConfig** or is NULL.

Return Values

MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionConfigSet</i> successfully writes the configuration of a Motion object using data from the structure(s)
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See Also [mpiMotionConfigGet](#) | [MEIMotionConfig](#)

mpiMotionFlashConfigGet

Declaration

```
long mpiMotionFlashConfigGet(MPIMotion motion,  
                             void *flash,  
                             MPIMotionConfig *config,  
                             void *external)
```

Required Header

stdmpi.h

Description

MotionFlashConfigGet gets the flash configuration for a Motion object (*motion*) and puts (writes) it into the structure pointed to by *config*, and also writes it into the implementation-specific structure pointed to by *external* (if *external* is not NULL).

The Motion’s flash configuration information in *external* is in addition to the Motion’s flash configuration information in *config*, i.e., the flash configuration information in *config* and in *external* is not the same information. Note that *config* or *external* can be NULL (but not both NULL). The implementation-specific *flash* argument is used to access flash memory.

XMP Only

external either points to a structure of type **MEIMotionConfig{}** or is NULL. *flash* is either an MEIFlash handle or MPIHandleVOID. If *flash* is MPIHandleVOID, an MEIFlash object will be created and deleted internally.

Return Values

MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionFlashConfigGet</i> successfully gets the Motion’s flash configuration and writes it into the structure(s).
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See Also

[mpiMotionFlashConfigSet](#)

mpiMotionFlashConfigSet

Declaration

```
long mpiMotionFlashConfigSet(MPIMotion motion,  
                             void *flash,  
                             MPIMotionConfig *config,  
                             void *external)
```

Required Header

stdmpi.h

Description

MotionFlashConfigSet sets (writes) the flash configuration of a Motion object (motion) using data from the structure pointed to by *config*, and also using data from the implementation-specific structure pointed to by *external* (if *external* is not NULL).

The Motion’s flash configuration information in *external* is in addition to the Motion’s flash configuration information in config, i.e., the flash configuration information in *config* and in *external* is not the same information. Note that *config* or *external* can be NULL (but not both NULL). The implementation-specific *flash* argument is used to access flash memory.

XMP Only

external either points to a structure of type MEIMotionConfig{ } or is NULL. *flash* is either an MEIFlash handle or MPIHandleVOID. If *flash* is MPIHandleVOID, an MEIFlash object will be created and deleted internally.

Return Values

MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionFlashConfigSet</i> successfully sets (writes) the Motion’s flash configuration using data from the structure(s)
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See Also

[MEIMotionConfig](#) | [MEIFlash](#) | [mpiMotionFlashConfigGet](#)

meiMotionFrameBufferStatus

Declaration

```
long meiMotionFrameBufferStatus(MPI_Motion motion,
                                MEIMotionFrameBufferStatus *status)
```

Required Header stdmpi.h

Description **MotionFrameBufferStatus** gets a Motion object (motion) frame buffer status and writes it to the structure pointed to by status.

motion	a handle to the Motion object
*status	a pointer to the motion frame buffer status structure returned by the method

Return Values

MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionFrameBufferStatus</i> successfully gets the frame buffer status
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See Also [MEIMotionFrameBufferStatus](#)

meiMotionLogClose

Declaration long **meiMotionLogClose**([MPI_Motion](#) **motion**);

Required Header stdmpi.h

Description **MotionLogClose** frees the memory buffer for motion logging.

motion	a handle to the Motion object
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Return Values

MPI_MessageOK	if <i>MotionLogClose</i> successfully frees the memory buffer for motion logging.
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See Also [meiMotionLogOpen](#) | [meiMotionLogPrint](#)

Function	Description
MotionLogOpen	allocates a memory buffer for motion logging.

motion	a handle to the Motion object
maxEntries	The maximum number of log entries. This value determines the log buffer memory size.

See Also [meiMotionLogClose](#) | [meiMotionLogPrint](#)

Required Header

motion	a handle to the Motion object
*filename	a pointer to a file name string.

MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionLogClose</i> successfully writes the data into a file specified by the <i>fileName</i> .
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Required Header

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stdmpi.h
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motion	a handle to the Motion object
*params	a pointer to the motion parameters structure returned by the method

MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionParamsGet</i> successfully returns the parameters associated with a Motion object
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See Also [mpiMotionParamsSet](#) | [mpiMotionStart](#) | [meiMotionParamsValidate](#)

mpiMotionParamsSet

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Required Header

Description

.MotionParamsSet sets the parameters of a Motion object (***motion***). These motion parameters will be used if mpiMotionStart(...) is called with a Null motion parameter.

If Motion (***motion***) is active, *MotionParamsSet* will set motion parameters “on-the-fly,” i.e., at the first opportunity.

Return Values

MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionParamsSet</i> successfully sets the parameters of a Motion object
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See Also [mpiMotionStart](#) | [mpiMotionParamsGet](#)

meiMotionParamsValidate

Declaration

long meiMotionParamsValidate([MPIMotion](#) motion,
 [MPIMotionType](#) type,
 [MPIMotionParams](#) *params,
 MEIXmpAction action,
 long *points)

Required Header

stdmei.h

Description

[MotionParamsValidate](#) validates the type-specific motion parameters pointed to by *params*, using the coordinate system of *motion*.

If " <i>*point</i> " is	Then
not Null	the number of points specified by <i>params</i> is written to the location (pointed to by <i>points</i>)

Return Values	
MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionParamsValidate</i> successfully validates the type-specific motion parameters using the coordinate system of <i>motion</i>

See Also

mpiMotionPositionGet

Declaration

long mpiMotionPositionGet([MPIMotion](#) motion,
double *actual,
double *command)

Required Header

stdmpi.h

Description

MotionPositionGet gets the actual and command position values for all axes associated with a Motion (*motion*). The *actual* and *command* arguments each point to an array with a size equal to the number of axes associated with *motion*.

Return Values	
MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionPositionGet</i> successfully gets the actual and command position values for all axes associated with a Motion object

See Also

[mpiMotionPositionSet](#)

mpiMotionPositionSet

```

Declaration
long  mpiMotionPositionSet(MPIMotion motion,
                             double      *actual,
                             double      *command)

```

Required Header

Description	MotionPositionSet sets the actual and command position values for all axes associated with a Motion (<i>motion</i>). The <i>actual</i> and <i>command</i> arguments each point to an array with a size equal to the number of axes associated with <i>motion</i> .
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Return Values

MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionPositionSet</i> successfully sets the actual and command position values for all axes associated with a Motion object
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See Also [mpiMotionPositionGet](#)

mpiMotionStatus

Declaration

long mpiMotionStatus([MPIMotion](#) motion,
[MPIStatus](#) *status,
void *external)

Required Header

stdmpi.h

Description

MotionStatus gets a Motion’s (*motion*) status and writes it to the structure pointed to by *status*, and also writes it into the implementation-specific structure pointed to by *external* (if *external* is not NULL).

motion	a handle to a Motion object
*status	a pointer to MPIStatus structure
*external	a pointer to an implementation-specific structure

XMP Only

external should always be set to NULL.

Return Values	
MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionStatus</i> successfully writes the Motion’s status to the structure(s).
MPIMessageARG_INVALID	if the <i>status</i> pointer is NULL.

See Also

mpiMotionTrajectory

```
Declaration      long mpiMotionTrajectory(MPIMotion motion,
                           MPITrajectory *trajectory)
```

Required Header

Description **MotionTrajectory** reads the current velocity and acceleration for all axes associated with a Motion object (***motion***). The ***trajectory*** argument points to an array of MPITrajectory structures, with a size equal to the number of axes associated with the Motion object (***motion***).

NOTE: deceleration, jerkPercent, accelerationJerk, and decelerationJerk fields cannot be read from the controller and consequently are set to zero.

Sample Code

```
MPITrajectory trajectory;

    mpiAxisTrajectory(axis, &trajectory);

    printf("Velocity %.3f\n"
           "Acceleration %.3f\n",
           trajectory.velocity,
           trajectory.acceleration);
```

Return Values

MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionTrajectory</i> successfully gets the trajectories for all axes associated with a Motion object
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See Also [MPITrajectory](#)

mpiMotionEventNotifyGet

Declaration

long mpiMotionEventNotifyGet(MPIMotion motion, MPIEventMask *eventmask, void *external)

Required Header

stdmpi.h

Description

MotionEventNotifyGet writes the event mask (that specifies the event type(s) for which host notification has been requested) to the location pointed to by eventMask, and also writes it into the implementation-specific location pointed to by external (if external is not NULL).

The event notification information in external is in addition to the event notification information in eventmask, i.e, the event notification information in eventmask and in external is not the same information. Note that eventmask or external can be NULL (but not both NULL).

Event notification is enabled for event types specified in eventmask, which is a bit mask generated by the logical OR of the MPIEventMask bits associated with the desired MPIEventType values.
Event notification is disabled for event types not specified in eventmask.

XMP Only

external either points to a structure of type MEIEventNotifyData{} or is NULL. The MEIEventNotifyData{} structure is an array of firmware addresses, whose contents are placed into the MEIEventStatusInfo{} structure (of all events generated by this object).

Return Values

MPIMessageOK if MotionEventNotifyGet successfully writes the event mask to the location(s)

See Also

[MPIEventType](#) | [MEIEventNotifyData](#) | [MEIEventStatusInfo](#)
[mpiMotionEventNotifySet](#)

mpiMotionEventNotifySet

Declaration

long mpiMotionEventNotifySet([MPIMotion](#) motion,
[MPIEventMask](#) eventmask,
void *external)

Required Header

stdmpi.h

Description

MotionEventNotifySet requests host notification of the event(s) that are generated by *motion* and specified by *eventMask*, and also specified by the implementation-specific location pointed to by *external* (if *external* is not NULL).

The event notification information in *external* is in addition to the event notification information in *eventmask*, i.e, the event notification information in *eventmask* and in *external* is not the same information. Note that *eventmask* or *external* can be NULL (but not both NULL).

Event notification is enabled for event types specified in *eventMask*, a bit mask generated by the bitwise OR of the MPIEventMask bits *associated with* the desired MPIEventType values. Event notification is disabled for event types that are not specified in *eventMask*.

The mask of event types generated by a Motion object consists of bits from MPIEventMaskMOTION and MPIEventMaskAXIS.

XMP Only

external either points to a structure of type MEIEventNotifyData{ } or is NULL. The MEIEventNotifyData{ } structure is an array of firmware addresses, whose contents are placed into the MEIEventStatusInfo{ } structure (of all events generated by this object).

To...	Then...
enable host notification of all events	set eventmask to MPIEventMaskALL
disable host notification of all events	set eventmask to MPIEventTypeNONE

Return Values	
MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionEventNotifySet</i> successfully requests host notification of the event(s) that are specified by <i>eventMask</i> and generated by <i>motion</i>

See Also

[MPIEventType](#) | [MEIEventNotifyData](#) | [MEIEventStatusInfo](#)
[mpiEventMaskMOTION](#) | [mpiEventMaskAXIS](#) | [mpiMotionEventNotifyGet](#)

mpiMotionEventReset

Declaration

```
long mpiMotionEventReset(MPIMotion motion,  
                        MPIEventMask eventMask)
```

Required Header

Description	MotionEventReset resets the event(s) that are specified in <i>eventMask</i> and generated by <i>motion</i> . Your application must call <i>MotionEventReset</i> only after one or more latchable events have occurred.
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Return Values

MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionEventReset</i> successfully resets the event(s) that are specified in <i>eventMask</i> and generated by <i>motion</i>
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See Also

Required Header

The deceleration stop and Estop times can be set with:

where the structure `MPIMotionConfig`, contains the elements:

In the 20030818 and later releases, `mpiMotionAction(...)` was optimized for the `MPIActionRESET` action type. To make the execution as fast as possible, service commands to clear node status, CRCs, and the packet error counters were removed. Service commands to clear amp and encoder faults are only sent to the node when an amp fault or encoder fault is active.

The method, [`meiSqNodeStatusClear\(...\)`](#) was added to clear node faults. It sends service commands to the node in order to clear the node status, CRCs, packet error counters, and hardware latches for the nodeDisable and powerFault.

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MPIActionE_STOP	MotionAction will decelerate the axis (or axes) to a stop in the time specified by the “eStop” time. After the Motion stops, the Motion will be set to the ERROR state.
MPIActionE_STOP_ABORT	MotionAction will decelerate the axis (or axes) to a stop in the time specified by the “eStop” time. Next, MotionAction will generate an MPIActionABORT. After the abort completes, the Motion is set to the ERROR state. The E_STOP_ABORT first performs an E_STOP, and then performs an ABORT. The E_STOP decelerates the axis to a stop, then the ABORT disables PID control and disables the amp enable output.
MPIActionRESET	if the Motion (motion) is in the error state (MPIStateERROR), the Motion will change to the idle state (MPIStateIDLE), so that motion can be restarted. If the error state was caused by an Abort action, then the command position will be set equal to the actual position during the Reset.
MPIActionRESUME	if the Motion is in the idle state (MPIStateIDLE), it will change to the moving state (MPIStateMOVING), and the Motion will resume if it was stopped by a prior call to mpiMotionAction(motion, MPIActionSTOP).
MPIActionSTOP	if the Motion is in the moving state (MPIStateMOVING), it will performing a stop on all axes and change to the idle state (MPIStateSTOPPING to MPIStateIDLE). MPIActionSTOP decelerates the axis (or axes) to a stop in the time specified by the “stop” time. After the motion stops, the Motion is set to the ERROR state.
MEIActionMAP	MotionAction will write the axis mapping relationship of the motion supervisor to the controller. This mapping is written automatically when mpiMotionStart() is called.

Return Values

MPIMessageOK if *MotionAction* successfully performs the specified action on the Motion object

See Also [meiSqNodeStatusClear](#)

meiMotionActionFunction

Declaration

```
MEIMotionActionFunction  meiMotionActionFunction(MPIMotion      motion,  
                                                    MEIMotionActionFunction function);
```

Required Header stdmpi.h

Description [MotionActionFunction](#)

motion	a handle to the Motion object
function	

Return Values

	if <i>MotionActionFunction</i> successfully
MPIMessageOK	

See Also

mpiMotionModify

Declaration

long mpiMotionModify(MPIMotion motion, MPIMotionType type, MPIMotionParams *params)

Required Header stdmpi.h

Description **MotionModify** modifies the parameters of a Motion object (*motion*) if motion is in progress (MPIStateMOVING). The types of motion whose parameters can be modified while moving are MPIMotionTypeTRAPEZOIDAL, MPIMotionTypeS_CURVE, MPIMotionTypeVELOCITY, MPIMotionTypePT and MPIMotionTypePVT.

Use the MPIMotionAttrAUTO_START attribute to automatically start a motion profile if the MotionModify call is made too late (i.e., after the previous move has finished).

Each axis has a 128 frame buffer (FIFO). [mpiMotionStart](#) and mpiMotionModify calls will load up to 10 frames. No provision has been made to check if the new frames will overwrite the currently executing frames. This could happen after about 12 Start/Modify calls are made with the APPEND attribute.

The XMP firmware velocity frame execution time for point-to-point moves cannot exceed 16,384,000 samples. With the sample rate configured for 2000 (default), the maximum velocity time is 2.27 hours. If the commanded motion exceeds the maximum frame time, the axes will stop abruptly after 16,384,000 samples. The motors will still maintain servo control and no errors are reported.

Return Values	
MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionModify</i> successfully modifies the parameters of a Motion object
MPIMotionMessageIDLE	if no Motion was in progress when <i>MotionModify</i> was called. In order for <i>MotionModify</i> to work, there must be a Motion in progress.
MPIMotionMessageAUTO_START	if <i>MotionModify</i> was called when no motion was in progress and the Auto-Start attribute was specified. In this case, the MotionModify is automatically converted into a MotionStart.
MPIMotionMessagePROFILE_ERROR	if the controller cannot generate the motion profile (based on the specified motion parameters and attributes).
For more Returns, click here	

mpiMotionStart

Declaration

long mpiMotionStart(MPIMotion motion, MPIMotionType type, MPIMotionParams *params)

Required Header

stdmpi.h

Description

MotionStart changes a Motion object (*motion*) from the idle state (MPIStateIDLE) to the moving state (MPIStateMOVING), by initiating a motion of the given *type* using the specified parameters (*params*).If *params* is Null, then the motion parameters that were set by the most recent call to mpiMotionParamsSet(...) will be used to define the motion.

The coordinate system is defined by the ordered list of Axis object(s) that have been associated with the Motion object (*motion*). There must be at least one Axis in the coordinate system.

Each axis has a 128 frame buffer (FIFO). mpiMotionStart and [mpiMotionModify](#) calls will load up to 10 frames. No provision has been made to check if the new frames will overwrite the currently executing frames. This could happen after about 12 Start/Modify calls are made with the APPEND attribute.

If E-stop deceleration rates are not set high enough to stop within the number of frames specified by the empty frame limit, the axis jumps on a frame underflow. The axis will E-stop along the path of the last frames in the buffer, then continue onto the next frames (which are the frames from 128 frames ago). This can potentially cause a dangerous condition.

When successive non-integer length relative motions are commanded, the fractional portion is truncated and discarded. This may cause problems if the fractional value needs to be summed over multiple moves.

The XMP firmware velocity frame execution time for point-to-point moves cannot exceed 16,384,000 samples. With the sample rate configured for 2000 (default), the maximum velocity time is 2.27 hours. If the commanded motion exceeds the maximum frame time, the axes will stop abruptly after 16,384,000 samples. The motors will still maintain servo control and no errors are reported.

Return Values

MPIMessageOK	MotionStart successfully changes a Motion object from the idle state to the moving state
MPIMotionMessageMOVING	if MotionStart was called when a Motion is in progress
For more Returns, click here	

See Also [mpiMotionParamsSet](#) | [MPIState](#) | See [diagram](#) on how mpiMotionStart works

Returns for mpiMotionStart and mpiMotionModify

Both mpiMotionStart and mpiMotionModify use motion attributes, which are summarized in the table below.

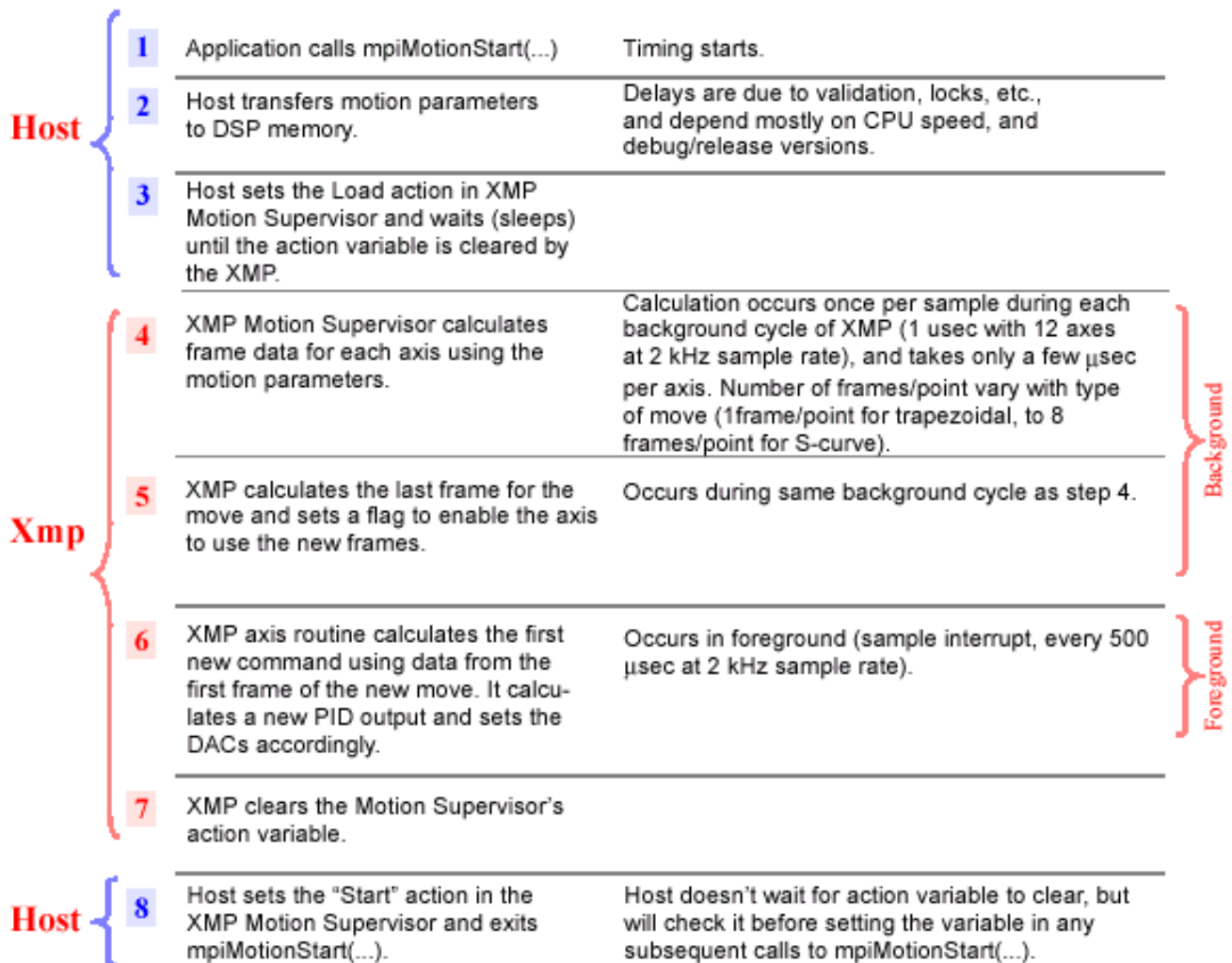
Return Values - for both mpiMotionStart and MotionModify	
MPIMotionMessageERROR	if <i>MotionStart</i> is called when the Motion Supervisor is in the error state.
MPIMotionMessageAXIS_COUNT	if the motion object has no axes.
MPIMotionMessagePROFILE_ERROR	if the Motion profile specified by the parameters cannot be calculated correctly.
MPIMotionMessageATTRIBUTE_INVALID	if the specified motion attribute mask is not valid with the motion type. Please see possible causes for receiving this message.
MPIMessagePARAM_INVALID	if the specified motion parameters are not valid with the Motion type. Please see possible causes for receiving this message.
MPIMessageARG_INVALID	if any of the <i>MotionStart</i> arguments are not valid. Possible Causes: Number of axes on the motion commanded exceeds MEIXmpMAX_COORD_AXES.
MPIMessageUNSUPPORTED	if the motion type is not supported by the controller. Possible Causes: Unsupported motion type specified. List of supported motion types: MPIMotionTypePT MPIMotionTypePTF MPIMotionTypePVT MPIMotionTypePVTF MPIMotionTypeSPLINE MPIMotionTypeBESSEL MPIMotionTypeBSPLINE MPIMotionTypeBSPLINE2 MPIMotionTypeS_CURVE MPIMotionTypeS_CURVE_JERK MPIMotionTypeTRAPEZOIDAL MPIMotionTypeVELOCITY

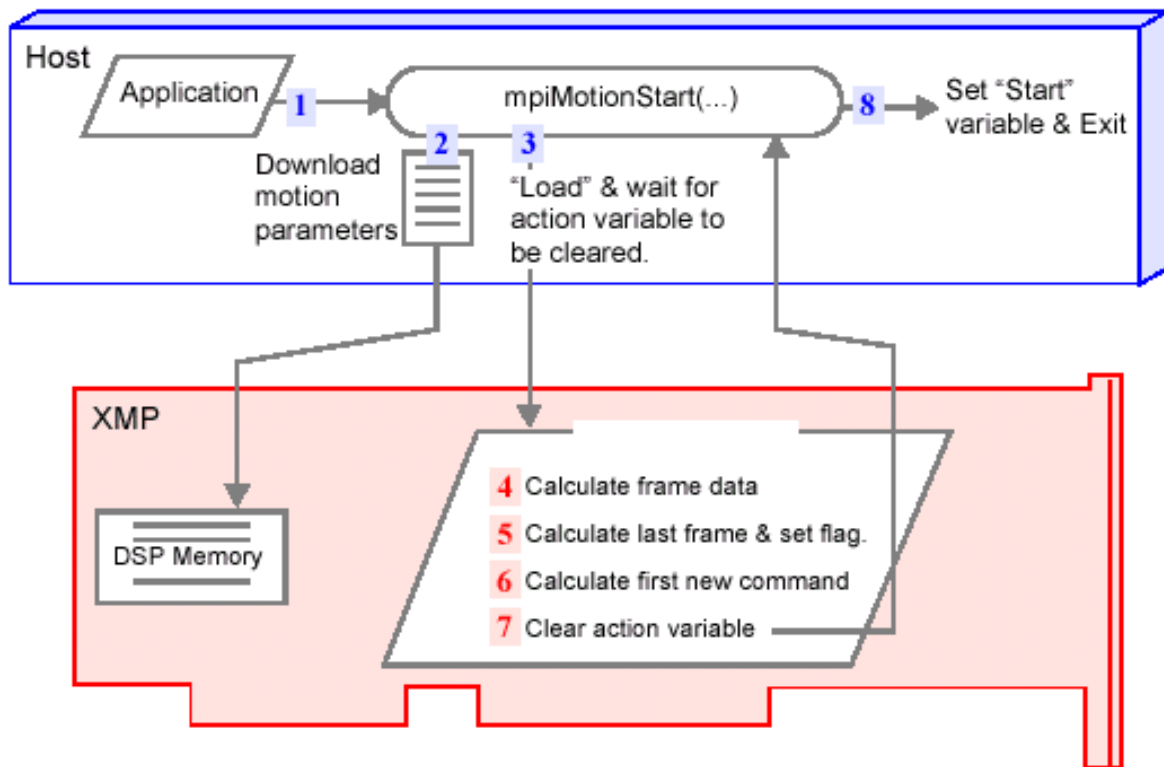
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Return to [mpiMotionStart](#) or [mpiMotionModify](#)

Diagram of mpiMotionStart

The diagram below explains how mpiMotionStart(...) executes.





Return to [mpiMotionStart](#)

mpiMotionMemory

```
long mpiMotionMemory(MPI_Motion motion,
                     void **memory)
```

Required Header

Description **MotionMemory** sets (writes) the address [that is used to access a Motion's (*motion*) memory] to the contents of *memory*. This address (or an address calculated from it) is passed as the *src* argument to mpiMotionMemoryGet(...), and also as the dst argument to mpiMotionMemorySet(...).

Return Values

MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionMemory</i> successfully writes the address (used to access a Motion's memory) to the contents of memory
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See Also [mpiMotionMemoryGet](#) | [mpiMotionMemorySet](#)

mpiMotionMemoryGet

Declaration

long mpiMotionMemoryGet([MPIMotion](#) motion,
void *dst,
void *src,
long count)

Required Header

stdmpi.h

Description

MotionMemoryGet copies *count* bytes of a Motion’s (*motion*) memory (starting at address *src*) to application memory (starting at address *dst*).

Return Values	
MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionMemoryGet</i> successfully copies <i>count</i> bytes of a Motion’s memory to application memory

See Also

[mpiMotionMemorySet](#) | [mpiMotionMemory](#)

mpiMotionMemorySet

Declaration

long mpiMotionMemorySet([MPIMotion](#) motion,
void *dst,
void *src,
long count)

Required Header

stdmpi.h

Description

[MotionMemorySet](#) copies *count* bytes of application memory (starting at address src) to a Motion’s (*motion*) memory (starting at address dst).

Return Values	
MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionMemorySet</i> successfully copies <i>count</i> bytes of application memory to a Motion’s memory

See Also

[mpiMotionMemoryGet](#) | [mpiMotionMemory](#)

mpiMotionControl

Declaration `MPIControl mpiMotionControl(MPIMotion motion)`

Required Header `stdmpi.h`

Description **MotionControl** returns a handle to the Control object with which the motion is associated.

motion	a handle to the Motion object
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Return Values

MPIControl	handle to a Control object
MPIHandleVOID	if <i>motion</i> is invalid

See Also [mpiMotionCreate](#) | [mpiControlCreate](#)

mpiMotionNumber

```
long mpiMotionNumber(MPI_Motion motion,
                    long *number)
```

Required Header

Description	MotionNumber writes the index of a Motion object (<i>motion</i> , on the motion controller that the Motion object is associated with) to the contents of <i>number</i> .
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Return Values

MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionNumber</i> successfully writes the index of a Motion object to the contents of <i>number</i>
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See Also

mpiMotionAxis

Declaration `MPIAxis mpiMotionAxis(MPIMotion motion, long index)`

Required Header `stdmpi.h`

Description `MotionAxis` returns the element at the position on the list indicated by *index*.

motion	a handle to the Motion object.
index	a position in the list.

Return Values

handle	to the <i>index</i> th Axis of a Motion (<i>motion</i>)
MPIHandleVOID	if <i>motion</i> is invalid if <i>index</i> is less than 0 if <i>index</i> is greater than or equal to <code>mpiMotionAxisCount(motion)</code>
MPIMessageARG_INVALID	<i>index</i> is a negative number.
MEIListMessageELEMENT_NOT_FOUND	<i>index</i> is greater than or equal to the number of elements in the list.
MPIMessageHANDLE_INVALID	<i>motion</i> is an invalid handle.

See Also

Required Header

When using multiple Motion Supervisors that share axes, Motion events (Done, AtVelocity) are sent to both Motion objects, no matter which Motion Supervisor commanded the motion. This occurs, because the Motion events are derived from the Motion Supervisor status, which is derived from each axis' status.

motion	a handle to the Motion object.
axis	a handle to an Axis object.

Return Values

MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionAxisAppend</i> successfully appends an Axis to a Motion object
MPIMessageHANDLE_INVALID	Either <i>motion</i> or <i>axis</i> is an invalid handle.
MPIMessageUNSUPPORTED	The list already contains the maximum number of elements (MEIXmpMAX_COORD_AXES). -or- <i>motion</i> and <i>axis</i> are on different controllers.
MPIMessageOBJECT_NOT_ENABLED	<i>axis</i> is not an enabled axis.
MPIMessageOBJECT_ON_LIST	<i>axis</i> is already on the list.
MPIMessageNO_MEMORY	Not enough memory was available.

See Also

mpiMotionAxisCount

Declaration long **mpiMotionAxisCount**([MPIMotion](#) **motion**)

Required Header stdmpi.h

Description **MotionAxisCount** returns the number of elements on the list.

motion	a handle to the Motion object.
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Return Values

number	of Axes in a Motion (<i>motion</i>)
-1	if <i>motion</i> is invalid
0	if <i>motion</i> is empty

See Also [mpiMotionAxis](#) | [mpiMotionAxisAppend](#)

mpiMotionAxisFirst

Declaration `MPIAxis mpiMotionAxisFirst(MPIMotion motion)`

Required Header `stdmpi.h`

Description **MotionAxisFirst** return the first element in the list. This function can be used in conjunction with mpiMotionAxisNext() in order to iterate through the list.

motion	a handle to the Motion object.
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Return Values

handle	to the first Axis of a Motion (<i>motion</i>)
MPIHandleVOID	if <i>motion</i> is invalid if <i>motion</i> is empty
MPIMessageHANDLE_INVALID	<i>motion</i> is an invalid handle.

See Also [mpiMotionAxisNext](#) | [mpiMotionAxisLast](#)

Required Header

motion	a handle to the Motion object.
axis	a handle to an Axis object.

index	of an Axis (<i>axis</i>) in a Motion (<i>motion</i>)
-1	if <i>motion</i> is invalid if the Axis (axis) was not found in the Motion (<i>motion</i>)

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mpiMotionAxisInsert

Declaration

```
long mpiMotionAxisInsert(MPIMotion motion,  
                        MPIAxis axis,  
                        MPIAxis insert)
```

Required Header

Description	MotionAxisInsert inserts an Axis (<i>insert</i>) in a Motion (<i>motion</i>), just after the specified Axis (<i>axis</i>).
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Return Values

MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionAxisInsert</i> successfully inserts an Axis (<i>insert</i>) in a Motion (<i>motion</i>) following a specified Axis (<i>axis</i>)
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See Also [mpiMotionAxis](#)

mpiMotionAxisLast

Declaration `MPIAxis mpiMotionAxisLast(MPIMotion motion)`

Required Header `stdmpi.h`

Description [MotionAxisLast](#) returns the last element in the list. This function can be used in conjunction with `mpiMotionAxisPrevious()` in order to iterate through the list backwards.

motion	a handle to the Motion object.
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Return Values	
handle	to the last Axis of a Motion (<i>motion</i>)
MPIHandleVOID	if <i>motion</i> is invalid if <i>motion</i> is empty
MPIMessageHANDLE_INVALID	Either <i>motion</i> or <i>axis</i> is an invalid handle.

See Also [mpiMotionAxisPrevious](#)

mpiMotionAxisListGet

Declaration

```
long mpiMotionAxisListGet(MPIMotion motion,  
                           long          *axisCount,  
                           MPIAxis      *axisList)
```

Required Header

Description	MotionAxisListGet gets the coordinate system of a Motion object (<i>motion</i>).
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MotionAxisListGet writes the number of axes (in the coordinate system) to a location (pointed to by ***axisCount***), and also writes an array (of ***axisCount*** Axis handles) to another location (pointed to by ***axisList***).

Return Values

MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionAxisListGet</i> successfully gets the coordinate system of a Motion object
---------------------	--

See Also [mpiMotionAxisListSet](#) | [mpiMotionAxis](#)


```
long mpiMotionAxisListSet(MPI_Motion motion,
                           long axisCount,
                           MPI_Axis *axisList)
```

Description	MotionAxisListSet creates a coordinate system of <i>axisCount</i> dimensions, using the Axis handles specified by <i>axisList</i> . Any existing coordinate system is completely replaced.
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A coordinate system may also be created incrementally (i.e. one Axis at a time) by using the append and/or insert methods described in this section. The initial Axis of a coordinate system may be specified using the **axis** parameter of `mpiMotionCreate(...)`. The list methods in this section may be used to examine and manipulate a coordinate system (i.e. axis list) regardless of how it was created.

```

/* Creates a 1:1 mapping between motion supervisor and axis */
MPIMotion motion;
MPIAxis axis;
long returnValue;

axis = mpiAxisCreate(control, axisNumber);
returnValue = mpiAxisValidate(axis);
msgCHECK(returnValue);

motion = mpiMotionCreate(control,
                          axisNumber,
                          NULL);
returnValue = mpiMotionValidate(motion);
msgCHECK(returnValue);

returnValue = mpiMotionAxisListSet(motion,
                                    1,
                                    &axis);
msgCHECK(returnValue);

returnValue = mpiMotionAction(motion, MEIActionMAP);
msgCHECK(returnValue);

/* Don't forget to delete your motion supervisor and axis objects */

```

Return Values

MPIMessageOK	if <i>MotionAxisListSet</i> successfully creates a coordinate system
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See Also [mpiMotionCreate](#) | [mpiMotionAxisListGet](#) | [mpiMotionAxis](#)

mpiMotionAxisNext

Declaration `MPIAxis mpiMotionAxisNext(MPIMotion motion, MPIAxis axis)`

Required Header `stdmpi.h`

Description `MotionAxisNext` returns the next element following "axis" on the list. This function can be used in conjunction with `mpiMotionAxisFirst()` in order to iterate through the list.

motion	a handle to the Motion object.
axis	a handle to an Axis object.

Return Values

handle	to the Axis just after the specified Axis (<i>axis</i>) in a Motion (<i>motion</i>)
MPIHandleVOID	if <i>motion</i> is invalid if the specified Axis (<i>axis</i>) is the last axis in a Motion (<i>motion</i>)
MPIMessageHANDLE_INVALID	Either <i>motion</i> or <i>axis</i> is an invalid handle.

See Also [mpiMotionAxisFirst](#) | [mpiMotionAxisPrevious](#)

mpiMotionAxisPrevious

Declaration `MPIAxis mpiMotionAxisPrevious(MPIMotion motion, MPIAxis axis)`

Required Header `stdmpi.h`

Description **MotionAxisPrevious** returns the previous element prior to "axis" on the list. This function can be used in conjunction with mpiMotionAxisLast() in order to iterate through the list backwards.

motion	a handle to the Motion object.
axis	a handle to an Axis object.

Return Values	
handle	to the Axis preceding the specified Axis (axis) in a Motion (motion)
MPIHandleVOID	if motion is invalid if the specified Axis (axis) is the first Axis in a Motion (motion)
MPIMessageHANDLE_INVALID	Either motion or axis is an invalid handle.

See Also [mpiMotionAxisLast](#) | [mpiMotionAxisNext](#)

Required Header

Return Values

See Also

MEIMotionActionFunction

MEIMotionActionFunction

```
typedef long      /* Callback prototype */
    (*MEIMotionActionFunction)(MPI_Motion      motion,
                                MPI_MotionType   type,
                                MPI_XmpAction    xmpAction);
```

Description

The **ActionFunction** is a function prototype definition. This is the prototype for a user defined callback function in the mpiMotionAction(...) method. If a callback function is set using meiMotionActionFunction(...), then every time the application calls mpiMotionAction(...), the callback function will be executed. Your motion action callback function must implement the exact interface of the above prototype.

Using a callback function can be useful to log details of mpiMotionAction(...) calls.

WARNING:

Defining a callback function will affect the execution time of the mpiMotionAction(...) method call. In order to preserve system performance, the callback function should be written to execute as fast as possible.

motion	The motion object handle used to call mpiMotionAction() will be passed to the callback function.
type	The type of motion that the action was called to act upon will be passed to the callback function.
xmpAction	The type of action that was requested will be passed to the callback function.

See Also [mpiMotionAction](#) | [meiMotionActionFunction](#)

MPIMotionAttr / MEIMotionAttr

MPIMotionAttr

```
typedef enum {  
  
    MPIMotionAttrAPPEND,  
    MPIMotionAttrAUTO_START,  
    MPIMotionAttrDELAY,  
    MPIMotionAttrID,  
    MPIMotionAttrELEMENT_ID,  
    MPIMotionAttrRELATIVE,  
    MPIMotionAttrSYNC_END,  
    MPIMotionAttrSYNC_START,  
    MPIMotionAttrREPEAT,  
    MPIMotionAttrMASTER_START,  
    MPIMotionAttrNO_BACKTRACK,  
    MPIMotionAttrNO_BACKTRACK_HOLD,  
  
    MPIMotionAttrCOUNT,  
} MPIMotionAttr;
```

Description

The motion attributes are used to generate the motion attribute masks to enable features with mpiMotionStart(...) and mpiMotionModify(...). Please see [MPIMotionAttrMask](#) data type for more information.

MPIMotionAttrAPPEND	This bit enables the motion profile to be added to the end of a previous motion profile, in the controller's memory buffer. The APPENDED profile will begin execution after the previous profile has completed and the settling criteria has been met. The APPEND bit can be used with mpiMotionStart(...) or mpiMotionModify(...).
MPIMotionAttrAUTO_START	This bit converts a mpiMotionModify(...) call to a mpiMotionStart(...) if the modify occurs after the previous motion profile has completed. If the previous profile had completed, then mpiMotionModify(...) will return an error code, MPIMotionMessageAUTO_START.

MPIMotionAttrDELAY	This bit enables a time delay (seconds) before the motion profile begins. This mask can be used with <code>mpiMotionStart(...)</code> . Motion with Modify is not supported with the DELAY attribute. Please see MPIMotionAttributes for more information.
MPIMotionAttrID	This bit enables an identification tag to be stored in the motion profile. Please see MPIMotionAttributes for more information. This bit can be used with <code>mpiMotionStart(...)</code> and <code>mpiMotionModify(...)</code> .
MPIMotionAttrELEMENT_ID	This bit enables an identification tag to be stored in the path motion profiles. Please see MPIMotionAttributes for more information.
MPIMotionAttrRELATIVE	This bit changes the profile target position from absolute to relative coordinates. Currently only supports APPEND and ID attributes. Support for PT, PVT, SPLINE, BESSEL, or BSPLINE motion types will be added in the future.
MPIMotionAttrSYNC_END	This bit synchronizes the motion profiles for multiple axes so they will all end at the same time. Delays are inserted before the shorter profiles. When enabled, each axis will use its own MPITrajectory values.
MPIMotionAttrSYNC_START	This bit synchronizes the motion profiles for multiple axes so they will all start at the same time. Delays are inserted after the shorter profiles. When enabled, each axis will use its own MPITrajectory values.
MPIMotionAttrREPEAT	This attribute generates a repeating cam motion. If you use this attribute you need to fill in the repeatFrom field in the MPIMotionAttributes structure. See Repeating Cams .
MPIMotionAttrMASTER_START	This attribute specifies the position of the master that a cam will start. If you use this attribute you need to fill in the masterStart field in the MPIMotionAttributes structure. See Starting at Specific Master Positions .

MPIMotionAttrREPEAT_NO_BACKTRACK	This attribute modifies a cam motion so that when the slave axes will only progress if the master is moving in a positive direction, if the master changes direction and moves backwards the slave axes will hold that position until the master velocity returns to the original direction. This attribute cannot be specified with the MPIMotionAttrNO_BACKTRACK attribute. See Reversal of the Master - Backtracking .
MPIMotionAttrREPEAT_NO_BACKTRACK_HOLD	This attribute modifies a cam motion so that when the master changes direction the slave axes will hold that position until the master returns to the point where the direction changed. This attribute cannot be specified with the MPIMotionAttrFORWARD_ONLY attribute. See Reversal of the Master with NO_BACKTRACK_HOLD .

MEIMotionAttr

```
typedef enum {
    MEIMotionAttrEVENT,
    MEIMotionAttrFINAL_VEL,
    MEIMotionAttrNO_REVERSAL,
    MEIMotionAttrHOLD,
    MEIMotionAttrHOLD_LESS,
    MEIMotionAttrHOLD_GREATER,
    MEIMotionAttrOUTPUT,

    MEIMotionAttrCOUNT,
} MEIMotionAttr;
```

Description

The motion attributes are used to generate the motion attribute masks to enable features with mpiMotionStart(...) and mpiMotionModify(...). Please see [MPIMotionAttrMask](#) for more information.

MEIMotionAttrEVENT	This bit allows the user to specify an MPIEventMask during a motion.
MEIMotionAttrFINAL_VEL	This bit allows the user to specify a non-zero target velocity for point to point motion types.
MEIMotionAttrNO_REVERSAL	This bit prevents a motion profile from changing direction.
MEIMotionAttrHOLD	This bit prevents a motion profile from executing until the specified trigger conditions are met. MPIMotionMessageATTRIBUTE_INVALID will be returned if MEIMotionAttrHOLD is used with a mpiMotionModify(...) method.
MEIMotionAttrHOLD_LESS	Motion attribute bit for less than or equal hold logic. MPIMotionMessageATTRIBUTE_INVALID will be returned if MEIMotionAttrHOLD_LESS is used with a mpiMotionModify(...) method.
MEIMotionAttrHOLD_GREATER	Motion attribute bit for greater than or equal hold logic. MPIMotionMessageATTRIBUTE_INVALID will be returned if MEIMotionAttrHOLD_GREATER is used with a mpiMotionModify(...) method.
MEIMotionAttrOUTPUT	This bit allows the user to set or clear bits during a motion.

See Also [MPIMotionAttrMask](#) | [mpiMotionStart](#) | [mpiMotionModify](#)

MEIMotionAttrHold

MEIMotionAttrHold

```
typedef struct MEIMotionAttrHold {
    MEIMotionAttrHoldType      type;
    MEIMotionAttrHoldSource    source;
    float                      timeout;
} MEIMotionAttrHold;
```

Description

type	This value specifies the motion hold type. Please see MEIMotionAttrHoldType for more information.
source	This value specifies the motion hold conditions. Please see MEIMotionAttrHoldSource for more information.
timeout	This value specifies the motion hold expiration time (samples). When the time exceeds the timeout value or the hold conditions are met, the motion profile will execute.

See Also [MEIMotionAttrHoldType](#) | [MEIMotionAttrHoldSource](#)

MEIMotionAttrHoldSource

MEIMotionAttrHoldSource

```
typedef union {
    long      gate;
    struct {
        long      *input;
        long      mask;
        long      pattern;
    } input;
    struct {
        long      number;
        long      mask;
        long      pattern;
    } motor;
    struct {
        long      number;
        long      position;
    } axis;
    struct {
        long      *address;
        long      mask;
        long      pattern;
    } user;
} MEIMotionAttrHoldSource;
```

Description

gate	This value specifies the control gate number when MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeGATE is used. Valid values are between 0 and 31. See meiControlGateGet/Set(...) for more information.
input.input	This value specifies the input address when MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeINPUT is used.
input.mask	This value specifies the AND mask when MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeINPUT is used.
input.pattern	This value specifies the comparison pattern when MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeINPUT is used. The value at input.input is bit-wise ANDed with the input.mask and compared to the input.pattern.
motor.number	This value specifies the motor number when MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeMOTOR is used.
motor.mask	This value specifies the AND mask when MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeMOTOR is used.
motor.pattern	This value specifies the comparison pattern when MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeMOTOR is used. The motor input word is bit-wise ANDed with the motor.mask and compared to the motor.pattern.
axis.number	An axis's number (0, 1, 2, etc.). Must be specified when the AXIS_POSITION_COMMAND or AXIS_POSITION_ACTUAL motion hold types are used.

MEIMotionAttrHoldType

MEIMotionAttrHoldType

```
typedef enum {
    MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeINVALID,
    MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeNONE,
    MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeGATE,
    MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeINPUT,
    MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeMOTOR,
    MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeAXIS_POSITION_ACTUAL,
    MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeAXIS_POSITION_COMMAND,
    MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeUSER_ADDRESS,
} MEIMotionAttrHoldType;
```

Description

MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeNONE	This type disables the hold trigger condition.
MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeGATE	This type configures a control gate for the hold trigger condition. See meiControlGateGet/Set(...) for more information.
MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeINPUT	This type configures a memory address for the hold trigger condition.
MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeMOTOR	This type configures a motor's input bit(s) for the hold trigger condition.
MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeAXIS_POSITION_ACTUAL	Motion hold input trigger from an axis's actual position.
MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeAXIS_POSITION_COMMAND	Motion hold input trigger from an axis's command position.
MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeUSER_ADDRESS	Motion hold input trigger from a user specifiable controller memory address.

Remarks

These types specify the motion profile trigger condition. The hold trigger value is specified with the MEIMotionAttrHoldSource data type.

See Also [MEIMotionAttrHoldSource](#) | [MEIMotionAttrHold](#)

axis.position	A position comparison value. Must be specified when the AXIS_POSITION_COMMAND or AXIS_POSITION_ACTUAL motion hold types are used.
user.address	A controller memory address. Must be specified when the USER_ADDRESS motion hold type is used.
user.mask	A bitwise AND mask for the user specified controller memory address. Must be specified when the USER_ADDRESS motion hold type is used.
user.pattern	A comparison value for the masked user.address. When the pattern matches the masked value, the motion will be triggered. Must be specified when the USER_ADDRESS motion hold type is used.

See Also [MEIMotionAttrHoldType](#) | [meiControlGateGet](#) | [meiControlGateSet](#)

MPIMotionAttrMask / MEIMotionAttrMask

MPIMotionAttrMask

```
typedef enum {
    MPIMotionAttrMaskAPPEND,
    MPIMotionAttrMaskAUTO_START,
    MPIMotionAttrMaskDELAY,
    MPIMotionAttrMaskID,
    MPIMotionAttrMaskELEMENT_ID,
    MPIMotionAttrMaskRELATIVE,
    MPIMotionAttrMaskSYNC_END,
    MPIMotionAttrMaskSYNC_START,
    MPIMotionAttrMaskREPEAT,
    MPIMotionAttrMaskMASTER_START,
    MPIMotionAttrMaskNO_BACKTRACK,
    MPIMotionAttrMaskNO_BACKTRACK_HOLD,

    MPIMotionAttrMaskALL,
} MPIMotionAttrMask;
```

Description

MPIMotionAttrMaskAPPEND	This mask enables the motion profile to be added to the end of a previous motion profile, in the controller's memory buffer. The APPENDED profile will begin execution after the previous profile has completed and the settling criteria has been met. The APPEND mask can be used with mpiMotionStart(...) or mpiMotionModify(...).
MPIMotionAttrMaskAUTO_START	This mask converts a mpiMotionModify(...) call to a mpiMotionStart(...) if the modify occurs after the previous motion profile has completed. If the previous profile had completed, then mpiMotionModify(...) will return an error code, MPIMotionMessageAUTO_START.
MPIMotionAttrMaskDELAY	This mask enables a time delay (seconds) before the motion profile begins. This mask can be used with mpiMotionStart(...). Motion with Modify is not supported with the DELAY attribute. Please see MPIMotionAttributes for more information.

MPIMotionAttrMaskID	This mask enables an identification tag to be stored in the motion profile. Please see MPIMotionAttributes for more information. This mask can be used with <code>mpiMotionStart(...)</code> and <code>mpiMotionModify(...)</code> .
MPIMotionAttrMaskELEMENT_ID	This mask enables an identification tag to be stored in the path motion profiles. Please see MPIMotionAttributes for more information.
MPIMotionAttrMaskRELATIVE	This mask changes the profile target position from absolute to relative coordinates. Currently only supports APPEND and ID attributes. Support for PT, PVT, SPLINE, BESSEL, or BSPLINE motion types will be added in the future.
MPIMotionAttrMaskSYNC_END	This mask synchronizes the motion profiles for multiple axes so they will all end at the same time. Delays are inserted before the shorter profiles. When enabled, each axis will use its own MPITrajectory values.
MPIMotionAttrMaskSYNC_START	This mask synchronizes the motion profiles for multiple axes so they will all start at the same time. Delays are inserted after the shorter profiles. When enabled, each axis will use its own MPITrajectory values.
MPIMotionAttrMaskREPEAT	This attribute generates a repeating cam motion. If you use this attribute you need to fill in the repeatFrom field in the MPIMotionAttributes structure. See Repeating Cams .
MPIMotionAttrMaskMASTER_START	This attribute specifies the position of the master that a cam will start. If you use this attribute you need to fill in the masterStart field in the MPIMotionAttributes structure. See Starting at Specific Master Positions .

MPIMotionAttrMaskNO_BACKTRACK

This attribute modifies a cam motion so that when the slave axes will only progress if the master is moving in a positive direction, if the master changes direction and moves backwards the slave axes will hold that position until the master velocity returns to the original direction. This attribute cannot be specified with the MPIMotionAttrNO_BACKTRACK attribute.

See [Reversal of the Master - Backtracking](#).

MPIMotionAttrMaskNO_BACKTRACK_HOLD

This attribute modifies a cam motion so that when the master changes direction the slave axes will hold that position until the master returns to the point where the direction changed. This attribute cannot be specified with the MPIMotionAttrFORWARD_ONLY attribute.

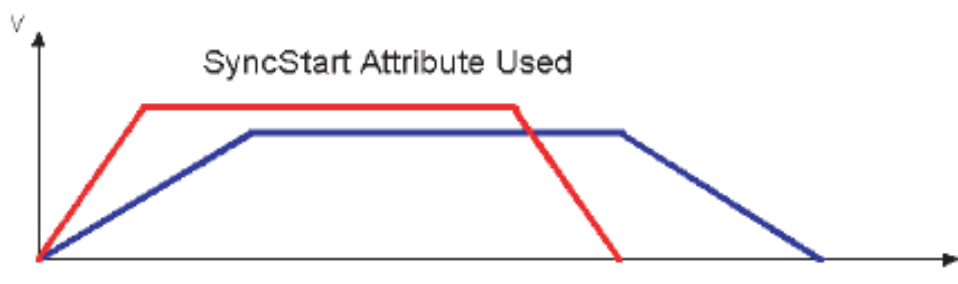
See [Reversal of the Master with NO_BACKTRACK_HOLD](#).

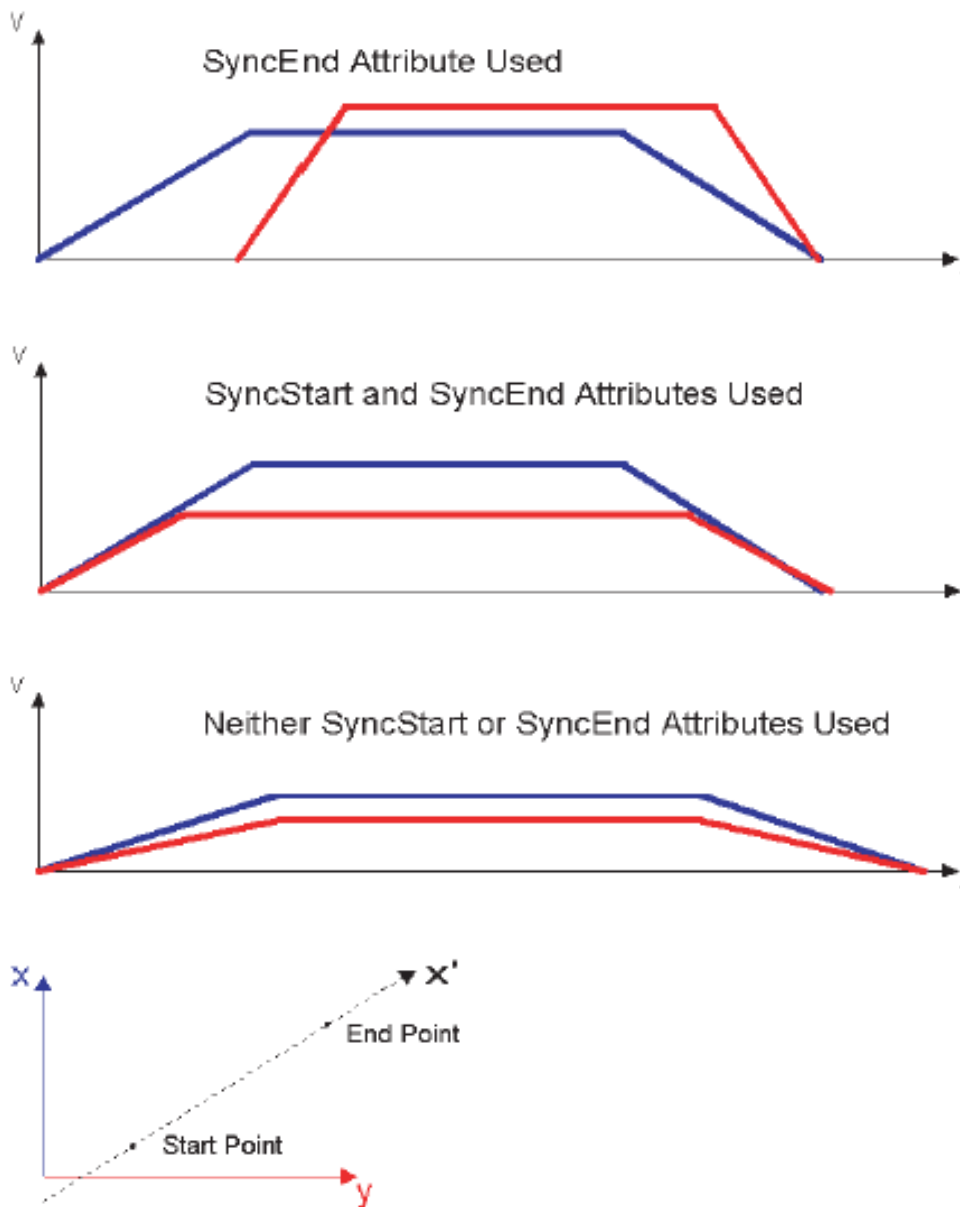
Remarks

The motion attribute masks are used to enable features with mpiMotionStart(...) and mpiMotionModify(...). The masks are **ORed** with the MPIMotionType to enable each feature.

For the motion types MPIMotionTypeS_CURVE_JERK, MPIMotionTypeS_CURVE, MPIMotionTypeTRAPEZOIDAL, if neither MPIMotionAttrMaskSYNC_START nor MPIMotionAttrMaskSYNC_END are specified, then only one MPITrajectory structure will be used for by mpiMotionStart() and mpiMotionModify(). Please refer to MPIMotionAttr for more information.

Trajectory





MEIMotionAttrMask

```
typedef enum {
    MEIMotionAttrMaskeVENT,
    MEIMotionAttrMaskFINAL_VEL,
    MEIMotionAttrMaskNO_REVERSAL,
    MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD,
    MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD_LESS,
    MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD_GREATER,
    MEIMotionAttrMaskOUTPUT,
    MEIMotionAttrMaskALL,
} MEIMotionAttrMask;
```

Description

MEIMotionAttrMaskEVENT	This mask allows the user to specify an MPIEventMask during a motion.
MEIMotionAttrMaskFINAL_VEL	This mask allows the user to specify a non-zero target velocity for point to point motion types.
MEIMotionAttrMaskNO_REVERSAL	This mask prevents a motion profile from changing direction.
MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD	This mask prevents a motion profile from executing until the specified trigger conditions are met.
MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD_LESS	Motion attribute mask for less than or equal hold logic.
MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD_GREATER	Motion attribute mask for greater than or equal hold logic.
MEIMotionAttrMaskOUTPUT	This mask allows the user to set or clear bits during a motion.

See Also [mpiMotionStart](#) | [mpiMotionModify](#) | [MPIMotionType](#) | [MPITrajectory](#) | [MPIEventMask](#)

MEIMotionAttrOutput

MEIMotionAttrOutput

```
typedef struct MEIMotionAttrOutput {
    MEIMotionAttrOutputType    type;
    union {
        long    *output;
        long    motor;
    } as;
    long    offMask;
    long    onMask;
    long    pointIndex; /* MEIMotionAttrMaskOUTPUT for path motion - point
                        index for turning on output - used with point lists */
} MEIMotionAttrOutput;
```

Description

type	This value specifies the output type to determine the output bits to be set or cleared.
*output	This value specifies the memory address when MEIMotionAttrOutputTypeOUTPUT is used.
motor	This value specifies the motor number when MEIMotionAttrOutputTypeMOTOR is used.
offMask	This value specifies the bits to be turned OFF when MEIMotionAttrOutputTypeOFFMASK is used.
onMask	This value specifies the bits to be turned ON when MEIMotionAttrOutputTypeONMASK is used.
pointIndex	This value specifies an index to a point, when multiple point motion is used.

See Also [MEIMotionAttrOutputType](#)

MEIMotionAttrOutputType

MEIMotionAttrOutputType

```
typedef enum {
    MEIMotionAttrOutputTypeINVALID,
    MEIMotionAttrOutputTypeNONE,
    MEIMotionAttrOutputTypeMOTOR,
    MEIMotionAttrOutputTypeOUTPUT,
} MEIMotionAttrOutputType;
```

Description

MEIMotionAttrOutputTypeNONE	This type disables the setting/clearing of output bit(s) during motion.
MEIMotionAttrOutputTypeMOTOR	This type configures a motor's output bit(s) to be set or cleared during motion.
MEIMotionAttrOutputTypeOUTPUT	This type configures bit(s) at a memory address to be set or cleared during motion.

See Also [MEIMotionAttrOutput](#)

MPIMotionAttributes / MEIMotionAttributes

MPIMotionAttributes

```
typedef struct MPIMotionAttributes {
    double *delay;          /* MPIMotionAttrMaskDELAY */
    long    id;              /* MPIMotionAttrMaskID */
    long    *elementId;     /* MPIMotionAttrMaskELEMENT_ID */
    long    masterStart;    /* MPIMotionAttrMaskMASTER_START */
    long    repeatFrom;     /* MPIMotionAttrMaskREPEAT */
} MPIMotionAttributes;
```

Description

delay	This array defines the delay time (seconds) before a motion profile begins execution.
id	This value defines the identity for a point to point motion. The id is limited to 16-bit resolution by the controller firmware.
elementId	This array defines the identity for each element of a path motion. The elementId is limited to 16-bit resolution by the controller firmware.
masterStart	This field is only used with the MASTER_START motion attribute and when commanding a cam motion. This field defines the position of the master at the start of the cam motion. See Starting at Specific Master Positions .
repeatFrom	This field is only used with the REPEAT motion attribute and when commanding a cam motion. This field defines the first frame that is repeated. Any frames before this frame will act as a run-in sequence. See Repeating Cams .

MEIMotionAttributes

```
typedef struct MEIMotionAttributes {
    MPIEventMask      eventMask;          /* MEIMotionAttrMaskeVENT */
    double            *finalVelocity;    /* MEIMotionAttrMaskFINAL_VEL */
    MEIMotionAttrHold *hold;              /* MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD */
    long              *outputCount;      /* MEIMotionAttrMaskOUTPUT for path motion
                                         - number of outputs - per axis */
    MEIMotionAttrOutput *output;          /* MEIMotionAttrMaskOUTPUT for path and non
                                         path motion - outputs - per axis */
} MEIMotionAttributes;
```

Description

eventMask	This structure specifies the mask to enable event generation. See MPIEventMask for more information.
*finalVelocity	This array specifies the target velocity for each axis when MEIMotionAttrMaskFINAL_VEL is used.
*hold	This array specifies the hold configurations for each axis when MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD is used.
*outputCount	This array specifies the number of points per axis, to set/clear an output when MEIMotionAttrMaskOUTPUT is used.
*output	This structure specifies the output configuration for each axis when MEIMotionAttrMaskOUTPUT is used.

See Also [MPIEventMask](#) | [MEIMotionAttrMask](#)

MPIMotionBESSEL

MPIMotionBESSEL

```
typedef struct MPIMotionBESSEL {
    long      pointCount;
    double    *position;
    double    *time;

    MPIMotionPoint point;
} MPIMotionBESSEL;
```

Description

positionCount	This value specifies the number of points.
*position	This array stores the positions for the motion profile. There is one position value per point, per axis. The length of the array must be equal to pointCount multiplied by the number of axes. The positions are interleaved in the array by the axis index.
*time	This array stores the times for the motion profile. There is one time value per point. The time specifies the number of seconds between the specified position, and the previous position (point). The length of the time array must be equal to pointCount.
point	This structure contains the point configuration. Please see MPIMotionPoint data type for more information.

See Also [MPIMotionPoint](#)

MPIMotionBSPLINE

MPIMotionBSPLINE

```
typedef struct MPIMotionBSPLINE {  
    long                pointCount;  
    double              *position;  
    double              *time;  
  
    MPIMotionPoint      point;  
} MPIMotionBSPLINE;
```

Description

pointCount	This value specifies the number of points.
*position	This array stores the positions for the motion profile. There is one position value per point, per axis. The length of the array must be equal to pointCount multiplied by the number of axes. The positions are interleaved in the array by the axis index.
*time	This array stores the times for the motion profile. There is one time value per point. The time specifies the number of seconds between the specified position, and the previous position (point). The length of the time array must be equal to pointCount.
point	This structure contains the point configuration. Please see MPIMotionPoint data type for more information.

See Also [MPIMotionPoint](#)

MPIMotionCam

MPIMotionCam

```
typedef struct MPIMotionDecelTime {
    long      pointCount;
    long      **slavePosition;
    long      *masterDistance;
    double    **gearRatio;
    /* This field is only used with MPIMotionTypeCUBIC_CAM. */
} MPIMotionDecelTime;
```

Description

MPIMotionType contains the cam segments for a linear or cubic interpolated cam move.

pointCount	This field defines the type of master position source is being used.
**slavePosition	This field defines the distance that each slave axis will move during each segment of the cam.
*masterDistance	An array containing pointCount number of elements. Each element is the distance the master axis will move during each segment of the cam.
**gearRatio	This field is only used with cubic cams, with linear cams this field is completely ignored and can be either be set to zero or not initialised.This field defines the gear ratio (first derivative of the slave position with respect to the master position) to the cam at each of the transitions between cam segments. The initial gear ration is assumed to be zero.

See Also

MPIMotionConfig / MEIMotionConfig

MPIMotionConfig

```
typedef struct MPIMotionConfig {
    MPIMotionDecelTime    decelTime;
    float                normalFeedrate;
    float                pauseFeedrate;
}MPIMotionConfig;
```

Description

decelTime	This structure defines the deceleration time for Stop and E-Stop actions. Please see MPIMotionDecelTime data type documentation for more information.
normalFeedrate	This value defines the normal feed speed rate. The default value is 1.0 (100%).
pauseFeedrate	This value defines the feed speed rate for the Stop action. The default value is 0.0.

MEIMotionConfig

```
typedef struct MEIMotionConfig {
    long                axisCount;
    long                axisNumber[MEIXmpMAX_COORD_AXES];
    double              blendLimit;
} MEIMotionConfig;
```

Description

axisCount	The current number of axes mapped to the Motion Supervisor on the controller.
axisNumber	This array specifies the axis numbers of the current Axis to Motion Supervisor mapping on the controller.
blendLimit	This value specifies the acceleration blending limit criteria. If the change direction is greater than 90 degrees (0 degrees = no change, 180 degrees = about face) the acceleration resulting from the blending can exceed the acceleration limit specified in the motion parameters (180 degrees = acceleration*2.0). The blendLimit allows the user to limit the sharpness of turns to be blended. If cosine (turn angle defined above) is greater than the blendLimit, the motion will be blended. A blend limit value of 0 exclude turns sharper than 90 degrees. 1.0 causes all moves to be blended. -1.0 allows no blending

See Also [MPIMotionDecelTime](#) | [mpiMotionModify](#)

MPIMotionDecelTime

MPIMotionDecelTime

```
typedef struct MPIMotionDecelTime {  
    float      stop;      /* seconds */  
    float      eStop;     /* seconds */  
} MPIMotionDecelTime;
```

Description

stop	This value defines the deceleration time (seconds) for a Stop action. The default value is .5 seconds.
eStop	This value defines the deceleration time (seconds) for an E-Stop action. The default value is .05 seconds.

See Also

MEIMotionFrame

MEIMotionFrame

```
typedef struct MEIMotionFrame {
    long                pointCount;
    MEIXmpFrame        *frame;
    MPIMotionPoint      point;
} MEIMotionFrame;
```

Description

pointCount	The value specifies the number of frames.
*frame	This structure contains the frame data for each frame. See MEIXmpFrame for more information.
point	This structure specifies the points configuration. See MPIMotionPoint for more information.

See Also [MPIMotionPoint](#)

MEIMotionFrameBufferStatus

MEIMotionFrameBufferStatus

```
typedef struct MEIMotionFrameBufferStatus {
    long      size;
    long      frameCount;
} MEIMotionFrameBufferStatus;
```

Description

size	This value specifies the size of the controller's frame buffer.
frameCount	This value specifies the number of frames in the controller's frame buffer.

See Also

MPIMotionMessage / MEIMotionMessage

MPIMotionMessage

```
typedef enum {
    MPIMotionMessageMOTION_INVALID,
    MPIMotionMessageAXIS_NOT_FOUND,
    MPIMotionMessageAXIS_COUNT,
    MPIMotionMessageTYPE_INVALID,
    MPIMotionMessageATTRIBUTE_INVALID,
    MPIMotionMessageIDLE,
    MPIMotionMessageMOVING,
    MPIMotionMessageSTOPPING,
    MPIMotionMessageSTOPPED,
    MPIMotionMessageSTOPPING_ERROR,
    MPIMotionMessageERROR,
    MPIMotionMessageAUTO_START,
    MPIMotionMessagePROFILE_ERROR,
    MPIMotionMessagePROFILE_NOT_SUPPORTED,
    MPIMotionMessagePATH_ERROR,
    MPIMotionMessageFRAMES_LOW,
    MPIMotionMessageFRAMES_EMPTY,
    MPIMotionMessageFRAME_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL,
} MPIMotionMessage;
```

Description

MPIMotionMessageMOTION_INVALID

The motion supervisor number is out of range. This message code is returned by `mpiMotionCreate(...)` if the motion supervisor number is less than zero or greater than or equal to `MEIXmpMAX_MSs`.

MPIMotionMessageAXIS_NOT_FOUND

The specified axis object is not available. This message is returned from [mpiMotionAxisRemove\(...\)](#) if the axis that is being removed is not a member of the motion object.

MPIMotionMessageAXIS_COUNT

The number of axes is out of range. This message is returned from [mpiMotionConfigSet\(...\)](#), [mpiMotionStart\(...\)](#), or [mpiMotionModify\(...\)](#) if there are no axes associated with the motion object or if the axis count exceeds `MEIXmpMAX_COORD_AXES`.

MPIMotionMessageTYPE_INVALID

The motion type or motion attribute is not valid. This message code is returned from [mpiMotionStart\(...\)](#) or [mpiMotionModify\(...\)](#) if the motion type or motion attribute mask is not recognized by the library. To correct the problem, select a motion type/attribute from the MPI and/or MEI enumerations.

MPIMotionMessageATTRIBUTE_INVALID

The motion attribute is not valid. This message code is returned from [mpiMotionStart\(...\)](#) or [mpiMotionModify\(...\)](#) if the motion attribute mask is not compatible with the specified motion type. To correct the problem, do not use the motion attribute mask with the specified motion type or select a different motion type.

Please see [possible causes](#) for receiving this message.

MPIMotionMessageIDLE

All motion supervisor axes are not moving and are ready to move. This message code is returned from [mpiMotionModify\(...\)](#) when the motion supervisor is in the IDLE state. A motion cannot be modified if no motion is in progress. To correct the problem, use the AUTO_START attribute for [mpiMotionModify\(...\)](#) or use [mpiMotionStart\(...\)](#) instead. This message code is also returned from [mpiMotionAction\(...\)](#) when a STOP or RESUME is commanded when the motion supervisor is in the IDLE state. A motion cannot be stopped if there is no motion in progress and a motion cannot be resumed if there is no motion profile pending.

MPIMotionMessageMOVING

At least one motion supervisor axis is moving. This message code is returned from [mpiMotionStart\(...\)](#) when the motion supervisor is in the MOVING state. A motion cannot be started if a motion is in progress. To correct the problem, use [mpiMotionModify\(...\)](#) instead. This message code is also returned from [mpiMotionAction\(...\)](#) when a RESUME or RESET is commanded when the motion supervisor is in the MOVING state. A motion cannot be resumed or reset while a motion is in progress.

MPIMotionMessageSTOPPING

Motion supervisor axes are stopping due to a STOP action. This message code is returned from [mpiMotionStart\(...\)](#) or [mpiMotionModify\(...\)](#) when the motion supervisor is in the STOPPING state. A motion cannot be commanded when a stop is in progress. This message code is also returned from [mpiMotionAction\(...\)](#) when a RESUME or RESET is commanded when the motion supervisor is in the STOPPING state. A motion cannot be resumed or reset while a stop is in progress.

MPIMotionMessageSTOPPED

Motion supervisor axes are stopped due to a STOP action. This message code is returned from [mpiMotionAction\(...\)](#) when a STOP action is commanded while the motion supervisor is already in the STOPPED state.

MPIMotionMessageSTOPPING_ERROR

Motion supervisor axes are stopping due to an E_STOP or ABORT action. This message code is returned from [mpiMotionStart\(...\)](#) or [mpiMotionModify\(...\)](#) when the motion supervisor is in the STOPPING_ERROR state. A motion cannot be commanded when a stopping on error action is in progress. This message code is also returned from [mpiMotionAction\(...\)](#) when a RESUME or RESET is commanded when the motion supervisor is in the STOPPING state. A motion cannot be resumed or reset while a stopping on error action is in progress.

MPIMotionMessageERROR

Motion supervisor axes are in an error state due to an E_STOP or ABORT action. This message code is returned from [mpiMotionStart\(...\)](#) or [mpiMotionModify\(...\)](#) when the motion supervisor is in the ERROR state. A motion cannot be commanded when the motion supervisor is in an error state. This message code is also returned from [mpiMotionAction\(...\)](#) when a STOP or RESUME is commanded when the motion supervisor is in the ERROR state. To correct the problem, fix the condition that caused the E_STOP or ABORT action and then clear the ERROR state using [mpiMotionAction\(...\)](#) with a RESET.

MPIMotionMessageAUTO_START

The motion modify was automatically converted to a motion start. This message code is returned from [mpiMotionModify\(...\)](#) when the AUTO_START attribute mask was specified and the motion was commanded while the motion supervisor is in the IDLE state. This message code is useful for notifying an application of an auto-start, it is not an error condition.

MPIMotionMessagePROFILE_ERROR

The motion profile is not possible with the specified constraints. This message code is returned by [mpiMotionModify\(...\)](#) when the NO_REVERSAL attribute mask is specified, but the specified target position is in the reverse direction. To correct the problem, either remove the NO_REVERSAL constraint or specify a target position that is in the same direction as the motion profile in progress.

MPIMotionMessagePROFILE_NOT_SUPPORTED

The controller firmware does not support the specified motion profile type. This message code is returned by [mpiMotionStart\(...\)](#) or [mpiMotionModify\(...\)](#) when an S_CURVE_JERK or VELOCITY_JERK motion type is commanded, but not supported by the controller firmware. Due to programming memory space constraints, specific revisions of controller firmware may not support jerk motion types. To correct the problem, use the S_CURVE or VELOCITY motion instead.

MPIMotionMessagePATH_ERROR

The specified multi-point motion path is not valid. This message code is returned by [mpiMotionStart\(...\)](#) or [mpiMotionModify\(...\)](#) when the final point is not specified or the time slice is less than one controller sample.

MPIMotionMessageFRAMES_LOW

The controller's frame buffer is low. This message code is returned by the internal method, `meiMotionFramesLow(...)`. This is an internal message code used by the library to manage the frame buffering.

MPIMotionMessageFRAMES_EMPTY

The controller's frame buffer is empty. This message code is returned by the internal method, `meiMotionFramesLow(...)`. This is an internal message code used by the library to manage the frame buffering.

MPIMotionMessageFRAME_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL

When trying to start a cam, an insufficient amount of space was found on the controller. To remedy this problem, you can either reduce the number of points within the cam (See [Caming](#)) or increase the number of points in the frame buffer. See [Increasing the Maximum Cam Table Size](#).

MEIMotionMessage

```
typedef enum {
    MEIMotionMessageRESERVED0,
    MEIMotionMessageRESERVED1,
    MEIMotionMessageRESERVED2,
    MEIMotionMessageNO_AXES_MAPPED,
} MEIMotionMessage;
```

Description

MEIMotionMessageRESERVED0	Reserved for specialized use.
MEIMotionMessageRESERVED1	Reserved for specialized use.
MEIMotionMessageRESERVED2	Reserved for specialized use.
MEIMotionMessageNO_AXES_MAPPED	The motion object has no axes. This message code is returned by mpiMotionStart(...), mpiMotionModify(...) or mpiMotionAction(...) if there are no axes mapped to the motion object. To correct this problem, make sure there is at least one axis object associated with the motion object before commanding any motion or motion actions. Possible Causes: No axes are mapped to the motion supervisor that the move was commanded on.

See Also [MPIMotionType](#) | [MPIMotionAttrMask](#) | [mpiMotionModify](#) | [mpiMotionAction](#)
[mpiMotionStart](#)

Motion Attributes

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Introduction

This section details the use of various Motion Attributes, which are listed individually below. To use Motion Attributes, OR the attribute mask with the MPIMotionType value.

MPI Motion Attributes

MPIMotionAttrAPPEND

The MPI has been extended to support mpiMotionStart(...) with the MPIMotionAttrMaskAPPEND attribute. This makes it possible to buffer several point-to-point motion profiles in the controller. Each successful call to mpiMotionStart(...) with the APPEND attribute will generate an MPIEventTypeMOTION_DONE from the controller when the motion is complete.

The MPIMotionAttrMaskID attribute is supported with MPIMotionAttrMaskAPPEND when calling mpiMotionStart(...). The XMP-Series controller firmware has been modified to buffer the ID values inside the axis' frames. Therefore, applications using the motion and axis event user data must be changed. Since the ID is stored in the controller's axis frames, the mpiMotionEventNotifySet(...) and mpiAxisEventNotifySet(...) must explicitly configure an appropriate axis memory location for the firmware to retrieve the ID. The sample programs motionID1.c and motionID2.c demonstrate this feature.

The MEIMotionAttrHOLD attribute is supported with MPIMotionAttrMaskAPPEND when calling mpiMotionStart(...).

Move Types: PT, PVT, Bessel, Bspline, Bspline2, S-Curve, Trapezoidal, Velocity, Frame

MPIMotionAttrAUTO_START

The MPI has been extended to support `mpiMotionStart(...)` with the `MPIMotionAttrMaskAUTO_START` attribute. When `AUTO_START` is enabled, calls to `mpiMotionModify(...)` will automatically start a new motion if the previous motion is done. If `AUTO_START` is not enabled, and `mpiMotionModify(...)` is commanded after the initial motion has completed, the method will return an `MPIMotionStateIDLE` error.

Move Types: S-Curve, Trapezoidal, Velocity

MPIMotionAttrDELAY

The MPI has been extended to support `mpiMotionStart(...)` with the `MPIMotionAttrMaskDELAY` attribute. This motion attribute will delay the move for a given number of seconds. `MPIMotionParams.attributes.delay` is a pointer to an array of doubles that assign delay times for each Axis.

Move Types: S-Curve, Trapezoidal, Velocity

MPIMotionAttrELEMENT_ID

The MPI has been extended to support `mpiMotionStart(...)` with the `MPIMotionAttrMaskELEMENT_ID` attribute. Similar to the `MPIMotionAttrMaskID`, the `ELEMENT_ID` allows the application to set an identification value for each element of a path motion. The ID values are long values configured in the `MPIMotionParams.attributes.elementId` array. Each element in the array will be the ID value for that sequential portion of the motion.

In order to retrieve the `ElementID`, a pointer to the element ID is placed into the `MEIEventNotifyData` structure. This will cause the XMP to send the `ElementID` up to the `MEIEventStatusInfo` structure when an event occurs that causes an interrupt.

Move Types: PT, PVT, Bessel, Bspline, Bspline2, S-Curve, Trapezoidal, Velocity

MPIMotionAttrMaskID

The MPI has been extended to support `mpiMotionStart(...)` with the `MPIMotionAttrMaskID` attribute. The ID attributes allows the application to assign an identification number to each motion. This number can be returned in the `MPIEventStatus` structure so the application will know which move has ended. This is particularly useful when multiple moves are buffered and the application needs to know which move is executing or has returned an event.

The `MPIMotionParams.attributes.id` value is a long that identifies the Motion. This ID value is passed to each Axis associated with the MS. In order to retrieve the MoveID, a pointer to the move ID is placed in the `MEIEventNotifyData` structure. This will cause the XMP to send the MoveID up to the `MEIEventStatusInfo` structure when an event occurs that causes an interrupt.

Move Types: PT, PVT, Spline, Bessel, Bspline, Bspline2, S-Curve, Trapezoidal, Velocity, Frame

MPIMotionAttrRELATIVE

The MPI has been extended to support `mpiMotionStart(...)` with the `MPIMotionAttrMaskRELATIVE` attribute. When this mask is ANDed into the attribute mask, all position values will be used as relative motion distances instead of final absolute positions. For example, without the RELATIVE motion attribute, a move beginning at position 1000 with a position parameter value of 2000 will move to position 2000. If the RELATIVE attribute is turned on, the final move position will be 3000, a relative distance of 2000 counts from the starting value of 1000.

Move Types: PT, PVT, Spline, Bessel, Bspline, Bspline2, S-Curve, Trapezoidal, Velocity

MPIMotionAttrSYNC_END

The MPI has been extended to support `mpiMotionStart(...)` with the `MPIMotionAttrMaskSYNC_END` attribute. SYNC_END is used for motions that include more than one axis. The SYNC_END attribute will generate trajectories for all axes appended to an MS that will end simultaneously. For all but the longest motion profile, wait frames will be added to the beginning of the moves. This will ensure that all axes end simultaneously.



Move Types: S-Curve, Trapezoidal

MPIMotionAttrSYNC_START

The MPI has been extended to support `mpiMotionStart(...)` with the `MPIMotionAttrMaskSYNC_START` attribute. `SYNC_START` is used for Motions that include more than one Axis. All Axes will begin simultaneously. For those axes that finish first, a delay frame will be added to the end of the move.

Move Types: S-Curve, Trapezoidal

MEIMotionAttributes

MEIMotionAttrEVENT

The MPI has been extended to support `mpiMotionStart(...)` with the `MEIMotionAttrMaskEVENT` attribute. This mask allows the user to specify an `MPIEventMask` during a motion.

MEIMotionAttrFINAL_VEL

The MPI has been extended to support `mpiMotionStart(...)` with the `MEIMotionAttrMaskFINAL_VEL` attribute. This mask allows the user to specify a non-zero target velocity for point to point motion types.

MEIMotionAttrNO_REVERSAL

The MPI has been extended to support `mpiMotionStart(...)` with the `MEIMotionAttrMaskNO_REVERSAL` attribute. This mask prevents a motion profile from changing direction.

MEIMotionAttrHOLD

The MPI has been extended to support `mpiMotionStart(...)` with the `MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD` attribute. The `HOLD` attribute prevents execution of a Motion. The `HOLD` attribute is applied at the beginning of the motion (one `HOLD` frame) before the execution of the point list. This prevents execution of the Motion until the `HOLD` frame is disabled.

The `HOLD` attribute is used to synchronize the start of motion with a host function call, XMP internal variable, or Motor Input state change. More than one Motion Supervisor may be synchronized. The `type` field of the `MEIMotionAttrHold{ }` structure determines whether the synchronization comes from a host call (`meiControlGateSet()`, see below), internal variable (Axis Status, Position, etc.) or a Motor Input signal (transceiver, home input, user input, etc.).

Gated Moves: If the value of `type` is `MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeGATE`, the motion will be held until a call to `mpiControlGateSet()` is made with the `closed` parameter set to `FALSE`. When a `MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeGATE` is used, the `source.gate` field of `MEIMotionAttrHold{ }` must be set to the gate number (0-31). The same gate number must be used for the `gate` parameter of `meiControlGateSet()`.

Input Hold Moves: If the value of `type` is `MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeINPUT`, the motion will be held until then value of the internal Xmp variable specified (pointed to) by `source.input` bitwise anded with `source.mask` matches `source.pattern`.

Motor Input Hold Moves: If the value of `type` is `MEIMotionAttrHoldTypeMOTOR`, the motion will be held until the value of the internal dedicated input word (`Motor[n].IO.DedicatedIN.IO`) for the motor specified by `source.motorNumber` bitwise anded with `source.mask` matches `source.pattern`.

The `timeout` field of `MEIMotionAttrHold{ }` will cause the motion to start after the specified timeout period (in seconds), even if the other hold criteria have not been satisfied. A value of zero for `timeout` causes the timeout feature to be disabled and forces the motion to wait for the hold criteria (gate open, or pattern match).

The MPI expects an array of hold attributes specifying separate attributes form each axis of a motion supervisor. All axes holding with the same hold attributes (same gate, same input, mask, and pattern) will start motion in the same sample even if the moves are specified using different motion supervisors.

MEIMotionAttrOUTPUT

The MPI has been extended to support `mpiMotionStart(...)` with the `MPIMotionAttrMaskAPPEND` attribute. This mask allows the user to set or clear bits during a motion. This motion attribute allows a Motion to change the state of a register in the controller memory. This configures a frame to toggle an output bit as a move begins.

MPIMotionMessageATTRIBUTE_INVALID

Back to [MPIMotionMessage](#)

Possible causes for receiving an MPIMotionMessageATTRIBUTE_INVALID:

PT Moves are only permitted to have motion attributes from the following list:

- MPIMotionAttrMaskAPPEND
- MPIMotionAttrMaskRELATIVE
- MPIMotionAttrMaskID
- MPIMotionAttrMaskELEMENT_ID
- MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD
- MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD_LESS
- MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD_GREATER
- MEIMotionAttrMaskOUTPUT

See Also: [MPIMotionAttrMask](#).

PTF Moves are only permitted to have motion attributes from the following list:

- MPIMotionAttrMaskAPPEND
- MPIMotionAttrMaskRELATIVE
- MPIMotionAttrMaskID
- MPIMotionAttrMaskELEMENT_ID
- MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD
- MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD_LESS
- MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD_GREATER
- MEIMotionAttrMaskOUTPUT

See Also: [MPIMotionAttrMask](#).

PVT Moves are only permitted to have motion attributes from the following list:

MPIMotionAttrMaskAPPEND
MPIMotionAttrMaskRELATIVE
MPIMotionAttrMaskID
MPIMotionAttrMaskELEMENT_ID
MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD
MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD_LESS
MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD_GREATER
MEIMotionAttrMaskOUTPUT

See Also: [MPIMotionAttrMask](#).

PVTF Moves are only permitted to have motion attributes from the following list:

MPIMotionAttrMaskAPPEND
MPIMotionAttrMaskRELATIVE
MPIMotionAttrMaskID
MPIMotionAttrMaskELEMENT_ID
MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD
MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD_LESS
MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD_GREATER
MEIMotionAttrMaskOUTPUT

See Also: [MPIMotionAttrMask](#).

SPLINE Moves are only permitted to have motion attributes from the following list:

MPIMotionAttrMaskRELATIVE
MPIMotionAttrMaskID
MPIMotionAttrMaskELEMENT_ID
MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD
MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD_LESS
MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD_GREATER
MEIMotionAttrMaskOUTPUT

See Also: [MPIMotionAttrMask](#).

BESSEL Moves are only permitted to have motion attributes from the following list:

MPIMotionAttrMaskAPPEND
 MPIMotionAttrMaskRELATIVE
 MPIMotionAttrMaskID
 MPIMotionAttrMaskELEMENT_ID
 MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD
 MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD_LESS
 MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD_GREATER
 MEIMotionAttrMaskOUTPUT

See Also: [MPIMotionAttrMask](#).

BSPLINE, BSPLINE2 Moves are only permitted to have motion attributes from the following list:

MPIMotionAttrMaskAPPEND
 MPIMotionAttrMaskRELATIVE
 MPIMotionAttrMaskID
 MPIMotionAttrMaskELEMENT_ID
 MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD
 MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD_LESS
 MEIMotionAttrMaskHOLD_GREATER
 MEIMotionAttrMaskOUTPUT

See Also: [MPIMotionAttrMask](#).

VELOCITY, VELOCITY_JERK Moves are not permitted to have the following motion attributes:

MPIMotionAttrMaskSYNC_END
 MPIMotionAttrMaskSYNC_START
 MEIMotionAttrMaskFINAL_VEL
 MEIMotionAttrMaskNO_REVERSAL

See Also: [MPIMotionAttrMask](#).

FRAME Moves are only permitted to have motion attributes from the following list:

MPIMotionAttrMaskAPPEND
 MPIMotionAttrMaskID

See Also: [MPIMotionAttrMask](#).

DELAY attribute specified and attributes delay address is NULL.

FINAL_VEL attribute specified and attributes finalVelocity address is NULL.

HOLD, HOLD_LESS, or HOLD_GREATER attribute specified and attributes hold address is NULL.

OUTPUT attribute specified and attributes output address is NULL.

HOLD, HOLD_LESS, and HOLD_GREATER are not permitted during motion modifies.

Address of params passed to [mpiMotionStart](#) is NULL.

MPIMotionParams / MEIMotionParams

MPIMotionParams

```
typedef struct MPIMotionParams {

    MPIMotionPT          pt;
    MPIMotionPTF         ptf;
    MPIMotionPVT         pvt;
    MPIMotionPVTF        pvtf;
    MPIMotionSPLINE      spline;
    MPIMotionBESSEL      besse1;
    MPIMotionBSPLINE     bspline;

    MPIMotionSCurve      sCurve;
    MPIMotionSCurve      sCurveJerk;
    MPIMotionTrapezoidal trapezoidal;

    MPIMotionVelocity    velocity;
    MPIMotionVelocity    velocityJerk;

    MPIMotionCam         cam;

    MPIMotionAttributes  attributes;

    void                 *external;
} MPIMotionParams;
```

Description

The **Params** structure contains the motion trajectory parameters for each motion type and the motion attributes.

pt	This structure contains the parameters for a PT motion type. Please see MPIMotionPT data type for more information.
ptf	This structure contains the parameters for a PTF (position, time, and feedforward) motion type. Please see MPIMotionPTF data type for more information.
pvt	This structure contains the parameters for a PVT motion type. Please see MPIMotionPVT data type for more information.
pvtf	This structure contains the parameters for a PTF (position, velocity, time, and feedforward) motion type. Please see MPIMotionPVTF data type for more information.
spline	This structure contains the parameters for a SPLINE motion type. Please see MPIMotionSPLINE data type for more information.

bessel	This structure contains the parameters for a BESSEL motion type. Please see MPIMotionBESSEL data type for more information.
bspline	This structure contains the parameters for a BSPLINE motion type. Please see MPIMotionBSPLINE data type for more information.
sCurve	This structure contains the parameters for a S_CURVE motion type. Please see MPIMotionSCurve data type for more information.
sCurveJerk	This structure contains the parameters for an S-Curve Jerk point to point motion type. Please see MPIMotionSCurveJerk data type for more information.
trapezoidal	This structure contains the parameters for a Trapezoidal point to point motion type. Please see MPIMotionTrapezoidal data type for more information.
velocity	This structure contains the parameters for a VELOCITY motion type. Please see MPIMotionVelocity data type for more information.
velocityJerk	This structure contains the parameters for a VELOCITY_JERK motion type. Please see MPIMotionVelocity data type for more information.
cam	This structure contains the parameters for a cam motion type. Please see MPIMotionCAM data type for more information.
attributes	This structure contains the parameters for motion attributes. Please see MPIMotionAttributes data type for more information.
*external	This points to an external structure, containing controller specific parameters. Presently, this only supports MEIMotionAttributes. Please see MEIMotionAttributes data type for more information.

MEIMotionParams

```

typedef          struct MEIMotionParams {
    MEIMotionFrame      frame;
    MPIMotionAttributes  attributes;
    MEIMotionAttributes attributesMEI;
} MEIMotionParams;
```

Description

frame	This structure contains the frame data and points configuration. See MEIMotionFrame for more information.
attributes	This structure contains the motion attributes data. See MPIMotionAttributes for more information.
attributesMEI	This structure contains the motion attributes data. See MEIMotionAttributes for more information.

See Also

[MEIMotionFrame](#) | [MPIMotionAttributes](#) | [MEIMotionAttributes](#)

For more information, please see the [PT and PVT Path Motion for the XMP](#) application note.

MPIMotionPoint

MPIMotionPoint

```
typedef struct MPIMotionPoint {
    long    retain;        /* FALSE => flush points after use */
    long    final;          /* FALSE => more points to come */
    long    emptyCount;     /* # of remaining points to trigger empty event, -1
=> disable */
} MPIMotionPoint;
```

Description

retain	This value specifies whether or not the points should be stored in a buffer after execution. If retain=0, the points will not be stored after execution. If retain=1, the points will be stored in a buffer. This feature is useful for backing up on path.
final	This value specifies if more points will be loaded. If final=1, no more points will be loaded. If final=0, more points can be loaded using mpiMotionModify(...) with the MPIMotionAttrMaskAPPEND attribute mask.
emptyCount	This value specifies the minimum number of points in the buffer. If the number of points in the buffer is below emptyCount, an E_STOP action will occur. When emptyCount is (-1), the buffer low trigger is disabled.

See Also [mpiMotionModify](#) | [MPIMotionAttrMaskAPPEND](#) | [MPIMotionPT](#)

MPIMotionPT

MPIMotionPT

```
typedef struct MPIMotionPT {
    long          pointCount;
    double        *position;
    double        *time;
    MPIMotionPoint point;
} MPIMotionPT;
```

Description

pointCount	This value specifies the number of points.
position	This array stores the positions for the motion profile. There is one position value per point, per axis. The length of the array must be equal to pointCount multiplied by the number of axes. The positions are interleaved in the array by the axis index.
time	This array stores the times for the motion profile. There is one time value per point. The time specifies the number of seconds between the specified position, and the previous position (point). The length of the time array must be equal to pointCount.
point	This structure contains the point configuration. Please see MPIMotionPoint data type for more information.

See Also [MPIMotionPoint](#) | [Streaming Point Motion Type Calculations](#)

For more information, please see the [PT and PVT Path Motion for the XMP](#) application note.

MPIMotionPTF

MPIMotionPTF

```
typedef struct MPIMotionPTF {
    long          pointCount;
    double        *position;
    double        *feedforward;
    double        *time;
    MPIMotionPoint point;
} MPIMotionPTF;
```

Description

The **MotionPTF** structure contains the motion parameters for the MPIMotionTypePTF.

The feedforward values are interpolated linearly over the PT or PVT time intervals. The feedforward values correspond to the P or PV values. (i.e. When the motion reaches a specified position (PTF) or position and velocity (PVTF), the interpolated feedforward value will be equal to what is specified in the motion parameters.)

The feedforward values are not set to zero at the beginning of the move; they retain the last value that is specified in the PTF or PVTF motion parameters.

The feedforward values are not zeroed by non-PTF or PVTF moves (i.e. PT, PVT, Spline, S-Curve, etc.).

pointCount	This value specifies the number of points.
*position	This array stores the positions for the motion profile. There is one position value per point, per axis. The length of the array must be equal to pointCount multiplied by the number of axes. The positions are interleaved in the array by the axis index.
*feedforward	This array stores the feedforward values for the motion profile. There is one feedforward value per point, per axis. The length of the array must be equal to pointCount multiplied by the number of axes. The feedforward values are interleaved in the array by the axis index. The units are raw DAC counts (range - 32768 to +32767).
*time	This array stores the times for the motion profile. There is one time value per point. The time specifies the number of seconds between the specified position, and the previous position (point). The length of the time array must be equal to pointCount.

point

This structure contains the point configuration. Please see [MPIMotionPoint](#) data type for more information.

See Also

[MPIMotionParams](#) | [MPIMotionType](#) | [MPIMotionPoint](#) | [mpiMotionStart](#) | [mpiMotionModify](#)

MPIMotionPVT

MPIMotionPVT

```
typedef struct MPIMotionPVT {
    long                pointCount;
    double              *position;
    double              *velocity;
    double              *time;
    MPIMotionPoint      point;
} MPIMotionPVT;
```

Description

pointCount	This value specifies the number of points.
position	This array stores the positions for the motion profile. There is one position value per point, per axis. The length of the array must be equal to pointCount multiplied by the number of axes. The positions are interleaved in the array by the axis index.
velocity	This array stores the times for the motion profile. There is one time value per point. The time specifies the number of seconds between the specified position, and the next position (point). The length of the time array must be equal to pointCount.
time	This array stores the times for the motion profile. There is one time value per point. The time specifies the number of seconds between the specified position, and the previous position (point). The length of the time array must be equal to pointCount.
point	This structure contains the point configuration. Please see MPIMotionPoint data type for more information.

See Also [MPIMotionPoint](#) | [Streaming Point Motion Type Calculations](#)

For more information, please see the [PT and PVT Path Motion for the XMP](#) application note.

MPIMotionPVTF

MPIMotionPVTF

```
typedef struct MPIMotionPVTF {
    long          pointCount;
    double        *position;
    double        *velocity;
    double        *feedforward;
    double        *time;
    MPIMotionPoint point;
} MPIMotionPVTF;
```

Description

The **MotionPVTF** structure contains the motion parameters for the MPIMotionTypePVTF.

The feedforward values are interpolated linearly over the PT or PVT time intervals. The feedforward values correspond to the P or PV values. (i.e. When the motion reaches a specified position (PTF) or position and velocity (PVTF), the interpolated feedforward value will be equal to what is specified in the motion parameters.)

The feedforward values are not set to zero at the beginning of the move; they retain the last value that is specified in the PTF or PVTF motion parameters.

The feedforward values are not zeroed by non-PTF or PVTF moves (i.e. PT, PVT, Spline, S-Curve, etc.).

pointCount	This value specifies the number of points.
*position	This array stores the positions for the motion profile. There is one position value per point, per axis. The length of the array must be equal to pointCount multiplied by the number of axes. The positions are interleaved in the array by the axis index.
*velocity	This array stores the times for the motion profile. There is one time value per point. The time specifies the number of seconds between the specified position, and the next position (point). The length of the time array must be equal to pointCount.
*feedforward	This array stores the feedforward values for the motion profile. There is one feedforward value per point, per axis. The length of the array must be equal to pointCount multiplied by the number of axes. The feedforward values are interleaved in the array by the axis index. The units are raw DAC counts (range - 32768 to +32767).

*time	This array stores the times for the motion profile. There is one time value per point. The time specifies the number of seconds between the specified position, and the previous position (point). The length of the time array must be equal to pointCount.
point	This structure contains the point configuration. Please see MPIMotionPoint data type for more information.

See Also [MPIMotionParams](#) | [MPIMotionType](#) | [MPIMotionPoint](#) | [mpiMotionStart](#) | [mpiMotionModify](#)

MPIMotionSCurve

MPIMotionSCurve

```
typedef struct MPIMotionSCurve {
    MPITrajectory    *trajectory;
    double           *position;
} MPIMotionSCurve;
```

Description

The **SCurve** structure contains the motion trajectory parameters and final target positions that specify the point-to-point motion profile. Only the velocity, acceleration, deceleration, and jerkPercent trajectory parameters are applicable to S-Curve motion profiles.

*trajectory	A pointer to an array of trajectory structures. Each trajectory structure contains the motion profile parameters for each axis associated with the motion object. If more than one axis is associated with the motion and neither the MPIMotionAttrMaskSYNC_START nor MPIMotionAttrMaskSYNC_END attributes are specified, then only the first trajectory structure will be applied as the vector trajectory for all the axes.
*position	A pointer to an array of target positions. Each position value specifies the target for each axis associated with the motion object. Some motion types, like VELOCITY and VELOCITY_JERK do not require target positions and will ignore these values.

See Also

[MPITrajectory](#) | [MPIMotionType](#) | [mpiMotionStart](#) | [mpiMotionModify](#)

MPIMotionSCurveJerk

MPIMotionSCurveJerk

```
typedef MPIMotionSCurve MPIMotionSCurveJerk;
```

Description

The **SCurveJerk** structure contains the motion trajectory parameters and final target positions that specify the point-to-point motion profile. Only the velocity, acceleration, deceleration, accelerationJerk, and decelerationJerk trajectory parameters are applicable to S-Curve Jerk motion profiles.

See Also

[MPITrajectory](#) | [MPIMotionType](#) | [mpiMotionStart](#) | [mpiMotionModify](#)

MPIMotionSPLINE

MPIMotionSPLINE

```
typedef struct MPIMotionSPLINE {
    long      pointCount;
    double    *position;
    double    *time;

    MPIMotionPoint point;
} MPIMotionSPLINE;
```

Description

pointCount	This value specifies the number of points.
*position	This array stores the positions for the motion profile. There is one position value per point, per axis. The length of the array must be equal to pointCount multiplied by the number of axes. The positions are interleaved in the array by the axis index.
*time	This array stores the times for the motion profile. There is one time value per point. The time specifies the number of seconds between the specified position, and the previous position (point). The length of the time array must be equal to pointCount.
point	This structure contains the point configuration. Please see MPIMotionPoint data type for more information.

See Also [MPIMotionPoint](#)

MEIMotionTrace

MEIMotionTrace

```
typedef enum {  
  
    MEIMotionTraceSTATUS,  
    MEIMotionTracePARAMS,  
} MEIMotionTrace;
```

Description

MEIMotionTraceSTATUS	This trace bit enables motion status tracing for mpiMotion calls.
MEIMotionTracePARAMS	This trace bit enables motion parameters tracing for mpiMotion calls.

See Also

MPIMotionTrapezoidal

MPIMotionTrapezoidal

```
typedef MPIMotionSCurve MPIMotionTrapezoidal;
```

Description

The **Trapezoidal** structure contains the motion trajectory parameters and final target positions that specify the point-to-point motion profile. Only the velocity, acceleration, and deceleration trajectory parameters are applicable to Trapezoidal motion profiles.

See Also

[MPITrajectory](#) | [MPIMotionType](#) | [mpiMotionStart](#) | [mpiMotionModify](#)

MPIMotionType / MEIMotionType

MPIMotionType

```
typedef enum {
    MPIMotionTypeINVALID,

    MPIMotionTypePT,
    MPIMotionTypePTF,
    MPIMotionTypePVT,
    MPIMotionTypePVTF,
    MPIMotionTypeSPLINE,
    MPIMotionTypeBESSEL,
    MPIMotionTypeBSPLINE,
    MPIMotionTypeBSPLINE2,

    MPIMotionTypeS_CURVE,
    MPIMotionTypeTRAPEZOIDAL,
    MPIMotionTypeS_CURVE_JERK,

    MPIMotionTypeVELOCITY,
    MPIMotionTypeVELOCITY_JERK,
    MPIMotionTypeCAM_LINEAR,
    MPIMotionTypeCAM_CUBIC,

    MPIMotionTypeMASK = 0xFF,
} MPIMotionType;
```

Description

MPIMotionType is an enumeration of motion profile types. It specifies the motion profile to be generated with `mpiMotionStart(...)` and `mpiMotionModify(...)`. The motion type also defines the trajectory parameters that must be passed to `mpiMotionStart(...)` and `mpiMotionModify(...)`. For each **MPIMotionType** and **MEIMotionType** there is a corresponding element in the **MPIMotionParams{...}** or **MEIMotionParams{...}** structure. For example, when **MPIMotionTypeS_CURVE** is specified, the **MPIMotionSCurve{...}** structure must be filled in to specify the trajectory for the S-Curve profile.

The motion profile characteristics can be specified by bitwise OR-ing the **MPIMotionType** with one or more motion attribute masks. The **MPIMotionAttrMask** and **MEIMotionAttrMask** enumerations contain the attribute masks. Attribute masks can be used to enable special features or configure the motion profile calculation and execution properties.

Internally, the motion profile is calculated and broken up into smaller trajectory segments called frames. The frames contain position, time, velocity, acceleration, and jerk trajectory information. The controller buffers the frames in its memory and executes them by loading the values into its trajectory calculator. For simple MotionTypes, like **VELOCITY**, **TRAPEZOIDAL**, and **S_CURVE**, the frames are calculated by the controller. For complex, multi-point motions, like **PT**, **PVT**, **SPLINE**, etc. the frames are calculated in the MPI Library. MotionTypes that are

calculated in the controller can be modified on-the-fly with `mpiMotionModify(...)`.

The move types, `MPIMotionTypeS_CURVE_JERK` and `MPIMotionTypeVELOCITY_JERK` are only available with custom firmware (option 21). In the custom firmware, the Velocity/Trapezoidal/S-Curve algorithm is replaced with the S-Curve Jerk algorithm. In the standard firmware, the `MPIMotionTypeS_CURVE_JERK` and `MPIMotionTypeVELOCITY_JERK` motion types are not supported and if specified, the MPI will return a "profile not supported" error.

For details, see [S-Curve Jerk Algorithm and Attributes](#).

MPIMotionTypePT	This type fits constant velocity profile segments through a list of position and time points. Not supported in motion sequences. Please see MPIMotionPT for more information.
MPIMotionTypePTF	PTF motion is identical to PT except host-calculated feedforward values can be specified for each PTF motion segment.
MPIMotionTypePVT	This type fits jerk profile segments through a list of position, velocity and time points. Not supported in motion sequences. Please see MPIMotionPVT for more information.
MPIMotionTypePVTF	PVTF motion is identical to PVT except host-calculated feedforward values can be specified for each PVTF motion segment.
MPIMotionTypeSPLINE	This type fits a Cubic spline through a specified list of position and time points. Please see MPIMotionSPLINE data type for more information.
MPIMotionTypeBESSEL	This type fits a Bessel spline through a specified list of position and time points. Please see MPIMotionBESSEL data type for more information.
MPIMotionTypeBSPLINE	This type fits a 3rd order B spline through a list of position and time points. Please see MPIMotionBSPLINE data type for more information.
MPIMotionTypeBSPLINE2	This type fits a 2nd order B spline through a list of position and time points. Please see MPIMotionBSPLINE data type for more information.
MPIMotionTypeS_CURVE	This type specifies point to point motion using a S-Curve velocity profile. The profile is specified by acceleration, velocity, deceleration, jerkPercent, and final position. Please see MPIMotionSCurve data type for more information.
MPIMotionTypeS_CURVE_JERK	This type specifies point to point motion using a S-Curve velocity profile. The profile is specified by acceleration, velocity, deceleration, accelerationJerk, decelerationJerk, and final position. Please see MPIMotionSCurve data type for more information.

MPIMotionTypeTRAPEZOIDAL	This type specifies simple point to point motion using a trapezoidal velocity profile. The profile trajectory is specified by acceleration, velocity, deceleration and final position. Please see MPIMotionTrapezoidal data type for more information.
MPIMotionTypeVELOCITY	This type specifies S-Curve acceleration to a constant velocity. The profile trajectory is specified by acceleration, velocity, and jerkPercent. Please see MPIMotionVelocity data type for more information.
MPIMotionTypeVELOCITY_JERK	This type specifies S-Curve acceleration to a constant velocity. The profile trajectory is specified by acceleration, velocity, accelerationJerk and decelerationJerk. Please see MPIMotionVelocity data type for more information.
MPIMotionTypeCAM_LINEAR	This type generates linear interpolated cam motion. See Camming .
MPIMotionTypeCAM_CUBIC	This type generates cubic interpolated cam motion. See Camming .

MEIMotionType

```
typedef enum {  
    MEIMotionTypeFRAME,  
} MEIMotionType;
```

Description **MEIMotionType** is an enumeration of the controller specific motion profile types. See [MPIMotionType](#) for details.

MEIMotionTypeFRAME	This motion type is used to construct motion profiles at the frame level.
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See Also [mpiMotionStart](#) | [mpiMotionModify](#) | [mpiMotionTYPE](#) | [MPIMotionParams](#) | [MEIMotionParams](#) | [MPIMotionAttr](#) | [MEIMotionAttr](#) | [Streaming Point Motion Type Calculations](#)

Streaming Point Motion Type Calculations

Overview

This section is intended to provide information about how one can determine the paths (equations of motion) that will be produced by the various streaming point motion types. These equations can be used to answer several important questions such as:

- Will a certain motion cause a collision?
- What will the maximum acceleration be?

Since all motion is specified by constant-jerk segments of motion, it is fairly easy to calculate the maximum acceleration for any given coordinate. Since all motion segments will have accelerations that change linearly with time, simply calculate the maximum accelerations at the beginning and end of every segment. Please note that accelerations are not continuous for all motion types, so one must make two comparisons for each segment. If you are working with a multi-axis system, then this rule will also apply to a system with Cartesian axes. Although, this may not be true for non-Cartesian coordinate systems.

There is one important note about the time-delta arrays that the MEI motion types accept. Any given dt defining a point also species how long it will take to arrive at that point:

$$dt_i = (\text{time of point } x_i) - (\text{time of point } x_{i-1})$$

PT Moves - **MPIMotionTypePT**

This is the most simple streaming point algorithm. This motion type will interpolate all points using constant velocity segments. The most important consequence of this motion type is that at each point defining the move, there is an instantaneous change in velocity. Therefore, one should only use PT motion when streaming points frequently—once every few servo samples. This will require several hundred, perhaps thousands of points to define a single move. If moves are to be defined using only a few points, then the other streaming point motion types should be used.

PVT Moves - **MPIMotionTypePVT**

PVT is the most flexible motion type because one can define both position and velocity at any given time. PVT motion guarantees continuity of velocity, but may have discontinuities in acceleration. The drawback to PVT motion is that velocities must be specified. There are a couple of major advantages of PVT motion:

- The equations of motion for any given segment are defined by the two points at the ends of the segment.
- PVT moves are easily appended to, without any major consequences, such as a discontinuity in velocity that are evident in some of the spline motion types.

Given x_i , v_i , and dt_i , and requiring that the velocity be continuous, it is simple to calculate the equations for motion at any given interval between the specified PVT points.

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 x_{0i} = x_i & x_0 = x \\
 v_{0i} = v_i & v_0 = v \\
 a_{0i} = 6 \cdot \left(\frac{x_{i+1} - x_i}{dt_{i+1}^2} \right) - \left(\frac{2 \cdot v_{i+1} + 4 \cdot v_i}{dt_{i+1}} \right) & \text{or} \quad a_0 = 6 \cdot \frac{dx}{dt^2} - \left(\frac{6 \cdot v + 2 \cdot dv}{dt} \right) \\
 j = -12 \cdot \left(\frac{x_{i+1} - x_i}{dt_{i+1}^3} \right) + 6 \cdot \left(\frac{v_{i+1} + v_i}{dt_{i+1}^2} \right) & j = -12 \cdot \frac{dx}{dt^3} + \left(\frac{12 \cdot v + 6 \cdot dv}{dt^2} \right)
 \end{array}$$

Cubic Spline Moves - MPIMotionTypeSPLINE

The MPIMotionTypeSPLINE generates a "natural" cubic spline.

- A cubic spline will pass through each point defining the spline.
- The acceleration at the beginning and end of the motion is zero.
- The velocity of a cubic spline may not be zero at the beginning and end of the motion.
- The equations for motion of any segment depends on all points defining the spline.

Some important consequences of these characteristics are:

- When using cubic spline motion, at least two closely spaced points should be used at the beginning and at the end of a spline to help define the starting and ending velocity.
- Because the end-point velocities are not intuitive, there may be instantaneous changes in velocity when starting and/or appending new spline segments.

PLEASE NOTE:

$$x_{0i} = x_i$$

$$v_{0i} = \left(\frac{x_{i+1} - x_i}{dt_{i+1}} \right) - \frac{1}{6} \cdot (a_{i+1} + 2 \cdot v_i) \cdot dt_{i+1}$$

or

$$a_{0i} = a_i$$

$$j = \left(\frac{a_{i+1} - a_i}{dt_{i+1}} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}x_0 &= x \\v_0 &= \frac{dx}{dt} - \frac{1}{6} \cdot (3a + da) \cdot dt \\a_0 &= a \\j &= \frac{da}{dt}\end{aligned}$$

MPIMotionVelocity

MPIMotionVelocity

```
typedef struct MPIMotionVelocity {  
    MPITrajectory      *trajectory;  
} MPIMotionVelocity;
```

Description

The **Velocity** structure contains the motion trajectory parameters that specify velocity motion profiles. Only the velocity, acceleration, jerkPercent, and accelerationJerk trajectory parameters are applicable to velocity and velocity-jerk motion profiles.

*trajectory	
	This structure specifies the parameters for the motion profile, except deceleration is ignored. Please see MPITrajectory data type for more information.

See Also

[MPITrajectory](#) | [MPIMotionType](#) | [mpiMotionStart](#) | [mpiMotionModify](#)

mpiMotionATTR

Declaration

```
#define mpiMotionATTR(type, attr)  
((type) |= mpiMotionAttrMaskBIT(attr))
```

Required Header stdmpi.h

Description **MotionATTR** turns on the specified motion attribute mask bits in the motion type.

See Also [MPIMotionAttr](#) | [MPIMotionAttrMask](#)

mpiMotionAttrMaskBIT

Declaration `#define mpiMotionAttrMaskBIT(attr) (0x1 << (attr))`

Required Header `stdmpi.h`

Description **MotionAttrMaskBIT** converts the motion attribute into the motion attribute mask.

See Also [MPIMotionAttr](#) | [MPIMotionAttrMask](#)

mpiMotionTYPE

Declaration

```
#define mpiMotionTYPE(type)    ((type) & MPIMotionTypeMASK)
```

Required Header stdmpi.h

Description **MotionType** masks off all other bits in **type**, leaving the motion type.

See Also [MPIMotionType](#)