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Custom homing modes implementation

Application Note

Easy Motion Studio II

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This application note outlines the steps to implement a custom homing routine that positions the load at the center of the working area.

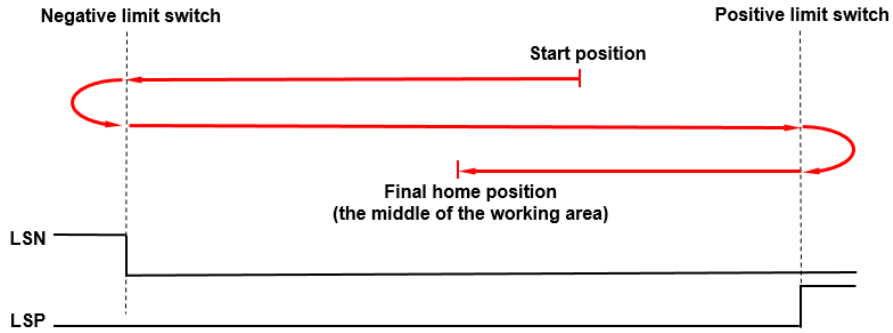
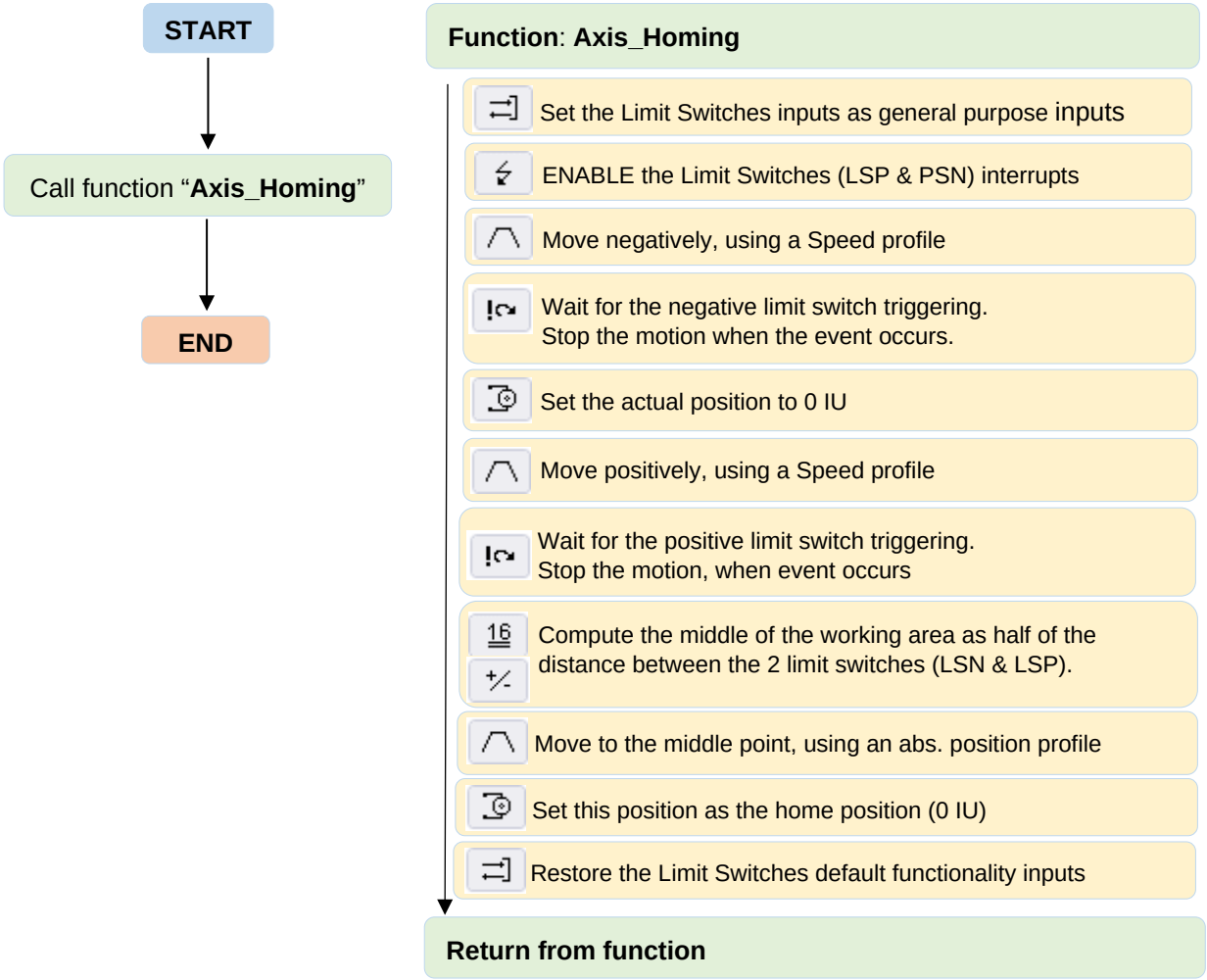


***Figure 1** - Homing steps*

The homing code will be stored in the drive memory and assumes the system is equipped with both positive and negative limit switch sensors.

2. Application flow chart



3. EasyMotion Studio II implementation

The application implementation in EasyMotion Studio II, includes two main parts:

1) The function (“Axis_Homing” in this case) that will include the homing procedure code;
2) The main program, in the “Motion” branch, which in this particular case will include only a function call instruction.

3.1 Homing procedure implementation using functions

The “Axis_Homing” function can be created using the wizard under the “Function” tree item.

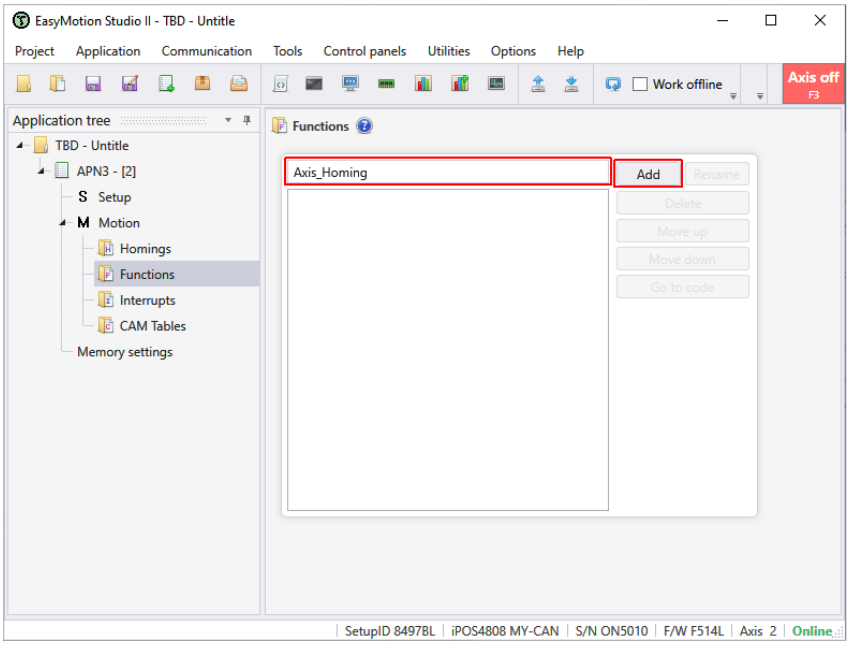


***Figure 2** – Functions tree item options*

Once added, the function will appear under the “Function” tree item.

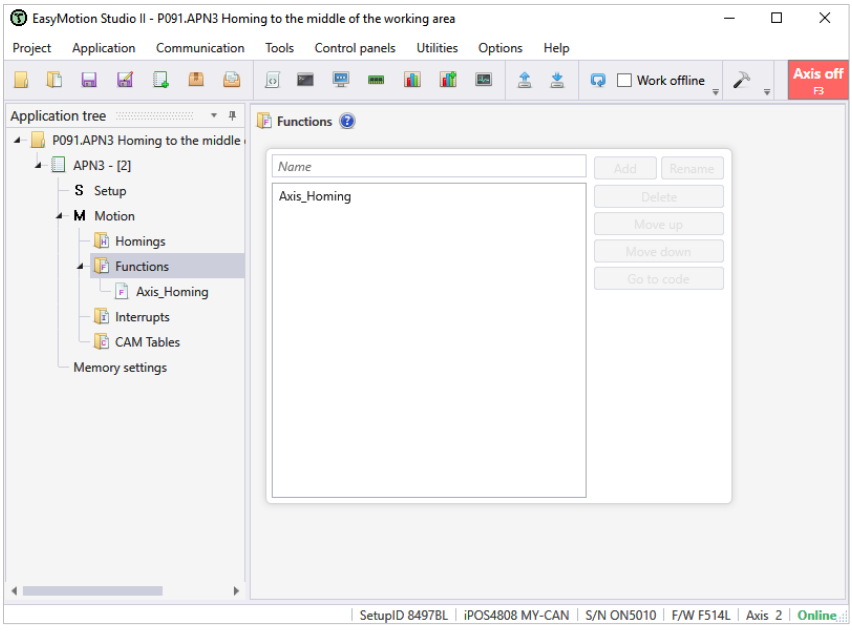


***Figure 3** – Add the “Axis_Homing” function*

Clicking on the function name will open its body, where the needed code can be added.

The homing functionality implementation will follow the flow chart in chapter 2. The first step is to set the limit switches as general purpose inputs. This can be done through the “Inputs/outputs” wizard.

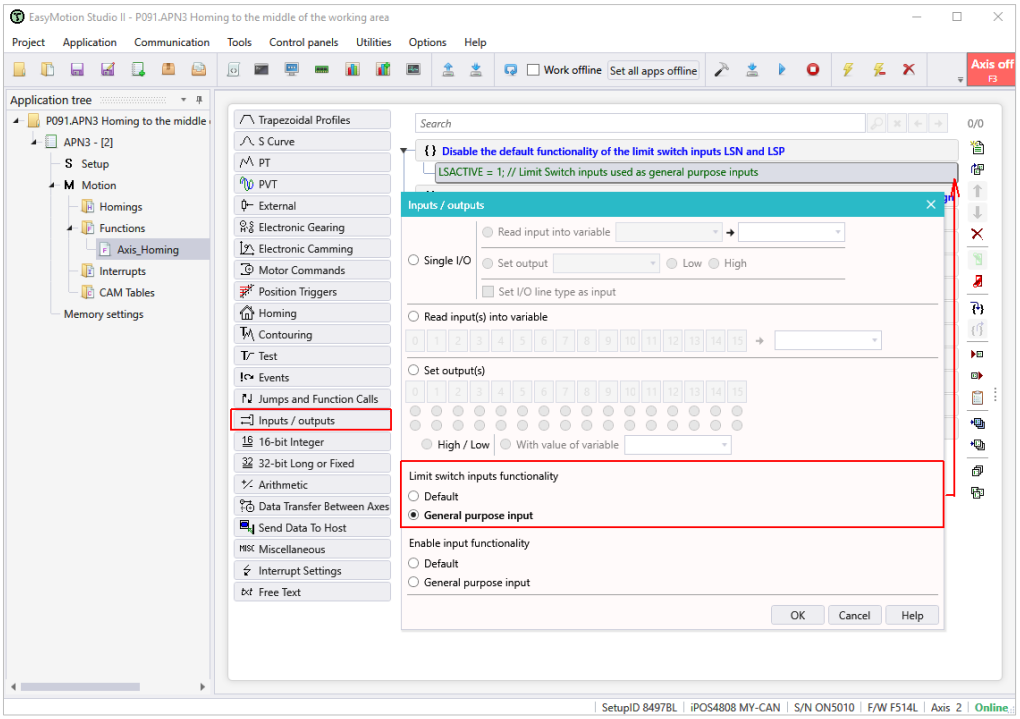


Figure 4 *– Set the limit switches as general purpose inputs*

Even the limit switches are set as general digital inputs, the associated interrupts can still be enabled. This feature will be used to capture the precise limit switches position.

The limit switches interrupts will be enabled and set through the “Interrupt Settings” wizard.

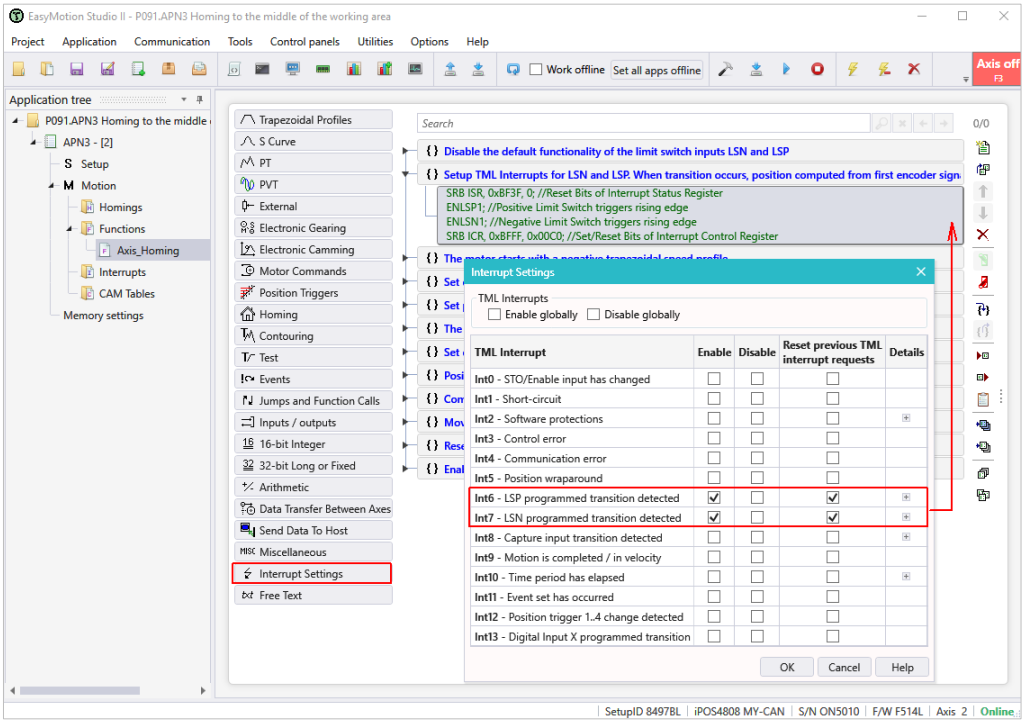


Figure 5 *– Enable and set the limit switches interrupts*

The wizard is also allowing to set the LSN and LSP inputs transition (Low-High or High-Low) that will generate the associated interrupt.

The main idea behind this homing method is to move the load from one of the limits to the other, while measuring the distance. This allows computing the middle point coordinate.

The load can be moved using a position profile (with a position command higher than the max. possible distance between the 2 limit switches), without waiting for motion to be completed or using a speed profile. In this case, the axis is fist driven negatively, using a “Trapezoidal Profile – Speed”.

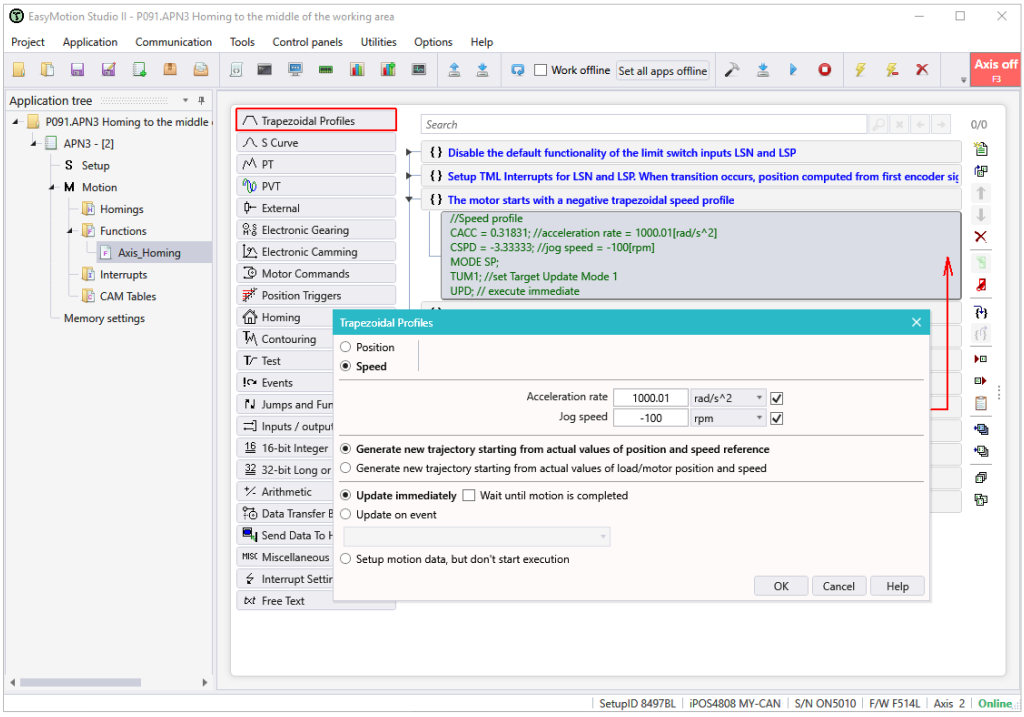


Figure 6 *– Trapezoidal Profile - Speed wizard*

The “Events” wizard was used to set the drive to detect when the negative limit switch digital input goes high and stop the movement.

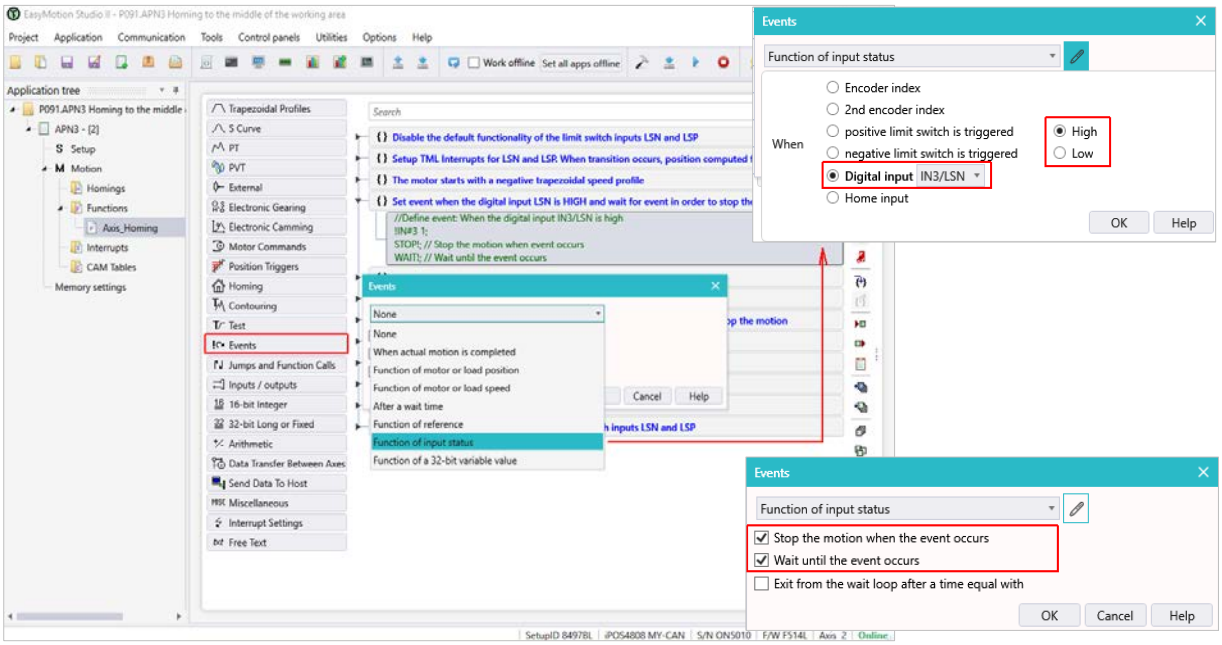


Figure 7 *– Events wizard*

Remark More details on the wizard dialogues options are available in the EasyMotion Studio II help topics that can be open by clicking on the “Help” button available in all the wizard dialogues.

After reaching the negative limit, the actual position is set to 0 IU, using the “Motor Commands” wizard. This will make the middle point coordinate computing easier.

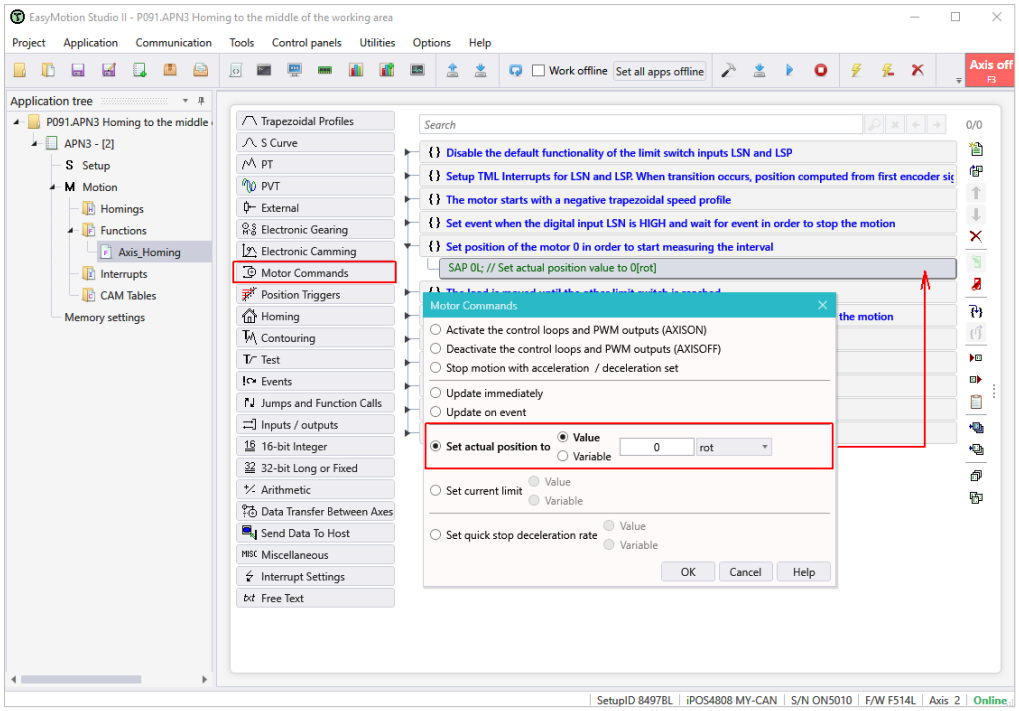


***Figure 8** – Motor Commands wizard*

The next step is to move positively until the positive limit switch is reached. This will be done using the “Trapezoidal Profile – Speed” and the “Events” wizard dialogues.

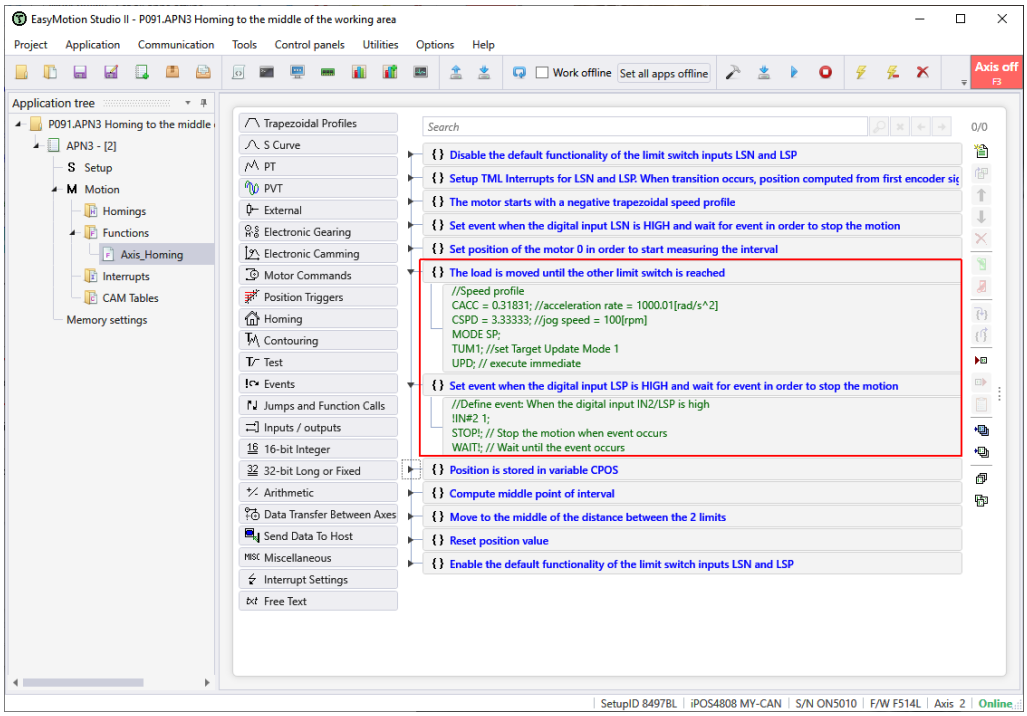


***Figure 9** – Positive limit switch detection*

Remark: By default, when a limit switch became active, if the associated interrupt is enabled, the drives automatically saves the encoder position indication in the “CAPPOS” variable, if the encoder is connected to Feedback #1 connector or in the “CAPPOS2” variable, if the encoder is connected to Feedback #2 connector.

In this application case, the “CAPPOS” variable will contain the exact distance (in encoder counts) between the 2 limit switches, because the position was set to 0 IU, when the negative limit was detected.

The middle point can be computed by dividing the value in “CAPPOS” to 2 or using a right shift operation with 1-bit, that is equivalent with a division to 2^1.

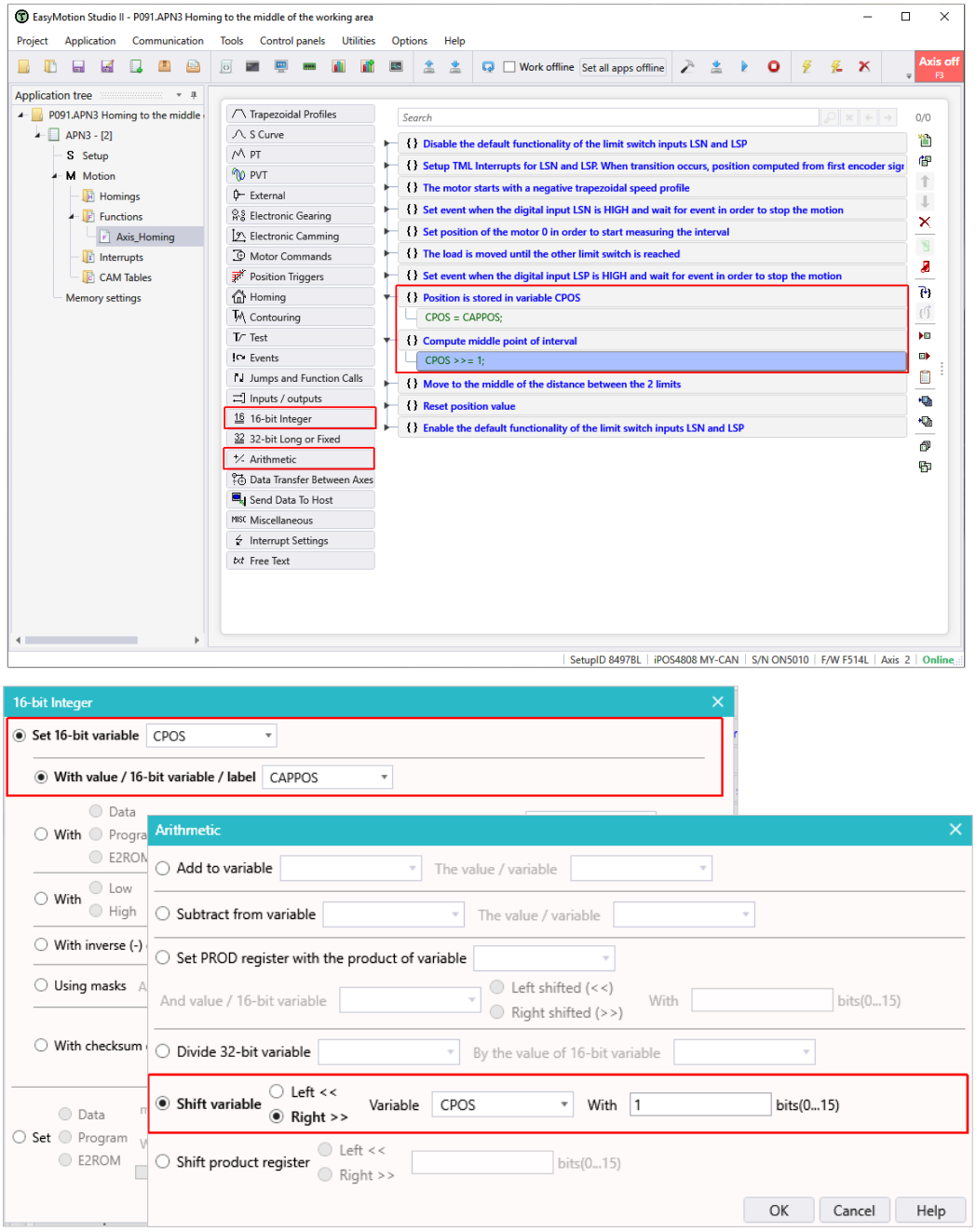


Figure 10 *– Middle point coordinate computing*

The implementation was done using the wizards for the “16-bit Integer” and “Arithmetic” operations.

The right shift operation was preferred here because it consumes fewer DSP resources than the division and there's no need to declare an extra 16-bit variable to be used only for this division.

After the shift operation is done, the “CPOS” variable will contain the absolute position of the middle point, so the load can be moved there, using an absolute position profile.

The absolute position profile can be inserted using the “Trapezoidal Profile” wizard dialogue.

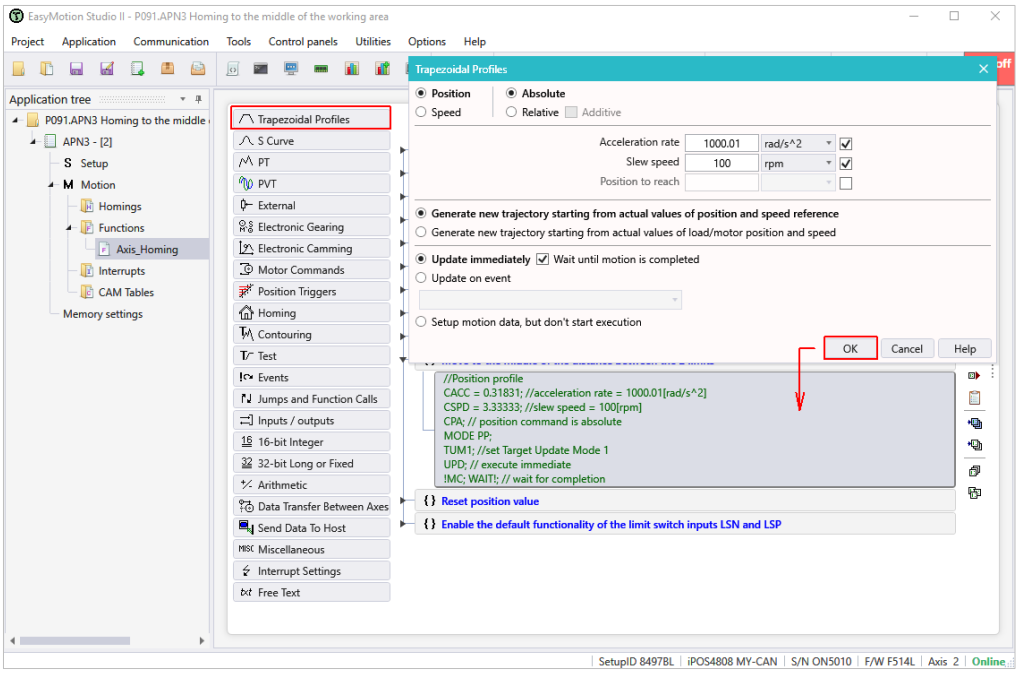


Figure 11 *– Absolute trapezoidal position profile*

Remark The “position to reach” field was disabled because the commanded position (the “CPOS” value) was computed in the previous step.

After the reaching the middle point (the home position), the actual position will be set to 0, using the “Motor commands” wizard.

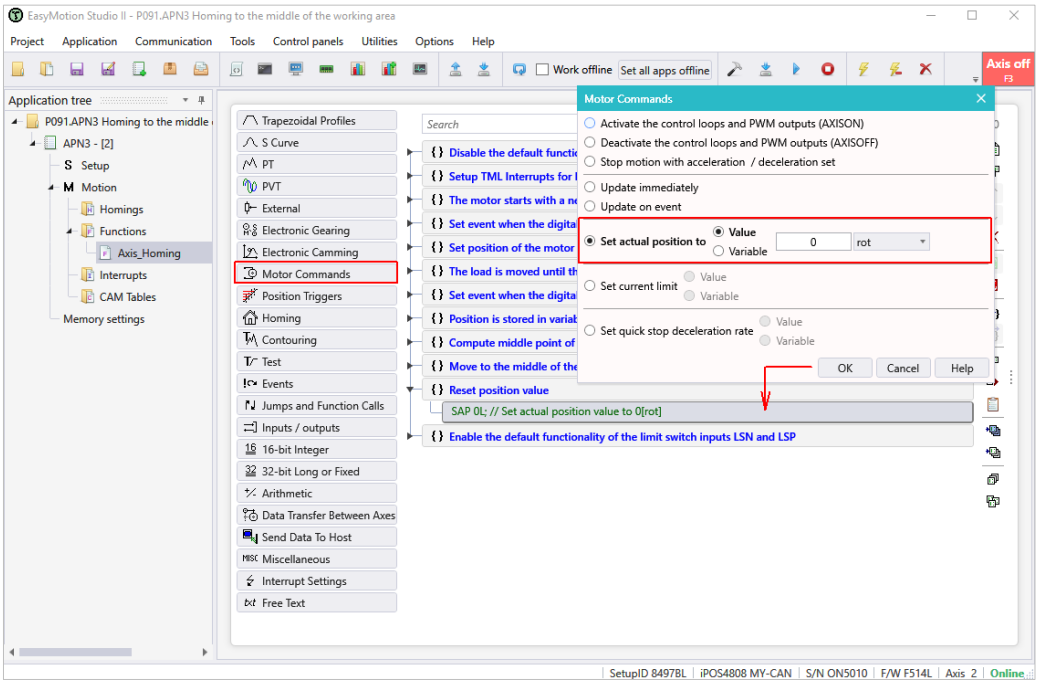


Figure 12 *– Set the middle point as home position (0 IU)*

At this point, the load is placed in the middle of the working area, and the system can be operated using absolute position commands.

Before returning from the function, the limit switches default functionality will be restored using the option in the “Inputs/outputs” wizard dialogue.

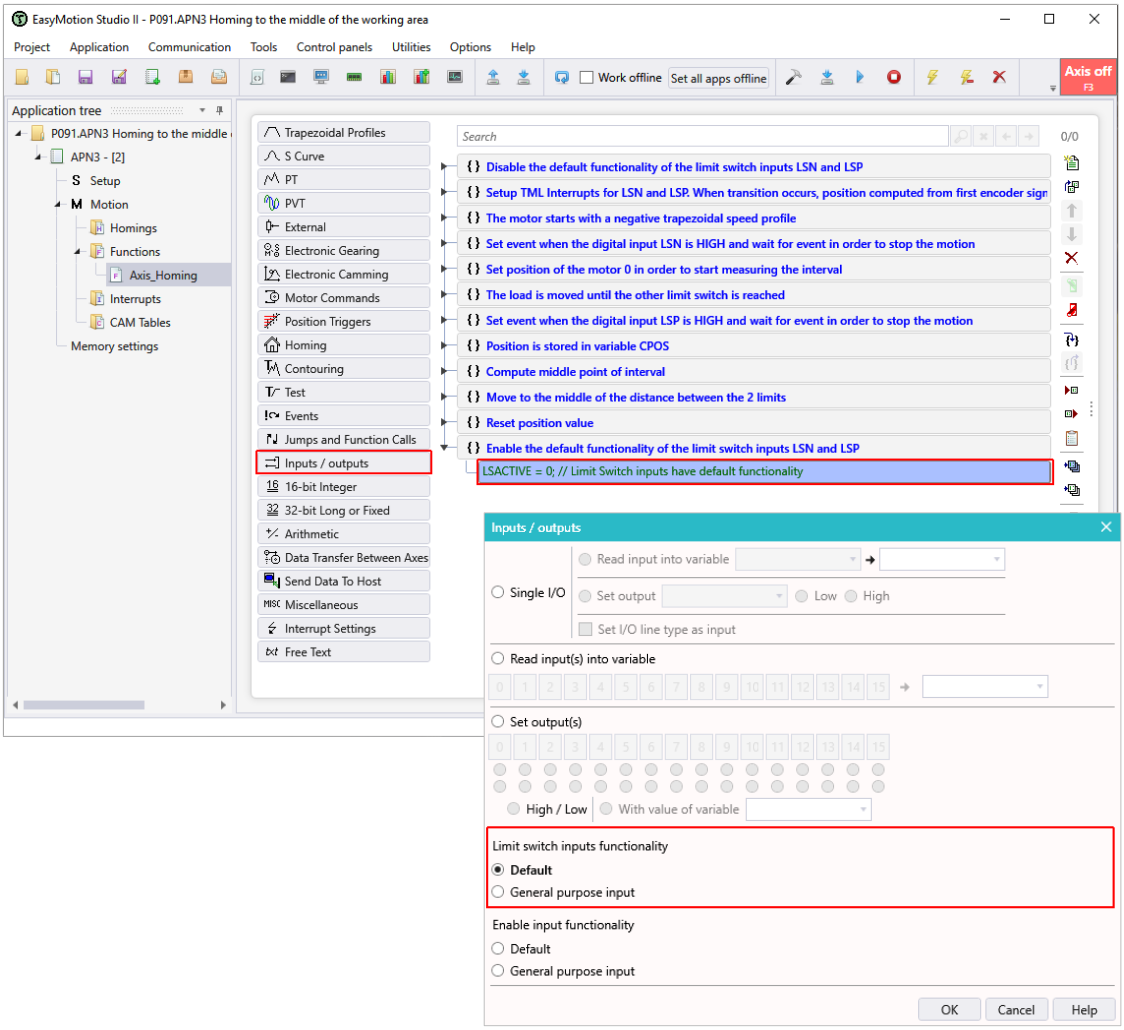


***Figure 13** – Limit switches default functionality restoring*

The main purpose of the “IN2/LSP” and “IN3/LSN” digital inputs is to allow connecting some limit switch sensors that will prevent the load from moving outside the safe are.

By default, when one of the limit switches became active, the drive stops the motor (using a quick stop profile), sets the correspondent bits in the MER error register and executes the code inside the correspondent limit switch interrupt routine (if it’s active on the respective transition).

A detailed description of the limit switches functionality can be found in the “Drive special inputs - Limit switches” application note.

3.2 Main motion program

In this application note case, the “Motion” section will contain only an instruction that will trigger the “Axis_Homing” function execution. This instruction can be generated using the “Call” option in the “Jumps and Function Calls” wizard dialogue.

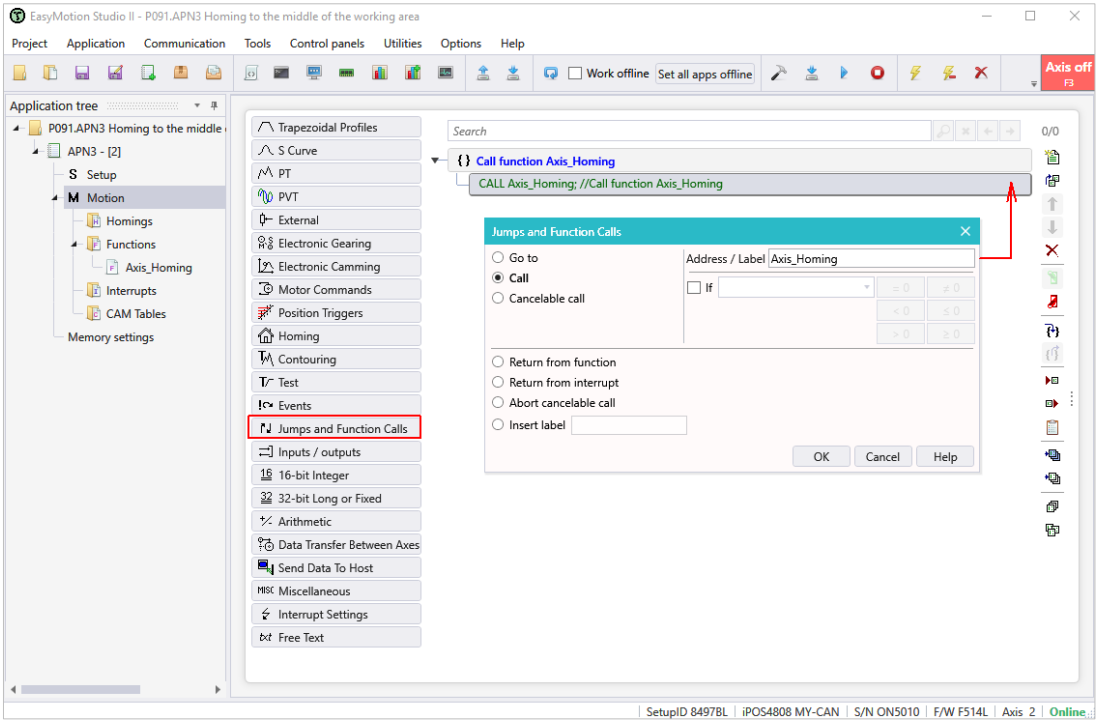


Figure 14 *- How to call a TML function*

The “Jumps and Function Calls” dialogue allows controlling the TML program flow through unconditional or conditional jumps and unconditional, conditional or cancelable calls of TML functions.

For more details about the functions call and usage, see the “Functions calling from a master” application note.

The “Axis_Homing” function can be called any time the homing procedure execution is required.