



RTC Toolkit Overview and Status

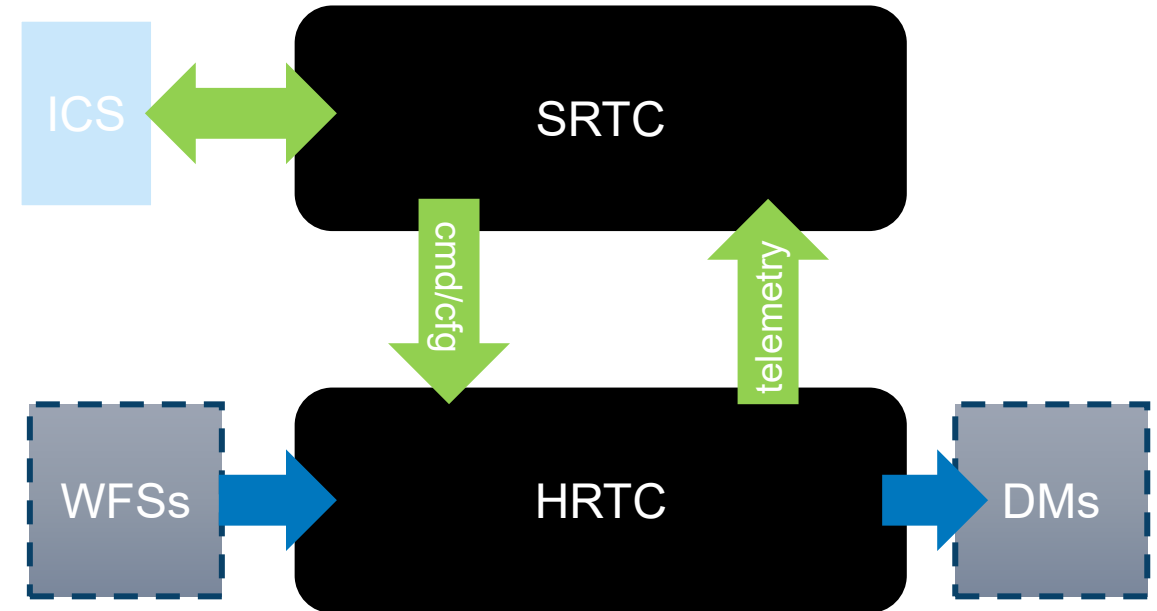
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AO RTC Standard Architecture

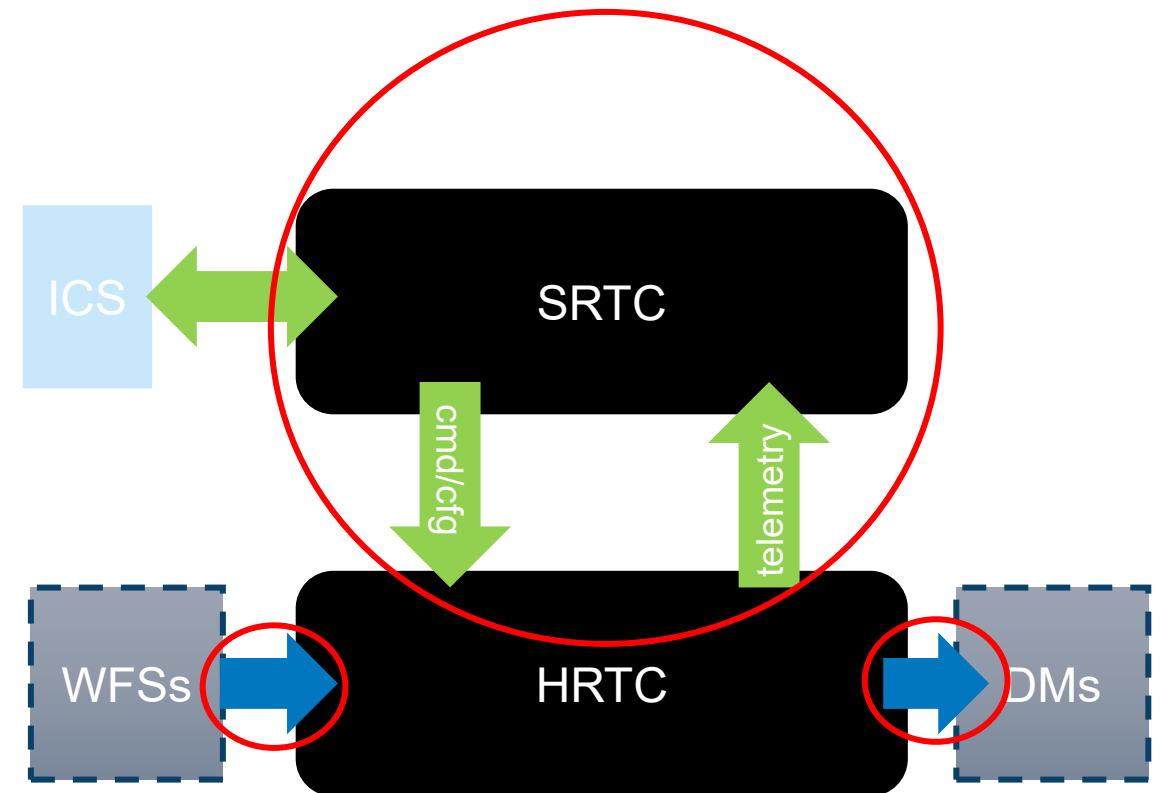
- HRTC:
 - AO correction
 - performance-critical: several 100 Hz / kHz

- SRTC:
 - Receiving telemetry data
 - Optimization
 - (re)configuring HRTC by sending cfg to
 - Commanding and Monitoring HRTC
 - Interacts with the rest of the instrument (ICS)



RTC Toolkit

- SW building blocks to build SRTC and interface with HRTC and with the rest of the instrument:
 - Libraries
 - Executables
 - Tools
 - SW interfaces
- Guidelines: SW, HW, network, and set-up/tuning
- Simulators: WFS, DM-echo and CCS deterministic





Highlights

- Performance oriented
- Scalable:
 - # of servers in SRTC
 - amount of data transfer from/to HRTC
 - Calculation needs
- Customizable/extendable
- Flexible:
 - CPU computation: C++ / Python
 - GPU computation using CUDA
- Platform: Linux
- Programming language: C++ / Python (limited)



Main Functionality

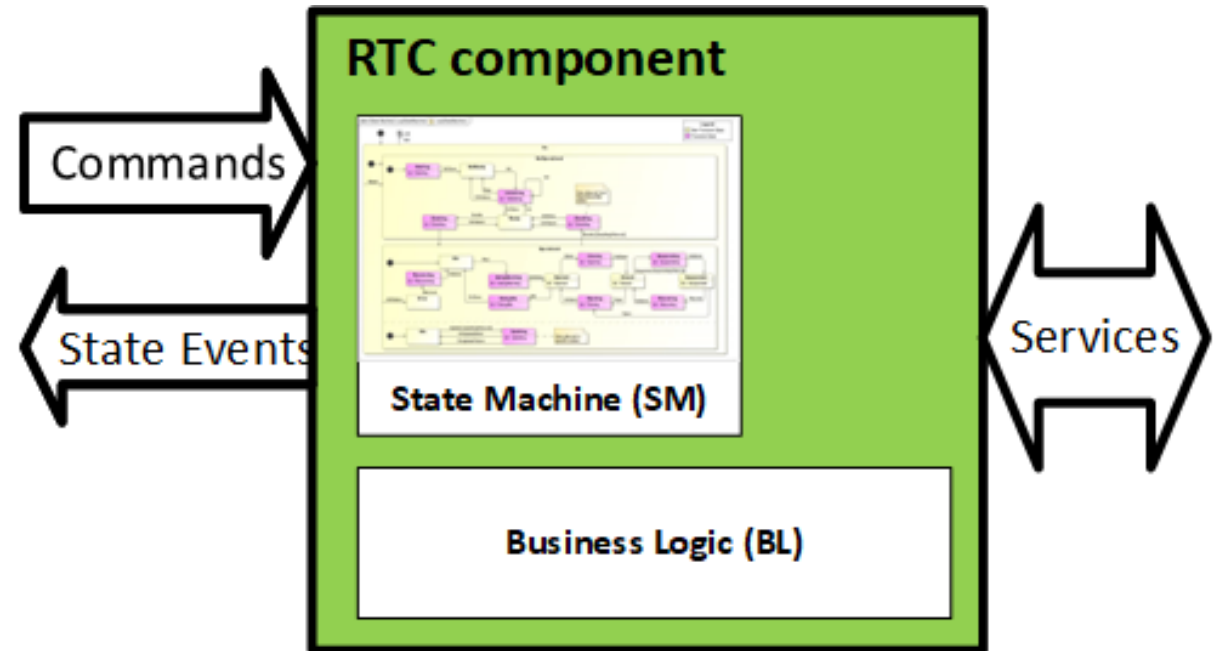
- Component framework – processes/service
- Configuration: persistent and run-time
- Telemetry propagation
- Data Task infrastructure for number-crunching (processing) data
- Recording: raw and preprocessed telemetry
- Visualization
- Simulators



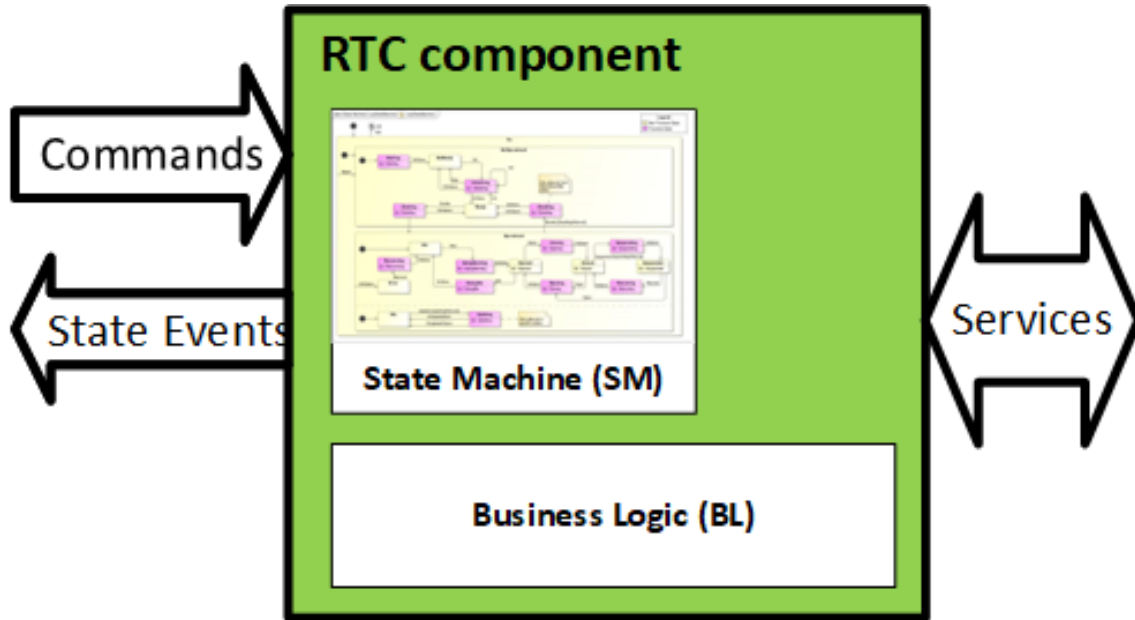
Component Framework

Commands & Events

- Commands: Request/reply based on ELT CII MAL using 0mq + Protobuf
- State Machine (SM) engine based on RAD
- Business Logic (BL) – actual implementation
- Standardized Command interfaces. E.g:
 - *Init->Enable->Run*
 - *Init->Enable->Run->CloseLoop*
- Customizable Interface + SM
- State events: CII MAL Pub/Sub using DDS



Services



- Service Discovery
- Logging
- Configuration: RTR/PSR
- Event Channel: application-specific events
- Online Database (OLDB): monitoring info
- Alerts
- Metrics/Performance counters



Component customization

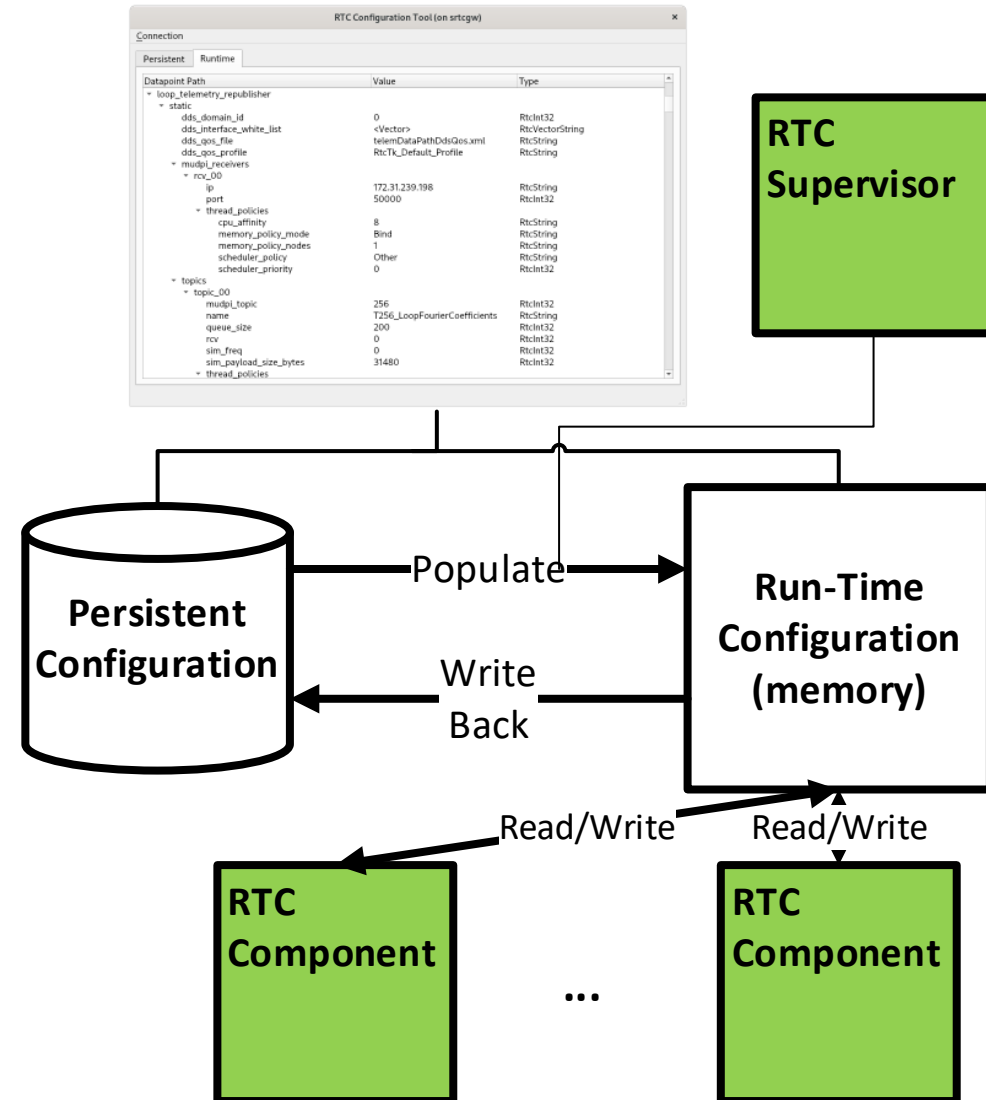
- Configuration:
 - just configuration needed.
 - E.g. Telemetry Republisher
- Extension (optional):
 - provide implementation class.
 - E.g. Telemetry Subscriber
- Composition:
 - put provided parts together.
 - E.g. Data Task, Telemetry Recorder



Configuration

Configuration architecture

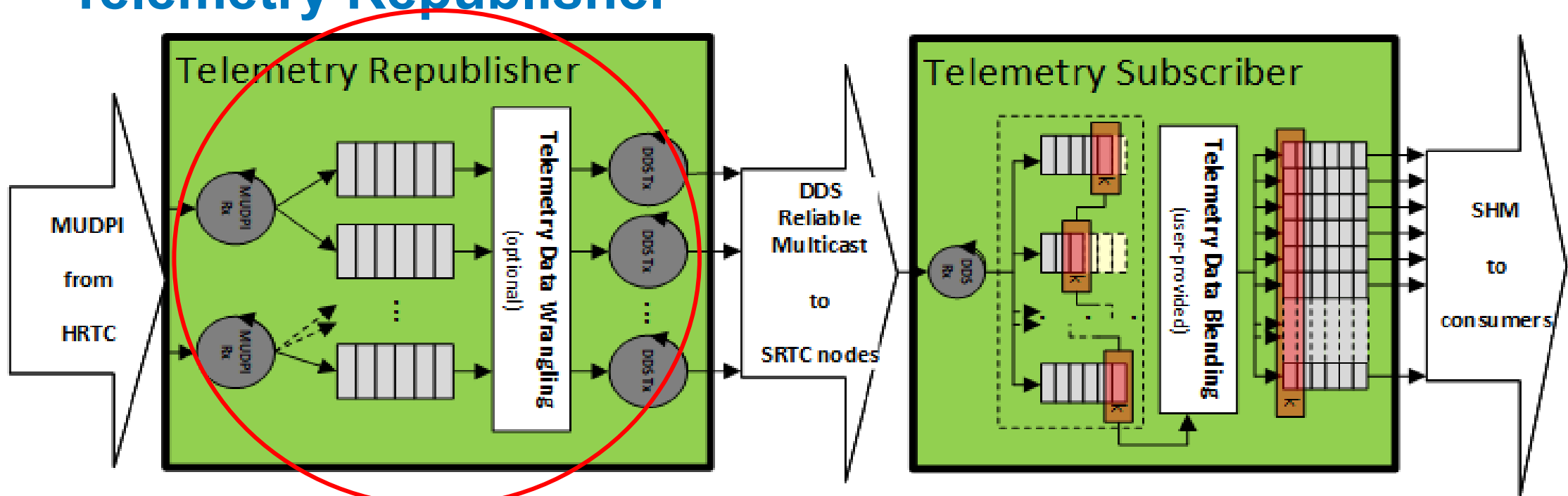
- Persistent Configuration Repository (PSR):
 - on disk or central
 - support for deployment-sets and modes
- Runtime Configuration Repository (RTR):
 - in memory => fast access
 - Distributed
 - populated from PSR
 - write back
- Supported types:
 - types: bool/(u)int(32/64)/float/double/string/...
 - scalars/vectors/matrices





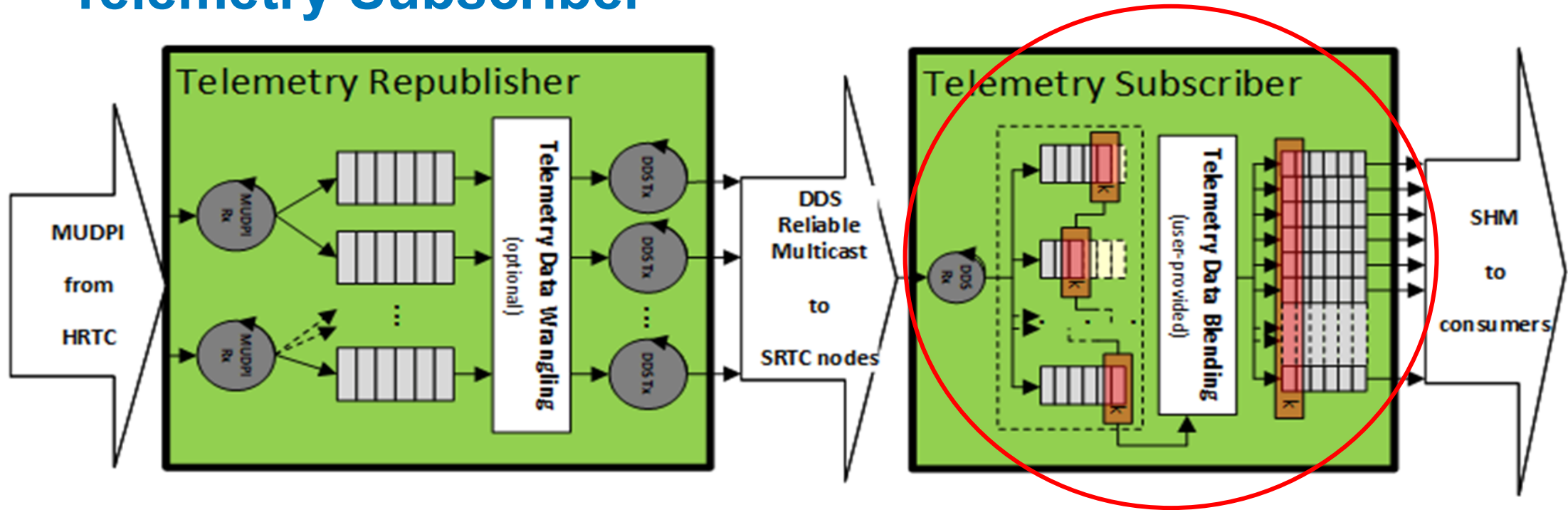
Telemetry

Telemetry Republisher



- MUDPI to DDS (FastDDS)
- Agnostic topic payload => no recompiling needed
- Data Wrangling (endianness, padding, ...) optional
- Flexible: 1..* instances, each handling 1..* topics, receiving at 1..* NICs

Telemetry Subscriber



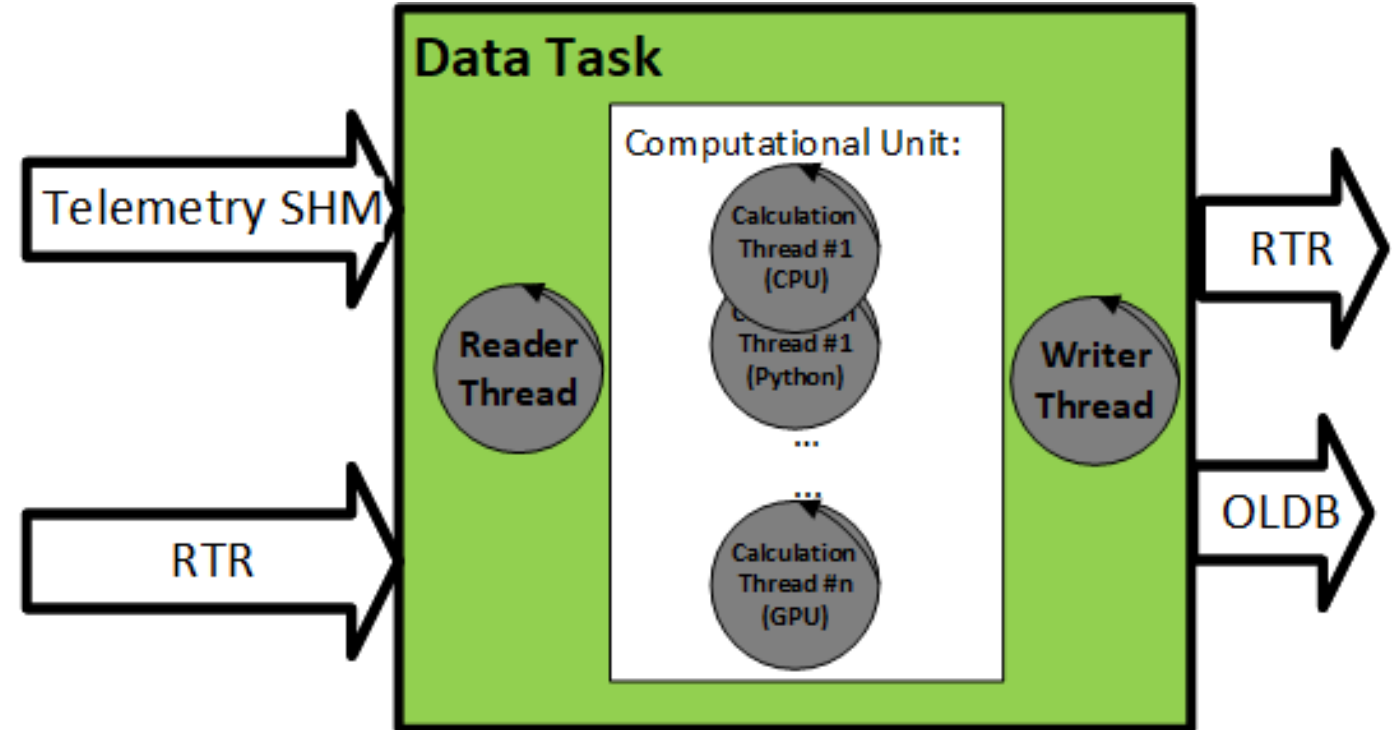
- DDS to SHM ring buffer
- Data Blending (combine several topics into one big super-topic)
- One instance per SHM super-topic and server
- SHM ring buffer consumers: Data Task, Recorders, DDT, ...



Telemetry Data consumers

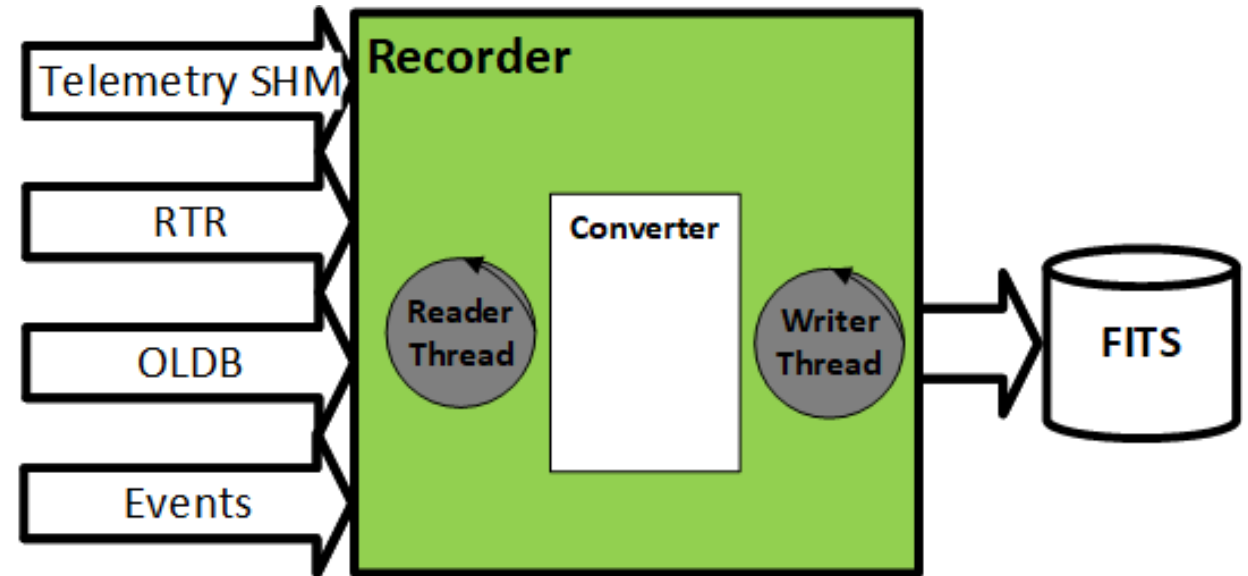
Data Task

- Input:
 - Telemetry data from SHM
 - Datapoints from Run-Time Repository (RTR)
- **Computing** (Processing):
 - CPU/GPU
 - C++/Python
- Output:
 - Run-Time Repository (RTR)
 - OLDB
 - Events



Recorders

- Telemetry Recorder:
 - Input: Telemetry/Events/OLDB/RTR
 - Output: FITS files
- Meta-data collector:
 - Input: Events/OLDB/RTR
 - Output: FITS files with Exposure Metadata

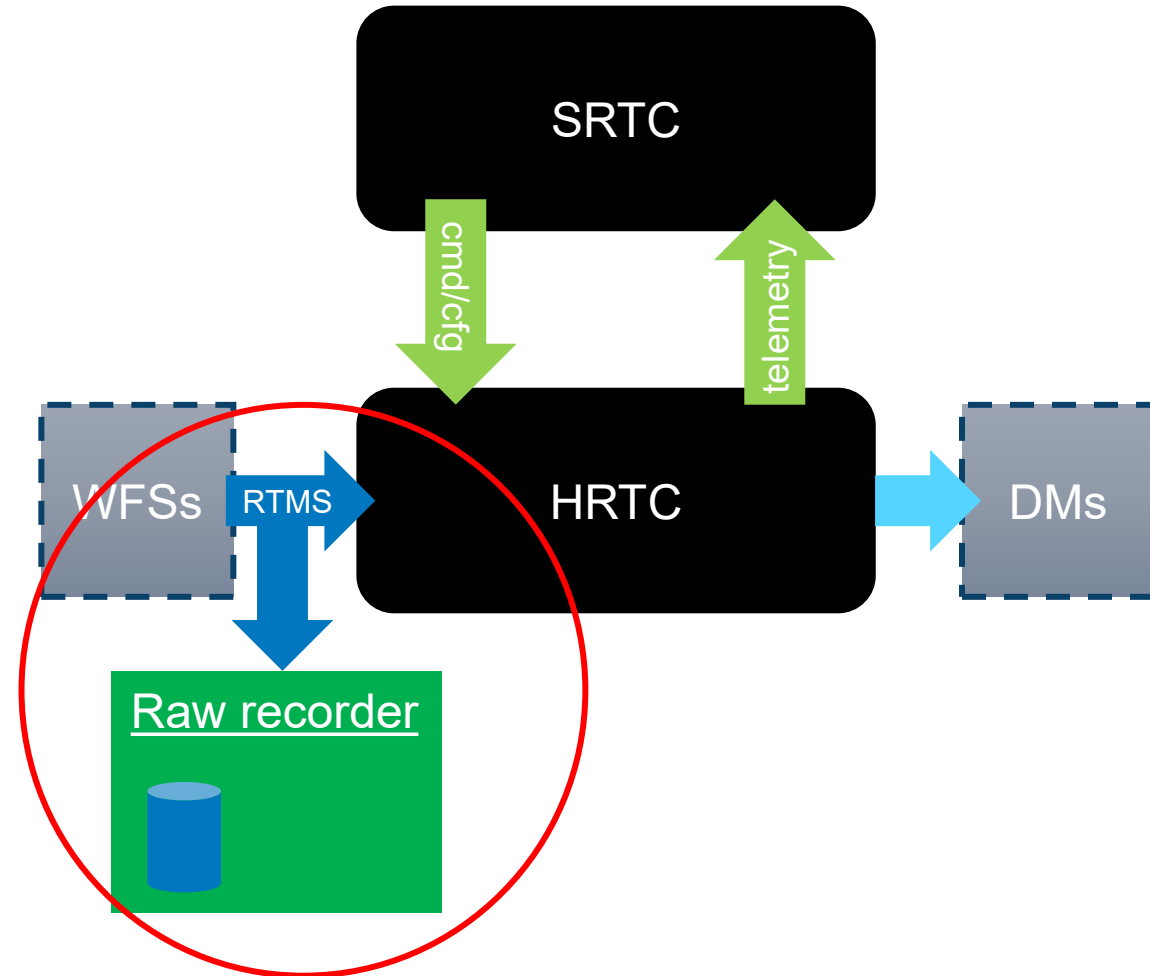




Raw Recorder and Simulators

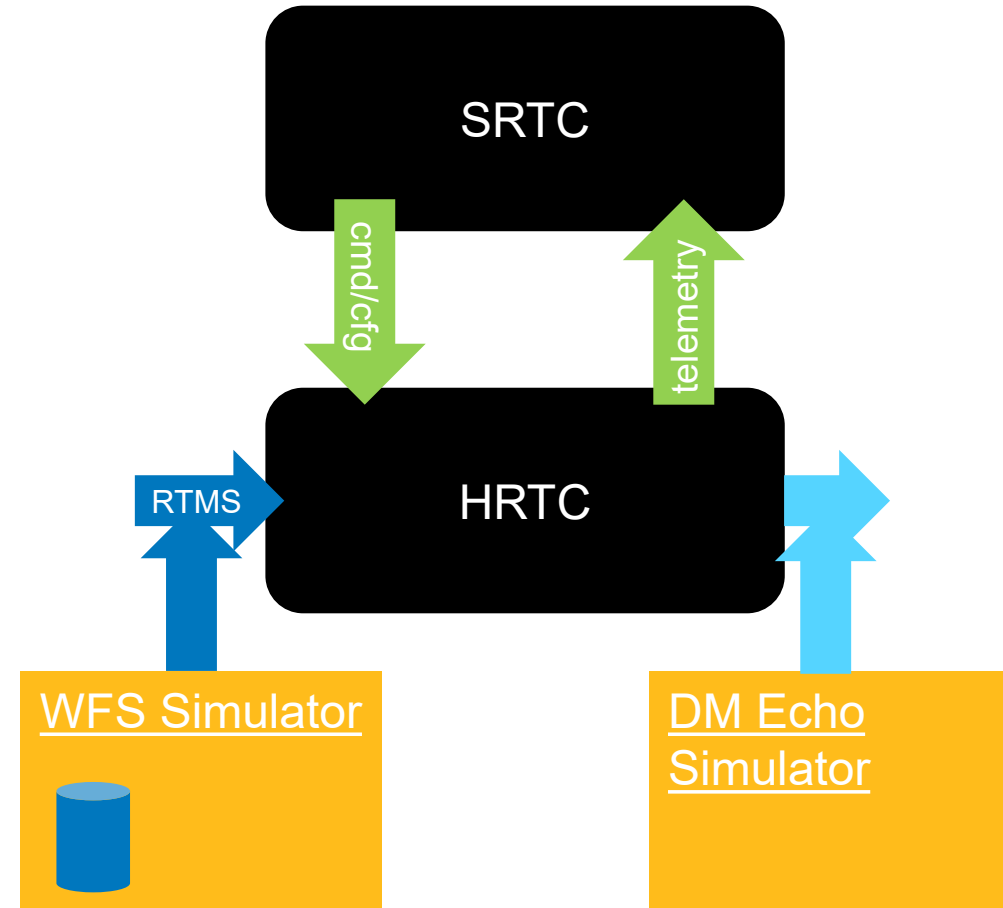
Raw recorder

- Captures Pixel data in RTMS/MUDPI format
- Extracts and writes to FITS



Simulators

- WFS: generate or read from FITS file RTMS/MUDPI
- DM Echo: commands' echo from DM





Deployment and supervision



Deployment

Deployment Daemon:

- Uses Nomad/Consul to deploy components and services
- Provides command interface to
 - start/stop all components of a selected deployment set
 - start/stop individual components



Supervision

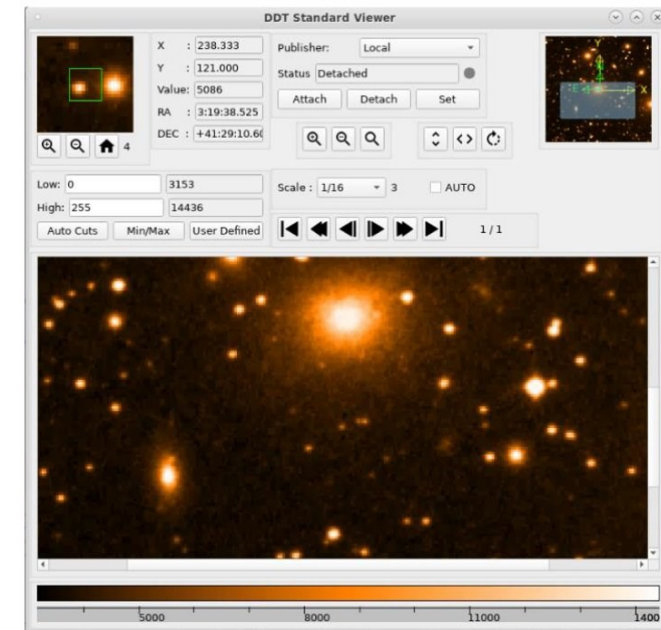
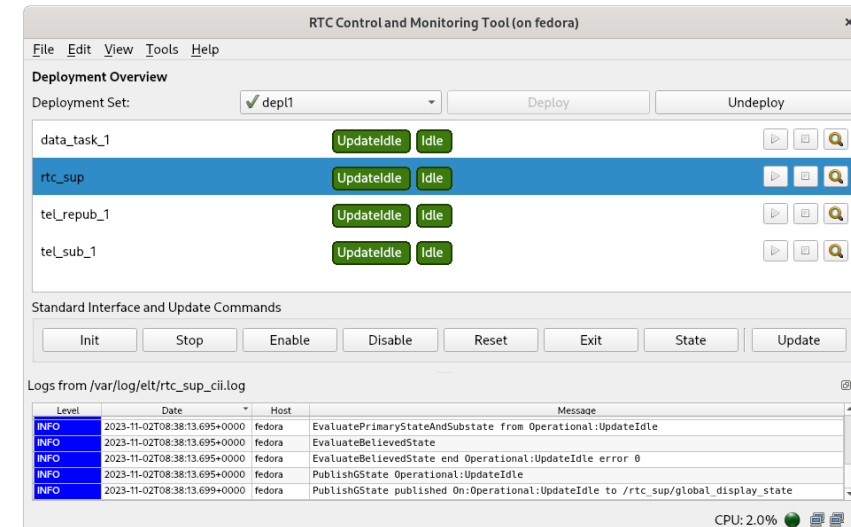
- RTC Supervisor: supervision/orchestration of whole SRTC:
 - populate and update run-time configuration
 - walk components through basic life-cycle
 - monitor individual components
 - estimate overall status of entire RTC
- HRTC Supervisor:
 - command HRTC functions & loops
 - configure HRTC functions & loops
 - monitor HRTC functions & loops



Visualization

GUIs

- Control and Monitoring Tool
 - Un/Deploy the system
 - Steer RTC components and observe states and other monitoring information
- Configuration Tool:
 - Inspect and modify PSR and RTR configuration
- Widgets:
 - to create application-specific GUI
- Data Display Tool (DDT):
 - pixel data
 - telemetry data





Project Status



Status

- Yearly releases
- Released:
 - Alpha (beginning 2021)
 - v1.0 (end 2021)
 - v2.0 (mid 2022)
 - v3.0 (mid 2023)
- Working on v4.0

Users (so far)

- ELT WFRTC
- ELT instruments:
 - 1st generation: MICADO, METIS, HARMONI, MORFEO
 - 2nd generation: ANDES
- VLT instrument: MAVIS

Thank you!

RTC toolkit development team

