



The COSMIC RTC platform

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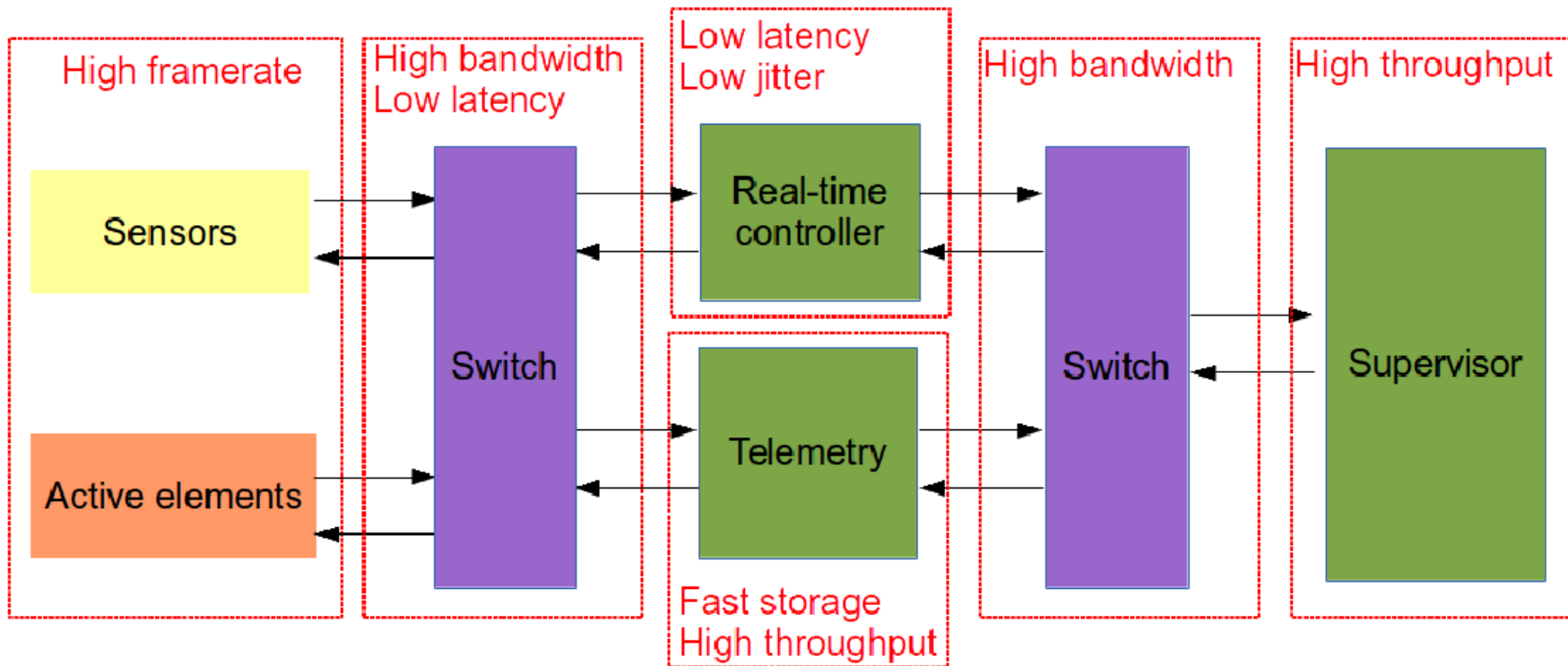


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AO real-time control



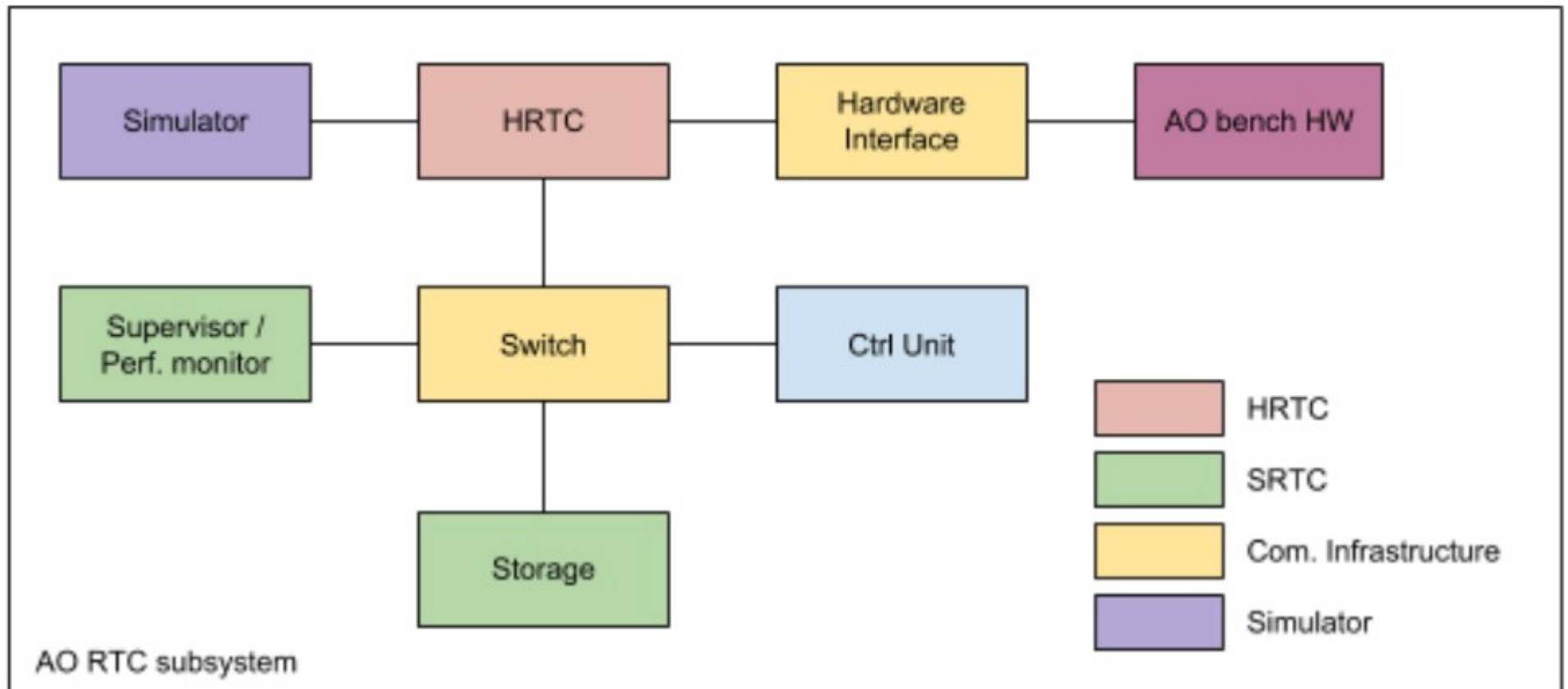
- **From WFS to DM**
 - **Acquire streaming data in real-time** from sensors with low latency
 - **Achieve deterministic computing throughput** on a real-time pipeline including arithmetics and linear algebra
 - **Send commands** to actuators
 - **Supervise** the real-time pipeline with optimisation tasks
 - **Broadcast** telemetry data to clients
 - **Store** raw and processed data
 - Provide AO performance estimation

- **From WFS to DM: performance indicators**
 - End-to-end latency
 - Performance stability (jitter)
 - Data transfer rate for real-time pipeline
 - Compute throughput for real-time pipeline
 - Data transfer rate for telemetry
 - Compute throughput for supervisor / optimizer
 - Data storage capacity



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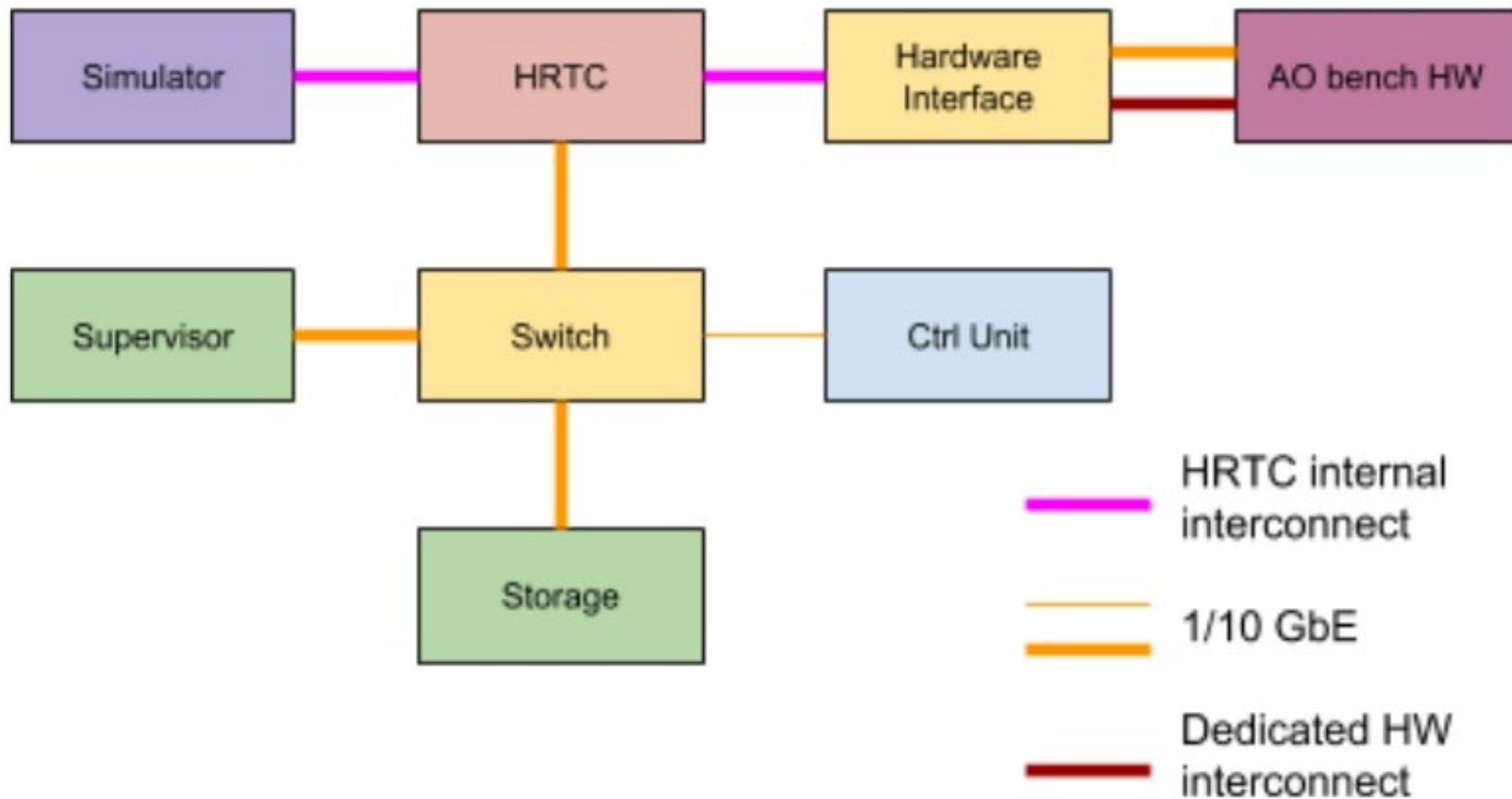
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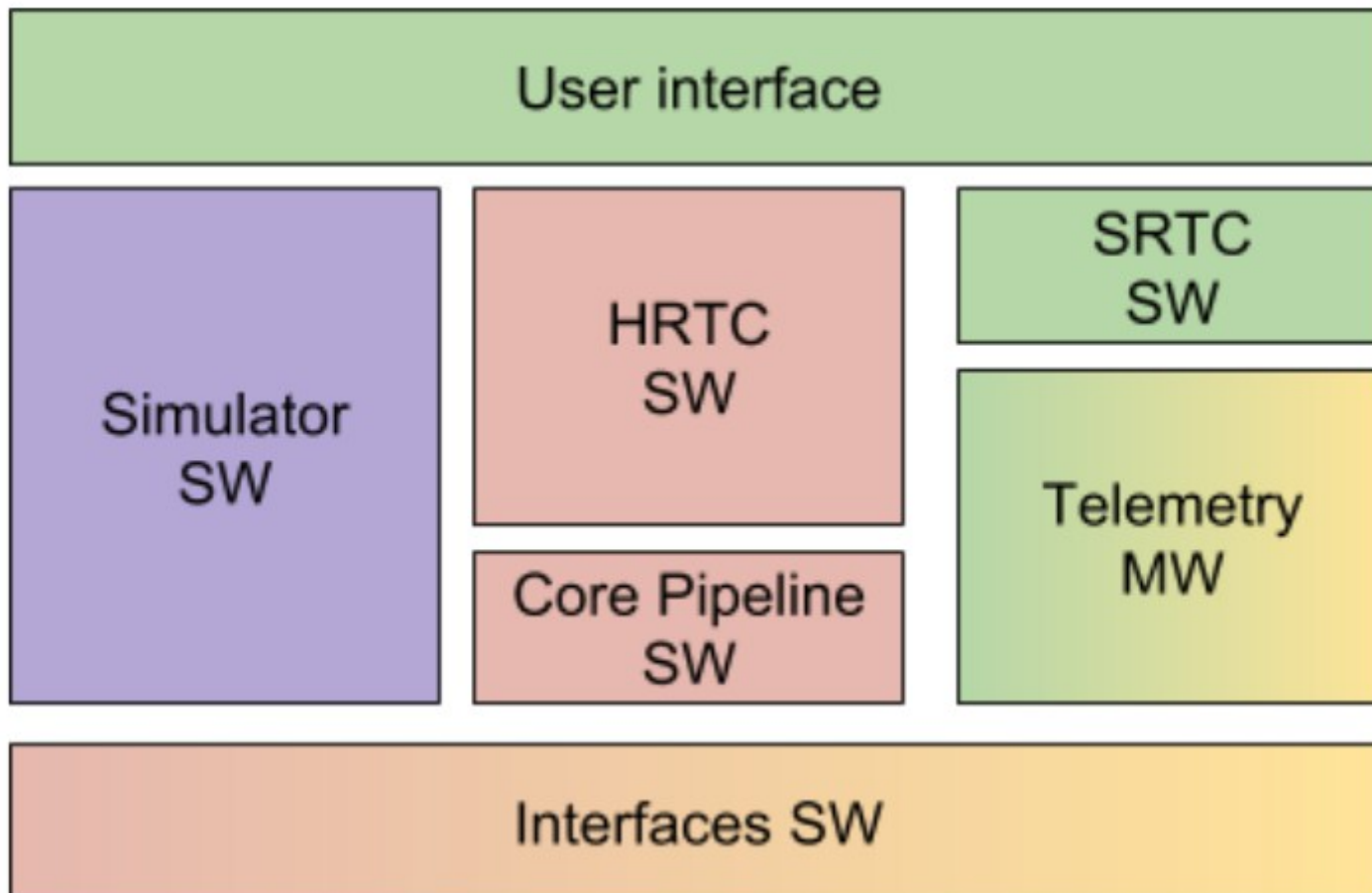




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- **RTC SW architecture**

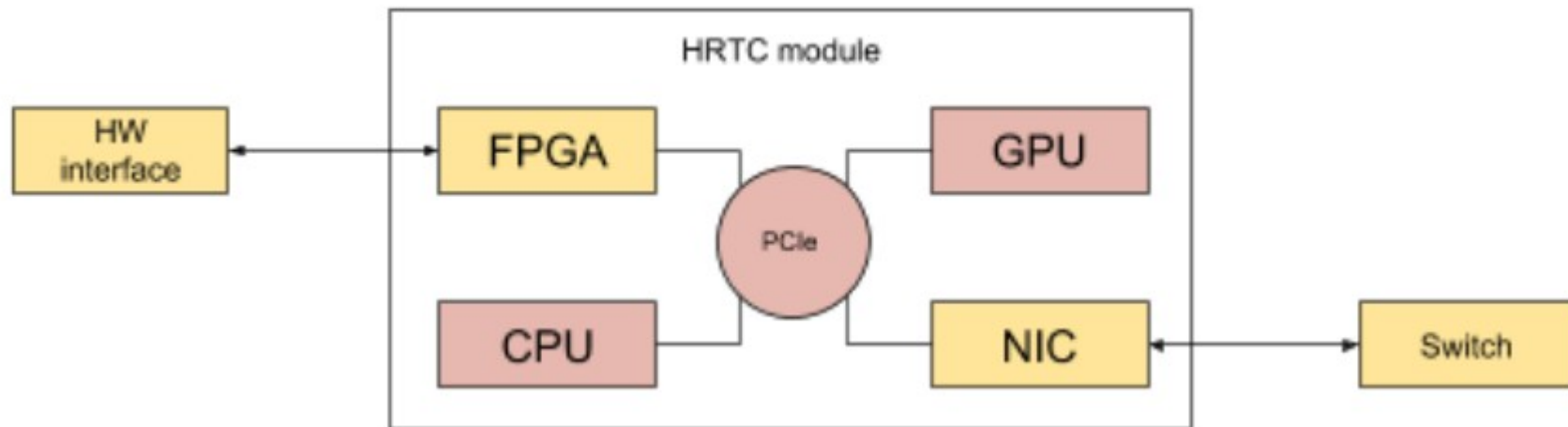
- Vertical and horizontal interactions





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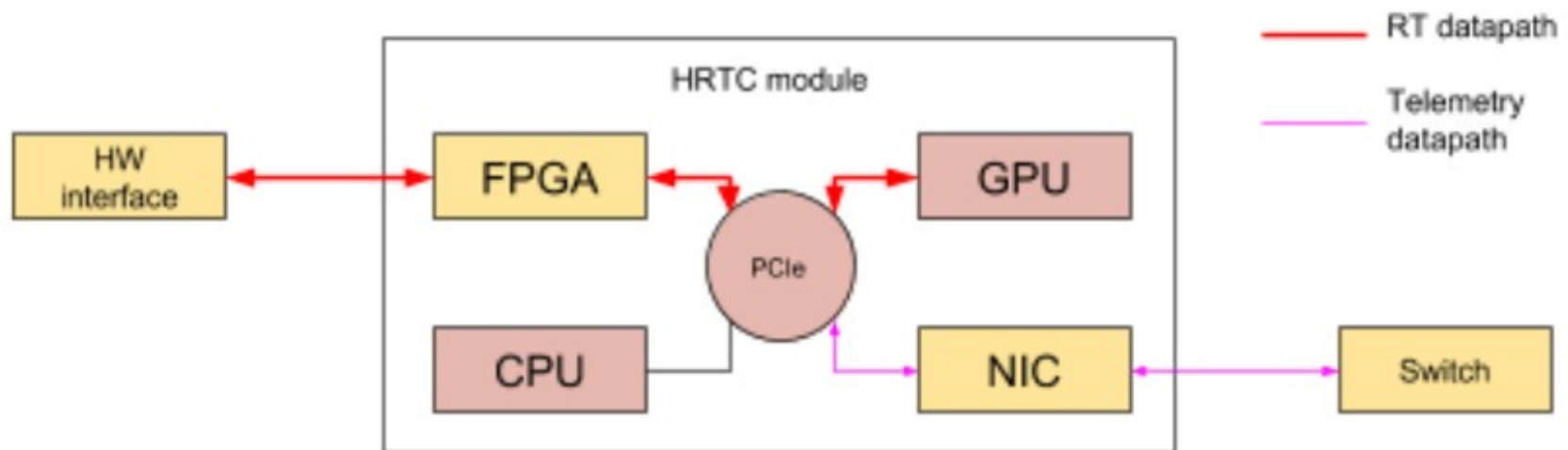
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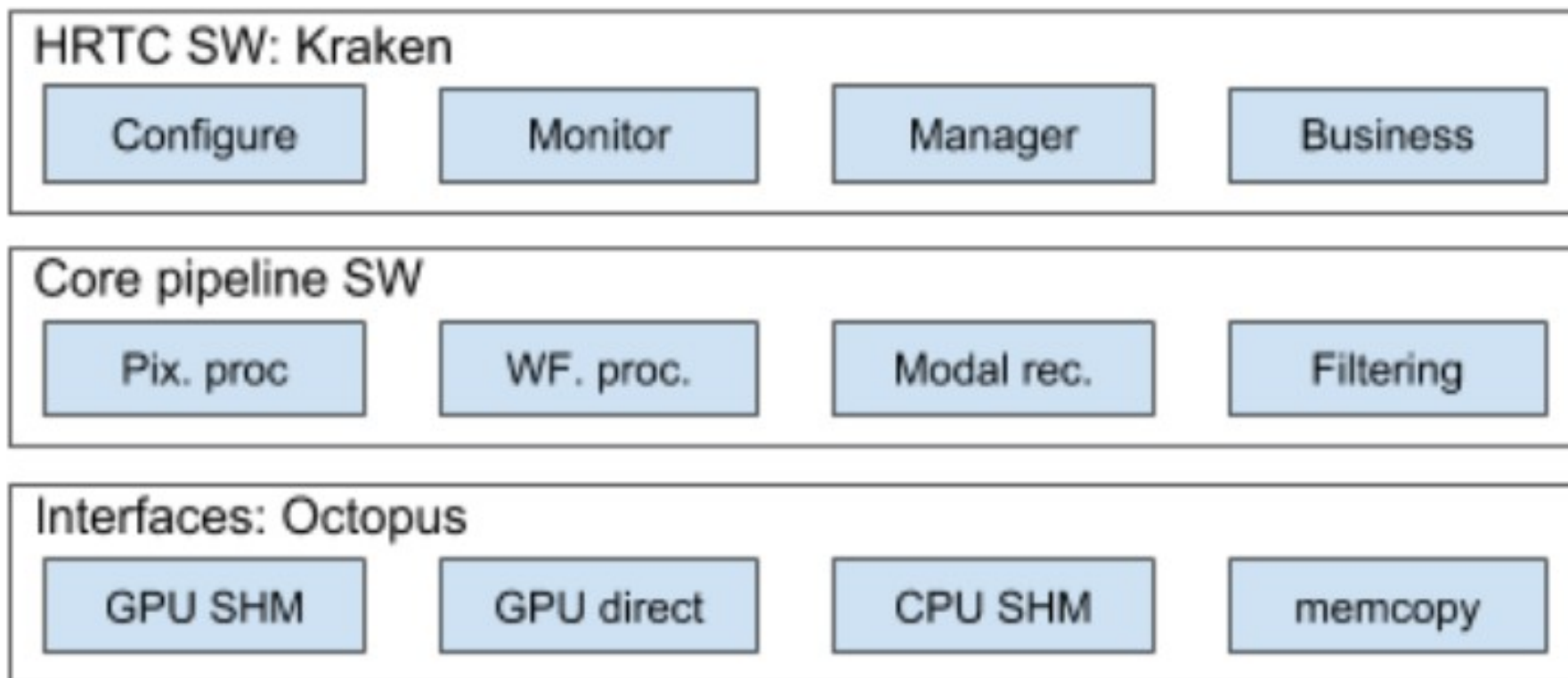
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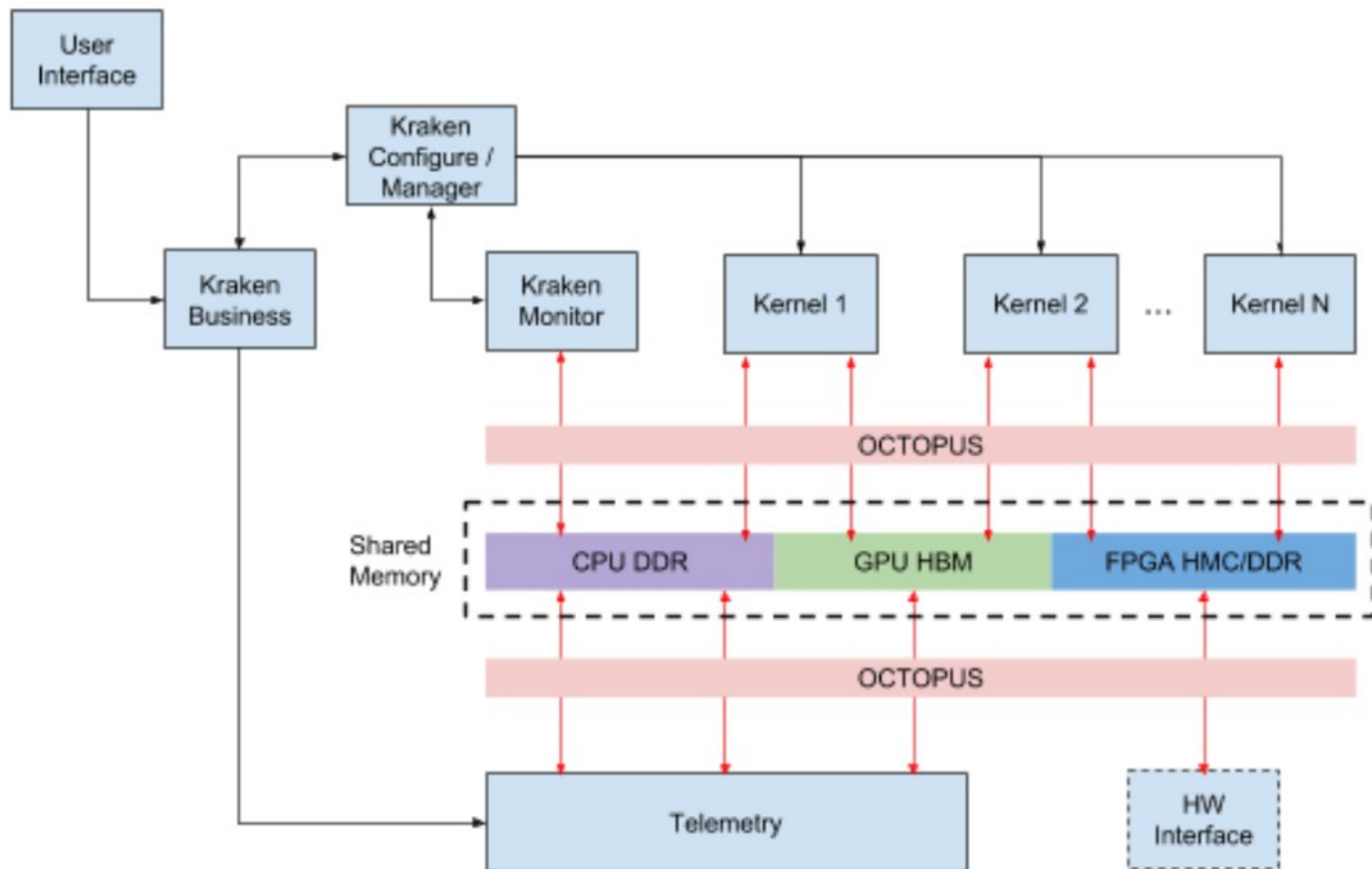
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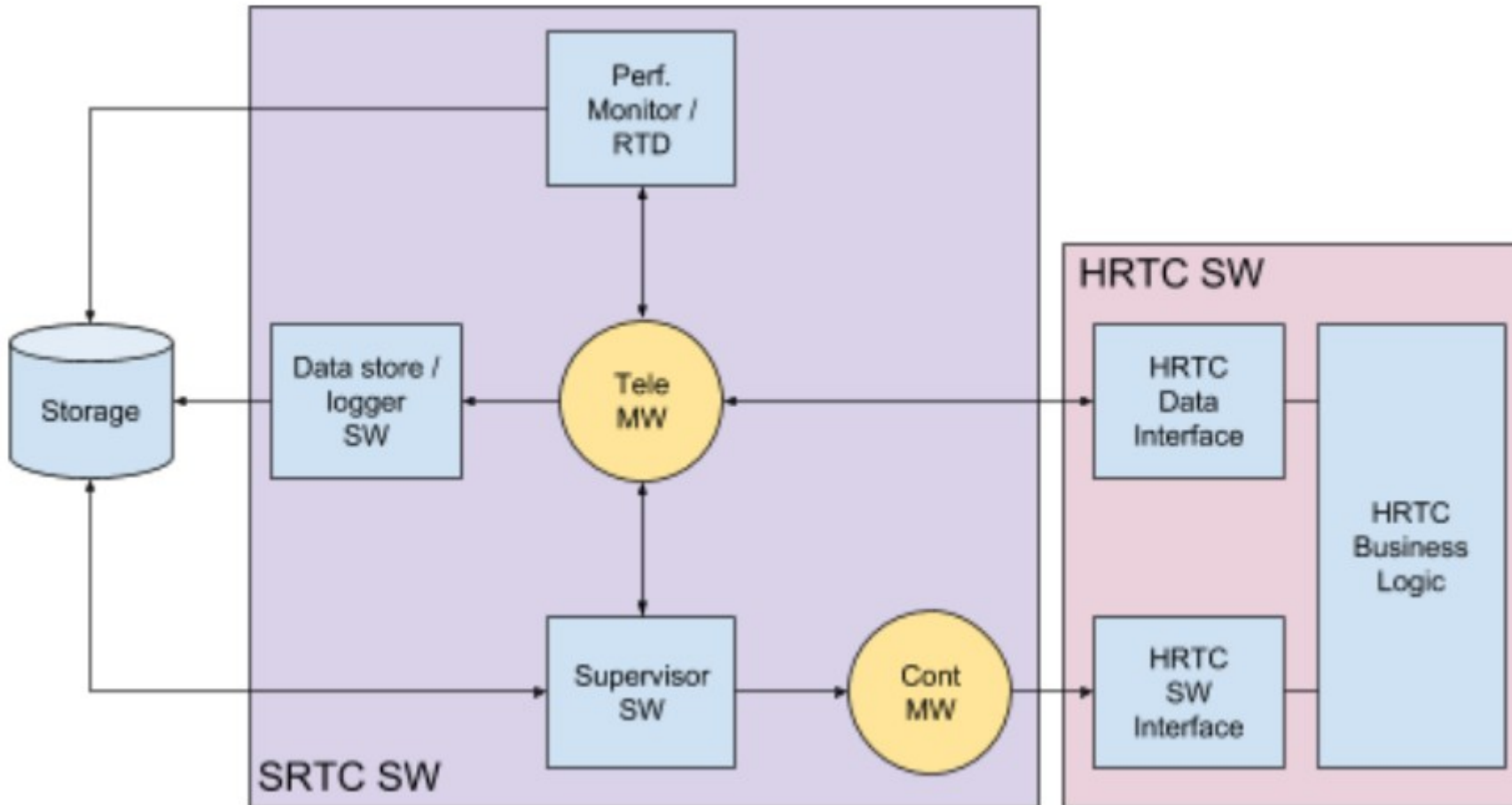
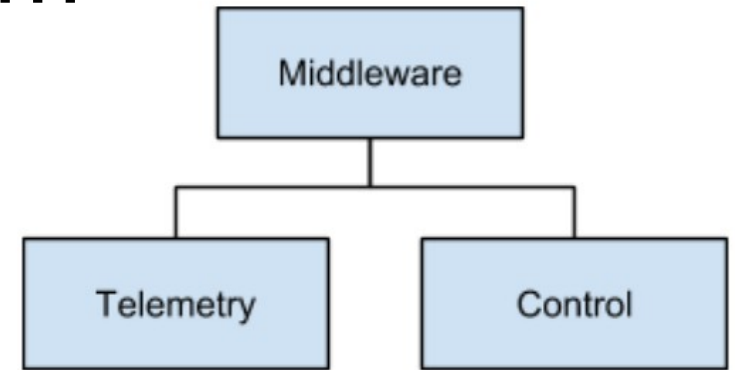
- **HRTC SW design**





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- **SRTC SW design**





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- **HRTC / SRTC GPU components**

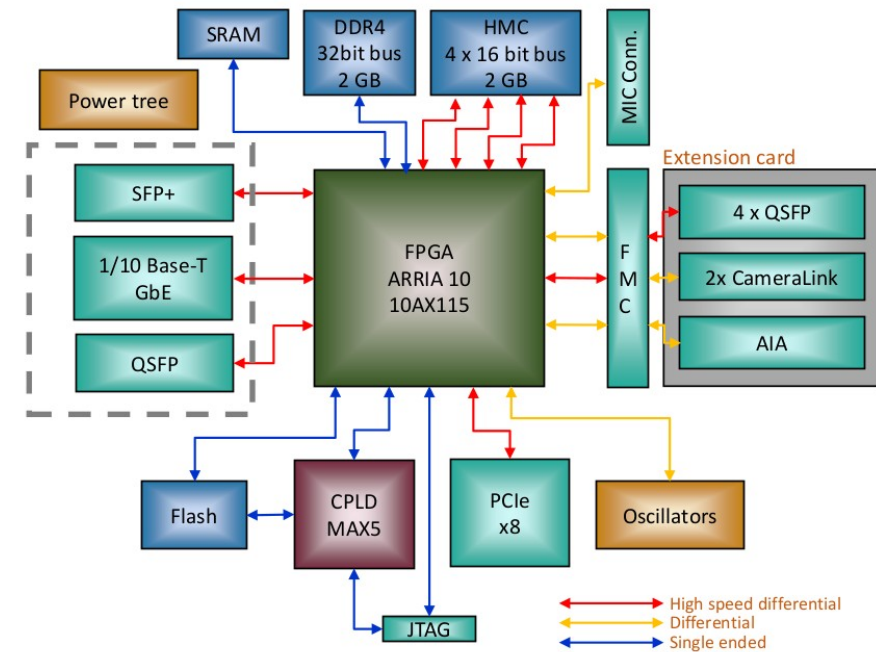
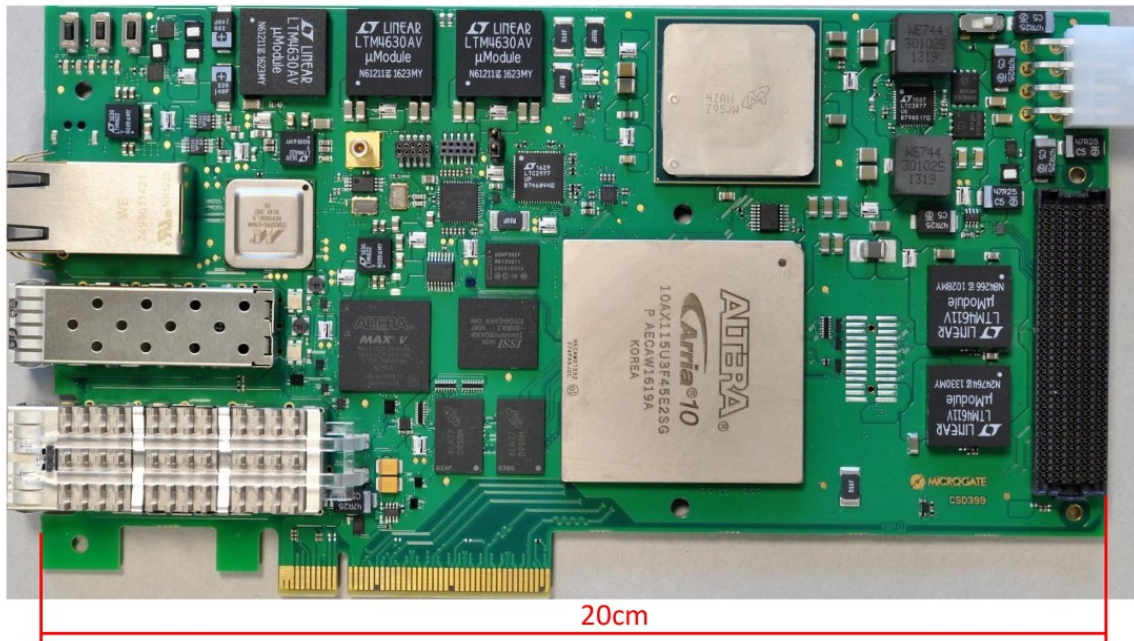
- several options could be considered:
 - use high end General Purpose GPUs (e.g. Nvidia Tesla line of products)
 - use high end gaming GPUs (e.g. Nvidia GeForce line of products)
- HRTC pipeline is dominated by memory bound GDDR5 (gaming) versus HBM2 (GPGPU).
- Longevity : active cooling (gaming) versus passive cooling (GPGPU)
 - The main problem with getting MTBF values for gaming cards is the really wide range of cooling solutions and clock rates.
- Ecosystem: GPGPU cards are optimized for cluster usage, including full support for InfiniBand and RDMA, vendor support and cluster management tools



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- **HW interface to provide flexibility**

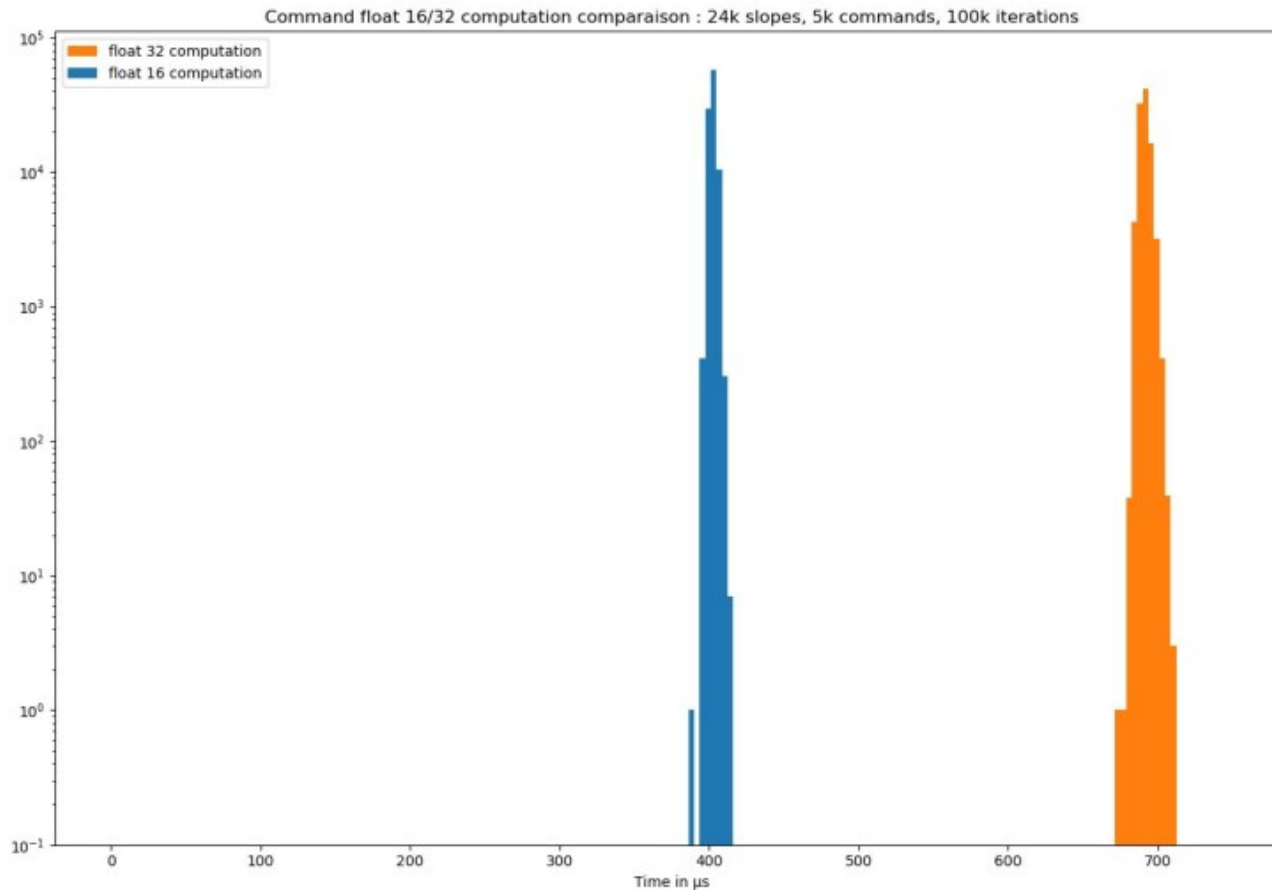
- μ XComp board from microgate
- Aria 10 FPGA + HMC + expendable interface





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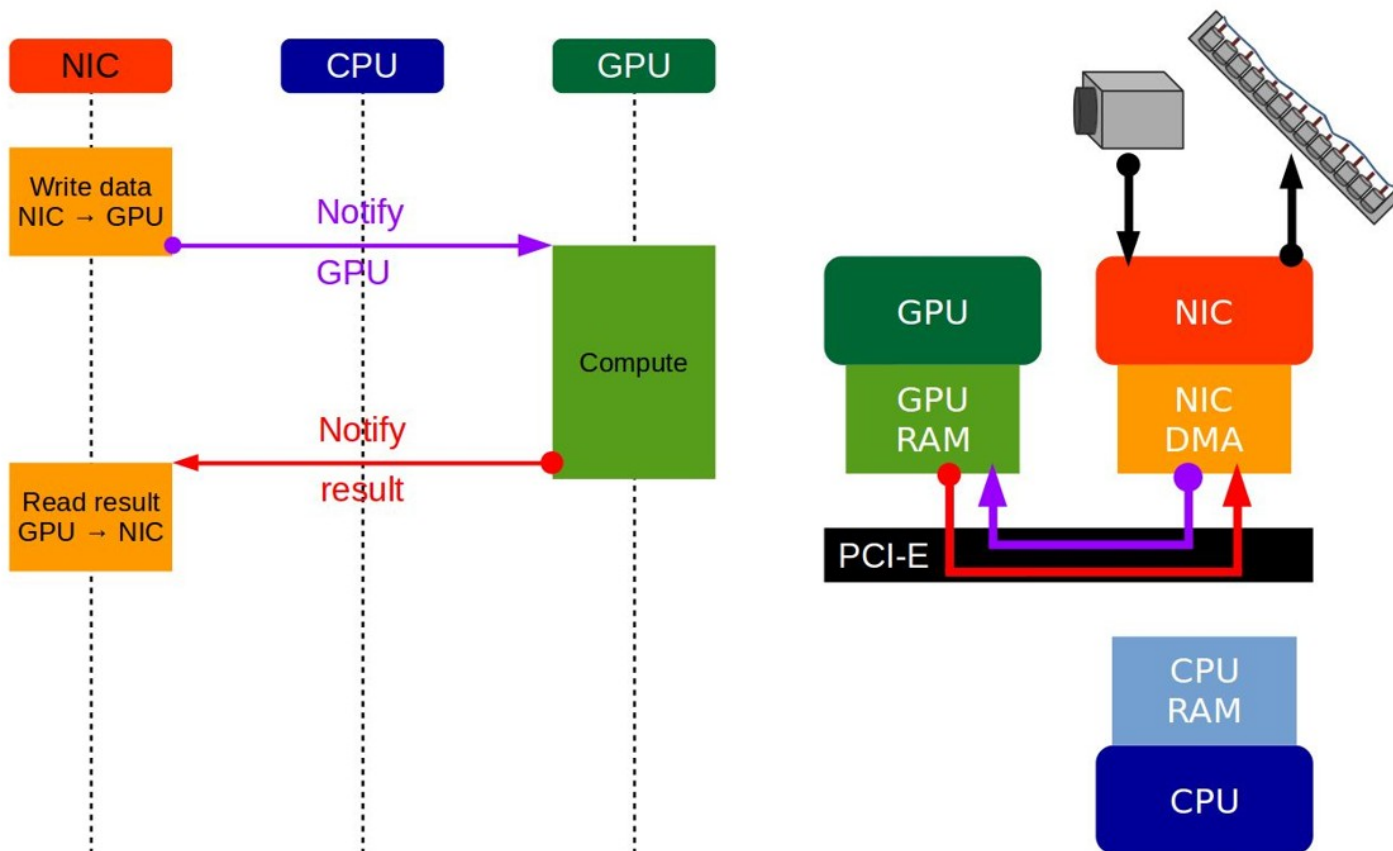
- **Persistent kernels to guarantee time predictable performance**





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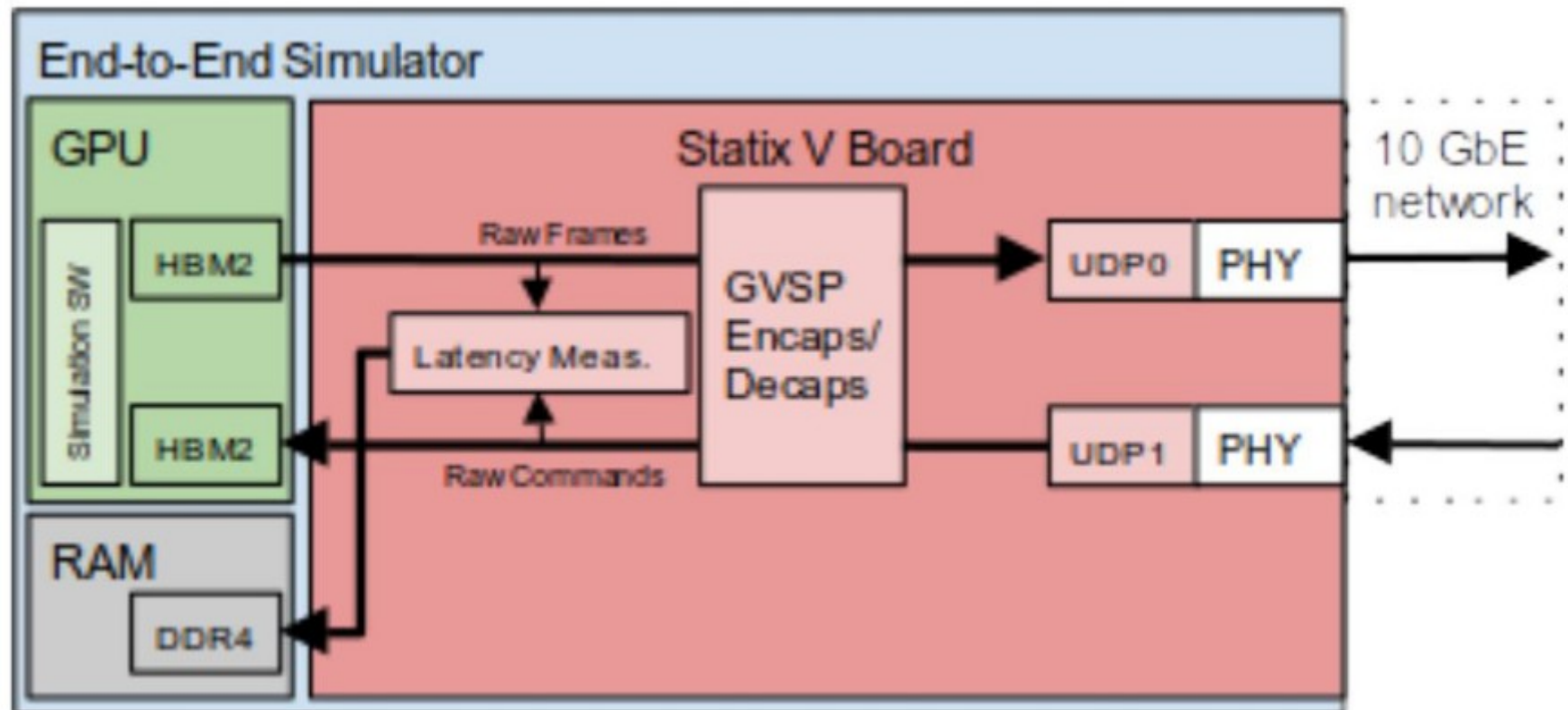
- **GPUdirect to minimize overall latency budget**





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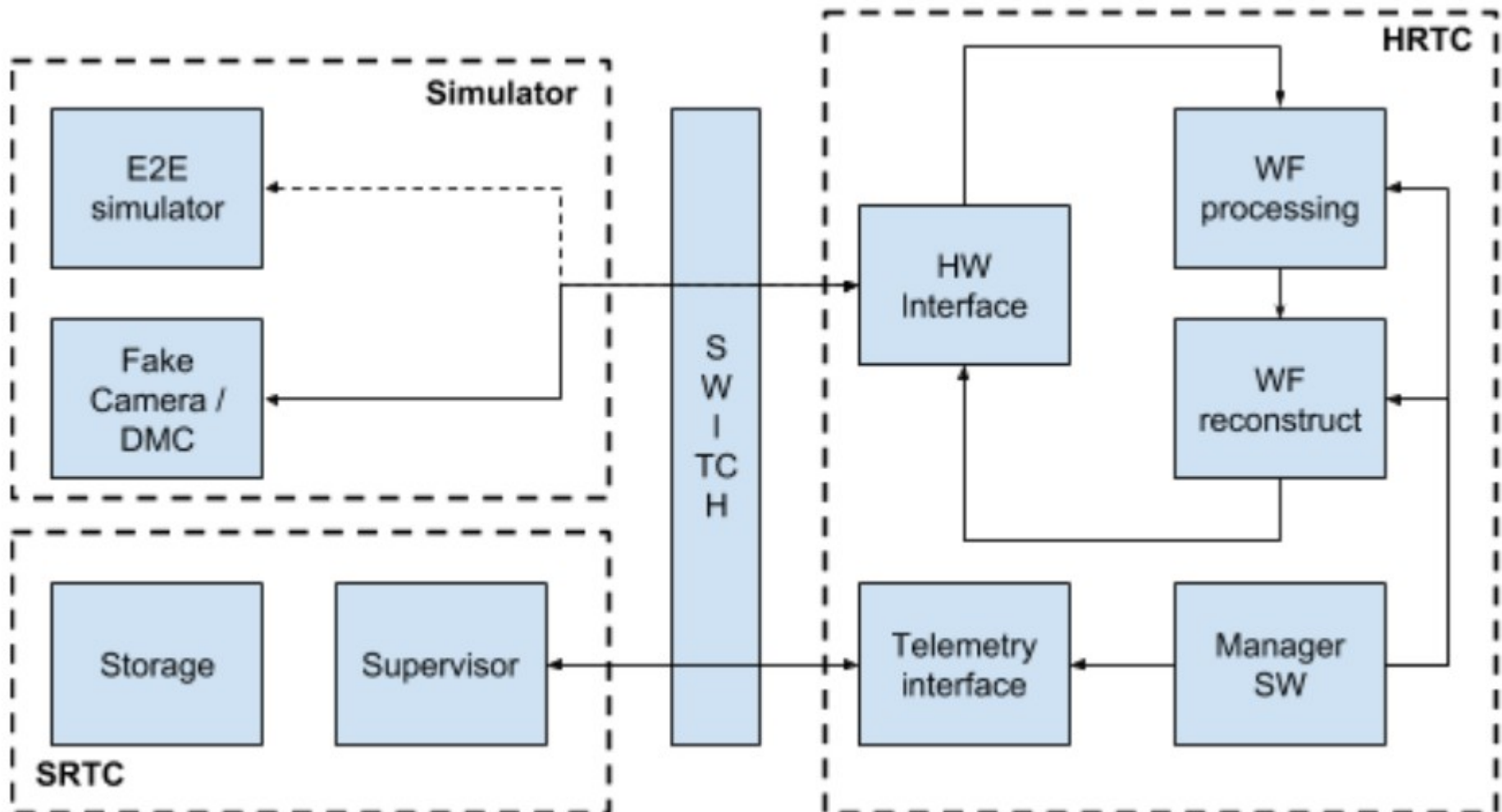
- **HW and SW simulators to check correctness and performance predictability**





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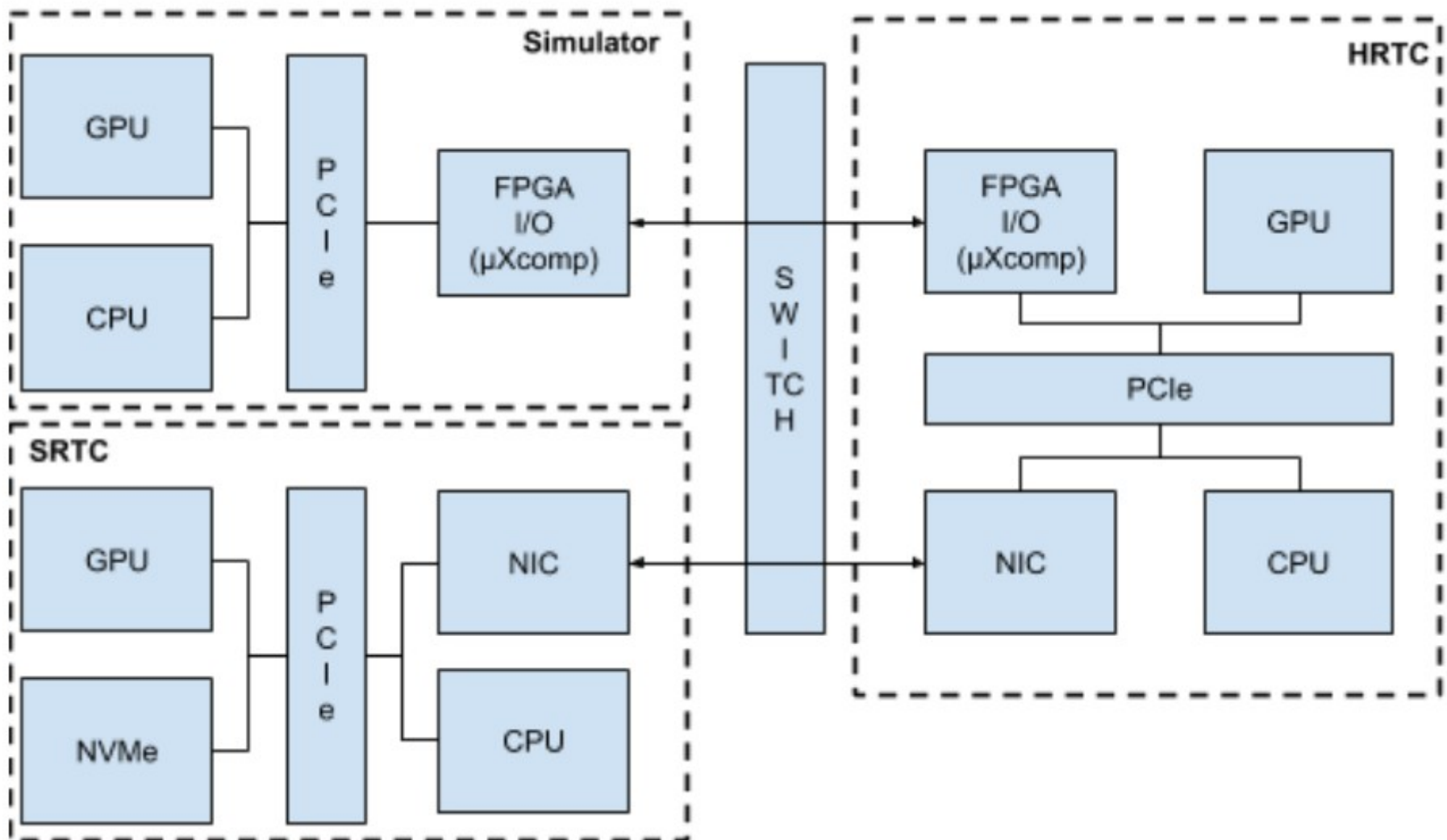
- **Prototype architecture**





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- **Prototype implementation**





COSMIC partnership

- **Academia-industry partnership**
- **3 academic partners**
 - Observatoire de Paris (France)
 - Australian National University (Canberra)
 - Swinburne University of Technology (Melbourne)
- **1 industrial partner**
 - Microgate (Italy)
- Well aligned with PSL-ANU strategic partnership as well as new status of Australia at ESO
- Partners already engaged in Keck RTC upgrade under the responsibility of Microgate



COSMIC collaboration

- **Relying on international collaborations**
- **Collaboration with HPC research centers**
 - Extreme Computing Research Center (ECRC) @KAUST on optimized linear algebra
 - Barcelona Supercomputing Center on programming models for real-time applications
- **Collaboration with Subaru telescope**
 - Increasing the readiness level of the CACAO SW stack
 - Access to the SCExAO instrument to perform on-sky tests of SW / HW solutions
- **Collaboration with industry**
 - Long going collaboration with NVIDIA
 - Ongoing discussions with Thales for leveraging our solutions on other applications
- **Welcoming new collaborations !**



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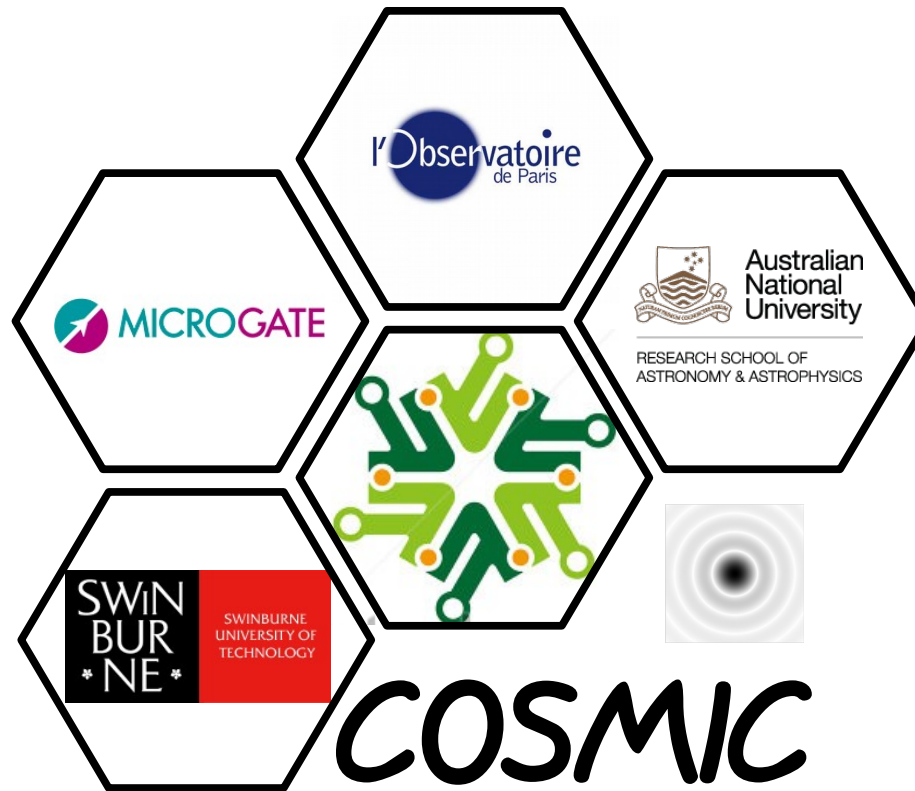




Conclusion

- **Leveraging Green Flash solutions**
 - Ensure best performance at the lowest cost
 - Modular, upgradable
- **Real-time by design**
 - No need to “tweak” things thanks to a “recipe” of HW and SW components
 - Can be reproduced easily (as soon as you know the recipe)
 - Applicable to various generations of HW (several generations of GPUs and several FPGA boards and vendors)
- **International partnership**
- **Targeting current and future instrumentation**
 - New Keck RTC is based on these concepts
 - Welcome new opportunities !

Thank you



A common open platform for AO RTC