
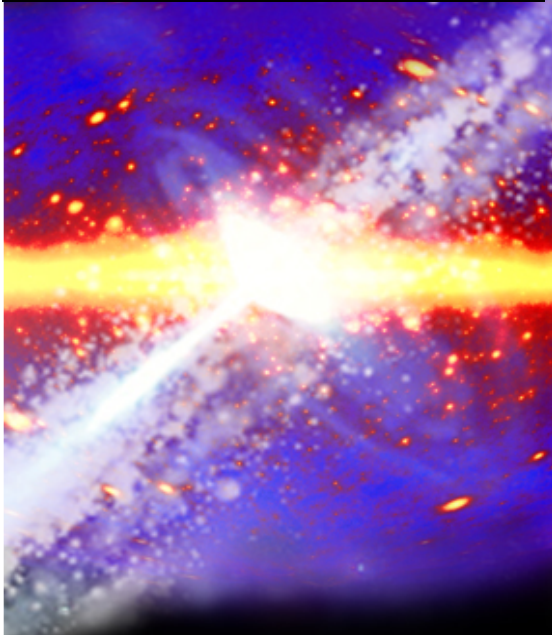


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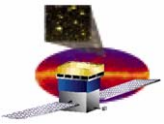
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Functions & Packages II

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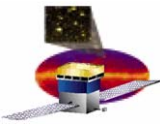
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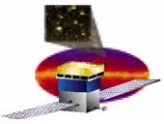
Configuration



Configuration: Overview

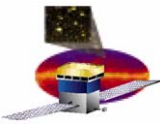
- **Purpose**
 - To place and maintain the instrument in a known configuration
 - To report the configuration
 - Knowledge of instrument configuration is *essential* to a successful physics analysis
- The instrument appears to flight software as a collection of registers
 - A *large* collection

Subsystem / Block	Chip / Sub-block	Number in Instrument	Register Count	Register documentation
TKR	GTFE	13824	69120	LAT-SS-00169
	GTRC	1152	2304	LAT-SS-00170
CAL	GCFE	3072	21504	LAT-TD-00424
	GCRC	256	2048	LAT-SS-00208
ACD	GAFE	216	2376	LAT-SS-00363
	GARC	12	528	
TEM	GTCC	128	768	LAT-TD-00605
	GCCC	64	448	
	GTIC	16	272	
	Common	16	112	
GASU	AEM	1 (primary and redundant)	6	LAT-TD-00639
	CRU	1 (primary and redundant)	4	LAT-TD-01547
	EBM	1 (primary and redundant)	31	LAT-TD-01546
	GEM	1 (primary and redundant)	59	LAT-SS-01596
PDU			7	LAT-SS-01543
			99587	



Configuration: Mechanism

- **Communicating with registers**
 - Communicating with registers is very uniform throughout the system
 - Instrument flight software supports the register operations
 - Read register
 - Write register
 - “Dataless”
 - Special commands like reset
 - Instrument communications are “bit serial”
 - Read / write / dataless commands are constructed as bit strings in CPU memory
 - Bit strings are sent to LAT Communications Board (LCB) for transmission to the instrument
 - Responses from the instrument are presented back in CPU memory by the LCB
 - Construction of the bit strings is the responsibility of packages DEM and DAB
 - DEM: ACD, CAL, & TKR “front-end” registers (GxFE and GxRC) and TEM registers
 - DAB: All elements of GASU (AEM, CRU, EBM and GEM) and PDU
 - Instrument communications are the responsibility of package LCB
- **Further Documentation**
 - [LAT-TD-00606](#) LAT Inter-module Communications
 - [LAT-TD-01380](#) LCB Driver
 - [LCB](#) Package LCB APIs
 - [DEM](#) Package DEM APIs
 - [DAB](#) Package DAB APIs
 - [DAB Programmer’s Guide](#)



Configuration: Example

[Extract from LAT-TD-01546](#)
EBM Programming ICD

[Extract from package DEM API documentation](#)
Callable interface to EBM registers

The Event Builder Module
Chapter 3 Commanding

Programming ICD specification
Version/Issue: 1.1/1

3.3.2 Load commands

Figure 24 Access descriptor for the controller's register load commands

All registers of the controller are 32 bits long. Consequently all Load functions require a 32-bit payload. The format of this payload is illustrated in Figure 25. As a Load function does not require a response, the *Respond* field of the packet is set to *false*.

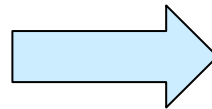
Figure 25 Payload for the controller's register load commands

3.3.3 Read commands

Figure 26 Access descriptor for the controller's register read commands

Read functions require *no* payload. The value of the register read is returned as a response. As these *reads do* generate a response, the command packet's *Respond* field is set to *true*. The format of that response is illustrated in Figure 27.

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iebm.h File Reference

LCB command/response methods for the Event Builder. [More...](#)

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#include "LCB/LIOX.h"
#include "LCB/LIOX_addr_def.h"
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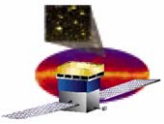
Functions

- unsigned **EBMconCmd** (LIOX lh, LIOX_addr logic_addr, unsigned short opcode)
Sends a dataless command to the EBM control register block.
- unsigned **EBMconLoad** (LIOX lh, LIOX_addr logic_addr, unsigned short regld, unsigned value)
Loads a register in the EBM control register block with value.
- unsigned **EBMconRead** (LIOX lh, LIOX_addr logic_addr, unsigned short regld)
Reads a register in the EBM control block.
- unsigned **EBMstatCmd** (LIOX lh, LIOX_addr logic_addr, unsigned short opcode)
Sends a dataless command to the EBM statistics block.
- unsigned **EBMstatRead** (LIOX lh, LIOX_addr logic_addr, unsigned short regld)
Reads a register in the EBM statistics block returning value in val.

Detailed Description

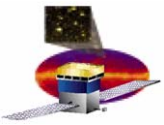
LCB command/response methods for the Event Builder.

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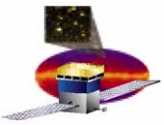
Configuration: Status

- **Configure CAL, TKR front-end electronics**
 - Implemented for COMM I/O boards
 - Packages GTEM, GNAT, ... (working, being used in field, part of EM1 build)
 - Re-implemented for LCB
 - Packages DEM, LCB
 - In use at SLAC for hardware commissioning
- **Configure ACD front end electronics**
 - Emulation implemented for EM1 to let ACD proceed with their testing
 - Packages GAEM, GNAT, ... (working, being used in field, part of EM1 build)
 - Re-implemented for LCB and for real hardware
 - Packages DEM, LCB
 - In use at SLAC for hardware commissioning
- **Configure GASU**
 - Implemented for COMM I/O boards (initial commissioning only)
 - Packages GDAB, ... (working, used at SLAC, now being superceded)
 - Re-implemented for LCB
 - Handles all elements of GASU (CRU, AEM, GEM, EBM)
 - Packages DAB, LCB
 - In use at SLAC for hardware commissioning
- **Configure PDU**
 - Part of package DAB (see previous bullet)
- **Configure XBRD**
 - Implemented for EM1
 - Packages GGLT, GNAT, ... (working, being used in field, part of EM1 build)
 - A test-stand only package: no further development expected
- DEM, DAB and LCB will be part of I&T code distribution for new generation of LCB-based test stands



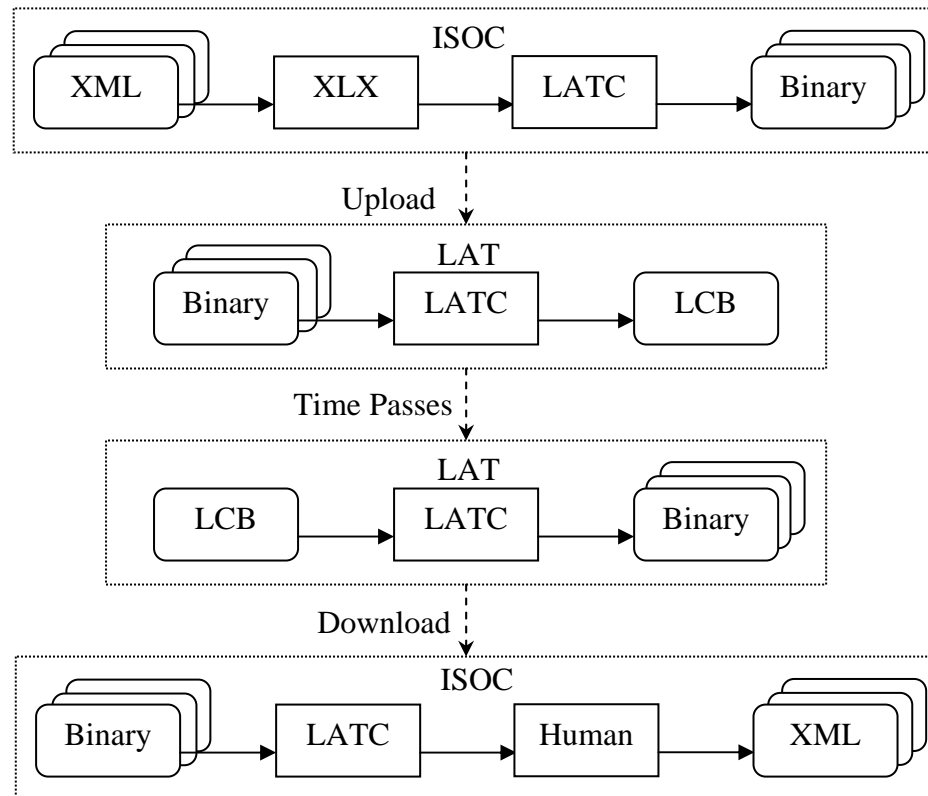
Configure From Files: Overview

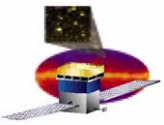
- Full instrument configuration description is large
 - Impractical to configure instrument with a series of telecommands
 - Impractical to record instrument configurations with a “simple” register dump
- Instrument flight software has developed methods for segmenting and compressing configurations
 - Segmentation
 - Define a file format, describing a hierarchical description of all registers
 - Allow any single file to populate only a small segment of this hierarchy
 - Reading a series of files builds up a full configuration
 - The first file is usually the “golden” instrument configuration (which can use wildcards heavily)
 - Subsequent files then annotate deviations from the golden configuration
 - A particular target configuration (e.g., trigger configuration) can be put in a file by itself and reused
 - Compression
 - The above files start in XML format
 - Easy to describe, code manage, and exchange with other LAT groups
 - Flight software and I&T are converging the XML file format
 - A (host/ground based) tool converts the XML to a compact binary format
 - The resulting binary format is compressed using ZLIB, producing a “LATC” file
- On board handling
 - On board software reads a set of LATC-compressed files to build an “in-memory” configuration:
 - To set the instrument configuration
 - To verify the instrument configuration
 - To dump the instrument configuration



Configure From Files: Data Flow

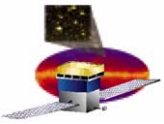
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Configure From Files: Status

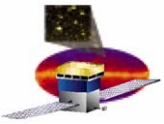
- **Status**
 - All the functional blocks described have been implemented
 - Package XLX converts files XML <-> LATC
 - Package LATC does all compressed file handling
 - Read file(s)
 - Write file(s)
 - Set instrument to configuration
 - Verify instrument against configuration
- **Left to do**
 - Expand the XML “dictionary” to describe GASU, PDU, redundant paths, ...
 - Re-implement the LATC register read/write functions to use LCB communications
- **Further Documentation**
 - [LAT-SS-01597 LAT Configuration](#)
 - [LATC Developer Guide](#)
 - [LATC Programmer Guide](#)
 - [XLX Programmer Guide](#)



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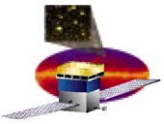


Event Delivery




Event Delivery

- **Two very distinct blocks of functionality**
 - Deliver *events* from target hardware through flight software to test stands
 - Deliver *traffic* through science data interface to spacecraft (ISIS)
- **Test stand event delivery**
 - A pass through from the hardware to the test stand
 - Does not filter
 - Does not reformat
 - Implemented for COMM I/O boards
 - Packages OES (Online Event Server), GGLT, GNAT, ... (working, being used in field, part of EM1 build)
 - Re-implemented for LCB
 - Packages OES, LCB, ...
 - In use at SLAC for hardware commissioning
- **ISIS traffic delivery**
 - Spectrum Astro wish to test the science data interface
 - Protocol
 - Integrity
 - Bandwidth
 - For this purpose, they do not need physics data
 - Instead, LAT flight software will provide a data stream emulation
 - Test patterns will be generated on the CPU and written to science data interface
 - Test pattern will be configurable
 - Data rate will be configurable

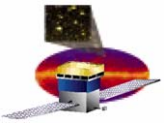


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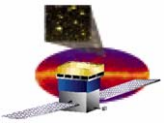
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Housekeeping



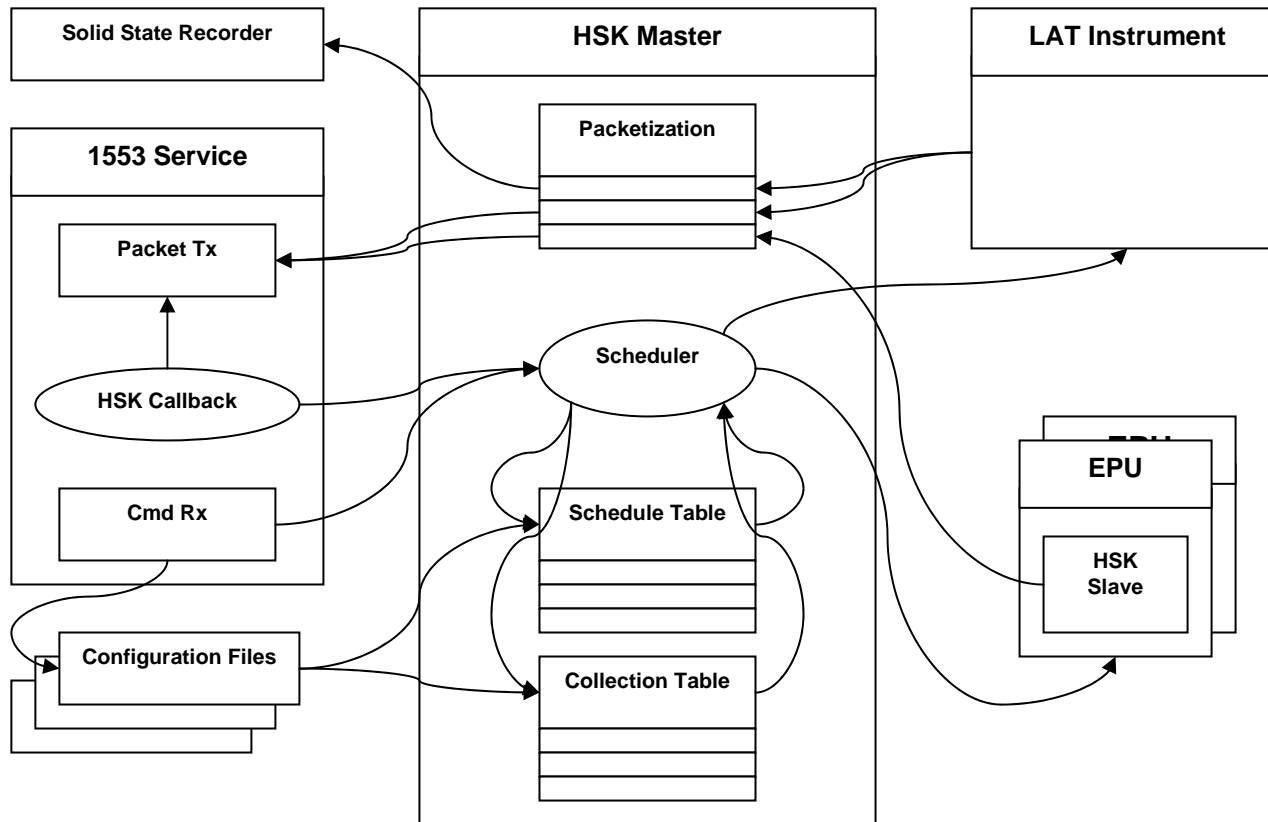
Housekeeping: Overview

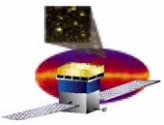
- **Monitor the state and health of the instrument:**
 - **Hardware monitors**
 - Switch positions, temperatures, voltages, currents, ...
 - Hardware command counts, trigger counts, livetime, ...
 - **Software monitors**
 - Software command counts, idle time, memory usage, ...
- **Do this independently of the event acquisition path**
 - Hardware monitoring primarily via LCB command/response path
 - Software monitoring by exchange of messages between CPUs
 - Housekeeping runs as independent task(s)
- **Design document: [LAT-TD-02905](#)**
 - Enumerates all the measurands available in hardware
 - Begins to enumerate CPU metrics
 - Lays out telemetry packets
 - Describes the operations of the housekeeping master task
 - Based on a time-slot scheduler
 - Slots assigned a block of housekeeping to gather
 - Slot to block-of-data mapping is table driven, so easy to modify
 - Some blocks can be scheduled more frequently than others
 - Some slots held open to accommodate commanded collection of data
 - As described, can telemeter complete LAT state/health information in ~20 seconds
 - But the list of measurands is likely to grow
- **Status**
 - First pass implementation in developer private area



Housekeeping: Scheduler

- Scheduler diagram extracted from [LAT-TD-02905](#)




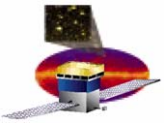


Housekeeping: Telemetry Packet



- Telemetry packet description extracted from [LAT-TD-02905](#)

Table 19 TEM Environmental Packet

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0	Version=0		T=0		SH=1						APID					
1	SF=3								Sequence Count							
2									Packet Length=116							
3									Timestamp Seconds MSW							
4									Timestamp Seconds LSW							
5									Timestamp Subseconds MSW							
6									Timestamp Subseconds LSW							
7									Timestamp delta MSW							
8									Timestamp delta LSW							
9			Spare						Validity		Channel		Group			
10			ADC1						ADC0							
11			ADC2								ADC1					
12					ADC3								ADC2			
13			ADC5						ADC4							
14			ADC6								ADC5					
15					ADC7								ADC6			
16			ADC1						ADC0							
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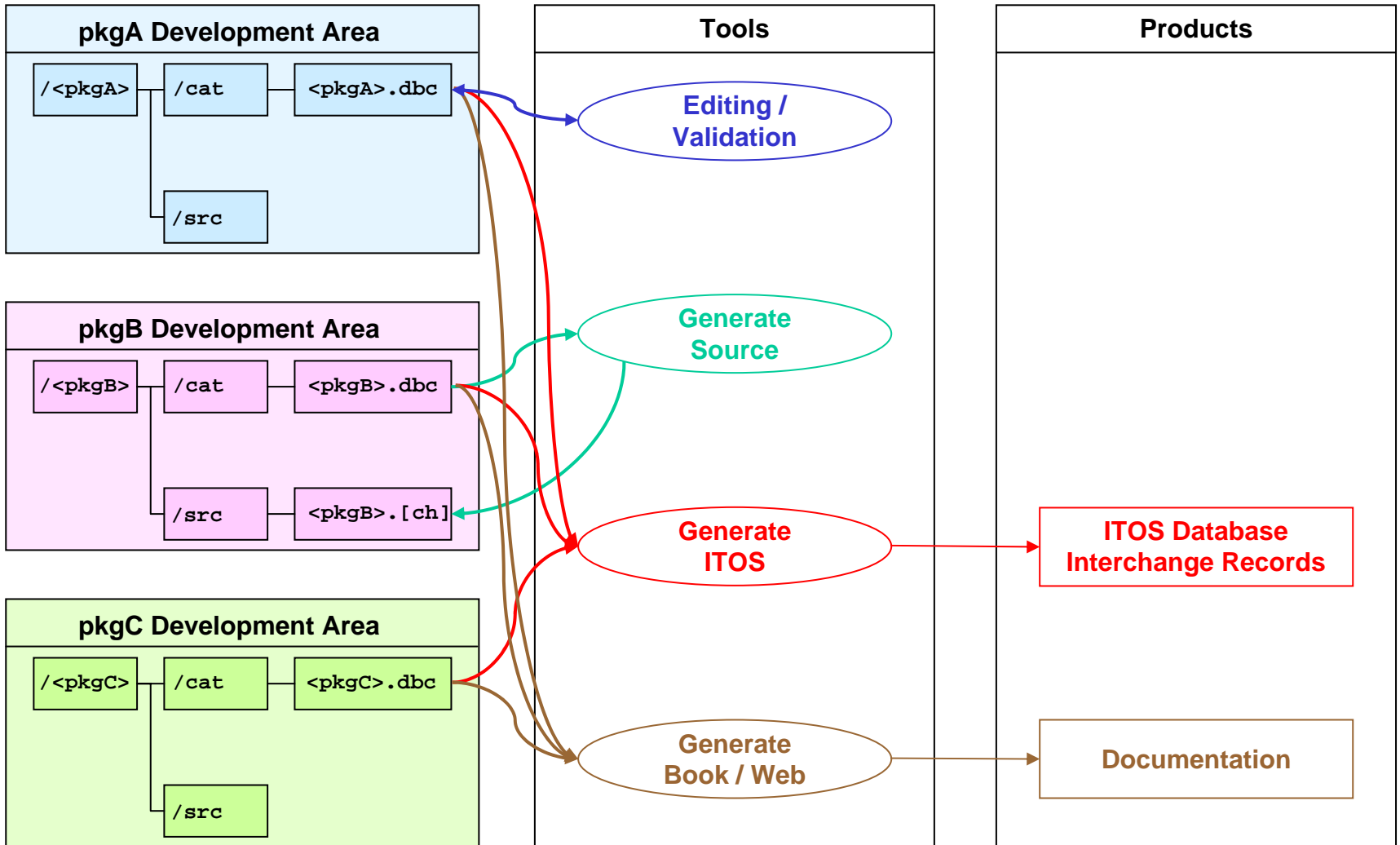
Telecommand / Telemetry

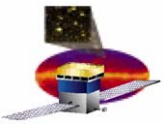


Telecommand / Telemetry: Overview

- **Telecommand / telemetry database and services**
 - **Constraints**
 - During the mission MOC will use ITOS
 - During satellite integration, Spectrum Astro will use AstroRT
 - LAT must produce a command and telemetry database document
 - LAT must produce code corresponding to the C&T database document
 - **Many products, but all derived from the same basic information**
 - A maintenance nightmare, if all products are maintained independently
- **Design**
 - **A tools-based approach**
 - Define a private, XML-based representation of this information
 - Provide an editor tool to manipulate the XML files
 - Provide extraction tools to produce
 - ITOS database interchange records
 - AstroRT compatible ITOS database interchange records
 - Telecommand and telemetry web pages and book
 - Source code for inclusion by FSW applications
 - **Integration into developer's environment**
 - Any package defining telecommands or telemetry will have a `/cat` directory
 - Developer will create package-specific telecommand / telemetry XML files in `/cat`
 - XML files are code managed under our present system
 - Deriving code source files from XML files will be built into our build scheme
 - **Books and web pages are created by farming `/cat` directories in all packages**


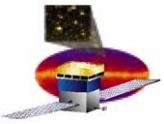
Telecommand / Telemetry: Workflow







Telecommand / Telemetry: Status

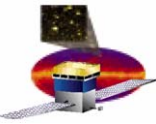
- **Status**
 - **Proof of principle implementations completed for:**
 - **Editing XML files**
 - **Extracting ITOS database exchange records**
 - **Building a telecommand / telemetry web pages and book**
 - [Web access to telecommand / telemetry book and web pages](#)
 - **Dropping out source code**
- **Future**
 - **Converge on ITOS vs. AstroRT database representations**
 - **AstroRT nominally reads ITOS database records, but**
 - **Doesn't understand all of them**
 - **Mistranslates in some cases (bit fields in telecommands)**
 - **Finalize the XML file format to satisfy all consumers**
 - **Finalize the tools**



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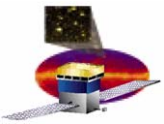


Inter-Task Communications

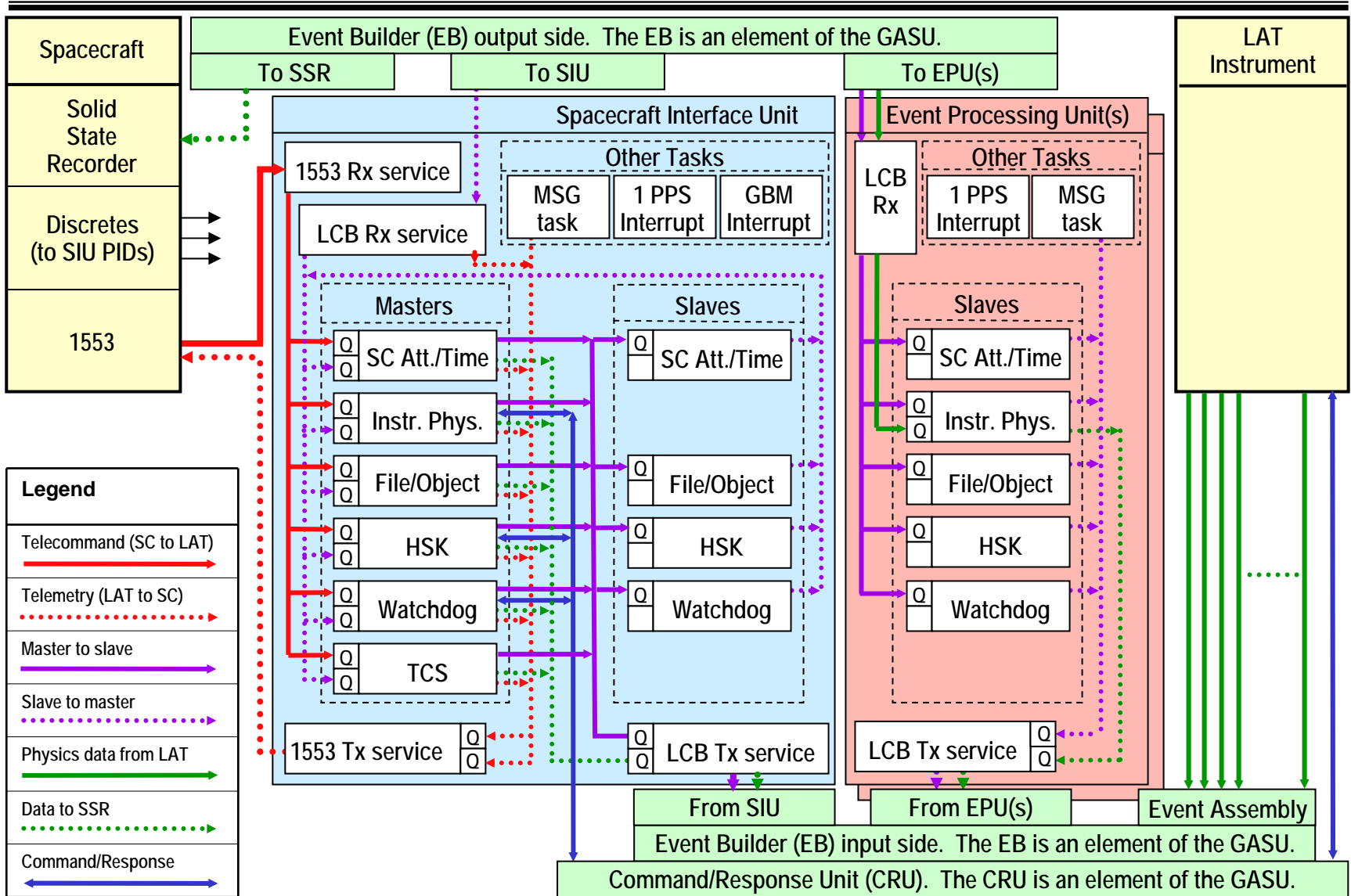


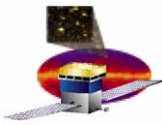
Inter-Task Communications: Overview

- **Task communications / task frameworks**
 - Package to provide developers with standard methods for setting up tasks with communication queues:
 - Define and initialize a task's incoming queues
 - Receive and dispatch messages on incoming queues
 - Send messages to other tasks
 - In other words, the *arrows* on the architecture diagram
- **Forward Planning**
 - While not strictly needed for EM2, the package is being designed to be upwardly compatible with multi-CPU operation:
 - Send messages to other tasks on other CPUs
 - Provide task-synchronization mechanism
 - The “scatter/gather” problem
 - Master task must sometimes synchronize responses from multiple slaves



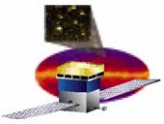
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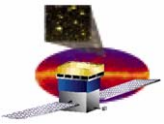
- **Package must deal with multiple formats/protocols**
 - 1553-mediated CCSDS telecommands from spacecraft
 - 1553-mediated CCSDS telemetry to spacecraft
 - LCB-mediated unsolicited CPU to CPU communications
 - LCB-mediated unsolicited instrument to CPU communications
 - LCB-mediated CPU to spacecraft Solid State Recorder (SSR) communications (the science data interface)
- **Status**
 - Toolbox from which to build this package already available in package PBS
 - Prioritized queues with queue masking and timeouts
 - Interlocked operations on queues
 - ...
 - Now running “use case” exercises for all tasks communicating via queues
 - Identifying split between single CPU and multi-CPU implementation
 - Implement single CPU for EM2, but provide all the hooks for multi-CPU
 - With most of our low level utilities, drivers, and services coming under control, this is the next package to be implemented



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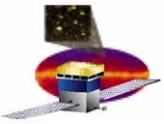


Software Watchdog




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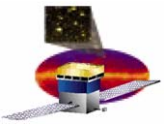
- **Software watchdog**
 - **Primary function: Update the hardware watchdog periodically to pre-empt a hardware watchdog reset**
 - **Primary problem: This is too easy in a multi-tasking system!**
 - **Other tasks could be dead or dying but if the software watchdog task is healthy, it will continue to update the hardware watchdog**
 - **Real design challenge is not “how to refresh the hardware watchdog”, but “deciding if the hardware watchdog *should* be refreshed”**
- **Status**
 - **Preliminary design document written**
 - **Identifies the above problem and provides a solution**
 - **Other tasks register a “progress indicating” routine with the software watchdog task**
 - **Before refreshing the hardware watchdog, software watchdog will run through registered routines to check that all tasks are making progress**
 - **If task(s) are not making progress, software watchdog performs a software reset**
 - **This reduces the hardware watchdog function to catching code spins at high priority level or a lock up at interrupt level**
 - **A software-initiated reset is always preferable to a hardware reset**
 - **Once the concept is grasped, this is not a large coding project**
 - **Has been assigned to our new software engineer (Steve Mazzoni)**



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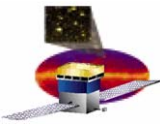


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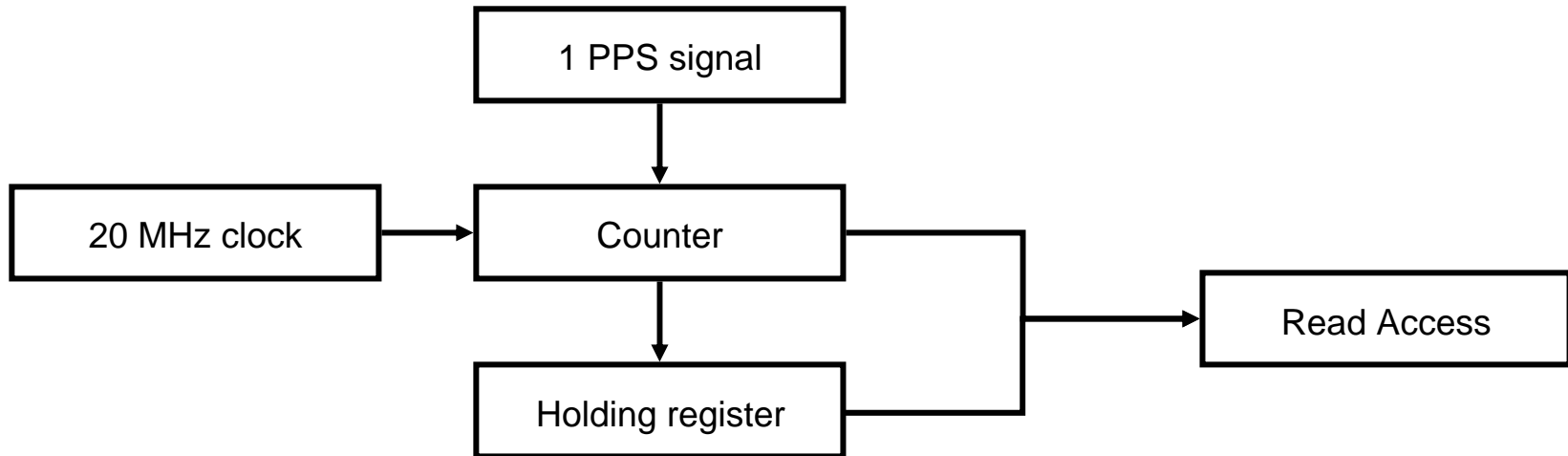


Wall Clock Time: Overview

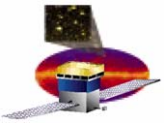
- **Wall clock time**
 - LAT FSW is required to time tag all photon events to one microsecond
 - Wall clock time is defined for us by the spacecraft
 - A once a second message “At the tone, the time will be ...”
 - A once a second time hack (a dedicated signal line)
 - FSW has chosen to extend this precision to all time tags
 - All times from all sources (events or CPUs) will be reported to better than one microsecond, wall clock time
 - Implementation requires a small amount of software and a large amount of hardware support
- **Principles of operation**
 - Same for both event time tagging and CPU time tagging
 - Drive a counter from the instrument 20 MHz clock
 - Strobe the current value of this counter into a holding register with the spacecraft 1 PPS signal
 - Reading the counter provides “current time” (in counter units)
 - Stamp this value into triggered events
 - CPU uses 1 PPS signal interrupt to read strobed values in holding registers, using the data to build tables of wall clock time (provided by the spacecraft messages) against counter value
 - Counter time can be converted to wall clock time by interpolating/extrapolating through these tables



Wall Clock Time: Operation


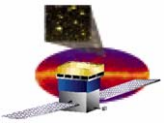


- **Event time tags**
 - Counter and holding register physically located on GEM
 - When 1 PPS received, current counter value is strobed to holding register (SIU reads this back when it receives its own 1 PPS interrupt)
 - When event triggered, current value of counter is part of event data
- Documented in
 - [LAT-SS-01596](#)
- **CPU time tags**
 - Counter and holding register are provided on the RAD750 (specially configured PIDs)
 - When 1 PPS received, current counter value strobed to holding register (all CPUs read this back when they receive their own 1 PPS interrupt)
- Documented in
 - [BAE Hardware manual](#) section 4.8
 - [LAT PID assignments](#)





Wall Clock Time: Status

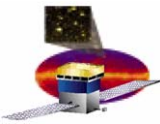
- **Status**
 - **Design understood**
 - **Spacecraft attitude/time master task distributes spacecraft messages to all slaves**
 - **Spacecraft attitude/time slave task populates wall clock time side of table(s)**
 - **1 PPS task (all CPUs) populates counter side of table(s)**
 - **With strobed GEM counter (SIU only)**
 - **With strobed PID counter (SIU and EPU)**
 - **Accessor routines convert GEM counter and PID counter times to wall clock time through built up tables**



**Gamma-ray Large
Area Space
Telescope**



Function / Package Mapping


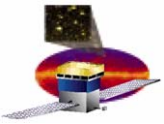


Function / Package Mapping



		Package																										
		(CTD)	(GPS)	(HSK)	(ITC)	(LSW)	CCSDS	CLI	CMX	CTDB	DAB	DEM	EXPAT	FILE	GGLT	GNAT	GRL	LATC	LCB	MSG	OCS	OES	PBC	PBI	PBS	VXW	XLX	ZLIB
Function	Configure TKR and CAL front end electronics							Y			Y							Y	Y				Y	Y	Y			
	Configure ACD front end electronics							Y			Y								Y	Y				Y	Y	Y		
	Configure GASU (CRU, GEM, EBM, AEM)							Y		Y									Y	Y				Y	Y	Y		
	Configure PDU							Y		Y									Y	Y				Y	Y	Y		
	Configure XBRD							Y							Y	Y			Y	Y				Y	Y	Y		
	Configure by compressed file							Y					Y					Y		Y				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Real event delivery (instrument to CPU)							Y		Y	Y				Y				Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y		
	Housekeeping data stream			(Y)				Y	Y		Y	Y			Y		Y		Y	Y				Y	Y	Y		
	RAD750 boot and crate initialization						Y	Y	Y	Y				Y			Y			Y			Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
	1553 bus communications						Y	Y	Y								Y			Y				Y	Y	Y		
	Telecommand/telemetry database and services	(Y)							Y																			
	Emulated event delivery (to science data interface)								Y																			
	CPU internal communications/task frameworks				(Y)				Y																			
	Software watchdog					(Y)			Y																			
Wall clock time services (GPS)		(Y)						Y																				

(Y): Package exists in developer private area or not yet created

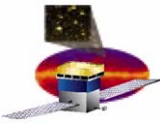
- [Access to package API documentation \(main index\)](#)



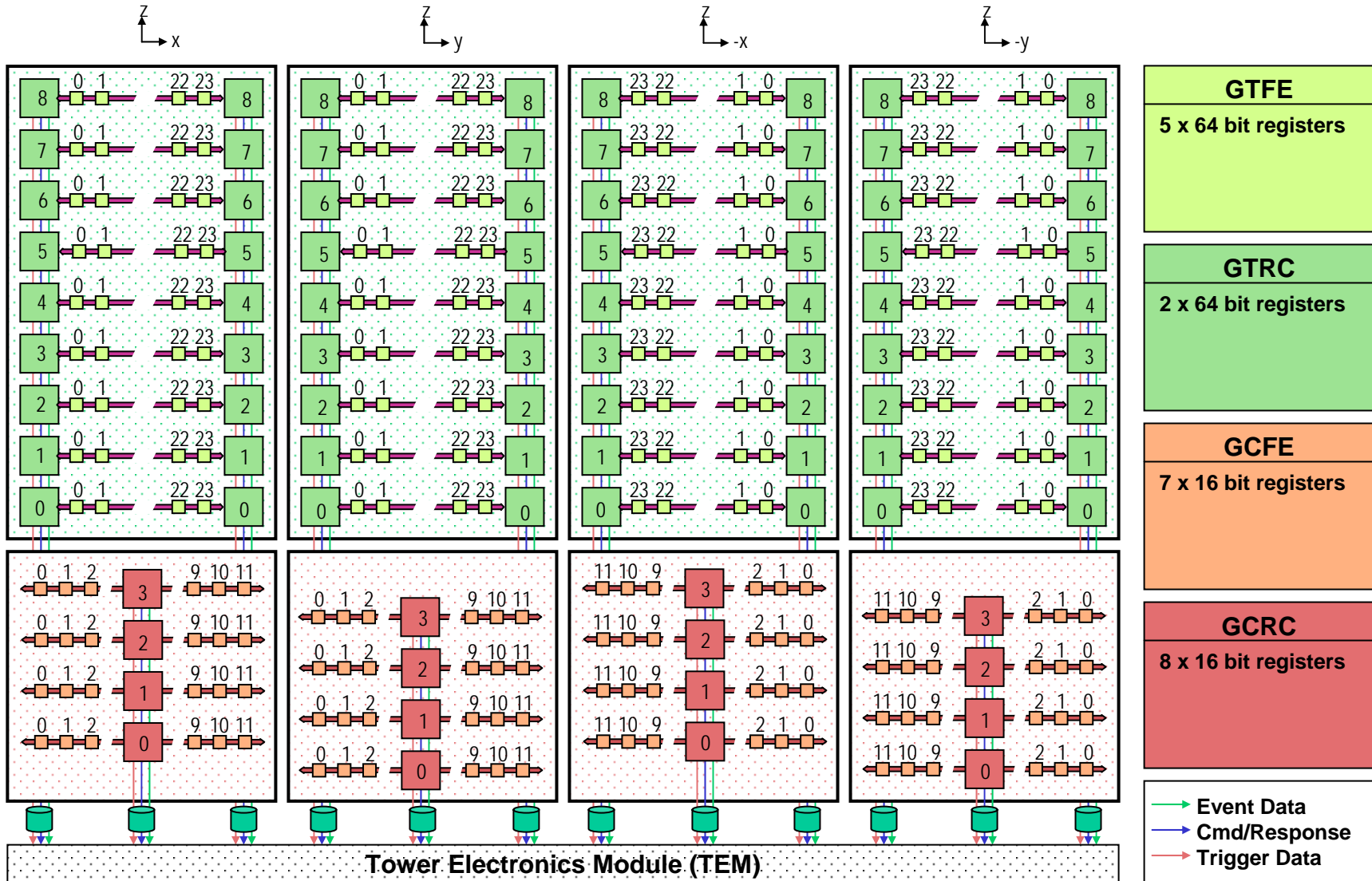
**Gamma-ray Large
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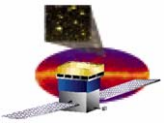


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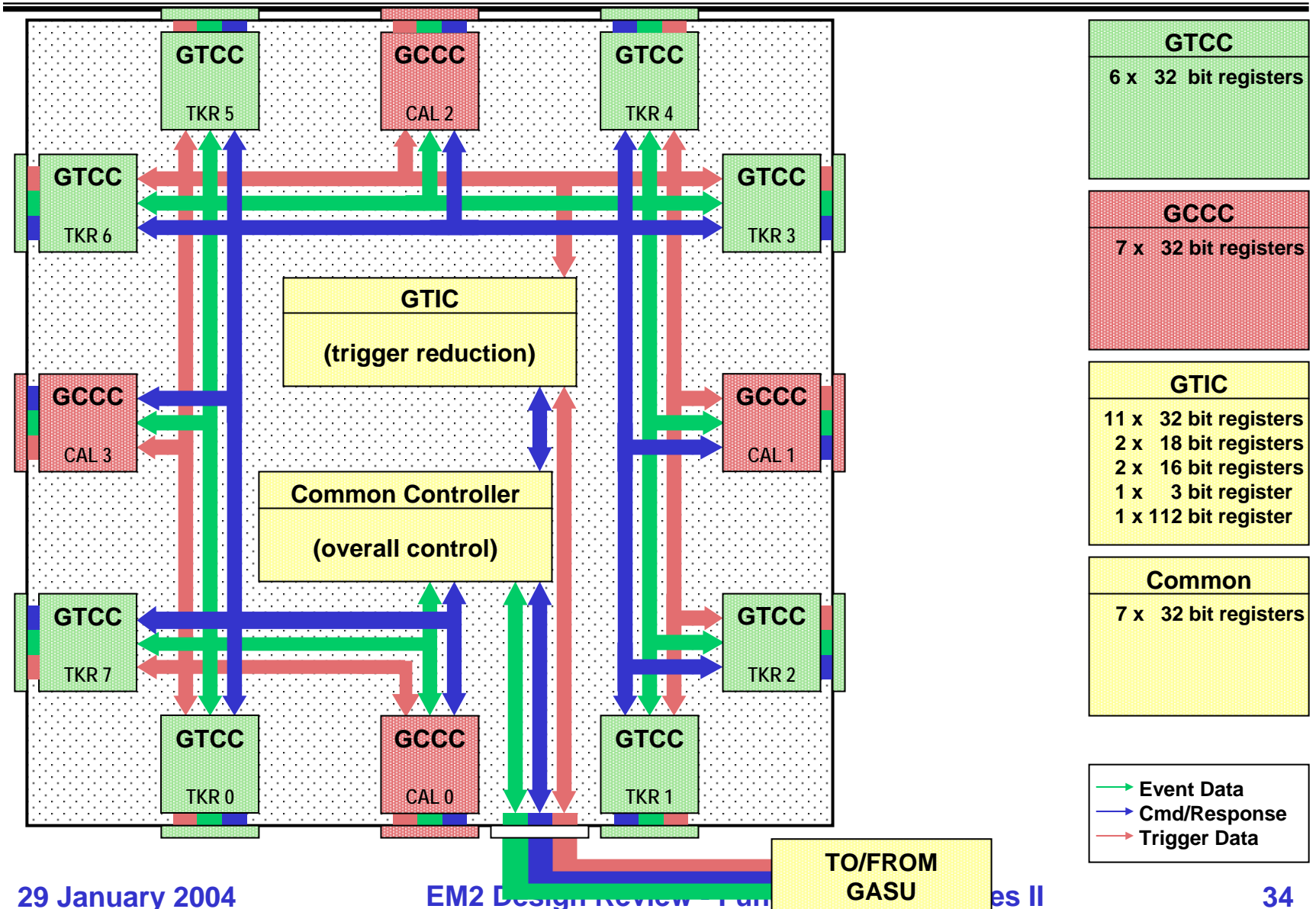


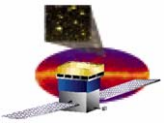
TKR & CAL Front End



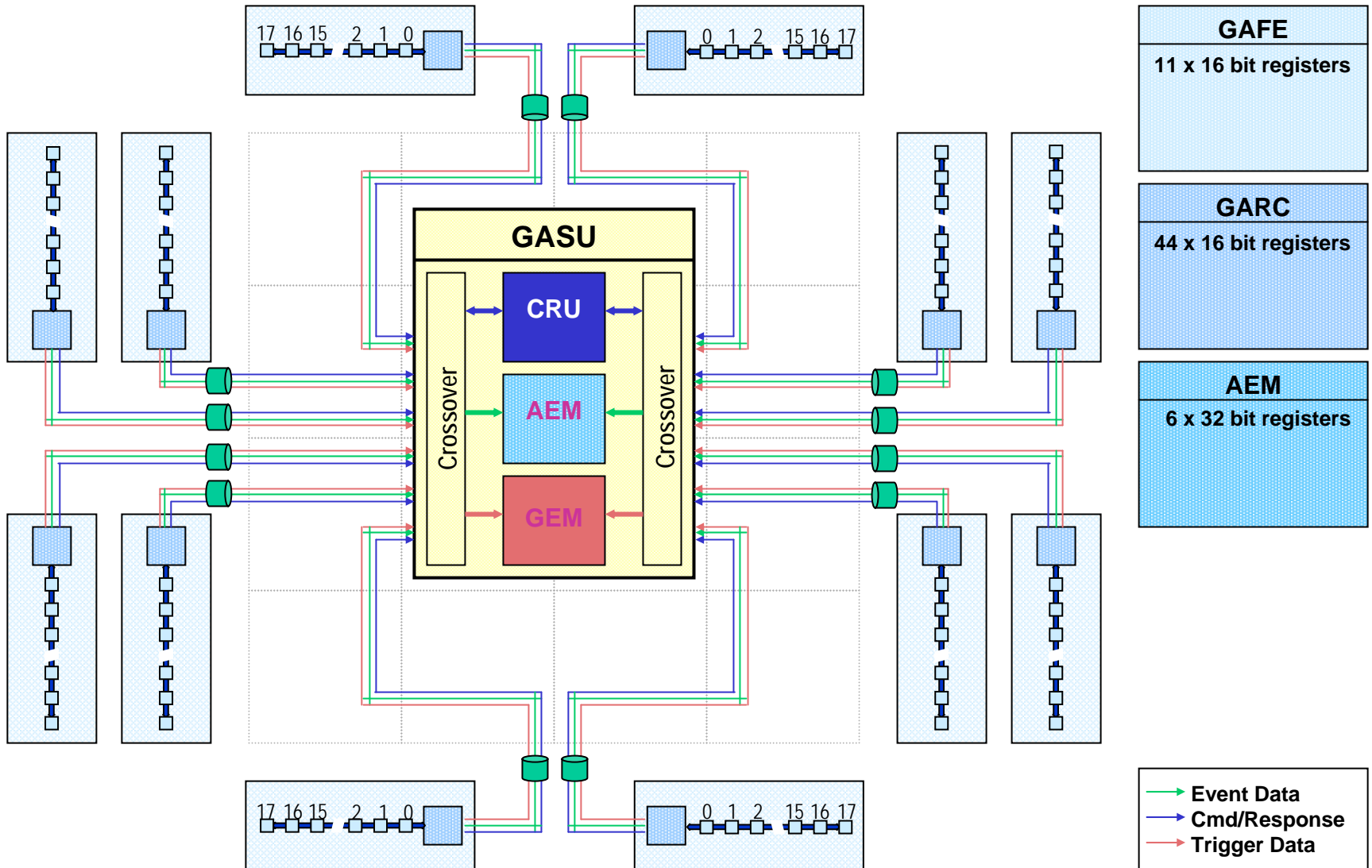


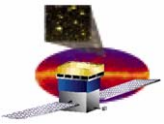
Tower Electronics Module (TEM)





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