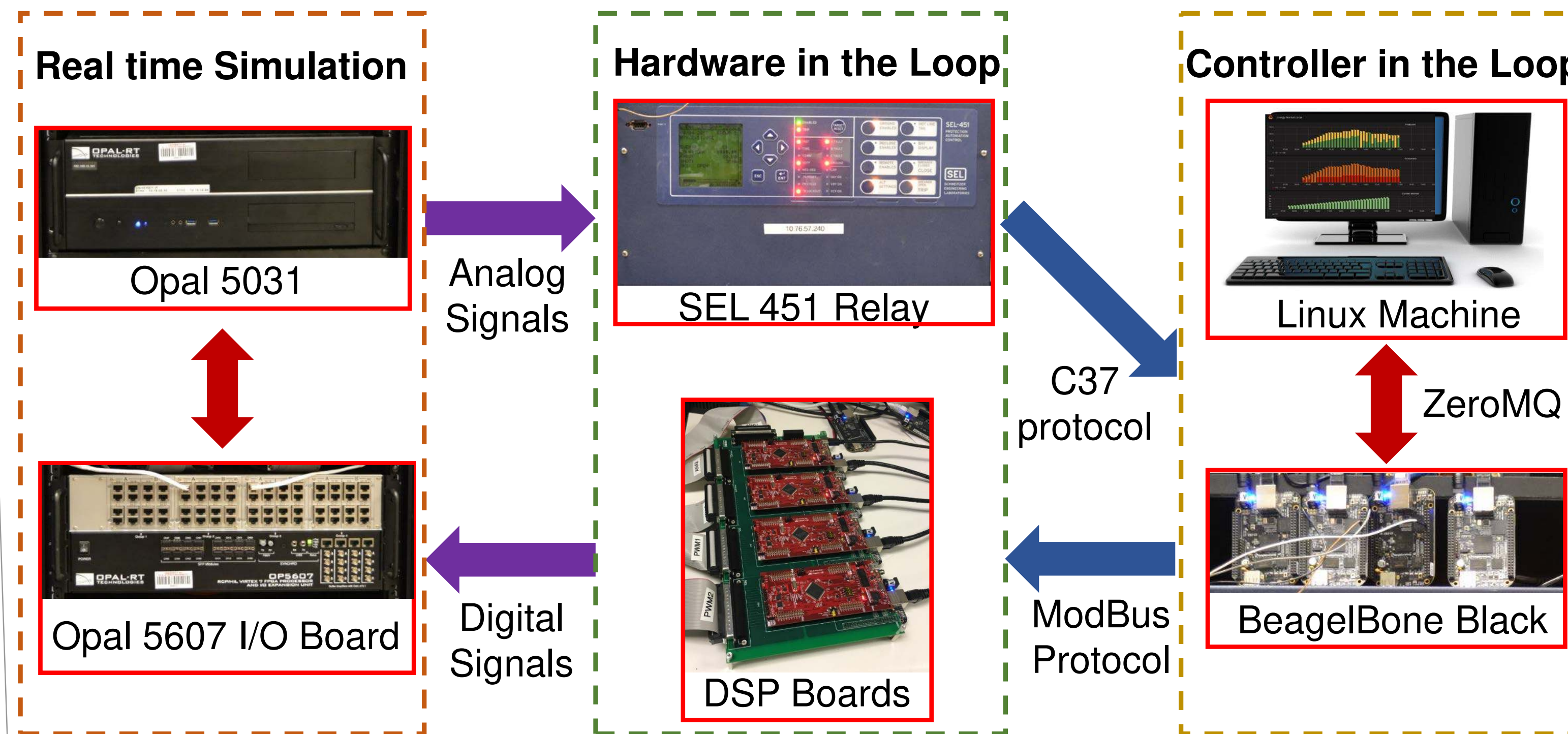


Overview

Microgrids are ideally suited for distributed control solutions. However, challenges exist when realizing the developed distributed controller under hardware level:

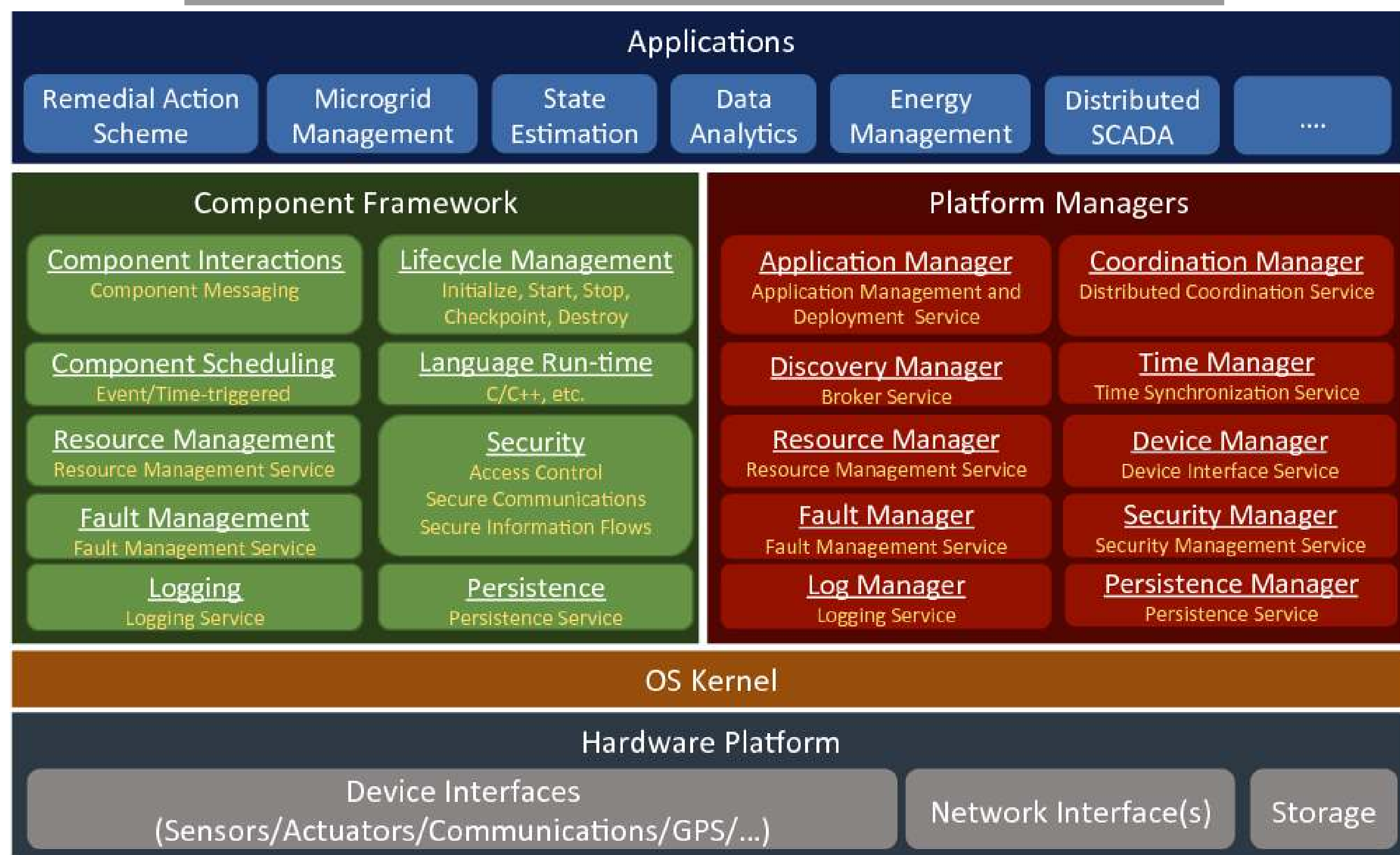
- ✓ Sufficient computational capability to support small iterative time step;
- ✓ Time synchronization management of concurrency among all the nodes
- ✓ Exchange information in a fast and accurate manner;
- ✓ Scalable controller and hardware implementation;
- ✓ Device interaction codes development VS Core control codes development;
- ✓ Communication failure tolerance

Microgrid Testbed in FREEDM Systems Center



1. **Opal-RT real time simulator**
 - Inverter switching model in FPGA solver
 - Power system model in CPU solver
2. **Texas Instruments F28377S MCU**
 - Inverter control using PWM signal
 - Modbus communication with Beaglebone Black
3. **SEL 451 Relay**
 - Providing real-world protection device response
 - Communication with Beaglebone Black using C37 protocol
4. **Beaglebone Black**
 - RIAPS node hardware carrier
 - Distributed control algorithm implementation
 - Communication with DSP via Modbus
5. **Linux machine**
 - Grafana Display

RIAPS System Architecture Overview



Infrastructure

RIAPS runs on a three-layer structure:

- An **Application** is a distributed control algorithm that is designed for a specific control goal and it consists of **Actors**;
- An **Actor** realizes an abstract function that is part of the designed algorithm like individual controller in each agent, it consists of **Components**;
- A **Component** is the building block of RIAPS and realizes the physical functions like measurement sensing or calculation.

References

- <https://riaps.isis.vanderbilt.edu/>

Partners



Application Developments

- Improved energy/power management with adaptive distributed control;
- Stable control for islanded mode, grid synchronization, (un)intentional islanding;
- Voltage/frequency restoration upon re-synchronization;
- Virtual Impedance control for improved dynamic reactive power sharing;
- Utilizes distributed computation and decision making platform.