

# ANT Team Feedback

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**SQUARE KILOMETRE ARRAY**

Exploring the Universe with the world's largest radio telescope

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# Agenda



1. Approach to M&C - Nick Rees - 20min

1. CS\_Guidelines feedback - 20min

LMC Harmonisation - 0. SKA Control System Guidelines (main)

1. Roadmap - 20min

Including TM - <Element> ICD templates - Paul Swart

1. Patterns overview - 1h00

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# Approach to Monitoring and Control



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- Firstly, congratulations to the LMC Harmonisation team on the work to date.
- Big thanks to the ANT team in particular
  - Lize
  - Sonja
  - Simone
  - Andrea
  - Lorenzo

# Current Status

0	Control System Guidelines	✓
1	Element & Central Alarms Handling	
2	Logging	✓
3	Device Naming Convention	
4	Control Model	
5	Configuration & Control	
6	Integrating Distributed TANGO Facilities	
7	Element Archiving & Central Archiving	✓
8	SKA TANGO Developers Guideline	
9	HMI Requirements and Guidelines	



# Going forward - 1

- We need to look at how top level control flows down into the system.
  - There is a lot of good stuff in the two control documents.
  - These explore many of the options, but lack guidance on the central architecture.
    - Timing
    - Global state machines
    - Sub-arrays
- This could be said to be part of TM...
  - However, the architectural approach will significantly affect the complexity of each LMC.
  - It can also affect the difficulty of writing efficient execution scripts.

# Going forward - 2

- Need to look at some of the TANGO issues
- How many of our TANGO assumptions have really been tested?
- Need to implement evolutionary prototypes of a large system based on our ideas.
  - No TANGO site has built up a system of systems in quite the way we propose.

# Going forward - 3

- Need to develop the device naming convention
  - Possibly a good job for the office.
- Need to develop the HMI Guidelines.
  - Is it all Taurus?
- Anything missing?
  - Role of Sardana?



# Going forward - 4

- How do we want TANGO to evolve?
  - Multi-parameter commands.
    - Richer data types
  - Updating the alarm state machine - IEC 62682
    - Deadbands
  - Handling multi-facility systems more transparently
  - Changes to make event-driven publishing easier to implement

# Summary

- Need to:
  - develop a consistent vision on the SKA software architecture.
    - Will depend critically on TM
    - I plan to have some meetings on this.
  - move from a documentation phase to a validation phase by:
  - building evolutionary prototypes of
    - The core SKA classes
    - A representative SKA-sized system
  - complete the outstanding documentation based on these inputs.
  - join the TANGO consortium and start making key contributions.

# CS\_Guidelines feedback



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[www.tinyurl.com/SkaLmcShared](http://www.tinyurl.com/SkaLmcShared) / LMC Harmonisation

- Major cleanup and rework on the working documents of each topic and of the CS\_Guidelines (SKA Control System Guidelines) main document
- CS\_Guidelines main document now contains summaries the design patterns of the different topics.
- Drafts of two new topics:
  - #7. Element Archiving & Central Archiving
  - #8. SKA TANGO Developers Guideline
- The birth of the term "**ElementMaster**" to replace Element "LMC" for the top-level TANGO Device Server

# CS\_Guidelines feedback

This is what we have "ready" for the Engineering meeting:

- LMC Harmonisation - 0. SKA Control System Guidelines (main)
- LMC Harmonisation - 0.1 Element TANGO Interface Template
- LMC Harmonisation - 1. Element & Central Alarms Handling
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Most work went into numbers 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8. 2 is "done".

# CS\_Guidelines feedback

- Summaries in the CS\_Guidelines are a bit of a moving target as work is still continuing on the different topics,
- as are the actual design patterns

## Patterns to finalise e.g.

- In the area of States and Modes:
  - there is an SKA TT Resolution Team that were convened and some SKAO work on Observing modes that happened in the last 2-3 weeks
  - also a TT team on Subarrays
- Alarms Handling to be aligned with the IEC 62682 standard
- ElementMaster presenting a discovery gateway to support Integrating multiple TANGO facilities
- also Telescope Model

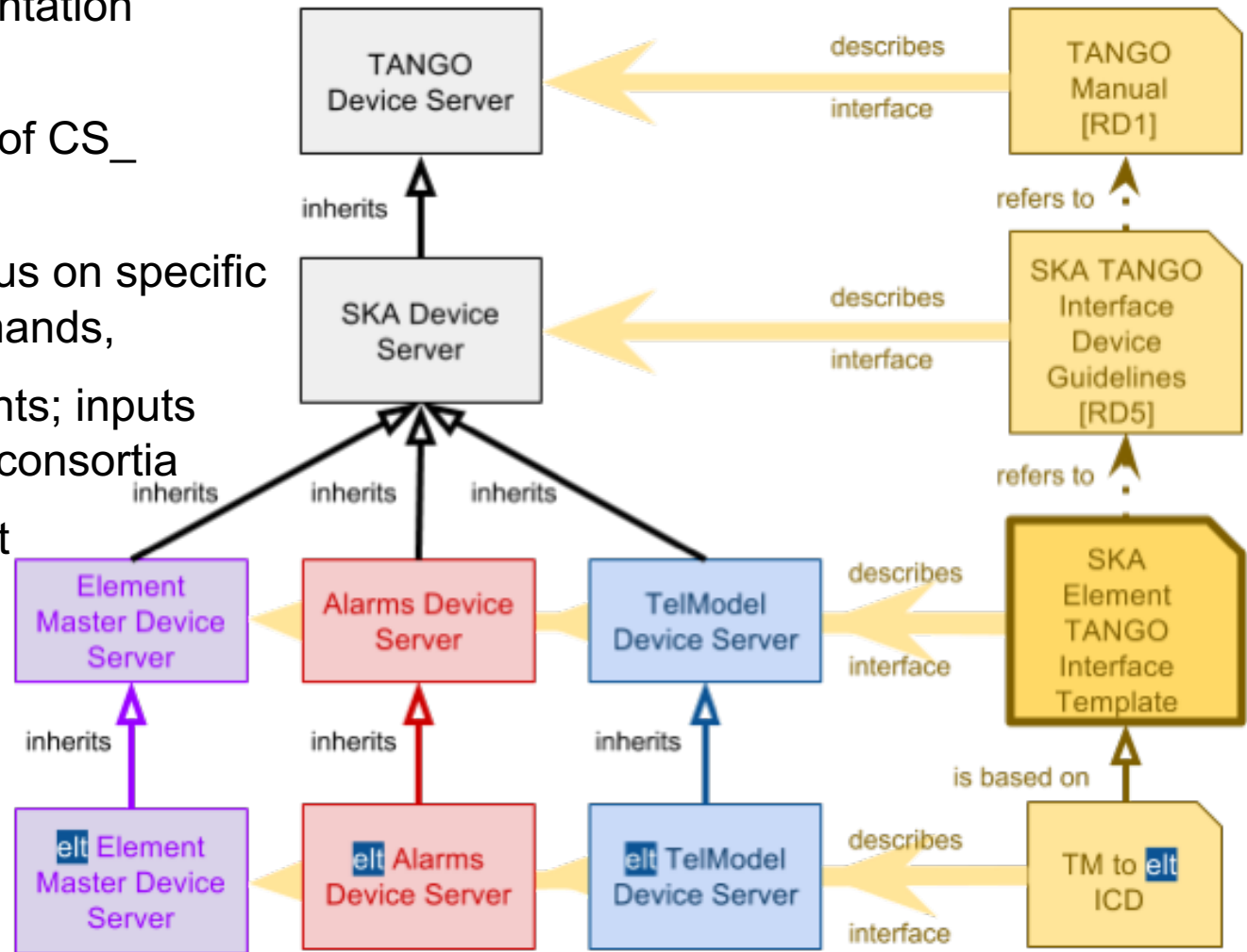
# Roadmap - CS\_Guidelines

Focus to finalise CS\_Guidelines early 2017:

- SKAO and ANT team to review CS\_Guidelines and finalise design patterns with regular  $\pm$ weekly telecons
- First "formal" numbered version to be issued by Dec 2016 (goal)
- Early 2017 - active review of full set of guidelines by the whole LMC community:
  - does it cover all use cases of your Element
  - suggest updates/improvements/alternatives

# Roadmap - ICDs: Template

- interface implementation sections,
- enables adoption of CS\_Guidelines,
- ICD effort can focus on specific attributes & commands,
- WIP - got comments; inputs from SDP & Dish consortia
- Update from latest CS\_Guidelines,
- [Google doc.](#)





# Roadmap - ICDs: Views

- Logical/functional structure
  - Element reports in hierarchical functional structure.
    - i. determine structure - derive from functional allocations to the Element from Mid & Low functional analysis.
    - ii. consortium breaks down allocated functions into lower functions.
  - To support observation scheduling, execution & monitoring, Element Capabilities are important functional aggregations of concern.
  - Navigation from Capability health to eqt resources.
  - Logical groups as TANGO devices/groups.
- Physical structure for Element M&C information:
  - based on PBS of the Element.
  - TANGO devices represent items in this structure.
- TANGO facilitates: user inspect & traverse structures.

# Roadmap - ICDs: Alarms, Failures

- Alarms

- Definition: *audible and/or visible means of indicating to the operator an equipment malfunction, process deviation, or abnormal condition requiring a timely response* ✧
- Alarms philosophy to be promulgated by SKAO (suggestions from TM Consortium).
- ICD population follow alarm identification, rationalisation.

- Failures

- Definition: *The inability of an item to perform within previously specified limits* ◆
- Consortia use FMECA analysis (per SKA ILS Plan) to systematically identify failures, and failure detection methods.
- SKAO review to identify attributes that TM should subscribe to in order to forward to the ILS System as failure detection methods.

✧ per ISA-18.2 / IEC 62682 Management of Alarms Systems for the Process Industry

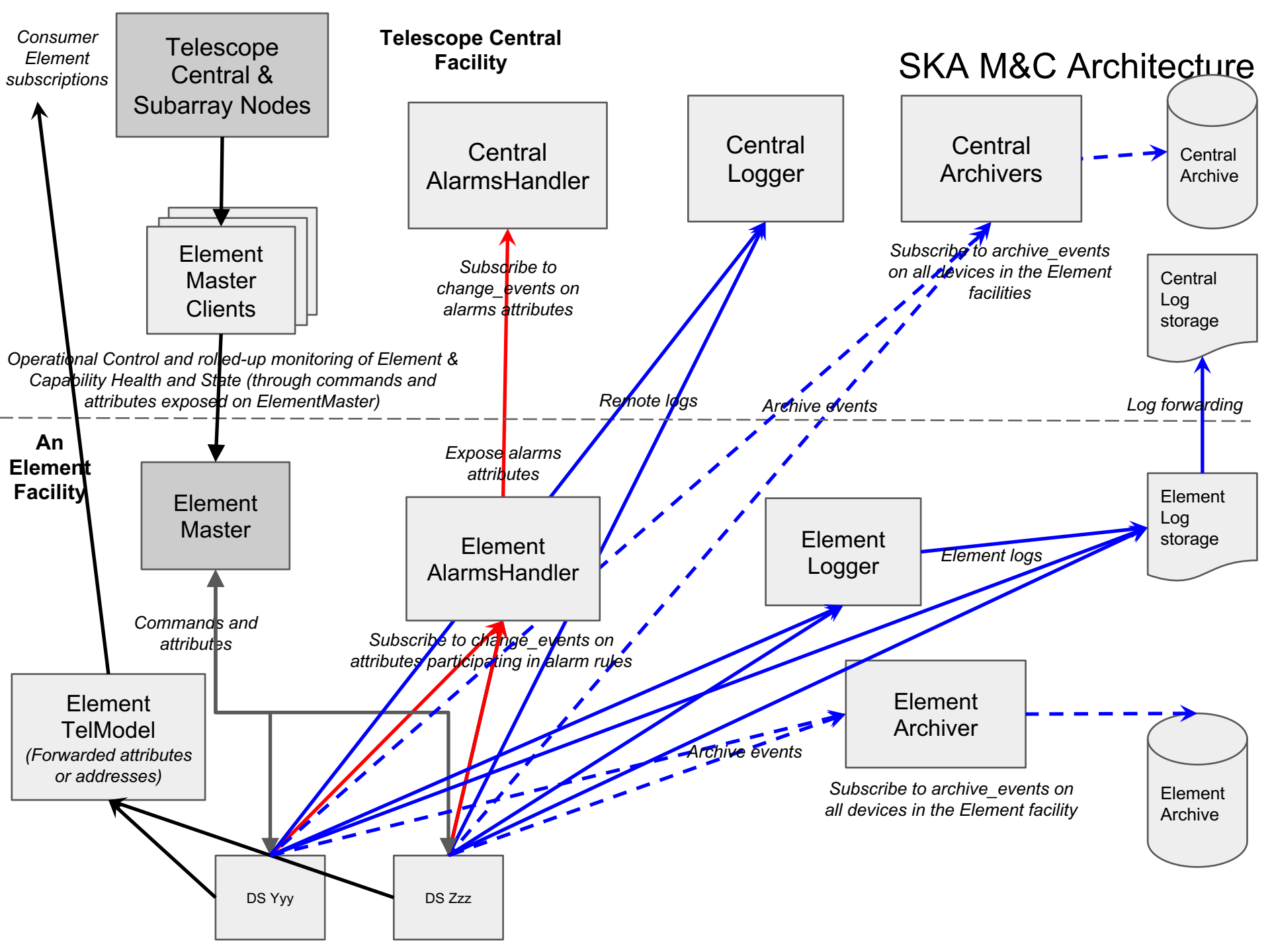
◆ per MOD DEF STAN 00-60 Integrated Logistic Support Part 0 (referred to by SKA Integrated Logistic Support Plan)

# Roadmap - Next topics?

- Requirements for Element level and SKA Device Base classes  
(to be included in SKA TANGO Developers Guideline)
- Combining real and simulated devices/facilities
- Remote Software/Firmware upgrade patterns
- HMI Guidelines:
  - standardised technologies
  - common look and feel
  - how to support drill-down from TM/Central facility/tools into Engineering interfaces supplied by Elements, etc
- Suggestions from the floor:
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# Patterns overview

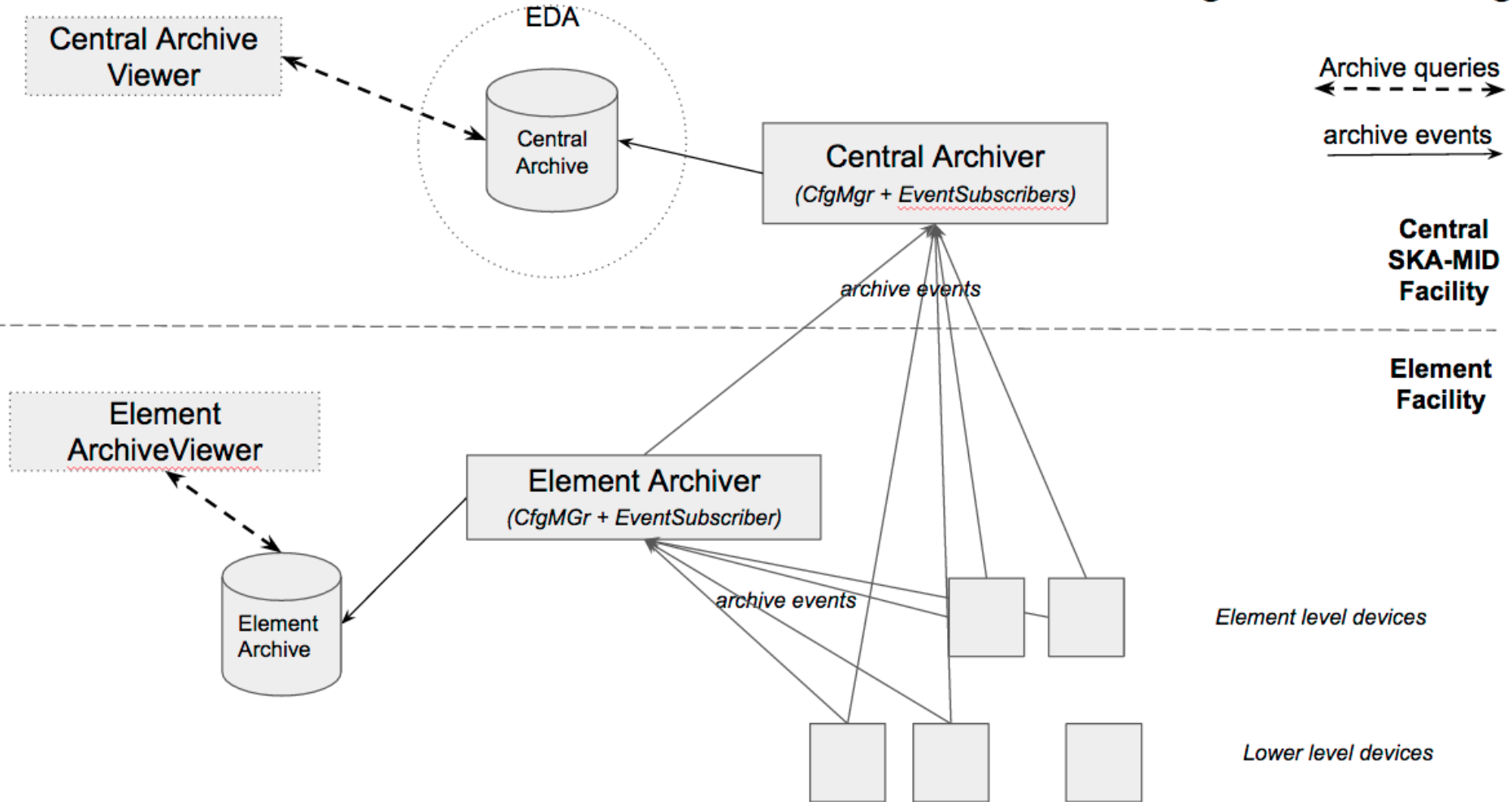
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# New: #7 Element & Central Archiving



## Integrated Archiving





# New: #8 SKA TANGO Developers Guideline

- New guideline - for TANGO device classes
- Supercedes LIG and TIG
- Various aspects including:
  - Use of Quality Factor on all attributes
  - Implementation of "device\_interface\_changed" events
  - MariaDB as the TANGO configuration database
  - Polling and event configuration
  - Naming conventions for commands, properties, attributes, enums
  - List of standard commands, properties and attributes for Element Level devices and SKA devices
  - Template for Device Class Documentation



# #1 Element & Central Alarms Handling

- Each SKA alarm will be configured as a rules-based aggregation
- SKA alarm is separate from attribute quality factor `ATTR_ALARM`
- Each SKA alarm will be exposed as an alarms attribute on the ElementAlarms handler
- CentralAlarms handler to subscribe to alarms on all ElementAlarms devices
- CentralAlarms implements its own rules-based aggregations for telescope wide alarms
- Standard commands on Alarms Handlers to support CentralAlarms
  - GetAlarmRule - Get all configuration info of the alarm, e.g. rule, defined action, etc - if not yet available
  - GetAlarmData - Get list of current value&quality factor&status of all attributes participating in the alarm rule
- Next steps:
  - Finalise SKA alarms format, levels and actions to be aligned with IEC 62682 standard  
[\[http://www.exida.com/2015/Alarm\\_Management\\_Rationalization\\_Poster\\_Sept2015.pdf\]](http://www.exida.com/2015/Alarm_Management_Rationalization_Poster_Sept2015.pdf)
  - Guidelines on when/what to define as alarms vs faults / failures and health status



# #4 SKA Control Model

## Impacts:

- SKA MID/LOW TT Resolution team and SKAO work on high-level telescope and subarray states and modes, and observing modes
- SKA MID TT Resolution team on Subarrays

1. TANGO Device State will be used to reflect the SKA Operational State.
2. Proposed SCM contains the following items:  
(some will be mandatory, others optional, different items apply to different levels like Element, Capability, subarray, LRU)
  - a. Operational State: OFF, INIT, ON, ALARM, FAILED, LOW-POWER, UNKNOWN
  - b. Health Status: OK, DEGRADED, FAILED
  - c. Usage Flag: IDLE, CONFIG, ACTIVE, STANDBY
  - d. Admin Mode: ENABLED, DISABLED, MAINTENANCE, NOT-FITTED
  - e. Observing Mode : IDLE, IMG-CONTINUUM, IMG-SPECTRAL-LINE, IMG-ZOOM,
  - f. PULSAR-SEARCH, TRANSIENT-SEARCH, PULSAR-TIMING, VLBI
  - g. Control Mode: UNRESTRICTED, CENTRAL, LOCAL
  - h. Simulated Flag: TRUE, FALSE
  - i. Test Mode: NORMAL, custom values

# #5 SKA Configuration & Control facilities



- Priority topic to be finalised next
- Use Cases has been drafted
- Elements to review to ensure their Element's use cases are adequately captured
- Topics described in CS\_Guidelines (main) includes:
  - Element configuration/sequencing
  - Structured command parameters & command validation
  - Using commands vs write attributes
  - Long running/future dated commands
  - Progress feedback

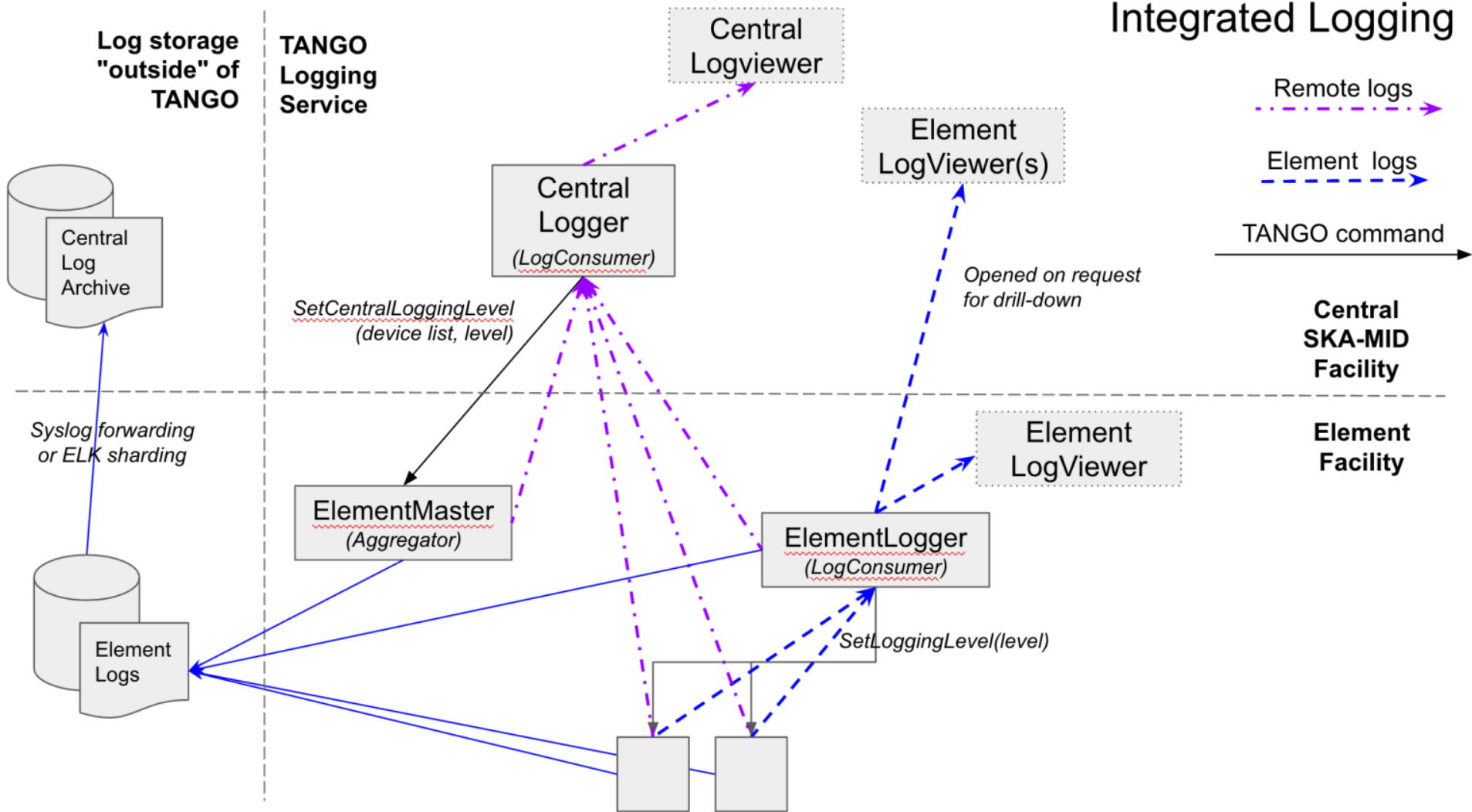




# #3 SKA Device Naming Convention

- Globally unique TANGO device names (across Observatory, MID\_SKA and LOW\_SKA telescopes)
- Separate TANGO facility for each Element (and every instance in case of DSH)
- Central TANGO facility for each telescope (SKA\_MID and SKA\_LOW)
- **SKA Facilities** - fixed set of SKA facilities; UPPERCASE with dash "-" e.g. SKA-MID, SKA-LOW, MID-CSP, LOW-SDP, LOW-LFAA, MID-DSH-nnnn, MID-SADT, LOW-SAT
- **SKA device names** (/DOMAIN/FAMILY/MEMBER) in lowercase with underscore "\_" as a separator, no dots, no dashes.
- **SKA domains** - limited, predefined set of domains per Element, e.g. for LOW-CSP it can be low\_csp, low\_csp\_lmc, low\_csp\_cbf, low\_csp\_pss, low\_csp\_pst
- Logical "**aliases**" will be used always to find/reference devices to allow for simulated and real facilities to be combined easily
- Examples of Element devices are populated in the guideline, to be reviewed and updated by each Element

# #2 SKA Logging



# Questions?



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