TrickHLA v3

An HLA interface package for Trick

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Introduction

- The main design goal of TrickHLA is to allow existing Trick simulations to use the IEEE-1516 High Level Architecture (HLA) with minimal development effort.
- TrickHLA is an HLA abstraction for the Trick simulation environment.
- TrickHLA is data driven and provides a simple API for the HLA functionality.
- Trick is available from the NASA GitHub website: https://github.com/nasa/trick/wiki
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Minimum Software Requirements

- Trick version 17 or newer.
- IEEE-1516-2010 HLA standard compliant Runtime Infrastructure (RTI).
- TrickHLA callback interfaces must be written in C++.

TrickHLA Features

- Primitive C/C++ data types.
- Static arrays of primitive data types.
- One-dimensional dynamic arrays of primitive data types.
- Strings and static arrays of strings.
- Opaque (hidden type) data.
- Automatically encodes/decodes the data to/from the RTI using the specified HLA encoding.
- Big/Little Endian for primitives
- HLAunicodeString, HLAASCIIstring, and HLAopaqueData for strings (i.e. char *)
- User defined packing and unpacking functions to allow for data transformations before data is sent to (pack) or after data is received from (unpack) the other federates.
- Automatically handles HLA time advancement.

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- Handles real time and non-real time simulations
- Lag Compensation
 - None
 - Sending-side
 - Receive-side
- Interactions (job safe and thread safe)
 - Receive Order (RO)
 - Timestamp Order (TSO)
- Ownership Transfer
- Multiphase Initialization, which allows simulation initialization data to be shared between federates before the simulation starts. This includes a simulation configuration object.
- Automatically synchronizes the startup of a distributed simulation without depending on specific federate start order.

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- Coordinated Federation Save & Restore.
- Late joining federates.
- Supports IEEE-1516.1-2010 (a.k.a HLA Evolved).
- Allows subscription to non-required federate data.
- Attribute preferred order (Receive or Timestamp Order) can be overridden.
- Blocking cyclic data reads (only 2 federate case supported for now).
- Notification of object deletions.

Setting up the Environment

- Set the path to the TrickHLA directory
 - Set the environment variable TRICKHLA_HOME to the system file path for the TrickHLA source directory.
 - For example:

```
setenv TRICKHLA_HOME ${HOME}/Trick/hla/TrickHLA
```

- Add the TrickHLA models directory to the Trick compile environment
 - The Trick environment variable TRICK_CXXFLAGS must include the path to the TrickHLA models.
 - For example:

```
TRICK_CXXFLAGS += -I${TRICKHLA_HOME}/models
```

Setting up a C-Shell environment

- Set up the RTI for a C-Shell environment
 - Copy the provided scripts /.rti_cshrc file to your home directory.
 - Change the RTI_HOME environment variable in the .rti_cshrc file to point to the location of your RTI installation.
 - For example:

```
setenv RTI_HOME ${HOME}/rti/prti1516e_v5.5.1
```

 Add the following lines to your .Trick_user_cshrc file in your home directory.

```
# Perform RTI setup, which MUST occur after you set
# up your TRICK_CXXFLAGS since .rti_cshrc will appended
# entries to it.
if ( -e ${HOME}/.rti_cshrc ) then
    source ${HOME}/.rti_cshrc
endif
```

Setting up a Bourne Shell environment

- Set up the RTI Bourne Shell environment
 - Copy the provided scripts /.rti_profile file to your home directory.
 - Change the RTI_HOME environment variable in the .rti_profile file to point to the location of your RTI installation.
 - For example:

```
set RTI_HOME=${HOME}/rti/prti1516e_v5.5.1
export RTI_HOME
```

 Add the following lines to your .Trick_profile file in your home directory.

```
# Perform RTI setup, which MUST occur after you set
# up your TRICK_CXXFLAGS since .rti_profile will appended
# entries to it.
if [ -f ${HOME}/.rti_profile ] ; then
. ${HOME}/.rti_profile
fi
```

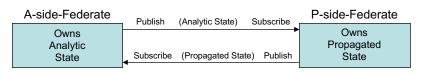
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- A simple simulation of a sinusoid will be used to describe the TrickHLA concepts.
- The example can be found in \${TRICKHLA_HOME}/sims/TrickHLA/SIM_sine.
- Equation of a sinusoid with a given amplitude a, angular frequency ω (period $2\pi/\omega$), and phase ϕ : $f(t) = a\sin(\omega t + \phi)$

Sinusoidal Parameter	Analytic	Propagated
Amplitude	2	1
Frequency	0.1963	0.3927
Period	32	16



Steps to Adding TrickHLA to a Trick Simulation

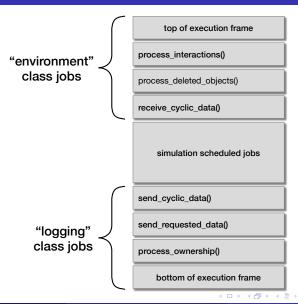
- Adding TrickHLA to a Trick simulation consists of three steps.
 - Step 1: Add the provided TrickHLA specific THLA.sm simulation module to your S_define file, and pass in the data_cycle and interaction_cycle parameter values, using the THLA_DATA_CYCLE_TIME and THLA_INTERACTION_CYCLE_TIME values defined at the top of the S_define file.
 - Step 2: Add a generic THLA_INIT multiphase initialization sim object to your S_define file, and pass in the TrickHLA::Manager and TrickHLA::Federate objects from THLA.sm.
 - Step 3: Configure TrickHLA through settings in your simulation RUN input.py file.

Step 1: THLA Simulation Object

Add to your S_define file:

- THLA_DATA_CYCLE_TIME defines the rate at which data is exchanged through the RTI.
- THLA_INTERACTION_CYCLE_TIME defines the rate at which received Interactions in Receive-Order (RO) will be serviced.
- Each of the above two values must be an integer multiple of Trick's real-time frame (i.e., the n value set via trick.exec_set_software_frame(n)).

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Step 2: THLA_INIT Simulation Object

Add to your S_define file:

```
##include "simconfig/include/SimpleSimConfig.hh"
class THLAInitSimObject : public Trick::SimObject {
  public:
    SimpleSimConfig simple_sim_config; // The simple simulation configuration
    THLAInitSimObject( TrickHLAManager & thla mngr.
                       TrickHLAFederate & thla fed )
       : thla_manager( thla_mngr ), thla_federate( thla_fed )
       // Make sure we initialize the sim config before the TrickHLAManager
       P1 ("initialization") simple_sim_config.initialize(
                                       thla_federate.known_feds_count,
                                       thla federate.known feds ):
       // Send all the initialization data
       P100 ("initialization") thla_manager.send_init_data();
       // Wait to receive all the initialization data
       P100 ("initialization") thla manager.receive init data():
       // Clear remaining initialization sync-points
       P100 ("initialization") thla manager.clear init sync points():
  private:
    TrickHLAManager & thla_manager;
    TrickHLAFederate & thla_federate;
    THLAInitSimObject(const THLAInitSimObject & rhs): // do not allow copy
    THLAInitSimObject & operator=(const THLAInitSimObject & rhs); // do not allow assign
    THLAInitSimObject(); // do not allow default constructor
}:
THLAInitSimObject THLA INIT( THLA.manager, THLA.federate ):
```

TrickHLA

Step 3: Configuring TrickHLA

- The last step to adding TrickHLA to a simulation is to configure it through settings in your input.py file.
- The majority of the presentation will cover TrickHLA configuration for:
 - General Configuration
 - Multiphase Initialization
 - Oata Packing and Unpacking
 - Interactions
 - Ownership Transfer
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General TrickHLA Configuration

General TrickHLA configuration consists of the following:

- General TrickHLA Configuration
- 2 Initializing the Federate
- Initializing the List of Known Federates
- Initializing the Debug Level (Optional)
- Initializing the Data Objects
- Initializing the Data Object Attributes

Initializing the Central RTI Component Settings

- The Pitch Central RTI Component (CRC) is initialized by specifying the host, port, and lookahead time as shown below. The host and port describe where the CRC is/will be running.
- Notice the settings are based on the simulation object name and the parameter name as they exist in the S_define file.
- In the RUN_a_side/input.py file:

```
# Configure the CRC for the Pitch RTI.
THLA.federate.local_settings = "crcHost = localhost\n crcPort = 8989"
THLA.federate.lookahead_time = 0.25  # this is THLA_DATA_CYCLE_TIME
```

Initializing the Federate

• The input.py file settings determine how each federate shares data.

```
In the RUN_a_side/input.py file:

THLA.federate.name = "A-side-Federate"

THLA.federate.enable_FOM_validation = False

THLA.federate.FOM_modules = 

"S_FOMfile.xml,TrickHLAFreezeInteraction.xml"

THLA.federate.federation_name = "SineWaveSim"

THLA.federate.time_regulating = True

THLA.federate.time_constrained = True
```

• In the RUN_p_side/input.py file:

```
THLA.federate.name = "P-side-Federate"

THLA.federate.enable_FOM_validation = False

THLA.federate.FOM_modules = 
    "S_FOMfile.xml,TrickHLAFreezeInteraction.xml"

THLA.federate.federation_name = "SineWaveSim"

THLA.federate.time_regulating = True

THLA.federate.time_constrained = True
```

Initializing the List of Known Federates

- A list of federates known to be in the federation is initialized next.
- The simulation will wait for all federates designated as "required" to join the simulation before continuing on. These required federates define the distributed simulation parts that MUST exist for the simulation to run.
- In both the RUN_a_side/input.py and RUN_p_side_input.py files:

```
THLA.federate.enable_known_feds = True

THLA.federate.known_feds_count = 2

THLA.federate.known_feds = trick.alloc_type(
    THLA.federate.known_feds_count, "TrickHLAKnownFederate")

THLA.federate.known_feds[0].name = "A-side-Federate"

THLA.federate.known_feds[0].required = True

THLA.federate.known_feds[1].name = "P-side-Federate"

THLA.federate.known_feds[1].required = True
```

Initializing the Debug Level (Optional)

- Although not required, it is recommended that you enable TrickHLA debug messages while you are getting your simulation to work with TrickHLA for the first time.
- Varying amounts of messages may be output by setting the debug level, which ranges from THLA_LEVELO_TRACE (no messages) to THLA_LEVEL11_TRACE (all messages).
- For example:

THLA.manager.debug_handler.debug_level = trick.THLA_LEVEL3_TRACE

Initializing the Data Objects

- The TrickHLA data objects define the data the federates will exchange.
- For the sine wave simulation each federate will publish one object containing its own state data and will subscribe to the state data of the other federate (2 objects total).
- In both the RUN_a_side/input.py and RUN_p_side_input.py files:

```
THLA.manager.obj_count = 2
THLA.manager.objects = trick.alloc_type( THLA.manager.obj_count,
    "TrickHLAObject" )
```

• The S_FOMfile.xml FOM file defines the Test data class containing the following 8 attributes for the sine wave simulation: Name, Time, Value, dvdt, Phase, Frequency, Amplitude, and Tolerance.

Initializing the Data Objects - RUN_a

Data object configuration in the RUN_a_side/input.py file:

```
# Configure the object this federate owns and will publish.
THLA.manager.objects[0].FOM_name
                                            = "Test."
THLA.manager.objects[0].name
                                           = "A-side-Federate.Test"
THLA.manager.objects[0].create_HLA_instance = True
THLA.manager.objects[0].attr_count
                                           = 8
THLA.manager.objects[0].attributes
                                           = trick.alloc_type(
  THLA.manager.objects[0].attr_count, "TrickHLAAttribute" )
# Configure the object this federate does not own and will subscribe to.
THLA.manager.objects[1].FOM_name
                                           = "Test."
THLA.manager.objects[1].name
                                           = "P-side-Federate.Test"
THLA.manager.objects[1].create_HLA_instance = False
THLA.manager.objects[1].attr_count
THLA.manager.objects[1].attributes
                                           = trick.alloc_type(
  THLA.manager.objects[1].attr_count, "TrickHLAAttribute" )
```

Initializing the Data Objects - RUN_p

• Data object configuration in the RUNp_side/input.py file:

```
# Configure the object this federate does not own and will subscribe to.
THLA.manager.objects[0].FOM_name
                                            = "Test."
THLA.manager.objects[0].name
                                           = "A-side-Federate.Test"
THLA.manager.objects[0].create_HLA_instance = False
THLA.manager.objects[0].attr_count
THLA.manager.objects[0].attributes
                                           = trick.alloc_type(
  THLA.manager.objects[0].attr_count, "TrickHLAAttribute" )
# Configure the object this federate owns and will publish.
THLA.manager.objects[1].FOM_name
                                            = "Test."
THLA.manager.objects[1].name
                                           = "P-side-Federate.Test"
THLA.manager.objects[1].create_HLA_instance = True
THLA.manager.objects[1].attr_count
THLA.manager.objects[1].attributes
                                           = trick.alloc_type(
  THLA.manager.objects[1].attr_count, "TrickHLAAttribute"
```

Initializing the Data Object Attributes

- The main concept to remember is that we are tying Trick simulation variables to FOM object attributes.
- TrickHLA is restricted to supporting only Trick simulation variables that are either primitive types, static array of primitives, strings, or static array of strings. (A future TrickHLA version will support aggregate data types, which will remove this restriction.)
- Supported RTI encodings of attributes include:
 - THLA_BIG_ENDIAN
 - THLA_LITTLE_ENDIAN
 - THLA_UNICODE_STRING
 - THLA_ASCII_STRING
 - THLA_OPAQUE_DATA
- All attributes must be configured in the input.py file, the following examples only show a snippet.

Initializing the Data Object Attributes - RUN_a

 An example of attribute data the "A-side-Federate" owns and will publish (notice this is for object index "0"), in the RUN_a_side/input.py file:

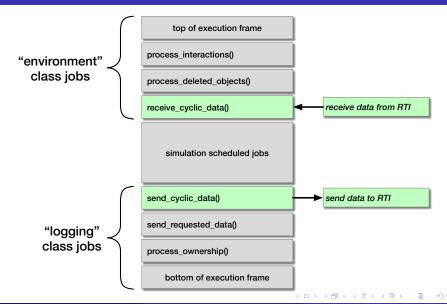
```
THLA.manager.objects[0].attributes[0].FOM_name
                                                       = "Time"
THLA.manager.objects[0].attributes[0].trick_name
                                                      = "A.sim_data.time"
THLA.manager.objects[0].attributes[0].config
                                                       = trick.THLA CYCLIC
THLA.manager.objects[0].attributes[0].publish
                                                       = True
THLA.manager.objects[0].attributes[0].locally_owned
                                                      = True
THLA.manager.objects[0].attributes[0].rti_encoding
                                                      = trick.THLA_LITTLE_ENDIAN
THLA.manager.objects[0].attributes[7].FOM_name
                                                      = "Name"
THLA.manager.objects[0].attributes[7].trick_name
                                                      = "A.sim_data.name"
THLA.manager.objects[0].attributes[7].config
                                                       = trick.THLA INITIALIZE + trick.THLA CYCLIC
THLA.manager.objects[0].attributes[7].publish
                                                       = True
THLA.manager.objects[0].attributes[7].locally_owned
                                                       = True
THLA.manager.objects[0].attributes[7].rti encoding
                                                      = trick.THLA UNICODE STRING
```

Initializing the Data Object Attributes - RUN_a Continued

 An example of attribute data the "A-side-Federate" does not own the state of and will subscribe to (notice this is for object index "1"), in the RUN_a_side/input.py file:

```
THLA.manager.objects[1].attributes[0].FOM_name
                                                       = "Time"
THLA.manager.objects[1].attributes[0].trick_name
                                                      = "P.sim_data.time"
THLA.manager.objects[1].attributes[0].config
                                                       = trick.THLA CYCLIC
THLA.manager.objects[1].attributes[0].subscribe
                                                       = True
THLA.manager.objects[1].attributes[0].locally_owned
                                                      = False
THLA.manager.objects[1].attributes[0].rti_encoding
                                                      = trick.THLA_LITTLE_ENDIAN
THLA.manager.objects[1].attributes[7].FOM_name
                                                       = "Name"
THLA.manager.objects[1].attributes[7].trick_name
                                                       = "P.sim_data.name"
THLA.manager.objects[1].attributes[7].config
                                                       = trick.THLA INITIALIZE + trick.THLA CYCLIC
THLA.manager.objects[1].attributes[7].subscribe
                                                       = True
THLA.manager.objects[1].attributes[7].locally_owned
                                                       = False
THLA.manager.objects[1].attributes[7].rti encoding
                                                      = trick.THLA_UNICODE_STRING
```

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Simulation Multiphase Initialization

Simulation Multiphase Initialization

- TrickHLA supports multiphase simulation initialization where data is exchanged between federates before the simulation starts running.
- An attribute is used for multiphase simulation initialization by specifying THLA_INITIALIZE for the attribute's config field (as in the previous example shown in the RUN_a_side/input.py file):

Simulation Multiphase Initialization

S_define: Public data and constructor

 This is similar to our generic THLA_INIT simulation object, but using a multiphase approach:

```
// Include the simple simulation configuration object definition.
##include "simconfig/include/SimpleSimConfig.hh"
// SIM OBJECT: THLA INIT (TrickHLA multi-phase initialization sim-object)
class THLAInitSimObi : public Trick::SimObiect {
public:
   TrickHLA · · SimTimeline
                              sim timeline:
   TrickHLA::ScenarioTimeline scenario_timeline;
   THLAInitSimObj( TrickHLA::Manager & thla_mngr,
                   TrickHLA::Federate & thla fed )
      : scenario_timeline( sim_timeline, 0.0, 0.0 ),
        thla_manager( thla_mngr ),
        thla federate( thla fed )
```

Simulation Multiphase Initialization

S_define: Public scheduled jobs

Declare the initialization jobs.

```
//-----
// NOTE: Initialization phase numbers must be greater than P60
// (i.e. P_HLA_INIT) so that the initialization jobs run after the
// P60 THLA.manager->initialize() job.
// Data will only be sent if this federate owns it.
P100 ("initialization") thla_manager.send_init_data( "A-side-Federate.Test" );
// Data will only be received if it is remotely owned by another federate.
P100 ("initialization") thla_manager.receive_init_data( "A-side-Federate.Test" );
// Do some processing here if needed...
// Wait for all federates to reach this sync-point.
P100 ("initialization") thla manager.wait for init sync point( "Phase1" ):
// Data will only be sent if this federate owns it.
P200 ("initialization") thla manager.send init data( "P-side-Federate.Test" ):
// Data will only be received if it is remotely owned by another federate.
P200 ("initialization") thla_manager.receive_init_data( "P-side-Federate.Test" );
// Do some processing here if needed...
// Wait for all federates to reach this sync-point.
P200 ("initialization") thla_manager.wait_for_init_sync_point( "Phase2" );
```

Simulation Multiphase Initialization

S_define: Private data and instantiation

Protect from copies and do not permit a default constructor.

```
private:
   TrickHLA::Manager & thla_manager;
   TrickHLA::Federate & thla_federate;

// Do not allow the implicit copy constructor or assignment operator.
   THLAInitSimObj(const THLAInitSimObj & rhs);
   THLAInitSimObj & operator=(const THLAInitSimObj & rhs);

// Do not allow the default constructor.
   THLAInitSimObj();
};
. . .
// Intantiate the initialization simulation object.
THLAInitSimObject THLA_INIT( THLA.manager, THLA.federate );
. . .
```

Data Packing and Unpacking

- TrickHLA supports a data packing and unpacking mechanism so that data transformations can be applied to the data before being sent to (pack) or after received from (unpack) another federate.
- For example, your simulation uses a phase variable in radians but the FOM specifies the phase variable will be exchanged between federates in degrees.
- Packing/unpacking is added to your simulation by extending the TrickHLAPacking class and implementing the pack() and unpack() functions.
- TrickHLA will automatically call your pack() and unpack() functions at the appropriate time.
- Adding packing/unpacking to your simulation consists of three steps

Step 1: Extending the TrickHLA::Packing Class - SinePacking.hh

• Step 1: Extend the TrickHLA::Packing class and implement the pack() and unpack() functions in SinePacking.hh:

```
#include SineData hh
#include "TrickHLA/include/TrickHLAPacking.hh"
class SinePacking : public TrickHLAPacking
  public:
  // Initialize the packing object.
  void initialize( SineData * sim data ):
  // From the TrickHLAPacking class.
  virtual void initialize callback( TrickHLAObject * obj );
  // From the TrickHLAPacking class.
  virtual void pack();
  // From the TrickHLAPacking class.
  virtual void unpack();
  private:
  SineData * sim data: // -- Simulation data.
  double phase_deg; // d Phase offset in degrees.
ጉ:
```

Step 1: Extending the TrickHLA::Packing Class - SinePacking.cpp

Example in SinePacking.cpp :

```
void SinePacking::initialize( // RETURN: -- None.
      SineData * sim_data) // IN: -- Simulation data.
₹
   this->sim data = sim data:
}
void SinePacking::pack() // RETURN: -- None.
{
   // For this example to show how to use the Packing API's, we
   // will assume that the phase shared between federates is in
   // degrees so convert it from radians to degrees.
   phase_deg = sim_data->get_phase() * 180.0 / M_PI;
void SinePacking::unpack() // RETURN: -- None.
{
   // For this example to show how to use the Packing API's, we
   // will assume that the phase shared between federates is in
   // degrees so convert it back from degrees to radians.
   sim_data->set_phase( phase_deg * M_PI / 180.0 );
```

Step 2: Add Packing Object to S_define

- Step 2: In the S_define file add your packing object to each simulation object that needs to have its data packed/unpacked.
- Make sure to initialize your packing object if it needs it.

```
class ASimObject : public Trick::SimObject {
   SineData
                sim data:
  SinePacking packing;
  ASimObject() {
     P50 ("initialization") packing.initialize( &sim data ):
     . . .
1:
class PSimObject : public Trick::SimObject {
   SineData
                sim data:
  SinePacking packing;
  PSimObject() {
     P50 ("initialization") packing.initialize( &sim_data );
};
```

Step 3: Configuration

 Step 3: Configure the data object in the input.py file to use your packing object by setting the data object's packing field. For example in the RUN_a_side/input.py file:

```
THLA.manager.objects[0].packing = A.packing
THLA.manager.objects[1].packing = P.packing
```

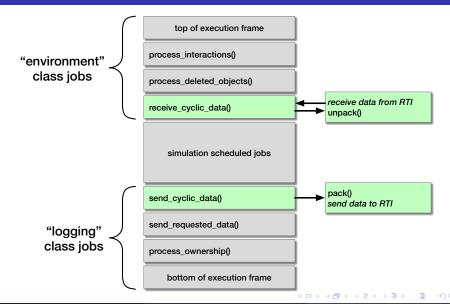
 Don't forget to update the attribute trick_name field to use the correct Trick simulation variable (i.e. the transformed data from the pack() and unpack() functions). To use the simulation data phase in radians:

```
THLA.manager.objects[0].attributes[3].trick_name = "A.sim_data.phase"
THLA.manager.objects[1].attributes[3].trick_name = \P.sim_data.phase"
```

 To use the transformed phase in degrees to be shared with the other federates:

```
THLA.manager.objects[0].attributes[3].trick_name = "A.packing.phase_deg"
THLA.manager.objects[1].attributes[3].trick_name = \P.packing.phase_deg"
```

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Interactions

- TrickHLA supports interactions that are either Timestamp Order (TSO) or Receive Order (RO).
- Configuring TrickHLA interactions involves three steps:
 - Step 1: Extend the TrickHLA::InteractionHandler class and implement the virtual receive_interaction() function.
 - Step 2: Add your interaction-handler object to each simulation object that needs to process interactions in your S_define file.
 - Step 3: Configure the interaction-handlers in the input.py file.
 - Step 4: Send interactions at specified times using the input.py file or programmatically within your simulation.

Step 1: Extend the TrickHLA::InteractionHandler Class

 Step 1: This is a snippet of the base class from TrickHLA::InteractionHandler.hh that you must extend and then implement the virtual receive_interaction() function:

```
class TrickHLA::InteractionHandler
{
  public:
   virtual void initialize callback( TrickHLAInteraction * inter ):
   bool send interaction():
                                               // Receive Order
   bool send_interaction( double send_time ); // Timestamp Order
   // This is a virtual function and must be defined by a full class.
   virtual void receive_interaction();
}:
```

Step 1: Extend the TrickHLA::InteractionHandler - SineInteractionHandler.hh

• Extended in SineInteractionHandler.hh:

```
#include "TrickHLA/include/TrickHLAInteractionHandler.hh"
class SineInteractionHandler : public TrickHLAInteractionHandler
  public:
  void send_sine_interaction( double sim_time );
  virtual void receive interaction():
  char * name; // -- Example of a unique name to identify the interaction handler.
  char * message: // -- Example of a static array of strings.
  protected:
           time; // s Example of floating-point data.
  double
       year; // -- Example of integer data.
  int
  int send_cnt; // -- The number of times an interaction is sent.
         receive_cnt; // -- The number of times an interaction was received.};
  int
};
```

Step 1: Extend the TrickHLA::InteractionHandler - SineInteractionHandler.cpp

Extended in SineInteractionHandler.cpp:

```
void SineInteractionHandler::send sine interaction( // RETURN: -- None.
  double sim time)
                          // IN: s Current simulation time.
  time = sim time: // Update the time with the simulation time.
  ostringstream msg: // Create a message to send
  msg << "Interaction from:\"" << ((name != NULL) ? name : "Unknown") << "\" "
      << "Send-count:" << (send_cnt + 1);
  if ( ( message != NULL ) && TMM is alloced( message ) ) {
     TMM_delete_var_a( message );
  message = TMM strdup( (char *)msg.str().c str() );
  double lookahead_time = get_fed_lookahead().getDoubleTime();
  double timestamp = time + lookahead time:
  // Notify the parent interaction handler to send the interaction using
  // Timestamp Order (TSO) at the current simulation time plus the lookahead_time.
  bool was sent = this->TrickHLAInteractionHandler::send interaction( timestamp ):
  if ( was sent ) {
     cout << "++++SENDING++++ SineInteractionHandler::send_sine_interaction() << endl</pre>
          << " name: '" << ((name != NULL) ? name : "NULL") << "'" << endl
          << " message: " << ((message != NULL) ? message : "NULL") << "'" << endl
          << " timestamp:" << timestamp;
     send_cnt++; // Update send count, just used for the message in this example
  } else {
     cout << "+-+-NOT SENT-+-+ SineInteractionHandler::send sine interaction()" << endl
```

Step 1: Extend the TrickHLA::InteractionHandler - SineInteractionHandler.cpp

• Extended in SineInteractionHandler.cpp (Continued):

Step 2: Add Interaction-handler Object to S_define

• Step 2: In the S_define file add your interaction-handler object to each simulation object that needs to process interactions.

```
class ASimObject : public Trick::SimObject {
   SineData
                sim_data;
  SinePacking
                          packing:
  SineInteractionHandler interaction handler:
  ASimObject() {
     P50 ("initialization") packing.initialize( &sim data ):
};
class PSimObject : public Trick::SimObject {
   SineData
                sim data:
  SinePacking
                          packing:
  SineInteractionHandler interaction_handler;
  PSimObject() {
     P50 ("initialization") packing.initialize( &sim_data );
};
```

Step 3: Configure the interaction-handlers in the input.py file

• Step 3: Example in the RUN_a_side/input.py file:

```
# We are taking advantage of the input file to specify a unique name for each handler
A.interaction handler.name = "A-side: A.interaction handler.name"
P.interaction_handler.name = "A-side: P.interaction_handler.name"
# Trick HLA Interactions and Parameters
THLA.manager.inter_count = 1
THLA.manager.interactions = trick.alloc_type( THLA.manager.inter_count, "TrickHLAInteraction" )
THLA.manager.interactions[0].FOM_name
                                         = "Communication"
THLA.manager.interactions[0].publish
                                         = True
THLA.manager.interactions[0].subscribe
                                         = False
THLA.manager.interactions[0].handler
                                         = A.interaction handler
THLA.manager.interactions[0].param_count = 3
THLA.manager.interactions[0].parameters
                                         = trick.alloc_type( THLA.manager.interactions[0].param_count,
                                           "TrickHLAParameter" )
THLA.manager.interactions[0].parameters[0].FOM_name = "Message"
THLA.manager.interactions[0].parameters[0].trick name = "A.interaction handler.message"
THLA.manager.interactions[0].parameters[0].rti encoding = trick.THLA UNICODE STRING
THLA.manager.interactions[0].parameters[1].FOM_name
                                                      = "time"
THLA.manager.interactions[0].parameters[1].trick name = "A.interaction handler.time"
THLA.manager.interactions[0].parameters[1].rti_encoding = trick.THLA_LITTLE_ENDIAN
THLA.manager.interactions[0].parameters[2].FOM name
                                                      = "vear"
THLA.manager.interactions[0].parameters[2].trick name = "A.interaction handler.vear"
THLA.manager.interactions[0].parameters[2].rti_encoding = trick.THLA_LITTLE_ENDIAN
```

Step 3: Configure the interaction-handlers in the input.py file

• Step 3: Example in the RUN_p_side/input.py file:

```
# We are taking advantage of the input file to specify a unique name for each handler
A.interaction handler.name = P-side: A.interaction handler.name"
P.interaction handler.name = P-side: P.interaction handler.name"
# TrickHLA Interactions and Parameters.
THLA.manager.inter_count = 1
THLA.manager.interactions = trick.alloc_type( THLA.manager.inter_count, "TrickHLAInteraction" )
THLA.manager.interactions[0].FOM_name
                                         = "Communication"
THLA.manager.interactions[0].publish
                                         = False
THLA.manager.interactions[0].subscribe
                                         = True
THLA.manager.interactions[0].handler
                                         = P.interaction handler
THLA.manager.interactions[0].param_count = 3
THLA.manager.interactions[0].parameters
                                         = trick.alloc_type( THLA.manager.interactions[0].param_count,
                                           "TrickHLAParameter" )
THLA.manager.interactions[0].parameters[0].FOM_name = "Message"
THLA.manager.interactions[0].parameters[0].trick name = "P.interaction handler.message"
THLA.manager.interactions[0].parameters[0].rti encoding = trick.THLA UNICODE STRING
THLA.manager.interactions[0].parameters[1].FOM_name
                                                      = "time"
THLA.manager.interactions[0].parameters[1].trick name = "P.interaction handler.time"
THLA.manager.interactions[0].parameters[1].rti_encoding = trick.THLA_LITTLE_ENDIAN
THLA.manager.interactions[0].parameters[2].FOM name
                                                      = "vear"
THLA.manager.interactions[0].parameters[2].trick_name = "P.interaction_handler.year"
THLA.manager.interactions[0].parameters[2].rti_encoding = trick.THLA_LITTLE_ENDIAN
```

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Step 4: Sending Interactions Using the Input File

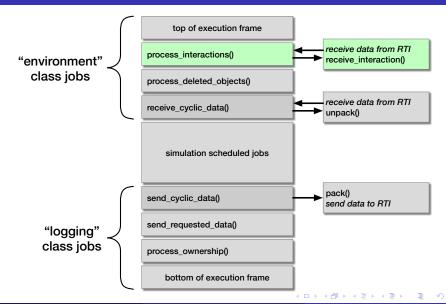
• Step 4: Add entries to the input.py file for when you want to send an interaction. For example, to send an interaction at time 10.0:

```
trick.add_read( 10.0, A.interaction_handler.send_sine_interaction(10.0) )
```

Sending and Receiving Interactions

- Sending an interaction can be initiated three different ways:
 - Programmatically, call one of the send_interaction() functions inherited by your interaction-handler.
 - As a job in your simulation specified in the S_define file, which in turn calls send_interaction() as above.
 - As a job in your simulation called at a specific time from the input.py file, which in turn calls send_interaction() as above.
- TrickHLA will automatically process received interactions and call the receive_interaction() function of the appropriate user defined interaction-handler.
- TrickHLA handles interactions in a thread-safe and Trick simulation environment job-safe way.

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Lag Compensation

- An in depth discussion of lag/latency compensation goes beyond the scope of this training. Please see the following paper for more detailed information on the subject:
 - R. Phillips, E. Crues, Time Management Issues and Approaches for Real Time HLA Based Simulations, Proceedings of the Fall 2005 Simulation Interoperability Workshop and Conference, Fall 2005.
- Lag Compensation is an attempt to correct for the time difference between when a state is published at one federate and received at another federate.
- Using TrickHLA lag compensation consists of four steps:
 - Step 1: Extend the TrickHLALagCompensation class and implement the sending_lag_compensation() and receive_lag_compensation() virtual functions.
 - Step 2: In the S_define file add a lag-compensation object to each simulation object that needs to perform lag compensation.
 - Step 3: Configure lag compensation in the input.py file.
 - Step 4: Update the object attributes in the input.py file to use the lag compensated Trick simulation variable.

Step 1: Extend the TrickHLALagCompensation Class

 Step 1: Extend the TrickHLALagCompensation class and implement the sending_lag_compensation() and receive_lag_compensation() virtual functions. Example in SineLagCompensation.hh:

```
#include "SineData.hh"
#include "TrickHLA/include/TrickHLALagCompensation.hh"

class SineLagCompensation : public TrickHLALagCompensation
{
...
public:
    // From the TrickHLALagCompensation class.
    virtual void sending_lag_compensation( double current_time, double dt );

    // From the TrickHLALagCompensation class.
    virtual void receive_lag_compensation( double current_time, double dt );
...
};
```

• TrickHLA will automatically call the send or receive lag compensation functions at the appropriate time.

Step 2: Add Lag-compensation Object to S_define

 Step 2: In the S_define file add a lag-compensation object to each simulation object that needs to perform lag compensation. Make sure to initialize your lag-compensation object if it needs it.

```
class ASimObject : public Trick::SimObject {
   . . .
  SineData
                sim data:
  SineData
                lag_comp_data;
  SinePacking
                          packing;
  SineLagCompensation lag_compensation;
   SineInteractionHandler interaction handler:
   ASimObject() {
    P50 ("initialization") packing.initialize( &sim_data );
    P50 ("initialization") lag_compensation.initialize( &sim_data,
                                                          &lag_comp_data );
};
```

Step 3: Configuration

• Step 3: Configure lag compensation in the input.py file.

```
THLA.manager.objects[0].lag_comp = A.lag_compensation
THLA.manager.objects[0].lag_comp_type = trick.THLA_LAG_COMP_SENDING
```

- The supported lag compensation types are:
 - THLA_LAG_COMP_NONE (default)
 - THLA_LAG_COMP_SENDING
 - THLA_LAG_COMP_RECEIVE

- Step 4: Update the attribute trick_name field in the input.py file to use the lag compensated Trick simulation variable.
- If the lag compensation type is THLA_LAG_COMP_NONE:

```
THLA.manager.objects[0].attributes[1].FOM_name = "Value"
THLA.manager.objects[0].attributes[1].trick_name = "A.sim_data.value"
```

 If the lag compensation type is THLA_LAG_COMP_SENDING or THLA_LAG_COMP_RECEIVE:

```
THLA.manager.objects[0].attributes[1].FOM_name = "Value"
THLA.manager.objects[0].attributes[1].trick_name = "A.lag_comp_data.value"
```

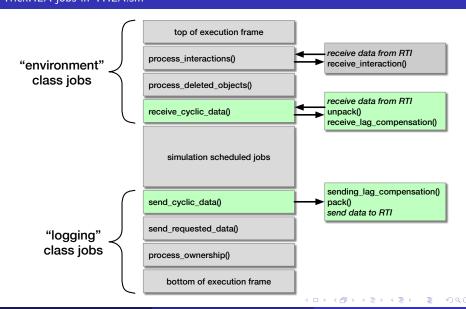
Combinations

 The five logical combinations of lag compensation between two federates is shown in the table below:

Lag Comp. Type	A-side-Federate	P-side-Federate
None	Publish: THLA_LAG_COMP_NONE	Subscribe: THLA_LAG_COMP_NONE
	Subscribe: THLA_LAG_COMP_NONE	Publish: THLA_LAG_COMP_NONE
Sending-side	Publish: THLA_LAG_COMP_SENDING	Subscribe: THLA_LAG_COMP_NONE
	Publish: THLA_LAG_COMP_SENDING	Subscribe: THLA_LAG_COMP_NONE
Receive-side	Publish: THLA_LAG_COMP_NONE	Subscribe: THLA_LAG_COMP_RECEIVE
	Publish: THLA_LAG_COMP_NONE	Subscribe: THLA_LAG_COMP_RECEIVE
Sending- and	Publish: THLA_LAG_COMP_SENDING	Subscribe: THLA_LAG_COMP_RECEIVE
Receive-side	Subscribe: THLA_LAG_COMP_NONE	Publish: THLA_LAG_COMP_NONE
Sending- and	Publish: THLA_LAG_COMP_NONE	Subscribe: THLA_LAG_COMP_NONE
Receive-side	Publish: THLA_LAG_COMP_SENDING	Subscribe: THLA_LAG_COMP_RECEIVE

- "Publish" refers to the attributes the federate is configured to send data for.
- "Subscribe" refers to the attributes the federate is configured to receive data for.

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Ownership Transfer

- TrickHLA supports ownership transfer down to the individual attribute.
- Ownership of attributes can be Pulled from the owning federate or federates.
- Ownership of attributes can be Pushed to any accepting federate or federates.
- Multiple Push/Pull requests can be scheduled for different times and for specific attributes or all attributes.
- Automatically handles attribute state publication until attribute ownership has been transferred.
- Pushing attribute ownership will result in the RTI deciding which federate(s) get ownership of which attributes. You don't have control over which federate you get to push attribute ownership to.
- Pulling attribute ownership gives you control over which federate gets ownership of a particular attribute.
- There are two approaches to using ownership transfer:
 - Programmatically, which requires more programming effort.
 - Entries in the input.py file, which requires the least effort.

Attribute Publish, Subscribe, and Locally_Owned Fields

• The state of the publish, subscribe and locally_owned attribute fields (in the input.py file) affect ownership transfer.

```
THLA.manager.objects[0].attributes[1].publish = True
THLA.manager.objects[0].attributes[1].subscribe = True
THLA.manager.objects[0].attributes[1].locally_owned = True
```

Pulish	Locally Owned	Push Ownership to Another Federate	Pull Ownership from Another Federate	Another Federate Wants to Pull Ownership	Another Federate Wants to Push Ownership
True	True	Yes	No	Yes	No
True	False	No	Yes	No	Yes
False	True	Yes	No	Yes	No
False	False	No	No	No	No

Subscribe	Will receive attribute reflections when locally_owned == false?
True	Yes
False	No

Configuration

- The approach of programmatically performing ownership transfers requires more programming effort and has three steps:
 - Step 1: Extend the TrickHLAOwnershipHandler class.
 - Step 2: In the S_define file add your ownership-handler to each simulation object that needs to process ownership transfers.
 - Step 3: Configure ownership transfer in the input.py file.
- The approach of using the input.py file for ownership transfer requires the least effort and has three steps:
 - Step 1: In the S_define file add the default ownership-handler to each simulation object that needs to process ownership transfers.
 - Step 2: Configure ownership transfer in the input.py file.
 - Step 3: Add entries to the input.py file for when you want to push or pull ownership.

Programmatic Approach - Step 1

 Step 1: This is a snippet of the base class from TrickHLAOwnershipHandler.hh that you must extend.

```
class TrickHLAOwnershipHandler
  public:
   virtual void initialize callback( TrickHLAObject * obj );
   string get_object_name();
   string get object FOM name():
   int get_attribute_count();
   VectorOfStrings get attribute FOM names() const:
   bool is_locally_owned( const char * attribute_FOM_name );
   bool is remotely owned( const char * attribute FOM name ):
   bool is published( const char * attribute FOM name ):
   bool is subscribed( const char * attribute FOM name ):
   void pull ownership():
   void pull ownership( double time ):
   void pull_ownership( const char * attribute_FOM_name );
   void pull_ownership( const char * attribute_FOM_name, double time );
   void push_ownership();
   void push ownership( double time ):
   void push_ownership( const char * attribute_FOM_name );
   void push_ownership( const char * attribute_FOM_name, double time );
};
```

Programmatic Approach - Step 1 Continued

• Example in SineOwnershipHandler.hh:

```
#include "TrickHLA/include/TrickHLAOwnershipHandler.hh"

class SineOwnershipHandler : public TrickHLAOwnershipHandler
{
    ...
    public:
        // We override this function so that we can initialize ownership
        // transfer of some attributes at a specific time.
        virtual void initialize_callback( TrickHLAObject * obj );
};
```

Programmatic Approach - Step 1 Continued

• Example in SineOwnershipHandler.cpp:

```
void SineOwnershipHandler::initialize_callback( // RETURN: -- None.
   TrickHLAObject * obj ) // IN: -- Associated object for attribute ownership.
ſ
   // Make sure we call the original function so that the callback is initialized.
   this->TrickHLAOwnershipHandler::initialize callback( obj ):
   // Examples showing how to Pull all attributes.
   pull ownership():
                             // As soon as possible for all attributes.
   pull ownership( 3.0 ):
   // Examples showing how to Pull specific attributes.
   pull_ownership( "Time" ); // As soon as possible for this attribute.
   pull ownership( "Value", 6.1 ):
   // Examples showing how to Push all attributes.
   push ownership():
                             // As soon as possible for all attributes.
   push ownership(5.0):
   // Examples showing how to Push specific attributes.
   push_ownership( "Time" ); // As soon as possible for this attribute.
   push ownership( "Value", 6.1 ):
```

Note: This example is using the handler to set up pushes and pulls at initialization time. Instead you could programmatically call push_ownership() or pull_ownership() at any time.

Programmatic Approach - Step 2

• Step 2: In the S_define file add your custom ownership-handler to each simulation object that needs to process ownership transfers.

```
class ASimObject : public Trick::SimObject {
  SineData
                sim data:
   SineData
                lag_comp_data;
   SineOwnershipHandler ownership_handler;
  SinePacking
                         packing;
   SineLagCompensation lag_compensation;
  SineInteractionHandler interaction handler:
   ASimObject() {
    P50 ("initialization") packing.initialize( &sim_data );
    P50 ("initialization") lag_compensation.initialize( &sim_data,
                                                         &lag_comp_data );
     . . .
};
```

Programmatic Approach - Step 3

- Step 3: Configure the data object in the input.py file to use your ownership-handler object by setting the data object's ownership field.
- For example in the RUN_a_side/input.py file:

```
THLA.manager.objects[0].packing = A.packing
THLA.manager.objects[0].ownership = A.ownership_handler
```

Input File Approach - Step 1

• Step 1: In the S_define file add the default ownership-handler to each simulation object that needs to process ownership transfers.

```
class ASimObject : public Trick::SimObject {
               sim data:
  SineData
  SineData
                lag_comp_data;
   TrickHLAOwnershipHandler ownership_handler;
   SinePacking
                            packing;
   SineLagCompensation lag_compensation;
   SineInteractionHandler
                            interaction handler:
   ASimObject() {
    P50 ("initialization") packing.initialize( &sim_data );
    P50 ("initialization") lag_compensation.initialize( &sim_data,
                                                         &lag_comp_data );
}:
```

Input File Approach – Step 2

- Step 2: Configure the data object in the input.py file to use your ownership-handler object (which in this case is the TrickHLA handler) by setting the data object's ownership field.
- For example in the RUN_a_side/input.py file:

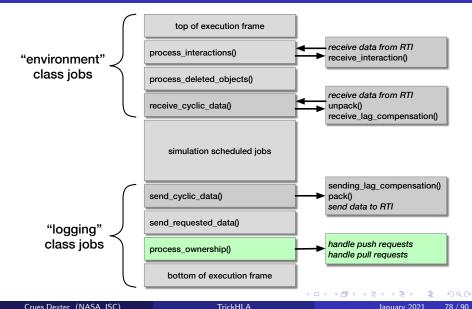
```
THLA.manager.objects[0].packing = A.packing
THLA.manager.objects[0].ownership = A.ownership_handler
```

- Step 3: Add entries to the input.py file for when you want to push or pull ownership.
- For example:

```
# Push ownership of the A-side-Federate. Test object attributes
# at the RTI time of 4.0 seconds
trick.add_read(4.0, \A.ownership_handler.push_ownership()")

# Pull back ownership of the A-side-Federate. Test object attributes
# at the RTI time of 8.0 seconds.
trick.add_read(8.0, \A.ownership_handler.pull_ownership()")
```

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PITFALL - Handling Mixed Ownership

- With ownership transfer, it is possible to have an object containing attributes you own and attributes you don't own.
- TrickHLA knows to only send attributes you own, and only receive attributes you don't own. However . . .
- Your unpack() or receive_lag_compensation() functions run AFTER TrickHLA receives data, so they could accidently override your simulation state for attributes that you own and publish. This results in corrupted simulation data!
- To avoid overriding your simulation state, the solution is to determine
 if the attribute is owned by another federate in your unpack() and
 receive_lag_compensation() functions.

NOTE: the same scenario for your pack() or send_lag_compensation() functions is not a problem because they run BEFORE TrickHLA sends data, and because TrickHLA will not send data you don't own, no harm done.

PITFALL - Handling Mixed Ownership in Unpacking

• Step 1: Add a TrickHLA::Attribute reference for each of your simulation state attributes. Example in SinePacking.hh:

```
#include "SineData hh"
#include "TrickHLA/include/TrickHLAAttribute.hh"
#include "TrickHLA/include/TrickHLAPacking.hh"
class SinePacking : public TrickHLAPacking
 public:
  // Initialize the packing object.
  void initialize( SineData * sim data ):
  // From the TrickHLAPacking class.
  virtual void initialize_callback( TrickHLAObject * obj );
  // From the TrickHLAPacking class.
  virtual void pack();
  // From the TrickHLAPacking class.
  virtual void unpack();
  private:
  SineData * sim data: // -- Simulation data.
  double phase_deg; // d Phase offset in degrees.
  TrickHLAAttribute * phase attr: // ** Reference to Phase TrickHLAAttribute.
};
```

PITFALL - Handling Mixed Ownership in Unpacking (Continued)

- Step 2: Override the initialize_callback() function to set the attribute references.
- Example in SinePacking.cpp:

```
void SinePacking::initialize_callback( // RETURN: -- None.
    TrickHLAObject * obj ) // IN: -- Object associated with this packing class.
{
    // We must call the original function so that the callback is initialized.
    this->TrickHLAPacking::initialize_callback( obj );

    // Get a reference to the TrickHLAAttribute for the "Phase" FOM attribute.
    // We do this here so that we only do the attribute lookup once instead of
    // looking it up every time the unpack function is called.
    phase_attr = get_attribute_and_validate( "Phase" );
}
```

PITFALL - Handling Mixed Ownership in Unpacking (Continued)

• Step 3: Check the attribute ownership in the unpack() function.

```
void SinePacking::unpack() // RETURN: -- None.
{
   // If the HLA phase attribute has changed and is remotely owned (i.e. is
   // coming from another federate) then override our simulation state with the
   // incoming value. If we locally own the "Phase" attribute then we do not
   // want to override it's value. If we did not do this check then we would be
   // overriding state of something we own and publish with whatever value
   // happen to be in the "phase_deg" local variable, which would cause data
   // corruption of the state. We always need to do this check because
   // ownership transfers could happen at any time or the data could be at a
   // different rate.
   if ( phase_attr->is_received() ) {
      // For this example to show how to use the Packing API's, we will
      // assume that the phase shared between federates is in degrees so
      // covert it back from degrees to radians.
      sim_data->set_phase( phase_deg * M_PI / 180.0 );
```

Object Deletion

Object Deletion

Object Deletion

- TrickHLA supports notification of HLA object deletions.
- An HLA object can be deleted as a result of a federate resigning or by explicit deletion by the federate.
- Using TrickHLA object deletion consists of three steps:
 - Step 1: Extend the TrickHLA::ObjectDeleted class and implement the deleted() virtual function.
 - Step 2: In the S_define file add an object-deleted object to each simulation object that needs to be notified of a deletion.
 - Step 3: Configure object deleted in the input.py file.

Step 1: Extend the TrickHLA::ObjectDeleted Class

- Step 1: Extend the TrickHLA::ObjectDeleted class and implement the deleted() virtual function.
- Example in SineObjectDeleted.hh:

Step 1: Extend the TrickHLA::ObjectDeleted Class (Continued)

• Step 1 continued: Example in SineObjectDeleted.cpp:

Step 2: Add Object-deleted Object to S_define

• Step 2: In the S_define file add an object-deleted object to each simulation object that needs to be notified of a deletion.

```
class ASimObject : public Trick::SimObject {
               sim data:
  SineData
   SineData
                lag_comp_data;
  SineOwnershipHandler
                          ownership_handler;
  SinePacking
                          packing:
   SineLagCompensation lag_compensation;
  SineInteractionHandler interaction_handler;
   SineObjectDeleted
                          obj_deleted_callback;
  ASimObject() {
    P50 ("initialization") packing.initialize( &sim_data );
    P50 ("initialization") lag_compensation.initialize( &sim_data,
                                                         &lag comp data ):
};
```

Step 3: Configuration

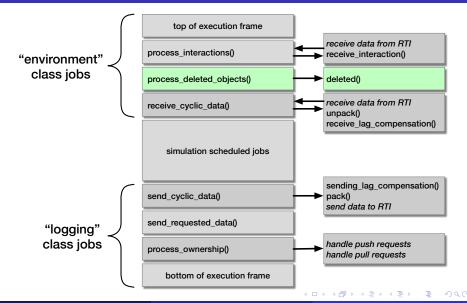
- Step 3: Configure object deleted in the input file.
- In the RUN_a_side/input.py file:

```
THLA.manager.objects[0].deleted = A.obj_deleted_callback
THLA.manager.objects[1].deleted = P.obj_deleted_callback
```

• In the RUN_p_side/input.py file:

```
THLA.manager.objects[0].deleted = A.obj_deleted_callback
THLA.manager.objects[1].deleted = P.obj_deleted_callback
```

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