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# VLBI-In-a-Box

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# XCube

- A nimble team with many years of experience with a focus on R&D
- Offices located in US and Sweden.
- Incorporated in 2003
- Customer base in USA, Sweden, Germany, Japan, and Australia.





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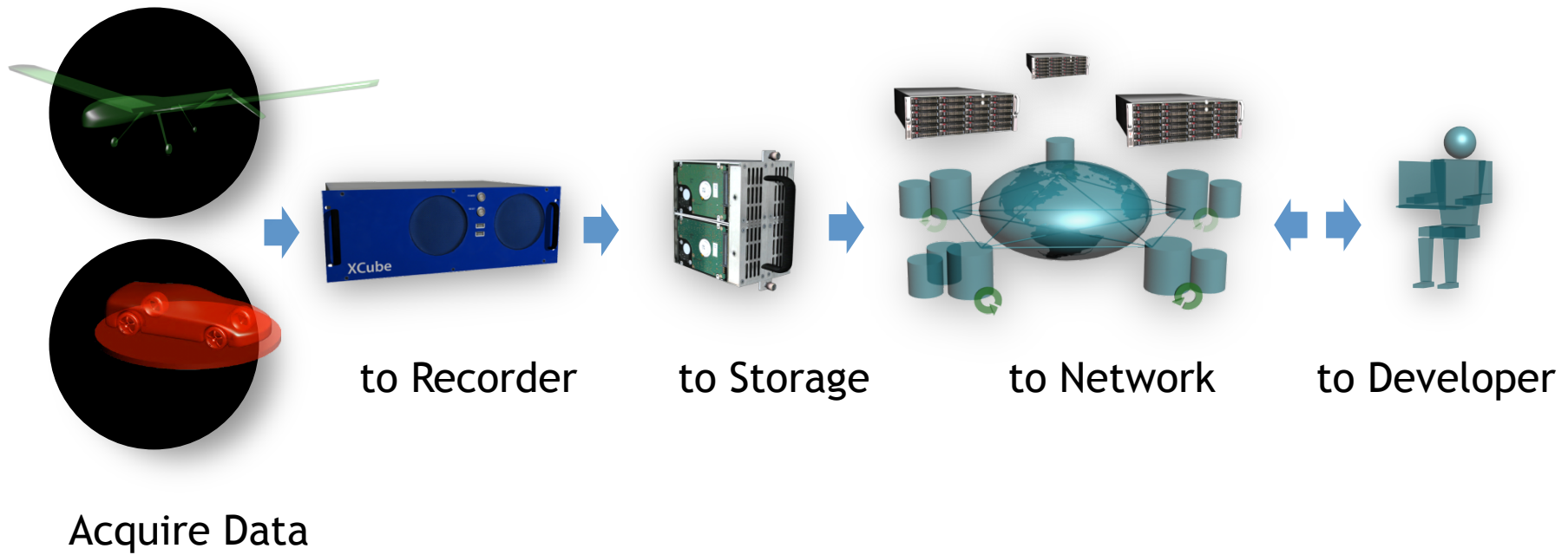
# Wall of Experience

- Focus on Research & Development of high performance sensor systems.
- Key area is systems engineering and tools for development and deployment of challenging signal and image processing systems.
- Developed a world class suite of tools to support an efficient development process for high performance or large data set systems.





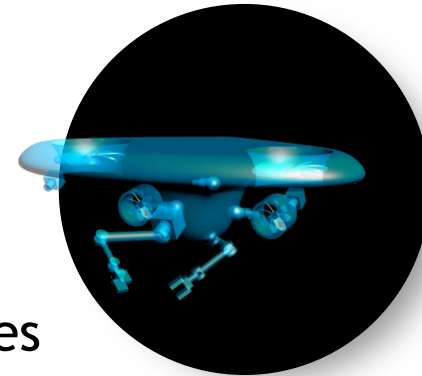
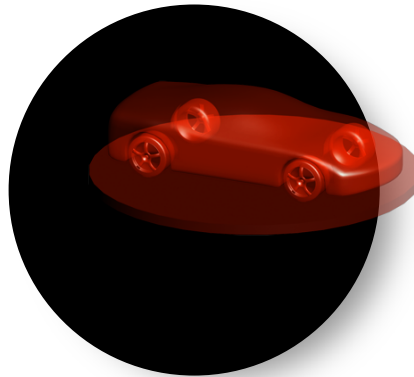
# Supported Process



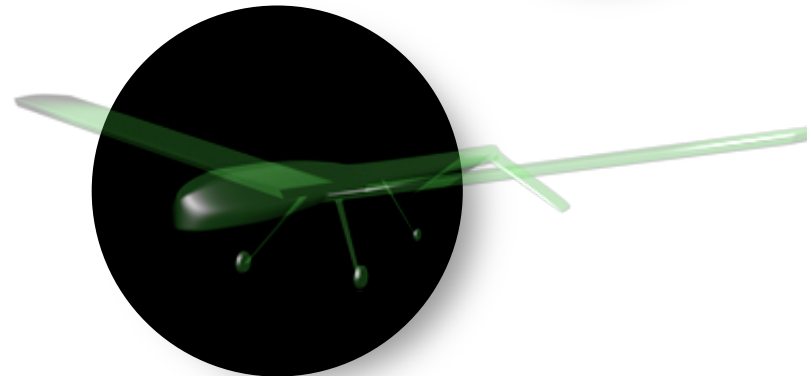


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# Many Application Areas



Applicable across many industries





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# StreamX-Base Recorder

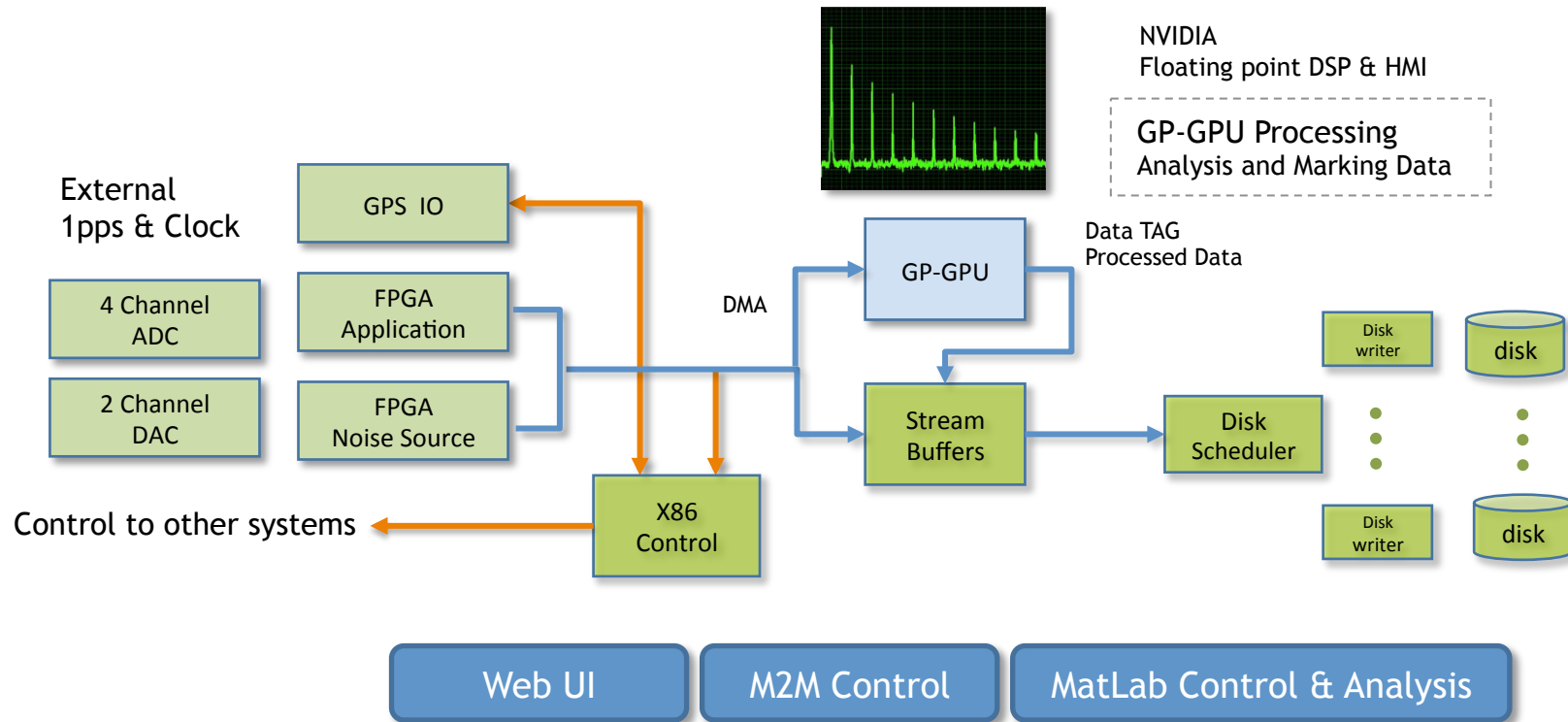
- Continuous Streaming Data Recorder
  - Up to 4GByte/s Continuous recording and 8GByte/s burst mode available
  - Burst storage up to 250GByte (250 sec at 8gbps)
- Interfaces
  - USB, Ethernet, IEEE-1394, CAN, GigEVision, NTSC/PAL, GPS, 10GEthernet, Multi-drop 1394, Custom Radar, vision interfaces, PCI-Express direct
  - Most computer interfaces can be supported
- Streaming Storage
  - External replaceable disk pack (12, 16, 32TByte data packs)
  - SSD disk pack (4 - 16TByte)
  - Internal storage version (48TB, 108TB)
- Rugged and Resilient
  - Automotive and Airborne Power Options
  - Temperature (0 - 50C, -20C with pre-heat)
  - Altitude 10,00ft, 15,000ft(option)
- Standards based hardware
  - Intel based hardware, Standard file-systems
  - Rugged chassis, and real-time software





# VLBI-In-a-Box

## Real Time Analysis

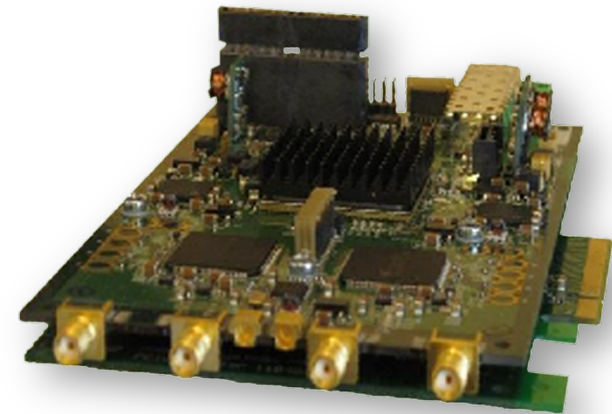




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# Four Channel PFB Version

- 4 input channels at 512MHz BW.
- 4, 16 Channel Polyphase Filter Banks.
- FFT 32MHz Channel BW
- Sub-sampling out to 3 nyquist zones (3GHz analog BW)
- 256 Tap prototype Filter, 8 Taps/channel after decimation
- 18 bit filter coefficients, 25 bit precision resultants
- Final stage processing is re-quantization to 2bits
- Quantization levels are programmable to obtain user requirements
- 5/10MHz Reference clock input.
- Sample clock phase locked to external clock input
- External GPS 1pps input for synchronization
- Internal Noise source for debug and calibration

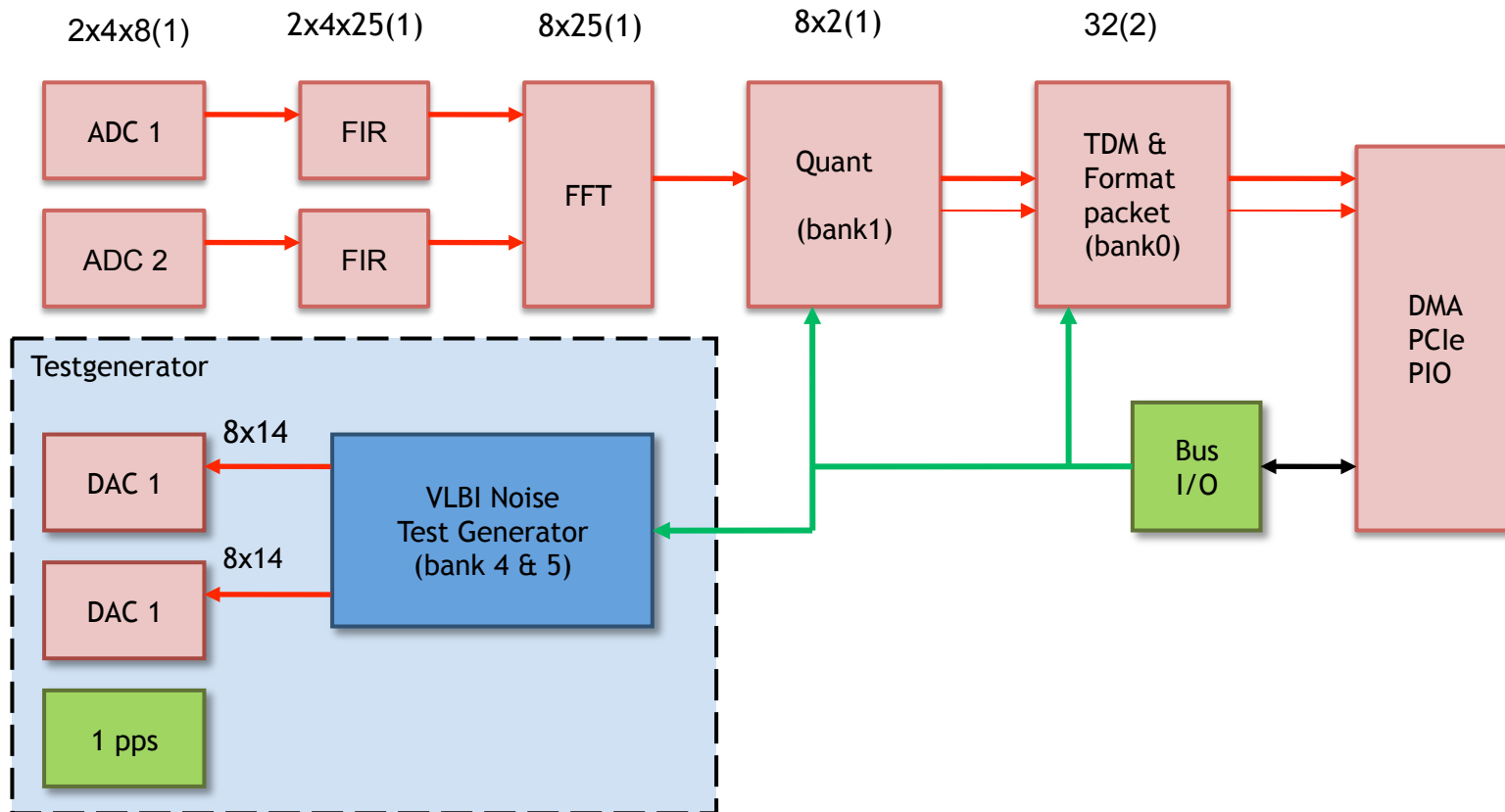






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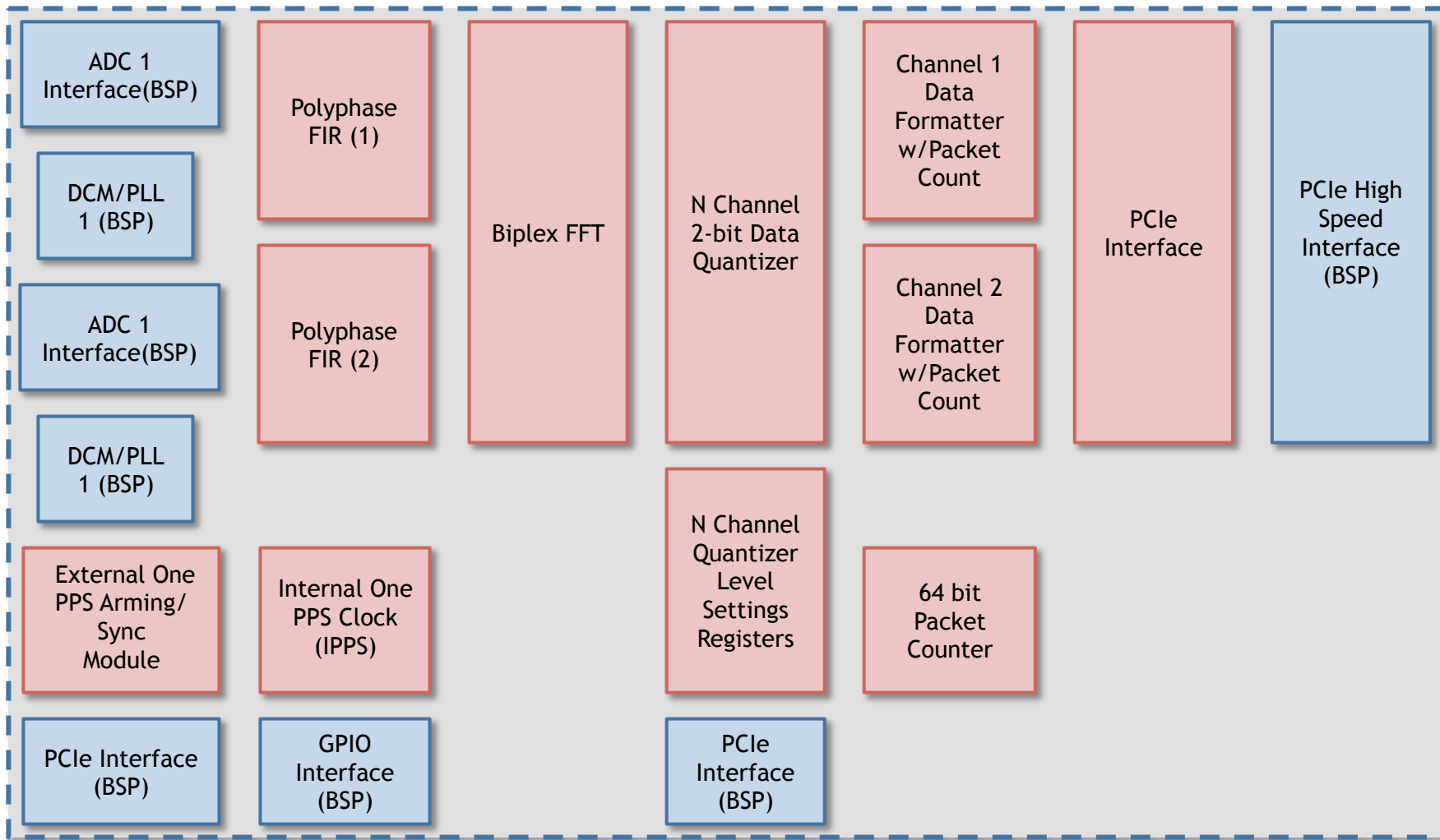
# FPGA Design (2-channel)





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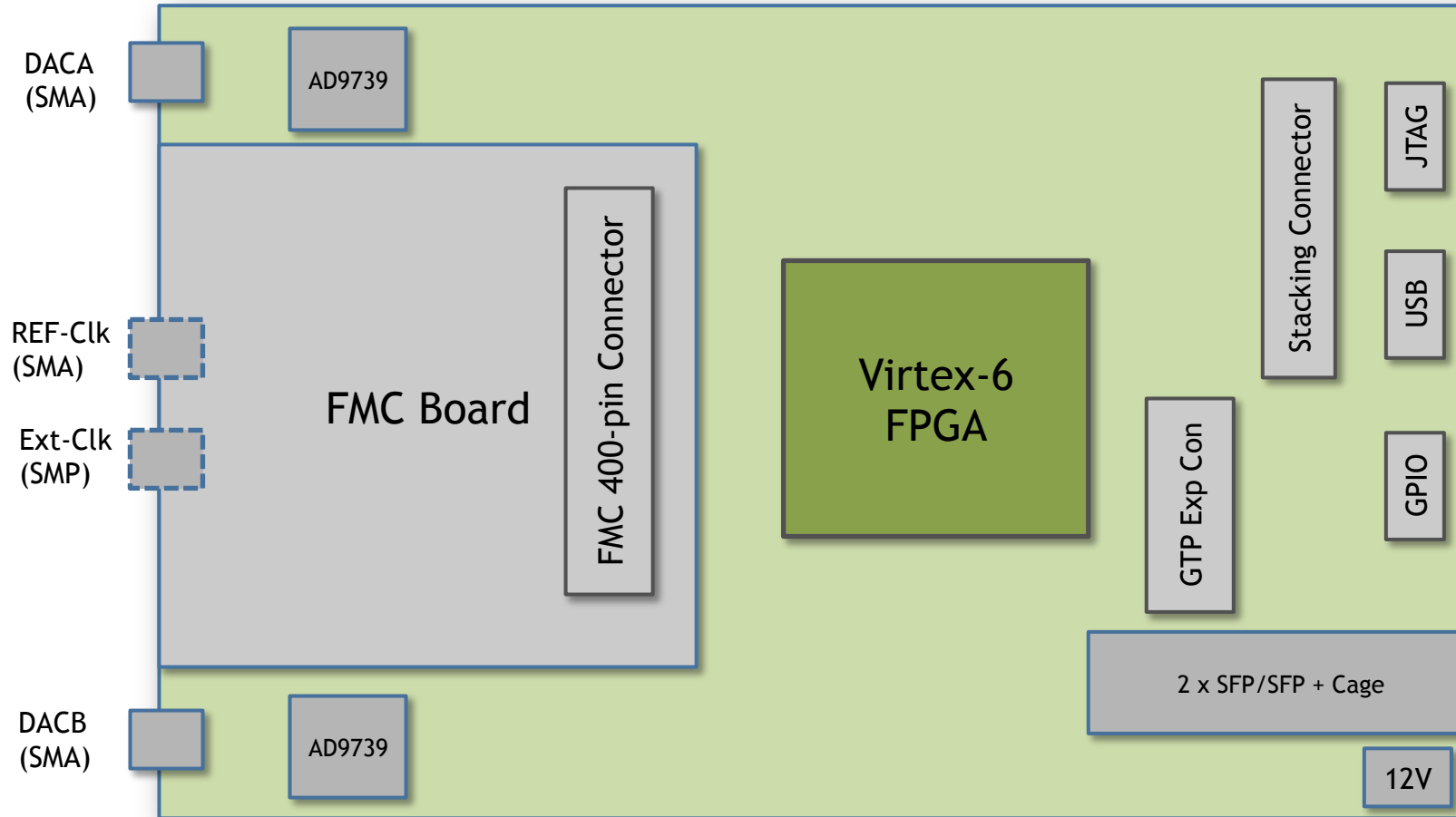
# FPGA Components





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# HRFT Block Diagram





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# 4x Performance Enhancement



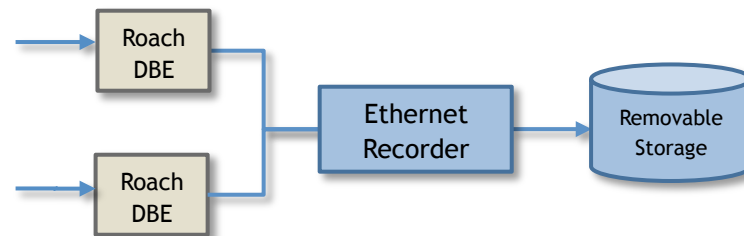
*Making room for the new 4X performance Enhancement*





## Mark-X recorder replacement:

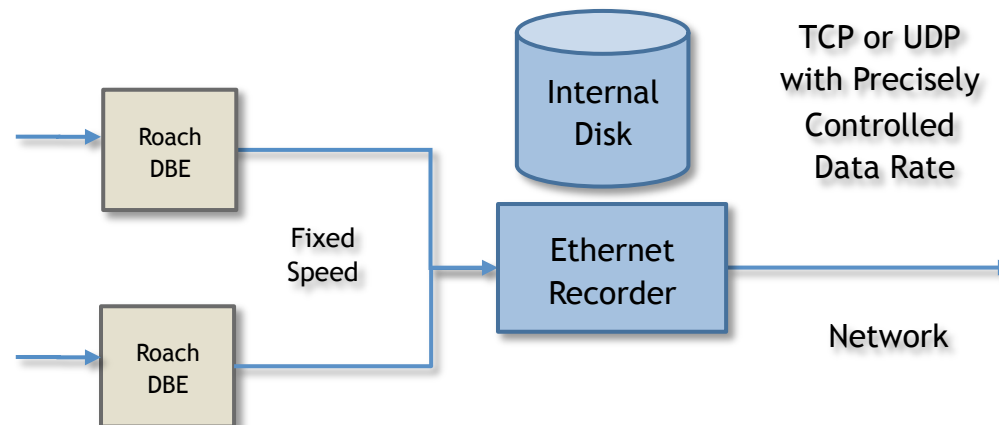
- 16Gbps out of the box recording
- Upgradeable with sampler, FPGA, GPU, and software
- External self-contained disk packs
- Option for internal disk pack
- Capable of eVLBI over network interfaces





## Delayed eVLBI recorder:

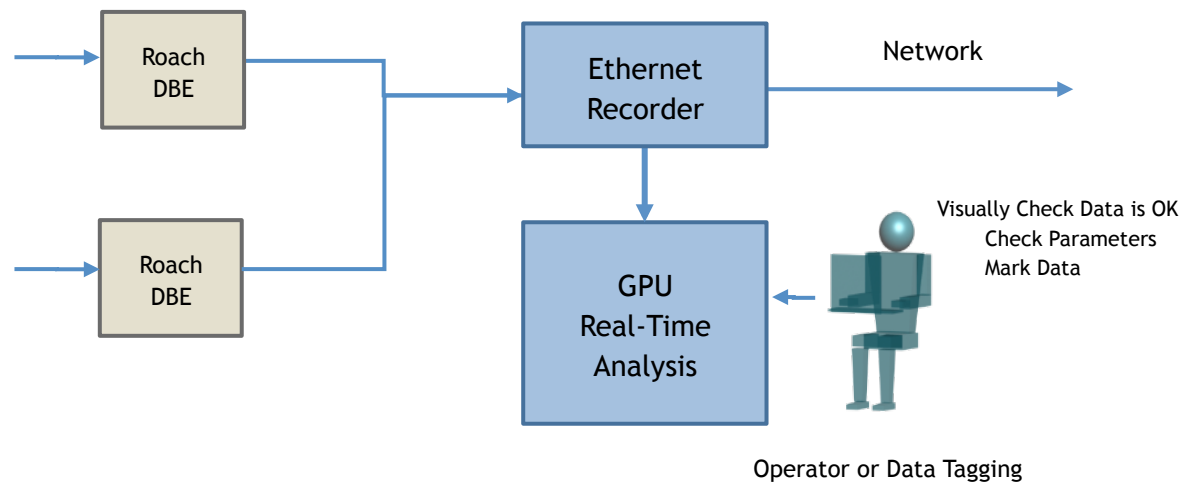
- Internal or External disk pack for local storage
- Trickle data over network interfaces at precisely controlled rate





## StreamX Recorder with GPU real-time analysis:

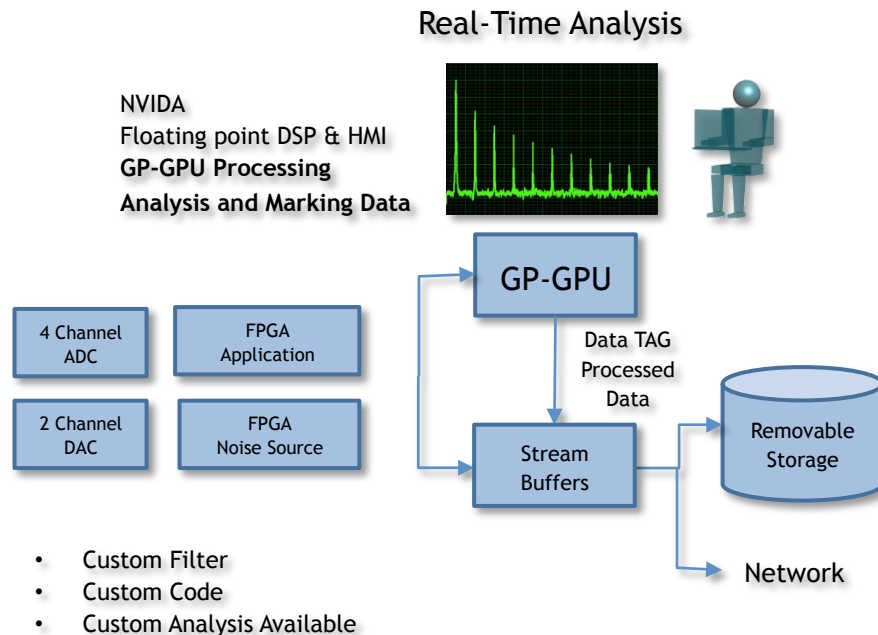
- SDK for NVIDIA GPU integration
- Application software for analysis of data streams





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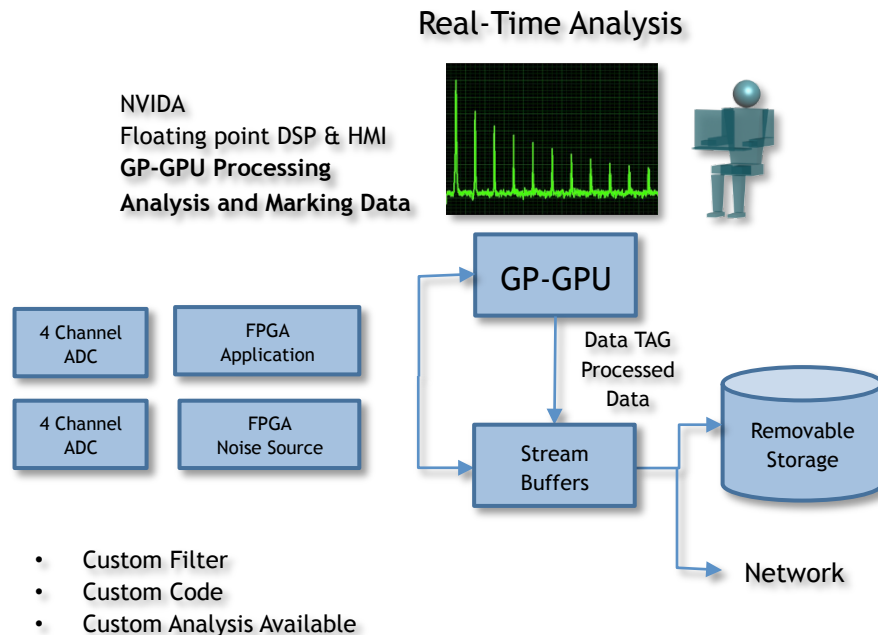
# Scenario #4



## Complete End to End System:

- Scenario 4 All capabilities of 1,2 and 3
- Full digital backend implementation
- GPU real-time analysis
- FPGA channelization and quantization
- 2 - 4 Channels at 1024Gsps (10 bit planned)
- 2 channels up to 6Gsps, 8-bit
- Analysis of Raw stream, channelized streams or quantized stream





## Application services:

- FPGA code can be modified to suit user requirements
- Custom GPU code and analysis software development
- Full application responsibility available



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# Programming Environment

- StreamX Platform
  - Components exchange slow speed data using XML
  - High speed data with shared memory buffers
  - Direct DMA access
  - Standard Linux operating system and file system
- Tools
  - C++ Environment on host / Java for UI
  - BSP for FPGA Board (Xilinx standard tools)
  - GPU Nvidia standard tools
- SDK Available for custom applications



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# Our Systems and Solutions

- Distributed storage and simulation solution
- Stream computing technologies
  - FPGA, GPU, GPP stream
- Data acquisition and recording system
- Sensor and information fusion applications

## *StreamX*-Data Management Tools



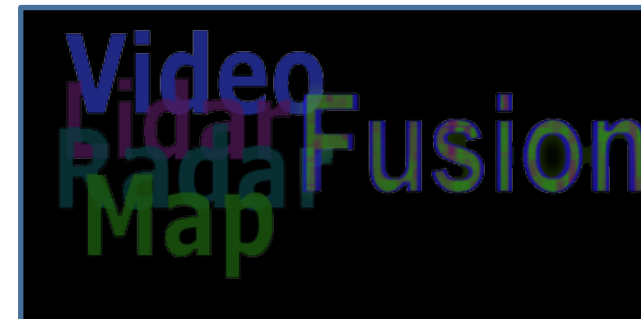
## *StreamX*-Base



## *StreamX*-Platform and Tool Suite



## *StreamX*-Smart Fusion





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# Base System



## *StreamX-Base*

### Base Hardware

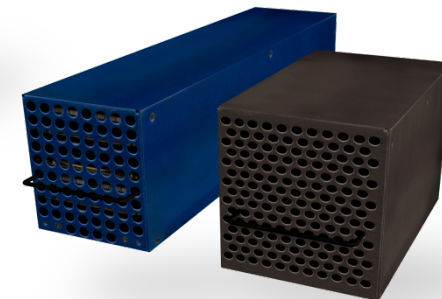
- Chassis and Computer
- Disk Packs
- Operating System

### Base Software

- Interface Manager Software
- File Writers
- Logger Manager

### Base UI

- Web-Based UI
- Command Line Interface
- M2M Interface



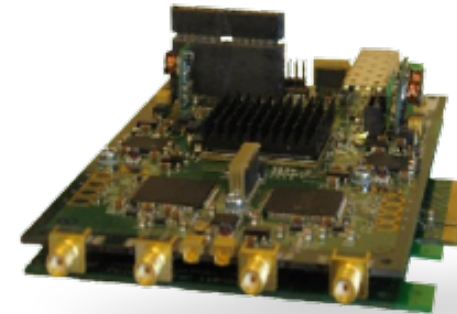


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# Options

## High Speed Analog I/O and FPGA processor Option

- HRFT Hardware
- HRFT board support package
- HRFT Interface Manager
- Sample HRFT Application
- Software Development Kit (StreamX-HRFT-SDK)



## GPU- Stream Processing Option

- NIVIDIA GPU Hardware
- GPU Manager
- Sample Application
- StreamX-GPU SDK





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# System Applications

## **StreamX-VLBI**

Radio Telescope Application  
StreamX-RT (Real-Time) Configuration  
VLBI Application Software



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## **StreamX-DRFM**

Radio/Radar Jamming Application  
DRFM Application Software



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## **StreamX-Soft Radar**

Landing Visualization Application  
Soft Radar Application Software



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## **StreamX-Automotive**

Data Recorder  
Fleet Recorder



Interface Manager: CAN Bus, Fire wire,  
GigEvision camera, Ethernet, custom  
sensors

## **StreamX-Autonomous**

Reference and Ground Truth system

Roof Mounted Stand alone system with  
cameras, sensors, radar, etc..

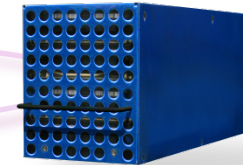


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# Storage Configurations



**Internal Disk Pack**  
16 Terabyte 2.5 drives



**External Disk Pack**  
32 Terabyte 3.5 drives



**1U extension box**  
100 Terabyte 3.5 drives



**Rack-able box**  
144 Terabyte 3.5 drives

**10 units in a Rack**  
1.5 Petabytes



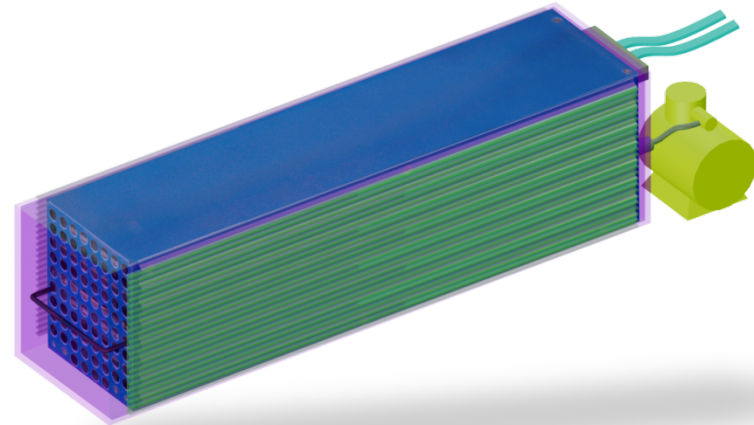
Global distributed  
storage clusters  
**100s of Petabytes**



# Storage Options

## *Near Future Application:*

- XCube is developing a cost effective high altitude storage solution.
- The disk packs are placed into self-contained active pressurized containers with monitoring and control.
- Because our disk packs are equipped with power and cooling the pressure box and heat exchanger become highly cost effective.



Air Cooled  
Pressurized Containers





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**Thank you!**



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# Top View of Logger and Disk Pack



Data Logger(4U Box)

2.5" Disk Pack 16TByte



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# Back View of Chassis

