

Rad-hard electronics developments

The GBT-based Expandable Front-End (GEFE)

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Beam Instrumentation
Technical Board
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- Features different components of the **GBT-Versatile Link** ecosystem from **CERN PH-ESE**
- **Optical & Electrical** interfaces
- **Upgradable:**
 - FPGA Mezzanine Card (**FMC**) High-Pin Count (**HPC**) connector
 - 2x **GPIO connectors** (24 & 13 user I/Os respectively)
- **Flexible** schemes for:
 - Clocks
 - Resets
 - FPGA programming
 - Slow Control (SC) E-link
 - Power

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Our motivation

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**Common
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This is a big CHALLENGE

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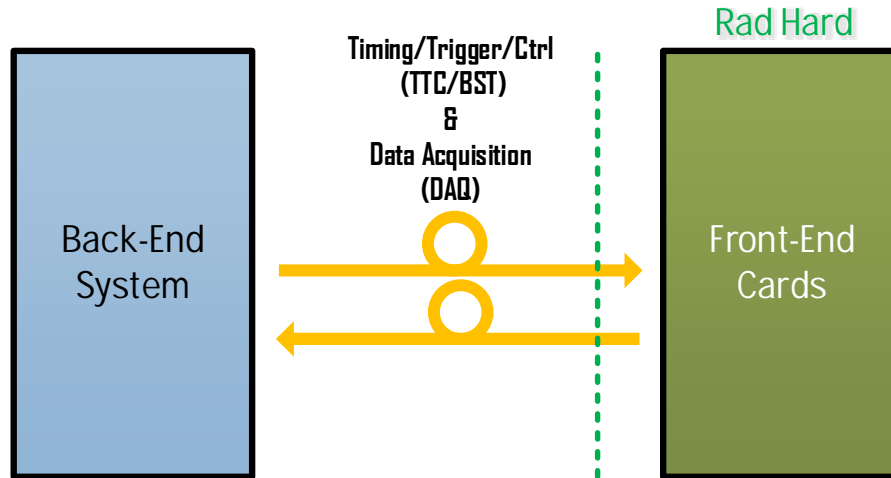


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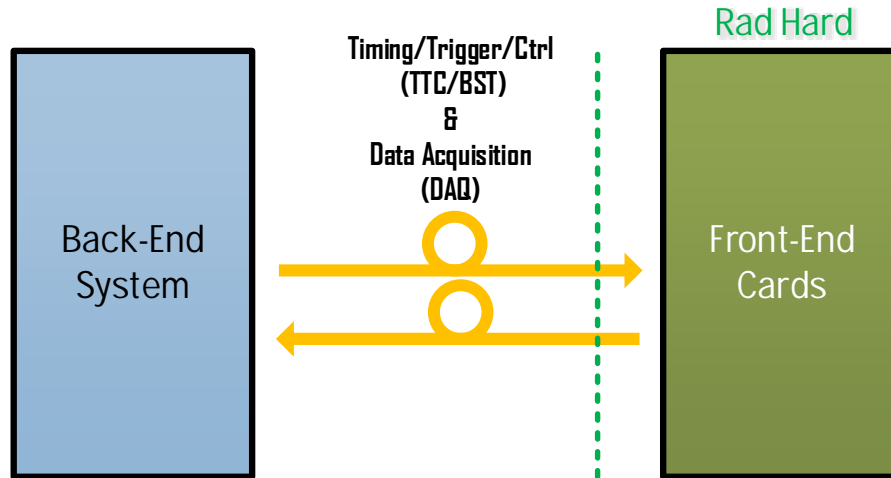
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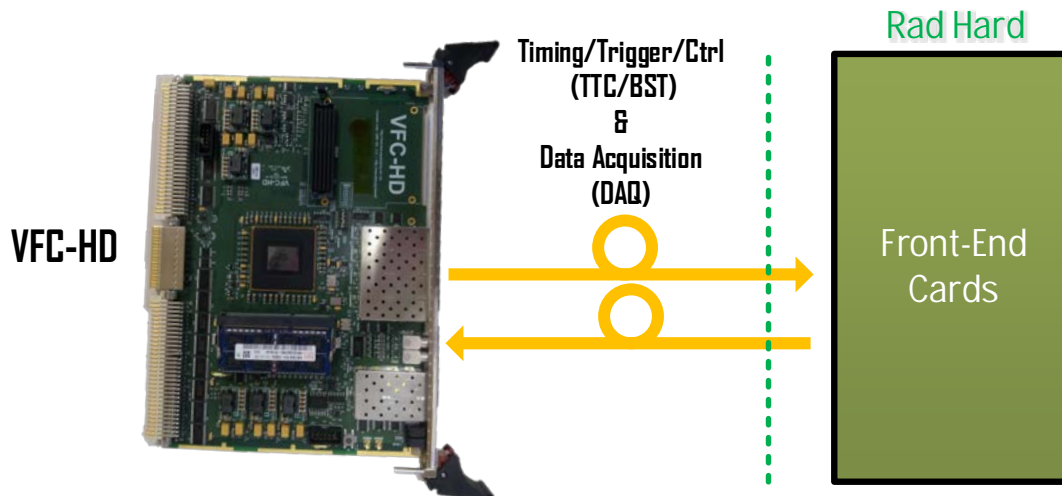


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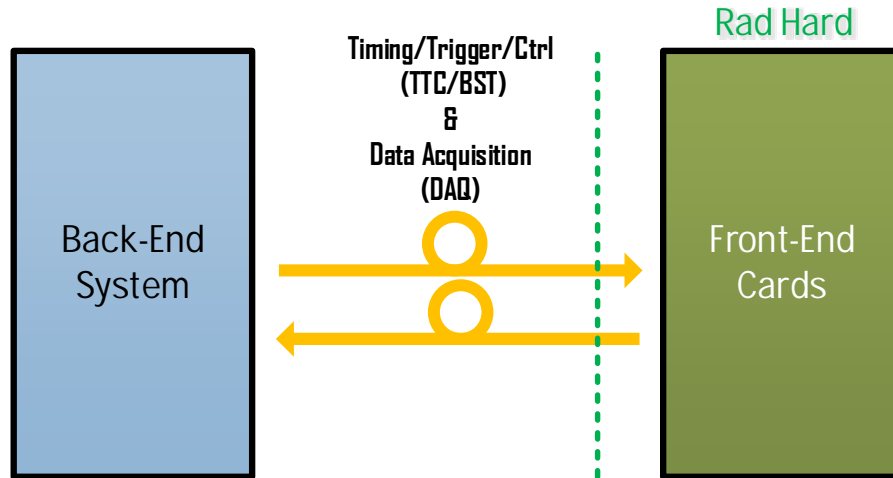


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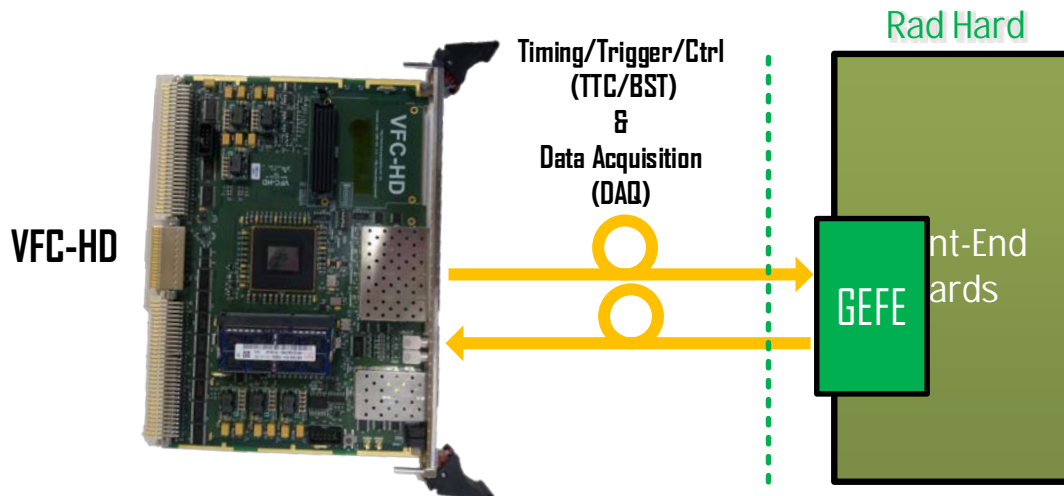


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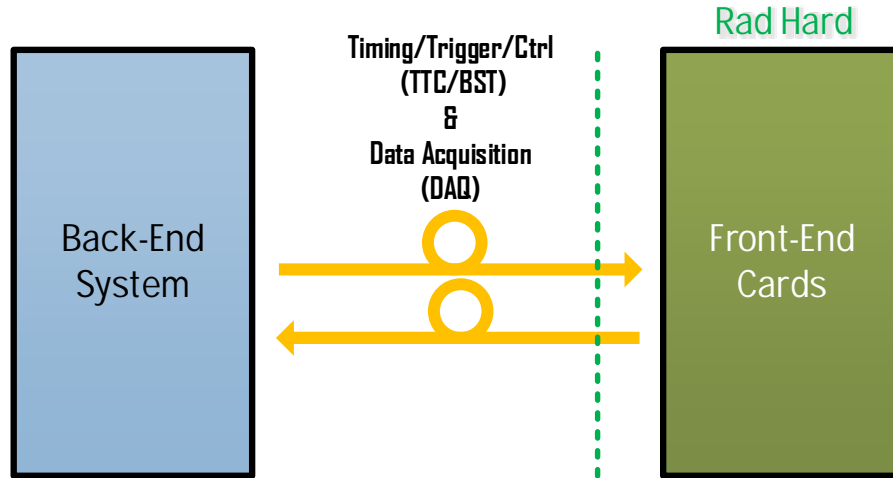


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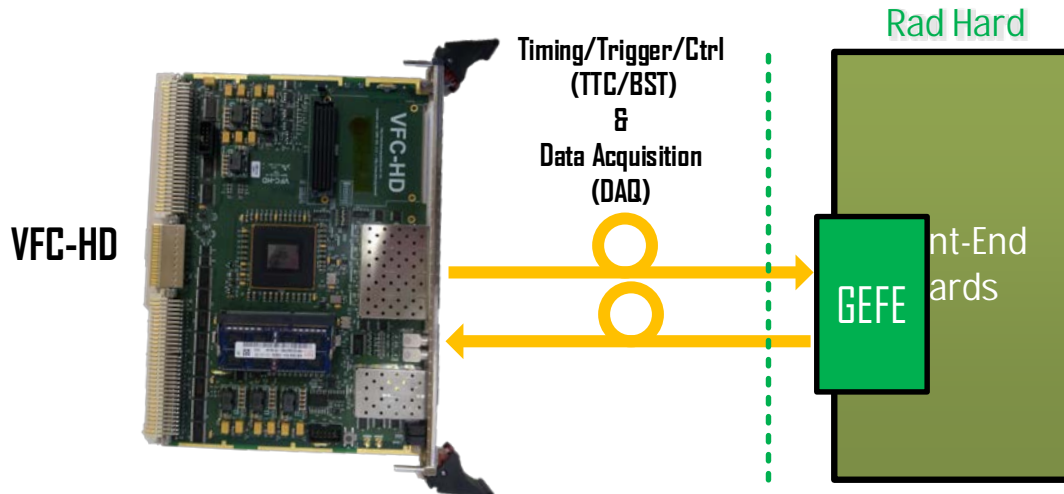


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Facilitates:

- Design & Implementation
- Maintenance
- etc.

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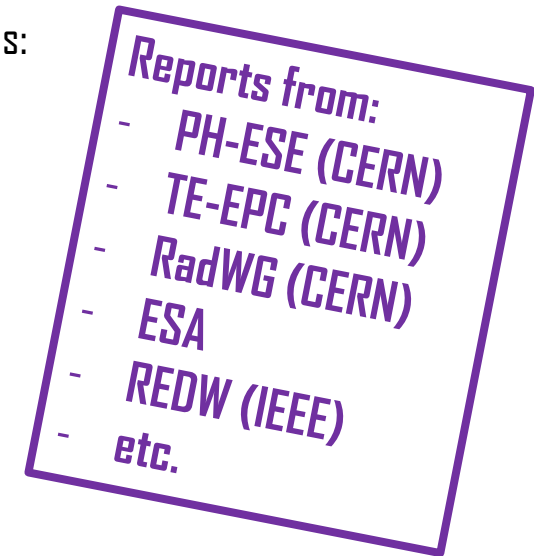
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*After evaluating the
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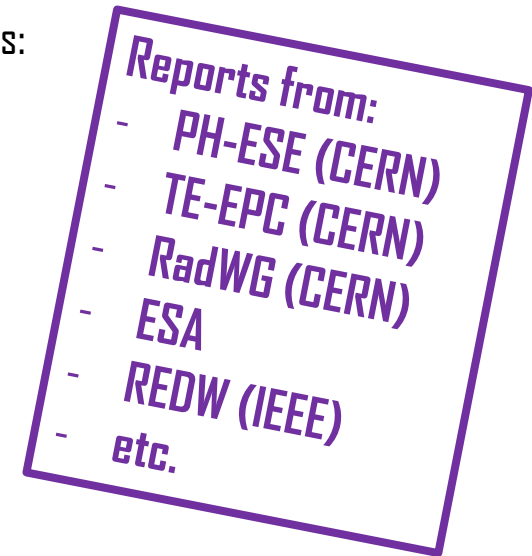
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- **The GEFE community**
 - **Regular meetings** with the different teams
 - **Specifications** (User Guide)
 - **Open HardWare Repository** (OHWR) Wiki
 - Updates through **email lists**:
 - Email list for all GEFE community: gefe@ohwr.org
 - Email list for GEFE community from CERN only: gefe-community@cern.ch



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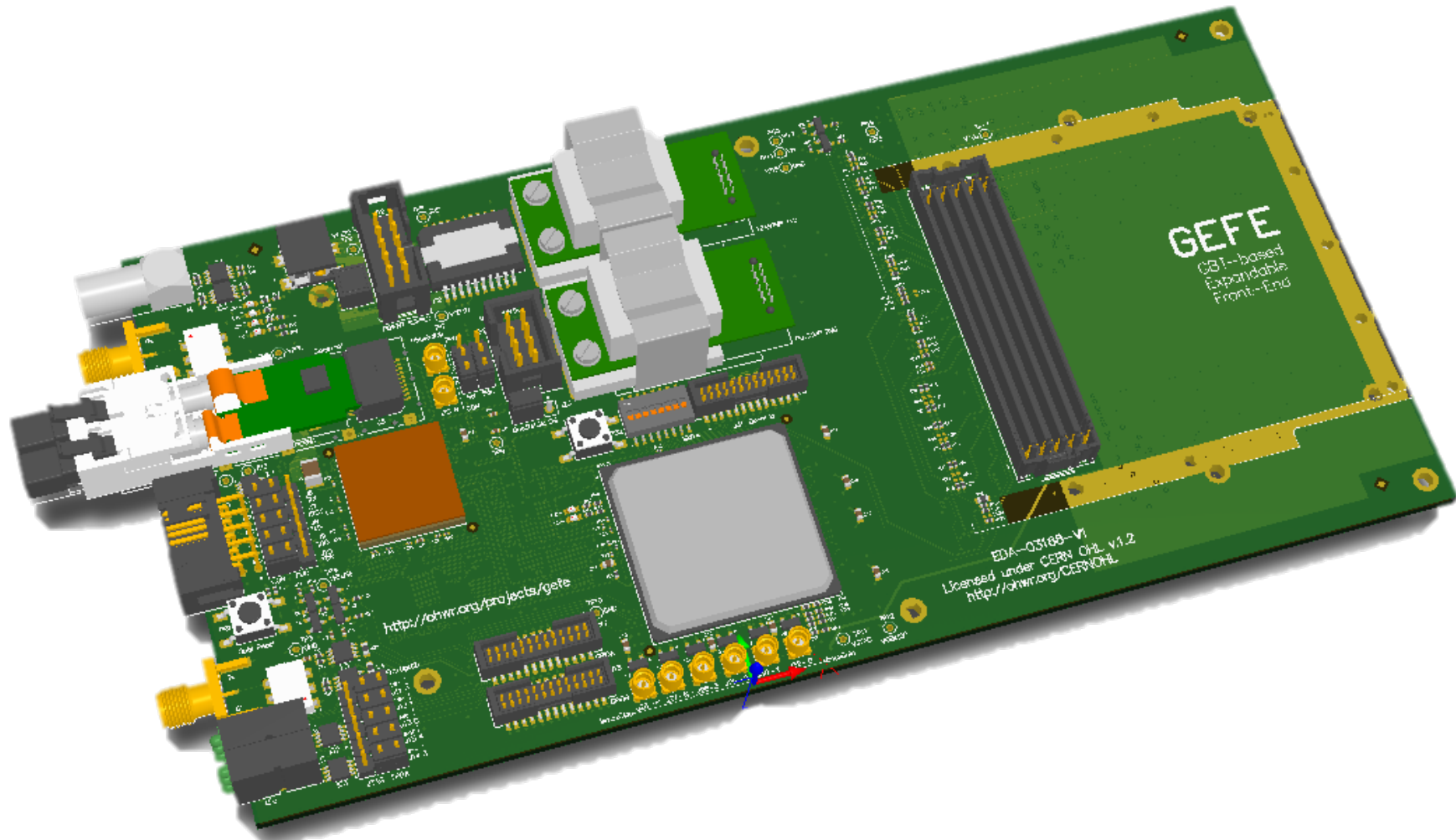


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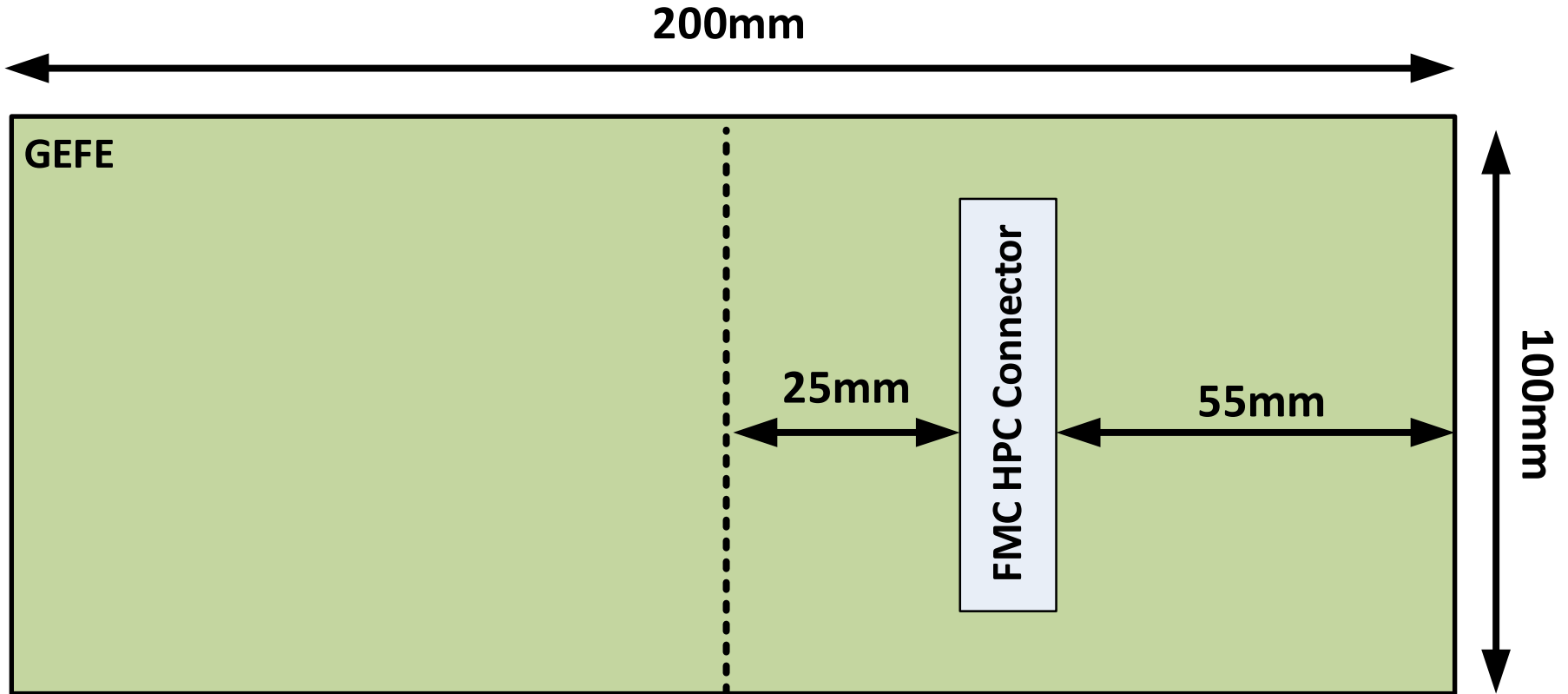
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The GEFE at a glance



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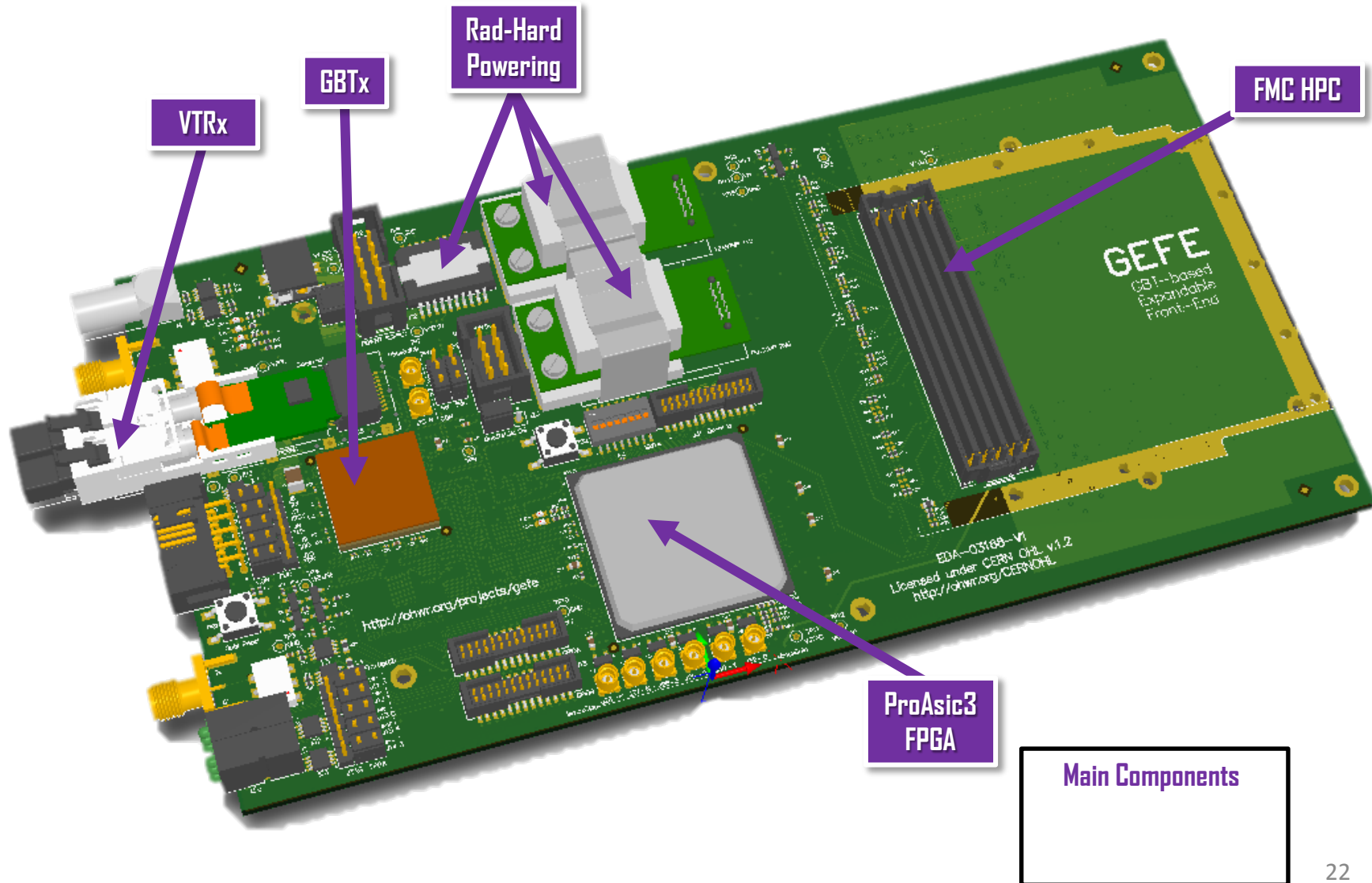


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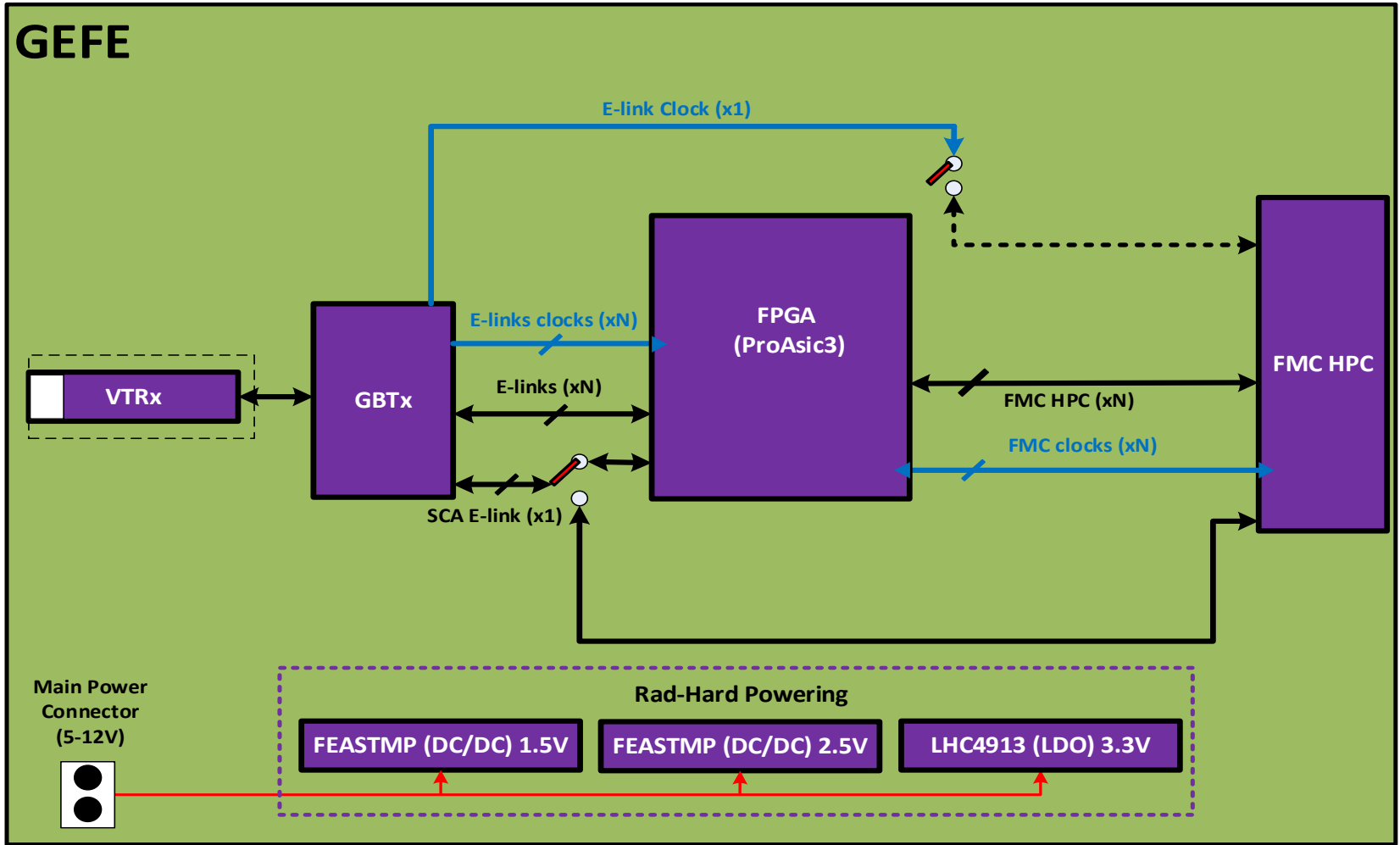


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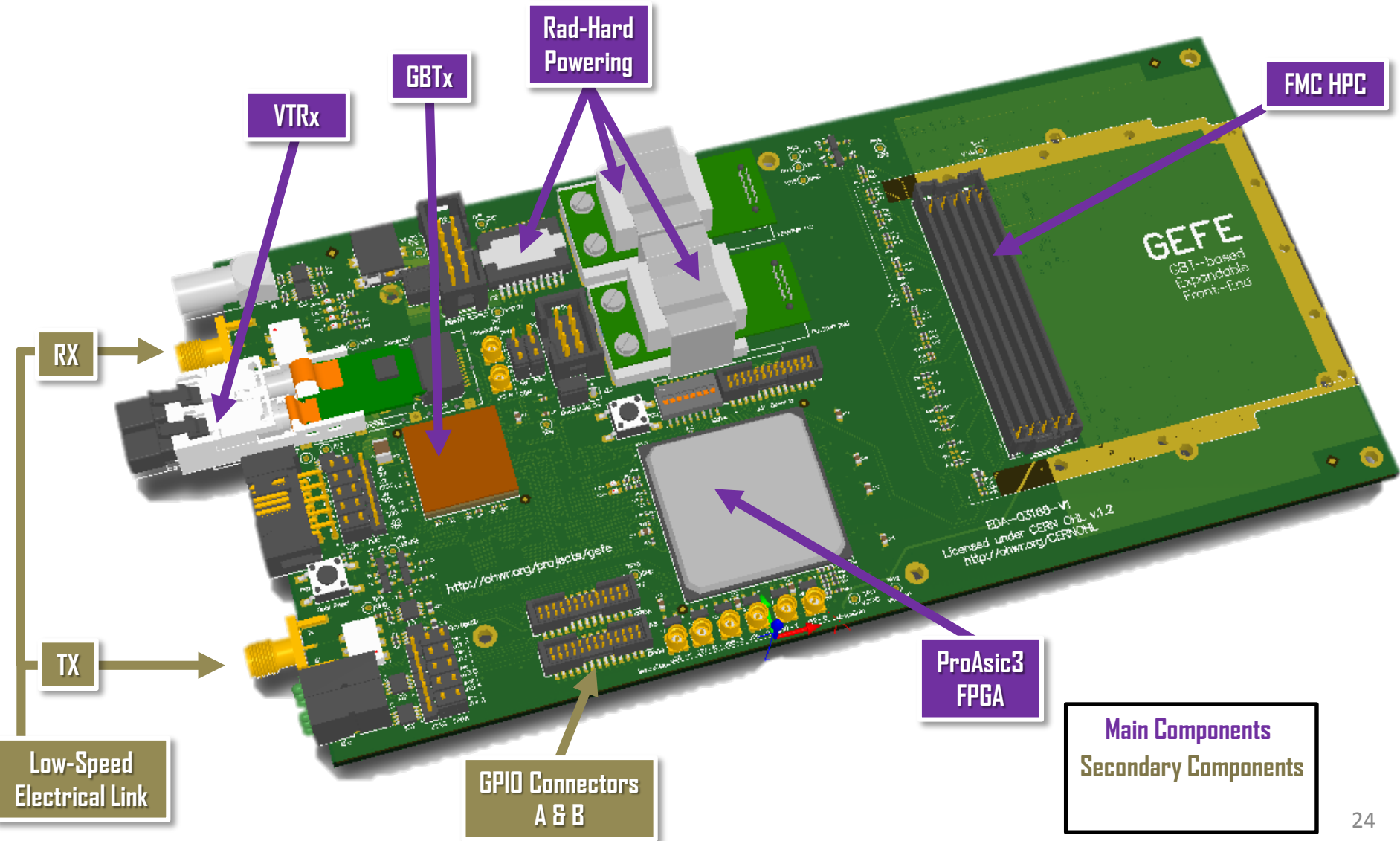
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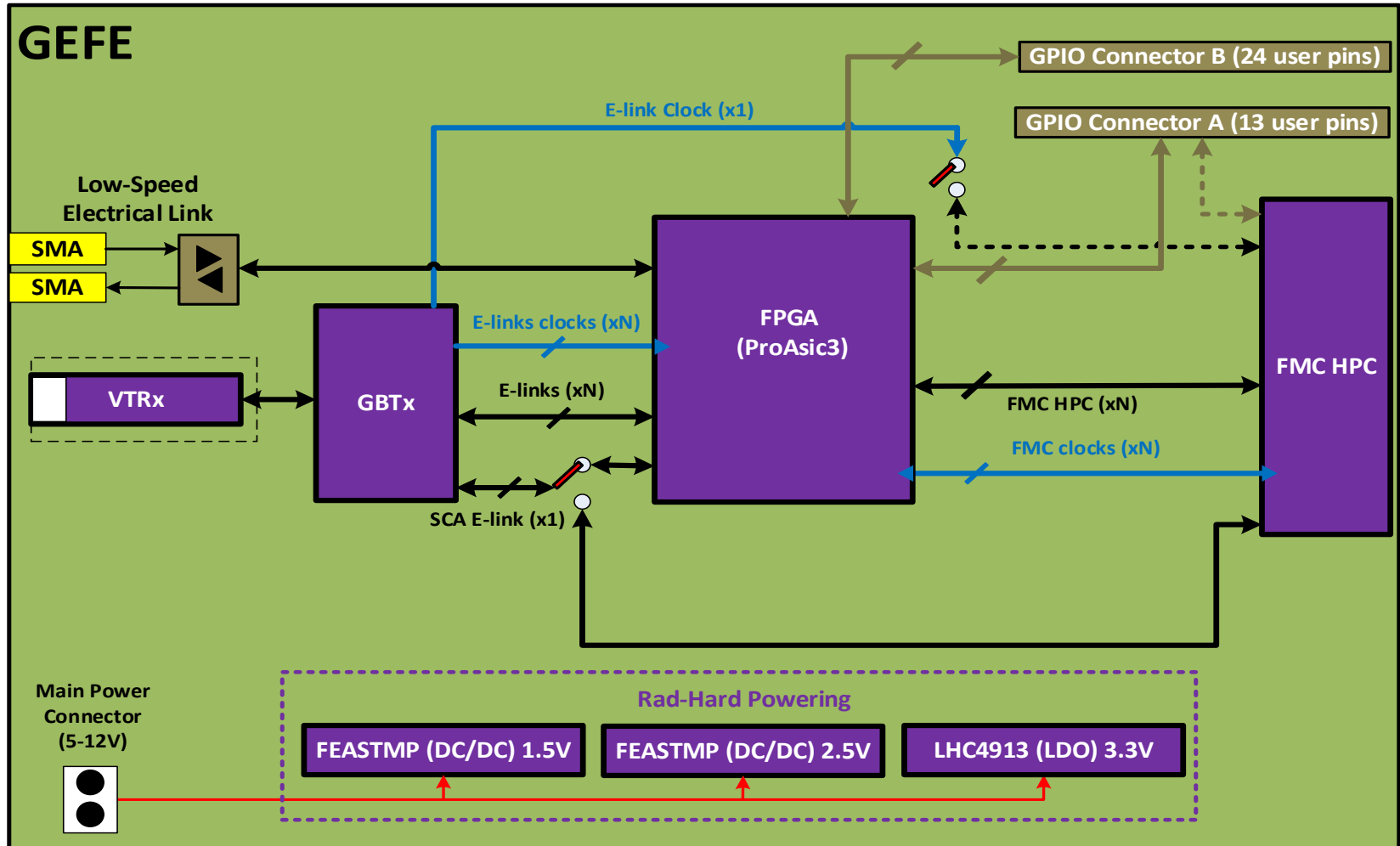


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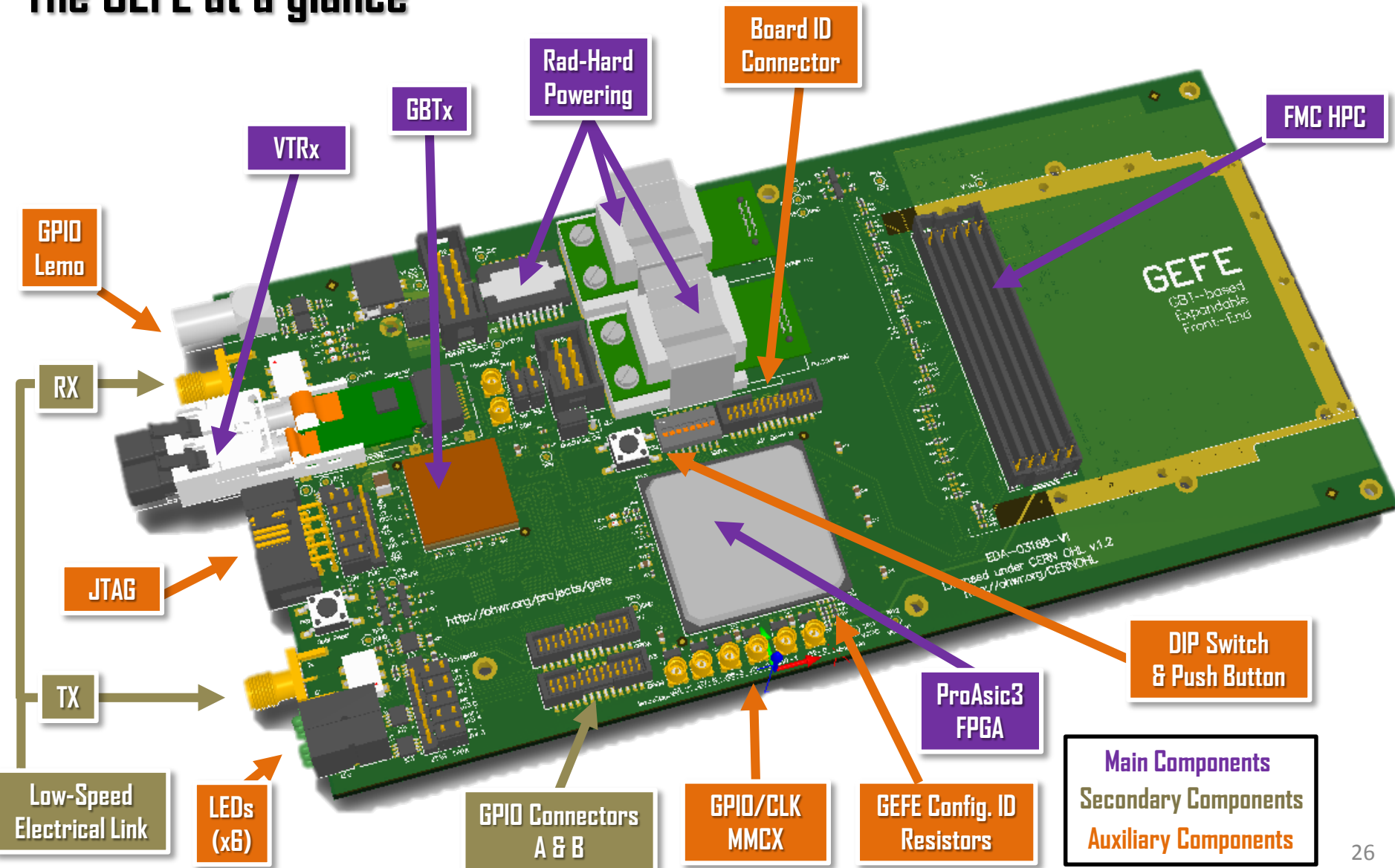
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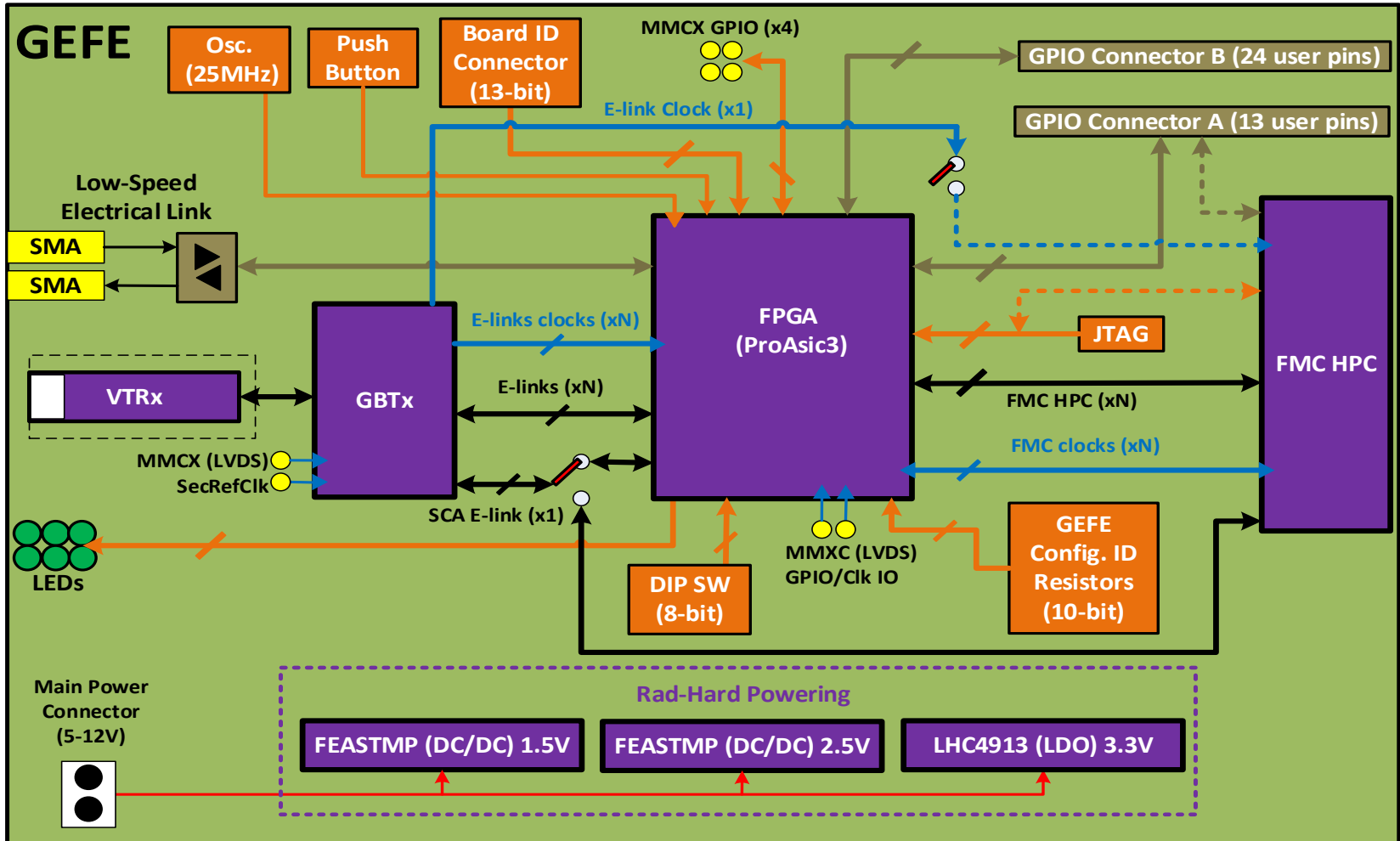


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The GEFE at a glance



Main Components Secondary Components Auxiliary Components

Radiation Hardness

Qualified up to 75 krad
 Qualified below 75 krad
 Not Qualified

Active Component	Description	Tested	Max. Radiation Levels
VTRx	Optical Transceiver	YES	up to 50 Mrad 2x10 ¹⁵ n/cm ²
GBTx	Multi Gigabit Transceiver	YES	up to 100 Mrad 1.40x10 ⁷ p/cm ²
FPGA (ProAsic3)	A3PE3000-FGG896	YES	up to 300 krad LET of 55MeVcm ² /mg 1*10 ⁷ p/cm ²
FEASTMP	DC/DC Regulator	YES	up to 200 Mrad(Si) 5.0x10 ¹⁴ n/cm ²
LHC4913	LDO Regulator	YES	up to 500 krad 2.0*10 ⁷ p/cm ²
SN74LVC2T45DCTT	Dual-Bit Dual-Supply Bus Transceiver	YES	x > 50 krad(Si) x > 9.31*10 ¹¹ p/cm ²
BST82	N-CHANNEL MOSFET with Diode	YES	x > 27.1 krad(Si) 6.0x10 ¹¹ p/cm ²
SN65LVDS2DBVR	High-Speed Differential Line Receiver	NO	
SPXO018077	Crystal Oscillator (25MHz)	NO	
BAV99	High Speed Switching Diode	NO	

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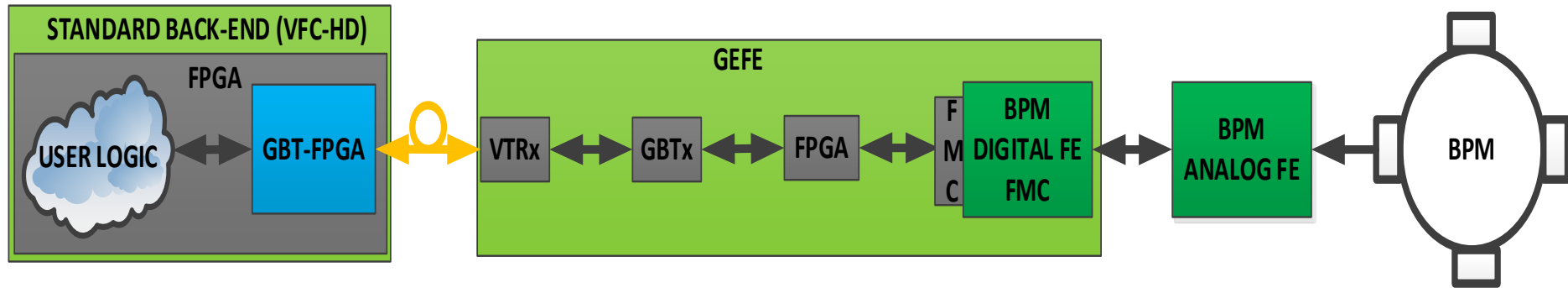
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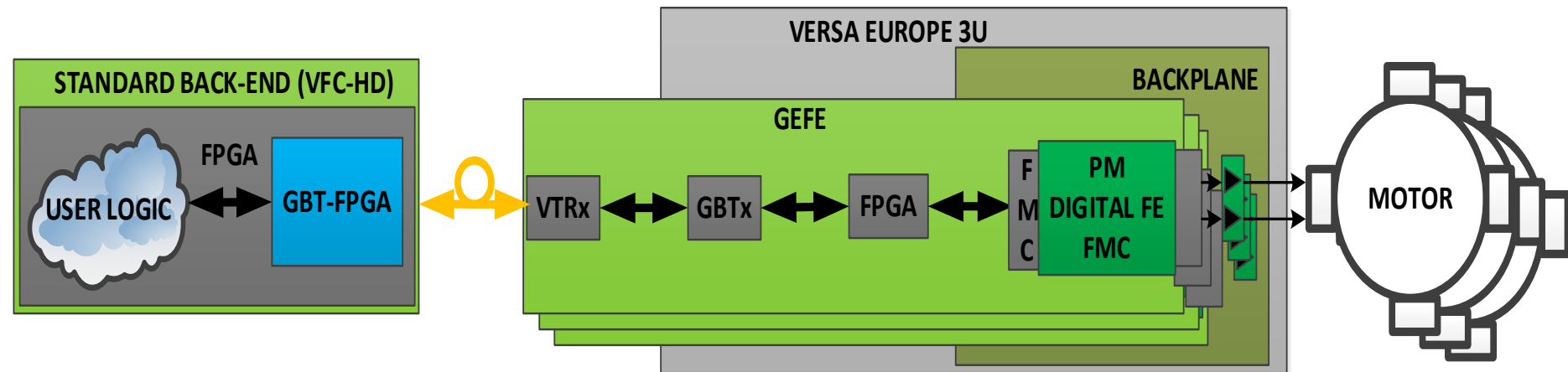


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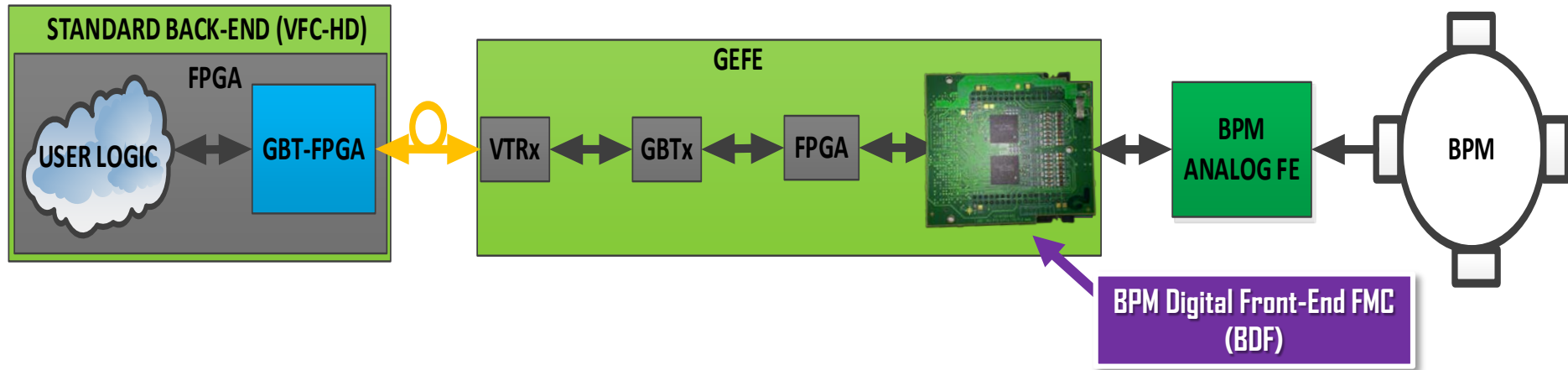


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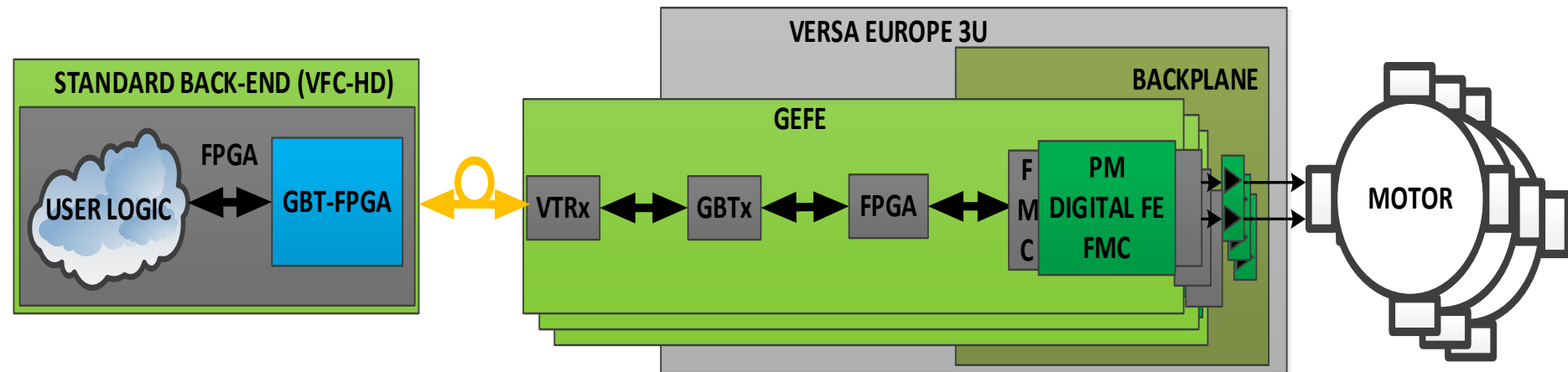


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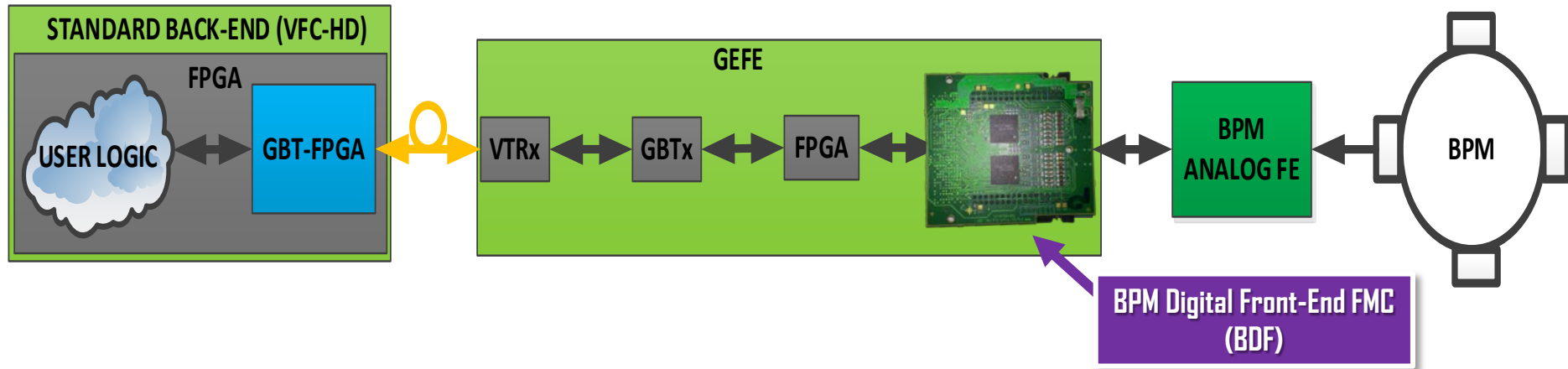


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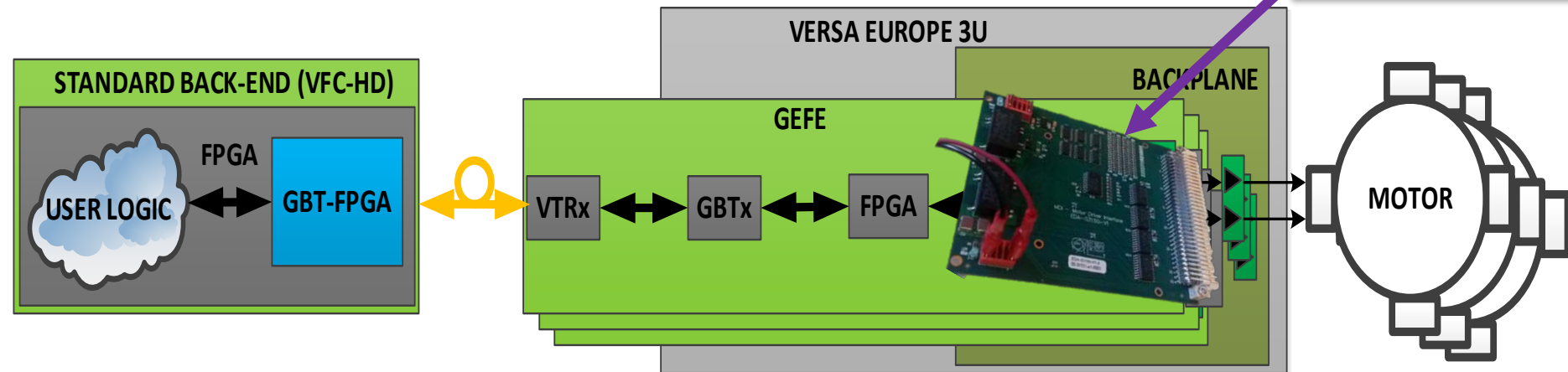


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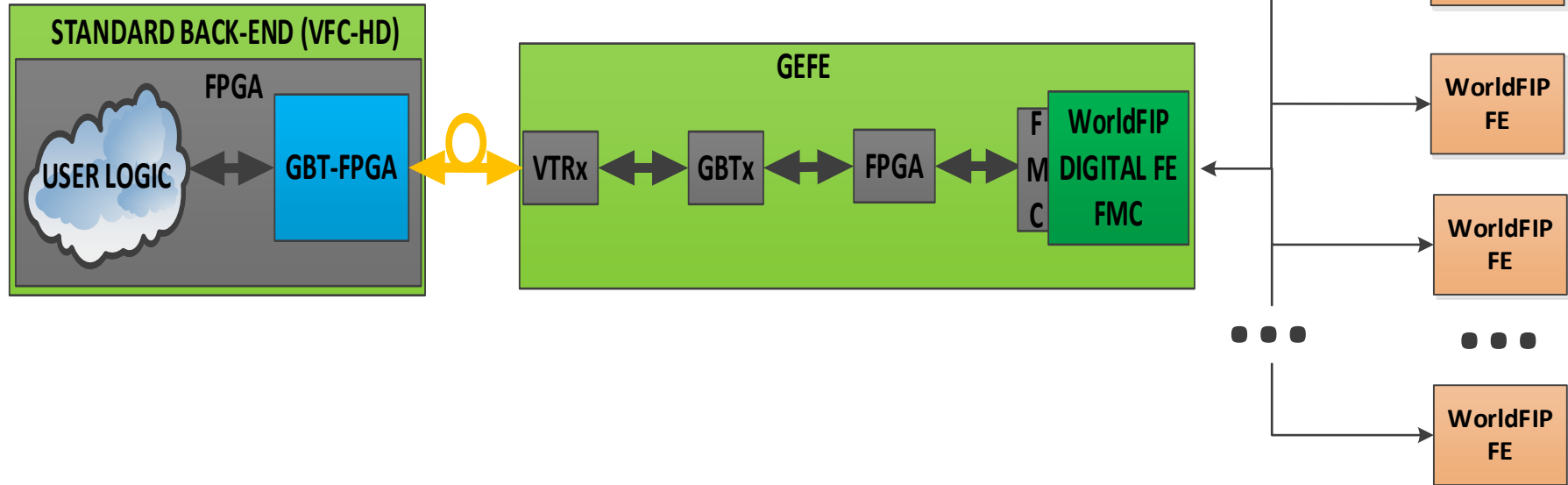


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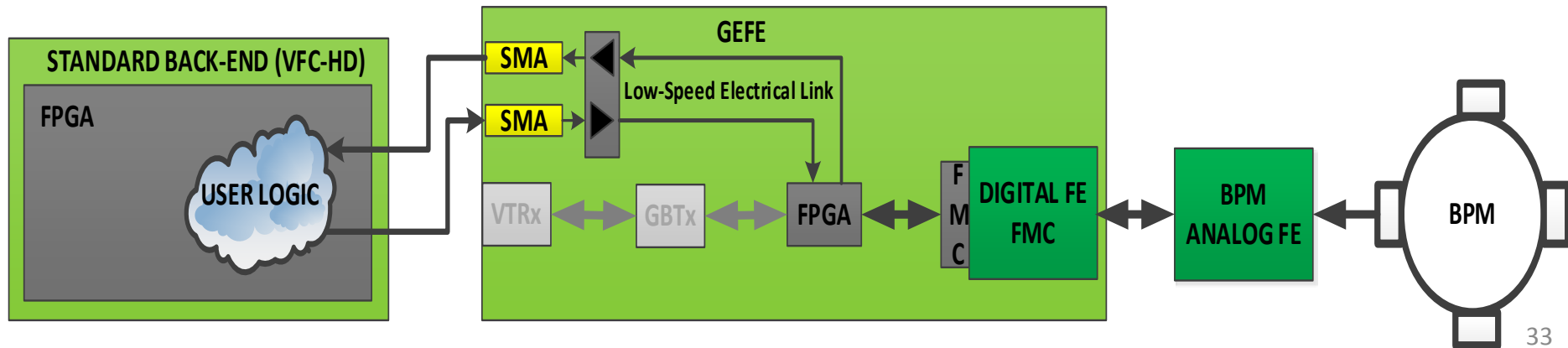


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New WorldFIP devkit (BE-CO)



Advanced Wakefield Experiment BPM (AWAKE BPM) (BE-BI-QP)



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The GEFE board

- Design of **GEFE v1** finished
- **4 PCBs** already fabricated
- **2 prototypes** of GEFE v1 foreseen by the end of next week (week 38)
- **Radiation hardness qualification** required for:
 - Active components not qualified up to 75 krad
 - The full GEFE board

The GEFE community

- Increasing the number of members
- Specification in version 0.8.5 (may be used as User Guide)
- Open HardWare Repository (OHWR) Wiki and Email List
- Projects in the GEFE community:
 - New Multi-Orbit Position System SPS (MOPOS SPS) (BE-BI-QP): Requested 300 pieces
 - Advanced Wakefield Experiment BPM (AWAKE BPM) (BE-BI-QP): Requested 30 pieces
 - Motor Controller Optical Interface (MCOI) (BE-BI-PM): Requested 25 pieces
 - CLIC Acquisition and Control Module (CLIC-ACM) (BE-CO): Interested
 - New WorldFIP devkit (BE-CO): Interested
 - Function Generator Controller Lite (FGClite) (TE-EPC): Interested
 - Beam Wire Scanners (BE-BI-BL): Interested
 - CHARM test board (EN-STI): Interested

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- **The GEFE community**
 - Increasing the number of **members**
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 - **Open HardWare Repository** (OHWR) Wiki and Email Lists
 - **Several projects** (More than 350 pieces requested)

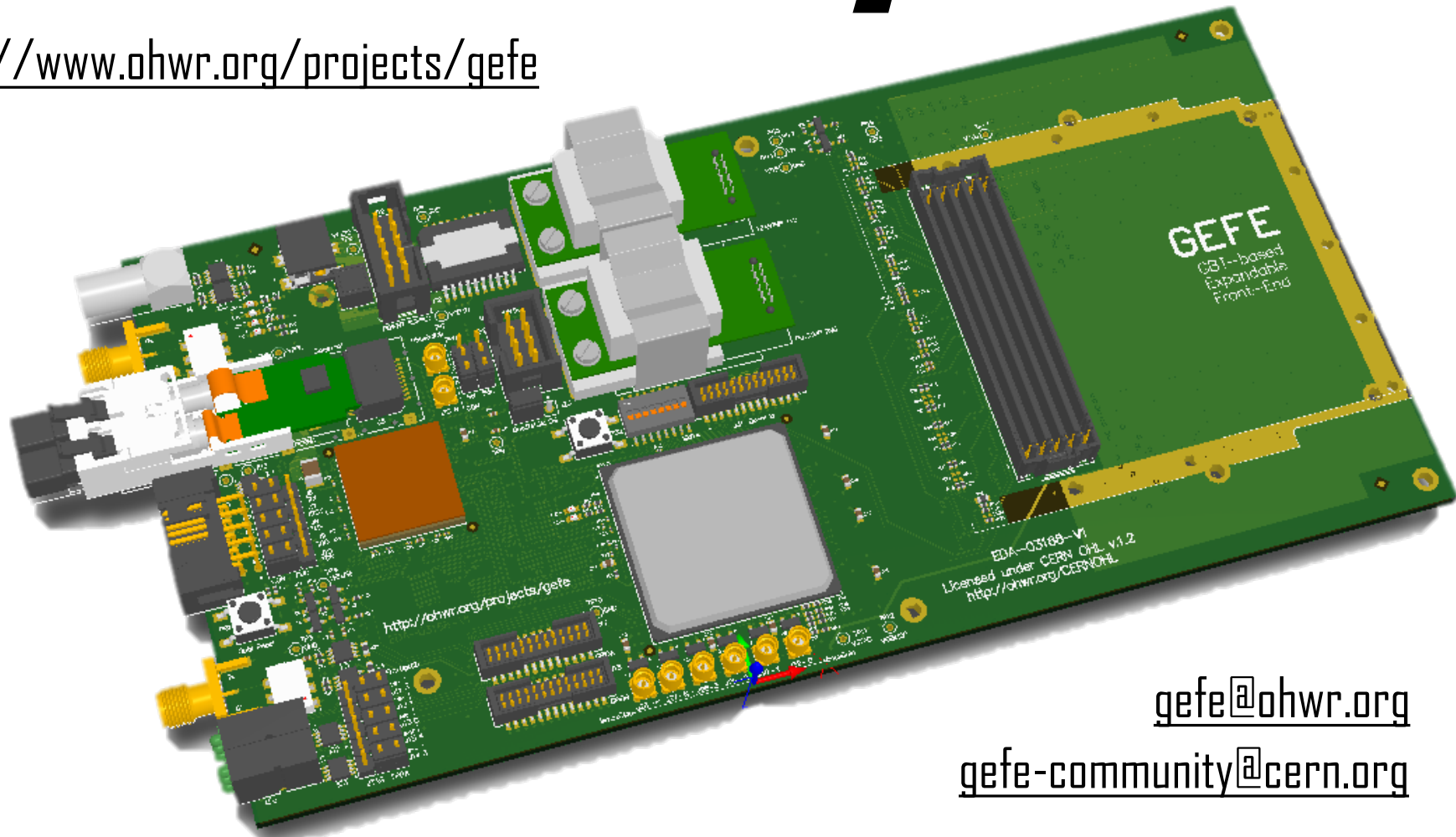
Outlook

- **The GEFE board**
 - **Validity test** of the first 2 prototypes of GEFE v1 (October 2015)
 - **Radiation hardness qualification** of:
 - Active components of GEFE v1 not qualified up to 75 krad (Second half of 2015)
 - Prototype of GEFE v1 (First half of 2016)

Ph.D. Student (Christophe Donat Godichal) in charge of the radiation tests
 - Design and implementation of a **fully automated test bench** for production testing (First half of 2016)
 - **Production stage** (First half of 2017)
- **The GEFE community**
 - **Increase the number of members**
 - Organise **periodical meetings**
 - **Update specifications** after assembly of first GEFE v1 prototypes
 - **Update Open HardWare Repository (OHWR) Wiki**
 - **Organise production** of GEFE for the different projects

Thank you

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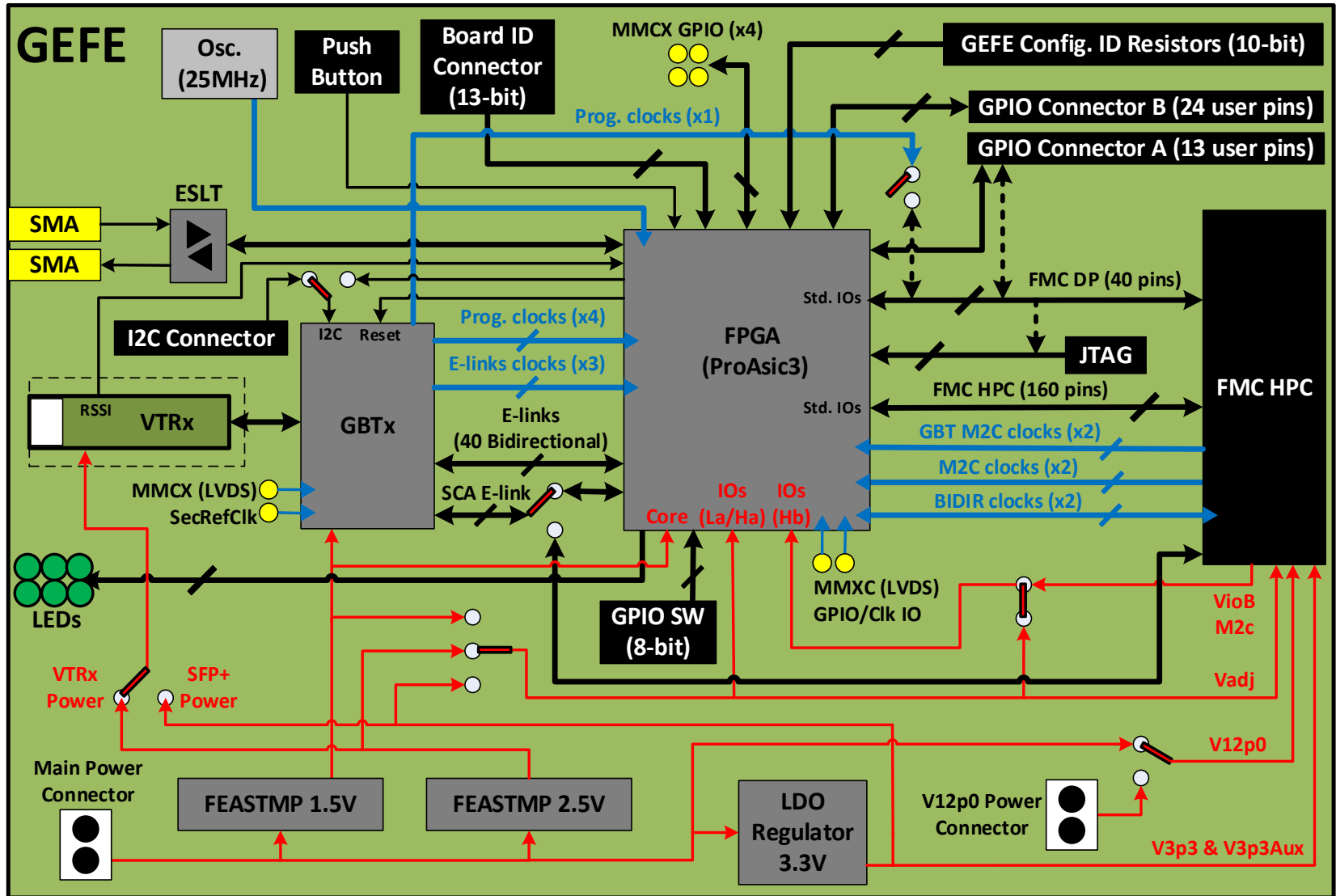
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- The GBTx ASIC manual: [gbtxManual.pdf](#)
- The VTRx application note: [Application Note V2.4.pdf](#)
- FEASTMP project web page: <http://project-dcdc.web.cern.ch/project-dcdc/>
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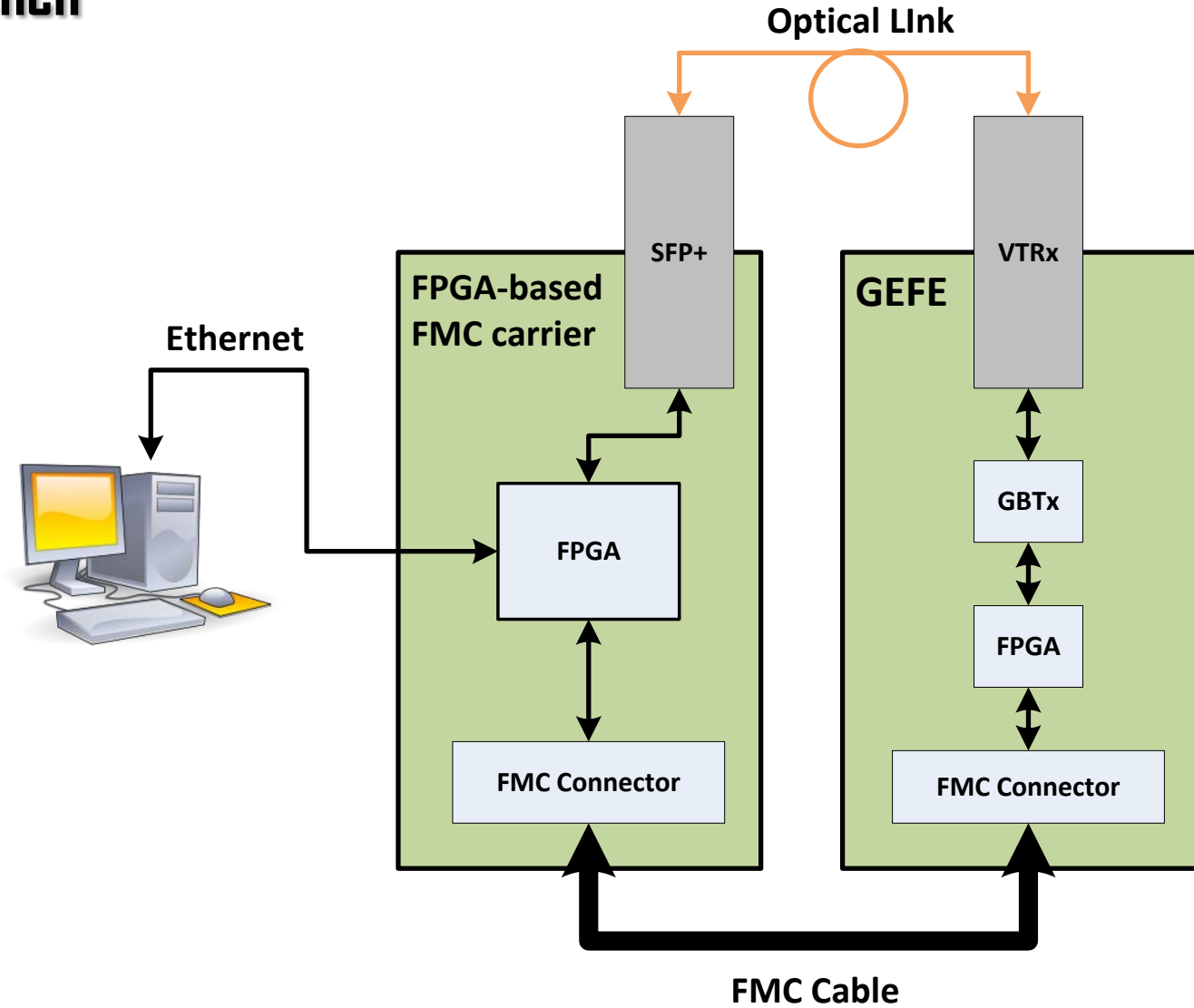
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Detailed Block Diagram



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Test Bench

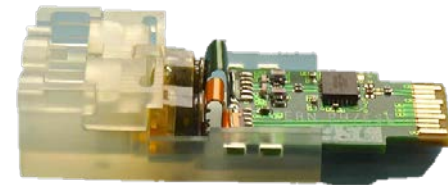


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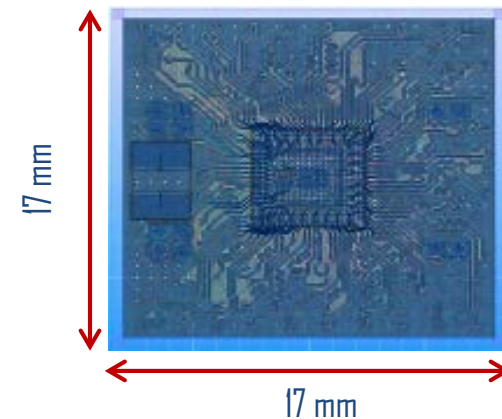
VTRx & GBTx

- Main components of the new “Rad-Hard Optical Link for Experiments”
- Widely used at CERN (Experiments & Accelerators) and External institutions (Desy, etc.)
- Developed at CERN by PH-ESE
- VTRx
 - Rad-Hard Optical Transceiver
 - Bidirectional Link at 4.8 Gbps (Versatile Link)
- GBTx
 - Rad-Hard ASIC
 - Single Electrical Link with VTRx at 4.8 Gbps
 - Multiple Electrical Links with Front-End Electronics (E-Links)
 - 40 Links @ 80 Mbps
 - 20 Links @ 160 Mbps
 - 10 Links @ 320 Mbps

VTRx



GBTx ASIC

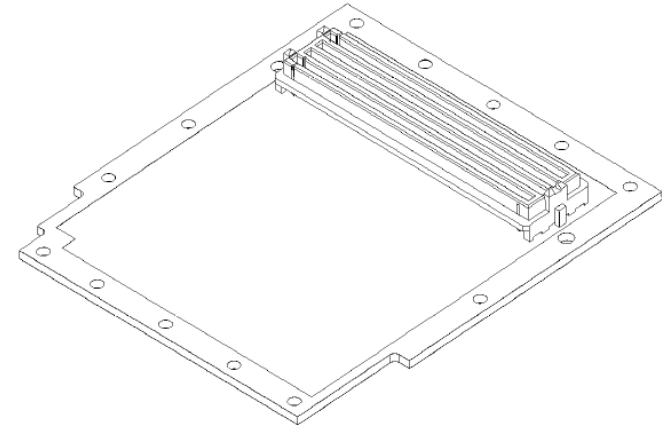


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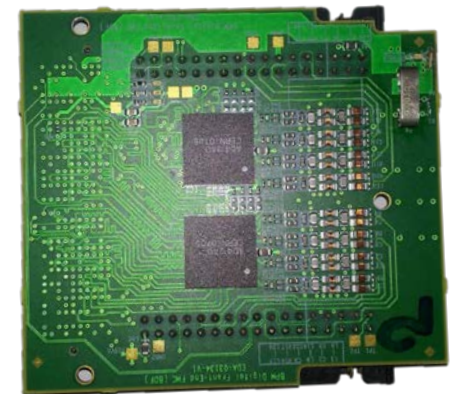
Particularities of the FMC connector in GEFE

- High-pin count (HPC) socket
- Accessible from the rear of the board
- The different control signals of the FMC standard are supported
- The targeted user-specific I/O data rate is up to 700 Mbps
- Up to 160 Single-Ended (or 80 Bidirectional) user-specific I/Os
- 6 differential clock lines (4 inputs and 2 bidirectional)
- The high-speed lanes (DP) connected to user-specific I/Os
- Special functions of DP lanes:
 - Direct SC e-link between GBTx and the FMC HPC connector
 - FPGA programming by JTAG master (e.g. SCA) placed on FMC
 - Direct signals from GPIO connector A to FMC HPC connector

Single width conduction cooled FMC Module



BDF



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FPGA (ProAsic3)

ProASIC3E	A3PE3000
System Gates	3,000,000
Equivalent LEs	35K
VersaTiles (D-Flip-Flop)	75,264
RAM kbits (1,024 bits)	504
4,608-Bit Blocks	112
FlashROM Bits	1,024
Secure (AES) ISP ²	Yes
Integrated PLLs in CCCs ³	6
VersaNet Globals	18
I/O Standards	Pro
I/O Banks (+JTAG)	8
Maximum User I/Os	620
Typical Static / Flash*Freeze Power (mW) at V _{CC} =1.2 V	3.30
Single-Ended I/Os / Differential I/O Pairs	
FG896	620/310



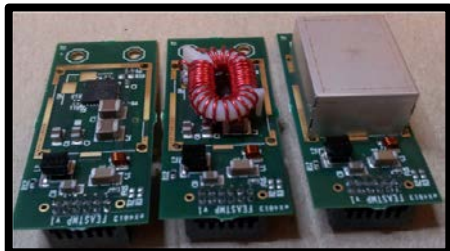
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Powering

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Features

- Input voltage range 5 to 12V
- Continuous 4A load capability (dependent on output power level, limited to 10W)
- Available in different output voltage versions from 0.9 to 3.3V (minimum achievable with the FEAST ASIC 0.6V)
- Synchronous Buck topology with continuous mode operation
- High bandwidth feedback loop (150KHz) for good transient performance
- Over-Current protection
- Input under-voltage lockup
- Over-Temperature protection
- Power Good output
- Enable Input
- Fast acting fuse in series at the input of the module to protect the line in case of module failure
- EMC: conducted noise compatible with Class-B CISPR11 requirements
- Shielded to make it compatible with operation in close proximity (1cm) to sensitive detector systems
- Radiation tolerant: TID up to >200Mrad(Si), displacement damage up to $5 \times 10^{14} \text{ n/cm}^2$ (1MeV-equivalent), no destructive SEEs up to $>30 \text{ MeV cm}^2 \text{ mg}^{-1}$, SEFI (reset) cross-section in a 230MeV proton beam $\sim 2.8 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^2$
- Magnetic field tolerance in excess of 40,000 Gauss

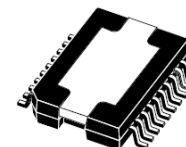


LHC4913 SERIES

3A POSITIVE LOW DROP VOLTAGE REGULATOR WITH INHIBIT FUNCTION

ADVANCE DATA

- LOW OUTPUT CAPACITANCE: $1 \mu\text{F}$
- LOW DROP VOLTAGE:
0.5V @ $I_O=1\text{A}$
1.5V @ $I_O=3\text{A}$
- OVERTEMPERATURE PROTECTION
- OVERCURRENT PROTECTION
- OUTPUT SHORT CIRCUIT MONITORING, SIGNALLED BY TTL OUTPUT
- ON/OFF EXTERNAL CONTROL BY MEANS OF TTL COMPATIBLE INPUT
- ADJUSTABLE CURRENT LIMITATION PROTECTS OUTPUTS FROM DAMAGING SHORTCIRCUITS
- REMOTE SENSING OPERATION

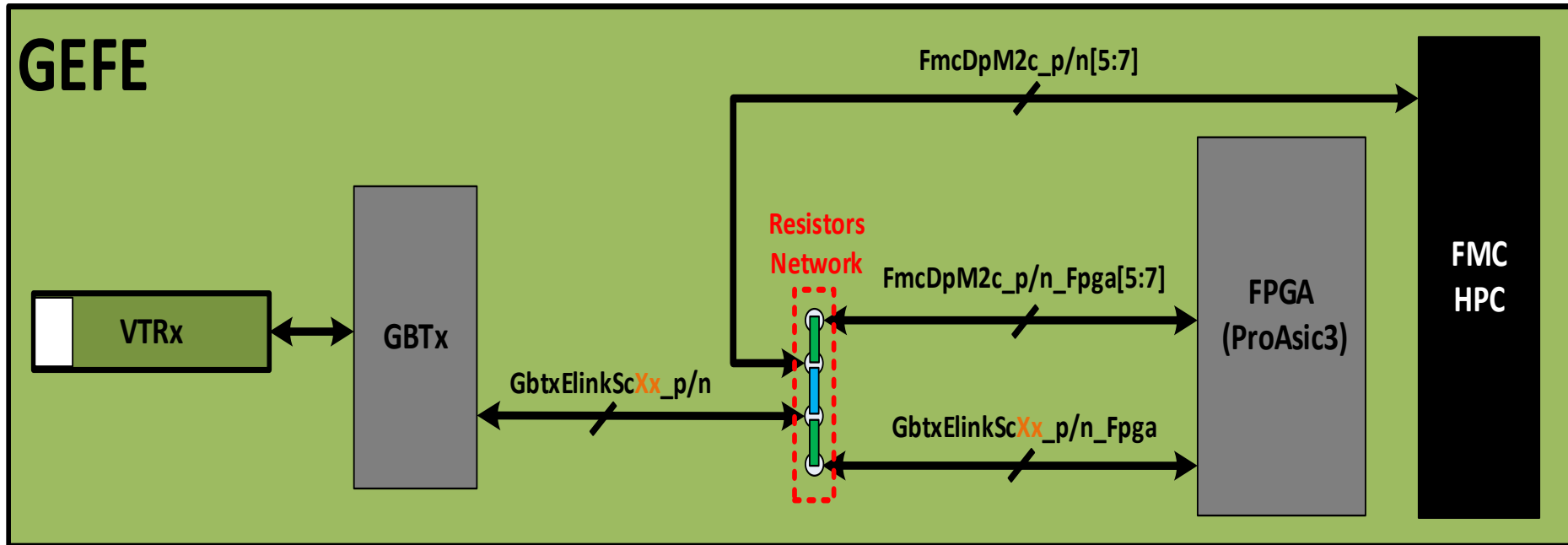


PowerSO-20 slug-up

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Slow Control (SC) E-Link

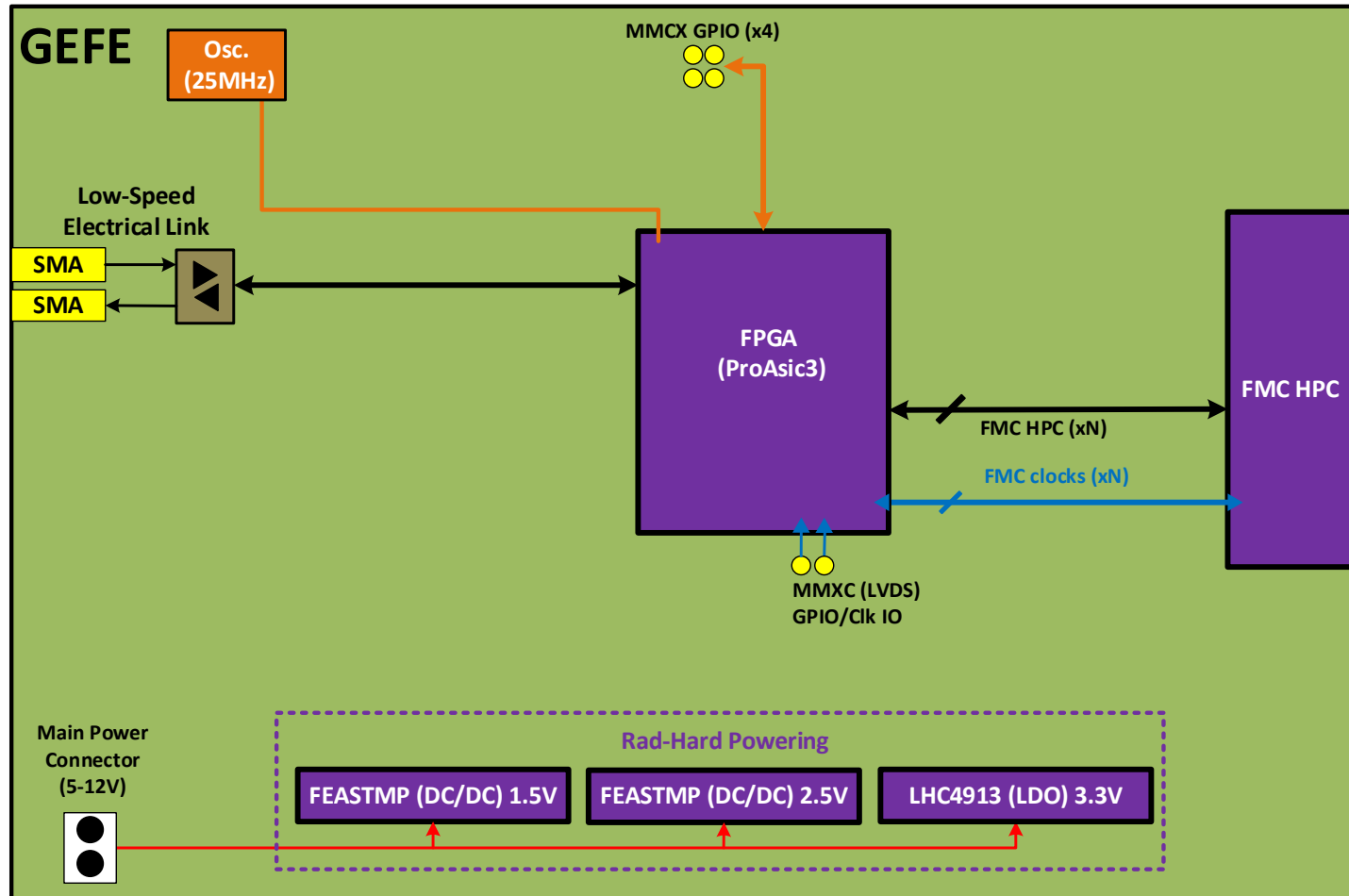
- Single E-link @ 80 Mbps



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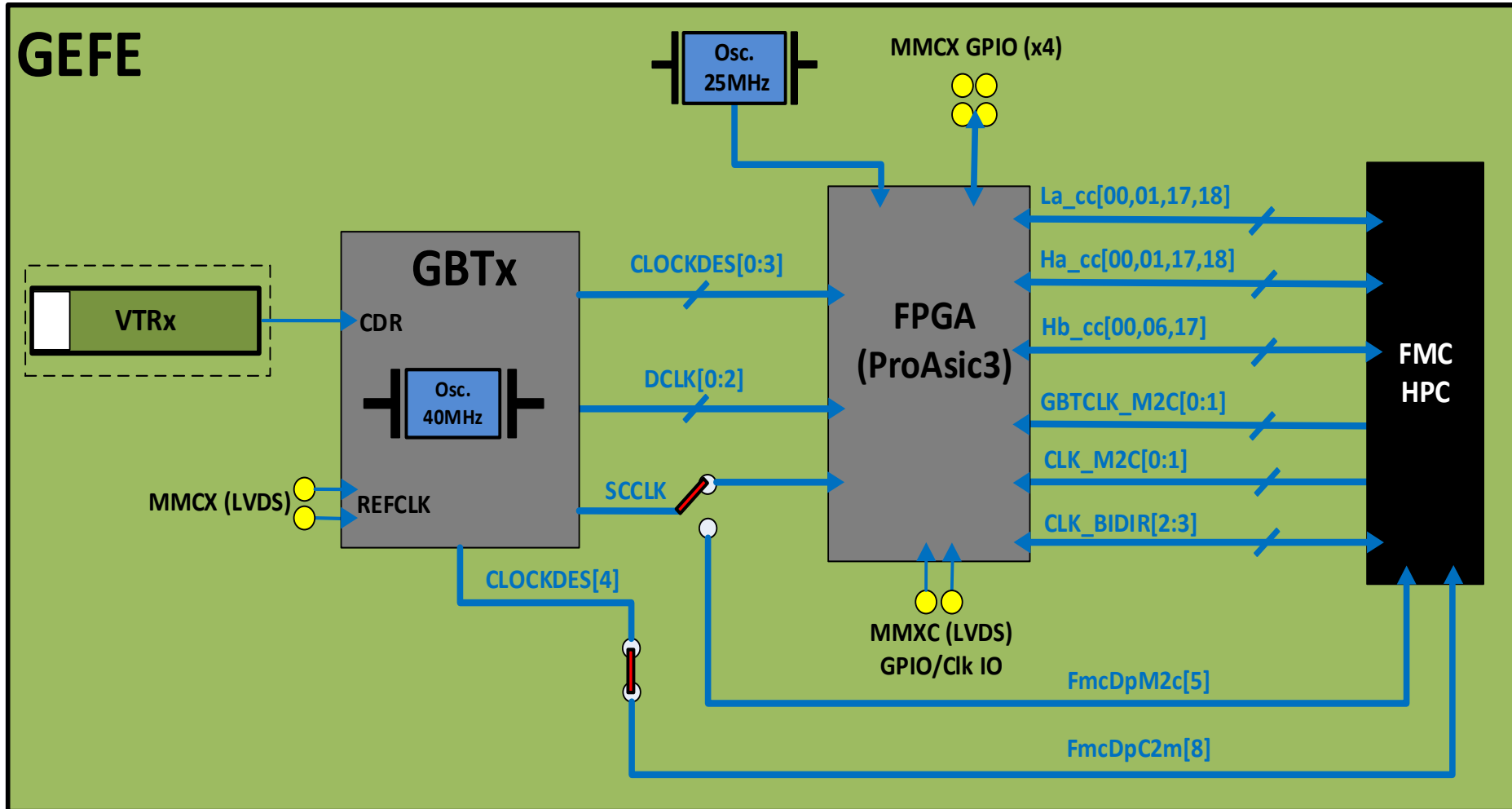
Low-Speed Electrical Link

- Tested up to 10 Mbps over 2 Km of copper cable



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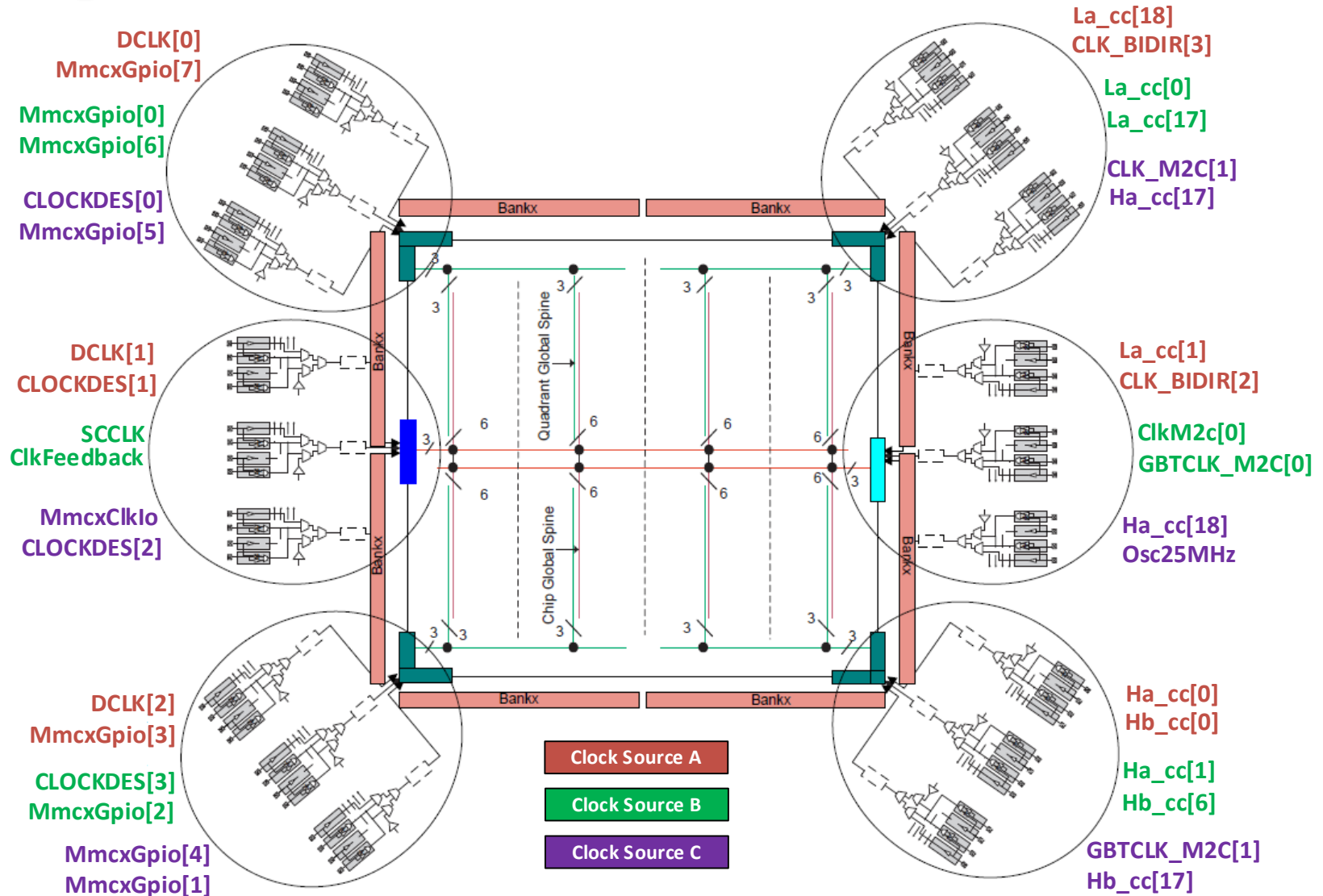


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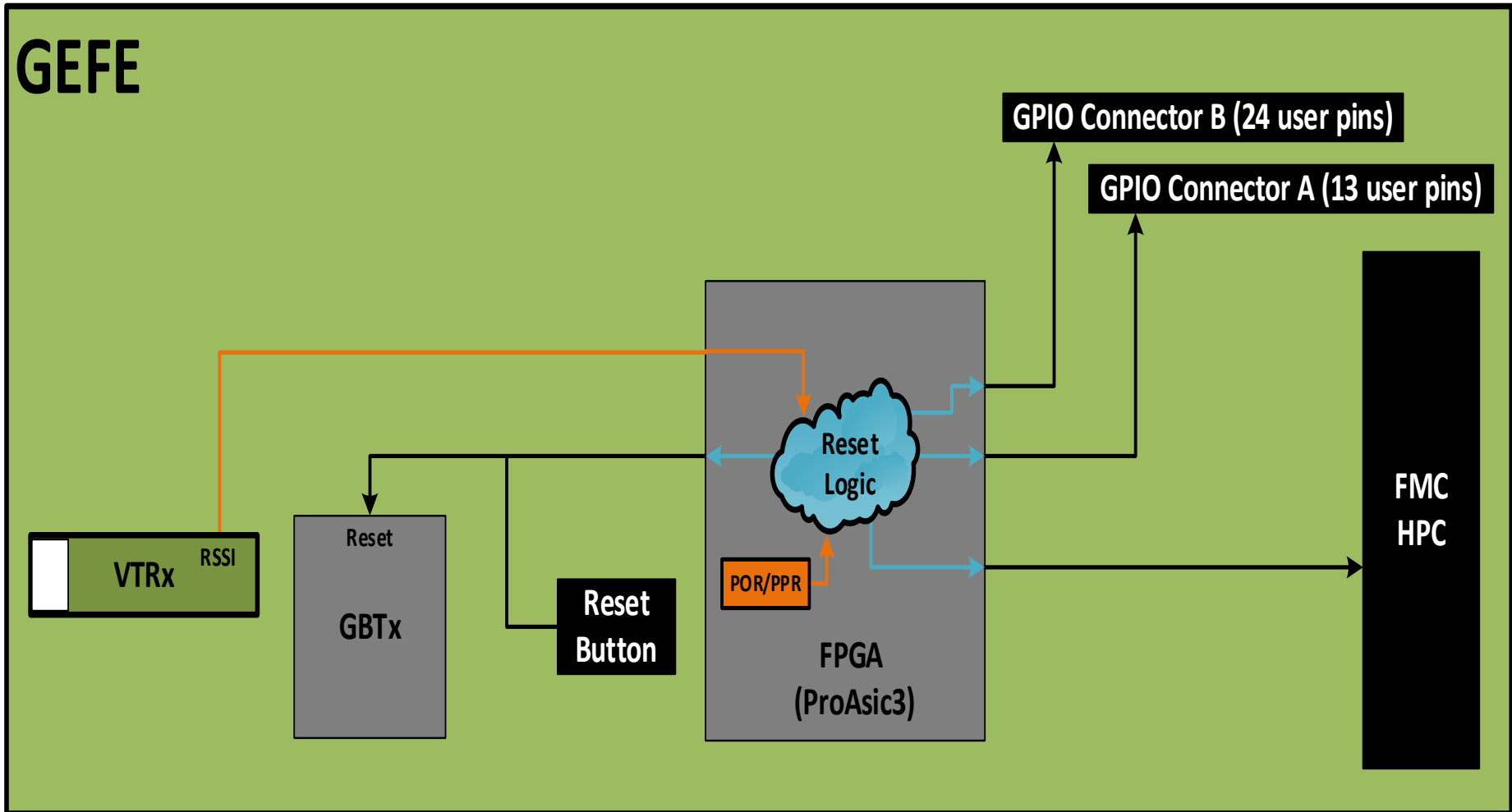
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Resets Scheme



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FPGA Programming Scheme

