

#### How NI is Investing in new Technologies for Measurement and Control

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### Agenda

- NI's Involvement in Physics Research
- Technology Trends and NI's Investment in New Technologies for Measurement and Control
  - Data Convertors
  - High Performance Processing
  - Network Communication
- Platform-Based System Development





#### NI's Involvement in Physics Research



#### Worldwide Collaboration

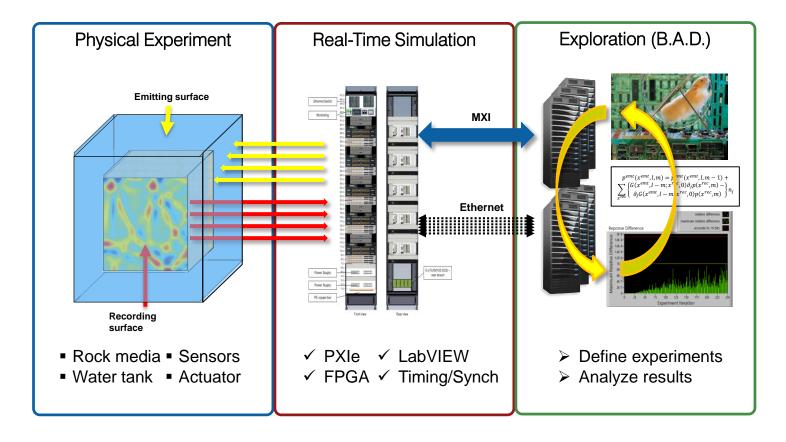


#### **Central Europe Collaboration**





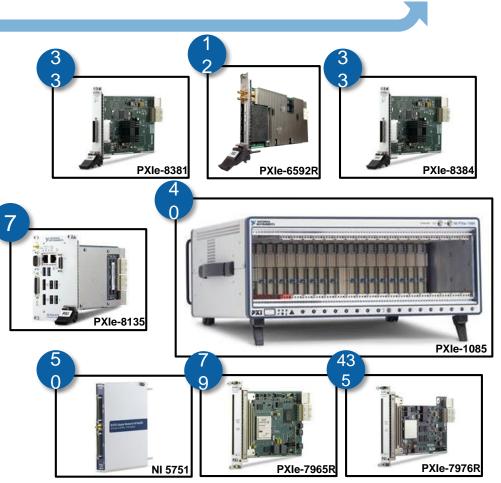
# Wavelab Project: Closed Loop Control with Massive Computation





# NI Platform: I/O, Timing and Data Distribution

- Chassis and Controllers
  - PXIe-1085
  - ▶ PXIe-8135
  - PXIe-8381/8384
- ▶ I/O with FPGA
  - PXIe-7965R(FlexRIO)
  - PXIe-7976R (FlexRIO)
  - NI 5751 (analog input)
  - NI 5742 (analog output)
- Data distribution and routing
   PXIe-6592R





# CERN – XBOX Control and Test System

- High-gradient cavity conditioning and testing systems for the CLIC
- Three phase project
  - XBOX 1 PXIe control with mixture of NI and external instrumentation
  - XBOX 2 Fully PXIe-based control and instrumentation
  - > XBOX 3 Same as 2, but can test multiple structures simultaneously
- NI Hardware
  - PXIe-1075, PXIe-8135
  - FlexRIO 5761R, 5772R, 6583R, 5793R
- XBOX 1 & 2 are fully functional and have delivered thousands of hours of data. XBOX 3 is currently being assembled and tested.
- Project has received worldwide attention and systems implemented at:
  - SLAC, Uppsala University, University of Valencia

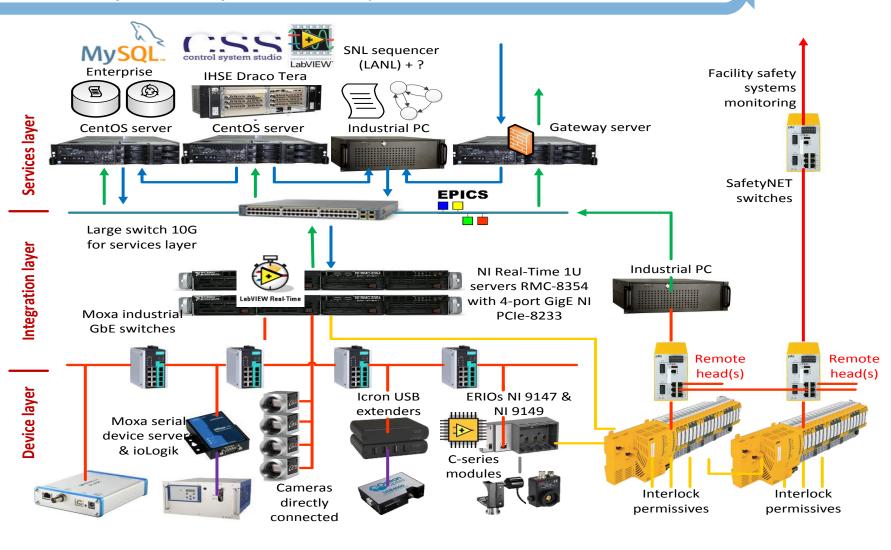






### ELI Control System Architecture

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beamlines



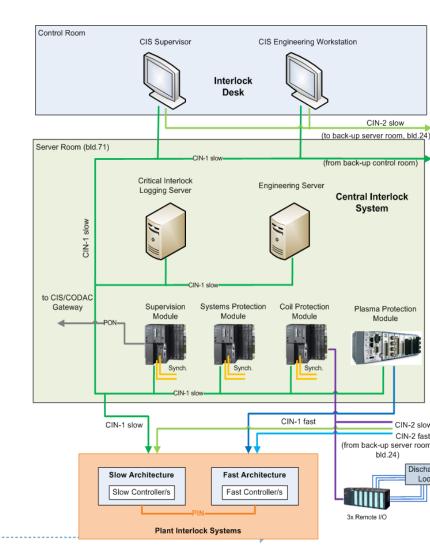
# **ITER Interlock Systems**

ITER Interlocks (Plant and Central) are implemented using different technologies

- Critical Interlocks: Hardwired current loops
- Slow (and human safety) interlocks: High Integrity Siemens PLC
- Fast interlocks (plant systems): FPGA redundant technologies using cRIO

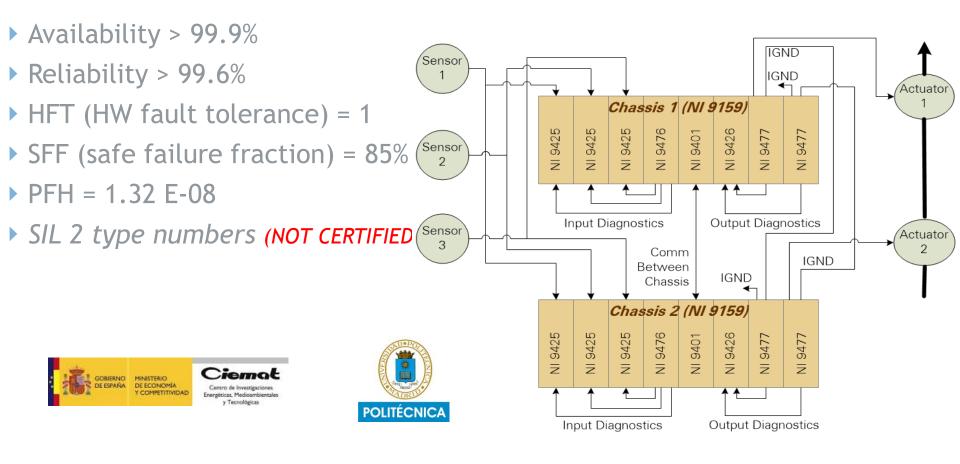
ITER awarded a contract to CIEMAT, UPM and NI for review of cRIO platform involving:

- FMEDA Analysis
- Fast ICS Architecture Study and Performance Analysis





# Fast Interlock with cRIO

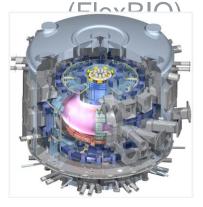


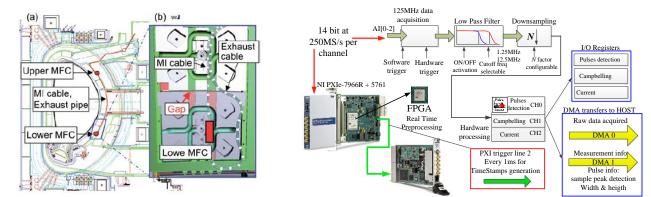


# ITER Diagnostics: High Performance Data Acquisition

Micro Fission Chamber: Measures neutron flux in the tokamak

- 4 fission chambers with 3 detectors
- Neutron flux measurements, in counting, campbelling and current modes
- Tested NI PXIe platform for radiation (Neutrón and Gamma) tolerance
- Data acquisition: 250MS/s, 14 bit, 3 channels. Filtering on FPGA







# NI's Investment in New Technologies for Measurement & Control



#### Data Converters



High Performance
 Processing

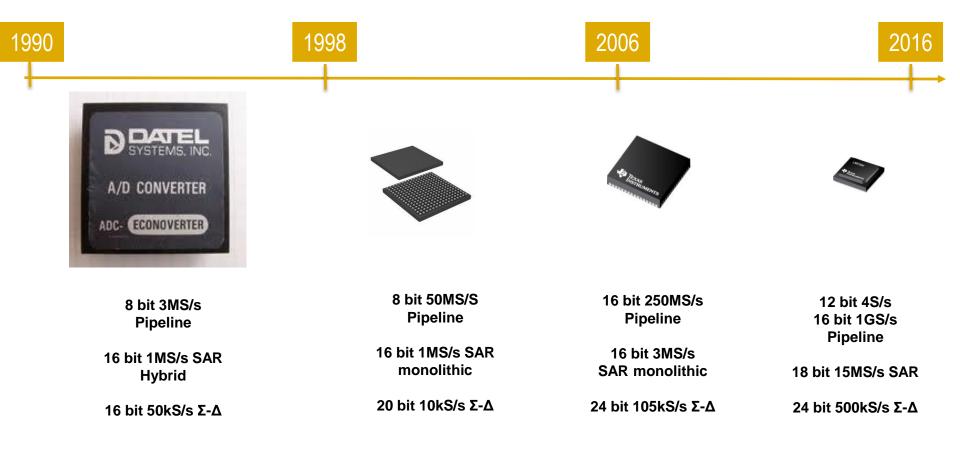


Network Communication



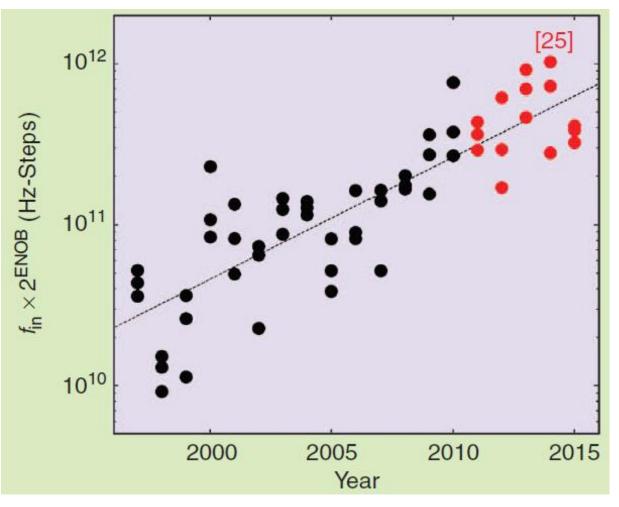
## Trends in High Resolution ADC

#### (most bits and most speed)





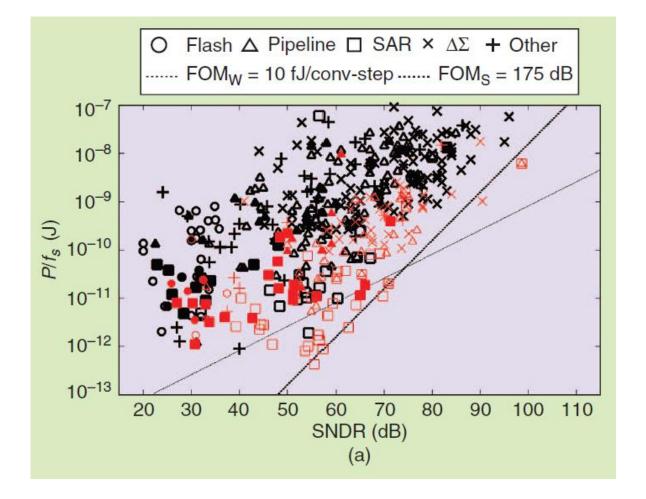
#### Speed/Resolution Landscape



Source : B. Murmann, "ADC Performance Survey 1997-2015"



## **Energy Efficiency**



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## 2016 and Beyond

- Process Scaling continues to enable Integration and performance
  - Mass interleaved ADCs (up to and beyond 8b/90GSps) in small geometry CMOS
  - Increased Digital Signal Processing for Calibration/Correction/Noise Shaping
  - "Hybrid" Converters such as SAR-Assisted Pipelines

Experimental Time Stretch Photonic ADCs

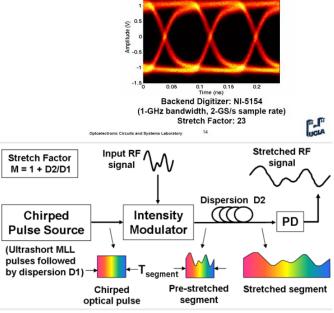
- TiSER (Time Stretch Enhanced Recorder)
- "Fits in a single room"
- 10 Terasamples/sec transient ADC

- Evolution of Serial Data Standards (JESD204)
  - Flexibility over Resolution/Speed/Channel Density
  - JESD204B has been well accepted in industry (up to 12.5Gbps/lane)
  - JESD204C in development for bandwidth progression (>12.5Gbps/lane)

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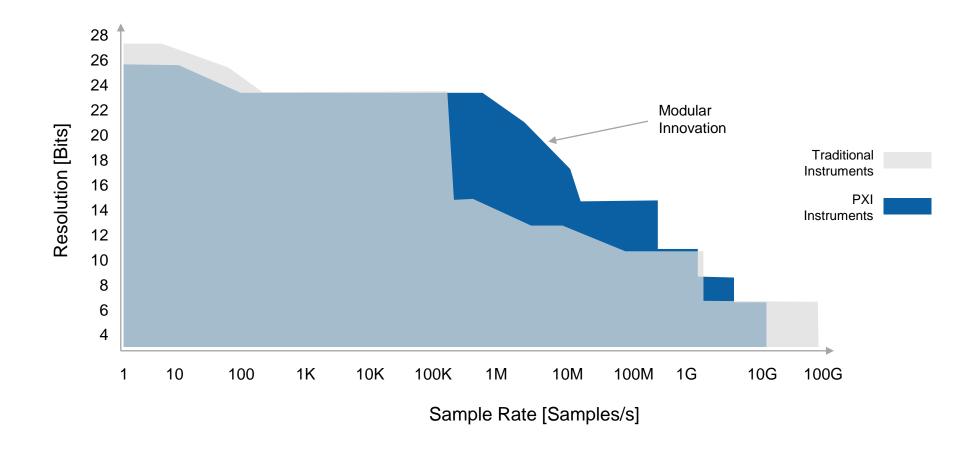
spectroscopy and imaging," Laser & Photonics Reviews vol. 7, no. 2, pp. 207-263, March 2013.





TiSER capture: 12.5-Gbit/s PRBS data eye

#### **Trusted Measurement Quality**





Year: 2014

#### **PXI Instruments Released in 2015**





#### **Technology Trends**



#### Data Converters



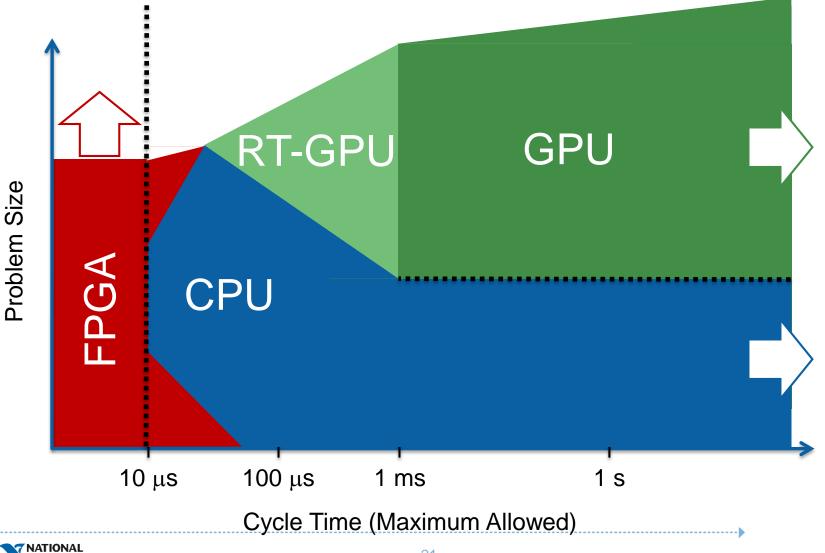
#### High Performance Processing



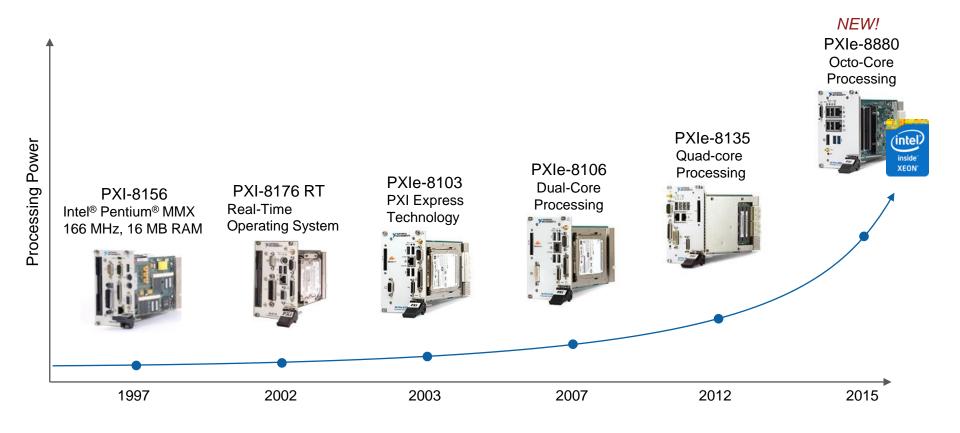
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# Processing Landscape for Real-time Computation



## Industry-Leading NI PXI Controller Portfolio



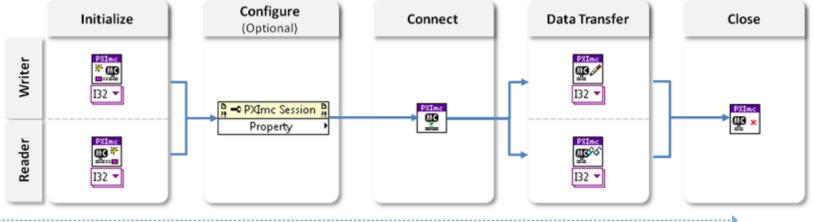


### PXImc: Remote & Embedded Co-processors

- Industry's first PXImc product
- PXIe-8383mc Specifications:
  - x8 PCI Express 2.0 Interface → 2.7GB/s
  - 5us of one-way app-to-app latency
  - 3m Copper Cable & up to 300m FO Cable
- PXIe-8830mc Specifications
  - Intel Quad Core i7 Embedded Co-processor
  - Up to 2.7 GB/s of bandwidth
  - 5us of one-way app-to-app latency
- High-Level Driver API
- Allow multiple Controller in a chassis like VMEbus

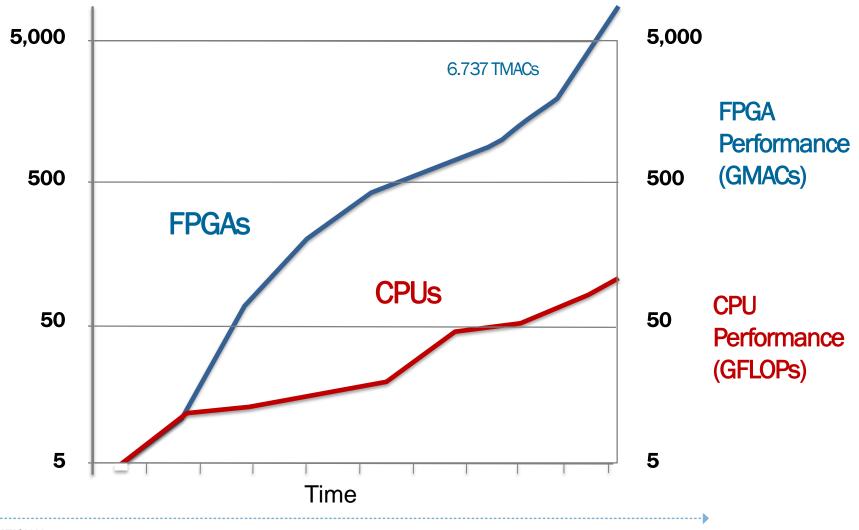






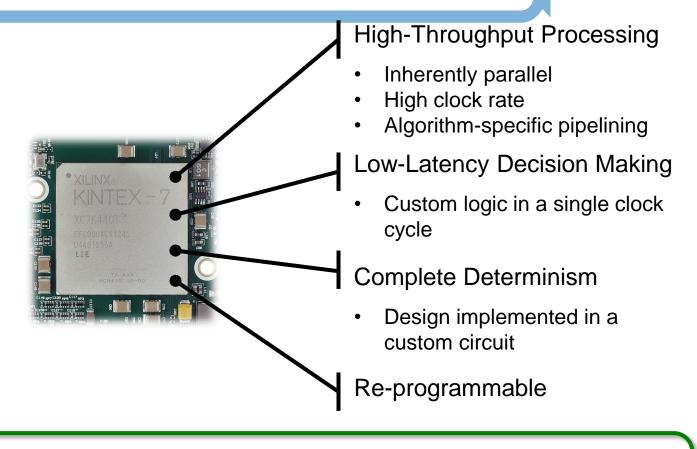


#### Parallel Architectures Drive Performance





#### Why FPGAs for Instruments?



Higher Measurement Throughput

Hardware Re-Use and Future-Proofing New, Innovative Measurements

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Lower Total Cost of Measurement

#### FlexRIO System Architecture



#### FlexRIO Adapter Module

- Interchangeable I/O
- Analog or digital
- FlexRIO Adapter Module Development Kit (MDK)

#### FlexRIO FPGA Module

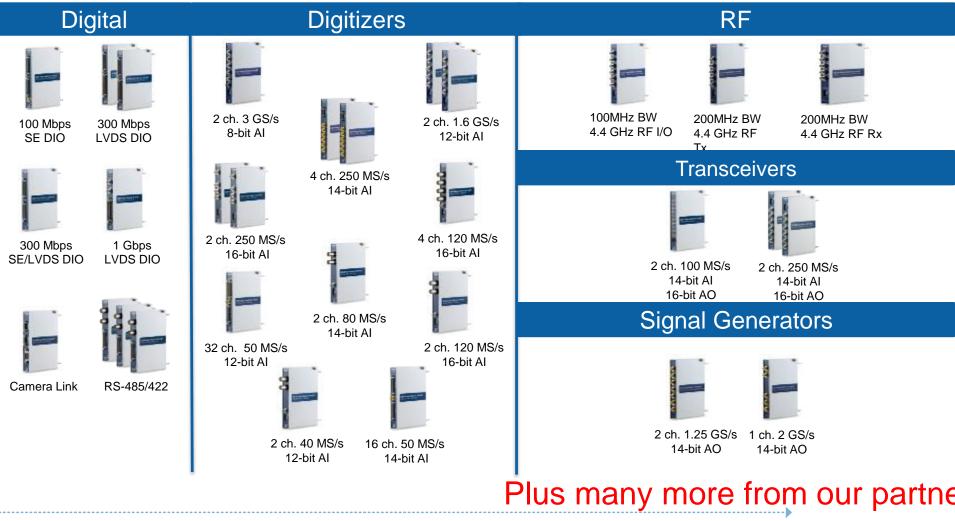
- Kintex-7 FPGA
- 132 digital I/O lines
- Up to 2 GB of DRAM

#### **PXI Platform**

- Synchronization
- Clocking/triggers
- Power/cooling
- Data streaming



# NI's FlexRIO Adapter Module Offerings





#### **Software-Designed Instruments**



PXIe-5668R 26.5 GHz, >765MHz BW RTBW Vector Signal Analyzer



NI PXIe-6591/92R 12.5 Gbps, 4-8 ch. High Speed Serial



PXIe-5646R 6GHz, 200MHz BW Vector Signal Transceiver



PXIe-5070/71R 250 MS/s, 14-bit, 4-8 ch. Oscilloscope



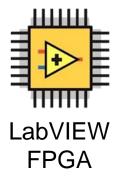
PXIe-5624R 2 GS/s, 12-bit IF Digitizer



PXIe-7976R 3.5GB/s Streaming K410T K7 FlexRIO

"Fully-functional instrument out-of-the box"

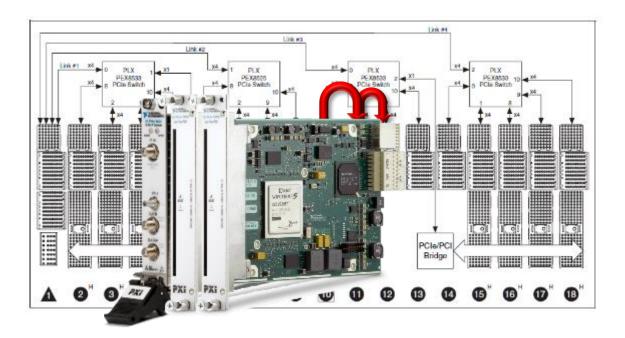
Customize functionality with





#### FlexRIO Peer-to-Peer Architecture

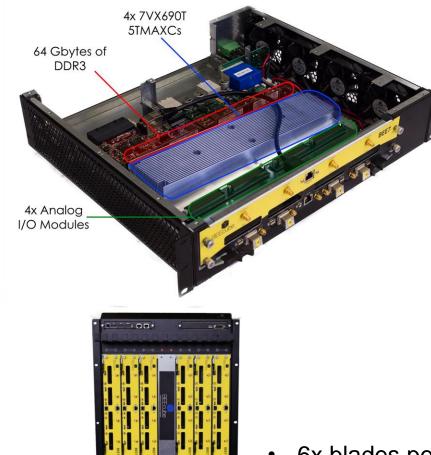
- ~3.2 GB/s one-way
  ~2.4 GB/s both ways
  - ~10 us latency
  - Up to 16 streams per FPGA



Supported Hardware Arbitrary Waveform Generators Scopes/Digitizers VSA VSG VST FlexRIO FPGA Modules



#### BEE7 ATCA Blade – "For Big Jobs"

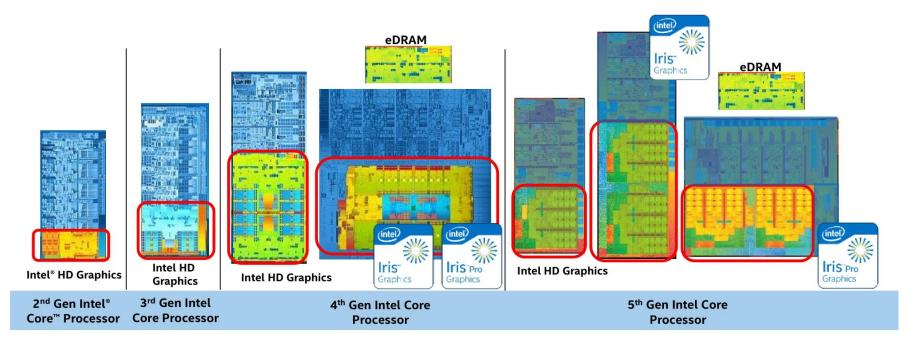


- Aggregate Sensor Data
  - Up to 144x 10Gbps optical links
  - ~100ns latency per connection
- DSP Processing
  - 5TMACs (4x 690T FPGAs)
  - 64GB DDR (1333MHz)
  - Full mesh connect between FPGAs
- 24/7 Reliability
  - ATCA supports redundancy
- Easy to Customize
  - 4x FMC connector per blade
  - 80LVDS per FMC @ ~10ns latency
- Toolflow: VHDL, MATLAB, Vivado
- 6x blades per 13U chassis



#### BEEcube Confidential

#### GPU transistor count increasing even faster!



slide from Intel

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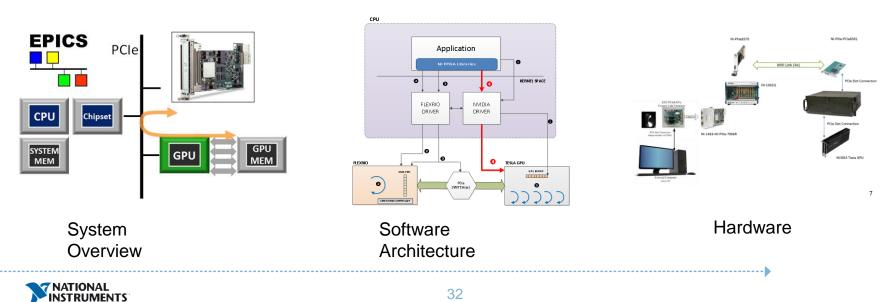


# Interfacing NI Flex RIO with GPUs



Content curtesy: Dr. Mariano Ruiz, UPM, Madrid

- Peer to peer data communication using the same PCI Express bus to implement continuous real time DAQ & processing with minimum CPU intervention
- Software environment
  - RHEL 64 bit Linux (no MRG extension), NI RIO driver, nvidia SDK (Kepler)
- Hardware
  - NI PXIe, NI FlexRIO, MXI4 link, nvidiaTesla GPU, ITER CPU



#### **Technology Trends**



#### Data Converters



High Performance
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#### Network Communication



## IEEE 802 Ethernet Standards Activity

Efforts driven by 802.x (bridges/switches/cabling) to enable reliable, high performance control applications over standard and shared Ethernet

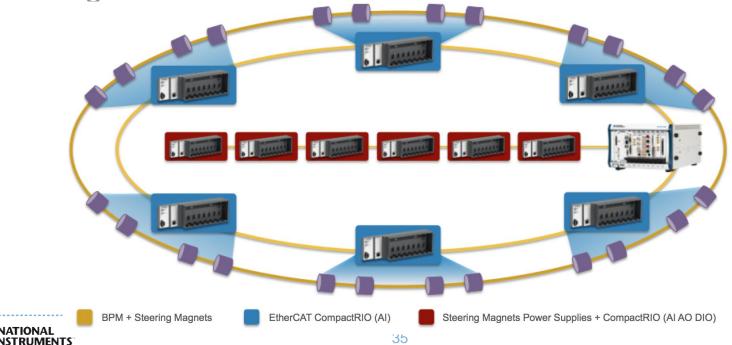
#### Representatives involved from multiple industries





## Key Technical Goals of Standards Activity

- Converged network (control, streaming, "normal" traffic)
- <uS synchronization between all nodes</li>
- Low latency (end-to-end latency of <30uS)</p>
- Network redundancy with 0 fail over time
- Scaling with Ethernet evolution



#### Standards Efforts



Standards effort through IEEE 802 to improve latency and performance while maintaining interoperability and openness

Time Sensitive Networking (TSN) will provide:

- Time synchronization
- Bandwidth reservation and path redundancy for reliability
- Guaranteed bounded latency
- Low latency (cut-though and preemption)
- Bandwidth (Gb+)
- Routable to support complex networks and wireless



## Background: AVnu Alliance



Founding Members

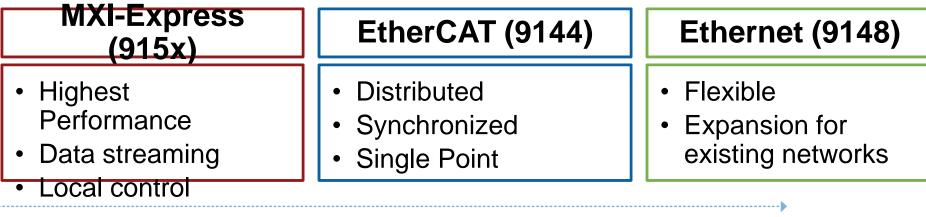


- Silicon and network infrastructure representation from key suppliers
- End device representation primarily from Pro A/V, Automotive (for now)
- Formation of Industrial Group announced Dec 2014



### High-Channel-Count Expansion for RIO









### Platform-Based System Development



## Platform-Based System Development

## Software

#### COMMUNITY

140,000+ online members 250+ registered user groups 1000+ job postings online 400K+ children through LEGO

#### CONNECTIVITY-

9000+ instrument drivers 8000+ example programs 1000+ motion drives 1000+ smart sensors 1000+ Third-party PAC devices

#### COLLABORATION-

280+ third-party add-ons 400+ Solution partners 1000+ value added resellers 35+ training courses

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## Hardware

#### PROCESSOR

Intel, Microsoft, Freescale, Wind River Multi-core and real-time technology

#### FPGA

Xilinx Virtex & Spartan Reconfigurable hardware

#### · IP

Control & signal processing IP & I/O drivers

Built-in graphical IP, integrate user IP

#### - I/O

Analog Devices, Texas Instruments Connect to any sensor & actuator

#### BUS

PCI/PCIe, Enet, USB, wireless, deterministic Enet, Open architecture



# Graphical System Design

A platform-based approach to measurement and control





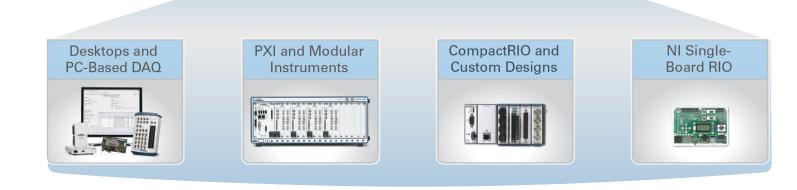






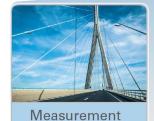
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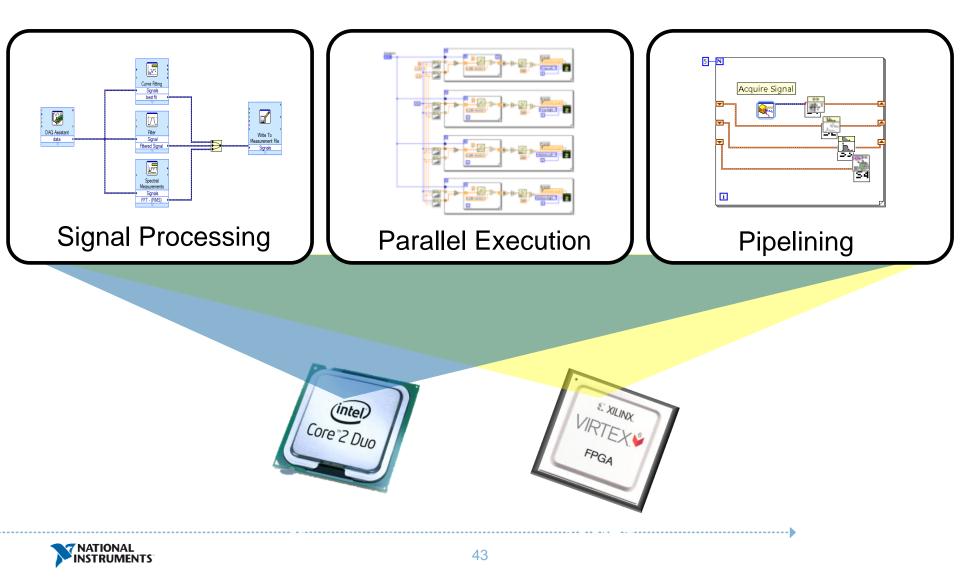


Desktops and PC-Based DAQ

Image: Desktops and PC-Based



# Common System-Level Design Software



# Characteristics of the Stable PXI Platform



#### Systems Alliance

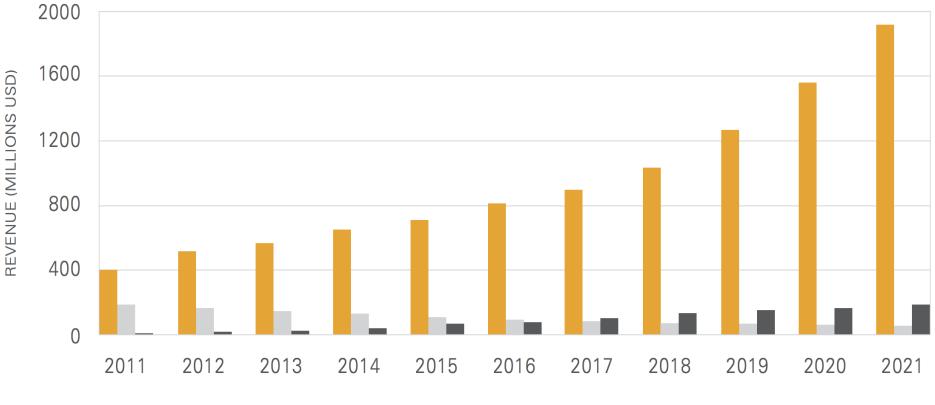
- Founded in 1997
- 60+ Vendors
- 2000+ Modules
- Latest Technology
- Growing Market Share



# PXI Revenue Forecast for Test Applications

#### INNOVATION AND STABILITY MAKE PXITHE STANDARD PLATFORM FOR AUTOMATED TEST

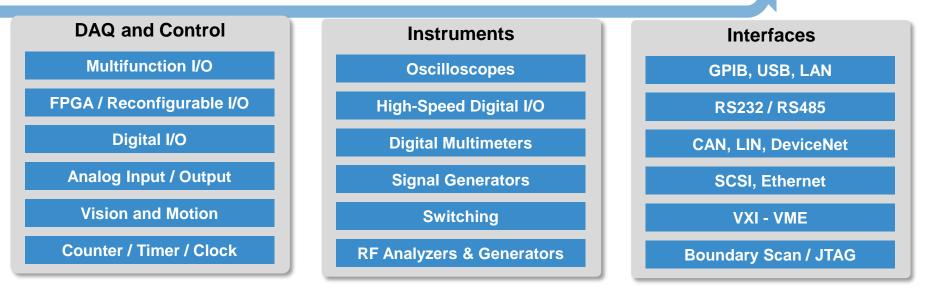
● PXI REVENUE ● VXI REVENUE ● AXIe REVENUE



Source: Frost & Sullivan



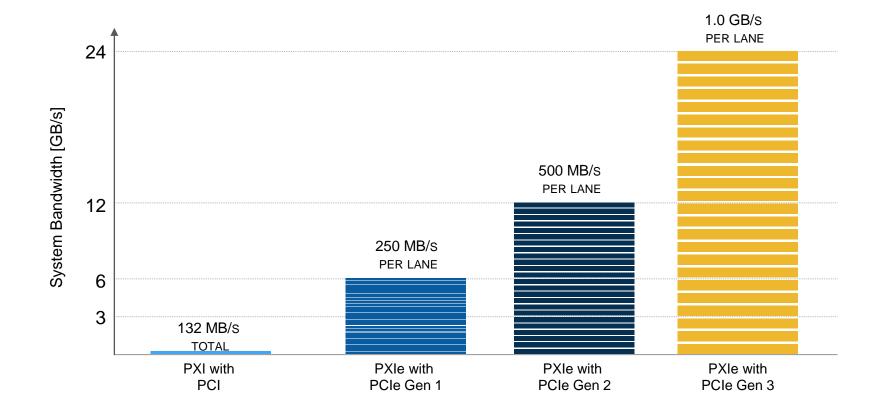
### Complete PXI Instrumentation Portfolio NI Offers 600+ PXI Products and 2000+ on the market







# Continually Increasing System Bandwidth



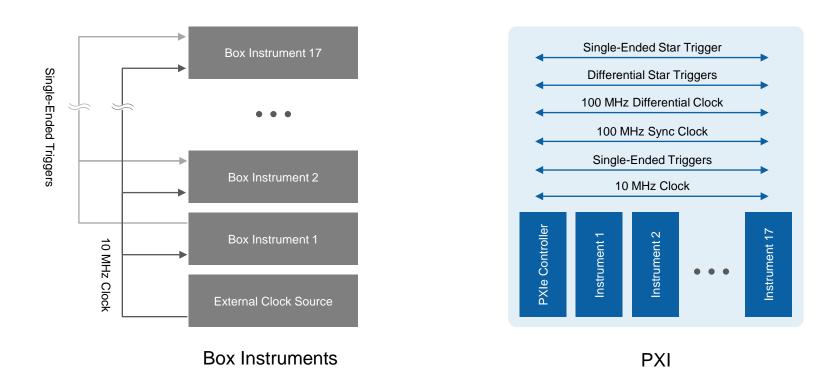


### **PXI Balances Standardization and Innovation**

Interactive/Debugging Interface	Usage of Synchronization	Module-Specific Shielding	Vendor-Defined
Application Programming Interface (API)	Calibration	Signal Connectivity	Functionality
Virtual Instrument Software Architecture	PXI Trigger Bus	Electromagnetic Testing	
Hardware Configuration	Star Trigger Buses	Environmental Testing Forced-Air Cooling by	
	System Reference Clocks		Systems Alliance
Windows Frameworks	Industry Standard PC Buses	High-Performance Connectors	



# Advanced Timing and Synchronization with PXI





# PXI Integrates All Instrumentation Protocols





# Delivering a World-Class Deployment Platform

### Reliability

A system operates as intended, without failure or down time, and satisfies the desired performance requirements.

### Availability

The measure of how often a systems is able to perform its intended function, even in the midst of failures.



### Serviceability

Features and aspects of the system design contributing to ease of diagnosis and repair.

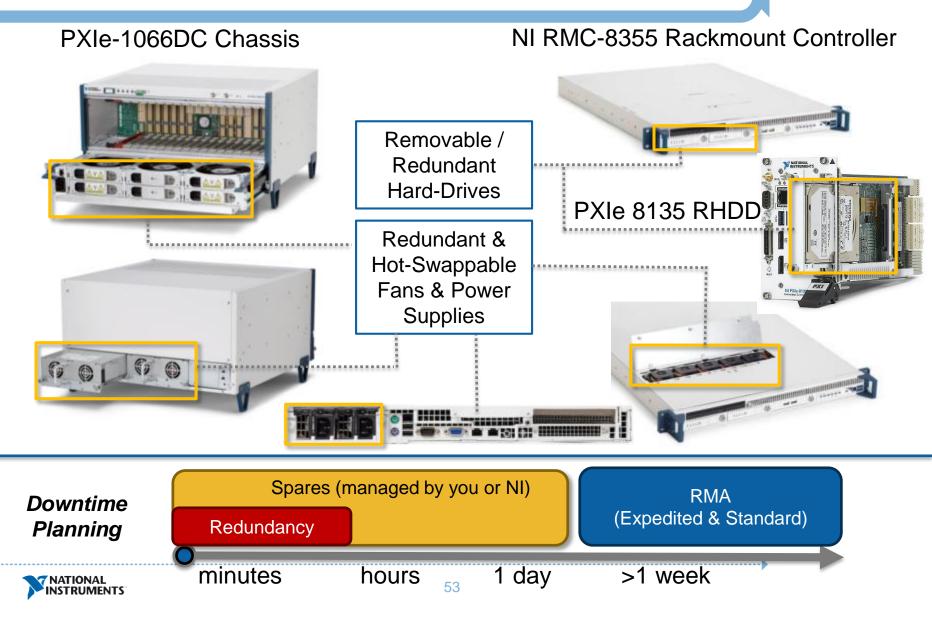
### Manageability

The extent to which a system can be controlled, supervised and monitored.

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# Maximizing Hardware Availability & Serviceability



# Improved Manageability of Deployed Systems

Asset Management, Data Management, and Software Management

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Management Consoles are				

software tools for enabling local or remote system management across the system life cycle





## Product EOL Management

- Critical for large scale, long term applications
- Manageability for highly customizable COTS solutions





## Summary

- Physics research applications are extremely demanding for measurement and control systems
- Many unique needs can be met with off-the-shelf technology
- A platform-based approach enables use of standard technology in a way that supports
  - Efficient development of highly-customized solutions
  - Extensive collaboration with commercial vendors
  - Long-term support and evolution of systems



