

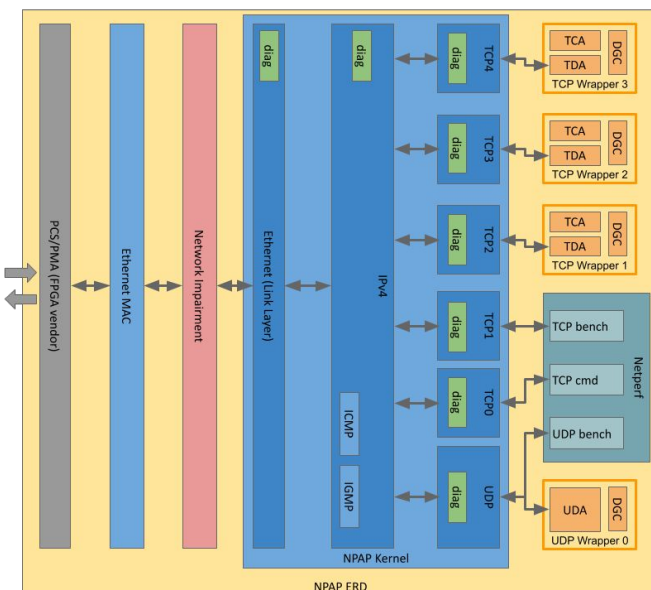
MLE has optimized for select Silicom FPGA Cards the industry proven TCP/UDP/IPv4 Network Protocol Acceleration Platform (NPAP). Originally developed by Fraunhofer HHI, NPAP implements fast and reliable networking solutions for high-bandwidth, low-latency Multi- Gigabit Ethernet.

Application Use Cases

- Full TCP/UDP/IPv4 connectivity for FPGAs
- High-speed sensor DAQ: Stream data from FPGA into Network-Attached Storage (NAS)
- High-speed robotics control: Stream data from servers via FPGA into actuators
- High-bandwidth, low-latency automotive ECU-to-ECU connectivity e.g. for SOME/IP
- SmartNIC using TCP/IPv4 "Full Acceleration"
- Hyper-converged computational storage acceleration, for "over-Fabric" NVMe/TCP
- Deterministic low-latency, high-bandwidth alternative to lwIP or Linux on embedded CPU

System Block Diagram

- Many dedicated TCP Cores
- Single UDP Core
- Netperf Bandwidth, Latency Benchmark
- Network Impairment / BERT (optional)
- Network Diagnostics (optional)



Key Features

- Highly modular TCP/UDP/IPv4 Stack implementation for MAC, Ethernet, IPv4, TCP, UDP processing implemented in synthesizable HDL
- Bi-directional 128-bit data streams to deliver line rates up to 60 Gbps (depends on FPGA speed)
- Multiple, parallel TCP engines (sockets) for predictable scalable processing
- Network Interface Card (NIC) with optional Bypass and PCIe DMA
- Point-to-point of LAN capable
- Tested for interoperability with TCP/UDP/IPv4 from Linux, Microsoft Windows, SolarFlare, Mellanox
- User applications for payload processing either in programmable logic or in software via PL/PS datamovers
- Resource analysis for full stack including UDP plus 2 TCP ~30k LUTs, +10k LUTs for each additional TCP engine

Deliverables

- As IP Core or customized FPGA subsystem
- Single-Project-Use Netlist (or equiv.)
- Multi-Project-Use Source Code
- Customized, integrated turnkey solutions
- Application-specific expert design services

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Exemplary Evaluation Reference Designs (ERD)

- Full network stack, including low-latency MAC
- TCP/UDP Netperf/Netserv (interopers w/ open-source Netperf/Netserv V2.6)
- TCP Loopback and UDP Loopback
- Stack control software (for IP addresses, etc)

AMD KU15P on Silicom Tivoli FPGA Card

- AMD® Kintex UltraScale+ XCKU15P FPGA
- 2 x QSFP28 ports (25 GigE)
- 2 x 72-bit DDR4@2666MT/s (4 GB per bank with ECC)
- Configuration flash RAM for boot images
- PCIe form-factor: Half height, half length
- On-board power and temperature sensors
- FPGA controlled link and status LEDs
- Passive cooling solution



▲ AMD Kintex KU15P on Silicom Tivoli

Altera Agilex-7 on Silicom ThunderFjord Card

- Altera® Agilex® 7 FPGA AGM032 / AGM039
- 2 x QSFPDD56 ports (50 GigE)
- HBM2e options: 32GB, 16GB, No HBM2e
- DDR5 option: 4GB DDR5 ECC RAM (available to HPS)
- PCIe x16 Gen5
- Dual slot passive heat sink (single slot option on request)



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Fraunhofer Heinrich-Hertz-Institute (HHI)

Founded in 1949, the German Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft undertakes applied research of direct utility to private and public enterprise and of wide benefit to society. With a workforce of over 23,000, the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft is Europe's biggest organization for applied research, and currently operates a total of 67 institutes and research units. The organization's core task is to carry out research of practical utility in close cooperation with its customers from industry and the public sector.

Fraunhofer HHI was founded in 1928 and joined in 2003 the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft as the "Fraunhofer Institute for Telecommunications, Heinrich-Hertz-Institut, Today it is the leading research institute for networking and telecommunications technology, "Driving the Gigabit Society" .

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Our expertise is to "proudly source elsewhere" which means rather than re-inventing the wheel we license (and sublicense) 3rd party IP cores from our growing list of partners and combine this with Open Source Software like Linux to deliver Full System Stacks for FPGA. Today, we offer high-performance (embedded) compute, image-processing, storage and network systems and solutions as well as licensable system stacks for adaptable compute platforms.