



Rapid Prototyping of a Real-Time Range Compression Processor

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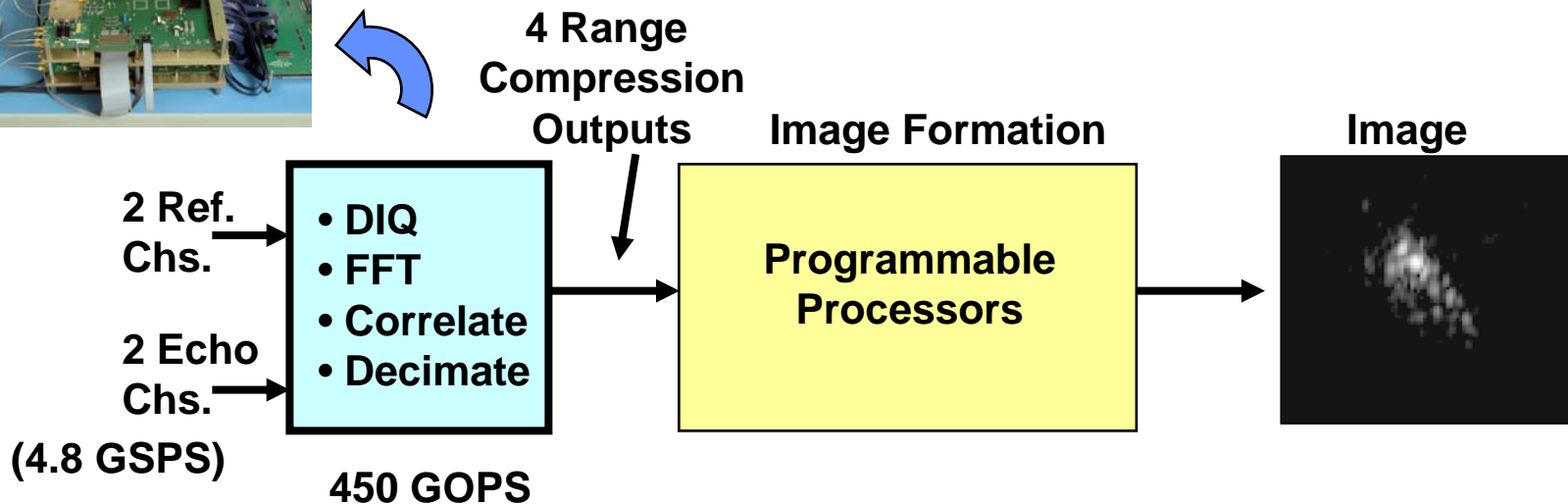
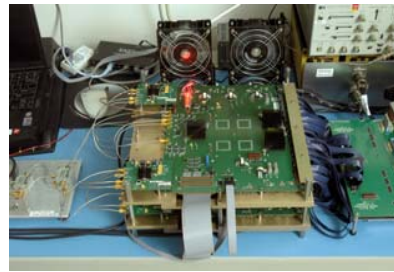
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Real-Time Processor Highlights



Chip Level

- 6 Xilinx Virtex II 8000 FPGAs
- 30,000 VHDL lines (FPGA design)
- 2,000 Matlab lines (Floating point, fixed point, bit-true models)
- 150 MHz FPGA operation
- 450 GOPS (3.5 GOPS/W)

System Level

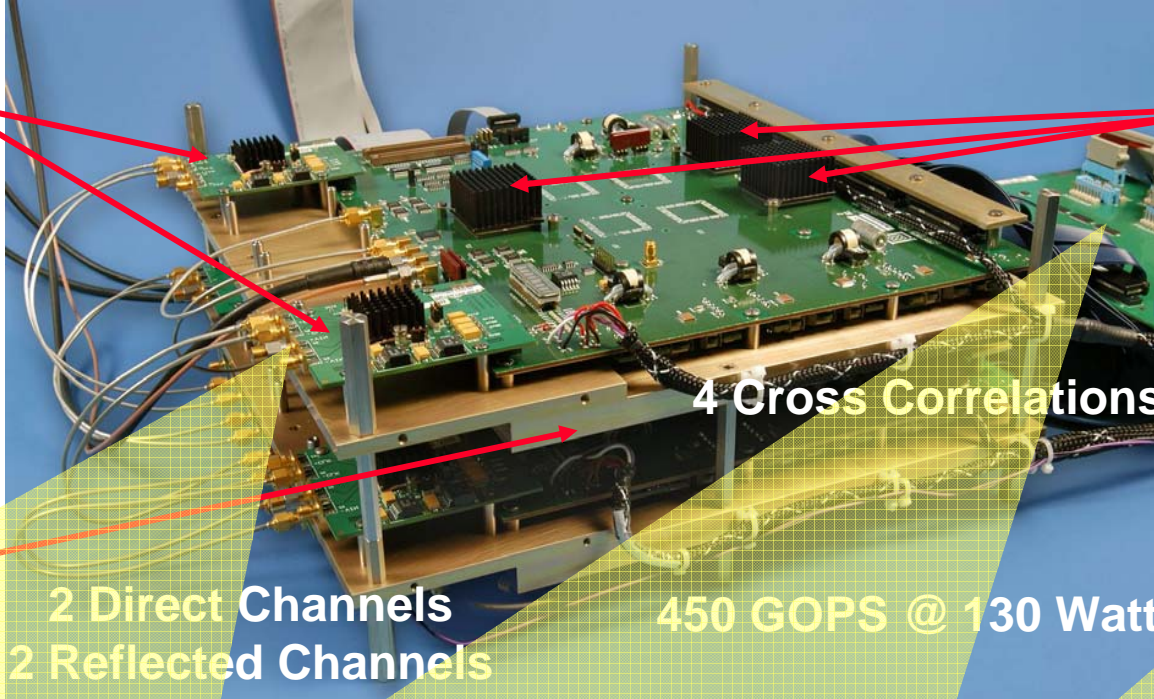
- 2 high-performance main boards
- 4 1.2 GBPS ADC (Max 108) daughter cards
- 4 real-time correlation outputs
- 13 GBPS I/O
- 4,000 C/Matlab lines (API)
- 1 year development time



SYCO Real-Time Processor Highlights

*A Systolic FFT Architecture for Real-Time FPGA Systems, HPEC 2004

2 Analog-to-Digital Converters (1.2 GSPS) Per Board



3 High-Performance FPGAs Per Board

2-Board Stack Assembly Designed for Airborne Operations

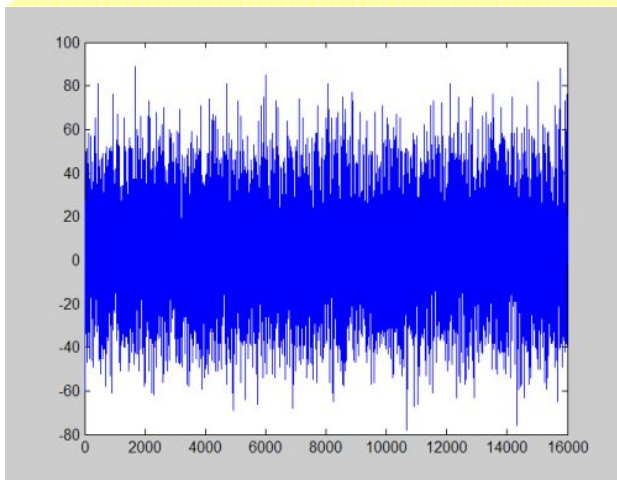
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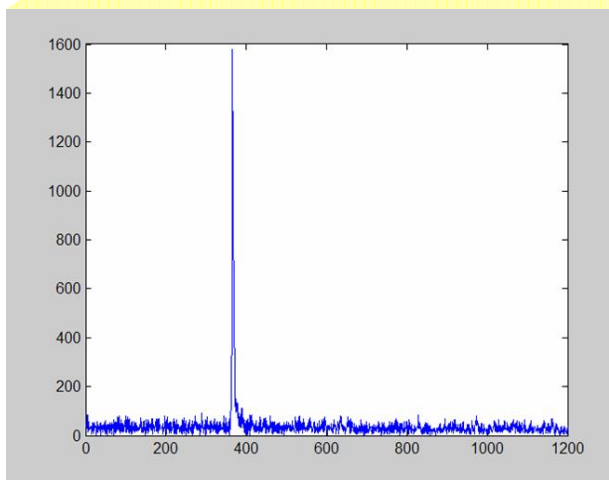
Backprojection (pMatlab on LL Grid)

2 Direct Channels
2 Reflected Channels

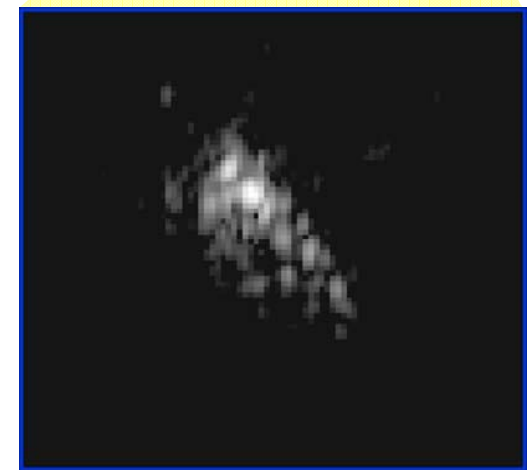
450 GOPS @ 130 Watt



Direct and Reflected Signals



Cross Correlation Results



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To Probe Further

- **Systolic FFT architecture:**
 - P. Jackson et al, “A Systolic FFT Architecture for Real-Time FPGA Systems,” HPEC 2004
- **Ultra-Long FFT’s:**
 - H. Kim et al, “Advanced Hardware and Software Technologies for Ultra-long FFT’s,” HPEC 2005
- **Another rapid prototyping example:**
 - H. Nguyen et al, “High-Performance FPGA-Based QR Decomposition,” HPEC 2005