

# Green Bank Instrumentation circa 2030

Dan Werthimer and 800 CASPER Collaborators

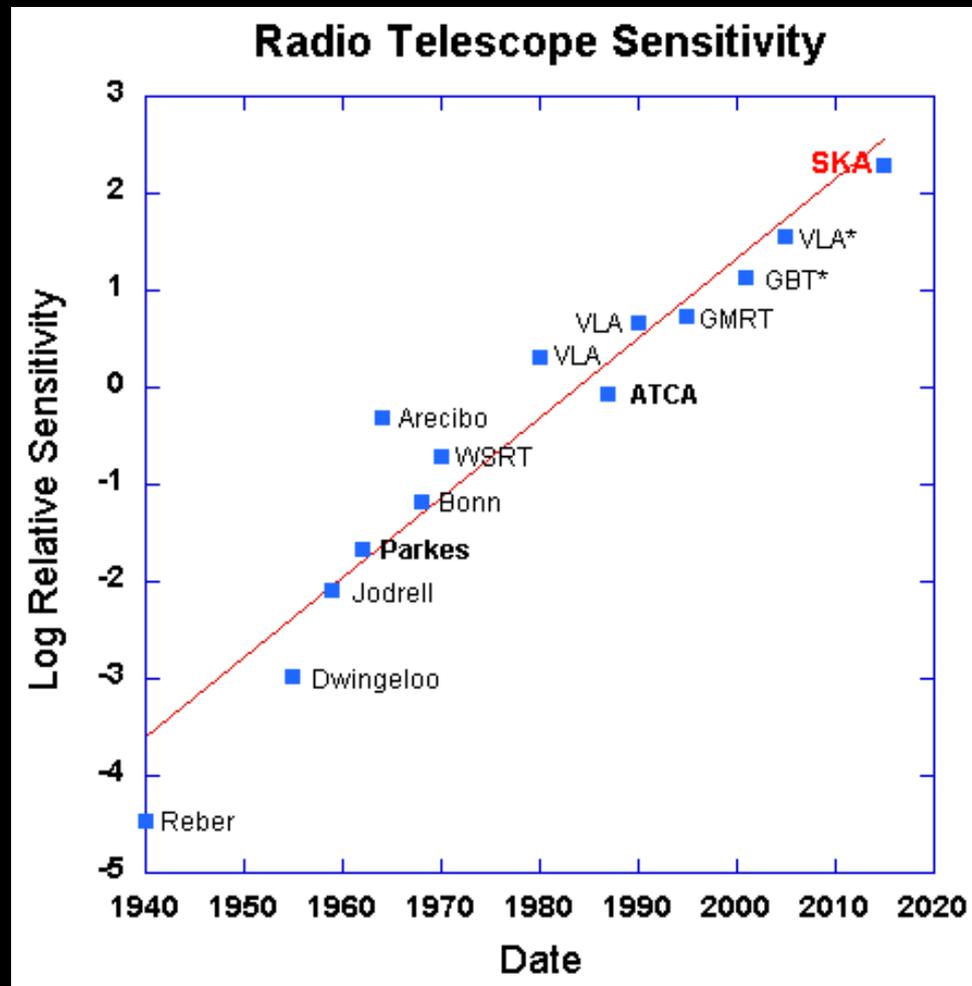
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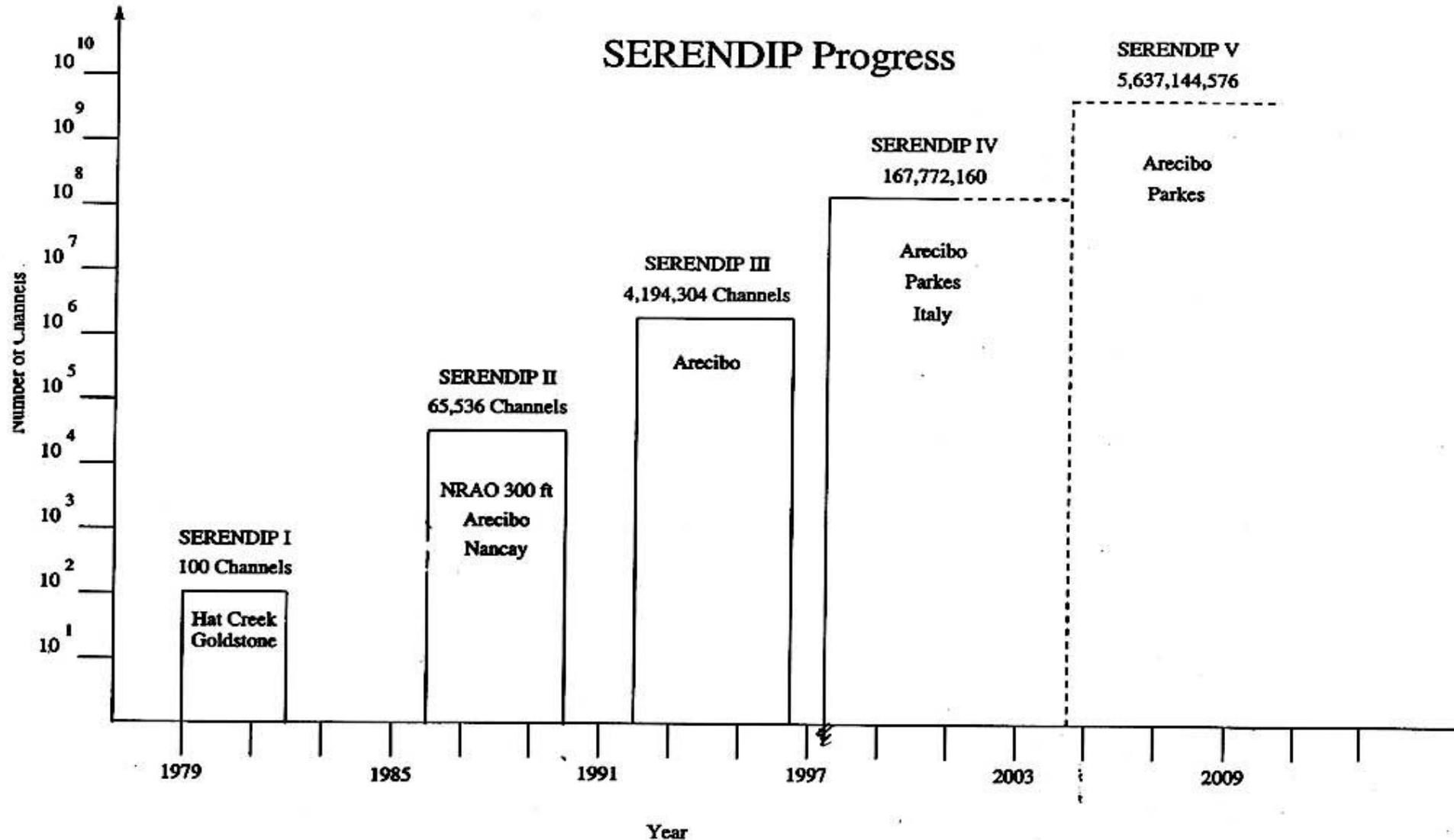
## Upcoming **Nobel Prizes** with Radio Instrumentation

- Gravitational Wave Detection (pulsar timing)  
(eg: this morning's LIGO announcement)
- Black Hole Physics (Event Horizon Telescope...)
- How did the First Stars and Galaxies Form ? (EOR)
- What causes FRB's ?
- Measure baryon density of universe using FRB's
- B mode polarization CMB
- Discover ET

# Radio Telescope Sensitivity doubles every 3.6 years



# Moore's Law – Instruments using FPGA's: 2X per year (1,000,000 over 20 years)

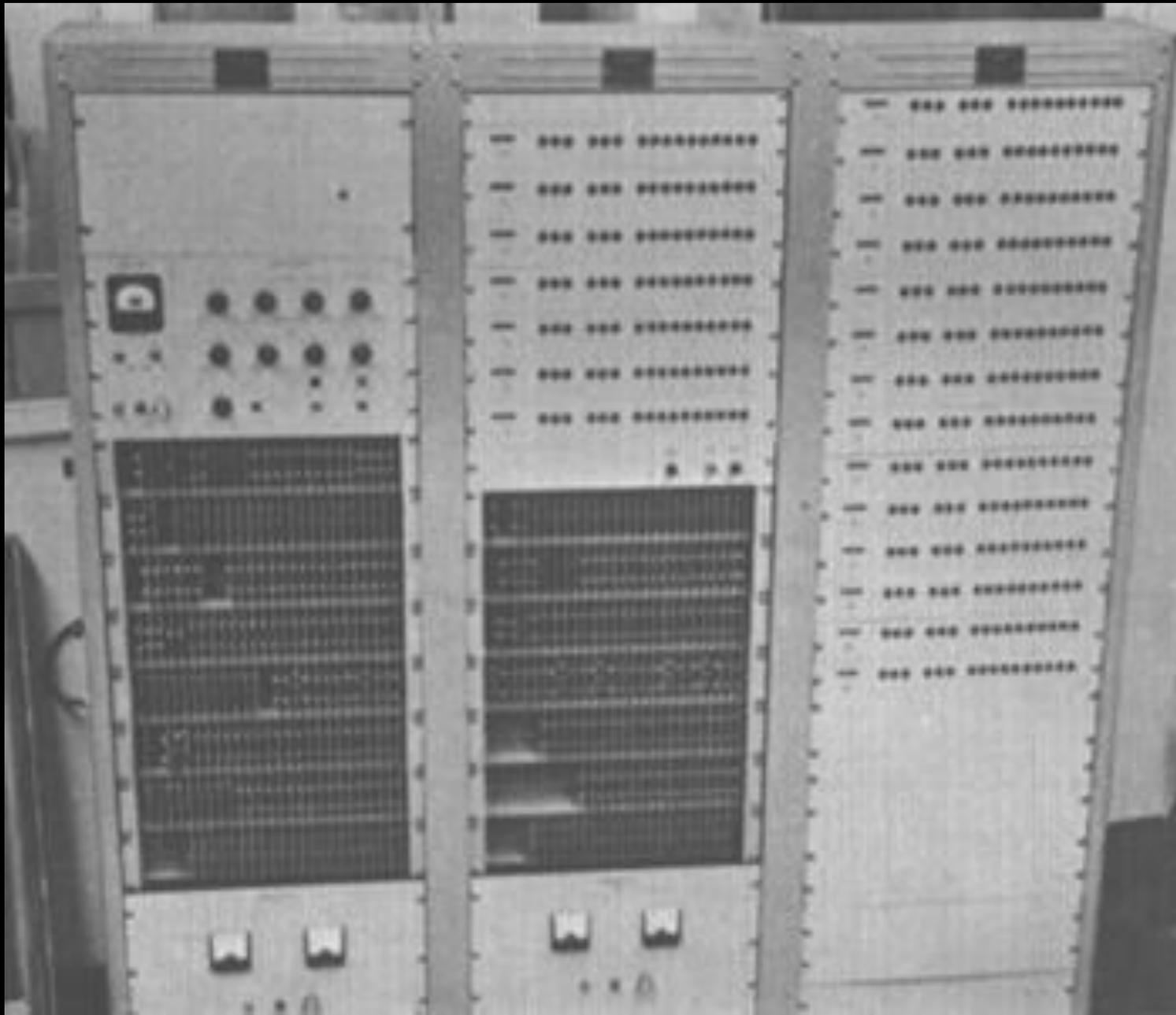


# 1960 – First Radio Astronomy Digital Correlator

21 lags  
300kHz clock  
discrete transistors

\$19,000

Sandy  
Weinreb



# Correlator processing power



source: Arnold van Ardenne

# Evolution of Computer Power/Cost

MIPS per \$1000  
Billion (1998 \$)

Million

1000

1

1

1000

1

Million

1

Billion

1

1900

1920

1940

1960

1970

1980

1990

2000

2010

2020

2030

2040

2050

Monroe Calculator  
Burroughs Class 16  
IBM Tabulator  
Zuse-1

Colossus  
ENIAC  
UNIVAC I  
Whirlwind  
IBM 704

IBM 7090  
IBM 1130  
DEC PDP-10  
CDC 7600  
DG Eclipse  
Apple II  
Commodore 64  
IBM PC  
Sun-2

IBM 360/75  
IBM 7040  
Burroughs 5000  
IBM 1620  
IBM 650

Macintosh-128K  
Mac II  
Gateway-486DX2/66  
PowerMac 8100/80  
Gateway G6-200  
Mac G3/266  
Dell 340/2G

Sun-3  
Vax 11/750  
DEC VAX 11/780  
DEC-KL-10  
DG Nova  
SDS 920  
IBM 360/75  
IBM 7040

1965 Trend  
1975 Trend  
1985 Trend  
1995 Trend

Manual Calculation

Worm  
0.5µg 1 mm  
300 neurons

Guppy  
30mg 1 cm  
100K neurons

Lizard  
100g 25 cm  
2M neurons

Mouse  
25g 15 cm  
60M neurons

Monkey  
3kg 60 cm  
3G neurons

Human  
100 kg 2 m  
100G neurons

3,500 Million Years Before the Present

Bacterium  
0.5picogram 1 µm  
1 "neuron"

550 MYBP

450 MYBP

350 MYBP

200 MYBP

60 MYBP

1 MYBP

First Similar Organisms

Hopkins Beast 1960

Grey Walter Tortoise 1950

SRI Shakey Stanford Cart 1970-1980

2D mapping robots 1990

3D perception 2000 in use 2005

Utility Robot eta 2010-2015

G1 eta 2020 (skills)

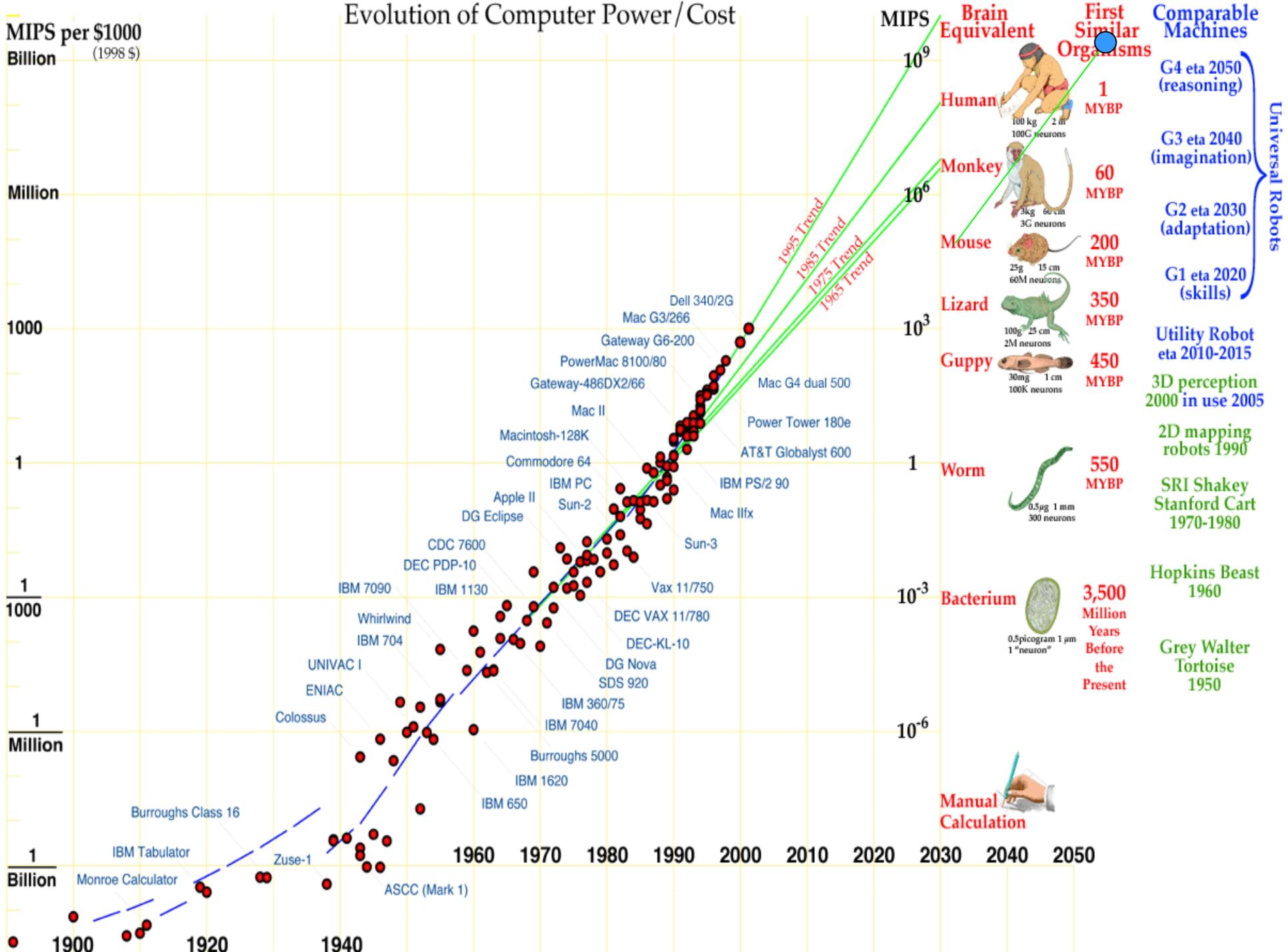
G2 eta 2030 (adaptation)

G3 eta 2040 (imagination)

G4 eta 2050 (reasoning)

Comparable Machines

Universal Robots



# CASPER Philosophy and Religion

## Design Observatories with Plan for Exponential Growth in Digital Processing

- Digital Backend should be replaced every 5 years (keep software, toss old - buy new hardware)
- DSP Part of Operating Costs, not construction costs

# expect (plan for)

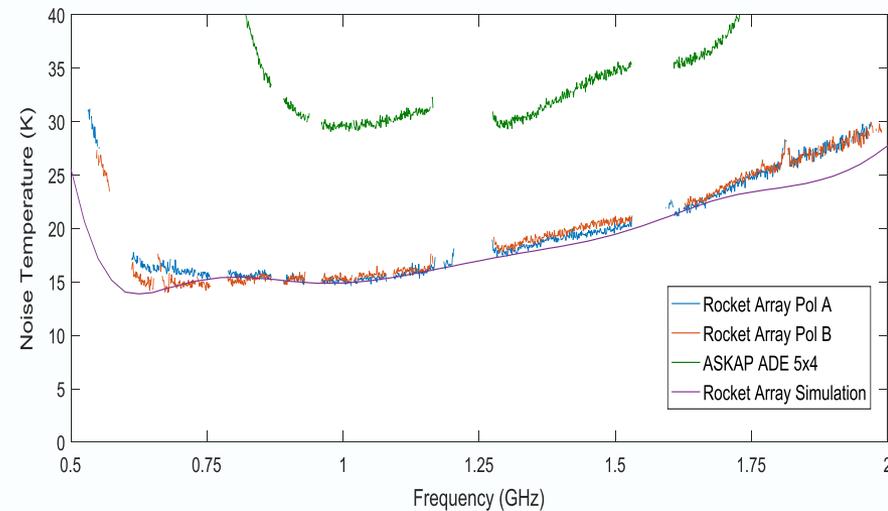
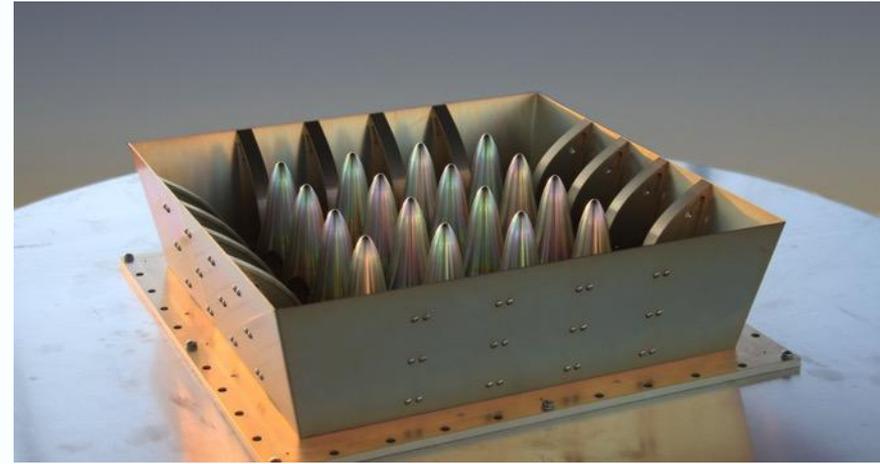
- 100 GHz bandwidth
- 1000 to 1M antenna arrays
- 1000 to 1M beams (commensal experiments)
- 6:1 or 20:1 ? Feeds and receivers
- phased array feeds with low  $T_{\text{sys}}$  ?
- Observatory removes RFI (part of instrument)

# GBO Receivers circa 2025

- 0.6 to 4 GHz 6:1 22K single beam
- 4 to 24 GHz 6:1 22K single beam
- 20 to 120 GHz 6:1 single beam
- 0.6 to 2 GHz Phased Array Feed 20K 1,000 beams
- 75 – 115 GHz 800 beam horn array (ultra-argus)

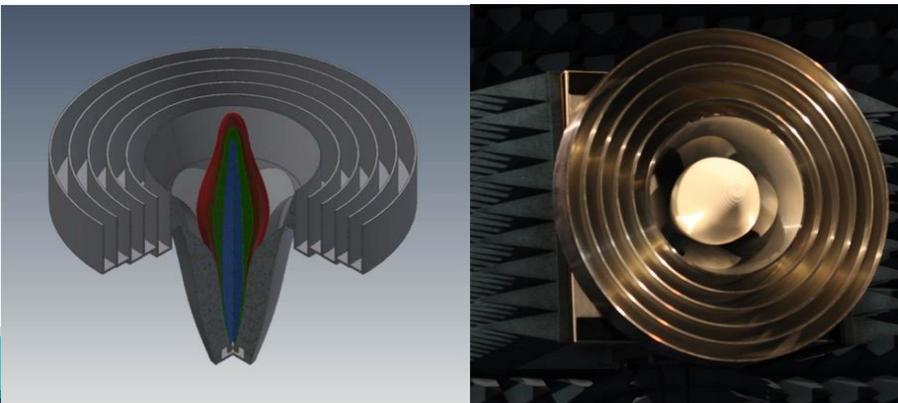
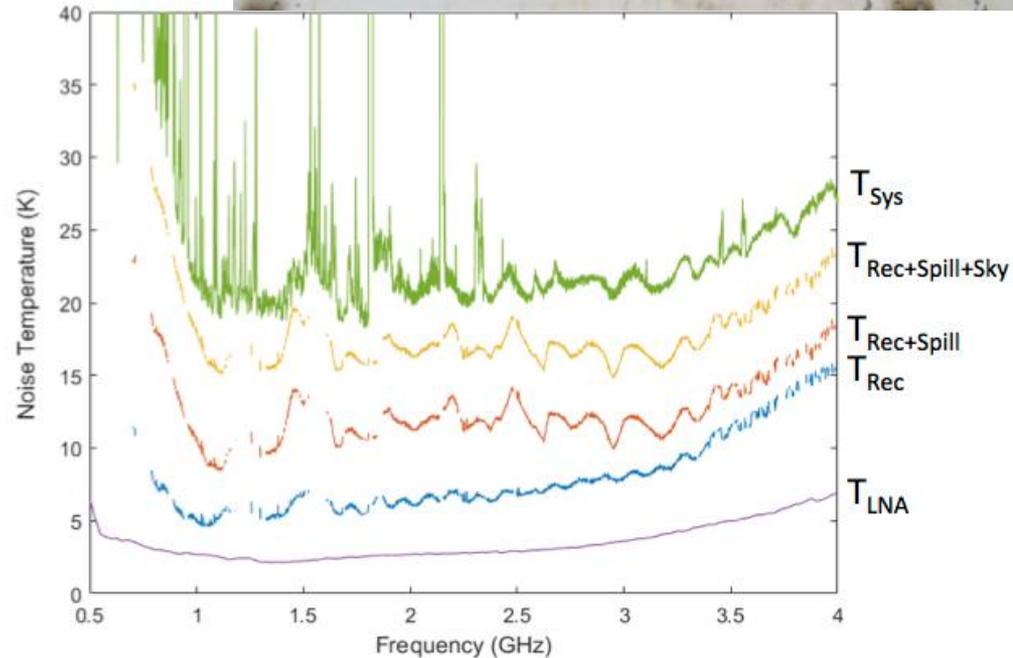
# “Rocket” PAF

- Next generation PAF
  - “rocket” elements; “edge” elements
- Superb matching with LNA
  - Key to improved performance
  - Noise Temp due to uncooled LNAs
- 4x5 prototype constructed
  - tested as aperture array
  - ~15K better than equivalent ASKAP tests
  - Tested on Parkes
    - Measurements affected by RFI
- Design better suited to cooling
  - → **CryoPAF funding proposal**
    - Full 94 dual-pol array + ASKAP back-end
    - Expected  $T_{\text{sys}} < 20\text{K}$  !?

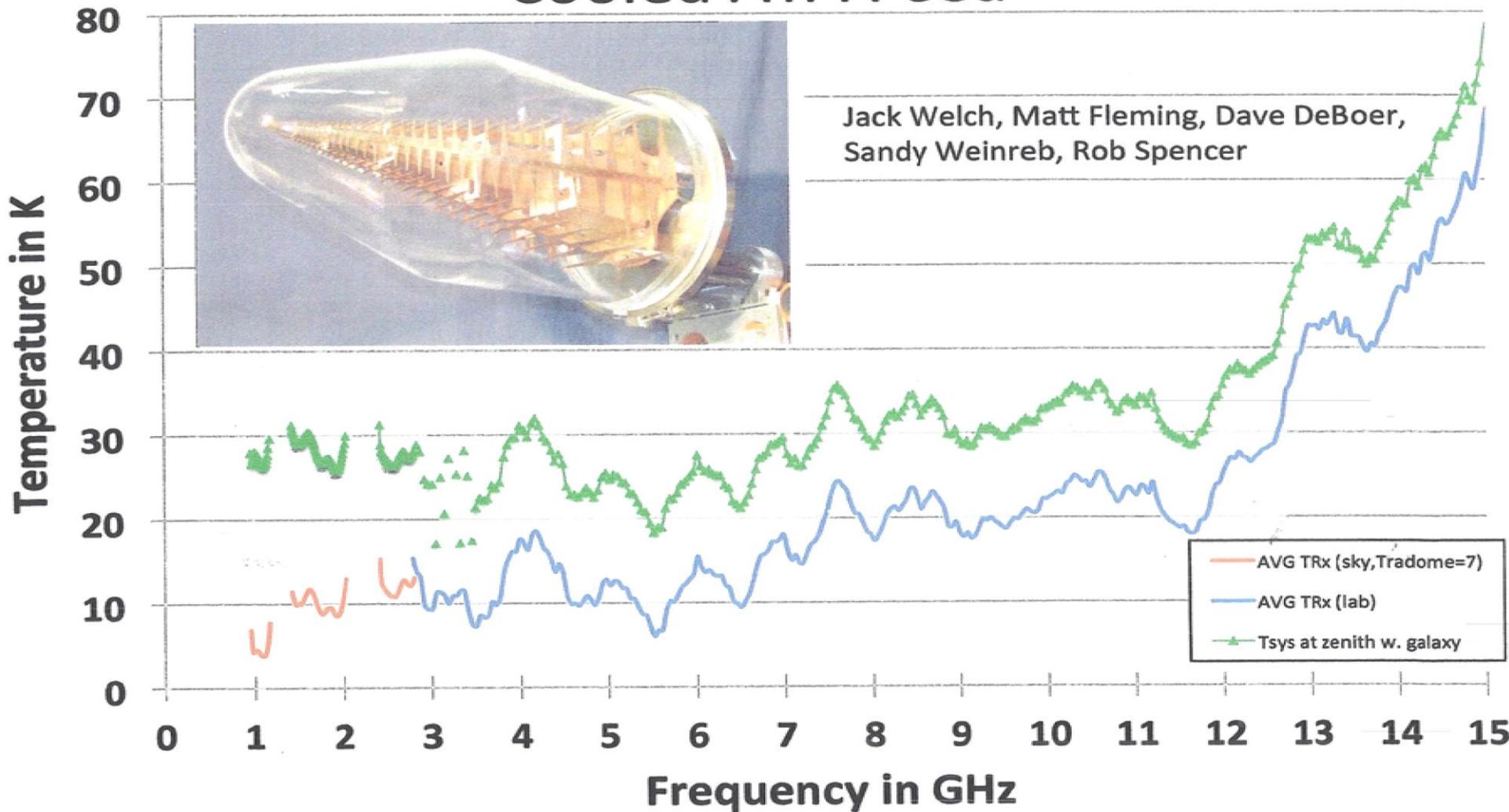


# Parkes UltraWideBand system

- Quadridge structure with dielectric spear
- 0.7—4.0 GHz,  $T_{\text{sys}} \sim 22\text{K}$ , SEFD  $\sim 35\text{ Jy}$
- First light Aug 2017, commission late 2017
- Sampler/digitiser and timing (Back-end)
  - 4 Gsps (2 GHz bands)
- Ethernet switch and GPU cluster
  - Installed 2016 & used PAF@Parkes
  - Software - collaborators
- RFI mitigation built-in – reference antenna



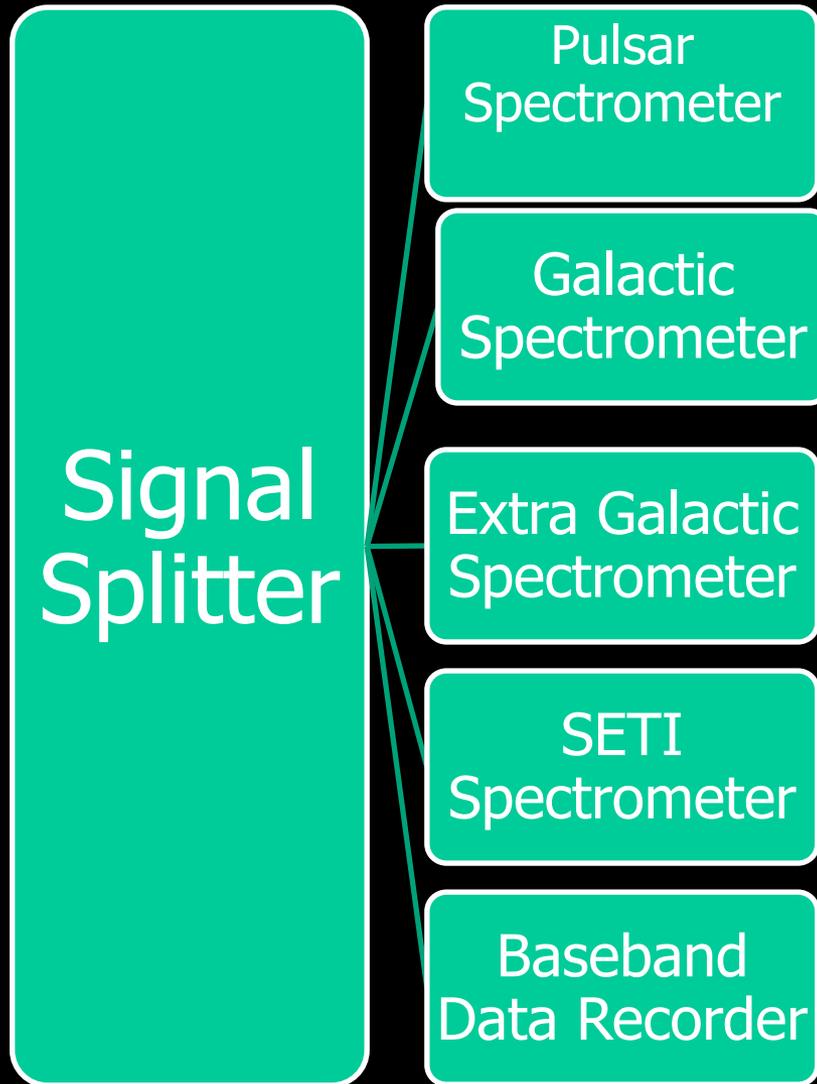
# Measured Receiver Temperature & Tsys at Zenith Cooled ATA Feed



# Instrument Architectures

- Scalable
- Upgradeable
- Flexible
- General and Multi-Purpose
- Fault Tolerant

# Simultaneous Digital Backends Piggyback, Commensal, Sky Surveys



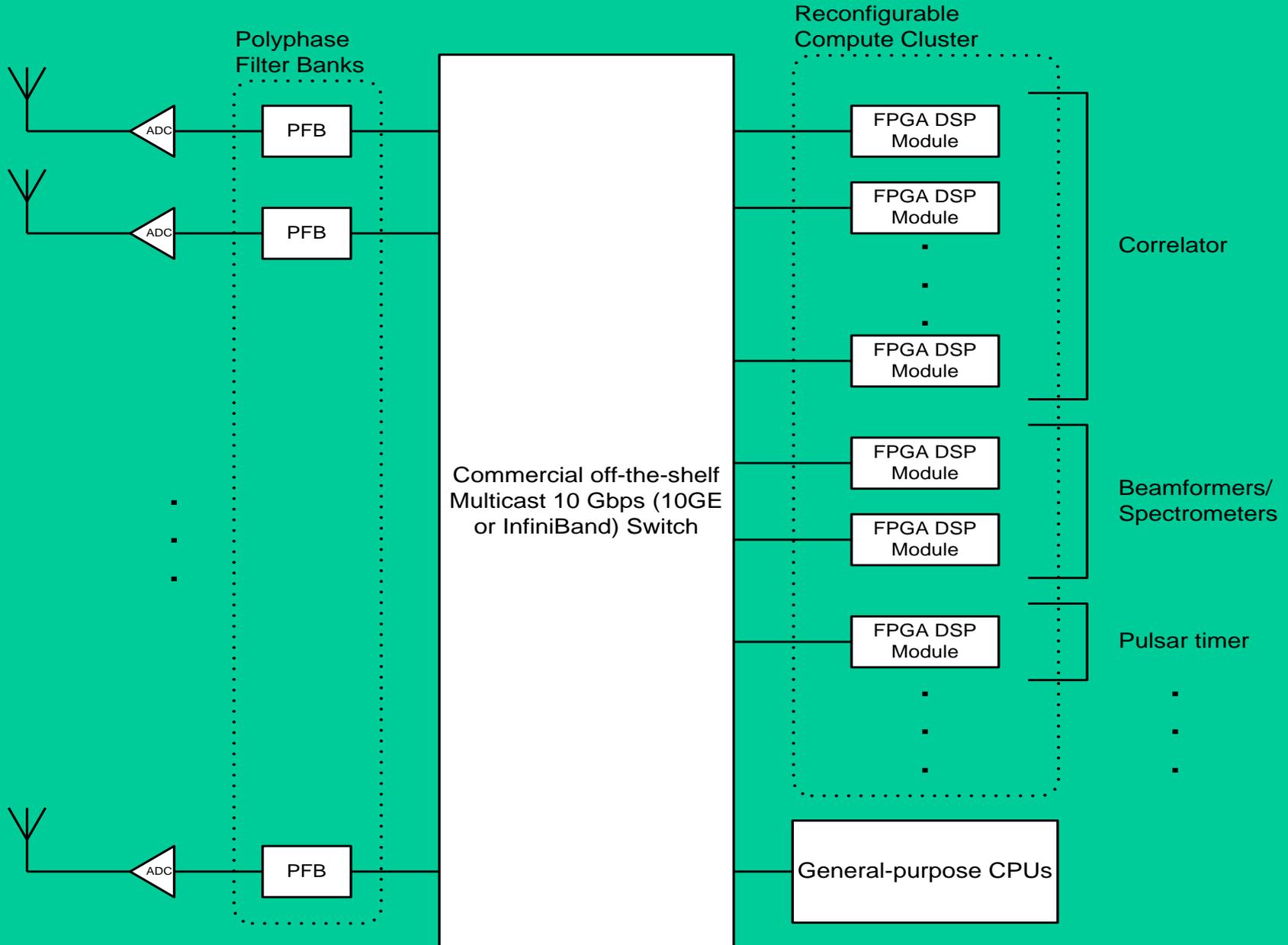
Analog Power Splitters

or

Digital Data Splitter

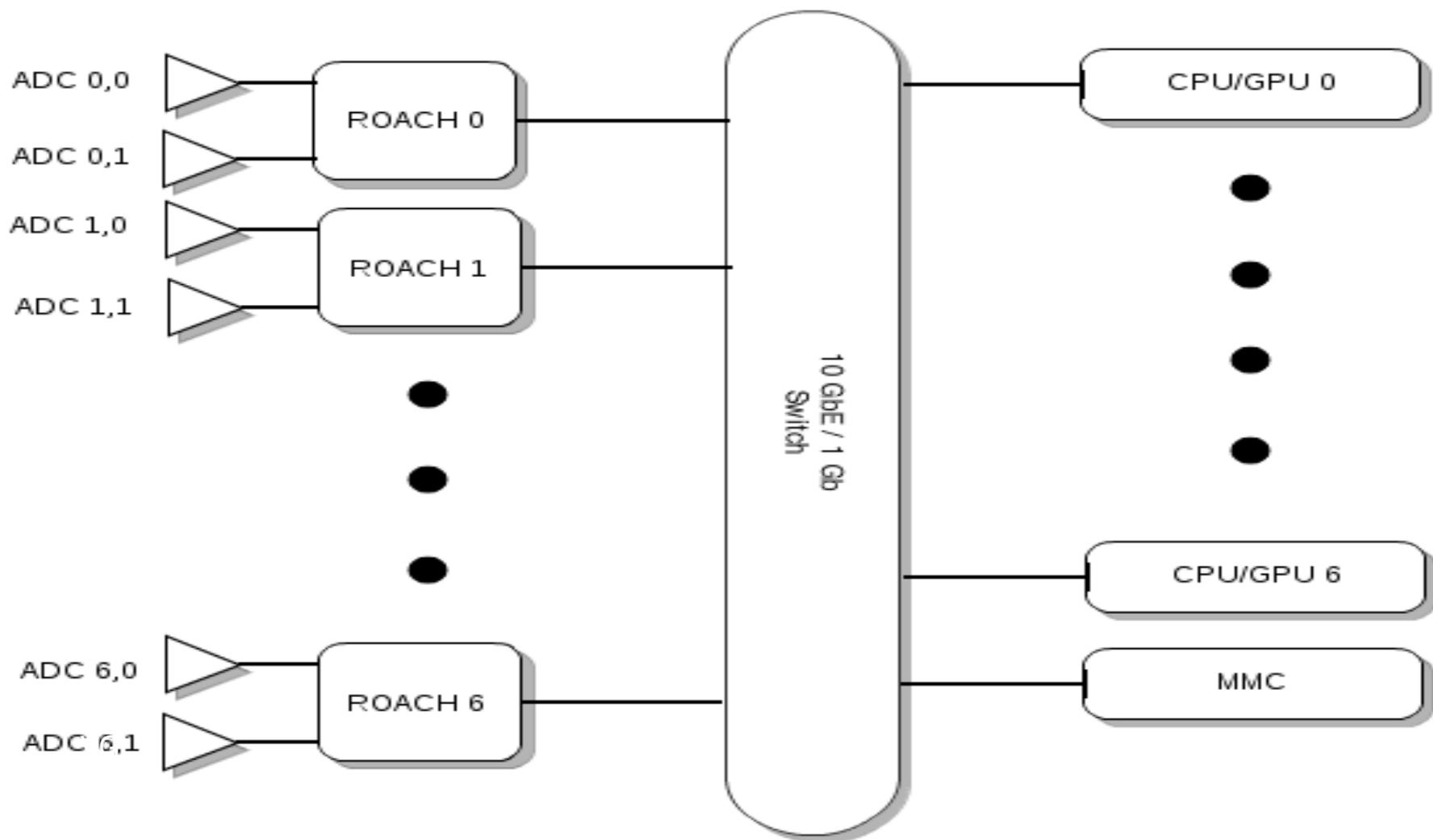
# CASPER General Purpose Architecture

Dynamic Allocation of Resources, need not be FPGA based



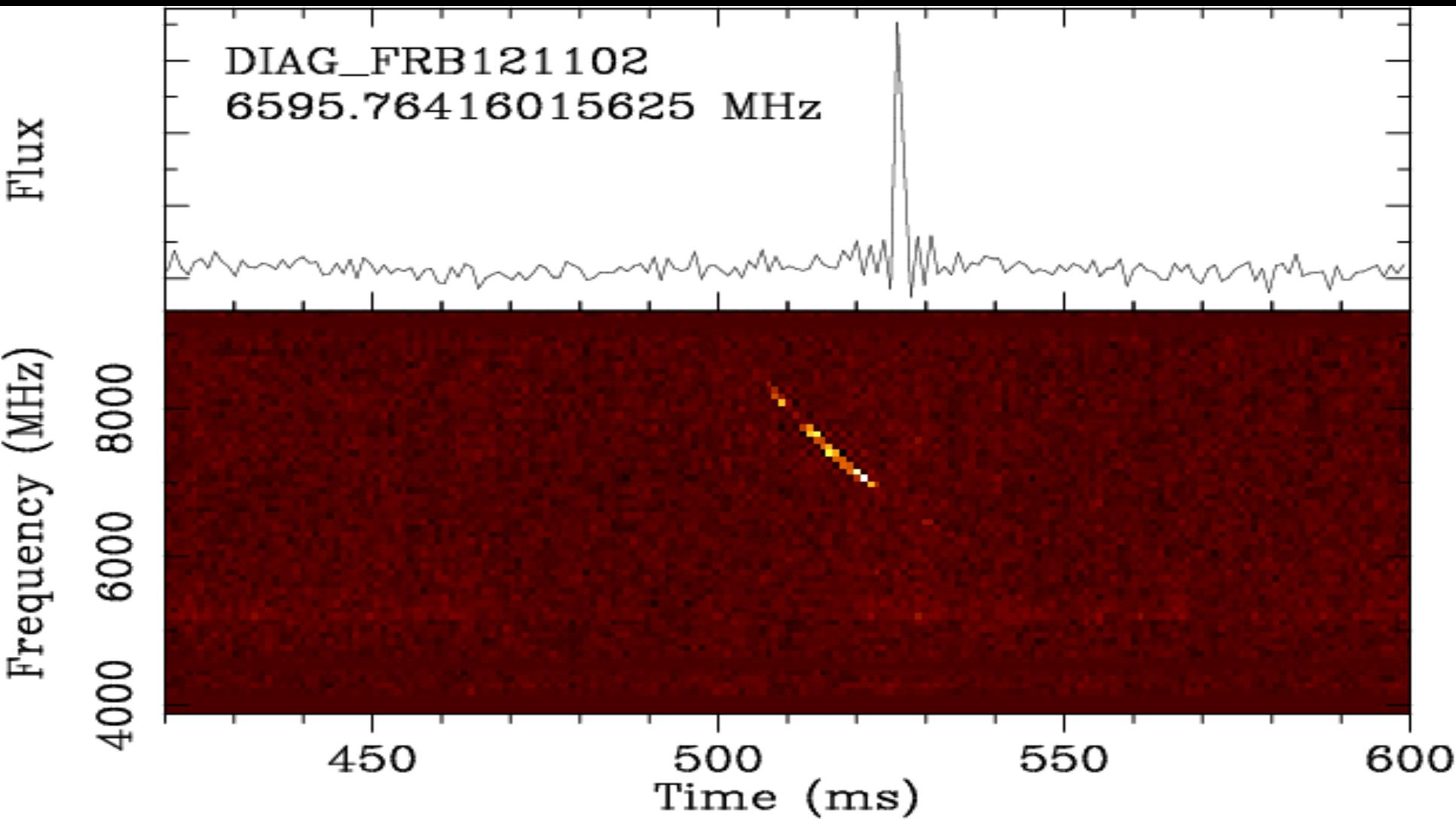
# VEGAS/DIBAS Multi-beam Spectrometer + Pulsar Timing/Searching

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# FRB121102 (repeater)

Highest Frequency detection (4 – 9 GHz)  
widest bandwidth (5.4 GHz)

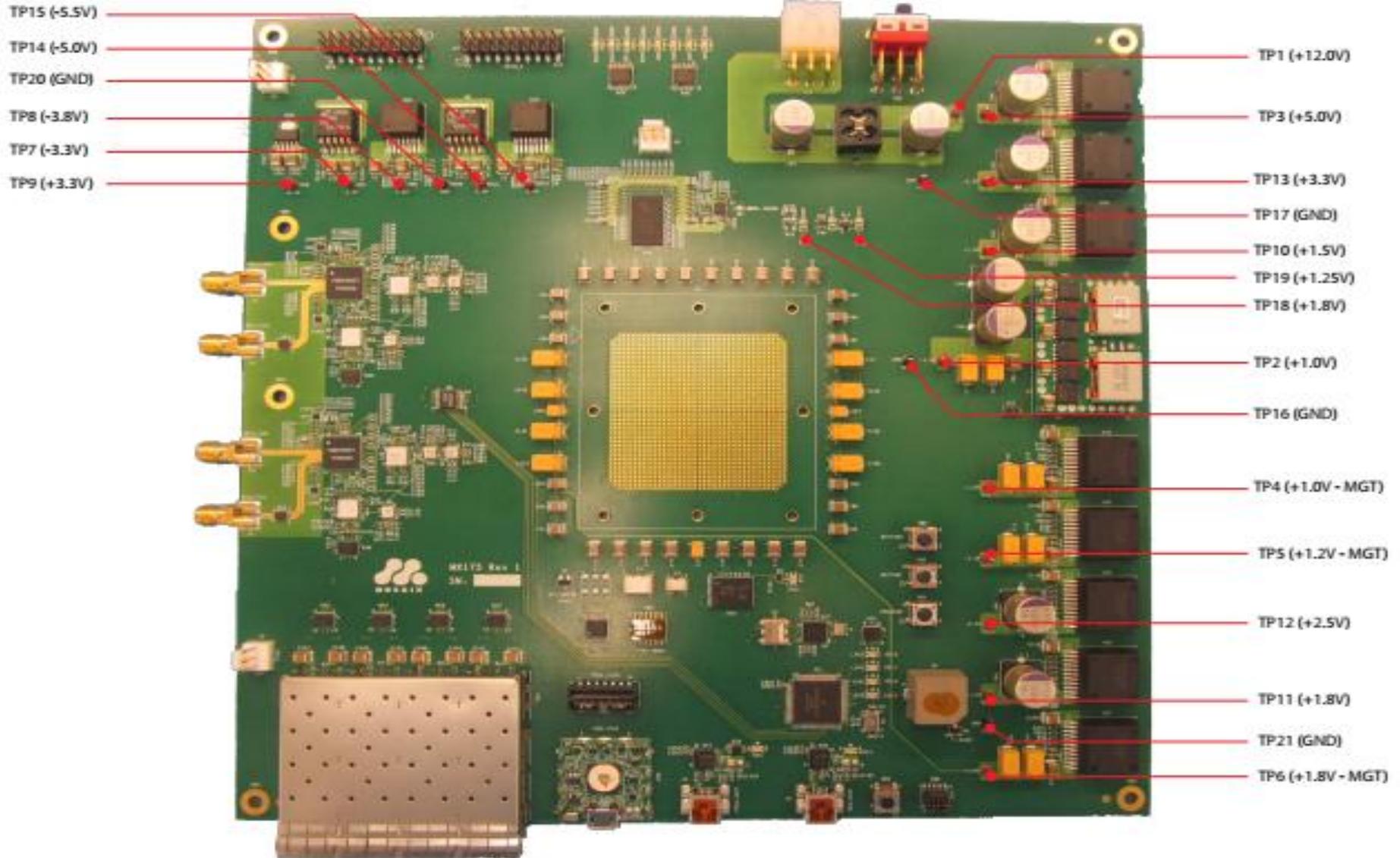


# Fast ADC's

|                 |                |                        |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| <b>15 Gsps</b>  | <b>4 bit</b>   | <b>Adsantec</b>        |
| <b>26 Gsps</b>  | <b>3.5 bit</b> | <b>Analog Devices</b>  |
| <b>55 Gsps</b>  | <b>8 bit</b>   | <b>Fujitsu</b>         |
| <b>80 Gsps</b>  | <b>8 bit</b>   | <b>Berkeley</b>        |
| <b>160 Gsps</b> | <b>8 bit</b>   | <b>Keysight</b>        |
| <b>240 Gsps</b> | <b>8 bit</b>   | <b>Teledyne Lecroy</b> |

# Dual 26 Gbps 3.5 bit ADC and FPGA

## MX175R1 TESTPOINTS

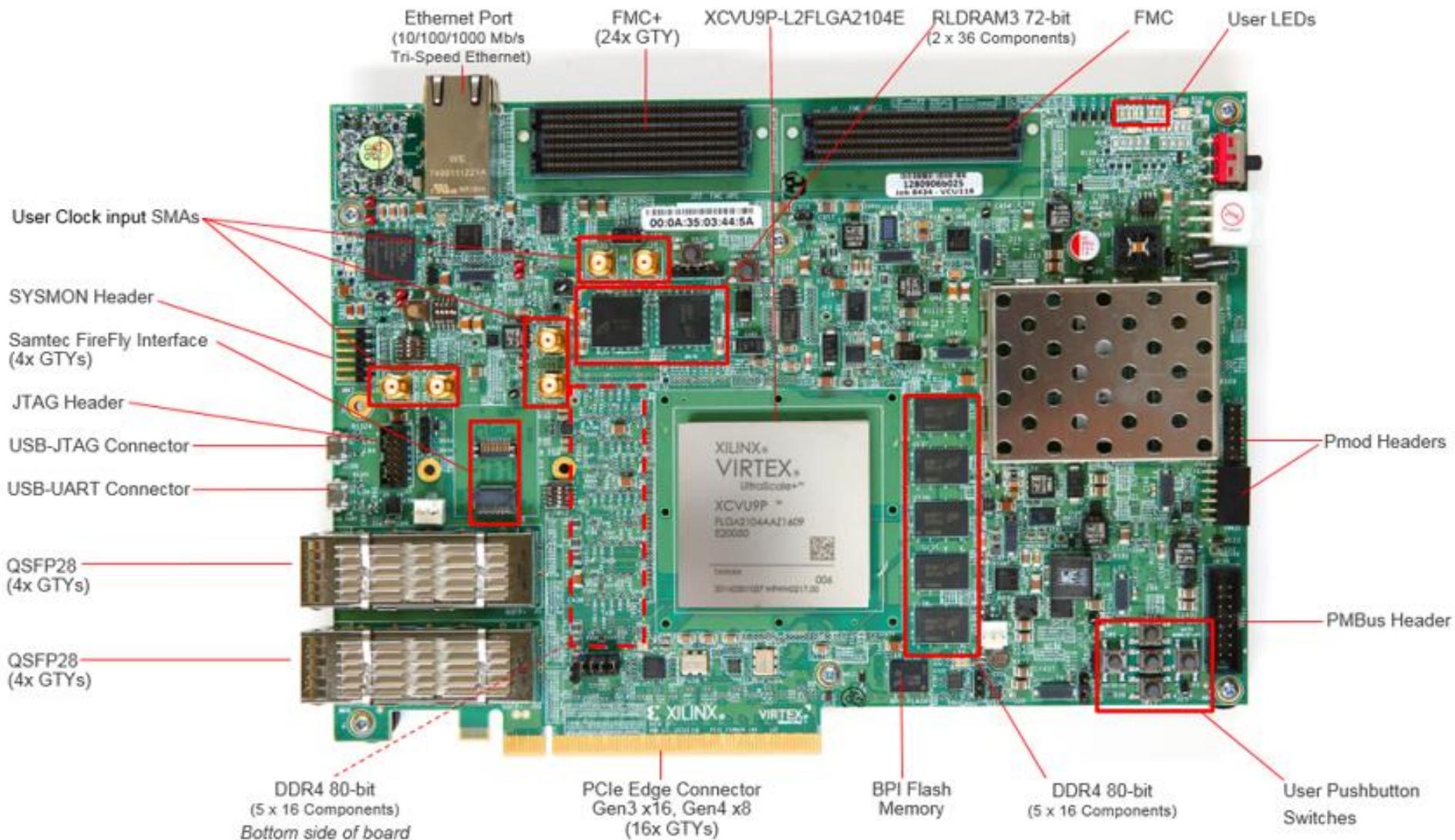


# Board Interconnect - Upgradable

- Problem: Backplanes are short lived  
(S100, Multibus, VME, ISA, EISA, PCI, PCIx, PCIE, PCIE2.0, compactPCI, compactPCIE, ATCA...)
- Solution: Use 10, 40 or 100 Gbit/sec Ethernet  
Ethernet since 1973 – likely to stay around !



# VCU118 5x100Gbit Ethernet ports



# Casper Commandments

Thou Shalt Share thy Knowledge

Thou Shalt Help thy Neighbor Casperite

Thou Shalt Covet thy Ethernet to Connect Everything

Switches are Free

# CASPER Real-time Signal Processing Instrumentation

- Rapid development
- Open-source, collaborative
- Reusable, platform-independent gateware
- Modular, upgradeable hardware
- Industry standard ethernet communication
- Use switches to interconnect FPGA/GPU/CPU
- Low Cost

# Tutorials

Introduction to Simulink and Roach (blink an LED)

Using 10 Gbit Ethernet

Spectrometer (400MHz, 2k channels)

Correlator (4 input, 400MHz, 1k channels)

Heterogeneous Computing ADC→ROACH→CPU/GPU

Intro to embedding Verilog/VHDL in Simulink

Yellow Block Creation

# Annual CASPER Workshops

morning: talks

afternoon: lab training, tutorials, working groups,  
get help designing an instrument....