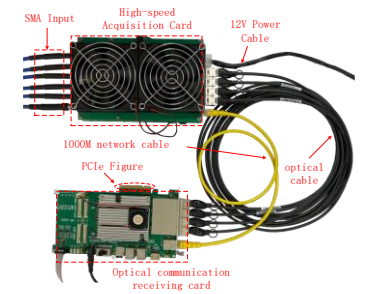


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A Multi-Beam High-Speed Receiver System Based on ZYNQ7000

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On board test by AMD ZYNQ7000

INTRODUCTION

Radio telescopes use wireless radio reception, measurement, and analysis of celestial radio signals to explore the radio window of celestial bodies after the optical window.

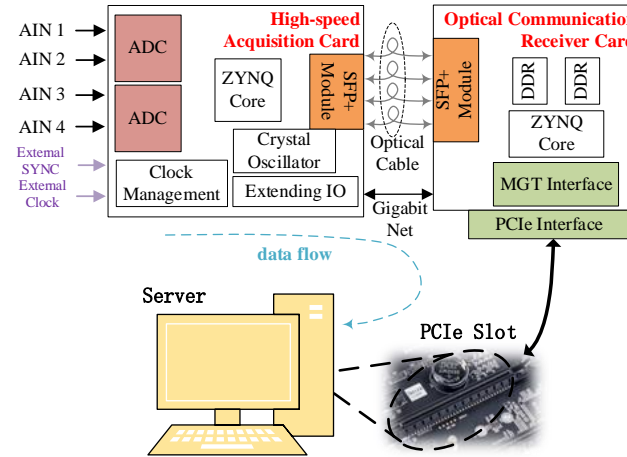


Typical application case

A typical radio telescope system consists of **an antenna system, a receiver analog front-end system, a data processing and recording system**. Most of the current receiver systems have the capability of accumulate integration, FFT transformation, and correlation calculation, but cannot retain the raw data of the radio signals, Lost a lot of temporal information.

Key technical issues addressed:

1. Signal acquisition, High-performance ADC (Analog-to-Digital Converter) device.
2. Data receiving and processing, AMD-Xilinx 7 series Zynq System on a Chip (SoC) devices.
3. Data transmitting, SERDES (Serializer/Deserializer) Interface with GTX for 10G linerate.
4. Data storing, Dedicated server with disk array and RNIC support.



System Architecture

Optical Communication Receiver Card:

1. Communicating with the acquisition card;
2. Receiving and Handling data from SFP+ with protocol such as Ethernet, Aurora and so on;
3. Acting as an assistant to speed up the data processing workflow;
4. Collaborating with the server for data uplink and downlink;

High-speed Acquisition Card:

1. Sampling and Quantization of Analog Signals;
2. Receiving and Handling data from ADC;
3. Transporting data to next work platform;

CREATIVE DESIGN

RESULT
The completed work has verified the architecture of using a high-performance ADC (Analog-to-Digital Converter) to acquire multiple beams from a radio reception antenna.

The system is composed of **independent components, with a flexible and highly scalable architecture**. It is based on FPGA's logic programmability and serdes technology support, which enables it to meet higher performance requirements.

SFP+ interface is driven directly by GTX, can be programmed by users to support various communication protocols. This **high degree of programmability** ensures maximum compatibility with both existing and future communication devices, thereby reducing the cost of device deployment and iterative updates.

Raw data storage requires a significant amount of storage bandwidth. **The limitations** of current storage devices necessitate the need to build disk arrays that can support high-bandwidth data storage.