

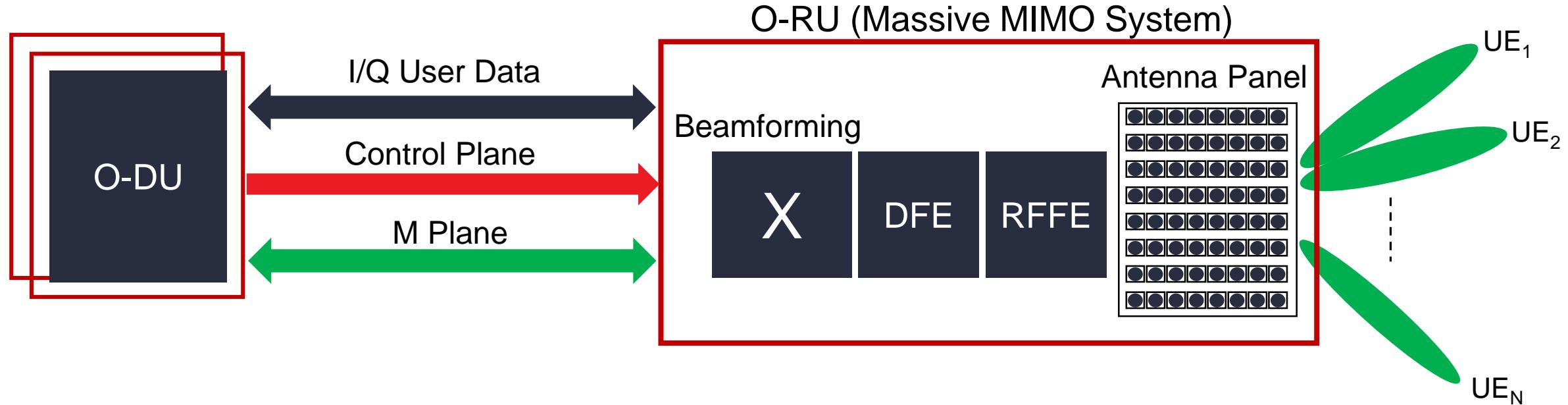


Solving 5G Massive MIMO Radio Challenges

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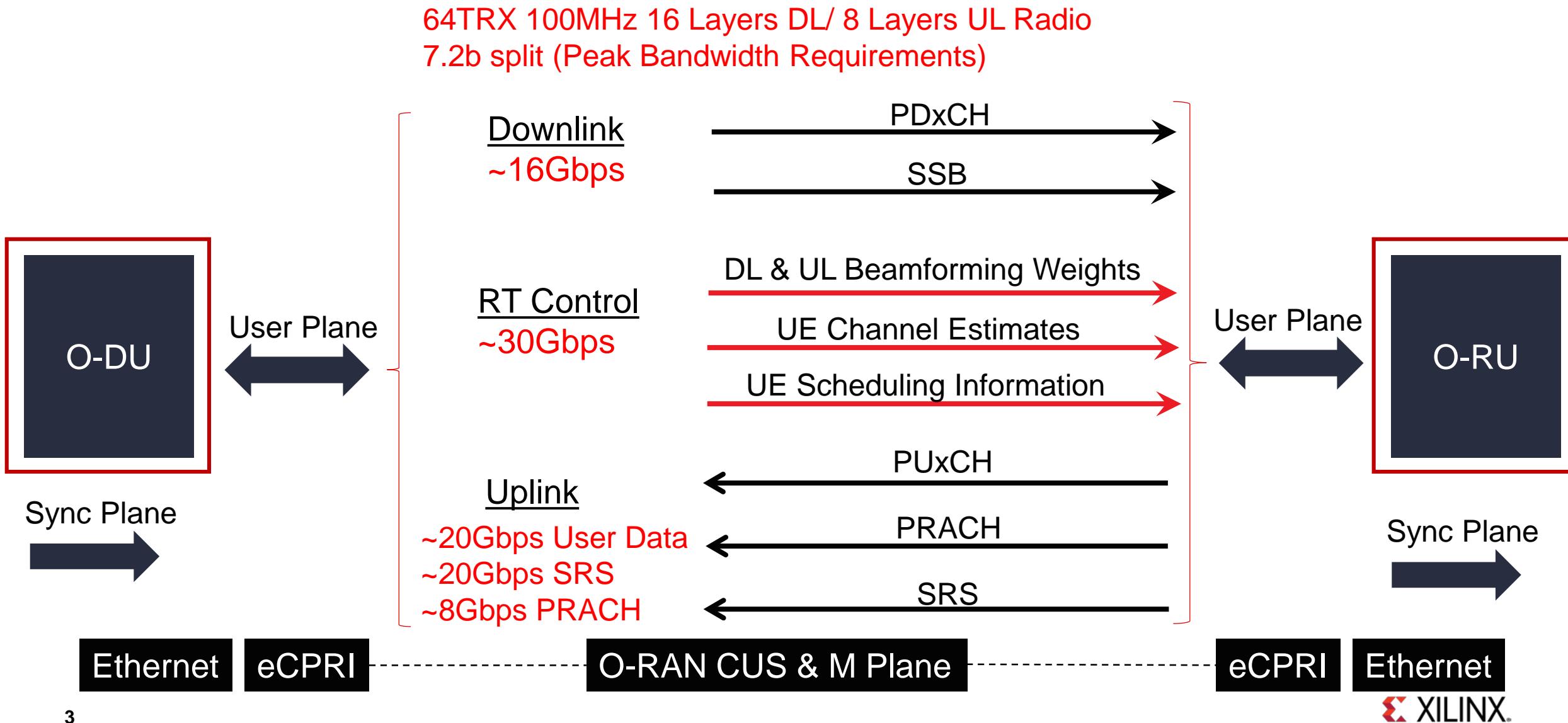


5G NR Massive MIMO Radio – Key Challenges



- ▶ Optimizing Fronthaul bandwidth
- ▶ Power dissipation in Radio
- ▶ Maximizing utilization of available capacity DU-RU, particularly for massive MIMO systems

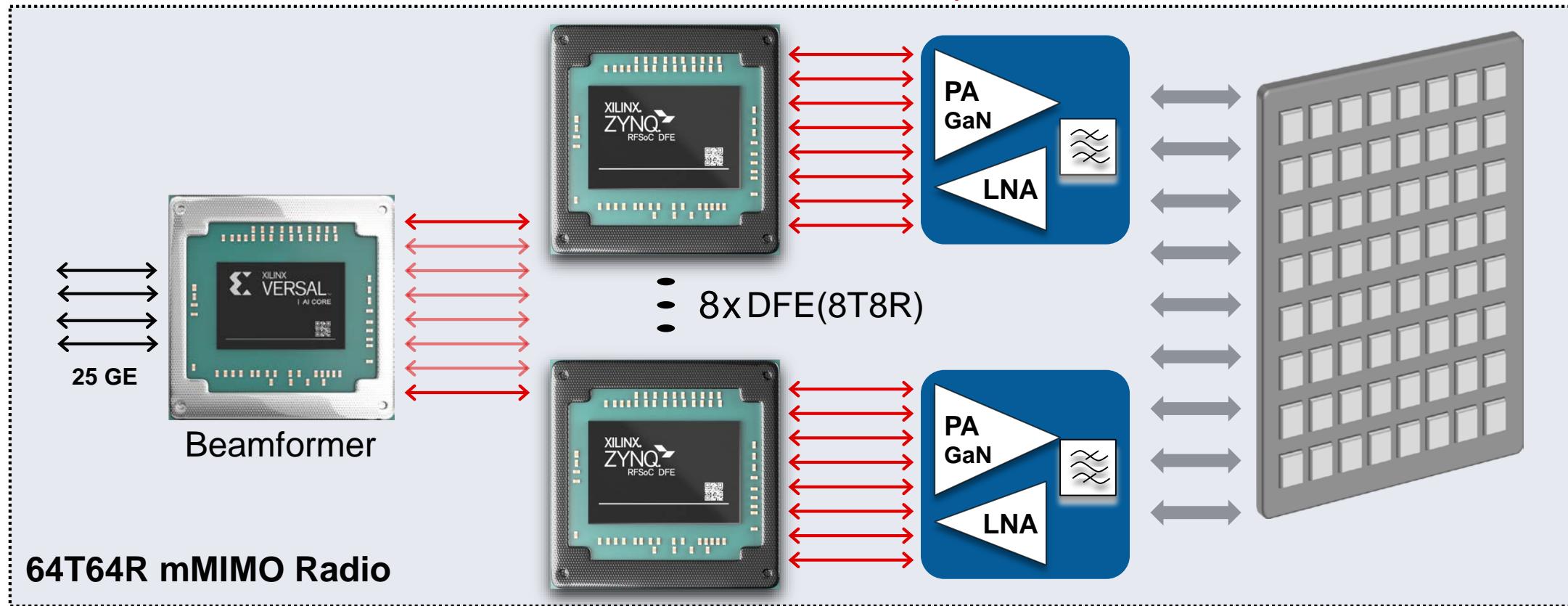
Fronthaul Bandwidth Constraints



Reducing Dissipated Power in Radio

420W+ dissipated as heat in
RF line up @40%, 1.5dB loss

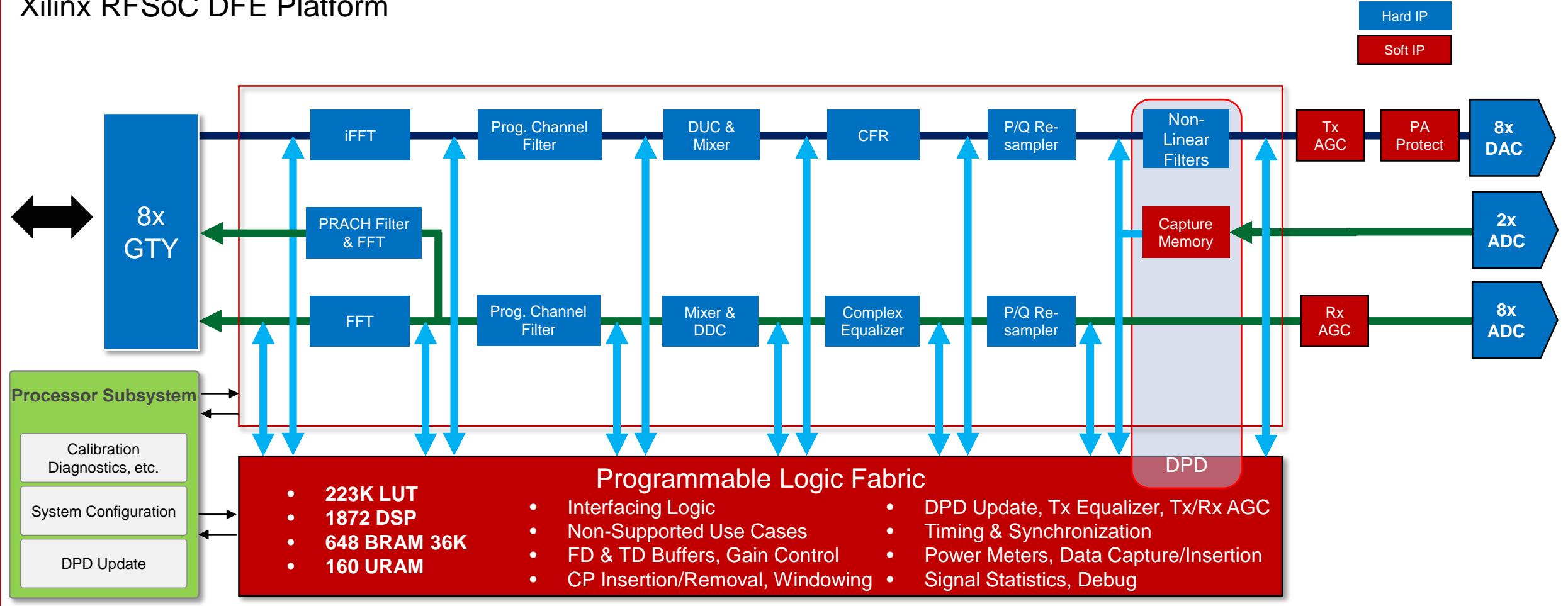
200W at Antenna



- PA linearization or Digital Predistortion (DPD) implementation is critical for PA efficiency
- PA technology is evolving at a much faster pace, need lockstep DPD algorithm innovations
- Opening DPD innovation to broader ecosystem

Efficiency of Hard IP with Adaptive Programmable Logic

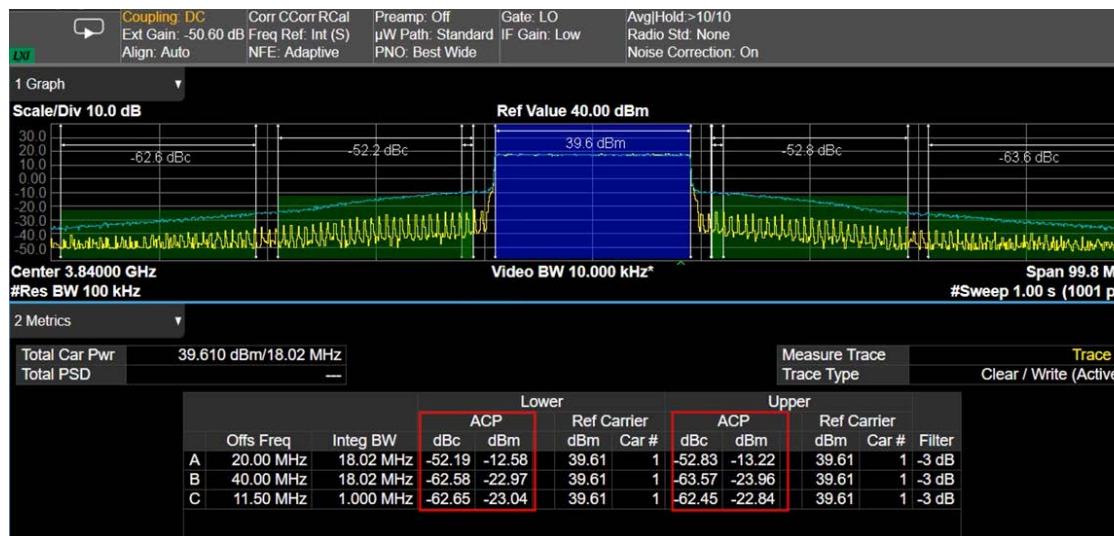
Xilinx RFSoC DFE Platform



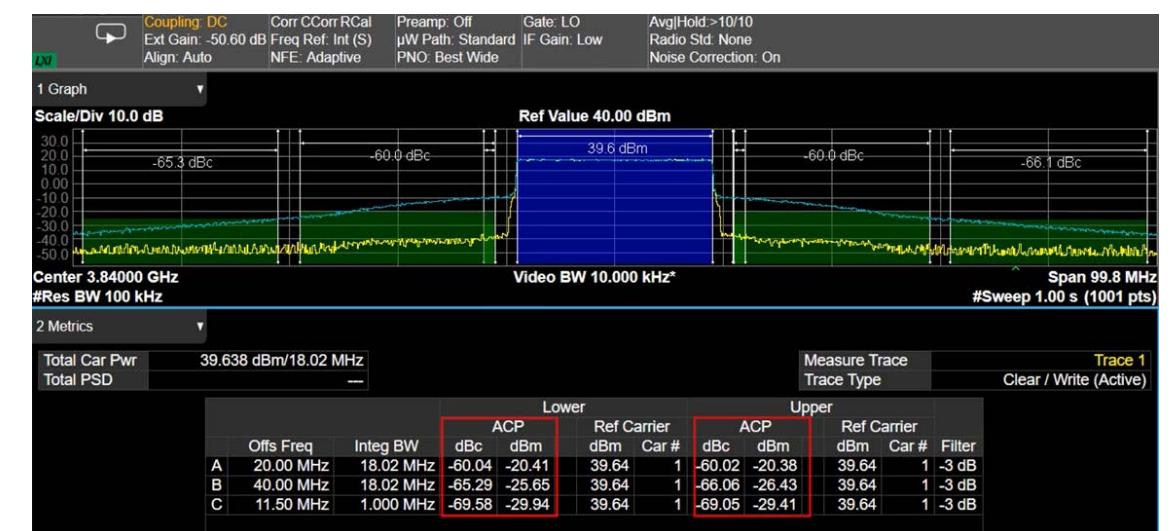
Long Term Memory Effects of GaN PAs – Simple Use Case

Full Payload - TM3.1A LTE20 TDD ACLR after DPD

No LTM Management DPD

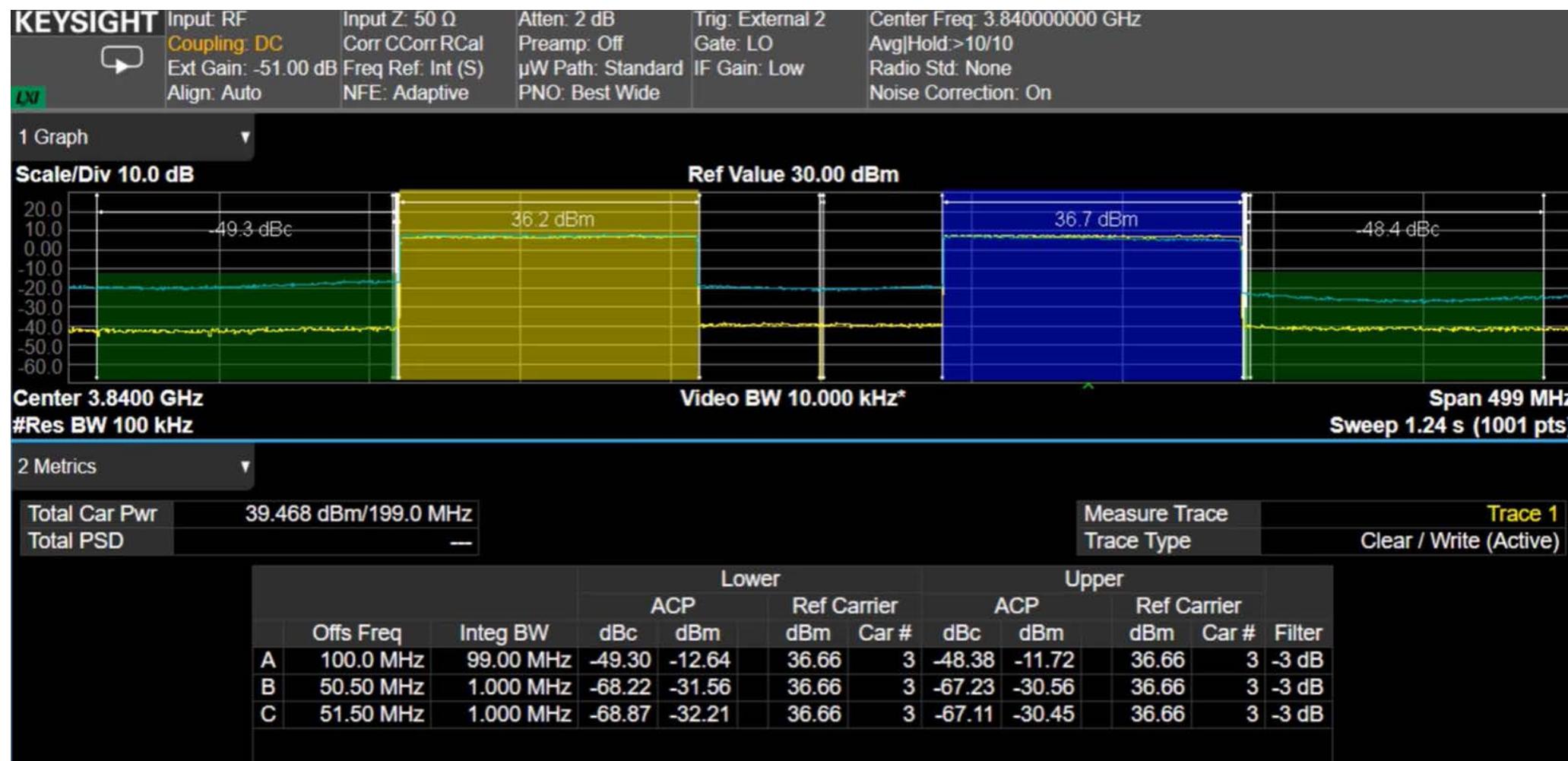


With LTM Management
(Xilinx v11 DPD)



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GaN PA Linearization, 280MHz iBW, 200MHz oBW



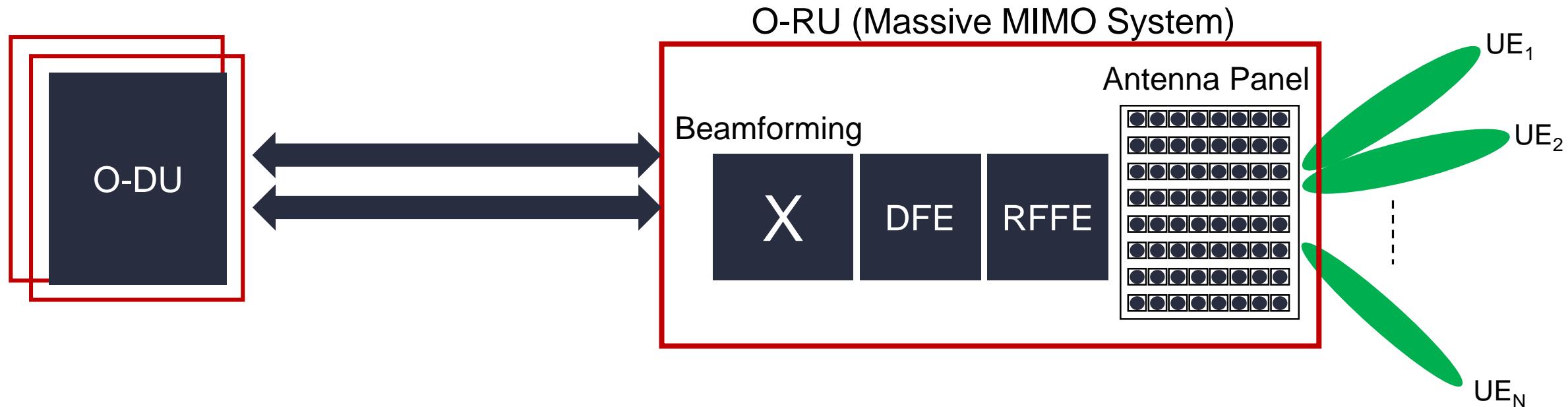
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Untapped Capacity in Massive MIMO Radio

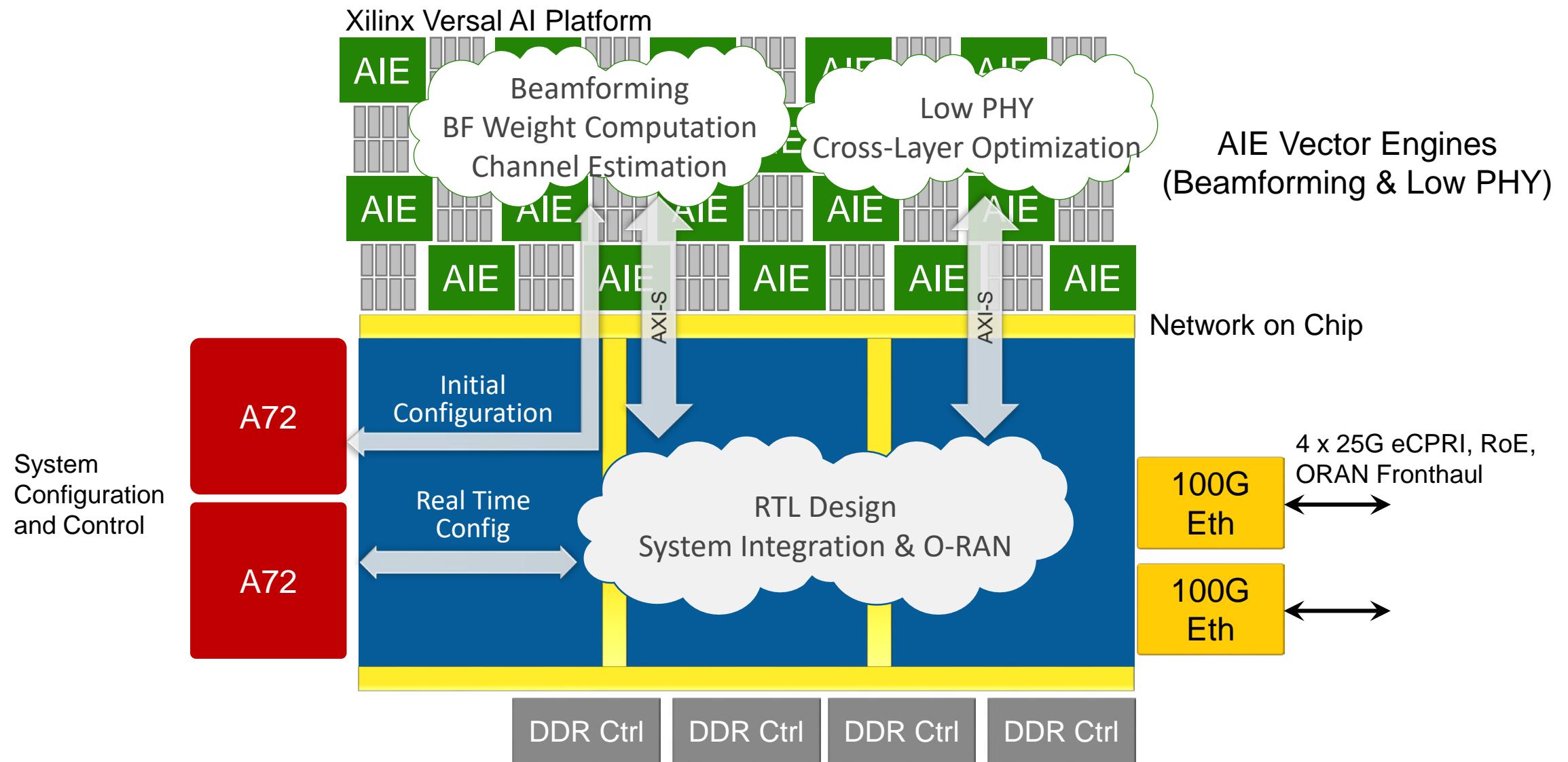
Typical specification:

- 16 Downlink Spatial Streams or Layers
- 8 Uplink Spatial Streams or Layers

Less than 5-6 Layers (DL) are getting used in the field



System Design Approach to Improve Capacity Utilization





Thank You

