mle 10G/25/50/100/200/400G TCP / UDP / IP Solutions for FPGA



MLE markets the industry proven TCP/UDP/IP Network Protocol Acceleration Platform (NPAP) from Fraunhofer HHI. This customizable solution is a high-bandwidth, low-latency communication solution for 1, 10, 25, 40, 50, 100, 200, 400 Ethernet in Altera Agilex-5 and Agilex-5 devices.

Application Use Cases

- Full TCP/UDP/IP 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/IP "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

Key Features

- Highly modular TCP/UDP/IP Stack implementation for MAC, Ethernet, IPv4, TCP, UDP processing implemented in synthesizable HDL
- IPv4 with ICMP and IGMP
- Bi-directional 128-bit data streams to deliver line rates up to 50 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/IP 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 (interops w/ open-source Netperf/Netserv V2.6
- TCP Loopback and UDP Loopback
- Stack control software (for IP addresses, etc)

MLE NPAC-40G SmartNIC Solution

- 10 GigE with 9.8 Gbps linerate Integrated with Intel/Altera 10G/25G Ethernet FPGA IP
- SFP+ for 4x 10 GigE via Twinax or Fibre
- Based on Intel/Altera Stratix 10 GX 400

Intel/Altera FPGA SmartNIC N6000-PL Platform

- 25 GigE with 24.2 Gbps linerate Integrated with Intel/Altera 10G/25G Ethernet FPGA IP
- QSFP28 for 4x 25 GigE via Twinax or Fibre
- Based on Intel/Altera Agilex AGF014 F Series FPGA

Arrow AXE5-Eagle Development Kit

- 10 GigE with 9.8 Gbps linerate Integrated with Intel/Altera 10G/25G Ethernet FPGA IP
- SFP+ for 2x 10 GigE via Twinax or Fibre
- Based on Intel/Altera Agilex 5 E-series FPGA

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Missing Link Electronics (MLE)

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Our mission is to offload CPUs and accelerate software-rich system stacks via so-called Domain-Specific Architectures. To implement this we make heavy use of heterogeneous processing such as FPGAs which we program using C++/C/SystemC as well as VHDL and Verilog HDL.

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.