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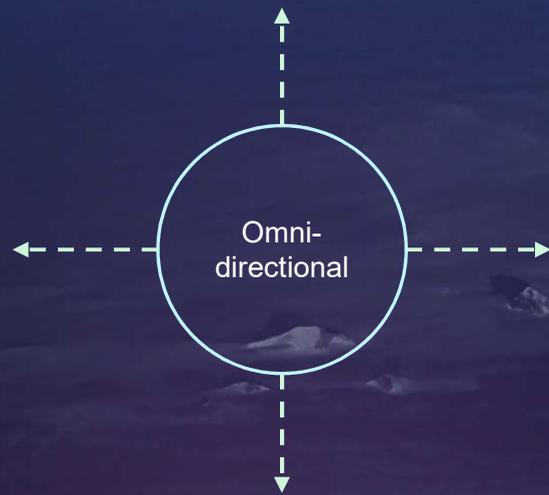
Radio Frequency (RF) Advances Accelerate Moving Away From Mechanically Steered Antennas

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The Need to Focus Beams



Dipole Antenna

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Focus Radio Frequency Energy in a Specific Direction

Mechanically Scanned Systems

- Driven By Early Radio Detection and Ranging (RADAR) System Requirements
- Basic Concept Unchanged Since World War II
- Variations
 - Spinning Bar
 - Mechanically Focused Dish
 - Fixed Parabolic
 - Multiple Antenna
 - Vertical / Horizontal
 - Multiple Small Dishes
- Bearing is Mechanically Dependent



Existing Mechanically Scanned Systems

- RADAR: Air Traffic Surveillance / TRACON / Approach / Ground
- RADAR : Military Air Search / Air to Air / Air to Ground / Naval
- RADAR: Weather RADAR (Wx)
- Space: Terrestrial and On Orbit Space Vehicles
- Comms: Fixed and Variable Radio Frequency & Microwave
- Comms: Military Communications Systems



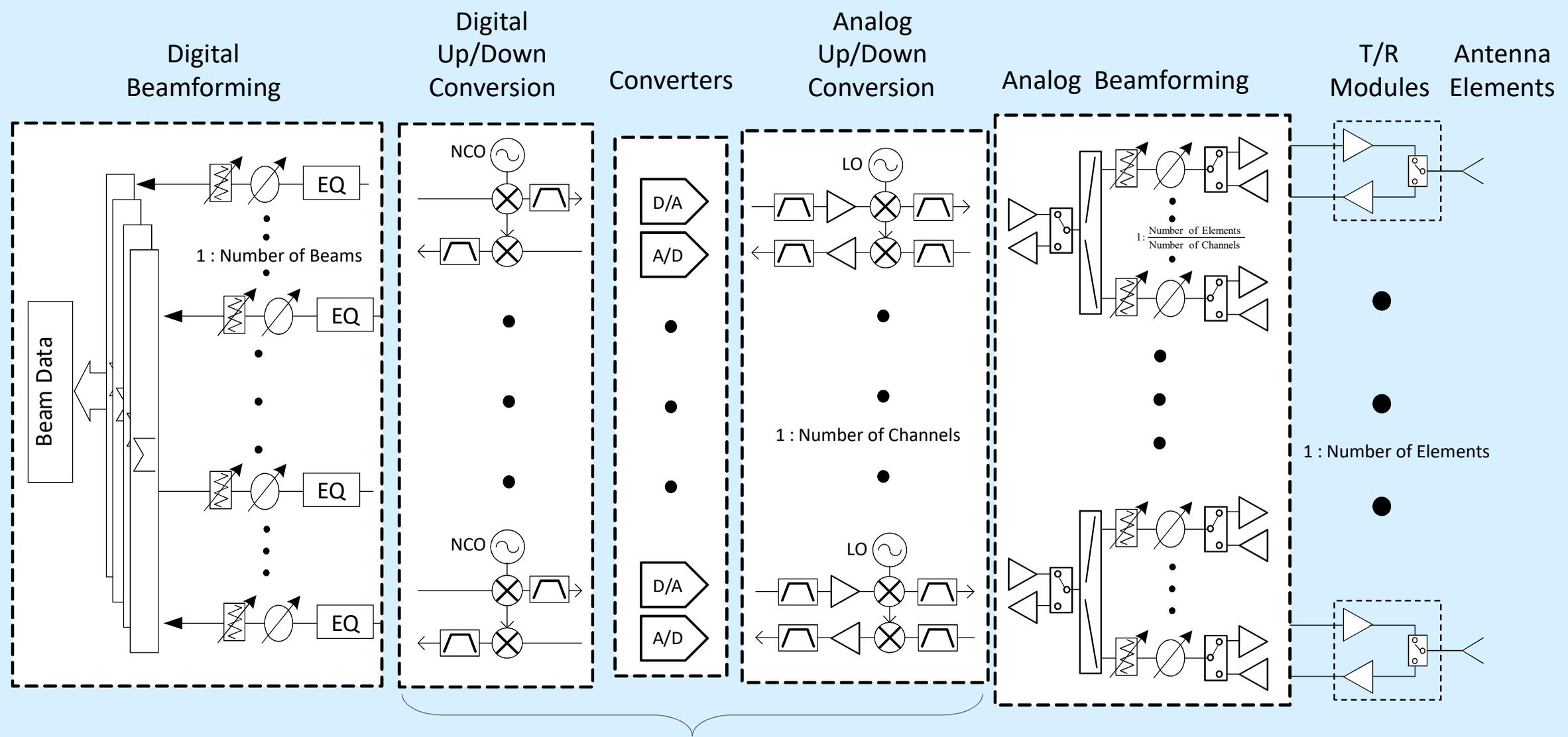
Existing Mechanical Systems – Short Comings

- Scanning Speed / Stabilization / Overshoot
- Single Function / Single Frequency / Single Beam
- Bearing Depends on Physical Alignment
- Require Space to Rotate
- Susceptible to Jamming / Blocking
- Fail in Complex Multiple Target Environments

- Maintenance
 - Mechanical Breakdown
 - Environmental Constraints
 - Remote Deployments



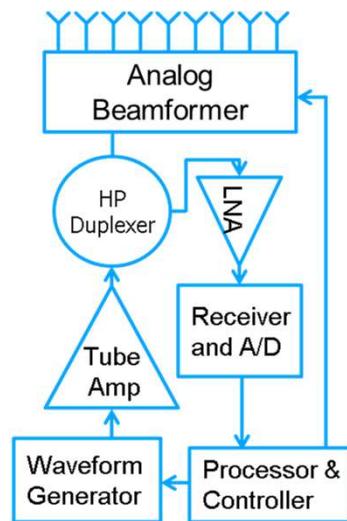
Beam Forming Basics



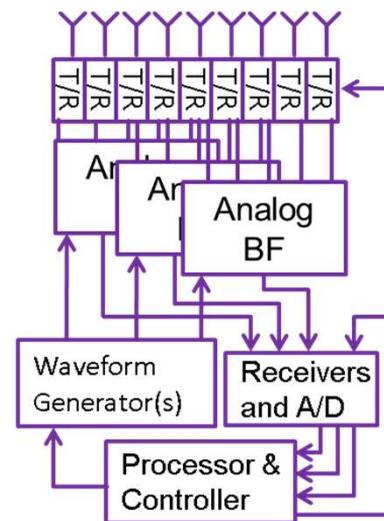
Waveform Generator and Receiver Channels

Phased Array Beam Forming

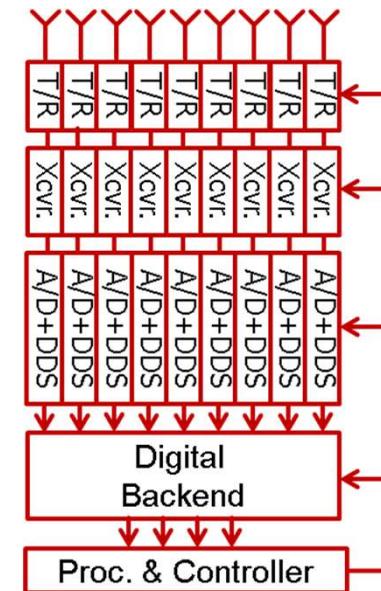
Analog



Hybrid



Digital



Ticonderoga Class Cruiser - AN/SPY-1

- First Major Deployment of Phased Array RADAR
 - Tracks 200 Unique Targets Per Array
 - Deployed Active Service in 1983
 - Key Part of Aegis System
- Multiple Upgrades Reduced Array Size
- Military Still Primary User of Phased Array



Flat Plate Antenna Systems

➤ Description

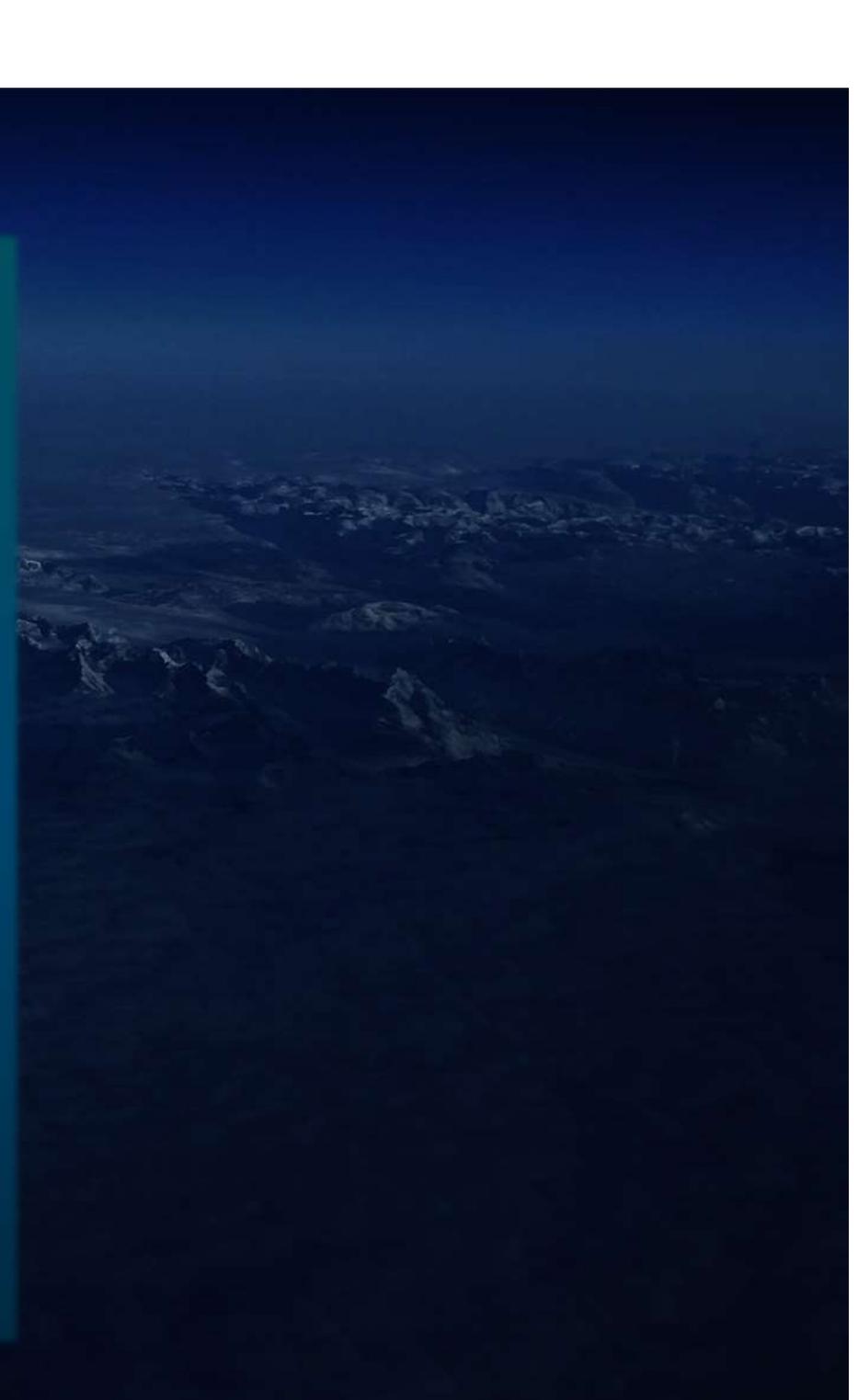
- Fixed Antenna Patches On Flat or Curved Surface
- Commonly: 1 Transmit : 2-8+ Receive
- Basic Doppler and Time of Flight Calculations

➤ Functions

- Short Range
- Specific Purpose
- Limited Resolutions

➤ Uses

- Occupancy Detection RADAR
- Perimeter Security
- Altimeters
- Automotive RADAR
- Industrial RADAR



Analog / Hybrid Beam Forming Systems

➤ Description

- Utilizes Analog Circuitry to Focus Beam via Delay, Phase and Power
- Beam Forming is Done in the Radio Frequency Domain
- Hybrid Design Replaces Part of Analog With Digitizers

➤ Advantages

- Deployed Today in Many RADAR and Some Communications Systems
- Proven Design and Well Understood
- Lower Power for Given Functionality
- Lower Cost Than Present Generation of Digital Beam Forming (DBF)
- Significantly More Capability Than Mechanically Scanned

➤ Challenges

- More Expensive Than Mechanical Scanned
- Designed for Specific Spectrum Coverage

Digital Beam Forming Systems

➤ Description

- Replaces Most of Analog Circuitry With High Speed Converters
 - Analog to Digital Converters (for receive)
 - Digital to Analog Converters (for transmit)
- Each Element has a Digitizer – Quickly To Digital Backplane
- Allows for Direct Digital Sampling and Digital Beam Forming

➤ Advantages

- Allows for the Greatest Flexibility in Operations and Reliability
- Large Spectrum Coverage & Common Designs
- Multiple Targets, Multiple Beams, Multiple Frequencies

➤ Challenges

- Thermal and Power Challenges
- Most Expensive Design
- Needs to Move Large Amounts of Digital Data

Modern Phased Array RADAR: Surveillance, Weather and Fire Control RADAR

- Phased Array Combines Functions
 - Airborne Weather RADAR and Collision Avoidance Systems
 - Ground Based Surveillance and Weather RADAR Systems
 - Integration of Communications with RADAR systems
 - Multimode Military Aircraft Functions
- Reduced Cost Per Function
 - Less Systems
 - Less Weight
 - Less Power
 - Less Maintenance



Space Upgrades – Low Earth Orbit (LEO) Communications Constellations

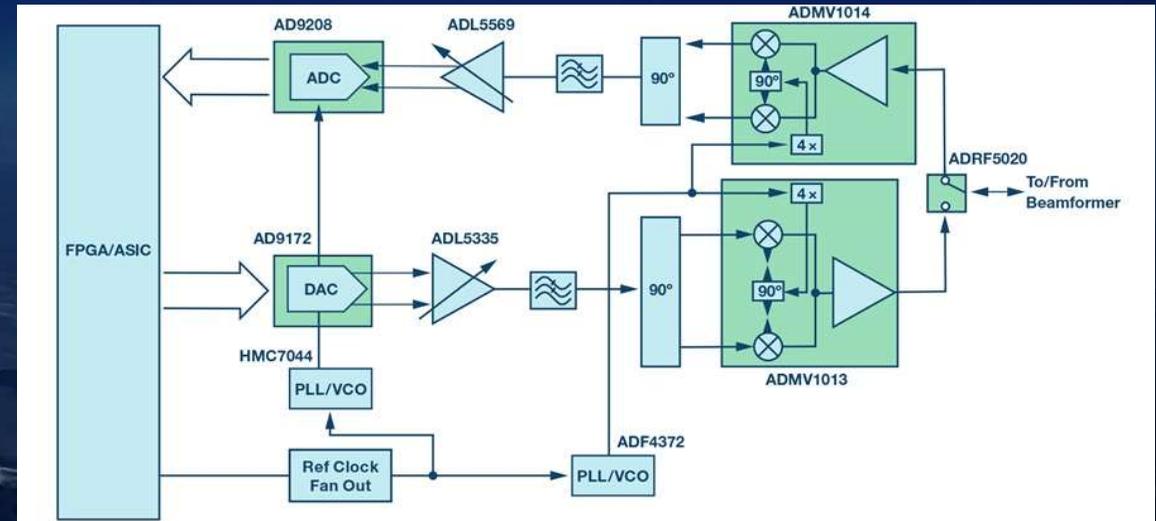
- Proposed Low Earth Orbit (LEO) Communications To Provide Direct Space to Ground and Space to Aircraft Connectivity
- Both On Orbit Space Vehicles and Ground/Airborne Terminals Requiring Phased Array Due to Short Time of Visibility
- Driving Need For Affordable Phased Array Beam Steering Withstanding On Orbit Radiation



5G Backbone

- Phased Array and Beamforming Is Critical to Next Generation 5G
 - Frequency Agility
 - Small Area Focused Beams
 - Upgradability For Future Spectrum Allocations
 - Minimum Maintenance Once Deployed
 - High Throughput and 360 Degree Coverage

- Cost Offset By Throughput and Increase in Subscribed Devices



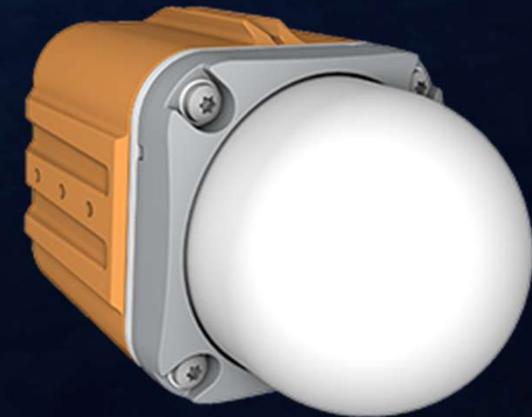
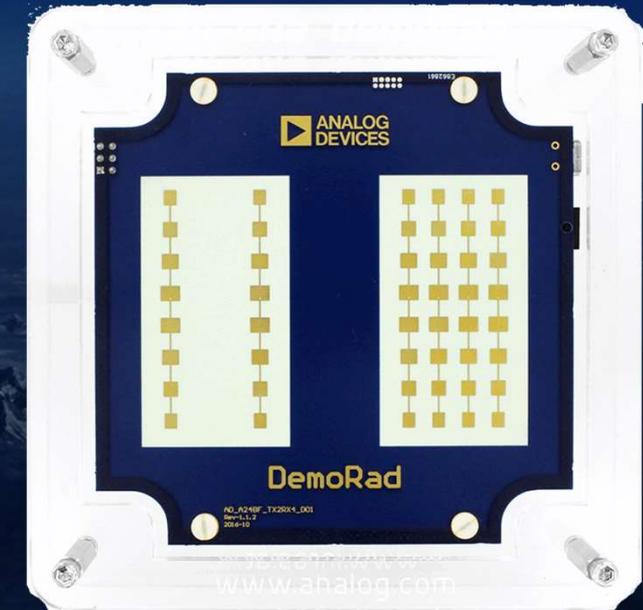
Security : Millimeter Wave Scanners

- Millimeter Wave Scanners Provide Unobtrusive yet Accurate Systems to Detect Threats at Airports, Stadiums, Hospitals, etc.
- Arrays of Antenna Allow From Rapid Scanning and Examination of Subjects
- Modern Systems Will Eliminate Moving Parts and Stationary Requirements



Safety Systems : From Cobots to Trains to Automobiles

- Small Flat Plate or Phased Array RADAR Systems Provide Safety and Contribute to Sensor Fusion
 - Cobots
 - Industrial Heavy Machinery
 - Automobiles
 - Trains
 - Aviation
- Provide Lower Cost and Dependable Solutions For Safety Critical Applications



New Program Example: SENSAR

- Spectrum Efficient National Surveillance RADAR (SENSAR)
 - Proposes To Use Phased Array RADAR to Replace Hundreds of Mechanical Systems Across the USA
 - Combined FAA, DHS and DoD Functions
 - NOAA Dropped Out To Design Phased Array Weather RADAR
 - Driven by Spectrum Auction

Long Range

(1.215-1.390 GHz)

- CARSR
- ARSR4



Terminal

(2.7-2.9 GHz)

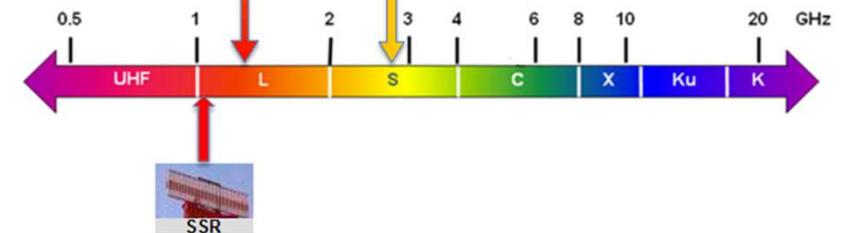
- ASR-8 / GPN-20
- ASR-9 / GPN-27
- ASR-11 / GPN-30



Secondary Surveillance Radar

(1.030 TX / 1.090 RX GHz)

- Mode S
- MSSR
- ATCBI-6



The Concern: Complexity and Acquisition Cost vs. Full Cost of Ownership for Functionality

Mechanical Systems / Fixed System

- ❖ Single Point of Failure – Numerous Failure Points
- ❖ Complex Maintenance Costs – Difficult Upgrade Path
- ❖ Low Acquisition Cost with Low Capability
- ❖ Single Function and Single Frequency
- ❖ Compatible With Legacy Systems
- ❖ Not Forward Compatible

Low Cost Acquisition. High Life Time Cost.

Phased Array

- ✓ Limited Failure Modes – Robust
- ✓ Requires Little Maintenance – Functions with Reduced Elements
- ✓ Functionality Can Replace Multiple Single Function Systems
- ✓ Provides Multiple Beams and Multiple Frequency Capabilities
- ✓ Backwards Compatibility With Legacy
- ✓ Easy to Upgrade and Support

High Acquisition Cost. Low Lifetime Cost.

Key Technologies Accelerating the Move To Phased Array

Receivers & Transmitters

Wideband Mixers, LNAs, Attenuators

GaN solid state PAs

High level of integration

Digitizers

High speed High BW

GPS ADCs

GPS DACs

Switch Matrices

Switches

MEMs for High Reliability

Splitters

Beamforming

Integrated Core chips

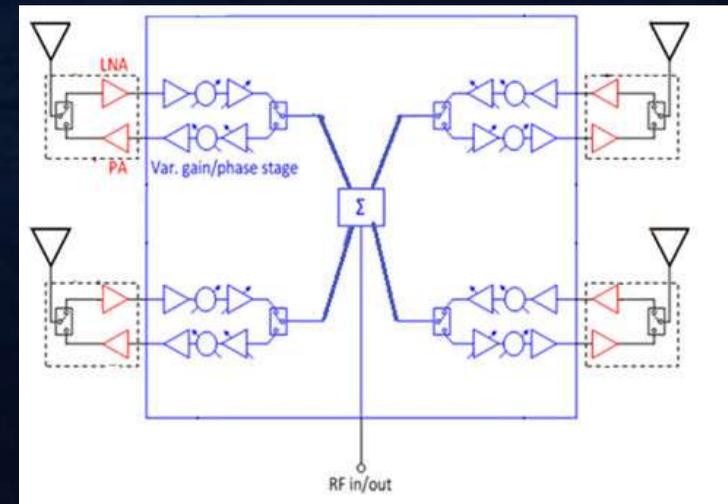
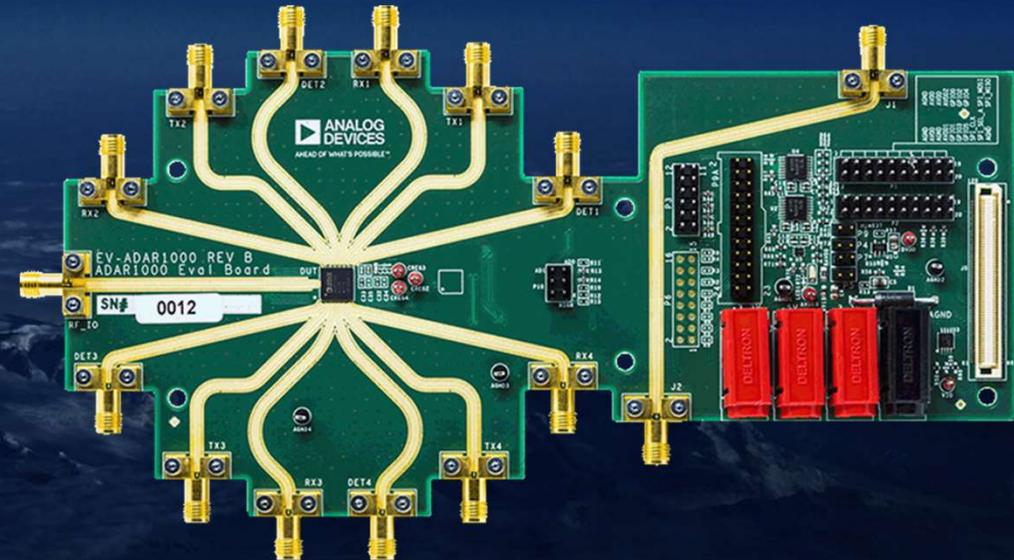
Beam Former Integrated Circuits (BFIC)

Phase shifters, Time Delay

Complete Designs Are Possible Today

Major Technology: Analog Beam Forming Integrated Circuits (BFIC)

- Analog BFIC Systems Now Available
 - Expanding Coverage
- Accelerate Time to Market
- Proven Reduction in Size and Power
- Analog Design Or Incorporate Transceivers for Hybrid Design
- Excellent Cost / Performance Ratio



Accelerating Development: Amplifiers / RF Modules / TR Modules

➤ Amplifiers

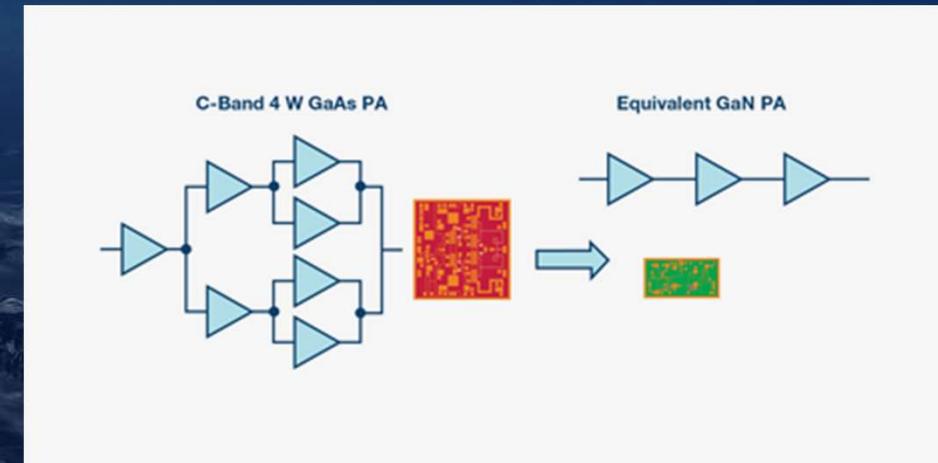
- Low Noise Amplifiers
- Power Amplifiers
- GaN and GaAs Advances Drive Improvements in Performance and Efficiencies

➤ Transmit Receive Modules (T/R Modules)

- Integrated Systems Matched to BFIC Systems

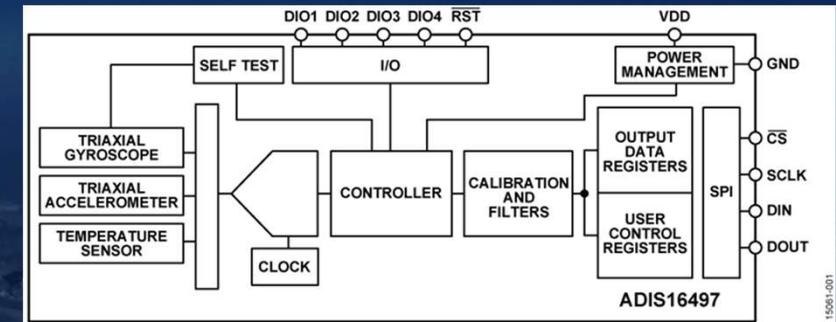
➤ Radio Frequency Modules

- Integration of Functionality
- Reducing Component Count
- Matched Systems



Accelerating Development: Stabilization and Pointing

- MEMS Gyroscopes
 - Augment Pointing
 - Yaw Sensors
- MEMS Accelerometers
 - Precision Motion Monitoring
 - Vibration and Movement Sensing
- MEMS Inertial Measurement Units
 - Attitude Sensing and Calibration
 - Complex Pointing and Geometries



Accelerating Development: Filters / Upconverters / Downconverters

➤ Filters

- Switching Filters
- Programmable Filters
- Complex Filters

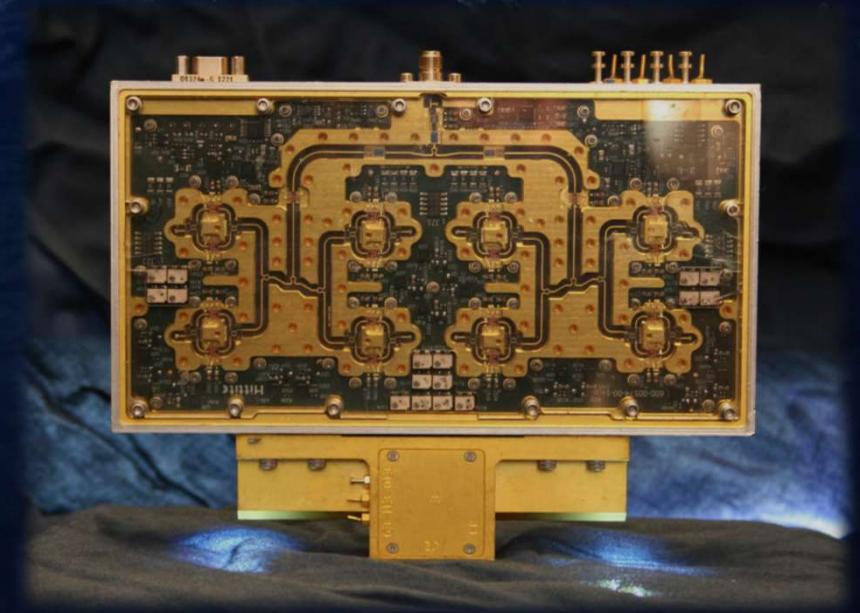
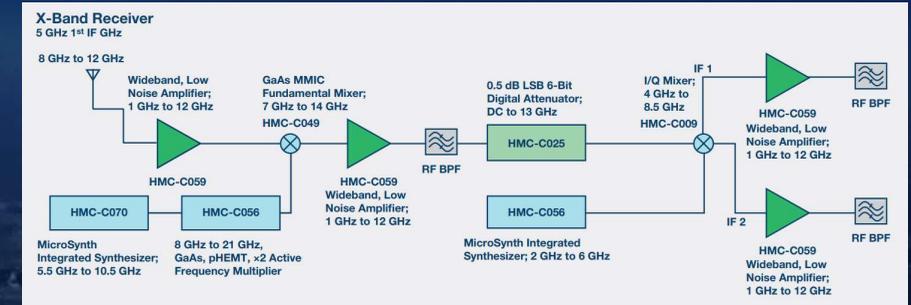
➤ Upconverters

➤ Downconverters

➤ Synthesizers

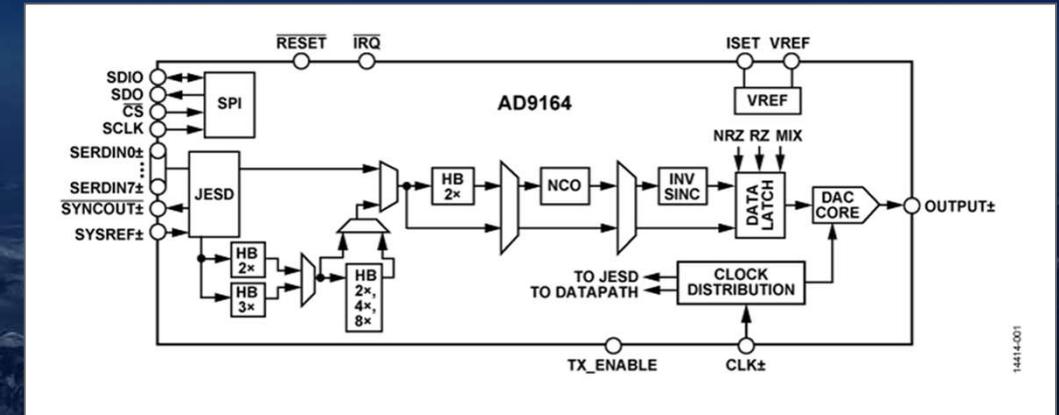
➤ Oscillators

➤ Mixers



Major Technology: High Speed Converters / Transceivers

- Digital to Analog Converters (DAC)
 - Higher Giga-Sample Per Second Converters
 - Allowing for Higher GHz Direct Beam Forming
- Analog to Digital Converters (ADC)
 - Moving Higher in Sample Rates
 - Enabling Direct Sampling Architectures
- Integrated Transceivers (TRx)
 - Fast Time to Market For Design
 - Direct Digital or Hybrid Designs



Accelerating Development: Smaller Geometries and Lower Power Densities

- Move Towards Smaller Geometries Drives Greater Efficiencies in Power
- Reduction in Both Die and Package Size
- Improvements in Decimation Decreasing Thermal Issues
- Analog to Digital Clocking Resolved



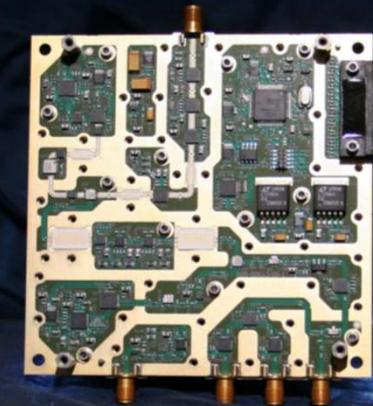
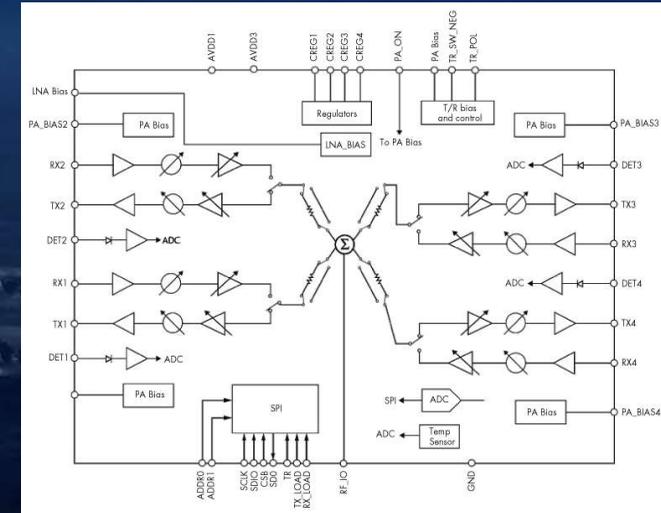
Accelerating Development: Packaging and Integration

➤ Modules and Subsystems

- Plastic and Hermetically Sealed RF Modules and Full Encapsulated Assemblies
- Feedback, Digital Predistortion, Gain Controls Can Be Integrated
- High Power RF Moving Into Communications

➤ Systems in Package / Package on Package

- Complete Functional Blocks Incorporated Into Single Packages
- High Performance and Matched RF Provided By The RF/mW Experts To Allow Products To Get to Market Faster



Accelerating Development: Conclusion

- The Past Five Years Have Seen Developments That Make Phased Array Available To All Markets
- Initially the Domain of The US Military – Rapid Movement into Enabling 5G Roll Out
- When Compared To Full Cost of Ownership For Functionality, Phased Array is Becoming The Preferred Investment

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