

Architecture for an Open Source Network Tester

NetFPGA

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The Problem

- Commercial Network Testers are:
 - Prohibitively expensive: >\$20,000 per 10GbE port
 - **Inflexible:** It's difficult to add new features
 - Closed and Proprietary: It's hard to test new protocols.

Our Goal

- Create a low-cost open-source network tester (OSNT).
 - NetFPGA seems a natural choice: <\$2000 for 4x10GbE ports
- Build a community of users who gradually improve OSNT for use in research and education.



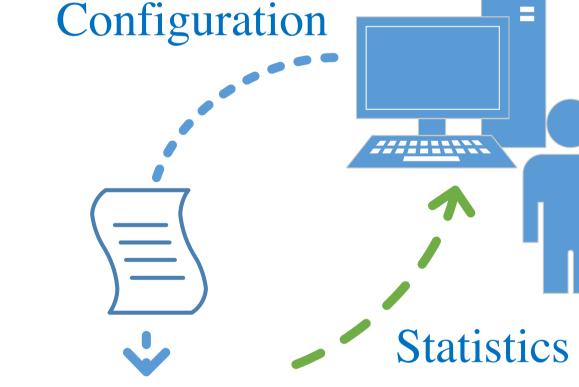
Why use OSNT?

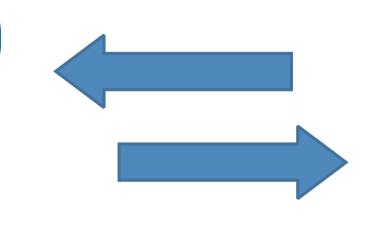
- A complete open-source solution from user-software through to hardware implementation.
- A flexible and extensible platform that permits validation and review of the entire network-testing life-cycle.



Network Elements (end-systems, routers, and switches)

Small-to-Large Scale Networks (enterprises, campus, datacenters, and WANs)





Synthetic Traffic



Enabling Features

- Line-rate packet processing
 - Traffic generation and monitoring
- End-to-End traffic measurements
 - Latency, throughput and jitter etc
- Adding custom features
 - Traffic models and protocols
- High precision timestamping and more

Operating Modes

- Default:
 - Pre-built traffic models (CBR, Poisson)
 - Pre-built protocol models (TCP/UDP)
- Custom:
 - User-defined traffic models (UDTM)
 - User-defined protocol models (UDPM)



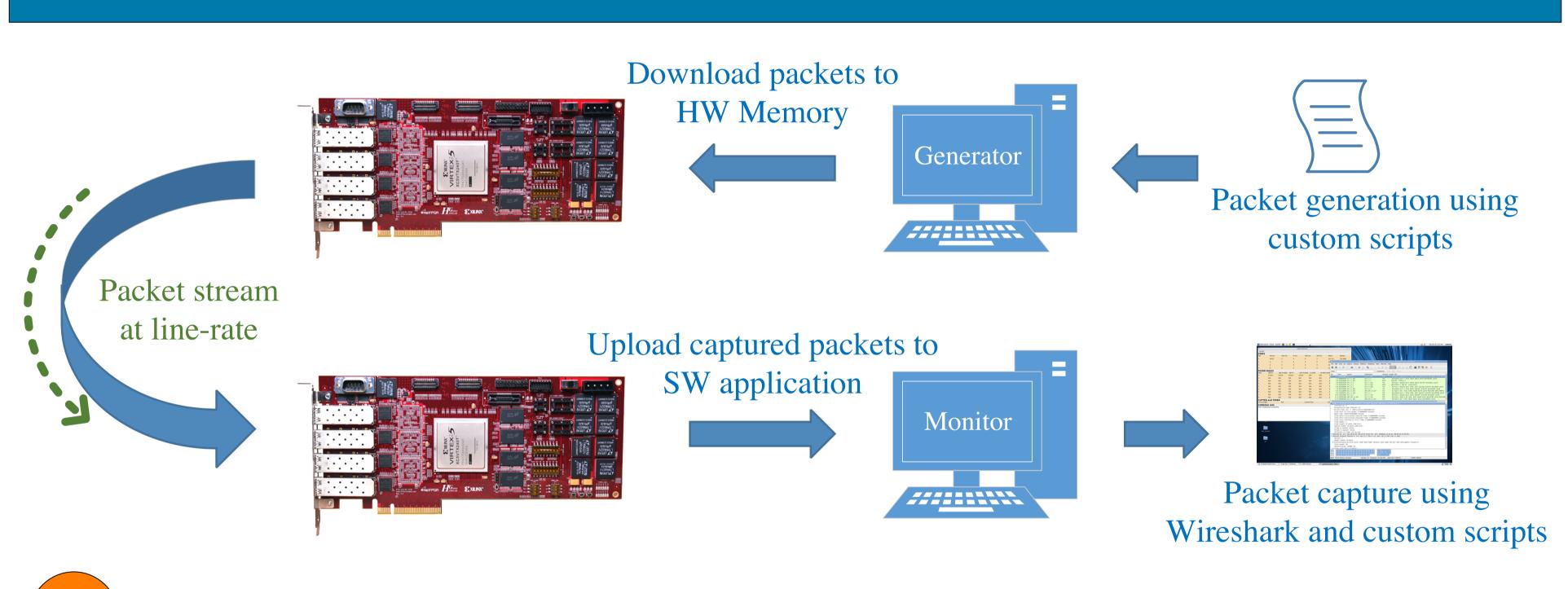
How can you participate?

- The code is available at https://github.com/NetFPGA/OSNT.
- Contribute to the project.
 - Get latest repository
 - Design and develop applications and add-ons!
 - Push back to the repository
- Disseminate your work to the world.

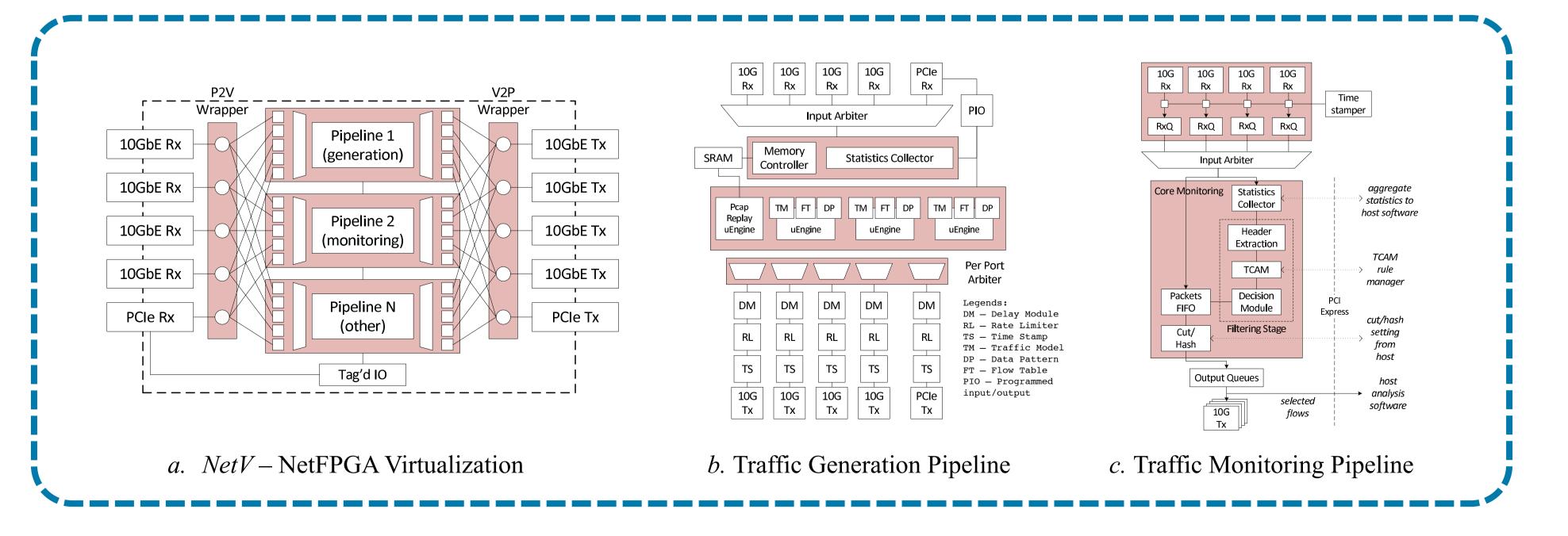


"Help build the open-source network testing community"

DEMO



Hardware Architecture















For more information: Visit us at: www.osnt.org. Public release coming soon!