

# Enabling the Orbital Internet: Scalable Hi-Rel Solutions for Boot, Storage and AI Processing

Paul Chopelas, General Manager, Aerospace & Defense  
Avalanche Technology

July 17, 2024  
Space Computing Conference  
Mountain View, CA



**avalanche**technology

# Agenda

Roadmap Update

Qualification and Ecosystem Update

Boot Solutions – Device Level

Enabled Platforms – Storage

Enabled Platforms – Board & Device

Enabled Platforms – AI/Processing in Space

Resources and Support

## Roadmap Update

Avalanche Technology

Products Resources Company Where to Buy

# Enabling the Orbital Internet

Boot Memory

Storage

AI Multi-Processing Architecture

1

2

3

Learn More

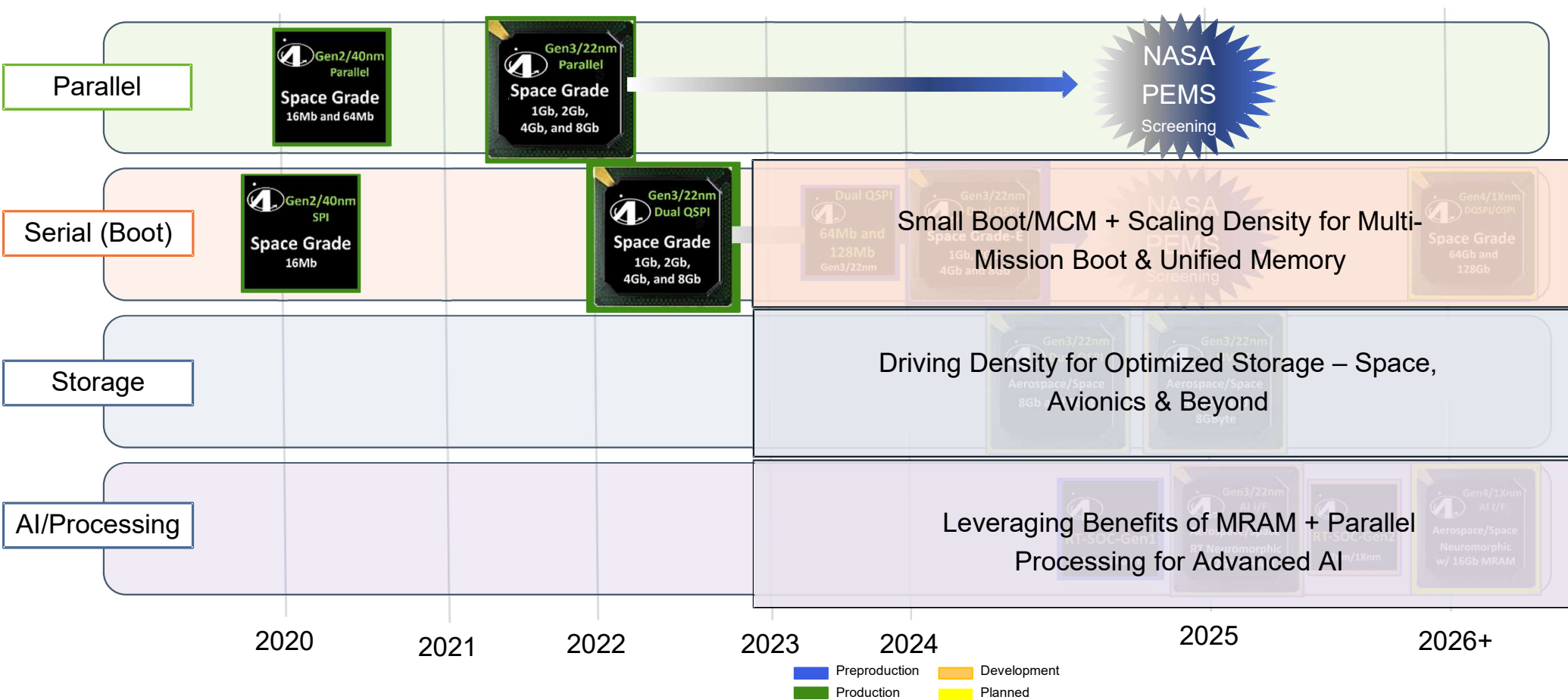
De-Risking Each Space Mission

Avalanche offers **the only reliable, scalable, and low power memory solutions** for satellites, rocket missions, and data centers in space.

Successful

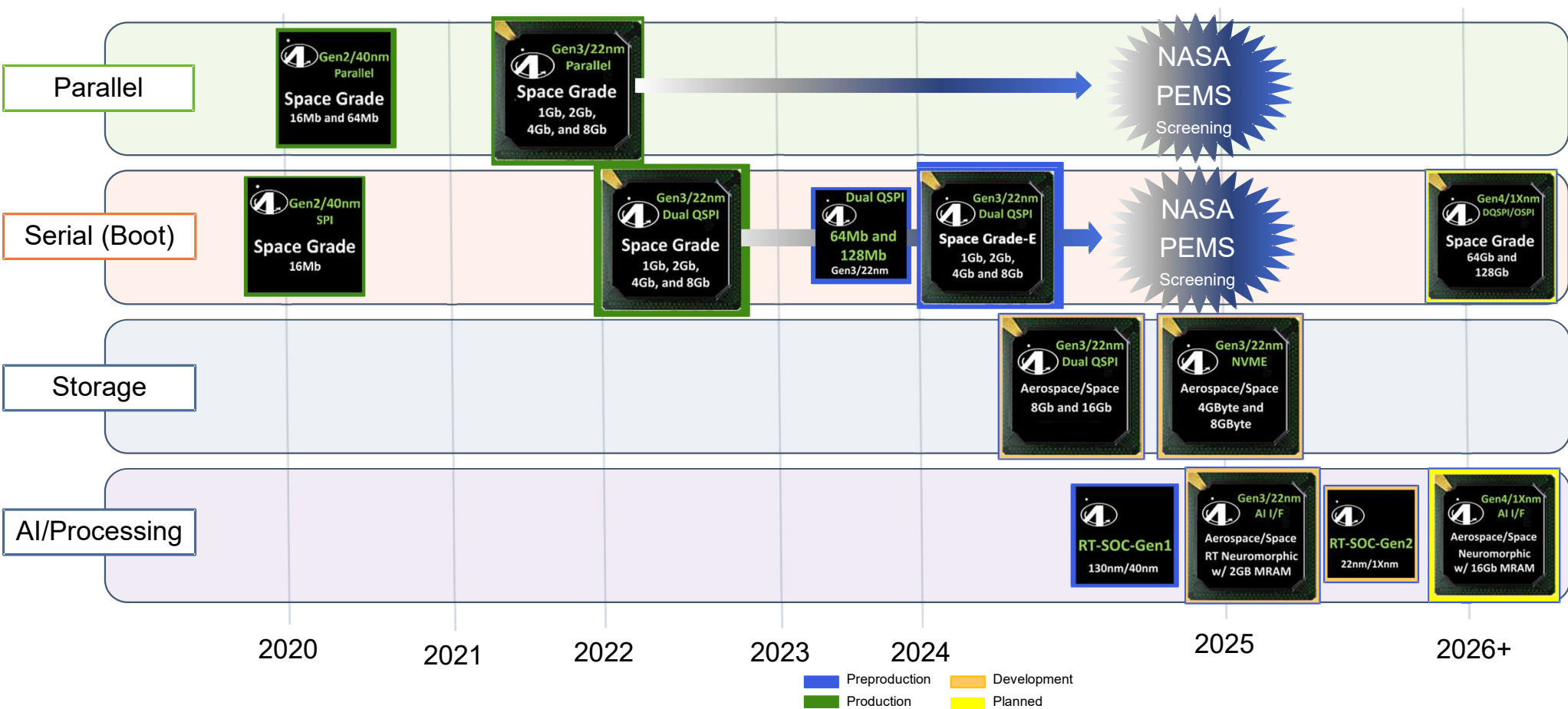
Boot Memory Storage AI Multi-

# Avalanche MRAM/Processing Product Roadmap

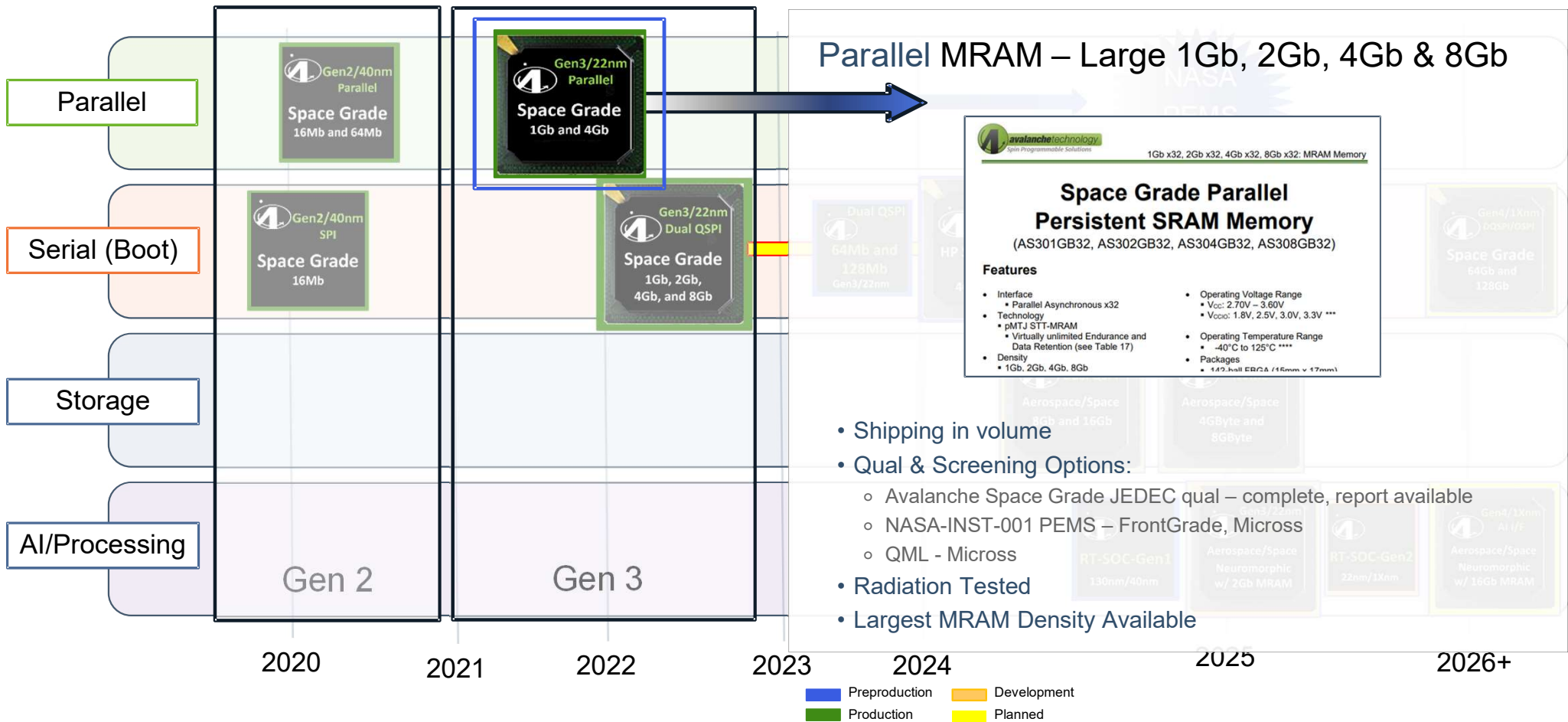




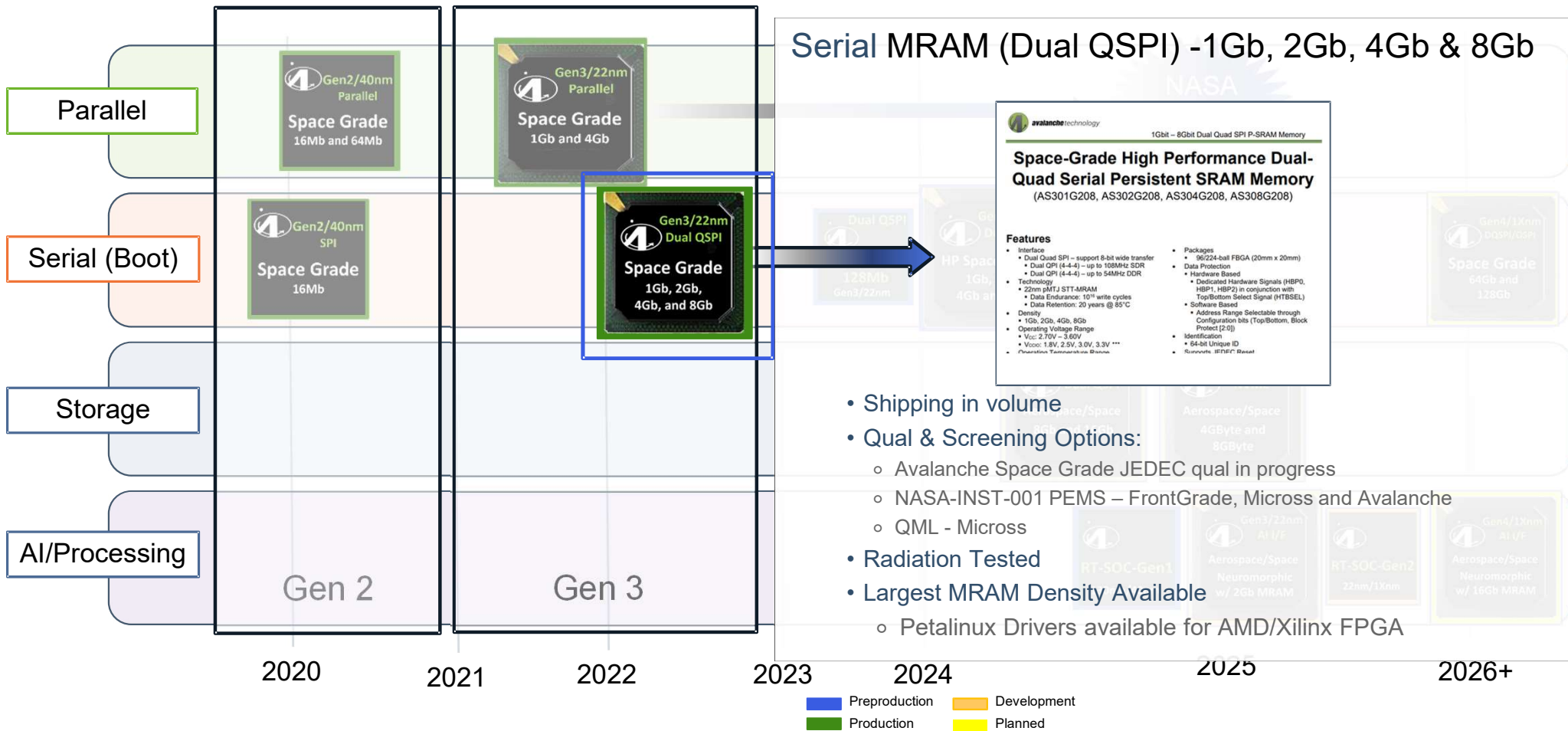
# Avalanche MRAM/Processing Product Roadmap



# Avalanche MRAM Solutions Available Today

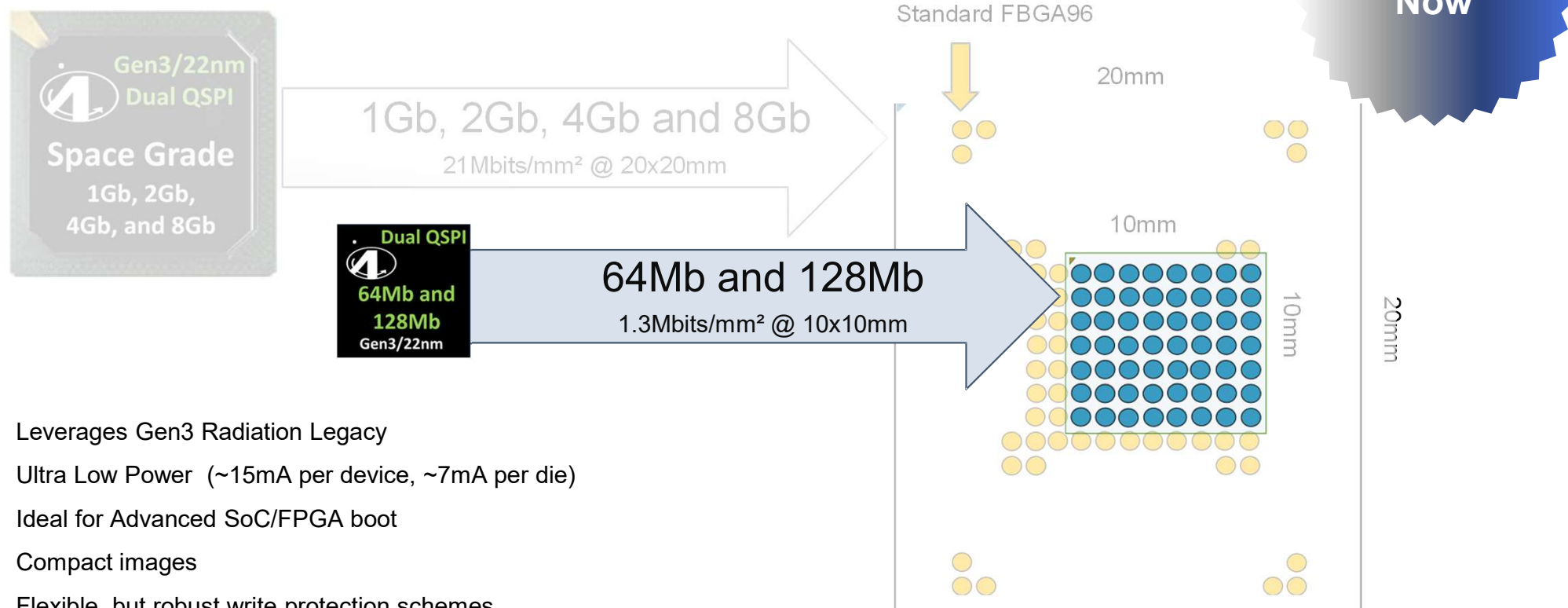


# Avalanche MRAM Solutions Available Today – Ideal for Configuration





## Low Density Serial (Dual QSPI) – 64Mb and 128Mb Gen3



Leverages Gen3 Radiation Legacy

Ultra Low Power (~15mA per device, ~7mA per die)

Ideal for Advanced SoC/FPGA boot

Compact images

Flexible, but robust write protection schemes

Single or Dual QSPI Interface

## Qualification and Ecosystem

## Powered by Avalanche – MRAM Device Ecosystem



Industrial Grade  
Space Grade  
PEMS (with DPACI)












Space Grade  
QED, PEMS, and RadHard  
30-year Hi-Rel Qual Heritage  
Plastic, Die, Hermetic, and MCM



Space Grade  
QED, PEMS, and RadHard  
Standard and Custom  
30-year Qual Heritage

## Powered by Avalanche - Qual & Screening Ecosystem Options

Three Suppliers			Three Qual Levels			
<div> avalanche technology</div> <div> microcross®</div> <div></div>			<div>Space Grade</div> <div> NASA</div> <div>PEM-INST-001</div> <div>QML-Q</div> <div>QML-V</div> <div>QML-P</div>			
Packaging	Plastic Encapsulated					Hermetic, Ceramic, MCM
Qual Level	JESD-471	NASA PEMS			QML	
Vendor	 avalanche technology	 avalanche technology		 microcross® <small>one source. one solution.™</small>	 microcross® <small>one source. one solution.™</small>	
Product Family	Space Grade	QED Series	UT8MRQ Series	QED Series	Multiple	
Avalanche MRAM Generation	Gen3	Gen3	Gen3	Gen2 & Gen3	Gen2 & Gen3	
Comments	Representative radiation reports only.	The exact same packaged device, custom marked to vendor; each responsible for their own Qual & Screening flow. Datasheet of origin is Avalanche.			Multiple package, screening & radiation options for each	
Space Grade-E Parallel & DQSPI	TID	100kRad	100kRad	100kRad	300kRad	
	SEE	75MeV	75MeV	75MeV	75MeV	
Space Grade Parallel & DQSPI	TID	75kRad	75kRad	75kRad	75kRad	
	SEE	≤37MeV	≤37MeV	37MeV	37MeV	
ITAR	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	

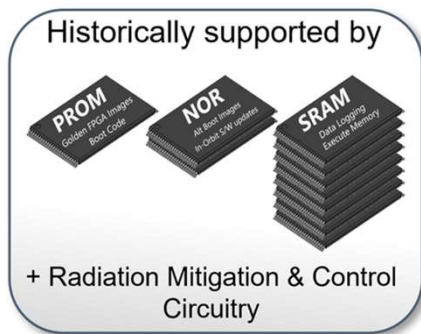
## Boot Solutions - Device Level



# Enabled Booting and nvStorage for AMD/Xilinx Devices

## SW-Defined Platforms for Space – Respond to Threats in Real Time

### Support Resources Available



Now



Family	Petalinux Support				Fabric Only No O/S
	23.2	23.1	22.2	22.1	
Versal	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ultrascale+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ultrascale	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

<https://www.avalanche-technology.com/support/development-kits/>

### Gen 3 Space Grade Dual QSPI P-SRAM™ Kit for Xilinx



**Development Kit:**  
[Download the User Guide](#)  
[Download the Sample Code](#)  
[Xilinx/AMD Versal Boot Linux Drivers](#)

**Reference Design:**  
[Download the Schematic, Board Layout, Gerber, BOMs](#)

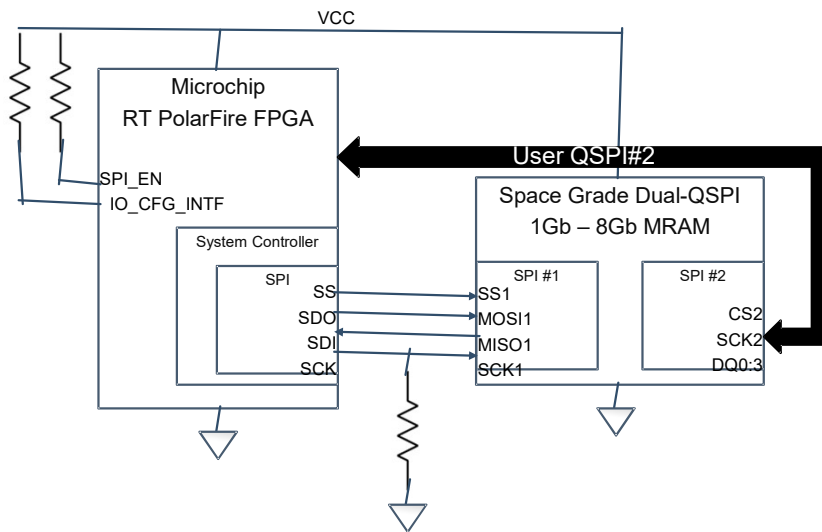
**Orderable Part Numbers:**  
 Kit: AK30X208XILCCSOC  
 Socket: ABGA96-1-20x20

No redundancy, mitigation or control needed

Dramatically simplified hw & sw architecture, rapid boot

In Orbit FOTA support: multi-mission adaptability ENABLED

## Enabled auto-updating RT PolarFire's on-board Flash



### Auto-updating RT PolarFire FPGAs w/MRAM

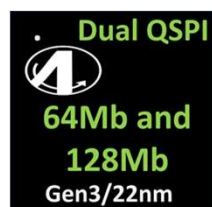
RT PolarFire use SFDP [Serial Flash Discoverable Parameters]. Part of the JESD216 standard.

Avalanche DQSPI MRAMs do not support SFDP.

However, Avalanche DQSPI MRAMs have successfully auto-updated the RT PolarFire's on-board flash using its extended address register.

App note will be available in July 2024

## Mini-Boot: Low Density Serial (Dual QSPI) – 64Mb and 128Mb Gen3

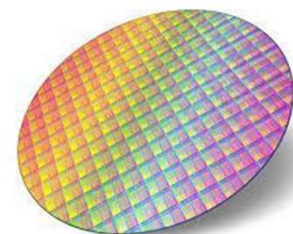
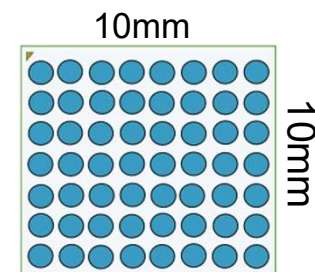


Gen 3 Devices  
Sampling 2Q24

64Mb and 128Mb  
1.3Mbits/mm<sup>2</sup> @ 10x10mm

Gen 3 Die Form  
Sampling 3Q24

	AV64M	
	X (um)	Y (um)
Die Size (W/O Scribe)	5118.03	3974.04
Scribe (80um)	80	80
Die Size (W/ 80u Scribe)	5198.03	4054.04



Leverages Gen3 Radiation Legacy

Ultra Low Power (~15mA per device, ~7mA per die)

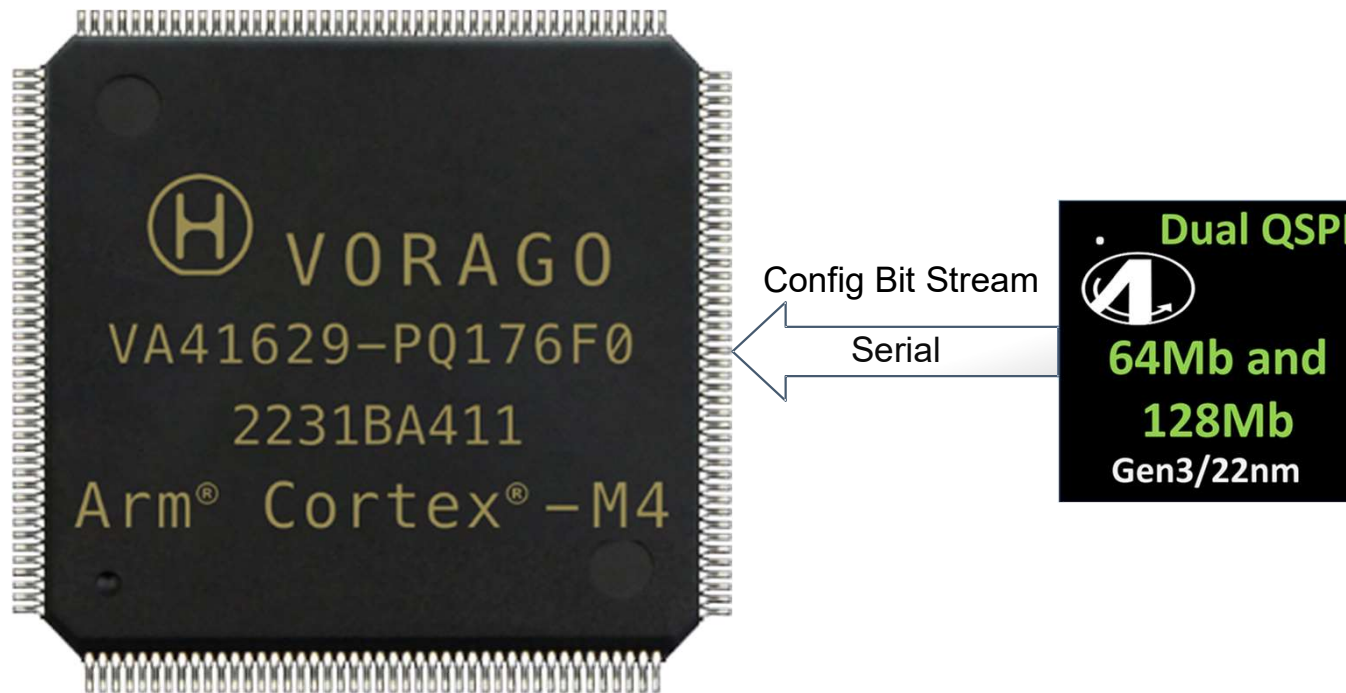
Ideal for Advanced SoC/FPGA boot

Compact images

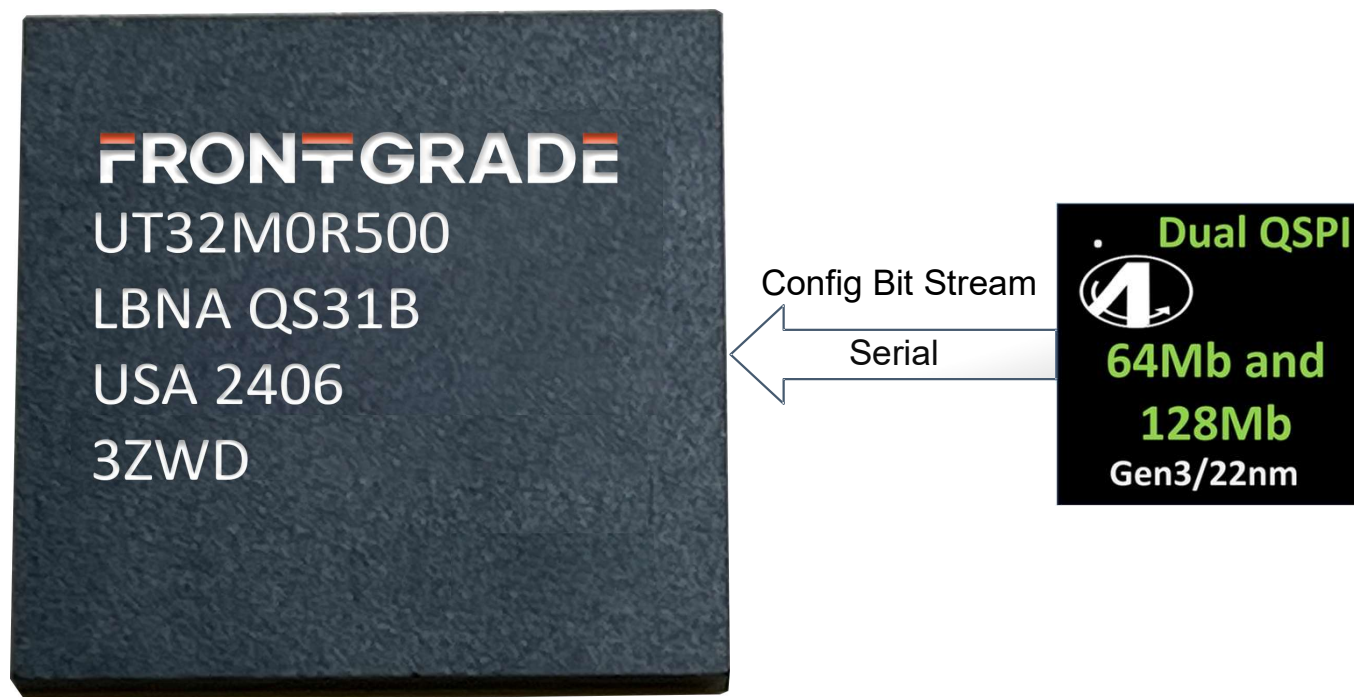
Flexible, but robust write protection schemes

Single or Dual QSPI Interface

## Enabling Booting for Vorago ARM-M4 Series Family SoCs

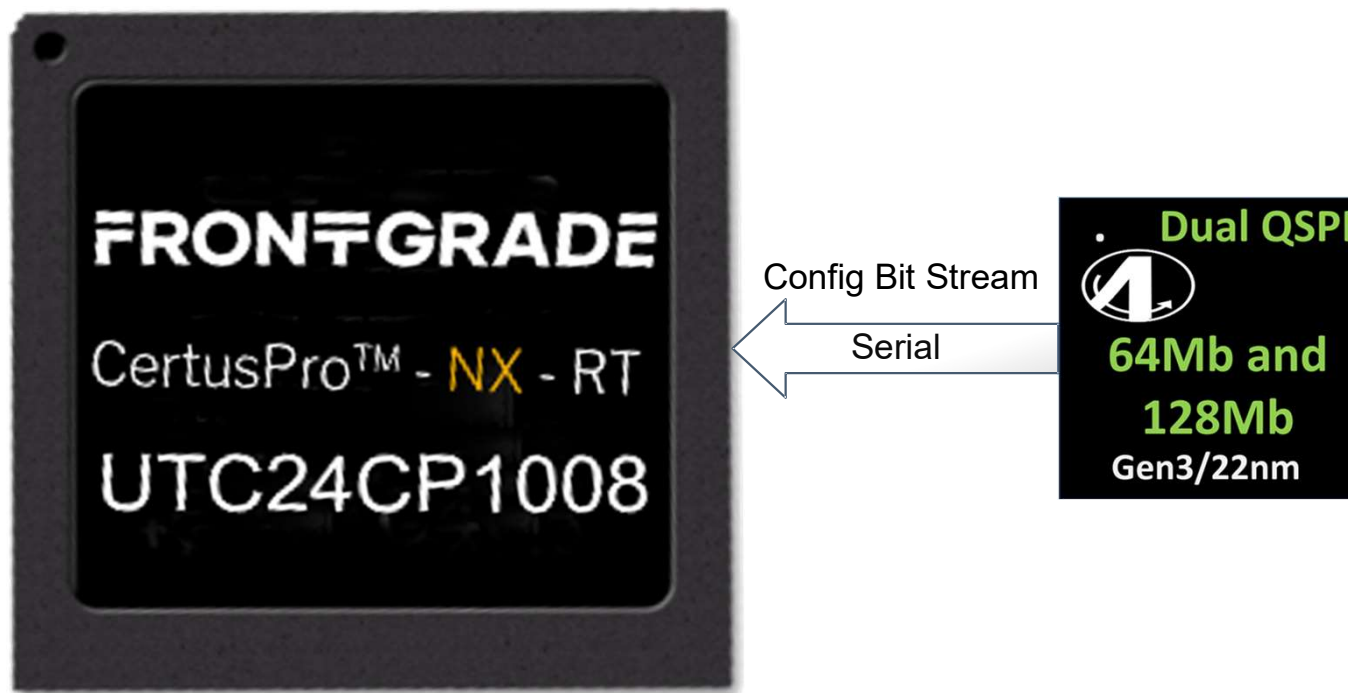


## Enabling Booting for Frontgrade UT32M0R500 SoC

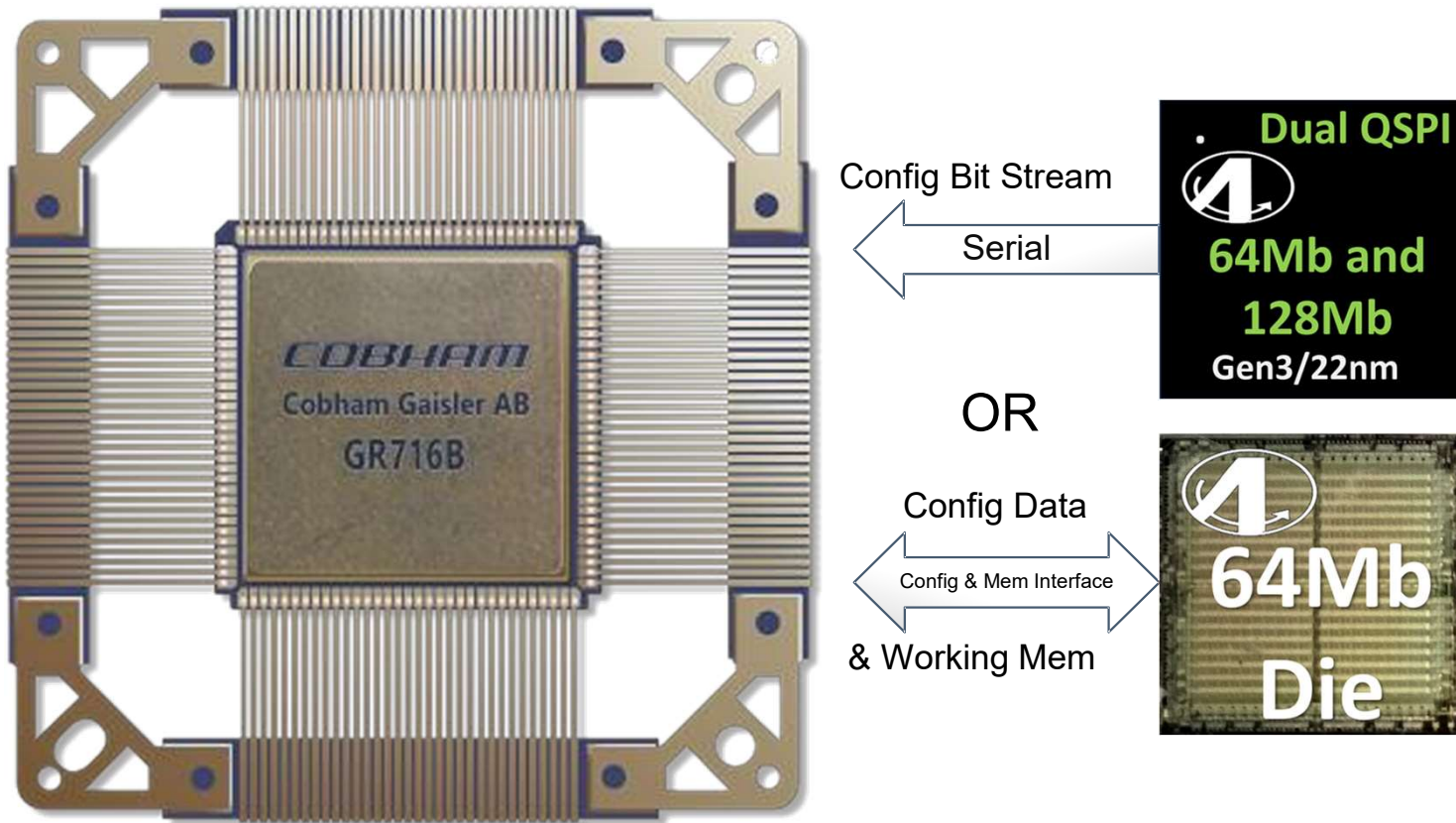




## Enabling Booting for Frontgrade/Lattice CertusPro FPGAs



## Enabling Booting & Working Memory for Gaisler GR716 LEON3FT Processor

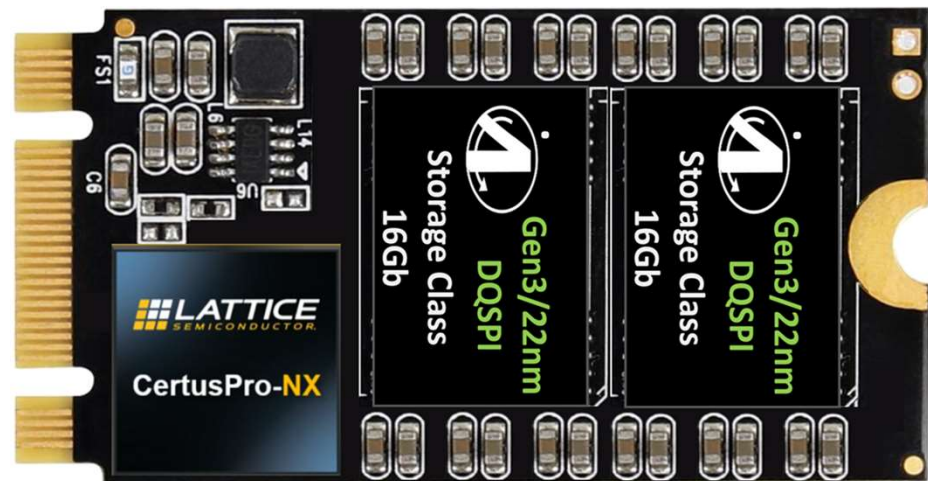


## Enabled Platforms - Storage

## Avionics and Space Grade Storage Class Products



16Gb MRAM Single Chip

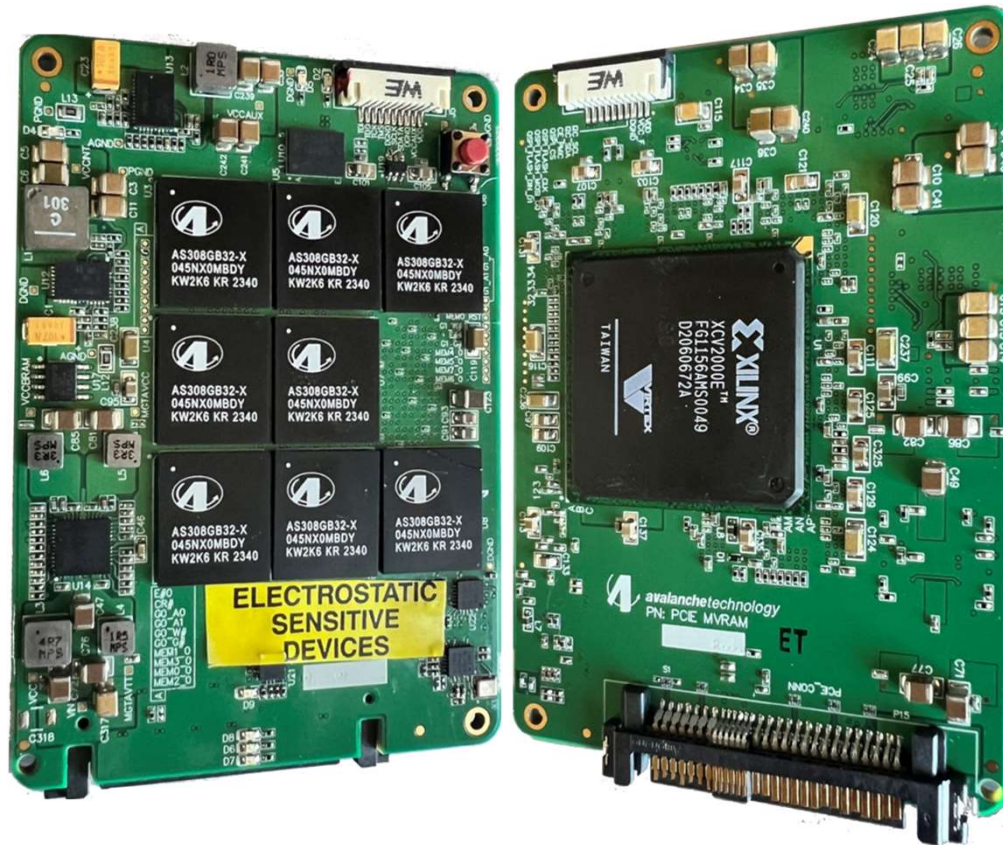


M.2 64Gb (8Gbyte) MRAM Module

EM configuration uses standard M.2 connector

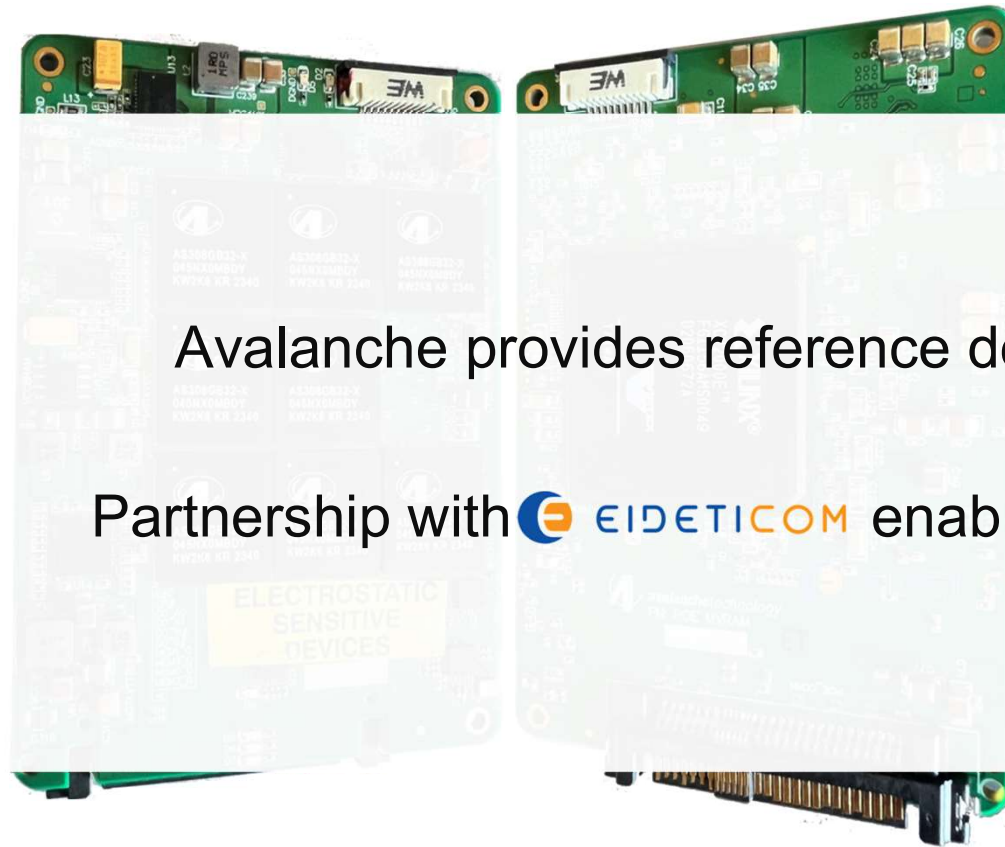
Ruggedized modules use BGA mounting style

## Enabling the driver for Storage Solutions in Space





## Enabling the driver for Storage Solutions in Space



Avalanche provides reference design with low level drivers

Partnership with  EIDETICON enabled plug and play NVMe stack





enabled 8Gbyte MRAM Data Buffer

8GByte All MRAM Data Buffer

Licensed NVMe stack from  EIDETICOM

AI Memory: Xilinx KU060 FPGA supports data operations:

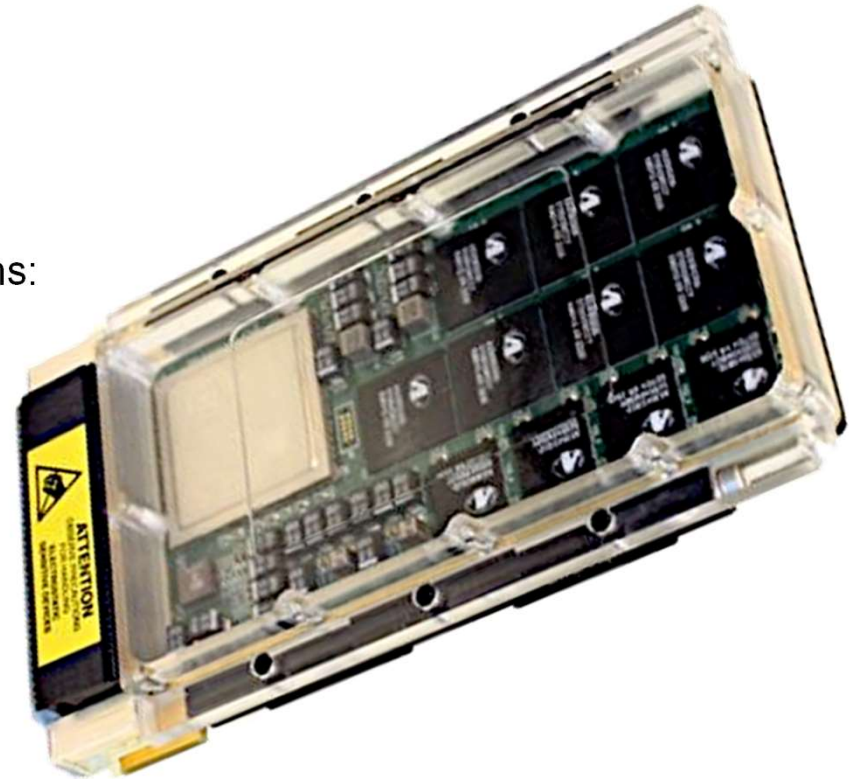
- Compression, Cyber Security, Parameter Extraction, etc.

High performance SSD

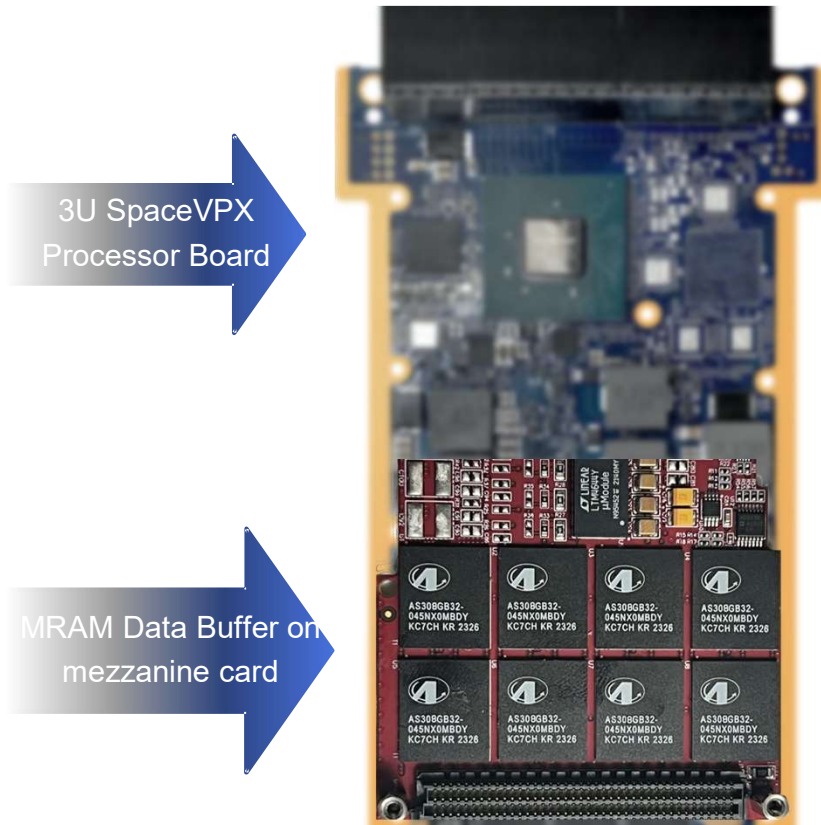
$10^{16}$  Write Cycle Endurance

Low power

3U VPX



## enabled 8Gbyte Customizable Mezzanine Card



### **MRAM 8GByte Cache daughter card**

- Utilizes existing Xilinx Zynq board

### **Hi-Rel 3U VPX board based on Agilex-5**

- Plan to make FMC compatible with MRAM Cache card

### **Radiation Circumvented 3U VPX board**

- TSS developing PDDIC that detects, circumvents, and recovers from a radiation event
- Uses the Agilex-5



# mercury enabled Hybrid (MRAM+NAND) SpaceDrives

## In Development

Quadrium 3U VPX Rad-Tolerant, Mini-SpaceDrive  
Multi-Host, 350 GBytes NAND, 120 MBytes MRAM  
3.2 Gbit/s, Parallel, Octal SPI, SpaceFibre

Models: RH3350NM65-000101-01

- Rad-Tolerant non-volatile storage: 350 GBytes NAND plus 120 MBytes MRAM
- Triple-Redundancy for host Data and Internal ECC bytes. Four, 8-bit, ECC corrections every 16 bytes of data
- Lesser screened, plastic RTG4 FPGA to enable cost sensitive NewSpace applications
- Rad-Tolerant, by design. All components except NAND.
- SpaceVPX compatible, 3U VPX form-factor, single 5V supply
- Lower cost, lower speed, implementation of Mercury's popular SpaceDrive product
- Multi-Host operation. Up to 6 hosts using Parallel, Octal SPI and SpaceFibre interfaces

The RMS350 is the first in a series of lower cost, radiation tolerant, NAND storage devices based on Mercury's popular SpaceDrive product. Using the latest generation of TLC NAND in SLC mode, the RH3350 is ideal for implementing high-reliability non-volatile storage in lower-cost applications requiring radiation tolerance.

Space grade reliability is accomplished using Rad-Tolerant, by-design components (except NAND), 3 copies of host and Reed Solomon data. To better enable lower cost NewSpace applications, lesser screened versions of true RT-by-design components are utilized. A full screened Premium version is available by special order.

The RMS350 replaces the cumbersome NAND flash command set and interface with flexible Parallel, SPI and SpaceFibre interfaces. Interfaces can be used together allowing multi-host operation. The full storage capacity is accessible by up to 6 hosts. Commands issued by interfaces are serviced based on bus ownership. Numerous status registers allow monitoring product health including PE counts, Retired Blocks, Spare Blocks, ECC errors and more. The RMS350 implements a deterministic corruption-free shutdown process with an optional external capacitor to supply a

mercury

## In Development

Quadrium Rad-Tolerant, Triple Redundant, Mini-SpaceDrive  
Multi-host, 350 GBytes NAND, 120 MBytes MRAM  
3.2 Gbit/s, 120 pin Quad Plastic Package

Models: RMS350NM65-000101-01

- Rad-Tolerant non-volatile storage: 350 GBytes NAND plus 120 MBytes of MRAM
- Triple-Redundancy for Data and ECC bytes. Four, 8-bit, ECC corrections every 16 bytes of data
- Lesser screened RTG4 FPGA to better enable cost sensitive NewSpace applications
- Rad-Tolerant, by design. All components except NAND.
- Compact solder down form-factor, single 5V supply
- Lower cost implementation of Mercury's popular SpaceDrive product
- Multi-Host operation. Up to 6 hosts using Parallel, Octal SPI, SpaceFibre interfaces

The RMS350 is the first in a series of small form-factor radiation tolerant NAND storage devices based on Mercury's popular SpaceDrive (SSDR) product and packaged in a solder-down form-factor. Using the Micron B27C TLC NAND device in SLC mode, the RMS350 is ideal for implementing high-reliability non-volatile storage in lower-cost applications that require radiation tolerance. Space grade reliability is accomplished using Rad-Tolerant, by-design components (except NAND), and 3 copies of host and Reed Solomon data. To better enable lower cost NewSpace applications, lesser screened versions of true RT-by-design components are utilized. A full screened Premium version is available by special order.

The RMS350 replaces the cumbersome NAND command set and interface with flexible Parallel, Octal SPI, and SpaceFibre interfaces. Interfaces can be used together allowing multi-host operation. The full storage capacity is accessible by up to 6 hosts. Commands issued by interfaces are serviced based on bus ownership and order received. Numerous status registers allow monitoring product health including PE counts, Retired Blocks, Spare Blocks, ECC errors and more. The RMS350 implements a deterministic, corruption-free shutdown process with an optional external capacitor to supply a

- NAND/MRAM SEE mitigation
  - Optional power cycle protection
  - Physical X,Y placement
- Data reliability:
  - Triple redundant Host Data
  - Four 8-bit corrections per 16 bytes of data
  - Automatic retirement
  - PE cycle tracking for a
- Performance (up to 400 MB/s)
  - One 32-bit parallel interface
  - Two 16-bit parallel interfaces
  - Four 8-bit parallel interfaces
  - Octal SPI interface
  - SpaceFibre interfaces
- NAND endurance:
  - Minimum 60,000 drive cycles
  - Total Bytes Written (TBW) 100 TB
  - Up to 32 full drive overwrites
  - 1-month retention at 100°C
  - Host capacity is consistent

mercury

## CONCEPT

Rad-Tolerant 6U VPX 100 Gbit/s Quad-Host SpaceDrive  
Host Capacity of 22 TB NAND plus 400 MBytes MRAM  
PCIe and mFAST interface options

Models: RH622TNM65-000122-01 (22 TB EDU), RH622TNM65-000122-02 (22 TB Flight unit)

mercury



- Radiation-tolerant storage for space and commercial applications with potential for radiation exposure
- 22 TB using 3D TLC NAND in SLC mode (60K PE cycles)
- 400 Mbytes of general purpose MRAM (100 MB/s)
- 6U VITA 78, 220mm (SpaceVPX compatible) form-factor
- Rad-Tolerant components
- Single 5V supply

The RH622T is the second product in the Mercury's SpaceMax series of radiation tolerant SpaceDrives. Designed to maximize both performance and capacity, the RH622T supports a raw data rate of 160 Gbps and a sustained host data throughput of 100 Gbps/s. This represents a 5.5X improvement in performance and a 4.8X increase in capacity compared to the Boron 4.5TB SpaceDrive.

Like all members of the SpaceMax series, the RH622T utilizes the latest generation of 3D TLC NAND running in SLC mode. Host capacity remains constant across the entire life through use of very strong error correction and more than 16% of additional capacity dedicated to spare blocks. To keep power consumption low, the RH622T utilizes multiple low power PolarFire FPGAs operating in parallel. Each PolarFire manages 25% of the capacity using four 10-Gbps SERDES Lanes per PolarFire. A single host can control the entire capacity, or four hosts can each control 25% of the capacity independent from the other 75% of the capacity.

Designed for fault-tolerance with multiple failed NAND devices, the RH622T SpaceDrive is the world's fastest and most reliable nonvolatile VPX storage device and is ideal for applications where full-time availability and high reliability are requirements.

- Radiation-tolerant design details:
  - NAND: Micron B27C die, PEM, TID >30 krad. Screened to EEE-INST-002
  - MRAM: Avalanche Gen3, 100 krad/TID, SEE >LET 45 MeV.cm2/mg
  - TMR of critical logic: 1.2V I/Os for best SEL tolerance.
  - Total Ionizing dose (TID) >100 krad
  - Configuration upsets immunity to LET >80 MeV.cm2/mg
  - Single-event latch-up (SEL) immunity to LET >80 MeV.cm2/mg
  - Registers SEU rate <10-12 errors/bit-day (GEO Solar Min)
  - SET upset rate <10-8 errors/bit-day (GEO Solar Min)
  - All other devices: Radiation Tolerant, by design, to >100K rad
- VPX connectors:
  - Guide block key is adjustable and ships in the 0° position
  - Smith's KVXP Series: 500 mate/unmated cycles
  - TE connectivity MultiGigRT 2-R Series: 500 mate/unmated cycles
- Operating modes: Linear and Host Addressable
  - Linear Mode: Sequential data recording (Data recorder mode)
  - Host Addressable mode: operations on individual NAND blocks
  - Random SuperPage read operations: Both modes.
  - SuperPage size: 294,912 (per Port), 1,179,648 (4-Port mode)
  - SuperBlock size: 339,738,624 (per Port), 1,358,954,496 (4-Port mode)
  - UltraBlock size: 5,435,817,984 (per Port), 21,743,271,936 (4-Port mode), 1024 UltraBlocks

## Enabled Platforms - Board & Device



# Advanced Boot Solutions Enabling SW-Defined Platforms

Avalanche Technology Announces Support for NASA PEMS Qualification and Screening



Avalanche Technology Selected to Support Mercury's First Space-Qualified Processing Board Using AMD's Xilinx Versal AI Core



In response to unprecedented demand for extended qualification and screening solutions, particularly NASA PEMS INST-0001.

FREMONT, CA, April 8, 2024 — Avalanche Technology, the leader in next generation MRAM technology, announced today the launch of a new product derivative to address the growing demand from the aerospace and defense community for extended qualification and screening solutions, particularly NASA PEMS INST-0001.

Leveraging Avalanche's Gen 3 Space Grade MRAM products being broadly adopted by the defense industrial base and commercial space customers, the new pin compatible PEMS qualified and screened versions of the popular Dual QSPI MRAMs will roll out mid-year.

FREMONT, Calif., Nov. 8, 2023 /PRNewswire/ — Avalanche Technology, the leader in next generation MRAM technology, announced today that its Persistent-SRAM (P-SRAM) products were selected by Mercury Systems for the new SCFE6933, a next-generation processor board that will enable fast processing of data in orbit. The high-density 8Gb DQSPI Space Grade Persistent SRAM with further scalability is the ideal companion to the AMD (Xilinx) Versal Adaptive SoC platform that is feature rich and scalable.

## Enabled Platforms – AI/Processing in Space



enabled 8Gbyte MRAM Data Buffer

8GByte All MRAM Data Buffer

Licensed NVMe stack from  EIDETICOM

AI Memory: Xilinx KU060 FPGA supports

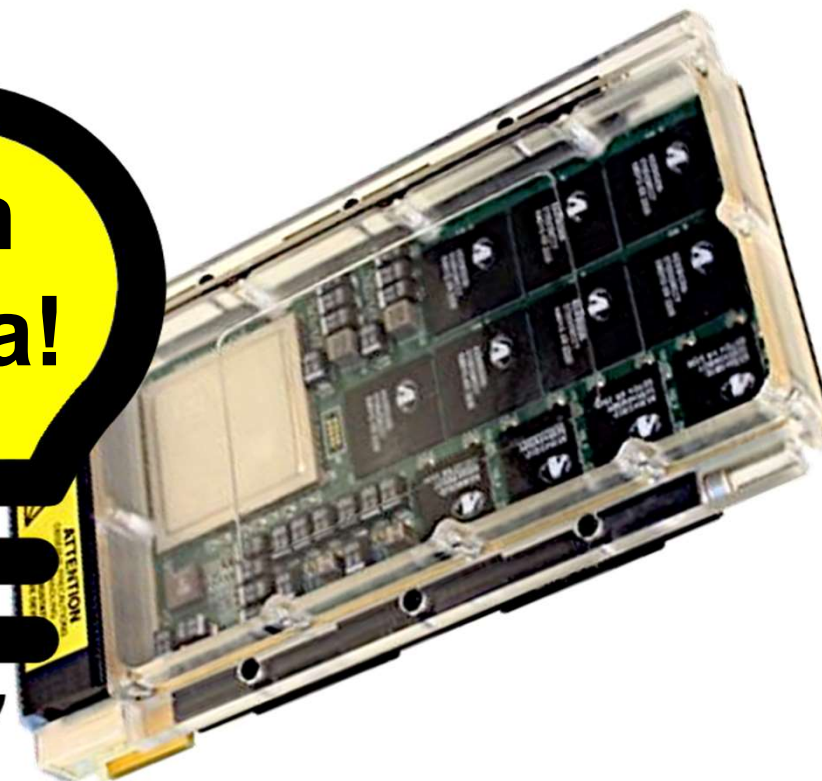
- Compression, Cyber Security, Parameter Extra

High performance SSD

$10^{16}$  Write Cycle Endurance

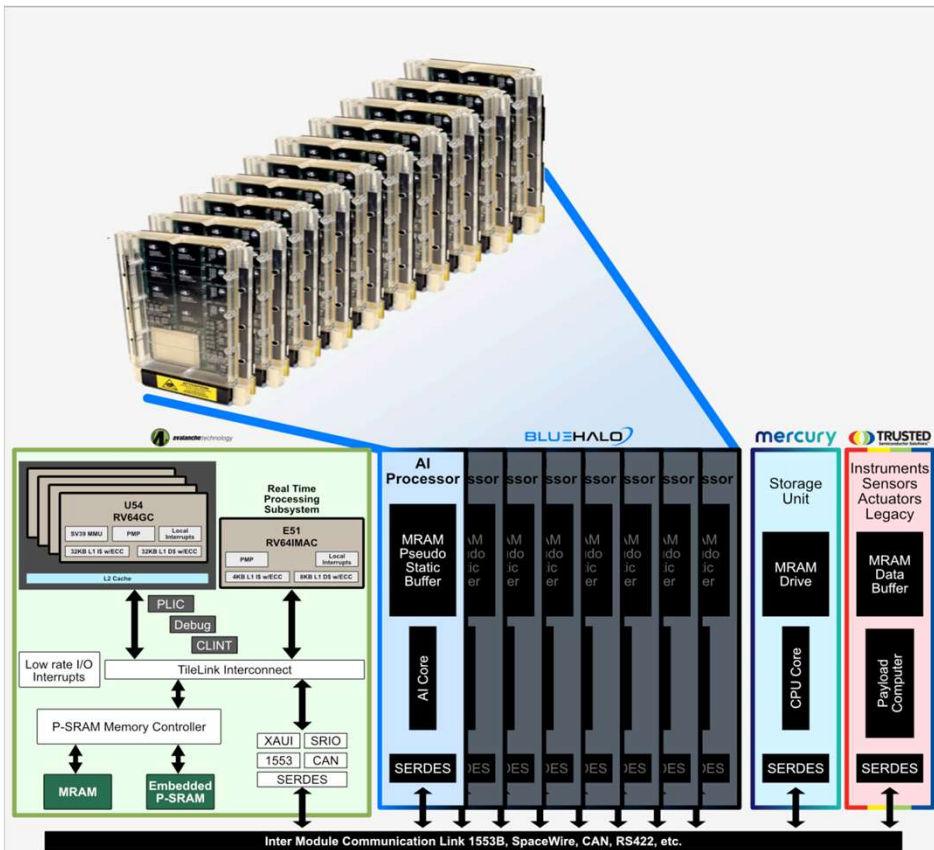
Low power

3U VPX





enabled Big Data Processing in Space



- Infinite write endurance allows in-place processing
- Data is pseudo-static
- Program algorithm cyclically changes to perform different stages of processing
- Move the program, not the data



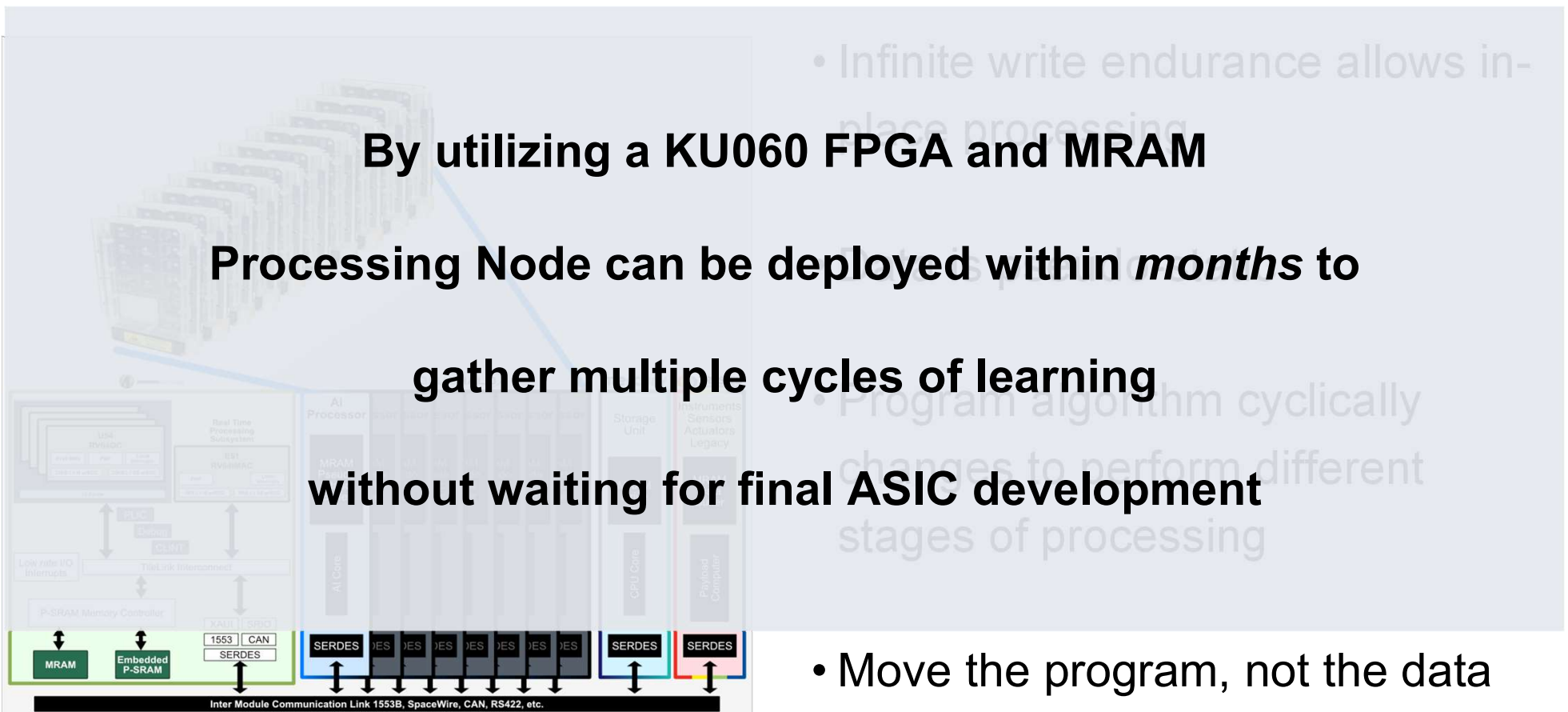
enabled Big Data Processing in Space

By utilizing a KU060 FPGA and MRAM

Processing Node can be deployed within *months* to

gather multiple cycles of learning

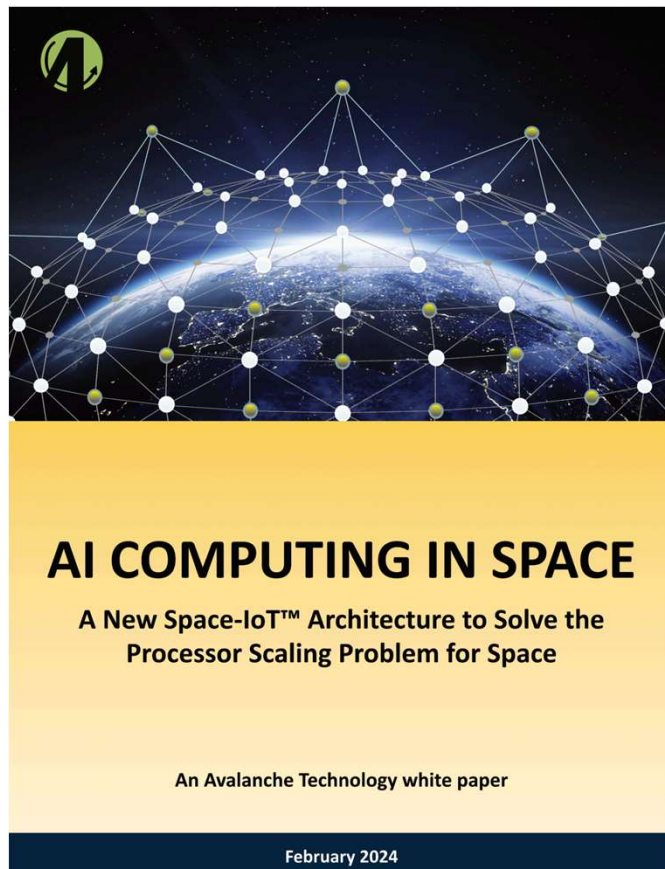
without waiting for final ASIC development



- Move the program, not the data

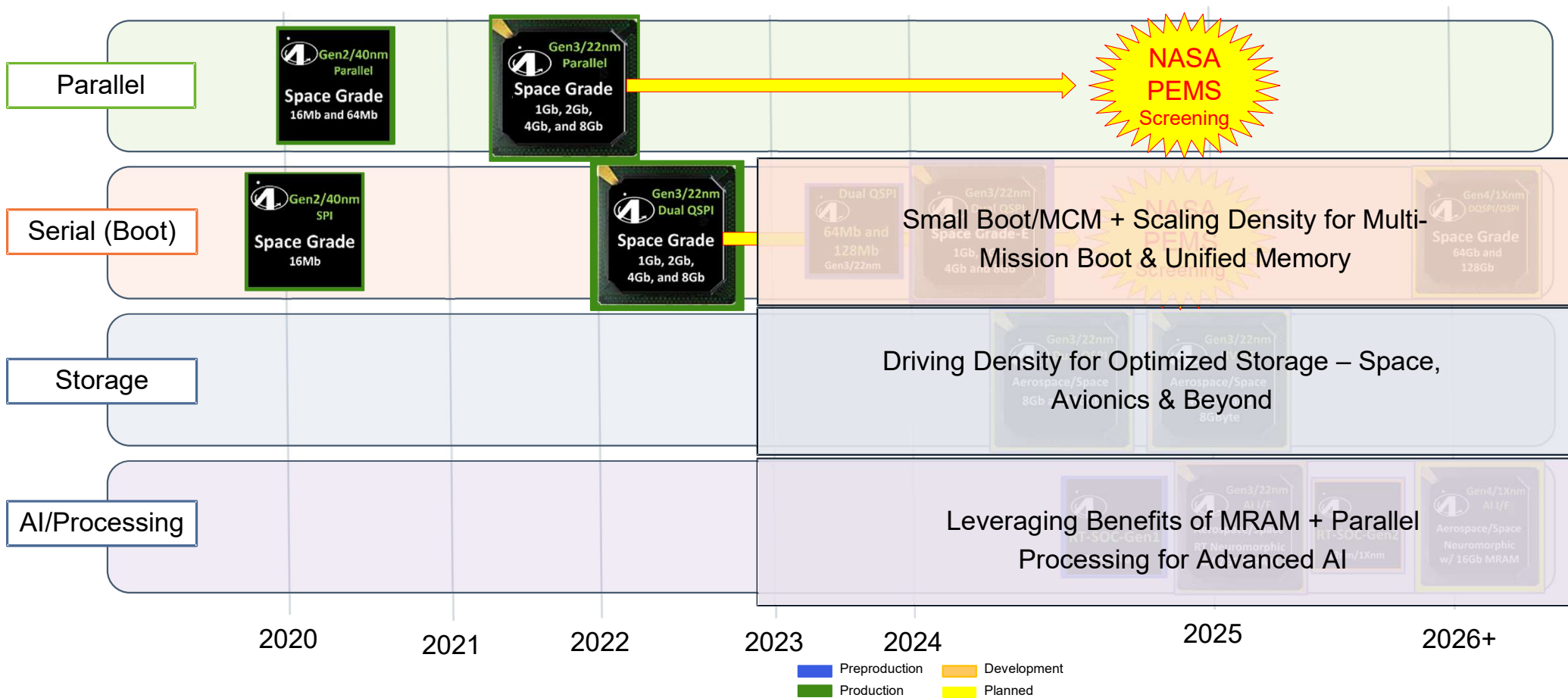


“AI white paper” + “AFRL – Intrepid Call” ➔ New Roadmap Vector

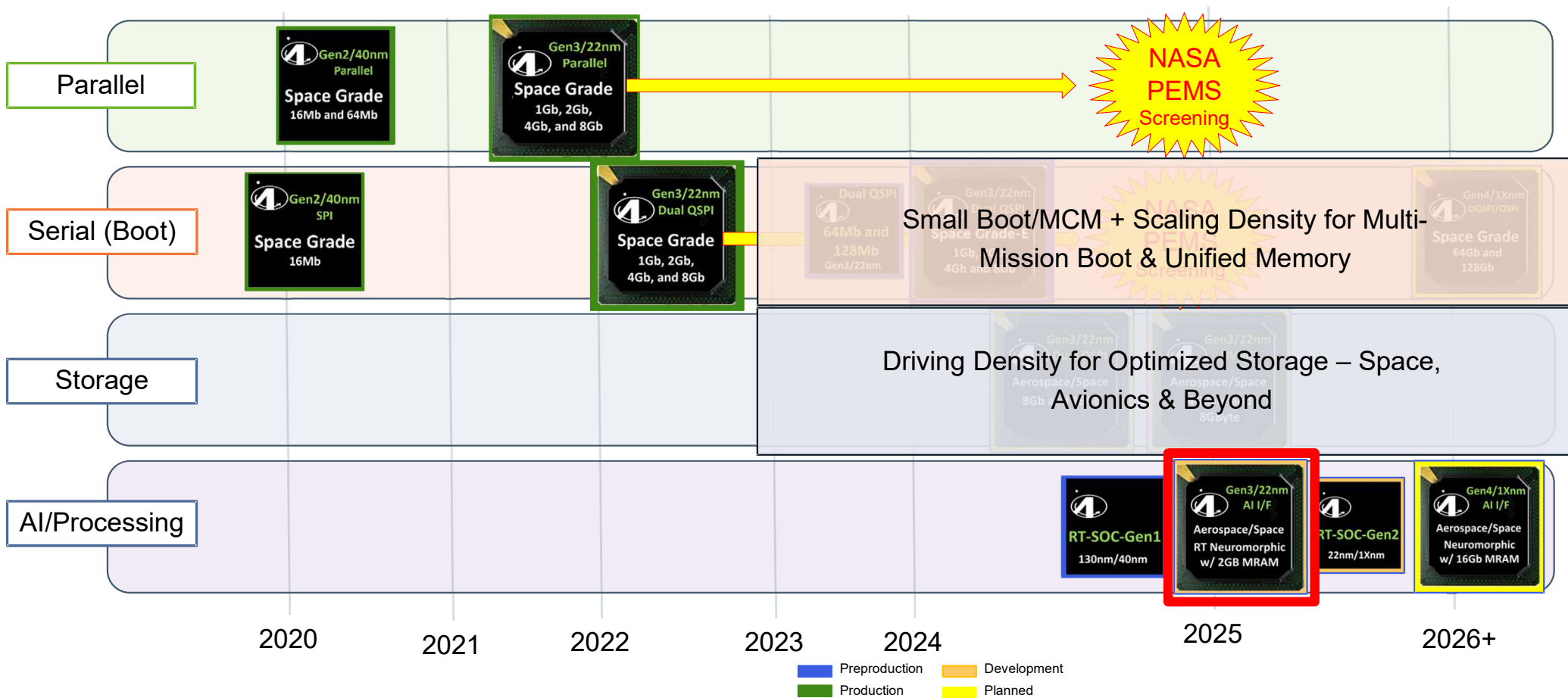
The image is a screenshot of the SAM.GOV website. At the top is the SAM.GOV logo and a navigation bar with links: Home, Search, Data Bank, Data Services, and Help. Below the navigation bar is a circular placeholder for a logo with the text 'Logo Not Available'. To the right of this is a 'Follow' button. The main heading is 'FA9453-21-S-0001-CALL011 - Intrepid'. Below this is a light blue box with an information icon and a note: 'Note: There have been new actions to this contract opportunity. To view the most recent action, please click [here](#).' Below the note is a section for 'Contract Opportunity' with a list of links: General Information, Classification, Description, Attachments/Links, Contact Information, History, and Award Notices. To the right of this list is a detailed view of the contract opportunity, which is marked as 'INACTIVE'. It includes the Notice ID 'FA945321S0001CALL011' and a 'Related Notice' section with the following details: Department/Ind. Agency: DEPT OF DEFENSE; Sub-tier: DEPT OF THE AIR FORCE; Major Command: AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND; Sub Command: AIR FORCE RESEARCH LABORATORY; Office: FA9453 AFRL RVK.



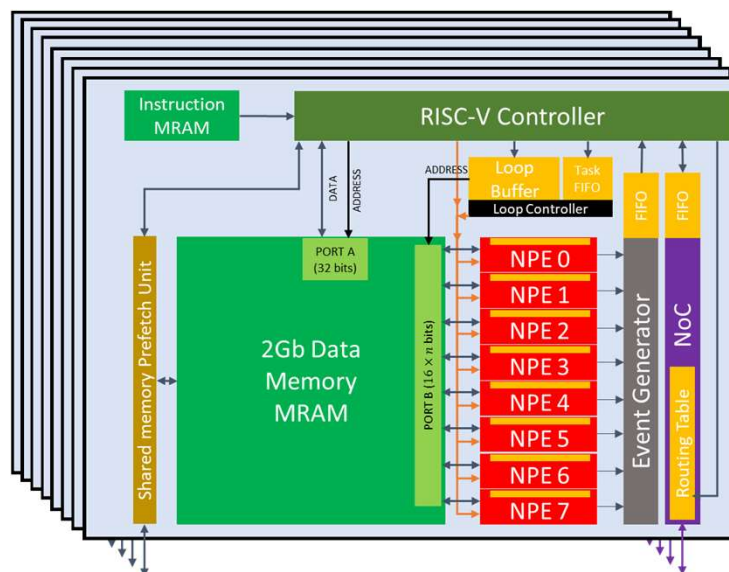
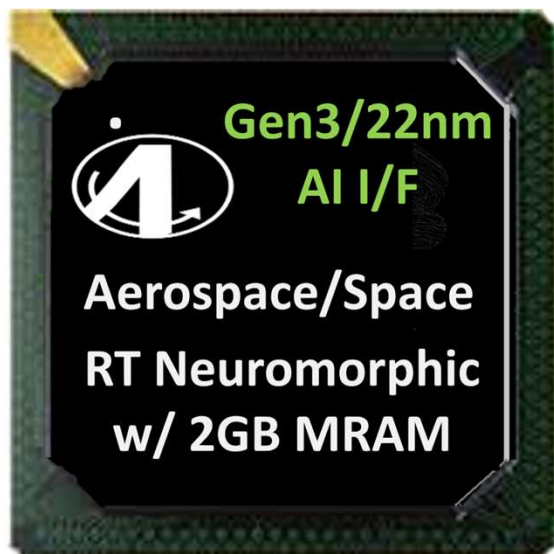
# Avalanche MRAM/Processing Product Roadmap



# Avalanche MRAM/Processing Product Roadmap



## Introducing the Avalanche Rad Tolerant Neuromorphic AI processor w/ MRAM



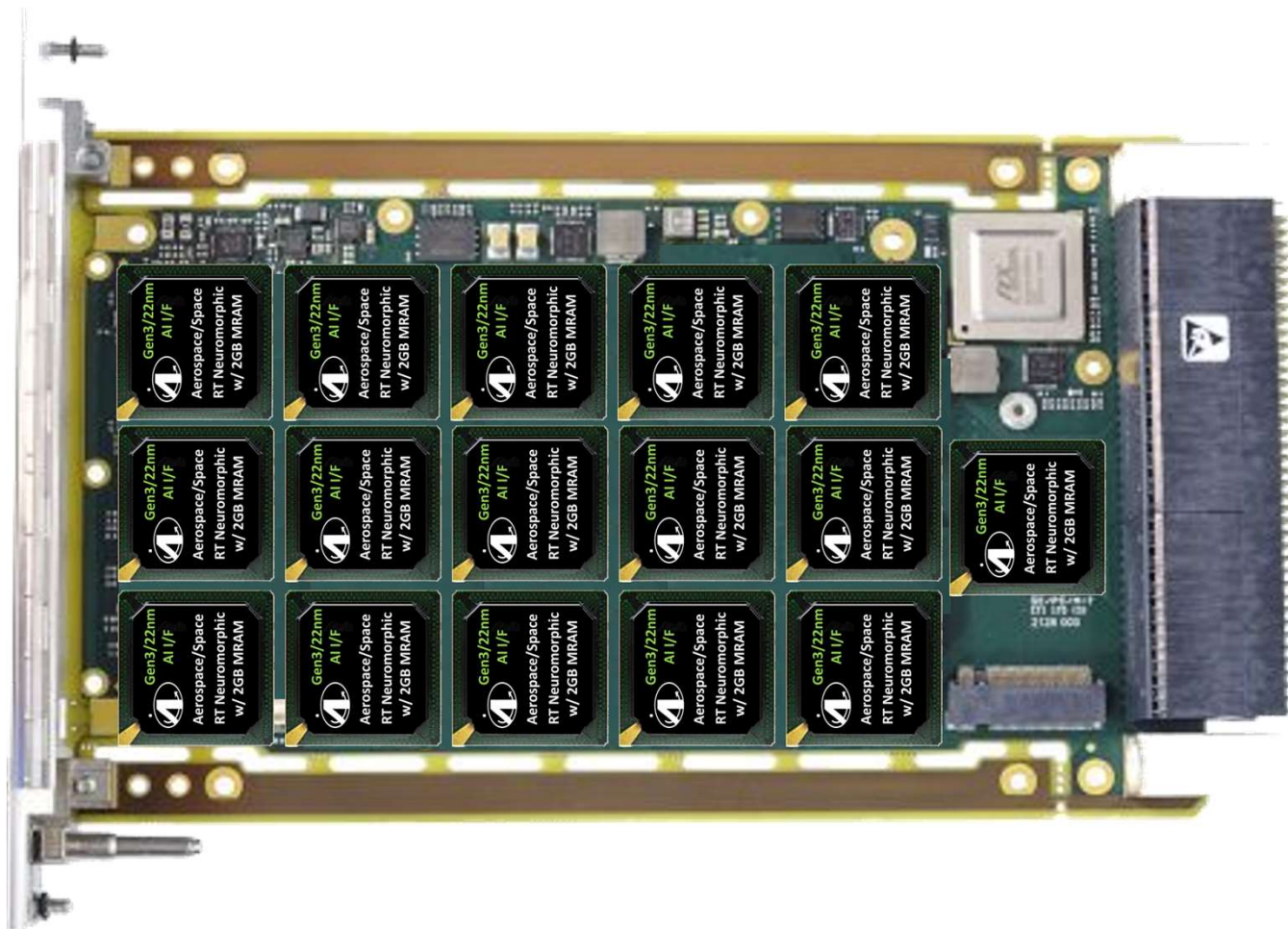
8 Dies/Package

Lowest Power Radiation-Tolerant AI/MRAM Device

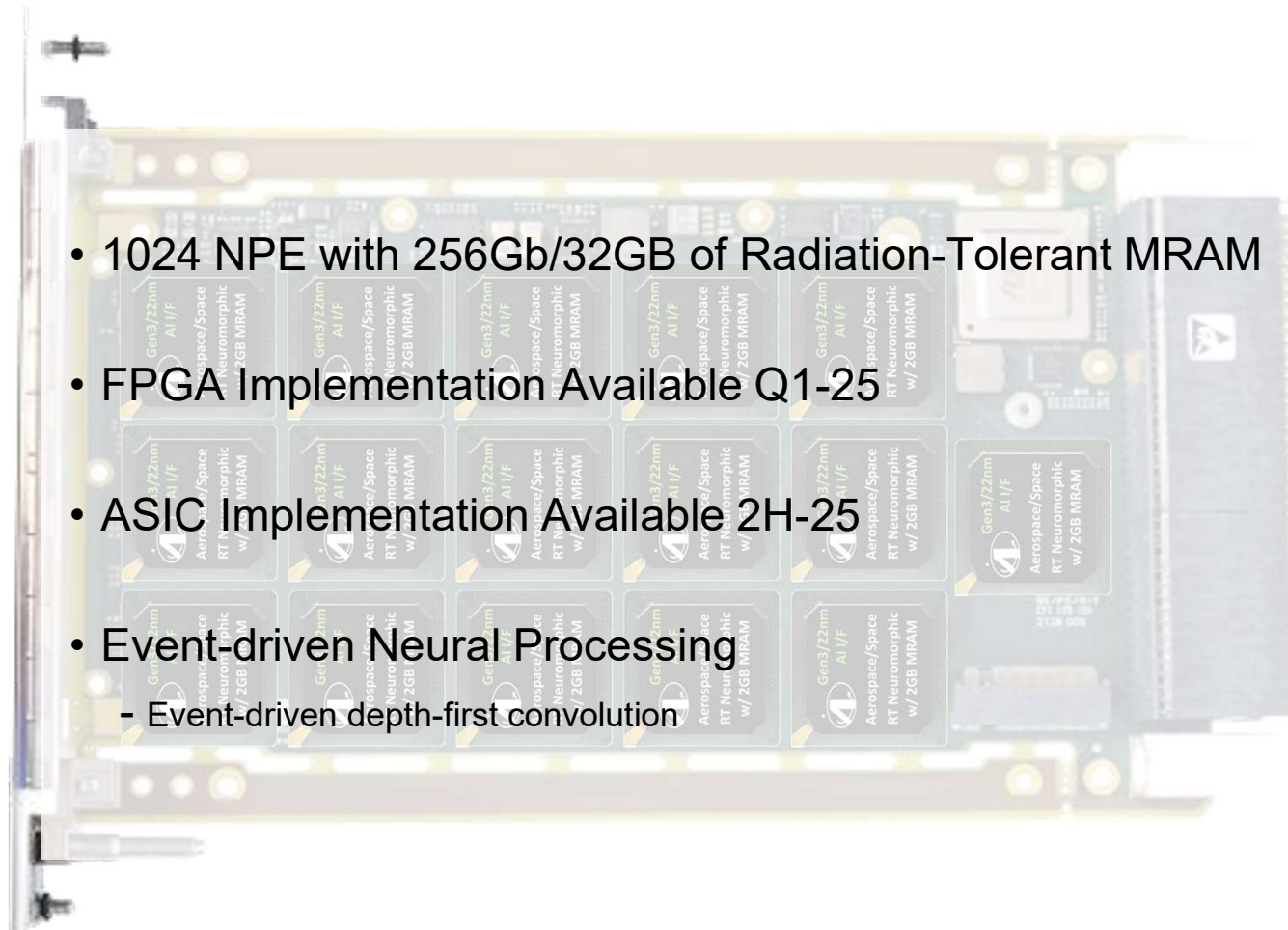
64 NPE and 16 Gb Radiation-Tolerant MRAM per Device

Uses Open-Source Software Tool Chain

# Avalanche Neuromorphic MRAM processor Reference Design



## Avalanche Neuromorphic MRAM processor Reference Design

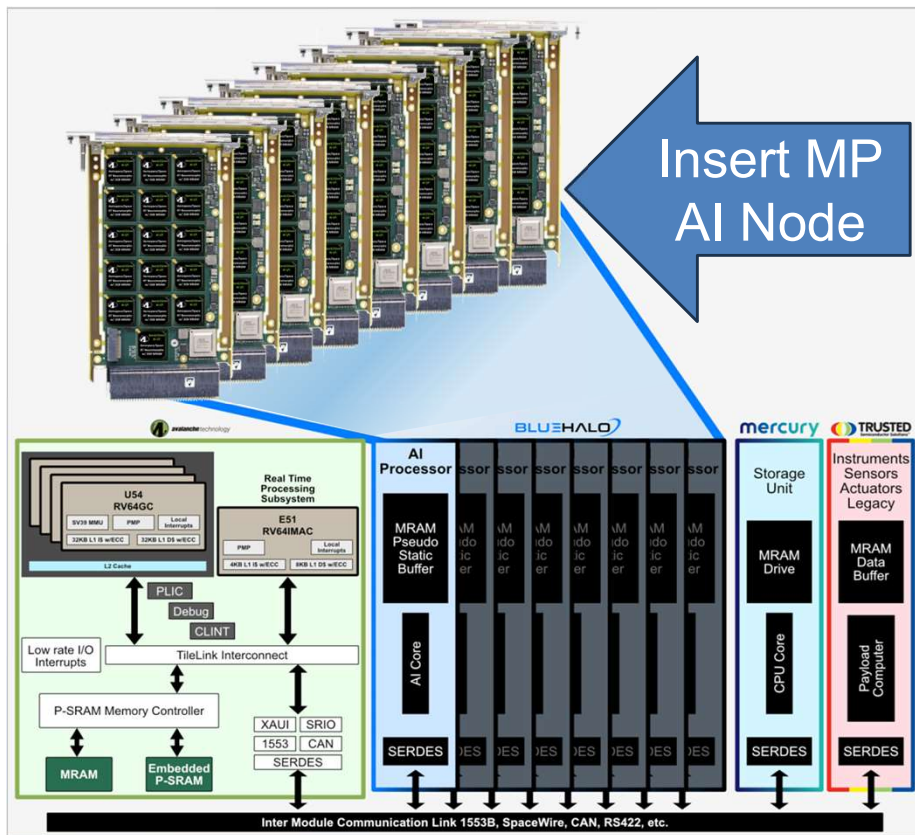


- 1024 NPE with 256Gb/32GB of Radiation-Tolerant MRAM
- FPGA Implementation Available Q1-25
- ASIC Implementation Available 2H-25
- Event-driven Neural Processing
  - Event-driven depth-first convolution





's Modular Architecture Enables Rapid Tech Refresh



- Increased Processing Bandwidth
- Improved TOPS/Watt
- Inherent System Reusability
- Cost Effective Deployments





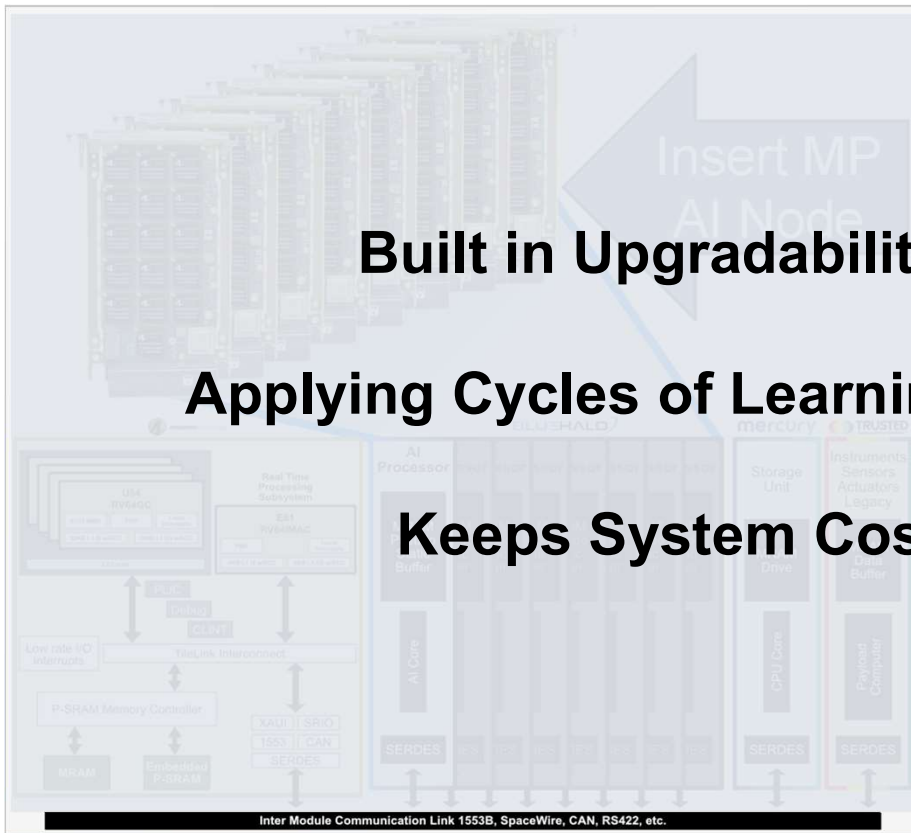
's Modular Architecture Enables Rapid Tech Refresh

**Built in Upgradability for Rapid Tech Refresh,**

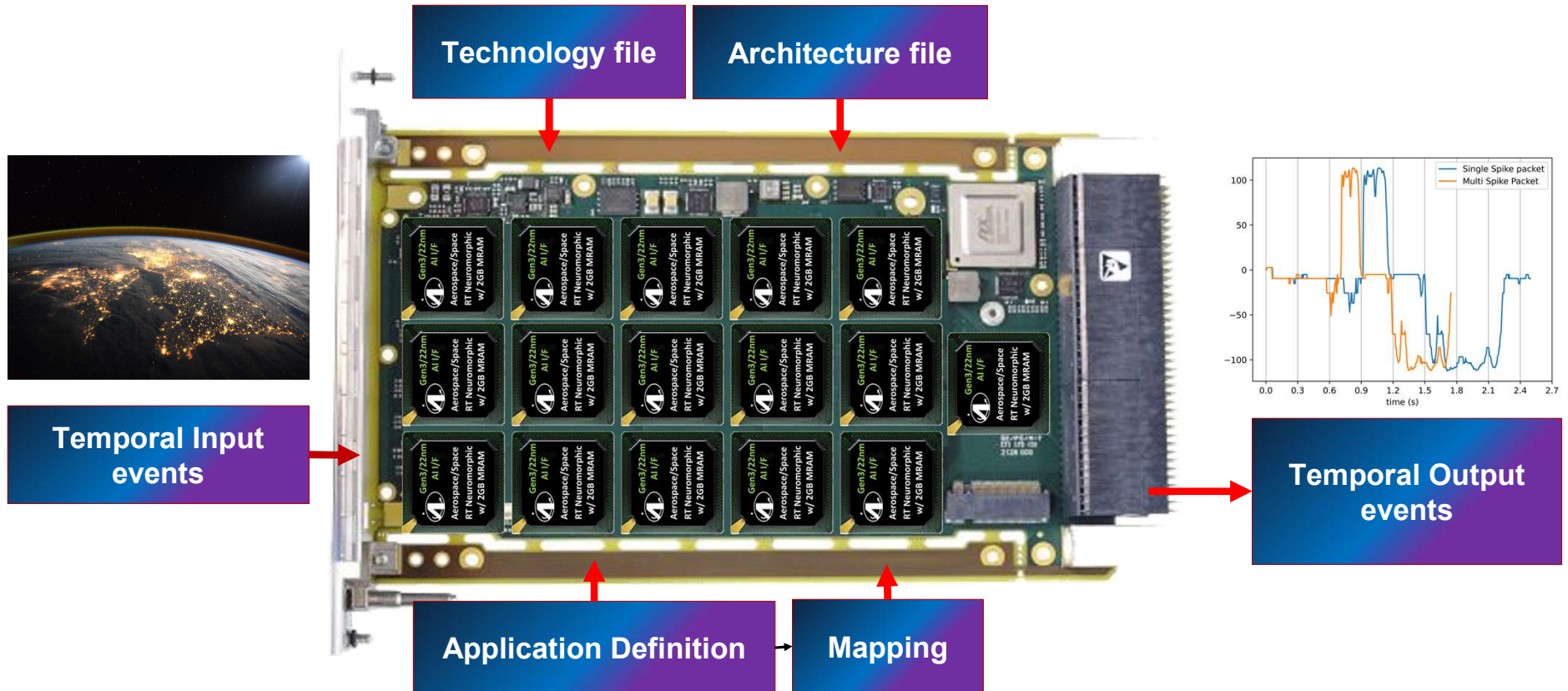
**Applying Cycles of Learning & Technology Improvements**

**Keeps System Cost Effective and Relevant**

- Increased Processing Bandwidth
- Improved TOPS/Watt
- Inherent System Reusability
- Cost Effective Deployments



# Avalanche Neuromorphic MRAM Processor Application Example



## Resources

# Support Resources @ [www.avalanche-technology.com](http://www.avalanche-technology.com)

## 1 - Datasheets, models, reference designs

- Boot module: Petalinux drivers, User Guide (Versal boot)
- Gen 3 reference designs
- IBIS & Verilog models

## 2 - Radiation test reports

- Gen 2 test report accessed via website (NASA)
- Gen 3 reports available by request

## 3 - Visionary White Papers

- Innovation enabled by Avalanche
- Data Centers in Space...
- ...why the key to satellite scalability and resilience
- NEW: AI Computing in Space

## 6 - Newsletters

- Quarterly, register on main page

## 5 - Brochures

- Overall MRAM tech for hi-rel apps
- Space Grade products

## 4 - Space-centric Blogs

- Datacenter in Space series
- Why our MRAM is ideal for space



# Avalanche – Enabling the Orbital Internet

[Products](#)[Resources](#)[Company](#)[Where to Buy](#)

## De-Risking Each Space Mission

Avalanche offers **the only reliable, scalable, and low power memory solutions** for satellites, rocket missions, and data centers in space.

Successful  
missions  
start with  
Avalanche

Get Started

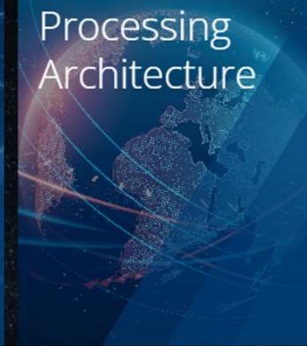
Boot Memory



Storage



AI Multi-  
Processing  
Architecture





Thank You!



**Paul Chopelas**, General Manager, Aerospace and Defense  
[paul@avalanche-technology.com](mailto:paul@avalanche-technology.com)

**Kristine Schroeder**, Senior Director of Business Development, East  
[kristine@avalanche-technology.com](mailto:kristine@avalanche-technology.com)

**Bryan Taylor**, Senior Director of Business Development, West  
[bryan@avalanche-technology.com](mailto:bryan@avalanche-technology.com)

[www.avalanche-technology.com](http://www.avalanche-technology.com)

[info@avalanche-technology.com](mailto:info@avalanche-technology.com)