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National Instruments Introduces USRP RIO Next-Generation Wireless Prototyping Platform

Prototype wireless systems faster, significantly shorten time to results with USRP RIO.

AUSTIN, Texas – April 15, 2014 – National Instruments (Nasdaq: NATI) today announced an integrated software defined radio solution for rapidly prototyping high-performance, multichannel wireless communication systems. The <u>NI USRP RIO platform</u> is built on the <u>NI LabVIEW RIO</u> architecture and combines a high-performance 2 x 2 multiple input, multiple output (MIMO) RF transceiver capable of transmitting and receiving signals from 50 MHz to 6 GHz with an open LabVIEW programmable FPGA architecture.

Wireless engineers can use this technology to rapidly prototype real-time wireless communications systems and test them under real-world conditions. They can also prototype more capable wireless algorithms and systems faster and reduce time to results using the only complete platform to take full advantage of a graphical system design approach. The USRP RIO family delivers high-performance, real-time processing capability with the Xilinx Kintex-7 Series FPGA, low latency with the PCI Express connection to a host computer and small size (1U half wide, 19 in. rack mountable).

USRP RIO is ideal for a wide range of application areas including 5G wireless communications research, active and passive radar development and exploration, communications intelligence, connected smart devices and more. NI USRP[™] (Universal Software Radio Peripheral) is already a popular platform for research spanning industry and academia as it empowers researchers to rapidly iterate on designs via programmable software. For example, a <u>recent Lund University</u> <u>announcement</u> highlights a 5G research application focusing on massive MIMO – a technology being considered for 5G communication.

Visit <u>http://www.ni.com/usrp</u> to learn more about the USRP RIO family.

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