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# **PIRM Presentation 1**

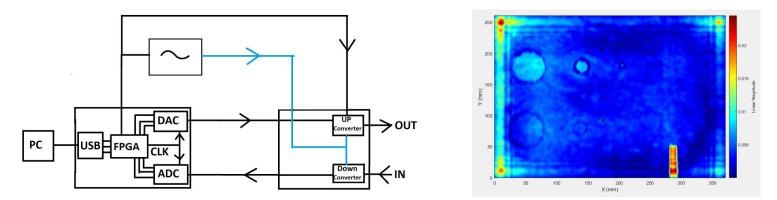
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#### Millimeter Wave Data Acquisition Device:

**Project Topic** 

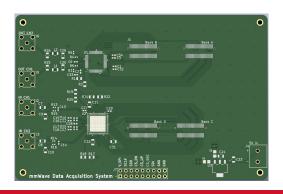
- For researchers and students
- Make scans of materials beyond its surface nondestructively
  - Finds defects within the sample
  - Can determine various properties of the sample
- Generates 15 MHz wave and collects signal reflection

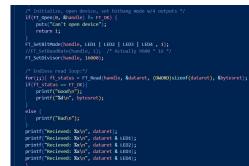


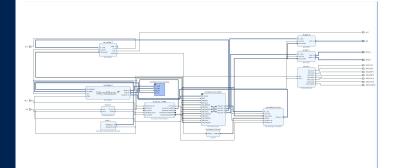
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# Where We're At

- PCB is completed and ordered
- USB binary data is able to be sent and received from the computer
- Hardware on FPGA is successfully built
- Working on generating arbitrary signals stored in RAM to clock out signals to the DAC on the fly

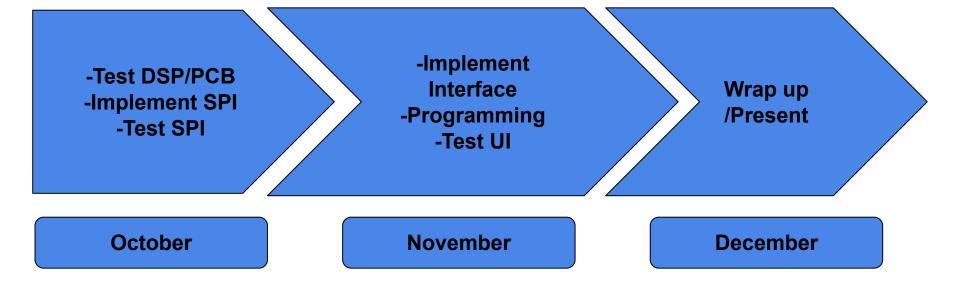






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# **Project Milestones Ahead**



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# **Technical Challenges**

- Availability of information
  - Online resources for the FTDI drivers(USB comm), Vivado(FPGA programming) and Alchitry(FPGA board) are scarce.
  - Reaching out to people with similar project experience.
- Component Constraints
  - Difficult to find components that will function properly with our assigned FPGA development board.
  - Solved by investing more time into part sourcing.
- Work methodology
  - The implementation is similar to a ladder.
  - We can avoid issues by communicating about interface needs.

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# Thank you for listening to our presentation!

## **Questions?**



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