# Levyx Risk Analytics Acceleration Framework

Making Complex Computation Simple and Affordable

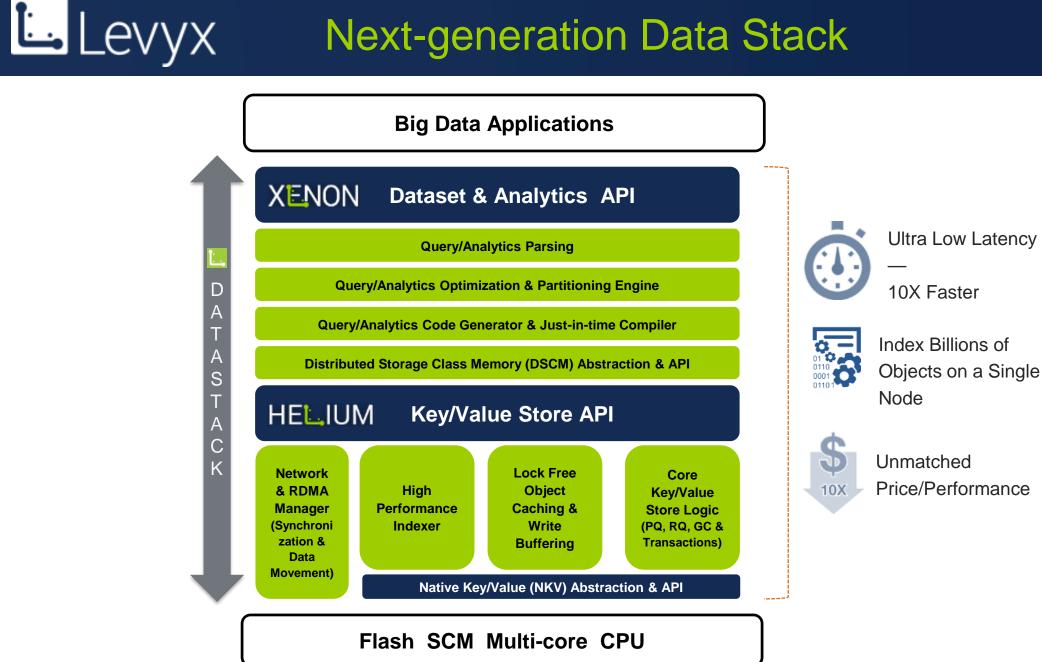
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## Levyx at a Glance

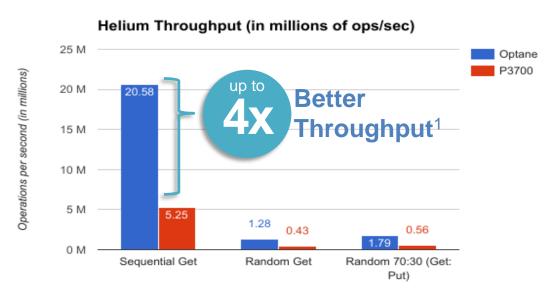
| ORIGIN         | <ul> <li>Year founded: 2013</li> <li>HQ: Irvine, CA</li> <li>Founders: <ul> <li>Reza Sadri, CEO - Entrepreneur, PhD C.S. Database specialization</li> <li>Tony Givargis, CTO, UC-Irvine Professor of C.S., PhD C.S.</li> </ul> </li> <li>24 total headcount: 19 FTEs including 15 engineers (5 PhDs), 5 contract</li> </ul> |
|----------------|---|
| OEM TRACTION   | <ul> <li>Levyx produces ultra high-performance, embeddable software data engines optimized for SSD, storage class memory, and next generation storage.</li> <li>First major OEM (data grid use case) signed 2015</li> <li>Currently under evaluation by multiple OEMs</li> </ul>  |
| FUNDAMENTAL IP | <ul> <li>~ 20 Filed/Pending Patents Reza Sadri, CEO - Entrepreneur, PhD C.S. Database specialization</li> <li>Multiple patents filed for core IP with emphasis on Flash/NVM</li> <li>* Essential patents in Big Data analytics, distributed systems, and large-scale data indexing</li> </ul>                               |
| FUNDING        | <ul> <li>~\$6.5M raised from OCA Ventures, Amino Capital and individual investors</li> </ul>  |

## Next-generation Data Stack



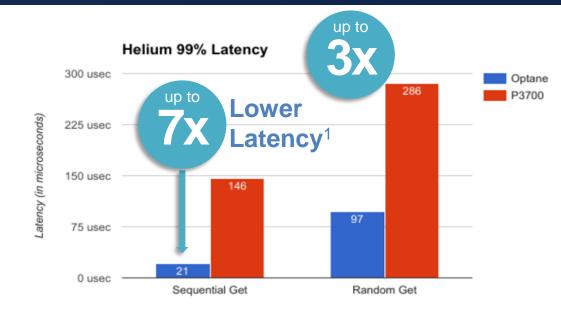
### Levyx Helium<sup>\*</sup> Software + Intel<sup>®</sup> Optane<sup>™</sup> SSD DC P4800X

Not STAC Benchmarks



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#### Transactional database service levels >20M TPS



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#### Sub-100 microseconds 99% latency

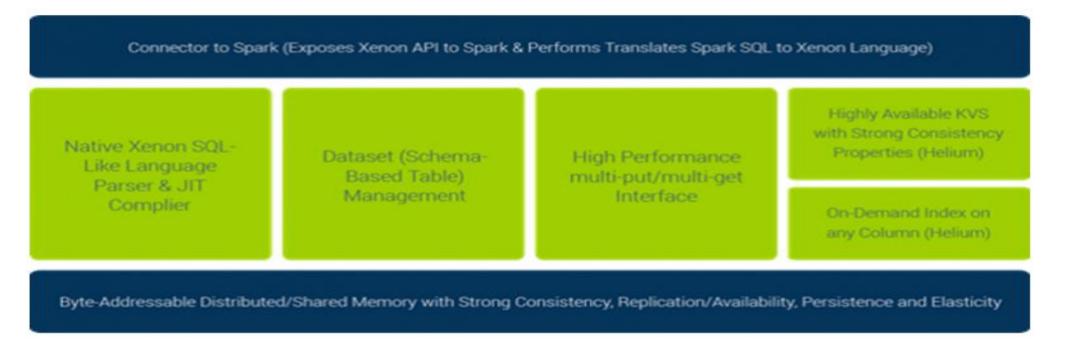
#### Major Step-up in Performance and Latency Reduction vs. NAND SSDs

<sup>1</sup>Source - Levyx; system configuration: Server model: Lenovo\* x3650 CPU 2x Intel<sup>®</sup> Xeon<sup>®</sup> E5 2690 v4 @ 2.60 Ghz, 35MB Cache, Ram 128GB DDR4 @ 2133 Mhz, Storage 2TB HDD-Boot Drive, Intel<sup>®</sup> Optane<sup>™</sup> SSD DC P4800X 2x 375 GB; CentOS 7.3.1611 (kernel 3.10.0-514.16.1el7.x86\_64), Network Intel x540-T2 Dual Port 10GBaseT Adapter, Helium\* version 2.9.0. Estimated results were obtained prior to implementation of recent software patches and firmware updates intended to address exploits referred to as "Spectre" and "Meltdown". Implementation of these updates may make these results inapplicable to your device or system. \*Other names and brands names may be claimed as the property of others

## Recent Backtesting Results on AWS available ...

Posted February 12, 2018

#### Vault Reports: STAC-A3 and Spark on AWS, with and without Levyx Xenon



Backtesting price-performance of Spark/AWS with and without data acceleration

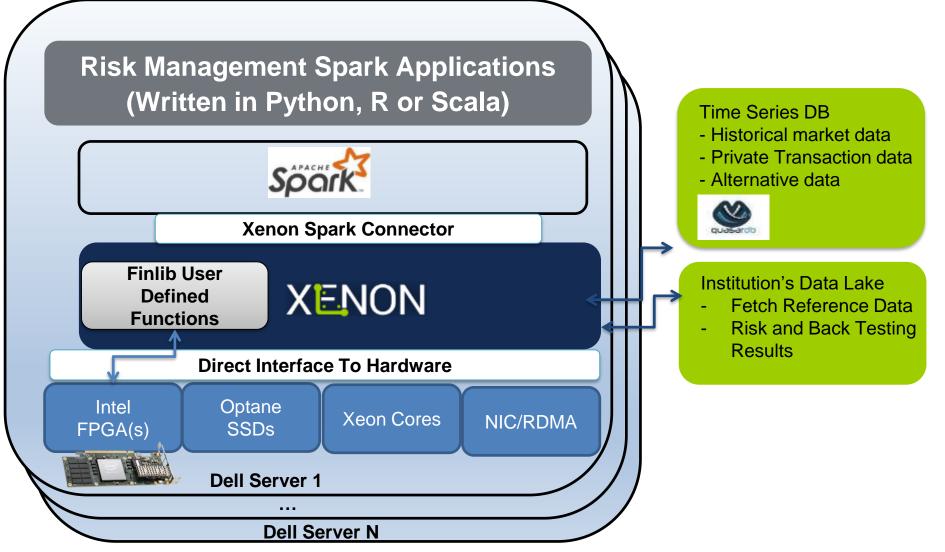
#### Next-Generation Risk Analytics Solutions Must Seamlessly Integrate All of the Tools

#### **FPGA Solutions for Accelerated Compute and Backtesting are the future:**

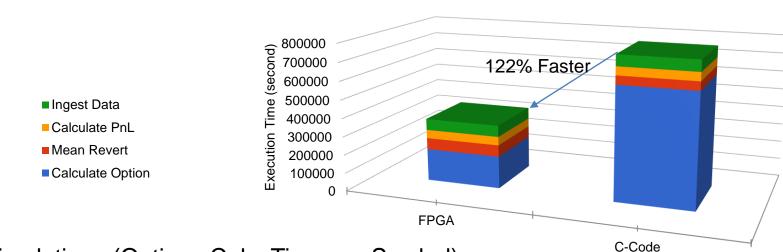
- 1 FPGAs must be tightly integrated and seamlessly integrated with software systems and applications.
- 2 Application data must be represented in a dataframe format that is flexible enough to be routable through heterogenous processing elements (e.g., cores and FPGAs) in parallel.
- 3 Underlying compute platform must be scalable and distributed to correctly partition to workload between nodes within a cluster, cores within each node, and FPGA accelerators on each node.

The Levyx / Intel Risk Analytics Acceleration Framework does all of these.

### Integrated Intel's FPGA FinLib Option Calcs in a few weeks ...

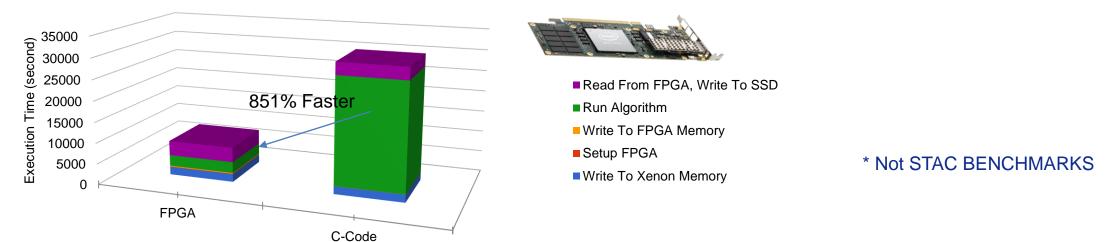


## Result: Options Calculation Compute Times Significantly Reduced by Single FPGA



20 Symbols, 50 Simulations (Total Time - All Symbols)

20 Symbols, 50 Simulations (Options Calc Time per Symbol)



## **Dual FPGA Results Show Near Linear Scaling**

Single FPGA Evaluation – Jan 2018

| Symb | ools | Total Number of<br>Options | Spark Calculation<br>(options/sec*) | Xenon / FPGA<br>Calculation<br>(options/sec*) |
|------|------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| 4    |      | 584,396,032                | 18,435,072                          | 62,692,782                                    |
| 20   | )    | 2,921,980,160              | 16,432,423                          | 54,220,561                                    |
| 80   | )    | 11,687,920,640             | 15,138,569                          | 47,866,869                                    |

Dual FPGA Evaluation – Feb 2018

| Symbols | Total Number of<br>Options | Spark Calculation<br>(options/sec*) | Xenon / FPGA<br>Calculation<br>(options/sec*) |
|---------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| 4       | 1,168,792,064              | 26,386,667                          | 90,744,070                                    |
| 20      | 5,843,960,320              | 30,847,936                          | 97,958,254                                    |
| 80      | 23,375,841,280             | 31,231,301                          | 94,990,986                                    |

\* Not STAC BENCHMARKS

Symbols: The number of stock symbols used ie IBM, APPL, MSFT, etc

**Options**: An individual "Black-Scholes Function" call to value a specific Call or Put option with a specific set of parameters as might be traded on the CBOE (Chicago Board of Options Exchange)

\*Number of Option Calculations per Second Including Greeks (Risk Metrics)

# More Info: STAC Vault, Solution Brief and Podcast, More STAC results coming ...

#### **SOLUTION BRIEF**

Financial Services Risk and Trading Model Analytics



# Why FPGA actually stands for "financial programming greatly accelerated"

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If you are responsible for building, testing, maintaining, or deploying trading/risk models utilizing financial algorithms:

• As a business strategist or trader: You will better understand how to best apply the latest technologies for financial backtesting to successfully generate more Achieving peak performance in financial capital market risk analytics using the Levyx Risk Analytic Framework with Intel® FPGAs and Intel® Optane™ SSDs

#### **Executive Summary**

Alpha or excess profits—that's what any trading firm continuously strives for. Here you will see how backtesting trading models—the use of historical data to forecast the profitability and risks of new algorithmic high-frequency trading (HFT) strategies— using the Levyx Risk Analytic Framework is more efficient and less time-consuming than conventional approaches.<sup>1</sup> The framework brings together some Intel's latest innovations with Levyx software to drive significant hardware acceleration that results in 2x to 8x performance gains in this type of application.<sup>2</sup> These efficiencies result in brokerages, investment banks, and hedge funds "learning fast" by deploying more robust and profitable trading models across their electronic trading and risk management systems, which in turn reduces risk and increases profitability.



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