

User Need

Flexible distribution of RF

Allows distribution of chunks of spectrum, but not individual channels
Dynamic switching for NGSO constellations
Needs paths to be pre-configured

Transport of RF over distance

Traditionally using Fibre between matrix switches
DWDM to allow for distance
Periodically regenerated with EDFAs

Enabling Technologies

DIF moves a lot of data

Simple example:
Bandwidth 1000MHz
Sample rate of 2000Msps
12 bit sample depth
16GB/s + protocol overheads

High Speed Ethernet

Ethernet speeds increasing with demand
100GBe now becoming "commodity"
400GBe commercially available
800GBe being demonstrated
1.6TBe under development

High sampling rates needed

Nyquist – sample at > 2x signal b/w
Oversampling improves C/No

High Speed Data Converters

L-band converters now becoming commodity
ADCs capable up to Ku Band sampling

Genus Digital samples Analog RF signals from multiple sources, transporting them as IP packets on a single fibre reconstructing them as an RF signal at a remote location



Front Panel



Rear Connectivity

Unit Specification

RF Interface

Frequency Range – 850-2450 MHz
RF Inputs / Outputs
500MHz overlapping – bidirectional channels
2000MHz instantaneous B/W
In-built Dual Polarization Support
60dBc SFDR
GPS Disciplined Oscillator
Low Phase Noise, High Frequency Accuracy

Digital Interface

100GbE data, DIFI compliant 1GbE control, SNMP, ETL RCM protocol

User Interface

Local LCD touchscreen
Web GUI

Physical

2U 19" Rack mount modular chassis
Same box at either end of DIF system

DIF Benefits

Resilience

Easier to re-route signals in digital domain
No longer need specific fibre type required for RF over Fibre

Continuity of Operations (COOP)

Signal Quality

Signal quality defined by ADC / DAC parameters
No longer dependant on distance of transmission

Flexibility

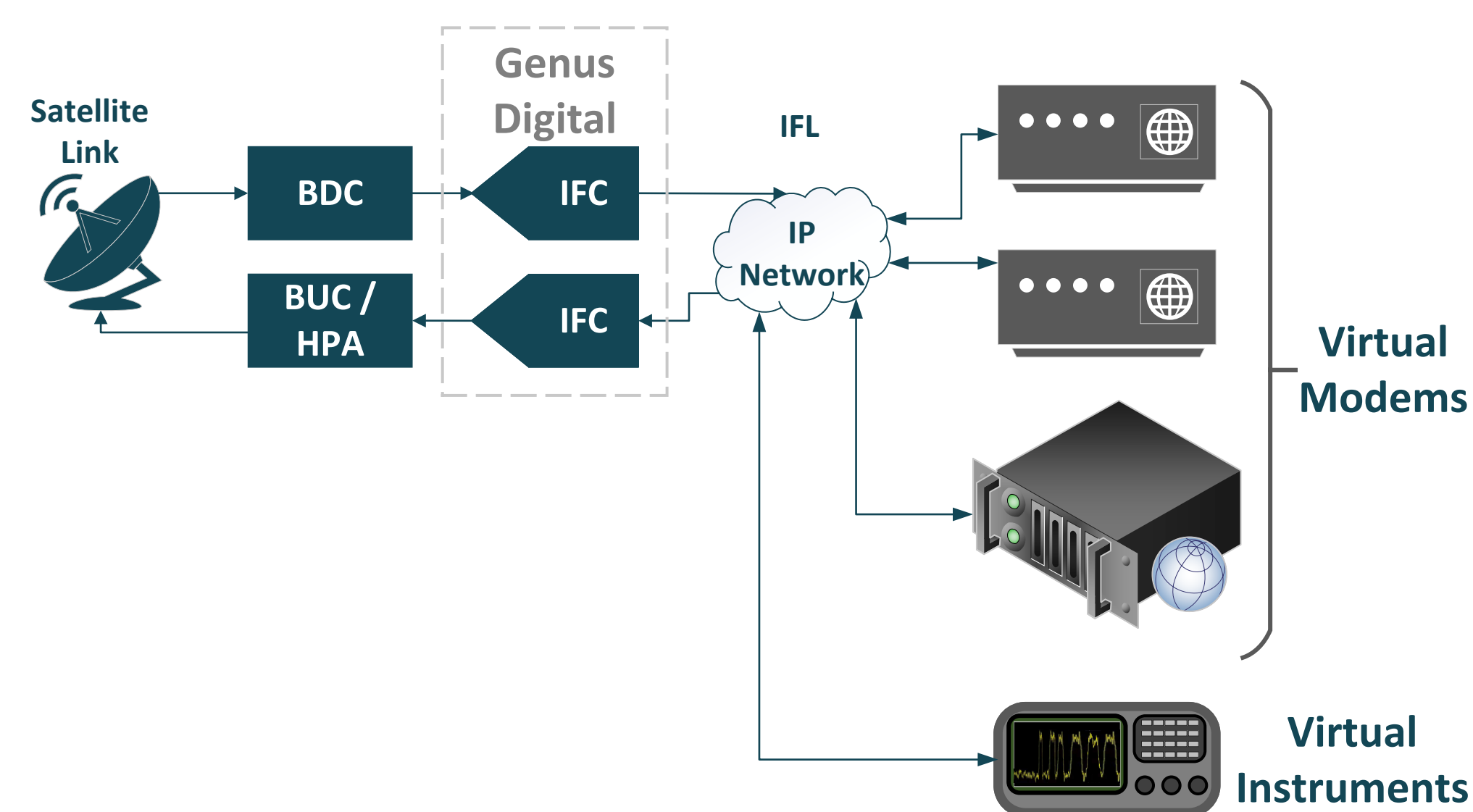
Ease of deployment
Modulation Agnostic
Signal routing now moves to the IP domain
Enabler for Virtualization
IP domain signals can be further processed

Security

Signal security maintained at source – encryption "behind the fence"

DIF Use Cases

Virtualization



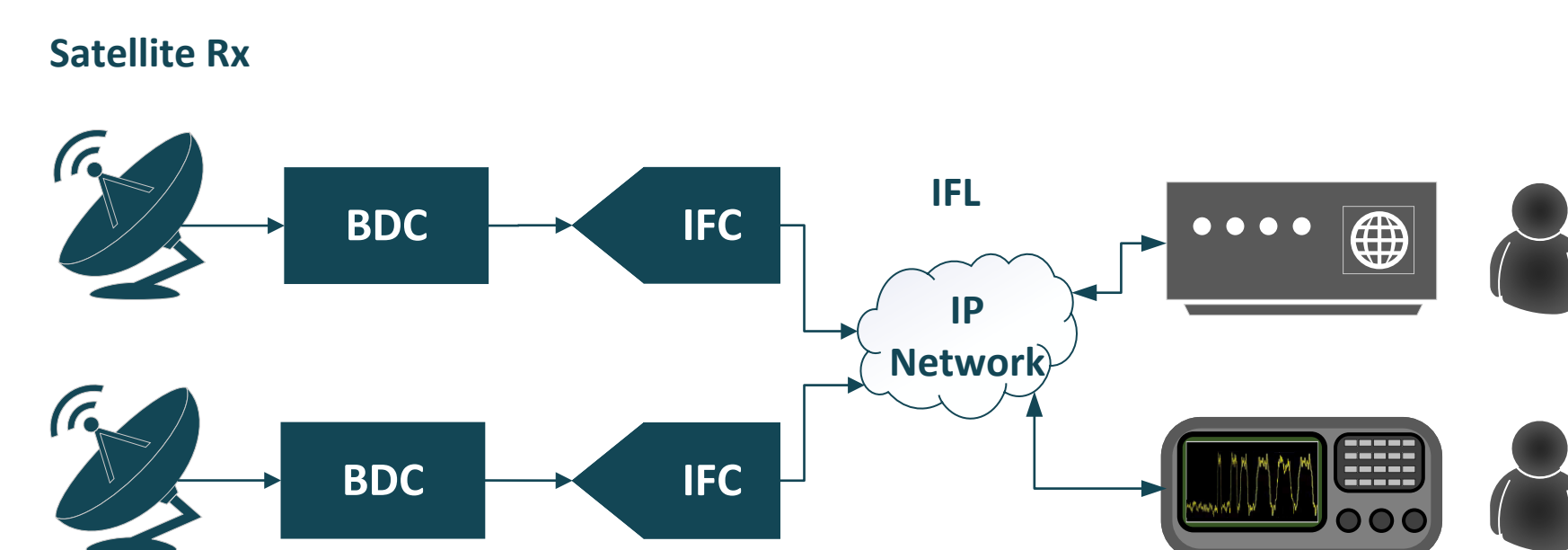
Virtual modems

Enabler for digital modems - Software or Hardware based
Local or Cloud
CAPEX to OPEX
Flexibility to deploy new waveforms

Virtual Instruments

Spectrum Analyzer
Carrier Monitoring
Interference Detection / Geolocation
Monitoring any signal from anywhere

Security and Intelligence



Decoupling Antenna from Modem

"Behind the wire" encryption
Remote surveillance
Only the antenna in "line of fire"
Remote Monitoring

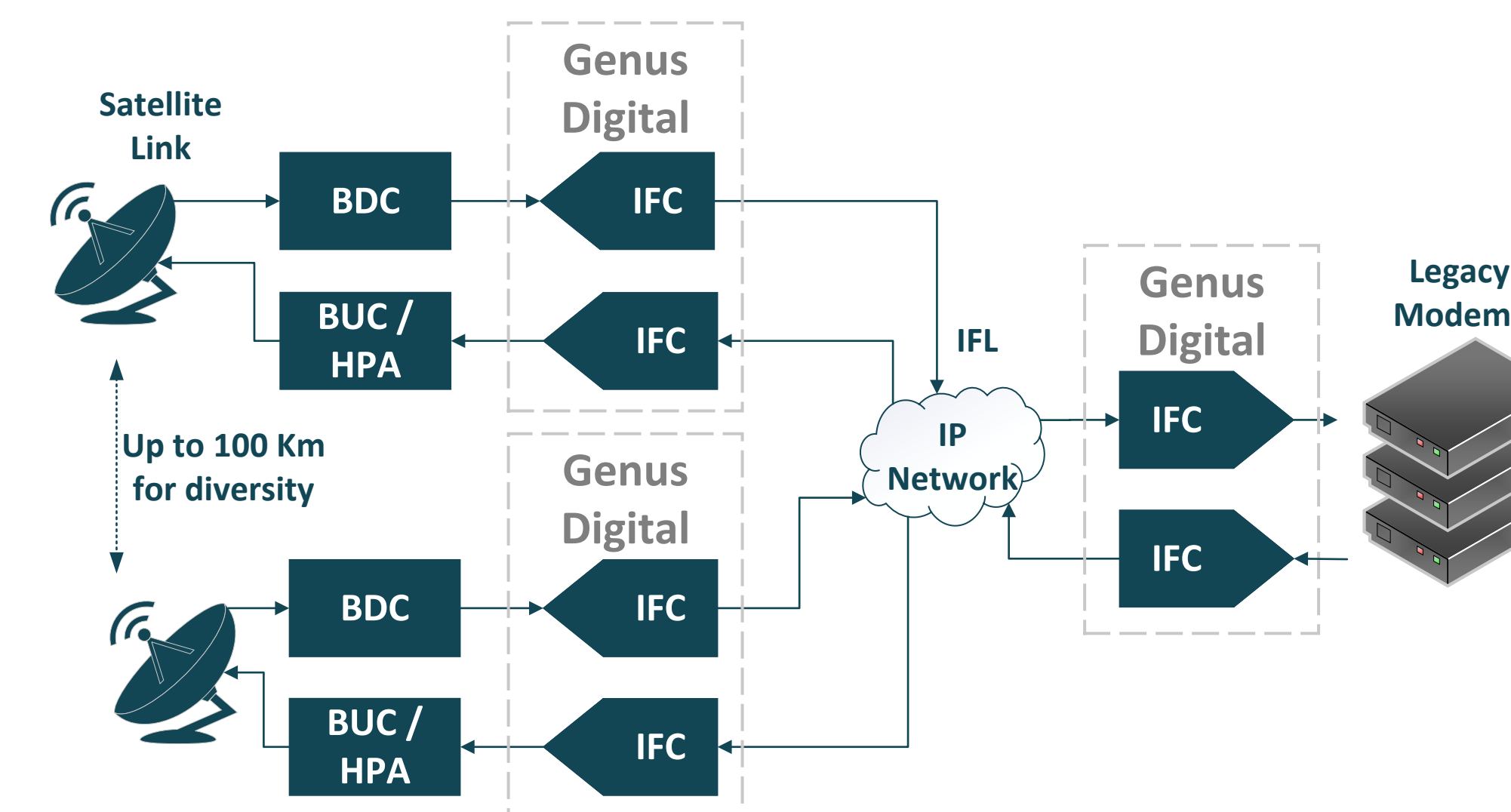
Additional Signal Processing

Further processing of received spectrum
Receive Only for Lawful Intercept

Signal detection / location

High precision timestamping enabling transmitter location

Diversity Antenna Sites



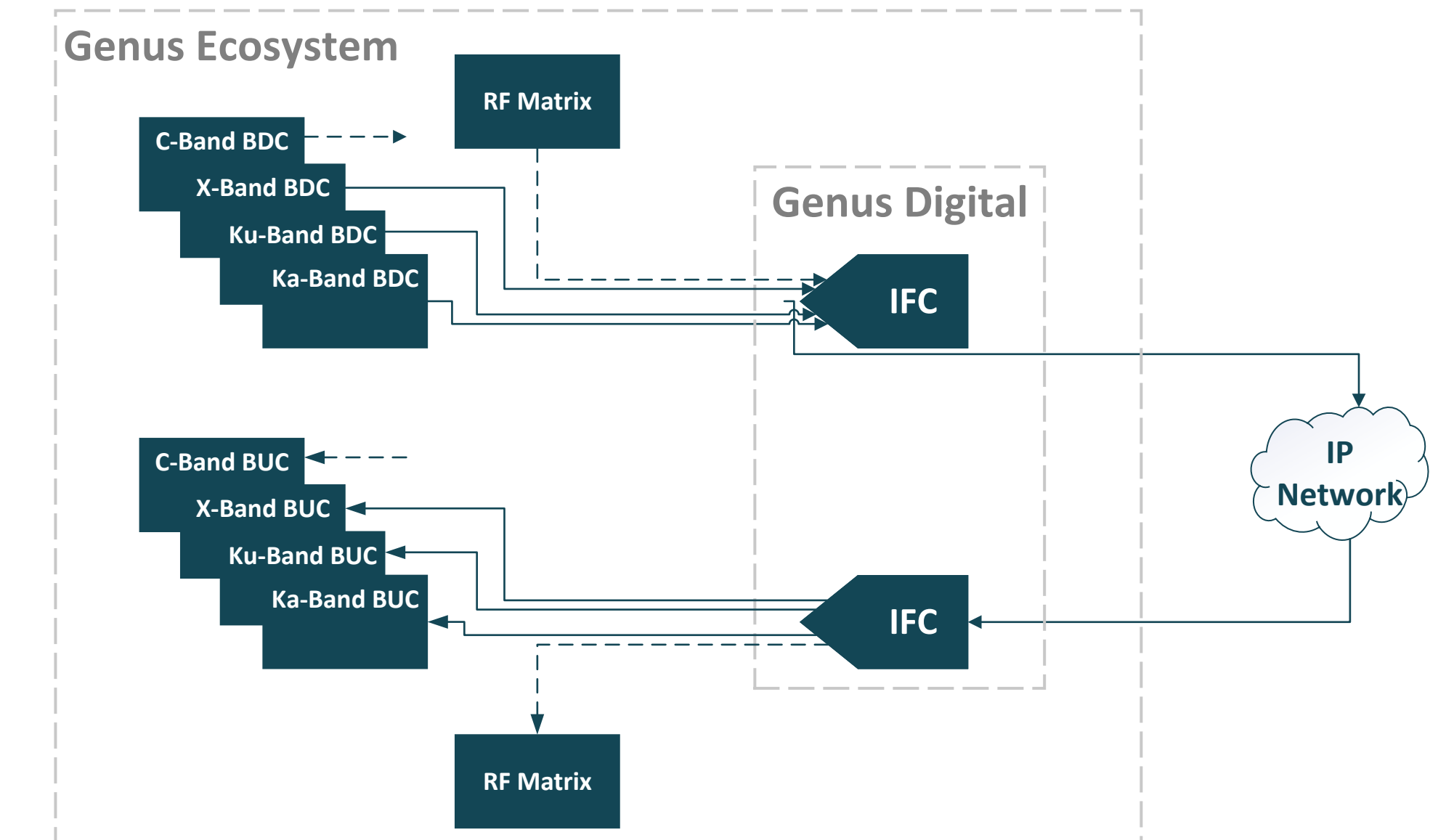
Antenna Diversity for Resilience

Rain fade and Atmospheric Conditions
Kinetic Strike
Transmission over 100s of miles without degradation
Modulation Agnostic
Signal routing and re-routing in the IP domain

Signal Quality

Signal quality is no longer a function of length of fibre or quality of RF cabling
This allows increased diversity antenna separation – key as satellite frequencies increase
No longer need multiple fibre regeneration points to maintain signal quality

Genus Eco System Support



Genus Digital is part of the ETL Genus ecosystem

Supporting a range of:

- Frequency converters (L, C, X, Ku, Ka bands)
- RF Matrix Switches
- Amplifiers and more

Providing:

- Flexibility of deployment
- Future proofing
- Ease of transition and interoperation with extant equipment
- Hybrid deployments

Easing the transition from the Analog to Digital World