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# Endpoint Al Revolution Driven by Standardized Computing Platform



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#### Sparking the World's AI Potential



#### Semiconductor IP Business

#### The global leader in the development of open compute technology

- R&D outsourcing for semiconductor companies

#### Focused on freedom and flexibility to innovate

- Technology reused across multiple applications

#### With a partnership based culture & business model

 Licensees take advantage of learnings from a uniquely collaborative ecosystem

## 1,900+

Global licenses, growing by 100+ every year

#### 530 licensees

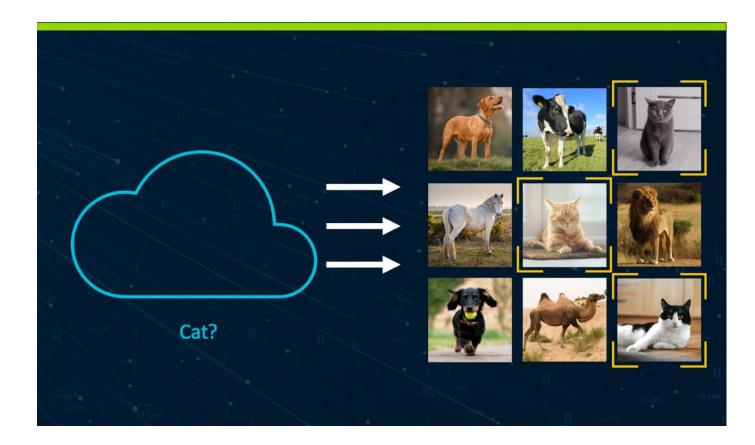
Industry leaders and high-growth start-ups; chip companies and OEMs

## **190+**bn

Arm-based chips shipped to-date

**23.7bn** Arm-based chips shipped in 2020

#### Machine Learning Was Once a Novelty .....

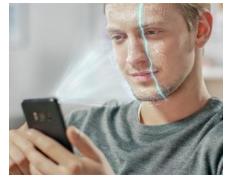


Less than a decade ago, a Convolutional Neural Net (AlexNet) won the ImageNet computer vision challenge, and the Machine Learning explosion began



#### ML is now Mainstream & Deployed – Cloud and Endpoint





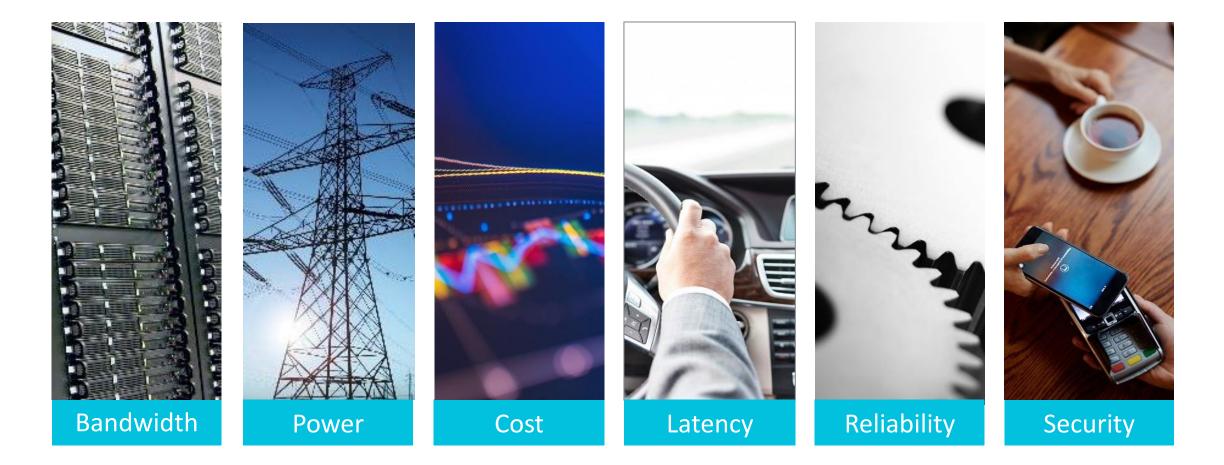








## Why has (some) Machine Learning Moved to the Edge?



#### Train in the Cloud. Infer where the Data is Created



#### Pervasive AI/ML

## 77%

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of devices we presently use feature at least one form of AI <sup>(1)</sup>







growth of enterprises using AI in business since 2015 <sup>(2)</sup>

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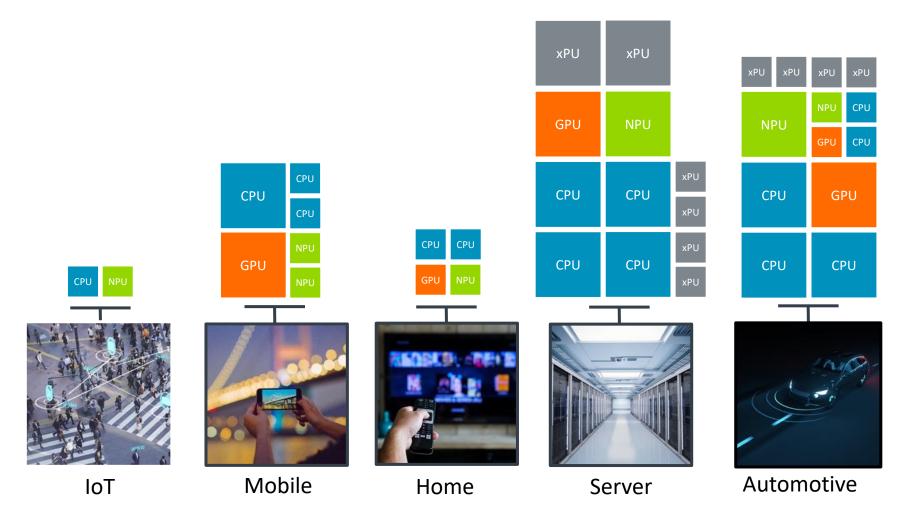
## ML Usage Growing In All Industries; Still At the Early Stages



Billions of devices today are running ML on Arm

Next Step: Trillions of devices

#### Specialized Processing Is the Key to ML Deployment

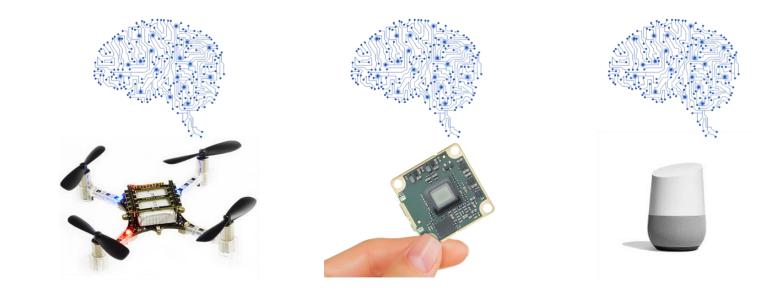


Specialized processing everywhere

#### Enabling the Internet of Things – ML at the Endpoint



IoT



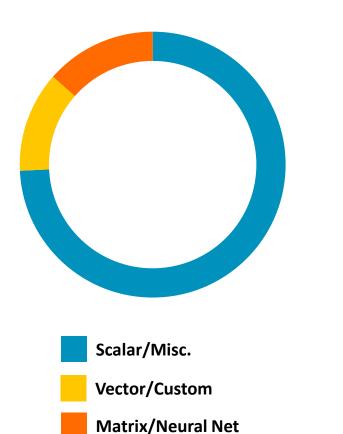
ML Inference at <1mW



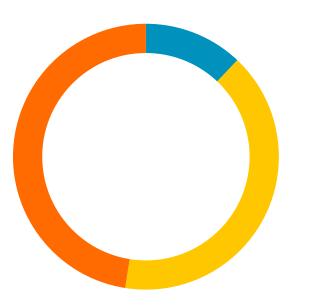


## Many Different Types of ML Workload in Endpoint Devices

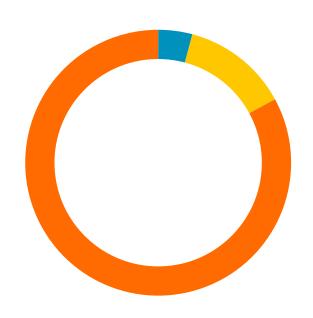
Audio Anomaly Detection



Voice Assistant (endpoint based)



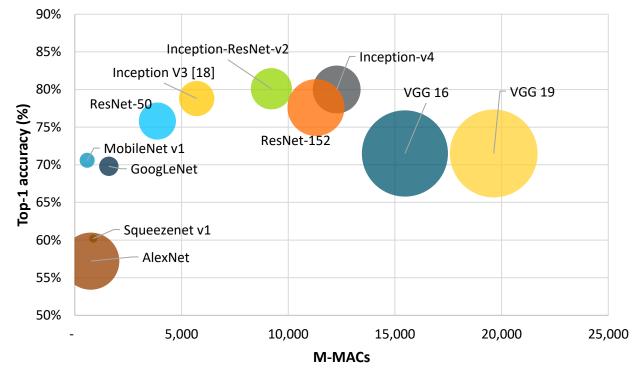
Video Enhancement



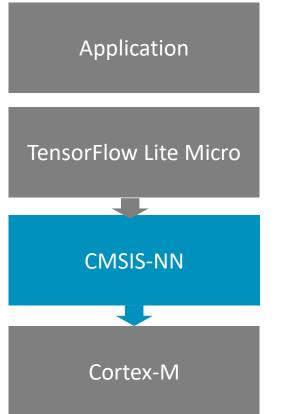


## What Makes Endpoint AI/ML Challenging?

- Trends in Neural Networks
  - Larger models  $\rightarrow$  higher accuracy/functionality
  - Increased static memory footprint
  - Increased dynamic memory footprint
  - Increased operations/inference
  - Novel architectures and operators
- Endpoint ML Constraints
  - Power
  - Cost
  - Memory
  - Compute



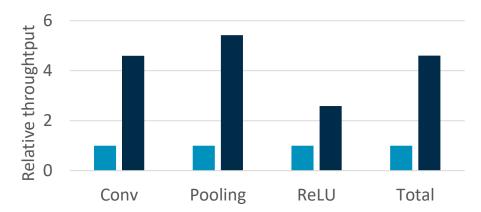
#### **CMSIS-NN**

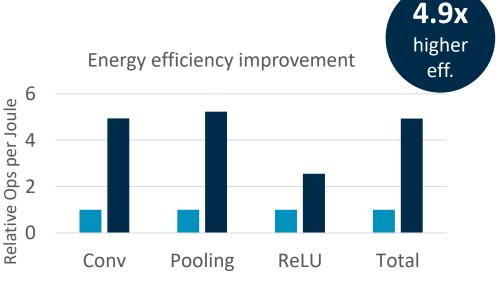


- Open Source: launched <u>23 Jan'18</u>
- CMSIS-NN has the equivalent role for Cortex-M CPUs as Compute Library has for Cortex-A and Mali
- But flow is entirely offline, creating a binary targeting M-class platform
- DSP instructions in Cortex-M4, M33, M7 & M55
- Will run on Cortex-M0











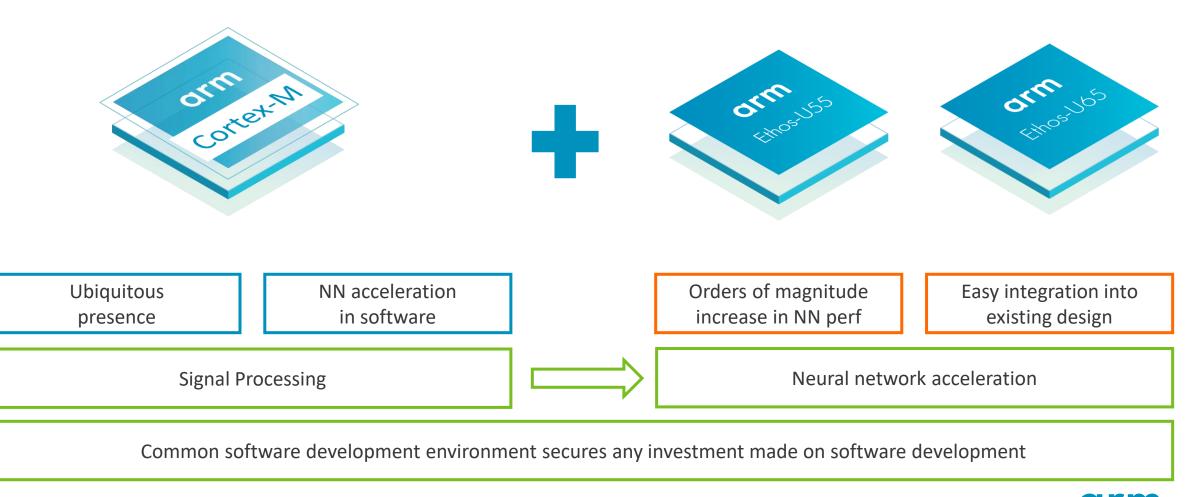
**4.6x** 

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## Ethos-U NPU's for Embedded Systems

ML acceleration designed for Endpoint Inference



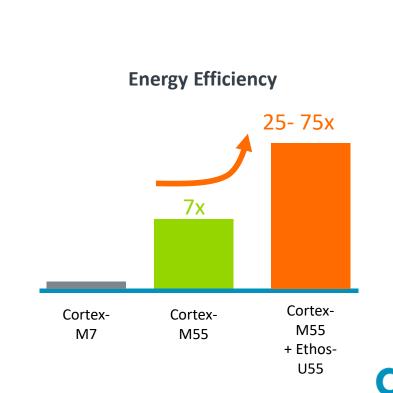
## Cortex M55 + Ethos U55 for On-Device ML

Arm delivers Specialized Processing for next-gen Edge ML

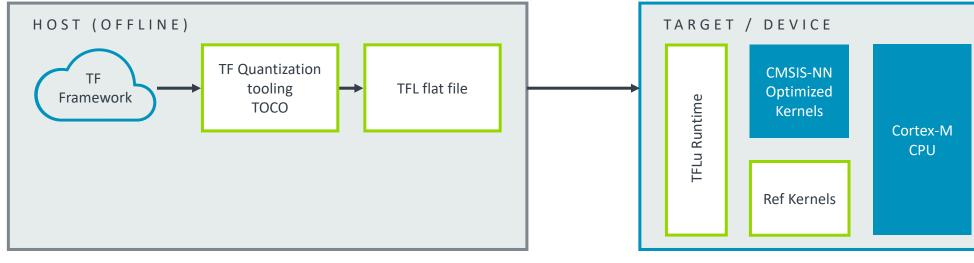
Typical ML Workload for a Voice Assistant

Faster 50x **Speed of Inference** responses **Smaller** form-factor **6**x Improved accuracy Cortex-M55 Cortex-M55 Cortex-+ Ethos-U55 M7





#### **Cortex-M Optimized Software Flow**

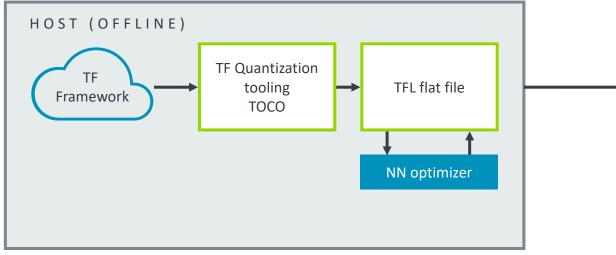


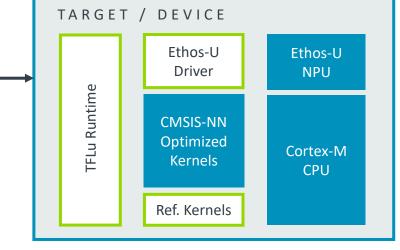
Linked platform runtime

- Train network in TensorFlow
- Quantize it to Int8 TFL flatbuffer file (.tflite file)

- Runtime executable file on device
- The NN is executed on Cortex-M
  - CMSIS-NN optimized kernels if available
  - Fallback on the TFLu reference kernels

## **Ethos-U Optimized Software Flow**





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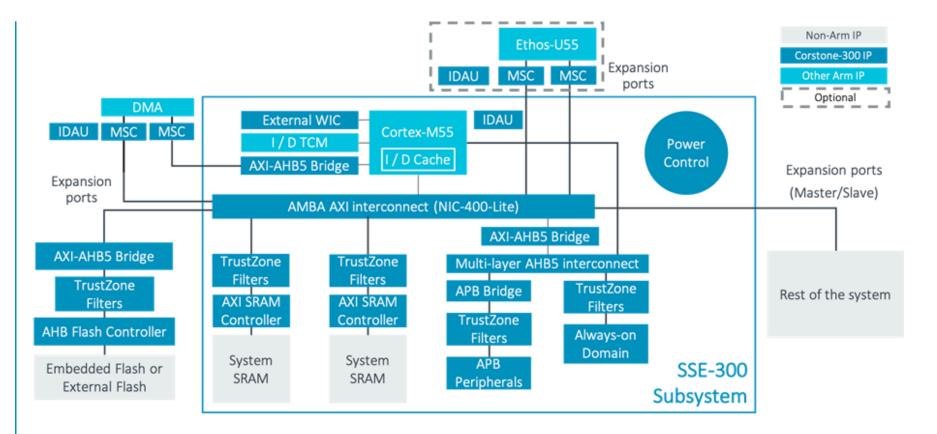
- Train network in TensorFlow
- Quantize it to Int8 TFL flatbuffer file (.tflite file)
- NN Optimizer identifies graphs to run on Ethos-U
  - Optimizes, schedules and allocates these graphs
  - Lossless compression, reducing size of .tflite file

- Runtime executable file on device
- Accelerates kernels on Ethos-U. Driver handles the communication
- The remaining layers are executed on Cortex-M
  - CMSIS-NN optimized kernels if available
  - Fallback on the TFLu reference kernels

TFL: TensorFlow Lite

#### **Corstone-300 Reference Design**

- Unlock performance and power capabilities of the Cortex-M55 processor.
- Helps you build Secure SoCs quickly –
  - Processors,
  - Security,
  - System IP,
  - Software Stack, and
  - Development Tools



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#### **Corstone-300 Boards**

#### **FPGA Prototyping Board**

**FPGA** 

Memory

Debug



Xilinx Kintex Ultrascale KU115 FPGA, 1,451k logic cells Support for encrypted FPGA images and Partial Reconfiguration

8MB BRAM 4GB DDR4 SODIMM (by default, upgradeable to 8GB) 16GB eMMC 8MB QSPI Flash

JTAG 10-pin Cortex debug connector 20-pin Cortex debug and ETM connector 16-bit Trace Mictor connector ILA for ChipScope Pro<sup>TM</sup> / Identify<sup>TM</sup> CMSIS-DAP support

USB2.0 Dual port Host Controller 10/100Mb Ethernet Controller uSD-Card slot Audio (line in/out and mic) QSVGA Colour Display & Touch Screen - 8-bit parallel interface HDMI 1.2 PHY Four Virtual UARTs over USB CONFIG PORT Eight user LEDs/switches

https://developer.arm.com/tools-and-software/developmentboards/fpga-prototyping-boards/mps3

Board peripherals

#### Arm Ecosystem FVPs

Corstone-300 Ecosystem FVPs

Download the FVP model for the Corstone-300 MPS3 based platform

These Corstone-300 models are aligned with the Arm MPS3 development platform and includes both the Cortex-M55 and the Ethos-U55 processors.

**Download Windows** 

Download Linux

https://developer.arm.com/tools-and-software/open-sourcesoftware/arm-platforms-software/arm-ecosystem-fvps

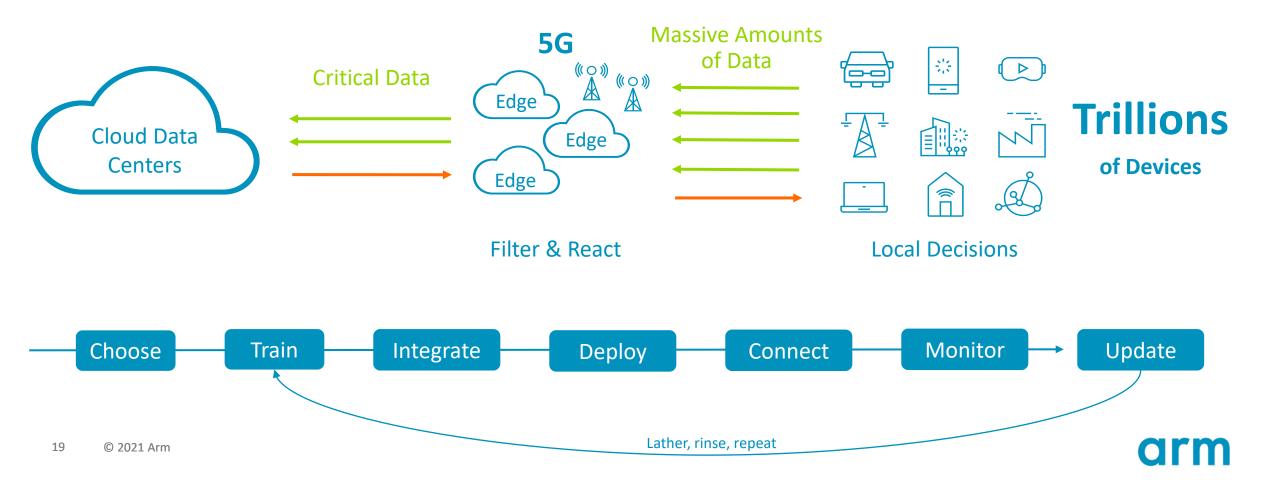
Demo

Silicon will be shipping this year.

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## End-to-end Closed Loop Is The Key to Scale out of ML

Silicon technology from Arm is here. The Arm Partnership will leverage cores into solutions



#### **Standards**

- Arm believes strongly in open collaboration and standards wherever possible. Examples:
  - System and software standards (supports differentiation)
    - E.g. AMBA, Arm System Ready, CoreSight, Arm GIC, Arm SMMU, ASTC, AFBC
  - Secure, interoperable software (available to non-Arm HW)
    - E.g. Arm PSA
  - AI performance benchmarks
    - E.g. AIIA, ML Commons, EEMBC, and others
  - A new open standard: TOSA
    - Tensor Operator Set Architecture

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AMBA

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## Software and Tools

- Arm ML SDK provides best-in-class ML performance across all of Arm processor (Cortex and Neoverse CPUs, Mali GPUs and Ethos NPUs)
  - Open-Source SDK supports common frameworks and model formats (including Tflite, TFLiteµ, Android NNAPI, PyTorch and ONNX)
  - Quick integration and a seamless developer experience
- ML in device requires Neural Network model optimisation *for* device
  - Node pruning, weight clustering, quantization and others
  - Arm has enhanced these widely adopted tools:
    - TensorFlow Model Optimization Toolkit (TF MOT)
    - Arm Development Studio
    - Arm Keil MDK



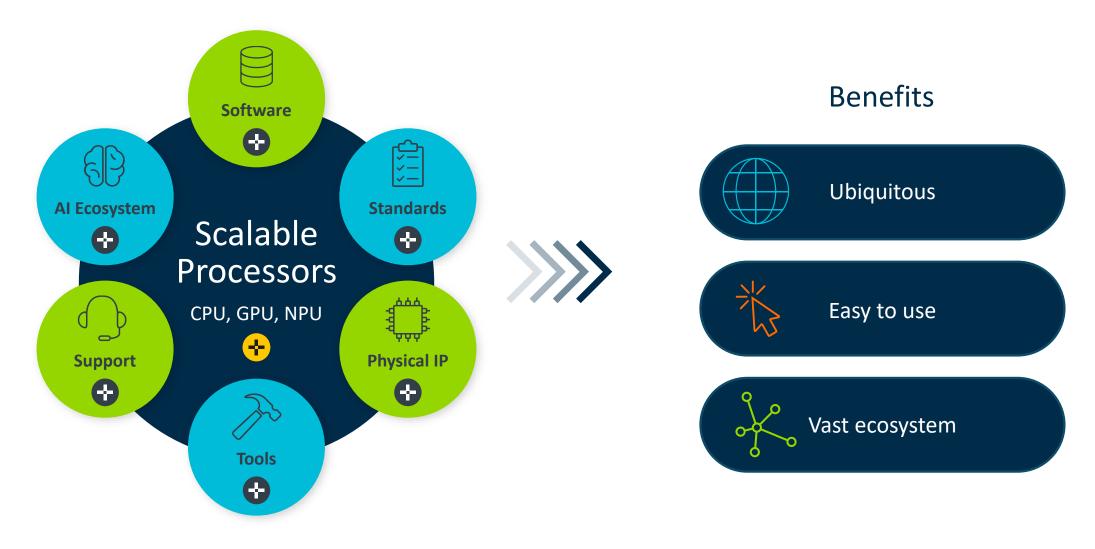
## **Ecosystem and Developers - Fundamental To Success**

Nurturing the world's most vibrant and successful ecosystem into the AI era

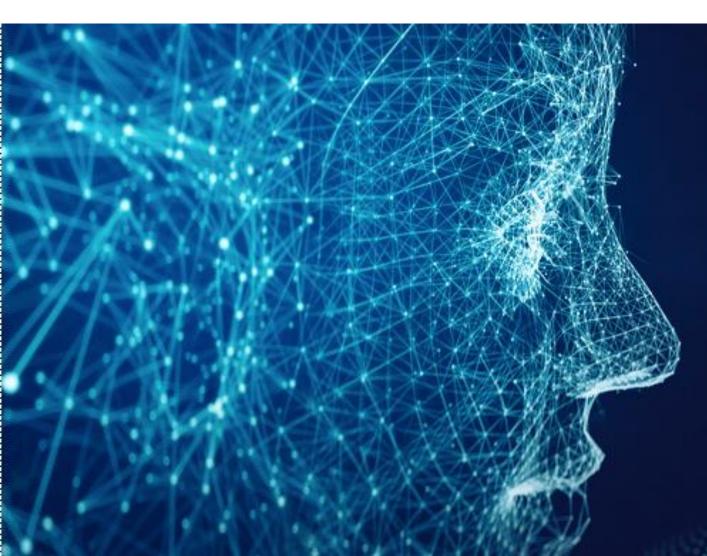


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#### Arm AI Partnership – Harnessing the AI/ML Revolution



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