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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

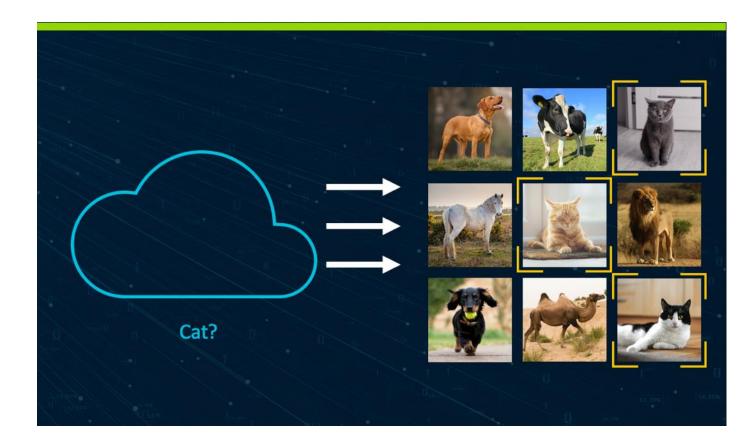
Industry leaders and high-growth start-ups; chip companies and OEMs

190+bn

Arm-based chips shipped to-date

23.7bn Arm-based chips shipped in 2020

Machine Learning Was Once a Novelty

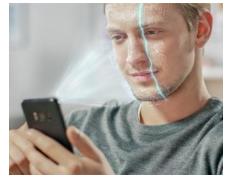


Less than a decade ago, a Convolutional Neural Net (AlexNet) won the ImageNet computer vision challenge, and the Machine Learning explosion began



ML is now Mainstream & Deployed – Cloud and Endpoint





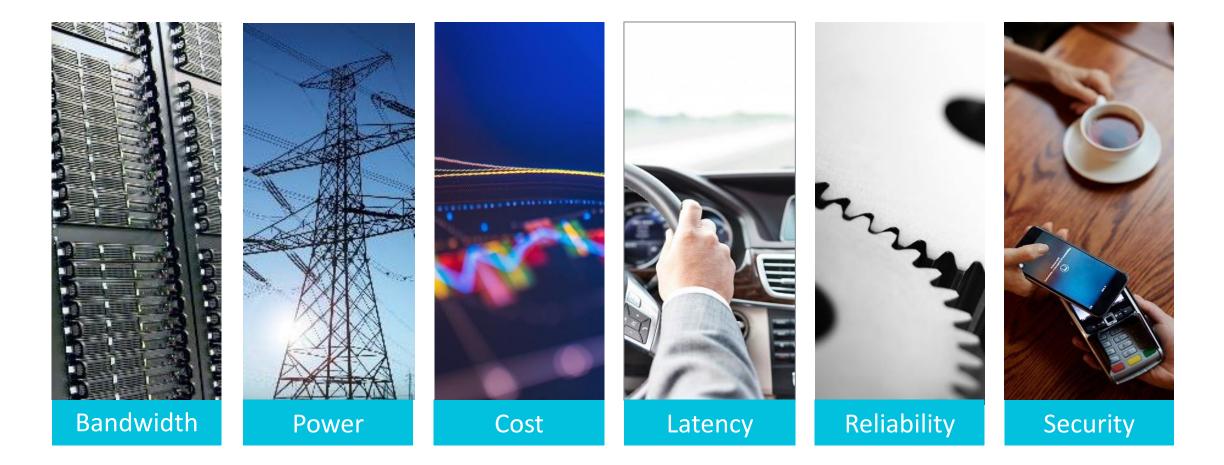








Why has (some) Machine Learning Moved to the Edge?



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 ⁽¹⁾







growth of enterprises using AI in business since 2015 ⁽²⁾

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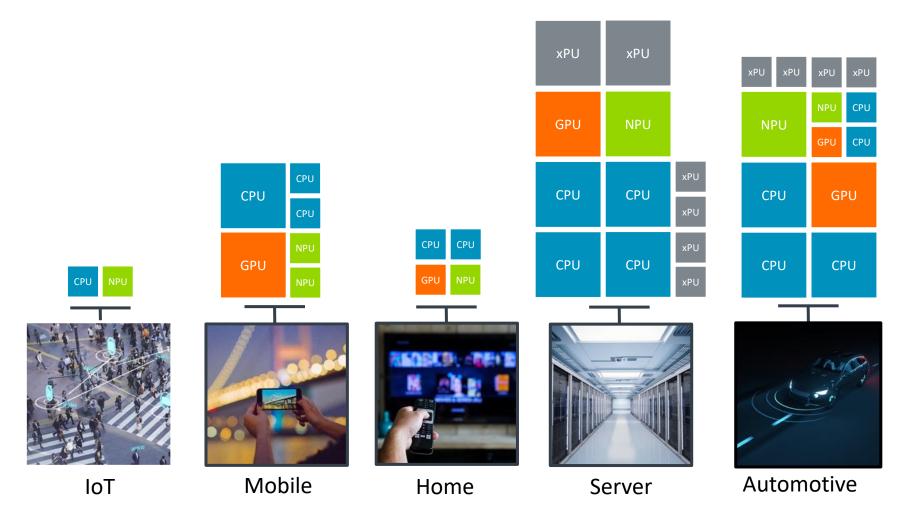
ML Usage Growing In All Industries; Still At the Early Stages



Billions of devices today are running ML on Arm

Next Step: Trillions of devices

Specialized Processing Is the Key to ML Deployment

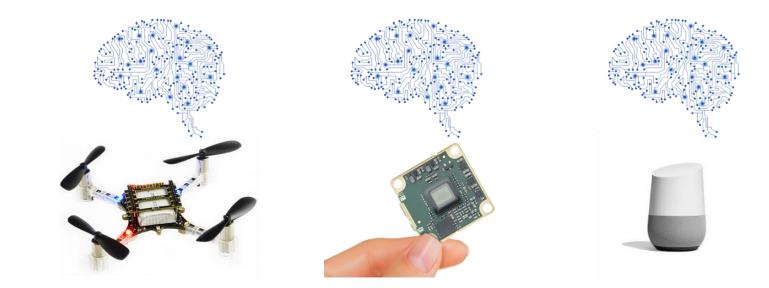


Specialized processing everywhere

Enabling the Internet of Things – ML at the Endpoint



IoT



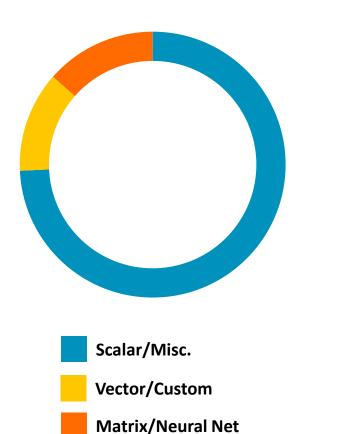
ML Inference at <1mW



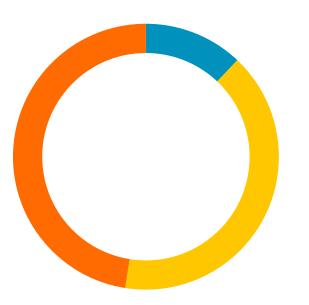


Many Different Types of ML Workload in Endpoint Devices

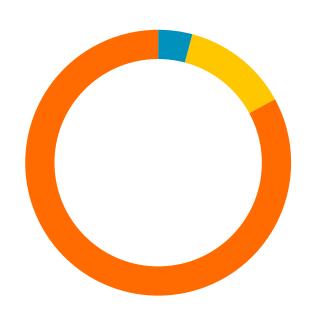
Audio Anomaly Detection



Voice Assistant (endpoint based)



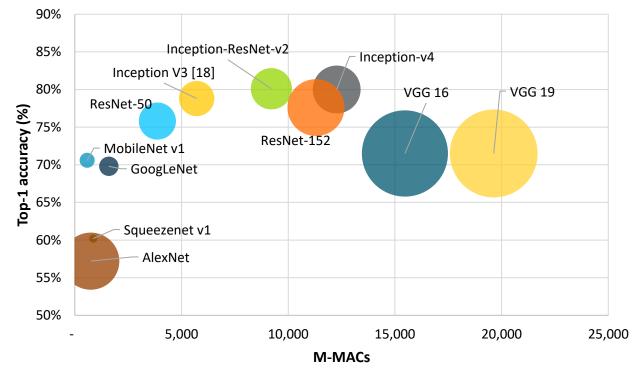
Video Enhancement



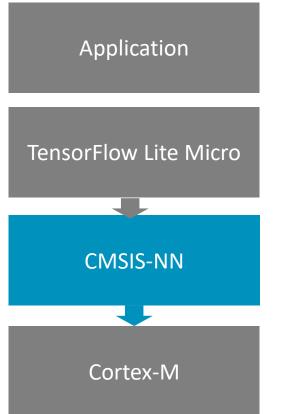


What Makes Endpoint AI/ML Challenging?

- 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



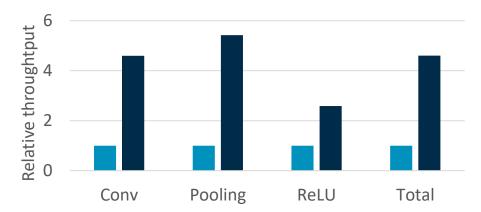
CMSIS-NN

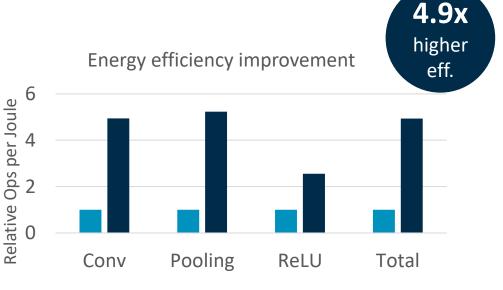


- Open Source: launched <u>23 Jan'18</u>
- CMSIS-NN has the equivalent role for Cortex-M CPUs as Compute Library has for Cortex-A and Mali
- But flow is entirely offline, creating a binary targeting M-class platform
- DSP instructions in Cortex-M4, M33, M7 & M55
- Will run on Cortex-M0











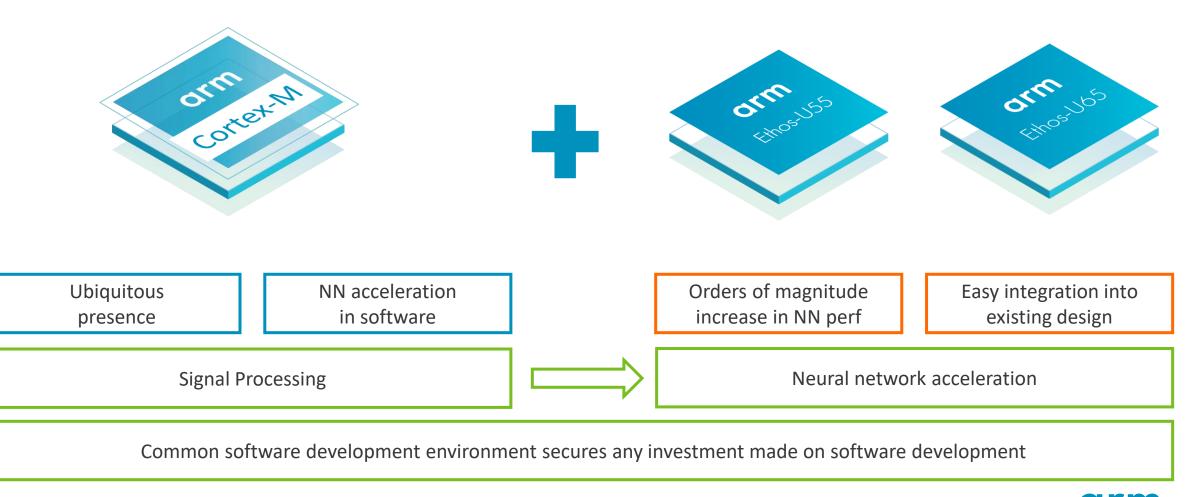
4.6x

higher

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Ethos-U NPU's for Embedded Systems

ML acceleration designed for Endpoint Inference



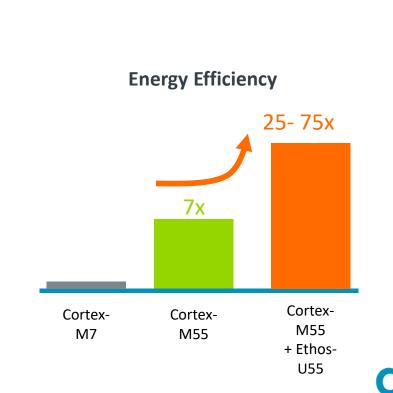
Cortex M55 + Ethos U55 for On-Device ML

Arm delivers Specialized Processing for next-gen Edge ML

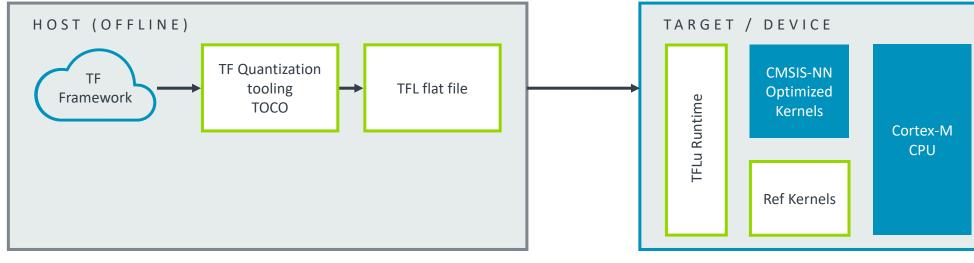
Typical ML Workload for a Voice Assistant

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

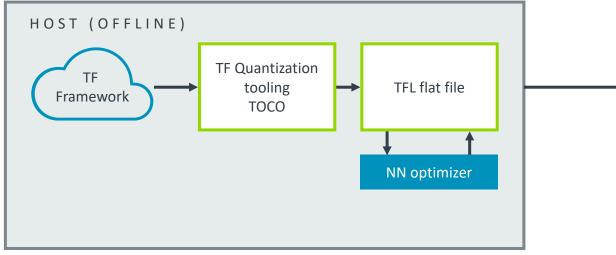


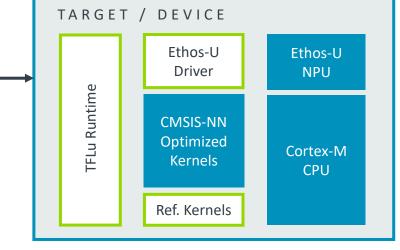
Linked platform runtime

- 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





Linked platform runtime

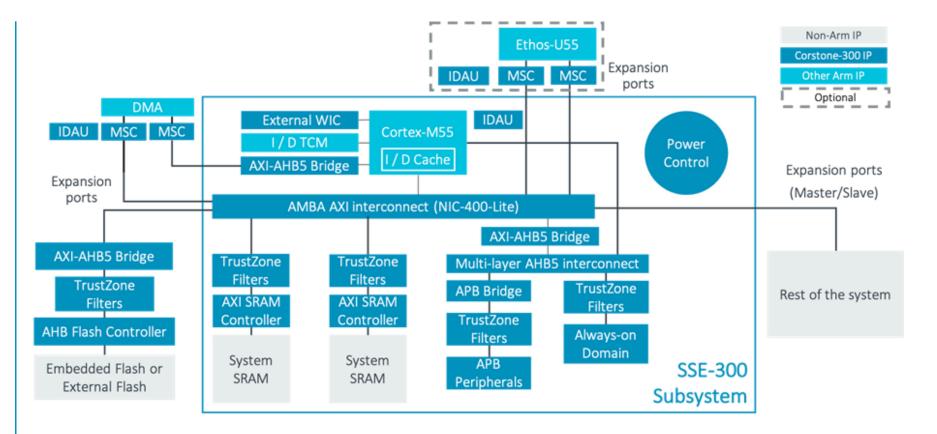
- Train network in TensorFlow
- Quantize it to Int8 TFL flatbuffer file (.tflite file)
- NN Optimizer identifies graphs to run on Ethos-U
 - Optimizes, schedules and allocates these graphs
 - Lossless compression, reducing size of .tflite file

- 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 ProTM / IdentifyTM 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

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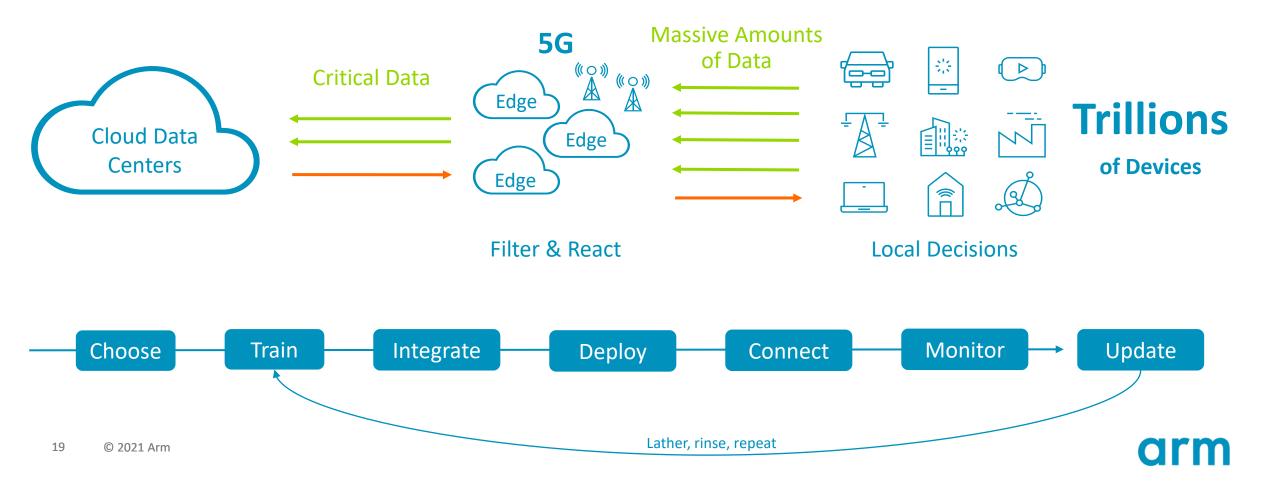
Demo

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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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



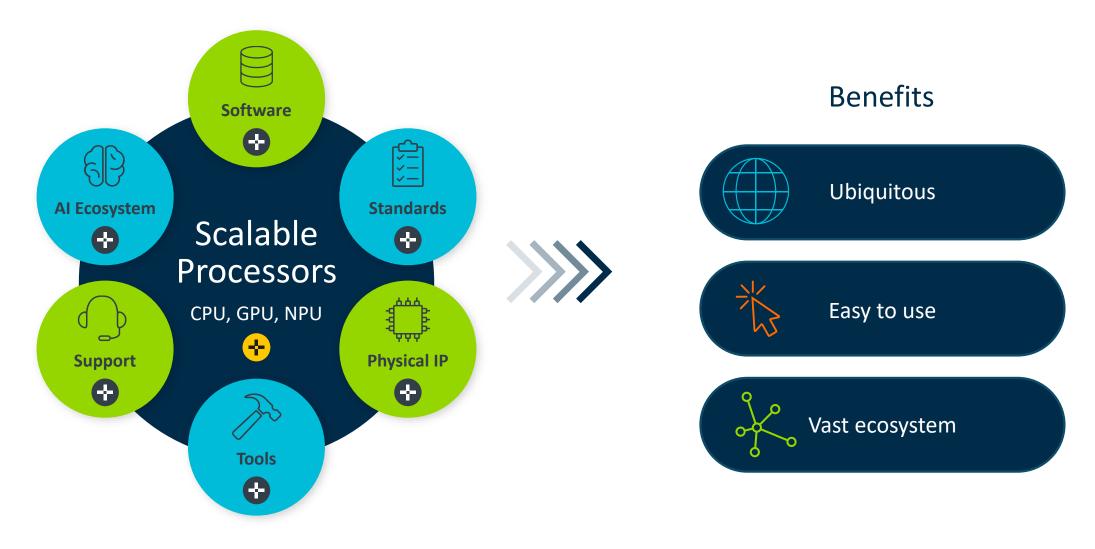
Ecosystem and Developers - Fundamental To Success

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

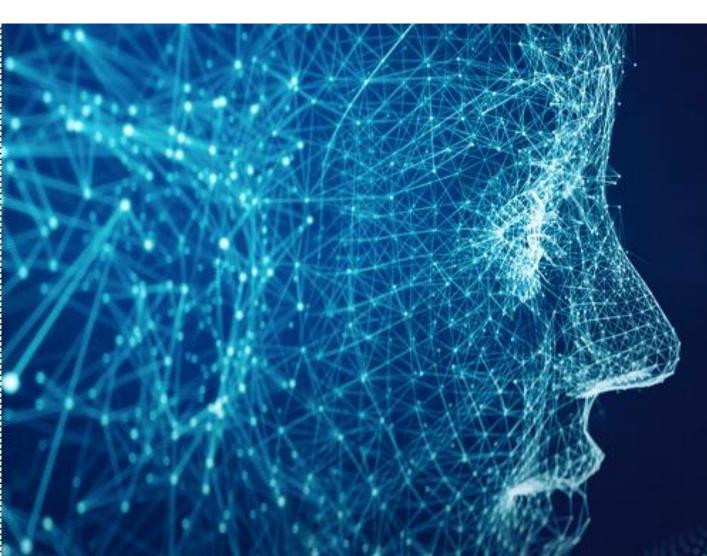


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