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Enabling Ultra-low Power Machine Learning at the Edge

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TINY...

- Power: a useful metric to specify power limits for system design
- Energy (Pt): useful for thinking about longevity of a battery powered system, and the planet
- Cost
- Physical size

THE FLAW OF NORMALISING THESE:

- Cost per MOPS, Power per MOPS, Area per MOPS
- Best-in-class would be a $500, 150-Watt, 10 cm² GPU; definitely all but tiny

It’s the absolute numbers that matter: $1, 5 Joules for 24 hours operation, 0.5 cm²
STATIC & ACTIVE POWER TRADE-OFF IN SEMICONDUCTOR TECHNOLOGIES

SILICON PROCESS NODE TRADE-OFF:

Leakage power \( \approx V_T \) \quad \text{Active power} \approx V_T^2

- Low leakage - higher core voltage, higher \( V_T \)
- Low active power – lower core voltage, lower \( V_T \)
- Does the solution meet the target price-point

SILICON TECHNOLOGY TRADE-OFF:

- Conventional vs exotic process technology
Tempting to focus on the component cost

An AI costs $2, but what really matters is what you need around it:

- External Controllers and Application Processors
- External memory(ies)
- Power supply(ies)
- Sensor(s)

You may find that your AI accelerator needs $2 of external components.
SYSTEM POWER VS INFERENCING POWER

EXTERNAL COMPONENTS USE POWER
- External memory
- Sensors
- Power supply inefficiency

DYNAMIC INTERCONNECT POWER
- Recall active power $\approx$ Voltage$^2$

UNLIKE SYSTEM COST, SYSTEM POWER CAN BE SAVED:
- When and/or how often to inference?
- Can features/components be switched off?
  - How much energy to switch back on?
  - How quickly?
  - Do I have to reload all sorts of parameters?
EXAMPLE: FAR-FIELD WAKE-UP WORD (KEYWORD)

FOUR POWER MODES TO MAXIMISE ENERGY EFFICIENCY

POWER MODES – REQUIRED CAPABILITIES

• Envelope detection
  Is it likely voice is present?
• Voice detection
  Is there voice present?
• Keyword detection
  Is it a keyword utterance?
• Mission mode
  For how long?

KEY TIMING PARAMETERS

• Time to transition between power modes for utility
• Time in power modes for energy

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Un-optimised platform
Optimised platform
IN CONCLUSION

• A fixation on power over-simplifies the problem faced by our customers
• Utility, energy and cost are primary concerns
• Useful power modes are important, but to be useful…
  • Intelligent decisions must be made to change mode
  • Time taken to change mode must not lose meaningful data
• System-level knowledge is required to minimise energy consumption
THANK YOU

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2. Supported by end-to-end tooling such as Arm Keil MDK
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Profiling and debugging tooling such as Arm Keil MDK

Application

Optimized models for embedded

Runtime (e.g. TensorFlow Lite Micro)

Optimized low-level NN libraries (i.e. CMSIS-NN)

RTOS such as Mbed OS

Arm Cortex-M CPUs and microNPUs

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Reasoning
- Scene understanding, language understanding, behavior prediction

Action
- Reinforcement learning for decision making

A platform to scale AI across the industry

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Massive compute
- Novel deep neural networks
- Massive data corpus

Silicon-optimized software
- Speech enhancement
- Speech recognition

Conferencing
- Call centers
- Digital Assistants
- Calling

300 TFLOPS per engineer

40K hours of speech
15K hours of music
10K hour of noise
100K room models
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Dataset

Acquire valuable training data securely

Enrich data and train ML algorithms

Edge Device

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Test impulse with real-time device data flows

Test

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Computer Vision Algorithms
- Machine Learning algorithm
- <1MB memory footprint
- Microcontrollers computing power
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- Processing of low-res images
- Human detection and other classifiers

IoT System on Chip
- Machine Learning edge computing silicon
- <1mW always-on power consumption
- Computer Vision hardware accelerators

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GrAI Matter Labs has created an AI Processor for use in edge devices like drones, robots, surveillance cameras, and more that require real-time intelligent response at low power. Inspired by the biological brain, its computing architecture utilizes sparsity to enable a design which scales from tiny to large-scale machine learning applications.

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- End-to-end development of tinyML applications
- Guides and empowers users through the process
- Support for high accuracy applications requiring low power and small memory
- Imagimob AI have been used in 25+ tinyML customer projects
- Gesture control
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health sensors

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low power cortex m4 micros

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Qeexo AutoML

Automated Machine Learning Platform that builds tinyML solutions for the Edge using sensor data

Key Features

- Supports 17 ML methods:
  - Multi-class algorithms: GBM, XGBoost, Random Forest, Logistic Regression, Gaussian Naive Bayes, Decision Tree, Polynomial SVM, RBF SVM, SVM, CNN, RNN, CRNN, ANN
  - Single-class algorithms: Local Outlier Factor, One Class SVM, One Class Random Forest, Isolation Forest
- Labels, records, validates, and visualizes time-series sensor data
- On-device inference optimized for low latency, low power consumption, and small memory footprint applications
- Supports Arm® Cortex™- M0 to M4 class MCUs

End-to-End Machine Learning Platform

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- Smart Home
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- End-to-end AI workflow
- Multi-user auto-labeling of time-series data
- Code transparency and customization at each step in the pipeline

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