## A comparison of Edge Al Processors

This list is not exhaustive and is provided as a summary of some popular available options (last updated – March 2024)



|                          | Processor   |  |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |  |  |
|--------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|---|--|--|
| Feature                  | Ambarella<br>CV25S  | GreenWaves<br>GAP8   | Hailo<br>Hailo-15   | Kneron<br>KL720   | NXP<br>i.MX 8M Plus   | Nvidia<br>TM660M-A2<br>(Tegra X1)  | Syntiant<br>NDP200   | ST<br>STM32MP25   | Syntiant<br>NDP101  | TI<br>AM68A   | XMOS<br>XCORE.AI   | Xillinx Versal<br>Edge VE2002  |
| Description              | SoC   | SoC - Applications<br>processor  | VPU (Vision<br>Processing Unit)<br>SoC  | SoC - Applications<br>processor with<br>dedicated NPU                           | SoC - Applications<br>processor with<br>dedicated NPU and<br>GPU  | SoC Processor  | Compact neural<br>processor<br>(Neural Decision<br>Processor)  | SoC   | Compact neural<br>processor<br>(Neural Decision<br>Processor)   | SoC - Vision<br>Processor   | SoC - Applications<br>processor with<br>multiple cores   | SoC  |
| Typical Application(s)   | Vision including:<br>Auto parking assist,<br>Electronic mirror,<br>Advanced driver-<br>assistance systems,<br>Depth perception<br>cameras.              | Vision including:<br>People counting,<br>Road monitoring,<br>Consumer robotics,<br>Gesture recognition,<br>Face detection,<br>Autonomous drones. | Vision including:<br>Intelligent Cameras<br>tagetting security,<br>retail, transportation,<br>industrial<br>Automation. | Vision icluding: High-<br>end IP Cameras,<br>Smart TVs, Al<br>glasses/headsets. | Smart Applications,<br>Industrial IoT.  | Application include:<br>Image classification,<br>Object detection,<br>Segmentation and<br>Speech processing. | Audio/Vision<br>including:<br>Object detection &<br>classification, Wake<br>word detection,<br>Motion tracking,<br>Scene classification. | Industry 4.0,<br>Machine learning,<br>Smart homes,<br>Smart metering,<br>Payment terminals,<br>IoT,<br>Edge computing | Audio/Vision<br>including:<br>Object detection &<br>classification,<br>Wake word<br>detection,<br>Motion tracking,<br>Scene classification. | Vision including:<br>Cameras,<br>Smart agriculture,<br>Video surveilance,<br>Traffic monitoring,<br>Drones,<br>Human Machine<br>Interfaces (HMI). | Audio/Vision<br>including:<br>Al IoT,<br>Presence detection,<br>Voice interfaces,<br>Communications<br>and control | Vision AI<br>applications<br>including:<br>Advanced driver-<br>assist systems,<br>Robotics,<br>Unmanned Aeriel<br>Vehicles,<br>Ultrasound Imaging. |
| System Role<br>(Primary) | Host  | Host   | Host combining VPU with CPU and DSP   | Host  | Host  | Host   | Host   | Host  | Coprocessor   | Host  | Host   | Host   |
| Processing<br>Resource   | Quad-core Arm Cortex-A76 up to 1.0 GHz with NEON™ SIMD and FPU acceleration Ambarella Image Signal Processor (ISP) and CVflow Computer Vision Processor | 8 x RISC-V cores<br>- Convolution Neural<br>Network Accelerator  | Quad-core ARM A53<br>1.3 GHz (12k DMIPS)  | NPU (700MHz),<br>Cadence DSP (500<br>MHz),<br>Arm Cortex M4<br>(400MHz          | NPU (Vivante<br>VIP8000),<br>4 x Arm Cortex-A53<br>(1.8 GHz),<br>Arm Cortex-M7<br>(800MHz),<br>DSP (Cadence<br>Tensilica HiFi 4),<br>GPU (GC7000UL) | GPU (28-core<br>Maxwell @920MHz),<br>4 x Arm A57 (1.43<br>GHz  | ARM Cortex-M0<br>HiFi-3 DSP  | Arm<br>Cortex-A35 @<br>1.5GHz,<br>Arm Cortex-M33<br>@ 400MHz,<br>NPU<br>3D GPU (1080p)                                | ARM Cortex-MO   | Upto 2 x 64-bit Arm<br>Cortex-A72,<br>Dual-core Arm<br>Cortex,<br>R5F,<br>Deep Learning<br>Accelerator,<br>3D GPU (IMG BSX-64-4)                  | 16 xCore logical<br>processing blocks<br>based on STM32M7<br>(2 tiles, 8 logical<br>cores per tile)                | 2 x Arm Cortex-A72,<br>2 x Cortex-R5F,<br>8 x Al Engine-ML,<br>90 x DSP Engines  |
| RAM                      | LPDDR4 / LPDDR4x /<br>DDR4 (32-bit)   | Integrated 512 kB<br>SRAM  | LPDDR4 (32-bit)   | Integrated 128 MB<br>LPDDR3   | LPDDR4/DDR4/DDR<br>3L (16/32-bit)   | Up to 4 GB<br>LPDDR3/LPDDR4<br>(64-bit   | 48 kB SRAM (M0)<br>96 kB I SRAM (DSP)<br>192 kB D SRAM<br>(DSP)  | DDR4/LPDDR4   | Integrated 112 kB<br>SRAM   | Upto 4 MB<br>Integrated RAM<br>LPDDR4   | integrated 1 MB<br>SRAM (2 x 512 kB<br>Modules),<br>LPDDR1   | 256 KB internal<br>(Scalar Engine)   |
| Performance              |   | 22.65 GOPS (235<br>GOPS/W)   | Three Variants:<br>Hailo-15H - 20 TOPS<br>Hailo-15M - 11 TOPS<br>Hailo-15L - 7 TOPS                                     | 1.5 TOPS (0.9<br>TOPS/W)  | 2.3 TOPS  | 2.3 TOPS   | 6.4 GOPS   | 1.35 TOPS   | 0.24 GOPS   | 8 TOPS  | Peak: 51.2GMACC/s<br>at 8-bit<br>Sustained:<br>40.96GMACC/s  | 11 TOPS (INT4)<br>5 TOPS (INT8)<br>0.6 TOPS DSP (INT8)<br>2 TOPS P/Logic<br>(INT4)<br>1 TOPS P/Logic<br>(INT8)                                     |

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| Al Frameworks               | Several including:<br>Caffe,<br>TensorFlow, and<br>ONNX  | Several including<br>TensorFlow              | Several<br>Including:<br>Keras,<br>TensorFlow,<br>TensorFlow Lite,<br>PyTorch, ONNX  | Several including:<br>ONNX,<br>TensorFlow,<br>Keras, Caffe | Several including:<br>Caffe,<br>TensorFlow,<br>TensorFlow Lite,<br>and ONNX      | Several including:<br>TensorFlow,<br>PyTorch, Caffe,<br>Keras, Darknet,<br>MXNet  | Several including:<br>TensorFlow   |  | Several including:<br>TensorFlow                              | TensorFlow,<br>PyTorch, ONNX,<br>tvm   | TensorFlow,<br>PyTorch, Caffe 2,<br>MXNet                                 |  |
| Interfaces                  | MIPI CSI/DSI Sub-LVDS Input HISPI Input SLVS Input HDMI 2.0 Output BT.601/656 eMMC 10/100/1000 Ethernet USB 2.0 Host/ Device | MIPI CSI (8 bit)                             | MIPI CSI/DSI<br>PCIe 3.0 4-Lanes<br>Ethernet RMII/<br>RGMII<br>SDIO3.0/<br>eMMC5.1<br>(HS200)<br>USB 3.1 Gen2<br>Host/Device<br>USB 2.0 Host | MIPI CSI<br>DVP VI/VO<br>USB 2.0/3.0                       | MIPI DSI<br>HDMI 2.0<br>LVDS<br>PDM<br>USB 2.0/3.0<br>Gb Ethernet<br>CAN<br>PCIe | USB 3.0<br>MIPI DSI eDP<br>MIPI CSI-2<br>HDMI 2.0<br>eMMC 5.x<br>SPI<br>SDIO  | SPI Master<br>SPI Slave<br>PDM<br>8x GPIO  | MIPI CSI-2<br>MIPI DSI/LVDS<br>Gb Ethernet<br>PCIe Gen2<br>USB 3.0<br>CAN-FD | lmage Interface<br>(11 Wire)                                  | MIPI CSI/DPI eDP LVDS Ethernet RMII/ RGMII McASP eQEP CAN SDIO eMMc 5.1 PCIe Gen3 USB 3.0 QSPI or HyperBus | USB 2.0 Phy<br>MIPI<br>128 x<br>G+116:M17PIO<br>LPDDR DRAM                | Gb Ethernet<br>CAN-FD<br>USB 2.0   |
| Power<br>Consumption        |  |  |  | 1.2W   |  | 10W TDP   |  |  | < 200 μW  | 6W (Min)   |   |  |
| Package                     | 361 TFBGA<br>(13mm x 13mm)   | 88 aQFN (7mm x<br>7mm                        | FCCSP (15mm x<br>15mm)   | 9mm x 9mm<br>11mm x 11mm                                   | 15mm x 15mm  |   | 40 QFB (5mm x<br>5mm)  |  | 32 QFN (5mm x<br>5mm)   | 770-pin FCBGA<br>(23mm x 23mm)   | 60 QFN (7mm x<br>7mm)<br>265 BGA (14mm<br>x 14mm)                         | SBVA484 (19mm<br>× 19mm)<br>SBVA625 (21mm<br>× 21mm)<br>SFVA784 (23mm<br>× 23mm)                                       |
| Differentiating<br>Features |  | Small package,<br>Low power,<br>consumption, | Full SoC,<br>Implementation,<br>Good power<br>efficiency   | Extensive<br>I/O   | Extensive<br>I/O   | Large developer<br>community,<br>Excellent<br>support,<br>GPU based Al<br>acceleration,<br>Jetson Nano<br>development kit | -Ultra low power<br>(1 mW Vision<br>Processing with<br>Inference Power<br>Consumption),<br>Small package |  | Increased I/O<br>when compared<br>to NDP100,<br>Small package | 8 RGB Cameras<br>(Max)   | Proprietary &<br>flexible,<br>processing<br>architecture,<br>Flexible I/O | -Highly flexible/<br>configurable<br>heterogenous<br>architecture,<br>Excellent power<br>efficiency and<br>performance |