



GrAI Matter Labs

BRAIN-INSPIRED PROCESSING ARCHITECTURE

DELIVERS HIGH PERFORMANCE, ENERGY-EFFICIENT,
COST-EFFECTIVE AI

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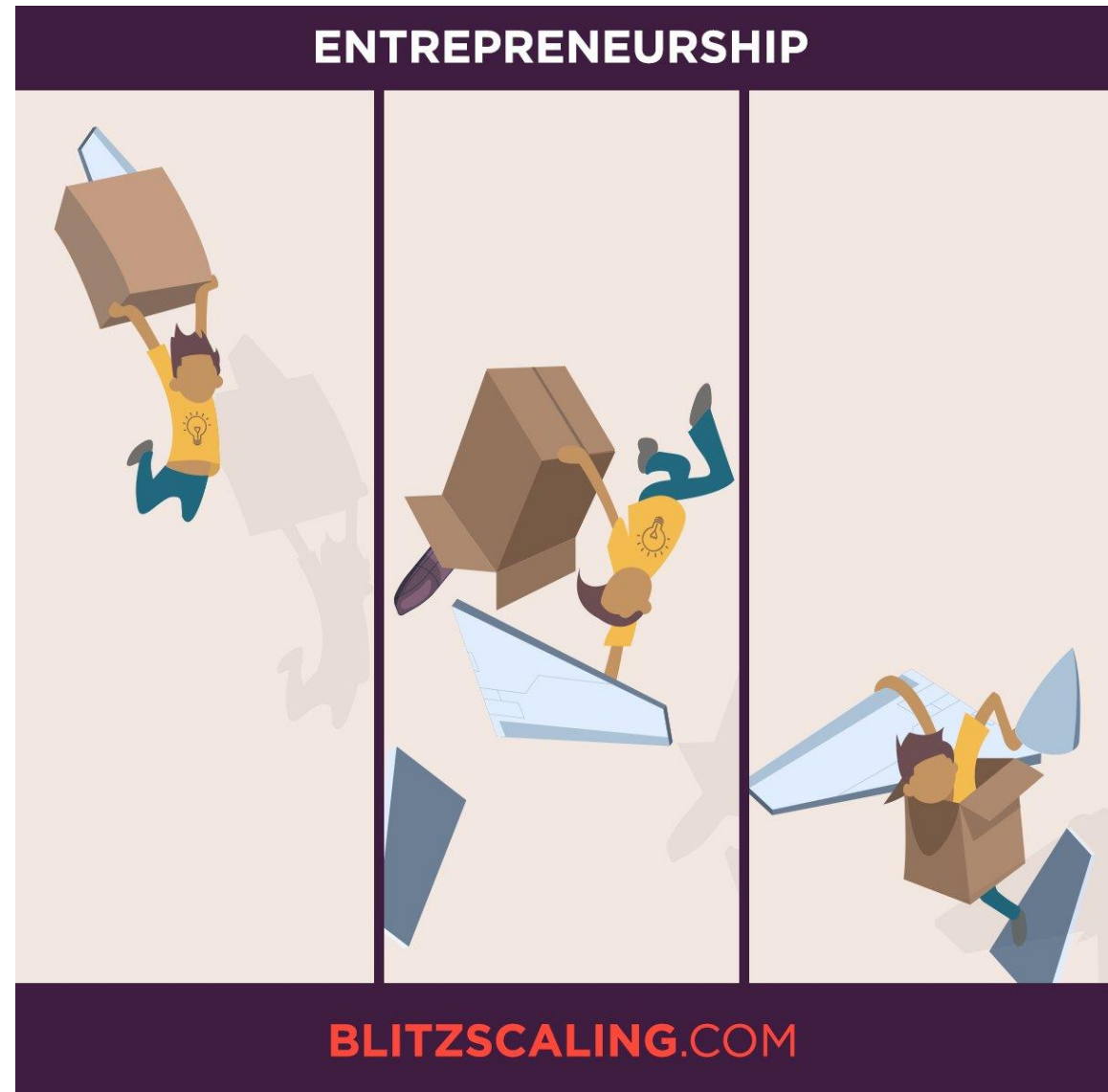
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I'VE OFTEN SAID THAT
STARTING A COMPANY IS LIKE
JUMPING OFF A CLIFF AND
ASSEMBLING A PLANE ON THE
WAY DOWN.



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We have followed
this model

2019



NeuronFlow

Invented the brain-inspired technology

2020



GrAI One

Proof-of-concept for NeuronFlow technology

2021



GrAI VIP, Vision Inference Processor

Enabling our customers to create magic



Agenda

- NeuronFlow: Brain-inspired computing
- GrAI One: World's first Sparsity enabled accelerator
- Use Case: Leveraging GrAI One to enable Intelligent User Interface
- Key Learnings
- GrAI VIP: World's first Sparsity enabled SOC
- Q/A



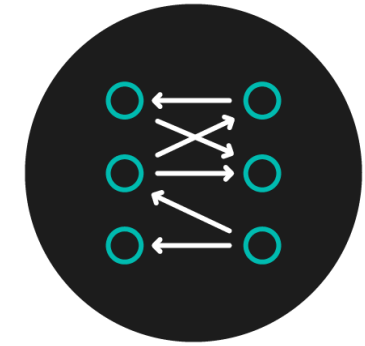
NEURONFLOW

BRAIN-INSPIRED

COMPUTING



Neuromorphic
Engineering



Dataflow
Computing

NeuronFlow

- Values vs Events
- Compute in network
- Compute on demand
- Compute near memory



EXPLOITING
SPARSITY IN
NEURONFLOW

SPARSITY in **TIME**

Real world signals are correlated in time. NeuronFlow only computes on changing data (events) due to its dataflow nature.

SPARSITY in **SPACE**

Real world signals are sparse in all dimensions. NeuronFlow does not compute on values that are zero or close to zero.

SPARSITY in **CONNECTIVITY**

NeuronFlow only computes on graph edges with significant weight (exploits “small world” connectivity)

SPARSITY in **ACTIVATION**

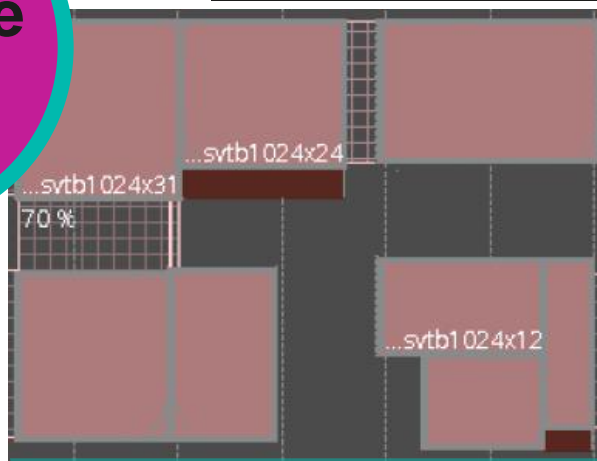
NeuronFlow allows reducing network activity by adjusting neuron thresholds.

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ACCELERATOR

Available Today

Neuron Core - Detailed

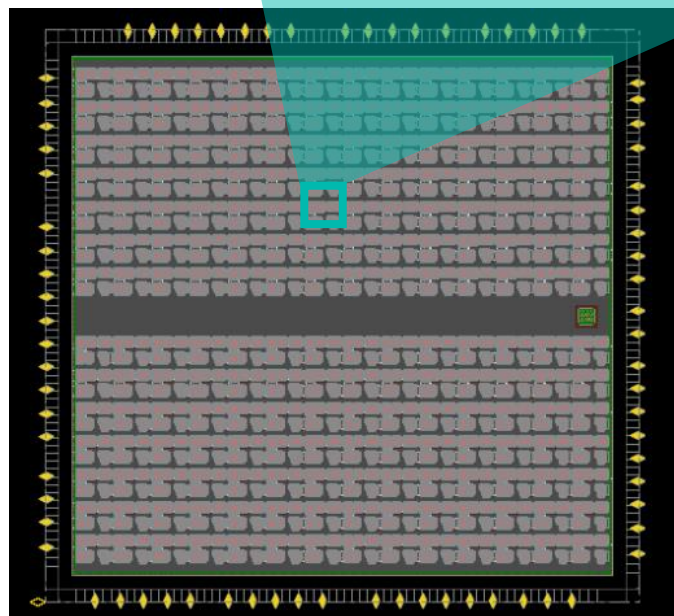


Flexible

Fully programmable / SDK
C++ / Python / TensorFlow

Self-Contained

No external DRAM

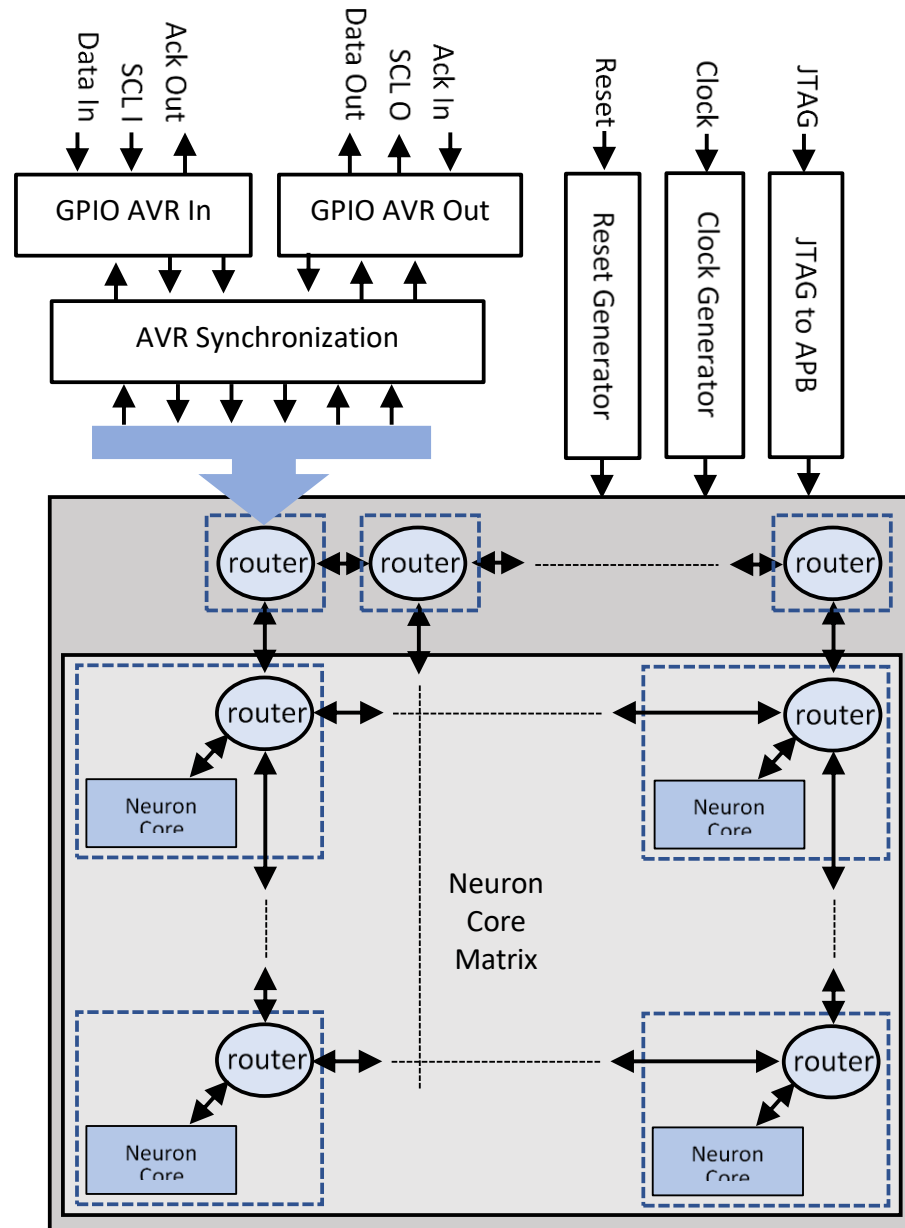


[14 x 14] Array of Neuron Cores

Configuration	GrAI One
# of Neuron Cores	196
# of Neurons	up to 200,704
Technology	TSMC 28 HPC+
Silicon Size	20 mm ²



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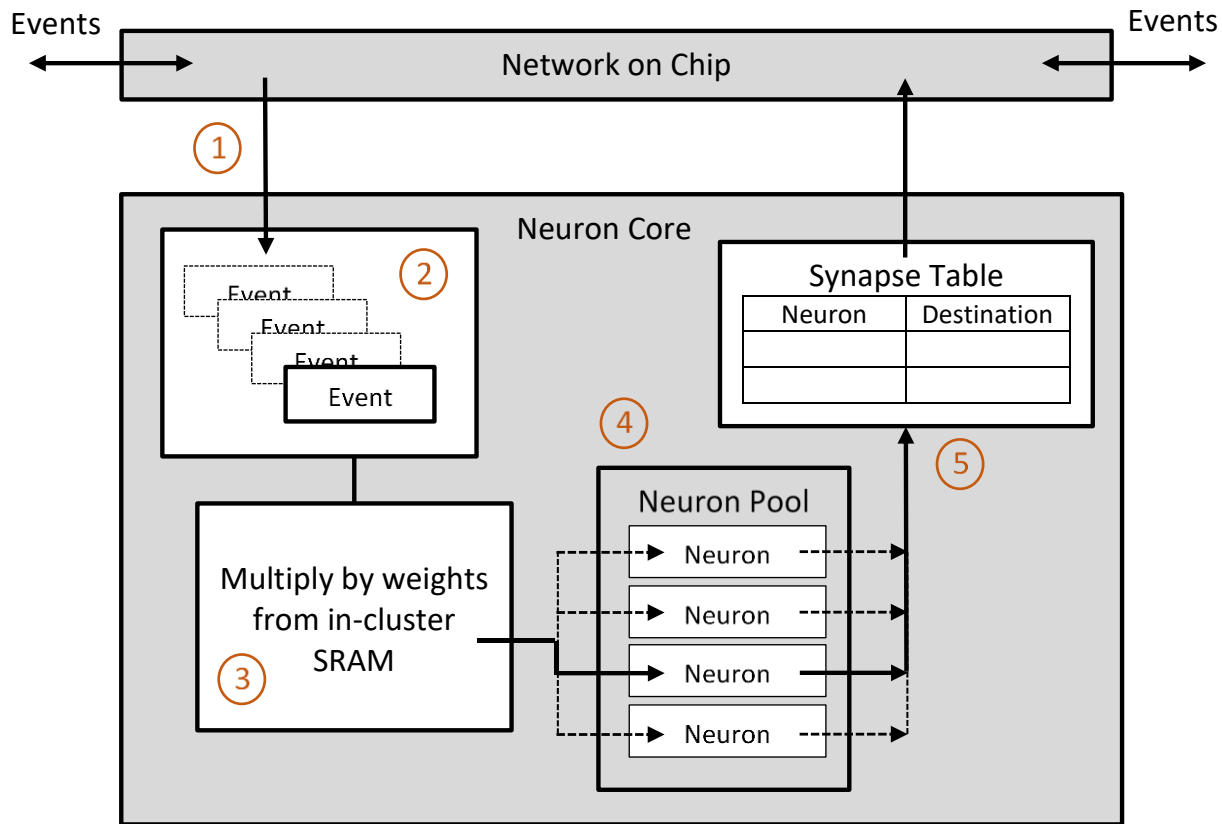
Interfaces

- Power, clock, reset, JTAG
- Data interface: Address-Value Representation, with input data routed to inputs nodes of network
- Relative addressing allows tiling

Configuration

- Fabric of cores, each of which represents 1024 neurons
- Cores connected by proprietary Network-on-Chip.

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Processing Flow in Neuron Core

- 1 Events arrive via NoC based on destination address
- 2 Events are processed in FIFO queue
- 3 Weights stored in local SRAM and can be shared.
- 4 Data is weighted and passed to neurons
- 5 Neurons have state in local SRAM and perform basic neural and ALU functions
- 6 Events and mathematical output values sent to destinations via synapse table and NoC

Available Today

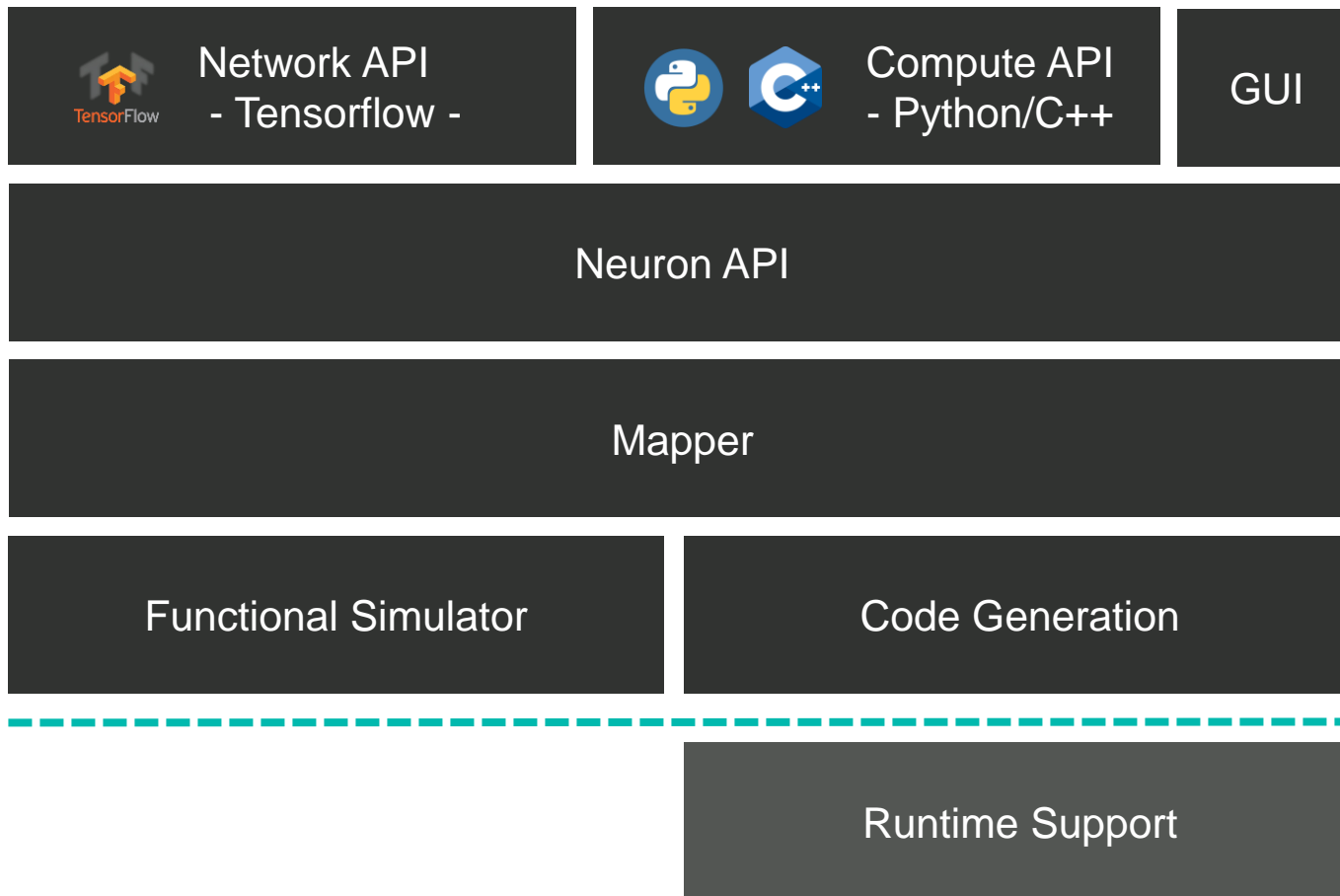
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SDK

Key Features

- Conventional Programming & Machine Learning
- Direct Network Import
- Integrated Simulator
- Integrated Debugger
- Graphical Editor

User Application



GRAI ONE HDK

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Customer

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**POC development
with GrAI One**

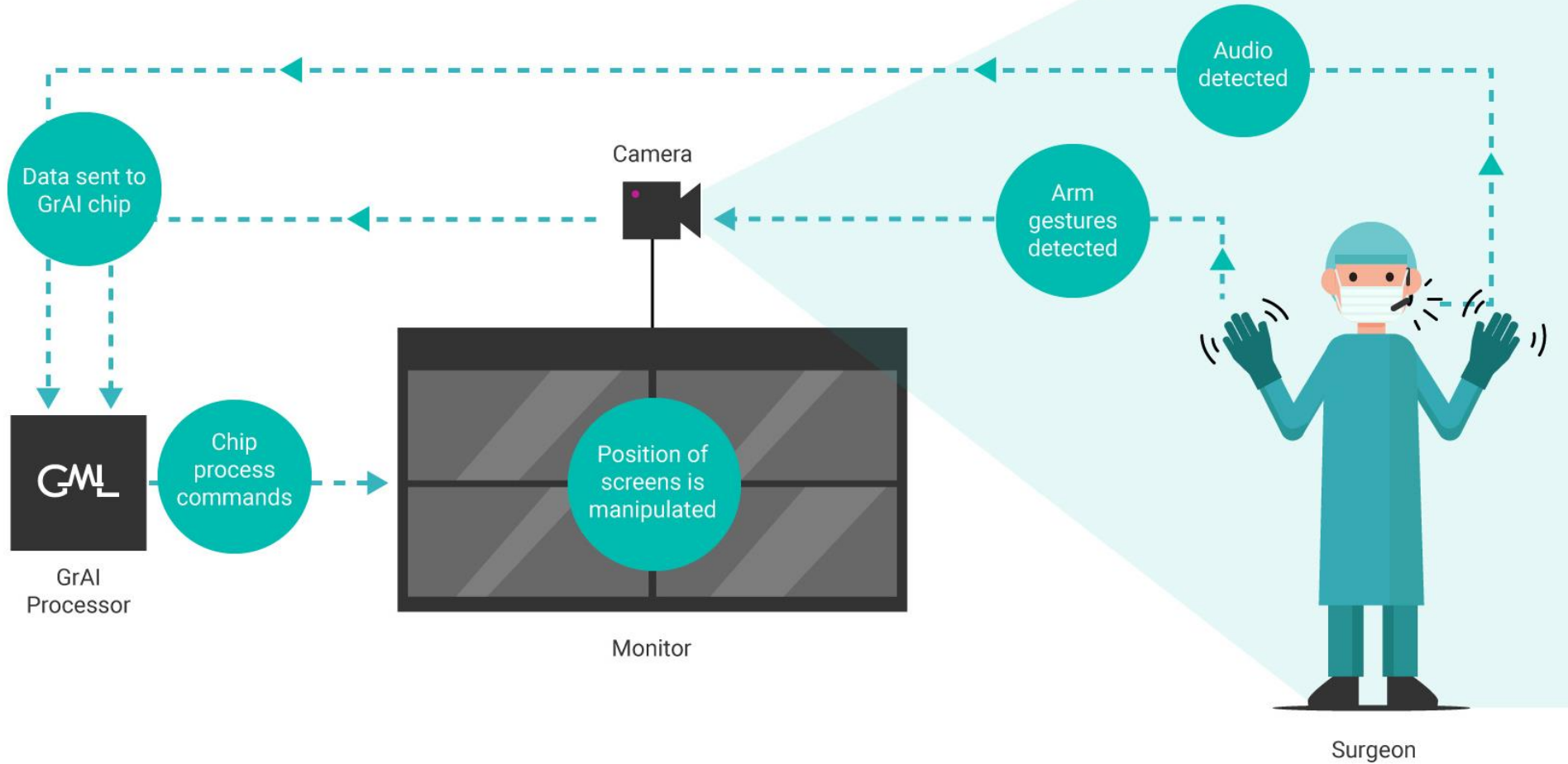
Reference Apps:
Keyword Spotting
Gestures with event camera
Face Detect with RGB camera
PilotNet with RGB camera

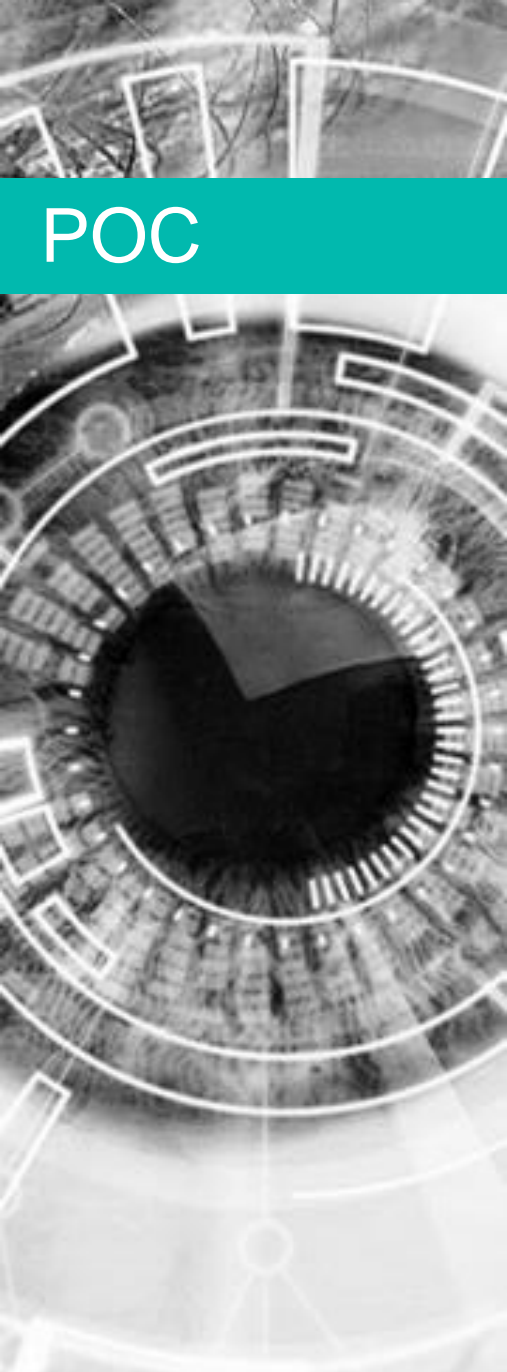


Introduction

Enabling an Intelligent User Interface for Physicians and Surgeons

Customer
Use-Case





POC

Intelligent
Ux

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Audio Based
Keyword Spotting

Video Based
Gestures



POC development with GrAI One



Key Learnings

Latency of Response Time

Training for Accents and Alternatives

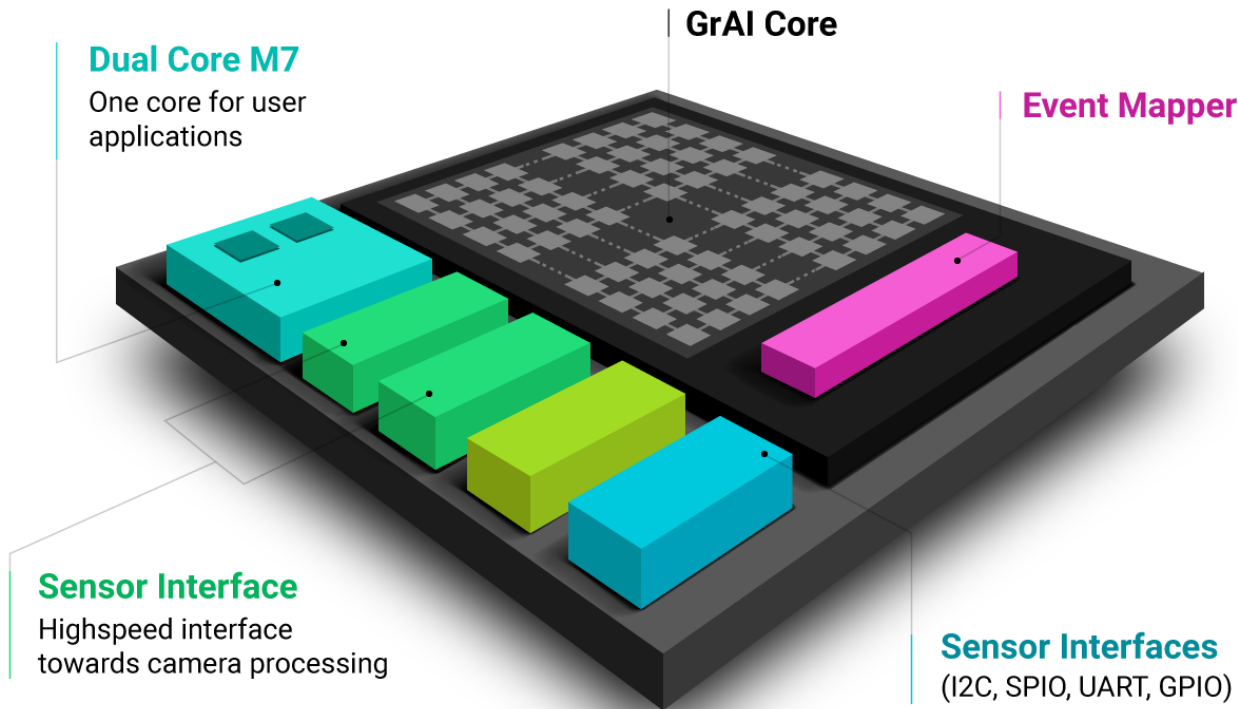
Lighting conditions for Video

Need for simplicity combining Audio
and Video

Ease of Deployment

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System On Chip



Accommodate Audio and Video
On Same Chip

High Performance: Latency, Size

Ease of Programmability

Interfaces to multiple sensors

Development Board Form Factor

Fastest Edge AI Processing per Watt

Transform AI Compute

...with Sparse Compute



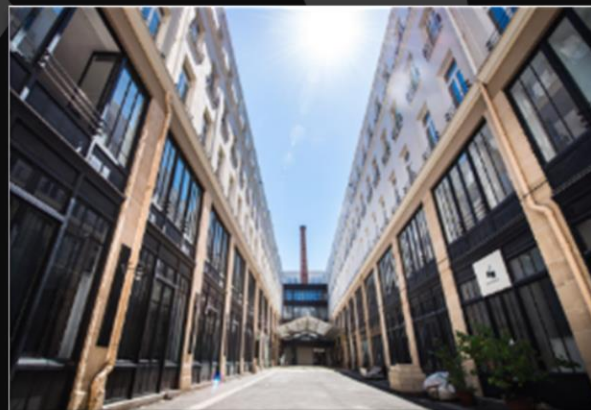
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- Customer Solutions

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- Science Center
- System & Applications Engineering

**Eindhoven**

- Silicon Design Center
- SDK Engineering



AT A GLANCE



GrAI Matter Labs

Live AI	Low Power & Ultra Low Latency Real-time sensor data
NeuronFlow	Processor Technology Uniquely optimized to exploit sparsity @ edge
GrAI One	Accelerator for Live AI Samples and HDK currently deployed
GrAI VIP	System on Chip for Live AI Get started today



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