

壁仞™ BR100 GPGPU:

Accelerating Datacenter Scale AI Computing

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BIREN BR100

Area	1074mm ² @7nm
Transistor Count	77Billion
Host Interface	PCle Gen 5 x16 w/ CXL
Peak Performance	2048 TOPS @ INT8 1024 TFLOPS @ BF16 512 TFLOPS @ TF32+ 256 TFLOPS @ FP32 Also supports FP16, INT32, INT16 and other formats
Memory	64GB HBM2E
Interconnections	8 BLink™ 2.3TB/s external I/O bandwidth
Form Factor	OAM with 550W Max TDP



Accelerating Deep Learning Workloads

NVIDIA A100 BIREN BR100 3.0 X Average speedup (~2.6 X) 2.8 > 2.7 X 2.5 X 2.6 X 2.5 X 2.4 X 2.0 X 1.5 X 1.0 X 1.0 X 1.0 X 1.0 X 1.0 X 1.0 X 0.5 X 0.0 X ResNet-50 Tacotron2 Bert-Large Yolo v5 Transformer

Benchmark Performance Measured in Throughput

Purpose-built for Datacenter-Scale Computing







datacenter infrastructure



One Tapeout, Multiple Products



- ✓ To break the reticle size limit and integrate more transistors on chip
- ✓ One tapeout to empower multiple SKUs
- ✓ Smaller die for better yield, hence lower cost
- ✓ 896GB/s high speed die-to-die interconnect
- ✓ 30% more performance, 20% better yield compared with a monolithic design

BR100 Product Line





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OAM Server Interconnect Topology



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BR100 Architecture Diagram



BR100 SPC Architecture







Building blocks of a BR100 SPC:

- ✓ 16 x EU (execution unit), each EU has:
 - 16 x streaming processing core (V-core), 1 x tensor engine (T-core)
 - 40KB TLR (Thread Local Register)
 - 4 x SFU
 - TDA (Tensor Data Accelerator)

✓ 4 x 64KB L1 Cache/LSC (Load & Store Cache)

✓ Up to 8MB Distributed L2 Cache

- Holds shared data for all SPCs
- Can be configured into scratchpad
- Built-in reduction engine

Scalable CU Architecture



- ✓ Multiple EUs form a CU (compute unit)
- ✓ Thread groups in a CU are synchronized

EU

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EU

EU

✓ Each CU can contain 4/8/16 EUs





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V-core: A General-Purpose SIMT Processor





Full set ISA for general purpose computing

- ✓ 16x cores, supporting FP32, FP16, INT32, INT16
- ✓ SFU
- ✓ Load/Store
- Data preprocessing
- Manages T-core with multiple sync channels
- ✓ Handles DL OPs like Batch Norm, ReLu, etc.

Enhanced SIMT Model

- 128K threads run on 32 SPCs
- ✓ Cooperative Warps
- ✓ Super-scaler (static and dynamic)



Flexible V-Core Warp Control

Standard Control Mode

C-Warp/Kernel Coroutine Control Mode



Warps run the same code and partition the register files

 Register File
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Warps run different codes, collaborate with each other (producerconsumer) and exchange data in register files

- ✓ Enhanced parallelism
- ✓ Highly efficient for OP fusion

T-core: High Level Overview



To accelerate common operations in AI:

- ✓ MMA (Matrix Multiplication Addition)
- Convolution
- ✓ ···

Design Goals:

- To speed up MMA & convolution which account for majority workload in deep learning
- ✓ Best reuse among different dimensions (batch, sample, channel…)
- ✓ Model level and data level parallelism
- Closely coupled with V-cores and L2 scratchpad to maximize utilization

SPC-Scale 2.5D GEMM Architecture



Consists of:

- ✓ 16 T-cores in a 2D systolic array
- ✓ 2 groups of 8 x 8 dot product (dp) operations per T-core (8 x 8 x dp8 3D MMA for BF16)
- ✓ Equivalent to 64 x 64 Matrix Multiplication
 - Supports FP32, TF32+, BF16, INT16, INT8, INT4 tensor formats

Benefits:

- ✓ Higher data reuse rate with a big 2.5D GEMM
- ✓ Less memory bandwidth and cache occupation
- ✓ Better throughput and energy efficiency
- ✓ Lower latency v.s. big 2D GEMM
- ✓ More scalable and easier routing v.s. 3D GEMM

TF32+ Tensor Data Type



Why TF32+?

- ✓ E8M15, with 24 bits in total
- ✓ 32x more precise compared to TF32 in AI training
- ✓ To reuse BF16 multiplier (with 1+7 mantissa) and simplify Tcore design
- Automatically kicked in when using tensor acceleration libraries and declared as FP32

Tensor Data Accelerator (TDA)



✓ TDAs in T-core and V-core are dedicated to accelerate address calculation and OOB using tensor descriptor

✓ TDA improves tensor data fetch efficiency by offloading addressing overhead and supporting different tensor layouts

Memory Scheme: NUMA and UMA





NUMA memory scheme

- ✓ Stores SPC's private data, e.g. activation
- ✓ Local access with high bandwidth
- ✓ Data broadcasted to relevant SPC in model parallelism

UMA memory scheme

- ✓ Stores shared data used by all SPCs, e.g. weights
- ✓ Accelerated by NoC multicasting



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Near Memory Computing



Near Memory Engine: L2 Reduction

- Reduction operations in L2 by SPC instructions ⁽¹⁾
 Reduction by DMA ⁽²⁾
- ✓ To offload SPCs and accelerate computation

Embedding Accelerator

- Embedding table processing accounts for major computation in recommendation systems
- ✓ Reduces the embedding table in L2 before SPC



(L2 offloading SPC with reduction engine)





BIRENSUPA[™] Software Platform



Summary



✓ We introduced BR100, a GPGPU designed for accelerating datacenter-scale AI computing

- PFLOPS level compute density, high connection bandwidth (on-die/off-die)
- 7nm chiplet design with CoWoS packaging
- 550W OAM form factor with 8 cards all-to-all interconnection topology
- Over 300MB on-chip SRAM for data cache and reuse
- A general-purpose processor with 2.5D GEMM acceleration
- A new TF32+ tensor data type

✓ We optimized data streaming by introducing following features in BR100:

- Special C-Warp control mode
- TDA
- NUMA/UMA memory scheme with NoC multicast
- Near memory computing
- ✓ BIRENSUPA software platform allows developers to program on BR100 with ease