



Machine Learning System on Chip MLSoC™ Modalix Product Family

Product Brief (PRELIMINARY)



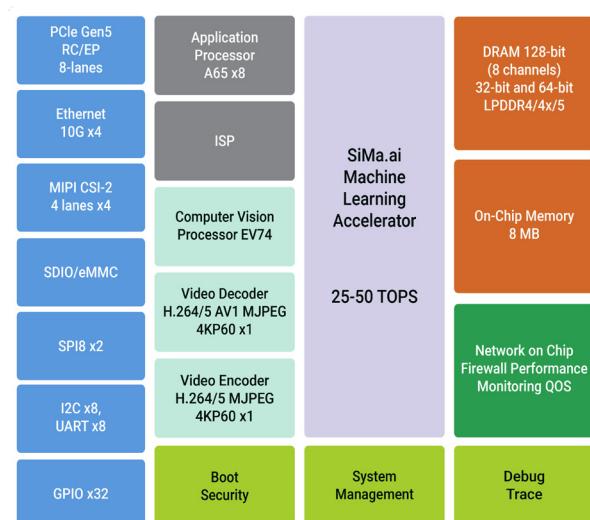
Overview

Modalix family is the first multimodal machine learning system-on-chip (MLSoC) capable of executing generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) inference, computer vision, and machine learning (ML) inferencing in complex pipelines orchestrated by custom highly programmable ML accelerator assisted by the on-chip Arm application processor (APU) and a Digital Signal Processor (DSP) which serves as a Computer Vision Unit (CVU). The Modalix chip delivers 25 to 50 Tera Operations per Second (TOPS) in an incredibly compact and low-power 25mmx25mm 1369 ball FCBGA package.

Each Modalix SoC includes on-die LPDDR5 memory interfaces, multiple 10G ethernet, multiple MIPI digital camera interfaces, PCIe, video encode-decode, and security blocks. The modules are brought together with an internal and secure network on chip (NoC).

Building AI solutions with Modalix is simplified using the SiMa.ai ONE Platform including the Palette software. Palette integrates the programming of the APUs, CVU, and ML accelerators into complete pipelines to target applications from computer vision in industrial automation to drones, robotics, and autonomous vehicles, and incorporating next-generation models such as transformer-based, LLM, LMM, and GenAI.

MODALIX CHIP FORM-FACTOR:
FCBGA 1369 balls; 25mm x 25mm



Highlights

Compute Engines

- Application Processor Unit (APU)
- Computer Vision Unit (CVU)
- Machine Learning Accelerator (MLA)
- Image Signal Processor (ISP)

Application Development

- Supports generative AI use-cases with high-performance, low-power, safe and secure ML inferencing
- Best-in-class multimodal model inference efficiency
- Supports any ML framework (PyTorch, ONNX, Keras, TensorFlow, etc.)
- Innovative Palette™ Software suite for ease of development, covering the entire product life-cycle from model optimization to application development and deployment
- Comprehensive support for Models and Plug-ins
- Secure boot and trusted execution environment

Peripherals

- MIPI CSI-2 in 4 x 4 configuration
- 4 x 10Gb Ethernet
- 8 x PCIe Gen5 root-complex and endpoint

Target Industries

- Smart vision
- Drones
- Robotics (including AGV and AMR)
- Industry 4.0
- Automotive
- Smart Retail
- Healthcare
- Military & Government

MLSoC Modalix Functional Blocks and Features

The MLSoC Modalix contains the following high-level functions:

Machine Learning Accelerator (MLA) - provides 25-50 Tera Operations per Second for neural network computation and enhanced hardware for faster GenAI computations with increased accuracy, BF16 in hardware, improved DMA bandwidth and dual-voltage support.

Application Processing Unit (APU) - a cluster of eight Arm Cortex A65 dual-threaded processors operating at 1.5 GHz to deliver up to 32k Dhrystone MIPS.

Video encoder/decoder - supports the MJPEG, H.264 and H.265 compression standards, AOMedia Video 1 (AV1) with support for main/high/professional profiles, 4:2:0 pixels and 8-bit precision. Both encoder and decoder support H.264/265 at rates up to 4KP60 x 1.

Computer Vision Unit (CVU) - consists of a 1GHz four-core Synopsys ARC EV74 video processor supporting up to 720 16-bit GOPS.

Image Signal Processor (ISP) - Arm C-71 running at 1.2GHz. RAW 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 20, 22, and 24-bit inputs from CFA image sensor. Supports RGGB, RCGG, RCCB, RCCC, and RGBIR color formats. Supports 24-bit Wide Dynamic Range (WDR).

High-speed I/O subsystem - provides four 10-Gigabit Ethernet ports plus a PCIe Gen5 8-lane interface usable as root-complex or endpoint, and with bifurcation capability.

DRAM interface system (DIS) - supporting 4 x 32 LPDDR5, LPDDR4 and LPDDR4x chips or 2 x64 LPDDR5, LPDDR4, LPDDR4x chips. Target speed 6400 Mbps (LPDDR5) providing an effective theoretical bandwidth of 102 GB/s across all the DDR channels.

Boot and security unit (BSU) - provides secure key storage in an eFuse memory, and key management. Supports decrypting and authentication of the boot image as well as providing a security API to the user code.



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Software-First Development Environment

Compiling an ML-trained model to target particular hardware can be challenging if the software toolchain and hardware are not co-designed. SiMa.ai software-first approach includes a full SDK with highly optimized compiler that supports running and ML network, and ML framework along with python and gStreamer APIs that enable effortless development and deployment experience for customers. This software architecture enables SiMa.ai to support a wide range of frameworks (e.g., TensorFlow, PyTorch, ONNX, etc.), and compile over 250+ models, thus providing customers with an effortless experience and world-class performance-per-watt results. SiMa.ai Palette™ software runs seamlessly on the MLSoC and MLSoC Modalix.

Configuring MLSoC™ Modalix Solutions For Even Higher Performance

MLSoC Modalix is designed to operate in a cluster mode, with an ability to combine two or four chips in configurations offering up to 100 TOPS and 200 TOPS performance, respectively, should your application demand it.

For example, two MLSoC Modalix chips can be combined on a single board to create a 100 TOPS module, while a 200 TOPS module - most frequently in a PCIe FHFL card - can be created by combining four MLSoC Modalix chips.

Please contact a SiMa.ai representative to learn about the system configurations for 100 TOPS and 200 TOPS at www.sima.ai/contact-us/

About SiMa.ai

SiMa.ai is the software-centric, embedded edge machine learning system-on-chip (MLSoC) company. SiMa.ai's hardware to software stack flexibly adjusts to any framework, network, model, sensor, or modality all in ONE Platform. Edge ML applications that run completely on the SiMa.ai MLSoC see a tenfold increase in performance and energy efficiency, bringing higher fidelity intelligence to ML use cases spanning computer vision to generative AI, in minutes. With SiMa.ai, customers unlock new paths to revenue and significant cost savings to innovate at the edge across industrial manufacturing, retail, aerospace, defense, agriculture, and healthcare. SiMa.ai was founded in 2018, has raised \$270M and is backed by Fidelity Management & Research Company, Maverick Capital, Point72, MSD Partners, VentureTech Alliance and more. For more information, visit www.SiMa.ai

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