NVIDIA Aerial 5G Platform Extends Support for Arm

New Software-Defined AI-on-5G Running on Arm Enables Standard NVIDIA AI Enterprise Systems from Global OEMs to Deploy Intelligent Services over 5G

Mobile World Congress—NVIDIA today announced it is extending support for Arm-based CPUs in the NVIDIA Aerial™ A100 AI-on-5G platform, bringing more choice to the 5G ecosystem.

The move will help businesses everywhere easily deploy intelligent services at the edge by enabling the world’s leading OEMs to offer industry-standard servers running highly efficient Arm-based CPUs and NVIDIA AI Enterprise software with Aerial 5G.

These NVIDIA-Certified Systems™ will create a simplified path to building and deploying self-hosted vRAN that converges AI and 5G capabilities across private enterprises, network equipment companies, software makers and telecommunications services providers.

The NVIDIA Aerial A100 AI-on-5G computing platform uses the NVIDIA Aerial software development kit and will incorporate 16 Arm® Cortex®-A78 processors into the NVIDIA® BlueField®-3 A100. This results in a self-contained, converged card that delivers enterprise edge AI applications over cloud-native 5G vRAN with improved performance per watt and faster time to deployment.

“We’re bringing together two worlds — AI of computing and 5G of telecommunications — to create a software-defined platform for AI on 5G,” said Ronnie Vasishta, senior vice president of Telecom at NVIDIA. “Now supporting Arm, our growing Aerial platform is accelerating AI-on-5G everywhere.”

Enabling an Internet of Things Economy

BlueField-3 A100 includes NVIDIA’s extensive AI software library and Aerial 5G SDK, which speeds time to deployment and will fuel an array of ultra-low-latency enterprise AI projects, including precision robots, automated guided vehicles and digital twins for product development and manufacturing.

“This convergence of edge AI and 5G technology is driving the need for more diverse compute than ever before,” said Chris Bergey, senior vice president and general manager of the Infrastructure Line of Business at Arm. “BlueField-3 expands the Arm ecosystem by offering a combination of NVIDIA accelerated computing and Arm performance to enable network providers more choice in how they create and deploy 5G systems.”

NVIDIA AI Enterprise provides compatibility for a broad set of accelerated CUDA® applications, AI frameworks, pre-trained models and software development kits running in the hybrid cloud. Optimizations enable workloads to scale across multiple nodes to support large deep learning training models with full GPU virtualization.

Self-Hosted 5G vRAN

BlueField-3 A100 can be deployed both with x86 and Arm-based CPUs. By offering the choice of Arm technology with BlueField-3 A100, enterprises and network operators will be able to deploy software-defined 5G base stations and AI applications with ease of upgrade of features and performance, while maximizing the value of their infrastructure investments.

BlueField-3 is a next-generation data processing unit built for AI and accelerated computing, helping every enterprise deliver AI applications with industry-leading performance and data center security. It is optimized for 5G connectivity, multi-tenant, cloud-native environments, offering software-defined, hardware-accelerated networking, storage, security and management services at the edge.

NVIDIA announced in April it is teaming with Fujitsu, Google Cloud, Mavenir, Radisys and Wind River to develop solutions for NVIDIA’s AI-on-5G platform.

Availability

BlueField-3 A100 is expected to be available in the first half of 2022.

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