

Table 6: Comparison with software implementations.

Platform	CPU			CPU+GPU			Cloud-DNN-Local		
Device	E5-2430			E5-2609 + Pascal Titan X			VU118		
Model	AlexNet	VGG-16	ResNet-50	AlexNet	VGG-16	ResNet-50	AlexNet	VGG-16	ResNet-50
Data Type	float32			float16			fixed16	fixed16	fixed16
Clock(MHz)	1.9GHz			1GHz			214MHz		
Latency/Image (ms)	242.562	794.238	557.5	5.0486	25.7583	13.79	2.32	16.92	8.12
Speedup(x)	1	1	1	48.05	30.83	40.427	104.55	46.94	68.66

Table 7: Comparison with other designs.

Design	[26]	[20]	[5]	[27]	[28]	Cloud-DNN-AWS	Cloud-DNN-Local
CNN model	VGG16	AlexNet	VGG16-SVD	VGG-19	VGG-16	VGG-16	
Platform	VX690T	VX485T	XC7Z045	Str. V GSMD5	Arr. 10 GX1150	VU9P	
DSPs(used/total)	2833/3600	2240/2800	780/900	1036/1590	1518/1518	5349/6840	
Clock(MHz)	150	100	150	150	200	125	214
Data type	fixed16	float	fixed16	fixed16	fixed16	fixed16	
Power(Watt)	26	18.61	9.63	~25	-	48.62	49.25
Lat./Img.(ms)	65.13	21.61	224.60	-	42.98	28.96	16.92
Thro.(GOPS)	354	61.62	136.97	364.36	720.15	1068.37	1828.61
Eff.(GOPS/W)	13.62	3.31	14.22	14.57	-	21.97	37.13

comparable or better performance to state-of-the-art solutions on FPGAs as well as better energy efficiency compared to CPU and GPU implementations. This framework enables users to quickly create and deploy DNNs on cloud FPGAs. Thus, we provide an efficient and high-performance/energy efficiency FPGA solution for Caffe frameworks in the cloud so users have an additional choice other than always relying on CPU and GPU.

Our workflow is designed in a modular fashion which allows easy extensions for new layer types. There are some potential extensions of this work, such as supporting a wider range of DNNs. Also extending our current flow to support other frameworks like TensorFlow, MXNet and PyTorch is under exploration. We also plan to extend Cloud-DNN to utilize multiple FPGAs in the future. Our current release could be found at <https://github.com/microideax/Open-Dnn.git>.

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