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Arm's Architecture Approach to Reusable Chiplets

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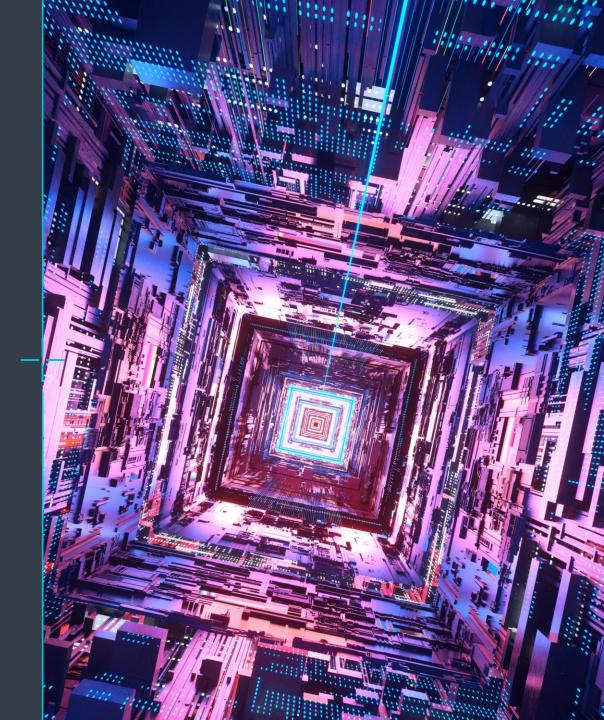
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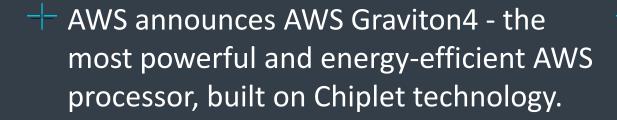
Chiplets Offer New Opportunity

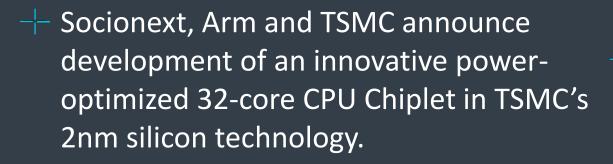
Lower design costs, higher yield, fewer defects, scalability, reuse, and faster time to market is incredibly attractive.

Empower the next generation of silicon designers with a flexible route to "custom silicon" - unlocking new opportunities.



Chiplets: Built on Arm







- Renesas unveils automotive SoCs and MCUs processor roadmap with advanced in-package Chiplet integration technology built on Arm.
- MediaTek and NVIDIA collaborate to transform automobiles using Chiplet technology.

The Road to an Open Chiplet Marketplace

Semi-custom chiplet ecosystem

We are here!

Multi-vendor

Protocol, transport & PHY standardization required for interoperability

Single vendor

Proprietary chiplets

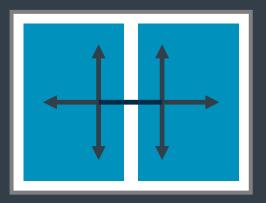
Multi-vendor chiplet marketplace

- Silicon qualification & reliability
- Profiles & capabilities
- Pre/post-silicon test & debug
- Software standards
- Mechanical, thermal & power

Arm's Architecture Approach to Reusable Chiplets

Key standardization initiatives driving ecosystem collaboration

Protocols



Extending existing on-chip AMBA protocols for use between Chiplets

Partitioning



Guidance to partition Arm-based systems across Chiplets

Collaboration



Reuse and continue to collaborate on existing standards

Partitioning Arm Systems to Span Multiple Chiplets

System Architectures evolve to support reusable chiplets within the Arm ecosystem

Define Chiplet Types



- Classify chiplet types, properties, and functional requirements within an Arm system.
- Establish a common language to enable partners to collaborate on multi-dye systems.
- Identify system-level chiplet interfacing requirements.

Interoperability



- Standardize Chiplet interfaces and connectivity.
- Encourage consistency whilst enabling valuable differentiation.
- Simplify Chiplet specification and integration.

Reuse



- Establish Chiplet interface versioning and compatibility guidance.
- Enable Chiplets to be designed independently of systems.

AMBA Specifications

The standard for SoC communications underpinning the IP marketplace & fabless design today

Key Specifications

CHI
Coherent Hub Interface

AXI
Adv. eXtensible Interface

AHB
Adv. High-performance Bus

APB
Advanced Peripheral Bus



Benefits

Thriving ecosystem & comprehensive marketplace

Common standard for a variety of designs:

- Flexibility and scalability
- Design reuse and low-friction integration
- Reduced TCO and TTM

Widely adopted open standard:

- Freely available & platform independent
- Long heritage of dependability & trust
- Billions of devices over 27+ years

Moving Forward With AMBA CHI C2C

New extension to CHI being developed



Layered architecture



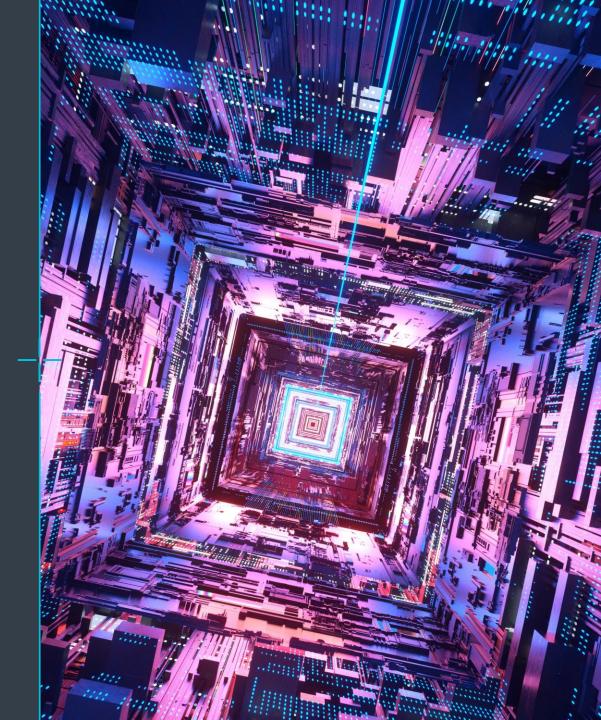
No protocol conversion



Optimizations for link utilization & latency



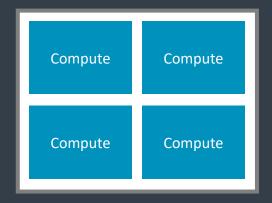
Developed in lock step with on-chip CHI



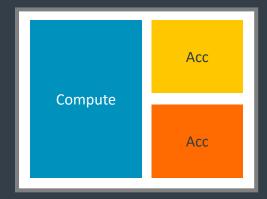
Typical Use Cases

AMBA CHI C2C provides a unified interface for device attach (compute, accelerators, mem...)

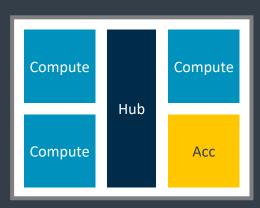
Coherent SMP



Accelerator Attach

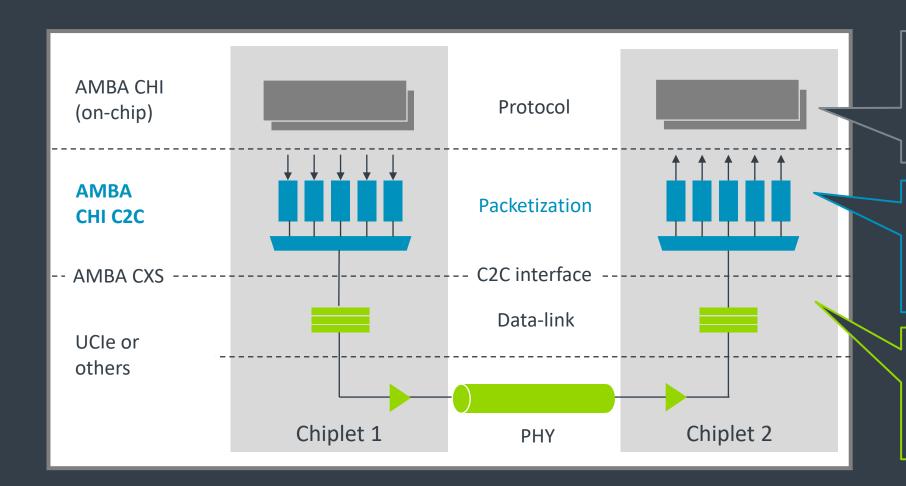


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Architecture & Benefits

Clean separation of layers allows use of third-party and industry standard data-link & PHYs



Transporting the same onchip protocol allows seamless use of architecture features without protocol conversion.

Shared channels increases efficiency.
Simple packing minimizes latency & complexity.

Streaming interface with additional flit formats provides link robustness using UCIe defined data-link CRC & retry.

Introducing Arm Total Design

- New ecosystem committed to frictionless delivery of Arm Neoverse CSS-based SoCs
- Includes industry leaders in semiconductor design & manufacture
- Accelerated deployment of innovative custom silicon
- Will help the development of Arm-based chiplets which will propel the journey towards a chiplet marketplace.

COLL DESIGN

3 rd Party IP	Design Services	Foundry	Firmware	
Pre-validated to ensure compatibility	Expertise on CSS designs and methodology	Support on leading edge nodes & 3D technology	Commercial firmware support for Neoverse CSS	

In Summary

System Architecture

- The shift from monolithic to multi-die systems creates several partitioning choices.
- Additional system
 architectures are needed to
 avoid unnecessary
 fragmentation that would
 hinger the development of
 a multi-vendor Chiplet
 ecosystem.

AMBA CHI C2C

- Solid foundation & low-risk adoption path.
- + Seamless use of architecture features without conversion.
- + Optimizations for link utilization & latency.
- + Reuse of 3rd party data-link and PHY solutions (e.g. UCle).
- + Initial specification nearing completion & publication.

Collaboration

- Numerous industry calls for standardization.
- Growing momentum and collaboration with partners.
- We look forward to feedback from partners.



There's a community of innovation.

Get involved: csa-feedback@arm.com



Thank You + Danke Gracias + Grazie 谢谢

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