

# What does the Future Hold?

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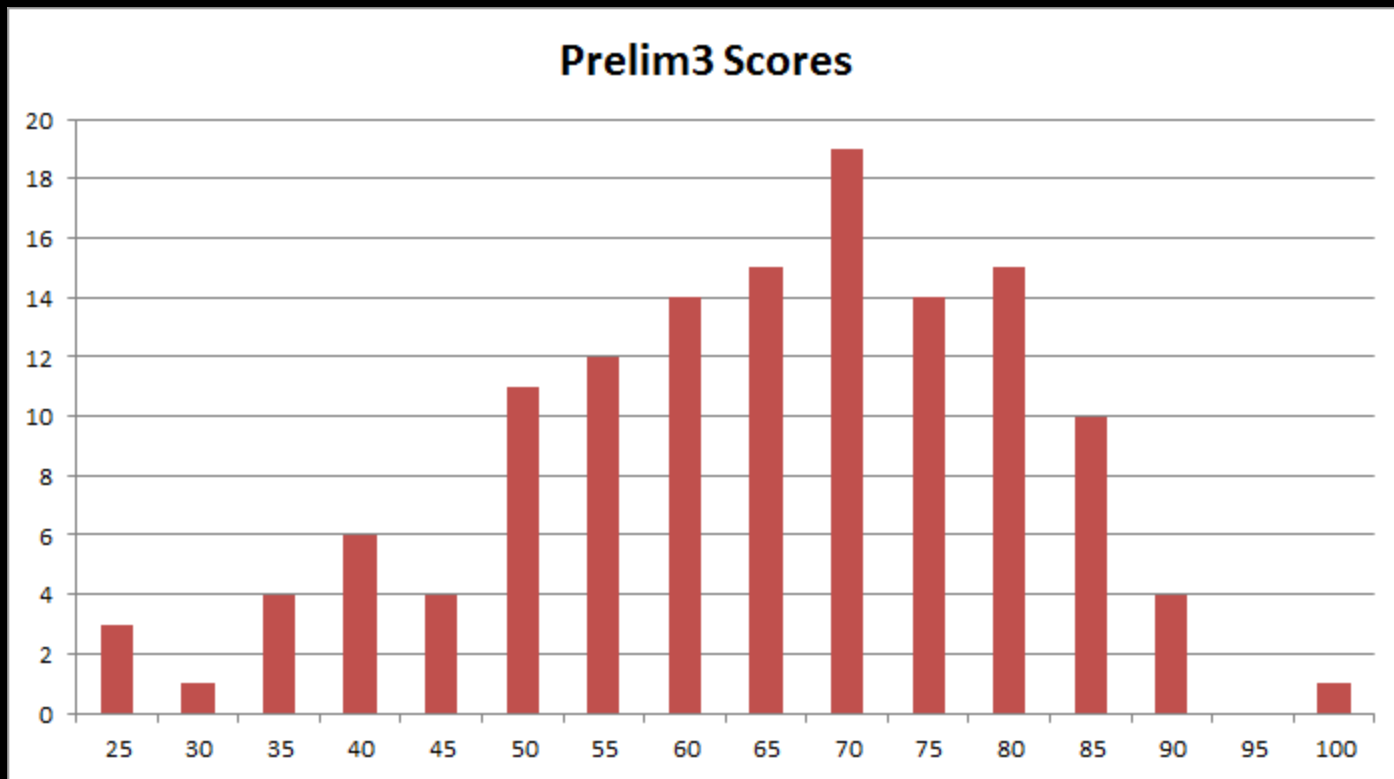
Computer Science

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# Announcements

## Prelim3 Results

- Mean  $62.2 \pm 15.5$  (median 64.5), Max 97
- Pickup in Homework Passback Room



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How to improve your grade?

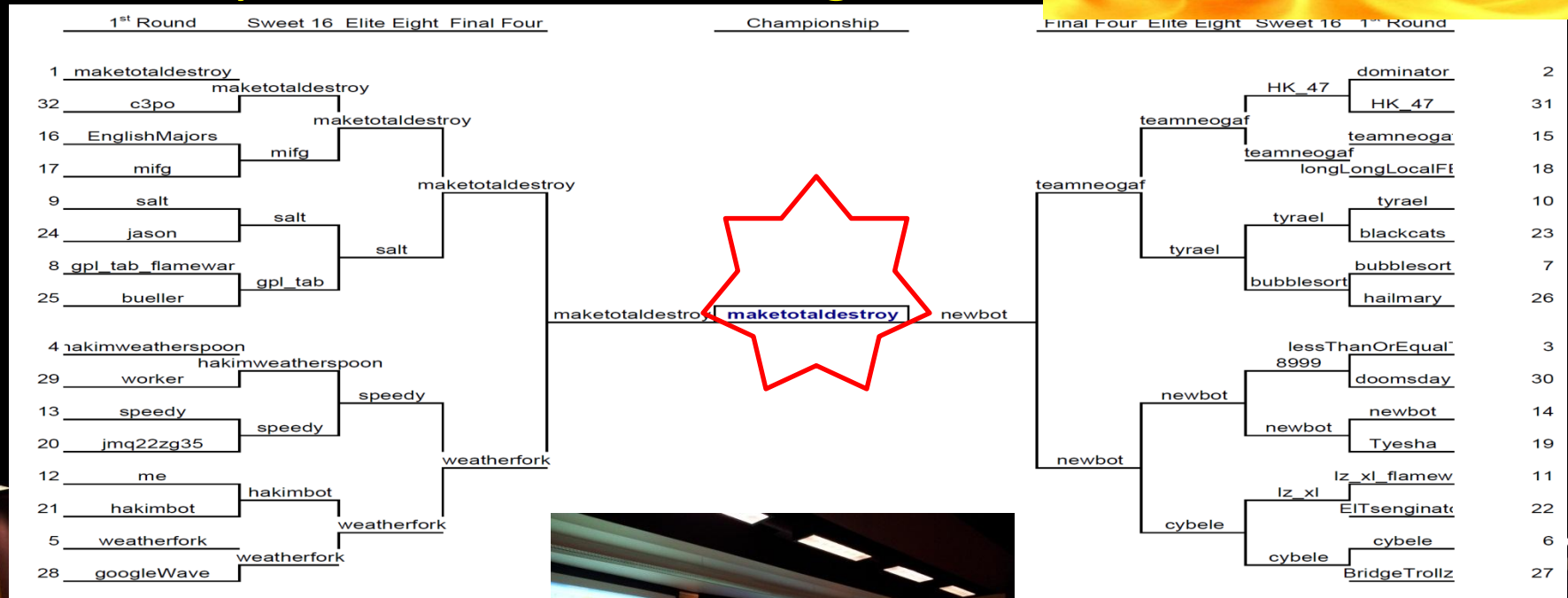
***Submit a course evaluation and drop lowest homework score***

- To receive credit, Submit before Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

# Announceme

FlameWar Pizza Party was great!

- Winner: Team *MakeTotalDestroy*  
Kenny Deakins and Luis Ruigomez



# Announcements

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## Final Project

Design Doc sign-up via CMS

sign up Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup>

Demo Sign-Up via CMS.

sign up Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

or Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

CMS submission due:

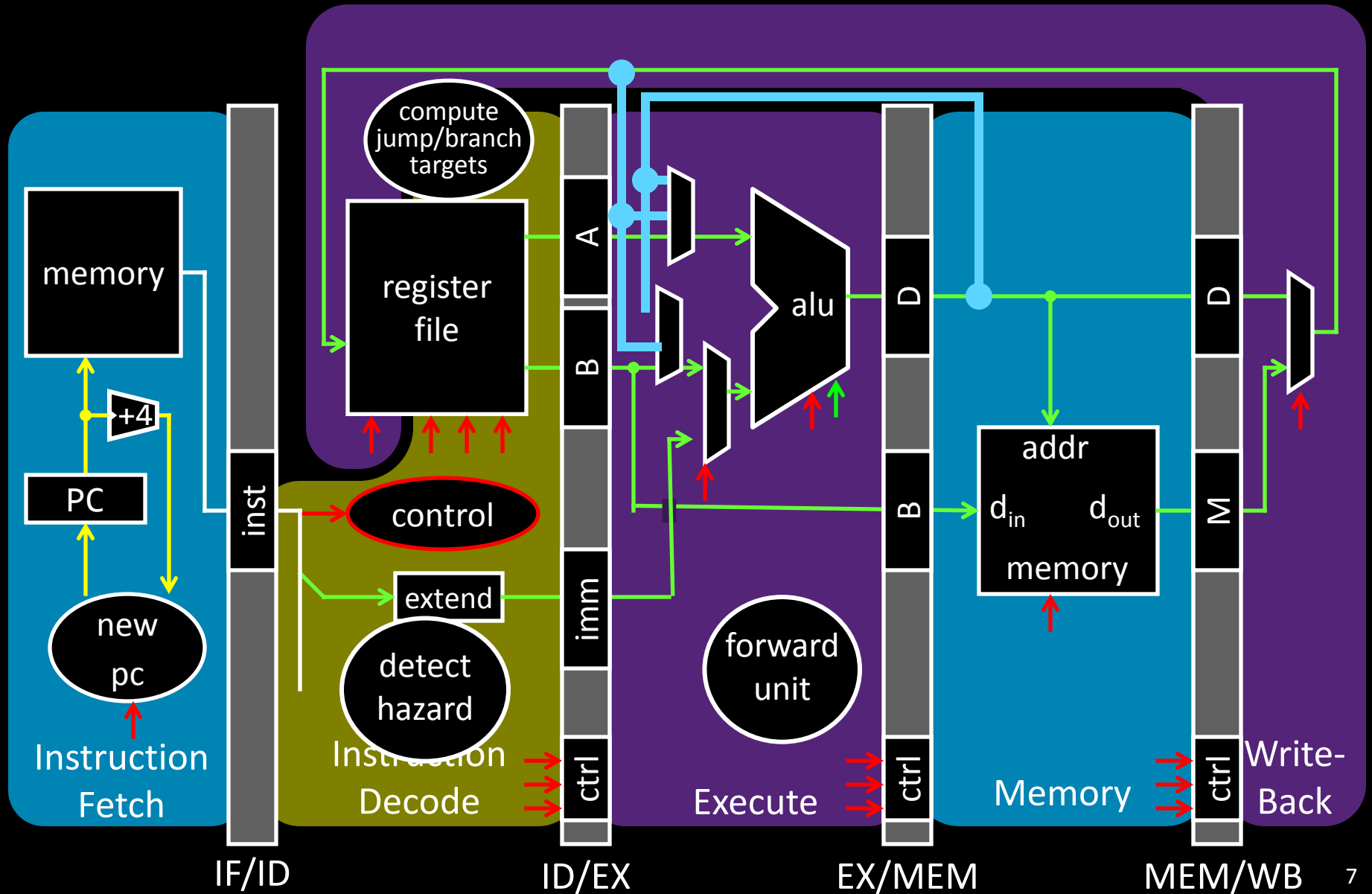
- Due 6:30pm Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

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# Big Picture about the Future

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How a processor works? How a computer is organized?



# What's next?

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More of Moore



# Moore's Law

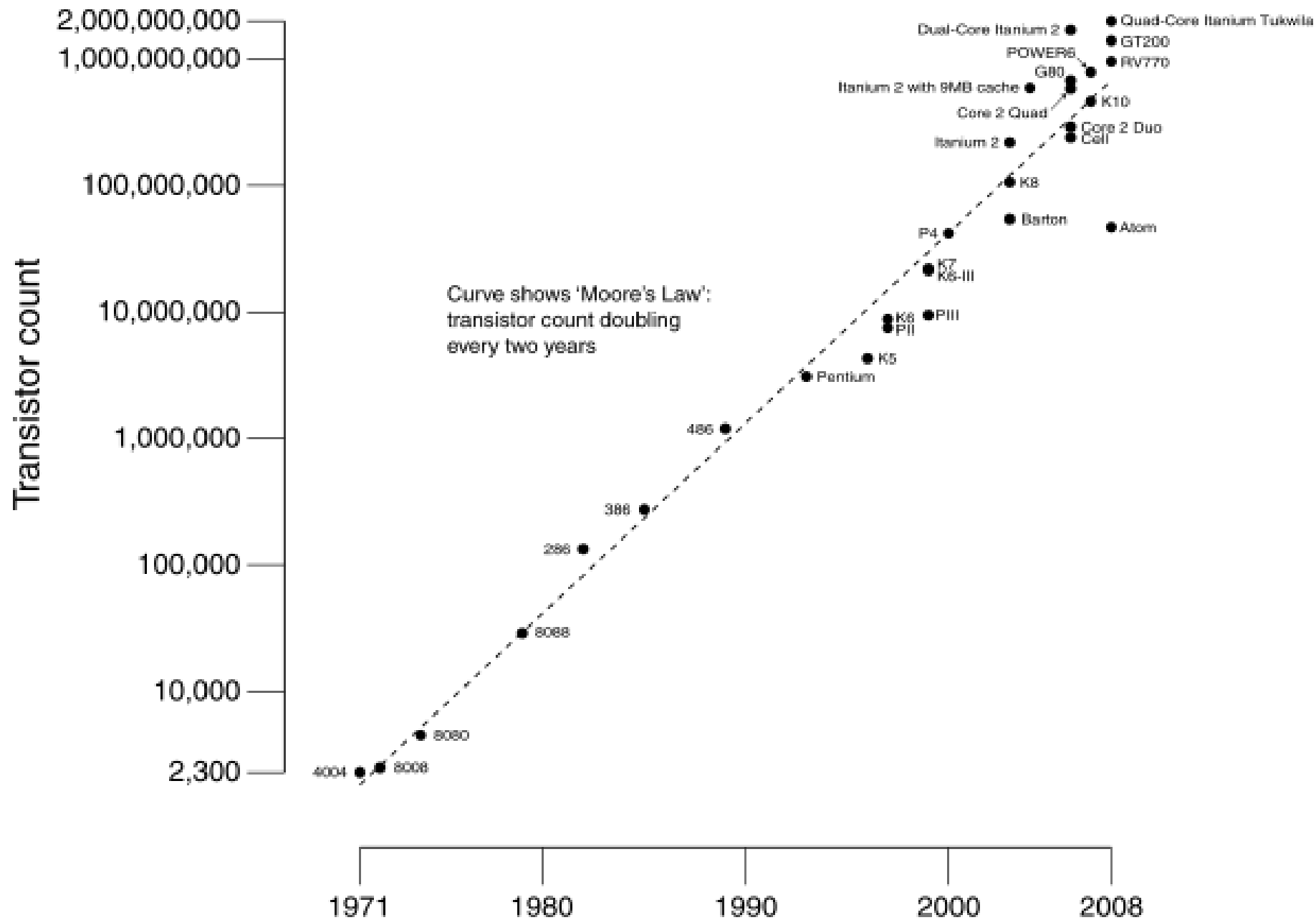
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## Moore's Law introduced in 1965

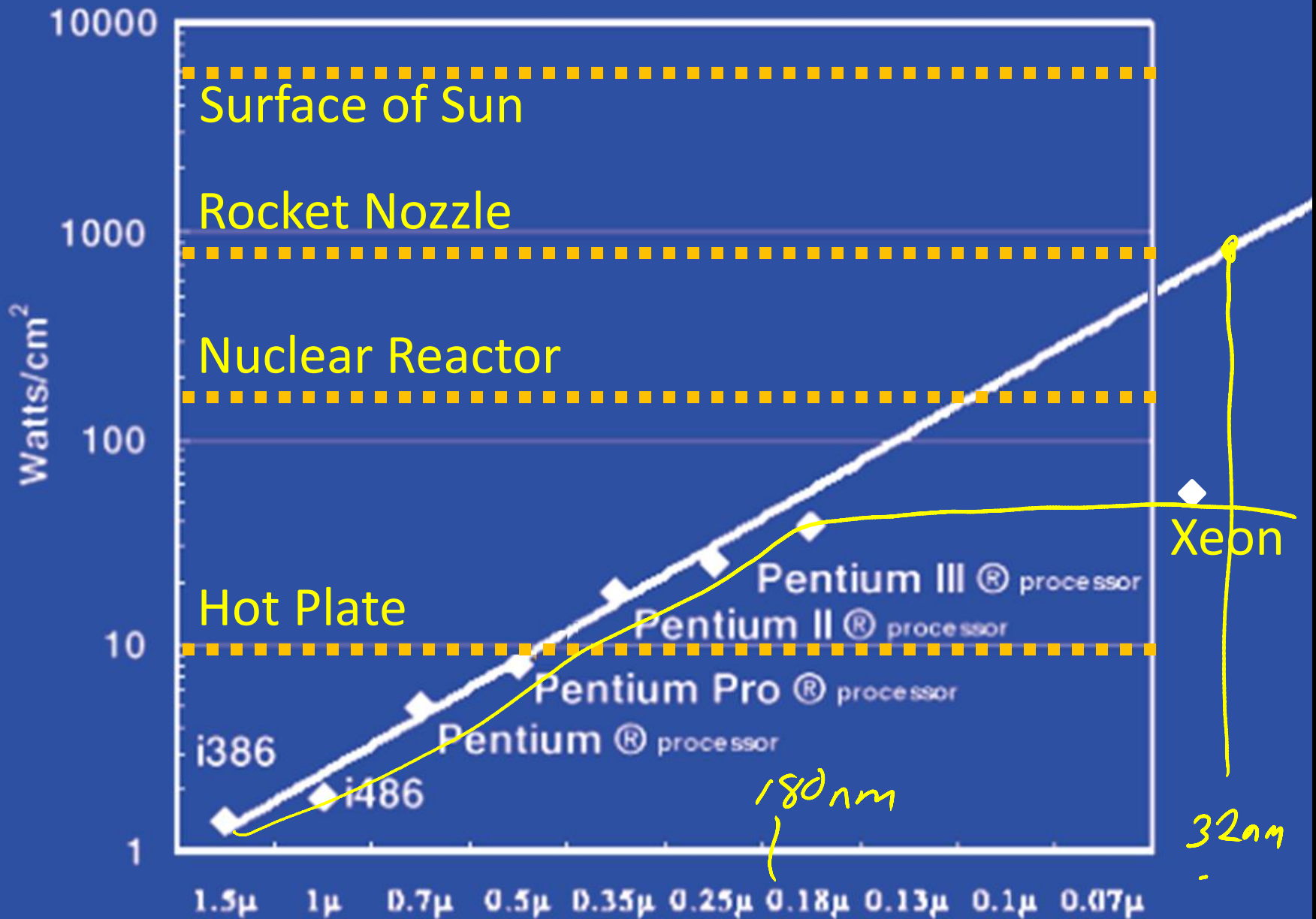
- Number of transistors that can be integrated on a single die would double every 18 to 24 months (i.e., grow exponentially with time).

## Amazingly visionary

- 2300 transistors, 1 MHz clock (Intel 4004) - 1971
- 16 Million transistors (Ultra Sparc III)
- 42 Million transistors, 2 GHz clock (Intel Xeon) – 2001
- 55 Million transistors, 3 GHz, 130nm technology, 250mm<sup>2</sup> die (Intel Pentium 4) – 2004
- 290+ Million transistors, 3 GHz (Intel Core 2 Duo) – 2007
- 731 Million transistors, 2-3Ghz (Intel Nehalem) – 2009
- 1.17 Billion transistors, 2-3Ghz (Intel Westmere) – 2011 <sup>9</sup>



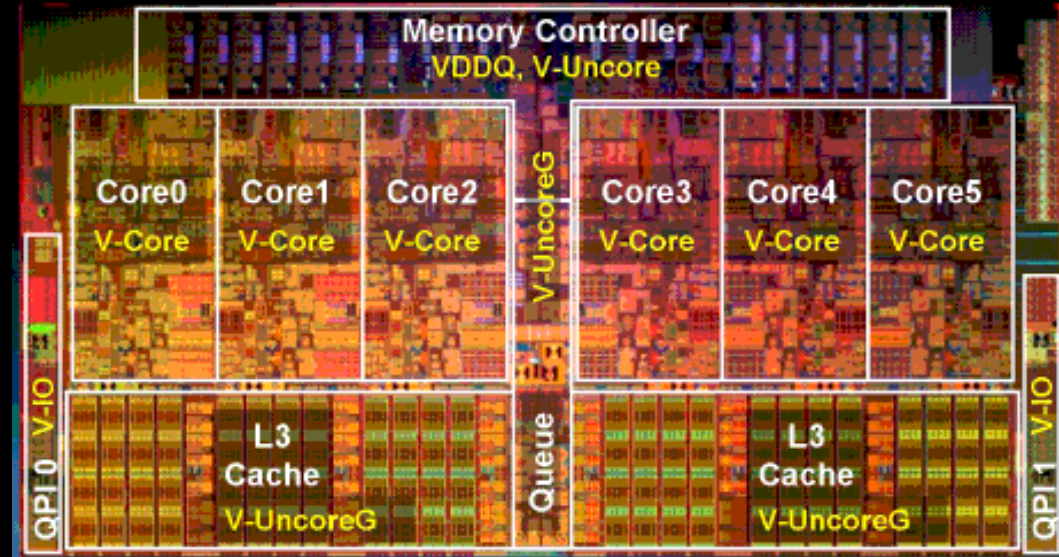
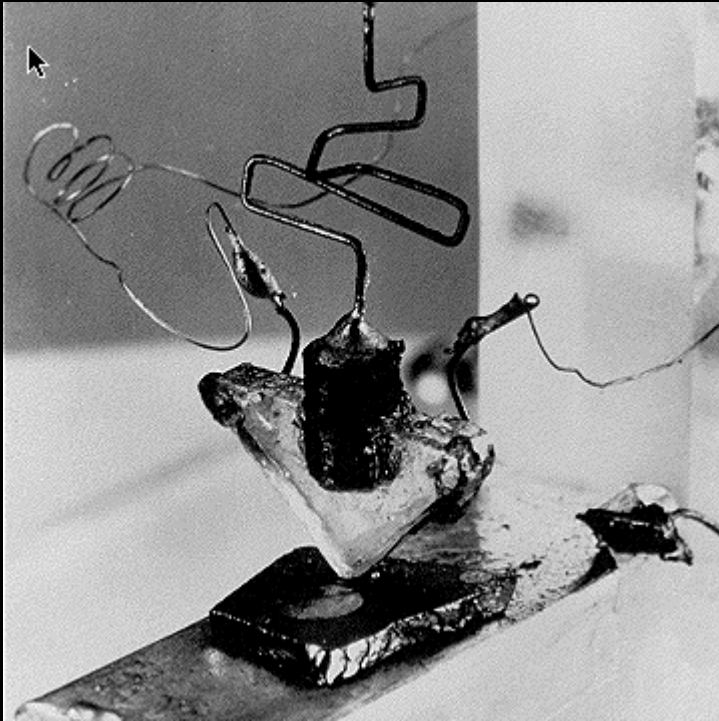
# Power Limits



# What to do with all these transistors?

Multi-core

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## The first transistor

- on a workbench at AT&T Bell Labs in 1947
- Bardeen, Brattain, and Shockley

## An Intel Westmere

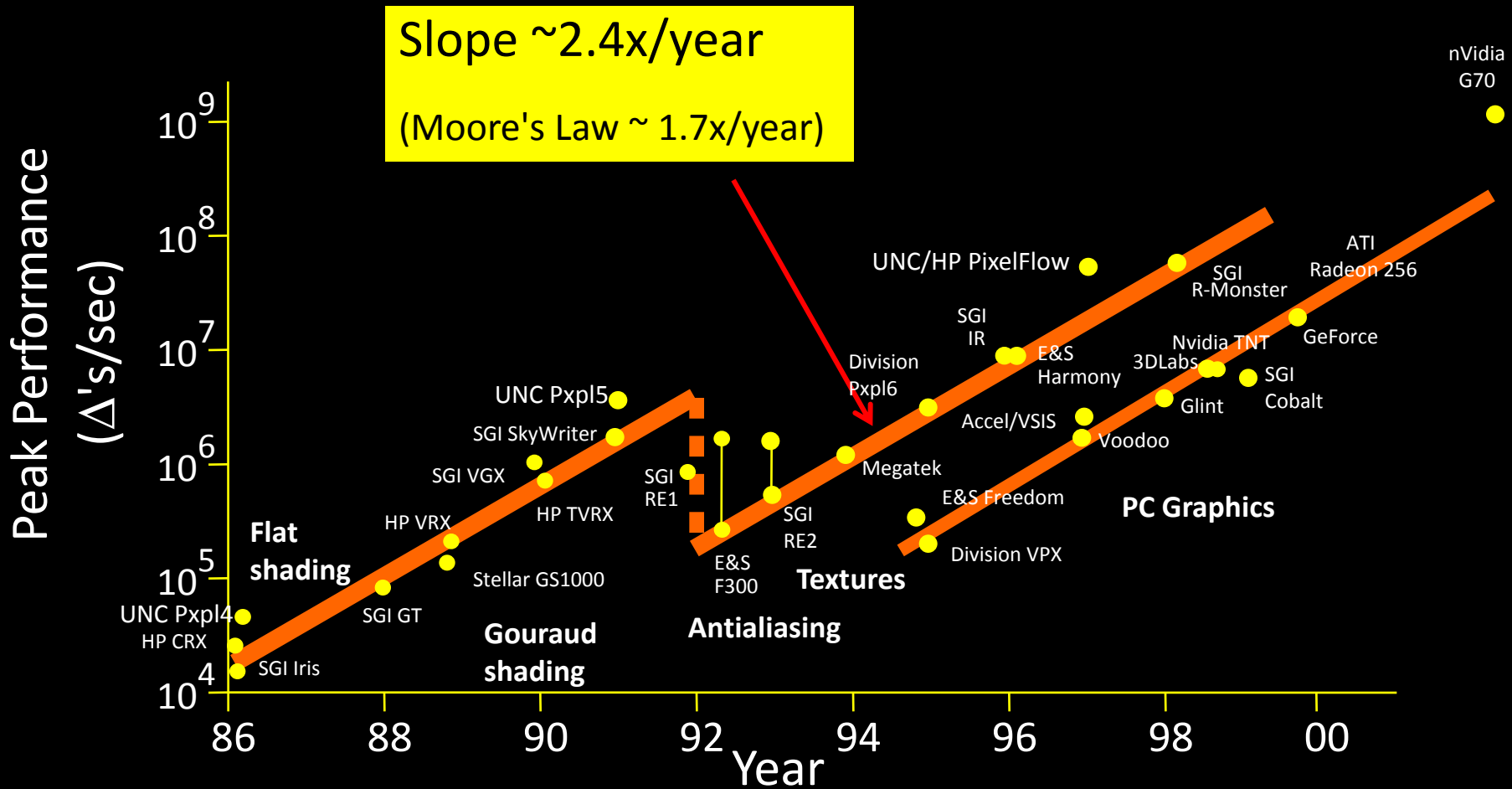
1.17 billion transistors  
240 square millimeters  
Six processing cores

# What to do with all these transistors?

Many-core  
and Graphical Processing units

# Faster than Moore's Law

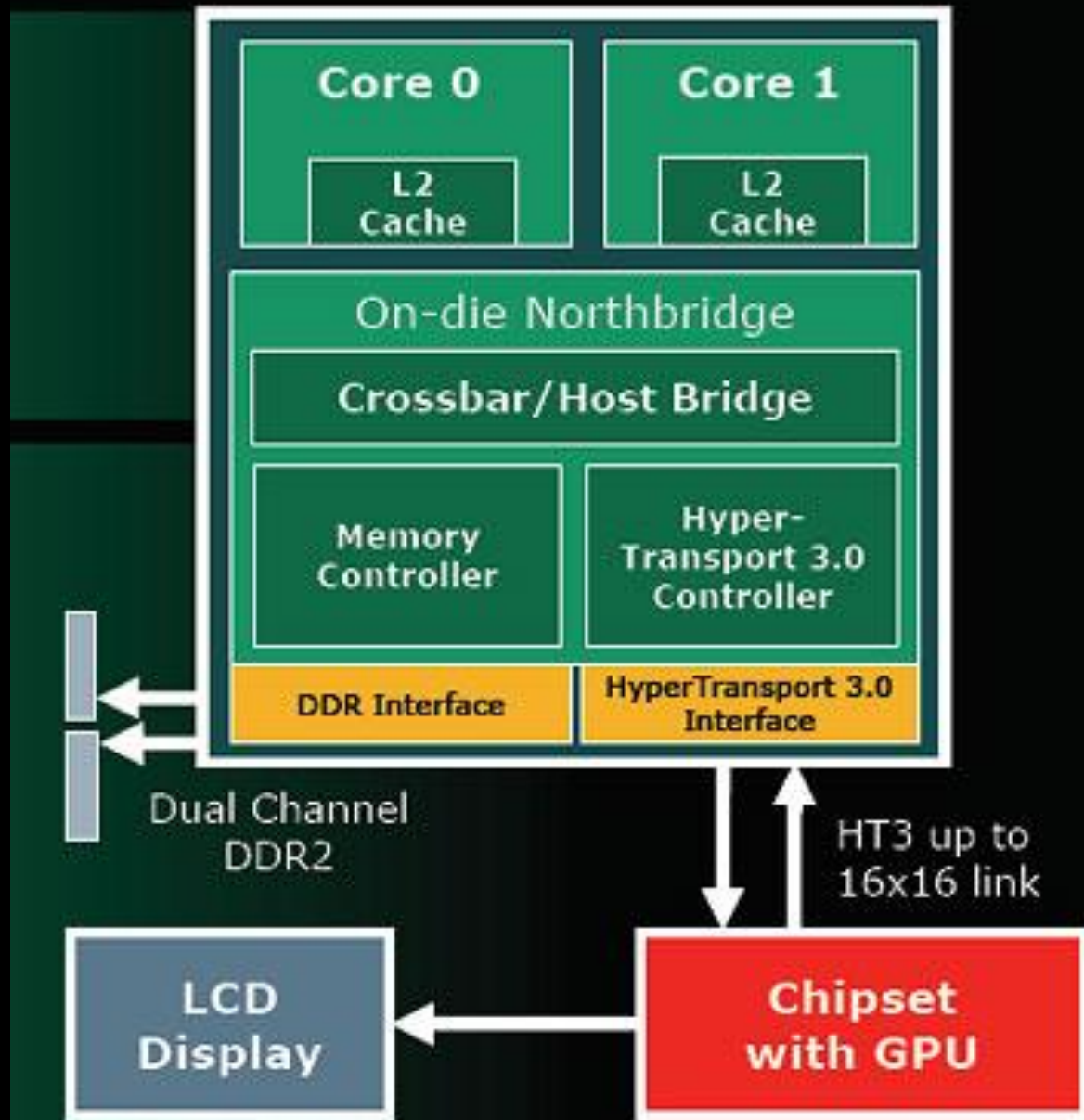
## One-pixel polygons (~10M polygons @ 30Hz)



Graph courtesy of Professor John Poulton (from Eric Haines)

# AMDs Hybrid CPU/GPU

## AMD's Answer: Hybrid CPU/GPU





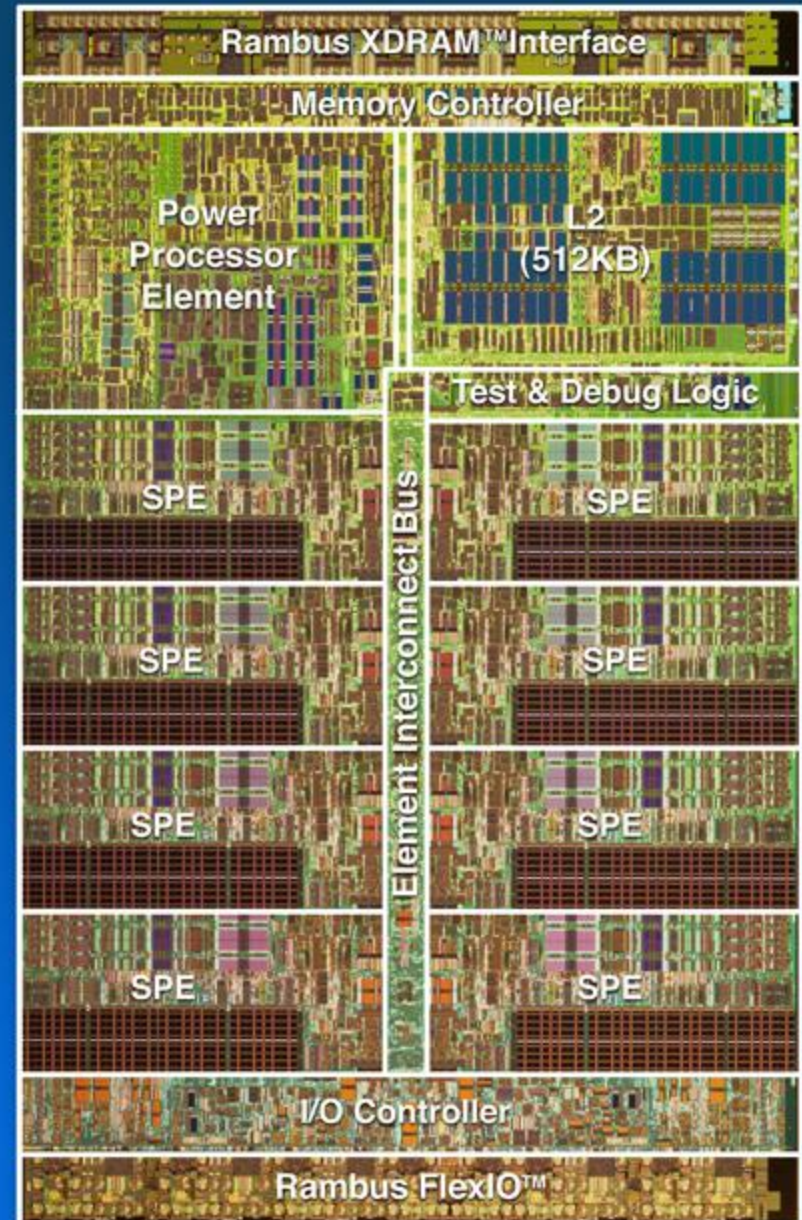
IBM/Sony/Toshiba

Sony Playstation 3

PPE

SPEs (synergistic)

## Cell Broadband Engine Processor



# Parallelism

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Must exploit parallelism for performance

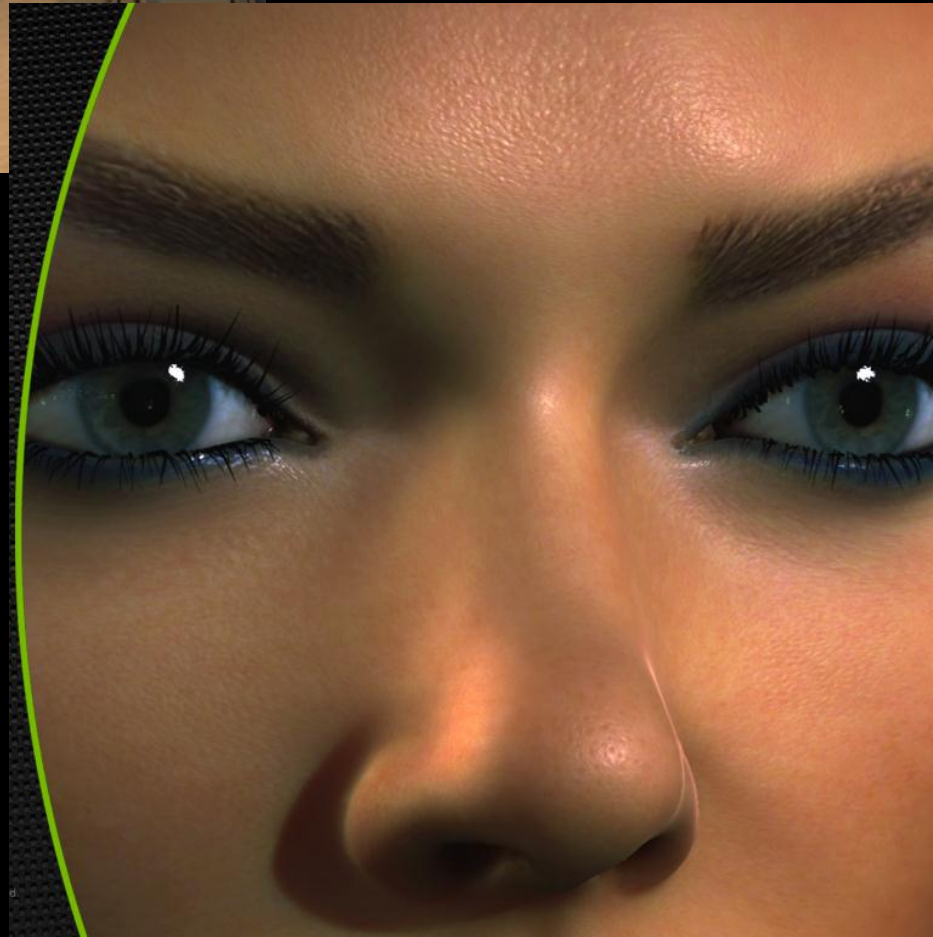
- Lots of parallelism in graphics applications
- Lots of parallelism in scientific computing

SIMD: single instruction, multiple data

- Perform same operation in parallel on many data items
- Data parallelism

MIMD: multiple instruction, multiple data

- Run separate programs in parallel (on different data)
- Task parallelism

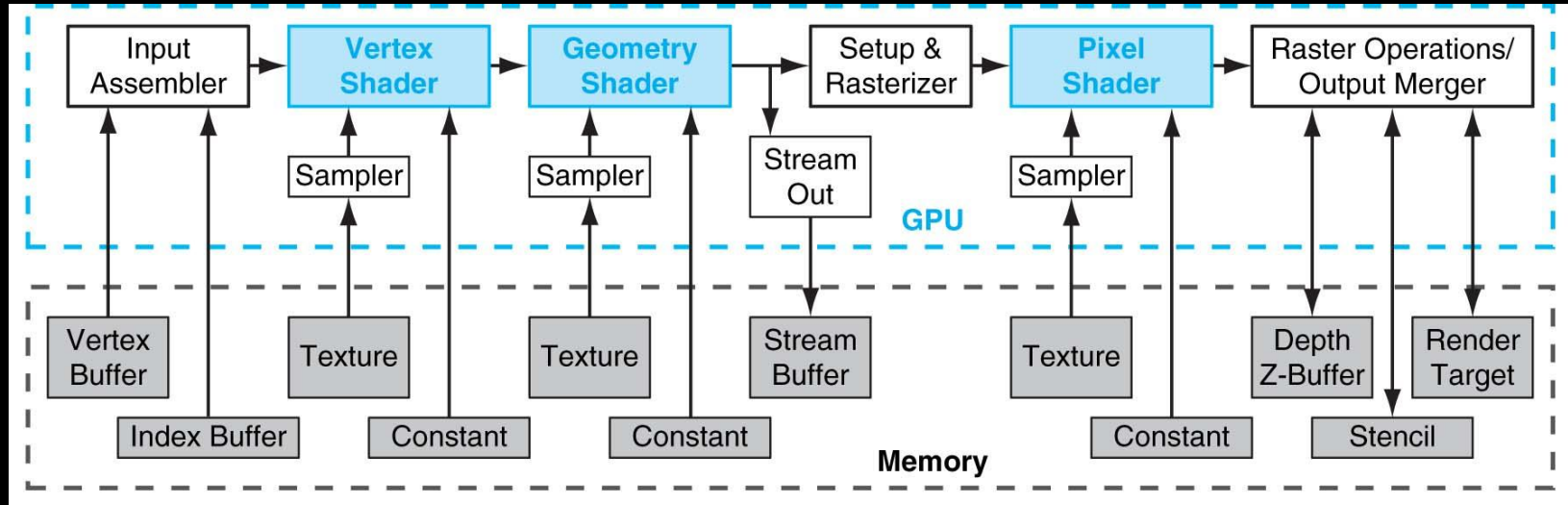


# NVidia Tesla Architecture

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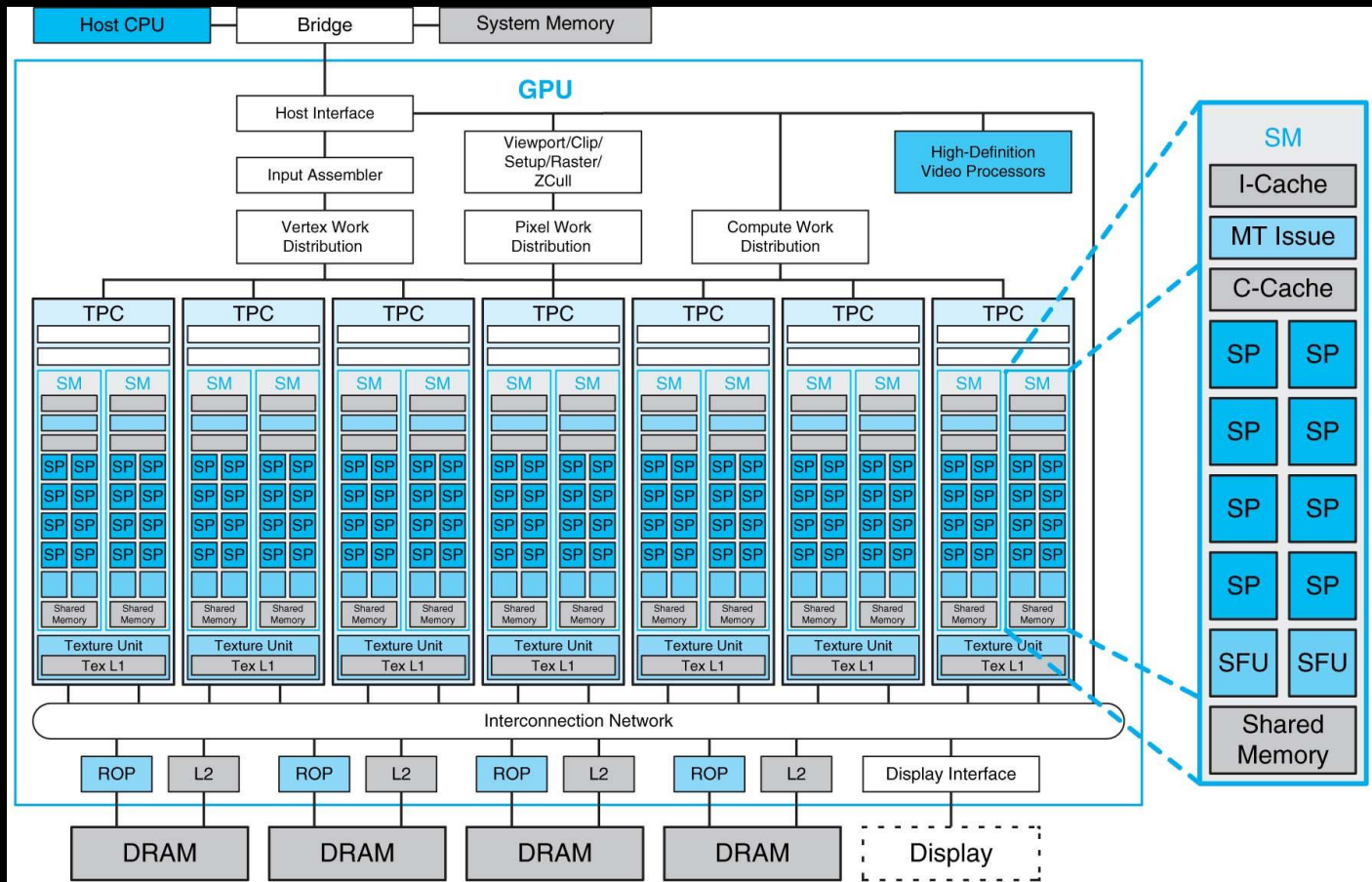
# Why are GPUs so fast?



**FIGURE A.3.1 Direct3D 10 graphics pipeline.** Each logical pipeline stage maps to GPU hardware or to a GPU processor. Programmable shader stages are blue, fixed-function blocks are white, and memory objects are grey. Each stage processes a vertex, geometric primitive, or pixel in a streaming dataflow fashion. Copyright © 2009 Elsevier, Inc. All rights reserved.

Pipelined and parallel

Very, very parallel: 128 to 1000 cores



**FIGURE A.2.5 Basic unified GPU architecture.** Example GPU with 112 streaming processor (SP) cores organized in 14 streaming multiprocessors (SMs); the cores are highly multithreaded. It has the basic Tesla architecture of an NVIDIA GeForce 8800. The processors connect with four 64-bit-wide DRAM partitions via an interconnection network. Each SM has eight SP cores, two special function units (SFUs), instruction and constant caches, a multithreaded instruction unit, and a shared memory. Copyright © 2009 Elsevier, Inc. All rights reserved.

# General computing with GPUs

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Can we use these for general computation?

Scientific Computing

- MATLAB codes

Convex hulls

Molecular Dynamics

Etc.

NVIDIA's answer:

Compute Unified Device Architecture (CUDA)

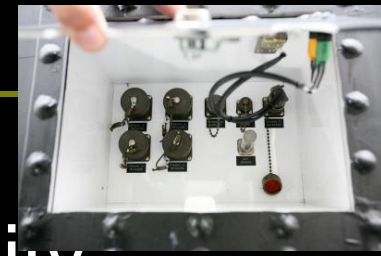
- MATLAB/Fortran/etc. → “C for CUDA” → GPU Codes

# What to do with all these transistors?

Cloud Computing



# Cloud Computing



Datacenters are becoming a commodity  
Order online and have it delivered

- Datacenter in a box: already set up with commodity hardware & software (Intel, Linux, petabyte of storage)
- Plug data, power & cooling and turn on
  - typically connected via optical fiber

such datacenters



# Cloud Computing = Network of Datacenters



# Cloud Computing

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Enable datacenters to coordinate over vast distances

- Optimize availability, disaster tolerance, energy
- Without sacrificing performance
- “cloud computing”

Drive underlying technological innovations.



# Cloud Computing

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## The promise of the Cloud

- A computer utility; a commodity
- Catalyst for technology economy
- Revolutionizing for health care, financial systems, scientific research, and society

## However, cloud platforms today

- Entail significant risk: **vendor lock-in vs control**
- Entail inefficient processes: **energy vs performance**
- Entail poor communication: **fiber optics vs COTS endpoints**

# Example: Energy and Performance

Why don't we save more energy in the cloud?

No one deletes data anymore!

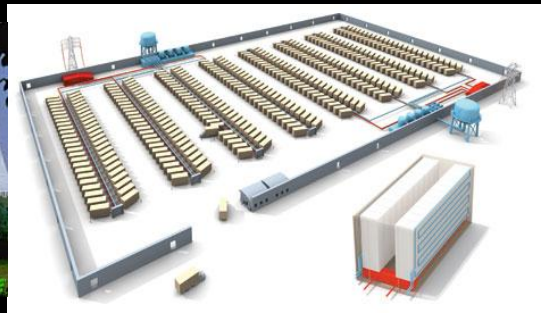
- Huge amounts of seldom-accessed data

Data deluge

- Google (YouTube, Picasa, Gmail, Docs), Facebook, Flickr
- 100 GB per second is faster than hard disk capacity growth!
- Max amount of data accessible at one time  $\ll$  Total data

New scalable approach needed to store this data

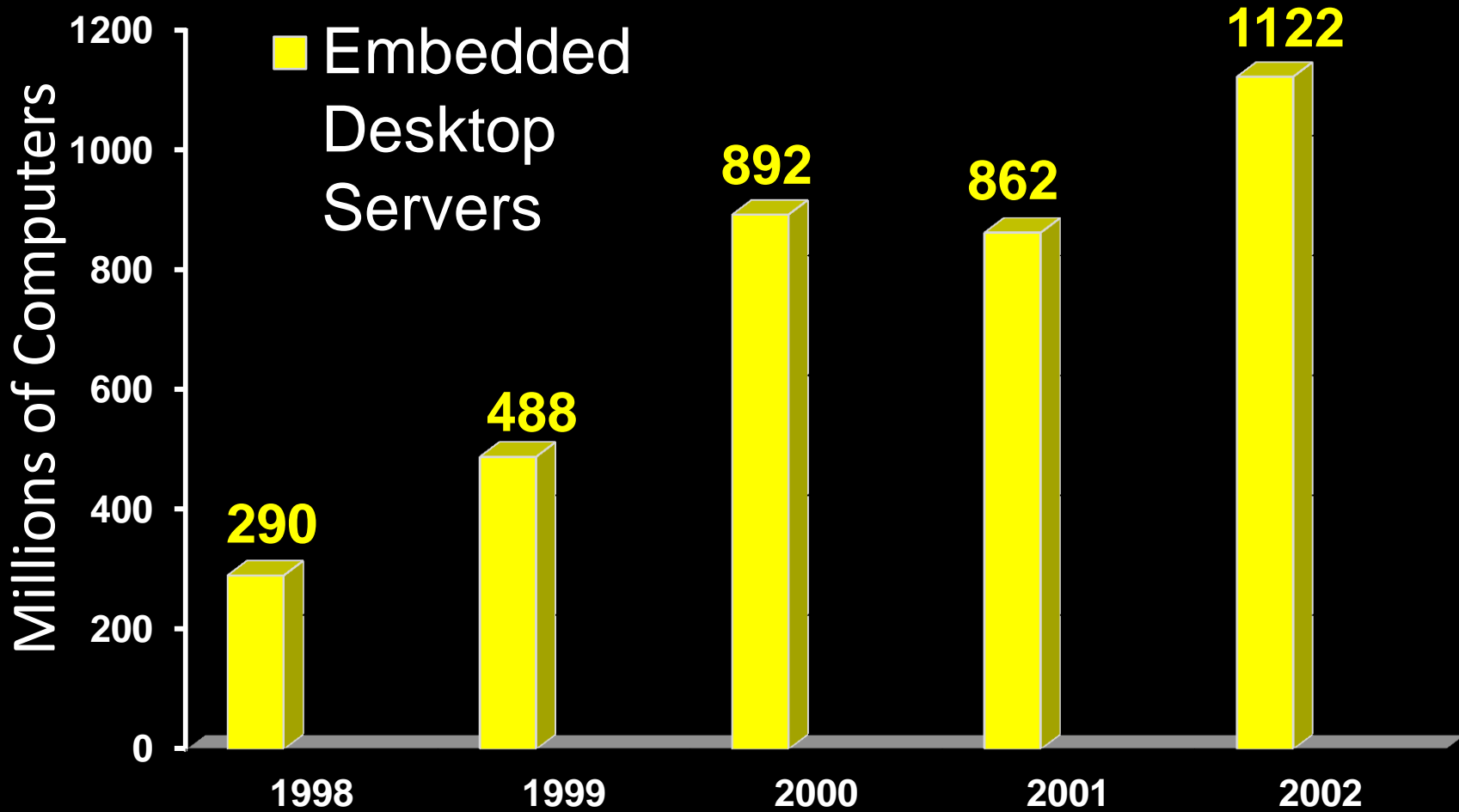
- Energy footprint proportional to number of HDDs is *not* sustainable



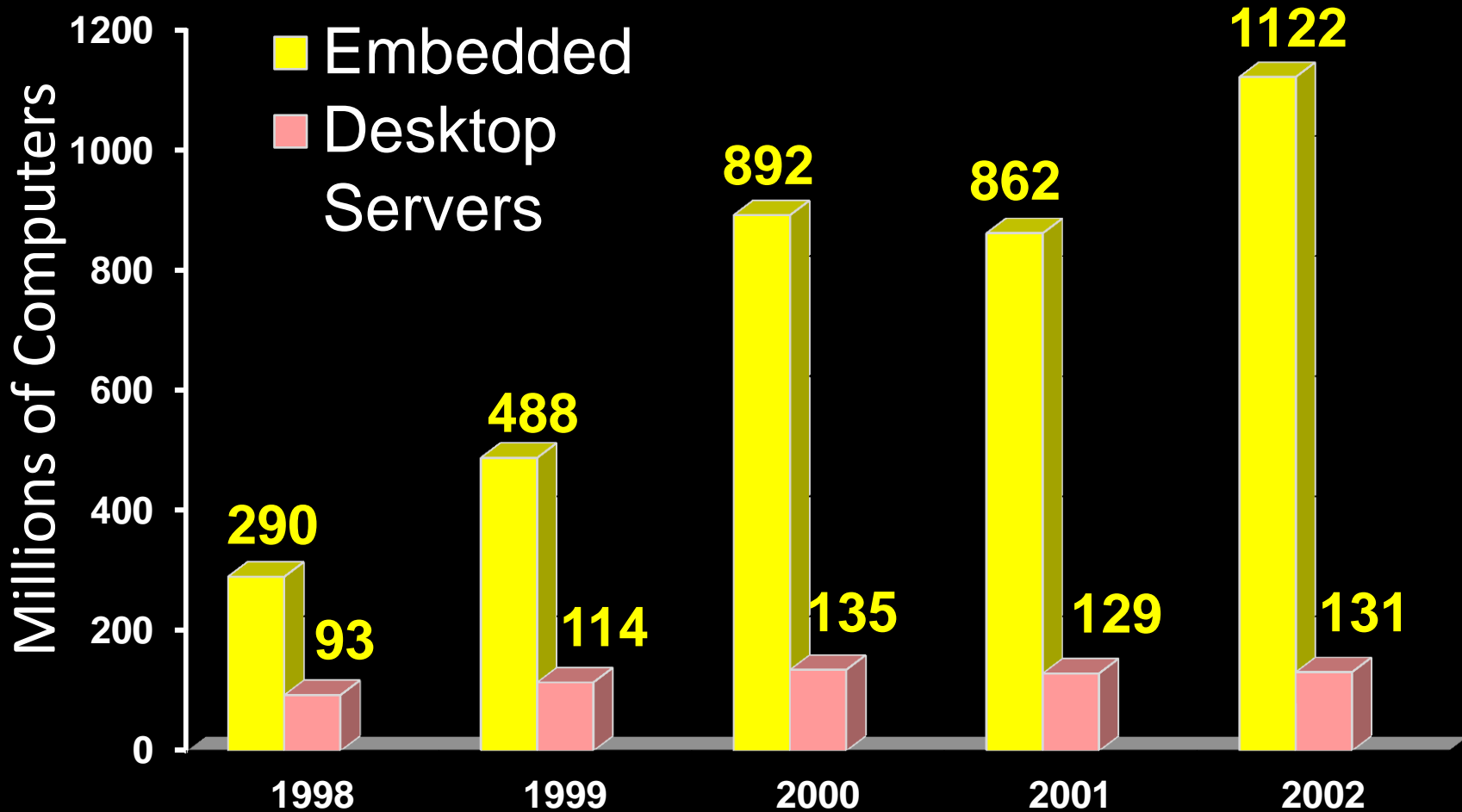
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Embedded Processors

# Where is the Market?

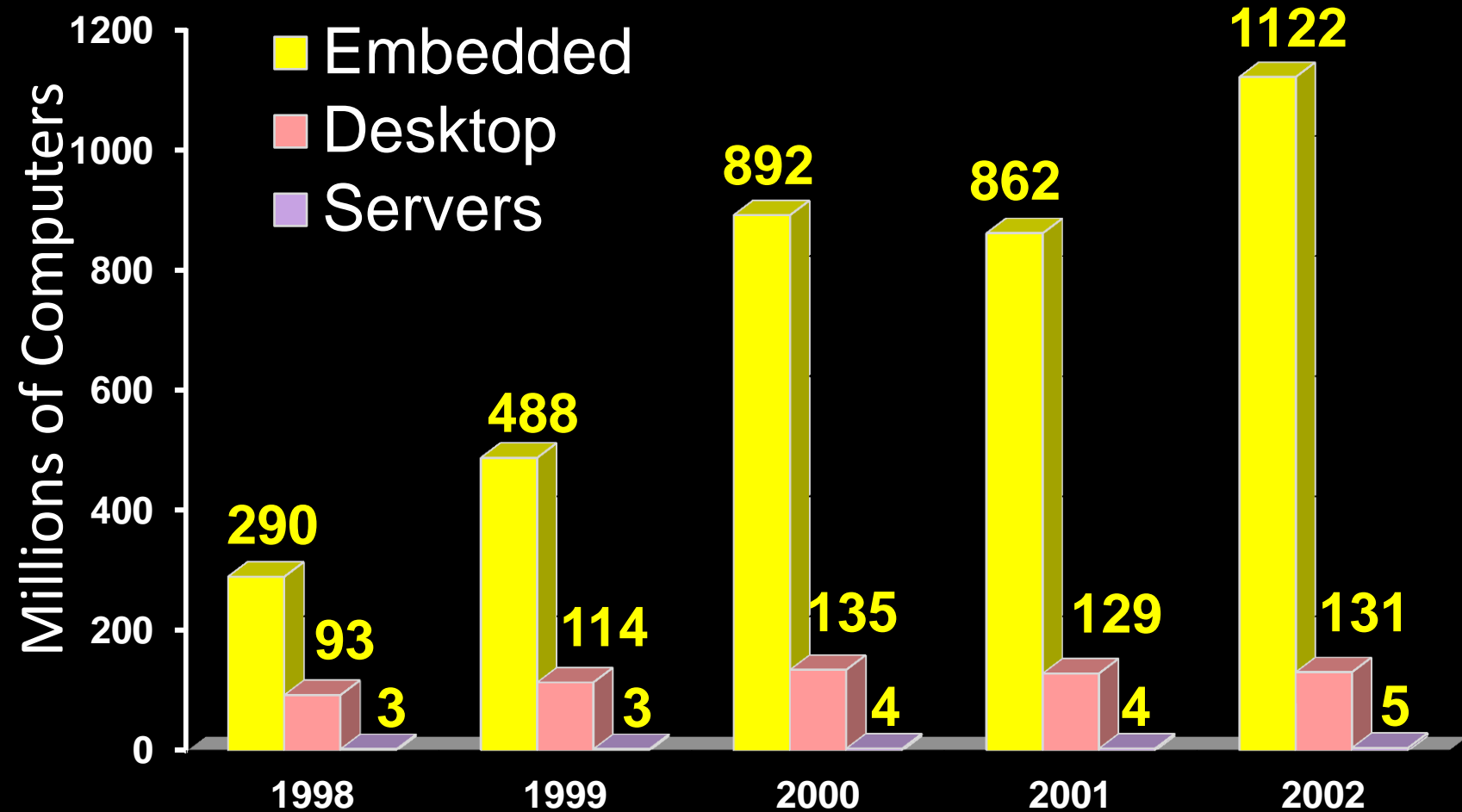


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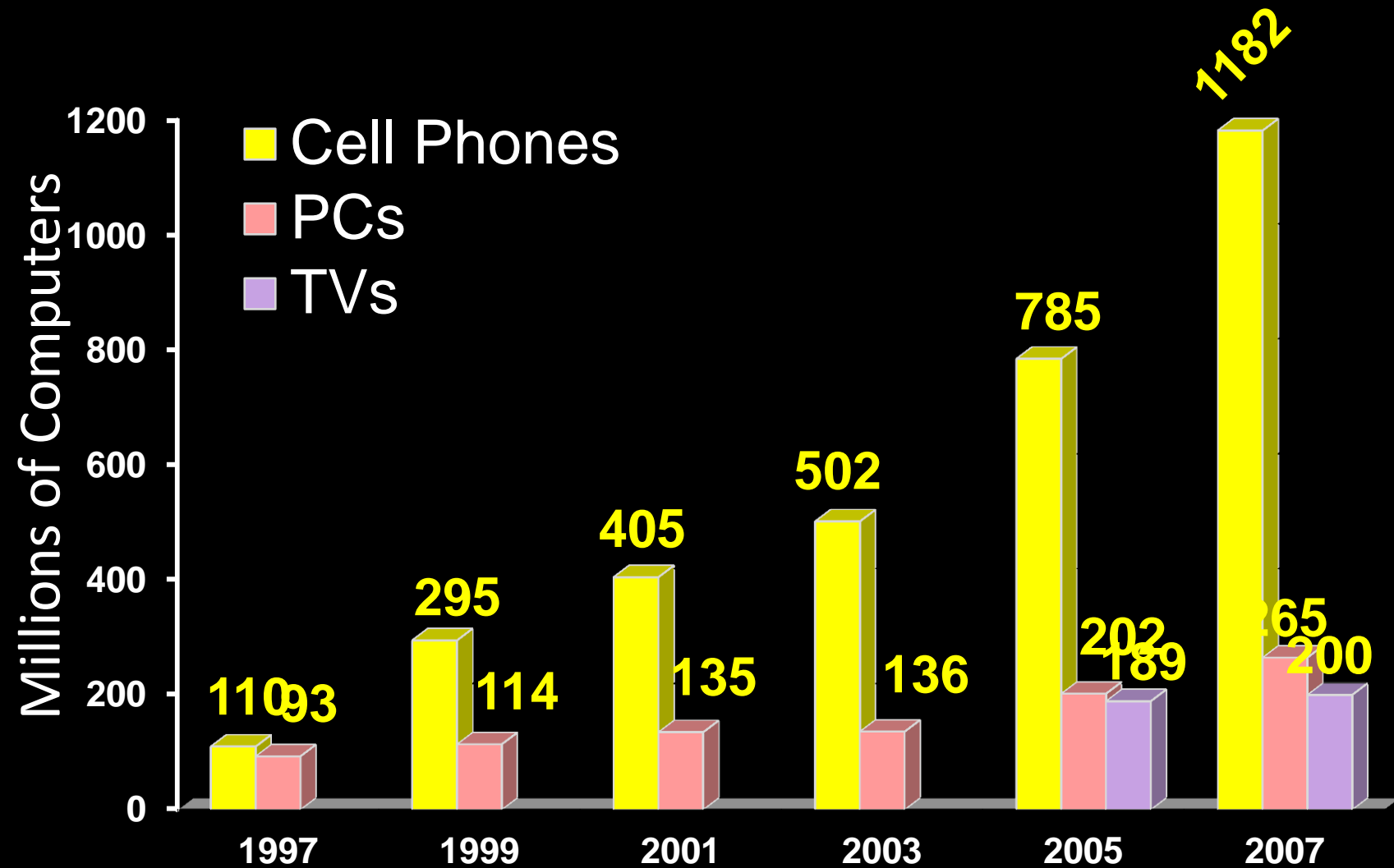




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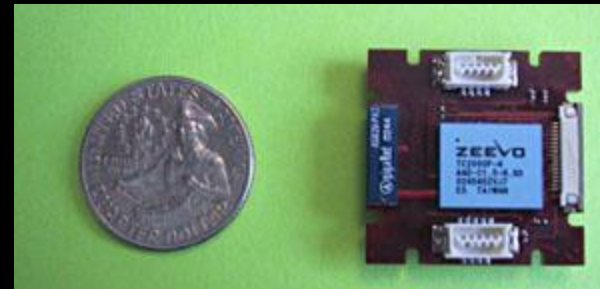
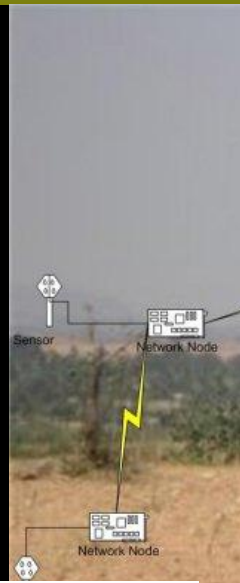
# Where is the Market?





# Where to?

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# Security?

Cryptography and security...

TPM 1.2

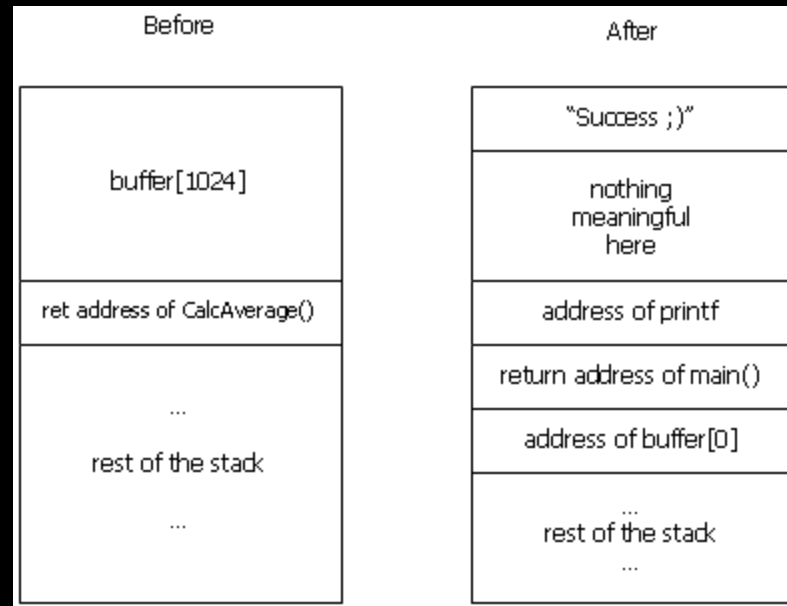


IBM 4758  
Secure Cryptoprocessor



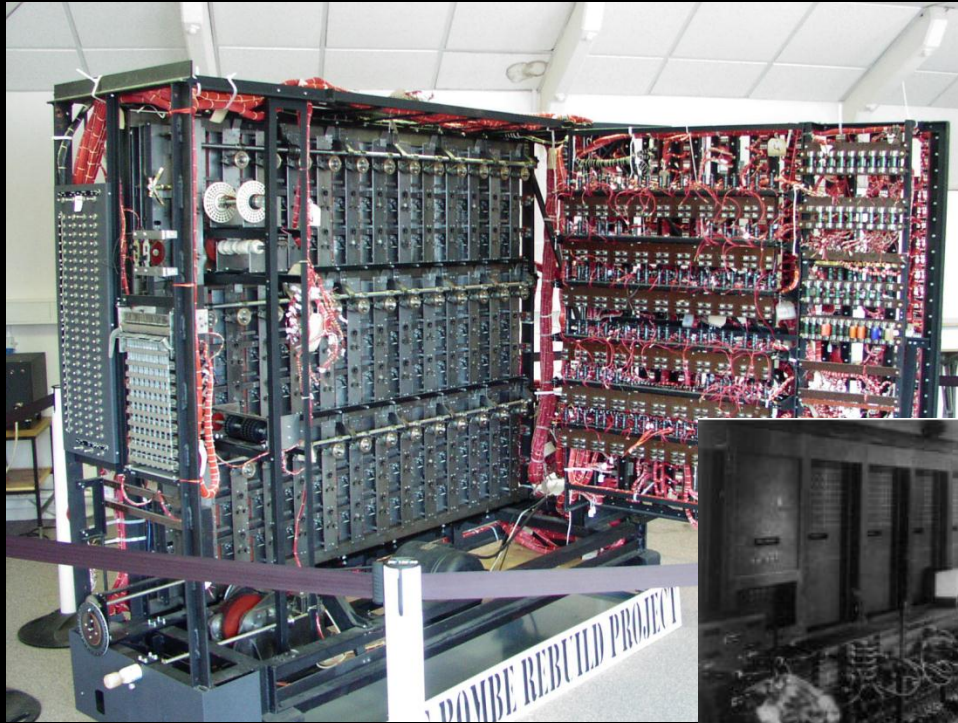
# Security?

## Stack Smashing...



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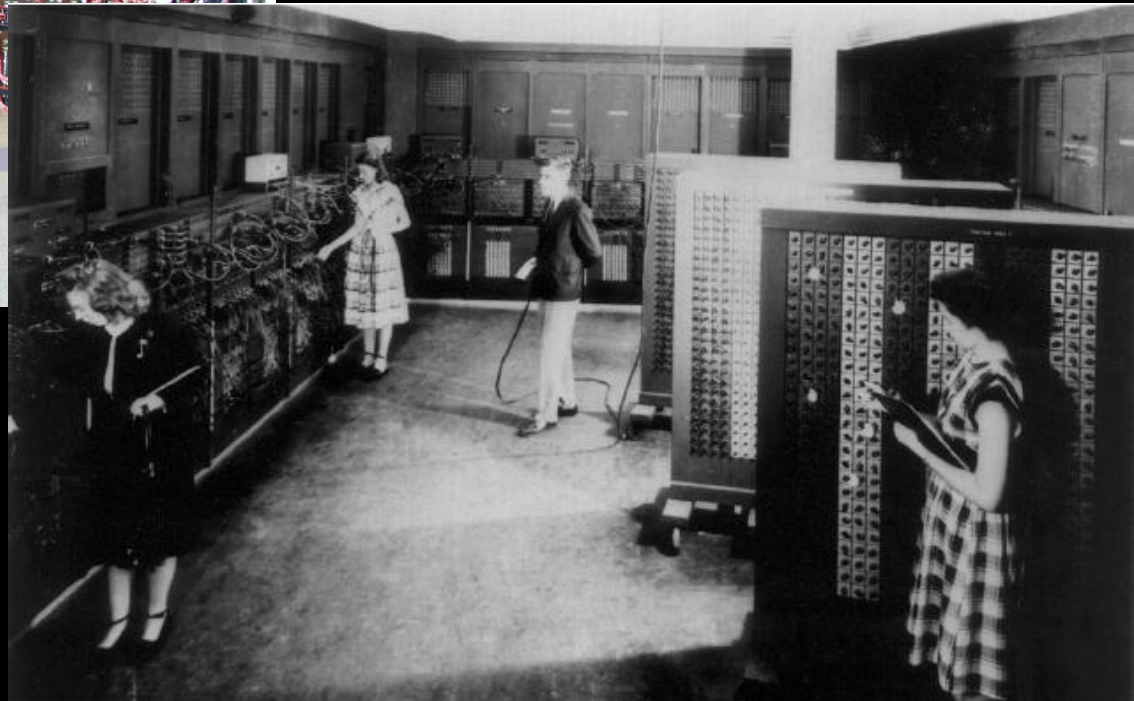
You could save the world one day?



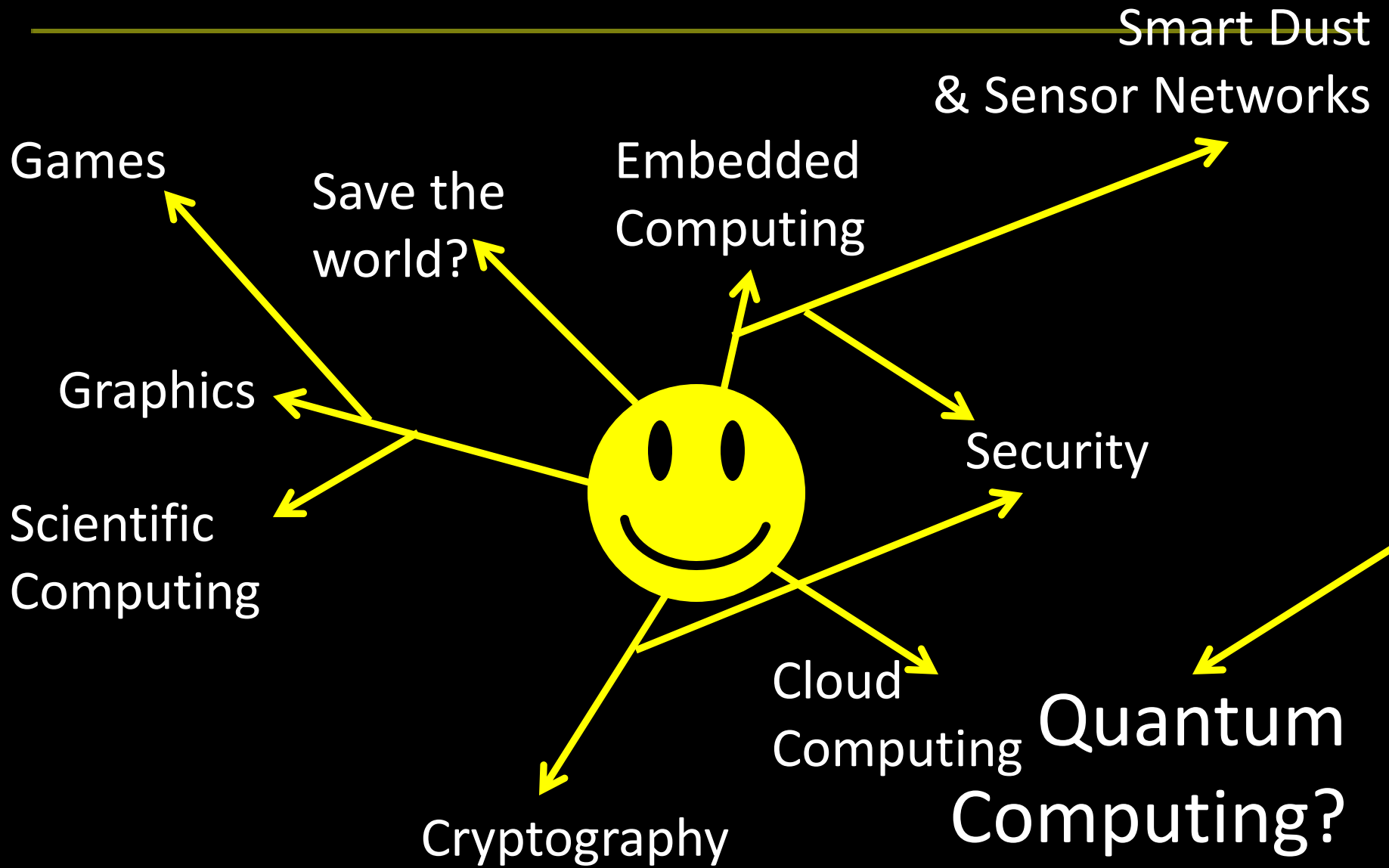
## ENIAC - 1946

First general purpose electronic computer. Designed to calculate ballistic trajectories

Alan Turing's Bombe  
Used to crack Germany's  
enigma machine







# Survey Questions

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Are you a better computer scientist and software engineering knowing “the low-level stuff”?

How much of computer architecture do software engineers actually have to deal with?

What are the most important aspects of computer architecture that a software engineer should keep in mind while programming?

# Why?

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These days, programs run on hardware...  
... more than ever before

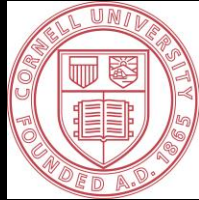
Google Chrome

- Operating Systems
- Multi-Core & Hyper-Threading
- Datapath Pipelines, Caches, MMUs, I/O & DMA
- Busses, Logic, & State machines
- Gates
- Transistors
- Silicon
- Electrons

# Why?

Your job as a computer scientist will require knowledge the computer

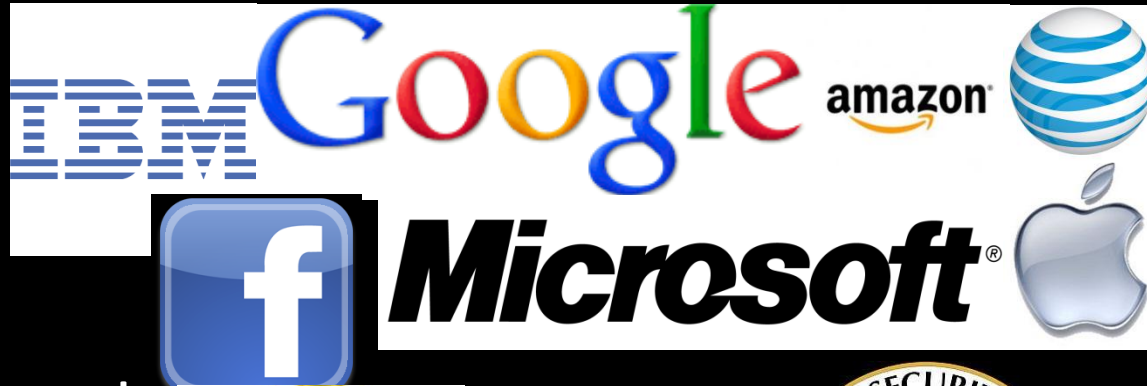
Research/University



Cornell University

Faculty of Computing and Information Science

Industry



Government



# Where to?

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CS 3110: Better concurrent programming

CS 4410/4411: The Operating System!

CS 4420/ECE 4750: Computer Architecture

CS 4450: Networking

CS 4620: Graphics

~~CS 4821: Quantum Computing~~

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5412—Cloud Computing, 5414—Distr Computing,

5430—Systems Security,

5300—Arch of Large scale Info Systems

And many more...

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# Thank you!

If you want to make an apple pie from scratch, you must first create the universe.

– Carl Sagan