

# Fra superdatamaskiner til grafikkprosessorer og maskinlæring

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# Parallel Computing: Personal perspective

- 1980's: Concurrent and Parallel Pascal
- 1986: Intel iPSC Hypercube
  - CMI (Bergen) and Cornell (Cray arrived at NTNU)
- 1987: Cluster of 4 IBM 3090s
- 1988-91: Intel hypercubes
  - Some on BBN
- 1991-94: KSR (MPI1 & 2)

## Kendall Square Research (KSR)

### KSR-1 at Cornell University:

- 128 processors – **Total RAM: 1GB!!**
- Scalable shared memory multiprocessors (SSMMs)
- Proprietary 64-bit processors

Notable Attributes:

Network latency across the bridge prevented viable scalability beyond 128 processors.



Intel iPSC

# The World is Parallel!!

All major processor are now multicore chips!

--> All computer devices and systems are parallel  
... even your Smartphone!

WHY IS THIS?



# Why is computing so exciting today?

- Look at the tech. trends!

**Microprocessors have become smaller, denser, and more powerful.**

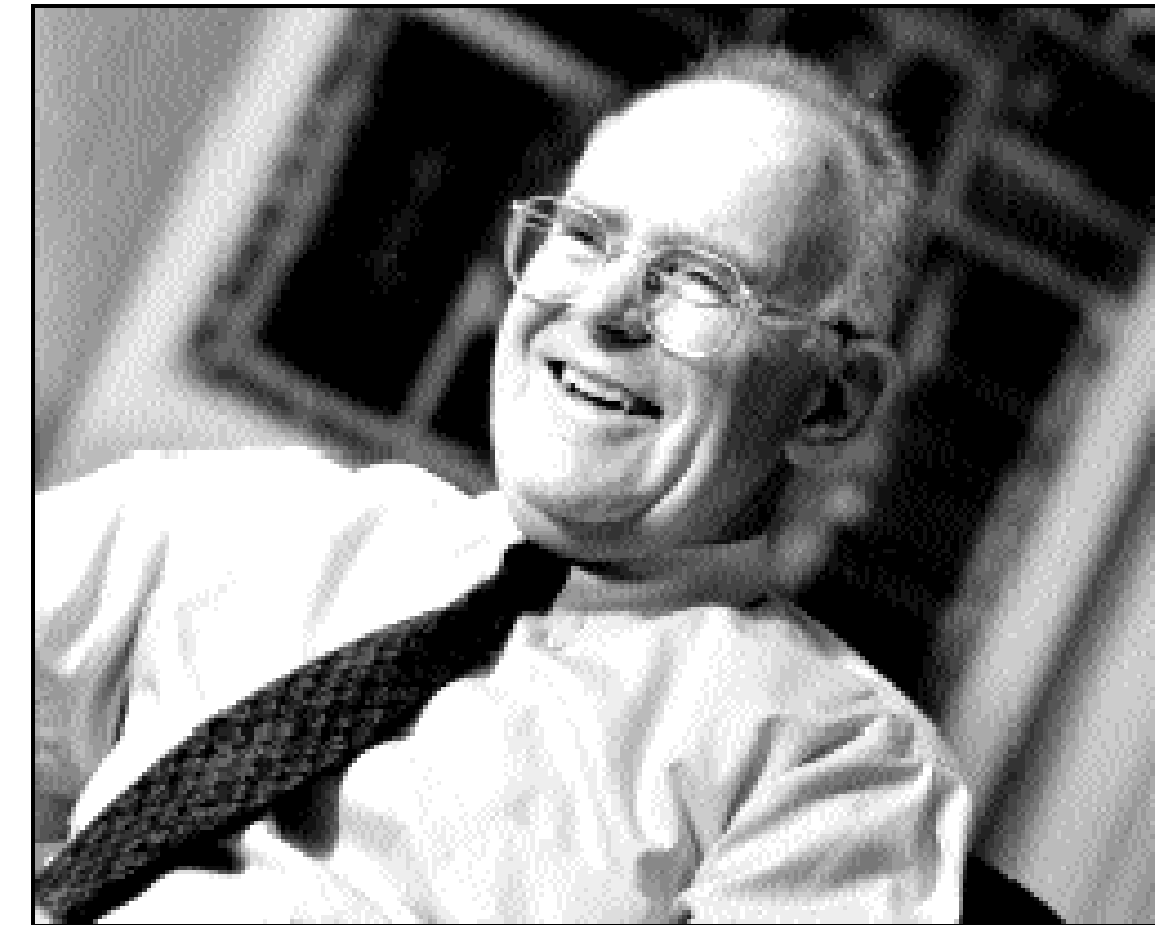
**As of 2016, the commercially available processor with the highest number of transistors is the **24-core** Xeon Haswell-EX with **> 5.7 billion** transistors. (source: Wikipedia)**

**NVIDIA**



# Tech. Trend: Moore's Law

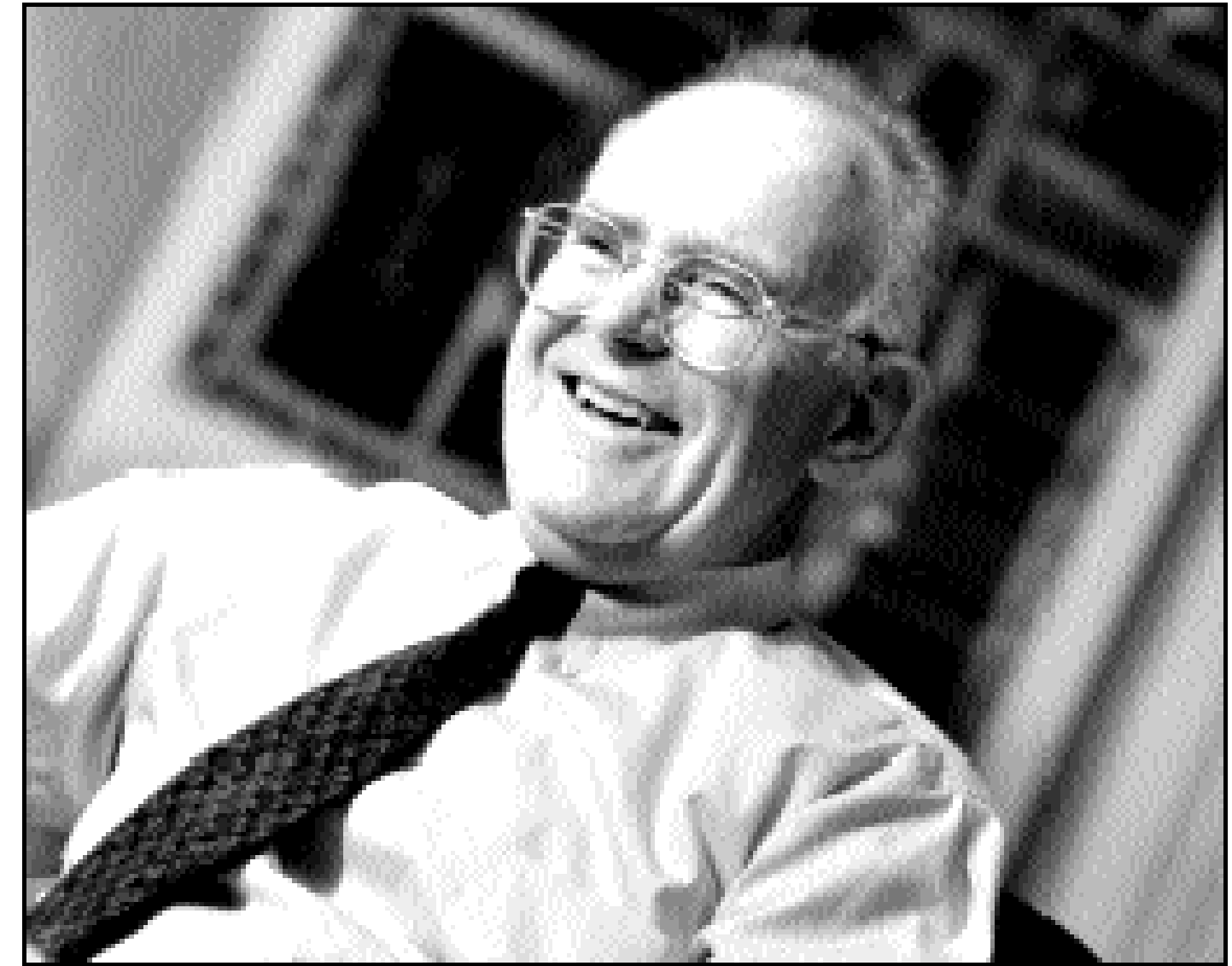
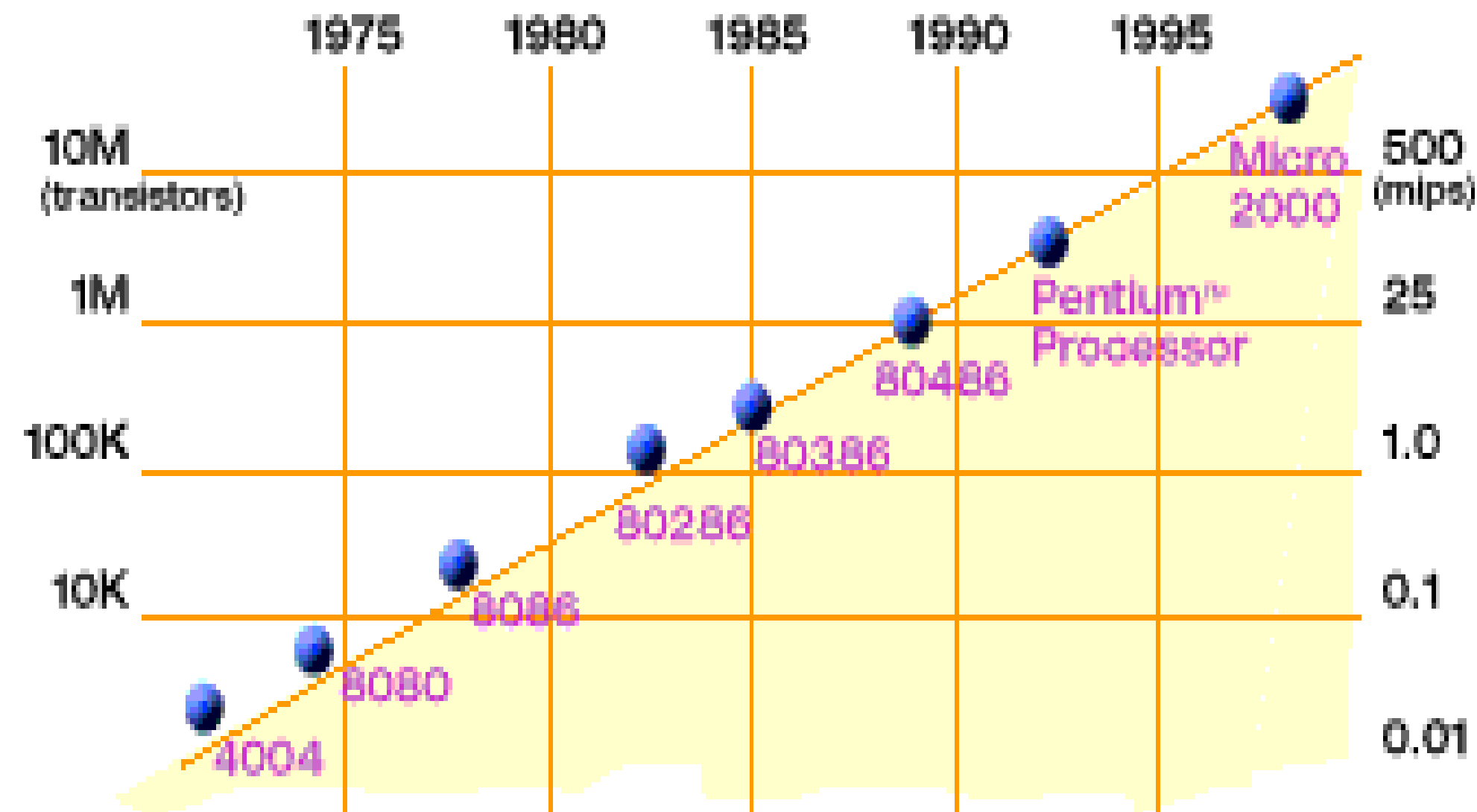
- Named after Gordon Moore (co-founder of Intel)
- Moore predicted in 1965 transistor density of semiconductor chips would double roughly every year, revised in 1975 to every 2 years by 1980
- Some think it says that it actually doubles every 18 months since use more transistors and each transistor is faster [due to quote by David House (Intel Exec)]



**"Moore's law"** (popularized by Carver Mead, CalTech) is known as the observation and prediction that the number of transistors on a chip has and will be doubled approximately every 2 years.

But in 2015: Intel stated that this has slowed starting in 2012 (22nm), so now every 2.5 yrs (14nm (2014), 10nm scheduled in late 2017)

# Tech. Trends: Microprocessor



**2X transistors/Chip Every 1.5 years**  
Called “Moore’s Law”

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from CS267-Lecture 1

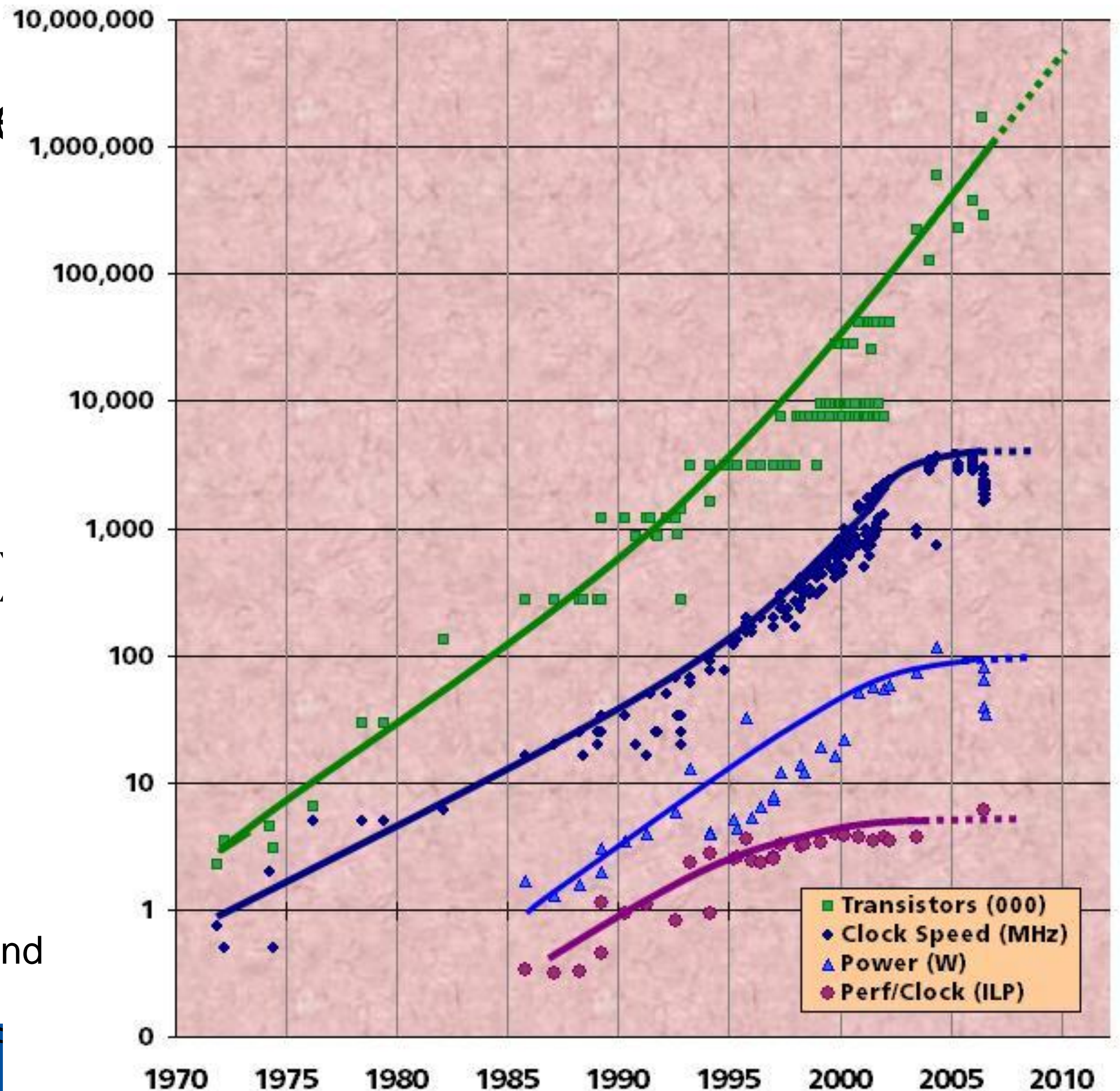
Slide source: Jack Dongarra



# Revolution is Happening Now

- Chip density is continuing increase  
~2x every 2 years
  - Clock speed is not
  - Number of processor cores may double instead
- There is little or no hidden parallelism (ILP) to be found
- Parallelism must be exposed to and managed by software

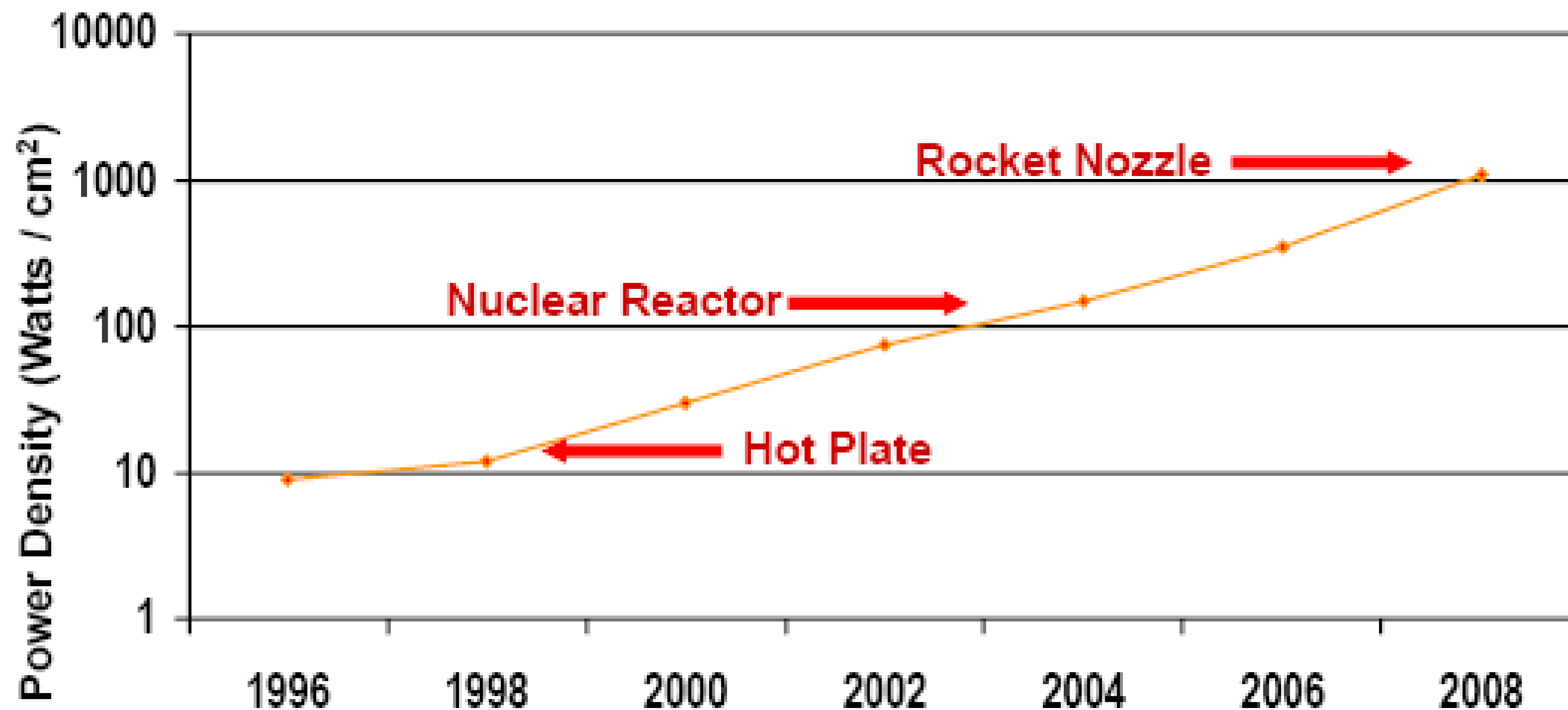
Source: Intel, Microsoft (Sutter) and Stanford (Olukotun, Hammond)





# Power Density Limits Serial Performance

## Moore's Law Extrapolation: Power Density for Leading Edge Microprocessors



Power Density Becomes Too High to Cool Chips Inexpensively

Source: Shekhar Borkar, Intel Corp



# What to do?

To increase processor performance one can:

1. Increase the system clock speed -> **Power Wall**(\*)
2. Increase memory bandwidth-> more complex
3. Parallelize -> more complex

(\*) The Power Wall:

Too much heat and transistor performance degrades  
(more power leakage as power increases)!

→ Now maxing out clock at 3-4GHz for general processors

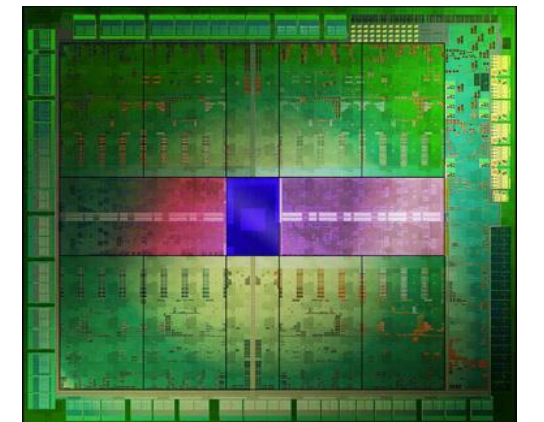
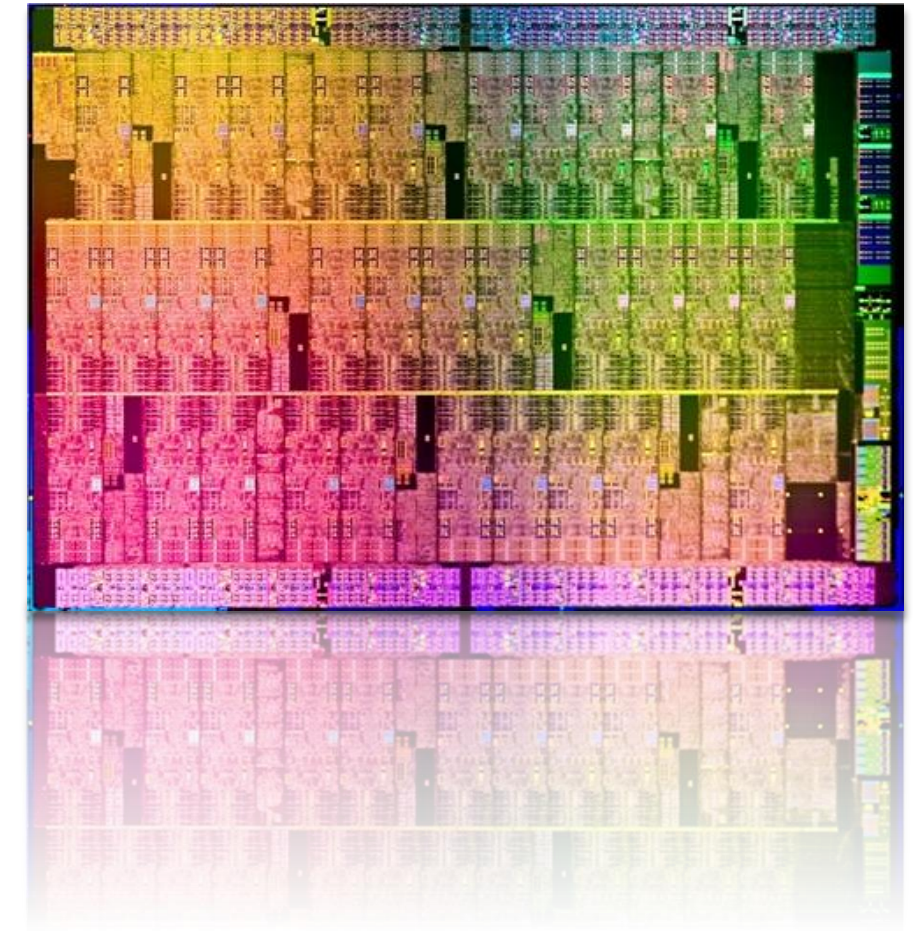


# Supercomputer & HPC Trends: Clusters and Accelerators!

## How did we get here?



NTNU IDI's 40-node AMD 1.46GHz  
Cluster w/ 2GB RAM, 40GB disk,  
Fast Ethernet – ca 2002-2003





# Market forces!!

→ Rapid architecture development  
driven by gaming (graphics cards)  
and embedded systems architectures  
(e.g. ARM)



387 CUDA Teaching & Research Centers as of Aug 27, 2015!

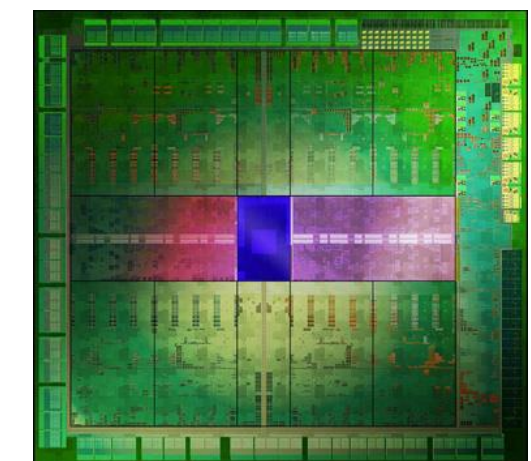


# Motivation – GPU Computing:

Many advances in processor designs  
are driven by Billion \$\$ gaming market!  
Modern GPUs (Graphic Processing Unit) offer  
lots of FLOPS per watt!

NVIDIA GTX 1080  
(Pascal): 3640 CUDA cores!

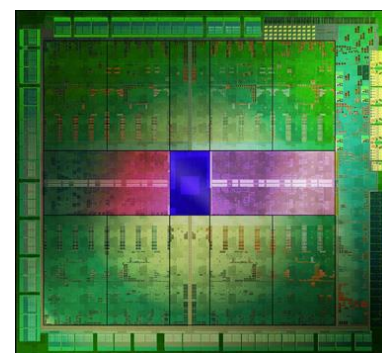
.. and lots of parallelism!



-Kepler:  
-GTX 690 and Tesla K10 cards  
-have 3072 (2x1536) cores!

# TK1/Kepler

- GPU: SMX Kepler: 192 core
- CPU: ARM Cortex A15
  - 32-bit, 2instr/cycle, in-order
  - 15GBs, LPDDR3, 28nm process
- GTX 690 and Tesla K10 cards have 3072 (2x1536) cores!
- Tesla K80 is 2,5x faster than K10
  - 5.6 TF TFLOPs single prec.
  - 1.87 TFLOPS Double prec.
- Nested kernel calls
- Hyper Q allowing up to 32 simultaneous MPI tasks



# TX1/Maxwell

- GPU: SMX Maxwell: 256 cores
  - 1 TFLOPs/s
- CPU: ARM Cortex-A57
  - 64-bit, 3 instr/cycle, out-of-order
  - 25.6 GBs, LPDDR4, 20nm process
- Maxwell Titan with 3072 cores
- API and Libraries:
  - Open GL 4.4
  - CUDA 7.0
  - cuDNN 4.0



# NTNU IDI HPC-Lab (last 10 yrs)

Fall 2006:



- First 2 student projects with GPU programming (Cg)

Christian Larsen (MS Fall Project, December 2006):

“Utilizing GPUs on Cluster Computers” (joint with Schlumberger)

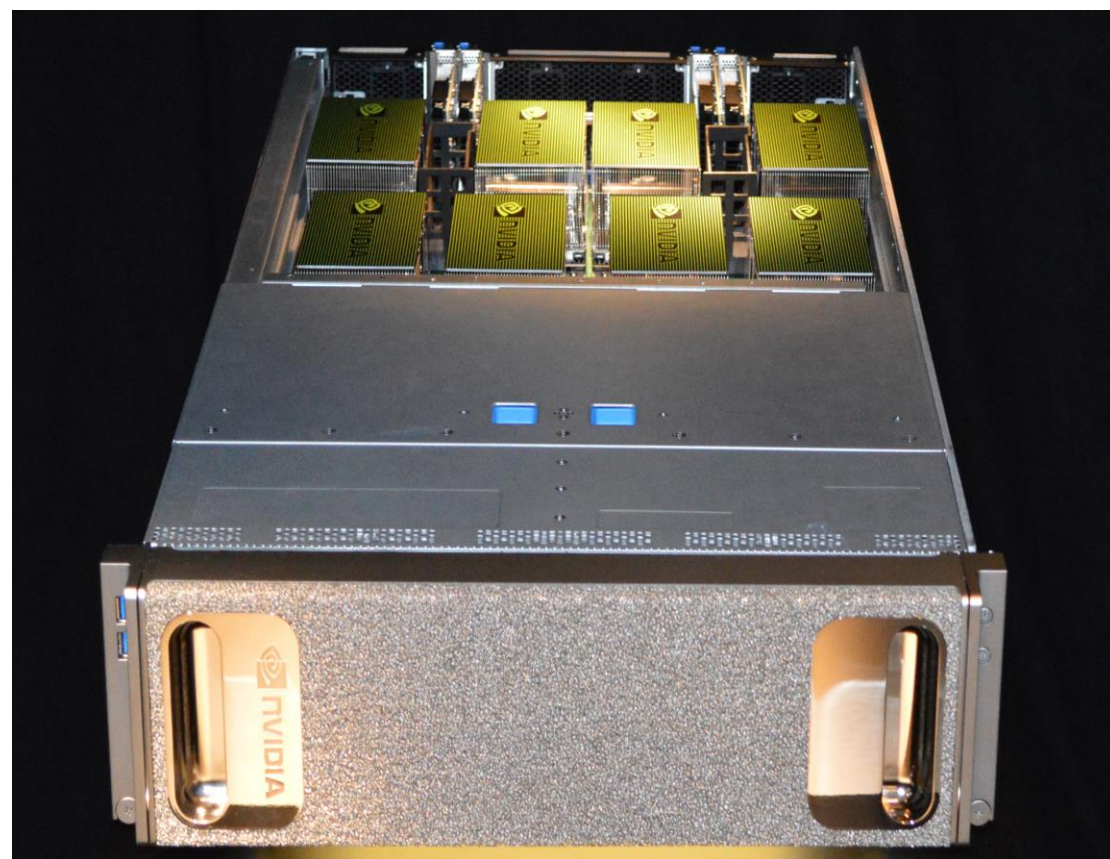


Erik Axel Nielsen asks for FX 4800 card for project with GE Healthcare

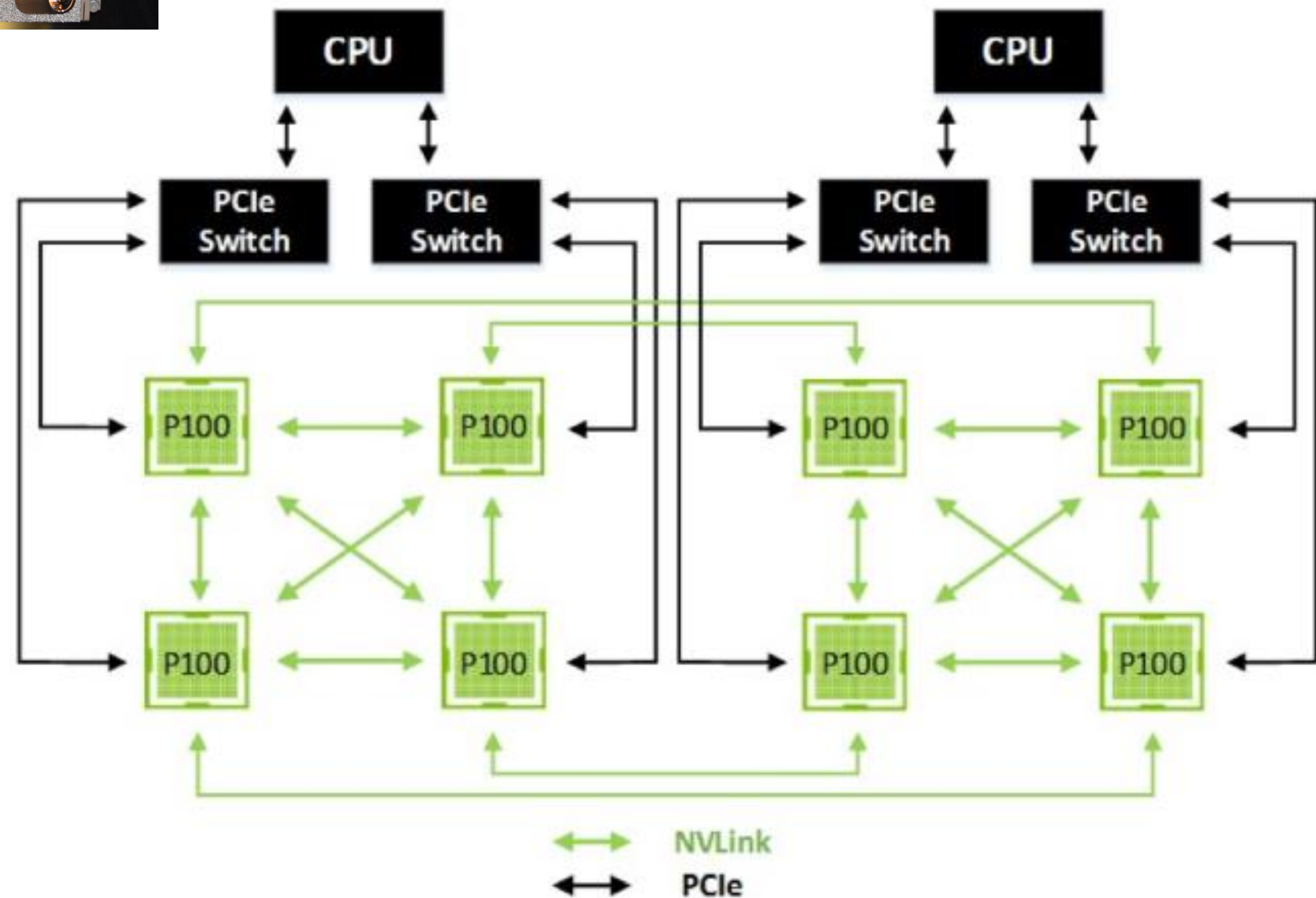
Elster as head of Computational Science &  
Visualization program helped NTNU  
acquire new IBM Supercomputer  
(Njord, 7+ TFLOPS, proprietary switch)







# The NVIDIA DGX-1 Server



# NVIDIA DGX-1 Server -- Details

CPU's : 2 x Intel Xeon E5-2698 v3 (16-core Haswell)

GPU's: 8 x NVIDIA Tesla P100 (3584 CUDA cores)

System Memory: 512 GB DDR4-23133

GPU Memory 128GB (8 x 16GB)

Storage: 4 x Samsung PM 863 1.9 TB SSD

Network: 4 x Infiniband EDR, 2x 10 GigE

Power": 3200W

Size 3U Blade

GPU Throughput: FP16: 170TFLOPs,

FP32: 85TFLOPs, FP 64: 42.5 TFLOPs



- Supercomputing / HPC units are:
  - Flop: floating point operation
  - Flops/s: floating point operations per second
  - Bytes: size of data (a double precision floating point number is 8)
- Typical sizes are millions, billions, trillions...
 

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|-------|------------------------------|--|
| Mega  | Mflop/s = $10^6$ flop/sec    | Mbyte = $2^{20} = 1048576 \sim 10^6$ bytes |
| Giga  | Gflop/s = $10^9$ flop/sec    | Gbyte = $2^{30} \sim 10^9$ bytes           |
| Tera  | Tflop/s = $10^{12}$ flop/sec | Tbyte = $2^{40} \sim 10^{12}$ bytes        |
| Peta  | Pflop/s = $10^{15}$ flop/sec | Pbyte = $2^{50} \sim 10^{15}$ bytes        |
| Exa   | Eflop/s = $10^{18}$ flop/sec | Ebyte = $2^{60} \sim 10^{18}$ bytes        |
| Zetta | Zflop/s = $10^{21}$ flop/sec | Zbyte = $2^{70} \sim 10^{21}$ bytes        |
| Yotta | Yflop/s = $10^{24}$ flop/sec | Ybyte = $2^{80} \sim 10^{24}$ bytes        |
- See [www.top500.org](http://www.top500.org) for current list of the world's fastest supercomputers



