



# GPU COMPUTING TO EXASCALE AND BEYOND

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# GPU Computing

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1 The GPU Advantage

2 To ExaScale and Beyond

3 The GPU is the Computer

# The GPU Advantage

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## A Tale of Two Machines

# Tianhe-1A

at NSC Tianjin



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## at NSC Tianjin

- The World's Fastest Supercomputer
- 2.507 Petaflop
- 7168 Tesla M2050 GPUs

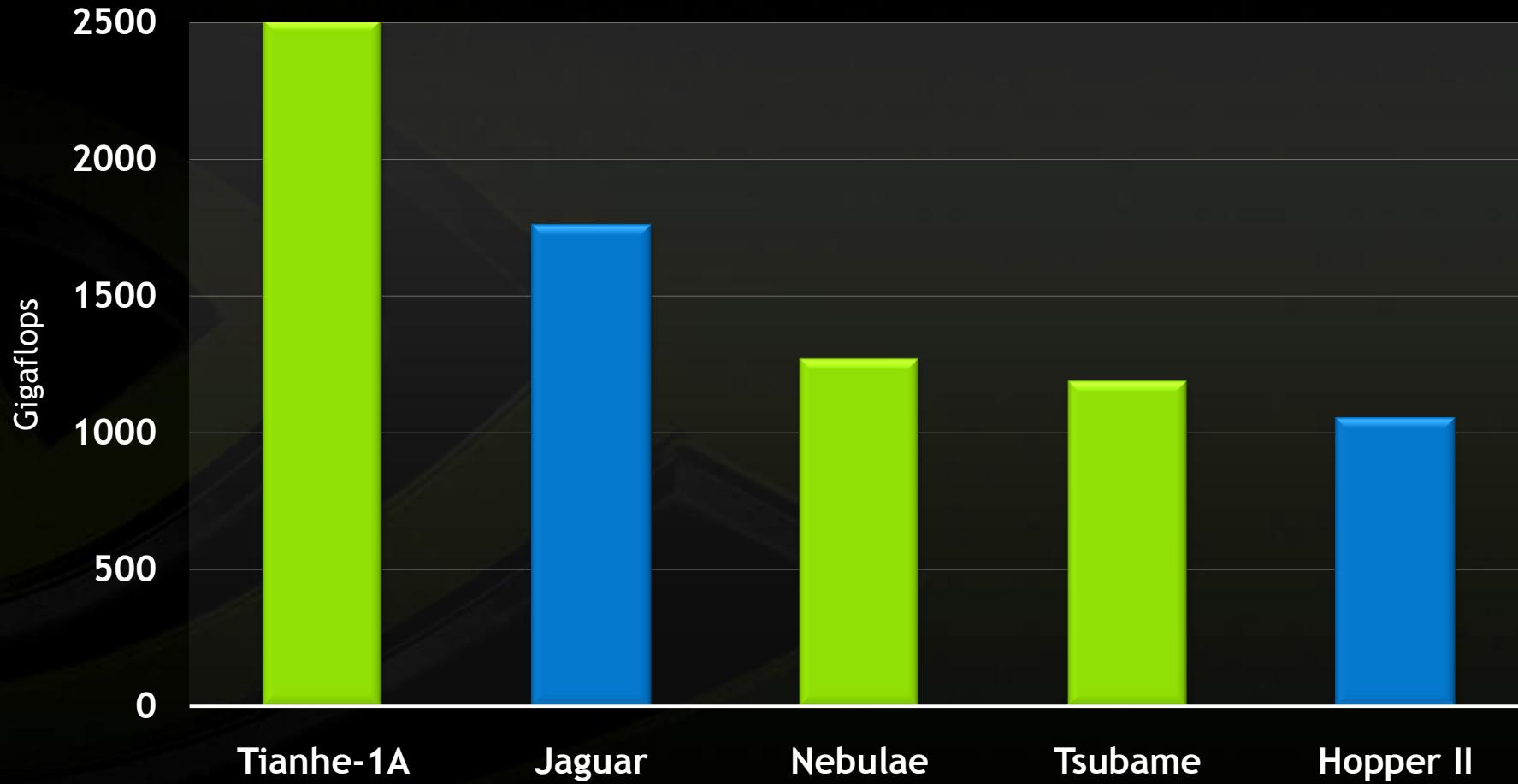


# Tesla M2050 GPUs



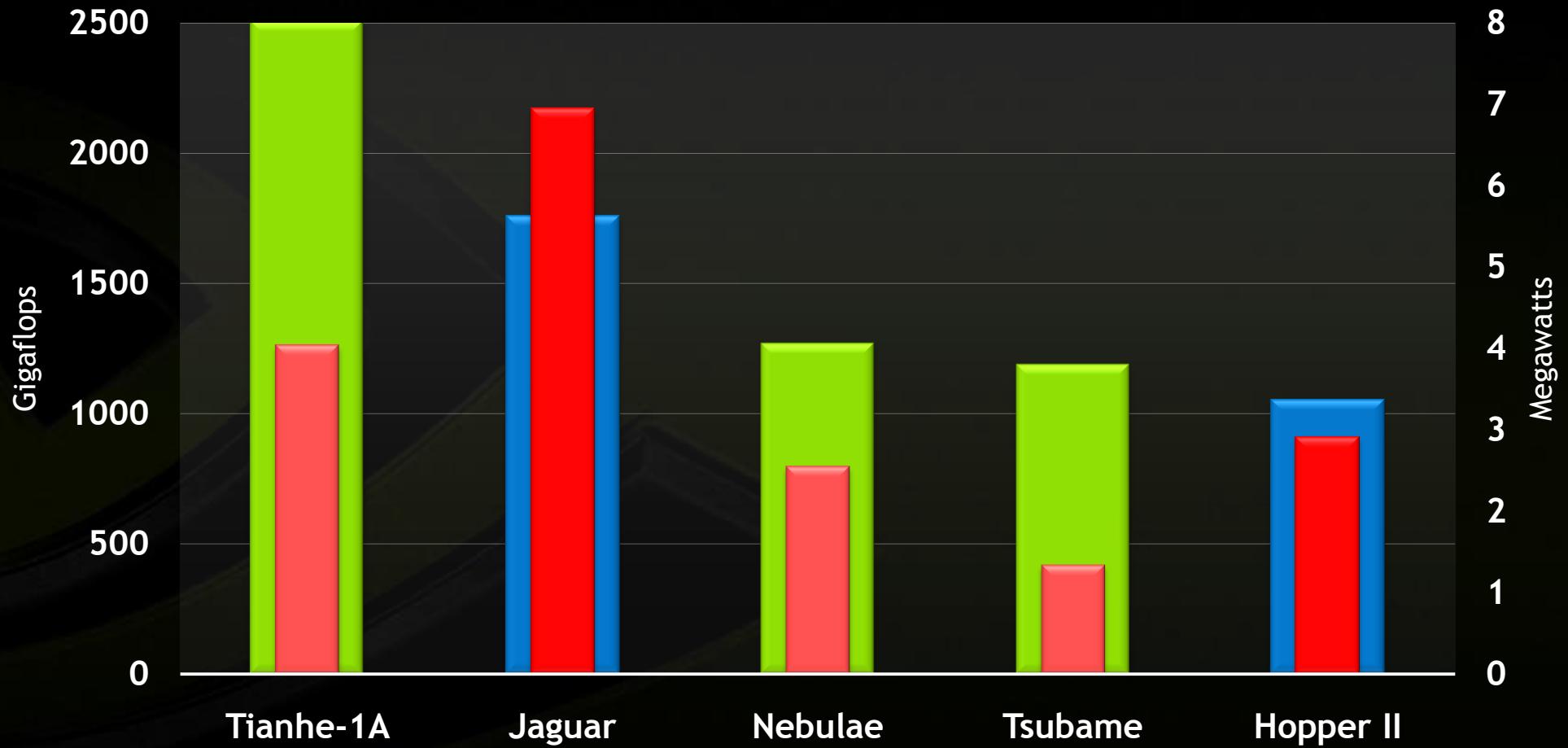


# 3 of Top5 Supercomputers





# Top 5 Performance and Power



# NVIDIA/NCSA

## Green 500 Entry



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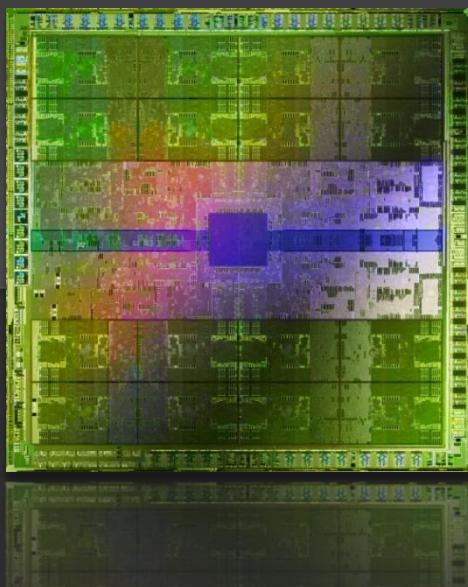
- **128 nodes, each with:**
  - 1x Core i3 530 (2 cores, 2.93 GHz => 23.4 GFLOP peak)
  - 1x Tesla C2050 (14 cores, 1.15 GHz => 515.2 GFLOP peak)
  - 4x QDR Infiniband
  - 4 GB DRAM
- **Theoretical Peak Perf: 68.95 TF**
- **Footprint: ~20 ft<sup>2</sup> => 3.45 TF/ft<sup>2</sup>**
- **Cost: \$500K (street price) => 137.9 MF/\$**
- **Linpack: 33.62 TF, 36.0 kW => 934 MF/W**

# The GPU Advantage

Efficiency and Programmability

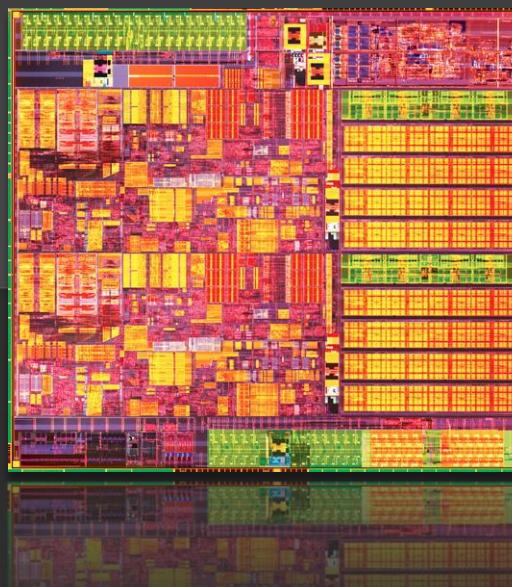
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200pJ/Instruction



# CPU

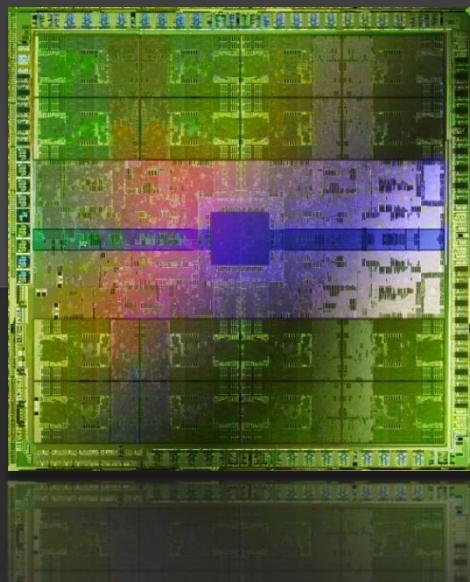
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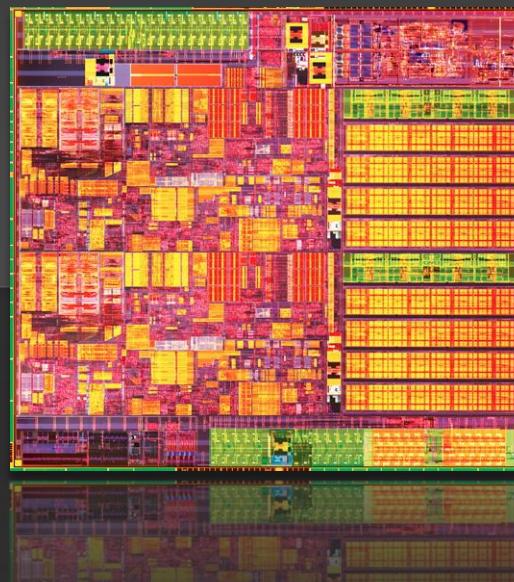
Optimized for Throughput  
Explicit Management  
of On-chip Memory



# CPU

2nJ/Instruction

Optimized for Latency  
Caches



# CUDA GPU Roadmap



# The GPU Advantage

Efficiency and Programmability

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CUDA Enables Programmability



# CUDA C: C with a Few Keywords

```
void saxpy_serial(int n, float a, float *x, float *y)
{
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i)
        y[i] = a*x[i] + y[i];
}
// Invoke serial SAXPY kernel
saxpy_serial(n, 2.0, x, y);
```

*Standard  
C Code*

```
__global__ void saxpy_parallel(int n, float a, float *x, float *y)
{
    int i = blockIdx.x*blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
    if (i < n)  y[i] = a*x[i] + y[i];
}
// Invoke parallel SAXPY kernel with 256 threads/block
int nblocks = (n + 255) / 256;
saxpy_parallel<<<nblocks, 256>>>(n, 2.0, x, y);
```

*CUDA  
C Code*

## Research & Education



## Libraries

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \frac{q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$
$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = 0$$
$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$$
$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt} + \mu_0 i_{enc}$$

## Mathematical Packages



## Integrated Development Environment Parallel Nsight for MS Visual Studio



# GPU Computing Ecosystem

## Languages & API's

CUDA C/C++

Microsoft® DirectX® 11



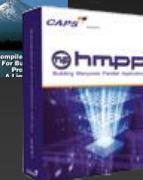
## All Major Platforms



## Consultants, Training & Certification



## Tools & Partners



# GPU Computing Today

## By the Numbers:

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**200 Million**

CUDA Capable GPUs

**600,000**

CUDA Toolkit Downloads

**100,000**

Active GPU Computing Developers

**8,000**

Members in Parallel Nsight Developer Program

**362**

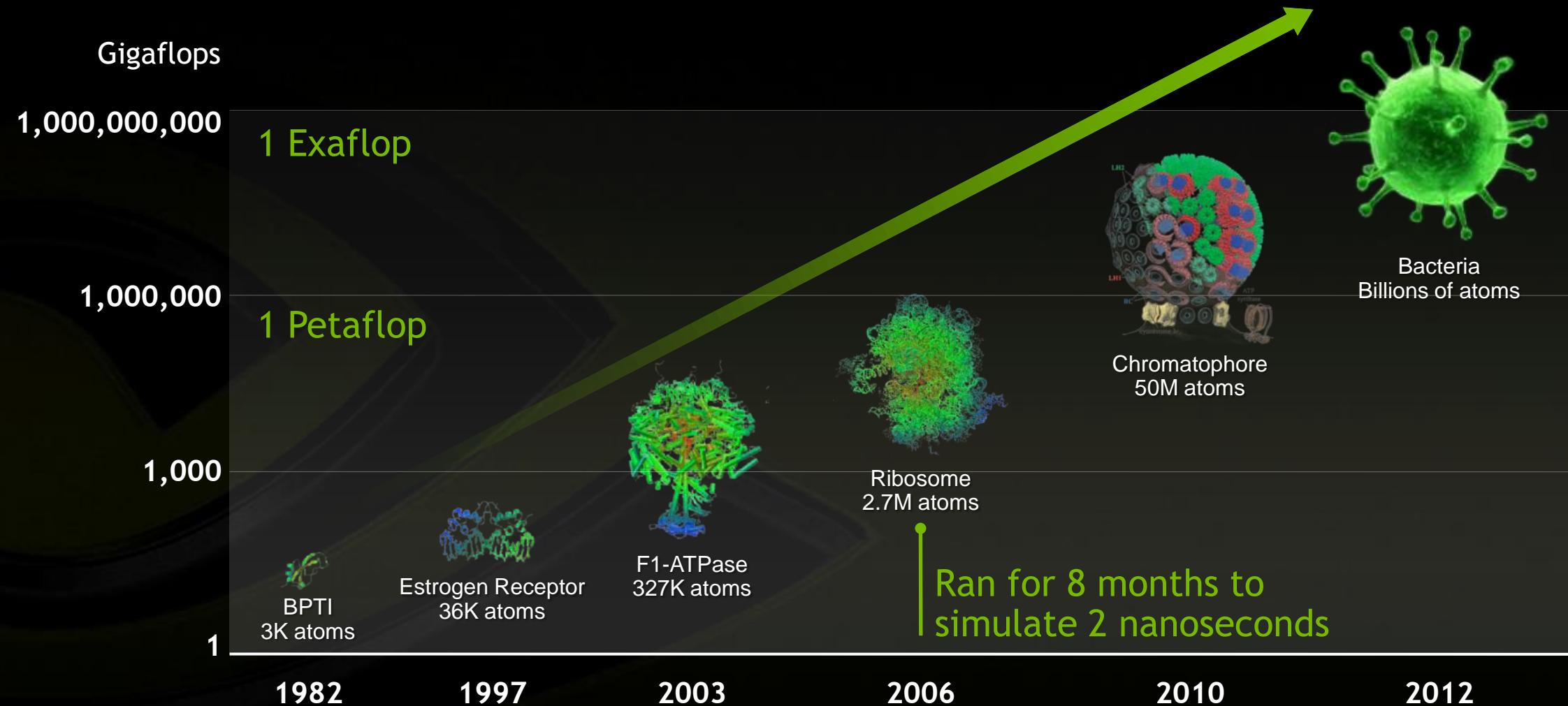
Universities Teaching CUDA Worldwide

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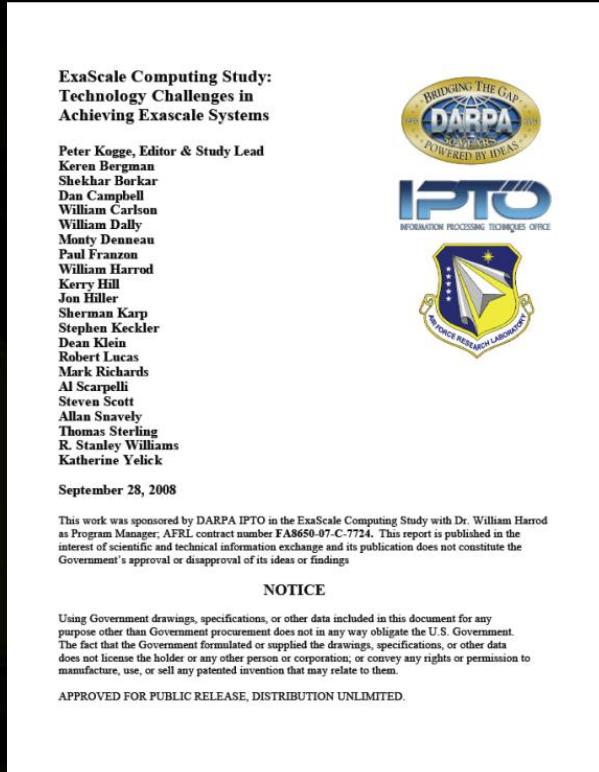
CUDA Centers of Excellence Worldwide

To ExaScale and Beyond

# Science Needs 1000x More Computing



# DARPA Study Identifies Four Challenges for ExaScale Computing



Report published September 28, 2008:  
● Four Major Challenges

- Energy and Power challenge
  - Memory and Storage challenge
  - Concurrency and Locality challenge
  - Resiliency challenge
- Number one issue is power
- Extrapolations of current architectures and technology indicate over 100MW for an Exaflop!
  - Power also constrains what we can put on a chip

Available at

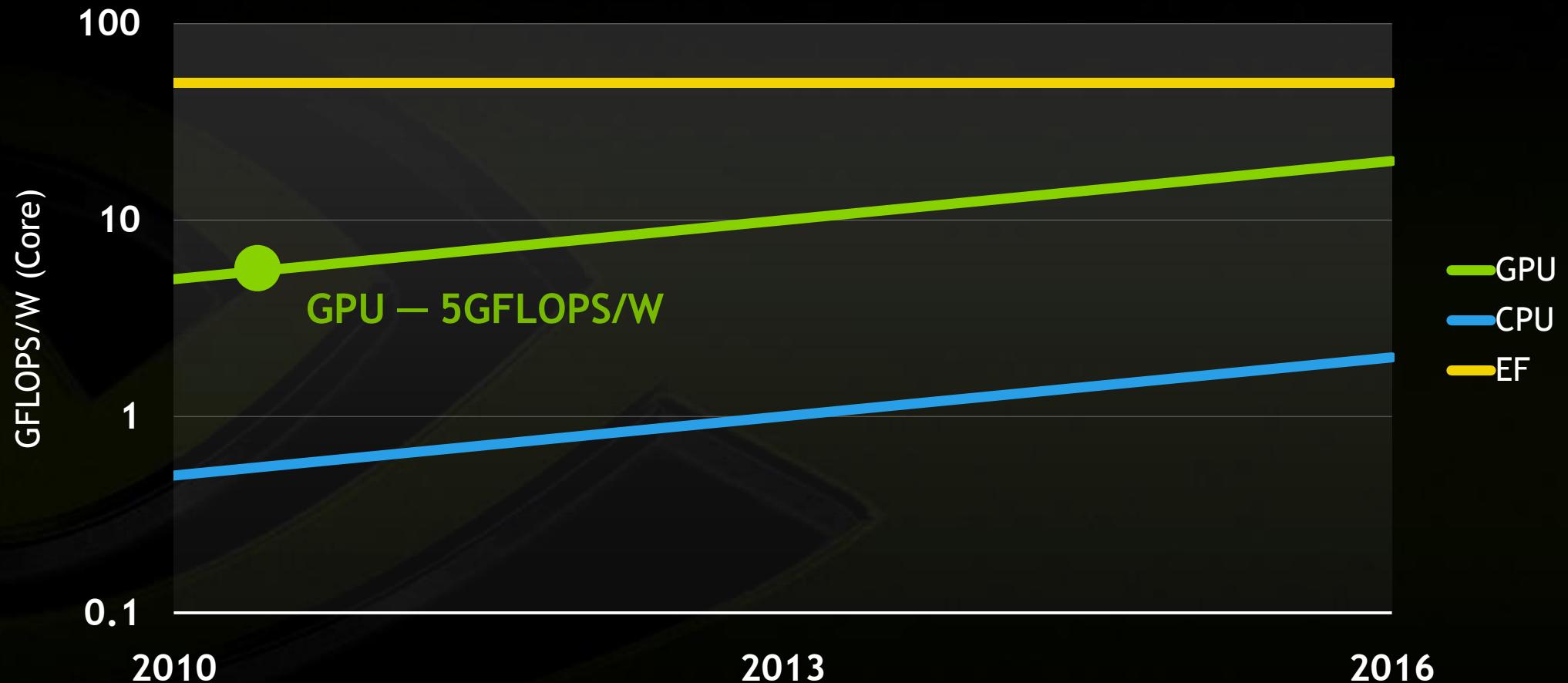
[www.darpa.mil/ipto/personnel/docs/ExaScale\\_Study\\_Initial.pdf](http://www.darpa.mil/ipto/personnel/docs/ExaScale_Study_Initial.pdf)

**Power is THE Problem**

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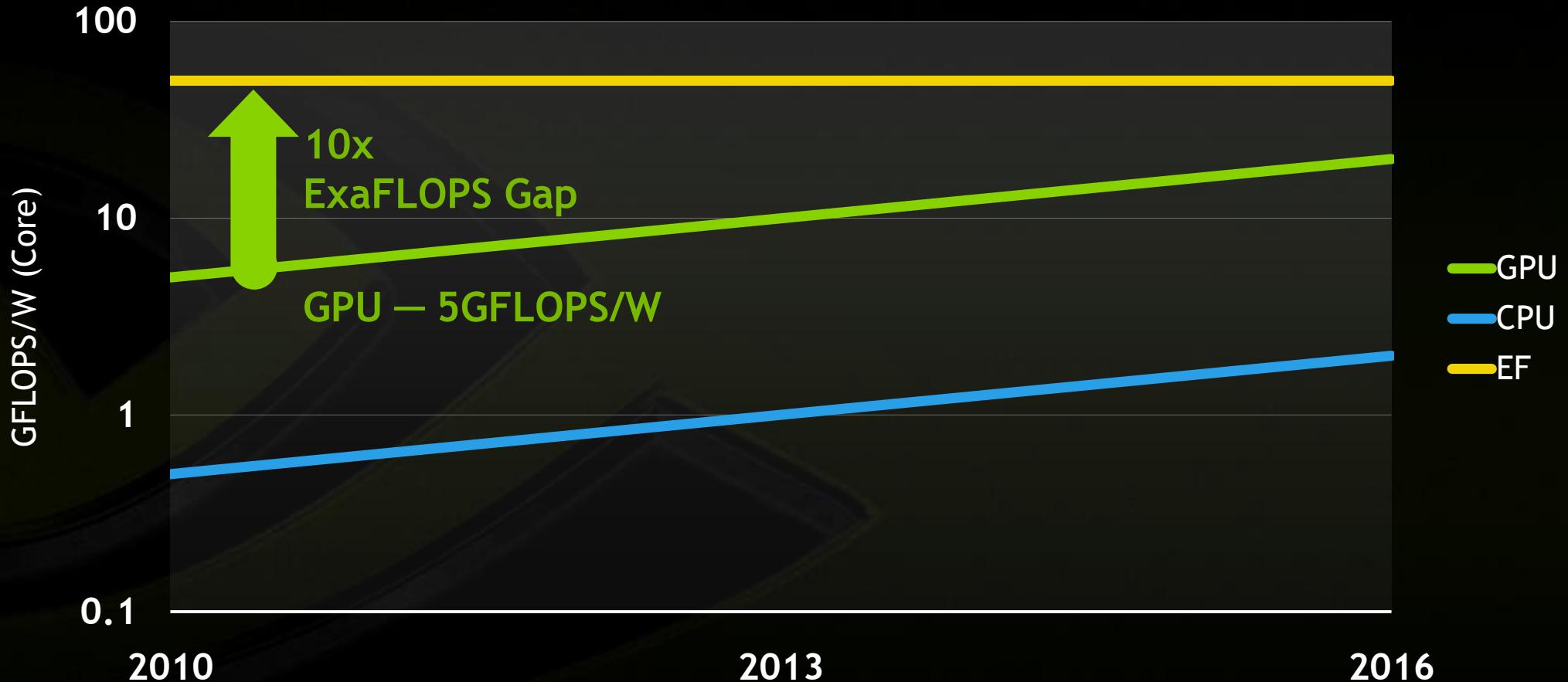
A GPU is the Solution

# ExaFLOPS at 20MW = 50GFLOPS/W

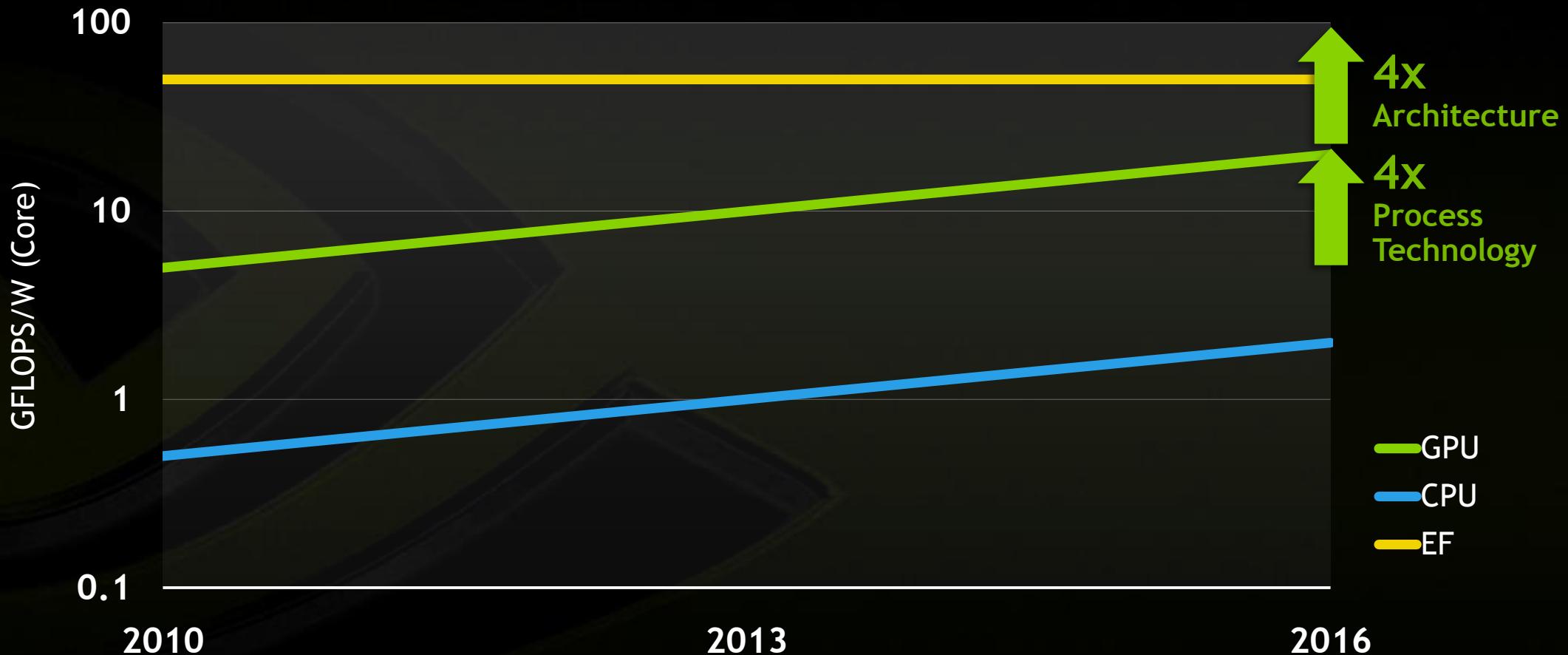


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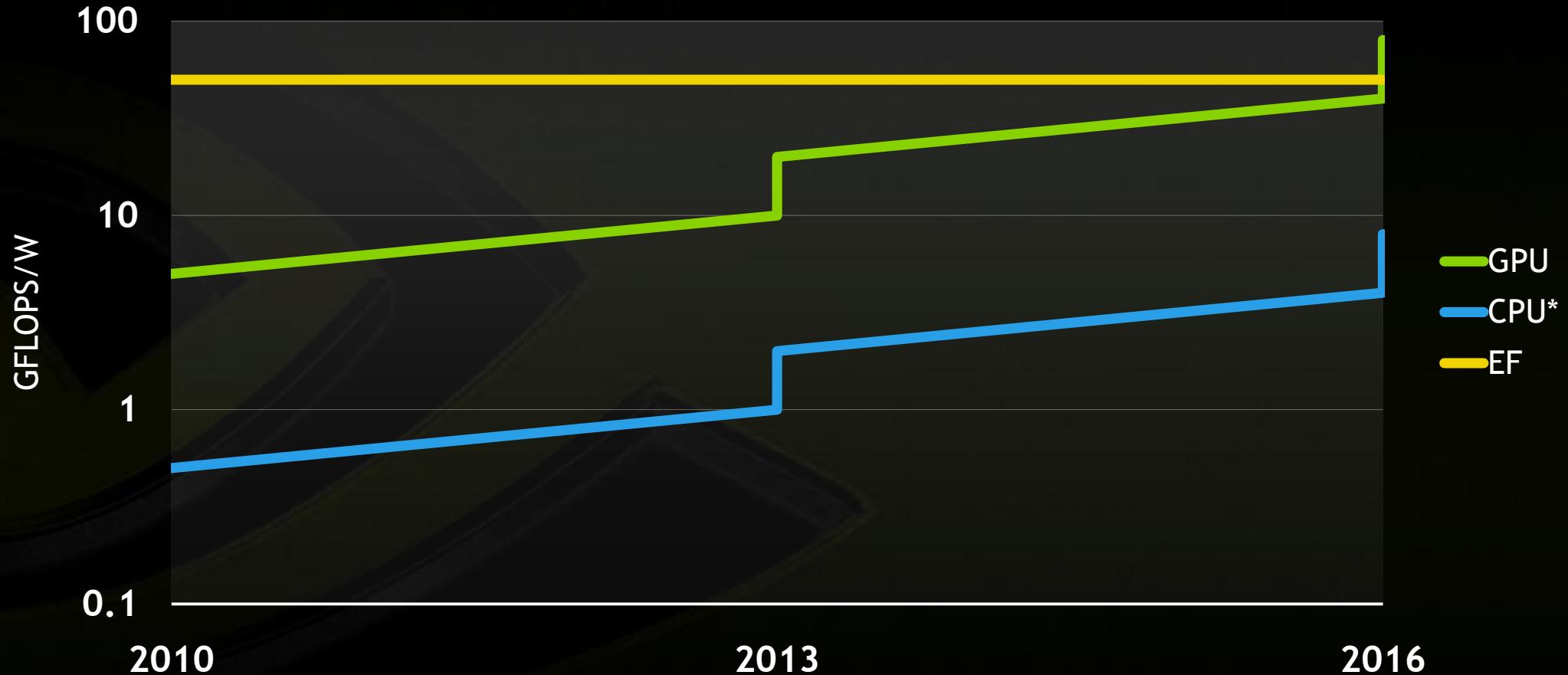
10x Energy Gap for Today's GPU



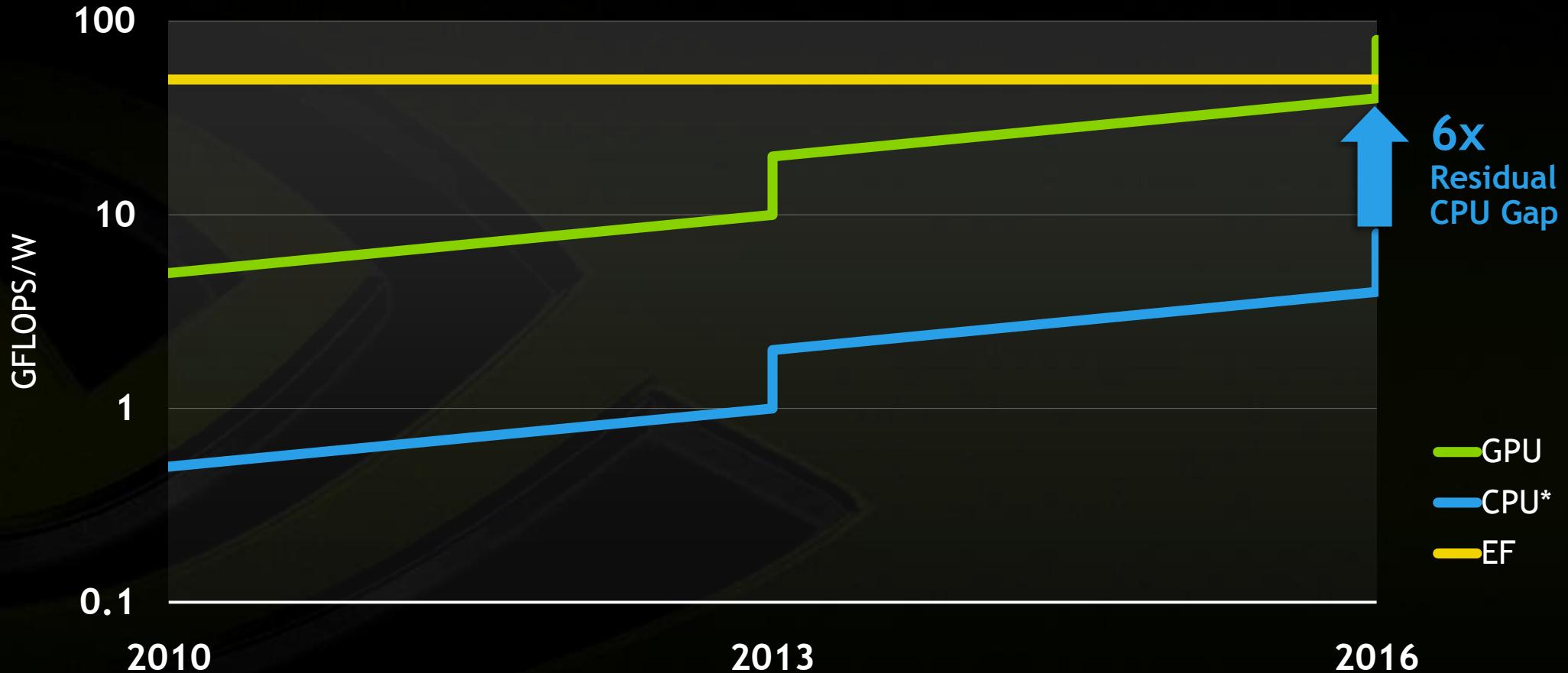
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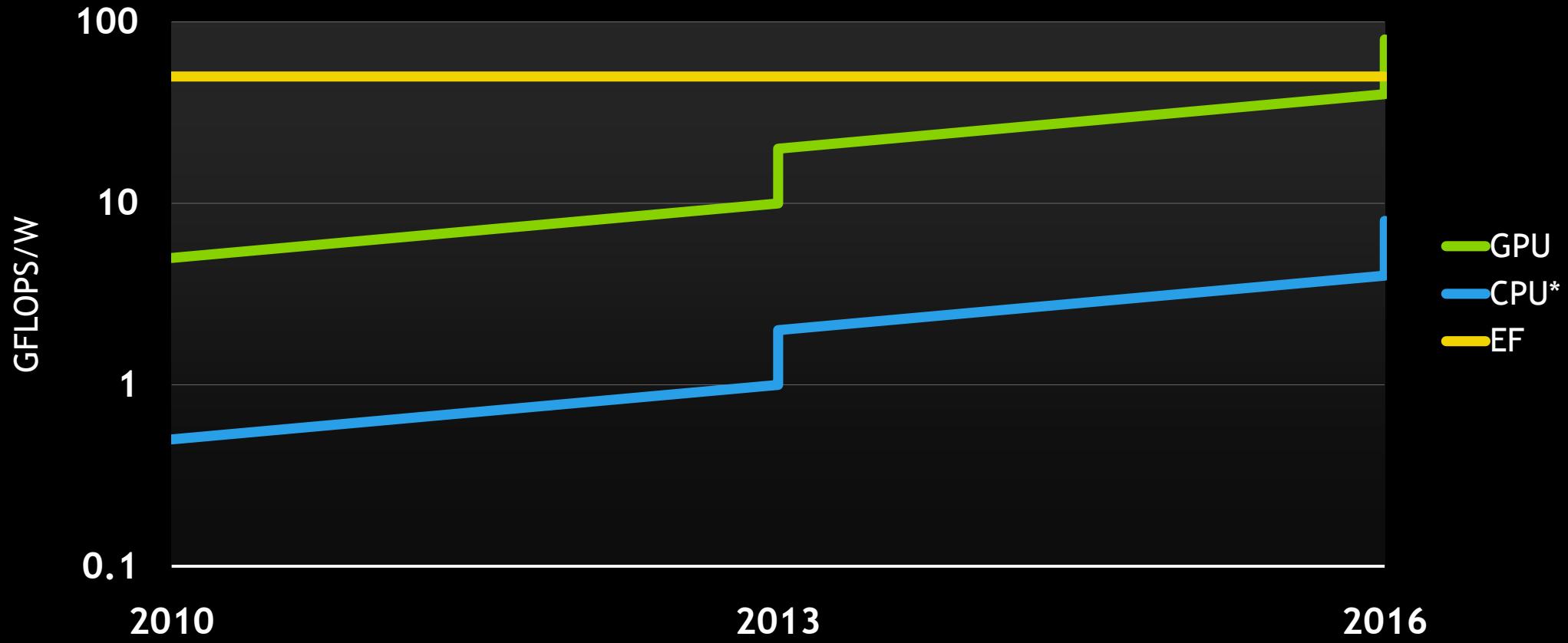


# GPUs Close the Gap with Process and Architecture



# GPUs Close the Gap With CPUs, a Gap Remains





GPUs Close the Gap  
With CPUs, a Gap Remains

Heterogeneous Computing  
is Required to get to ExaScale

# Echelon

NVIDIA's Extreme-Scale Computing Project

# Echelon Team



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THE UNIVERSITY OF  
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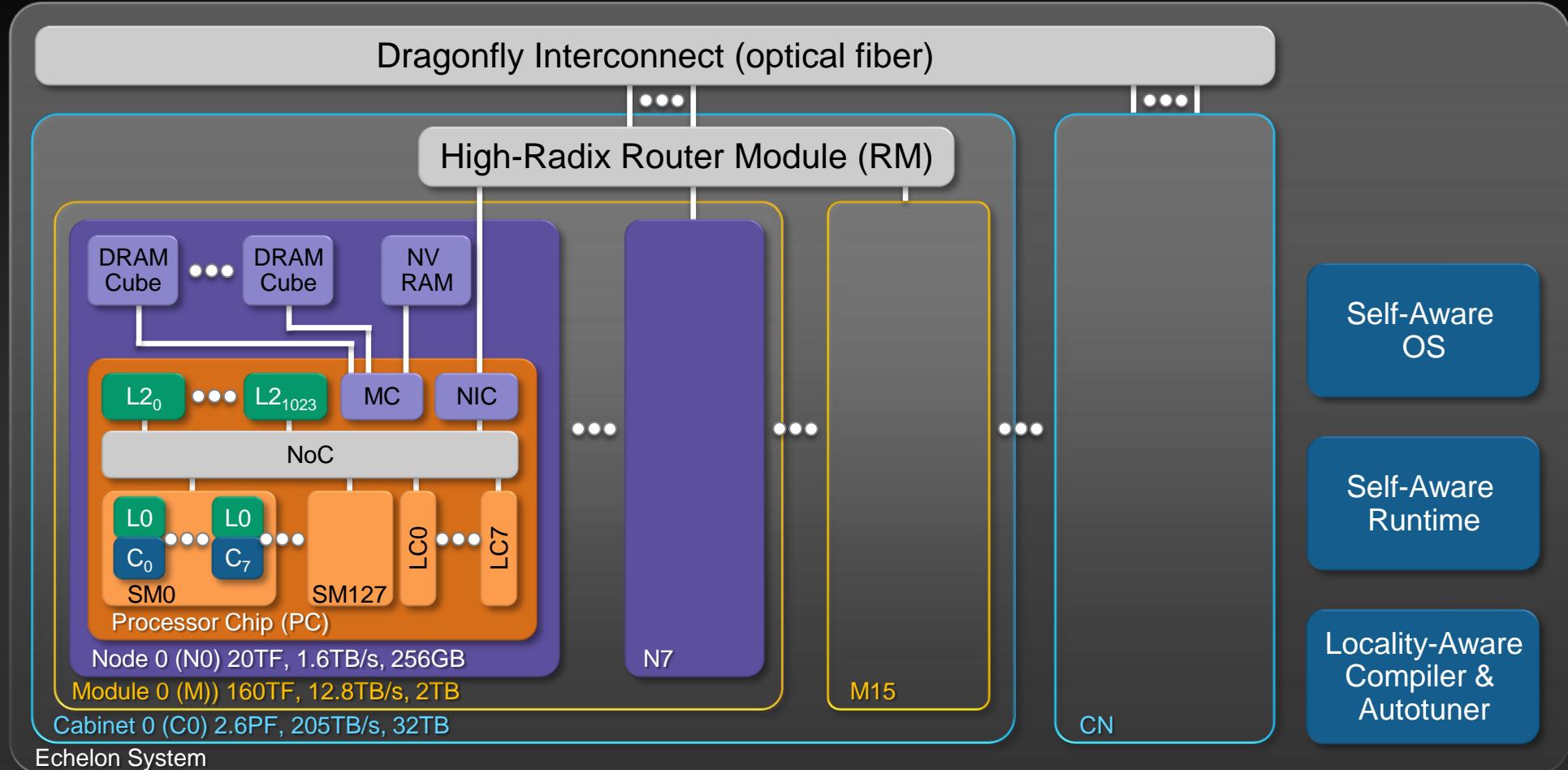
Georgia Institute  
of Technology



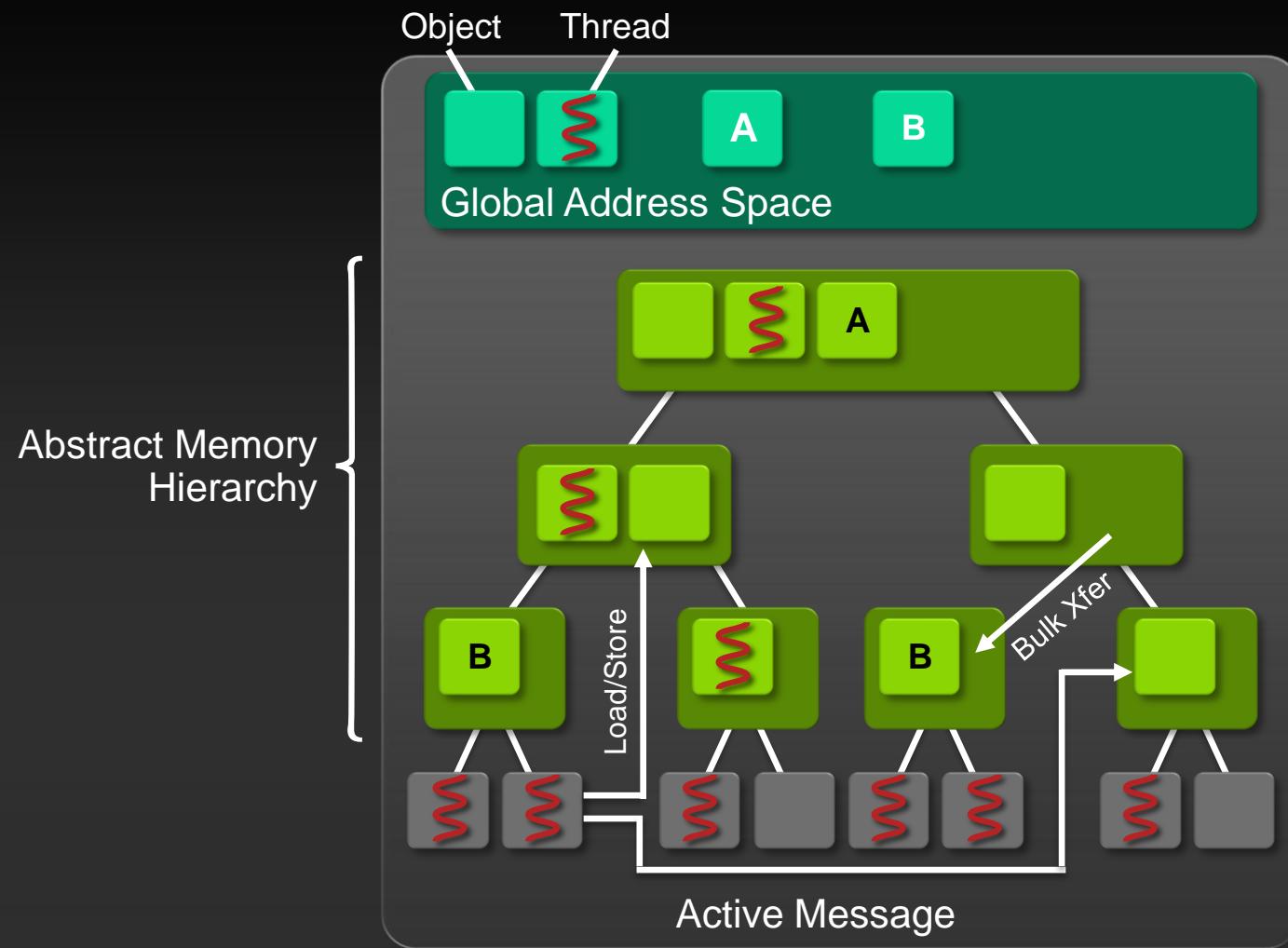
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# System Sketch

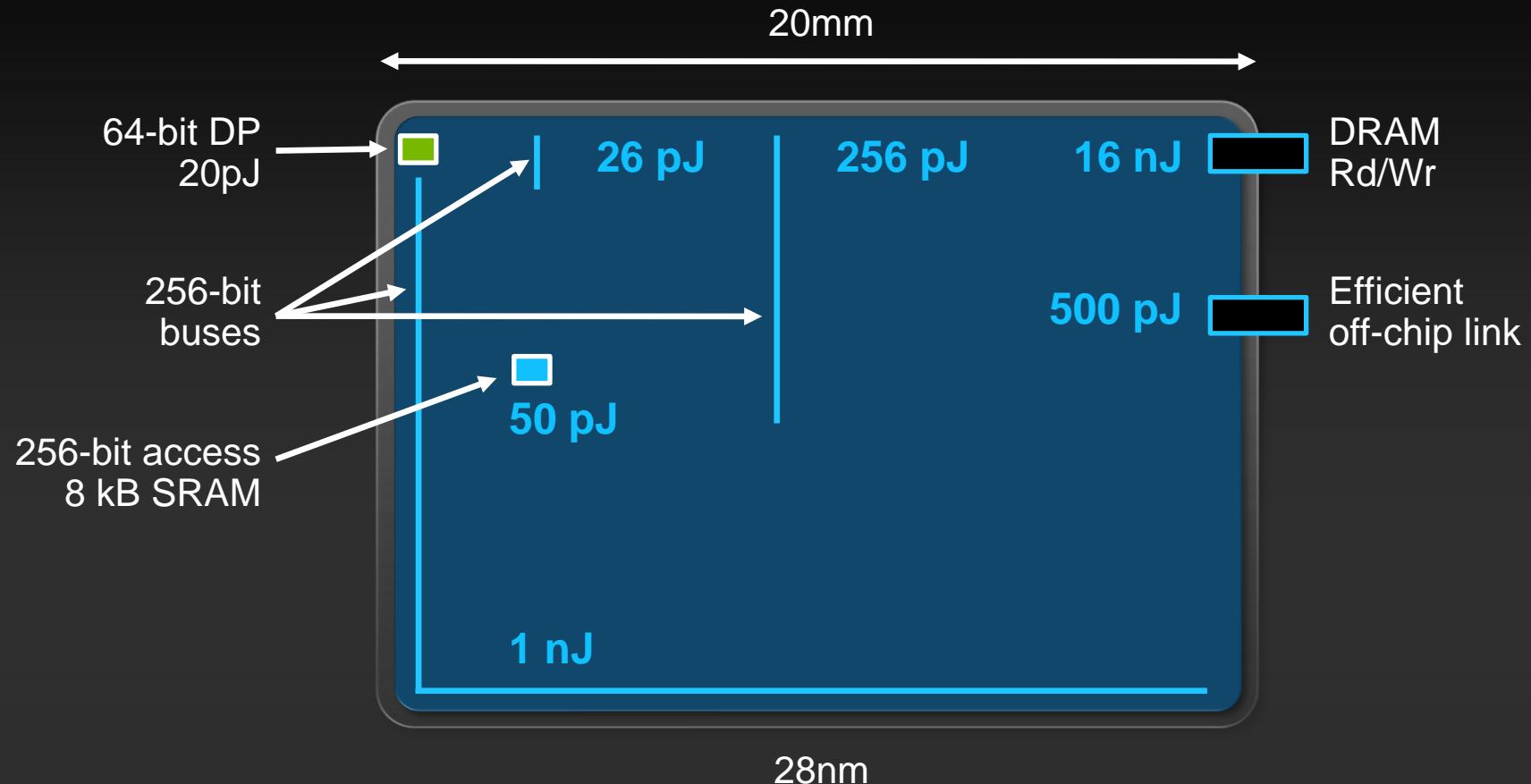


# Execution Model



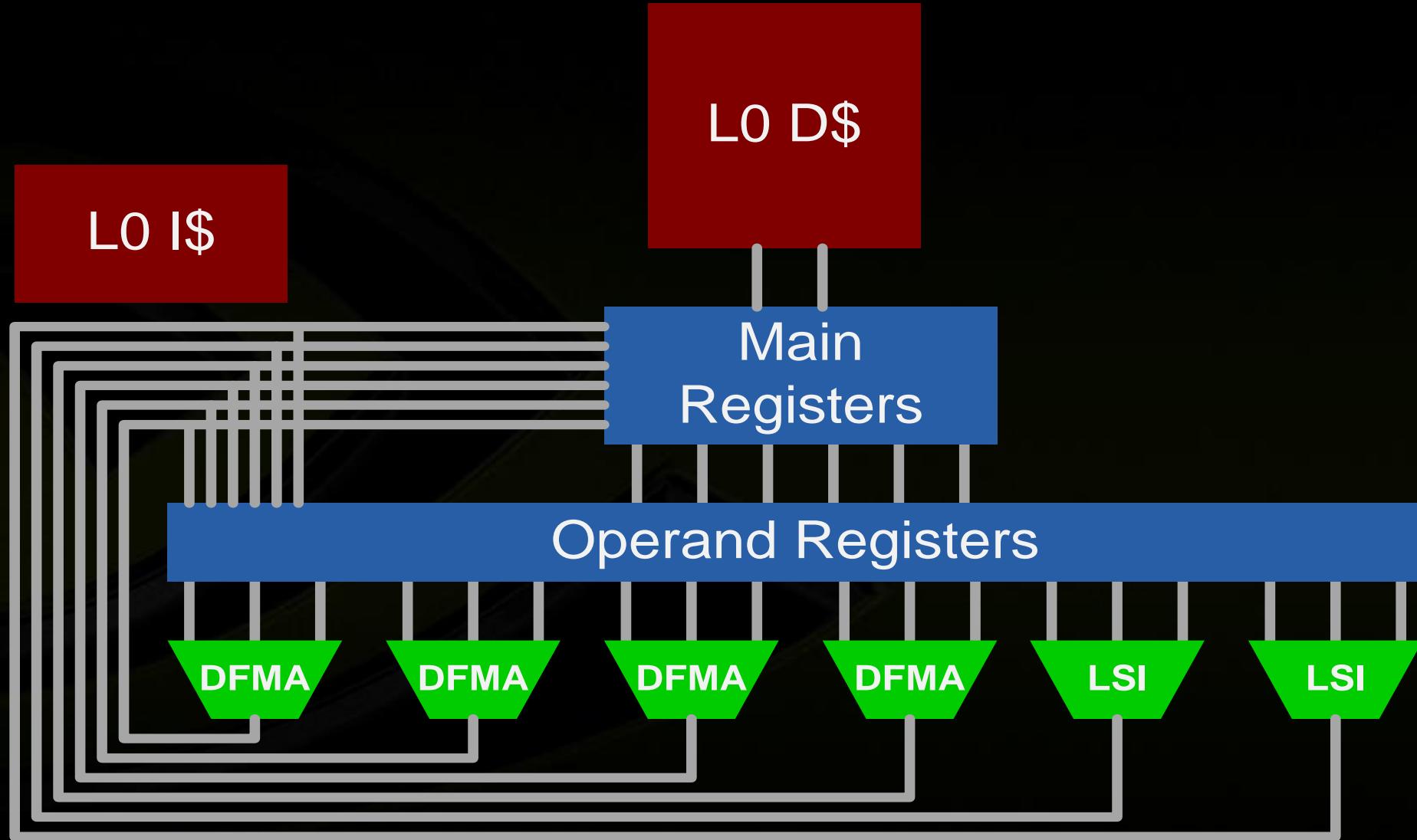
# The High Cost of Data Movement

Fetching operands costs more than computing on them

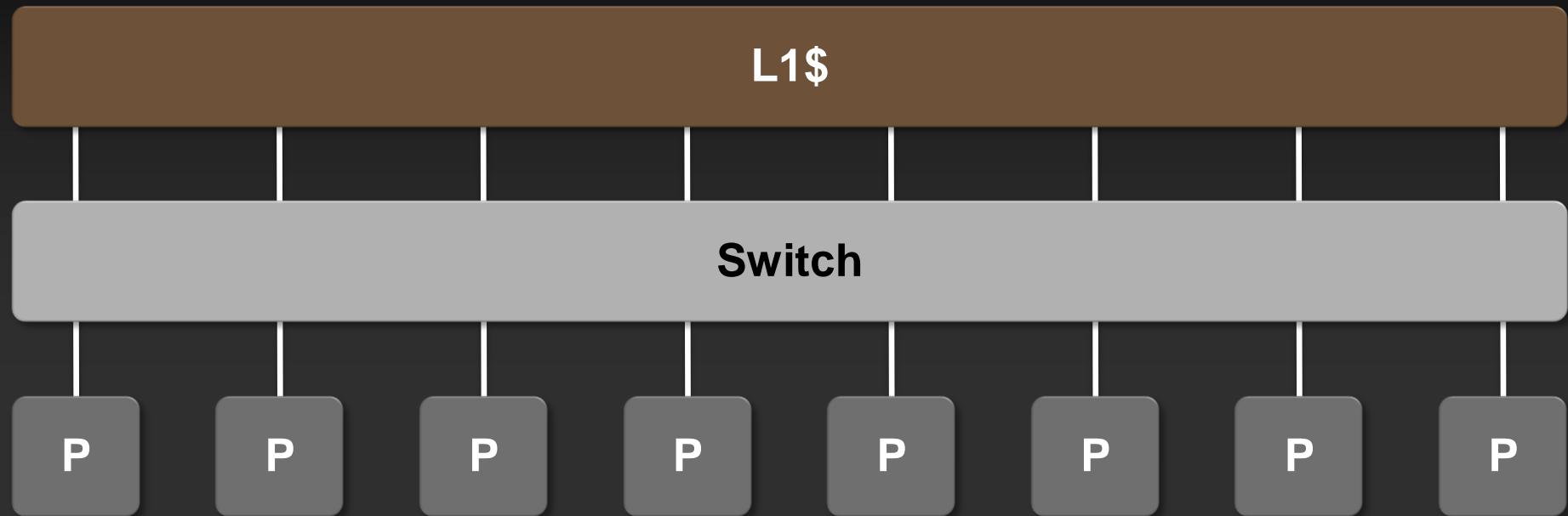


# An NVIDIA ExaScale Machine

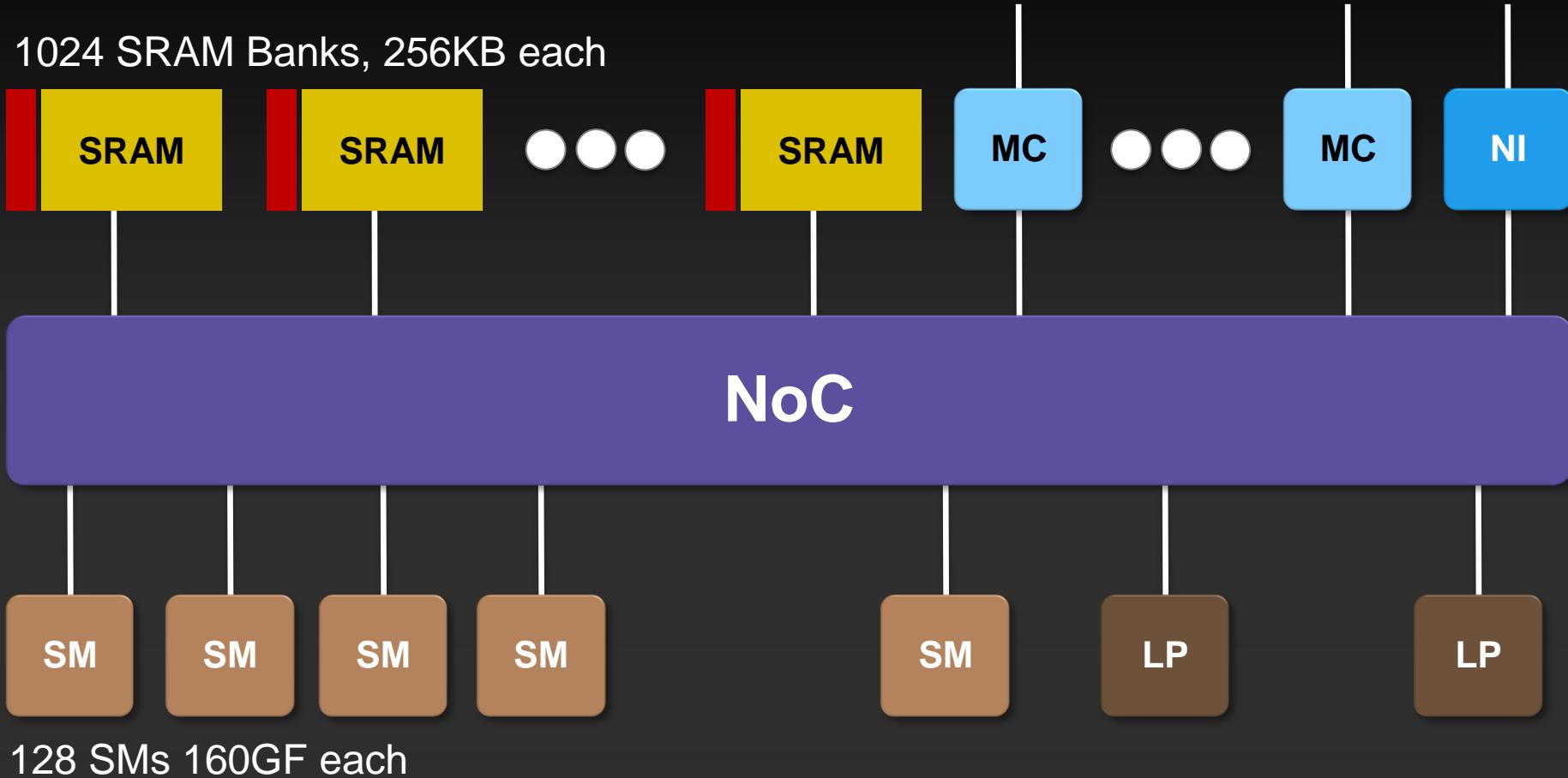
# Lane – 4 DFMAs, 20GFLOPS



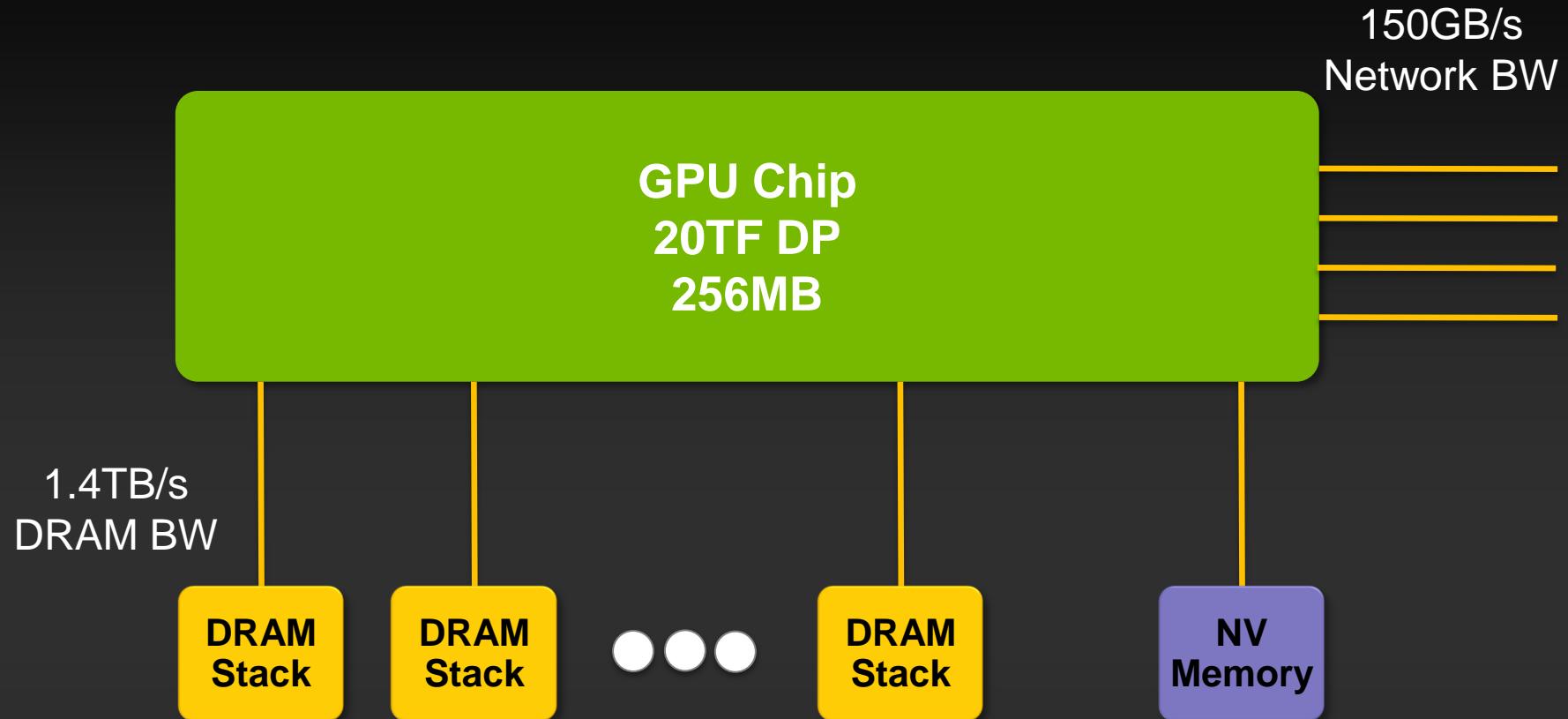
# SM – 8 lanes – 160GFLOPS



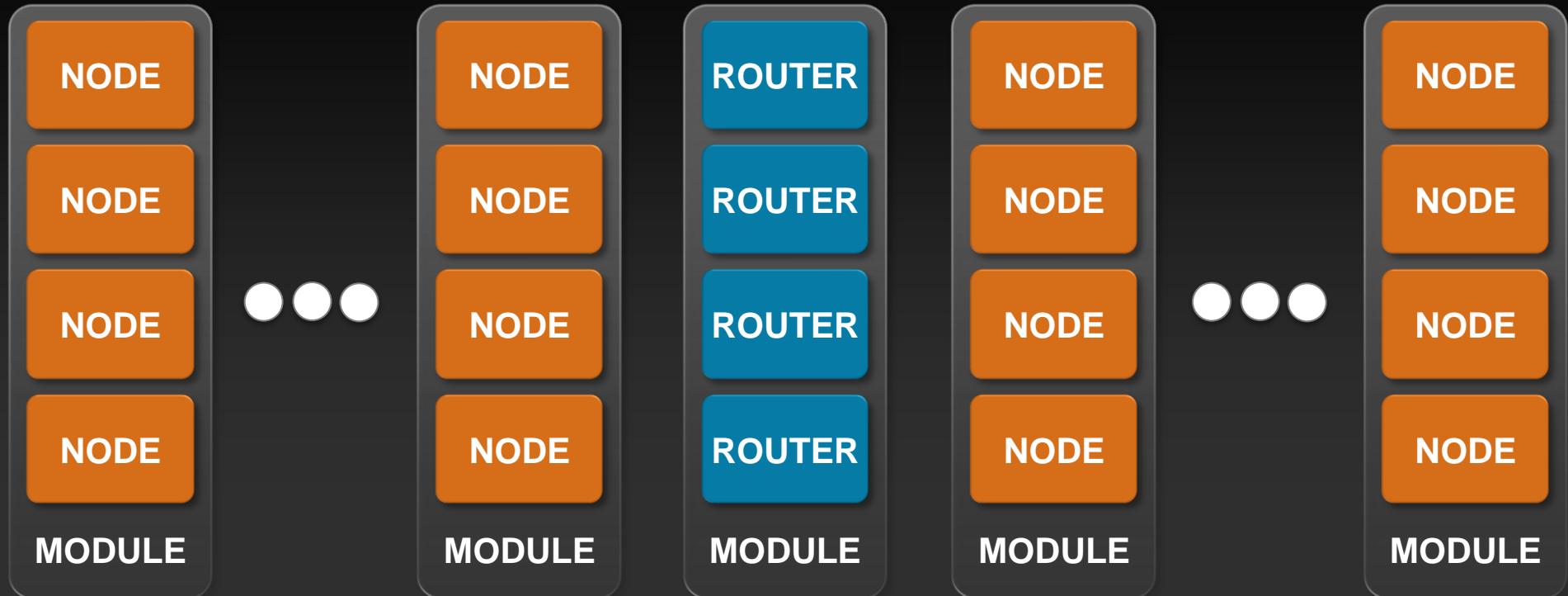
# Chip – 128 SMs – 20.48 TFLOPS + 8 Latency Processors



# Node MCM – 20TF + 256GB



# Cabinet – 128 Nodes – 2.56PF – 38 kW



32 Modules, 4 Nodes/Module,  
Central Router Module(s), Dragonfly Interconnect

# System – to ExaScale and Beyond



Dragonfly Interconnect  
400 Cabinets is ~1EF and ~15MW



# CONCLUSION



# GPU Computing is the Future

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## GPU Computing is #1 Today

On Top 500 AND Dominant on Green 500

2

## GPU Computing Enables ExaScale

At Reasonable Power

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## The GPU is the Computer

A general purpose computing engine, not just an accelerator

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## The Real Challenge is Software



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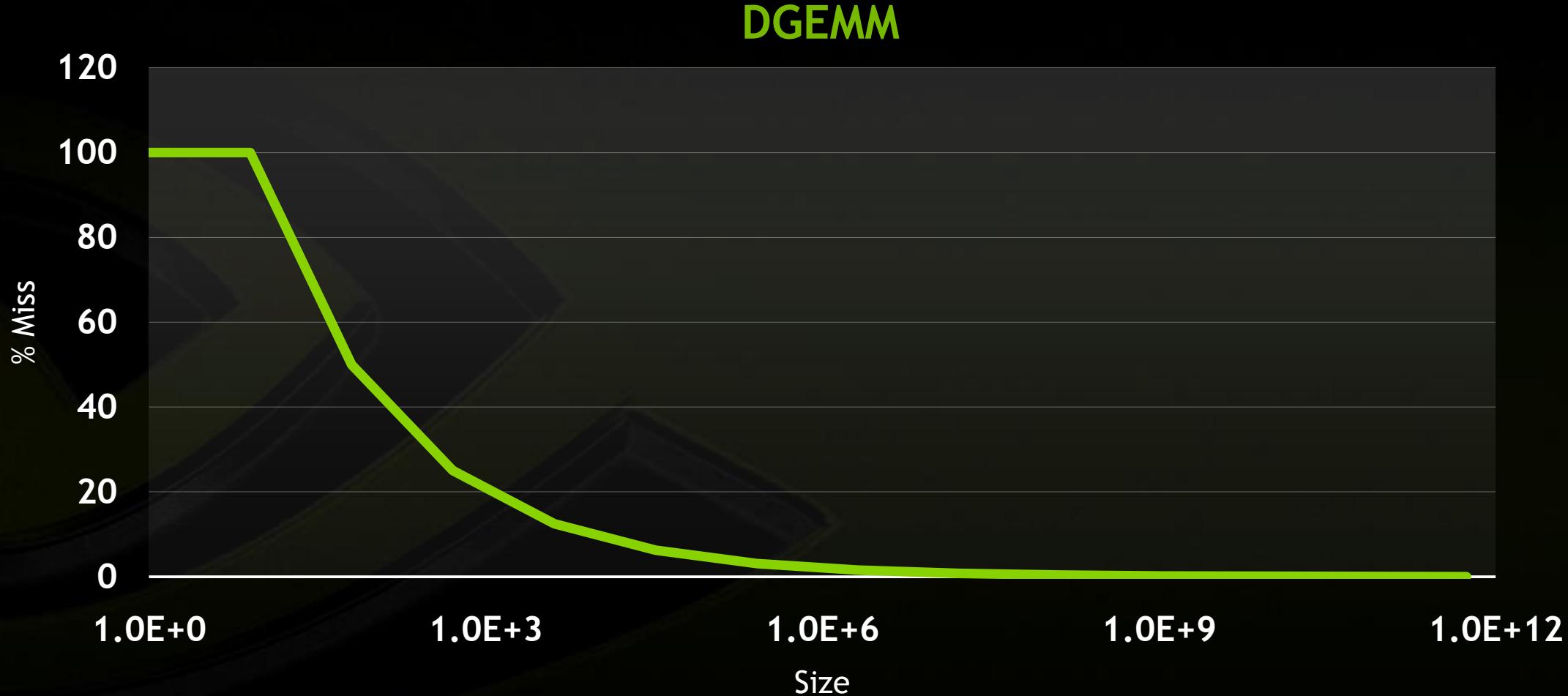


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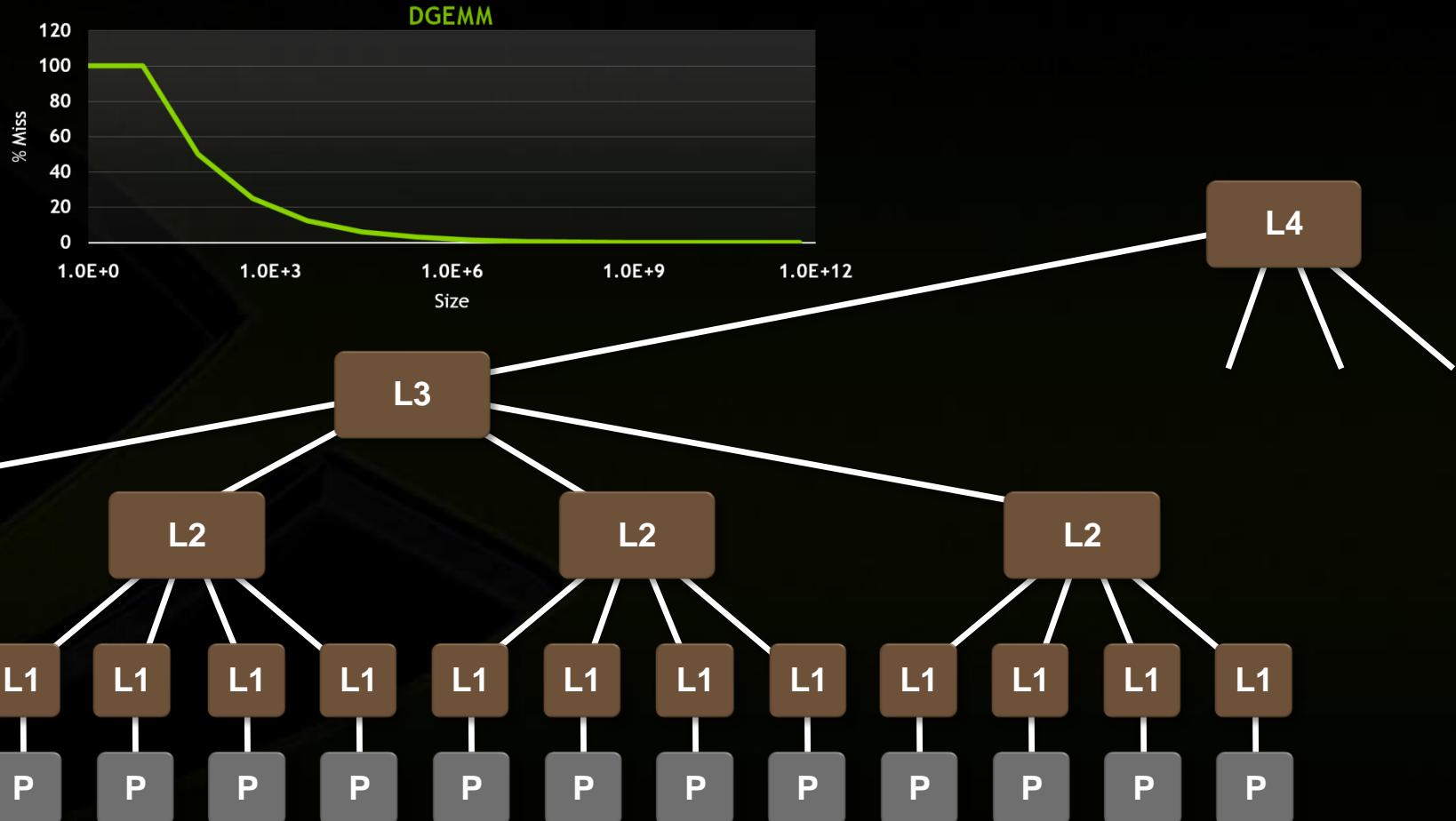
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- 1 Data Movement Dominates Power
- 2 Optimize the Storage Hierarchy
- 3 Tailor Memory to the Application

# Some Applications Have Hierarchical Re-Use

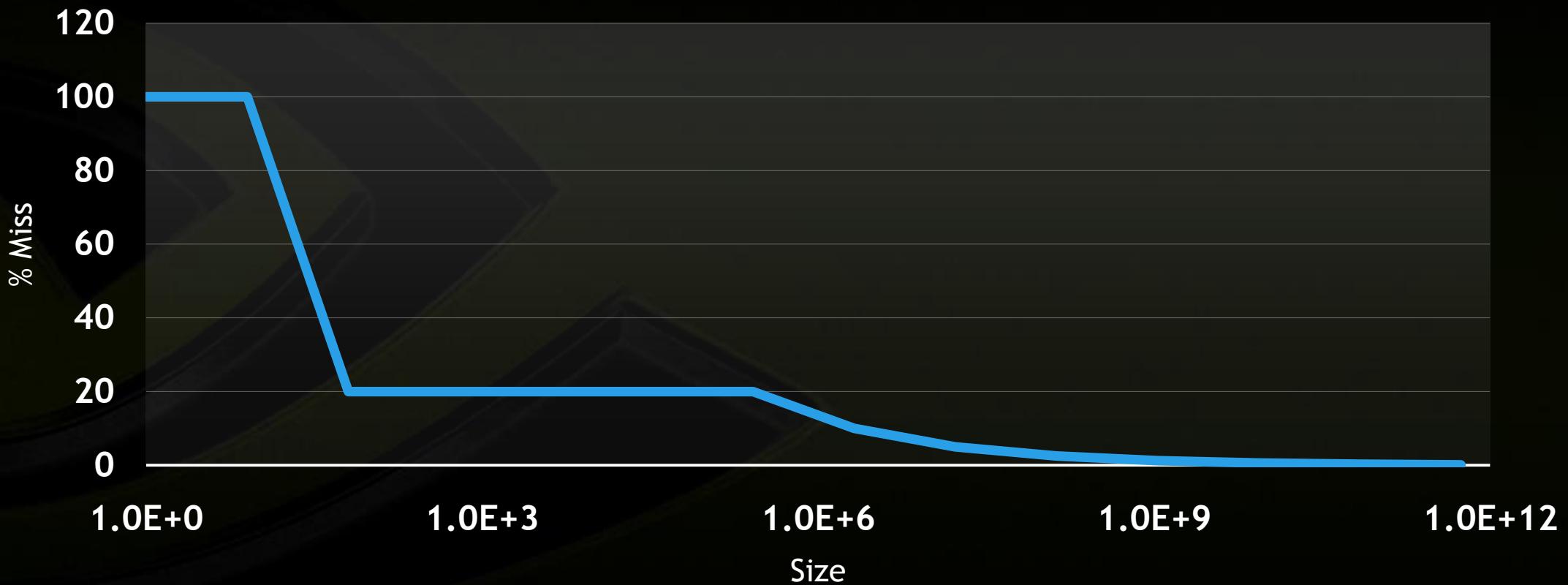


# Applications with Hierarchical Reuse Want a Deep Storage Hierarchy

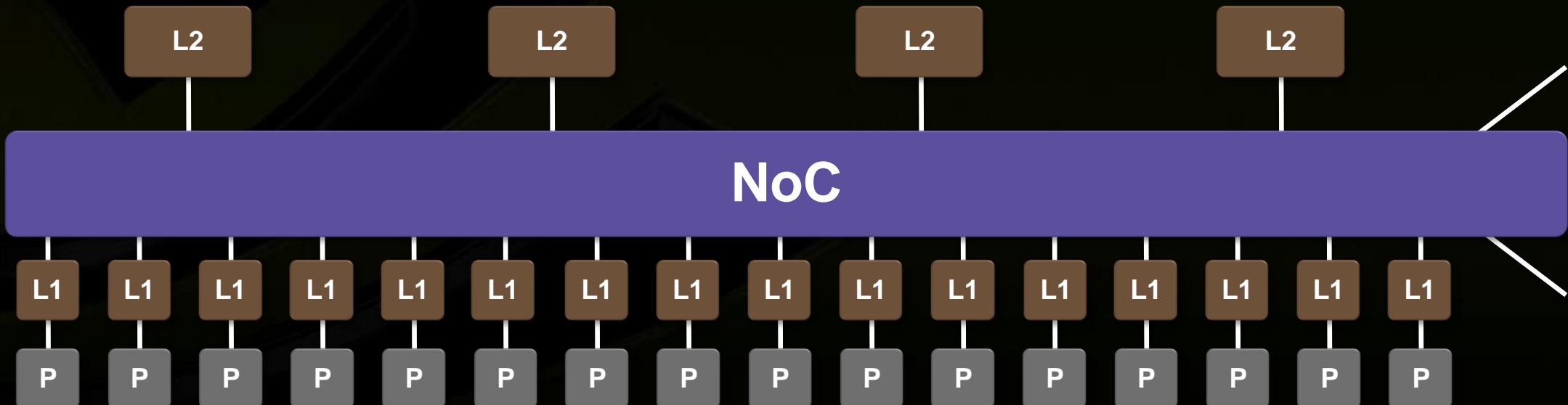
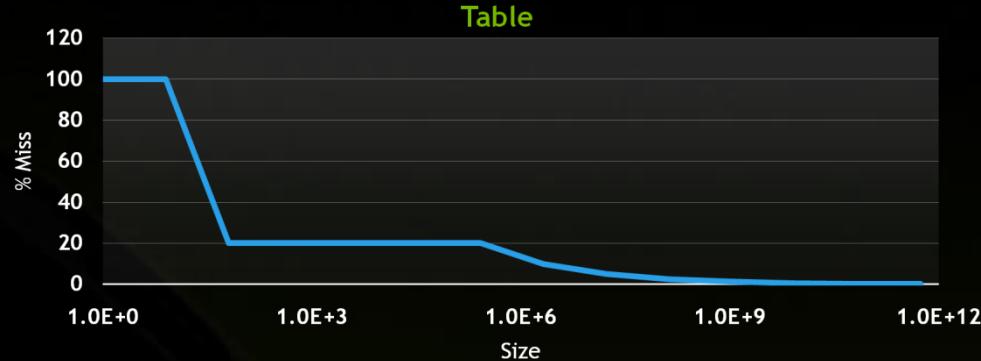


# Some Applications Have Plateaus in Their Working Sets

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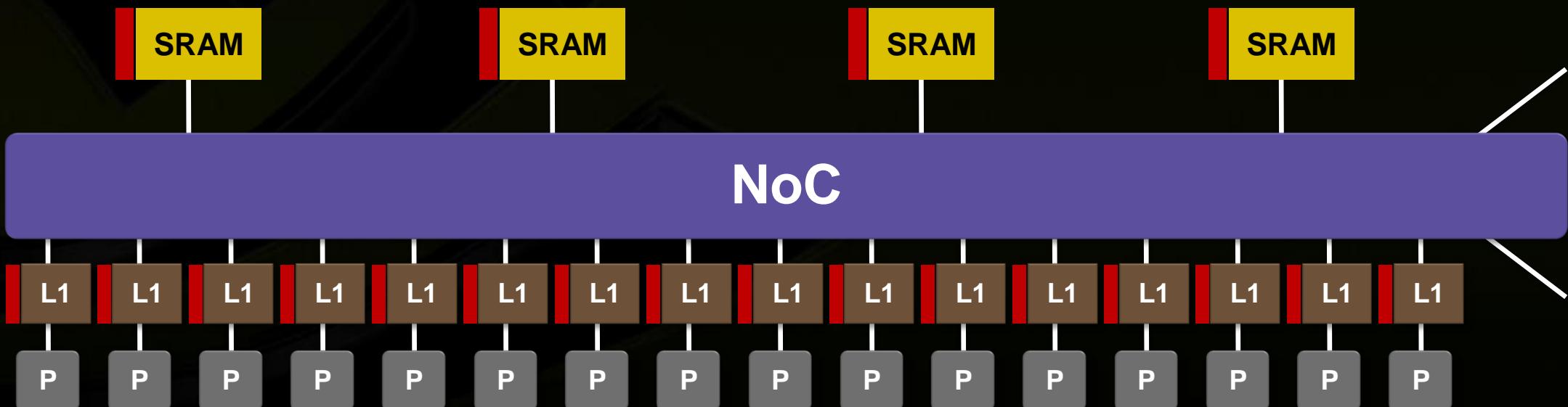


# Applications with Plateaus Want a Shallow Storage Hierarchy



# Configurable Memory Can Do Both At the Same Time

- Flat hierarchy for large working sets
- Deep hierarchy for reuse
- “Shared” memory for explicit management
- Cache memory for unpredictable sharing



# Configurable Memory Reduces Distance and Energy

