

#### Save Us From Ourselves! Efficiency in Al

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# **Unmatched Compute Technology**



#### Leadership Technology and Product Portfolio



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# The Landscape

#### **The Past 50 Years**





#### **1973 ARPANET: 42 computers**

#### 2023: Over 42 Billion connected devices<sup>[2]</sup>





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# **Supercomputer Energy Use Trajectory**

#### **Green500 Supercomputers and Extrapolation**



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# **Energy to Train Large AI Models**

Language Model Training



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#### **Compute Energy Trajectory**





# "I want the world. I want the whole world. I want to lock it all up in my pocket. It's my bar of chocolate. Give it to me now!"

- Veruca Salt, from Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

# A Culture of More and Now



#### What is Efficiency?



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#### The Jevons Paradox: Increased Efficiency Leads to Increased Consumption





We are making AI computations more efficient

We are using AI to make computations more efficient



# The Five "C"s

## Thinking About Products: The 5 "C"s





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#### From Data Center to the Edge



#### AI Compute Server



Nanny Cam

CPUs, GPUs, FPGAs	Compute	Microcontroller
Network switches, PCIe	Communication	Short-range wireless
DRAM, flash, hard disks	Capacity	Flash memory
Large training model	Cognition	Local inference
Grid connection (megawatts)	Consumption	4 AA batteries (milliwatts)





#### Efficiency and the 5 "C"s



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# Surf!

# **System-Level Efficiencies**

#### **System Efficiency Issues**

Large problems can map across 1000s of compute nodes. It is difficult to move data efficiently within a node. Extensive communication is required between nodes.



#### **A Partial Solution: Heterogeneous Computing**



Applications



#### What Has Worked So Far

Top 10 Green500 Supercomputers



#### Impact of Multi-pronged Approach

Top 10 Green500 Supercomputers



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# **AMD Instinct<sup>™</sup> MI200 Series**



AMD Instinct<sup>™</sup> MI200 OAM Series

# **Microarchitectural Efficiency**

**Microarchitectural Efficiency Issues** 



Each GPU performs trillions of floating-point operations per second in large machine learning and data science applications.



However, GPU floating-point efficiency is not scaling.



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# **Compute Efficiency Trends**

#### **GPU Single Precision FLOPs/Watt**



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#### **Borrow From Nature**



Efficient Data Encoding: Maximize relevant data processing Minimize compute time

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**Reduce Precision:** Perceive features, not pixels



## **Lower-Precision Math Formats**

In AI, lower-precision math is often sufficient for convergence:

 $32bit \rightarrow 16bit \rightarrow 8bit$ 

- This can reduce compute, capacity, and communication requirements.
- Energy savings can exceed 10X per operation<sup>1</sup>.



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Programmability

#### **Programmability Issues**







Hardware is only as efficient as the software written for it.

Heterogeneous hardware complicates programmability. Hardware efficiencies cannot result in programming inefficiencies.

#### **Taming Programmability Issues**

#### Reduce programming complexity

- Minimizes cognitive load
- Programming abstractions facilitate dynamic runtime adaptivity

#### Reduce performance optimization effort

 Al-assisted optimization to guide developers toward high-value code changes

#### Automate performance tuning

 Platform-aware auto-tuning to auto-discover optimal configurations





#### **Reducing Software Complexity**



# Coming Soon: Unknown Disruptions! Great Opportunities!



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