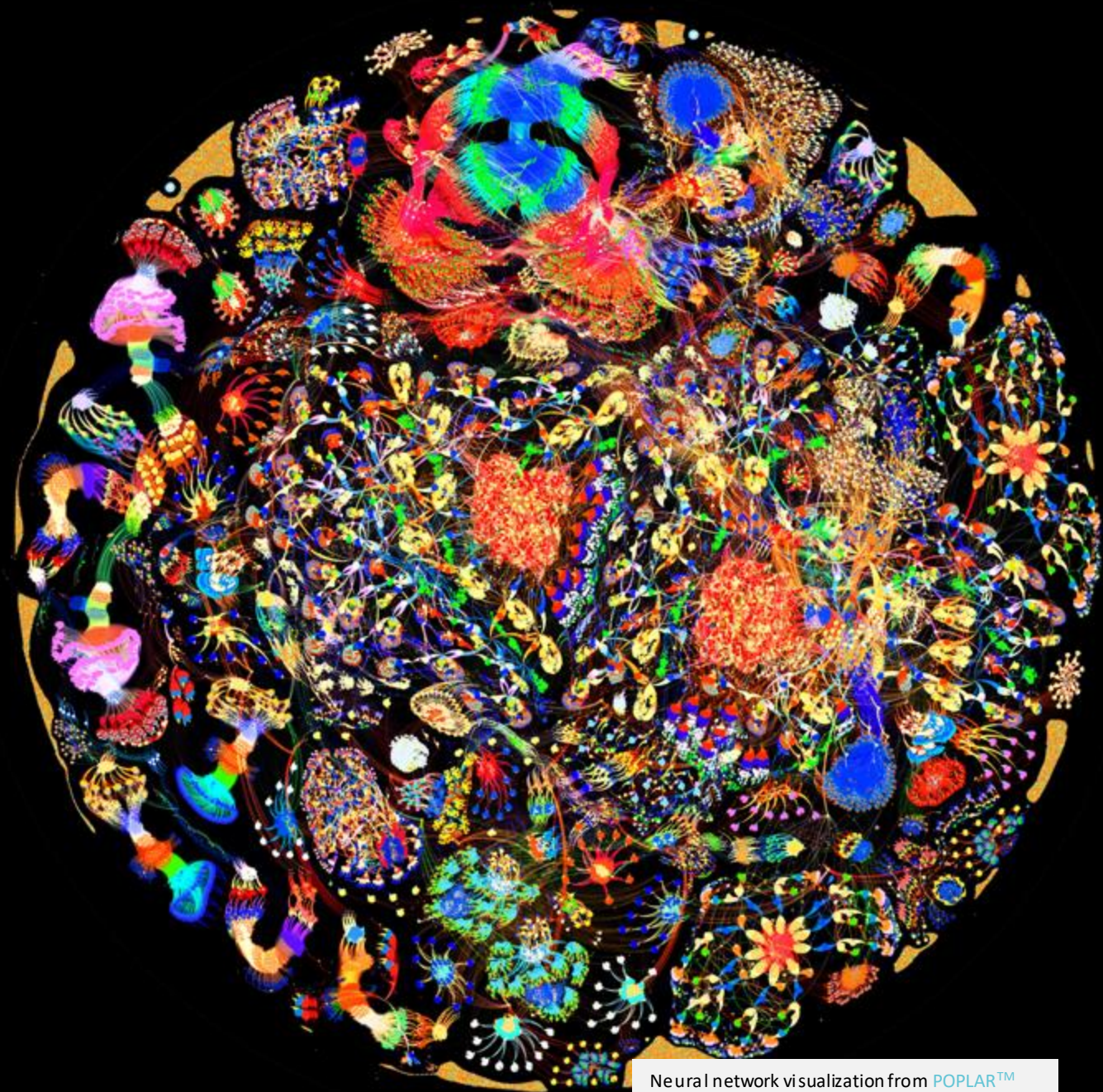


# GRAPHCORE

Innovation in Machine Intelligence



Neural network visualization from [POPLAR™](#)



GRAPHCORE HAS DEVELOPED A NEW KIND OF HARDWARE THAT LETS  
INNOVATORS CREATE  
THE NEXT GENERATION OF MACHINE INTELLIGENCE



# GRAPHCORE ENABLING MACHINE INTELLIGENCE

- Founded in 2016
- Technology: Intelligence Processor Unit (IPU)
- Team: approaching 400 globally
- Offices: UK, US, China, Norway
- Raised >\$320M

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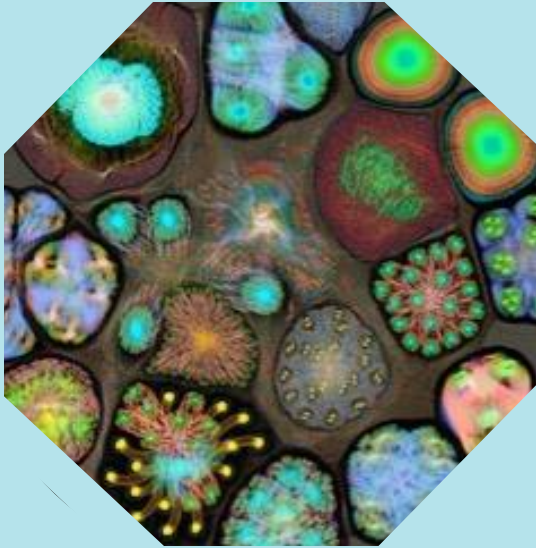


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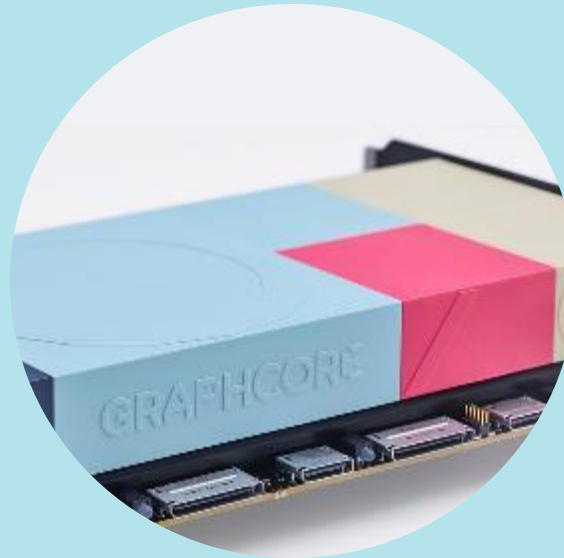
# ABOUT US...

## Technology



Processors and software solutions designed for AI

## Products



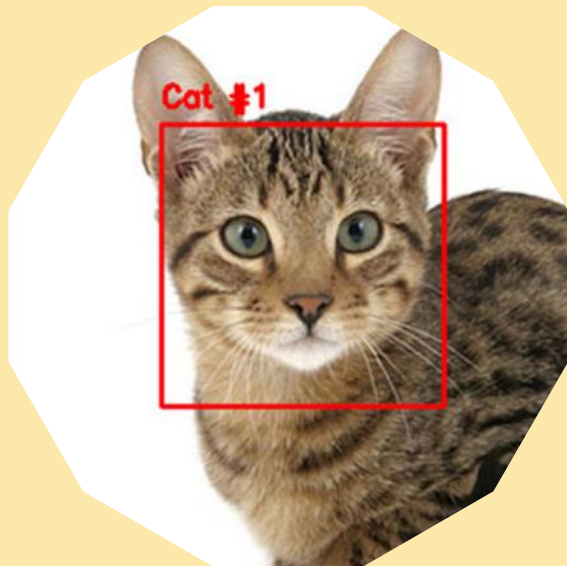
IPU-Processor PCIe Cards and Poplar® software stack

## Investors



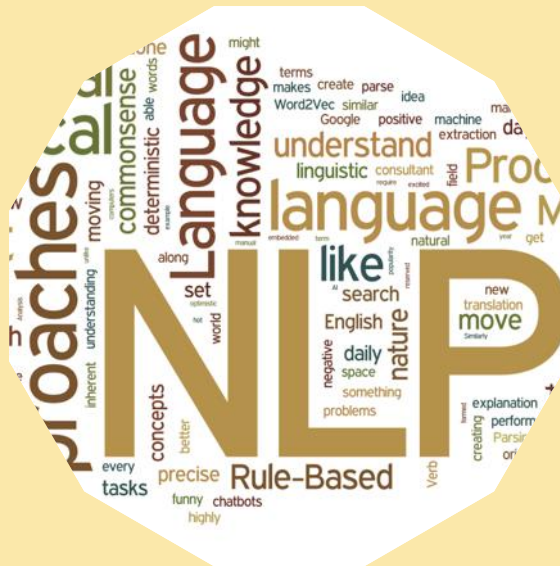
>\$310m in funding

# MACHINE INTELLIGENCE EVOLUTION



## STEP 1

## Simple perception



## STEP 2

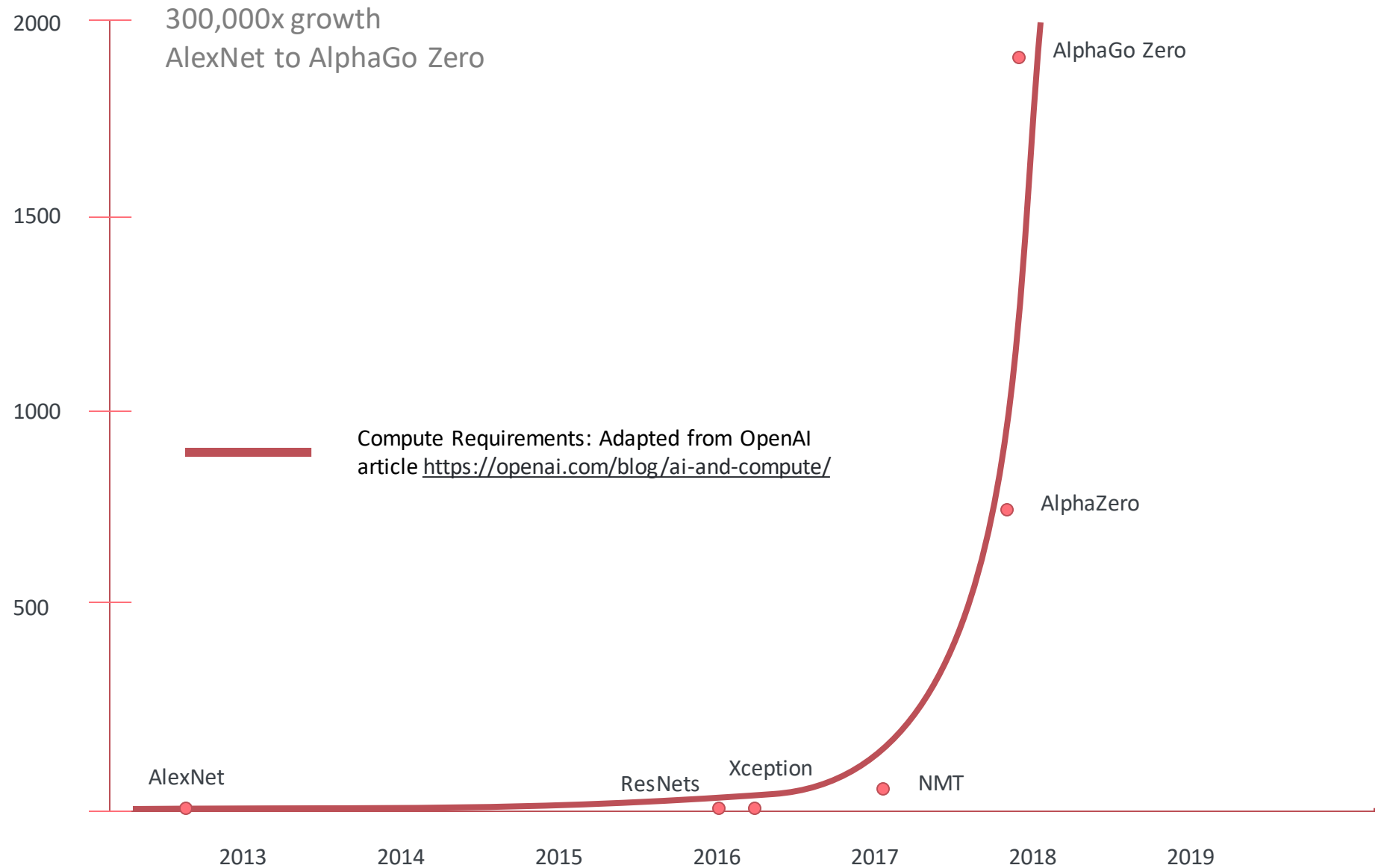
## Language understanding



## STEP 3

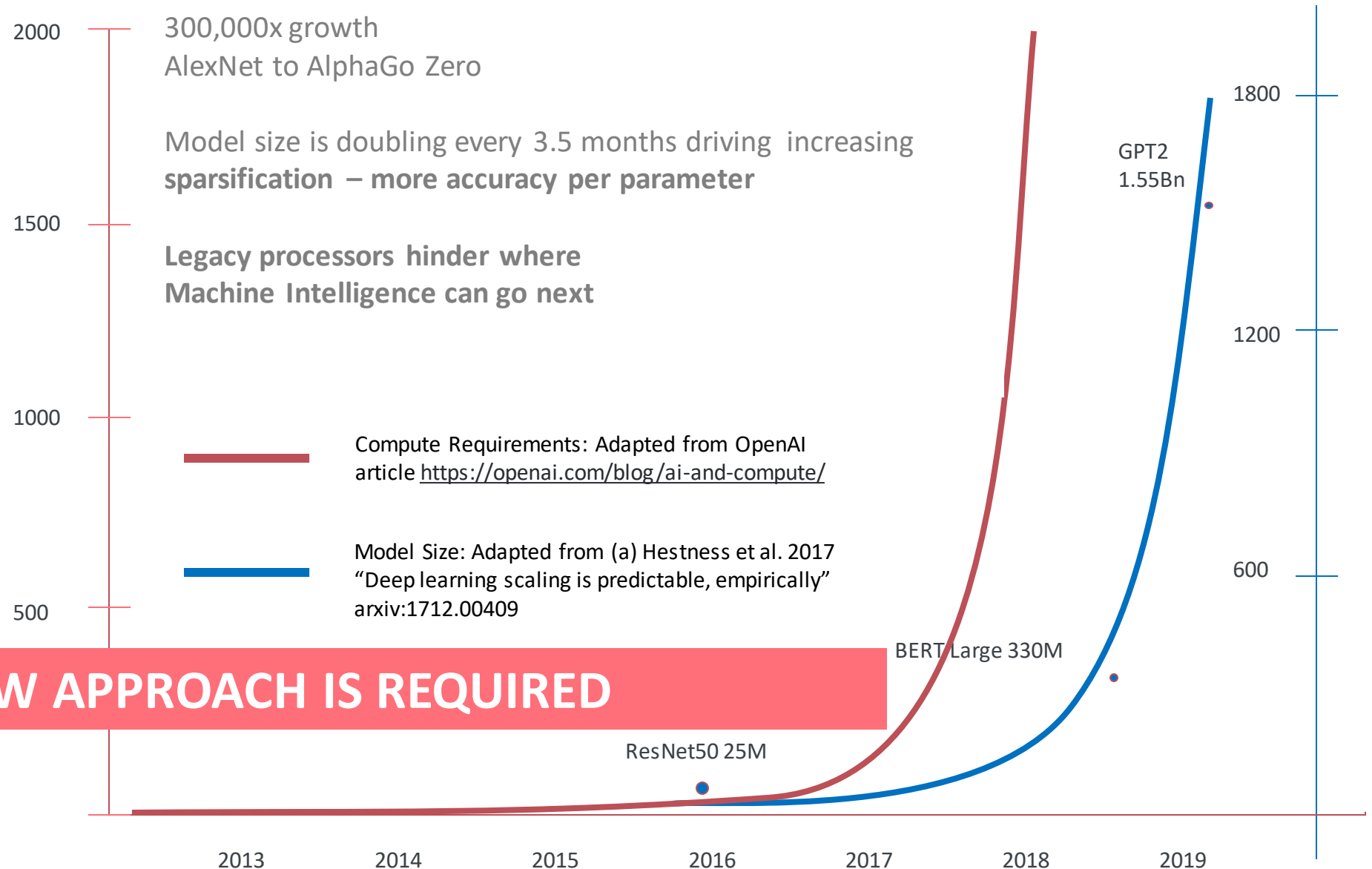
- Advanced perception
- Learning from experience

# MACHINE INTELLIGENCE COMPUTE EXPONENTIAL...





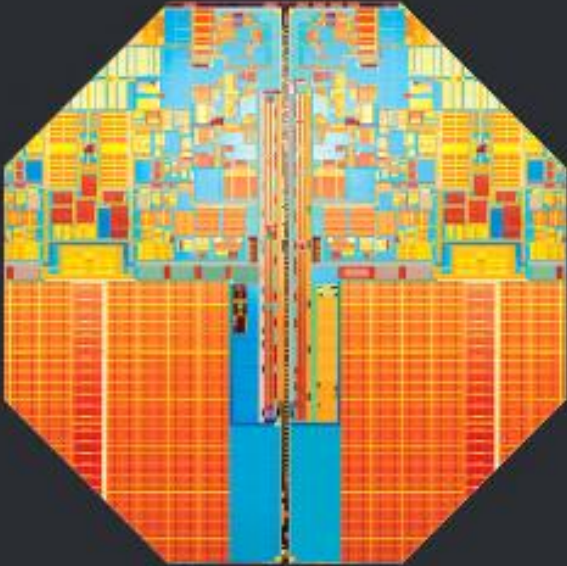
# MACHINE INTELLIGENCE COMPUTE EXPONENTIAL...



**A NEW APPROACH IS REQUIRED**

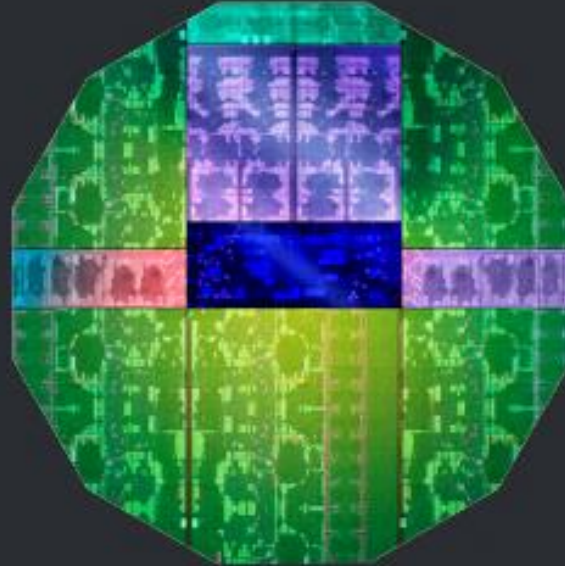


# LEGACY PROCESSOR ARCHITECTURES HAVE BEEN REPURPOSED FOR ML



**CPU**

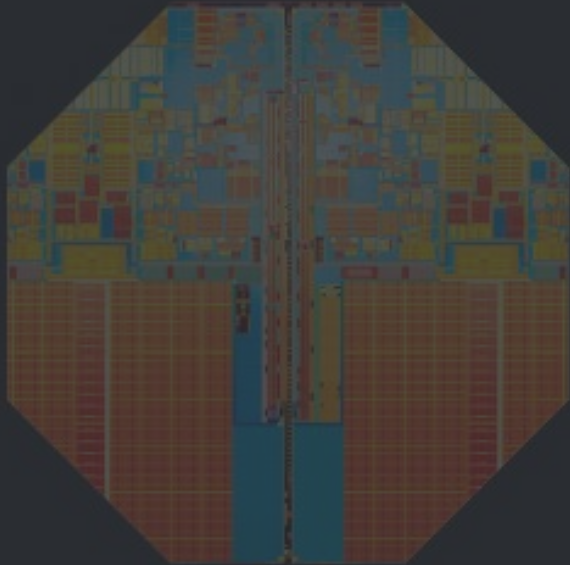
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**GPU**

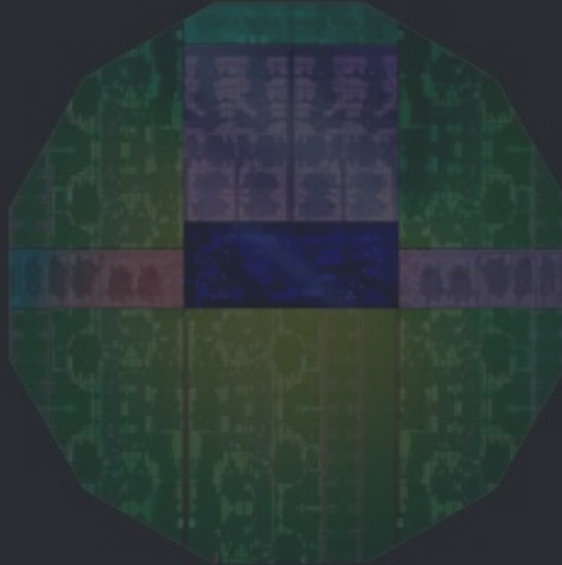
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# A NEW PROCESSOR IS REQUIRED FOR THE FUTURE



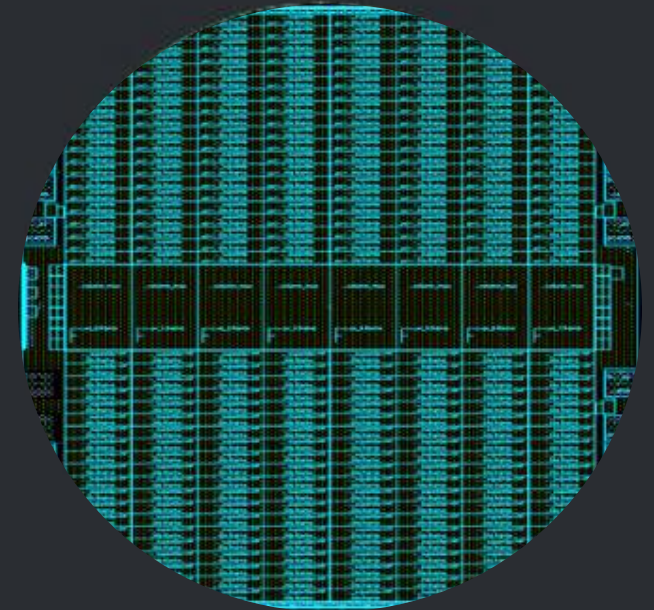
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**IPU**

Artificial Intelligence/  
Graph

# GOOGLE'S AI GURU WANTS COMPUTERS TO THINK MORE LIKE BRAINS



## WIRED

**Wired** – “How might we build machine learning systems that function more like a brain? ”

**Geoff Hinton** – “I think we need to move towards a different type of computer. Fortunately I have one here...” Hinton reaches into his wallet and pulls out a large, shiny silicon chip:



an IPU processor from Graphcore



## IPU-Tiles™

1216 IPU-Tiles™ each with an independent IPU-Core™ and tightly coupled In-Processor-Memory™

## IPU-Core™

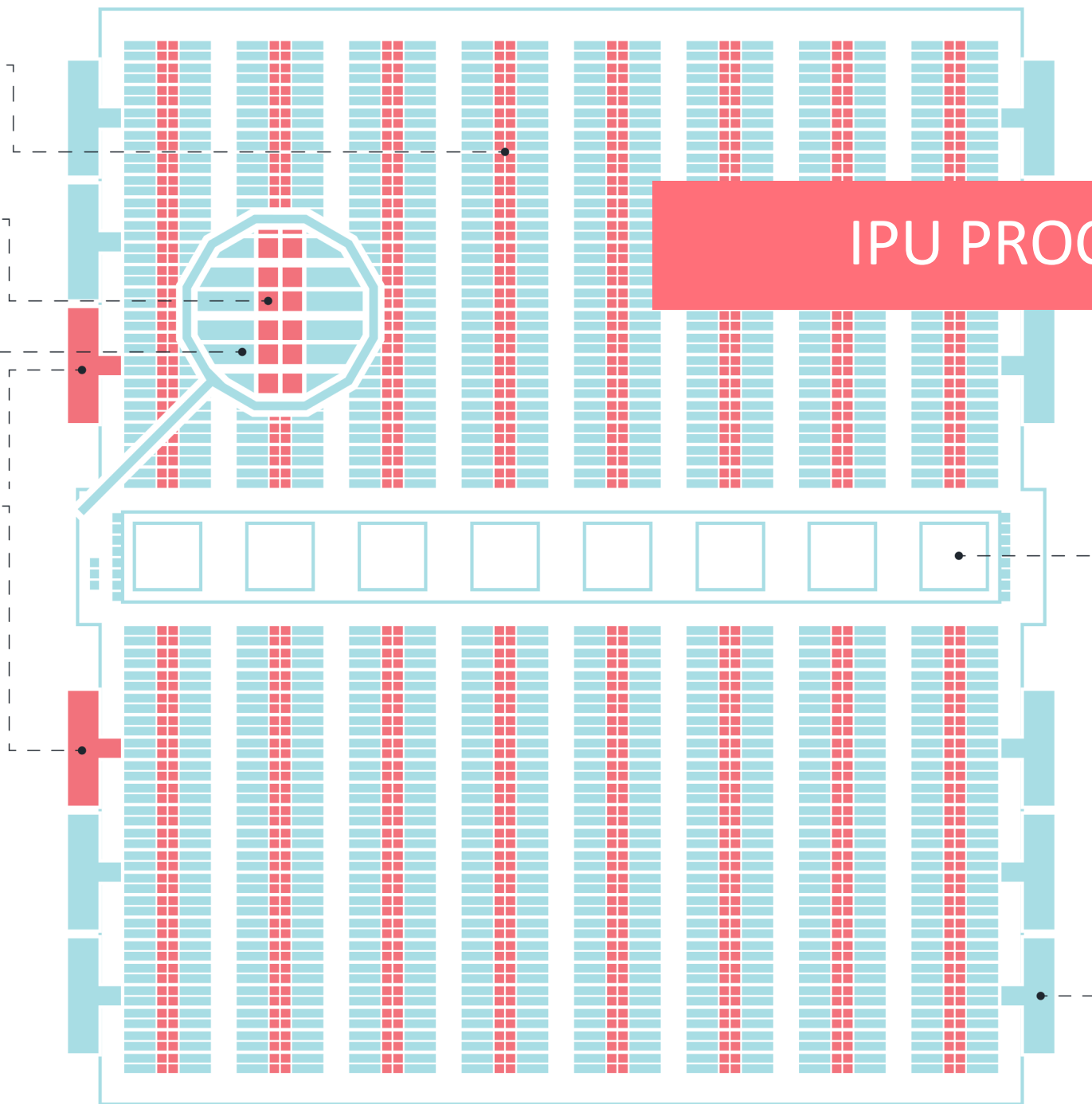
1216 IPU-Cores™ with 7296 programs executing in parallel

## In-Processor-Memory™

300MB In-Processor-Memory™  
45TB/s memory bandwidth  
Whole model held on-chip

## PCIe

PCI Gen4 x16  
64 GB/s bidirectional bandwidth to host



# IPU PROCESSOR

## IPU-Exchange™

8 TB/s all to all IPU-Exchange™  
Non-blocking, any communication pattern

## IPU-Links™

80 IPU-Links, 320GB/s chip to chip  
bandwidth

## C2 IPU PROCESSOR CARD



2 – COLOSSUS **GC2** IPU PROCESSORS  
CARD-TO-CARD **IPU-LINKS™** (2.5TBps)  
200 TERA-FLOP MIXED PRECISION IPU COMPUTE @ 315W



# DELL EMC DSS8440 IPU SERVER

- 8x dual-IPU C2 cards, 16x GC2 IPU-Processors
- >1.6 PETA FLOPs IPU Compute with over 100,000 independent programs
- High speed 256GB/s card-to-card IPU-Link™
- 100Gbps Infiniband scale-out
- Poplar SDK™

DELL  
EMC

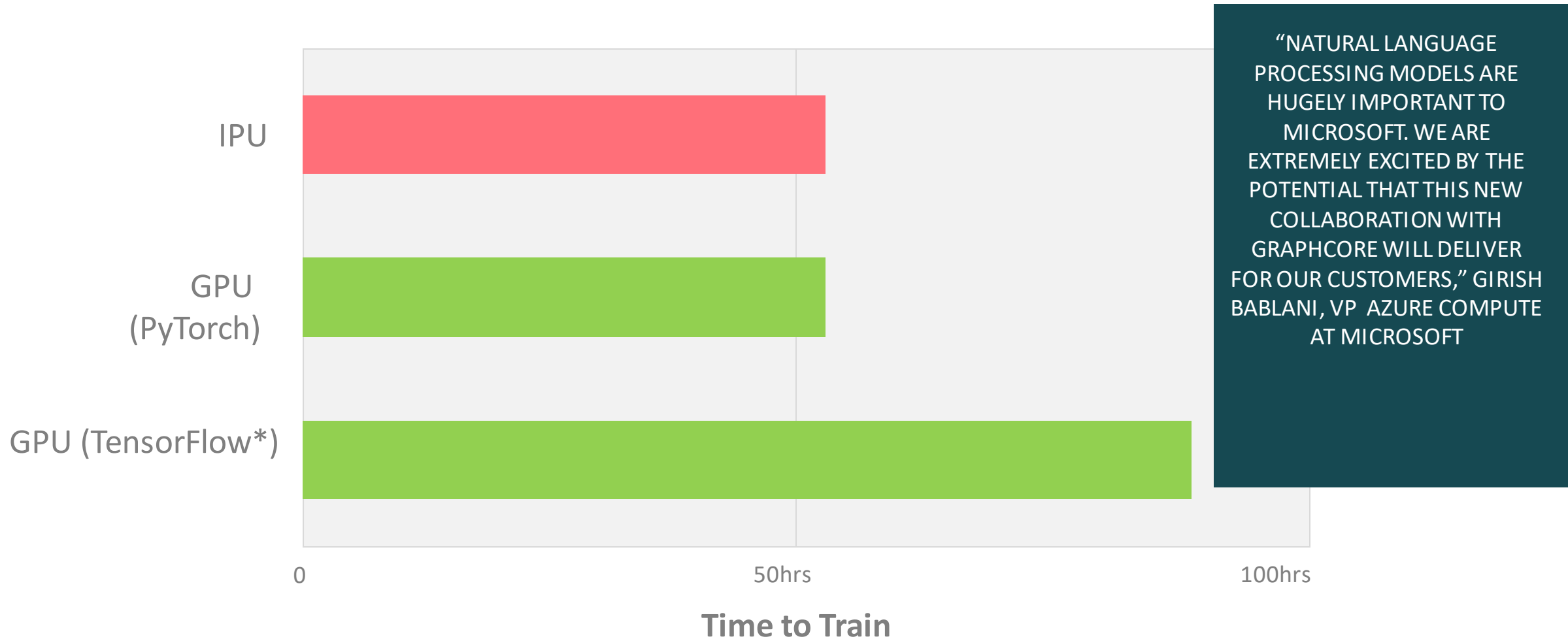




IPU ACHIEVES STATE OF THE ART  
PERFORMANCE ON TODAYS  
LEADING EDGE MODELS...

# BERT-BASE : TRAINING

State of the art time to train: 56 hours on IPU @ 20% lower power



## NOTES:

BERT-Base | Wikipedia dataset + SQuAD 1.1 (EM)

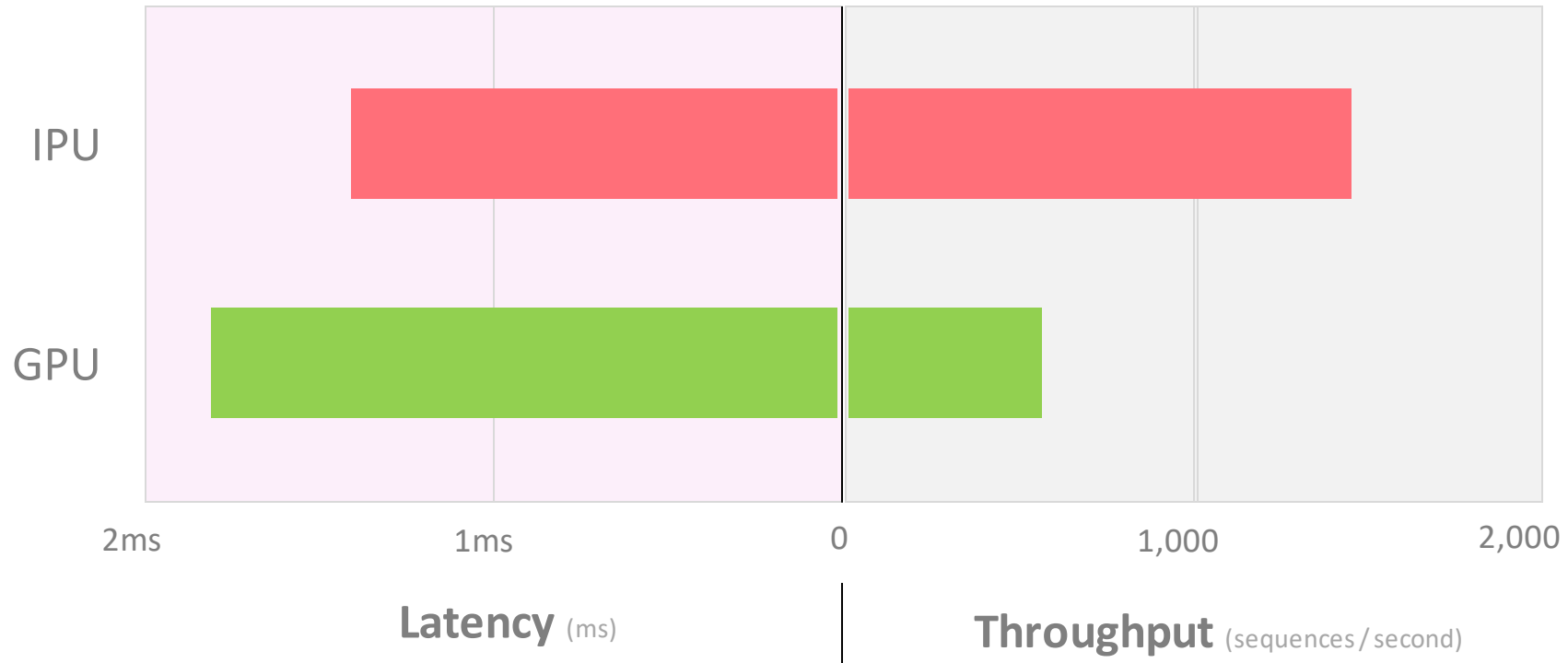
IPU: DSS8440, 7x Graphcore C2 – customer implementation using Poplar

GPU: 8x Leading GPU system using PyTorch and TensorFlow (\*estimated)



# BERT-BASE : INFERENCE

3x higher throughput at 30% lower latency



## NOTES:

Graphcore results on one C2 Card using two IPUs, on SQuAD v1.1 data,  
Graphcore C2 customer implementation using Poplar @ 300W TDP

NVIDIA results for 1xV100 with TensorRT 6.0 using SQuAD v1.1 data, published 6 November 2019

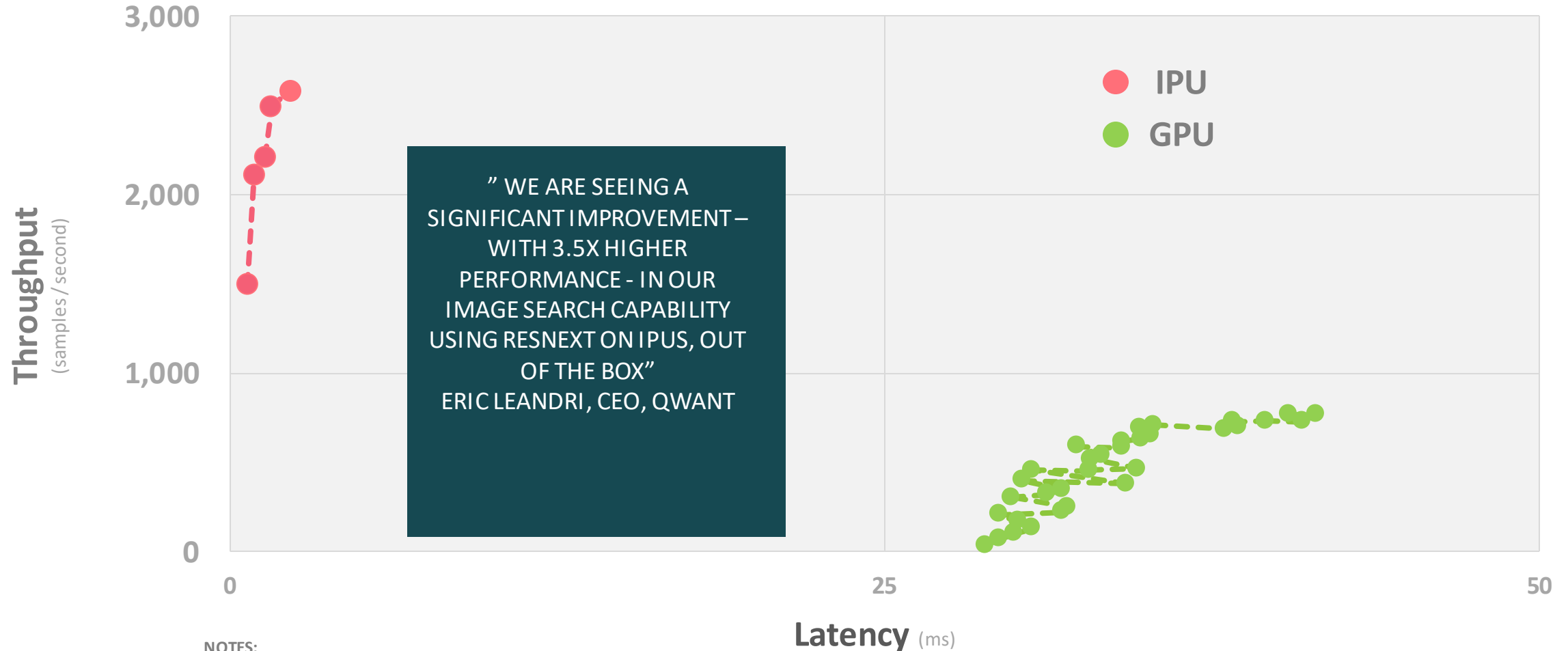
<https://developer.nvidia.com/deep-learning-performance-training-inference>.





# RESNEXT-101 : INFERENCE

Lowest Latency Comparison: 43x higher throughput | 40x lower latency  
Highest Throughput Comparison: 3.4x higher throughput | 18x lower latency




## NOTES:

ResNext-101\_32x4d | Real data (COCO)

IPU: Graphcore C2 (SDK 1.0.49) using ONNX/PopART (Batch Size 2-12) @ 300W TDP

GPU using Pytorch FP16 (Batch Size 1-32) @ 300W TDP



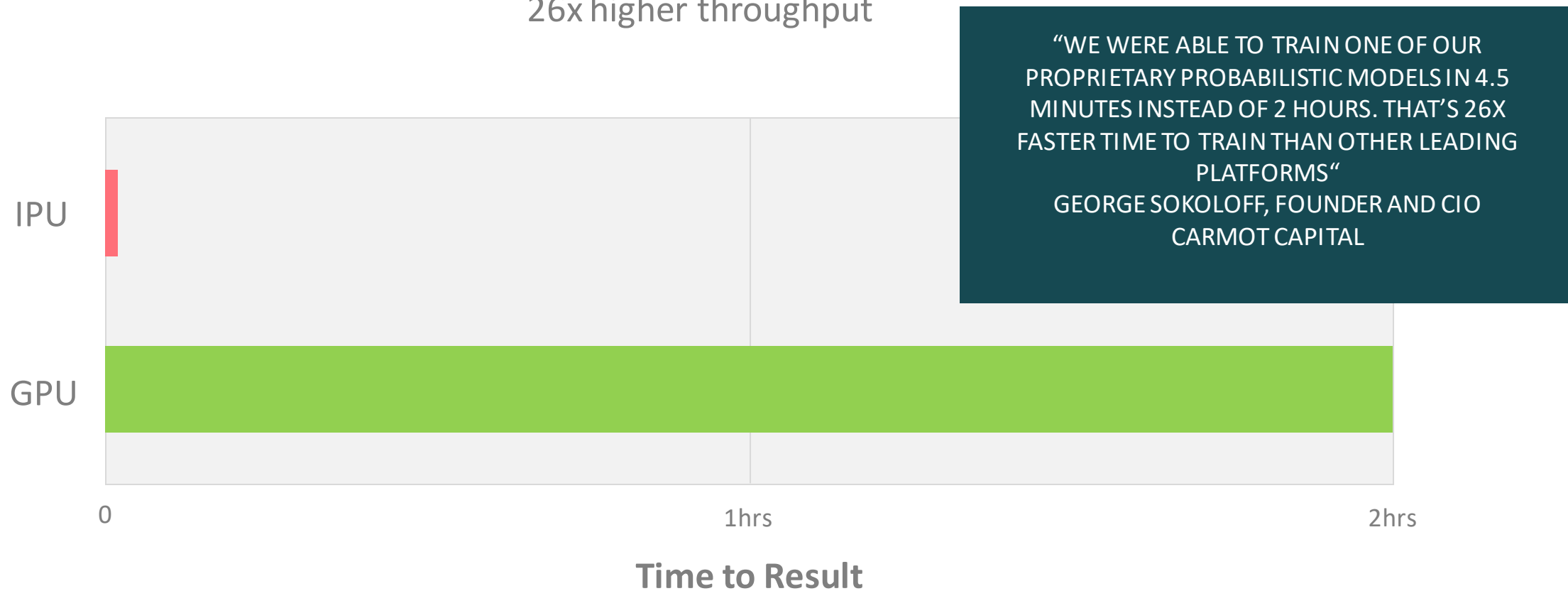


# IPU DELIVERS MASSIVE PERFORMANCE ADVANTAGE ON DIFFICULT MACHINE LEARNING PROBLEMS

# MCMC PROBABILISTIC MODEL : TRAINING

Customer implementation

26x higher throughput



## NOTES:

Graphcore customer Markov Chain Monte Carlo Probability model (summary data shared with customer's permission)

IPU: Graphcore GC2 @ 150W TDP

GPU @ 300W TDP

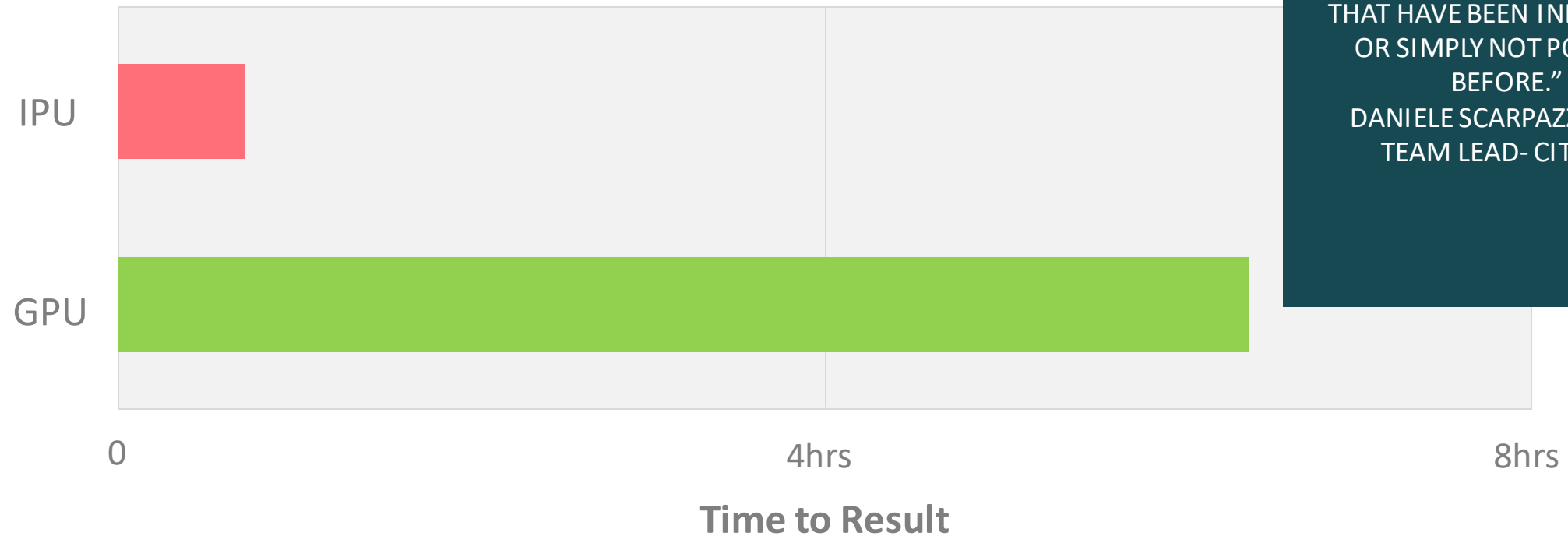




# MCMC PROBABILISTIC MODEL : TRAINING

TensorFlow probability model example

8x faster time to train



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OR SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE  
BEFORE.”  
DANIELE SCARPAZZA, R&D  
TEAM LEAD- CITADEL

## NOTES:

Markov Chain Monte Carlo – Probabilistic model example with TensorFlowProbability, a neural network with 3 fully-connected layers

IPU: Graphcore GC2 @ 150W TDP

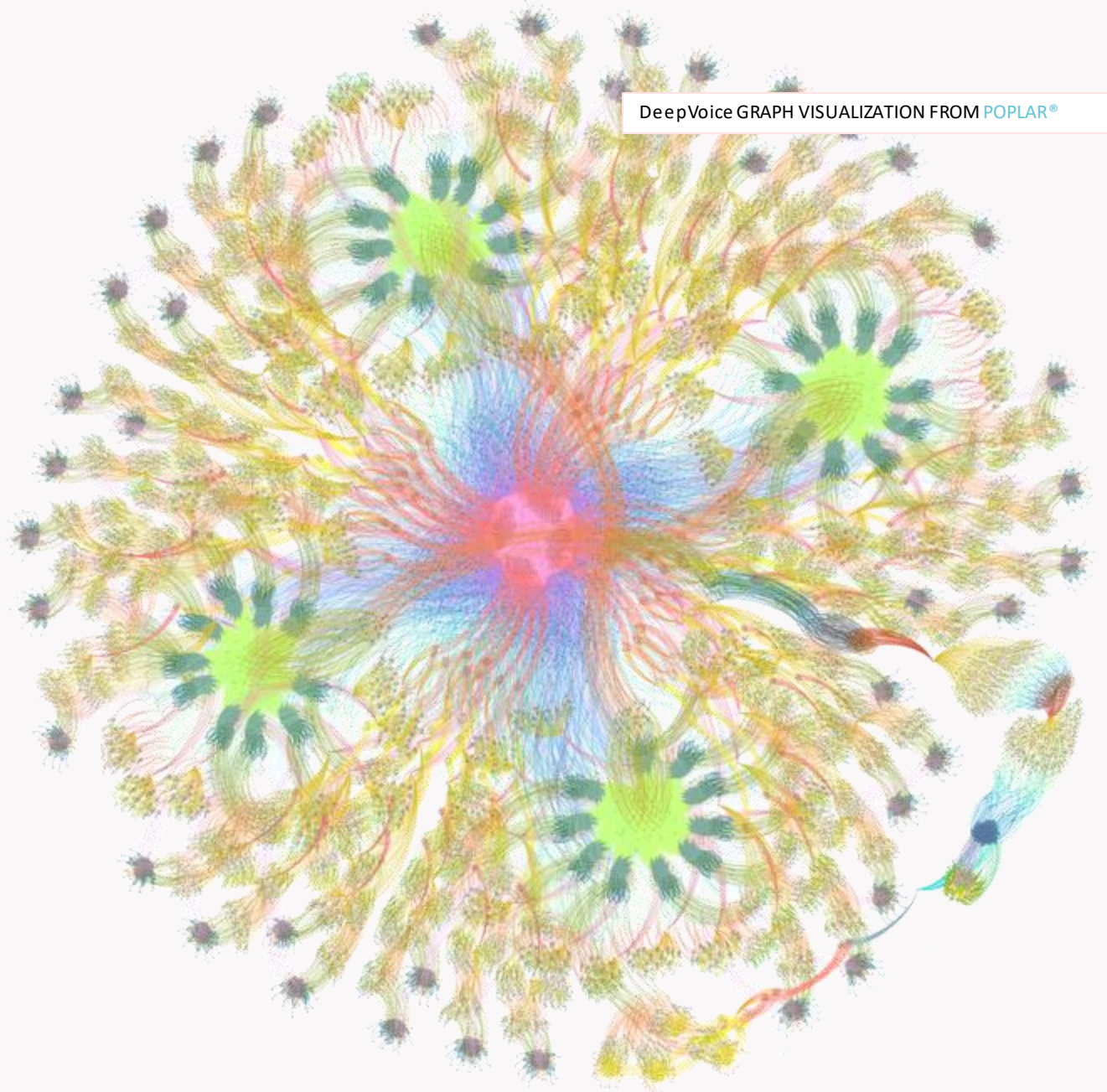
GPU @ 300W TDP

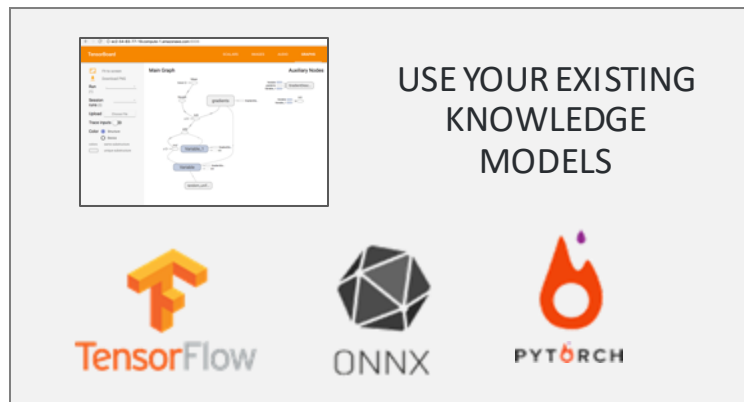


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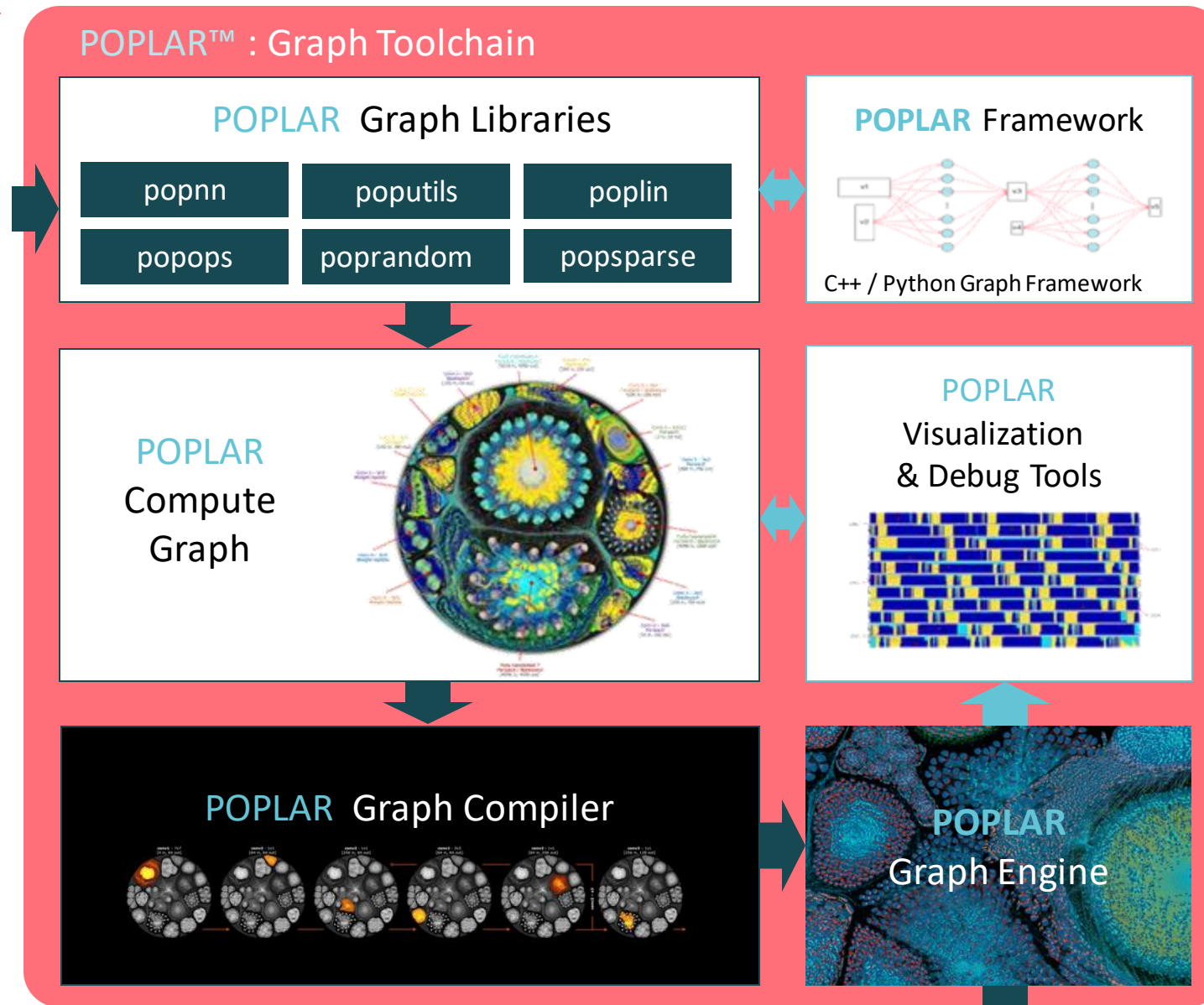
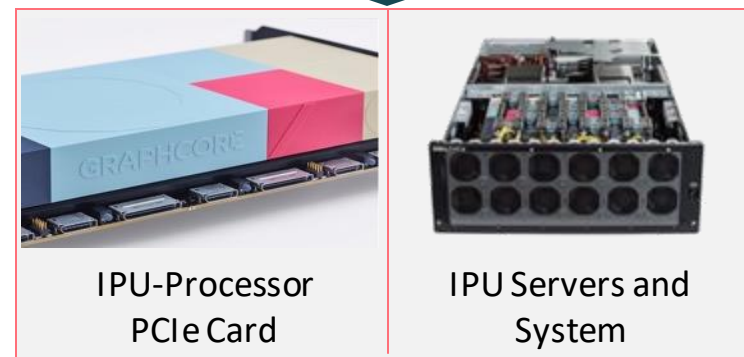
expands the ML Framework output  
to a full compute graph.

DeepVoice GRAPH VISUALIZATION FROM POPLAR®





# POPLAR<sup>®</sup> Graph Toolchain





# POPLIBS™

Highly optimized **open source** libraries partition work and data efficiently across IPU devices

C / C++ and Python language bindings

poputil

Utility functions for  
building graphs

popops

Pointwise and  
reduction operators

poplin

Matrix multiply and  
convolution functions

poprandom

Random number  
generation

popnn

Neural network  
functions (activation  
fns, pooling, loss)

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**GitHub**

[github.com/graphcore/poplibs](https://github.com/graphcore/poplibs)



# BULK SYNCHRONOUS PARALLEL (BSP)

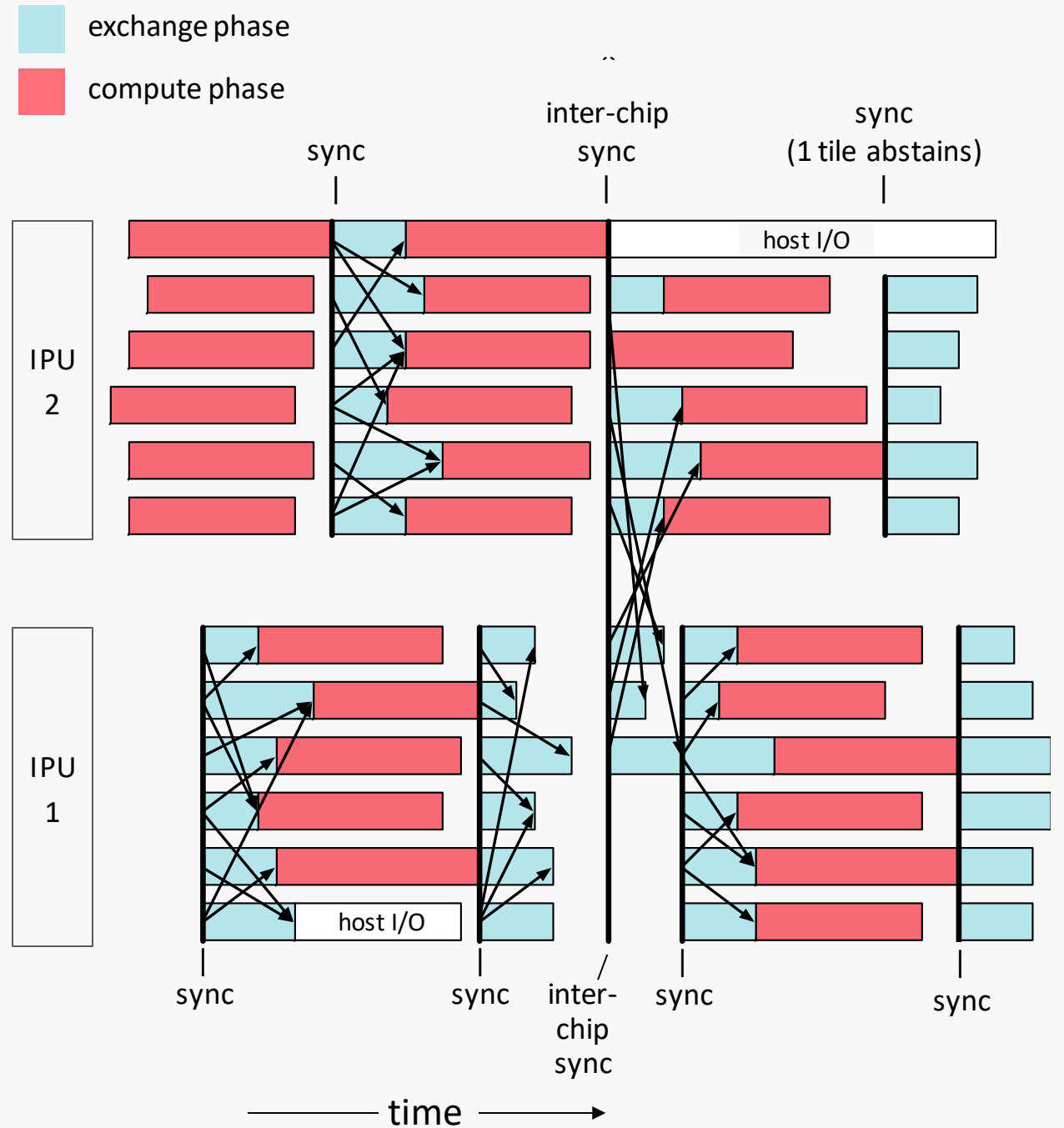
BSP software bridging model – massively parallel computing with no concurrency hazards

3 phases: compute, sync, exchange

Easy to program – no live-locks or dead-locks

Widely-used in parallel computing – Google, FB, ...

First use of BSP inside a parallel processor



# BULK SYNCHRONOUS PARALLEL (BSP)

## Software bridging model for parallel computing

### Compute

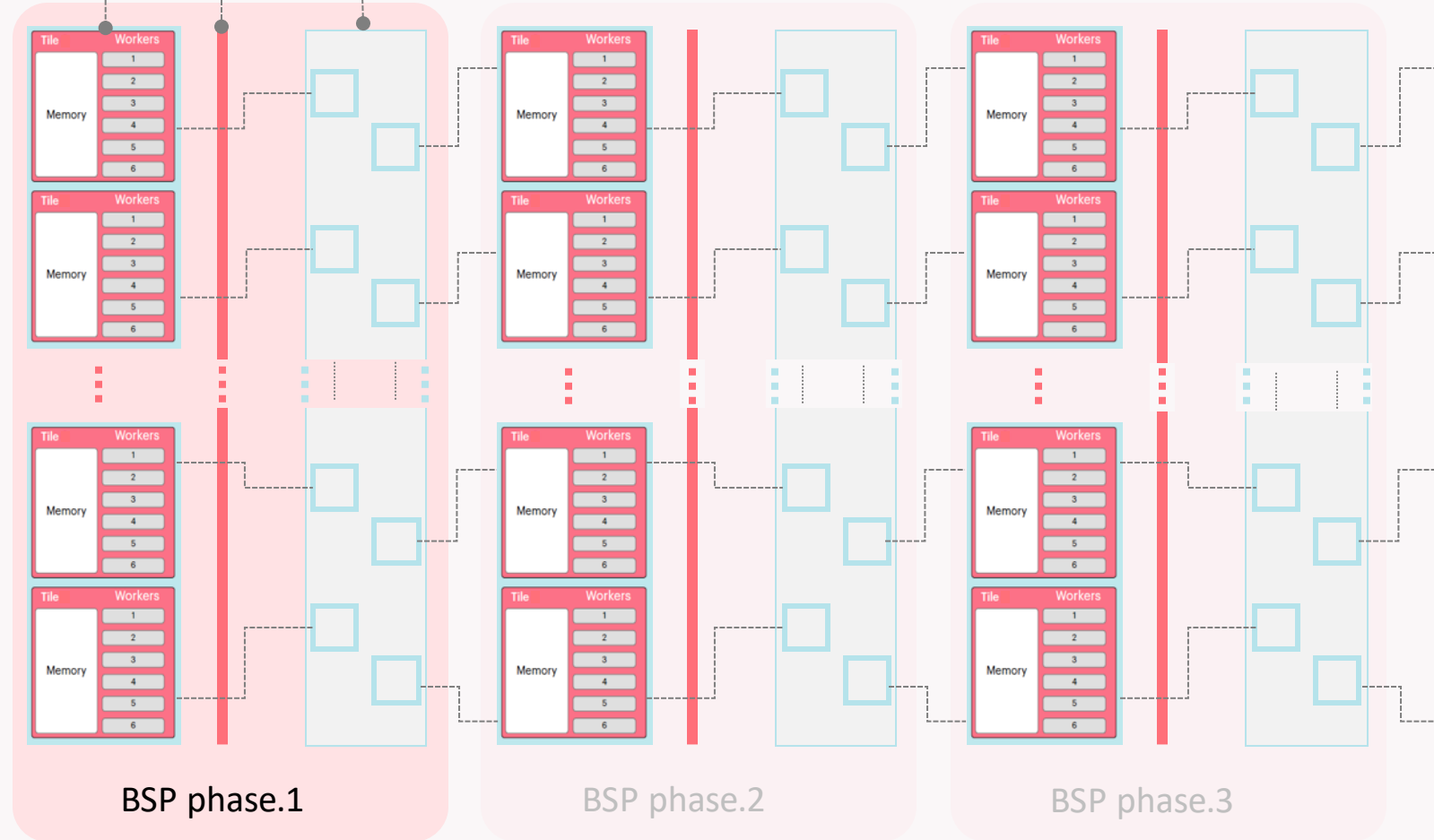
10,000s of compute threads  
all operating in parallel  
each with all the data that  
they need, held locally

### BSP Sync

All threads are  
synchronized

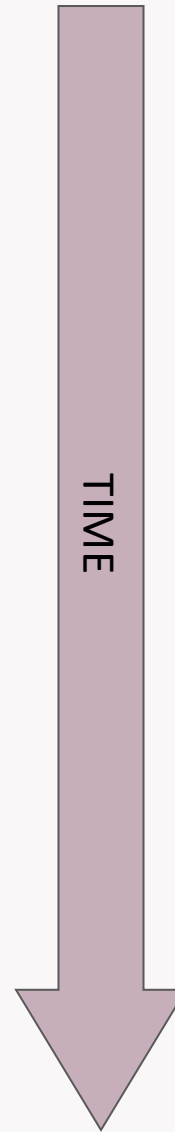
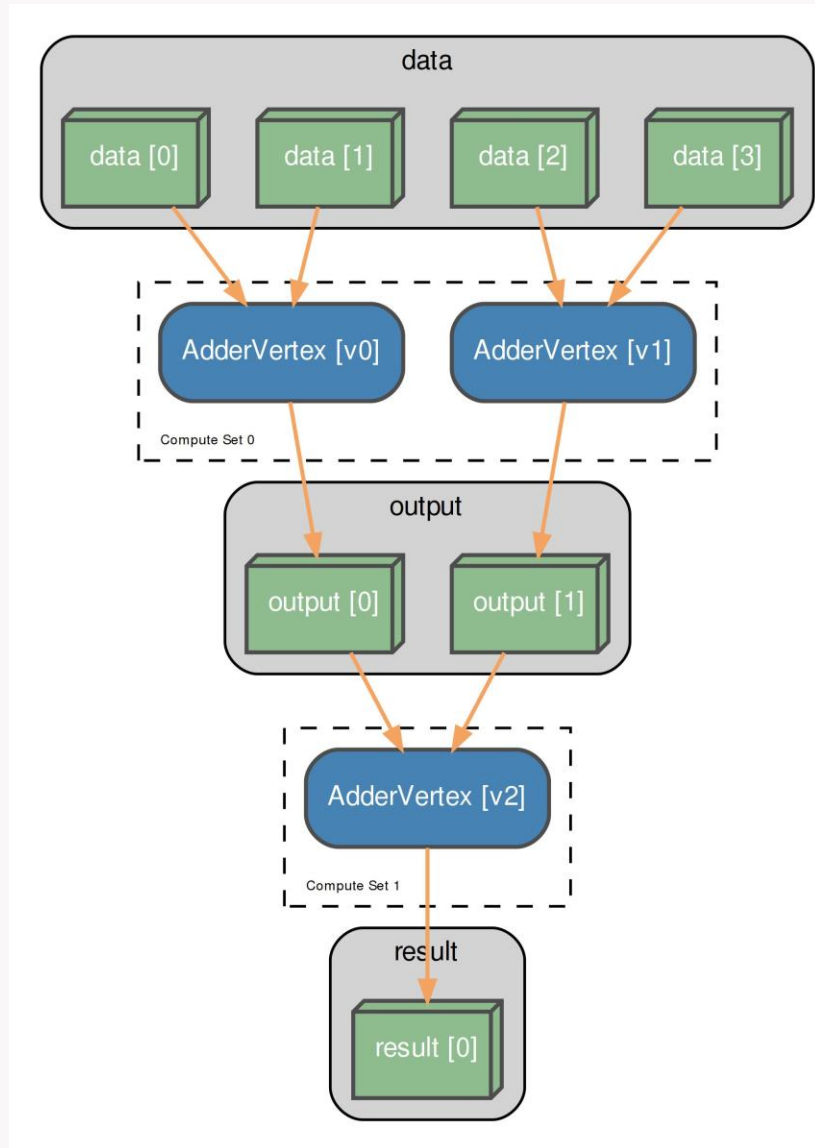
### Exchange

Data is exchanged so that every thread  
has all the data that it needs for the  
next phase of Compute

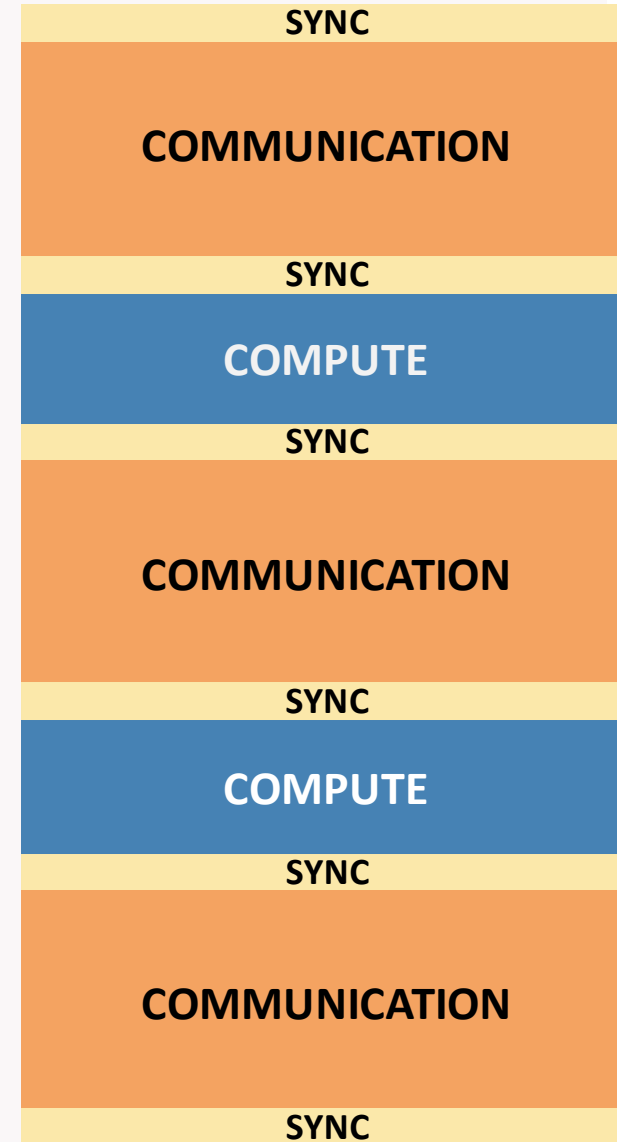




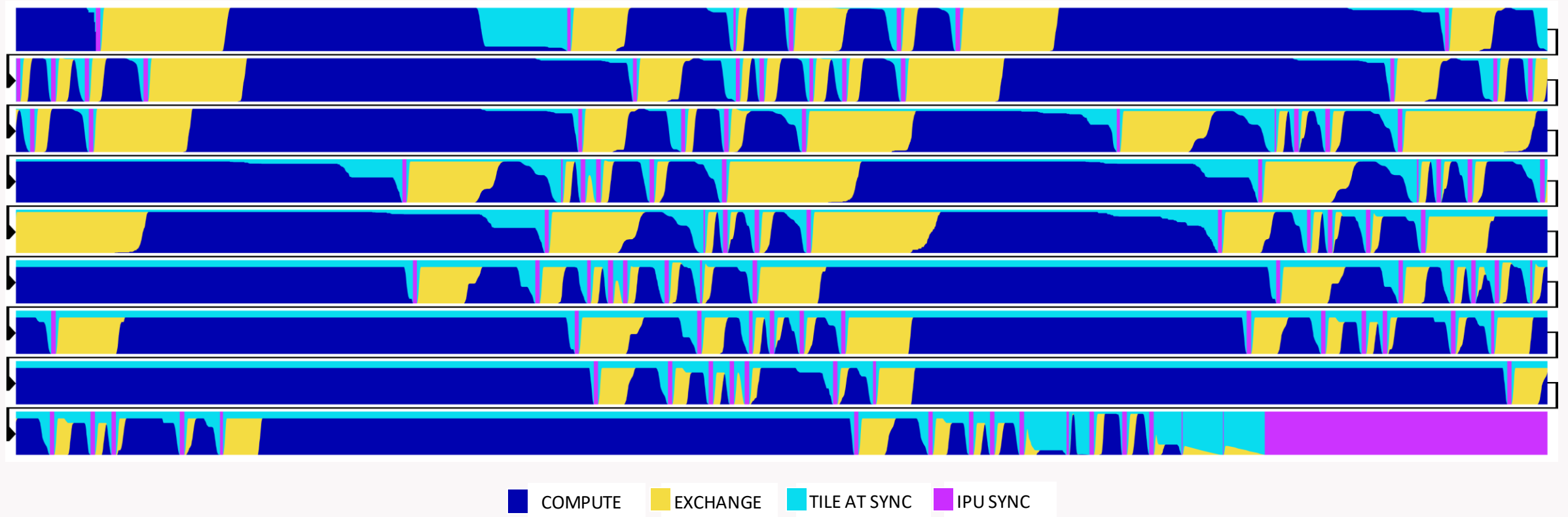
# COMPUTATIONAL GRAPH



GRAPH EXECUTION MODEL



# IPU BSP EXECUTION TRACE



RESNET-18 INFERENCE BATCH SIZE 1

# OPEN-SOURCE GRAPH LIBRARIES

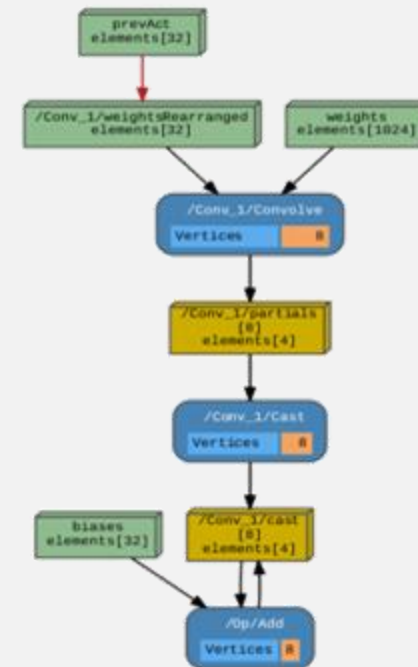
> 50 open-source GRAPH FUNCTIONS  
available including (matmul, conv, etc) built from...

> 750 optimized COMPUTE ELEMENTS  
such as (ReduceAdd, AddToChannel, Zero, etc)

easily create new GRAPH FUNCTIONS  
using the library of COMPUTE ELEMENTS

modify and create new COMPUTE ELEMENTS

example GRAPH FUNCTION  
*32in\_32out\_Fully\_Connected\_Layer*



share library elements and new innovations










# IPU-ACCELERATED MEDICAL IMAGING ON MICROSOFT AZURE

Slides & Work Courtesy of:

Microsoft AI & Advanced  
Architectures Group



# INTRACRANIAL HEMORRHAGE

	Intraparenchymal	Intraventricular	Subarachnoid	Subdural	Epidural
Location	Inside of the brain	Inside of the ventricle	Between the arachnoid and the pia mater	Between the Dura and the arachnoid	Between the dura and the skull
Imaging					
Mechanism	High blood pressure, trauma, arteriovenous malformation, tumor, etc	Can be associated with both intraparenchymal and subarachnoid hemorrhages	Rupture of aneurysms or arteriovenous malformations or trauma	Trauma	Trauma or after surgery
Source	Arterial or venous	Arterial or venous	Predominantly arterial	Venous (bridging veins)	Arterial

# INTRACRANIAL HEMORRHAGE

**Trauma:** Every case is an emergency; lots of patients, very little time

**Extremely Time Critical:** Early detection → life-saving implications

**Acceleration:** Faster inference → timely, precise diagnosis. No patient left untreated.

**Deep learning for healthcare – hardware acceleration more relevant than ever!**



# INFERENCE ON A RESNEXT-50 PRETRAINED MODEL

**Model:** ResNeXt-50 (23M parameters)

**Data:** 600k randomly selected slices from the ICHD challenge dataset

**Data Augmentation:** random flip LR & UD, random brightness & contrast, random rotations

**Slice-by-slice inference on 3D CT volumes**

GPU: V100 (300W)

417ms

IPU: Single Chip (150W)

198ms

2X Faster  
4X Efficient

# INFERENCE RESULTS VISUALIZATION (MICROSOFT INNEREYE)



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An aerial, top-down view of numerous Google Cloud GPUs (Google Cloud Accelerated Processing Units) arranged in a grid-like pattern on a yellow surface. Each GPU is a black circuit board with various colored components (blue, red, and light blue) and the word "GRAPHICORE" visible on some. A large, semi-transparent pink rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text.

OUR IPU LETS INNOVATORS CREATE THE NEXT  
BREAKTHROUGHS IN MACHINE INTELLIGENCE



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