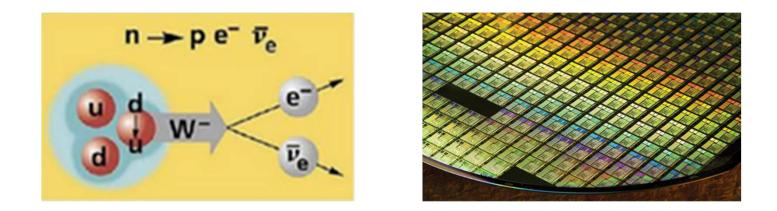
From Neutrino to Semiconductor

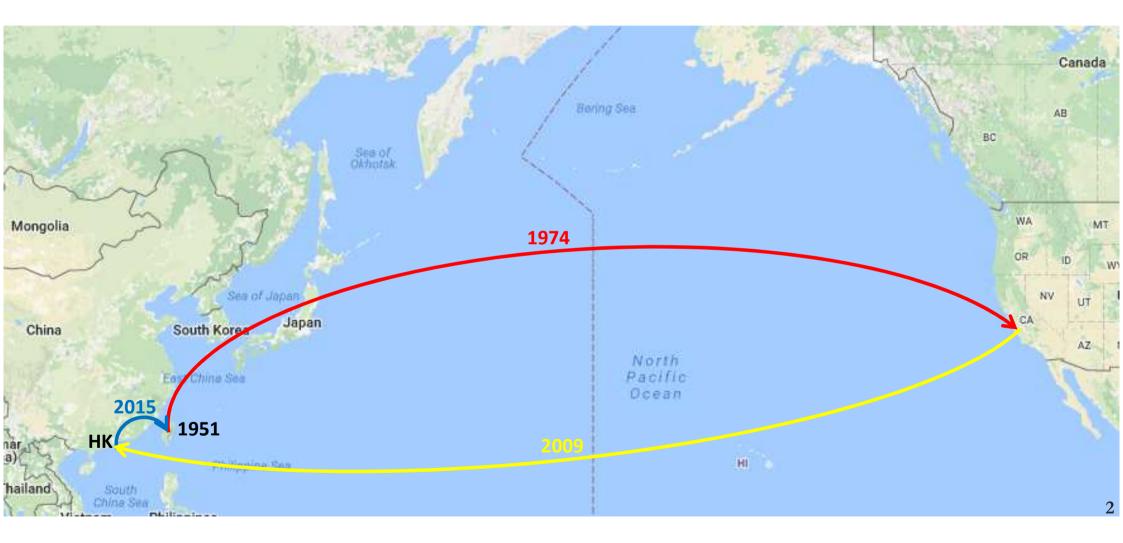
A journey of Learning and Research that Started from Physics



KC Wang(王克中) Macronix (旺宏電子)

Joint AS IOP Colloquium and PG2023 General Talk on 6/1/2023

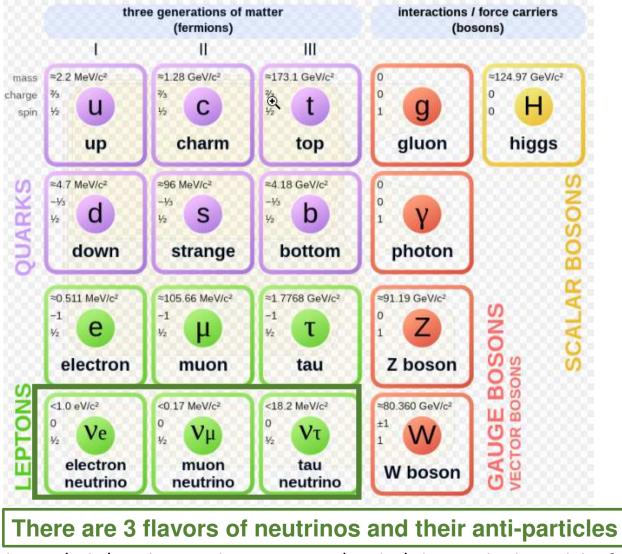
A Fulfilling Journey



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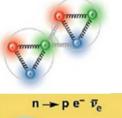
Elementary Particles of Standard Model



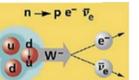
Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fundamental_interaction#/media/File:Standard_Model_of_Elementary_Particles.svg

Fundamental Interactions

1. Strong



3. Weak



4. Gravitation

2. Electromagnetic



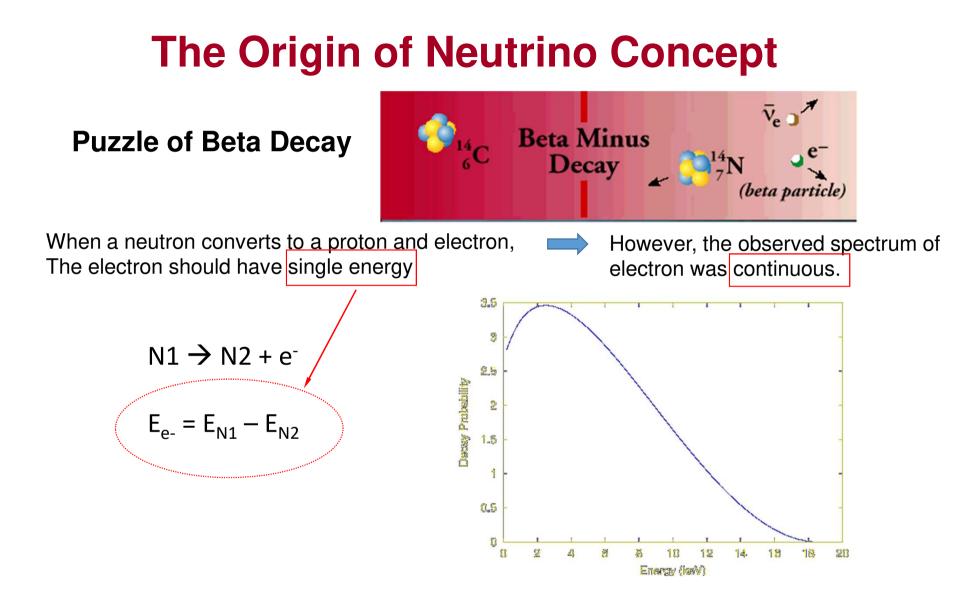
Interaction	Current theory	Mediators	Approximate relative	Long distance behavior	Range (m)
			strength	(potential)	
Strong	QCD	gluons	1	~r	10 ⁻¹⁵
EM	QED	photons	10-2	1/r	infinite
Weak	Elecroweak theory	W and Z bosons	10 ⁻⁶ to 10 ⁻⁷	1/r e -m _{W,z} ^r	10 ⁻¹⁸
Gravity	General relativity	gravitons	10 ⁻³⁹	1/r	infinite

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fundamental_interaction

http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/Forces/couple.html

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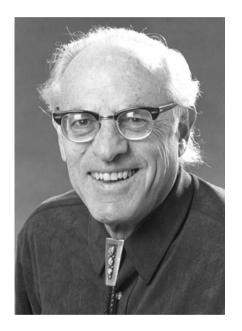
In 1930, Wolfgang Pauli proposed an idea of neutrino to save the law of conservation of energy 7

Discovery of Neutrino $\overline{v_e} + p^+ \rightarrow n^o + e^+ + v_e$ Energy >1.8 MeV $e^+ + e^- \rightarrow 2\gamma$ $n^{o} + Cd \rightarrow (several) \gamma$ 8 MeV 0.5MeV 300-liter liquid scintillator with Signal 2 γ , then several γ ~few μ s later Cadmium salt using 90 PMTs antineutrino Experiment attempted at Hanford in 1953, $H_{2}O +$ Cd too much background. Repeated at Savannah $CdCl_2$ River in 1956. [Flux: 1.2 x 10¹² neutrinos/(cm² s)]

Cowan passed away in 1974 In 1995, Reines was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics



Clyde Cowan



Fred Reines

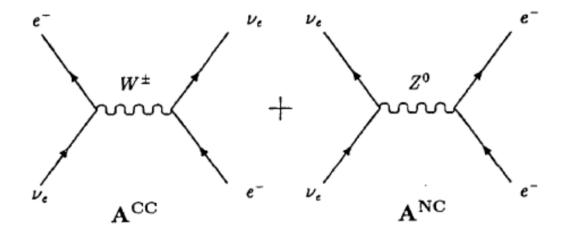
Herbert H. Chen (陳華生) – An Exceptional Neutrino Physicist

- Born in Chunking, China in 1942 and immigrated to US in 1955
- B.S. from Caltech and Ph.D. from Princeton U.
- Joined UC Irvine in 1968, Associate Prof. in 1974, Prof. in 1980
- Led UCI-LANL v_e e elastic scattering experiment
- Designed and initiated Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (SNO) experiment
- Pioneered development of Liquid Argon TPC
- Chaired an NSF committee on "Computing for Particle Physics by Network" which led to NSFNET that soon merged with ARPANET which eventually became Internet
- Passed away in 1988



ν_e - e Elastic Scattering Experiment

Feynman Diagram for $\nu_e + e^- \rightarrow \nu_e + e^-$



<u>FIGURE 1</u>: Feynman diagram for $\nu_e + e^- \rightarrow \nu_e + e^-$ showing the weak charged and neutral current amplitudes.

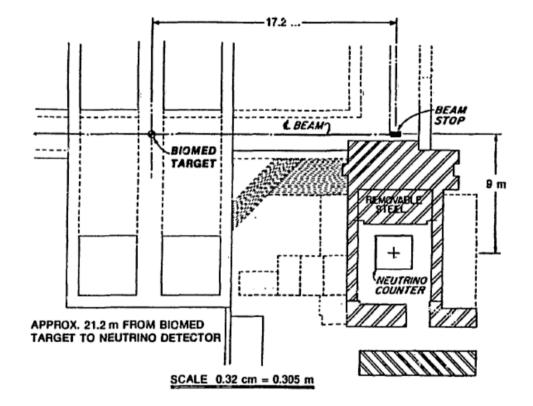
Los Alamos Meson Physics Facility (LAMPF)

- Opened in 1972
- Has an 800-m long, 800 MeV, 1mA proton linear accelerator
- Now, it is Los Alamos Neutron Science Center (LANSCE)_



https://lansce.lanl.gov/facilities/index.php

LAMPF Beam-Stop Neutrino Source and Experimental Area



LAMPF beam stop neutrino facility layout.

FIGURE 6: Overhead view of LAMPF beam-stop neutrino source and experimental area.

Source: LAMPF

Energy Spectrum of Neutrinos at LAMPF

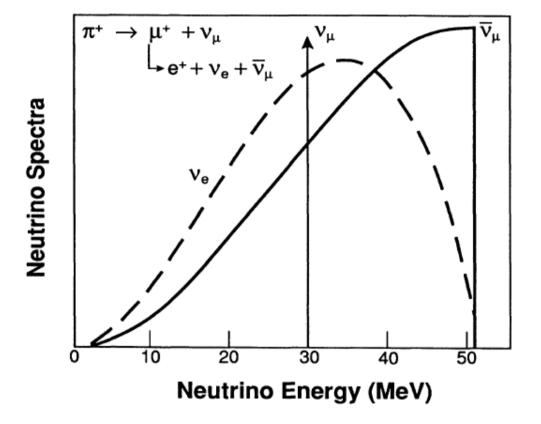


FIG. 3. Energy spectrum of neutrinos produced by π and μ decay at rest in the proton beam stop. Spectra for all three neutrinos are shown.

R.C. Allen, et al., Physical Review D, Vol. 47, No. 1, 1993

Neutrino-Electron Elastic Scattering Detector

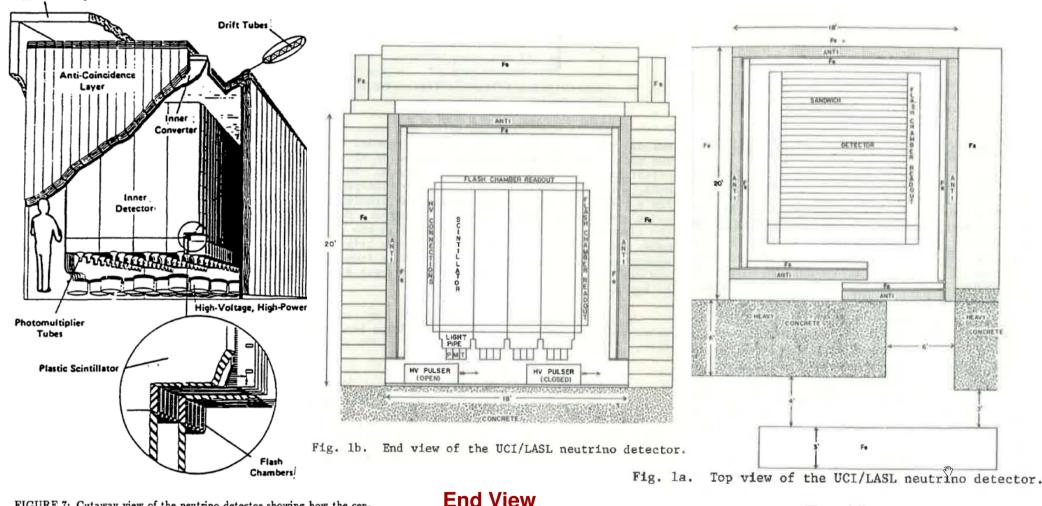


FIGURE 7: Cutaway view of the neutrino detector showing how the central detector was placed within the anticoincidence shield and cosmic-ray shielding. Insets show details of the central detector's FCM and scintillation counter stacking and details of the MWPC wire arrangement. Source: UCI-LANL Neutrino Collaboration

K. C. Wang and H. H. Chen, IEEE Tran. on Nuclear Science, Vol. NS-28, No. 1, 1981

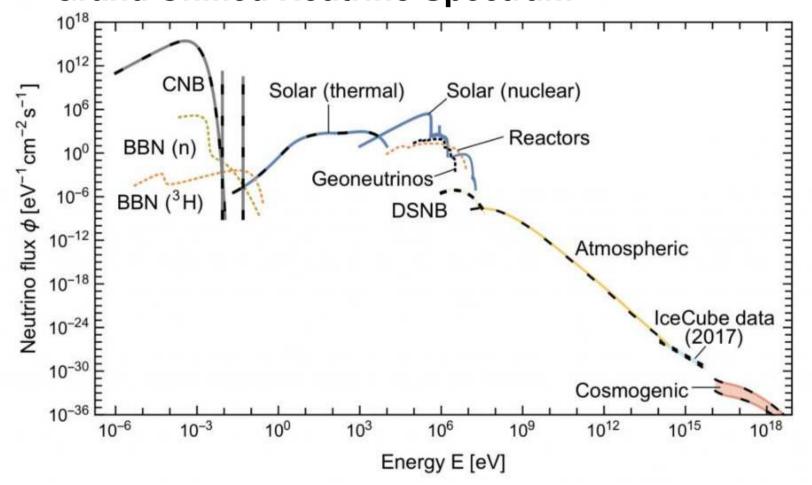
Top View

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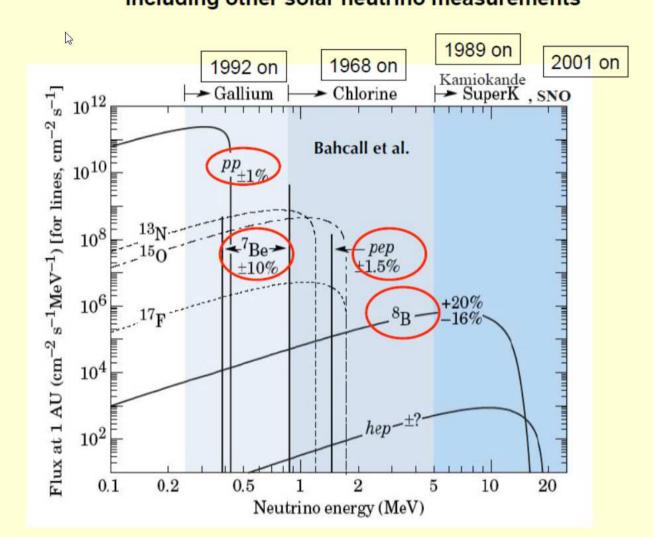
Key $\upsilon_e e \rightarrow \upsilon_e e$ Results

- Observed 236 \pm 35 $\upsilon_{e}\,e$ \rightarrow $\upsilon_{e}\,e$ events
- Determined total elastic scattering cross-section to be 10.0±1.5(stat)±0.9(syst)×10⁻⁴⁵ cm²×[E_υ (MeV)]
- The results showed that the interference of weak charged and neutral currents was destructive with a strength of I=-1.07±0.21
- It agreed well with the standard model (SM) prediction of I=-1.08

Neurtino Sources and Flux on Earth - Grand Unified Neutrino Spectrum

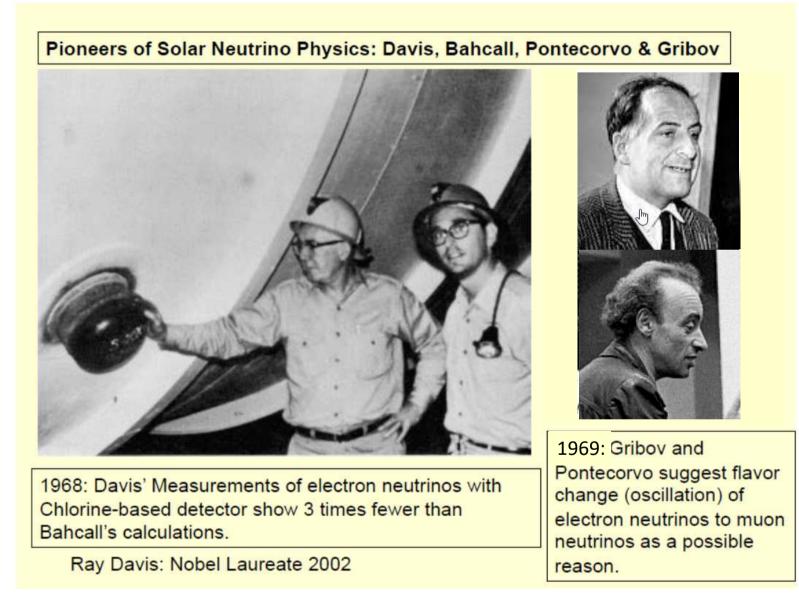


E. Vitagliano, I. Tamborra, G. Raffelt, Rev. Mod. Phys. 92 (2020) 45006; arXiv:1910.11878 https://neutrino-history.in2p3.fr/introduction-to-neutrino-sources/

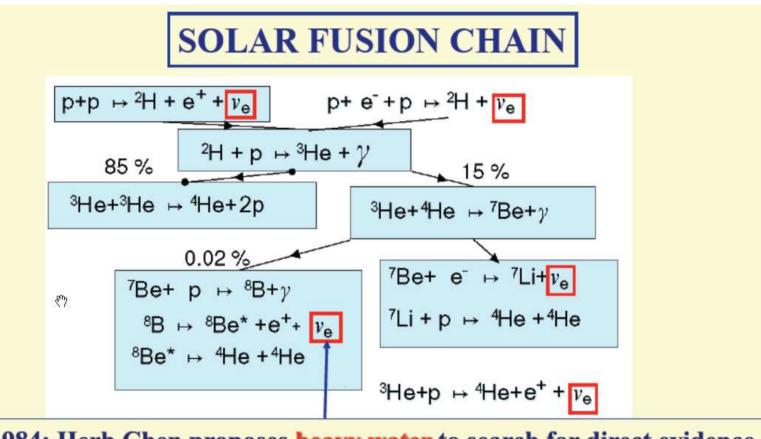


Including other solar neutrino measurements

Source: Art McDonald, Queen's University, for SNO Collaboration



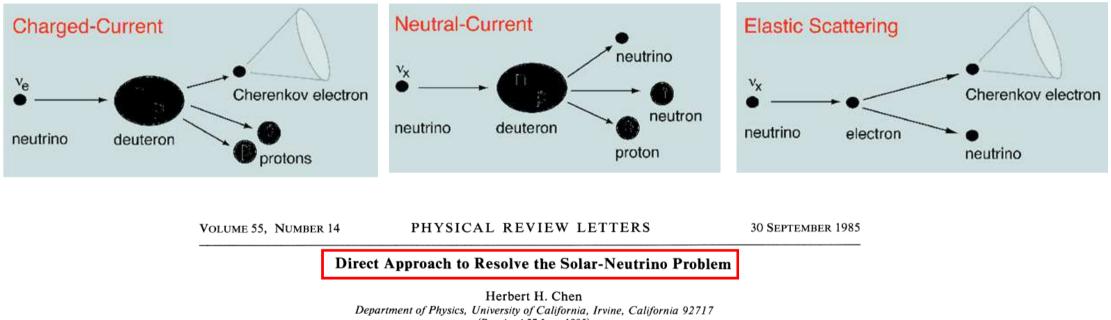
Source: Art McDonald, Queen's University, for SNO Collaboration



1984: Herb Chen proposes heavy water to search for direct evidence of flavor transformation for neutrinos from ⁸B decay in the Sun.
Electron neutrinos and all active neutrinos are measured separately to show flavor change independent of solar model calculations. SNO collaboration is created with Chen and George Ewan as Spokesmen.

Source: Art McDonald, Queen's University, for SNO Collaboration

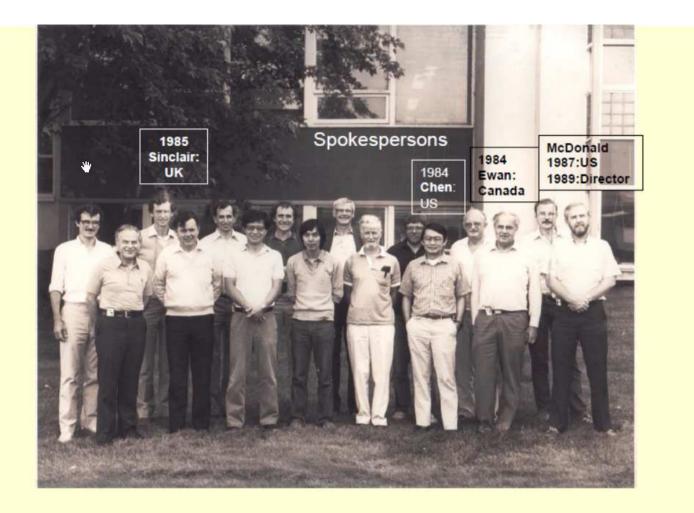
Herb Chen's Idea (1984): Using Heavy Water



(Received 27 June 1985)

A direct approach to resolve the solar-neutrino problem would be to observe neutrinos by use of both neutral-current and charged-current reactions. Then, the total neutrino flux and the electron-neutrino flux would be separately determined to provide independent tests of the neutrino-oscillation hypothesis and the standard solar model. A large heavy-water Cherenkov detector, sensitive to neutrinos from ⁸B decay via the neutral-current reaction $\nu + d \rightarrow \nu + p + n$ and the charged-current reaction $\nu_e + d \rightarrow e^- + p + p$, is suggested for this purpose.

PACS numbers: 96.60.Kx, 14.60.Gh



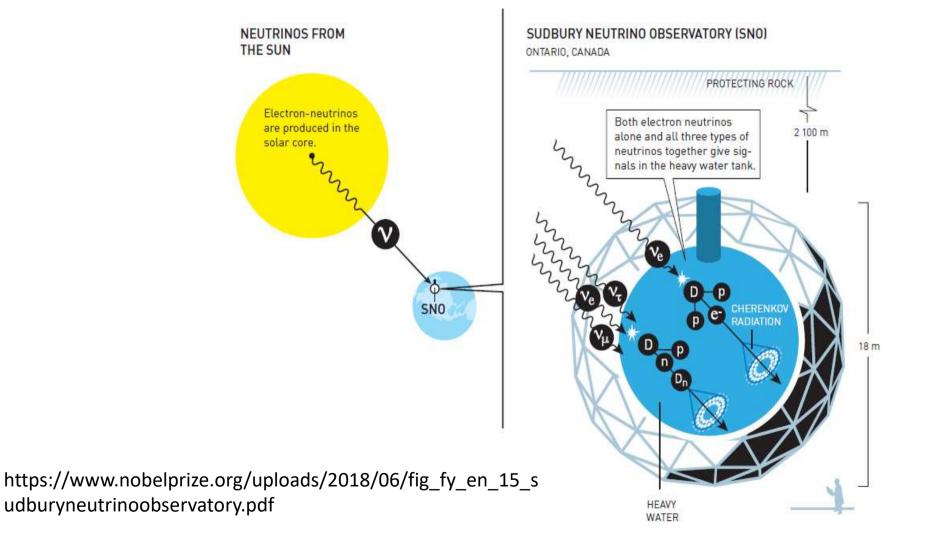
SNO Collaboration Meeting, Chalk River, 1986

PROPOSAL TO BUILD A NEUTRINO OBSERVATORY IN SUDBURY, CANADA

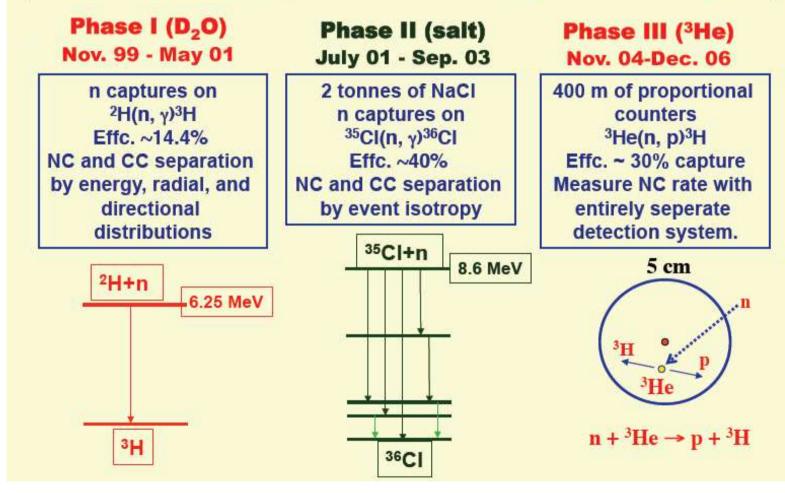
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Source: Art McDonald, Queen's University, for SNO Collaboration

Sudbury Neutrino Observatory

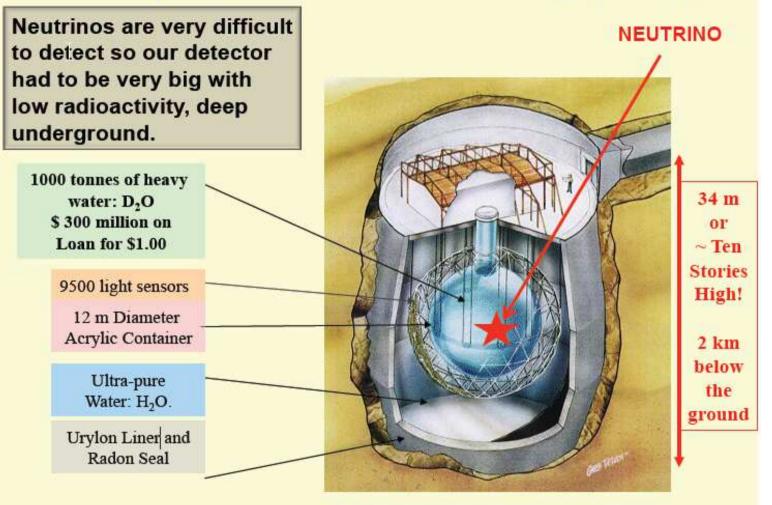


3 neutron (NC) detection methods (systematically different)



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Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (SNO)



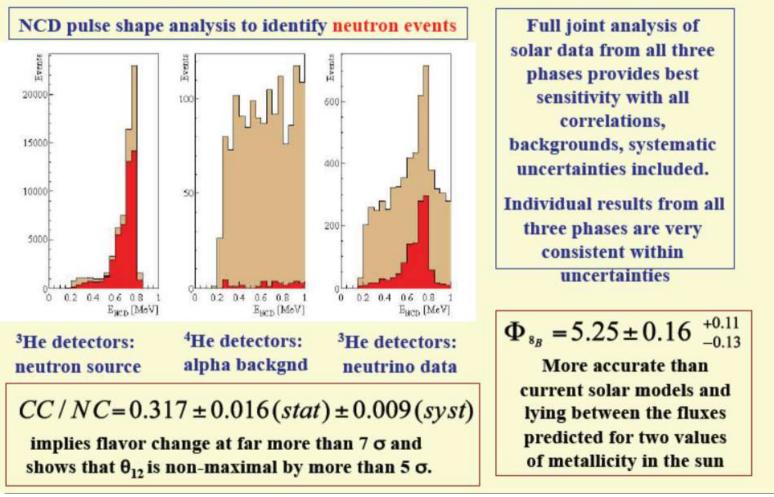
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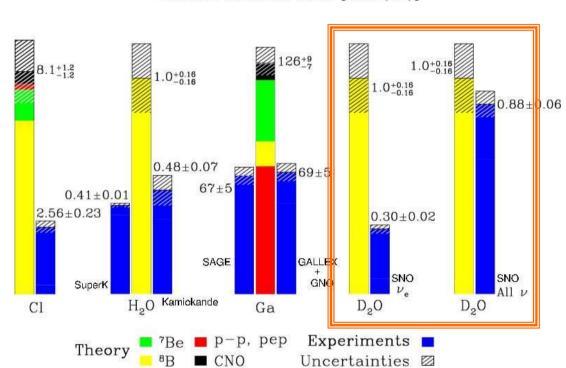
Final Complete Analysis of SNO solar data

The SNO Collaboration (B. Aharmim et al) Phys. Rev. C 88, 025501 (2013)



Source: Art McDonald, Queen's University, for SNO Collaboration

Experimental Results of Solar v Experiments



Total Rates: Standard Model vs. Experiment Bahcall-Serenelli 2005 [BS05(OP)]

<u>Final SNO results (2013)</u>: Total v flux = $5.25^{+}_{-0.16}$ (stat) $^{+0.11}_{-0.12}$ (sys) x10⁶ cm⁻² s⁻¹ In very good agreement with theory Arthur B. McDonald and Takaaki Kajita were awarded Nobel Prize in Physics in 2015 for "for the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows that neutrinos have mass"



Arthur B. McDonald

Takaaki Kajita

6 Neutrino Experiments Won Nobel Prizes

- 1. 1988 Leon Lederman, Melvin Schwartz, and Jack Steinberger (at Brookhaven National Lab., USA)
- 2. 1995 Frederick Reines (at Savannah River Nuclear Reactor, USA)
- 3. 2002 Raymond Davis, Jr. (at Homestake Gold Mine, USA)
- 4. 2002 Masatoshi Koshiba (at Kamioka Observatory, Japan)
- 5. 2015 Takaaki Kajita (at Super Kamiokande, Japan)
- 6. 2015 Arthur B. McDonald (at Sudbury Neutrino Observatory, Canada)

And more are coming...

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First Transistor and ICs



The 1st Transistor -1947



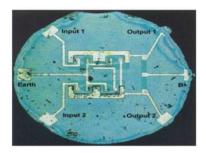
William Shockley, John Bardeen, Walter Brattain Nobel Prize Winner, 1956



The 1st IC -1958



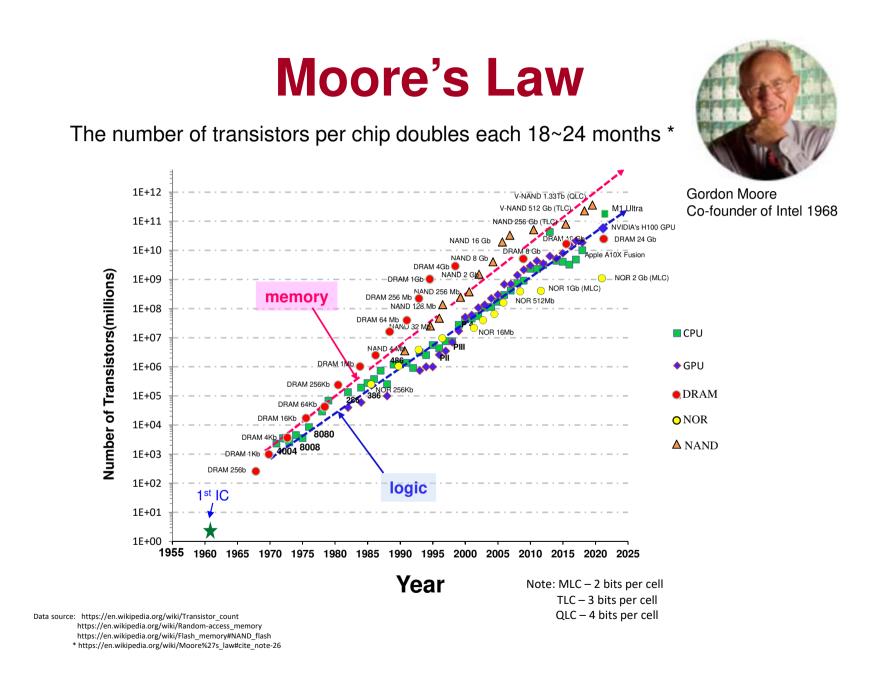
Jack Kilby Nobel Prize Winner, 2000



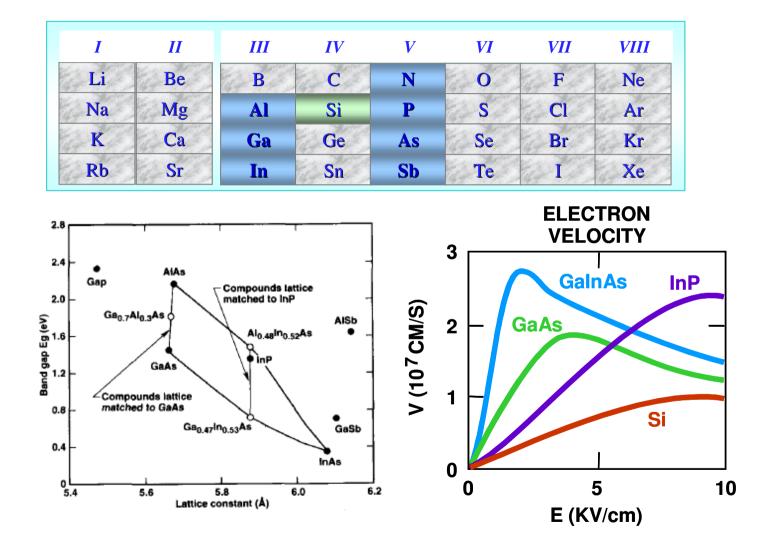
The 1st planar IC - 1960



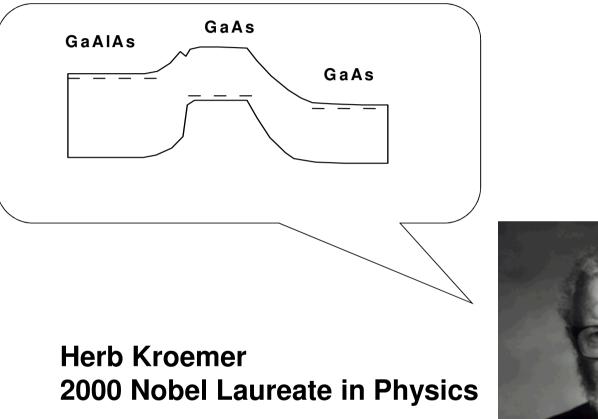
Robert Noyce

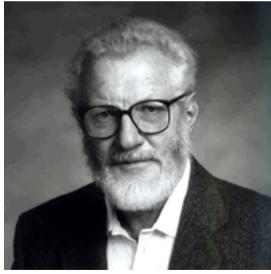


III-V Compound Semiconductors for High-speed Electronics

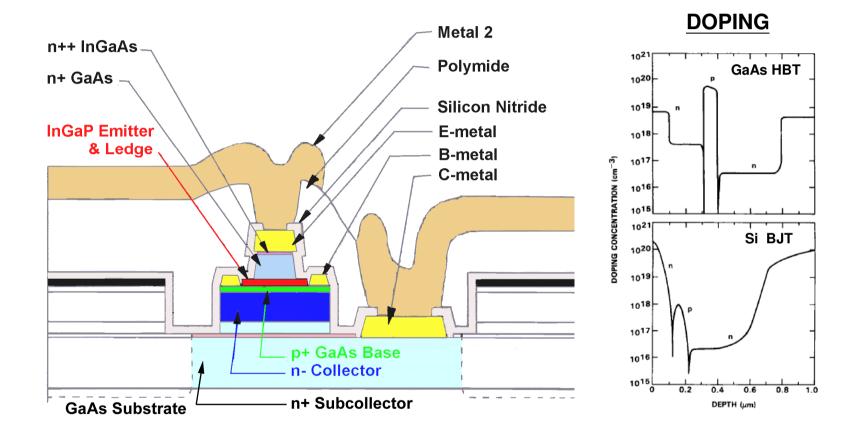


An Enthusiastic HBT Promoter

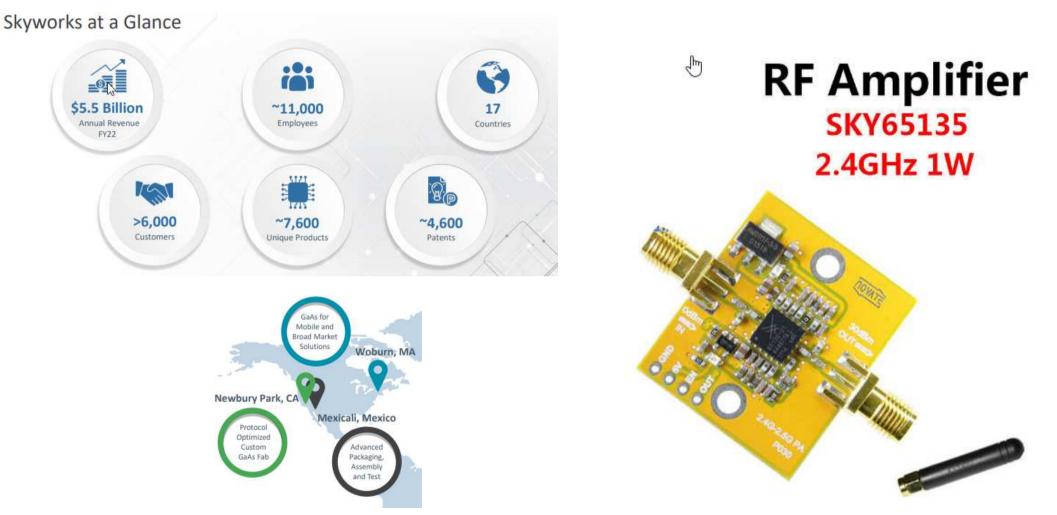




InGaP/GaAs HBT

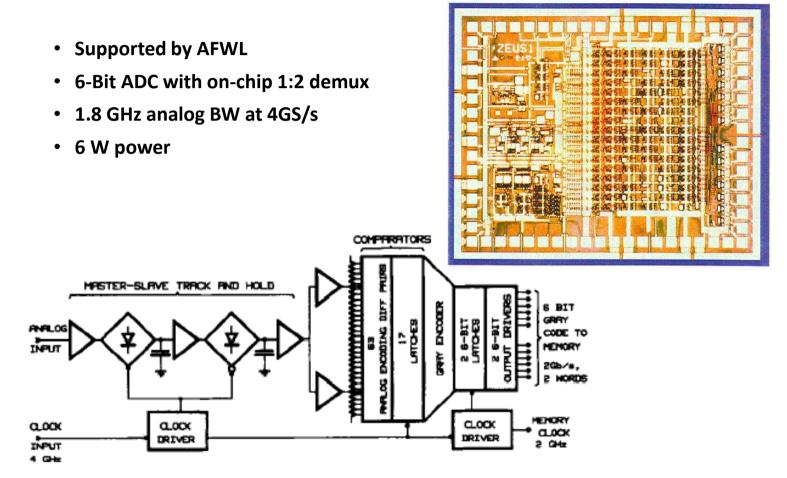


HBT Power Amplifiers Enhanced Mobile Communications



https://www.skyworksinc.com/About/-/media/SkyWorks/Documents/Downloads/skyworks_overview.pdf

6-Bit 4 GS/s ADC with AlGaAs/GaAs HBTs



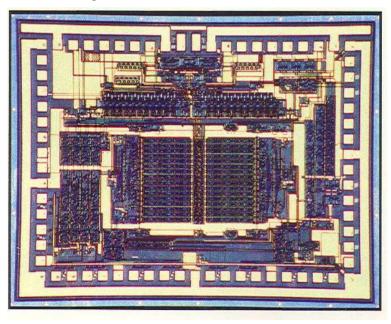
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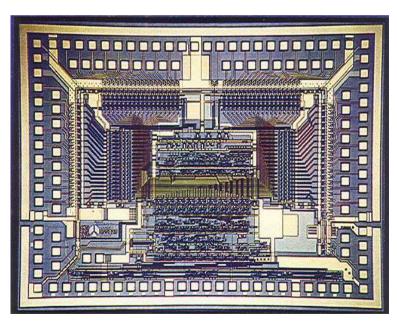


8-Bit 2-Gs/s ADC and 8:64 DEMUX

- 2.5GS/s sampling rate
- 3 GHz analog input BW
- IQ Folding and Interpolation architecture
- 5 W power

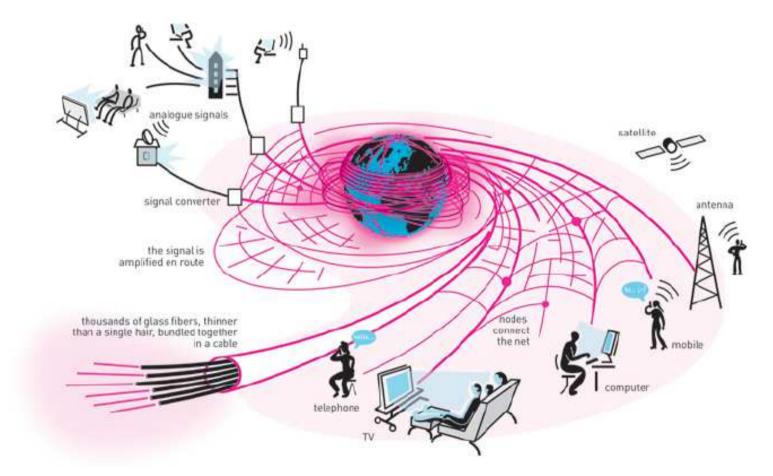
- Gray to Binary converter
- 3 GB/s
- BIST PRN generator
- 3 W power





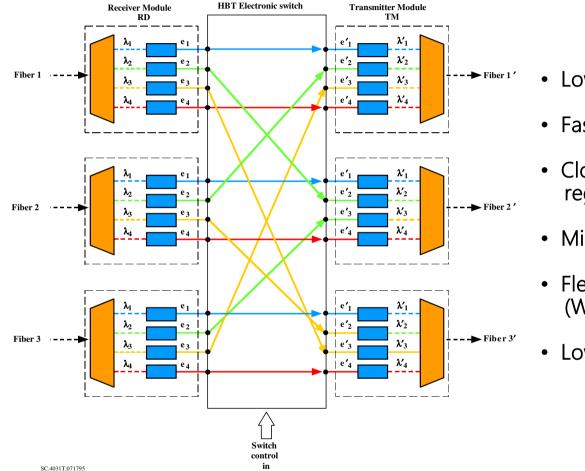
Rockwell Science Center

Artistic View of Global Communication



Sources: The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

WDM with Electronic Switch Technology (WEST) WEST Optoelectronic 3 x 3 WDM Switch



- Low risk
- Fast reconfiguration
- Clock and data regeneration
- Minimum crosstalk
- Flexible switching (Wavelength translation)

Low cost

WDM: Wavelength Division Multiplexing WEST Consortium: DAARPA, Rockwell, Ortel, Caltech/JPL, UCSB, UCSD

Source: Rockwell Science Center 41

12x12 VXI Switch Module

Feature Highlights



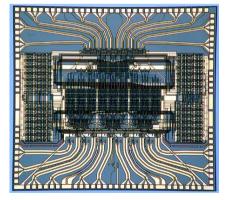
Switch Module Features:

- 120 Gb/s data throughput
- Twelve 10 Gb/s channels
- VXI Management and Control

High Speed Package Features:

- Clean high speed interface
- High Isolation
- Thermal management





Switch Chip Highlights:

- •Suitable for larger switching fabrics
- •GaAsAlGaAs HBT
- •Low crosstalk & jitter generation
- •Die size: 4.8 x 5.1 mm²
- •4600 transistors
- •P_{diss}: 7.4 W



10Gb/s

Source: Rockwell Science Center

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WEST Demonstration



WEST Team



Source: Rockwell Science Center

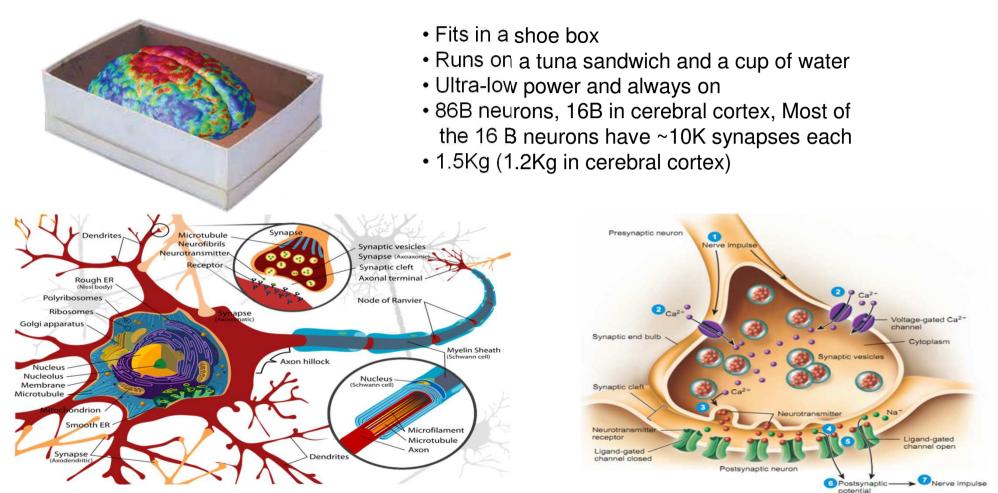
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An Amazing Nature Memory



A brain keeps information and processes it

The Power of Semiconductor Technology



IBM 350 Disk Storage Unit

Storage Capacity: 5 million characters (3.75 MB)

Weight: over 1 ton

Leased: \$750 per month

One GB capacity needs more than **308 sets** IBM 350. The total rent for one GB storage memory per month is \$ 231,000.

2022

2 TB Solid State Drive



Solid State Drive

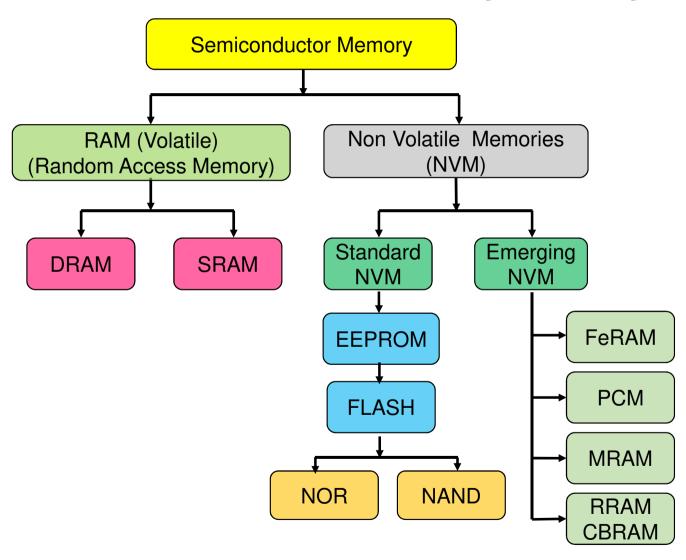
Storage Capacity: 2 TB Weight:~ 80 g Price: \$250 (~ per GB costs \$ 0.125)

The price drops to 6 order magnitudes

https://www.computerhistory.org/storageengine/first-commercial-hard-disk-drive-shipped/

https://www.engadget.com/samsungs-2tb-980-pro-ssd-drops-to-a-new-low-of-250-132013127.html

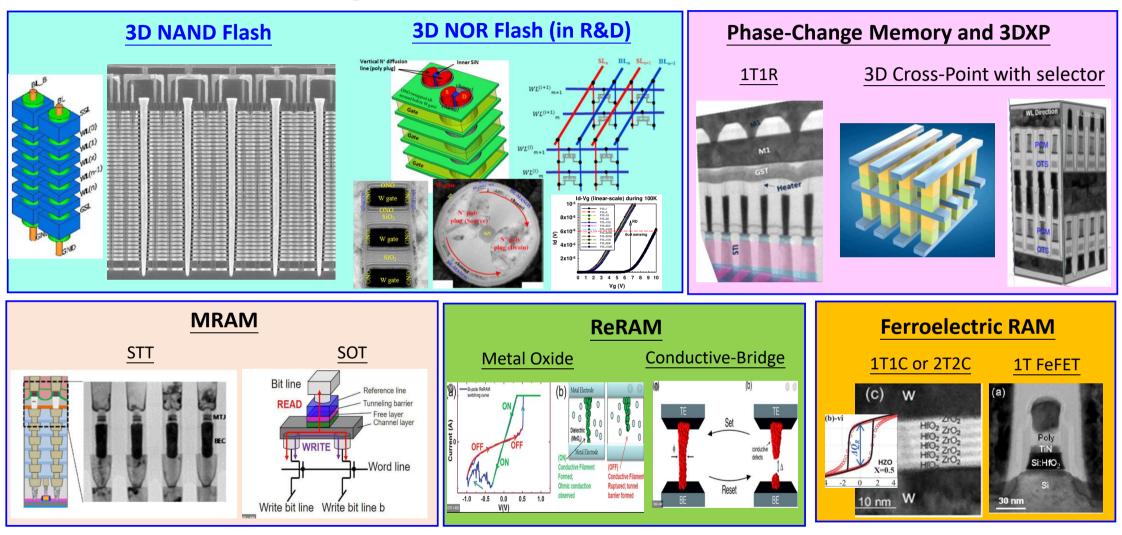
Semiconductor Memory Family



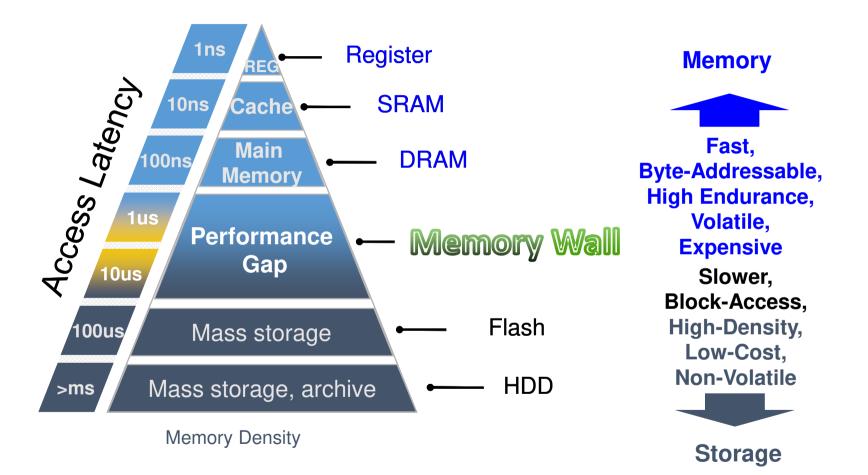
Mature Semiconductor Memory Devices

Features	SRAM	DRAM	FLASH
Density	Low	High	High
Speed	Very Fast	Fast	Slow
Leak Power	Low	Medium	Low
Non-volatile	No	No	Yes
Device	6T	1T1C	1T
Cell Structure	WL PI PI VI VI PI VI VI VI VI VI VI VI VI VI VI VI VI VI		Tr. gate

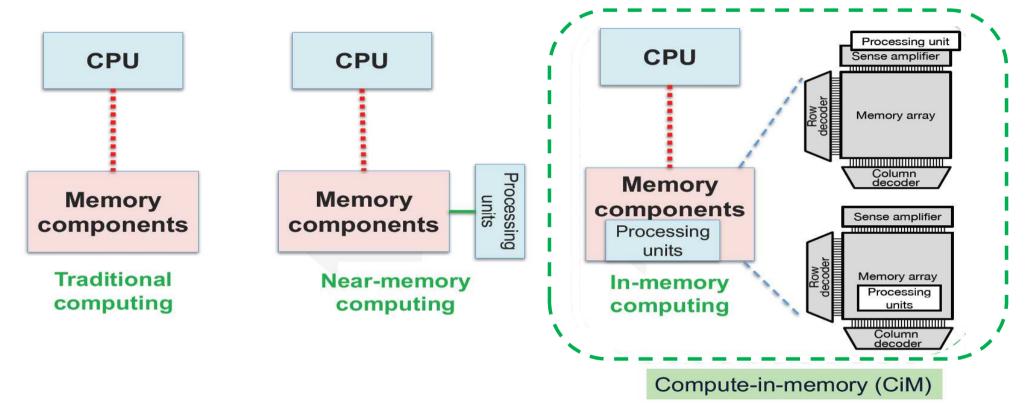
Landscape of Non-Volatile Memories



Memory Hierarchy



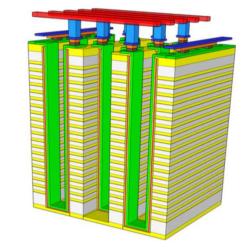
Memory-Centric Computing is Emerging to Complement Process-Centric Computing



- 1. Processing units can be simple logic/arithmetic operations or more complex operation sequences
- 2. "Memory components" can be SRAM, DRAM, NAND, NOR, PCM, ReRAM, MRAM, FeRAM, HDD, etc. depending on applications

X. Sharon Hu, U. of Norte Dame, NVMSA 2019 52

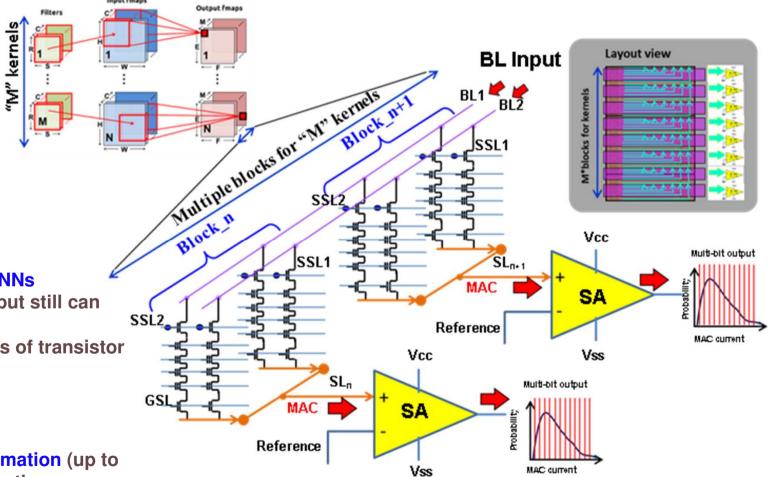
In-Memory Computing Using 3D NAND



Key features:

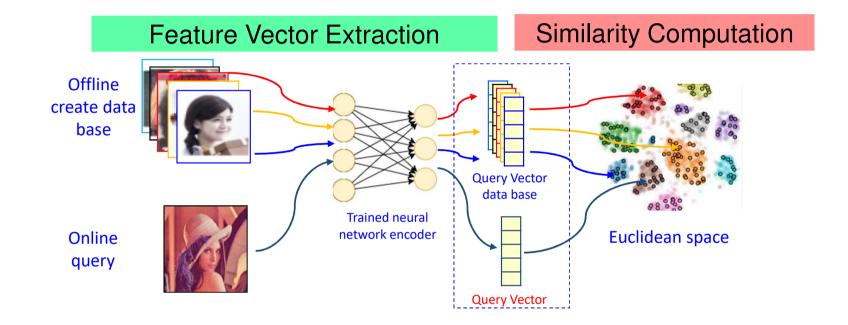
- 1.High capacity (>64Gb) for large NNs
- 2.SLC storage for best reliability, but still can provide multi-bit MAC operation
- 3.The large ON/OFF ratio >4 orders of transistor Icell
- 4.Low Icell ~nA
- 5. Tight Vt distributions

Enable large and parallel summation (up to ~10,000) to enhance the MAC operation bandwidth



Hang-Ting Lue, et al., Macronix, IEDM 2019 38.1 53

In-Memory Search Technology



An in-memory search engine can be embedded in a data search system as a memory module (device)

- ✓ nvTCAM: Non-volatile Ternary Content-Addressable Memory
- ✓ Similarity search with Cosine Similarity or Hamming Distance sorter

Source: Macronix 54

In-Memory Search with Flash Memories

- Key Advantages
 - High capacity 512Gb per NAND, 4Gb per NOR
 - Non-volatility, Low cost, Low power (a few 100mW),
 - low read disturbance (> 1G) + refresh
- Key Dis-advantages
 - Slow read for NAND (~50us), NOR (~120ns)
 - Limited endurance for NAND (~1e4), NOR (~1e5)
- Some Example Applications



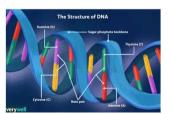
Face Recognition



Large Language Model



Car Localization



DNA Mapping

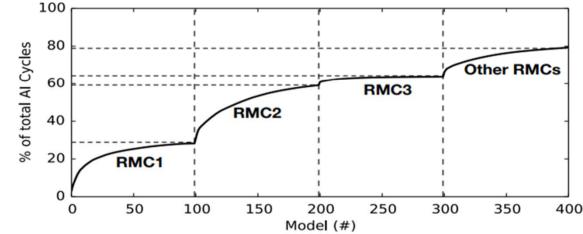


Recommendation

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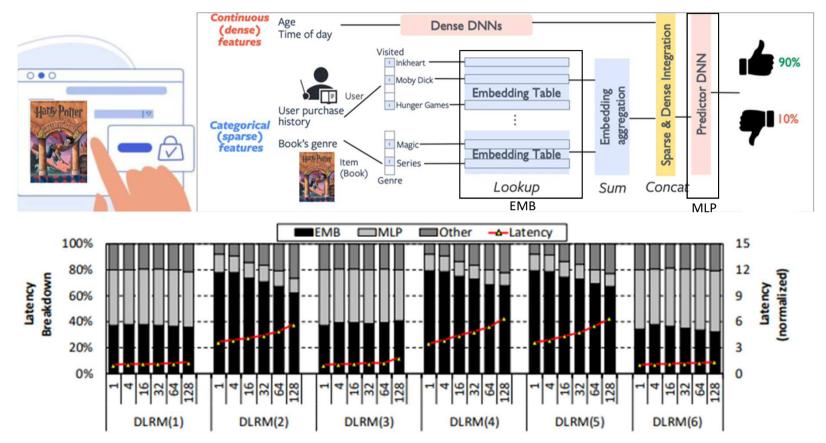
Recommendation (1)

 DNN-based personalized recommendation models comprise up to 79% of AI inference cycles in a production-scale data center



U. Gupta, et al. "The Architectural Implications of Facebook's DNN-based Personalized Recommendation" (HPCA2020)

Recommendation (2)

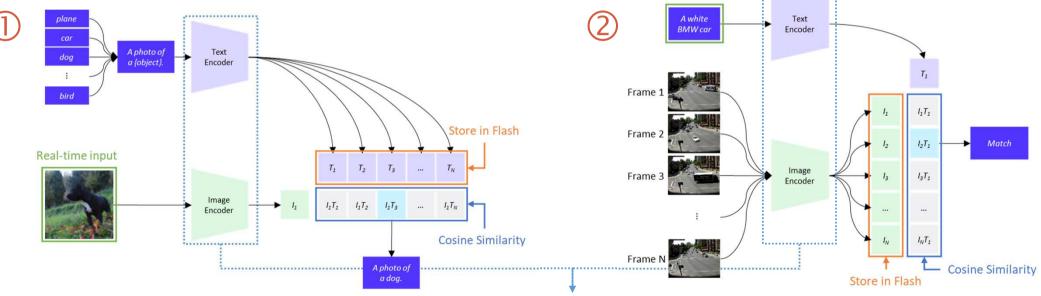


R. Hwang et al. "Centaur: A Chiplet-based, Hybrid Sparse-Dense Accelerator for Personalized Recommendations," (ISCA2020)

Surveillance (1)

CLIP (Contrastive Language-Image Pre-Training)

- CLIP is trained to match images with the corresponding captions and vice versa. Therefore, there are two ways to use CLIP
 - 1. A bunch of categories are given and encoded as features. The input image is encoded and searched against the features of the categories in real time.
 - 2. Given a bunch of images, encode them into features. The text you want to find is encoded and searched against the features of the category in real timeal-time input



CLIP is a really powerful neural network proposed by OpenAI. It is trained with 400 million (image, text) pairs collected from the internet.

https://openai.com/blog/clip/ https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.00020\ 58

Surveillance (2)

CLIFS: Contrastive Language-Image Forensic Search

- CLIFS is a proof-of-concept for free text searching through videos for video frames with matching contents.
- The searching is done by first extracting features from video frames using the CLIP image encoder and then getting the features for the search query through the CLIP text encoder.
- The features are then matched by cosine similarity and the top results are returned, if above a set threshold.











A truck with the text "odwalla"

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A white BMW car

A truck with the text "JCN"

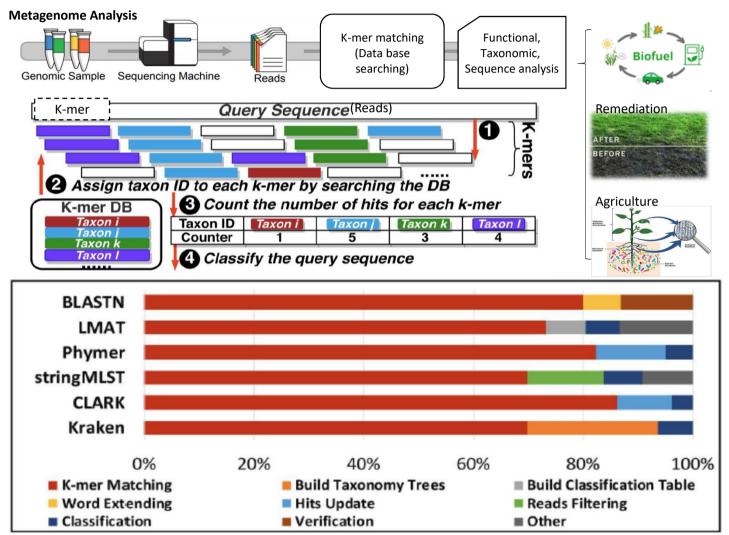
A bicyclist with a blue shirt

A blue SMART car

- Scenario: There are about 15,000 surveillance camera in Taipei City. Each video will be saved for 1 month.
 - Each frame is embedded to a 512 dimension FP32 feature: 2KB/feature
 - For each second, suppose that one frame is encoded and stored. Then 2,592,000 features will be stored for one month of video.
 - Total storage requirement: 2KB/feature * 2,592,000 features/month * 15,000 surveillance camera = 72.4 TB

https://github.com/johanmodin/clifs https://news.ltn.com.tw/news/society/paper/1510190

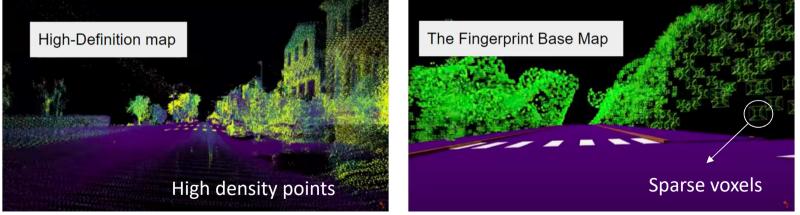
Genomic Analysis



Wu, Lingxi, et al. "Sieve: Scalable in-situ dram-based accelerator designs for massively parallel k-mer matching." (ISCA 2021)

Car Localization Civil Maps' The Fingerprint Base Map™

- A high-definition map (HD map) is a highly accurate map used in **localization** for autonomous driving.
- Civil Maps' The Fingerprint Base Map[™] is an edge-based map for real-time localization
 - Each voxel contains its unique fingerprint.
 - It allows a dictionary lookup of the location in 0.1 second and achieves 15 cm 20 cm accuracy at high speed.
 - A HD map of San Francisco, which is about 4,000 kilometers, can take up to 4 terabytes, and Base Map of only ~400 megabytes for that same region (compress 10,000x)



Source: www.civilmaps.com 61

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It is a Privilege Being a Physicist

(Victor F. Weisskopf)

- Studying physics is a lucky, interesting, and practical journey. It trains us to learn new things fast and be leaders of many fields of research and work
- Semiconductor industry has been advancing exponentially following Moore's Law since 1960's
 - It enabled many electronic products that enriched our lives
 - It accelerates developments of AI, IoT, communication, sensing, biomedicine, etc.
 - Memory-centric computing is emerging to complement process-centric computing
- Neutrino physics research continues to be exciting and important for exploring frontier knowledge of Nature
- Competitions in both fields are severe. The keys to success are passion, innovation, and persistence

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