

# Neuromorphic device for Automotive



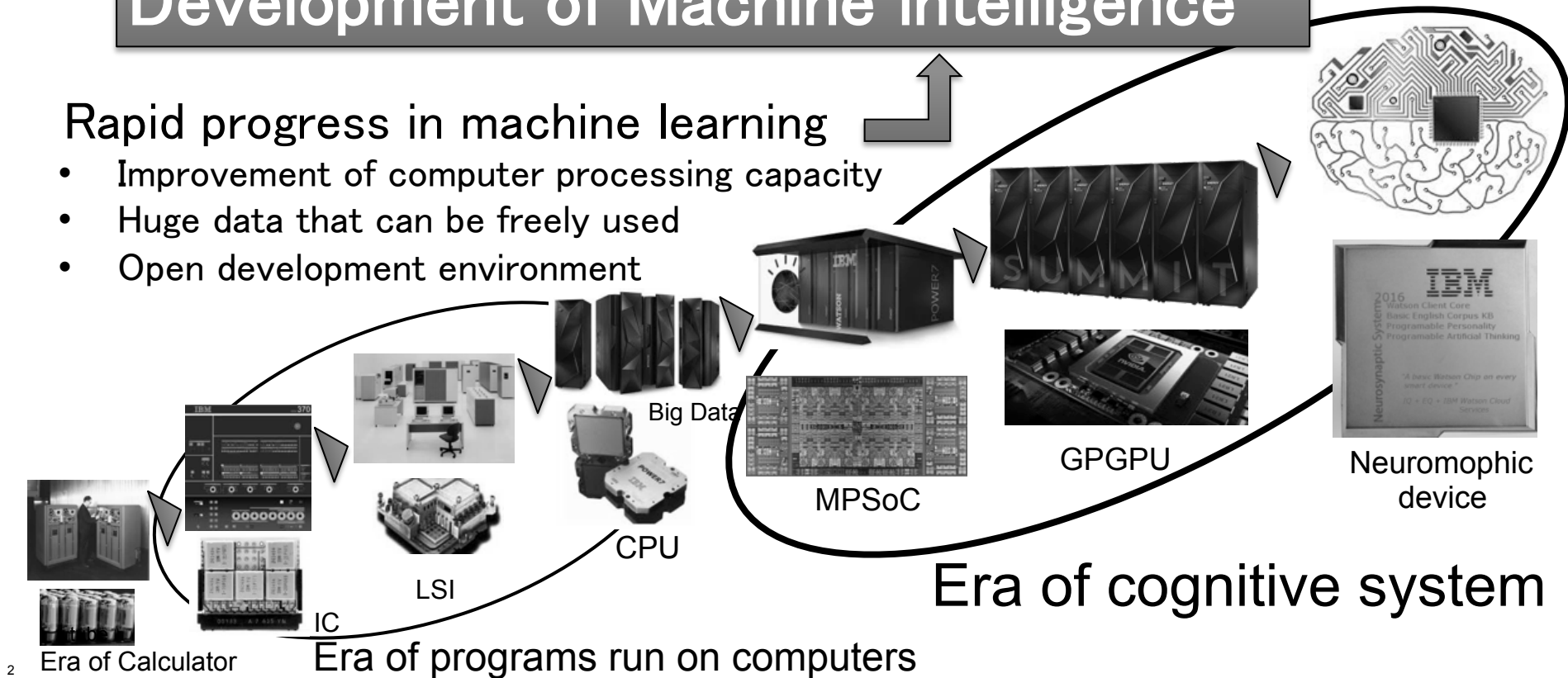
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# Transition of computing

## Development of Machine intelligence

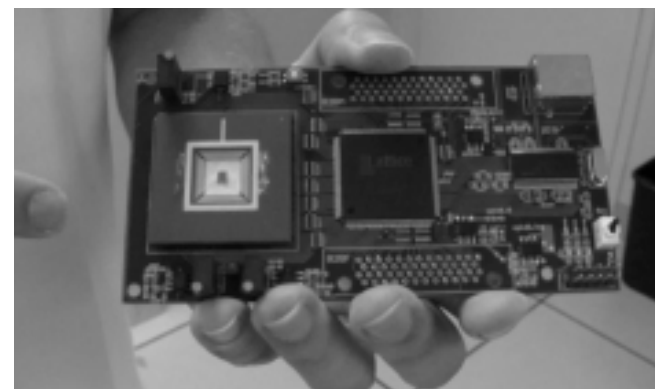
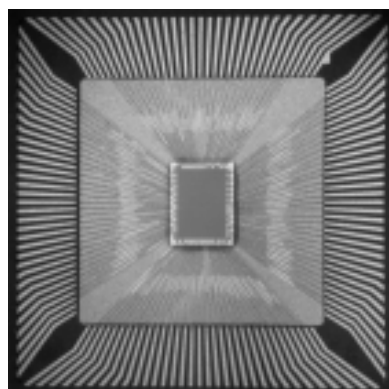
### Rapid progress in machine learning

- Improvement of computer processing capacity
- Huge data that can be freely used
- Open development environment



## SyNAPSE Project – DARPA

- Development project of flexible and extensible system based on neural cell structure
  - IBM acquired search funding from DARPA and developed a device imitating the neural cell information transmission mechanism
- # Neuromorphic device



## Background to the development of neuromorphic devices

In 2012, IBM executed a simulation of a neural network of 5 times the scale of the human brain (500 billion neurons & 1 exa synapse) using the world's fastest supercomputer.



**Response time  
was 1,500 times  
slower than  
real time.**

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## Real-time deep learning equivalent to one person How to realize with a von Neumann type computer?

### **Huge computing capacity 6Exa FLOPS**

- 480 Million processor cores
- 480 petabytes of memory
- 29, 491, 200 computer nodes

### **Huge equipment space**

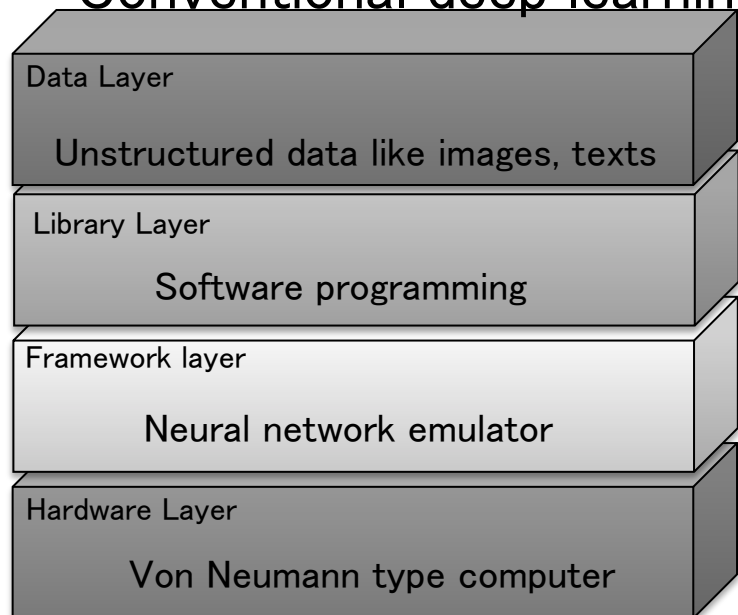
- Footprint area equivalent to 1.8 ballpark

### **Huge energy consumption**

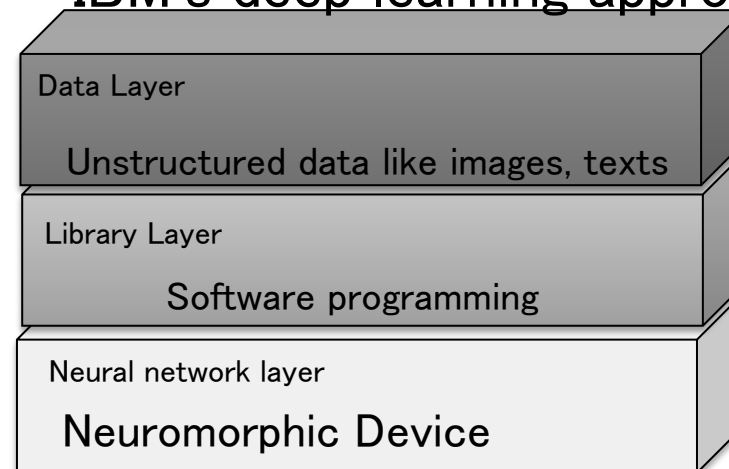
- Consumes electricity produced by two nuclear reactors

# IBM's solution approach

## Conventional deep learning



## IBM's deep learning approach

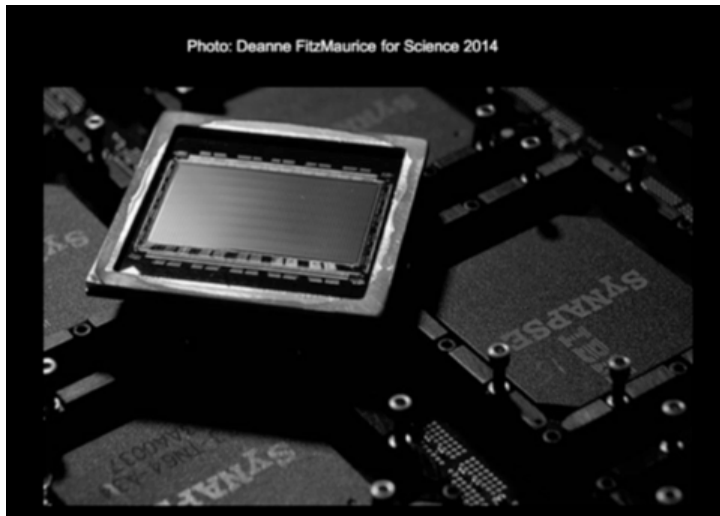


Developed a dedicated computer specialized for computation of neural network



It is extremely inefficient to emulate a neural network on a conventional von Neumann computer

# Computing Reimagined



- Number of transistors 5.4 billion
- Size 4.3 cm<sup>2</sup>
- 4,096 cores
- A few million neurons
- Number of synapses 256 million
- On-chip memory 428 Mbits
- Event trigger 1 KHz
- Power consumption 72 mW

## Realization of neural network by semiconductor

- Large scale parallel processing
- Independent of operation clock
- Data driven processing

# Advantages when adopting neuromorphic devices in automobiles

Extremely few  
Energy  
consumption

Independent of clock  
frequency &  
Event-driven processing

**Minimizing Active Power**

High real-time  
performance

Multiple cameras in  
Real-time  
Object recognition

**Real-Time Operation**

High defect  
tolerance  
And reliability

High resistance to  
variations in manufacturing  
process and random  
defects &  
Redundancy by large scale  
parallelization

**Defect Tolerance**



# Extremely few Energy consumption




von Neumann  
type computer



Energy consumption  
**20mW/cm<sup>2</sup>**

Nuromorphic  
Device



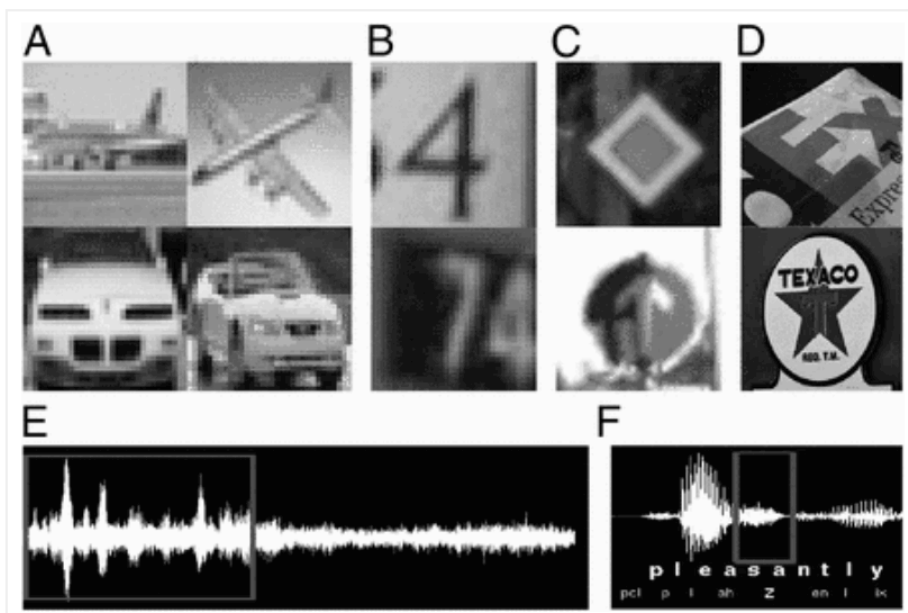
Energy consumption  
**20mW/cm<sup>2</sup>**

- 28nm process
- 4.3cm<sup>2</sup> chip size

1/2500 of conventional semiconductors

# High real-time performance

## IBM Advances Neuromorphic Computing for Deep Learning



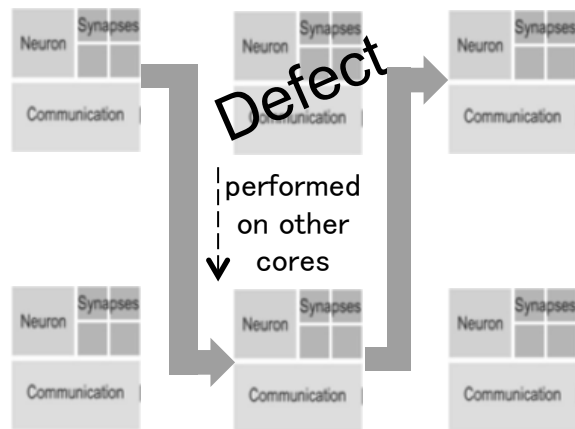
Run deep learning program  
with only one chip  
(CNN – Convolutional Neural Network)

Ability to process data of  
nine cameras mounted in  
a car in real-time

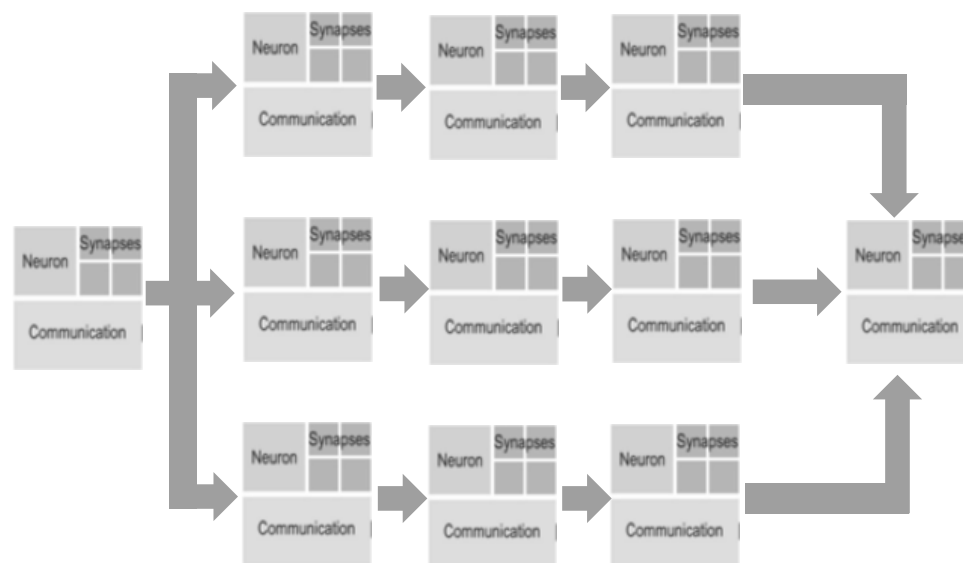
Equivalent to image analysis of 450 to 975  
HD sizes per second

# High defect tolerance And reliability

- Defect tolerance – Treatment at the defective core is performed on other cores

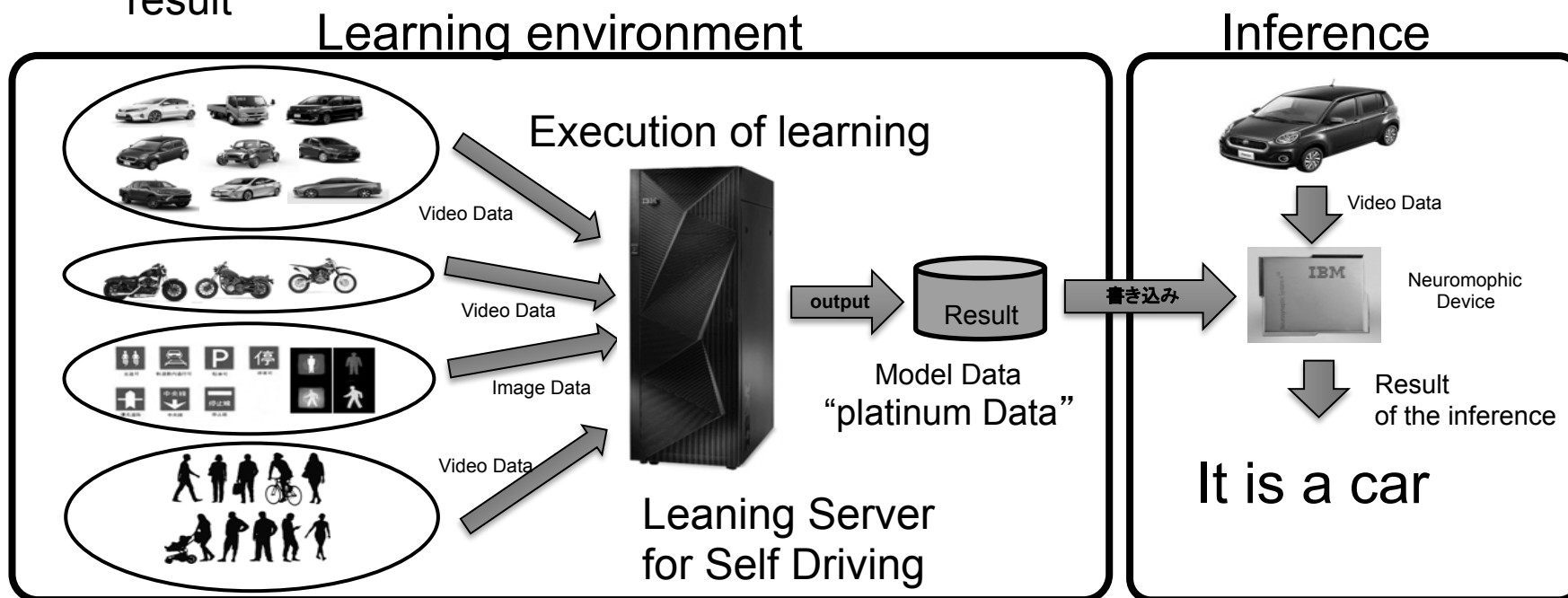


- Reliability – The majority voting system can be configured by programming



# Self driving Car - learning and Inference in machine learning

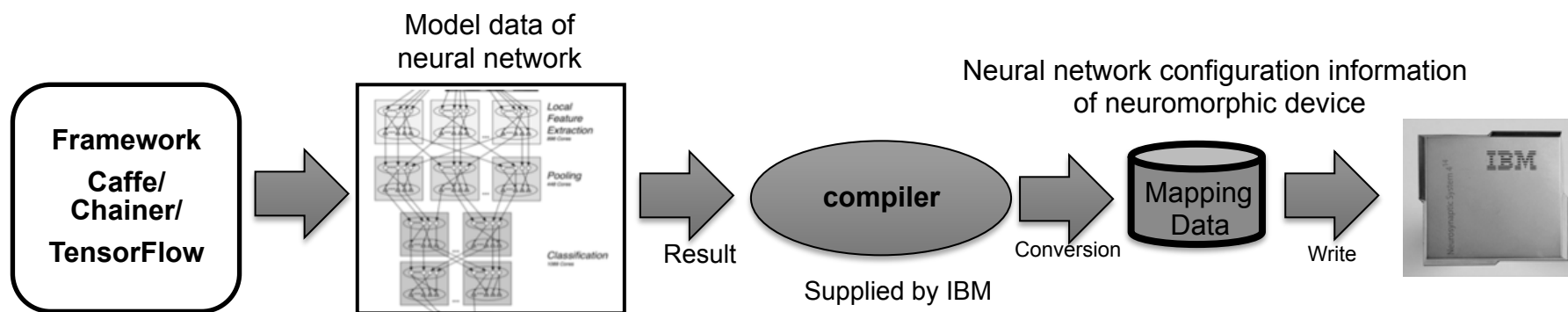
- Secure safety by restricting car learning
- The car executes the learning result and collects & transmits the traveling data
- Server for self-driving car learning from running data and distribution of learning result



# Software environment for using neuromorphic device

Corresponds to several major machine learning development frameworks

Framework	Caffe	Chainer	TensorFlow
Developer	UC Berkeley	Preferred Networks inc.	Google
Language	Python, Matlab, C/C++	Python	C++, Ptthon
OS	Ubuntu, CentOS, OSX	any	Linux, OSX



# Application areas of neuromorphic devices in automobiles

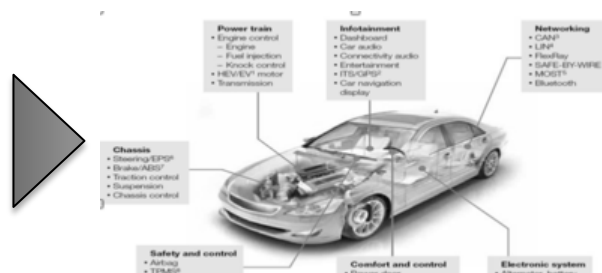
## Self-driving



Recognition of driving environment

Recognition and identification of external objects and environments can be realized in real time from sensor input

## Vehicle motion control



Overall arbitration of integrated control  
~Application to complex arbitration~

The overall priority can be instantaneously determined by inputting various states of the entire vehicle

## Body system and passenger compartment



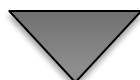
Realization of vehicle centric control suited to human senses

By inputting driving environment information and driver's state information to the car, it is possible to realize the calculation of the priority including the driver in real time

# Next stage of Neuromorphic devices for Automotive



Various running environments



## Architecture

Neural network mapping technology making full use of hardware features  
Improvement

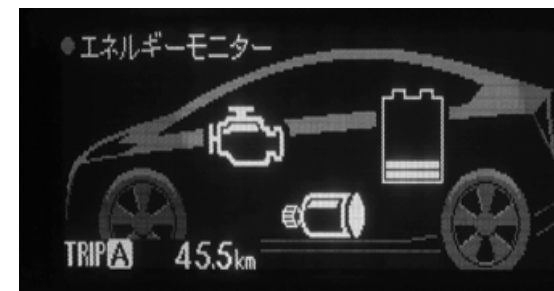


Complex traffic

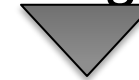


## Performance

Ability to process a large number of objects in real time with simultaneous input of multiple cameras and multiple sensors

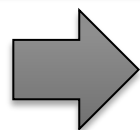


Tight energy constraint



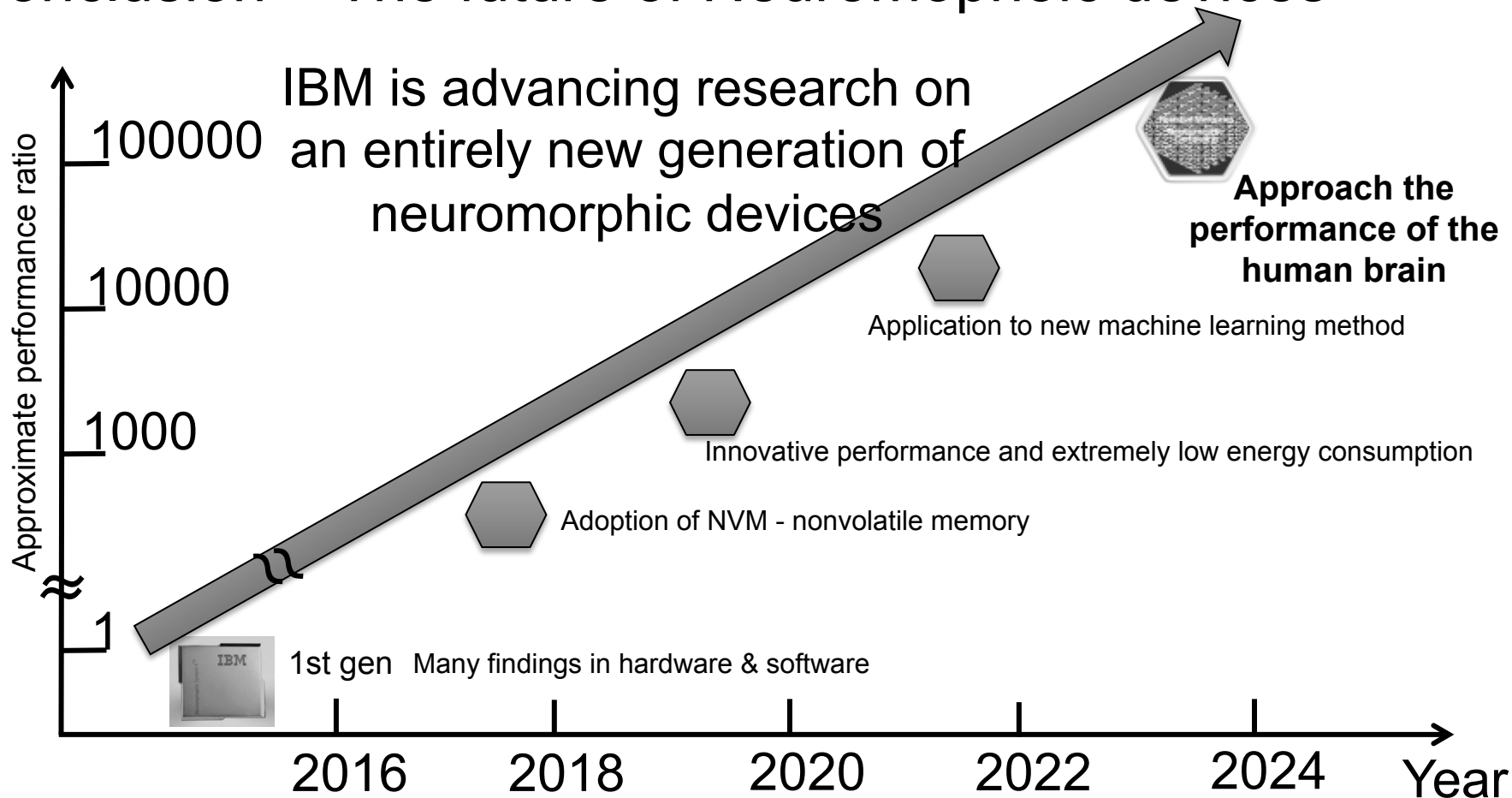
## Energy consumption

Circuit design to minimize energy consumption



Further performance improvement is indispensable for application to automatic driving vehicles

# Conclusion – The future of Neuromorphic devices







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