



# “Powering” the Energy Efficiency Revolution

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# Innovations Across the Platform

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Circuits

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Architecture

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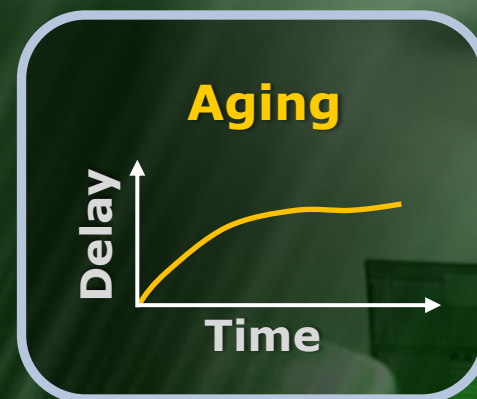
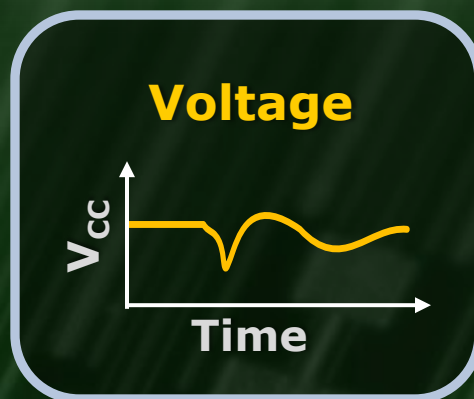
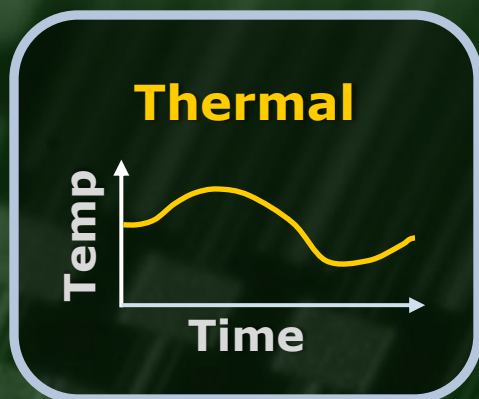
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Broad set of innovations enable dramatic improvements in energy efficiency



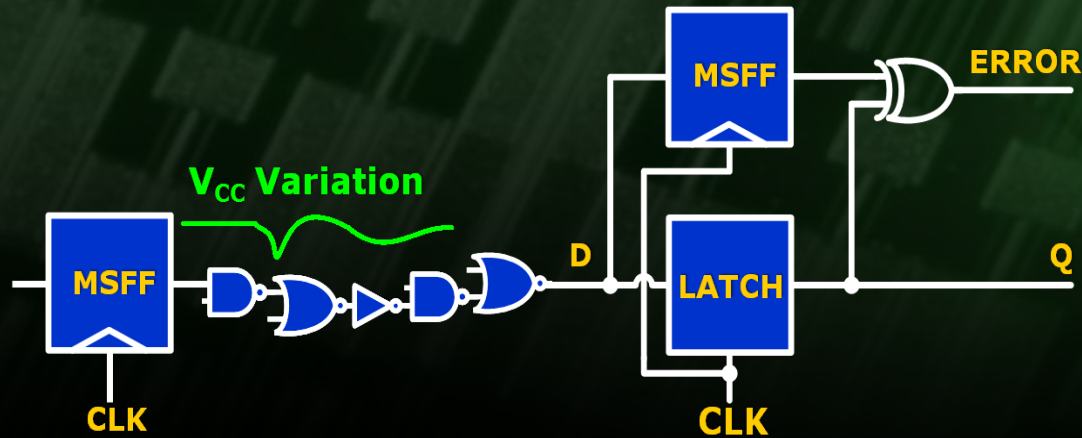
# Dynamic Variation Problem



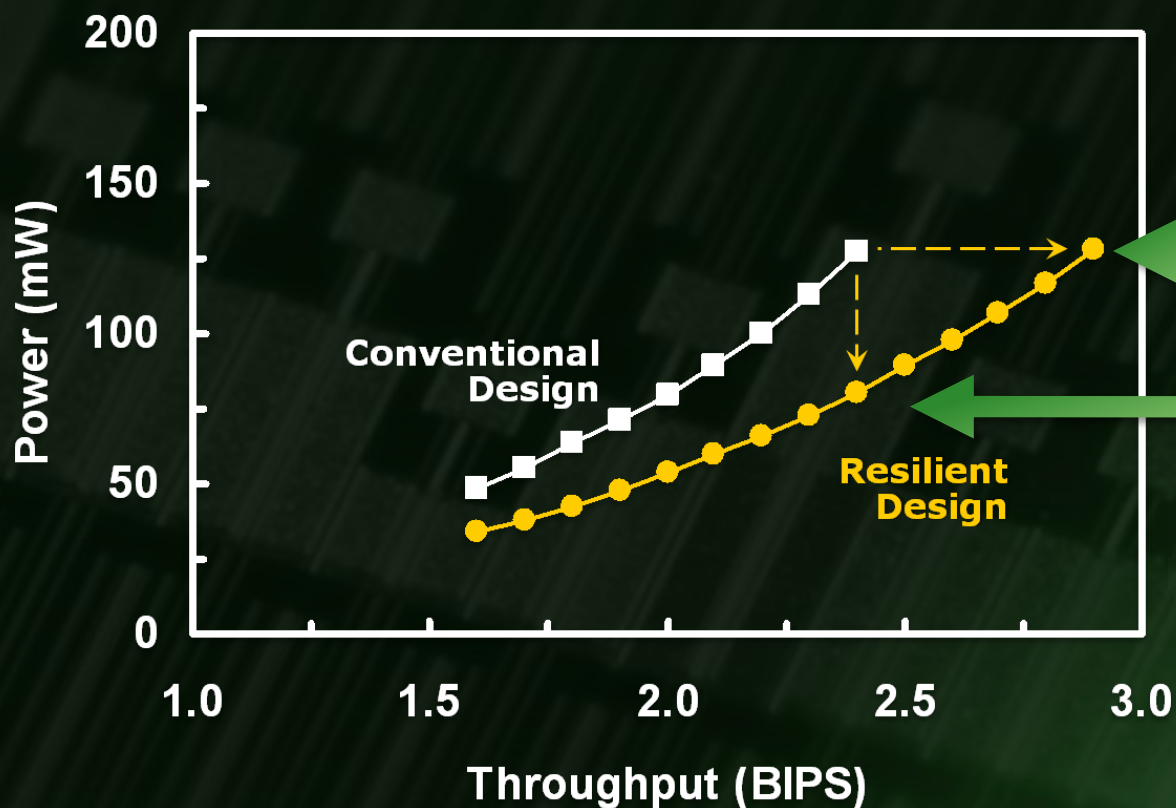
- Multitude of dynamic variations constantly present
- Guardbands must be applied to ensure correct operation
- **Result:** Processors are slowed and run at higher power

# Resilient Circuits

- All guardbands removed
- Detection circuits applied to select critical timing paths
- Potential errors detected, brief re-execution at slower speed
- Normal operation resumes



# Resilient Circuits Prototype



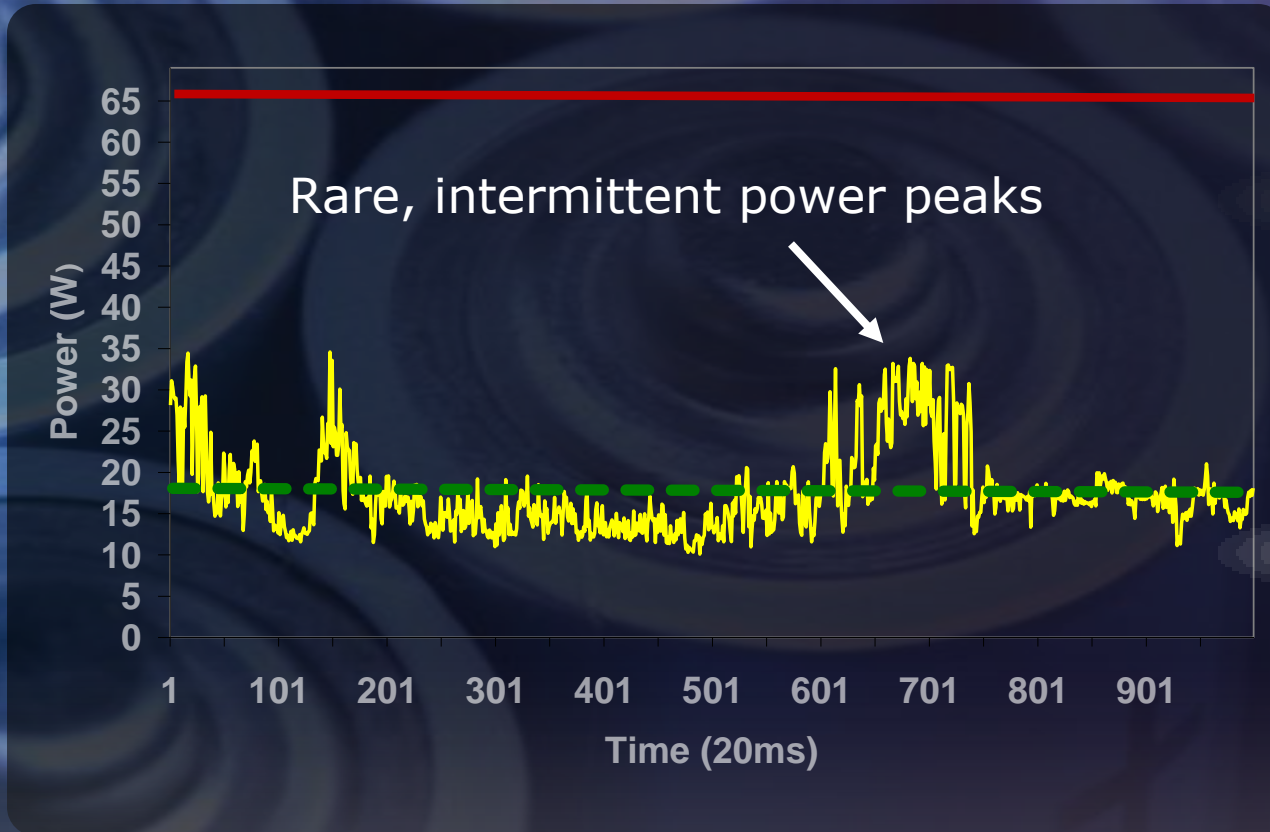
**21%**  
Throughput Gain

– OR –

**37%**  
Power Reduction



# Power Demand/Delivery Mismatch

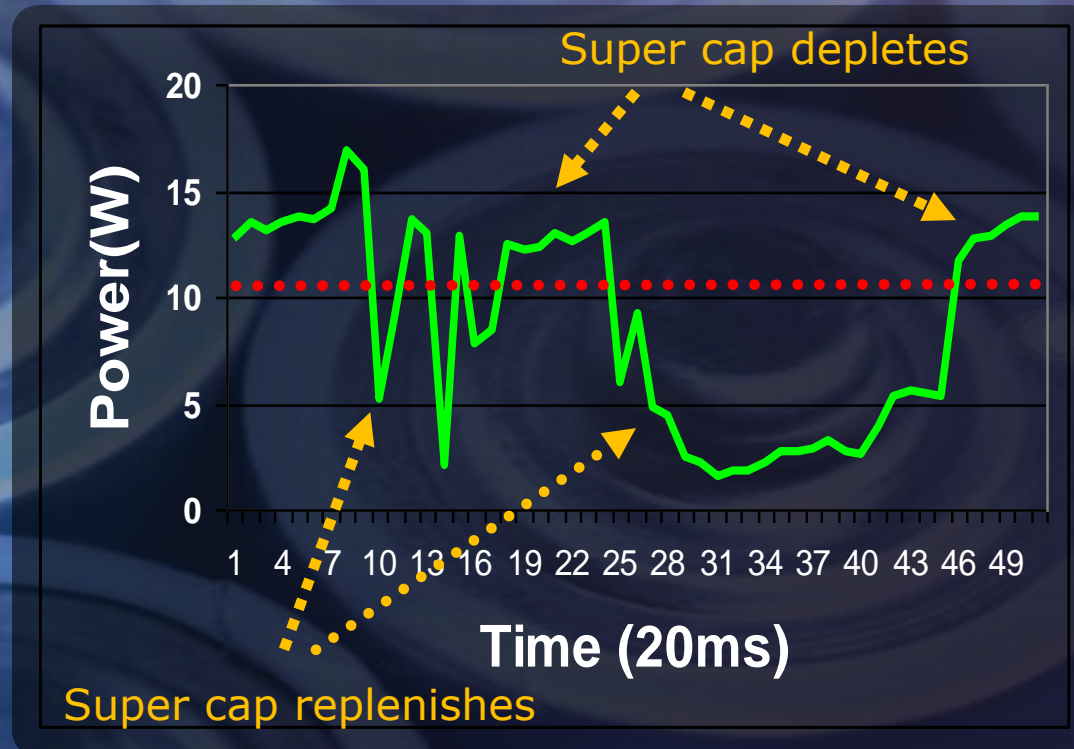


65 W max power  
from BRIC or battery

17.5 W average power

Power supply and battery designs constrained by peak power

# Super Capacitor Augmentation



10 W continuous  
power source/BRIC

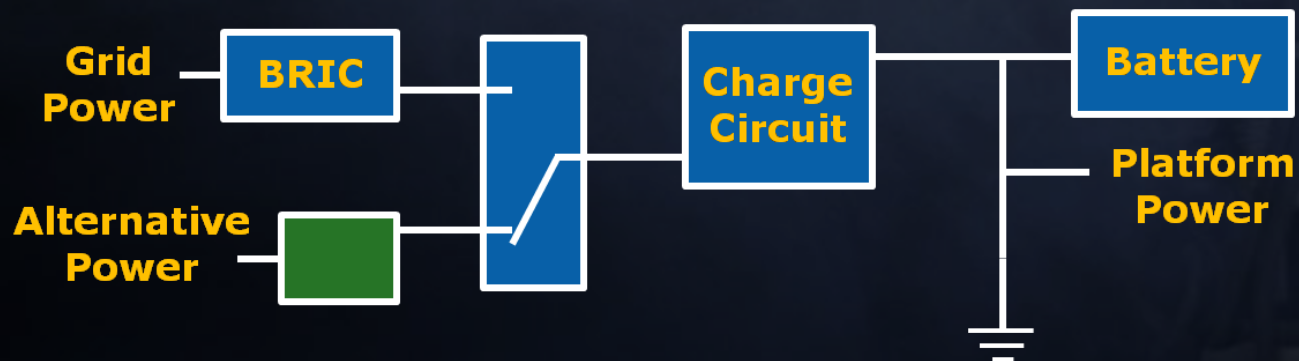
Enables processor turbo mode operation of (70 W) for brief periods  
Reduces cost of power source (BRIC) and improves nominal efficiency  
Enables use of higher density batteries (typically 20% more storage)

# Energy Harvesting



Solar Panel (roll)

- Alternative power sources
- “off the grid” operation





# Power Problem: Networked Devices

- 15B internet devices by 2015
- Devices ~50% power efficient
- Devices increasingly left on and in high power idle state

## Remote Media Access

Forecast to grow >500% over next 3 years.



Source: Parks & Associates

Low power "always on" solution needed

# Low Power Network Agent

Intel Wireless PC/Laptop



**Step 3: Network Security Checked/Established**

WiFi Access Point



**Step 4: Packet Forwarded**



**Step 5: Packet arrives**  
**Interesting?...YES!**

Intel Network Agent



**Step 4: Agent maintains Network Access during Sleep**

Idle power of 22 W reduced to 0.8 W on prototype notebook



# Network Agent Benefit

	<b>Annual Energy</b>
PC left "always on"	430-610 kWh*
PC with Network Agent (70% of time asleep)	150-210 kWh
Annual Energy Savings	400 kWh (\$40)
150+ Million PCs	60+ TWh (\$6B)

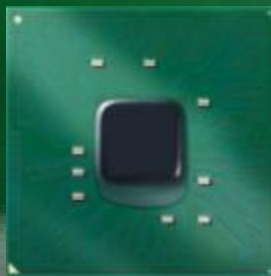


# Holistic Approach

*Managing power across the platform*



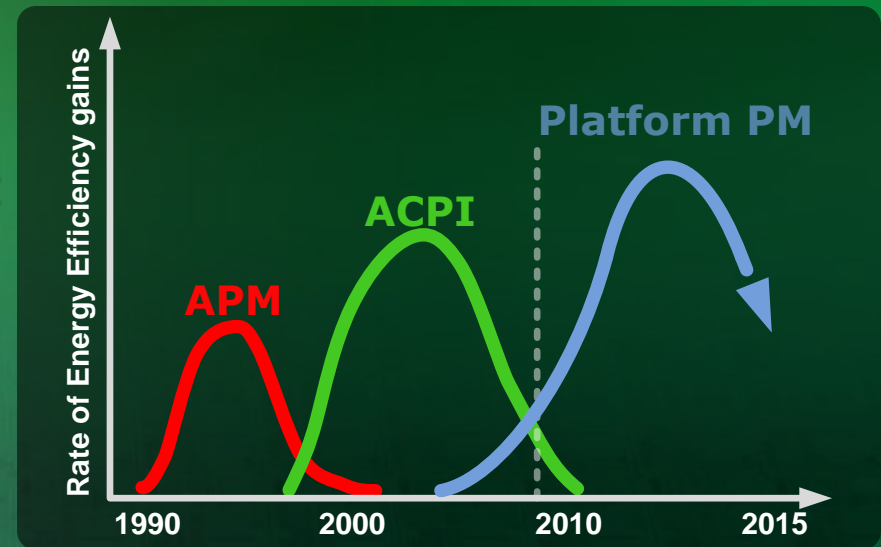
- Core Logic
- Operating Systems and VMMs
- Manageability
- Interconnects and Peripherals
- Telemetry
- Power Delivery and Cooling



PLATFORM  
POWER MANAGEMENT

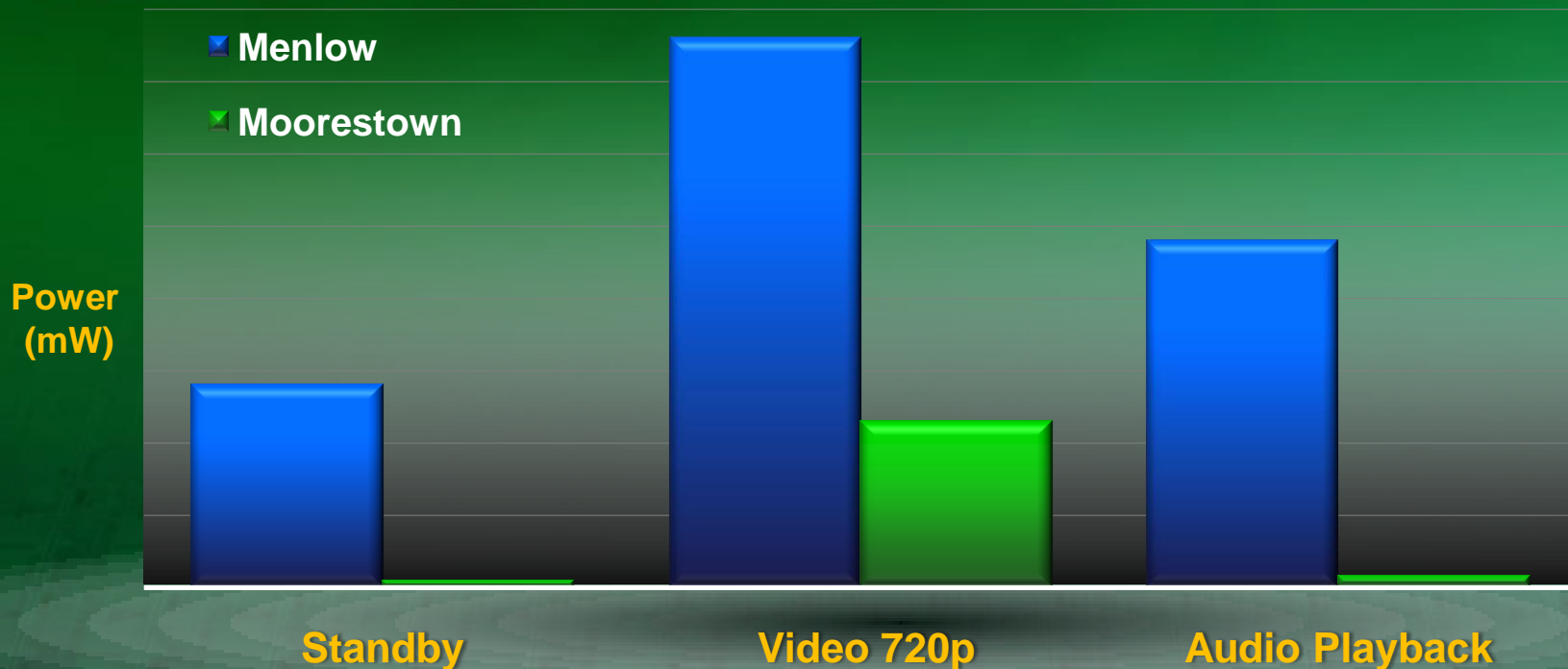
# Platform Power Management

- Fundamentally new framework
- Introduces HW power management
- Fine grain control at HW speeds
- Sustainable improvements in energy efficiency





# Platform Power Management in Product



**50x**

Standby Power Reduction

**3x - 30x**

Active Power Reduction



# Dramatic Innovations Bring Dramatic Benefits

Circuits

**37%**

Active Power Reduction

Architecture

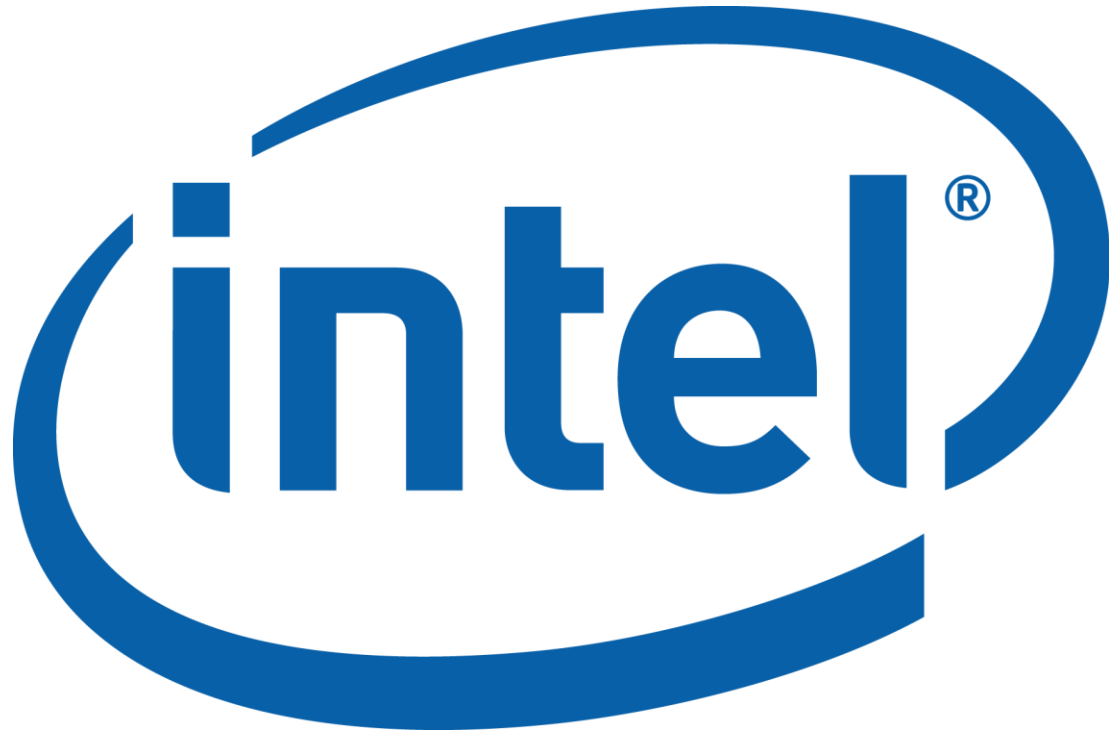
**60+ TWh**

Annual Power Savings

Platform

**50x**

Idle Power Reduction



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