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M&Ms: Computing Past, Present, and Future

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The Semester at a Glance

- The Past: How did computing come to be?
- The Present: The way things work
- The Future: What can't computers do now and, if they could, what would change?
- Your investment: Discussion, Quizzes

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How Did Computing Come to Be? The People

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Questions

- What is computing?
- Why do we need it?
- Who invented computing?
- Are there limits to what can be computed?

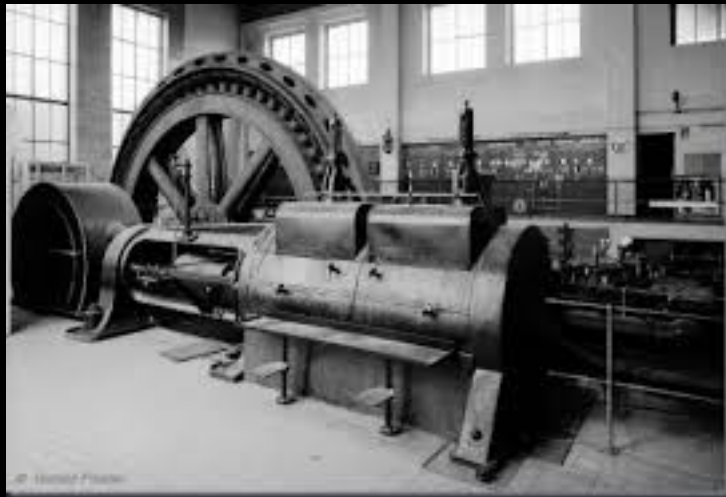
Why Compute?



Halley's Comet

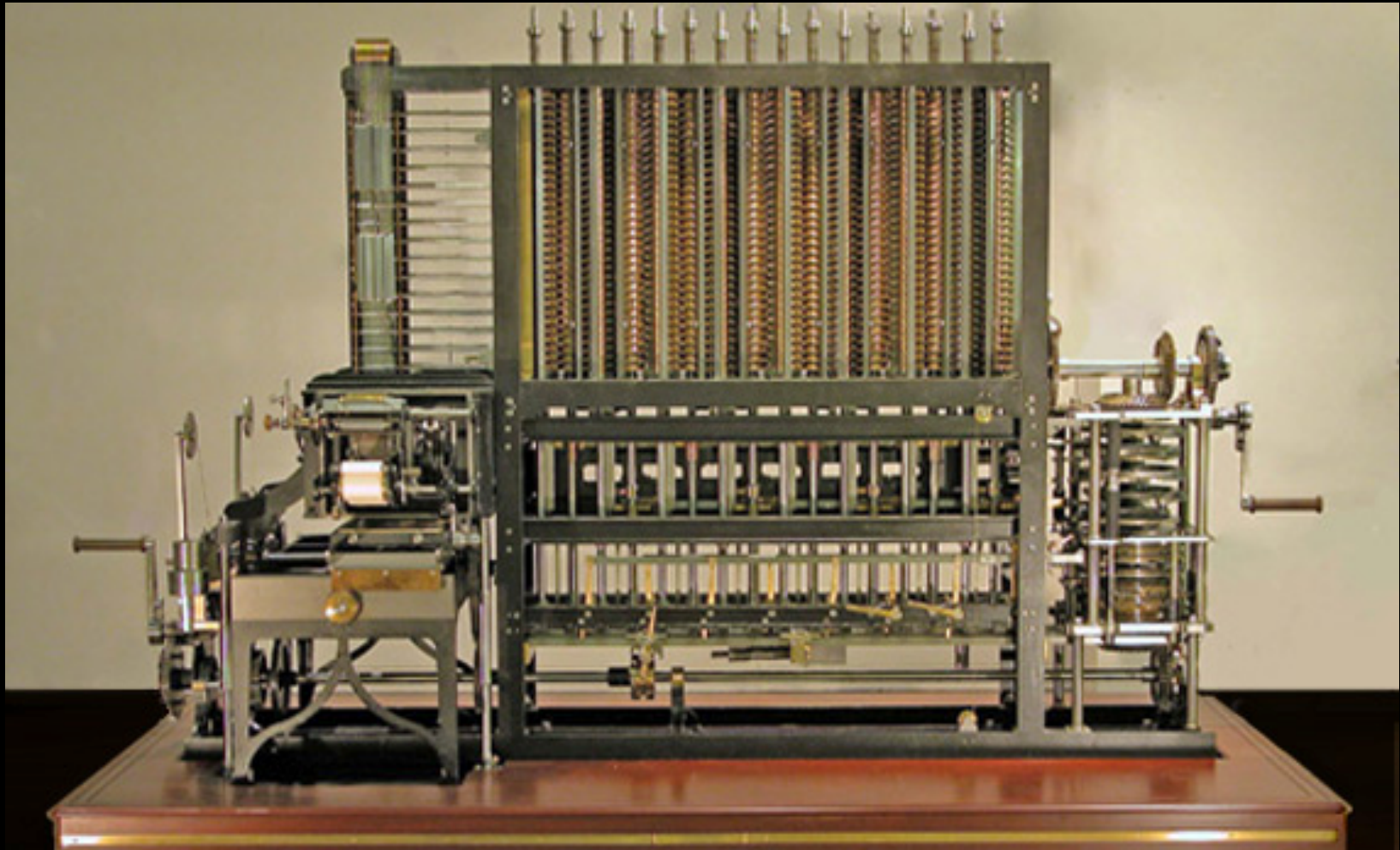
Can you predict where a ballistic object will go over time?

The Age of Steam

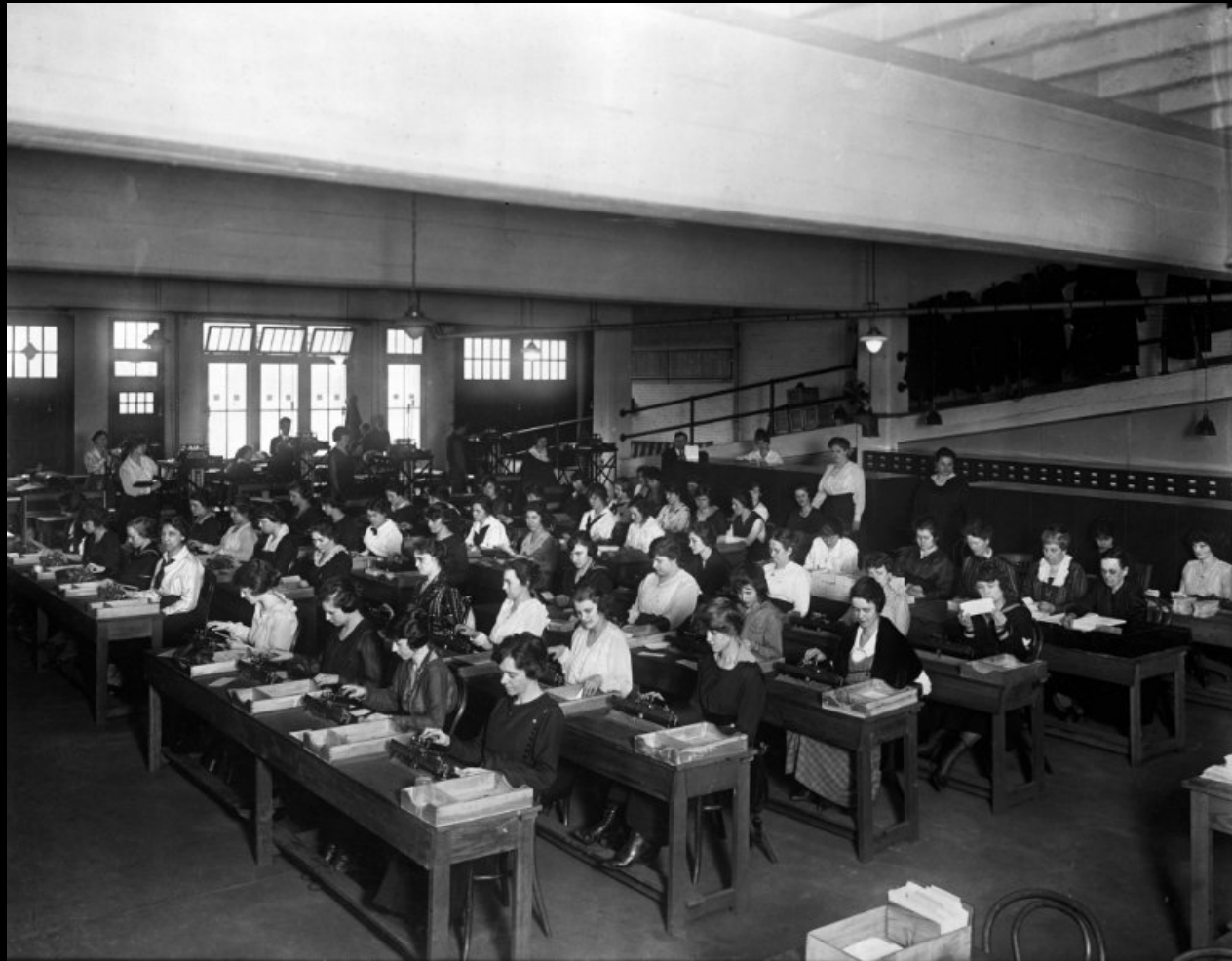


The Age of Steam

<http://www.computerhistory.org/babbage/history/>



Machines vs. People

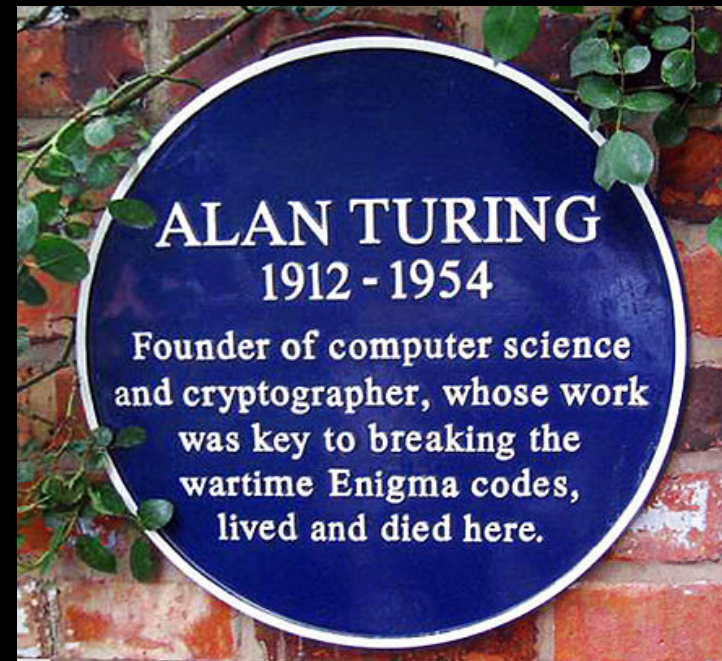


Modern Computation is Born



Graphic: wikipedia.org

Modern Computation is Born



- Widely consider the father of theoretical computer science and artificial intelligence

What Did Turing Do?

- On Computable Numbers, with an Application to the *Entscheidungsproblem*" (1936)
 - The “Turing Machine”



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https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=E3keLeMwfHY

The States Used For This Example (Explanation of the Programming Syntax Used)

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(0,1) -> (0,1) Right    //This state moves the tape to the right most digit
(0,0) -> (0,0) Right    //This state moves the tape to the right most digit
(0,B) -> (1,B) Left     //When a blank at the right is found we change to state 1

//This next block, state 1, is where the counting really happens
(1,0) -> (0,1) Right    //If we change a 0 to a 1 we change back to state 0
(1,1) -> (1,0) Left     //If we change a 1 to a 0 we keep looking to the left
(1,B) -> (0,1) Right    //If we change a Blank to a 1 we change back to state 0
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For the Keen Observers

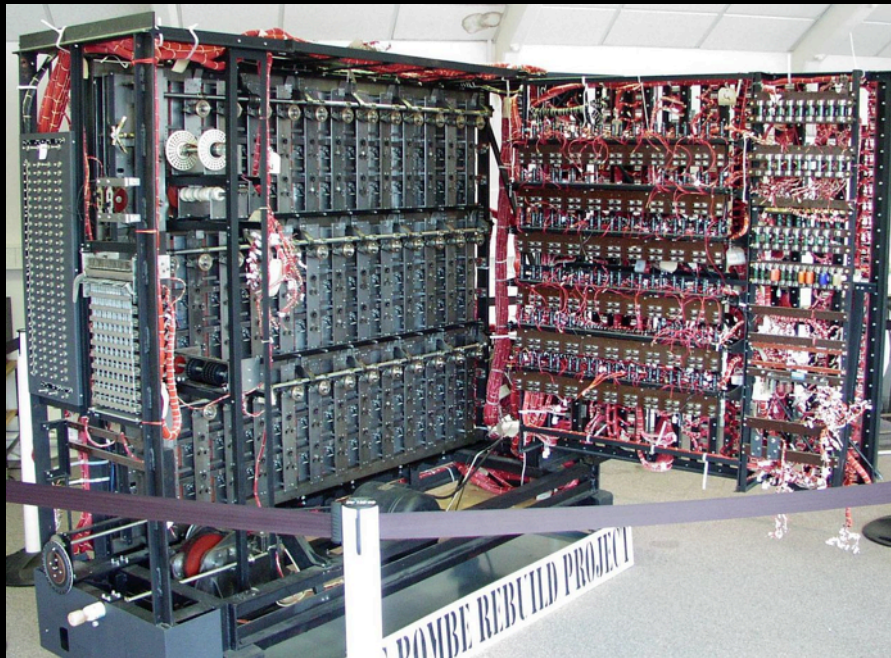
Halting Problem Proof Idea

- Suppose $h(i,x)$
 - returns 1 if program i halts on x ;
 - 0 otherwise
- Consider a program $g(i)$ that
 - Returns 0 if $h(i,i) = 0$
 - Goes into an infinite loop otherwise
- Suppose $g(g) \rightarrow 0$
 - but then $h(g,g) = 0$, so g doesn't halt and return 0
- $g(g) \rightarrow$ undefined (infinite loop),
 - but then $h(g,g) = 1$, so g halts and returns 0

What Did Turing Do

- Turing, Alan (c. 1941).
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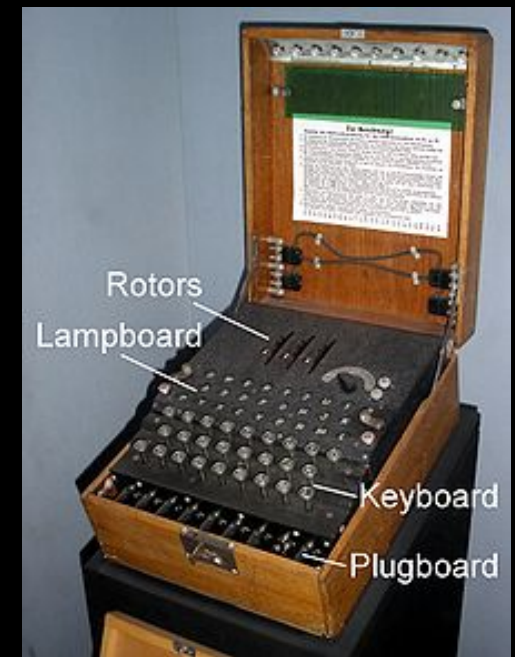
The Bombe



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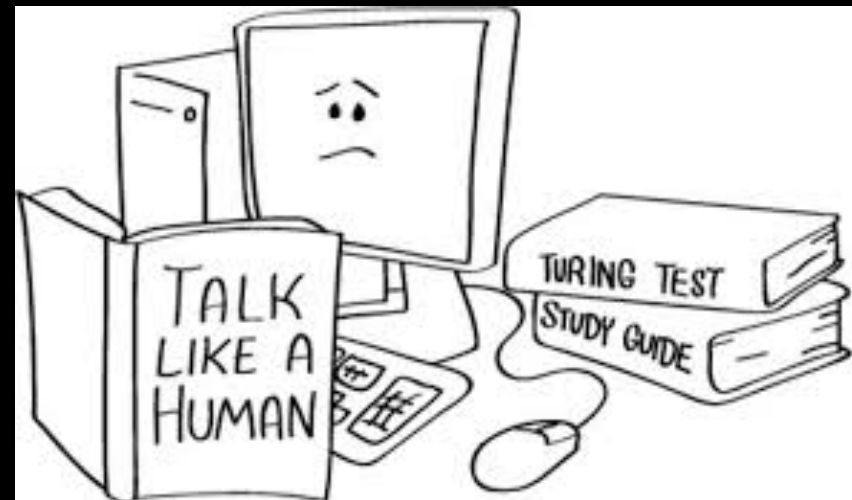
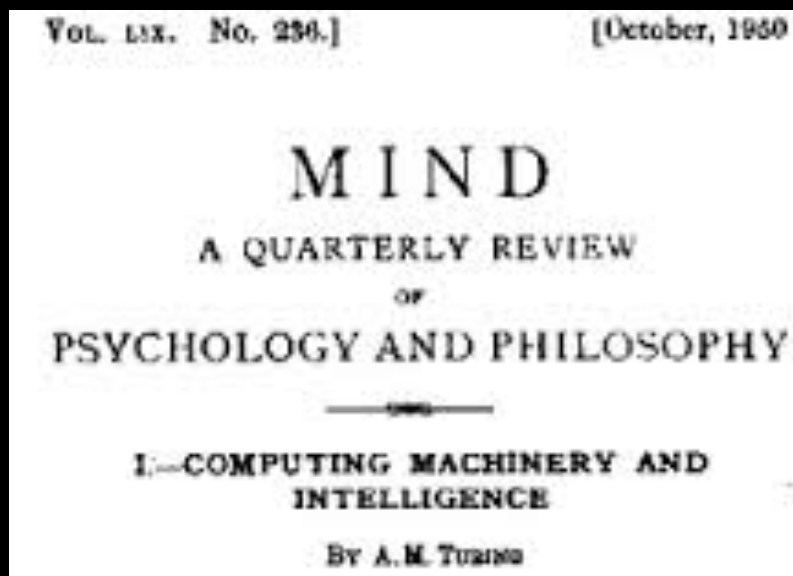
The Enigma



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What Did Turing Do?

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Some Ideas

- What is intelligence?
 - The “Turing test” – intelligence is phenomenological
 - *Nevertheless I believe that at the end of the century the use of words and general educated opinion will have altered so much that one will be able to speak of machines thinking without expecting to be contradicted.*
- Are there fundamental reasons machines could not be intelligent?
- Could machines be taught like people?
 - Instead of trying to produce a programme to simulate the adult mind, why not rather try to produce one which simulates the child's? If this were then subjected to an appropriate course of education one would obtain the adult brain.

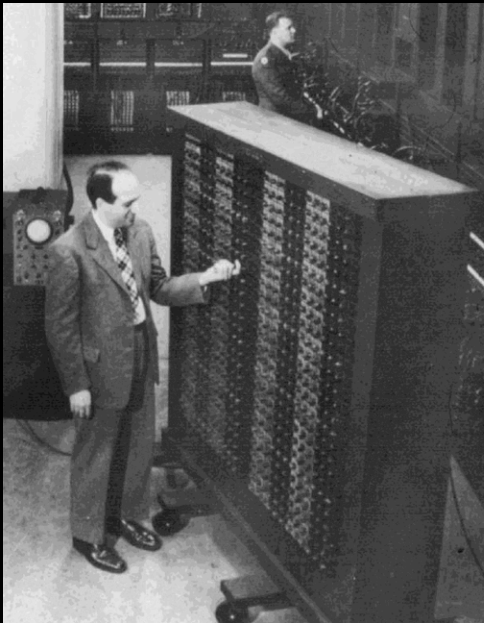
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How Did Computing Come to Be? The Machines



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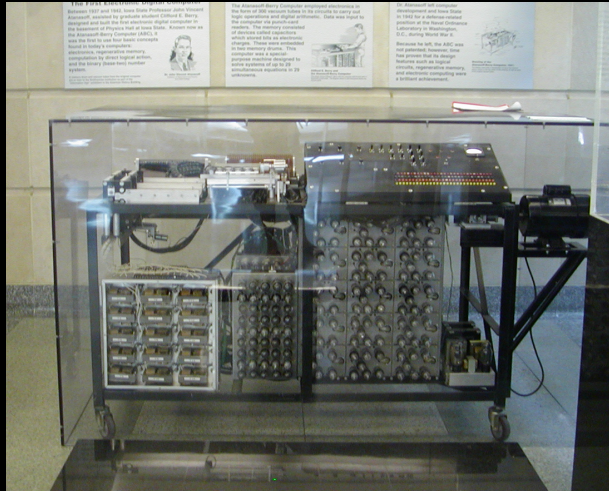
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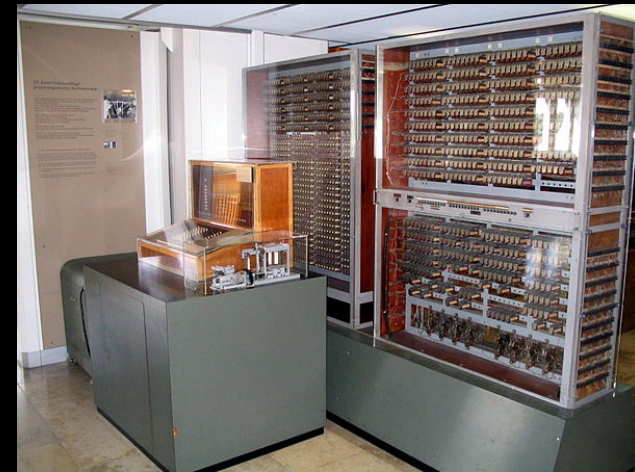
From Computability to Computing



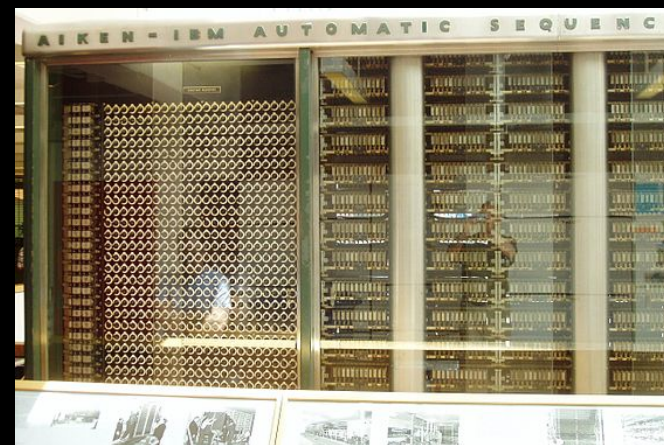
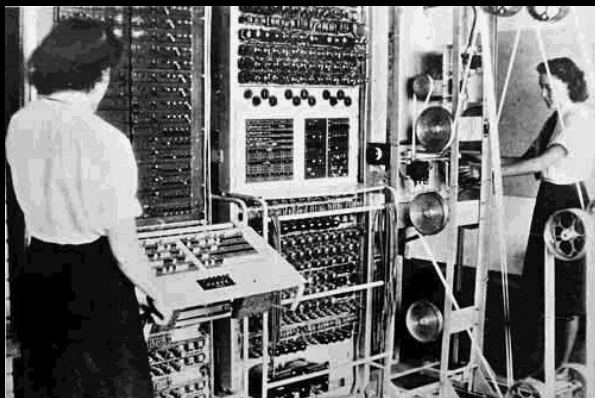
What Was the First Computer?



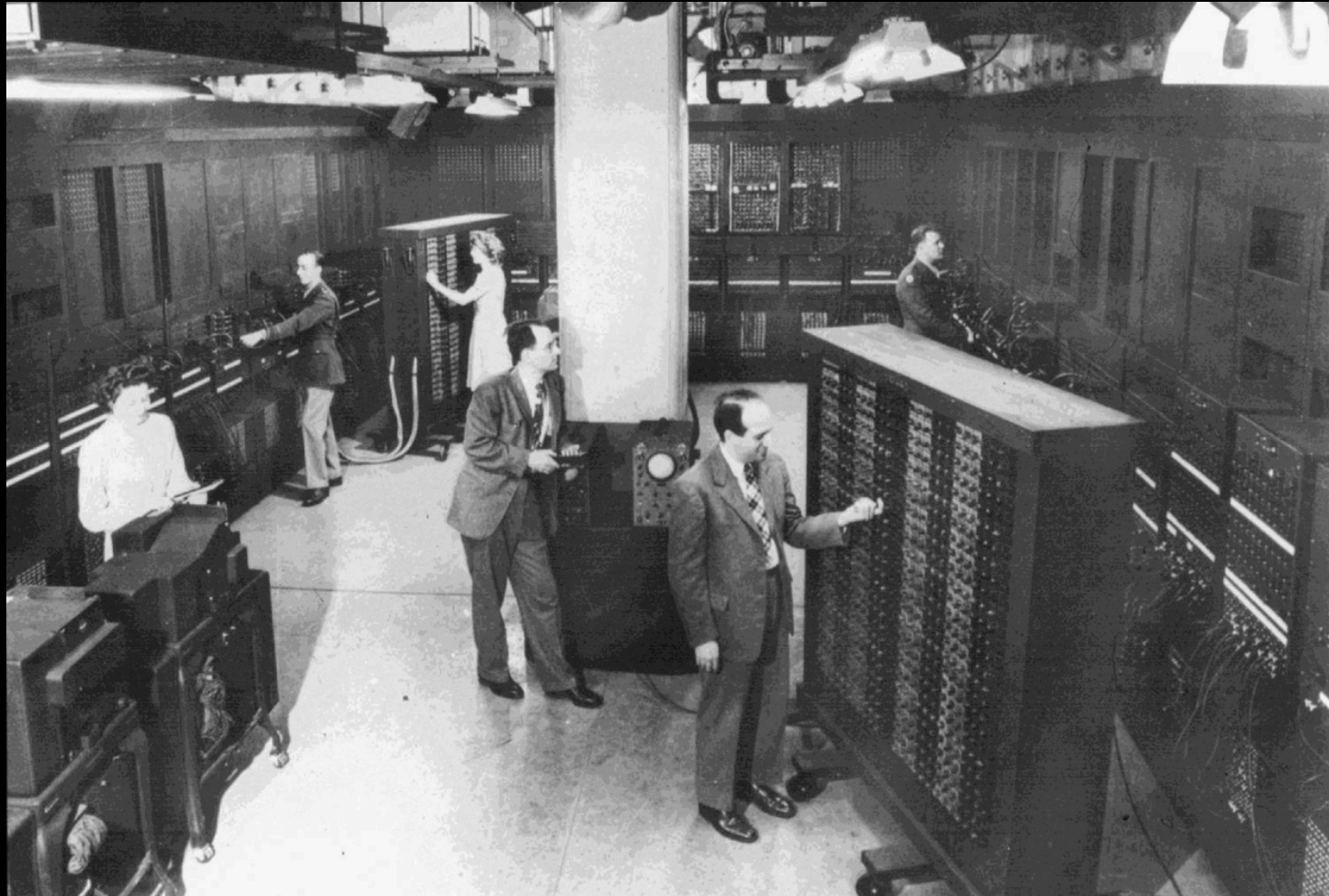
Atanasoff-Berry, 1942
Colossus, 1943



Zuse Z3, 1941
Harvard Mark 1, 1944



ENIAC



ENIAC, University of Pennsylvania, circa 1946

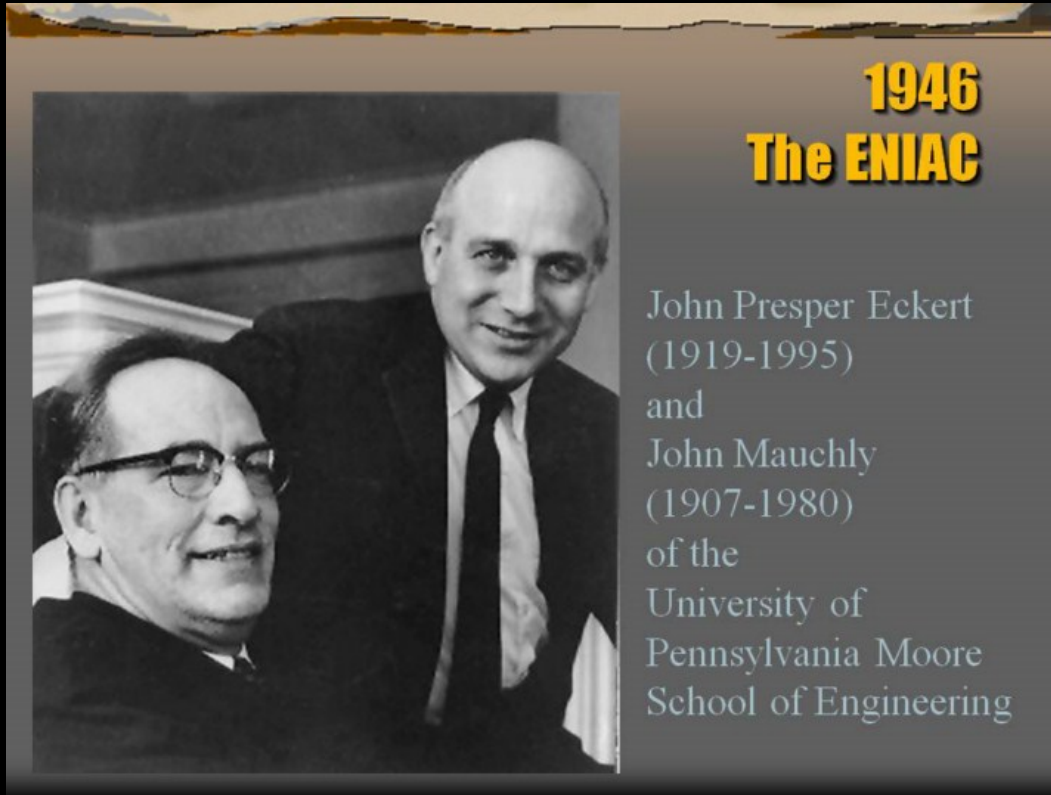
A Personal Connection



And the Inventors Were ...



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EDVAC 1949

Who is This?



- John (Janos) Von Neumann (12/03-2/57)
- Hungarian-American mathematician
- Contributions to many fields, including the idea of a “stored program” computer

IBM/Sperry Rand vs. Honeywell

United States Patent Office

3,120,606

Patented Feb. 4, 1964

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3,120,606 ELECTRONIC NUMERICAL INTEGRATOR AND COMPUTER

John Presper Eckert, Jr., and John W. Mauchly, Philadelphia, Pa., assignors, by mesne assignments, to Sperry Rand Corporation, a corporation of Delaware
Filed June 26, 1947, Ser. No. 757,158
148 Claims. (Cl. 235-160)

This invention relates to methods and apparatus for

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stored for subsequent transmission or collection from storage, as well as any automatically generated or guided to particular units, may be termed internal memories.

It is an especial aim to reduce the requirement of internal memories in the replacement of the mere insertion of data, including

We claim:

1. Means for producing electric pulses in sequence, electronic means for alternately transmitting certain ones of

The computer cannot be patented
let the party begin!

There was infringement,
Mauchly and Eckert were the sole
co-inventors of ENIAC
but:

The patents were invalid in part
due to the EDVAC report of
John Von Neumann

ing data to be processed upon command or at least one of said qualitative pulses, storing the data thus read, and making the data available in the form of data pulses in response to at least one other of said qualitative pulses, and electronic means for receiving said data pulses and responsive thereto for performing electrical switching operations of a nature determined by selected ones of said qualitative values and of a degree determined by selected ones of said quantitative values.

April 1970

135 days of testimony

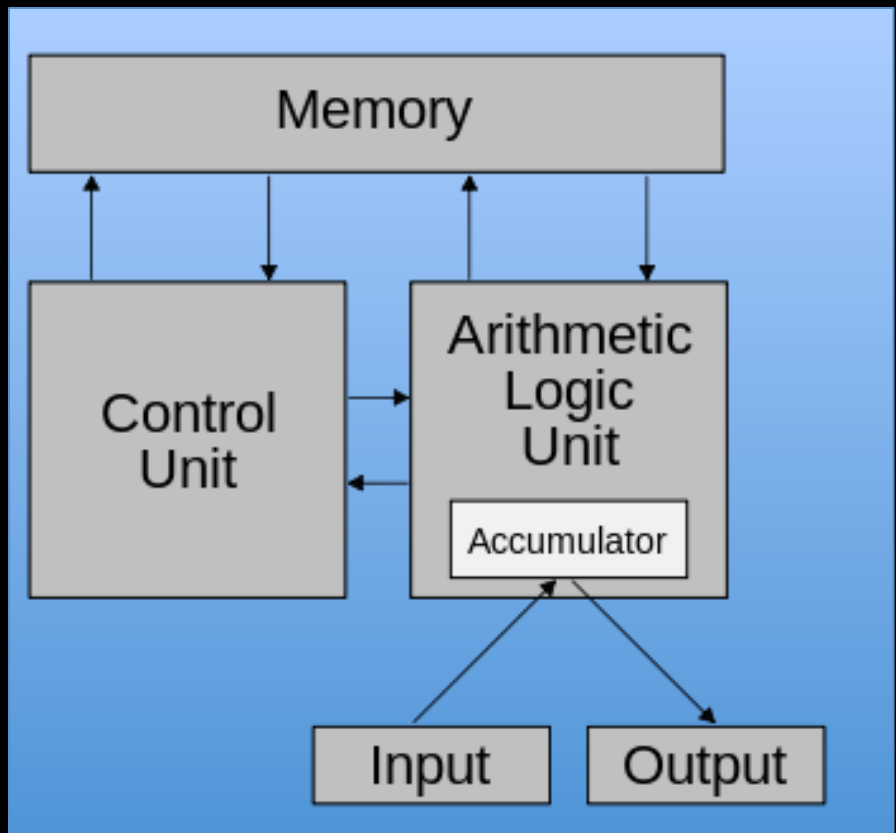
77 witnesses in trial

80 depositions outside trial

7000 exhibits

Going Forward: Three Key Ideas

- All electronic
- Discrete binary logic
- Stored programs
(programs as data)



Who Invented Programming?



Ada Lovelace



Grace Hopper

*Kathy Kleiman,
Jean Bartik,
Marlyn Meltzer,
Kay Mauchly
Antonelli
Betty Holberton*



Who Invented Programming?

- Rear Admiral in the Navy
- Invented first compiler (machine independence)
- Invented COBOL
- Coined the term “debugging”



Grace Hopper

<http://gracehopper.org>

Out of the Lab and Into the World

"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."

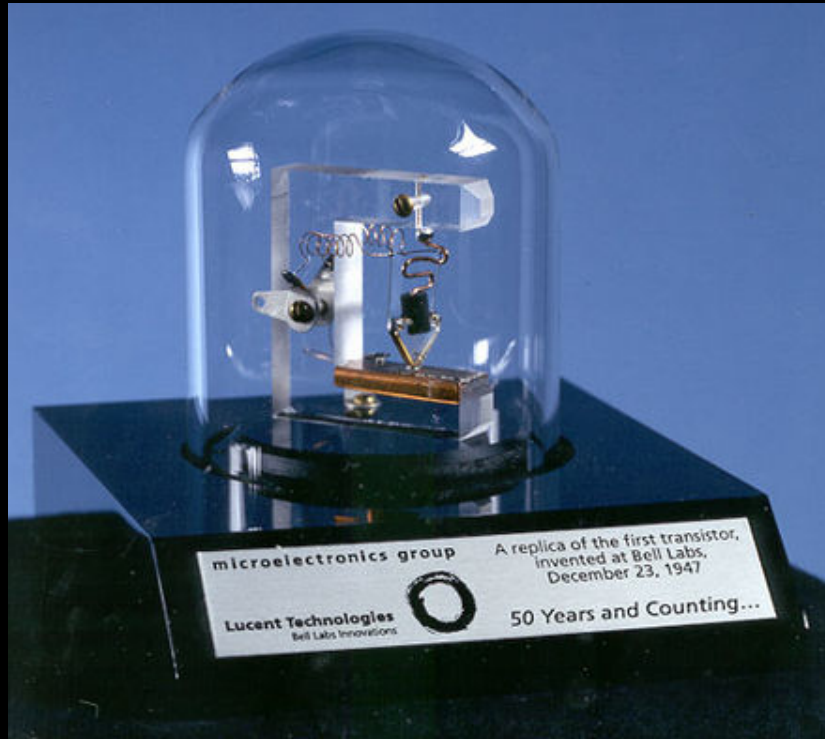
Thomas Watson, president of IBM, 1943

If You Make It, They Will Come

- Can you build something that can be delivered and installed?
- UNIVAC I (early 50's)
 - 5200 vacuum tubes
 - 29000 lbs
 - 124kW of power
 - 1000 words of memory
- IBM
 - IBM 704
 - IBM 650



The Next Wave



First invented, 1947
1956 Nobel prize in physics



John Bardeen, William Shockley and Walter Brattain at Bell Labs, 1948 (from Wikipedia)

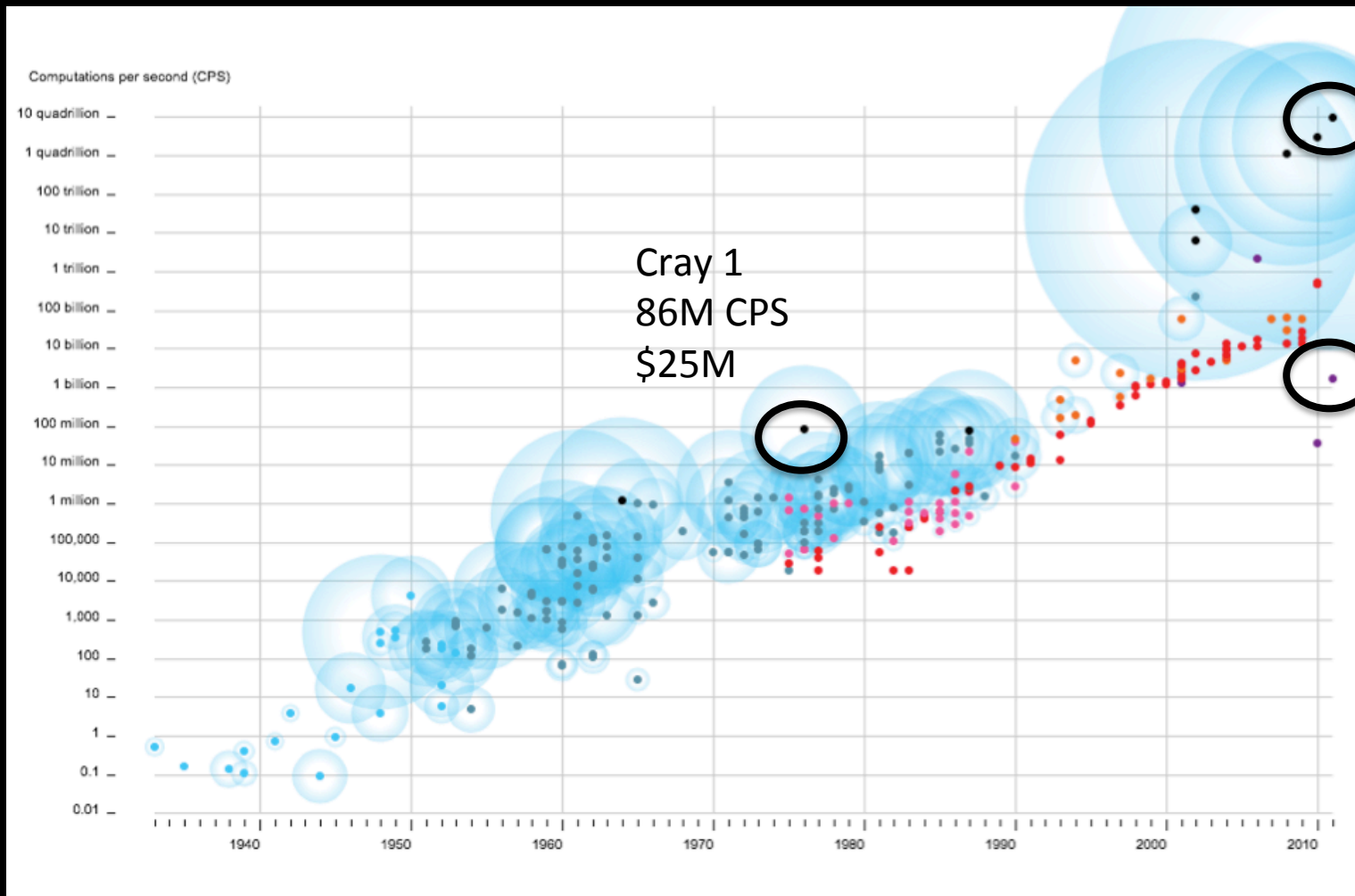
The Next Wave

- IBM 360
 - Common instruction set for entire family
 - Registers
 - Microcode
 - Interrupts
 - Floating point
- Even the most recent IBM systems are **still** **software compatible** with the original 360



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A Bit of comparison



K computer
Japan
1.2B
8.6 petaflops

Ipad2
1.7 cps
\$500

<http://www.popsci.com/content/computing?dom=PSC&loc=recent&lnk=1&con=IMG>

The Growing Wave

- The 50-60's – mostly mainframes, businesses
- The 60-70's – the development of the minicomputer based on ICs
- The 80's – personal workstations and PCs based on the microprocessor
 - Also the development of network files systems to support high performance personal workstations.

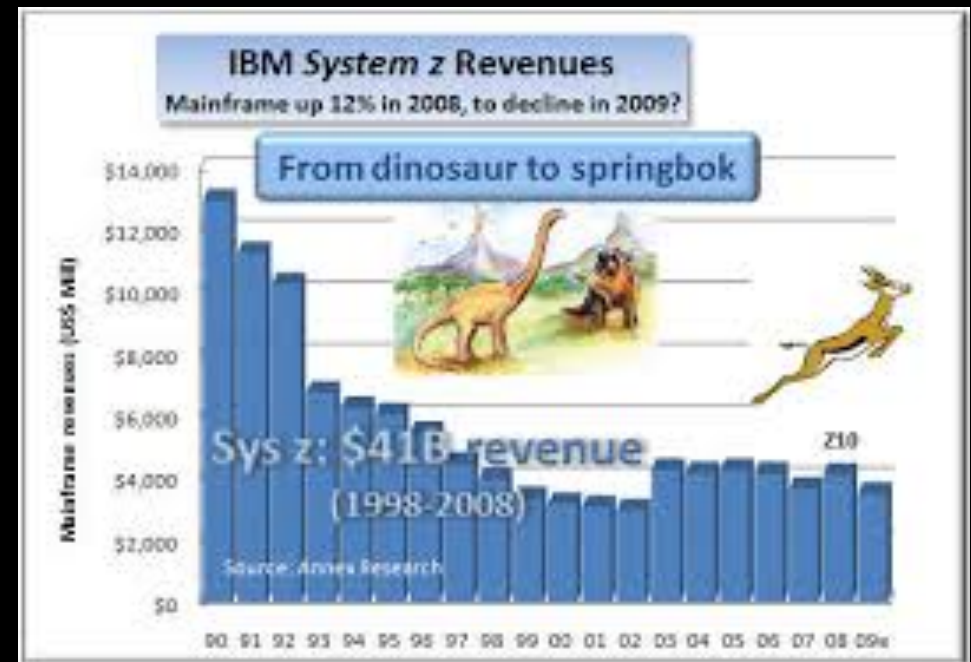
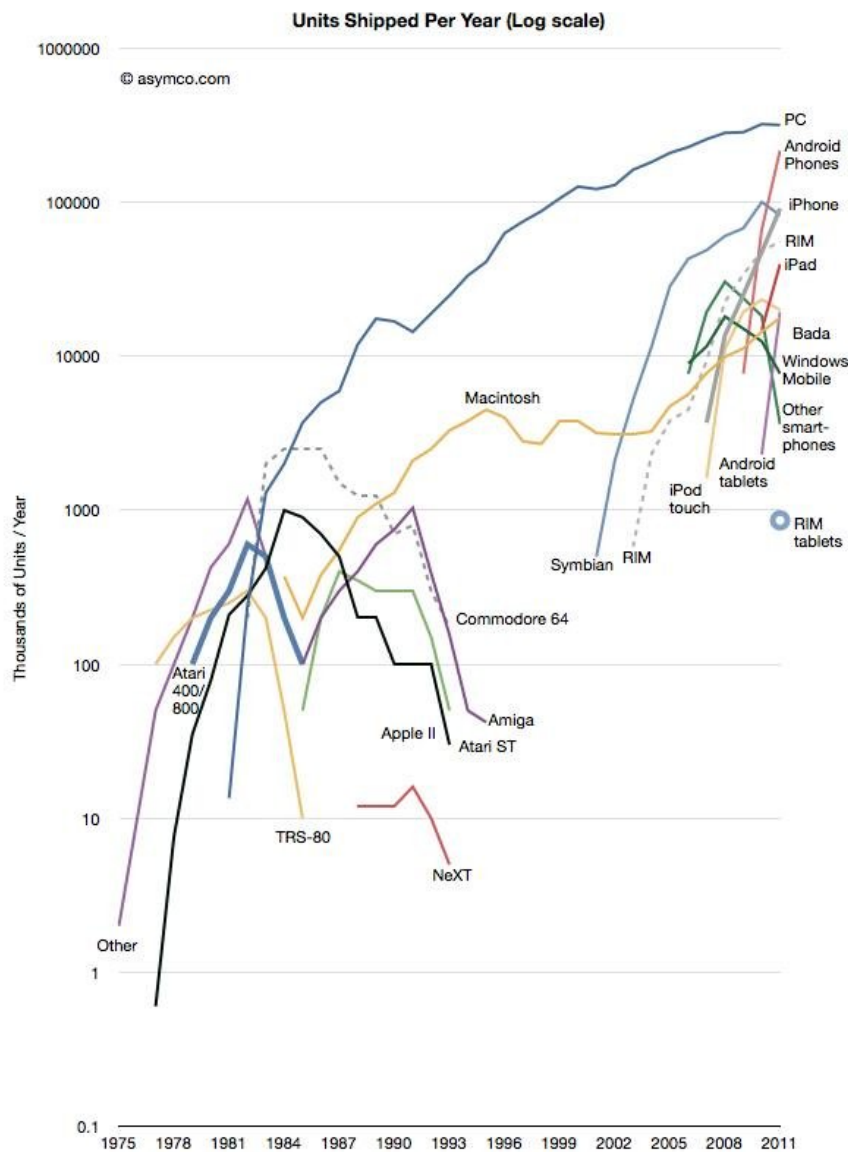
Sun microsystems, late-80's



The PC Revolution

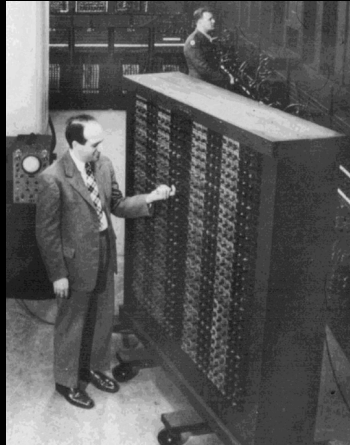


The PC Revolution



Graphics: Business Insider,
Annex Bulletin

70 Years of Innovation: A Technology Throwdown!



VS



The Technology ThrowDown

- Memory
 - Eniac: 100 words
 - ARM 8-64 Gbytes
- Power consumed
 - Eniac: 200-ish Kw
 - ARM: watts
- Weight
 - Eniac: 30 tons
 - iPhone: ¼ lb
- Computing Power
 - Eniac: 18 cps
 - Arm: 1.6B cps
- Top Speed:
 - Mercedes: 161
 - Tesla: 150 (limited)
- MPG:
 - 14 MPG
 - 85 MPG (typical 30)
- Power:
 - Mercedes: 240/7.1 sec
 - Tesla: 302 hp/3.7 sec

The 1970s to today



1970 Ford Mustang



2014 Intel Xeon

What if cars had improved as rapidly as microprocessors?

The 1970s to today



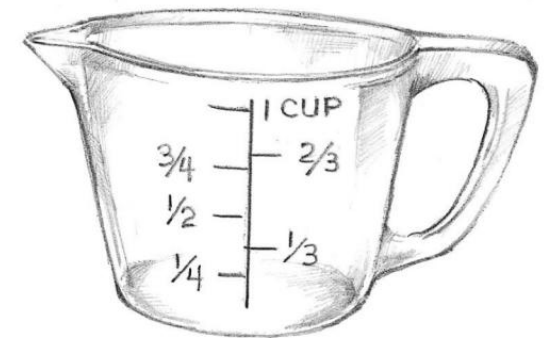
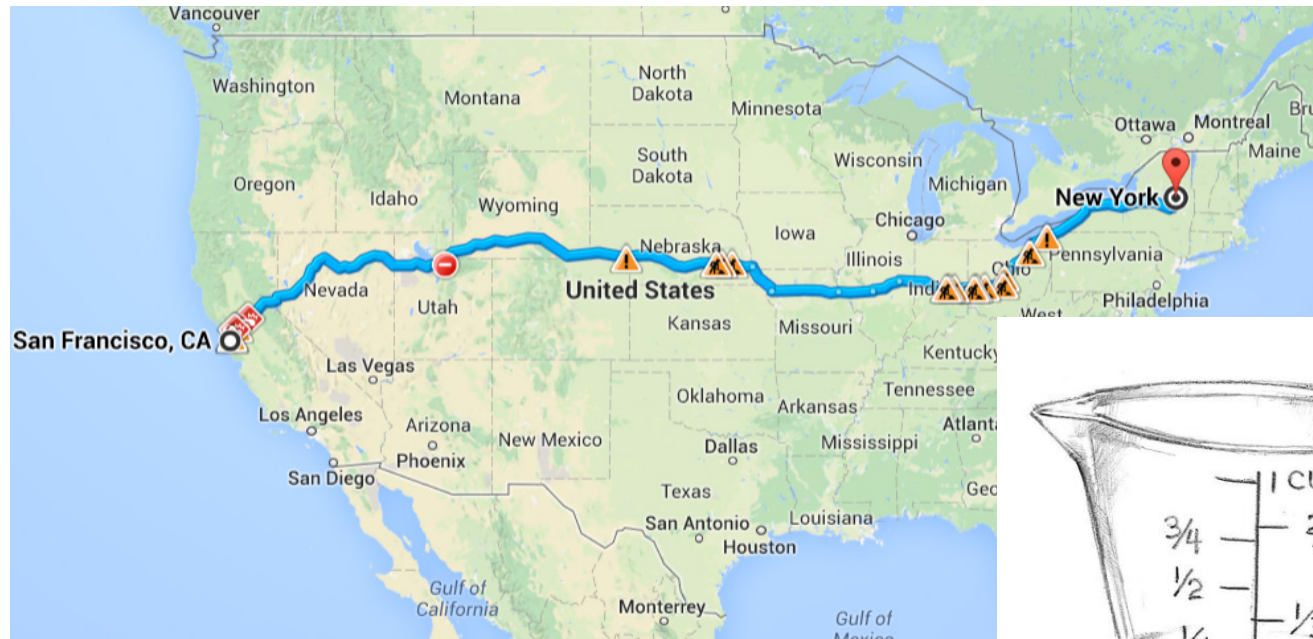
Size: A car would be smaller than an ant!
(About $1/5^{\text{th}}$ of an inch long!)

The 1970s to today



Speed: A car would go 6,000,000 miles per hour!
(San Francisco to New York in 1.7 seconds!)

The 1970s to today



Efficiency: A car would get 100,000 miles per gallon!
(San Francisco to New York on 1/2 cup of fuel!)

The 1970s to today



Cost: A car would cost less than \$10!

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