

# Crossbar ReRAM

Sylvain Dubois

Vice President Business Development & Marketing

[sylvain.dubois@crossbar-inc.com](mailto:sylvain.dubois@crossbar-inc.com)

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019



**IP-SoC 2019**

IP-SOC CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

Santa Clara, California | April 9, 2019

# Experts in New Class of **Non Volatile Memory**

- Based in Santa Clara, CA, U.S.A.
- \$100M+ in raised capital to date
- Leader in **Resistive RAM technology**
- New class of non volatile memory: **Metal Filament Resistor**
- Patented **Technology**: 310 filed / 160 issued
- Applications in **Storage Class Memory, AI, FPGAs, eNVM**
- Back-end of line Non Volatile Memory: **40nm, 2xnm, 1xnm**

# AI is moving to the **EDGE**

- Uploading, processing and downloading from cloud takes time
- Transmitting data burns energy
- Some apps cannot rely on wireless connection
- Data less exposed if processed locally

**PERFORMANCE**

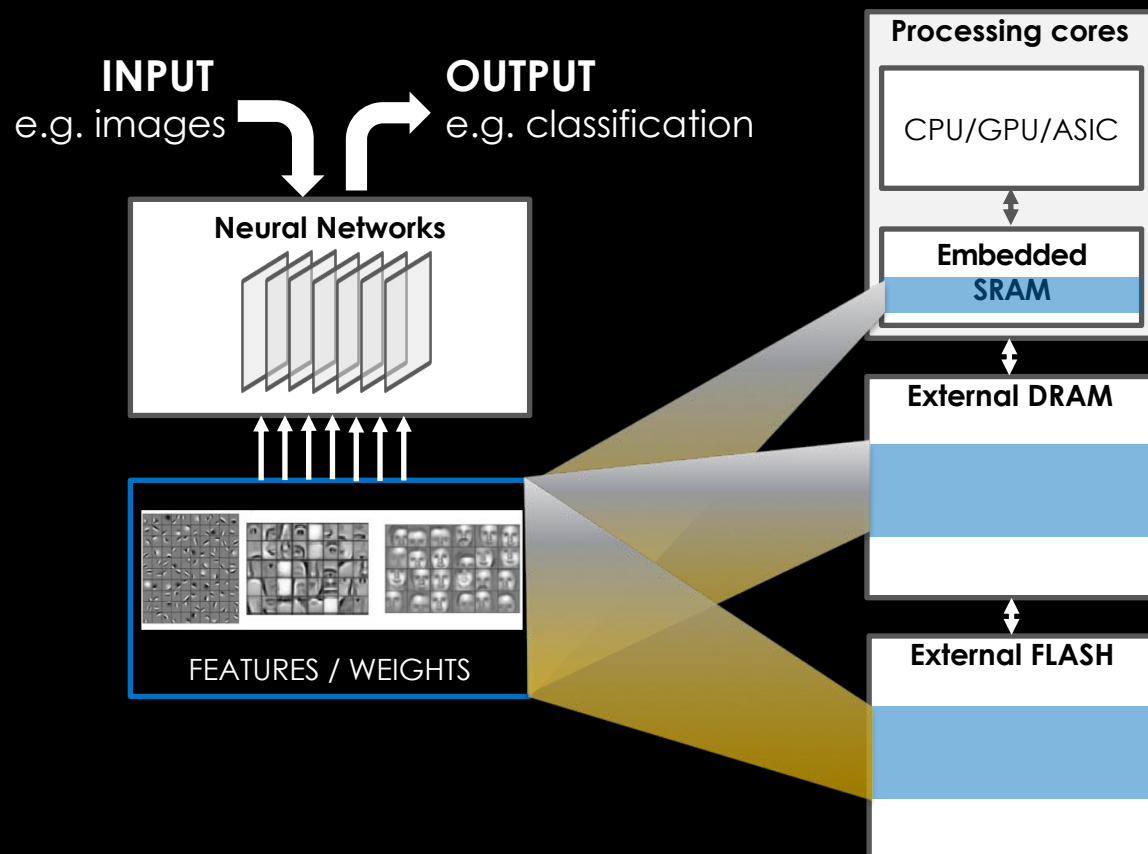
**BATTERY LIFE**

**RELIABILITY**

**SECURITY & PRIVACY**

**>37B IoT semiconductor chips in 2018**

# Problem: The Memory Bottleneck in AI



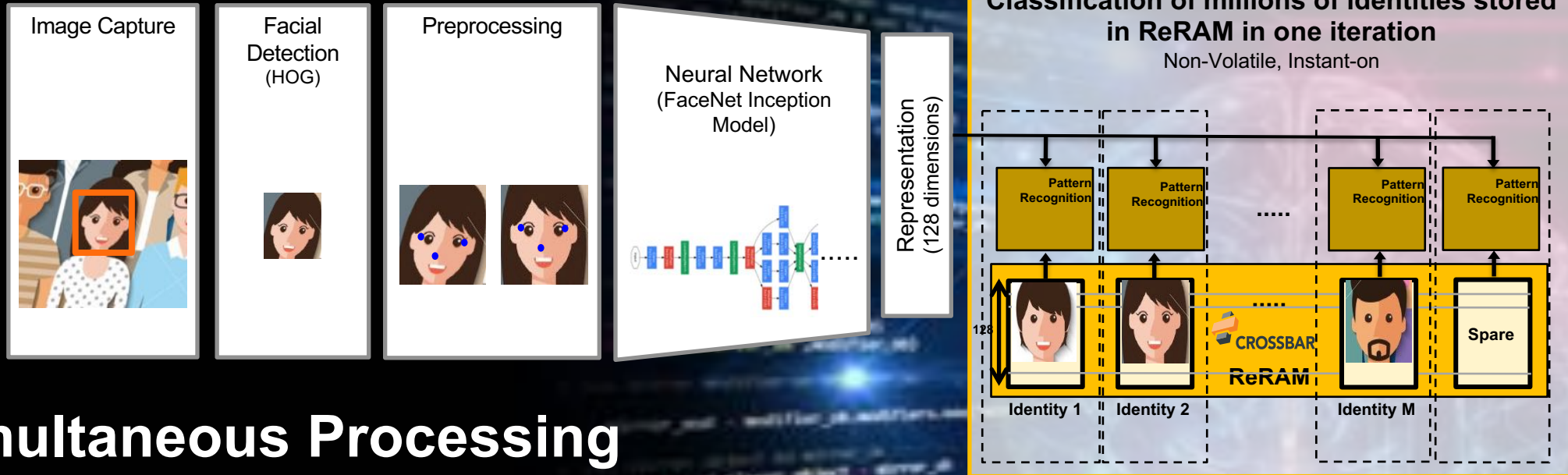
- AI performance is limited by memory bus bandwidth and latencies
- Energy wasted moving data from FLASH to DRAM to SRAM to processing cores
- Need to refresh/reload model in SRAM/DRAM at every wake-up

**How to solve the problem?**

**Bring data and algorithms on same chip**



# Solution: Hardware Acceleration with Crossbar ReRAM



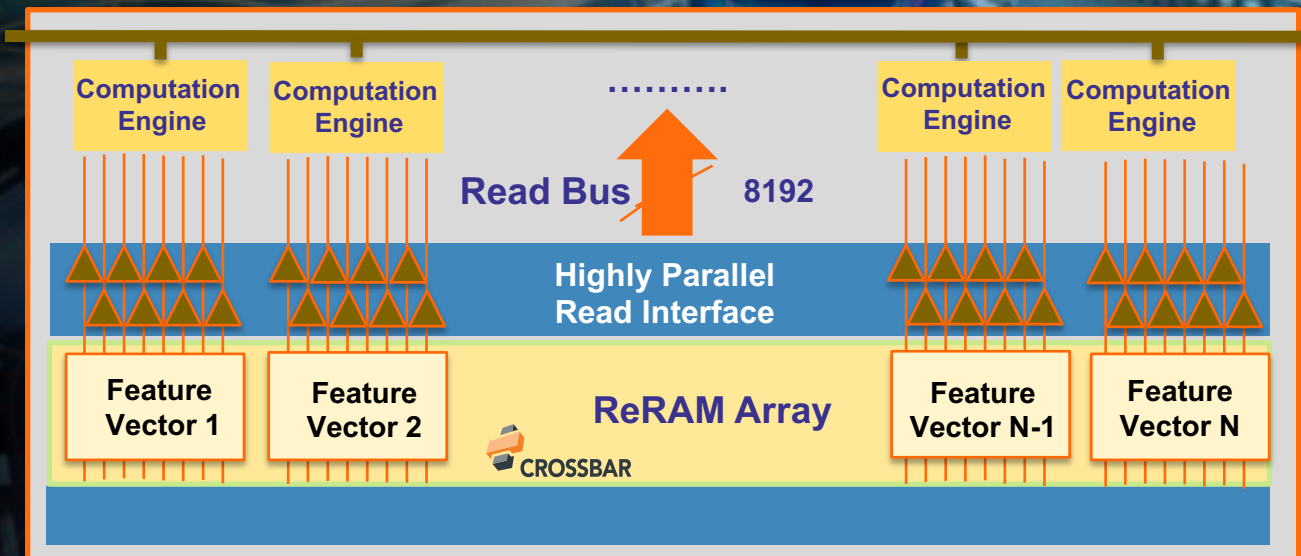
## Simultaneous Processing with Deterministic Performance

- Parallel comparison against all identities
- If no match, new identity created (learning)
- Classification performed in one cycle independent of number of identities

# ReRAM for **Massive Search** Hardware Acceleration

- Very wide Non-Volatile memory array
  - 50GB/s Read throughput (@8K wide)
- Applications
  - Massive Search
  - KNN
    - 1000's of Distance Calculators above HPM
    - Classifications
  - CNN, RNN, NLP Inference
    - Weights in ReRAM
    - Embedded MACs
    - Edge or Cloud
- Flexible architecture
  - Number of instances, 8-bit to binary.
  - 4 to 8 dies per chip, 25 chips per M.2, 4 M.2 per PCIe
- Spare memory enabling Learning at the Edge

## Simultaneous Processing Deterministic Performance



**400,000 search/sec  
across 1000 instances**

vector length 128B

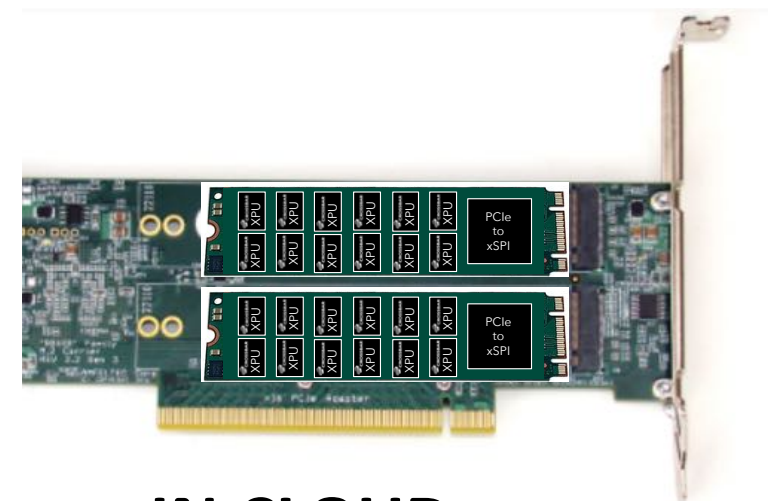
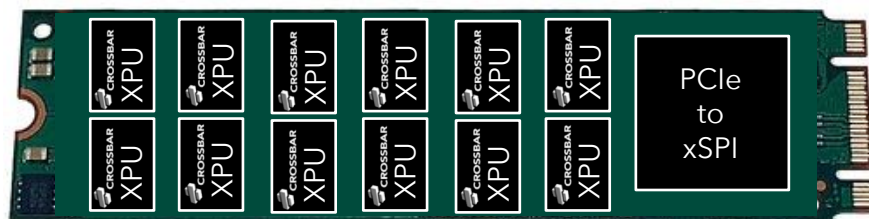
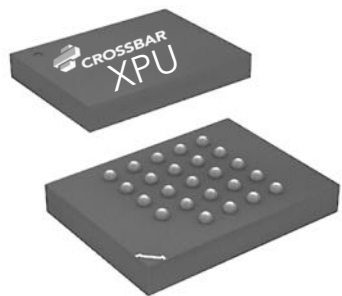
**12.5 TOPS/W**

# Massive search acceleration scalable to PetaFLOPS

**6.4 to 12.8M instances** (binary 128-deep)  
or 100K to 200K instances (8-bit 1K-deep)  
M.2 cards 80mm  
25 units of XPU

**25 to 50M instances** (binary 128-deep)  
or 400,000 to 800,000 instances (8-bit 1K-deep)  
PCIe card  
4 units of M.2

**256,000 to 512,000 instances** (binary 128-deep)  
or 4,000 to 8,000 instances (8-bit, 1K-deep)  
SPI package 6 mm X 8 mm  
4 to 8 dies per XPU package



**AT EDGE**  
51 TOPS @ 50MHz  
per package

**AT GATEWAY**  
1,280 TOPS @ 50MHz  
per M.2 card

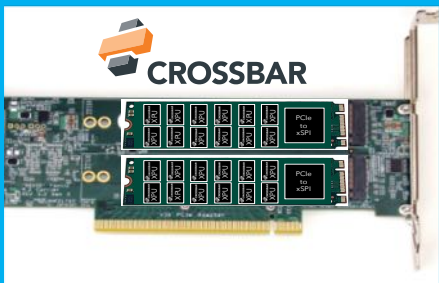
**IN CLOUD**  
5,000 TOPS @ 50MHz  
per PCIe card



# CROSSBAR: Enabling **Data and Computing** Acceleration



Silicon demonstration available



## 5 PETAFLUPS PCIe card

50M instances parallel search

50GB/s internal bus

400K search per second across 1000 instances

12.5 TOPS/W

COMPUTING

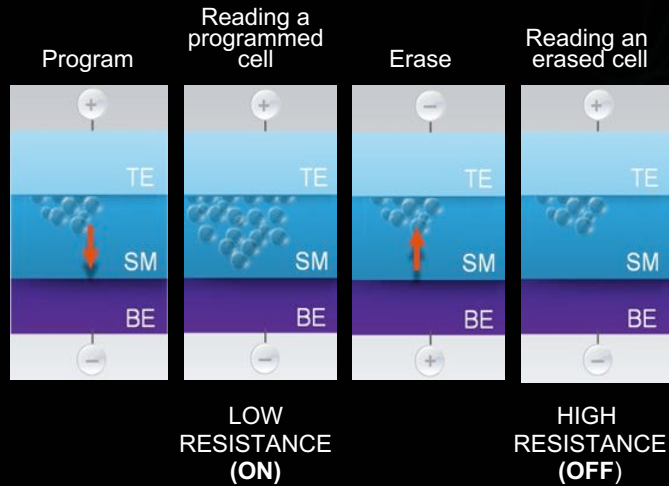
DATA

AI



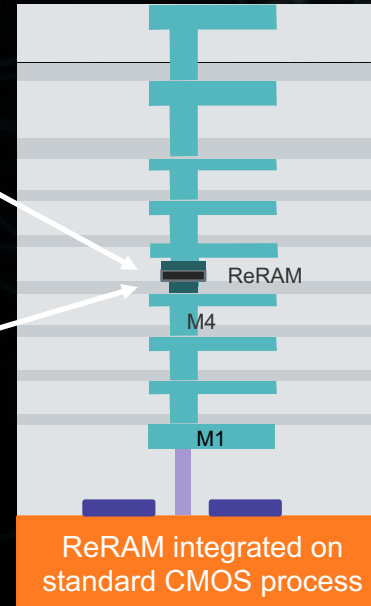
# Crossbar ReRAM: Unique and superior memory technology

Sub-5nm filament



ReRAM cell

- 1000X ON/OFF ratio
- -40/+125C
- 1M+ write cycles
- 10 years retention
- 10ns read latency
- $<<1\mu\text{A}/\text{MHz}/\text{bit}$
- 40 nm / 2x nm / 1x nm



EMBEDDED

LOW COST

RELIABLE

HIGH PERFORMANCE

LOW ENERGY

# SCAiLE.org

## SCalable AI for Learning at the Edge

**AI Innovators Join Forces in Consortium for Development and Commercialization of Best-in-Class AI Computing Platform**



**Crossbar is a founding member of SCAiLE.org**



# SCAiLE.org - Press Coverage

## Consortium seeks to scale artificial intelligence

February 19, 2019 // By Peter Clarke



**Four diverse companies – Crossbar, Gyrfalcon, mtes Neural Networks and Robosensing – have joined forces in a consortium called SCAiLE for the development and commercialization of artificial intelligence platforms.**

SCAiLE stands for SCalable AI for Learning at the Edge and the consortium is working with the Japanese authorities to review opportunities for the 2020 Olympics, including video-based event detection and response capability.

"It is an open group and we have other companies expressing an interest to join," Sylvain Dubois, vice president of marketing and business development of Crossbar, told eeNews Europe.



© Crossbar, Inc. All rights reserved.

Home » News » Business

By David Manners 20th February 2019

**Electronics  
Weekly.com**

## AI start-ups huddle



computing, gateways, cloud and data centers.

AI start-ups Crossbar, Gyrfalcon Technology, Neural Networks Corporation and Robosensing are getting together to deliver an AI platform and standard for edge

## Emerging Memories Team Up With AI



Tom Coughlin Contributor  
Enterprise & Cloud

**Forbes**

The use of emerging memories with artificial intelligence (AI) applications is heating up. This piece will cover a new emerging memory/AI consortium for edge-based machine learning applications as well as announcements from CEA-LETI and Stanford University of a proof of concept chip combining RRAM and processing on a single chip for AI edge applications.

Crossbar Inc., Gyrfalcon Technology Inc., mtes Neural Networks Corporation (mNN) and Robosensing Inc. announced an AI consortium that will deliver a vastly accelerated, power-saving AI platform and standard that enables new AI-rich capability for edge computing, gateways, cloud and data centers. This platform is based upon emerging memories, such as resistive RAM (RRAM) and magnetoresistive RAM (MRAM) technologies.

<https://www.electronicsweekly.com/news/business/ai-start-ups-huddle-together-2019-02/>  
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/tomcoughlin/2019/02/20/emerging-memories-teams-up-with-ai/#2b929a5372bd>  
<https://www.electronicsweekly.com/news/business/ai-start-ups-huddle-together-2019-02/>  
[https://www.eetimes.com/document.asp?doc\\_id=1334421](https://www.eetimes.com/document.asp?doc_id=1334421)



エッジでのAI活用へ日米企業連合 | ニュースプロダクト | リスク対策.com (リスク対策ドットコム) | 新建新聞社  
risktaisaku.com

**EE Times**

HOME NEWS PERSPECTIVES DESIGNLINES VIDEOS RADIO EDUCATION

DESIGNLINES | MEMORY DESIGNLINE

## AI Needs Memory to Get Cozier with Compute

By Gary Hilson, 03.12.19 2

Share Post f Share on Facebook t Share on Twitter in

TORONTO — Big data applications have already driven the need for architectures that put memory closer to compute resources, but artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning are further demonstrating how hardware and hardware architectures play a critical role in successful deployments. A key question, however, is where the memory is going to reside.

Research commissioned by Micron Technology found that 89% of respondents say it is important or critical that compute and memory are architecturally close together. The survey, carried out by Forrester Research, also found that memory and storage are the most commonly cited concerns regarding hardware constraints limiting AI and machine learning today. More than 75% of respondents recognize a need to upgrade or re-architect their memory and storage to limit architectural constraints.

AI compounds the challenges already unearthed by big data and analytics requirements because machine learning does multiple accumulation operations on a vast matrix of data over neural networks. These operations are repeated over and over as more results come in to produce an algorithm that is the best path and the best choice each time — it learns from working on the data.



# Crossbar ReRAM: Best Memory Technology for AI

## Leader in resistive memories

- World-class 12" commercial foundries at 4x, 2x and 1x nm process nodes

## Scalable technology

- Standard CMOS or memory fab
- <10nm, multi-layer, very dense arrays with cross-point architecture

## Superior performances across wide range of applications

- Efficient search and computing with highly parallel ReRAM
- Hardware acceleration for AI at the edge
- Founding member of the SCAiLE consortium

**Accelerate your time to market to AI with ReRAM and SCAiLE consortium**



# CROSSBAR

## THANK YOU

Sylvain DUBOIS

[sylvain.dubois@crossbar-inc.com](mailto:sylvain.dubois@crossbar-inc.com)

Linkedin: [linkedin.com/in/link2sylvaindubois](https://www.linkedin.com/in/link2sylvaindubois)

Twitter: @syl20dubois

