



# Semiconductor Industry Association **Power Management for efficient AI**

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# AI is a transformational technology

Every

**3.4** months

doubling of the amount of computing power required to train cutting-edge AI models since 2012

**5** days

Time it took for ChatGPT to reach 100 million users

**\$196**bn

Value of the global AI market

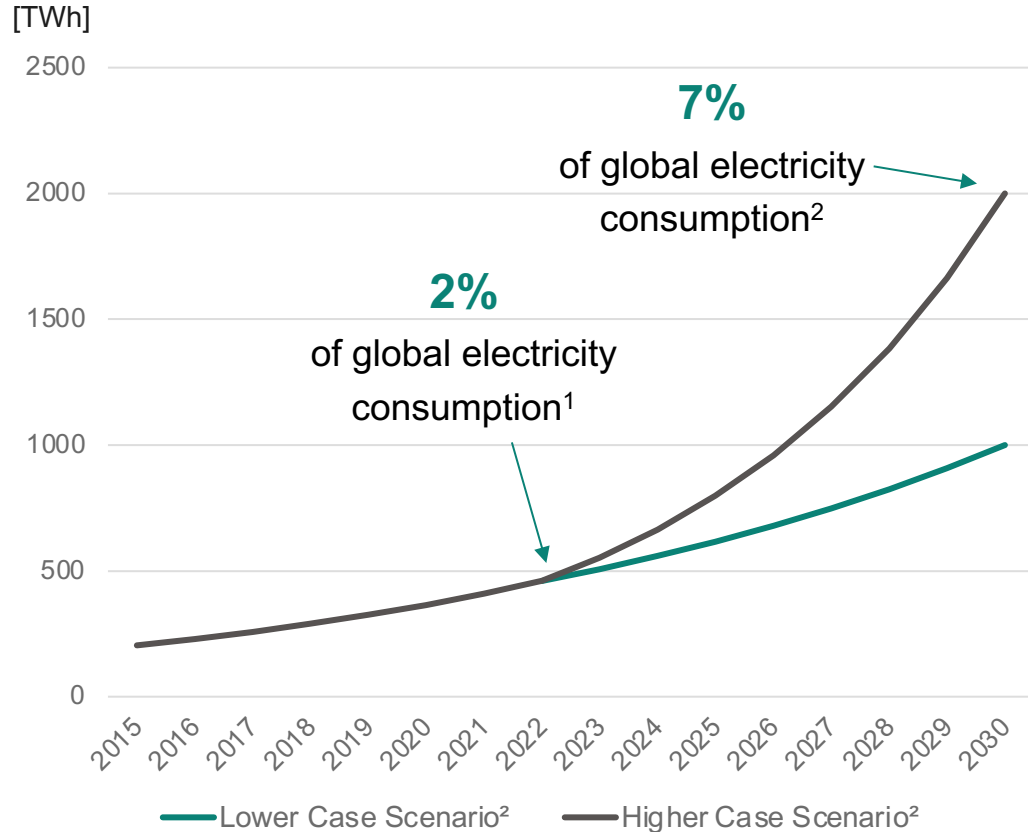
Already now 77% of the global population uses AI  
**Artificial Intelligence is here to stay**

Sources: [BMZ](#); [Similiarweb](#), [openAI](#)

# AI accelerates power demand in data centers, increasing the need for energy efficient solutions



## Projected electricity consumption of data centers<sup>1,2</sup>



### Sources

1 [IEA](#); including crypto mining energy use – 2015-2022

2 Infineon assumption and calculation

3 [McKinsey](#)

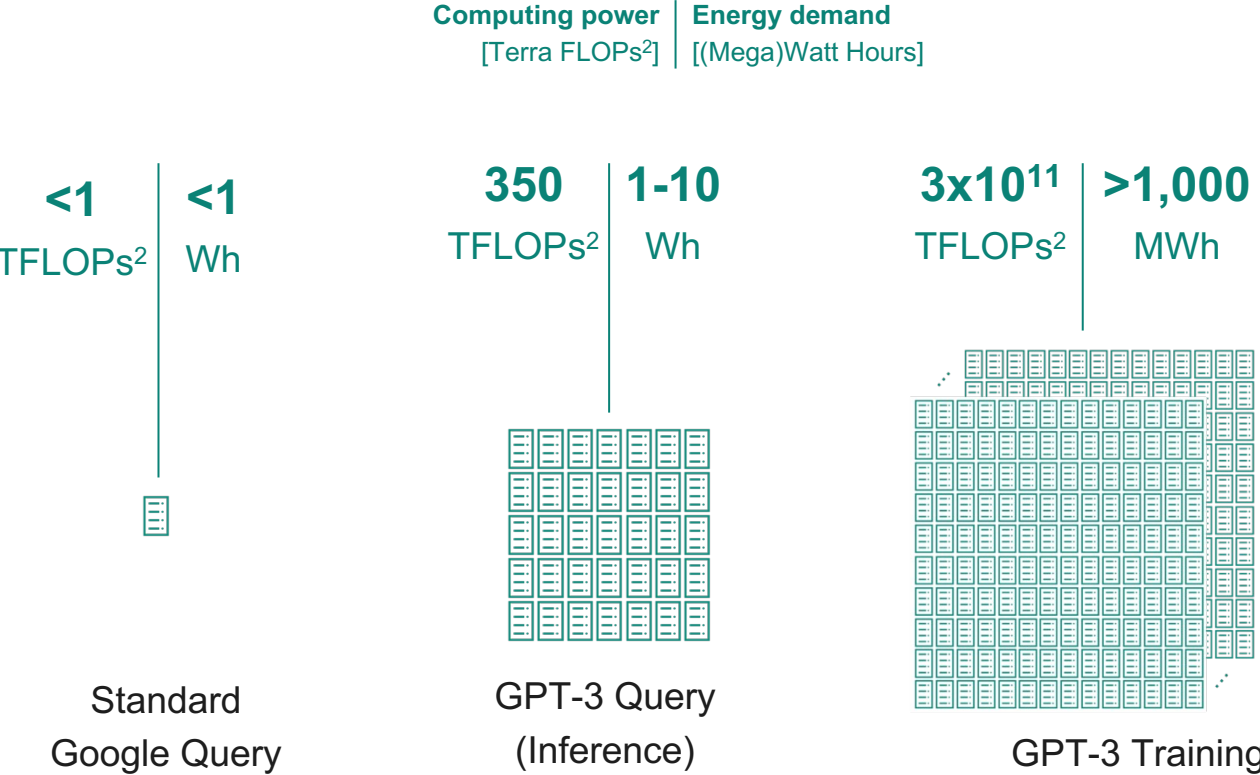
Data centers' share of global final electricity demand was 2% in 2022<sup>1</sup>.

Expected to increase to 7% until 2030<sup>2</sup>, which corresponds to the electricity consumption of India.

Example US: power consumption per Data Center is forecasted to grow by 10% a year until 2030<sup>3</sup>.

# Generative AI exponentially increases electricity demand

## Computing power and electricity demand in generative AI vs. a Google<sup>1</sup> query



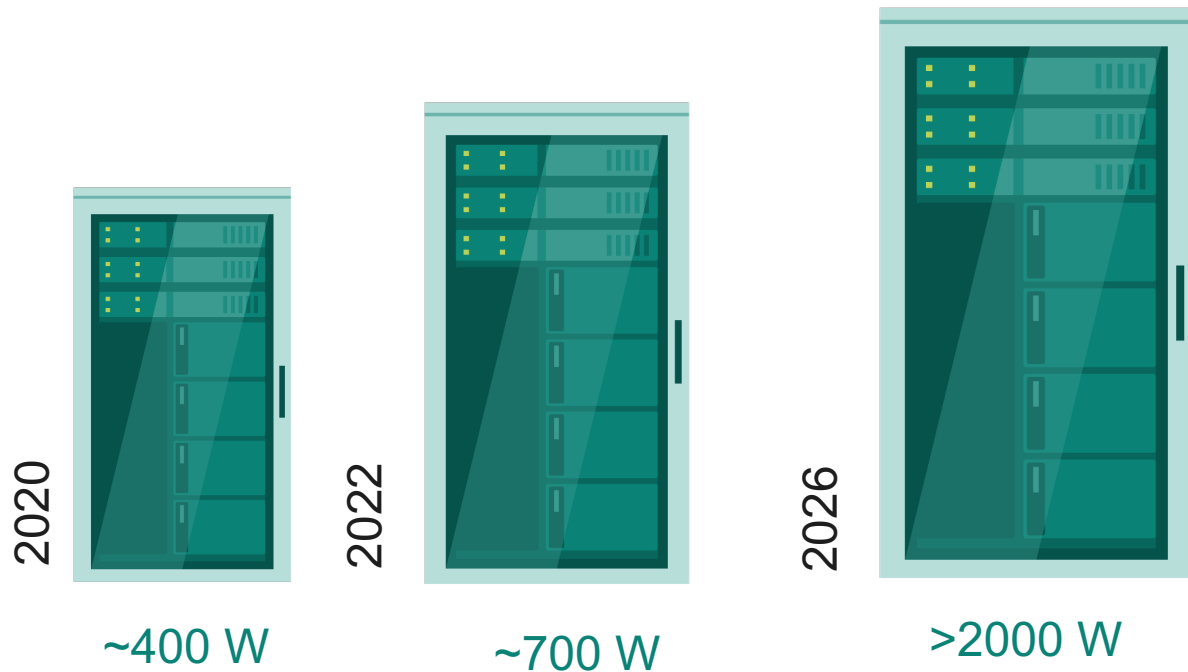
Power supply of an existing data center is limited in the medium term

Focus is required on powering AI energy efficiently, w/o compromising on robustness and TCO

Sources: Company information; Statista 1 Google BERT algorithm 2 (Tera=10<sup>12</sup>) Floating Point Operations Per Second

# Efficient AI is a multidimensional problem- Power management cannot be an after-thought

Exemplary development of power consumption of processors under maximum theoretical load



Concerns are emerging regarding the impact of escalating energy requirements linked to **newer chip technologies.**

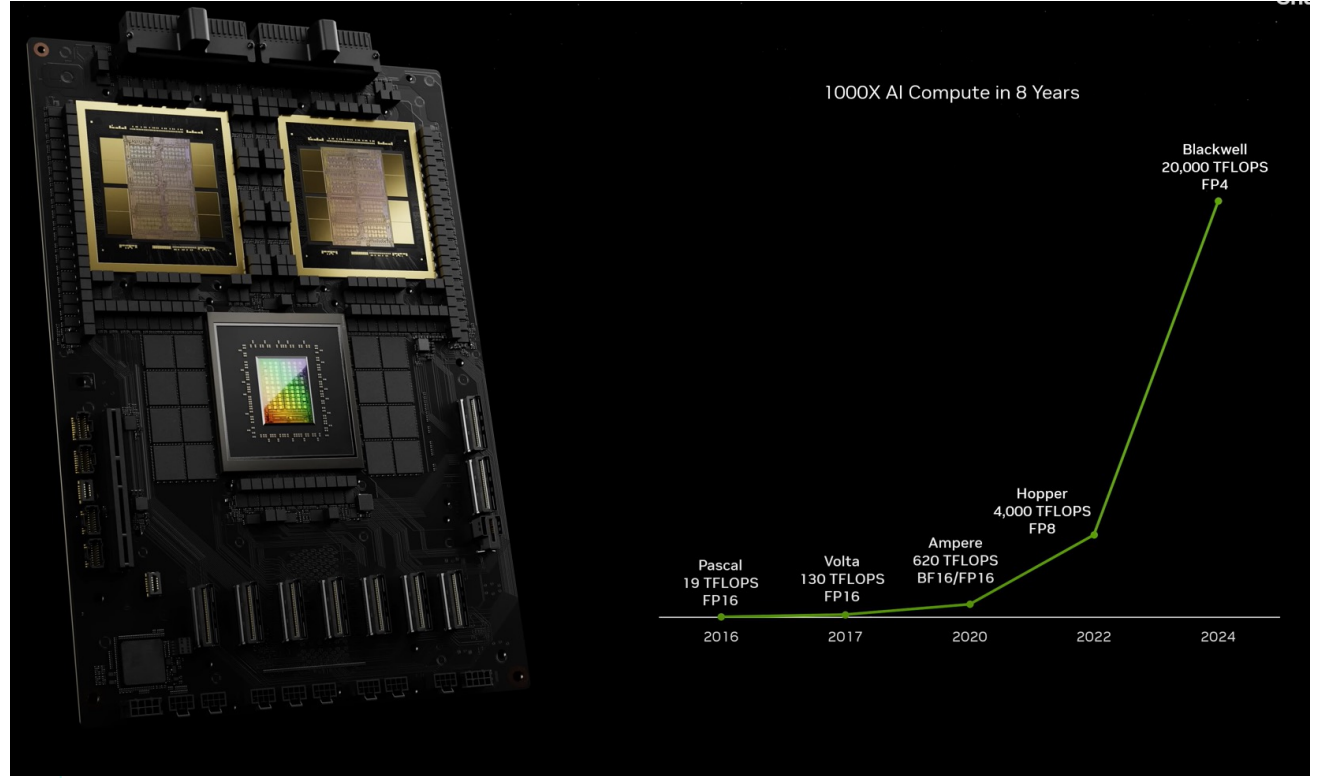
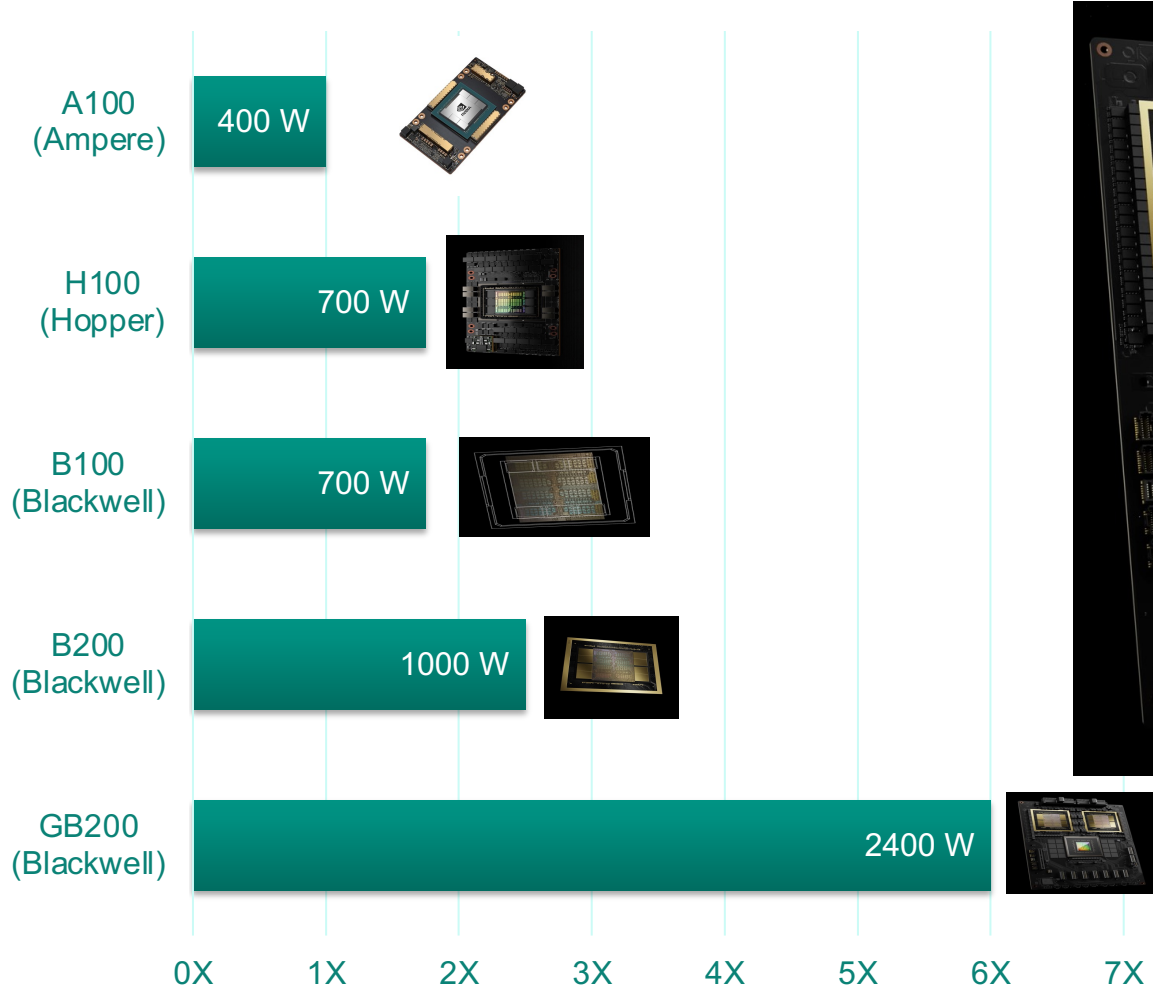
Increasing compute is only one side of the coin, efficient power consumption being the other side.

We need to **prioritize increasing power efficiency** now to reduce the drain on the grid.



# Brute force power for AI could break the grid

## Exponential rise in power consumption for Nvidia GPUs



# Challenges we can address by focusing on powering AI data centers more efficiently

Environmental impacts



## Drain on the grid

We expect data centers' share of global final electricity demand to be 7% in 2030. Especially for data center hubs like the US this could pose a challenge.



## Carbon footprint

Running AI servers is an energy-intensive process with a significant carbon footprint.



## Water consumption

Around 50% of the energy consumed by data centers goes into cooling. The most common cooling systems run on chilled water or traditional air conditioning.



## E-waste

E-waste from AI servers contains hazardous chemicals (i.e. lead, cadmium) that can contaminate the environment.

Sources: Infineon, [Earth.org](#), [Study Making AI Less "Thirsty": Uncovering and Addressing the Secret Water Footprint of AI Models](#)

# Infineon improves current existing solutions at all fronts to increase power efficiency and robustness and minimize e-waste



## Innovation fronts to improve how we power AI

- **Rearchitecting** power from the grid to the core- **48V** systems, vertical power delivery
- Designing both **Silicon and wide-bandgap** based efficient power supplies
- Make use of **advanced packaging** for **density and cooling**
- Enable **smart control & software**



**Improve energy efficiency at least by 8-10%**



**Increased power density by 30-60%**



**Best-in-class robustness**



**Best-in-class TCO**



**22 million metric tons CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent** could be saved by using Infineon products in all data centers worldwide



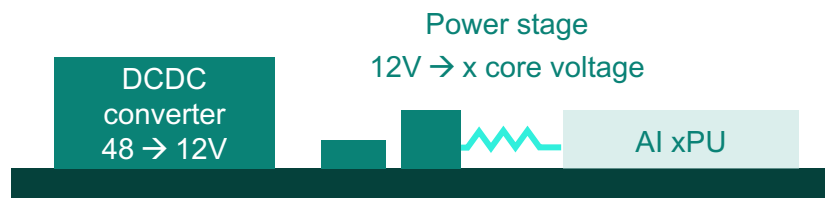
# Example: How does this look on a product level?

## Infineon power modules on the AI accelerator card, powering the xPU

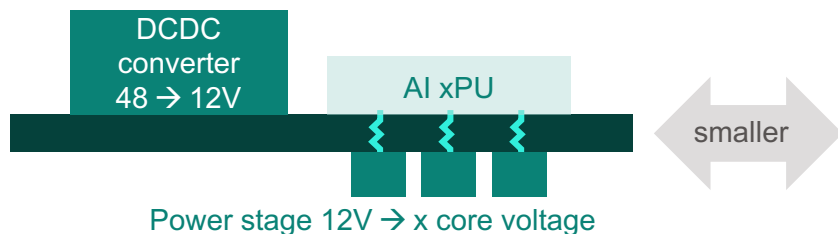
### Power Design

#### Power Delivery Network

##### → Lateral mounting

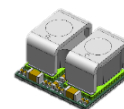


##### ↑ Vertical mounting



#### Discrete solution

Equivalent discrete solution



#### Module solution

Infineon's dual-phase modules with inductor-on-top design

Standard discrete down solution

10% of input power lost<sup>1</sup>

- 2% efficiency savings<sup>3</sup>
- an up to 30% more powerful processor<sup>4</sup>

Only Infineon offers this combination with best-in-class energy efficiency, power density & TCO

Backside mounting

- < 2% of input power lost<sup>2</sup>

Dual-phase module with inductor-on-top design

- 2% energy efficiency savings<sup>3</sup>
- an up to 30% more powerful processor<sup>4</sup>

Not applicable

<sup>1</sup> in motherboard interconnections through lateral mounting

<sup>2</sup> in motherboard interconnections through vertical mounting

<sup>3</sup> using Infineon's dual-phase modules with an inductor-on-top design compared to an equivalent module solution

<sup>4</sup> can be supplied within the same area through an up to 30% reduction of the occupation area enabling a current density increase

