# 25 Microchips That Shoot The World

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#### 簡介

- Focus on chips that proved unique, intriguing, awe-inspiring
- How it came about? Why it was innovative?
- Now: enduring objects, textbook design examples, commercial success, geeky reference, ...

#### Motorola MC68000 Microprocessor(1979)

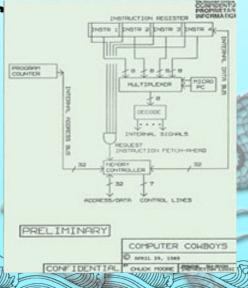
- Internal 32-bit registers
- Designed by using pencil and paper
- Applications: laser printers, arcade games, industrial controllers...



Reference: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motorola 68000

#### Computer Cowboys Sh-Boom Processor (1988)

- Designed by Russell H. Fish & Chuck H. Moore
- Run its own superfast internal clock
- Not a commercial success
- Patriot & Moore have reaped over \$125 million in licensing fees since 2006.



### Chips & Technologies AT Chip Set(1985)

- IBM: 80286 AT line of PCs (100 chips on the motherboard)
- C&T: need only 5 chips to duplicate the functionality
- PC become cheaper
- · 台灣 Chip set 廠: 威盛,矽統



## Amati Communications Overture ADSL Chip Set(1994)

- Use DMT(Discrete Multitone) modulation.
- In the mid-1990's, Amati's chip set sold in modest quantities, but by 2000, volume had increased to millions.
- In the early 2000s, sales exceeded 100 million chips per year.

### Toshiba NAND Flash Memory(1989)

- Before: floppy disks, hard disks, EPROM...
   (2 transistors per memory cell)
- Masuoka: a transistor per memory .cell
- Intel: 256 kb chip in 1988.
- Toshiba became one of the biggest players in a multibillion-dollar markets due to digital photography in the late 1990s.

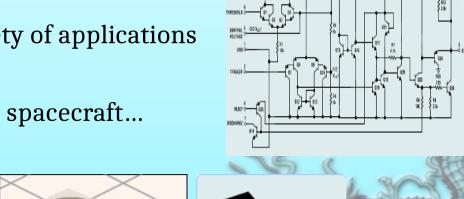
### Tripath Technology TA2020 Audio Amplifier (1998)

- Performed better and cost less than vacuum tube-based amp.
- Low-end: 15W version sold for \$3 and used in boom boxes and ministereos.
- Other version(max. 1000W output) used in home theaters.



Signetics NE555 Timer(1971)

- As a timer or an oscillator
- Wtith fewer transistors, resistors, and diodes
- Versatility, stability and low cost
- Produce long time delays in a variety of applications
- Application: kichen appliance, toy, spacecraft...







### Texas Instruments TMC0281(1978)

The first single-chip speech synthesizer

Speak & Spell learning toy

Conveyed voice by linear predictive coding

Buzzing, hissing, & popping



### Deep Blue 2 Chess Chip(1997)

- On May 11, 1997, defeat world champion Garry Kasparov
- Written in C
- With 480 special purpose VLSI chess chips
- By Taiwanese Feng-hsiung Hsu
- The 259th most powerful supercomputer











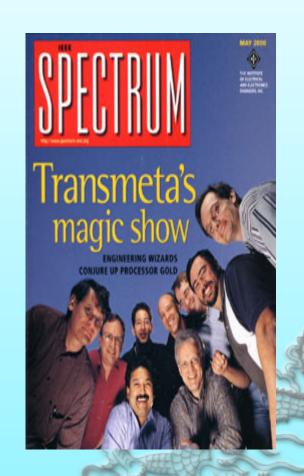
### Texas Instruments Digital Micromirror Device (DMD) (1987)

· An array of microscopically small, square mirrors

- A mirror, a single pixel
- Controlled by electrostatic forces
- An be turned on and off thousands of times per second
- Make images brighter, sharper and more realistic
- Application: projector

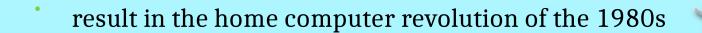
#### Transmeta Crusoe(1978)

- Low power consumption
- High efficiency
- Special method of achieving x86 compatibility
- Proved that dynamic binary translation was commercially viable



### MOS Technology 6502(1975)

- an 8-bit microprocessor with a 16-bit address bus
- High efficiency but cheap
- the first "public" uses : Apple I Apple II
- Another uses: video games
- It is still made for embedded systems.



### Intel 8088 Microprocessor(1979)

- First 16-bit CPU that IBM chose for its original PC line
- "A castrated version of 8086" one of Intel's best decisions
- The first PC to use the 8088
   was IBM's Model 5150, a
   monochrome machine that cost
   US\$3000
- Not bad for a castrated chip.



### Micronas Semiconductor MAS3507 MP3 Decoder(1997)

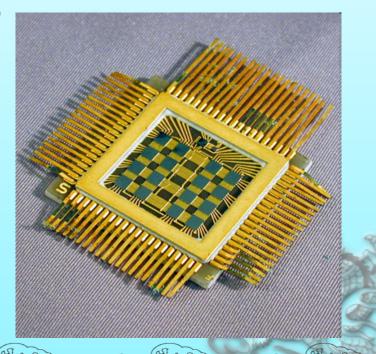
- The player(Diamond Rio PMP300) carried the MAS3507 MP3 decoder chip--a RISC-based digital signal processor
- The Rio and its successors paved the way for the iPod, and you can carry thousands of songs.



### Mostek MK4096 4-Kilobit DRAM(1973)

- More pins memories as memory density increased
- A circuitry trick called address multiplexing(Bob Proebsting)
- Problem:4096 used 16 pins, whereas Texas Instruments,Intel,and Motorola used 22 pins.





#### Xilinx XC2064 FPGA(1985)

 Ross Freeman came up with a chip packed with transistors that formed loosely organized logic blocks that in turn could be configured and reconfigured with software.







#### ZilogZ80 Mlcroprocessor

- Federico Faggin want to design a single-chip microcontroller.
- They worked 80-hour weeks hunched over tables, drawing the Z80.(small is beautiful)
- The goal was to outperform the 8080 and also offer full compatibility with 8080 software
- Applications: Osborne I, Radio Shack TRS-80,MSX home computers, printers, fax machines, photocopiers, modems, and satellites.

### Sun Microsystems SPARC

Processor

 a 32-bit RISC processor called SPARC



### TMS32010 Digital Signal Processor

- Created by Texas Instrument, and made TI's big fortune.
- The fastest DSP. It can compute a multiply operation in 200 nanoseconds.
- Application: modems, medical devices, military systems, and Julie doll.



Julie doll, that could sing and talk

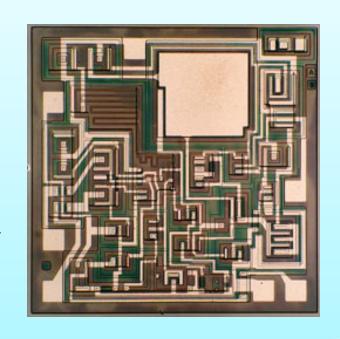
### Are we making too much noise?

#### PIC 16C84 Microcontroller

- Incorporated a type of memory called EEPROM, it didn't need UV light to be erased.
- Now users could change their code on the fly.
- The beginning of a line of microcontrollers that became electronics superstars.
- Application: smart cards, remote controls, wireless car keys, chip-controlled fireworks, and unmanned aerial vehicles.

### Operational amplifiers µA741

- Make audio and video preamplifiers, voltage comparators, precision rectifiers
- Improve from LM101, which has frequency distortions and sensitive to noise.
- Become the standard for opamps



### ICL8038 Waveform Generator

 A generator of sine, square, triangular, sawtooth, and pulse waveforms.

 But it has limited performance and propensity for behaving erratically.

• Use in Moog music synthesizers, homemade function generators and theremins and the "blue boxes" that "phreakers" used to beat the phone companies in the 1980s

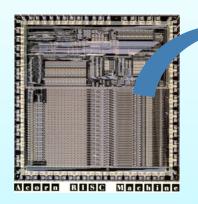
#### **WD1402A UART**

- Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter
- Translates data between parallel and serial forms
- Used in modems, PC peripherals



#### **ARM1 Processor**

- Advanced RISC Machine
- 32-bit reduced instruction set computer
- ARM was small, low power, and easy to program.
- Dominant in the mobile and embedded electronics market as relatively low cost.
- More than 10 billion ARM cores have been used.





### Used in iPhone

#### KAF-1300 Image Sensor

- The chip became the basis for future CCD sensors.
- CCD sensors is the application of the Photoelectric effect.
- Nobel Goes to Boyle and Smith for CCD Camera Chip.

### What was the very first photo made with the KAF-1300?

The wall of the laboratory.....