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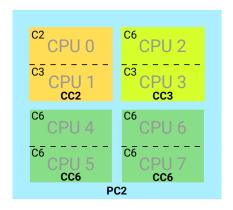
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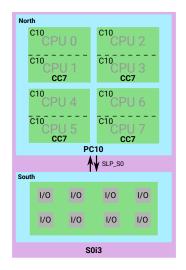
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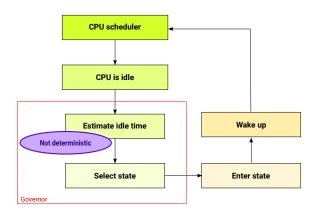
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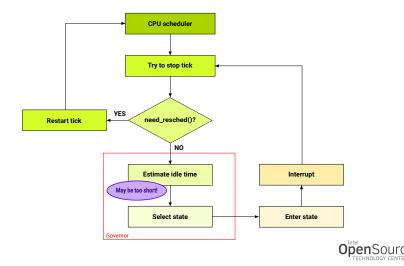
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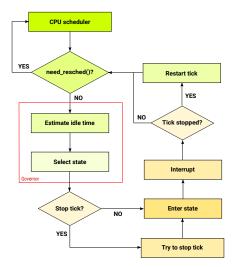


#### Idle Loop Design Issue





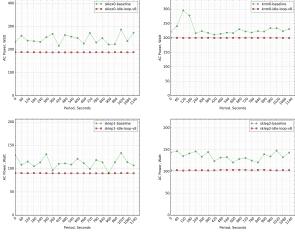
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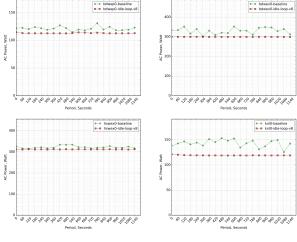
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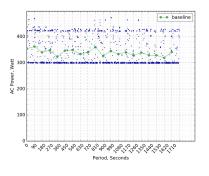
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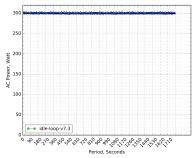




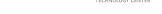


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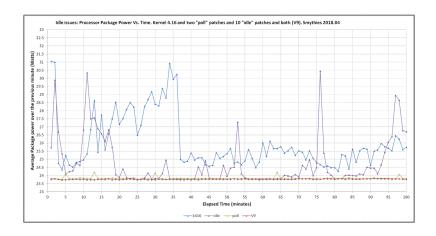








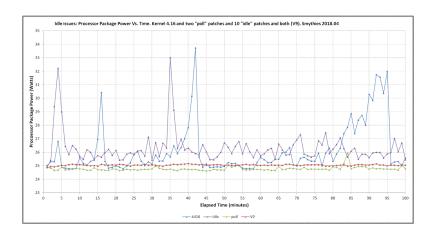
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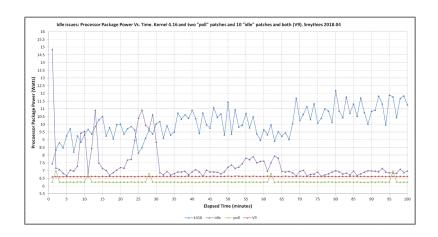
#### One-Core Pipe Test (Doug Smythies)







### 1281 Hz Work/Sleep Test (Doug Smythies)







# Questions / Discussion





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