

CHAPTER

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INTRODUCTION



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REVIEW

- ☐ Computer Generations
- ☐ Classes of Computers
- ☐ Terminology: wafer, chip, chipset
- ☐ 8 great ideas in Computer architecture

GENERATION OF DIGITAL COMPUTER

Generation	Time	Technology
1	1940 – 1956	Vacuum tubes
2	1956 – 1963	Transistors
3	1964 – 1971	Integrated Circuits
4	1971 – nay	Microprocessors
5	Under Development	Parallel Processing/ Artificial intelligence

CLASS OF COMPUTERS

- ☐ Personal Computers
- ☐ Server Computers
- ☐ Super Computers
- ☐ Embedded Computers

Personal Computers

- ☐ General-purpose
variety of software
- ☐ Subject to
cost/performance
tradeoff



Server Computers

- ☐ Network-based
- ☐ High capacity performance, reliability
- ☐ Range from small server to building size





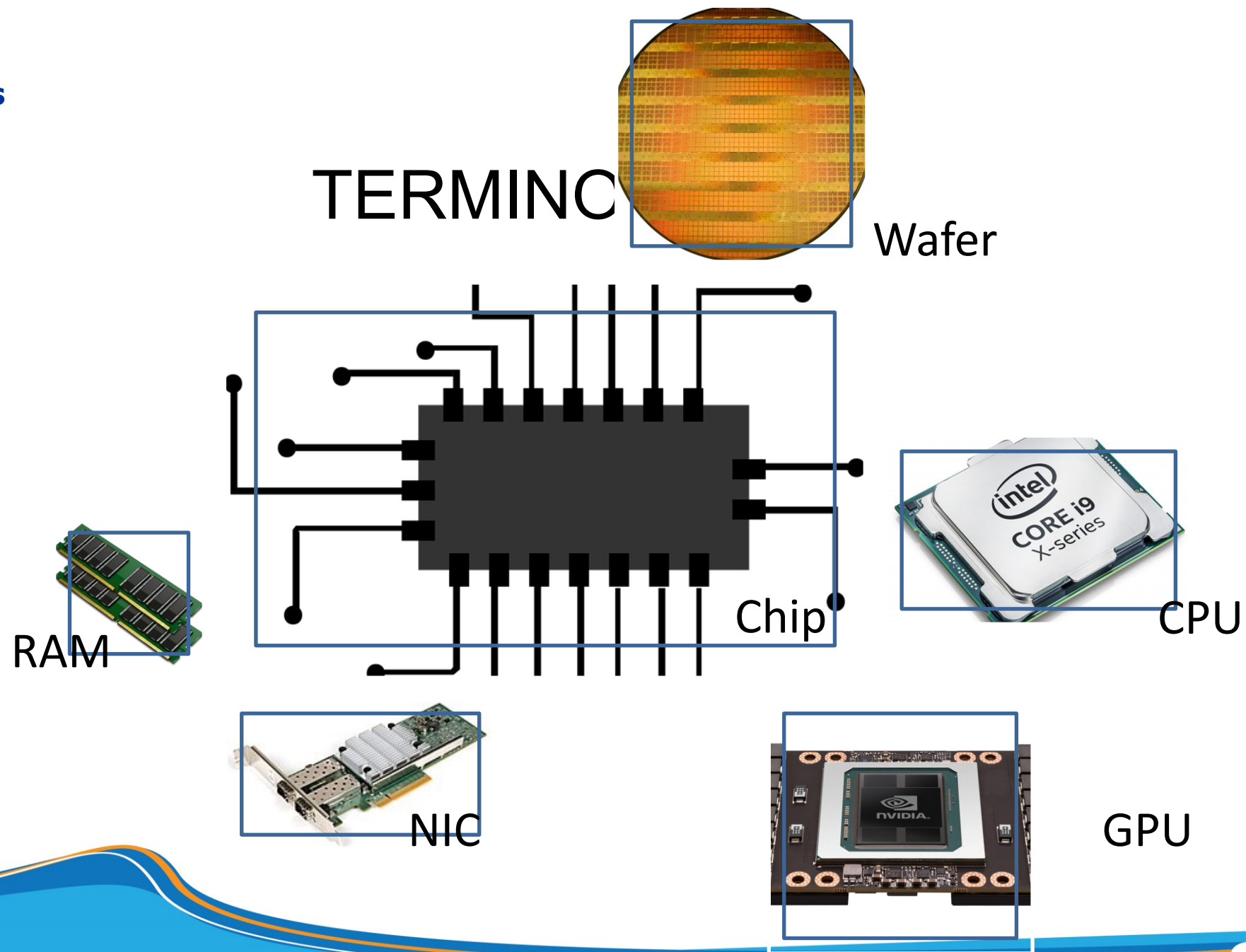
Supper Computers

- ☐ High-end scientific and engineering calculations
- ☐ Highest capacity but represent a small fraction of the overall computer market

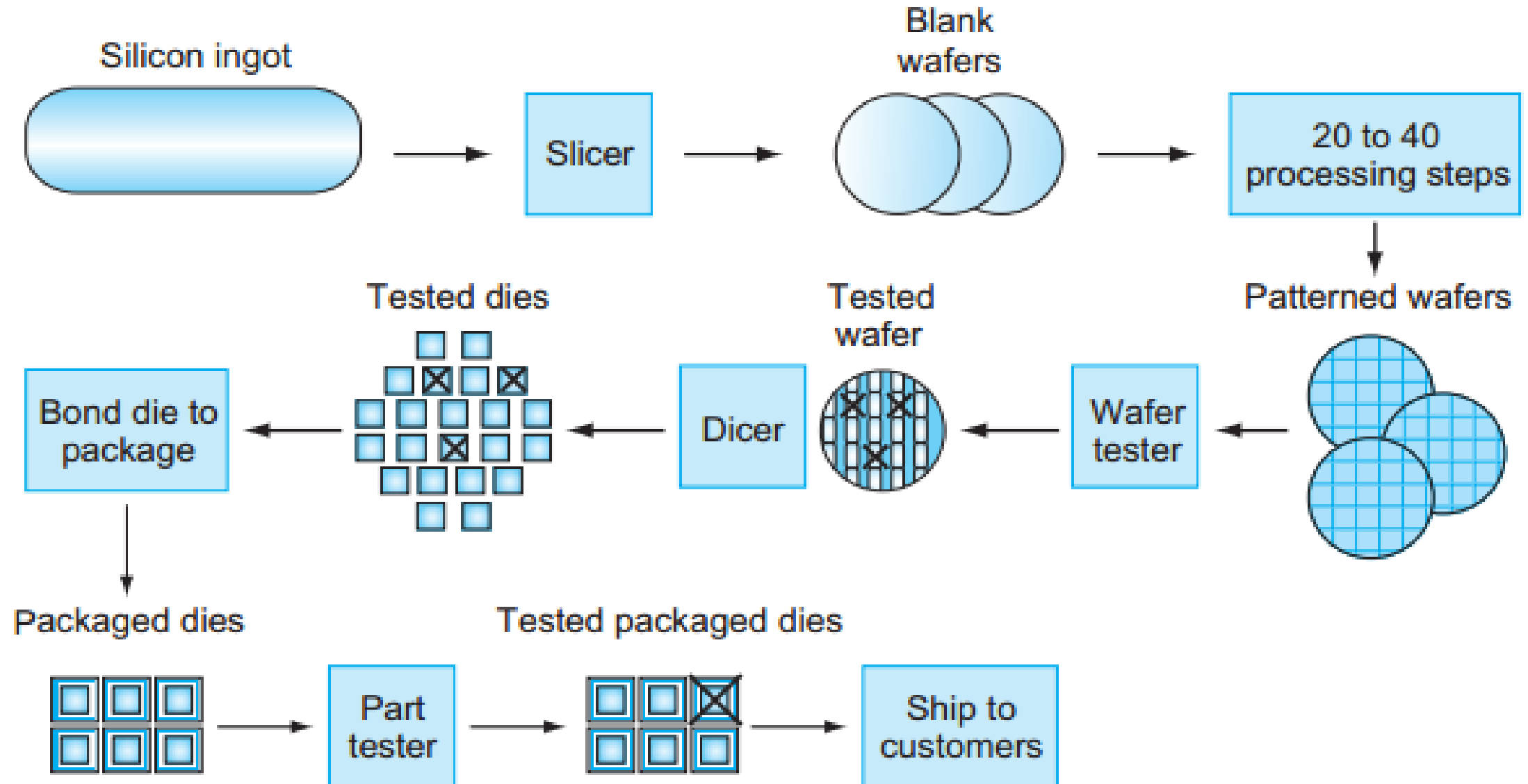
Embedded Computers

- ❑ Hidden components from the system
- ❑ Stringent power/performance/cost constraints
- ❑ Only work on a specific task



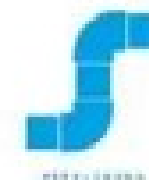
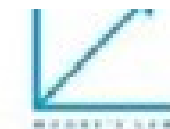


The chip manufacturing process



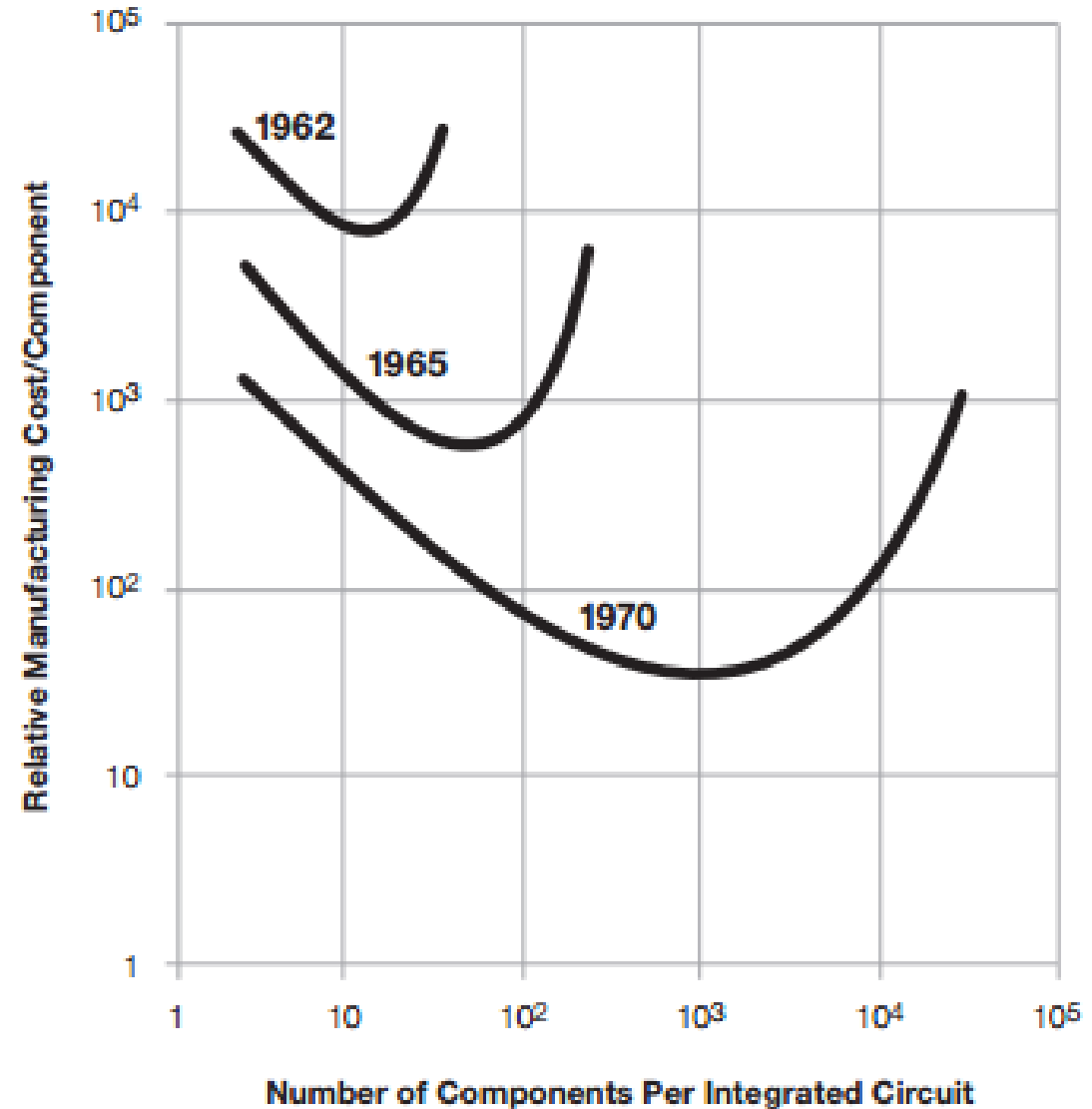
8 great ideas in Computer Architecture

- ☐ **Design of Moore's law**
- ☐ **Use abstraction to simplify design**
- ☐ Make a common case fast
- ☐ Performance via: Parallelism
- ☐ Performance via: Pipelining
- ☐ Performance via: Prediction
- ☐ **Hierarchy of Memory**
- ☐ Dependability via Redundancy



Moore's Law

"The number of transistors incorporated in a chip will approximately double every 24 months."—Gordon Moore, Intel co-founder





❑ 01_Timeline.pdf

❑ 02_Hardware.pdf

❑ Patterson and Hennessy, ***Computer Organization and Design: The Hardware / Software Interface (5th edition)***, Chapter 1

