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# Perché la *computer science*?

- I computer sono **pervasivi**
- La loro continua evoluzione rende possibili applicazioni sempre nuove
  - *Dispositivi personali*
  - *Auto a guida autonoma, droni*
  - *Human brain project*
  - *World Wide Web/Internet, Cloud, IoT*
- Ciò è reso possibile dal costante avanzamento della tecnologia
  - *Legge di Moore*

*«the number of transistors in an IC doubles every two years»*

Moore, G.E., *Cramming more components onto integrated circuits*. Electronics, 38(8), April 1965



Gordon E.  
Moore  
(1929– )

# Classi di Computer

- Personal computers

- *General purpose, varietà di software*
- *Trade-off costi/prestazioni*



- Server computers

- *Network*
- *Alta capacità (storage), performance, affidabilità*
- *Da piccolo server privati ad interi edifici*



# Classi di Computer

- Supercomputers

- *Calcoli scientifici e ingegneristici ad alta richiesta di prestazioni*
- *Prestazioni più alte in assoluto*
  - *Una frazione relativamente piccolo del totale mercato, ma sta crescendo...*



- Embedded computers

- *Nascosti come component di un sistema*
- *Vincoli di potenza/performance/costo stringenti*
- *Requisiti di tipo Real-time e di affidabilità*



# L'era Post PC

- Personal Mobile Device (PMD)
  - *Dispositivi a batteria (basso consumo)*
  - *Alta connettività (Internet and more)*
  - *Centinaia di euro (basso costo)*
  - *Smart phones, tablets, electronic glasses*
- Cloud computing
  - *Warehouse Scale Computers (WSC)*
  - *Software as a Service (SaaS)*
  - *Portion of software run on a PMD and a portion run in the Cloud*
  - *Amazon, Microsoft, Google*





# Data Center



Microsoft Data Center eastern US - 2017

Getting bigger

from previous  
slide



Planned expansion: 2km long...



# Tipi di Computer



SERVER

LAPTOP  
NOTEBOOK  
ULTRABOOK



DESKTOP

SMARTPHONE



TABLET



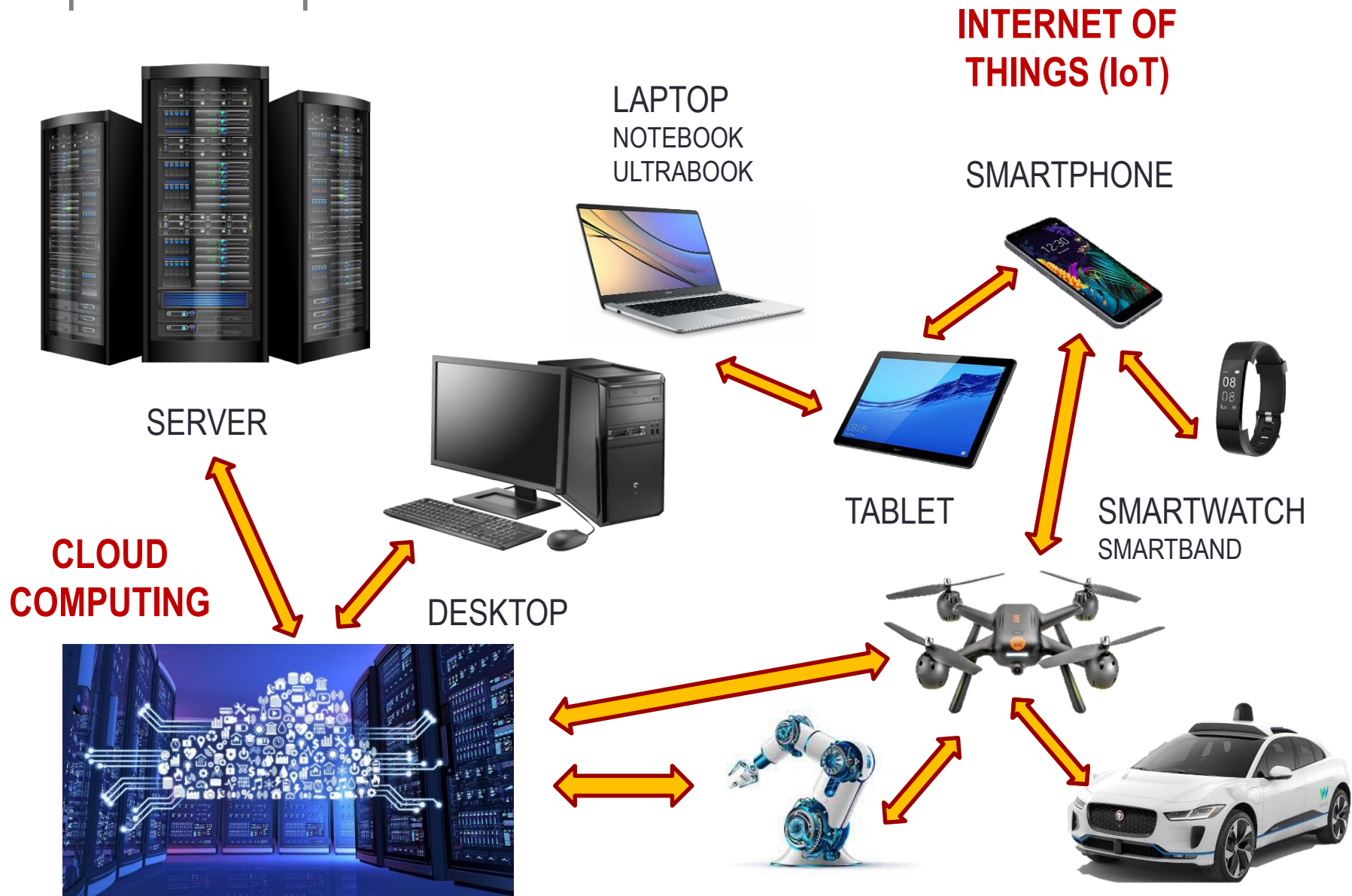
SMARTWATCH  
SMARTBAND



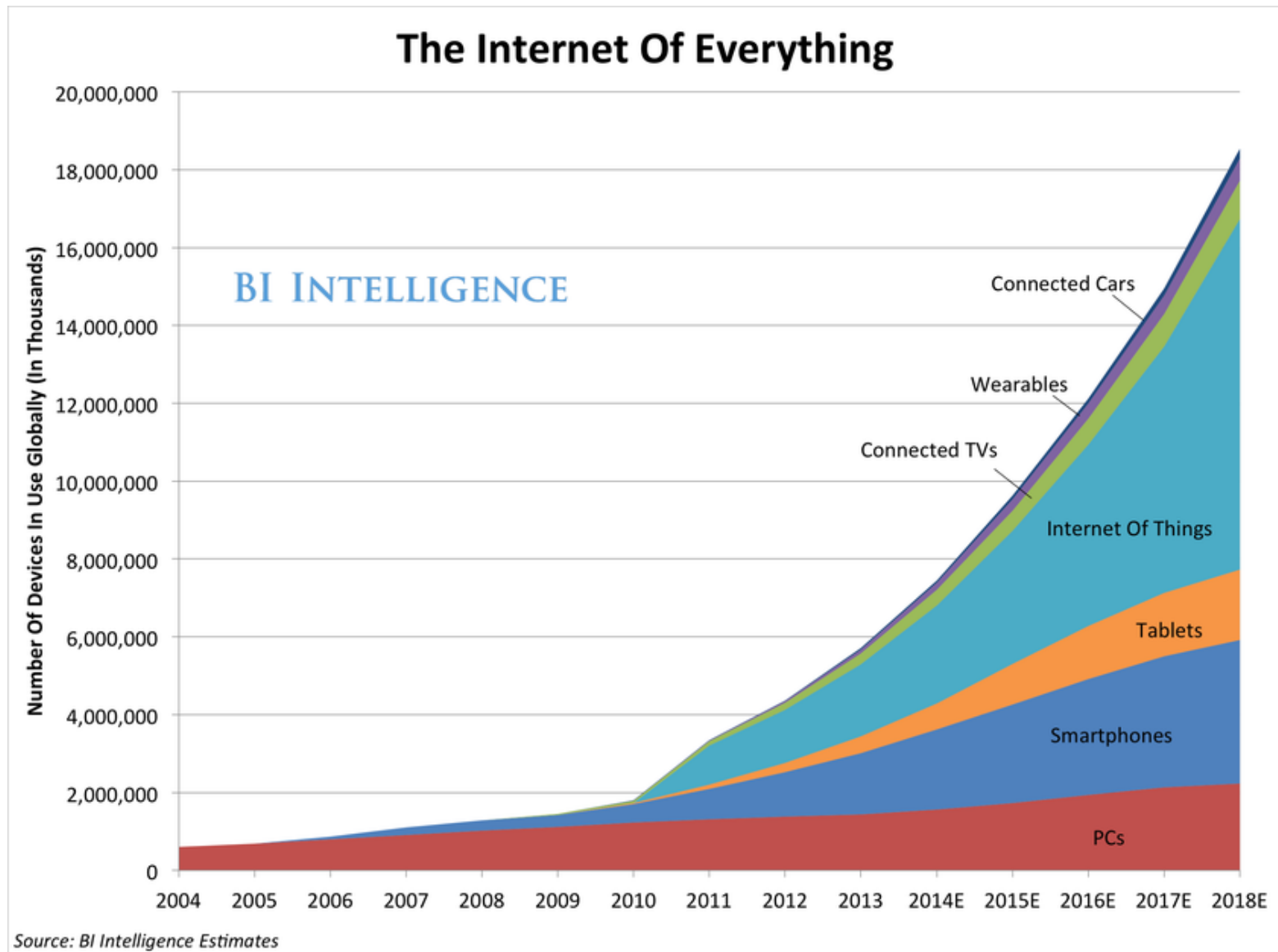
Dimensioni maggiori  
Alti consumi  
Maggiore performance

Dimensioni ridotte  
Basso consumo  
Minore performance

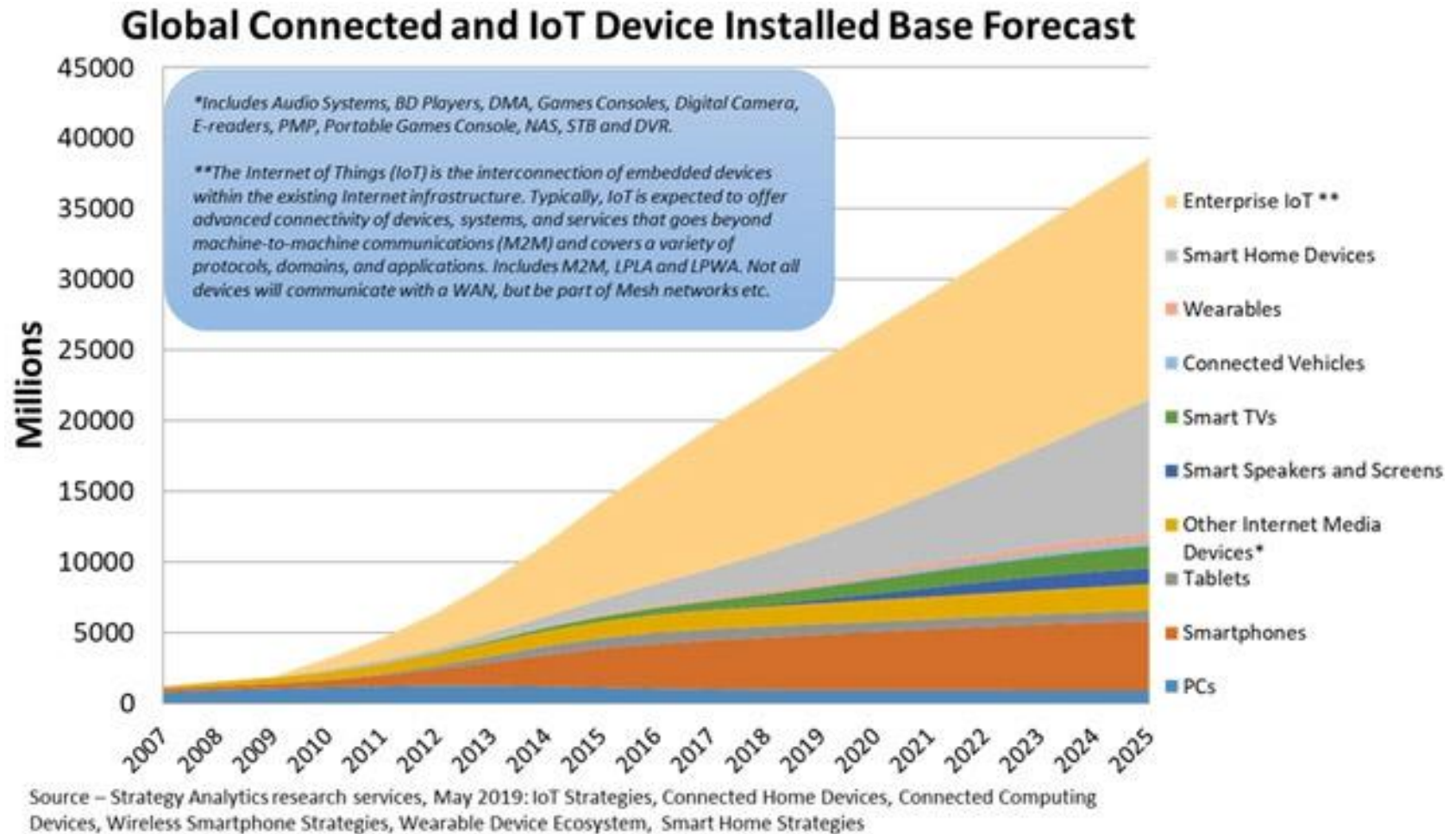
# Tipi di Computer



# L'era Post PC – la visione del 2013



# L'era Post PC – la visione odierna



# Perché la *computer science*?

- In breve...
- I computer sono **pervasivi** e **onnipresenti** in tutti gli aspetti della nostra vita quotidiana
- **Lo studio** di come sono progettati e programmati i computer è **fondamentale** in un mondo (e un mercato) che è dominato da questa tecnologia



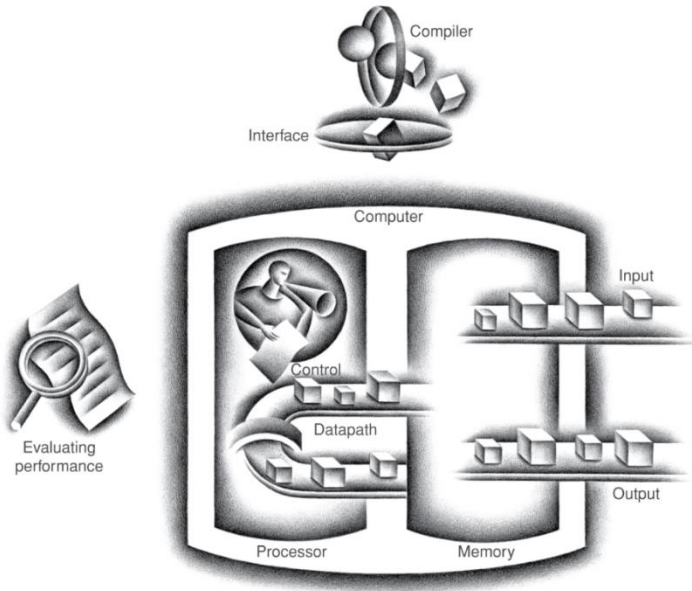
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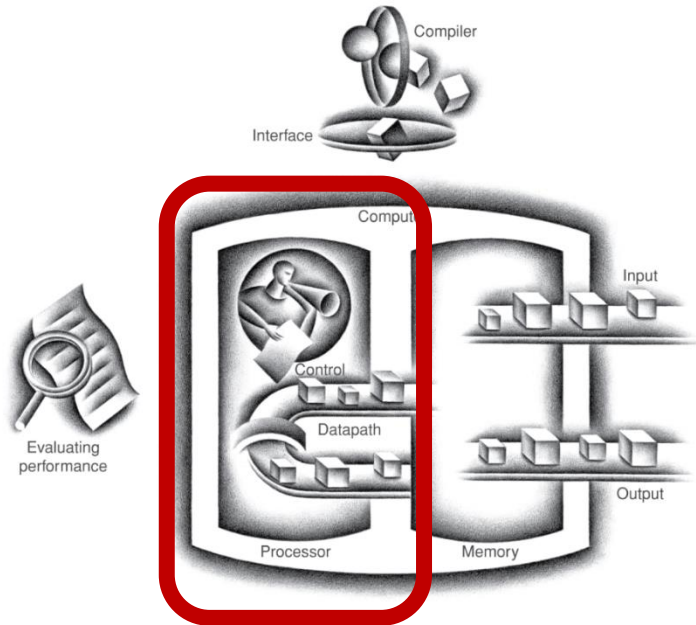
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## Componenti di un computer

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  - *Desktop, server, embedded*
- Processore
- Memoria
- Input/Output (I/O)

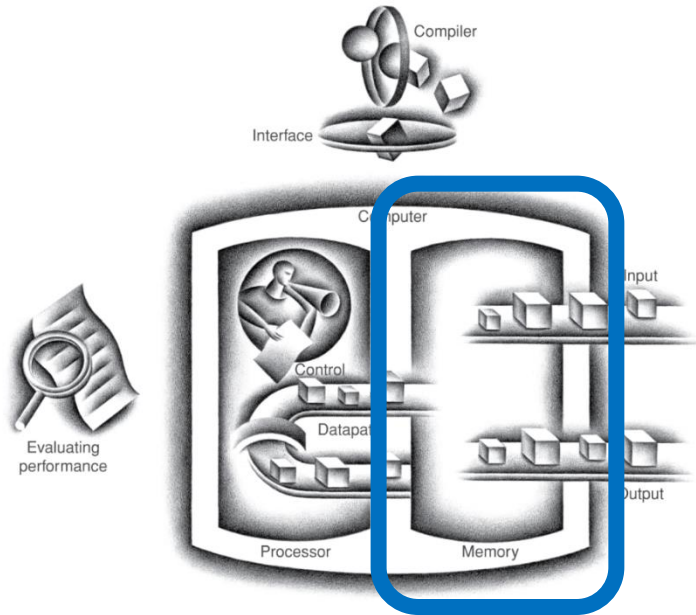
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  - Central Processing Unit (CPU)
  - Il cuore di un computer: processa i dati in *input* per produrre l'*output*
  - **Datapath**: esegue le operazioni sui *dati*
  - **Control**: controlla il funzionamento del datapath, memoria, ...

# Cosa c'è dentro a un computer?



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- **Memoria**

- Organizzata come una *gerarchia*
    - Performance/capacity/cost tradeoff
    - La **DRAM** è capiente, ma lenta...
    - I **registri** (SRAM<sup>1</sup>) sono veloci quanto la CPU, ma piccoli...
  - La **cache** memory sta in mezzo
    - SRAM



# Cosa c'è dentro a un computer?

## E se spengo il computer?

- La memoria principale (DRAM) è *volatile*
  - Perde tutta l'informazione quando spengo il PC
- HARD DISK – Memoria secondaria non-volatile
  - Magnetic disk (HDD)
  - Flash memory (SD, SSD)
  - Optical disk (CDROM, DVD)



HDD

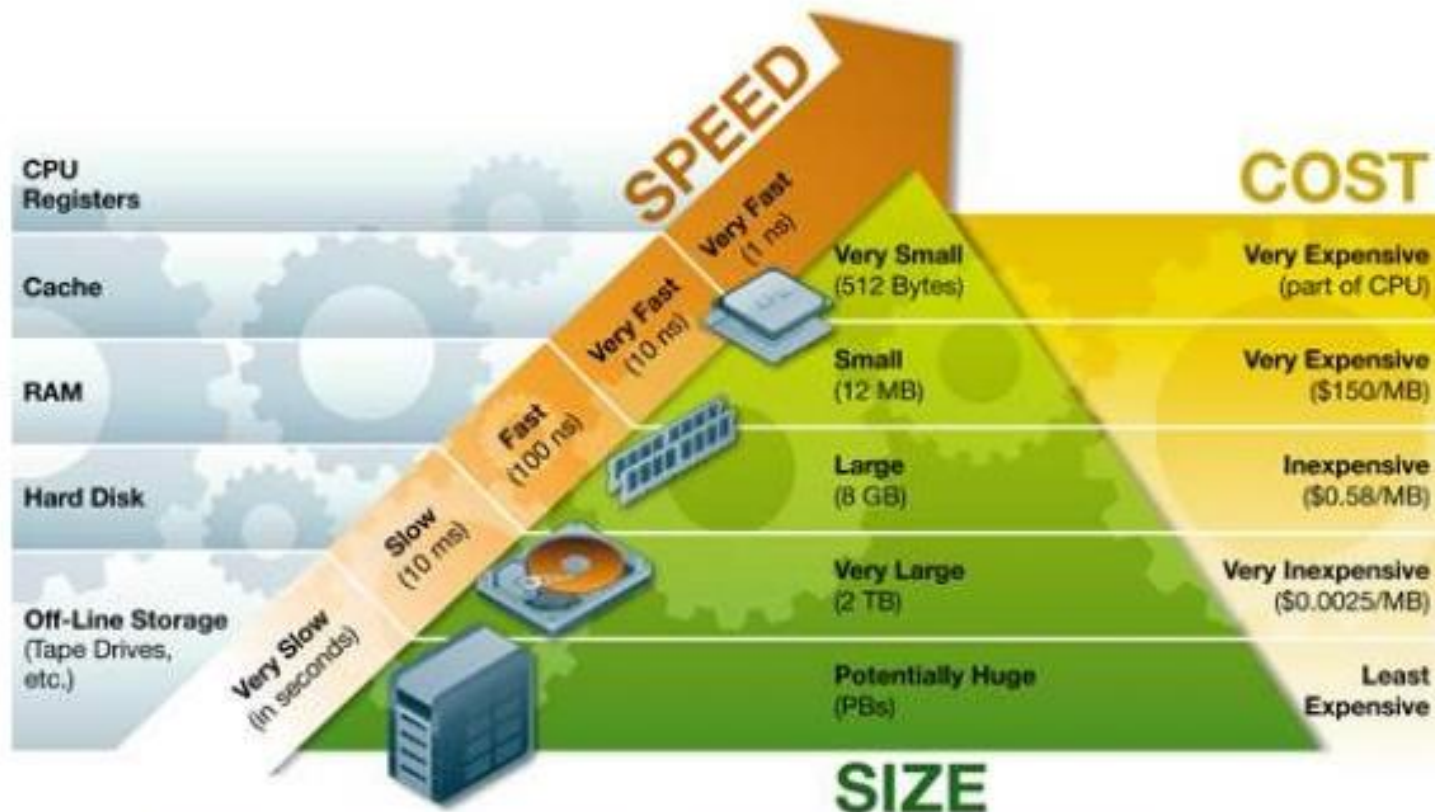


SSD



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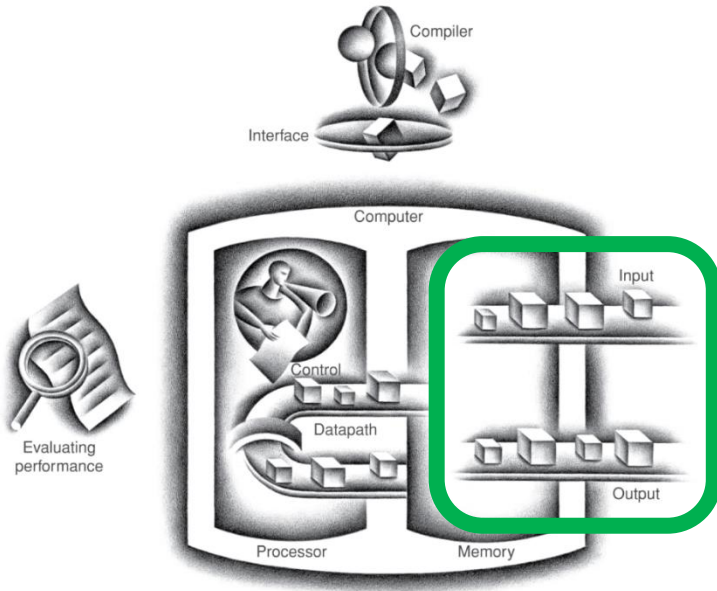
## The memory hierarchy



Source: [http://www.ts.avnet.com/uk/products\\_and\\_solutions/storage/hierarchy.html](http://www.ts.avnet.com/uk/products_and_solutions/storage/hierarchy.html)

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  - *Desktop, server, embedded*
- **Input/output (I/O)**
  - *Storage devices*
    - *Hard disk, CD/DVD, flash*
  - *User-interface devices*
    - *Display, keyboard, mouse*
  - *Network adapters*
    - *For communicating with other computers*

# Cosa c'è dentro a un computer?

## Network adapters

- Communication, resource sharing, nonlocal access
- Local area network (LAN)
  - › Ethernet (10/100 Gbit/s)
- Wide area network (WAN): the Internet
- Wireless network (IEEE 802.11)
  - › WiFi, Bluetooth → 1-100 Mbit/s



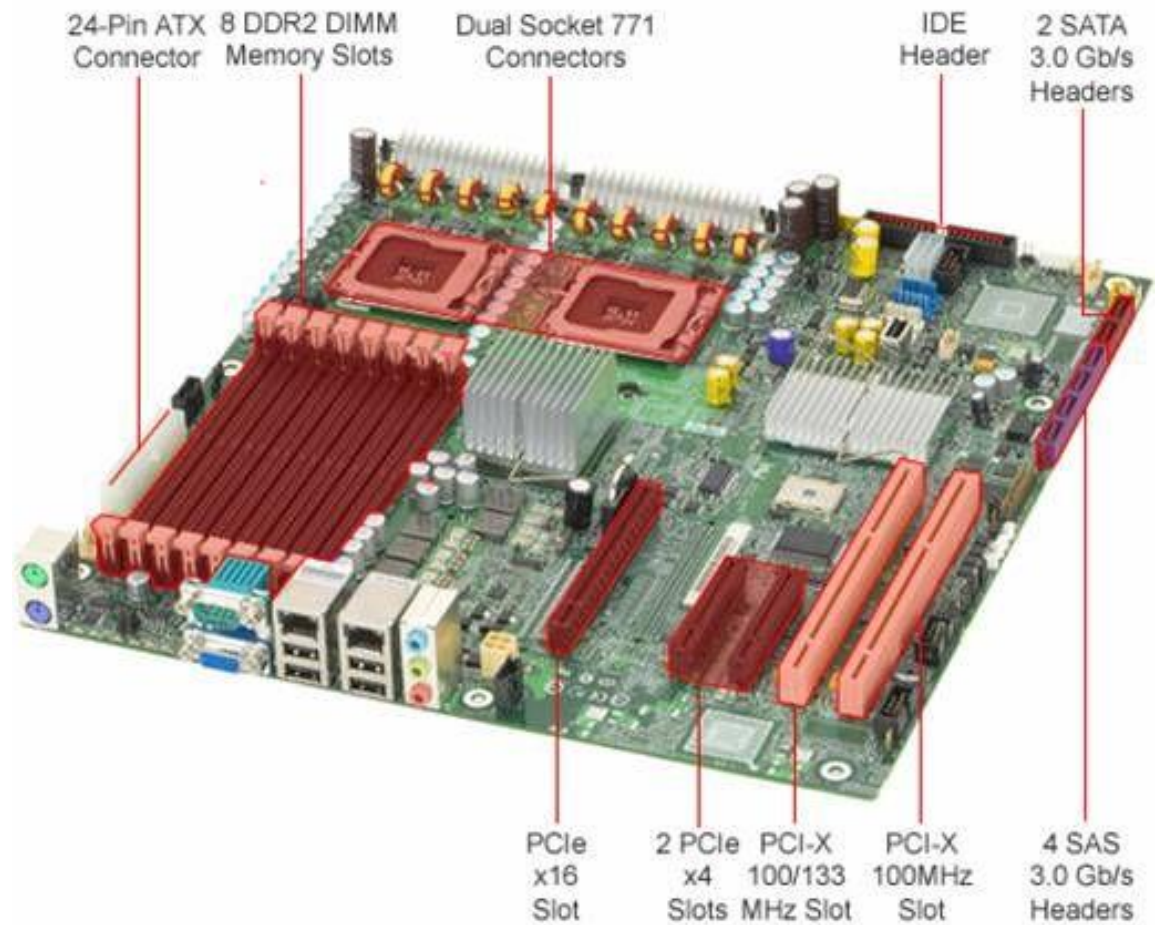
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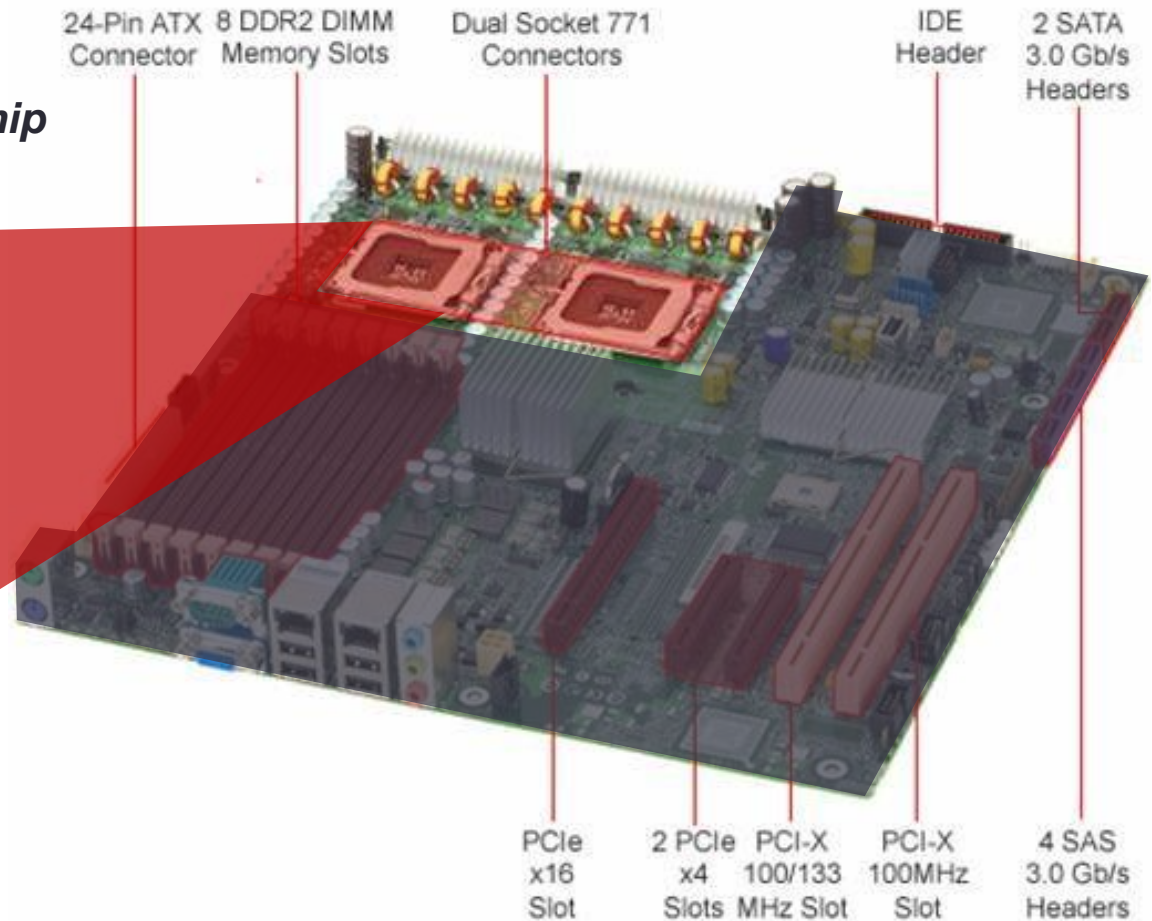
- Desktop PC
- SCHEDA MADRE



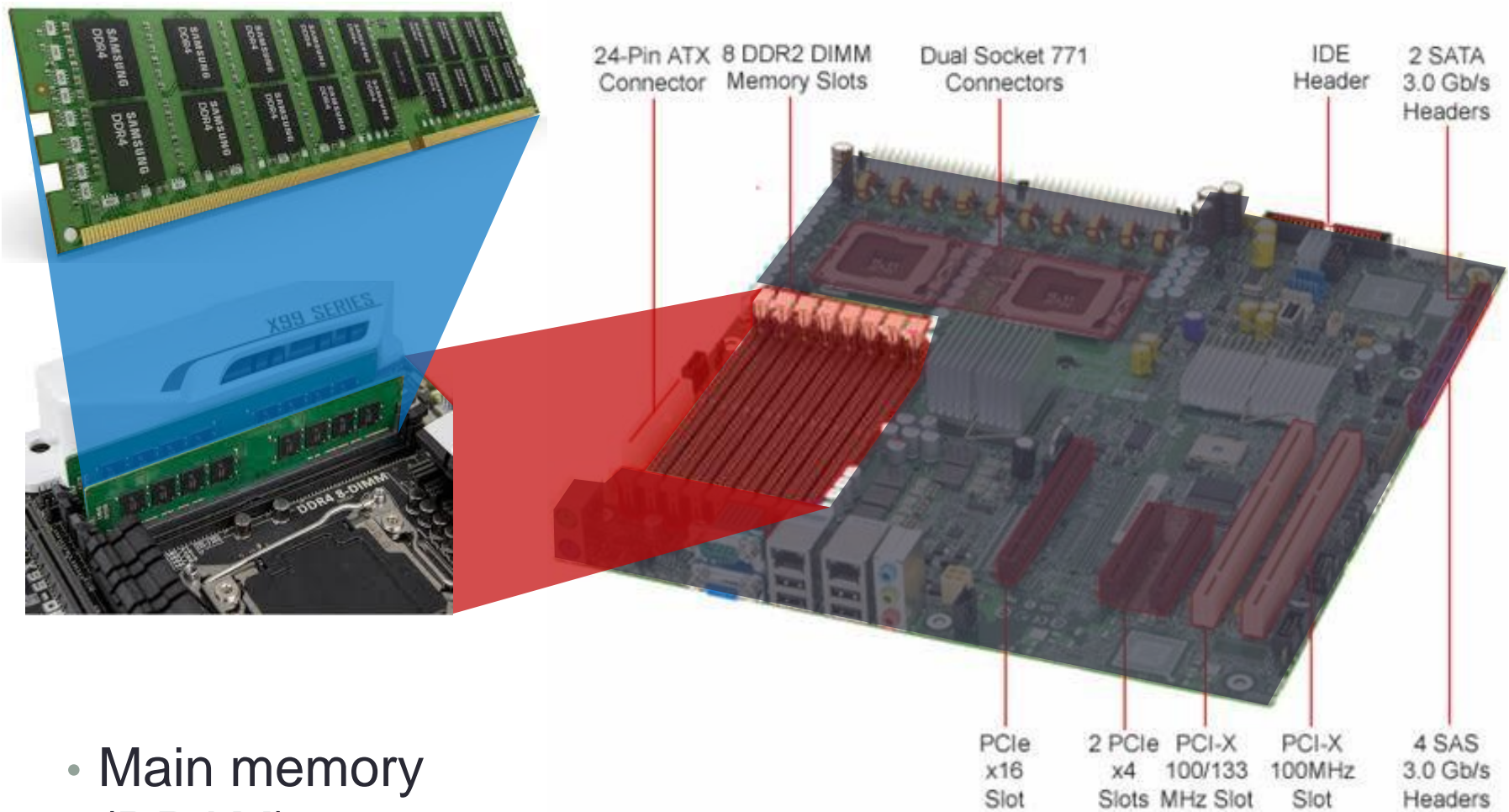
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- o più correttamente, processor **system-on-chip** (SoC)



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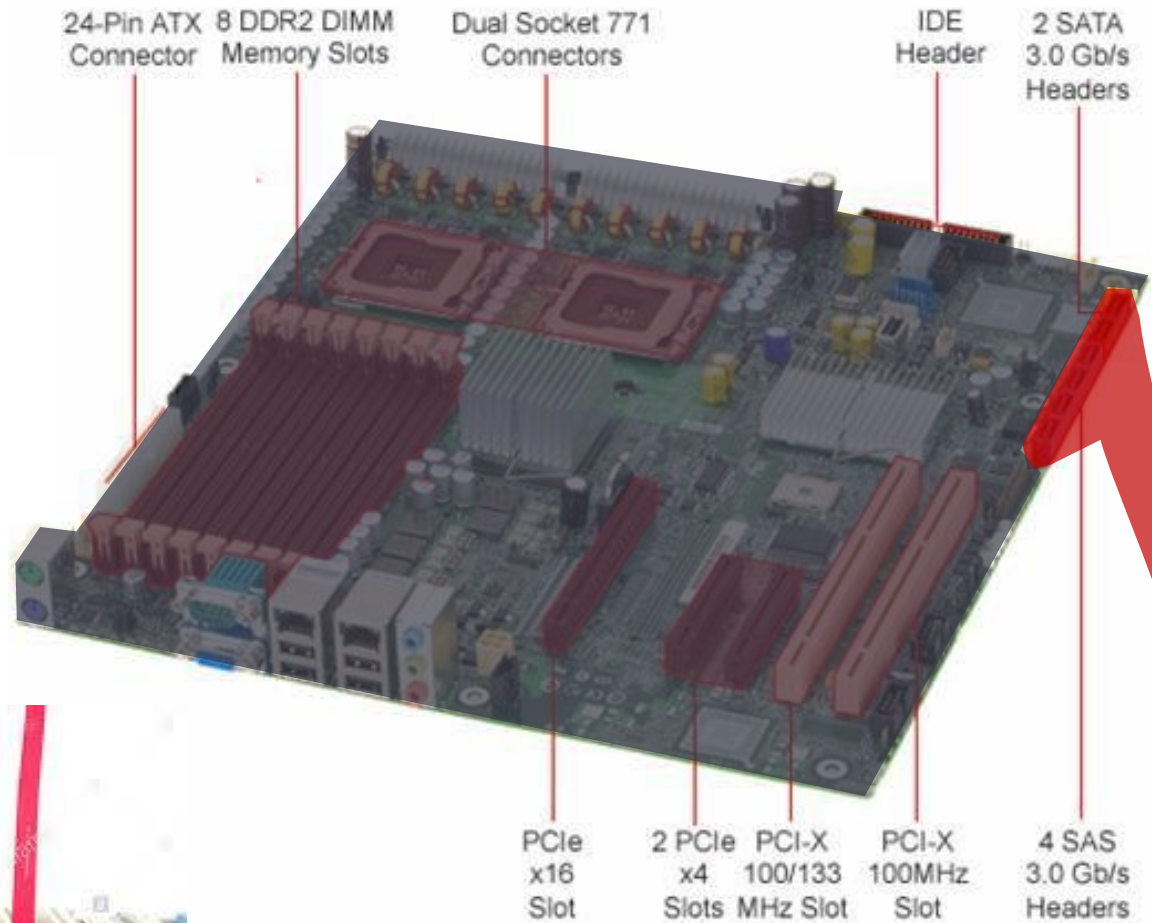


- Main memory (DRAM)



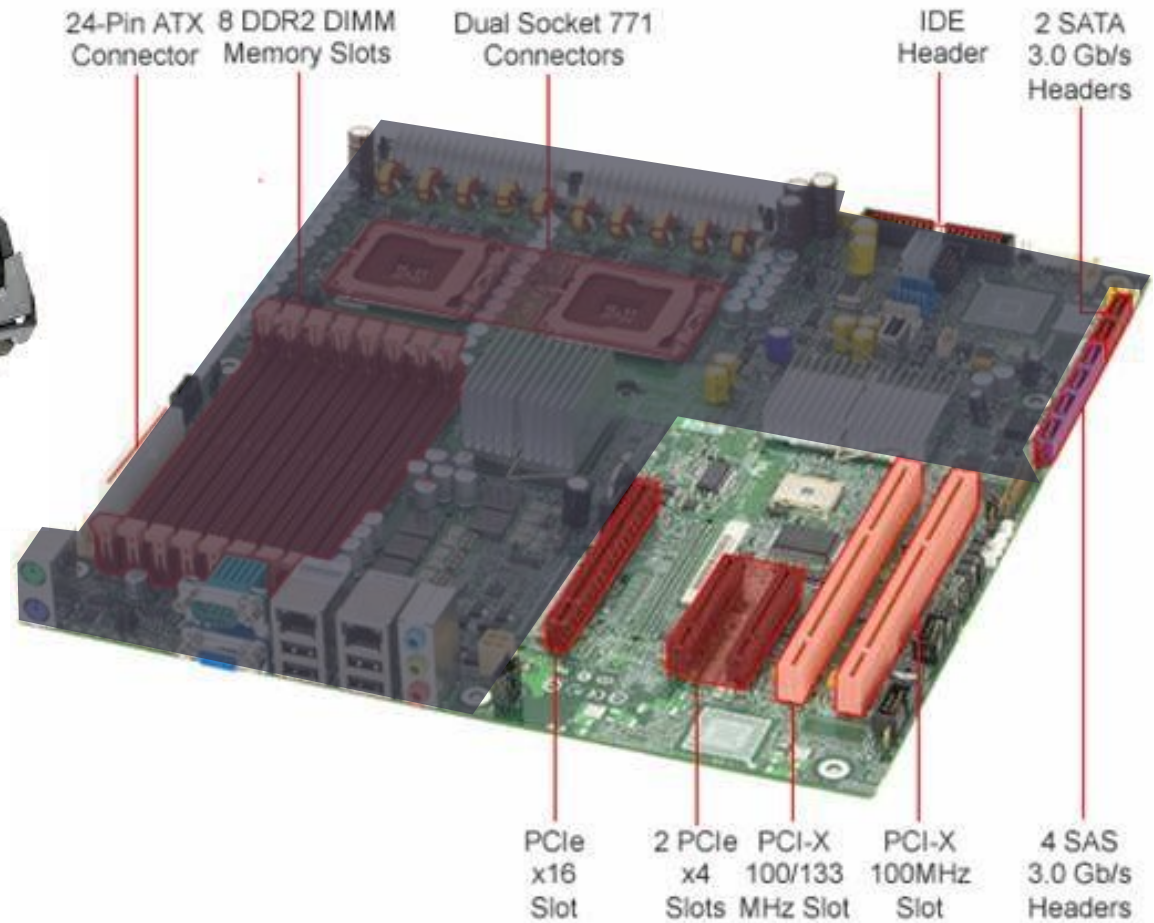
# Anatomia di un PC

- HARD DISK  
(solid state disk)



# Anatomia di un PC

- GPU
  - graphics acceleration

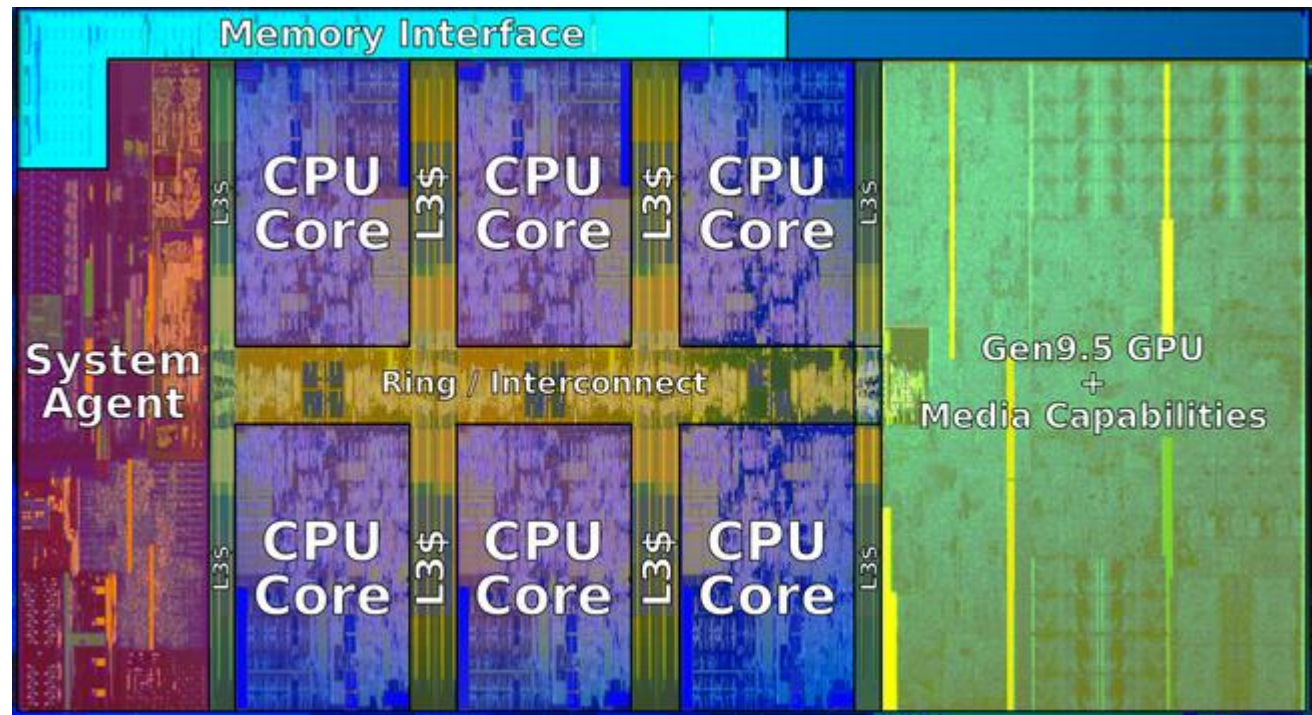




# Anatomia di un PC

E cosa c'è dentro al  
**Processor SoC?**

- Coffee Lake *system-on-chip* (2018)
- Processo a 14nm
- Multi-Core (2 to 8) CPU
- GPU
- Media



# Anatomia di un Tablet

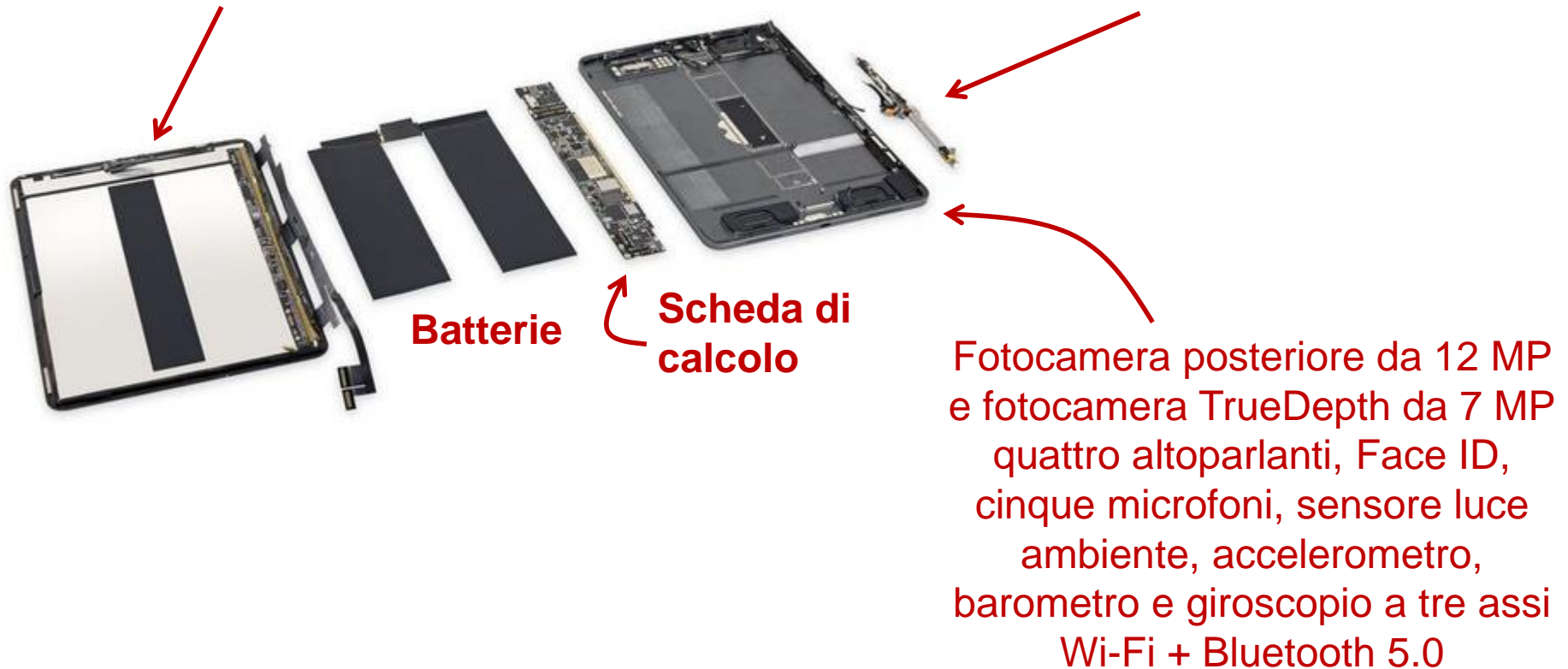
- Un dispositivo dell'era **PostPC**
- Touchscreen
  - rimpiazza keyboard e mouse
  - di tipo Capacitivo
    - consente multipli punti di "tocco" simultaneamente



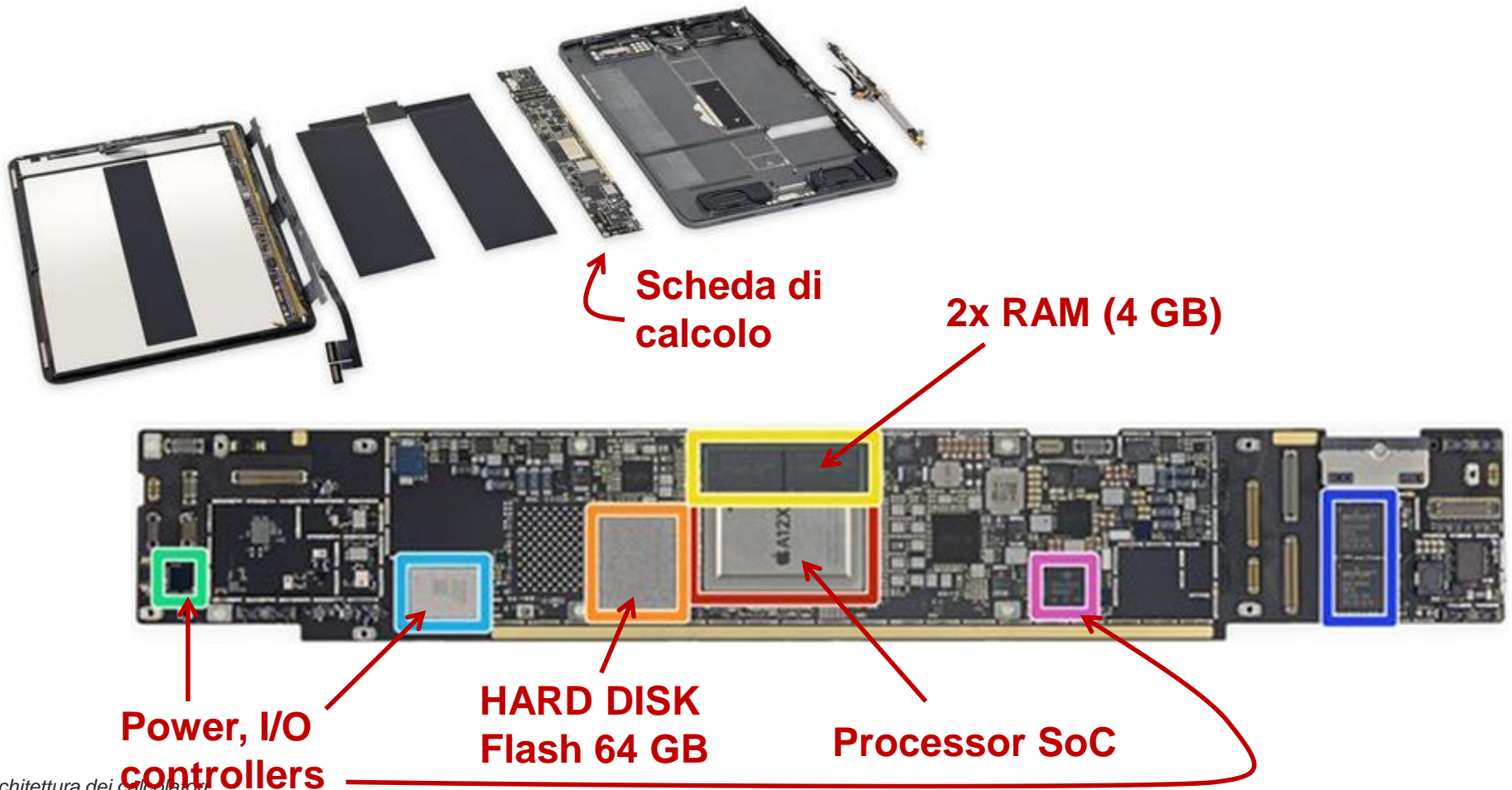
iPad Pro 11", 2018

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**Display** TFT da 11" Liquid Retina  
2388x1668 (264 ppi)



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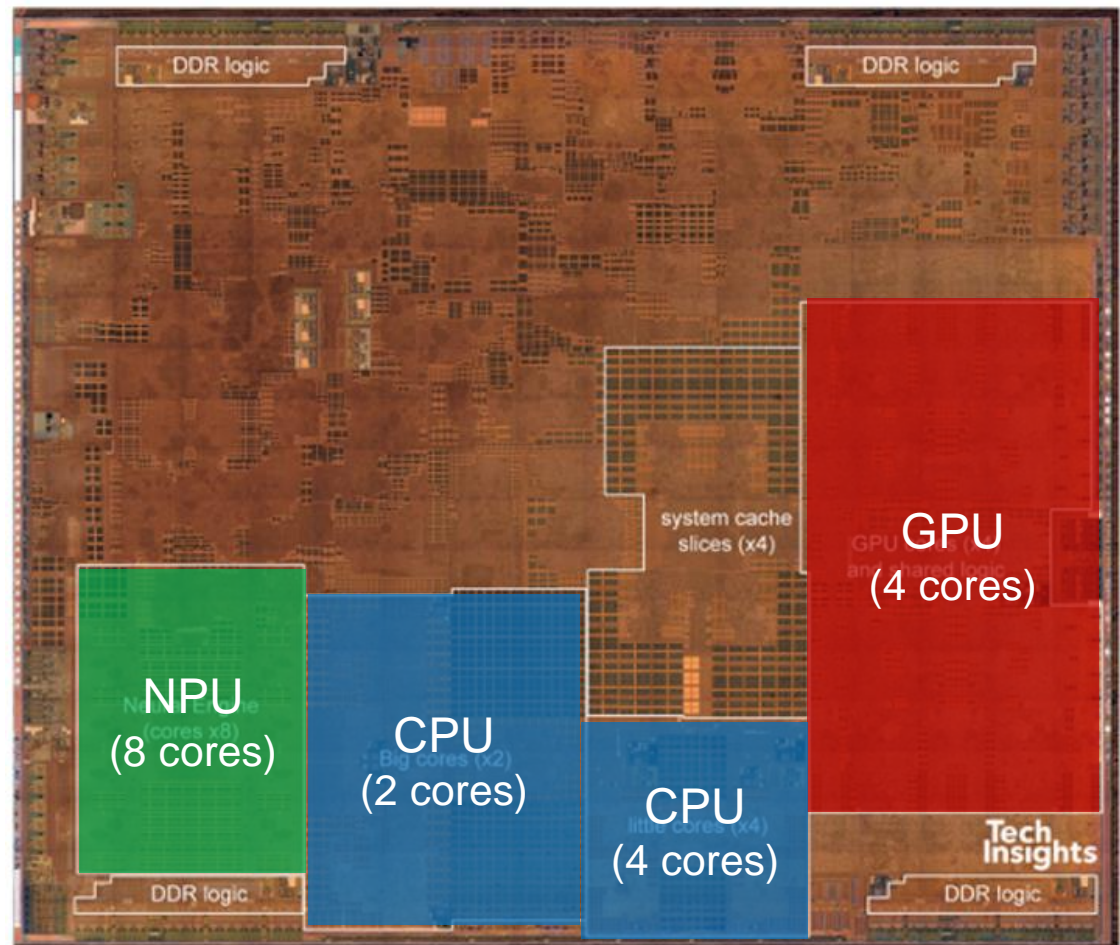


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**Processor SoC?**

- Apple A12 Bionic *system-on-chip*

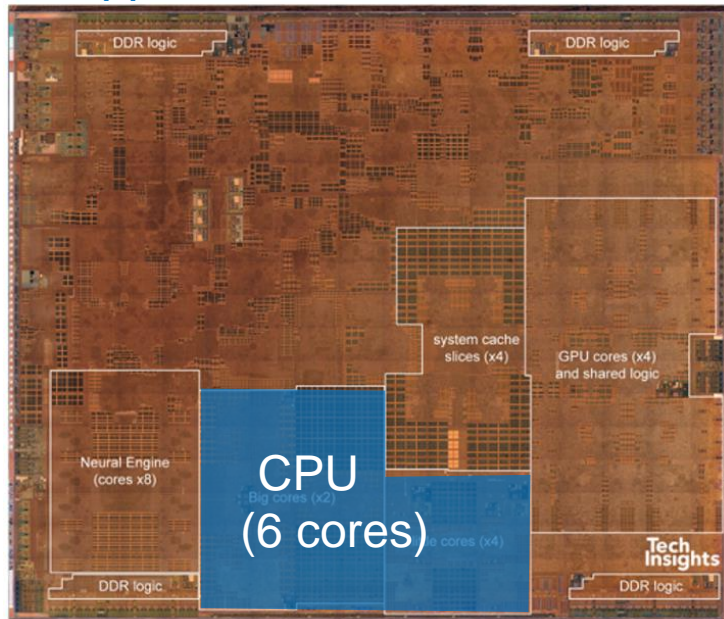
- **83,27 mm<sup>2</sup>**
  - (8,42 mm x 9,89 mm)
- **Processo a 7nm**
- **6,9 miliardi di transistor**
- **Hexa-Core (6) CPU**
  - 2 (Vortex) @2,49GHz
  - 4 (Tempest) @1,49GHz
- **4-Core GPU**
- **8-Core NPU**



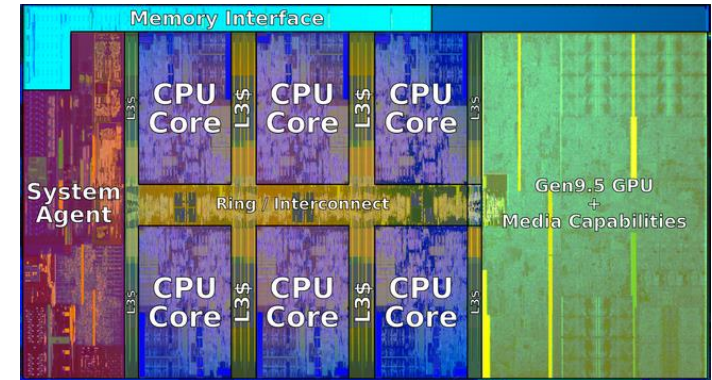
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*Apple A12 Bionic SoC*



*Intel i7 Coffee Lake SoC*

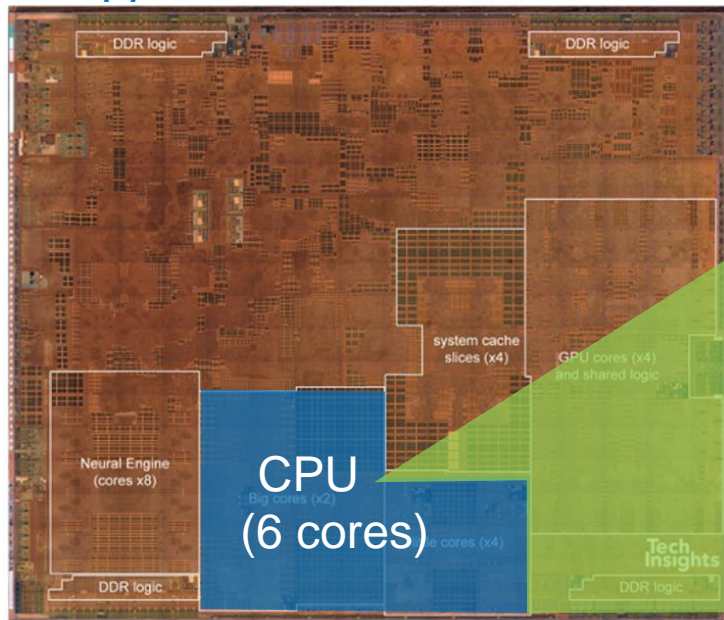




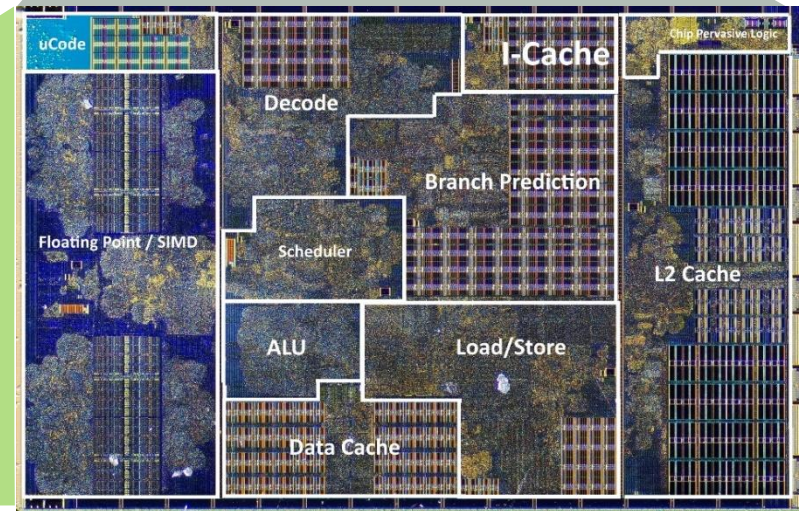
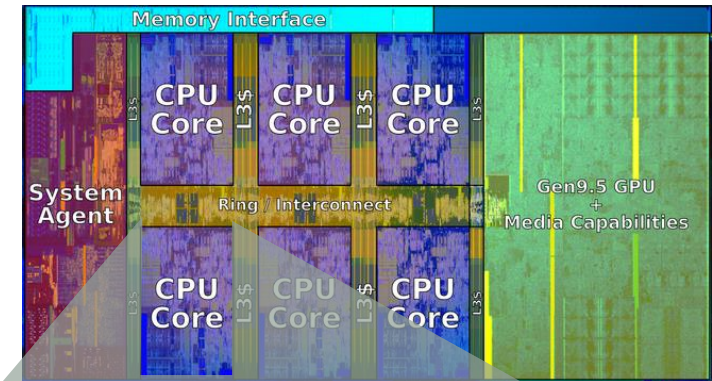
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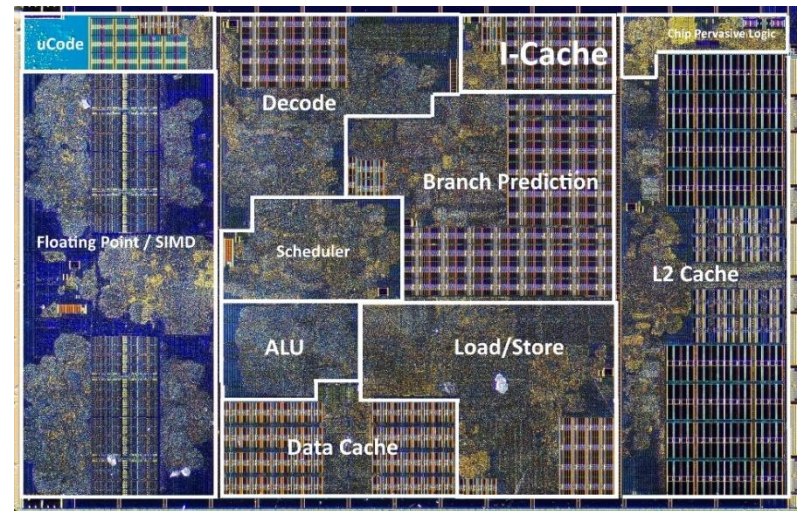
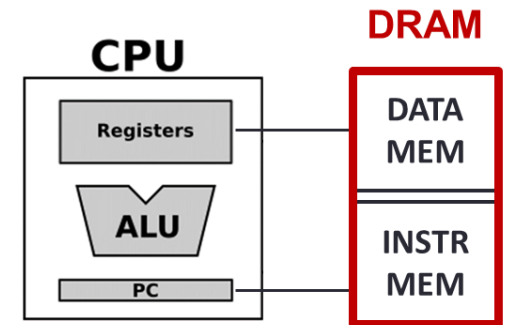
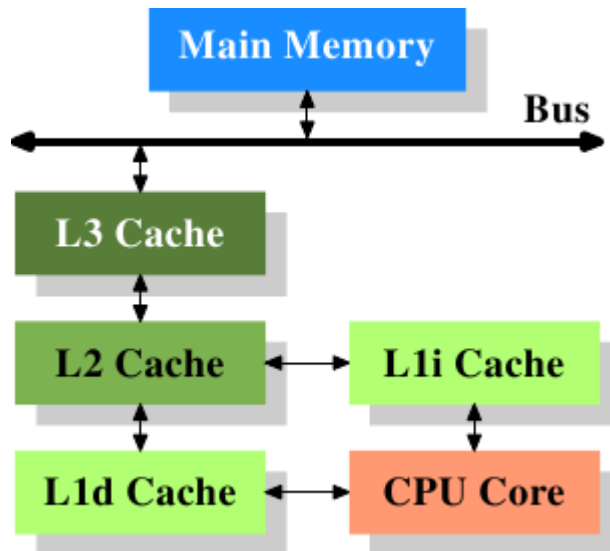
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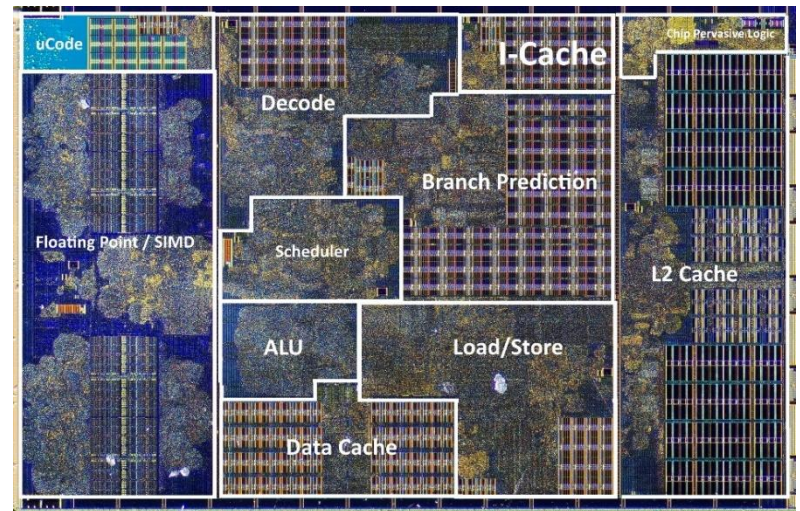
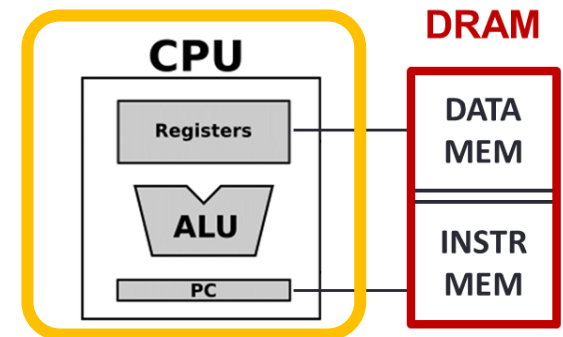
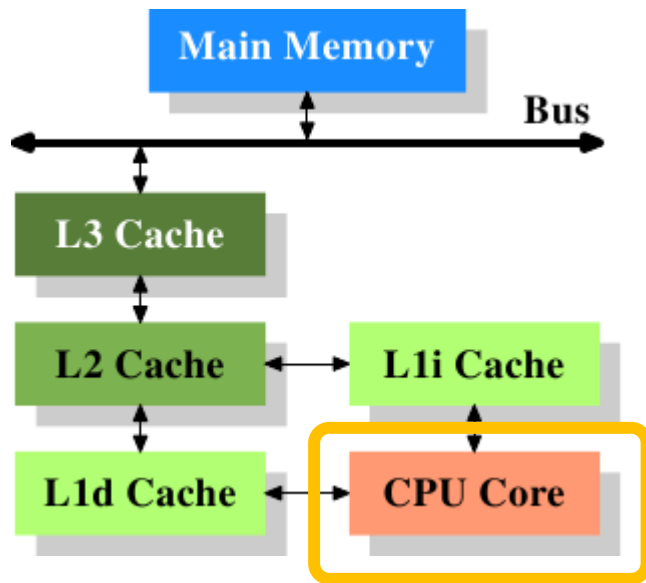
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AMD Zen2 core<sup>36</sup>

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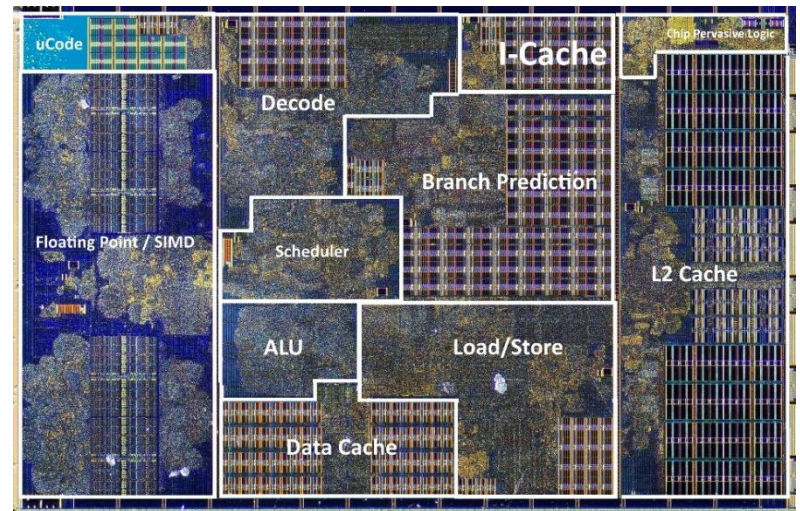
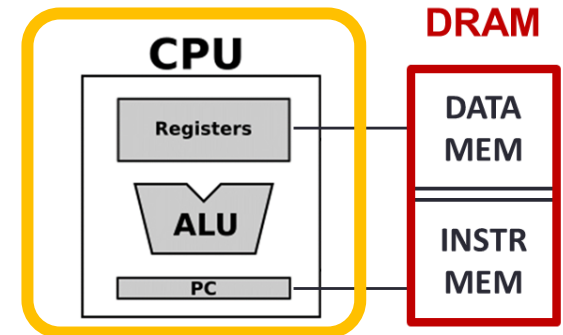
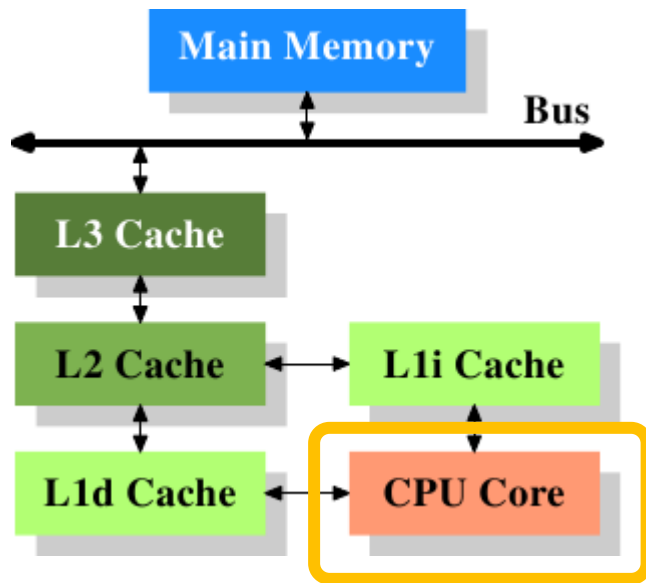
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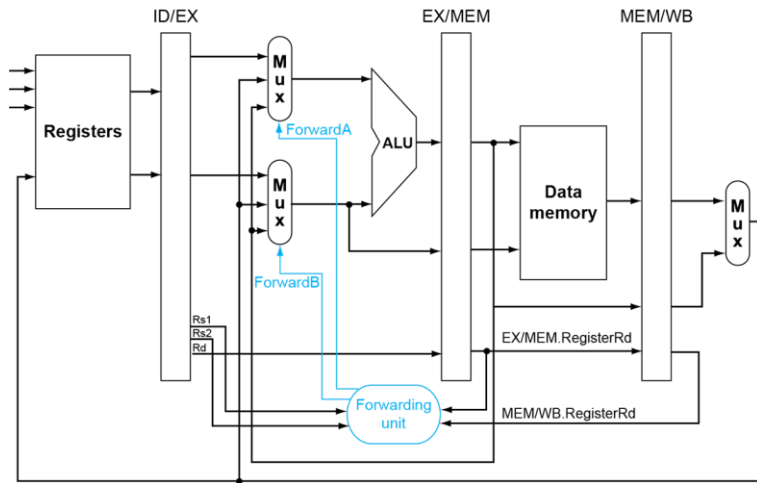
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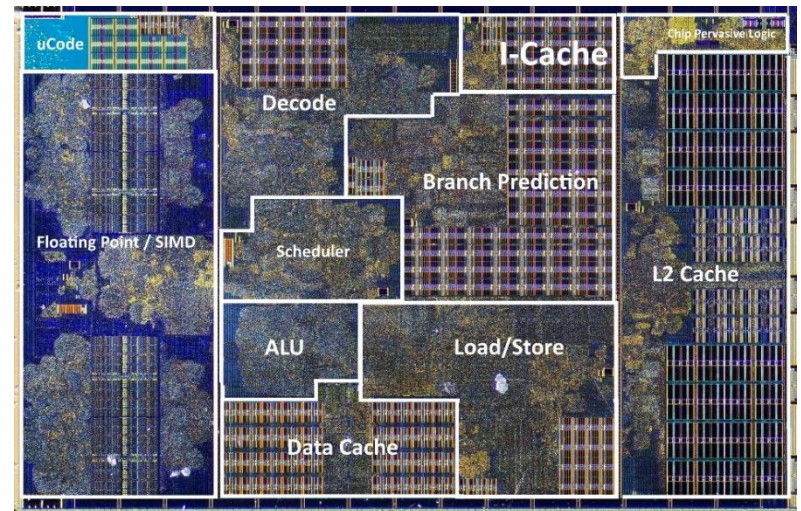
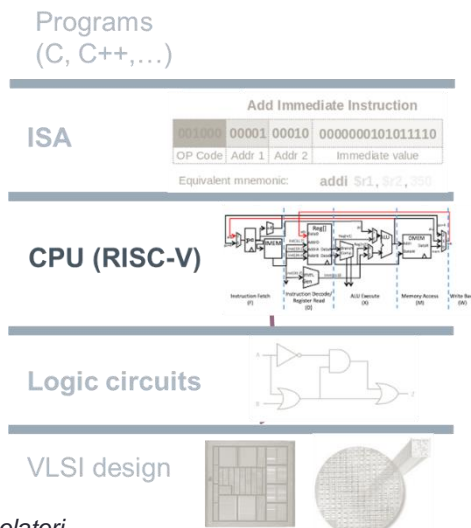
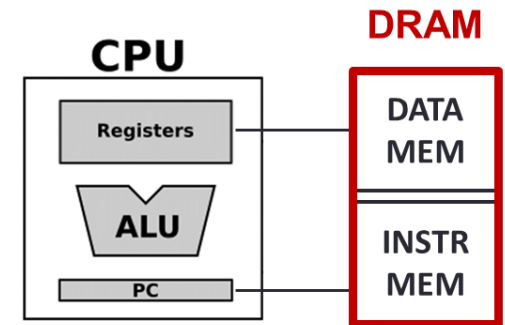


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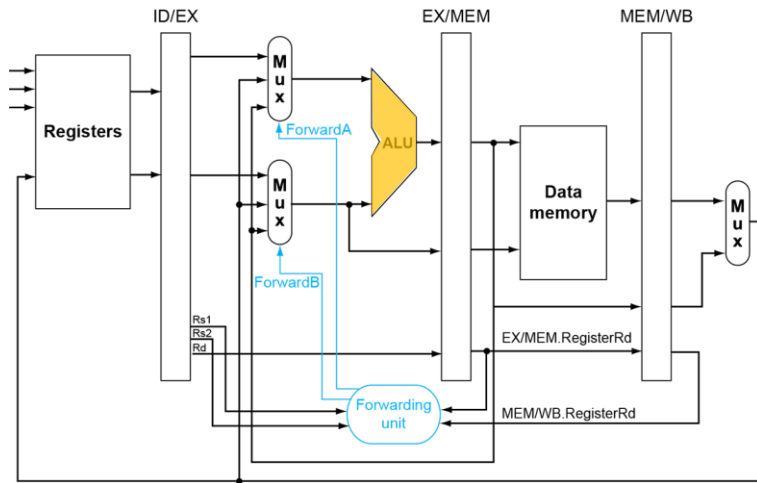
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- ALU
- Registers
- Data mem



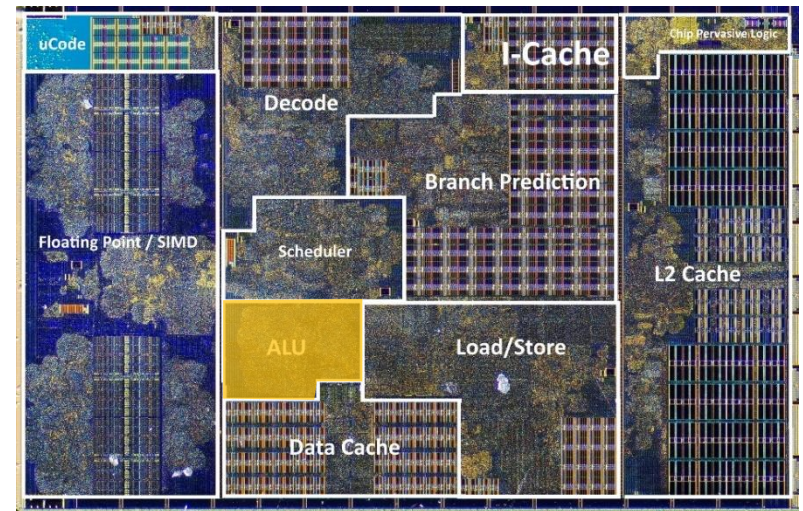
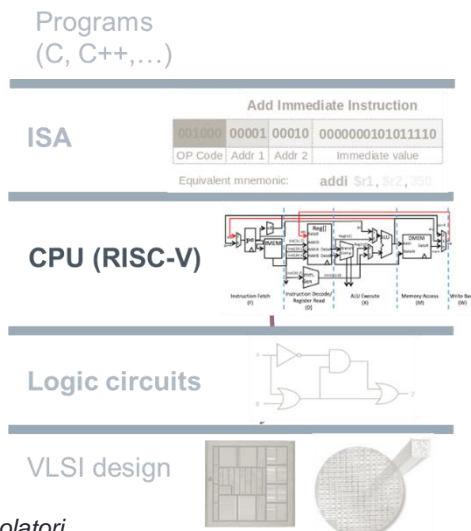
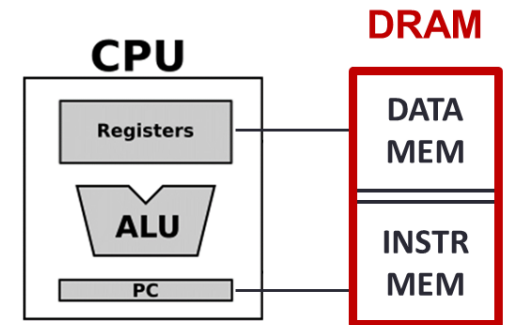
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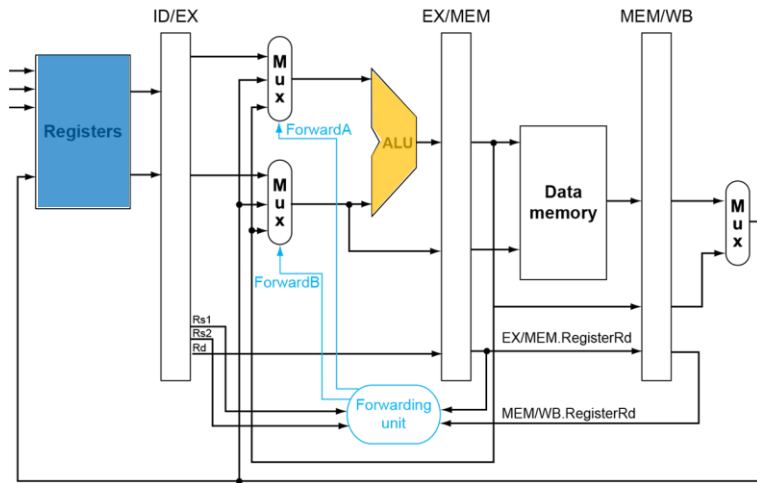
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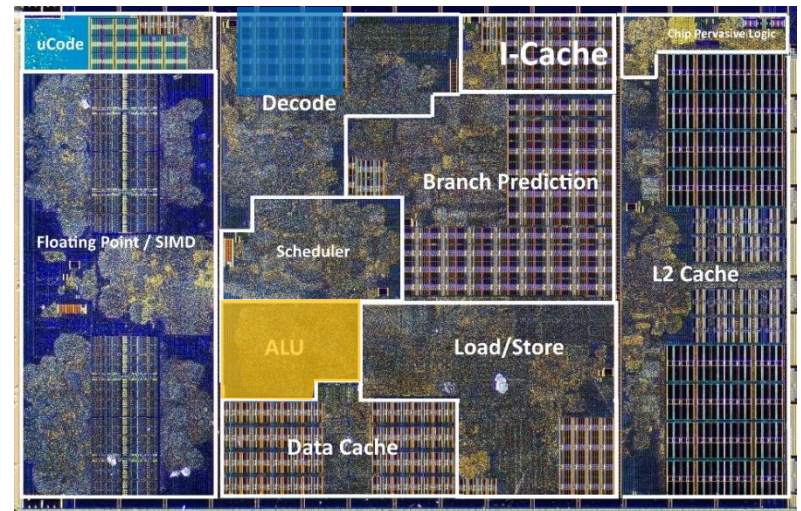
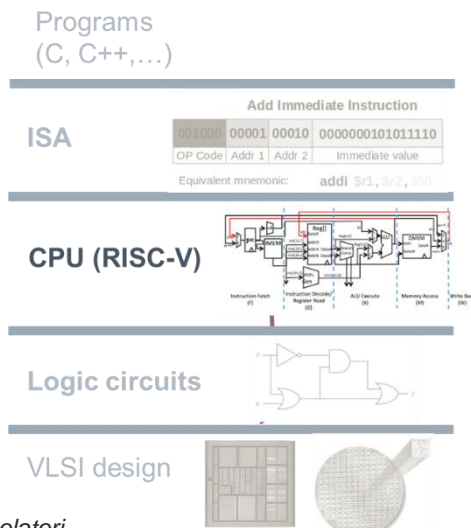
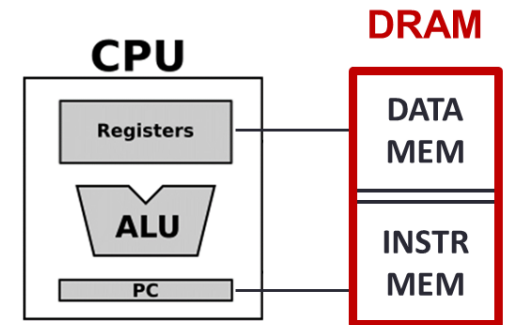
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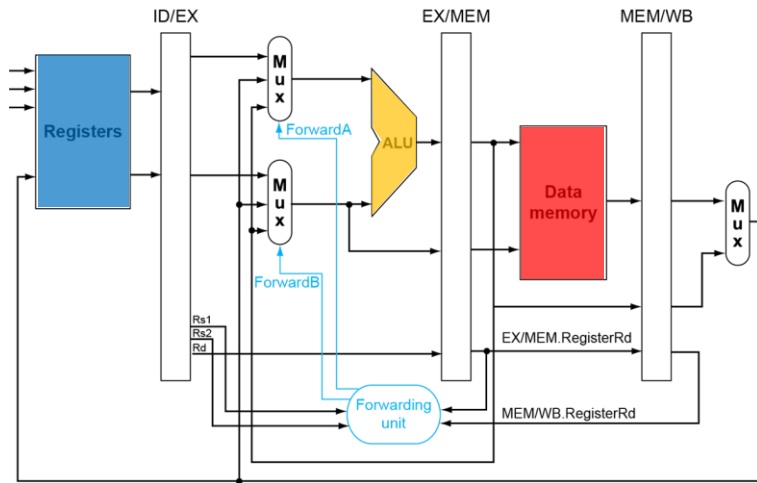
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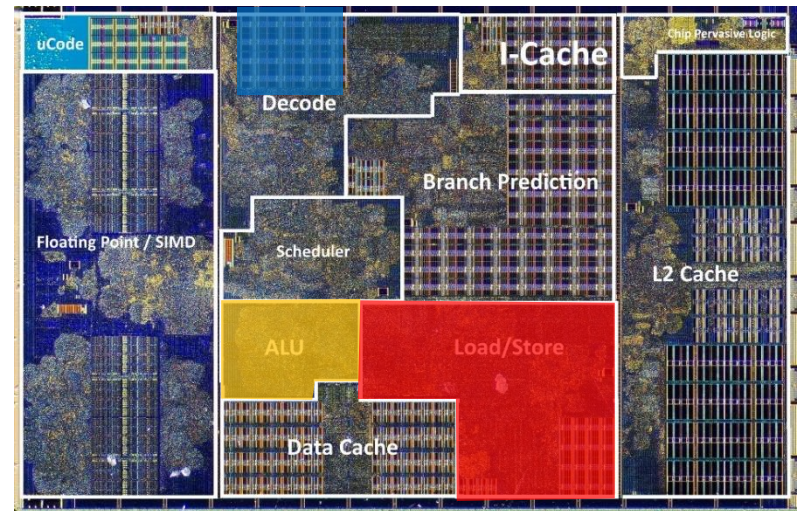
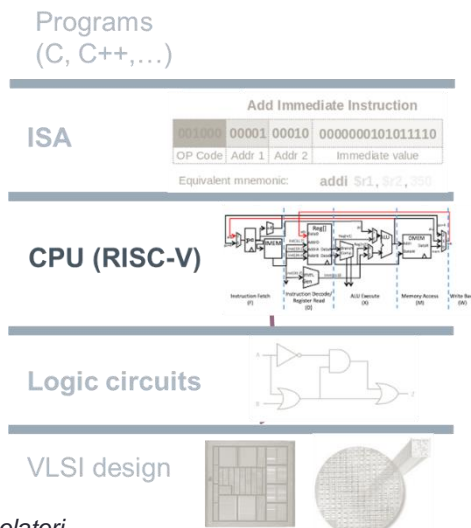
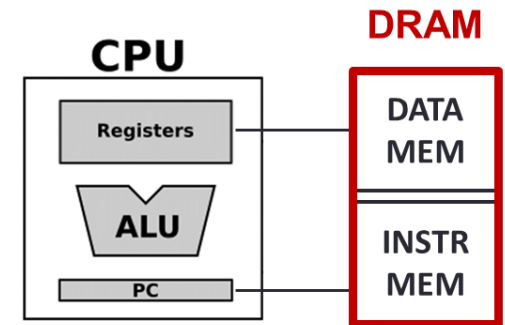


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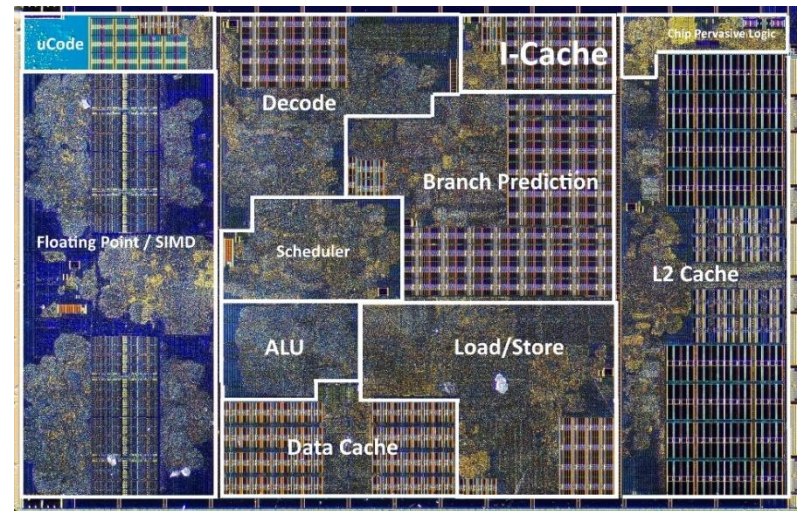
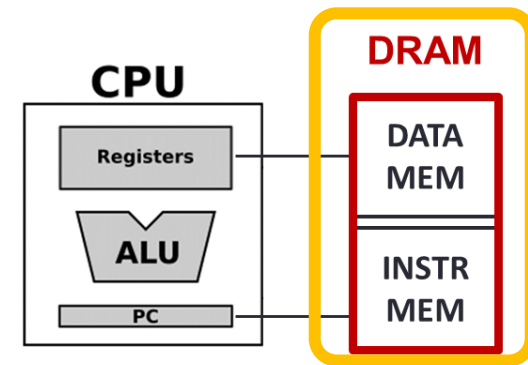
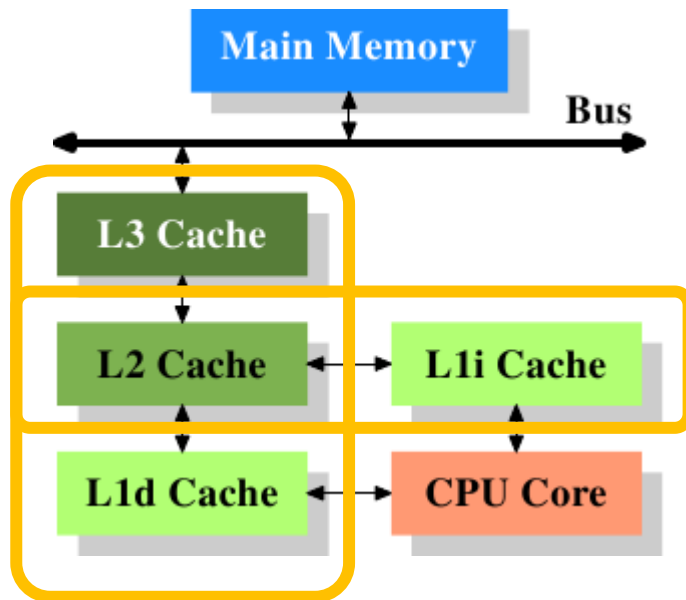


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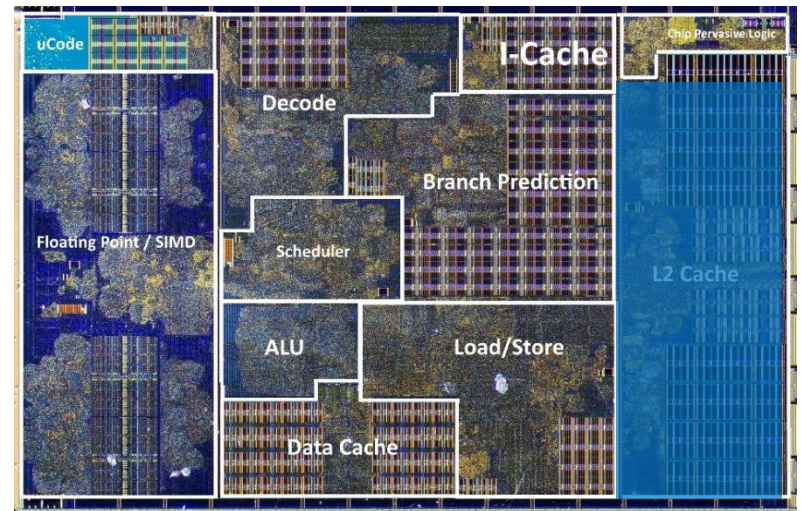
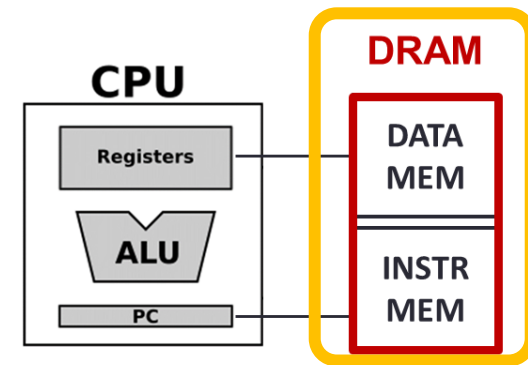
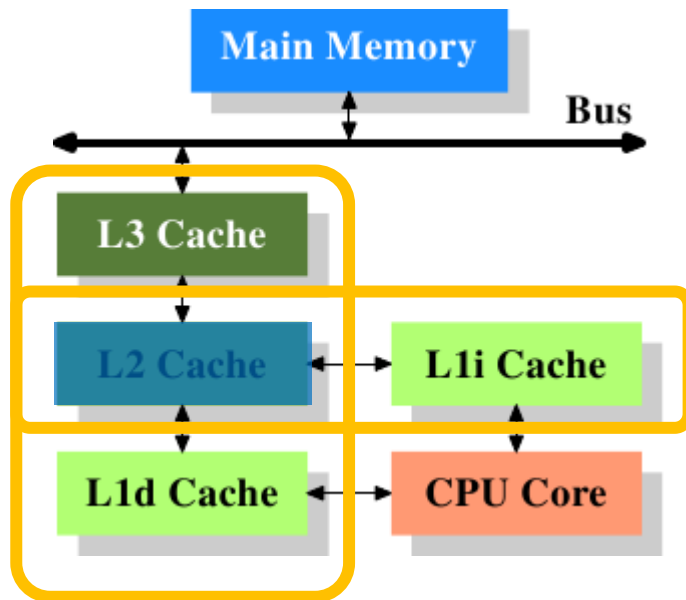
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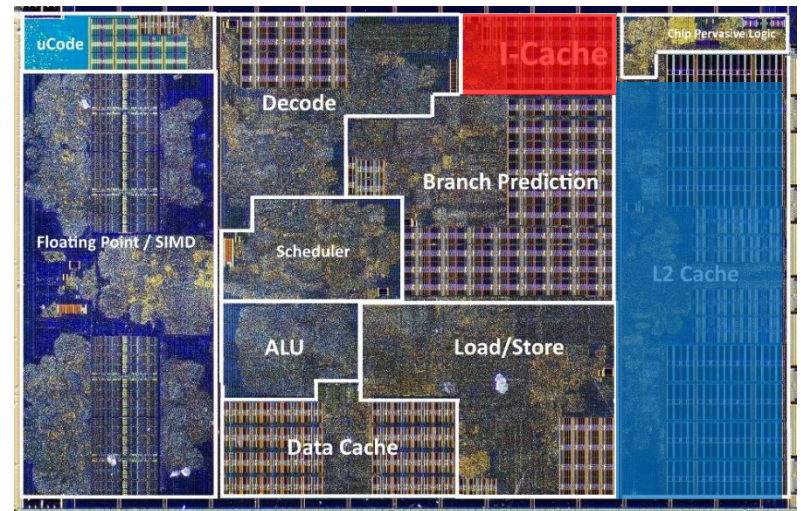
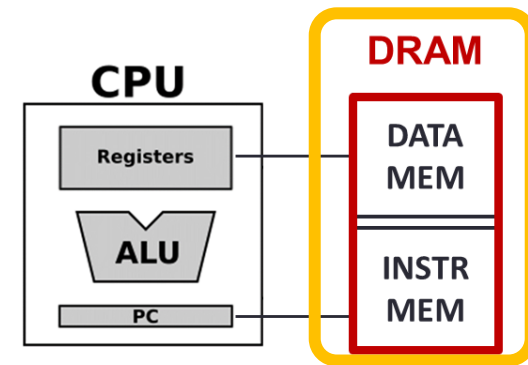
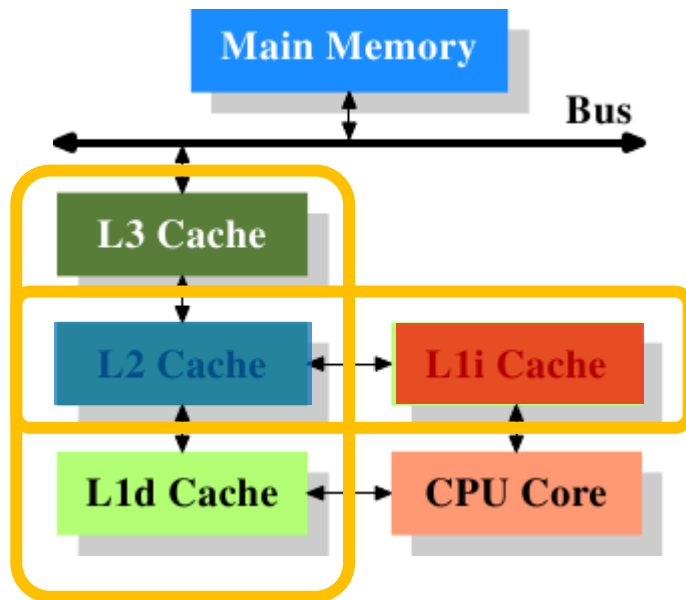
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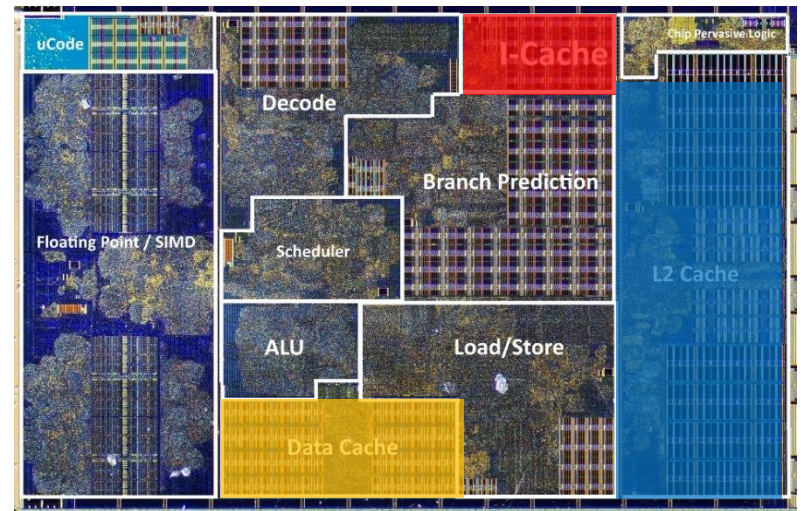
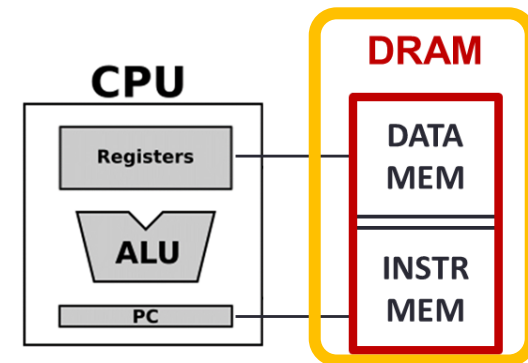
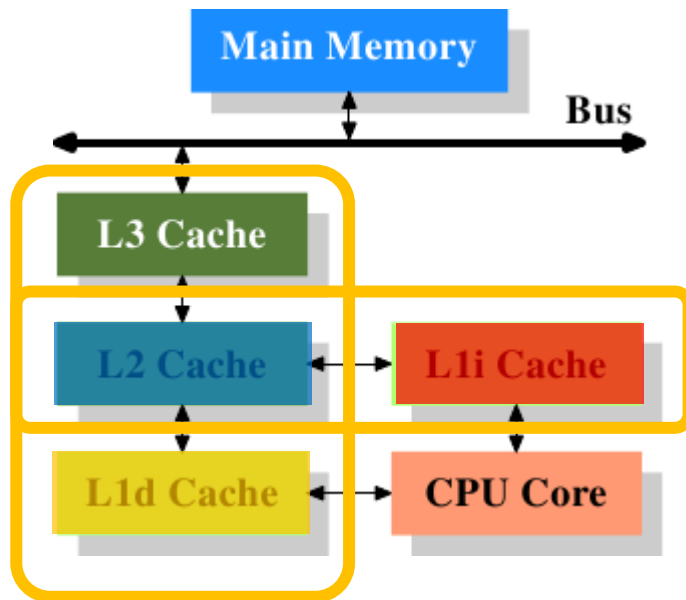


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