

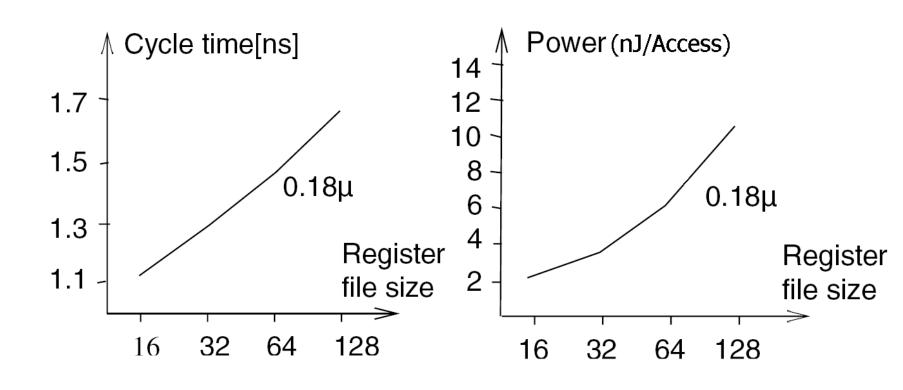
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# Embedded System Design

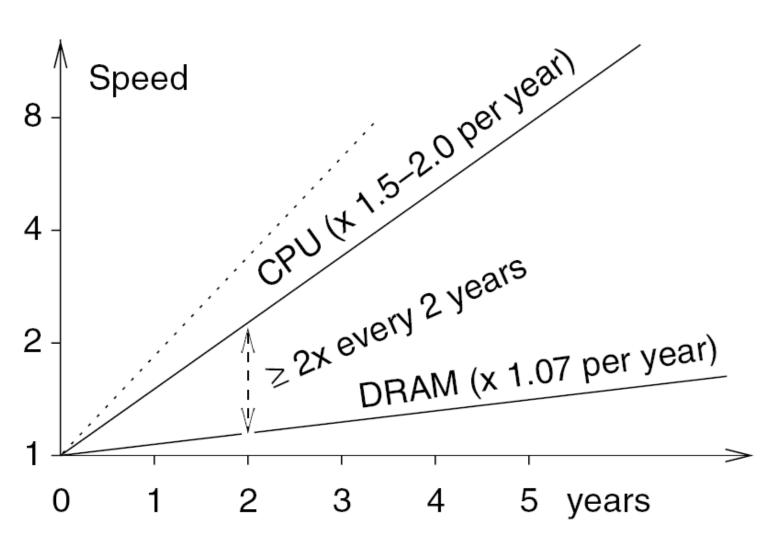
Memories in Embedded Systems

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## Impact of MEM Size



## **Increasing Gap**



### Disadvantages of Caches

- The predictability of the real-time performance of caches is frequently low.
  - Serious problems in scheduling

#### Solution: Scratch Pad Memory

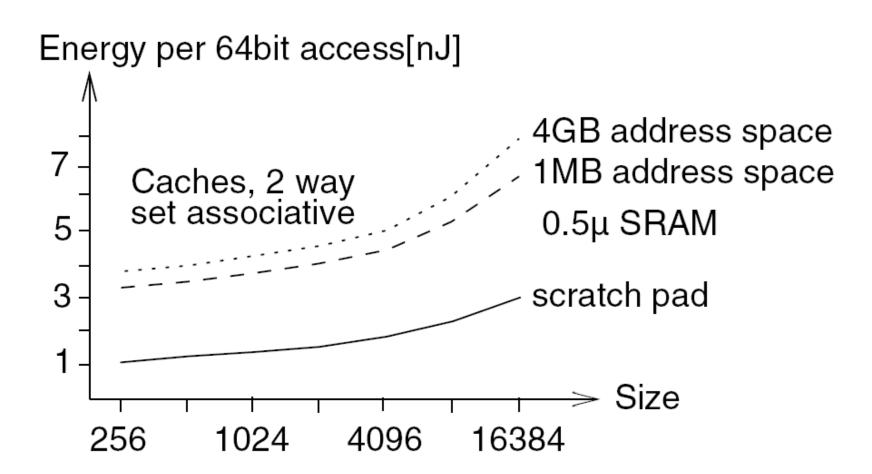
- SPM vs. Cache
  - The only difference is that Caches are transparent while SPMs are not.

scratch pad memory

large memory

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- SPMs are more power/energy-efficient than caches.
  - There is no cache controller hardware

- From a programming point of view:
  - The usage of SPMs is harder than caches.