

Modern Computer Architecture

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The Core/CPU

Instruction handling unit

- Reading instruction
- Decoding instruction

Data handling unit (load store unit)

- Reading memory
- Writing memory

Register Set

- Reading registers
- Writing registers

Execution Unit

- Arithmetic and logic unit
- Floating point unit
- Integer unit

Control Unit

- Hardwired Controlled
- Micro-programmed Controlled

The Memory

Main Memory

- Typically, embedded boards ~ 2/4 GB, Mobile ~ 4/8/16 GB, Laptops/Desktops ~ 8/16/32 GB, Workstations ~ 64/128 GB, Servers ~ 128GB/2TB
- OS-controlled allocation
- Hardware-controlled access

Secondary Storage

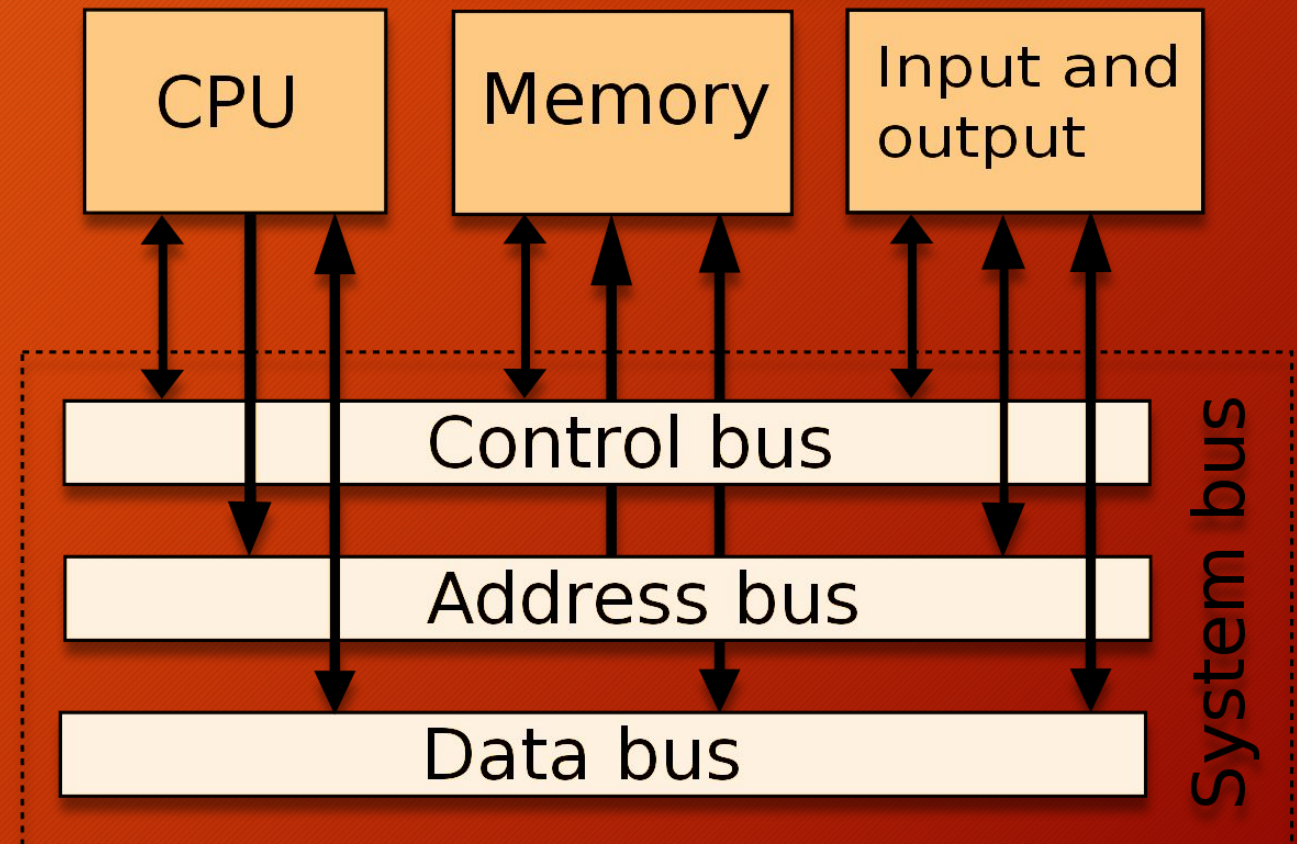
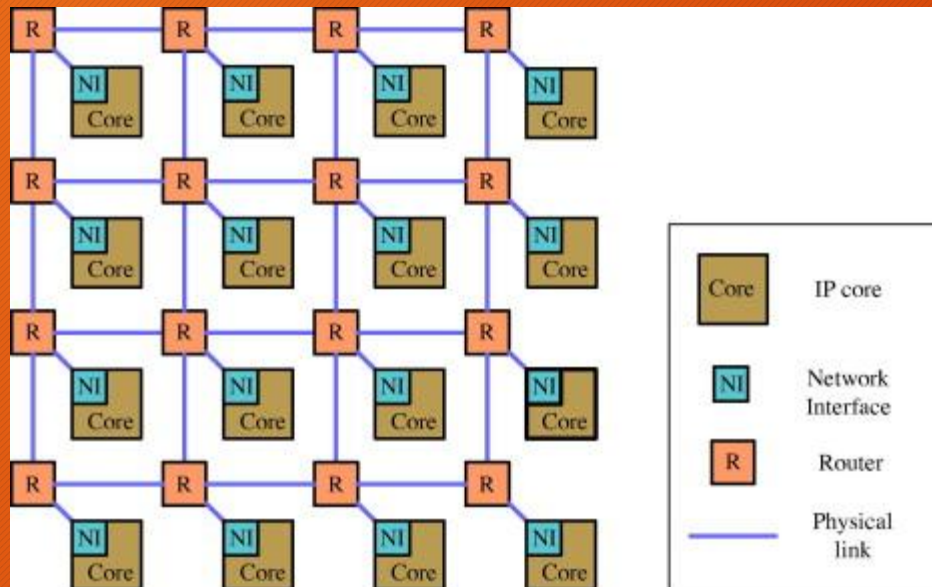
- TBs now for laptops, desktops, workstations, servers
- OS-controlled allocation/access

Cache Memory (8KB to 64 MB)

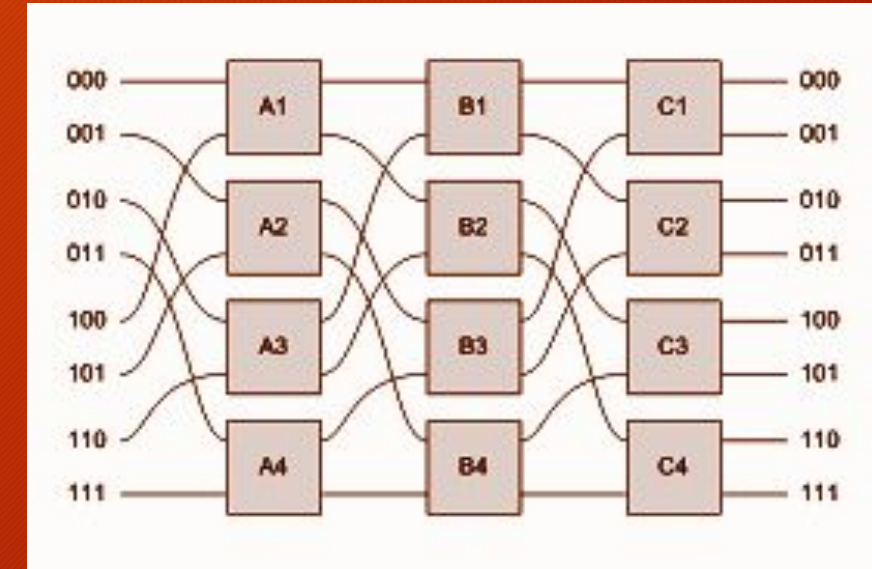
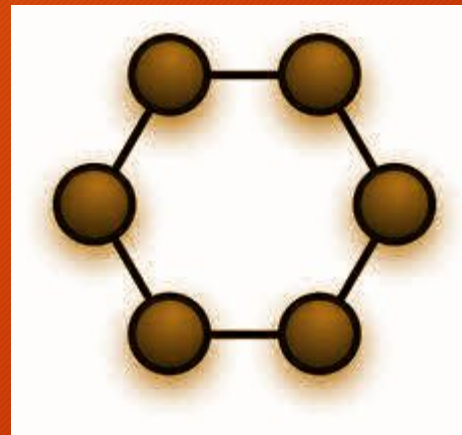
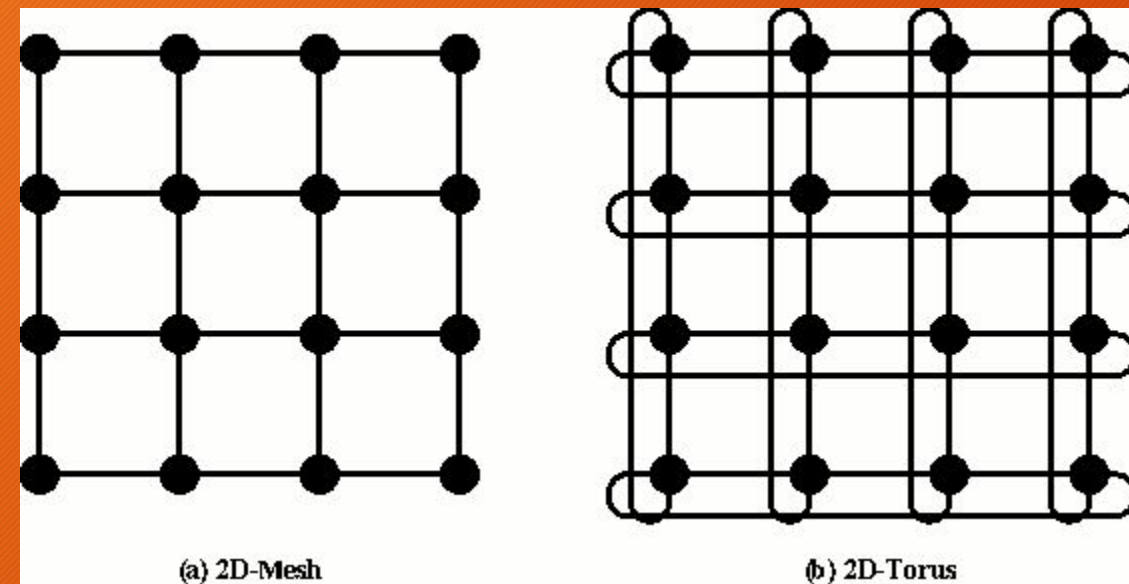
- Hardware-controlled allocation/access

Buses and Interconnects

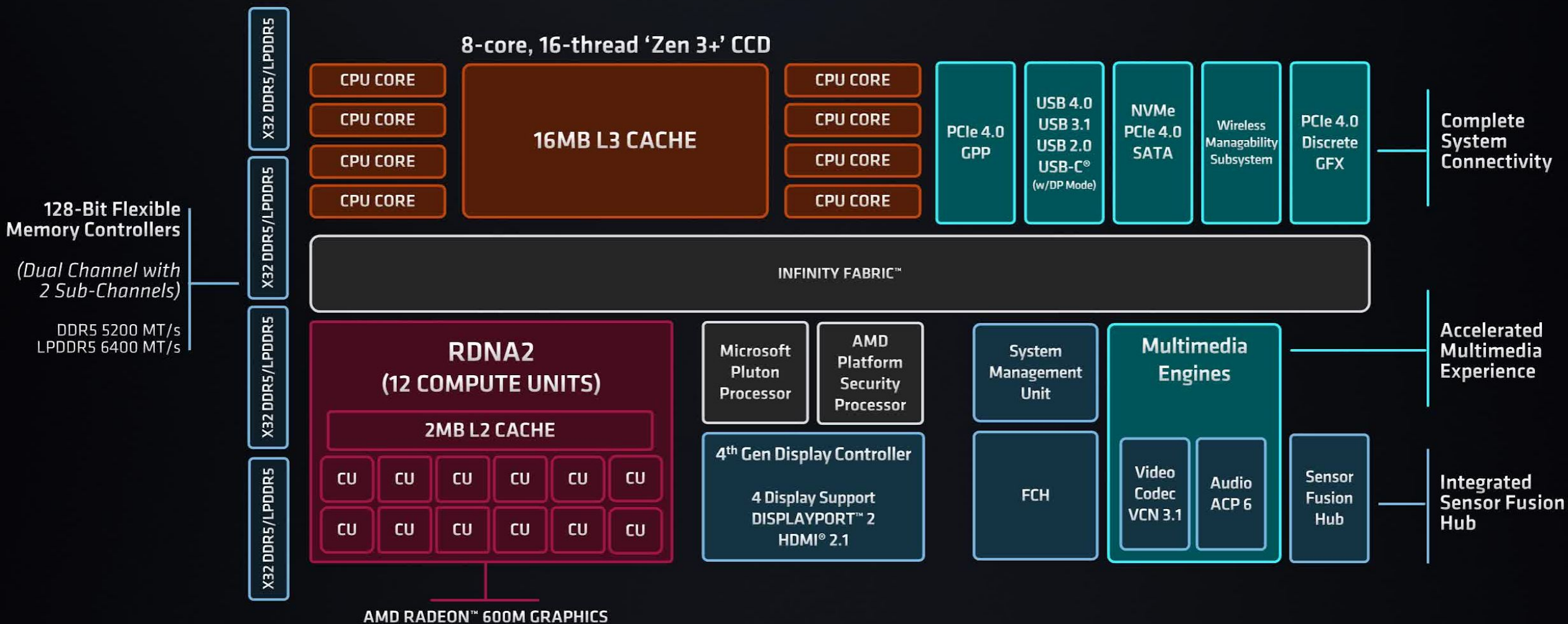
- Connects different units
- Transfers control signals
- Transfers address
- Transfers data



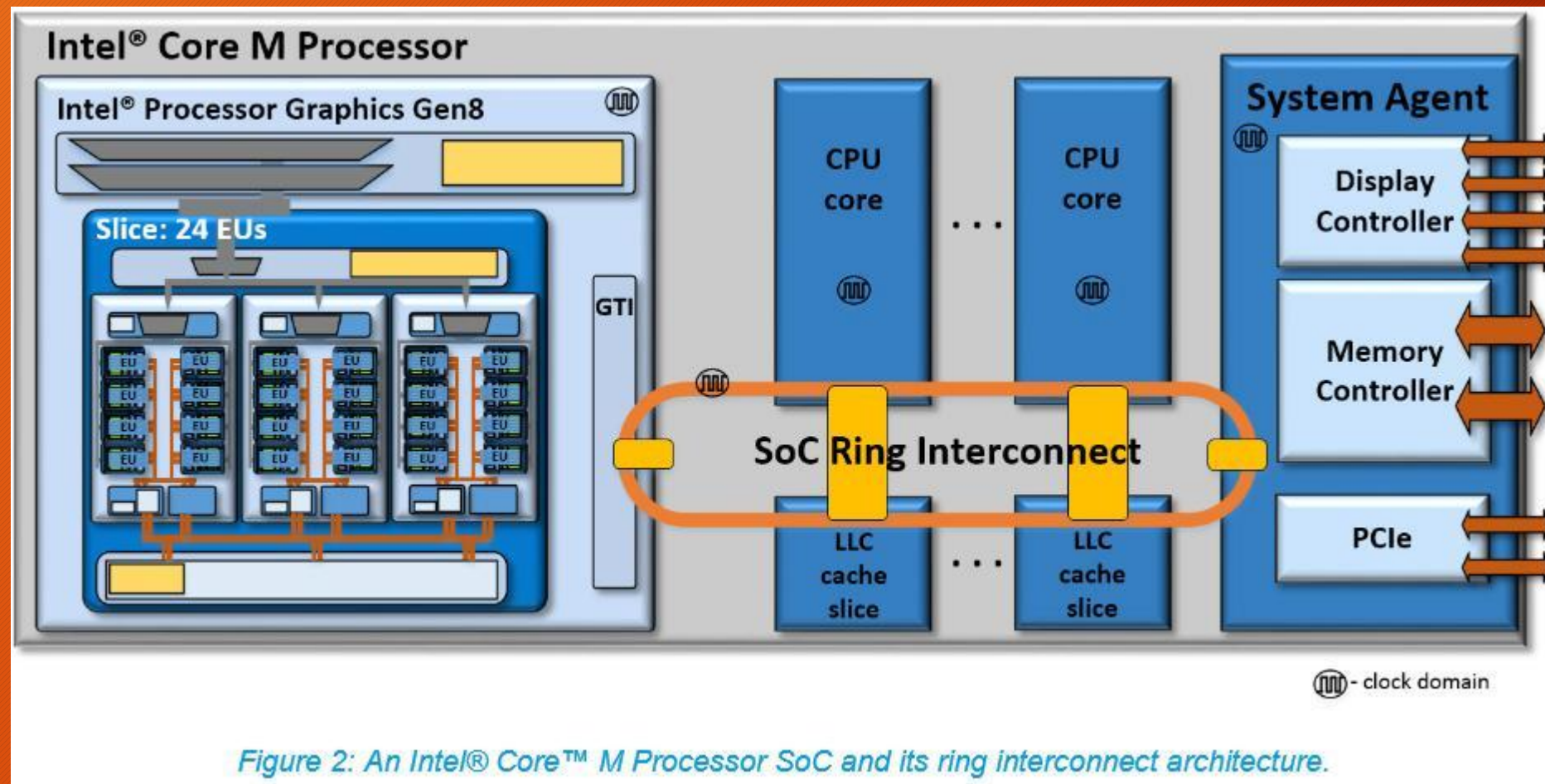
Multi-core Processors: Interconnection Network



System-on-chip (AMD Zen 4 Architecture)



System-on-chip (Intel)



Graphics Processing Unit



System-on-chip (AMD RDNA GPU)

