Computer Organization and Performance – some visual communication

Lecture 2

CS/EE 320 Computer Organization and Assembly Language

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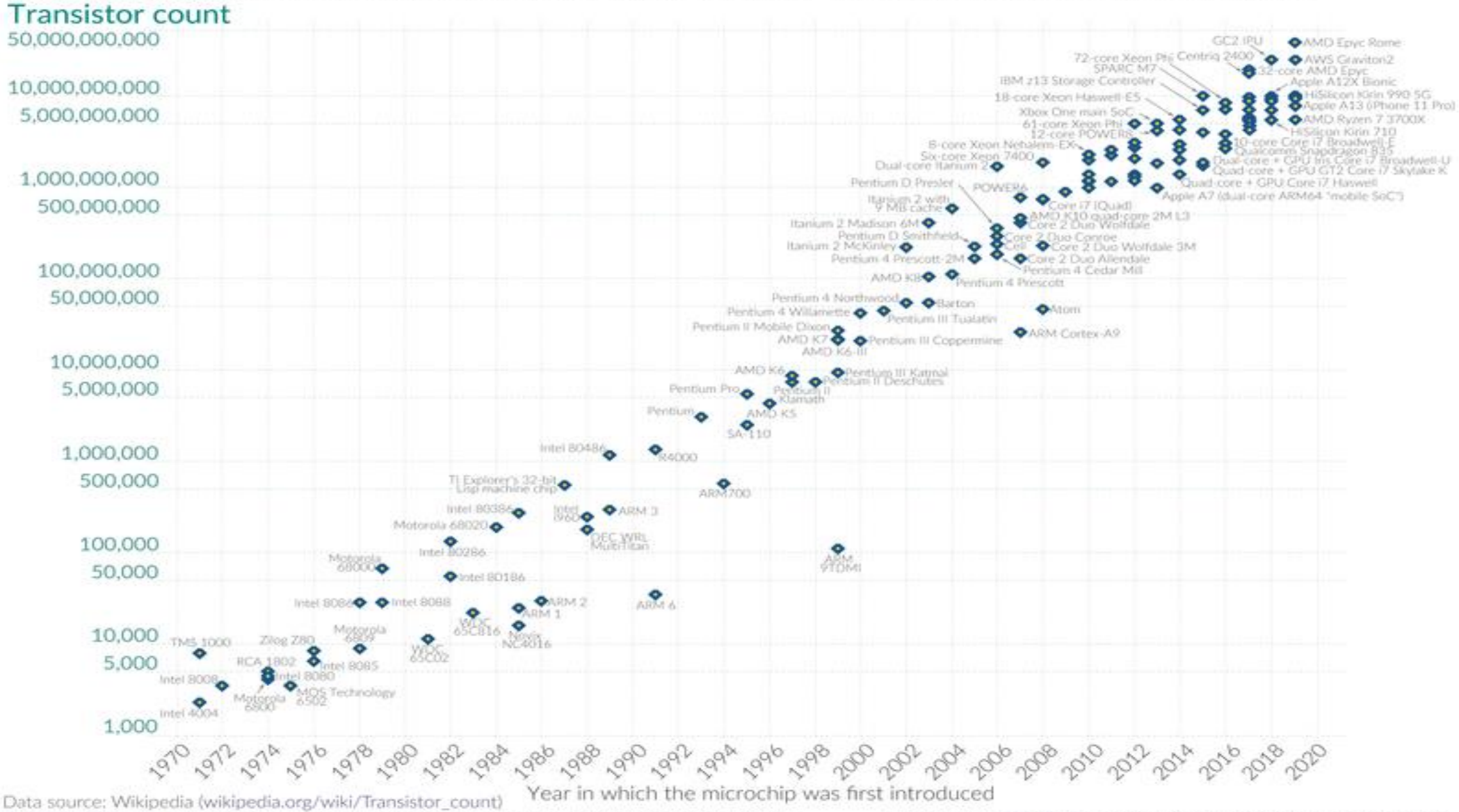
Topics

- Computer Performance – in light of
  - Power Wall
  - Complexity Wall
  - Moore’s Law
  - Dennard Scaling
- Computing ideas in post-PC era
- What is meant by the Hardware / Software Interface
- Calculate Power dissipation
- Notion of Computer Performance

Power Wall, and Complexity Wall

Moore's Law: The number of transistors on microchips doubles every two years

Moore's law describes the empirical regularity that the number of transistors on integrated circuits doubles approximately every two years. This advancement is important for other aspects of technological progress in computing – such as processing speed or the price of computers.



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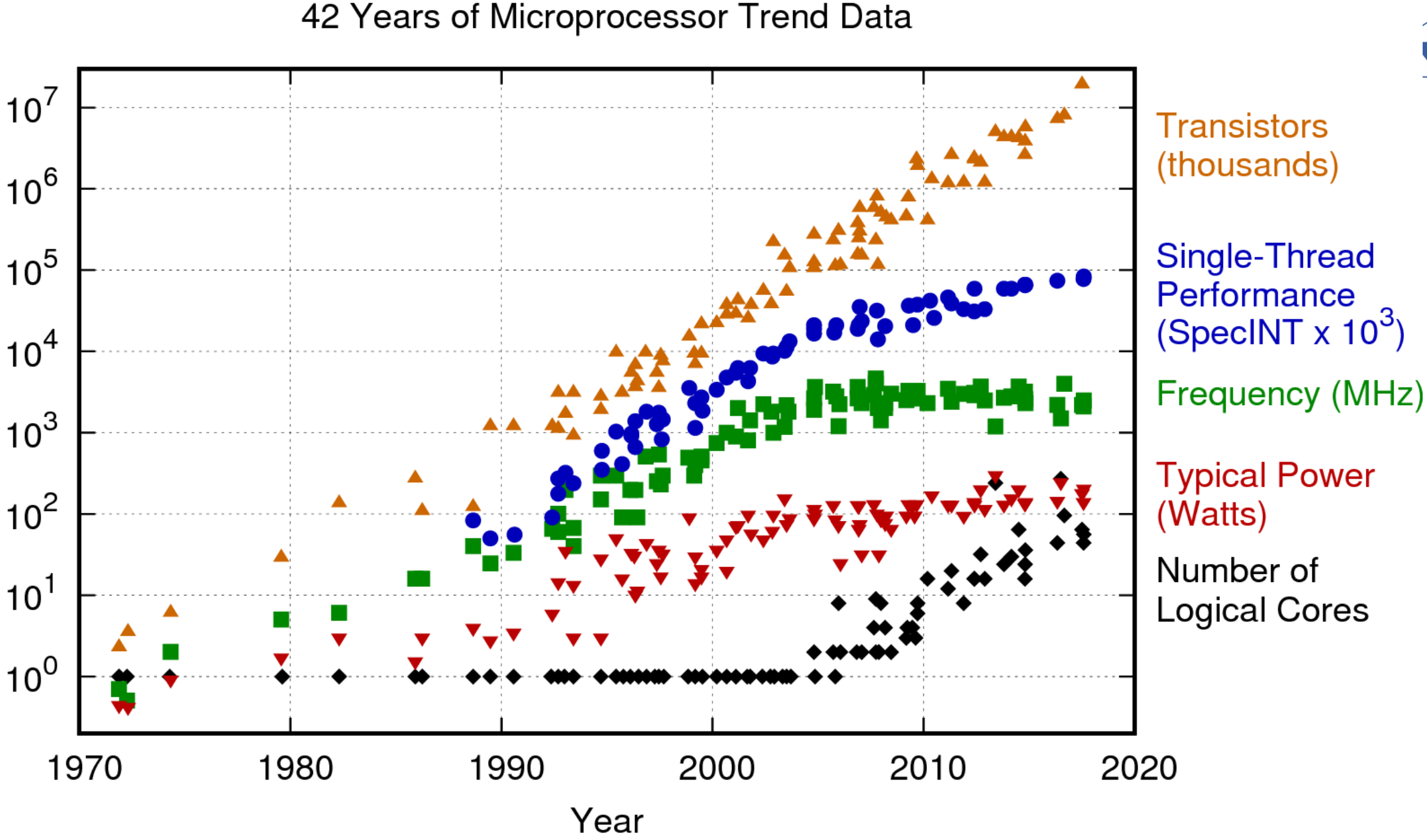

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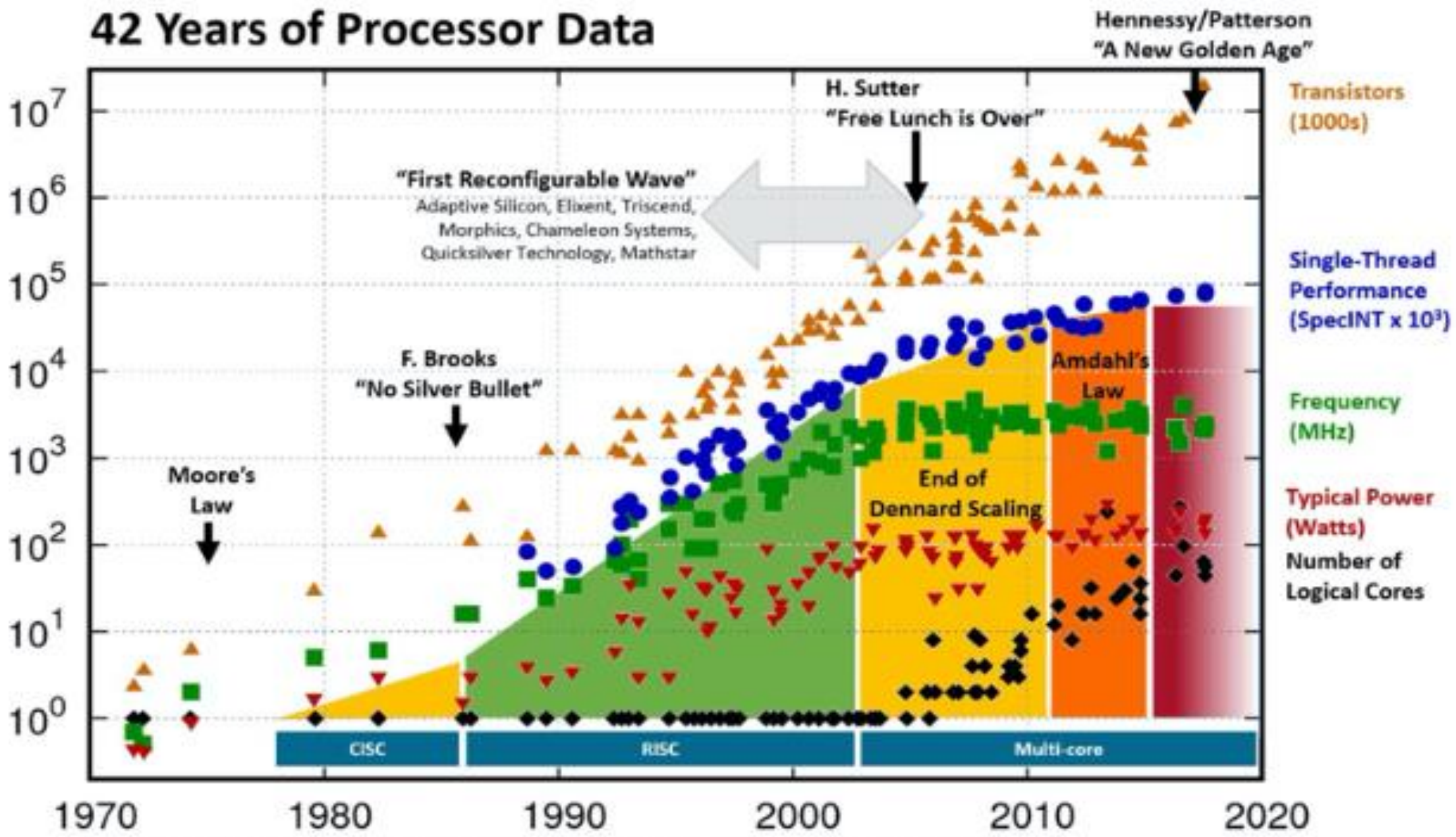

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End of the Line ⇒ 2X/20 years (3%/yr)
Amdahl's Law ⇒ 2X/6 years (12%/year)
End of Dennard Scaling ⇒ Multicore 2X/3.5 years (23%/year)
CISC 2X/2.5 years
(22%/year)
RISC 2X/1.5 years
(52%/year)
Performance vs. VAX11-780
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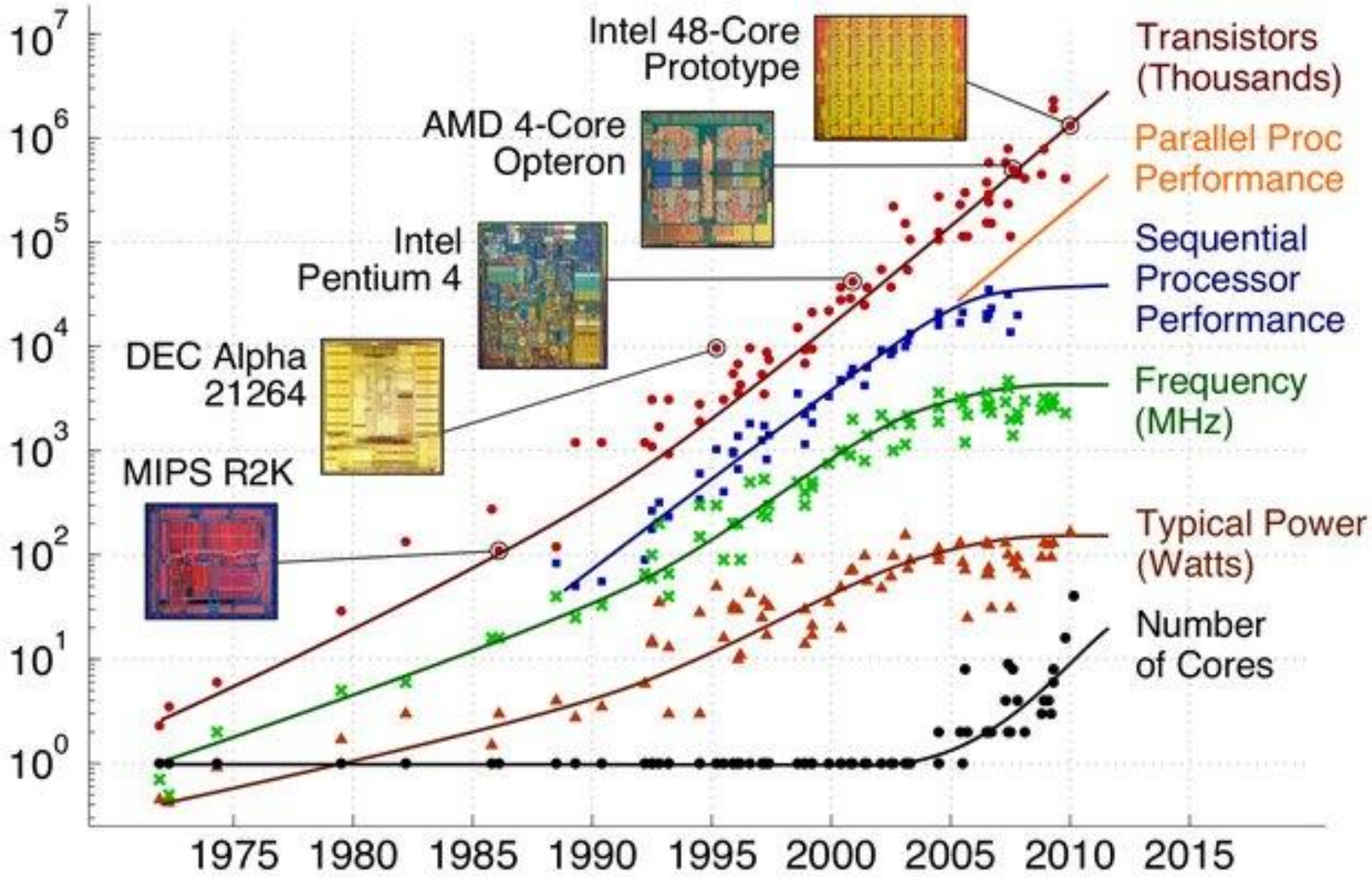
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AMD 4-Core Opteron
Intel Pentium 4
DEC Alpha 21264
MIPS R2K
Transistors (Thousands)
Parallel Proc Performance
Sequential Processor Performance
Frequency (MHz)
Typical Power (Watts)
Number of Cores
10^7
10^6
10^5
10^4
10^3
10^2
10^1
10^0
1975 1980 1985 1990 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015

CPU Architecture Today

Heat becoming un unmanageable problem

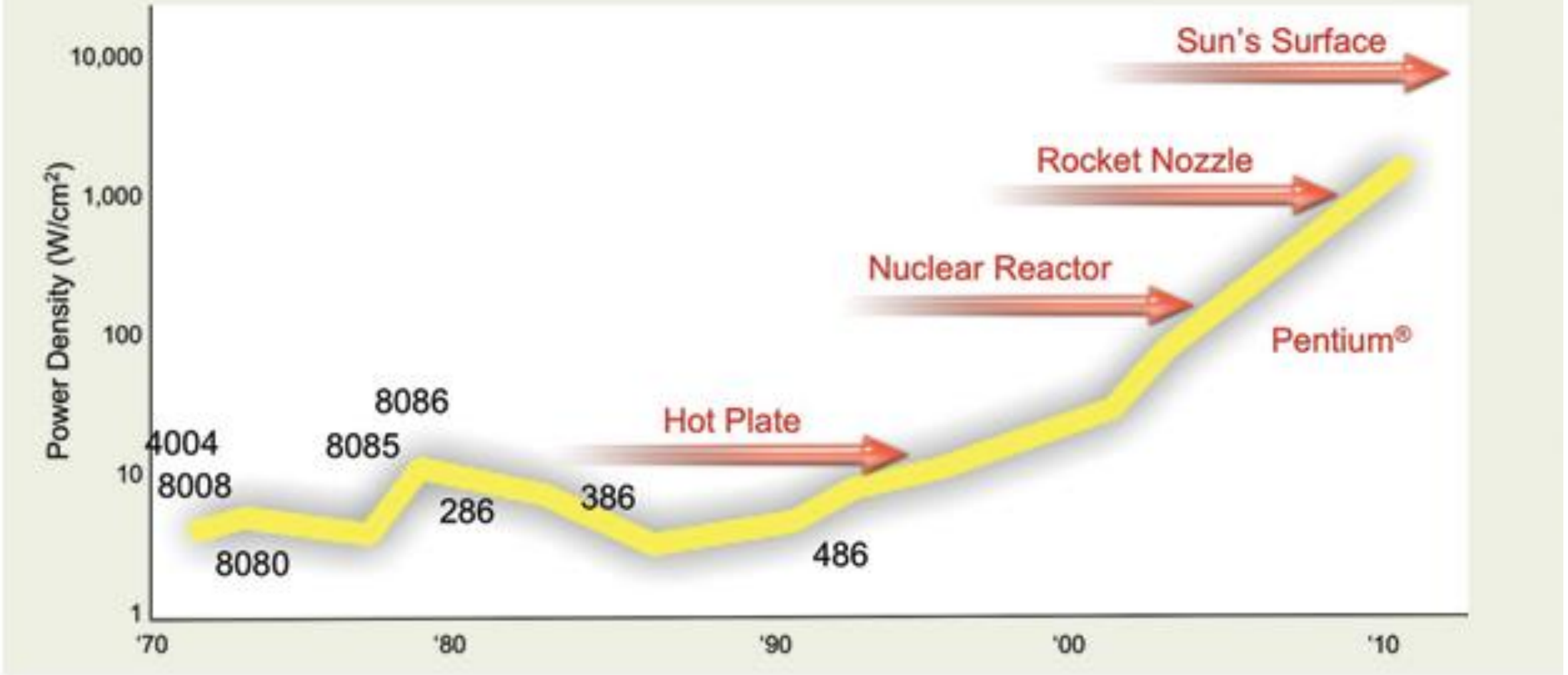


Figure 1. In CPU architecture today, heat is becoming an unmanageable problem. (Courtesy of Pat Gelsinger, Intel Developer Forum, Spring 2004)

CPU: From GHz to multi-core

Moore's Law:

- *~ the number of transistors on an IC doubles every two years.*
  - Less space, more complexity.
  - Shorter gates, higher clock rate.

Strategy of the 80s and 90's:

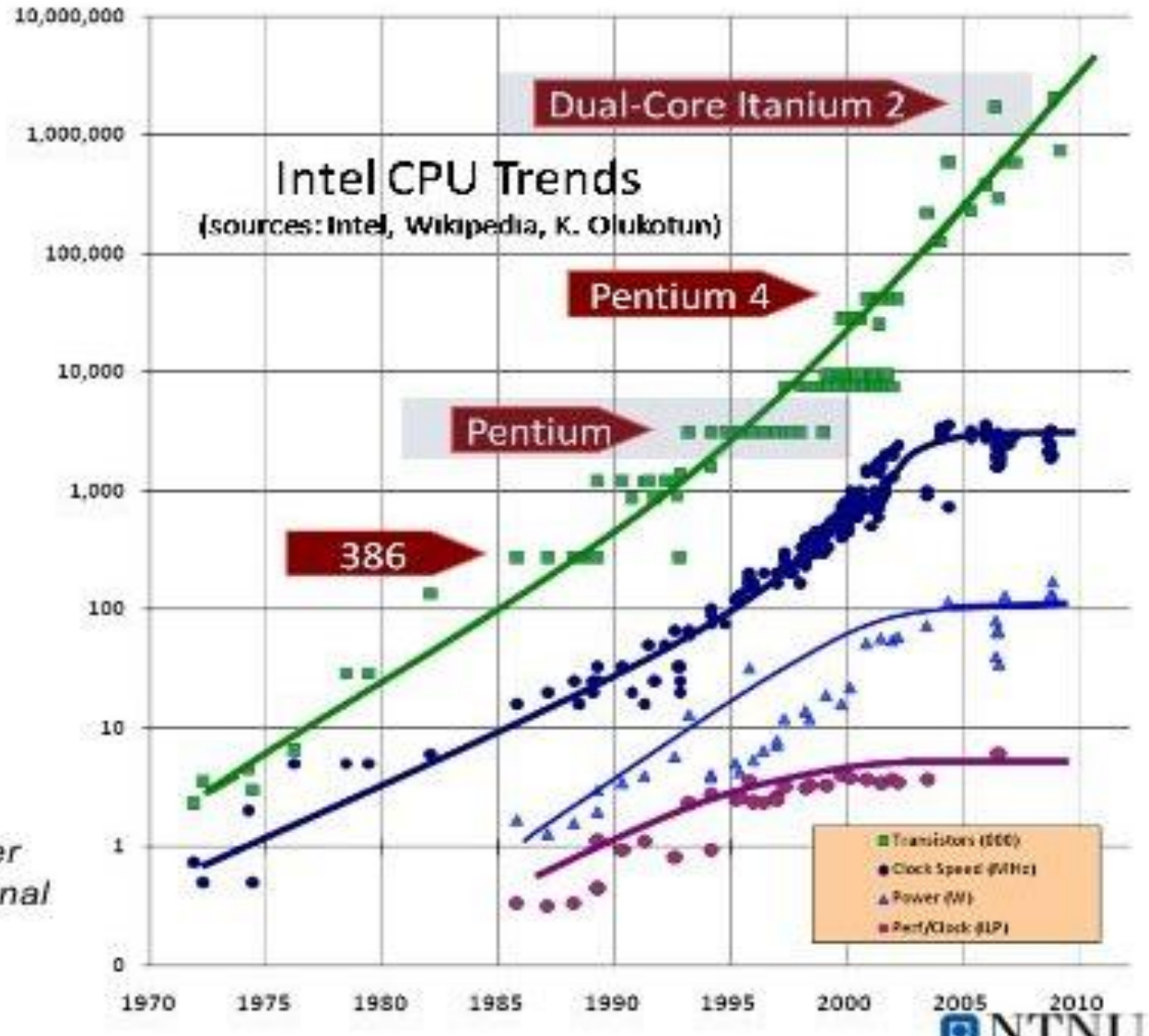
- Add more complexity!
- Increase the clock rate!

Pollack's Rule:

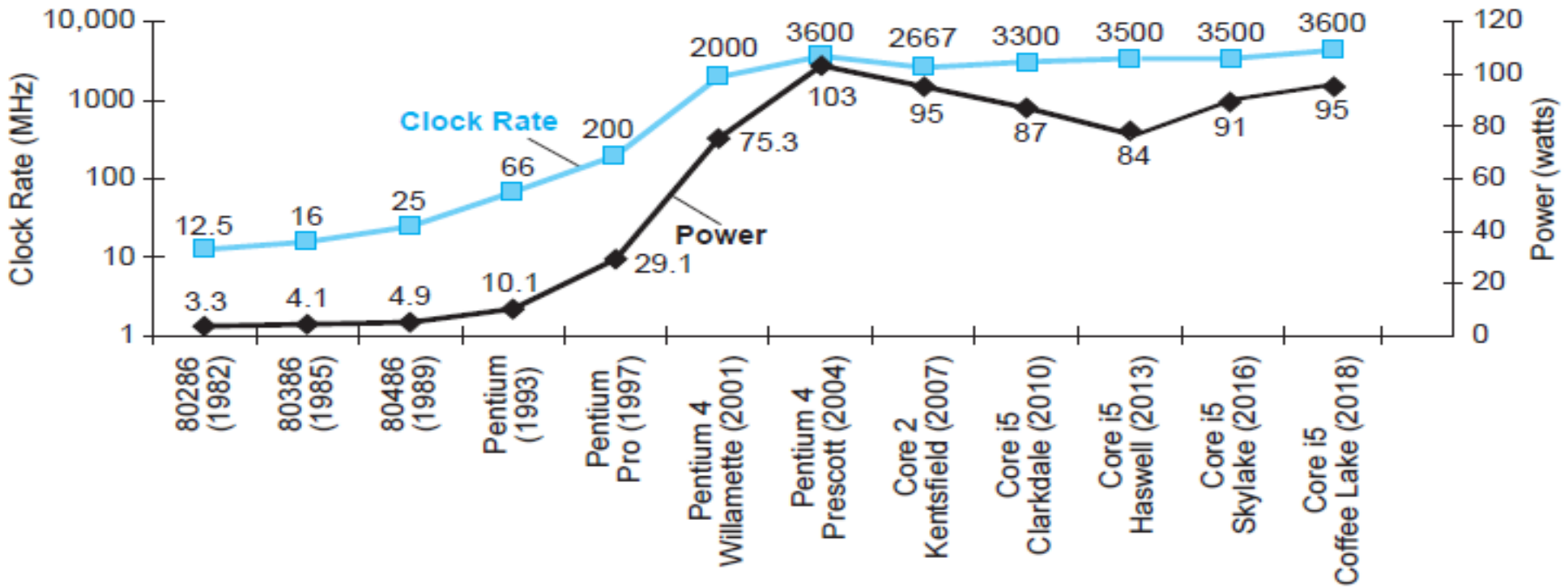
- *The performance increase is ~ square root of the increased complexity.* [Borkar 2007]

The Power Wall:

- *Increasing clock rate and transistor current leakage lead to excess power consumption, while RC delays in signal transmission grow as feature sizes shrink.* [Borkar et al. 2005]



CPU Power Trends



- In CMOS IC technology

$$\text{Power} = \text{Capacitive load} \times \text{Voltage}^2 \times \text{Frequency}$$

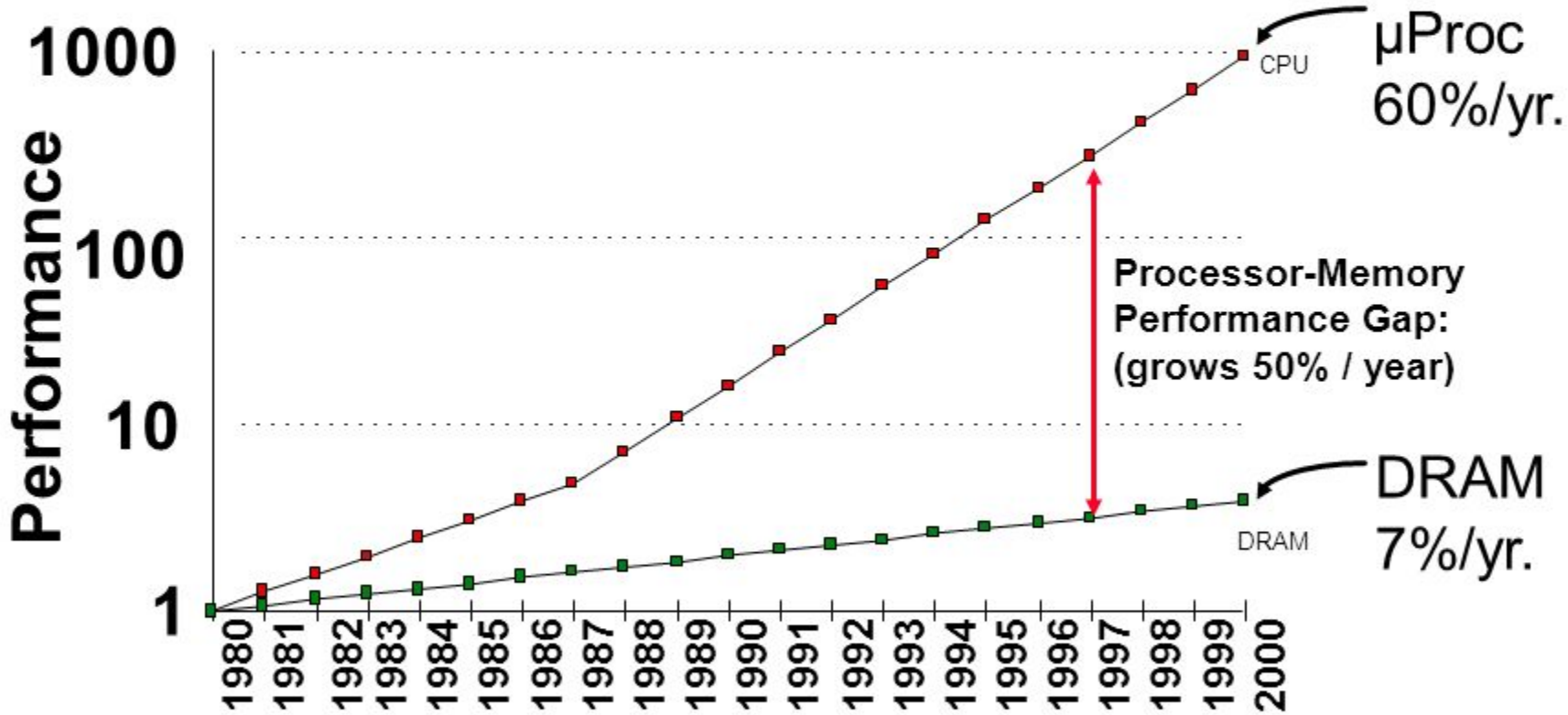
×30

5V → 1V

×1000

Memory Hierarchy: Motivation
Processor-Memory (DRAM) Performance Gap

(i.e. Gap between memory access time and CPU cycle time



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Reducing Power

- Suppose a new CPU has
  - 85% of capacitive load of old CPU
  - 15% voltage and 15% frequency reduction

$$\frac{P_{new}}{P_{old}} = \frac{C_{old} \times 0.85 \times (V_{old} \times 0.85)^2 \times F_{old} \times 0.85}{C_{old} \times V_{old}^{\ 2} \times F_{old}} = 0.85^4 = 0.52$$

- The power wall
  - We can't reduce voltage further
  - We can't remove more heat
- How else can we improve performance?

Computing Ideas in Post-PC Era

Current High-Performance Computing Architectures Post-Moore's-Law Era

Model Based Abstract Software Development for Complex Systems
Parallel Processing through Multicores
Instruction Level Parallelism through Pipelining
Speculation and Prediction in RISC Architecture
Performance Evaluation to make the 'Common Case Fast'
Use variety of memory hierarchies to improve performance
Cloud based Computing and Storage
Role of Network in Computer Performance

Upcoming Computing Architectures In Post-PC Era

- Mobile and Embedded Computing
- Domain Specific Architectures – E.g. Google Tensor Processor
- Domain Specific Languages and Compilers – E.g. Tensorflow
- Open Instruction Set Architectures – RISC – V
- Agile Computing through Reconfigurable Hardware and Customized Instructions
- Security in CPU Hardware

The Scale In Computing

Decimal term	Abbreviation	Value	Binary term	Abbreviation	Value	% Larger
kilobyte	KB	10^3	kibibyte	KiB	2^{10}	2%
megabyte	MB	10^6	mebibyte	MiB	2^{20}	5%
gigabyte	GB	10^9	gibibyte	GiB	2^{30}	7%
terabyte	TB	10^{12}	tebibyte	TiB	2^{40}	10%
petabyte	PB	10^{15}	pebibyte	PiB	2^{50}	13%
exabyte	EB	10^{18}	exbibyte	EiB	2^{60}	15%
zettabyte	ZB	10^{21}	zebibyte	ZiB	2^{70}	18%
yottabyte	YB	10^{24}	yobibyte	YiB	2^{80}	21%

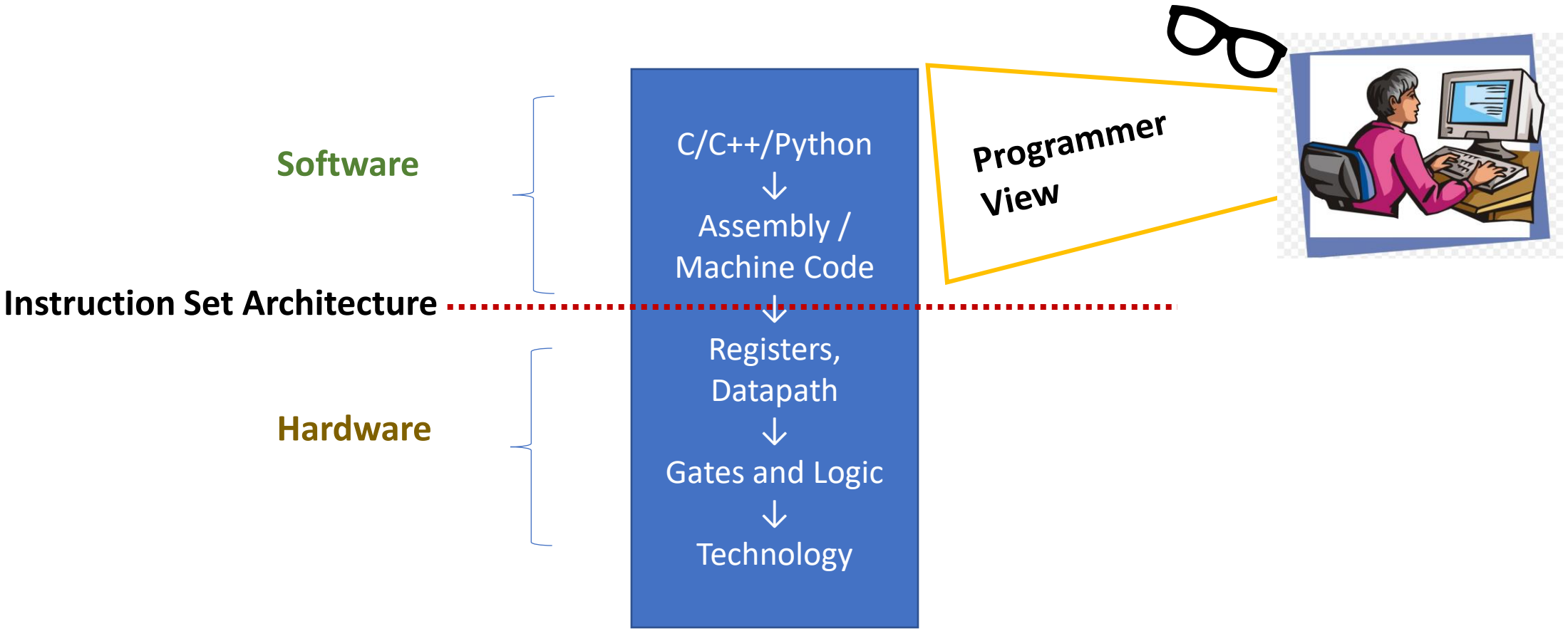
FIGURE 1.1 The 2^x vs. 10^y bytes ambiguity was resolved by adding a binary notation for all the common size terms. In the last column we note how much larger the binary term is than its corresponding decimal term, which is compounded as we head down the chart. These prefixes work for bits as well as bytes, so *gigabit* (Gb) is 10^9 bits while *gibibits* (Gib) is 2^{30} bits.

The Hardware / Software Interface

Interface of Hardware and Software

Hardware or software component	How this component affects performance
Algorithm	Determines both the number of source-level statements and the number of I/O operations executed
Programming language, compiler, and architecture	Determines the number of computer instructions for each source-level statement
Processor and memory system	Determines how fast instructions can be executed
I/O system (hardware and operating system)	Determines how fast I/O operations may be executed

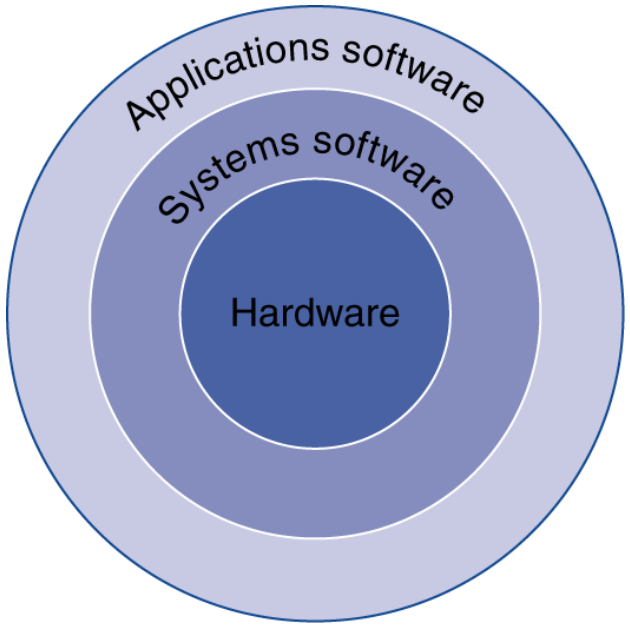
Hardware / Software Interface



Why do we need Abstraction?

- Delving into the depths reveals more information
- An abstraction omits unneeded detail, helps us cope with complexity

Underneath a Computer Program



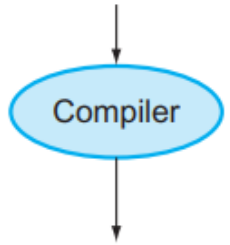
- Application software
  - Written in high-level language
- System software
  - Compiler: translates HLL code to machine code
  - Operating System: service code
    - Handling input/output
    - Managing memory and storage
    - Scheduling tasks & sharing resources
- Hardware
  - Processor, memory, I/O controllers

Compiling a Program

Example of Software Abstraction

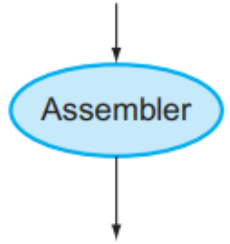
High-level language program (in C)

```
swap(int v[], int k)
{int temp;
   temp = v[k];
   v[k] = v[k+1];
   v[k+1] = temp;
}
```



Assembly language program (for MIPS)

```
swap:
      multi $2, $5,4
      add   $2, $4,$2
      lw    $15, 0($2)
      lw    $16, 4($2)
      sw    $16, 0($2)
      sw    $15, 4($2)
      jr    $31
```



Binary machine language program (for MIPS)

```
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00000000100000100001000000100001
10001101111000100000000000000000
10001110000100100000000000000100
10101110000100100000000000000000
10101101111000100000000000000100
00000011111000000000000000001000
```
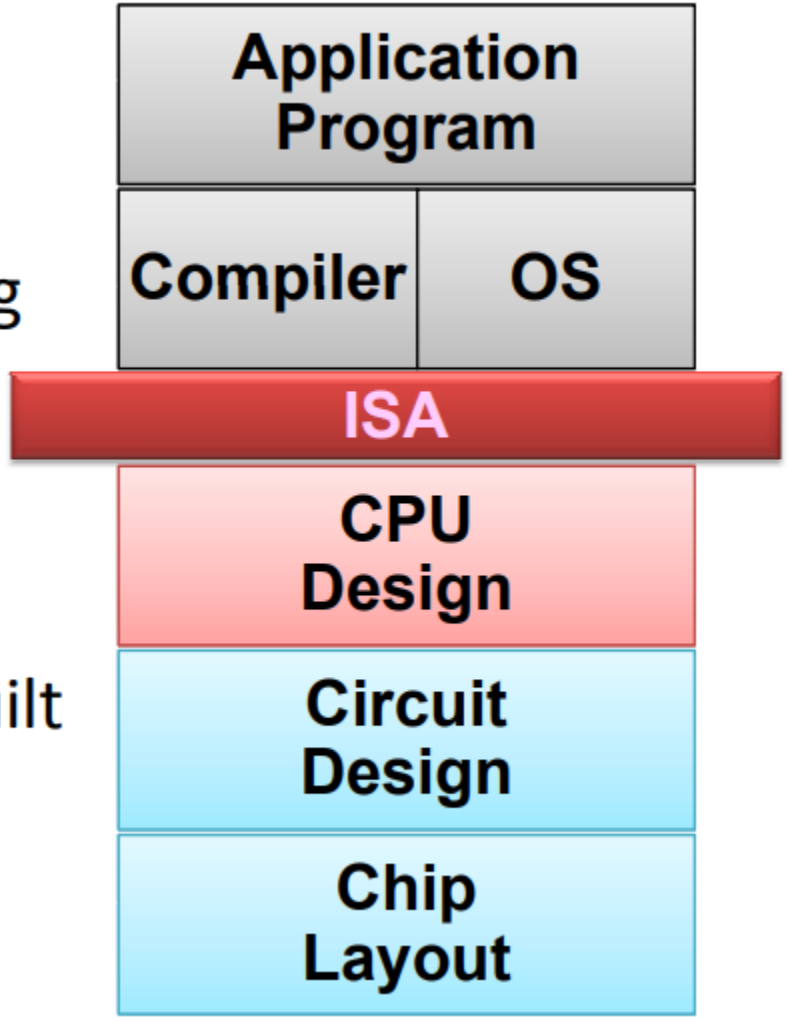

What is an Instruction Set Architecture?

- **Lowest level of Computer Architecture that is visible to a programmer**
- **ISA comprises instructions in Assembly Language and Corresponding Binary Machine Code**
- **It is the language of the CPU machine**
- **Primitive syntax compared to a high-level language**
- **It is easily interpreted and understood by the CPU**
- **Designed to maximize performance**
- **Designed to minimize cost and design time**

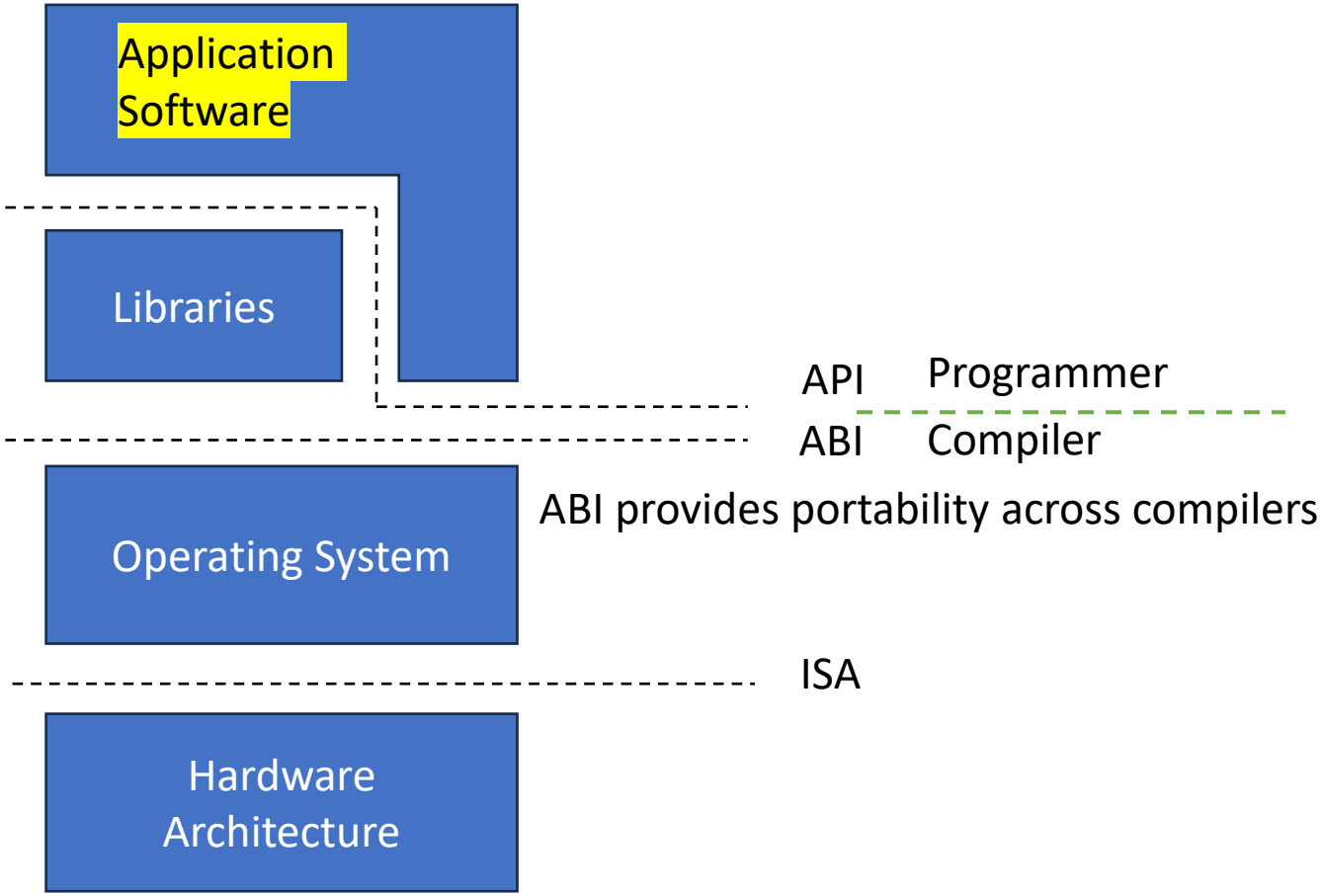
Role of ISA within a Computer

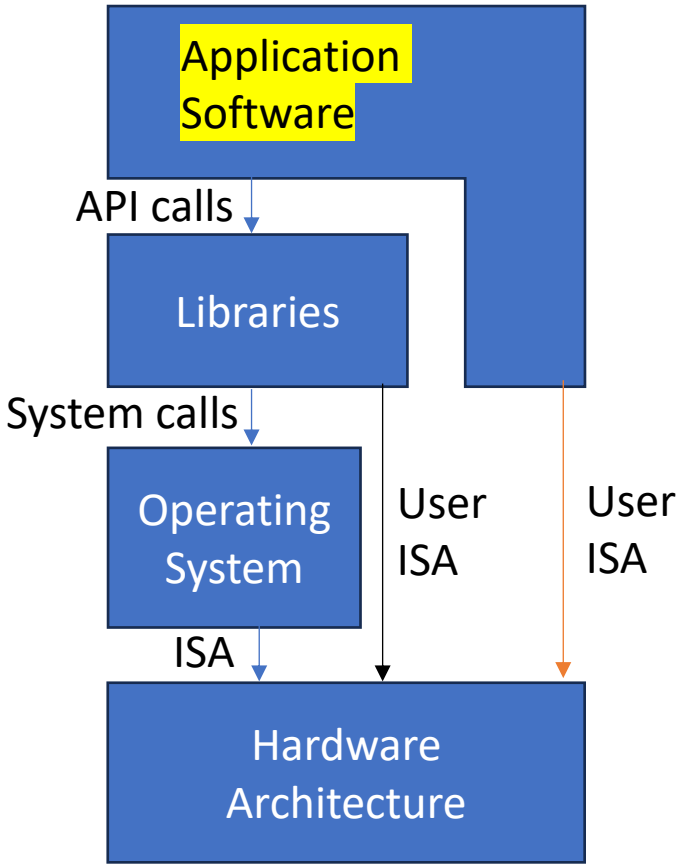
- Assembly Language View
  - Processor state (RF, mem)
  - Instruction set and encoding
- Layer of Abstraction
  - Above: how to program machine - HLL, OS
  - Below: what needs to be built - tricks to make it run fast



Key:
RF = Register File
Mem = Memory
HLL = High Level Language
OS = Operating System

Operating System Interface Software / Hardware



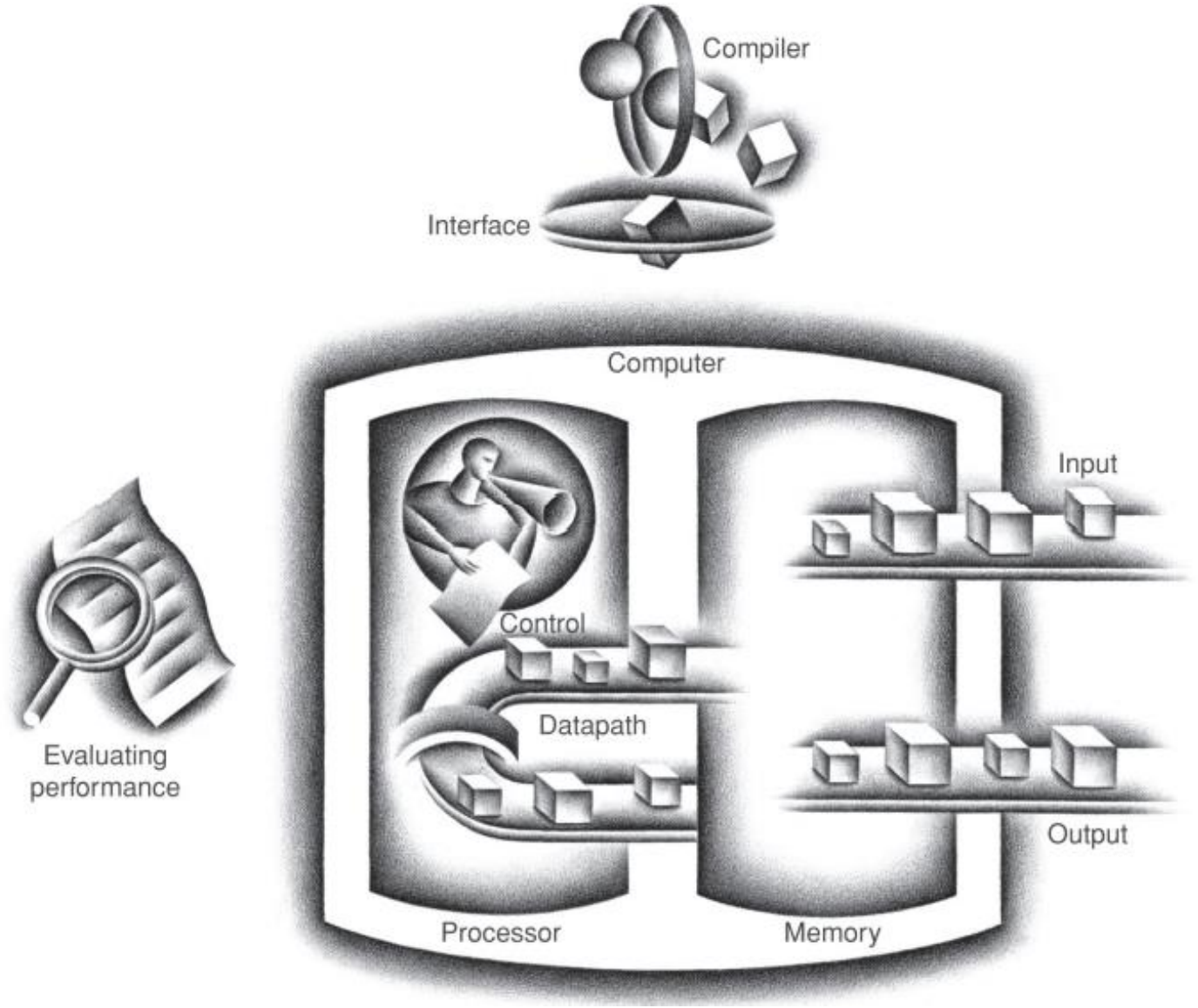


API = Application Programming Interface – Through which software interfaces with another software at source level

ABI = Application Binary Interface – low level binary interface between two pieces of software on an architecture

Exploring Computer Organization

Typical Computer Organization Includes ….



From Patterson Hennessy book

A Computer has these fundamental Main Components

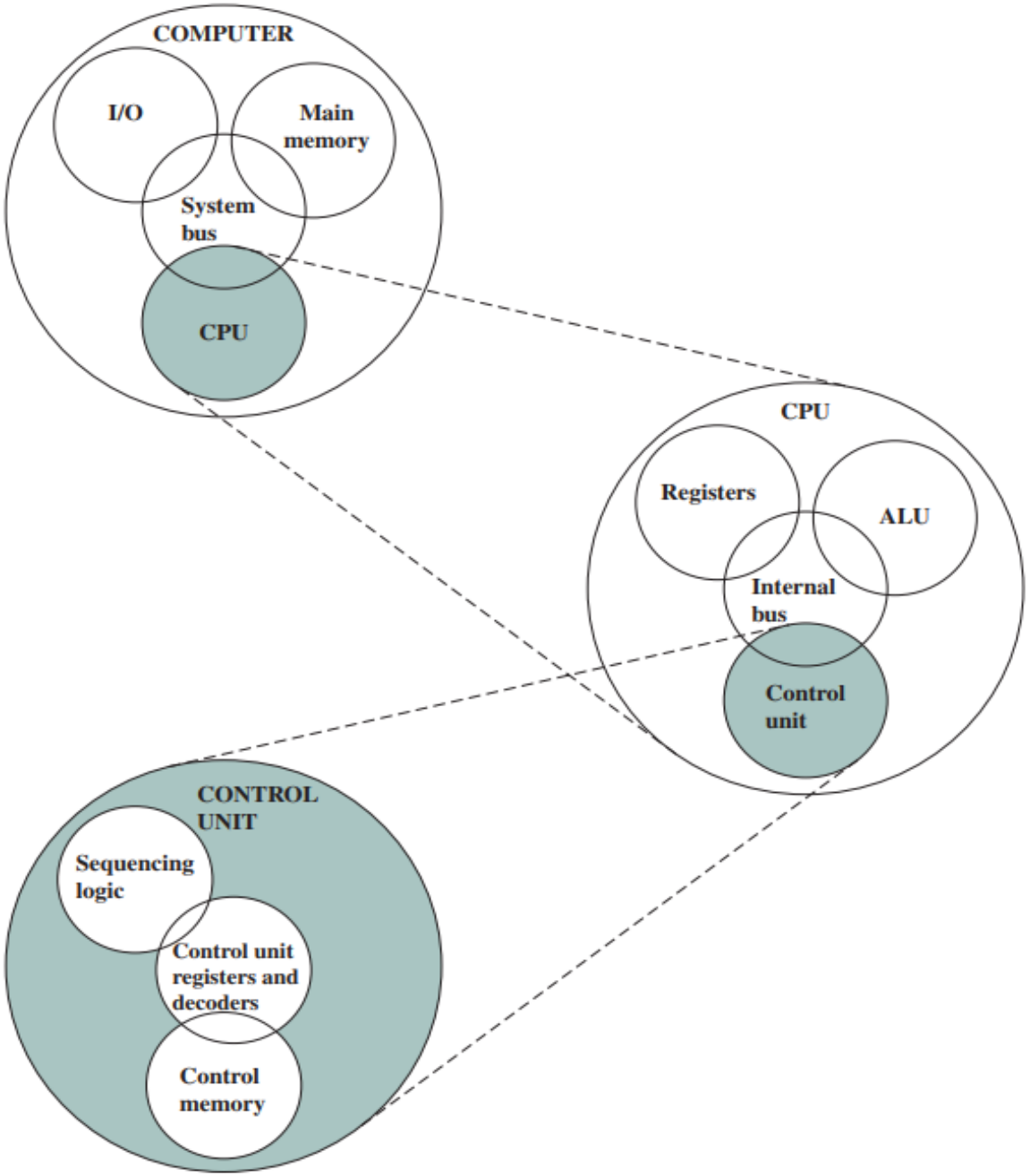


Figure 1.1 The Computer: Top-Level Structure

A Multi-core Computer View

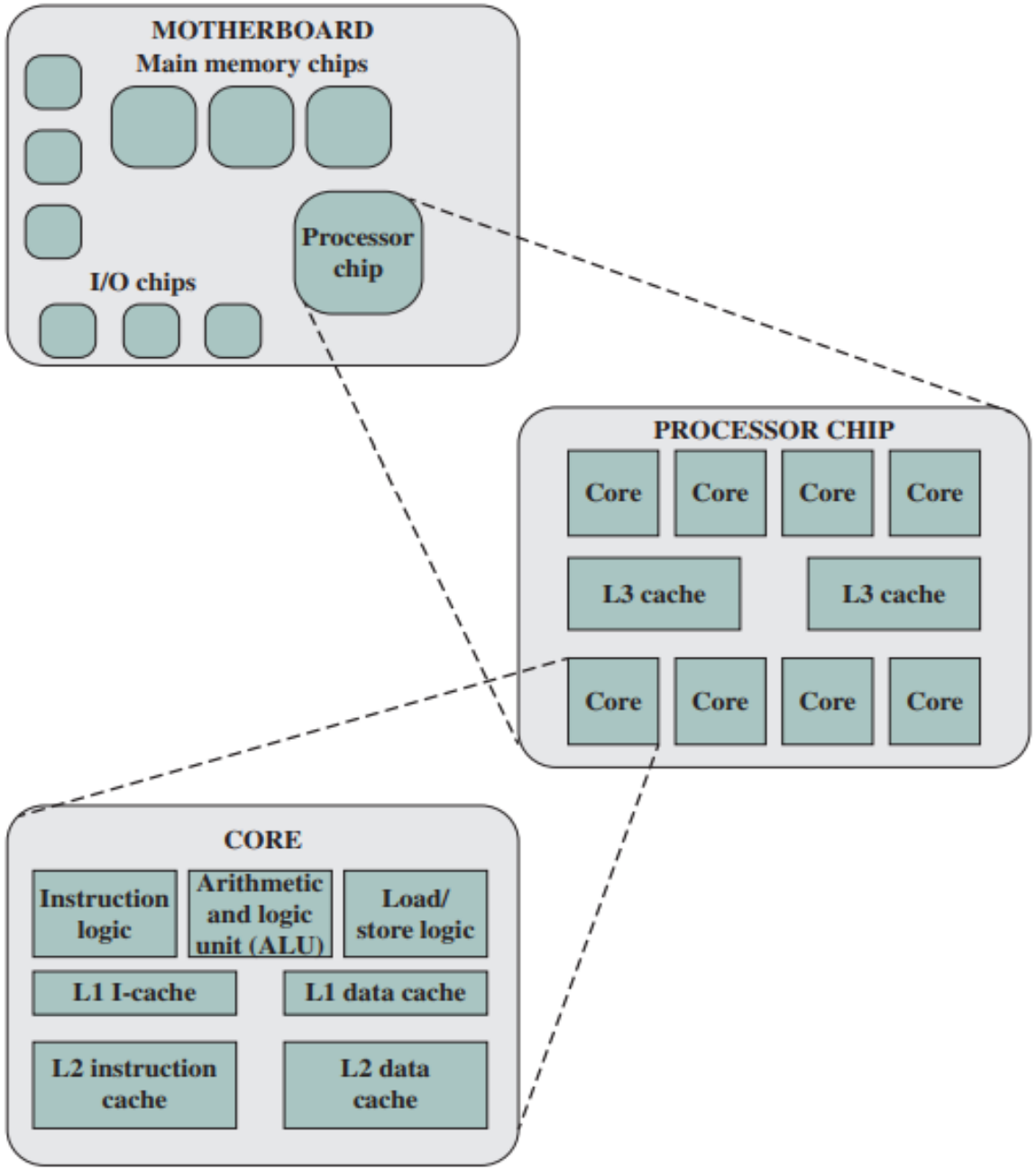
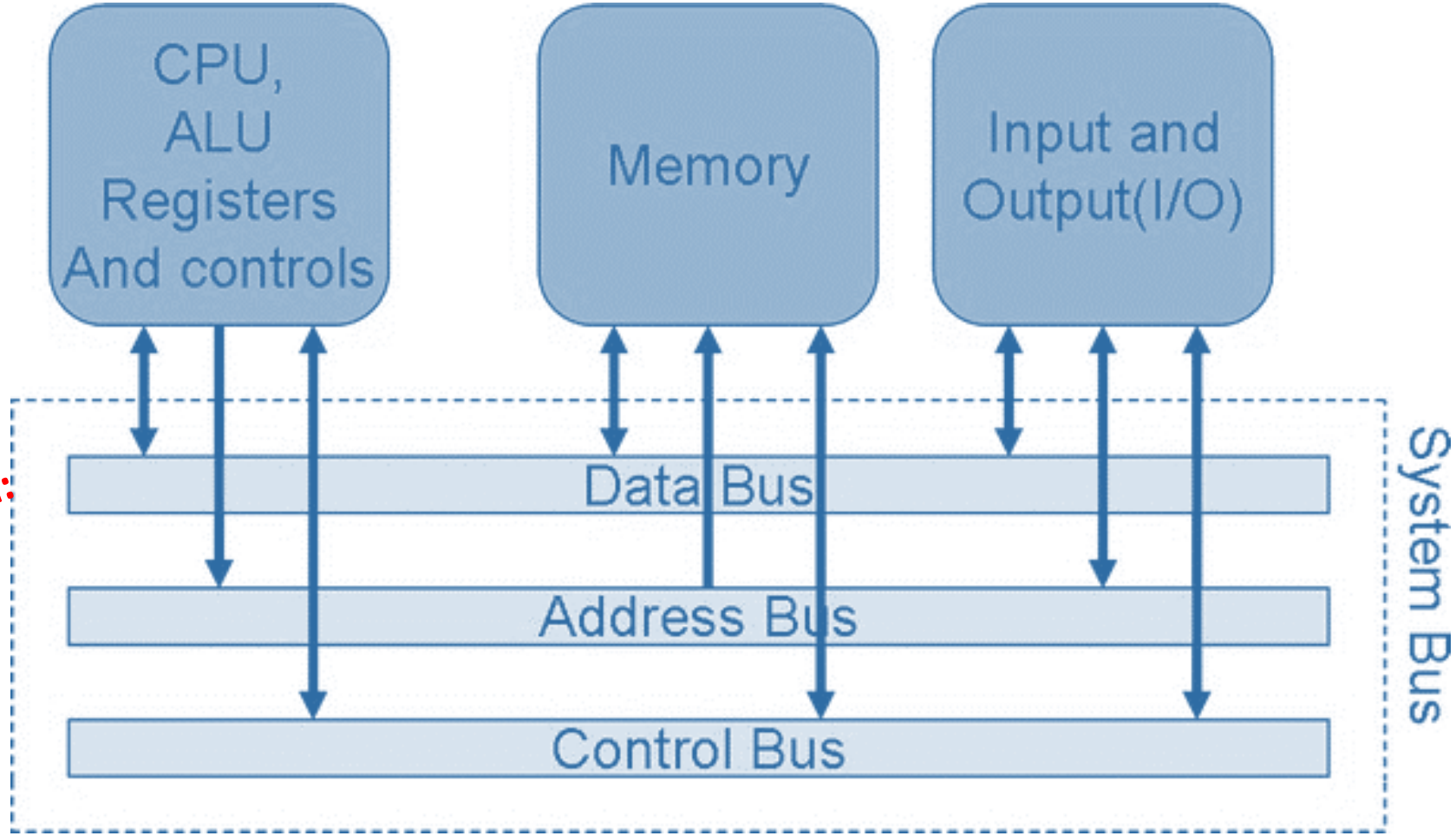


Figure 1.2 Simplified View of Major Elements of a Multicore Computer

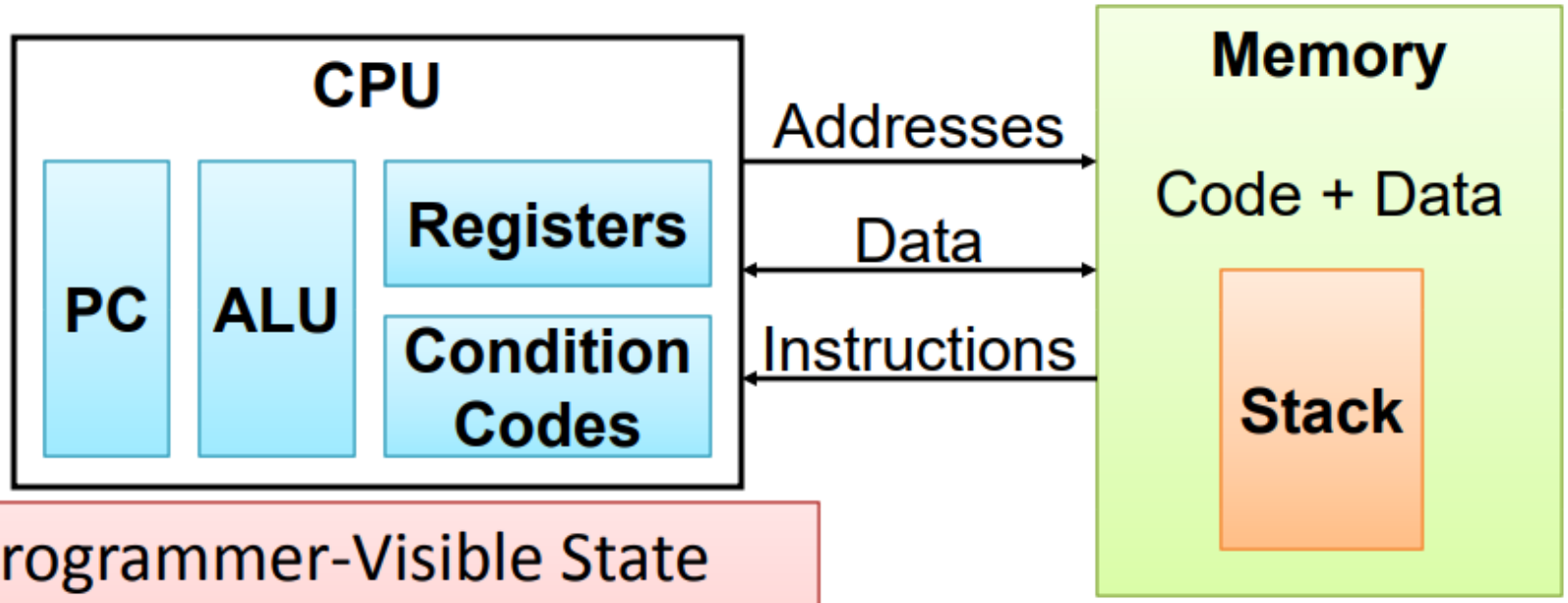
The Von-Neumann Architecture



Three Buses in Von-Neumann:

1. Data Bus
2. Address Bus
3. Control Bus

Computer Abstraction



- Programmer-Visible State
  - PC Program Counter
  - Register File
    - Heavily used data
  - Condition Codes

- Memory
  - Byte array
  - Code + data
  - stack

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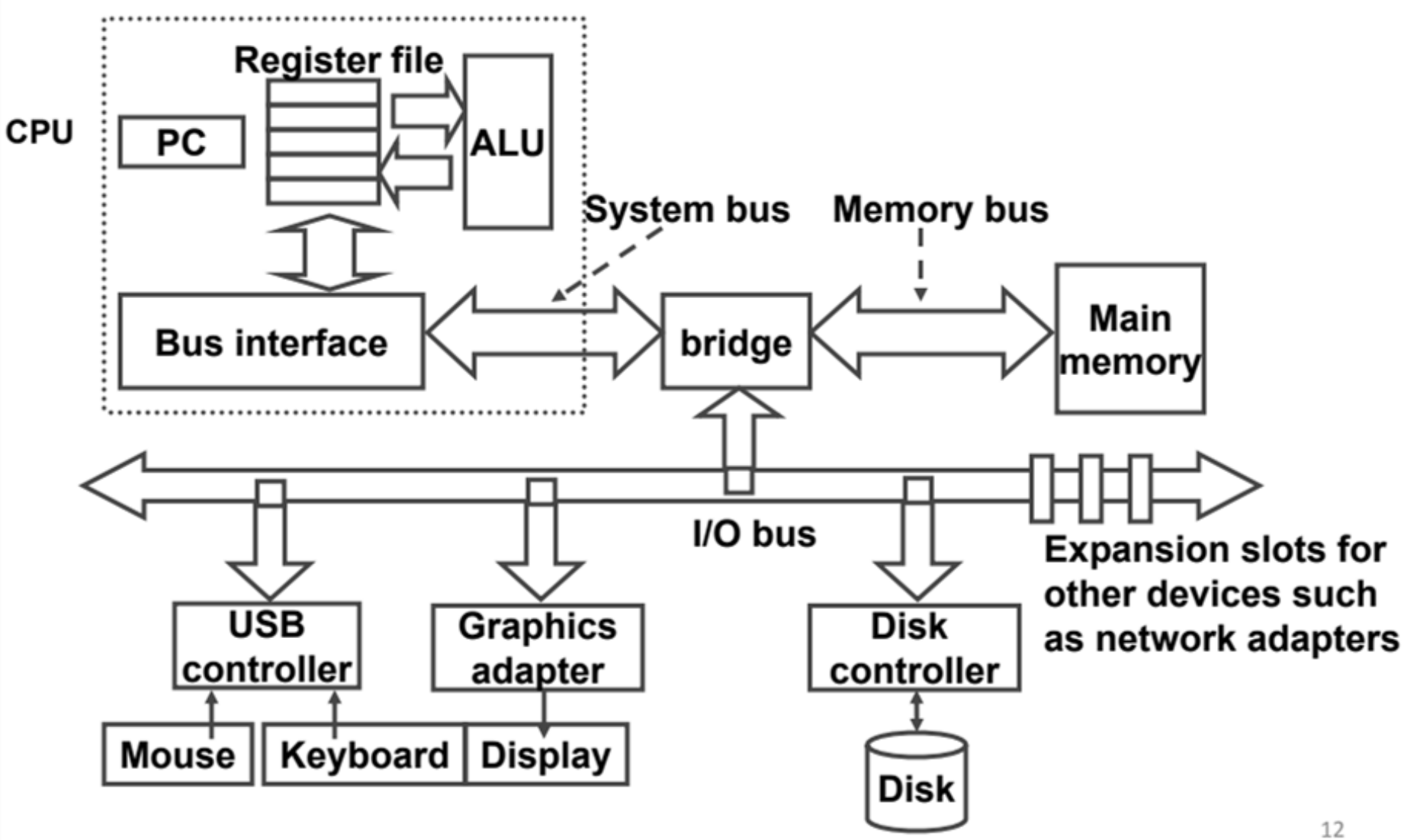
Hardware Abstraction Example



Computer Performance

Simple Computer Performance Measures

- Time to execute a program – in seconds
- Clock Speed of Computer – MHz or GHz
- In terms of the width of Data Bus (16 bit, 32 bit, 64 bit)
- In terms of the size of different memory (8GB / 256GB)
  - Cache size
  - RAM
  - Hard disk
  - SSD, etc.
- In terms of multiple cores and multiple I/O available
- Software
  - Algorithm
  - Language / Compiler
  - Optimization – Parallel, Vector, etc.

What is MIPS?

- **MIPS is a leading example of RISC Architecture**
- **Used in many household products such as Nintendo, Sony, Mobile phones, Routers, etc.**
- **Simple and Small Instruction Set**

MIPS = Microprocessor without Interlock Pipeline Stages

Vs

MIPS = Million Instructions Per Second

What is MFLOPS

FLOPS = Floating Point Linear Operations Per Second

$$\text{MFLOPS}\,rate = \frac{Number\ of\ executed\ floating\ point\ operations\ in\ a\ program}{Execution\ time\ \times 10^6}$$

Overall Computer Performance

user

Software Performance
Programming Languages
Operating System
Compilers
Algorithms
Parallelism / Threads

Hardware Performance
Processor Architecture
Vector Processing
Memory Hierarchy
Multicores
Network support

Software optimization

+

Hardware optimization

Make Common Case FAST

Use Domain Specific Concepts for Special Tasks

Conclusion

- Complexity Wall
- Power Wall
- Power Calculations
- Abstraction
- Von-Neumann Computer Design
- Hardware / Software Interface
- Introducing Quantitative Performance