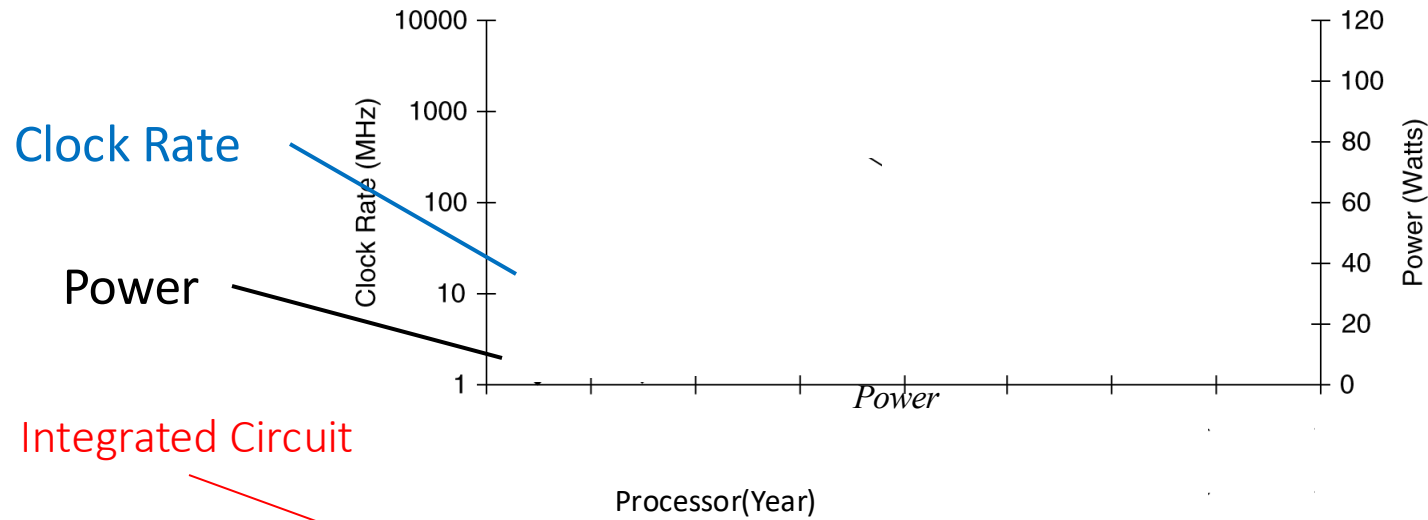


# Topic V12

Power, Multiprocessor,  
SPEC, Amdahl's Law

Readings: (Section 1.7-1.10)

# Power Trends



In CMOS IC technology

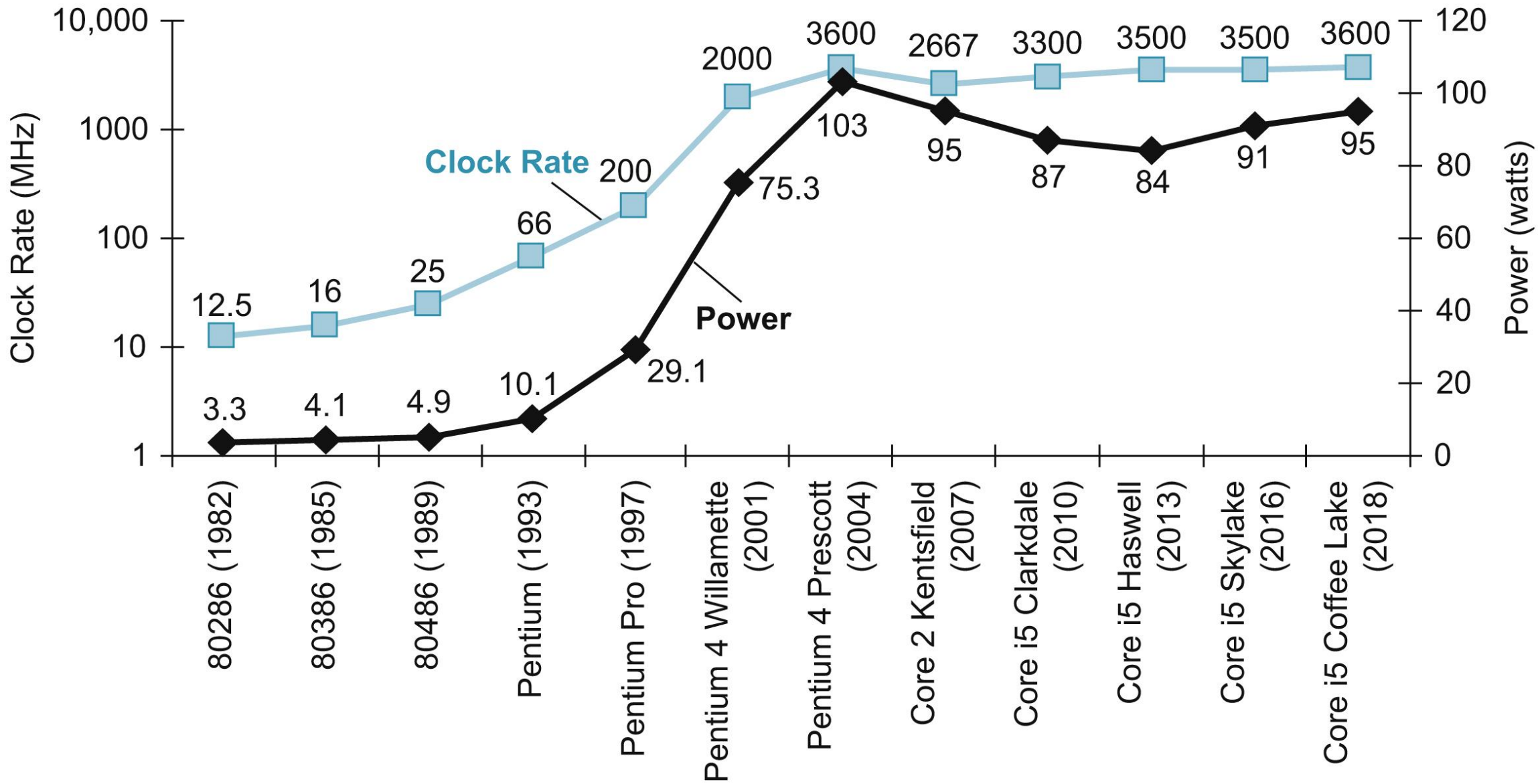
$$\text{Power} \propto \frac{1}{2} \text{ Capacitive load} \times \text{Voltage}^2 \times \text{Frequency}$$

×30

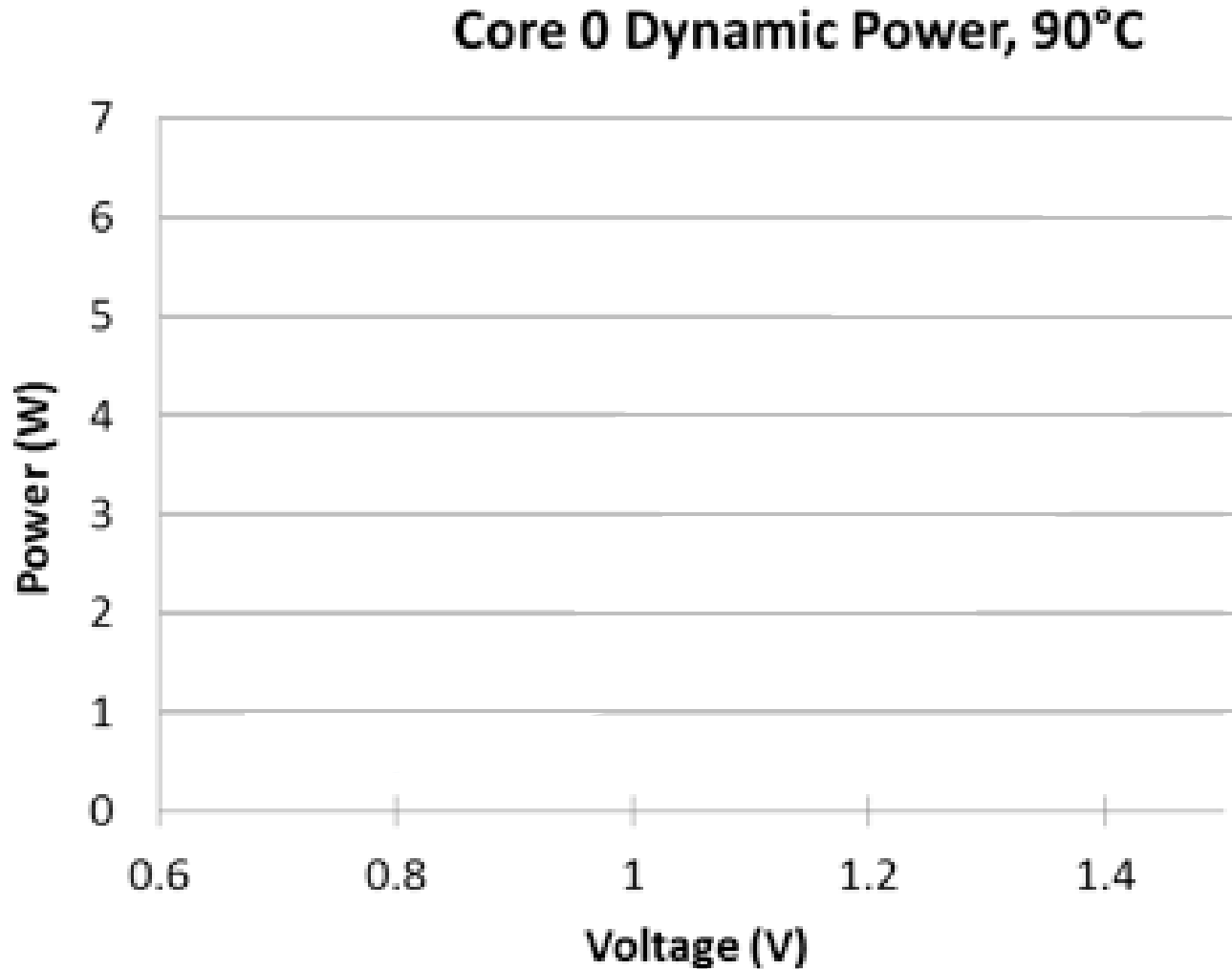
5V → 1V

×1000

Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor



# Power X Frequency X Voltage



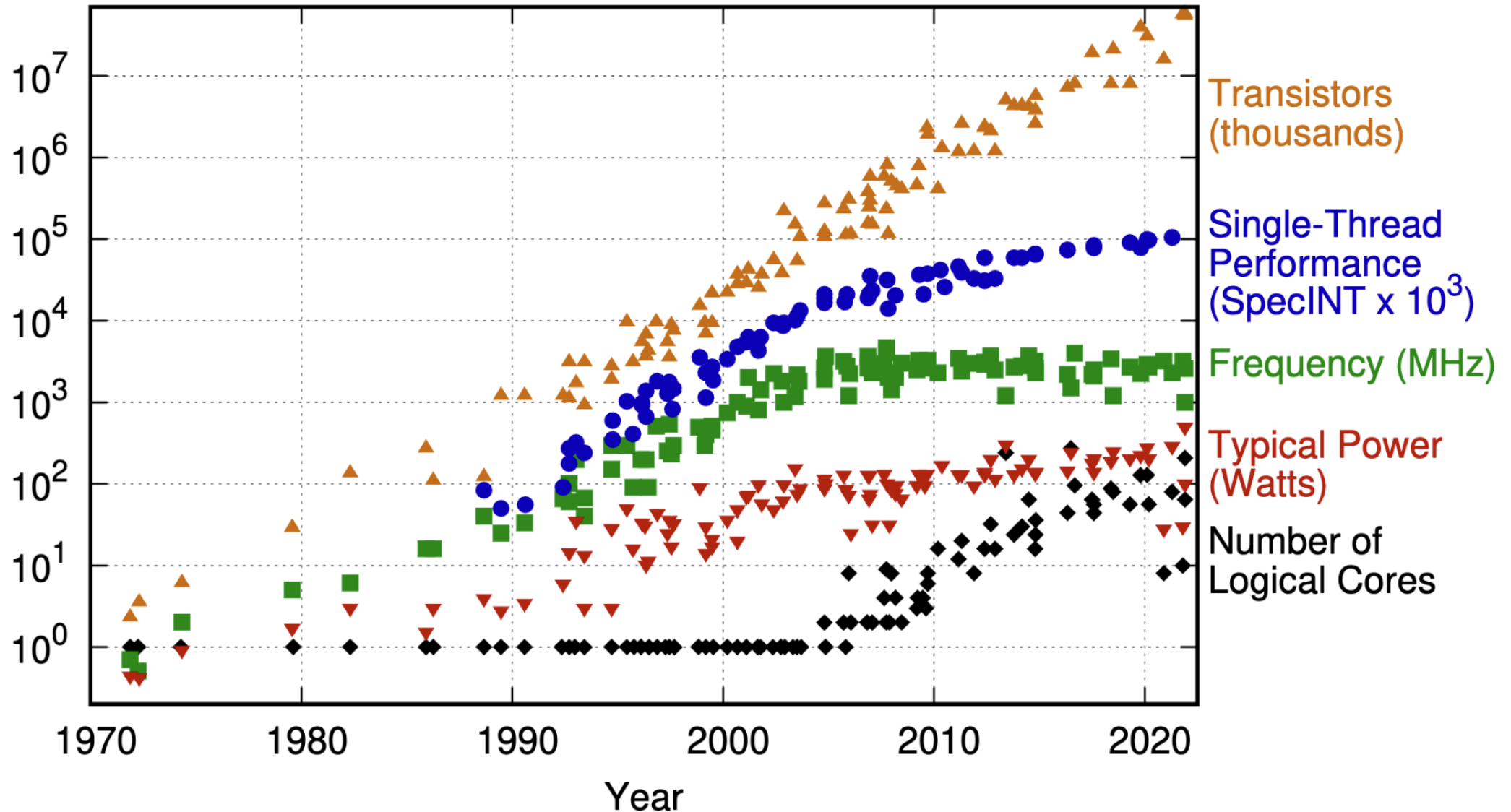
Source: <http://chipdesignmag.com/lpd/pangrle/tag/amd/>

# Uniprocessor Performance

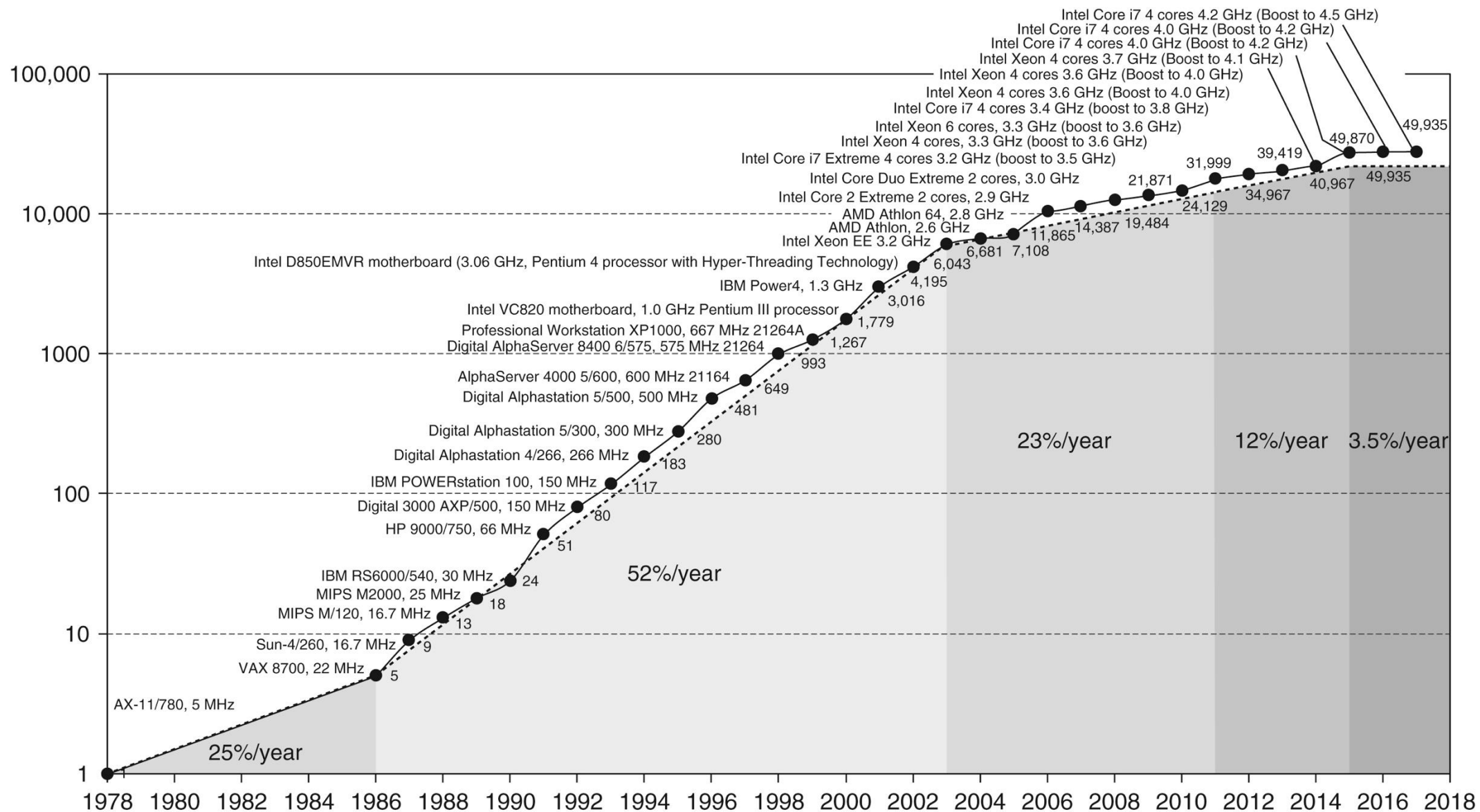


Constrained by power, instruction-level parallelism,  
memory latency

# 50 Years of Microprocessor Trend Data



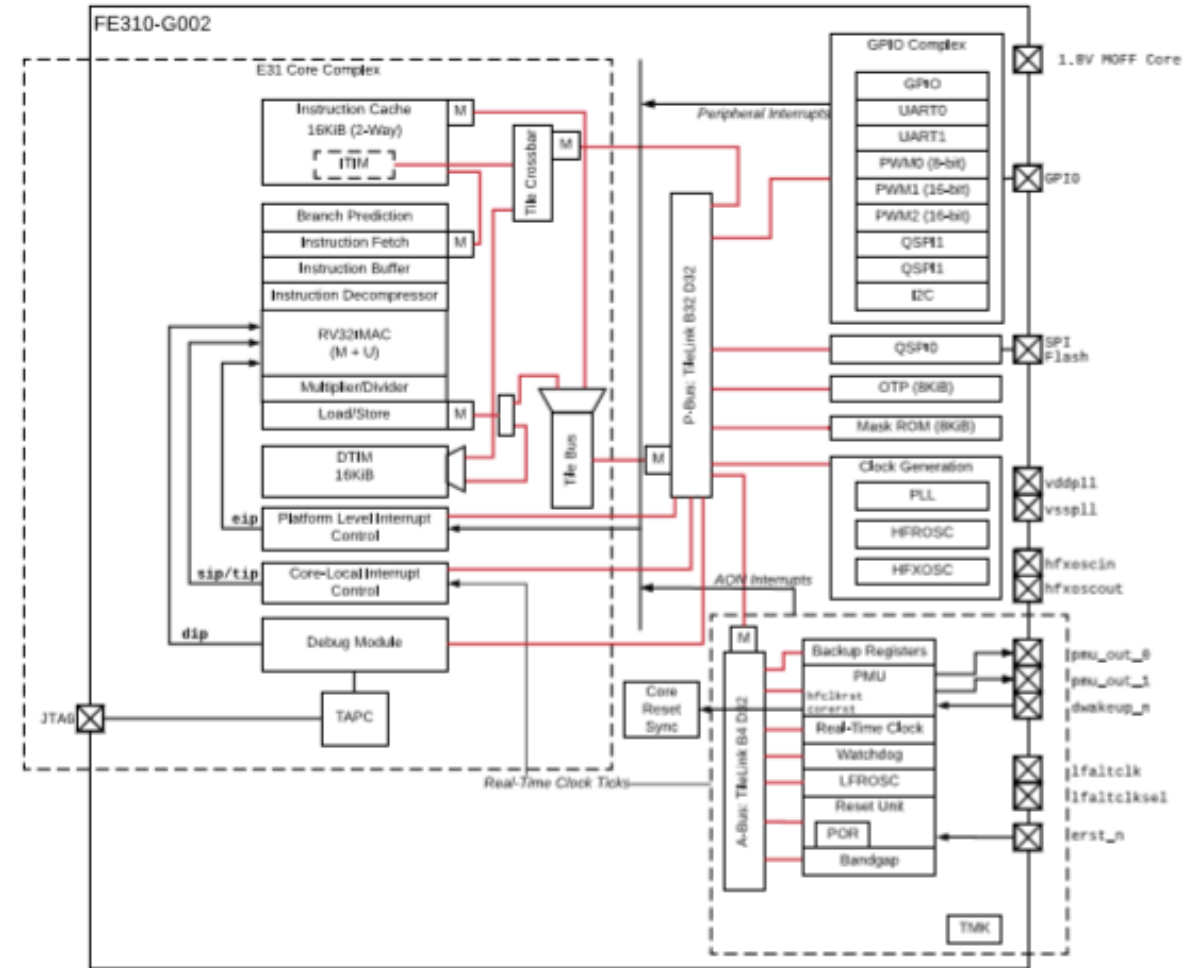
Performance (vs. VAX-11/780)



# Single Core Processor

## Instruction-Level Parallelism (ILP)

Hardware executes multiple instructions at once  
ILP is hidden from the programmer



RISC-V FE310-G002 top-level



# Multiprocessors

Multicore microprocessors

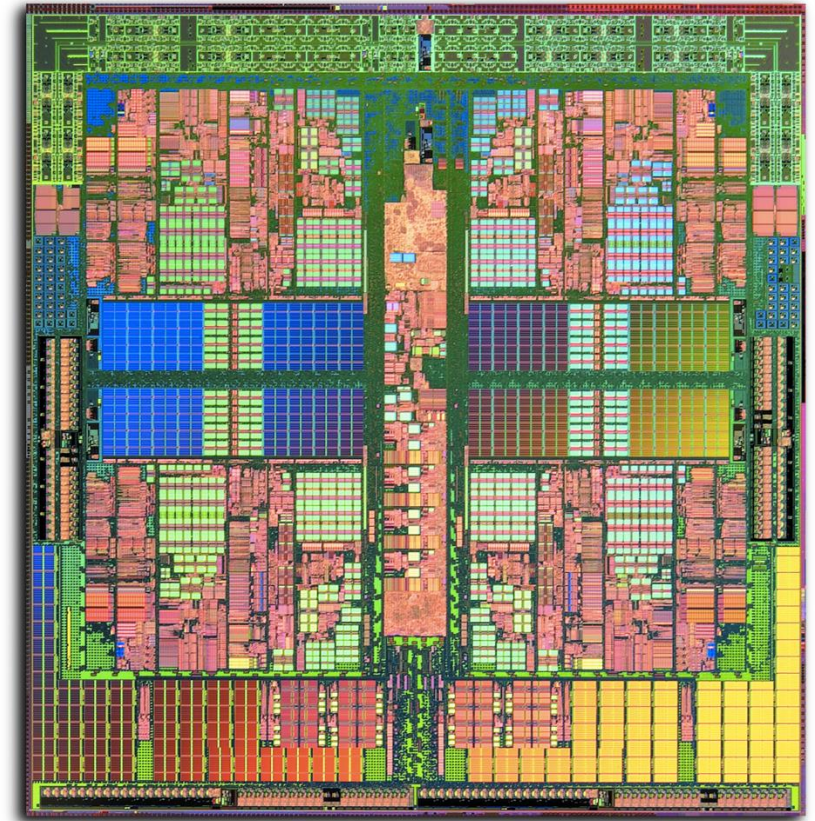
Requires explicitly parallel programming

Hard to do

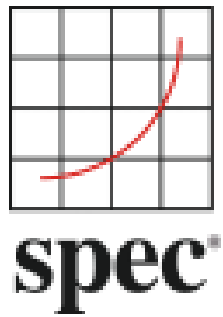
Programming for performance

Load balancing

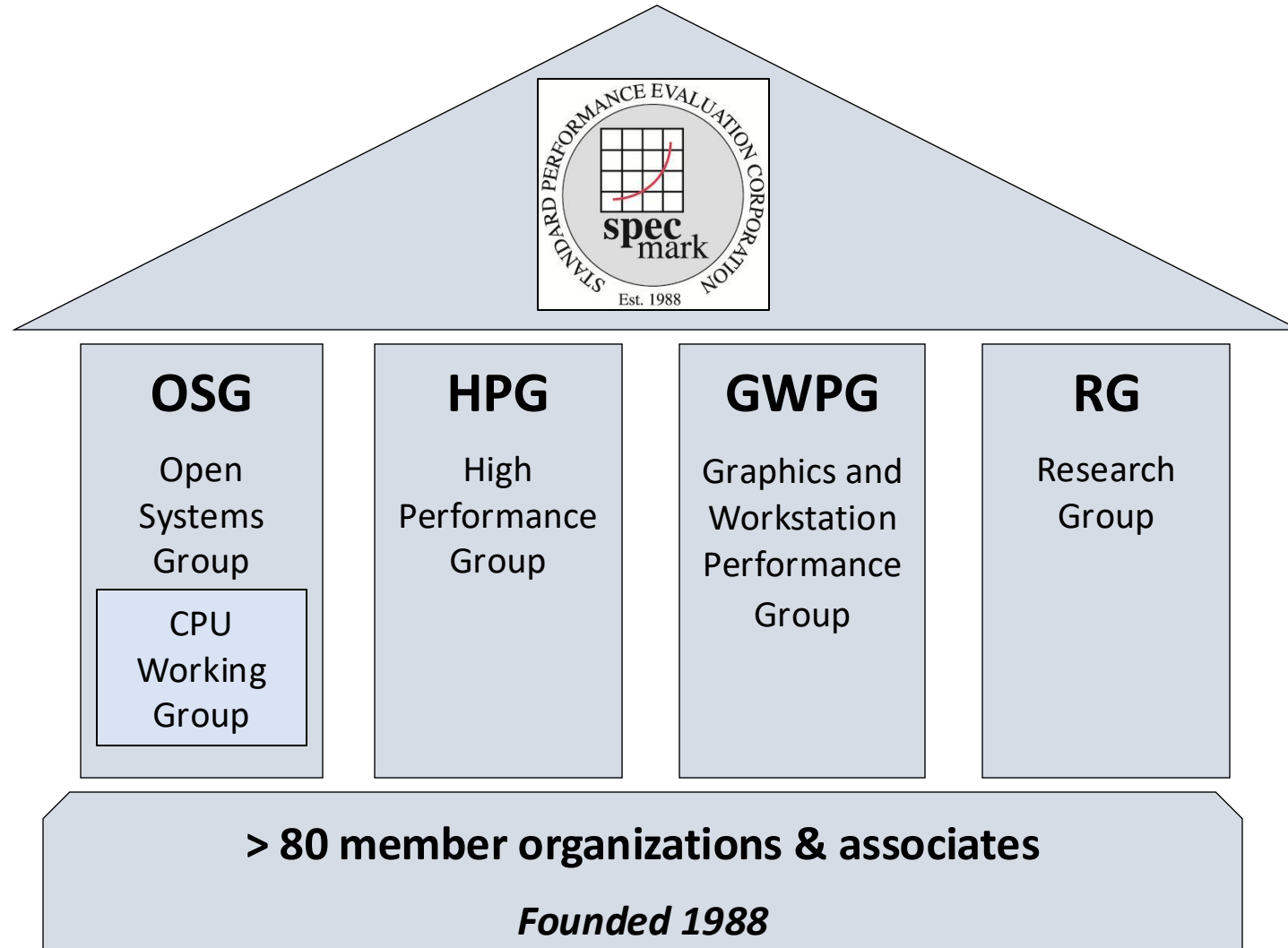
Optimizing communication and  
synchronization



Quad-Core AMD Opteron - 2007



# Standard Performance Evaluation Corporation

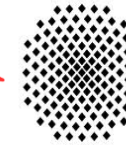
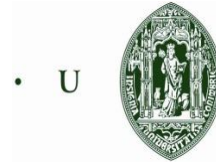




# Spec Research Group



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# SPEC CPU Benchmark

## Programs used to measure performance

Supposedly typical of actual workload

## Standard Performance Evaluation Corp (SPEC)

Develops benchmarks for CPU, I/O, Web, ...

## SPEC CPU2006 and SPEC CPU2017

Elapsed time to execute a selection of programs

Negligible I/O --- focuses on CPU performance

Normalize relative to reference machine

Summarize as geometric mean of performance ratios

CINT2006 (integer) and CFP2006 (floating-point)

$$\sqrt[n]{\prod_{i=1}^n \text{Execution time ratio}_i}$$

# A Sample SPEC CPU 2017 int Result Publication

Hardware		Software	
CPU Name:	AMD EPYC 7742	OS:	SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15 SP1 (x86_64) Kernel 4.12.14-195-default
Max MHz:	3400	Compiler:	C/C++/Fortran: Version 2.0.0 of AOCC
Nominal:	2250	Parallel:	Yes
Enabled:	64 cores, 1 chip, 2 threads/core	Firmware:	Version 0302 released Aug-2019
Orderable:	1 chip	File System:	xfs
Cache L1:	32 KB I + 32 KB D on chip per core	System State:	Run level 3 (multi-user)
L2:	512 KB I+D on chip per core	Base Pointers:	64-bit
L3:	256 MB I+D on chip per chip, 16 MB shared / 4 cores	Peak Pointers:	32/64-bit
Other:	None	Other:	jemalloc: jemalloc memory allocator library v5.1.0
Memory:	256 GB (8 x 32 GB 2Rx4 PC4-3200AA-R)	Power Management:	--
Storage:	1 x 1 TB SATA SSD		
Other:	None		



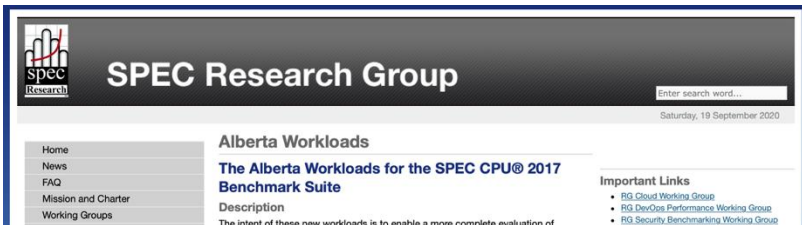


Benchmark	Base						
	Threads	Seconds	Ratio	Seconds	Ratio	Seconds	Ratio
600.perlbench_s	64	368	4.82	375	4.74	<b><u>371</u></b>	<b><u>4.78</u></b>
602.gcc_s	64	399	9.97	400	9.95	<b><u>400</u></b>	<b><u>9.95</u></b>
605.mcf_s	64	305	15.5	<b><u>305</u></b>	<b><u>15.5</u></b>	305	15.5
620.omnetpp_s	64	317	5.15	315	5.17	<b><u>316</u></b>	<b><u>5.16</u></b>
623.xalancbmk_s	64	152	9.33	<b><u>152</u></b>	<b><u>9.35</u></b>	151	9.37
625.x264_s	64	<b><u>137</u></b>	<b><u>12.8</u></b>	137	12.8	138	12.8
631.deepsjeng_s	64	286	5.00	<b><u>286</u></b>	<b><u>5.00</u></b>	286	5.00
641.leela_s	64	393	4.34	393	4.34	<b><u>393</u></b>	<b><u>4.34</u></b>
648.exchange2_s	64	179	16.5	179	16.4	<b><u>179</u></b>	<b><u>16.5</u></b>
657.xz_s	64	296	20.9	<b><u>296</u></b>	<b><u>20.9</u></b>	296	20.9

**SPECspeed®2017\_int\_base = 8.98**

Bold indicates the median of the three measurements.

$$\text{SPECratio} = \frac{\text{Ref time}}{\text{Exec time}}$$



# The Alberta Workloads for the SPEC CPU 2017 Benchmark Suite

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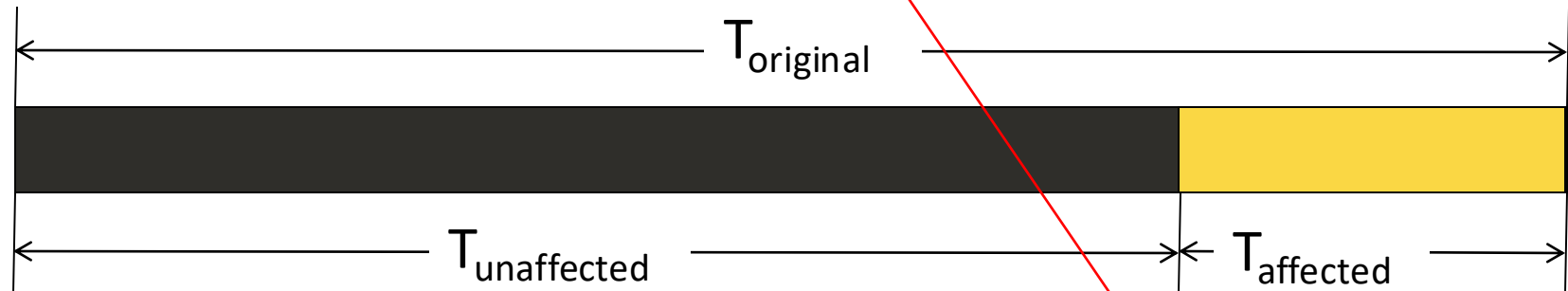


# Pitfall: Amdahl's Law

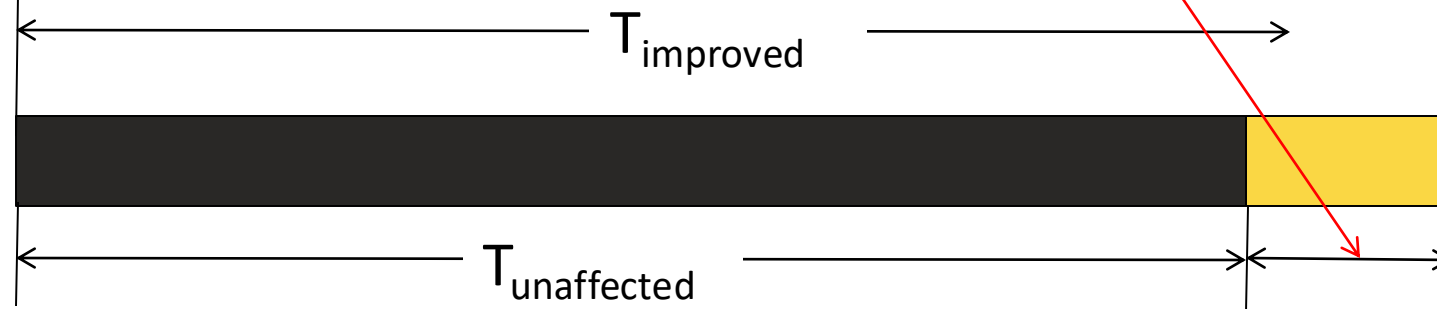
Improving a single aspect of a computer does not lead to a proportional improvement in overall performance

$$T_{\text{improved}} = \frac{T_{\text{affected}}}{\text{improvement factor}} + T_{\text{unaffected}}$$

Before:



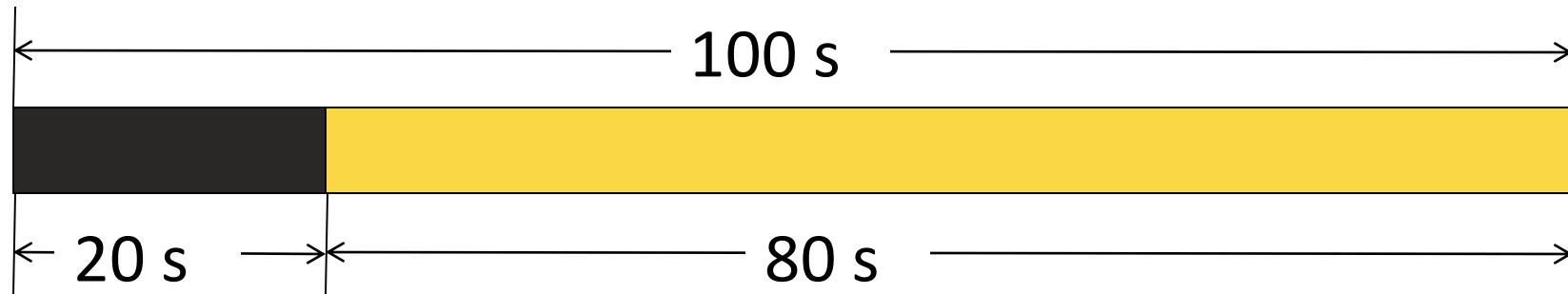
After:  
improv. factor = 2



# Pitfall: Amdahl's Law

Example: In a 100-second program, multiplication accounts for 80 seconds

How much improvement in multiplication performance do we need to get 5× overall improvement?



5× improvement  $\Rightarrow$  new total time = 20 seconds

$$20 = \frac{80}{n} + 20$$

Can't be done!

# Pitfall: MIPS as a Performance Metric

MIPS: Millions of Instructions Per Second

Doesn't account for

Differences in ISAs between computers

Differences in complexity between instructions

$$\text{MIPS} = \frac{\text{Instruction Count}}{\text{Execution Time} \times 10^6}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\text{Instruction Count}}{\text{Instruction Count} \times \text{CPI}} \times 10^6}{\text{Clock rate}} = \frac{\text{Clock rate}}{\text{CPI} \times 10^6}$$

CPI varies between programs on a given CPU

# Concluding Remarks

**Cost/performance is improving**

Due to underlying technology development

**Hierarchical layers of abstraction**

In both hardware and software

**Instruction-set architecture**

The hardware/software interface

**Execution time:** the best performance measure

**Power is a limiting factor**

Use parallelism to improve performance