Memory-Centric Computing

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The Problem

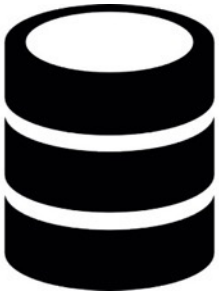
Computing

is Bottlenecked by Data

Data is Key for AI, ML, Genomics, …

- Important workloads are all data intensive
- They require rapid and efficient processing of large amounts of data
- Data is increasing
  - We can generate more than we can process

Data is Key for Future Workloads



In-memory Databases

[Mao+, EuroSys'12;
Clapp+ (**Intel**), IISWC'15]



Graph/Tree Processing

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In-Memory Data Analytics

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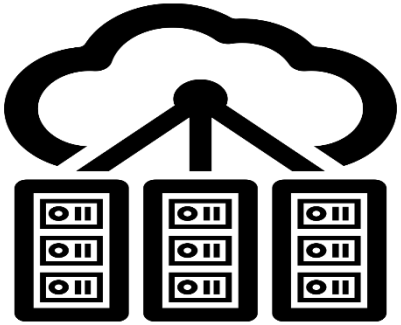

Datacenter Workloads

[Kanev+ (**Google**), ISCA'15]

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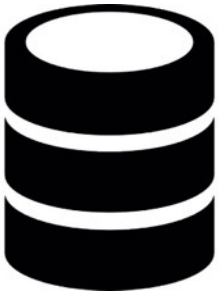

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Graph/Tree Processing

Data → performance & energy bottleneck



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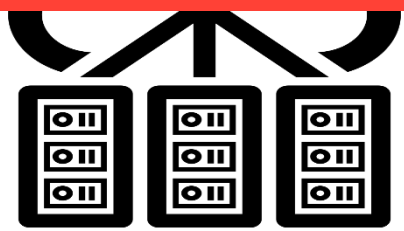

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Data is Key for Future Workloads



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Google's machine learning framework

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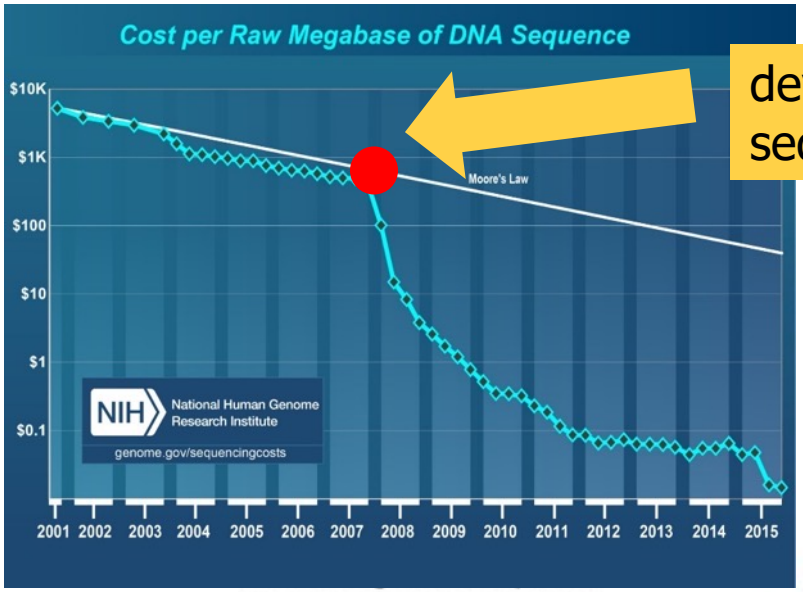
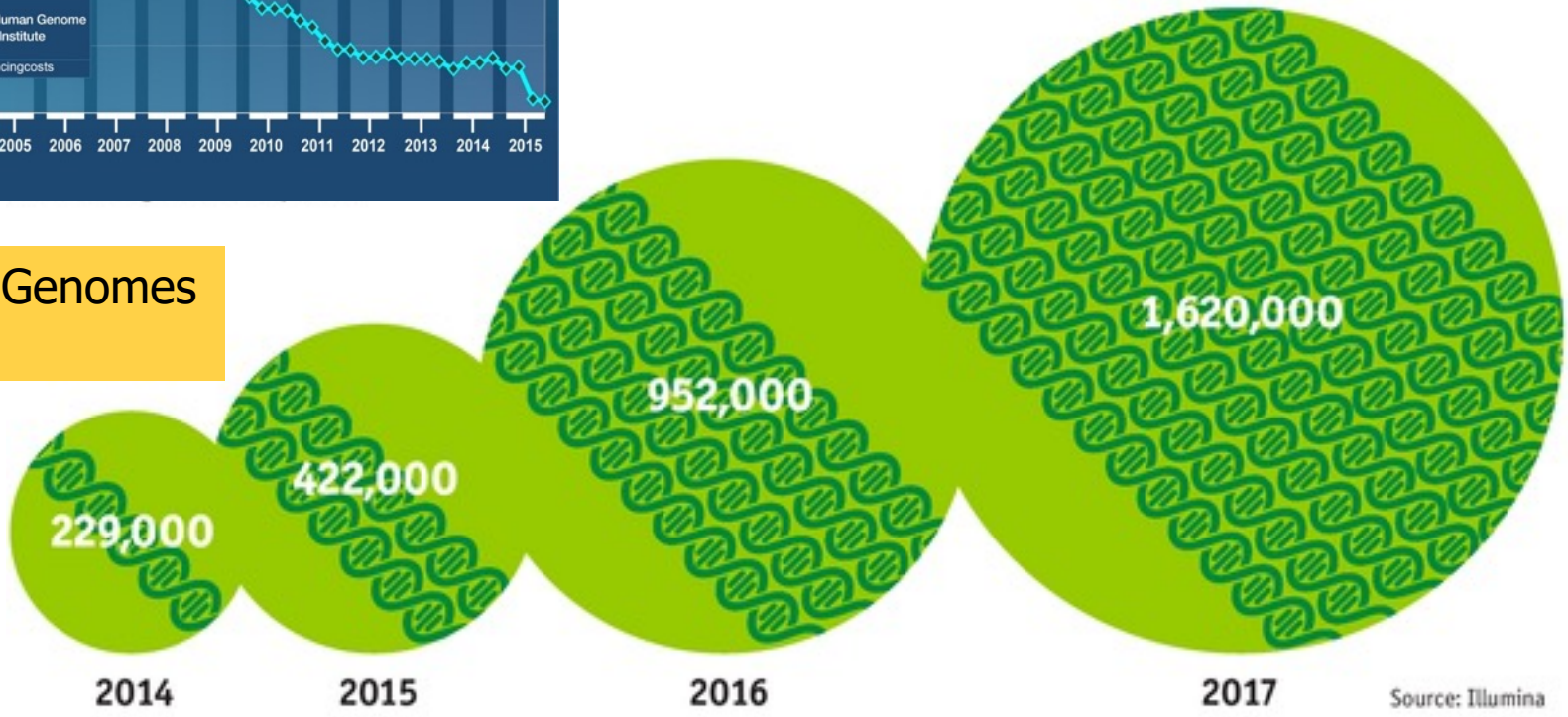


development of high-throughput sequencing (HTS) technologies

Number of Genomes Sequenced



The Economist

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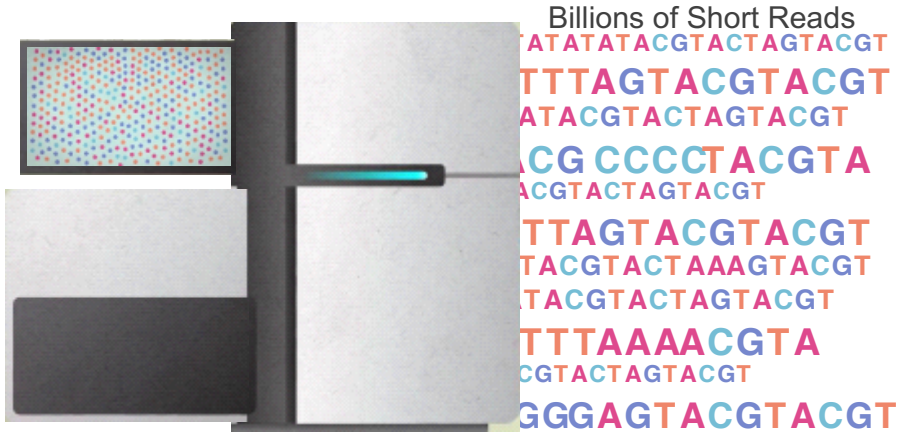

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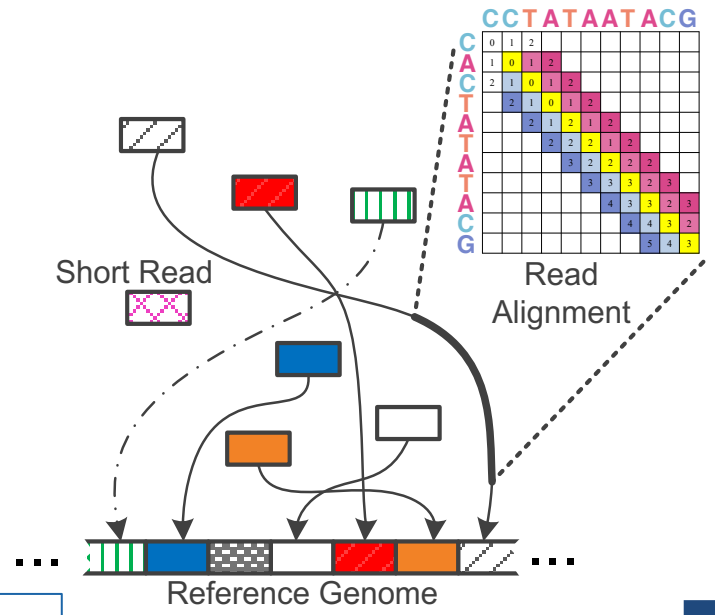

Read Mapping 2

Genome Analysis

Data → performance & energy bottleneck

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read4:          CGCTTCCAT
read5:            CCATGACGC
read6:          TTCCATGAC
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3 Variant Calling



Scientific Discovery 4

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In-Storage Genome Filtering [ASPLOS 2022]

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Detailed Lectures on Genome Analysis

- Computer Architecture, Fall 2020, Lecture 3a
  - **Introduction to Genome Sequence Analysis** (ETH Zürich, Fall 2020)
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CrRb32v7SJc&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi9xidyIgBxUz7xRPS-wisBN&index=5
- Computer Architecture, Fall 2020, Lecture 8
  - **Intelligent Genome Analysis** (ETH Zürich, Fall 2020)
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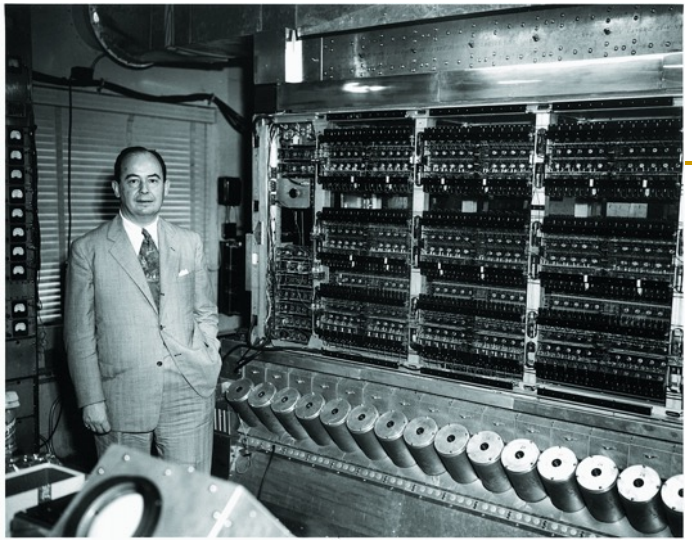
Data Overwhelms Modern Machines …

- Storage/memory capability
- Communication capability
- Computation capability
- Greatly impacts robustness, energy, performance, cost

A Computing System



- Three key components
- Computation
- Communication
- Storage/memory

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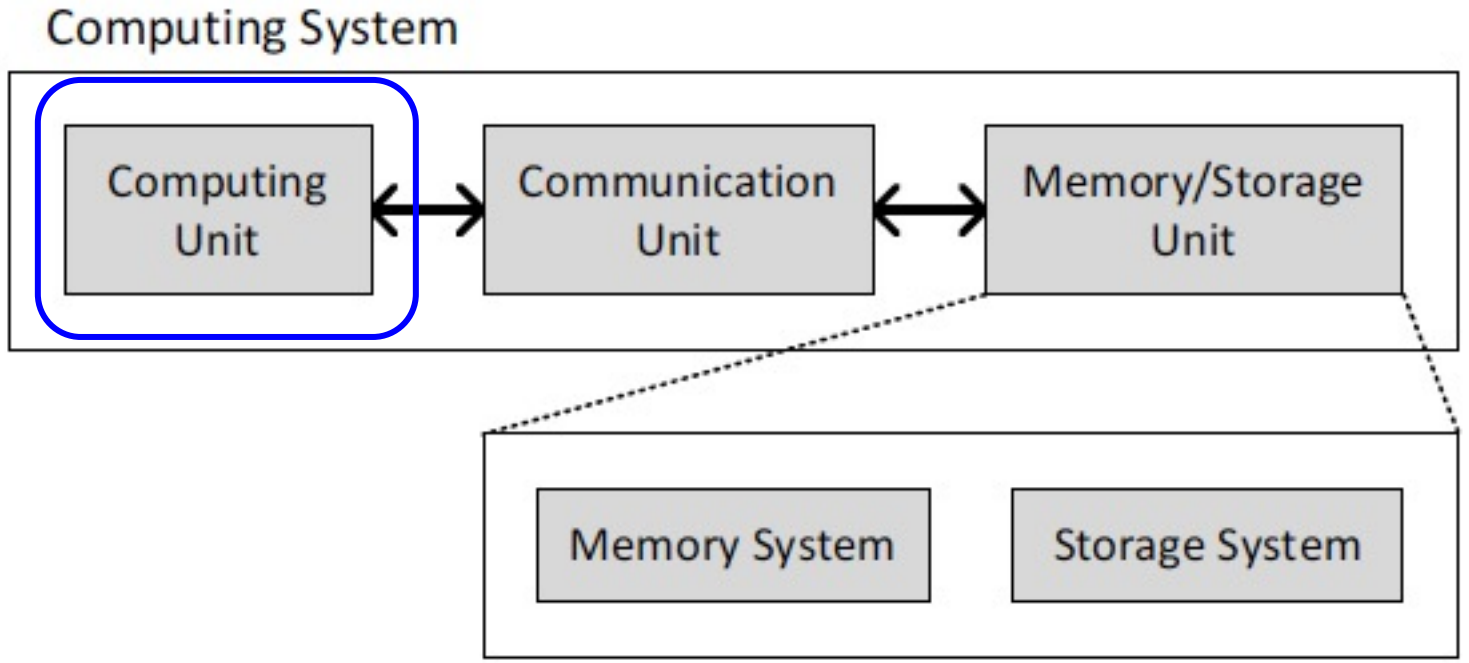

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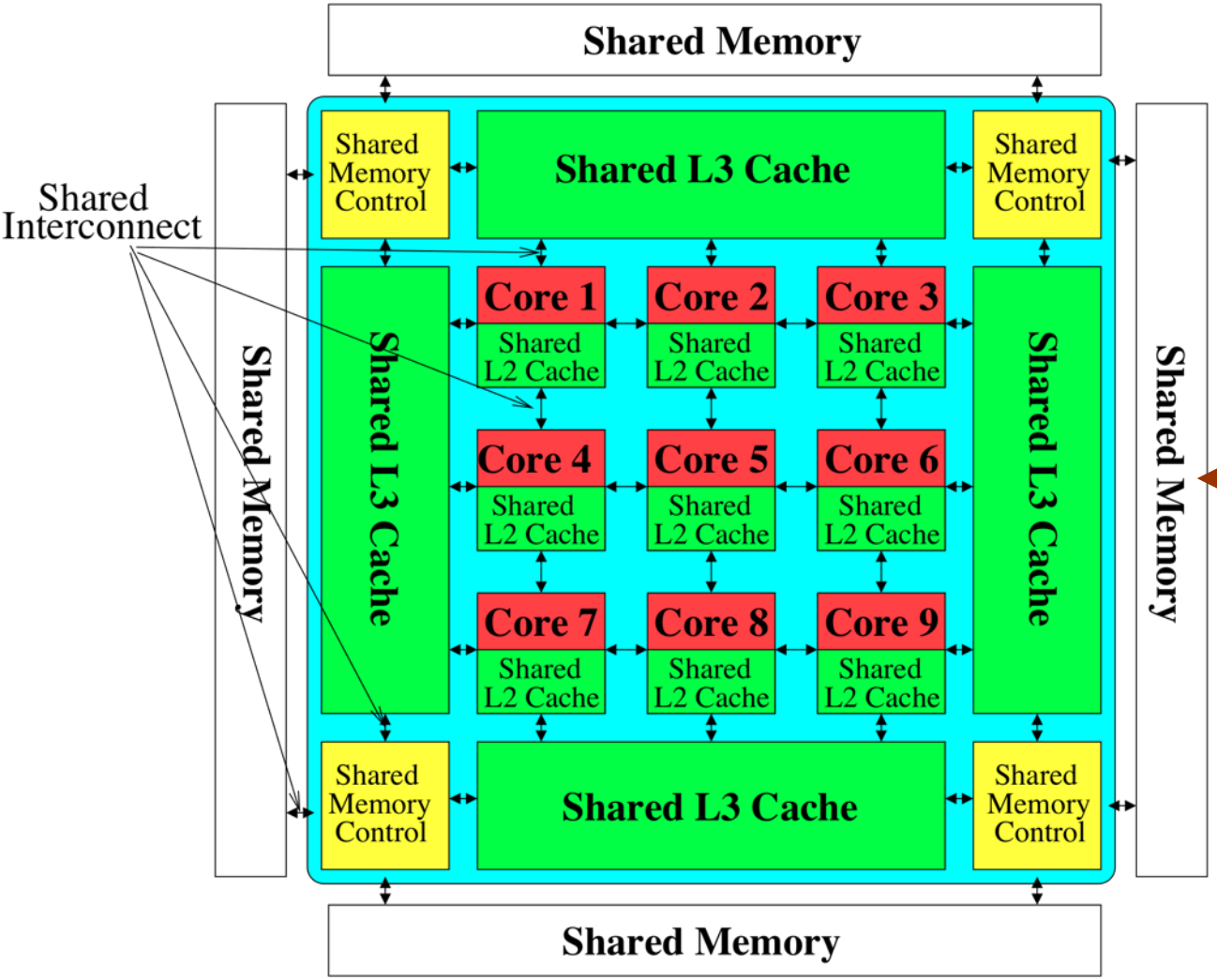
Perils of Processor-Centric Design





Most of the system is dedicated to storing and moving data

Yet, system is still bottlenecked by memory

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Data Movement Overwhelms Modern Machines

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62.7% of the total system energy is spent on data movement

Google Workloads for Consumer Devices: Mitigating Data Movement Bottlenecks

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An Intelligent Architecture Handles Data Well

How to Handle Data Well

- Ensure data does not overwhelm the components
  - via intelligent algorithms
  - via intelligent architectures
  - via whole system designs: algorithm-architecture-devices
- Take advantage of vast amounts of data and metadata
  - to improve architectural & system-level decisions
- Understand and exploit properties of (different) data
  - to improve algorithms & architectures in various metrics

Corollaries: Architectures Today …

- Architectures are terrible at dealing with data
  - Designed to mainly store and move data vs. to compute
  - They are processor-centric as opposed to **data-centric**
- Architectures are terrible at taking advantage of vast amounts of data (and metadata) available to them
  - Designed to make simple decisions, ignoring lots of data
  - They make human-driven decisions vs. **data-driven**
- Architectures are terrible at knowing and exploiting different properties of application data
  - Designed to treat all data as the same
  - They make component-aware decisions vs. **data-aware**

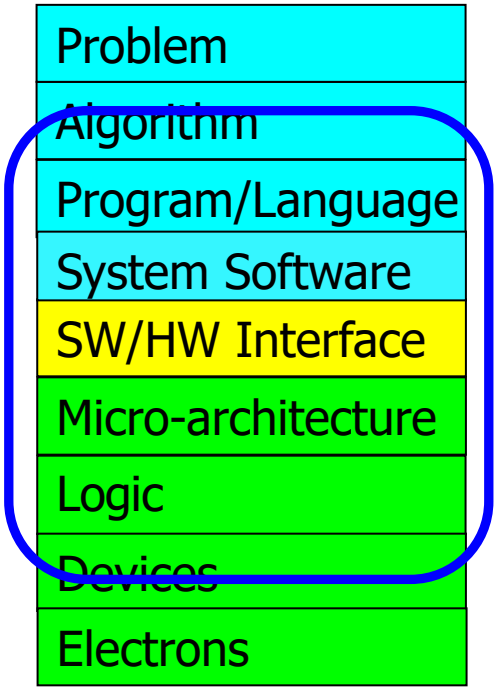
Fundamentally Better Architectures

Data-centric

Data-driven

Data-aware

We Need to Revisit the Entire Stack



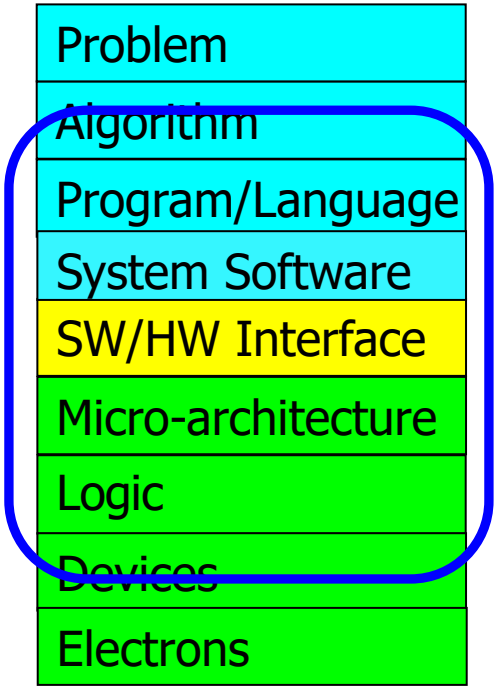
We can get there step by step

Axiom

To achieve the highest energy efficiency and performance:

we must take an expanded view

of computer architecture



Co-design across the hierarchy: Algorithms to devices

Specialize as much as possible within the design goals

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Data-Centric (Memory-Centric) Architectures

Data-Centric Architectures: Properties

- **Process data where it resides** (where it makes sense)
  - Processing in and near memory structures
- **Low-latency and low-energy data access**
  - Low latency memory
  - Low energy memory
- **Low-cost data storage and processing**
  - High capacity memory at low cost: hybrid memory, compression
- **Intelligent data management**
  - Intelligent controllers handling robustness, security, cost, perf.

Processing Data Where It Makes Sense

Processing in/near Memory: An Old Idea

- Kautz, "Cellular Logic-in-Memory Arrays", IEEE TC 1969.

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON COMPUTERS, VOL. C-18, NO. 8, AUGUST 1969

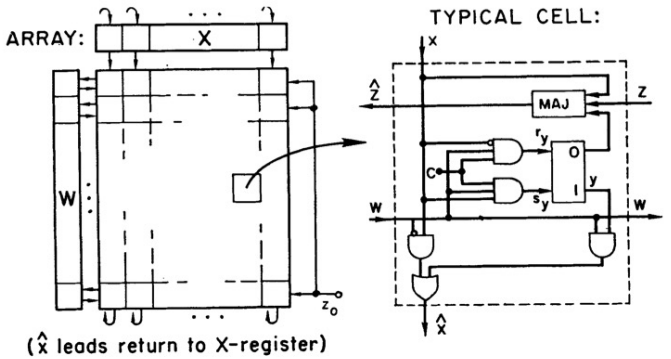
Cellular Logic-in-Memory Arrays

WILLIAM H. KAUTZ, MEMBER, IEEE

Abstract—As a direct consequence of large-scale integration, many advantages in the design, fabrication, testing, and use of digital circuitry can be achieved if the circuits can be arranged in a two-dimensional iterative, or cellular, array of identical elementary networks, or cells. When a small amount of storage is included in each cell, the same array may be regarded either as a logically enhanced memory array, or as a logic array whose elementary gates and connections can be "programmed" to realize a desired logical behavior.

In this paper the specific engineering features of such cellular logic-in-memory (CLIM) arrays are discussed, and one such special-purpose array, a cellular sorting array, is described in detail to illustrate how these features may be achieved in a particular design. It is shown how the cellular sorting array can be employed as a single-address, multiword memory that keeps in order all words stored within it. It can also be used as a content-addressed memory, a pushdown memory, a buffer memory, and (with a lower logical efficiency) a programmable array for the realization of arbitrary switching functions. A second version of a sorting array, operating on a different sorting principle, is also described.

Index Terms—Cellular logic, large-scale integration, logic arrays logic in memory, push-down memory, sorting, switching functions.



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A Logic-in-Memory Computer

HAROLD S. STONE

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Why In-Memory Computation Today?

- Push from Technology
  - DRAM Scaling at jeopardy

    → Controllers close to DRAM

    → Industry open to new memory architectures

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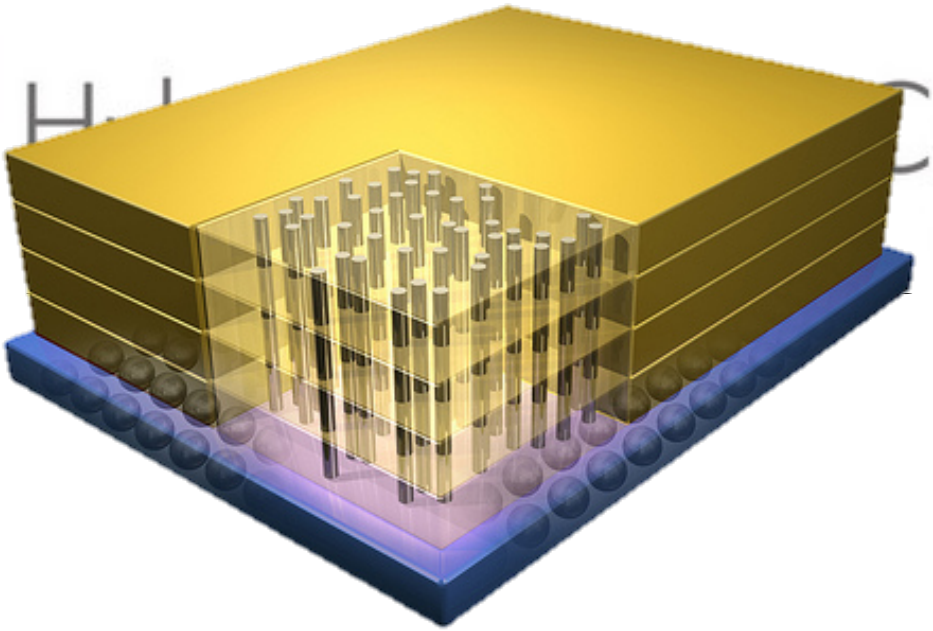



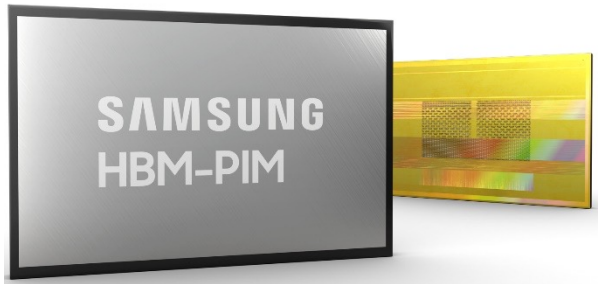

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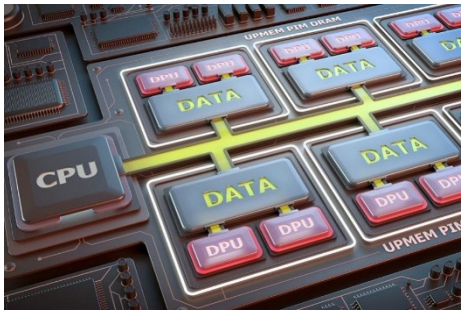

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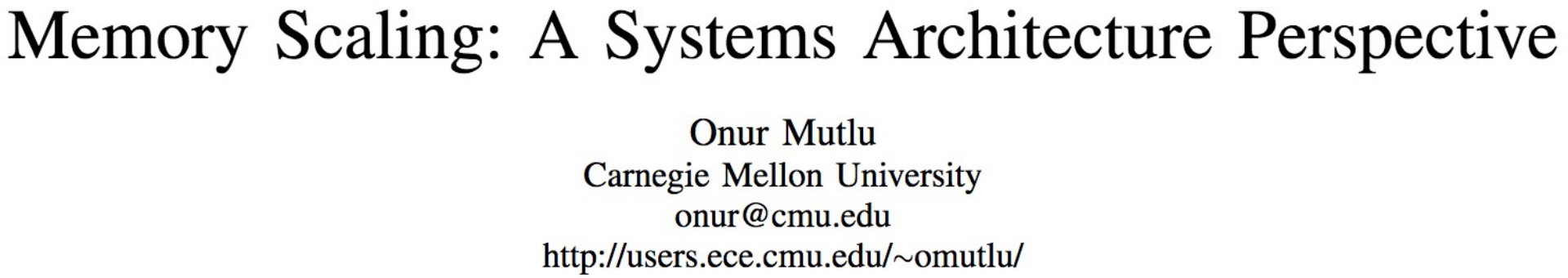
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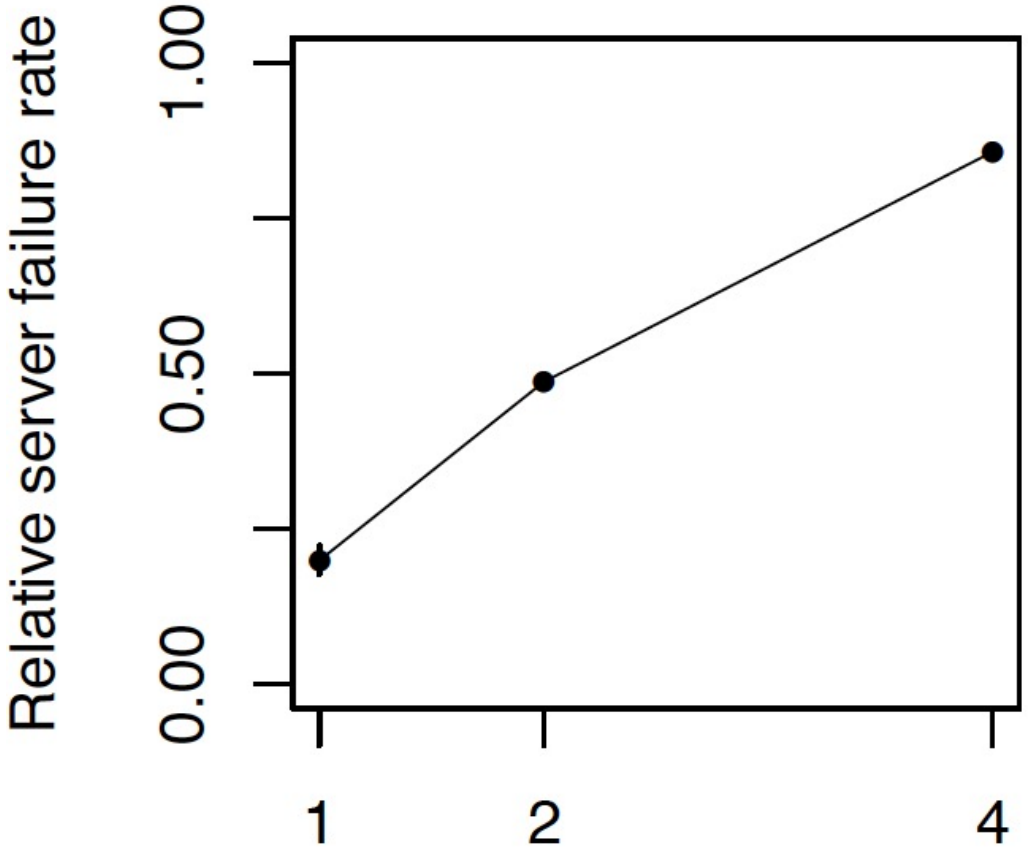
As Memory Scales, It Becomes Unreliable

- Data from all of Facebook's servers worldwide
- Meza+, "Revisiting Memory Errors in Large-Scale Production Data Centers," DSN'15.



Intuition: quadratic increase in capacity


Rowhammer

The Story of RowHammer Lecture …

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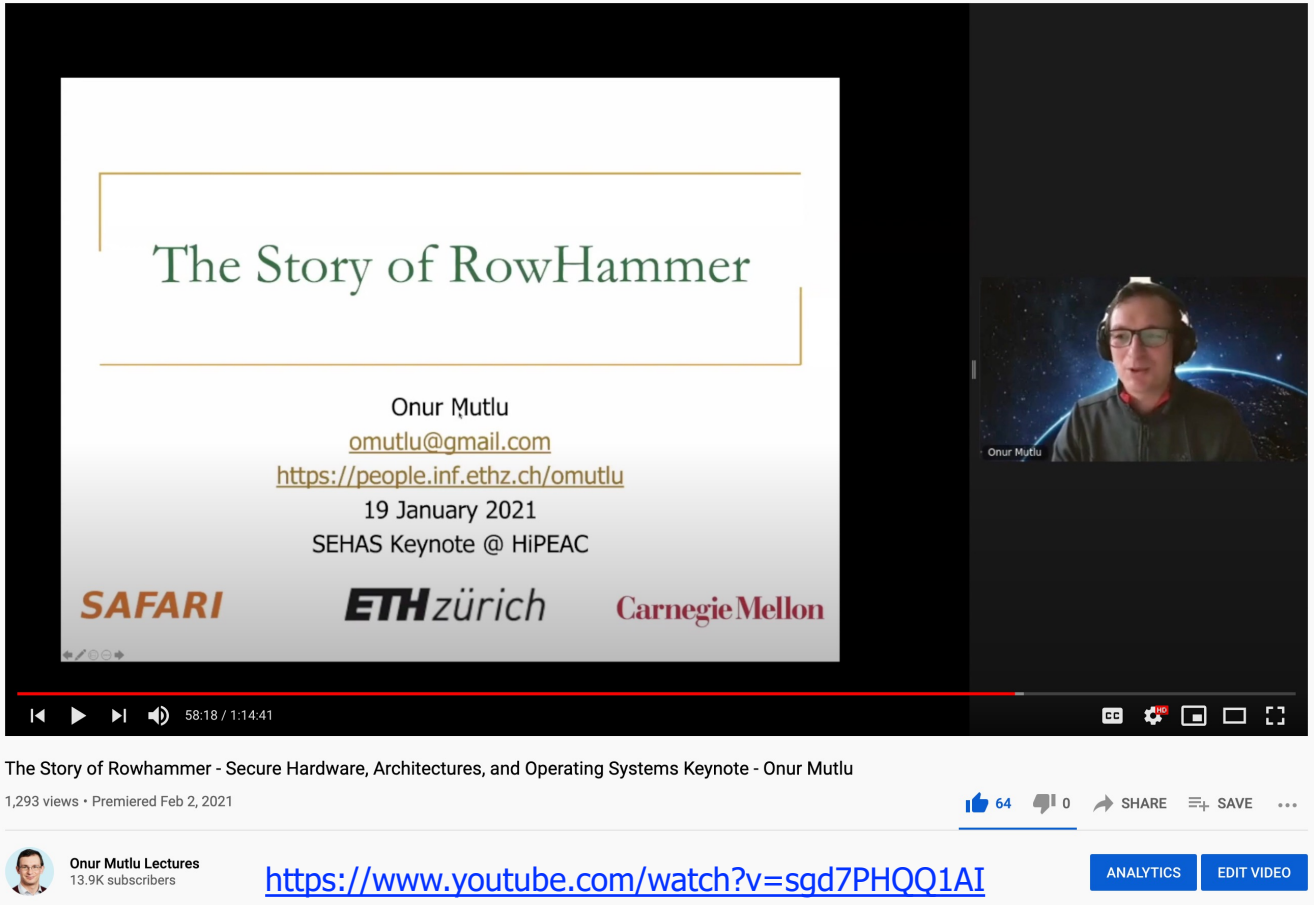

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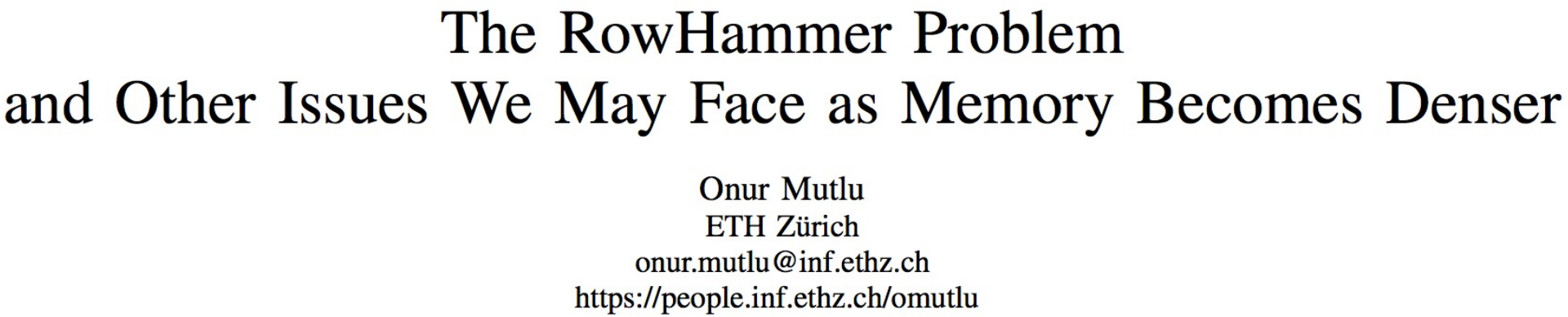

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RowHammer: A Retrospective

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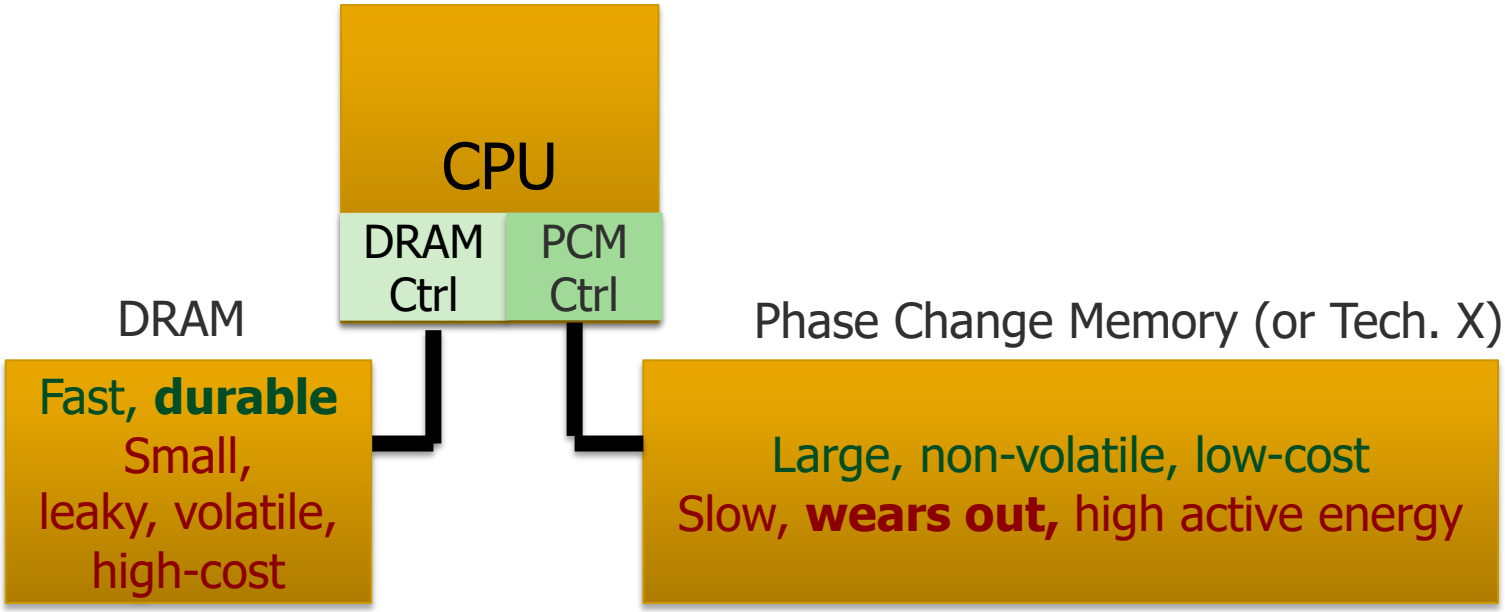
Hybrid Memory Enables Better Scaling



Hardware/software manage data allocation & movement
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The Push from Circuits and Devices

Main Memory Needs Intelligent Controllers

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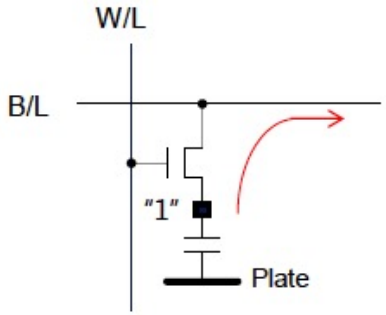
Industry Is Writing Papers About It, Too

DRAM Process Scaling Challenges

- **Refresh**
  - Difficult to build high-aspect ratio cell capacitors decreasing cell capacitance
  - Leakage current of cell access transistors increasing
- **tWR**
  - Contact resistance between the cell capacitor and access transistor increasing
  - On-current of the cell access transistor decreasing
  - Bit-line resistance increasing
- **VRT**
  - Occurring more frequently with cell capacitance decreasing



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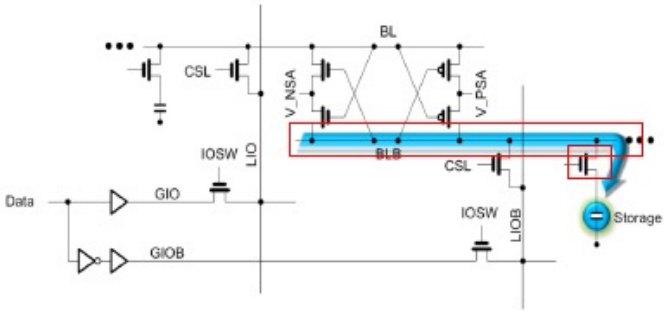

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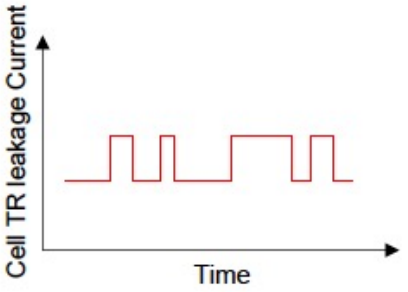

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Call for Intelligent Memory Controllers

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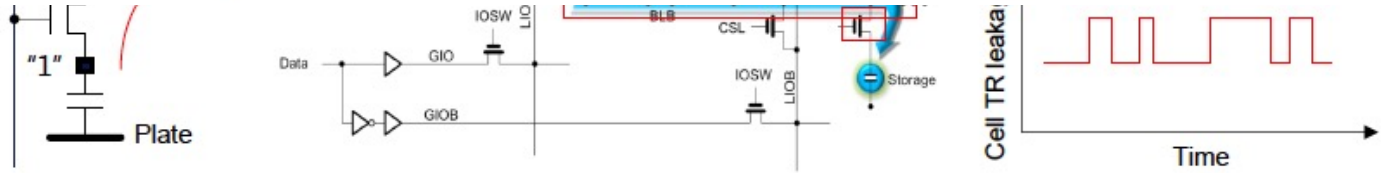

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The Takeaway

Intelligent Memory Controllers Can Avoid Many Failures & Enable Better Scaling

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Why In-Memory Computation Today?

- Push from Technology
  - DRAM Scaling at jeopardy
    → Controllers close to DRAM
    → Industry open to new memory architectures

- Pull from Systems and Applications
  - Data access is a major system and application bottleneck
  - Systems are energy limited
  - Data movement much more energy-hungry than computation

Three Key Systems & Application Trends

1. Data access is a major bottleneck

- Applications are increasingly data hungry

2. Energy consumption is a key limiter

3. Data movement energy dominates compute

- Especially true for off-chip to on-chip movement

Do We Want This?



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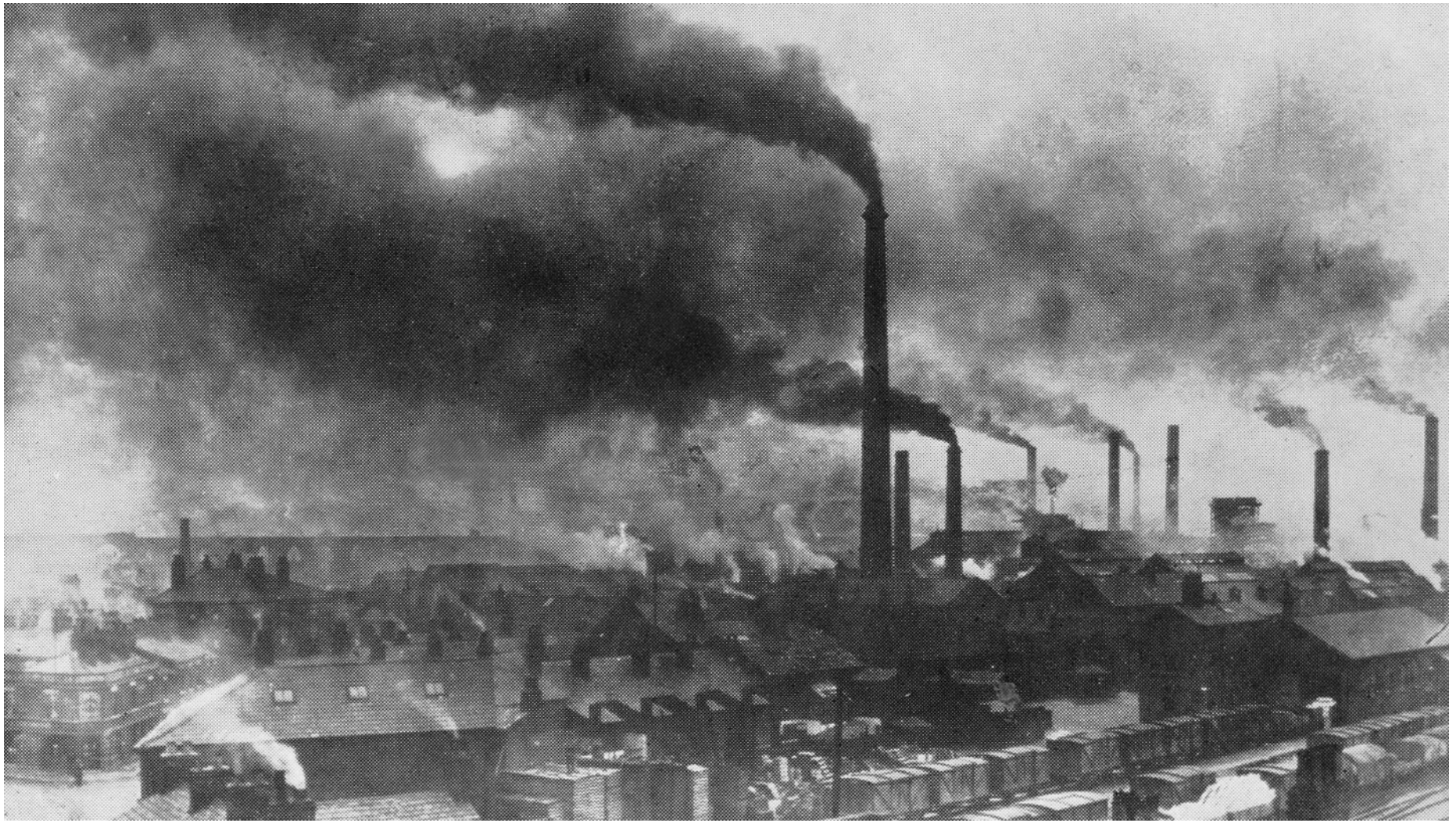

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Challenge and Opportunity for Future

High Performance,
Energy Efficient,
Sustainable

The Problem

Data access is the major performance and energy bottleneck

Our current

design principles

cause great energy waste

(and great performance loss)

The Problem

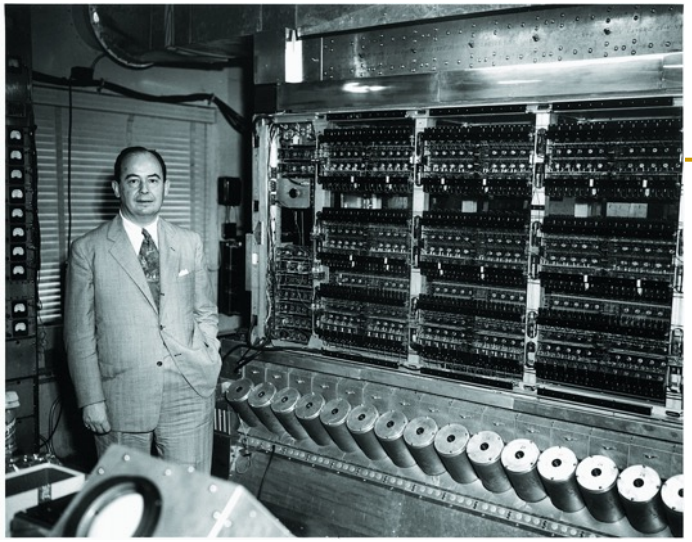
Processing of data

is performed

far away from the data

A Computing System

- Three key components
- Computation
- Communication
- Storage/memory



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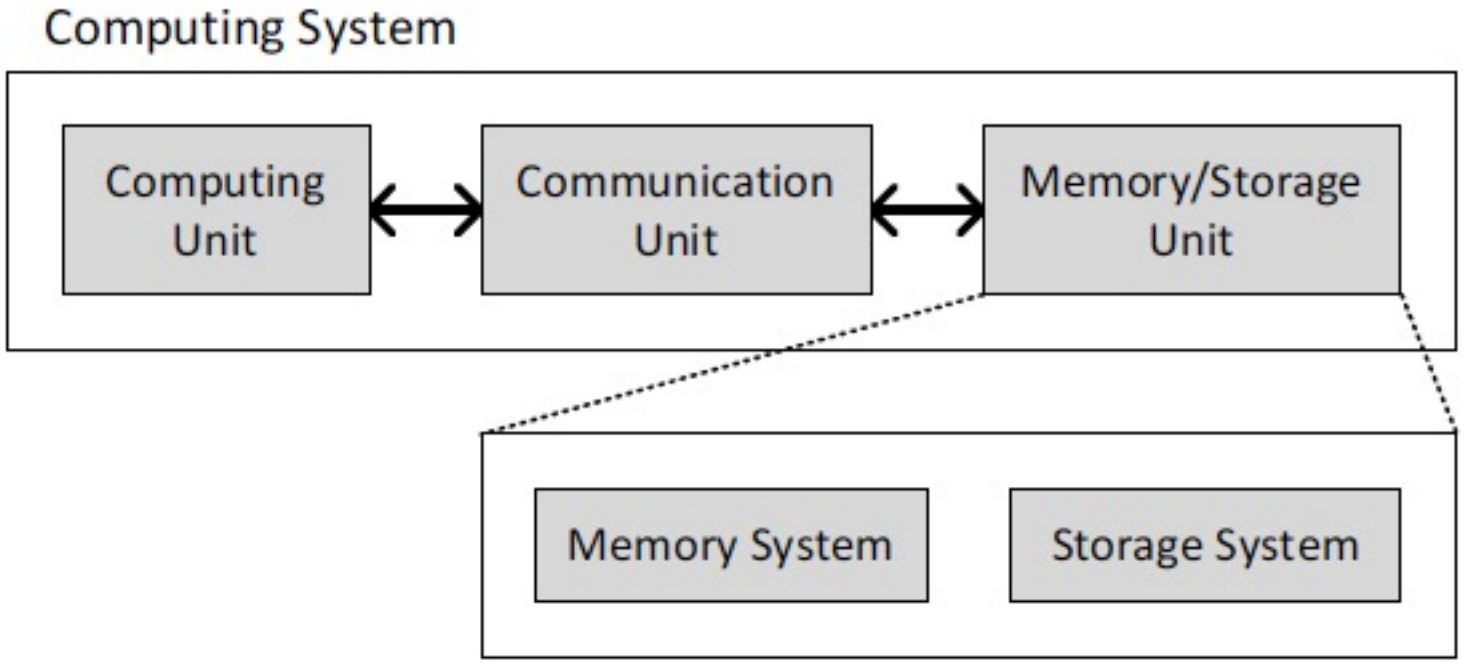

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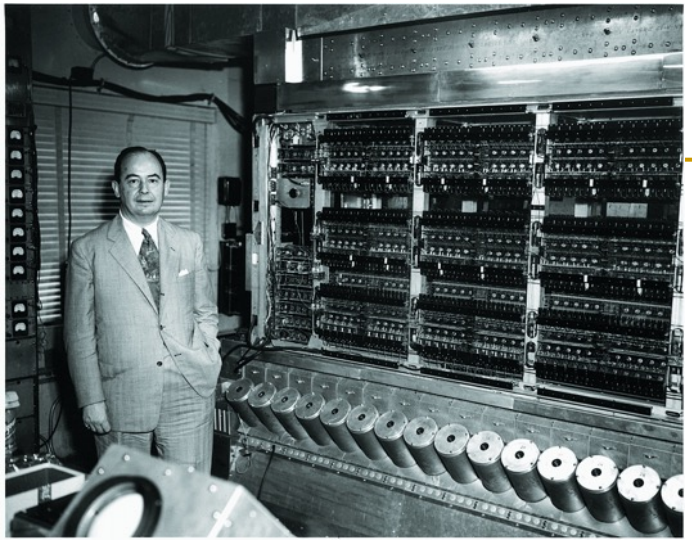

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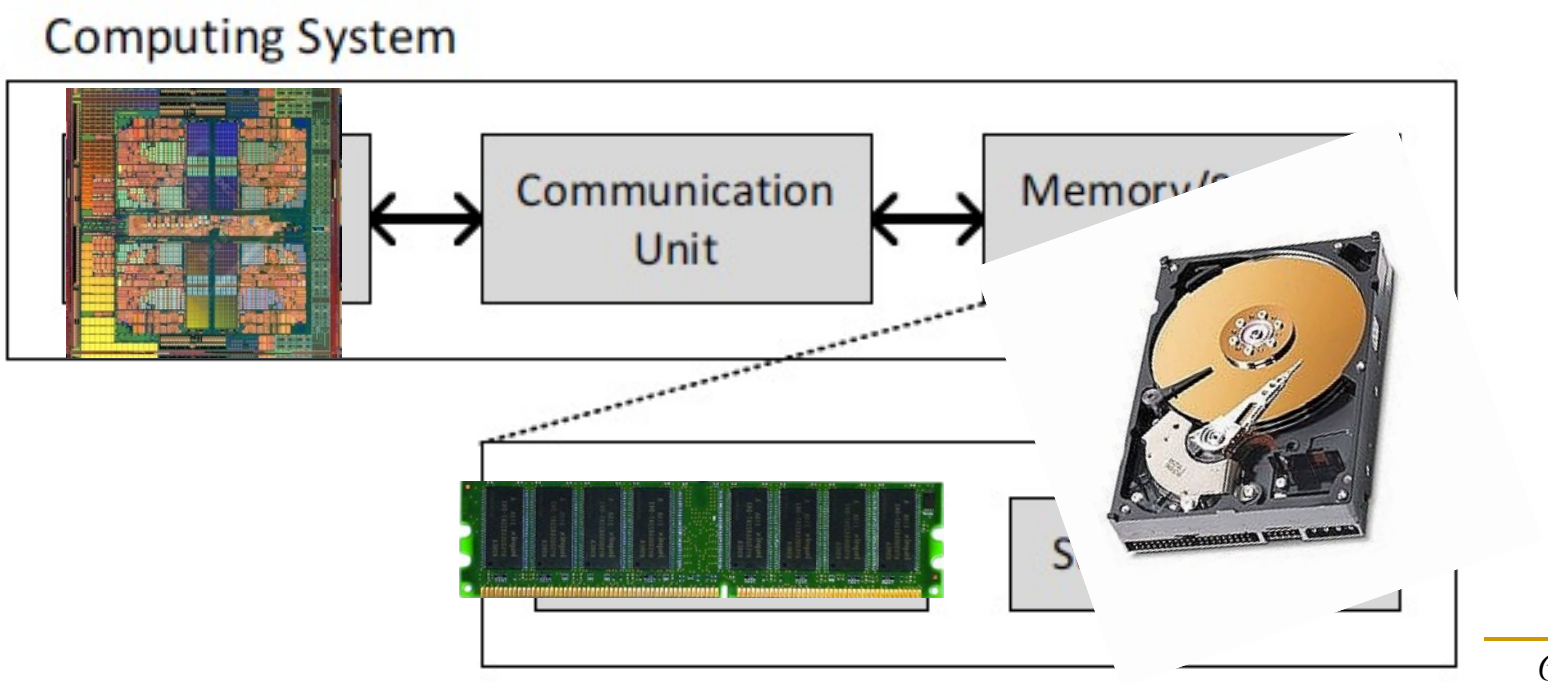

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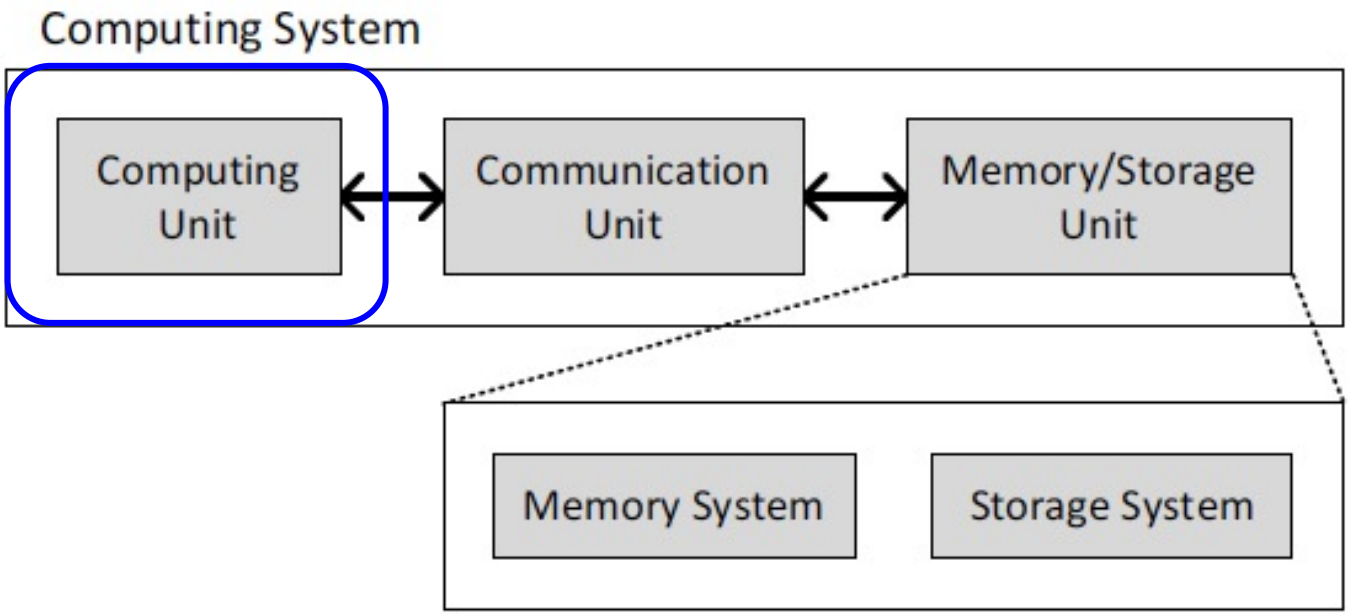
Today's Computing Systems

- Are overwhelmingly processor centric
- All data processed in the processor → at great system cost
- Processor is heavily optimized and is considered the master
- Data storage units are dumb and are largely unoptimized



Yet …

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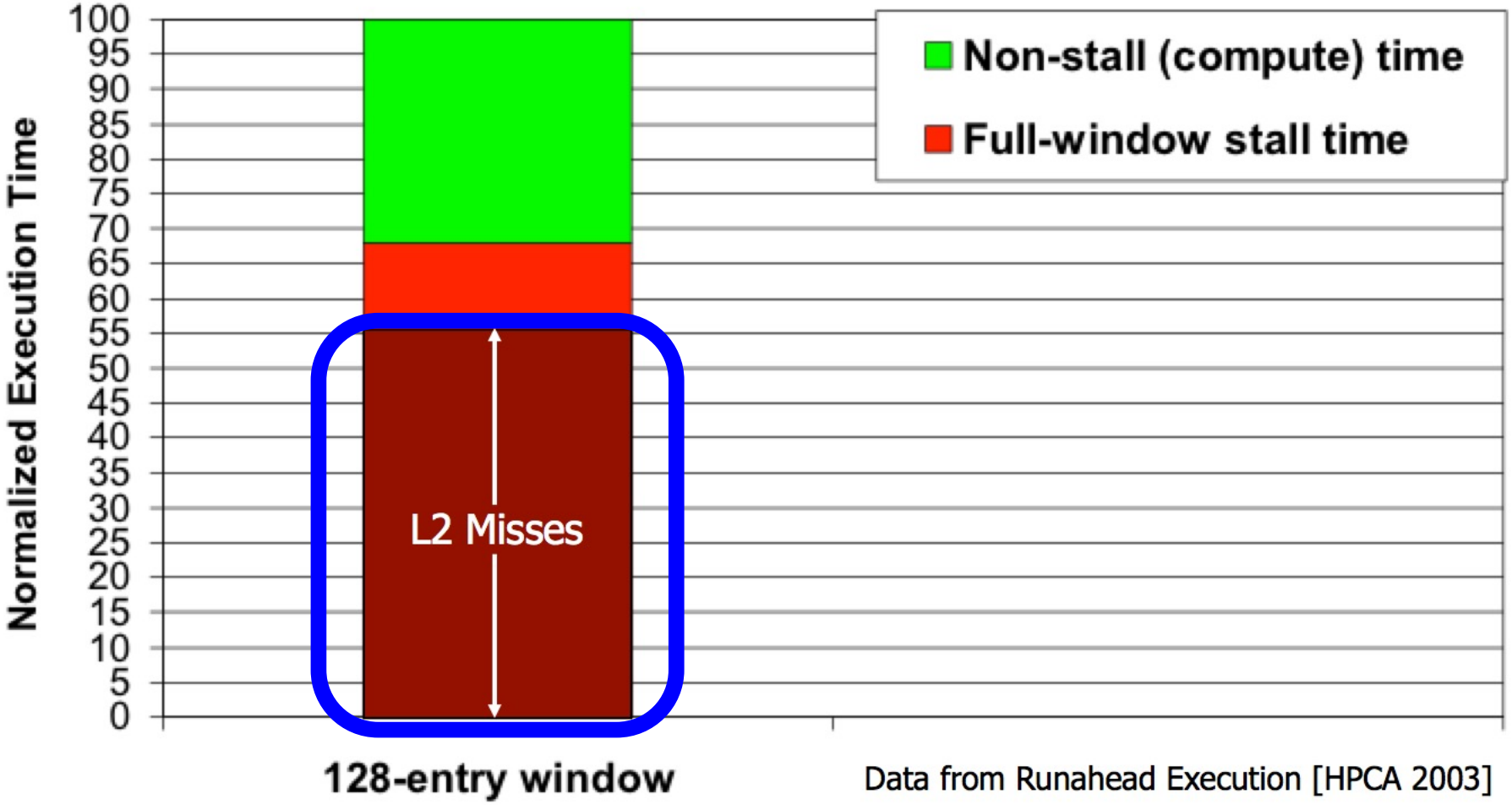

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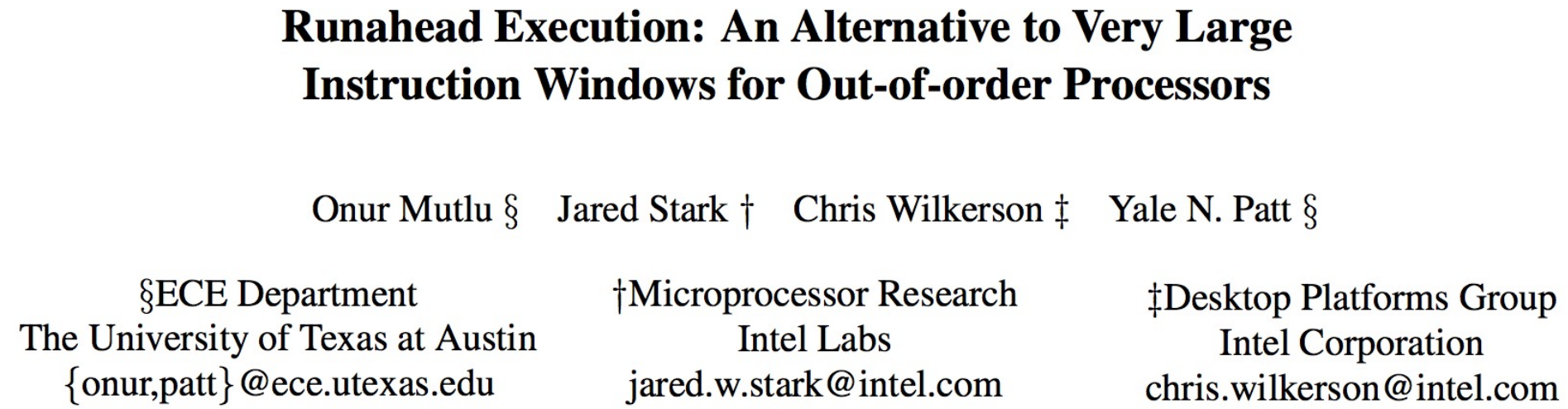

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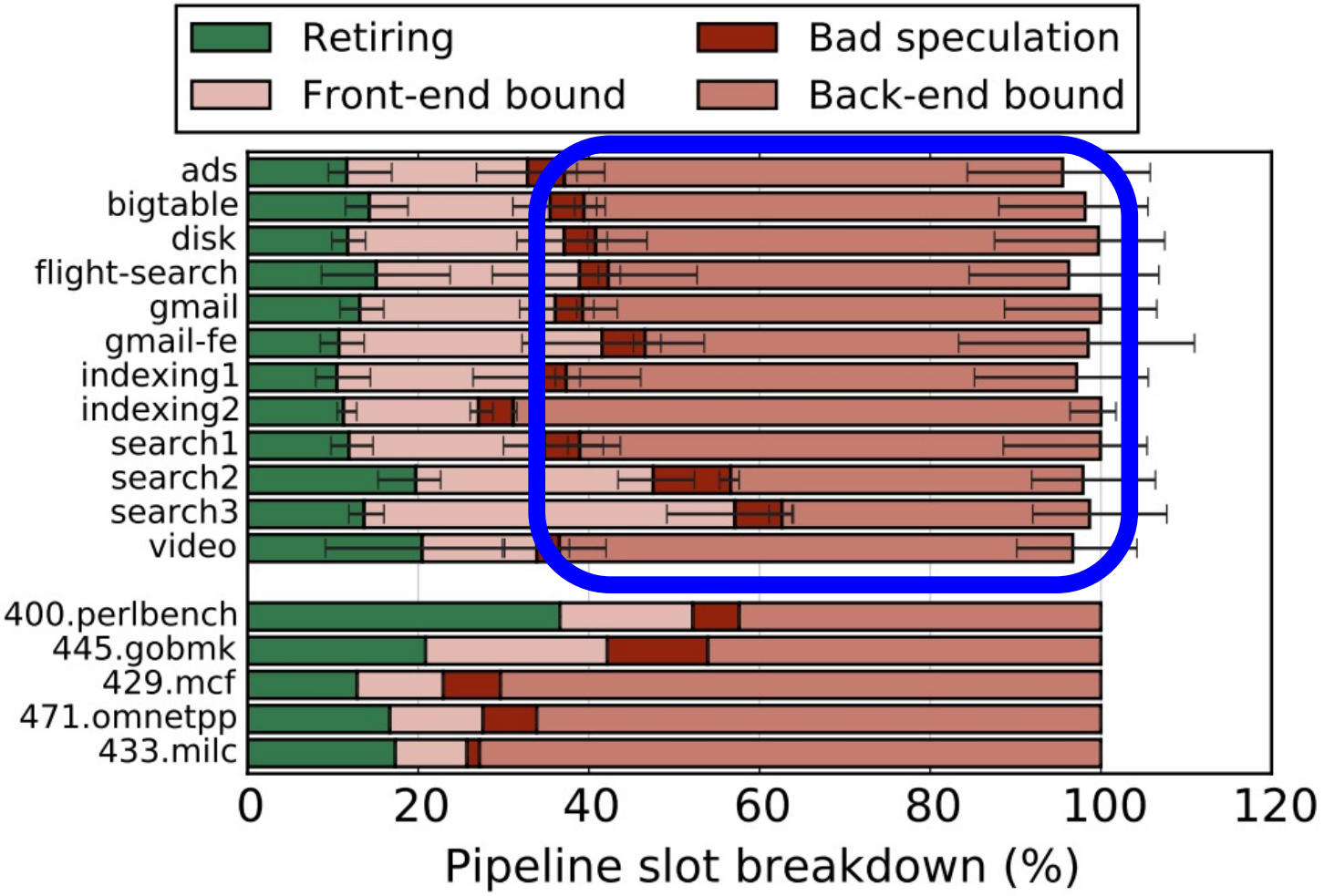

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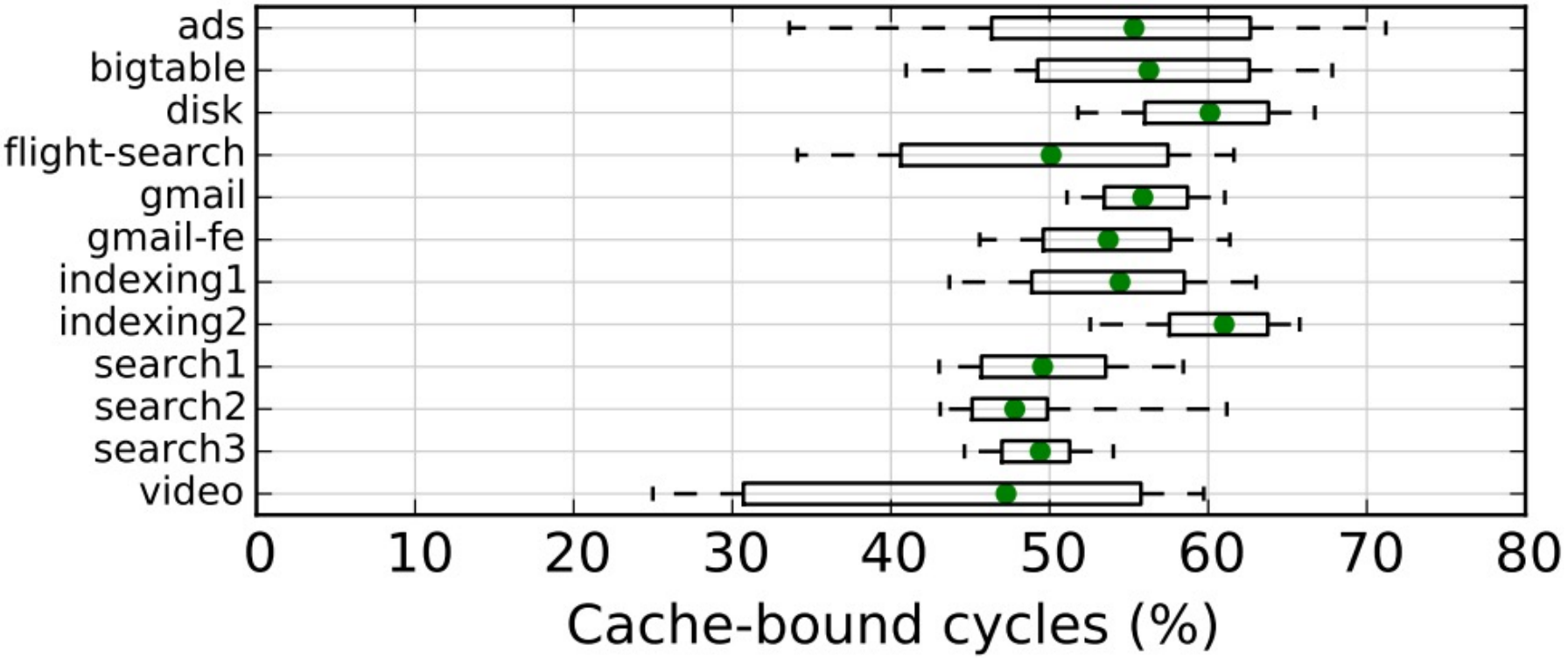

Figure 11: Half of cycles are spent stalled on caches.

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Perils of Processor-Centric Design

- Grossly-imbalanced systems
  - Processing done only in **one place**
  - All else just stores and moves data: **data moves a lot**

  → Energy inefficient

  → Low performance

  → Complex

- Overly complex and bloated processor (and accelerators)
  - To tolerate data access from memory
  - Complex hierarchies and mechanisms

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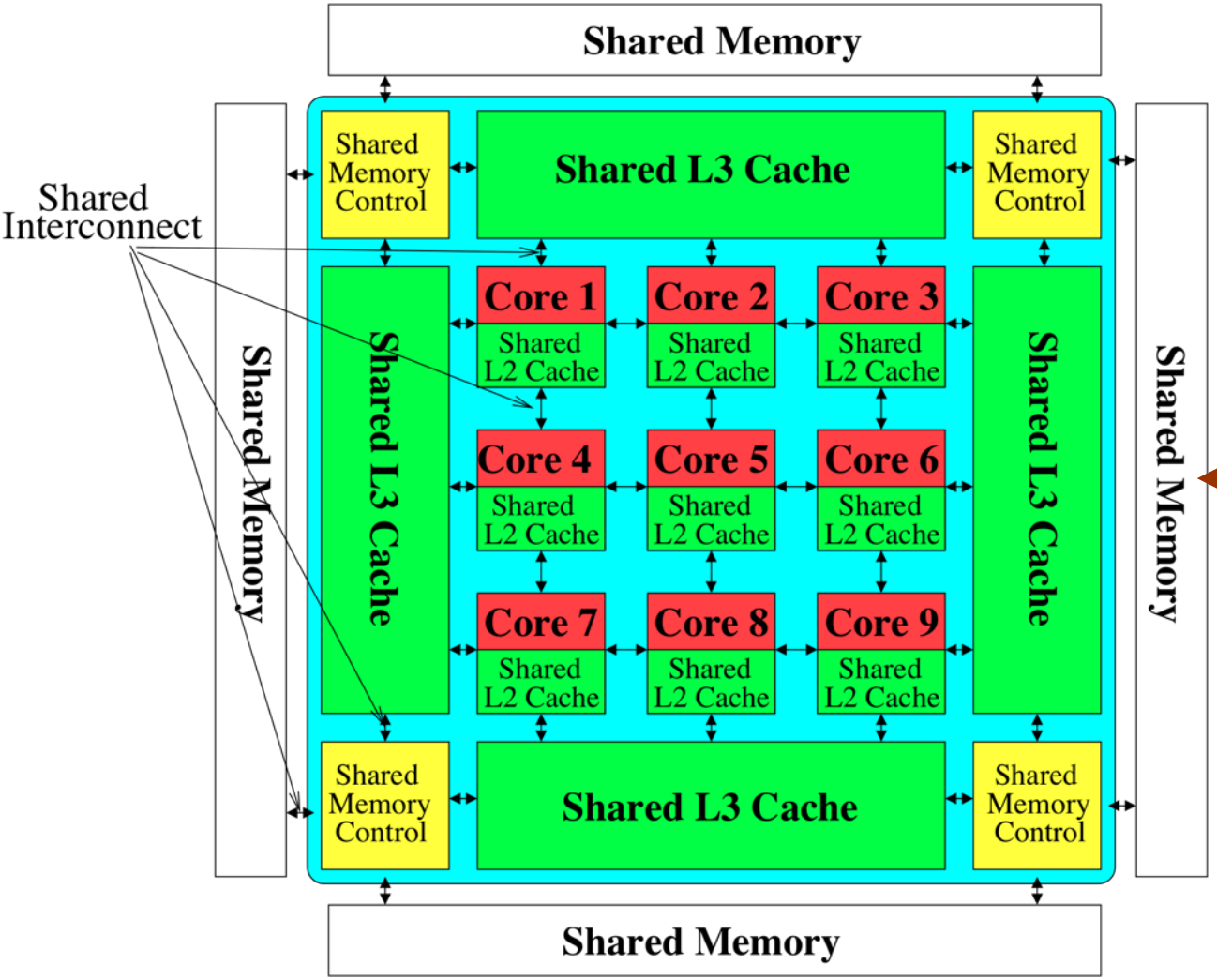
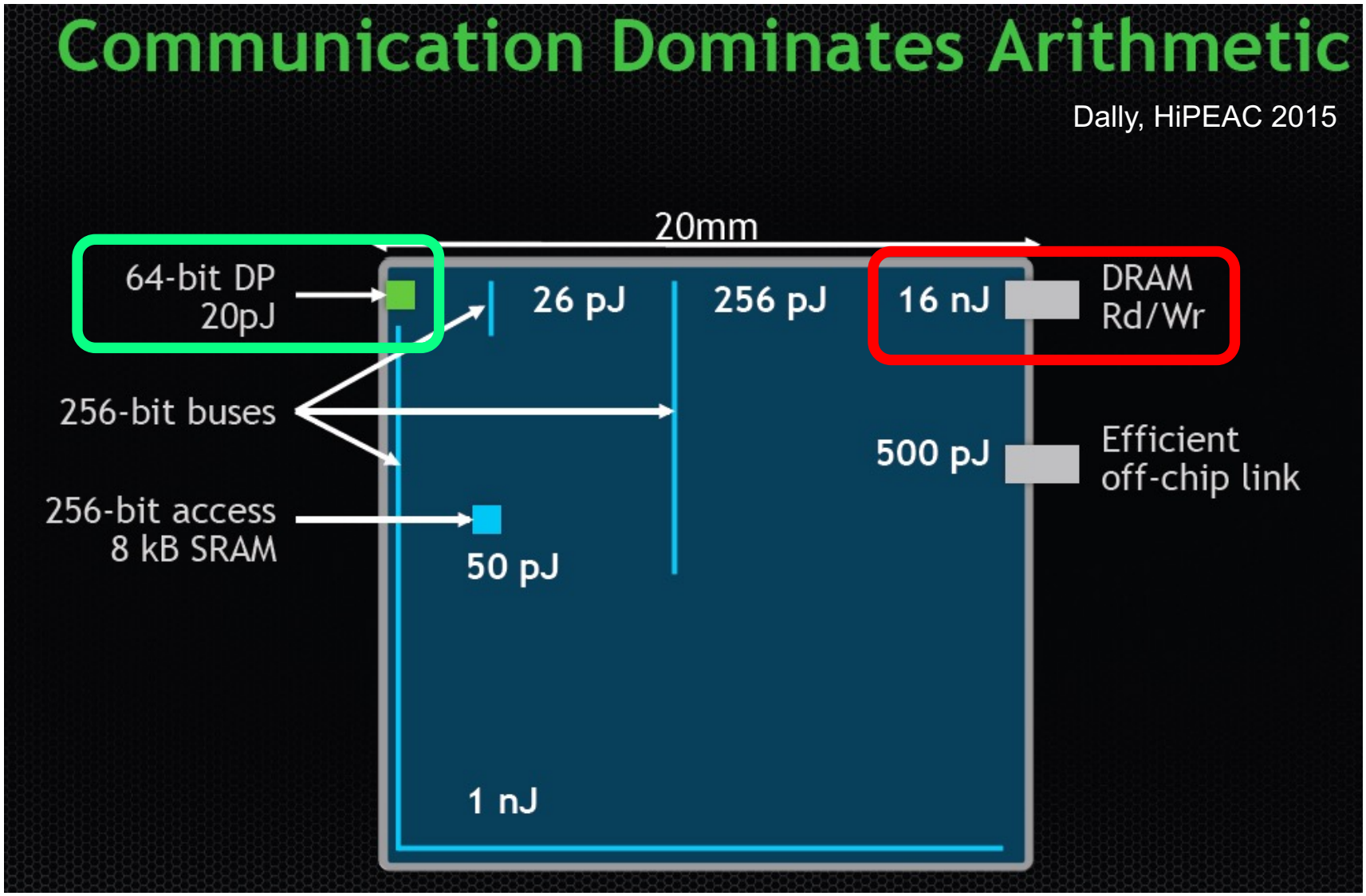




Most of the system is dedicated to storing and moving data

Yet, system is still bottlenecked by memory

The Energy Perspective



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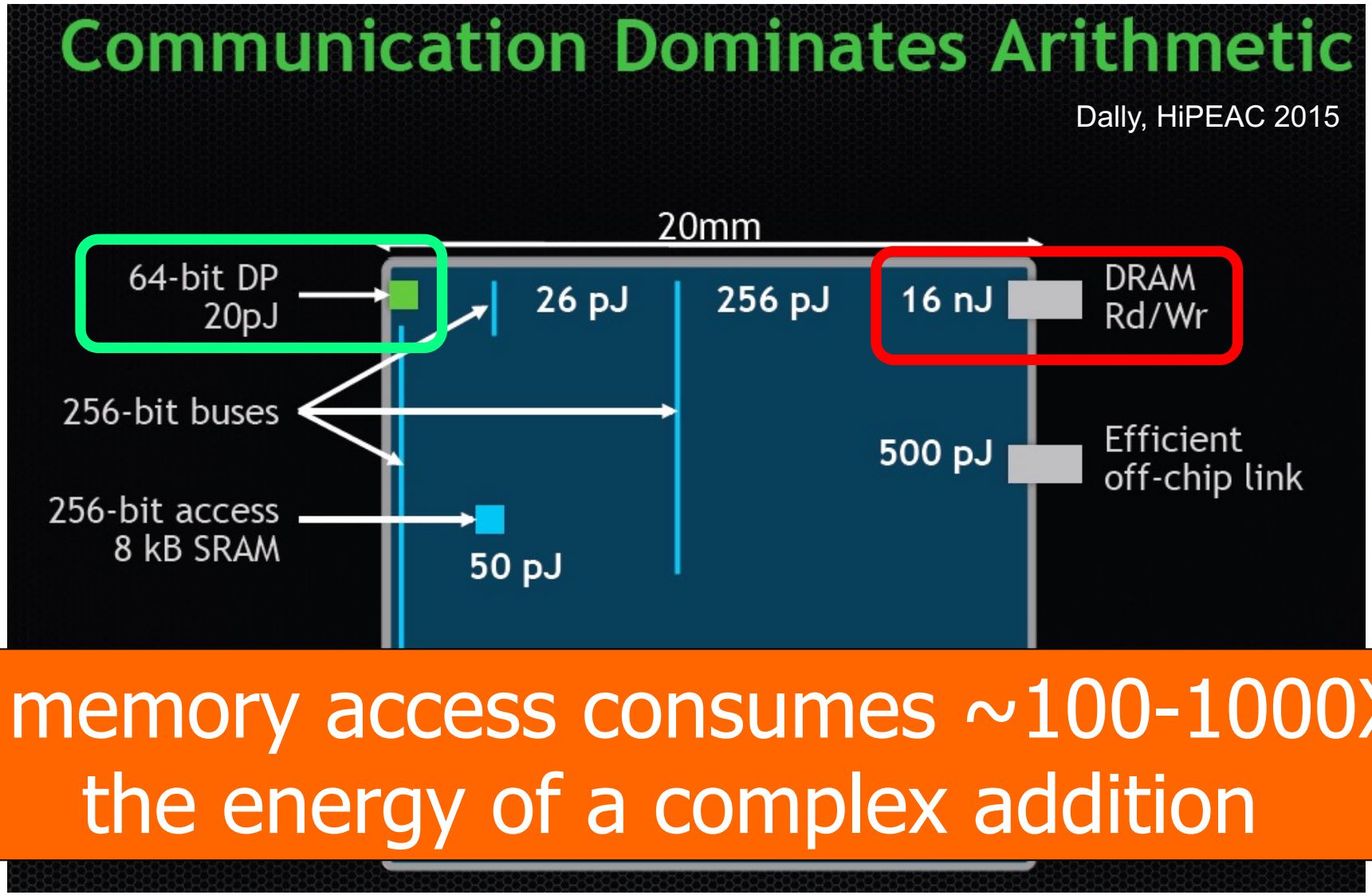
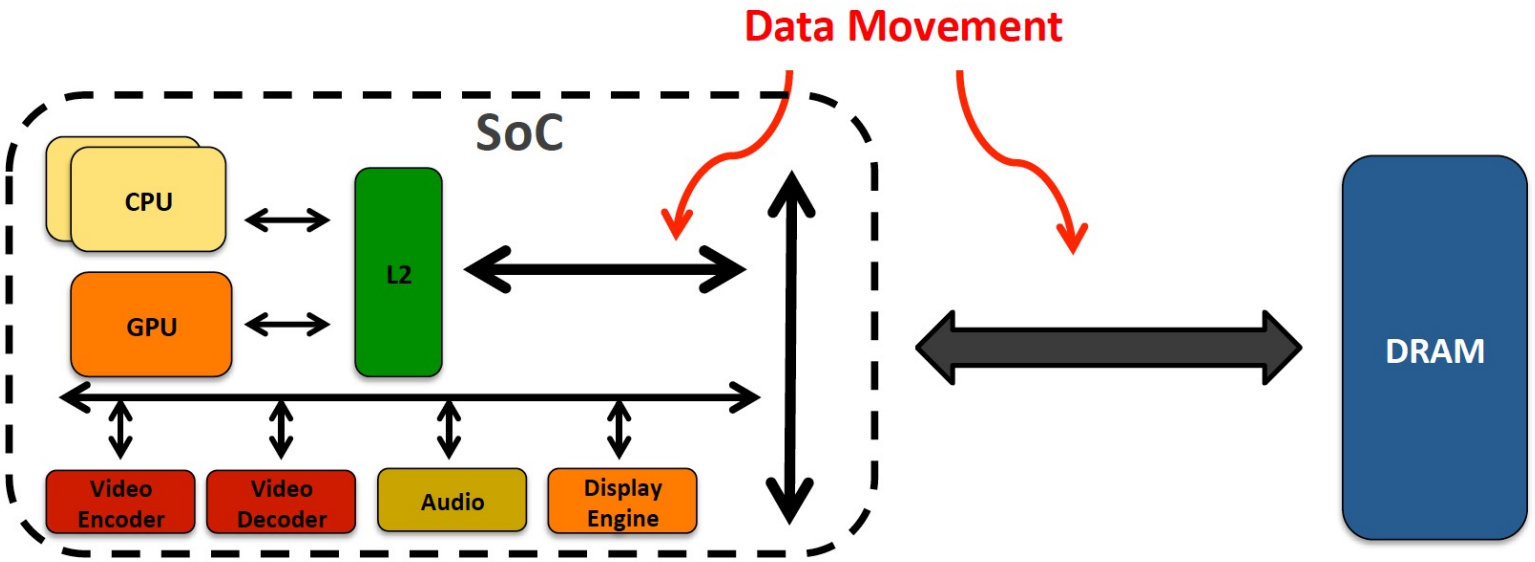


A memory access consumes ~100-1000X the energy of a complex addition

Data Movement vs. Computation Energy

- Data movement is a major system energy bottleneck
  - Comprises 41% of mobile system energy during web browsing [2]
  - Costs ~115 times as much energy as an ADD operation [1, 2]



[1]: Reducing data Movement Energy via Online Data Clustering and Encoding (MICRO'16)

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Energy Waste in Mobile Devices

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62.7% of the total system energy is spent on data movement

Google Workloads for Consumer Devices: Mitigating Data Movement Bottlenecks

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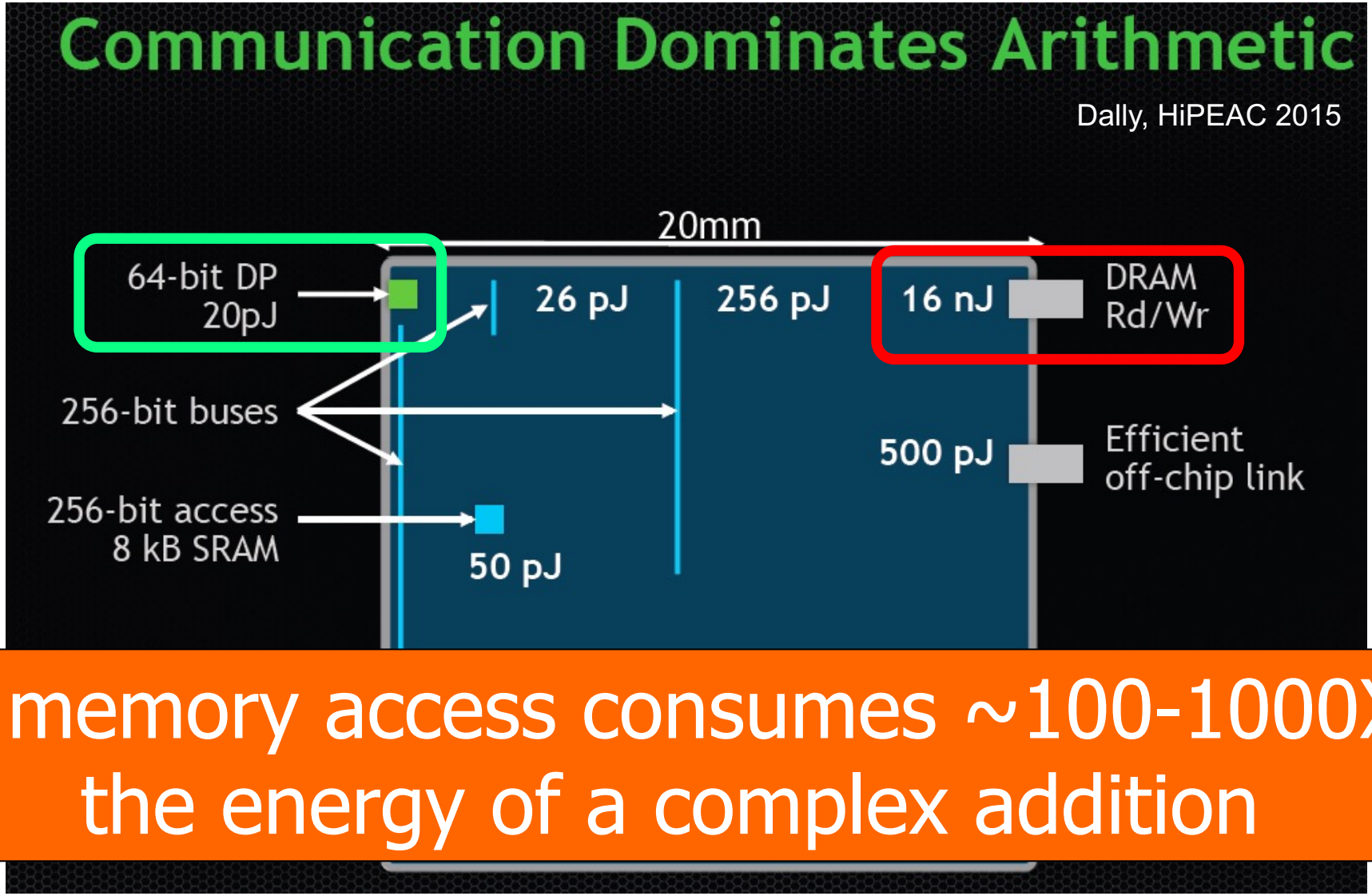

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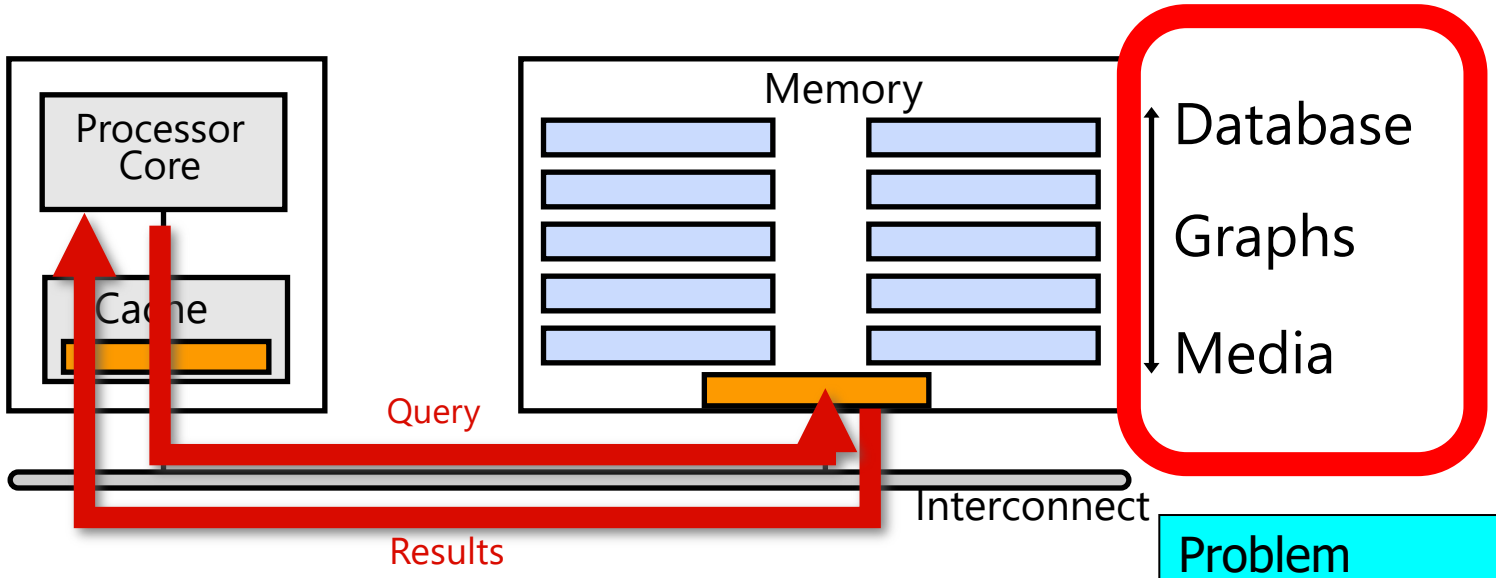
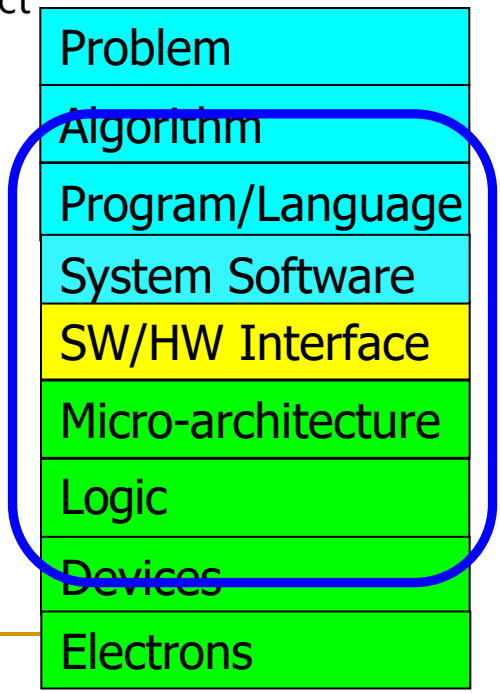
We Need A **Paradigm Shift** To …

- Enable computation with minimal data movement
- Compute where it makes sense (where data resides)
- Make computing architectures more data-centric

Goal: Processing Inside Memory



- Many questions … How do we design the:
  - compute-capable memory & controllers?
  - processors & communication units?
  - software & hardware interfaces?
  - system software, compilers, languages?
  - algorithms & theoretical foundations?



PIM Review and Open Problems

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Abstract

Modern computing systems are overwhelmingly designed to move data to computation. This design choice goes directly against at least three key trends in computing that cause performance, scalability and energy bottlenecks: (1) data access is a key bottleneck as many important applications are increasingly data-intensive, and memory bandwidth and energy do not scale well, (2) energy consumption is a key limiter in almost all computing platforms, especially server and mobile systems, (3) data movement, especially off-chip to on-chip, is very expensive in terms of bandwidth, energy and latency, much more so than computation. These trends are especially severely-felt in the data-intensive server and energy-constrained mobile systems of today.

At the same time, conventional memory technology is facing many technology scaling challenges in terms of reliability, energy, and performance. As a result, memory system architects are open to organizing memory in different ways and making it more intelligent, at the expense of higher cost. The emergence of 3D-stacked memory plus logic, the adoption of error correcting codes inside the latest DRAM chips, proliferation of different main memory standards and chips, specialized for different purposes (e.g., graphics, low-power, high bandwidth, low latency), and the necessity of designing new solutions to serious reliability and security issues, such as the RowHammer phenomenon, are an evidence of this trend.

This chapter discusses recent research that aims to practically enable computation close to data, an approach we call *processing-in-memory* (PIM). PIM places computation mechanisms in or near where the data is stored (i.e., inside the memory chips, in the logic layer of 3D-stacked memory, or in the memory controllers), so that data movement between the computation units and memory is reduced or eliminated. While the general idea of PIM is not new, we discuss motivating trends in applications as well as memory circuits/technology that greatly exacerbate the need for enabling it in modern computing systems. We examine at least two promising new approaches to designing PIM systems to accelerate important data-intensive applications: (1) *processing using memory* by exploiting analog operational properties of DRAM chips to perform massively-parallel operations in memory, with low-cost changes, (2) *processing near memory* by exploiting 3D-stacked memory technology design to provide high memory bandwidth and low memory latency to in-memory logic. In both approaches, we describe and tackle relevant cross-layer research, design, and adoption challenges in devices, architecture, systems, and programming models. Our focus is on the development of in-memory processing designs that can be adopted in real computing platforms at low cost. We conclude by discussing work on solving key challenges to the practical adoption of PIM.

Keywords: memory systems, data movement, main memory, processing-in-memory, near-data processing, computation-in-memory, processing using memory, processing near memory, 3D-stacked memory, non-volatile memory, energy efficiency, high-performance computing, computer architecture, computing paradigm, emerging technologies, memory scaling, technology scaling, dependable systems, robust systems, hardware security, system security, latency, low-latency computing

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1. Introduction

Main memory, built using the Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM) technology, is a major component in nearly all computing systems, including servers, cloud platforms, mobile/embedded devices, and sensor systems. Across all of these systems,the data working set sizes of modern applications are rapidly growing, while the need for fast analysis of such data is increasing. Thus, main memory is becoming an increasingly significant bottleneck across a wide variety of computing systems and applications [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16]. Alleviating the main memory bottleneck requires the memory capacity, energy, cost, and performance to all scale in an efficient manner across technology generations. Unfortunately, it has become increasingly difficult in recent years, especially the past decade, to scale all of these dimensions [1, 2, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49], and thus the main memory bottleneck has been worsening.

A major reason for the main memory bottleneck is the high energy and latency cost associated with *data movement*. In modern computers, to perform any operation on data that resides in main memory, the processor must retrieve the data from main memory. This requires the memory controller to issue commands to a DRAM module across a relatively slow and power-hungry off-chip bus (known as the *memory channel*). The DRAM module sends the requested data across the memory channel, after which the data is placed in the caches and registers. The CPU can perform computation on the data once the data is in its registers. Data movement from the DRAM to the CPU incurs long latency and consumes a significant amount of energy [7, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54]. These costs are often exacerbated by the fact that much of the data brought into the caches is *not reused* by the CPU [52, 53, 55, 56], providing little benefit in return for the high latency and energy cost.

The cost of data movement is a fundamental issue with the *processor-centric* nature of contemporary computer systems. The CPU is considered to be the master in the system, and computation is performed only in the processor (and accelerators). In contrast, data storage and communication units, including the main memory, are treated as unintelligent workers that are incapable of computation. As a result of this processor-centric design paradigm, data moves a lot in the system between the computation units and communication/ storage units so that computation can be done on it. With the increasingly *data-centric* nature of contemporary and emerging appli-

We Need to Think Differently from the Past Approaches

Processing in Memory: Two Approaches

1. Processing using Memory
2. Processing near Memory

Two PIM Approaches

5.2. Two Approaches: Processing Using Memory (PUM) vs. Processing Near Memory (PNM)

Many recent works take advantage of the memory technology innovations that we discuss in Section 5.1 to enable and implement PIM. We find that these works generally take one of two approaches, which are categorized in Table 1: (1) *processing using memory* or (2) *processing near memory*. We briefly describe each approach here. Sections 6 and 7 will provide example approaches and more detail for both.

Table 1: Summary of enabling technologies for the two approaches to PIM used by recent works. Adapted from [309].

Approach	Enabling Technologies
Processing Using Memory	SRAM DRAM Phase-change memory (PCM) Magnetic RAM (MRAM) Resistive RAM (RRAM)/memristors
Processing Near Memory	Logic layers in 3D-stacked memory Silicon interposers Logic in memory controllers

Processing using memory (PUM) exploits the existing memory architecture and the operational principles of the memory circuitry to enable operations within main memory with minimal changes. PUM makes use

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[Tutorial Video on "Memory-Centric Computing Systems" (1 hour 51 minutes)]

Approach 1: Processing Using Memory

- Take advantage of operational principles of memory to perform bulk data movement and computation in memory
  - Can exploit internal connectivity to move data
  - Can exploit analog computation capability
  - …

- Examples: RowClone, In-DRAM AND/OR, Gather/Scatter DRAM
  - RowClone: Fast and Efficient In-DRAM Copy and Initialization of Bulk Data (Seshadri et al., MICRO 2013)
  - Fast Bulk Bitwise AND and OR in DRAM (Seshadri et al., IEEE CAL 2015)
  - Gather-Scatter DRAM: In-DRAM Address Translation to Improve the Spatial Locality of Non-unit Strided Accesses (Seshadri et al., MICRO 2015)
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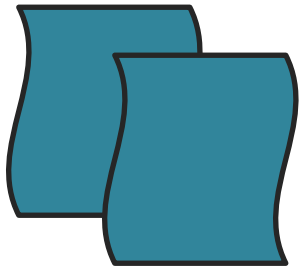
Starting Simple: Data Copy and Initialization

memmove & memcpy: 5% cycles in Google's datacenter [Kanev+ ISCA'15]



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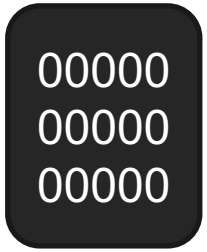
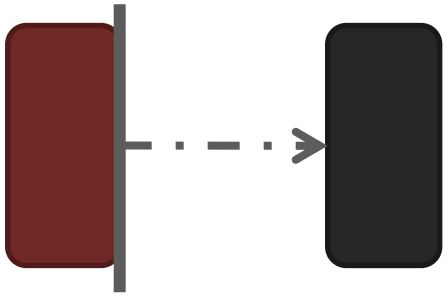


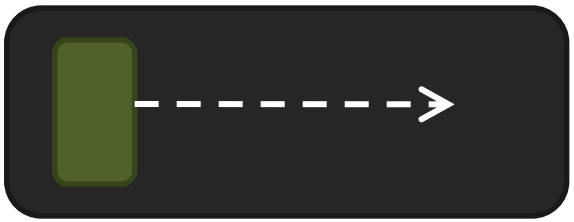
Zero initialization (e.g., security)



Checkpointing



VM Cloning
Deduplication



Page Migration

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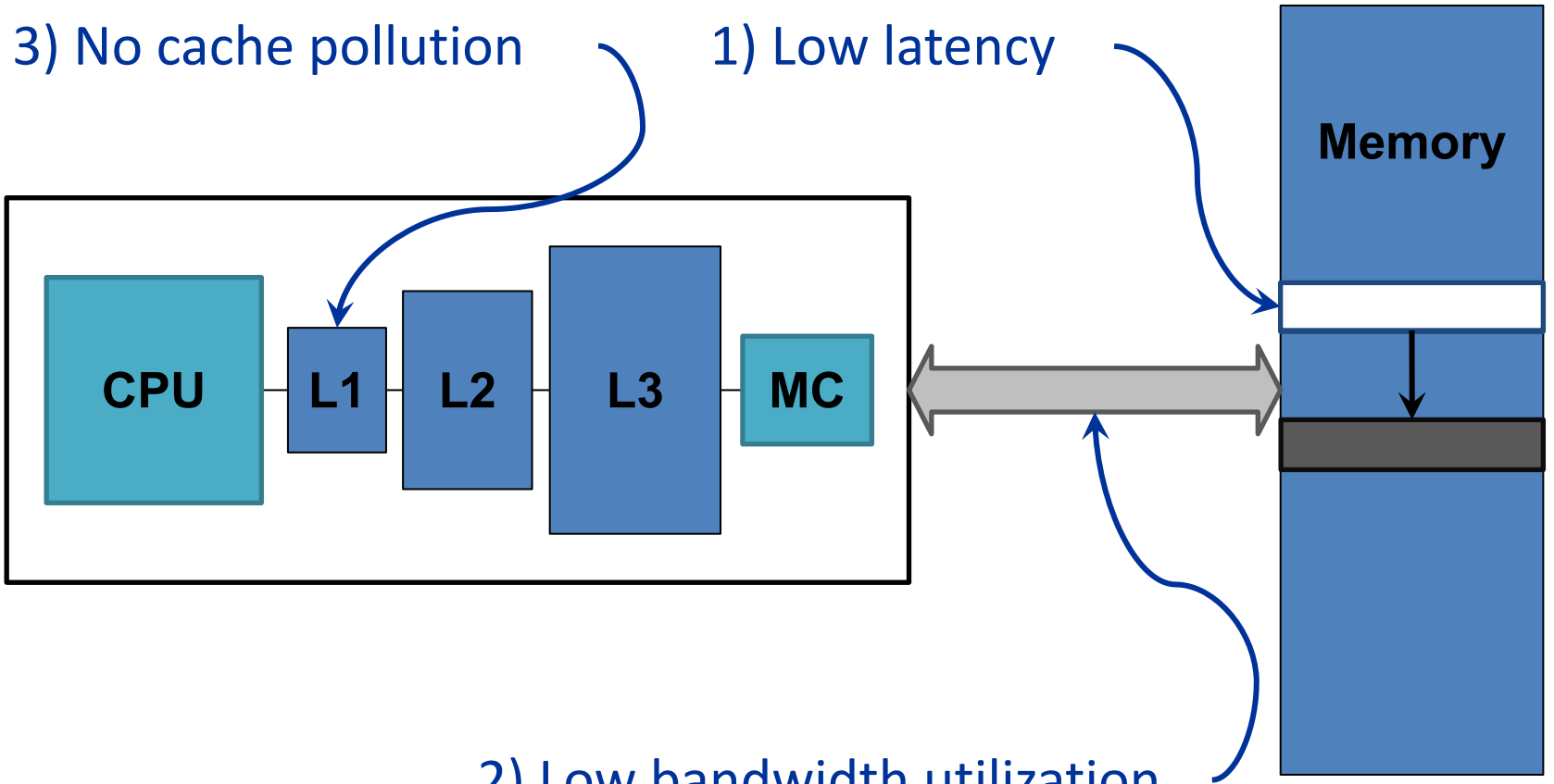
Many more

Future Systems: In-Memory Copy

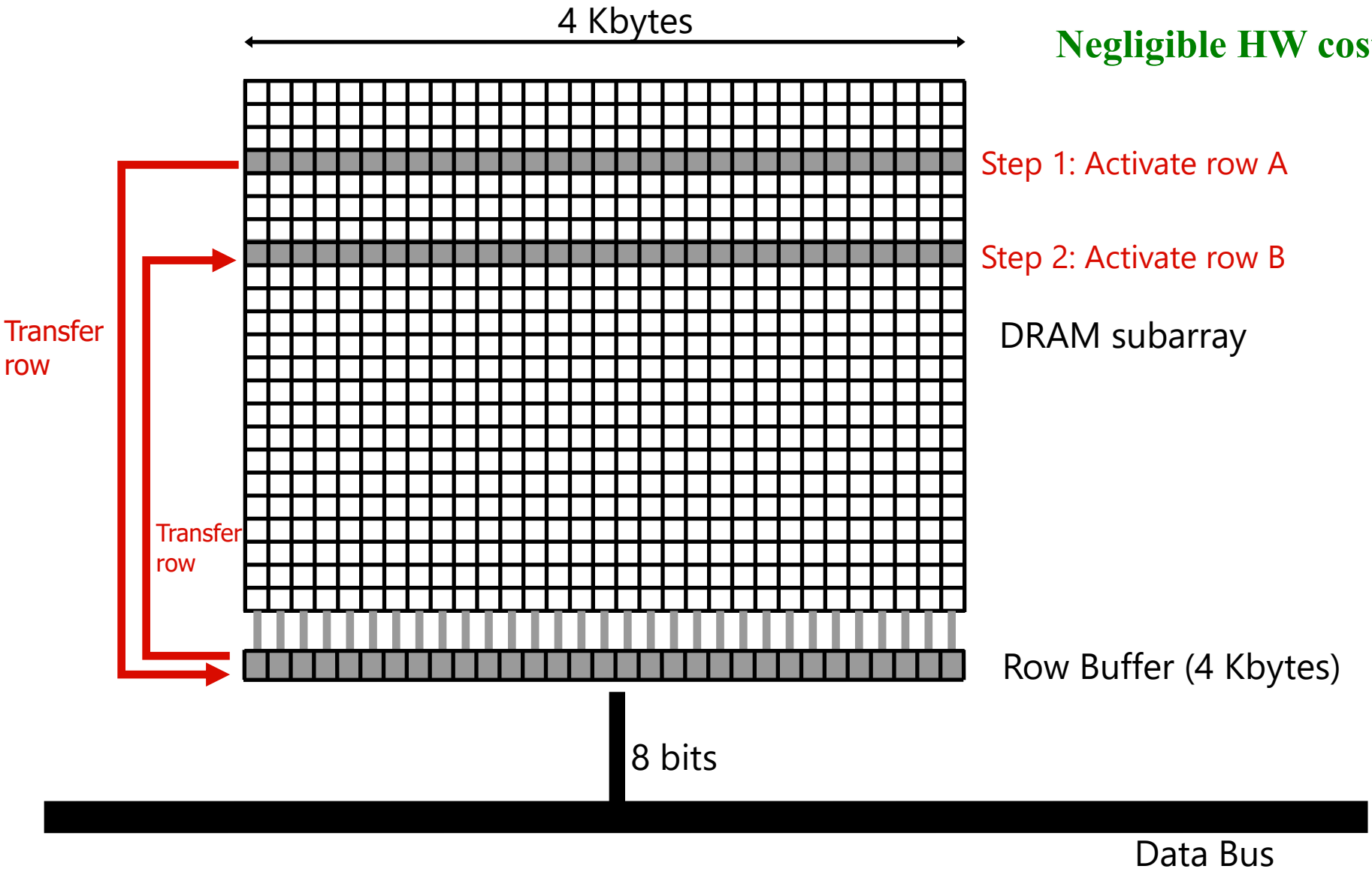


1046ns, 3.6uJ → 90ns, 0.04uJ

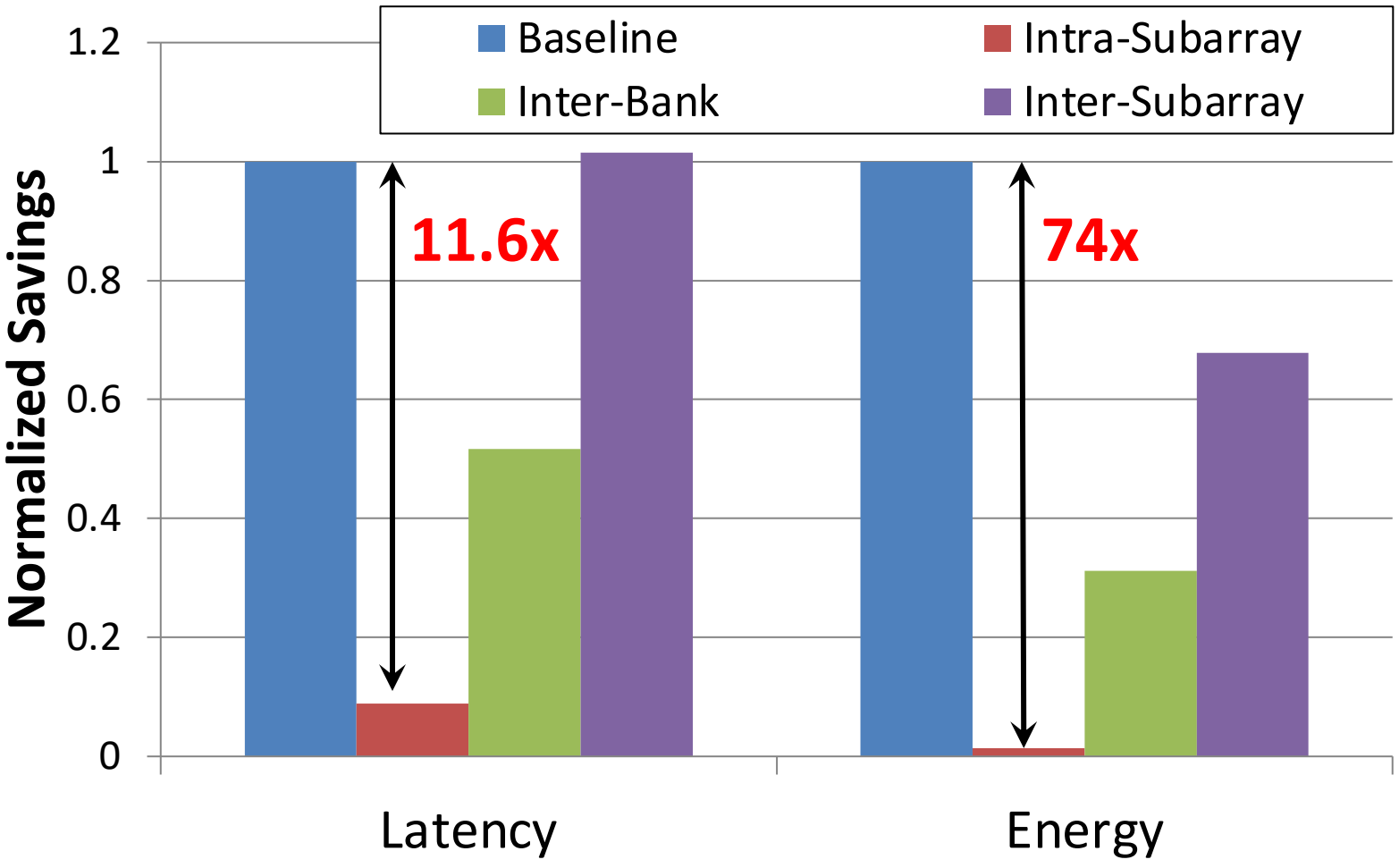
RowClone: In-DRAM Row Copy

Idea: Two consecutive ACTivates

Negligible HW cost



RowClone: Latency and Energy Savings



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Real System RowClone Prototype

PiDRAM: A Holistic End-to-end FPGA-based Framework for Processing-in-DRAM

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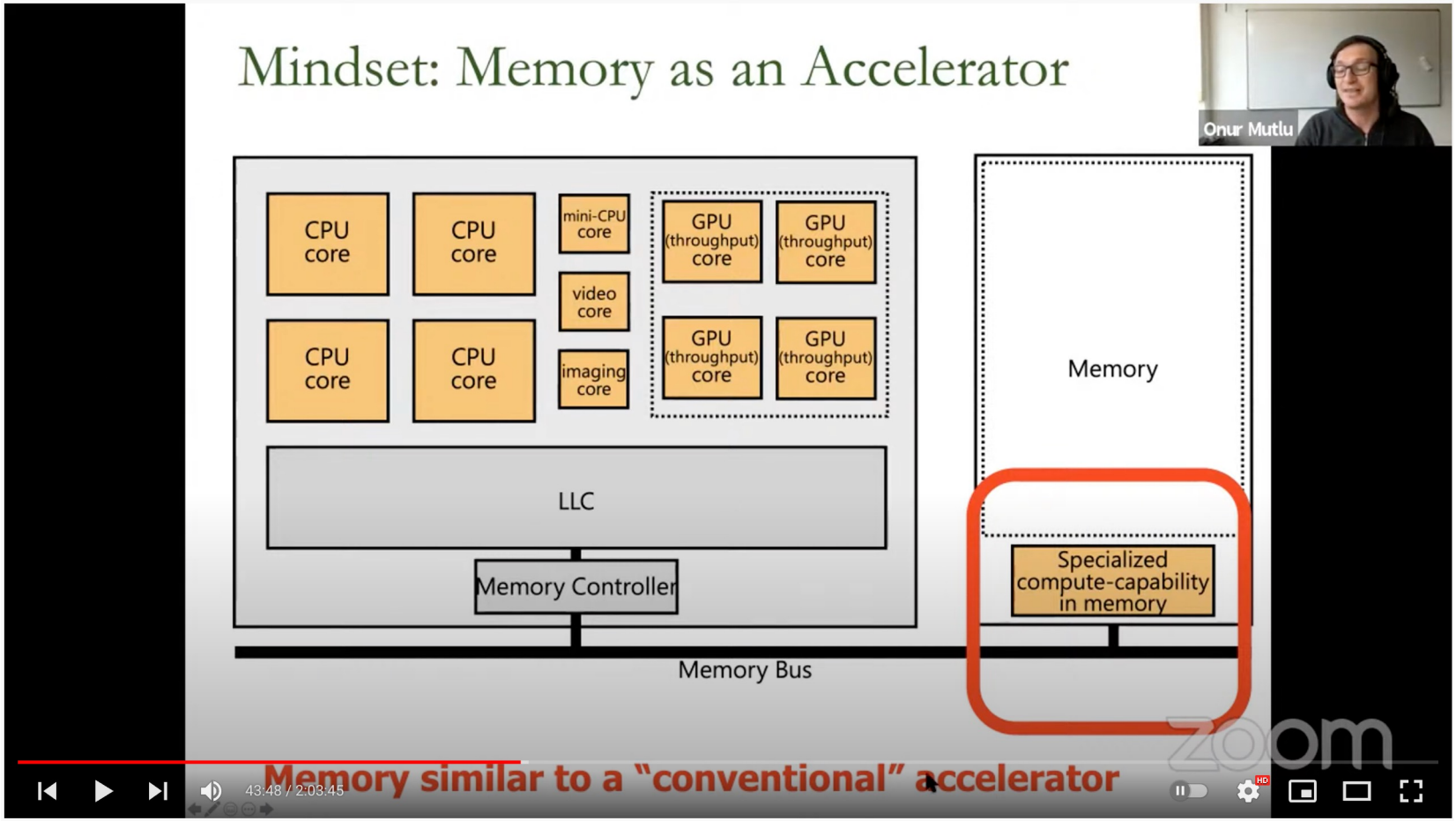
https://arxiv.org/pdf/2111.00082.pdf

https://github.com/cmu-safari/pidram

Lecture on RowClone & Processing using DRAM



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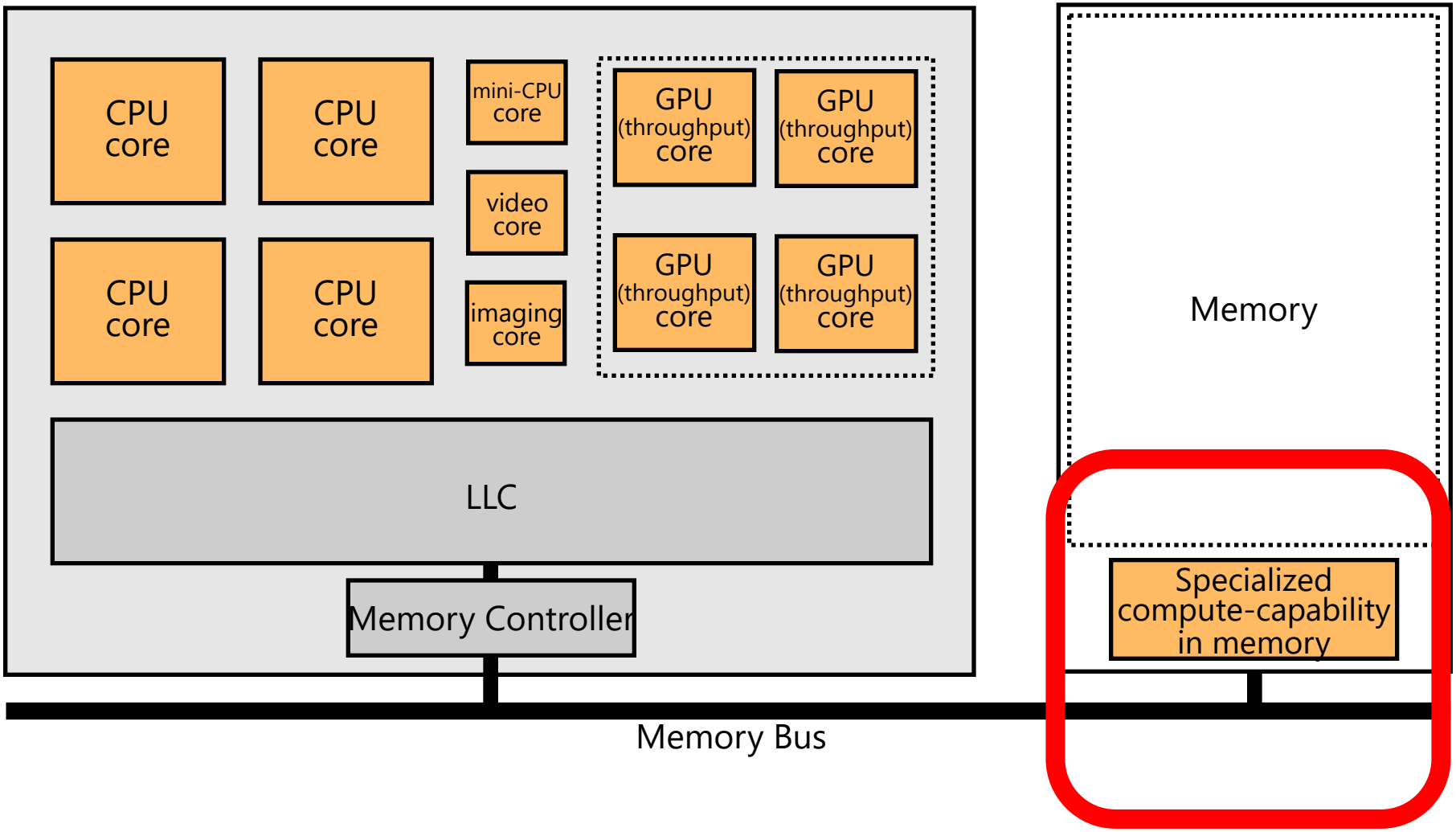


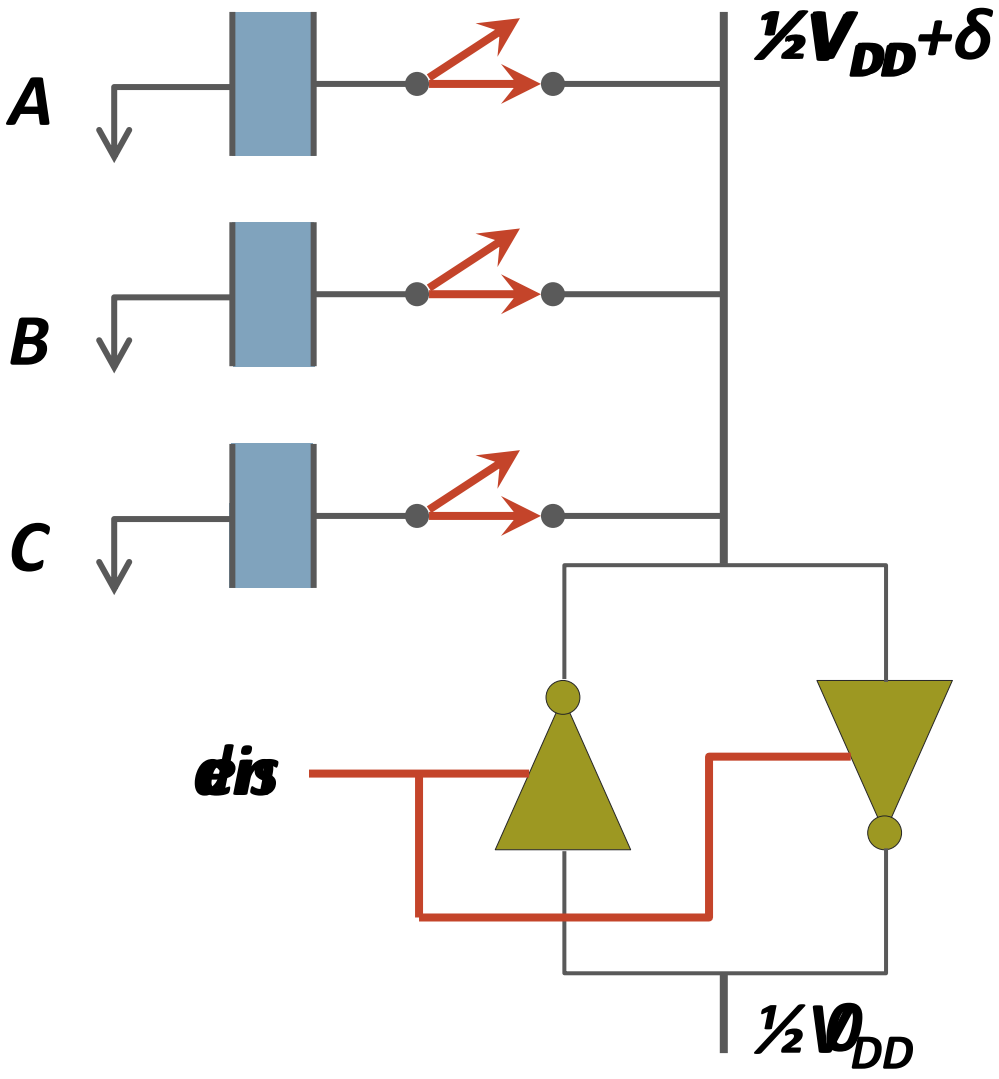
Memory similar to a "conventional" accelerator

(Truly) In-Memory Computation

- We can support in-DRAM AND, OR, NOT, MAJ
- At low cost
- Using analog computation capability of DRAM
  - Idea: activating multiple rows performs computation
- 30-60X performance and energy improvement
  - Seshadri+, "Ambit: In-Memory Accelerator for Bulk Bitwise Operations Using Commodity DRAM Technology," MICRO 2017.

- New memory technologies enable even more opportunities
  - Memristors, resistive RAM, phase change mem, STT-MRAM, …
  - Can operate on data with minimal movement

In-DRAM AND/OR: Triple Row Activation



Final State
AB + BC + AC

C(A + B) + ~C(AB)

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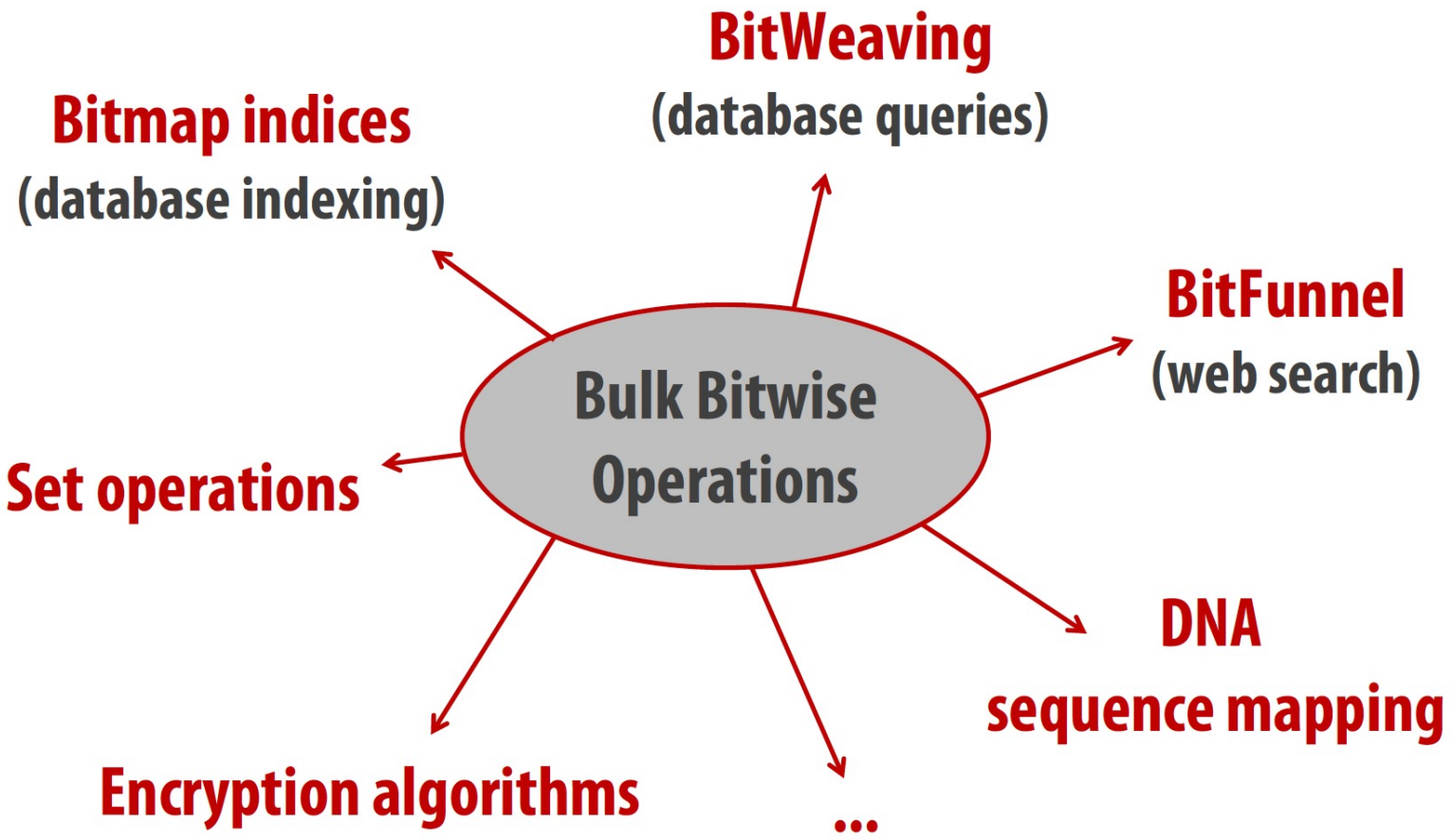
Bulk Bitwise Operations in Workloads



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In-DRAM Acceleration of Database Queries

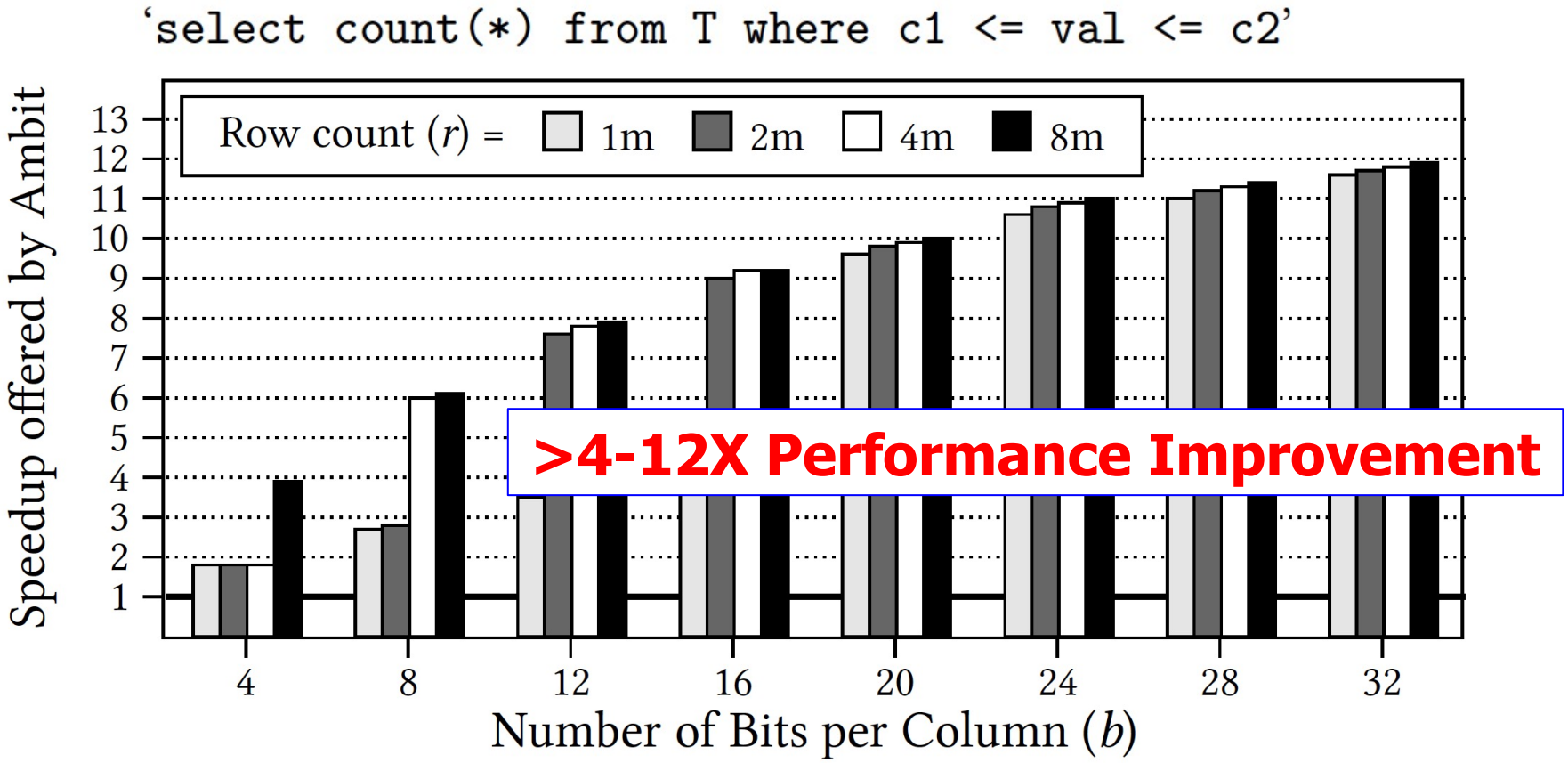

Figure 11: Speedup offered by Ambit over baseline CPU with SIMD for BitWeaving

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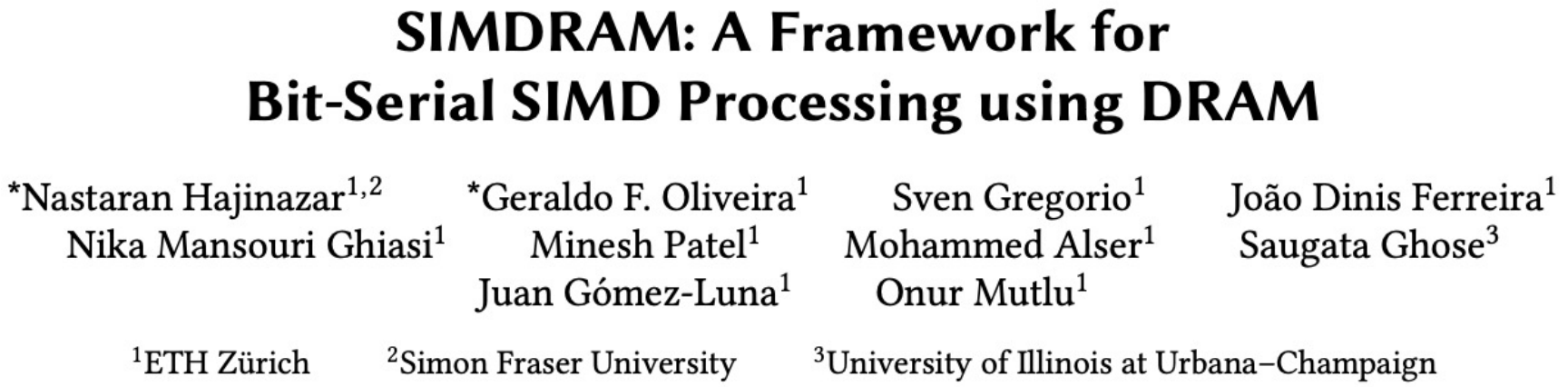

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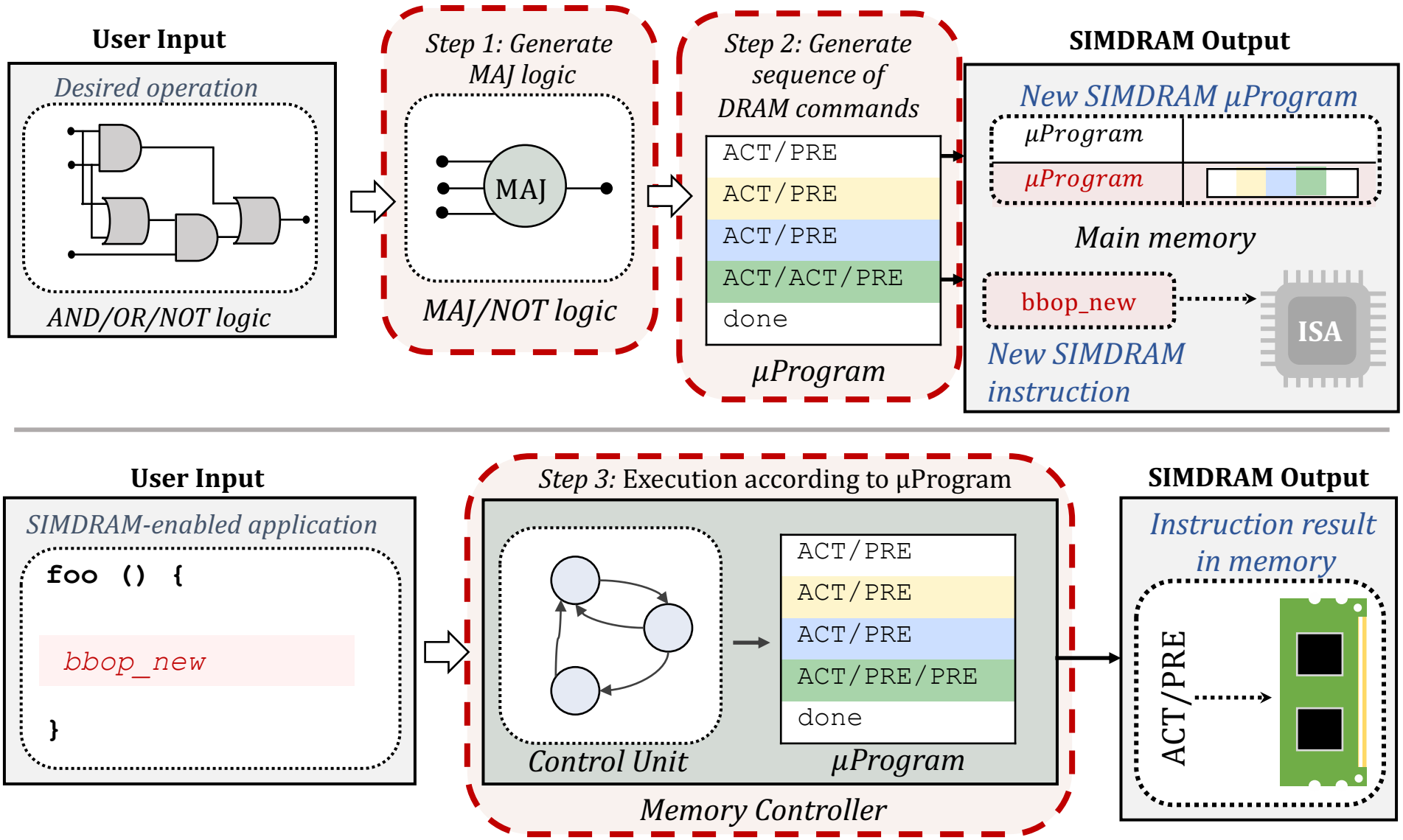
SIMDRAM Framework: Overview



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SIMDRAM Key Results

Evaluated on:

- 16 complex in-DRAM operations
- 7 commonly-used real-world applications

SIMDRAM provides:

- **88×** and **5.8×** the **throughput** of a **CPU** and a **high-end GPU**, respectively, over **16 operations**
- **257×** and **31×** the **energy efficiency** of a **CPU** and a **high-end GPU**, respectively, over **16 operations**
- **21×** and **2.1×** the **performance** of a **CPU** an a **high-end GPU**, over **seven real-world applications**

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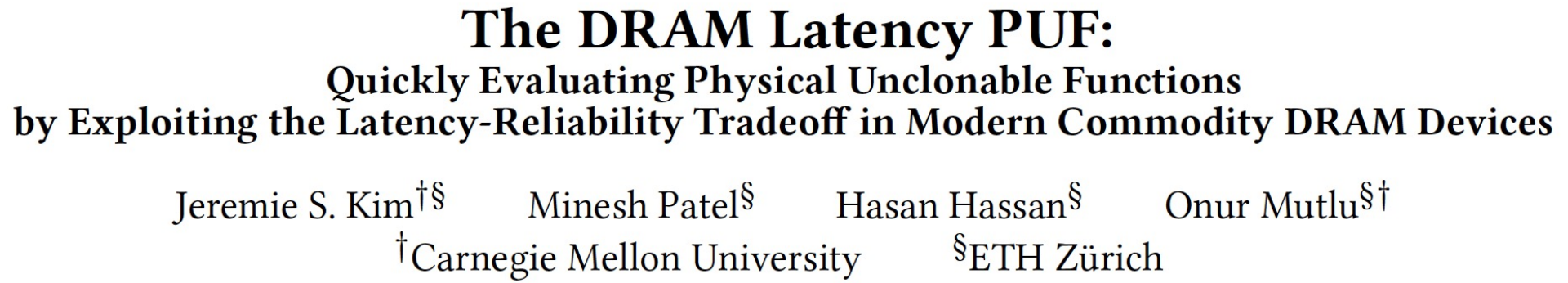

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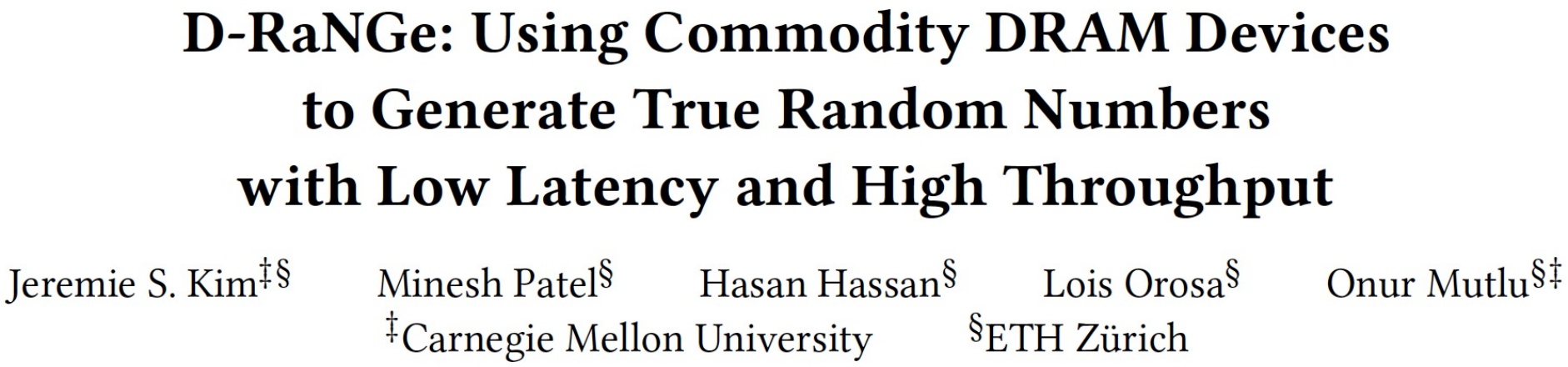

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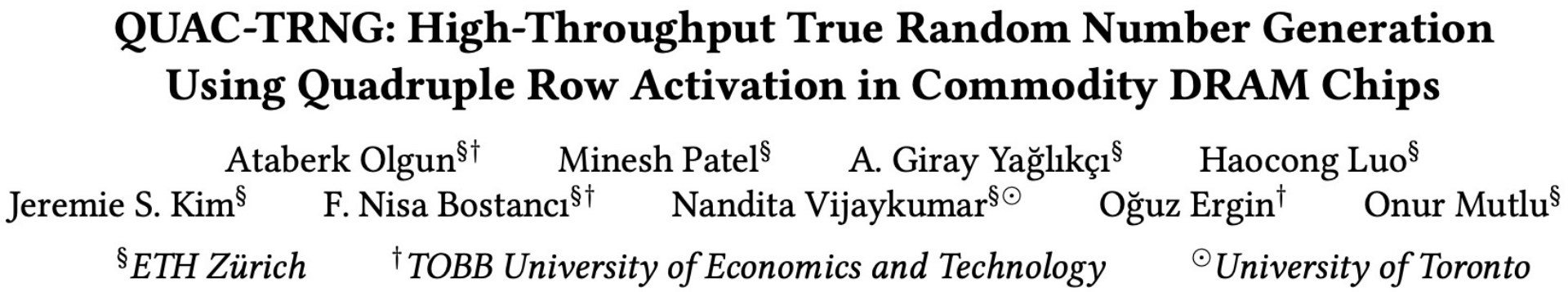

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Processing in Memory: Two Approaches

1. Processing using Memory
2. Processing near Memory

Specialization: In-Memory Graph Processing

- Large graphs are everywhere (circa 2015)



36 Million
Wikipedia Pages



1.4 Billion
Facebook Users

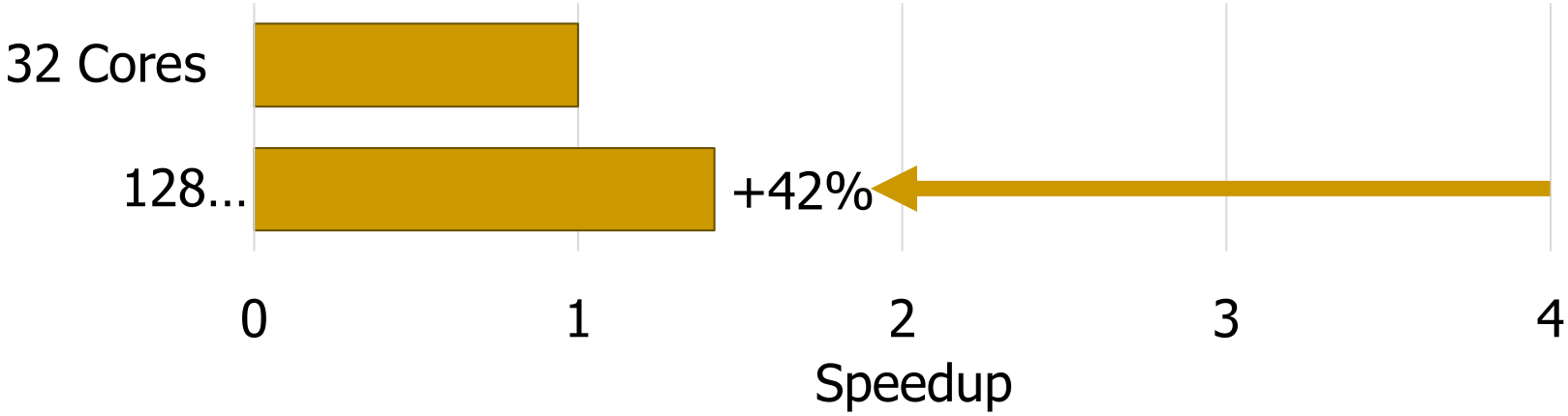


300 Million
Twitter Users



30 Billion
Instagram Photos

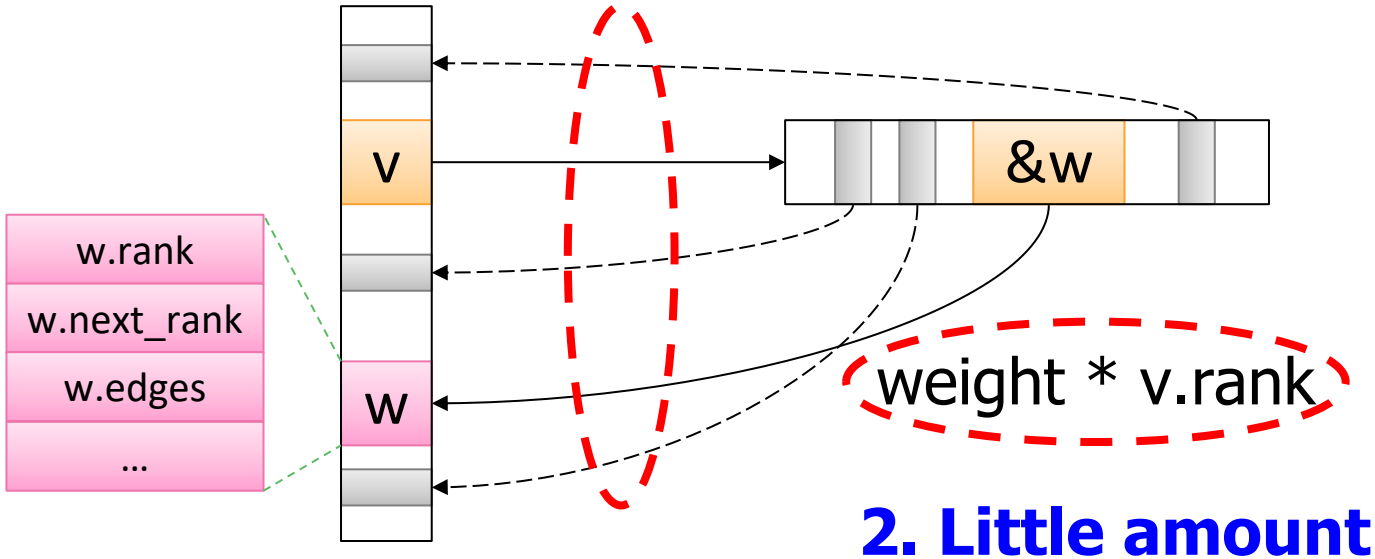
- Scalable large-scale graph processing is challenging



Key Bottlenecks in Graph Processing

```
for (v: graph.vertices) {
    for (w: v.successors) {
        w.next_rank += weight * v.rank;
    }
}
```

1. Frequent random memory accesses



2. Little amount of computation

Opportunity: 3D-Stacked Logic+Memory

Hybrid Memory Cube
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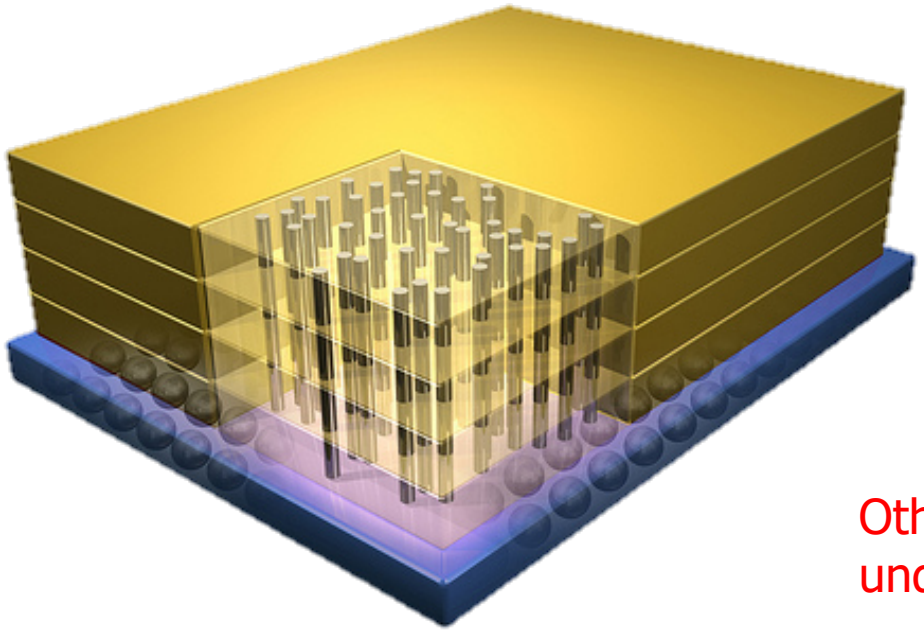


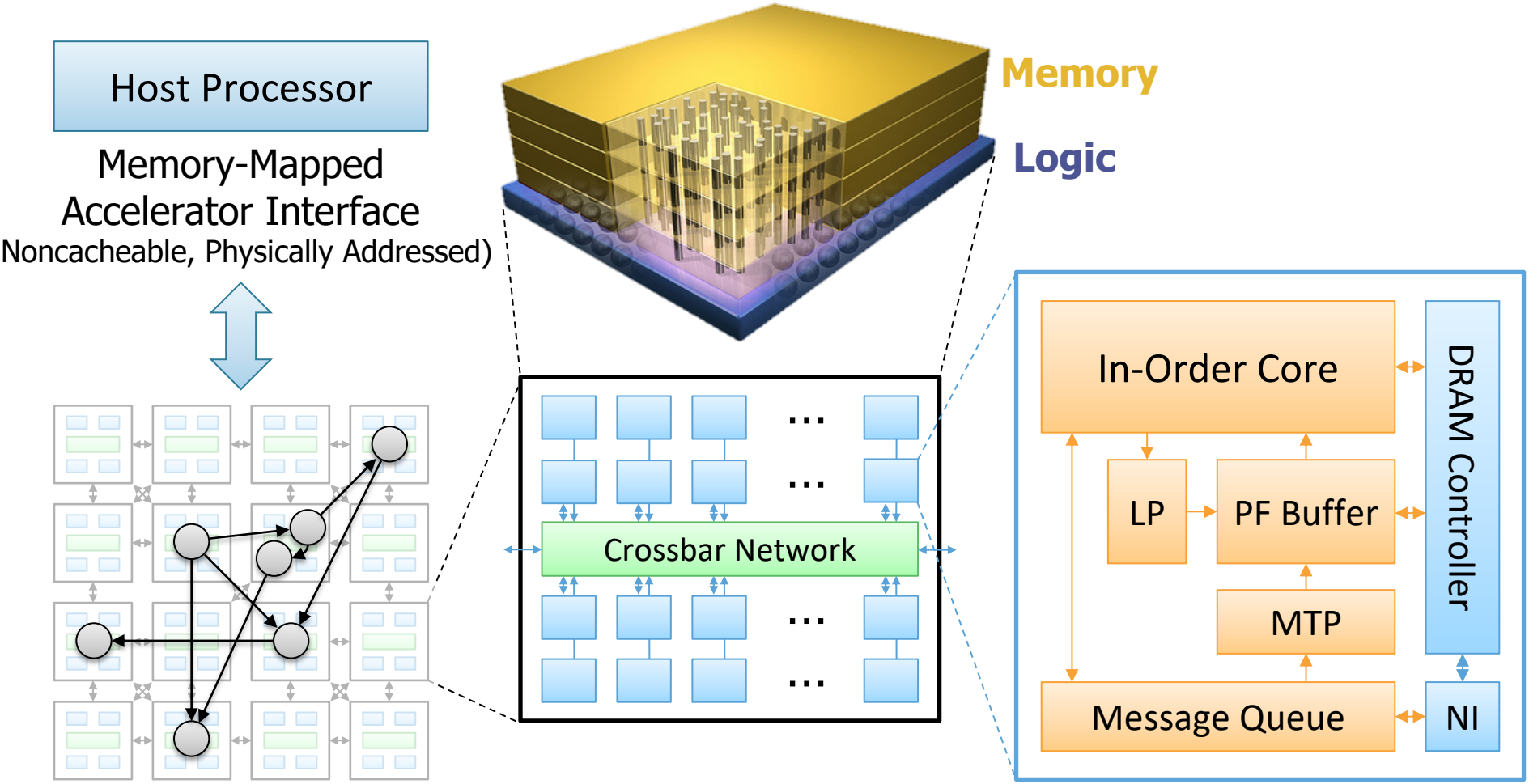
Memory

Logic

Other "True 3D" technologies under development

Tesseract System for Graph Processing

Interconnected set of 3D-stacked memory+logic chips with simple cores



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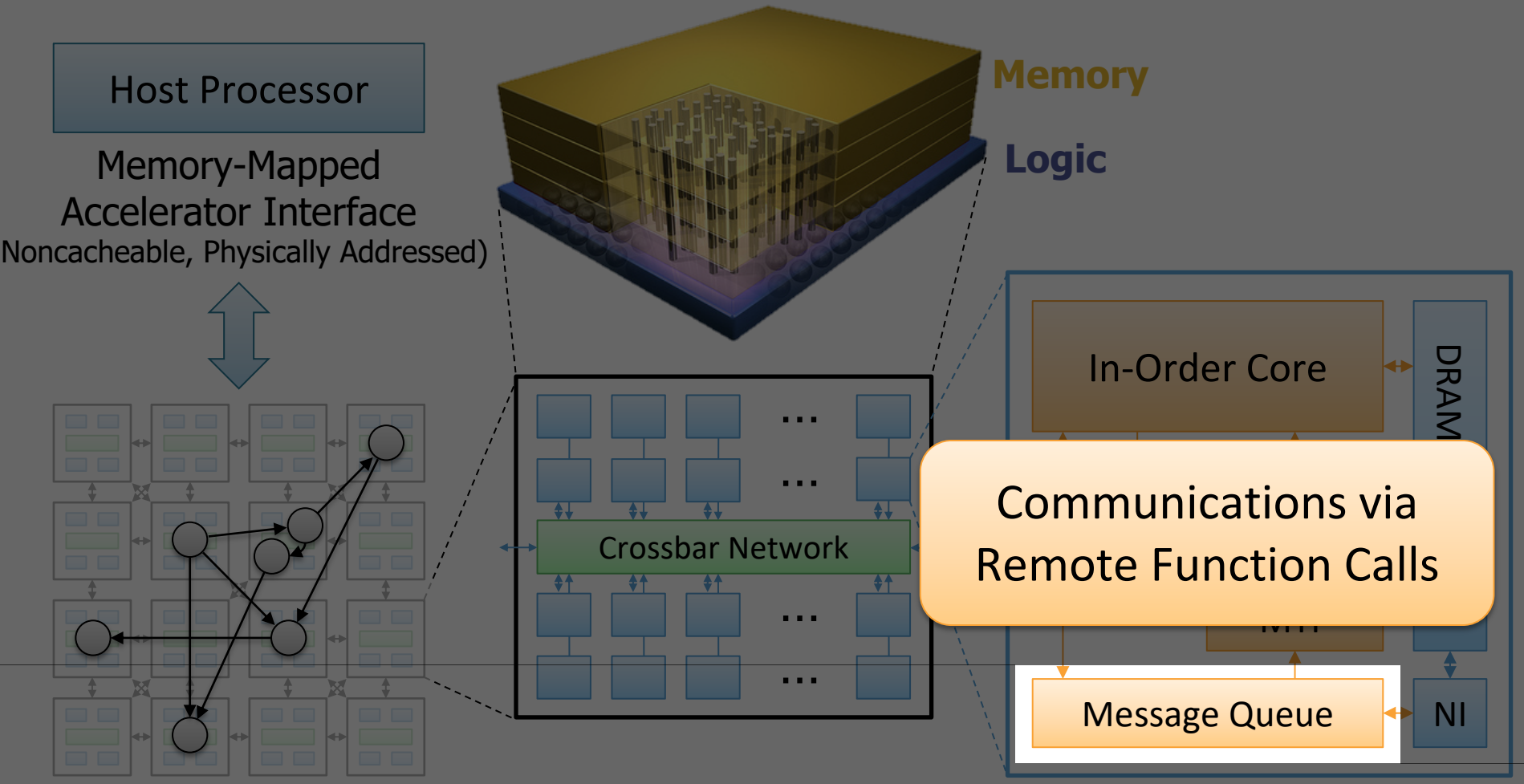

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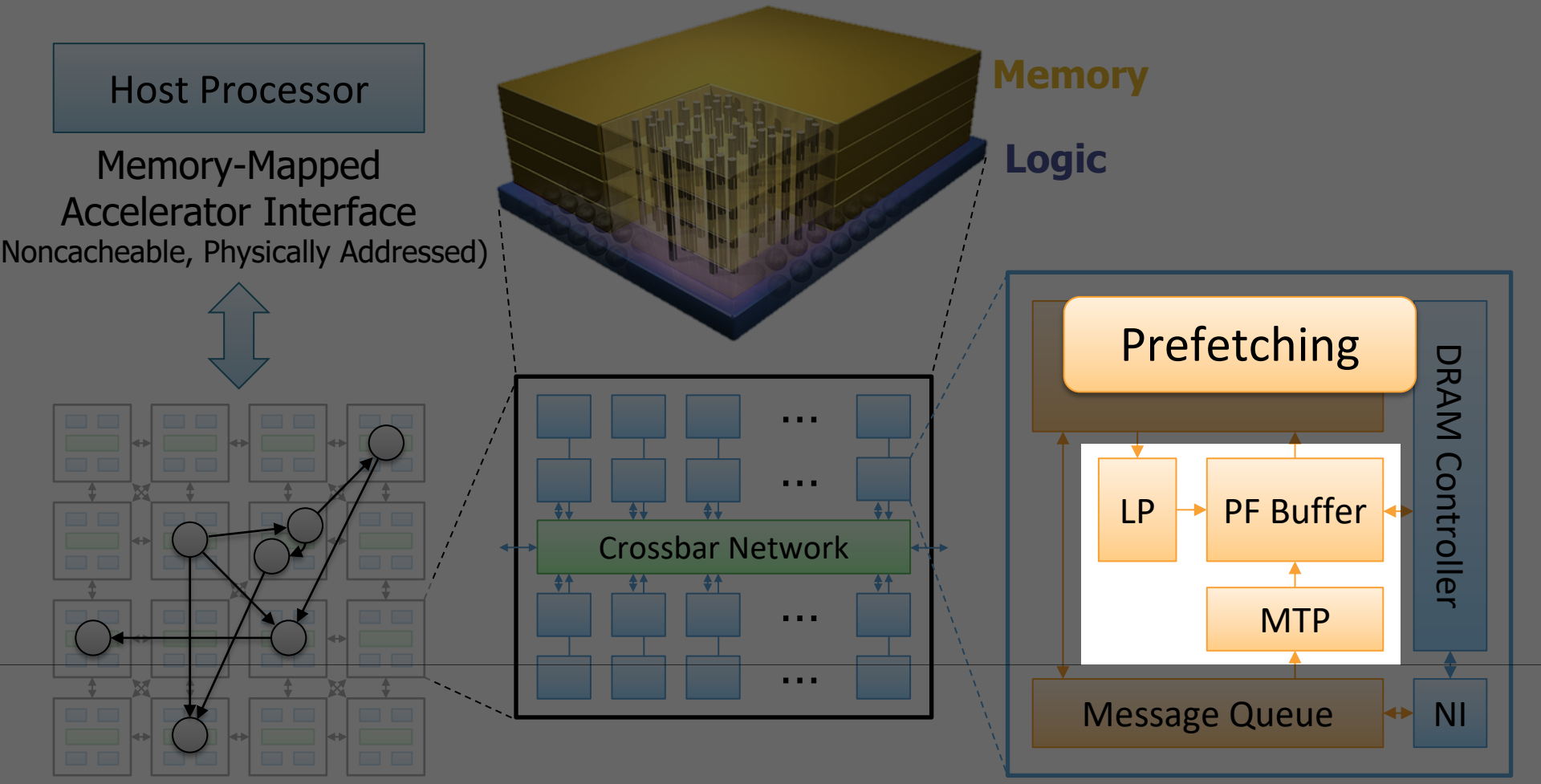

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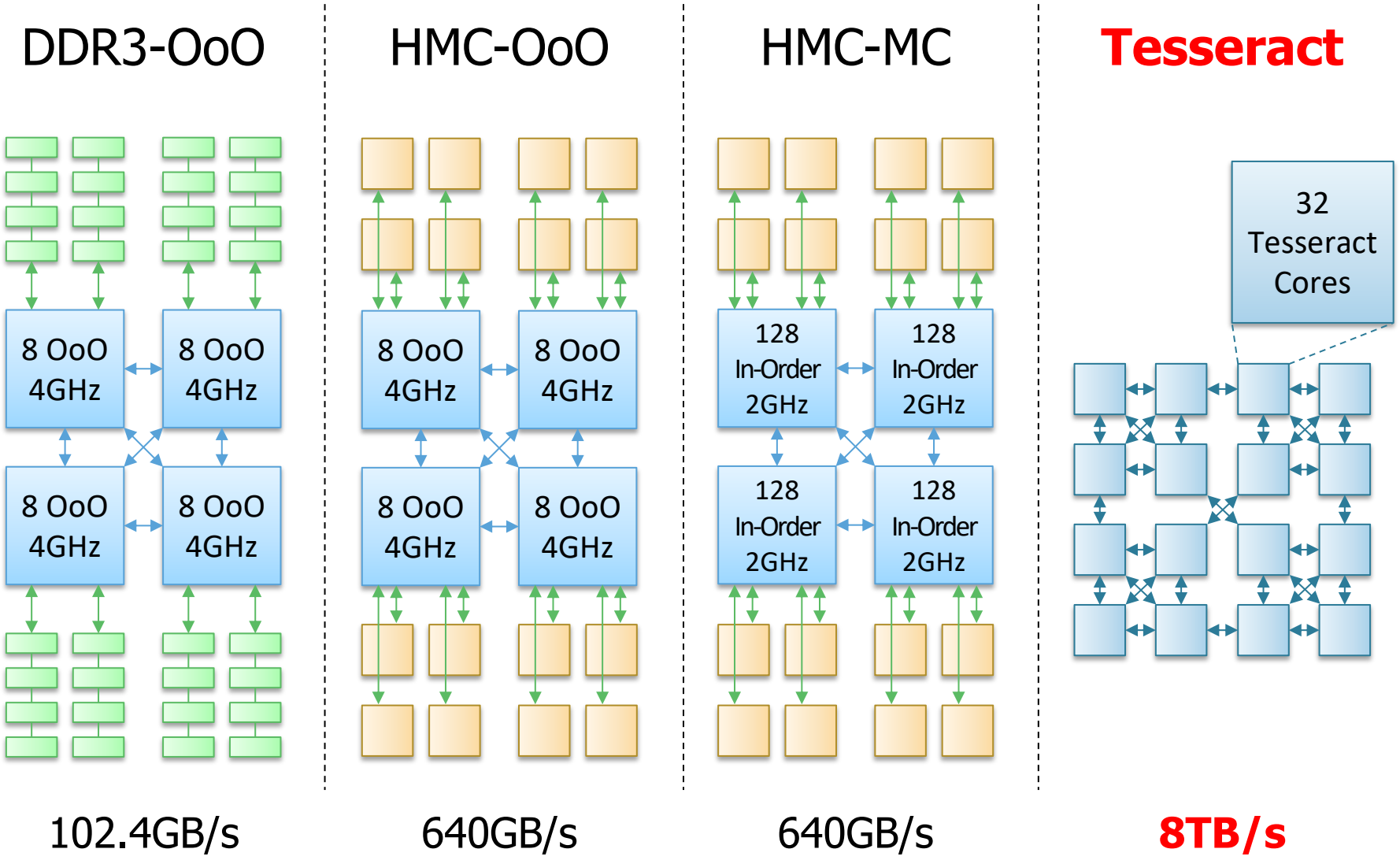

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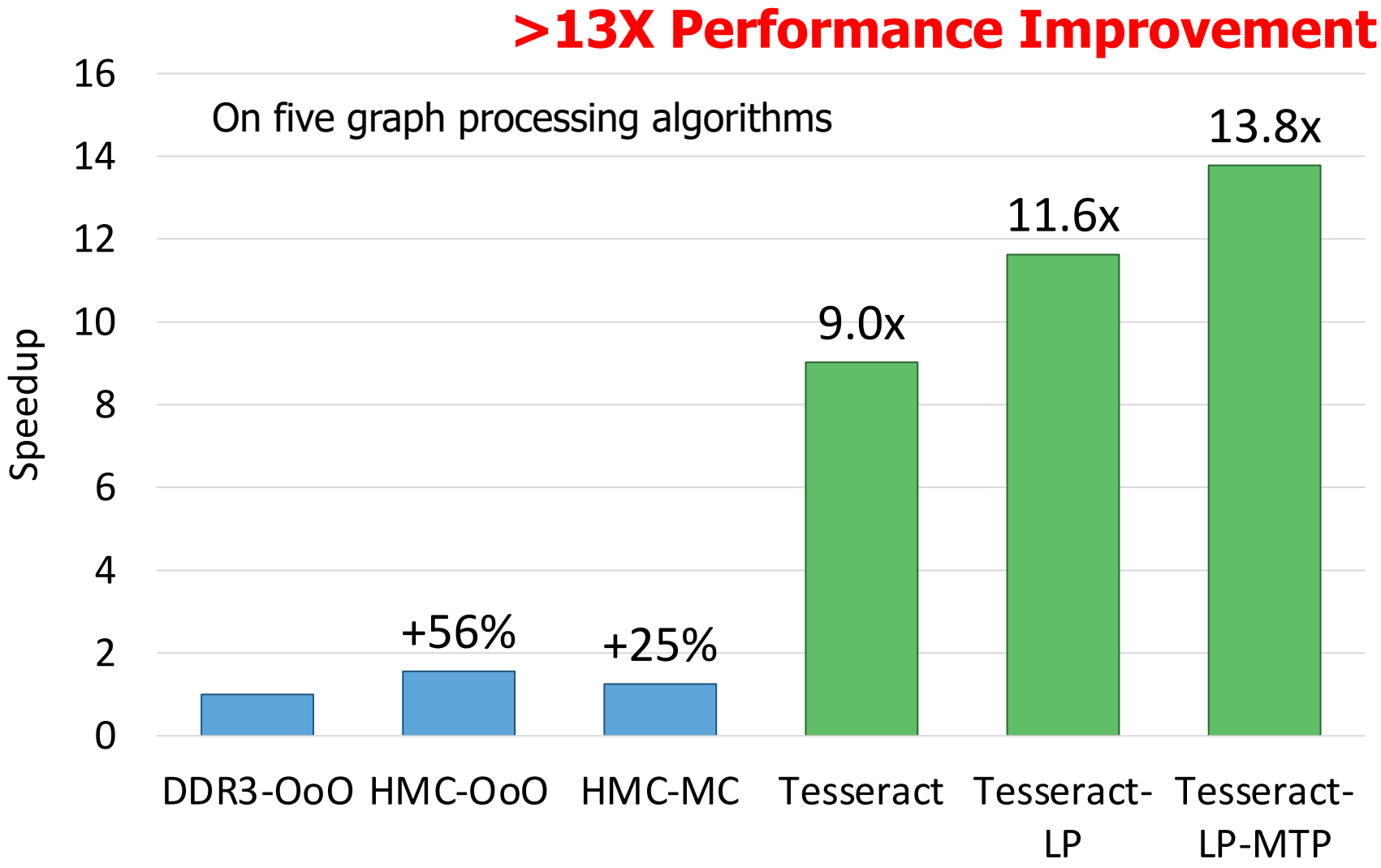

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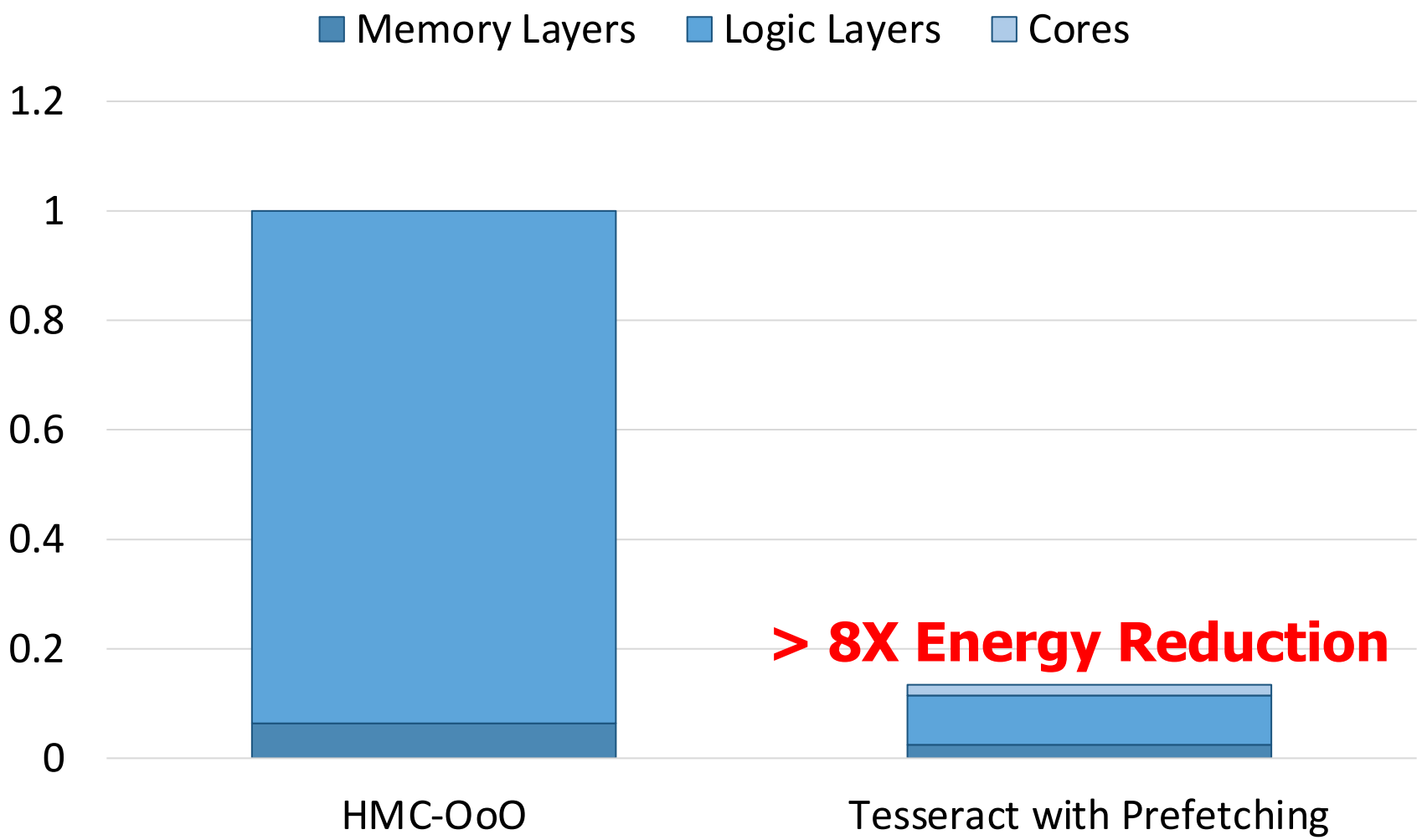

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Google Workloads for Consumer Devices: Mitigating Data Movement Bottlenecks

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Consumer Devices

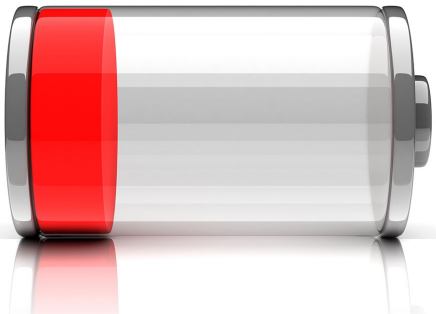






Consumer devices are everywhere!

Energy consumption is a first-class concern in consumer devices



Popular Consumer Workloads



Chrome

Google's web browser



TensorFlow Mobile

Google's machine learning framework

VP9



Video Playback

Google's video codec

VP9

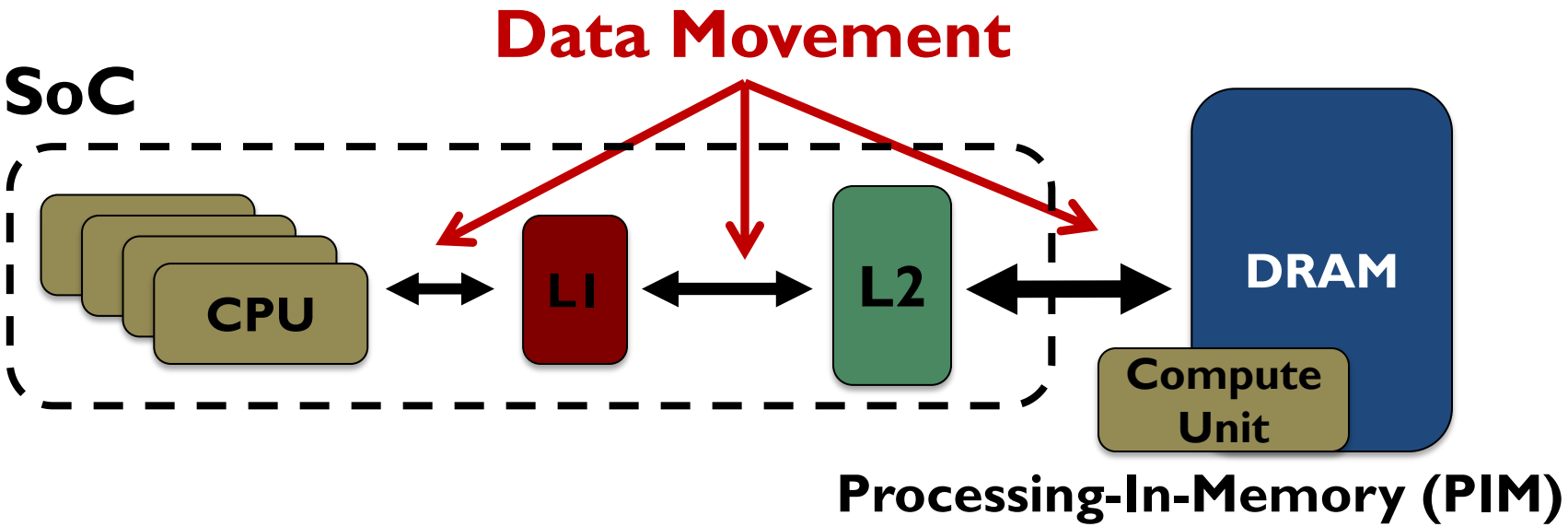


Video Capture

Google's video codec

Energy Cost of Data Movement

1st key observation: 62.7% of the total system energy is spent on data movement



Potential solution: move computation close to data

Challenge: limited area and energy budget

Using PIM to Reduce Data Movement

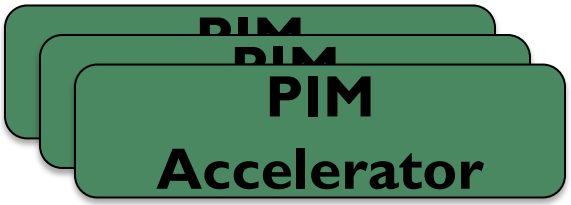
2nd key observation: a significant fraction of the data movement often comes from simple functions

We can design lightweight logic to implement these *simple functions* in memory

Small embedded low-power core



Small fixed-function accelerators



Offloading to PIM logic reduces energy and improves performance, on average, by 2.3X and 2.2X

Workload Analysis



Chrome

Google's web browser



TensorFlow Mobile

Google's machine learning framework



Video Playback

Google's video codec



Video Capture

Google's video codec

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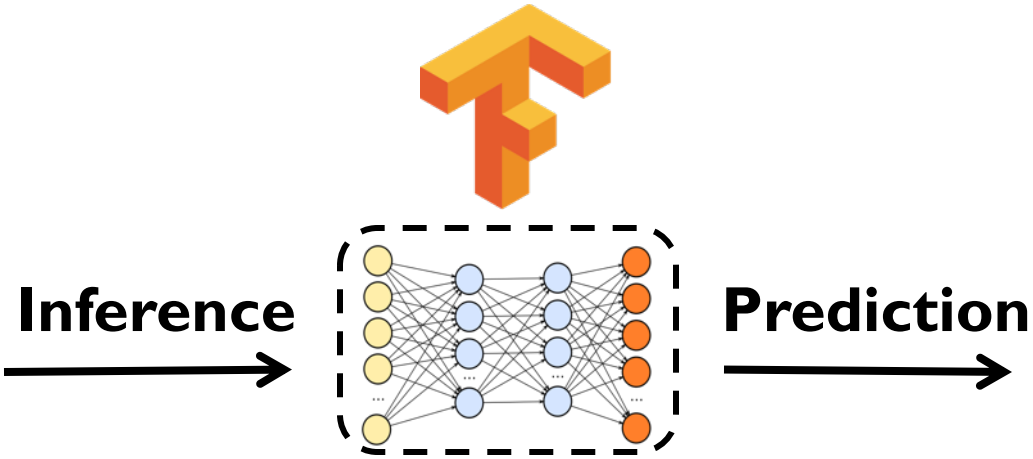

57.3% of the inference energy is spent on data movement

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54.4% of the **data movement** energy comes from packing/unpacking and quantization

More on PIM for Mobile Devices

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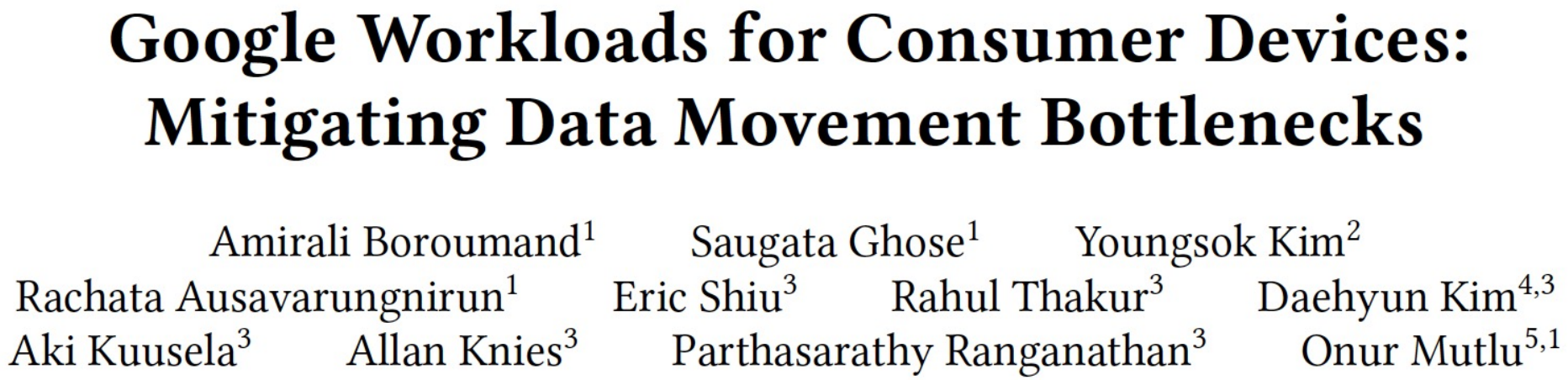

Truly Distributed GPU Processing with PIM

```
__global__
void applyScaleFactorsKernel( uint8_T * const out,
    uint8_T const * const in, const double *factor,
    size_t const numRows, size_t const numCols )
{
    // Work out which pixel we are working on.
    const int rowIdx = blockIdx.x * blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
    const int colIdx = blockIdx.y;
    const int sliceIdx = threadIdx.z;

    // Check this thread isn't off the image
    if( rowIdx >= numRows ) return;

    // Compute the index of my element
    size_t linearIdx = rowIdx + colIdx*numRows +
        sliceIdx*numRows*numCols;
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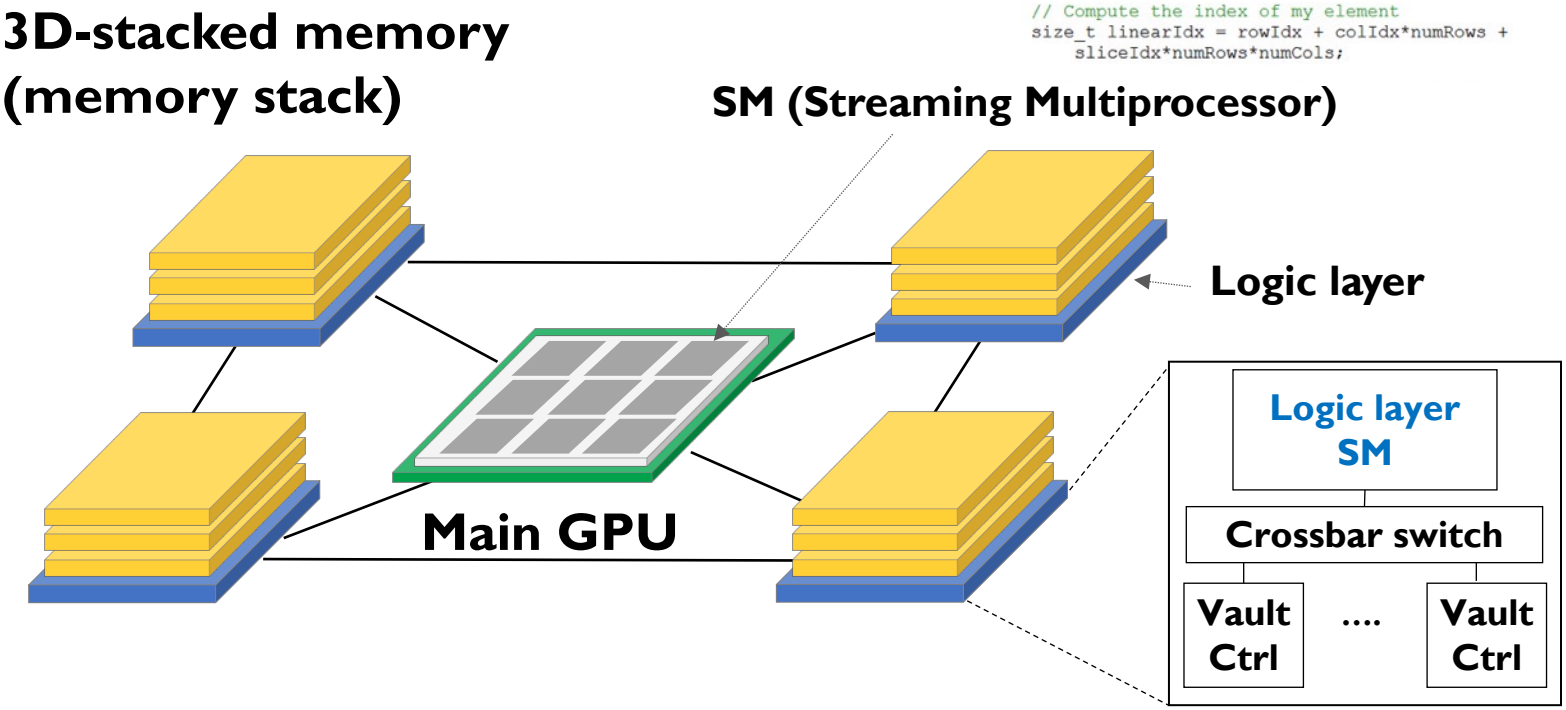

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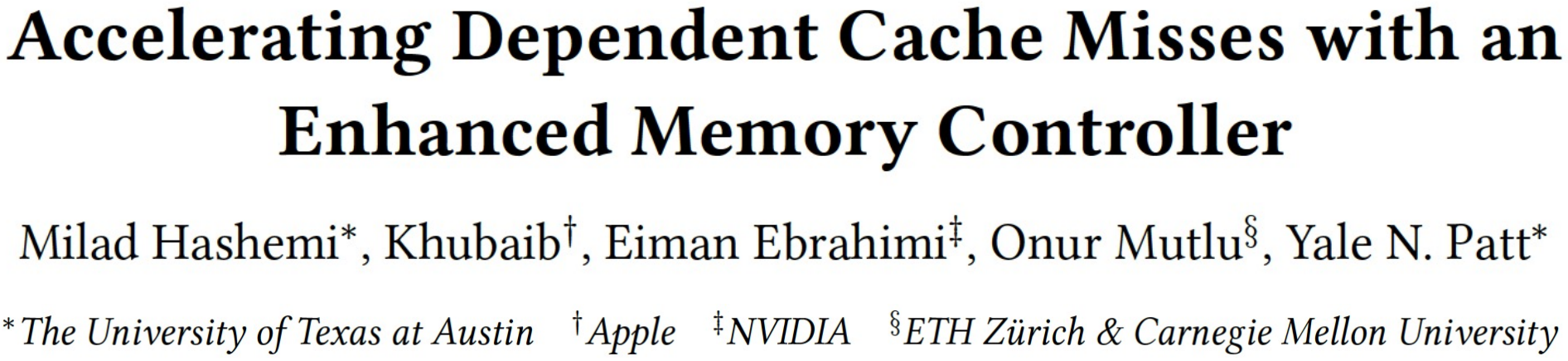

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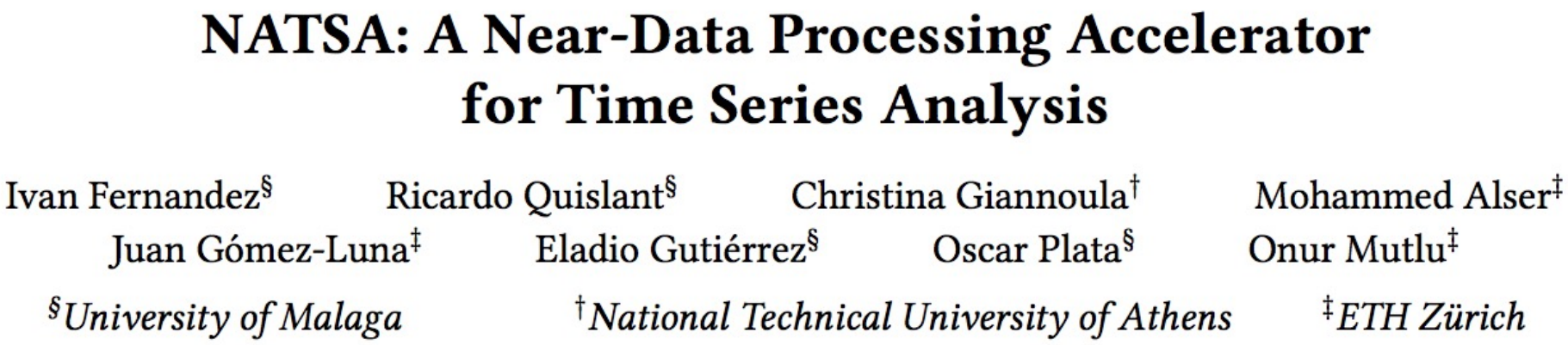

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Executive Summary

Context: We extensively analyze a state-of-the-art edge ML accelerator (Google Edge TPU) using 24 Google edge models

- Wide range of models (CNNs, LSTMs, Transducers, RCNNs)

Problem: The Edge TPU accelerator suffers from three challenges:

- It operates **significantly below** its peak throughput
- It operates **significantly below** its theoretical energy efficiency
- It **inefficiently** handles memory accesses

Key Insight: These shortcomings arise from the monolithic design of the Edge TPU accelerator

- The Edge TPU accelerator design does not account for **layer heterogeneity**

Key Mechanism: A new framework called Mensa

- Mensa consists of heterogeneous accelerators whose dataflow and hardware are specialized for specific families of layers

Key Results: We design a version of Mensa for Google edge ML models

- Mensa improves performance and energy by **3.0X** and **3.1X**
- Mensa reduces cost and improves area efficiency

Google Edge Neural Network Models

We analyze inference execution using 24 edge NN models



Speech Recognition

6 RNN Transducers



2 LSTMs



Language Translation



Face Detection

13 CNN

Google Edge TPU

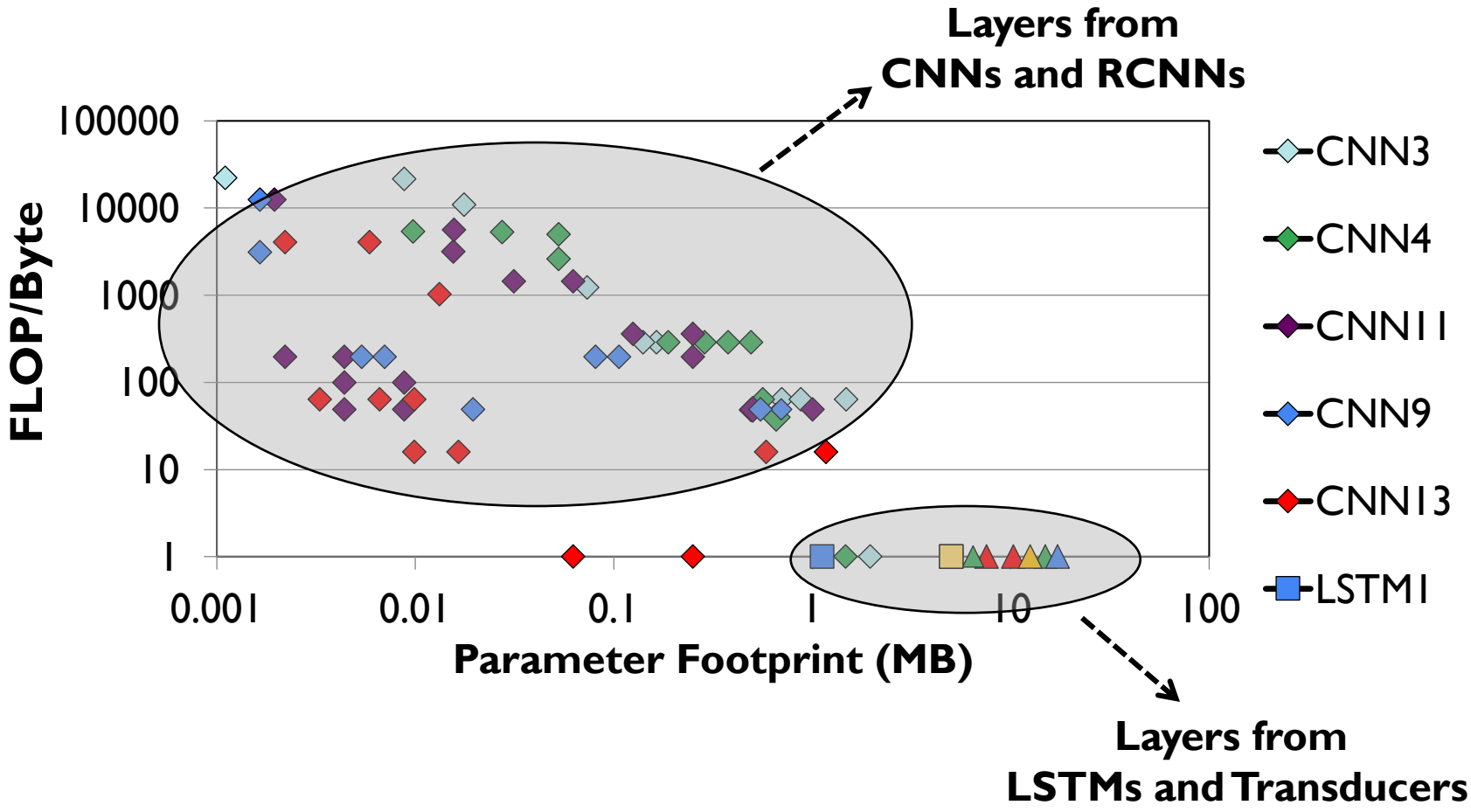
3 RCNN



Image Captioning

Diversity Across the Models

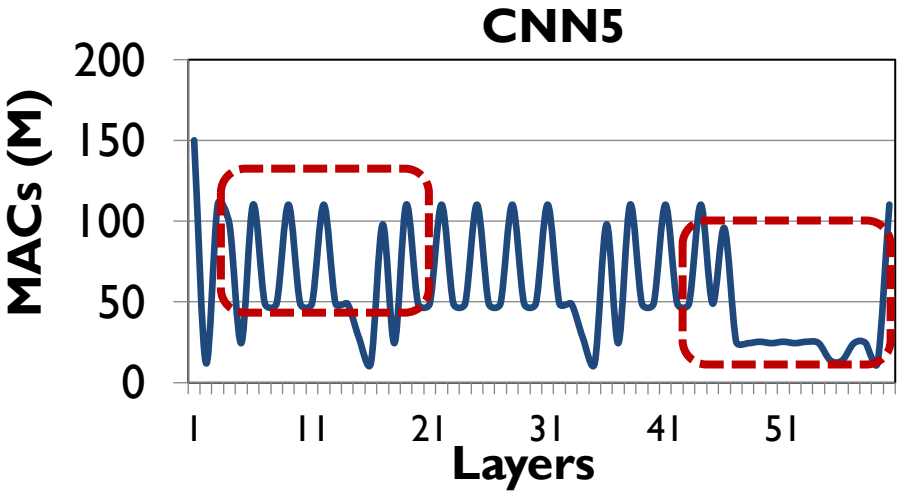
Insight 1: there is significant variation in terms of layer characteristics across the models

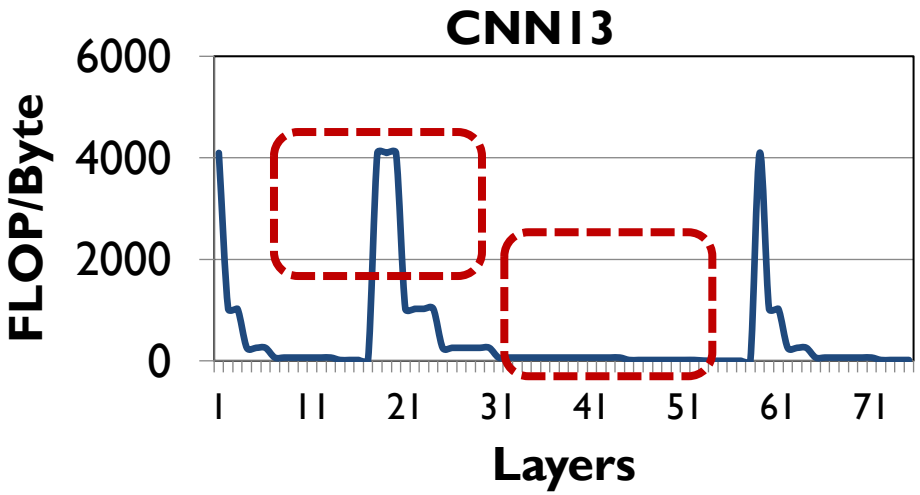


Diversity Within the Models

Insight 2: even within each model, layers exhibit significant variation in terms of layer characteristics

For example, our analysis of edge CNN models shows:



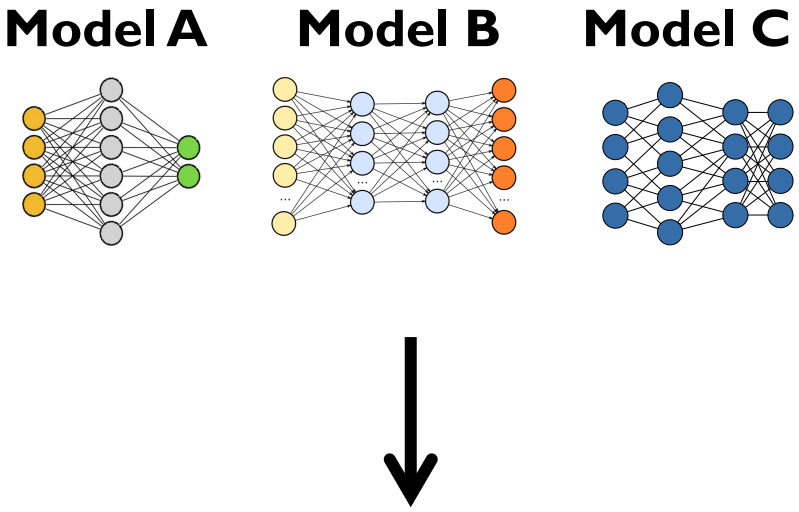


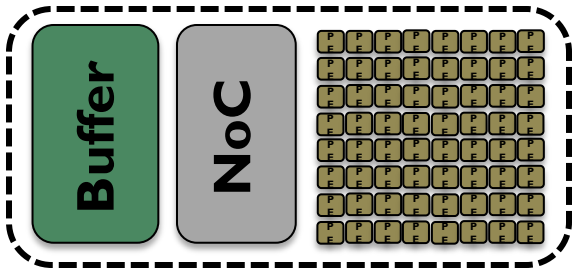
Variation in MAC intensity: up to 200x across layers

Variation in FLOP/Byte: up to 244x across layers

Mensa High-Level Overview

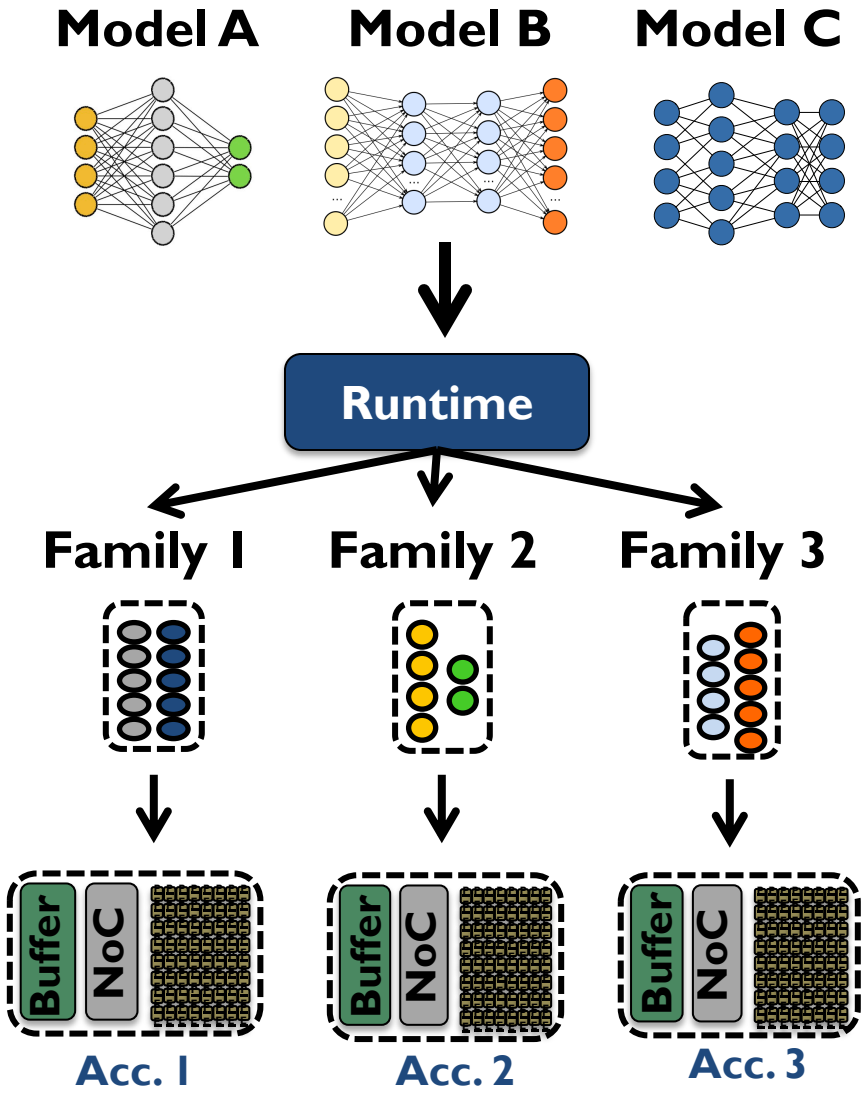
Edge TPU Accelerator





Monolithic Accelerator

Mensa



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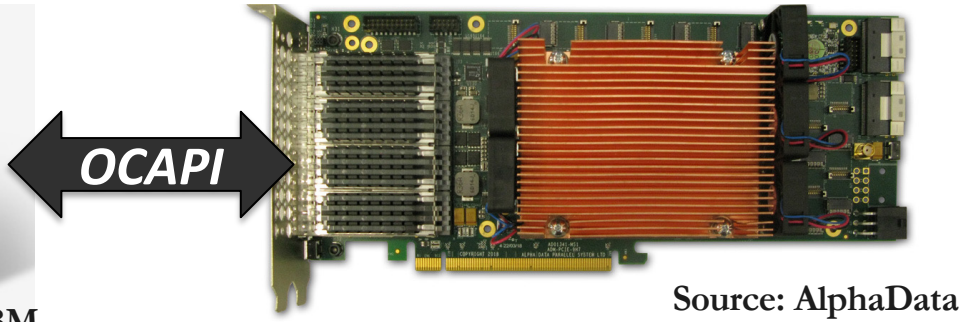
Near-Memory Acceleration using FPGAs



IBM POWER9 CPU

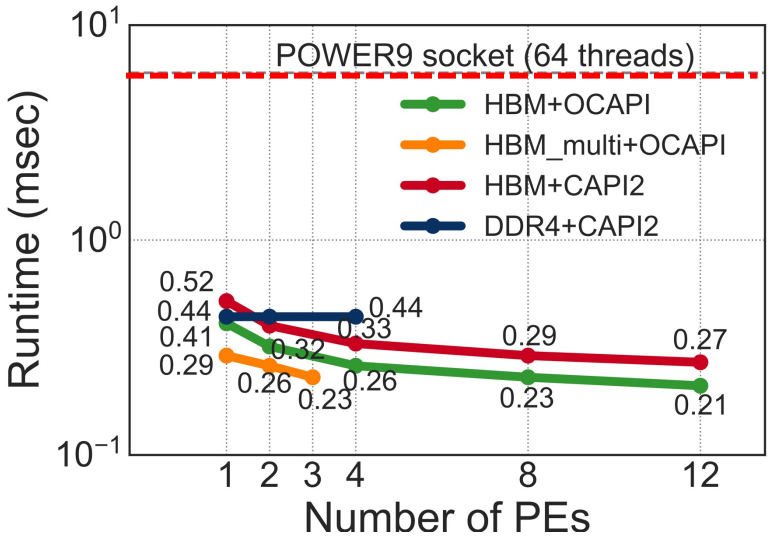


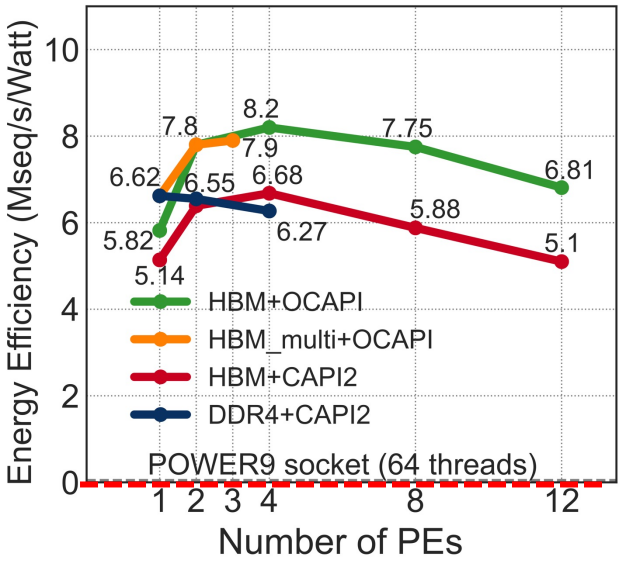
HBM-based FPGA board

Near-HBM FPGA-based accelerator

Two communication technologies: **CAPI2** and **OCAPI**
Two memory technologies: **DDR4** and **HBM**
Two workloads: **Weather Modeling** and **Genome Analysis**

Performance & Energy Greatly Improve



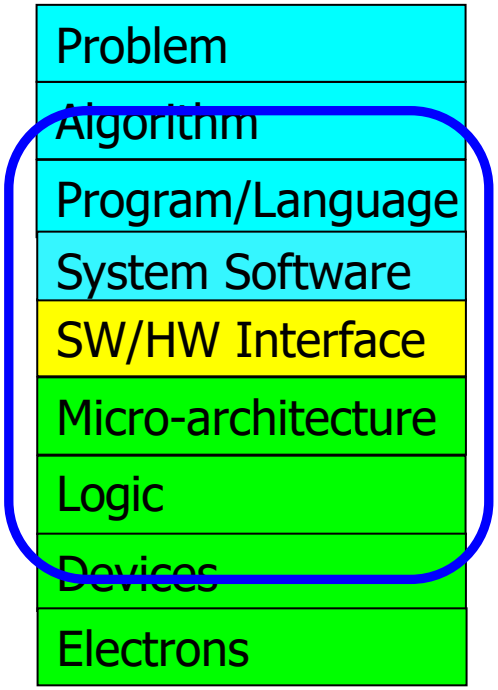


5-27× performance vs. a 16-core (64-thread) IBM POWER9 CPU

12-133× energy efficiency vs. a 16-core (64-thread) IBM POWER9 CPU

HBM alleviates memory bandwidth contention vs. DDR4

We Need to Revisit the Entire Stack



We can get there step by step

PIM Review and Open Problems

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A Workload and Programming Ease Driven Perspective of Processing-in-Memory

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Eliminating the Adoption Barriers

How to Enable Adoption of Processing in Memory

Potential Barriers to Adoption of PIM

1. **Applications** & **software** for PIM

2. Ease of **programming** (interfaces and compiler/HW support)

3. **System** and **security** support: coherence, synchronization, virtual memory, isolation, communication interfaces, …

4. **Runtime** and **compilation** systems for adaptive scheduling, data mapping, access/sharing control, …

5. **Infrastructures** to assess benefits and feasibility

All can be solved with change of mindset

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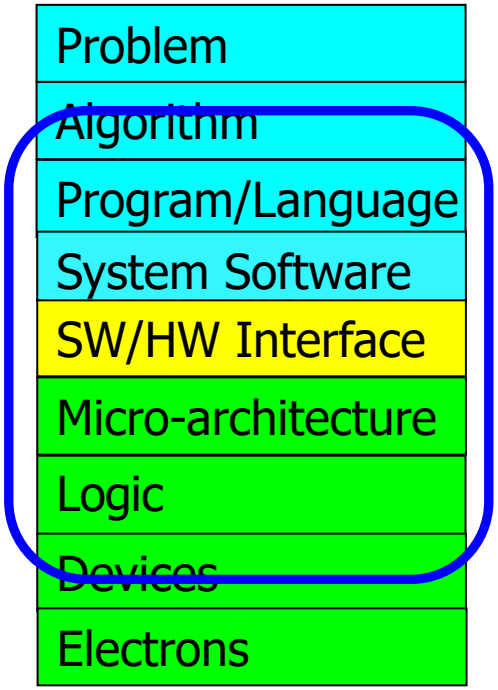

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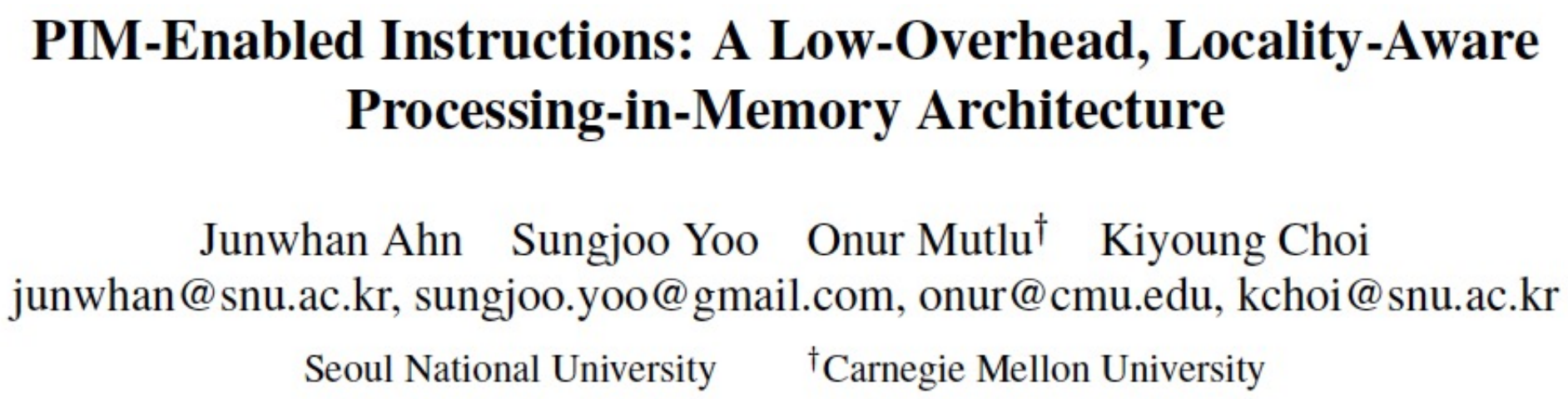

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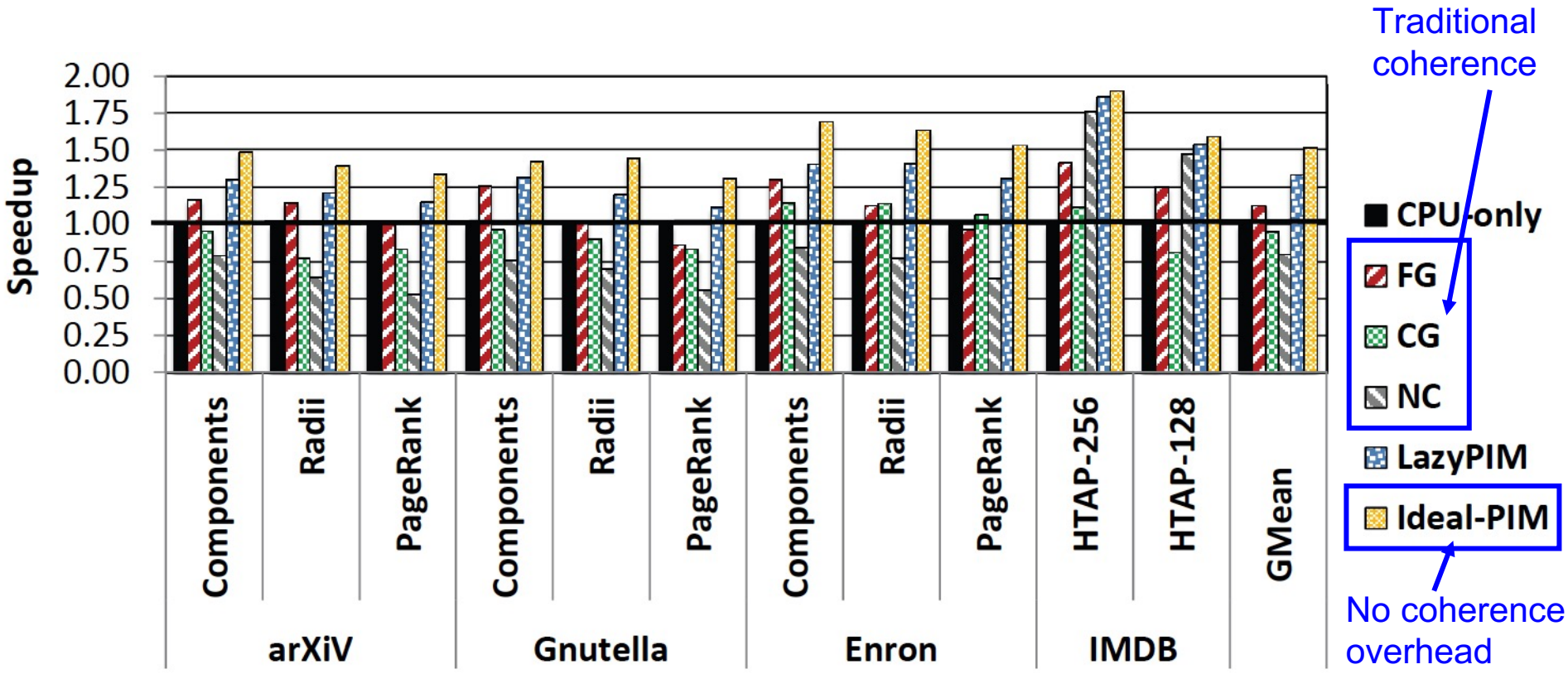

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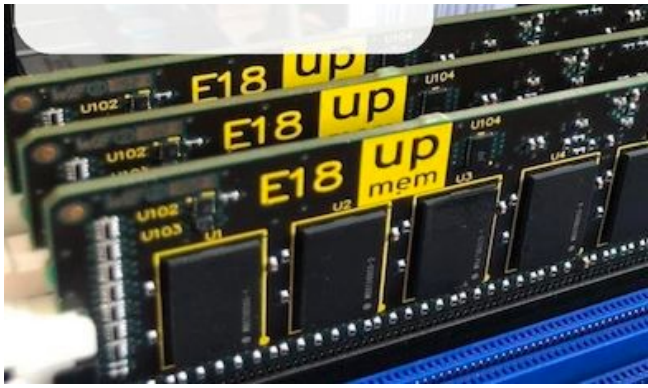
Eliminating the Adoption Barriers

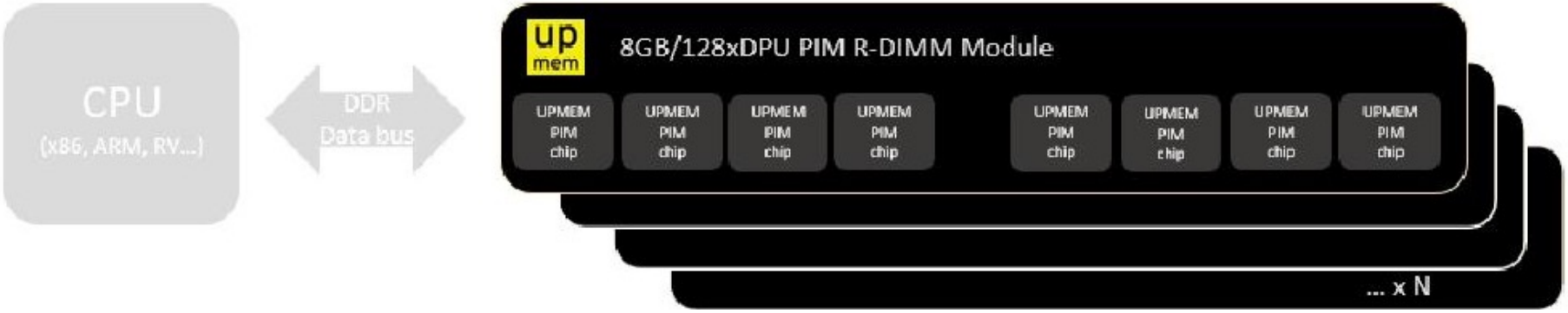
Processing-in-Memory in the Real World

UPMEM Processing-in-DRAM Engine (2019)

- Processing in DRAM Engine
- Includes **standard DIMM modules**, with a **large number of DPU processors** combined with DRAM chips.



- Replaces **standard** DIMMs
  - DDR4 R-DIMM modules
    - 8GB+128 DPUs (16 PIM chips)
    - Standard 2x-nm DRAM process
  - **Large amounts of** compute & memory bandwidth



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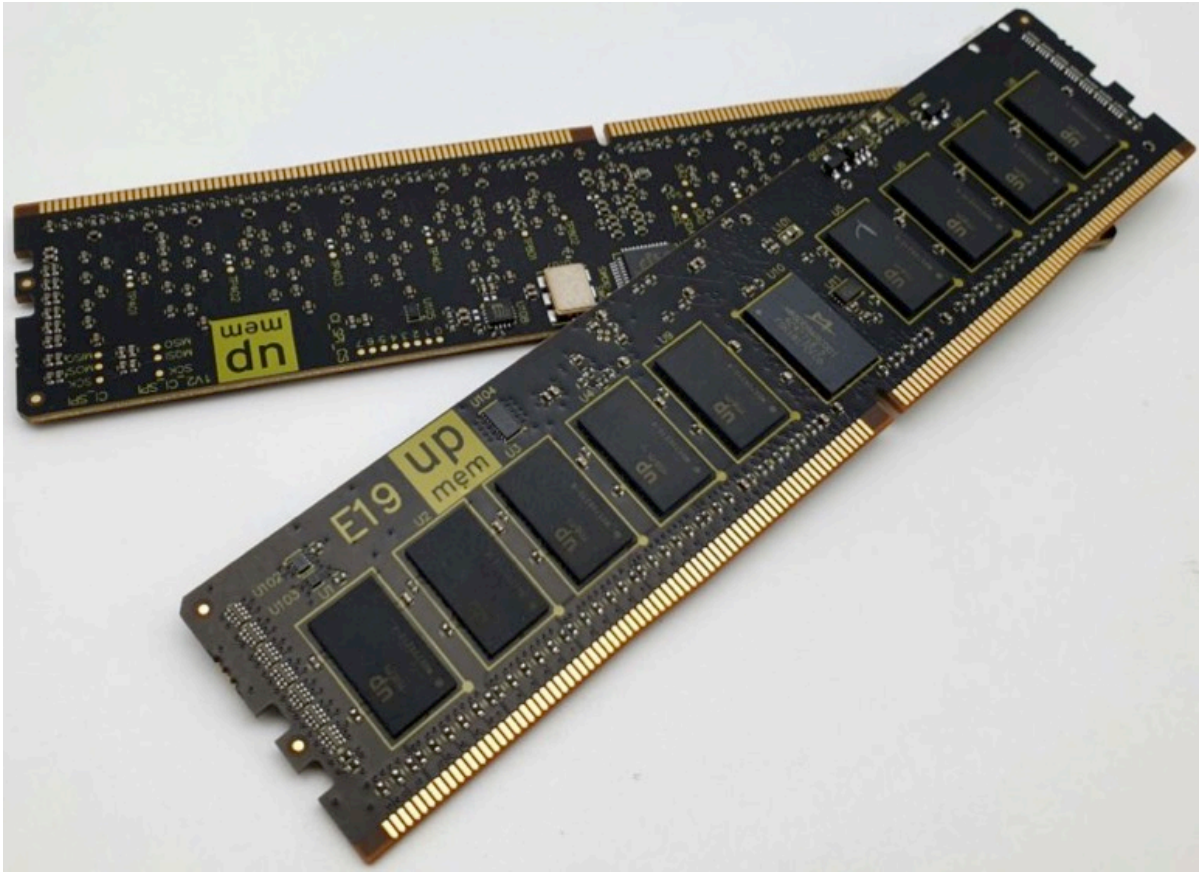
UPMEM Memory Modules

- E19: 8 chips DIMM (1 rank). DPUs @ 267 MHz
- P21: 16 chips DIMM (2 ranks). DPUs @ 350 MHz



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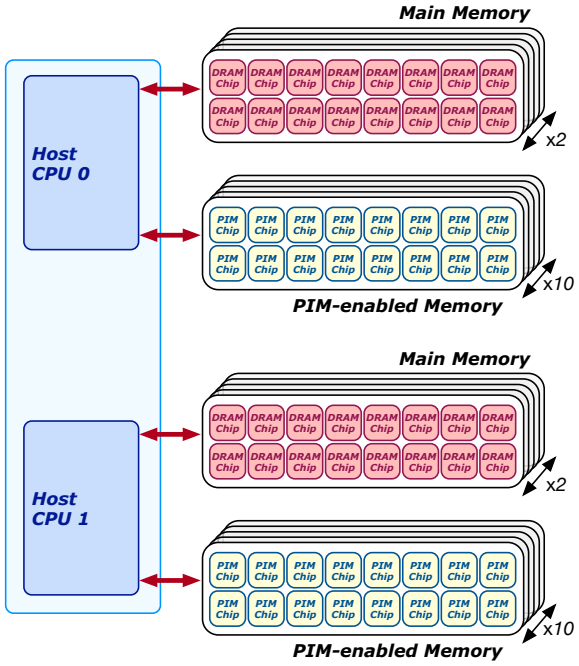

Benchmarking a New Paradigm: An Experimental Analysis of a Real Processing-in-Memory Architecture

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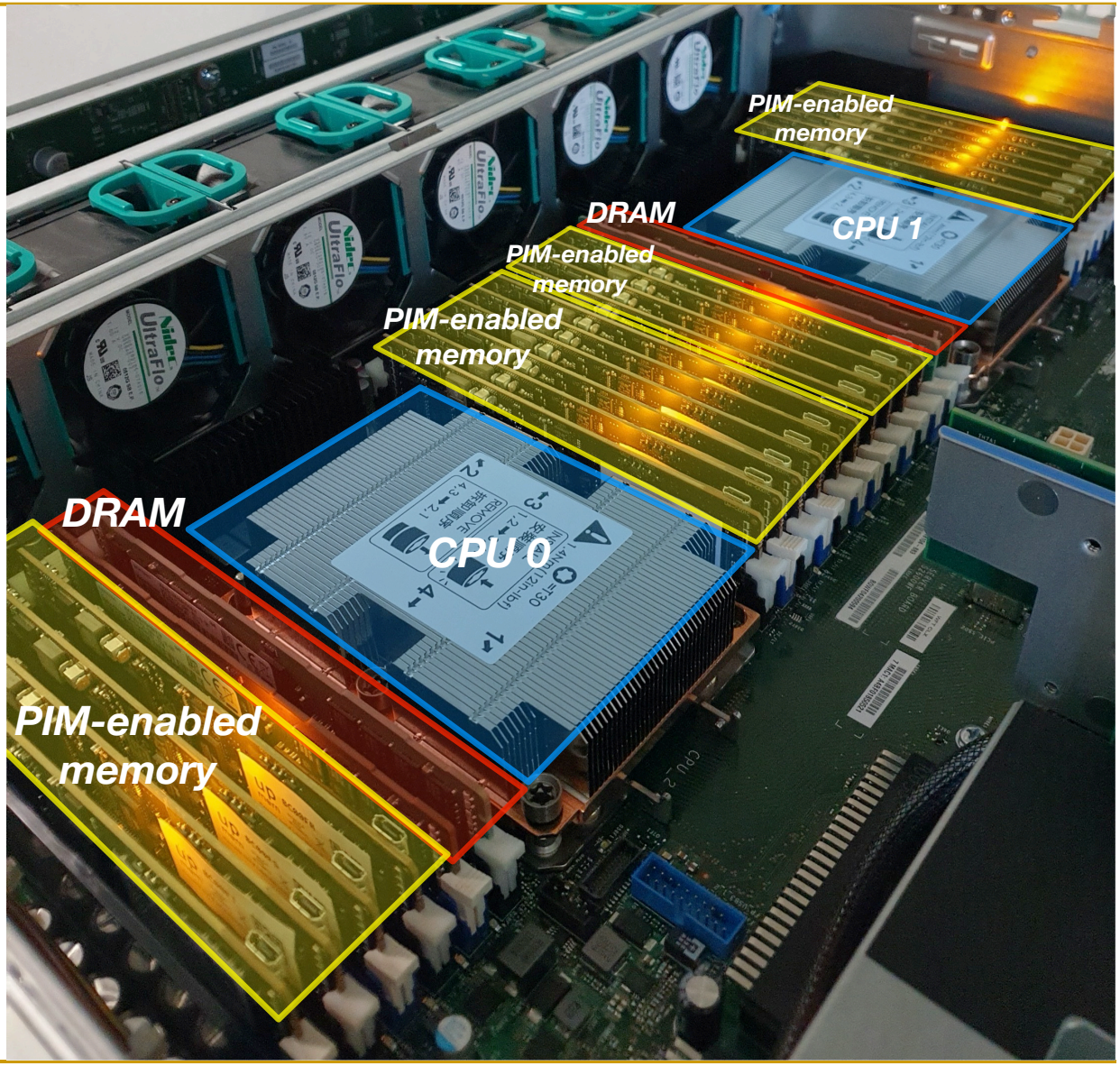

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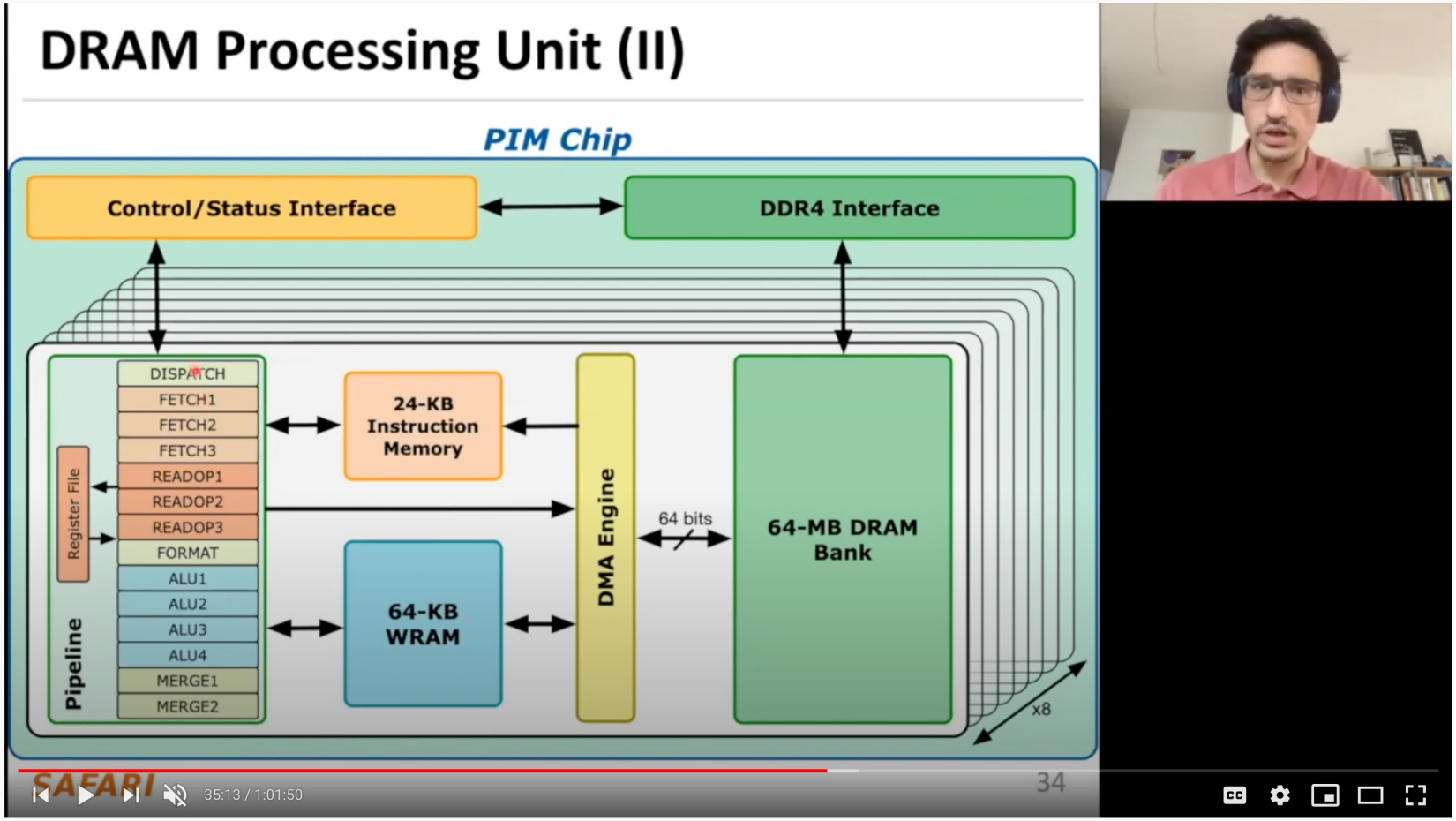

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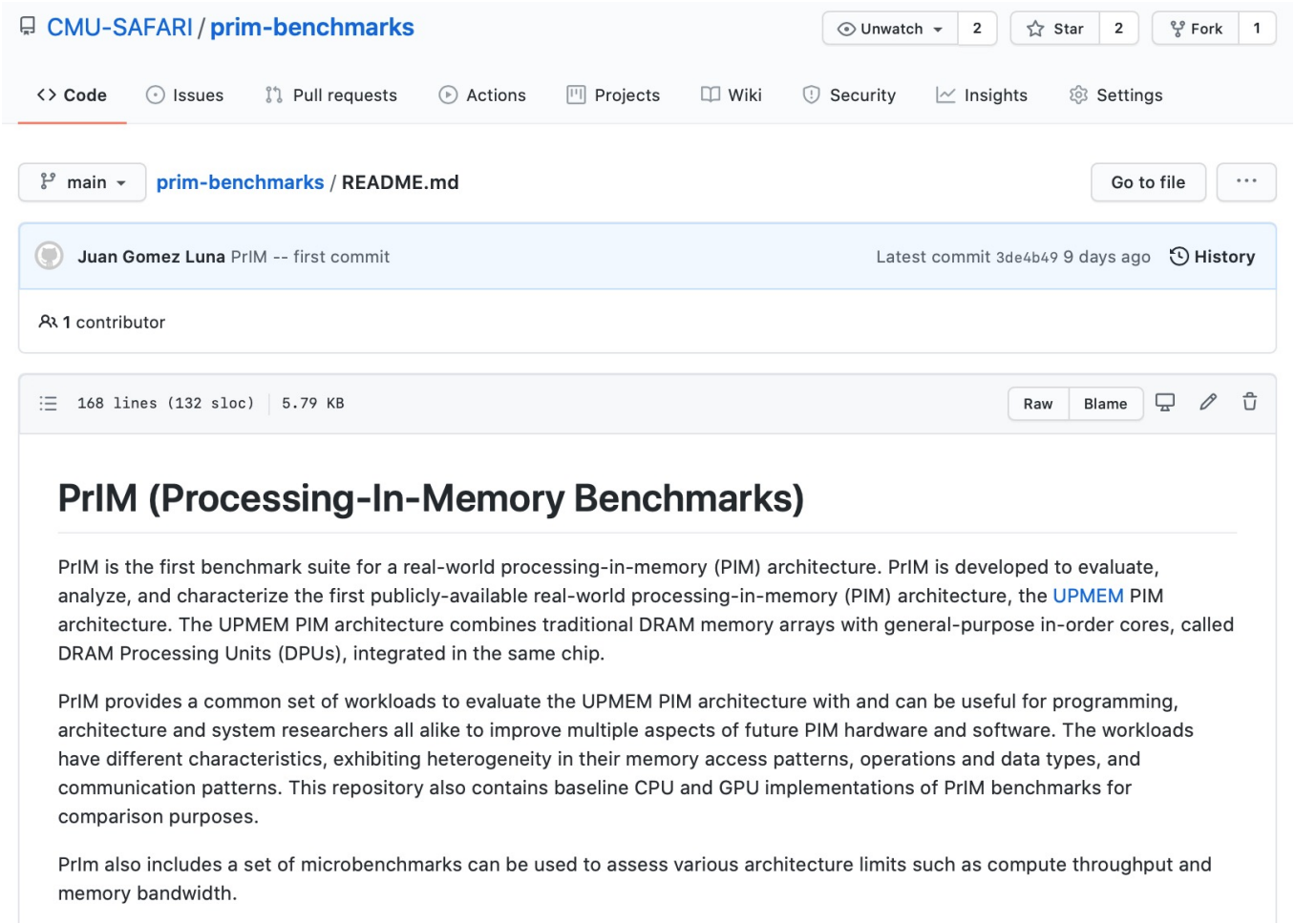
PrIM Benchmarks: Application Domains

Domain	Benchmark	Short name
Dense linear algebra	Vector Addition	VA
	Matrix-Vector Multiply	GEMV
Sparse linear algebra	Sparse Matrix-Vector Multiply	SpMV
Databases	Select	SEL
	Unique	UNI
Data analytics	Binary Search	BS
	Time Series Analysis	TS
Graph processing	Breadth-First Search	BFS
Neural networks	Multilayer Perceptron	MLP
Bioinformatics	Needleman-Wunsch	NW
Image processing	Image histogram (short)	HST-S
	Image histogram (large)	HST-L
Parallel primitives	Reduction	RED
	Prefix sum (scan-scan-add)	SCAN-SSA
	Prefix sum (reduce-scan-scan)	SCAN-RSS
	Matrix transposition	TRNS

PrIM Benchmarks are Open Source

- All microbenchmarks, benchmarks, and scripts
- https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI/prim-benchmarks



Understanding a Modern PIM Architecture

Understanding a Modern Processing-in-Memory Architecture: Benchmarking and Experimental Characterization

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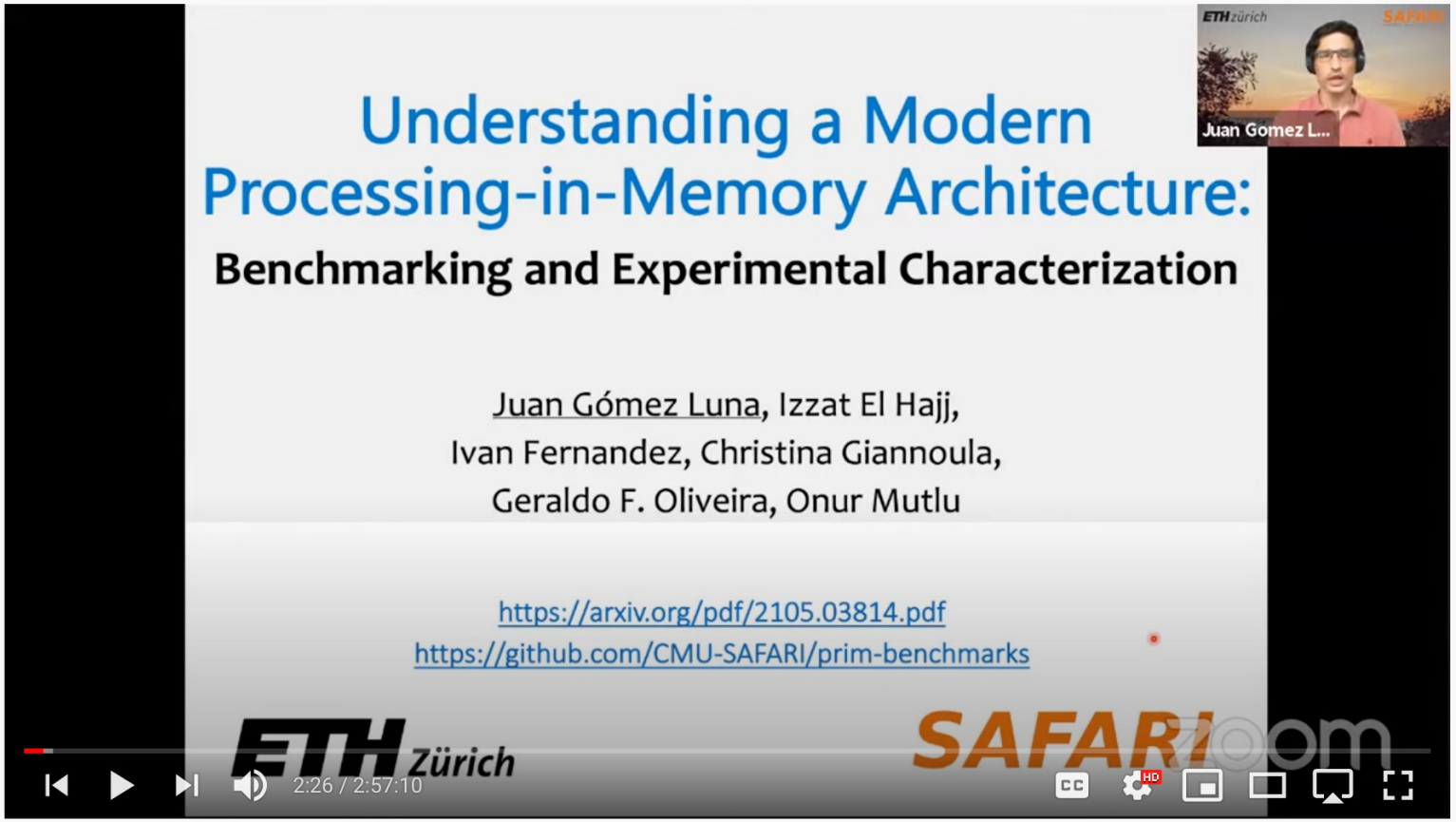

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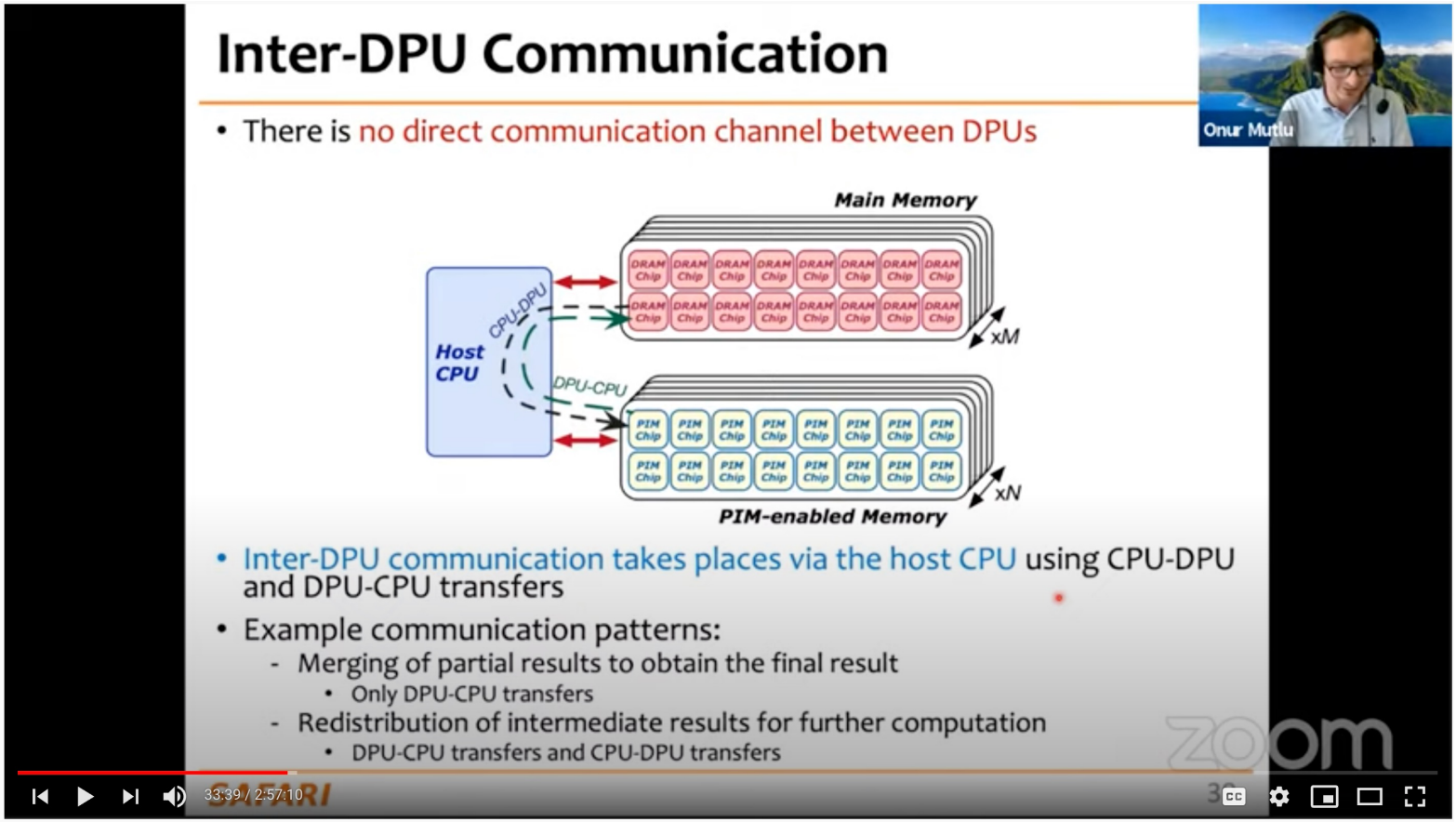

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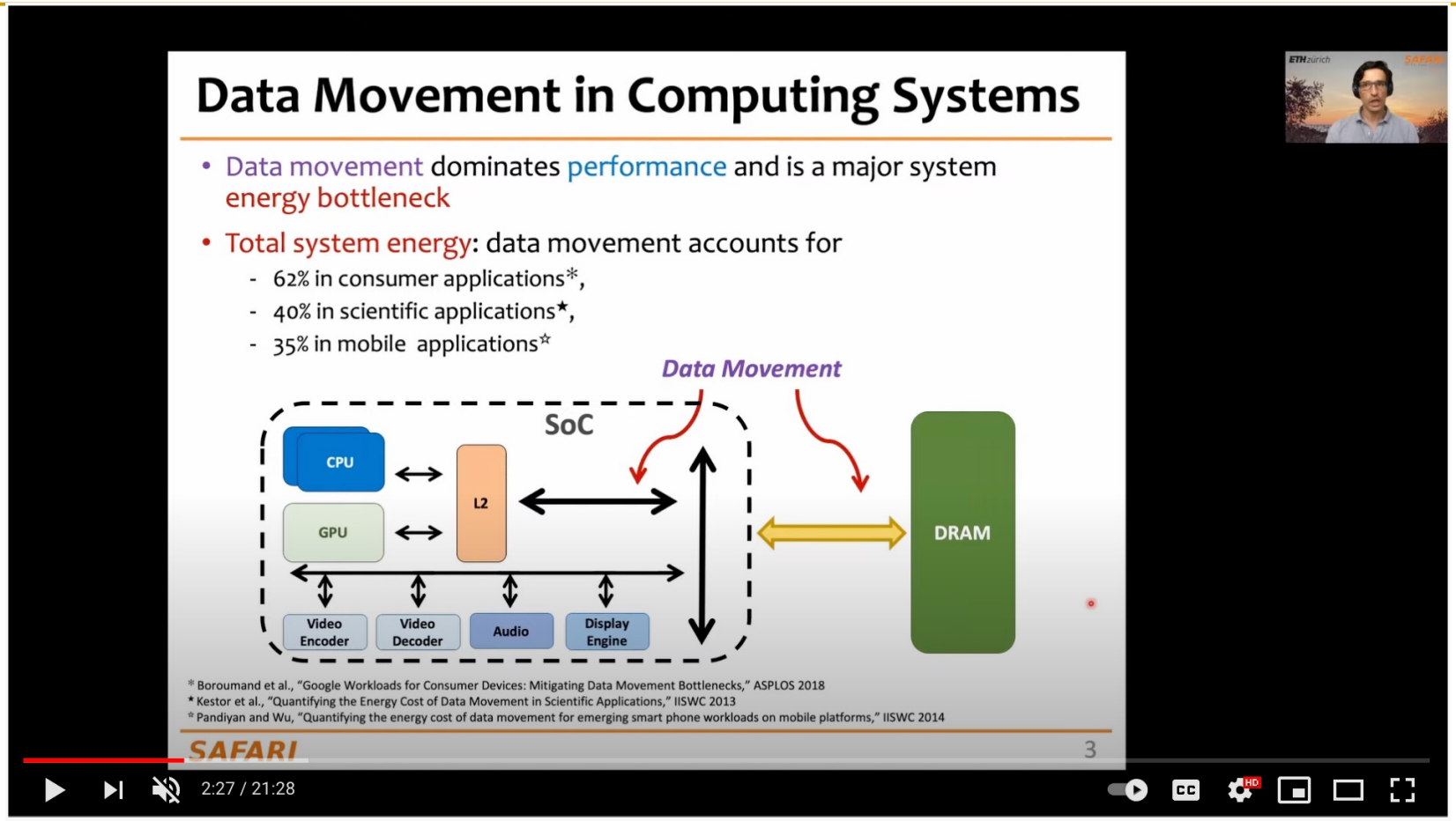

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DAMOV Analysis Methodology & Workloads

DAMOV: A New Methodology and Benchmark Suite for Evaluating Data Movement Bottlenecks

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Data movement between the CPU and main memory is a first-order obstacle against improving performance, scalability, and energy efficiency in modern systems. Computer systems employ a range of techniques to reduce overheads tied to data movement, spanning from traditional mechanisms (e.g., deep multi-level cache hierarchies, aggressive hardware prefetchers) to emerging techniques such as Near-Data Processing (NDP), where some computation is moved close to memory. Prior NDP works investigate the root causes of data movement bottlenecks using different profiling methodologies and tools. However, there is still a lack of understanding about the key metrics that can identify different data movement bottlenecks and their relation to traditional and emerging data movement mitigation mechanisms. Our goal is to methodically identify potential sources of data movement over a broad set of applications and to comprehensively compare traditional compute-centric data movement mitigation techniques (e.g., caching and prefetching) to more memory-centric techniques (e.g., NDP), thereby developing a rigorous understanding of the best techniques to mitigate each source of data movement.

With this goal in mind, we perform the first large-scale characterization of a wide variety of applications, across a wide range of application domains, to identify fundamental program properties that lead to data movement to/from main memory. We develop the first systematic methodology to classify applications based on the sources contributing to data movement bottlenecks. From our large-scale characterization of 77K functions across 345 applications, we select 144 functions to form the first open-source benchmark suite (DAMOV) for main memory data movement studies. We select a diverse range of functions that (1) represent different types of data movement bottlenecks, and (2) come from a wide range of application domains. Using NDP as a case study, we identify new insights about the different data movement bottlenecks and use these insights to determine the most suitable data movement mitigation mechanism for a particular application. We open-source DAMOV and the complete source code for our new characterization methodology at https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI/DAMOV.

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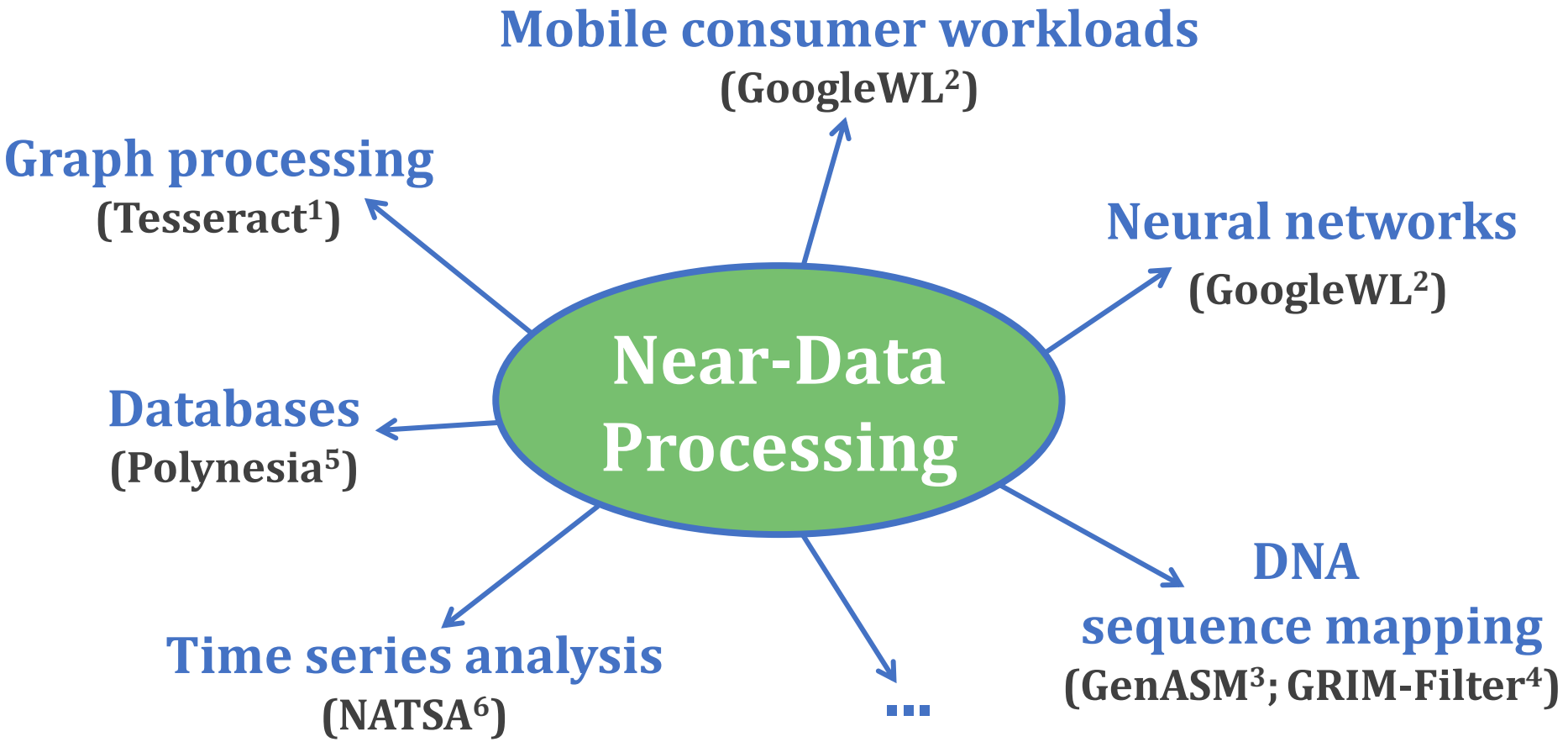

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Step 1: Application Profiling

- We analyze 345 applications from distinct domains:

- Graph Processing
- Deep Neural Networks
- Physics
- High-Performance Computing
- Genomics
- Machine Learning
- Databases
- Data Reorganization
- Image Processing
- Map-Reduce
- Benchmarking
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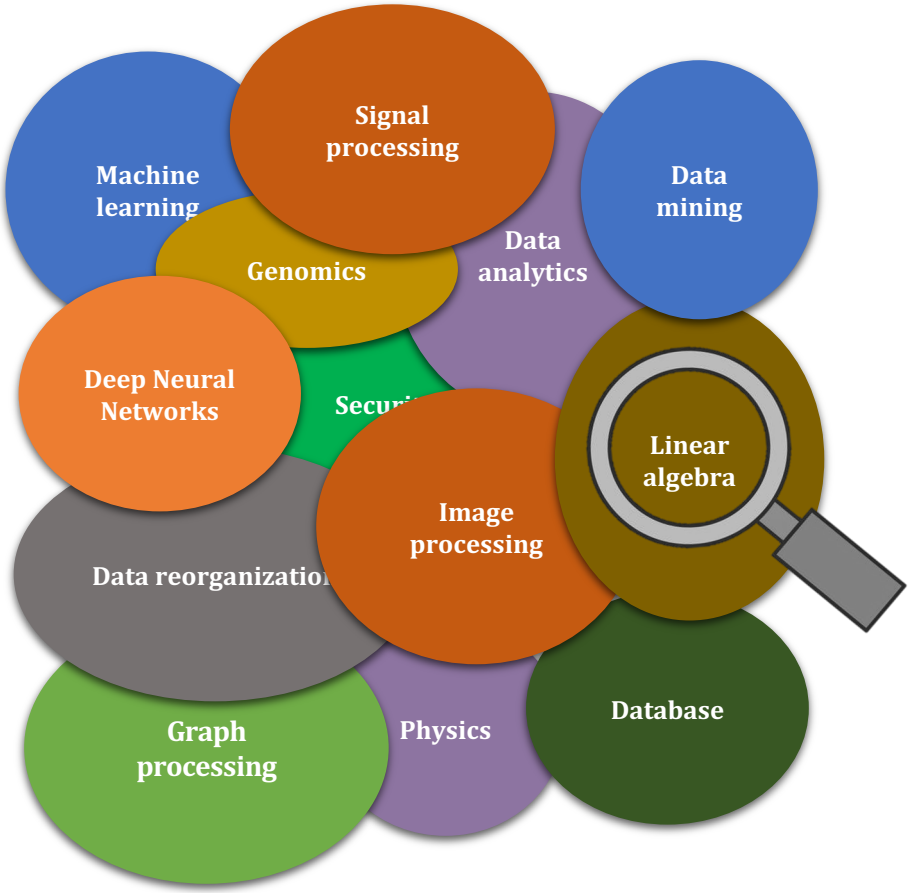

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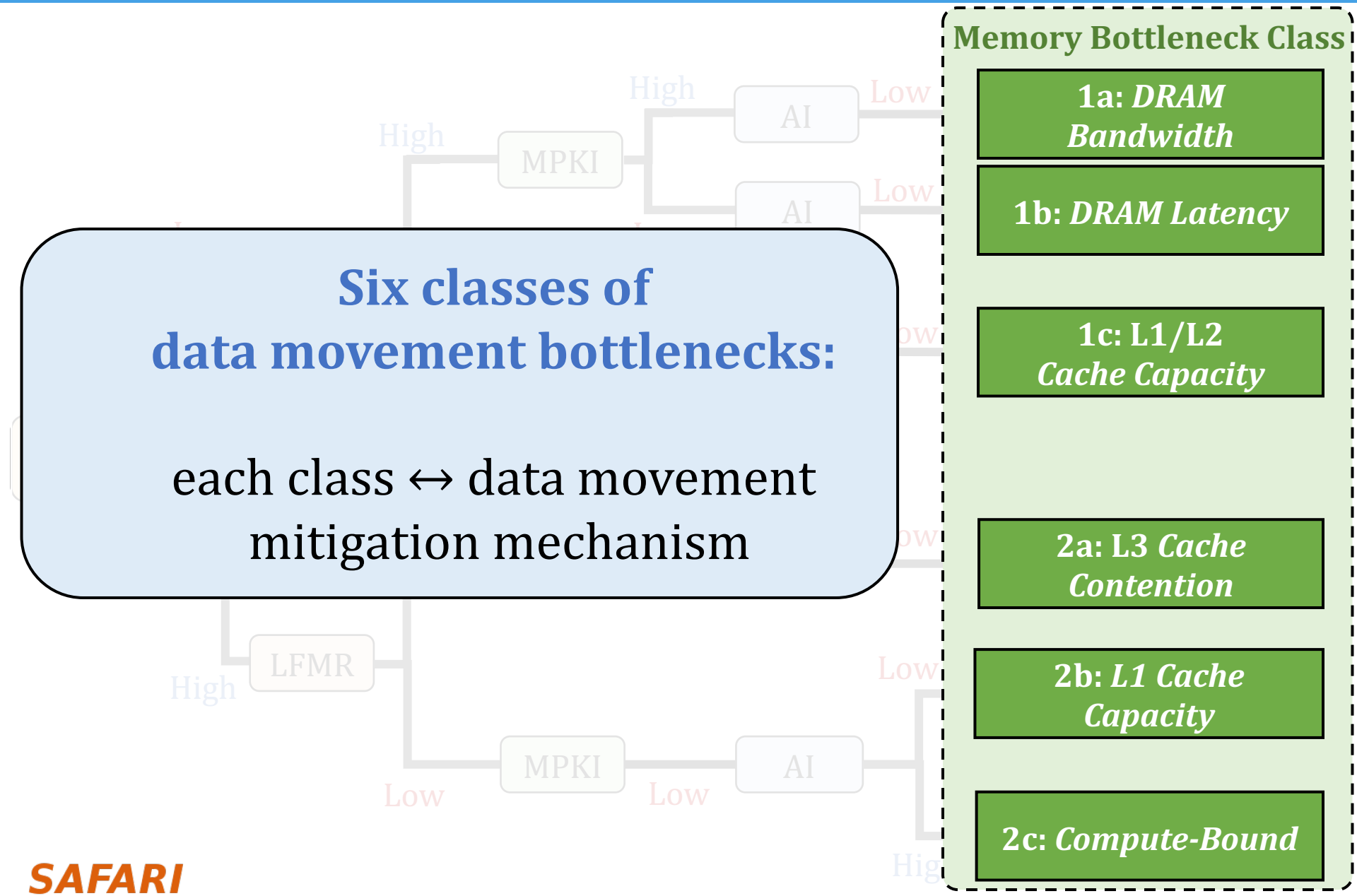

Six classes of data movement bottlenecks:

each class ↔ data movement mitigation mechanism

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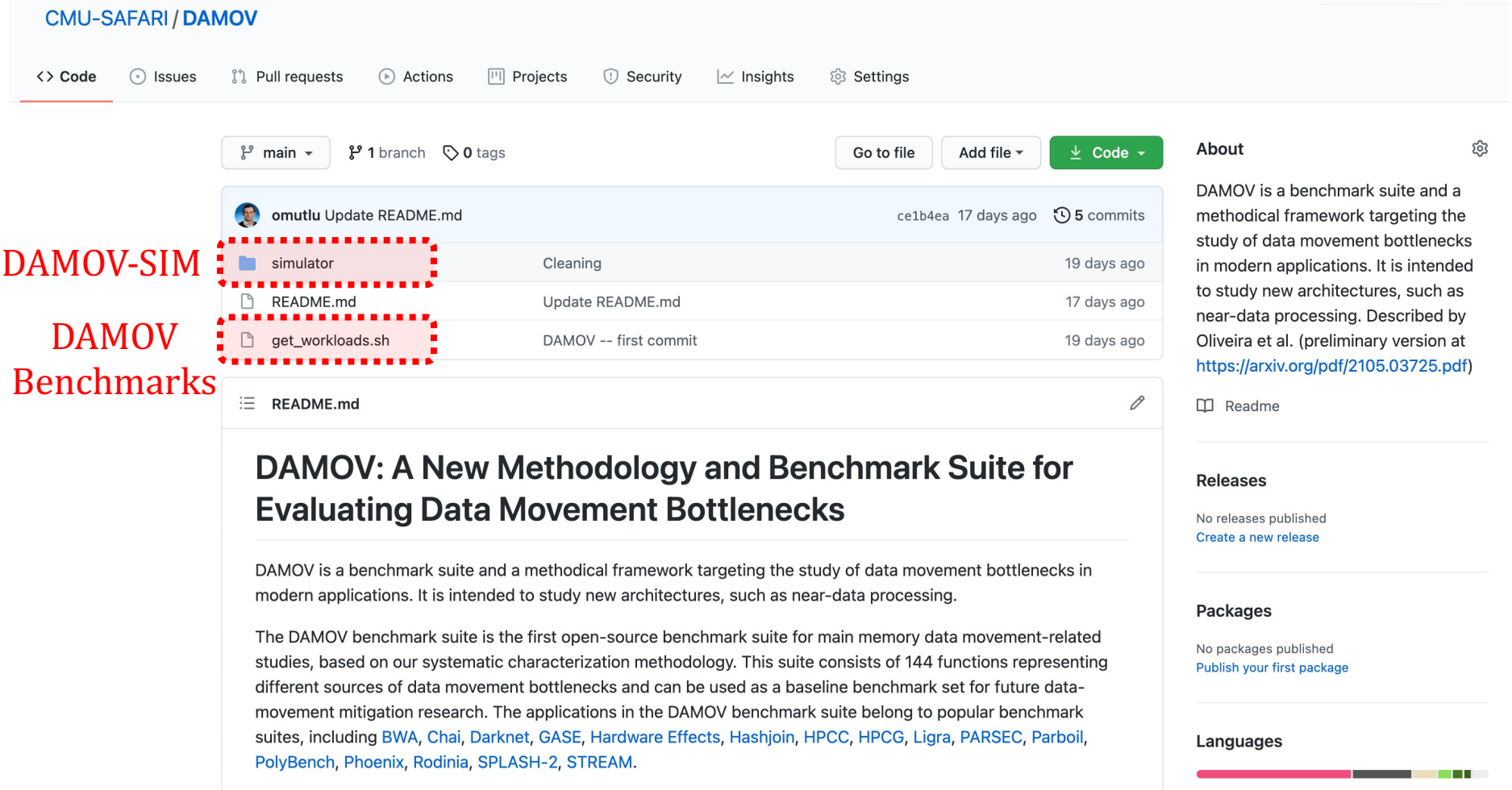

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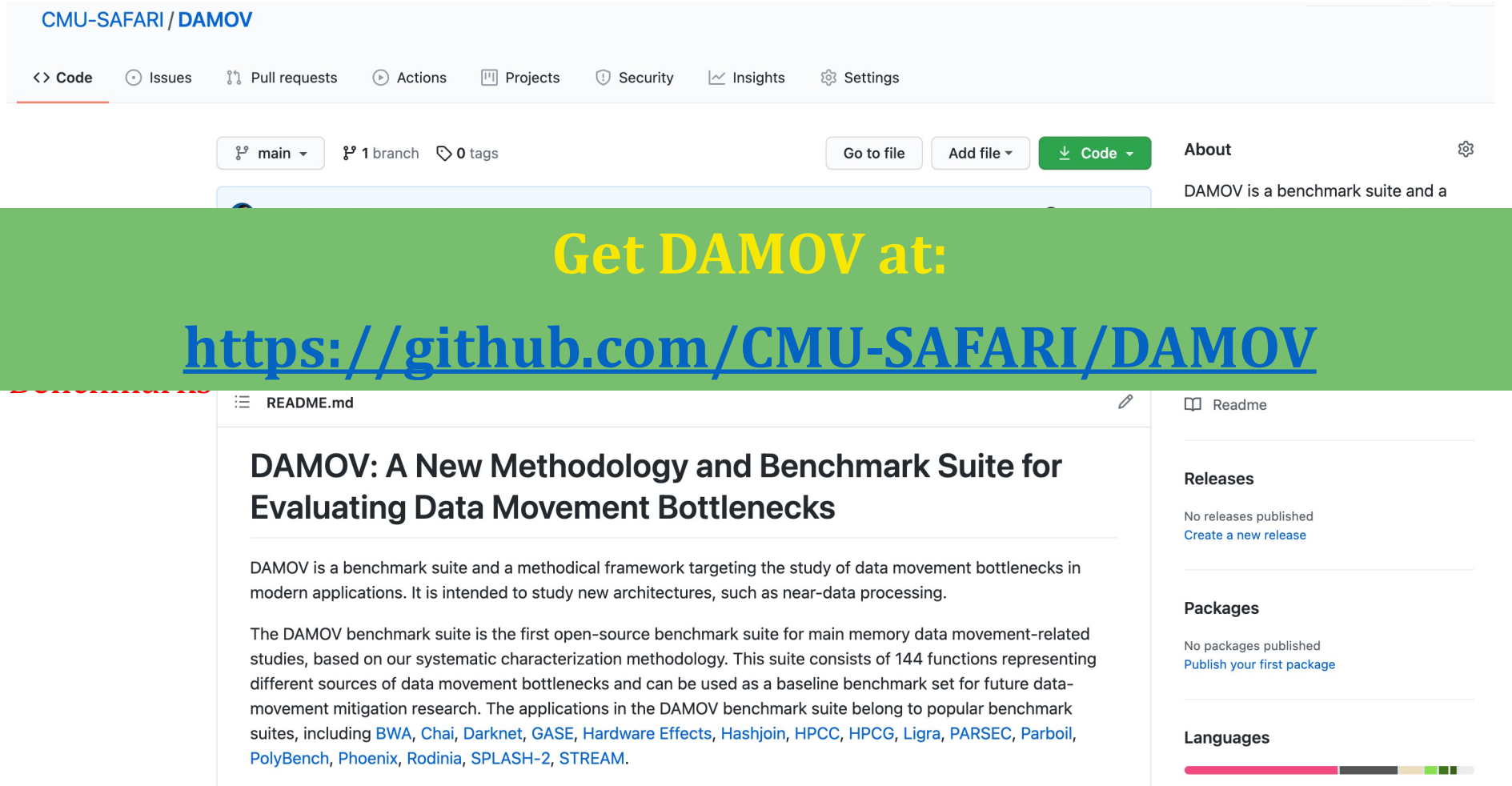

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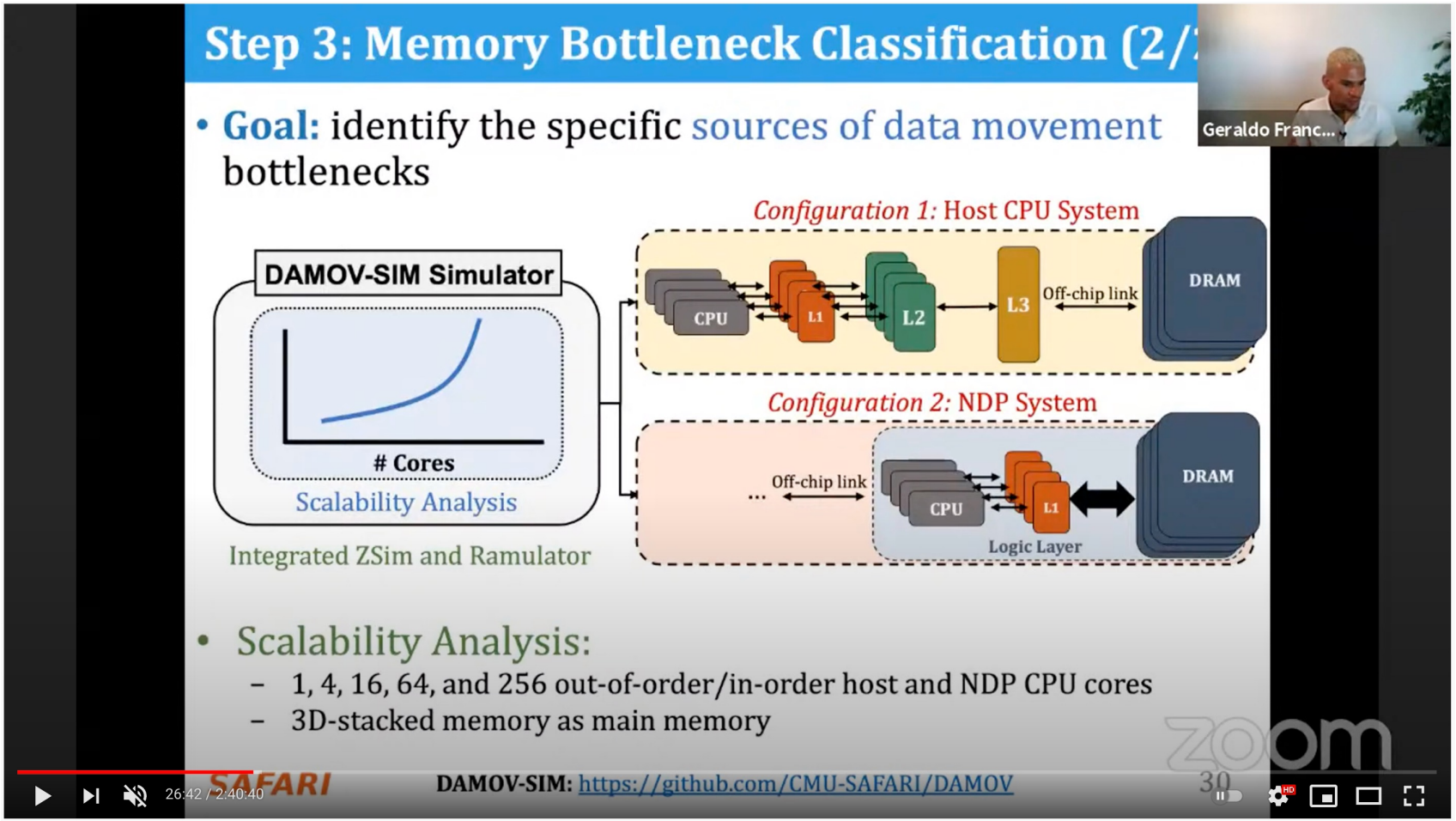

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Samsung Function-in-Memory DRAM (2021)

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Samsung Develops Industry's First High Bandwidth Memory with AI Processing Power

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The new architecture will deliver over twice the system performance and reduce energy consumption by more than 70%

Samsung Electronics, the world leader in advanced memory technology, today announced that it has developed the industry's first High Bandwidth Memory (HBM) integrated with artificial intelligence (AI) processing power — the HBM-PIM. The new processing-in-memory (PIM) architecture brings powerful AI computing capabilities inside high-performance memory, to accelerate large-scale processing in data centers, high performance computing (HPC) systems and AI-enabled mobile applications.

Kwangil Park, senior vice president of Memory Product Planning at Samsung Electronics stated, "Our groundbreaking HBM-PIM is the industry's first programmable PIM solution tailored for diverse AI-driven workloads such as HPC, training and inference. We plan to build upon this breakthrough by further collaborating with AI solution providers for even more advanced PIM-powered applications."

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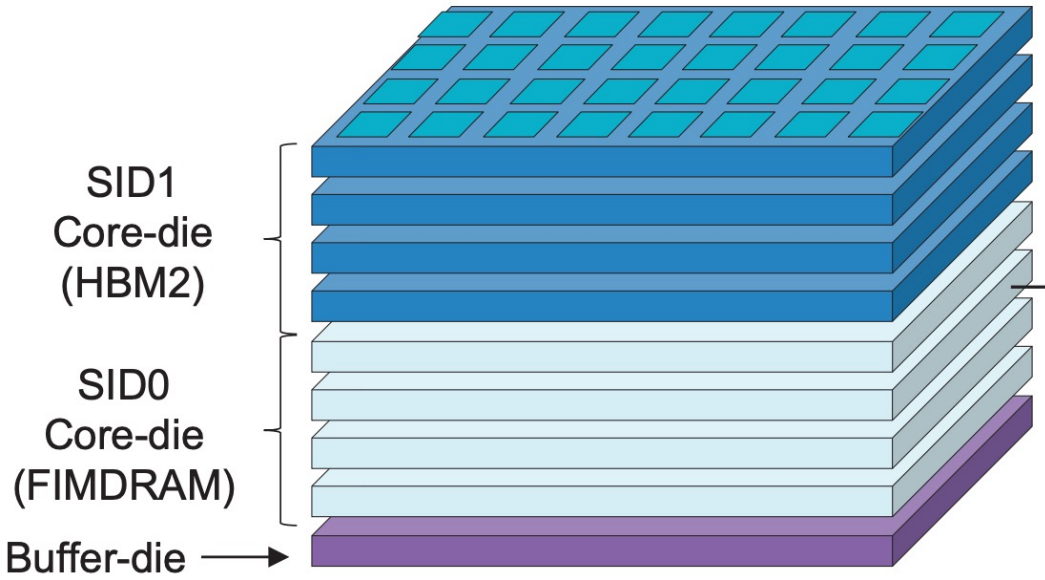
- FIMDRAM based on HBM2



[3D Chip Structure of HBM with FIMDRAM]

Chip Specification
128DQ / 8CH / 16 banks / BL4
32 PCU blocks (1 FIM block/2 banks)
1.2 TFLOPS (4H)
FP16 ADD / Multiply (MUL) / Multiply-Accumulate (MAC) / Multiply-and- Add (MAD)

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25.4 A 20nm 6GB Function-In-Memory DRAM, Based on HBM2 with a 1.2TFLOPS Programmable Computing Unit Using Bank-Level Parallelism, for Machine Learning Applications

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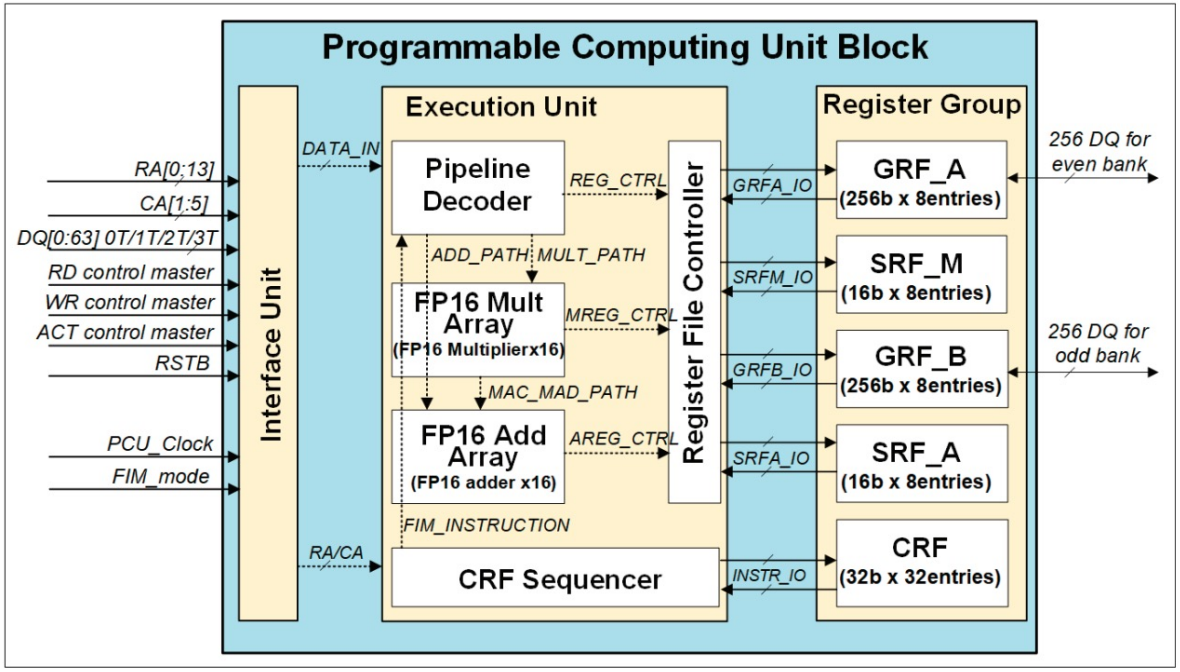
Samsung Function-in-Memory DRAM (2021)

Programmable Computing Unit

- Configuration of PCU block
  - Interface unit to control data flow
  - Execution unit to perform operations
  - Register group
    - 32 entries of CRF for instruction memory
    - 16 GRF for weight and accumulation
    - 16 SRF to store constants for MAC operations



[Block diagram of PCU in FIMDRAM]

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[Available instruction list for FIM operation]

Type	CMD	Description
Floating Point	ADD	FP16 addition
	MUL	FP16 multiplication
	MAC	FP16 multiply-accumulate
	MAD	FP16 multiply and add
Data Path	MOVE	Load or store data
	FILL	Copy data from bank to GRFs
Control Path	NOP	Do nothing
	JUMP	Jump instruction
	EXIT	Exit instruction

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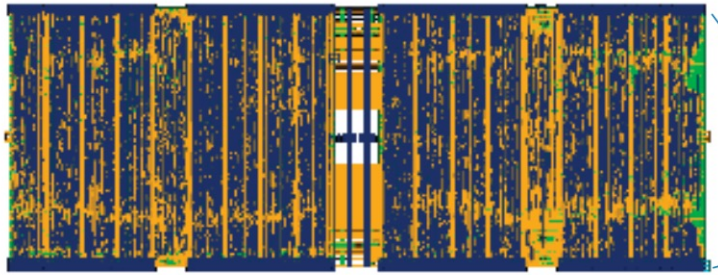
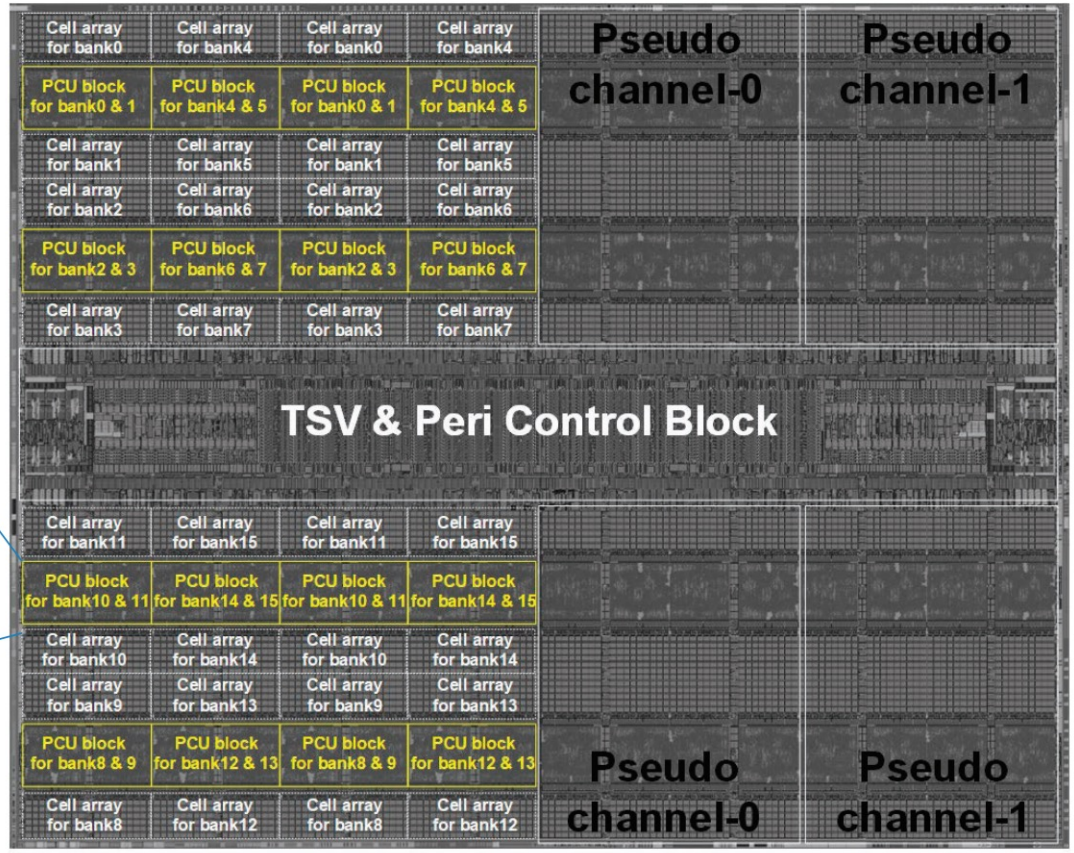
Chip Implementation

- Mixed design methodology to implement FIMDRAM
  - Full-custom + Digital RTL



[Digital RTL design for PCU block]



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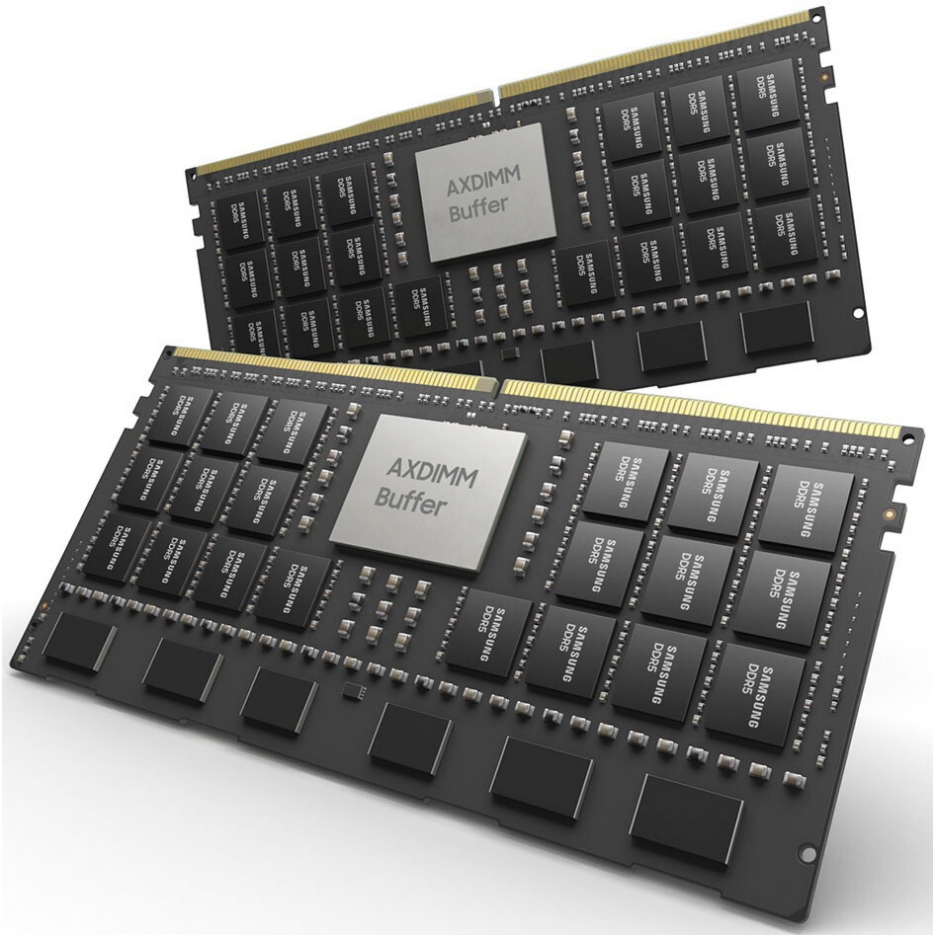

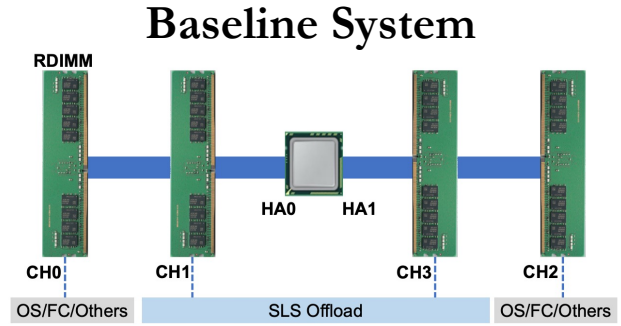

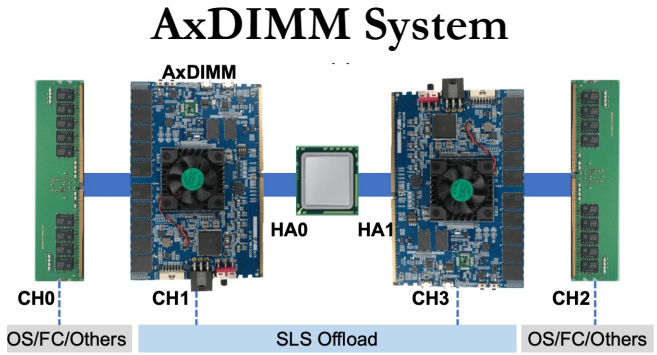

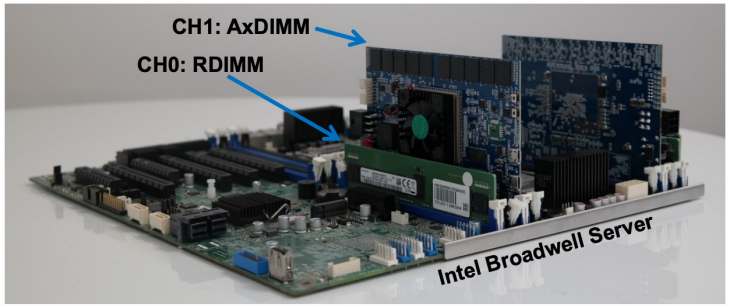

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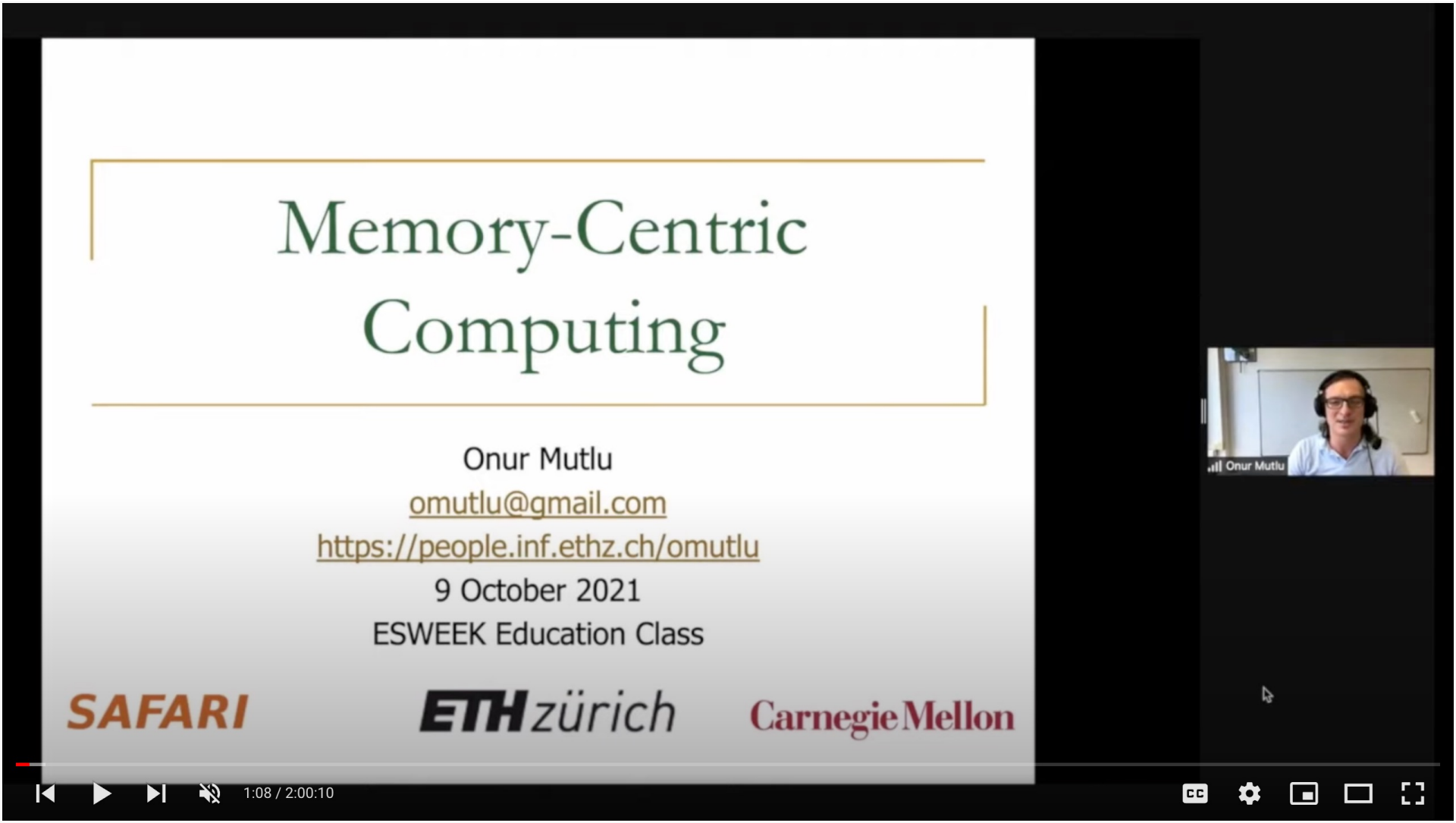

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Computing Architectures with Minimal Data Movement

Unfortunately, Little or No Time for the Next Two Parts

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Data-Driven

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Data-Aware

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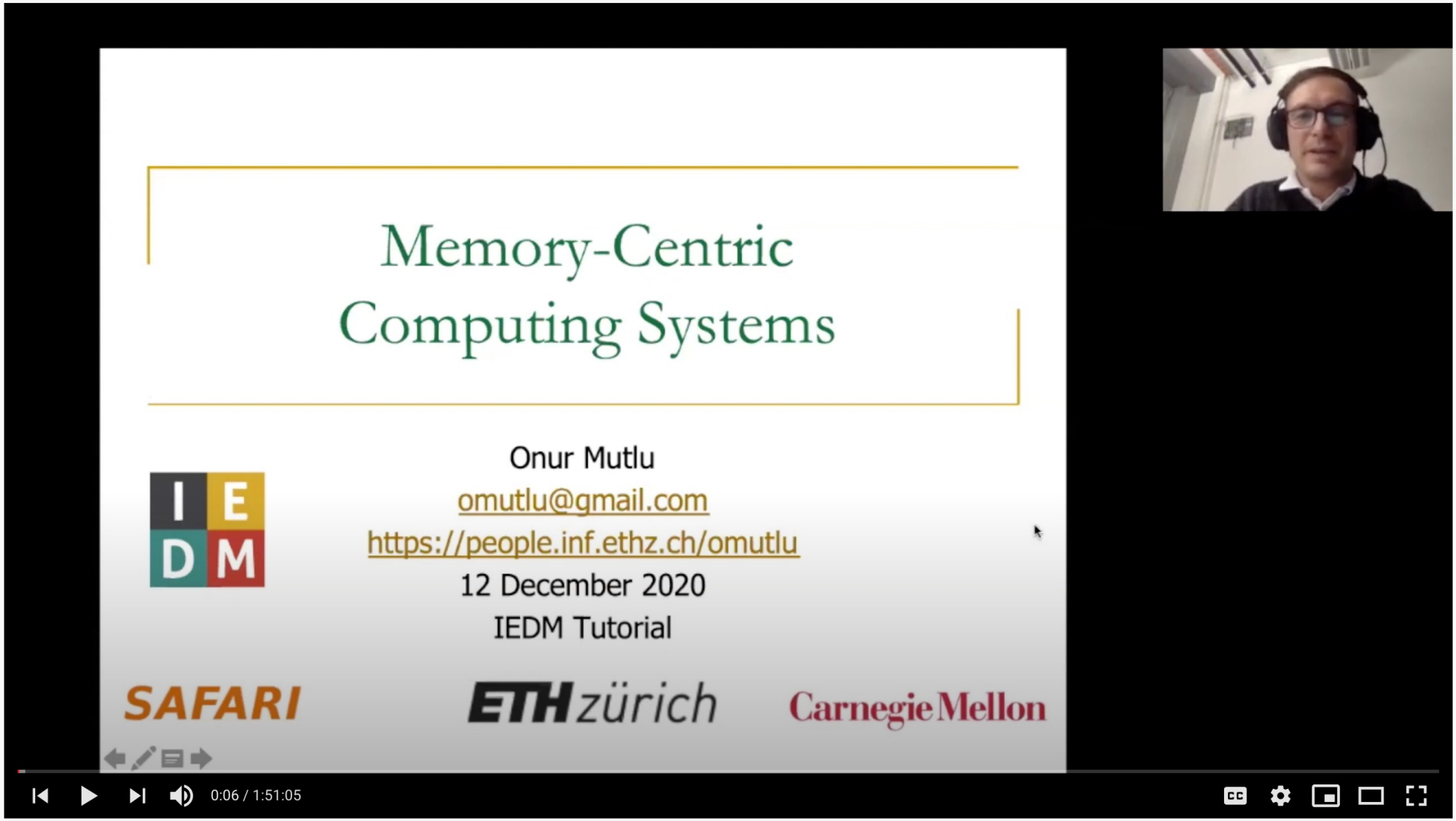

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- It is time to design principled system architectures to solve the data handling (i.e., memory/storage) problem
- Design complete systems to be truly balanced, high-performance, and **energy-efficient** → intelligent systems
  - **Data-centric, data-driven, data-aware**
- Enable computation capability inside and close to memory
- This can
  - Lead to **orders-of-magnitude** improvements
  - **Enable new applications & computing platforms**
  - **Enable better understanding of nature**
  - **…**

Fundamentally Better Architectures

Data-centric

Data-driven

Data-aware



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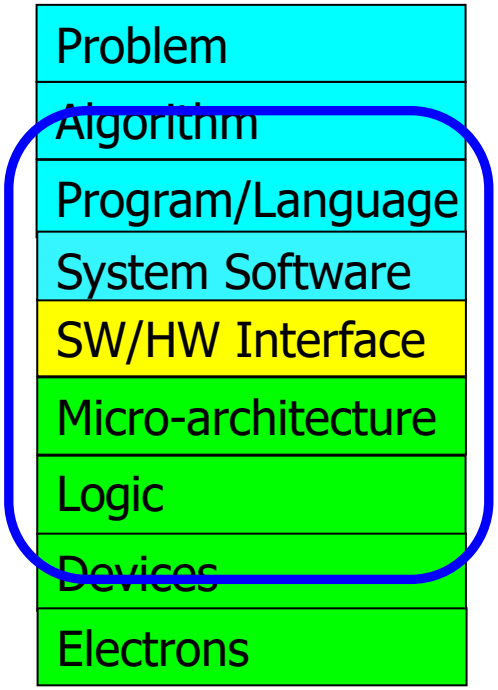
We Need to Revisit the Entire Stack



We can get there step by step

We Need to Exploit Good Principles

- Data-centric system design
- All components intelligent
- Better (cross-layer) communication, better interfaces
- Better-than-worst-case design
- Heterogeneity
- Flexibility, adaptability

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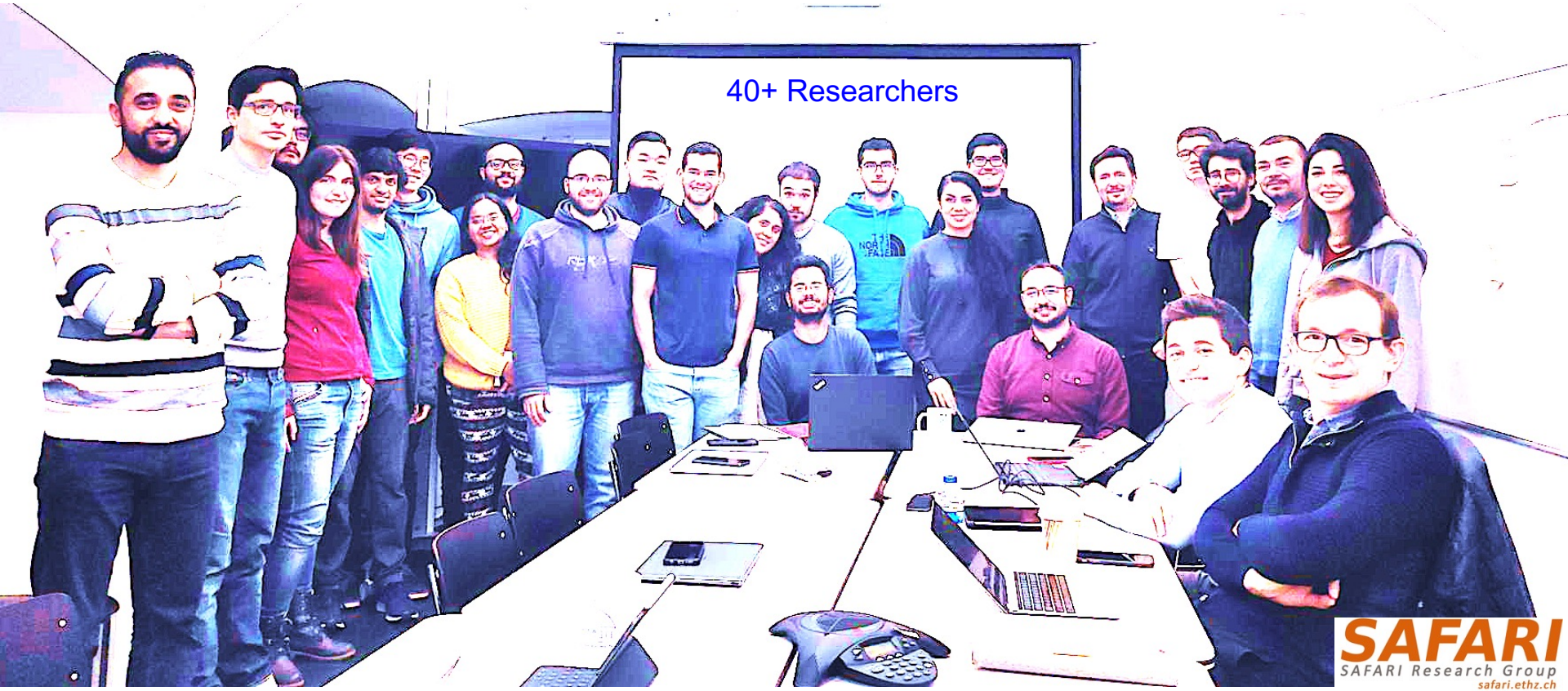

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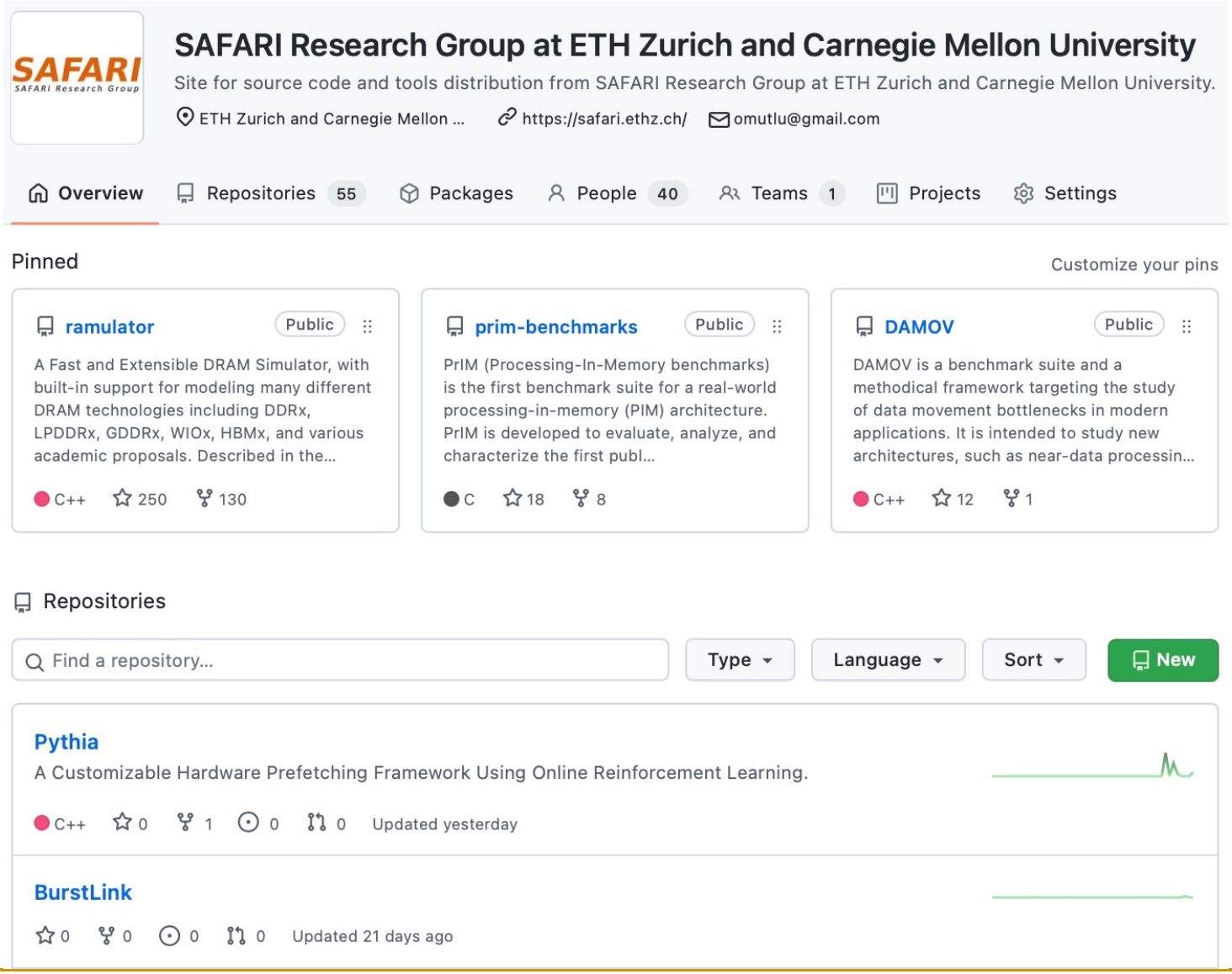

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- All components intelligent & equal partners
- Easy collaboration & partitioning across all components
- Fine-grained communication of data & tasks
- Seamless caching & translation & protection anywhere
- Execution anywhere without rewriting code
- Flexibility, adaptability, self-optimization

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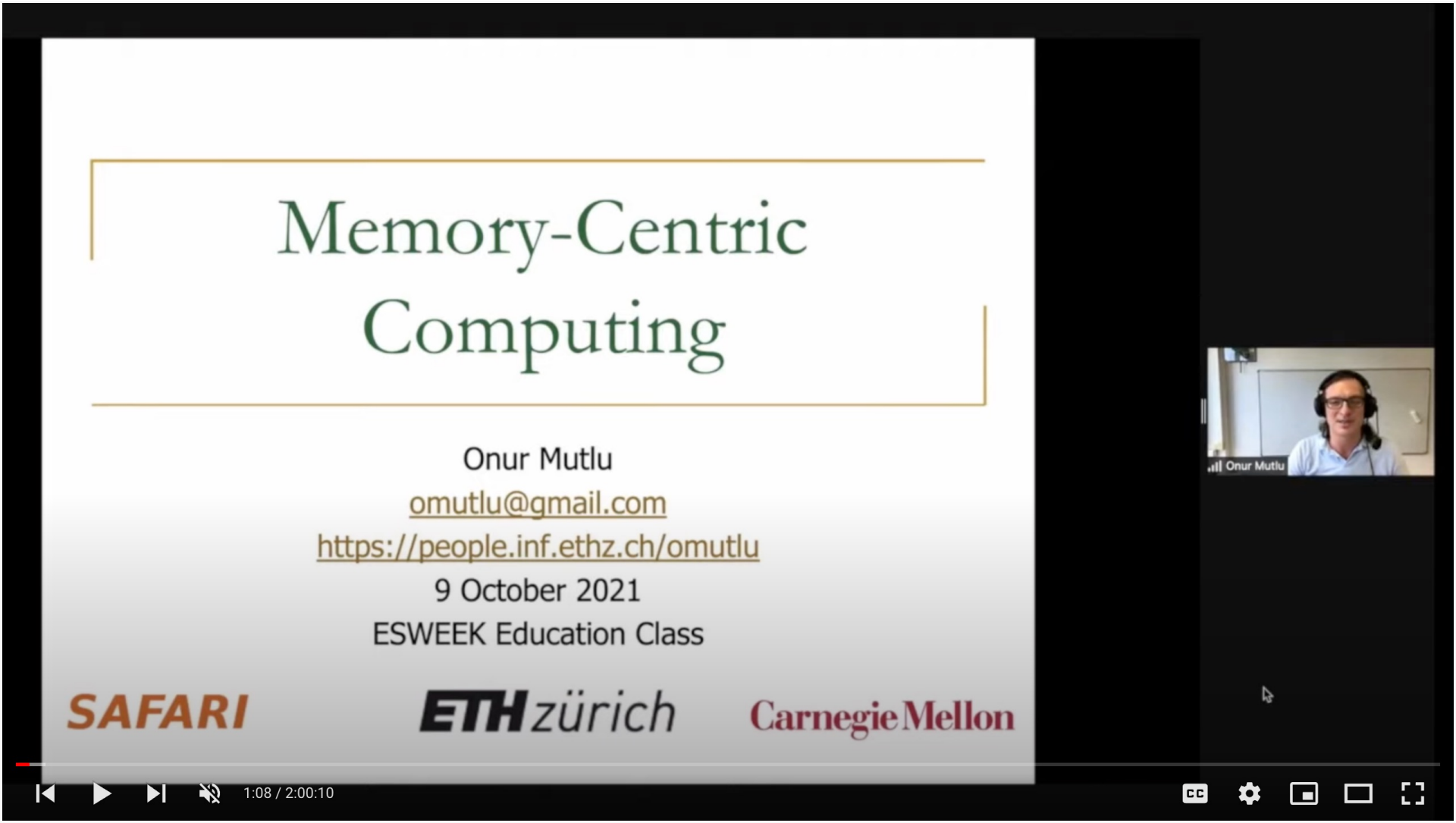

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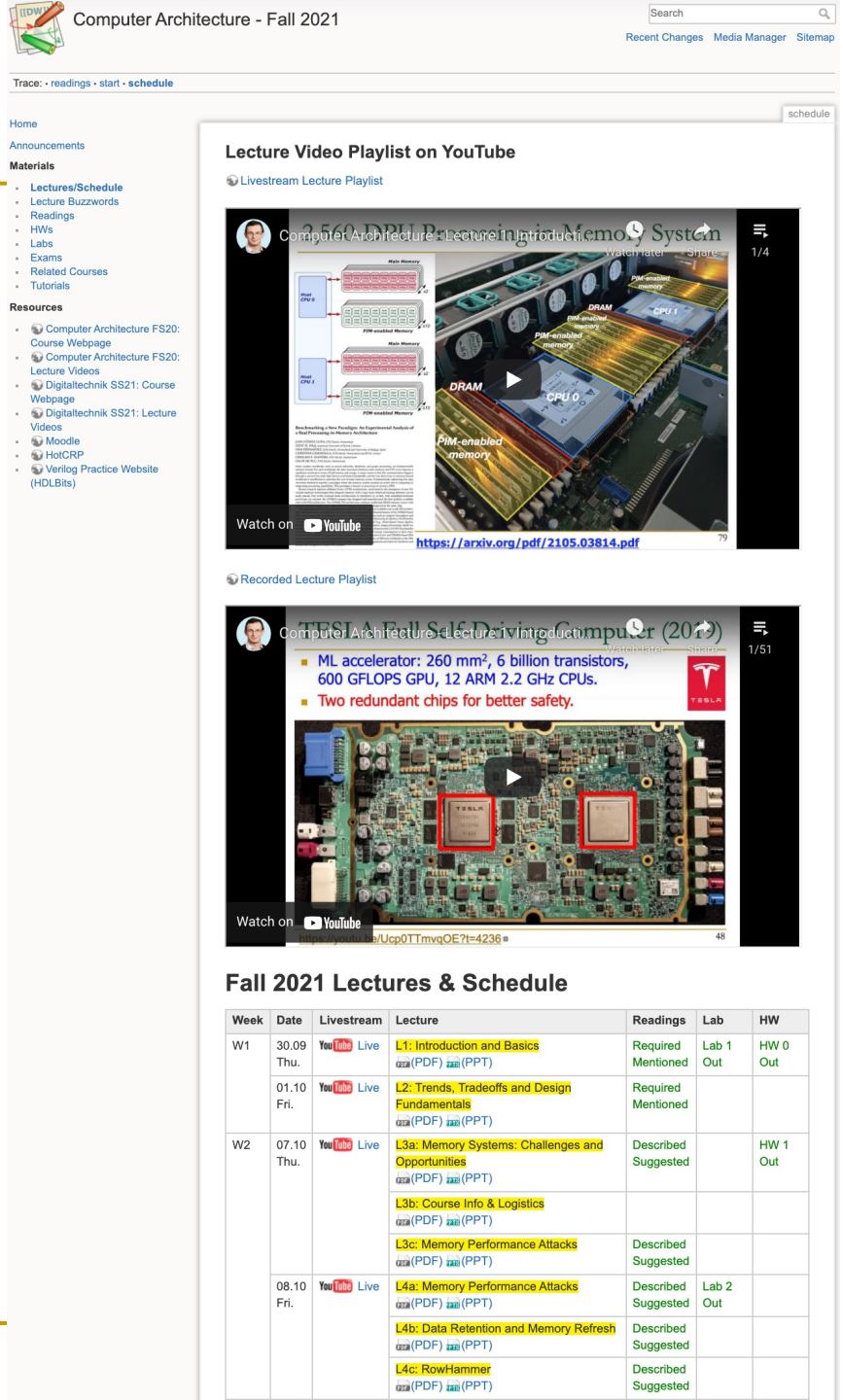

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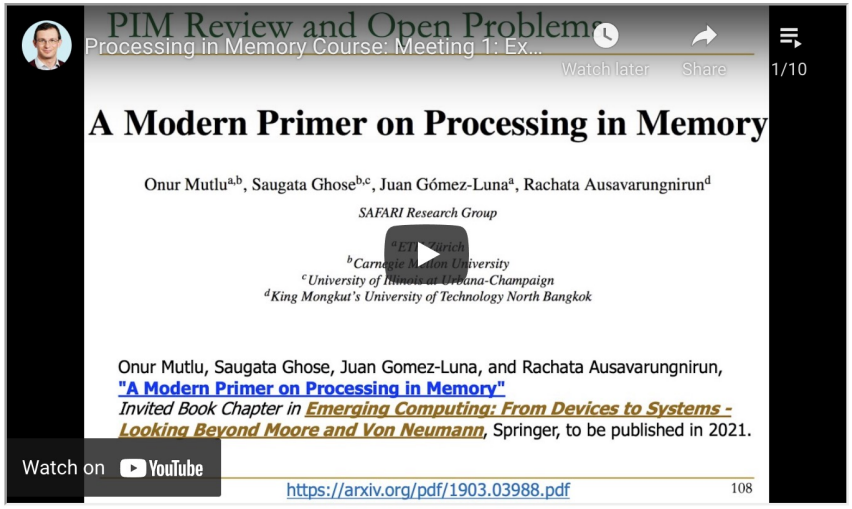

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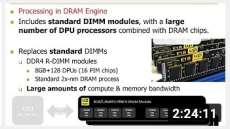

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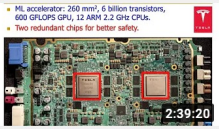

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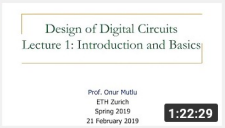

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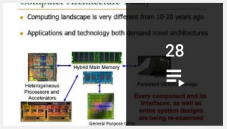

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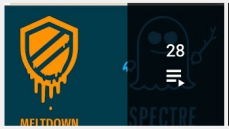

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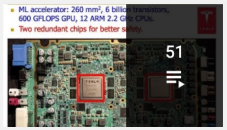

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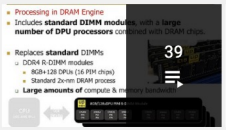

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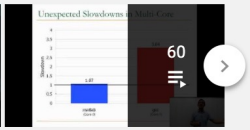

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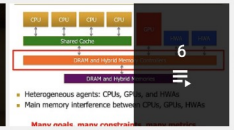

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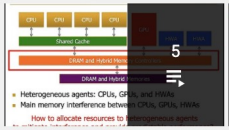

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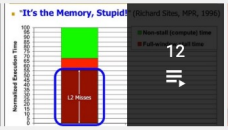

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Data-Driven Architectures

Corollaries: Architectures Today …

- Architectures are terrible at dealing with data
  - Designed to mainly store and move data vs. to compute
  - They are processor-centric as opposed to **data-centric**

- Architectures are terrible at taking advantage of vast amounts of data (and metadata) available to them
  - Designed to make simple decisions, ignoring lots of data
  - They make human-driven decisions vs. **data-driven** decisions

- Architectures are terrible at knowing and exploiting different properties of application data
  - Designed to treat all data as the same
  - They make component-aware decisions vs. **data-aware**

Exploiting Data to Design Intelligent Architectures

System Architecture Design Today

- Human-driven
  - Humans design the policies (how to do things)
- Many (too) simple, short-sighted policies all over the system
- No automatic data-driven policy learning
- (Almost) no learning: cannot take lessons from past actions

Can we design fundamentally intelligent architectures?

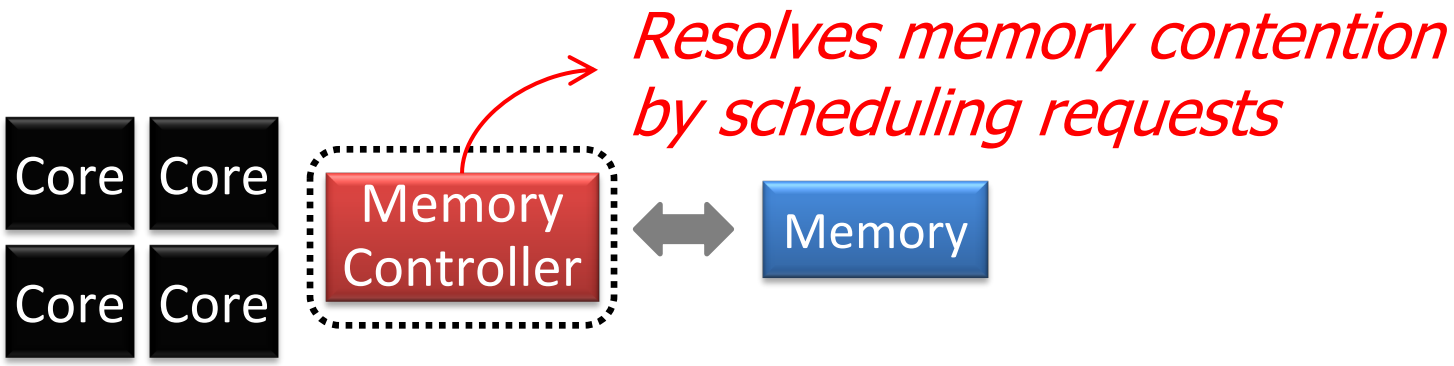
An Intelligent Architecture

- Data-driven
  - Machine learns the "best" policies (how to do things)
- Sophisticated, workload-driven, changing, far-sighted policies
- Automatic data-driven policy learning
- All controllers are intelligent data-driven agents

How do we start?

Self-Optimizing Memory Controllers

Memory Controller



How to schedule requests to maximize system performance?

Why are Memory Controllers Difficult to Design?

- Need to obey DRAM timing constraints for correctness
  - There are many (50+) timing constraints in DRAM
  - tWTR: Minimum number of cycles to wait before issuing a read command after a write command is issued
  - tRC: Minimum number of cycles between the issuing of two consecutive activate commands to the same bank
  - …
- Need to keep track of many resources to prevent conflicts
  - Channels, banks, ranks, data bus, address bus, row buffers, …
- Need to handle DRAM refresh
- Need to manage power consumption
- Need to optimize performance & QoS (in the presence of constraints)
  - Reordering is not simple
  - Fairness and QoS needs complicates the scheduling problem
- …

Many Memory Timing Constraints

Latency	Symbol	DRAM cycles	Latency	Symbol	DRAM cycles
Precharge	^tRP	11	Activate to read/write	^tRCD	11
Read column address strobe	CL	11	Write column address strobe	CWL	8
Additive	AL	0	Activate to activate	^tRC	39
Activate to precharge	^tRAS	28	Read to precharge	^tRTP	6
Burst length	^tBL	4	Column address strobe to column address strobe	^tCCD	4
Activate to activate (different bank)	^tRRD	6	Four activate windows	^tFAW	24
Write to read	^tWTR	6	Write recovery	^tWR	12

Table 4. DDR3 1600 DRAM timing specifications

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Many Memory Timing Constraints

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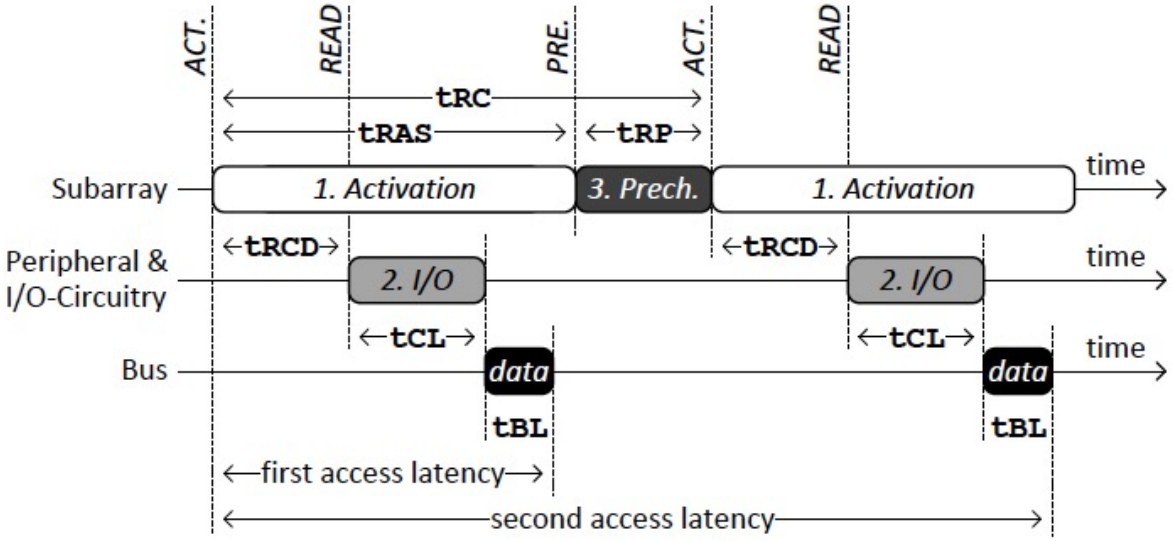
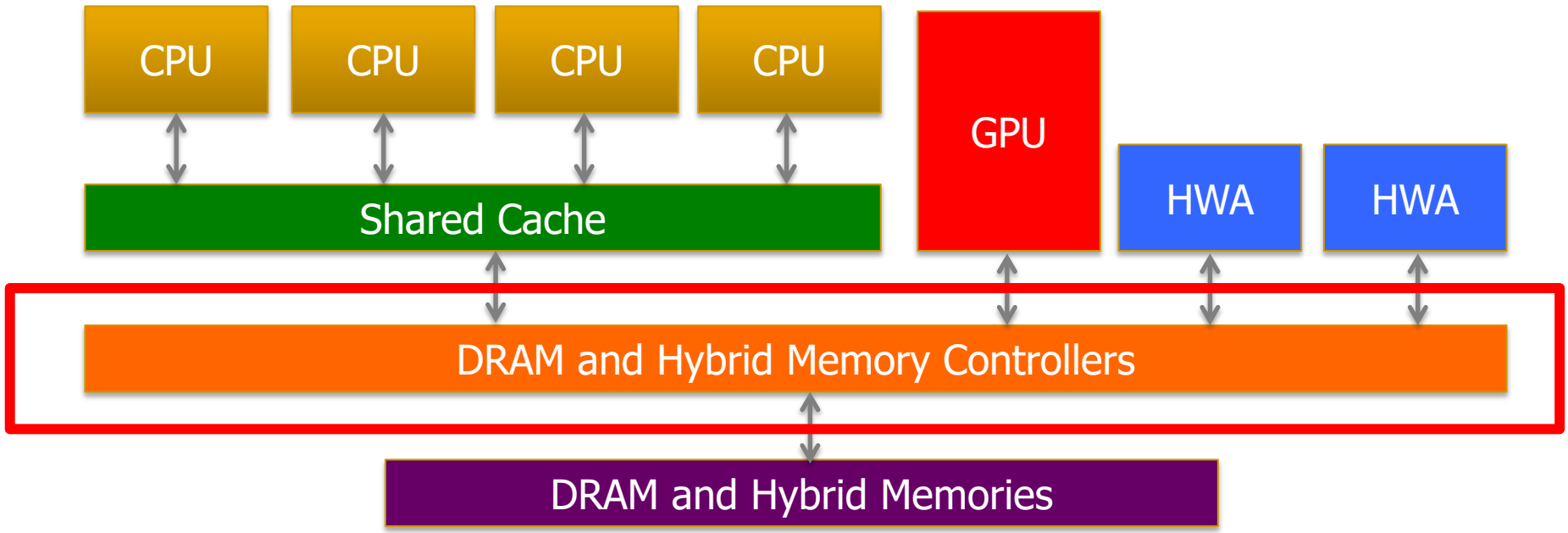


Figure 5. Three Phases of DRAM Access

Table 2. Timing Constraints (DDR3-1066) [43]

Phase	Commands	Name	Value
1	ACT → READ ACT → WRITE	tRCD	15ns
	ACT → PRE	tRAS	37.5ns
2	READ → *data* WRITE → *data*	tCL tCWL	15ns 11.25ns
	data burst	tBL	7.5ns
3	PRE → ACT	tRP	15ns
1 & 3	ACT → ACT	tRC (tRAS+tRP)	52.5ns

Memory Controller Design Is Becoming More Difficult



- Heterogeneous agents: CPUs, GPUs, and HWAs
- Main memory interference between CPUs, GPUs, HWAs
- Many timing constraints for various memory types
- Many goals at the same time: performance, fairness, QoS, energy efficiency, …

Reality and Dream

- Reality: It difficult to design a policy that maximizes performance, QoS, energy-efficiency, …
  - Too many things to think about
  - Continuously changing workload and system behavior

- Dream: Wouldn't it be nice if the DRAM controller automatically found a good scheduling policy on its own?

Self-Optimizing DRAM Controllers

- Problem: DRAM controllers are difficult to design
  - It is difficult for human designers to design a policy that can adapt itself very well to different workloads and different system conditions
- Idea: A memory controller that adapts its scheduling policy to workload behavior and system conditions using machine learning.
- Observation: Reinforcement learning maps nicely to memory control.
- Design: Memory controller is a reinforcement learning agent
  - It dynamically and continuously learns and employs the best scheduling policy to maximize long-term performance.

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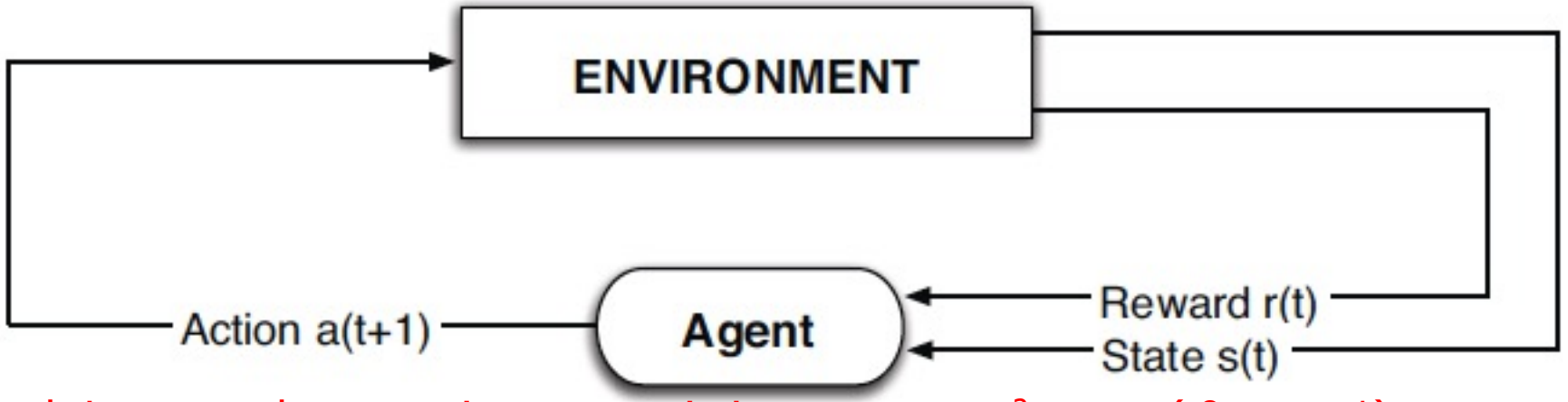
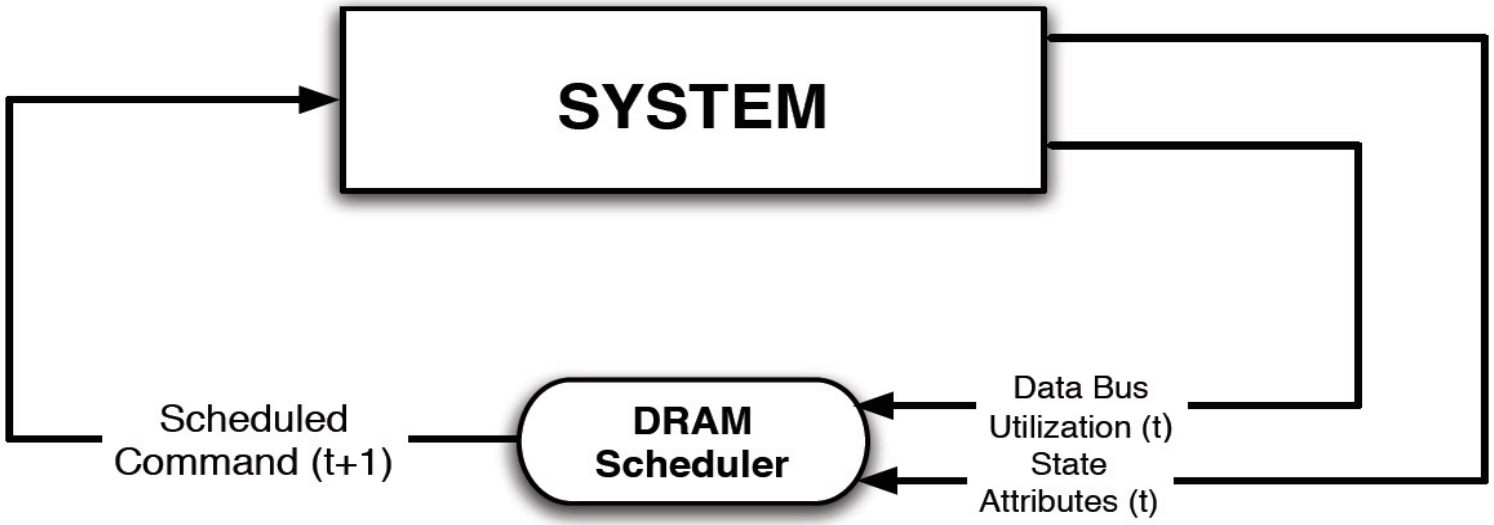


Goal: Learn to choose actions to maximize $r_0 + \gamma r_1 + \gamma^2 r_2 + \ldots$ ($0 \leq \gamma < 1$)

Figure 2: (a) Intelligent agent based on reinforcement learning principles;

Self-Optimizing DRAM Controllers

- Dynamically adapt the memory scheduling policy via interaction with the system at runtime
  - Associate system states and actions (commands) with long term reward values: each action at a given state leads to a learned reward
  - Schedule command with highest estimated long-term reward value in each state
  - Continuously update reward values for <state, action> pairs based on feedback from system



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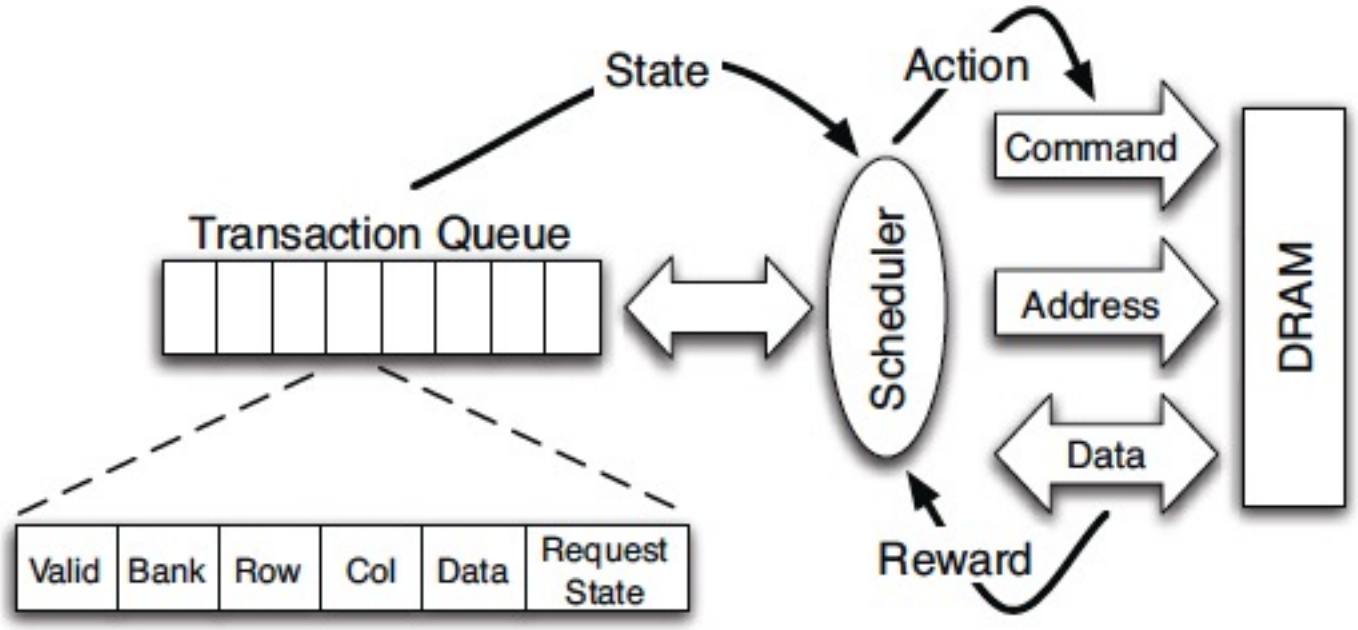

Figure 4: High-level overview of an RL-based scheduler.

States, Actions, Rewards

- Reward function
  - +1 for scheduling Read and Write commands
  - 0 at all other times

  Goal is to maximize long-term data bus utilization
- State attributes
  - Number of reads, writes, and load misses in transaction queue
  - Number of pending writes and ROB heads waiting for referenced row
  - Request's relative ROB order
- Actions
  - Activate
  - Write
  - Read - load miss
  - Read - store miss
  - Precharge - pending
  - Precharge - preemptive
  - NOP

Performance Results

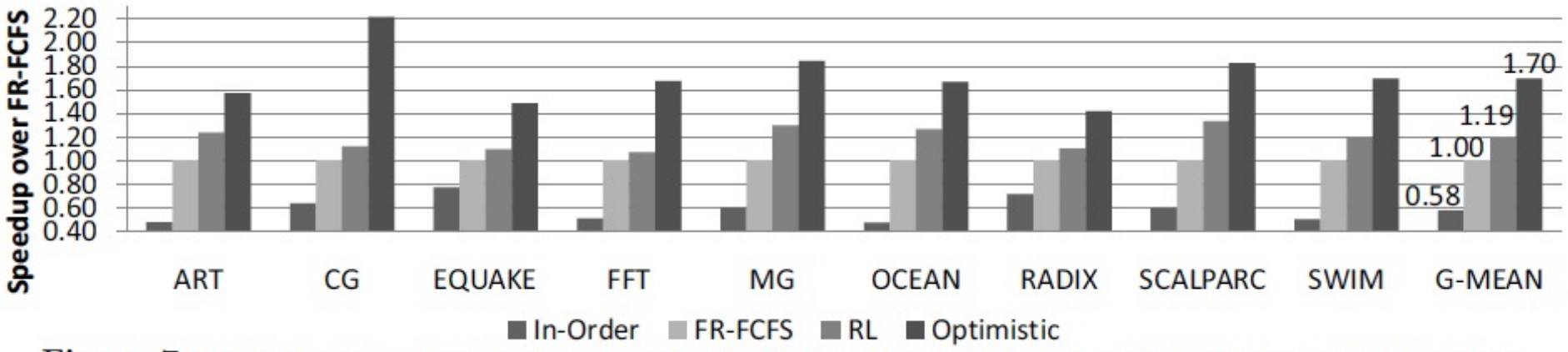

Figure 7: Performance comparison of in-order, FR-FCFS, RL-based, and optimistic memory controllers

Large, robust performance improvements over many human-designed policies

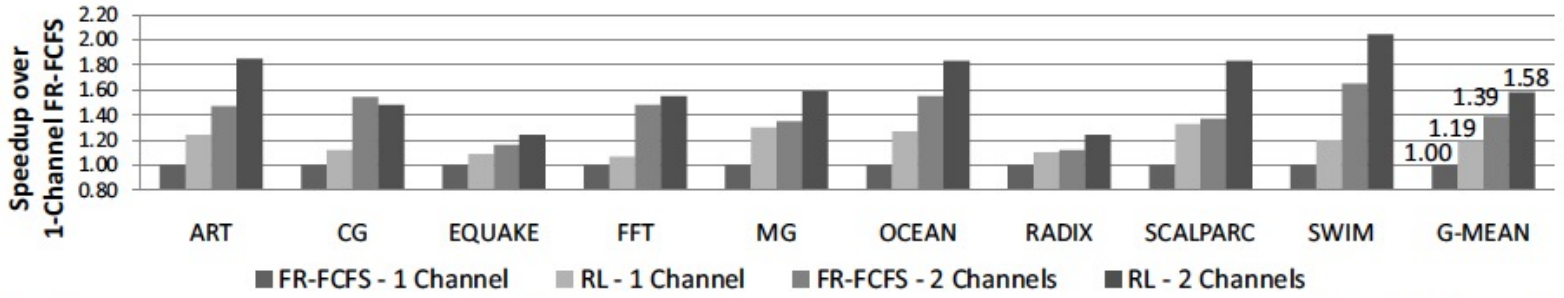

Figure 15: Performance comparison of FR-FCFS and RL-based memory controllers on systems with 6.4GB/s and 12.8GB/s peak DRAM bandwidth

Self Optimizing DRAM Controllers

+ Continuous learning in the presence of changing environment

+ Reduced designer burden in finding a good scheduling policy.
Designer specifies:

1) What system variables might be useful
2) What target to optimize, but not how to optimize it

-- How to specify different objectives? (e.g., fairness, QoS, …)

-- Hardware complexity?

-- Design **mindset** and flow

More on Self-Optimizing DRAM Controllers

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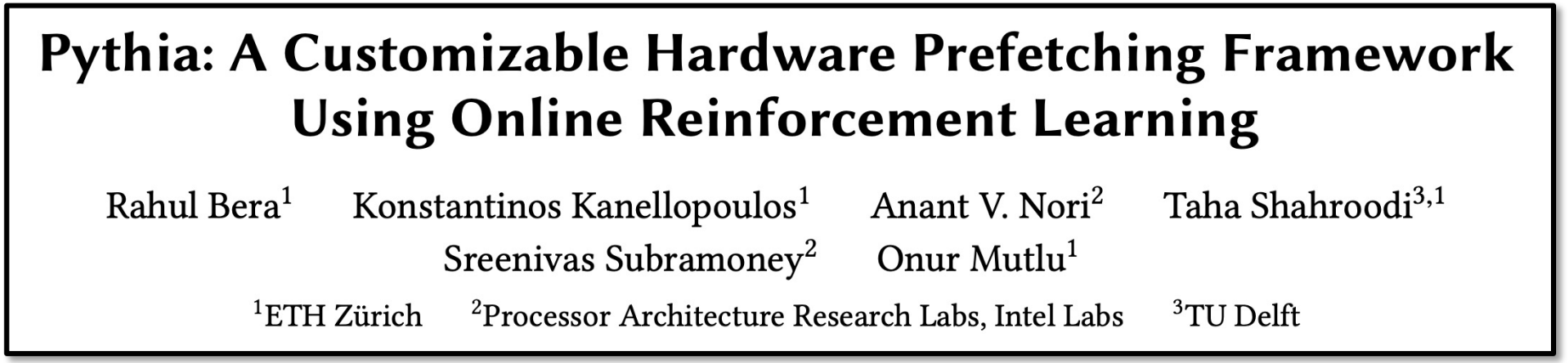

Pythia: A Customizable Hardware Prefetching Framework Using Online Reinforcement Learning

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Executive Summary

- **Background**: Prefetchers predict addresses of future memory requests by associating memory access patterns with program context (called **feature**)
- **Problem**: Three key shortcomings of prior prefetchers:
  - Predict mainly using a **single program feature**
  - Lack **inherent system awareness** (e.g., memory bandwidth usage)
  - Lack **in-silicon customizability**
- **Goal**: Design a prefetching framework that:
  - Learns from **multiple features** and **inherent system-level feedback**
  - Can be **customized in silicon** to use different features and/or prefetching objectives
- **Contribution**: Pythia, which formulates prefetching as reinforcement learning problem
  - Takes **adaptive** prefetch decisions using multiple features and system-level feedback
  - Can be **customized in silicon** for target workloads via simple configuration registers
  - Proposes **a realistic and practical** implementation of RL algorithm in hardware
- **Key Results**:
  - Evaluated using a wide range of workloads from SPEC CPU, PARSEC, Ligra, Cloudsuite
  - Outperforms best prefetcher (in 1-core config.) by **3.4%, 7.7% and 17%** in 1/4/bw-constrained cores
  - Up to **7.8% more performance** over basic Pythia across Ligra workloads via simple customization

https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI/Pythia

Key Shortcomings in Prior Prefetchers

- We observe **three key shortcomings** that significantly limit performance benefits of prior prefetchers

1 Predict mainly using a single program feature

2 Lack inherent system awareness

3 Lack in-silicon customizability

Our Goal

A **prefetching framework** that can:

1. Learn to prefetch using **multiple features** and **inherent system-level feedback** information

2. Be **easily customized in silicon** to use different features and/or change prefetcher's objectives

Our Proposal



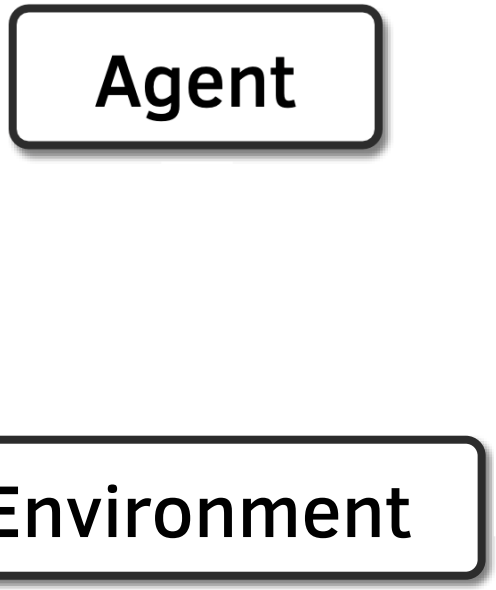
Pythia

Formulates prefetching as a
reinforcement learning problem

Pythia is named after the oracle of Delphi, who is known for her accurate prophecies
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pythia

Basics of Reinforcement Learning (RL)

- Algorithmic approach to learn to take an **action** in a given **situation** to maximize a numerical **reward**

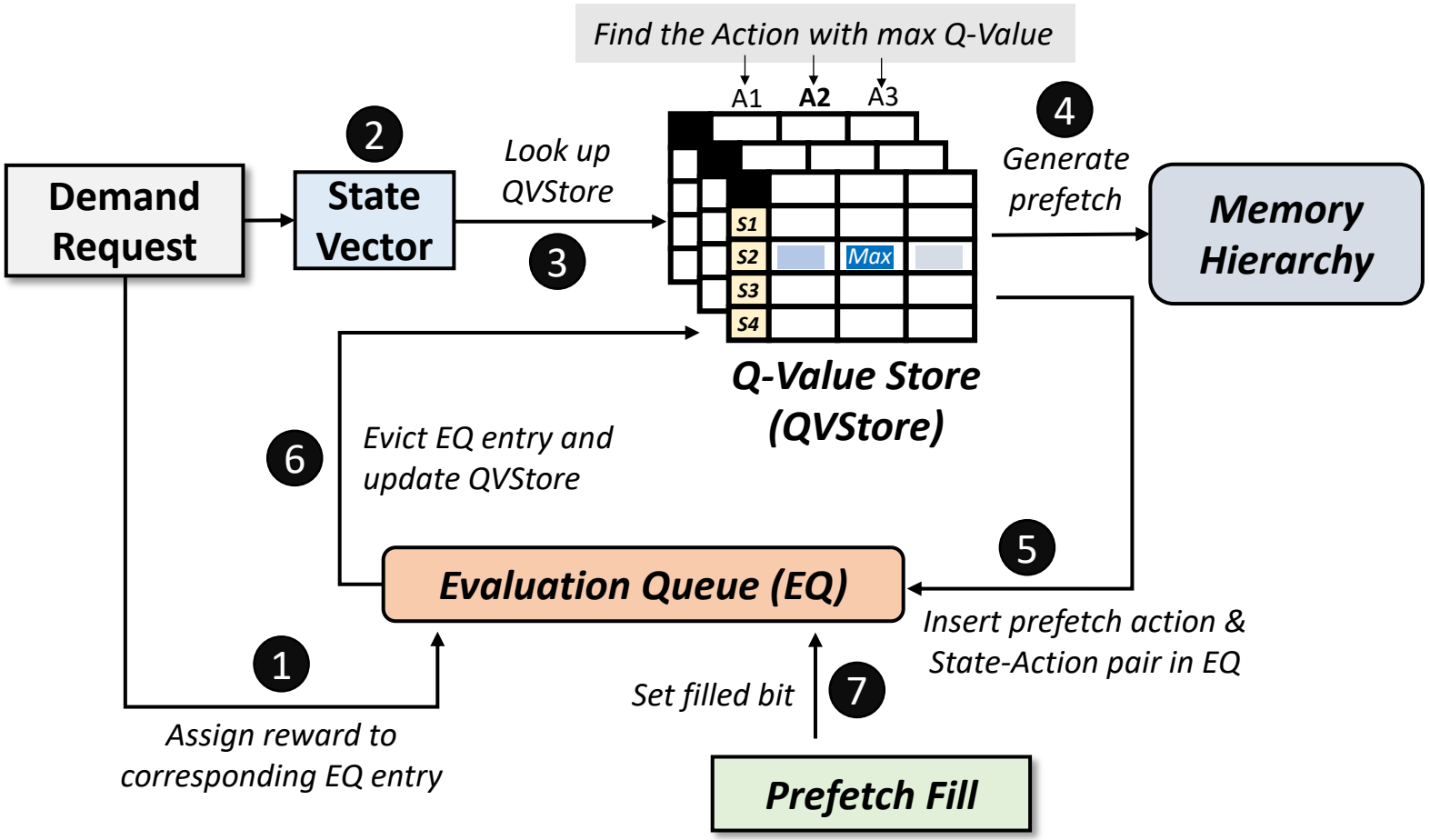


- Agent stores **Q-values** for *every* state-action pair
  - **Expected return** for taking an action in a state
  - Given a state, selects action that provides **highest** Q-value

Formulating Prefetching as RL

Pythia Overview

- **Q-Value Store**: Records Q-values for *all* state-action pairs
- **Evaluation Queue**: A FIFO queue of recently-taken actions



Simulation Methodology

- **Champsim** [3] trace-driven simulator
- **150** single-core memory-intensive workload traces
  - SPEC CPU2006 and CPU2017
  - PARSEC 2.1
  - Ligra
  - Cloudsuite
- Homogeneous and heterogeneous multi-core mixes
- **Five** state-of-the-art prefetchers
  - SPP [Kim+, MICRO'16]
  - Bingo [Bakhshalipour+, HPCA'19]
  - MLOP [Shakerinava+, 3rd Prefetching Championship, 2019]
  - SPP+DSPatch [Bera+, MICRO'19]
  - SPP+PPF [Bhatia+, ISCA'20]

[3] https://github.com/ChampSim/ChampSim

Basic Pythia Configuration

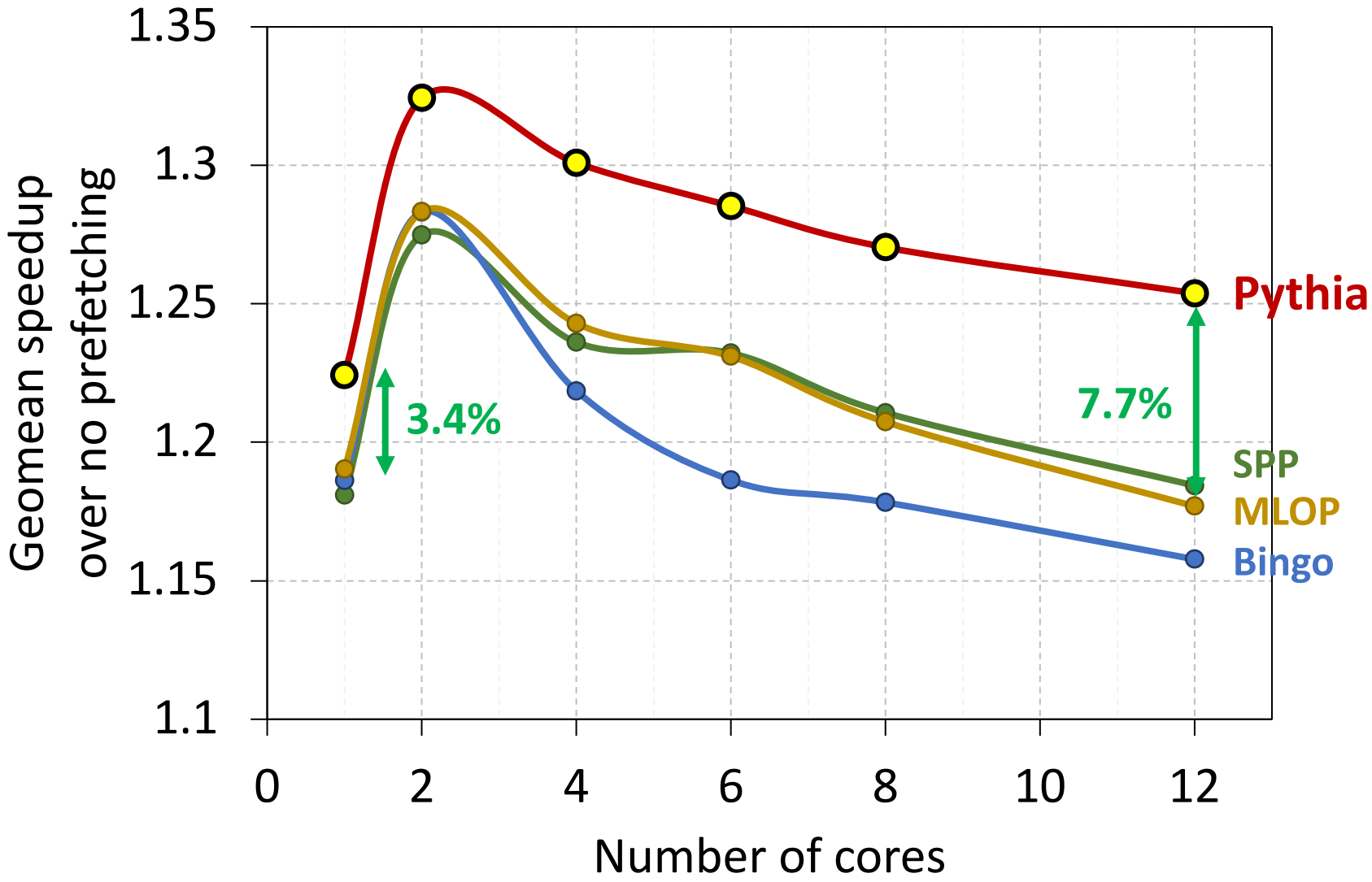
- Derived from **automatic design-space exploration**

- **State:** 2 features
  - PC+Delta
  - Sequence of last-4 deltas

- **Actions:** 16 prefetch offsets
  - Ranging between -6 to +32. Including 0.

- **Rewards:**
  - R_{AT} = +20; R_{AL} = +12; R_{NP}-H=-2; R_{NP}-L=-4;
  - R_{IN}-H=-14; R_{IN}-L=-8; R_{CL}=-12

Performance with Varying Core Count



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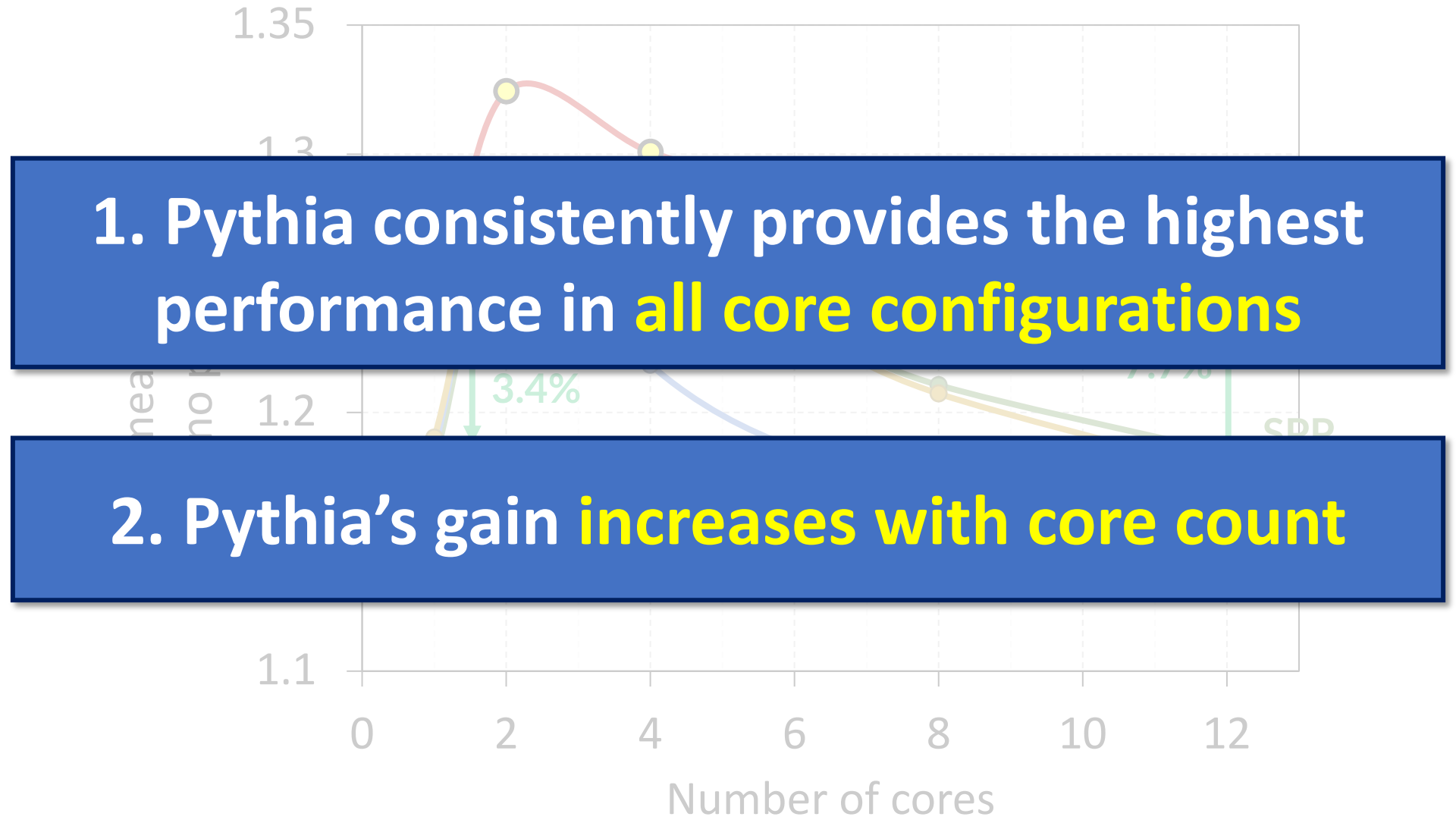
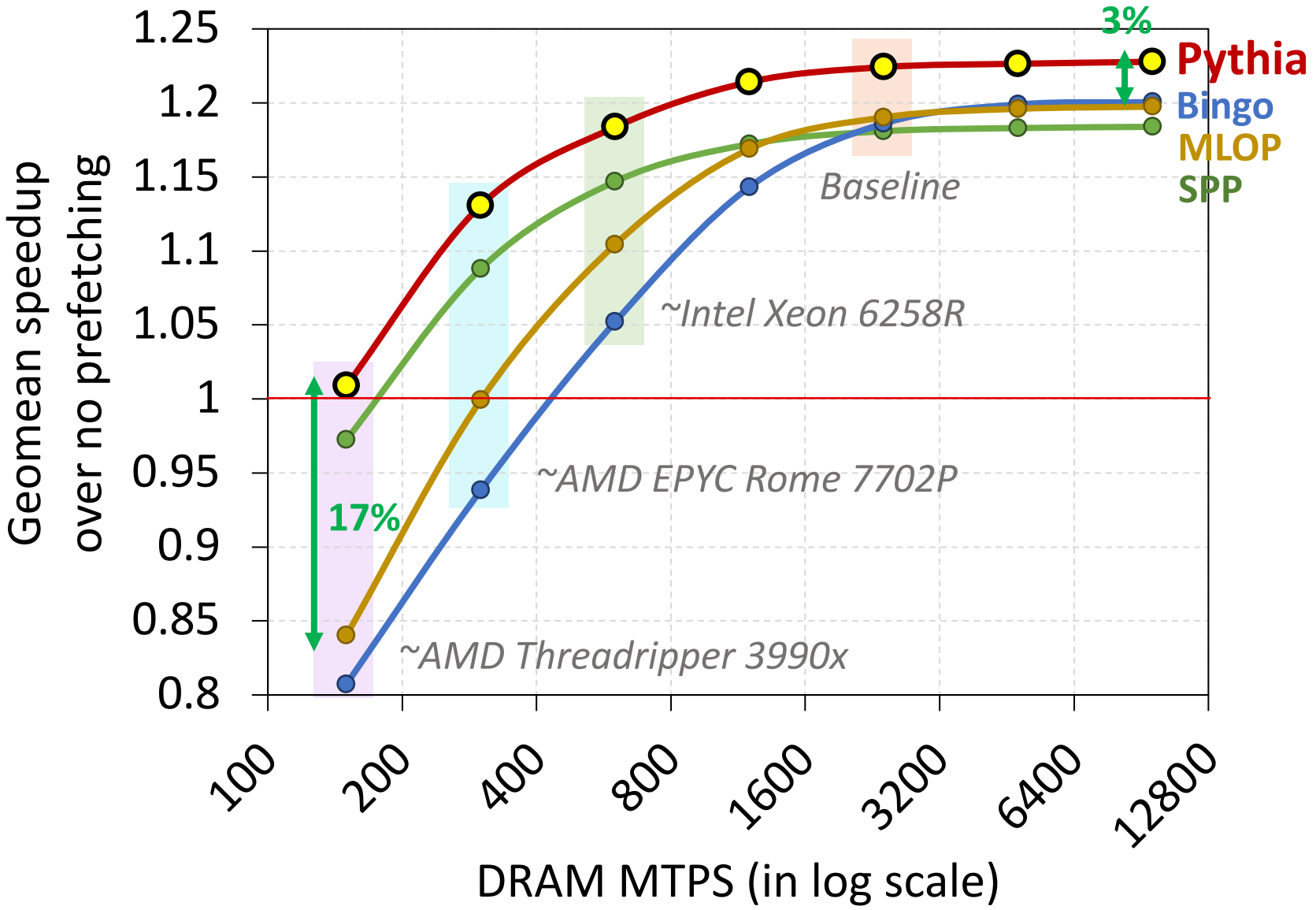


1. Pythia consistently provides the highest performance in all core configurations

2. Pythia's gain increases with core count

Performance with Varying DRAM Bandwidth



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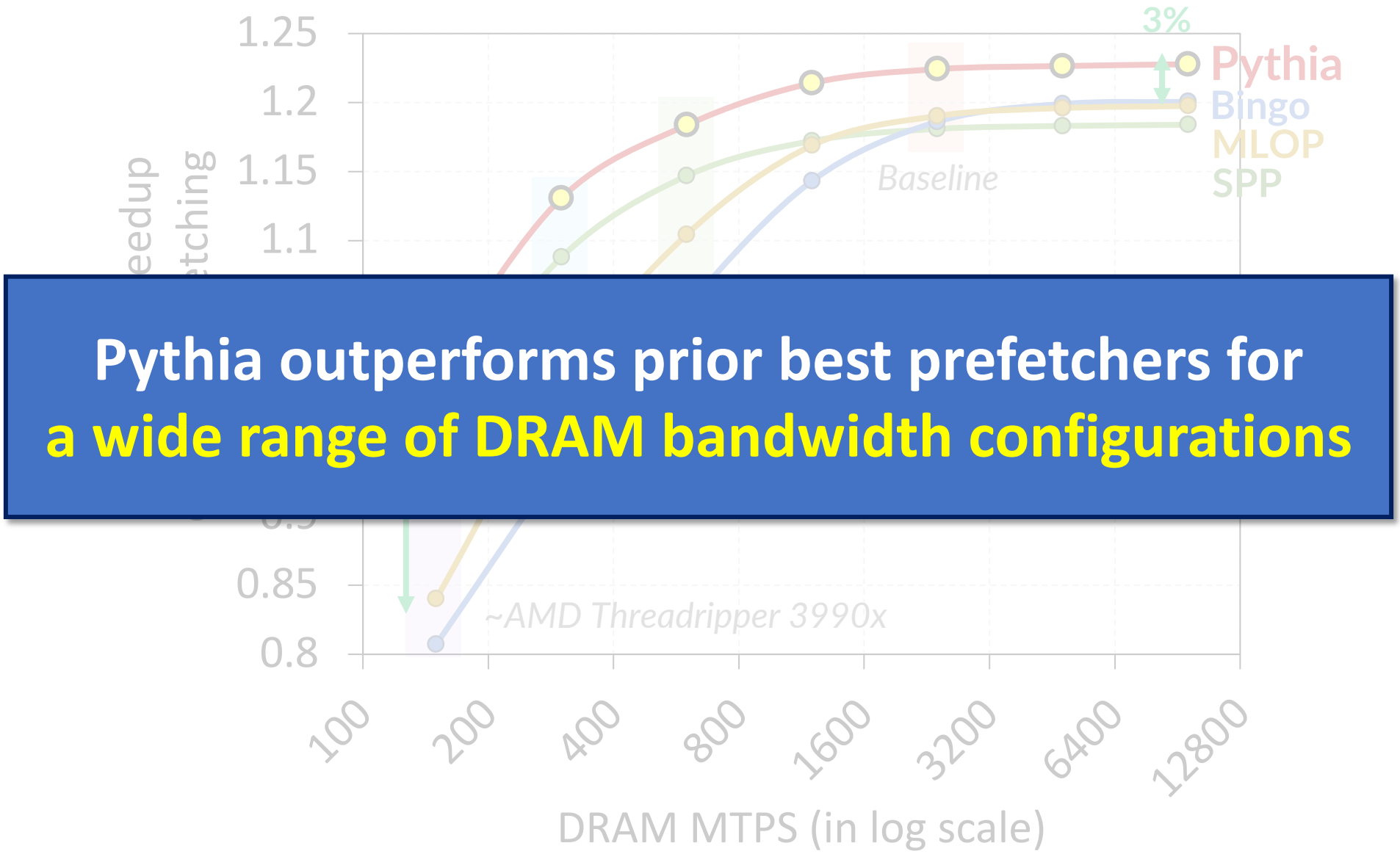
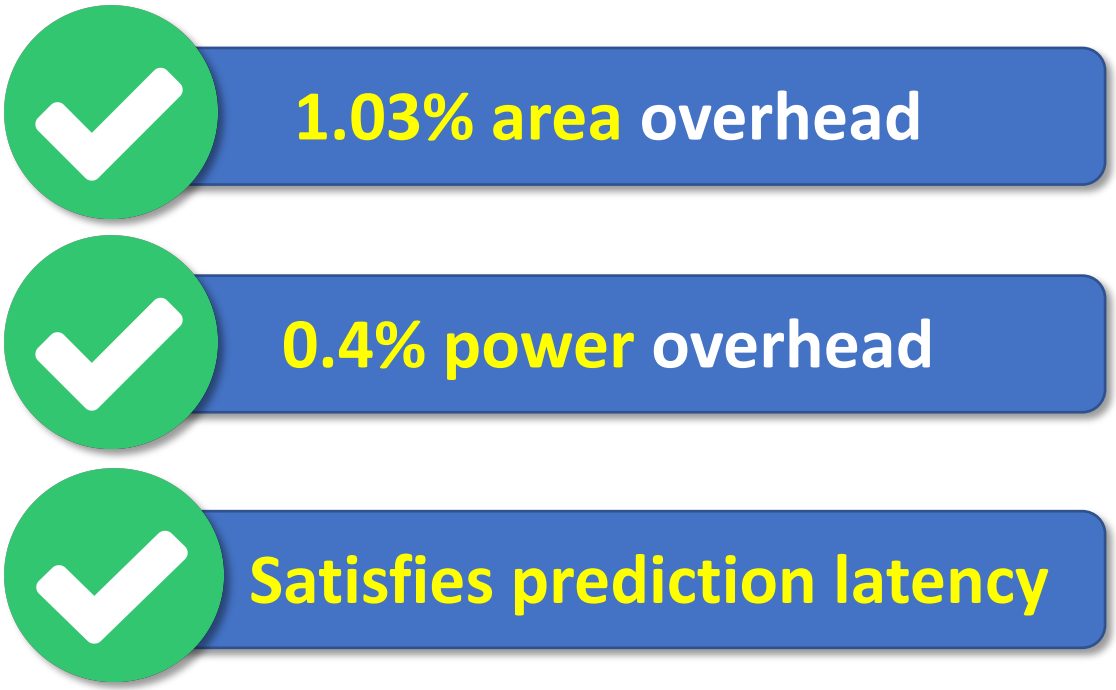


Pythia outperforms prior best prefetchers for a wide range of DRAM bandwidth configurations

Pythia's Overhead

- **25.5 KB** of total metadata storage **per core**
  - Only simple tables
- We also model functionally-accurate Pythia with full complexity in **Chisel** [4] HDL



of a desktop-class 4-core Skylake processor (Xeon D2132IT, 60W)

[4] https://www.chisel-lang.org

More in the Paper

- Performance comparison with unseen traces
  - Pythia provides equally high performance benefits
- Comparison against multi-level prefetchers

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- Performance sensitivity towards different features and hyperparameter values
- Detailed single-core and four-core performance

Pythia is Open Source







https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI/Pythia

- MICRO'21 **artifact evaluated**
- **Champsim source** code + **Chisel** modeling code
- **All traces** used for evaluation

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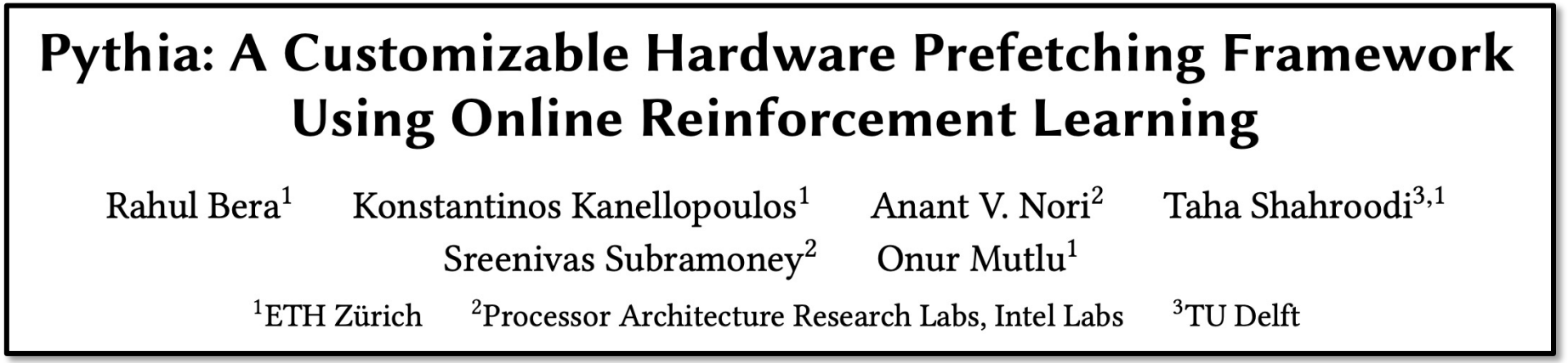

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An Intelligent Architecture

- Data-driven
  - Machine learns the "best" policies (how to do things)
- Sophisticated, workload-driven, changing, far-sighted policies
- Automatic data-driven policy learning
- All controllers are intelligent data-driven agents

We need to rethink design (of all controllers)

Challenge and Opportunity for Future

Data-Driven

(Self-Optimizing)

Computing Architectures

Data-Aware Architectures

Corollaries: Architectures Today …

- Architectures are terrible at dealing with data
  - Designed to mainly store and move data vs. to compute
  - They are processor-centric as opposed to **data-centric**

- Architectures are terrible at taking advantage of vast amounts of data (and metadata) available to them
  - Designed to make simple decisions, ignoring lots of data
  - They make human-driven decisions vs. **data-driven** decisions

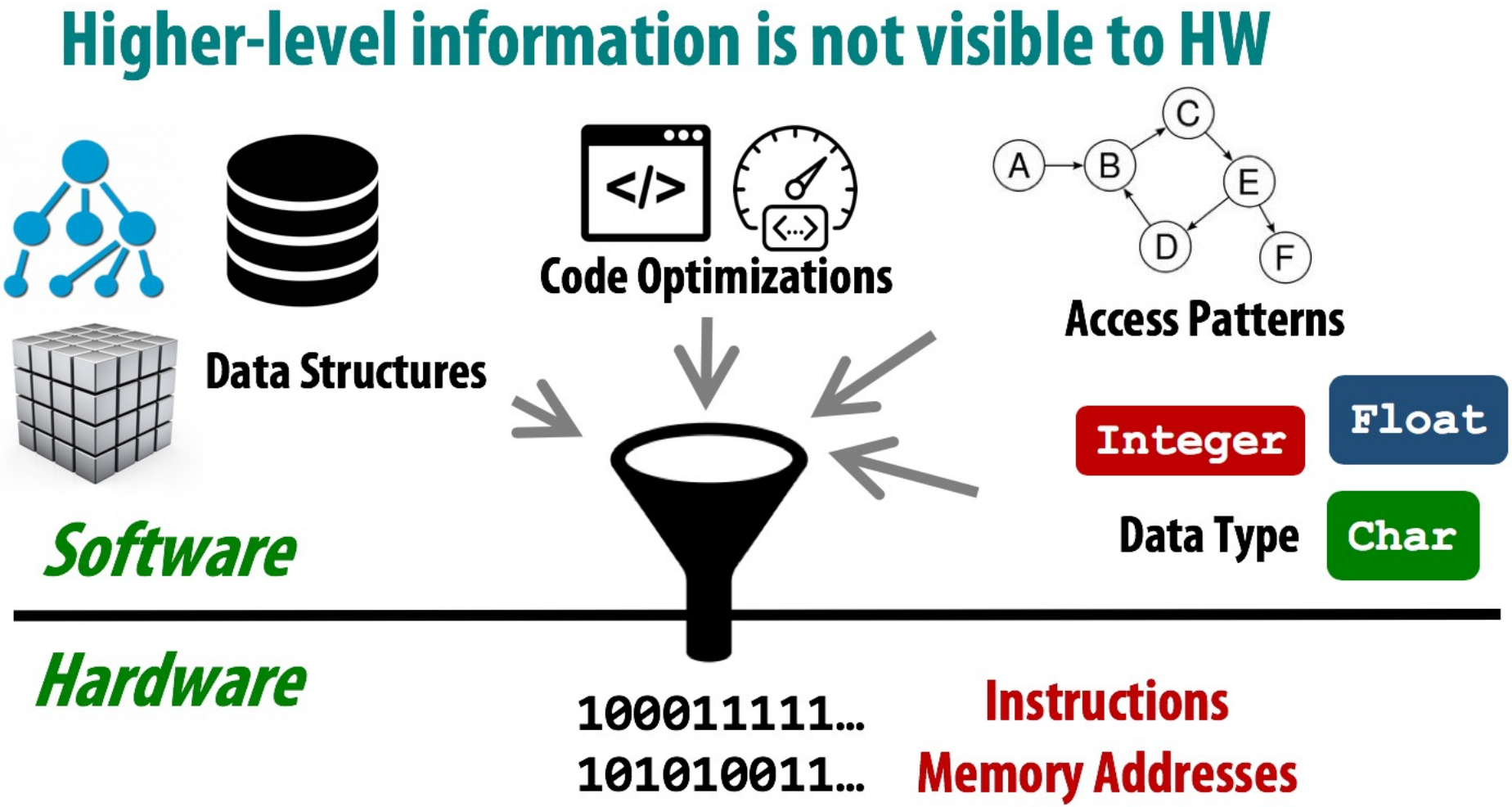
- Architectures are terrible at knowing and exploiting different properties of application data
  - Designed to treat all data as the same
  - They make component-aware decisions vs. **data-aware**

Data-Aware Architectures

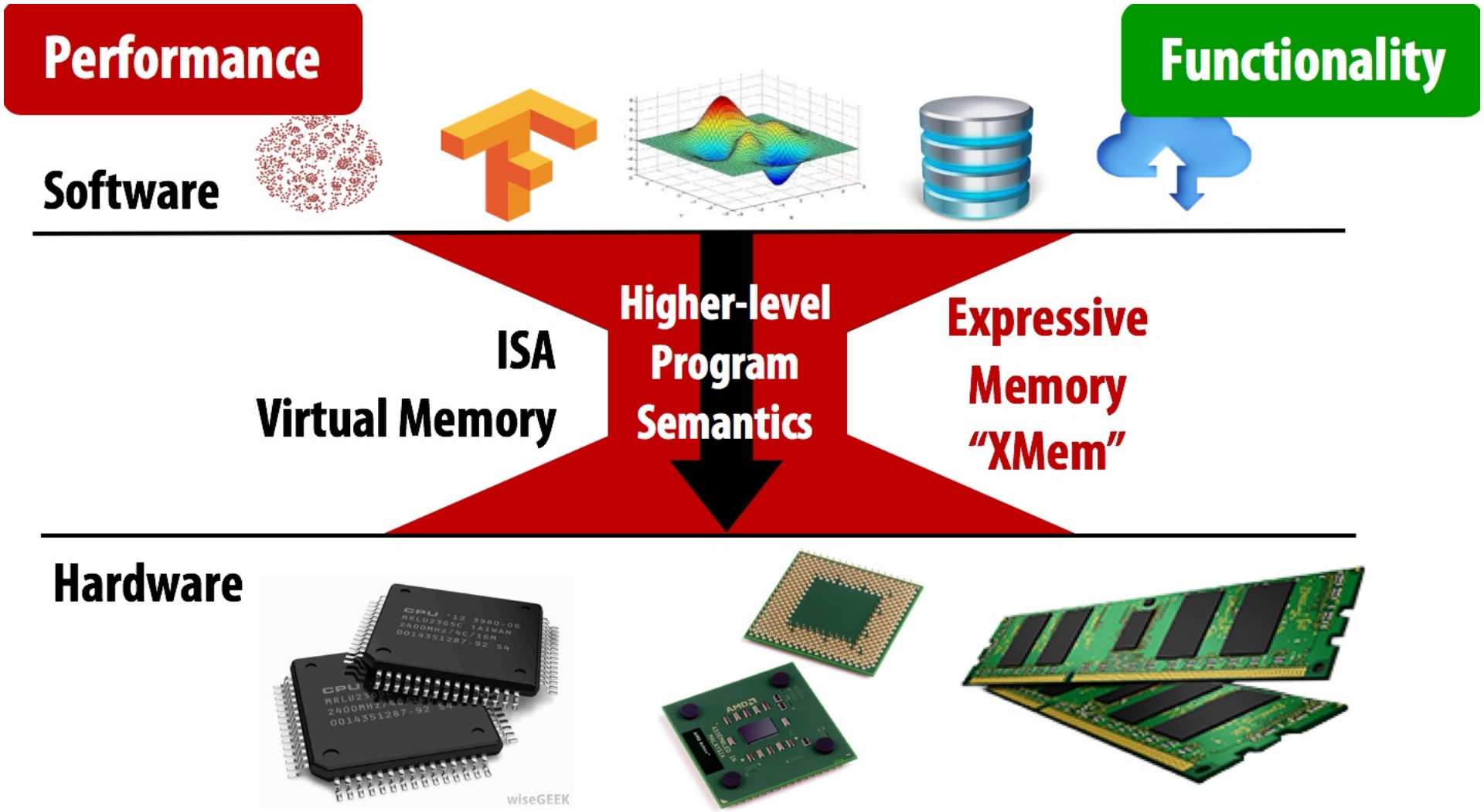
- A data-aware architecture understands what it can do with and to each piece of data

- It makes use of different properties of data to improve performance, efficiency and other metrics
  - Compressibility
  - Approximability
  - Locality
  - Sparsity
  - Criticality for Computation X
  - Access Semantics
  - …

One Problem: Limited Expressiveness



A Solution: More Expressive Interfaces



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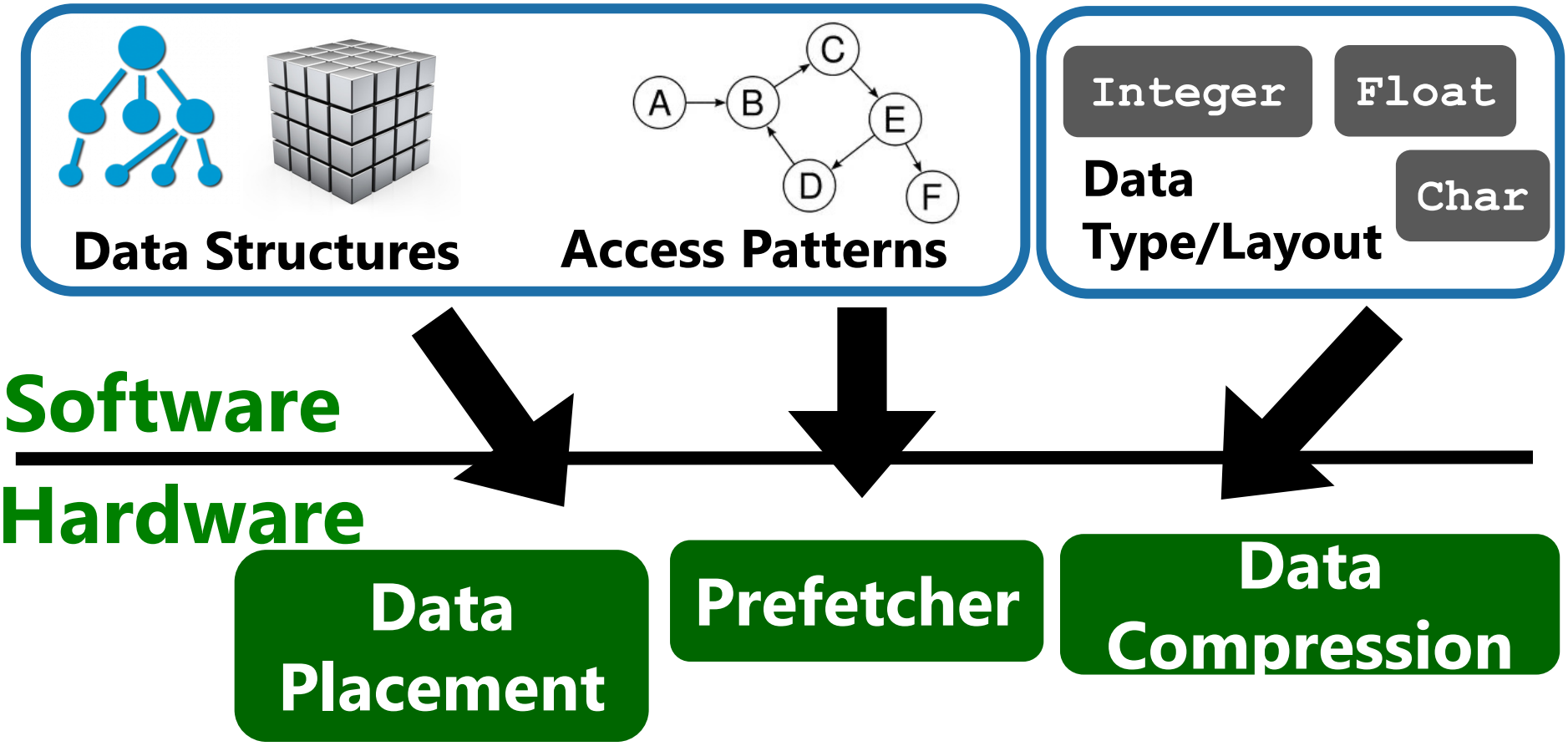
SW provides key program information to HW



Broader goal: Enable many cross-layer optimizations

Express:

Data structures

Access semantics

Data types

Working set

Reuse

Access frequency

…

Optimizations:

Cache Management

Data Placement in DRAM

Data Compression

Approximation

DRAM Cache Management

NVM Management

NUCA/NUMA Optimizations

…

Benefits:

More efficient HW:

✓Performance

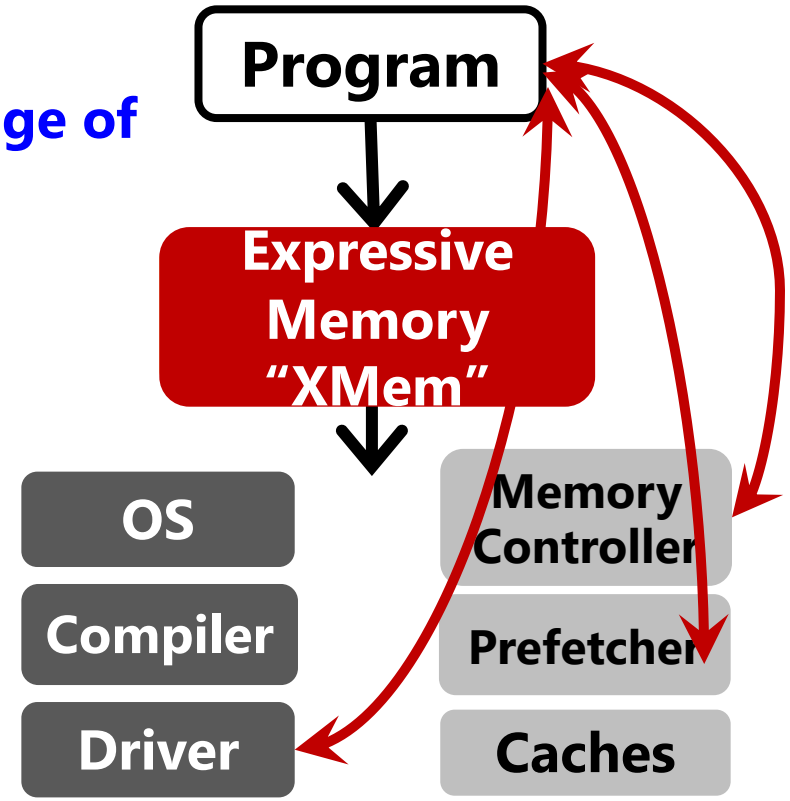
Reduced SW burden:

✓Programmability

✓Portability

Our approach: Rich cross-layer abstractions

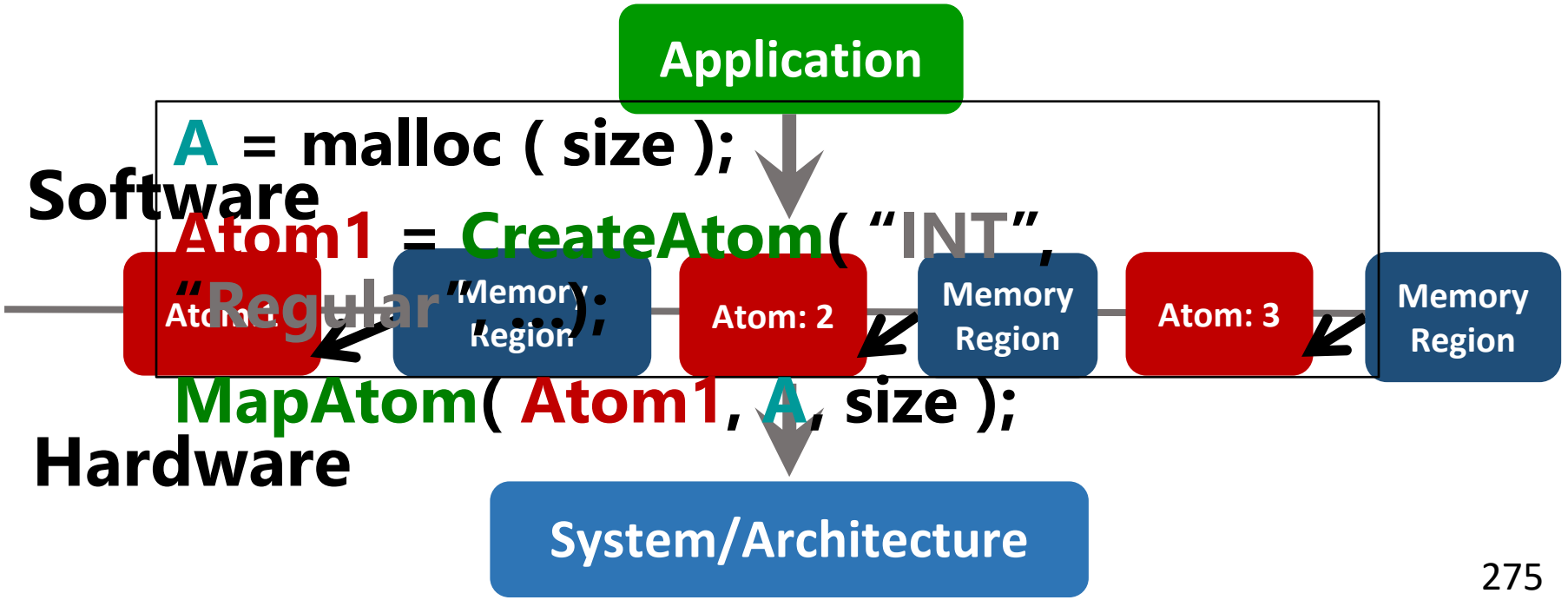
1. **Generality: Enable a wide range of cross-layer approaches**
2. **Minimize programmer effort**
3. **Overhead**



<u>Approach</u>: Flexibly associate specific semantic information with any data & code

Example: XMem

- Goal: convey data semantics to the hardware enables more intelligent management of resources.
- XMem: introduces a new HW/SW abstraction, called *Atom,* for conveying data semantics



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XMem Aids/Enables Many Optimizations

Table 1: Summary of the example memory optimizations that XMem aids.

Memory optimization	Example semantics provided by XMem (described in §3.3)	Example Benefits of XMem
Cache management	*(i)* Distinguishing between data structures or pools of similar data; *(ii)* Working set size; *(iii)* Data reuse	Enables: *(i)* applying different caching policies to different data structures or pools of data; *(ii)* avoiding cache thrashing by *knowing* the active working set size; *(iii)* bypassing/prioritizing data that has no/high reuse. (§5)
Page placement in DRAM e.g., [23, 24]	*(i)* Distinguishing between data structures; *(ii)* Access pattern; *(iii)* Access intensity	Enables page placement at the *data structure* granularity to *(i)* isolate data structures that have high row buffer locality and *(ii)* spread out concurrently-accessed irregular data structures across banks and channels to improve parallelism. (§6)
Cache/memory compression e.g., [25–32]	*(i)* Data type: integer, float, char; *(ii)* Data properties: sparse, pointer, data index	Enables using a *different compression algorithm* for each data structure based on data type and data properties, e.g., sparse data encodings, FP-specific compression, delta-based compression for pointers [27].
Data prefetching e.g., [33–36]	*(i)* Access pattern: strided, irregular, irregular but repeated (e.g., graphs), access stride; *(ii)* Data type: index, pointer	Enables *(i) highly accurate* software-driven prefetching while leveraging the benefits of hardware prefetching (e.g., by being memory bandwidth-aware, avoiding cache thrashing); *(ii)* using different prefetcher *types* for different data structures: e.g., stride [33], tile-based [20], pattern-based [34–37], data-based for indices/pointers [38, 39], etc.
DRAM cache management e.g., [40–46]	*(i)* Access intensity; *(ii)* Data reuse; *(iii)* Working set size	*(i)* Helps avoid cache thrashing by knowing working set size [44]; *(ii)* Better DRAM cache management via reuse behavior and access intensity information.
Approximation in memory e.g., [47–53]	*(i)* Distinguishing between pools of similar data; *(ii)* Data properties: tolerance towards approximation	Enables *(i)* each memory component to track how approximable data is (at a fine granularity) to inform approximation techniques; *(ii)* data placement in heterogeneous reliability memories [54].
Data placement: NUMA systems e.g., [55, 56]	*(i)* Data partitioning across threads (i.e., relating data to threads that access it); *(ii)* Read-Write properties	Reduces the need for profiling or data migration *(i)* to co-locate data with threads that access it and *(ii)* to identify Read-Only data, thereby enabling techniques such as replication.
Data placement: hybrid memories e.g., [16, 57, 58]	*(i)* Read-Write properties (Read-Only/Read-Write); *(ii)* Access intensity; *(iii)* Data structure size; *(iv)* Access pattern	Avoids the need for profiling/migration of data in hybrid memories to *(i)* effectively manage the asymmetric read-write properties in NVM (e.g., placing Read-Only data in the NVM) [16, 57]; *(ii)* make tradeoffs between data structure "hotness" and size to allocate fast/high bandwidth memory [14]; and *(iii)* leverage row-buffer locality in placement based on access pattern [45].
Managing NUCA systems e.g., [15, 59]	*(i)* Distinguishing pools of similar data; *(ii)* Access intensity; *(iii)* Read-Write or Private-Shared properties	*(i)* Enables using different cache policies for different data pools (similar to [15]); *(ii)* Reduces the need for reactive mechanisms that detect sharing and read-write characteristics to inform cache policies.

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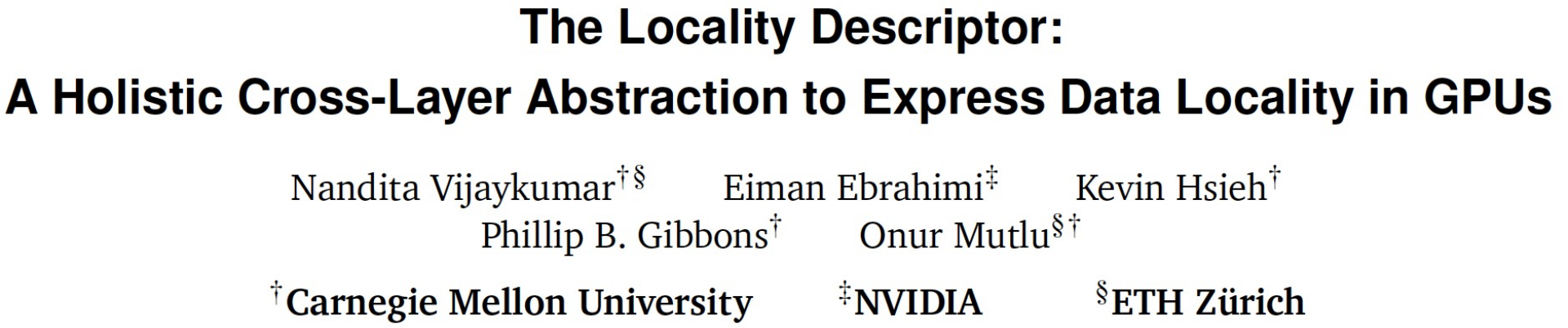
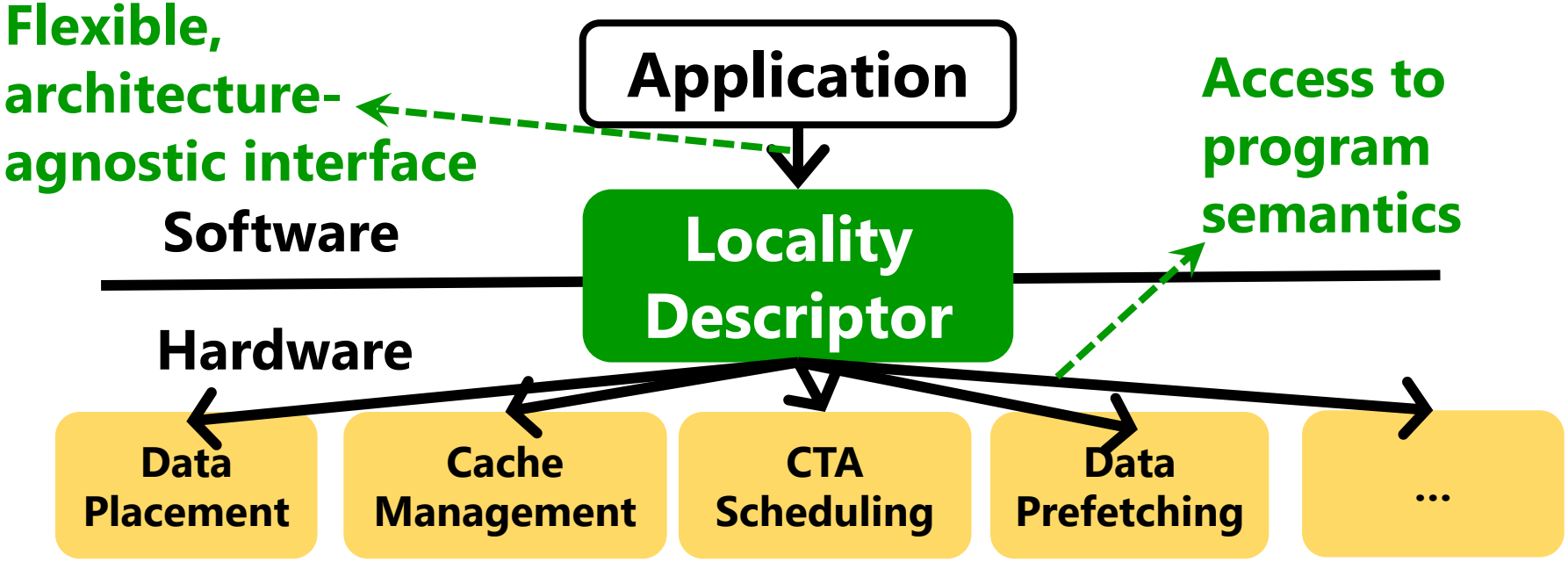


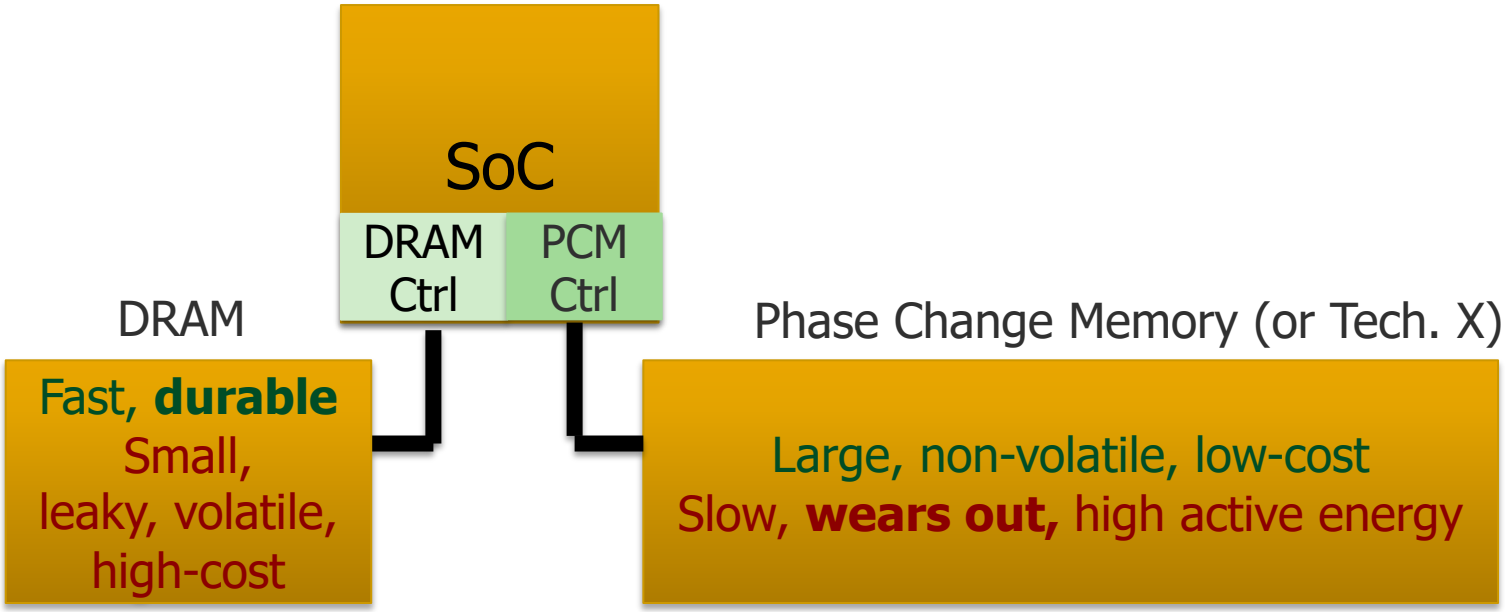
Locality Descriptor: Executive Summary

Exploiting data locality in GPUs is a challenging task



Performance Benefits:
26.6% (up to 46.6%) from cache locality
53.7% (up to 2.8x) from NUMA locality

An Example: Hybrid Memory Management



Hardware/software manage data allocation and movement
to achieve the best of multiple technologies

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An Example: Heterogeneous-Reliability Memory

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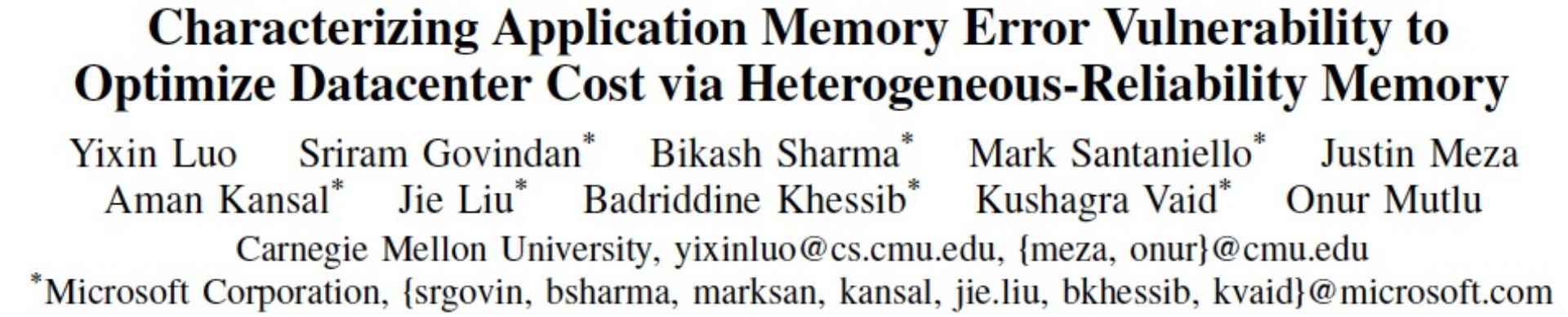

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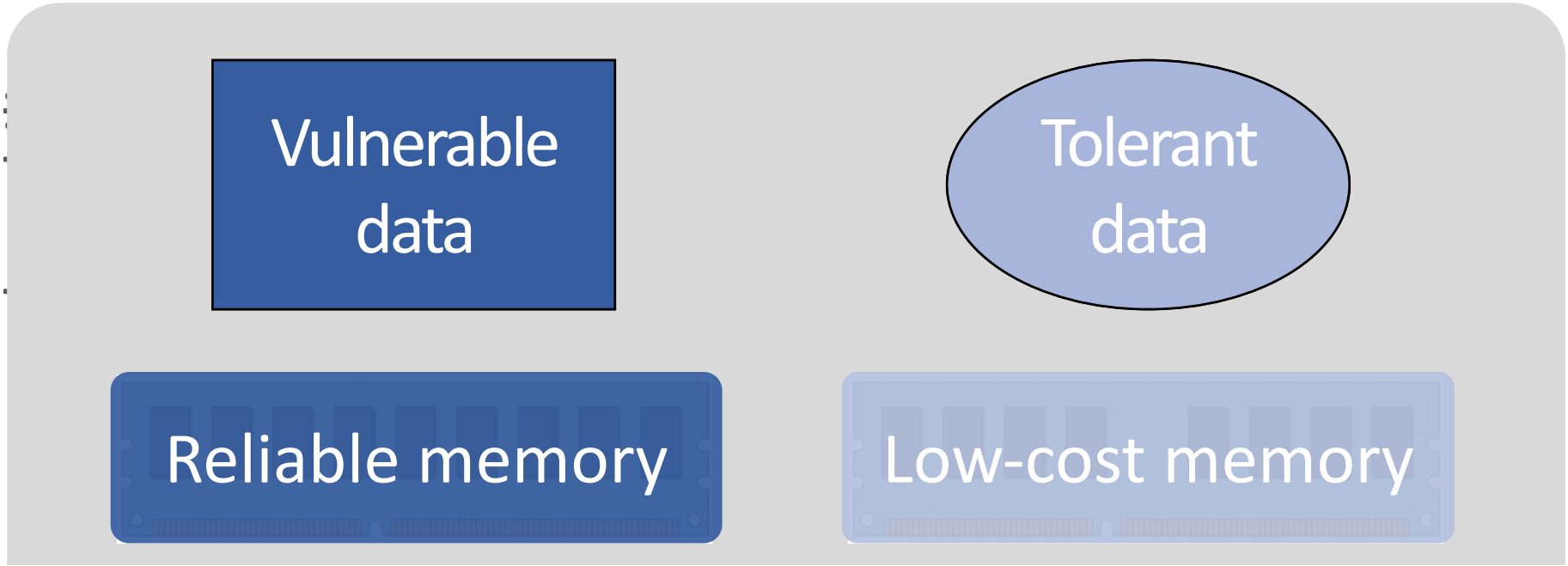


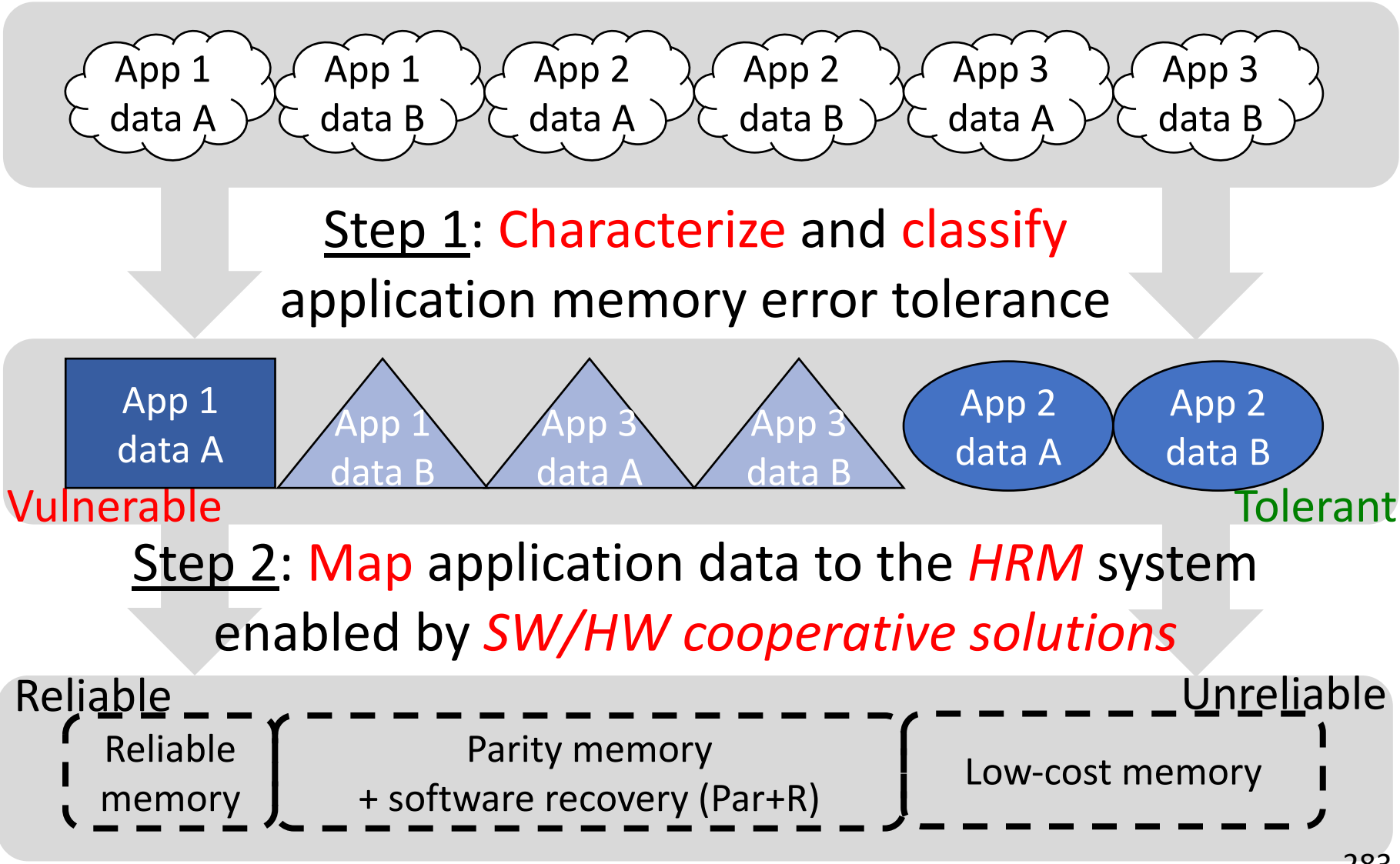
On Microsoft's Web Search workload

Reduces server hardware cost by 4.7 %

Achieves single server availability target of 99.90 %

Heterogeneous-**R**eliability **M**emory [DSN 2014]

Heterogeneous-Reliability Memory



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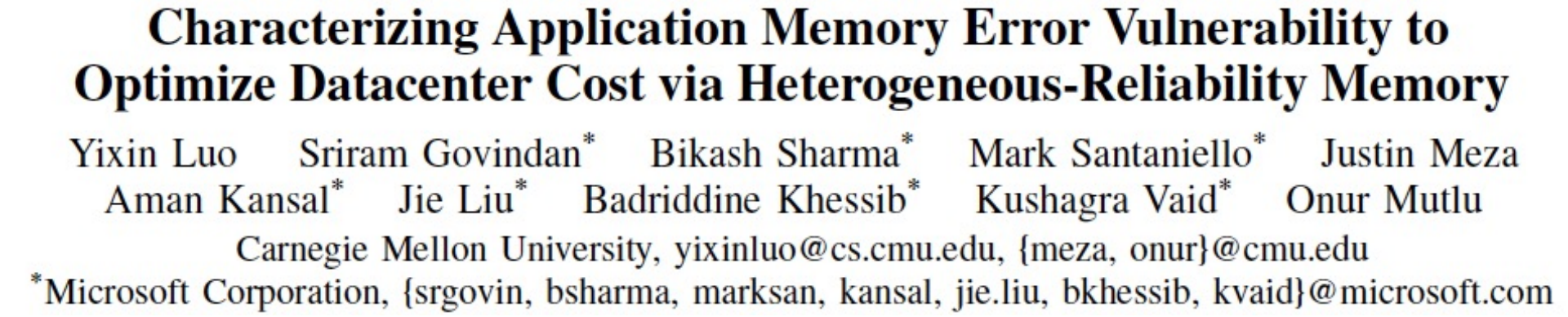

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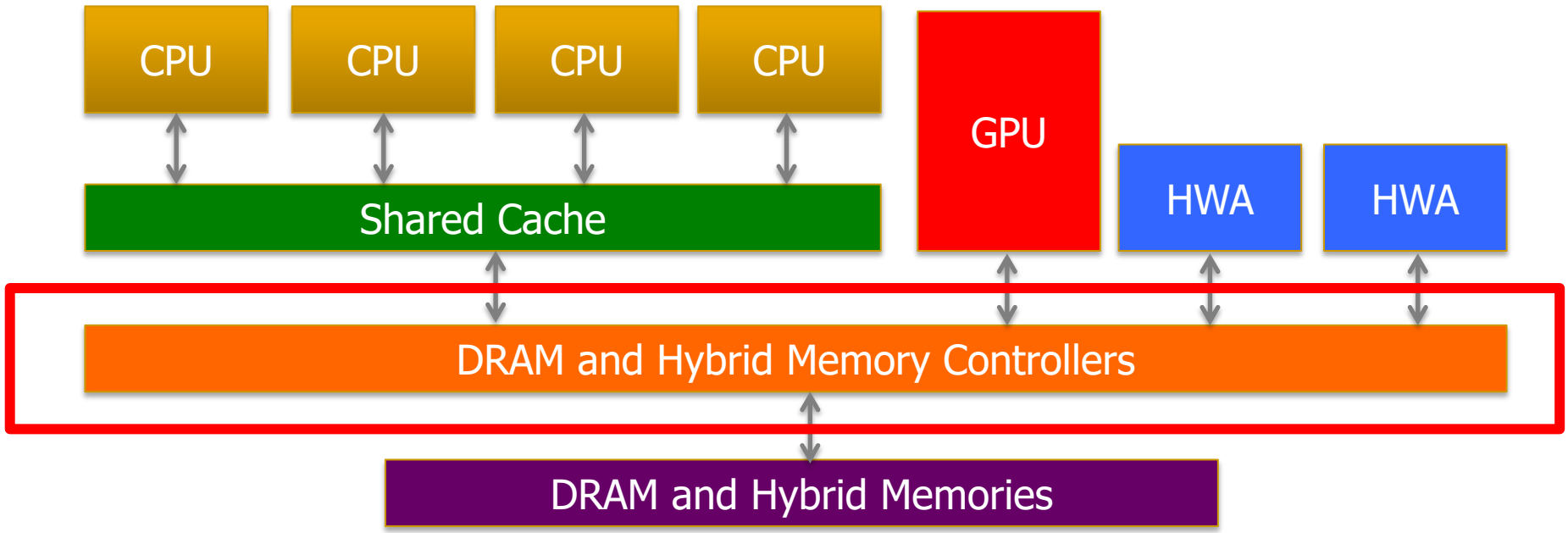


- Heterogeneous agents: CPUs, GPUs, and HWAs
- Main memory interference between CPUs, GPUs, HWAs
- Many timing constraints for various memory types
- Many goals at the same time: performance, fairness, QoS, energy efficiency, …

Another Example: EDEN for DNNs

- Deep Neural Network evaluation is very DRAM-intensive (especially for large networks)

1. Some data and layers in DNNs are very tolerant to errors

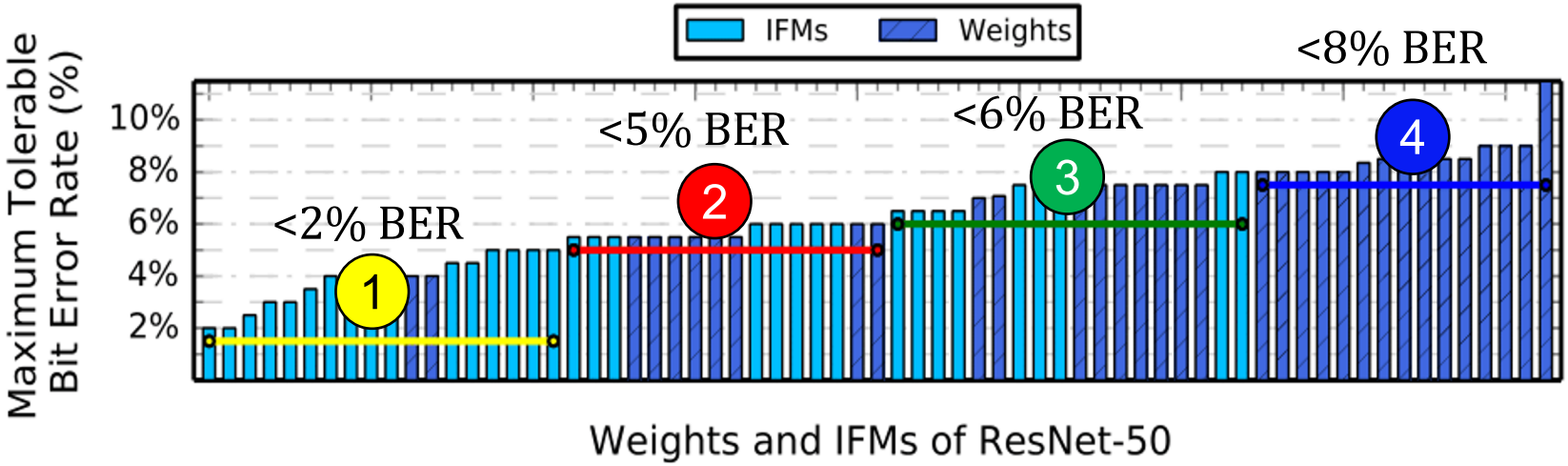
2. Reduce DRAM latency and voltage on such data and layers

3. While still achieving a user-specified DNN accuracy target by making training DRAM-error-aware

Data-aware management of DRAM latency and voltage for Deep Neural Network Inference

Example DNN Data Type to DRAM Mapping

Mapping example of ResNet-50:



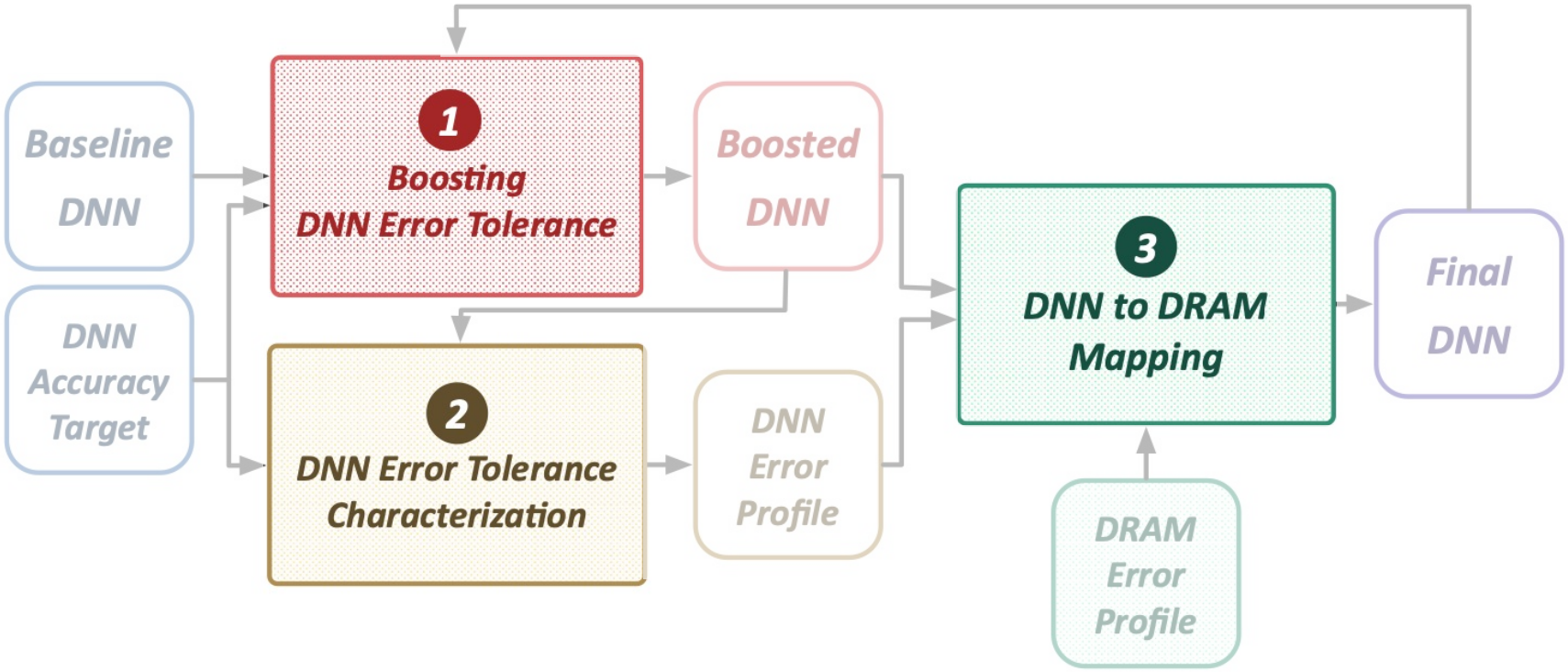
Map more error-tolerant DNN layers
to DRAM partitions **with lower voltage/latency**

4 DRAM partitions with different error rates

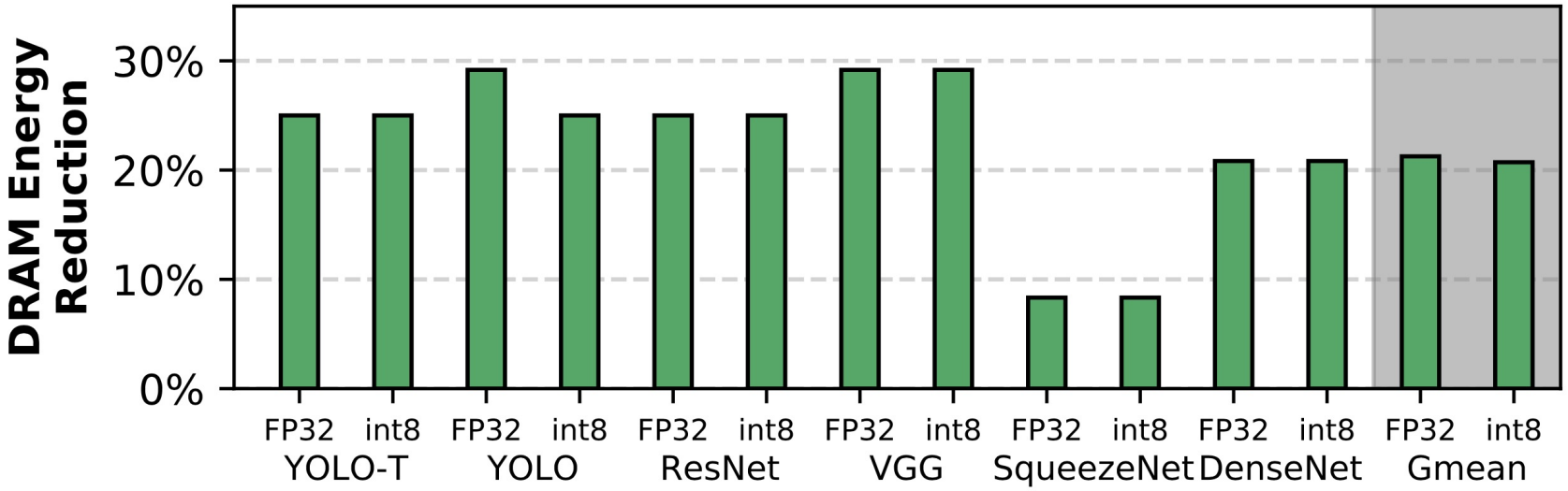
EDEN: Overview

Key idea: Enable **accurate, efficient** DNN inference using **approximate DRAM**

EDEN is an **iterative** process that has **3 key steps**

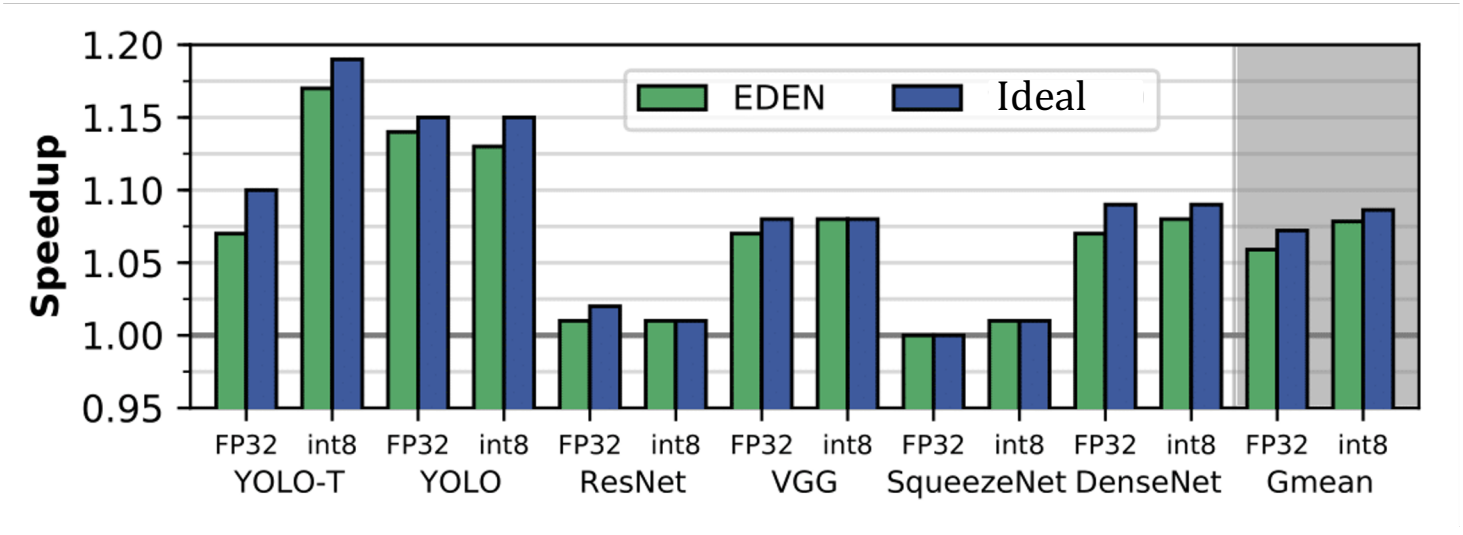


CPU: DRAM Energy Evaluation



Average 21% DRAM energy reduction
maintaining accuracy within 1% of original

CPU: Performance Evaluation



Average 8% system speedup
Some workloads achieve **17% speedup**

EDEN achieves **close to the ideal** speedup possible via tRCD scaling

GPU, Eyeriss, and TPU: Energy Evaluation

- **GPU**: average **37% energy reduction**
- **Eyeriss**: average **31% energy reduction**
- **TPU**: average **32% energy reduction**

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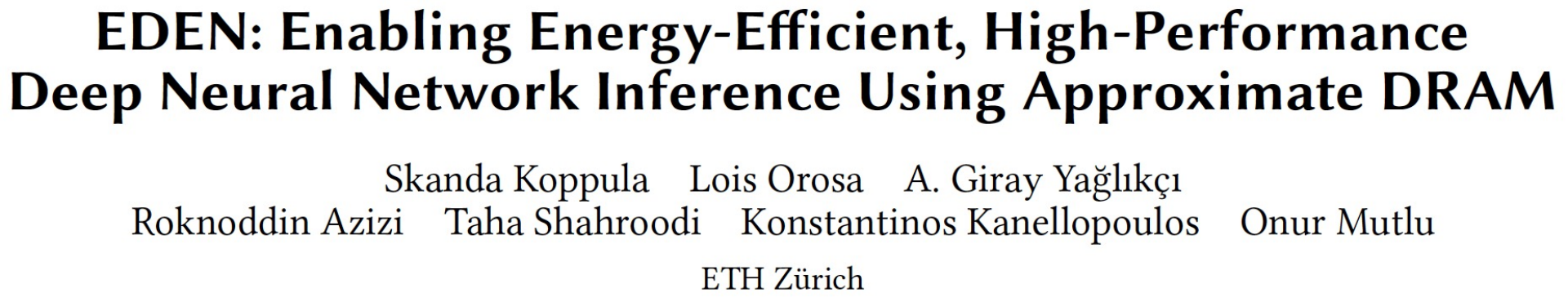

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Data-Aware Virtual Memory Framework

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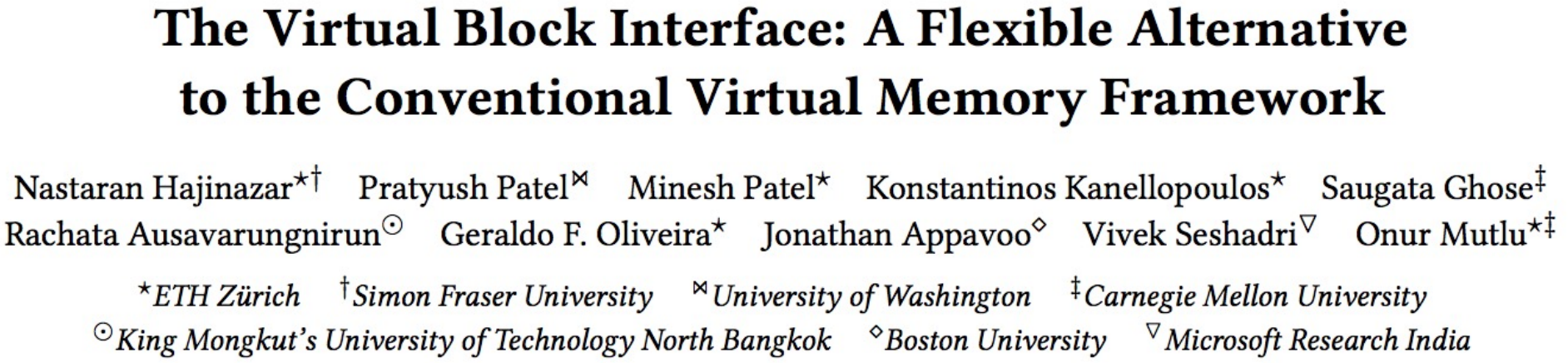

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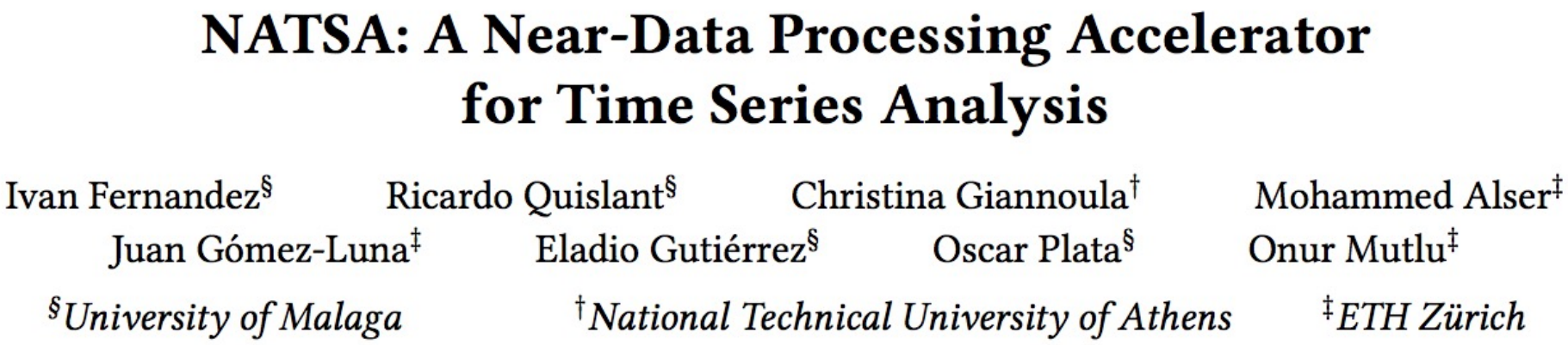

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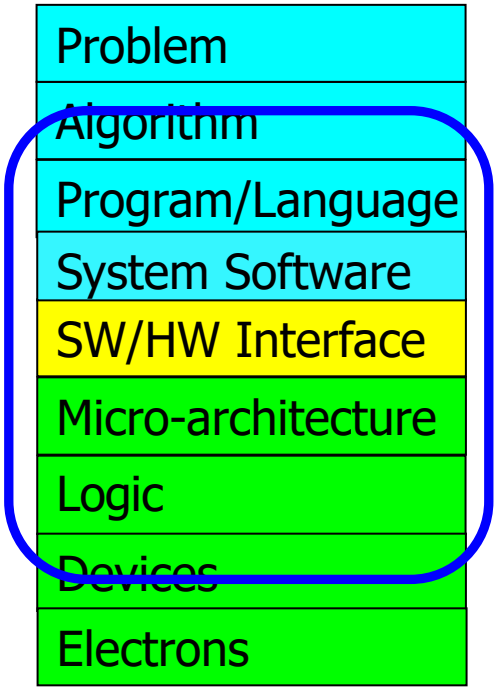
Challenge and Opportunity for Future

Data-Aware

(Expressive)

Computing Architectures

We Need to **Rethink** the Entire Stack

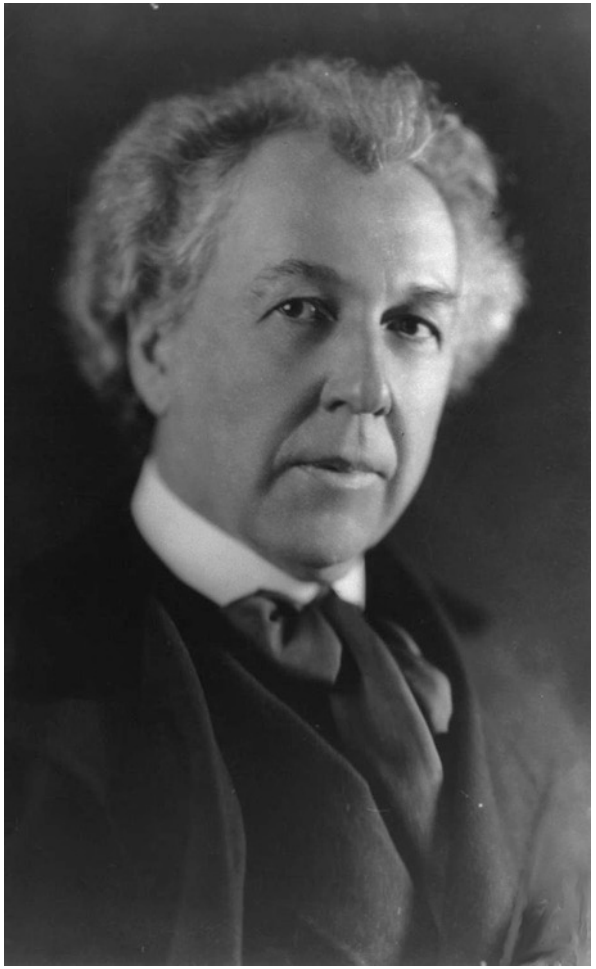


We can get there case by case

Principled Architectures & What They Can Enable

A Quote from A Famous Architect

- "architecture [...] based upon principle, and not upon precedent"



Precedent-Based Design?

- "architecture […] based upon principle, and not upon precedent"



Principled Design

- "architecture [...] based upon principle, and not upon precedent"

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The Overarching Principle

Organic architecture

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Organic architecture is a philosophy of architecture which promotes harmony between human habitation and the natural world through design approaches so sympathetic and well integrated with its site, that buildings, furnishings, and surroundings become part of a unified, interrelated composition.

A well-known example of organic architecture is Fallingwater, the residence Frank Lloyd Wright designed for the Kaufmann family in rural Pennsylvania. Wright had many choices to locate a home on this large site, but chose to place the home directly over the waterfall and creek creating a close, yet noisy dialog with the rushing water and the steep site. The horizontal striations of stone masonry with daring cantilevers of colored beige concrete blend with native rock outcroppings and the wooded environment.

Another Example: Precedent-Based Design



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Principled Design



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Principle Applied to Another Structure





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The Overarching Principle

Zoomorphic architecture

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Zoomorphic architecture is the practice of using animal forms as the inspirational basis and blueprint for architectural design. "While animal forms have always played a role adding some of the deepest layers of meaning in architecture, it is now becoming evident that a new strand of biomorphism is emerging where the meaning derives not from any specific representation but from a more general allusion to biological processes."[1]

Some well-known examples of Zoomorphic architecture can be found in the TWA Flight Center building in New York City, by Eero Saarinen, or the Milwaukee Art Museum by Santiago Calatrava, both inspired by the form of a bird's wings.[3]

Overarching Principles for Computing?



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Readings, Videos, Reference Materials

More on My Research & Teaching

Brief Self Introduction



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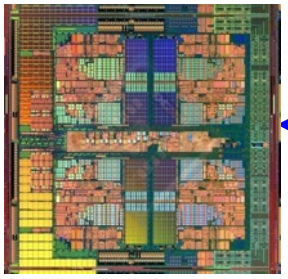
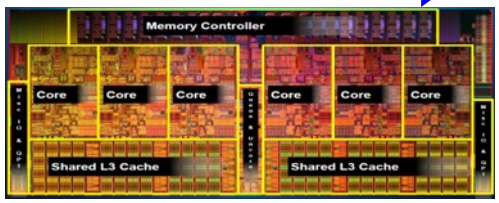
  - Memory and storage systems
  - Hardware security, safety, predictability
  - Fault tolerance
  - Hardware/software cooperation
  - Architectures for bioinformatics, health, medicine
  - …

Current Research Mission

Computer architecture, HW/SW, systems, bioinformatics, security



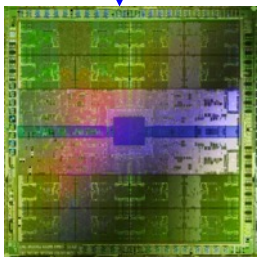
Heterogeneous Processors and Accelerators





Hybrid Main Memory





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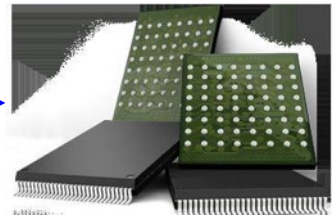




Persistent Memory/Storage

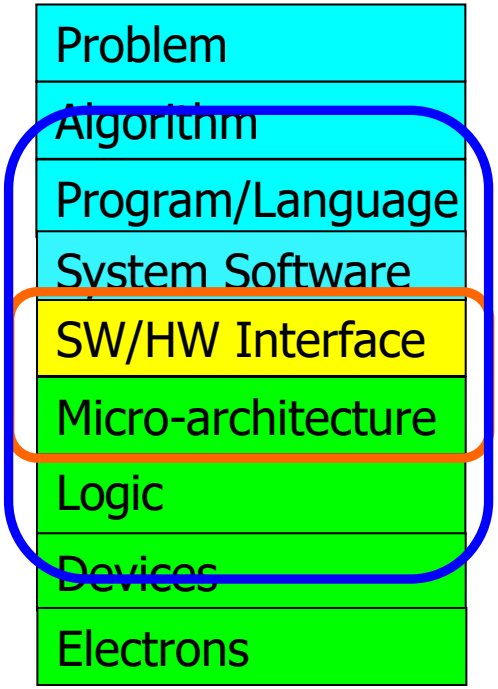
Build fundamentally better architectures

Four Key Current Directions

- Fundamentally Secure/Reliable/Safe Architectures
- Fundamentally Energy-Efficient Architectures
  - Memory-centric (Data-centric) Architectures
- Fundamentally Low-Latency and Predictable Architectures
- Architectures for AI/ML, Genomics, Medicine, Health

The Transformation Hierarchy

Computer Architecture (expanded view)



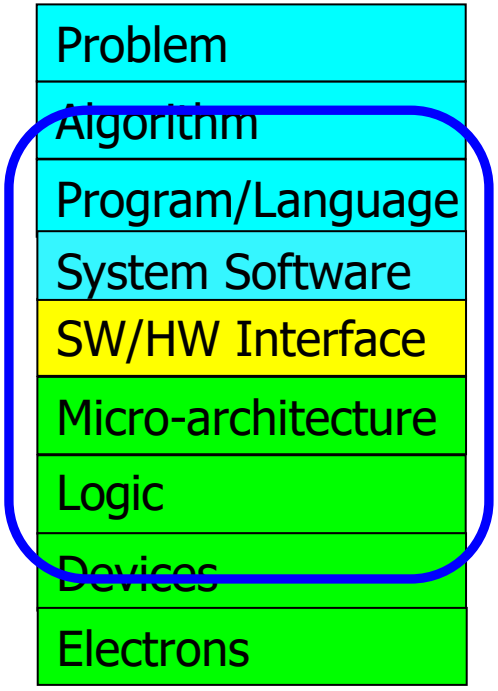
Computer Architecture (narrow view)

Axiom

To achieve the highest energy efficiency and performance:

we must take the expanded view

of computer architecture

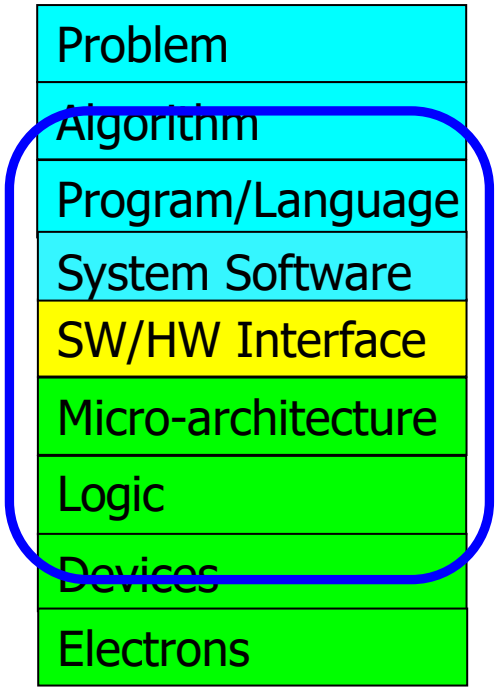


Co-design across the hierarchy: Algorithms to devices

Specialize as much as possible within the design goals

Current Research Mission & Major Topics

Build fundamentally better architectures



Broad research spanning apps, systems, logic with architecture at the center

- Data-centric arch. for low energy & high perf.
  - Proc. in Mem/DRAM, NVM, unified mem/storage
- Low-latency & predictable architectures
  - Low-latency, low-energy yet low-cost memory
  - QoS-aware and predictable memory systems
- Fundamentally secure/reliable/safe arch.
  - Tolerating all bit flips; patchable HW; secure mem
- Architectures for ML/AI/Genomics/Health/Med
  - Algorithm/arch./logic co-design; full heterogeneity
- Data-driven and data-aware architectures
  - ML/AI-driven architectural controllers and design
  - Expressive memory and expressive systems

Onur Mutlu's SAFARI Research Group

Computer architecture, HW/SW, systems, bioinformatics, security, memory

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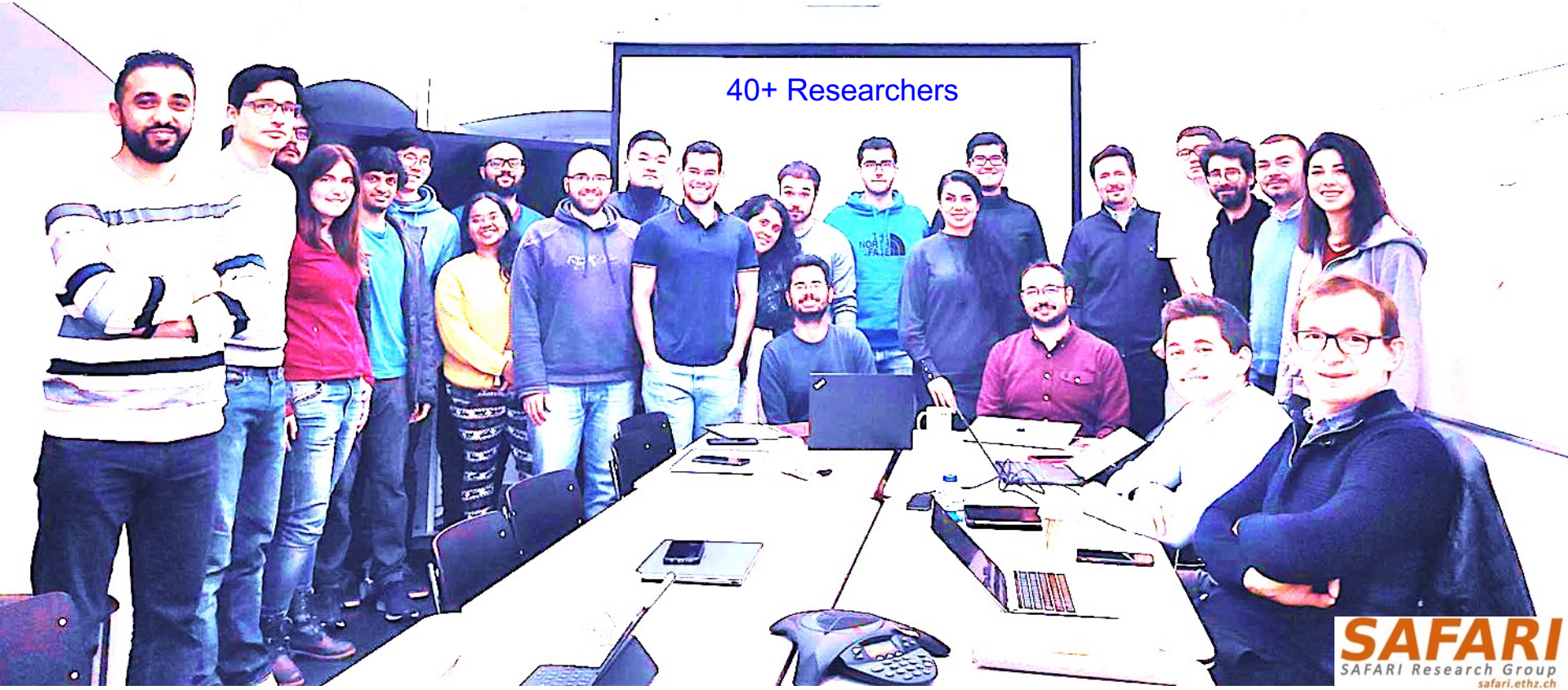

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Dear SAFARI friends,

2019 and the first three months of 2020 have been very positive eventful times for SAFARI.

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Think Big, Aim High, and Have a Wonderful 2021!



Dear SAFARI friends,

Happy New Year! We are excited to share our group highlights with you in this second edition of the SAFARI newsletter (You can find the first edition from April 2020 **here**). 2020 has

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  https://people.inf.ethz.ch/omutlu/projects.htm

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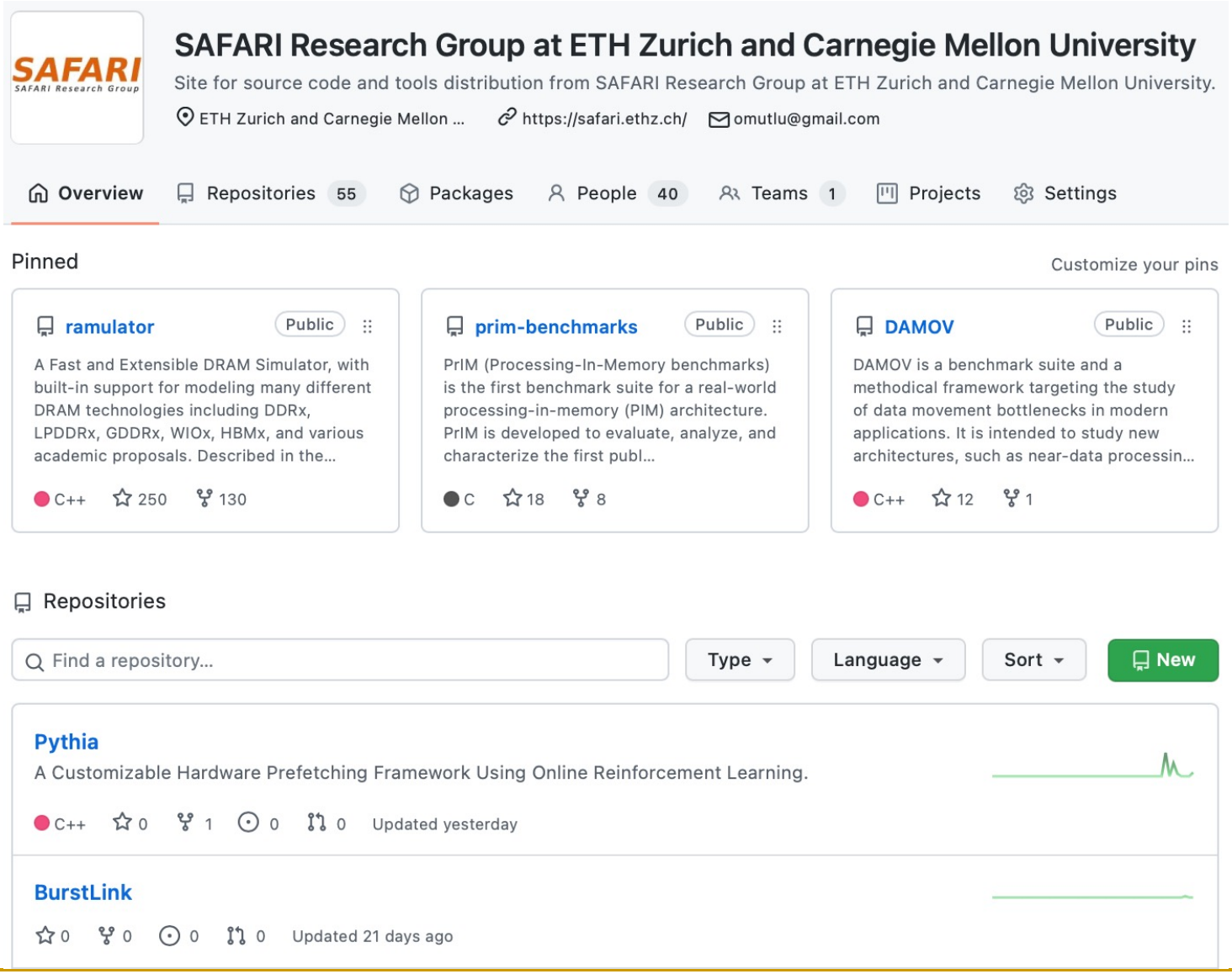
Open Source Tools: SAFARI GitHub



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- Gagandeep Singh (ETH Zurich), FPL 2020 Best Paper Award Finalist
- Amirali Boroumand (Stanford Univ → Google), SRC TECHCON 2018 Best Student Presentation Award
- Jeremie Kim (ETH Zurich), EDAA Outstanding Dissertation Award 2020; IEEE Micro Top Picks 2019; ISCA/MICRO HoF 2021
- Nandita Vijaykumar (Univ. of Toronto, Assistant Professor), ISCA Hall of Fame 2021
- Kevin Hsieh (Microsoft Research, Senior Researcher)
- Justin Meza (Facebook), HiPEAC 2015 Best Student Presentation Award; ICCD 2012 Best Paper Award
- Mohammed Alser (ETH Zurich), IEEE Turkey Best PhD Thesis Award 2018
- Yixin Luo (Google), HPCA 2015 Best Paper Session
- Kevin Chang (Facebook), SRC TECHCON 2016 Best Student Presentation Award
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Principle: Teaching and Research

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Teaching drives Research

Research drives Teaching

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Principle: Learning and Scholarship

Focus on

learning and scholarship

Principle: Insight and Ideas

Focus on Insight

Encourage New Ideas

Principle: Learning and Scholarship

The quality of your work defines your impact

Principle: Good Mindset, Goals & Focus

You can make a
good impact
on the world

Research & Teaching: Some Overview Talks

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- Future Computing Architectures
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kgiZlSOcGFM&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi8D_5MGV6EnXEJHnV2YFBJl&index=1
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  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=njX_14584Jw&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi8D_5MGV6EnXEJHnV2YFBJl&index=16
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- **First Computer Architecture & Digital Design Course**
  - Digital Design and Computer Architecture
  - **Spring 2021 Livestream** Edition: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LbC0EZY8yw4&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi_uej3aY39YB5pfW4SJ7LlN

- **Advanced Computer Architecture Course**
  - Computer Architecture
  - **Fall 2021 Livestream** Edition: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3mPdZA-Fmc&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi9xidyIgBxUz7xRPS-wisBN
  - **Fall 2020** Edition: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4yfkM_5EFgo&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi-Mnk1PxjEIG32HAGILkTOF



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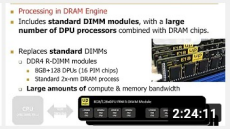

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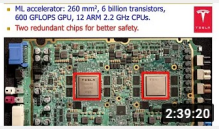

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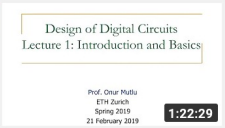

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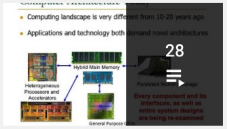

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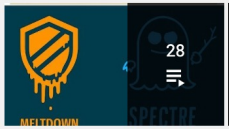

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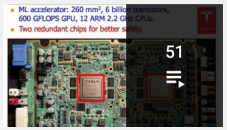

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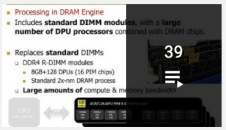

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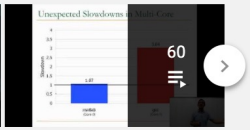

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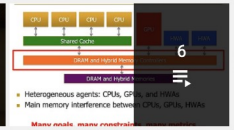

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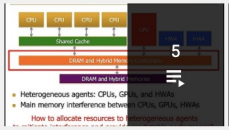

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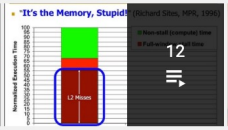

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Research Talks

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DDCA (Spring 2021)

- https://safari.ethz.ch/digitaltechnik/spring2021/doku.php?id=schedule
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LbC0EZY8yw4&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi_uej3aY39YB5pfW4SJ7LlN
- Bachelor's course
  - 2nd semester at ETH Zurich
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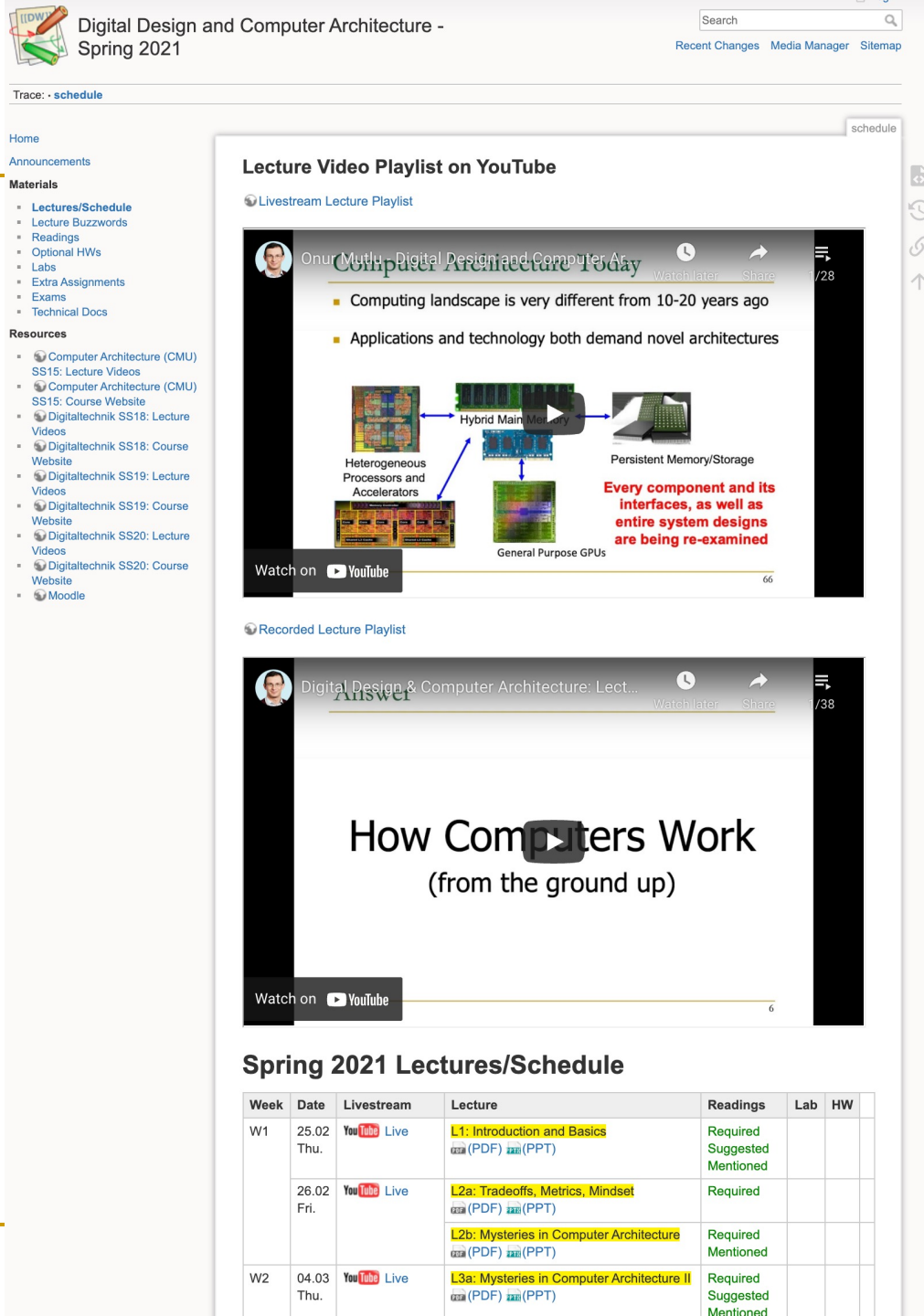
  - Digital Design/Logic
  - Computer Architecture
  - 10 FPGA Lab Assignments



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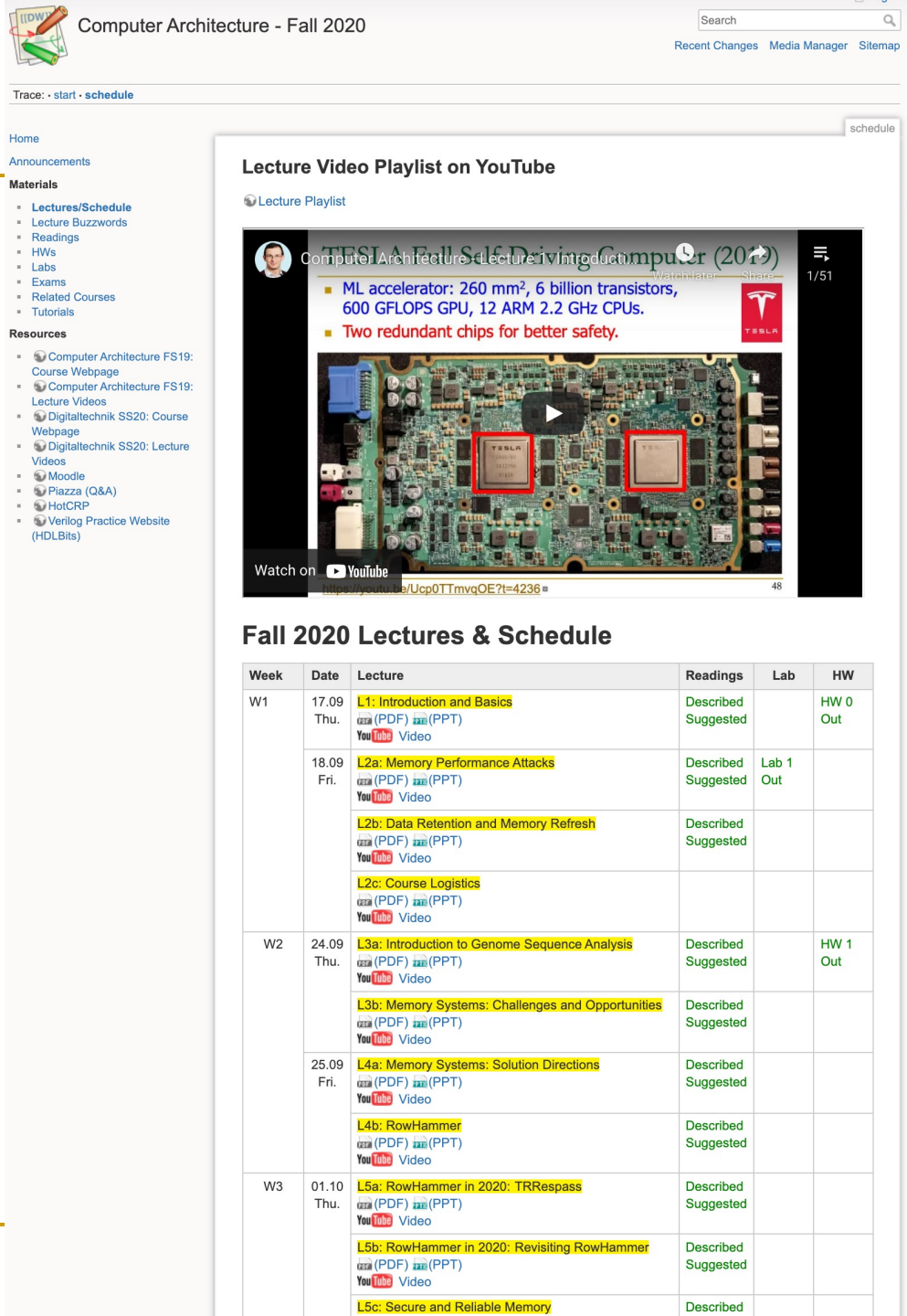
- Master's level course
  - Taken by Bachelor's/Masters/PhD students
  - Cutting-edge research topics + fundamentals in Computer Architecture
  - 5 Simulator-based Lab Assignments
  - Potential research exploration
  - Many research readings



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W1	17.09 Thu.	L1: Introduction and Basics (PDF) (PPT) Video	Described Suggested		HW 0 Out
	18.09 Fri.	L2a: Memory Performance Attacks (PDF) (PPT) Video	Described Suggested	Lab 1 Out	
		L2b: Data Retention and Memory Refresh (PDF) (PPT) Video	Described Suggested		
		L2c: Course Logistics (PDF) (PPT) Video			
W2	24.09 Thu.	L3a: Introduction to Genome Sequence Analysis (PDF) (PPT) Video	Described Suggested		HW 1 Out
		L3b: Memory Systems: Challenges and Opportunities (PDF) (PPT) Video	Described Suggested		
	25.09 Fri.	L4a: Memory Systems: Solution Directions (PDF) (PPT) Video	Described Suggested		
		L4b: RowHammer (PDF) (PPT) Video	Described Suggested		
W3	01.10 Thu.	L5a: RowHammer in 2020: TRRespass (PDF) (PPT) Video	Described Suggested		
		L5b: RowHammer in 2020: Revisiting RowHammer (PDF) (PPT) Video	Described Suggested		
		L5c: Secure and Reliable Memory	Described		

Comp Arch (Current)

- https://safari.ethz.ch/architecture/fall2021/doku.php?id=schedule

- **Youtube Livestream:**
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4yfkM_5EFgo&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi-Mnk1PxjEIG32HAGILkTOF

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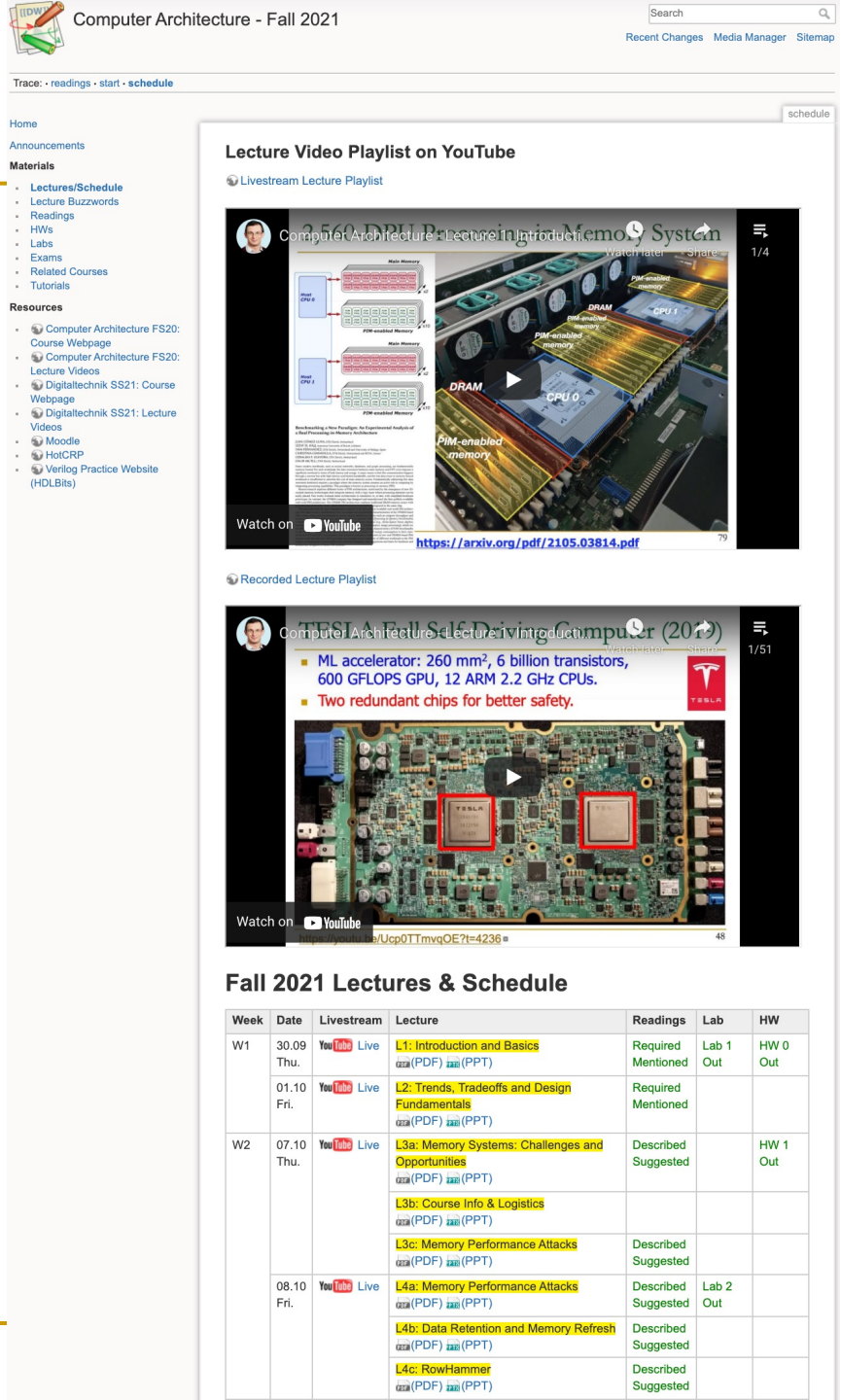

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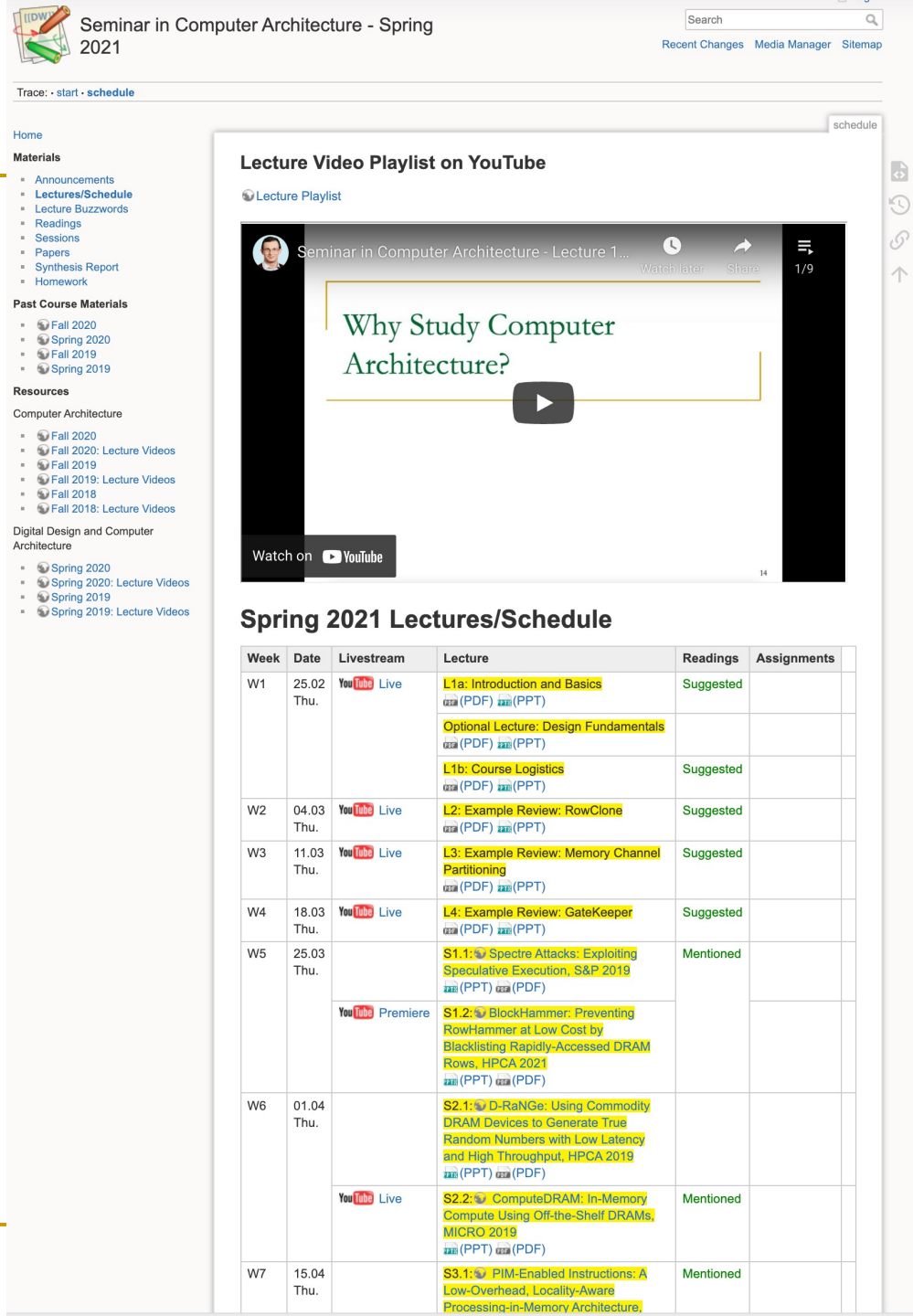
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t3m93ZpLOyw&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi_awYdjmWVIUegsbY7TPGW4
- Critical analysis course
  - Taken by Bachelor's/Masters/PhD students
  - Cutting-edge research topics + fundamentals in Computer Architecture
  - 20+ research papers, presentations, analyses



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Spring 2021 Lectures/Schedule

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W1	25.02 Thu.	Live	L1a: Introduction and Basics (PDF) (PPT)	Suggested	
			Optional Lecture: Design Fundamentals (PDF) (PPT)		
			L1b: Course Logistics (PDF) (PPT)	Suggested	
W2	04.03 Thu.	Live	L2: Example Review: RowClone (PDF) (PPT)	Suggested	
W3	11.03 Thu.	Live	L3: Example Review: Memory Channel Partitioning (PDF) (PPT)	Suggested	
W4	18.03 Thu.	Live	L4: Example Review: GateKeeper (PDF) (PPT)	Suggested	
W5	25.03 Thu.		S1.1: Spectre Attacks: Exploiting Speculative Execution, S&P 2019 (PPT) (PDF)	Mentioned	
		Premiere	S1.2: BlockHammer: Preventing RowHammer at Low Cost by Blacklisting Rapidly-Accessed DRAM Rows, HPCA 2021 (PPT) (PDF)		
W6	01.04 Thu.		S2.1: D-RaNGe: Using Commodity DRAM Devices to Generate True Random Numbers with Low Latency and High Throughput, HPCA 2019 (PPT) (PDF)		
		Live	S2.2: ComputeDRAM: In-Memory Compute Using Off-the-Shelf DRAMs, MICRO 2019 (PPT) (PDF)	Mentioned	
W7	15.04 Thu.		S3.1: PIM-Enabled Instructions: A Low-Overhead, Locality-Aware Processing-in-Memory Architecture,	Mentioned	

Seminar (Current)

- https://safari.ethz.ch/architecture_seminar/fall2021/doku.php?id=schedule
- **Youtube Livestream:**
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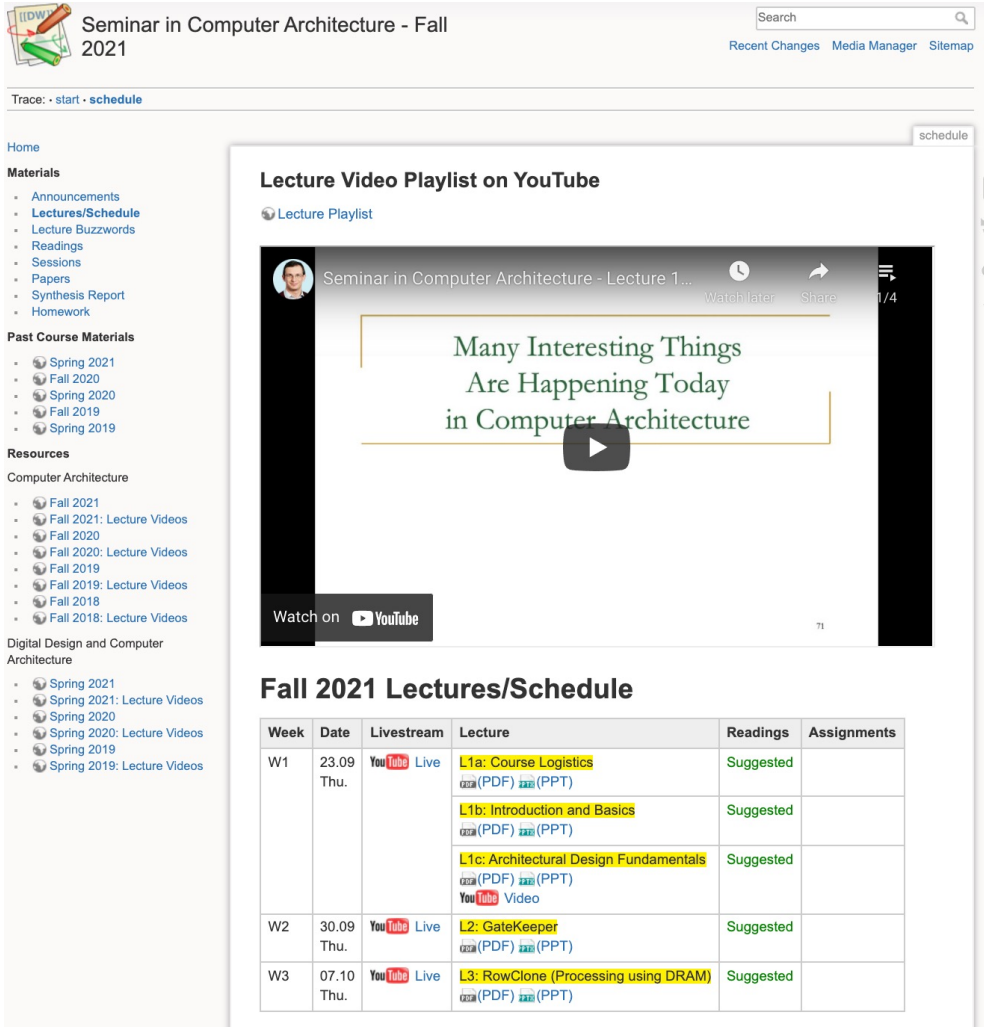

Hands-On Projects & Seminars Courses

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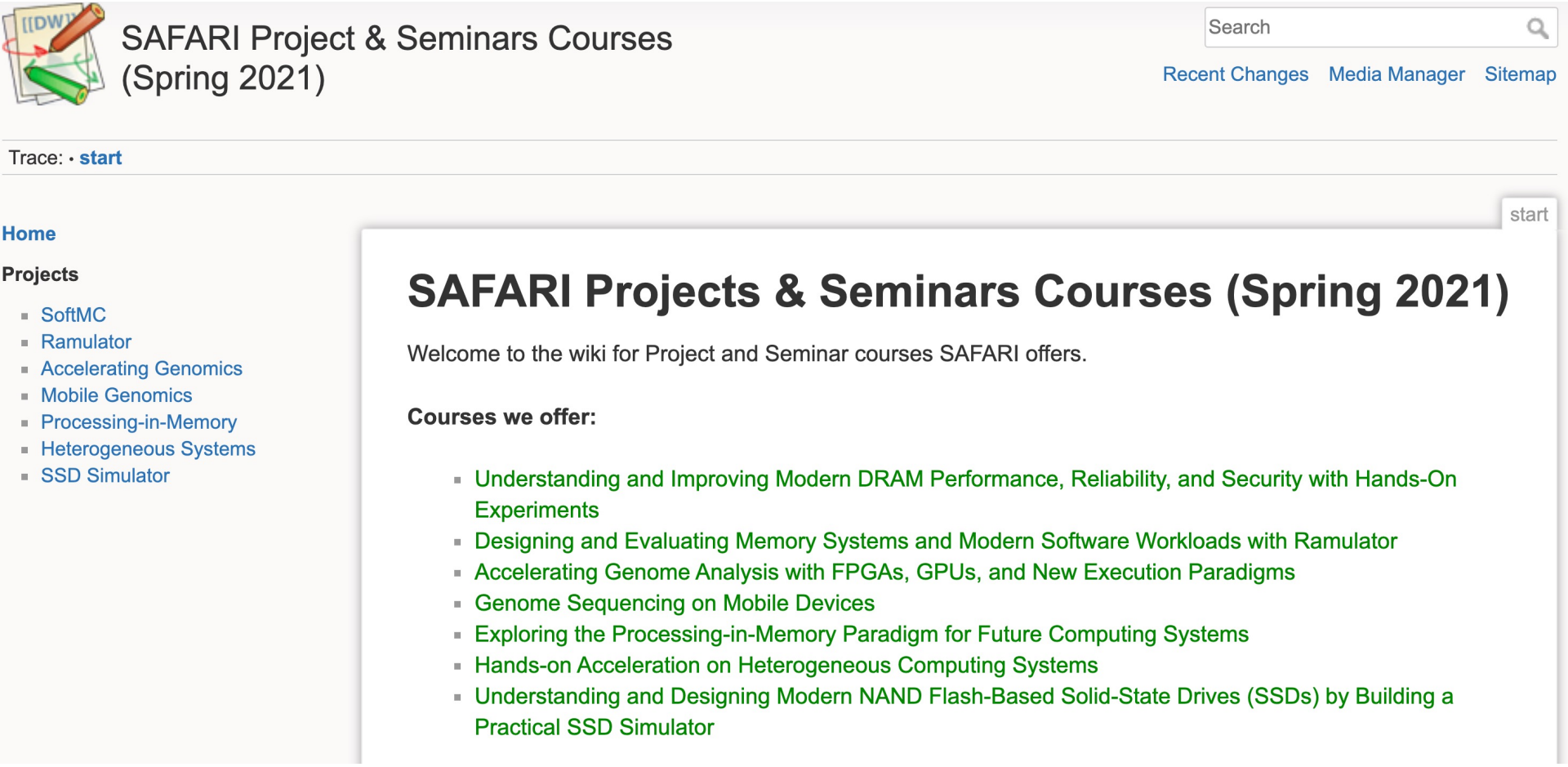

PIM Course (Current)

- **Fall 2021 Edition:**
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- **Youtube Livestream:**
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9e4Chnwdovo&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi-841fUYYUK9EsXKhQKRPyX
- Project course
  - Taken by Bachelor's/Master's students
  - Processing-in-Memory lectures
  - Hands-on research exploration
  - Many research readings

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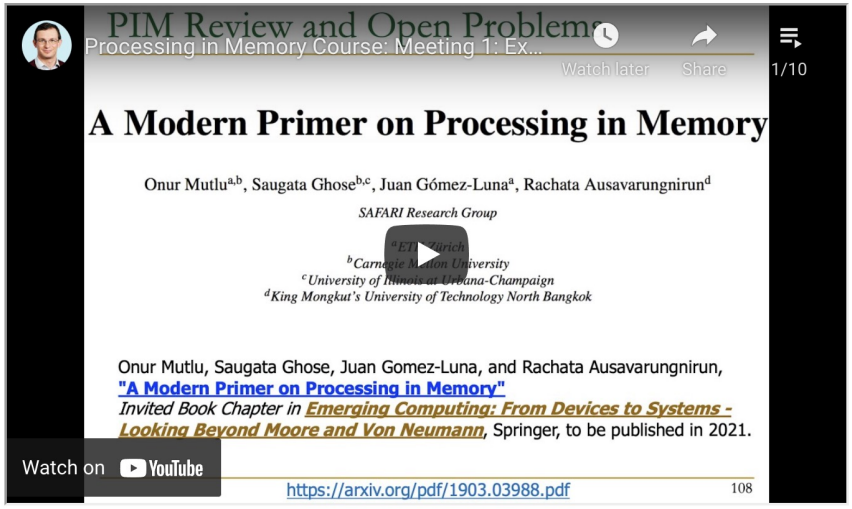

Fall 2021 Meetings/Schedule

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W1	05.10 Tue.	YouTube Live	M1: P&S PIM Course Presentation (PDF) (PPT)	Required Materials Recommended Materials	HW 0 Out
W2	12.10 Tue.	YouTube Live	M2: Real-World PIM Architectures (PDF) (PPT)		
W3	19.10 Tue.	YouTube Live	M3: Real-World PIM Architectures II (PDF) (PPT)		
W4	26.10 Tue.	YouTube Live	M4: Real-World PIM Architectures III (PDF) (PPT)		
W5	02.11 Tue.	YouTube Live	M5: Real-World PIM Architectures IV (PDF) (PPT)		
W6	09.11 Tue.	YouTube Live	M6: End-to-End Framework for Processing-using-Memory (PDF) (PPT)		
W7	16.11 Tue.	YouTube Live	M7: How to Evaluate Data Movement Bottlenecks (PDF) (PPT)		
W8	23.11 Tue.	YouTube Live	M8: Programming PIM Architectures (PDF) (PPT)		
W9	30.11 Tue.	YouTube Live	M9: Benchmarking and Workload Suitability on PIM (PDF) (PPT)		
W10	07.12 Tue.	YouTube Live	M10: Bit-Serial SIMD Processing using DRAM (PDF) (PPT)		

SAFARI Live Seminars (I)

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Dr. Juan Gómez Luna, ETH Zurich

Understanding a Modern Processing-in-Memory Architecture: Benchmarking and Experimental Characterization



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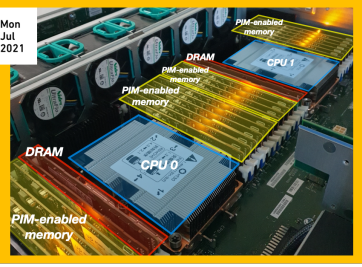

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Dr. Andrew Walker, Schiltron Corporation & Nexgen Power Systems

An Addiction to Low Cost Per Memory Bit – How to Recognize it and What to Do About it

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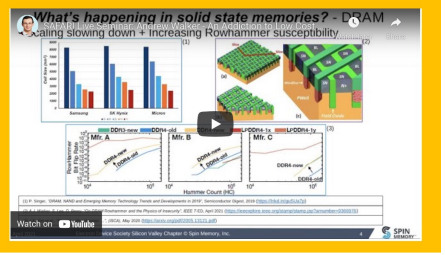

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Geraldo F. Oliveira, ETH Zurich

DAMOV: A New Methodology and Benchmark Suite for Evaluating Data Movement Bottlenecks

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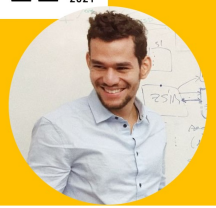

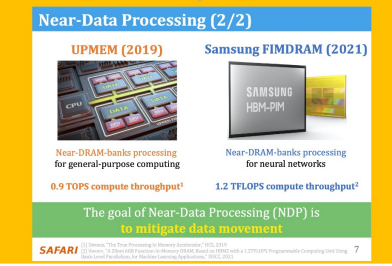

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Gennady Pekhimenko, University of Toronto

Efficient DNN Training at Scale: from Algorithms to Hardware



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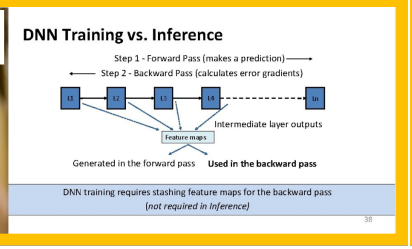

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Jawad Haj-Yahya, Huawei Research Center Zurich

Power Management Mechanisms in Modern Microprocessors and Their Security Implications



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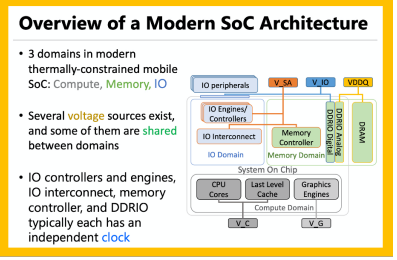

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Ataberk Olgun, TOBB & ETH Zurich

QUAC-TRNG: High-Throughput True Random Number Generation Using Quadruple Row Activation in Commodity DRAM Chips



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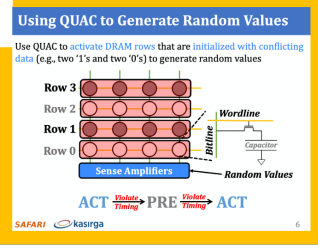

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Minesh Patel, ETH Zurich

Enabling Effective Error Mitigation in Memory Chips That Use On-Die ECCs



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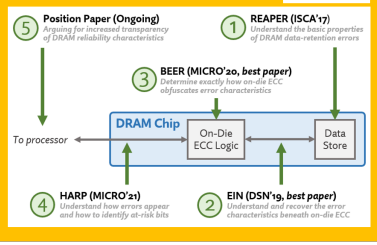

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Christina Giannoula, National Technical University of Athens

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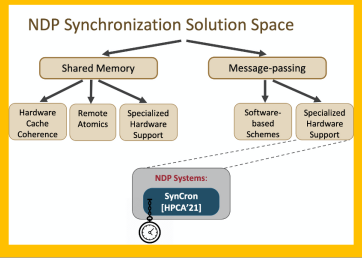

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Security Implications of Power Management Mechanisms In Modern Processors, Current Studies and Future Trends



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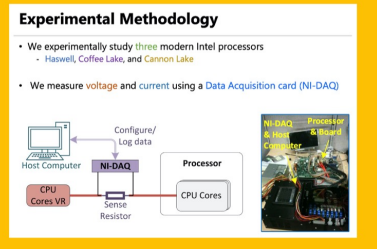

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SAFARI Live Seminar: Nastaran Hajinazar 27 Oct 2021

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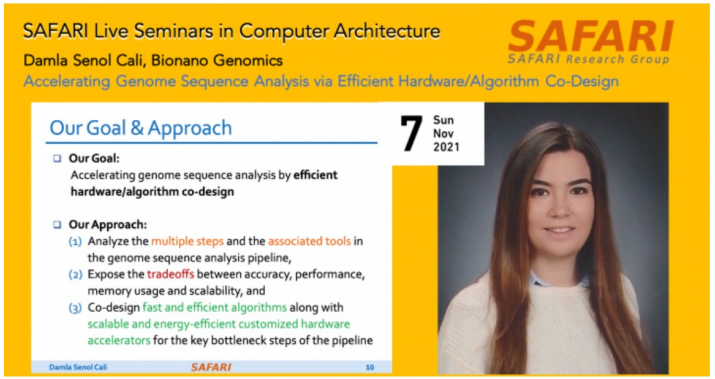
Wednesday, October 27 at 7:00 pm Zurich time (CEST)



SAFARI Live Seminar: Damla Senol Cali 07 Nov 2021

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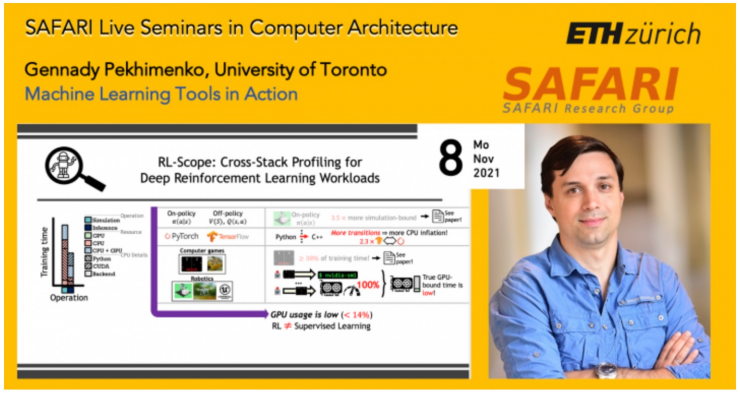
Join us for our **SAFARI Live Seminar** with **Damla Senol Cali.**

Sunday, November 07 at 6:00 pm Zurich time (CEST)



SAFARI Live Seminar: Gennady Pekhimenko 08 Nov 2021

Posted on November 1, 2021 by ewent

Join us for our **SAFARI Live Seminar** with **Gennady Pekhimenko.**

Monday, November 08 at 4:00 pm Zurich time (CET)



SAFARI Live Seminar: Serghei Mangul 11 Nov 2021

Posted on November 5, 2021 by ewent

Join us for our **SAFARI Live Seminar** with **Serghei Mangul.**

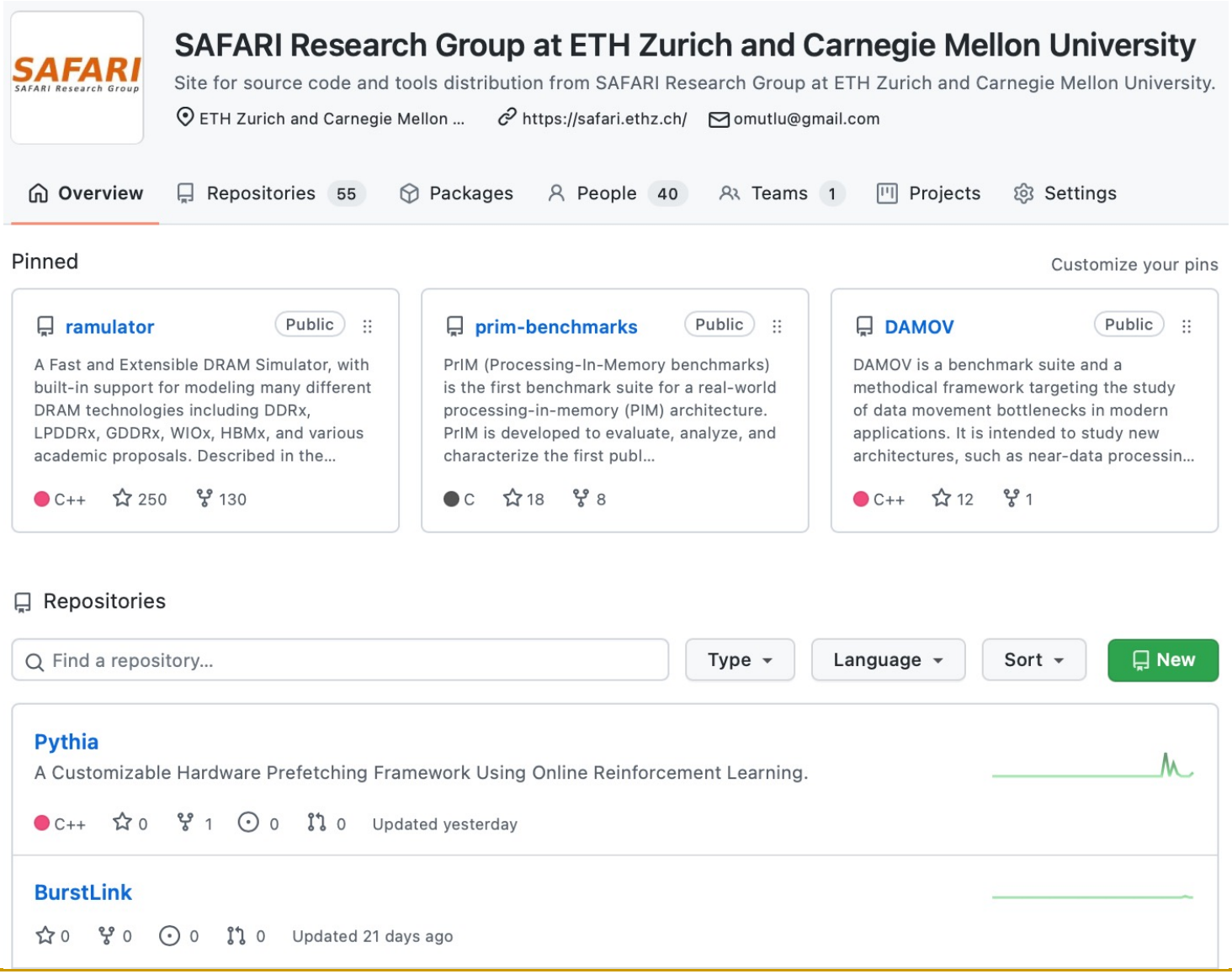
Thursday, November 11 at 11:00 am Zurich time (CET), ETH Zentrum ETZ K91

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D8Hjy2iU9l4&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi_tOTAYm--dYByNPL7JhwR9&index=1

Open-Source Artifacts

https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI

Open Source Tools: SAFARI GitHub



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COVIDHunter: An accurate and flexible COVID-19 outbreak simulation model that forecasts the strength of future mitigation measures and the numbers of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths for a given day, while considering the potential effect of environmental conditions. Described by Alser et al. (preliminary version at https://arxiv.org/abs/2...

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SNP-Selective-Hiding

An optimization-based mechanism to selectively hide the minimum number of overlapping SNPs among the family members who participated in the genomic studies (i.e. GWAS). Our goal is to distort the dependencies among the family members in the original database for achieving better privacy without significantly degrading the data utility.

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SneakySnake

SneakySnake is the first and the only pre-alignment filtering algorithm that works efficiently and fast on modern CPU, FPGA, and GPU architectures. It greatly (by more than two orders of magnitude) expedites sequence alignment calculation for both short and long reads. Described in the Bioinformatics (2020) by Alser et al. https://arxiv.org/abs...

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ramulator

A Fast and Extensible DRAM Simulator, with built-in support for modeling many different DRAM technologies including DDRx, LPDDRx, GDDRx, WIOx, HBMx, and various academic proposals. Described in the IEEE CAL 2015 paper by Kim et al. at http://users.ece.cmu.edu/~omutlu/pub/ramulator_dram_simulator-ieee-cal15.pdf

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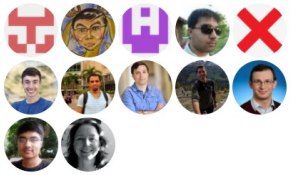

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An Interview on Research and Education

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  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ffSEKZhmvo&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi_4oP9LdL3cc8G6NIjD2Ydz

- **Maurice Wilkes Award Speech** (10 minutes)
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Fundamental Thinking

Historical: Opportunities at the Bottom

There's Plenty of Room at the Bottom

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

"**There's Plenty of Room at the Bottom: An Invitation to Enter a New Field of Physics**" was a lecture given by physicist Richard Feynman at the annual American Physical Society meeting at Caltech on December 29, 1959.[1] Feynman considered the possibility of direct manipulation of individual atoms as a more powerful form of synthetic chemistry than those used at the time. Although versions of the talk were reprinted in a few popular magazines, it went largely unnoticed and did not inspire the conceptual beginnings of the field. Beginning in the 1980s, nanotechnology advocates cited it to establish the scientific credibility of their work.

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Historical: Opportunities at the Bottom (II)

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Feynman considered some ramifications of a general ability to manipulate matter on an atomic scale. He was particularly interested in the possibilities of denser computer circuitry, and microscopes that could see things much smaller than is possible with scanning electron microscopes. These ideas were later realized by the use of the scanning tunneling microscope, the atomic force microscope and other examples of scanning probe microscopy and storage systems such as Millipede, created by researchers at IBM.

Feynman also suggested that it should be possible, in principle, to make nanoscale machines that "arrange the atoms the way we want", and do chemical synthesis by mechanical manipulation.

He also presented the possibility of "swallowing the doctor", an idea that he credited in the essay to his friend and graduate student Albert Hibbs. This concept involved building a tiny, swallowable surgical robot.

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Historical: Opportunities at the Top

REVIEW

There's plenty of room at the Top: What will drive computer performance after Moore's law?

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Much of the improvement in computer performance comes from decades of miniaturization of computer components, a trend that was foreseen by the Nobel Prize–winning physicist Richard Feynman in his 1959 address, "There's Plenty of Room at the Bottom," to the American Physical Society. In 1975, Intel founder Gordon Moore predicted the regularity of this miniaturization trend, now called Moore's law, which, until recently, doubled the number of transistors on computer chips every 2 years.

Unfortunately, semiconductor miniaturization is running out of steam as a viable way to grow computer performance—there isn't much more room at the "Bottom." If growth in computing power stalls, practically all industries will face challenges to their productivity. Nevertheless, opportunities for growth in computing performance will still be available, especially at the "Top" of the computing-technology stack: software, algorithms, and hardware architecture.

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Axiom, Revisited

There **is** plenty of room both at the top and at the bottom

but **much more so**

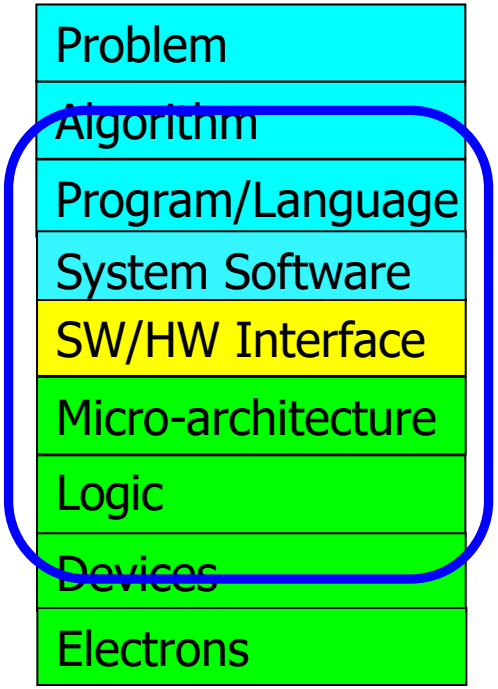
when you

communicate well between and optimize across

the top and the bottom

Hence the Expanded View

Computer Architecture (expanded view)



Fundamentally Better Architectures

Data-centric

Data-driven

Data-aware

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