

# Memory Systems

Fundamentals, Recent Research, Challenges, Opportunities

## Lecture 3: Processing-in-Memory

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# Four Key Directions

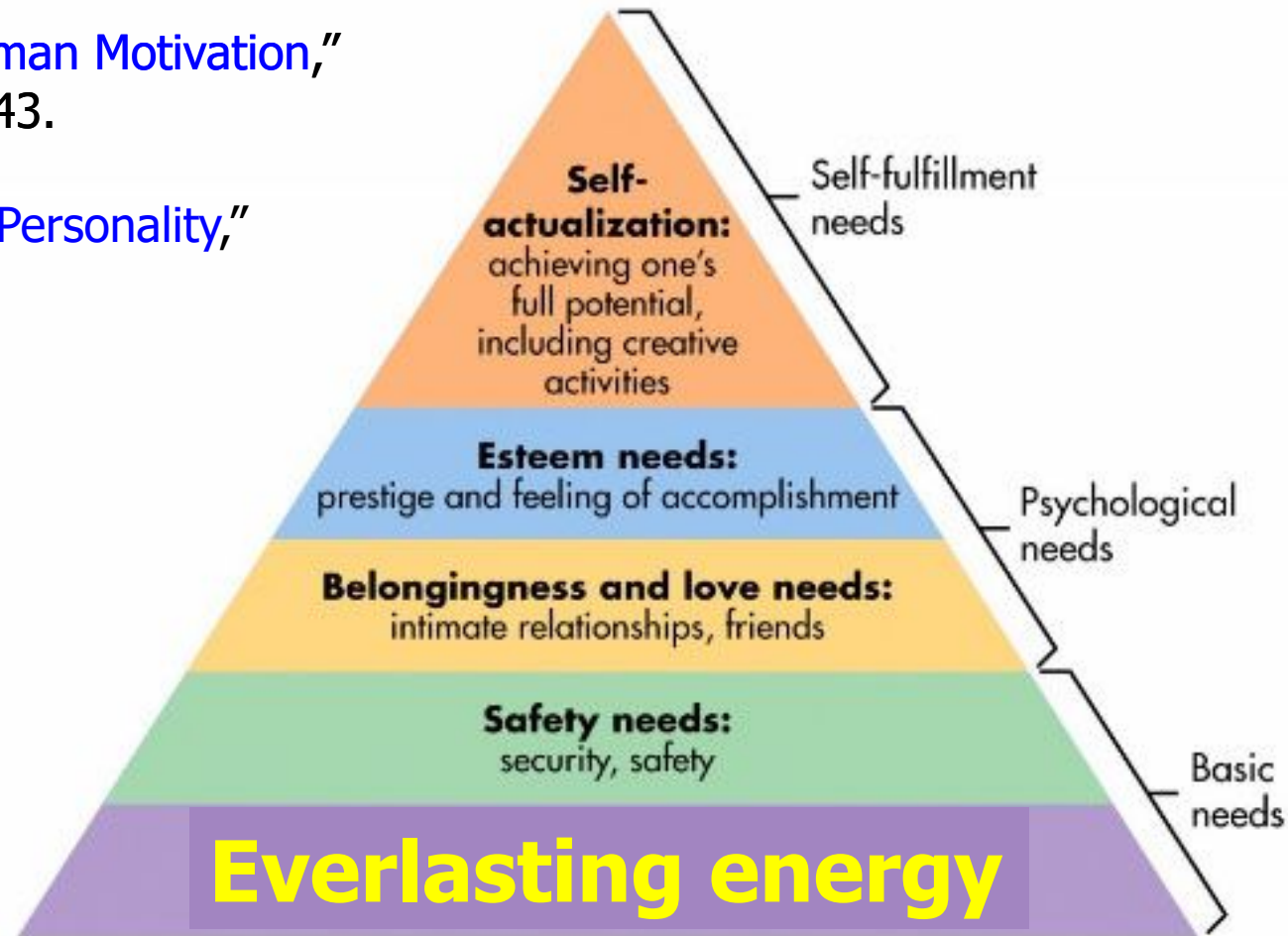
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- Fundamentally **Secure/Reliable/Safe** Architectures
- Fundamentally **Energy-Efficient** Architectures
  - **Memory-centric** (Data-centric) Architectures
- Fundamentally **Low-Latency** Architectures
- Architectures for **Genomics, Medicine, Health**

# Maslow's (Human) Hierarchy of Needs, Revisited

Maslow, "A Theory of Human Motivation,"  
Psychological Review, 1943.

Maslow, "Motivation and Personality,"  
Book, 1954-1970.



# Do We Want This?

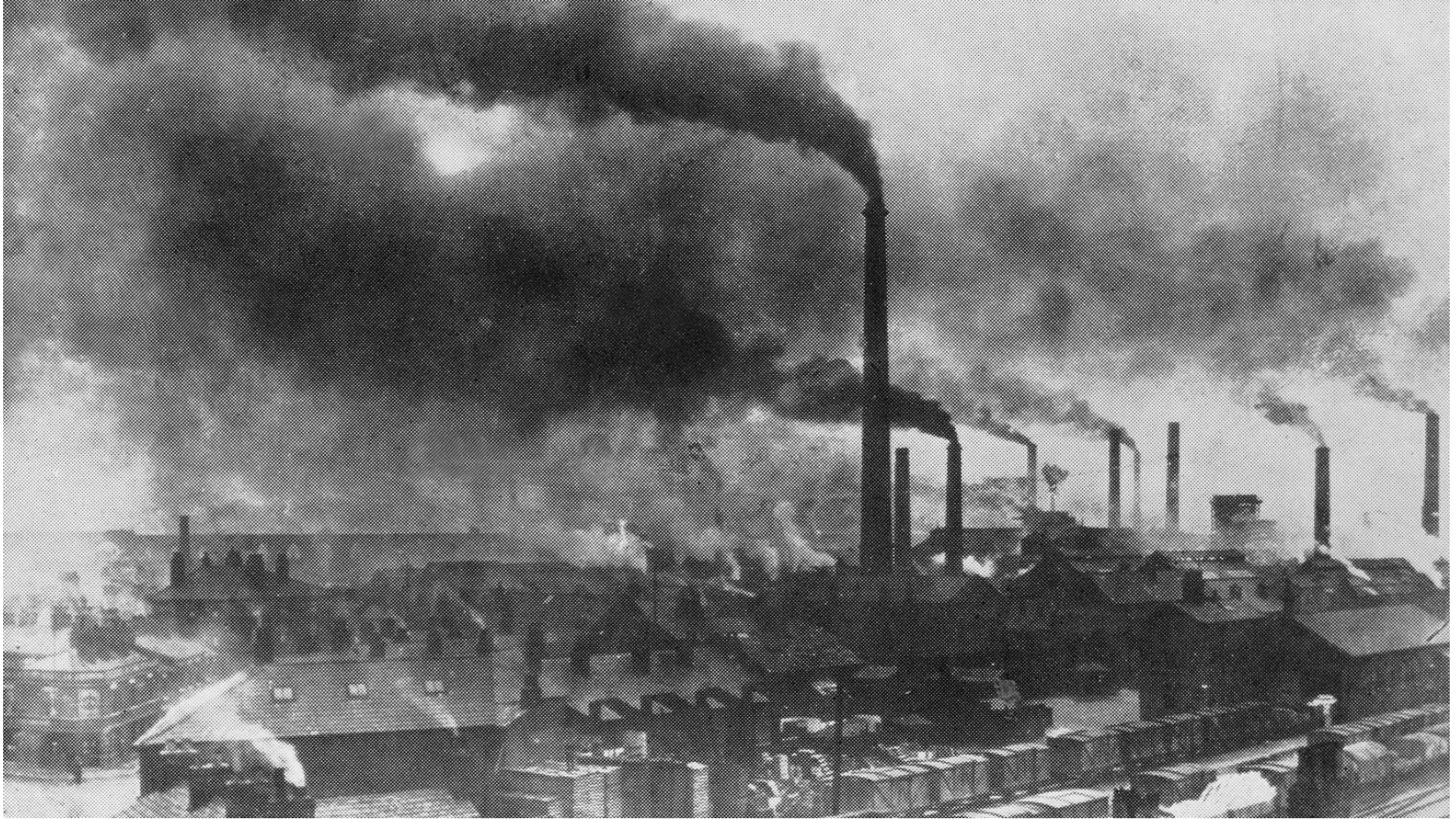
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# Or This?

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# Sub-Agenda: In-Memory Computation

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- Major Trends Affecting Main Memory
- **The Need for Intelligent Memory Controllers**
  - **Bottom Up: Push from Circuits and Devices**
  - **Top Down: Pull from Systems and Applications**
- Processing in Memory: Two Directions
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# Observation and Opportunity

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- High latency and high energy caused by data movement
  - ❑ Long, energy-hungry interconnects
  - ❑ Energy-hungry electrical interfaces
  - ❑ Movement of large amounts of data
- Opportunity: Minimize data movement by performing computation directly where the data resides
  - ❑ Processing in memory (PIM)
  - ❑ In-memory computation/processing
  - ❑ Near-data processing (NDP)
  - ❑ General concept applicable to any data storage & movement unit (caches, SSDs, main memory, network, controllers)

# Three Key Systems Trends

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## 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

# The Need for More Memory Performance

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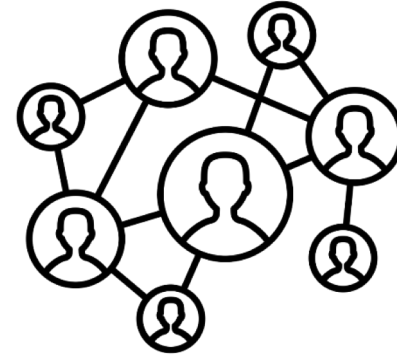
## In-memory Databases

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



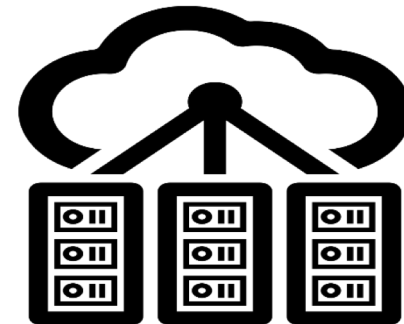
## In-Memory Data Analytics

[Clapp+ (Intel), IISWC'15;  
Awan+, BDCloud'15]



## Graph/Tree Processing

[Xu+, IISWC'12; Umuroglu+, FPL'15]



## Datacenter Workloads

[Kanev+ (Google), ISCA'15]



High Performance,  
Energy Efficient,  
Sustainable

# The Problem

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Data access is the major performance and energy bottleneck

Our current  
design principles  
cause great energy waste  
(and great performance loss)

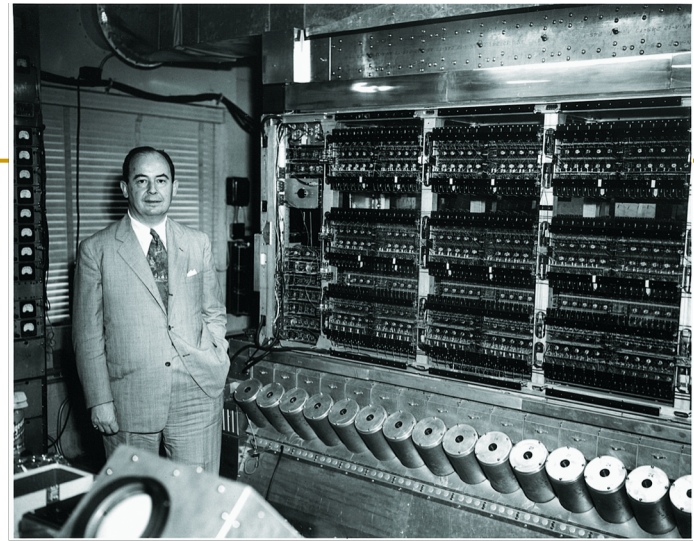
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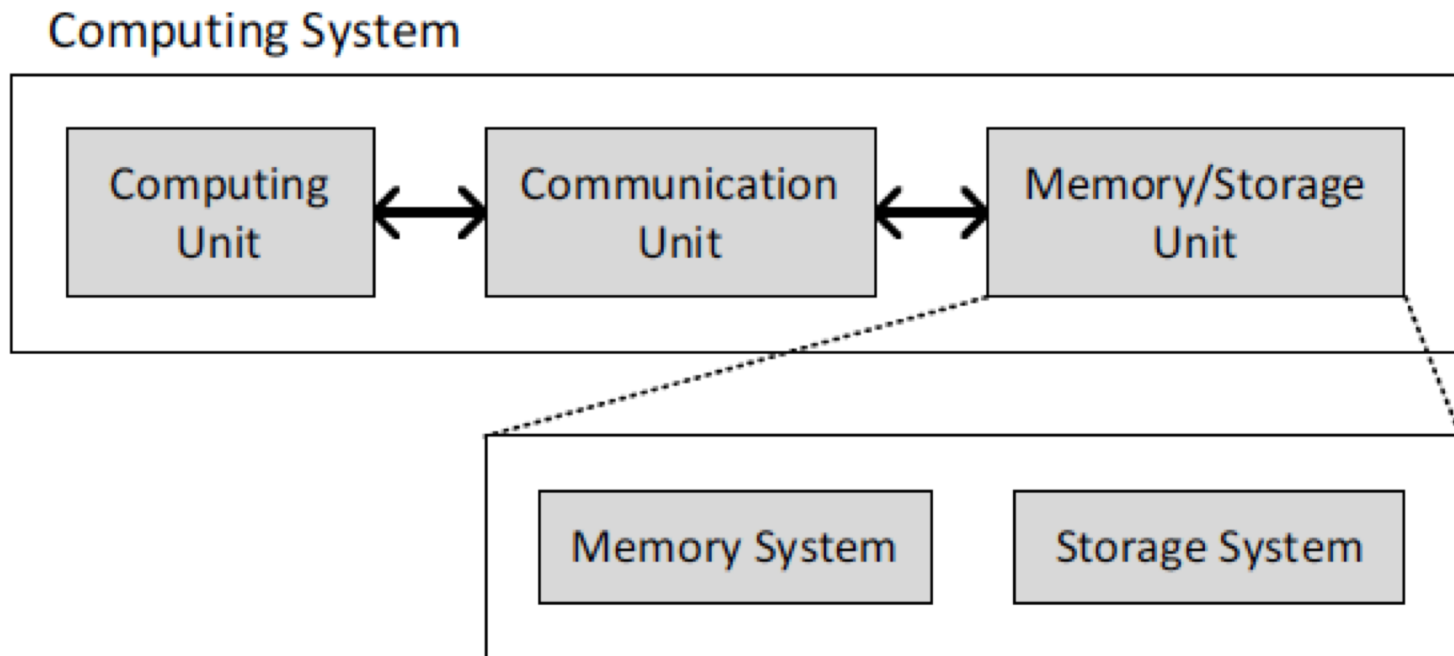
Processing of data  
is performed  
far away from the data

# A Computing System

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

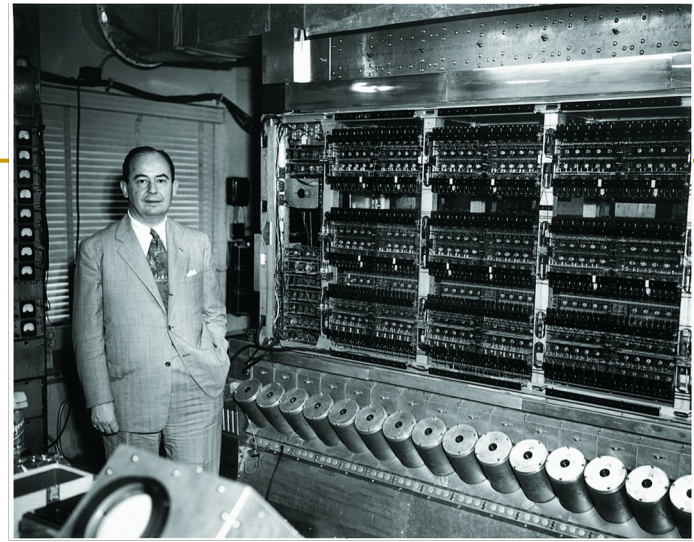


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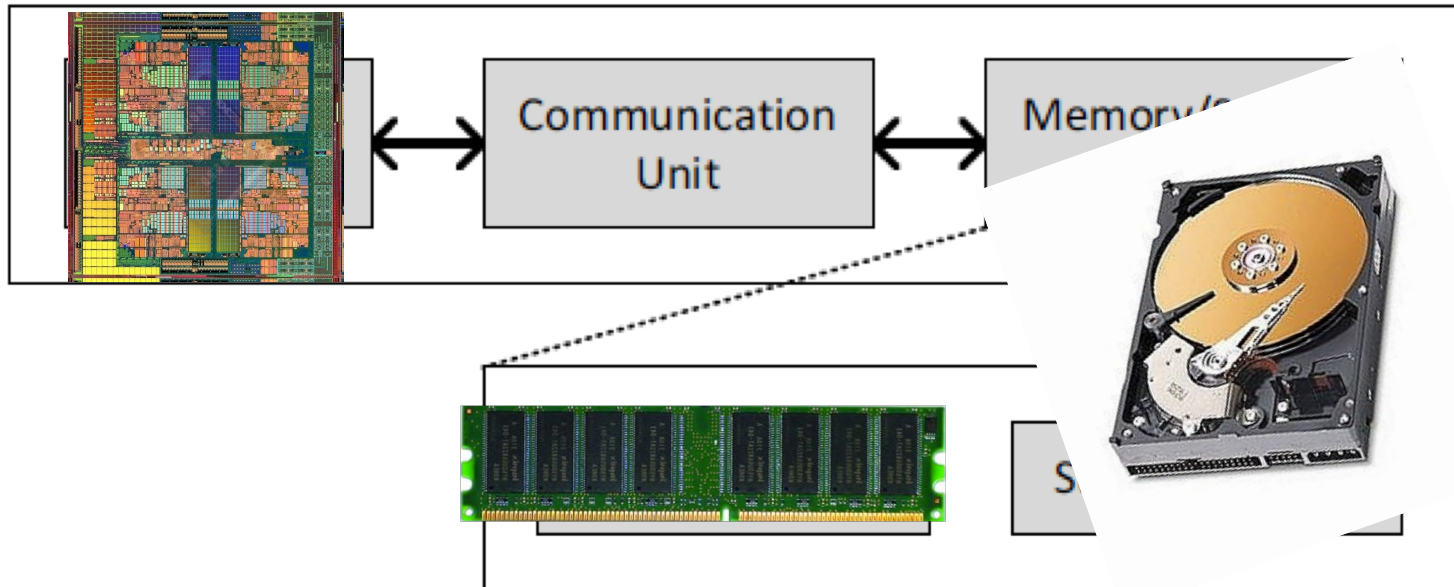
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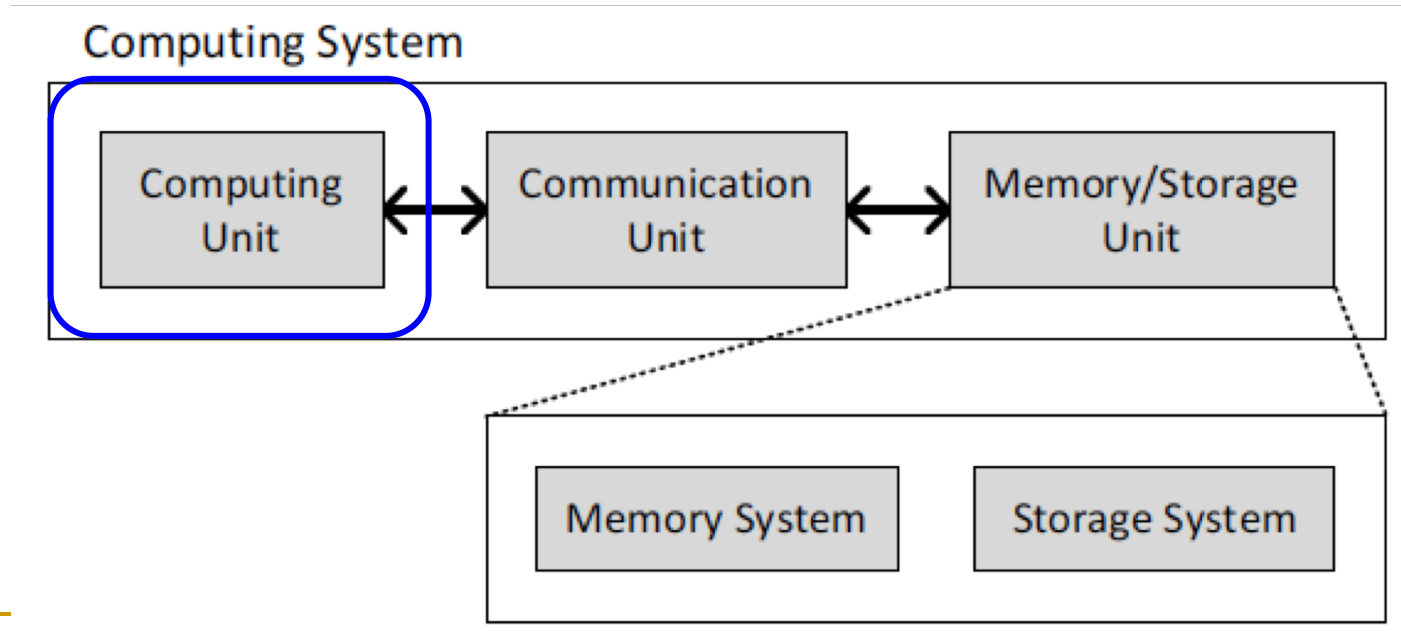
## Computing System



# Today's Computing Systems

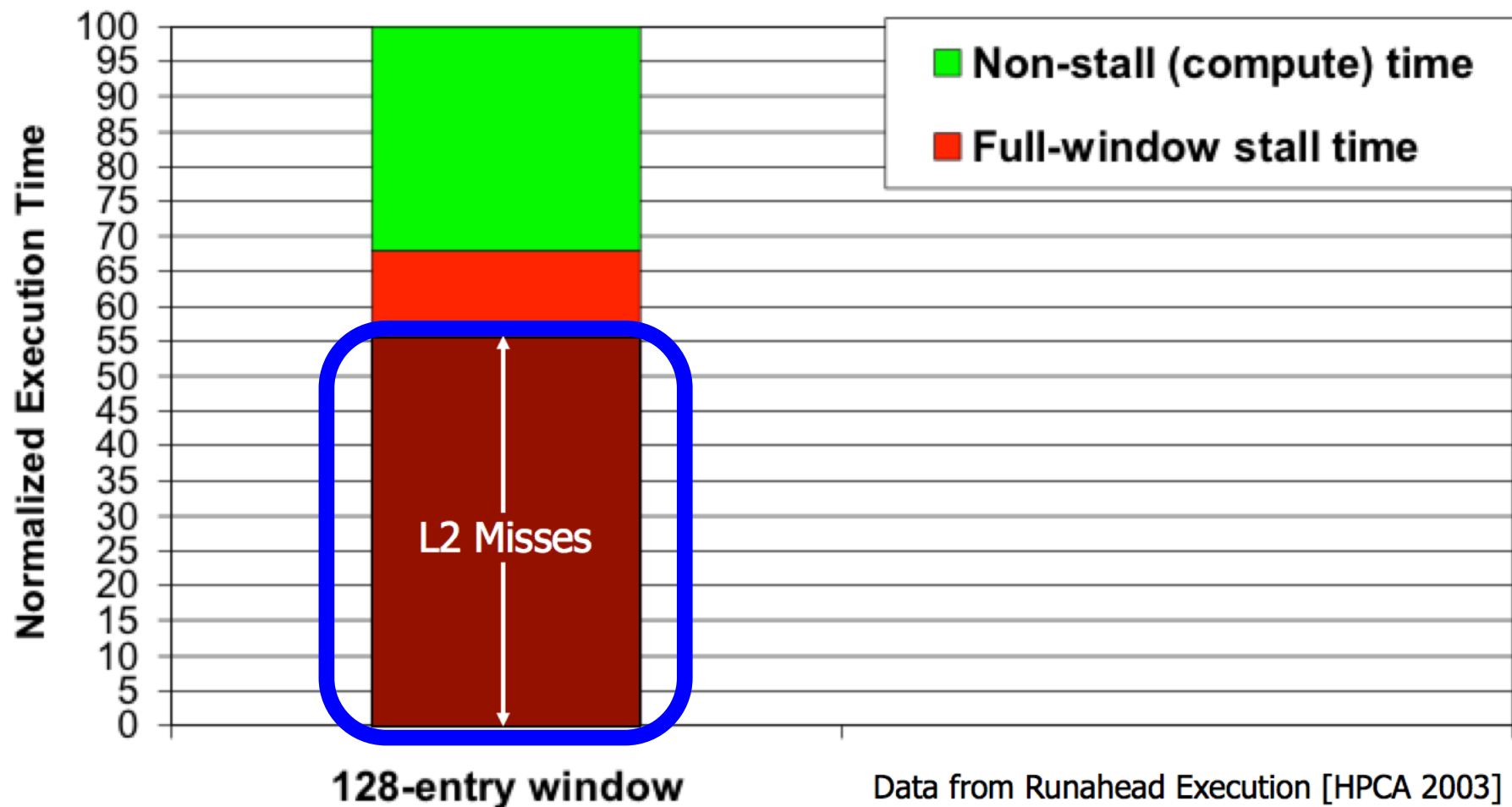
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- Are overwhelmingly processor centric
- All data processed in the processor → at great system cost
- Processor is heavily optimized and is considered the master
- Data storage units are dumb and are largely unoptimized (except for some that are on the processor die)



# Yet ...

- **“It’s the Memory, Stupid!”** (Richard Sites, MPR, 1996)



# The Performance Perspective

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- Onur Mutlu, Jared Stark, Chris Wilkerson, and Yale N. Patt,  
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## Runahead Execution: An Alternative to Very Large Instruction Windows for Out-of-order Processors

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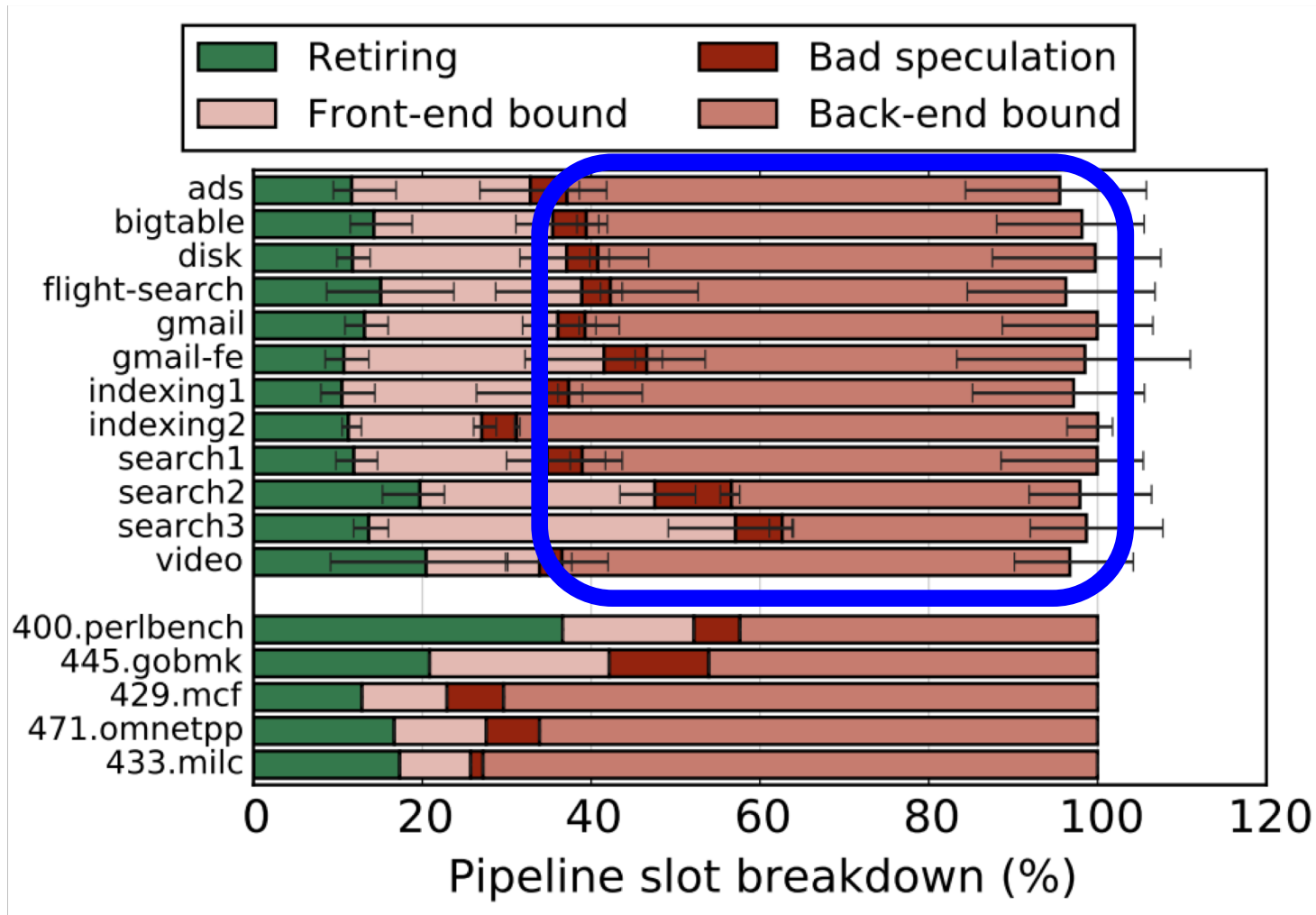
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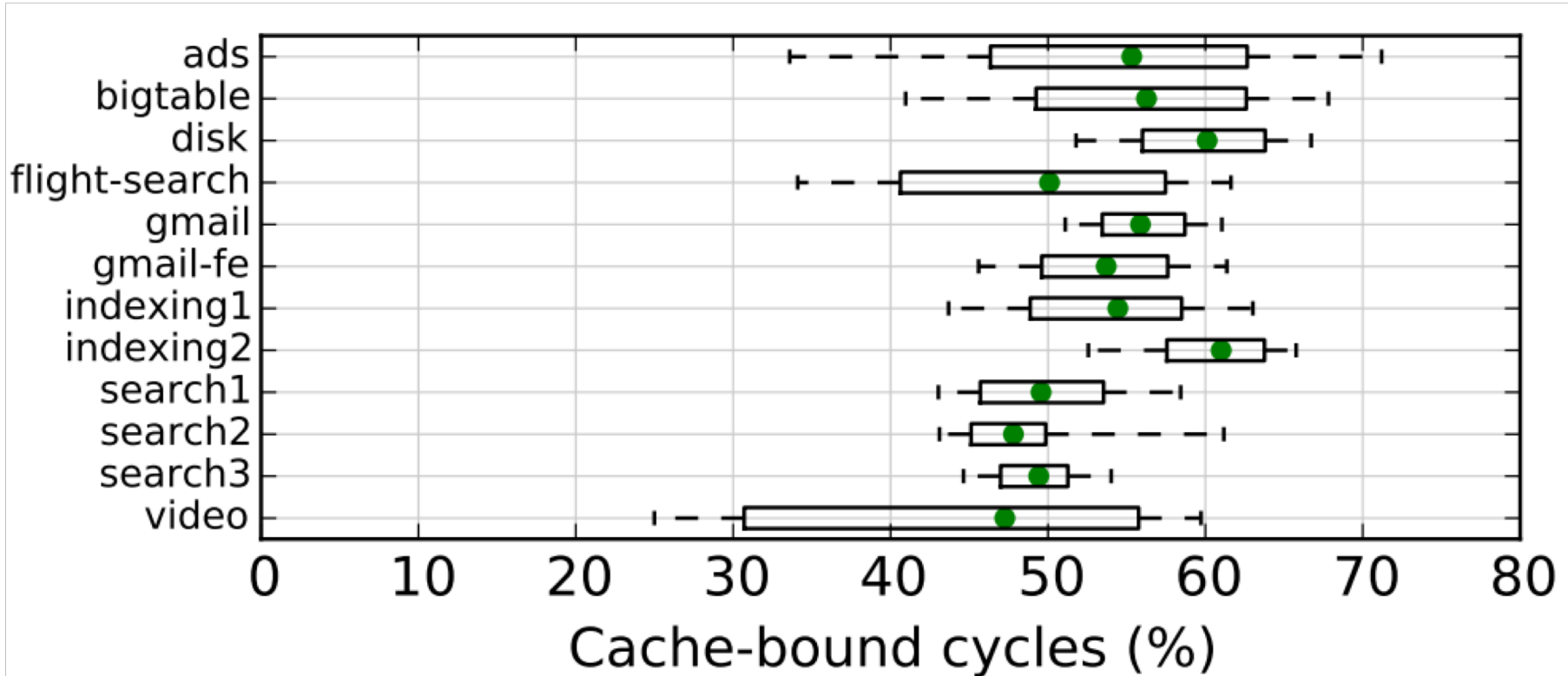
# The Performance Perspective (Today)

- All of Google's Data Center Workloads (2015):



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

# Perils of Processor-Centric Design

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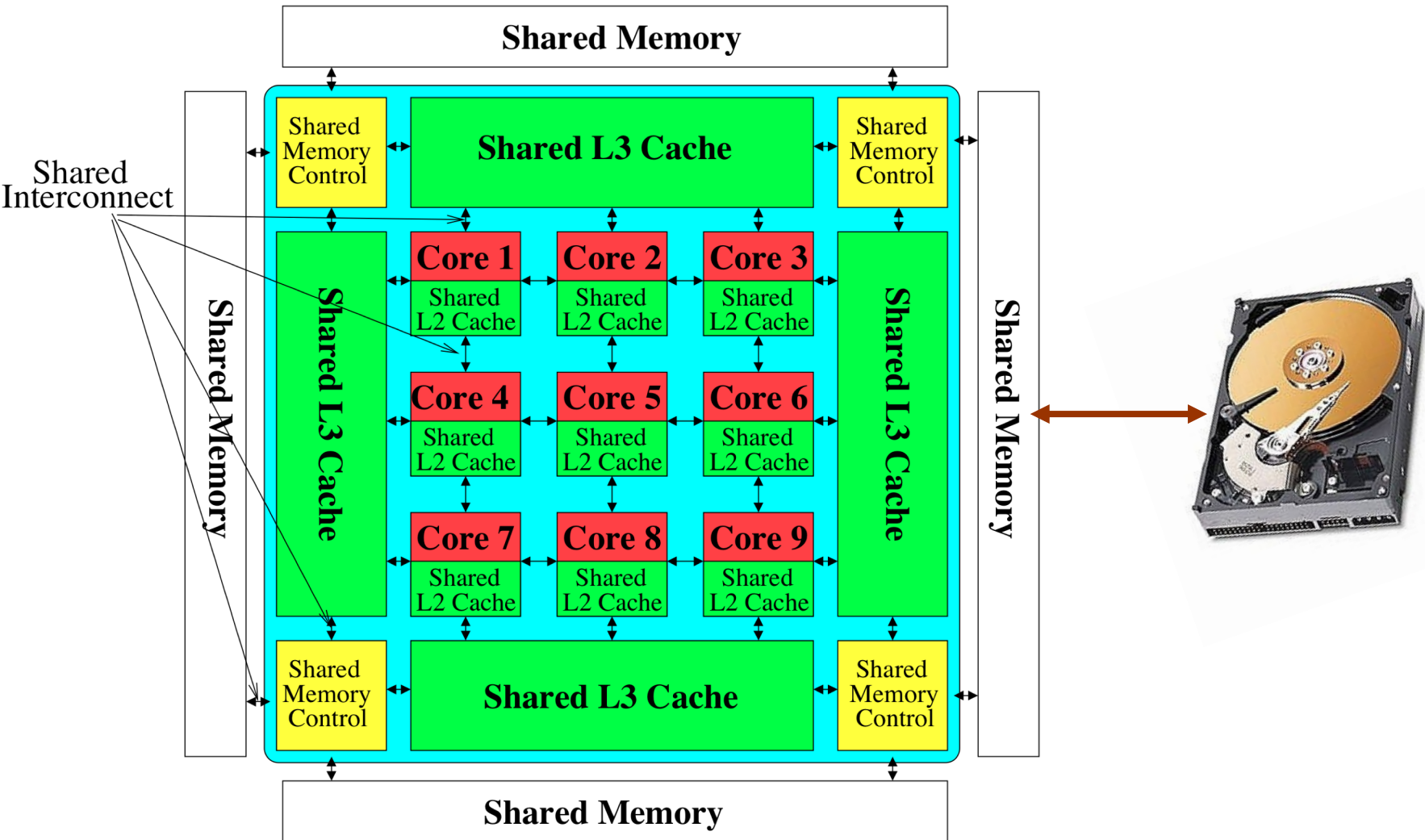
## ■ Grossly-imbalanced systems

- ❑ Processing done only in **one place**
- ❑ Everything 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
  - Energy inefficient
  - Low performance
  - Complex

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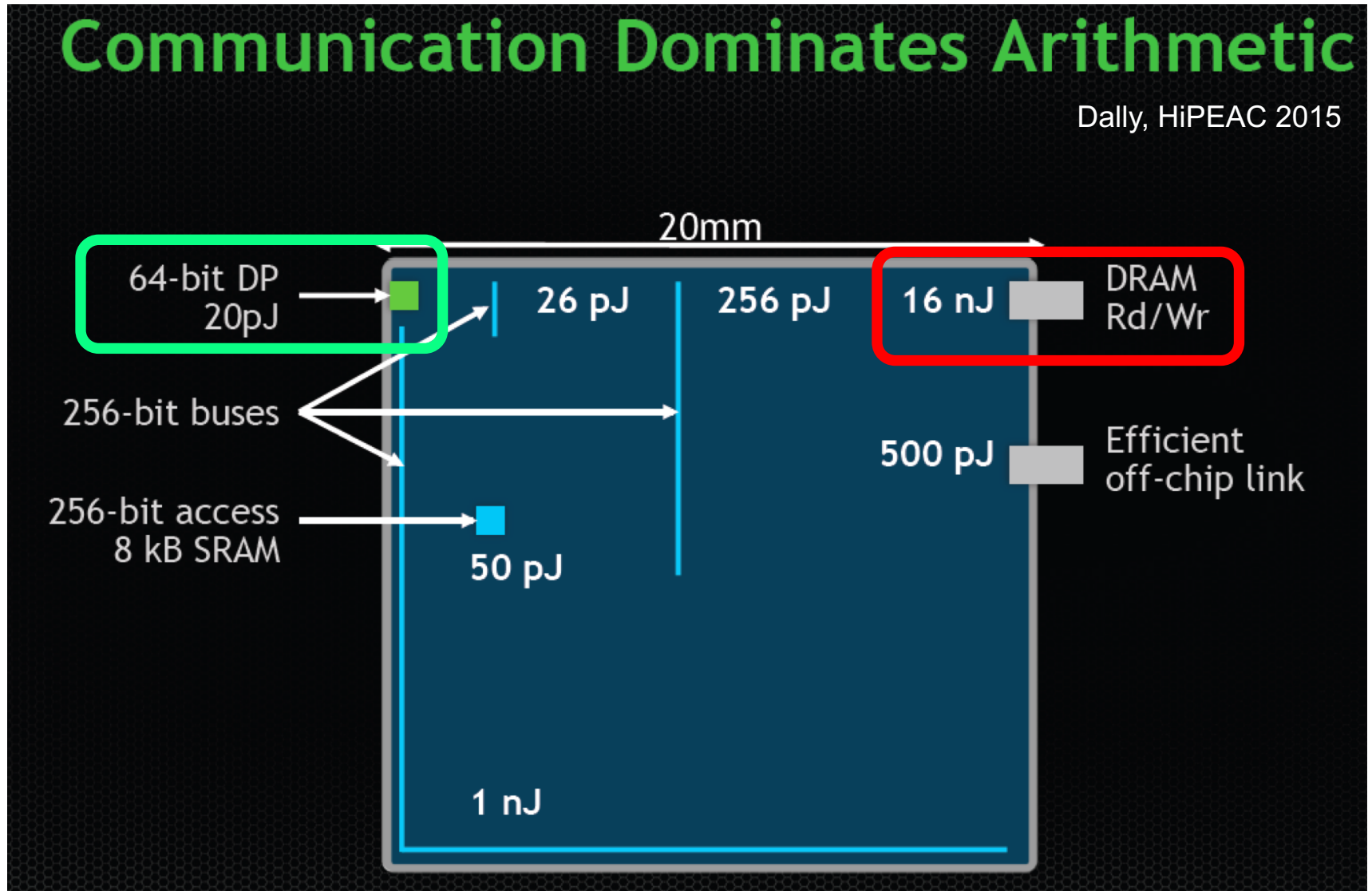


**Most of the system is dedicated to storing and moving data**

# The Energy Perspective

## Communication Dominates Arithmetic

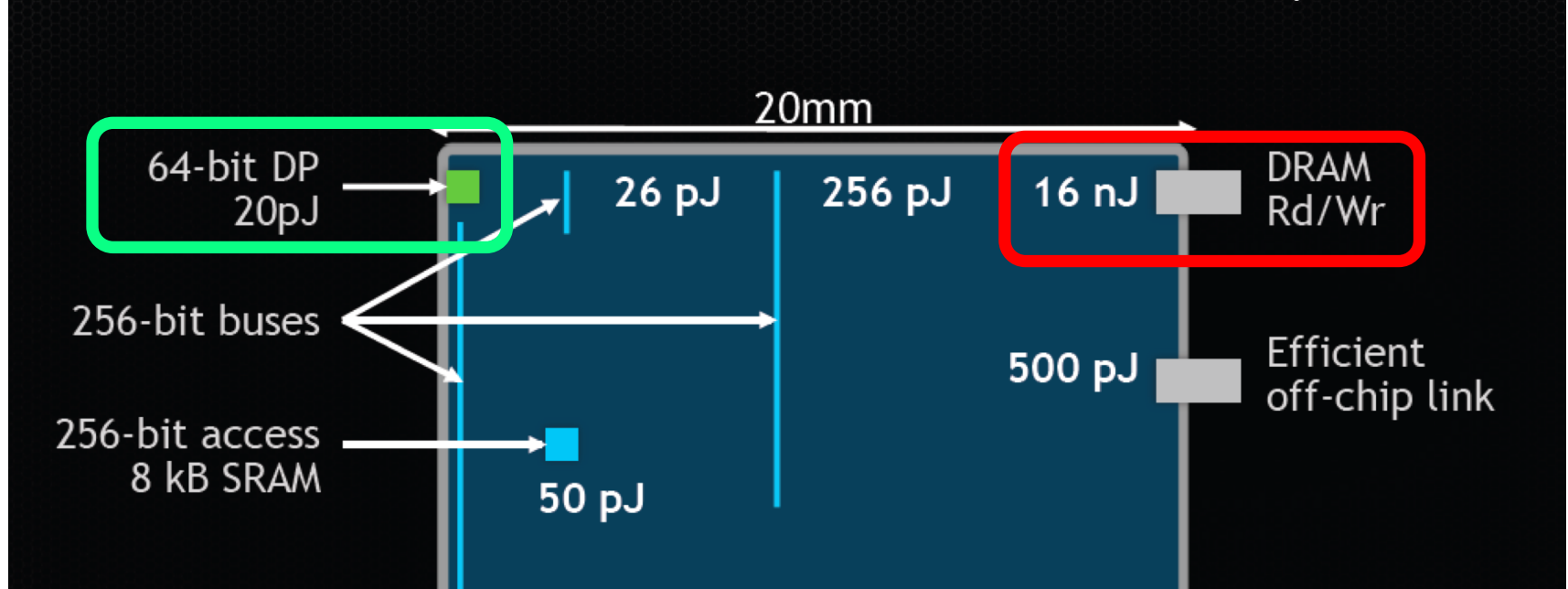
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# Data Movement vs. Computation Energy

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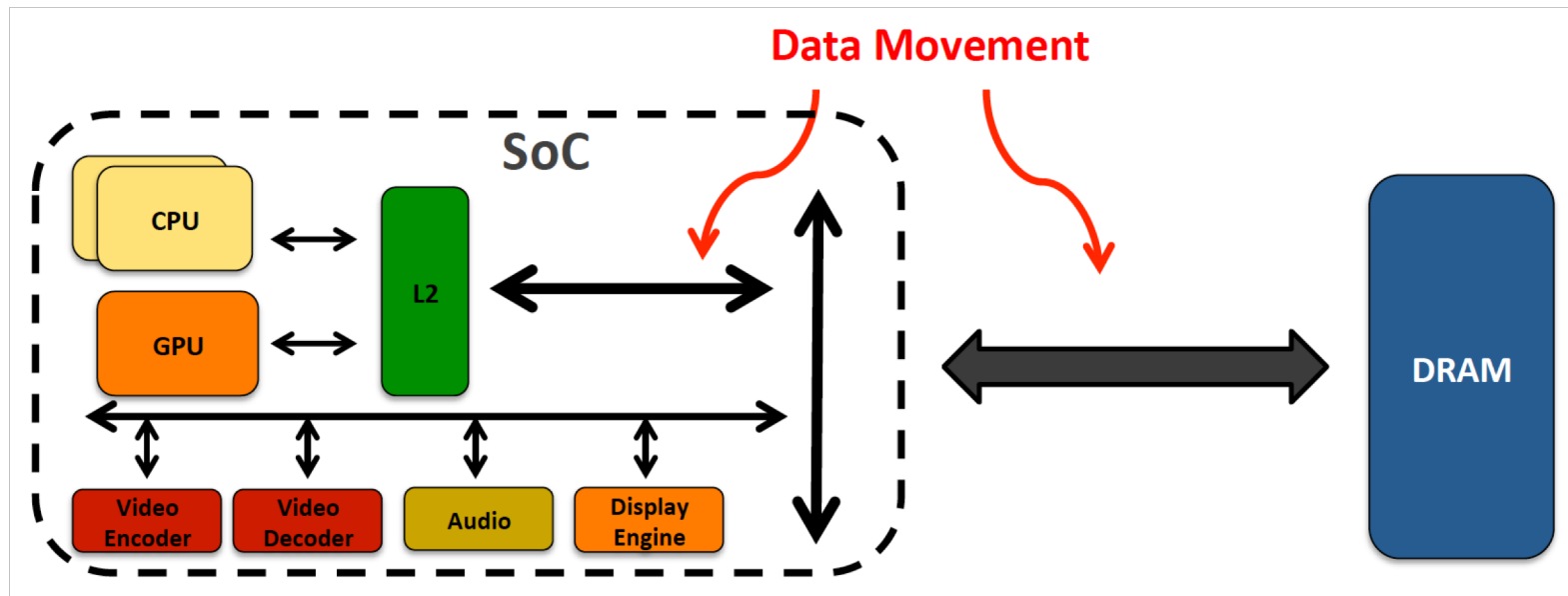
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A memory access consumes  $\sim 1000\times$  the energy of a complex addition

# Data Movement vs. Computation Energy

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



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

[2]: Quantifying the energy cost of data movement for emerging smart phone workloads on mobile platforms (IISWC'14)



# Energy Waste in Mobile Devices

- Amirali Boroumand, Saugata Ghose, Youngsok Kim, Rachata Ausavarungnirun, Eric Shiu, Rahul Thakur, Daehyun Kim, Aki Kuusela, Allan Knies, Parthasarathy Ranganathan, and Onur Mutlu, **"Google Workloads for Consumer Devices: Mitigating Data Movement Bottlenecks"** *Proceedings of the 23rd International Conference on Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (ASPLOS)*, Williamsburg, VA, USA, March 2018.

**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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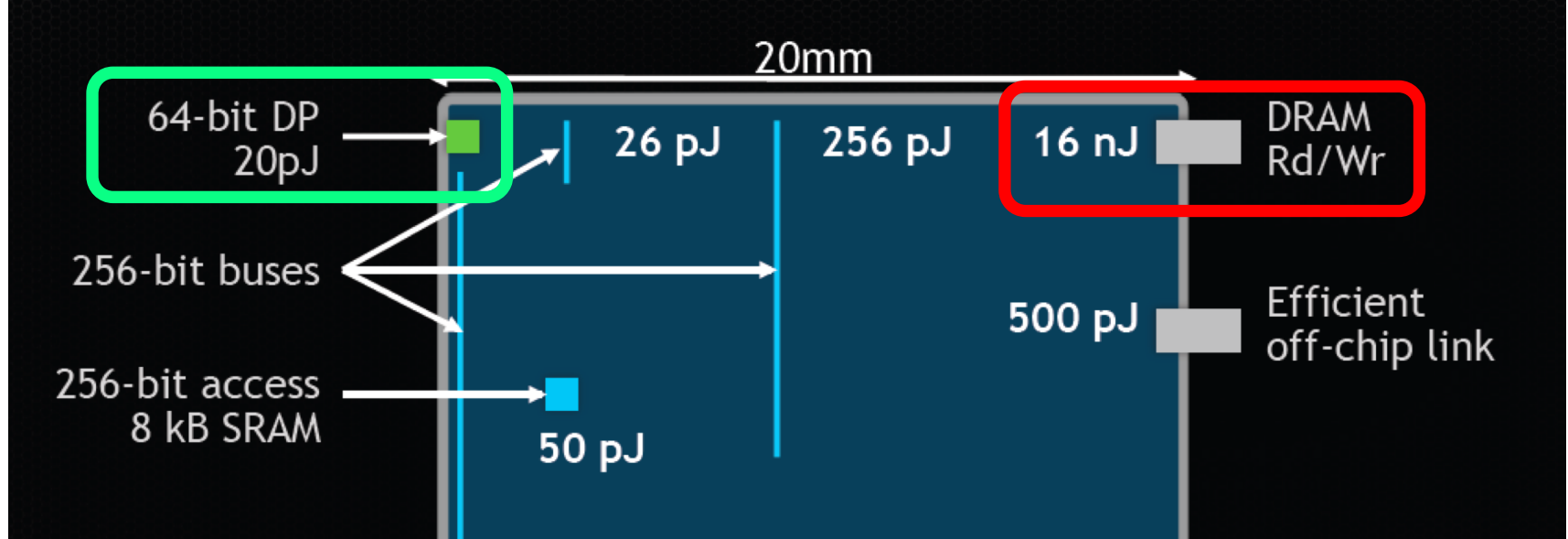
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# We Do Not Want to Move Data!

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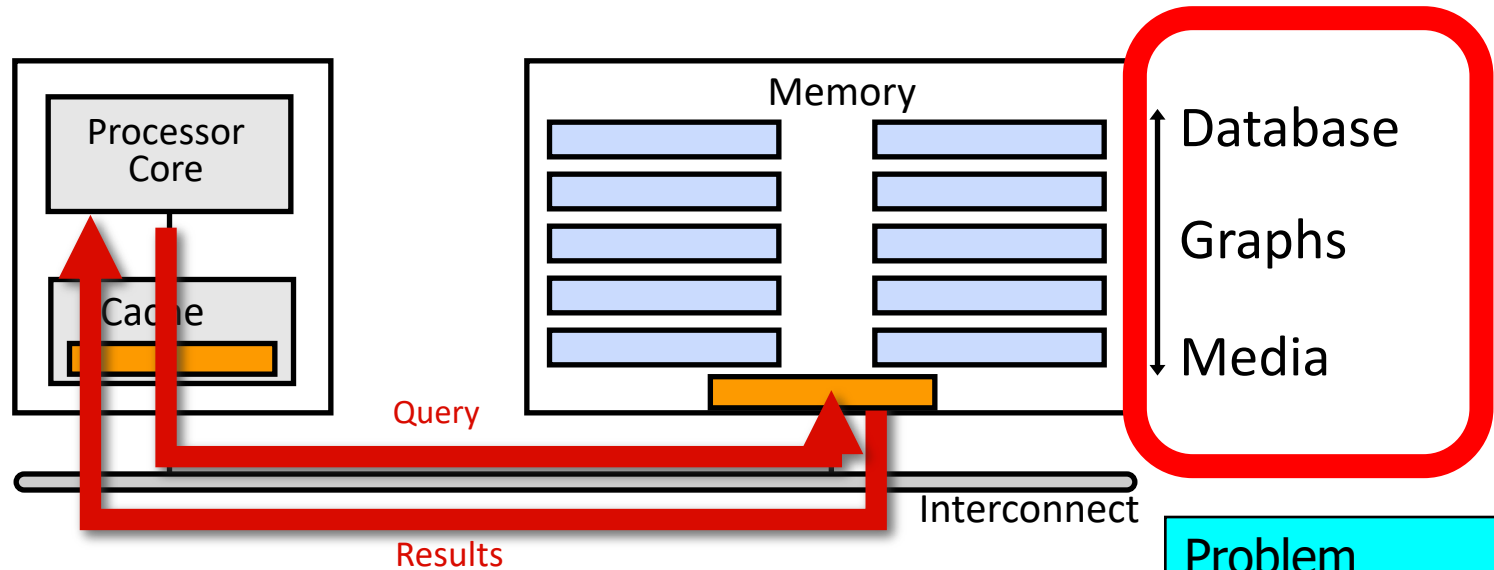
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# We Need A Paradigm Shift To ...

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

# Goal: Processing Inside Memory



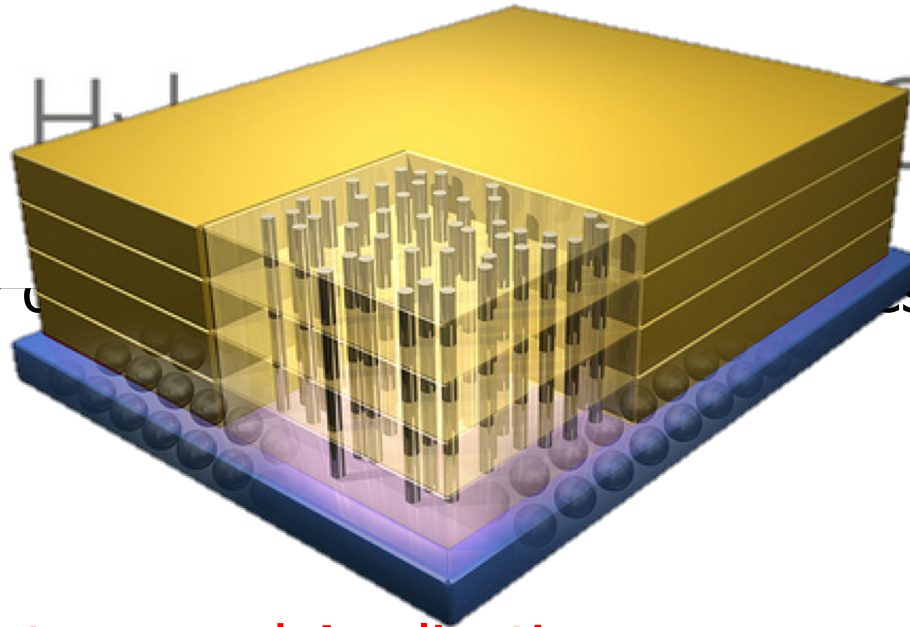
- Many questions ... How do we design the:
  - ❑ compute-capable memory & controllers?
  - ❑ processor chip and in-memory units?
  - ❑ software and hardware interfaces?
  - ❑ system software and languages?
  - ❑ algorithms?

Problem
Algorithm
Program/Language
System Software
SW/HW Interface
Micro-architecture
Logic
Devices
Electrons

# Why In-Memory Computation Today?



→ Industry C



## ■ 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

# Agenda

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# Processing in Memory: Two Approaches

1. Minimally changing memory chips
2. Exploiting 3D-stacked memory

# Approach 1: Minimally Changing DRAM

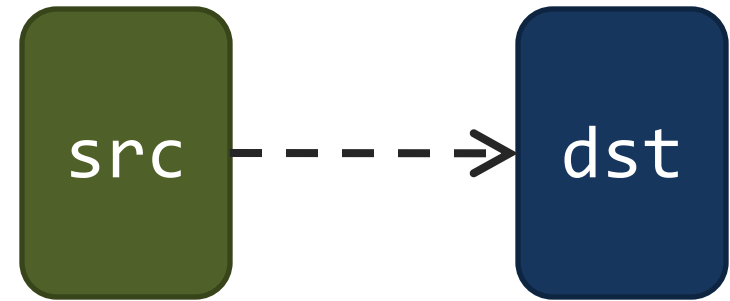
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- DRAM has great capability to perform **bulk data movement and computation** internally with small changes
  - Can **exploit internal connectivity** to move data
  - Can **exploit analog computation capability**
  - ...
- Examples: RowClone, In-DRAM 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)
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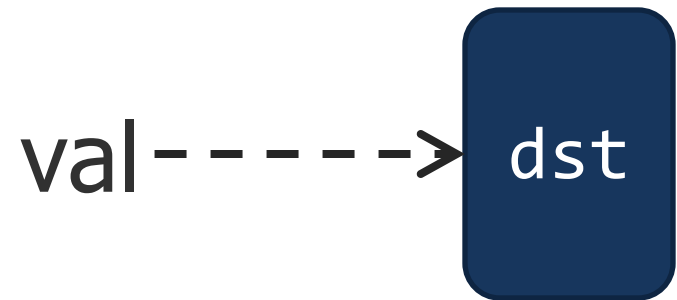
# Starting Simple: Data Copy and Initialization

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**Bulk Data  
Copy**



**Bulk Data  
Initialization**





# Bulk Data Copy and Initialization

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## **The Impact of Architectural Trends on Operating System Performance**

Mendel Rosenblum, Edouard Bugnion, Stephen Alan Herrod,  
Emmett Witchel, and Anoop Gupta

## **Hardware Support for Bulk Data Movement in Server Platforms**

Li Zhao<sup>†</sup>, Ravi Iyer<sup>‡</sup>, Srihari Makineni<sup>‡</sup>, Laxmi Bhuyan<sup>†</sup> and Don Newell<sup>‡</sup>

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## **Architecture Support for Improving Bulk Memory Copying and Initialization Performance**

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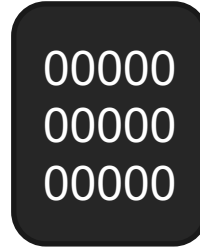
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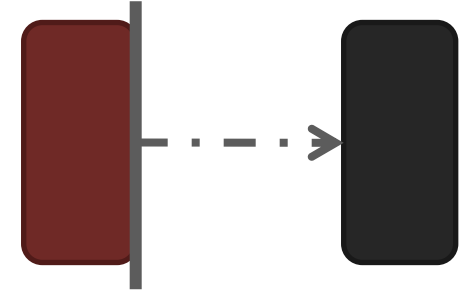
*memmove & memcpy: 5% cycles in Google's datacenter [Kanev+ ISCA'15]*



**Forking**



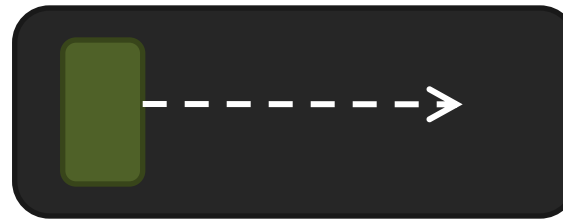
**Zero initialization  
(e.g., security)**



**Checkpointing**



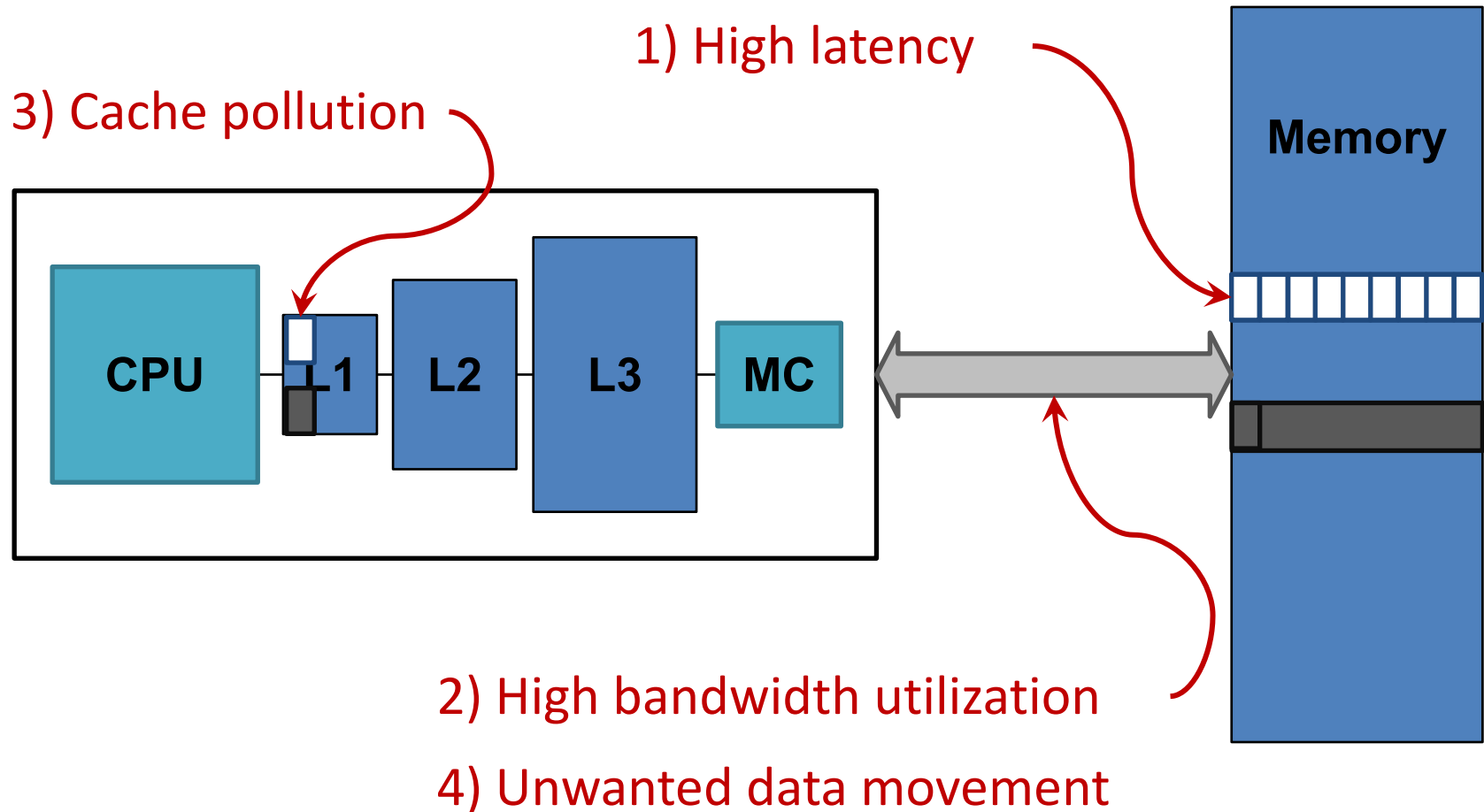
**VM Cloning  
Deduplication**



**Page Migration**

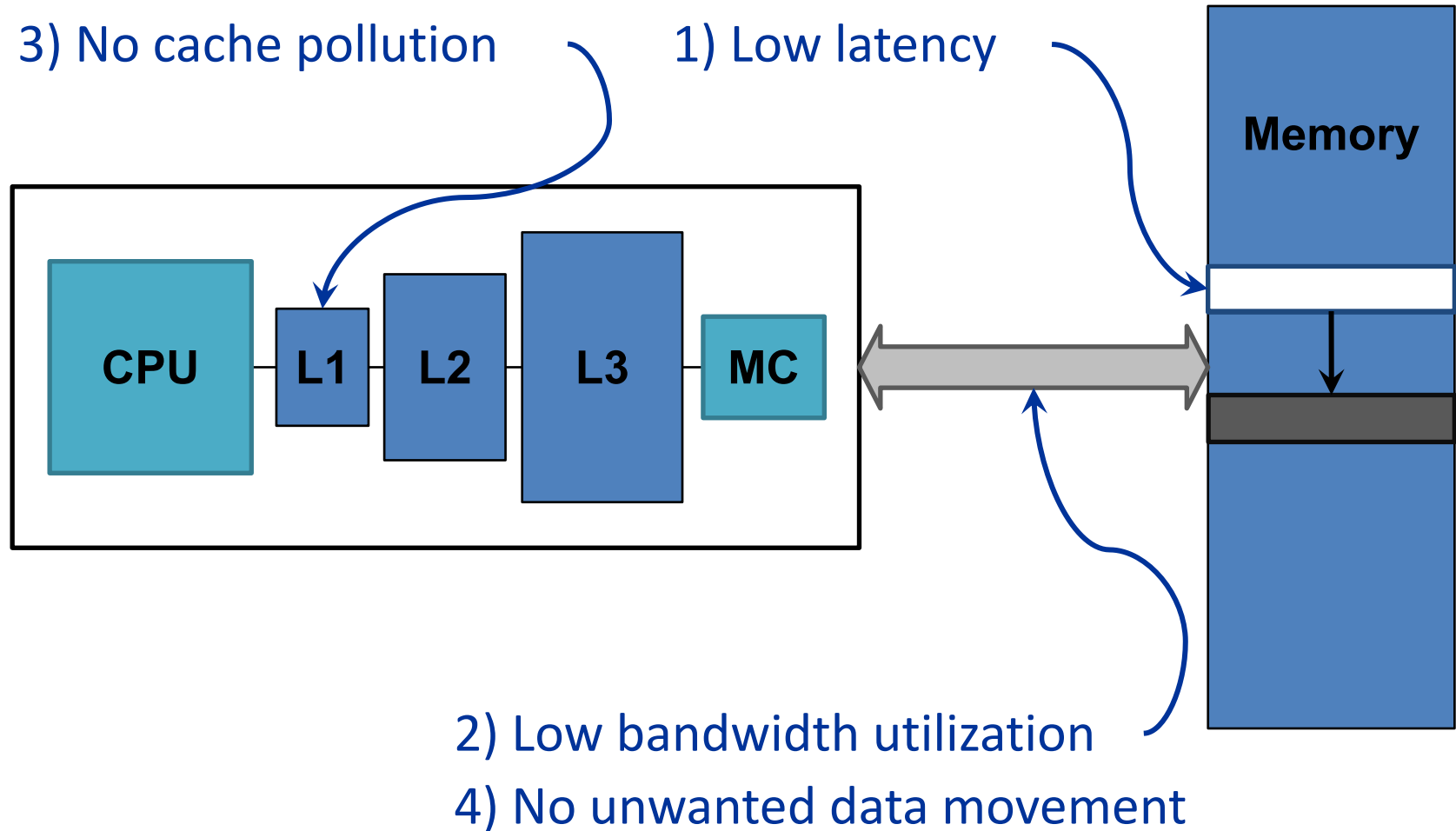
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**Many more**

# Today's Systems: Bulk Data Copy



1046ns, 3.6uJ (for 4KB page copy via DMA)

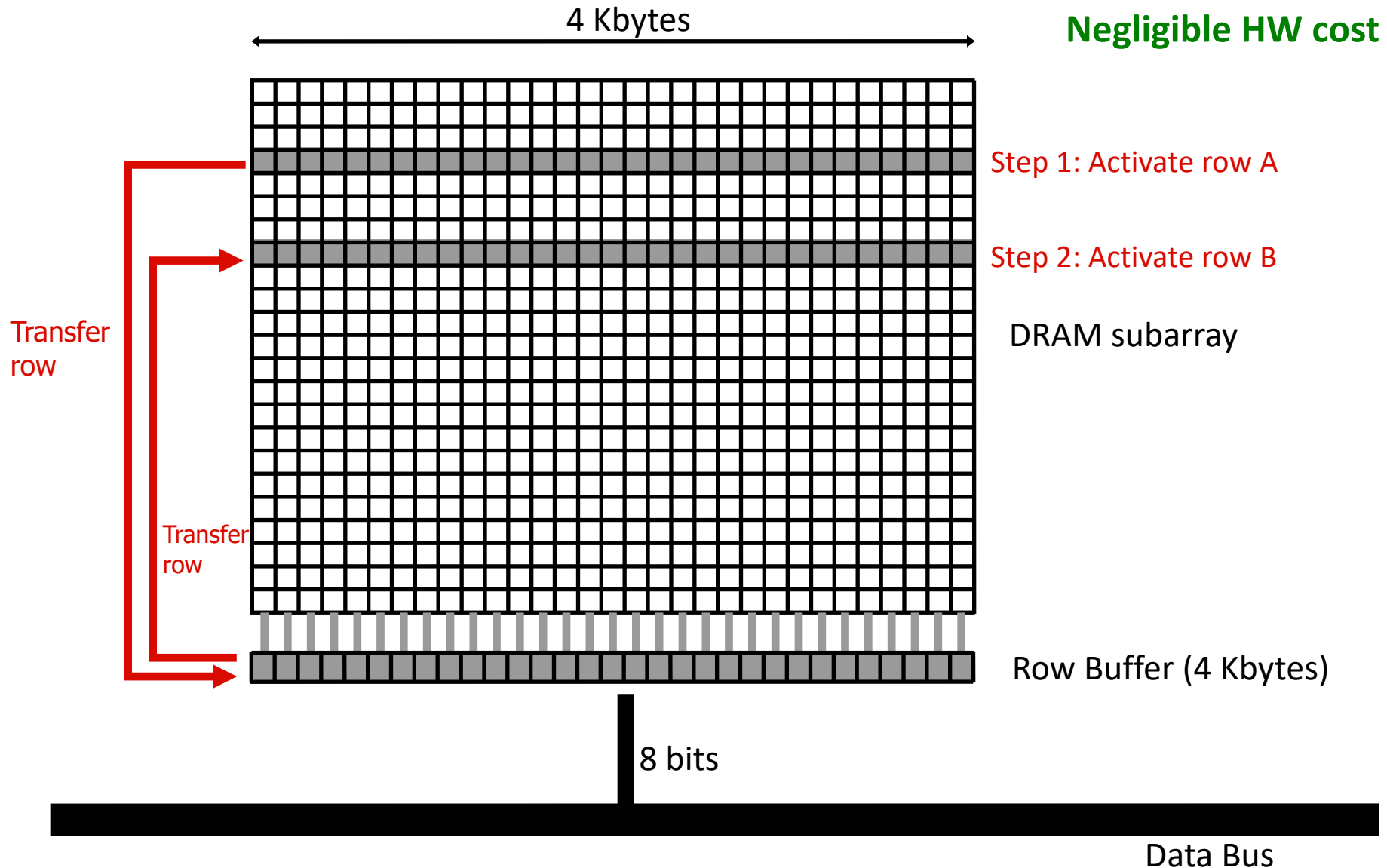
# Future Systems: In-Memory Copy



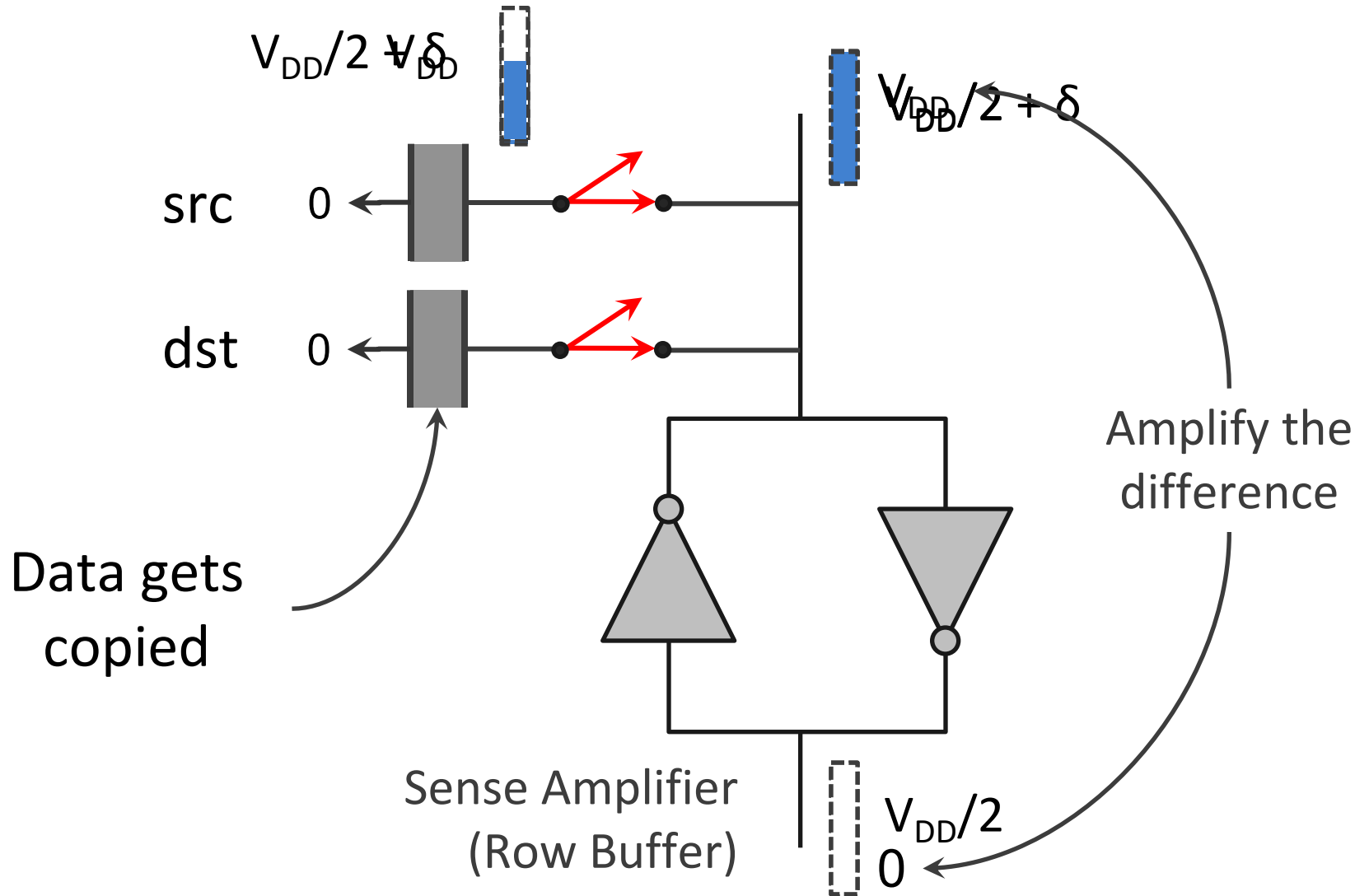
1046ns, 3.6uJ → 90ns, 0.04uJ

# RowClone: In-DRAM Row Copy

**Idea: Two consecutive ACTivates**  
**Negligible HW cost**

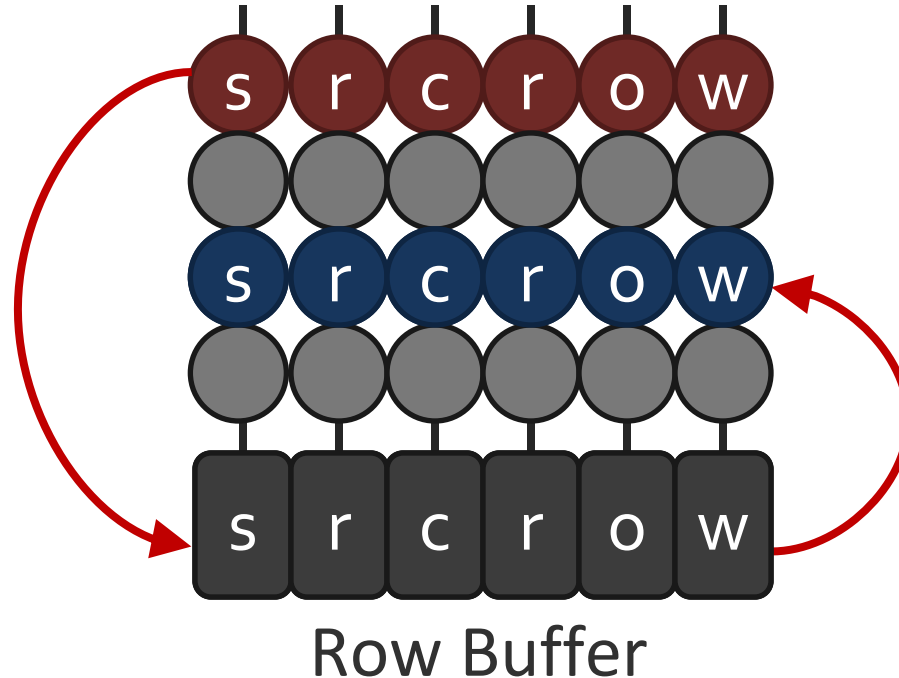


# RowClone: Intra-Subarray



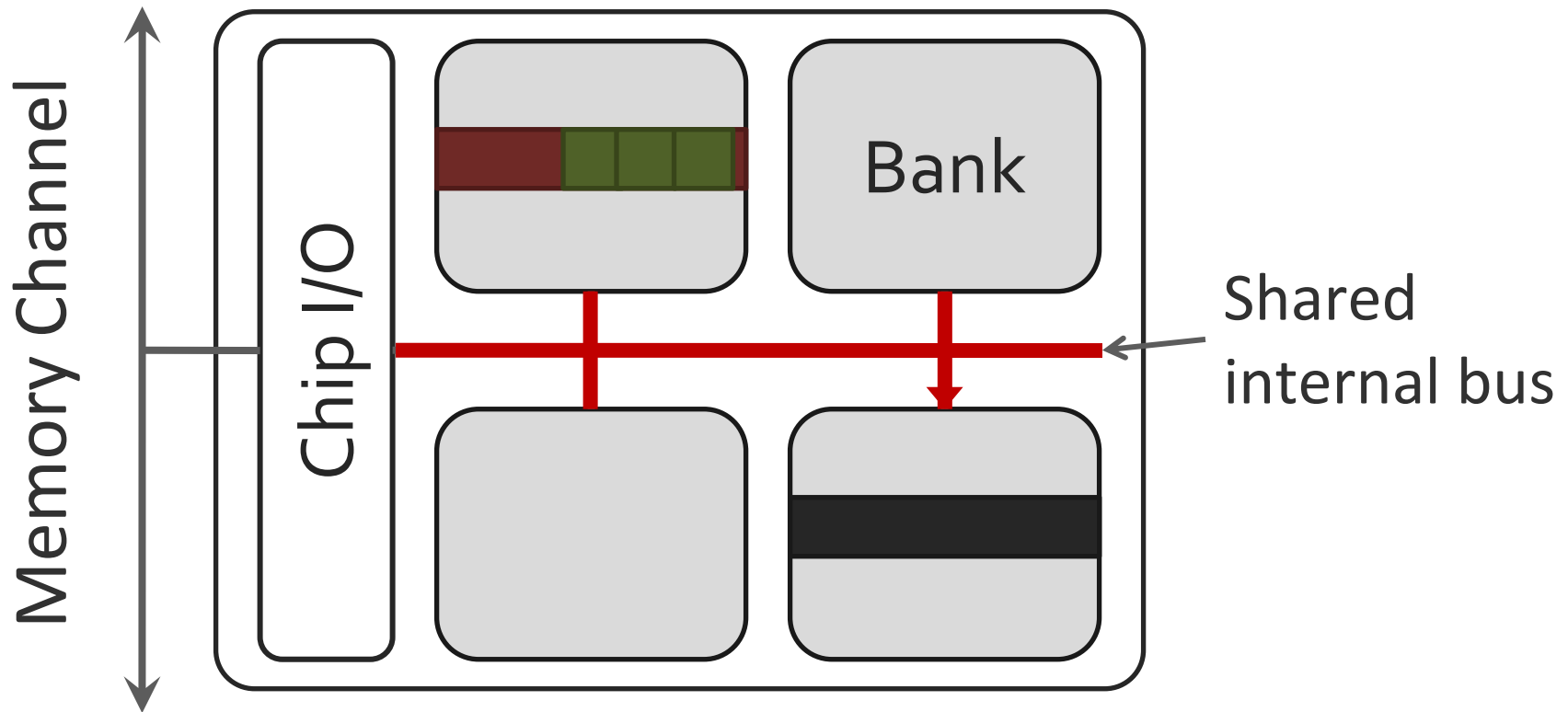


# RowClone: Intra-Subarray (II)



1. **Activate** src row (copy data from src to row buffer)
2. **Activate** dst row (disconnect src from row buffer, connect dst – copy data from row buffer to dst)

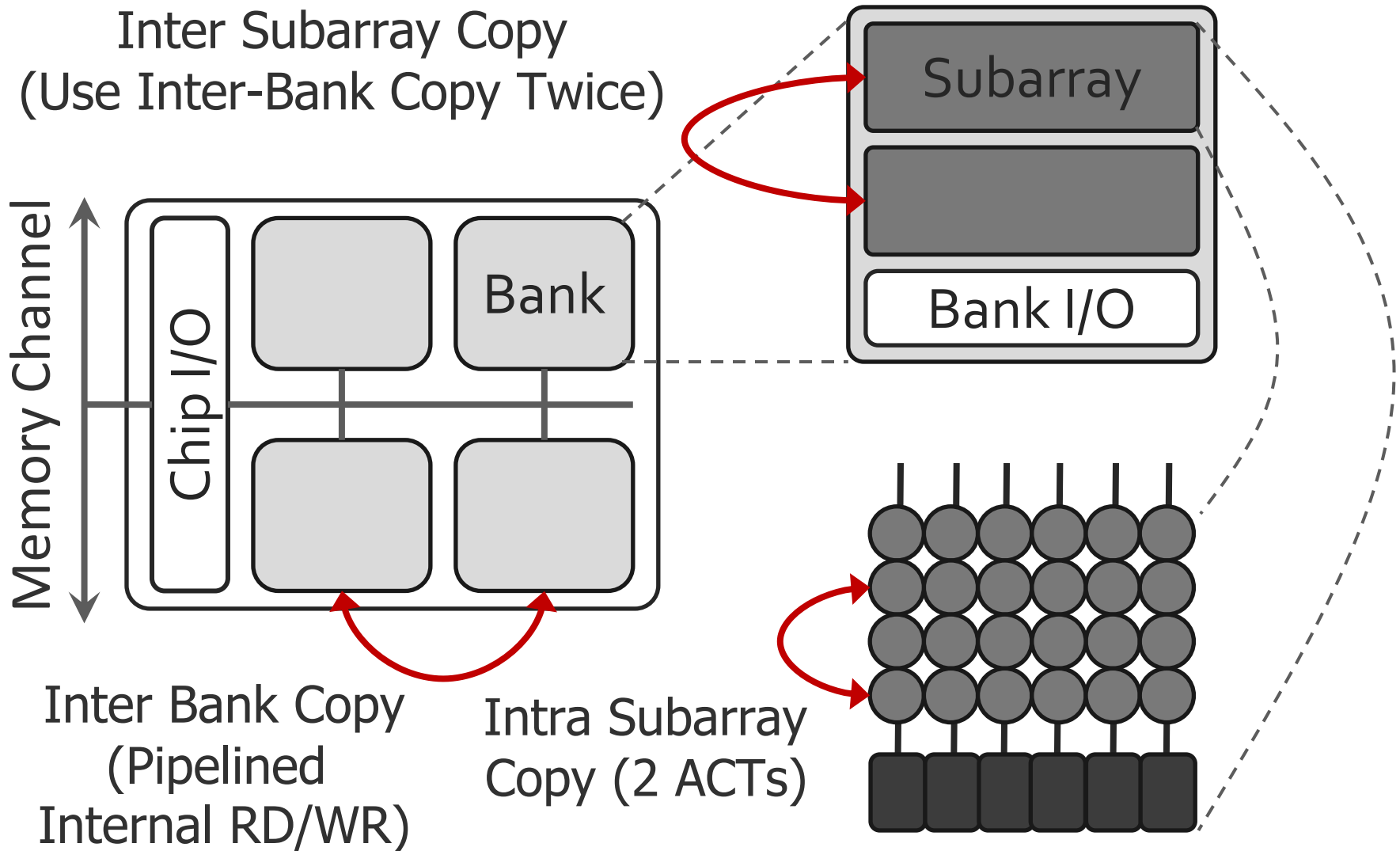
# RowClone: Inter-Bank



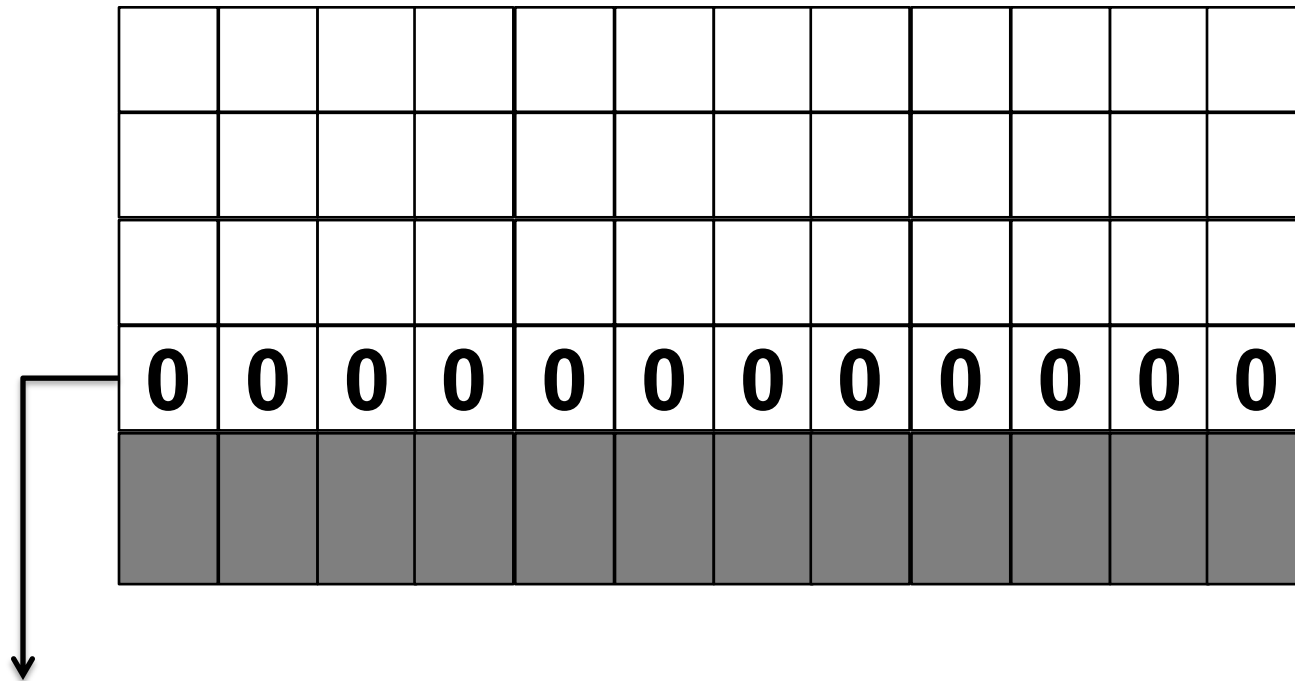
Overlap the latency of the read and the write  
**1.9X** latency reduction, **3.2X** energy reduction

# Generalized RowClone

**0.01% area cost**



# RowClone: Fast Row Initialization



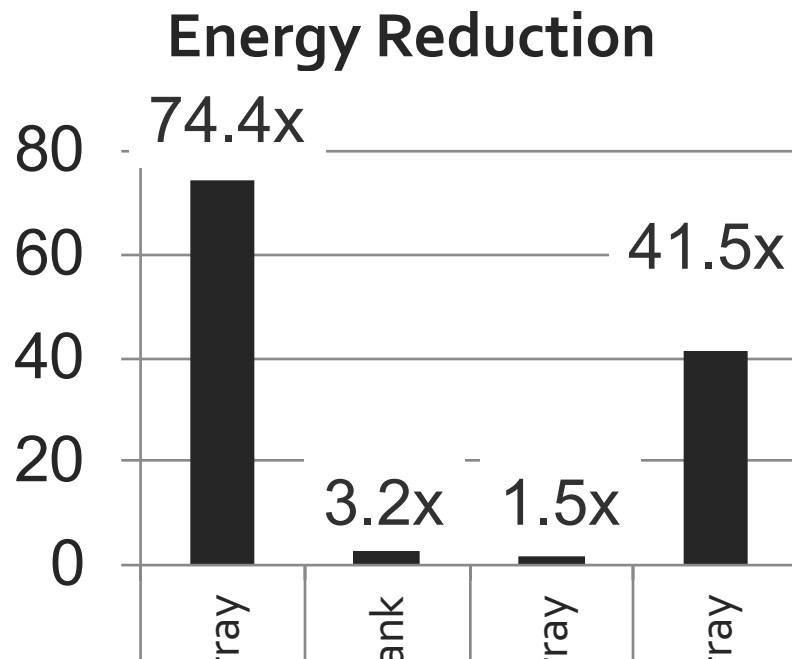
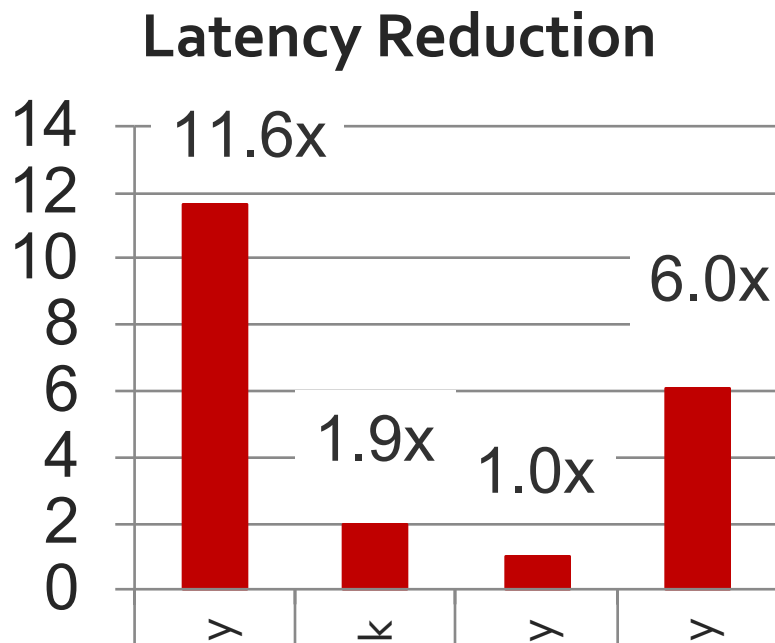
Fix a row at Zero  
(0.5% loss in capacity)

# RowClone: Bulk Initialization

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- Initialization with arbitrary data
  - Initialize one row
  - Copy the data to other rows
- Zero initialization (most common)
  - Reserve a row in each subarray (always zero)
  - Copy data from reserved row (FPM mode)
  - **6.0X** lower latency, **41.5X** lower DRAM energy
  - 0.2% loss in capacity

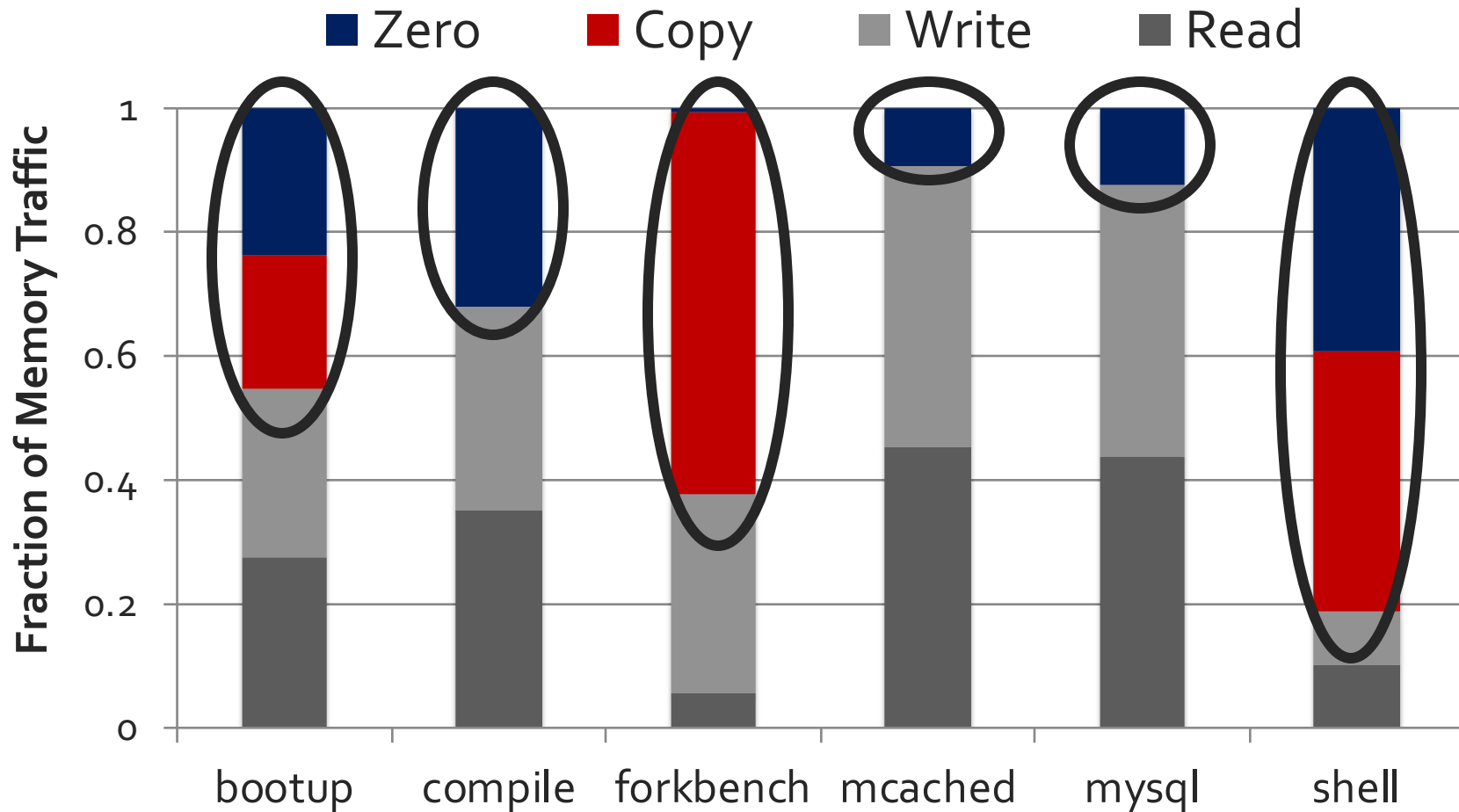
# RowClone: Latency & Energy Benefits



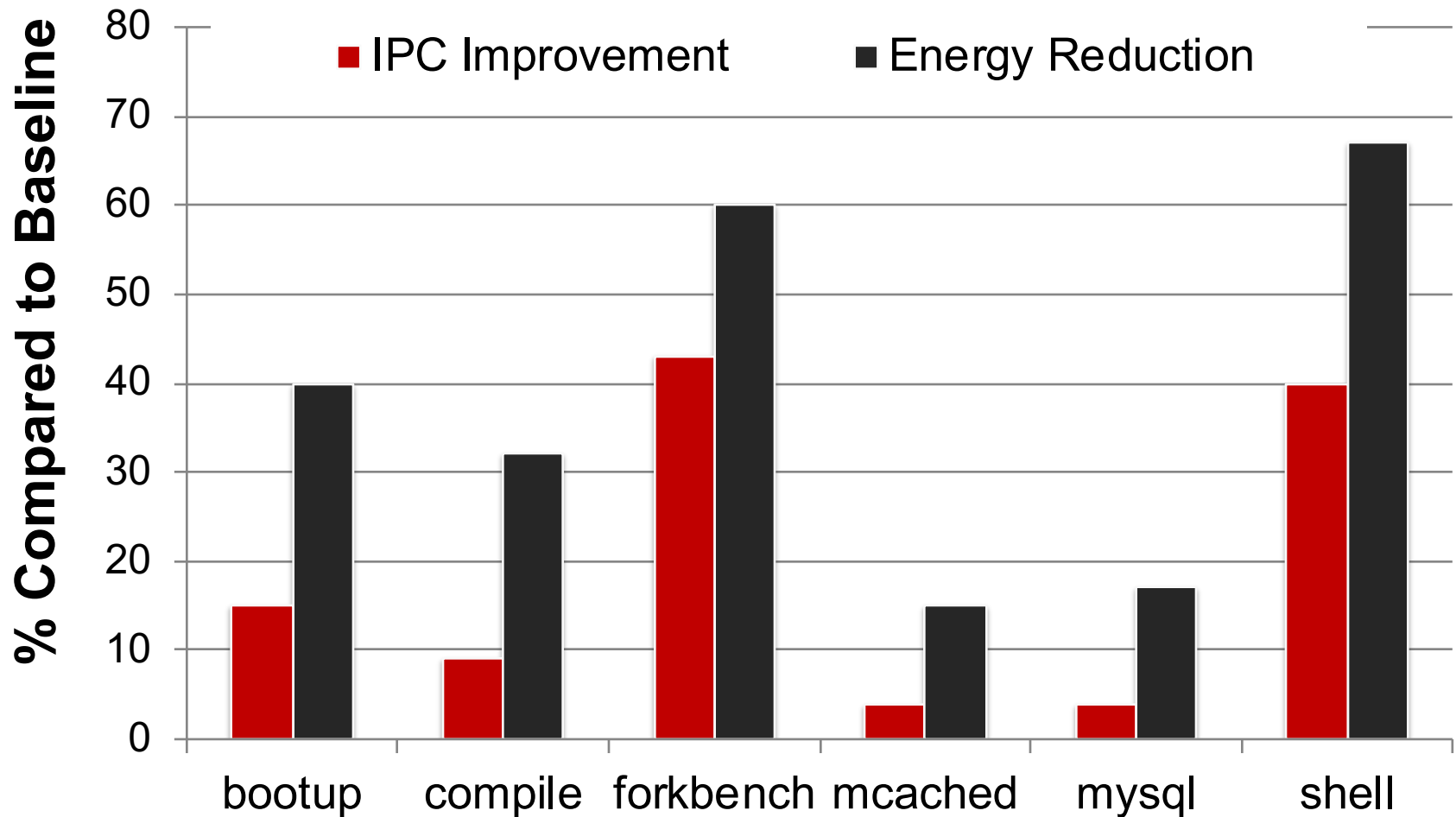
**Very low cost: 0.01% increase in die area**



# Copy and Initialization in Workloads



# RowClone: Application Performance



# End-to-End System Design

**Application**

How to communicate occurrences of bulk copy/initialization across layers?

**Operating System**

How to ensure cache coherence?

**ISA**

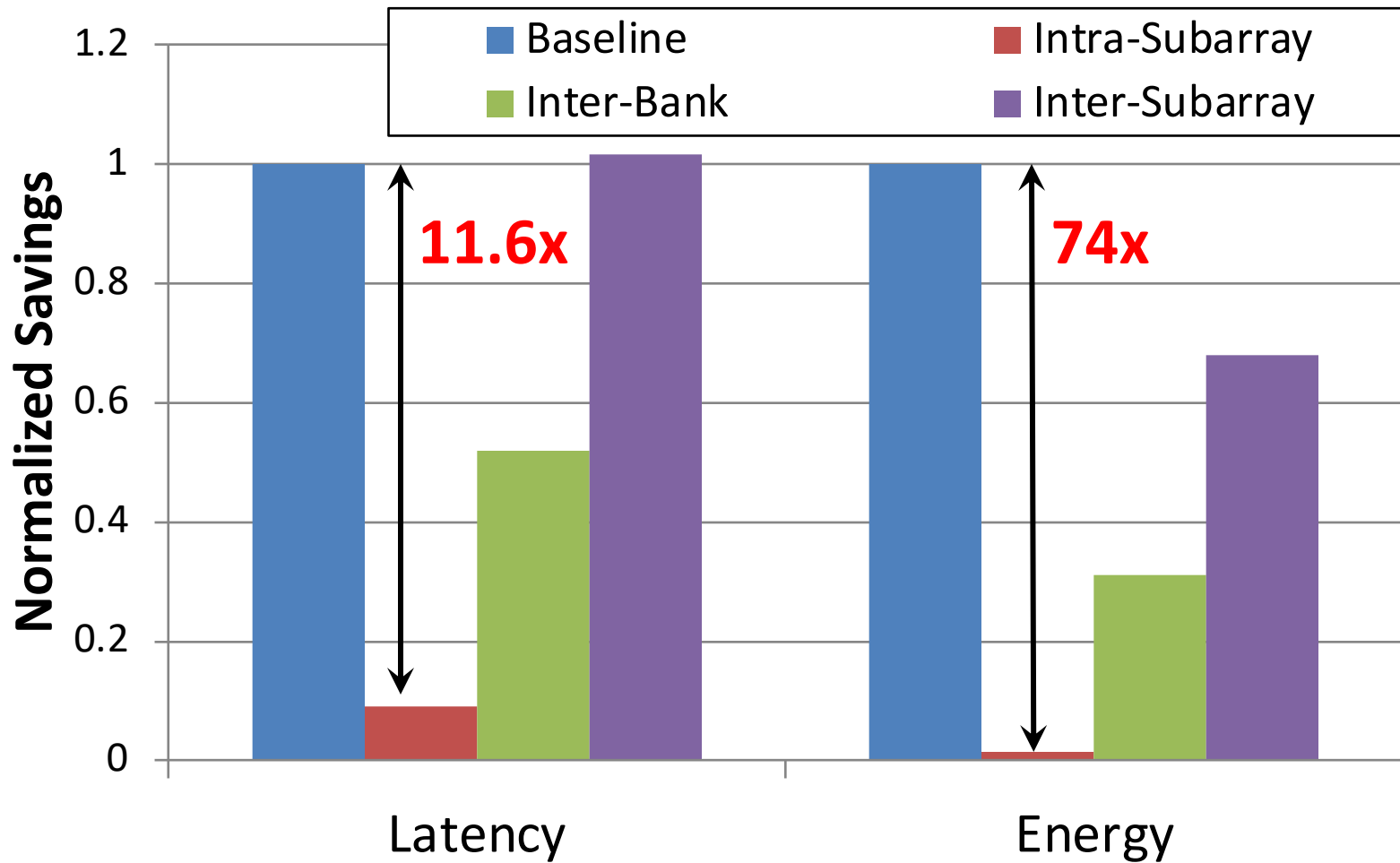
**Microarchitecture**

How to maximize latency and energy savings?

**DRAM (RowClone)**

How to handle data reuse?

# RowClone: Latency and Energy Savings



Seshadri et al., "RowClone: Fast and Efficient In-DRAM Copy and Initialization of Bulk Data," MICRO 2013.

# More on RowClone

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- Vivek Seshadri, Yoongu Kim, Chris Fallin, Donghyuk Lee, Rachata Ausavarungnirun, Gennady Pekhimenko, Yixin Luo, Onur Mutlu, Michael A. Kozuch, Phillip B. Gibbons, and Todd C. Mowry,  
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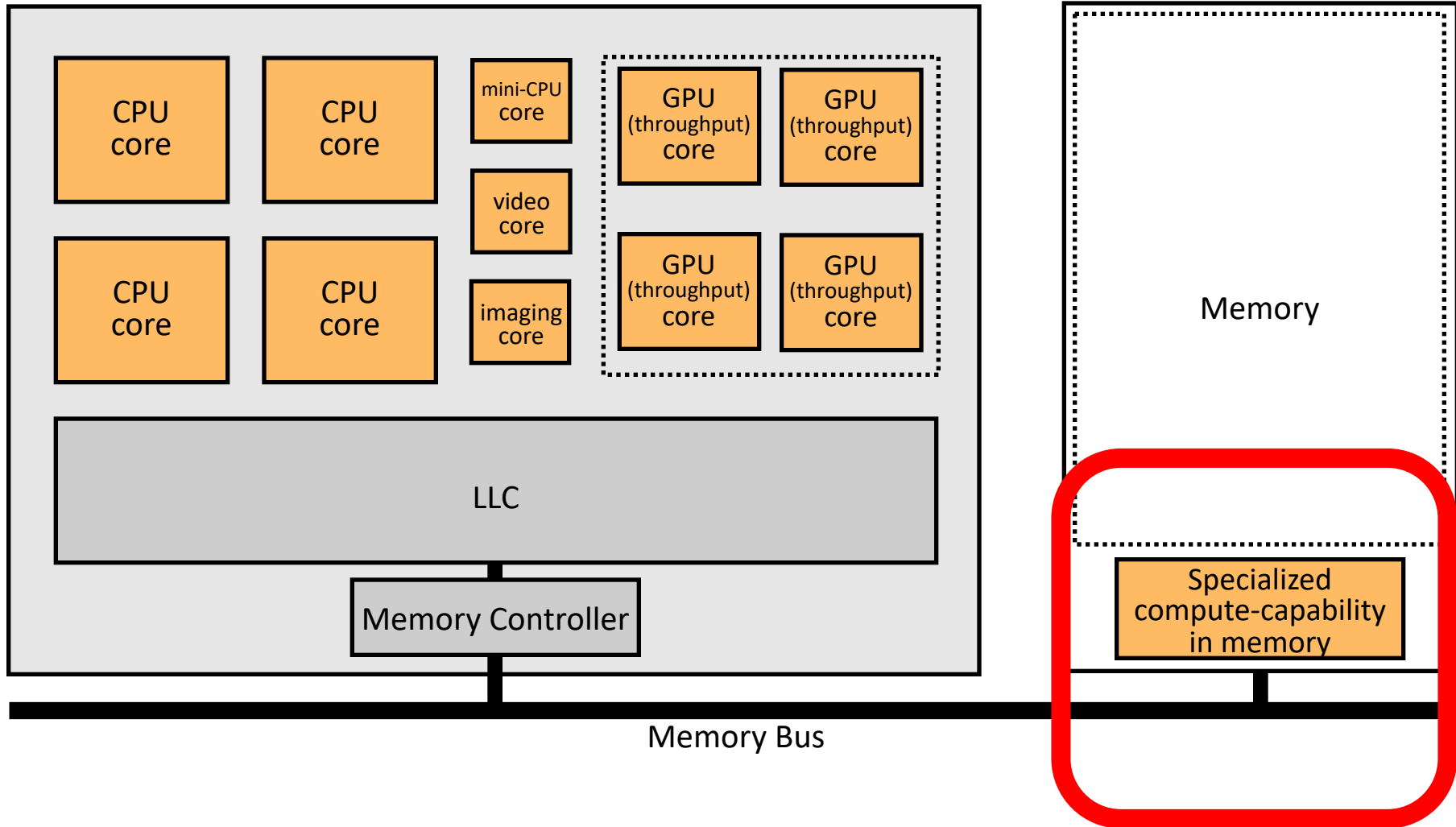
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# Memory as an Accelerator



**Memory similar to a "conventional" accelerator**

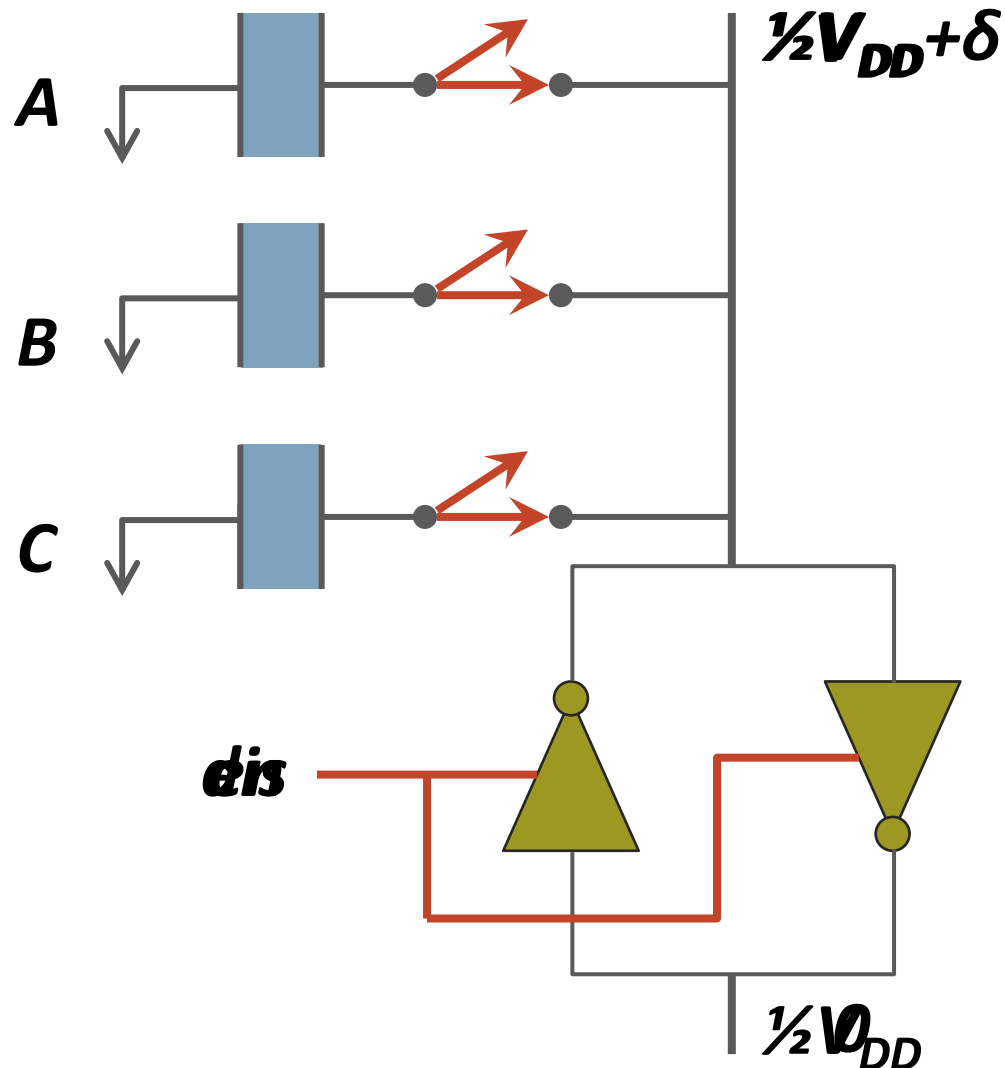


# In-Memory Bulk Bitwise Operations

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- We can support in-DRAM COPY, ZERO, 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**  
 **$AB + BC + AC$**

**$C(A + B) +$   
 **$\sim C(AB)$****

# In-DRAM Bulk Bitwise AND/OR Operation

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- **BULKAND A, B → C**
  - Semantics: Perform a bitwise AND of two rows A and B and store the result in row C
  - R0 – reserved zero row, R1 – reserved one row
  - D1, D2, D3 – Designated rows for triple activation
1. RowClone A into D1
  2. RowClone B into D2
  3. RowClone R0 into D3
  4. ACTIVATE D1,D2,D3
  5. RowClone Result into C

# More on In-DRAM Bulk AND/OR

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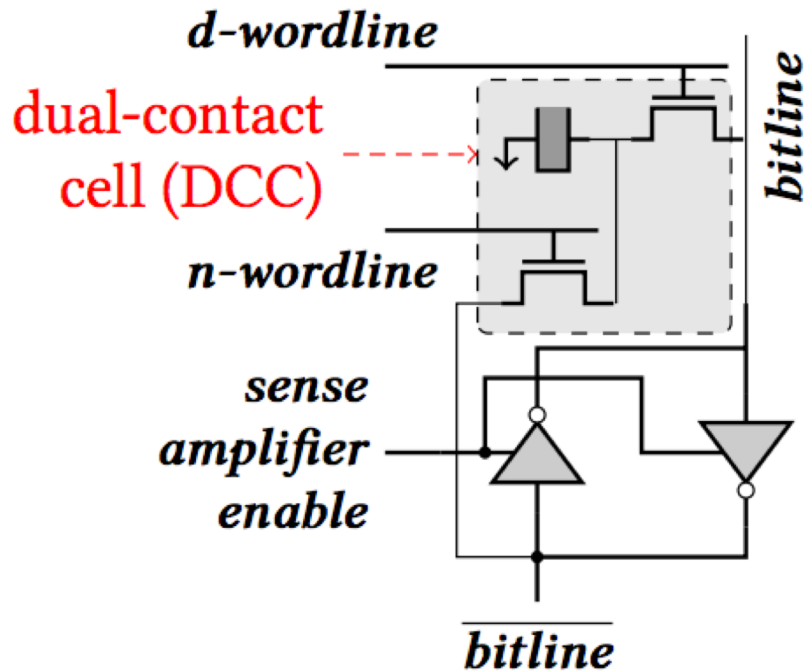
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# In-DRAM NOT: Dual Contact Cell



**Figure 5: A dual-contact cell connected to both ends of a sense amplifier**

Idea:  
Feed the  
negated value  
in the sense amplifier  
into a special row

# In-DRAM NOT Operation

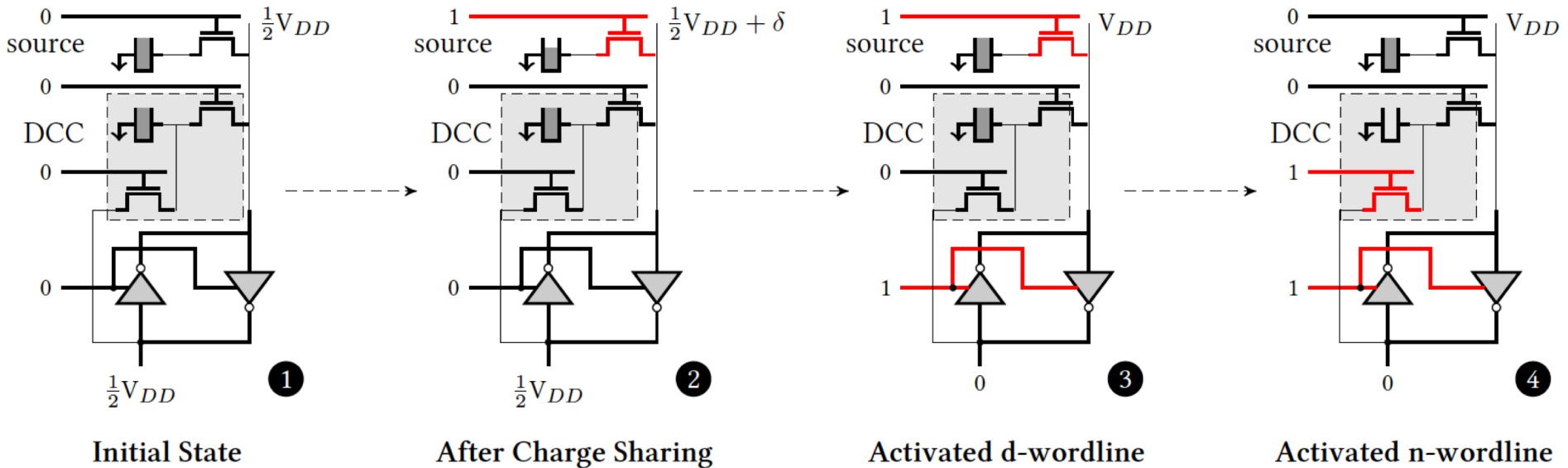
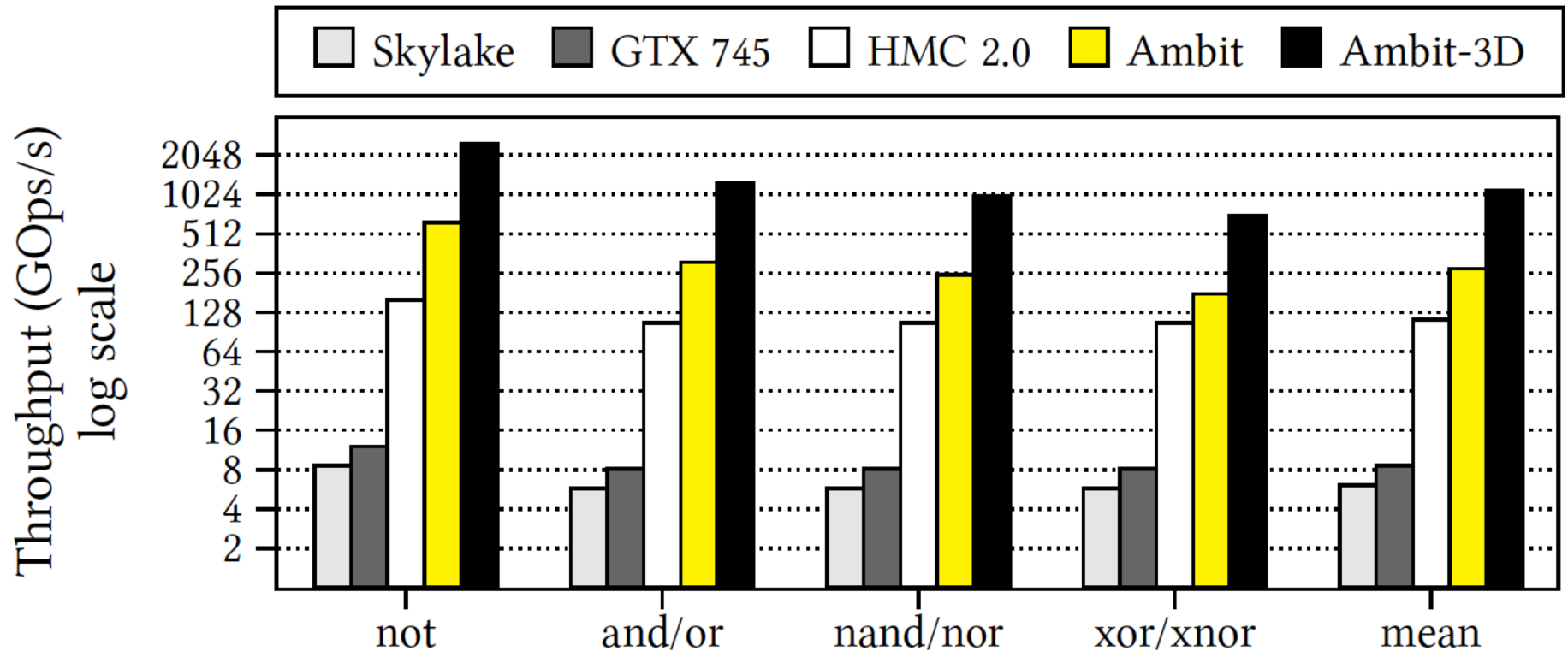


Figure 5: Bitwise NOT using a dual contact capacitor

Seshadri+, "Ambit: In-Memory Accelerator for Bulk Bitwise Operations using Commodity DRAM Technology," MICRO 2017.



# Performance: In-DRAM Bitwise Operations



**Figure 9: Throughput of bitwise operations on various systems.**

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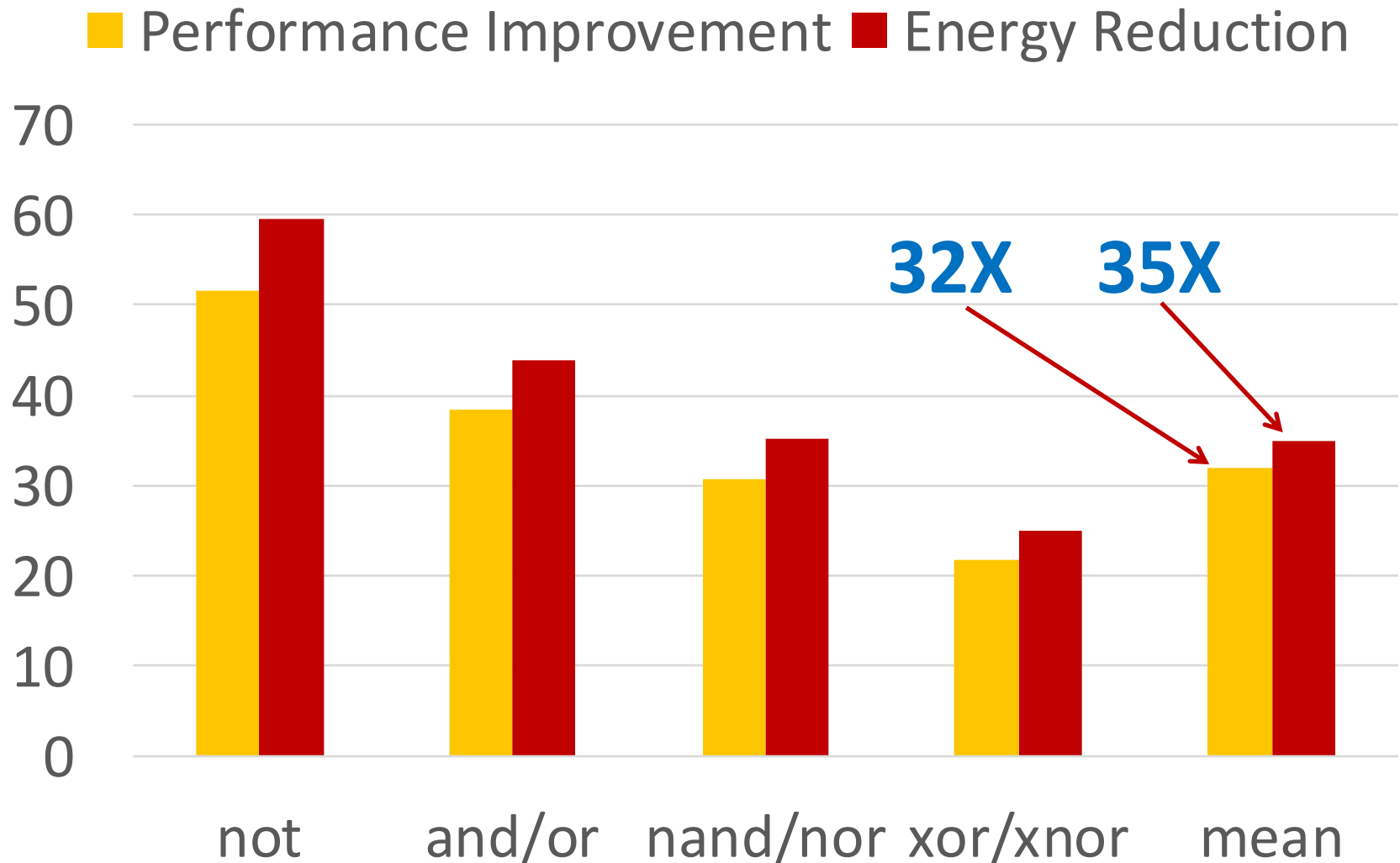
# Energy of In-DRAM Bitwise Operations

	Design	not	and/or	nand/nor	xor/xnor
DRAM & Channel Energy (nJ/KB)	DDR3	93.7	137.9	137.9	137.9
	Ambit	1.6	3.2	4.0	5.5
	(↓)	59.5X	43.9X	35.1X	25.1X

**Table 3: Energy of bitwise operations. (↓) indicates energy reduction of Ambit over the traditional DDR3-based design.**

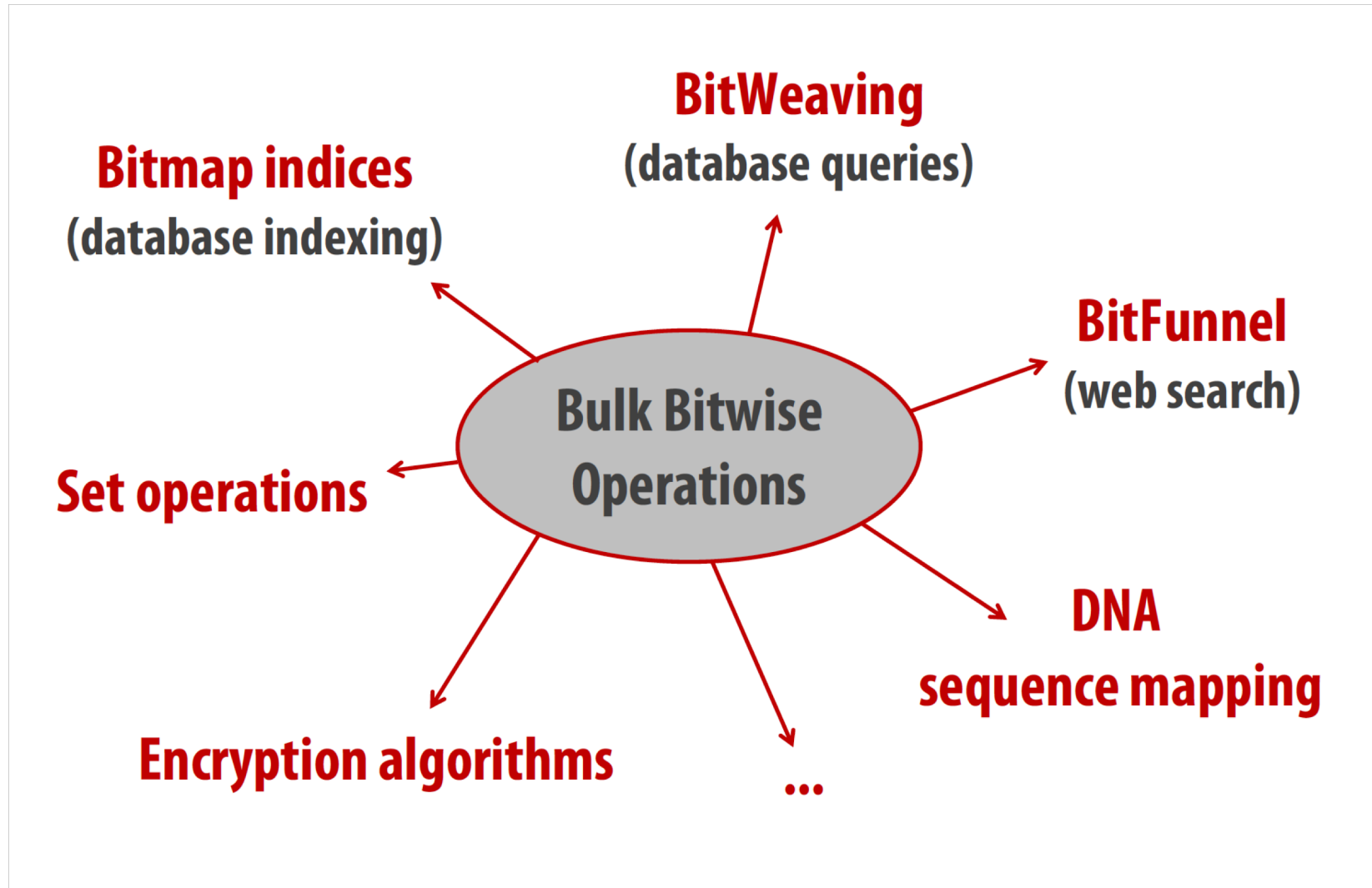
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# Ambit vs. DDR3: Performance and Energy



# Bulk Bitwise Operations in Workloads

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# Example Data Structure: Bitmap Index

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- Alternative to B-tree and its variants
- Efficient for performing *range queries* and *joins*
- **Many bitwise operations to perform a query**

age < 18   18 < age < 25   25 < age < 60   age > 60

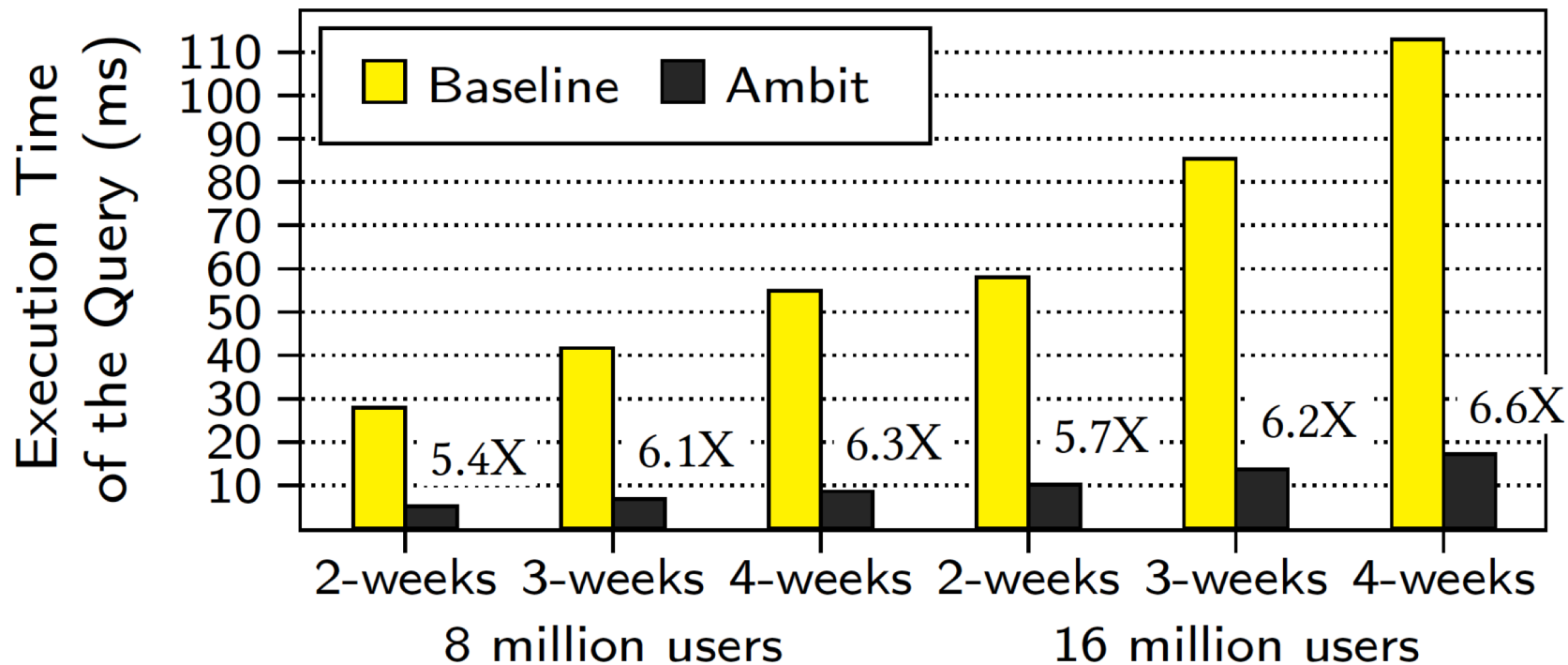
Bitmap 1

Bitmap 2

Bitmap 3

Bitmap 4

# Performance: Bitmap Index on Ambit

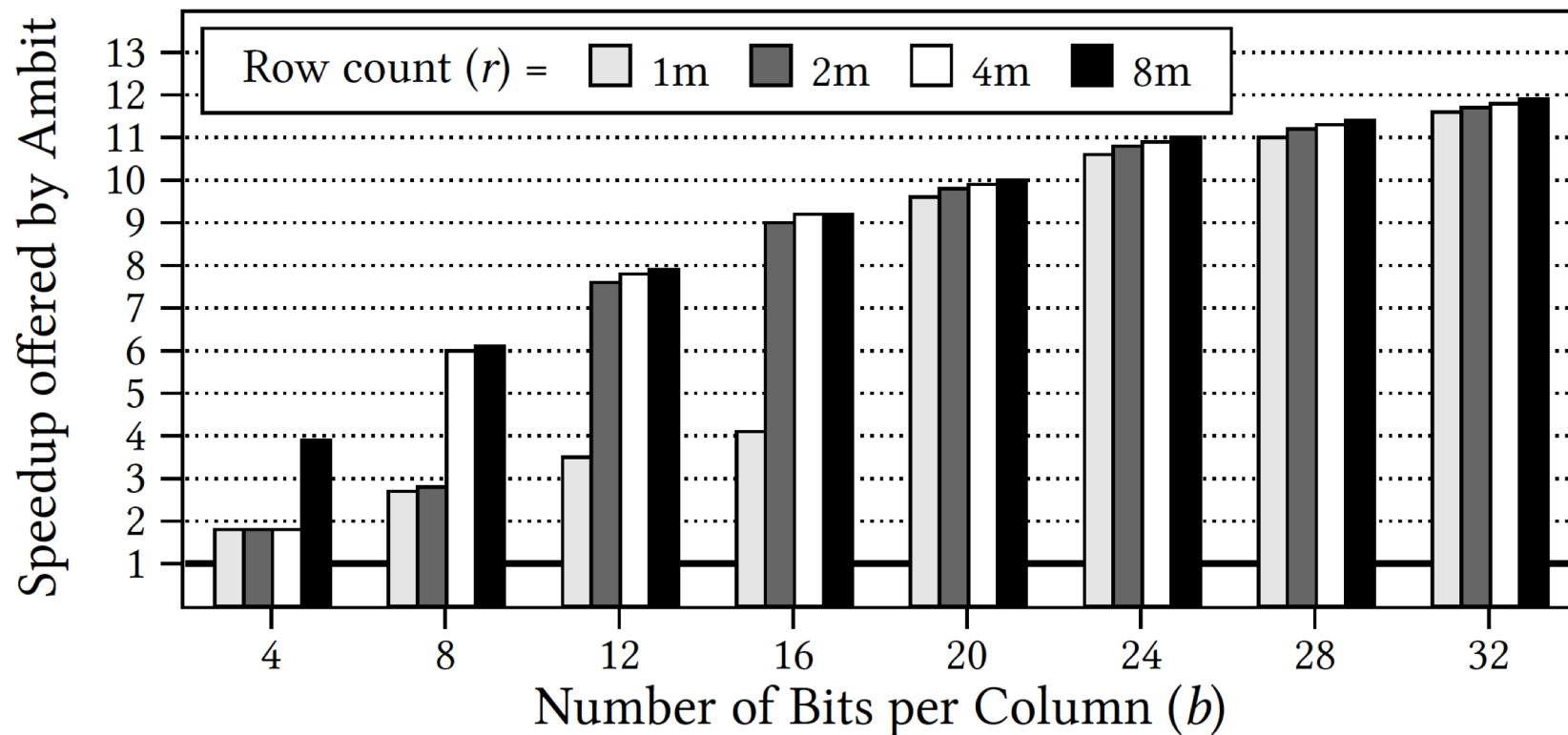


**Figure 10: Bitmap index performance. The value above each bar indicates the reduction in execution time due to Ambit.**

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# Performance: BitWeaving on Ambit

```
'select count(*) from T where c1 <= val <= c2'
```



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

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# More on In-DRAM Bulk AND/OR

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# More on Ambit

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# Computing Architectures with Minimal Data Movement

# Challenge: Intelligent Memory Device

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Does **memory**  
have to be  
**dumb?**

# Agenda

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- Major Trends Affecting Main Memory
- The Need for Intelligent Memory Controllers
  - Bottom Up: Push from Circuits and Devices
  - Top Down: Pull from Systems and Applications
- Processing in Memory: Two Directions
  - Minimally Changing Memory Chips
  - Exploiting 3D-Stacked Memory
- How to Enable Adoption of Processing in Memory
- Conclusion

# Processing in Memory: Two Approaches

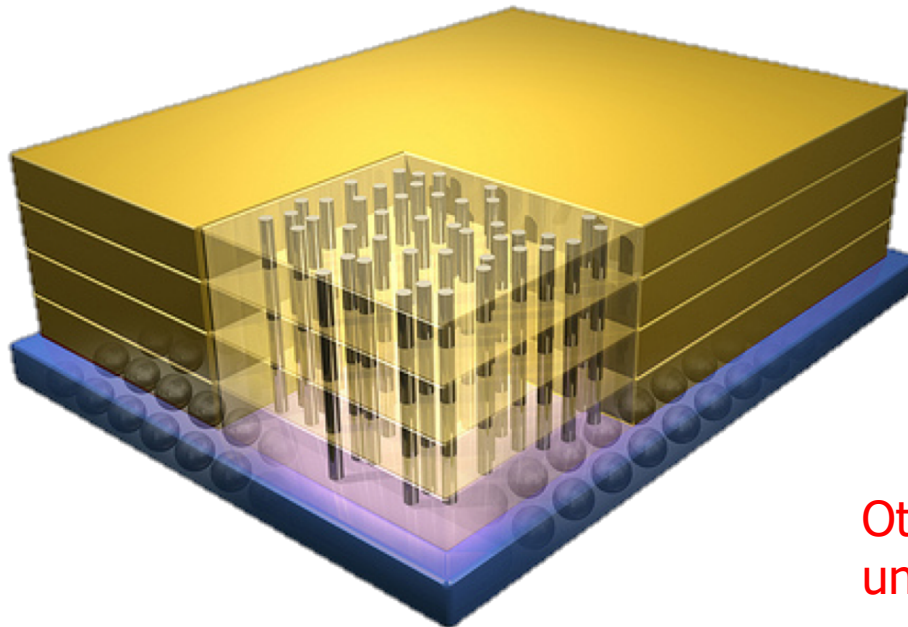
1. Minimally changing memory chips
2. Exploiting 3D-stacked memory

# Opportunity: 3D-Stacked Logic+Memory

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Hybrid Memory Cube  
C O N S O R T I U M



Memory

Logic

Other "True 3D" technologies  
under development

# DRAM Landscape (circa 2015)

<i>Segment</i>	<i>DRAM Standards &amp; Architectures</i>
Commodity	DDR3 (2007) [14]; DDR4 (2012) [18]
Low-Power	LPDDR3 (2012) [17]; LPDDR4 (2014) [20]
Graphics	GDDR5 (2009) [15]
Performance	eDRAM [28], [32]; RLDram3 (2011) [29]
3D-Stacked	WIO (2011) [16]; WIO2 (2014) [21]; MCDRAM (2015) [13]; HBM (2013) [19]; HMC1.0 (2013) [10]; HMC1.1 (2014) [11]
Academic	SBA/SSA (2010) [38]; Staged Reads (2012) [8]; RAIDR (2012) [27]; SALP (2012) [24]; TL-DRAM (2013) [26]; RowClone (2013) [37]; Half-DRAM (2014) [39]; Row-Buffer Decoupling (2014) [33]; SARP (2014) [6]; AL-DRAM (2015) [25]

Table 1. Landscape of DRAM-based memory

Kim+, “[Ramulator: A Flexible and Extensible DRAM Simulator](#)”, IEEE CAL 2015.

# Two Key Questions in 3D-Stacked PIM

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- How can we accelerate important applications if we use **3D-stacked memory as a coarse-grained accelerator**?
  - what is the architecture and programming model?
  - what are the mechanisms for acceleration?
  
- What is the **minimal processing-in-memory support** we can provide?
  - without changing the system significantly
  - while achieving significant benefits



# Graph Processing

- Large graphs are everywhere (circa 2015)



36 Million  
Wikipedia Pages



1.4 Billion  
Facebook Users

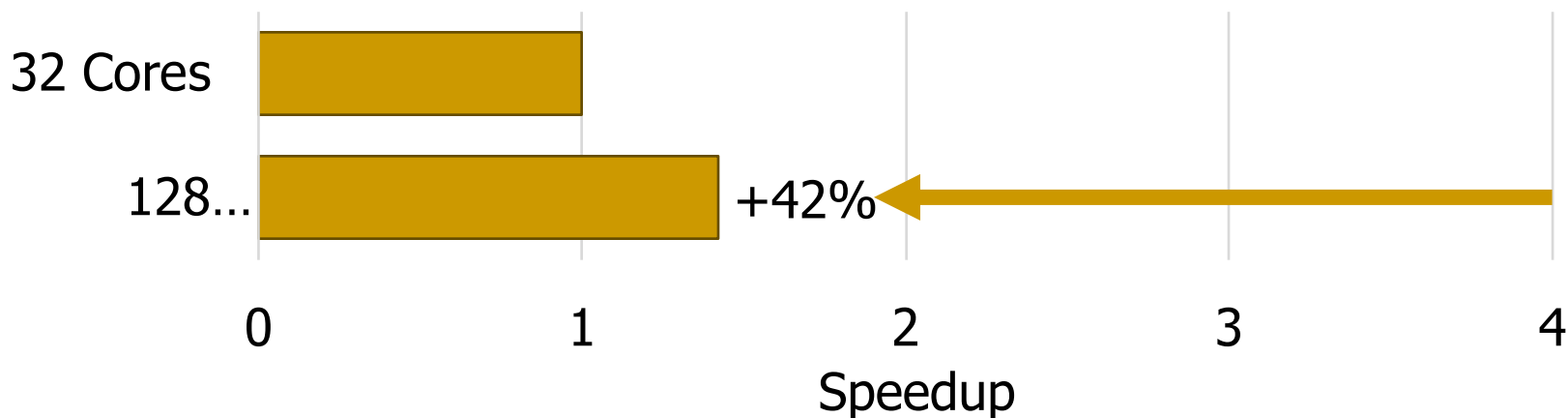


300 Million  
Twitter Users



30 Billion  
Instagram Photos

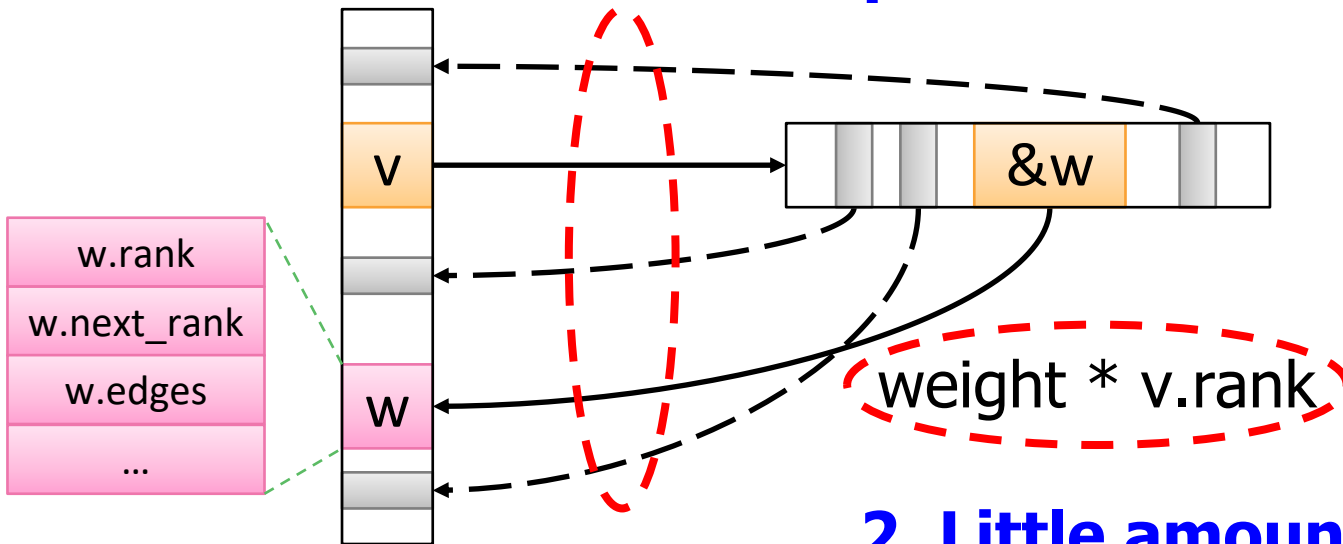
- Scalable large-scale graph processing is challenging



# Key Bottlenecks in Graph Processing

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

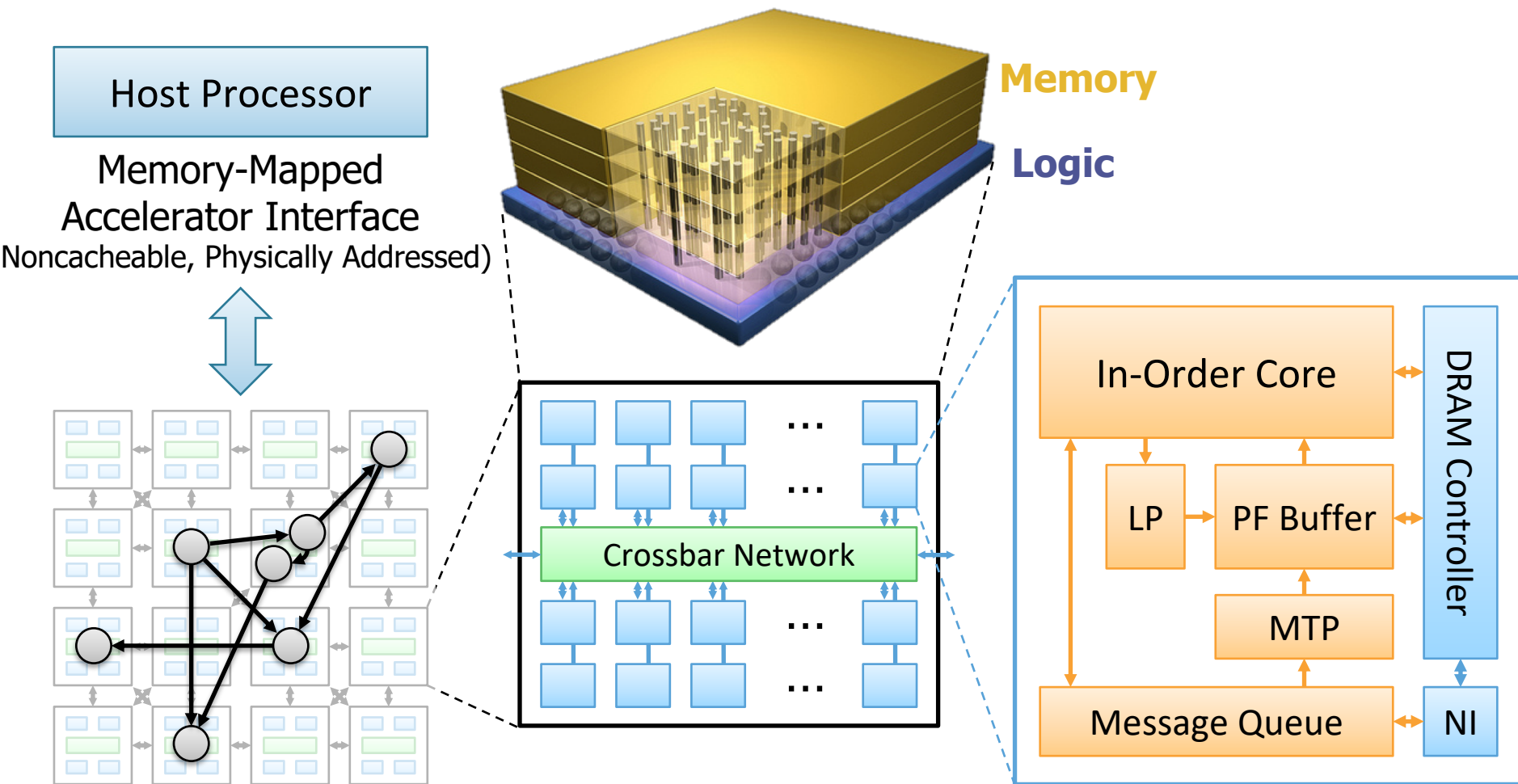
**1. Frequent random memory accesses**



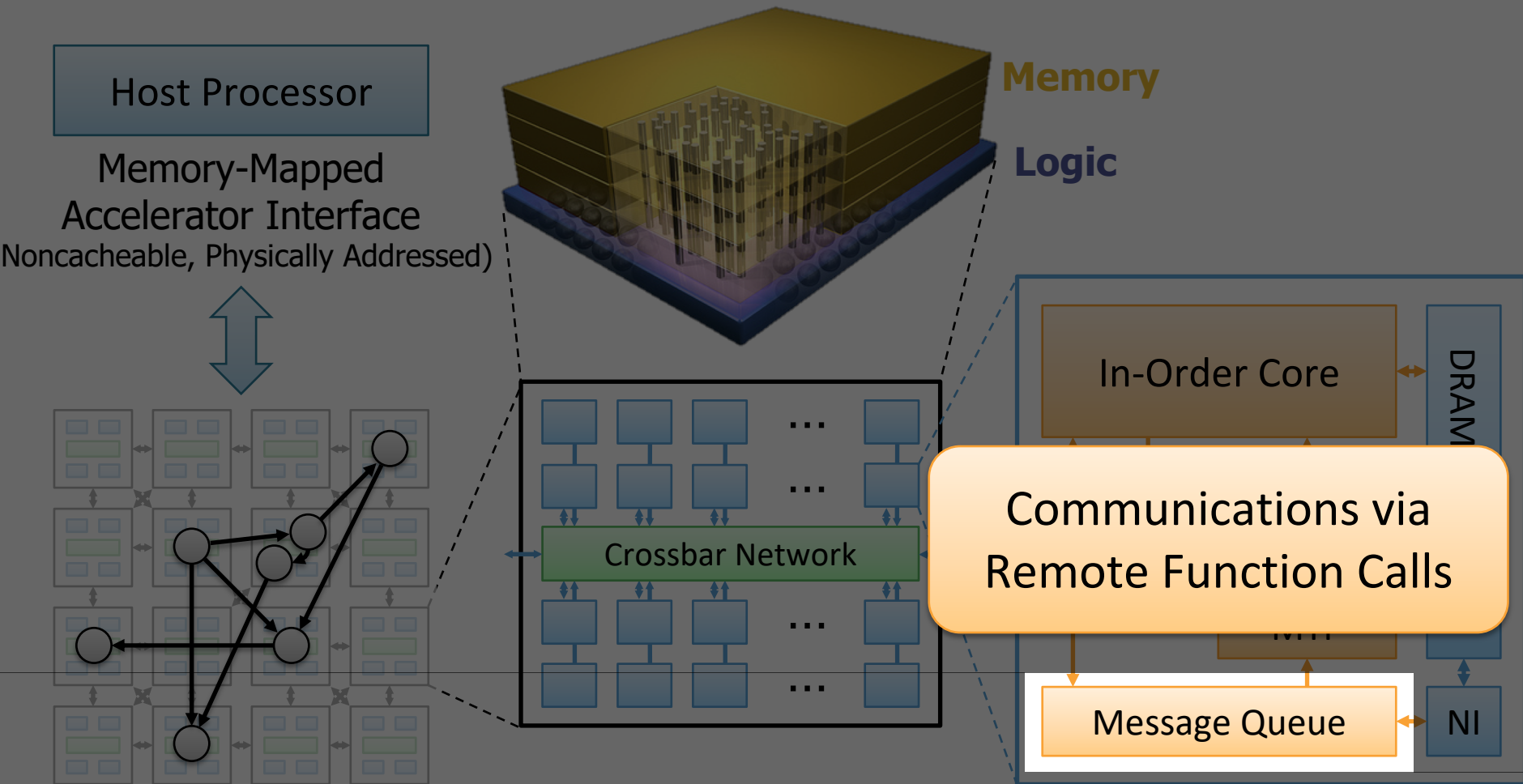
**2. Little amount of computation**

# Tesseract System for Graph Processing

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

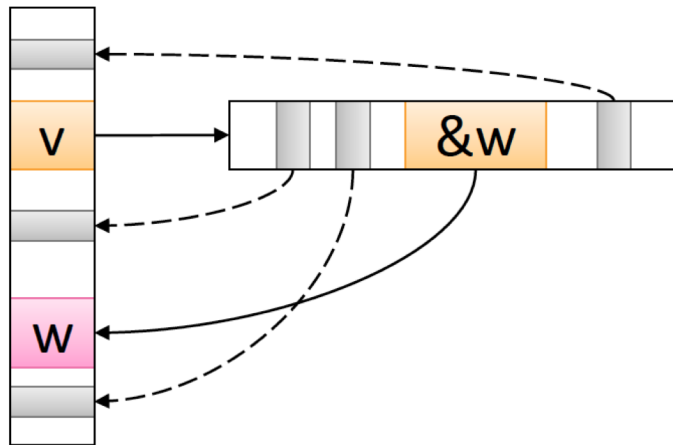


# Tesseract System for Graph Processing



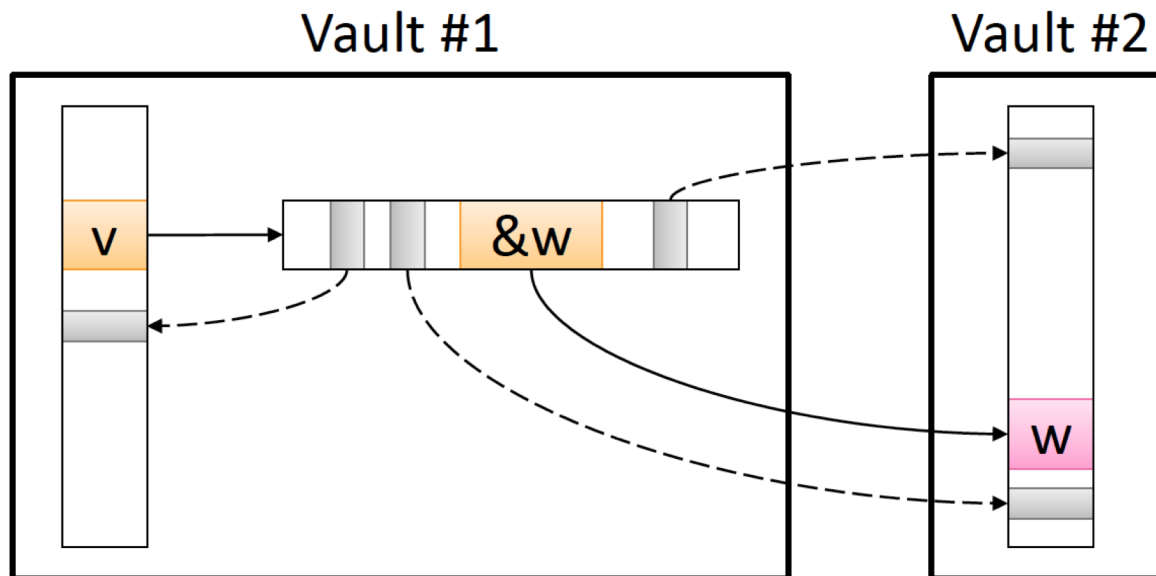
# Communications In Tesseract (I)

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  }  
}
```



# Communications In Tesseract (II)

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  }  
}
```

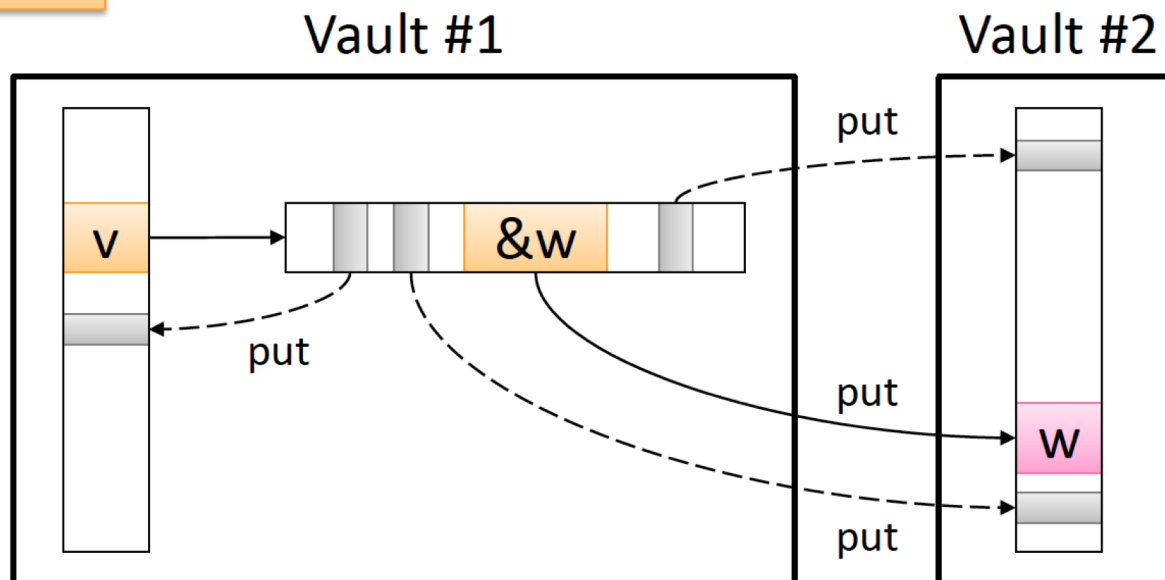


# Communications In Tesseract (III)

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

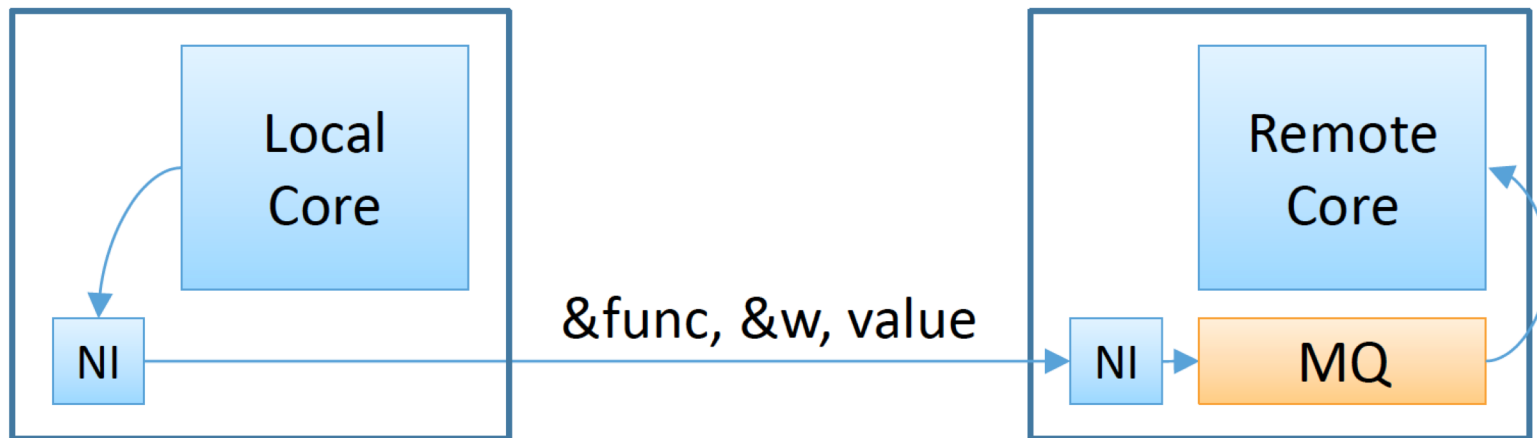
**Non-blocking Remote Function Call**

Can be **delayed** until the nearest barrier



# Remote Function Call (Non-Blocking)

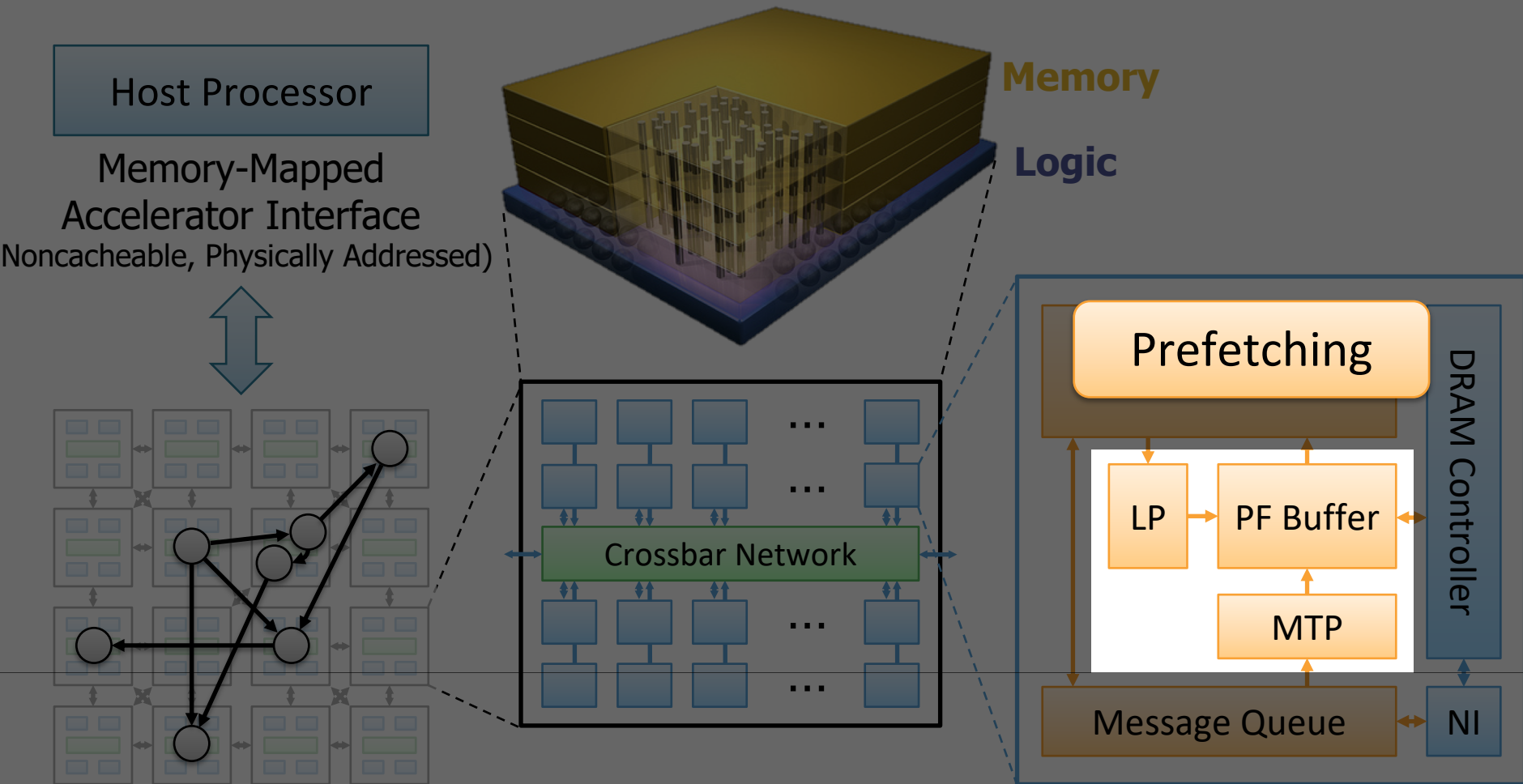
1. Send function address & args to the remote core
2. Store the incoming message to the message queue
3. Flush the message queue when it is full or a synchronization barrier is reached



```
put(w.id, function() { w.next_rank += value; })
```

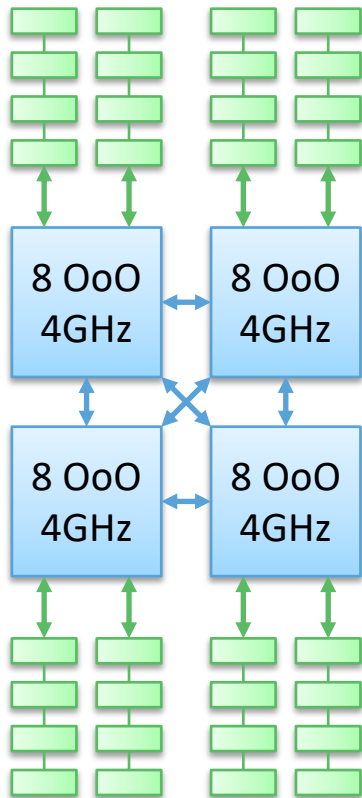


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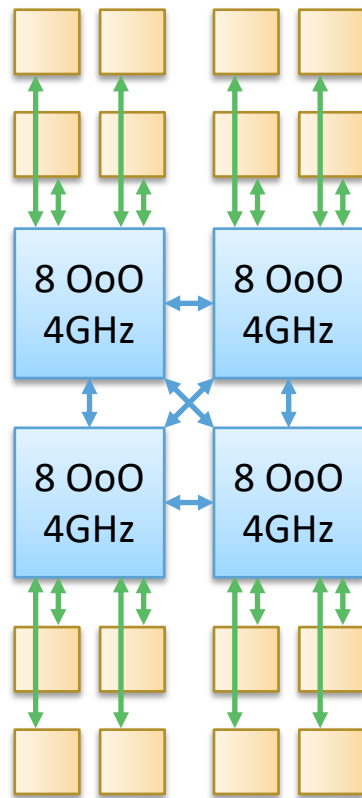
# Evaluated Systems

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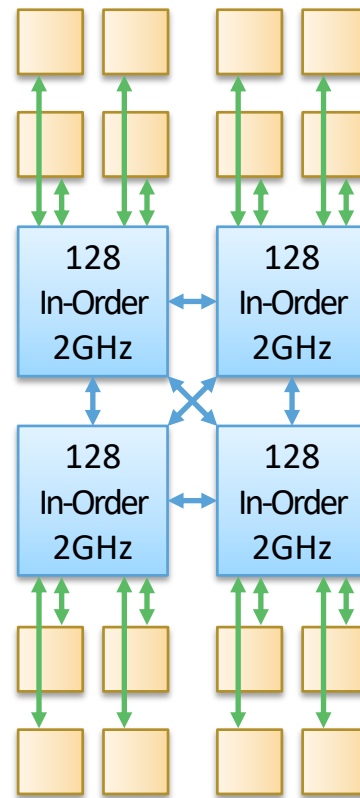
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HMC-OoO



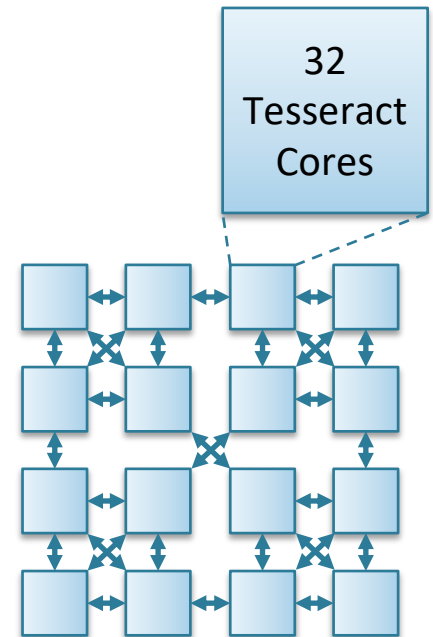
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HMC-MC



640GB/s

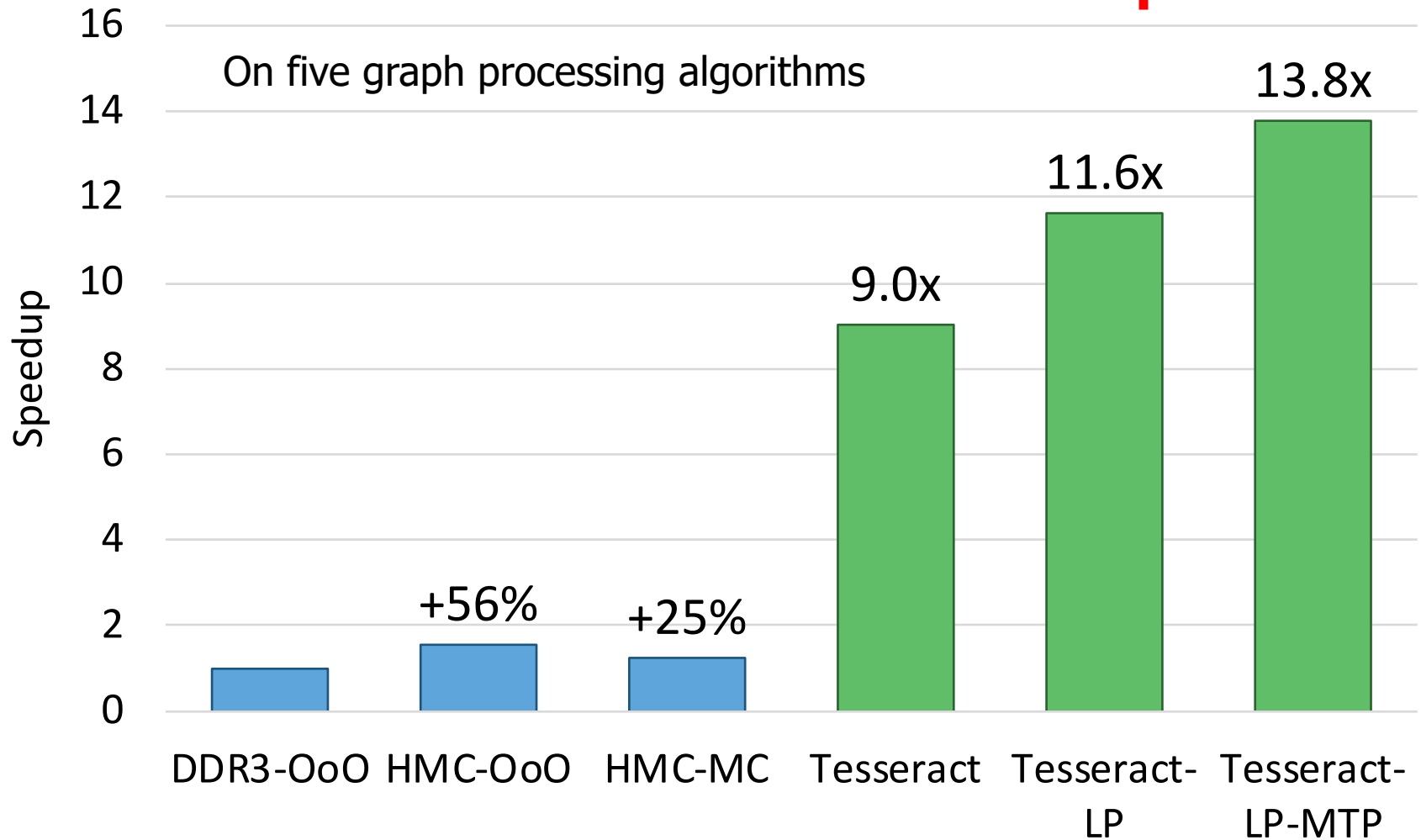
**Tesseract**



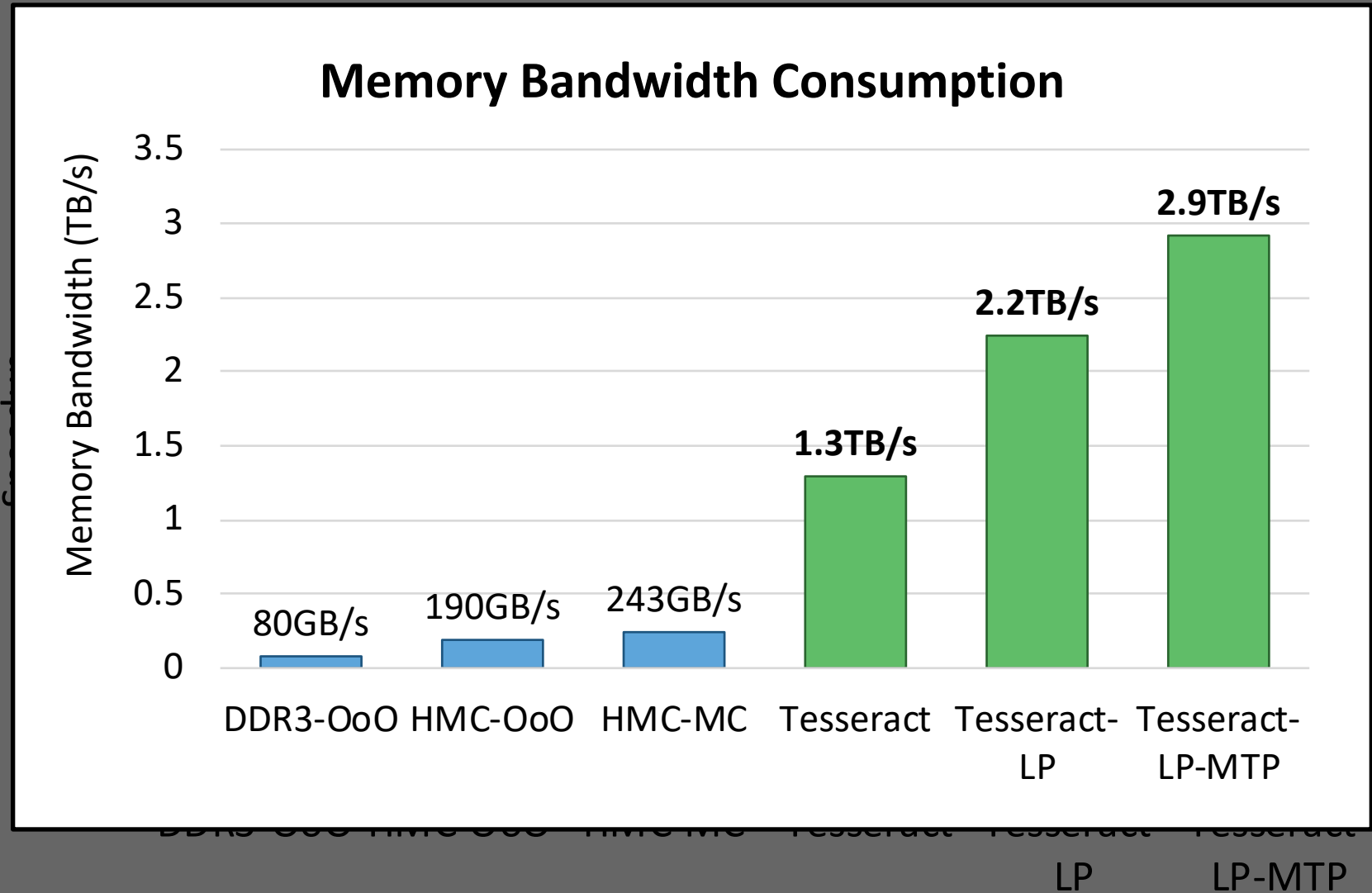
**8TB/s**

# Tesseract Graph Processing Performance

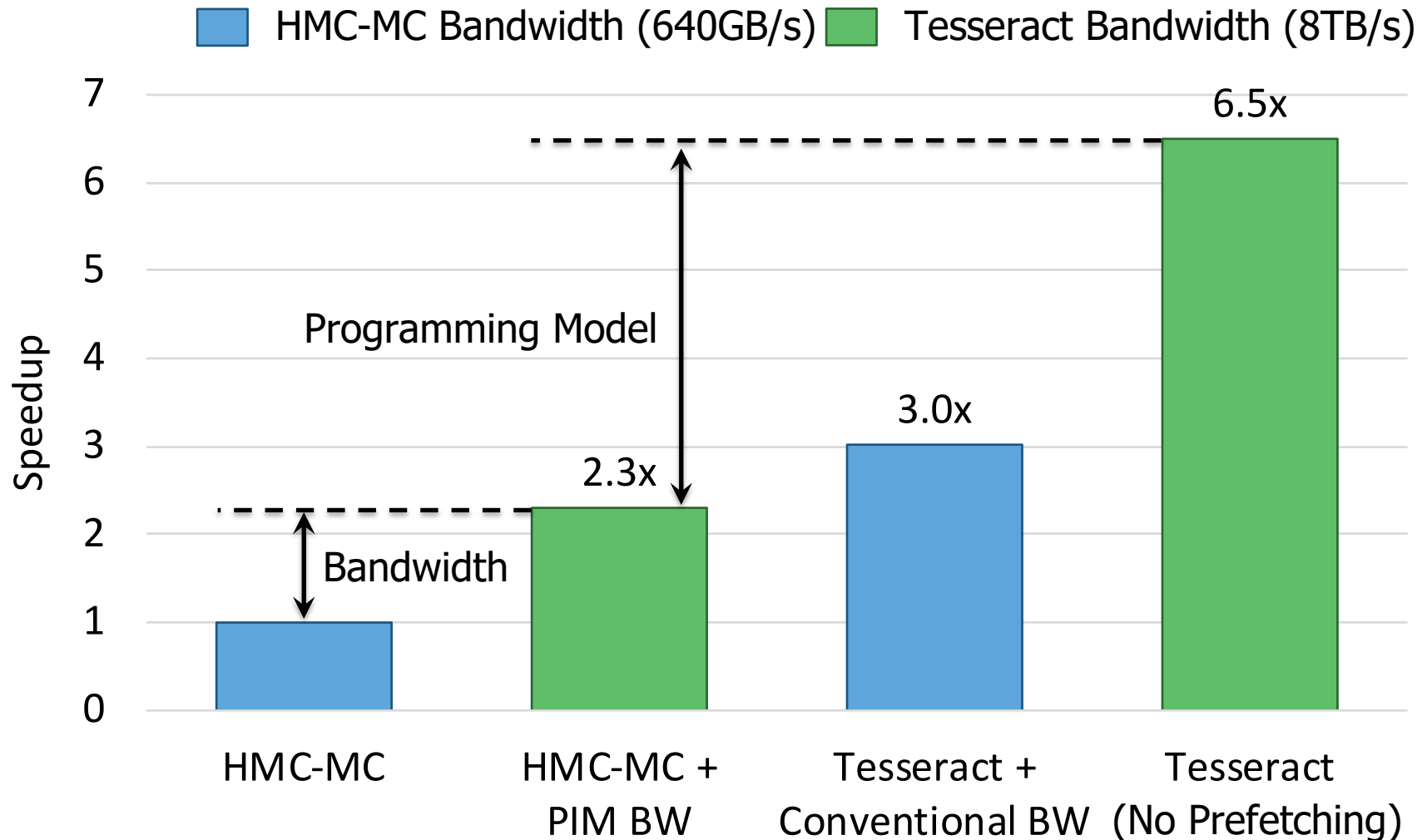
**>13X Performance Improvement**



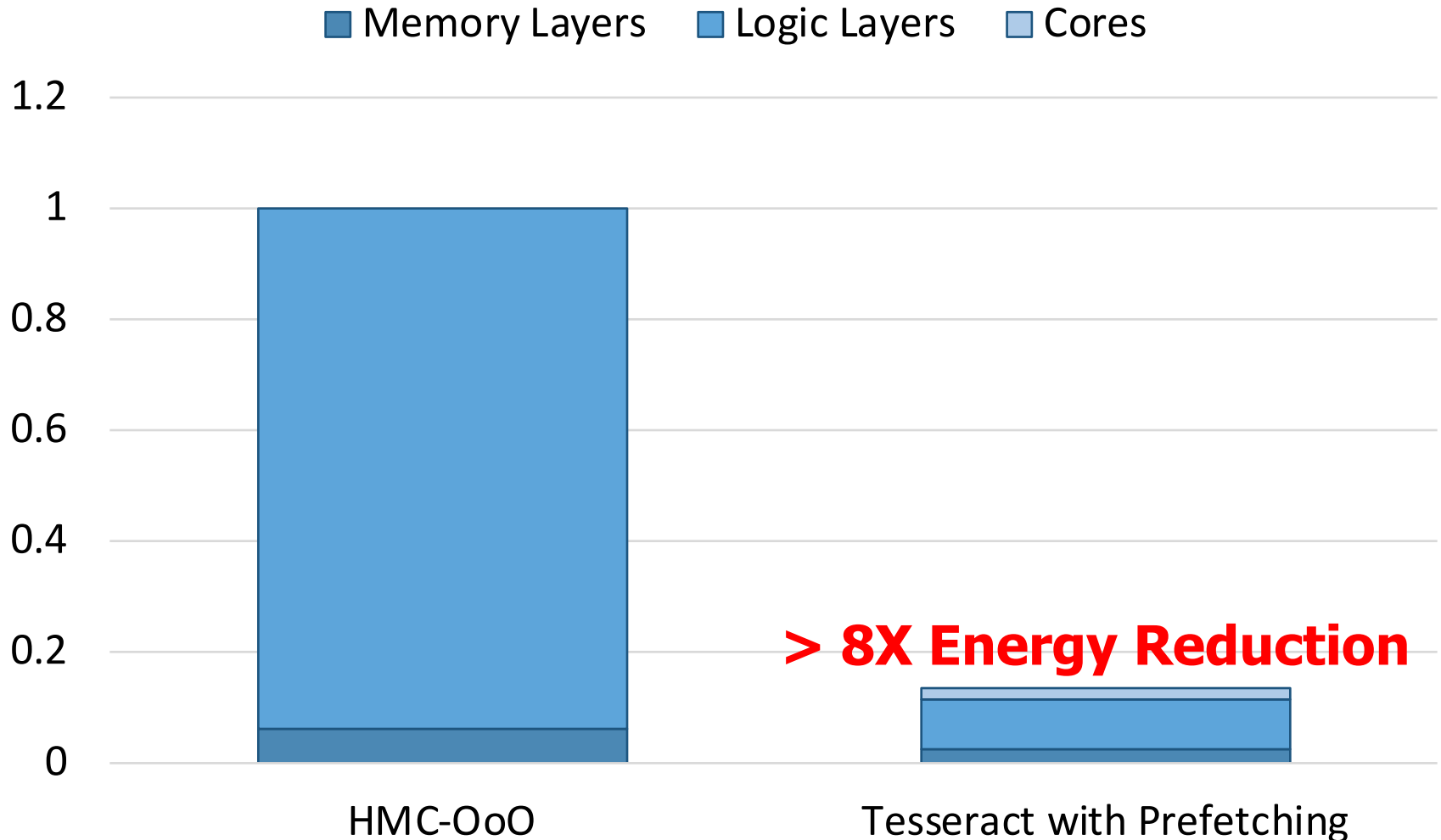
# Tesseract Graph Processing Performance



# Effect of Bandwidth & Programming Model



# Tesseract Graph Processing System Energy



# Tesseract: Advantages & Disadvantages

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## ■ Advantages

- + Specialized graph processing accelerator using PIM
- + Large system performance and energy benefits
- + Takes advantage of 3D stacking for an important workload

## ■ Disadvantages

- Changes a lot in the system
  - New programming model
  - Specialized Tesseract cores for graph processing
- Cost
- Scalability limited by off-chip links or graph partitioning

# More on Tesseract

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# Consumer Devices



**Consumer devices are everywhere!**

**Energy consumption is  
a first-class concern in consumer devices**



# Popular Google Consumer Workloads



## Chrome

Google's web browser



## TensorFlow Mobile

Google's machine learning framework

# VP9



## Video Playback

Google's **video codec**

# VP9

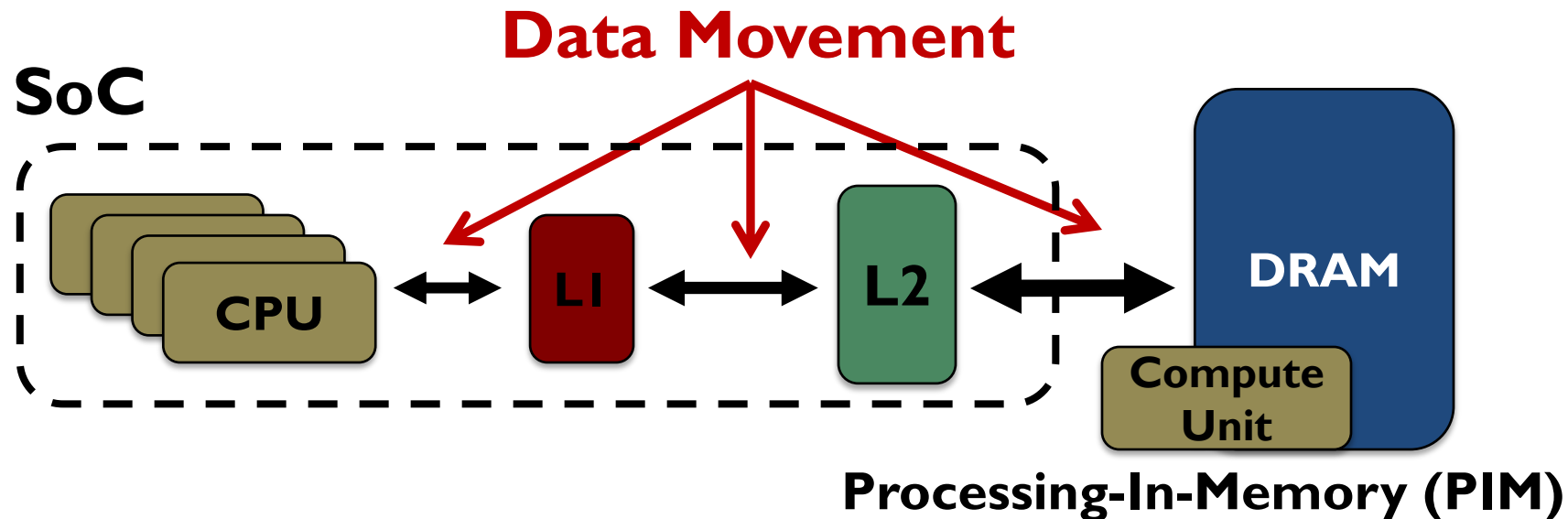


## Video Capture

Google's **video codec**

# Energy Cost of Data Movement

**1<sup>st</sup> 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

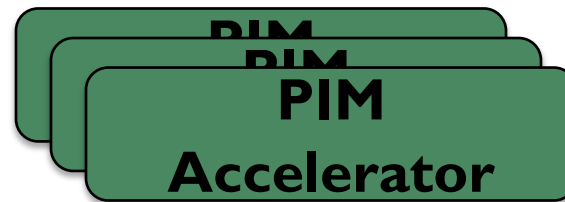
**2<sup>nd</sup> key observation:** a significant fraction of the **data movement** often comes from **simple functions**

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 55.4% and 54.2%

# Workload Analysis



**Chrome**

Google's web browser



**TensorFlow Mobile**

Google's machine learning  
framework

**VP9**



**Video Playback**

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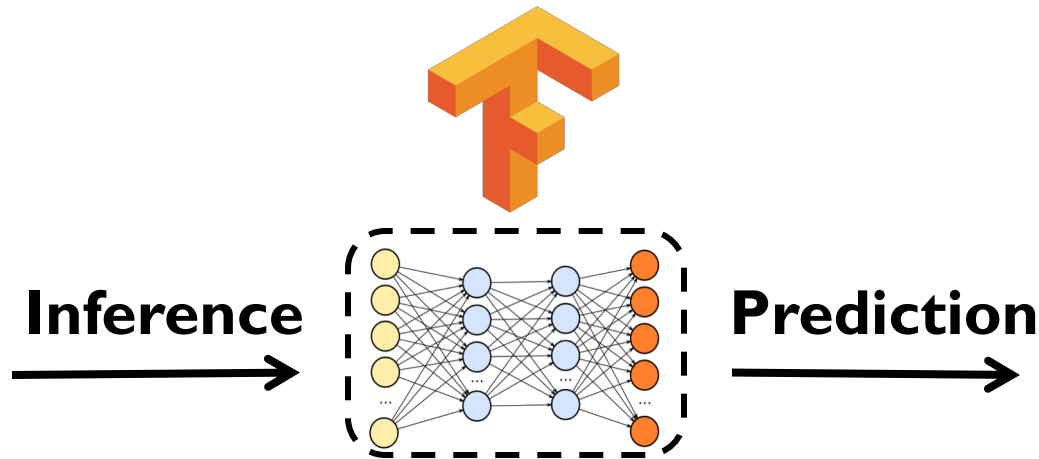
**VP9**



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# TensorFlow Mobile



**57.3%** of the inference energy is spent on data movement



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



# Packing



**Reorders** elements of matrices to minimize **cache misses** during **matrix multiplication**



Up to **40%** of the inference **energy** and **31%** of inference **execution time**



**Packing's data movement** accounts for up to **35.3%** of the inference **energy**

A simple **data reorganization** process that requires **simple arithmetic**

# Quantization



Converts 32-bit floating point to 8-bit integers to improve inference execution time and energy consumption



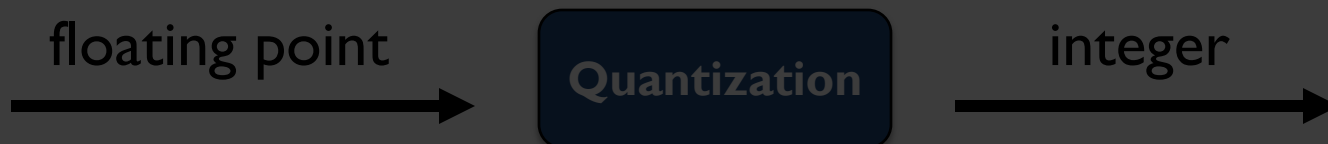
Up to **16.8%** of the inference **energy** and **16.1%** of inference **execution time**



Majority of **quantization** energy comes from **data movement**

A simple **data conversion** operation that requires **shift, addition, and multiplication** operations

# Quantization



Converts 32-bit floating point to 8-bit integers to improve inference execution time and energy consumption

**Based on our analysis, we conclude that:**

- Both functions are good candidates for **PIM execution**
- It is **feasible** to implement them in **PIM logic**

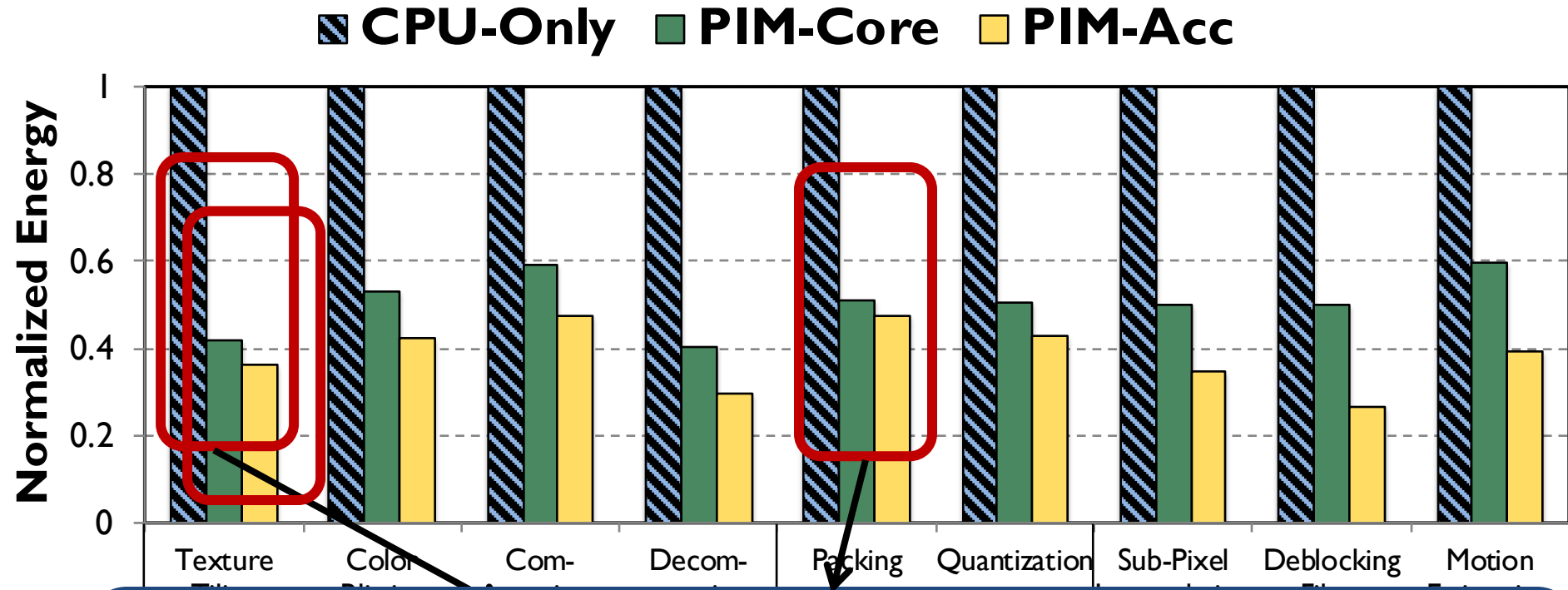
inference execution time

A simple **data conversion** operation that requires **shift, addition, and multiplication** operations

# Evaluation Methodology

- **System Configuration (gem5 Simulator)**
  - **SoC:** 4 OoO cores, 8-wide issue, 64 kB L1 cache, 2MB L2 cache
  - **PIM Core:** 1 core per vault, 1-wide issue, 4-wide SIMD, 32kB L1 cache
  - **3D-Stacked Memory:** 2GB cube, 16 vaults per cube
    - Internal Bandwidth: 256GB/S
    - Off-Chip Channel Bandwidth: 32 GB/s
  - **Baseline Memory:** LPDDR3, 2GB, FR-FCFS scheduler
- **We study each target in isolation and emulate each separately and run them in our simulator**

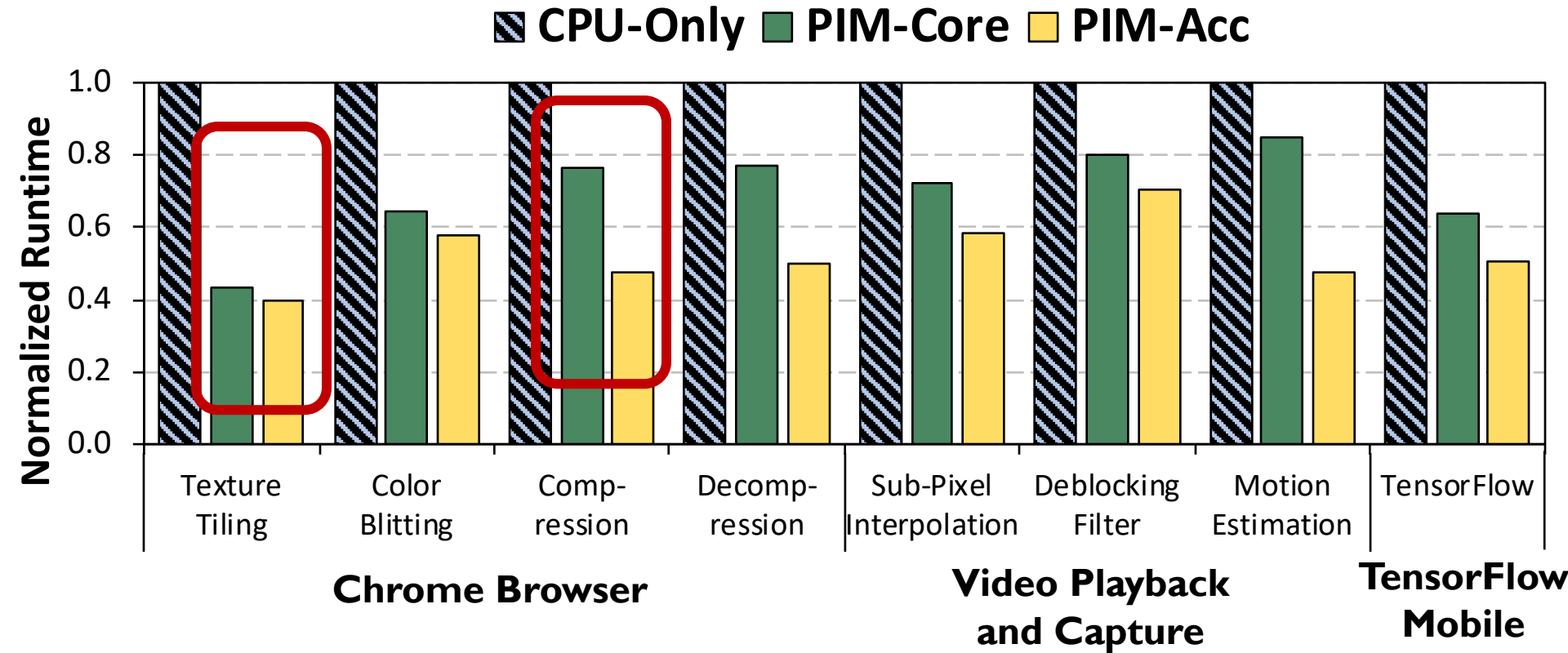
# Normalized Energy



**77.7%** and **82.6%** of energy reduction for **texture tiling** and **packing** comes from eliminating **data movement**

**PIM core** and **PIM accelerator** reduces **energy consumption** on average by **49.1%** and **55.4%**

# Normalized Runtime



Offloading these kernels to **PIM core** and **PIM accelerator** improves **performance** on average by **44.6%** and **54.2%**

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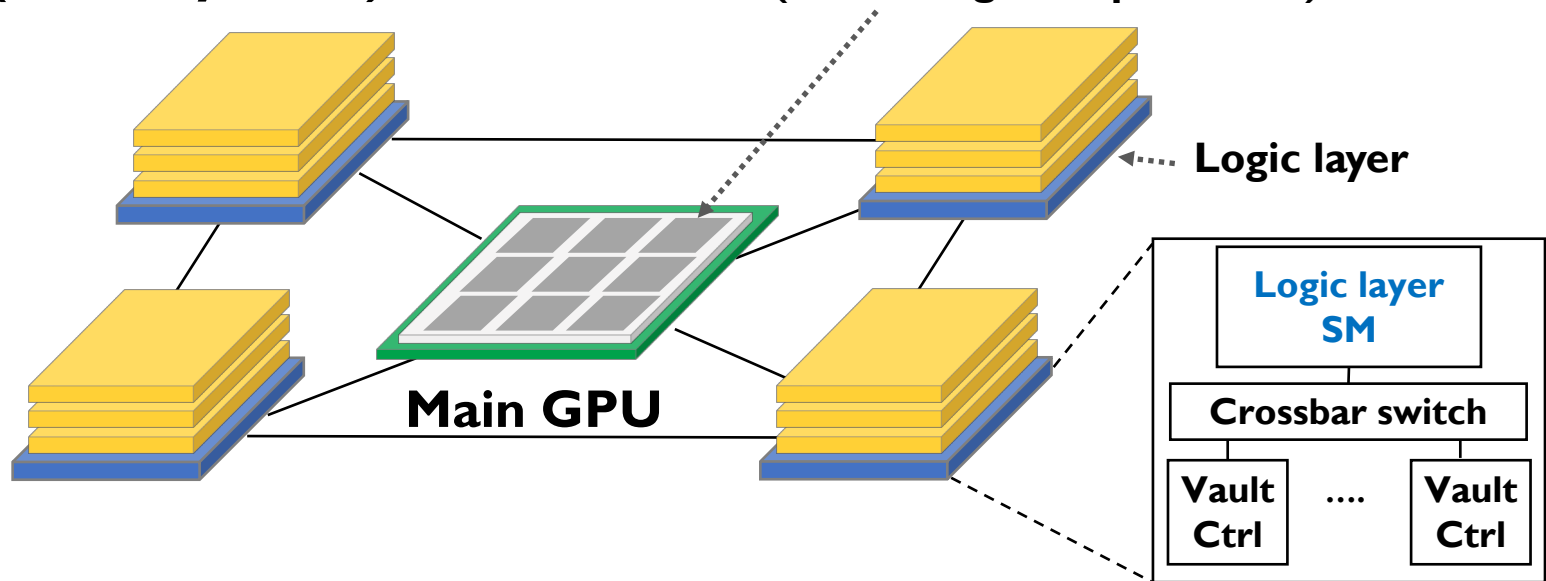
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# Truly Distributed GPU Processing with PIM?

**3D-stacked memory  
(memory stack)**

**SM (Streaming Multiprocessor)**



```
__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;
```

# Accelerating GPU Execution with PIM (I)

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## Scheduling Techniques for GPU Architectures with Processing-In-Memory Capabilities

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# Accelerating Linked Data Structures

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# Two Key Questions in 3D-Stacked PIM

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- How can we accelerate important applications if we use 3D-stacked memory as a coarse-grained accelerator?
  - what is the architecture and programming model?
  - what are the mechanisms for acceleration?
  
- What is the minimal processing-in-memory support we can provide?
  - without changing the system significantly
  - while achieving significant benefits

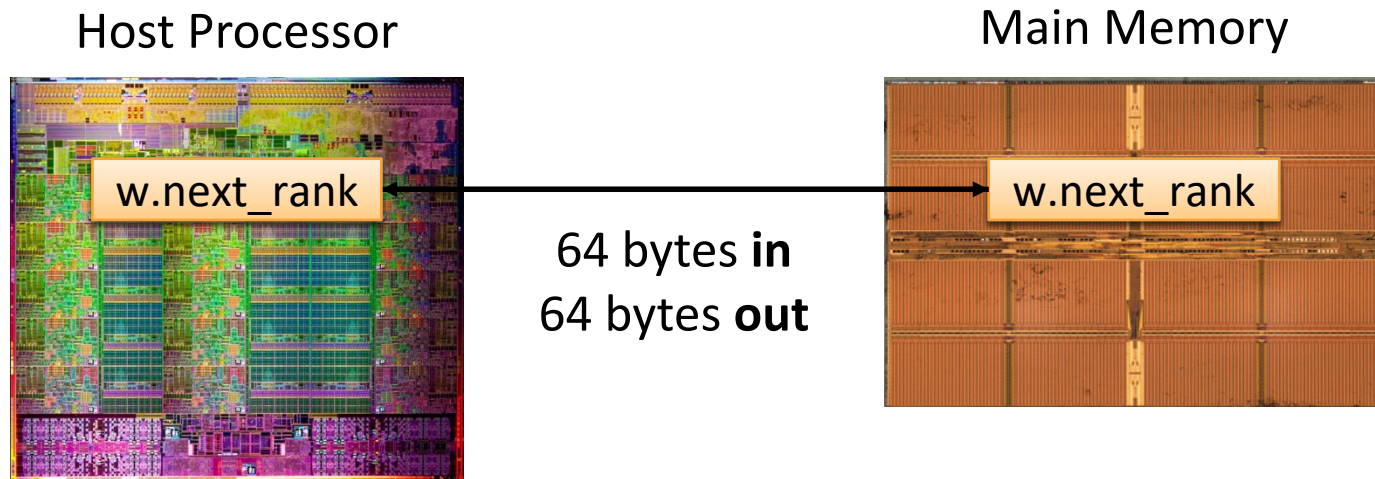
# PEI: PIM-Enabled Instructions (Ideas)

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- **Goal:** Develop mechanisms to get the most out of near-data processing with **minimal cost, minimal changes to the system, no changes to the programming model**
- **Key Idea 1:** Expose each PIM operation as a **cache-coherent, virtually-addressed host processor instruction** (called PEI) that operates on **only a single cache block**
  - ❑ e.g., `__pim_add(&w.next_rank, value) → pim.add r1, (r2)`
  - ❑ No changes sequential execution/programming model
  - ❑ No changes to virtual memory
  - ❑ Minimal changes to cache coherence
  - ❑ No need for data mapping: Each PEI restricted to a single memory module
- **Key Idea 2:** **Dynamically decide where to execute a PEI** (i.e., the host processor or PIM accelerator) based on simple locality characteristics and simple hardware predictors
  - ❑ Execute each operation at the location that provides the best performance

# Simple PIM Operations as ISA Extensions (II)

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



Conventional Architecture



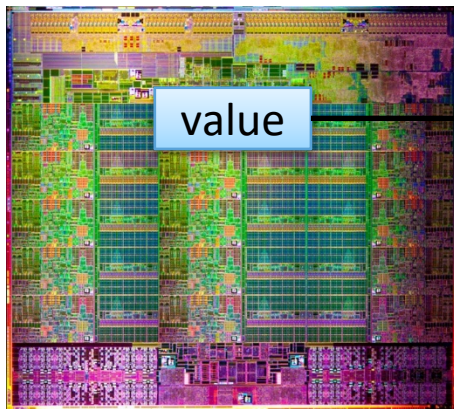
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pim.add r1, (r2)

\_\_pim\_add(&w.next\_rank, value);

Host Processor



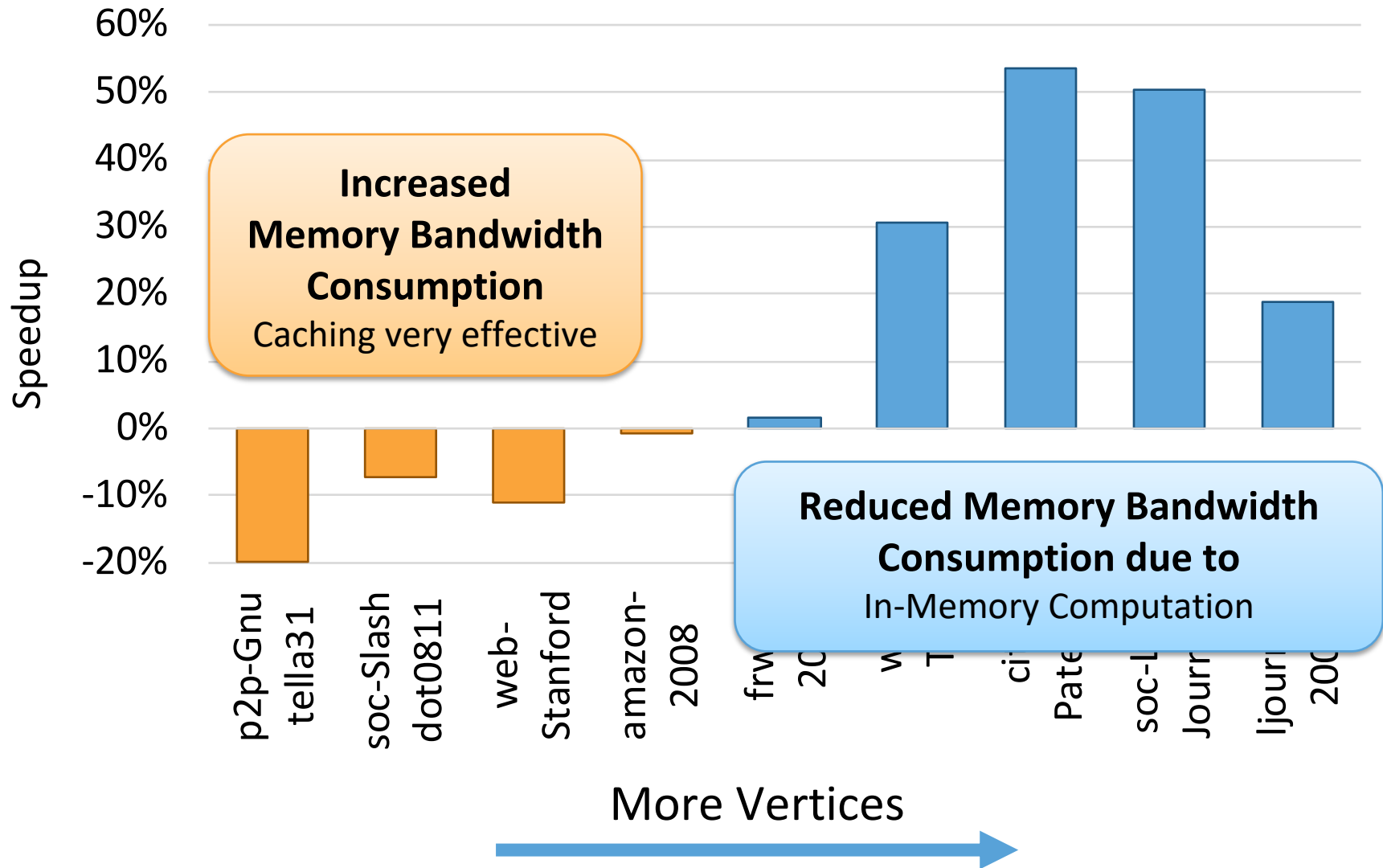
Main Memory



8 bytes in  
0 bytes out

In-Memory Addition

# Always Executing in Memory? Not A Good Idea



# PEI: PIM-Enabled Instructions (Example)

```
for (v: graph.vertices) {  
    value = weight * v.rank;  
    for (w: v.successors) {  
        __pim_add(&w.next_rank, value);  
    }  
}
```

pim.add r1, (r2)

\_\_pim\_add(&w.next\_rank, value);

pfence

pfence();

Table 1: Summary of Supported PIM Operations

Operation	R	W	Input	Output	Applications
8-byte integer increment	O	O	0 bytes	0 bytes	AT
8-byte integer min	O	O	8 bytes	0 bytes	BFS, SP, WCC
Floating-point add	O	O	8 bytes	0 bytes	PR
Hash table probing	O	X	8 bytes	9 bytes	HJ
Histogram bin index	O	X	1 byte	16 bytes	HG, RP
Euclidean distance	O	X	64 bytes	4 bytes	SC
Dot product	O	X	32 bytes	8 bytes	SVM

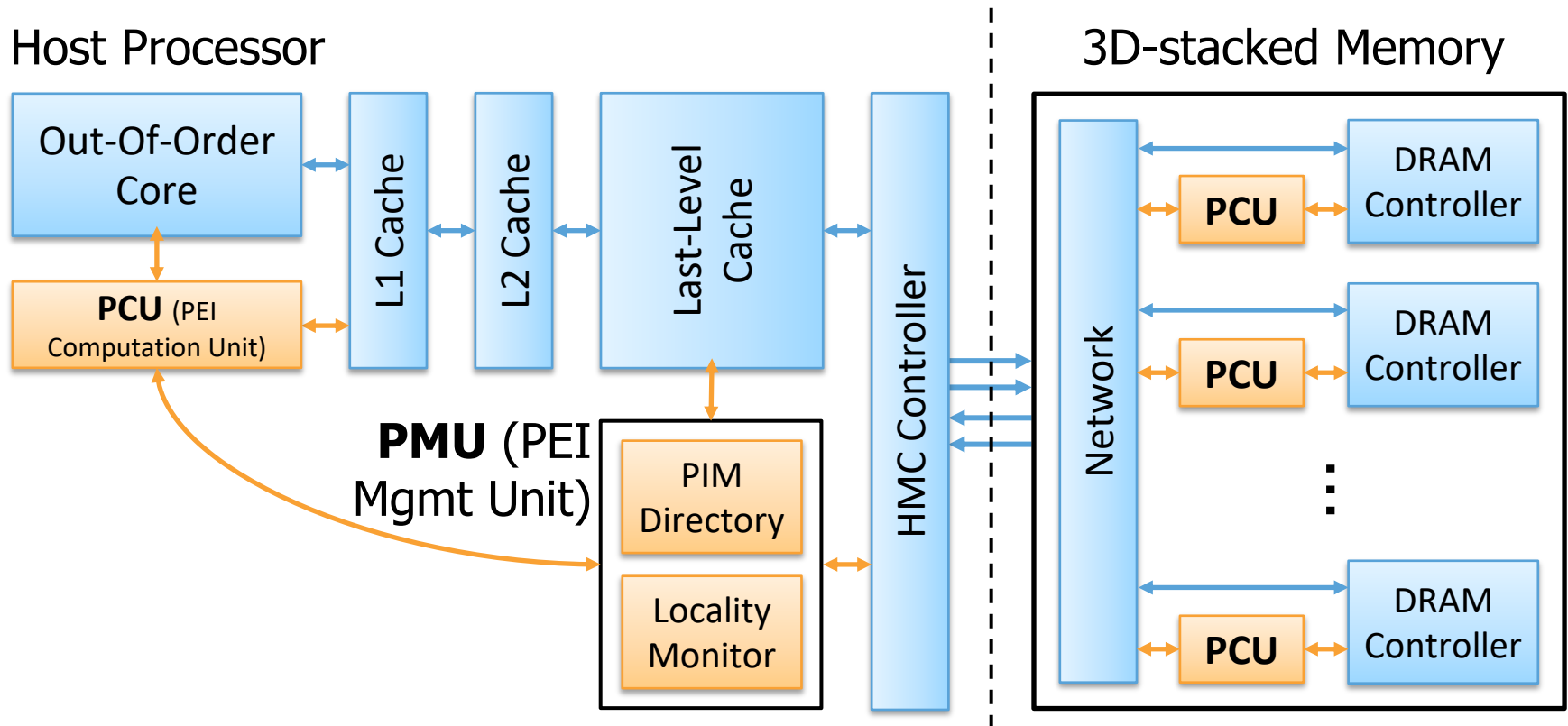
- Executed either in memory or in the processor: dynamic decision
  - ❑ Low-cost locality monitoring for a single instruction
- Cache-coherent, virtually-addressed, single cache block only
- Atomic between different PEIs
- *Not* atomic with normal instructions (use *pfence* for ordering)

# PIM-Enabled Instructions

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- Key to practicality: **single-cache-block restriction**
  - **Each PEI can access *at most one last-level cache block***
  - Similar restrictions exist in atomic instructions
- Benefits
  - **Localization**: each PEI is bounded to one memory module
  - **Interoperability**: easier support for cache coherence and virtual memory
  - **Simplified locality monitoring**: data locality of PEIs can be identified simply by the cache control logic

# Example (Abstract) PEI uArchitecture



Example PEI uArchitecture

# PEI: Initial Evaluation Results

- Initial evaluations with **10 emerging data-intensive workloads**
  - ❑ Large-scale graph processing
  - ❑ In-memory data analytics
  - ❑ Machine learning and data mining
  - ❑ Three input sets (small, medium, large) for each workload to analyze the impact of data locality
- Pin-based cycle-level x86-64 simulation
- **Performance Improvement and Energy Reduction:**
  - 47% average speedup with large input data sets
  - 32% speedup with small input data sets
  - 25% avg. energy reduction in a single node with large input data sets

**Table 2: Baseline Simulation Configuration**

Component	Configuration
Core	16 out-of-order cores, 4 GHz, 4-issue
L1 I/D-Cache	Private, 32 KB, 4/8-way, 64 B blocks, 16 MSHRs
L2 Cache	Private, 256 KB, 8-way, 64 B blocks, 16 MSHRs
L3 Cache	Shared, 16 MB, 16-way, 64 B blocks, 64 MSHRs
On-Chip Network	Crossbar, 2 GHz, 144-bit links
Main Memory	32 GB, 8 HMCs, daisy-chain (80 GB/s full-duplex)
HMC	4 GB, 16 vaults, 256 DRAM banks [20]
– DRAM	FR-FCFS, tCL = tRCD = tRP = 13.75 ns [27]
– Vertical Links	64 TSVs per vault with 2 Gb/s signaling rate [23]

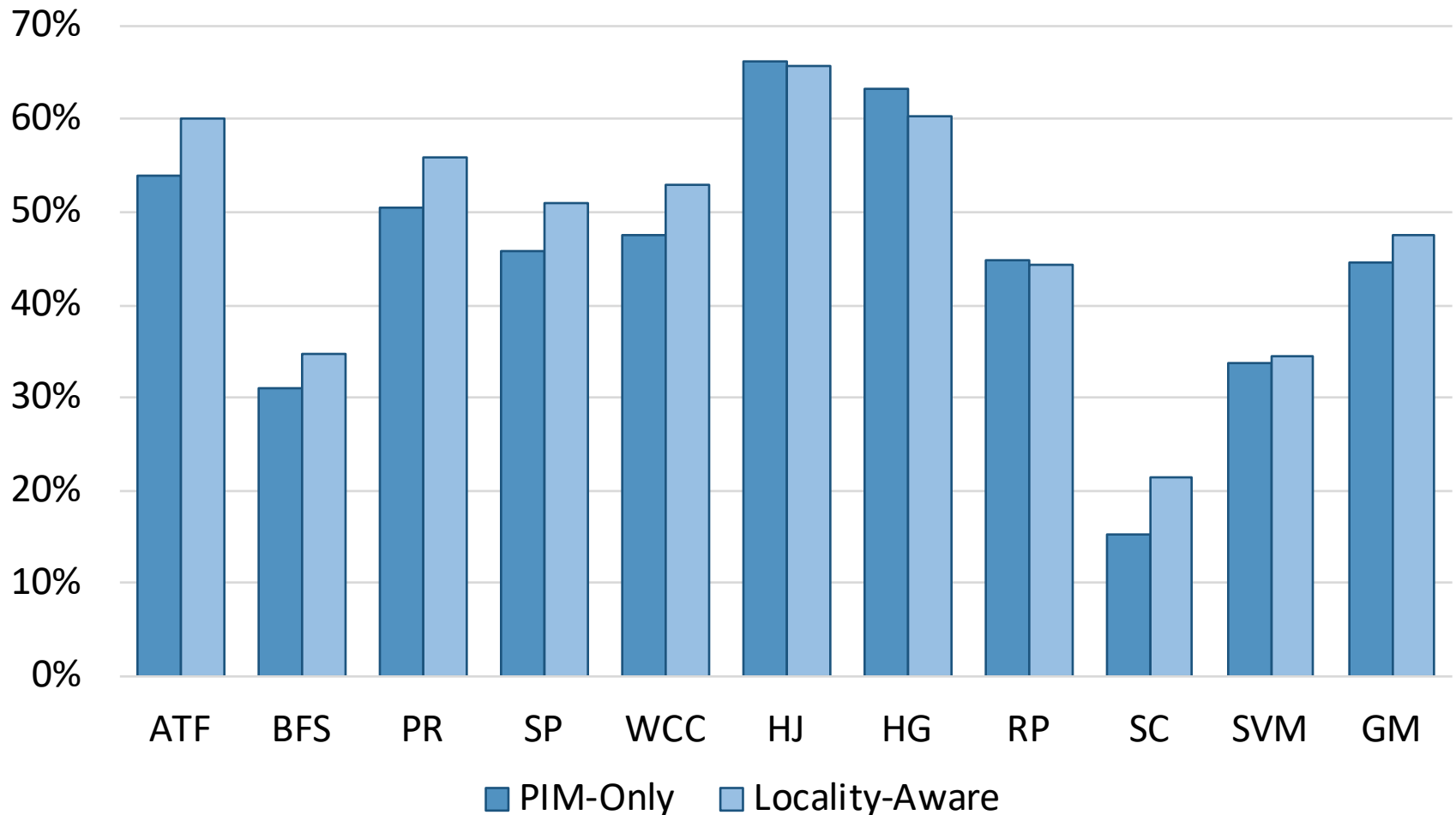
# Evaluated Data-Intensive Applications

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- Ten emerging data-intensive workloads
  - Large-scale graph processing
    - Average teenage follower, BFS, PageRank, single-source shortest path, weakly connected components
  - In-memory data analytics
    - Hash join, histogram, radix partitioning
  - Machine learning and data mining
    - Streamcluster, SVM-RFE
- Three input sets (small, medium, large) for each workload to show the impact of data locality

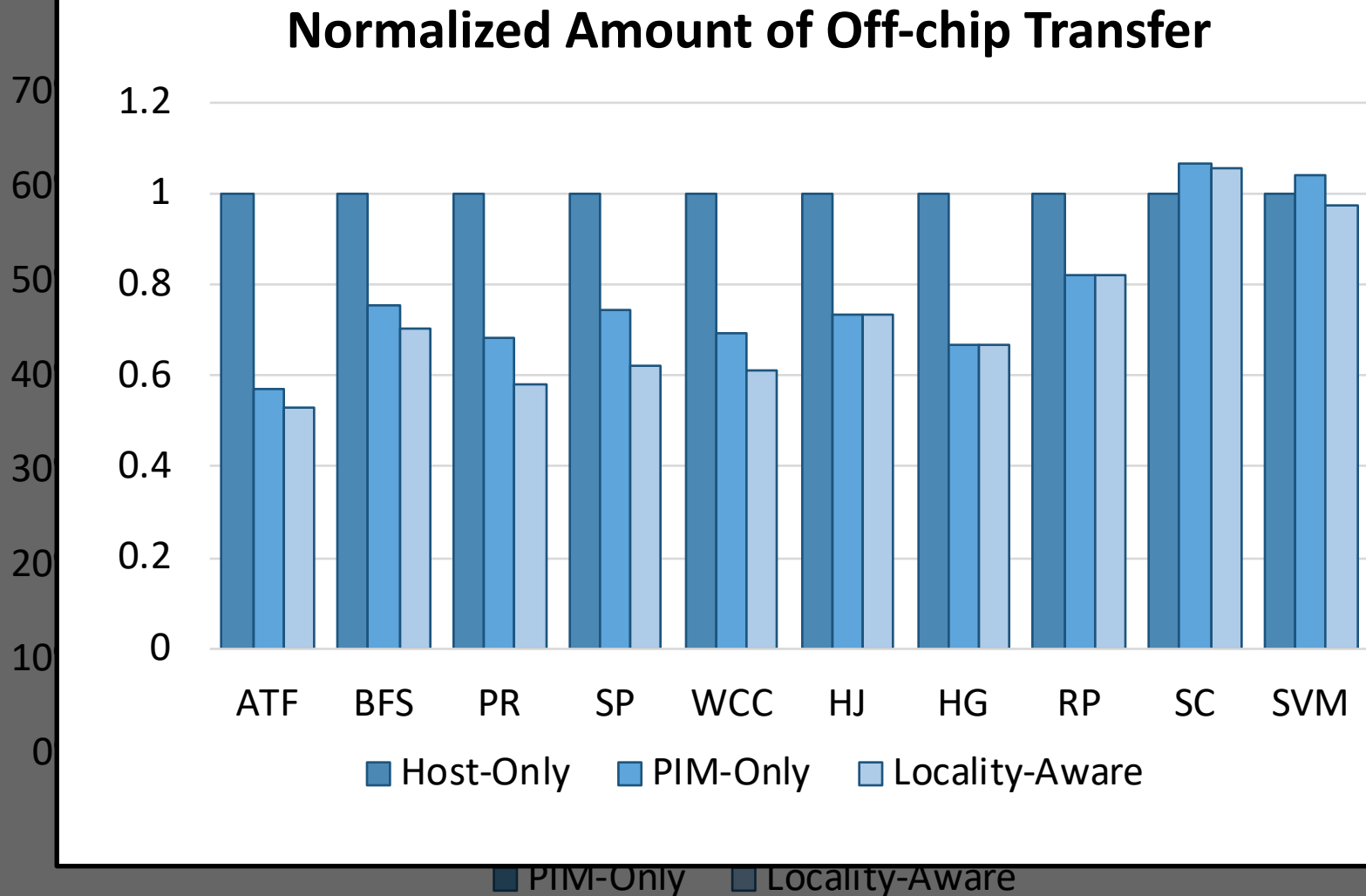
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(Large Inputs, Baseline: Host-Only)



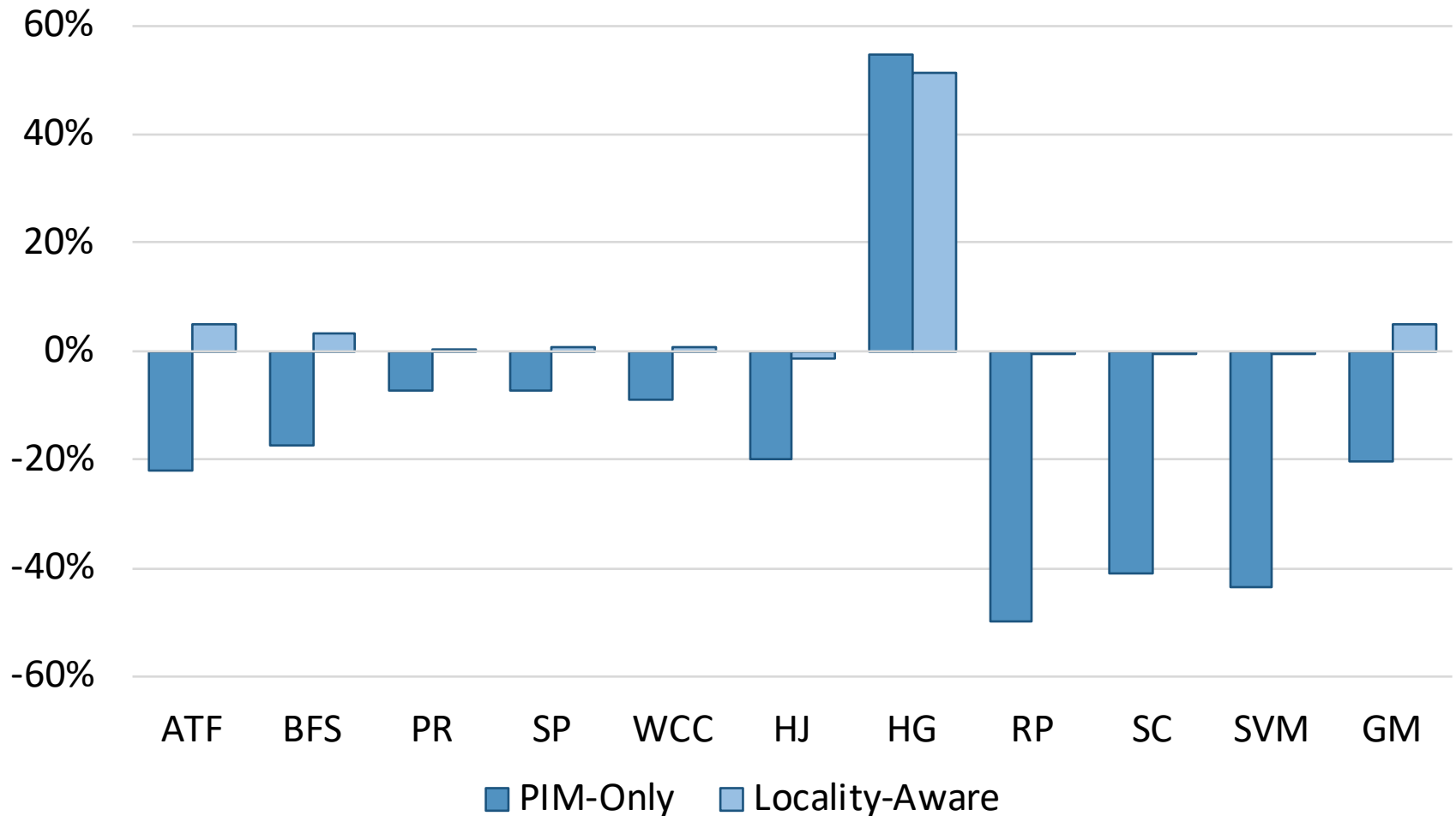


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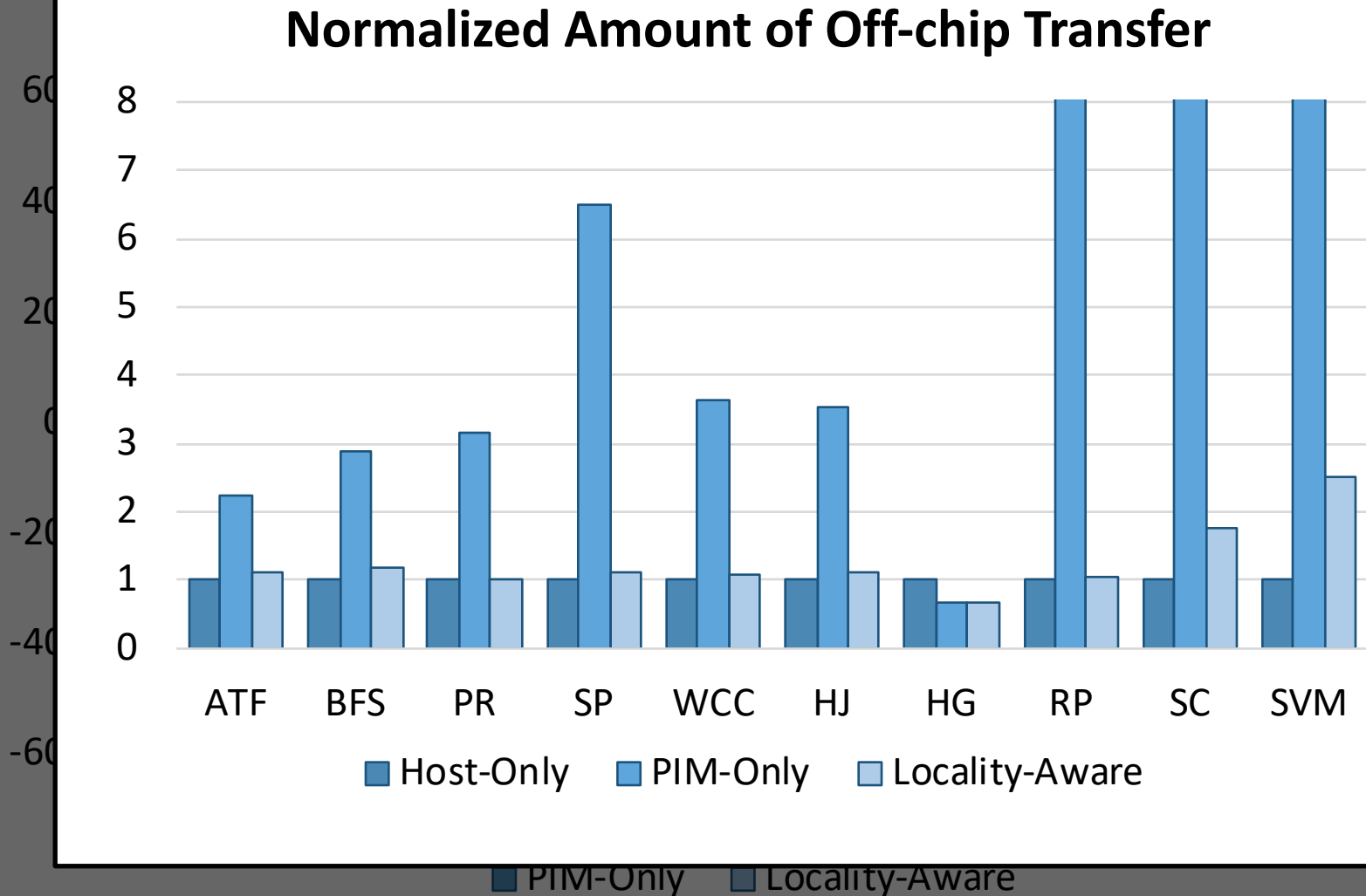


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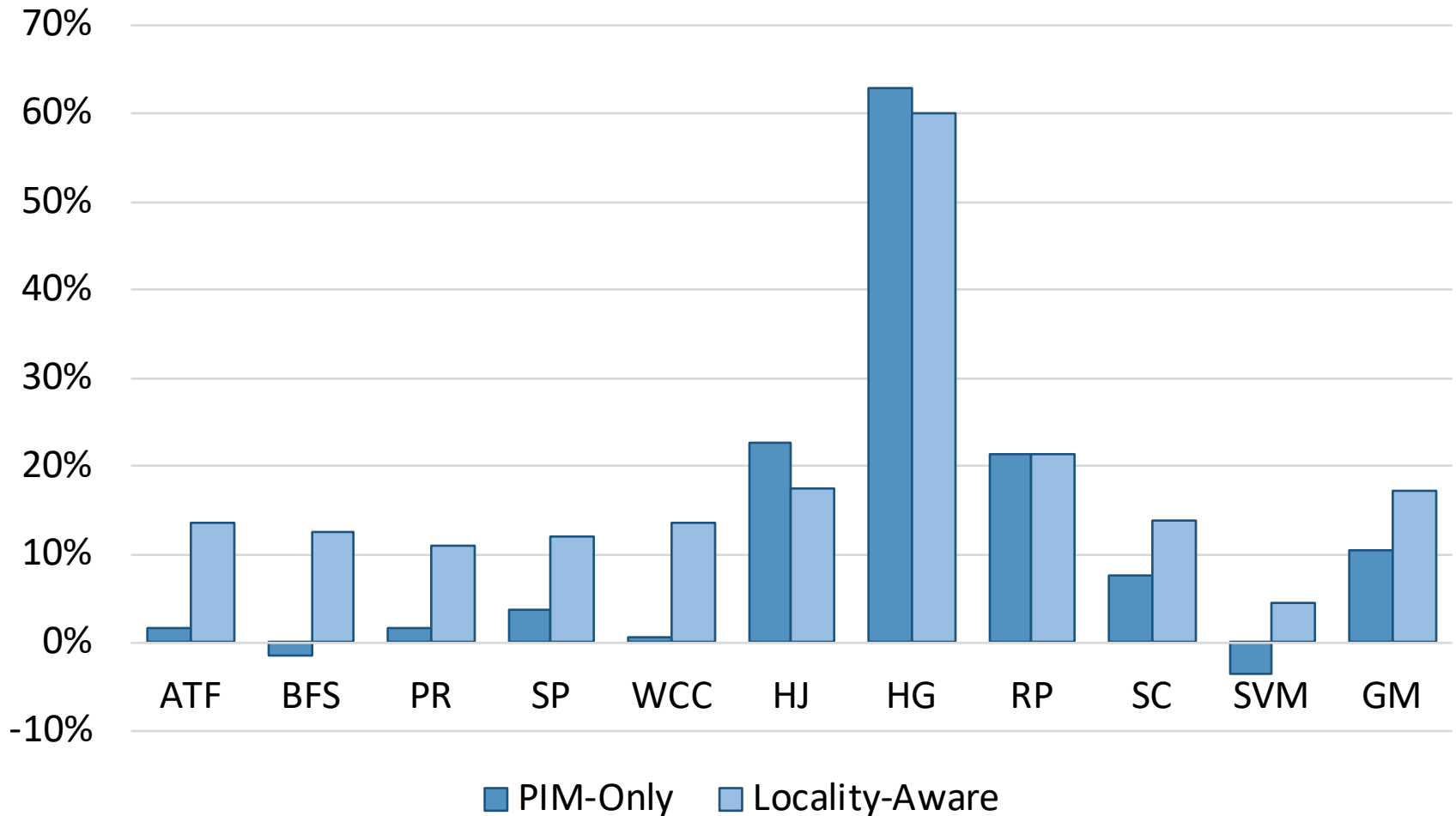


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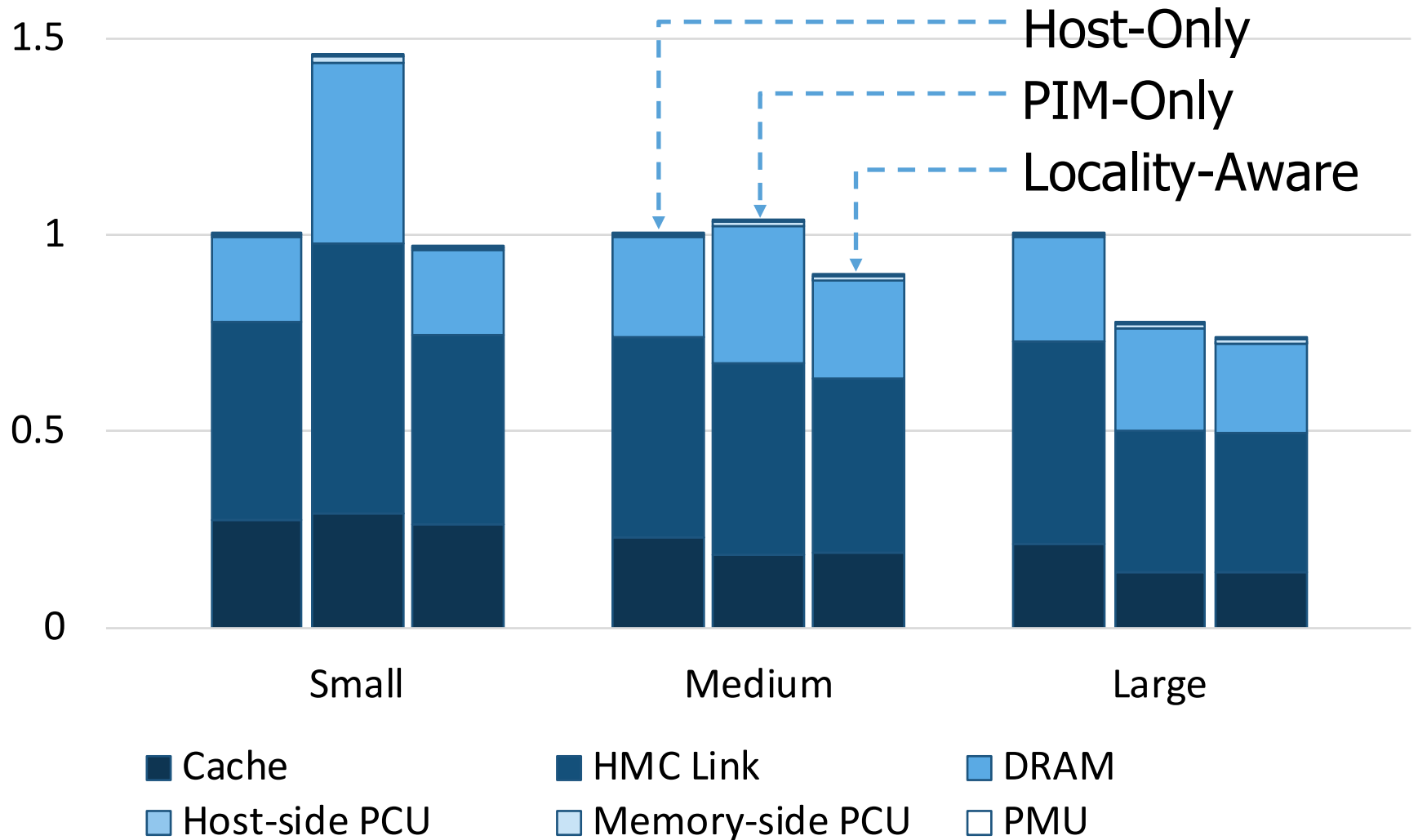


# PEI Performance Delta: Medium Data Sets

(Medium Inputs, Baseline: Host-Only)



# PEI Energy Consumption



# PEI: Advantages & Disadvantages

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## ■ Advantages

- + Simple and low cost approach to PIM
- + No changes to programming model, virtual memory
- + Dynamically decides where to execute an instruction

## ■ Disadvantages

- Does not take full advantage of PIM potential
  - Single cache block restriction is limiting

# Simpler PIM: PIM-Enabled Instructions

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# Fundamentally Energy-Efficient (Data-Centric) Computing Architectures

# Fundamentally Low-Latency (Data-Centric) Computing Architectures

# Computing Architectures with Minimal Data Movement

# Agenda

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- Major Trends Affecting Main Memory
- The Need for Intelligent Memory Controllers
  - Bottom Up: Push from Circuits and Devices
  - Top Down: Pull from Systems and Applications
- Processing in Memory: Two Directions
  - Minimally Changing Memory Chips
  - Exploiting 3D-Stacked Memory
- How to Enable Adoption of Processing in Memory
- Conclusion

## How to Enable Adoption of Processing in Memory



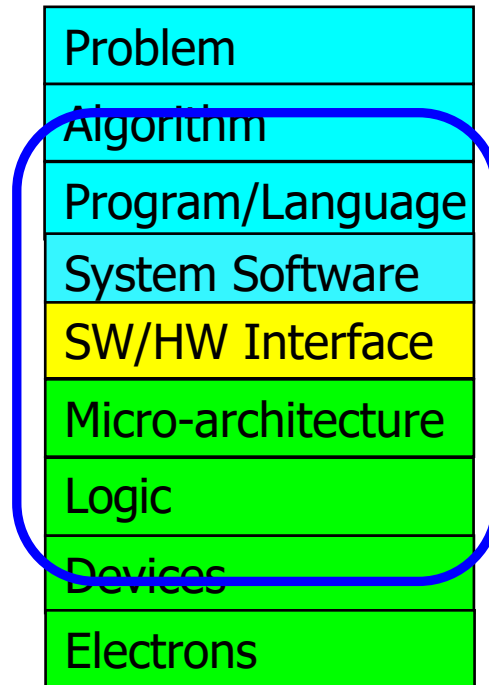
# Barriers to Adoption of PIM

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1. Functionality of and applications for PIM
2. Ease of programming (interfaces and compiler/HW support)
3. System support: coherence & virtual memory
4. Runtime systems for adaptive scheduling, data mapping, access/sharing control
5. Infrastructures to assess benefits and feasibility

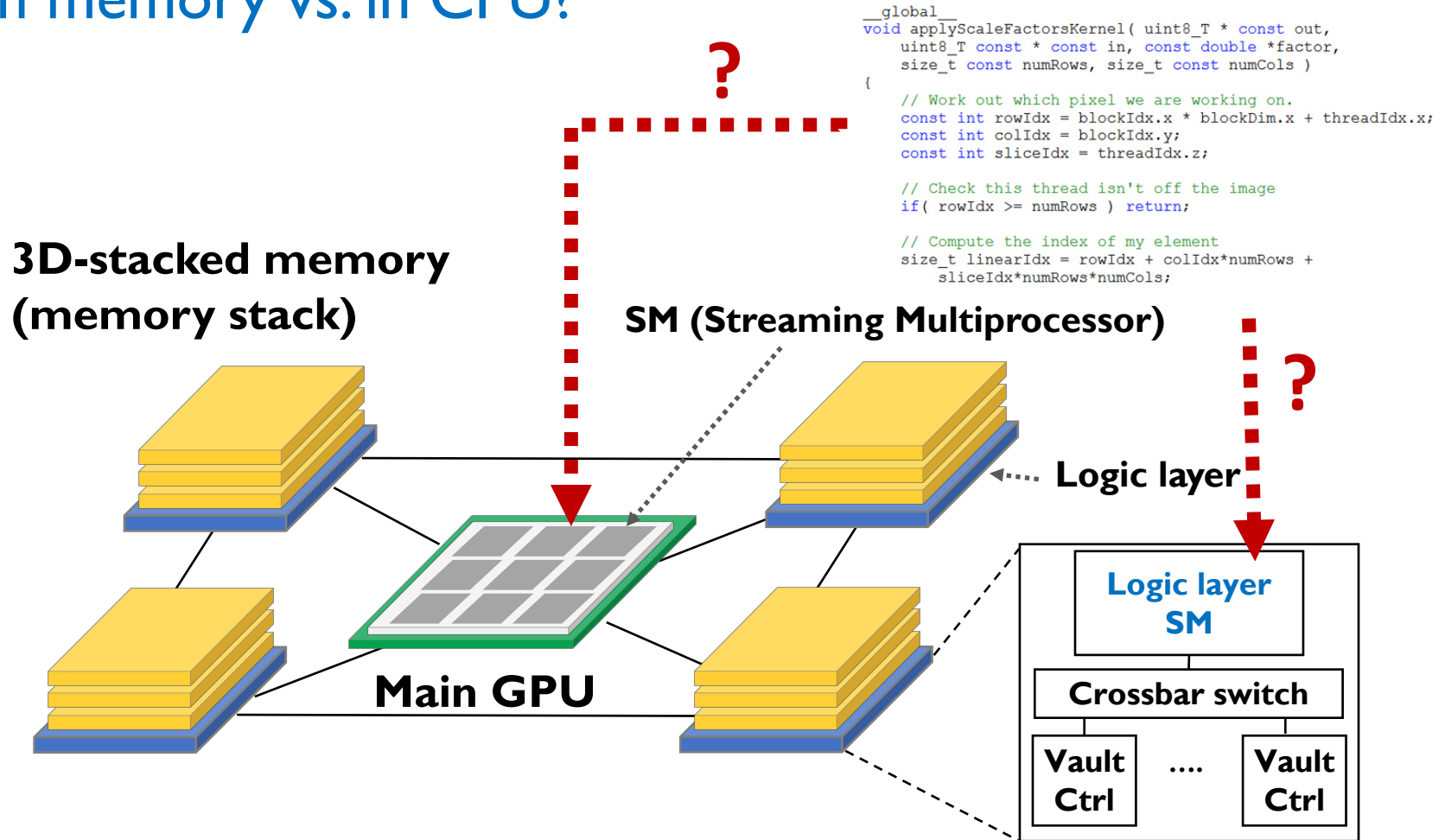
# We Need to Revisit the Entire Stack

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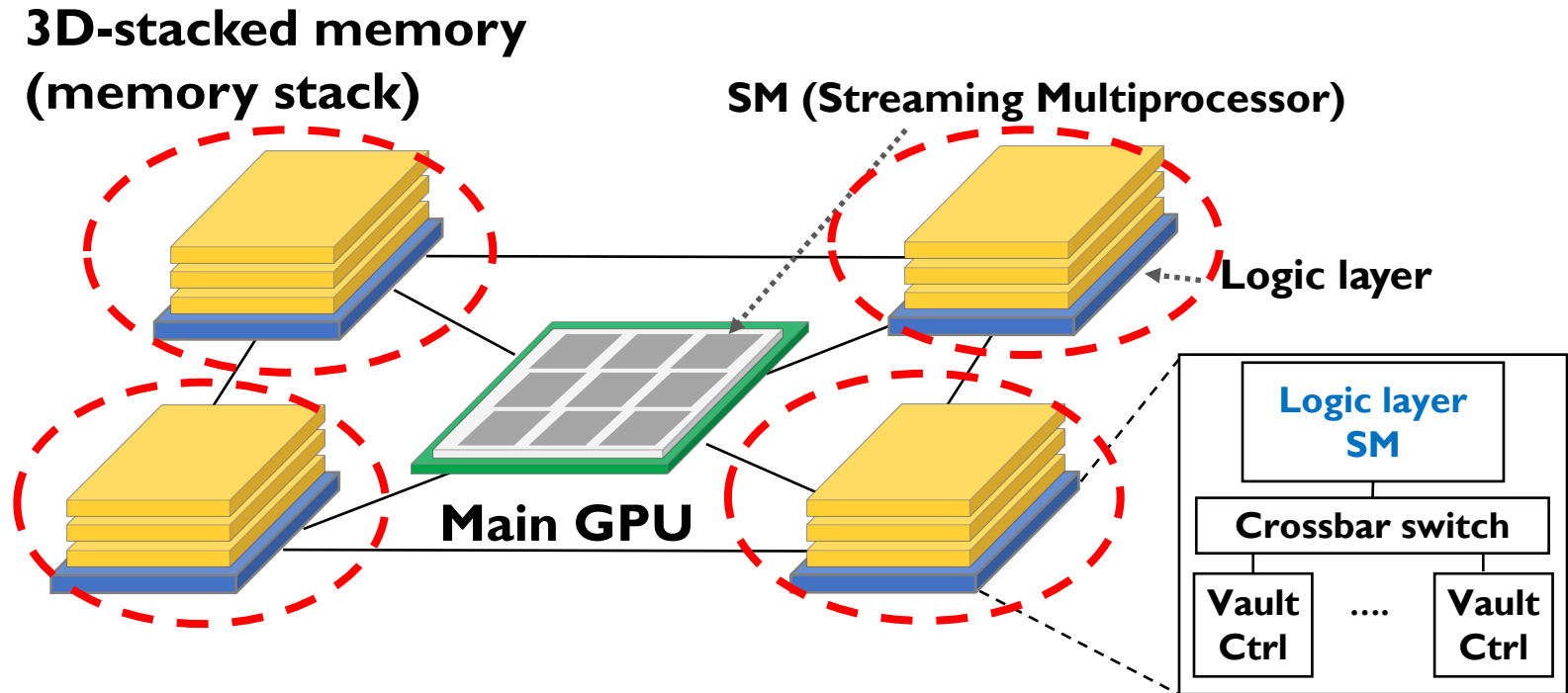
# Key Challenge 1: Code Mapping

- **Challenge 1: Which operations should be executed in memory vs. in CPU?**



# Key Challenge 2: Data Mapping

- **Challenge 2:** How should data be mapped to different 3D memory stacks?



# How to Do the Code and Data Mapping?

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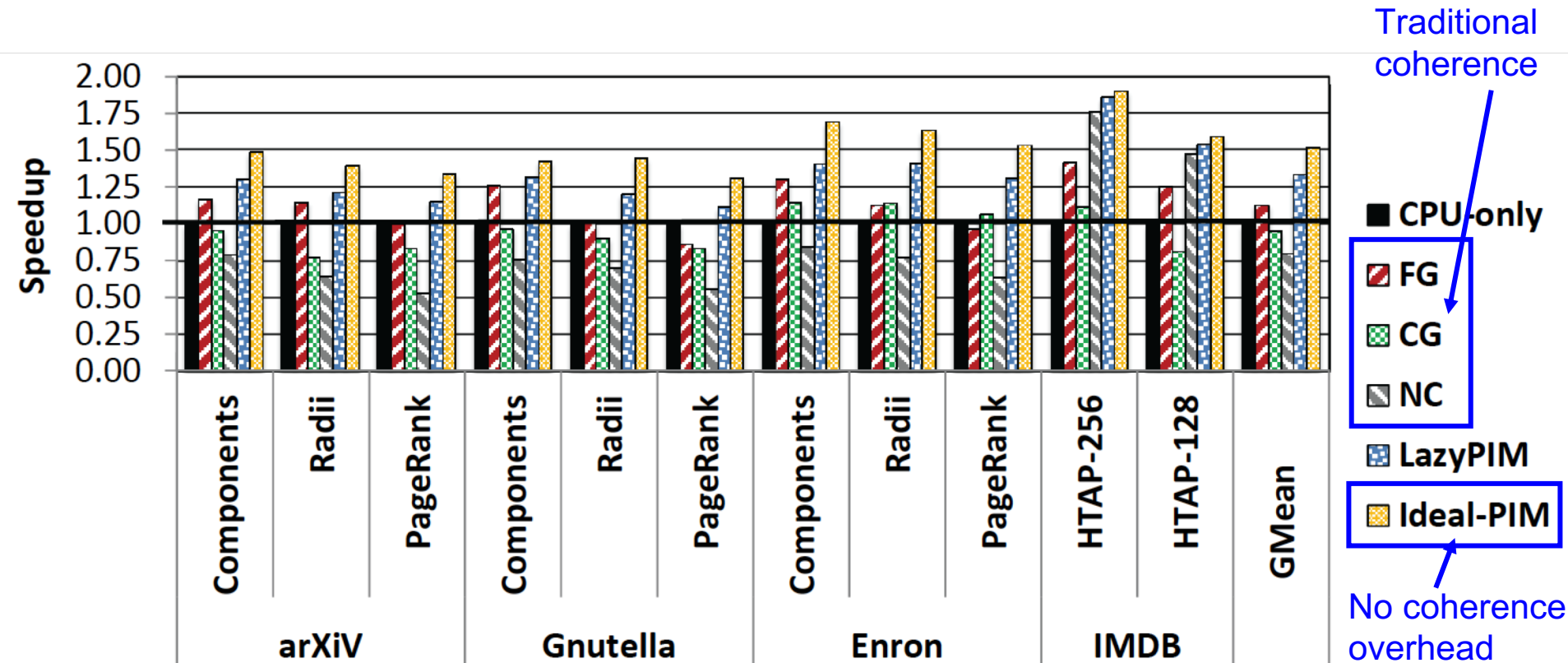
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# Challenge: Coherence for Hybrid CPU-PIM Apps



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# Simulation Infrastructures for PIM

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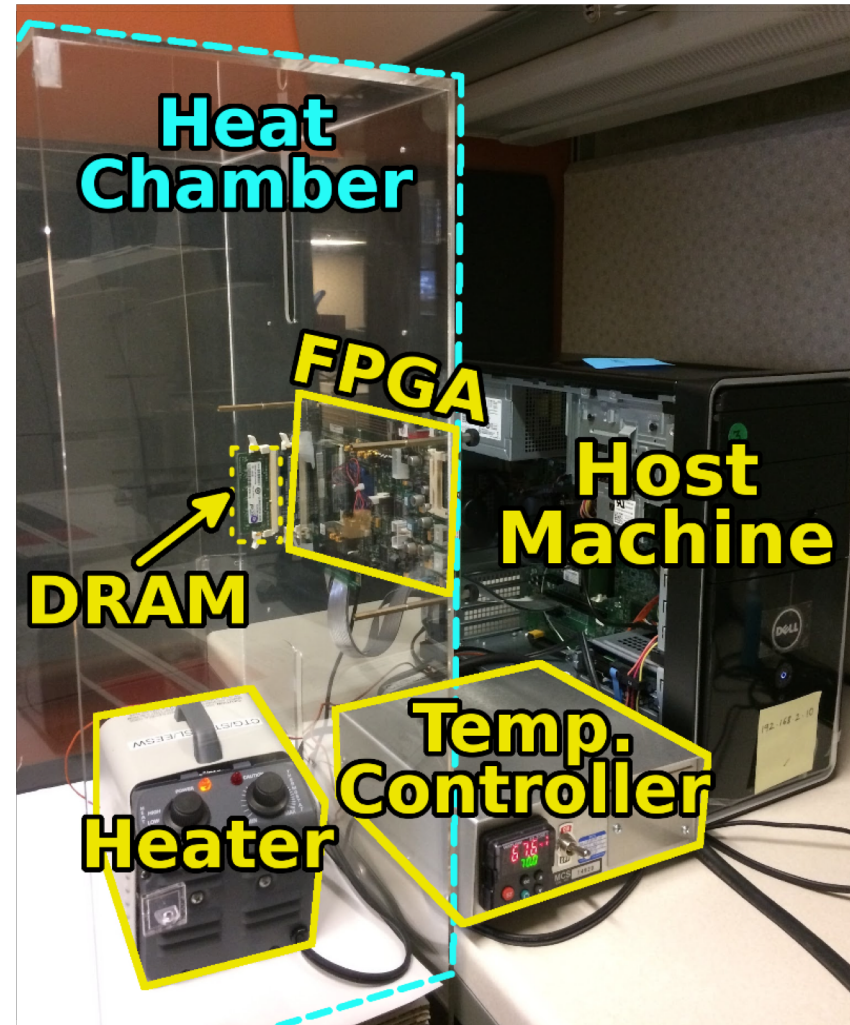
- **Ramulator** extended for PIM
  - Flexible and extensible DRAM simulator
  - Can model many different memory standards and proposals
  - Kim+, “**Ramulator: A Flexible and Extensible DRAM Simulator**”, IEEE CAL 2015.
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## Ramulator: A Fast and Extensible DRAM Simulator

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# An FPGA-based Test-bed for PIM?

- Hasan Hassan et al., **SoftMC: A Flexible and Practical Open-Source Infrastructure for Enabling Experimental DRAM Studies** HPCA 2017.
- Flexible
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- Open-source  
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# New Applications and Use Cases for PIM

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## GRIM-Filter: Fast seed location filtering in DNA read mapping using processing-in-memory technologies

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# Executive Summary

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- **Genome Read Mapping** is a very important problem and is the first step in many types of genomic analysis
  - Could lead to improved health care, medicine, quality of life
- Read mapping is an **approximate string matching** problem
  - Find the best fit of 100 character strings into a 3 billion character dictionary
  - **Alignment** is currently the best method for determining the similarity between two strings, but is **very expensive**
- We propose an in-memory processing algorithm **GRIM-Filter** for accelerating read mapping, by reducing the number of required alignments
- We implement GRIM-Filter using **in-memory processing** within **3D-stacked memory** and show up to **3.7x speedup**.



# GRIM-Filter in 3D-stacked DRAM

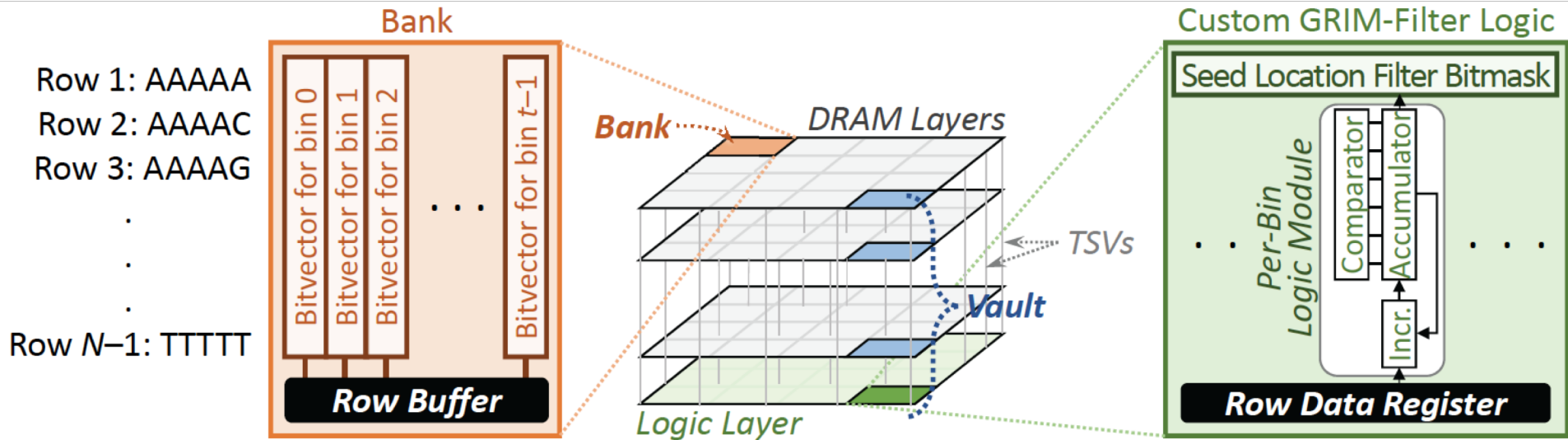


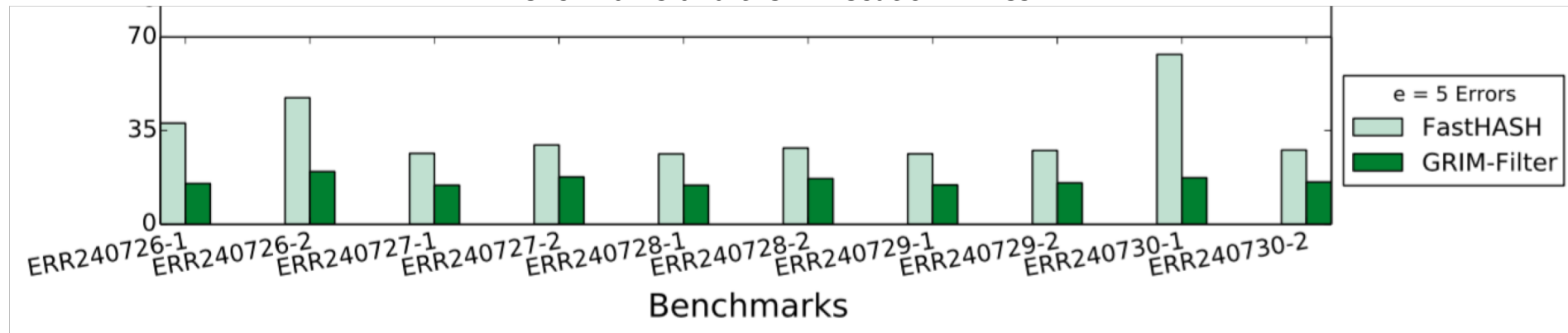
Figure 7: *Left block:* GRIM-Filter bitvector layout within a DRAM bank. *Center block:* 3D-stacked DRAM with tightly integrated logic layer stacked underneath with TSVs for a high intra-DRAM data transfer bandwidth. *Right block:* Custom GRIM-Filter logic placed in the logic layer.

- The layout of bit vectors in a bank enables filtering many bins in parallel
- Customized logic for accumulation and comparison per genome segment
  - Low area overhead, simple implementation

# GRIM-Filter Performance

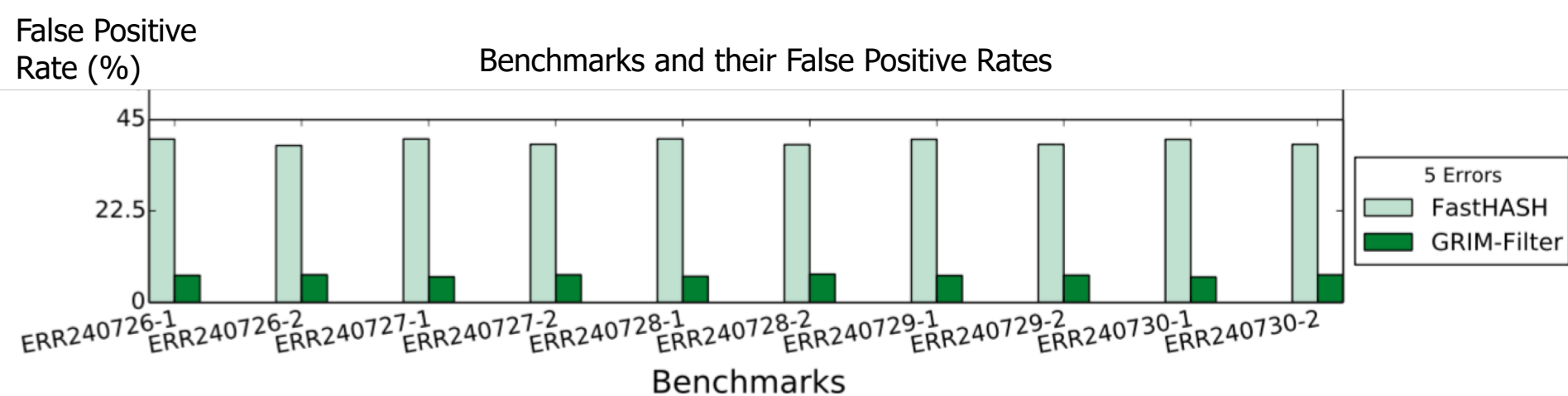
Time (x1000  
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Benchmarks and their Execution Times



**1.8x-3.7x performance benefit across real data sets**

# GRIM-Filter False Positive Rate



**5.6x-6.4x False Positive reduction across real data sets**

# Conclusions

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- We propose an **in memory filter algorithm** to **accelerate end-to-end genome read mapping** by reducing the number of required alignments
- Compared to the previous best filter
  - We observed **1.8x-3.7x speedup**
  - We observed **5.6x-6.4x fewer false positives**
- **GRIM-Filter is a universal filter** that can be applied to any genome read mapper

# In-Memory DNA Sequence Analysis

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- Jeremie S. Kim, Damla Senol Cali, Hongyi Xin, Donghyuk Lee, Saugata Ghose, Mohammed Alser, Hasan Hassan, Oguz Ergin, Can Alkan, and Onur Mutlu, **"GRIM-Filter: Fast Seed Location Filtering in DNA Read Mapping Using Processing-in-Memory Technologies"** ***BMC Genomics***, 2018.  
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## GRIM-Filter: Fast seed location filtering in DNA read mapping using processing-in-memory technologies

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# Open Problems: PIM Adoption

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## **Enabling the Adoption of Processing-in-Memory: Challenges, Mechanisms, Future Research Directions**

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# Enabling the Paradigm Shift

# Computer Architecture Today

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- You can revolutionize the way computers are built, if you understand both the hardware and the software (and change each accordingly)
- You can invent new paradigms for computation, communication, and storage
- Recommended book: Thomas Kuhn, “[The Structure of Scientific Revolutions](#)” (1962)
  - Pre-paradigm science: no clear consensus in the field
  - Normal science: dominant theory used to explain/improve things (business as usual); exceptions considered anomalies
  - Revolutionary science: underlying assumptions re-examined



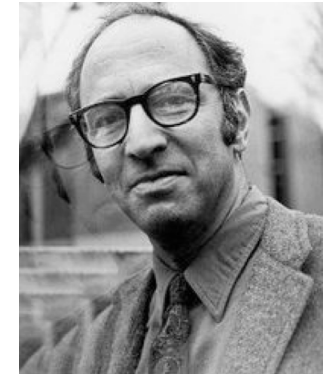
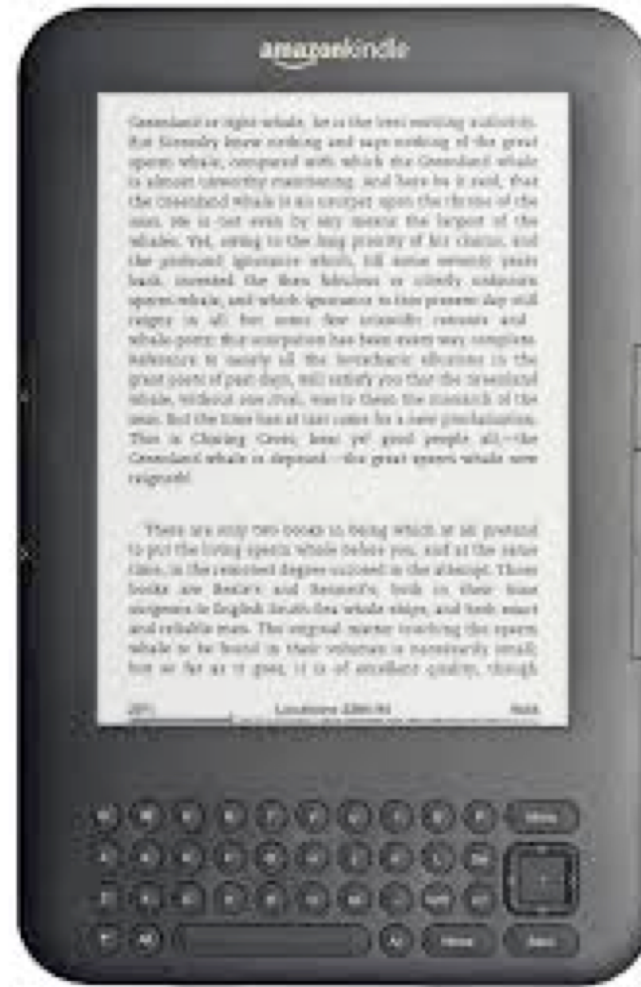
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- Recommendation: Scientific Illustration

- Pre-prepare things (books)
- Normal science things (books)
- Revolutionary things (books)



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# Agenda

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- Major Trends Affecting Main Memory
- The Need for Intelligent Memory Controllers
  - Bottom Up: Push from Circuits and Devices
  - Top Down: Pull from Systems and Applications
- Processing in Memory: Two Directions
  - Minimally Changing Memory Chips
  - Exploiting 3D-Stacked Memory
- How to Enable Adoption of Processing in Memory
- Conclusion

# Four Key Directions

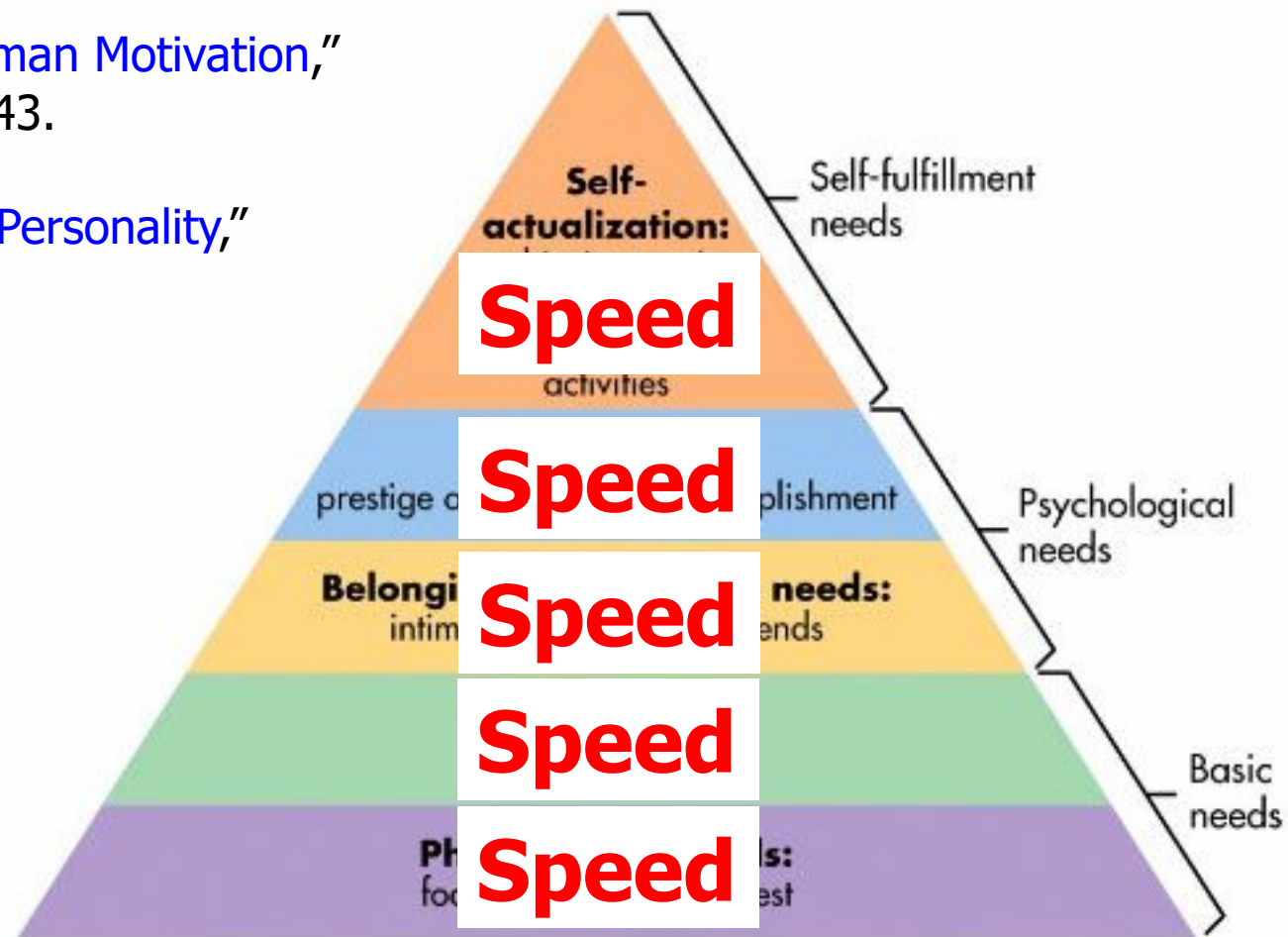
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- Fundamentally Secure/Reliable/Safe Architectures
- Fundamentally Energy-Efficient Architectures
  - Memory-centric (Data-centric) Architectures
- Fundamentally Low-Latency Architectures
- Architectures for Genomics, Medicine, Health

# Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, A Third Time

Maslow, "A Theory of Human Motivation,"  
Psychological Review, 1943.

Maslow, "Motivation and Personality,"  
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# Fundamentally Energy-Efficient (Data-Centric) Computing Architectures

# Fundamentally Low-Latency (Data-Centric) Computing Architectures

# Computing Architectures with Minimal Data Movement

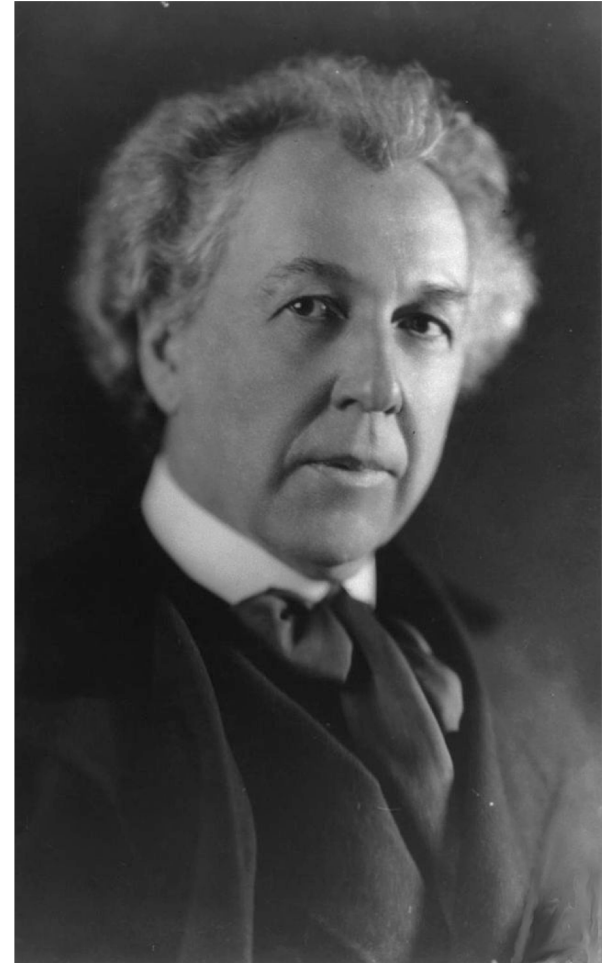
# PIM: Concluding Remarks



# A Quote from A Famous Architect

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- “architecture [...] based upon **principle**, and not upon **precedent**”



# Precedent-Based Design?

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- “architecture [...] based upon **principle**, and not upon **precedent**”





# Principled Design

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# The Overarching Principle

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## Organic architecture

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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





# Another Principled Design



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# Another Principled Design

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# Principle Applied to Another Structure



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# The Overarching Principle

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## Zoomorphic architecture

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**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."<sup>[1]</sup>

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.<sup>[3]</sup>



# Overarching Principle for Computing?

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# Concluding Remarks

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- It is time to design **principled system architectures** to solve the **memory problem**
- Design complete systems to be balanced, high-performance, and energy-efficient, i.e., **data-centric (or memory-centric)**
- 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**
  - ❑ ...

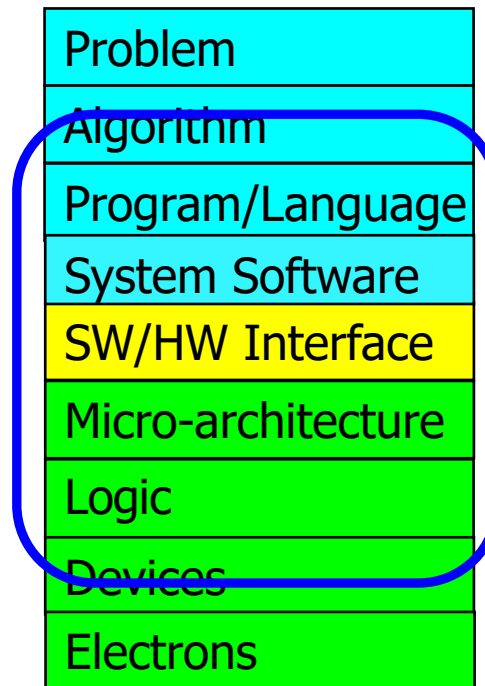
# The Future of Processing in Memory is Bright

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- Regardless of challenges
  - in underlying technology and overlying problems/requirements

Can enable:

- Orders of magnitude improvements
- New applications and computing systems



Yet, we have to

- Think across the stack
- Design enabling systems

# If In Doubt, See Other Doubtful Technologies

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- A very “doubtful” emerging technology
  - for at least two decades



*Proceedings of the IEEE, Sept. 2017*

## Error Characterization, Mitigation, and Recovery in Flash-Memory-Based Solid-State Drives

*This paper reviews the most recent advances in solid-state drive (SSD) error characterization, mitigation, and data recovery techniques to improve both SSD's reliability and lifetime.*

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# Memory Systems

Fundamentals, Recent Research, Challenges, Opportunities

## Lecture 3: Processing-in-Memory

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# Backup Slides

# 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 Google Consumer Workloads



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Google's web browser



**TensorFlow Mobile**

Google's machine learning  
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**VP9**



**Video Playback**

Google's **video codec**

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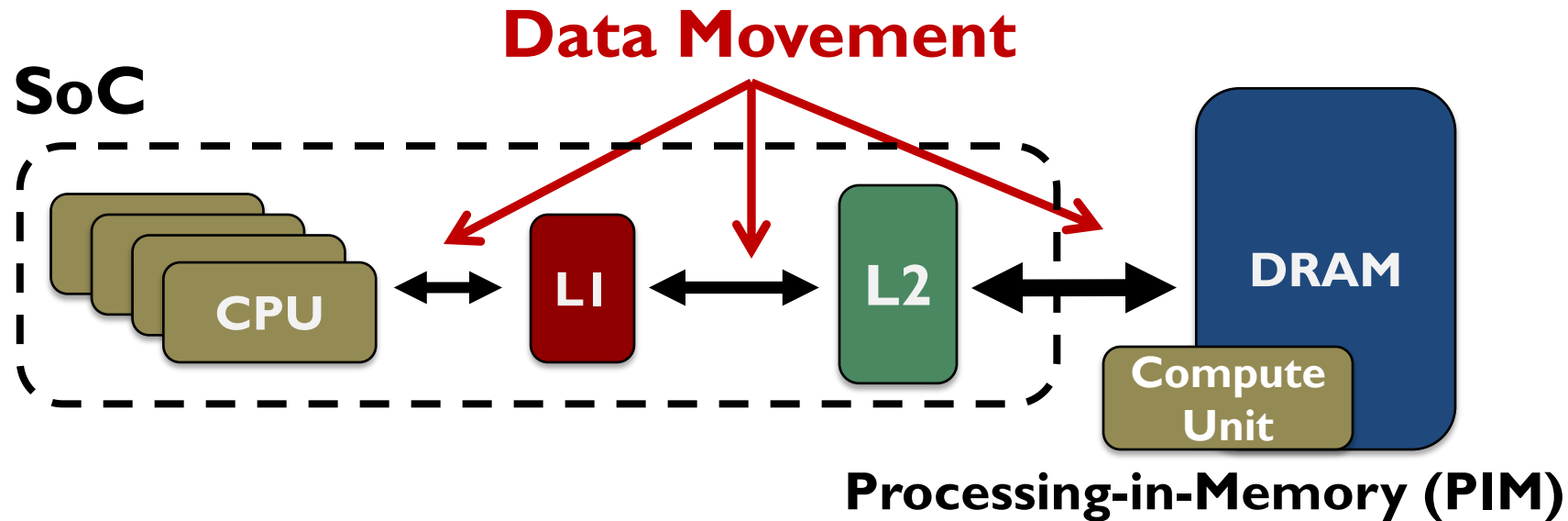


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# Energy Cost of Data Movement

**1<sup>st</sup> 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

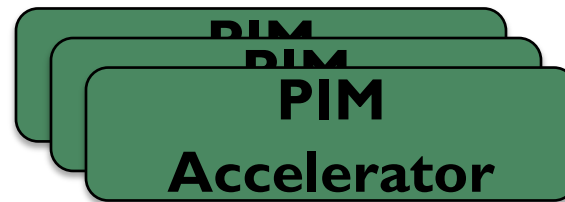
**2<sup>nd</sup> key observation:** a significant fraction of **data movement** often comes from **simple functions**

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 by 55.4% and improves performance by 54.2% on average

# Goals

- 1** Understand the **data movement** related bottlenecks in **modern consumer workloads**
- 2** Analyze opportunities to **mitigate data movement** by using **processing-in-memory (PIM)**
- 3** Design **PIM** logic that can **maximize energy efficiency** given **the limited area and energy budget** in consumer devices

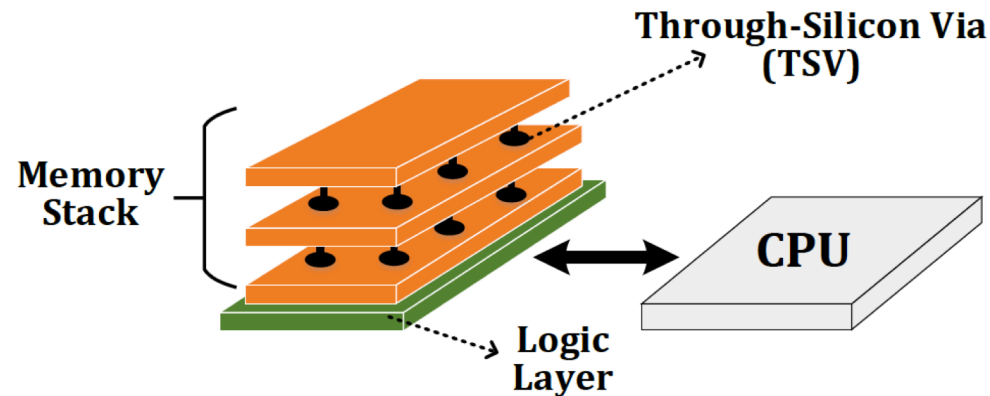


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# Potential Solution to Address Data Movement

- **Processing-in-Memory (PIM)**
  - A potential solution to **reduce data movement**
  - **Idea:** move computation close to data
    - ✓ Reduces data movement
    - ✓ Exploits large in-memory bandwidth
    - ✓ Exploits shorter access latency to memory
- **Enabled by recent advances in 3D-stacked memory**



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# Workload Analysis Methodology

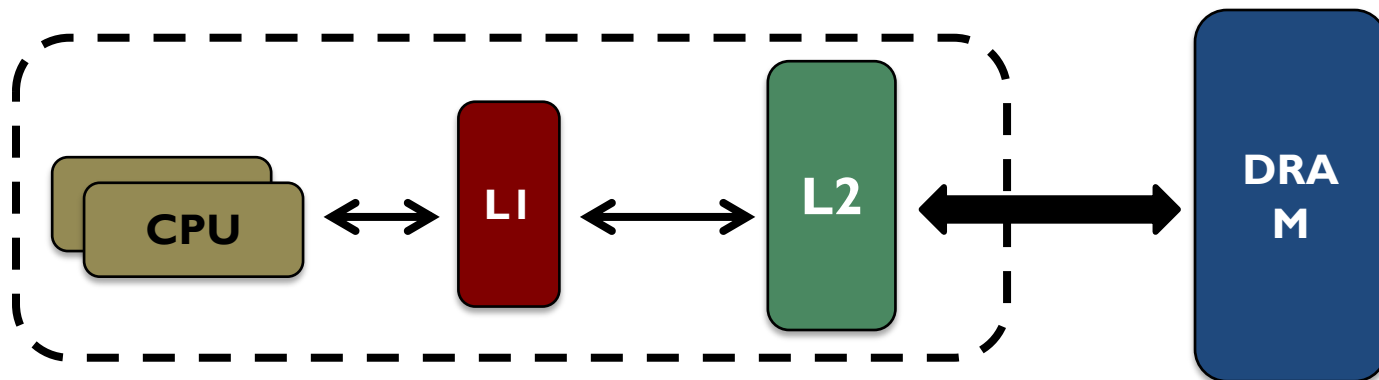
- **Workload Characterization**



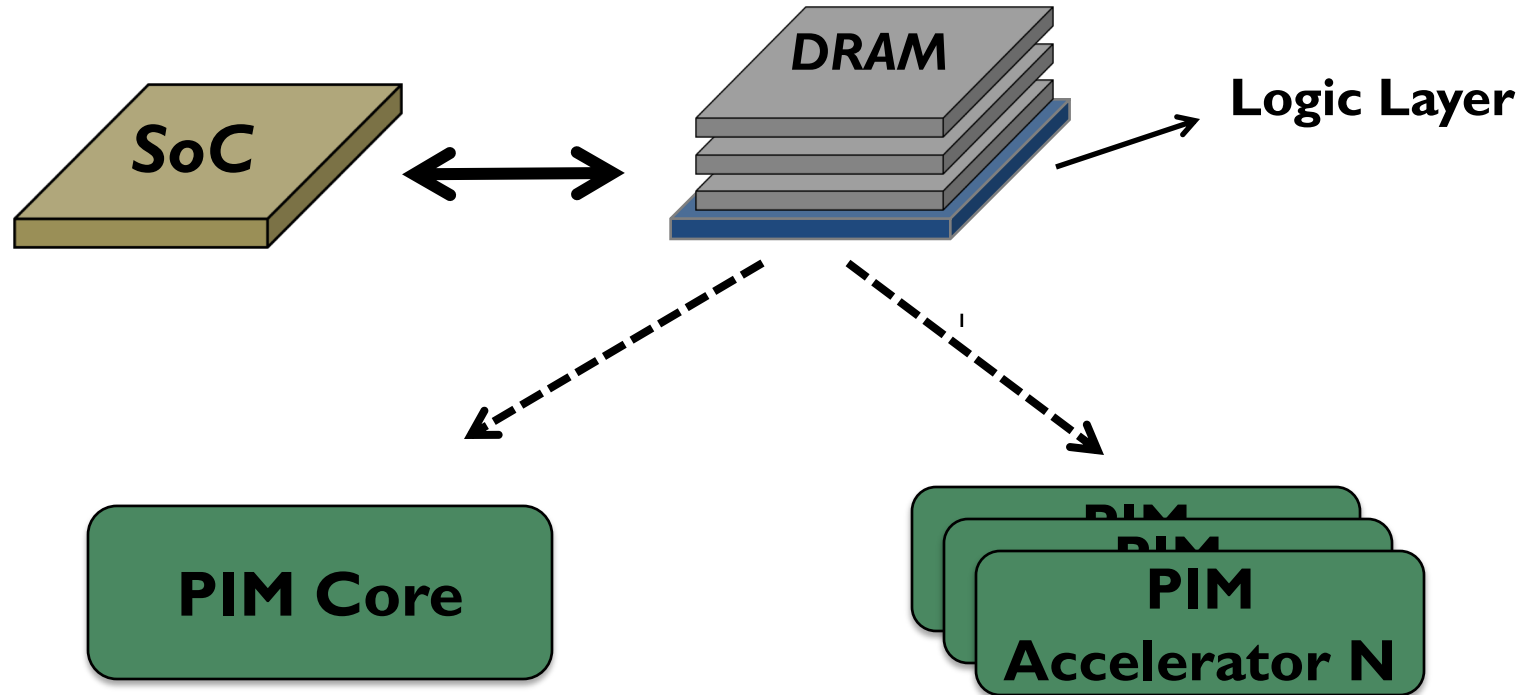
- Chromebook with an Intel Celeron SoC and 2GB of DRAM
- Extensively use performance counters within SoC

- **Energy Model**

- Sum of the energy consumption within the **CPU**, **all caches, off-chip interconnects**, and **DRAM**



# PIM Logic Implementation



**Customized embedded  
general-purpose core**

No aggressive ILP techniques  
256-bit SIMD unit

**Small fixed-function  
accelerators**

Multiple copies of customized  
in-memory logic unit

# Workload Analysis



**Chrome**

Google's web browser



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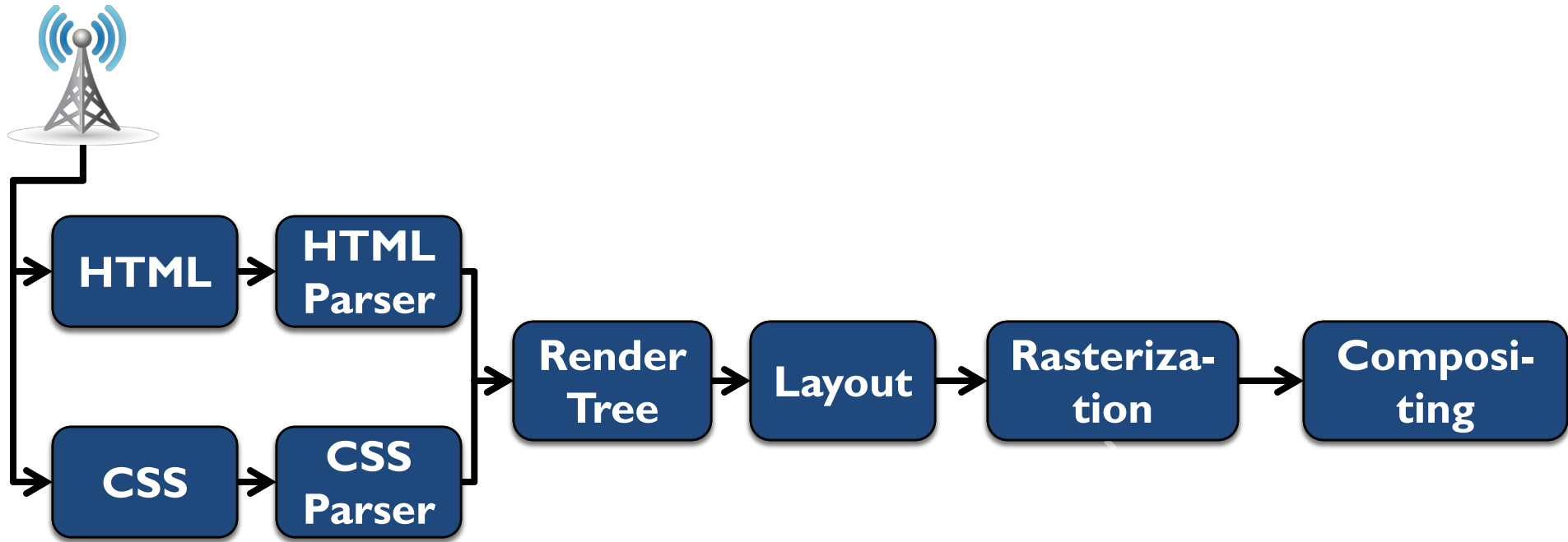
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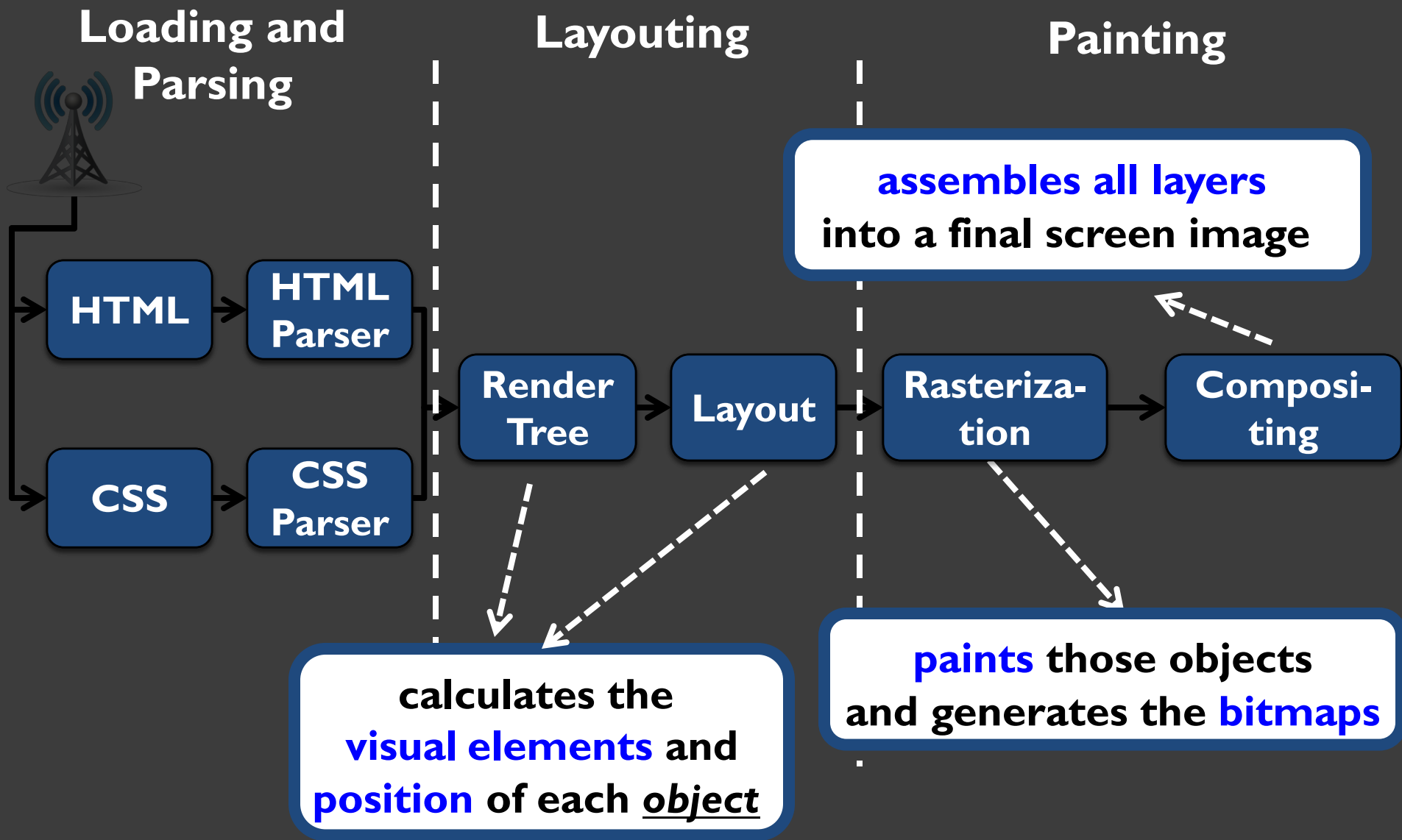
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# How Chrome Renders a Web Page





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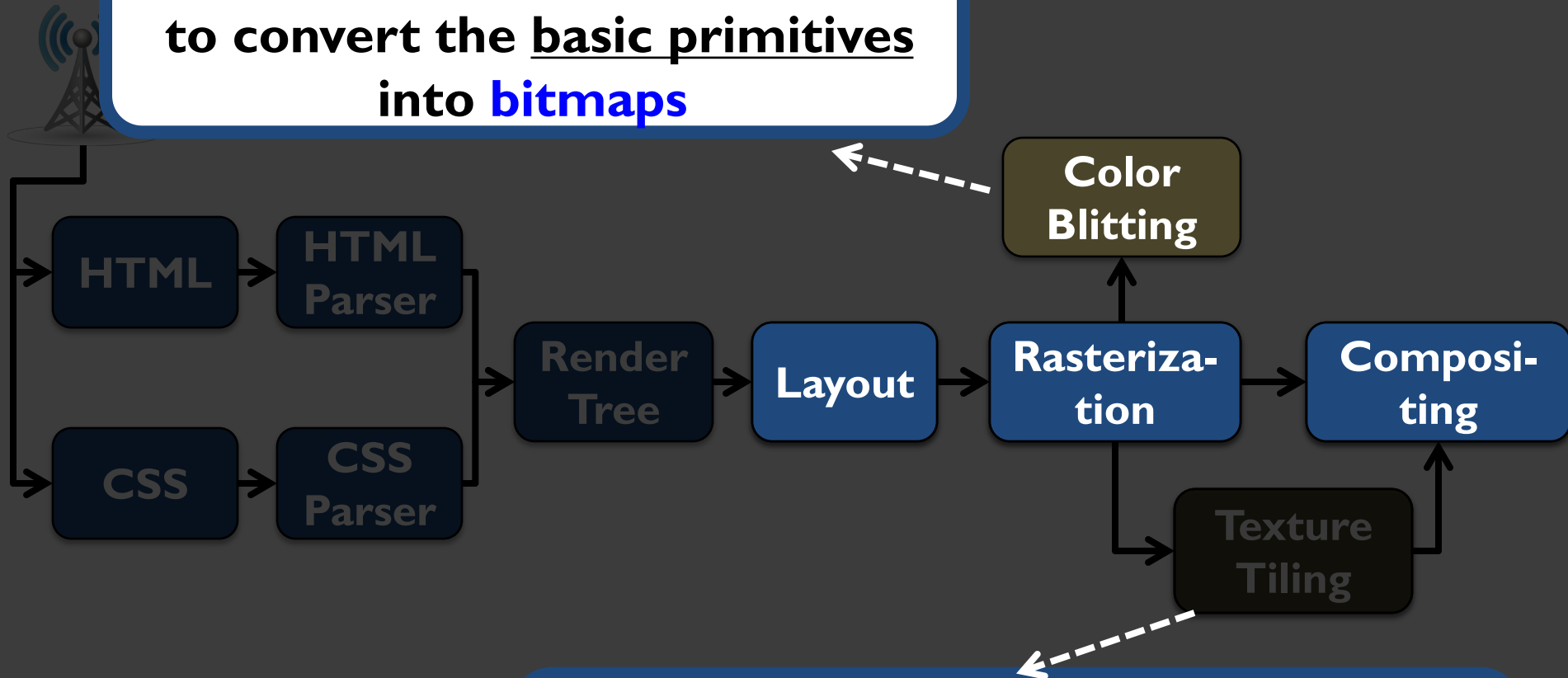
# Browser Analysis

- To satisfy user experience, the browser must provide:
  - Fast **loading** of webpages
  - Smooth **scrolling** of webpages
  - Quick **switching** between browser tabs
- We focus on two important user interactions:
  - 1) **Page Scrolling**
  - 2) **Tab Switching**
  - Both include page loading

# Scrolling

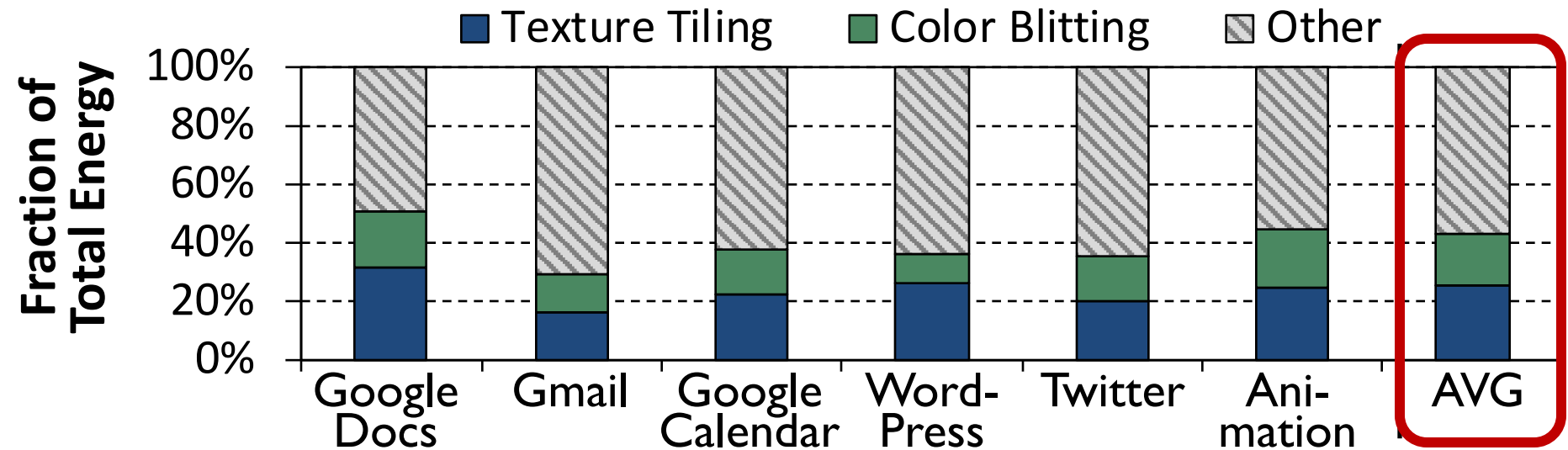
# What Does Happen During Scrolling?

rasterization uses **color blitters**  
to convert the basic primitives  
into **bitmaps**



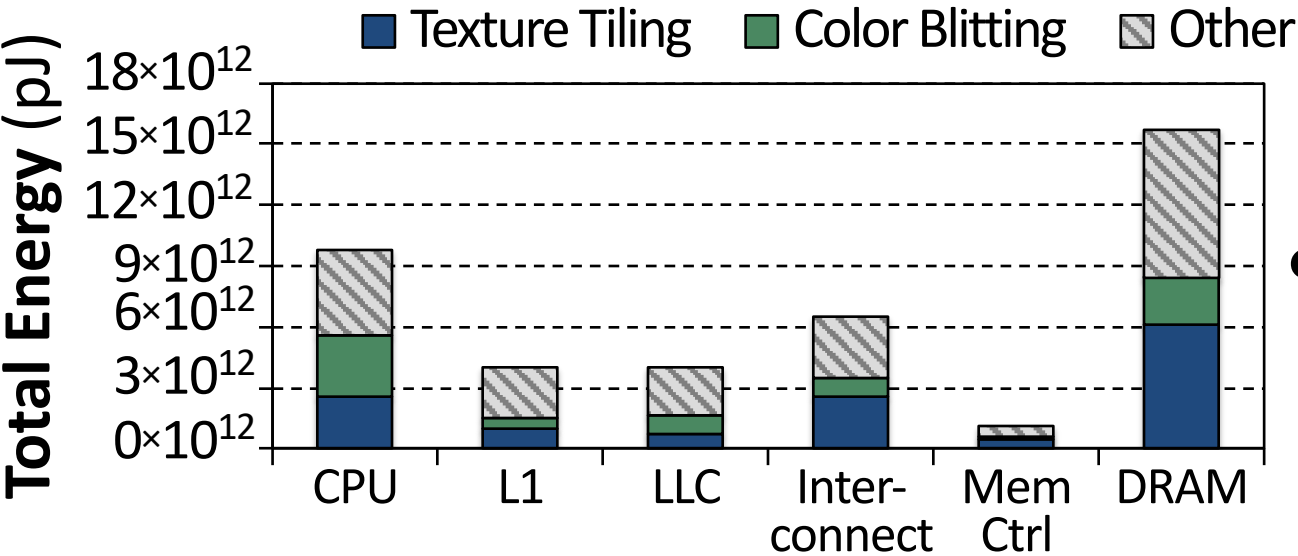
to minimize **cache misses**  
during **compositing**, the graphics driver  
reorganizes the bitmaps

# Scrolling Energy Analysis



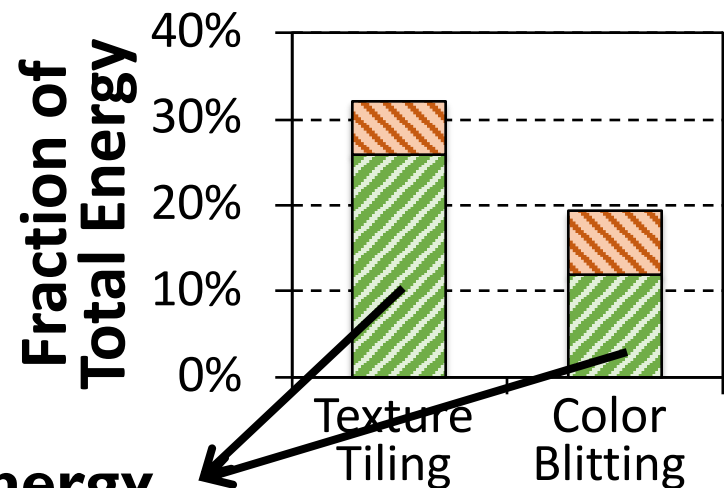
**41.9%** of page scrolling energy is spent on  
**texture tiling** and **color blitting**

# Scrolling a Google Docs Web Page



**77% of total energy consumption goes to data movement**

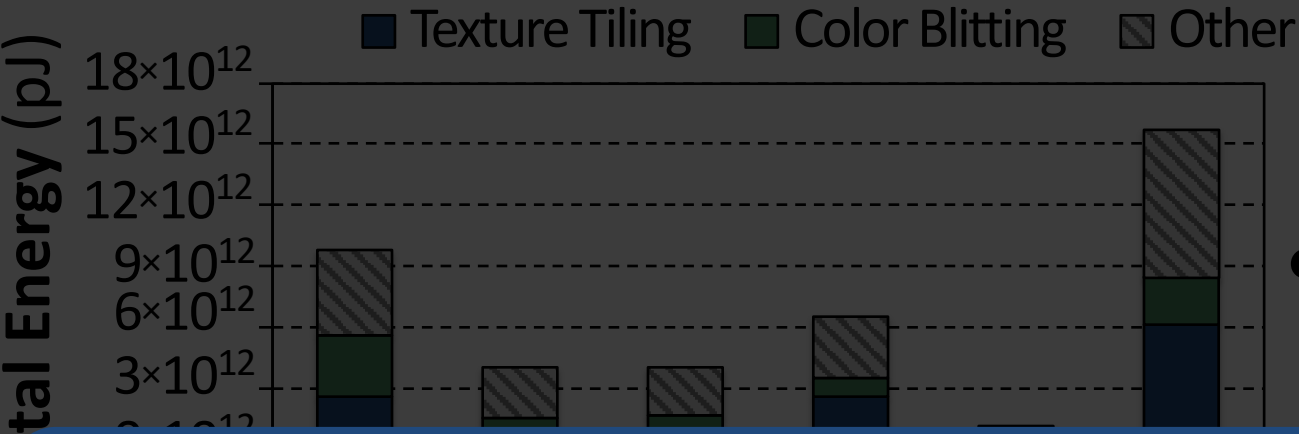
▨ Data Movement ▨ Compute



**A significant portion of total data movement comes from texture tiling and color blitting**

**37.7% of total system energy**

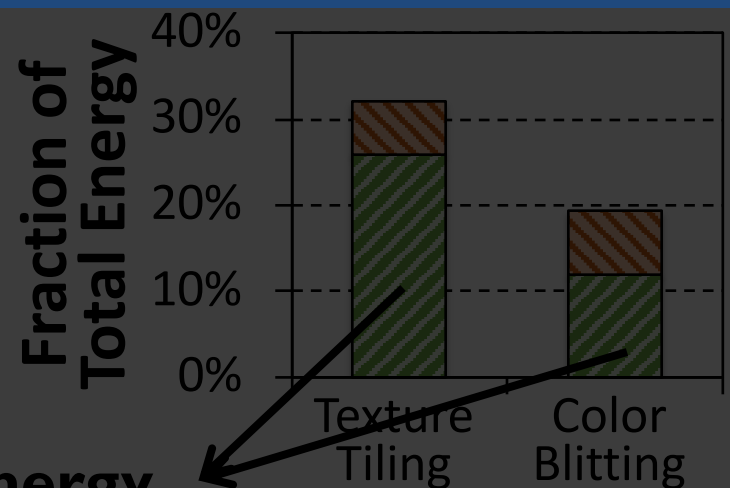
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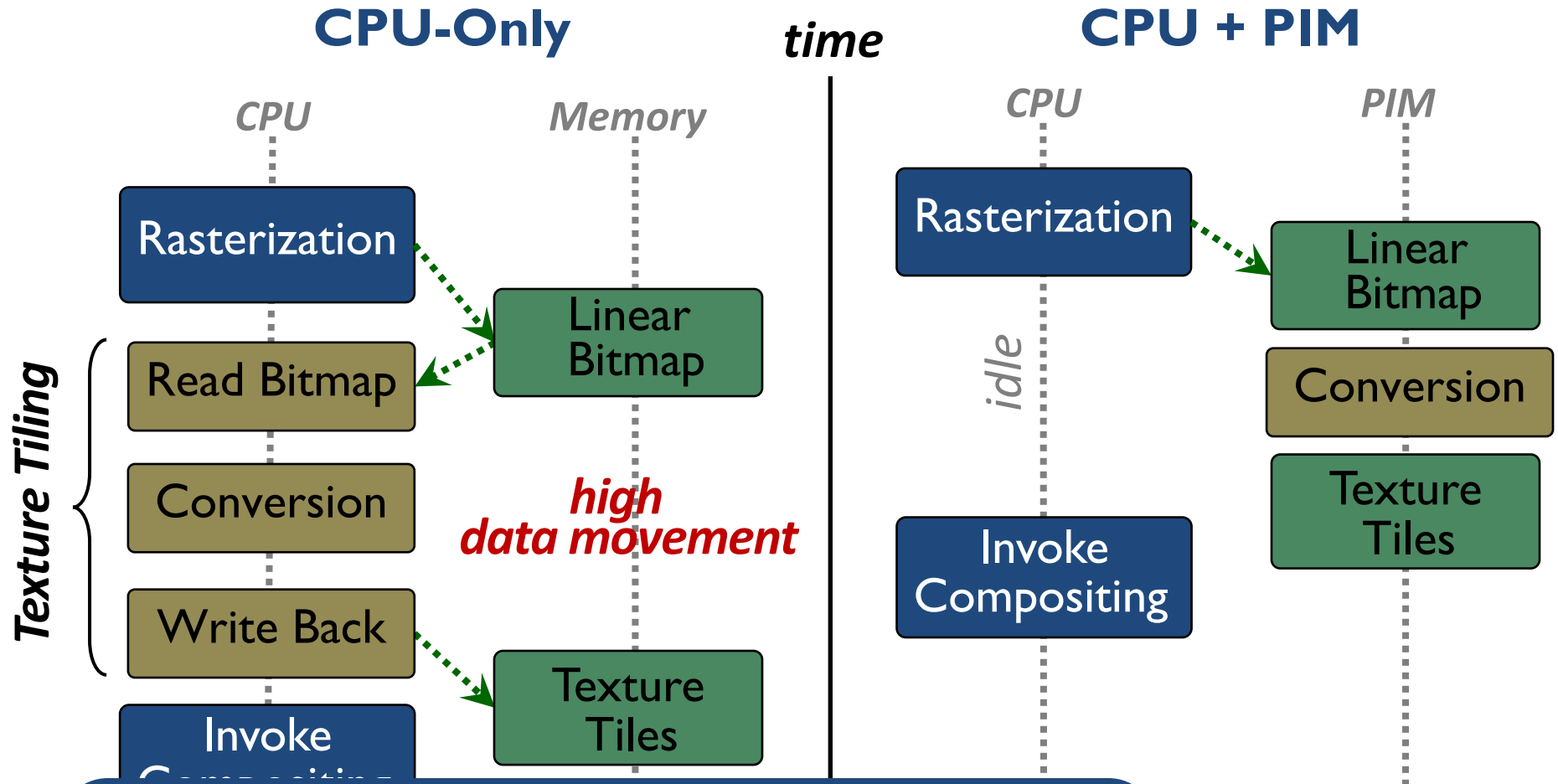
Can we use **PIM** to mitigate the **data movement cost** for **texture tiling** and **color blitting**?

A significant portion of total data movement comes from **texture tiling** and **color blitting**



**37.7% of total system energy**

# Can We Use PIM for Texture Tiling?



**Texture tiling is a good candidate for PIM execution**



# Can We Implement Texture Tiling in PIM Logic?



Requires simple primitives: **memcpy**, **bitwise operations**, and simple **arithmetic operations**

**PIM Core**

**9.4%** of the area  
available for PIM logic

**PIM  
Accelerator**

**7.1%** of the area  
available for PIM logic

**PIM core and PIM accelerator are feasible to  
implement in-memory Texture Tiling**

# Color Blitting Analysis

**Generates a large amount of data movement**

**Accounts for 19.1% of the total system energy during scrolling**

**Color blitting is a good candidate  
for PIM execution**

**Requires low-cost operations:**

**Memset, simple arithmetic, and shift operations**

**It is feasible to implement color blitting  
in PIM core and PIM accelerator**

# Scrolling Wrap Up

**Texture tiling** and **color blitting** account for a significant portion (**41.9%**) of energy consumption



**37.7%** of total system energy goes to data movement generated by these functions

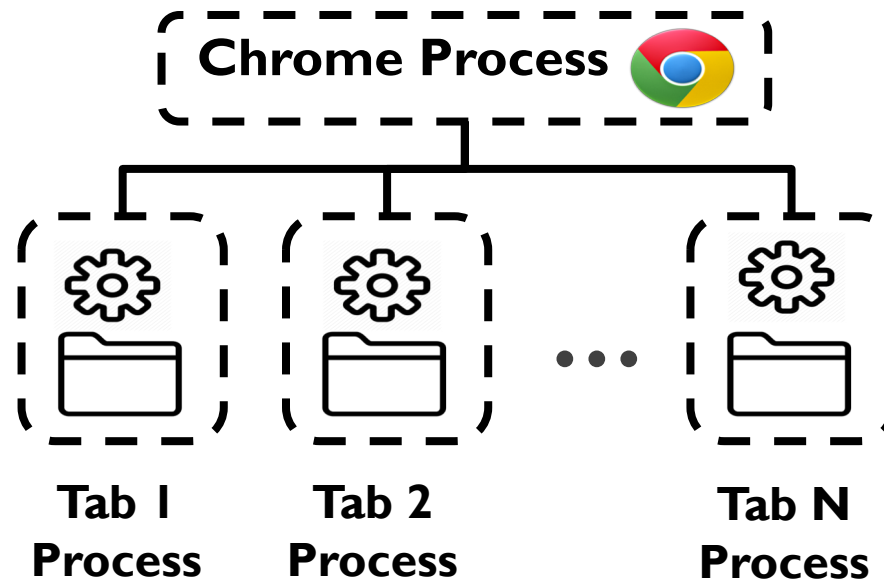
**1** Both functions can benefit significantly from PIM execution

**2** Both functions are feasible to implement as PIM logic

# Tab Switching

# What Happens During Tab Switching?

- Chrome employs a **multi-process** architecture
  - Each tab is a separate process

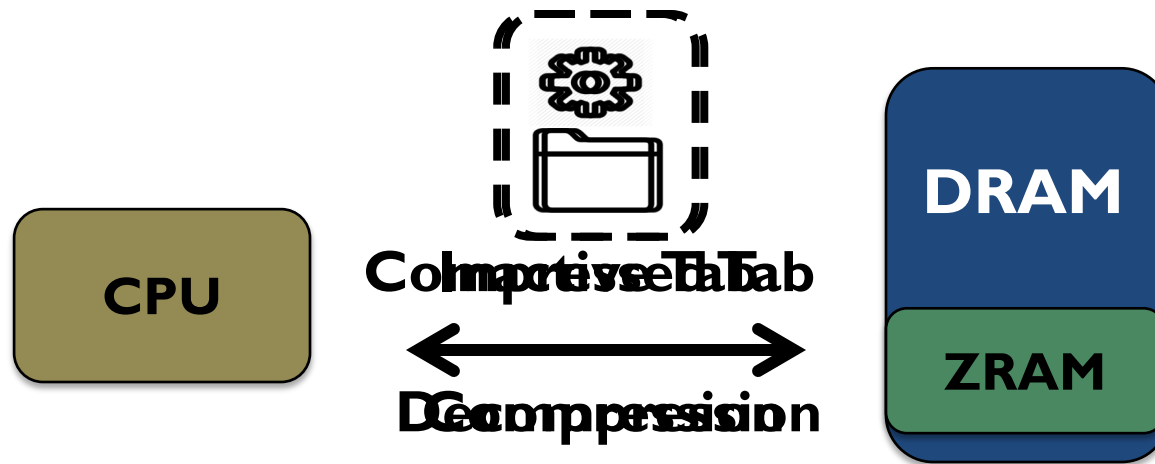


- Main operations during **tab switching**:
  - Context switch
  - Load the new page

# Memory Consumption

- **Primary concerns during tab switching:**
  - How fast a new tab **loads** and **becomes interactive**
  - **Memory consumption**

Chrome uses **compression** to reduce each tab's **memory footprint**



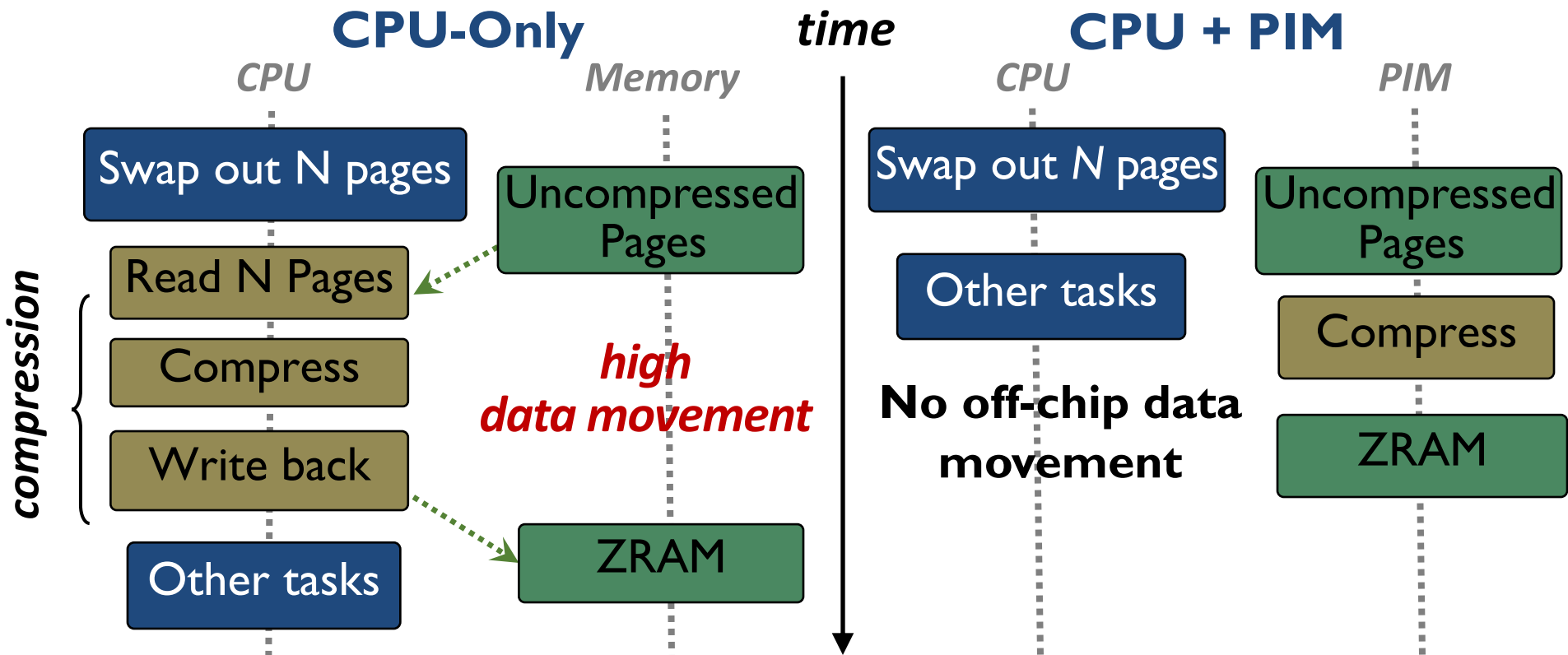
# Data Movement Study

- To study **data movement** during tab switching, we emulate a user switching through 50 tabs

We make two **key observations**:

- 1 **Compression and decompression** contribute to **18.1%** of the total system energy
- 2 **19.6 GB** of data moves between **CPU** and **ZRAM**

# Can We Use PIM to Mitigate the Cost?



**PIM core and PIM accelerator are feasible to implement in-memory compression/decompression**



# Tab Switching Wrap Up

A large amount of **data movement** happens during **tab switching** as Chrome attempts to **compress** and **decompress** tabs

**Both functions can benefit from PIM execution and can be implemented as PIM logic**

# Workload Analysis



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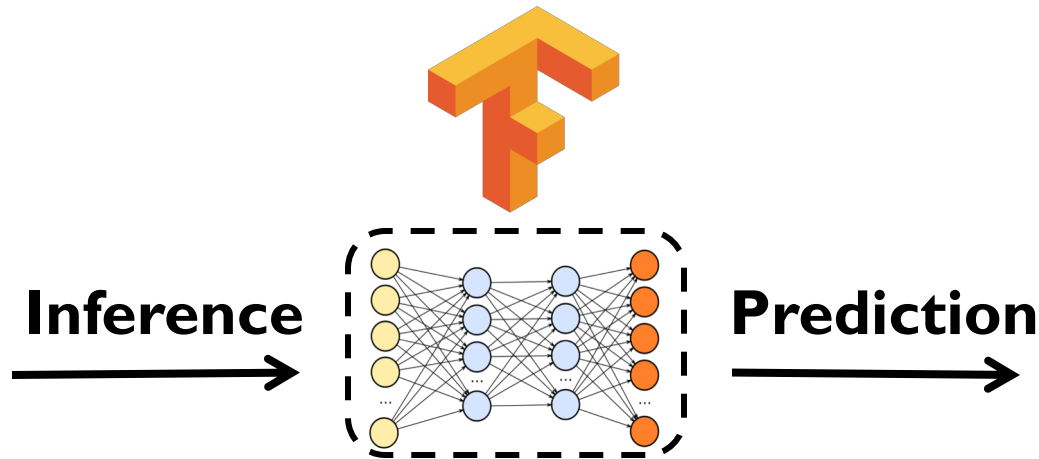
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# TensorFlow Mobile



**57.3%** of the inference energy is spent on data movement



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

# Packing



**Reorders** elements of matrices to minimize **cache misses** during **matrix multiplication**



Up to **40%** of the inference **energy** and **31%** of inference **execution time**



**Packing's data movement** accounts for up to **35.3%** of the inference **energy**

A simple **data reorganization** process that requires **simple arithmetic**

# Quantization



Converts 32-bit floating point to 8-bit integers to improve inference execution time and energy consumption



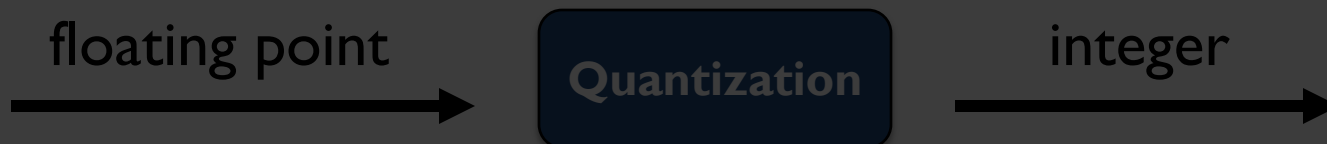
Up to **16.8%** of the inference **energy** and **16.1%** of inference **execution time**



Majority of **quantization** energy comes from **data movement**

A simple **data conversion** operation that requires **shift, addition, and multiplication** operations

# Quantization



Converts 32-bit floating point to 8-bit integers to improve inference execution time and energy consumption

**Based on our analysis, we conclude that:**

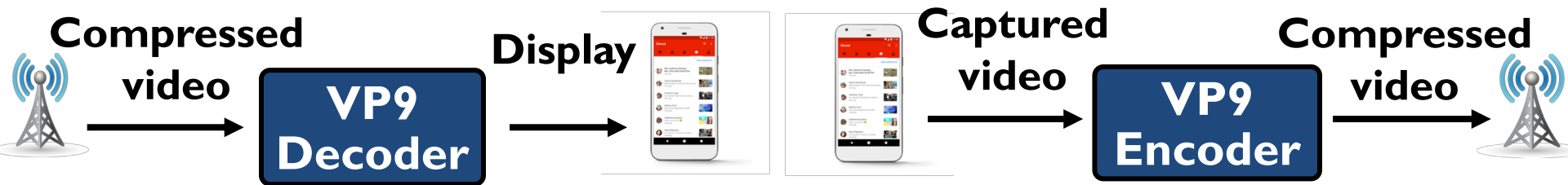
- Both functions are good candidates for **PIM execution**
- It is **feasible** to implement them in **PIM logic**

inference execution time

A simple **data conversion** operation that requires **shift, addition, and multiplication** operations

# Video Playback and Capture

## VP9



Majority of energy is spent on **data movement**

Majority of **data movement** comes from **simple functions** in **decoding** and **encoding** pipelines



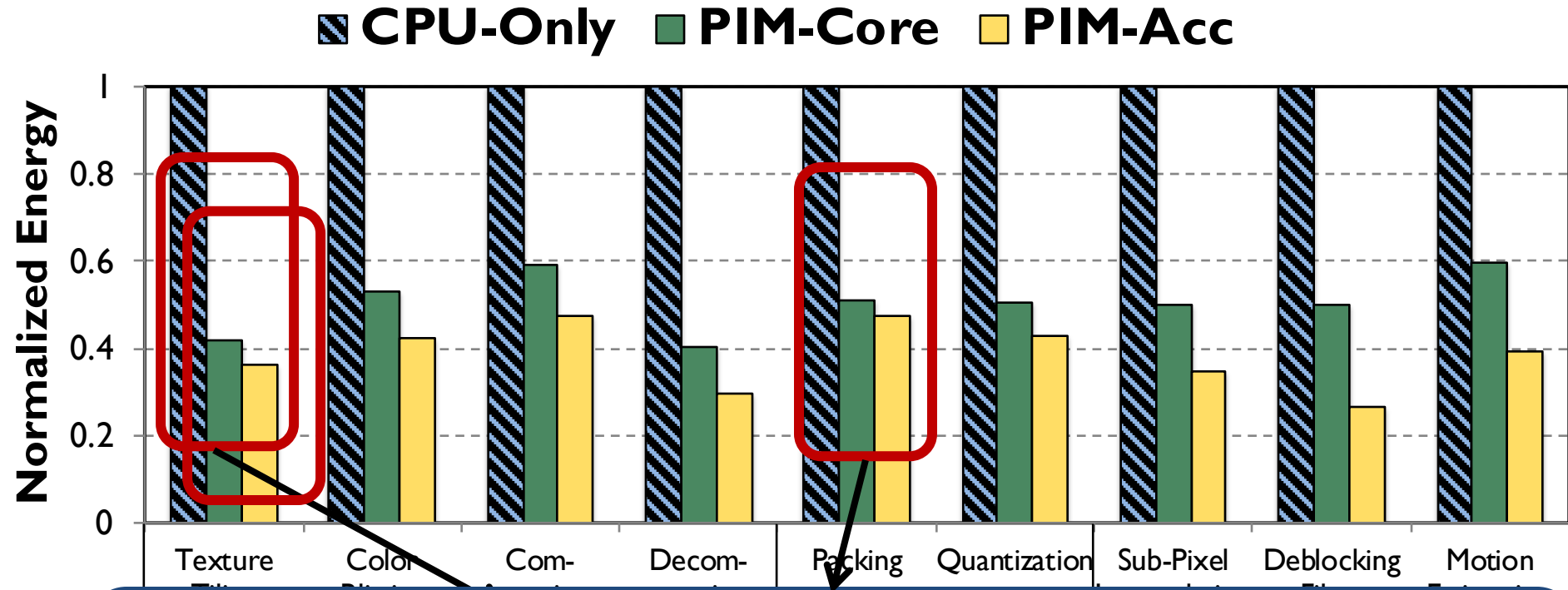
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# Evaluation Methodology

- **System Configuration (gem5 Simulator)**
  - **SoC:** 4 OoO cores, 8-wide issue, 64 kB L1 cache, 2MB L2 cache
  - **PIM Core:** 1 core per vault, 1-wide issue, 4-wide SIMD, 32kB L1 cache
  - **3D-Stacked Memory:** 2GB cube, 16 vaults per cube
    - Internal Bandwidth: 256GB/S
    - Off-Chip Channel Bandwidth: 32 GB/s
  - **Baseline Memory:** LPDDR3, 2GB, FR-FCFS scheduler
- **We study each target in isolation and emulate each separately and run them in our simulator**

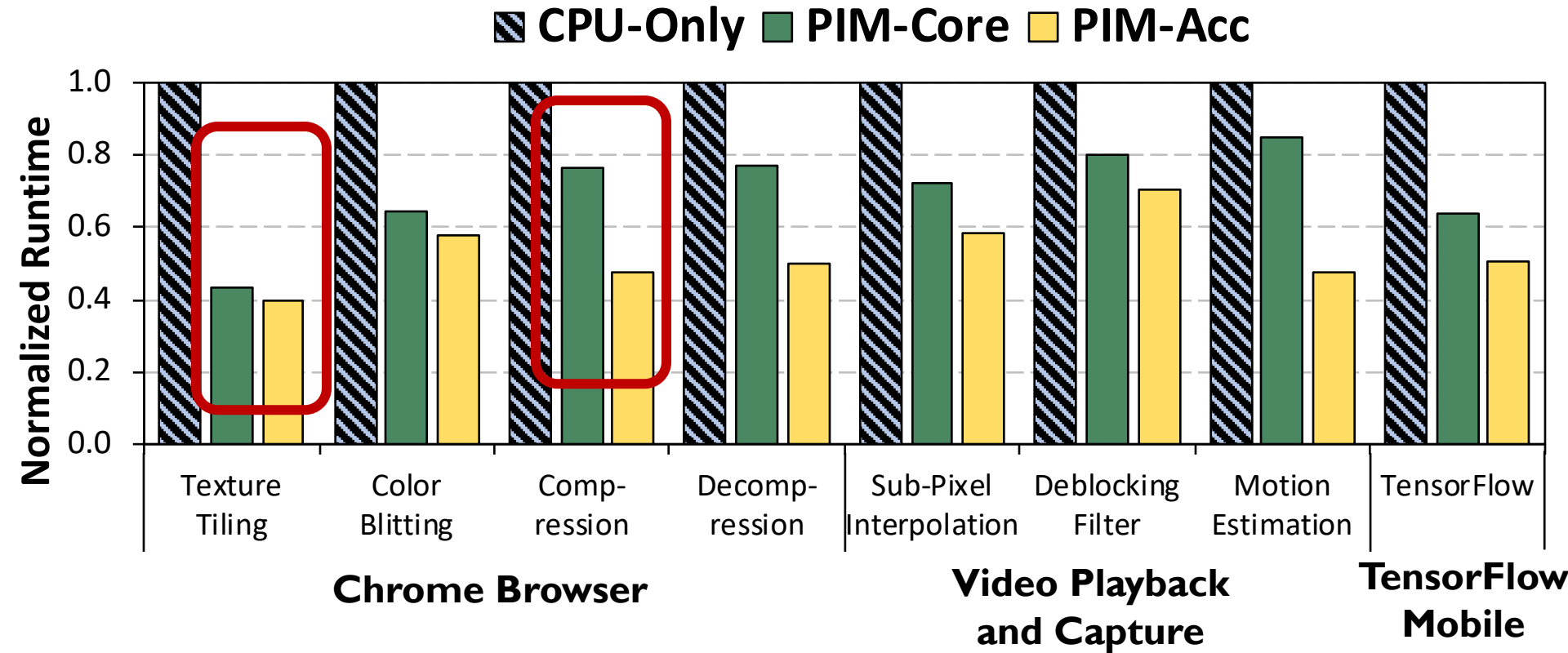
# Normalized Energy



**77.7%** and **82.6%** of energy reduction for **texture tiling** and **packing** comes from eliminating **data movement**

**PIM core** and **PIM accelerator** reduces **energy consumption** on average by **49.1%** and **55.4%**

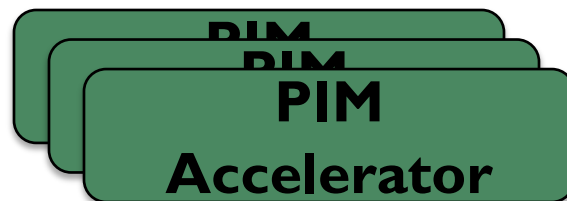
# Normalized Runtime



Offloading these kernels to **PIM core** and **PIM accelerator** improves **performance** on average by **44.6%** and **54.2%**

# Conclusion

- Energy consumption is a **major challenge** in consumer devices
- We conduct an in-depth analysis of popular **Google consumer workloads**
  - **62.7%** of the total system energy is spent on **data movement**
  - Most of the **data movement** comes from simple functions that consist of simple operations
- We use **PIM** to reduce **data movement cost**
  - We design **lightweight logic** to implement **simple operations** in DRAM



- Reduces **total energy** by **55.4%** on average
- Reduces **execution time** by **54.2%** on average

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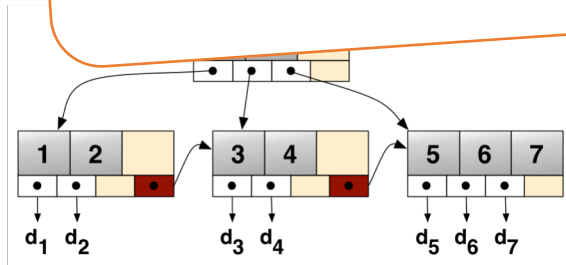
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  - IMPICA page table: low cost page table structure
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  - 1.2X – 1.9X speedup for pointer chasing operations, +16% database throughput
  - 6% - 41% reduction in energy consumption

# Linked Data Structures

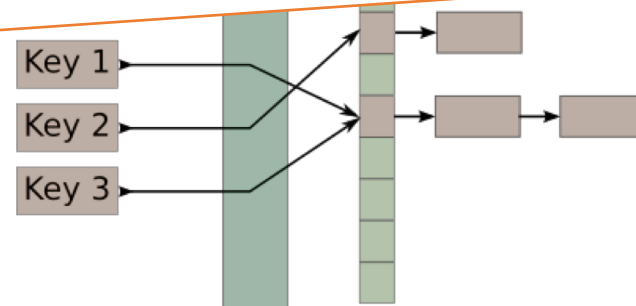
- Linked data structures are widely used in many important applications



**Linked data structures are connected by pointers**



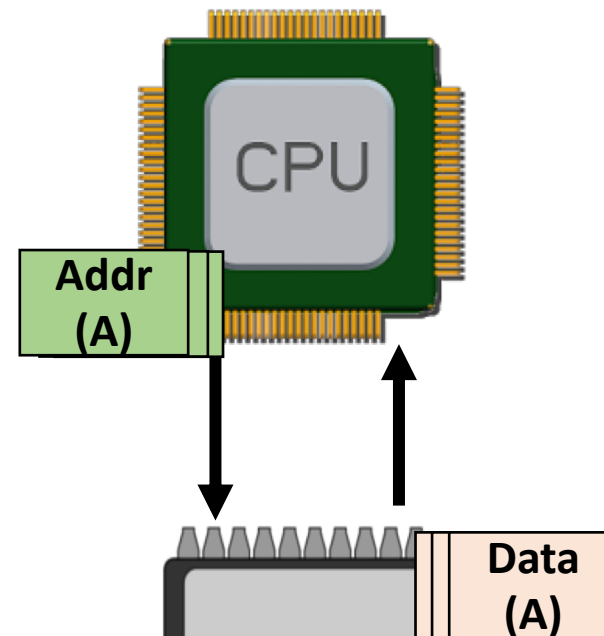
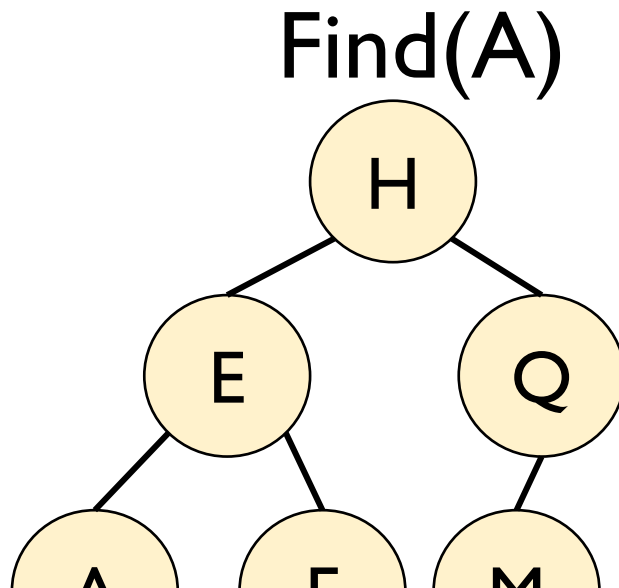
**B-Tree**



**Hash Table**

# The Problem: Pointer Chasing

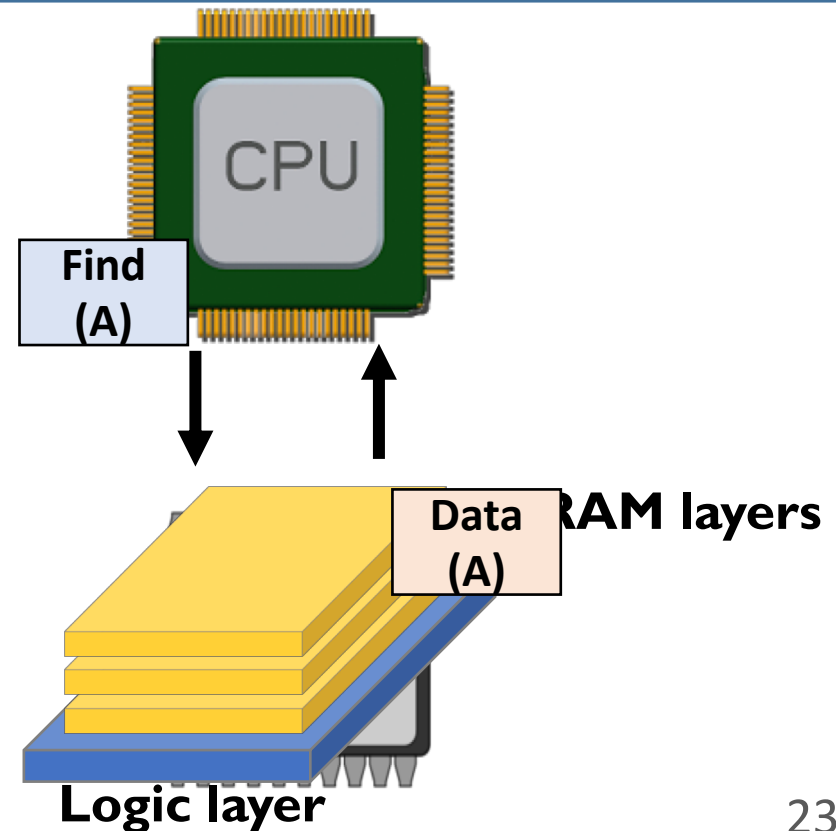
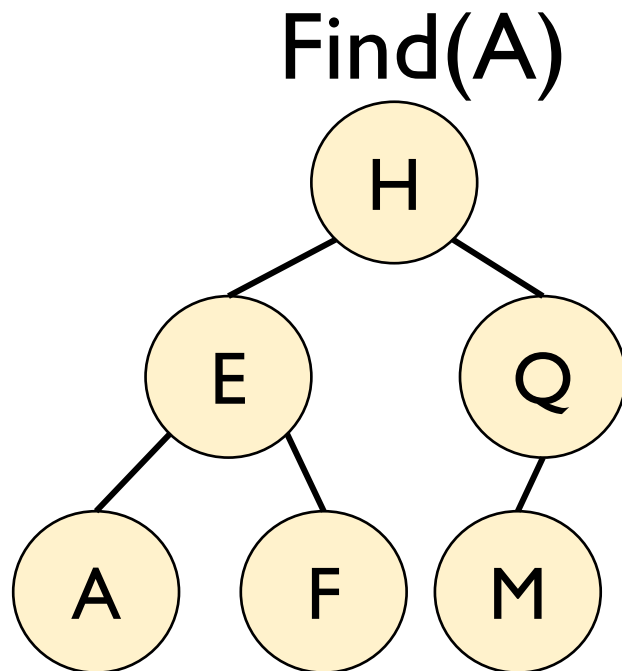
- Traversing linked data structures requires chasing pointers



**Serialized and irregular access pattern  
6X cycles per instruction in real workloads**

# Our Goal

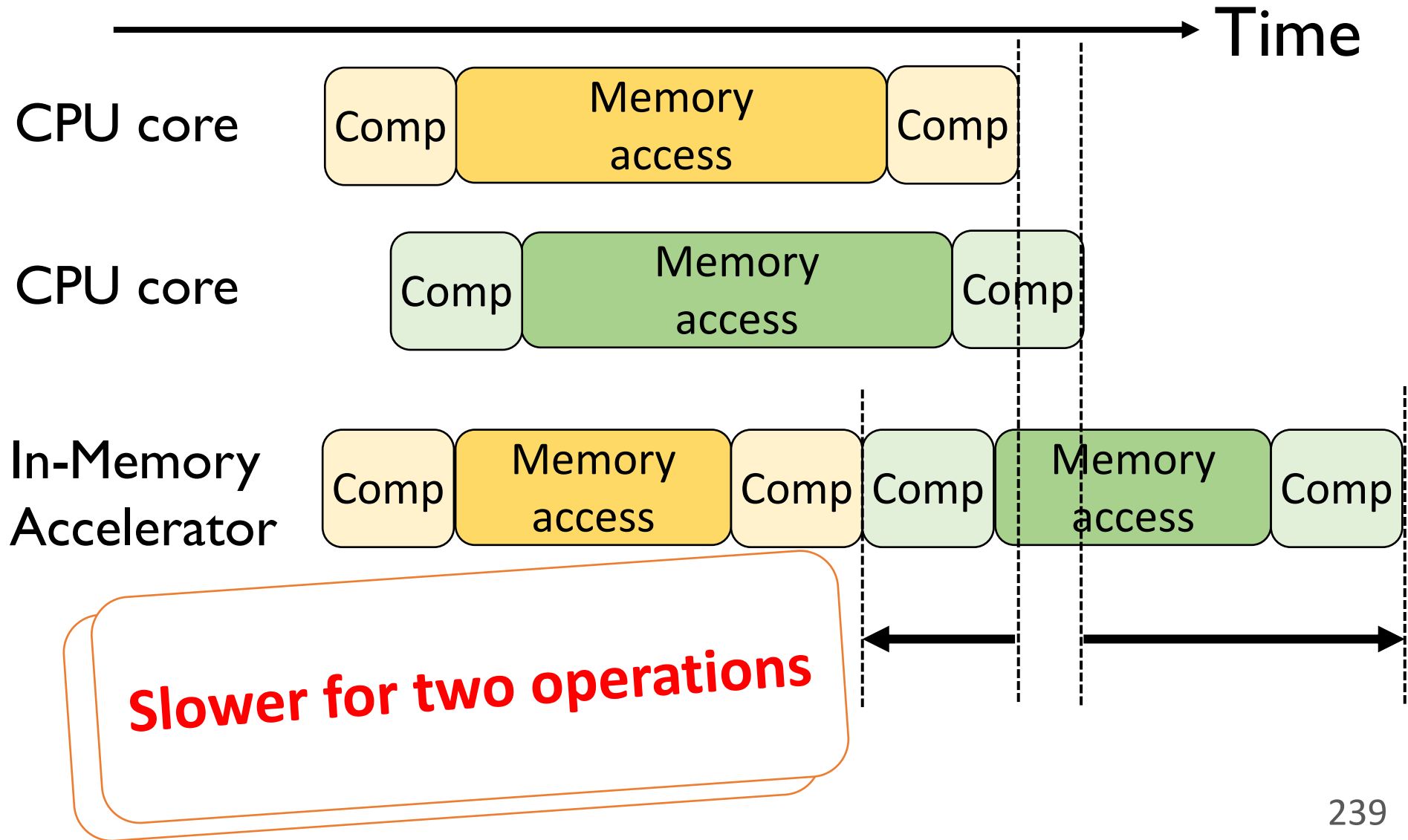
Accelerating pointer chasing  
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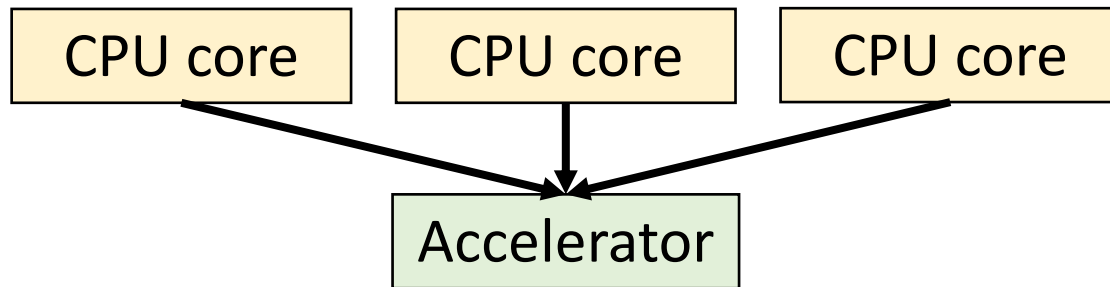
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# Parallelism Challenge

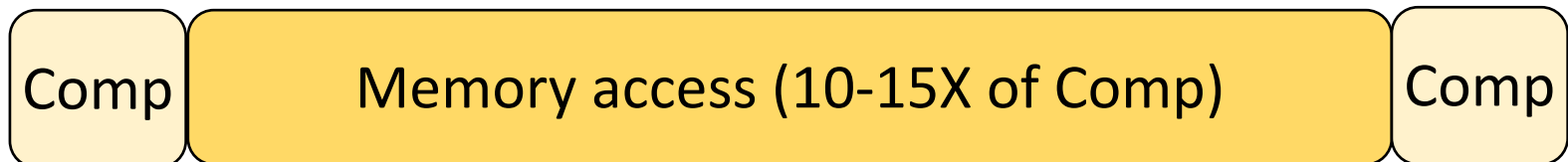


# Parallelism Challenge and Opportunity

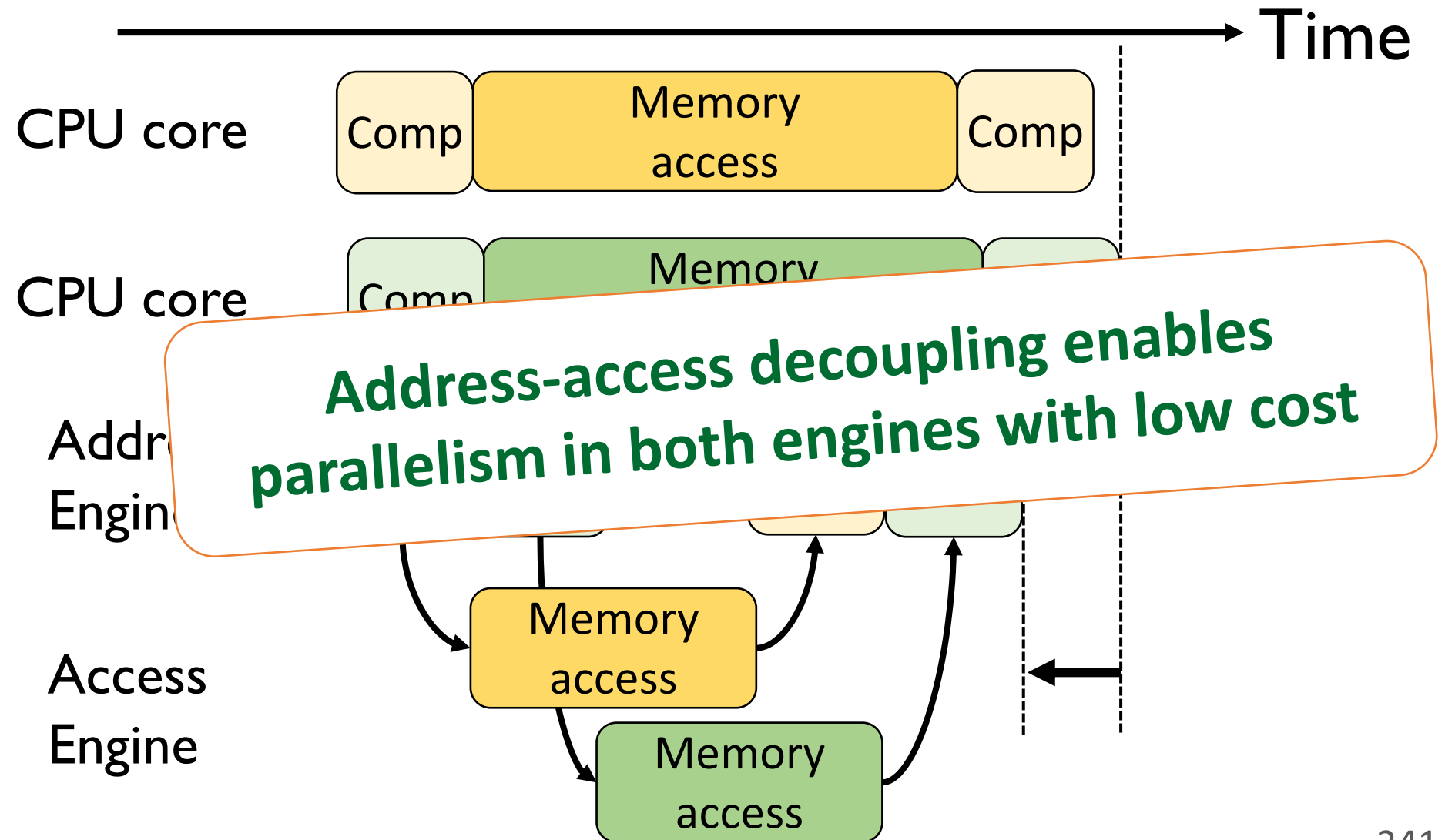
- A simple in-memory accelerator can still be **slower** than multiple CPU cores



- **Opportunity:** a pointer-chasing accelerator spends a long time **waiting for memory**

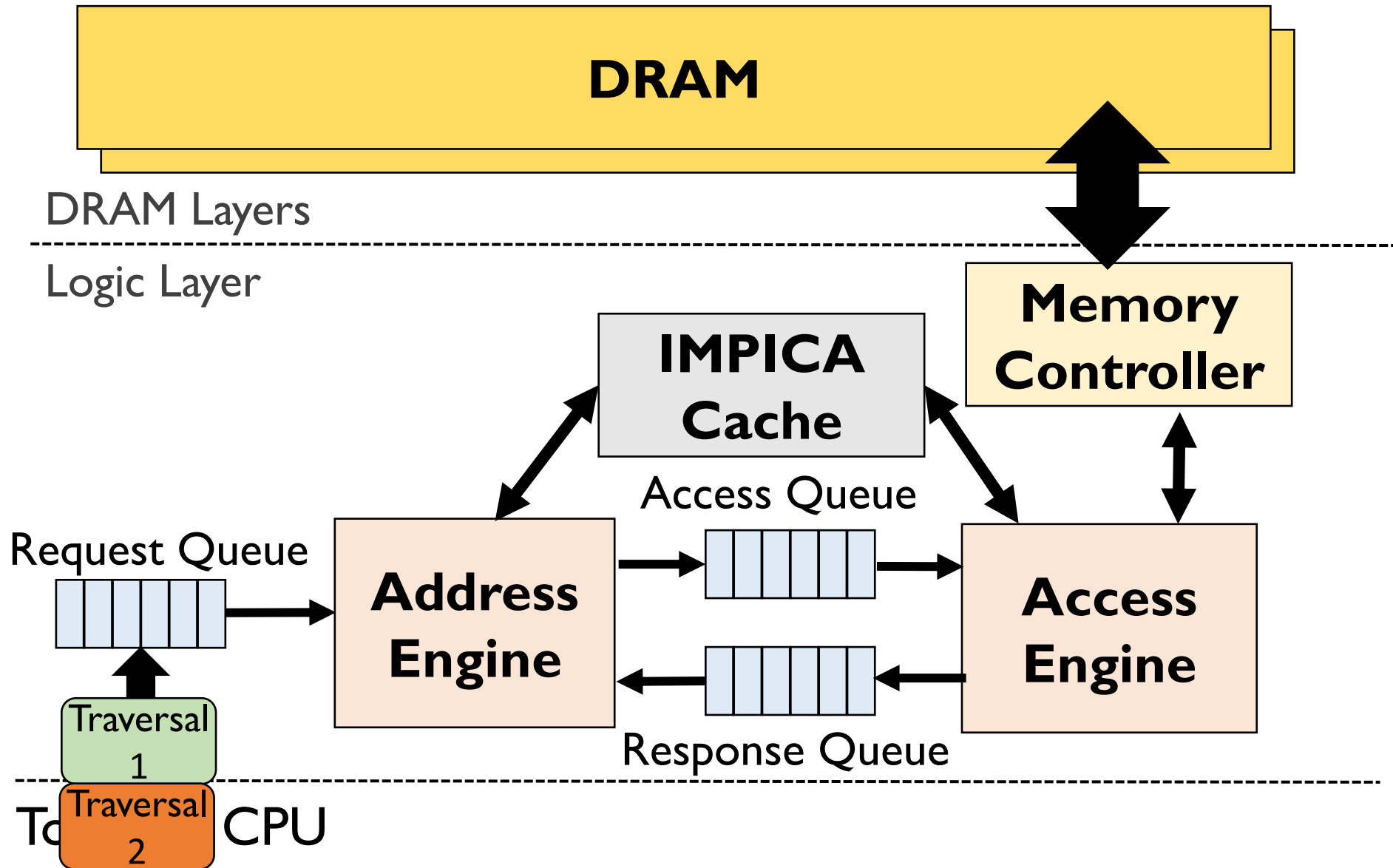


# Our Solution: Address-Access Decoupling





# IMPICA Core Architecture



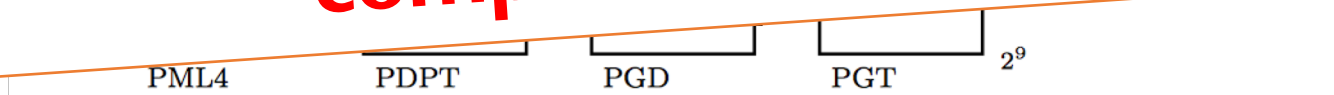
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# Address Translation Challenge

**The page table walk requires multiple memory accesses**

**No TLB/MMU on the memory side**  
**Duplicating it is costly and creates compatibility issue**



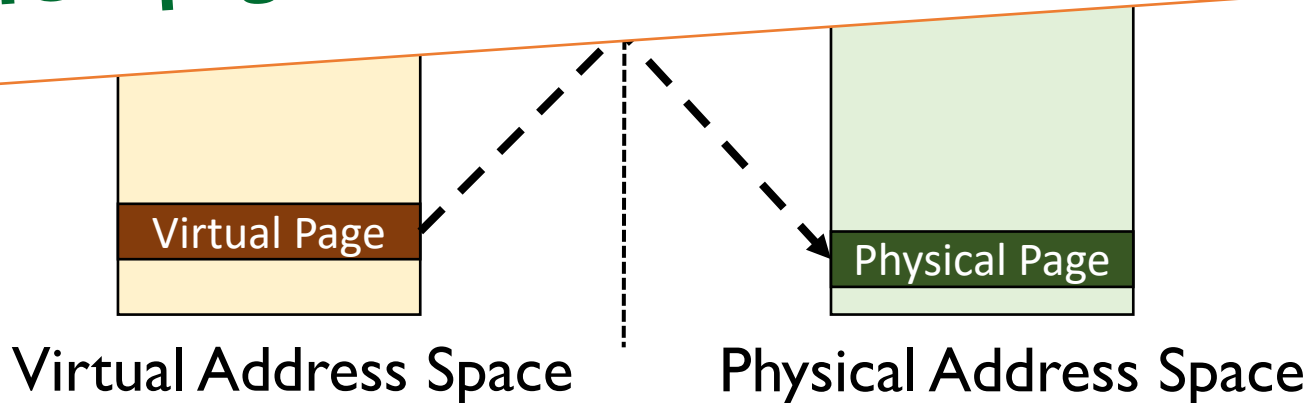
Page table walk

# Our Solution: IMPICA Page Table

- Completely decouple the page table of IMPICA from the page table of the CPUs

IMPICA Page Table

Map linked data structure into IMPICA regions  
IMPICA page table is a partial-to-any mapping



# IMPICA Page Table: Mechanism

Virtual Address

Bit [47:4]

Bit [11:0]

**Flat page table  
saves one memory access**

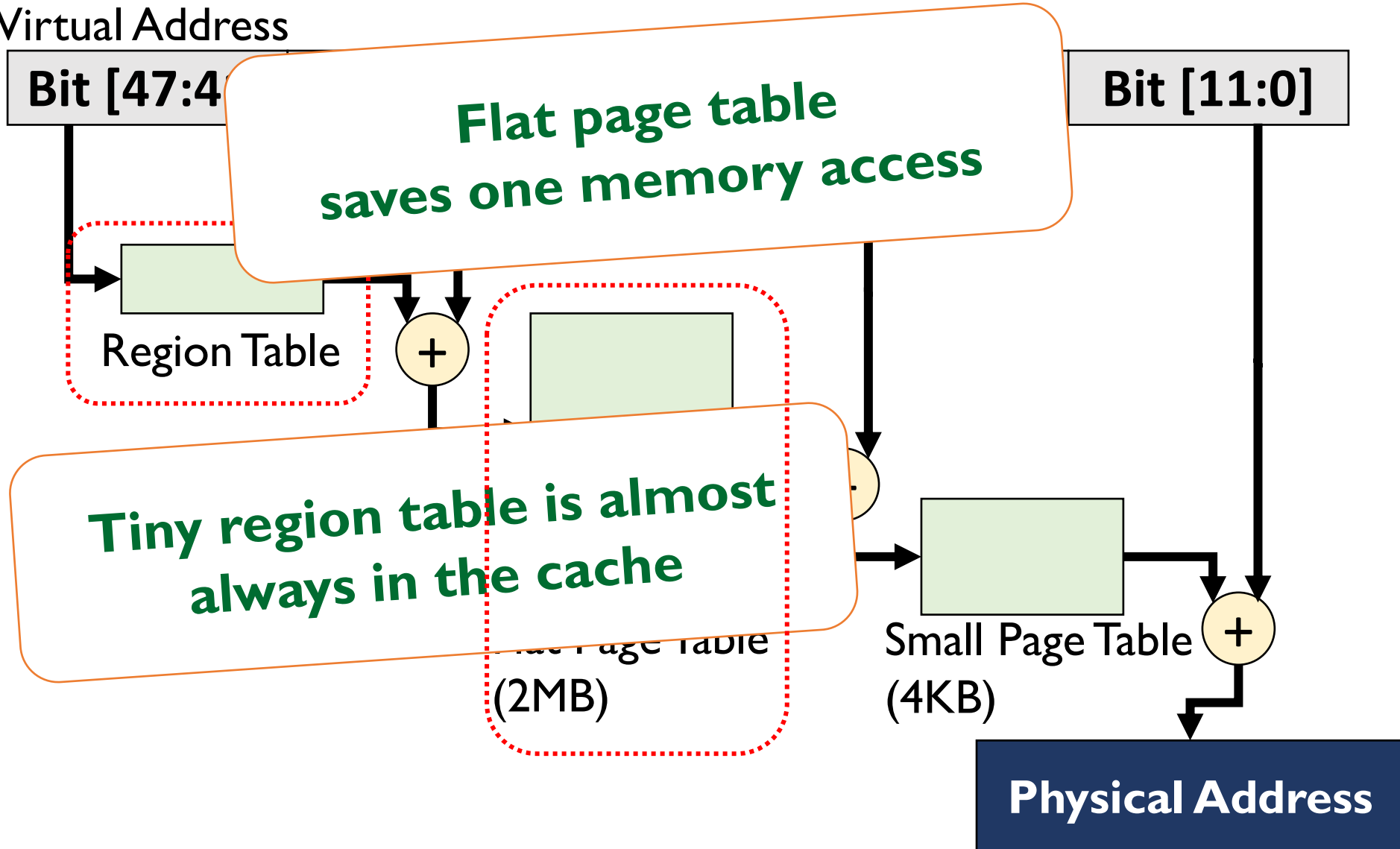
Region Table

**Tiny region table is almost  
always in the cache**

Large Page Table  
(2MB)

Small Page Table  
(4KB)

**Physical Address**



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# Evaluated Workloads

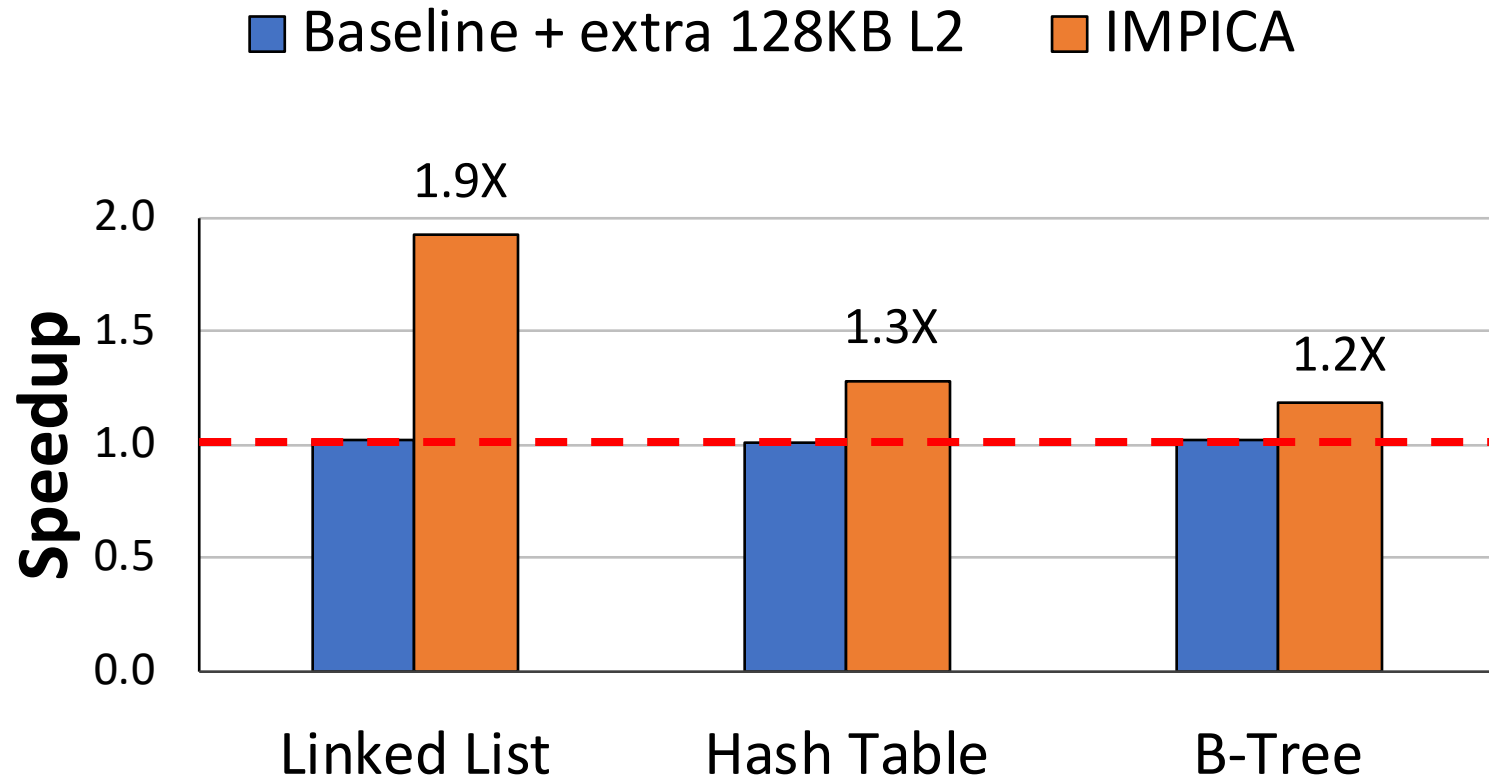
- Microbenchmarks
  - **Linked list** (from Olden benchmark)
  - **Hash table** (from Memcached)
  - **B-tree** (from DBx1000)
- Application
  - **DBx1000** (with TPC-C benchmark)

# Evaluation Methodology

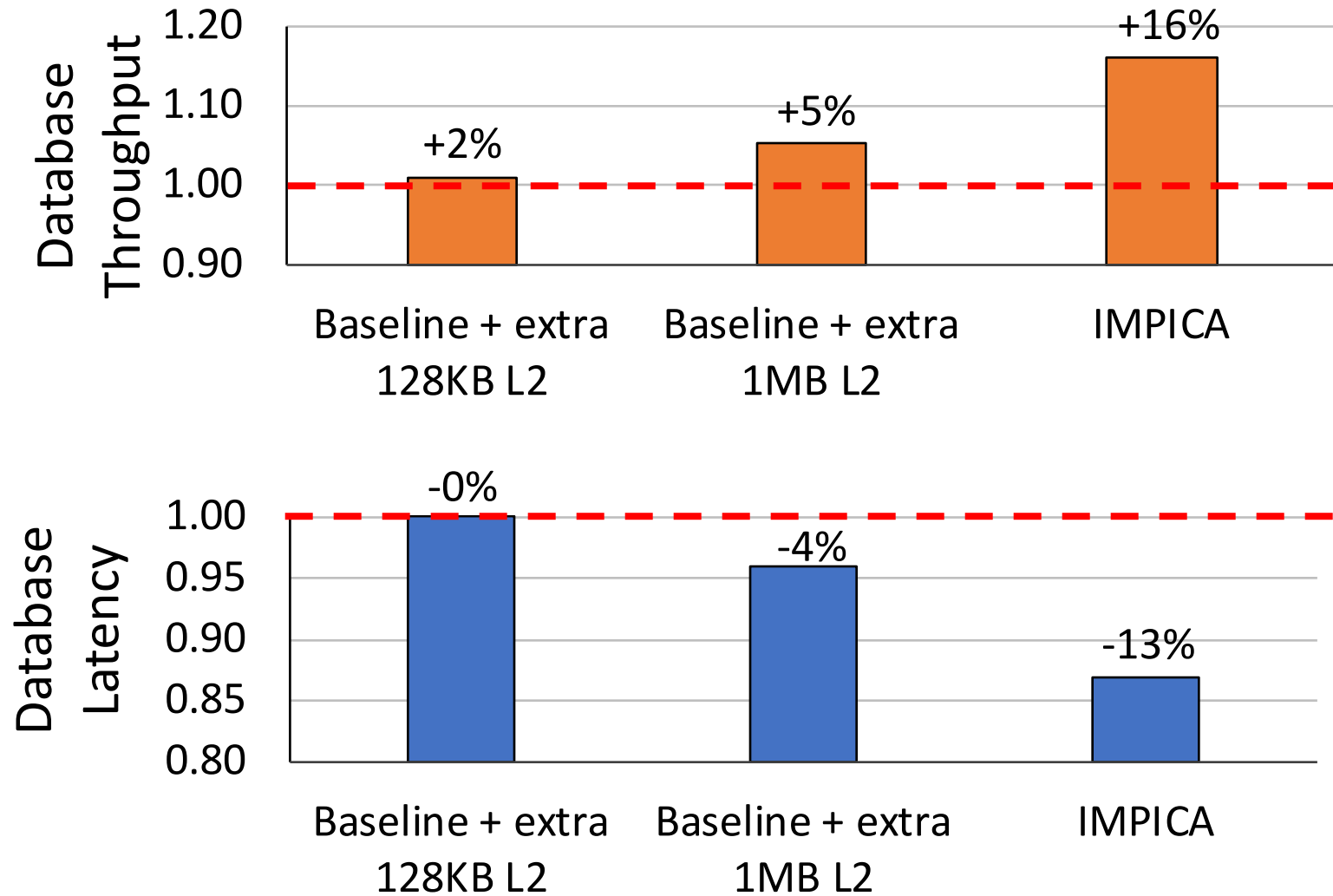
- Simulator: [gem5](#)
- System Configuration
  - CPU
    - 4 OoO cores, 2GHz
    - Cache: 32KB L1, 1MB L2
  - IMPICA
    - 1 core, 500MHz, 32KB Cache
  - Memory Bandwidth
    - 12.8 GB/s for CPU, 51.2 GB/s for IMPICA
- Our simulator code is open source
  - <https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI/IMPICA>



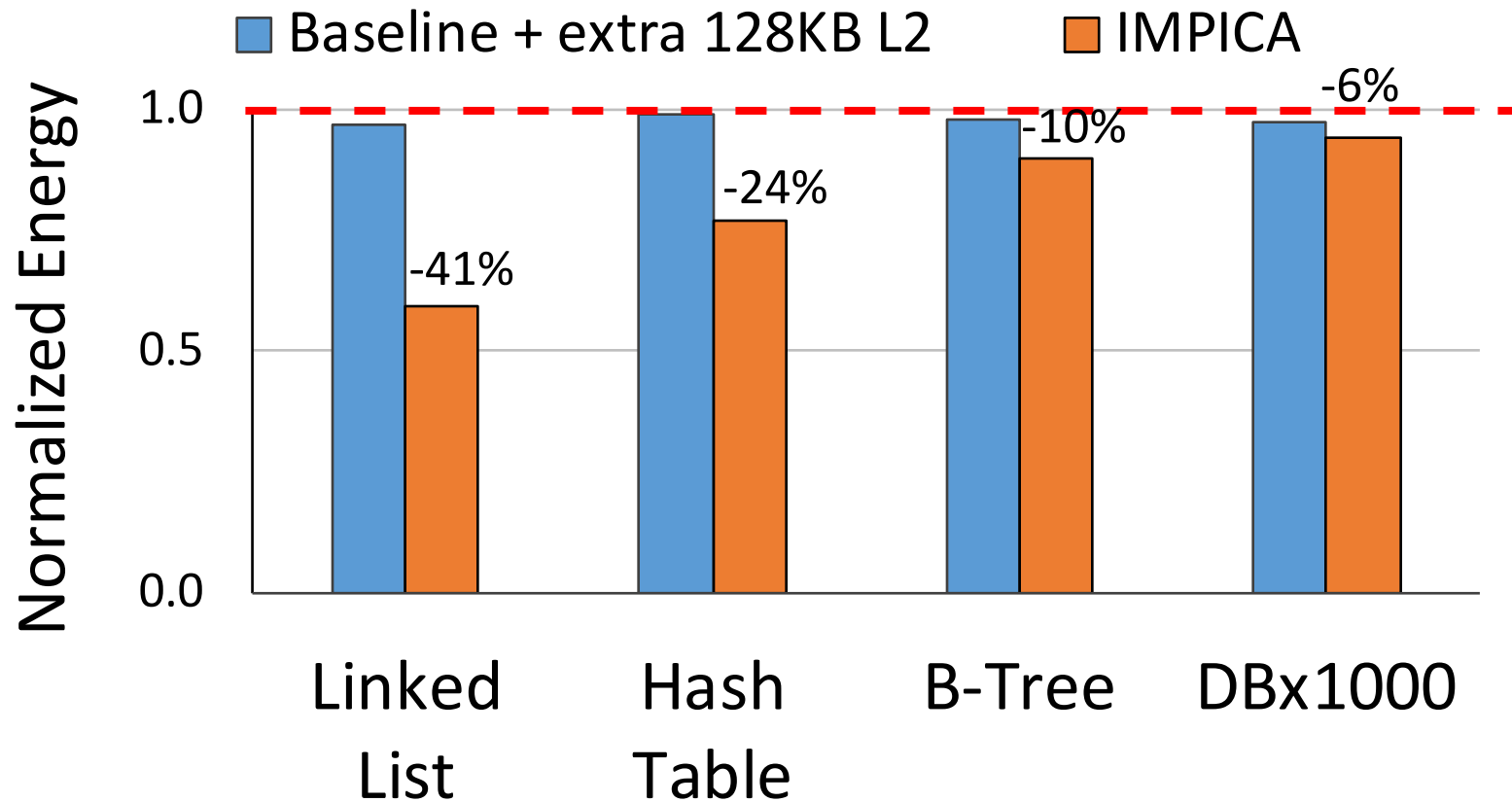
# Result – Microbenchmark Performance



# Result – Database Performance



# System Energy Consumption



# Area and Power Overhead

CPU (Cortex-A57)	5.85 mm <sup>2</sup> per core
L2 Cache	5 mm <sup>2</sup> per MB
Memory Controller	10 mm <sup>2</sup>
IMPICA (+32KB cache)	0.45 mm <sup>2</sup>

- Power overhead: average power increases by 5.6%

## More in the Paper

- Interface and design considerations
  - CPU interface and programming model
  - Page table management
  - Cache coherence
- Area and power overhead analysis
- Sensitivity to IMPICA page table design

# Conclusion

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- Our solution can be applied to a broad class of in-memory accelerators

# Current Investigations

- More efficient address translation and protection mechanisms for PIM
- More concurrent data structures for PIM

# More Info on IMPICA (Current Status)

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# Executive Summary

- **Genome Read Mapping** is a very important problem and is the first step in genome analysis
- Read Mapping is an **approximate string matching** problem
  - Find the best fit of 100 character strings into a 3 billion character dictionary
  - **Alignment** is currently the best method for determining the similarity between two strings, but is **very expensive**
- We propose an algorithm called **GRIM-Filter**
  - Accelerates read mapping by reducing the number of required alignments
  - GRIM-Filter can be accelerated using **processing-in-memory**
    - Adds simple logic into **3D-Stacked memory**
    - Uses high internal memory bandwidth to perform parallel filtering
- GRIM-Filter with processing-in-memory delivers a **3.7x speedup**

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## 1. Motivation and Goal

## 2. Background Read Mappers

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- b. Hash Table Based with Filter

## 3. Our Proposal: GRIM-Filter

## 4. Mapping GRIM-Filter to 3D-Stacked Memory

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# Motivation and Goal

- **Sequencing**: determine the [A,C,G,T] series in DNA strand
- Today's machines sequence short strands (**reads**)
  - Reads are on the order of 100 – 20k base pairs (**bp**)
  - The human genome is approximately 3 billion bp
- Therefore genomes are cut into reads, which are sequenced independently, and then reconstructed
  - **Read mapping** is the first step in analyzing someone's genome to detect predispositions to diseases, personalize medicine, etc.
- **Goal**: We want to **accelerate** end-to-end performance of **read mapping**

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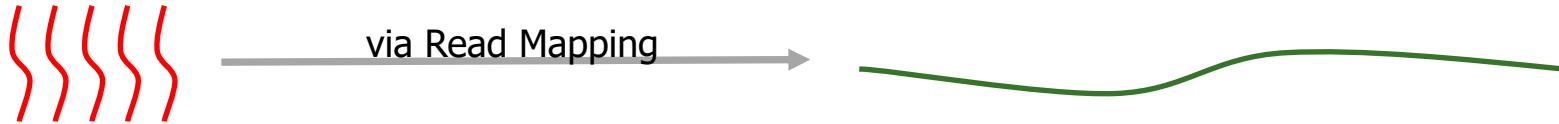
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# Background: Read Mappers

We now have **sequenced reads** and want a **full genome**



We map **reads** to a known **reference genome** (>99.9% similarity across humans) with some minor errors allowed



Because of high similarity, long sequences in **reads** perfectly match in the **reference genome**

G A C T G T G T C A A

X

... G A C T G T G T C G A ...

We can use a hash table to help quickly map the **reads**!



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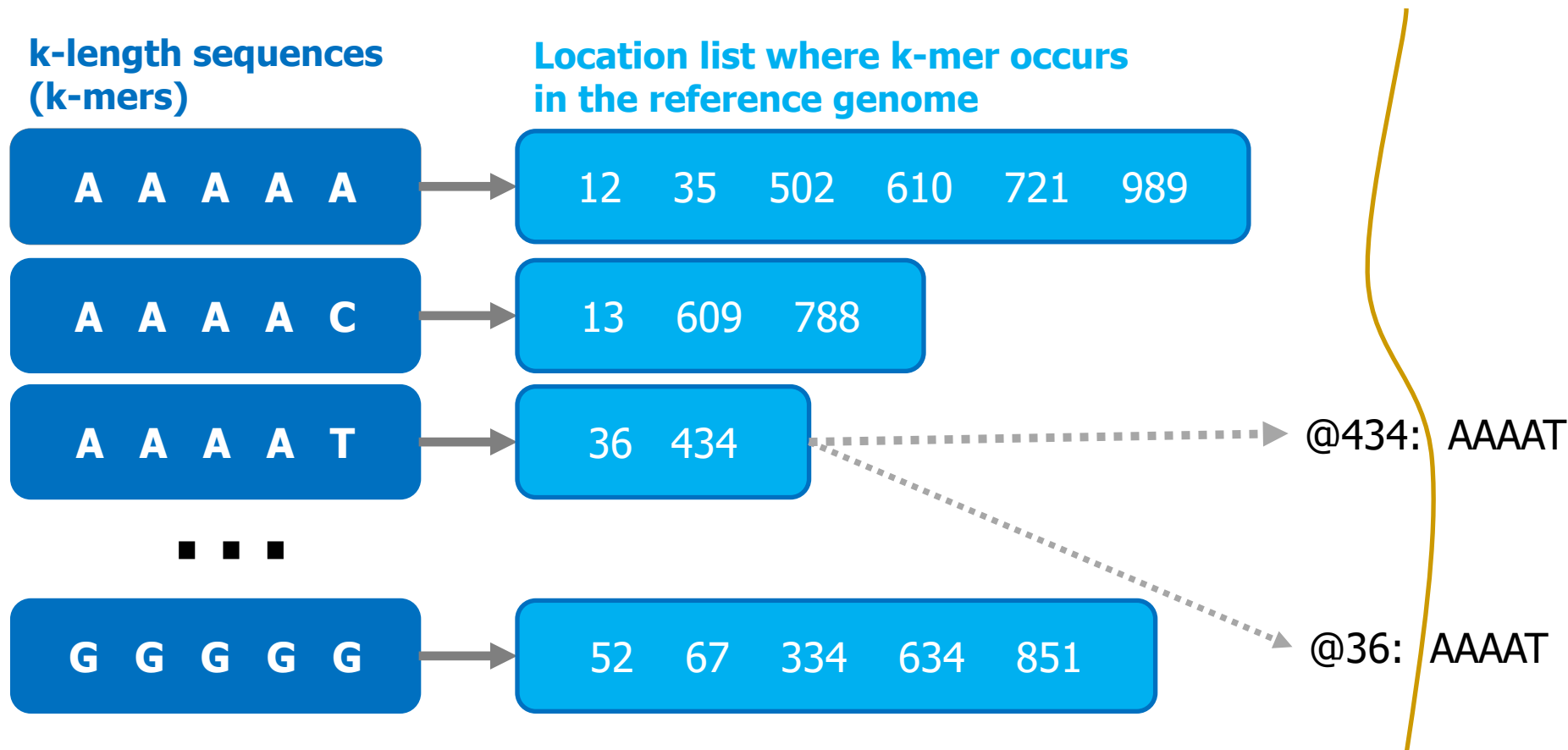
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# Generating Hash Tables

To map any reads, generate a **hash table** per **reference genome**.



**We can query the table with substrings from reads to quickly find a list of possible mapping locations**

# Hash Tables in Read Mapping

Read Sequence (100 bp)

**99.9%** of locations  
result in a **mismatch**

Hash Table

Reference Genome

**We want to filter these out  
so we do not waste time  
trying to align them**

# Location Filtering

- **Alignment** is **expensive** and requires the use of  $O(n^2)$  dynamic programming algorithm
  - We need to align millions to billions of reads

Our goal is to accelerate **read mapping** by improving the **filtering** step

- Both methods are used by mappers today, but **filtering** has replaced **alignment** as the **bottleneck** [Xin+, BMC Genomics 2013]

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*Matching...*

~~Mismatch.~~

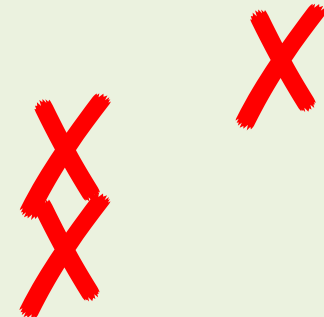
False  
Negative

Hash Table

37    140  
894   1203  
1564

Reference Genome

Filter



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# Our Proposal: GRIM-Filter

1. **Data Structures: Bins & Bitvectors**
2. Checking a Bin
3. Integrating GRIM-Filter into a Mapper



# GRIM-Filter: Bins

- We partition the genome into large sequences (**bins**).



- Represent each bin with a **bitvector** that holds the occurrence of all permutations of a small string (**token**) in the bin
- To account for matches that straddle bins, we employ overlapping bins
  - A read will now always completely fall within a single bin

## Bitvector

AAAAA	1	<u>AAAAA</u> exists in bin x
AAAAC	0	
AAAAT	1	
...	...	
CCCCC	1	
<b>CCCCT</b>	0	<b><u>CCCCT</u></b> doesn't exist in bin x
CCCCG	0	
...	...	
GGGGG	1	

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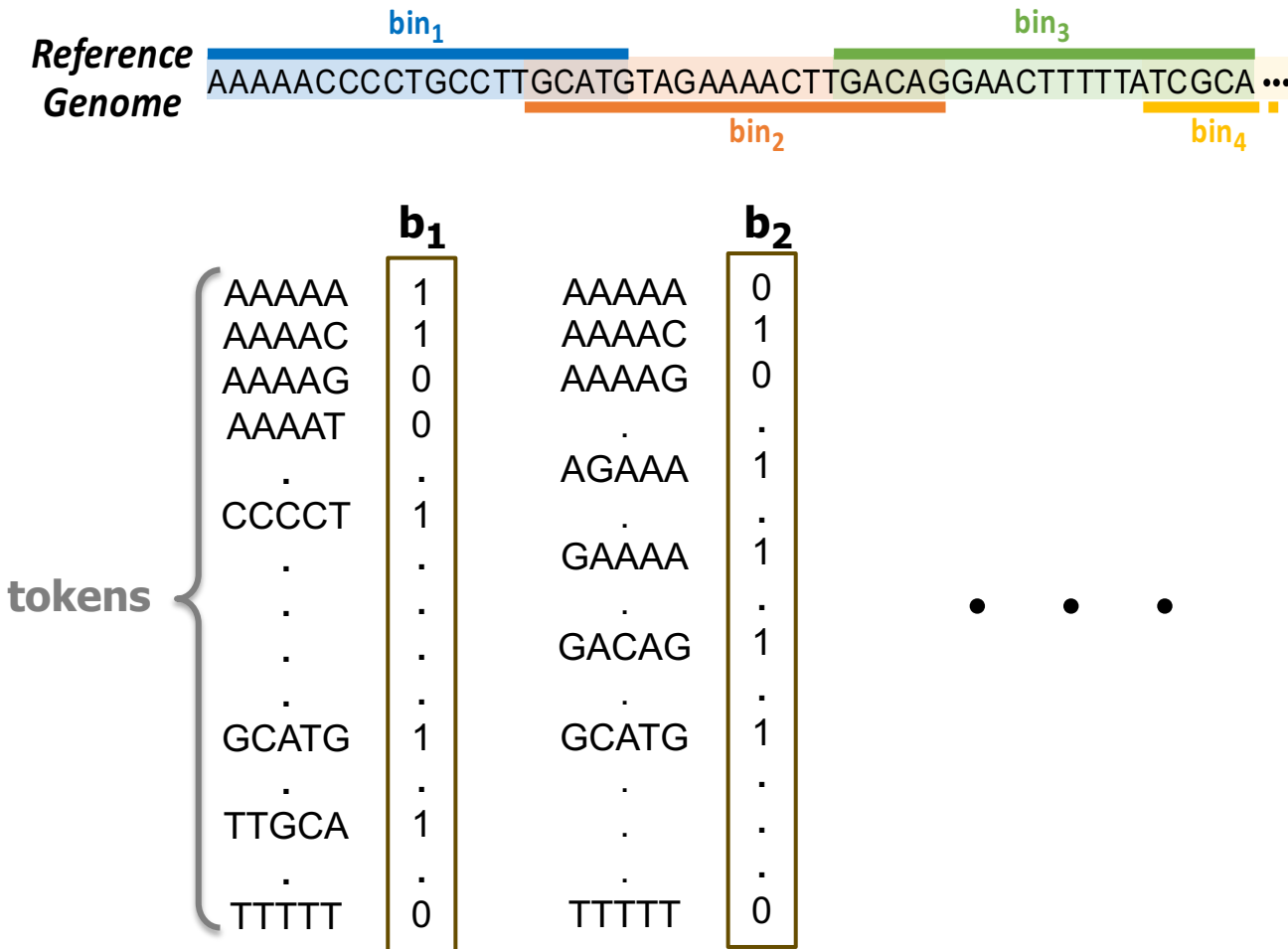


*Bin x*

**Bin x Bitvector**

AAAAA	<b>0</b>
...	...
CGTGA	<b>0</b>
...	...
TGAGT	<b>0</b>
...	...
GAGTC	<b>0</b>
...	...
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# GRIM-Filter: Bitvectors



Storing all bitvectors requires  $4^n * t$  bits in memory, where  $t$  = number of bins.

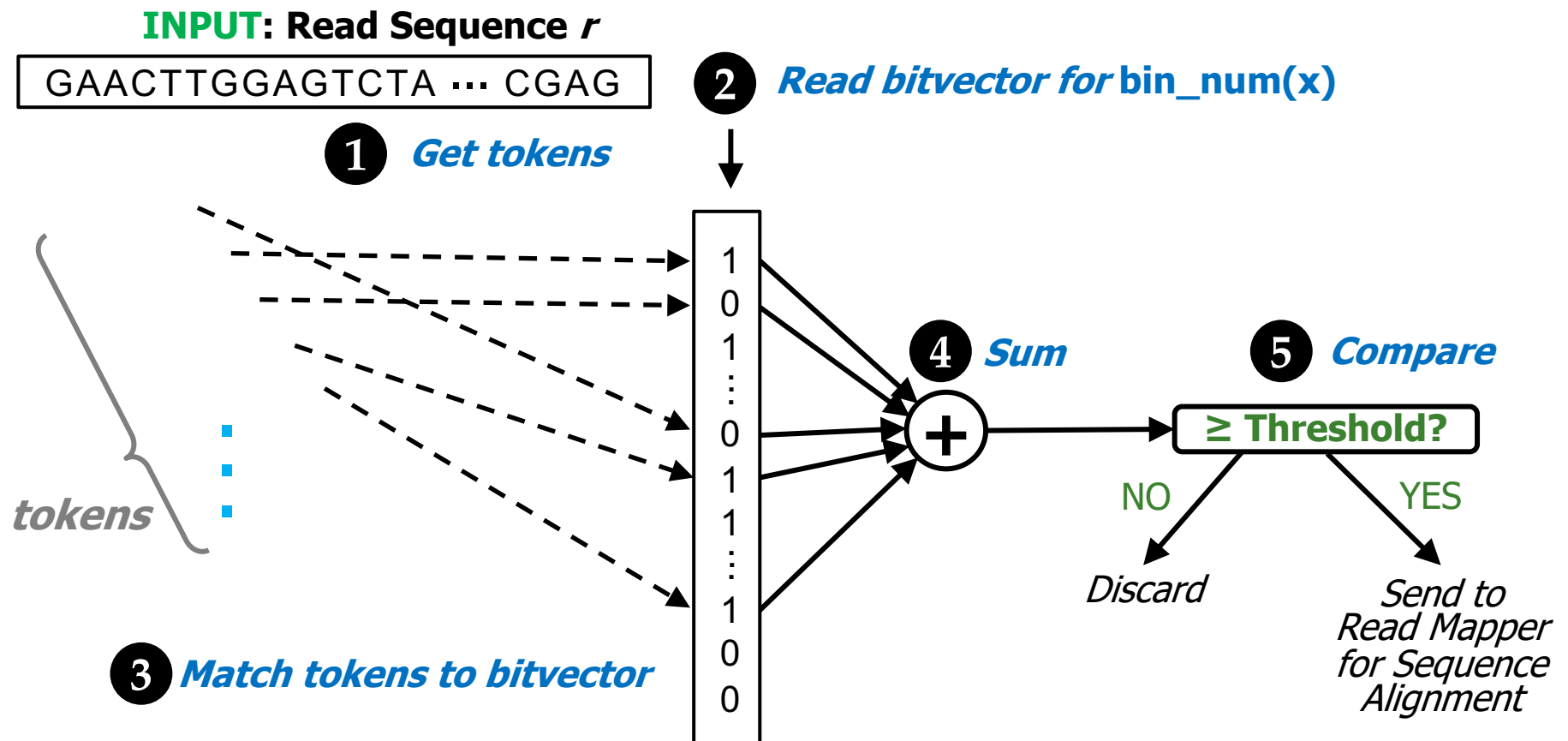
For **bin size**  $\sim 200$ , and **n** = 5, **memory footprint**  $\sim 3.8$  GB

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# GRIM-Filter: Checking a Bin

How GRIM-Filter determines whether to **discard** potential match locations in a given bin **prior** to alignment



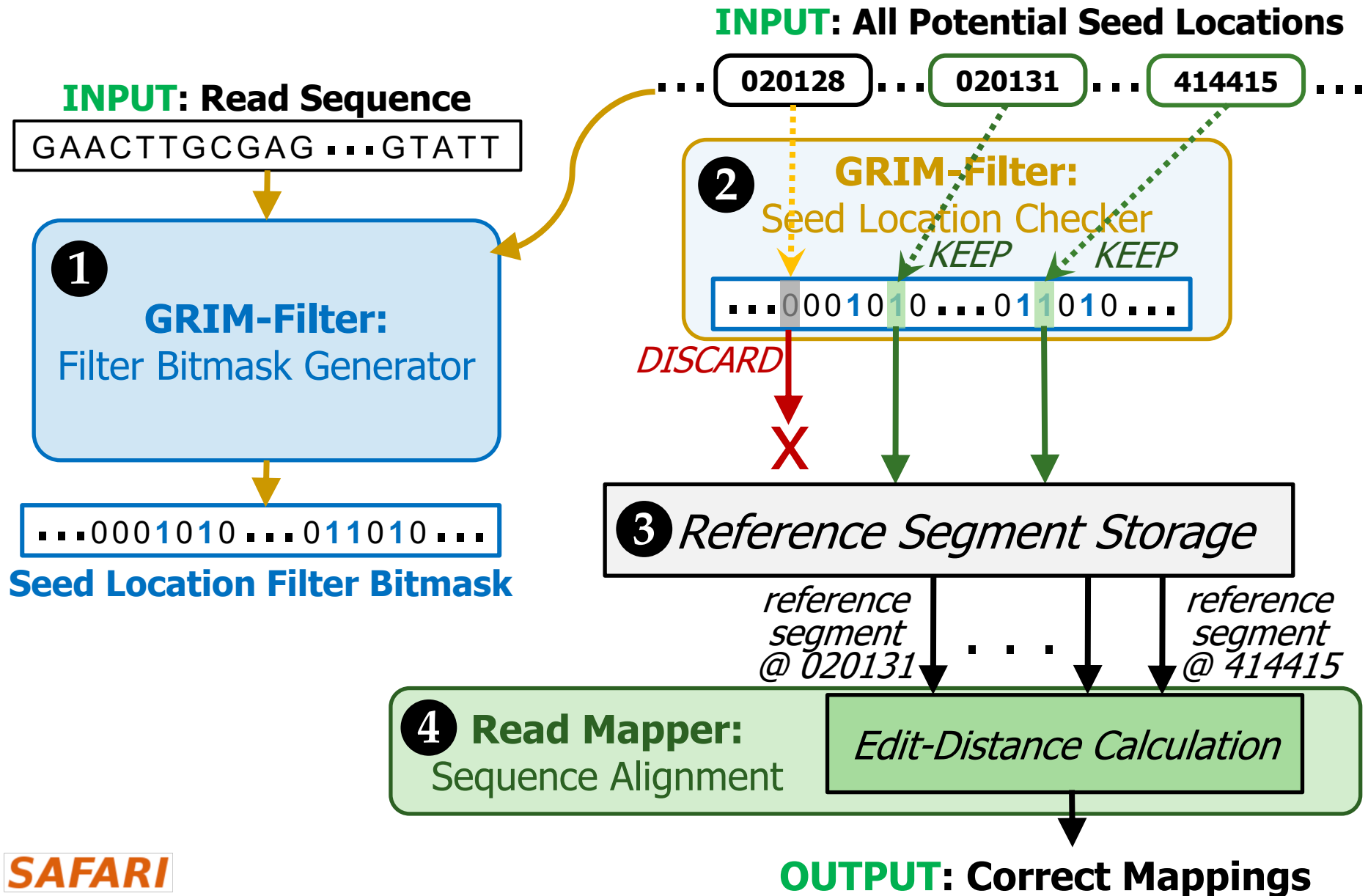
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# Integrating GRIM-Filter into a Read Mapper





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# Key Properties of GRIM-Filter

## 1. Simple Operations:

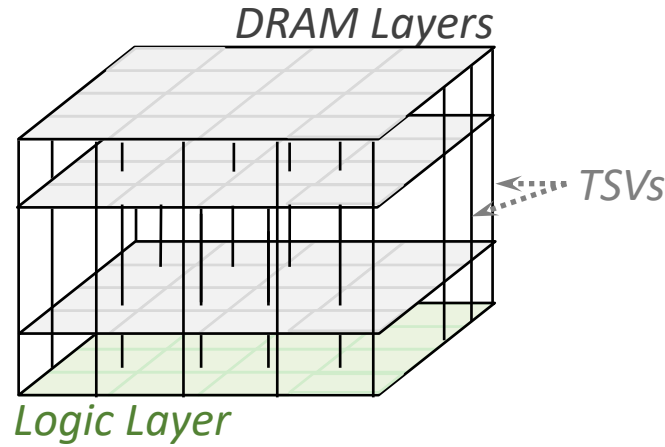
- ❑ To check a given bin, find the **sum** of all bits corresponding to each token in the read
- ❑ **Compare** against threshold to determine whether to align

## 2. Highly Parallel: Each bin is operated on independently and there are many many bins

## 3. Memory Bound: Given the frequent accesses to the large bitvectors, we find that GRIM-Filter is memory bound

**These properties together make GRIM-Filter a good algorithm to be run in 3D-Stacked DRAM**

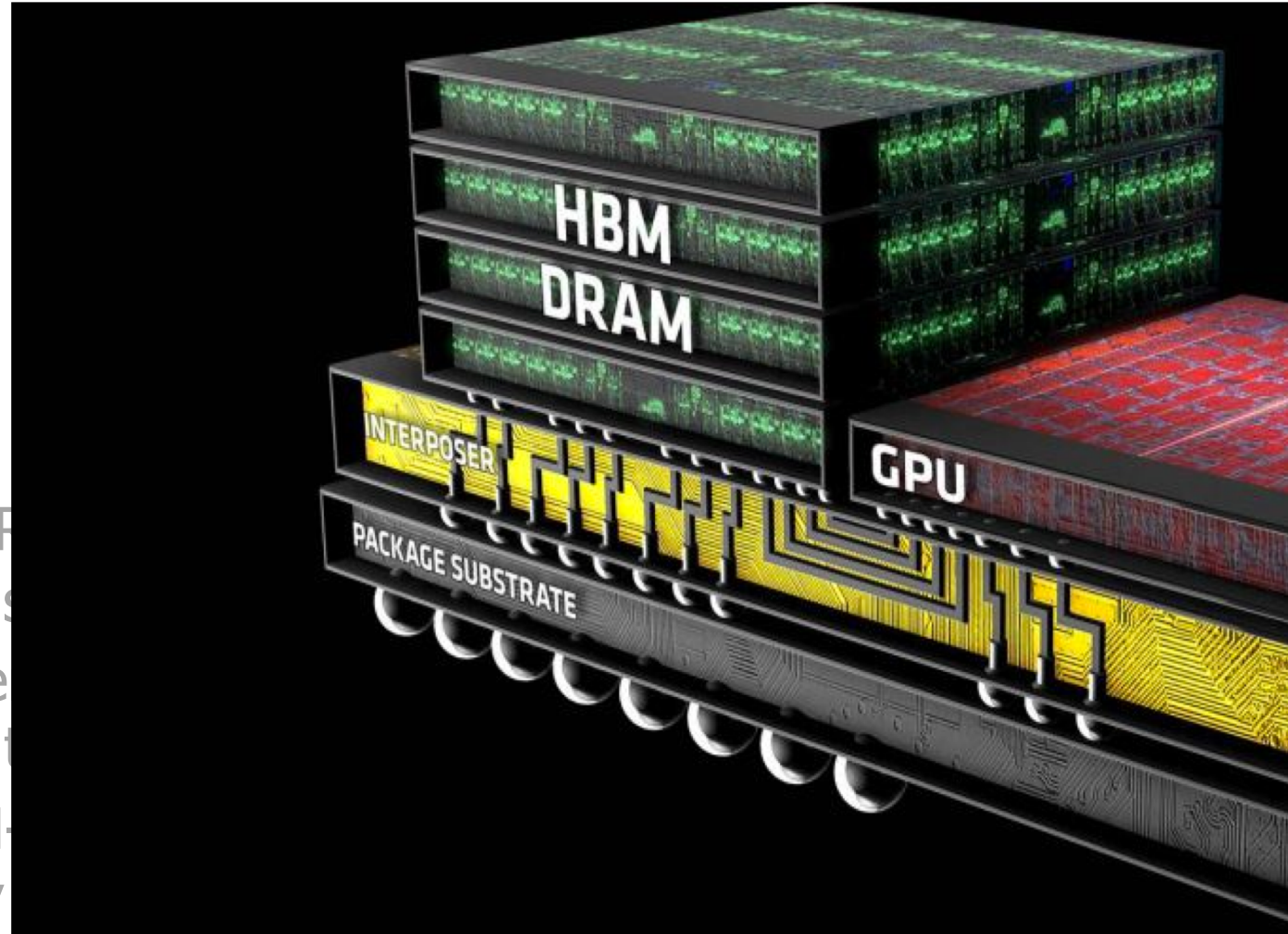
# 3D-Stacked Memory



- 3D-Stacked DRAM architecture has **extremely high bandwidth** as well as a stacked customizable logic layer
  - ❑ Logic Layer enables **Processing-in-Memory**, offloading computation to this layer and alleviating the memory bus
  - ❑ Embed GRIM-Filter operations into **DRAM logic layer** and appropriately distribute bitvectors throughout memory

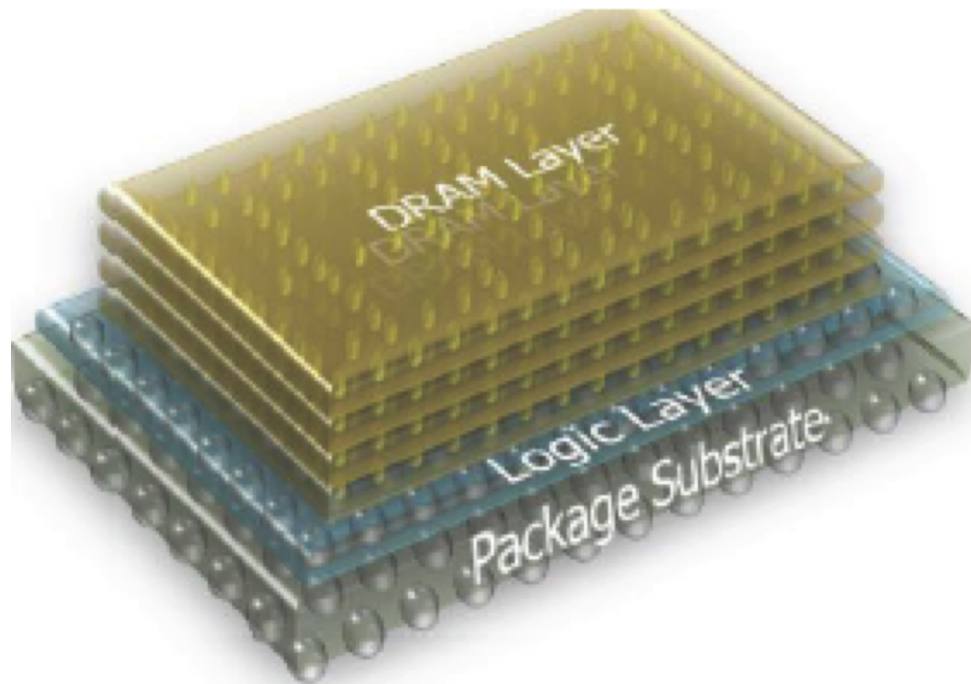
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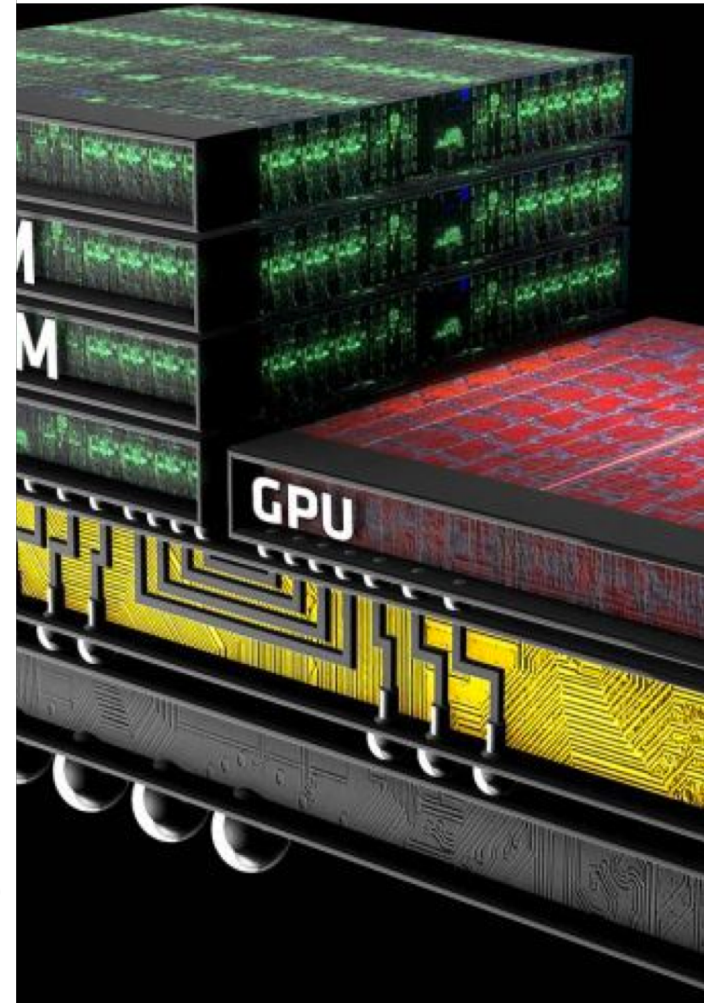


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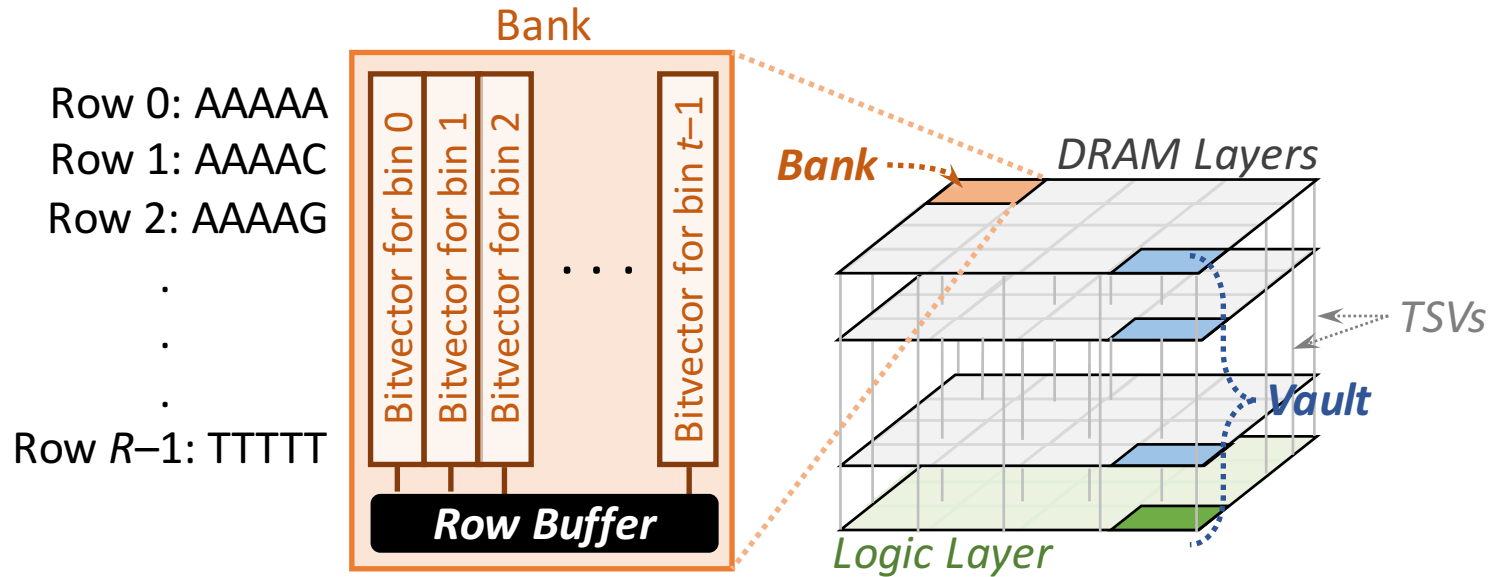
Micron has working demonstration components



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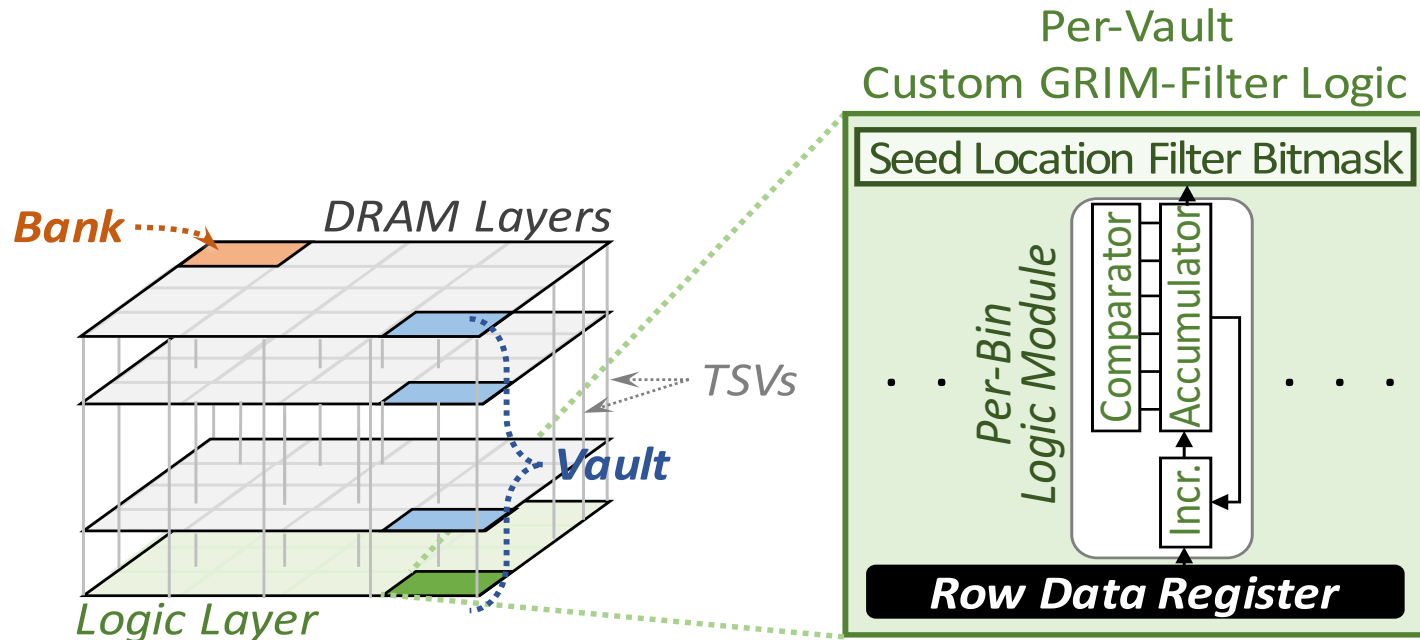
# GRIM-Filter in 3D-Stacked DRAM



- Each DRAM layer is organized as an array of **banks**
  - A **bank** is an array of cells with a row buffer to transfer data
- The layout of bitvectors in a bank enables filtering many bins in parallel



# GRIM-Filter in 3D-Stacked DRAM



- Customized logic for accumulation and comparison per genome segment
  - Low area overhead, simple implementation
  - For HBM2, we use 4096 incrementer LUTs, 7-bit counters, and comparators in logic layer

**Details are in the paper**

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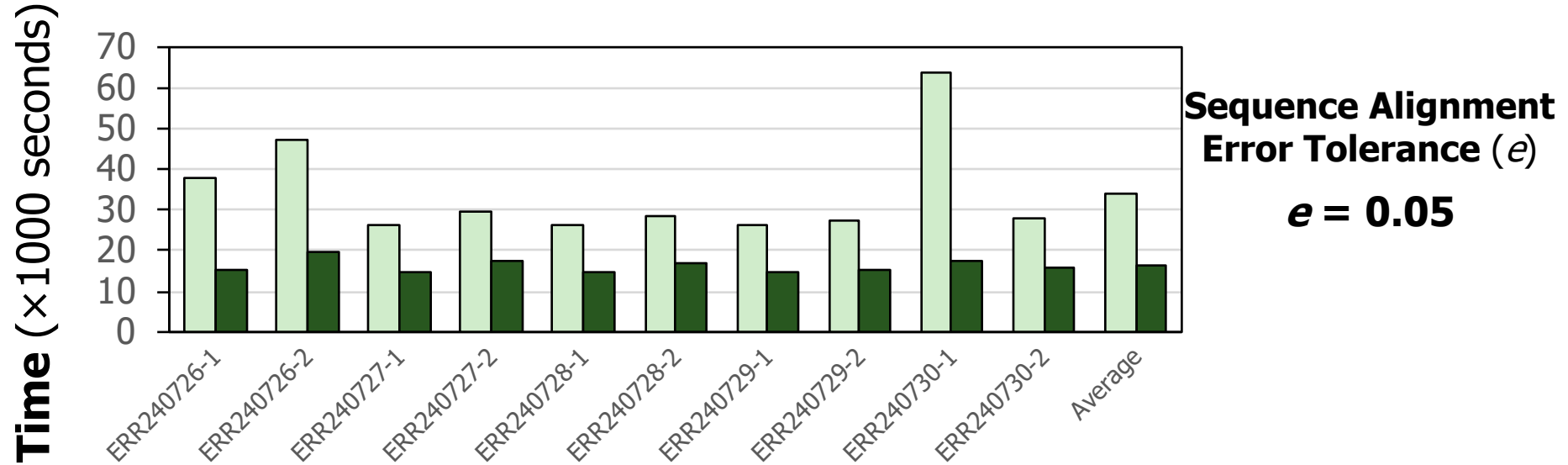
# Methodology

- Performance simulated using an in-house 3D-Stacked DRAM simulator
- Evaluate 10 real read data sets (From the 1000 Genomes Project)
  - Each data set consists of 4 million reads of length 100
- Evaluate two key metrics
  - Performance
  - False negative rate
    - The fraction of locations that pass the filter but result in a mismatch
- Compare against a state-of-the-art filter, FastHASH [Xin+, BMC Genomics 2013] when using mrFAST, but **GRIM-Filter can be used with ANY read mapper**

# GRIM-Filter Performance

Benchmarks and their Execution Times

FastHASH filter GRIM-Filter



**1.8x-3.7x performance benefit across real data sets**

**2.1x average performance benefit**

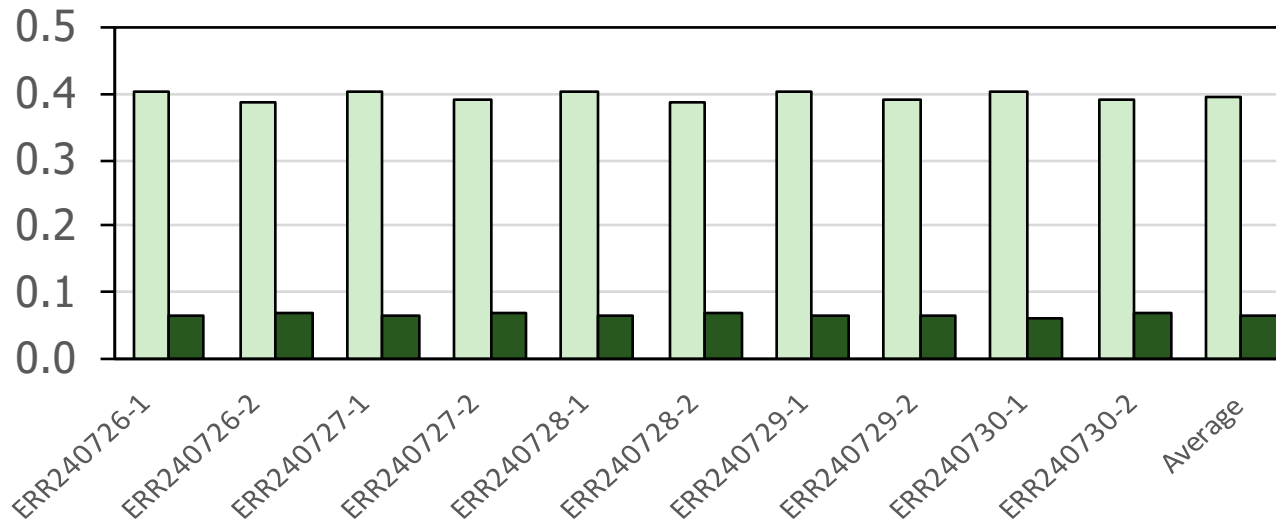
**GRIM-Filter gets performance due to its hardware-software co-design**

# GRIM-Filter False Negative Rate

Benchmarks and their False Negative Rates

FastHASH filter GRIM-Filter

False Negative Rate



Sequence Alignment  
Error Tolerance ( $e$ )

$e = 0.05$

**5.6x-6.4x False Negative reduction across real data sets**

**6.0x average reduction in False Negative Rate**

**GRIM-Filter utilizes more information available in the read to filter**

# Other Results in the Paper

- Sensitivity of execution time and false negative rates to error tolerance of string matching
- Read mapper execution time breakdown
- Sensitivity studies on the filter
  - Token Size
  - Bin Size
  - Error Tolerance

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# Conclusion

We propose an **in-memory filtering algorithm** to **accelerate end-to-end read mapping** by reducing the number of required alignments

## Key ideas:

- Introduce a **new representation** of coarse-grained segments of the reference genome
- Use **massively-parallel in-memory operations** to identify read presence within each coarse-grained segment

## Key contributions and results:

- Customized filtering algorithm for 3D-Stacked DRAM
- Compared to the previous best filter
  - We observed **1.8x-3.7x read mapping speedup**
  - We observed **5.6x-6.4x fewer false negatives**

**GRIM-Filter is a universal filter** that can be applied to any read mapper

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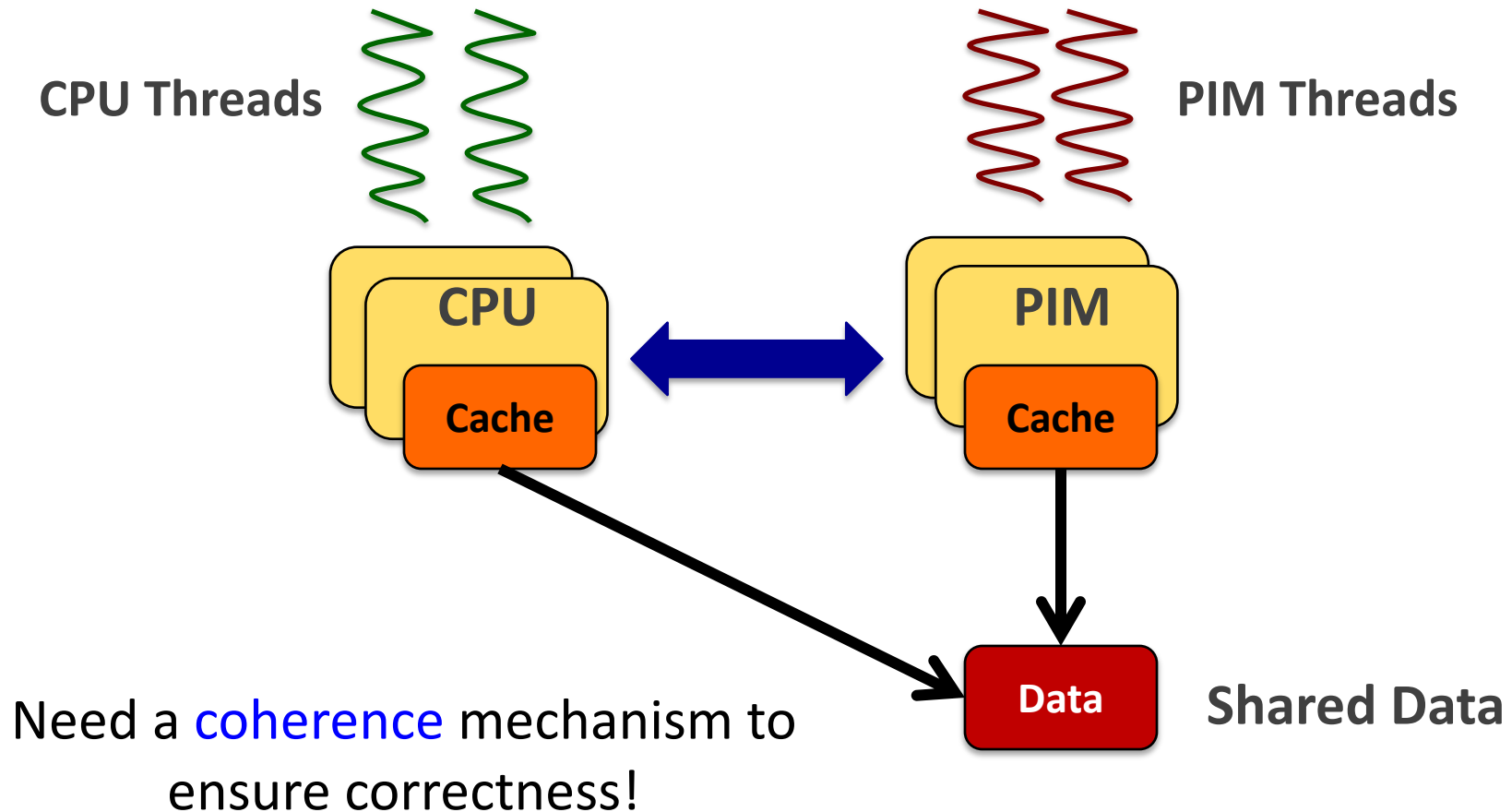
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# PIM Coherence

- A Major System Challenge for PIM: Coherence



# PIM Coherence

- **Potential solution: Conventional coherence protocols**
  - We can treat PIM cores as **additional independent cores**
  - Use **conventional coherence protocol** to make them coherent with the CPUs

Conventional coherence is **impractical**: **large number of coherence messages over off-chip channel**



- ✓ Simplifies PIM programming model
- ✗ Generates a large amount of off-chip coherence traffic
- ✗ Eliminates on average **72.4%** of Ideal PIM energy improvement

# Goal and Key Idea

- Our goal is to develop a cache coherence mechanism that:
  - 1) Maintains the **logical behavior** of conventional cache coherence protocols to simplify **PIM programming model**
  - 2) **Retains** the large **performance and energy benefits** of PIM
- Our key idea is
  - 1) Avoid *coherence lookups* during PIM core execution
  - 2) **Batch lookups** in compressed signatures and use them to **verify correctness** after PIM core finishes

# Background

## Prior Approaches to PIM Coherence

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- There are many recent proposals on PIM
  - Primarily focus on the design of compute unit within the logic layer
- Prior works employ other approaches than conventional coherence protocol
  - Marking PIM-data as **Non-cacheable**
    - They no longer need to deal with coherence
  - **Coarse-grained** coherence
    - Tracks coherence at a larger granularity than a single cache line
    - Does not transfer permission while PIM is working
    - **No concurrent access** from the CPU and PIM

# Prior Approaches to PIM Coherence

- Prior works proposed coherence mechanisms assuming:
  - Entire application could be offloaded to PIM core → **Almost zero sharing** between PIM and CPU
  - Only **limited** communication happens between CPU and PIM

**Observation:** These assumptions *do not hold* for many important data-intensive applications that benefit from PIM



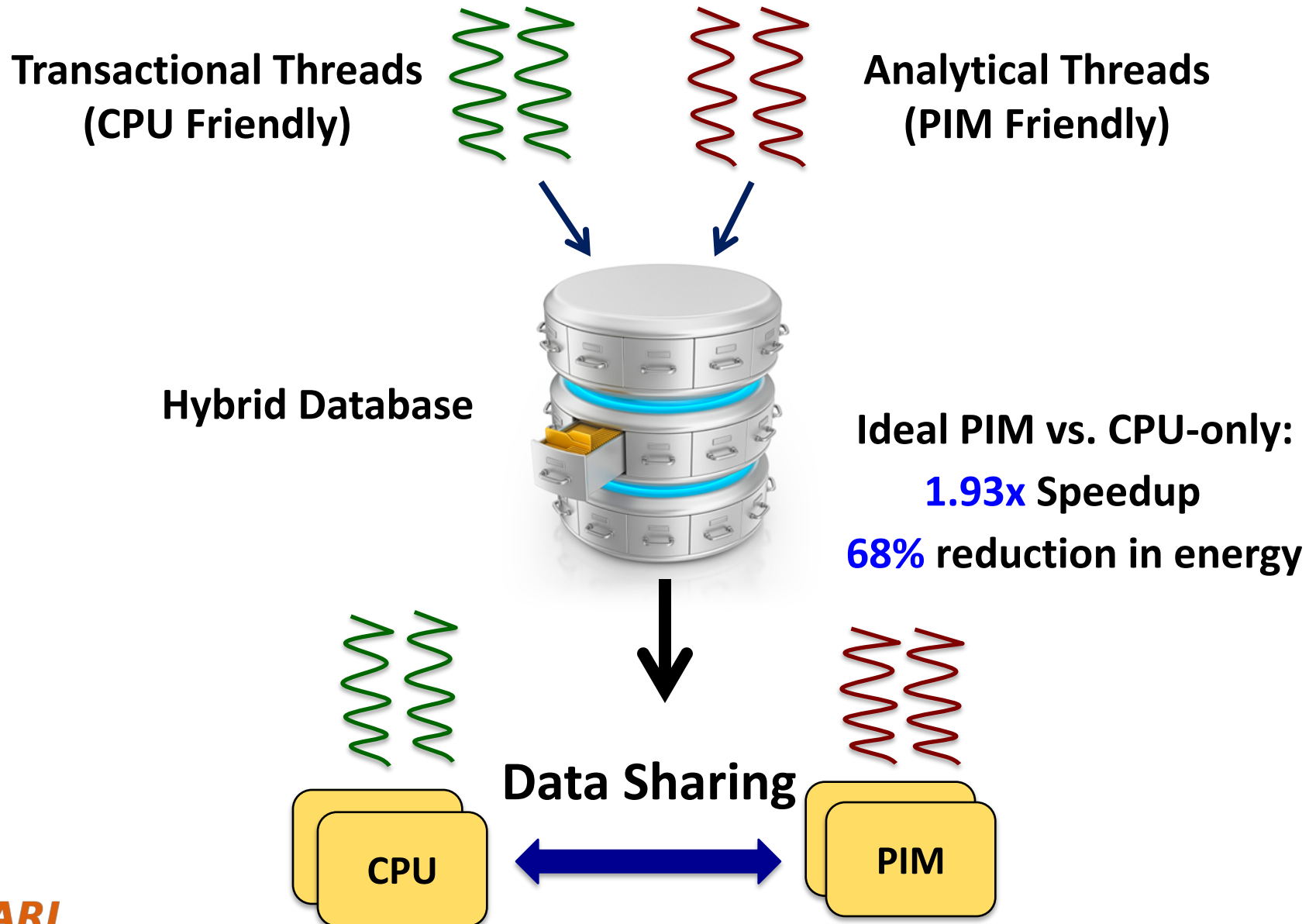
# Motivation

Applications with Data Sharing

# Application Analysis for PIM

- An application benefits from PIM when we offload its **memory-intensive parts** that:
  - Generate a lot of data movement
  - Have poor cache locality
  - Contribute to a large portion of execution time
- Parts of the application that are **compute-intensive** or **cache friendly** should remain on the CPU
  - To benefit from **larger** and **sophisticated cores** with larger caches

# Example: Hybrid In-Memory Database



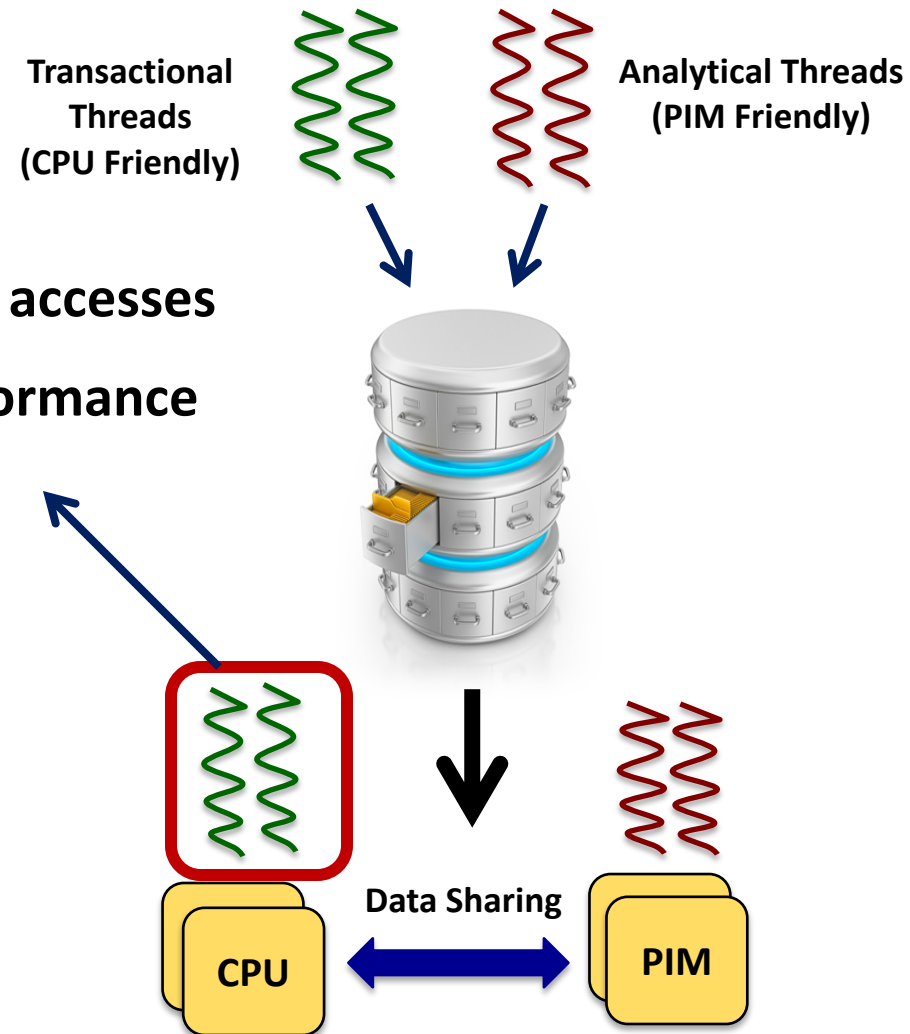
# Applications with High Data Sharing

- Our application analysis shows that:
  - Some portions of the applications perform better on CPUs
  - These portions often access the same region of data as the PIM cores
- Based on this observation, we can conclude that:
  - There are important data-intensive applications that **have strong potential for PIM** and show **significant data sharing between the CPU and PIM**

**Let's see how prior approaches work for  
these applications**

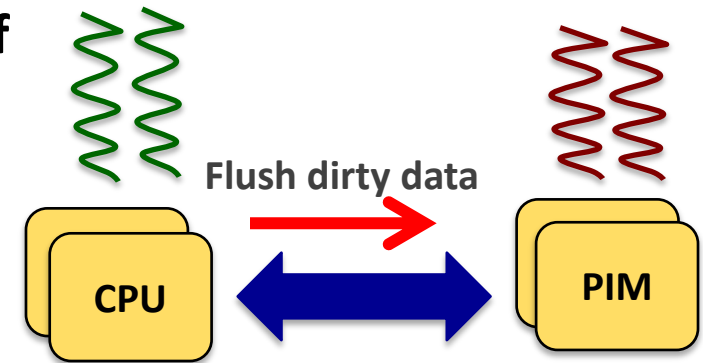
# Non-Cacheable

- ✗ Generates a large number of off-chip accesses
- ✗ Significantly hurts CPU threads' performance

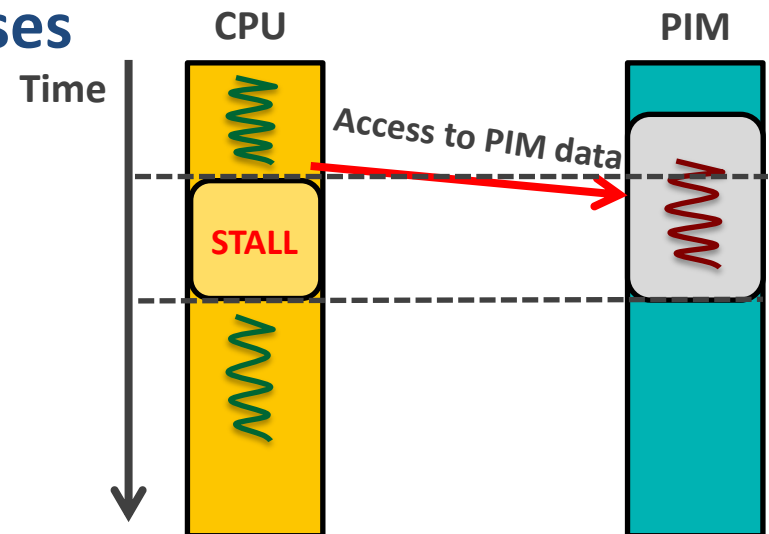


# Coarse-Grained Coherence

- Need to get coherence permission for the entire region
  - Needs to flush every dirty data within that region to transfer permission
- ✗ Unnecessarily flushes a large amount of data in **pointer-based data structure**



- Does not allow concurrent accesses
  - Blocks CPUs accessing PIM-data during PIM execution
- ✗ Coarse-grained locks frequently cause **thread serialization**



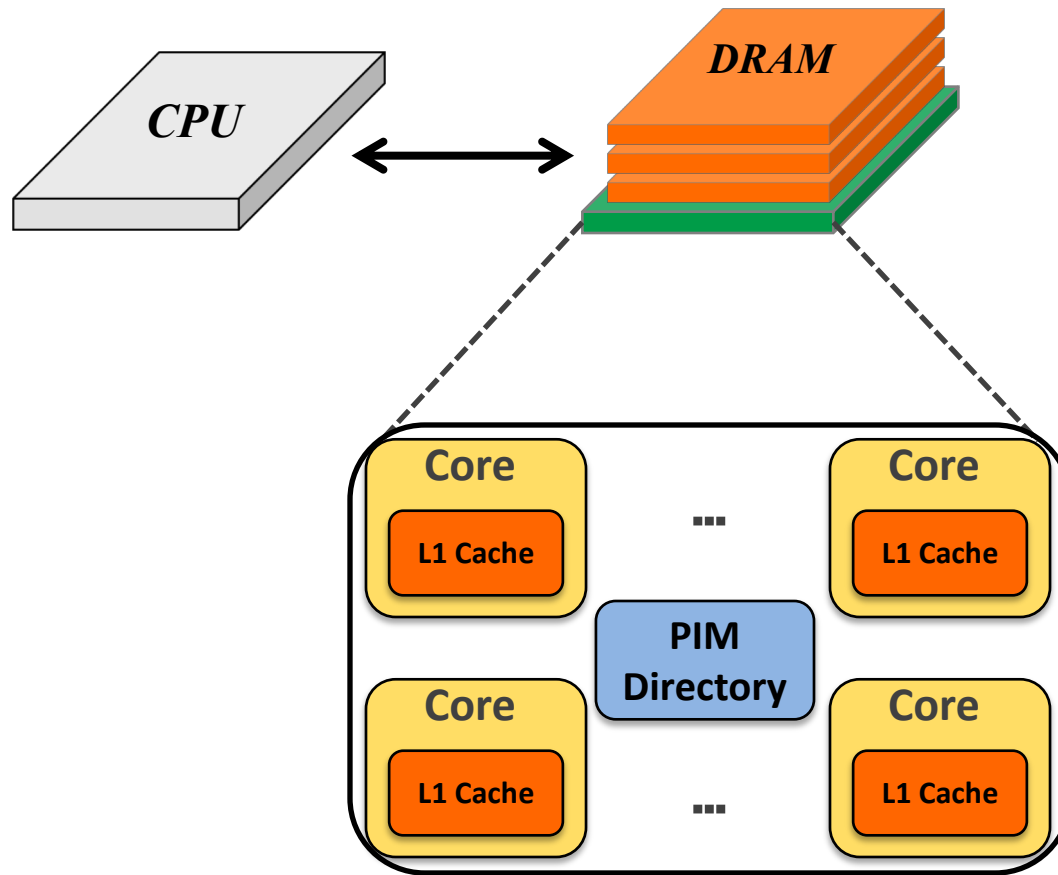
# Motivation: Summary

- **Conventional cache coherence** loses a significant portion of PIM benefits
- Prior works use other approaches to avoid those costs
  - Their assumption: **Zero** or **a limited** amount of sharing
- We observe that those assumptions do not hold for a number of important data-intensive applications
  - Using prior approaches **eliminates a significant portion** of PIM benefits
- We want to get the best of both worlds
  - 1) Maintain the **logical behavior** of conventional cache coherence
  - 2) **Retain** the large **performance and energy benefits** of PIM



# LazyPIM

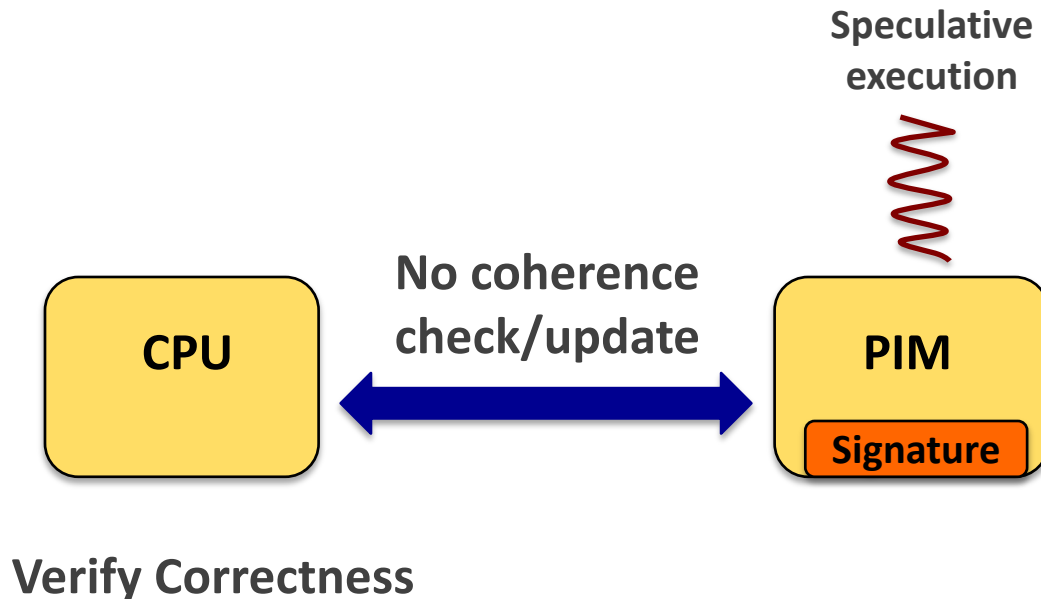
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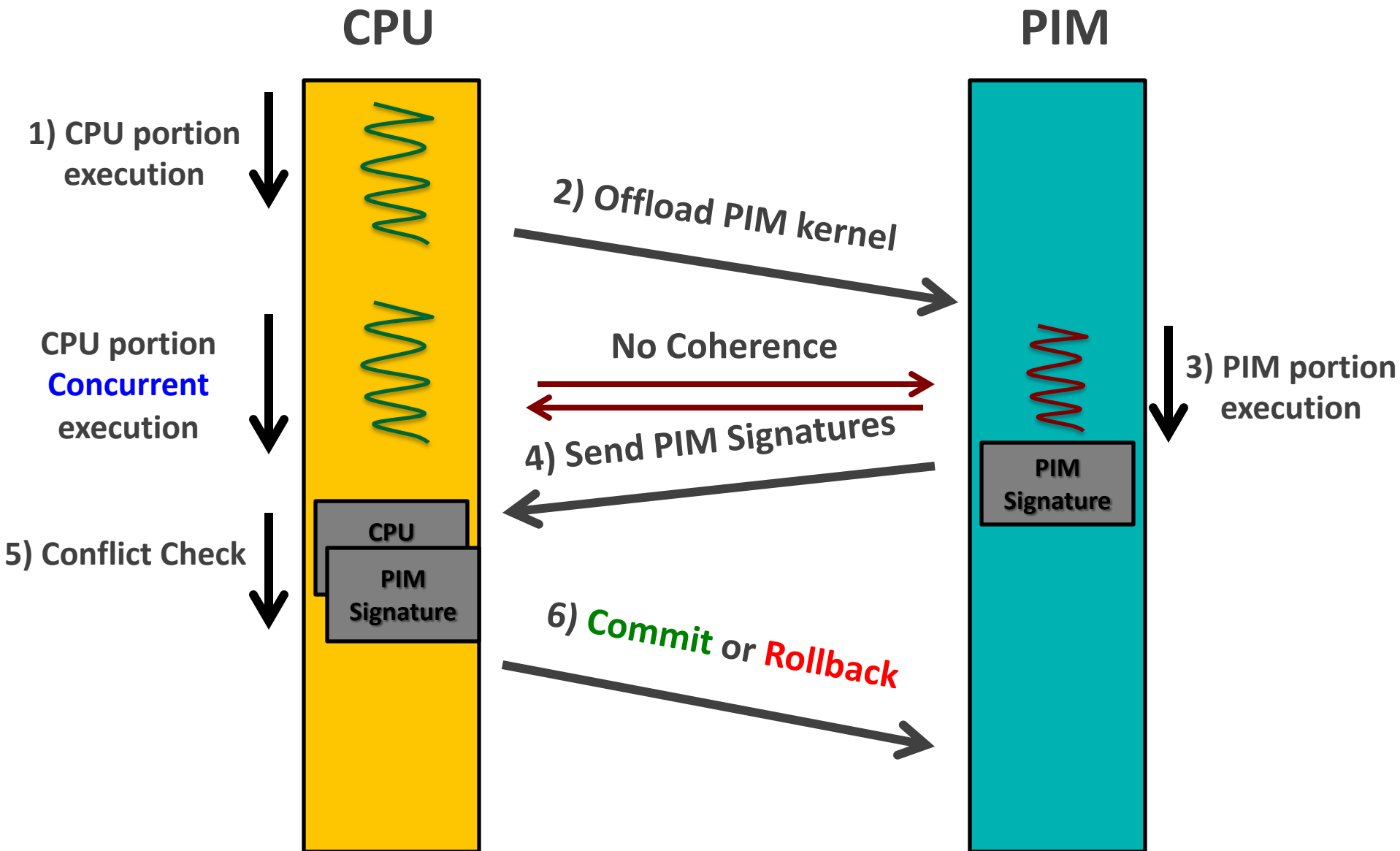
# Our Proposal

- **LazyPIM:**

- Lets PIM cores use *speculation* to *avoid* coherence lookups during execution
- Uses *compressed signatures* to batch the lookups and verify correctness after the PIM core completes



# LazyPIM High-level Operation



# How LazyPIM Avoids Pitfalls of Prior Approaches

- **Conventional Coherence (Fine-grained)**

- ✗ Generates a large amount of **off-chip** coherence traffic *for every miss*
- ✓ LazyPIM only sends a **compressed signature** after PIM cores finishes

- **Coarse-grained Coherence**

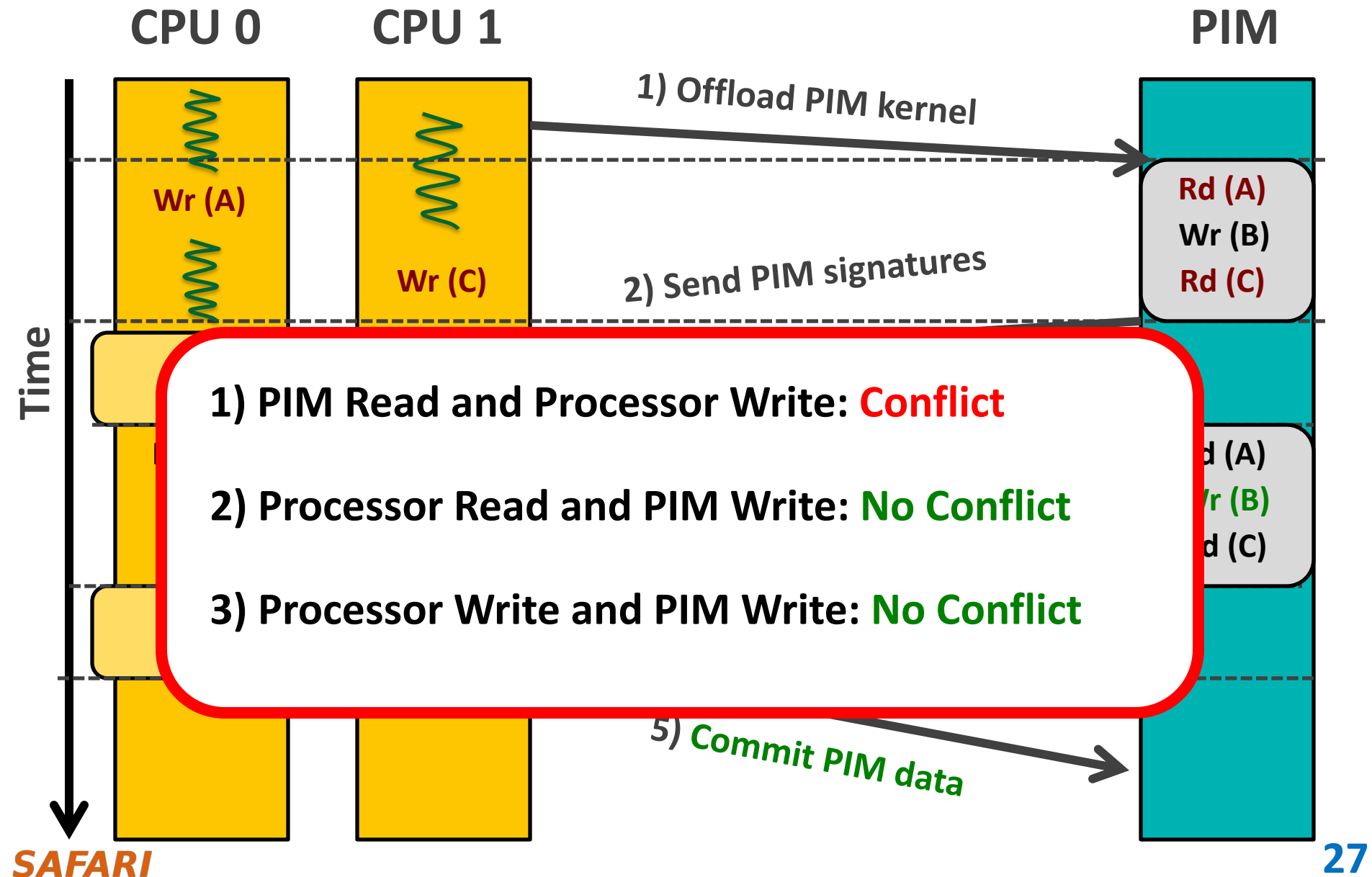
- ✗ Unnecessarily **flushes** a **large amount of data**
- ✓ LazyPIM performs **only the necessary flushes**
- ✗ Causes Thread **Serialization**
- ✓ LazyPIM enables **concurrent execution** of the CPUs and PIM cores

- **Non-Cacheable**

- ✗ A large number of **off-chip accesses** hurting **CPU threads'** performance
- ✓ LazyPIM allows CPU threads to **use caches**

# How we define conflicts in LazyPIM?

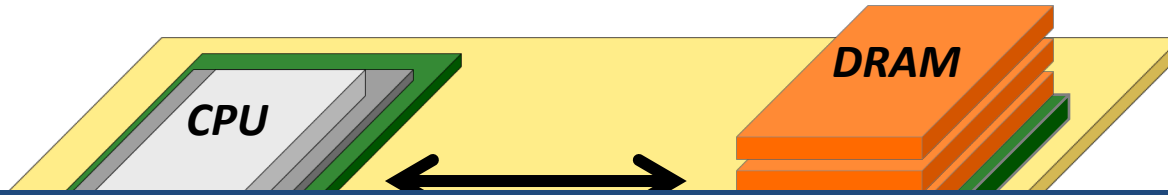
# Conflicts



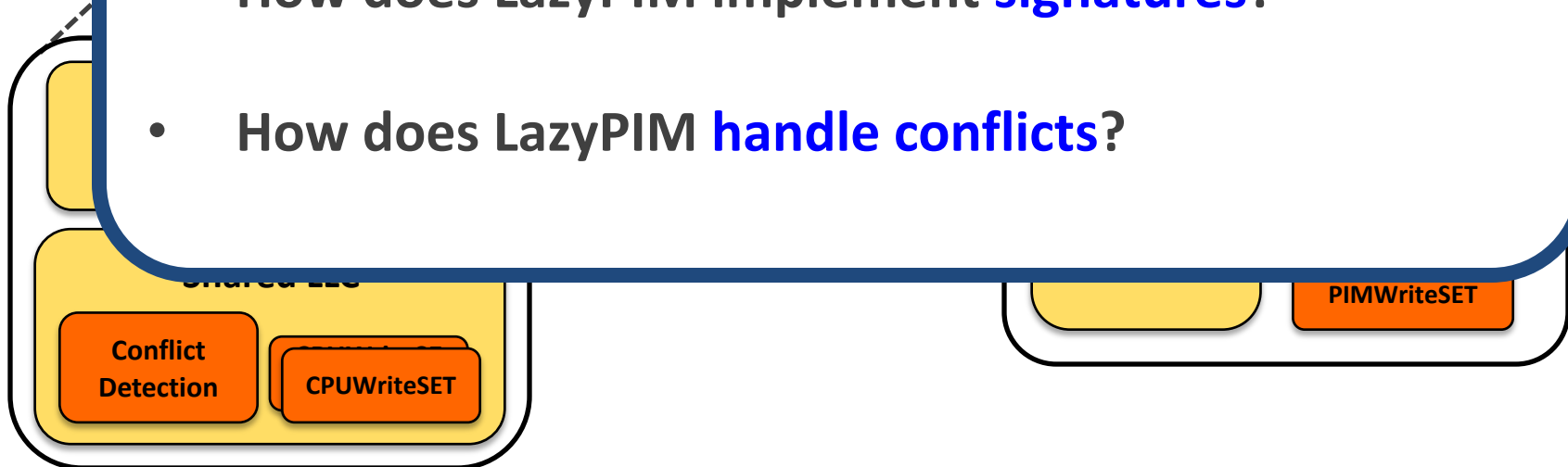
# Architecture Support



# LazyPIM Architecture

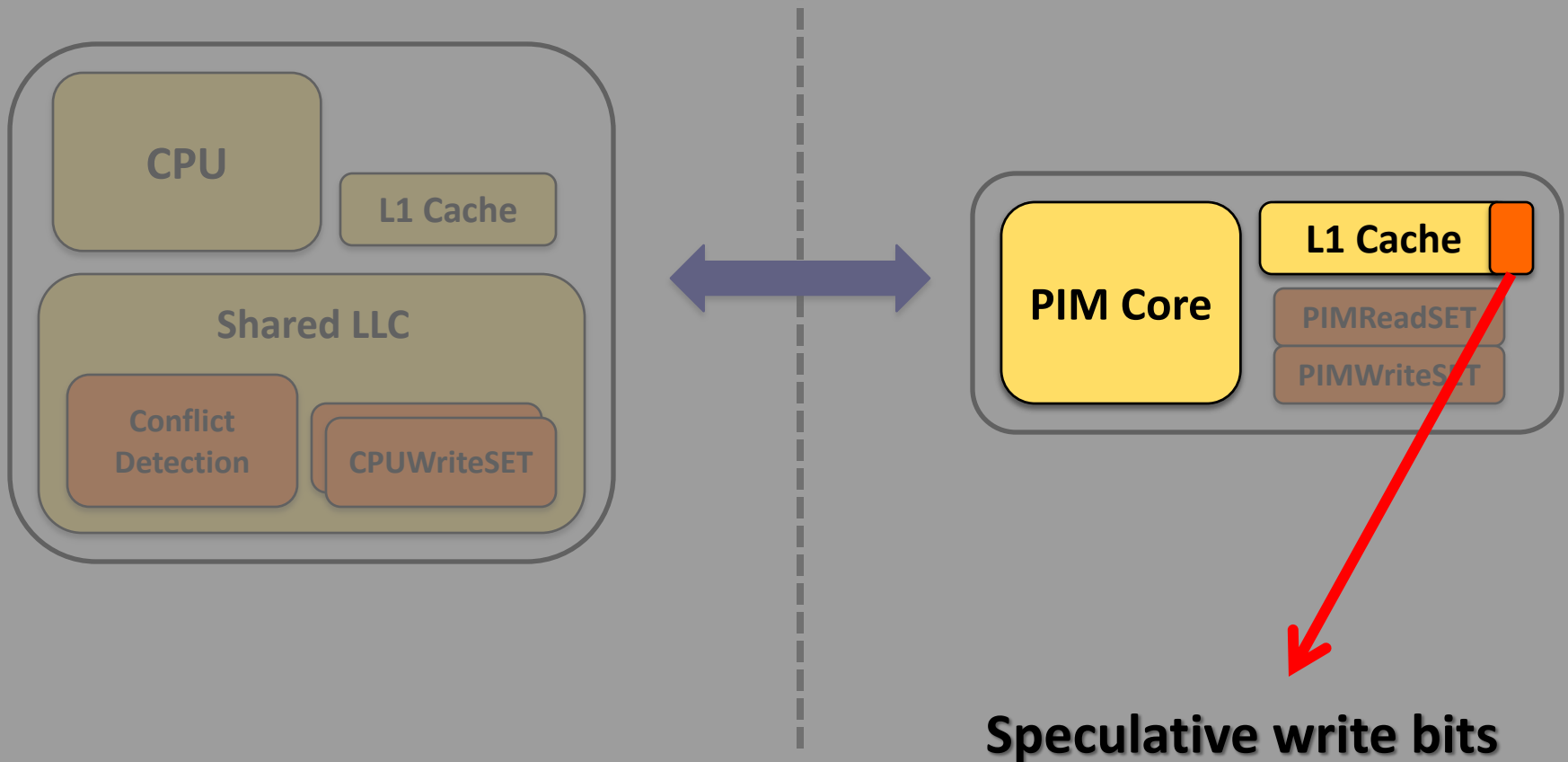


- How does LazyPIM support **speculative execution**?
- How does LazyPIM implement **signatures**?
- How does LazyPIM **handle conflicts**?



## Tracking speculative updates

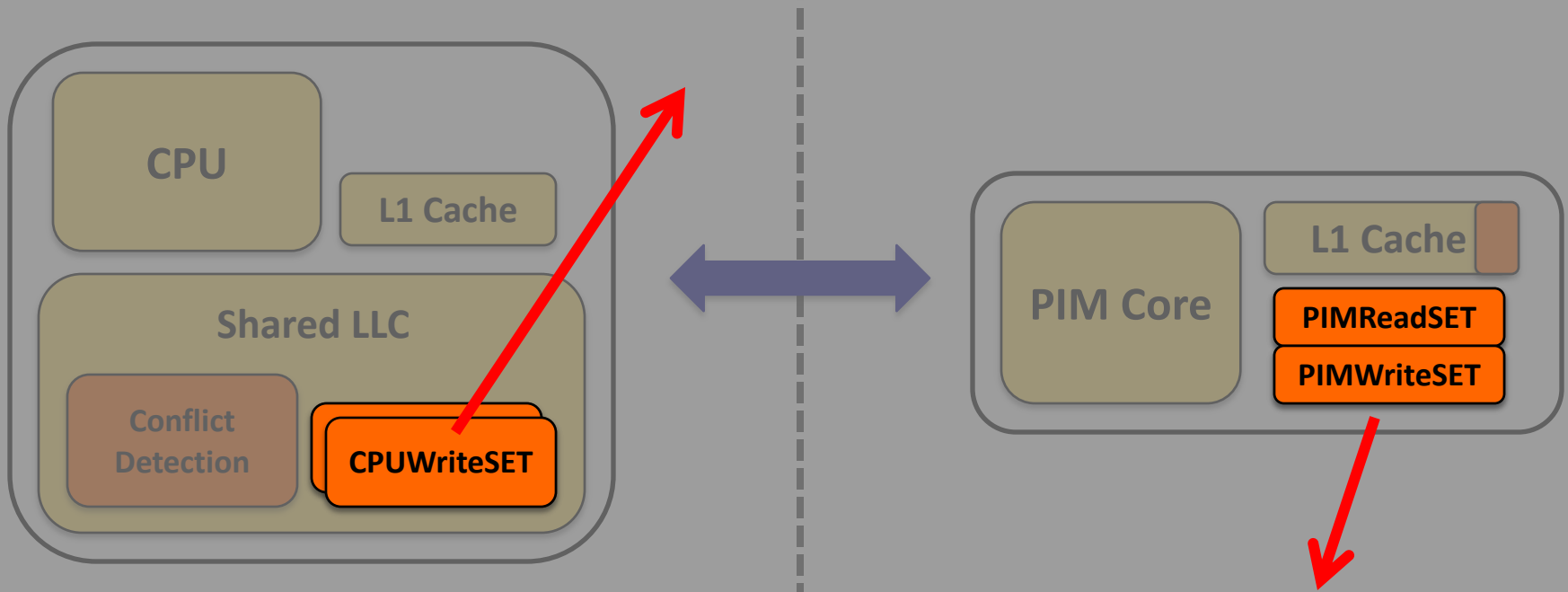
- One-bit flag per cache line to mark all data updates as speculative



Speculative write bits

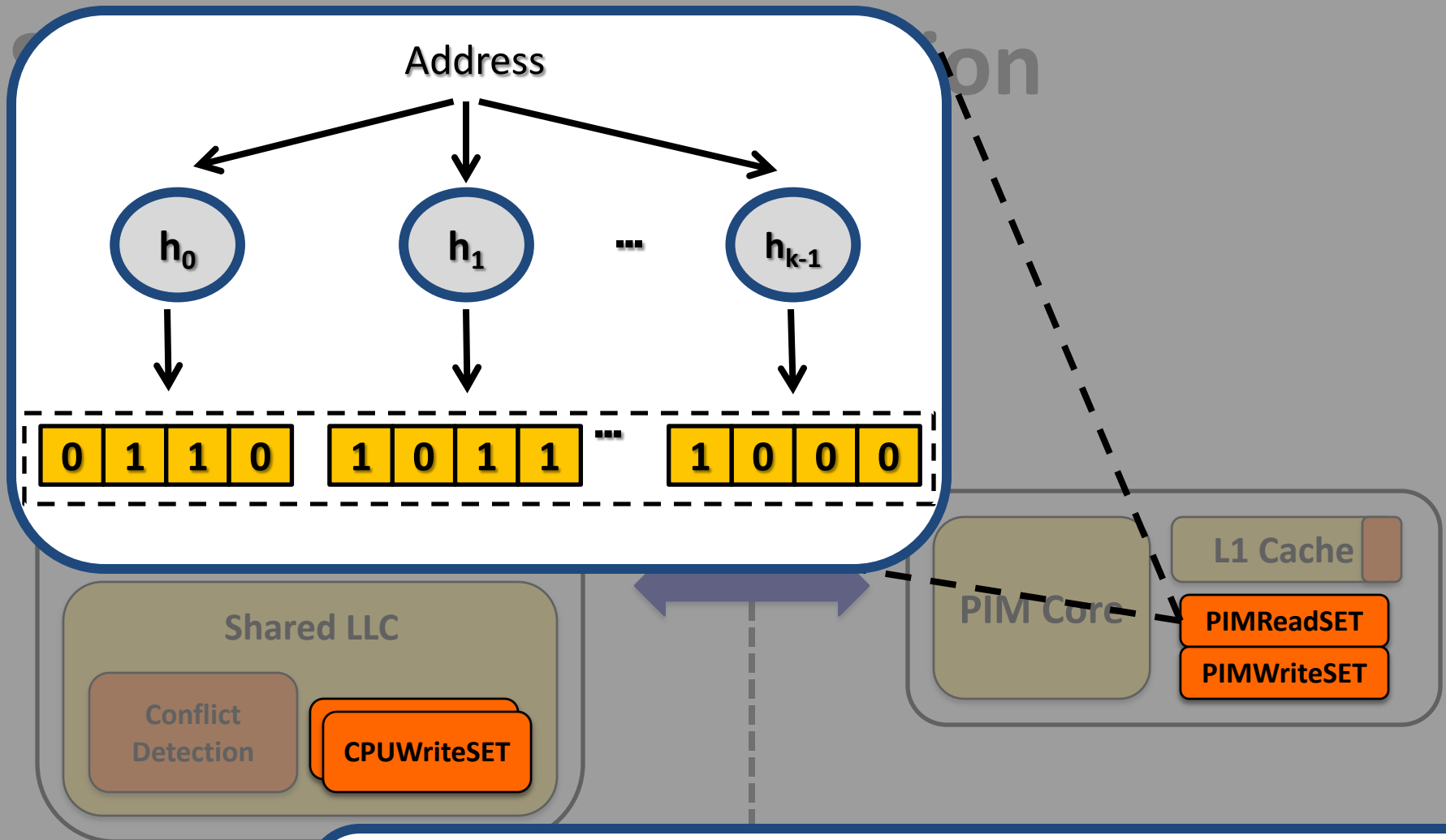
## Tracking potential conflicts

- The CPU records **all dirty cache lines** and **writes** in the PIM data region in the **CPUWriteSet**



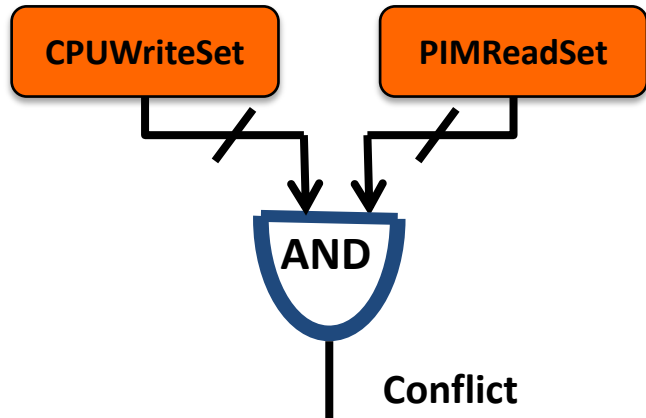
## Tracking memory accesses

- The **PIMReadSet** and **PIMWriteSet** are updated for every **read** and **write** by the PIM core



**Bloom filter based signature** has two major benefits:

- Allows us to easily perform **conflict detection**
- Allows for a large number of addresses to be stored within a **fixed-length register**



Conflict  
Detection

CPUWriteSet

If **conflict** happens:

- The CPU **flushes** the **dirty cache lines** that

If **no conflicts**:

- Any clean cache lines in the CPU that **match** an address in the **PIMWriteSet** are **invalidated**
- PIM core **commits** speculative updates

# Evaluation

# Evaluation Methodology

- **Simulator**
  - Gem5 full system simulator
- **System Configuration:**
  - **Processor**
    - 4-16 Cores, 8 wide issue, 2GHz Frequency
    - L1 I/D Cache: 64KB private, 4-way associative, 64B Block
    - L2 Cache: 2MB shared, 8-way associative, 64B Blocks
    - Cache Coherence Protocol: MESI
  - **PIM**
    - 4-16 Cores, 1 wide issue, 2GHz Frequency
    - L1 I/D Cache: 64KB private, 4-way associative, 64B Block
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  - **3D-stacked Memory**
    - One 4GB Cube, 16 Vaults per cube

# Applications

- **Ligra**

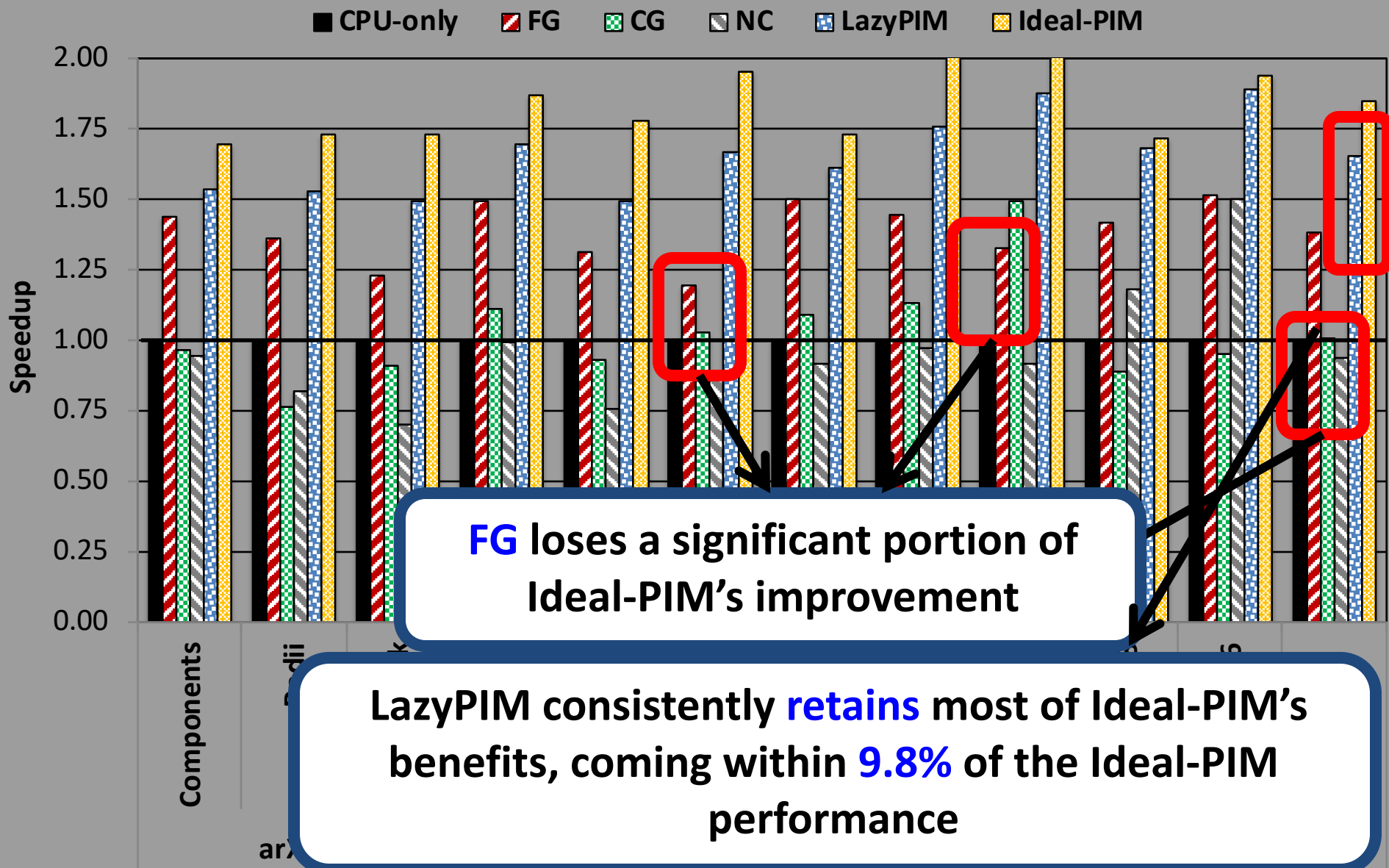
- Lightweight multithreaded graph processing for shared memory system
- We used three Ligra graph applications
  - PageRank
  - Radii
  - Connected Components
- Input graphs constructed from real-world network datasets:
  - arXiv General Relativity (5K nodes, 14K edges)
  - peer-to-peer Gnutella25 (22K nodes, 54K edges).
  - Enron email communication network (36K nodes, 183K edges)

- **IMDB**

- In-house prototype of an in-memory database (IMDB)
- Capable of running both **transactional** queries and **analytical** queries on the **same** database tables (**HTAP workload**)
- 32K transactions, 128/256 analytical queries

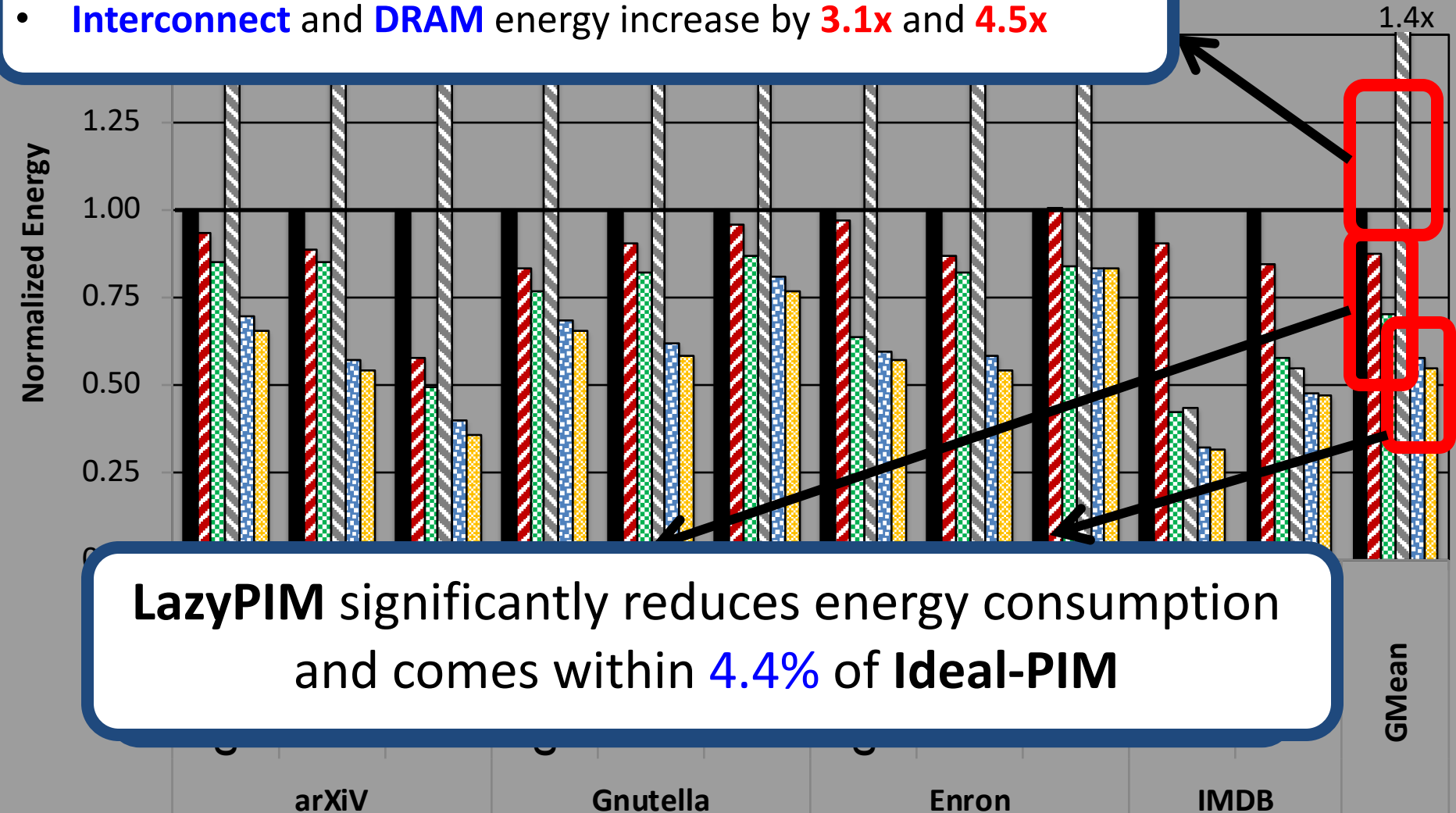


# Speedup with 16 Threads



# Energy with 16 threads

- **NC** suffers greatly from the *large number of accesses to DRAM*
- **Interconnect** and **DRAM** energy increase by **3.1x** and **4.5x**



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