

# Memory Systems and Memory-Centric Computing Systems

## Part 3: Computation in Memory

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# Sub-Agenda: In-Memory Computation

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- Major Trends Affecting Main Memory
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# 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

# 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 (near) 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)



# Four Key Issues in Future Platforms

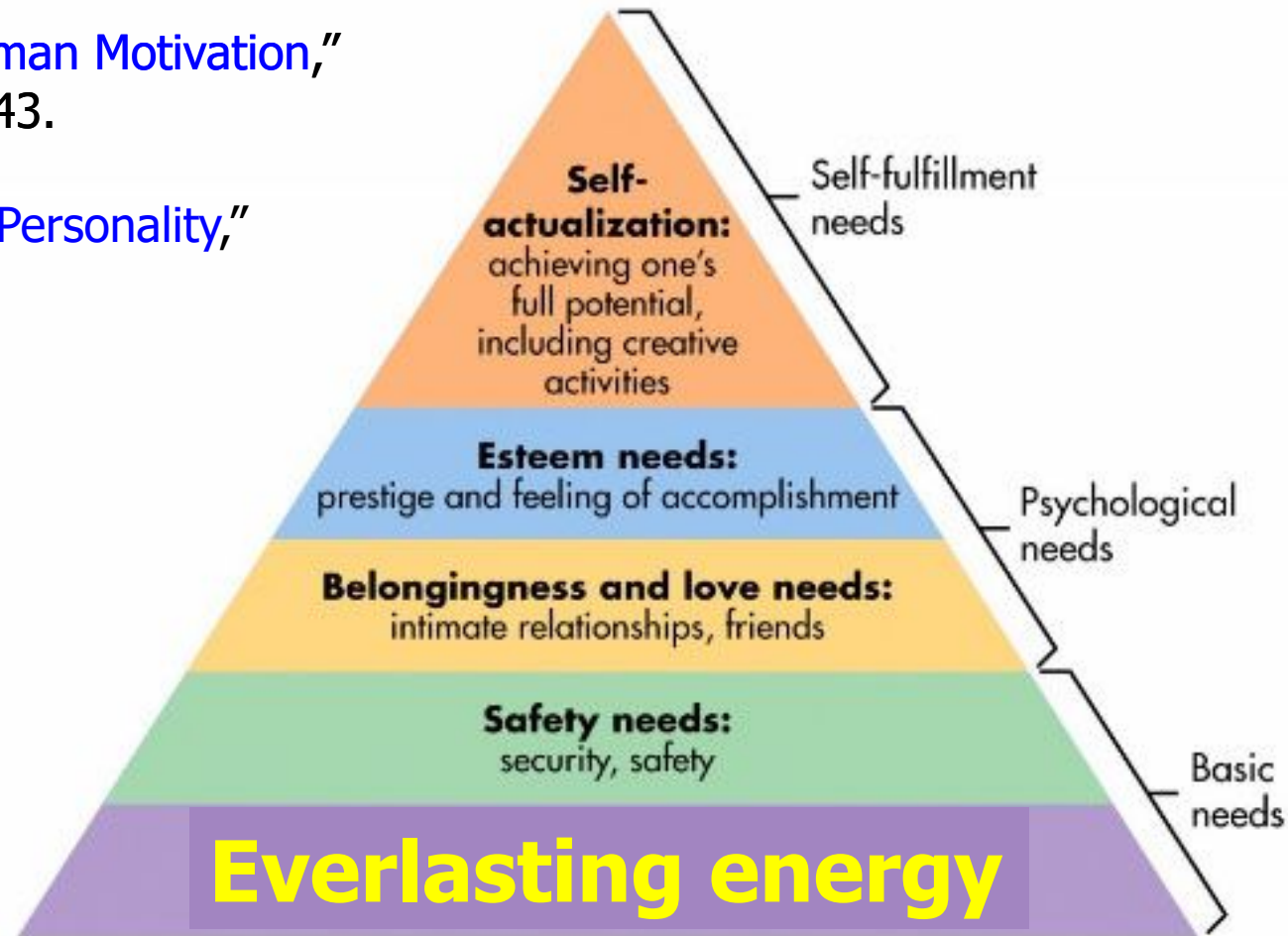
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- Fundamentally **Secure/Reliable/Safe** Architectures
- Fundamentally **Energy-Efficient** Architectures
  - **Memory-centric** (Data-centric) Architectures
- Fundamentally **Low-Latency** Architectures
- Architectures for **Genomics, Medicine, Health**

# 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?

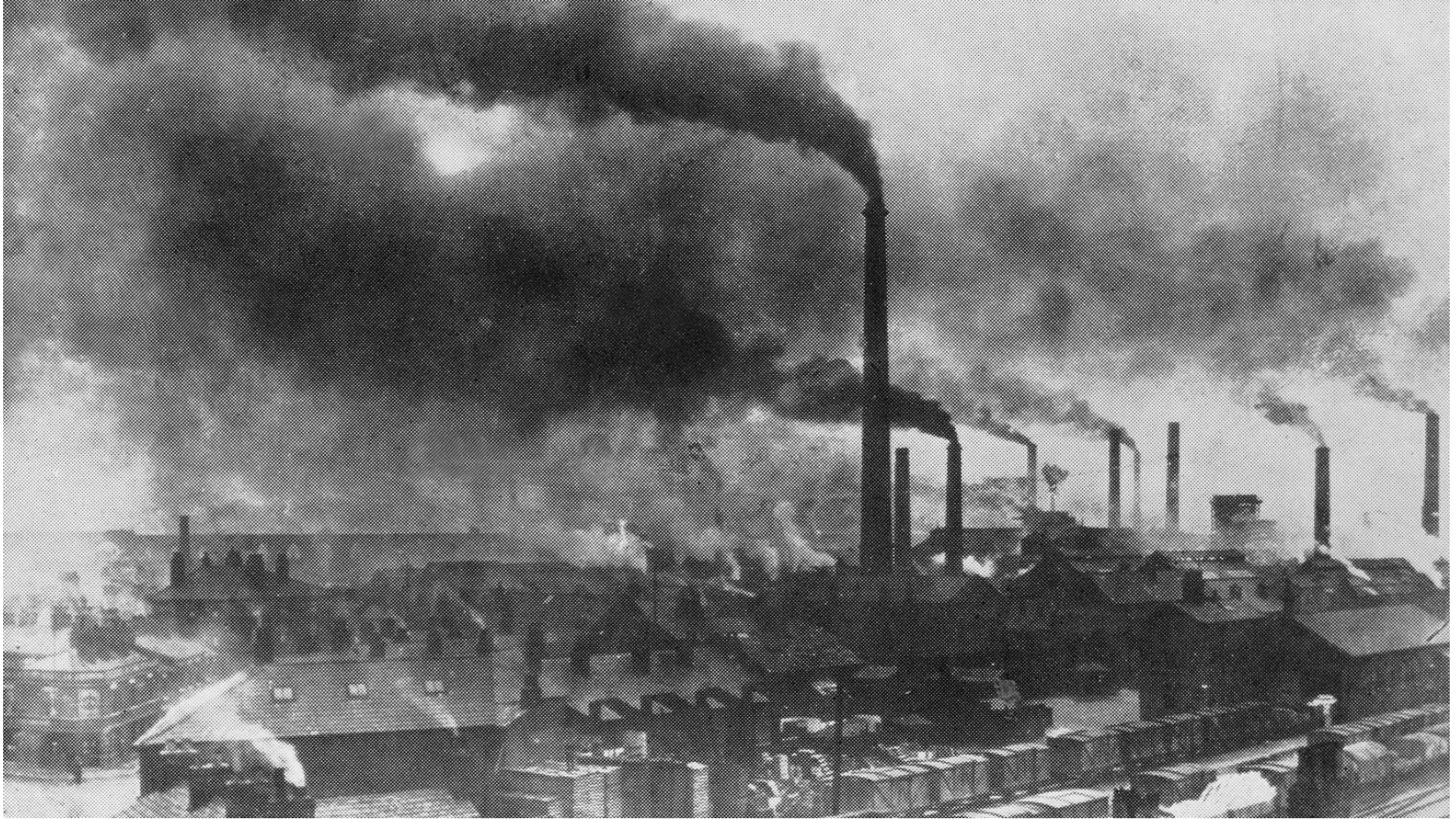
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# Or This?

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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)

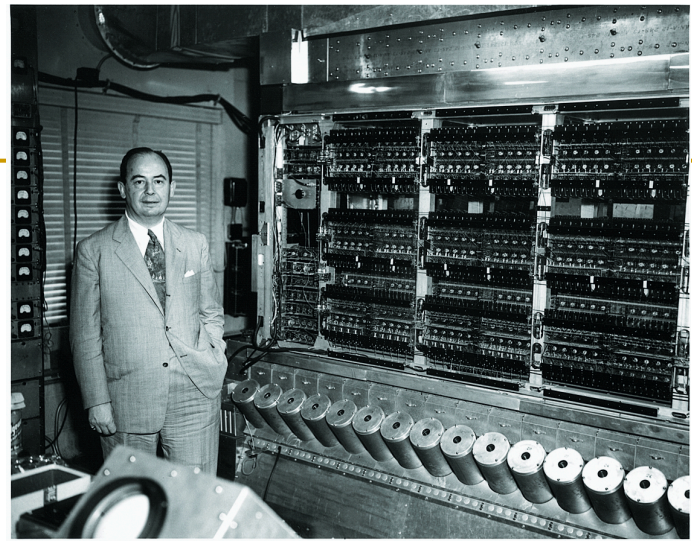
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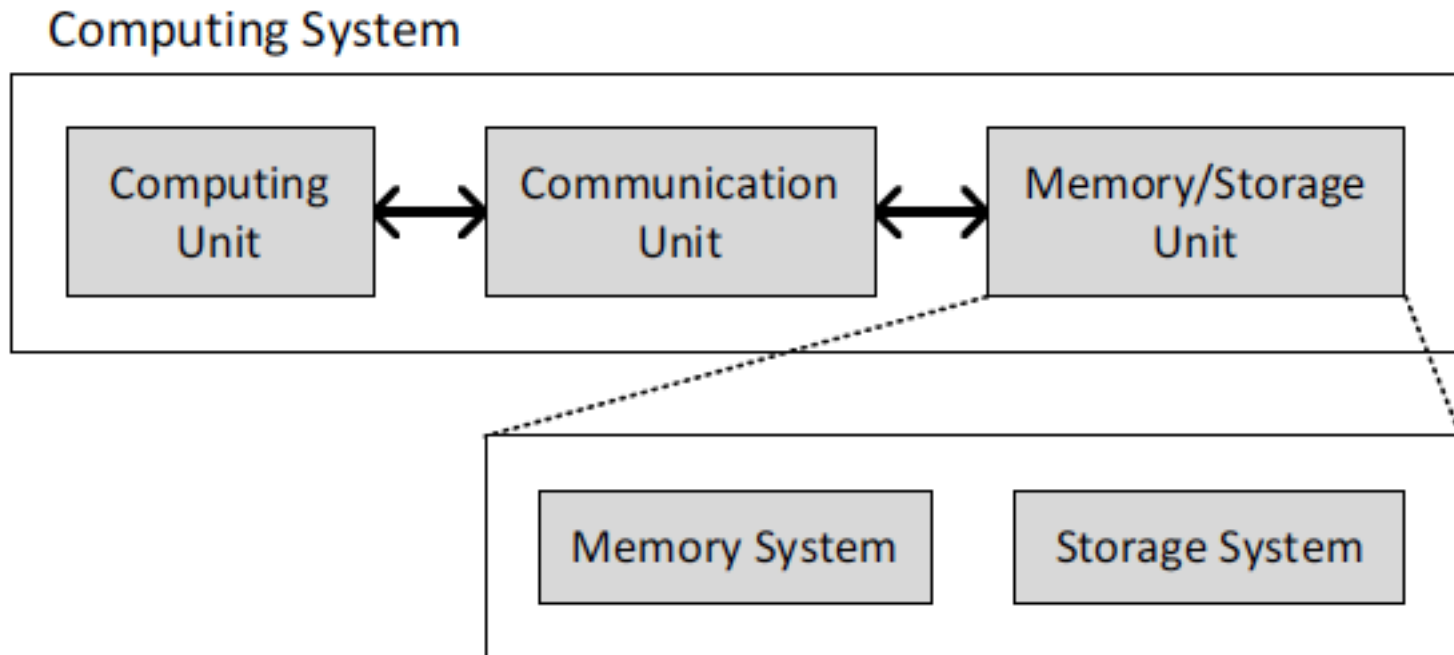
Processing of data  
is performed  
far away from the data

# A Computing System

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



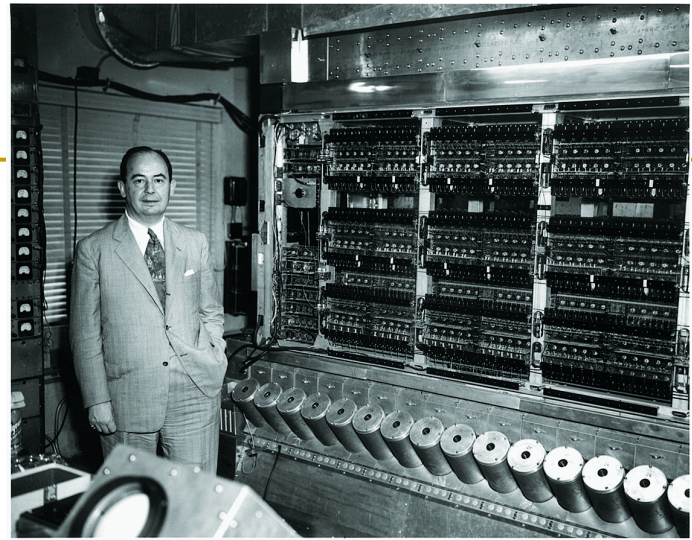
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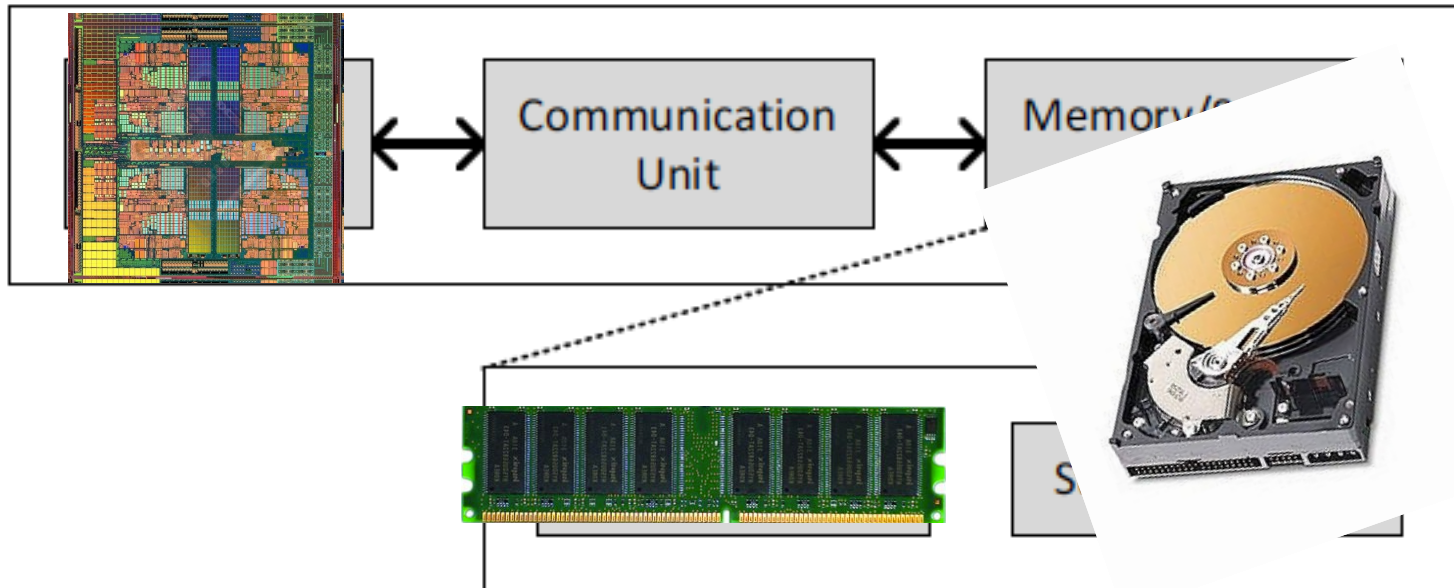
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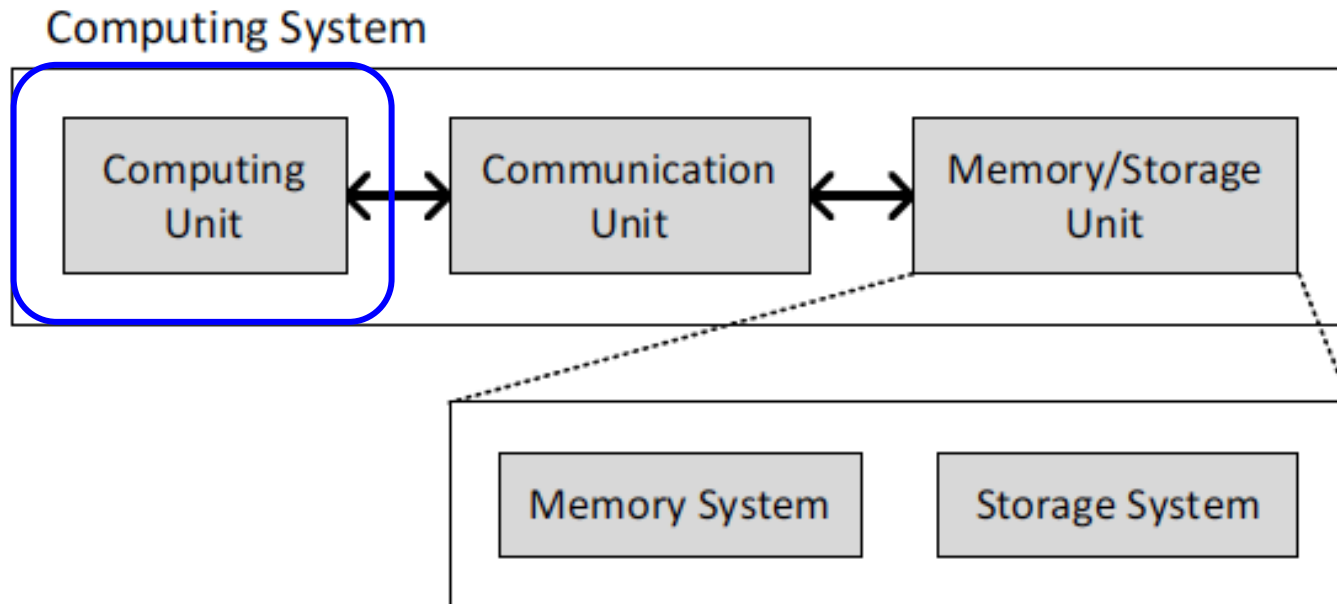
## Computing System



# Today's Computing Systems

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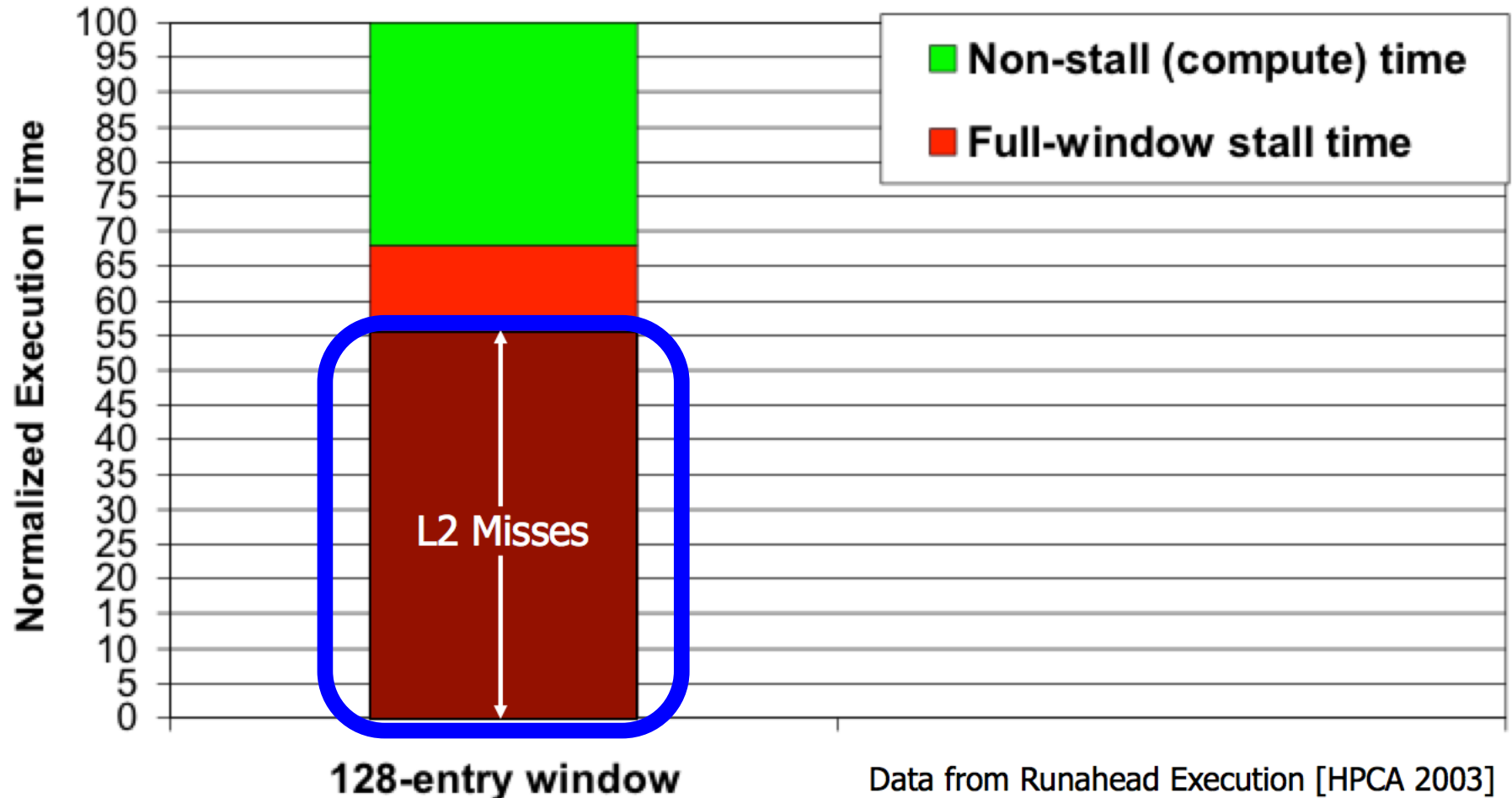
- Are overwhelmingly processor centric
- All data processed in the processor → at great system cost
- Processor is heavily optimized and is considered the master
- Data storage units are dumb and are largely unoptimized (except for some that are on the processor die)



# Yet ...

I expect that over the coming decade memory subsystem design will be the *only* important design issue for microprocessors.

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



# The Performance Perspective

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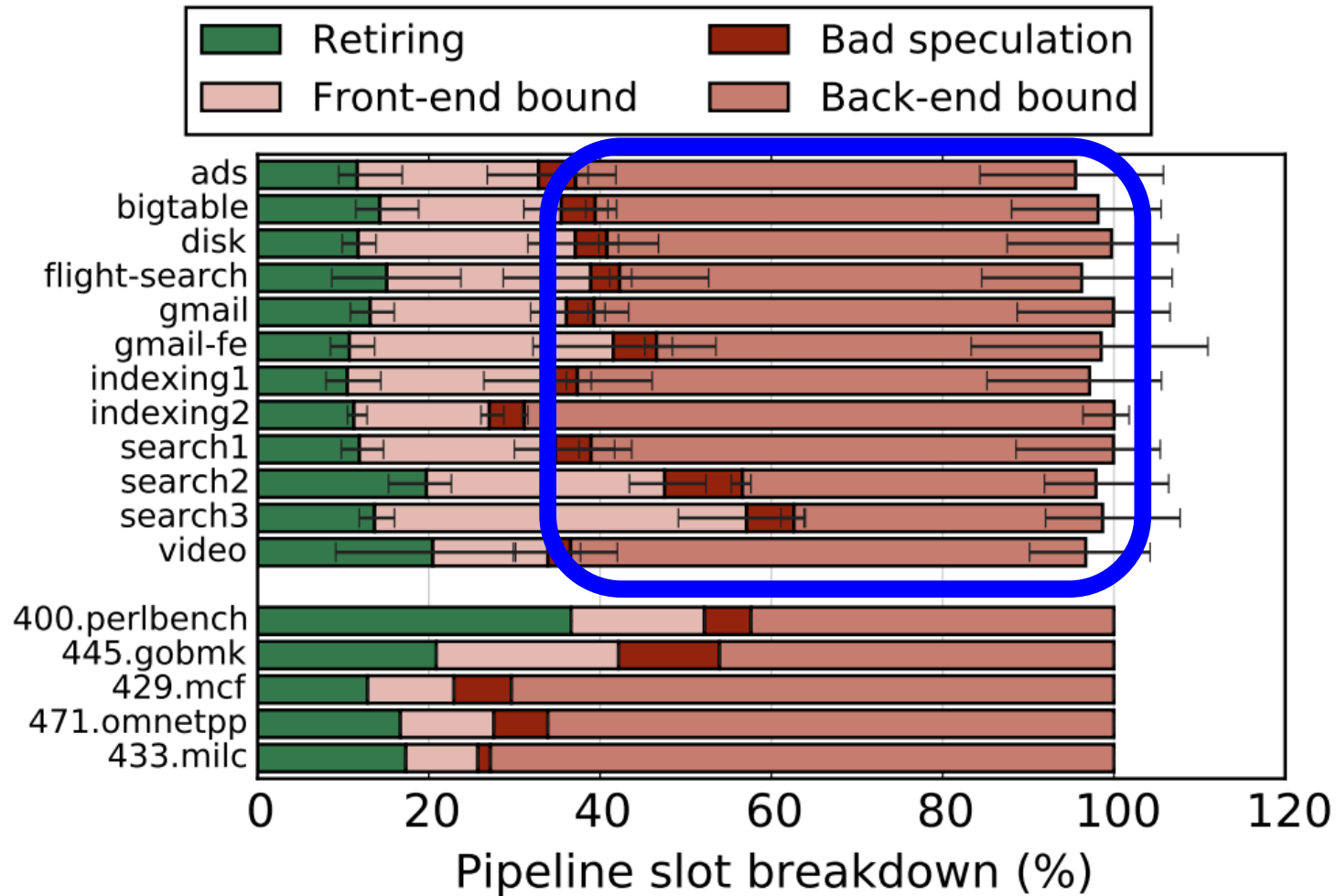
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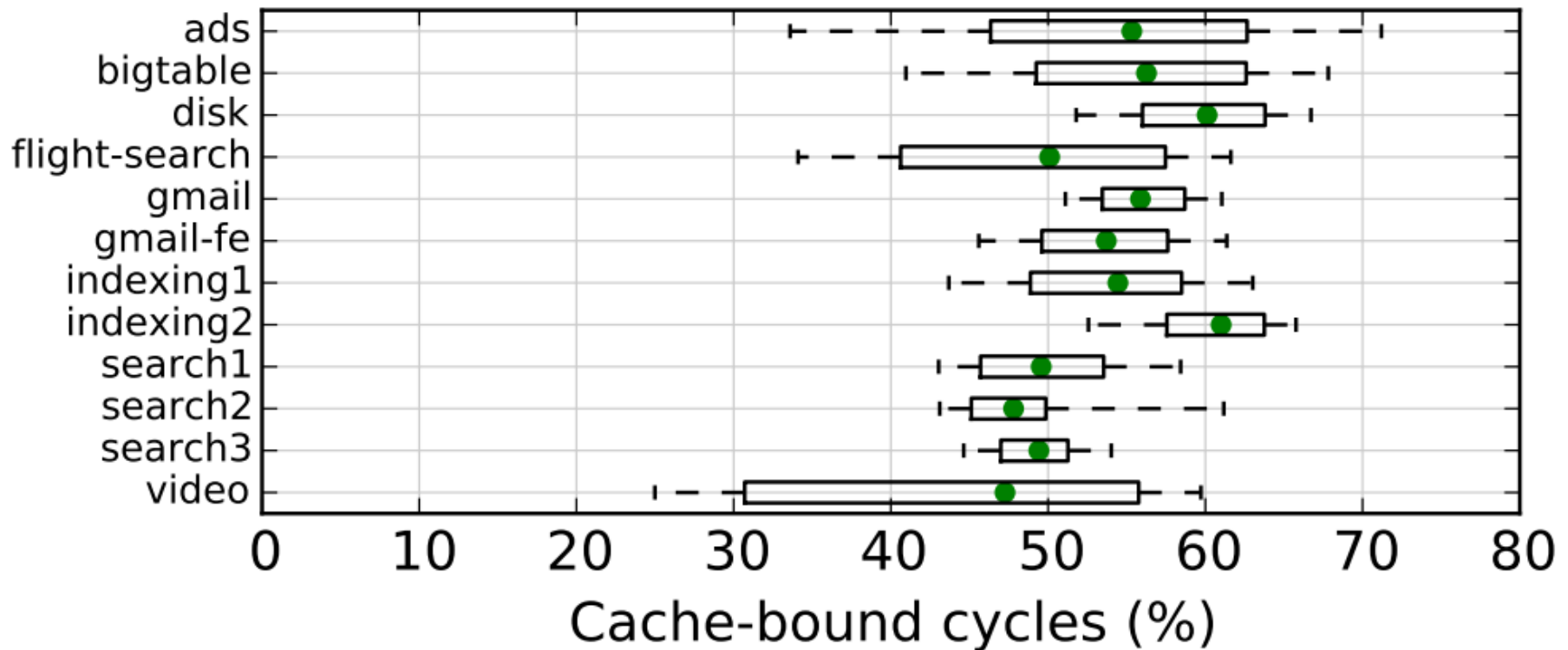
# The Performance Perspective (Today)

- 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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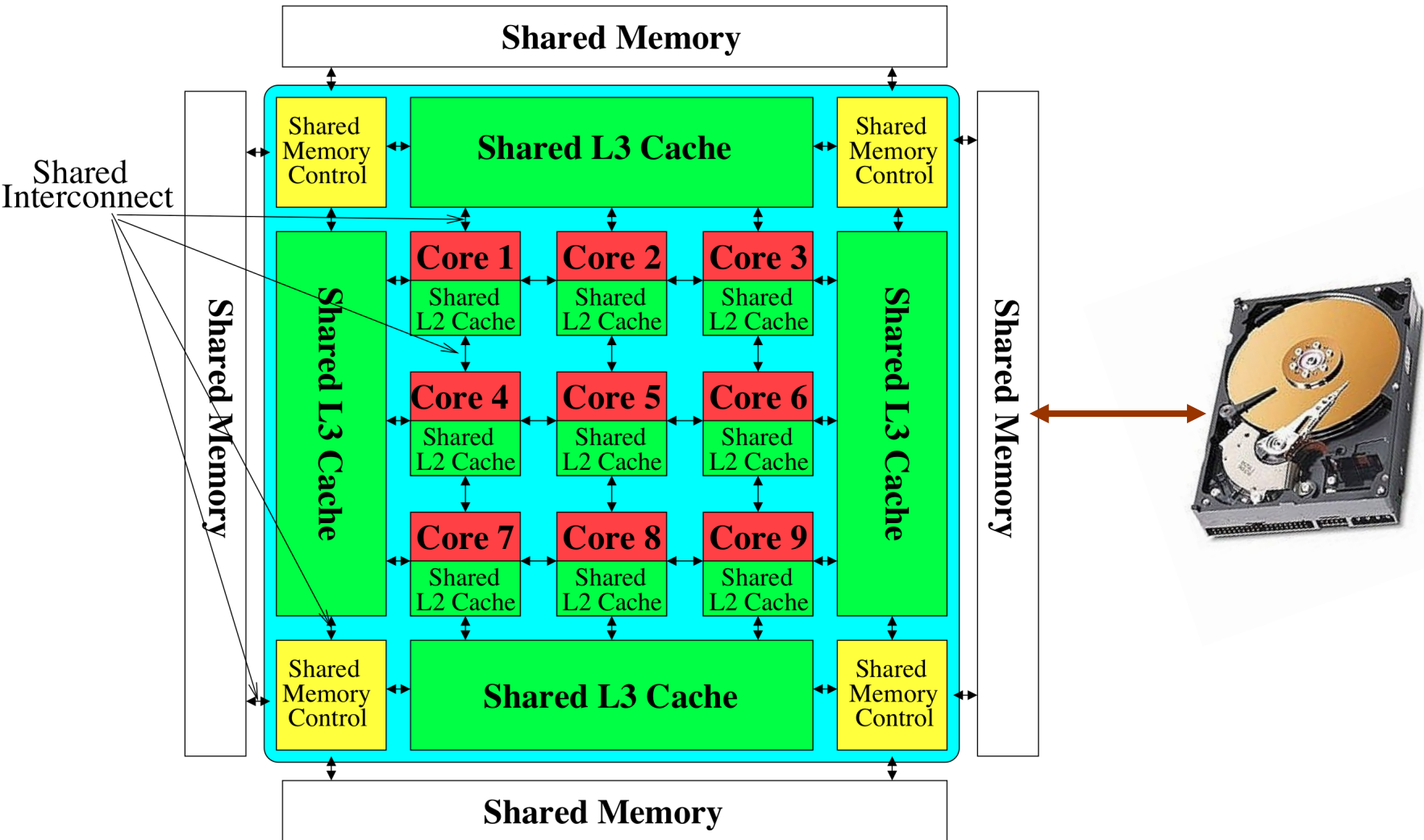
## ■ Grossly-imbalanced systems

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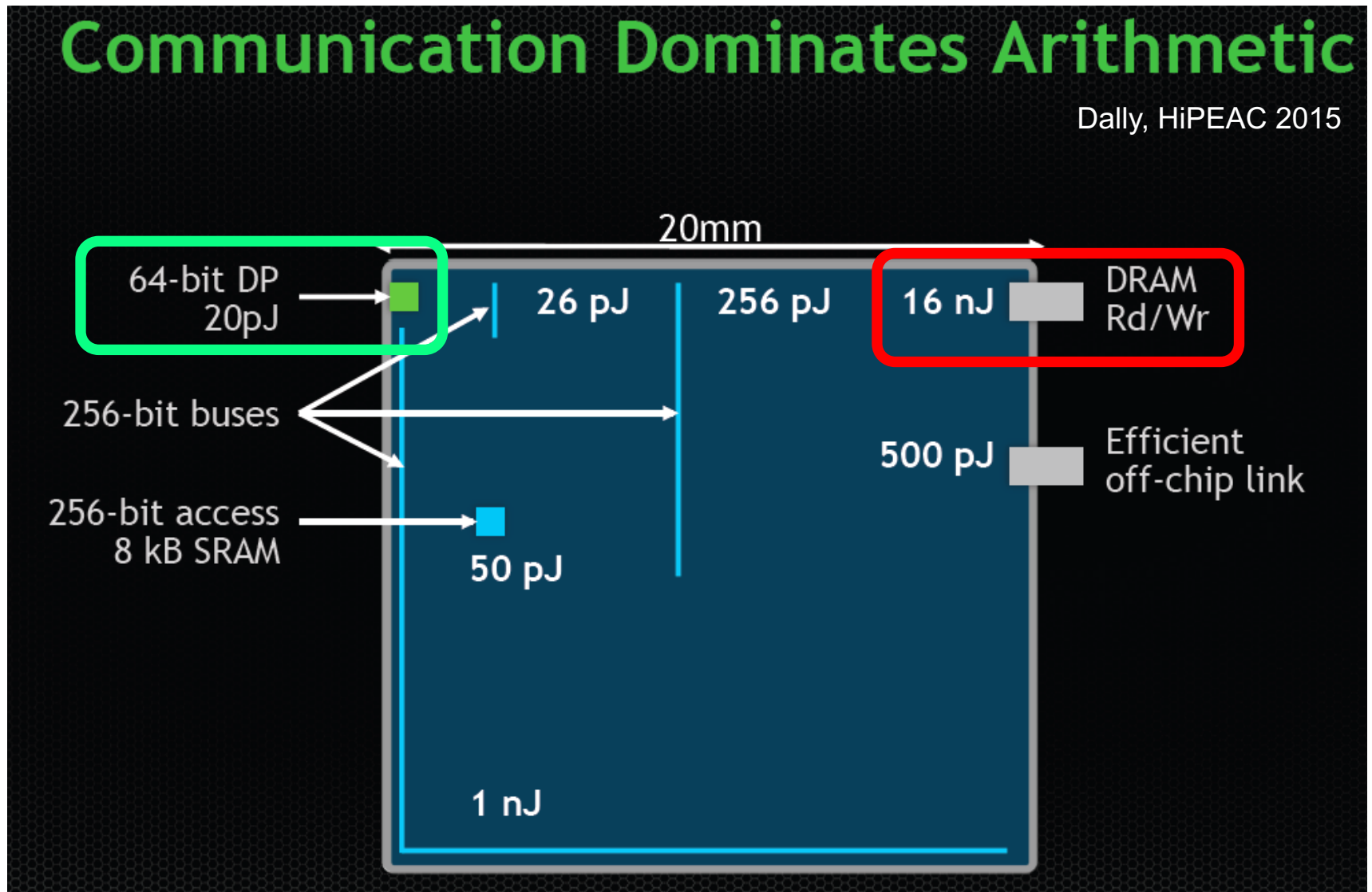
**Most of the system is dedicated to storing and moving data**



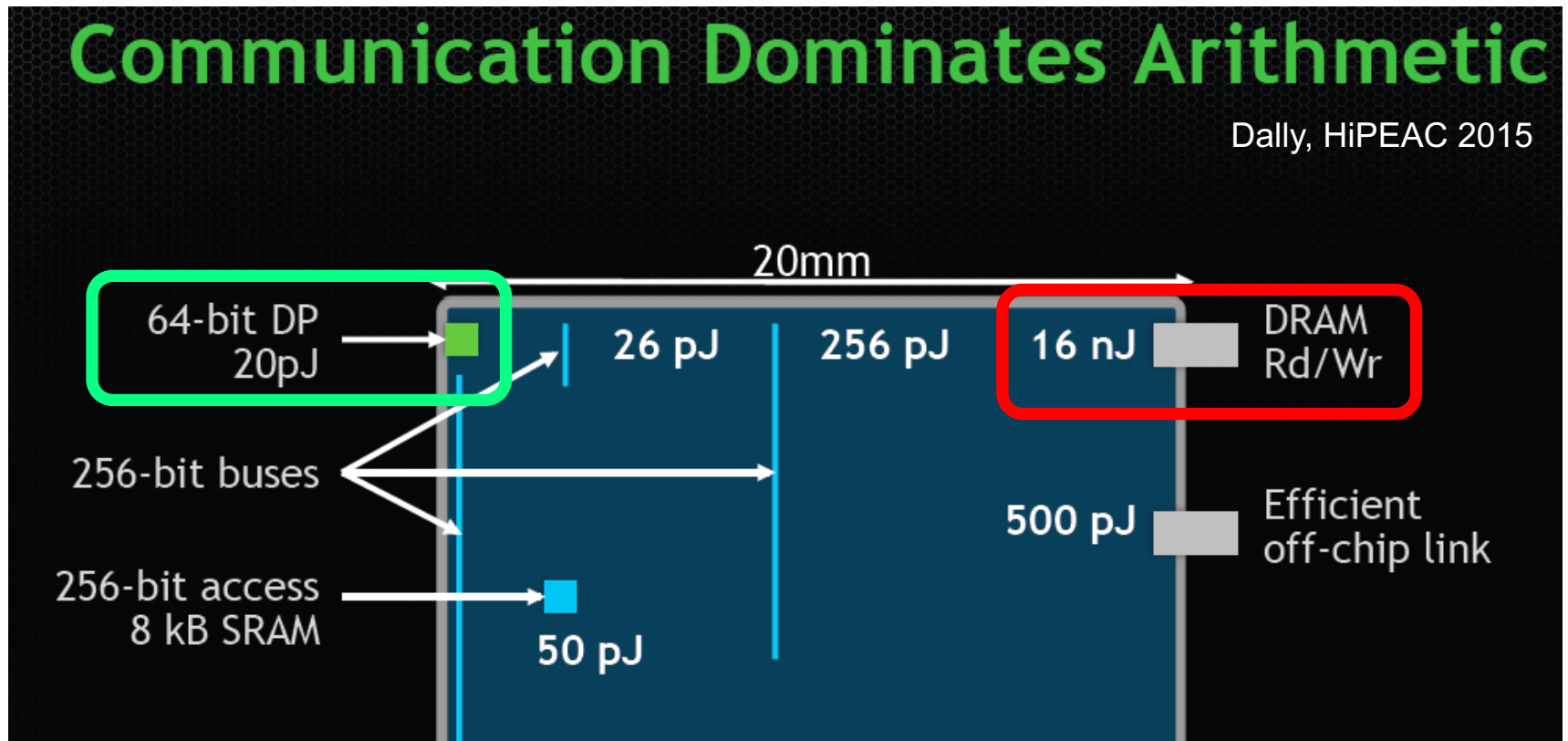
# The Energy Perspective

## Communication Dominates Arithmetic

Dally, HiPEAC 2015



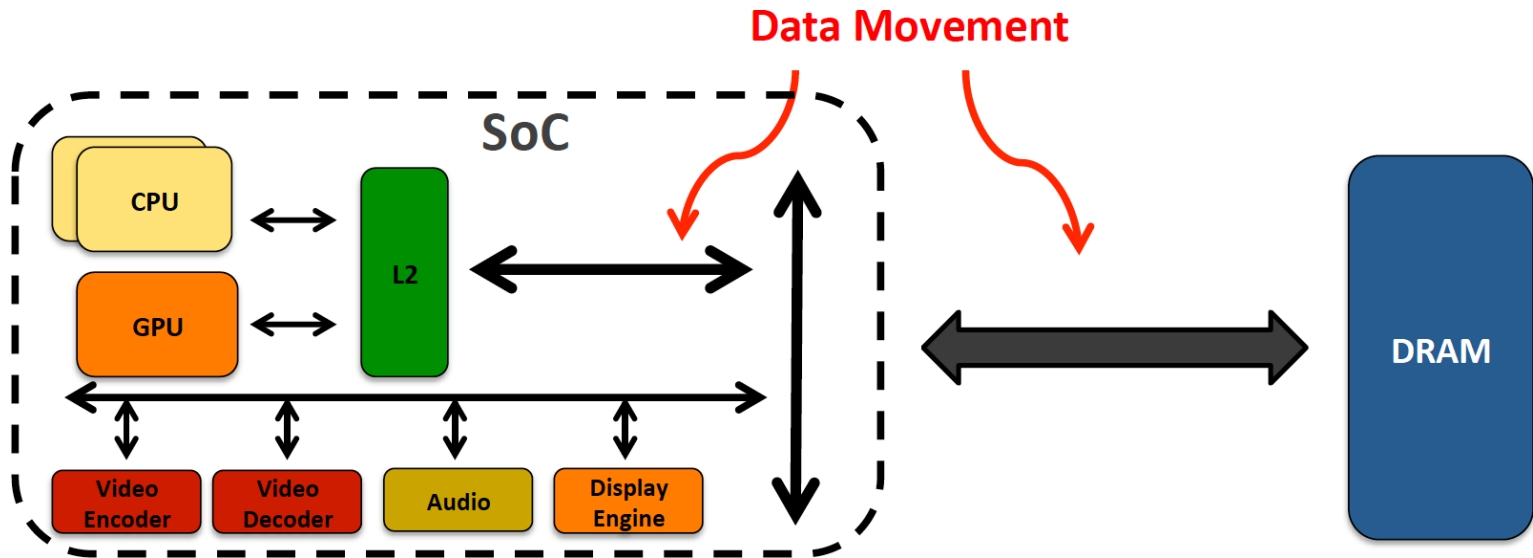
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# Data Movement vs. Computation Energy

- **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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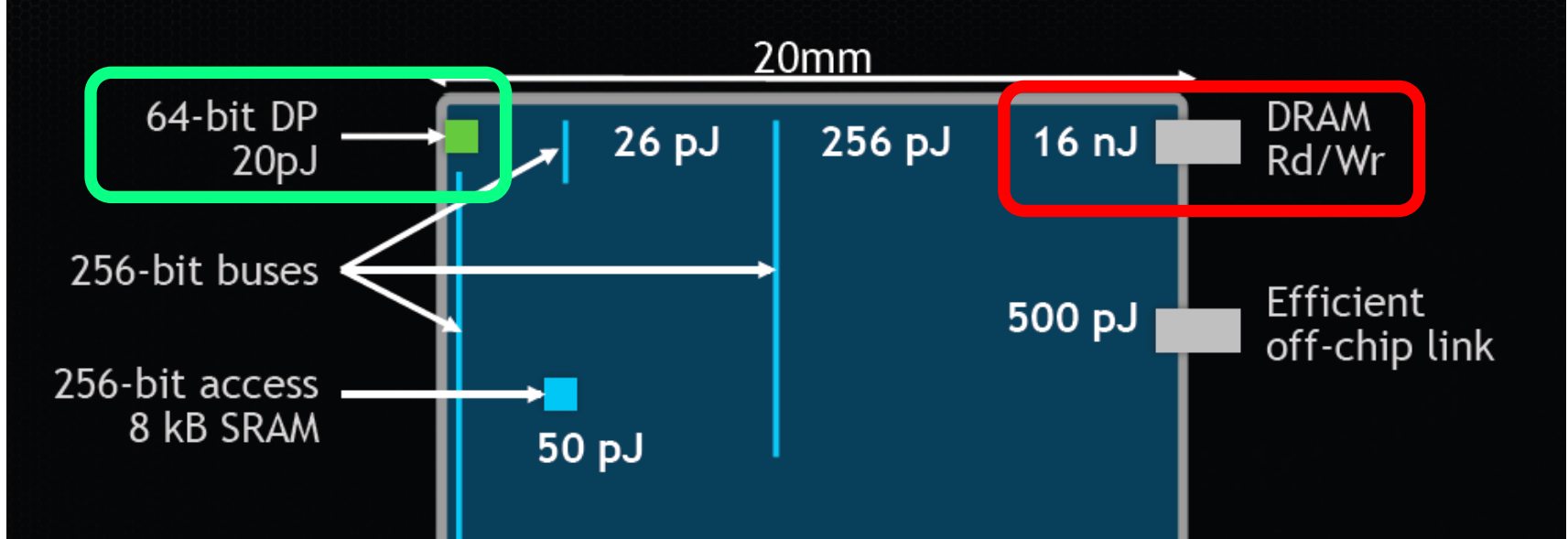
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# We Do Not Want to Move Data!

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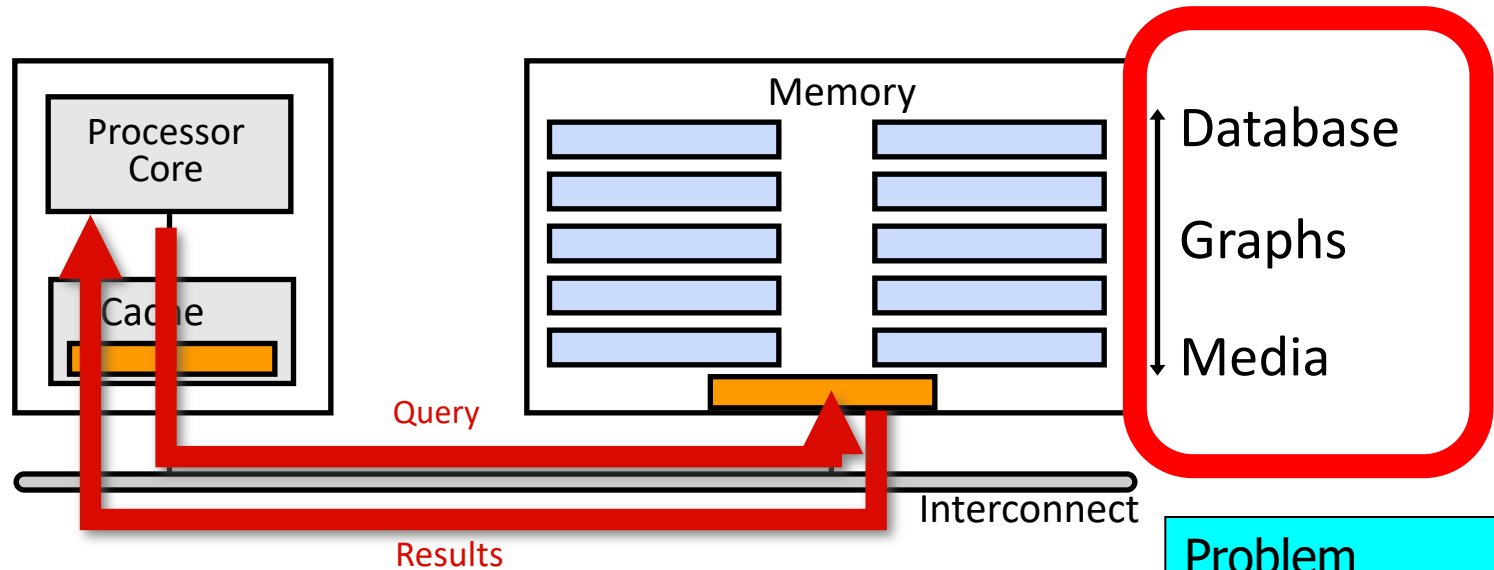
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# We Need A Paradigm Shift To ...

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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, compilers, languages?
  - ❑ algorithms and theoretical foundations?

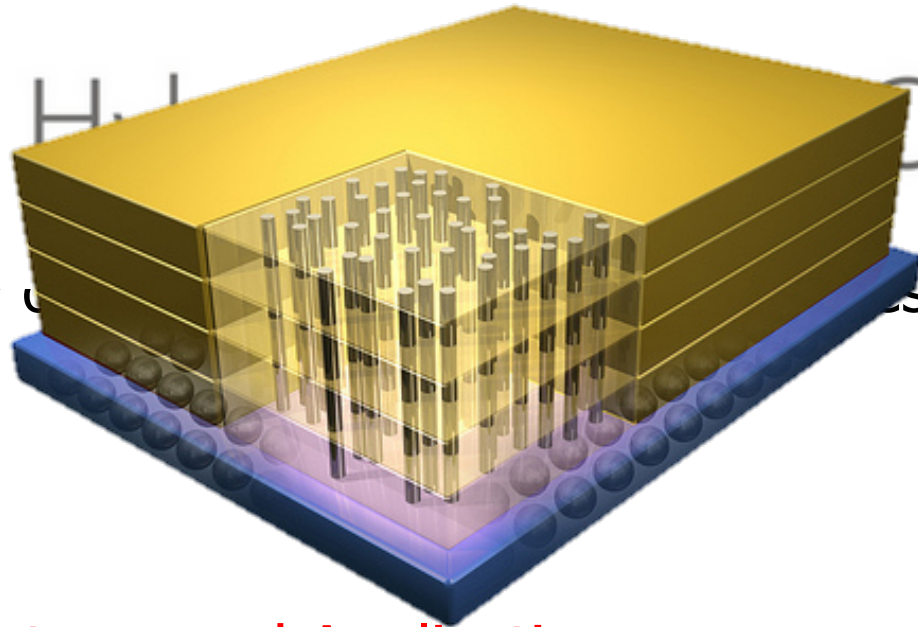
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| Problem            |
| Algorithm          |
| Program/Language   |
| System Software    |
| SW/HW Interface    |
| Micro-architecture |
| Logic              |
| Devices            |
| Electrons          |



# Why In-Memory Computation Today?



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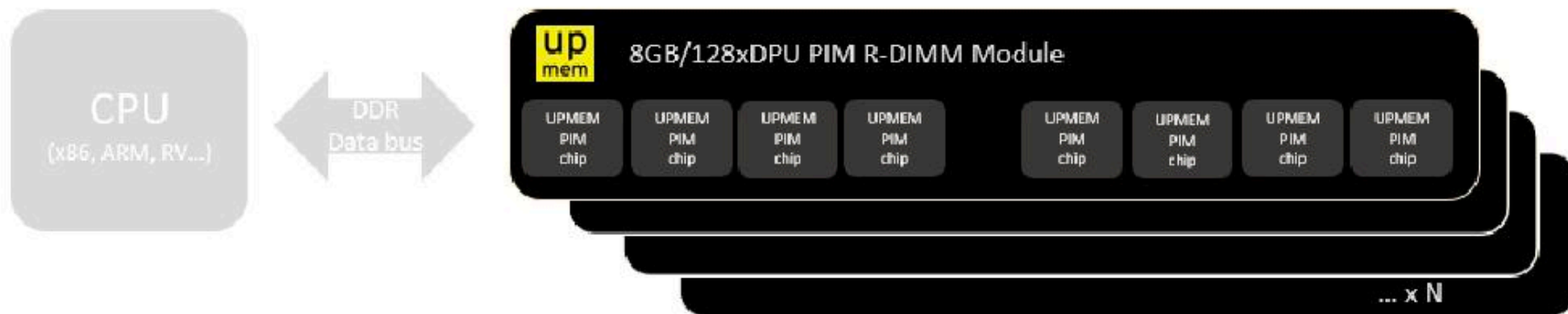
## ■ Pull from Systems and Applications

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



# UPMEM Processing-in-DRAM Engine (2019)

- **Processing in DRAM Engine**
- Includes **standard DIMM modules**, with a **large number of DPU processors** combined with DRAM chips.
- Replaces **standard DIMMs**
  - DDR4 R-DIMM modules
    - 8GB+128 DPUs (16 PIM chips)
    - Standard 2x-nm DRAM process
  - **Large amounts of** compute & memory bandwidth



We Need to Think Differently  
from the Past Approaches

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# Processing in Memory: Two Approaches

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

# Approach 1: Minimally Changing DRAM

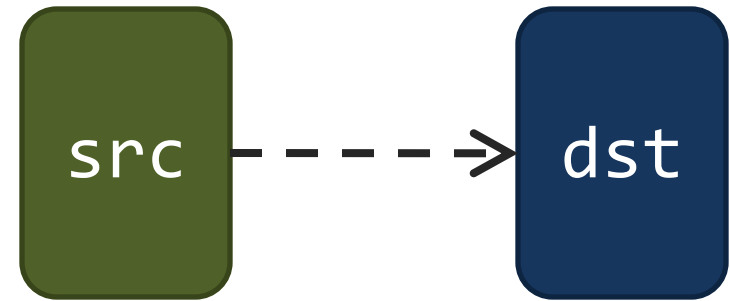
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- DRAM has great capability to perform **bulk data movement and computation** internally with small changes
  - Can **exploit internal connectivity** to move data
  - Can **exploit analog computation capability**
  - ...
- Examples: RowClone, In-DRAM 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)
  - Gather-Scatter DRAM: In-DRAM Address Translation to Improve the Spatial Locality of Non-unit Strided Accesses (Seshadri et al., MICRO 2015)
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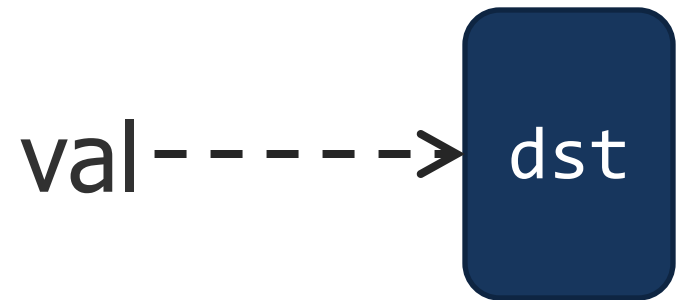
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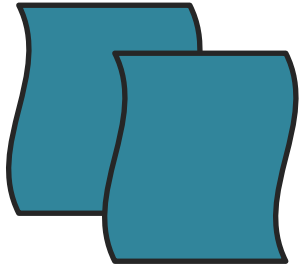


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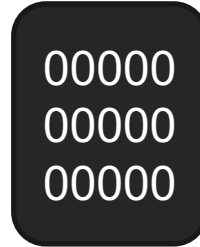


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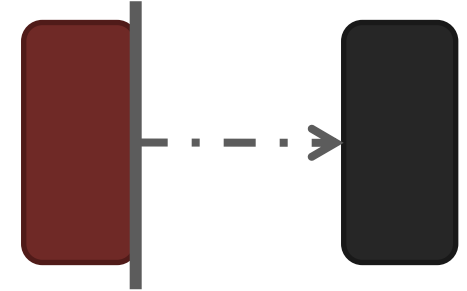
*memmove & memcpy: 5% cycles in Google's datacenter [Kanev+ ISCA'15]*



**Forking**



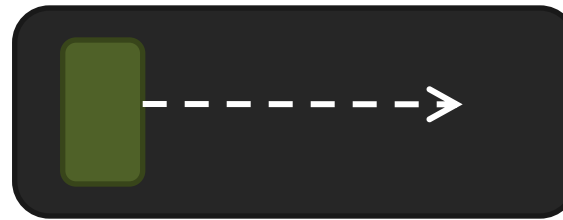
**Zero initialization  
(e.g., security)**



**Checkpointing**



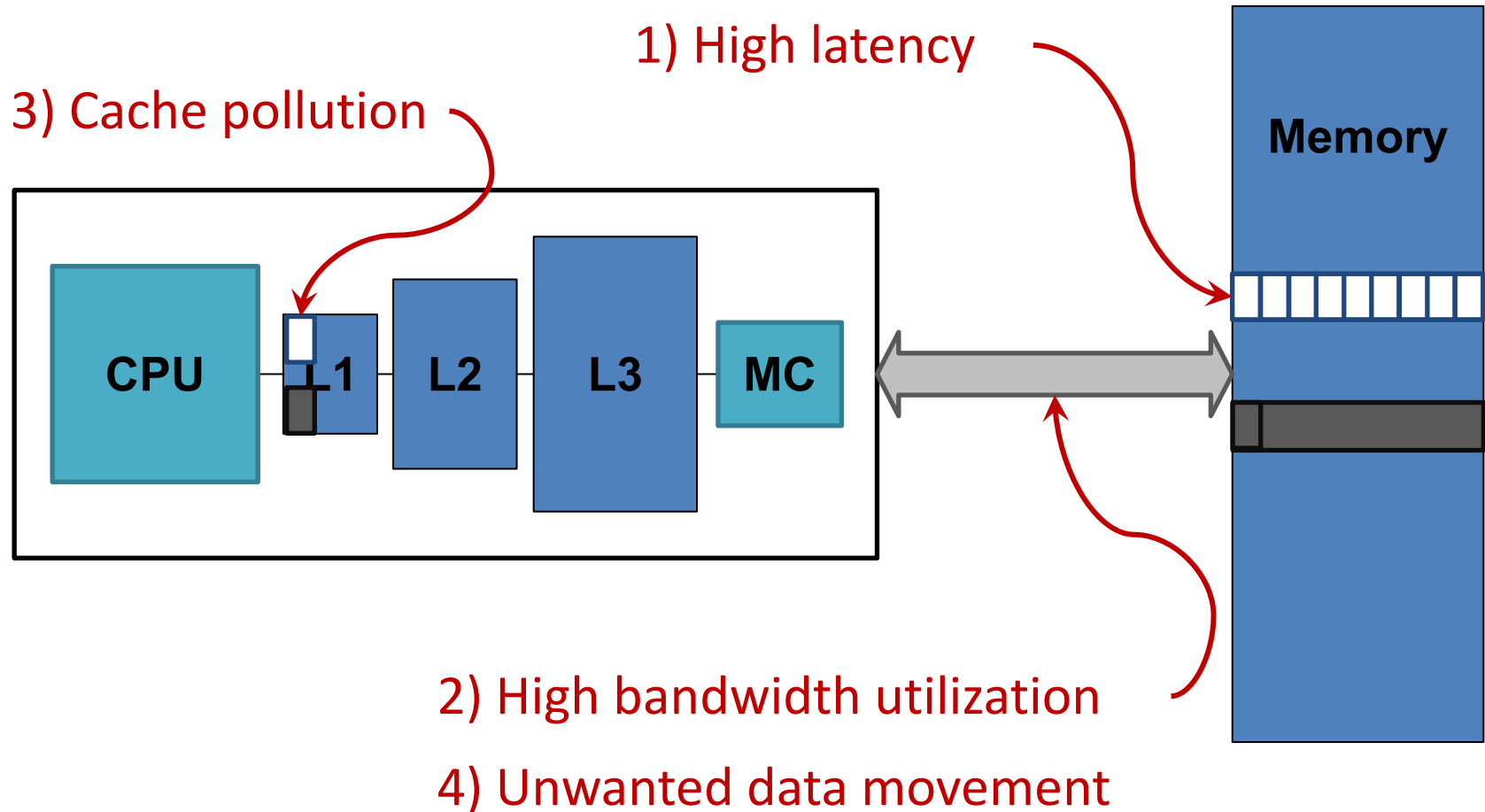
**VM Cloning  
Deduplication**



**Page Migration**

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**Many more**

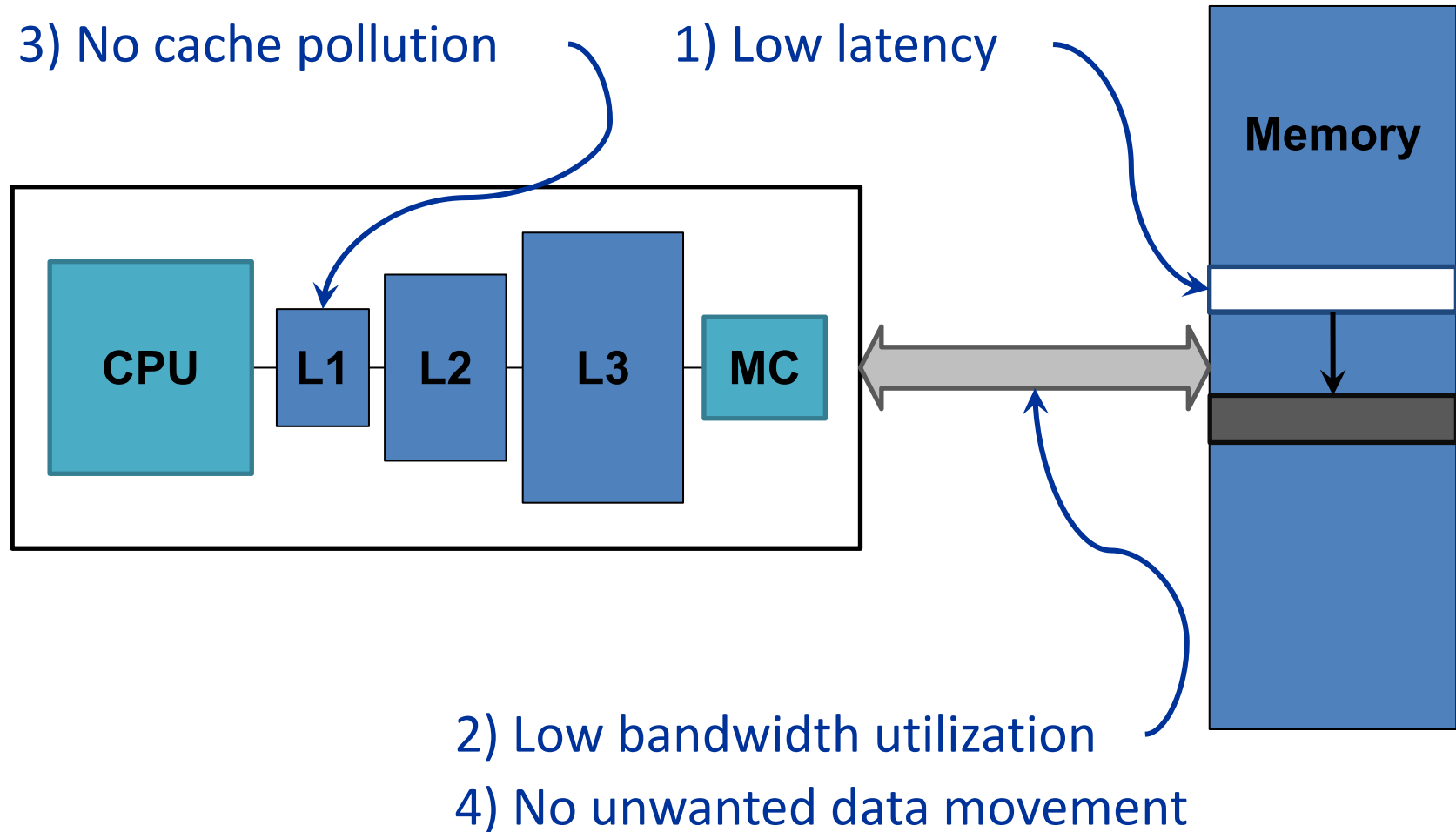
# Today's Systems: Bulk Data Copy



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



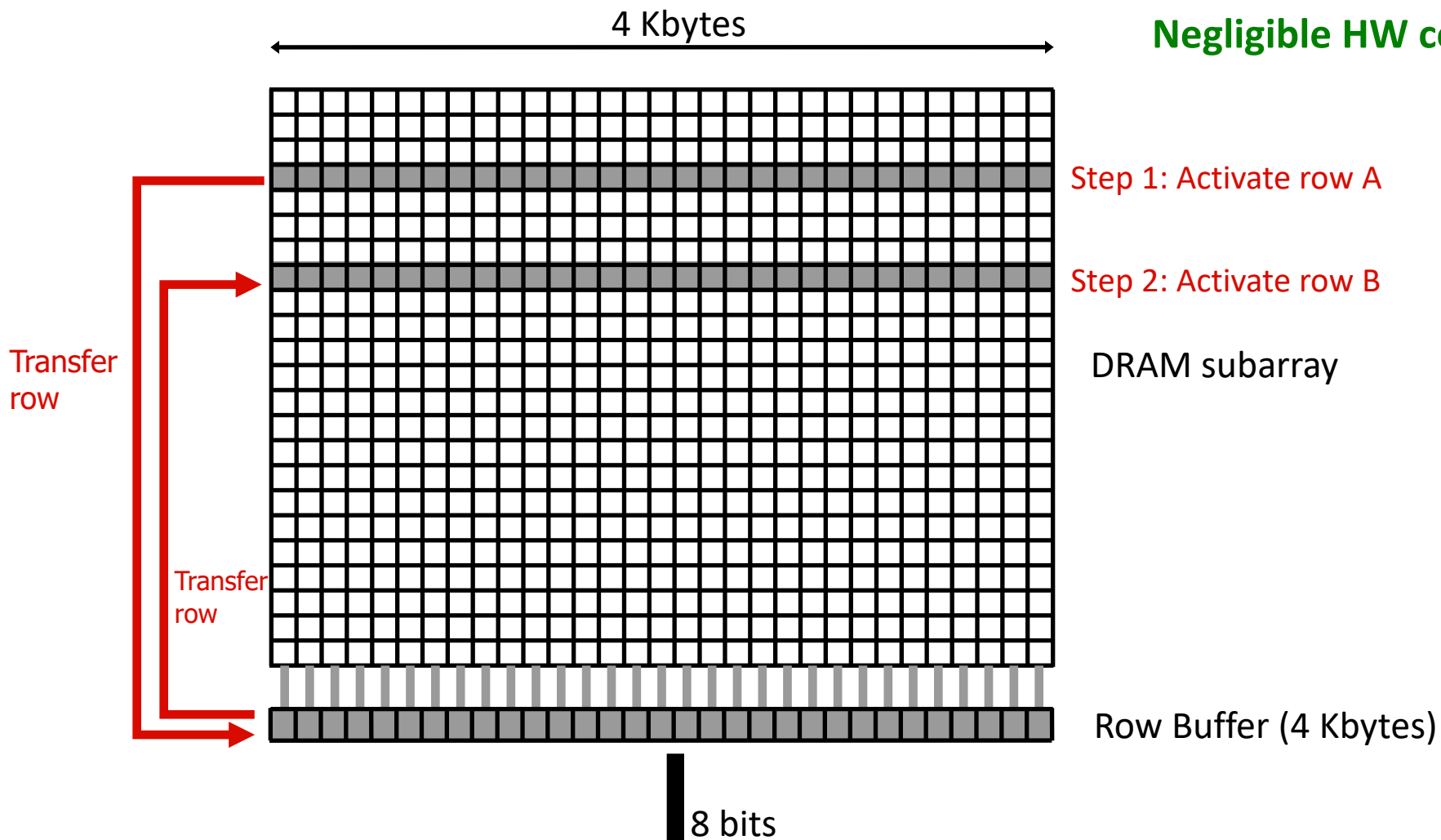
# Future Systems: In-Memory Copy



1046ns, 3.6uJ → 90ns, 0.04uJ

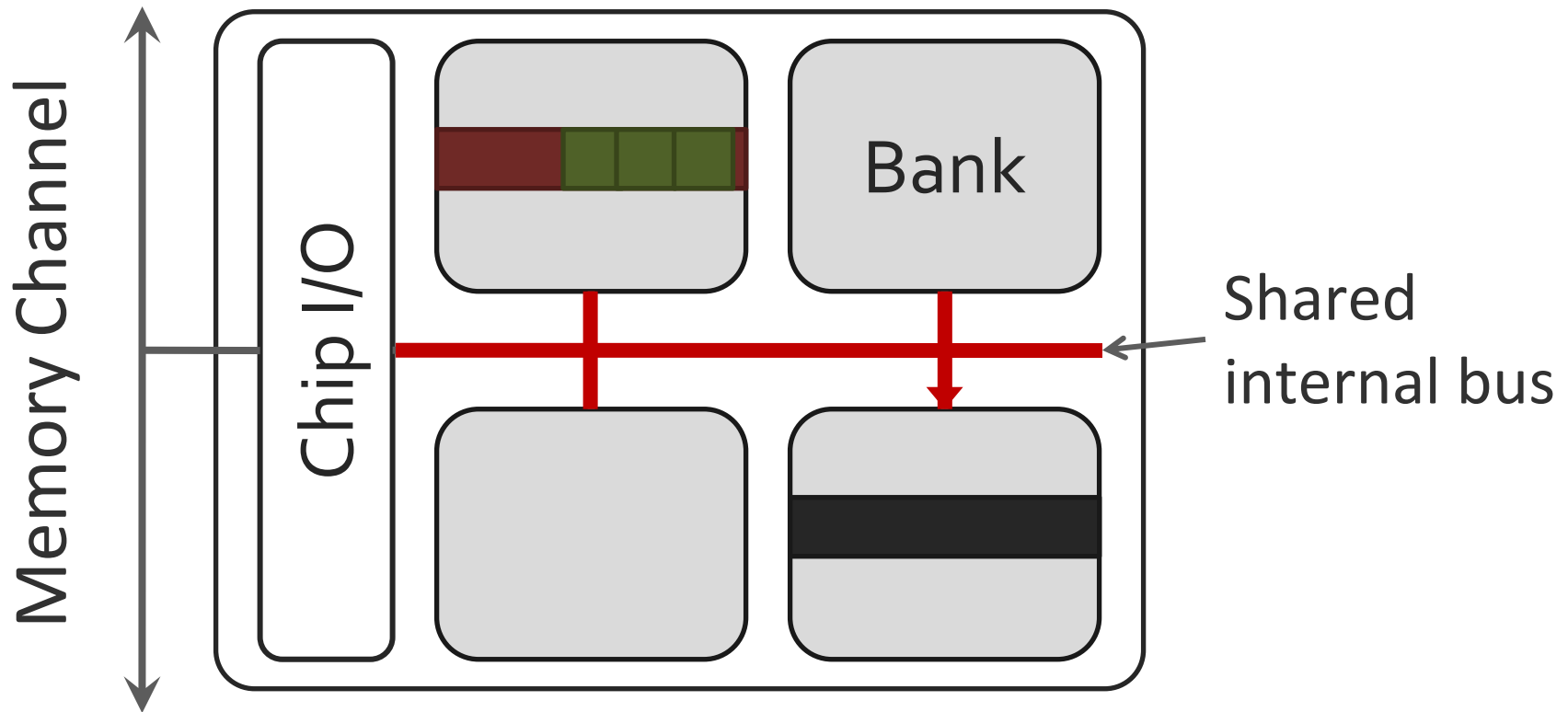
# RowClone: In-DRAM Row Copy

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



**11.6X** latency reduction, **74X** energy reduction

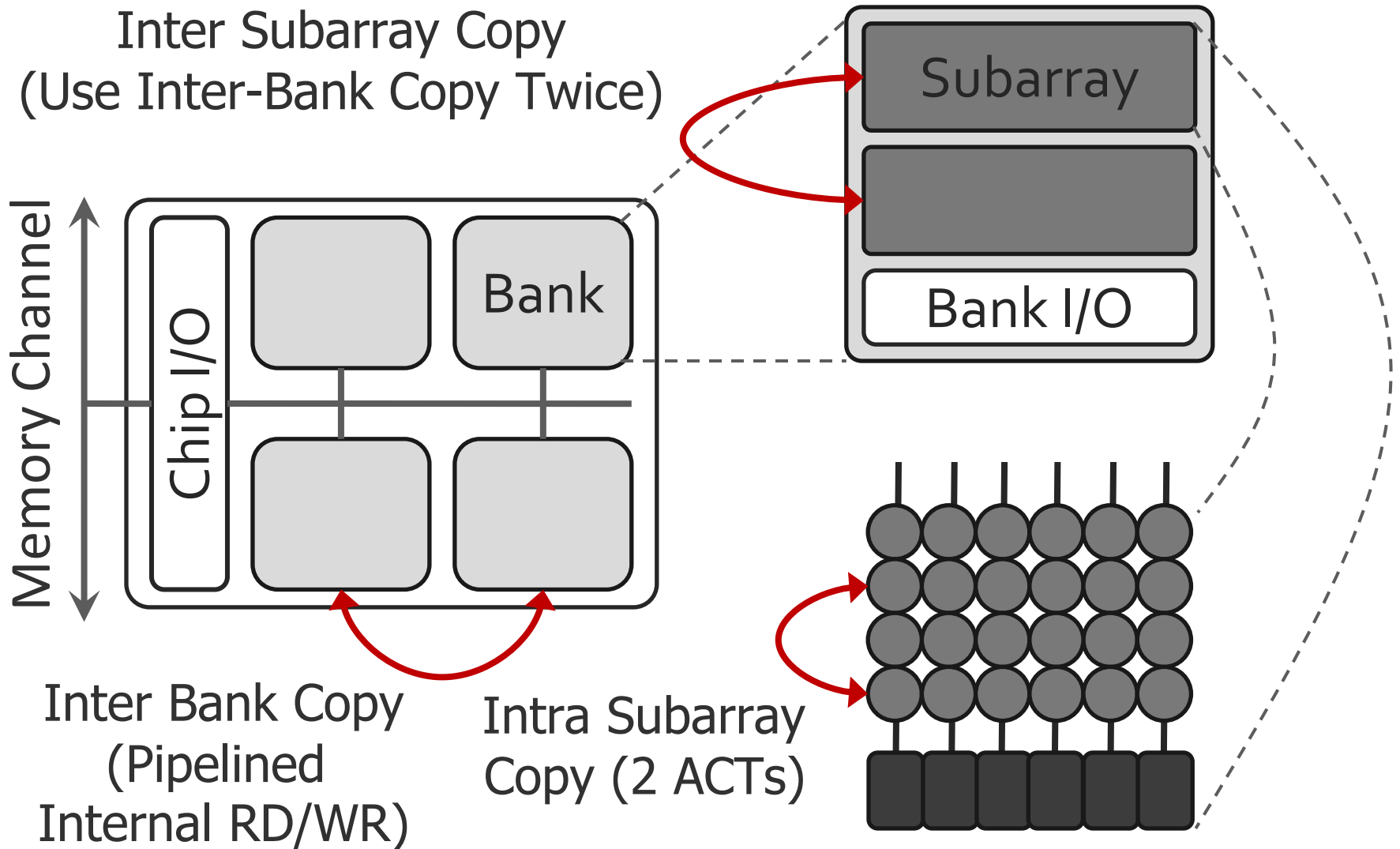
# RowClone: Inter-Bank



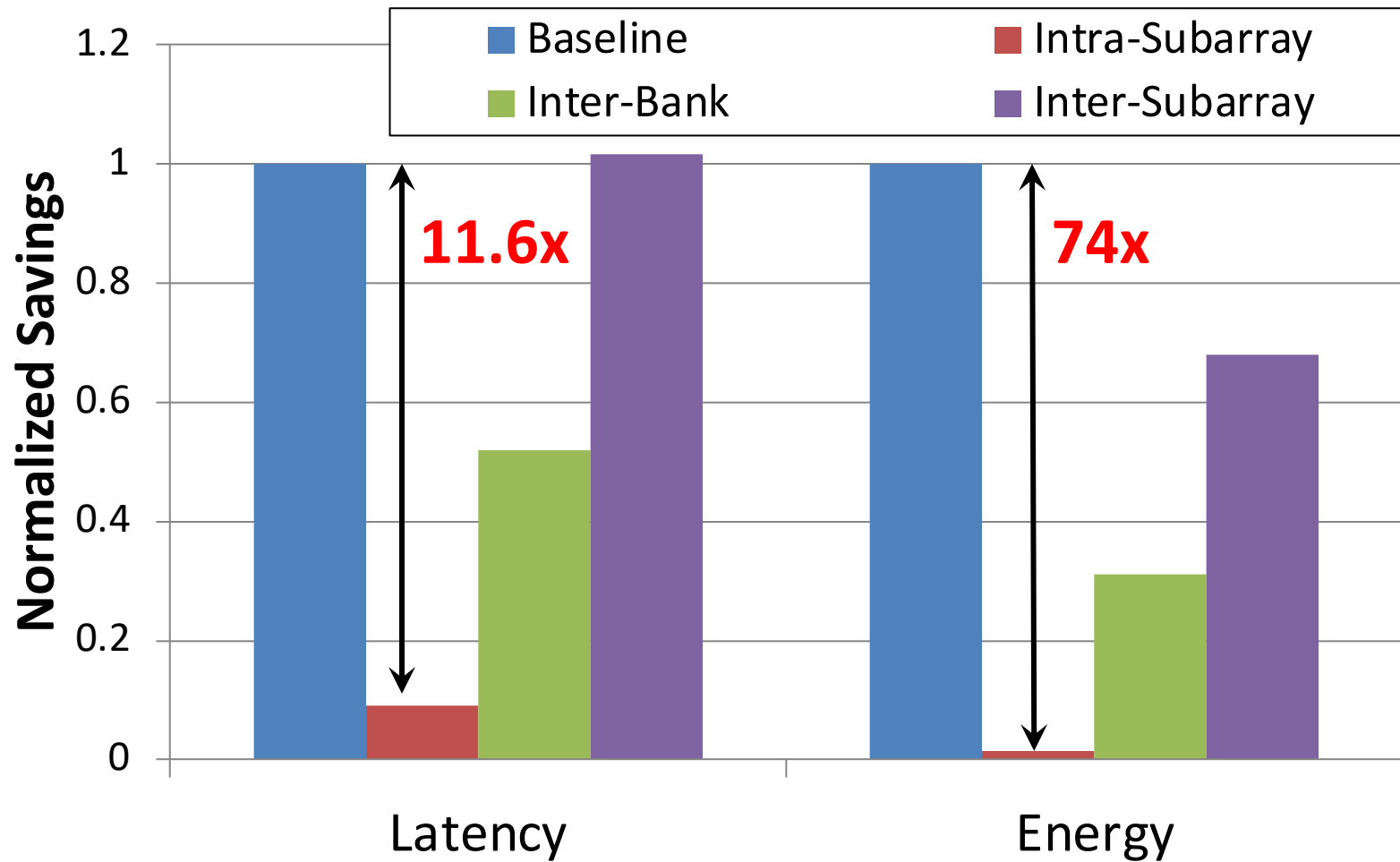
Overlap the latency of the read and the write  
**1.9X** latency reduction, **3.2X** energy reduction

# Generalized RowClone

**0.01% area cost**



# RowClone: 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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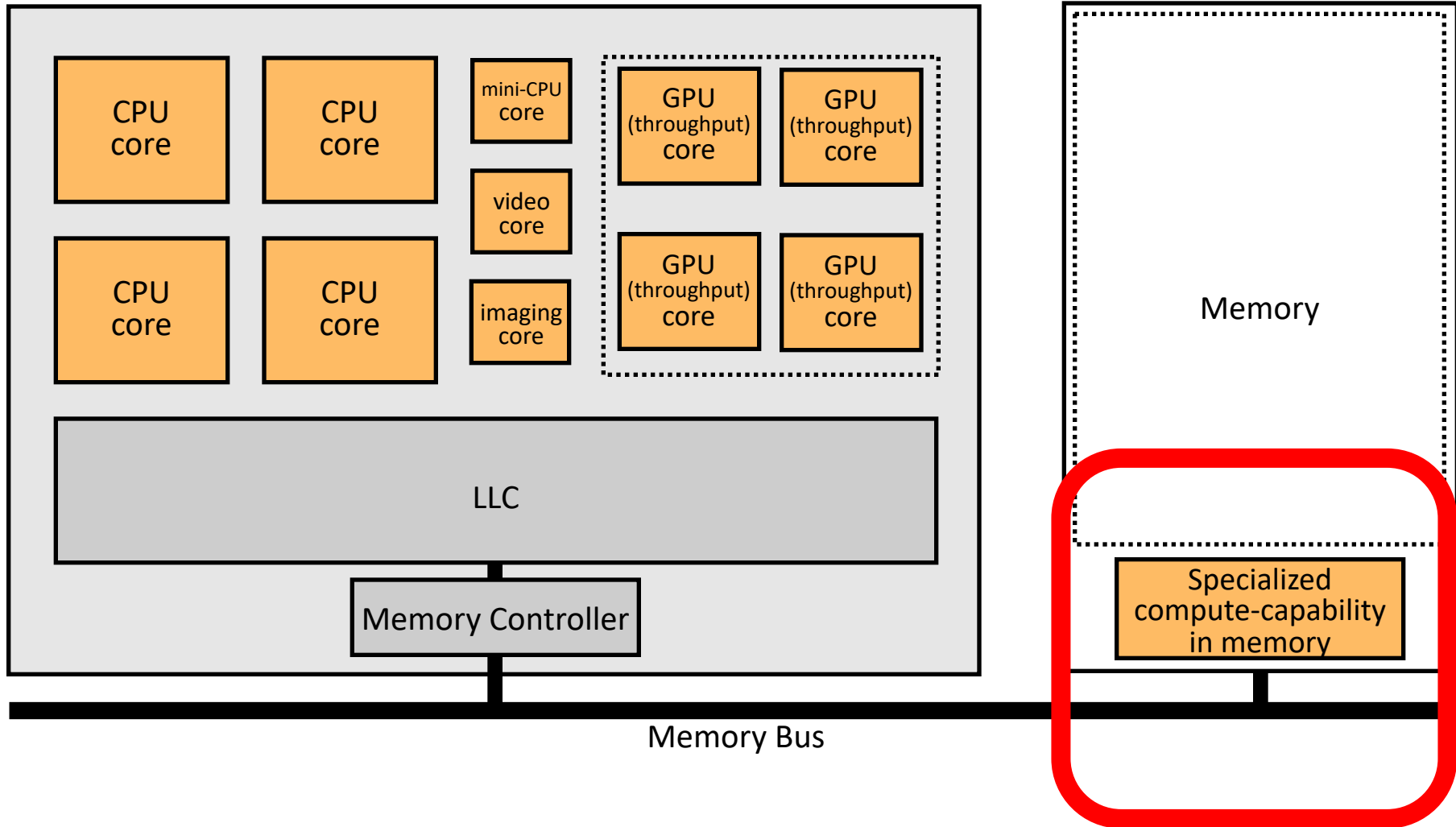
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# Memory as an Accelerator



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

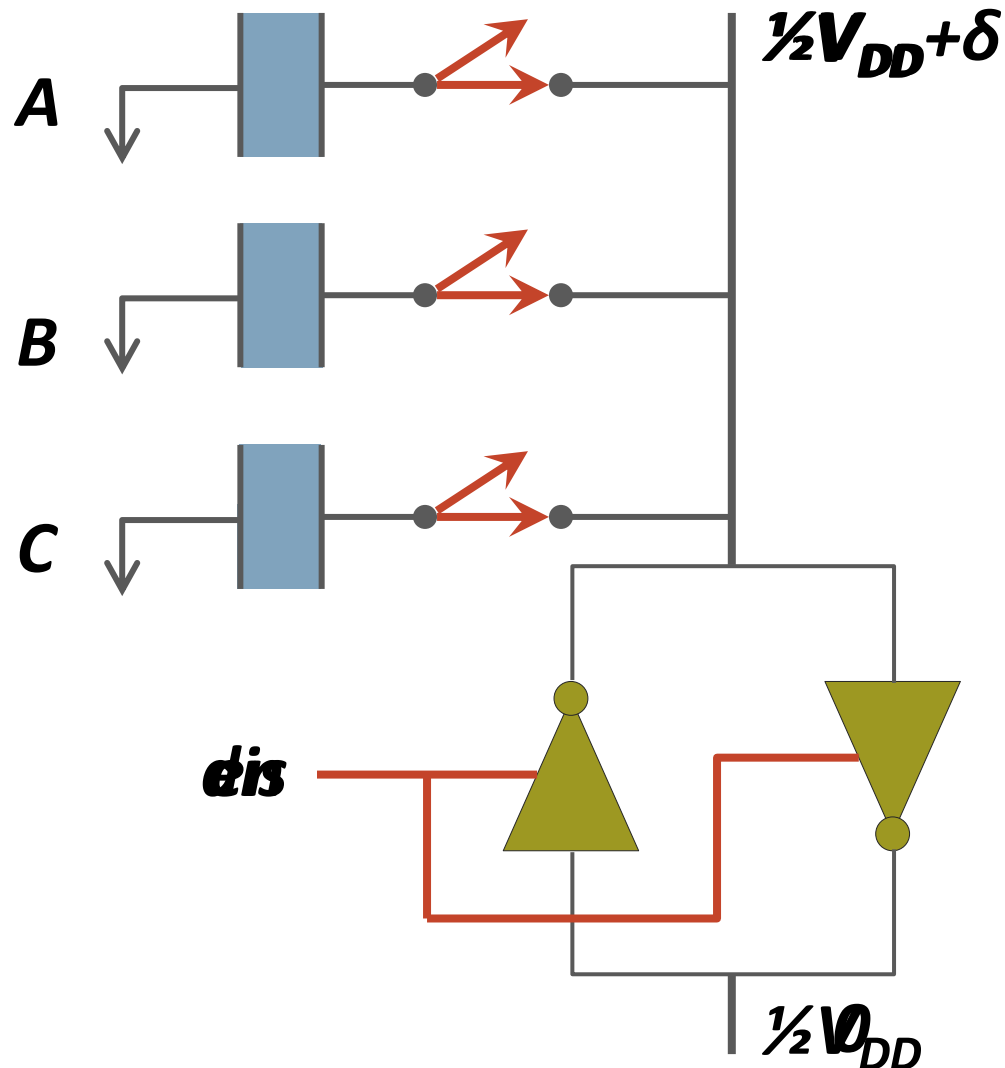


# In-Memory Bulk Bitwise Operations

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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**  
 **$AB + BC + AC$**

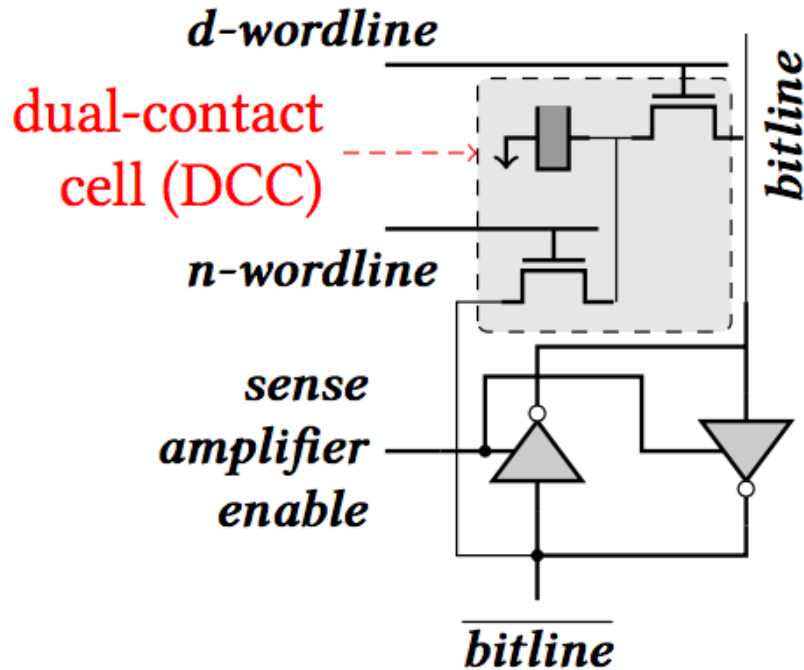
**$C(A + B) +$   
 **$\sim C(AB)$****

# 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
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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

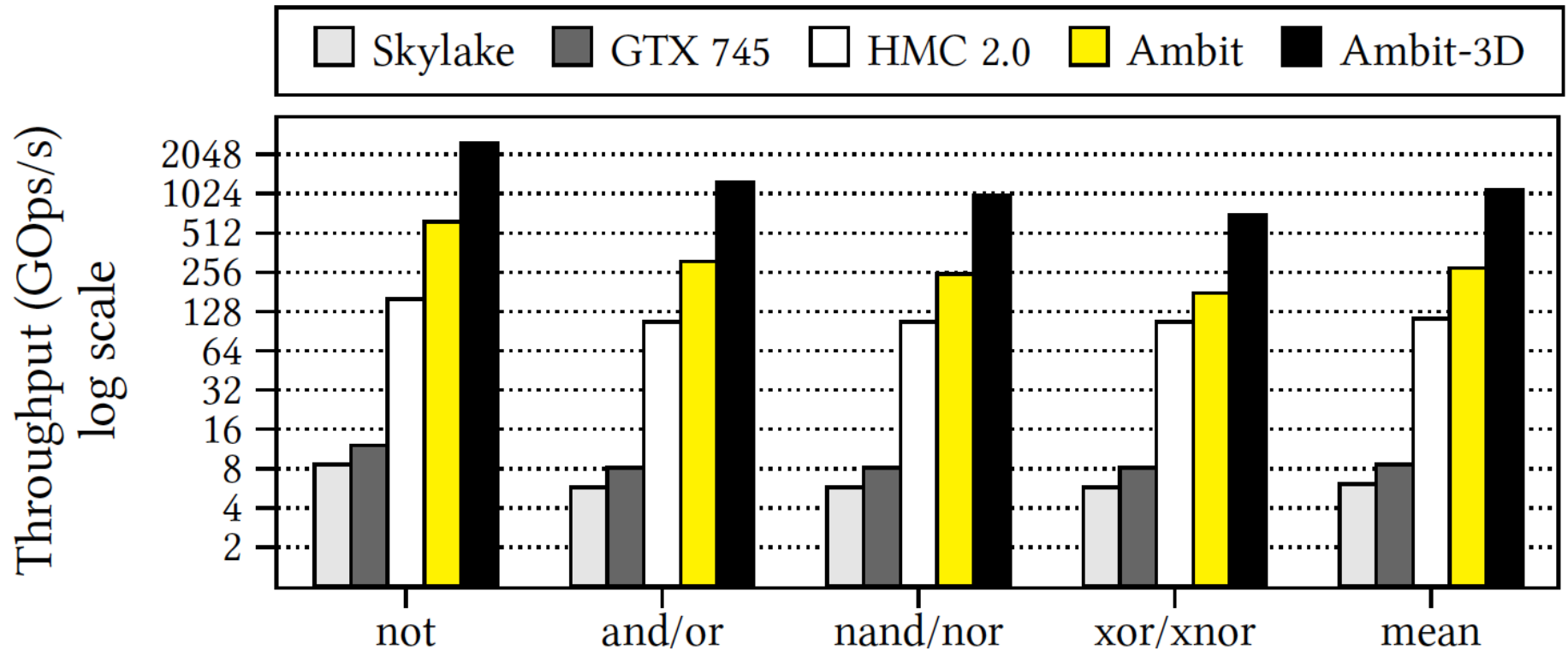
# In-DRAM NOT: Dual Contact Cell



**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

# Performance: In-DRAM Bitwise Operations



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

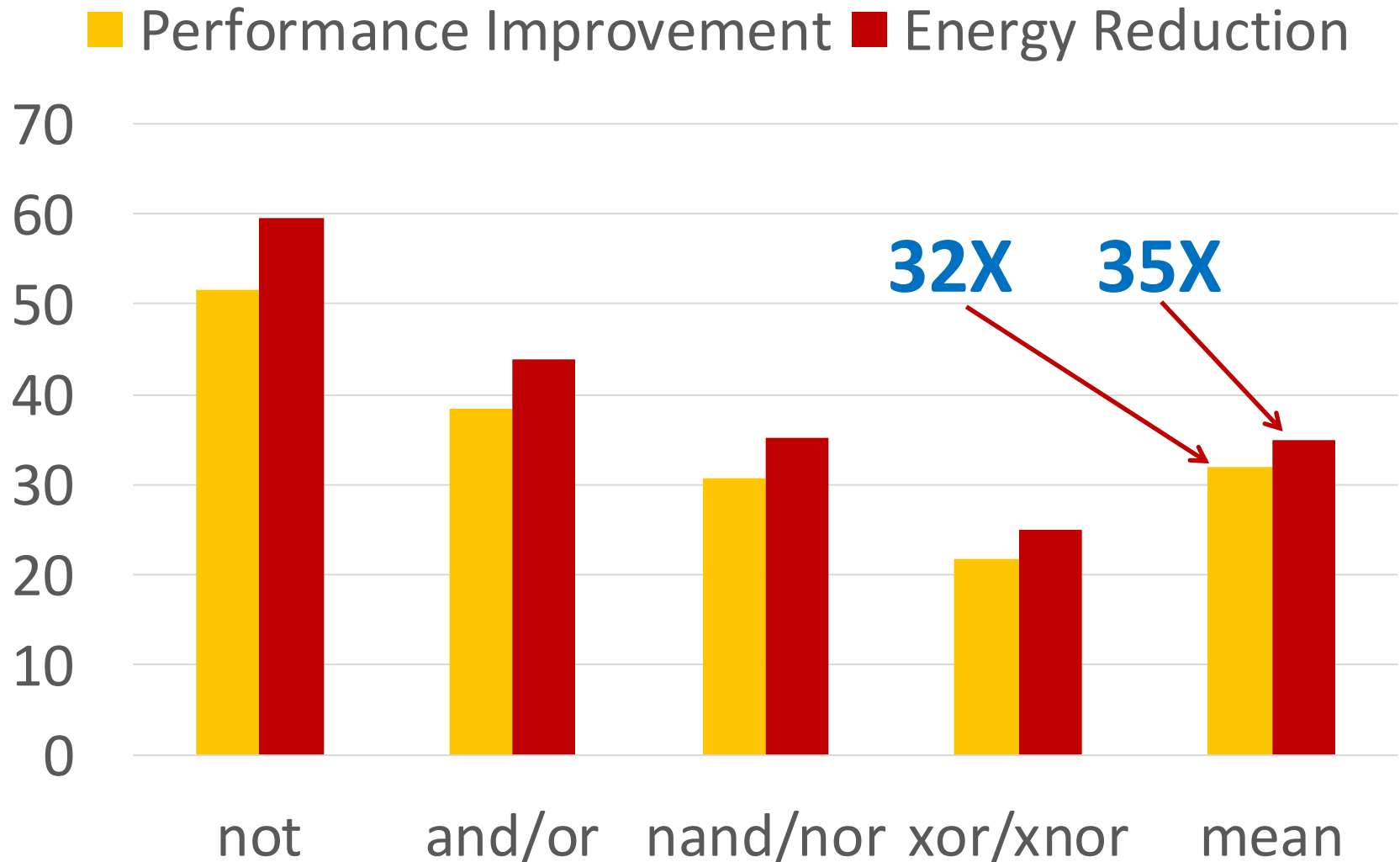
# Energy of In-DRAM Bitwise Operations

|                                     | Design | not   | and/or | nand/nor | xor/xnor |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|----------|----------|
| DRAM &<br>Channel Energy<br>(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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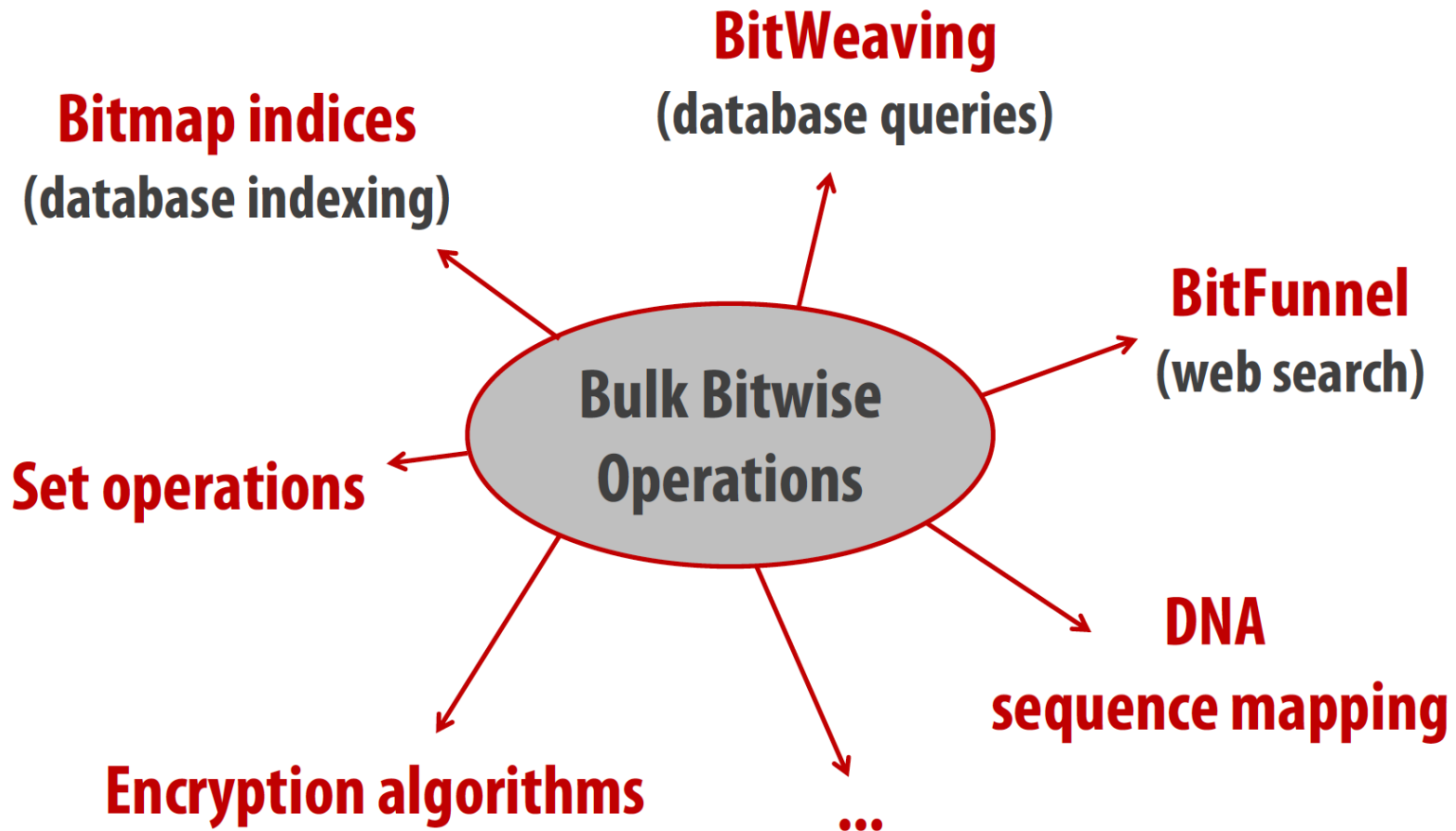
# Ambit vs. DDR3: Performance and Energy





# 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

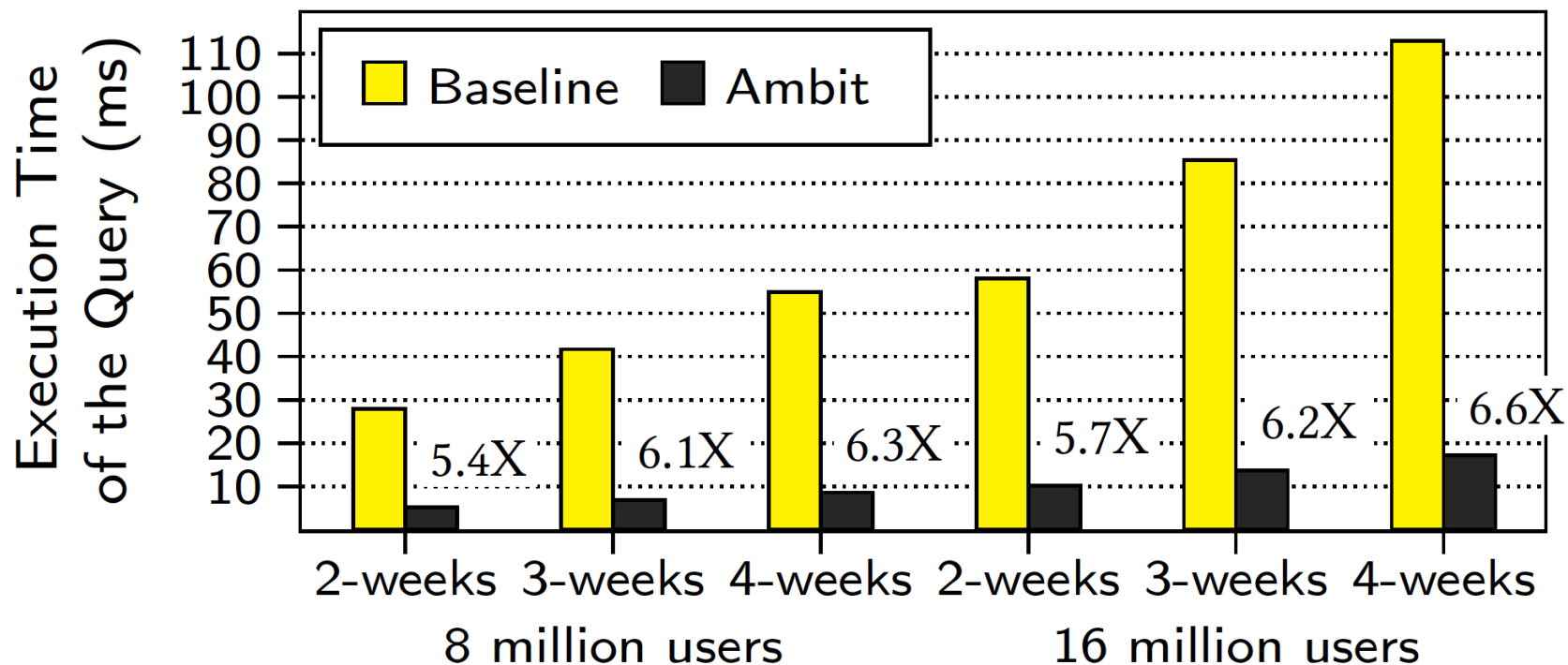
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Bitmap 3

Bitmap 4

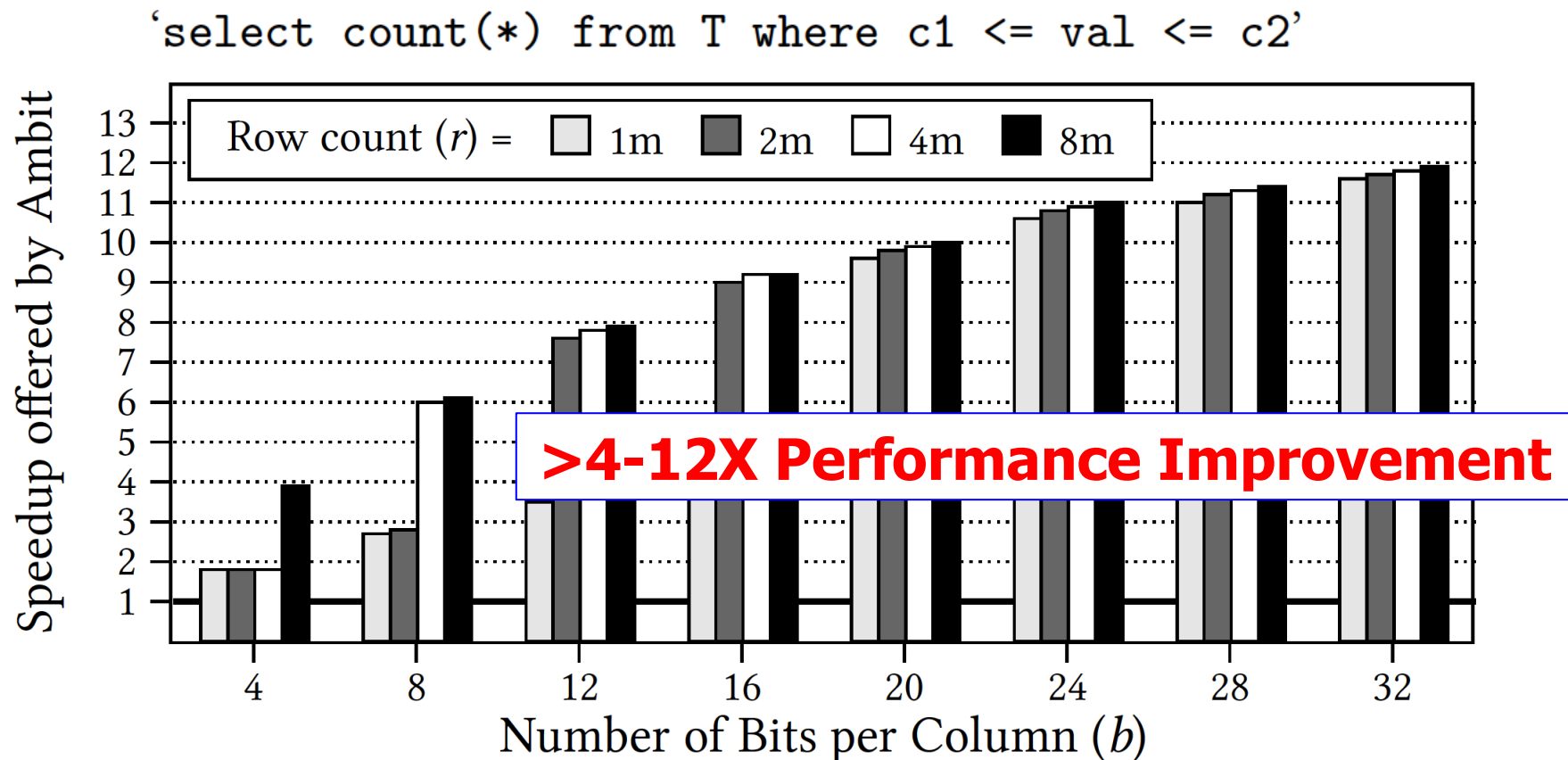
# Performance: Bitmap Index on Ambit



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

**>5.4-6.6X Performance Improvement**

# Performance: BitWeaving on Ambit



**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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## Ambit: In-Memory Accelerator for Bulk Bitwise Operations Using Commodity DRAM Technology

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# Challenge: Intelligent Memory Device

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

# Computing Architectures with Minimal Data Movement

# A Detour on the Review Process

# Ambit Sounds Good, No?

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## Review from ISCA 2016

### Paper summary

The paper proposes to extend DRAM to include bulk, bit-wise logical operations directly between rows within the DRAM.

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### Strengths

- Very clever/novel idea.
  - Great potential speedup and efficiency gains.
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### Weaknesses

- Probably won't ever be built. Not practical to assume DRAM manufacturers will change DRAM in this way.
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# Another Review

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## Another Review from ISCA 2016

### Strengths

The proposed mechanisms effectively exploit the operation of the DRAM to perform efficient bitwise operations across entire rows of the DRAM.

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### Weaknesses

This requires a modification to the DRAM that will only help this type of bitwise operation. It seems unlikely that something like that will be adopted.

# Yet Another Review

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## Yet Another Review from ISCA 2016

### Weaknesses

The core novelty of Buddy RAM is almost all circuits-related (by exploiting sense amps). I do not find architectural innovation even though the circuits technique benefits architecturally by mitigating memory bandwidth and relieving cache resources within a subarray. The only related part is the new ISA support for bitwise operations at DRAM side and its induced issue on cache coherence.

# The Reviewer Accountability Problem

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## Acknowledgments

We thank the reviewers of ISCA 2016/2017, MICRO 2016/2017, and HPCA 2017 for their valuable comments. We



# We Have a Mindset Issue...

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- There are many other similar examples from reviews...
  - For many other papers...
- And, we are not even talking about JEDEC yet...
- How do we fix the mindset problem?
- By doing more research, education, implementation in alternative processing paradigms

**We need to work on enabling the better future...**

# We Need to Fix the Reviewer Accountability Problem

## Main Memory Needs Intelligent Controllers

# Our Community Needs Accountable Reviewers

# RowClone & Bitwise Ops in Real DRAM Chips

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## ComputeDRAM: In-Memory Compute Using Off-the-Shelf DRAMs

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# Pinatubo: RowClone and Bitwise Ops in PCM

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## **Pinatubo: A Processing-in-Memory Architecture for Bulk Bitwise Operations in Emerging Non-volatile Memories**

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# Initial RowHammer Reviews

## Disturbance Errors in DRAM: Demonstration, Characterization, and Prevention

Rejected (R2)

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# Missing the Point **Reviews from Micro 2013**

## **PAPER WEAKNESSES**

This is an excellent test methodology paper, but there is no micro-architectural or architectural content.

## **PAPER WEAKNESSES**

- Whereas they show disturbance may happen in DRAM array, authors don't show it can be an issue in realistic DRAM usage scenario
- Lacks architectural/microarchitectural impact on the DRAM disturbance analysis

## **PAPER WEAKNESSES**

The mechanism investigated by the authors is one of many well known disturb mechanisms. The paper does not discuss the root causes to sufficient depth and the importance of this mechanism compared to others. Overall the length of the sections restating known information is much too long in relation to new work.



# Dismissing Science

## Reviews from ISCA 2014

### PAPER WEAKNESSES

1) The disturbance error (a.k.a coupling or cross-talk noise induced error) is a known problem to the DRAM circuit community.

2) What you demonstrated in this paper is so called DRAM row hammering issue - you can even find a Youtube video showing this! - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i3-gQSnBcdo>

2) The architectural contribution of this study is too insignificant.

### PAPER WEAKNESSES

- Row Hammering appears to be well-known, and solutions have already been proposed by industry to address the issue.

- The paper only provides a qualitative analysis of solutions to the problem. A more robust evaluation is really needed to know whether the proposed solution is necessary.

# Final RowHammer Reviews

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## Flipping Bits in Memory Without Accessing Them: An Experimental Study of DRAM Disturbance Errors

Accepted



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# Suggestions to Reviewers

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- Be fair; you do not know it all
- Be open-minded; you do not know it all
- Be accepting of diverse research methods: there is no single way of doing research
- Be constructive, not destructive
- Do not have double standards...

**Do not block or delay scientific progress for non-reasons**

Suggestion to Researchers: Principle: Passion

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**Follow Your Passion**  
**(Do not get derailed**  
**by naysayers)**

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Suggestion to Researchers: Principle: Resilience

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**Be Resilient**

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# Principle: Learning and Scholarship

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Focus on  
learning and scholarship

# Principle: Learning and Scholarship

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The quality of your work  
defines your impact

# More Thoughts and Suggestions

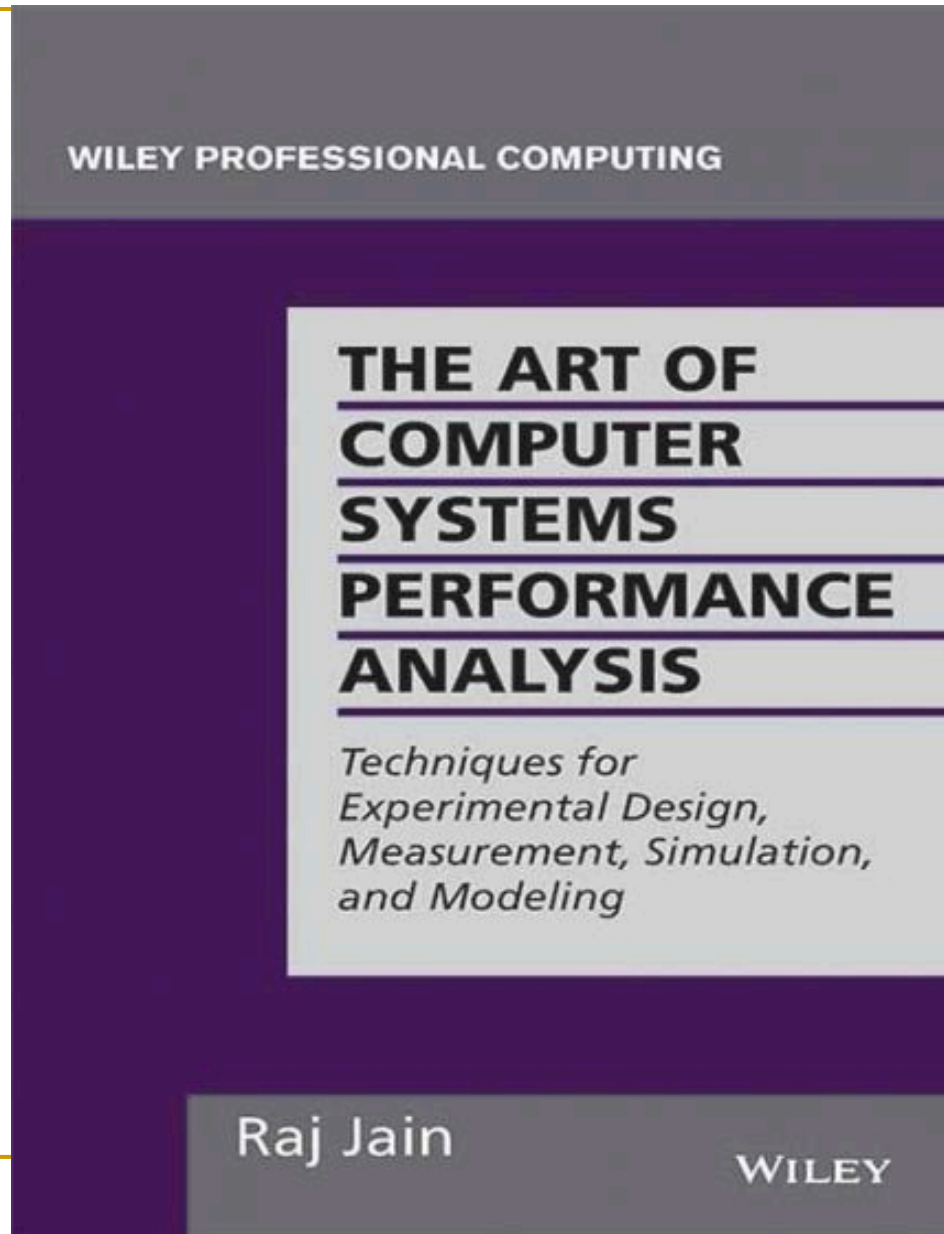
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# Aside: A Recommended Book

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Raj Jain, "[The Art of Computer Systems Performance Analysis](#)," Wiley, 1991.

## 10.8 DECISION MAKER'S GAMES

Even if the performance analysis is correctly done and presented, it may not be enough to persuade your audience—the decision makers—to follow your recommendations. The list shown in Box 10.2 is a compilation of reasons for rejection heard at various performance analysis presentations. You can use the list by presenting it immediately and pointing out that the reason for rejection is not new and that the analysis deserves more consideration. Also, the list is helpful in getting the competing proposals rejected!

There is no clear end of an analysis. Any analysis can be rejected simply on the grounds that the problem needs more analysis. This is the first reason listed in Box 10.2. The second most common reason for rejection of an analysis and for endless debate is the workload. Since workloads are always based on the past measurements, their applicability to the current or future environment can always be questioned. Actually workload is one of the four areas of discussion that lead a performance presentation into an endless debate. These “rat holes” and their relative sizes in terms of time consumed are shown in Figure 10.26. Presenting this cartoon at the beginning of a presentation helps to avoid these areas.

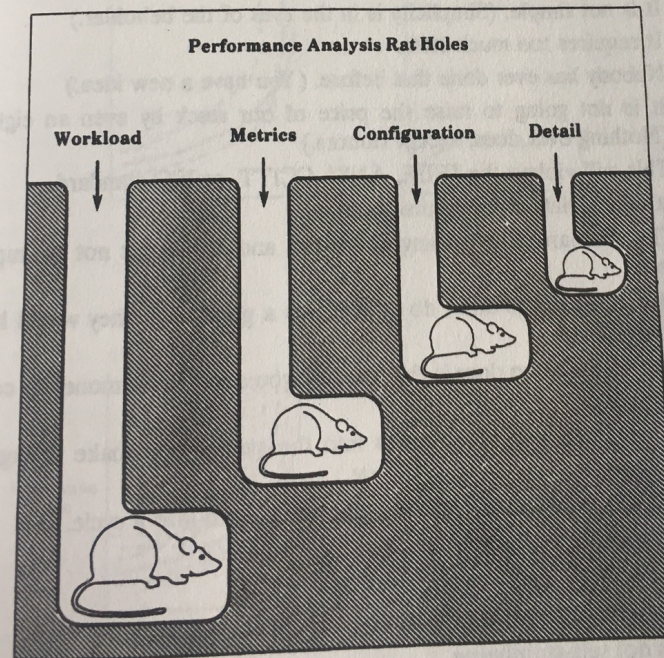


FIGURE 10.26 Four issues in performance presentations that commonly lead to endless discussion.

Raj Jain, "The Art of Computer Systems Performance Analysis," Wiley, 1991.



**Box 10.2 Reasons for Not Accepting the Results of an Analysis**

1. This needs more analysis.
2. You need a better understanding of the workload.
3. It improves performance only for long I/O's, packets, jobs, and files, and most of the I/O's, packets, jobs, and files are short.
4. It improves performance only for short I/O's, packets, jobs, and files, but who cares for the performance of short I/O's, packets, jobs, and files; its the long ones that impact the system.
5. It needs too much memory/CPU/bandwidth and memory/CPU/bandwidth isn't free.
6. It only saves us memory/CPU/bandwidth and memory/CPU/bandwidth is cheap.
7. There is no point in making the networks (similarly, CPUs/disks/...) faster; our CPUs/disks (any component other than the one being discussed) aren't fast enough to use them.
8. It improves the performance by a factor of  $x$ , but it doesn't really matter at the user level because everything else is so slow.
9. It is going to increase the complexity and cost.
10. Let us keep it simple stupid (and your idea is not stupid).
11. It is not simple. (Simplicity is in the eyes of the beholder.)
12. It requires too much state.
13. Nobody has ever done that before. (You have a new idea.)
14. It is not going to raise the price of our stock by even an eighth. (Nothing ever does, except rumors.)
15. This will violate the IEEE, ANSI, CCITT, or ISO standard.
16. It may violate some future standard.
17. The standard says nothing about this and so it must not be important.
18. Our competitors don't do it. If it was a good idea, they would have done it.
19. Our competition does it this way and you don't make money by copying others.
20. It will introduce randomness into the system and make debugging difficult.
21. It is too deterministic; it may lead the system into a cycle.
22. It's not interoperable.
23. This impacts hardware.
24. That's beyond today's technology.
25. It is not self stabilizing.
26. Why change—it's working OK.

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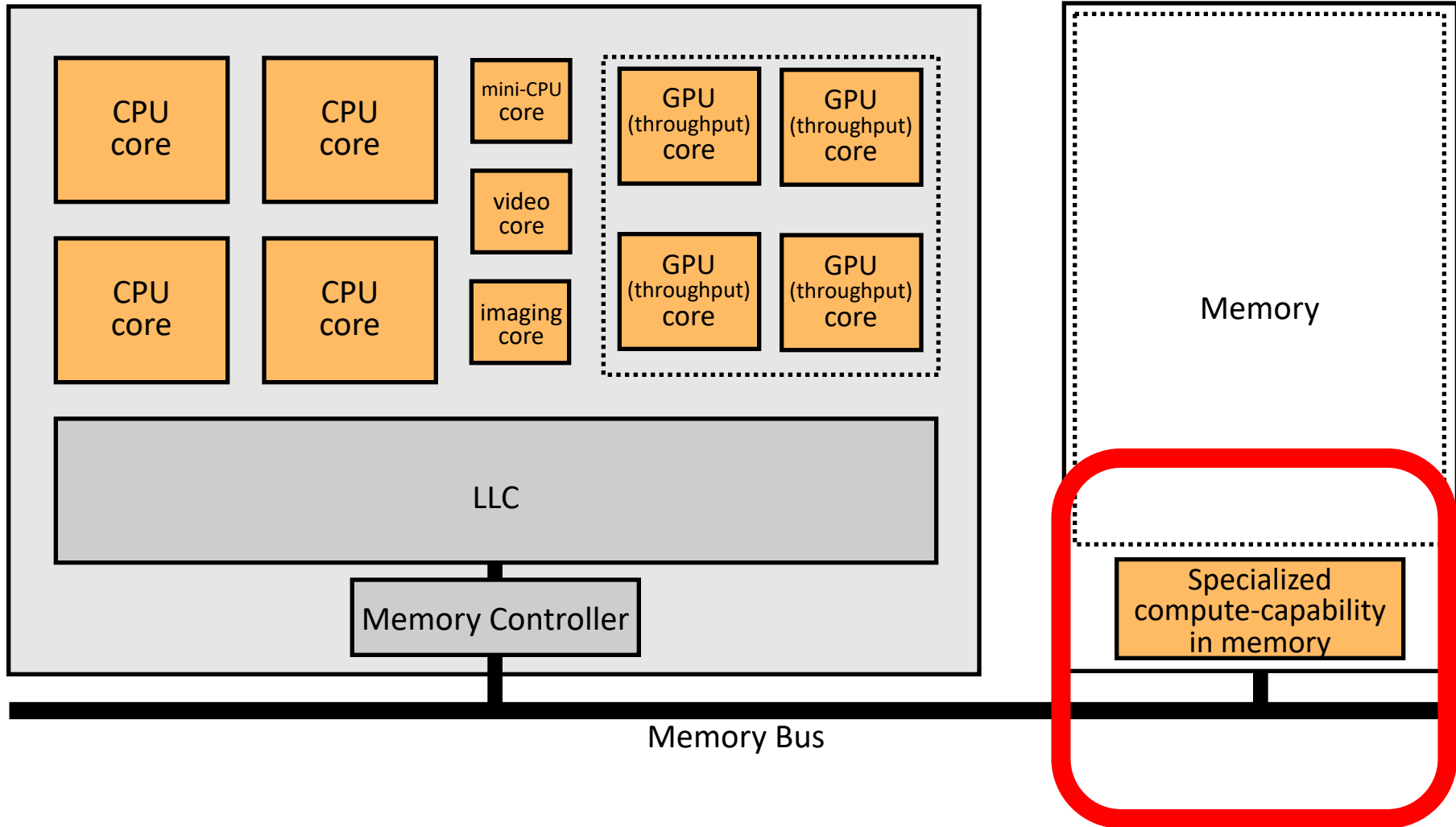
We Need to Think Differently  
from the Past Approaches

# 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
  - Minimally Changing Memory Chips
  - Exploiting 3D-Stacked Memory
- How to Enable Adoption of Processing in Memory
- Conclusion

# Memory as an Accelerator



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

# Processing in Memory: Two Approaches

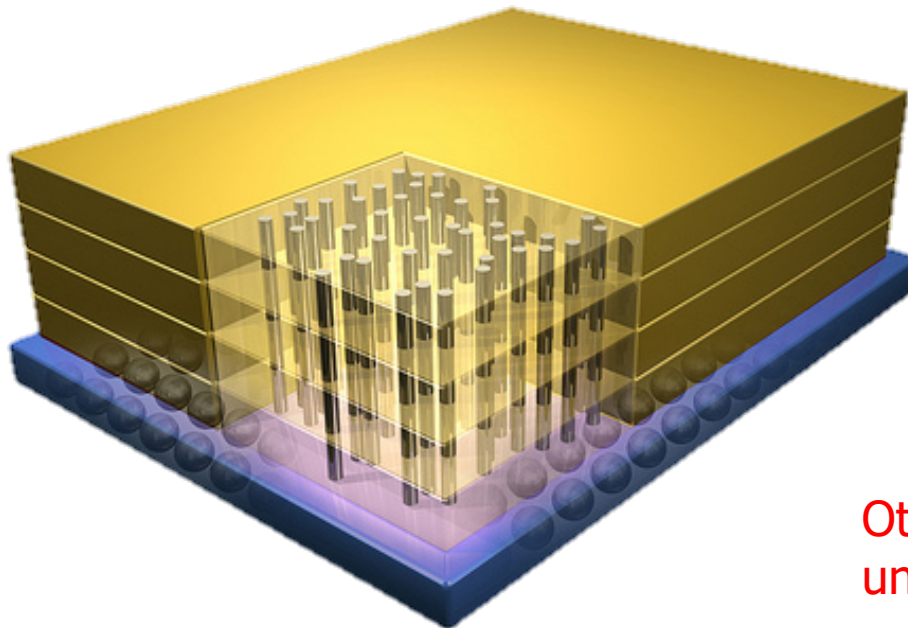
1. Minimally changing memory chips
2. Exploiting 3D-stacked memory

# 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];<br>HBM (2013) [19]; HMC1.0 (2013) [10]; HMC1.1 (2014) [11]                                                                                                                     |
| Academic       | SBA/SSA (2010) [38]; Staged Reads (2012) [8]; RAIDR (2012) [27];<br>SALP (2012) [24]; TL-DRAM (2013) [26]; RowClone (2013) [37];<br>Half-DRAM (2014) [39]; Row-Buffer Decoupling (2014) [33];<br>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.

# Several Questions in 3D-Stacked PIM

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- What are the performance and energy benefits of using 3D-stacked memory as a coarse-grained accelerator?
  - By changing the entire system
  - By performing simple function offloading
  
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# Another Example: In-Memory Graph Processing

- Large graphs are everywhere (circa 2015)



36 Million  
Wikipedia Pages



1.4 Billion  
Facebook Users

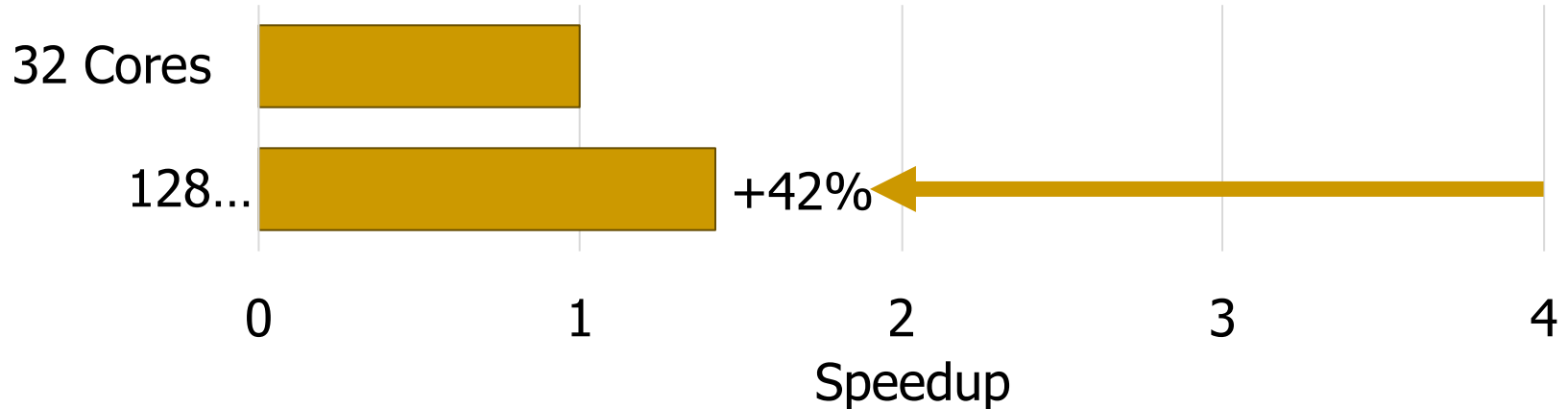


300 Million  
Twitter Users



30 Billion  
Instagram Photos

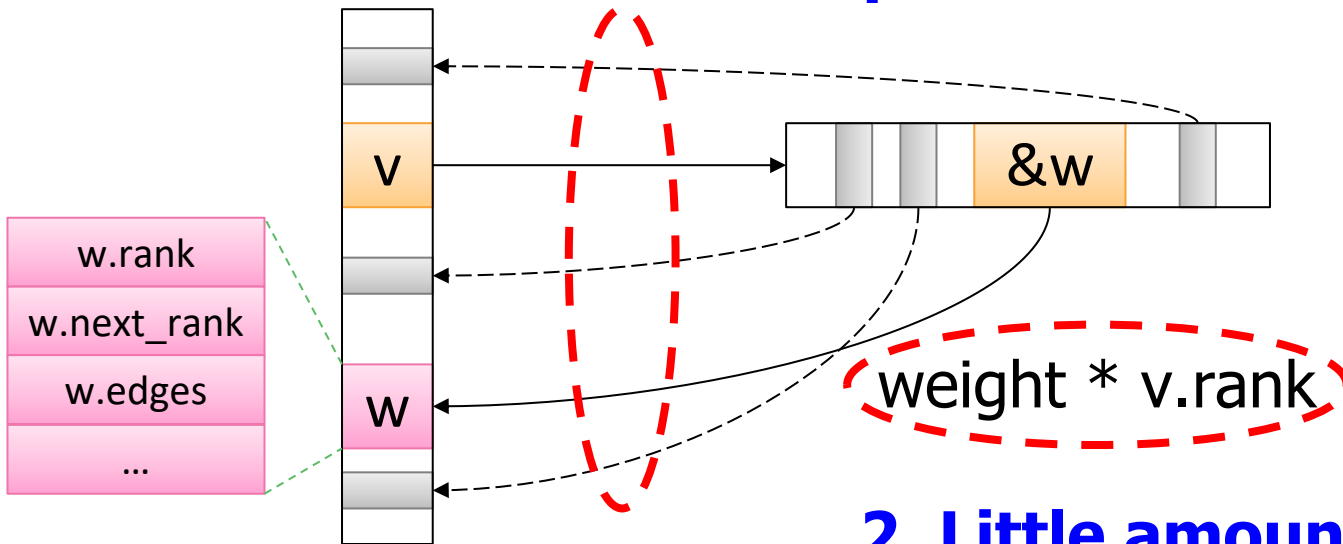
- Scalable large-scale graph processing is challenging



# Key Bottlenecks in Graph Processing

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

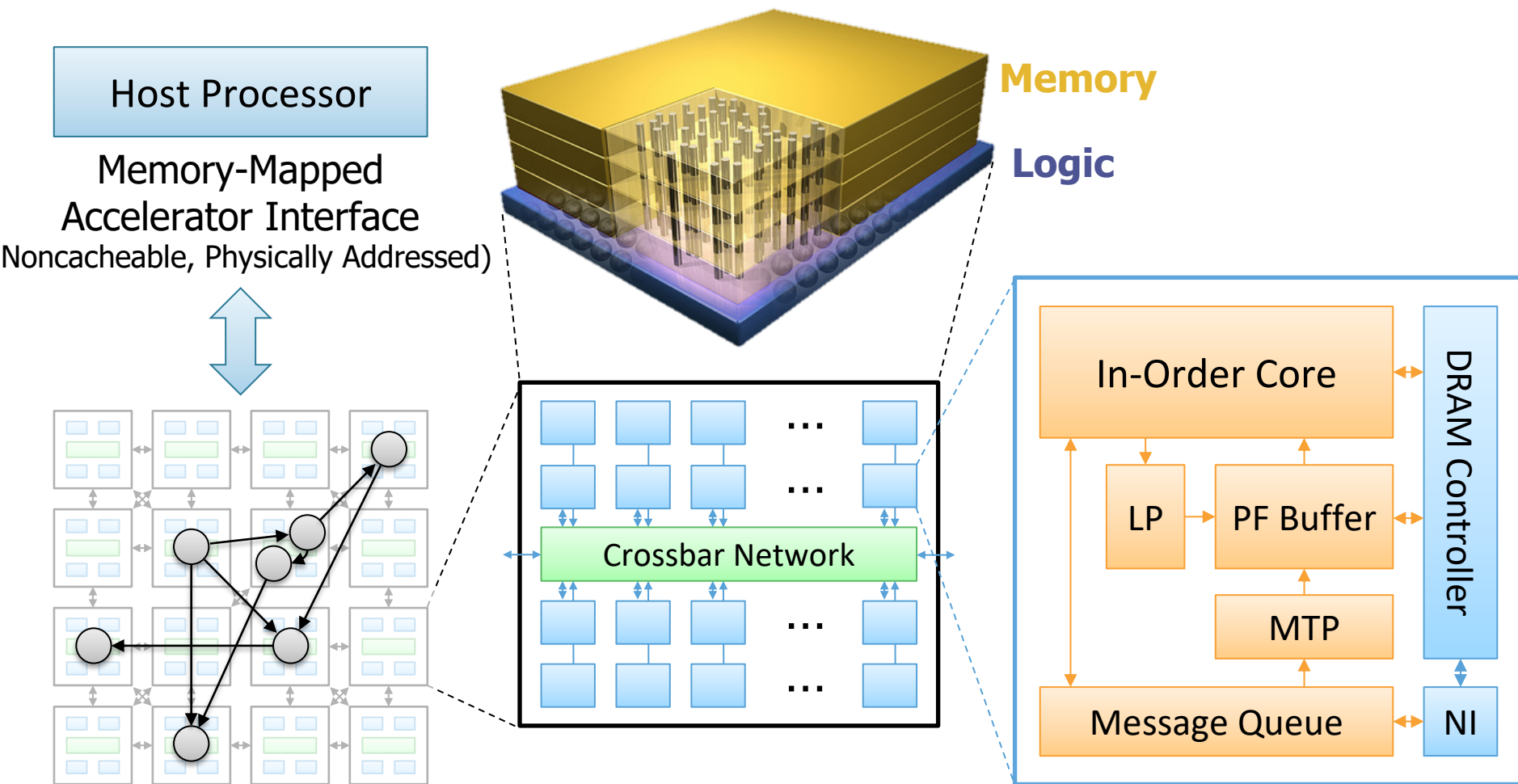
**1. Frequent random memory accesses**



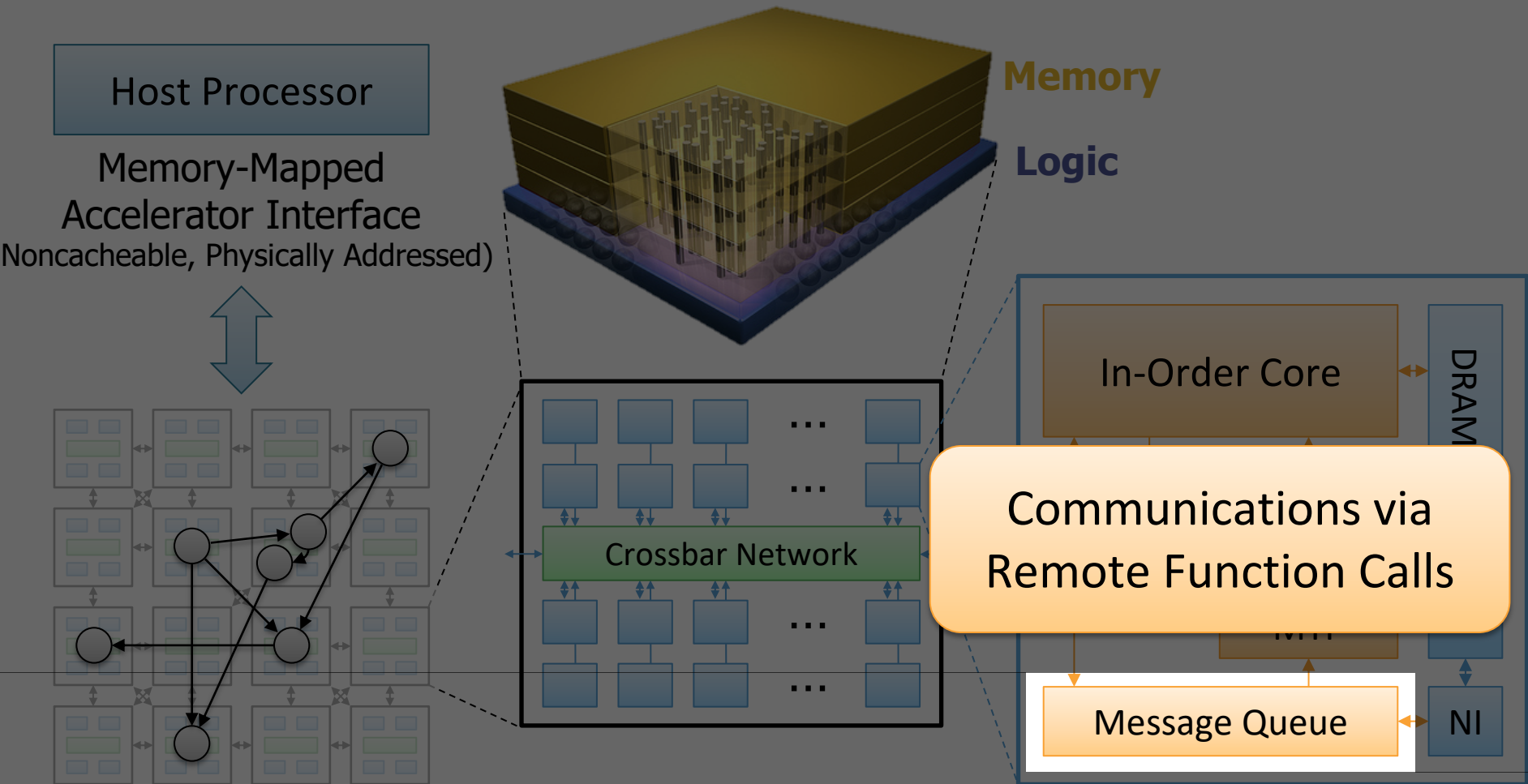
**2. Little amount of computation**

# Tesseract System for Graph Processing

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

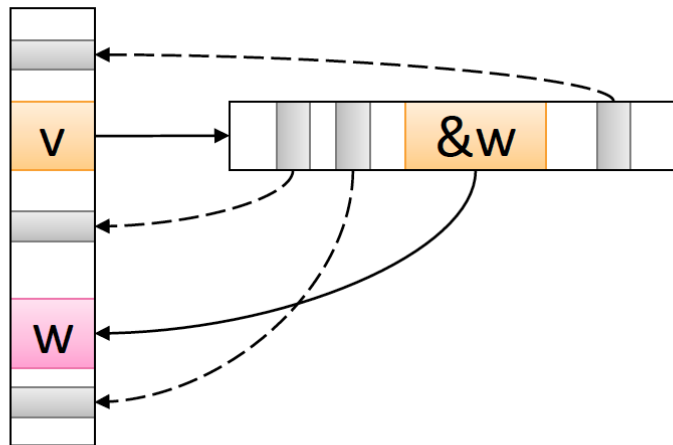


# Tesseract System for Graph Processing



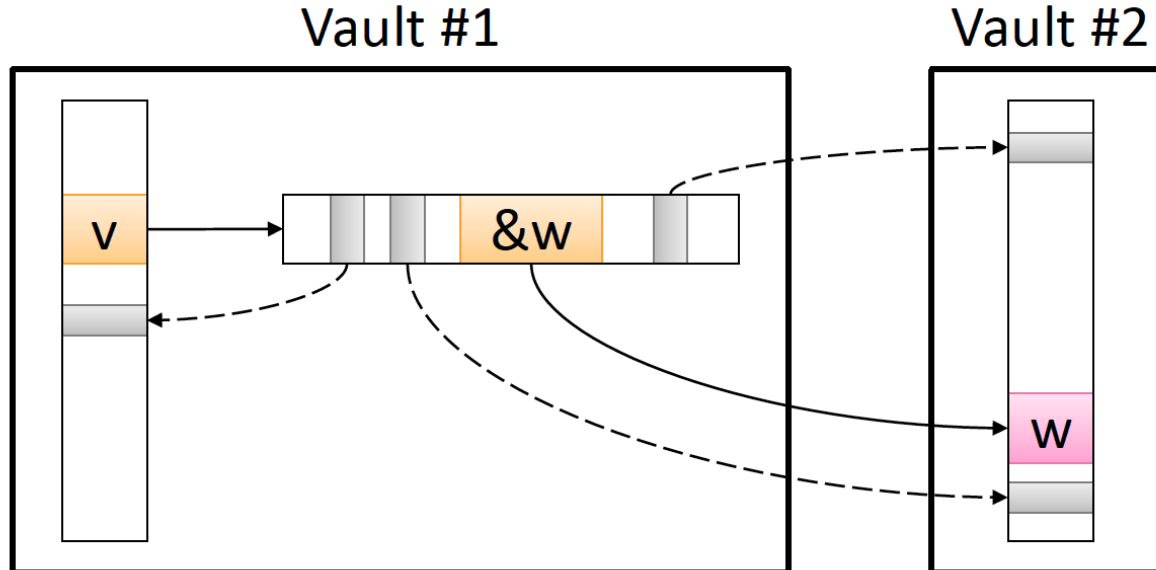
# Communications In Tesseract (I)

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



# Communications In Tesseract (II)

```
for (v: graph.vertices) {  
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  }  
}
```



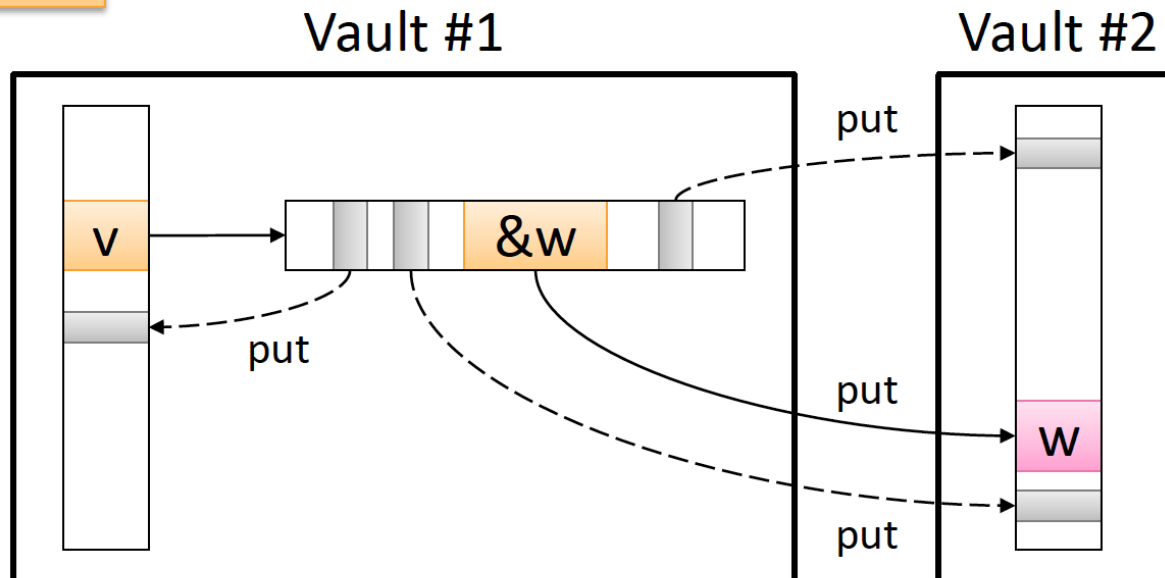


# Communications In Tesseract (III)

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

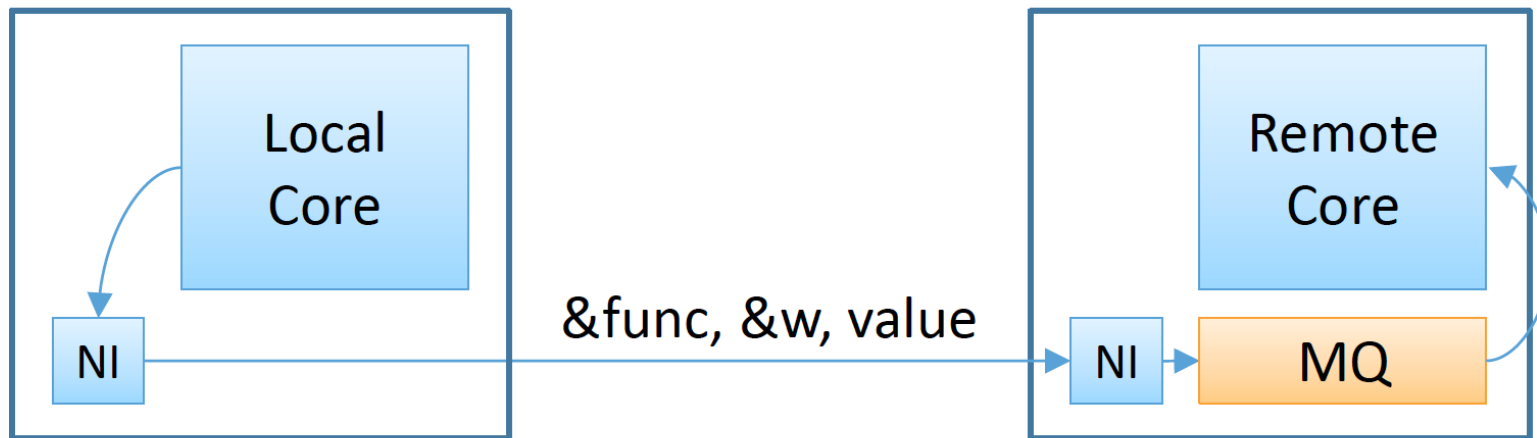
**Non-blocking Remote Function Call**

Can be **delayed** until the nearest barrier



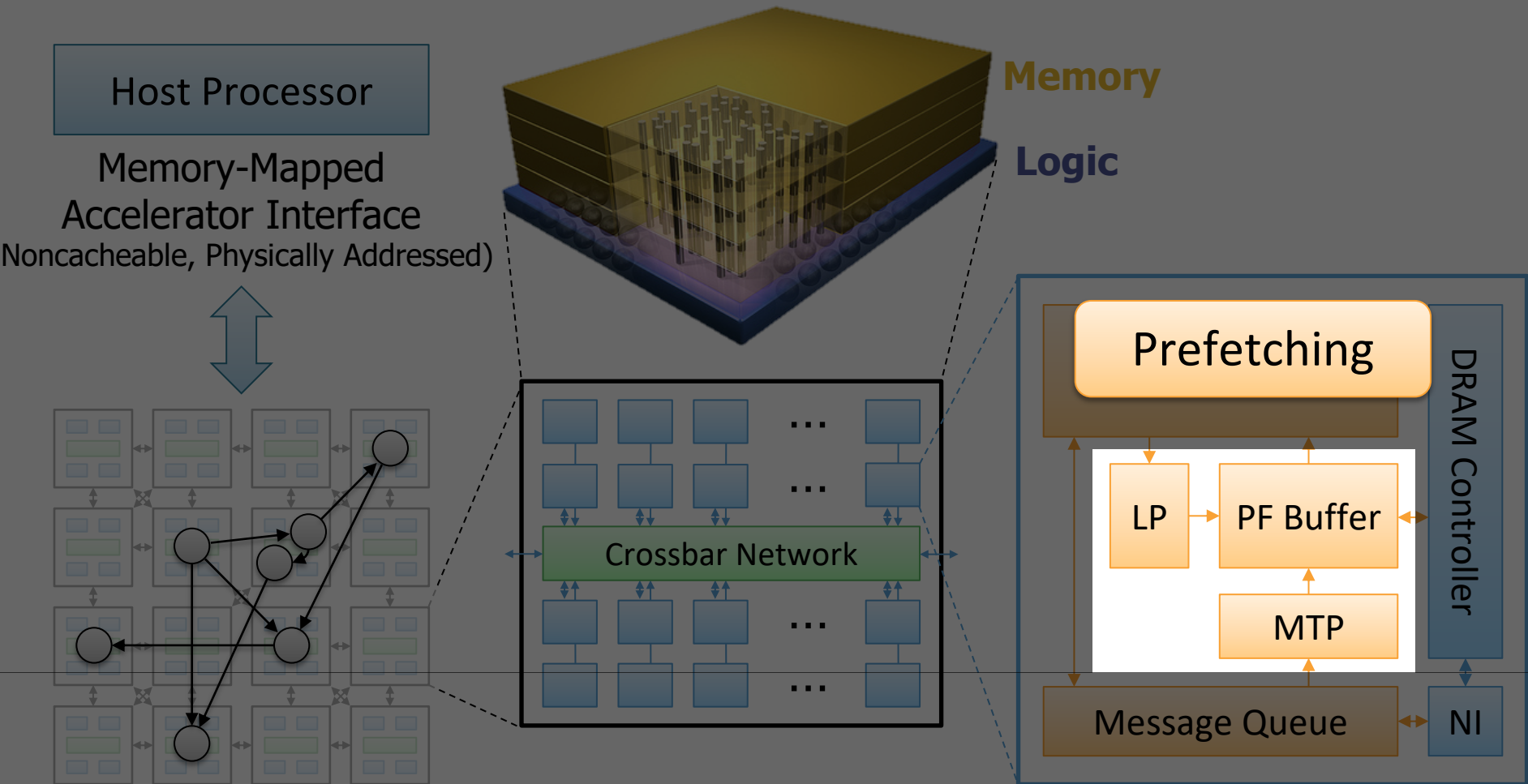
# Remote Function Call (Non-Blocking)

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



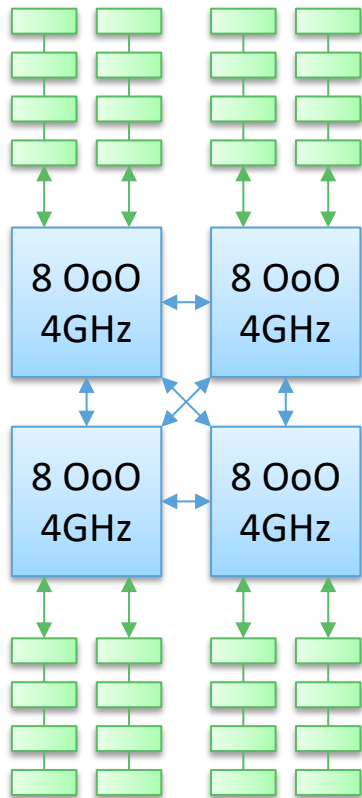
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put(w.id, function() { w.next_rank += value; })
```

# Tesseract System for Graph Processing



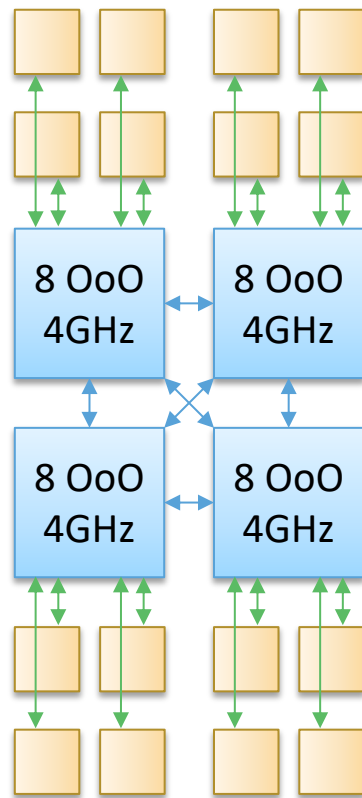
# Evaluated Systems

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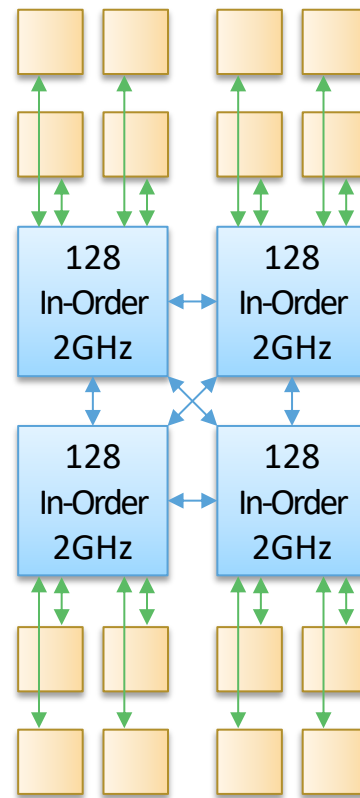
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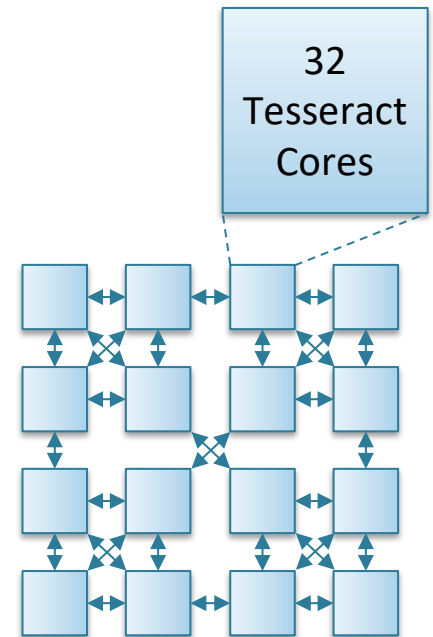
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HMC-MC



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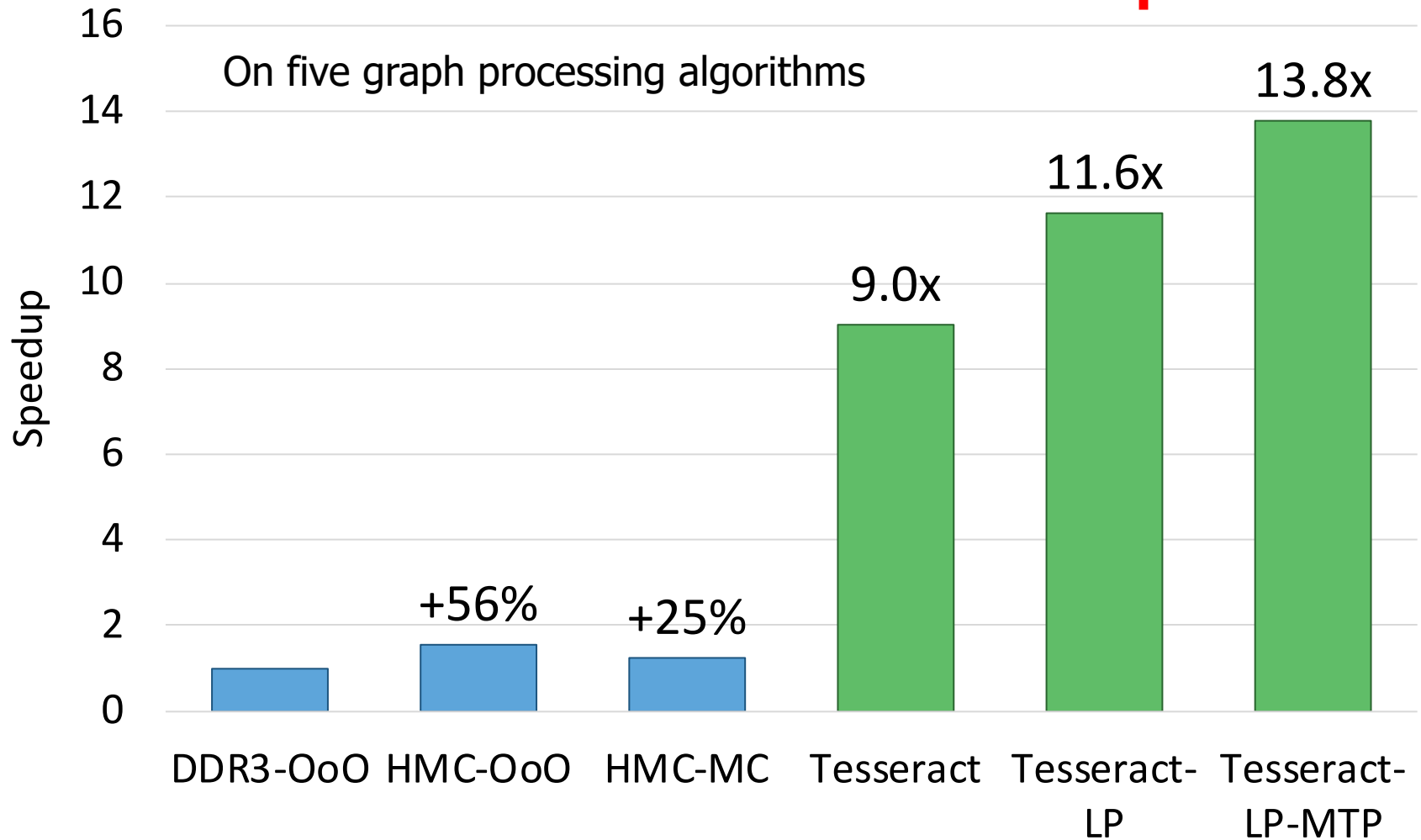
**Tesseract**



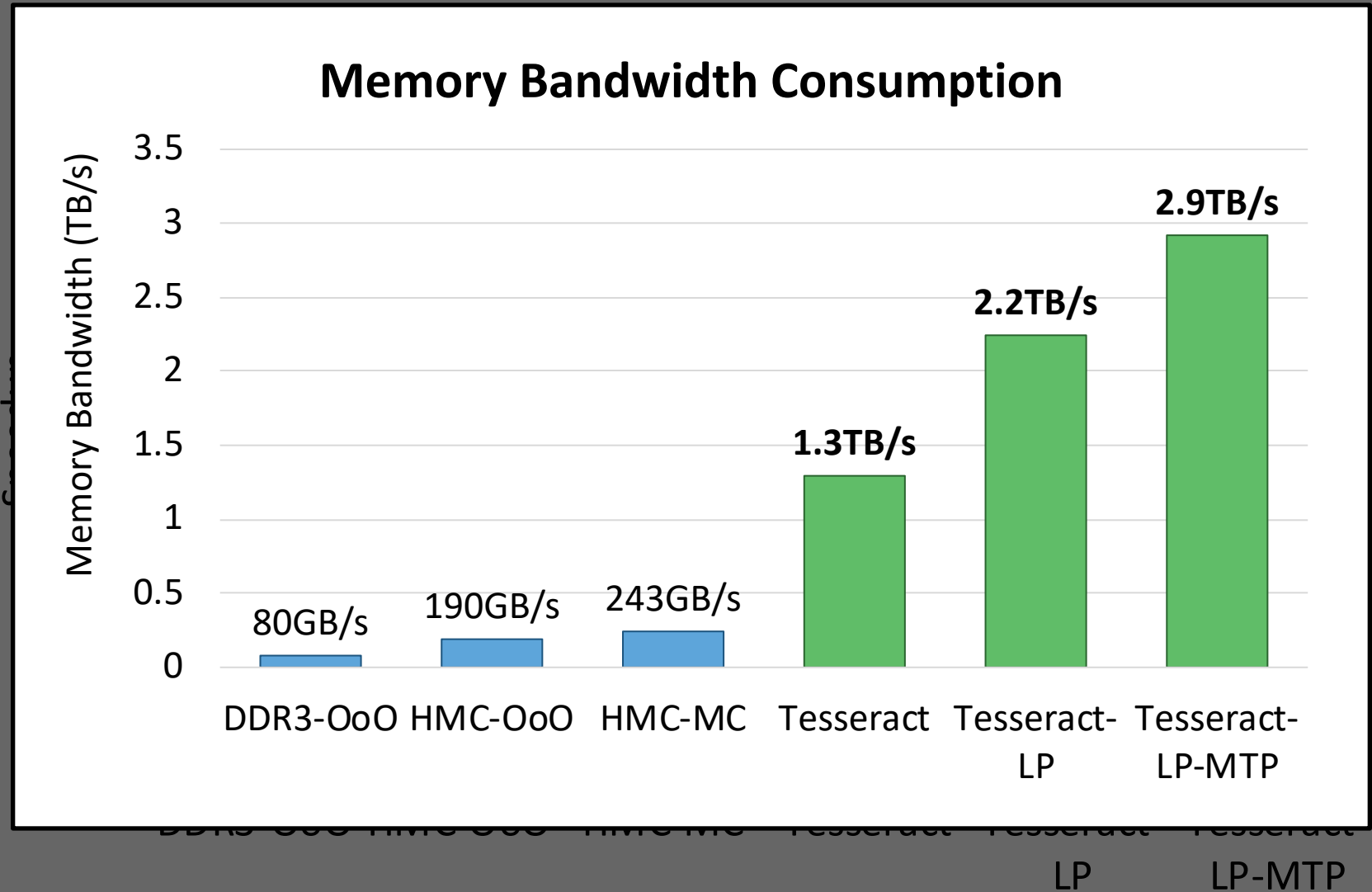
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# Tesseract Graph Processing Performance

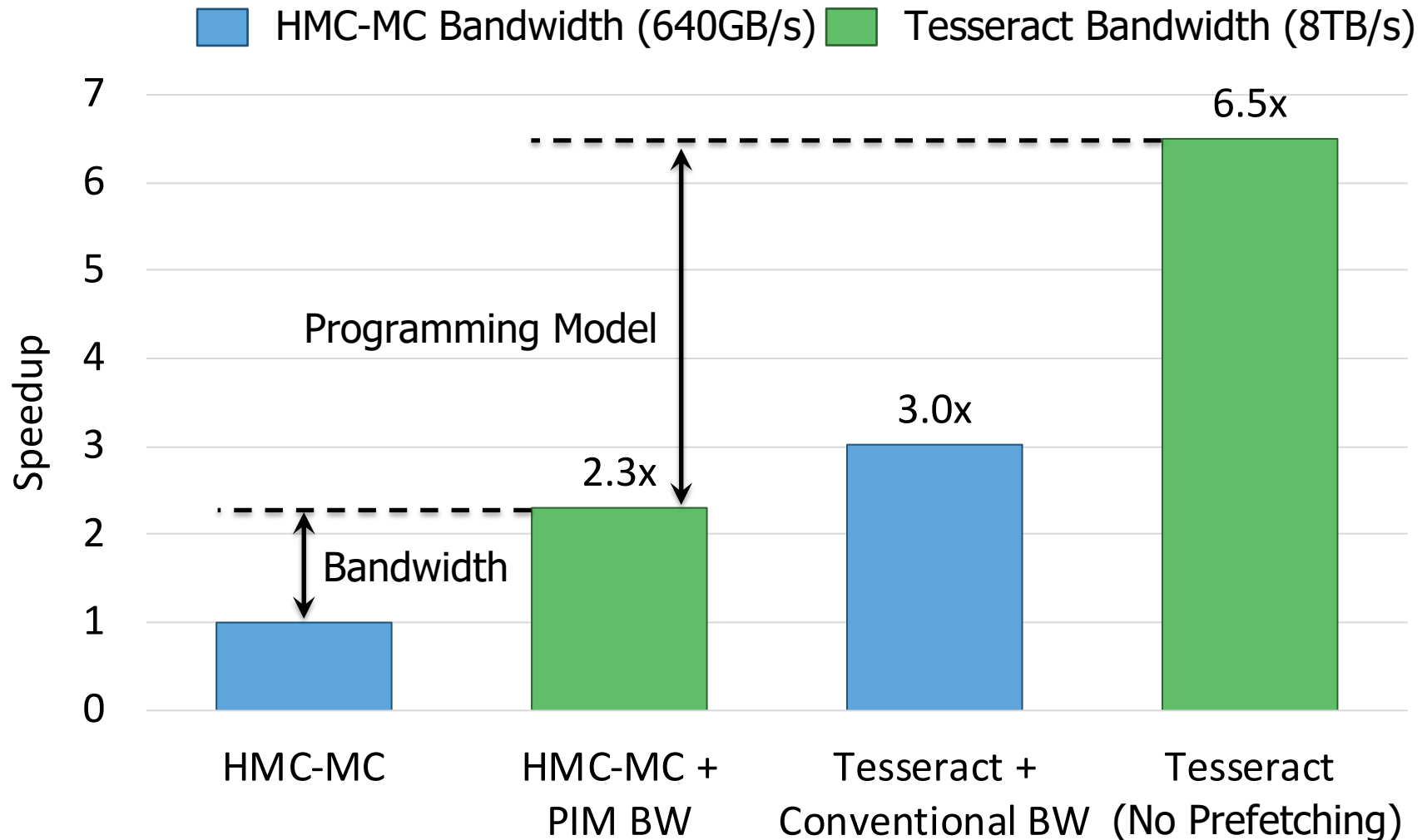
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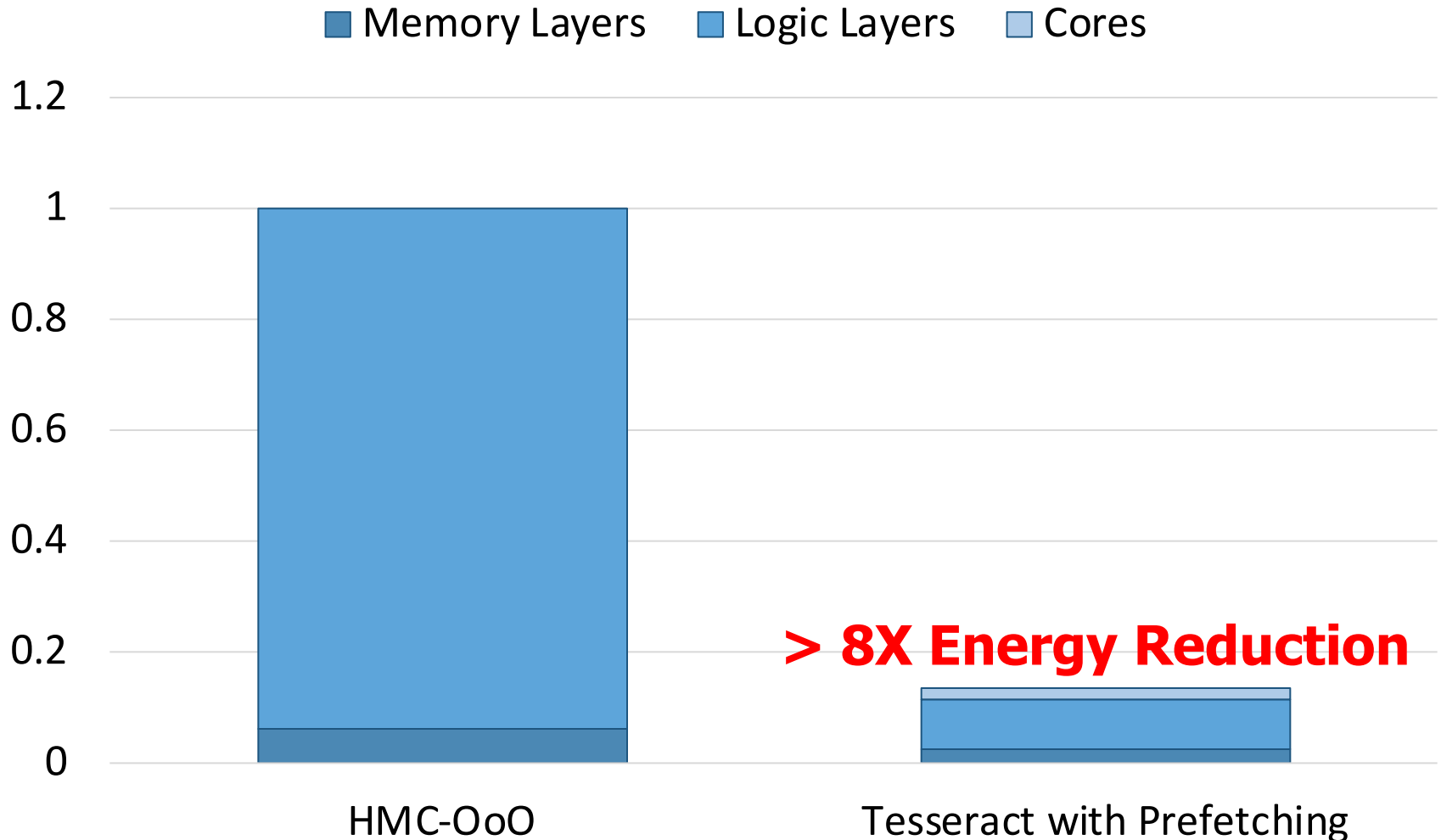
# Tesseract Graph Processing Performance



# Effect of Bandwidth & Programming Model



# Tesseract Graph Processing System Energy





# More on Tesseract

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# 3D-Stacked PIM on Mobile Devices

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*Proceedings of the 23rd International Conference on Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (**ASPLOS**), Williamsburg, VA, USA, March 2018.*

## 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**



# Four Important Workloads



**Chrome**

Google's web browser



**TensorFlow Mobile**

Google's machine learning  
framework

**VP9**



**Video Playback**

Google's **video codec**

**VP9**

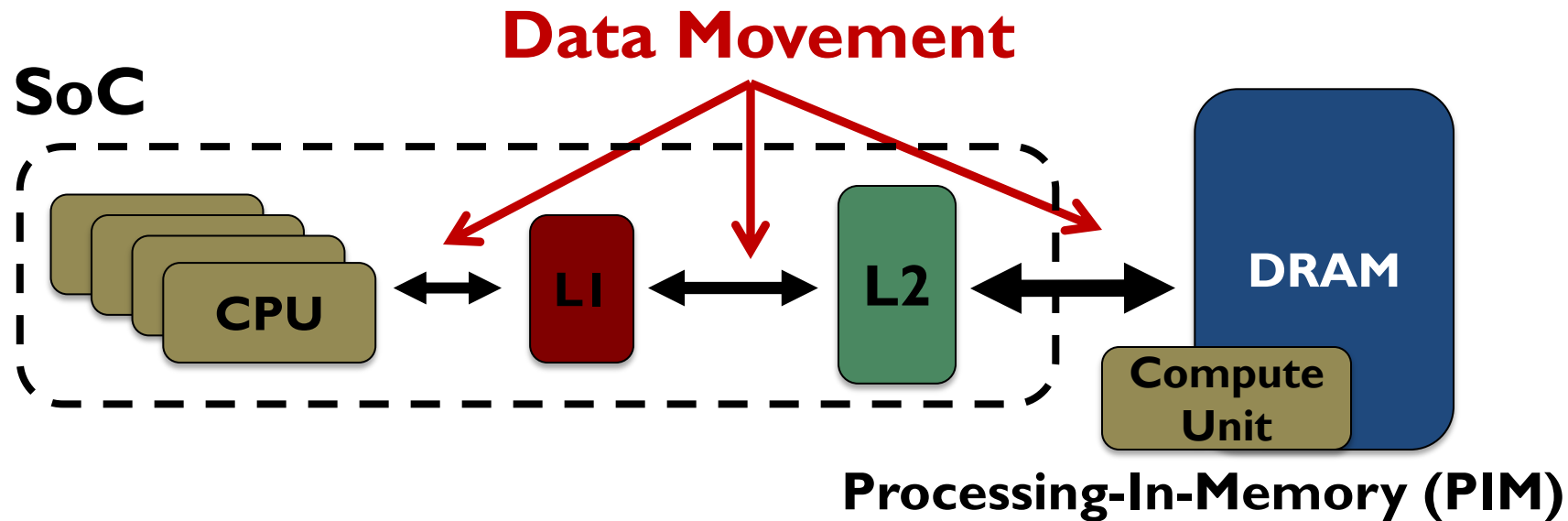


**Video Capture**

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



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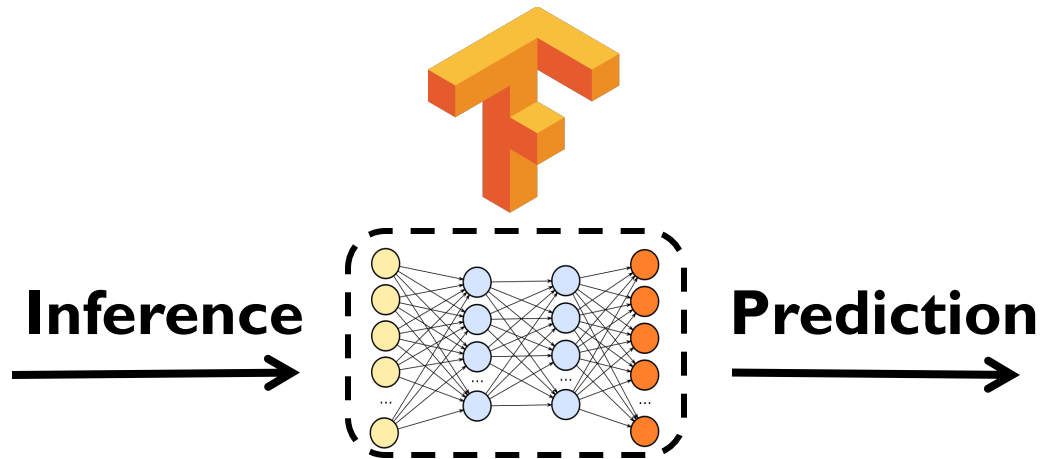


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# TensorFlow Mobile



**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



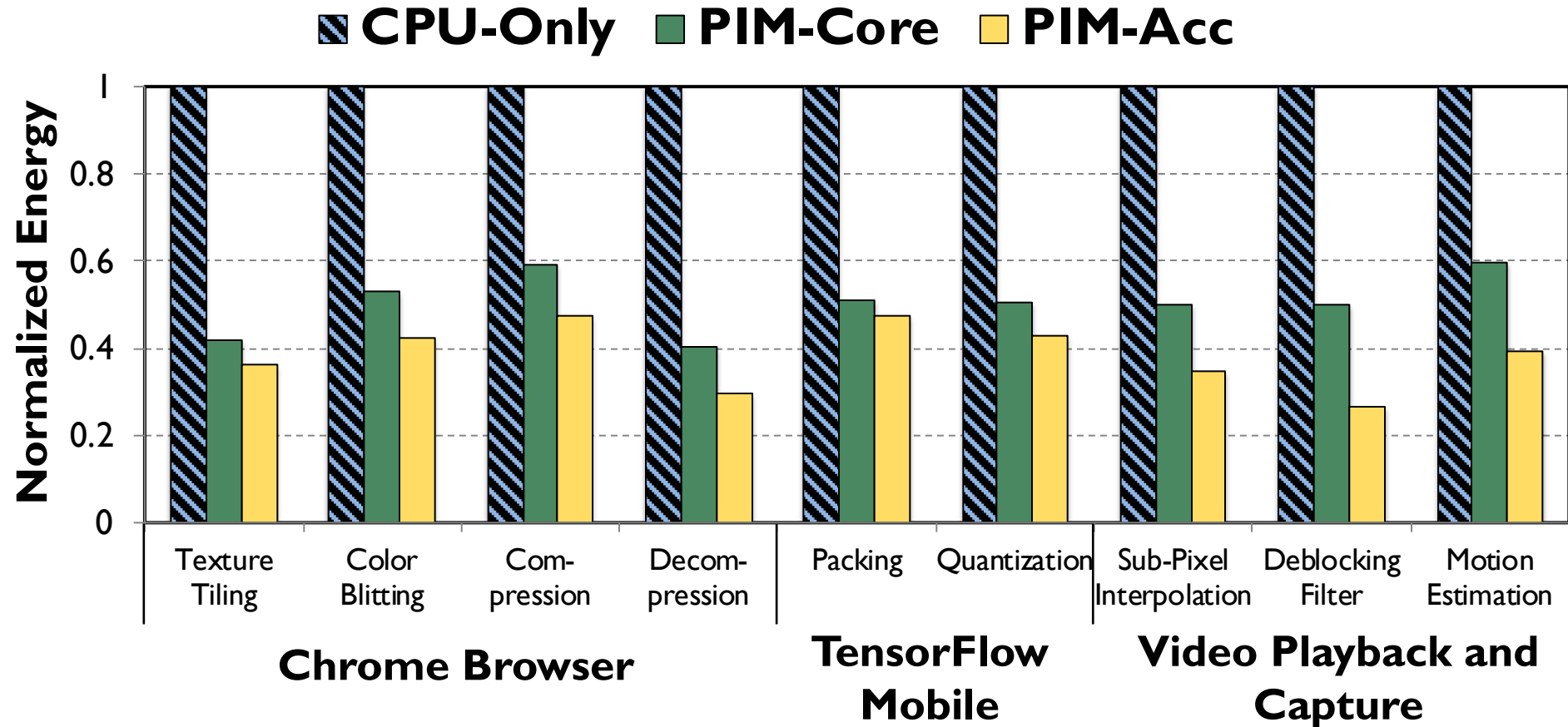
Up to **16.8%** of the inference **energy** and **16.1%** of inference **execution time**



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

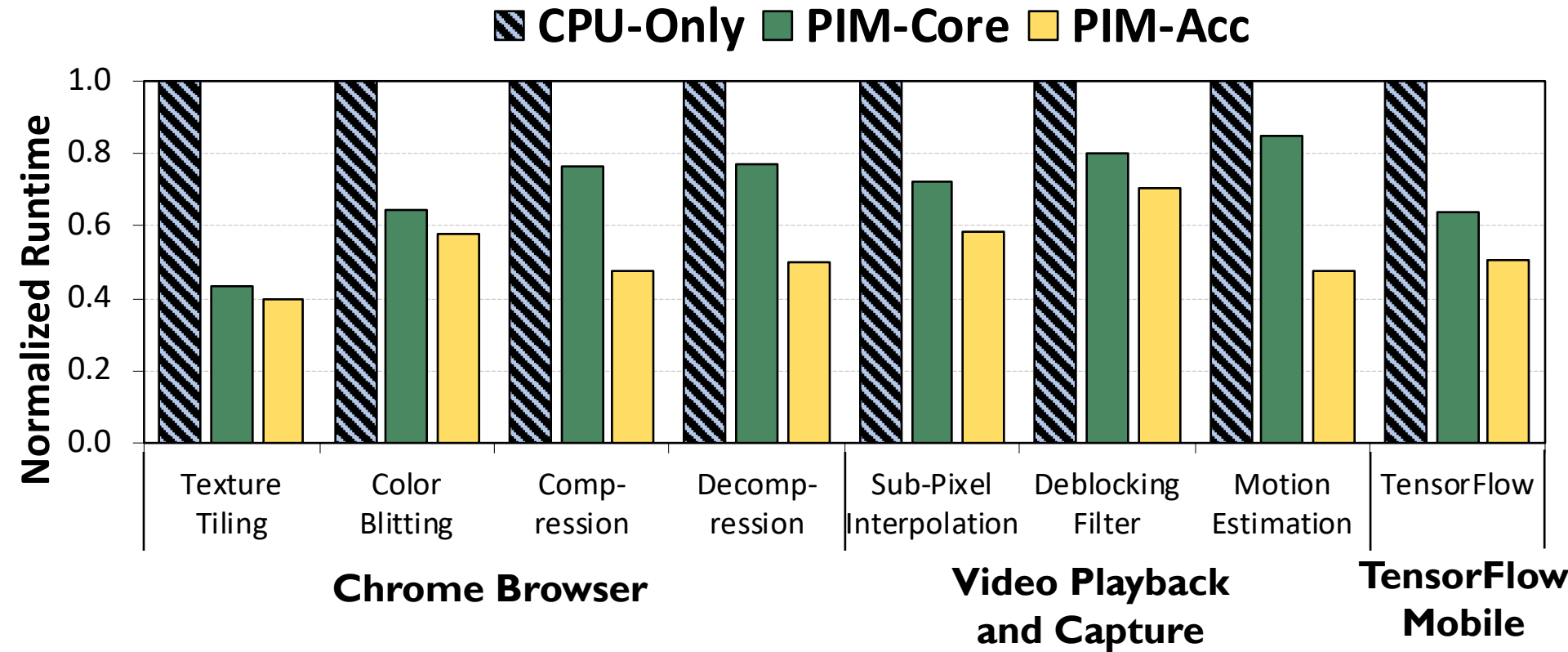
A simple **data conversion** operation that requires **shift, addition, and multiplication** operations

# Normalized Energy



**PIM core and PIM accelerator reduce**  
**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%**

# More on PIM for Mobile Devices

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## Google Workloads for Consumer Devices: Mitigating Data Movement Bottlenecks

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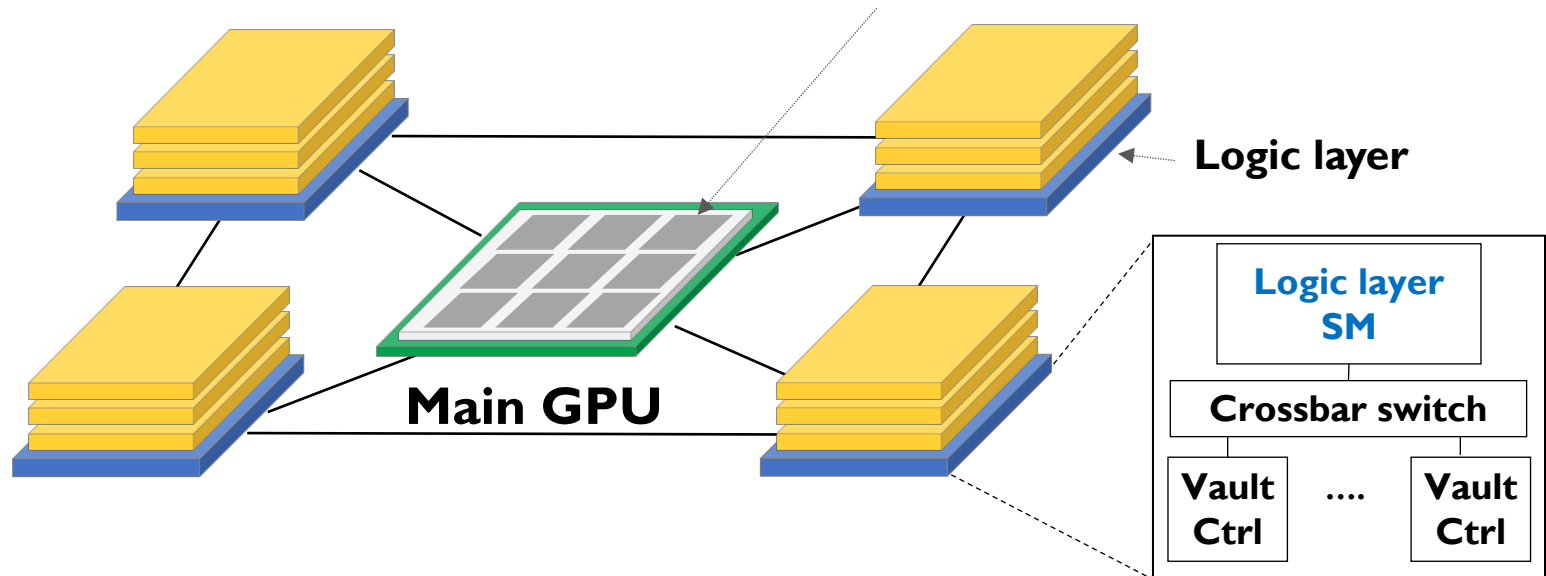
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# Truly Distributed GPU Processing with PIM?

**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;
```

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# Several Questions in 3D-Stacked PIM

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- What are the performance and energy benefits of using 3D-stacked memory as a coarse-grained accelerator?
  - By changing the entire system
  - By performing simple function offloading
- What is the minimal processing-in-memory support we can provide?
  - With minimal changes to system and programming

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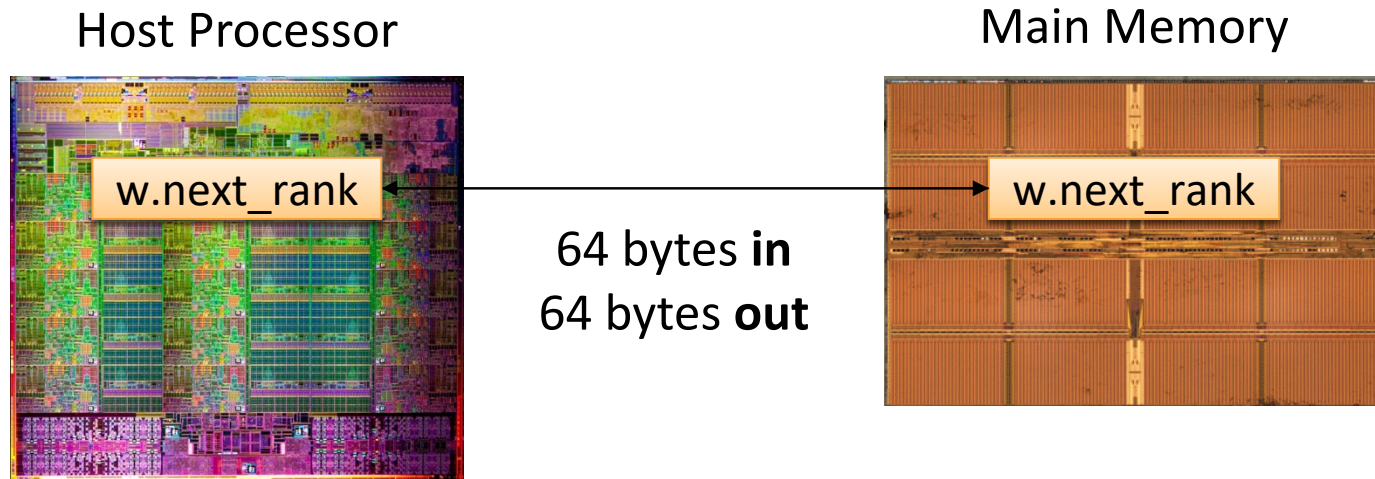
# PEI: PIM-Enabled Instructions (Ideas)

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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



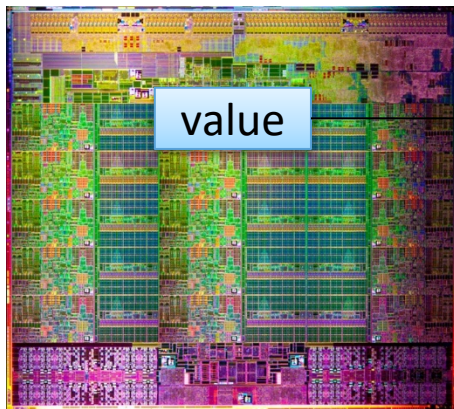
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for (v: graph.vertices) {  
    value = weight * v.rank;  
    for (w: v.successors) {  
        __pim_add(&w.next_rank, value);  
    }  
}
```

pim.add r1, (r2)

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

Host Processor



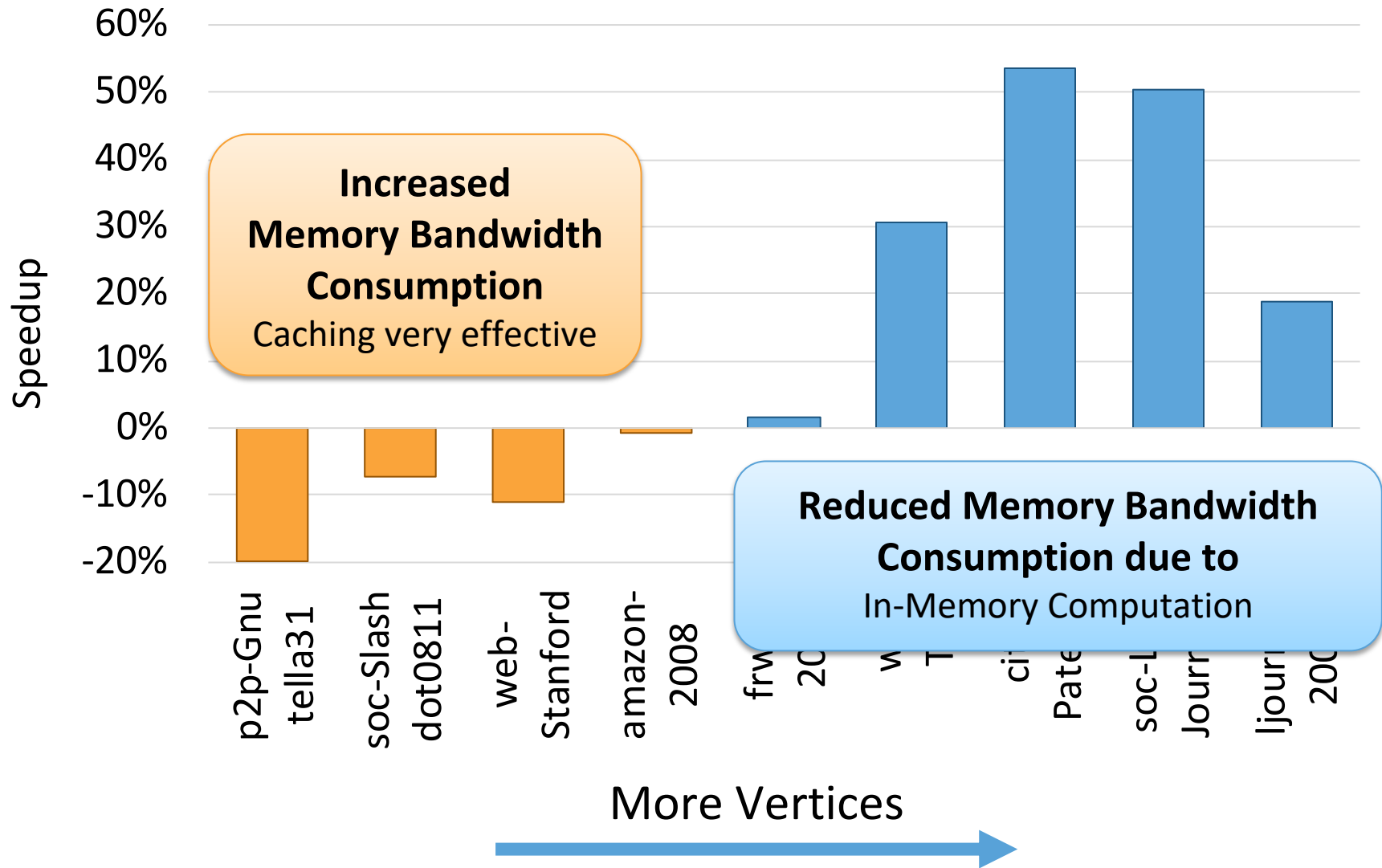
Main Memory



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 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

# 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] |

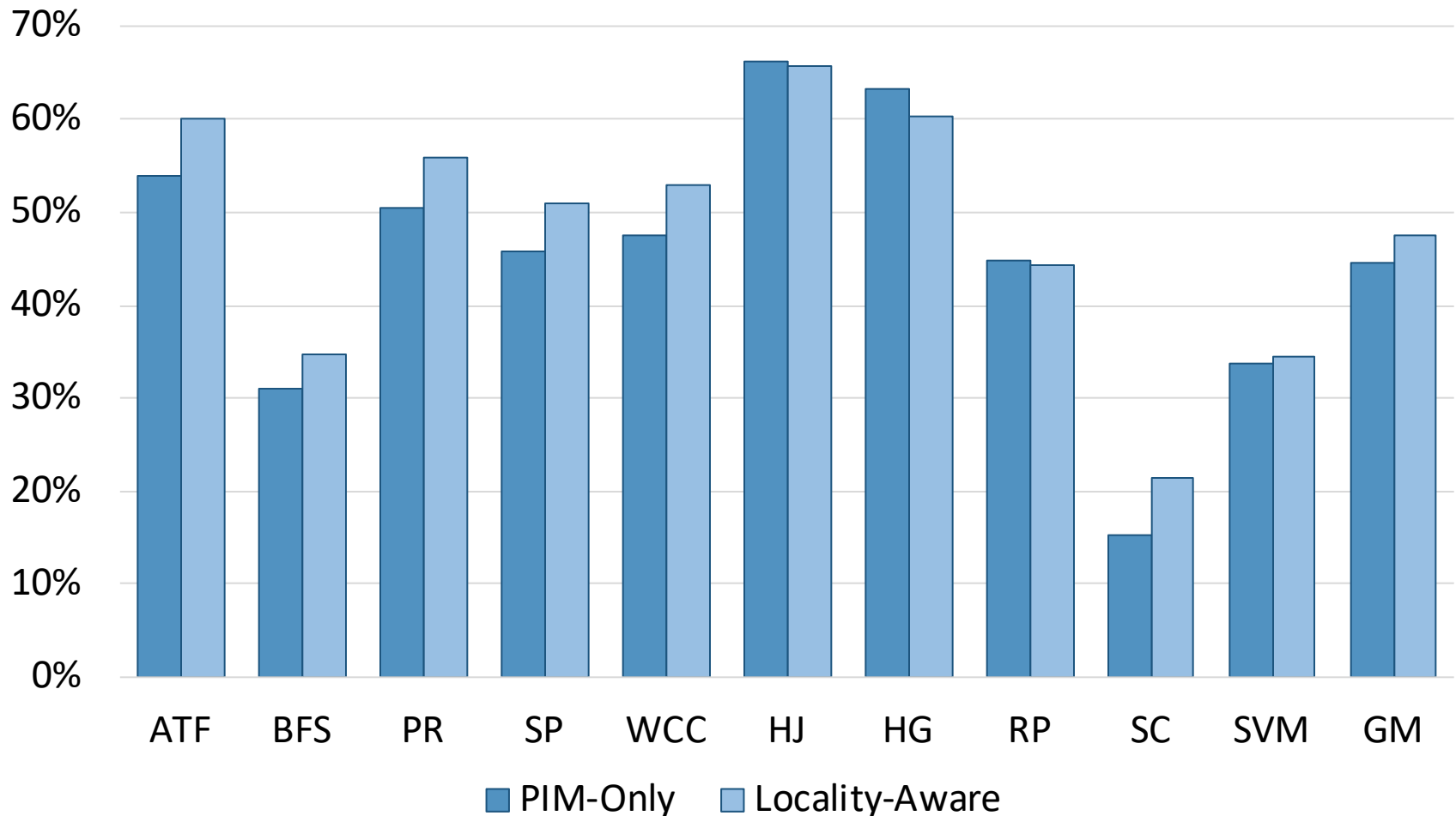
# Evaluated Data-Intensive Applications

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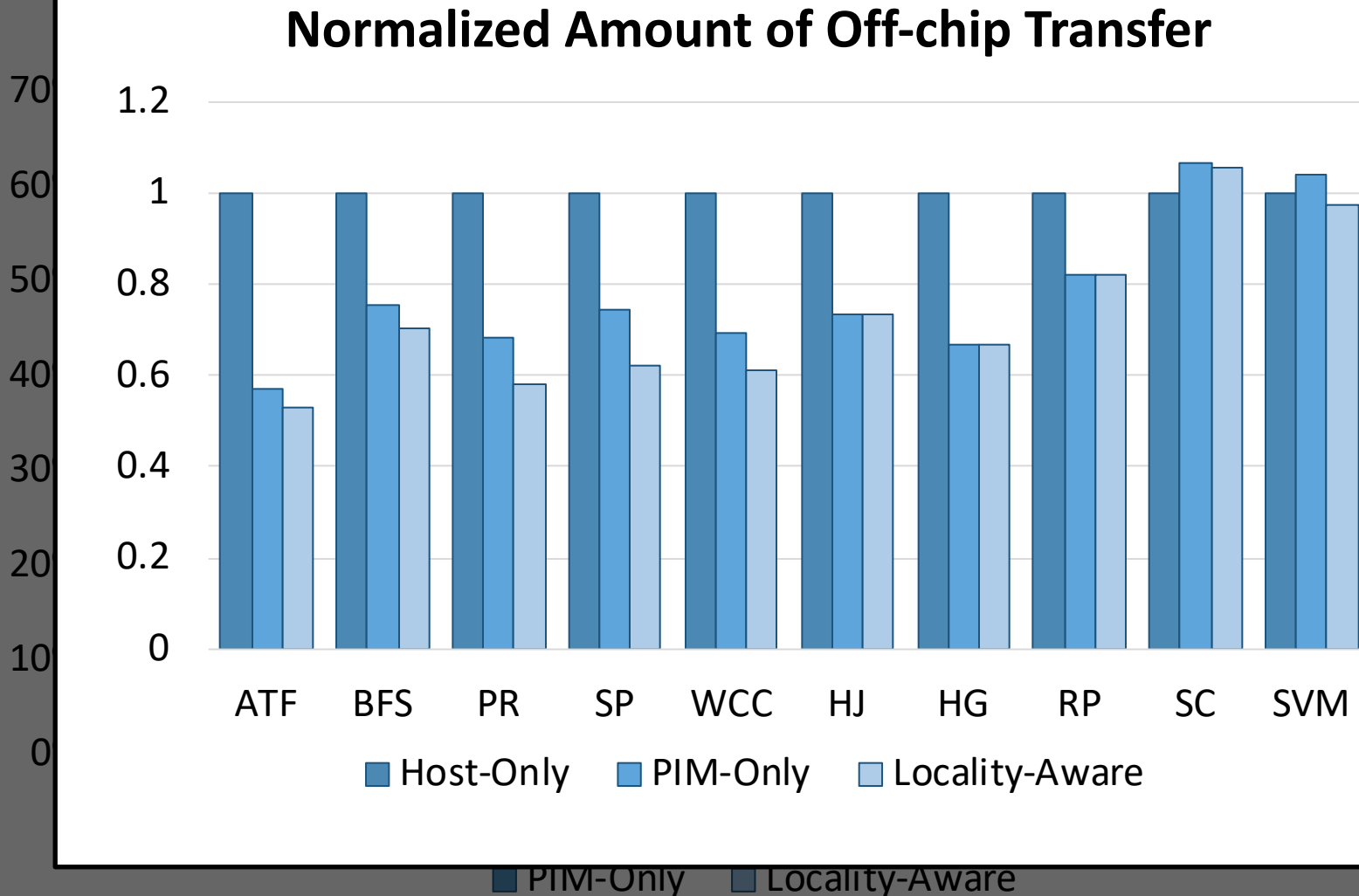
- Ten emerging data-intensive workloads
  - Large-scale graph processing
    - Average teenage follower, BFS, PageRank, single-source shortest path, weakly connected components
  - In-memory data analytics
    - Hash join, histogram, radix partitioning
  - Machine learning and data mining
    - Streamcluster, SVM-RFE
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# PEI Performance Delta: Large Data Sets

(Large Inputs, Baseline: Host-Only)



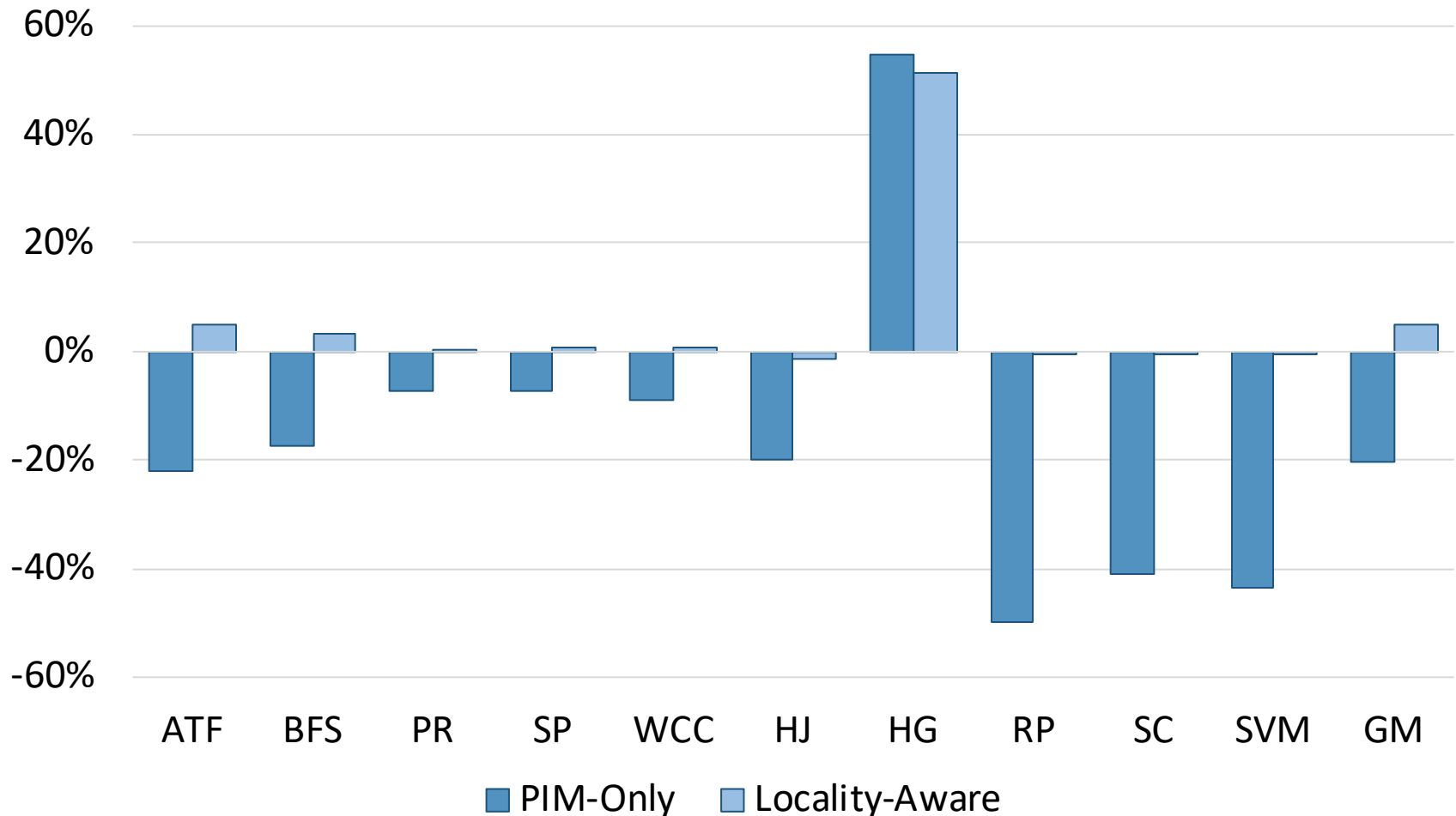
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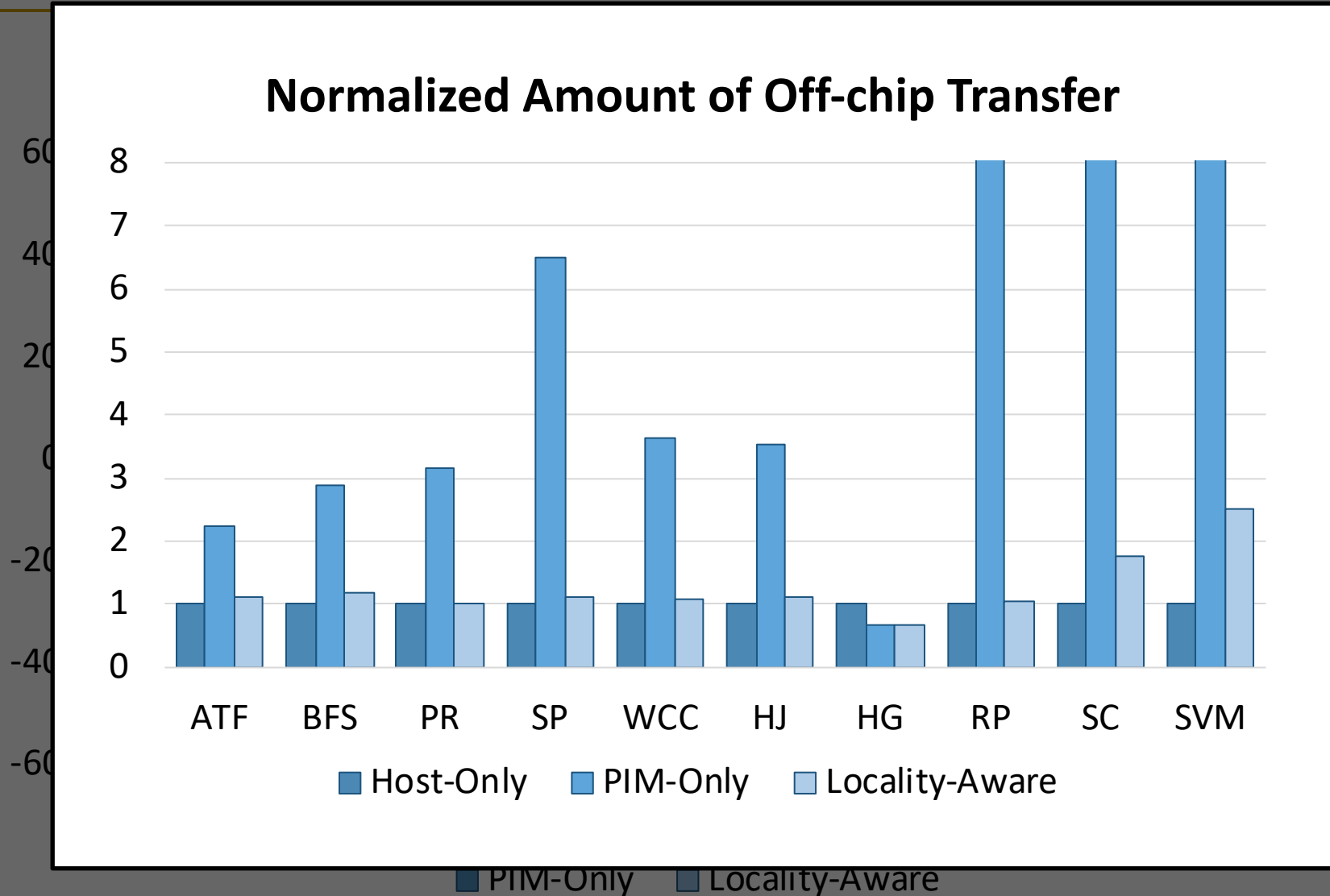


# PEI Performance Delta: Small Data Sets

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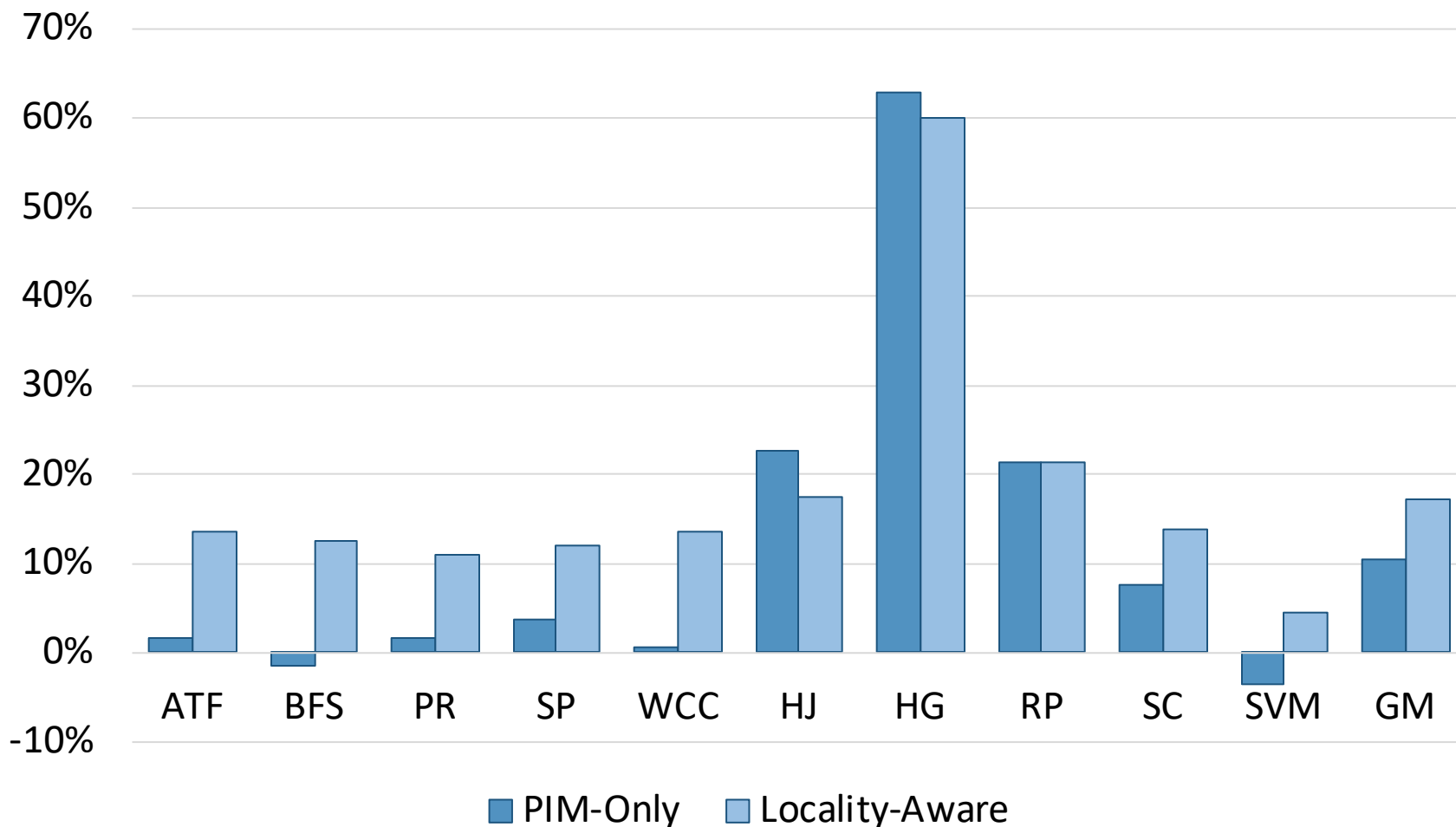


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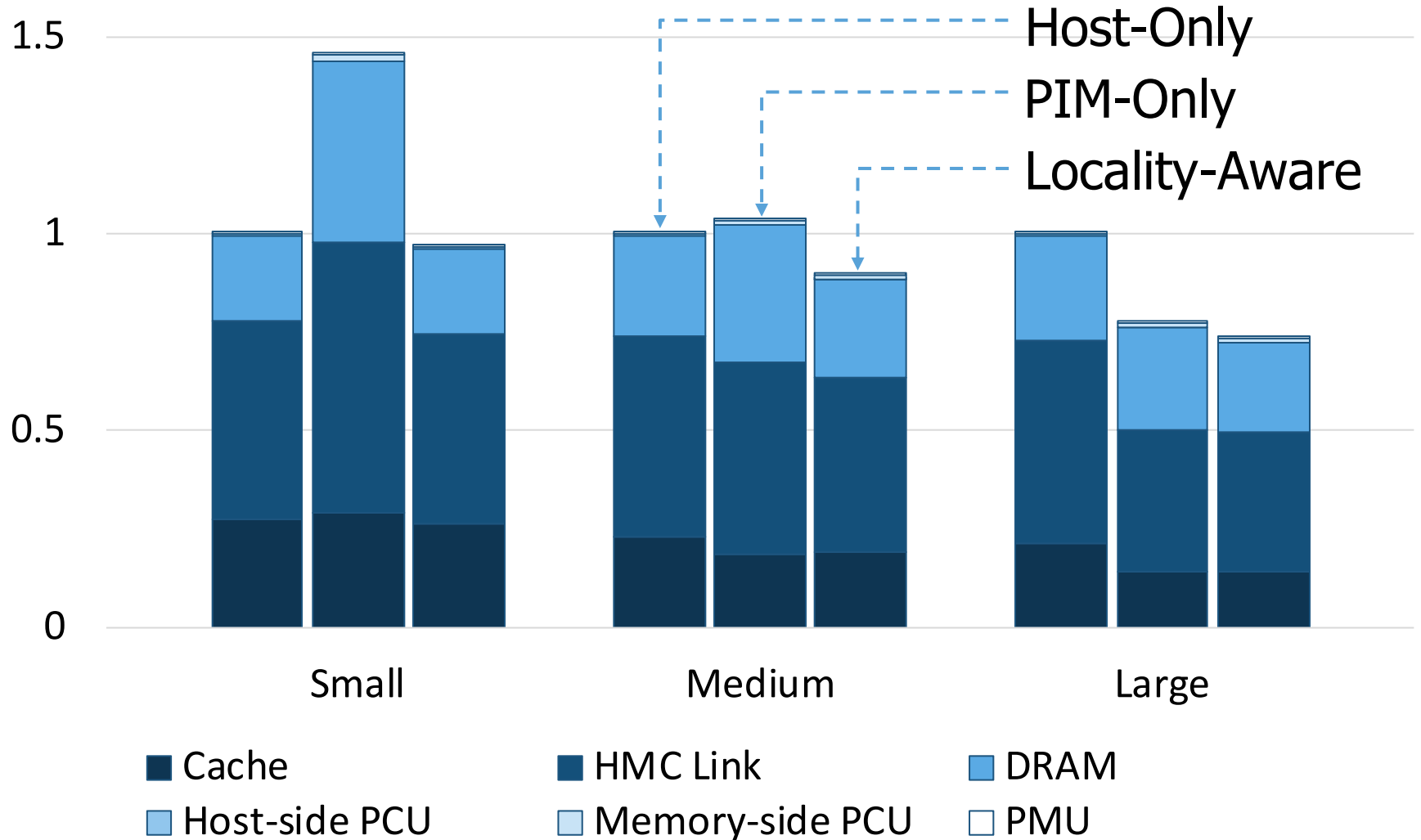


# PEI Performance Delta: Medium Data Sets

(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

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

# Fundamentally High-Performance (Data-Centric) Computing Architectures

# Computing Architectures with Minimal Data Movement

# 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
  - Minimally Changing Memory Chips
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- Conclusion

## How to Enable Adoption of Processing in Memory



# Barriers to Adoption of PIM

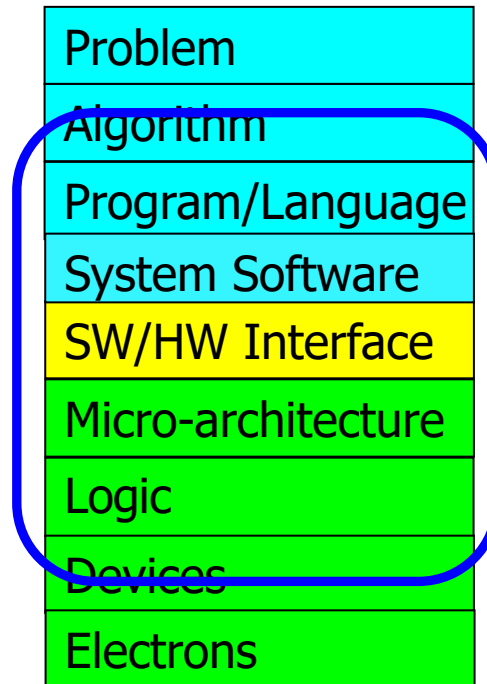
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1. Functionality of and applications & software for PIM
2. Ease of programming (interfaces and compiler/HW support)
3. System support: coherence & virtual memory
4. Runtime and compilation systems for adaptive scheduling, data mapping, access/sharing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

**All can be solved with change of mindset**

# We Need to Revisit the Entire Stack

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**We can get there step by step**

# PIM Review and Open Problems

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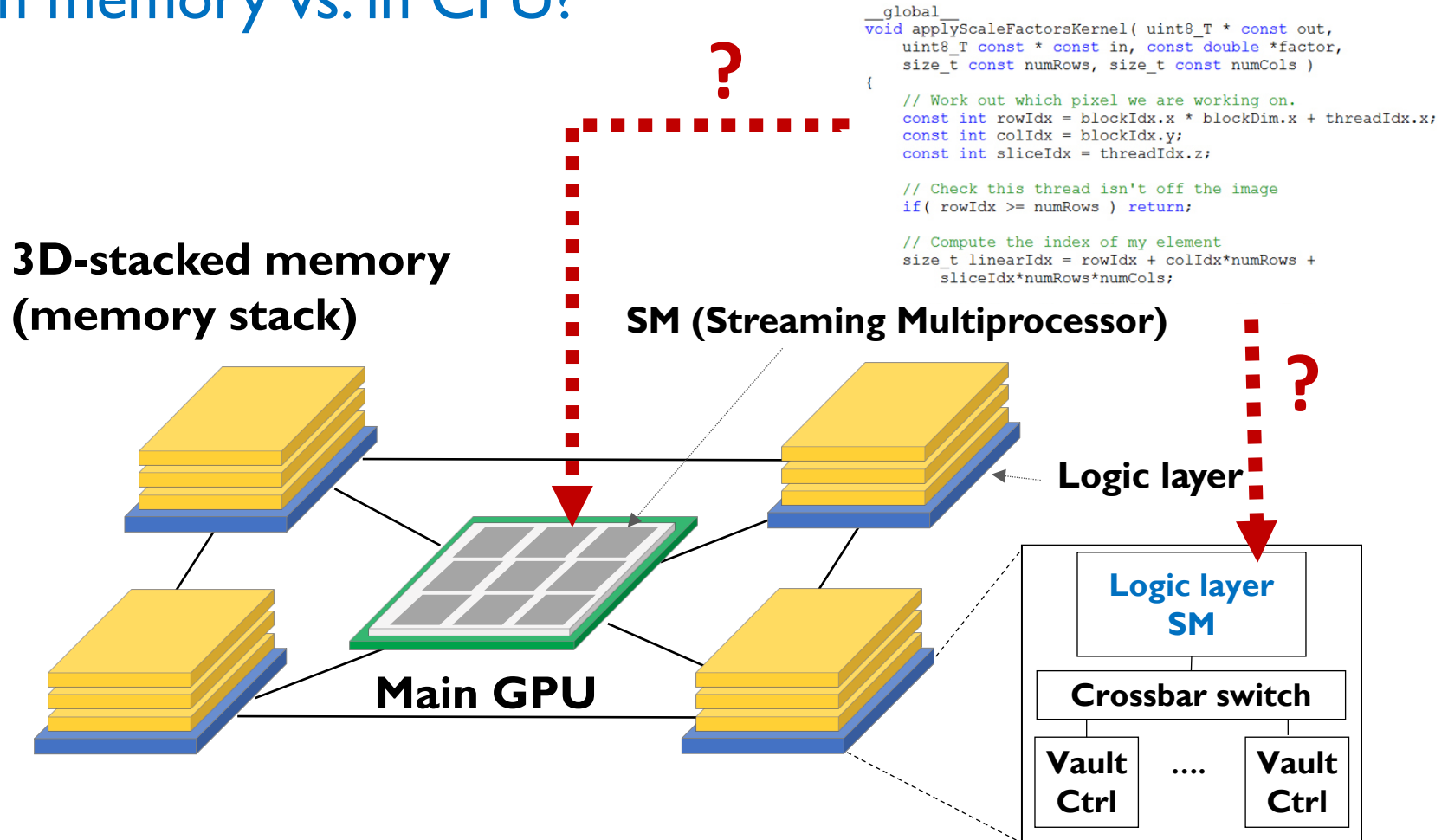
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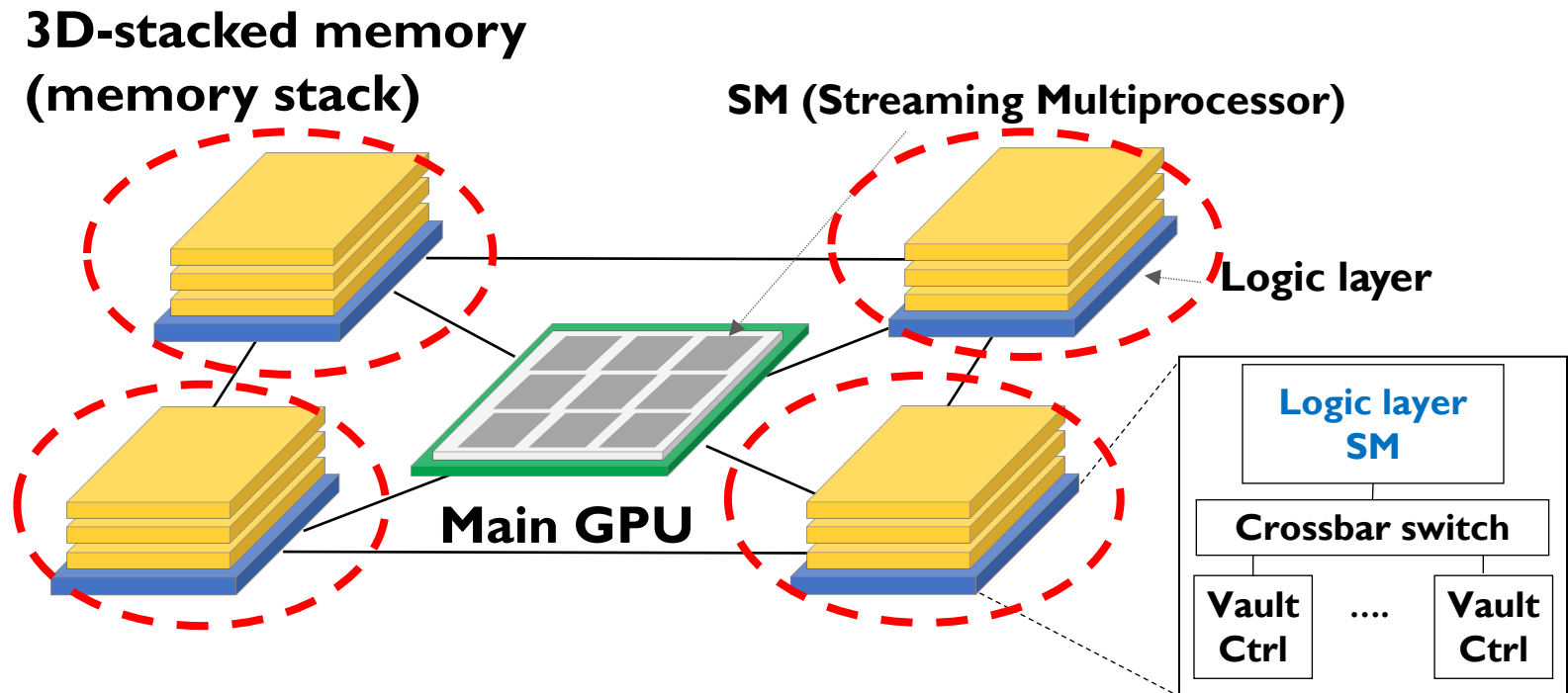
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- **Challenge 1:** Which operations should be executed in memory vs. in CPU?



# 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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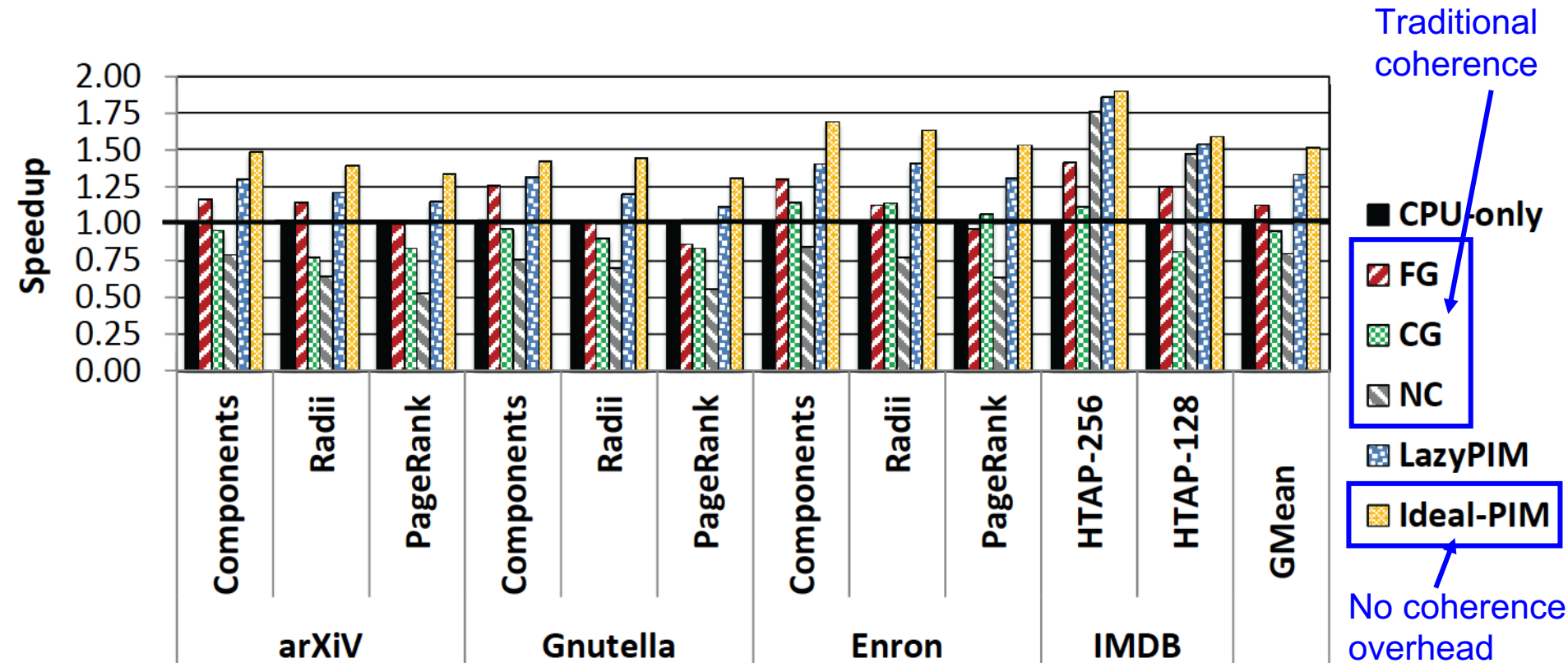
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# Challenge: Coherence for Hybrid CPU-PIM Apps



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## Concurrent Data Structures for Near-Memory Computing

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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
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## Ramulator: A Fast and Extensible DRAM Simulator

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# Performance & Energy Models for PIM

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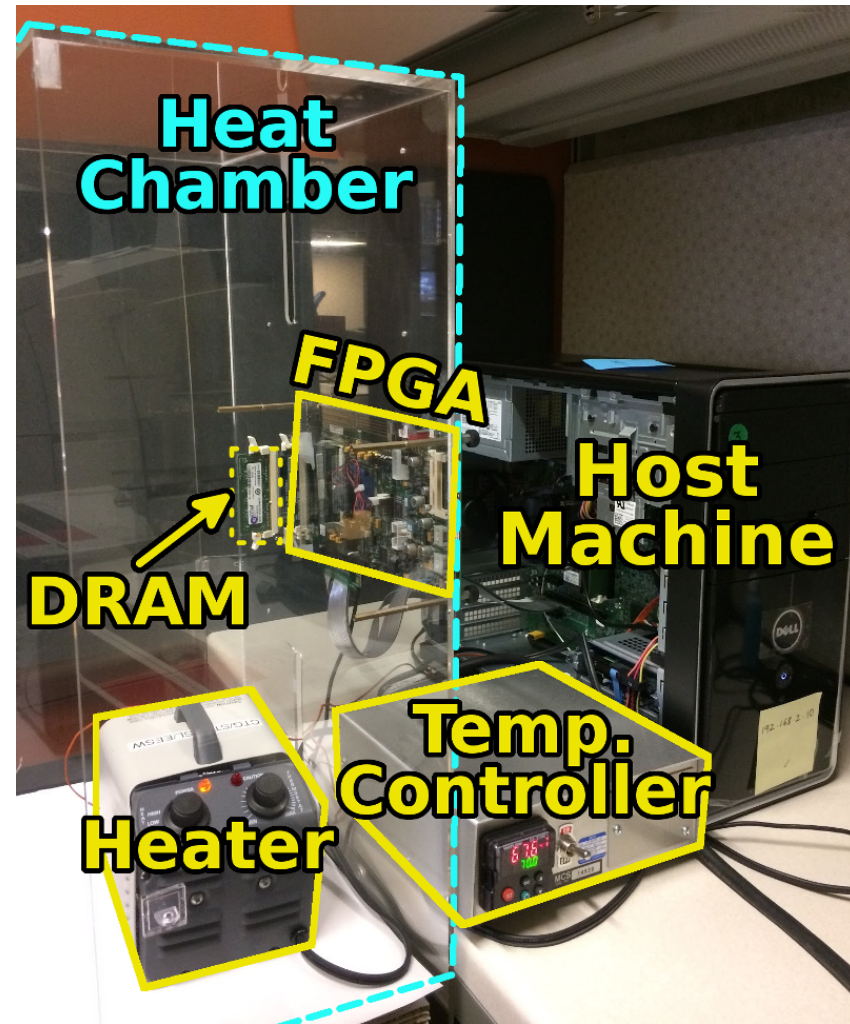
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## NAPEL: Near-Memory Computing Application Performance Prediction via Ensemble Learning

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- Easy to Use (C++ API)
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# New Applications and Use Cases for PIM

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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**.

# Google Workloads for Consumer Devices: Mitigating Data Movement Bottlenecks

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

# Fundamentally High-Performance (Data-Centric) Computing Architectures

# Computing Architectures with Minimal Data Movement

# One Important Takeaway

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Main Memory Needs  
Intelligent Controllers

# 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
  - Minimally Changing Memory Chips
  - Exploiting 3D-Stacked Memory
- How to Enable Adoption of Processing in Memory
- Conclusion

# PIM: 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**
  - ❑ ...



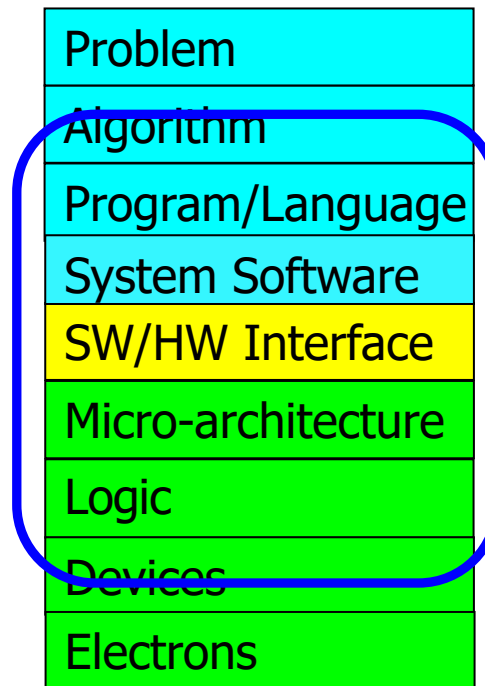
# The Future of Processing in Memory is Bright

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

Can enable:

- Orders of magnitude improvements
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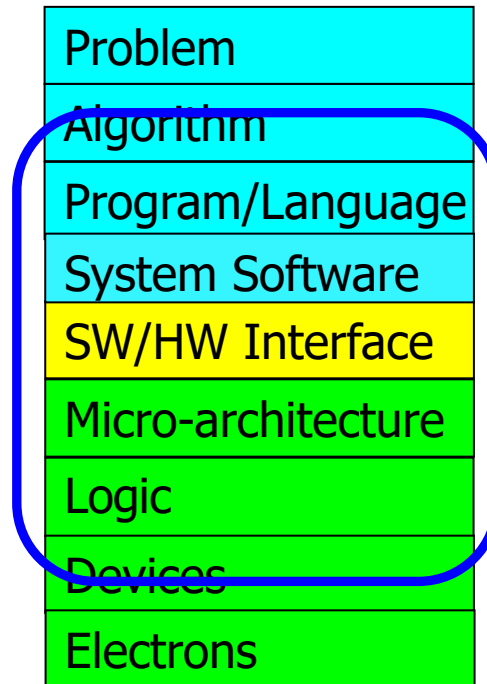


Yet, we have to

- Think across the stack
- Design enabling systems

# We Need to Revisit the Entire Stack

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**We can get there step by step**

# 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

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