Memory-Centric Computing

Recent Advances in Processing-in-DRAM

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Problem

Computing

is Bottlenecked by Data

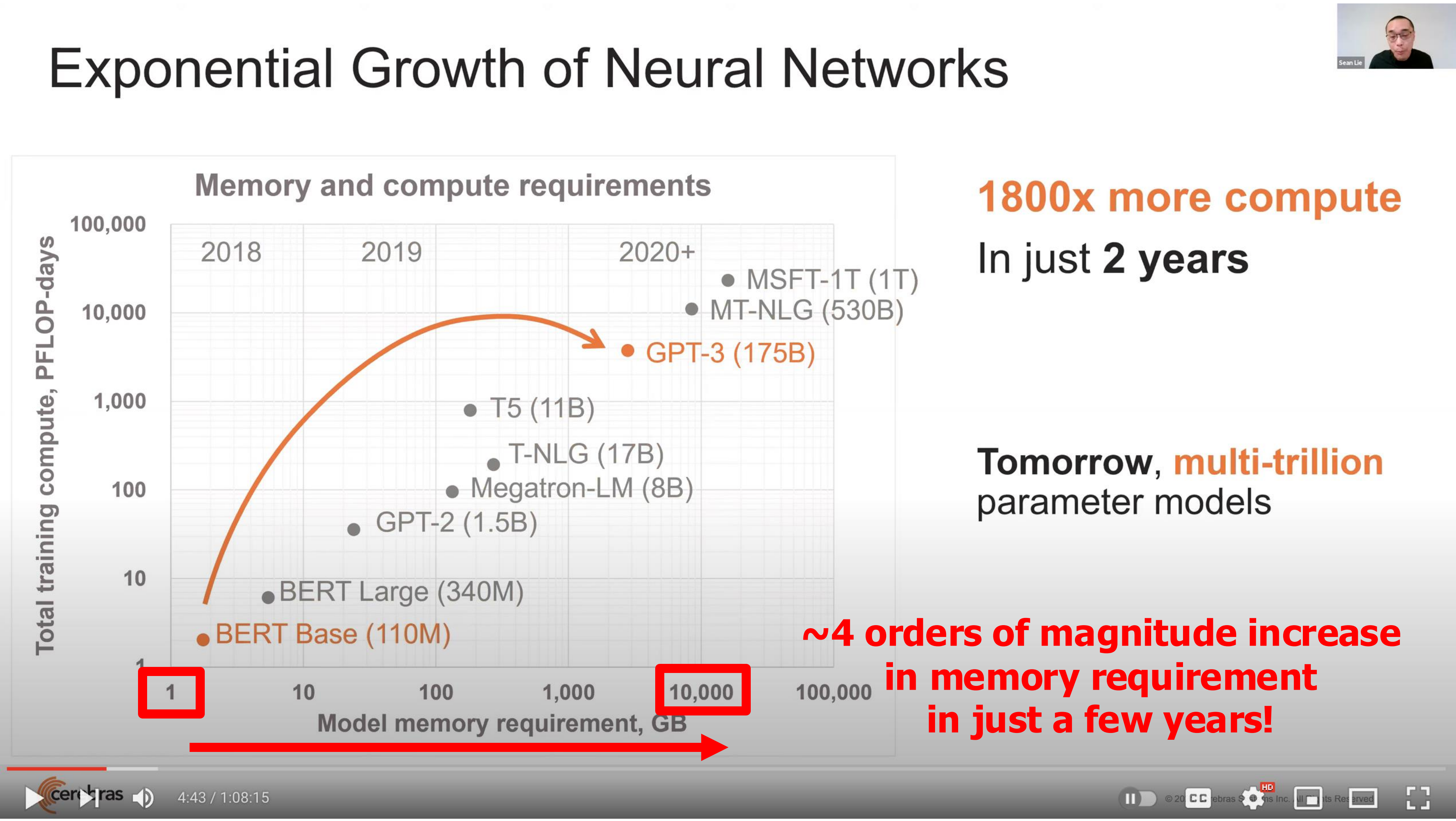
Data is Key for AI, ML, Genomics, …

- Important workloads are all data intensive

- They require rapid and efficient processing of large amounts of data

- Data is increasing
  - We can generate more than we can process
  - We need to perform more sophisticated analyses on more data

Huge Demand for Performance & Efficiency



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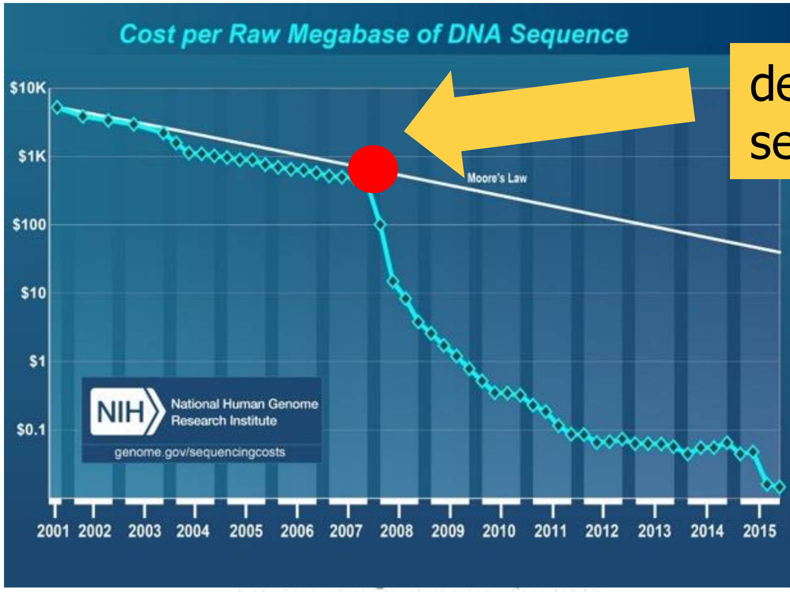
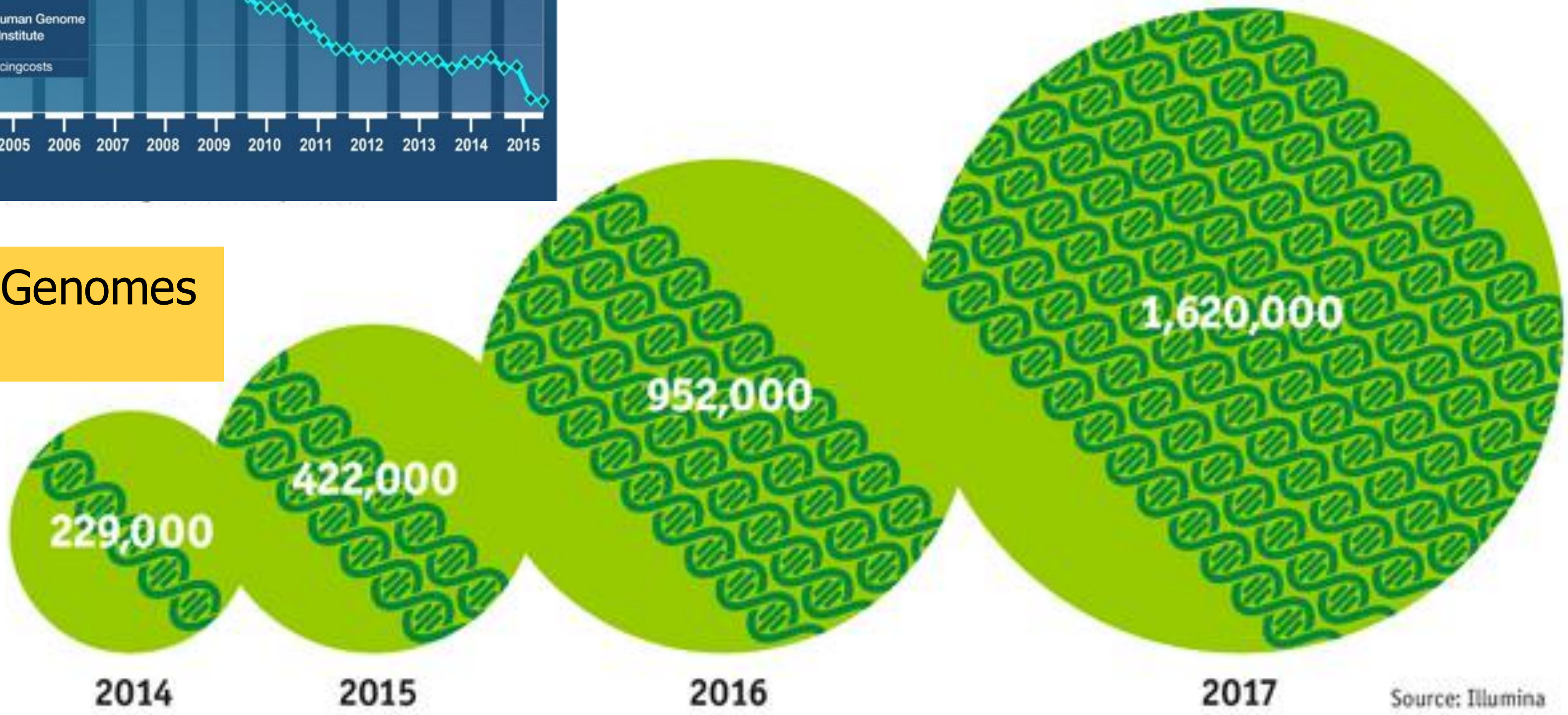


development of new sequencing technologies

Oxford Nanopore MinION

Number of Genomes Sequenced



The Economist

http://www.economist.com/news/21631808-so-much-genetic-data-so-many-uses-genes-unzipped

The Problem

Data access is the major performance and energy bottleneck

Our current

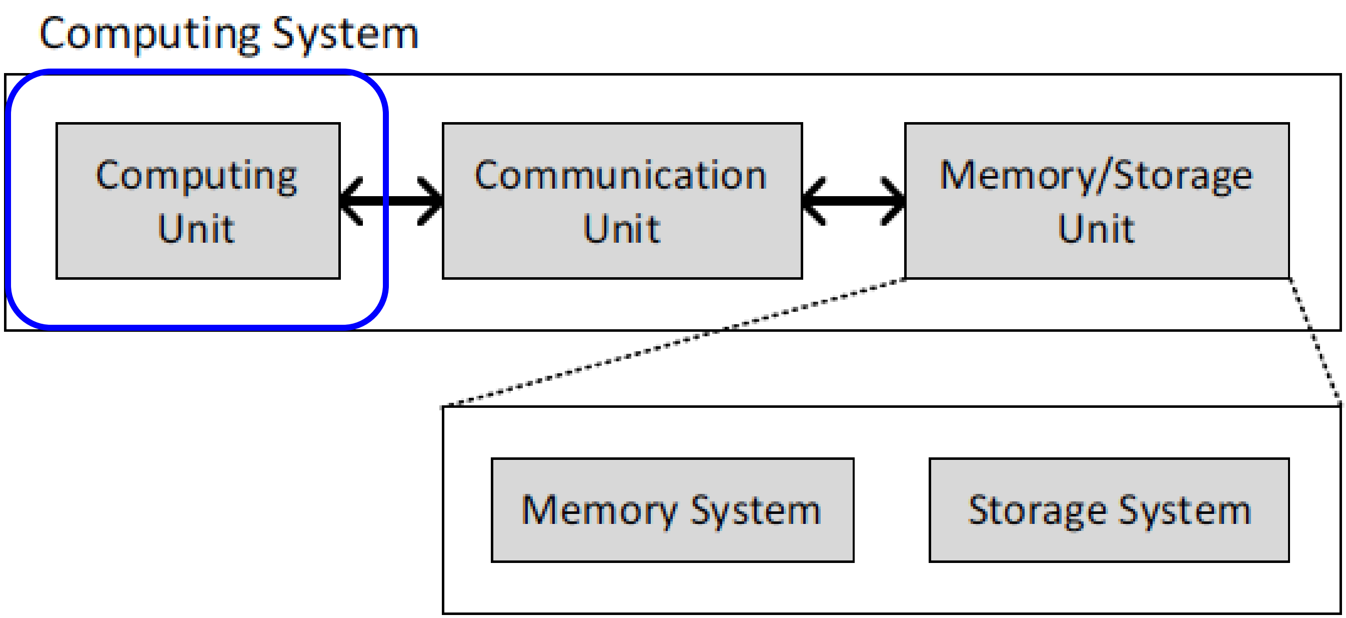
design principles

cause great energy waste

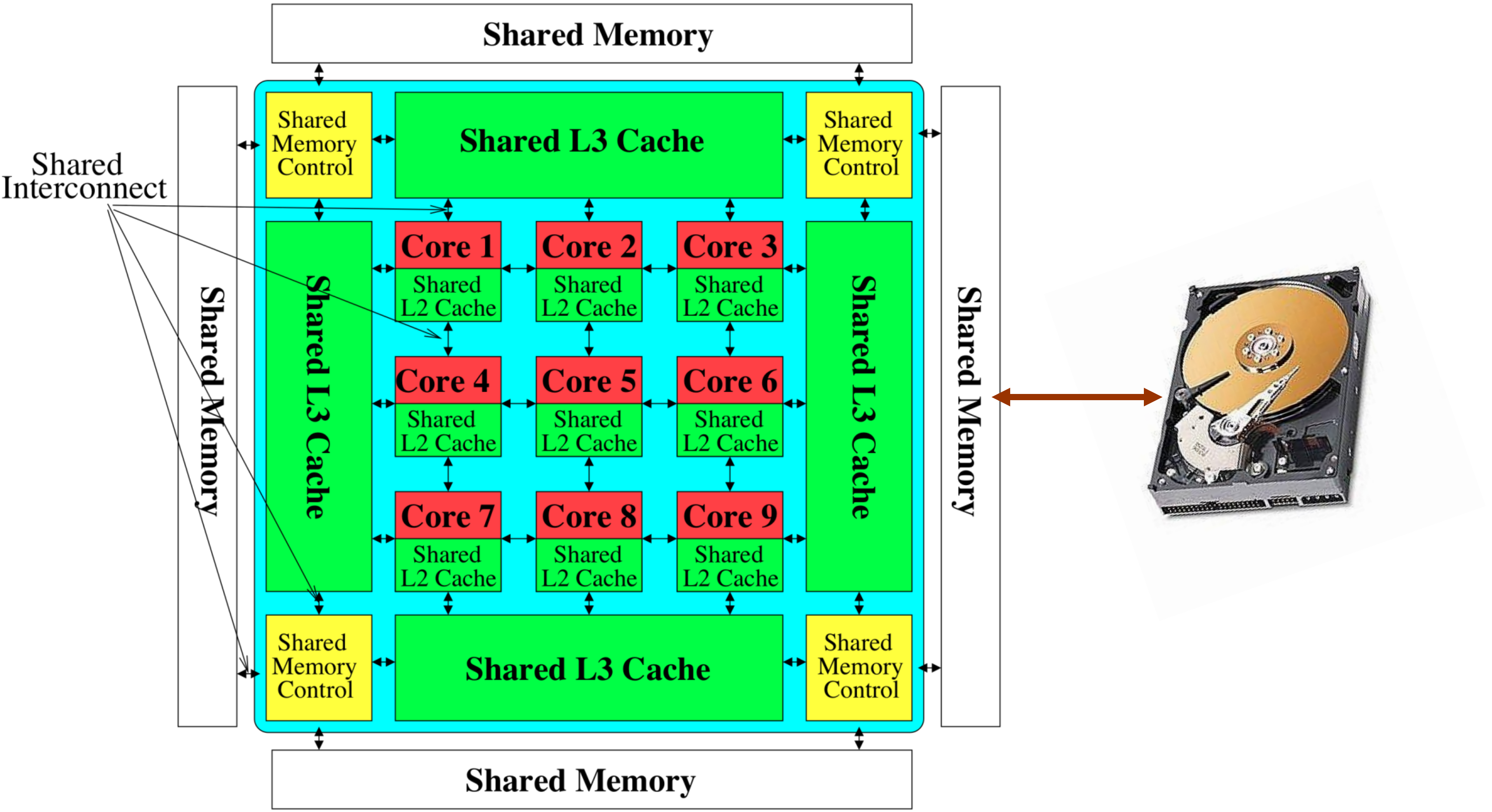
(and great performance loss)

Today's Computing Systems

- Processor centric
- All data processed in the processor → at great system cost



Perils of Processor-Centric Design

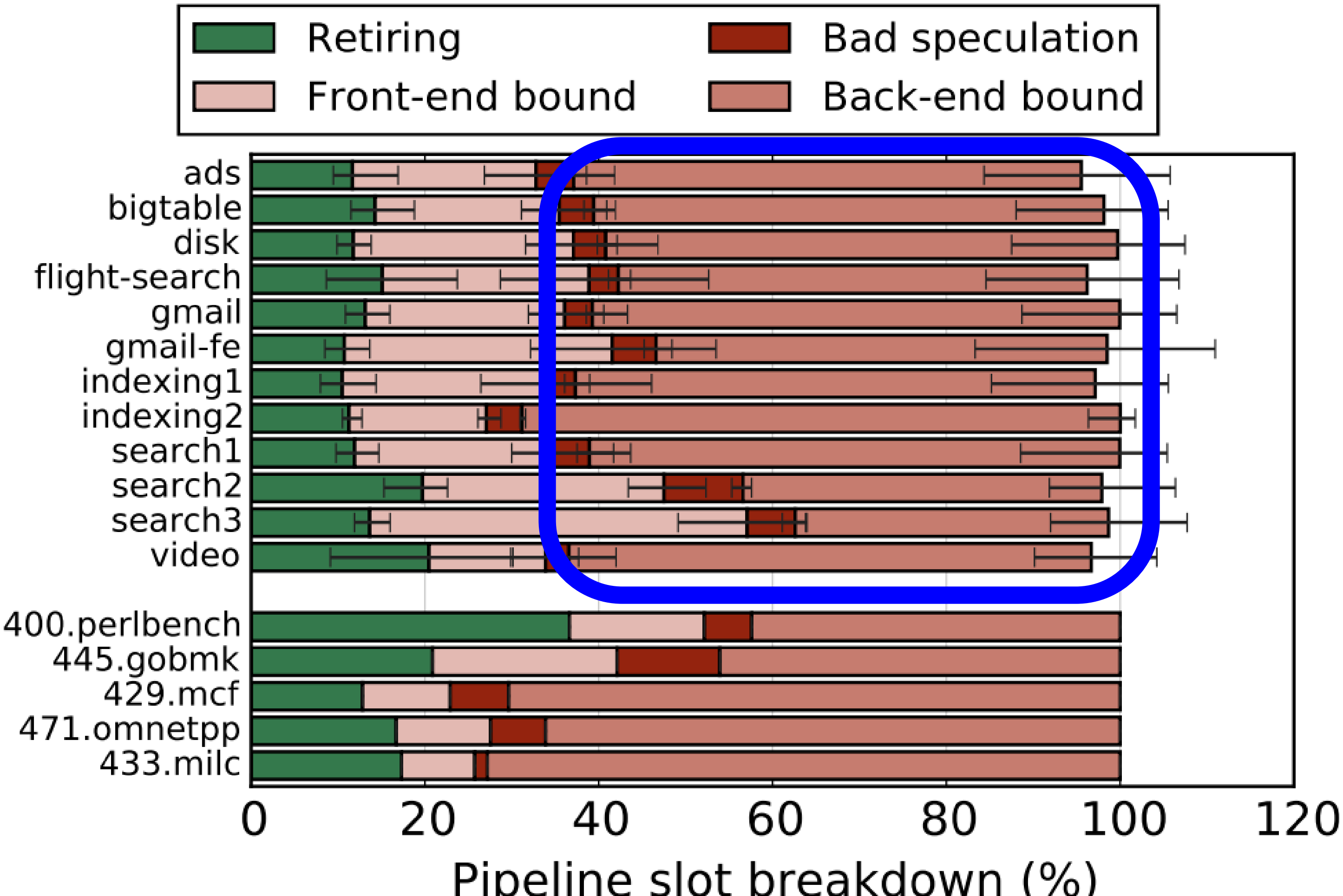


Most of the system is dedicated to storing and moving data

Yet, system is still bottlenecked by memory

Processor-Centric System Performance

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



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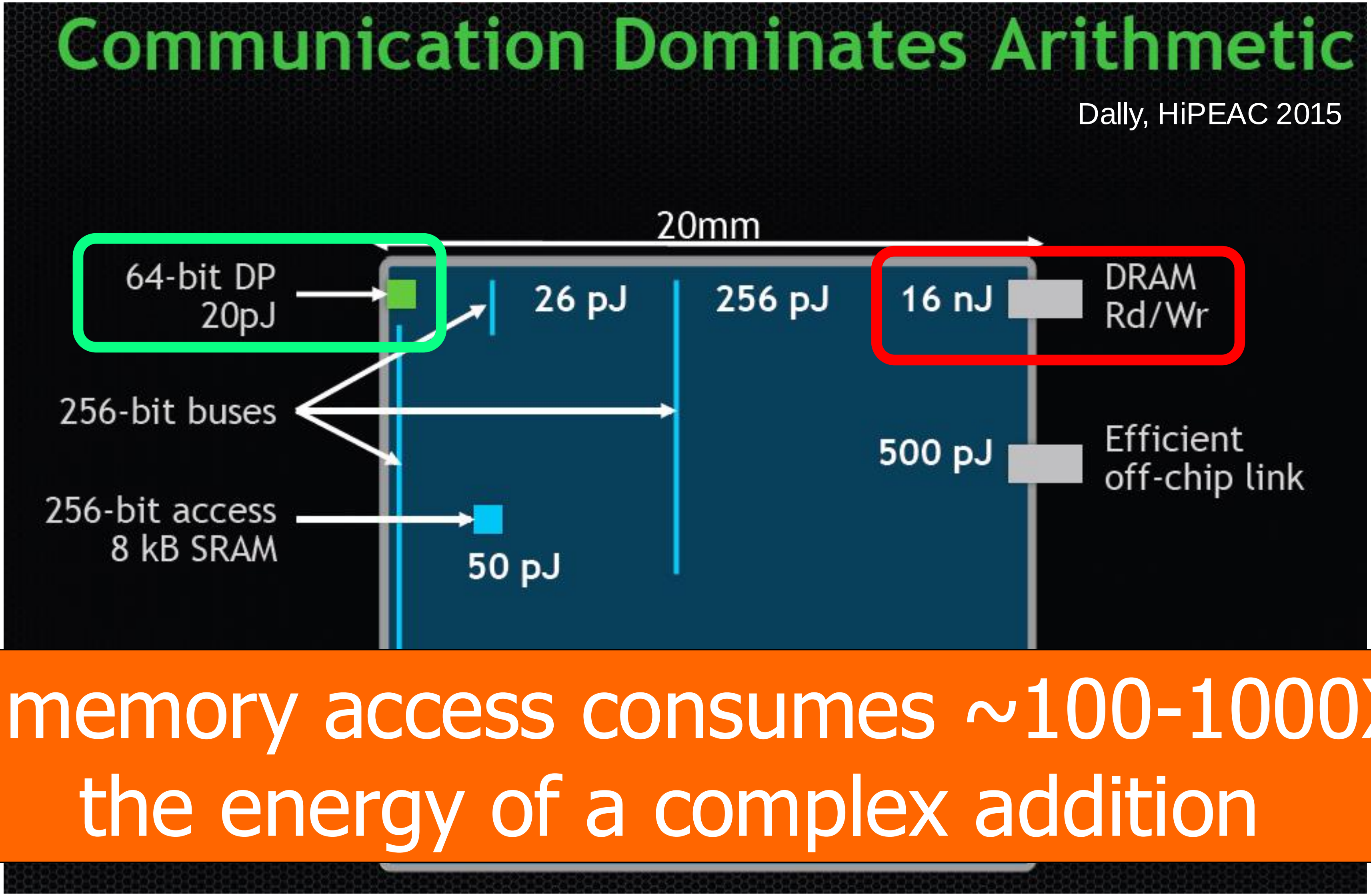

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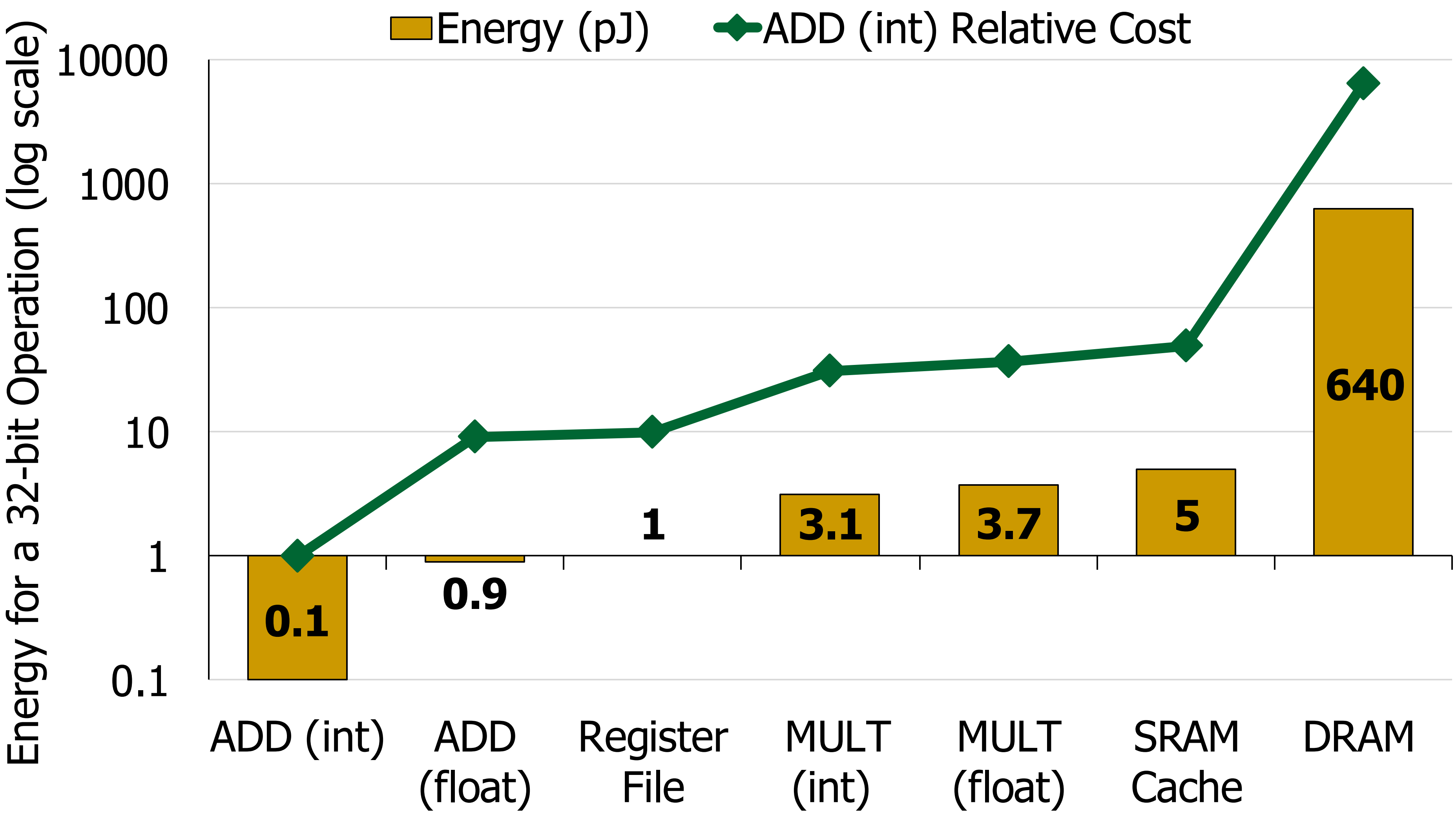

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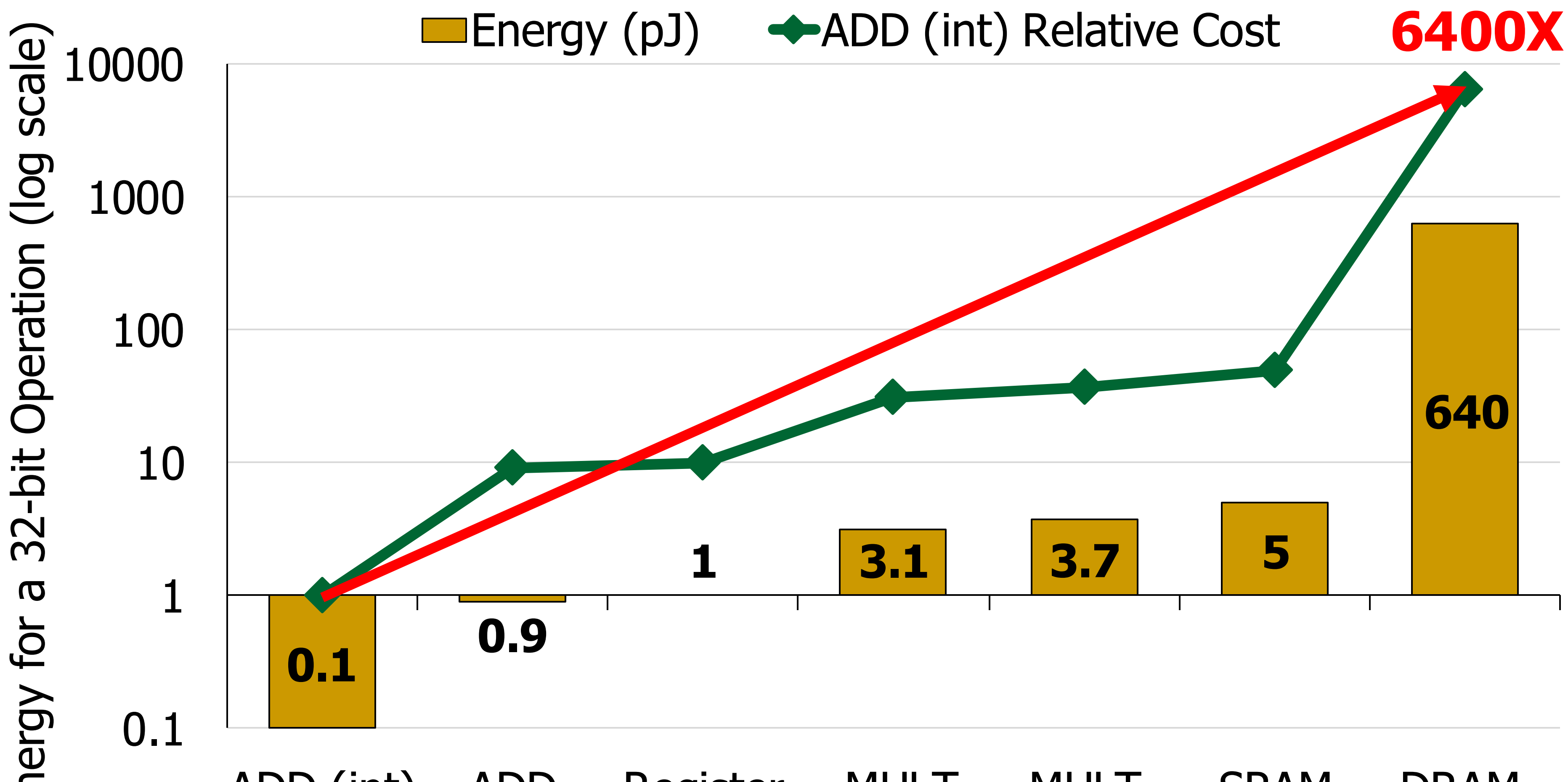

A memory access consumes 6400X the energy of a simple integer addition

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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Energy Waste in Accelerators

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  "Google Neural Network Models for Edge Devices: Analyzing and Mitigating Machine Learning Inference Bottlenecks"
  Proceedings of the 30th International Conference on Parallel Architectures and Compilation Techniques (***PACT***), Virtual, September 2021.
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> 90% of the total system energy
is spent on memory in large ML models

Google Neural Network Models for Edge Devices:
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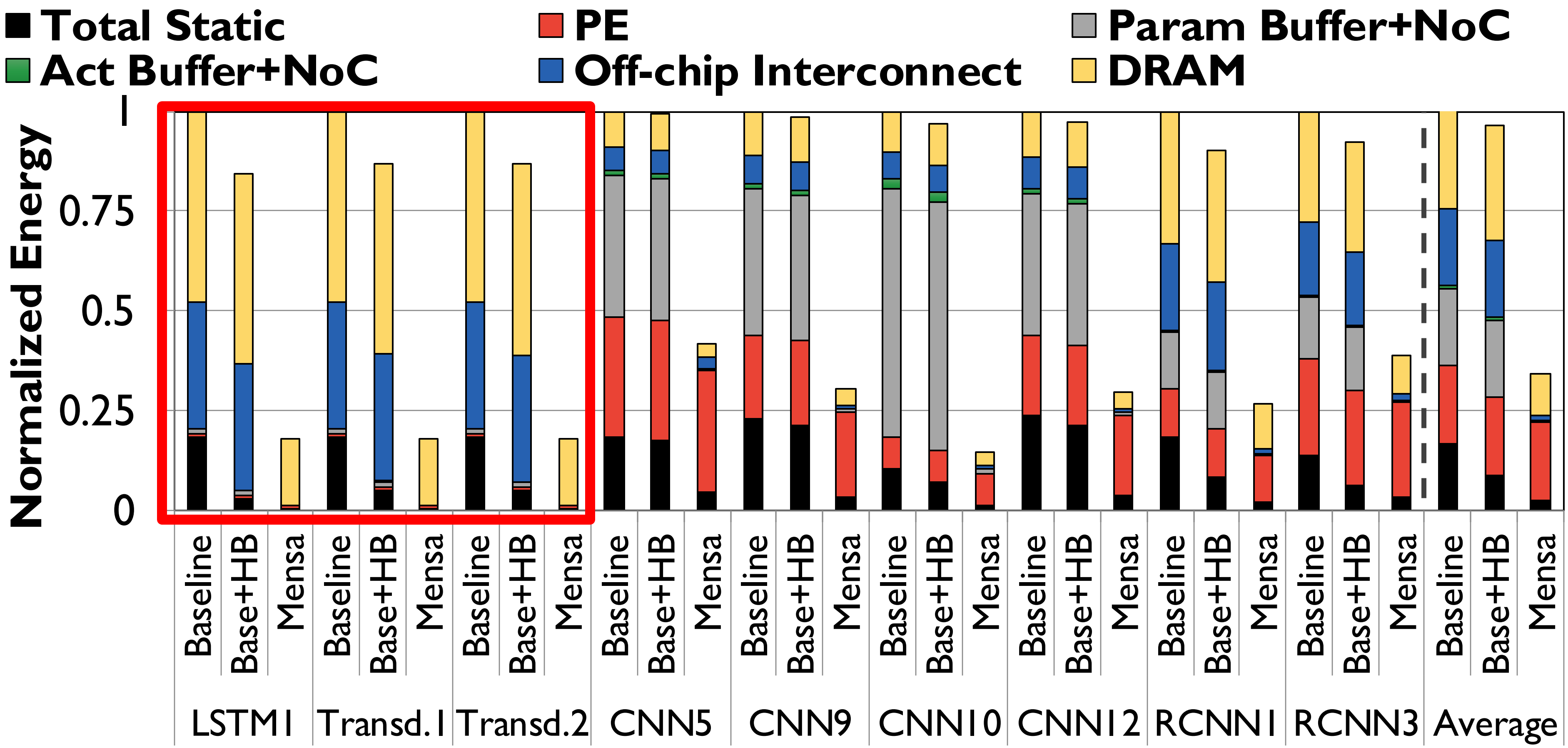


In LSTMs and Transducers used by Google,
>90% energy spent on off-chip interconnect and DRAM

https://arxiv.org/pdf/2109.14320

Fundamental Problem

Processing of data
is performed
far away from the data

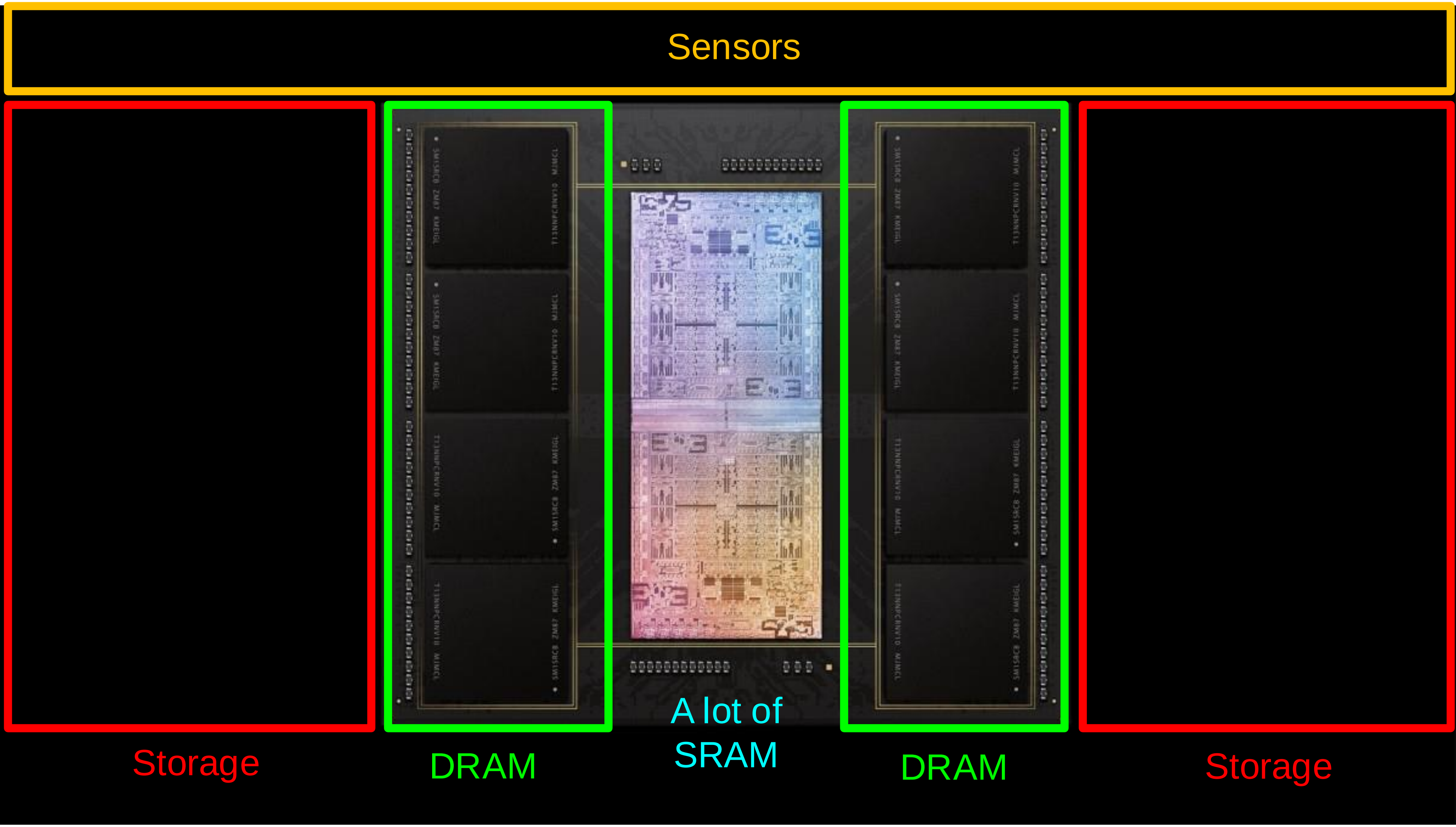
We Need A **Paradigm Shift** To …

- Enable computation with minimal data movement

- Compute where it makes sense (where data resides)

- Make computing architectures more data-centric

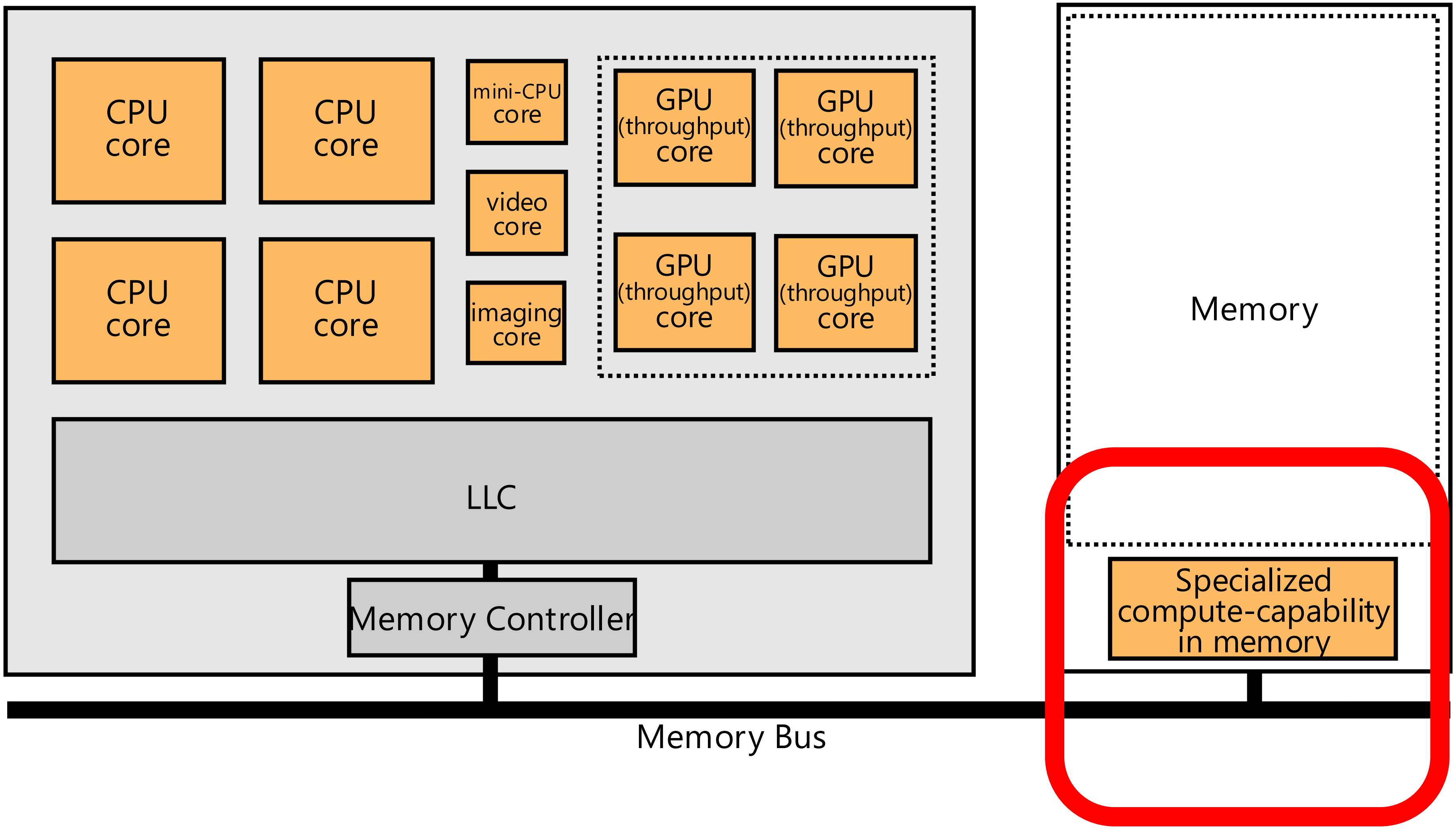
Process Data Where It Makes Sense



Apple M1 Ultra System (2022)

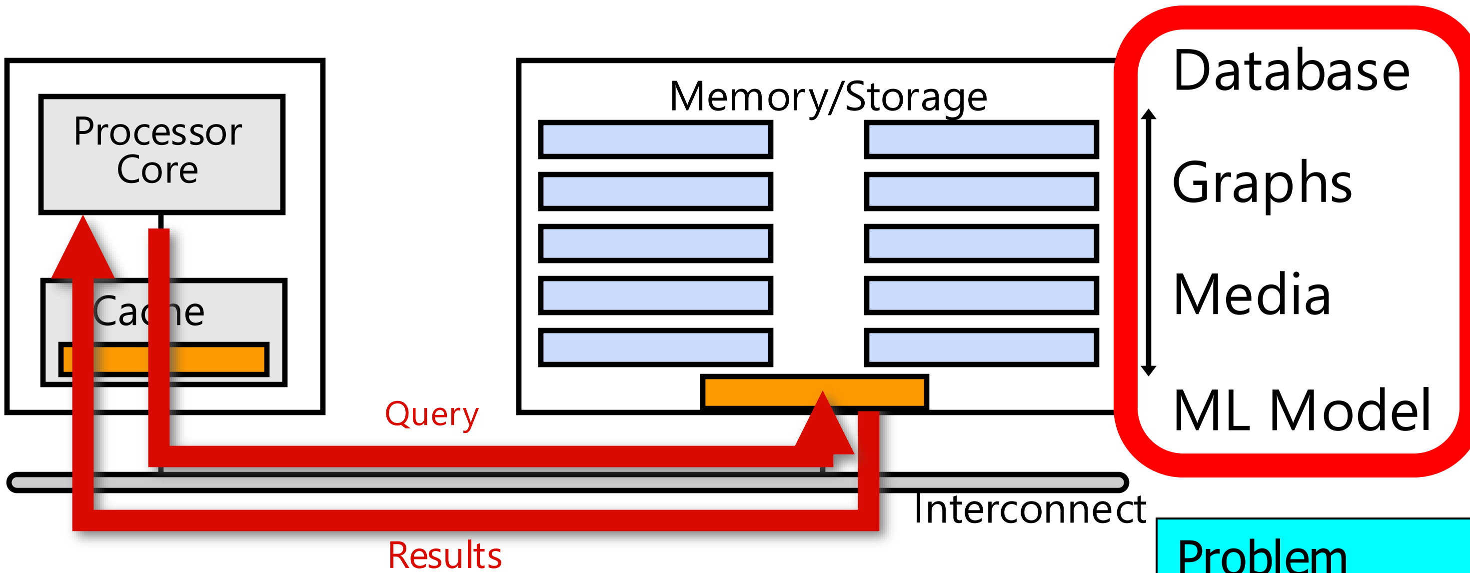
https://www.gsmarena.com/apple_announces_m1_ultra_with_20core_cpu_and_64core_gpu-news-53481.php

Memory as an Accelerator

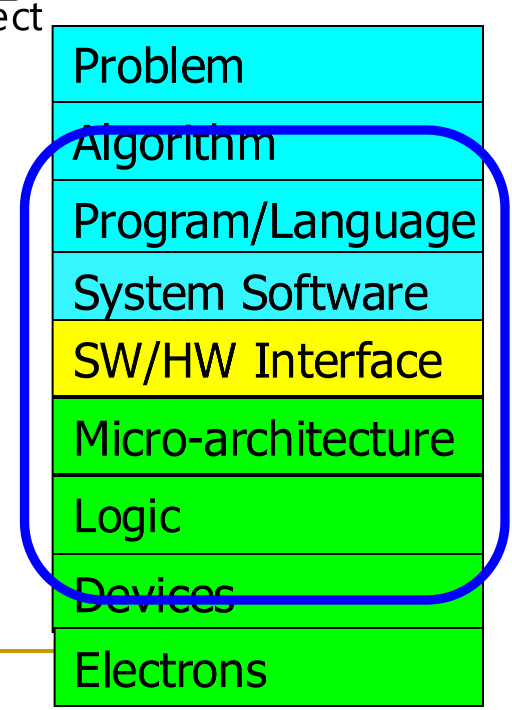


Memory similar to a "conventional" accelerator

Goal: Processing Inside Memory/Storage



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



Processing in/near Memory: An Old Idea

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

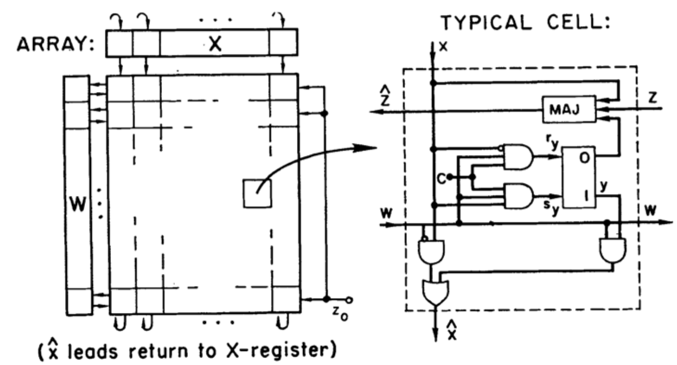
Cellular Logic-in-Memory Arrays

WILLIAM H. KAUTZ, MEMBER, IEEE

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

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

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



CELL EQUATIONS: $\hat{x} = \bar{w}x + wy$

$s_y = wcx, \; r_y = wc\bar{x}$

$\hat{z} = M(x, \bar{y}, z) = x\bar{y} + z(x + \bar{y})$

Fig. 1. Cellular sorting array I.

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A Logic-in-Memory Computer

HAROLD S. STONE

Abstract—If, as presently projected, the cost of microelectronic arrays in the future will tend to reflect the number of pins on the array rather than the number of gates, the logic-in-memory array is an extremely attractive computer component. Such an array is essentially a microelectronic memory with some combinational logic associated with each storage element.

Why In-Memory Computation Today?

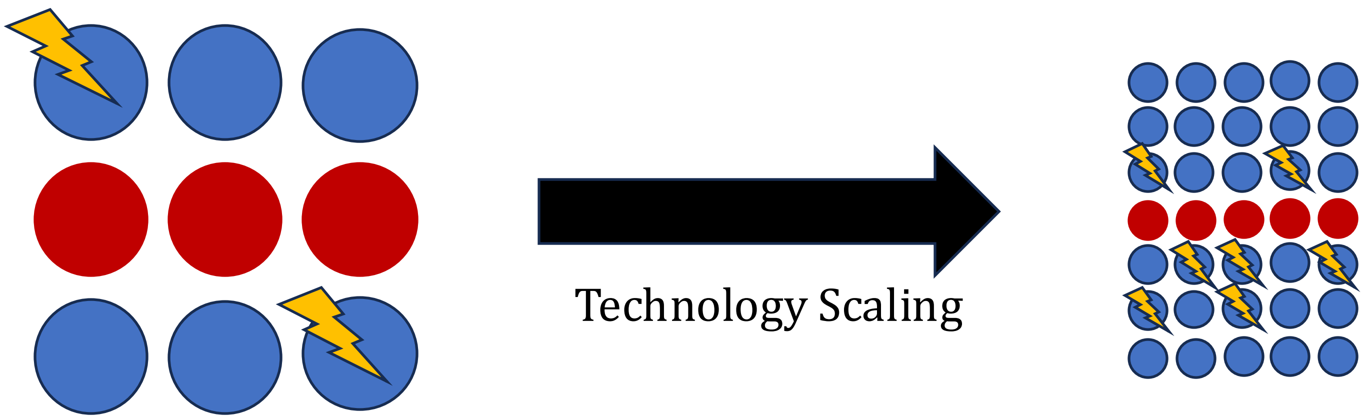
- **Huge demand from Applications & Systems**
  - Data access bottleneck
  - Energy & power bottlenecks
  - Data movement energy dominates computation energy
  - Need all at the same time: performance, energy, sustainability
  - We can improve all metrics by minimizing data movement

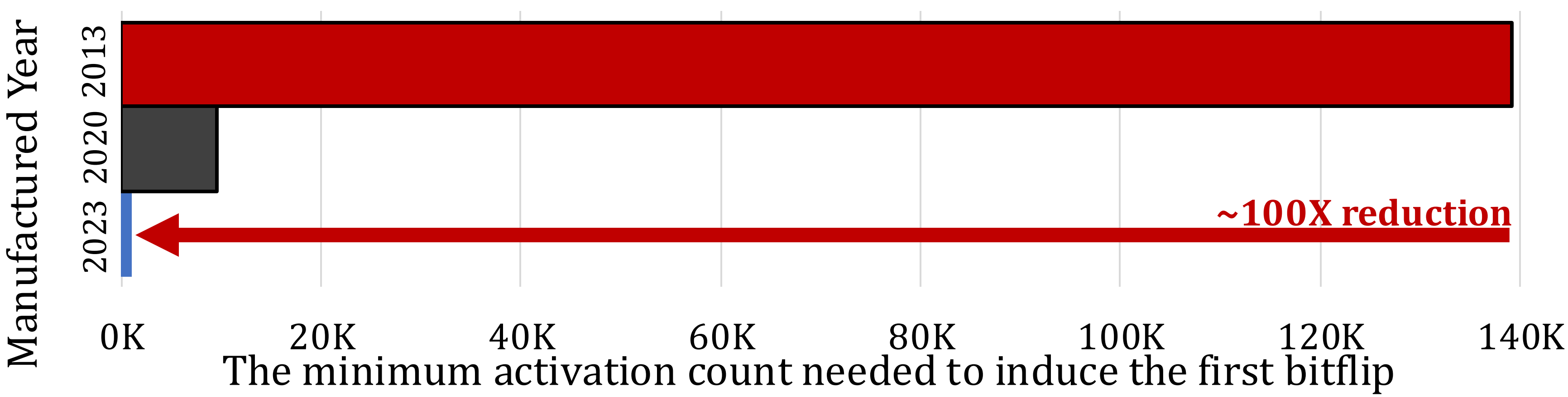
- **Huge problems with Memory Technology**
  - Memory technology scaling is not going well (e.g., RowHammer)
  - Many scaling issues demand intelligence in memory
  - Emerging technologies can enable new functions in memory

- **Designs are squeezed in the middle**


Rowhammer

Read Disturbance Worsens with Scaling





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RowHammer [ISCA 2014]

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[Slides (pptx) (pdf)] [Lightning Session Slides (pptx) (pdf)] [Source Code and Data] [Lecture Video (1 hr 49 mins), 25 September 2020]
One of the 7 papers of 2012-2017 selected as Top Picks in Hardware and Embedded Security for IEEE TCAD (link). Selected to the ISCA-50 25-Year Retrospective Issue covering 1996-2020 in 2023 (Retrospective (pdf) Full Issue). Winner of the 2024 IFIP Jean-Claude Laprie Award in dependable computing (link).

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

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RowPress [ISCA 2023]

- Haocong Luo, Ataberk Olgun, Giray Yaglikci, Yahya Can Tugrul, Steve Rhyner, M. Banu Cavlak, Joel Lindegger, Mohammad Sadrosadati, and Onur Mutlu,
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[RowPress Source Code and Datasets (Officially Artifact Evaluated with All Badges)]
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Best artifact award at ISCA 2023. IEEE Micro Top Pick in 2024.

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The Push from Circuits and Devices

Main Memory Needs

Intelligent Controllers

Industry's Intelligent DRAM Controllers (I)

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28.8 A 1.1V 16Gb DDR5 DRAM with Probabilistic-Aggressor Tracking, Refresh-Management Functionality, Per-Row Hammer Tracking, a Multi-Step Precharge, and Core-Bias Modulation for Security and Reliability Enhancement

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Industry's Intelligent DRAM Controllers (II)

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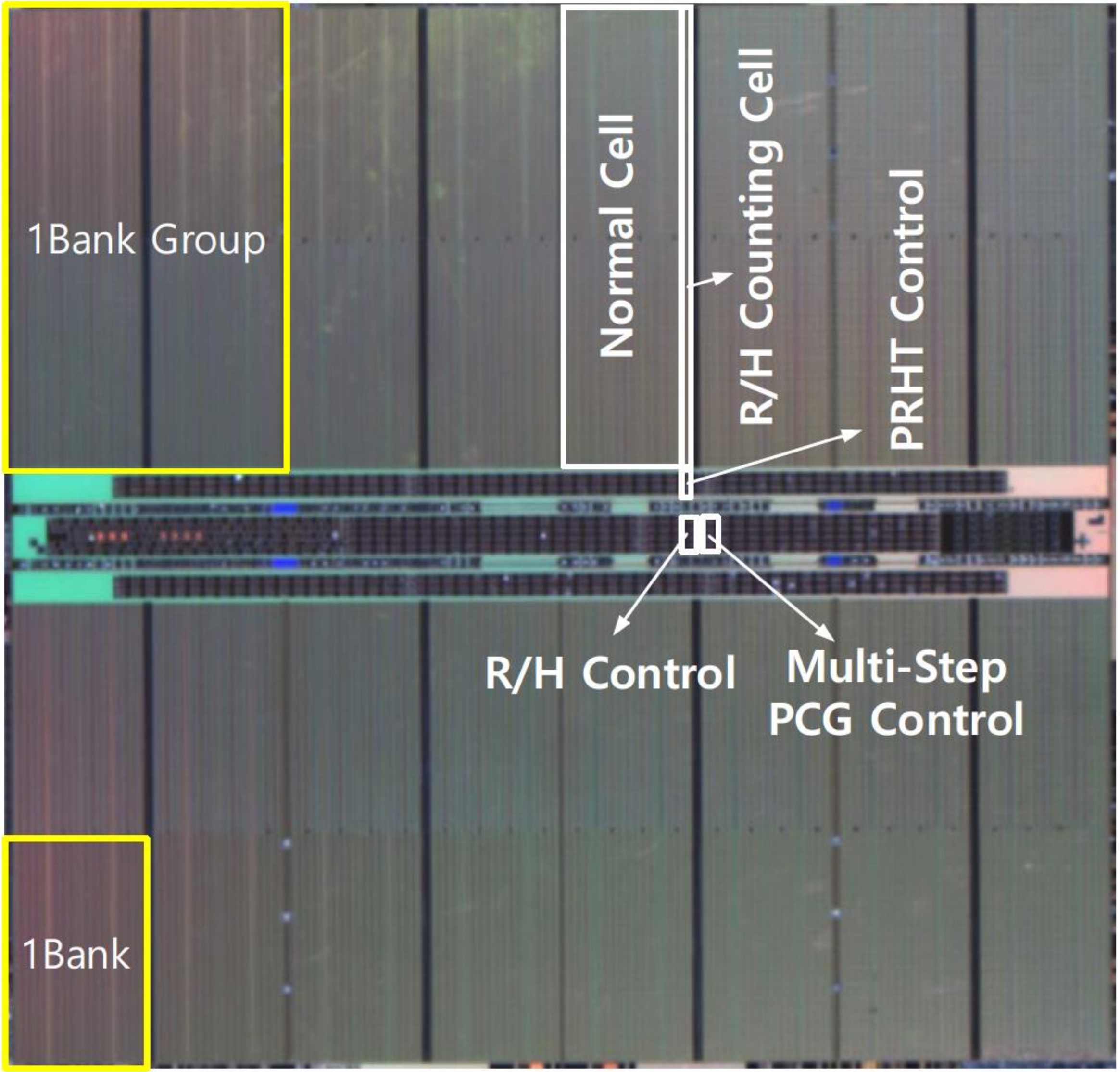
DRAM products have been recently adopted in a wide range of high-performance computing applications: such as in cloud computing, in big data systems, and IoT devices. This demand creates larger memory capacity requirements, thereby requiring aggressive DRAM technology node scaling to reduce the cost per bit [1,2]. However, DRAM manufacturers are facing technology scaling challenges due to row hammer and refresh retention time beyond 1a-nm [2]. Row hammer is a failure mechanism, where repeatedly activating a DRAM row disturbs data in adjacent rows. Scaling down severely threatens reliability since a reduction of DRAM cell size leads to a reduction in the intrinsic row hammer tolerance [2,3]. To improve row hammer tolerance, there is a need to probabilistically activate adjacent rows with carefully sampled active addresses and to improve intrinsic row hammer tolerance [2]. In this paper, row-hammer-protection and refresh-management schemes are presented to guarantee DRAM security and reliability despite the aggressive scaling from 1a-nm to sub 10-nm nodes. The probabilistic-aggressor-tracking scheme with a refresh-management function (RFM) and per-row hammer tracking (PRHT) improve DRAM resilience. A multi-step precharge reinforces intrinsic row-hammer tolerance and a core-bias modulation improves retention time: even in the face of cell-transistor degradation due to technology scaling. This comprehensive scheme leads to a reduced probability of failure, due to row hammer attacks, by 93.1% and an improvement in retention time by 17%.

Industry's Intelligent DRAM Controllers (III)



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Recent Improvements in JEDEC (2024)

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DDR5 SDRAM JESD79-5C Apr 2024

Release Number: Version 1.30

Version 1.30

This standard defines the DDR5 SDRAM specification, including features, functionalities, AC and DC characteristics, packages, and ball/signal assignments. The purpose of this Standard is to define the minimum set of requirements for JEDEC compliant 8 Gb through 32 Gb for x4, x8, and x16 DDR5 SDRAM devices. This standard was created based on the DDR4 standards (JESD79-4) and some aspects of the DDR, DDR2, DDR3, and LPDDR4 standards (JESD79, JESD79-2, JESD79-3, and JESD209-4).

Committee(s): JC-42, JC-42.3

Evaluation of Industry's Recent Solutions

- **Appears at DRAMSec 2024**

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https://arxiv.org/pdf/2406.19094

https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI/ramulator2

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Are Solutions Good?

https://www.reddit.com/r/CrappyDesign/comments/arw0q8/now_this_this_is_poor_fencing/

Read Disturbance Sessions @ HPCA 2025

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High Performance Computer Architecture

Session 7A (*Acacia A and B*): Hammering the Odds – 1

Session Chair: *Gururaj Saileshwar (Toronto)*

- **Variable Read Disturbance: An Experimental Analysis of Temporal Variation in DRAM Read Disturbance**
  Ataberk Olgun (ETH Zürich), Nisa Bostanci (ETH Zürich), Ismail Emir Yuksel (ETH Zürich), Giray Yaglikci (ETH Zürich), Geraldo F. Oliveira (ETH Zürich), Haocong Luo (ETH Zürich), Oguzhan Canpolat (ETH Zürich), Minesh Patel (Rutgers University), Onur Mutlu (ETH Zürich)
- **Understanding RowHammer Under Reduced Refresh Latency: Experimental Analysis of Real DRAM Chips and Implications on Future Solutions**
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Session 8A (*Acacia A and B*): Hammering the Odds – 2

Session Chair: *Sudhanva Gurumurthi (AMD)*

- **AutoRFM: Scaling Low-Cost In-DRAM Trackers to Ultra-Low Rowhammer Thresholds**
  Moinuddin Qureshi (Georgia Tech)
- **DAPPER: A Performance-Attack-Resilient Tracker for RowHammer Defense**
  Jeonghyun Woo (The University of British Columbia (UBC)), Prashant J. Nair (The University of British Columbia (UBC))
- **QPRAC: Towards Secure and Practical PRAC-based Rowhammer Mitigation using Priority Queues**
  Jeonghyun Woo (The University of British Columbia (UBC)), Shaopeng (Chris) Lin (University of Toronto), Prashant J. Nair (The University of British Columbia (UBC)), Aamer Jaleel (NVIDIA), Gururaj Saileshwar (University of Toronto)

Tuesday, March 4th, 11am and 2pm

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ASPLOS 2025

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Session 4B: Memory & Storage +

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Marionette: A RowHammer Attack via Row Coupling

Seungmin Baek (Seoul National University), Minbok Wi (Seoul National University), Seonyong Park (Seoul National University), Hwayong Nam (Seoul National University), Michael Jaemin Kim (Seoul National University), Nam Sung Kim (University of Illinois), Jung Ho Ahn (Seoul National University)

Paper

MOAT: Securely Mitigating Rowhammer with Per-Row Activation Counters

Moinuddin Qureshi (Georgia Institute of Technology), Salman Qazi (Google)

Paper

HyperHammer: Breaking Free from KVM-Enforced Isolation

Wei Chen (Peking University), Zhi Zhang (University of Western Australia), Xin Zhang (Peking University), Qingni Shen (Peking University), Yuval Yarom (Ruhr University Bochum), Daniel Genkin (Georgia Institute of Technology), Chen Yan (Peking University), Zhe Wang (SKLP, Institute of Computing Technology, Chinese Academy of Sciences,Zhongguancun Laboratory)

Paper

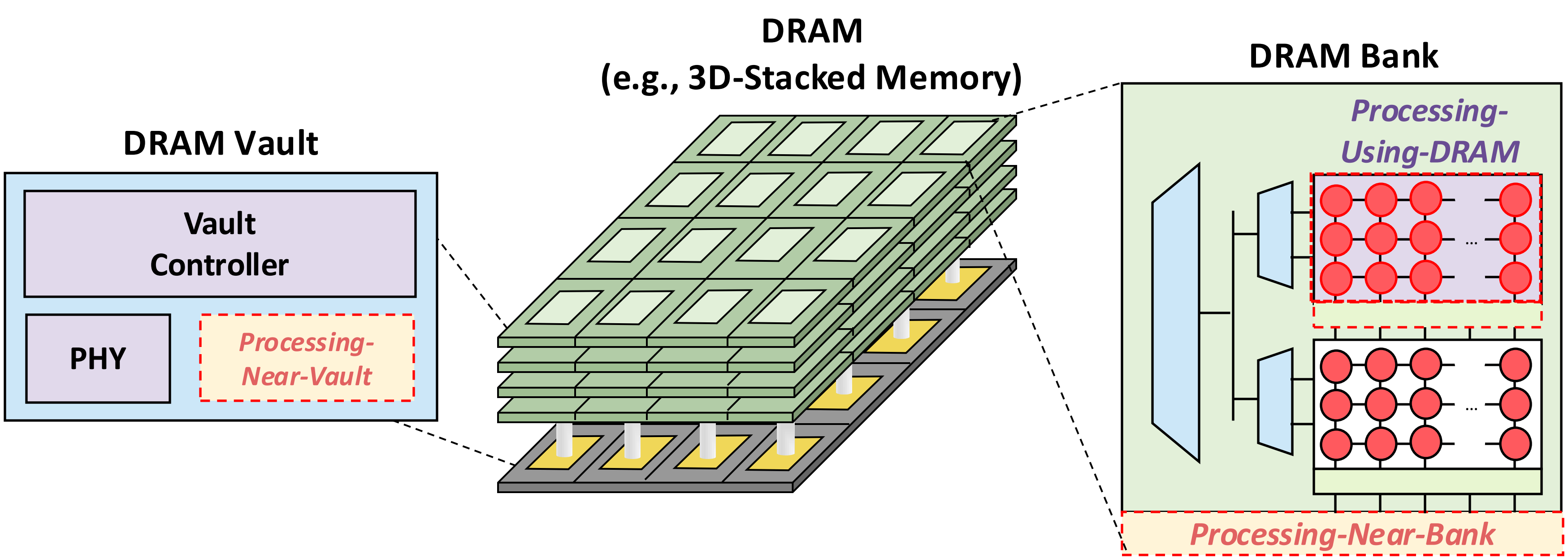
Processing in Memory: Two Types

1. Processing **near** Memory
2. Processing **using** Memory

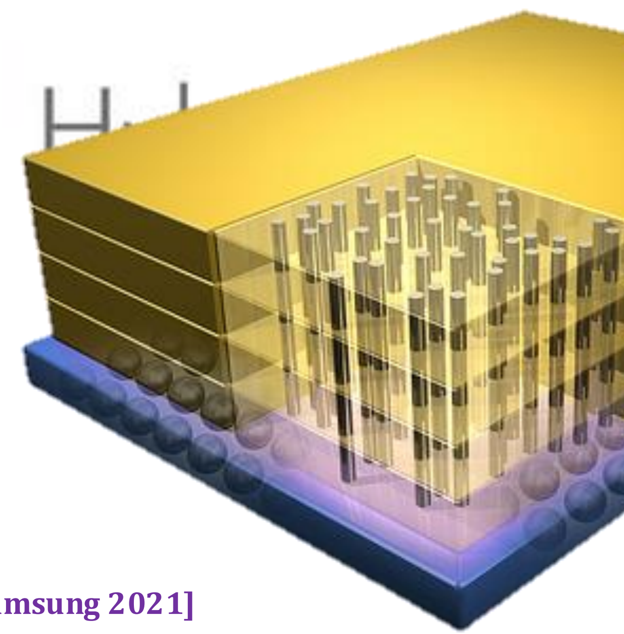
Processing-in-Memory: Two Types

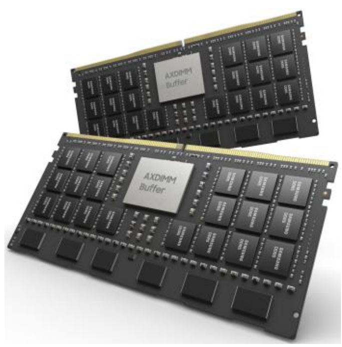
1 **Processing-Near-Memory**: Computation logic is added to the same die as memory or to the logic layer of 3D-stacked memory

2 **Processing-Using-Memory**: uses the operational principles of memory cells & circuitry to perform computation



Processing-in-Memory Landscape Today





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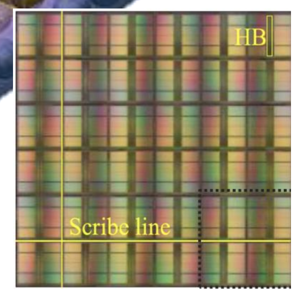

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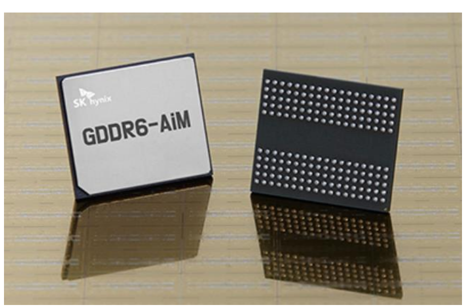

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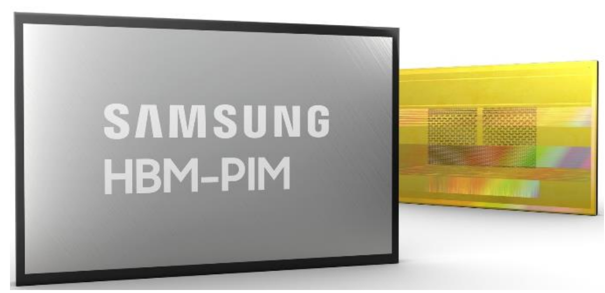

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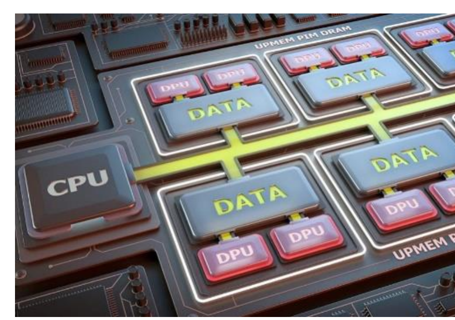

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And, many other experimental chips and startups

Processing-in-Memory Landscape Today

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Computational CXL-Memory Solution for Accelerating Memory-Intensive Applications

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Abstract—CXL interface is the up-to-date technology that enables effective memory expansion by providing a memory-sharing protocol in configuring heterogeneous devices. However, its limited physical bandwidth can be a significant bottleneck for emerging data-intensive applications. In this work, we propose a novel CXL-based memory disaggregation architecture with a real-world prototype demonstration, which overcomes the bandwidth limitation of the CXL interface using near-data processing. The experimental results demonstrate that our design achieves up to 1.9× better performance/power efficiency than the existing CPU system.

Index Terms—Compute express link (CXL), near-data-processing (NDP)

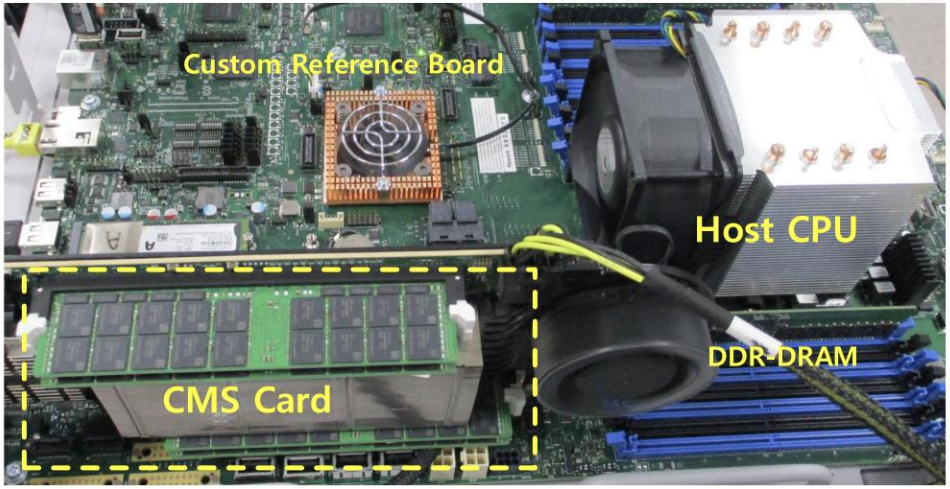

Fig. 6. FPGA prototype of proposed CMS card.

Processing-in-Memory Landscape Today

Samsung Processing in Memory Technology at Hot Chips 2023

By **Patrick Kennedy** - August 28, 2023

Samsung PIM PNM For Transformer Based AI HC35_Page_24

Opportunity: 3D-Stacked Logic+Memory

Hybrid Memory Cube
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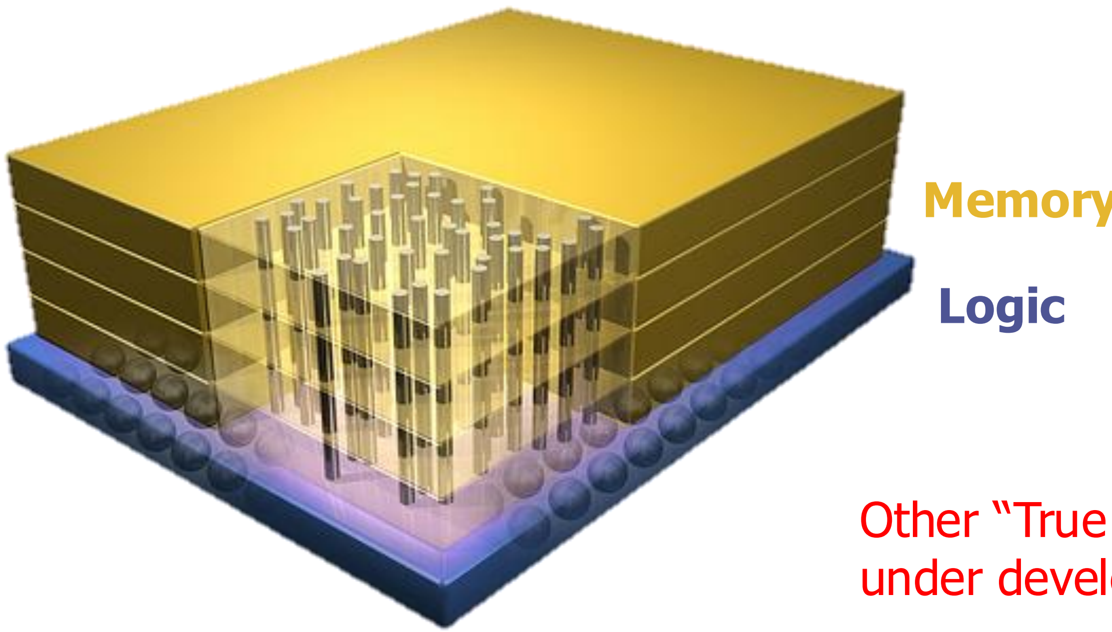
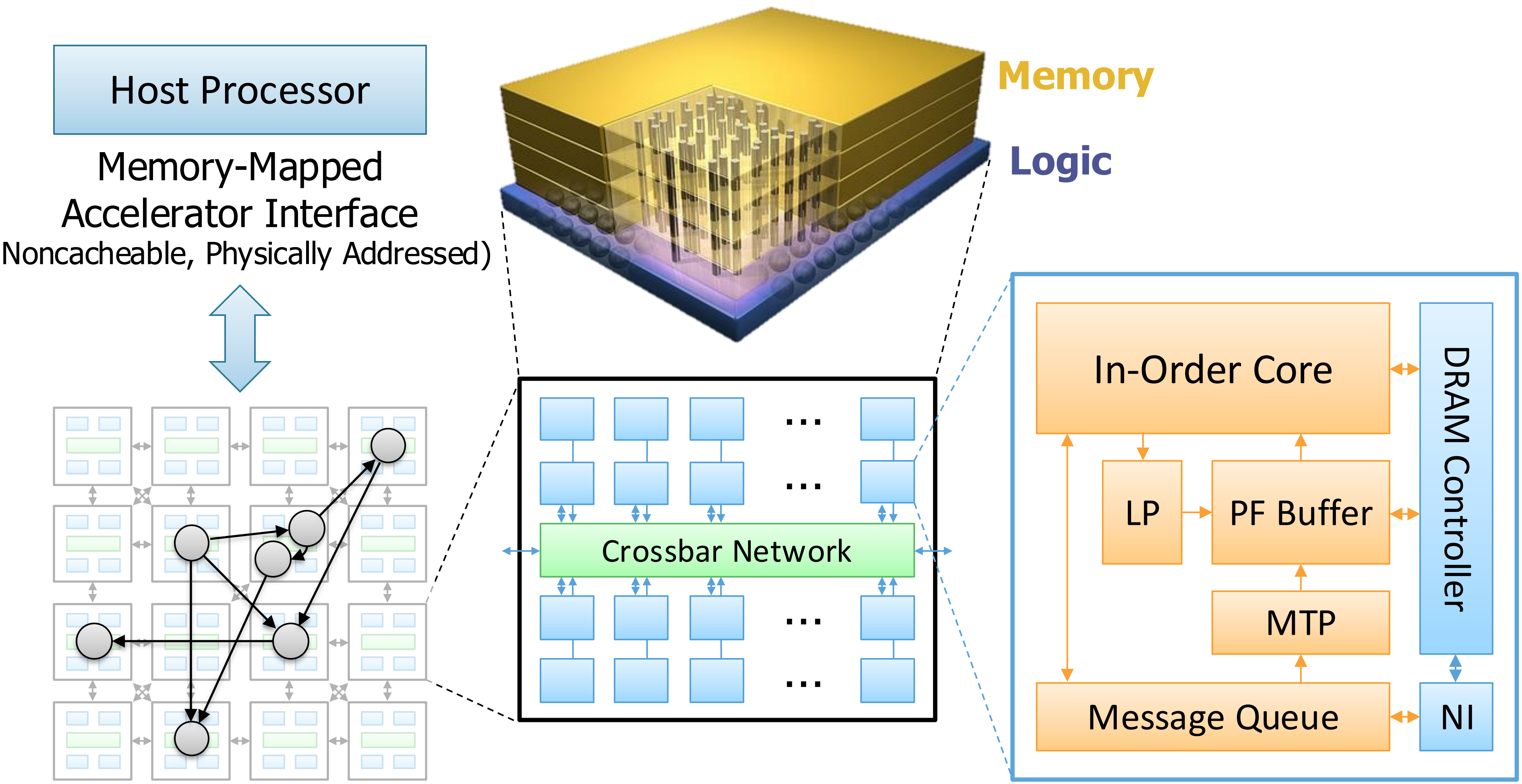


Other "True 3D" technologies under development

Tesseract System for Graph Processing

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



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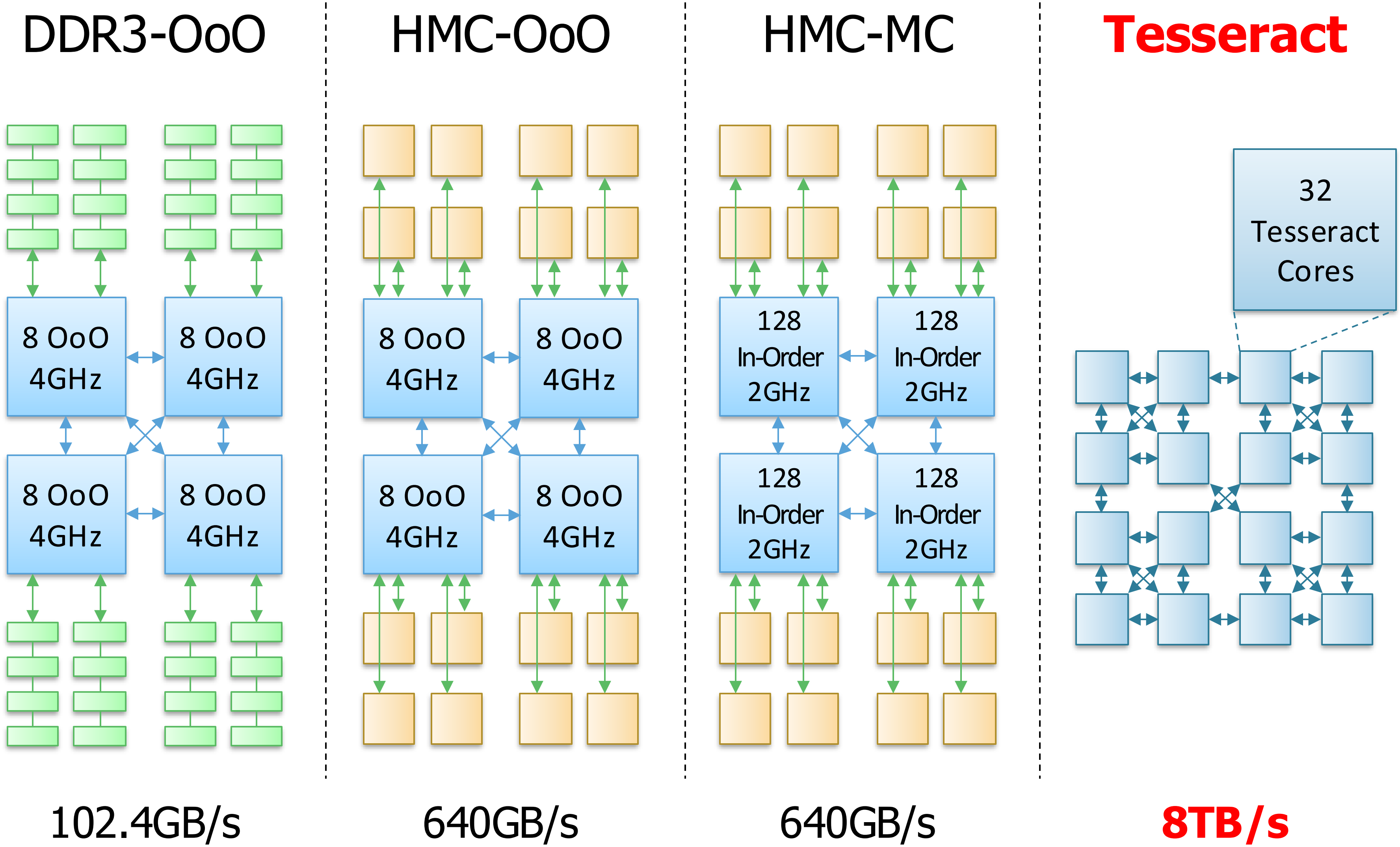

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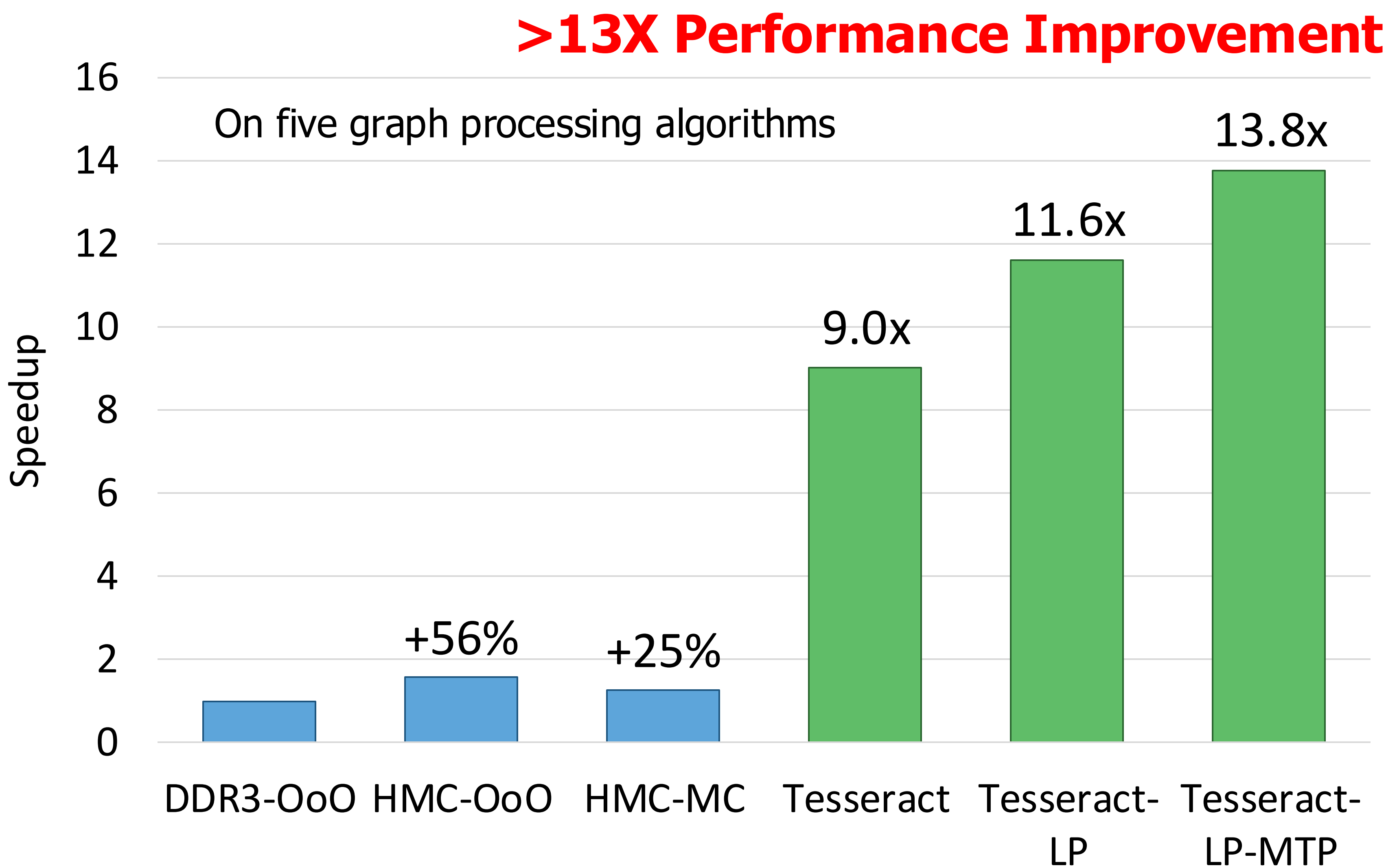

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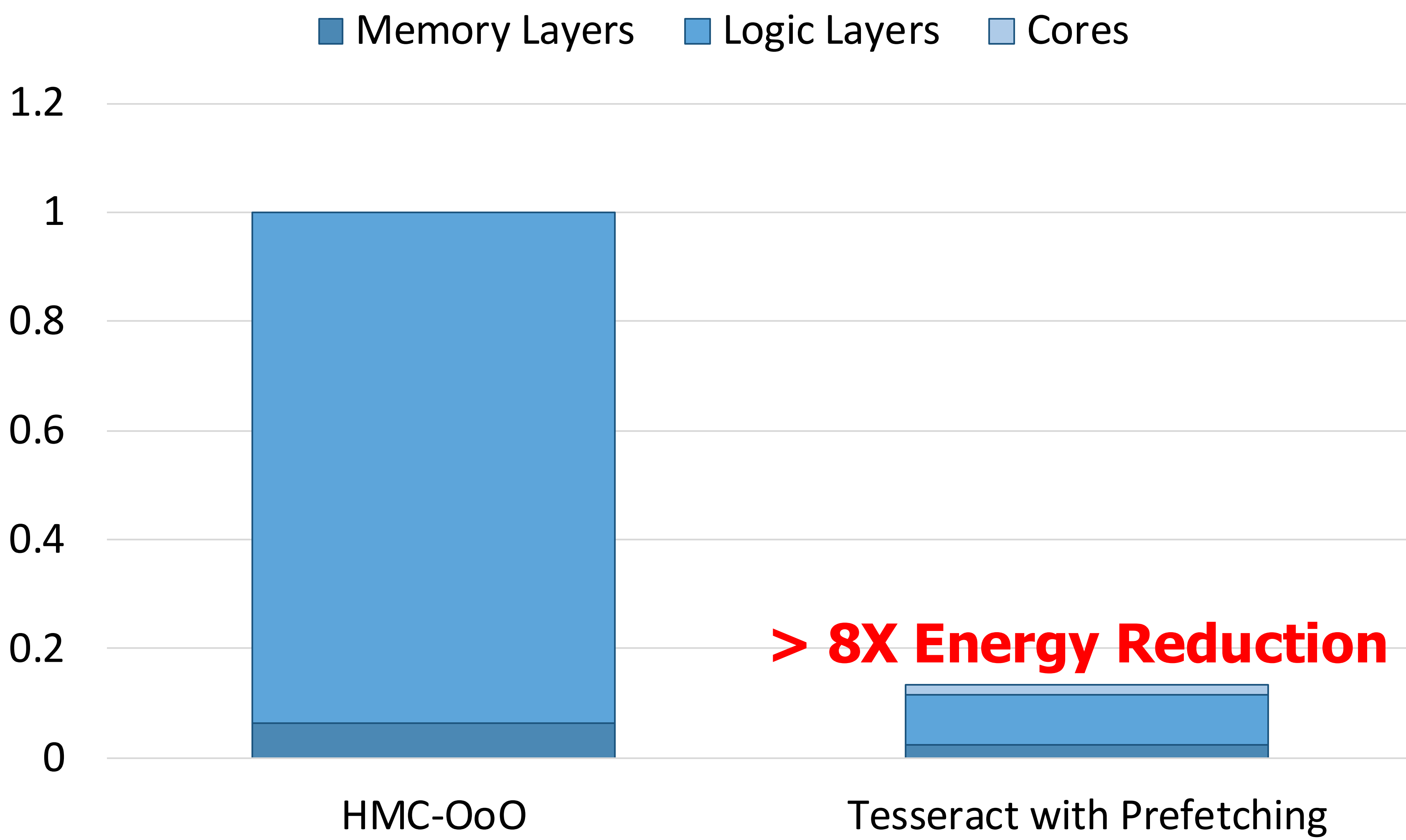
Tesseract Graph Processing System Energy



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A Scalable Processing-in-Memory Accelerator for Parallel Graph Processing

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Accelerating Graph Pattern Mining

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SISA: Set-Centric Instruction Set Architecture for Graph Mining on Processing-in-Memory Systems

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Accelerating Machine Learning Inference

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Google Neural Network Models for Edge Devices:
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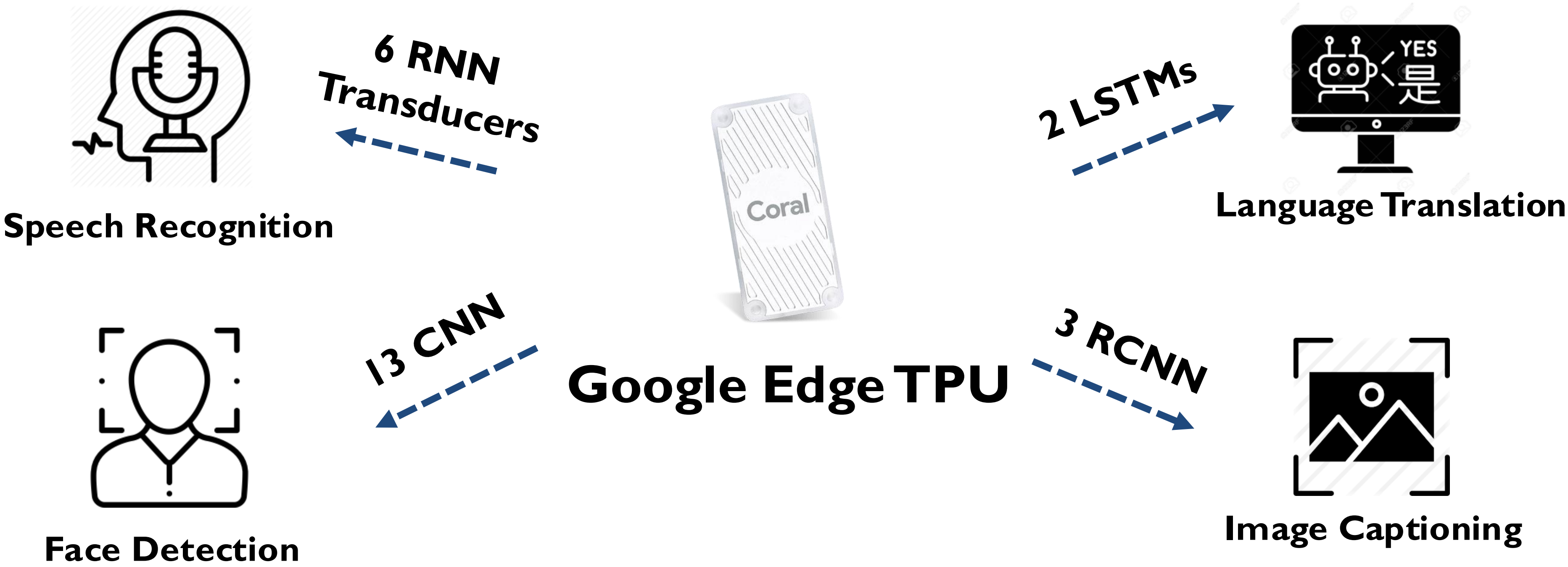
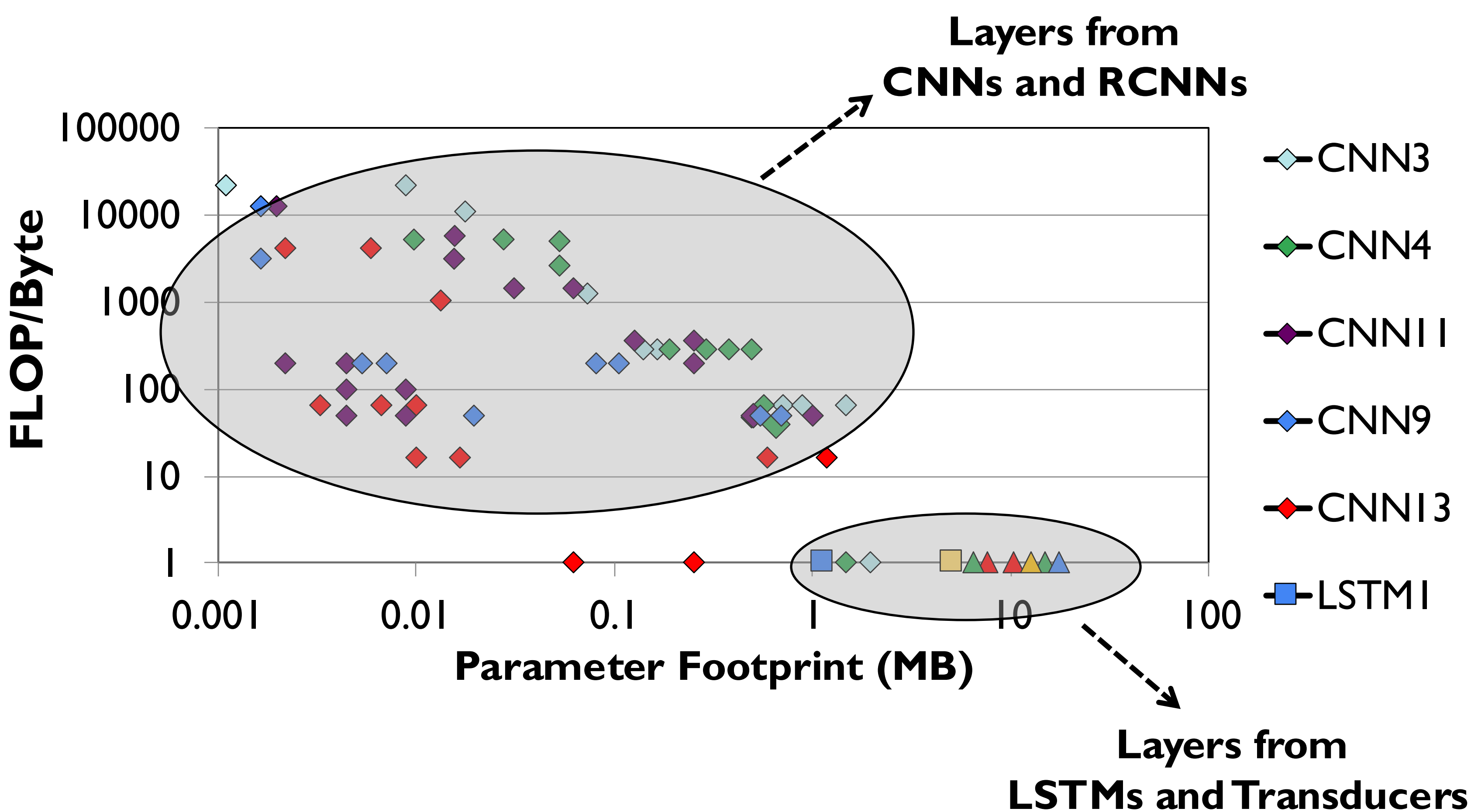
Google Edge Neural Network Models

We analyze inference execution using 24 edge NN models



Diversity Across the Models

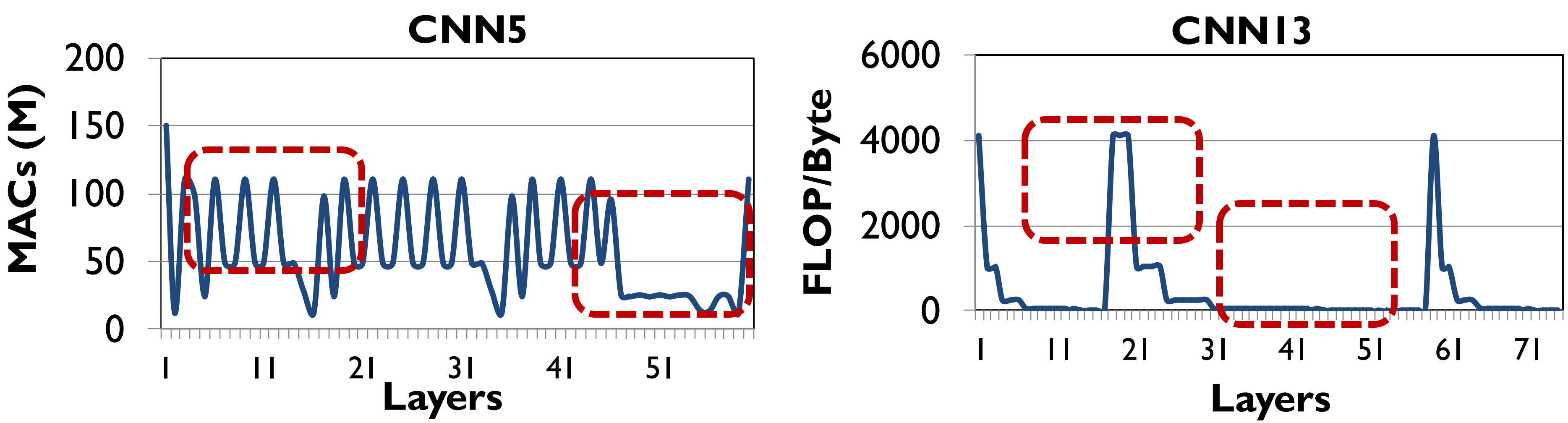
Insight 1: there is significant variation in terms of <u>layer characteristics</u> across the models



Diversity Within the Models

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

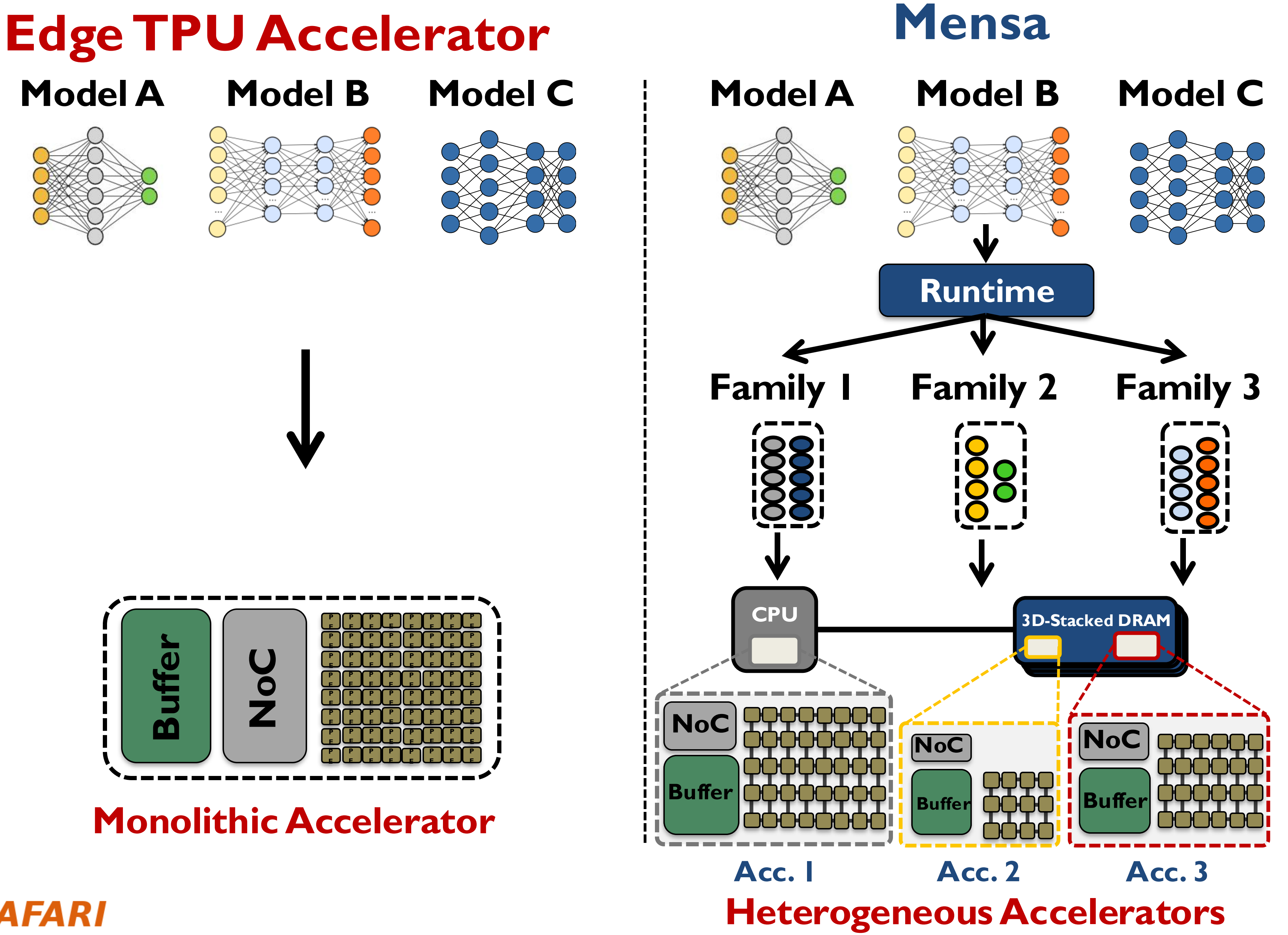
For example, our analysis of edge CNN models shows:



Variation in MAC intensity: up to 200x across layers

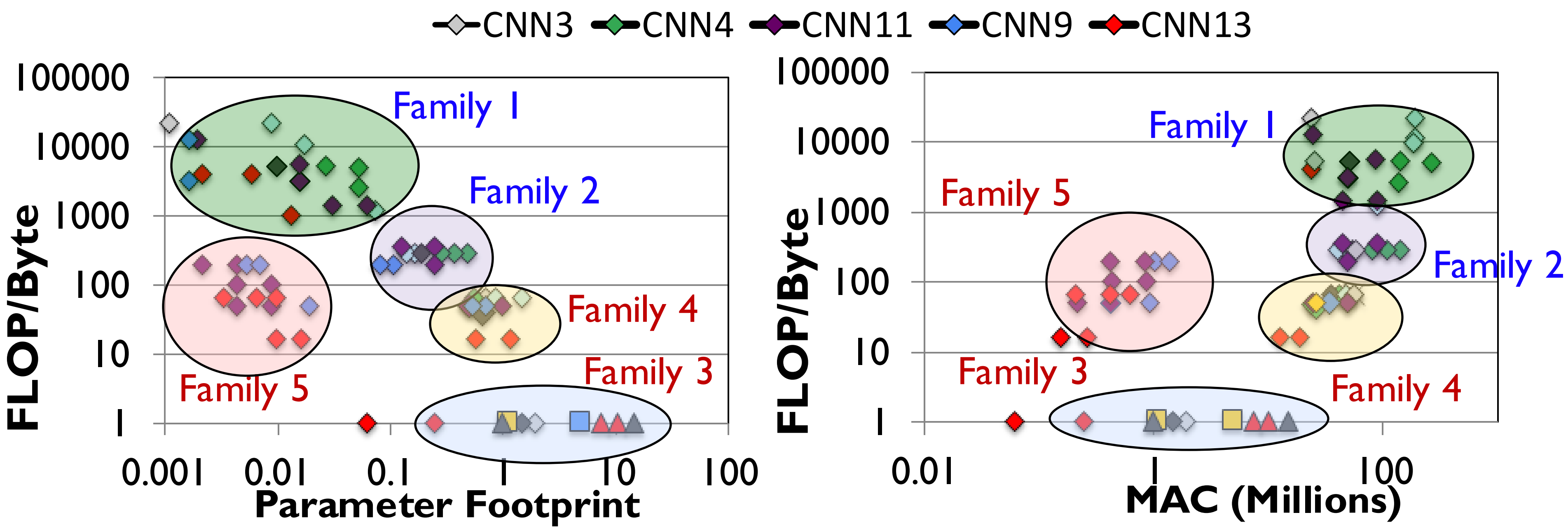
Variation in FLOP/Byte: up to 244x across layers

Mensa High-Level Overview



Identifying Layer Families

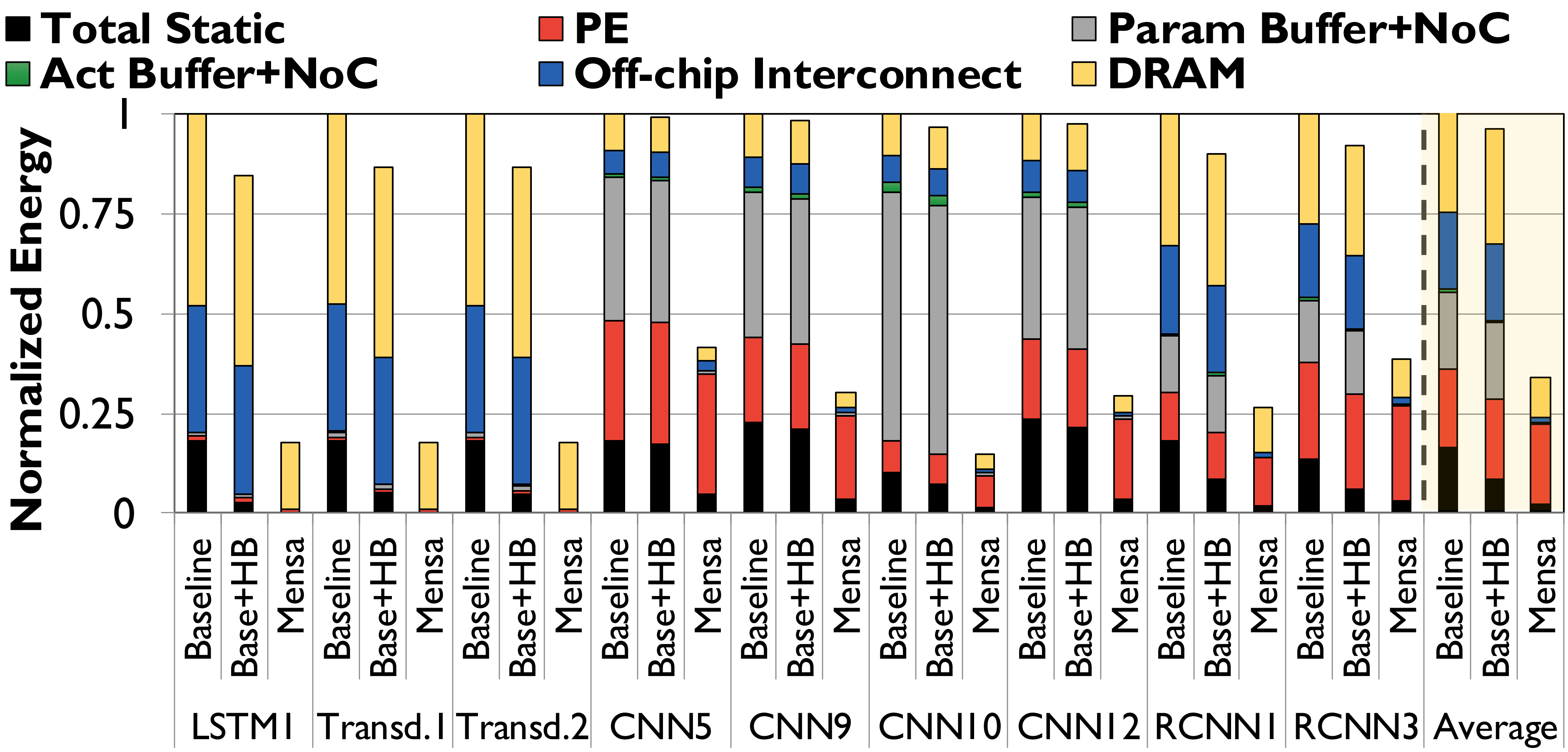
Key observation: the majority of layers group into a small number of layer families



Families 1 & 2: low parameter footprint, high data reuse and MAC intensity
→ compute-centric layers

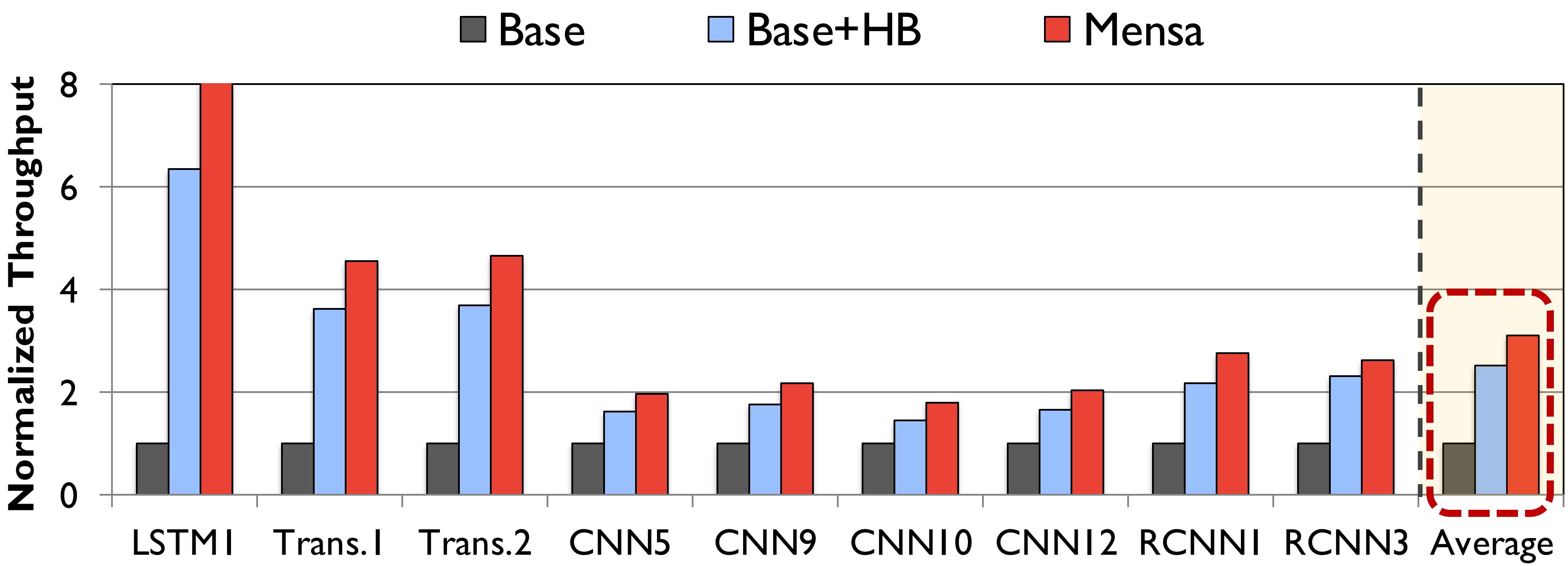
Families 3, 4 & 5: high parameter footprint, low data reuse and MAC intensity
→ data-centric layers

Mensa: Energy Reduction



Mensa-G reduces energy consumption by 3.0X compared to the baseline Edge TPU

Mensa: Throughput Improvement



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Accelerating Mobile Workloads

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

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GenStore: A High-Performance In-Storage Processing System for Genome Sequence Analysis

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Many More Examples …

A Modern Primer on Processing-In-Memory

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CENT: GPU-Free System for Near-Memory LLM Inference

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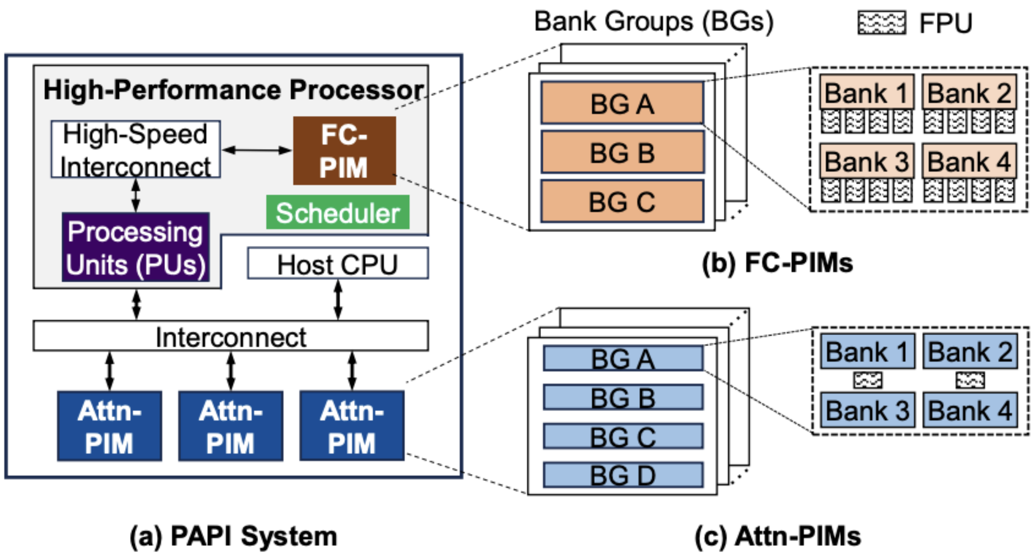

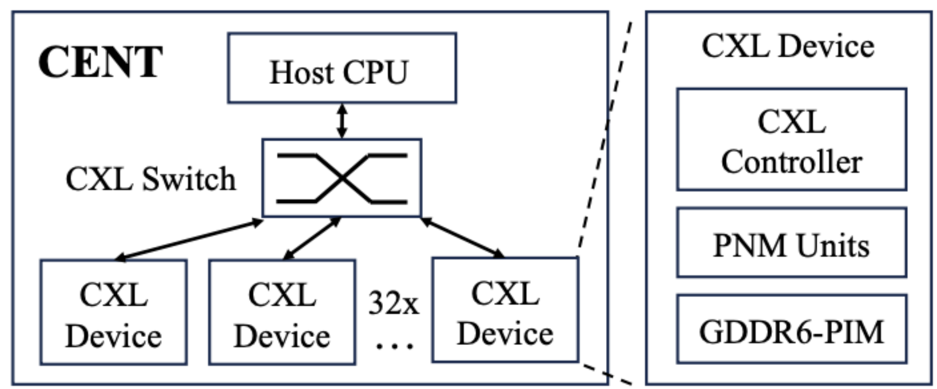

Figure 4. CENT Architecture.

Processing in Memory: Two Types

1. Processing **near** Memory
2. Processing **using** Memory

Focus: Processing using DRAM

- We can natively support
  - Bulk bitwise COPY and INIT/ZERO
  - Bulk bitwise AND, OR, NOT, MAJ, NOR, NAND
  - True Random Number Generation; Physical Unclonable Functions
  - More complex computation using Lookup Tables
- At low cost
- Using analog computation capability of DRAM
  - Idea: activating (multiple) rows performs computation
    - Even in commodity off-the-shelf DRAM chips!

- 30X-257X performance and energy improvements

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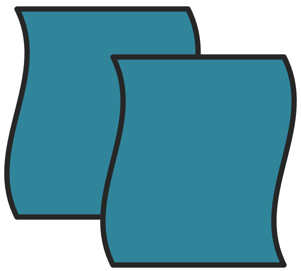
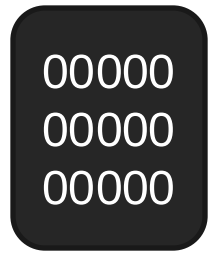
Starting Simple: Data Copy and Initialization

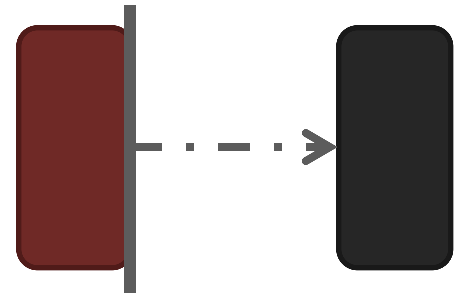
memmove & *memcpy*: 5% cycles in Google's datacenter [Kanev+ ISCA'15]



Forking

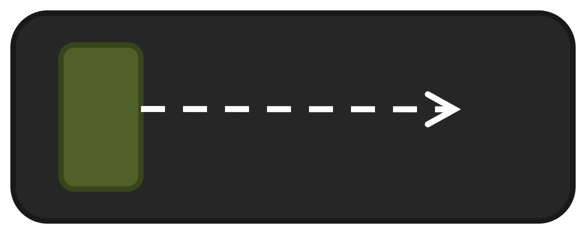


Zero initialization
(e.g., security)



Checkpointing

VM Cloning
Deduplication



Page Migration

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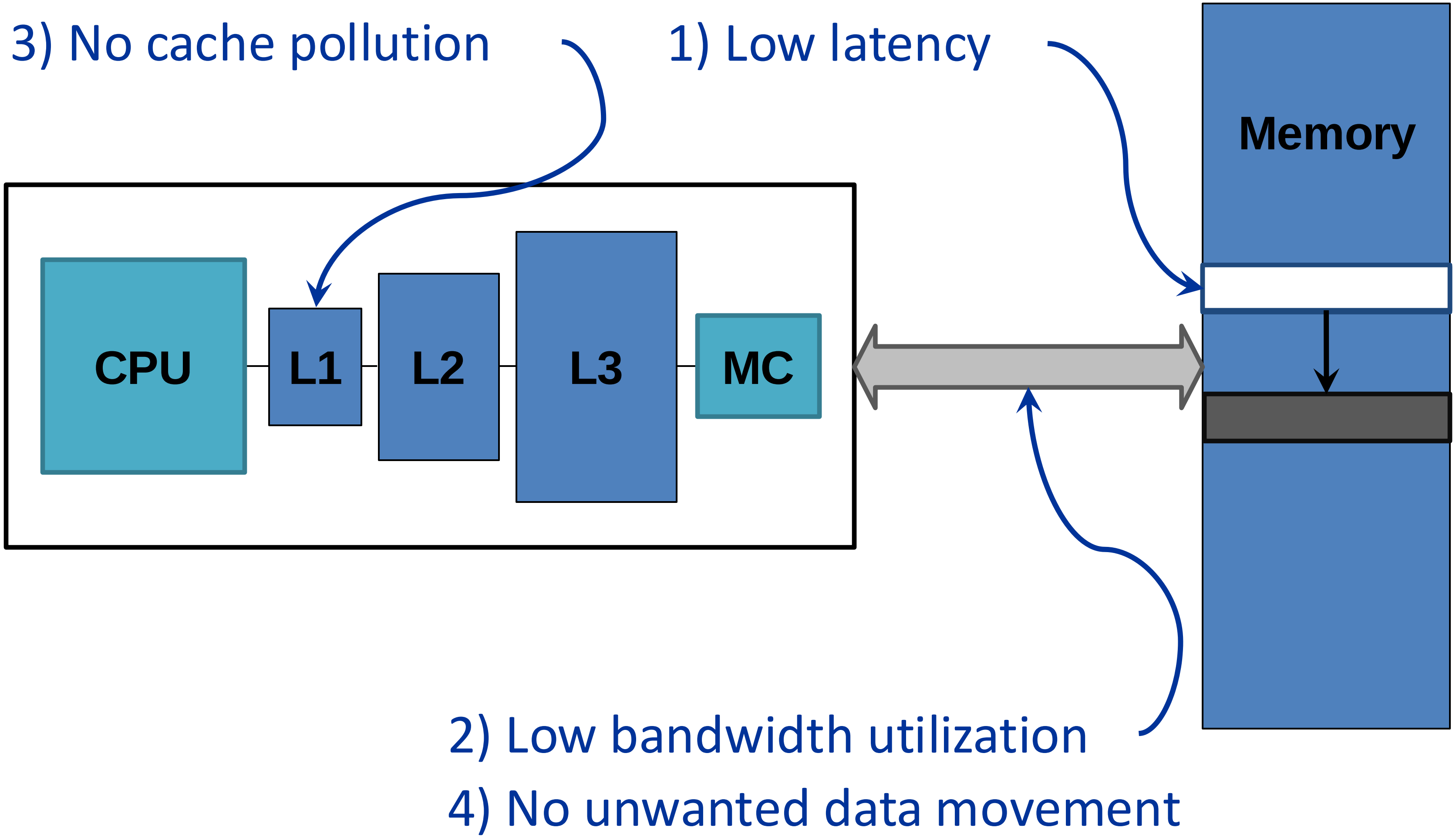
Future Systems: In-Memory Copy



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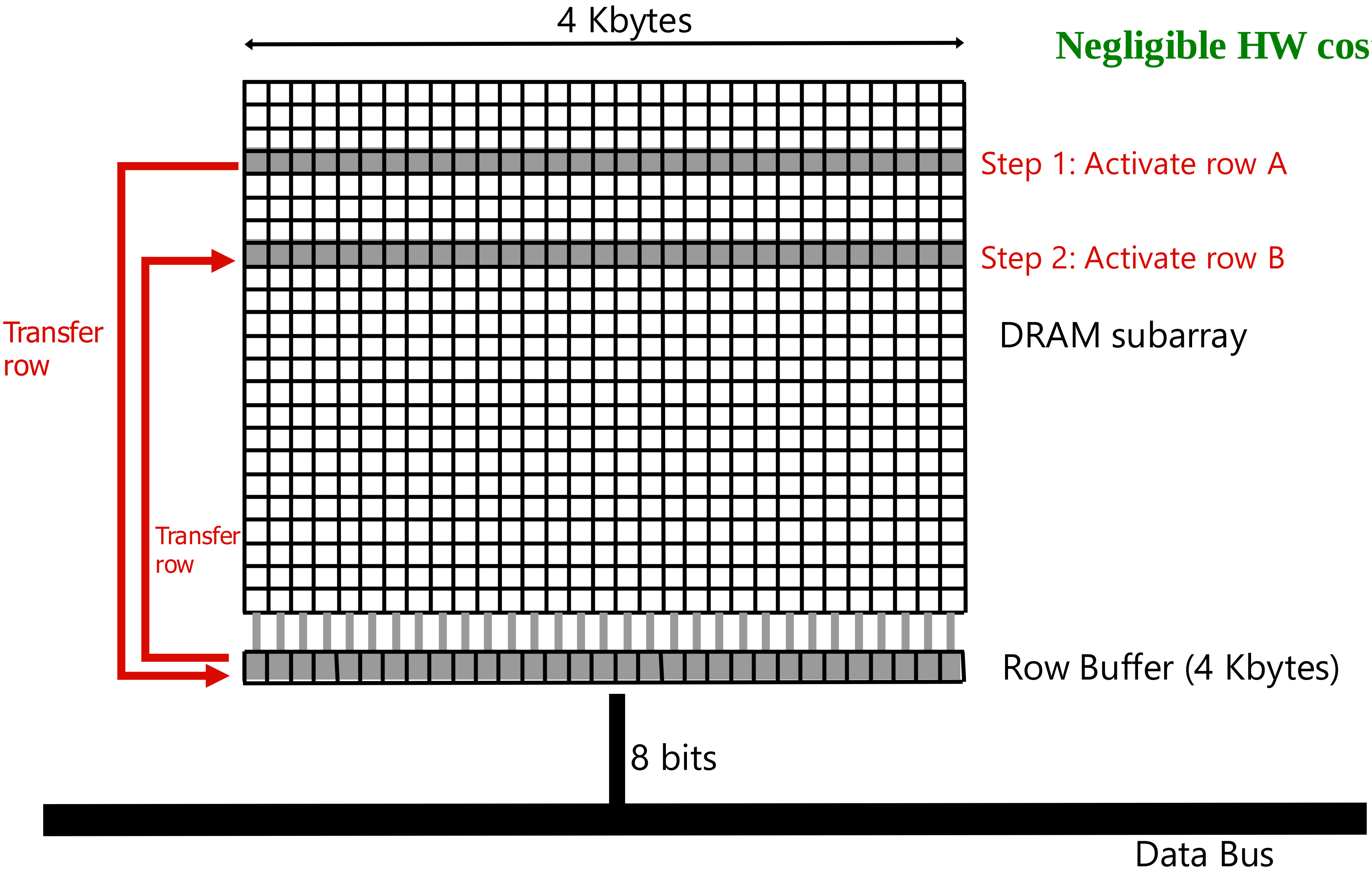
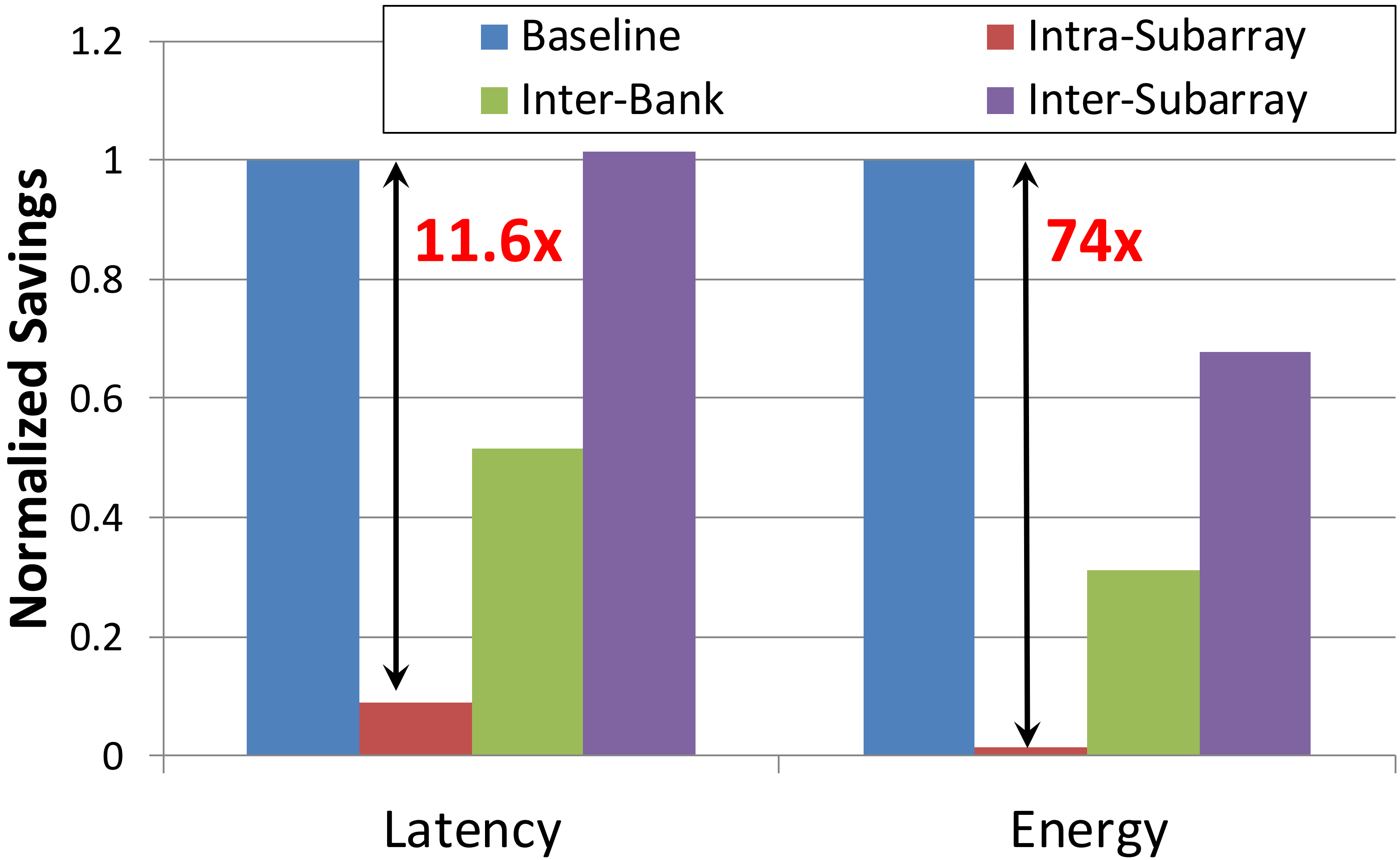
RowClone: In-DRAM Row Copy

Idea: Two consecutive ACTivates

Negligible HW cost



RowClone: Latency and Energy Savings



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RowClone: Fast and Energy-Efficient In-DRAM Bulk Data Copy and Initialization

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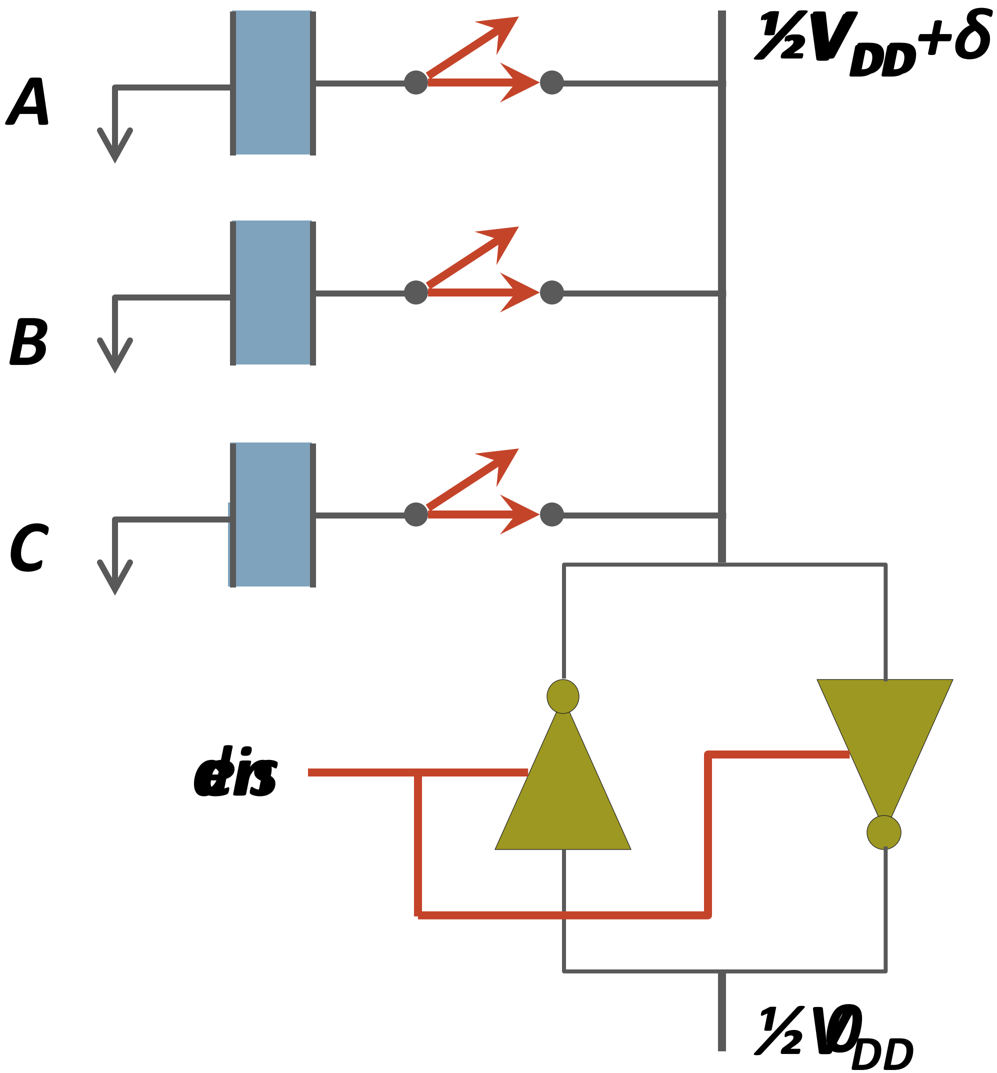
In-DRAM AND/OR: Triple Row Activation



Final State
AB + BC + AC

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

In-DRAM Acceleration of Database Queries

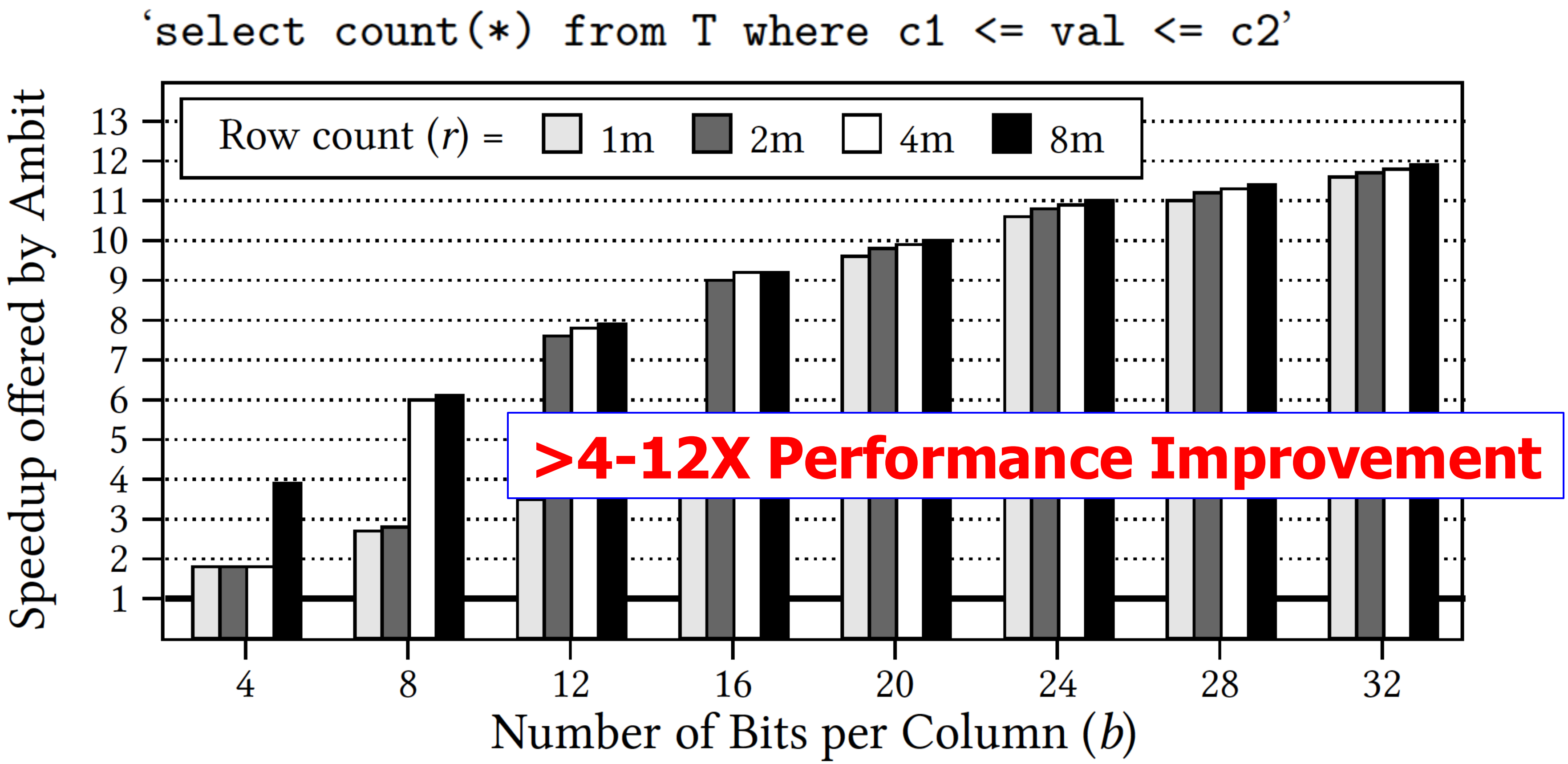


Figure 11: Speedup offered by Ambit over baseline CPU with SIMD for BitWeaving

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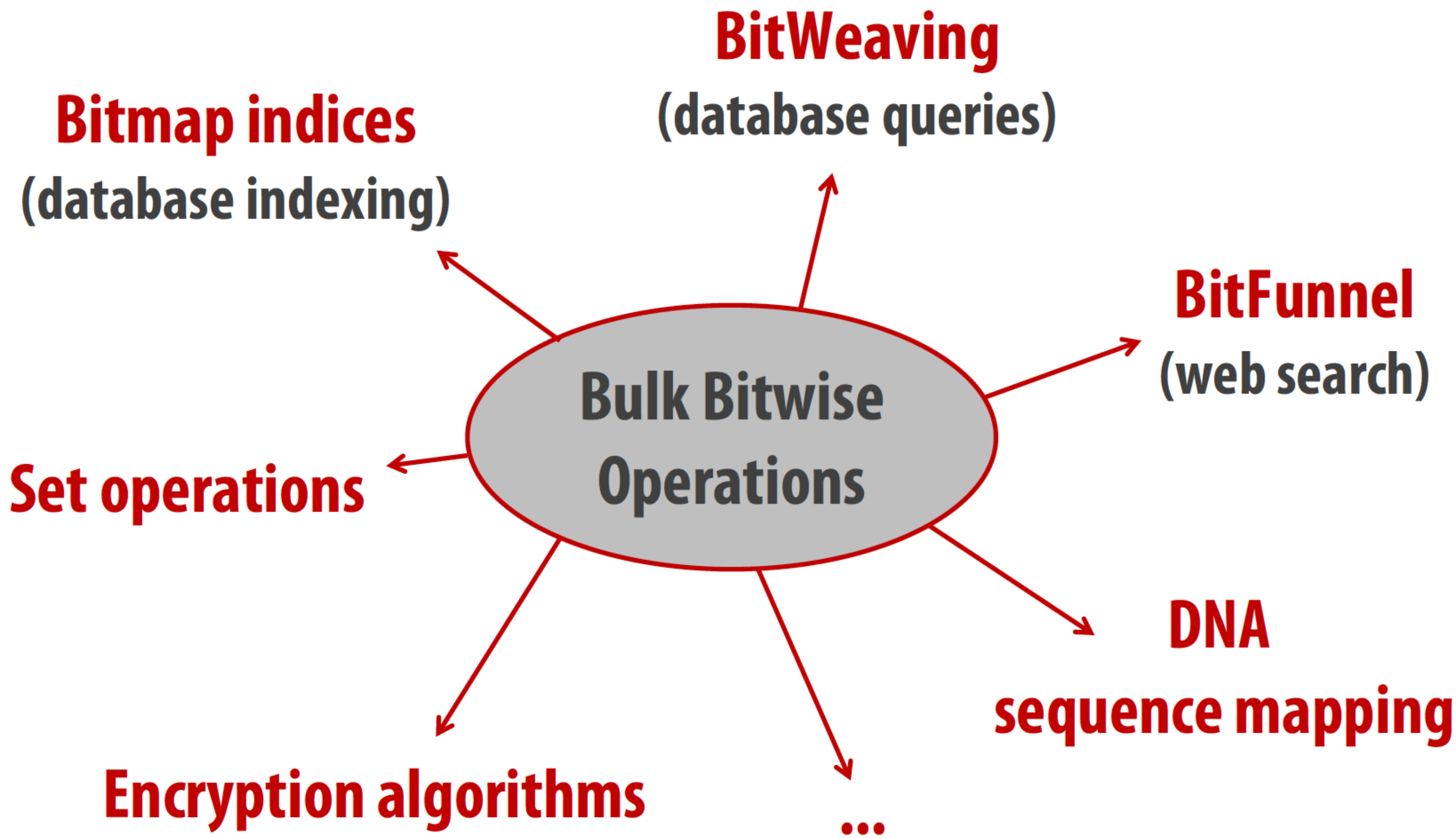
Bulk Bitwise Operations in Workloads



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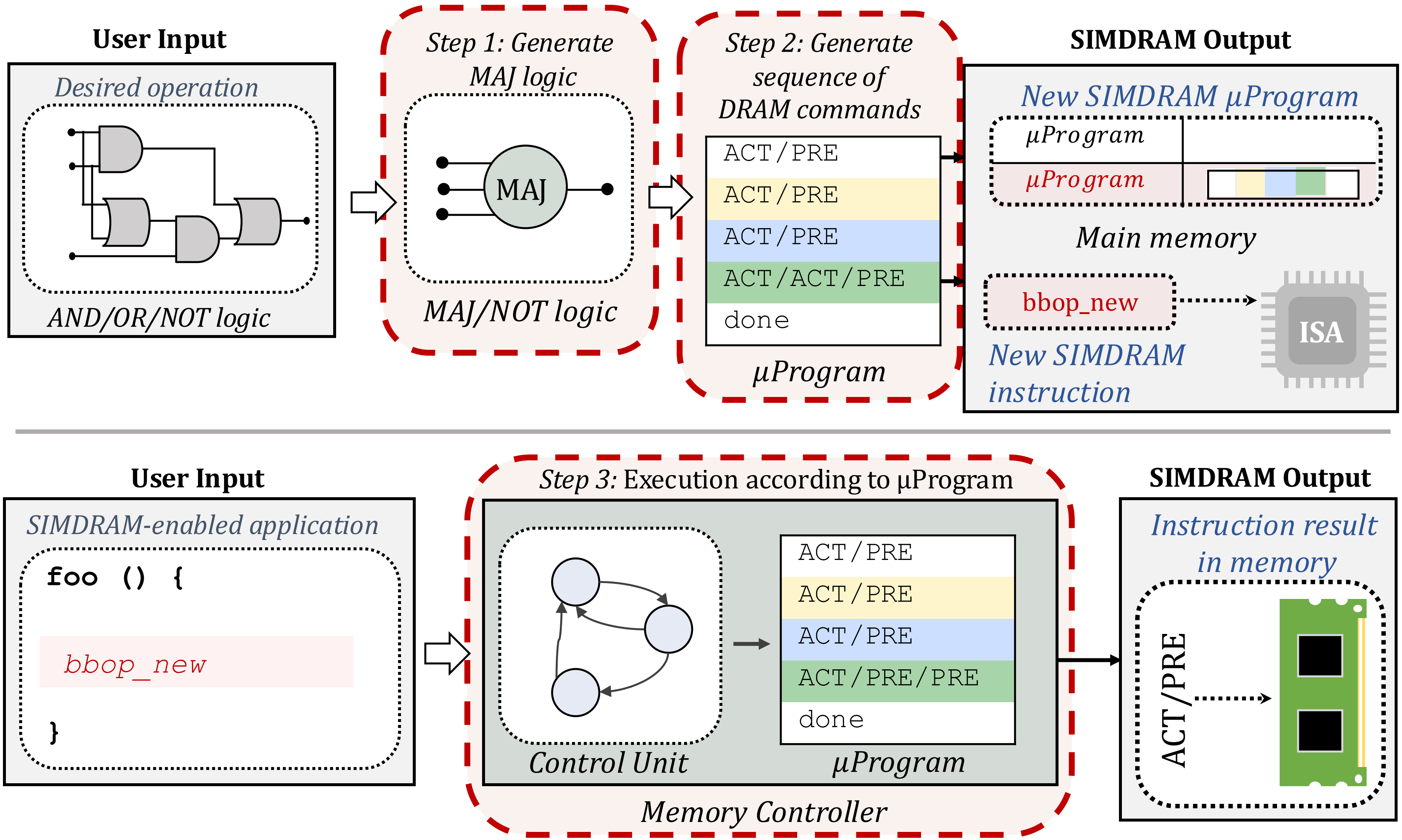
SIMDRAM Framework: Overview



SIMDRAM Key Results

Large improvements over **CPU** & **high-end GPU:**

Throughput: 88× and 5.8×

(16 complex operations)

Energy: 257× and 31×

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Application Performance: 21× and 2.1×

(seven common real-world applications)

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MIMDRAM: More Flexible Processing using DRAM

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MIMDRAM: An End-to-End Processing-Using-DRAM System for High-Throughput, Energy-Efficient and Programmer-Transparent Multiple-Instruction Multiple-Data Computing

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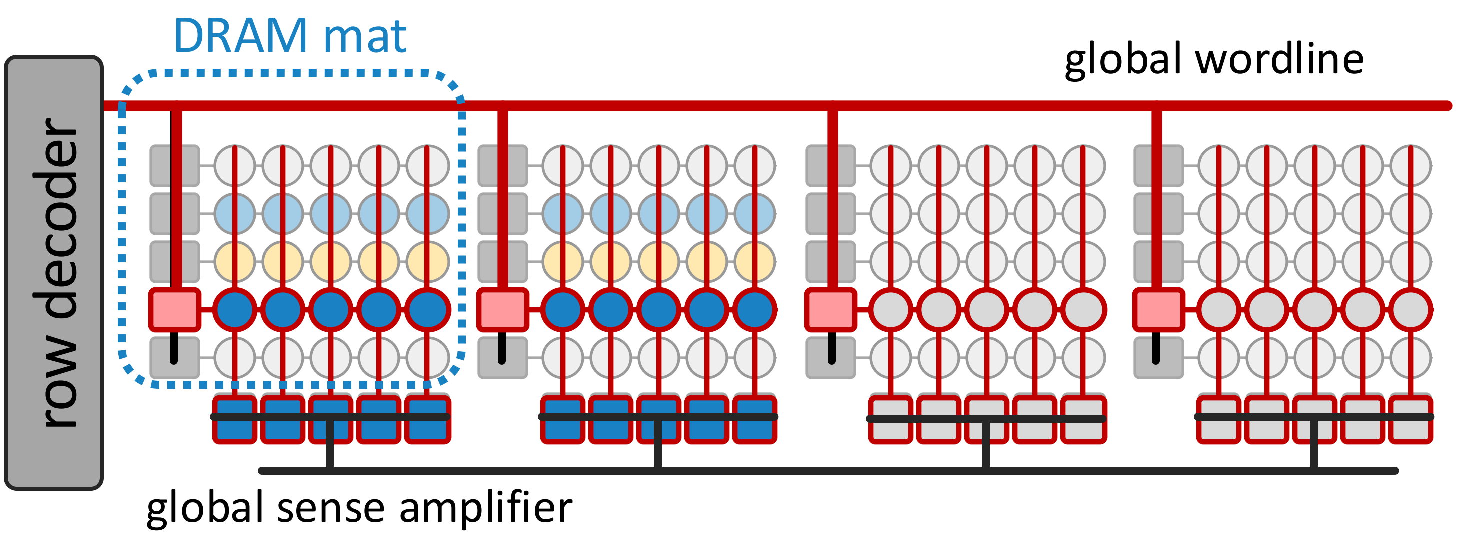
*Our **goal** is to design a flexible PUD system that overcomes the limitations caused by the large and rigid granularity of PUD. To this end, we propose MIMDRAM, a hardware/software co-designed PUD system that introduces new mechanisms to allocate and control only the necessary resources for a given PUD operation. The key idea of MIMDRAM is to leverage fine-grained DRAM (i.e., the ability to independently access smaller segments of a large DRAM row) for PUD computation. MIMDRAM exploits this key idea to enable a multiple-instruction multiple-data (MIMD) execution model in each DRAM subarray (and SIMD execution within each DRAM row segment).*

MIMDRAM:
Key Idea (I)

Enable narrower-width operations than a DRAM row



Key Issue:
on a DRAM access, the global wordline propagates across all DRAM mats

Fine-Grained DRAM:
segment the global wordline to access individual DRAM mats

MIMDRAM:
Key Idea (II)

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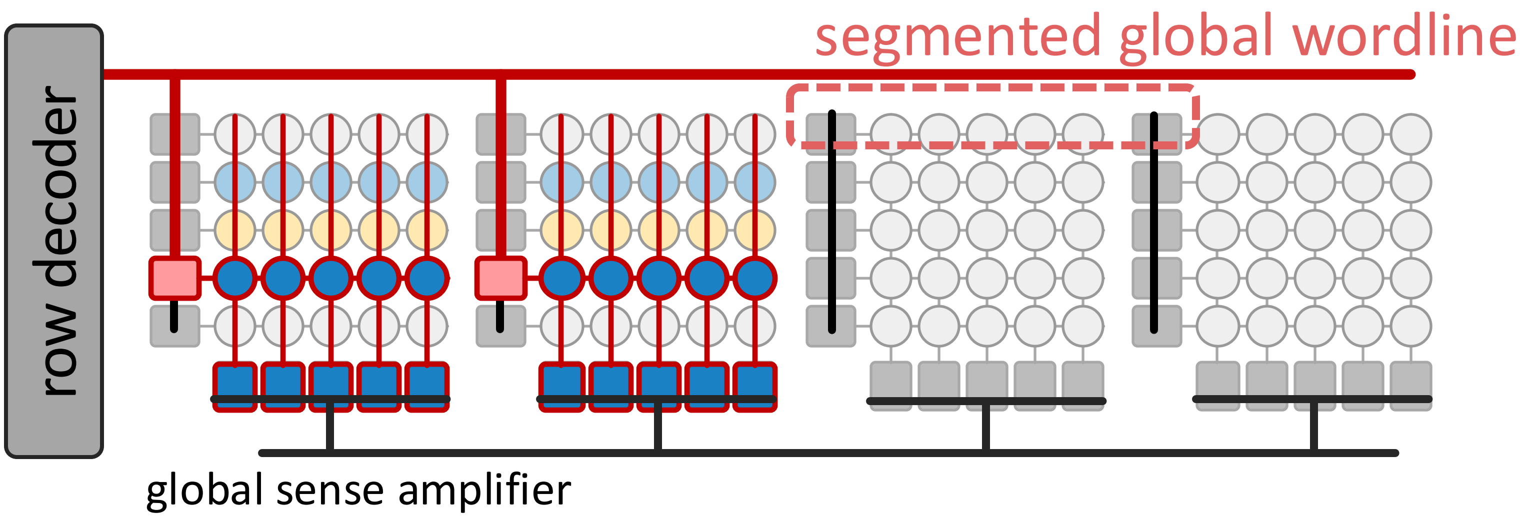

Fine-grained DRAM for energy-efficient DRAM access:

[Cooper-Balis+, 2010]: Fine-Grained Activation for Power Reduction in DRAM
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[Ha+, 2016]: Improving Energy Efficiency of DRAM by Exploiting Half Page Row Access
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MIMDRAM:
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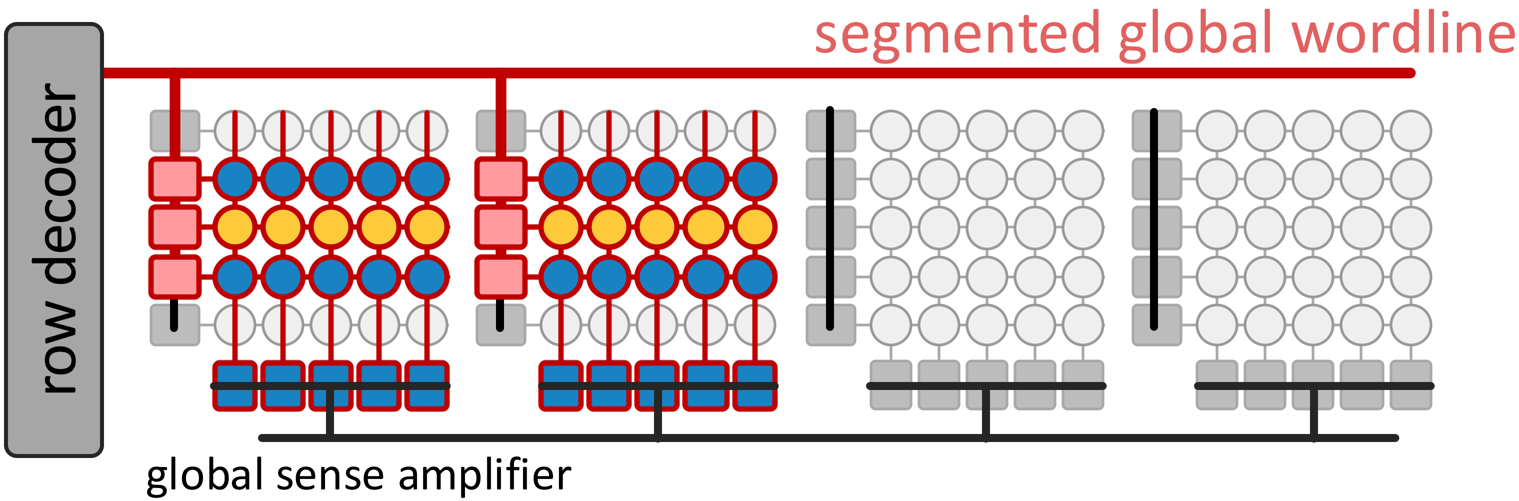

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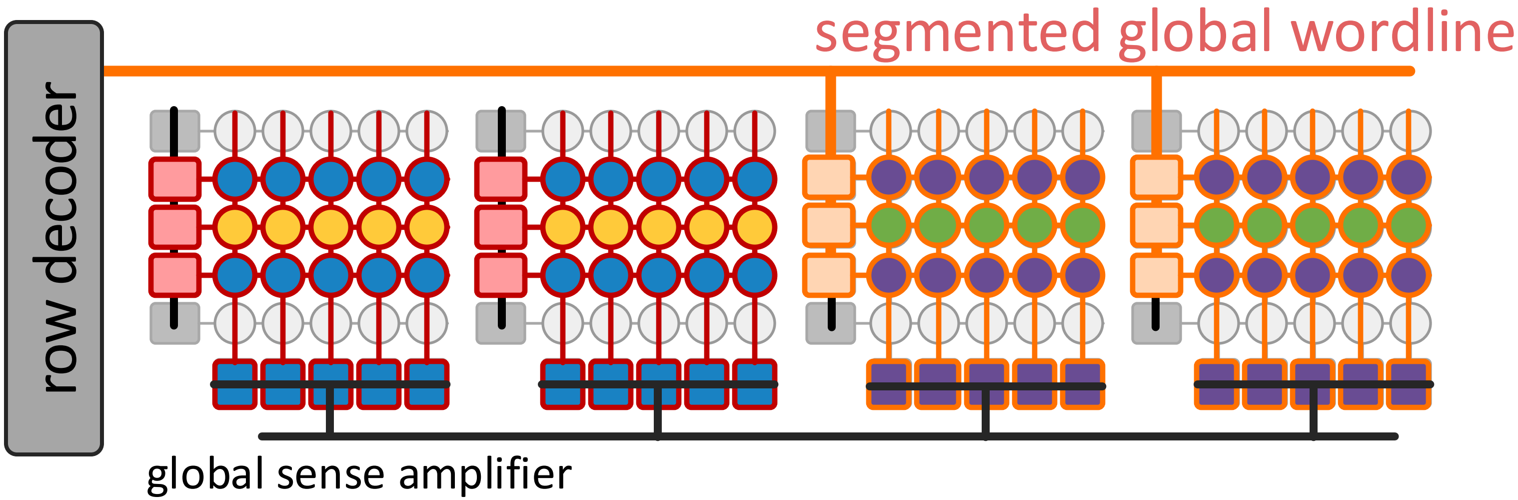

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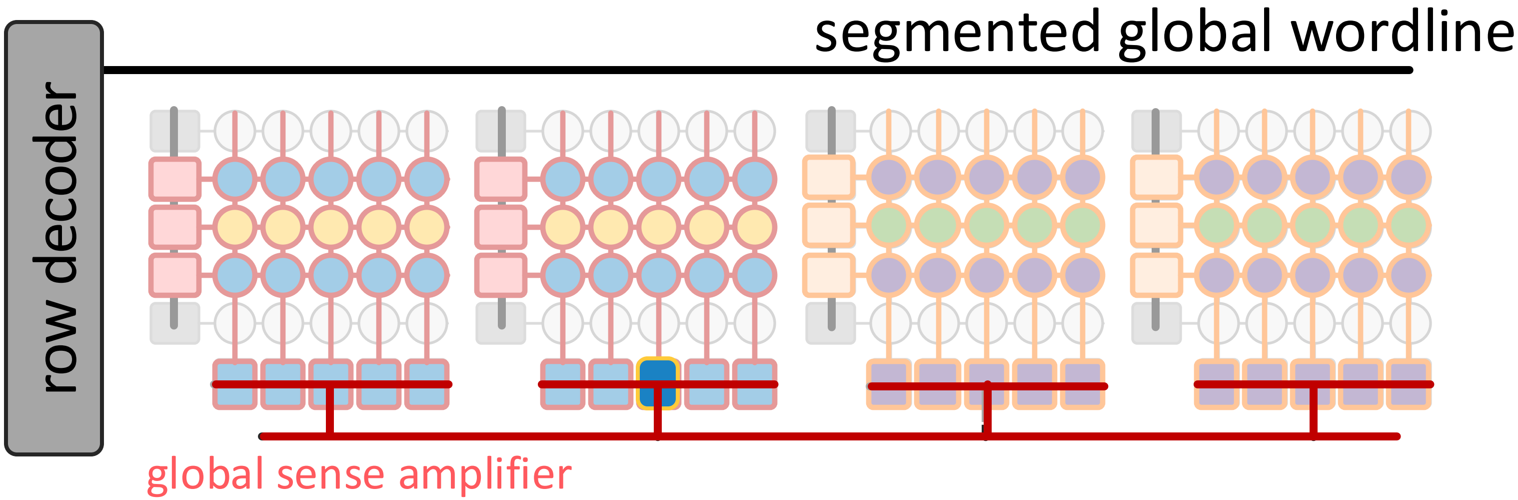

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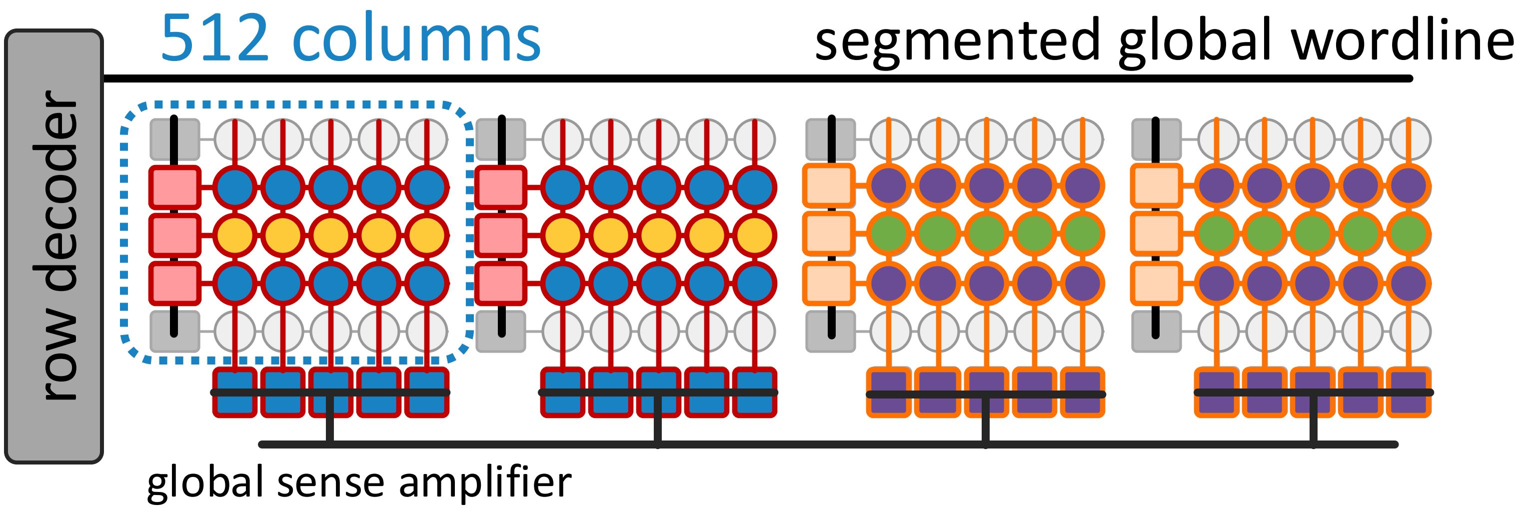

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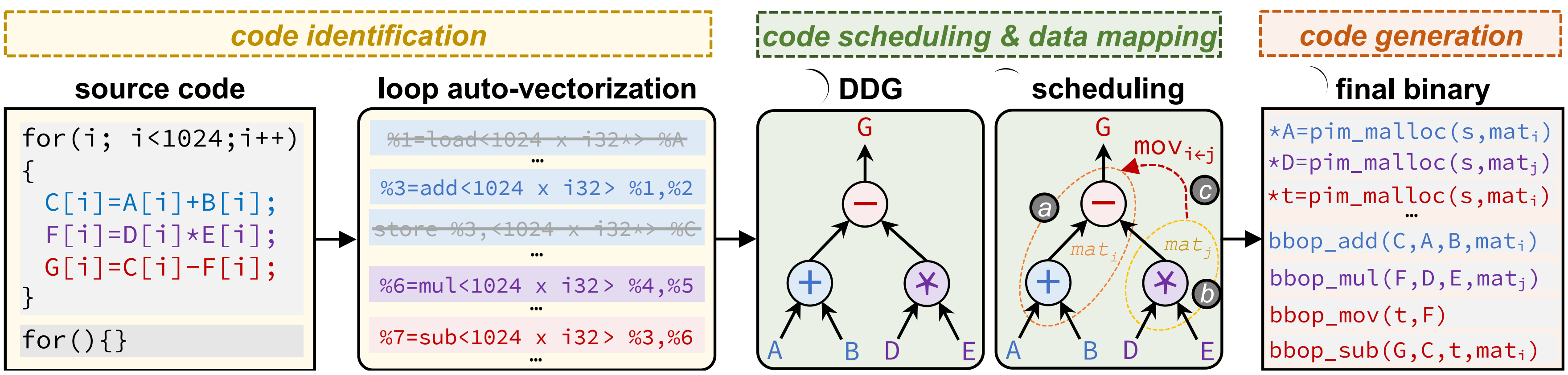
3 **Eases programmability**
- SIMD parallelism in a DRAM mat is on par with vector ISAs' SIMD width

MIMDRAM:
Compiler Support (I)

Goal

Transparently to programmer:
<u>extract</u> SIMD parallelism from an application, and
<u>schedule</u> PUD instructions while maximizing <u>utilization</u>

Three new LLVM-based passes targeting PUD execution



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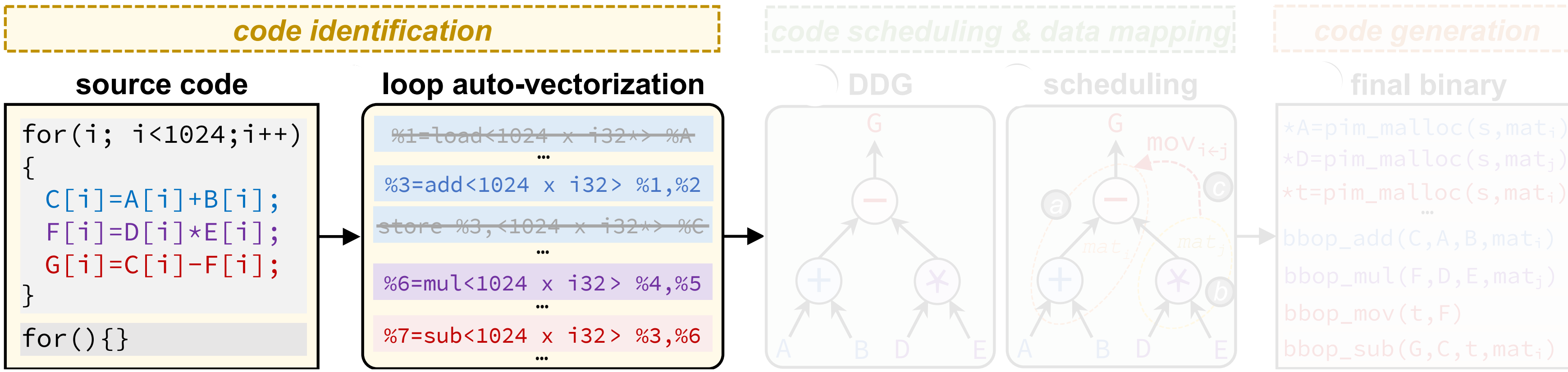

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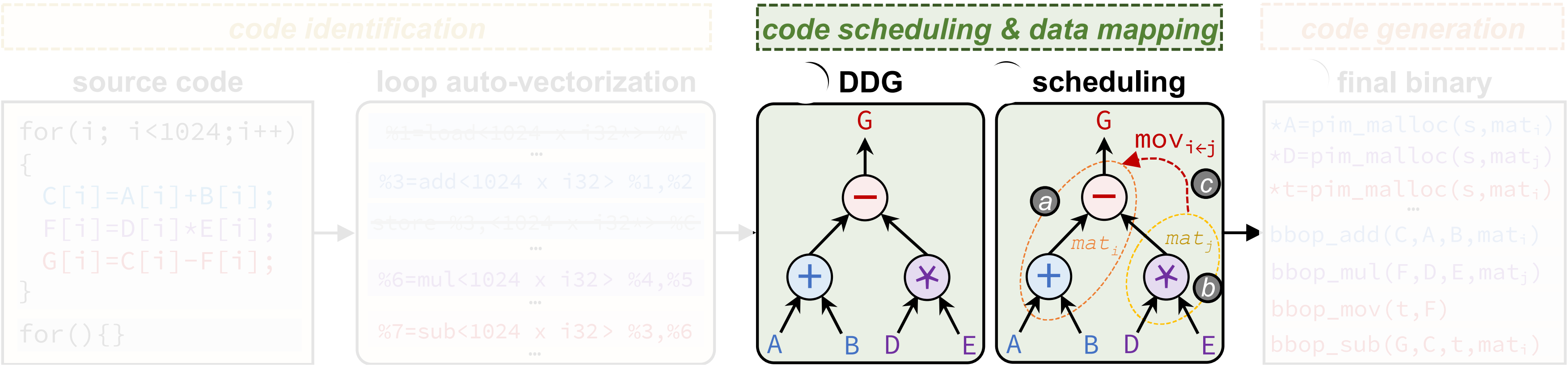

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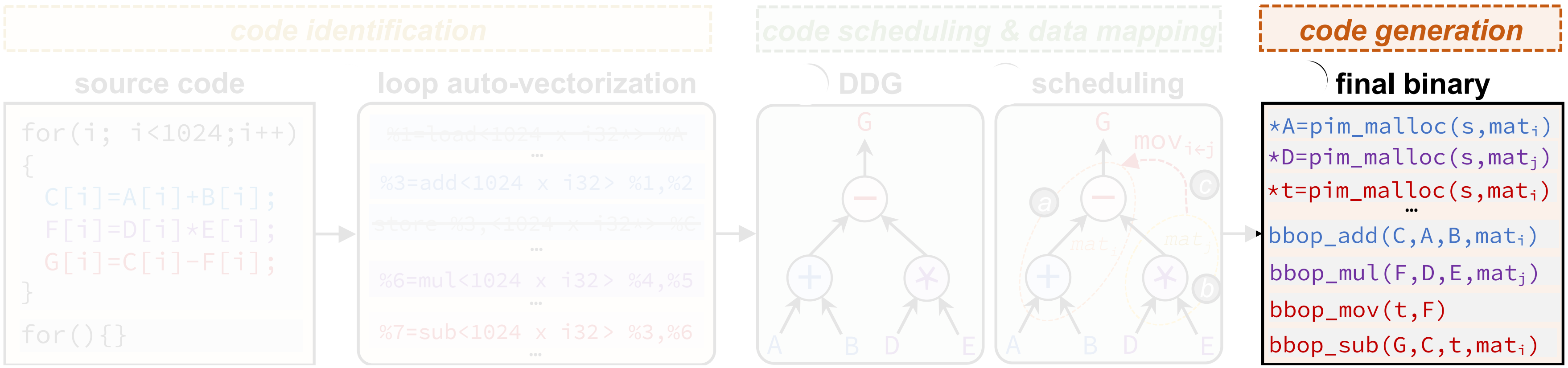

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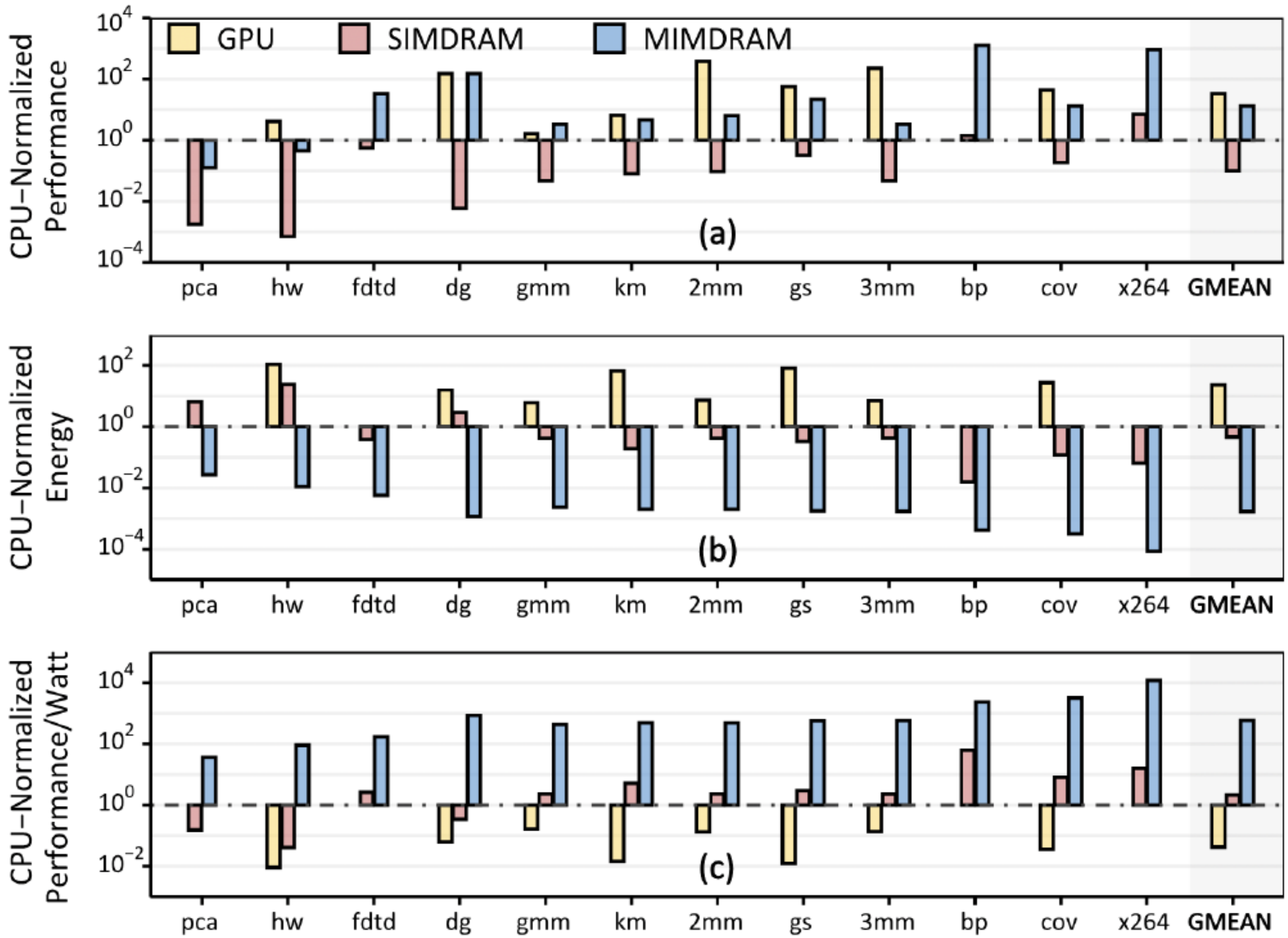
Goal: **Generate the appropriate binary for data allocation and PUD instructions**

MIMDRAM Perf, Energy, Perf/Watt



582X and 13,612X the energy efficiency of CPU and GPU, respectively

Capabilities of Off-The-Shelf Memory

Existing DRAM Chips

Are Already Quite Capable

Real Processing Using Memory Prototype

- End-to-end RowClone & TRNG using off-the-shelf DRAM chips
- Idea: Violate DRAM timing parameters to mimic RowClone

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

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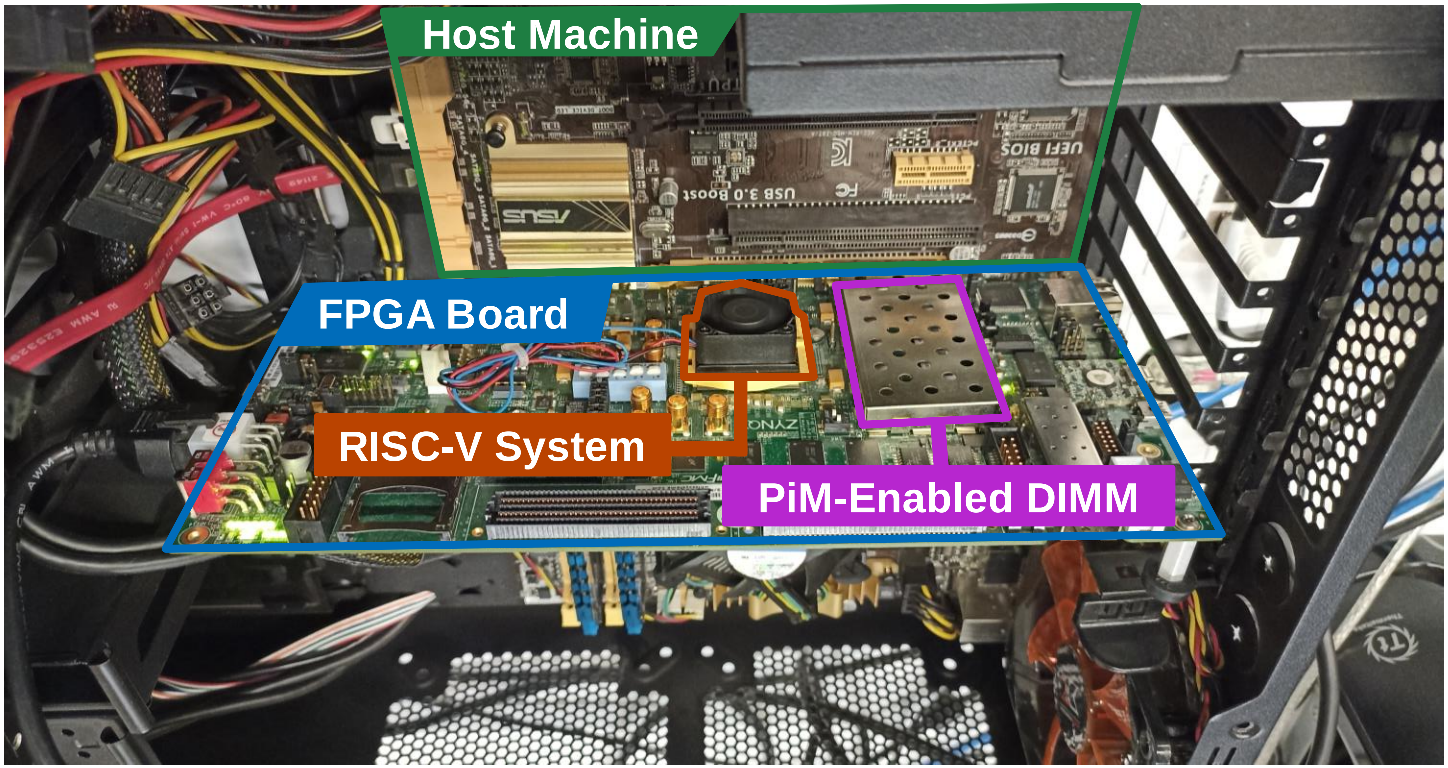

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Real Processing-using-Memory Prototype

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Building a PiDRAM Prototype

To build PiDRAM's prototype on Xilinx ZC706 boards, developers need to use the two sub-projects in this directory. `fpga-zynq` is a repository branched off of UCB-BAR's fpga-zynq repository. We use `fpga-zynq` to generate rocket chip designs that support end-to-end DRAM PuM execution. `controller-hardware` is where we keep the main Vivado project and Verilog sources for PiDRAM's memory controller and the top level system design.

Rebuilding Steps

1. Navigate into `fpga-zynq` and read the README file to understand the overall workflow of the repository
   - Follow the readme in `fpga-zynq/rocket-chip/riscv-tools` to install dependencies
2. Create the Verilog source of the rocket chip design using the `ZynqCopyFPGAConfig`
   - Navigate into zc706, then run make rocket CONFIG=ZynqCopyFPGAConfig -j<number of cores>
3. Copy the generated Verilog file (should be under zc706/src) and overwrite the same file in `controller-hardware/source/hdl/impl/rocket-chip`
4. Open the Vivado project in `controller-hardware/Vivado_Project` using Vivado 2016.2
5. Generate a bitstream
6. Copy the bitstream (system_top.bit) to `fpga-zynq/zc706`
7. Use the `./build_script.sh` to generate the new `boot.bin` under `fpga-images-zc706`, you can use this file to program the FPGA using the SD-Card
   - For details, follow the relevant instructions in `fpga-zynq/README.md`

You can run programs compiled with the RISC-V Toolchain supplied within the `fpga-zynq` repository. To install the toolchain, follow the instructions under `fpga-zynq/rocket-chip/riscv-tools`.

Generating DDR3 Controller IP sources

We cannot provide the sources for the Xilinx PHY IP we use in PiDRAM's memory controller due to licensing issues. We describe here how to regenerate them using Vivado 2016.2. First, you need to generate the IP RTL files:

1- Open IP Catalog
2- Find "Memory Interface Generator (MIG 7 Series)" IP and double click

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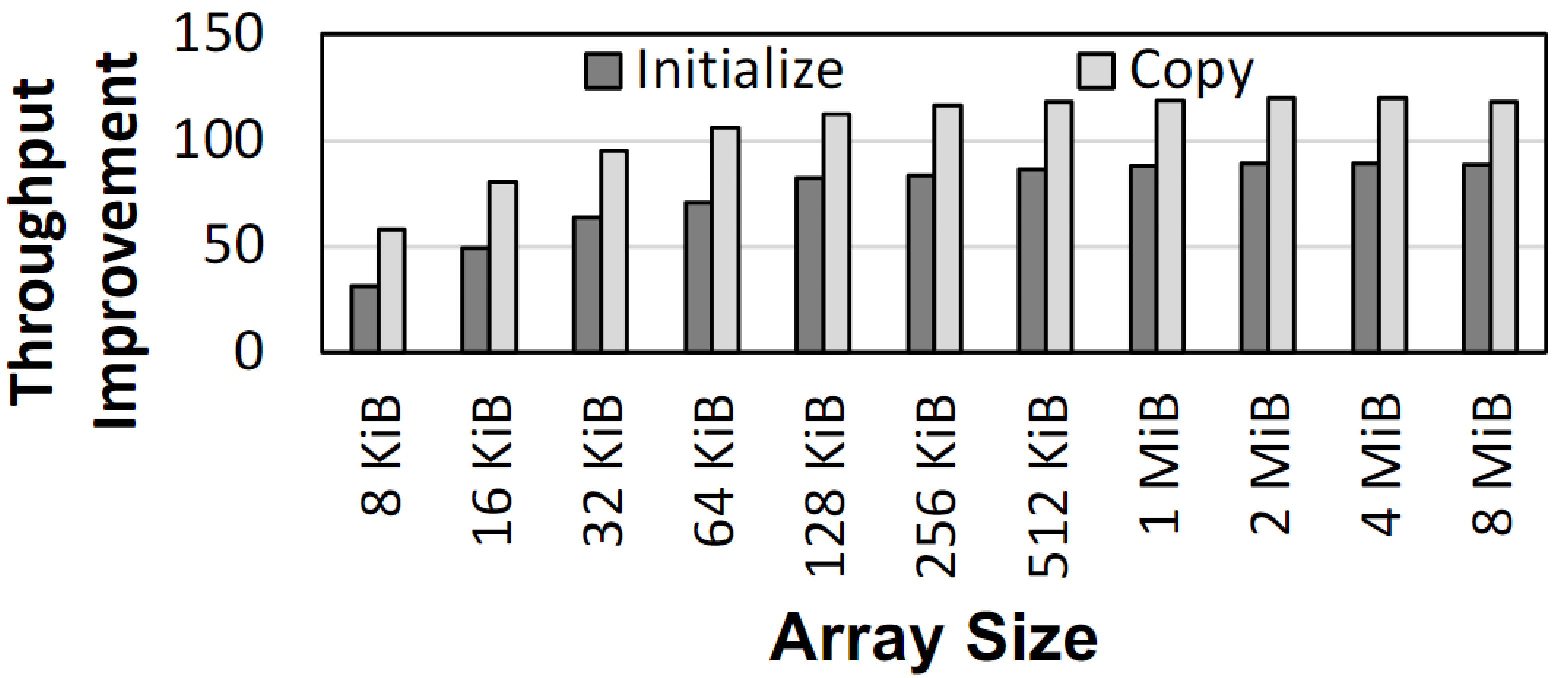
Microbenchmark Copy/Initialization Throughput



In-DRAM Copy and Initialization improve throughput by 119x and 89x

More on PiDRAM

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DRAM Chips Are Already (Quite) Capable!

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Functionally-Complete Boolean Logic in Real DRAM Chips: Experimental Characterization and Analysis

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We experimentally demonstrate that COTS DRAM chips are capable of performing 1) functionally-complete *Boolean operations: NOT, NAND, and NOR and 2) many-input (i.e., more than two-input) AND and OR operations. We present an extensive characterization of* new *bulk bitwise operations in 256 off-the-shelf modern DDR4 DRAM chips. We evaluate the reliability of these operations using a metric called success rate: the fraction of correctly performed bitwise operations. Among our 19 new observations, we highlight four major results. First, we can perform the NOT operation on COTS DRAM chips with 98.37% success rate on average. Second, we can perform up to 16-input NAND, NOR, AND, and OR operations on COTS DRAM chips with high reliability (e.g., 16-input NAND, NOR, AND, and OR with average success rate of 94.94%, 95.87%, 94.94%, and 95.85%, respectively). Third, data pattern only slightly*

The Capability of COTS DRAM Chips

We **demonstrate** that **COTS DRAM chips:**

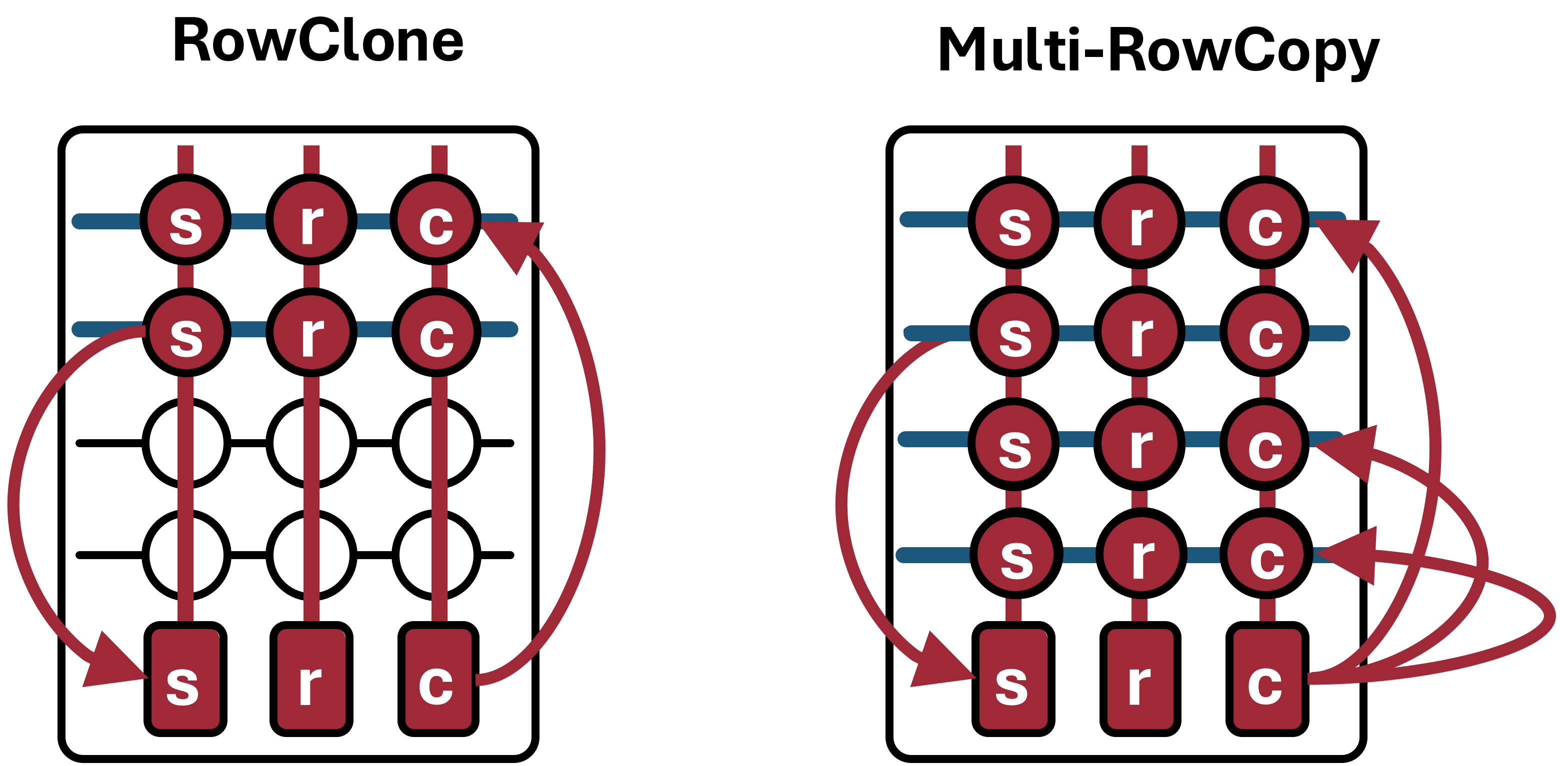
1 Can **copy one row into up to 31 other rows with >99.98% success rate**

2 Can perform **NOT operation** with up to **32 output operands**

3 Can perform up to **16-input AND, NAND, OR, and NOR** operations

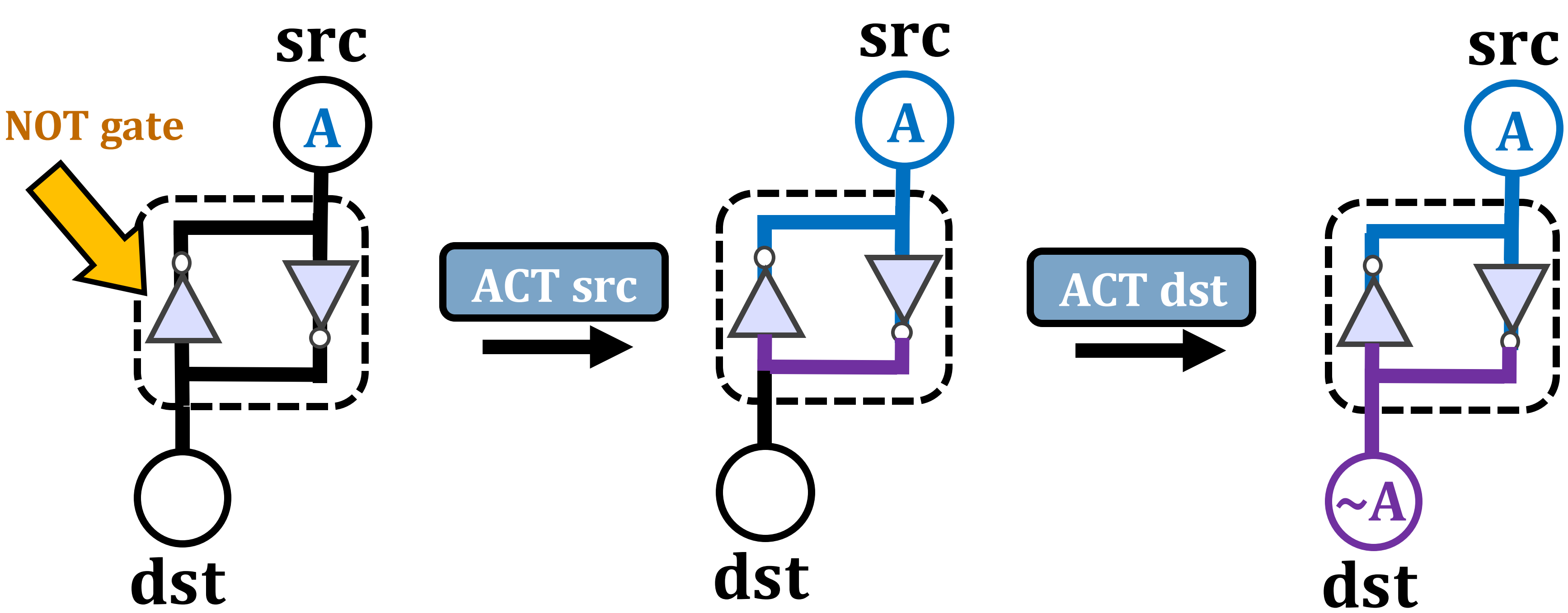
In-DRAM Multiple Row Copy (Multi-RowCopy)

Simultaneously activate many rows to copy **one row's content** to **multiple destination rows**



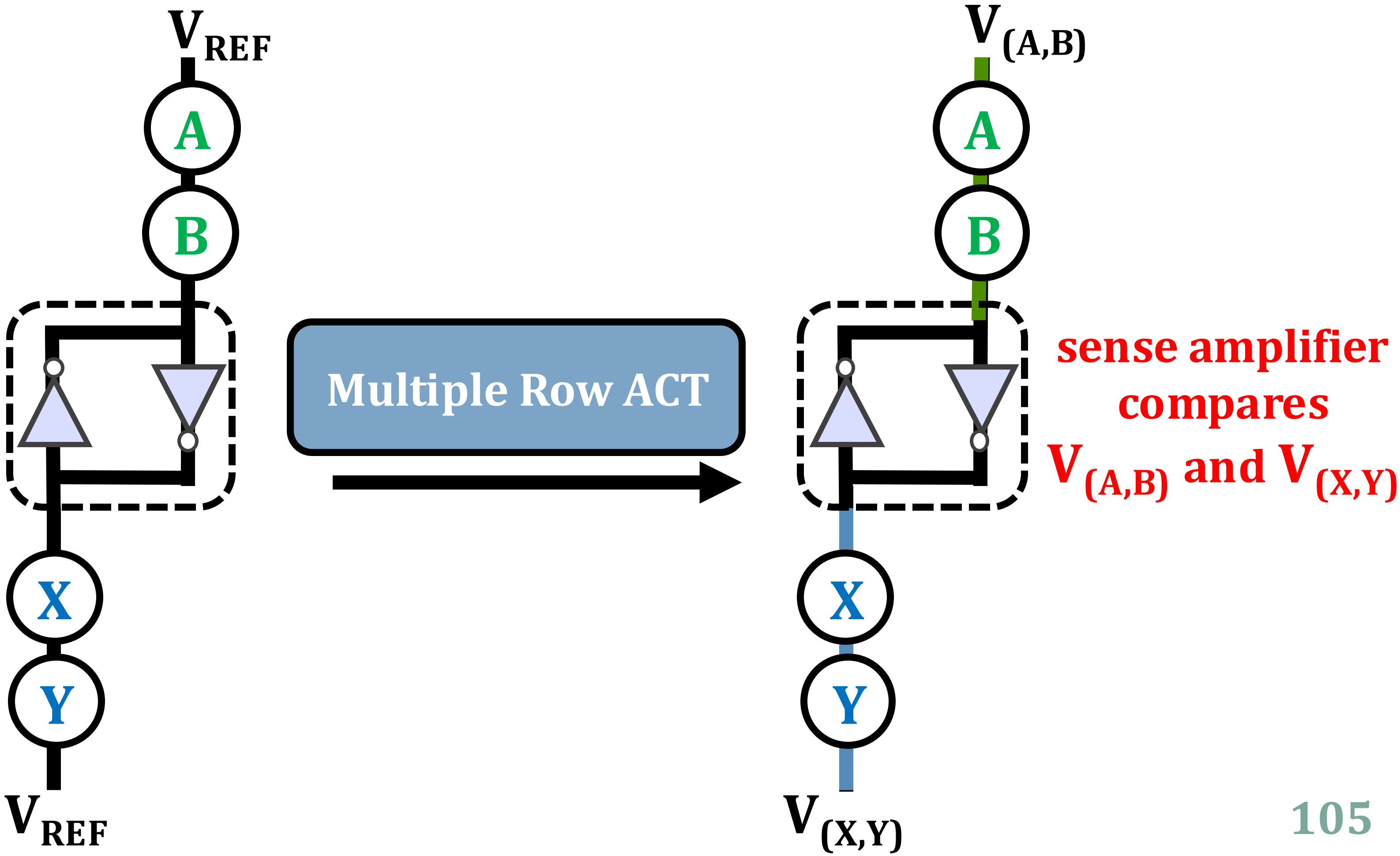
Key Idea: NOT Operation

Connect rows in neighboring subarrays
through **a NOT gate** by consecutively activating rows

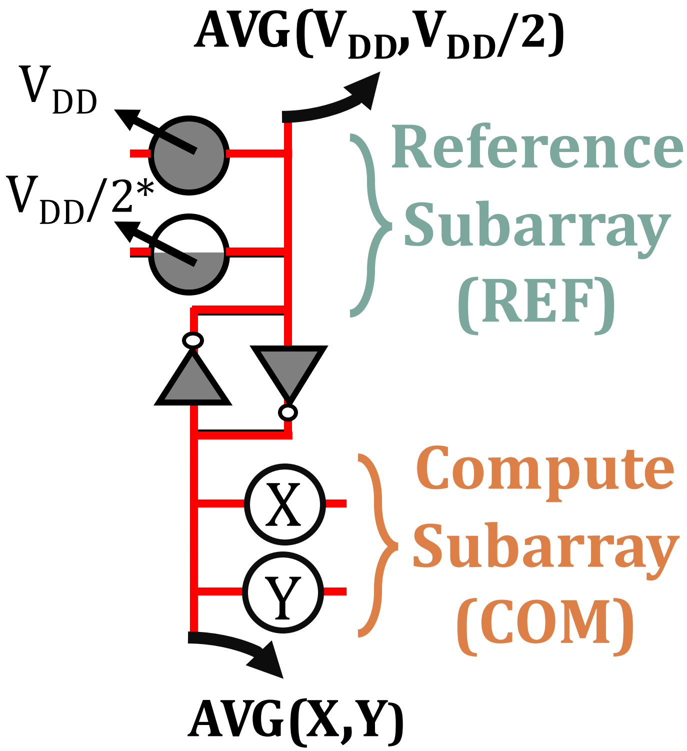


Key Idea: NAND, NOR, AND, OR

Manipulate the bitline voltage to express
a wide variety of functions using
simultaneous multi-row activation in neighboring subarrays



Two-Input AND and NAND Operations



V_{DD}=1 & GND = 0

X	Y	COM	REF
0	0	0	1
0	1	0	1
1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0
		AND	NAND

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*Gao et al., "FracDRAM: Fractional Values in Off-the-Shelf DRAM," in MICRO, 2022.

Many-Input AND, NAND, OR, and NOR Operations

We can express AND, NAND, OR, and NOR operations by carefully manipulating the **reference voltage**

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(More details in the paper)

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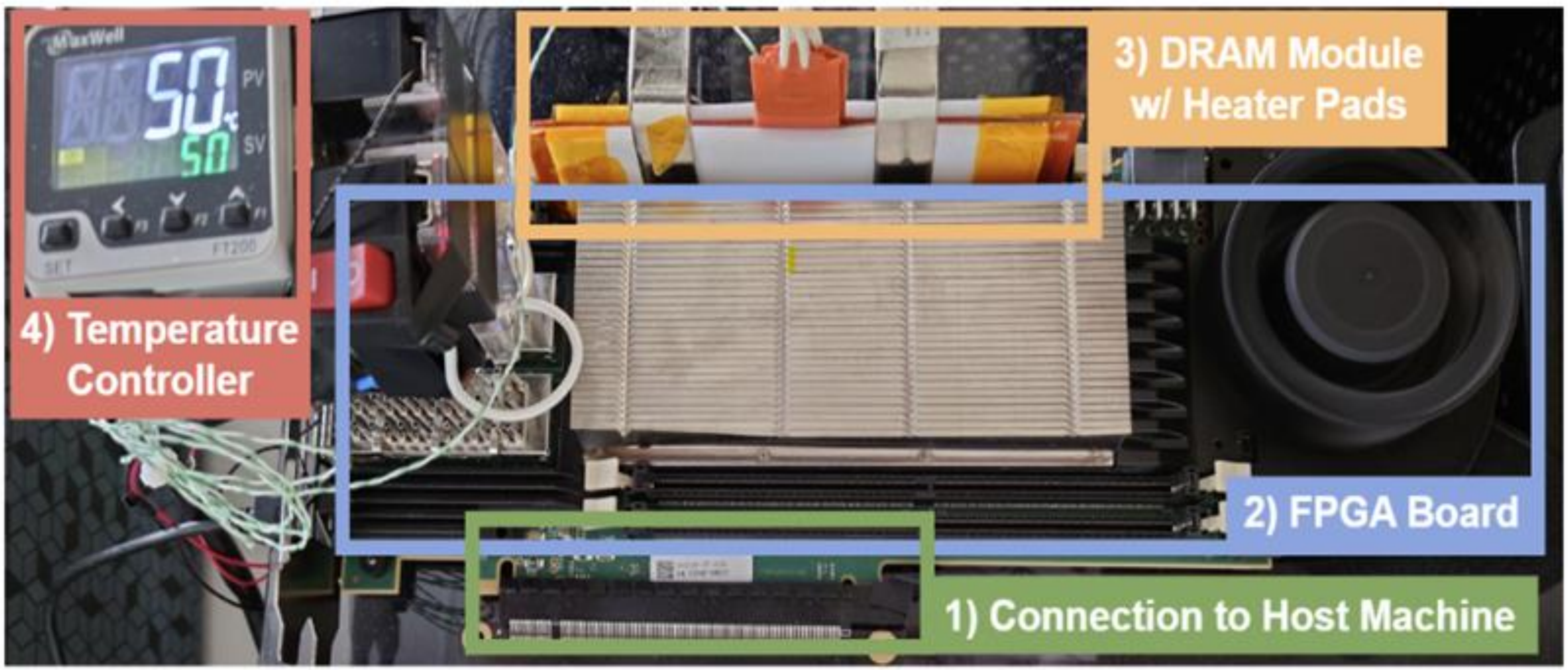
DRAM Testing Infrastructure

- Developed from DRAM Bender [Olgun+, TCAD'23]*
- Fine-grained control over DRAM commands, timings, and temperature



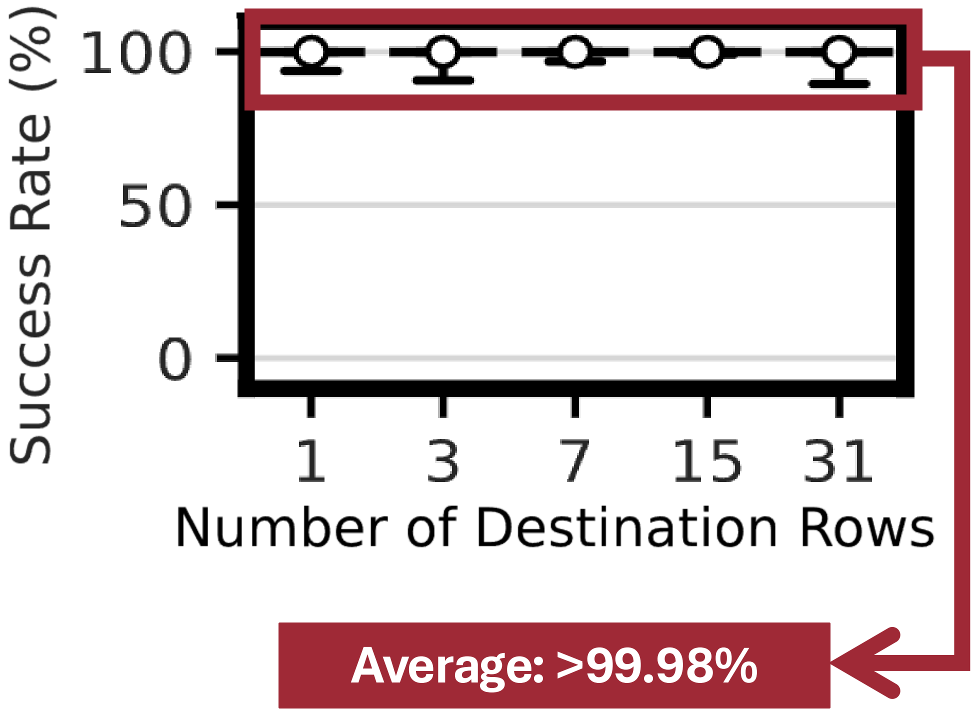
*Olgun et al., "[DRAM Bender: An Extensible and Versatile FPGA-based Infrastructure to Easily Test State-of-the-art DRAM Chips](#)," TCAD, 2023.

DRAM Chips Tested

- 256 DDR4 chips from two major DRAM manufacturers
- Covers different die revisions and chip densities

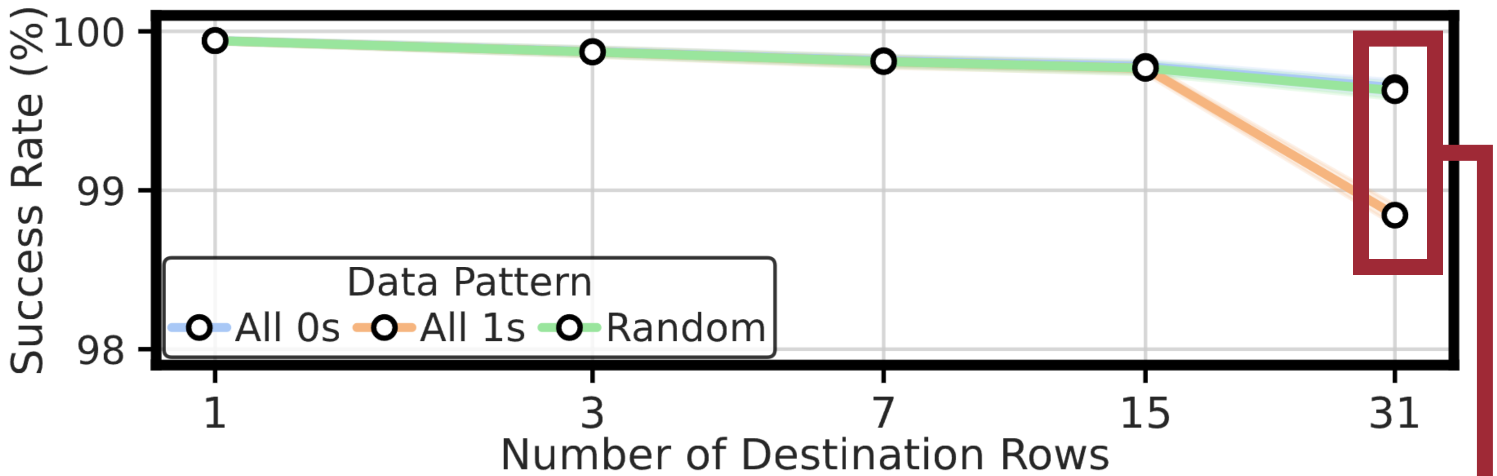
Chip Mfr.	#Modules (#Chips)	Die Rev.	Mfr. Date[a]	Chip Density	Chip Org.	Speed Rate
SK Hynix	9 (72)	M	N/A	4Gb	x8	2666MT/s
	5 (40)	A	N/A	4Gb	x8	2133MT/s
	1 (16)	A	N/A	8Gb	x8	2666MT/s
	1 (32)	A	18-14	4Gb	x4	2400MT/s
	1 (32)	A	16-49	8Gb	x4	2400MT/s
	1 (32)	M	16-22	8Gb	x4	2666MT/s
Samsung	1 (8)	F	21-02	4Gb	x8	2666MT/s
	2 (16)	D	21-10	8Gb	x8	2133MT/s
	1 (8)	A	22-12	8Gb	x8	3200MT/s

Robustness of Multi-RowCopy



COTS DRAM chips can copy one row's content to up to 31 rows with a very high success rate

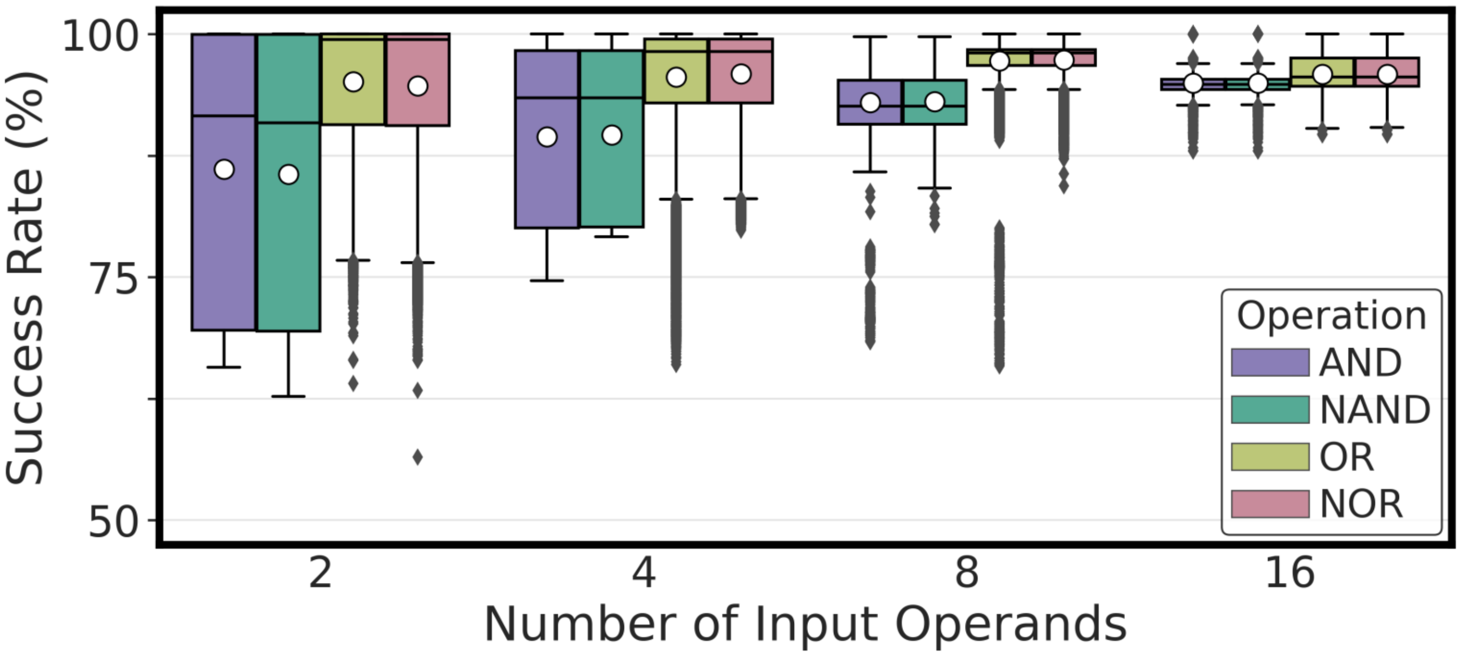
Impact of Data Pattern



At most 0.79% decrease in average success rate

Data pattern has a small effect on the success rate of the Multi-RowCopy operation

Performing AND, NAND, OR, and NOR



COTS DRAM chips can perform {2, 4, 8, 16}-input AND, NAND, OR, and NOR operations

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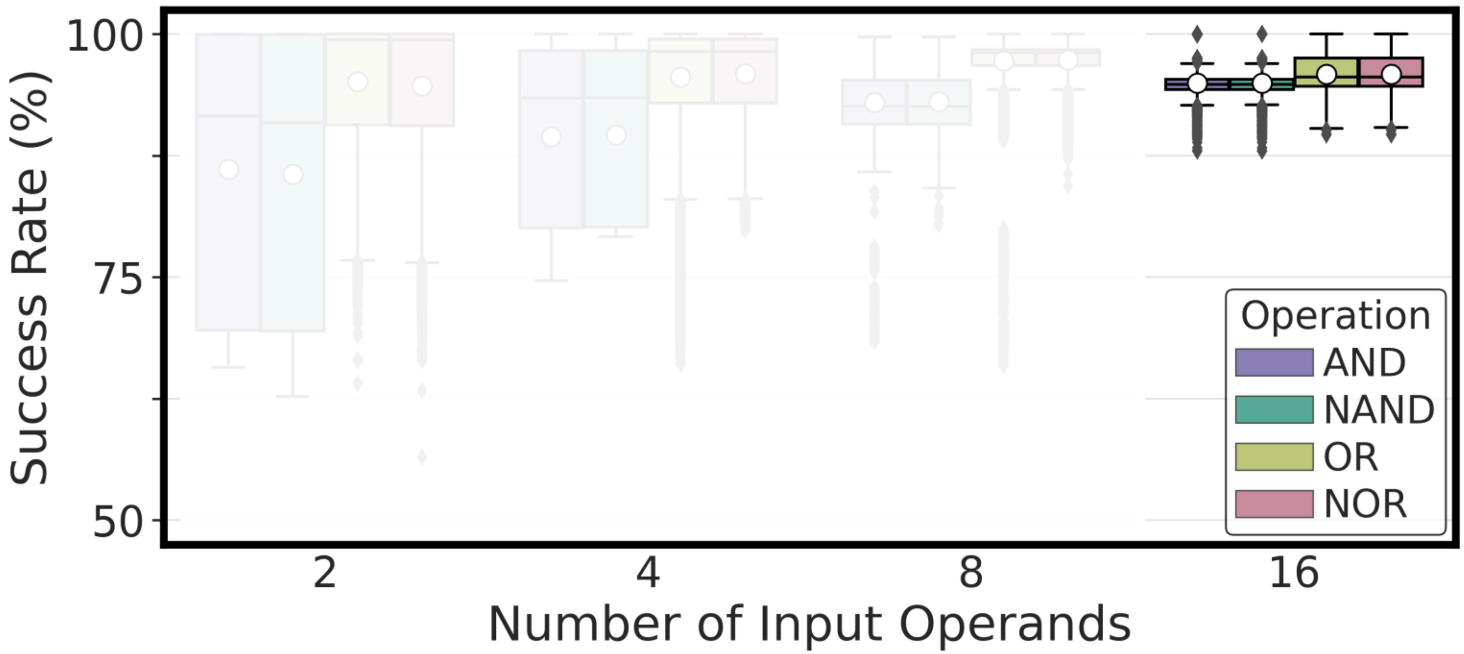

COTS DRAM chips can perform
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with very high success rate (>94%)

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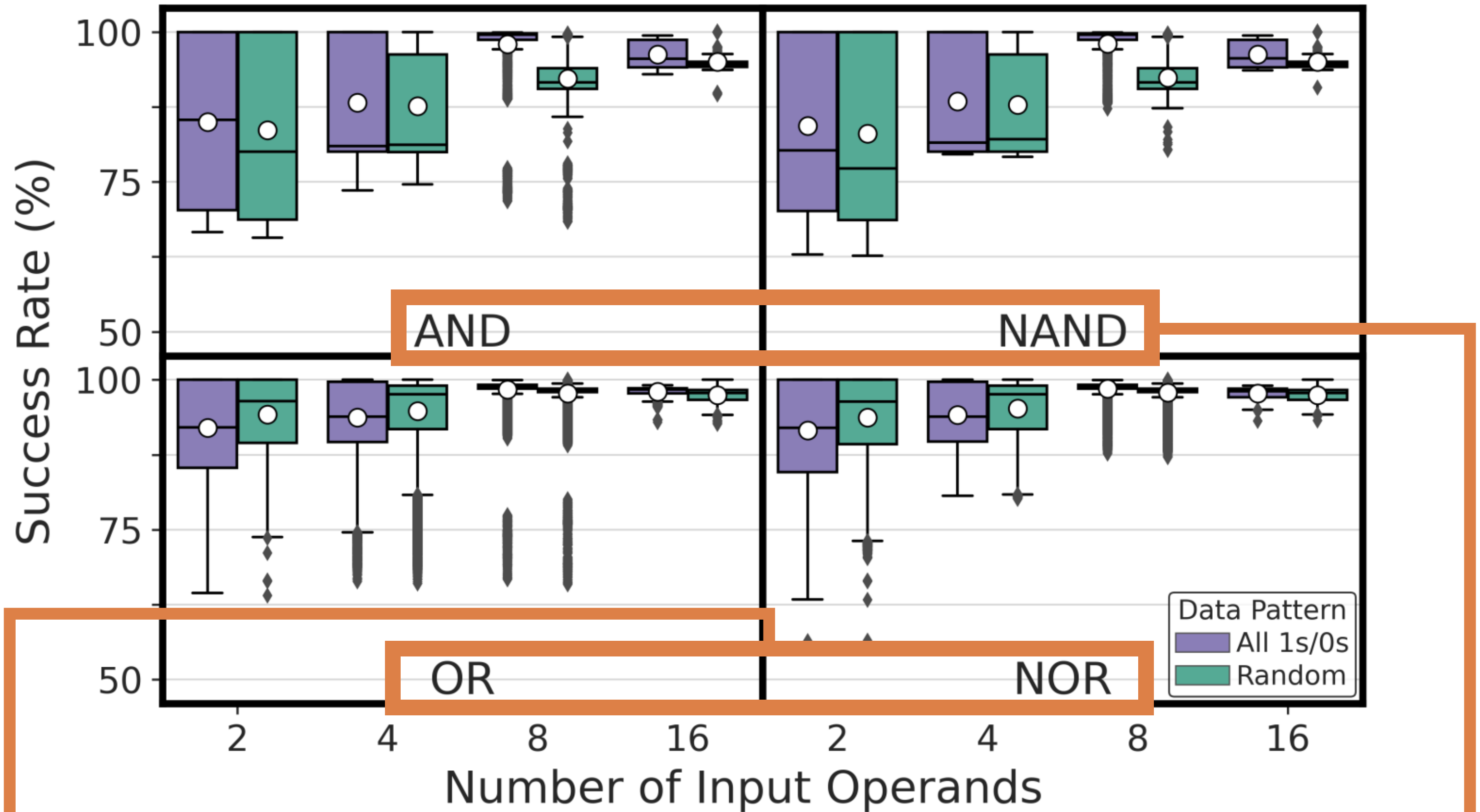
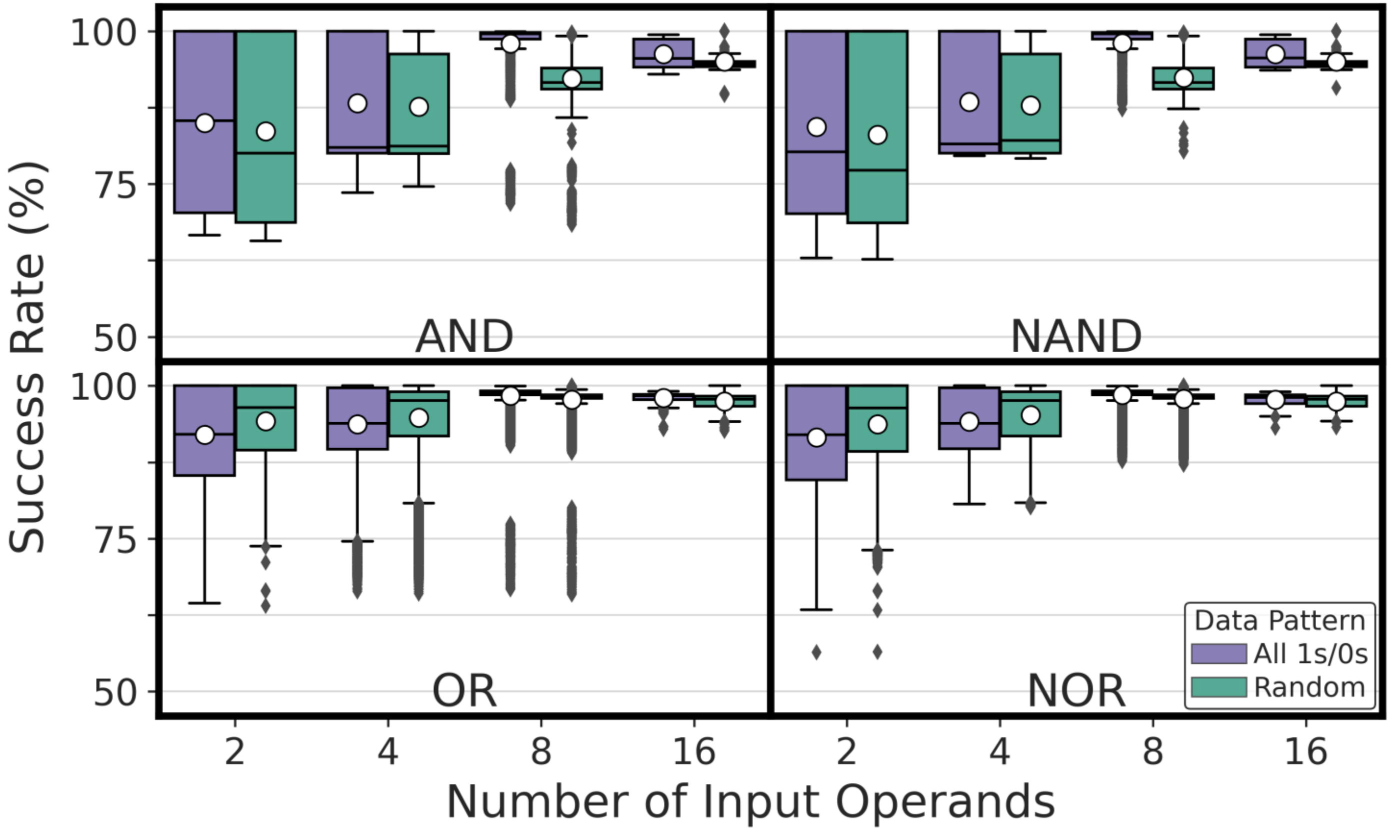


Impact of data pattern is **consistent** across all tested operations

Impact of Data Pattern



Data pattern slightly affects the reliability of AND, NAND, OR, and NOR operations

More in the Paper

- Detailed hypotheses & key ideas to perform
  - NOT operation
  - Many-input AND, NAND, OR, and NOR operations

- How the reliability of bitwise operations are affected by
  - The location of activated rows
  - Temperature (for AND, NAND, OR, and NOR)
  - DRAM speed rate
  - Chip density and die revision

- Discussion on the limitations of COTS DRAM chips

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What Else Can We Do Using Commodity Memories?

In-DRAM True Random Number Generation

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In-DRAM TRNG: Recent Results

- N-row Activation
  - initialize cell values to sample random values in sense amplifiers

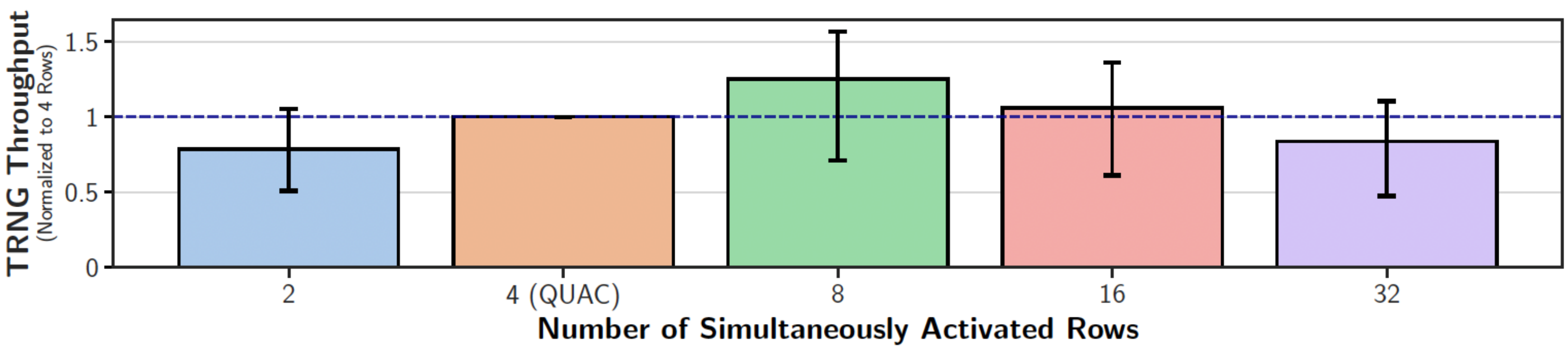

Fig. 11: **Throughput of generating true random numbers, as measured in 96 COTS DRAM chips using multiple-row activation, normalized to state-of-the-art DRAM-based TRNG, QUAC-TRNG (i.e., 4-row activation) [135].** Each error bar shows the range across all tested chips. We observe that random numbers that are generated with multiple-row activation and then post-processed with the SHA-256 function [221] pass *all* NIST STS tests [222], which means 2-, 4-, 8-, 16-, and 32-row activation generates high-quality true random bitstreams. On average, 8- and 16-row activation-based TRNG outperforms the state-of-the-art by 1.25× and 1.06×, respectively, while 2- and 32-row activation-based TRNG provides 0.69× and 0.84× the throughput of the state-of-the-art.

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Processing in Memory: Two Types

1. Processing **near** Memory
2. Processing **using** Memory

A Modern Primer on Processing in Memory

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How to Enable Adoption of Processing in Memory

Potential Barriers to Adoption of PIM

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

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

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

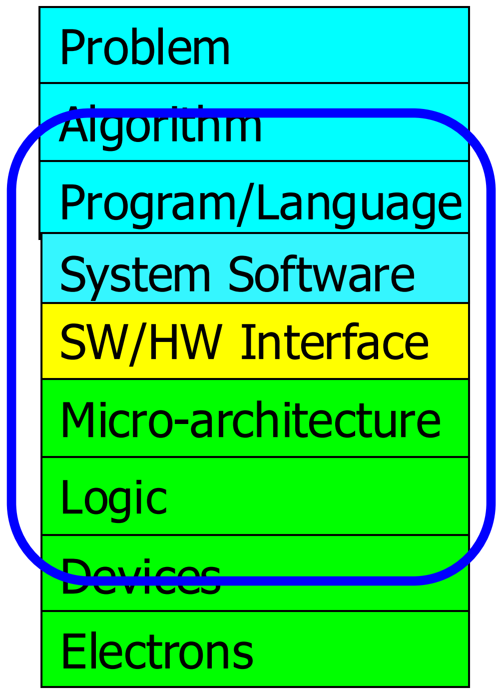
4. **Runtime** and **compilation** systems for adaptive scheduling, data mapping, access/sharing control, …

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

All can be solved with change of mindset

We Need to Revisit the Entire Stack

- With a **memory-centric mindset**



We can get there step by step

Concluding Remarks

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

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

Challenge and Opportunity for Future

Computing Architectures

with

Minimal Data Movement

Concluding Remarks

- Goal: Enable computation capability in memory

- We highlighted major recent advances in Processing-in-DRAM
  - Can lead to **orders-of-magnitude energy & perf** improvements
  - **Unmodified DRAM chips are already capable of computation**

- Memory should be designed as a **combined computation and storage substrate**
  - Not as an inactive storage substrate
  - Design mindset and flow should change

- Future of **truly memory-centric computing** is bright
  - We need to do research & design across the computing stack
  - With a proper mindset and infrastructure shift

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PIM Tutorial November 2024 Edition

MICRO 2024 - Tutorial on Memory-Centric Computing Systems

Saturday, November 2nd, Austin, Texas, USA

Organizers: Geraldo F. Oliveira, Dr. Mohammad Sadrosadati, Ataberk Olgun, Professor Onur Mutlu

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PIM Tutorial @ PPoPP/HPCA/CGO/CC

PPoPP 2025 - Tutorial on Memory-Centric Computing Systems

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Current PIM Tutorial/Workshop

ASPLOS 2025 – 1st Workshop on Memory-Centric Computing Systems

Sunday, March 30th, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

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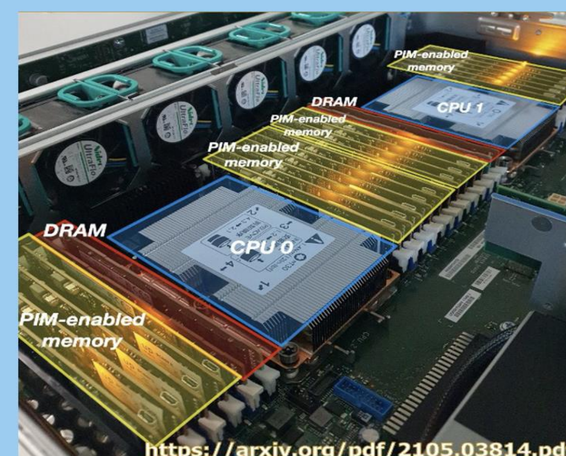

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Upcoming PIM Tutorials/Workshops (I)

ICS 2025 – 2nd Workshop on Memory-Centric Computing Systems

Sunday, June 8th, Salt Lake City, USA

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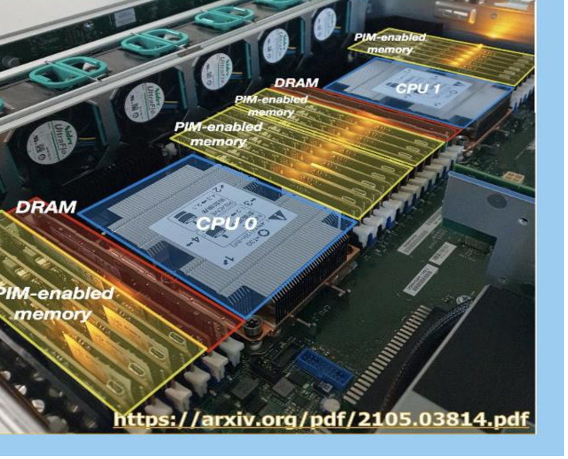

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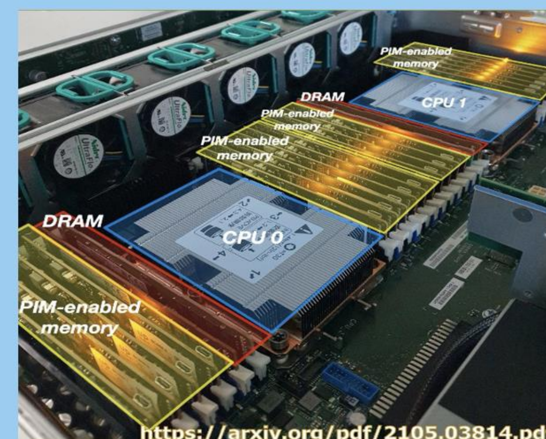

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Adoption: How to Ease **Programmability?** (V)

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ALP: Alleviating CPU-Memory Data Movement Overheads in Memory-Centric Systems

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Abstract—Recent advances in memory technology have enabled near-data processing (NDP) to tackle main memory bottlenecks in modern systems. Prior works partition applications into segments (e.g., instructions, loops, functions) and execute memory-bound segments of the applications on NDP computation units, while mapping the cache-friendly application segments to host CPU cores that access a deeper cache hierarchy. Partitioning applications between NDP and host cores causes inter-segment data movement overhead, which is the overhead from moving data generated from one segment and used in the consecutive segments. This overhead can be large if the segments map to cores in different parts of the system (i.e., host and NDP). Prior works take two approaches to the inter-segment data movement overhead when partitioning applications between NDP and host cores. The first class of works maps segments to NDP or host cores based on the properties of each segment, neglecting the performance impact of the inter-segment data movement. Such partitioning techniques suffer from inter-segment data movement overhead. The second class of works maps segments to host or NDP cores based on the overall memory bandwidth savings of each segment (which depends on the memory bandwidth savings within each segment and the inter-segment data movement overhead between other segments). These works do not offload each segment to the best-fitting core if they incur high inter-segment data movement overhead. Therefore these works miss some of the potential NDP performance benefits. We show that mapping each segment (here basic block) to its best-fitting core based on the properties of each segment, assuming no inter-segment data movement, can provide substantial performance benefits. However, we show that the inter-segment data movement reduces this benefit significantly.
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Recall: DRAM Testing Infrastructure

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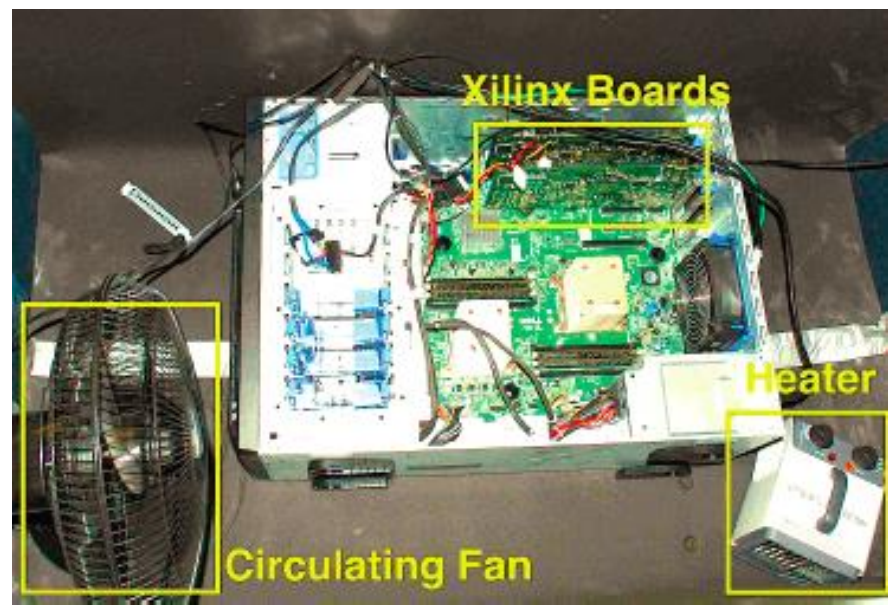

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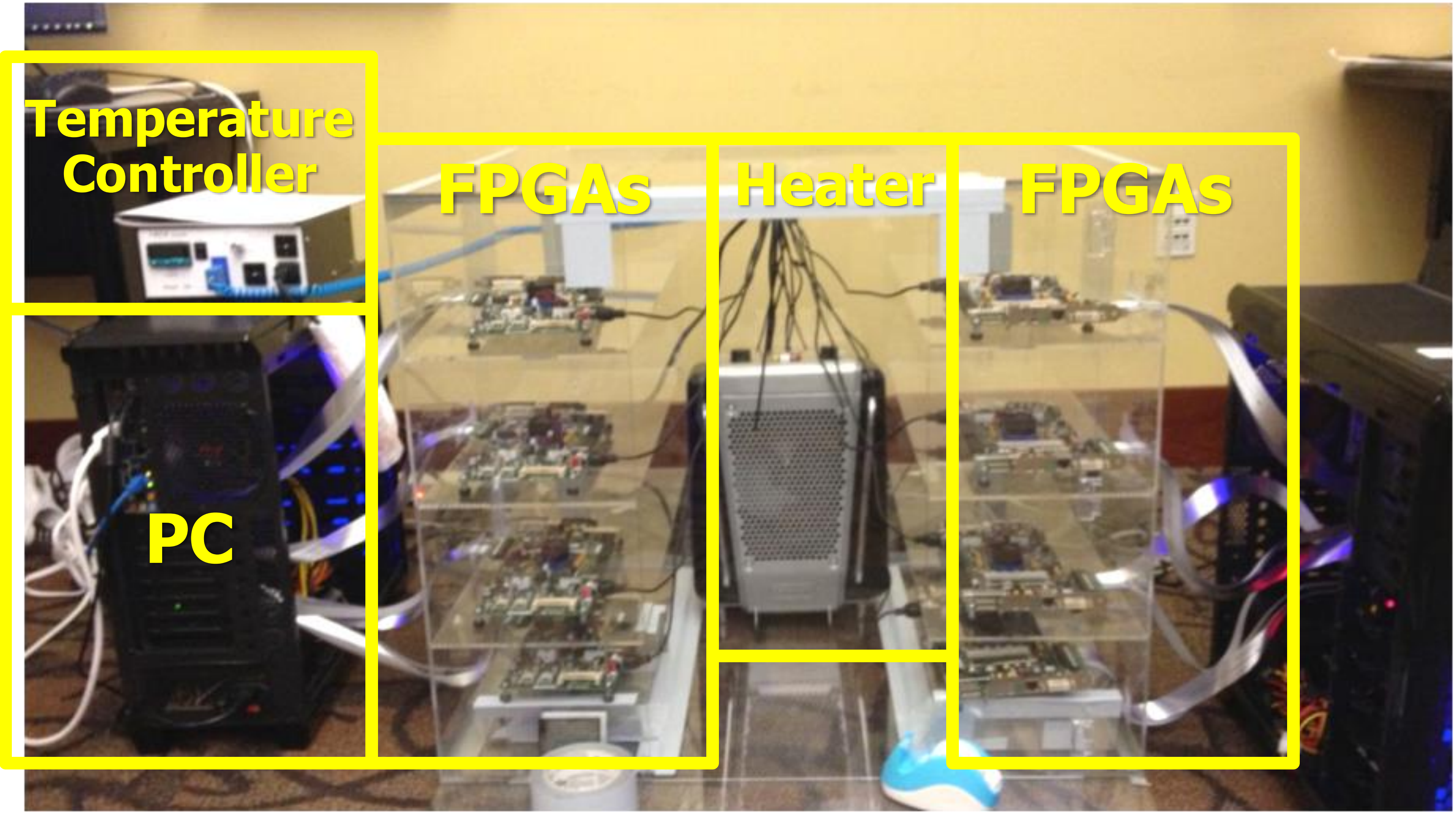

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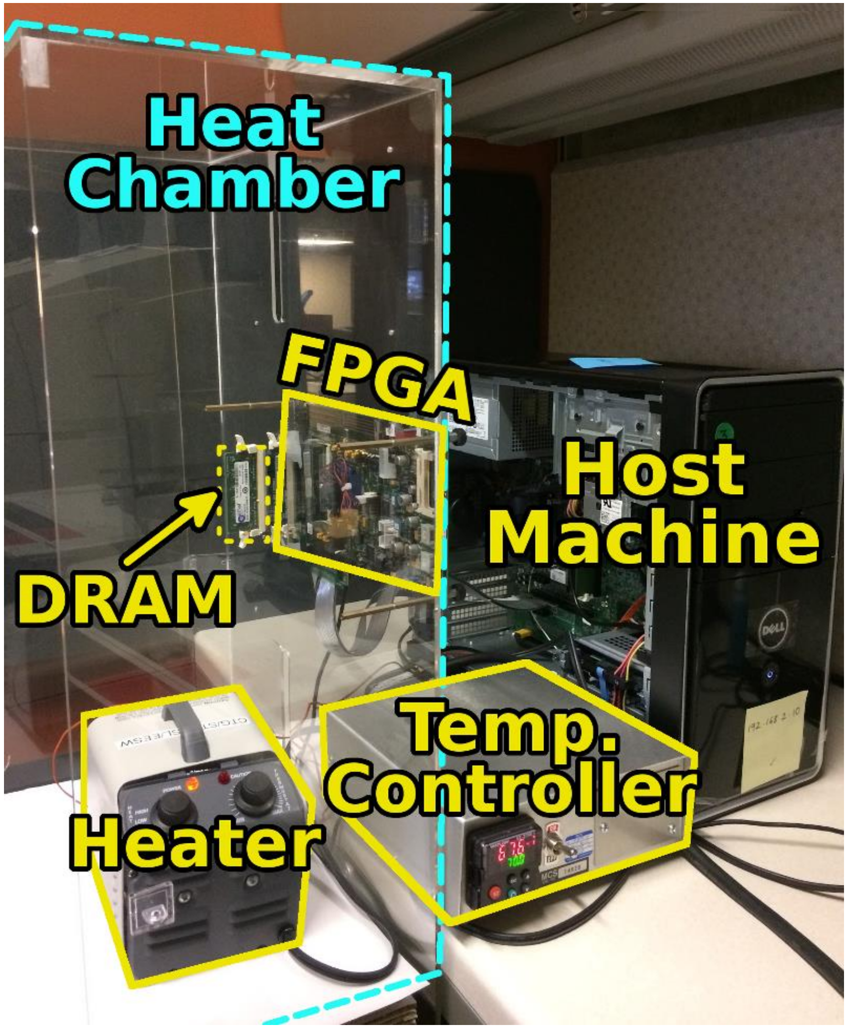

- **Flexible**
- **Easy to Use (C++ API)**
- **Open-source**
  github.com/CMU-SAFARI/SoftMC

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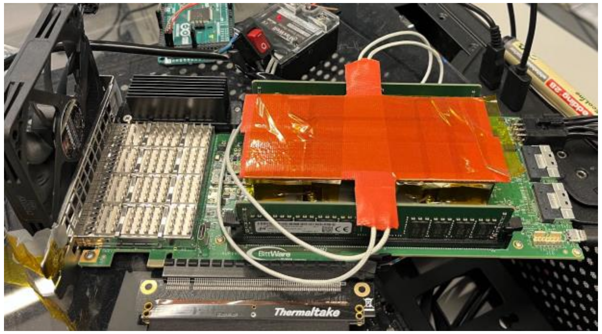
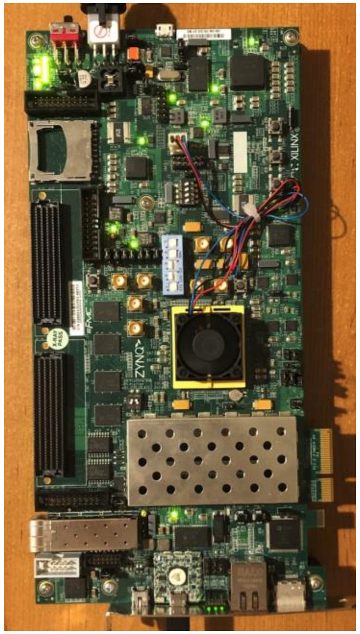
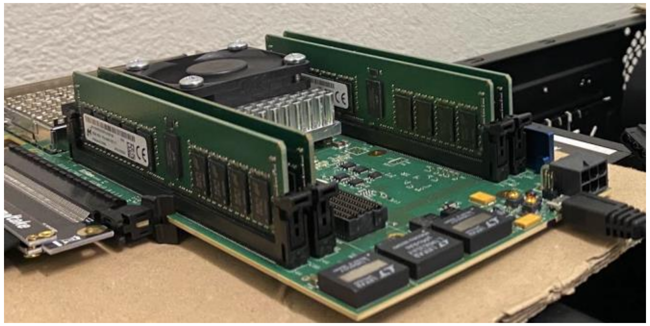
DRAM Bender: Prototypes

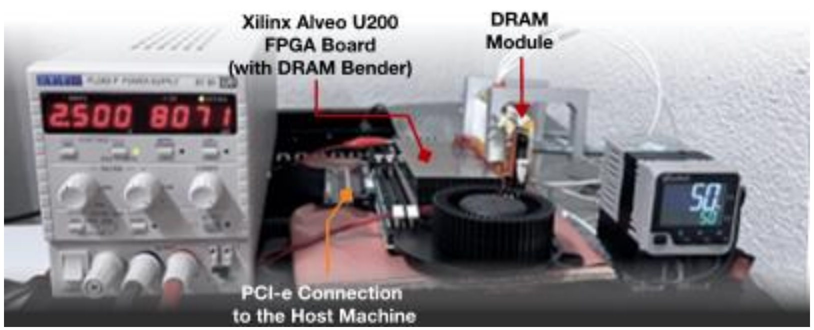
Testing Infrastructure	Protocol Support	FPGA Support
SoftMC [134]	DDR3	One Prototype
LiteX RowHammer Tester (LRT) [17]	DDR3/4, LPDDR4	Two Prototypes
DRAM Bender (this work)	**DDR3/DDR4**	**Five Prototypes**

Five out of the box FPGA-based prototypes









DRAM Chips Are Already (Quite) Capable!

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Functionally-Complete Boolean Logic in Real DRAM Chips: Experimental Characterization and Analysis

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We experimentally demonstrate that COTS DRAM chips are capable of performing 1) functionally-complete *Boolean operations: NOT, NAND, and NOR and 2) many-input (i.e., more than two-input) AND and OR operations. We present an extensive characterization of* new *bulk bitwise operations in 256 off-the-shelf modern DDR4 DRAM chips. We evaluate the reliability of these operations using a metric called success rate: the fraction of correctly performed bitwise operations. Among our 19 new observations, we highlight four major results. First, we can perform the NOT operation on COTS DRAM chips with 98.37% success rate on average. Second, we can perform up to 16-input NAND, NOR, AND, and OR operations on COTS DRAM chips with high reliability (e.g., 16-input NAND, NOR, AND, and OR with average success rate of 94.94%, 95.87%, 94.94%, and 95.85%, respectively). Third, data pattern only slightly*

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PULSAR: Simultaneous Many-Row Activation for Reliable and High-Performance Computing in Off-the-Shelf DRAM Chips

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We propose PULSAR, a new technique to enable high-success-rate and high-performance PuM operations in off-the-shelf DRAM chips. PULSAR leverages our new observation that a carefully-crafted sequence of DRAM commands simultaneously activates up to 32 DRAM rows. PULSAR overcomes the limitations of existing techniques by 1) replicating the input data to improve the success rate and 2) enabling new bulk bitwise operations (e.g., many-input majority, *Multi-RowInit*, and *Bulk-Write*) to improve the performance.

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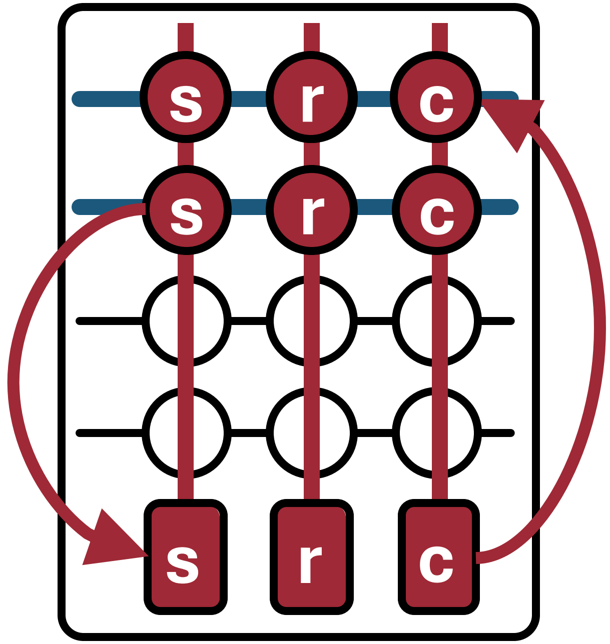
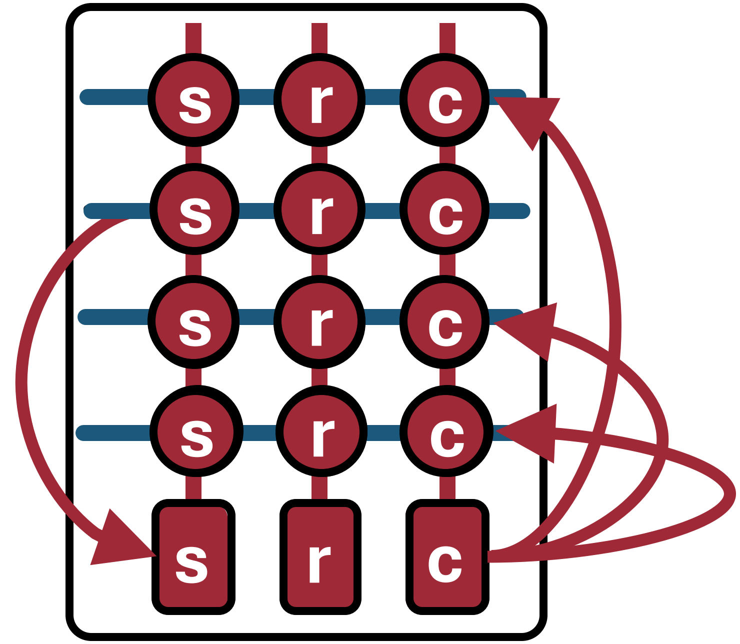
In-DRAM Multiple Row Copy (Multi-RowCopy)

Simultaneously activate many rows to copy **one row's content** to **multiple destination rows**

RowClone



Multi-RowCopy



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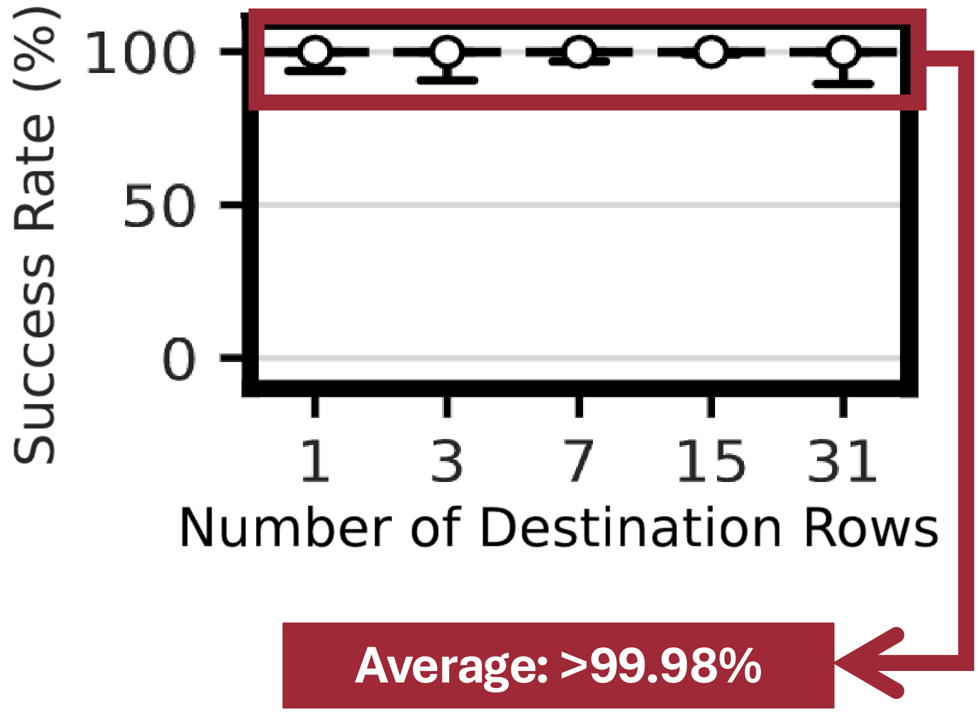
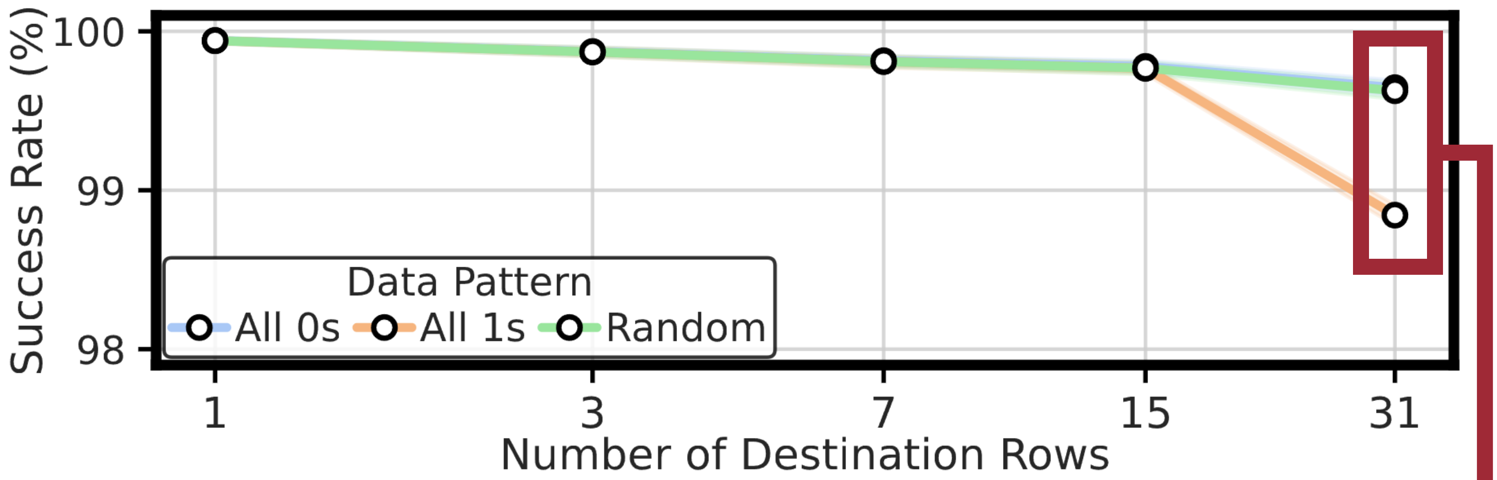
Robustness of Multi-RowCopy



COTS DRAM chips can copy one row's content to up to 31 rows with a very high success rate

Impact of Data Pattern



At most 0.79% decrease in average success rate

Data pattern has a small effect on the success rate of the Multi-RowCopy operation

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A subset of PIM proposals devise mechanisms that enable PUM using DRAM cells for computation, including data copy and initialization [67, 72, 77, 78, 89, 104, 127], Boolean logic [56, 64–66, 68, 70, 72, 76, 79, 122, 127–129], majority-based arithmetic [64, 66, 69, 72, 91, 127, 130, 131], and lookup table based operations [82, 106, 107, 132]. We refer to DRAM-based PUM as *Processing-Using-DRAM (PUD)* and the computation performed using DRAM cells as PUD operations.

PUD benefits from the bulk data parallelism in DRAM devices to perform bulk bitwise PUD operations. Prior works show that bulk bitwise operations are used in a wide variety of important applications, including databases and web search [64, 67, 79, 130, 133–140], data analytics [64, 141–144], graph processing [56, 80, 94, 130, 145], genome analysis [60, 99, 146–149], cryptography [150, 151], set operations [56, 64], and hyperdimensional computing [152–154].

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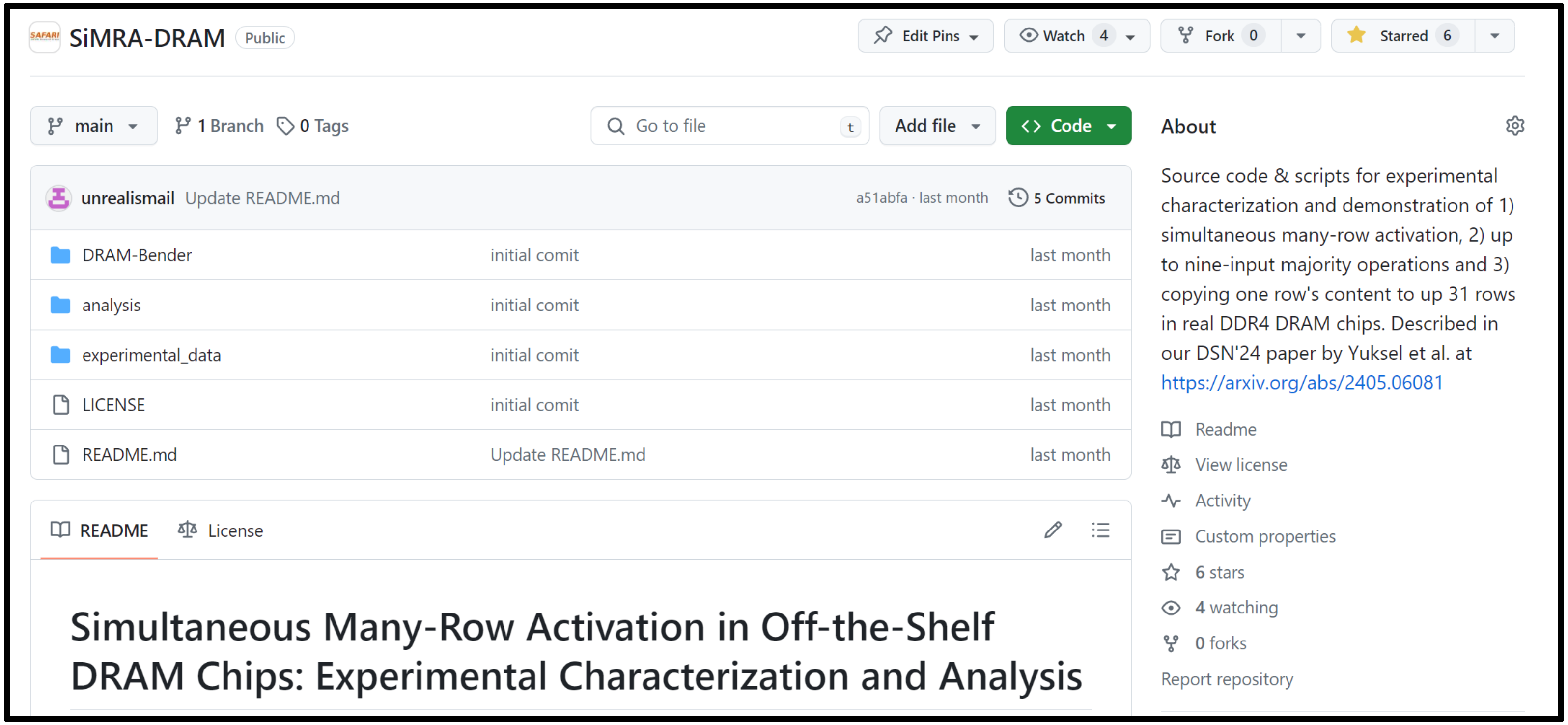

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What About Other Types of Memories?

In-Flash Bulk Bitwise Execution

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Flash-Cosmos: In-Flash Bulk Bitwise Operations Using Inherent Computation Capability of NAND Flash Memory

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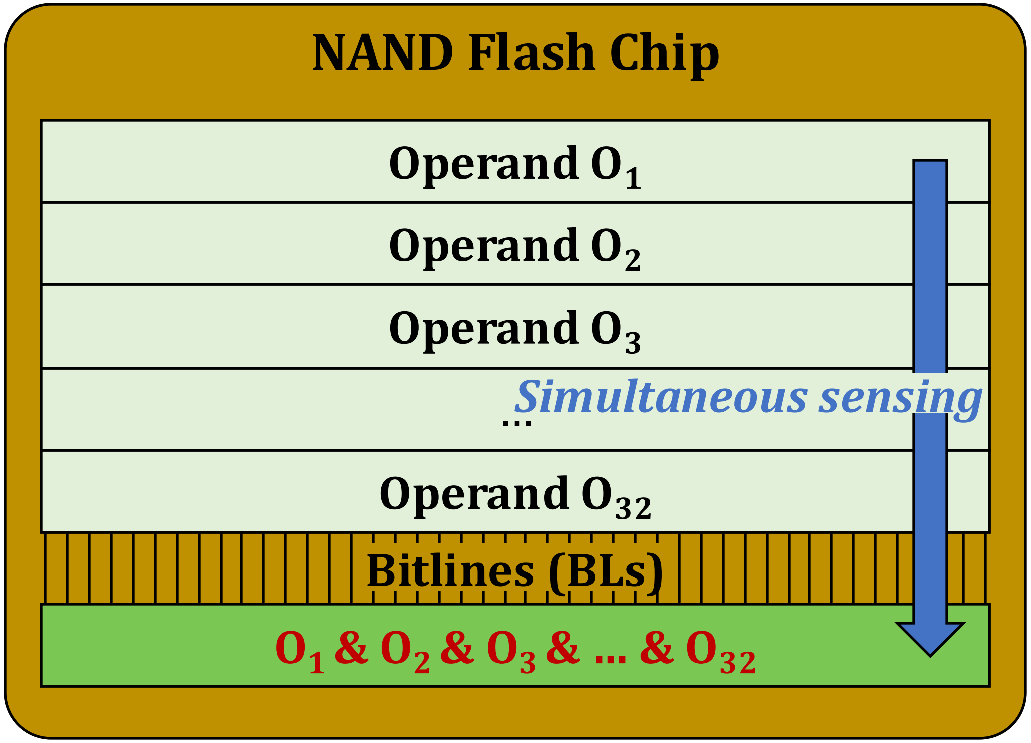
Flash-Cosmos: Basic Ideas

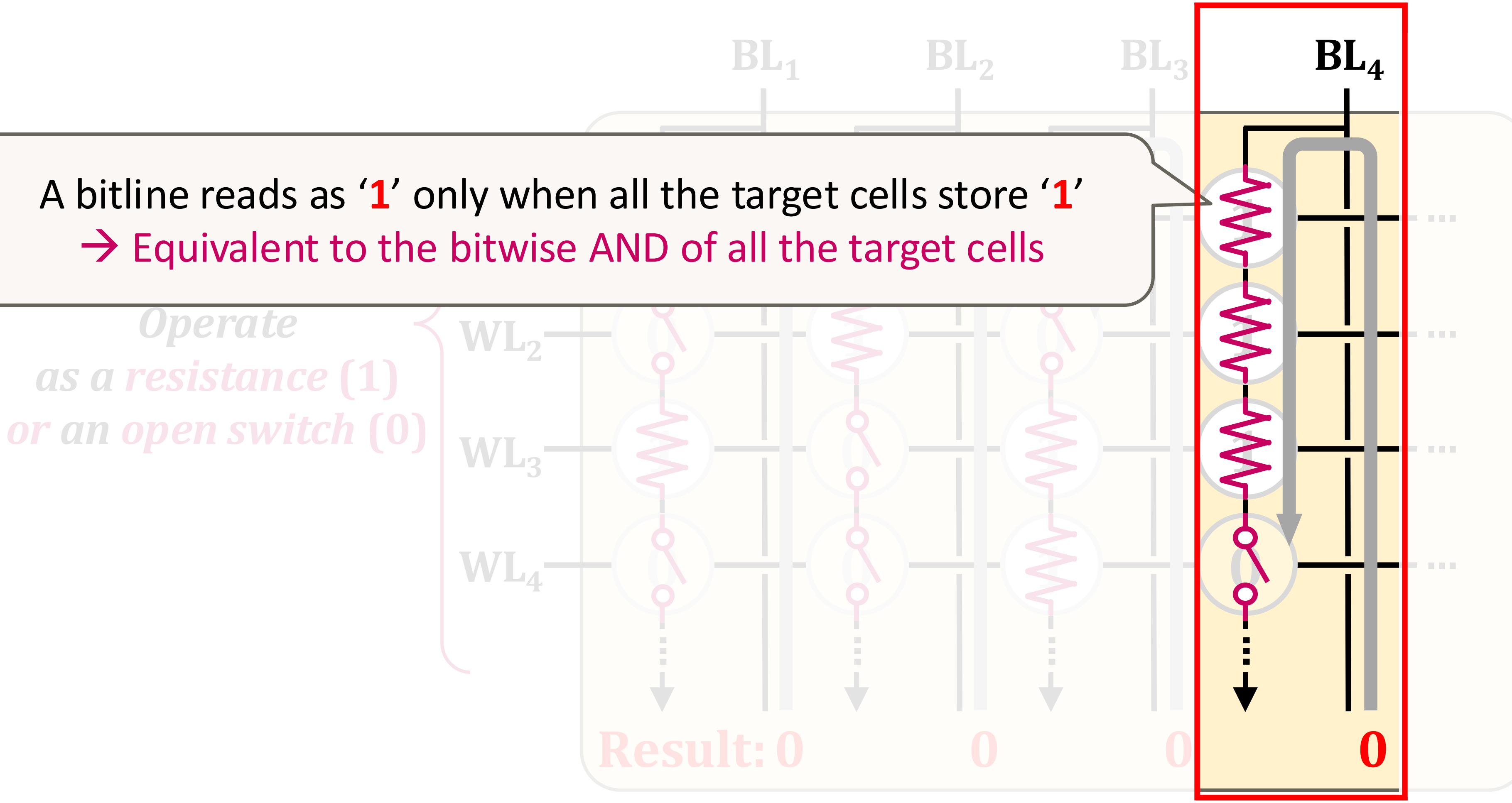
- Flash-Cosmos enables
  - Computation on multiple operands with a single sensing operation
  - Accurate computation results by eliminating raw bit errors in stored data



Multi-Wordline Sensing (MWS): Bitwise AND

- Intra-Block MWS:
  Simultaneously activates multiple WLs in the same block
  → Bitwise AND of the stored data in the WLs

A bitline reads as '**1**' only when all the target cells store '**1**'
→ Equivalent to the bitwise AND of all the target cells



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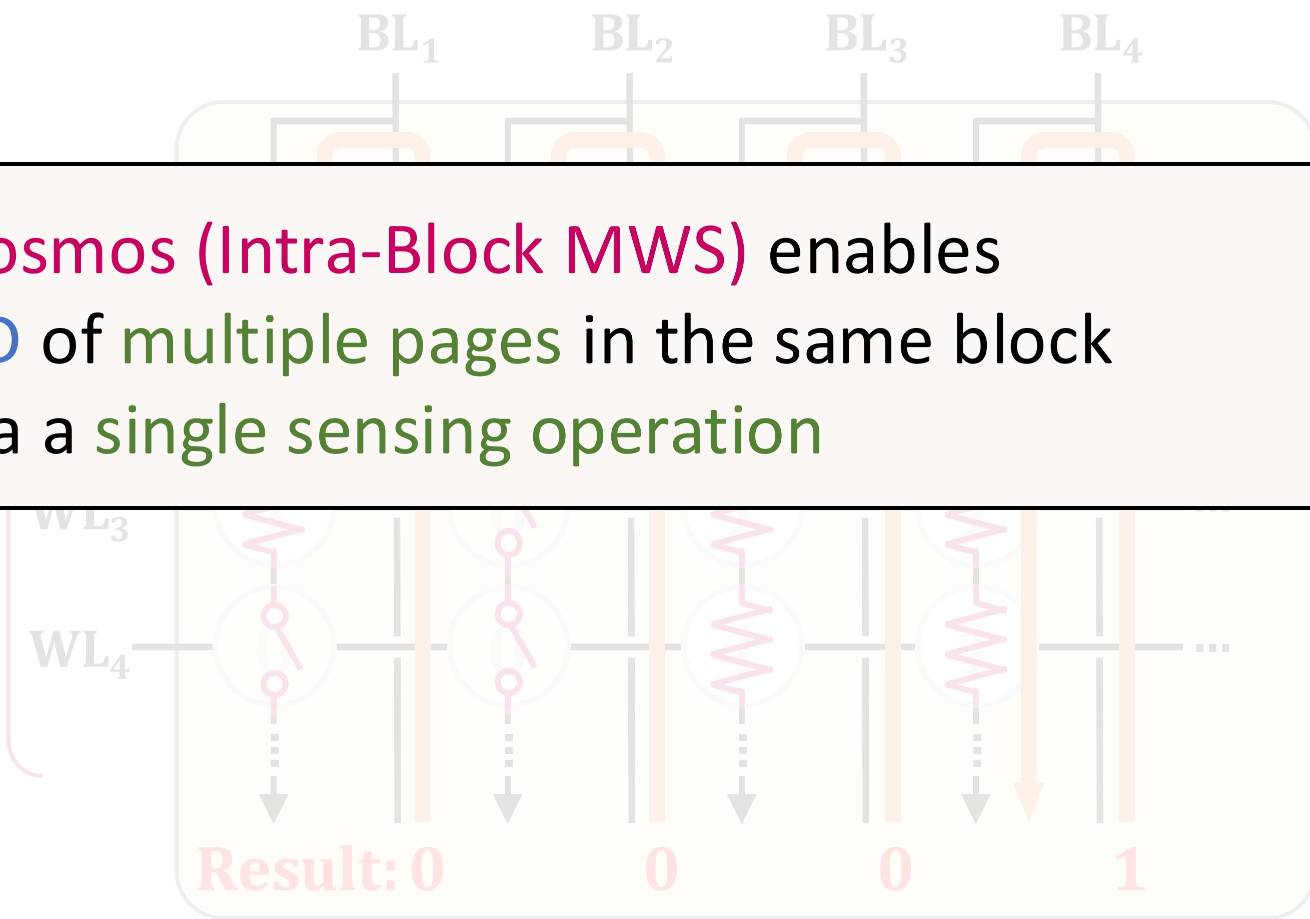

Flash-Cosmos (Intra-Block MWS) enables bitwise AND of multiple pages in the same block via a single sensing operation

Other Types of Bitwise Operations

Flash-Cosmos also enables
other types of bitwise operations
(NOT/NAND/NOR/XOR/XNOR)
leveraging existing features of NAND flash memory

Flash-Cosmos: In-Flash Bulk Bitwise Operations Using Inherent Computation Capability of NAND Flash Memory

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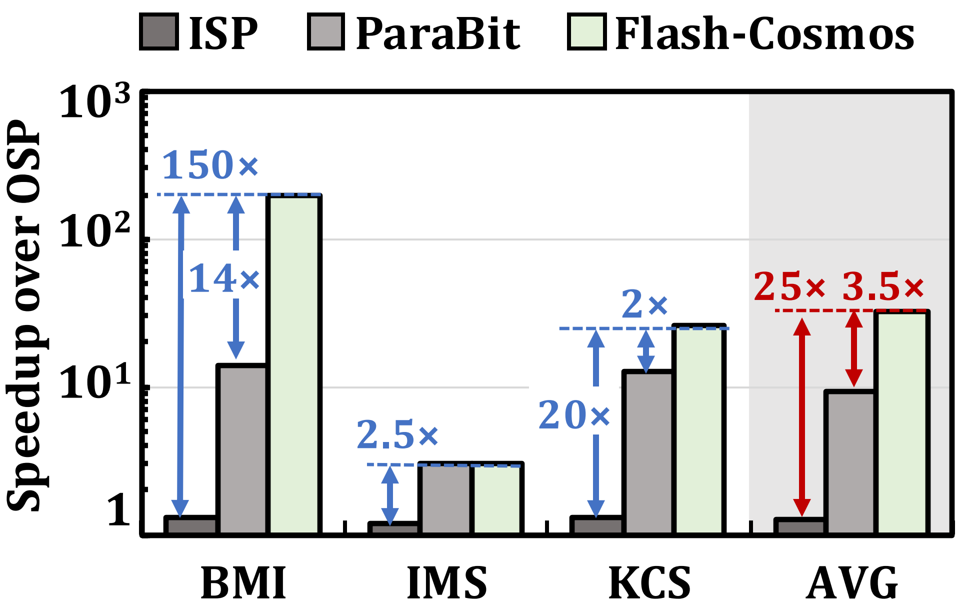
Results: Real-Device Characterization

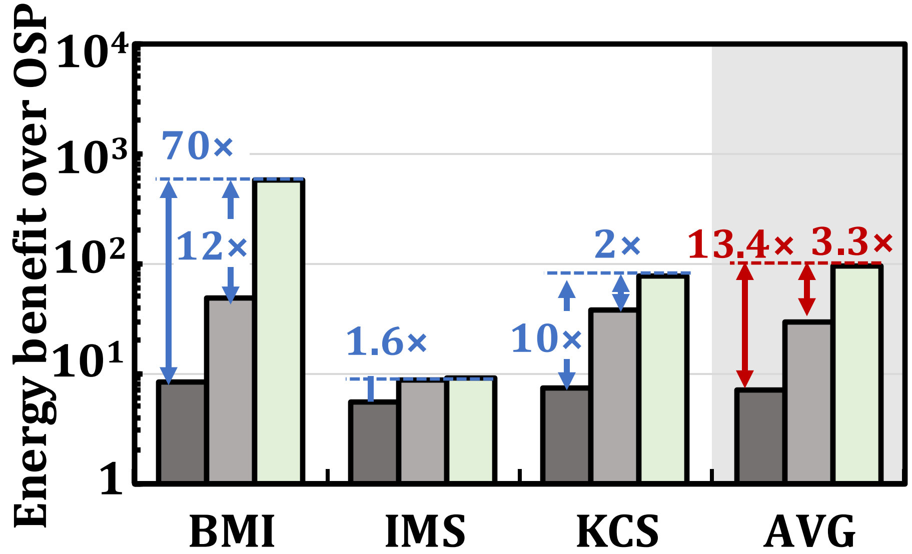
No changes to the cell array
of commodity NAND flash chips

Can have many operands
(AND: up to 48, OR: up to 4)
with small increase in sensing latency (< 10%)

ESP significantly improves
the reliability of computation results
(no observed bit error in the tested flash cells)

Results: Performance & Energy





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