



COMPUTE SYSTEMS GROUP

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ABOUT US

Professor at Heidelberg University, Germany

Currently advising 9 PhDs, 4 being external (3 on ML)

PhD from Mannheim University (Networks)

Post-Doc, TU Valencia & Heidelberg University (FPGAs, ASICs)

Visiting professor, TU Graz (2015 - first contact with ML)

Visiting scientist, NVIDIA Research (Santa Clara, CA) (2016)

Performance, energy efficiency & programmability for future & emerging technologies

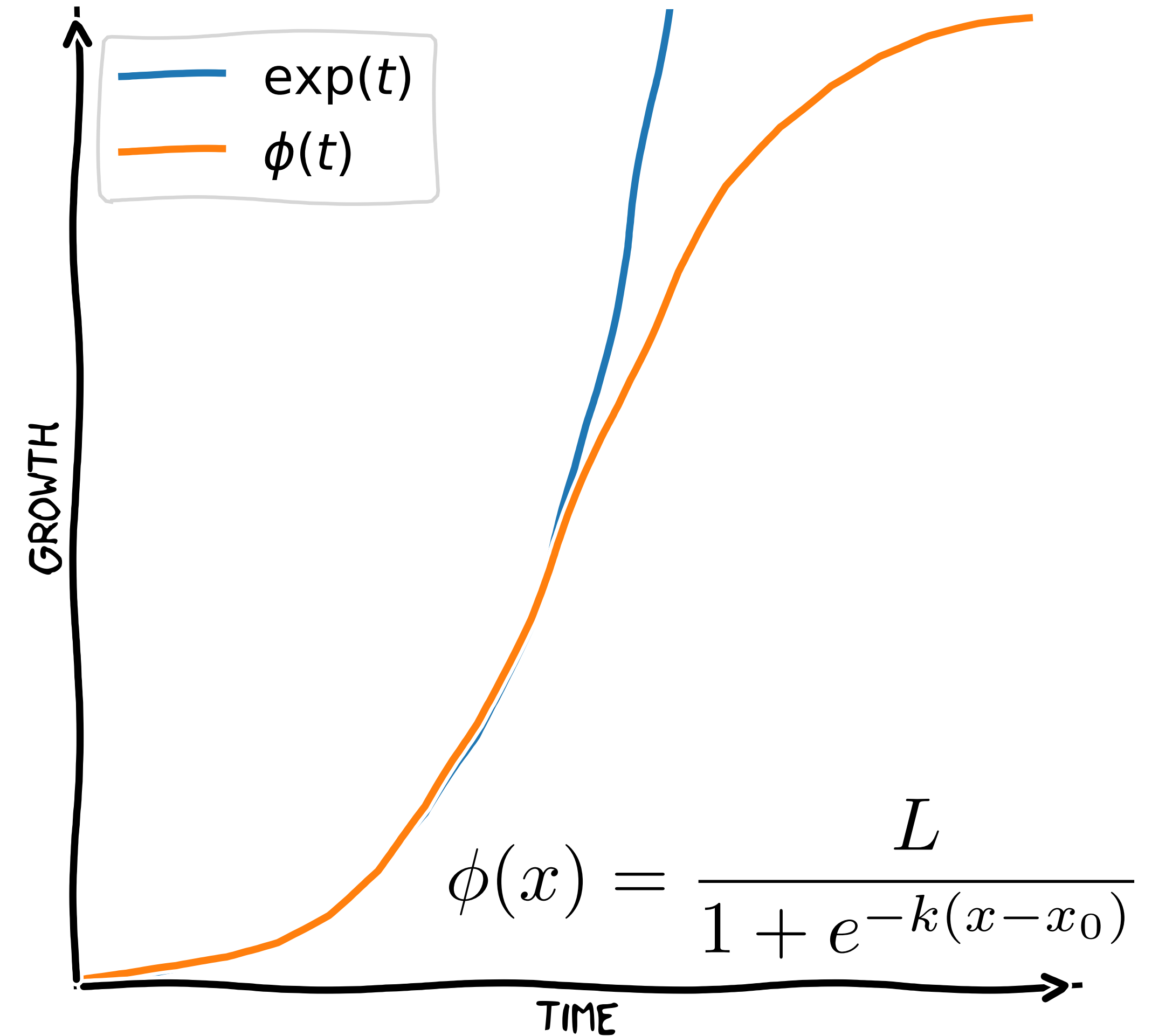
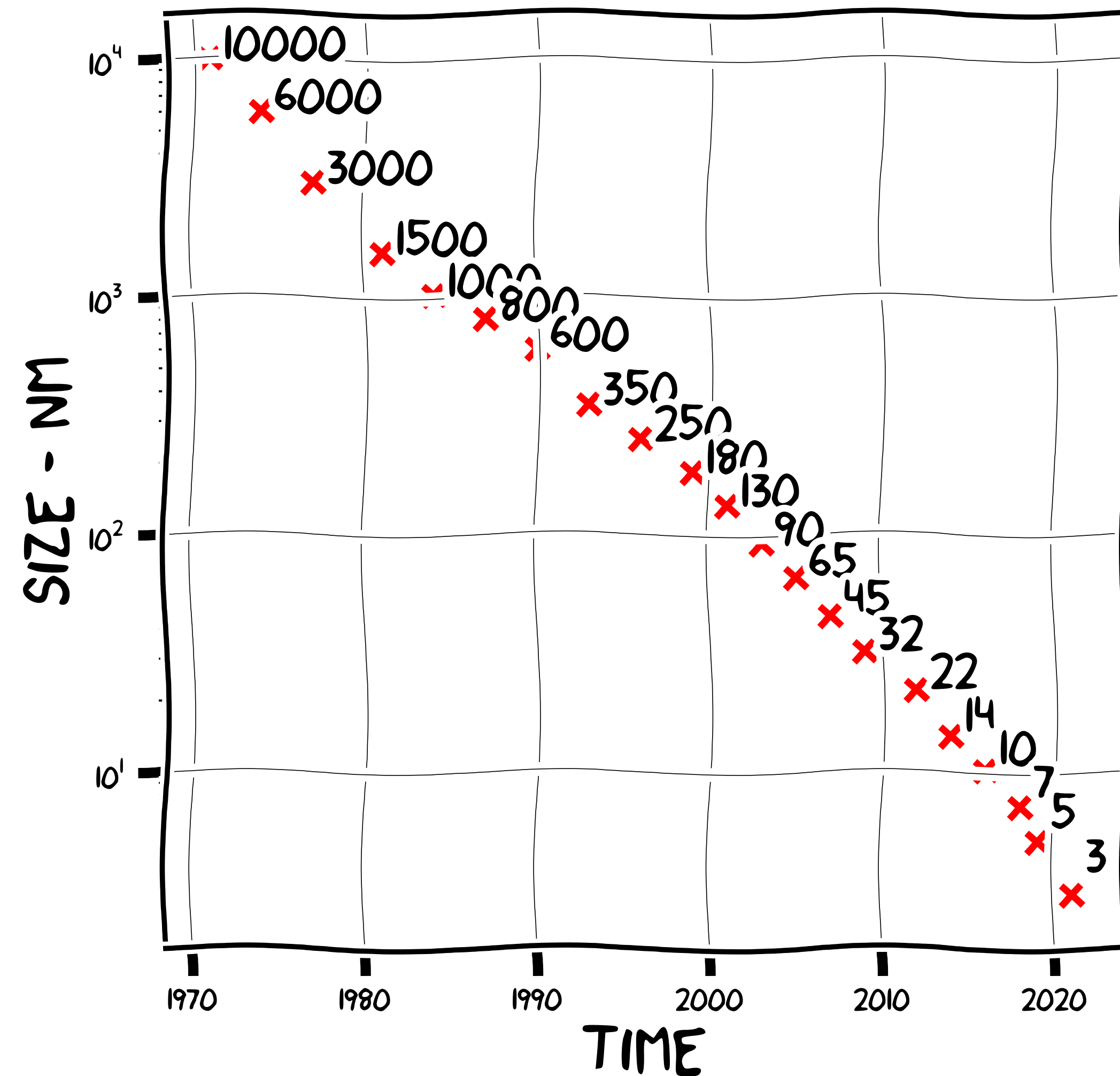
Computer architects with a focus on low-level software layers

High-performance computing, machine learning & data analytics

Bipolar computing landscape: super small & super big



MOORE'S LAW IS ALIVE - BUT EXPONENTIAL GROWTH IS AN ILLUSION



DENNARD SCALING

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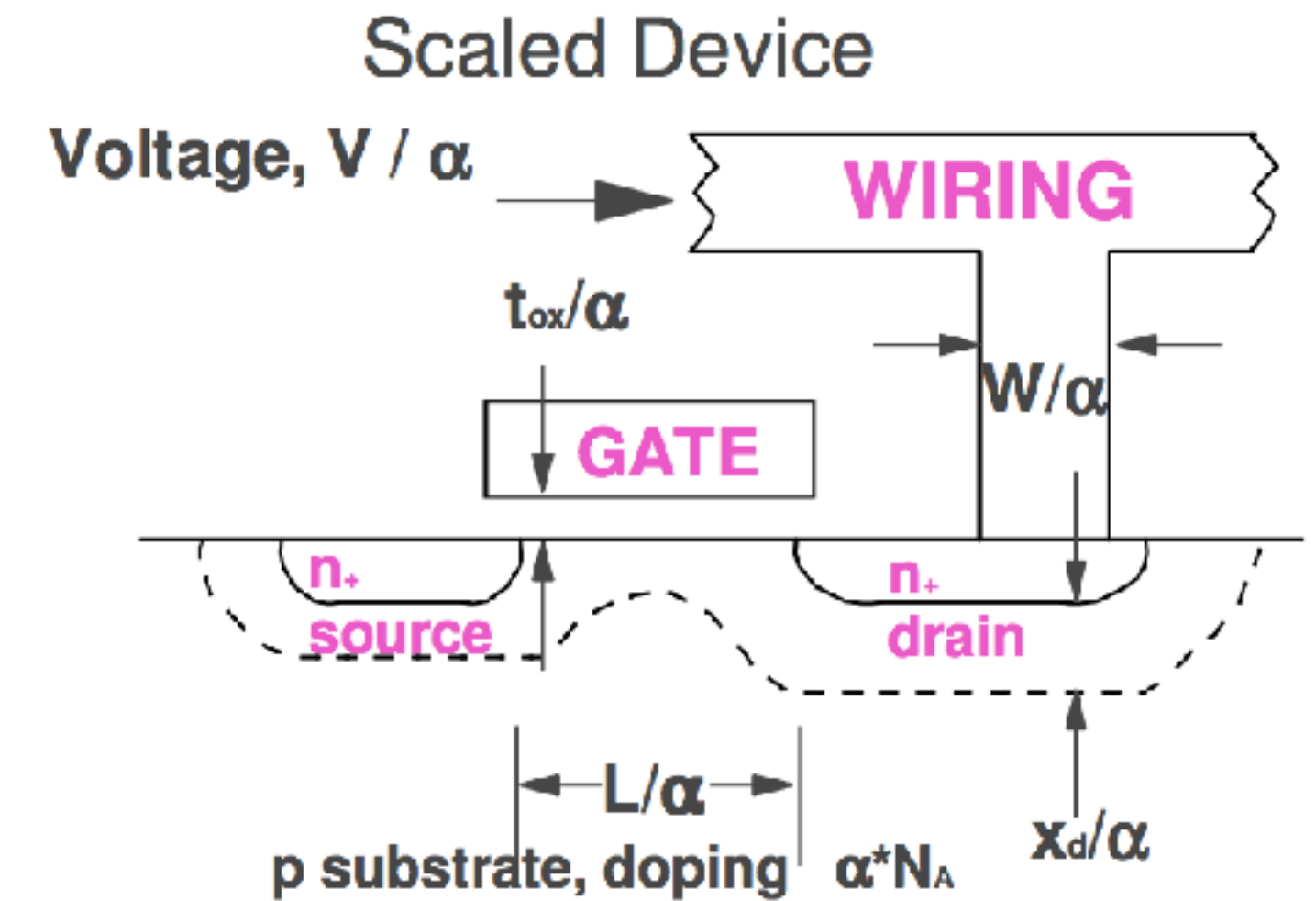
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Reality today: Post-Dennard

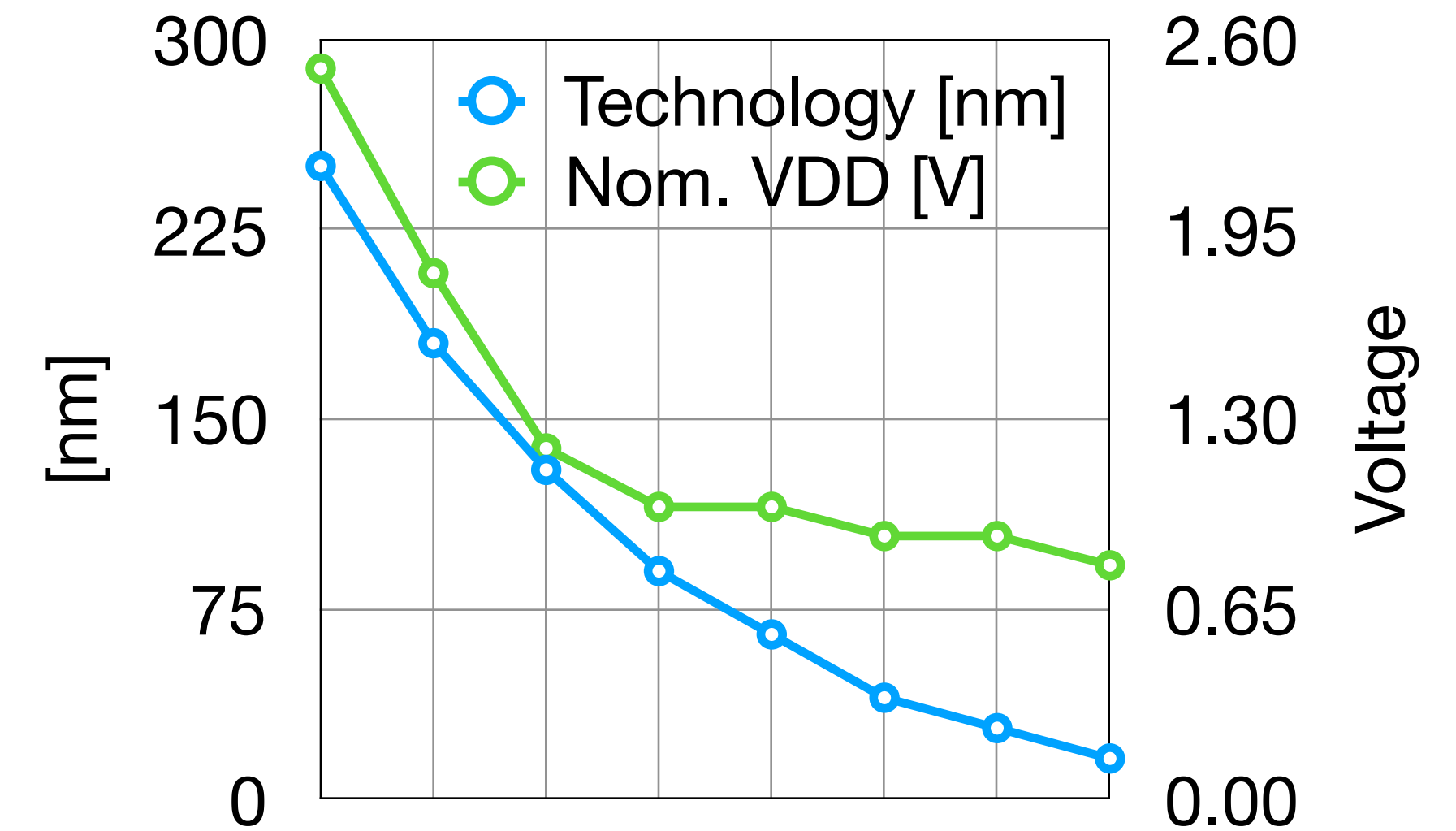
Wiring & leakage power became a major issue

Voltage scaling no longer possible

$$V > V_{TH}; V_{TH} > 0.25-0.3V$$

Power no longer remains constant!

Power budget limits device count (Moore vs. Dennard)



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POST DENNARD SCALING

REGIME I

operator cost

+

data movement cost

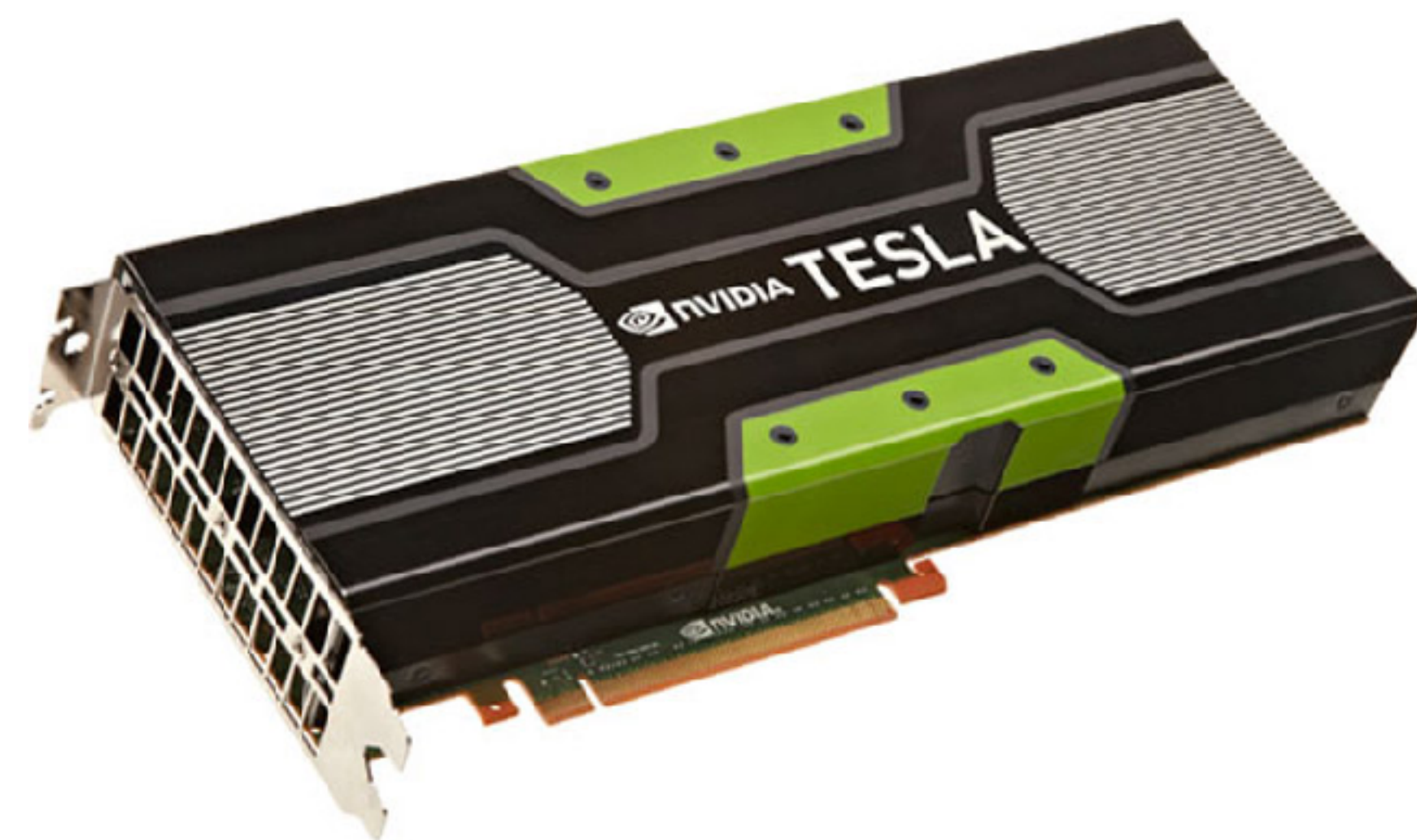
REGIME II

Specialization —> heterogeneity and asymmetry

GPU COMPUTING

PROGRAMMING
COMPLEXITY

NUMA EFFECTS &
LATENCY HIDING



GPU MEKONG PROJECT (BMBF)¹

Automatically transform a single-device CUDA program into a multi-device program

Key: automated partitioning and creation of communication tasks

Code analysis/code generation at compile time

Key for good data partitioning is memory access pattern

Tool stack: LLVM-based code analysis and transformation



¹ Received a Google Faculty Research Award in 2014

OTHER RESEARCH EFFORTS

GPU Mangrove: predictive models for time and power of GPU kernels (part of Mekong)



ML Compiler: mapping DNN operators to special hardware primitives (Bosch)



Graphite: Multi-query support for graph computations (SAP)



ATLAS/LHCb: data acquisition systems for high-energy physics experiments (CERN)



CCUDA: co-scheduling for maximized GPU utilization (Mashhad University, Iran)



IGART: Real-time scheduling of Multi-GPU Systems for Image-guided Adaptive Radiation Therapy (HIDSS4Health)



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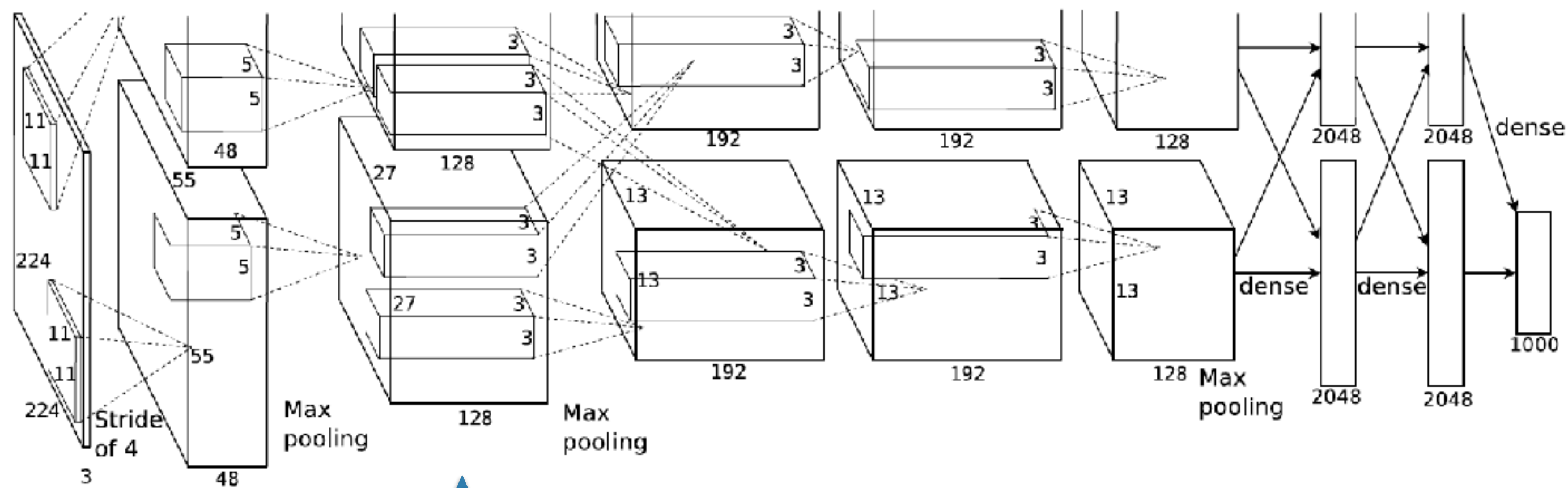
SPATIAL
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LOCALITY

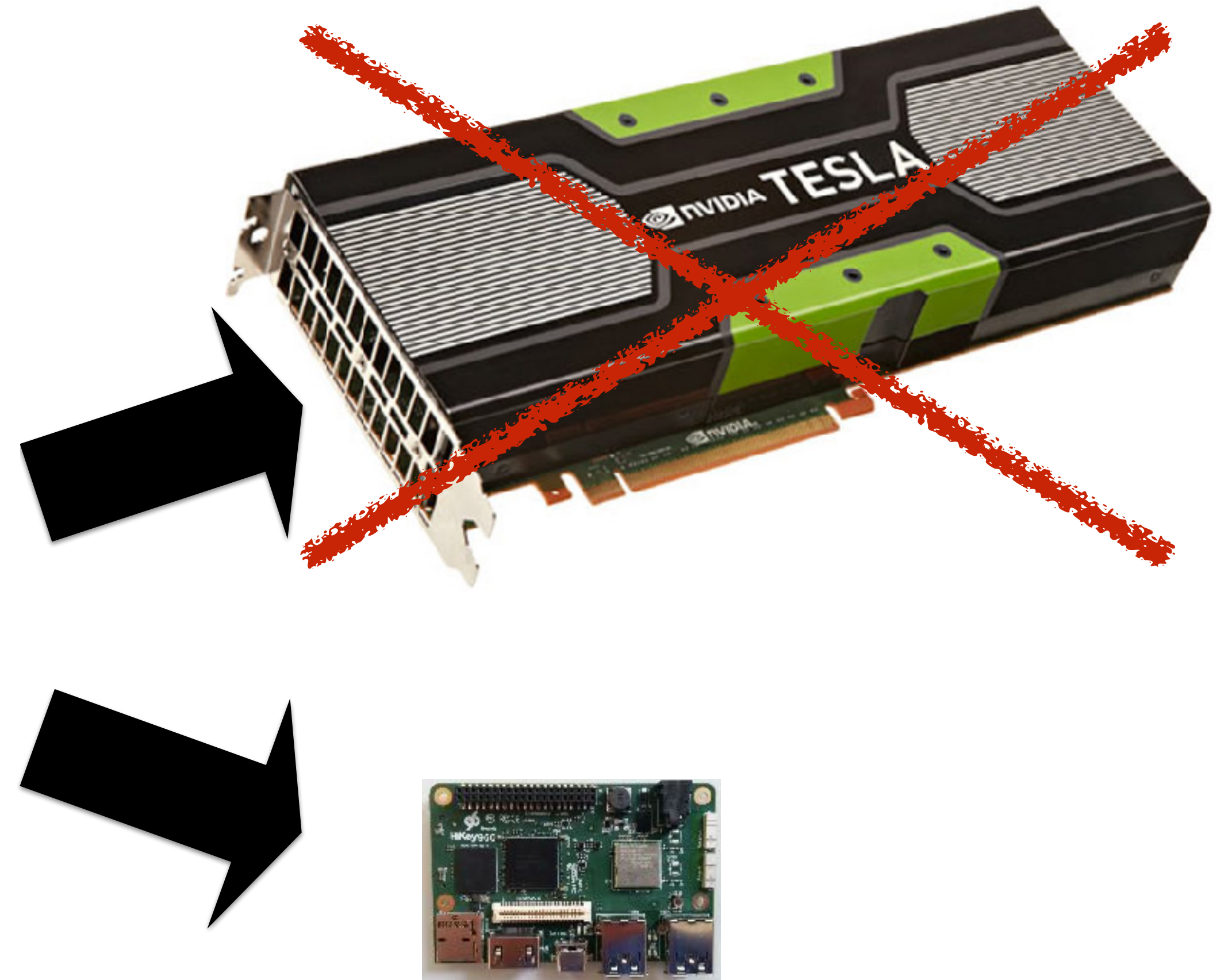
3 operands x 64bit/operand

PREDICTABILITY

$$Energy = \#bits \cdot dist[mm] \cdot energy_{per\ bit, per\ mm} \left[\frac{J}{mm} \right]$$



60M parameters, 724M multiply-accumulate operations



DL-based speech & image processing for resource-constrained devices

No accuracy loss compared to state-of-the-art

Reduced precision (quantization), sparsity (pruning) and asynchrony

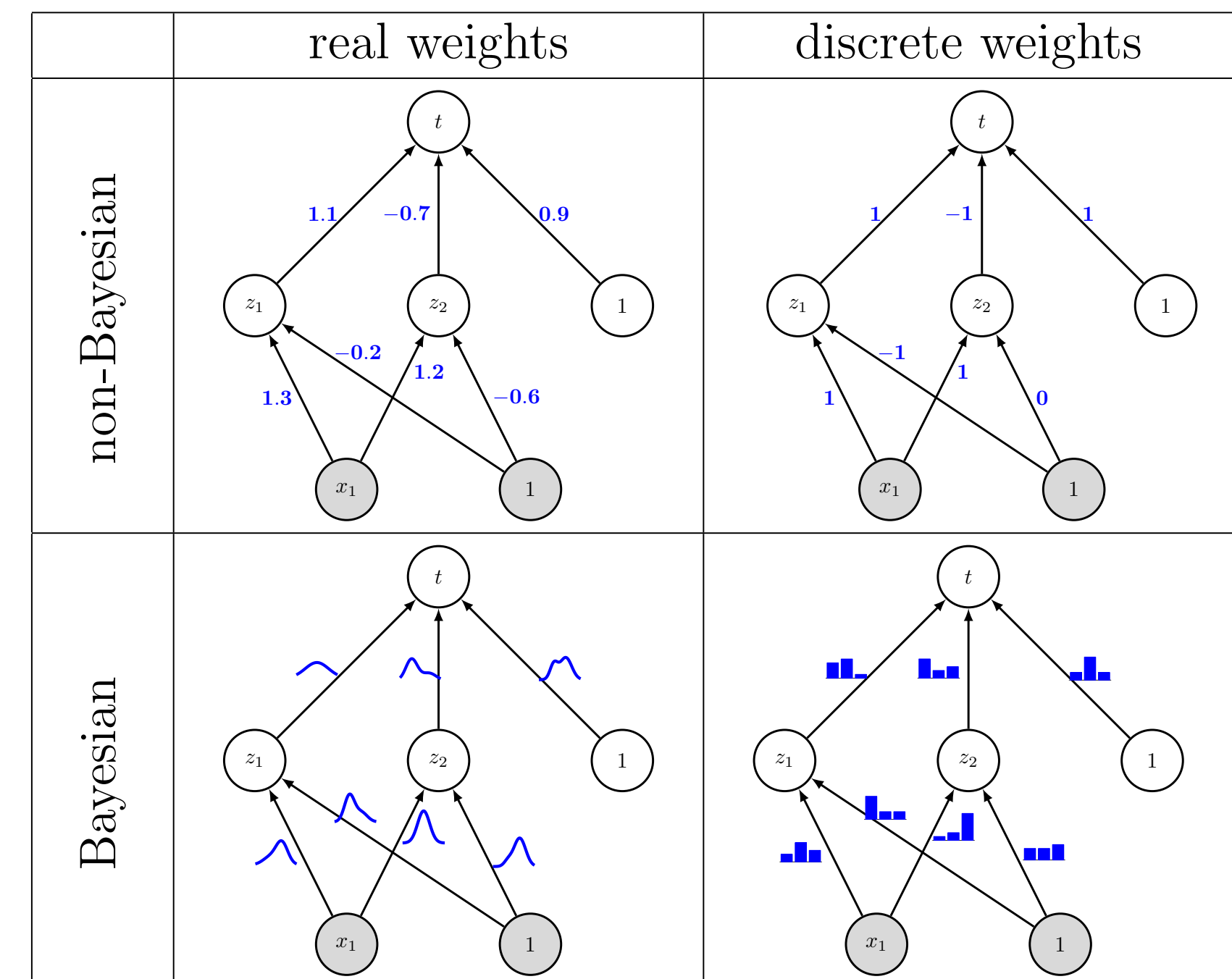
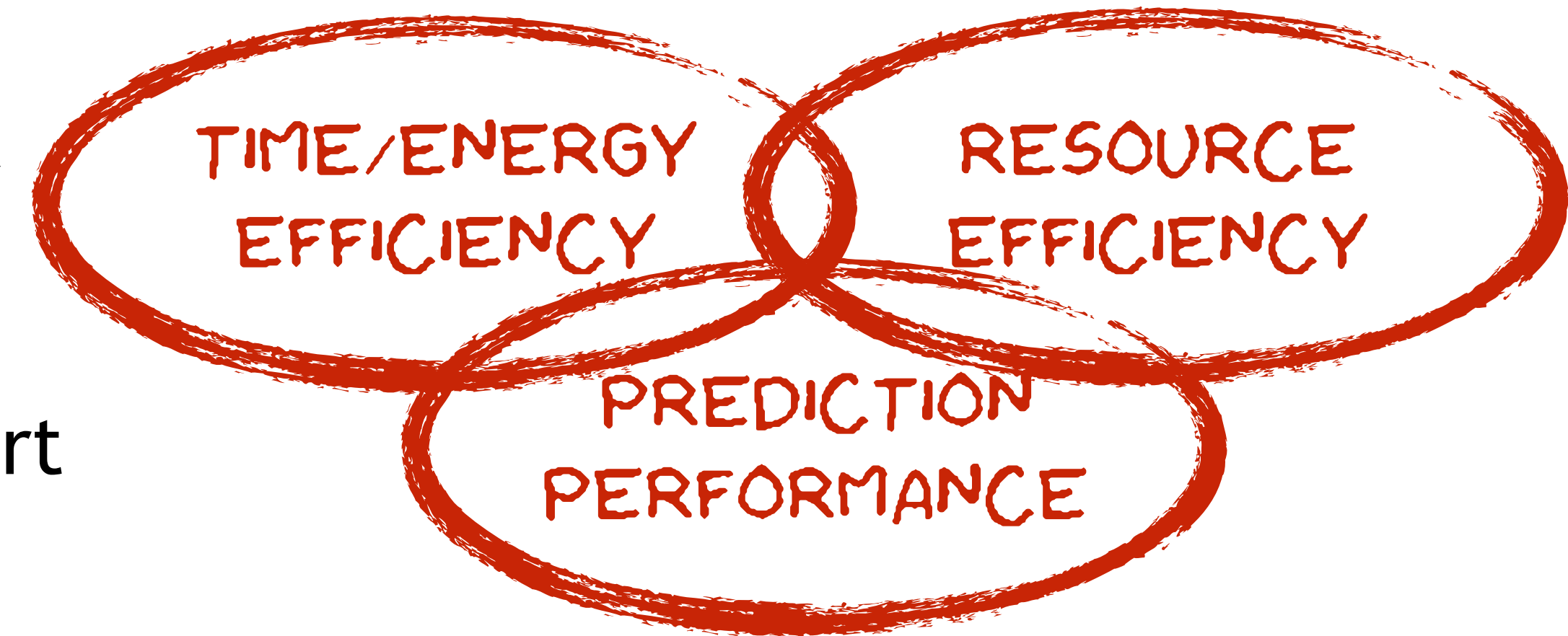
HW-aware compression and mapping methods for ARM, FPGA, etc.

Collaboration with SPSC group @ TU Graz

Next: robustness & dependability

From toy problems to real-world problems

Noise, uncertainty, limited data, ...



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Non-parametric and parametric models for industrial condition monitoring (FWF COMET)

Code generation for quantized neural networks



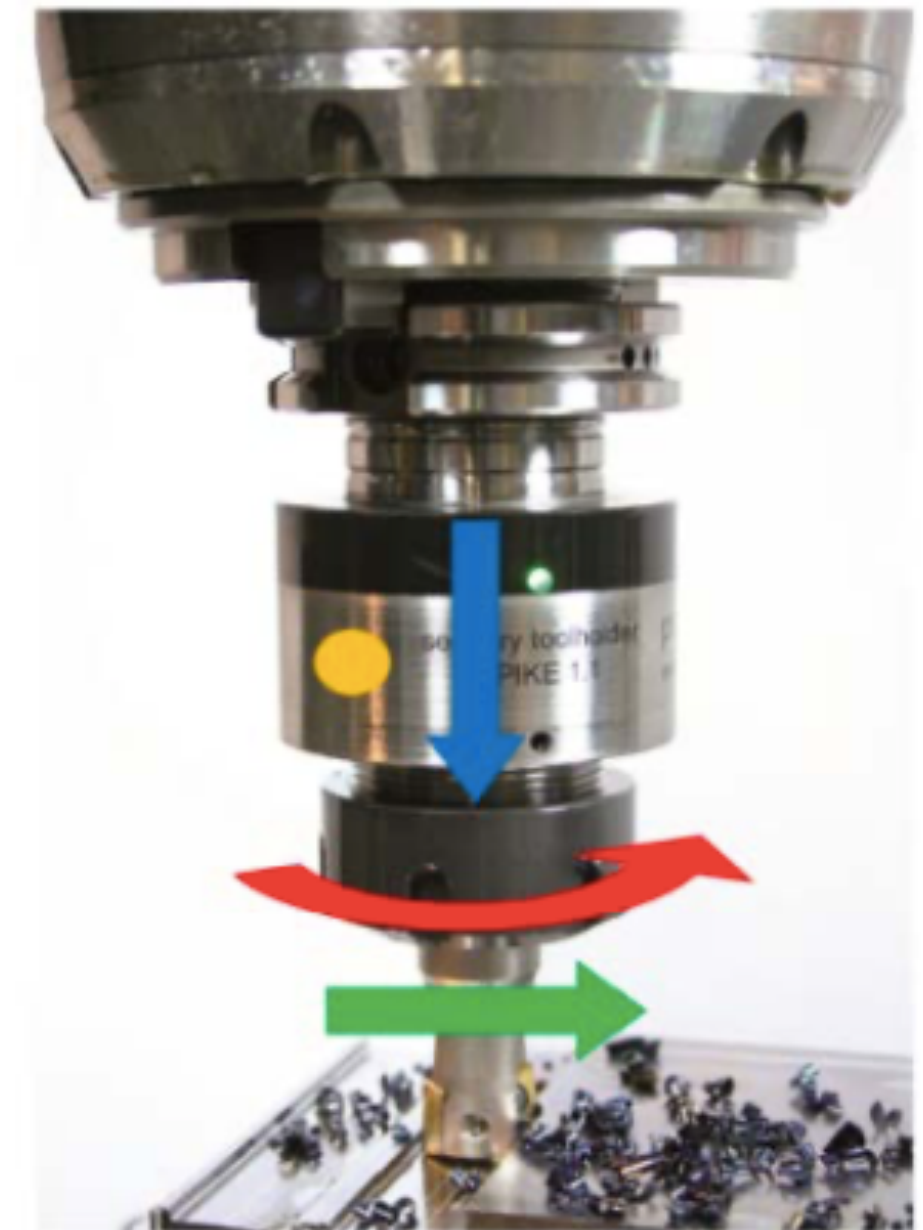
Energy-proportional interconnection networks (Carl-Zeiss Stiftung)

Power-saving states for networks



FPGA as memory access pattern accelerator (SAP)

Predicting, prefetching, unstring



WRAPPING UP

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Moore's law will deliver, Dennard scaling is failing

Anticipated growth in device count for another 5-10 years

No power budget, though

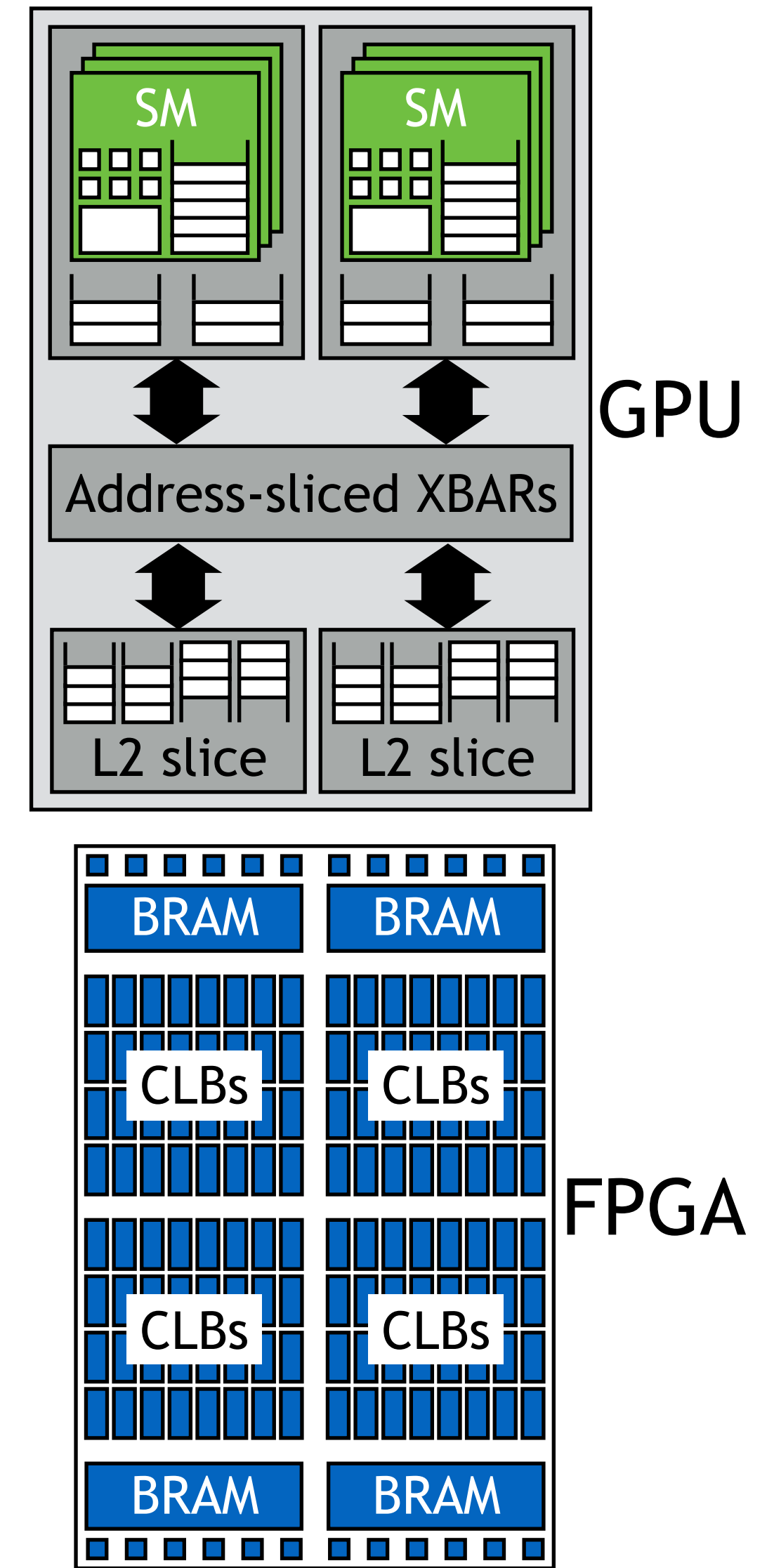
Post Dennard Regime 1 => structure

Post Dennard Regime 2 => locality & predictability

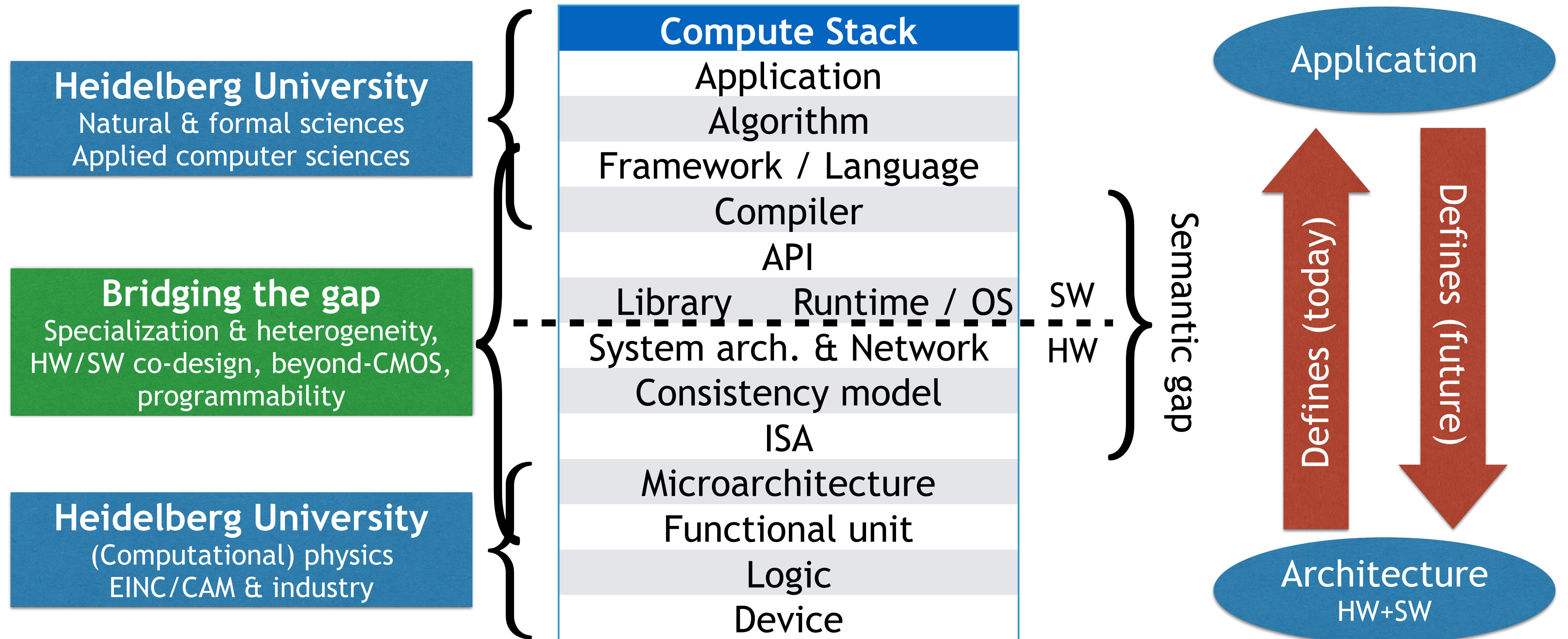
Our main research concept: app+data=architecture

In spirit of [1]

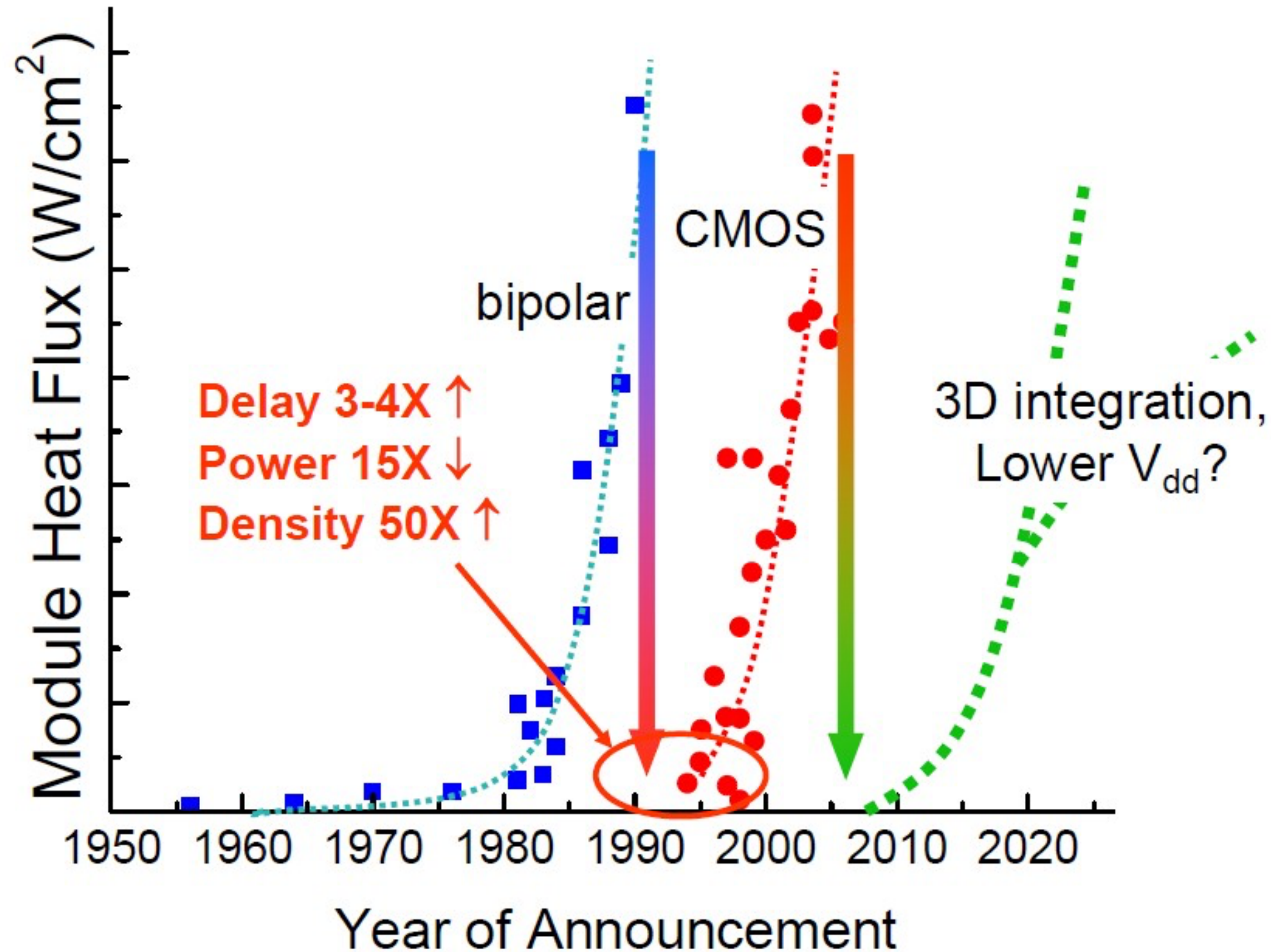
picoJoule replaces nanosecond (there be dragons)



APP + DATA = ARCHITECTURE



HISTORY REPEATS - OR NOT?



After: R. Schmidt and B. D. Notohardjono. 2002. High-end server low-temperature cooling. *IBM J. Res. Dev.* 46, 6 (Nov. 2002), 739-751. DOI=<http://dx.doi.org/10.1147/rd.466.0739>

Candidates for Beyond-CMOS :)

Approximate/near-threshold-voltage computing

Cryogenic computing

Quantum computing

Neuromorphic computing

...

No general-purpose replacement :(

Partially or completely disruptive to the compute stack :(