



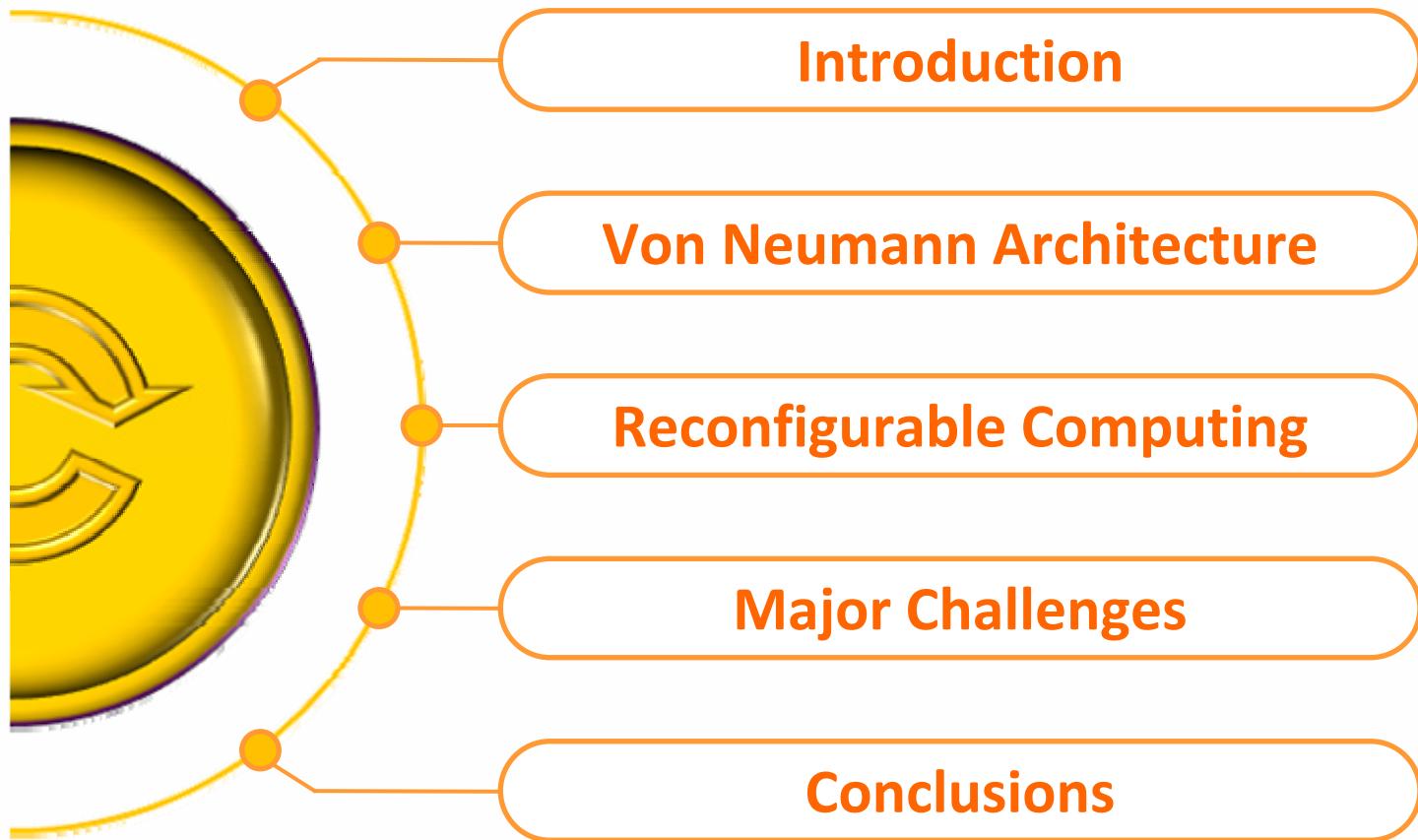
Reconfigurable Computing

— Evolution of Von Neumann Architecture

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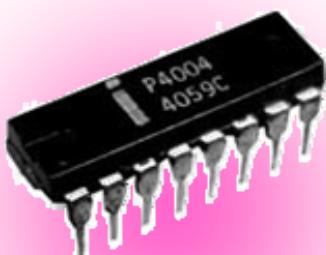




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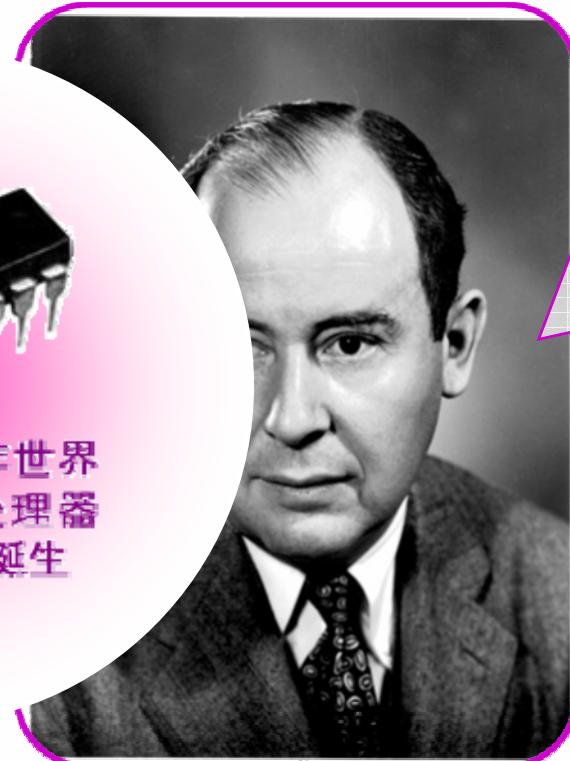
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Golden Moore



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Semiconductor

Computer



Moore's Law

The experts look ahead

Cramming more components onto integrated circuits

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By Gordon E. Moore

Director, Research and Development Laboratories, Fairchild Semiconductor division of Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corp.

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Design of Ion-Implanted MOSFET's with Very Small Physical Dimensions

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Classic Paper

This paper considers the design, fabrication, and characterization of very small MOSFET switching devices suitable for digital integrated circuits using dimensions of the order of 1μ . Scaling relationships are presented which show how a conventional MOSFET can be reduced in size. An improved small device structure is presented that uses ion implantation to provide shallow source and drain regions and a nonuniform substrate doping profile. One-dimensional models are used to predict the substrate doping profile and the corresponding threshold voltage versus source voltage characteristic. A two-dimensional current transport model is used to predict the relative degree of short-channel effects for different device parameter combinations. Poly silicon gate MOSFET's with channel lengths as short as 0.5μ were fabricated, and the device characteristics measured and compared with predicted values. The performance improvement expected from using these very small devices in highly miniaturized integrated circuits is projected.

1. LIST OF SYMBOLS

α	Inverse semilogarithmic slope of subthreshold characteristic.
D	Width of idealized step function profile for channel implant.
ΔV_f	Work function difference between gate and substrate.
ϵ_{Si} ; ϵ_{SiO_2}	Dielectric constants for silicon and silicon dioxide.
I_d	Drain current.
k_B	Boltzmann's constant.
K	Universality scaling constant.
L	MOSFET channel length.
μ_{eff}	Effective surface mobility.
N_A	Intrinsic carrier concentration.
N_D	Substrate acceptor concentration.
Ψ_s	Band bending in silicon at the onset of strong inversion for zero substrate voltage.
Ψ_b	Built-in junction potential.

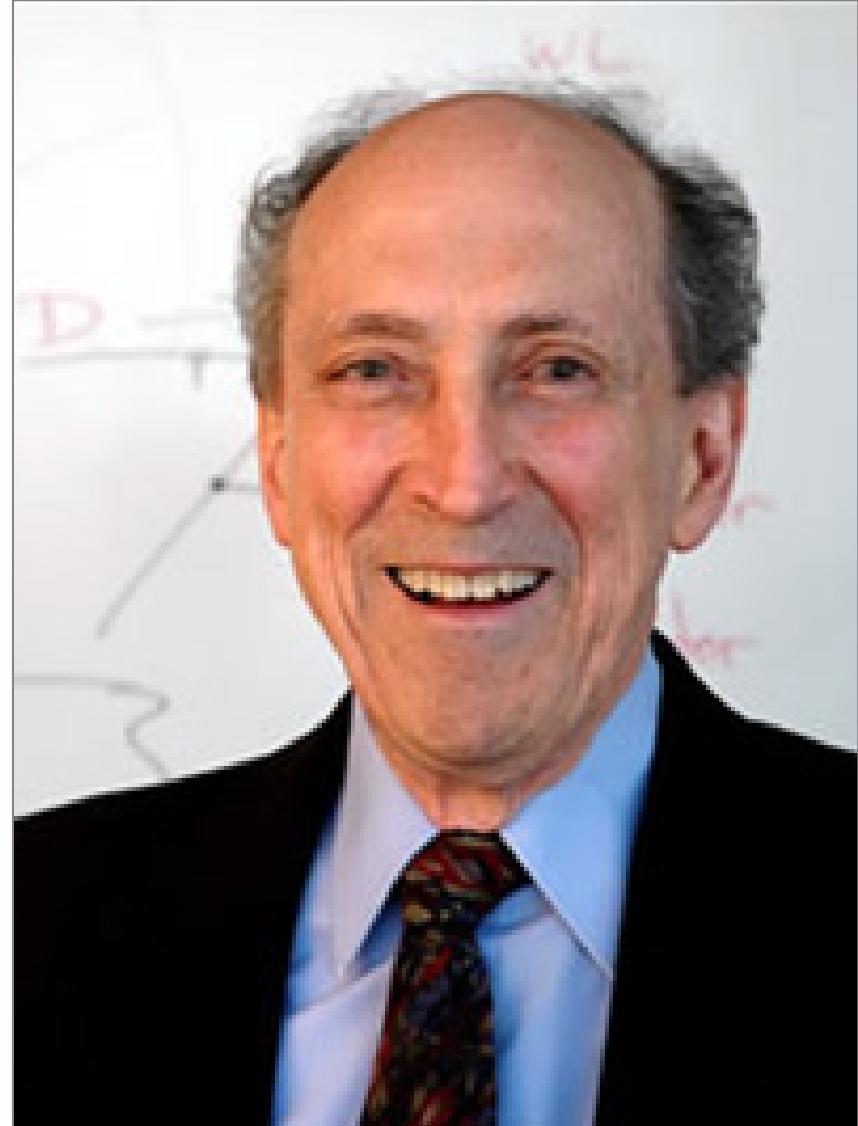
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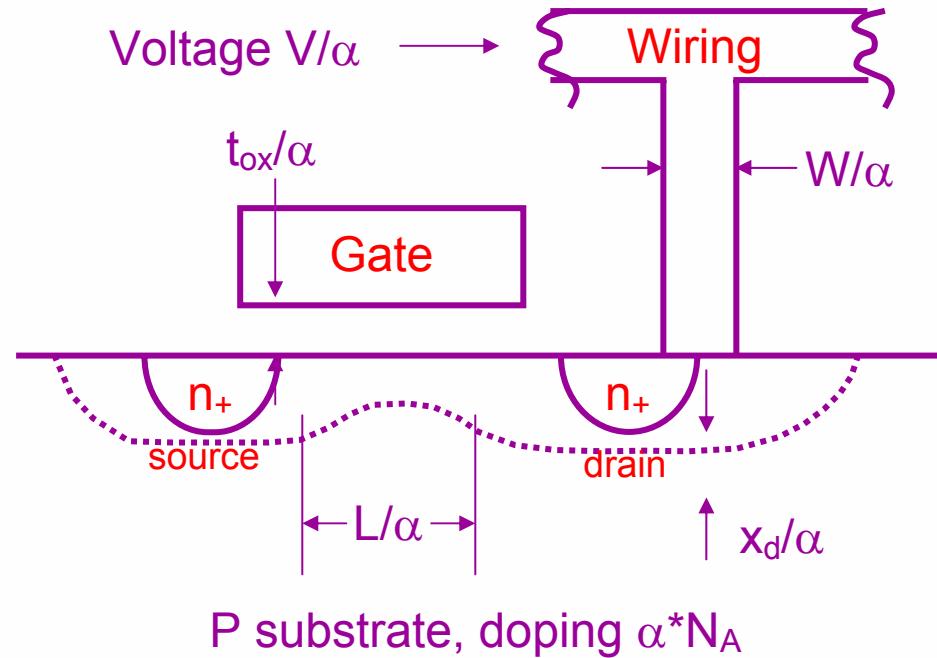
q	Charge on the electron.
Q_{eff}	Effective oxide charge.
t_{ox}	Gate oxide thickness.
T^*	Absolute temperature.
V_d ; V_s ; V_g ; V_{th}	Drain, source, gate and substrate voltages.
V_{ds}	Drain voltage relative to source.
V_{g-sil}	Source voltage relative to substrate.
V_t	Gate threshold voltage.
w_s ; w_d	Source and drain depletion layer widths.
W	MOSFET channel width.

II. INTRODUCTION

New high resolution lithographic techniques for forming semiconductor integrated circuit patterns offer a decrease in linewidth of five to ten times over the optical contact masking approach which is commonly used in the semiconductor industry today. Of the new techniques, electron beam pattern writing has been widely used for experimental device fabrication [1]-[4] while X-ray lithography [5] and optical projection printing [6] have also exhibited high-resolution capability. Full realization of the benefits of these new high-resolution lithographic techniques requires the development of new device designs, technologies, and structures which can be optimized for very small dimensions.

This paper concerns the design, fabrication, and characterization of very small MOSFET switching devices suitable for digital integrated circuits using dimensions of the order of 1μ . It is known that reducing the source-to-drain spacing (i.e., the channel length) of an FET leads to undesirable changes in the device characteristics. These changes become significant when the depletion regions surrounding the source and drain extend over a large portion of the region in the silicon substrate under the gate electrode. For switching applications, the most undesirable "short-channel" effect is a reduction in the gate threshold voltage at which the device turns on, which is aggravated



**SCALING:**

Voltage:	V/α
Oxide:	t_{ox}/α
Wire width:	W/α
Gate width:	L/α
Diffusion:	x_d/α
Substrate:	$\alpha^* N_A$

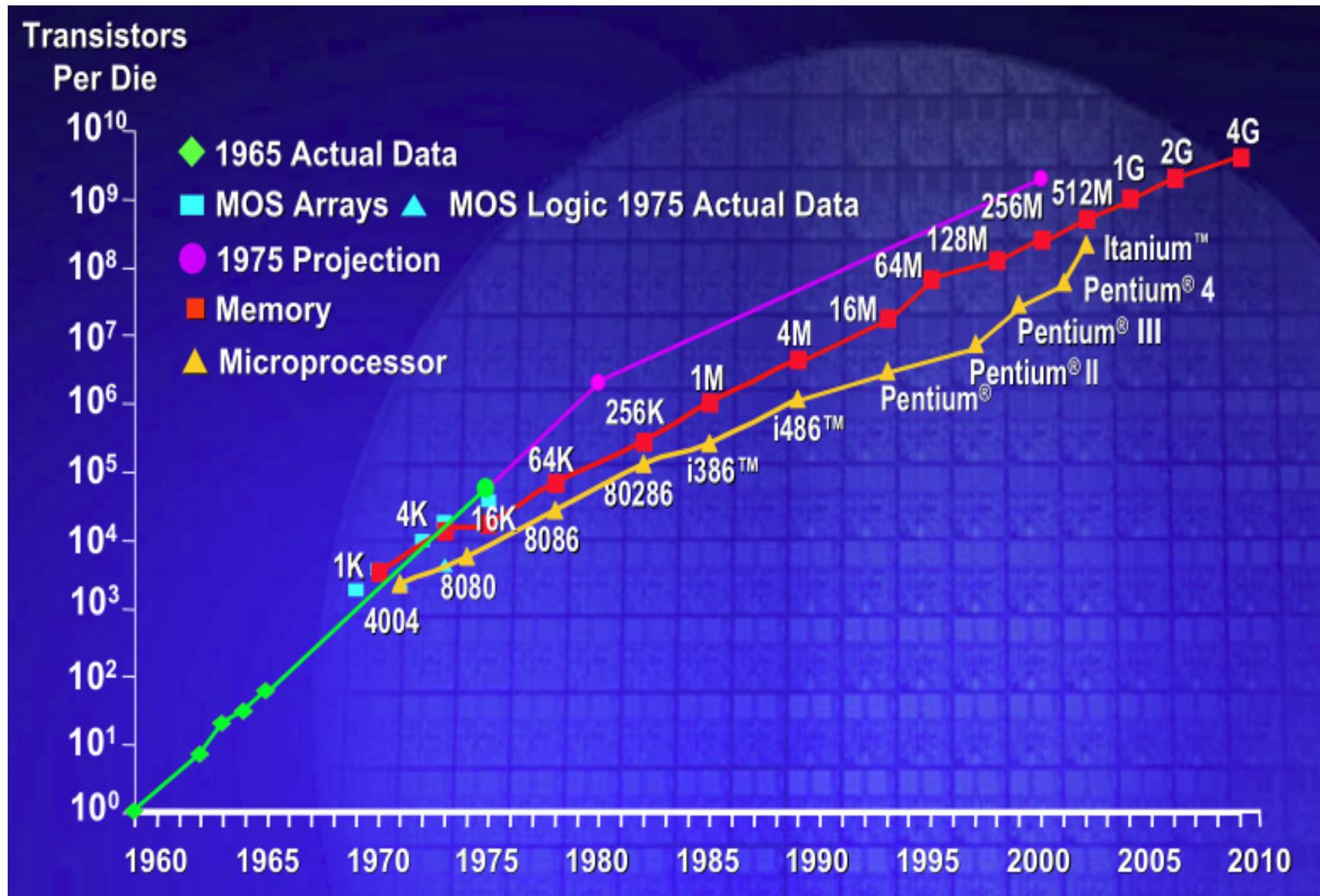
RESULT:

Higher density:	$\sim \alpha^2$
Higher speed:	$\sim \alpha$
Power/ckt:	$\sim 1/\alpha^2$

Power Density: ~Constant



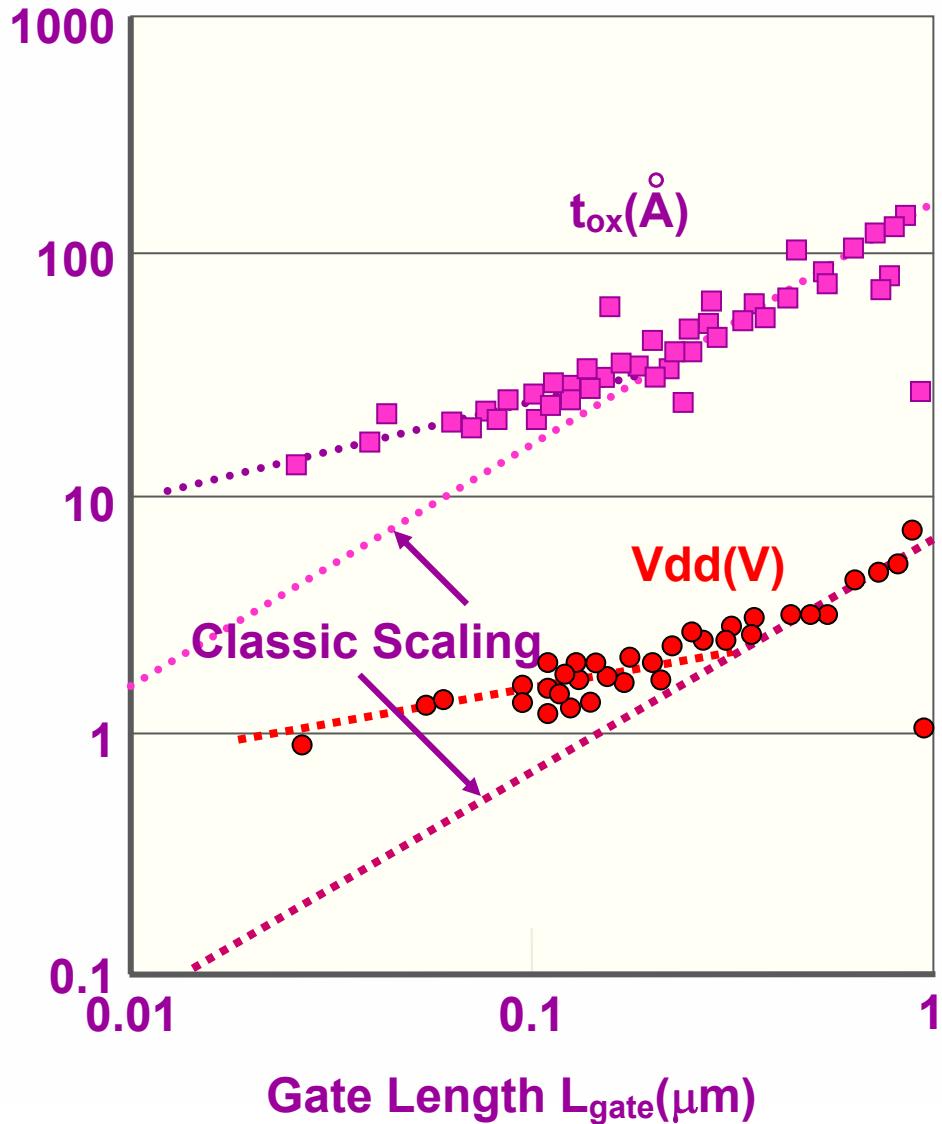
Introduction: Scaling-down





Power Density \neq Constant

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Reasons of the shift

- Unacceptable leakage current
- Higher voltage implies higher performance

Result of the shift

Dramatically Increasing of power density



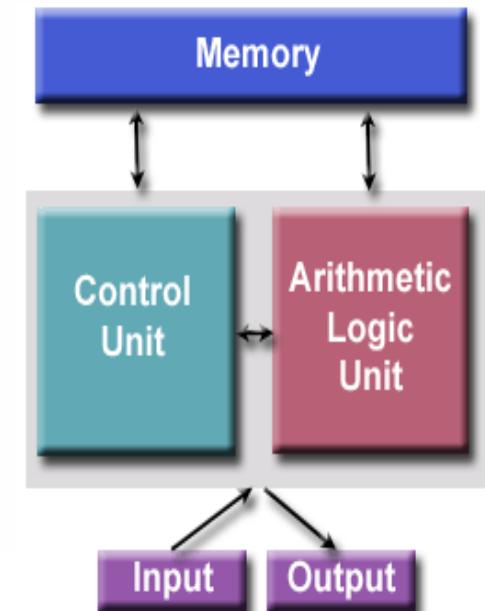
Von Neumann Architecture

The Von Neumann architecture is a design model for computer systems that store and process digital data using a central memory and a central processing unit. It uses a von Neumann architecture to execute programs by reading instructions from memory and performing operations on data.

Characteristics of the Von Neumann's architecture:

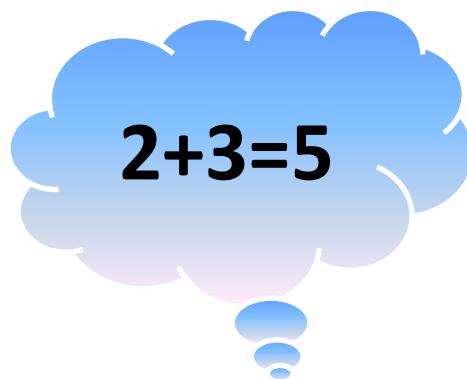
- Pipeline
- Multi-threads
- Out-of-order Execution
- Harvard
- VLIW
- Multi-Issues
- Dual-Cores
- Multi-Cores
- Many-Cores

The disadvantage of Von Neumann architecture: shared memory for instructions and data with one bus and one address bus. This can lead to contention and serialization when multiple cores try to access the same memory location simultaneously, resulting in performance bottlenecks and bandwidth limitations.

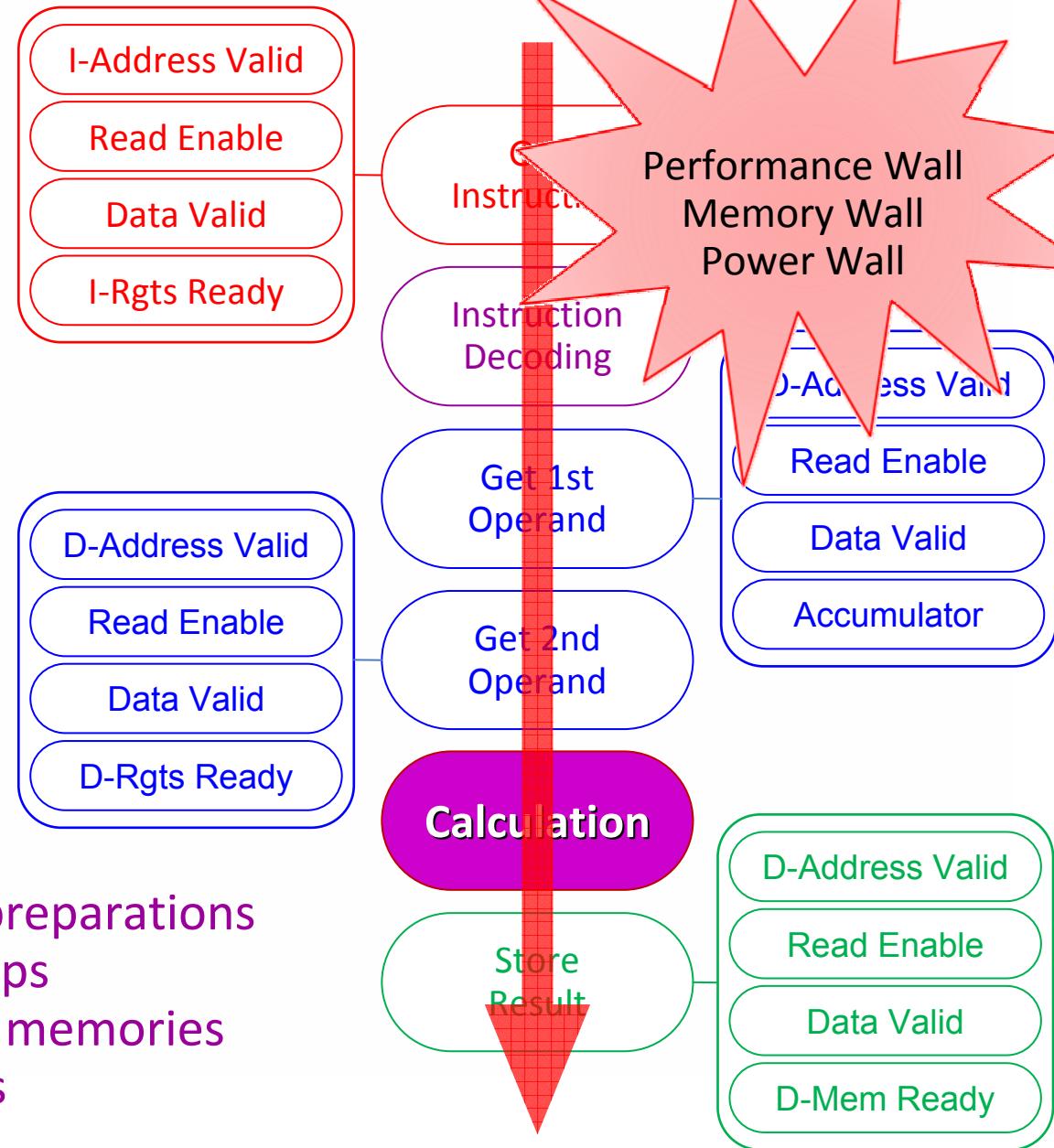




Instruction = Low Efficiency



- Requiring a lot of preparations
- Accelerating all steps
- Accessing external memories
- Global connections





Hardware = Expensive

**60 years ago, hardware was
very expensive.
Multiplexing resources
is a must.**





Huge Investment Stops Investor

Introduction: Economy

	needs	process	investments	status
NXP	Announced decision to not continue with Croles TSMC ecosystem Will be fabless at 65nm and above	65nm ~2.5-3B \$	65nm ~2.5-3B \$	Alliance but instead
TI	Announced that process technology will be developed in conjunction with strategic partners Will increase foundry capacity	45nm ~3.5-5B \$	45nm ~3.5-5B \$	22nm ~8-10B \$
Infineon	Announced that it will not be part of the TSMC ecosystem Partnership with Infineon	32nm ~5-7B \$	32nm ~5-7B \$	32nm ~5-7B \$
LSI	Sold its memory business to Samsung Will likely be fabless at 45nm and above Continues to be part of LSI, along with Toshiba and NEC Electronics as well	22nm ~8-10B \$	22nm ~8-10B \$	16nm ~12-15B \$

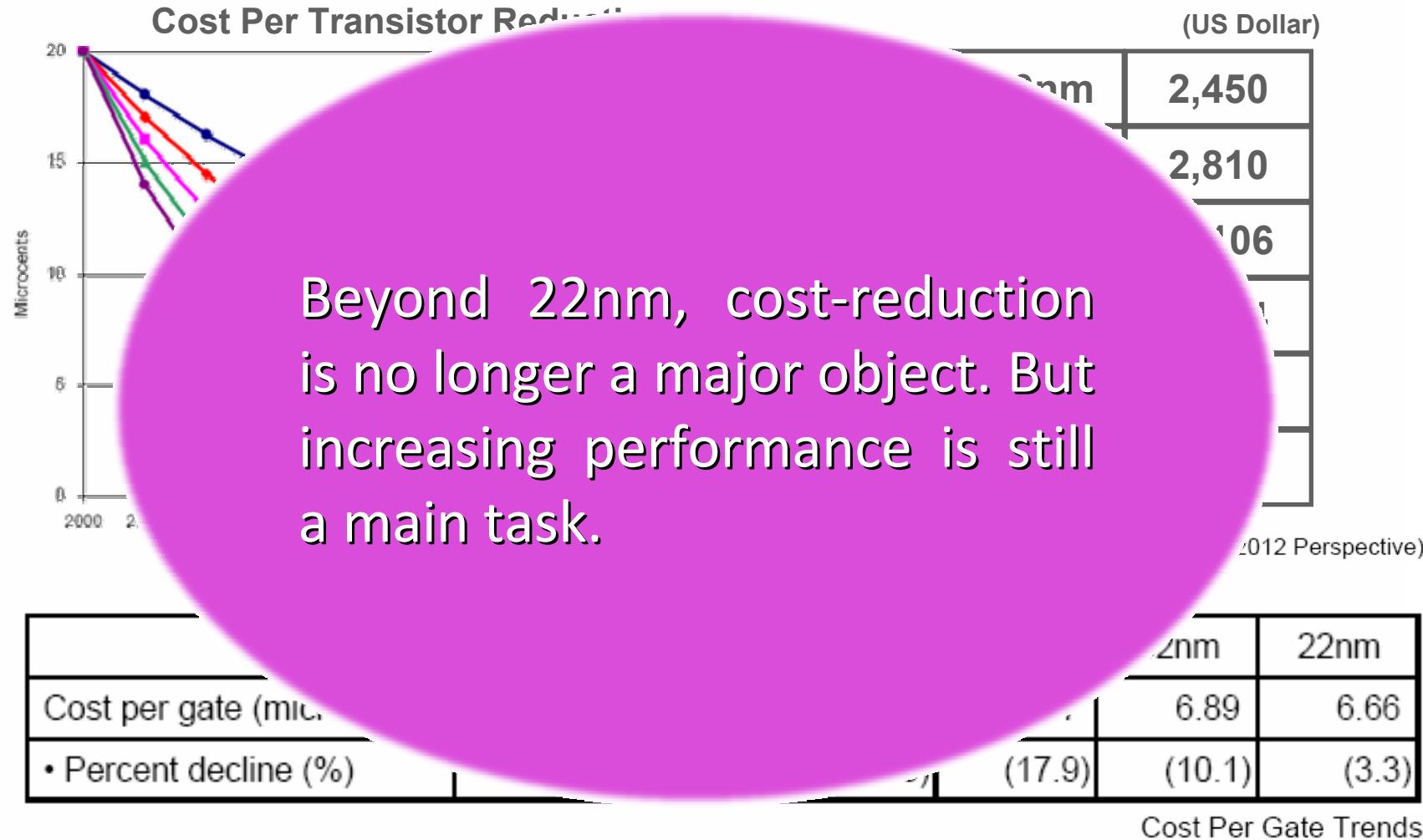
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Scaling-down \neq Cost-down

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Source: Industry Restructuring, IBS Report, 2007



Lower Utilization

Technology node (μm)	K gates per sq. mm			Utilization (%)	Gate count (M)		
	Potential	Actual	Average		5mm x 5mm	10mm x 10mm	20mm x 20mm
0.25	112	92 to 97	94.2	81.8 to 86.4	2.3 to 2.4	9.2 to 9.7	36.6 to 38.7
0.18	164	133 to 140	136.7	81.1 to 85.6	3.3 to 3.5	13.3 to 14.0	53.2 to 56.2
0.13	248	199 to 209	204.0	80.2 to 84.3	5.0 to 5.2	19.9 to 20.9	79.6 to 83.6
0.090	443	344 to 361	352.2	77.6 to 81.4	8.6 to 9.0	34.4 to 36.1	137.5 to 144.2
0.065	694	500 to 545	522.9	72.1 to 78.6	12.5 to 13.6	50.0 to 54.5	200.1 to 218.2
0.045	1,179	778 to 871	824.7	66.0 to 73.9	19.5 to 21.8	77.8 to 87.1	311.3 to 348.5
0.032	1,723	1,023 to 1,173	1,098.4	59.4 to 68.1	25.6 to 29.3	102.3 to 117.3	409.4 to 469.3
0.022	2,726	1,450 to 1,682	1,566.1	53.2 to 61.7	36.3 to 42.0	145.0 to 168.2	580.1 to 672.8

%	0.13μm	90nm	65nm	45nm	32nm	22nm
Gross profit margin	46.0	48.0	50.0	52.0	55.0	57.0
• Product development R&D	14.0	17.0	20.0	23.0	27.0	30.0
• SG&A	12.0	11.0	10.0	9.0	8.0	7.0
• Operating income	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Cost of goods sold	54.0	52.0	50.0	48.0	45.0	43.0
• Wafer costs	35.0	35.0	35.0	34.0	30.0	26.0
• Packaging costs	10.0	9.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	10.0
• Testing costs	9.0	8.0	7.0	6.0	6.0	7.0
Revenues	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

On 16nm node, the overall cost to develop a chip will be 150M-200M USD

Source: Industry Restructuring, IBS Report, 2007



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Only a few high-end chip makers today can even afford the exorbitant cost of NEXT-GENERATION RESEARCH AND DESIGN, much less the fabs to build them.

将来只有少数高端芯片设计公司可以负担昂贵的研发费用，而更少的公司有能力制造新一代的产品。

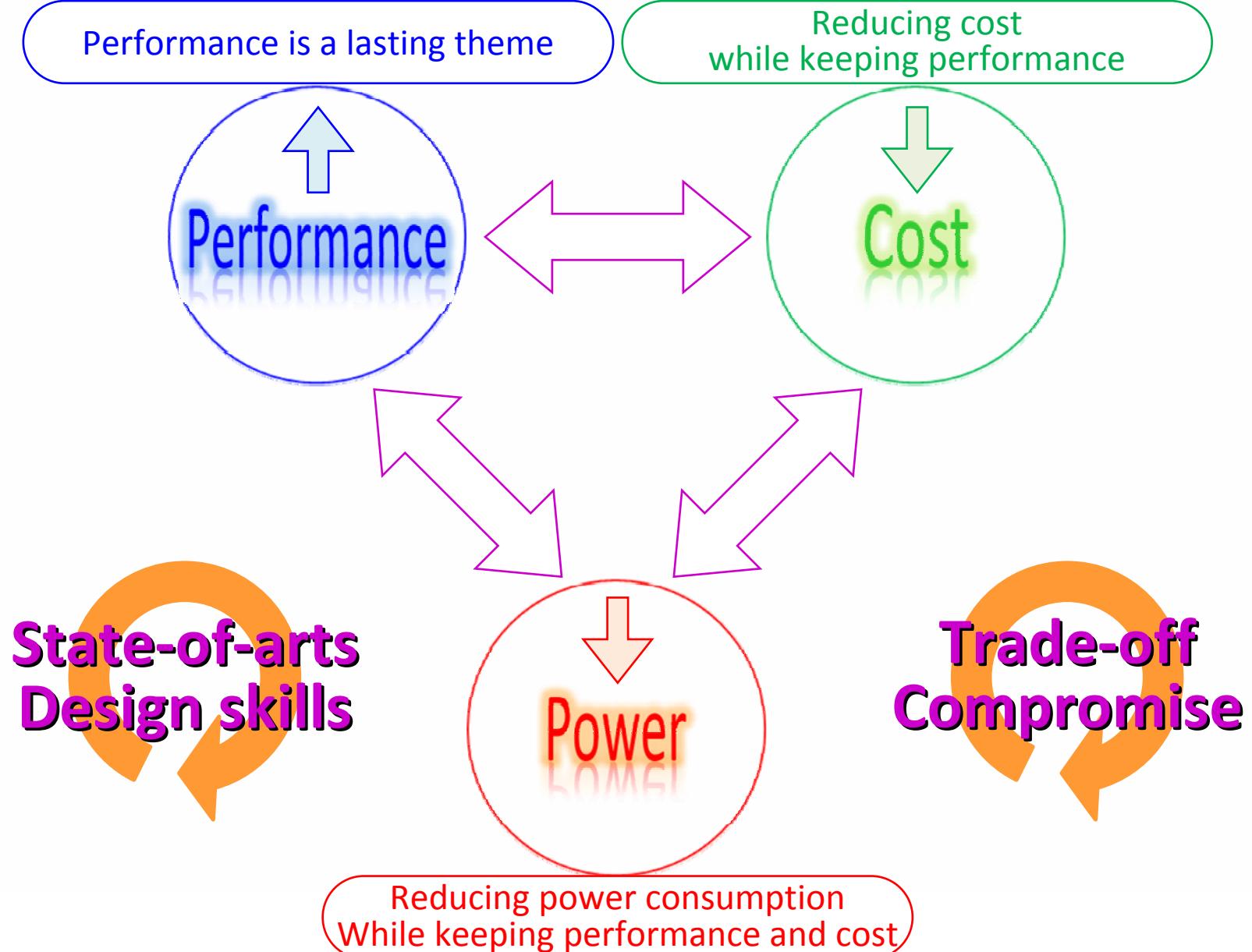
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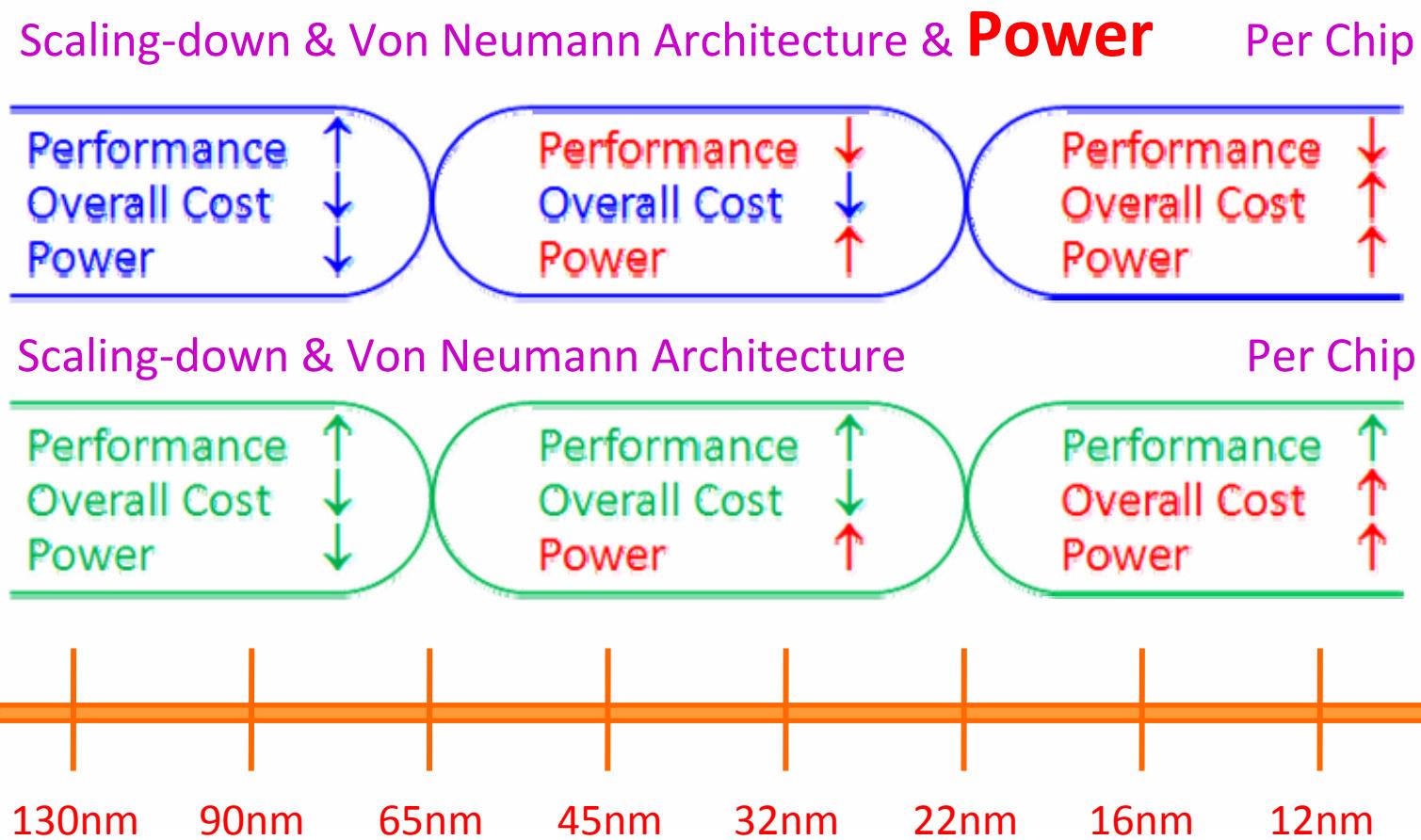
Performance, Cost and Power

Introduction: How Far We Can Go?





High-Performance, Low Power, Low Cost



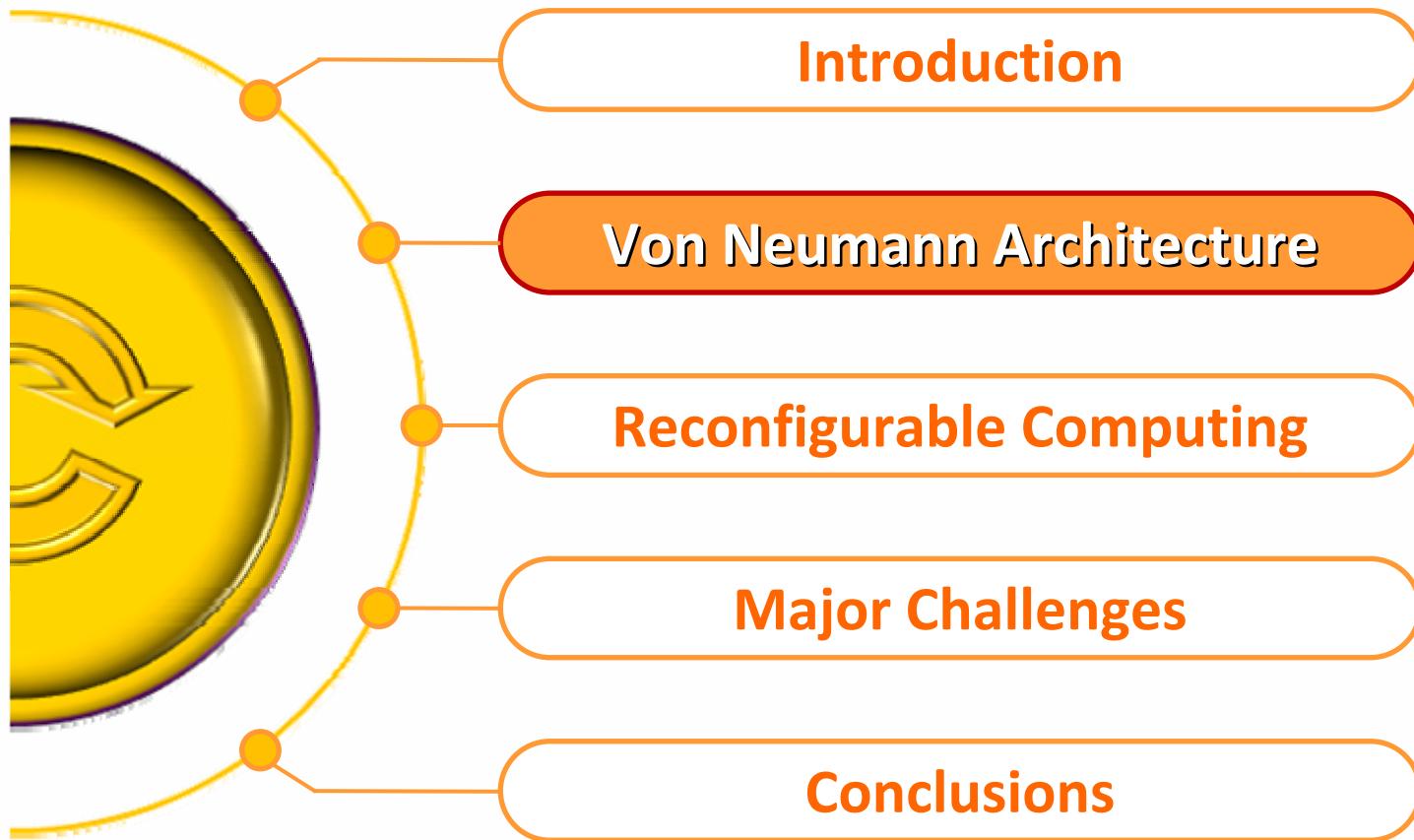


Summary

- Moore's Law meets a serious challenge of power wall.
- Traditional Von Neumann architecture meets the difficulty of low efficiency.
- Increasing cost will stop most investment.
- Performance is an never-ending theme.
- Over 16nm node, technology will go on.
- On product configuration, great changes will be taken place.
- Few companies and few general, platform based products will dominate market.



Outlines





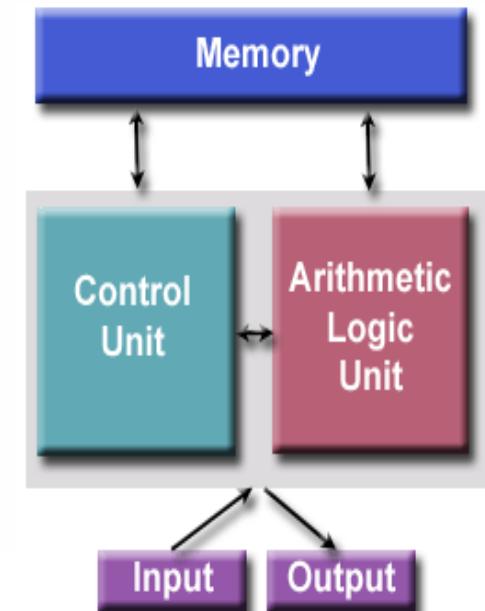
Von Neumann Architecture

The Von Neumann architecture is a design model for a **stored-program digital computer** that uses a central processing unit (CPU) and a single separate storage structure (memory) to hold both instructions and data.

Characteristics of the Von Neumann's architecture:

- a) memory;
- b) control unit;
- c) arithmetic logic unit;
- d) input / output interface.

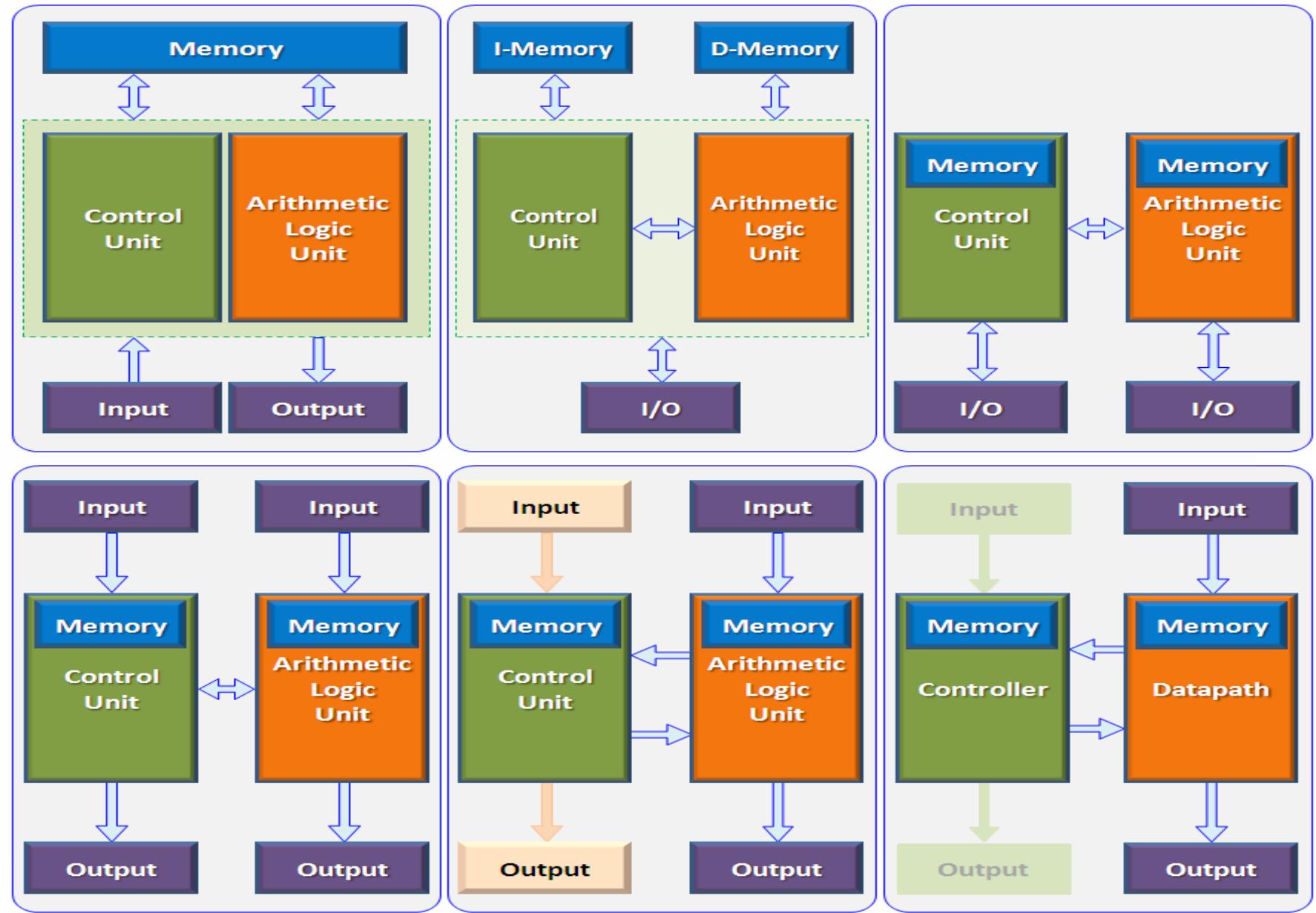
The disadvantage of Von Neumann architecture: shared memory for instructions and data with one data bus and one address bus between processor and memory. Instructions and data have to be fetched in sequential order (known as the Von Neumann Bottleneck), limiting the operation bandwidth.





Architecture Evolution

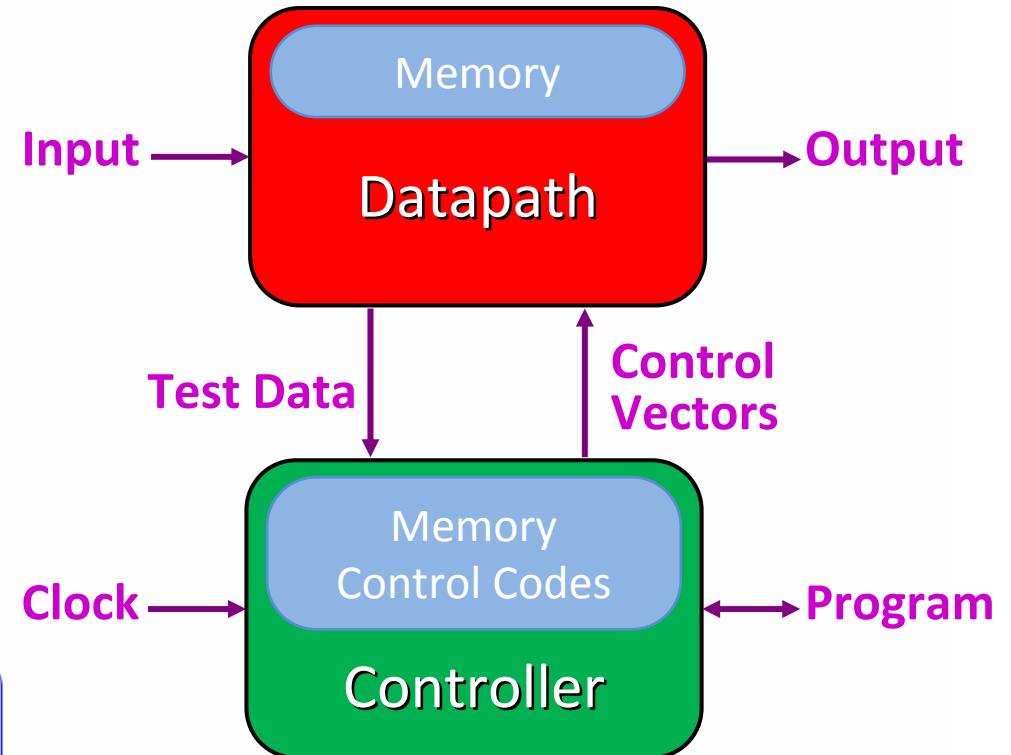
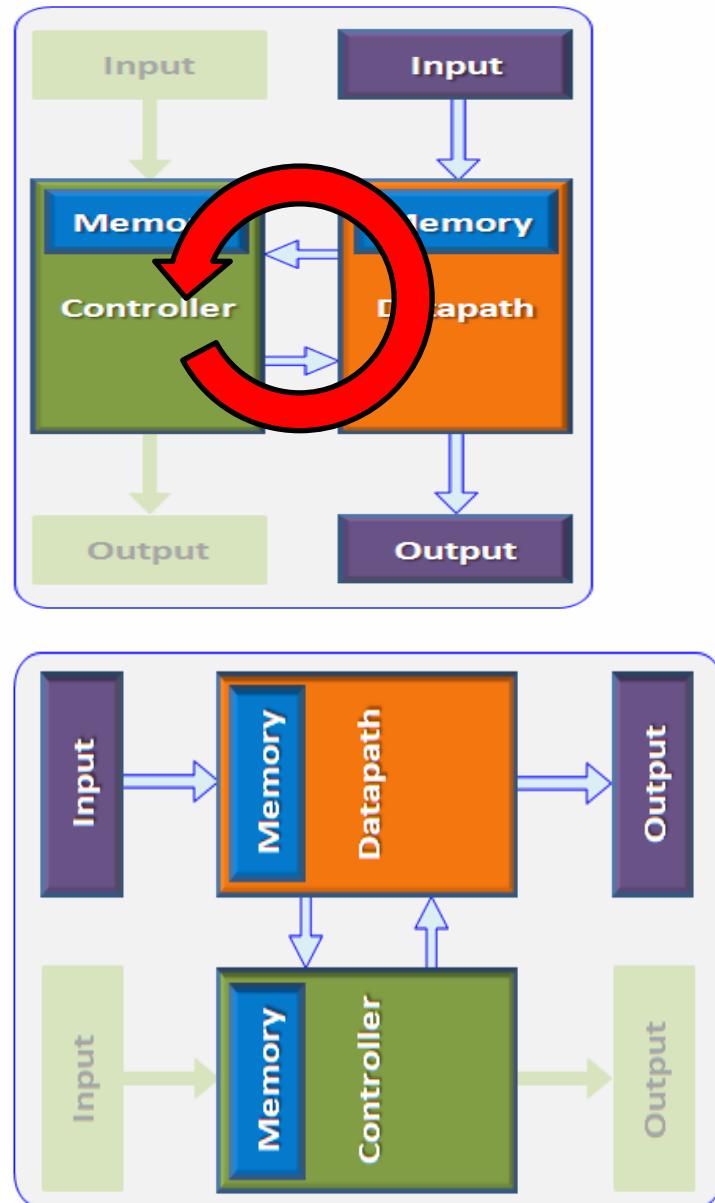
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Universal Architecture

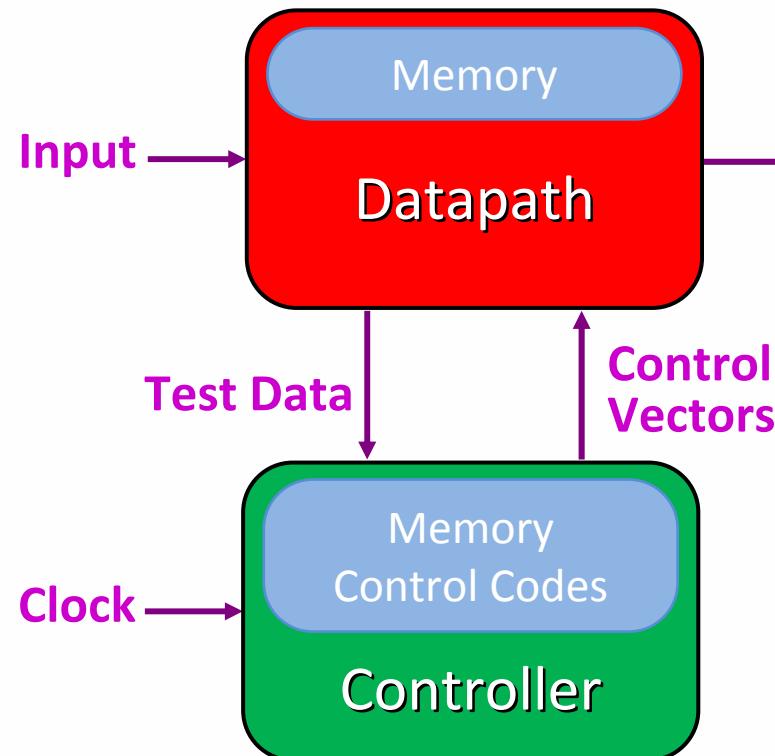
Von Neumann Architecture



This universal architecture leads to different structures for ASIC and general purpose processor.



ASP: Datapath and Controller



Controller consists in state generator and control-vector generator.

Controller generates control-vectors according to test-data and data-flow.

Controller operates according to system clock.

Datapath consists in resources, memories and interconnections

Datapath performs functional calculation according to inputs.

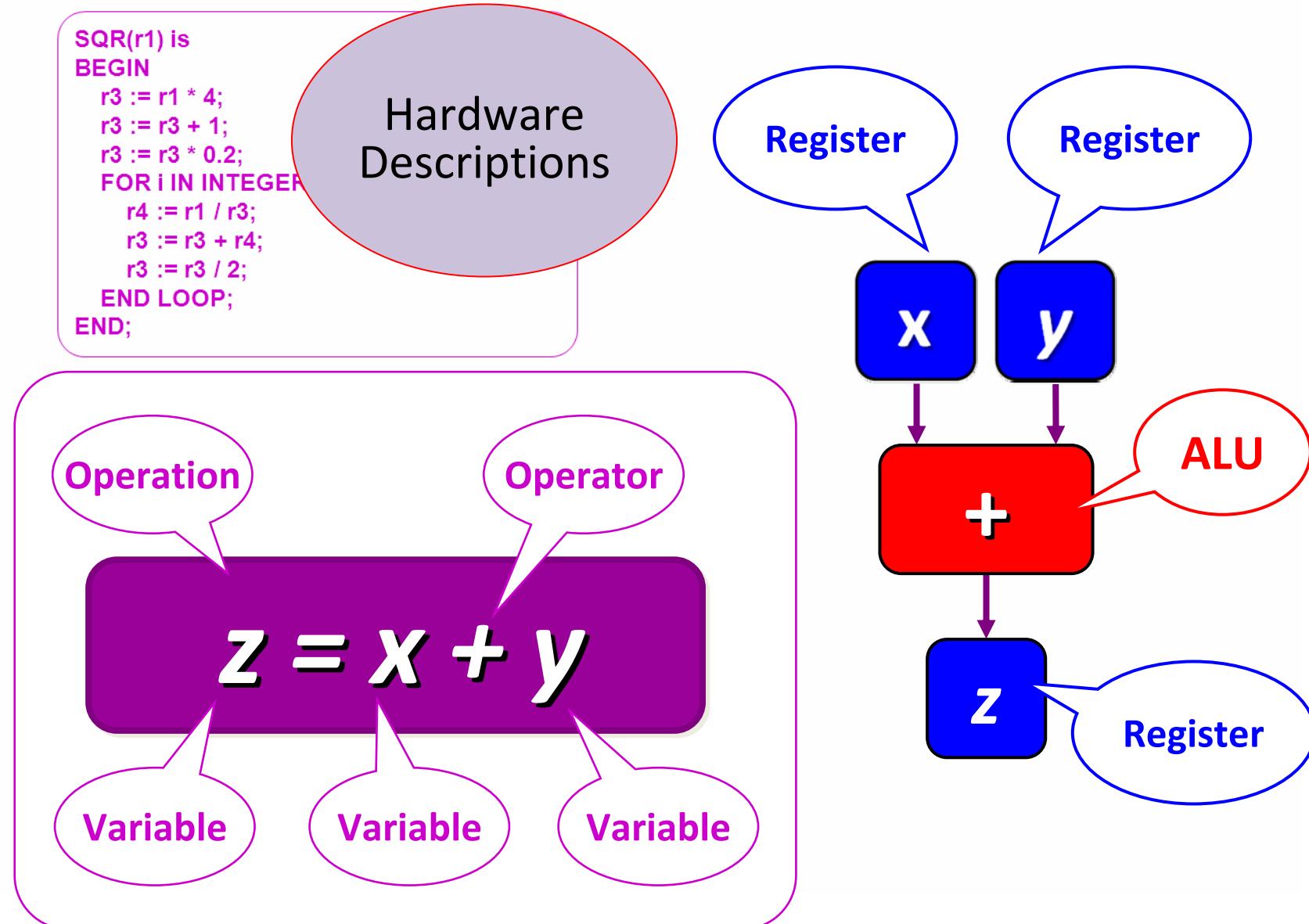
Datapath operates according to control-vectors from controller.

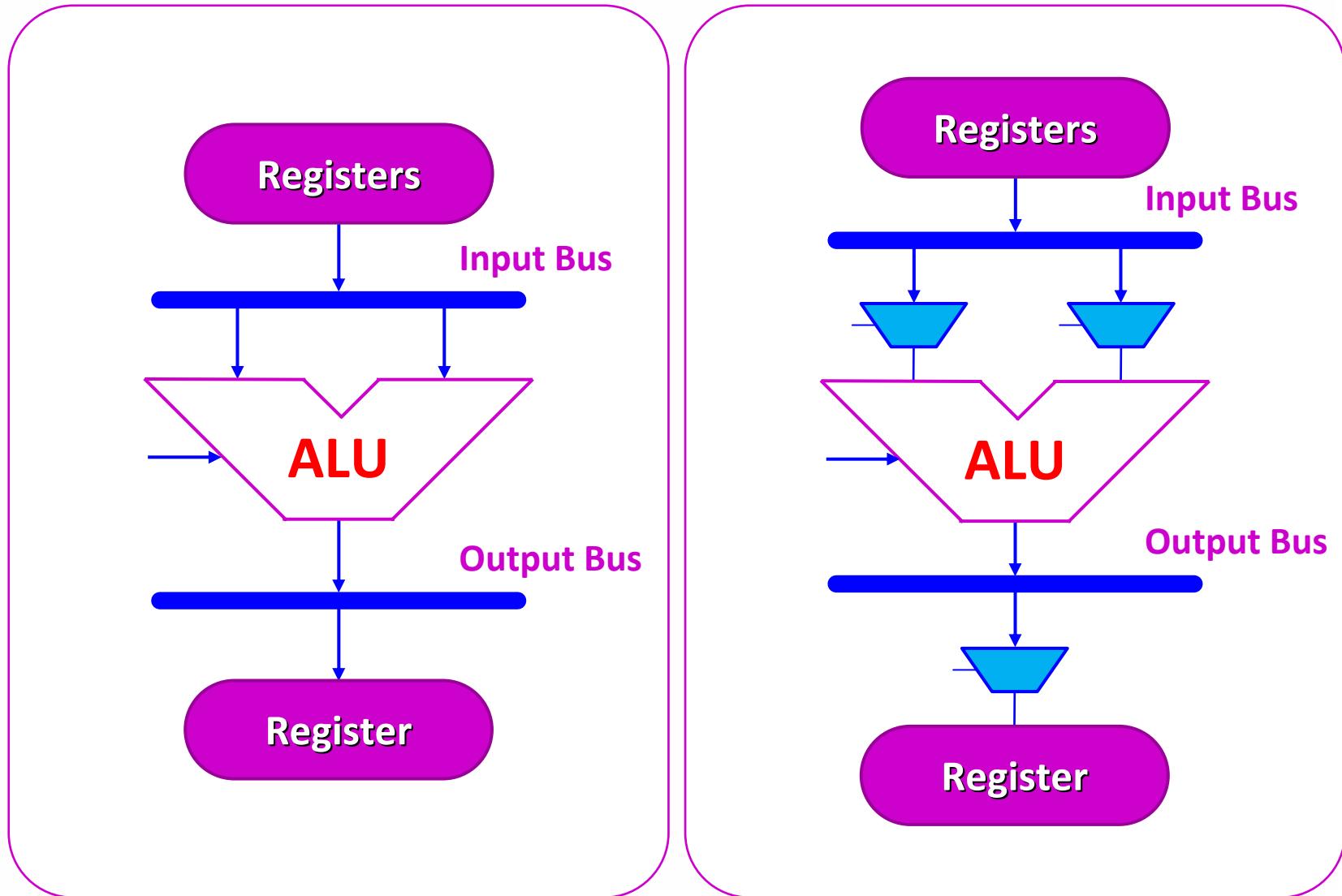
Datapath is not directly controlled by system clock.

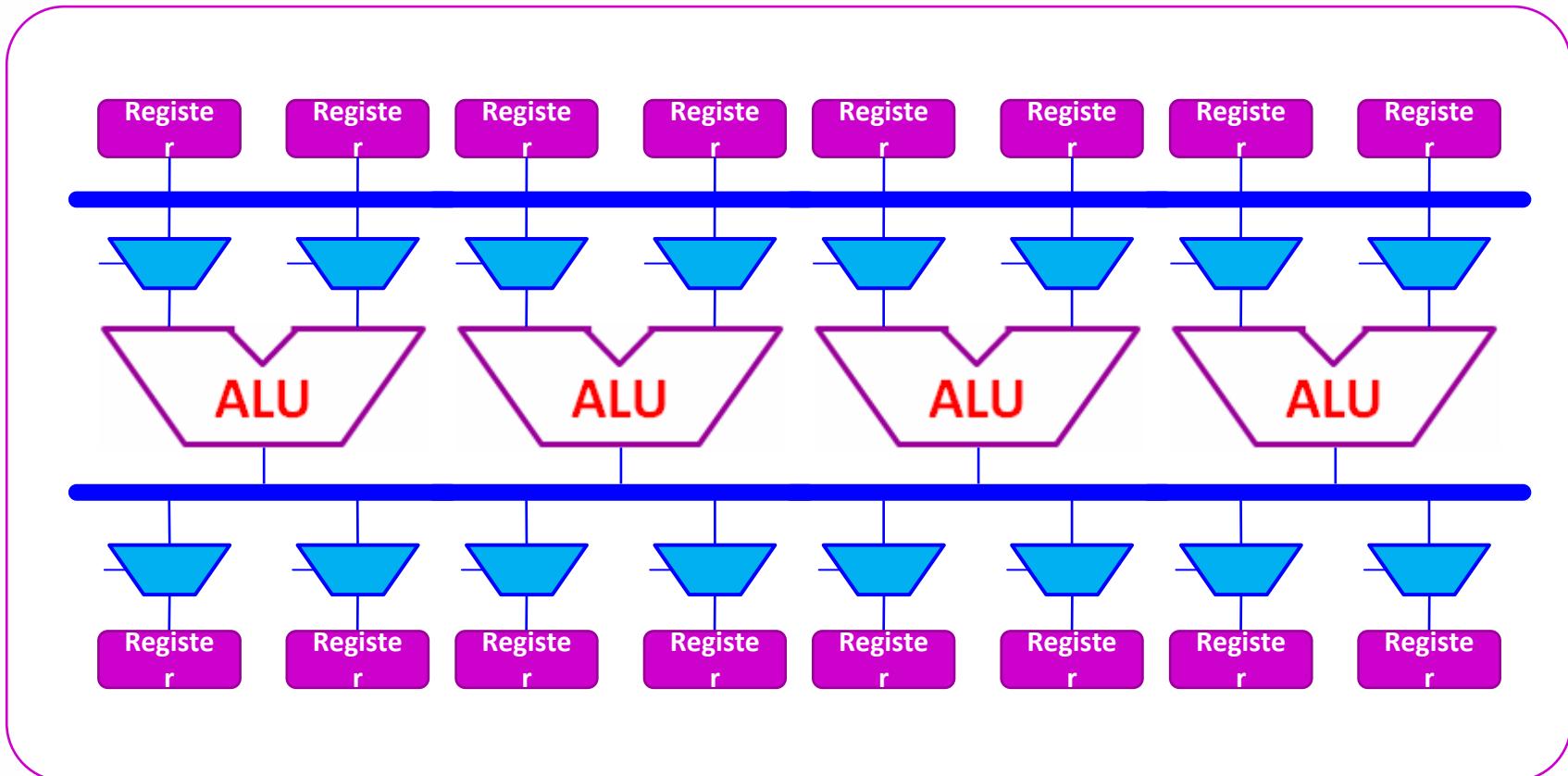
Datapath provides necessary test-data to controller.

ASP: Application Specific Processor → AISC

Any digital system can be composed of Datapath and Controller





1-Dimension Expansion \times 

- Parallelizing calculations implied by data dependency.
- Interconnections only exist according to system function.



```
SQR(r1) is
BEGIN
    r3 := r1 * 4;
    r3 := r3 + 1;
    r3 := r3 * 0.2;
    FOR i IN INTEGER RANGE 0 TO 3 LOOP
        r4 := r1 / r3;
        r3 := r3 + r4;
        r3 := r3 / 2;
    END LOOP;
END;
```

Hardware Descriptions

- Application specified architecture
- Scheduling/allocation during design
- Depends on hardware description
- Components do not fully connected
- Control-Codes cannot be changed
- State-Machine is not programmed

Operation Scheduling

Register Optimization

Resource Allocation

Interconnection Generation

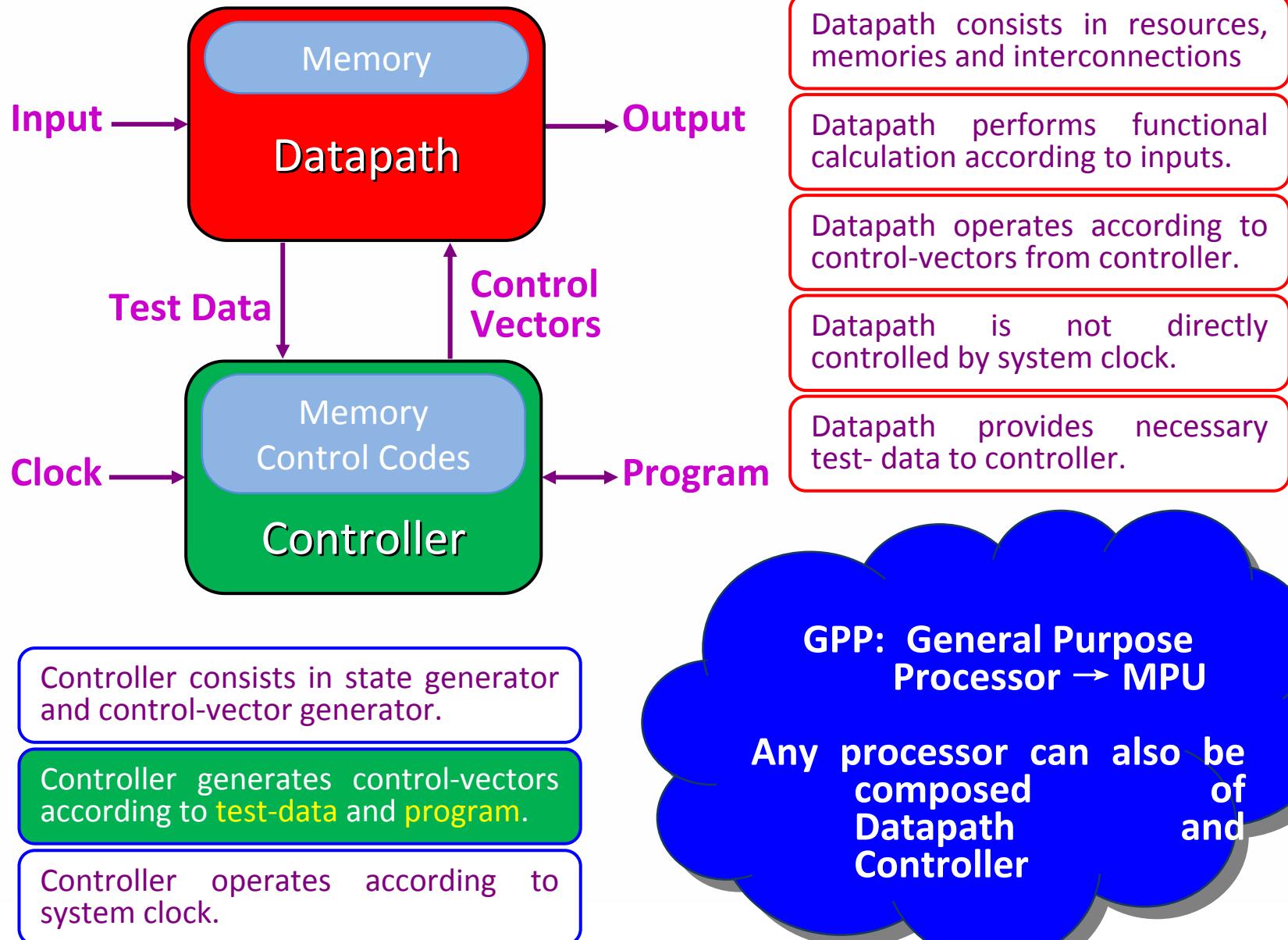
Control-Codes Generation

State Generation

FSM Design



GPP: Datapath and Controller





Software: High-Level Synthesis

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        r3 := r3 / 2;
    END LOOP;
END;
```

Application Program

- General purpose architecture
- Scheduling/allocation during compile
- interconnection, control-codes and state are generated during compile
- Components are fully connected
- Control-Codes can be changed
- State-Machine is programmable

Operation Scheduling

Register Optimization

Resource Allocation

Interconnection Generation

Control-Codes Generation

State Generation

State Machine Programming

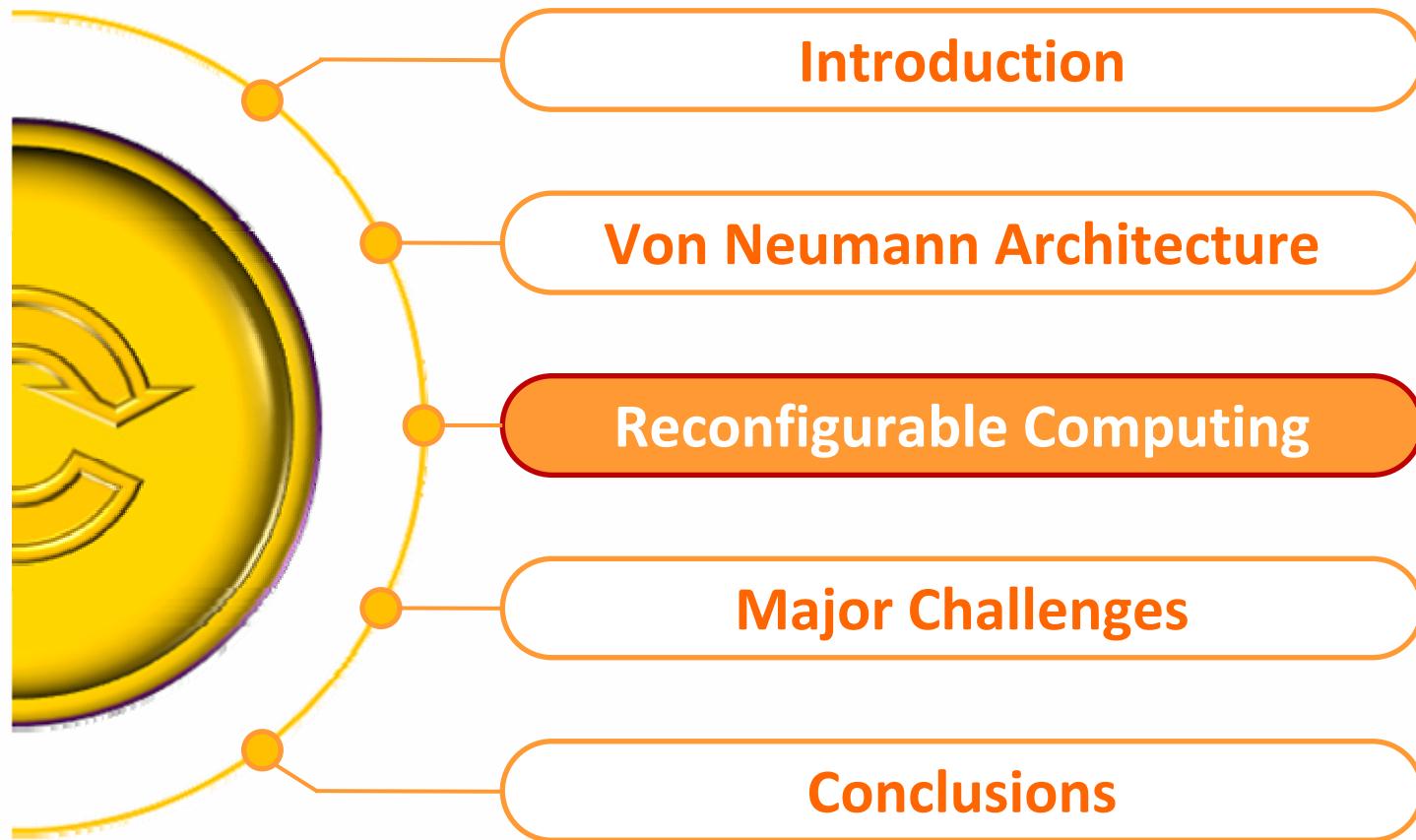


Summary

- Von Neumann architecture describes a universal computing machine, but with low efficiency.
- A universal architecture for digital system can be generated from Von Neumann architecture that consists in datapath and controller.
- The methodology of High-Level Synthesis is a way to design ASIC, which aims at hardware design.
- However, with a fully configurable hardware, the methodology of High-Level Synthesis may be done in software and implement a general purpose processor.



Outlines





Comparisons

Products	Performance	Cost	Power	Flexibility
ASIC	Very High	Very Low	Very Low	Poor
FPGA	Medium	Medium	Medium	Good
CPU	Low	High	High	Very Good
RCP	High	Low	Low	Very Good

	Performance	MOPS/mm ²	nJ/Operation	Programmability
Embedded RISC	Average	<100	~1	Very Good
DSP	Average	<100	~1	Very Good
Multi-Core RISC	High	<100	~1	Good
Multi-Core DSP	High	<100	~1	Good
ASIC	Very High	>1000	~0.01	Poor
RCP	High	~1000	~0.03	Good

ASIC: Application Specific Integrated Circuit

CPU: Central Processing Unit

FPGA: Field Programmable Gate Array

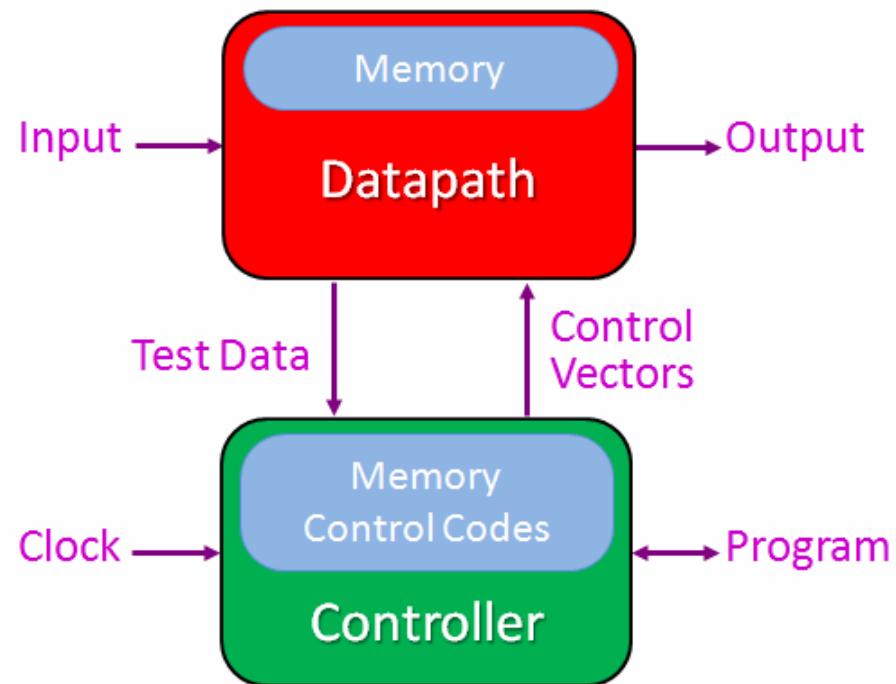
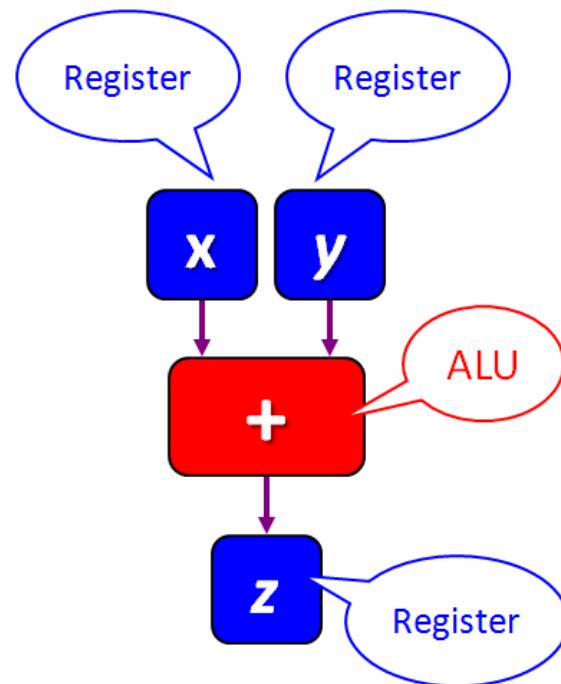
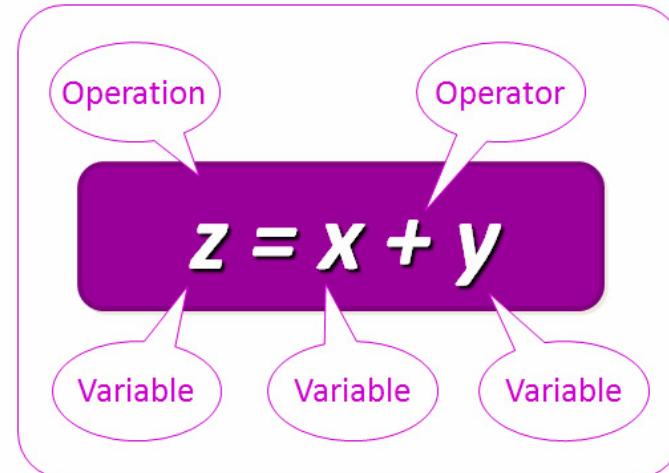
RCP: Re-Configurable Processor



Uniform Architecture

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 r3 := r3 + r4;
 r3 := r3 / 2;
END LOOP;
END;

Program





Computation/Control Intensive

```
IF (condition = 1) THEN
    r1 = b * b;
    r2 = a * c;
    r2 = r2 * 4;
    r1 = r1 - r2;
    IF (r1 < 0) THEN
        state = '1';
    ELSE
        state = '0';
        r3 = r1 * 4;
        r3 = r3 + 1;
        r3 = r3 * 0.2;
    FOR i = 1 to 3 LOOP
        r4 = r1 / r3;
        r3 = r3 + r4;
        r3 = r3 / 2;
    END LOOP;
    r1 = 0 - b;
    r2 = a + a;
    r4 = r1 + r3;
    x1 = r4 / r2;
    r5 = r1 - r3;
    x2 = r5 / r2;
END IF;
END IF;
```

Computation
(Datapath)

```
IF (condition = 1) THEN
    COMPUTATION 1;
    IF (r1 < 0) THEN
        COMPUTATION 2;
    ELSE
        COMPUTATION 3;
    FOR i = 1 to 3 LOOP
        COMPUTATION 4;
    END LOOP;
    COMPUTATION 5;
END IF;
END IF;
```

Control
(Controller)

COMPUTATION 1

```
r1 = b * b;
r2 = a * c;
r2 = r2 * 4;
r1 = r1 - r2;
```

COMPUTATION 2

```
state = '1';
```

COMPUTATION 3

```
state = '0';
r3 = r1 * 4;
r3 = r3 + 1;
r3 = r3 * 0.2;
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COMPUTATION 4

```
r4 = r1 / r3;
r3 = r3 + r4;
r3 = r3 / 2;
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COMPUTATION 5

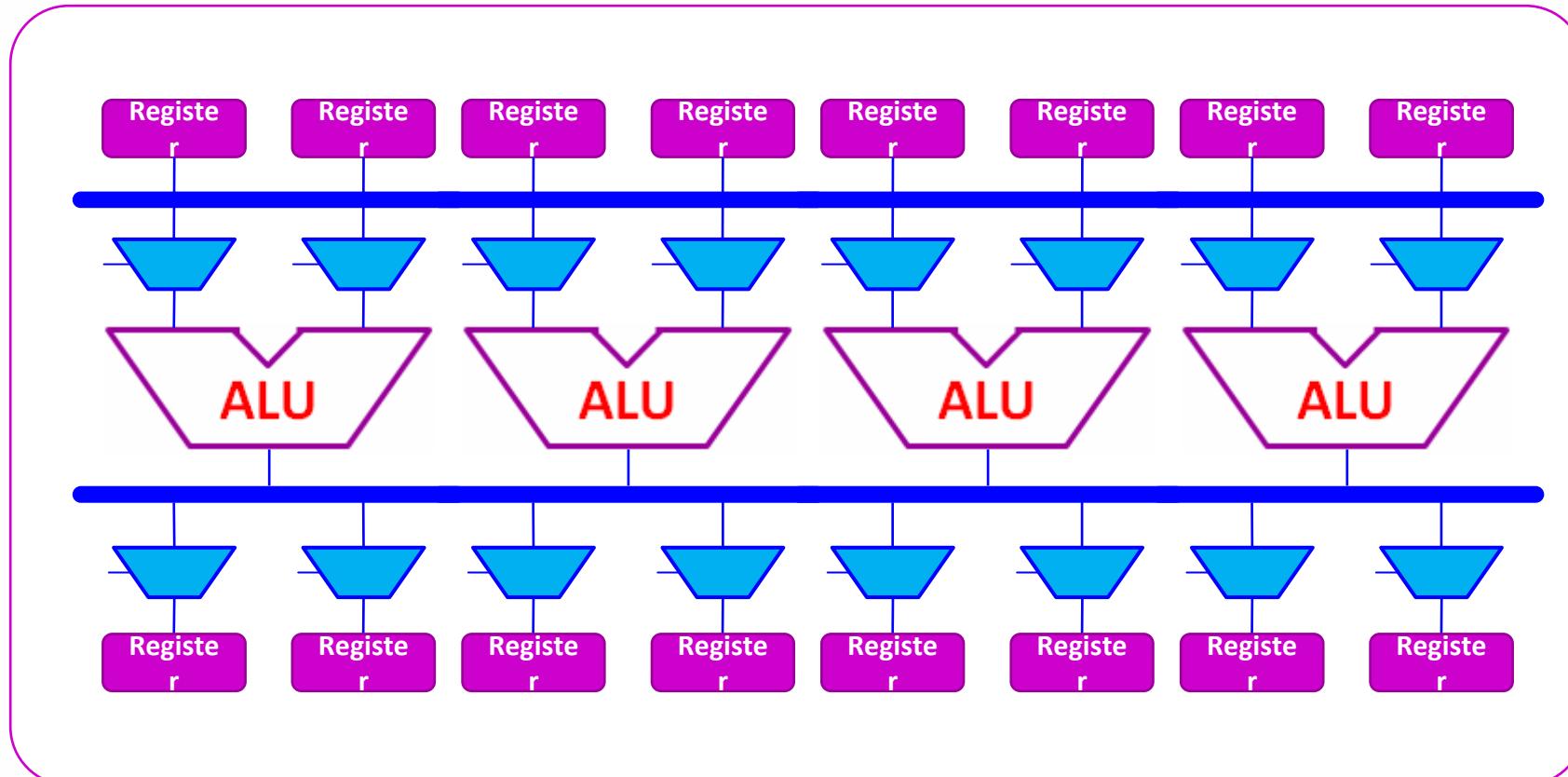
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r1 = 0 - b;
r2 = a + a;
r4 = r1 + r3;
x1 = r4 / r2;
r5 = r1 - r3;
x2 = r5 / r2;
```



1-Dimension Data-path

1-Dimension Expansion

x →



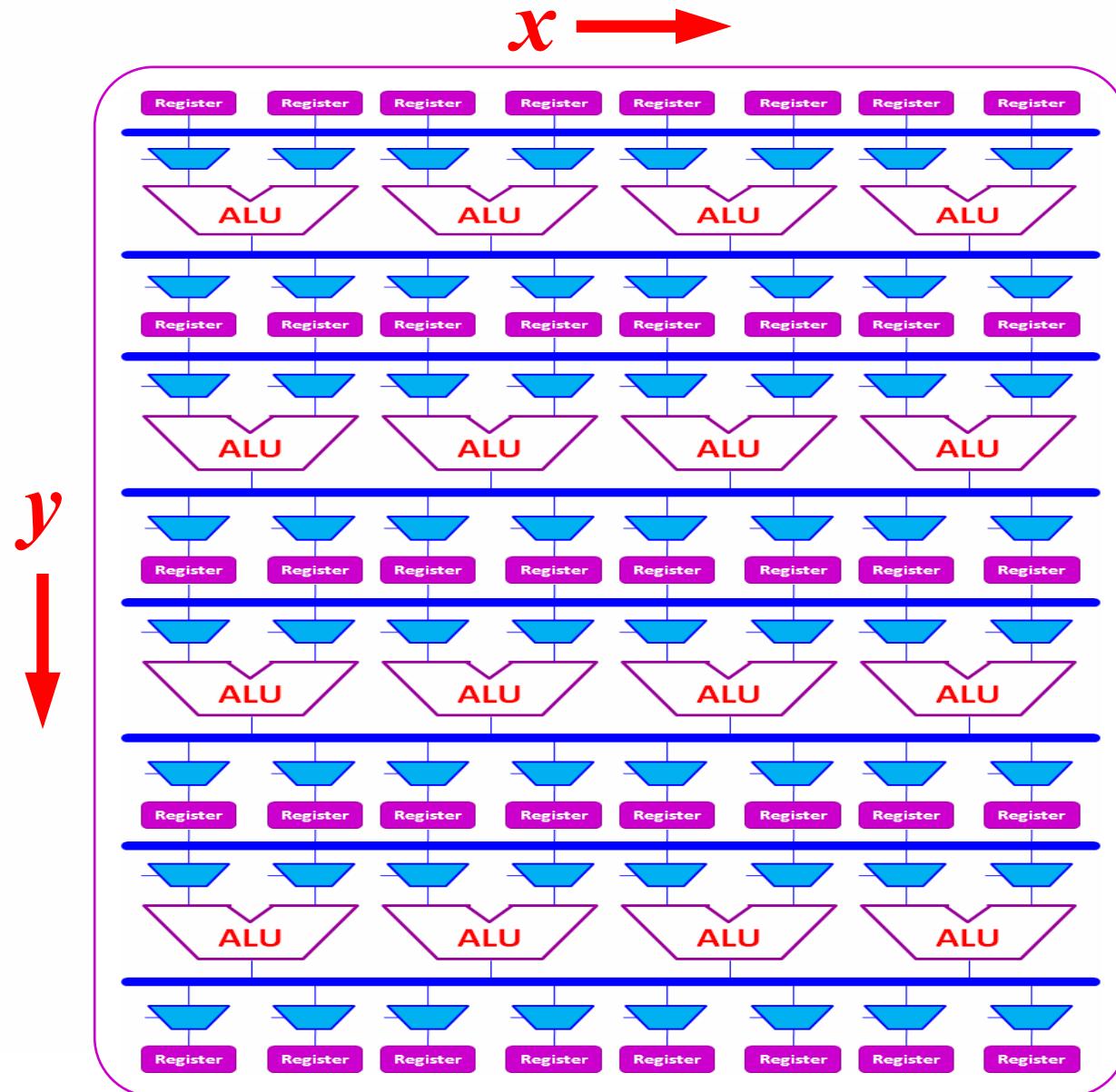
RTL Architecture



2-Dimension Data-path

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Two-dimension Expansion

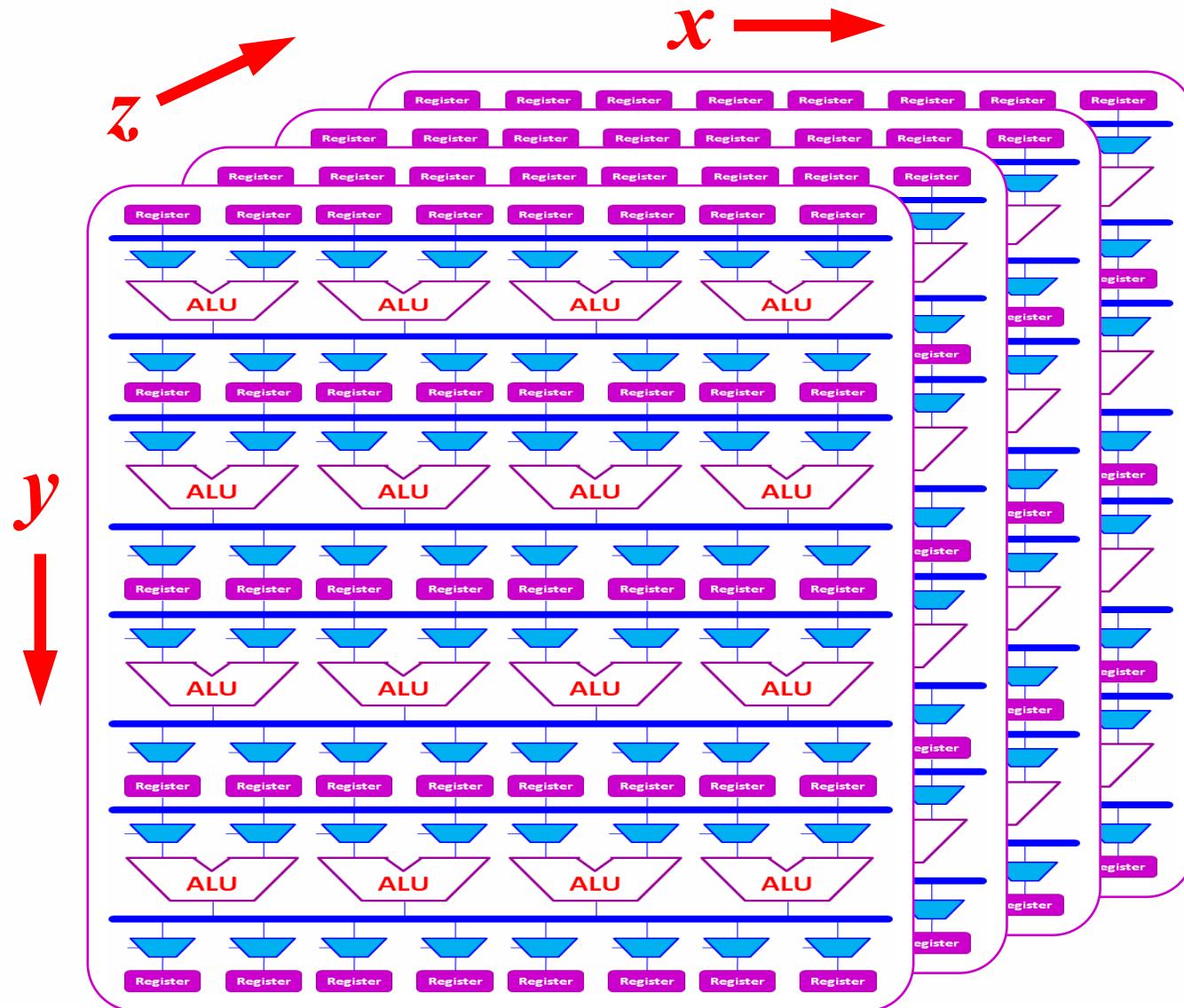




3-Dimension Data-path

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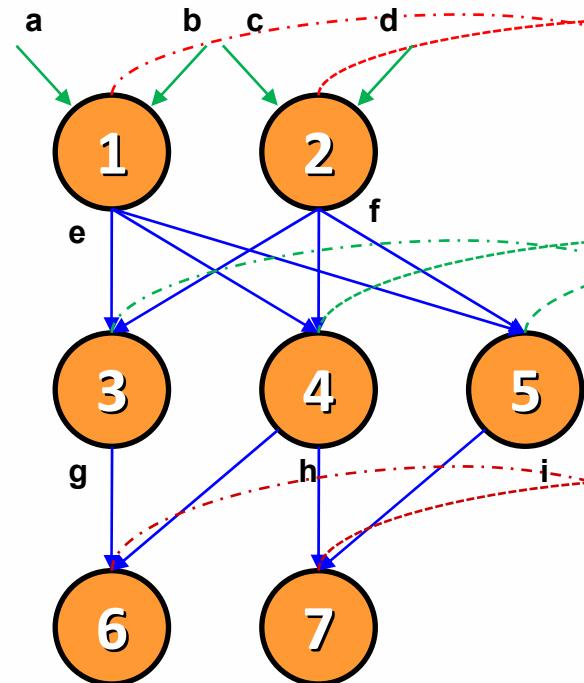
Three-dimension Expansion



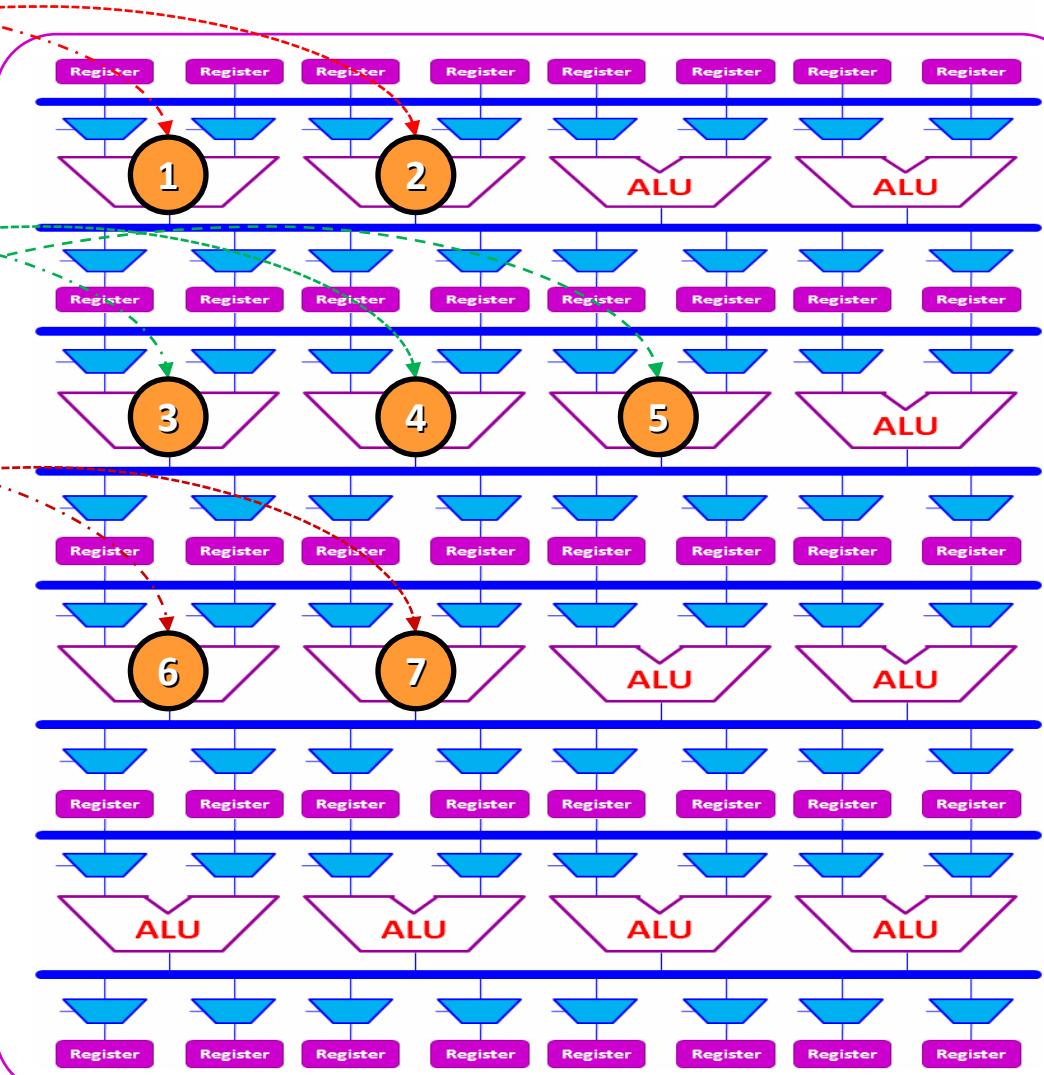


Operations Mapping

Datapath: Computation Intensive



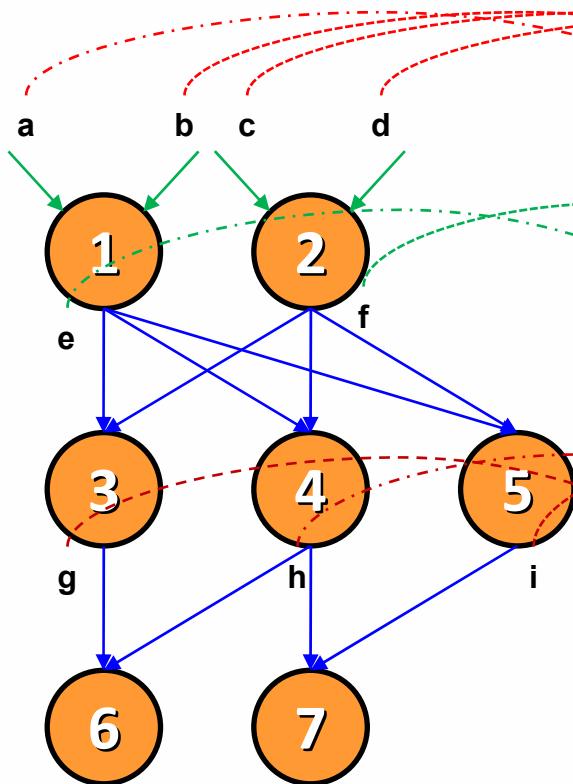
```
e = a + b;  
f = c * d;  
h = e - f;  
h = e + f;  
i = e / f;  
o1 = g * h;  
o2 = h - i;
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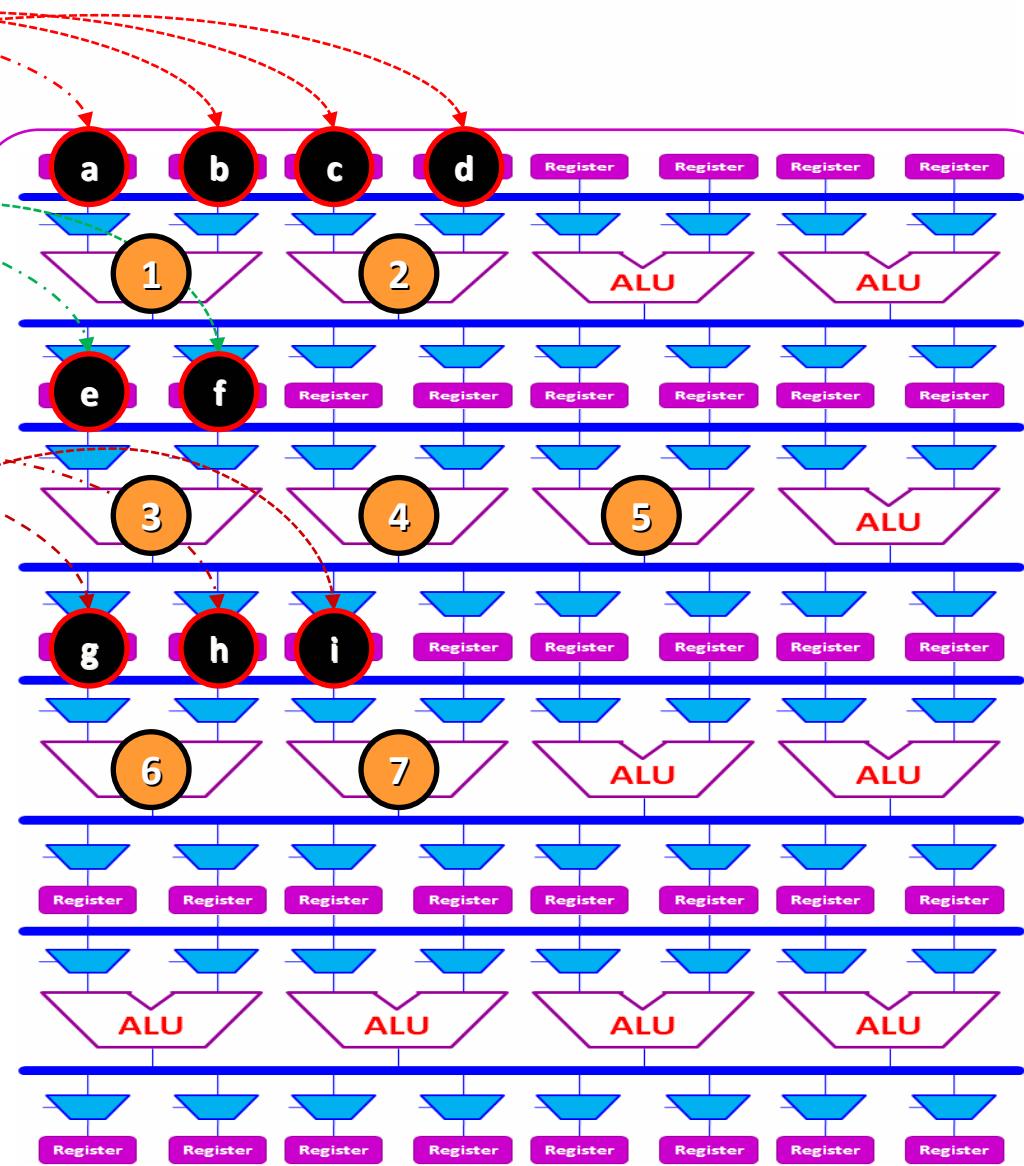


Memories Mapping

Datapath: Computation Intensive



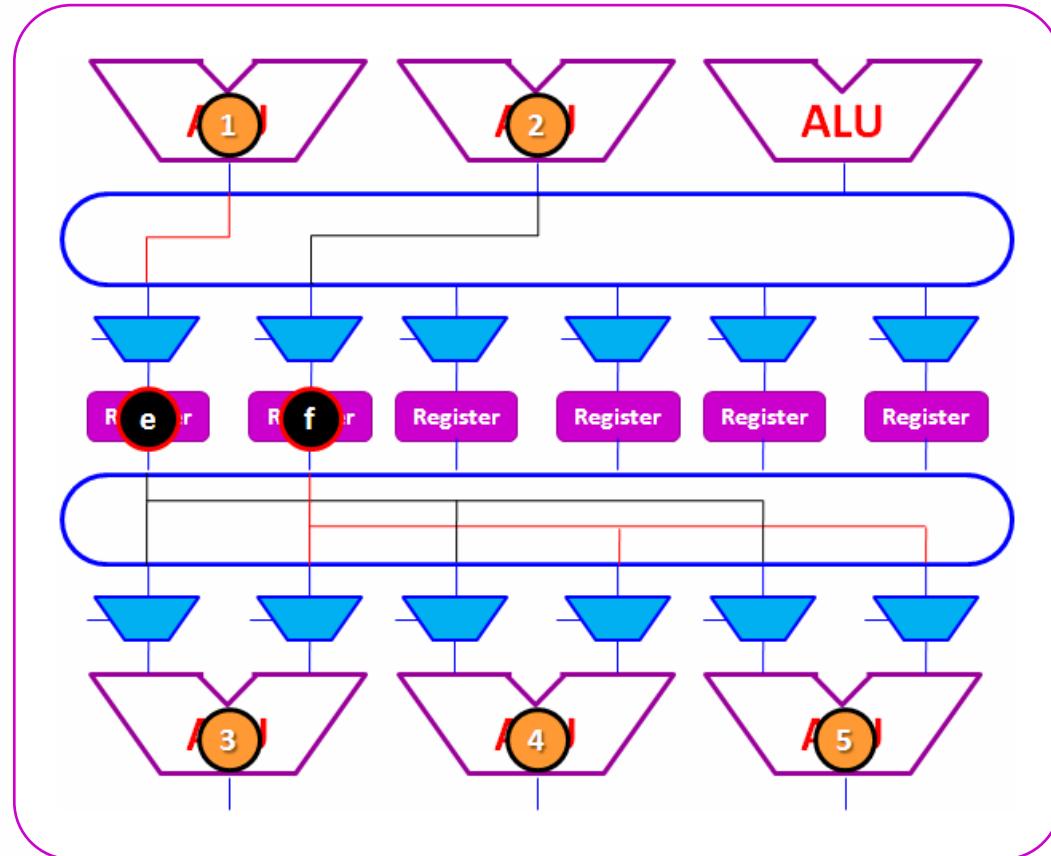
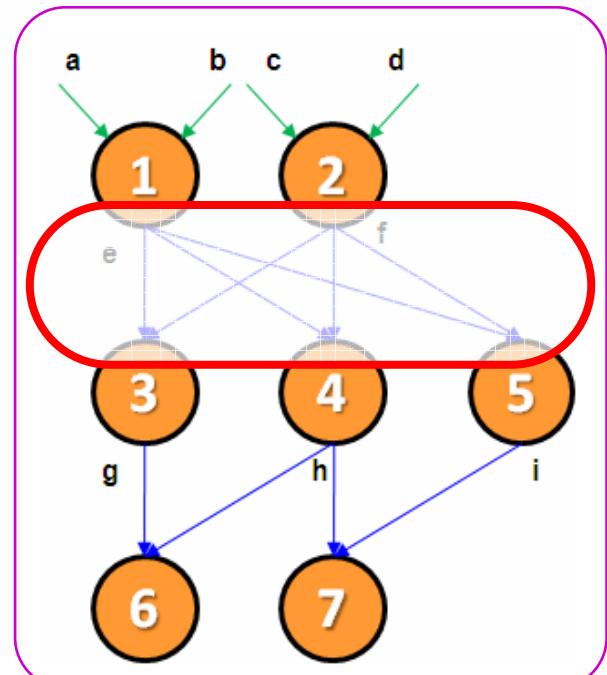
```
e = a + b;  
f = c * d;  
h = e - f;  
h = e + f;  
i = e / f;  
o1 = g * h;  
o2 = h - i;
```





Connections Configuration

Datapath: Computation Intensive



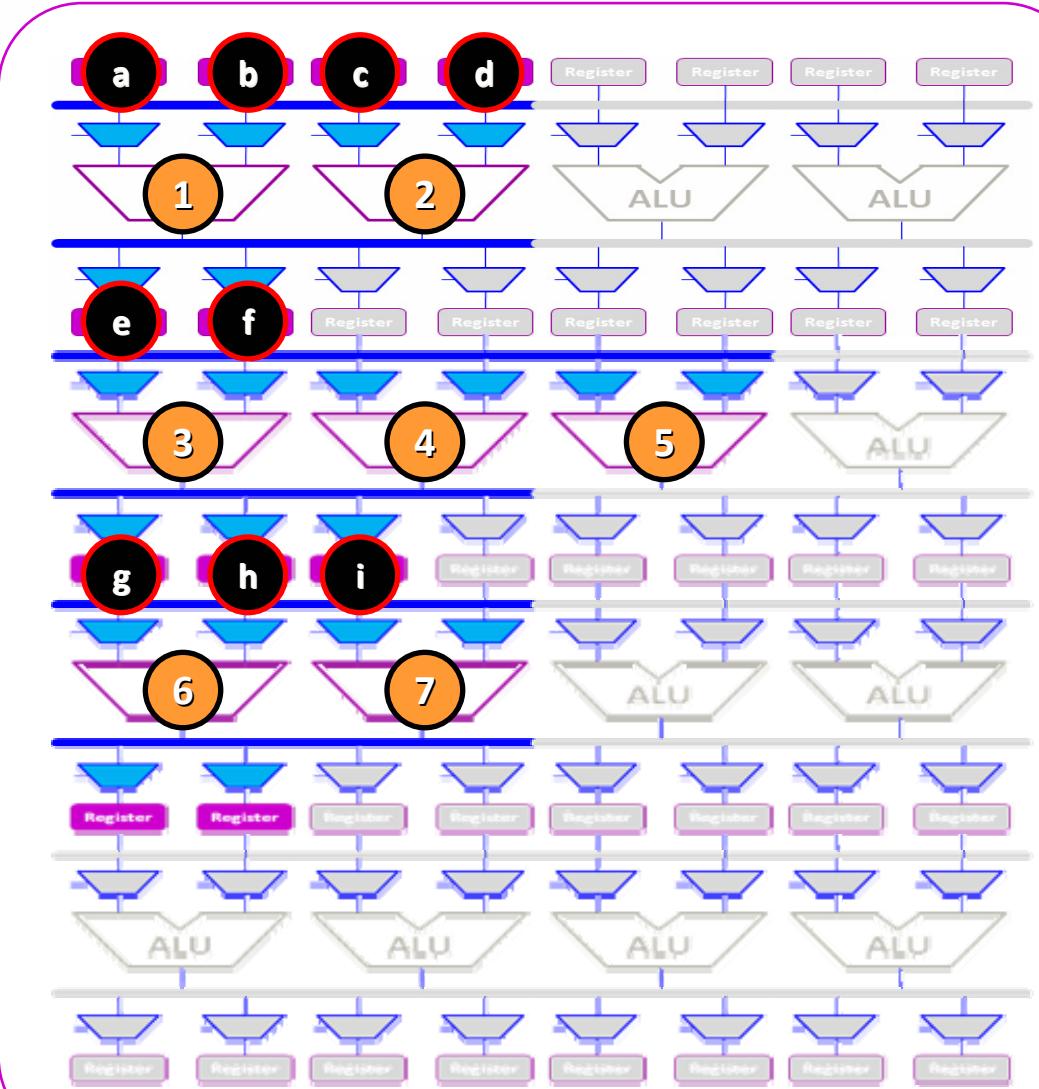
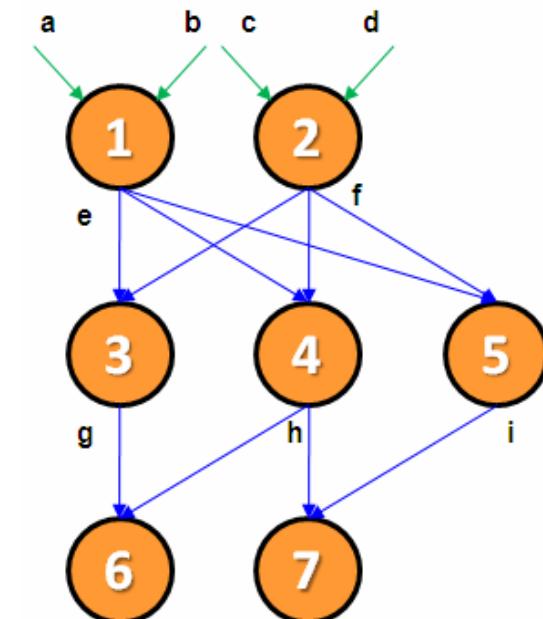
Interconnections among operation 1, operation 2 and operations 3, operation 4, operation 5 are configured according to the data dependency.



Power-Gating

Datapath: Computation Intensive

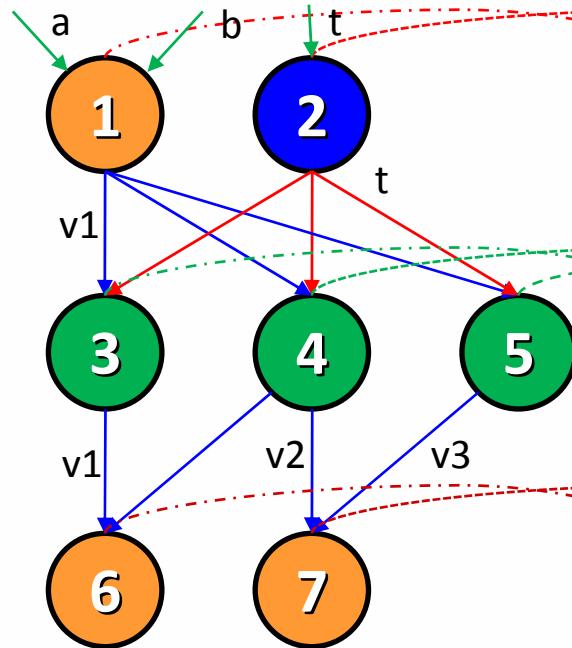
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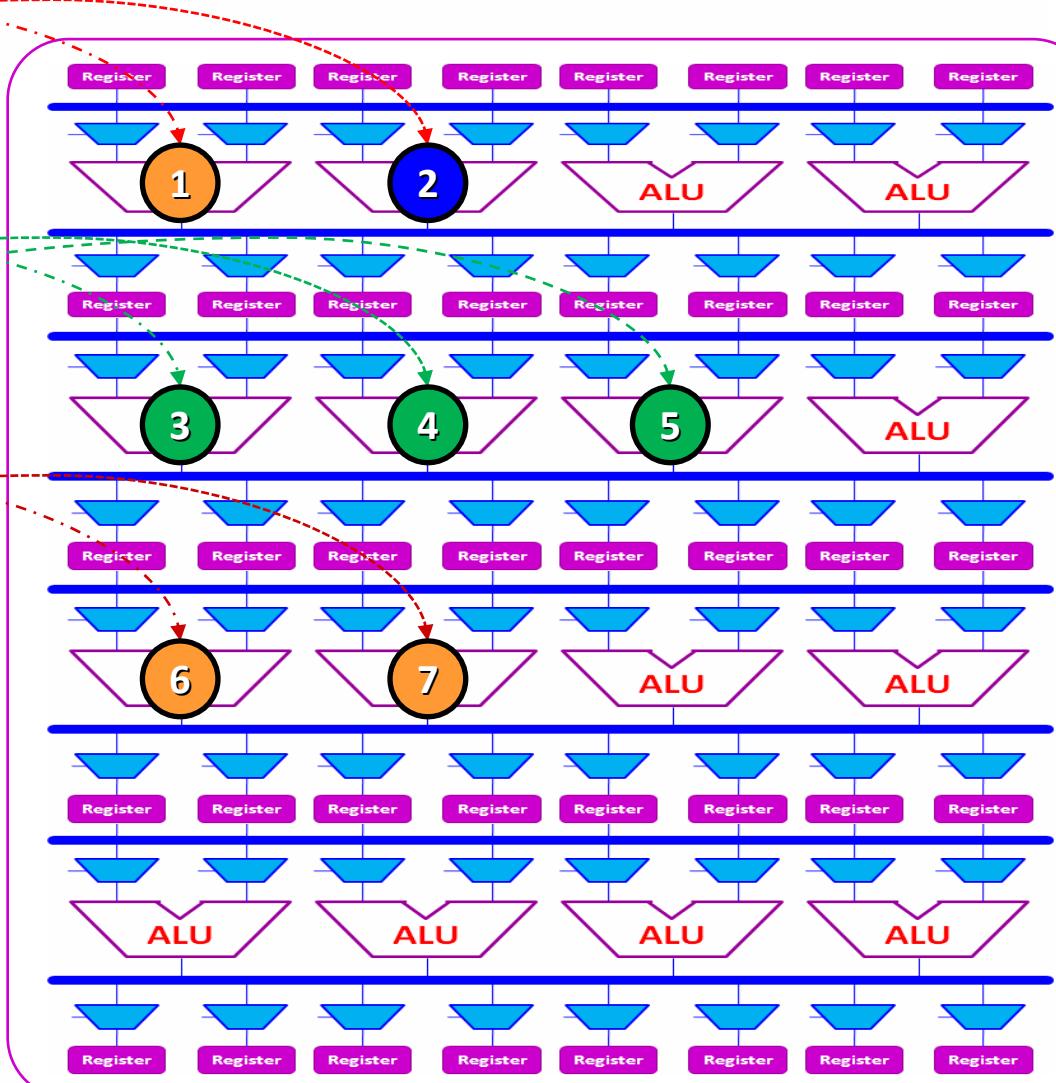


Operations Mapping

Datapath: Control Intensive



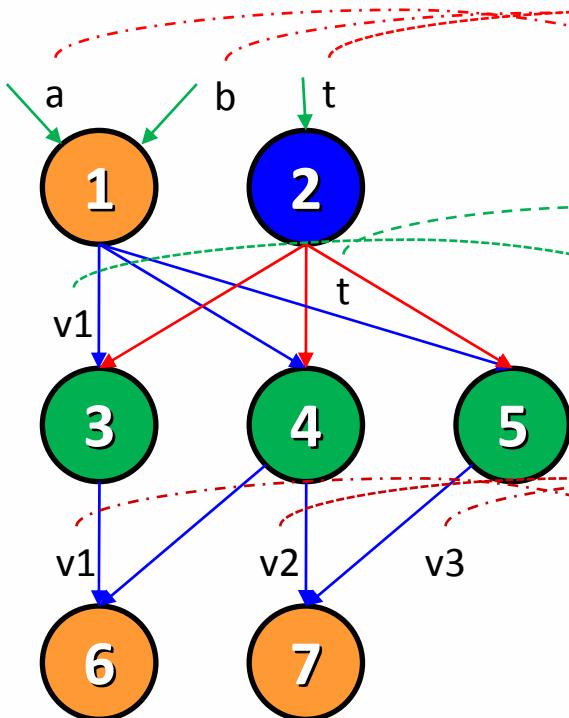
v1 = a + b;
Case (t)
1: v1 = v1 * t;
2: v2 = v1 - t;
3: v3 = v1 + t;
End case;
o1 = v1 + v2;
o2 = v2 - v3;



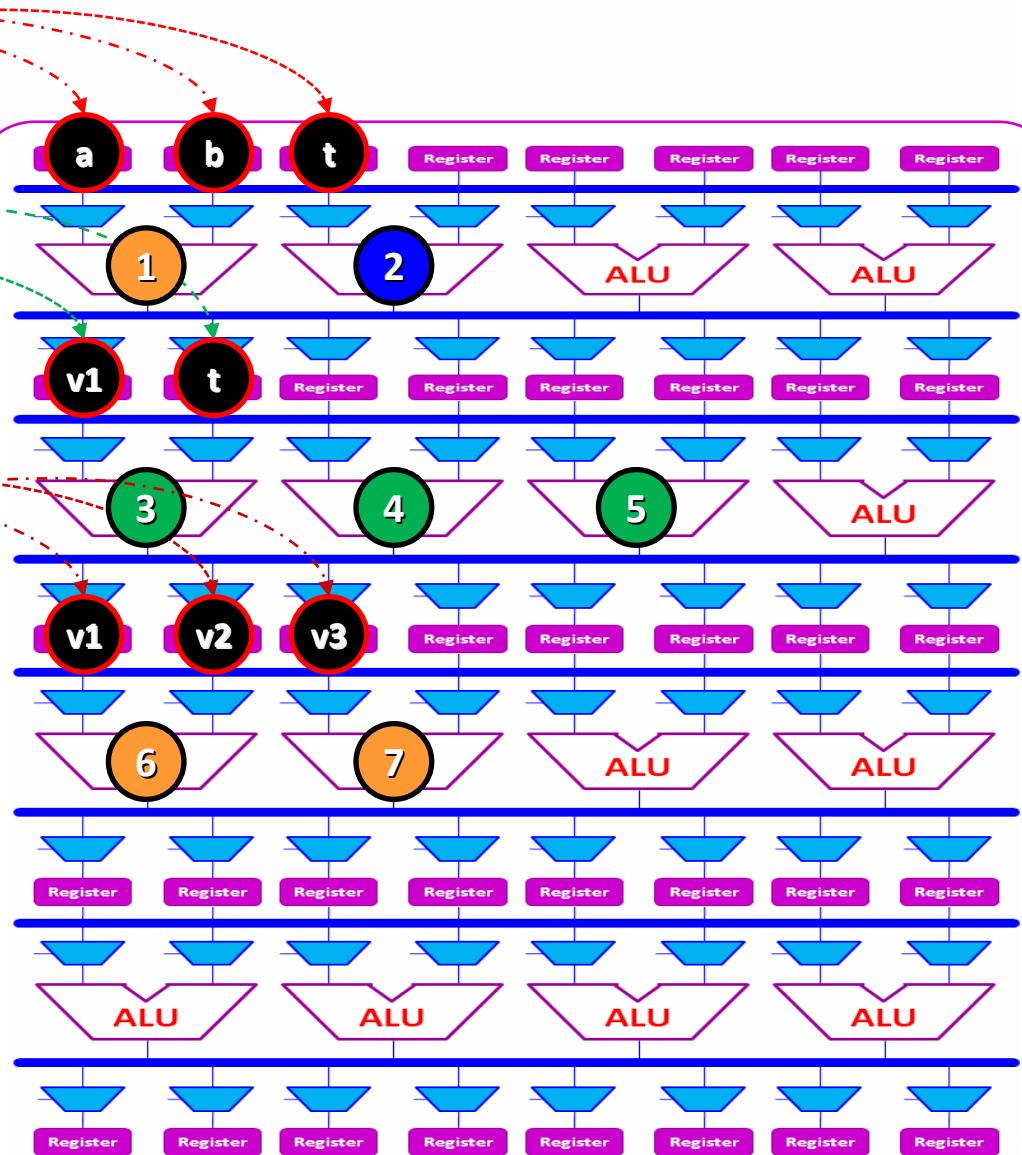


Memories Mapping

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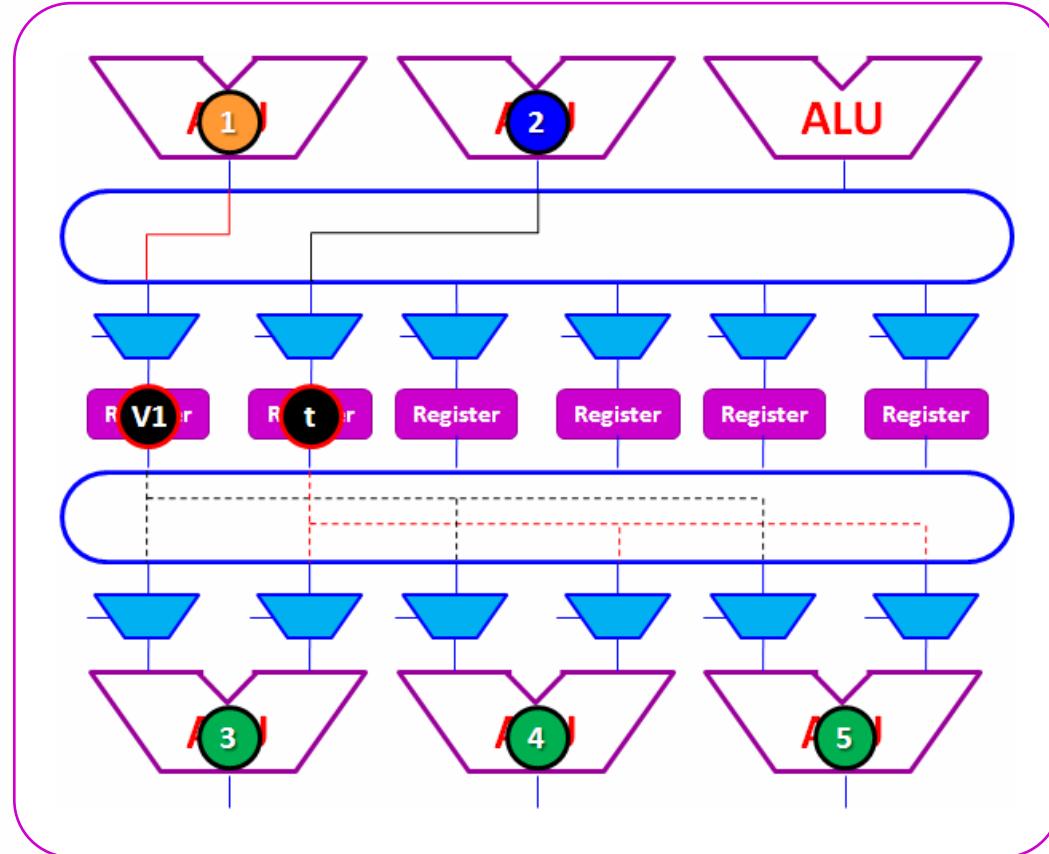
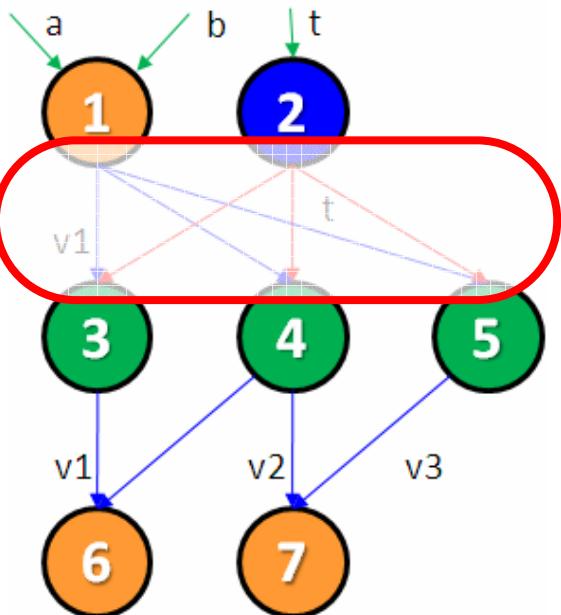
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Connections Configuration

Two ways to determine the final result:
1: Using configuration data to fix the wiring;
2: Calculating all the paths and then to decide which one will be taken.



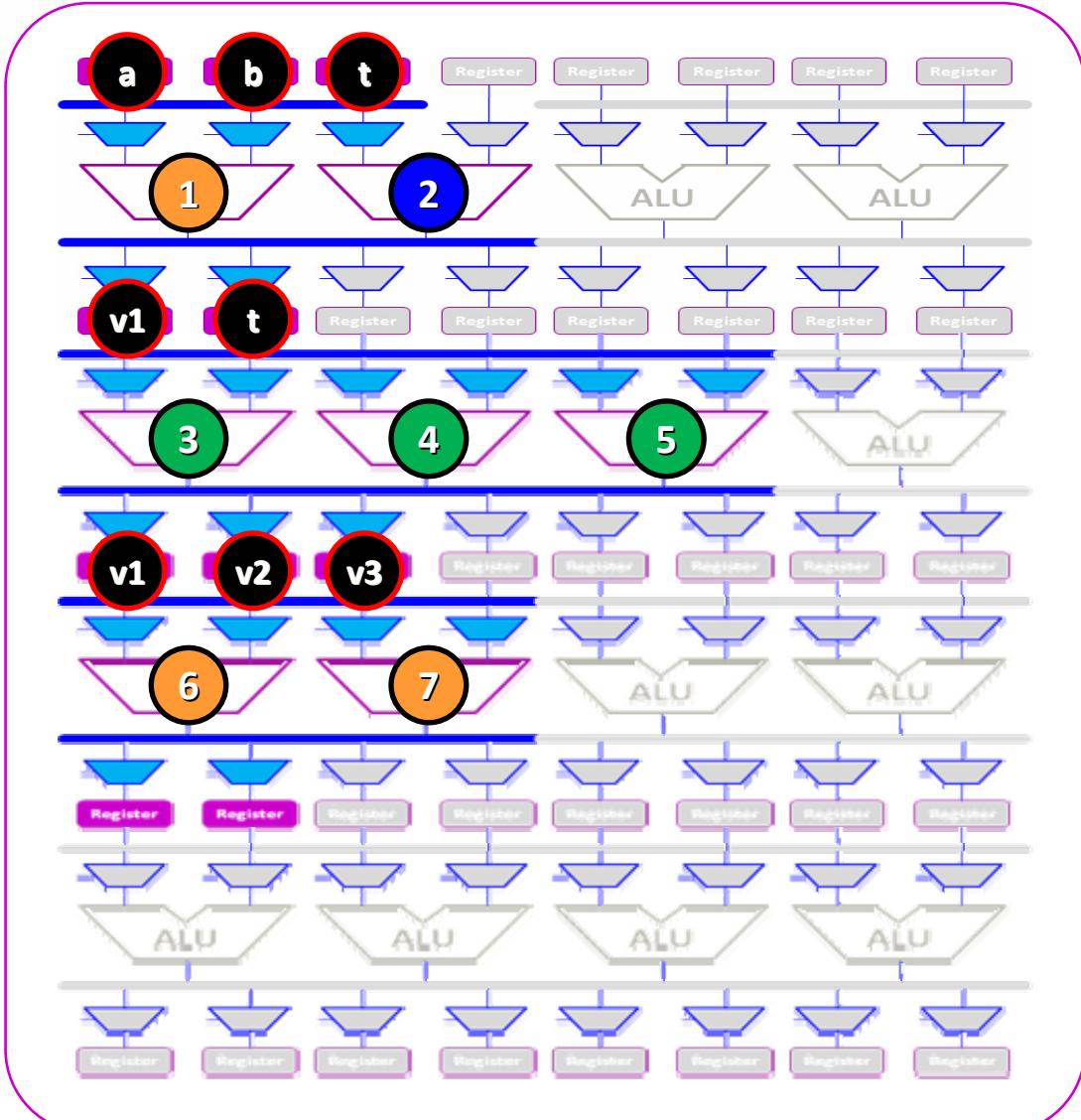
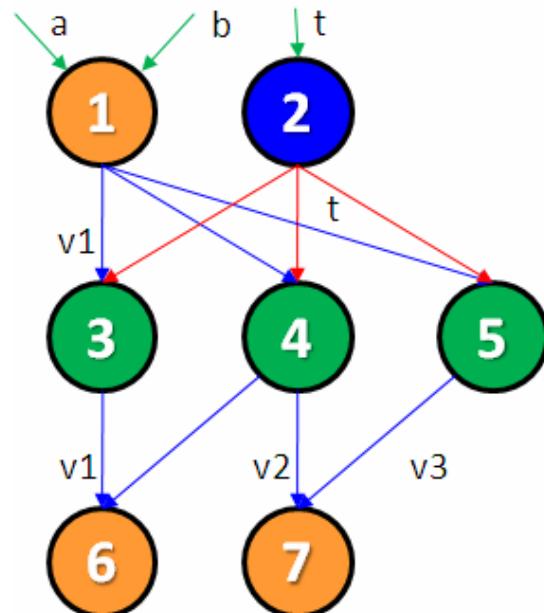
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Power-Gating

Datapath; Control Intensive

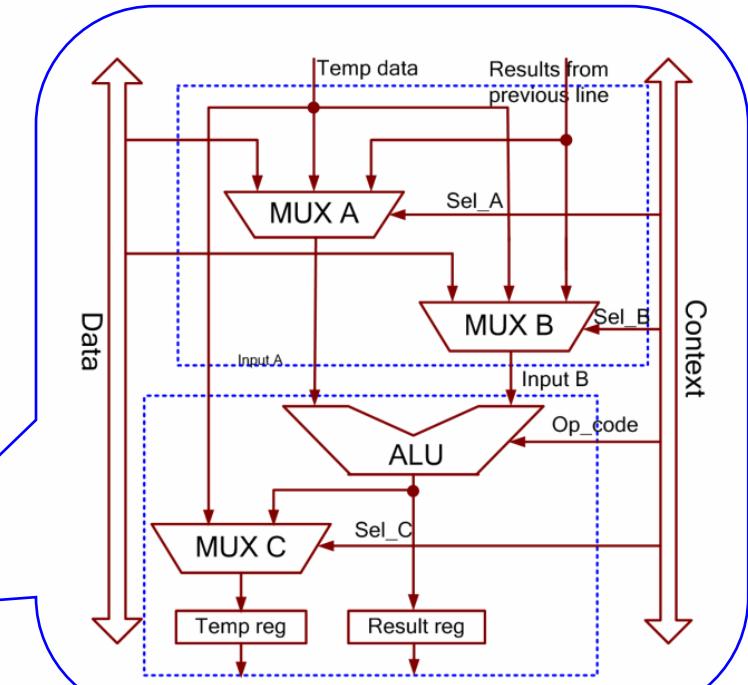
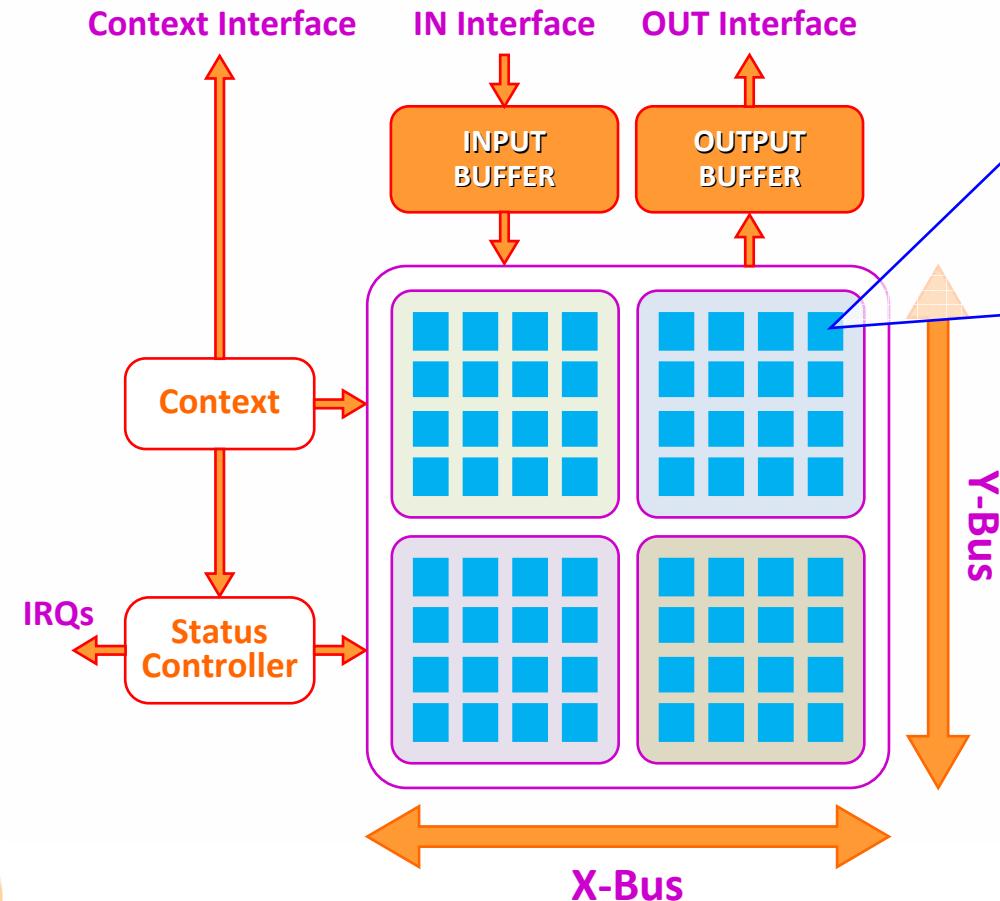
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MLU: Multi-Function Unit

Reconfigurable Computing: Datapath

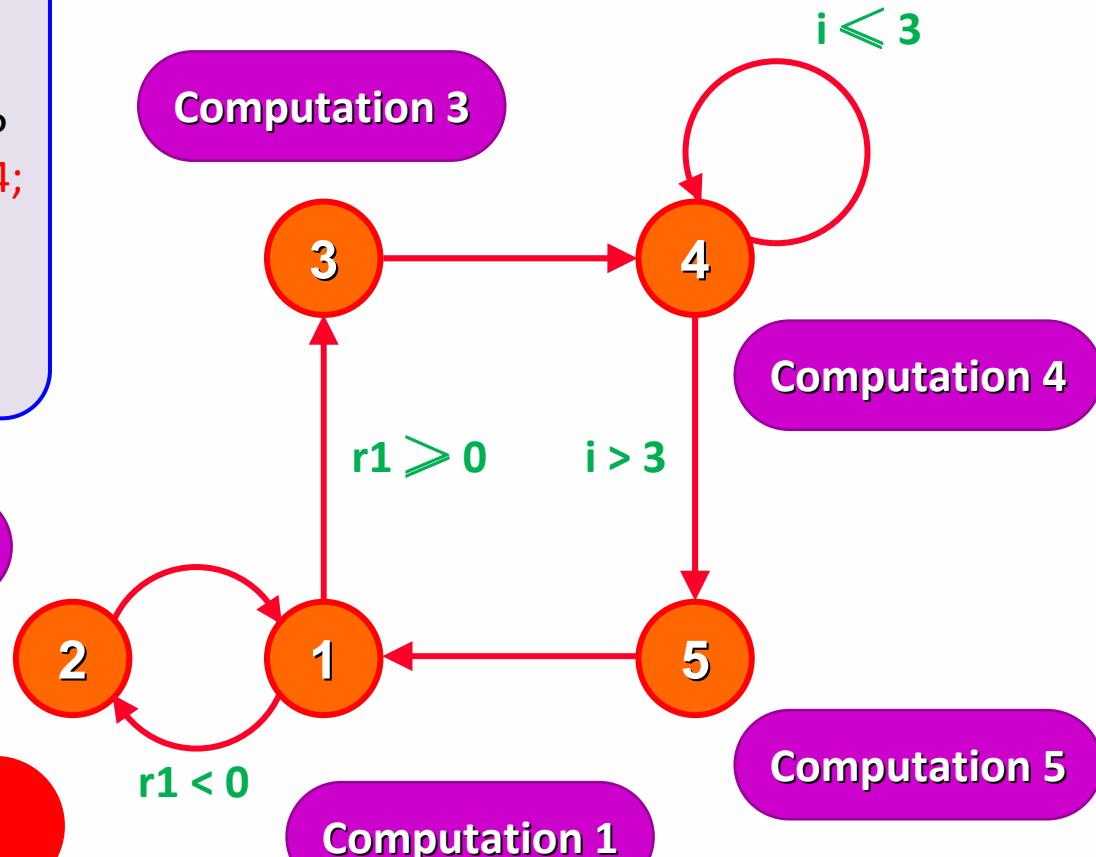




Controller: Programmable-FSM

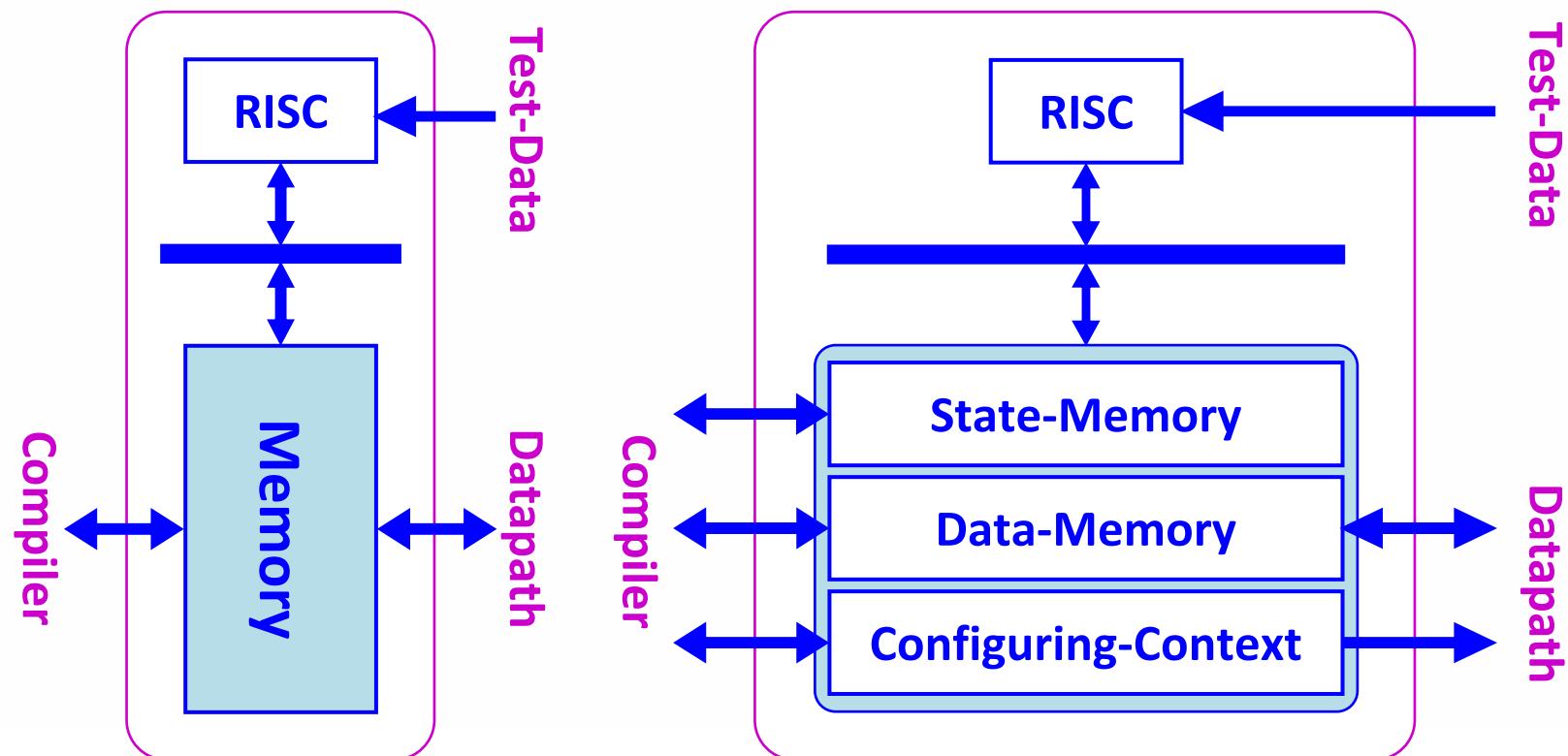
```
IF (condition = 1) THEN  
    COMPUTATION 1;  
    IF (r1 < 0) THEN  
        COMPUTATION 2;  
    ELSE  
        COMPUTATION 3;  
        FOR i = 1 to 3 LOOP  
            COMPUTATION 4;  
        END LOOP;  
        COMPUTATION 5;  
    END IF;  
END IF;
```

FSM: Finite State Machine



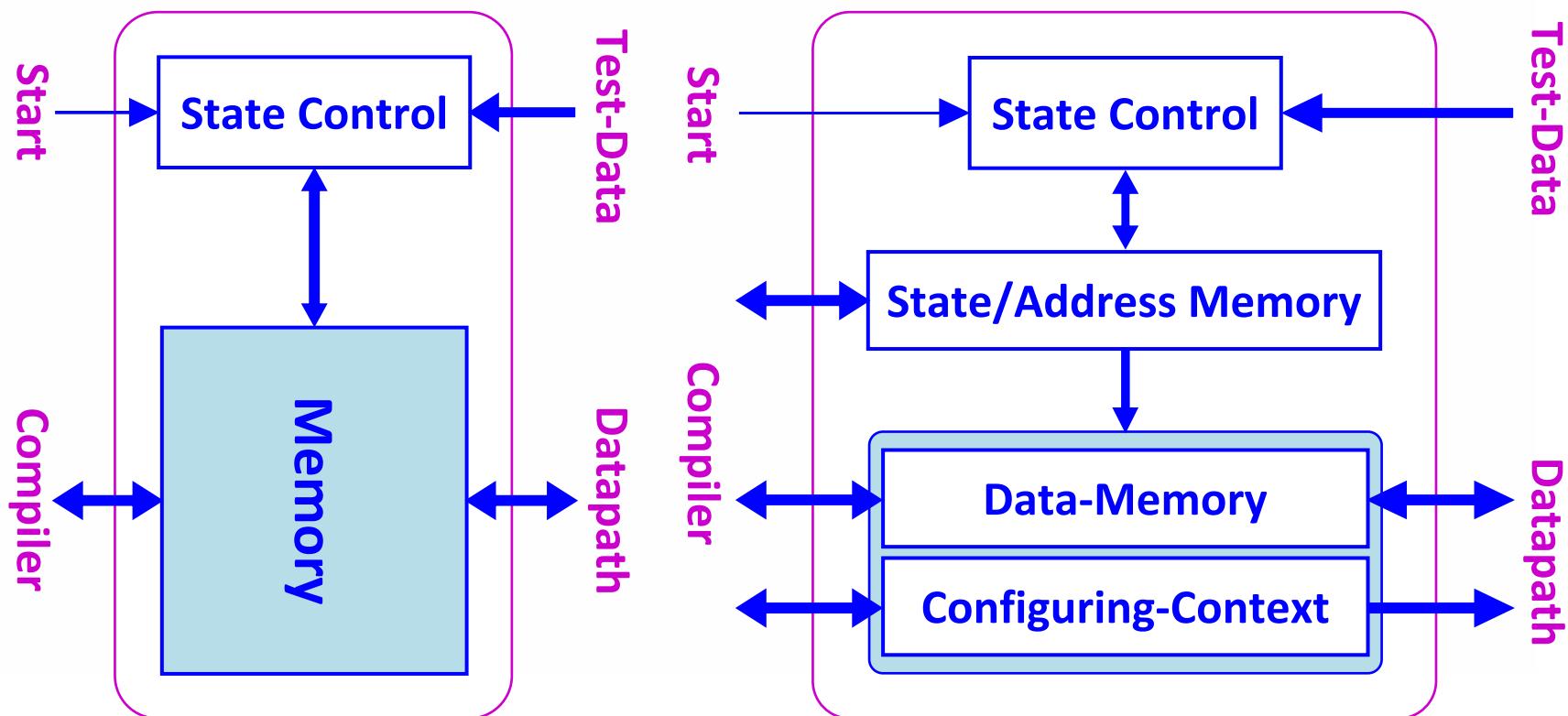


- RB-PFSM: 1. Read current state from State-Memory
2. Decide next state and generate address according to test data, that address the Data-Memory and Configuring-Context
3. Output the data and configuring-context



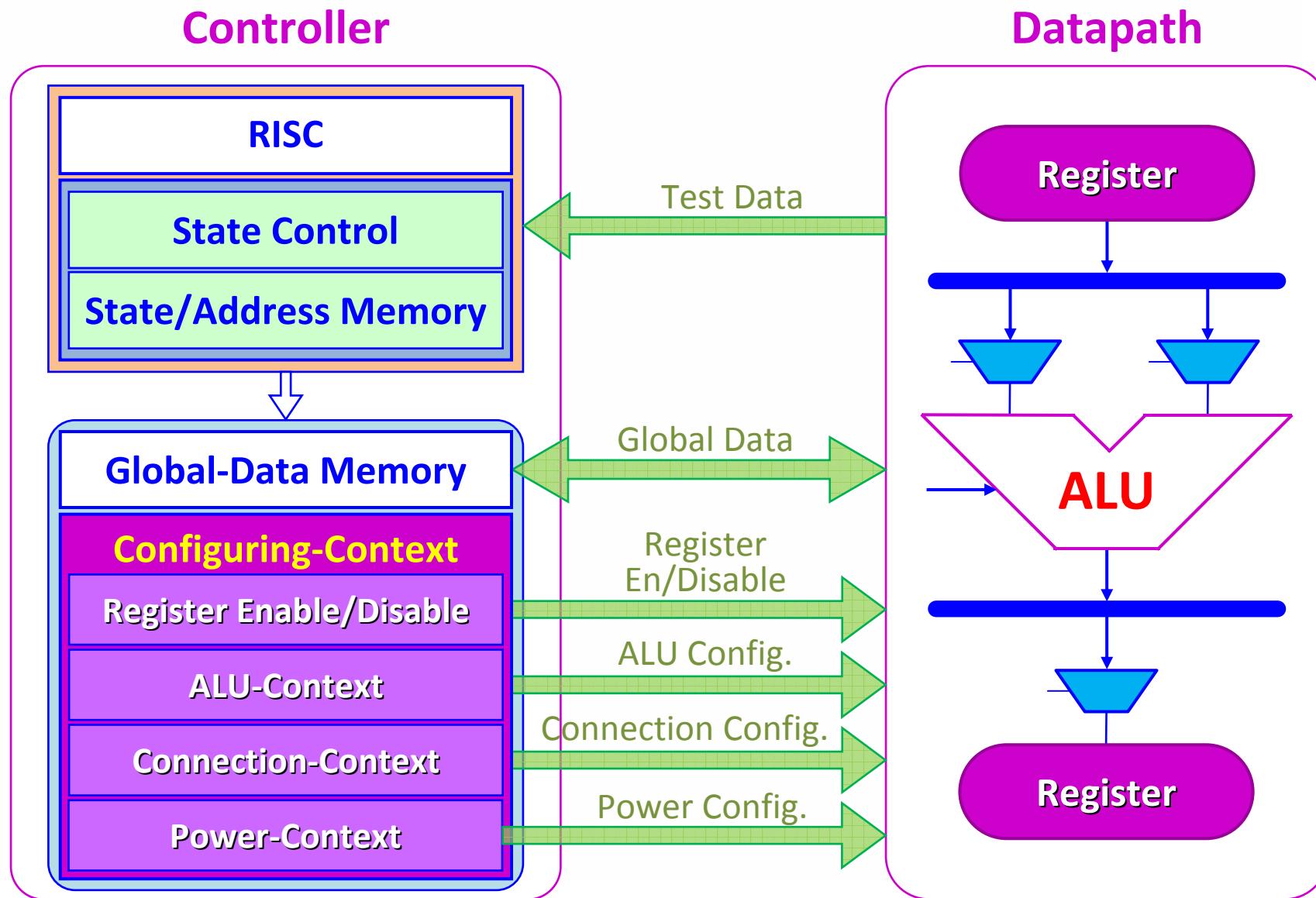


- MB-PFSM:
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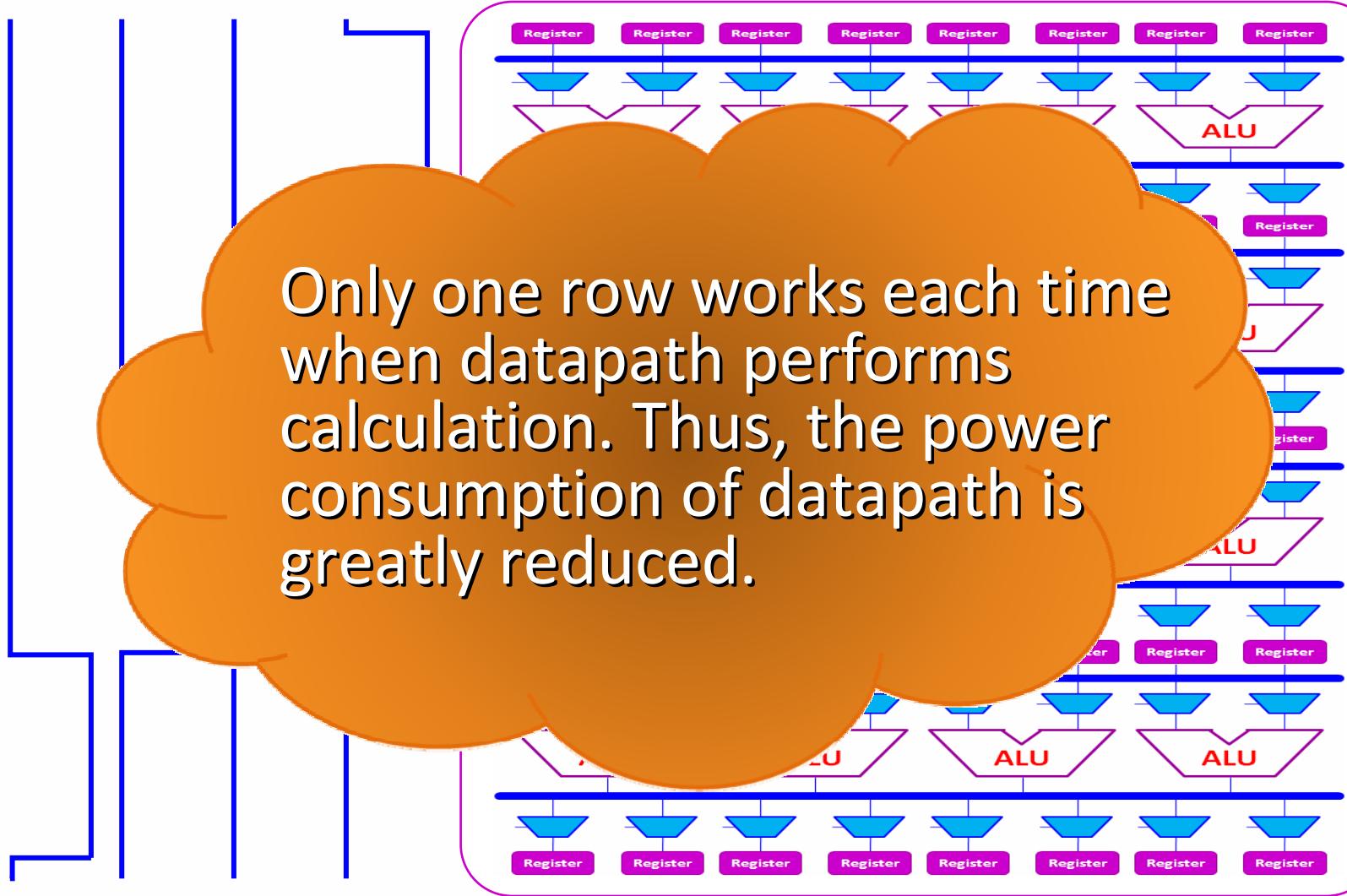
Reconfigurable Computing: Controller





Power Consumption Reduction

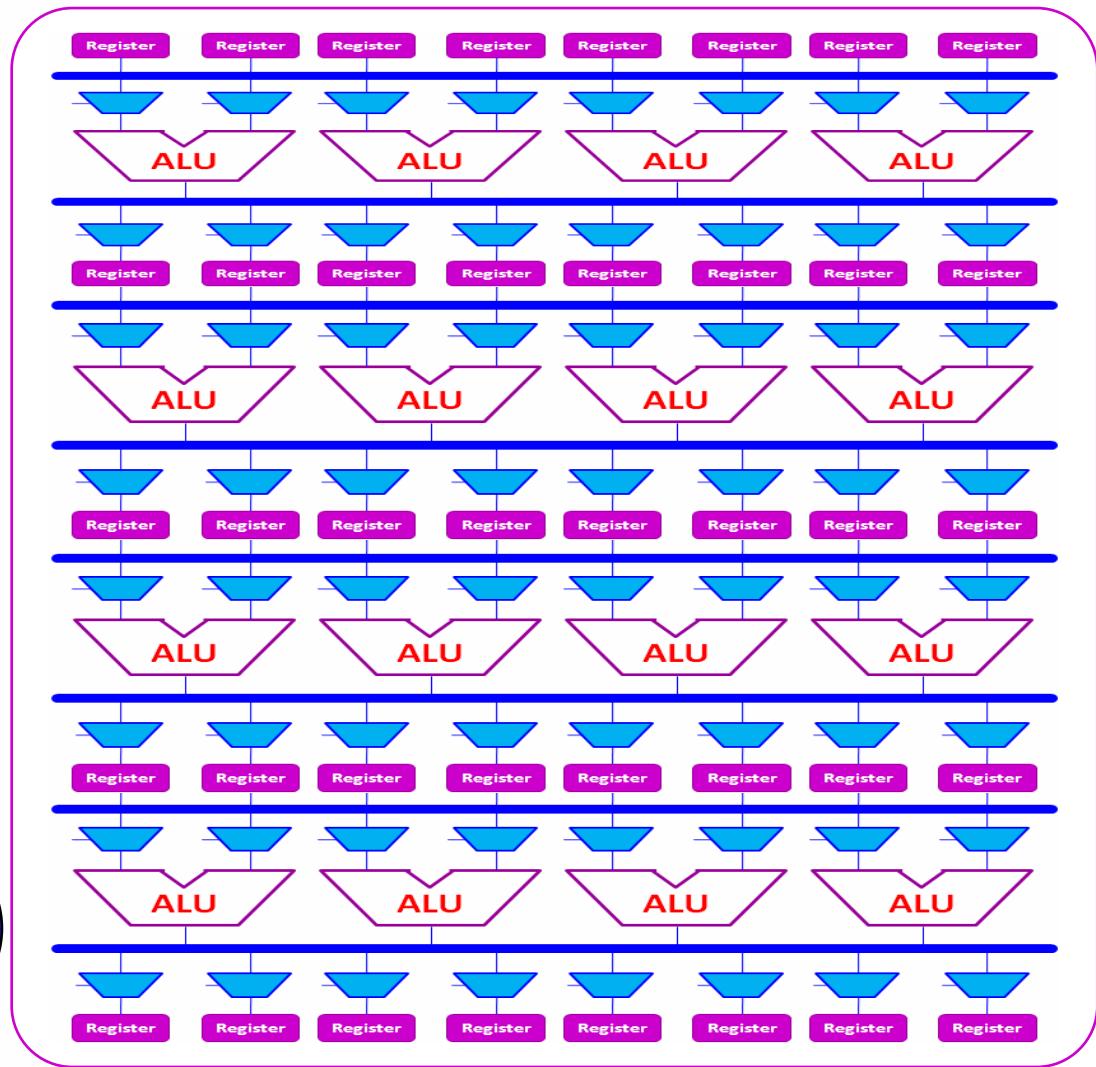
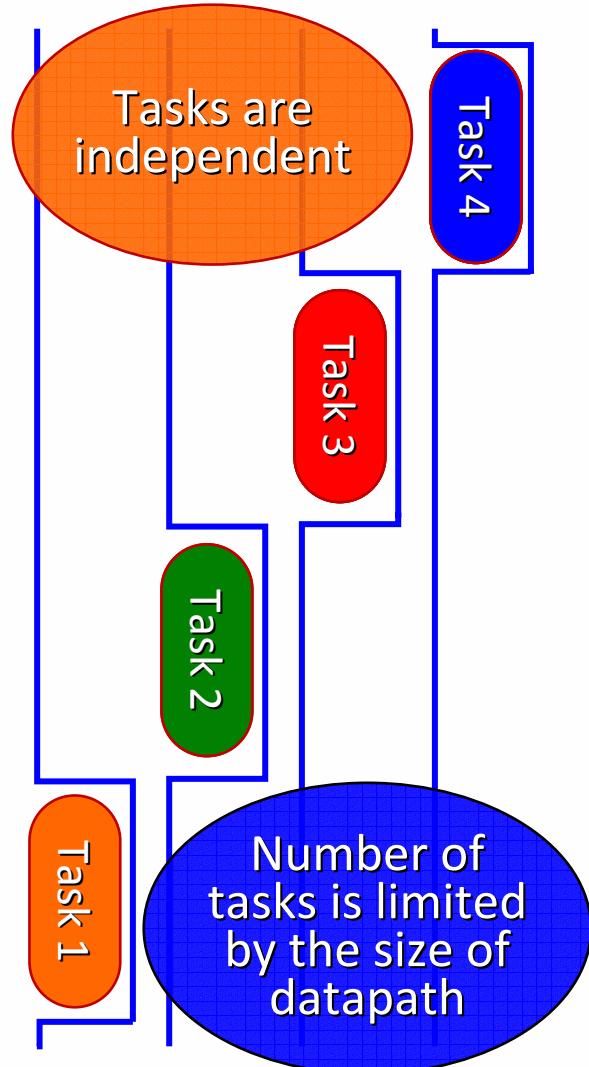
Only one row works each time when datapath performs calculation. Thus, the power consumption of datapath is greatly reduced.





Multi-Task Pipeline Execution

Reconfigurable Computing: Controller





Compiler

High-Level Programming Language
(Such as: ANSI C)

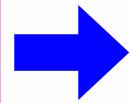
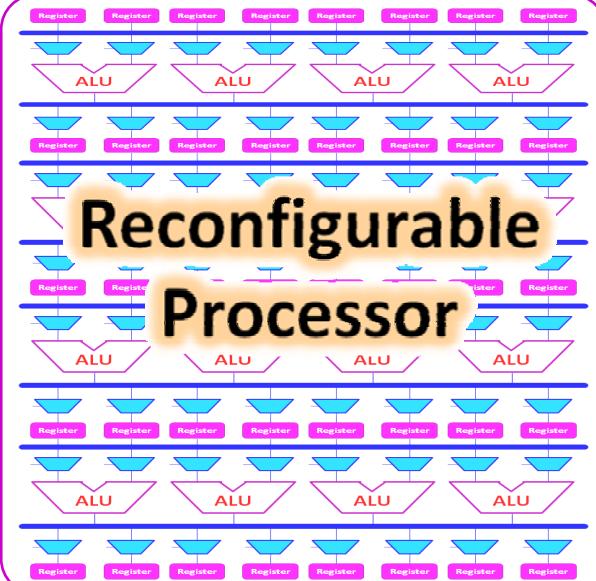
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{
    .....
    func(..., ...)

    .....
    dct(..., ...)

    .....
    .....
}
```

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func(..., ...)
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}
```



Compiler

Syntax Check

Code Profiling

Code Transformation

Code Optimization

Data-Flow Generation

Task Partitioning

Task Scheduling

Allocation

Connection Scheme

Mappings

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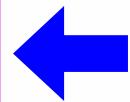
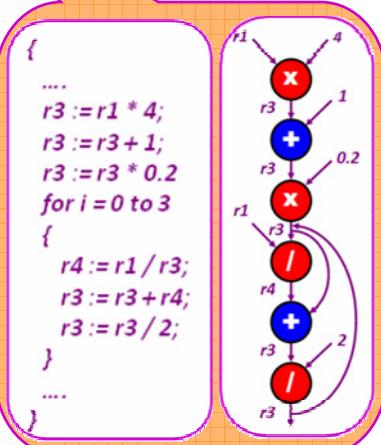
```
if ((a+b) > 1)
```

```
{
```

```
...
```

```
}
```

```
c = a + b
if (c > 1)
{
    ...
}
```





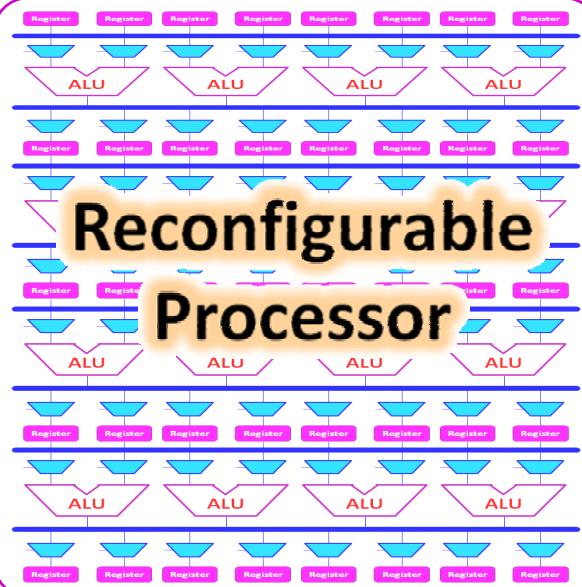
Compiler: Special Features

High-Level Programming Language
(Such as: ANSI C)

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    dct(..., ...)
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func(..., ...)
{
    .....
}
```

```
dct(..., ...)
{
    .....
}
```



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- Code modification
- Adaptation
- Parallelization
- Optimization

- Efficiency
- Parallelization
- Sharing
- Localization

- Simplicity
- Short delay
- Power saving

- Utilization cost
- Power

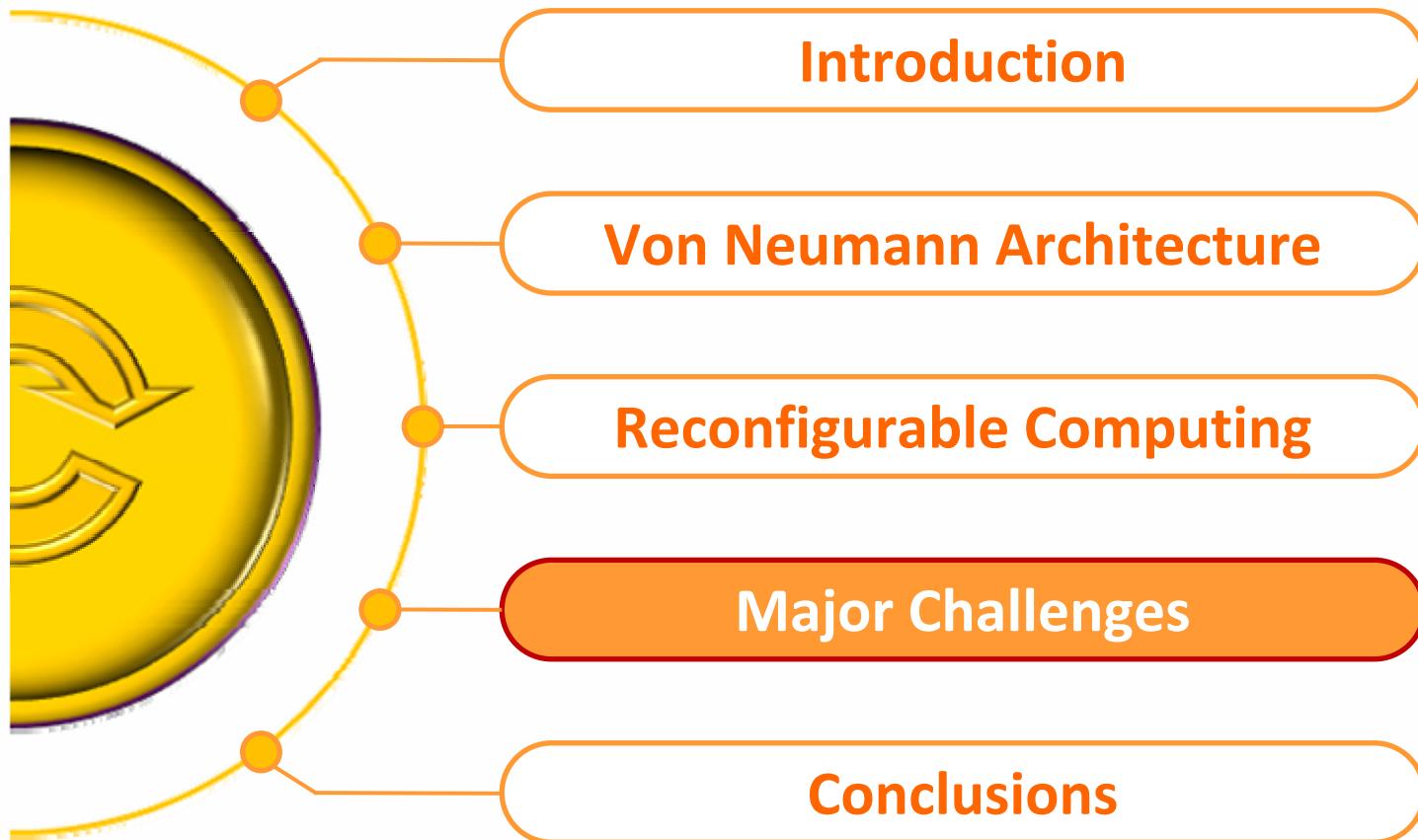


Summary

- Unified computing mode.
- Multi-dimension data-path.
- Multi-function ALU.
- Operations mapping.
- Localization of memories.
- Regularity of connections.
- Power gating technology.
- Programmable Finite-State Controller.
- New compiler.

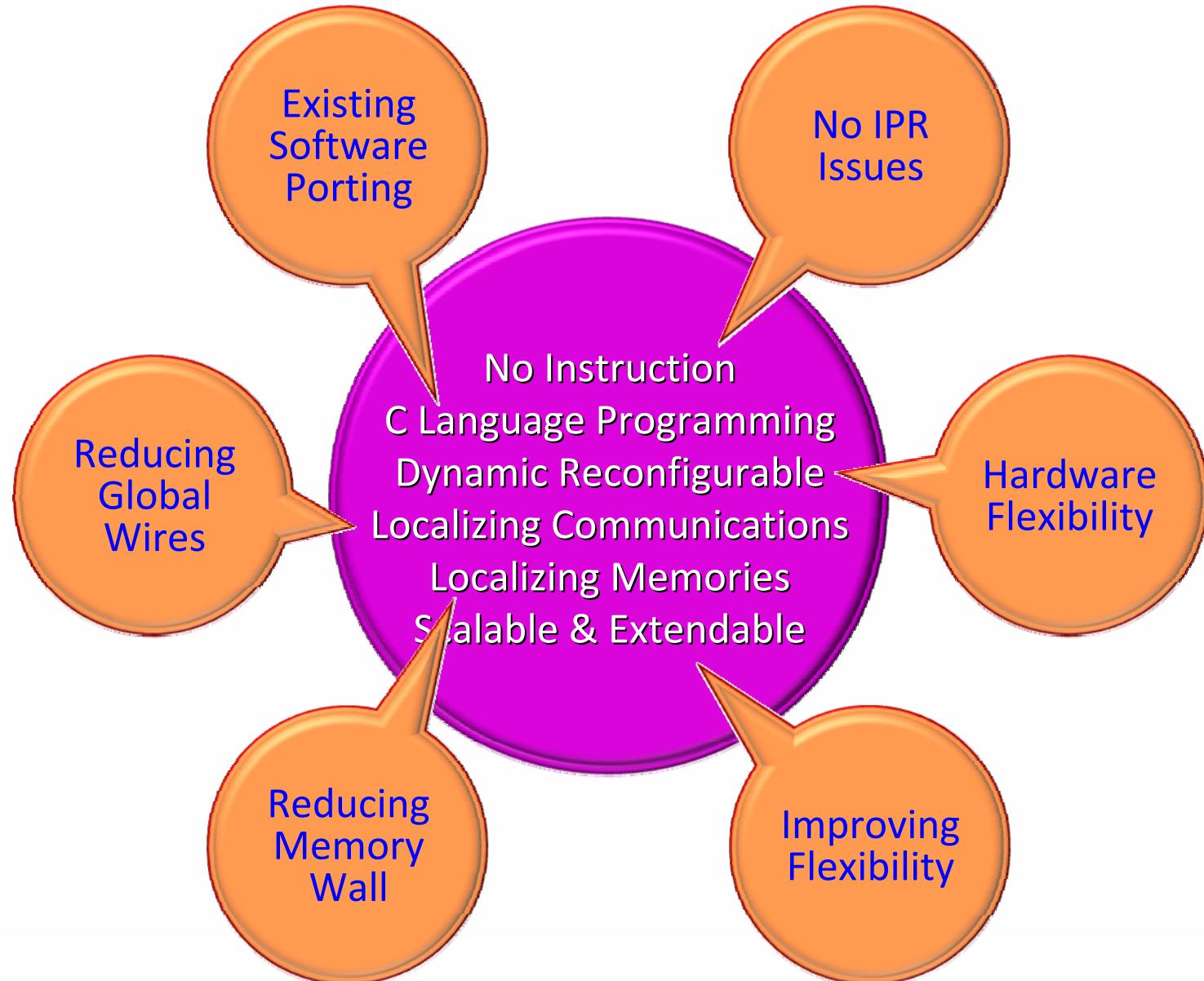


Outlines





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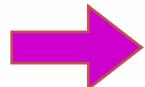


Major Challenges

High-Level Programming Language
(Such as: ANSI C)

```
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{
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    .....
    dct(..., ...)
    .....
    .....
}
```

The diagram illustrates nested function calls. It shows a main function block containing a call to a func function, which in turn contains a call to a dct function. The code snippets are enclosed in blue-bordered boxes.



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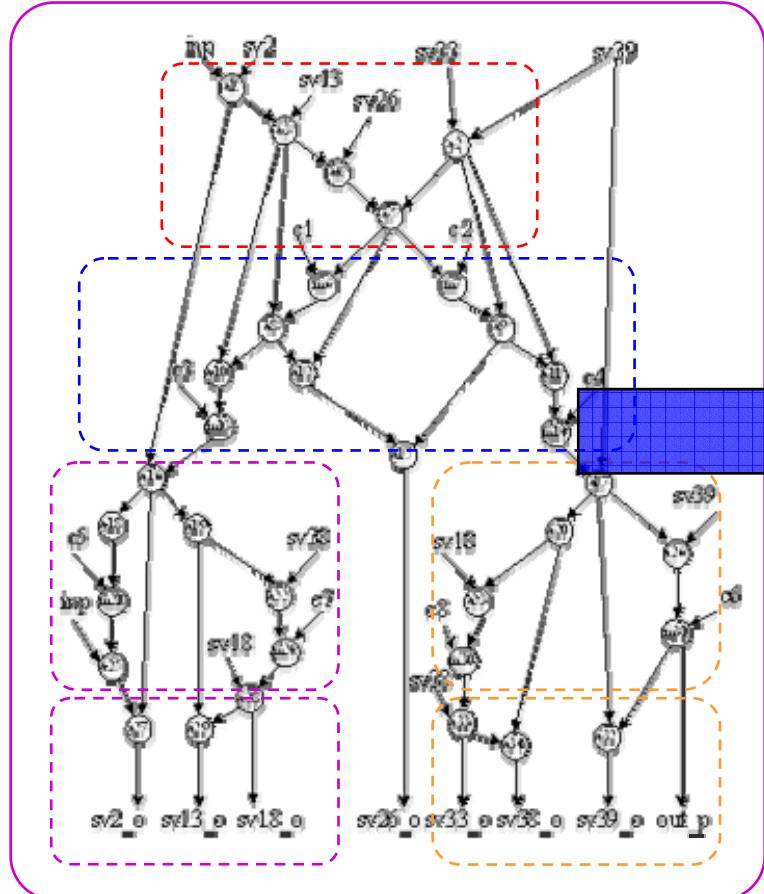
Challenges

- Available software
- C language
- Pointers
- Loops
- Recursive call
- Vector
- matrix
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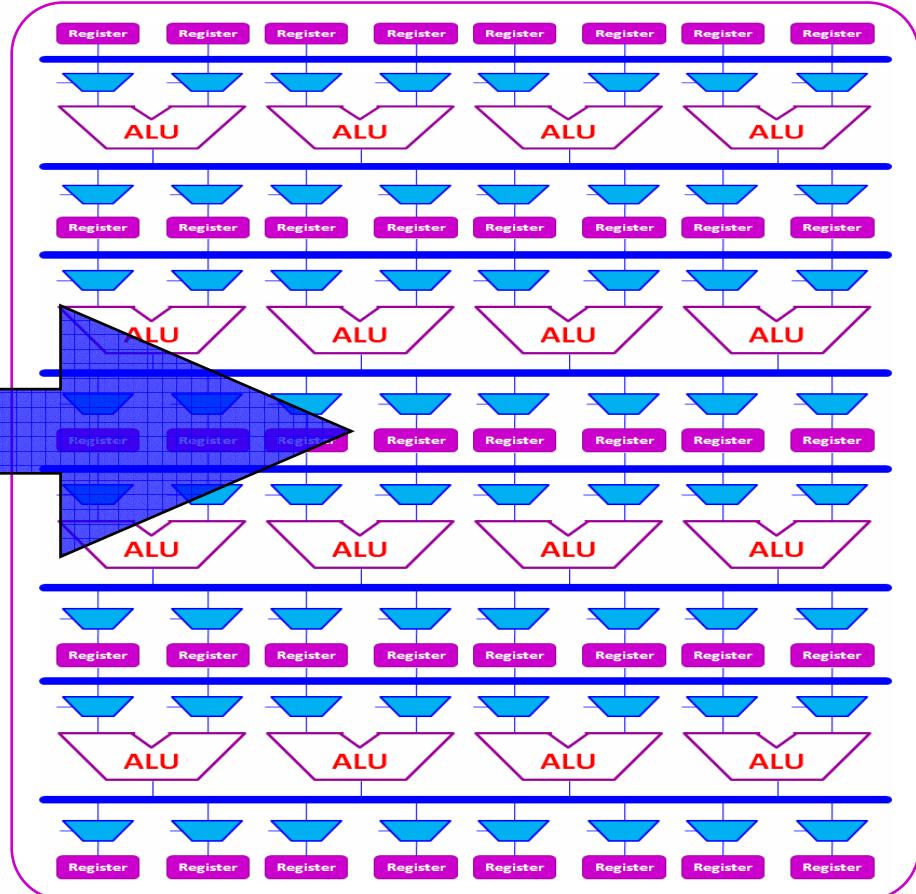


Major Challenges

Task Partitioning
Task Flow Generation
Task Dependency



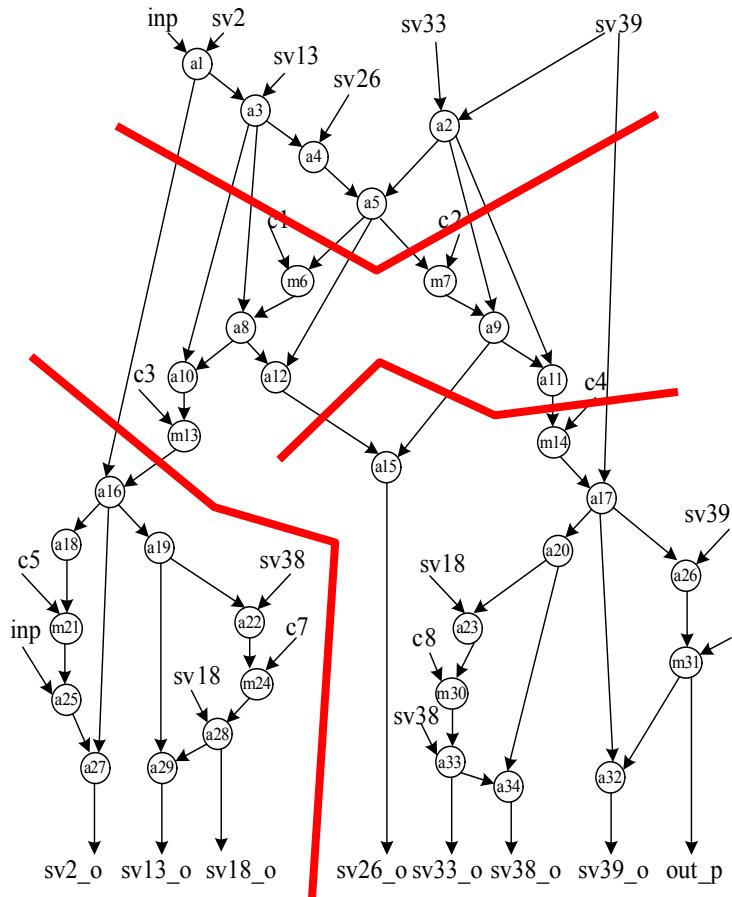
Task Scheduling
Datapath Allocation
Mapping Scheme



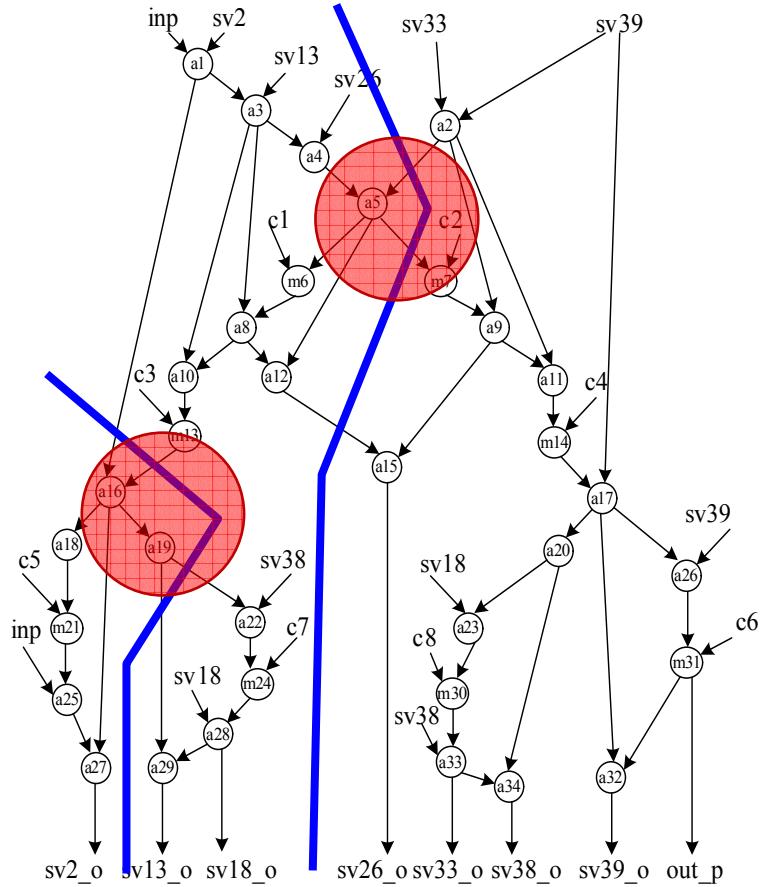


Major Challenges

Task Graph Partitioning (No Deadlock)



Task Graph Partitioning (Deadlock)



■ Requirements

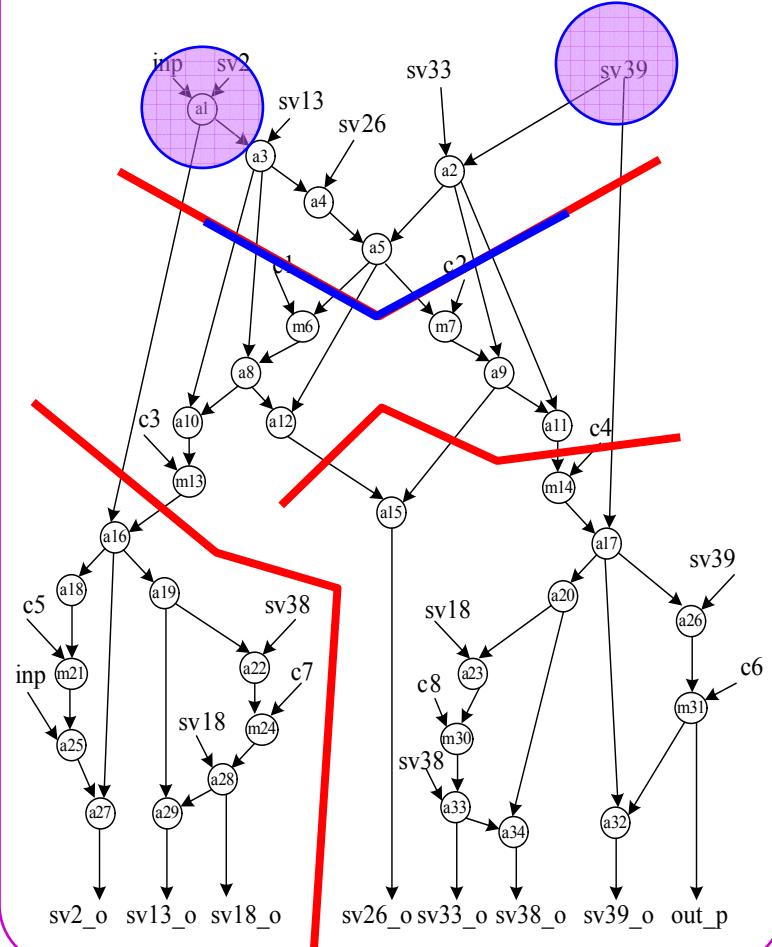
- Less interconnections (communication cost) between sub-parts;
- Avoid **deadlock**.



Global Data Passing

Major Challenges

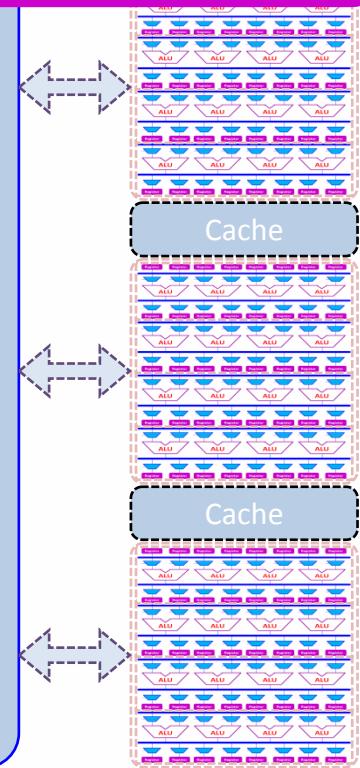
Task Graph Partitioning



Global Data
Memory



Local Data
Memory





Operating System

Major Challenges

PROGRAM A

```
Int main(void)
{
    .....
    func(..., ...)
    .....
    dct(..., ...)
    .....
}
```

PROGRAM B

```
Int main(void)
{
    .....
    func(..., ...)
    .....
    dct(..., ...)
    .....
}
```

PROGRAM C

```
Int main(void)
{
    .....
    func(..., ...)
    .....
    dct(..., ...)
    .....
}
```

- Multi-Task management
- Resource management
- Time sharing and resource sharing

- Multi-Controller
- Dynamic Resource allocation
- Queue-up



Summary

- Regarding available software, C language must be considered as programming language. Many problems, such as “pointer”, will be studied.
- Dimension limited, task mapping iterates.
- Partitioning and mapping algorithms need to be found.
- Deadlock should be avoided.
- Global memory is necessary and data passing scheme is a important issue.
- New compiler instead of traditional one.
- New operation system should be developed so that it supports massive parallel execution.



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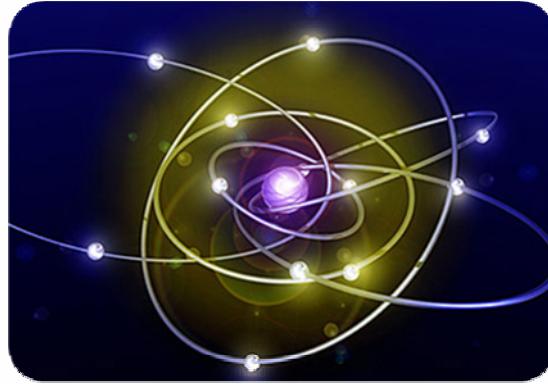


Conclusions

1. Technology will go on beyond 16nm, but only few companies and few general products will dominate market.
2. From single-core to many-core, from simple FPGA to processing heterogeneous array, reconfigurable computing will be the next trend.
3. Rich computing resources, localization of memories, regularity connections, general task flow mapping and great power efficiency, etc., all of these make up a reconfigurable, programmable processing array.
4. Problems are still tough, such as programming language, partitioning and mapping, extra memories, new operating system and so on.
5. In the future design, compiler is a key.



Predicting the Future



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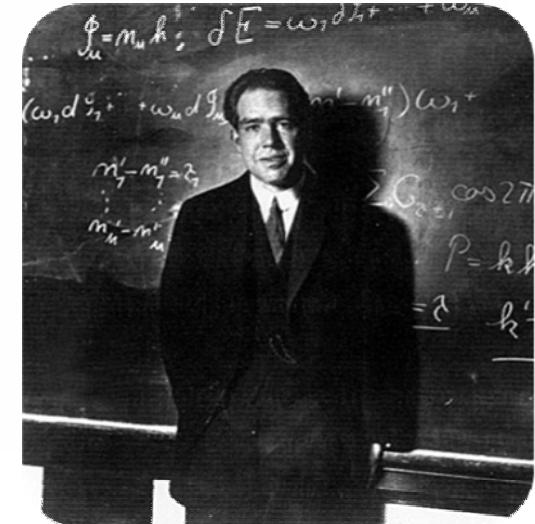
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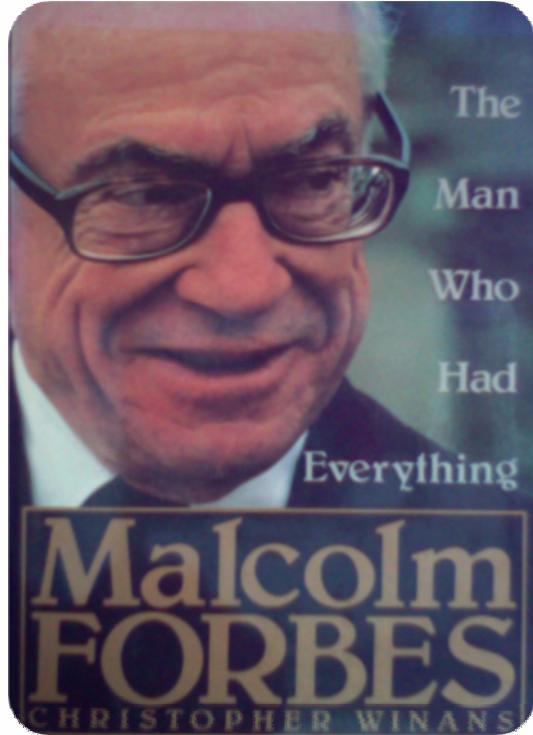
Prediction is very difficult,
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- Niels Bohr

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Anyone who says businessmen deal in facts—not fiction—has never read old five-year projections..."

- Malcolm Forbes

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