

CS 6530: Advanced Database Systems Fall 2022

# Lecture 20

## Filters + Databases on Modern Hardware

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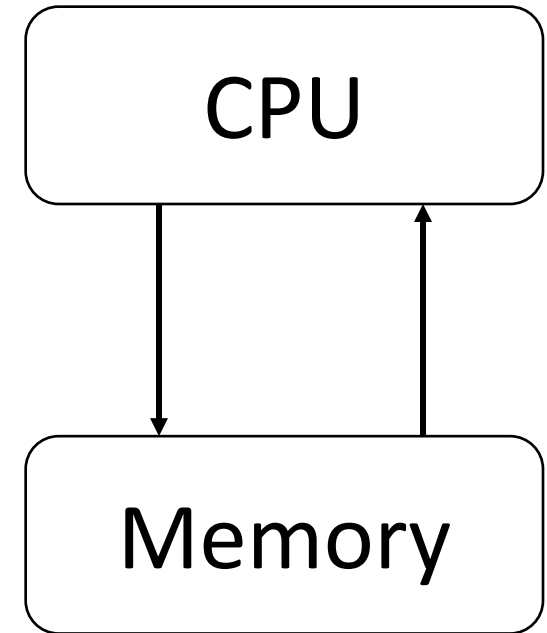
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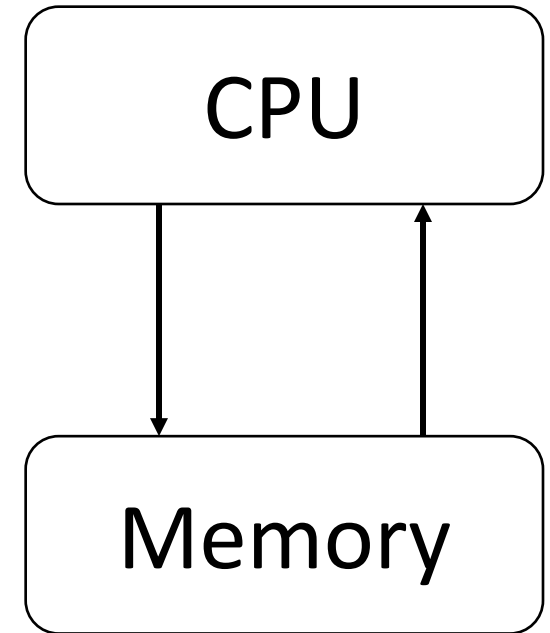
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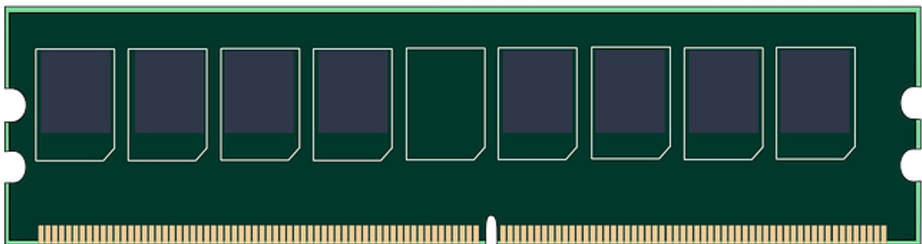
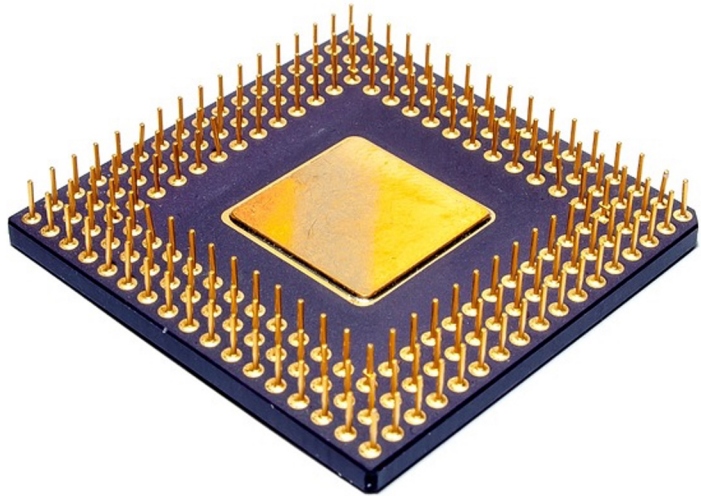
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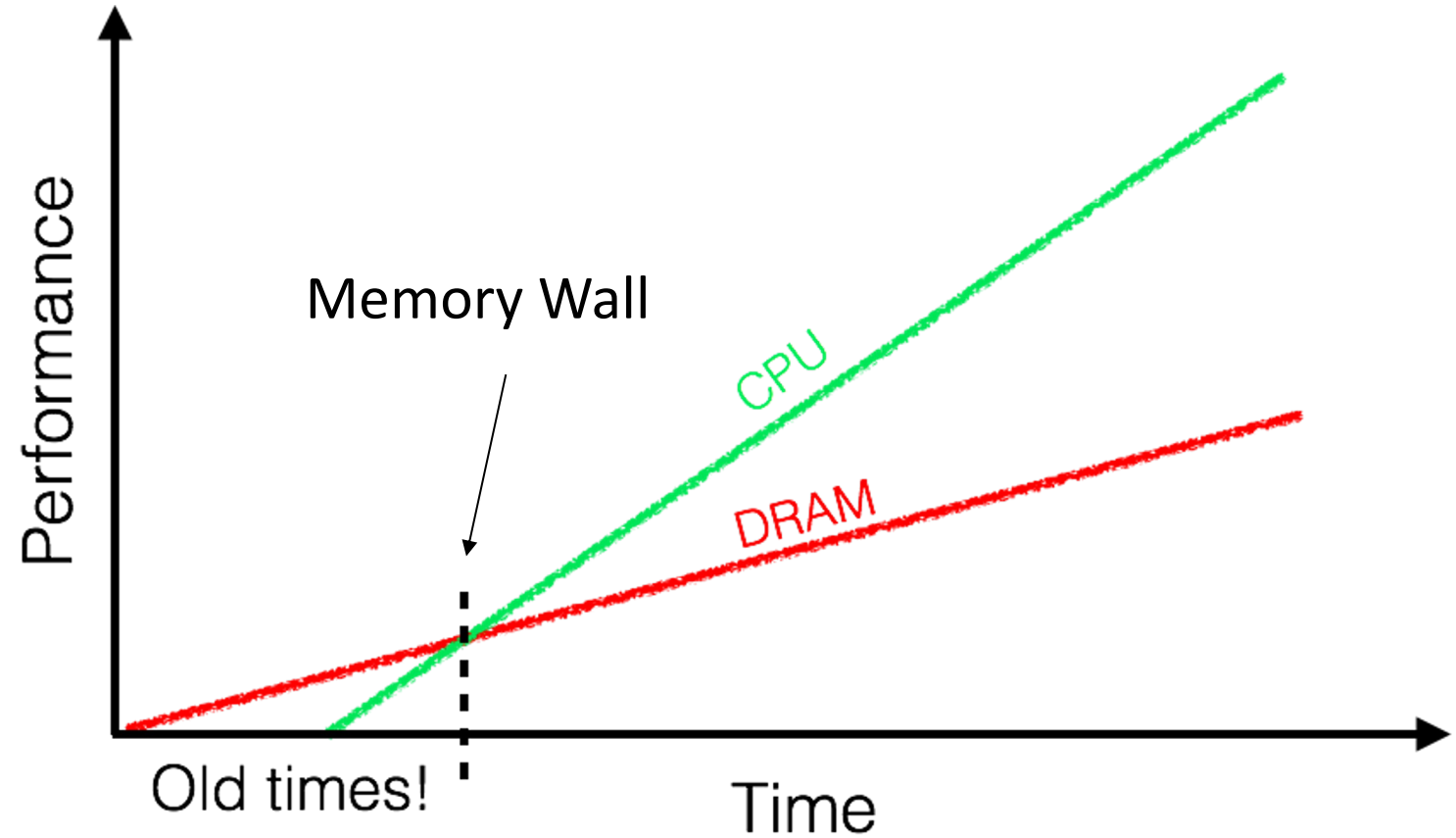
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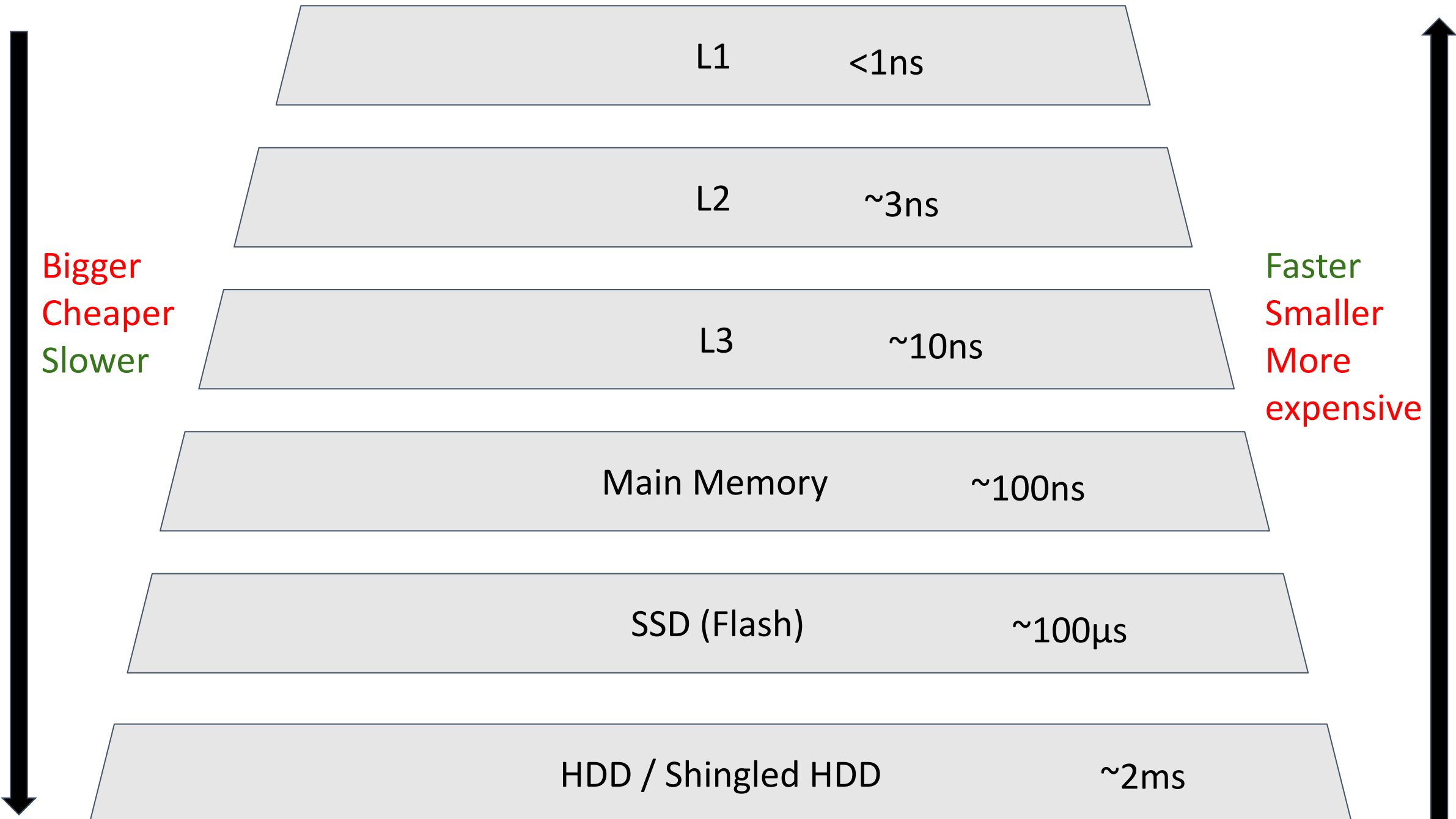


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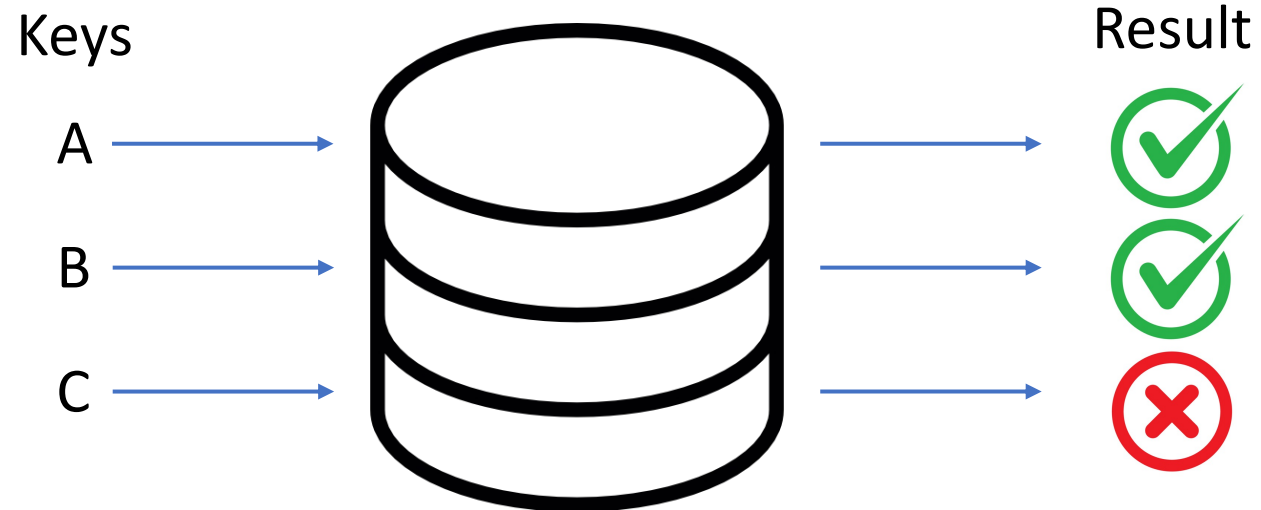


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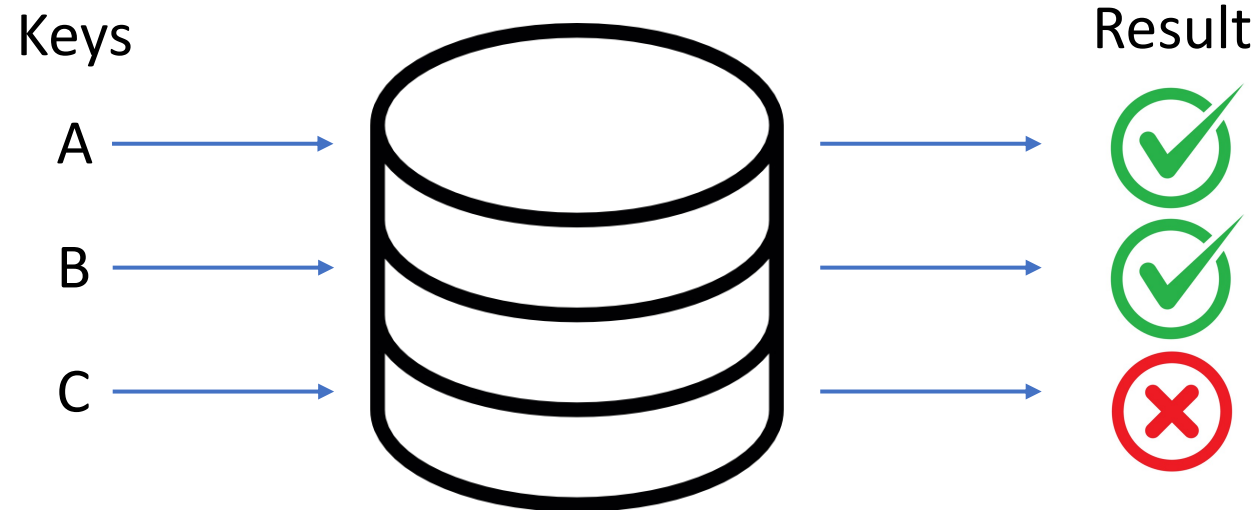
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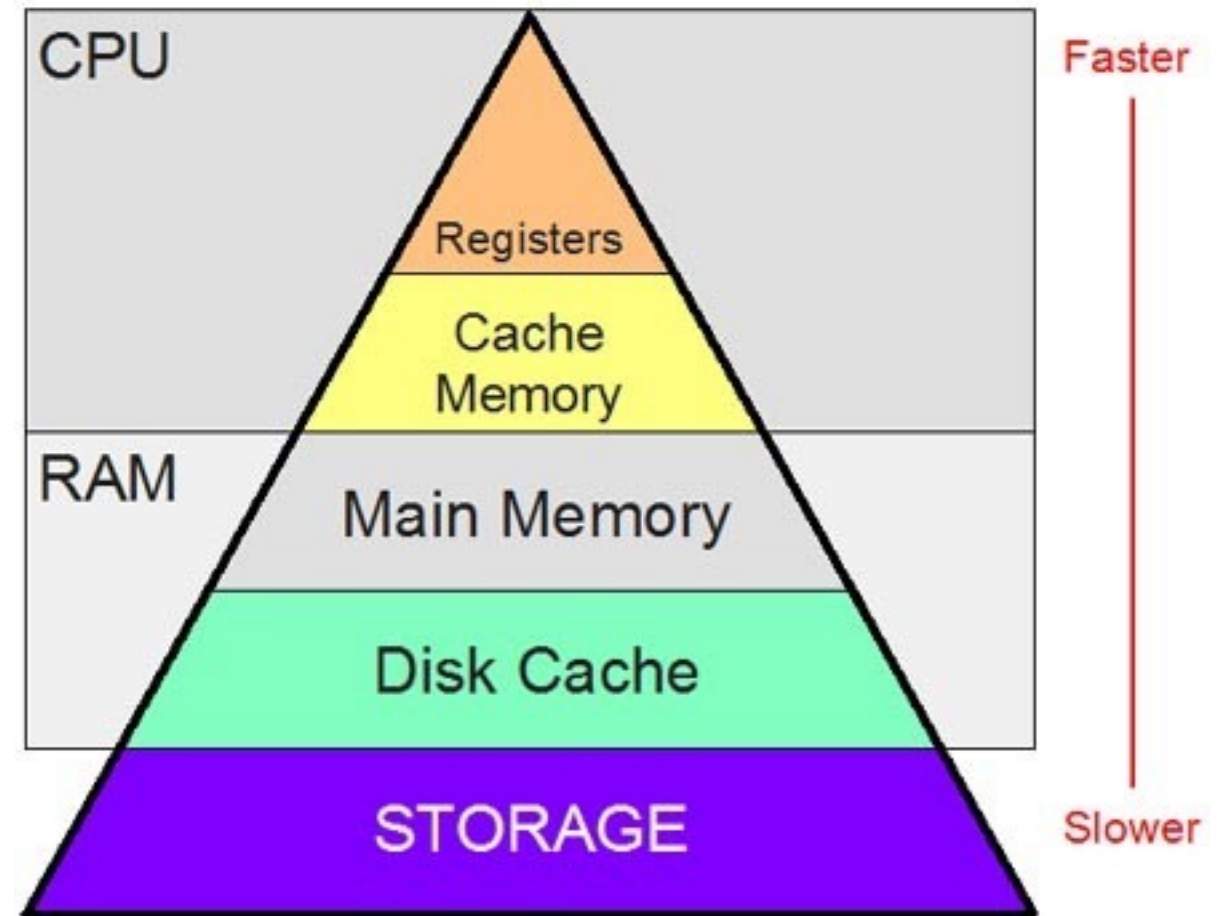


**Can we avoid searching for items that aren't in the dataset?**

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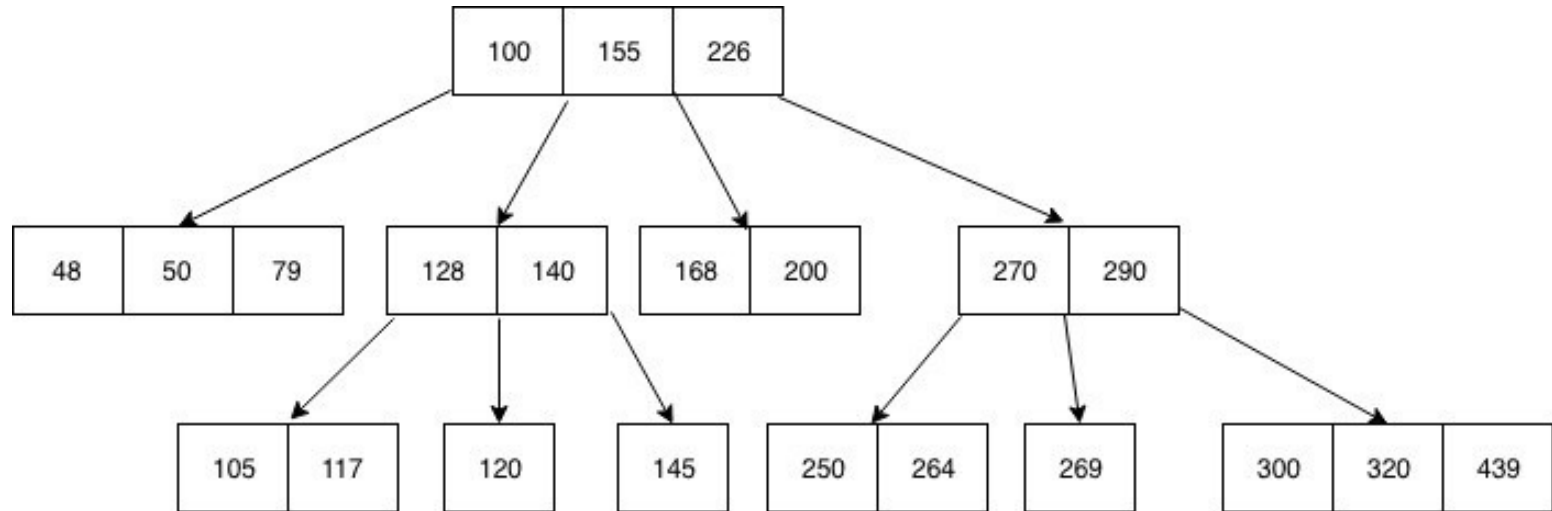
If hot items are held in memory,  
No need to look them up again



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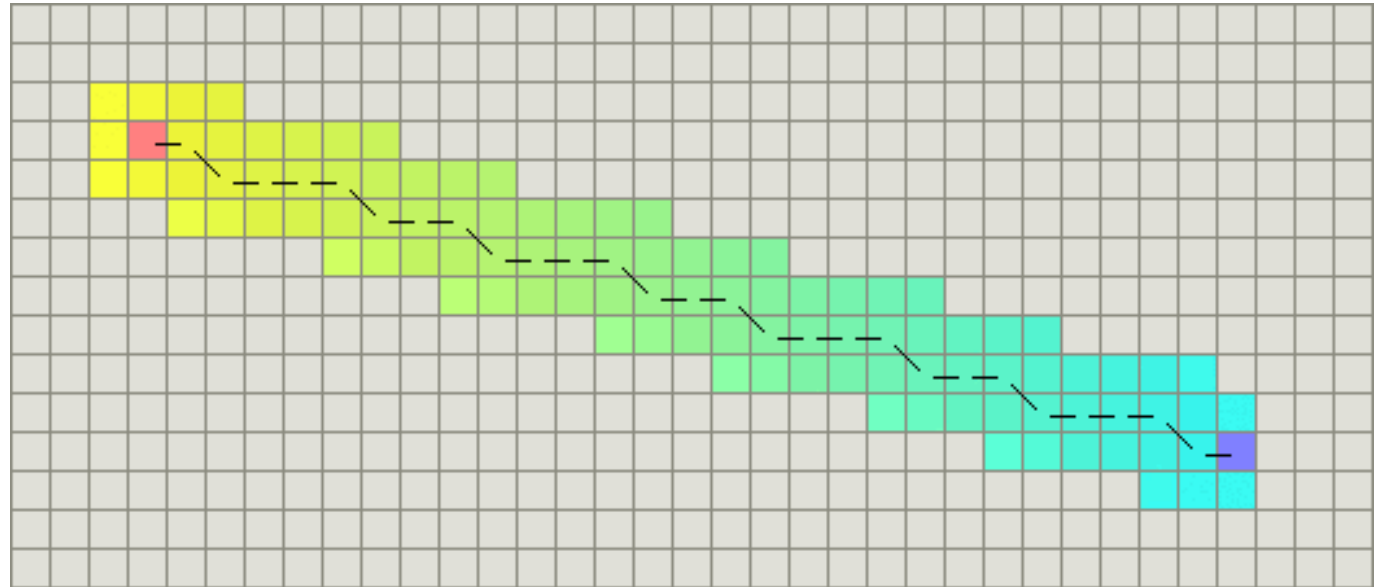
Indices let you perform operations like range scans that are I/O optimal



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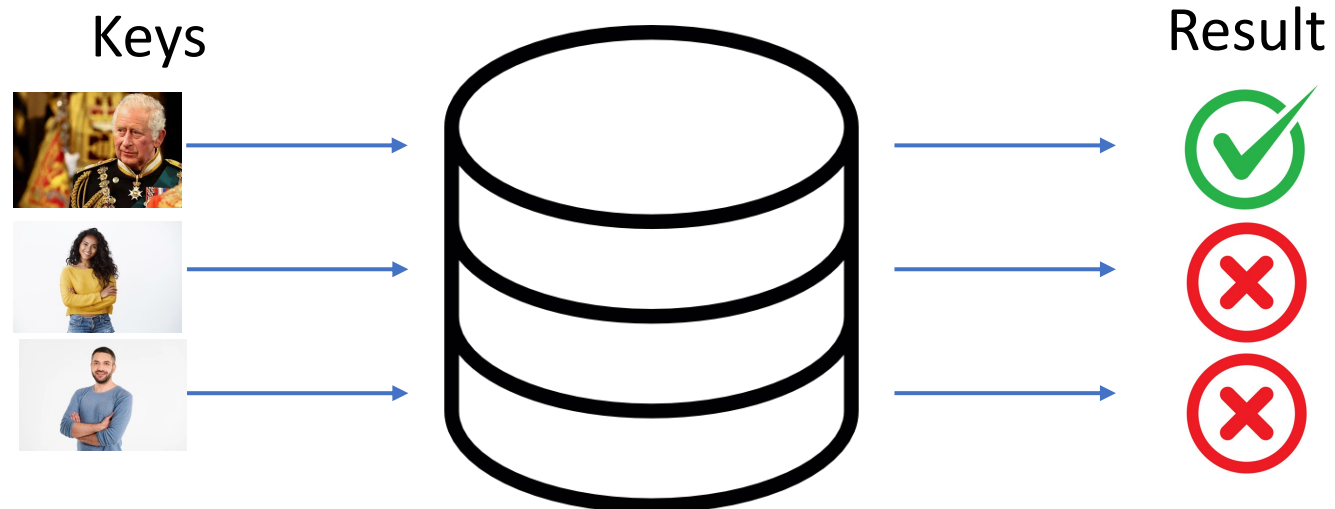
Heuristics learn something about the data stored to avoid unnecessary work



# Example: Marking Monarchs

Imagine a dataset containing information on every person on Earth.

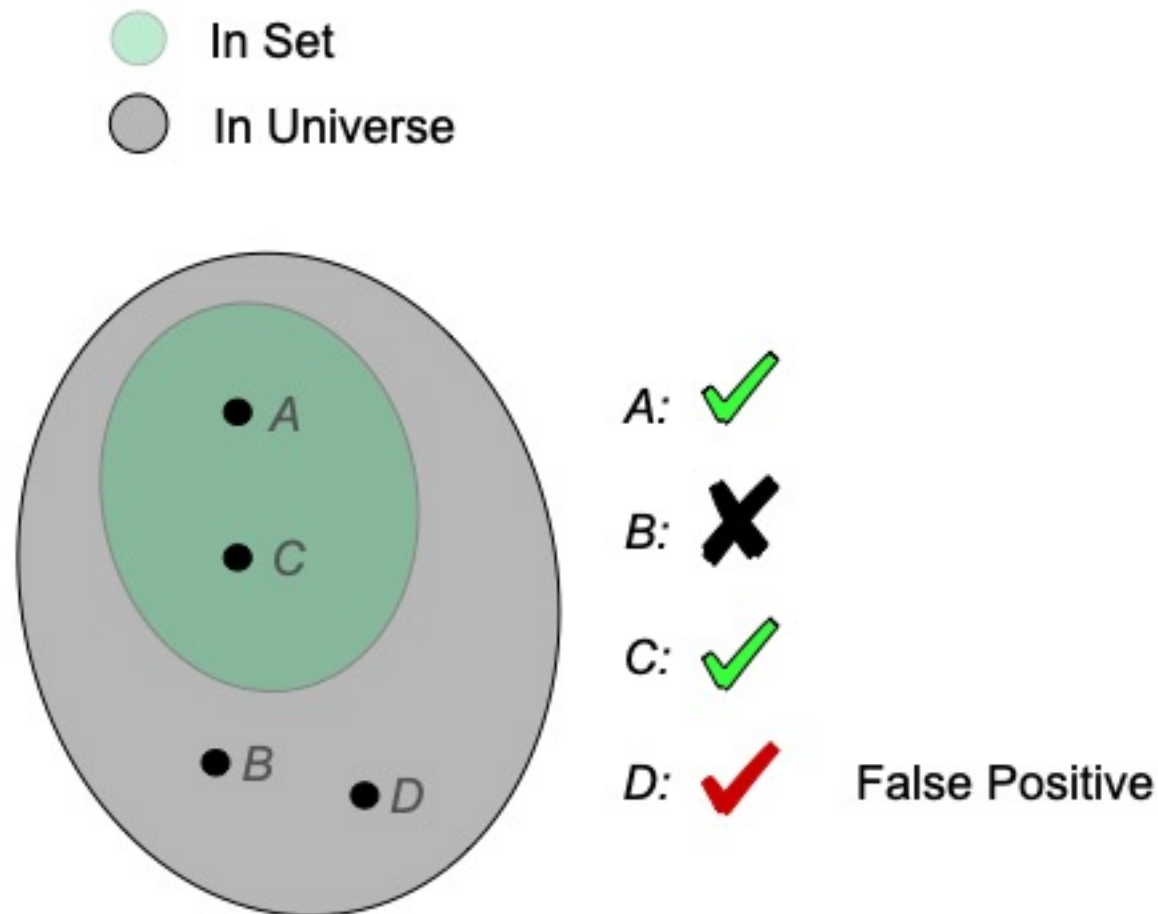
We have a set of people to query – want to determine if they rule England.



Can we build a heuristic for **any** dataset?

# Filters for Efficient Data Processing

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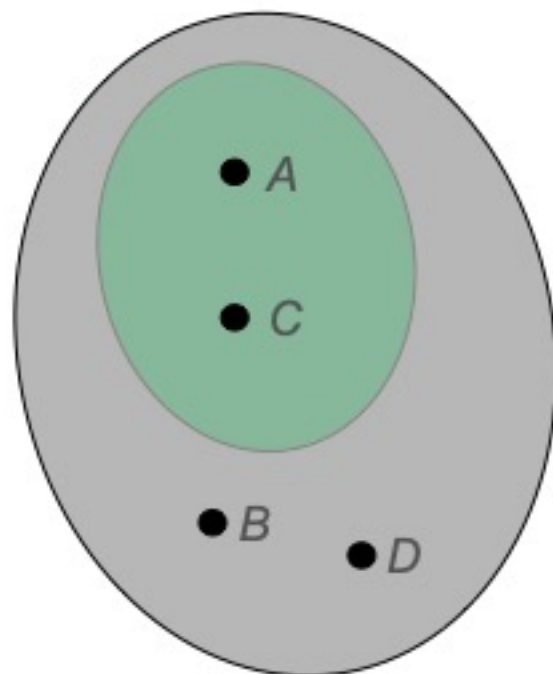
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$$\text{Space} \geq n \log \frac{1}{\epsilon} \text{ bits}$$

For most practical purposes:  
 $\epsilon = 2\%$ , a filter requires  $\sim 8$  bits/  
item

- In Set
- In Universe



A: ✓

B: ✗

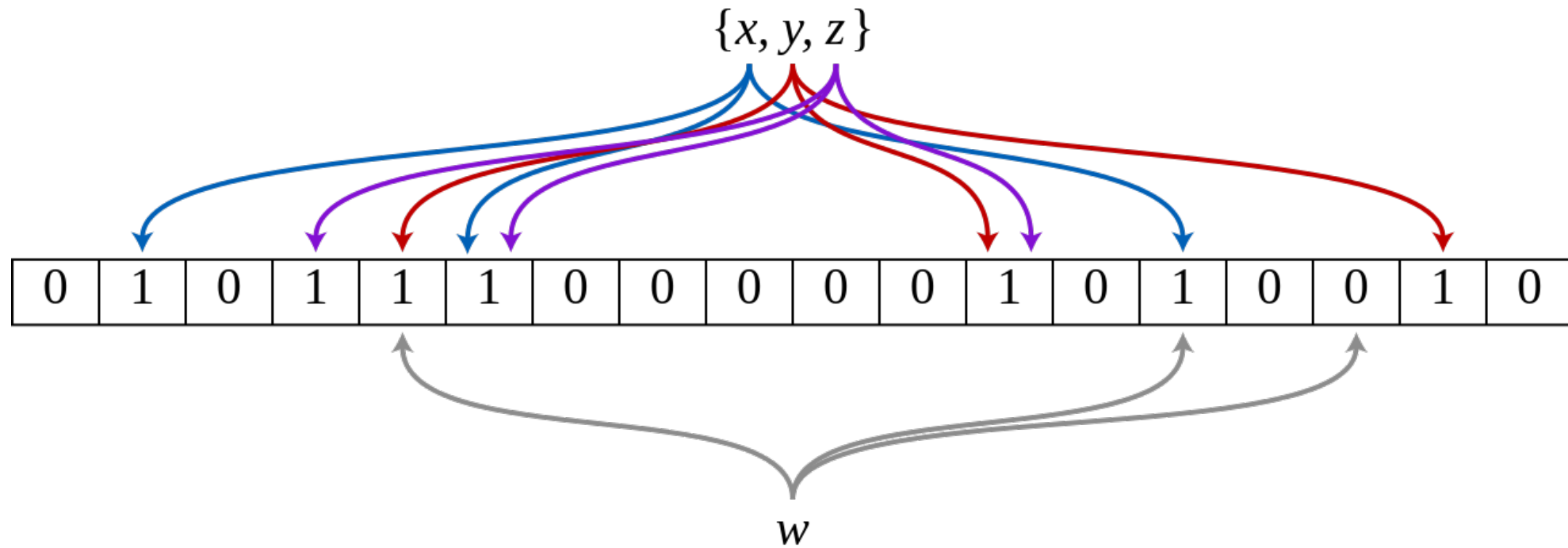
C: ✓

D: ✓

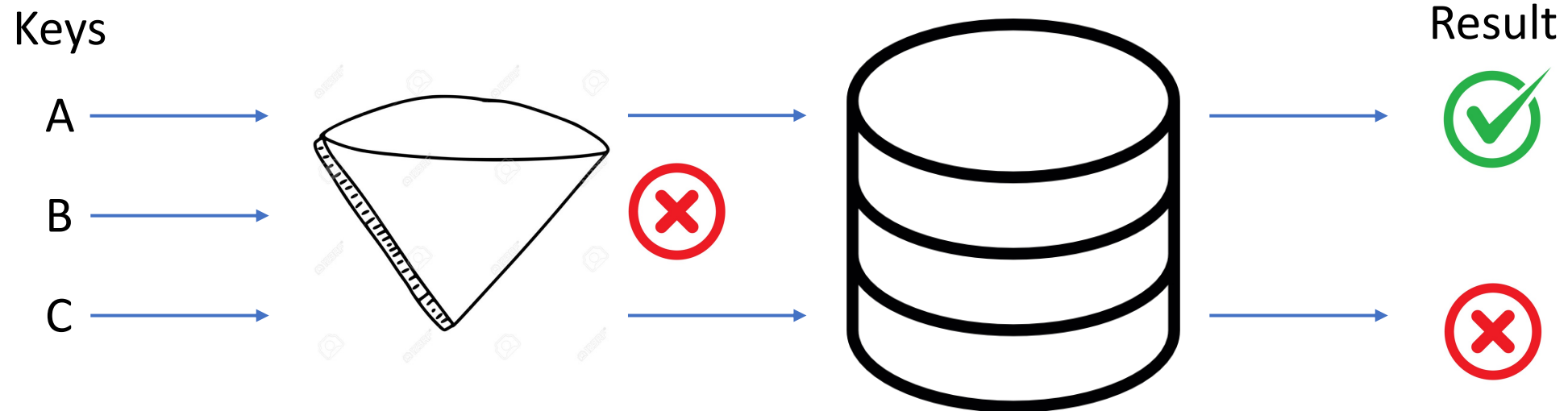
False Positive



# Bloom Filters



# Filters for Databases



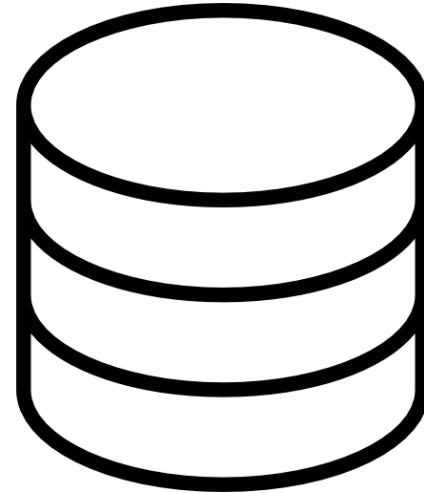
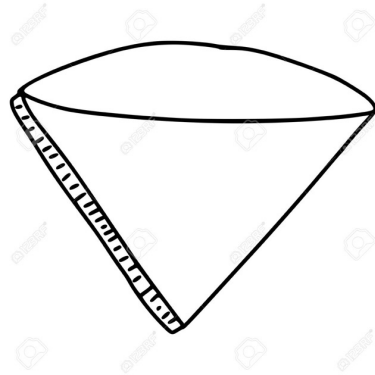
**Filter prunes most false negatives before disk lookup**

Is this always better?

# Is this always better?

Keys

C



Result

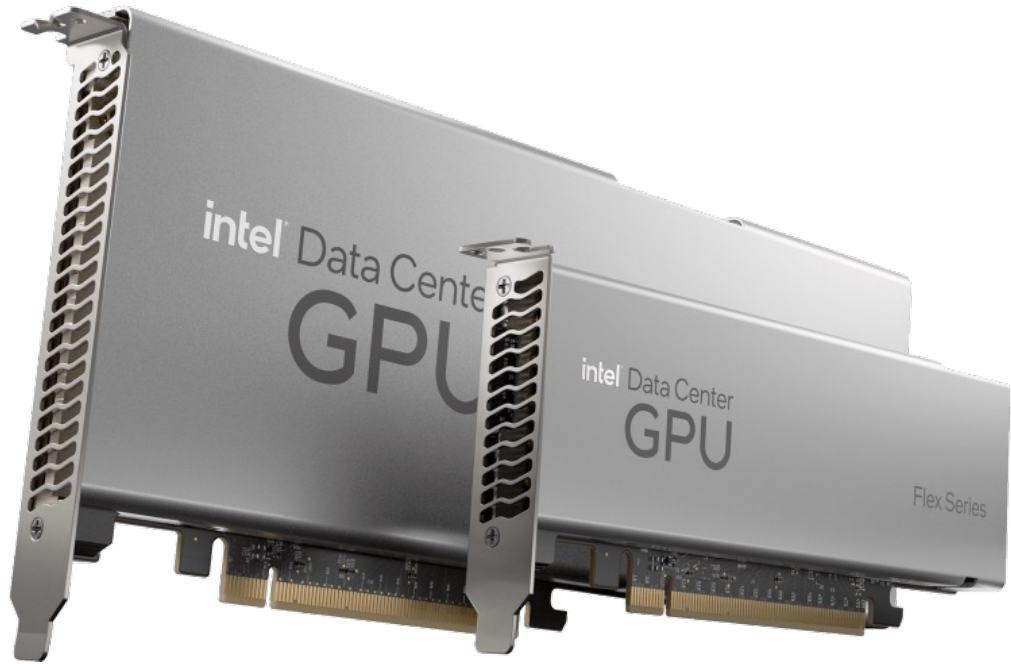


**False positive queries do extra work**

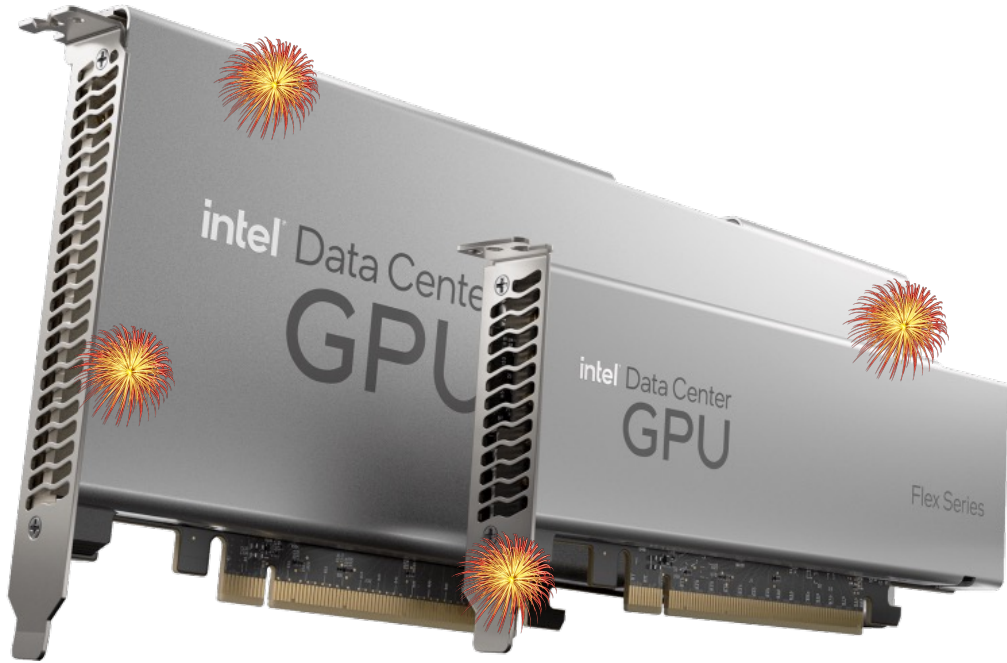
# Adaptive Filters

- Adaptive filters are filters that can learn from false positives
  - When a false positive is detected, extra information is added to the filter to prevent a future collision
  - Special variant called **strongly adaptive** that can, with limited memory, adjust to any dataset

# GPU stuff



# GPU stuff!



# *Moore's law*

Often expressed as:

“X doubles every 18-24 months”

where X is:

“performance”

CPU clock speed

the number of transistors per chip

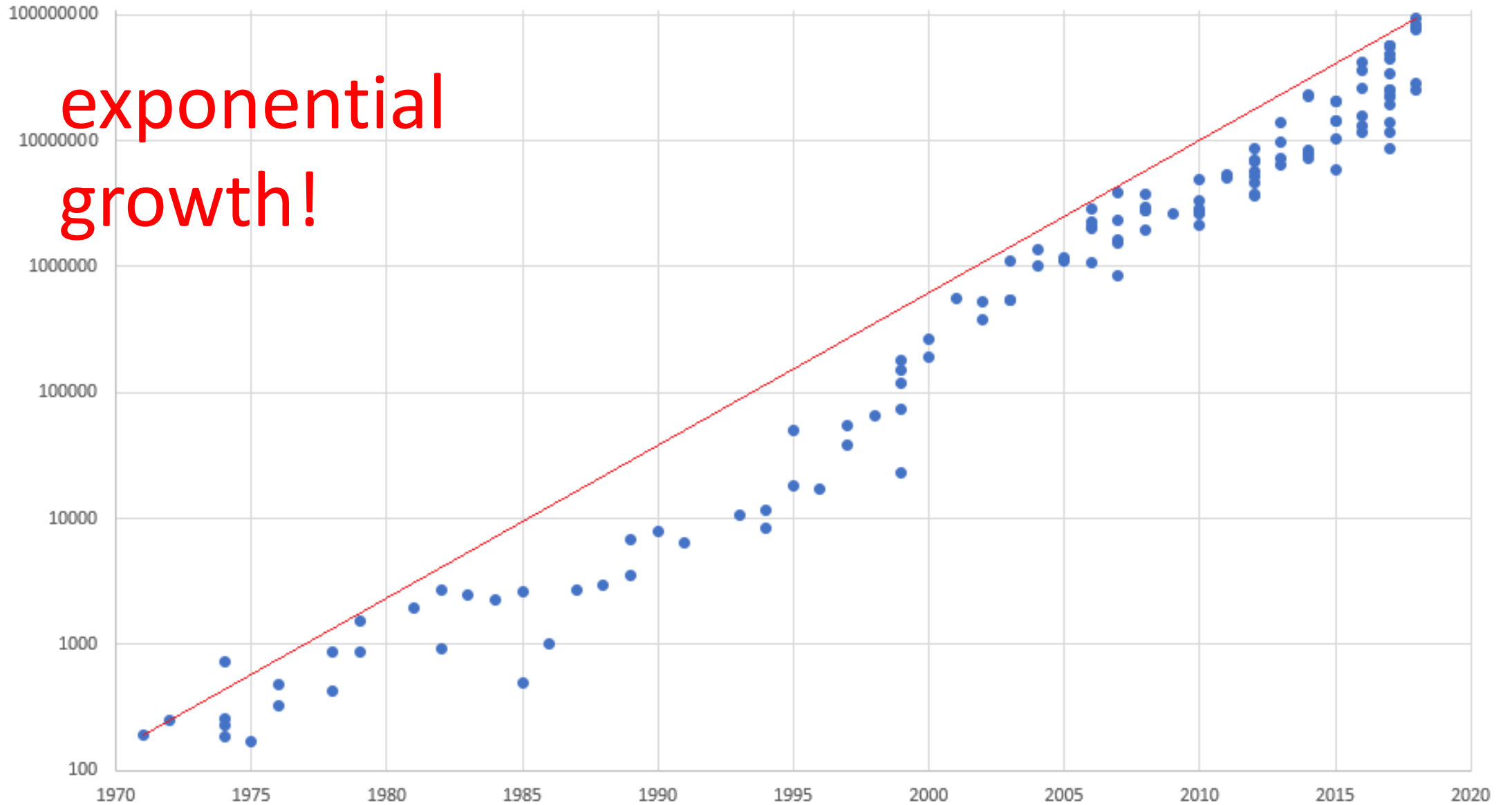
*which one is it?*



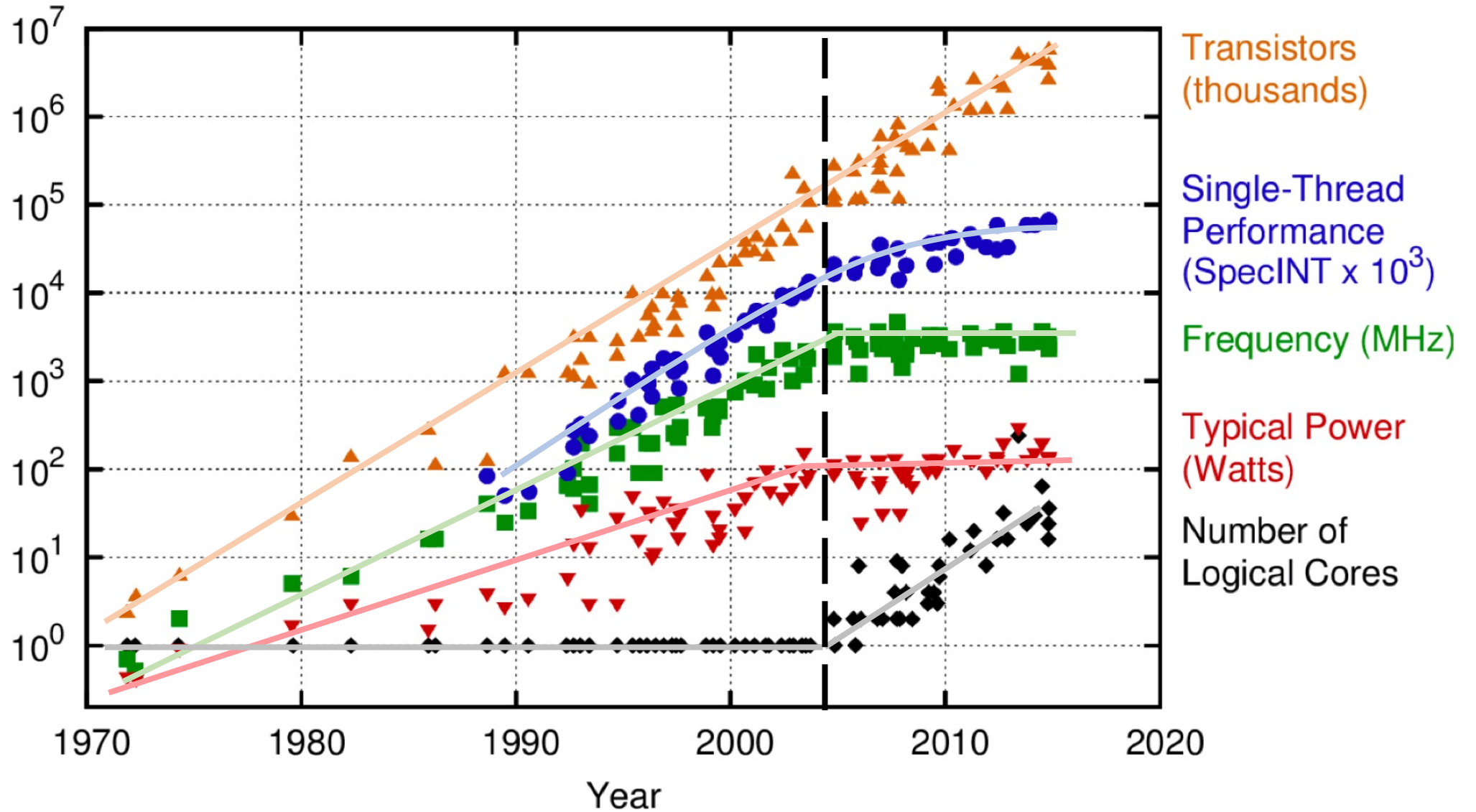
# Moore's Law is Alive and Well! Transistors per Square Millimeter by Year

but ...

exponential  
growth!



# 40 Years of Microprocessor Trend Data



Original data up to the year 2010 collected and plotted by M. Horowitz, F. Labonte, O. Shacham, K. Olukotun, L. Hammond, and C. Batten  
New plot and data collected for 2010-2015 by K. Rupp

*Can (a single) CPU cope with increasing application complexity?*

No, because CPUs (cores) are **not** getting faster!!!

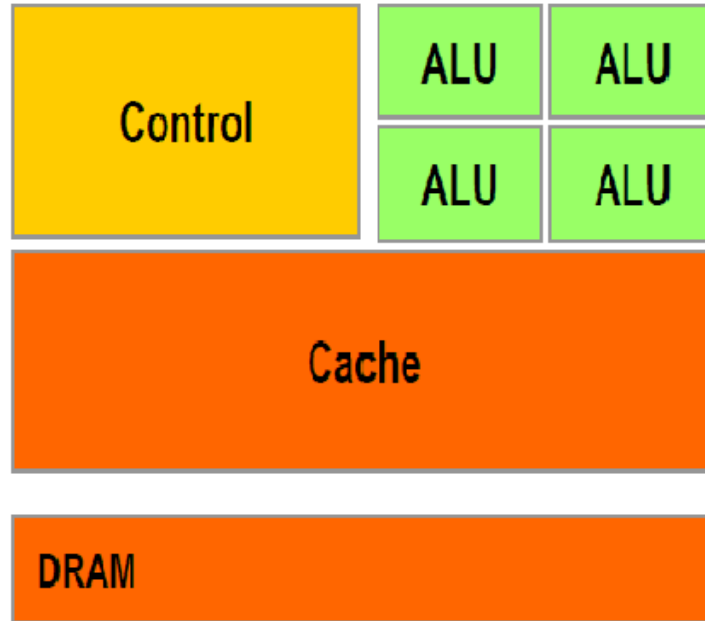
.. but they are getting more and more (**parallel**)

**Research Challenges**

*how to handle them?*

*how to parallel program?*

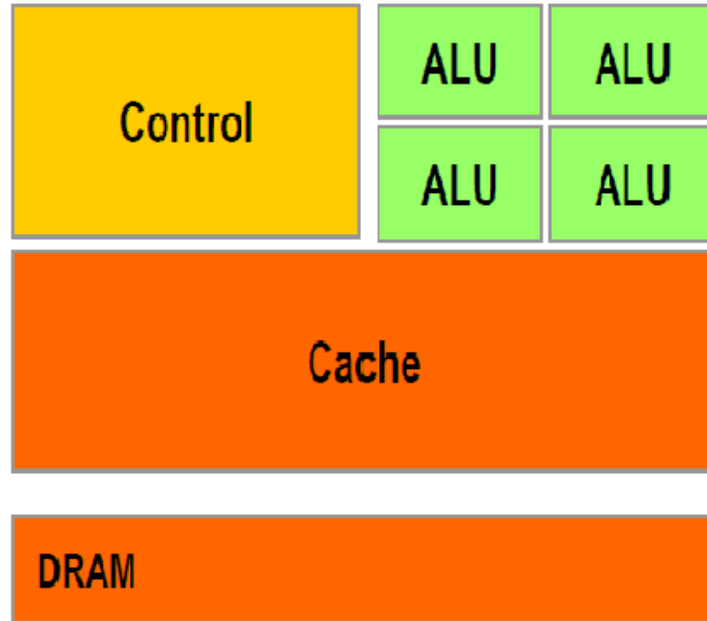
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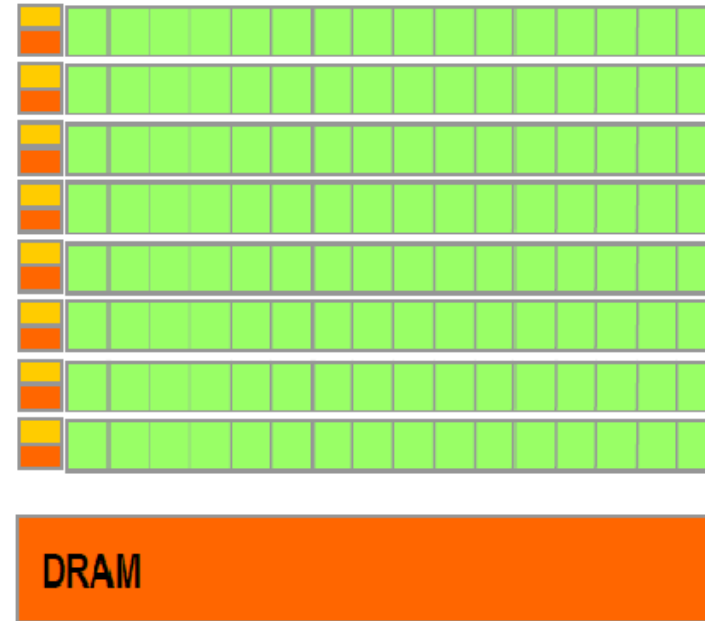
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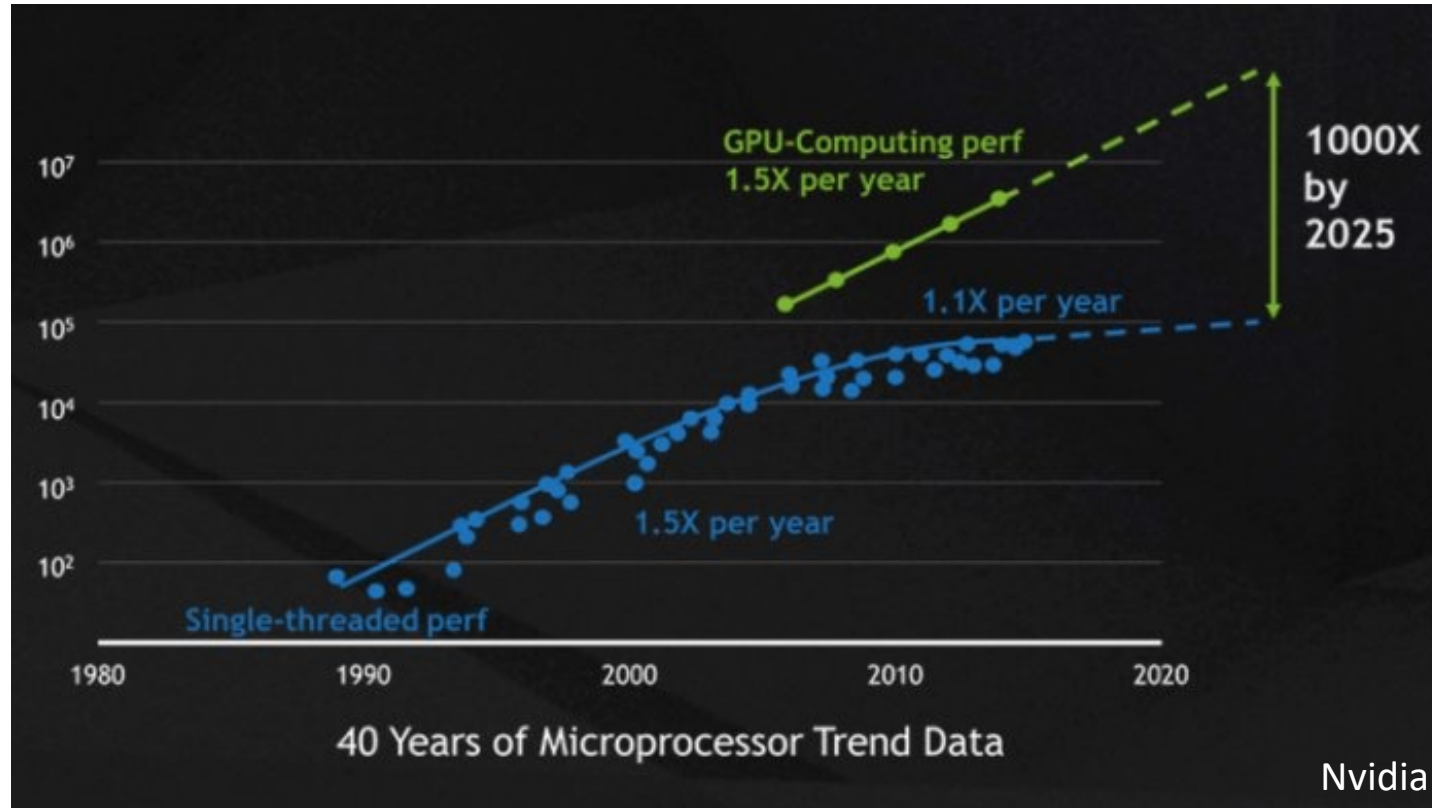


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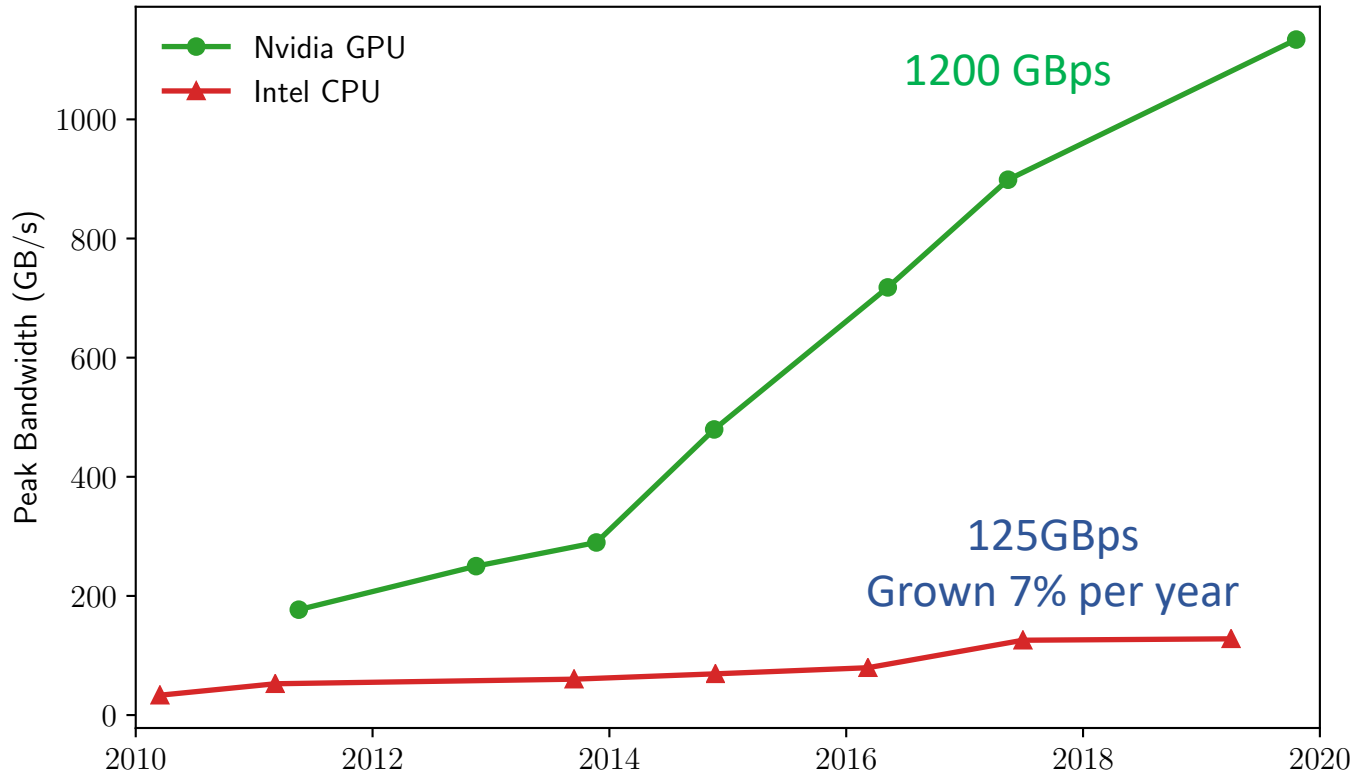
**GPU:** Many small cores. Optimized for parallel computation

# CPU vs. GPU – Processing Units



	Throughput	Power	Throughput/Power
Intel Skylake	128 GFLOPS/4 Cores	100+ Watts	~1 GFLOPS/Watt
NVIDIA V100	15 TFLOPS	200+ Watts	~75 GFLOPS/Watt

# CPU vs. GPU — Memory Bandwidth



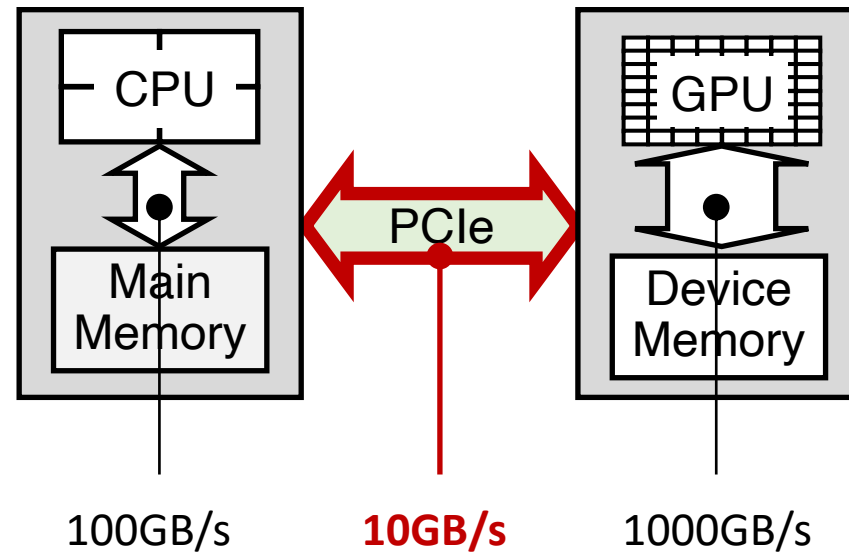
**GPU has one order of magnitude higher memory bandwidth than CPU**

Memory Bandwidth is the bottleneck for in-memory analytics

A natural idea: **use GPUs for data analytics**

# GPU-DB Limitations

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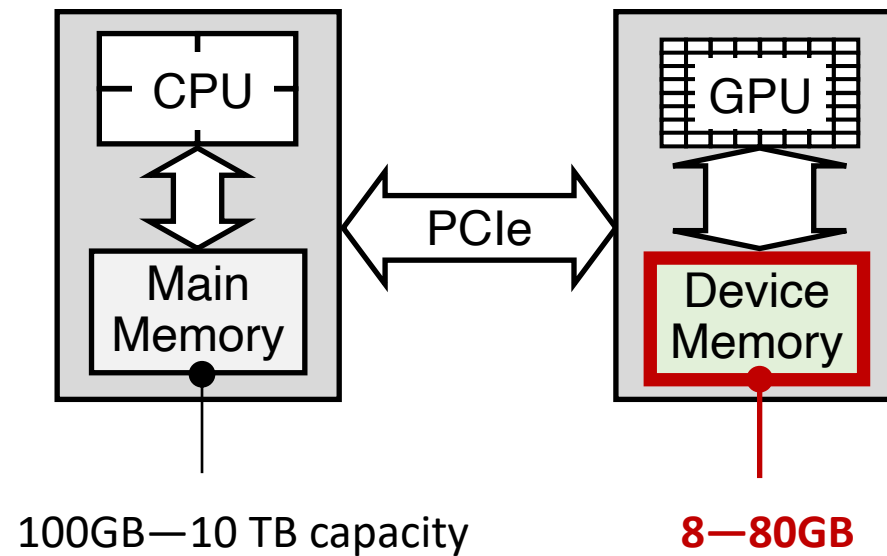




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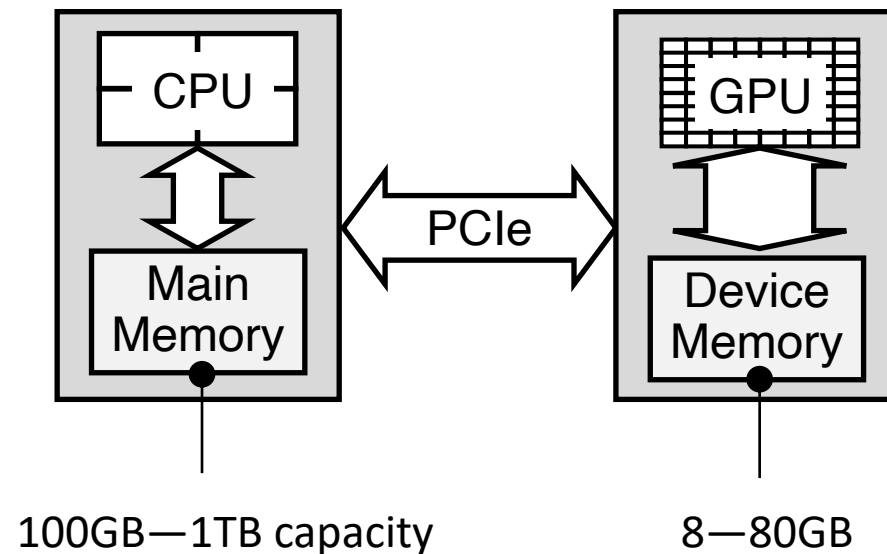


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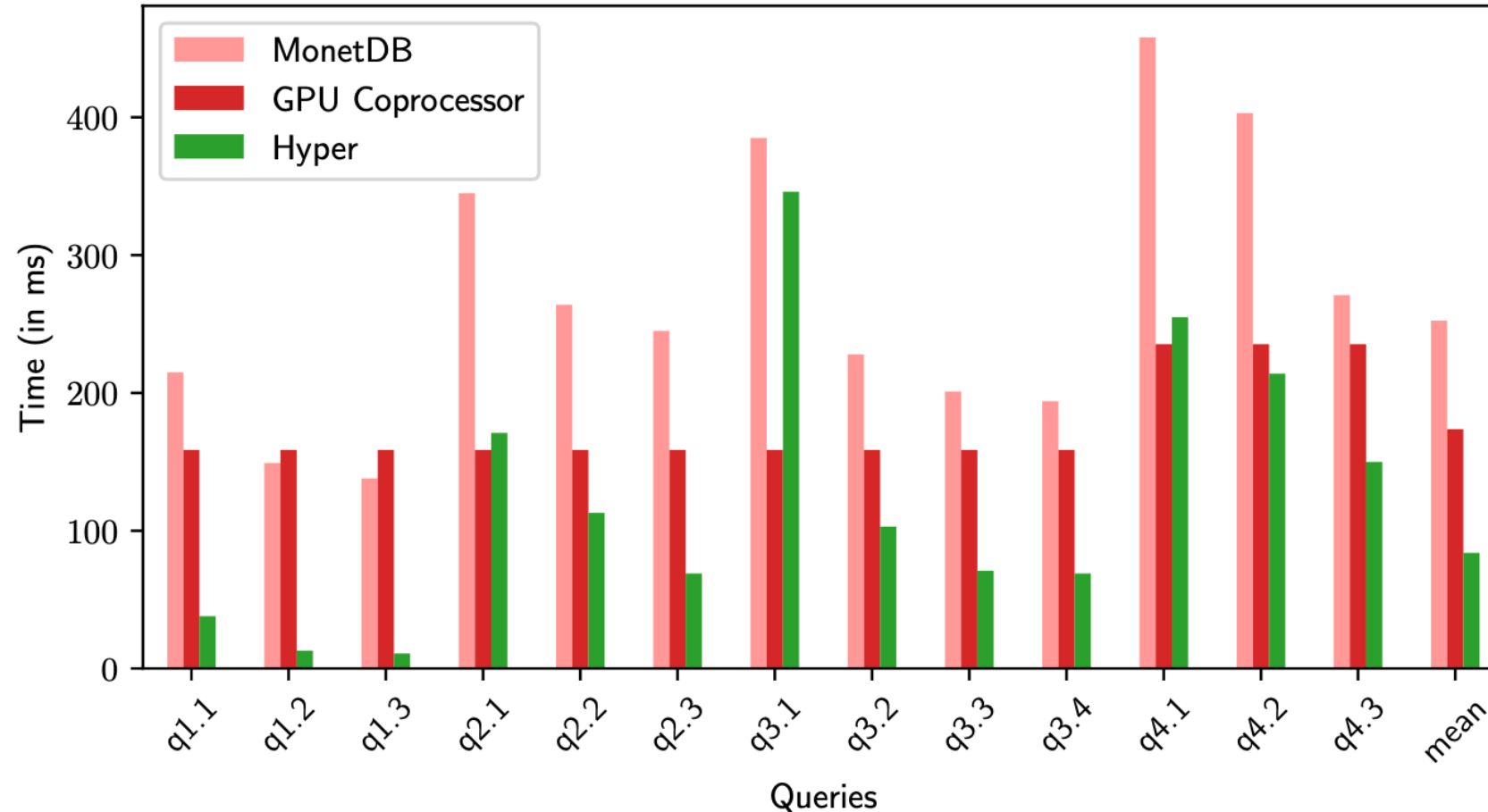


# GPU Database Operation Mode

**Coprocessor mode:** Every query loads data from CPU memory to GPU

**GPU-only mode:** Store working set in GPU memory and run the entire query on GPU

# CPU-only vs. Coprocessor



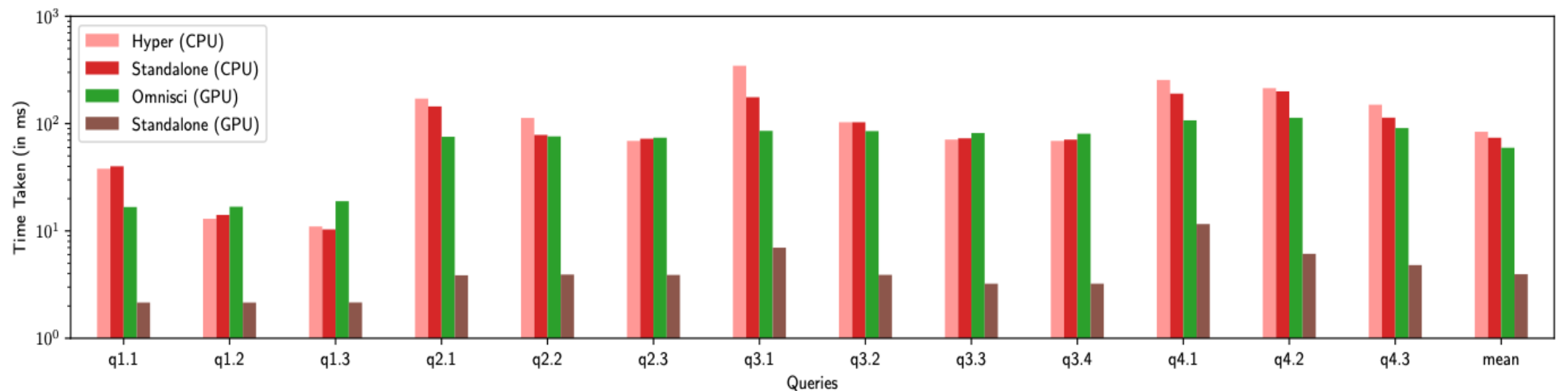
**Key observation:** With efficient implementations that can saturate memory bandwidth  
**GPU-only > CPU-only > coprocessor**

# Star-Schema Benchmark

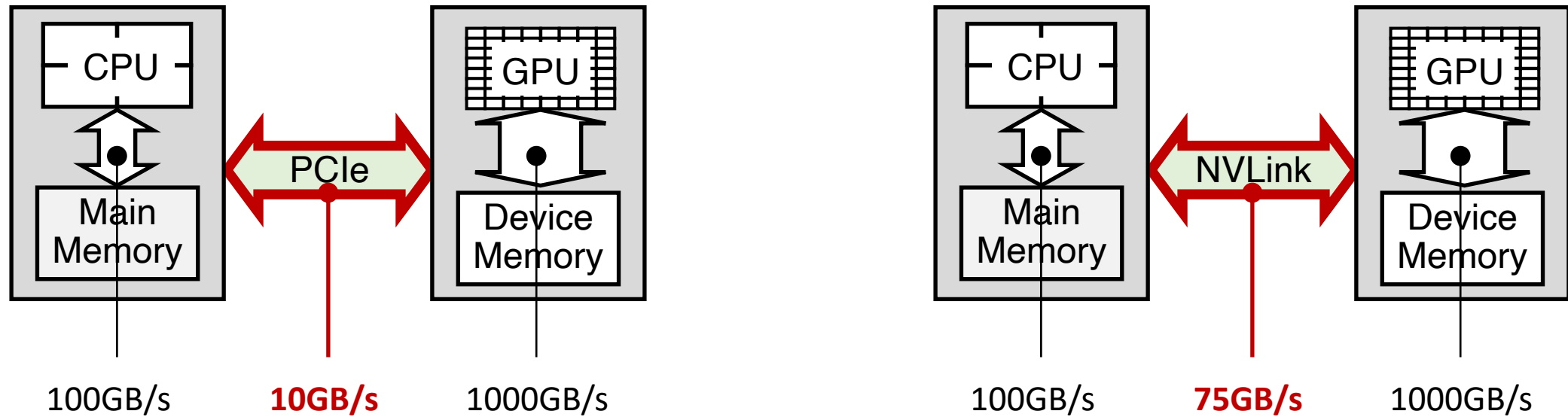
Platform	CPU	GPU
Model	Intel i7-6900	Nvidia V100
Cores	8 (16 with SMT)	5000
Memory Capacity	64 GB	32 GB
L1 Size	32KB/Core	16KB/SM
L2 Size	256KB/Core	6MB (Total)
L3 Size	20MB (Total)	-
Read Bandwidth	53GBps	880GBps
Write Bandwidth	55GBps	880GBps
L1 Bandwidth	-	10.7TBps
L2 Bandwidth	-	2.2TBps
L3 Bandwidth	157GBps	-

Crystal-based implementations always saturate GPU memory bandwidth

GPU is on average **25X** faster than CPU



# Emerging Fast Interconnect



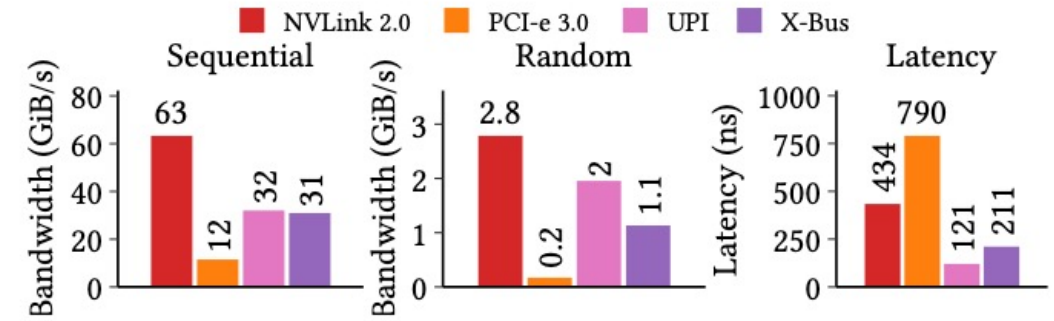
Fast Interconnect can solve the PCIe bottleneck

Emerging alternative interconnect technologies:

- NVLink
- Infinity Fabric
- Compute Express Link (CXL)

# NVLink Bandwidth and Latency

NVLink has much higher bandwidth than PCIe

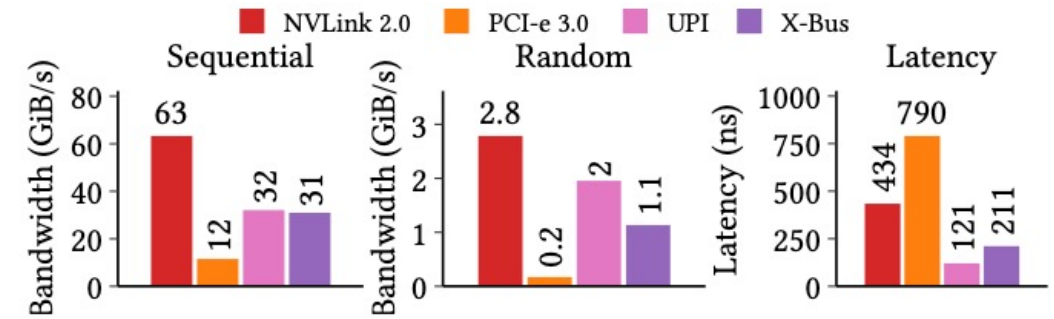


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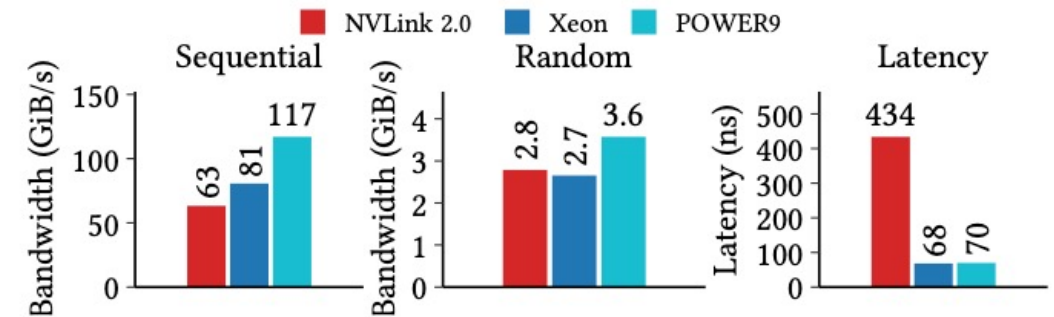
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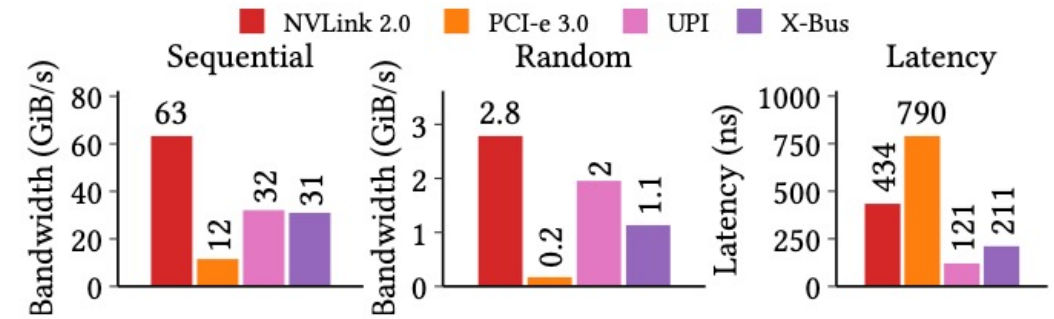


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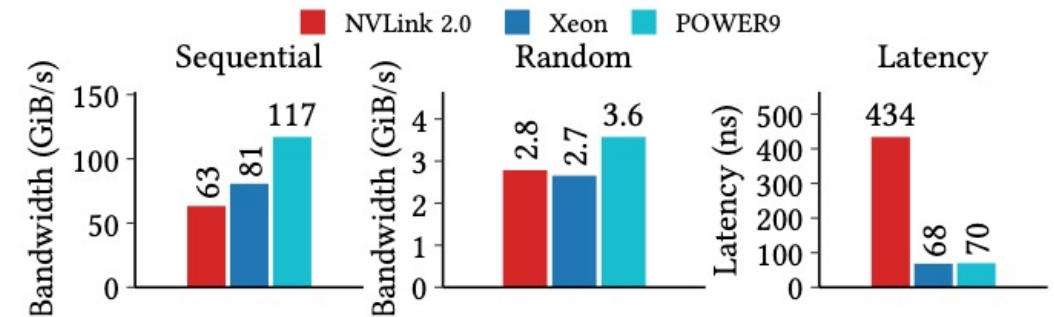
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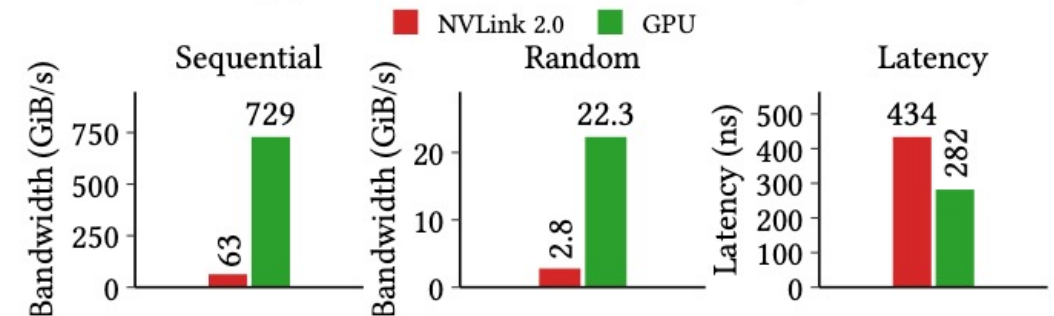
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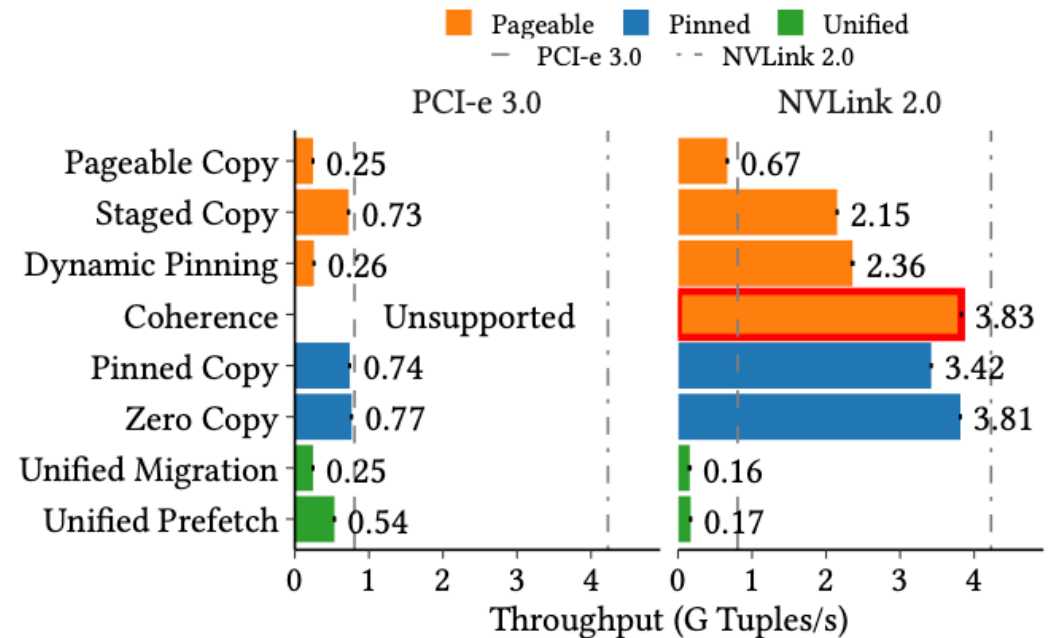


(c) NVLink 2.0 vs. GPU memory.

# GPU Transfer Methods

**Table 1: An overview of GPU transfer methods.**

Method	Semantics	Level	Granularity	Memory
Pageable Copy	Push	SW	Chunk	Pageable
Staged Copy				
Dynamic Pinning				
Pinned Copy				
UM Prefetch	Pull	OS	Page	Unified
UM Migration				
Zero-Copy		HW	Byte	Pinned
Coherence				



**Figure 12: No-partitioning hash join using different transfer methods for PCI-e 3.0 and NVLink 2.0.**

**Pinned copy** and **zero copy** can saturate PCIe bandwidth

**Coherence** can saturate NVLink bandwidth

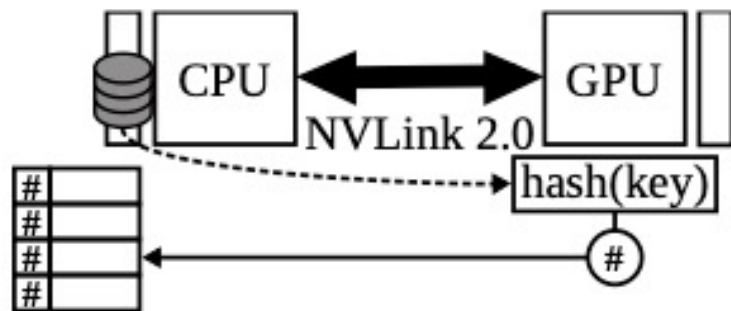
# Non-Partitioned Hash Join Methods

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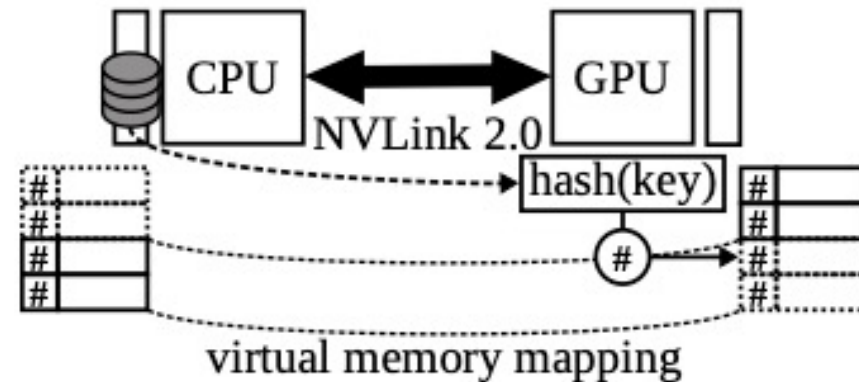
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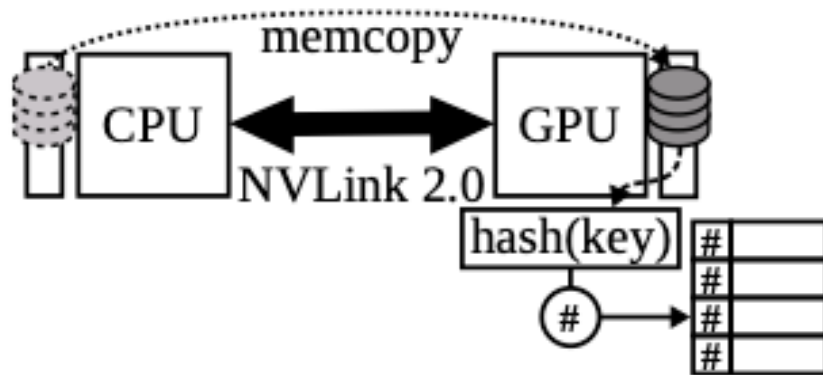
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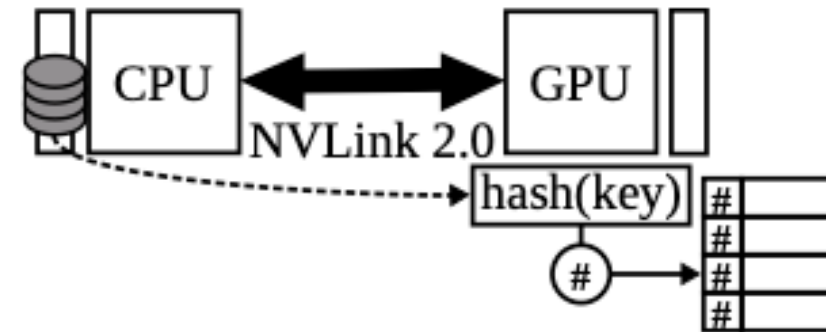
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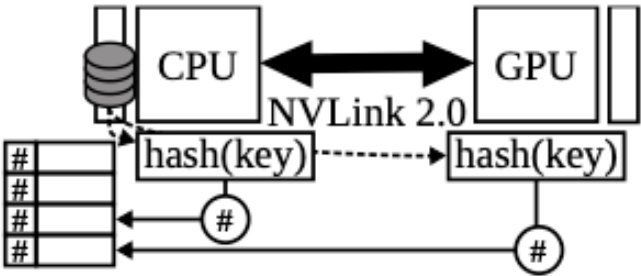


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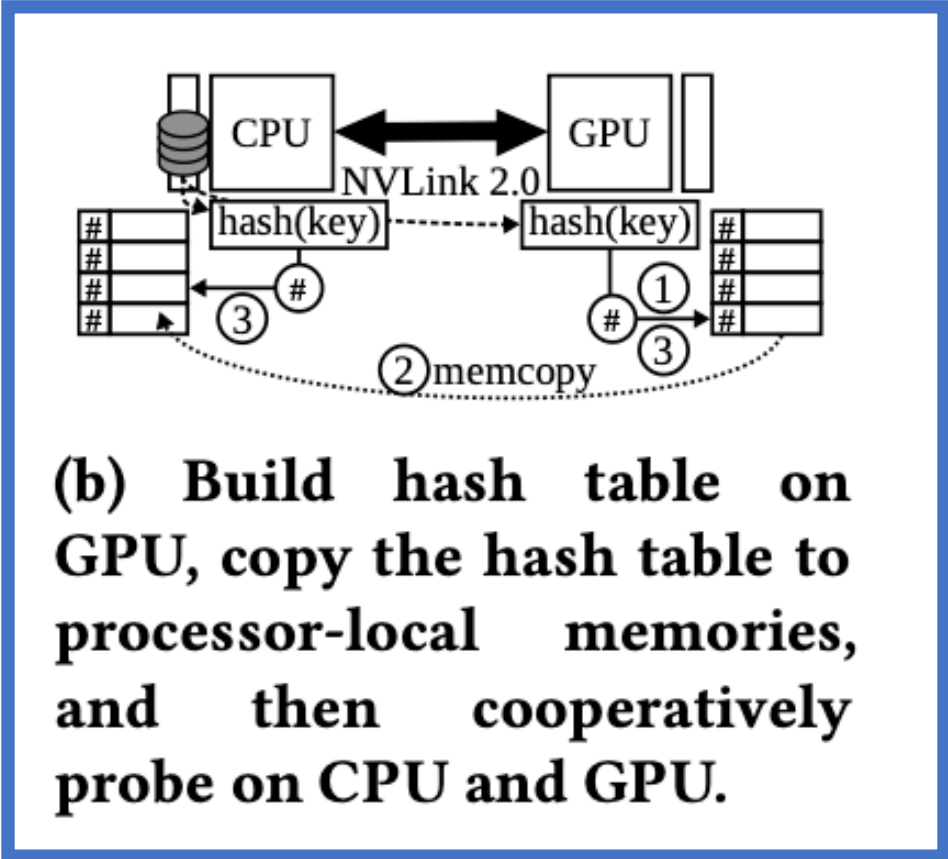


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# Hash Join



(a) Cooperatively process join on CPU and GPU with hash table in CPU memory.

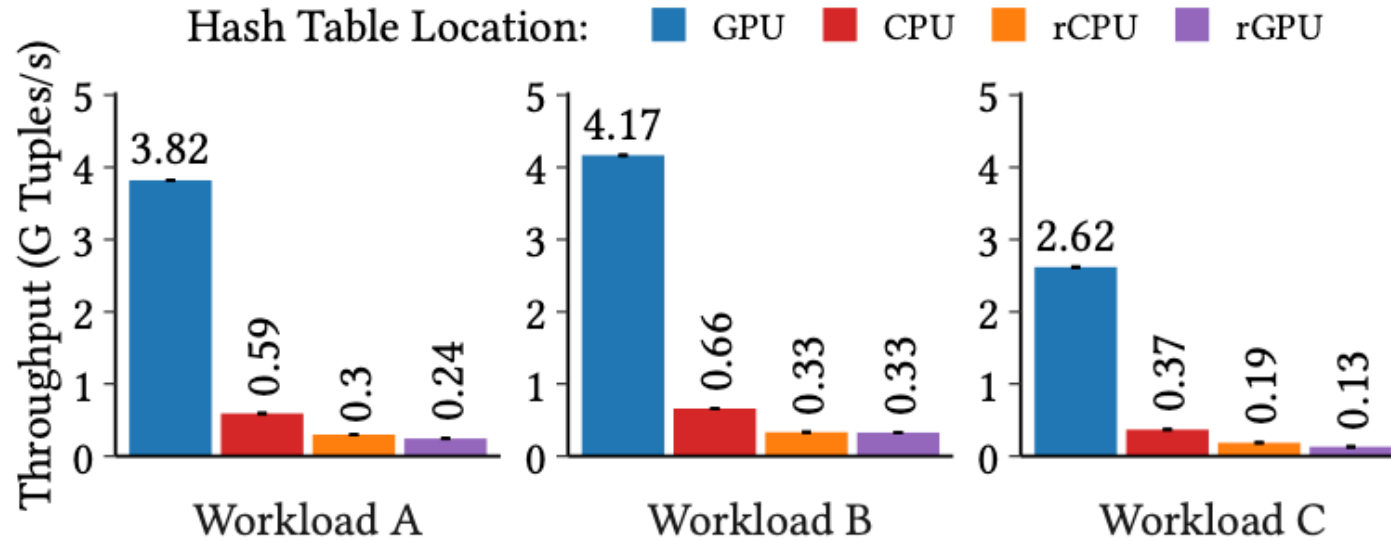


(b) Build hash table on GPU, copy the hash table to processor-local memories, and then cooperatively probe on CPU and GPU.

This **hybrid design** subsumes the previous designs in the paper

- Dynamically schedule tasks to both CPU and GPU

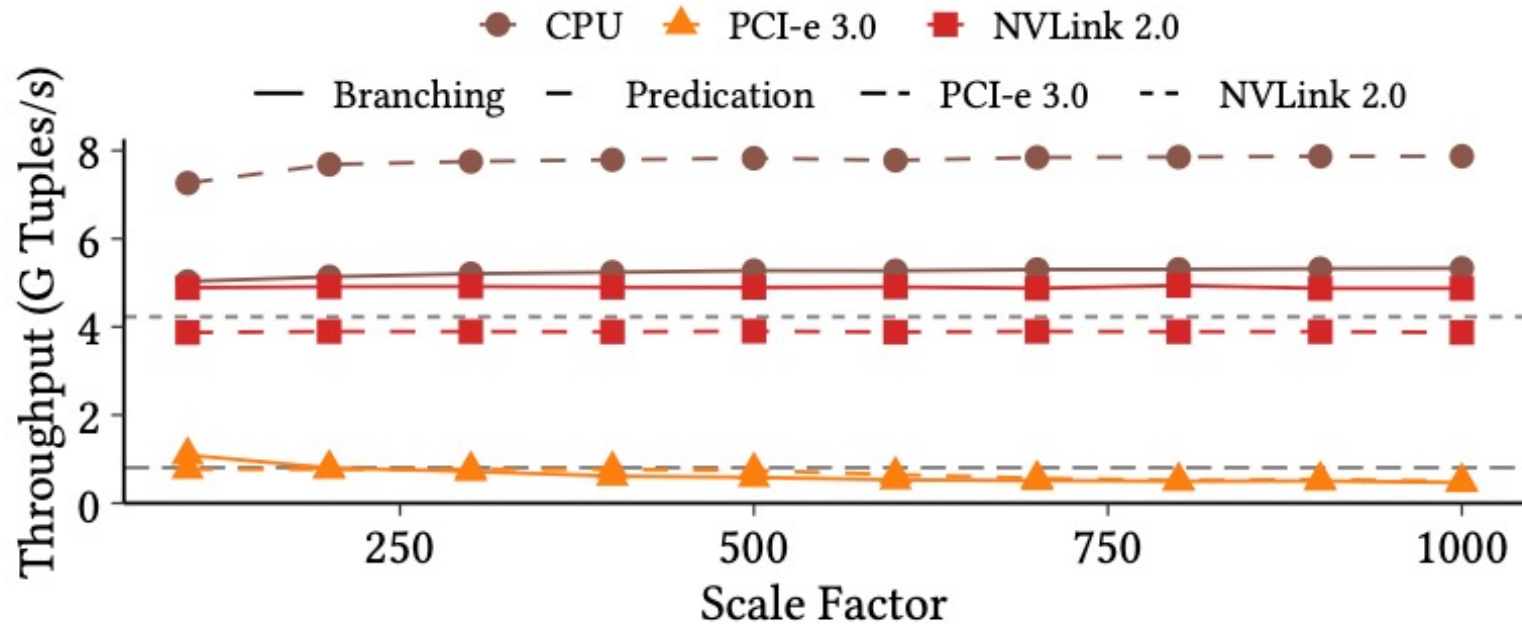
# Hash Table Locality



**Figure 14: Join performance of the GPU when the hash table is located on different processors, increasing the number of interconnect hops from 0 to 3.**

Best performance achieved when the hash table is in GPU memory

# Scaling Data Size in TPC-H Q6

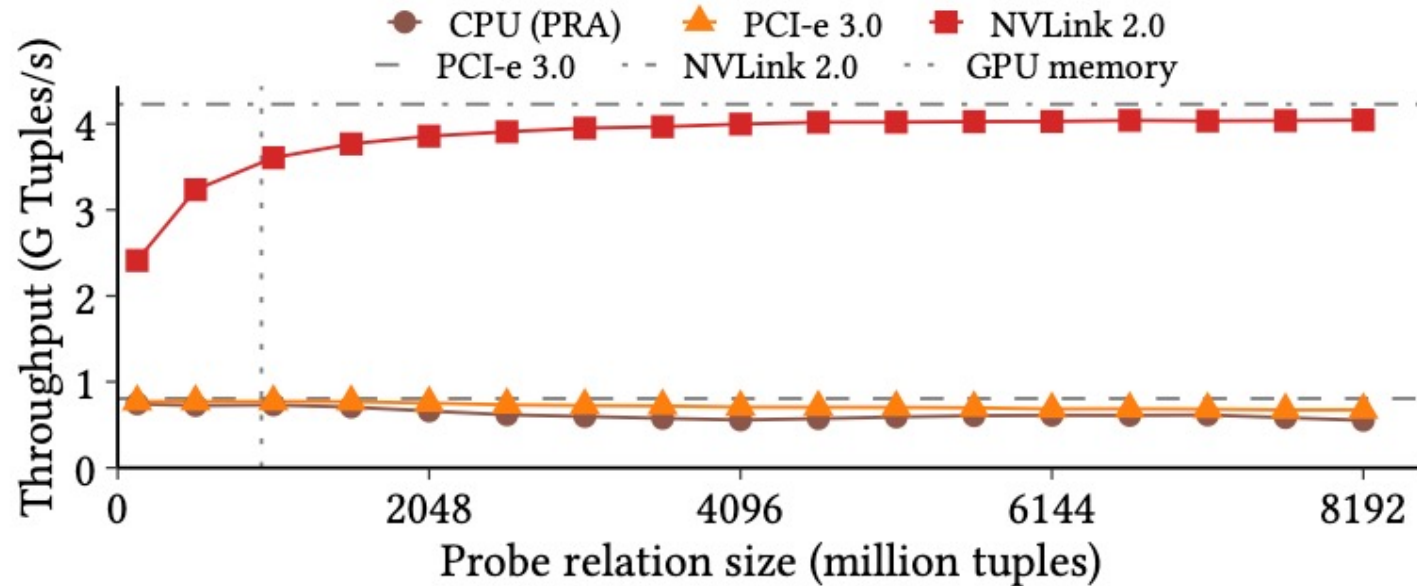


**Figure 15: Scaling the data size of TPC-H query 6.**

TPC-H Q6 contains a simple scan + aggregation with no join  
Running the query on CPU leads to the highest performance



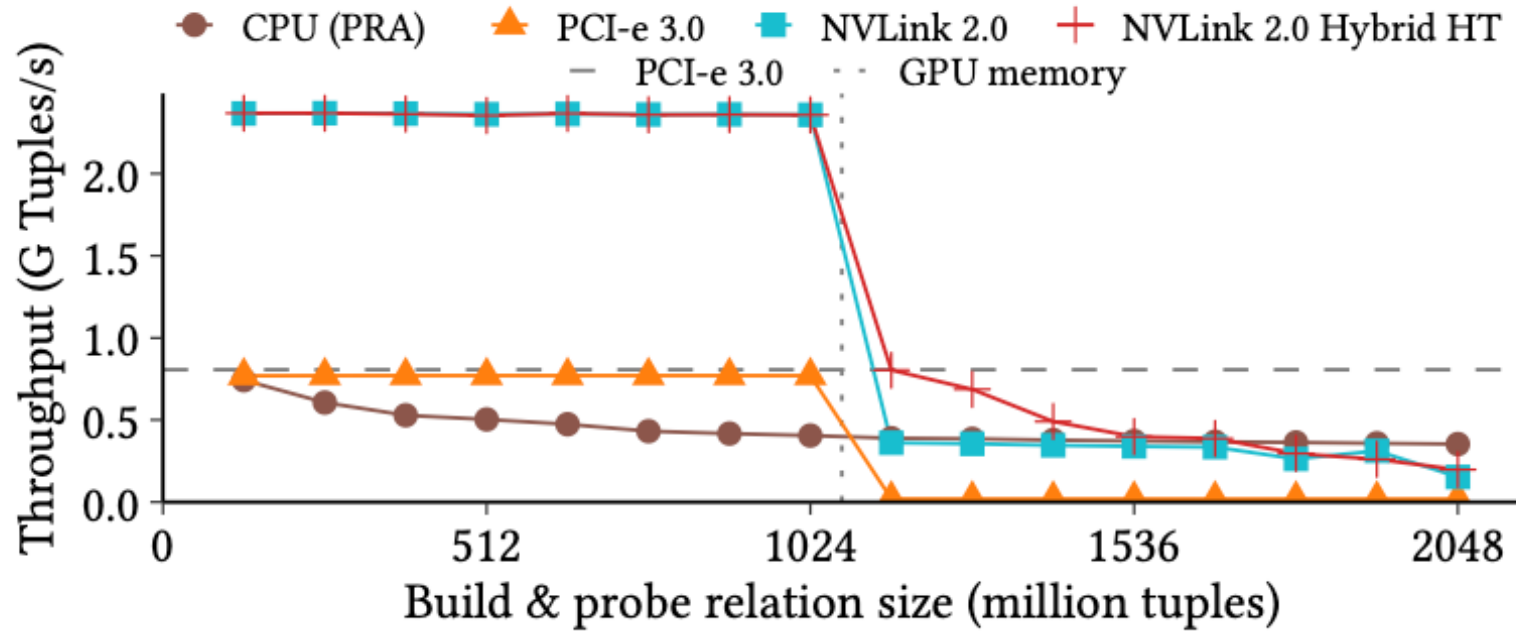
# Scaling the Probe Side Relation



**Figure 16: Scaling the probe-side relation.**

NVLink is faster than both PCIe and CPU only

# Scaling the Build Side Relation



**Figure 17: Scaling the build-side relation.**

Performance drops when the hash table does not fit in GPU memory

# Discussion

	Crystal	NVLink
Query Type	SPJA analytical queries	Non-partitioned hash join
Execution Model	Data fits in GPU memory	Coprocessor
Interconnect	PCIe 3.0	NVLink 2.0

**Research question:** How to maximize GPU database performance with different interconnect technology?

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**WHAT I THINK**



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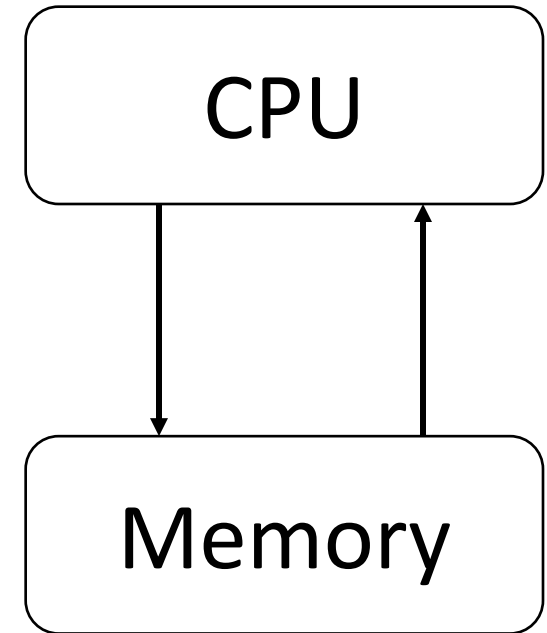
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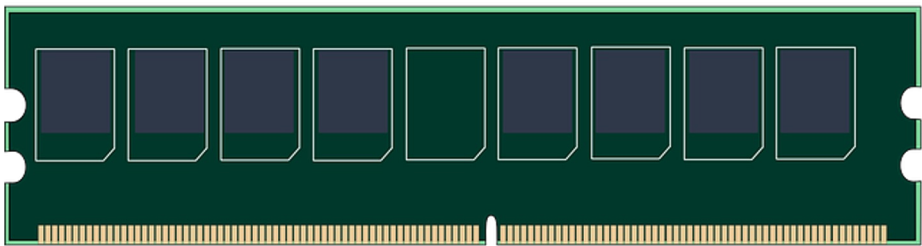
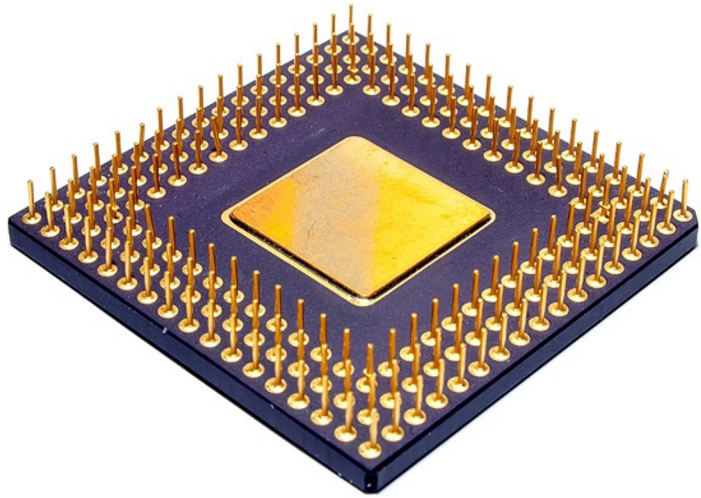
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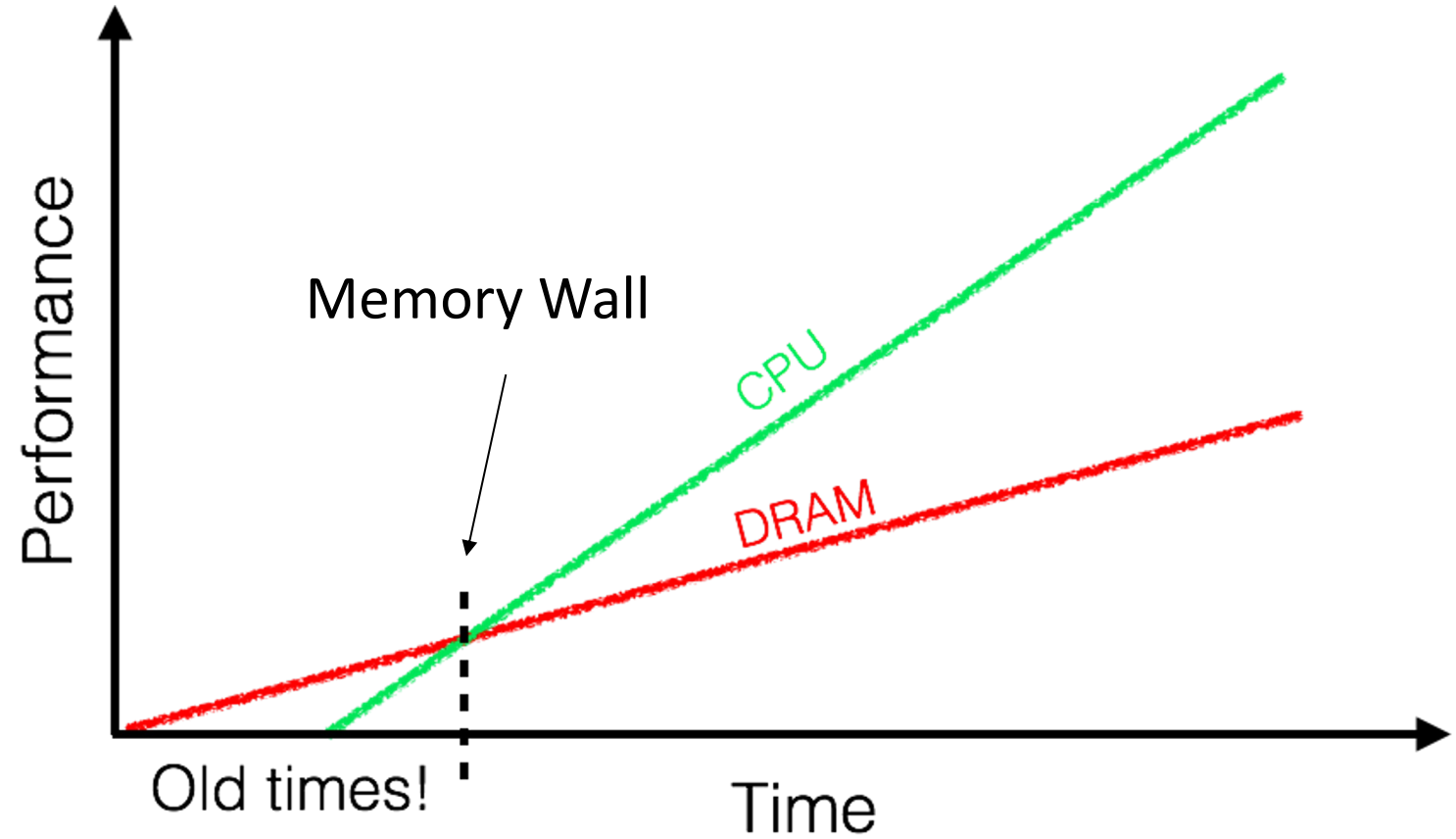
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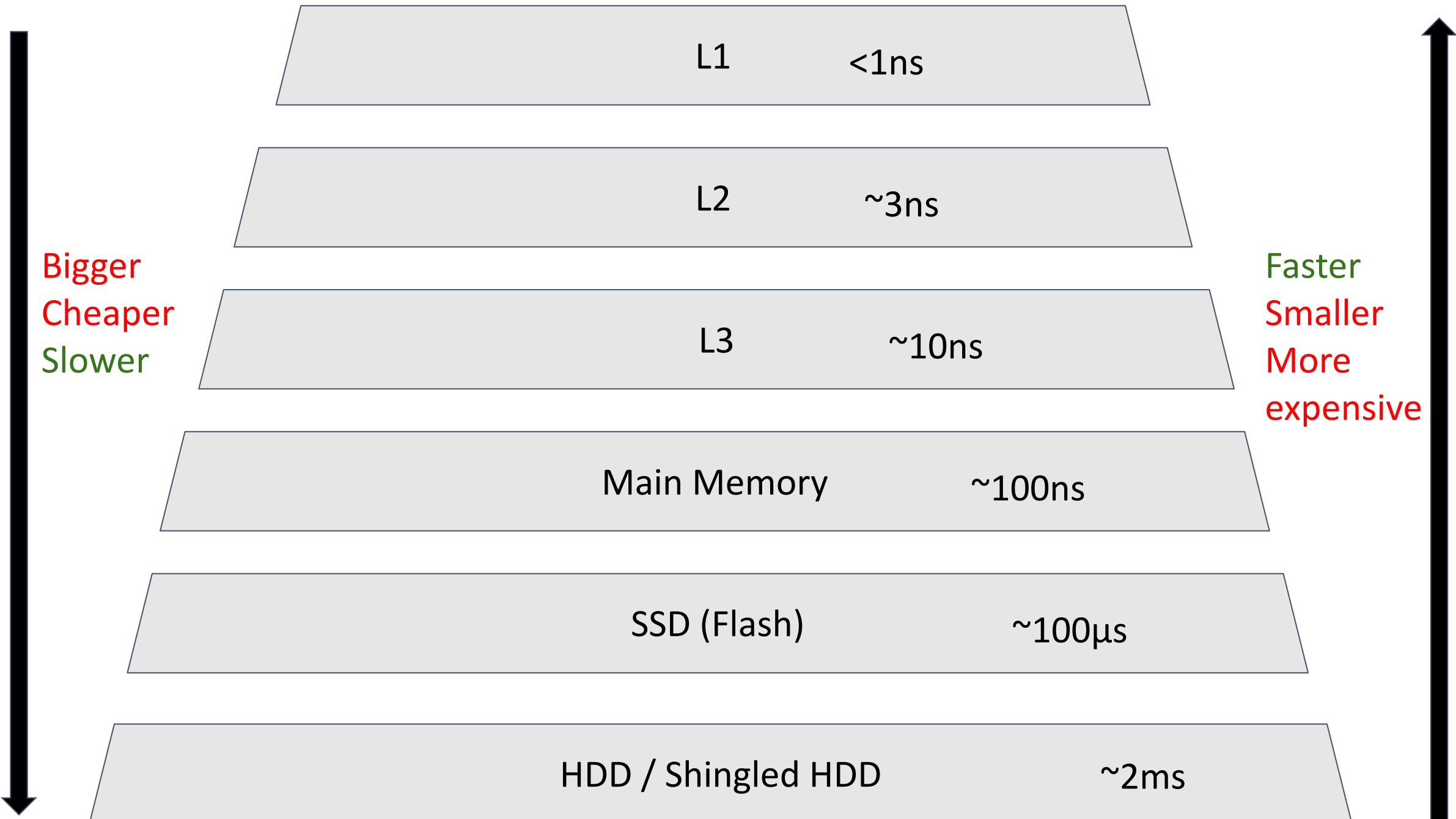
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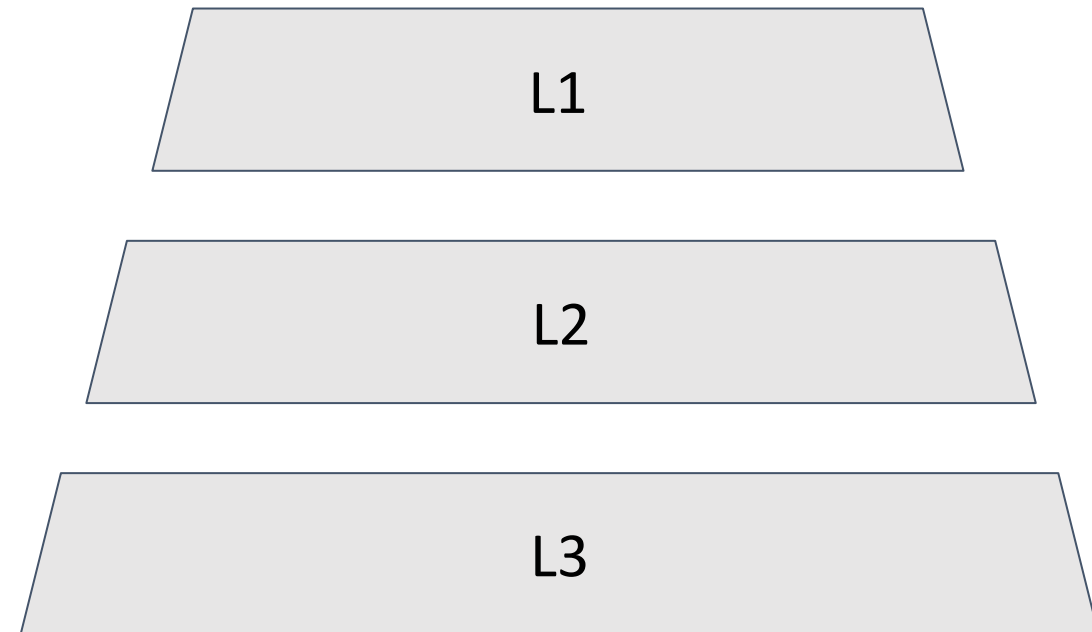
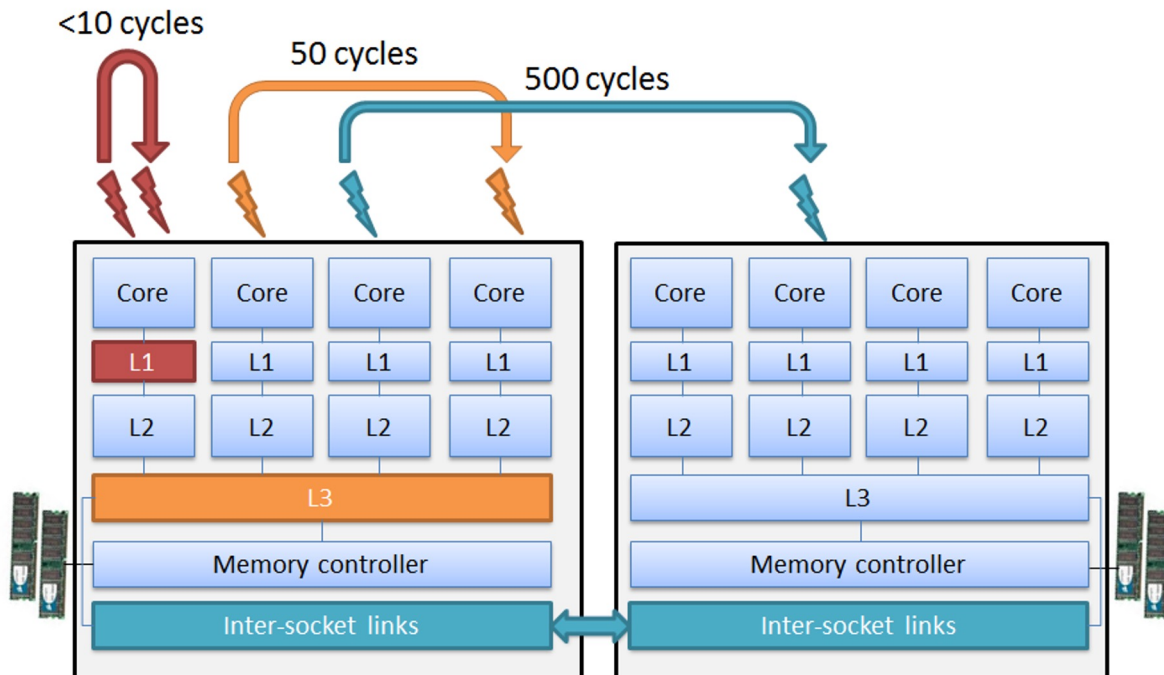
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# Cache Hierarchy

What is a core?

What is a socket?



# Storage Hierarchy

Main Memory

SSD (Flash)

HDD

Shingled Disks

Tape

# Hard Disk Drives

Secondary durable storage that support both *random* and *sequential* access

Data organized on pages/blocks (across tracks)

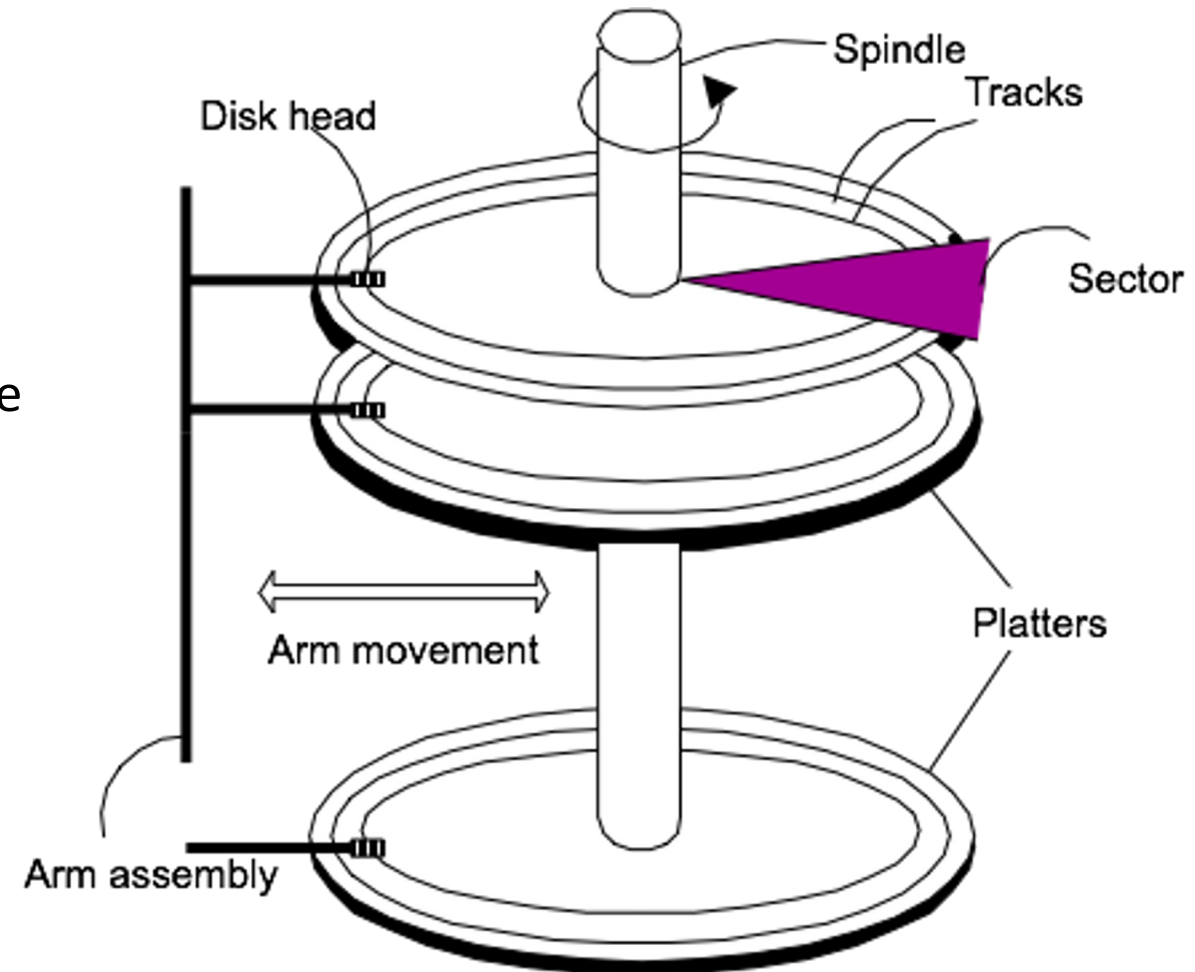
Multiple *tracks* create an (imaginary) *cylinder*

Disk access time:

seek latency + rotational delay + transfer time  
(0.5-2ms) + (0.5-3ms) + <0.1ms/4KB

Sequential >> random access (~10x)

Goal: avoid random access



# Seek time + Rotational delay + Transfer time

Seek time: the **head** goes to the right **track**

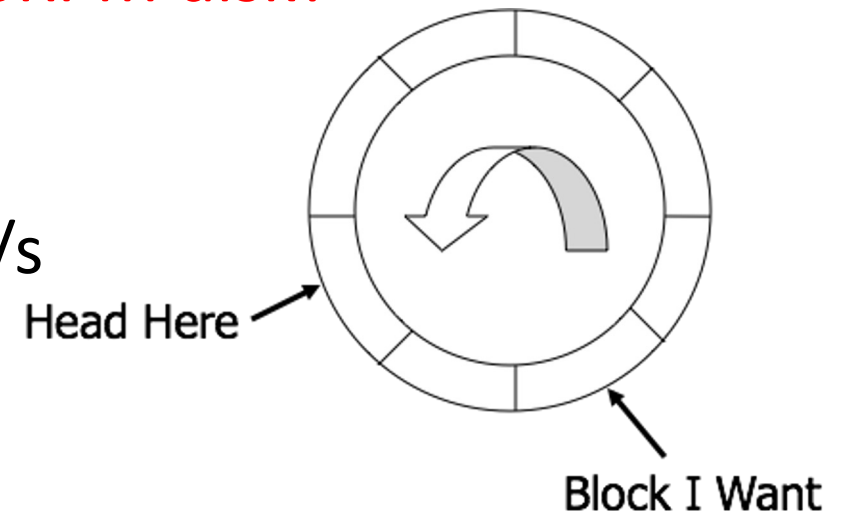
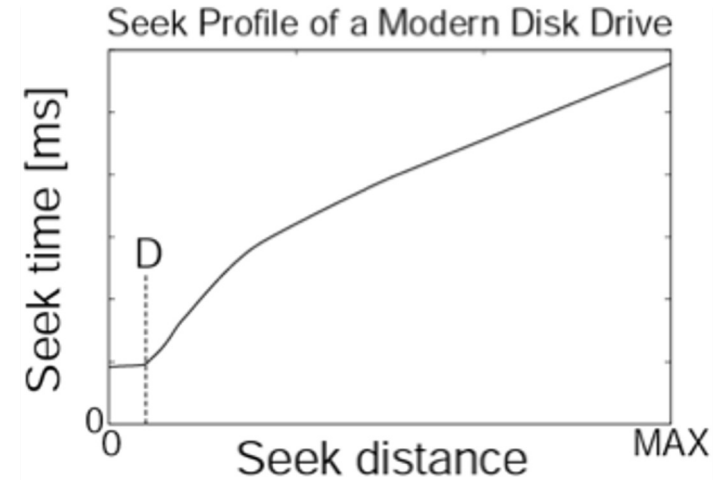
Short seeks are dominated by “settle” time (D is on the order of hundreds or more)

Rotational delay: The **platter** rotates to the right **sector**.

What is the min/max/avg rotational delay for 10000RPM disk?

min: 0, max:  $60s/10000=6ms$ , avg: 3ms

Transfer time:  $<0.1ms$  / page  $\rightarrow$  more than 100MB/s



# Sequential vs. Random Access

Bandwidth for Sequential Access (assuming 0.1ms/4KB):

0.04ms for 4KB → **100MB/s**

Bandwidth for Random Access (4KB):

0.5ms (seek time) + 3ms (rotational delay) + 0.04ms = 3.54ms

4KB/3.54ms → **1.16MB/s**

# Flash

Secondary durable storage that support both *random* and *sequential* access

Data organized on pages (similar to disks) which are further grouped to erase blocks

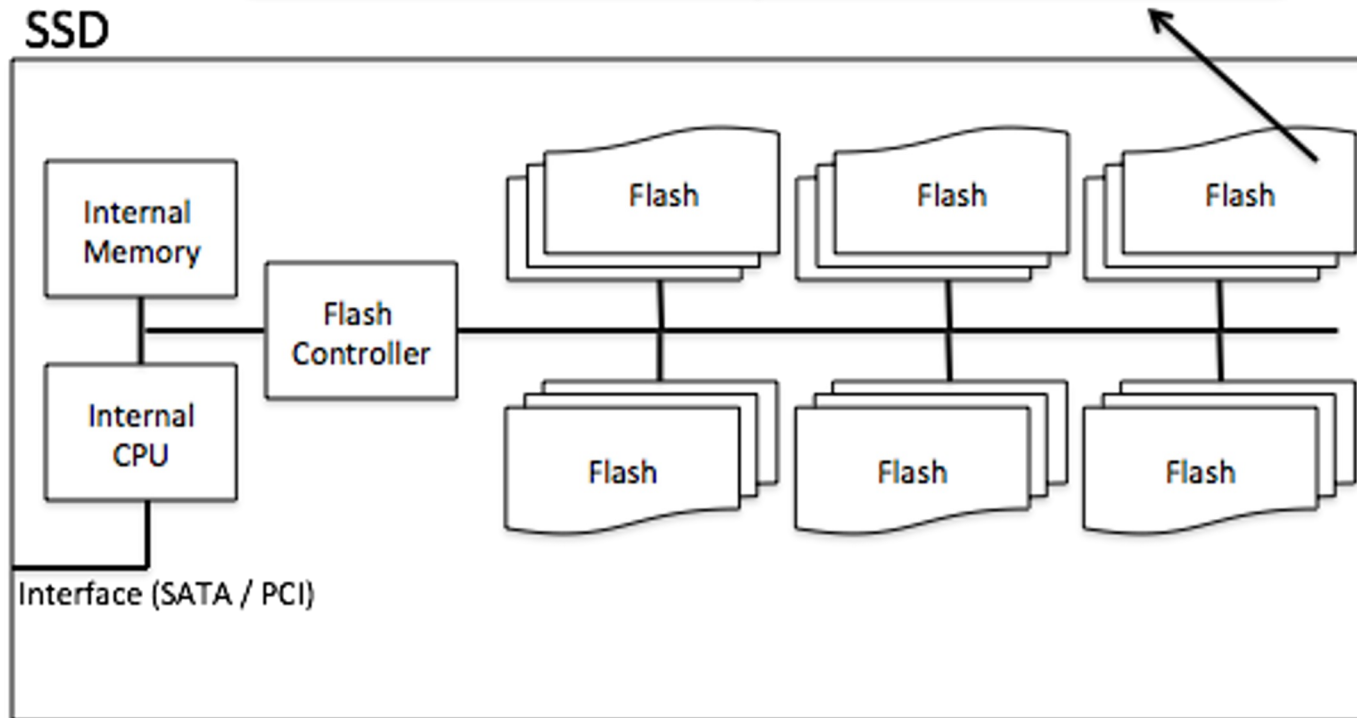
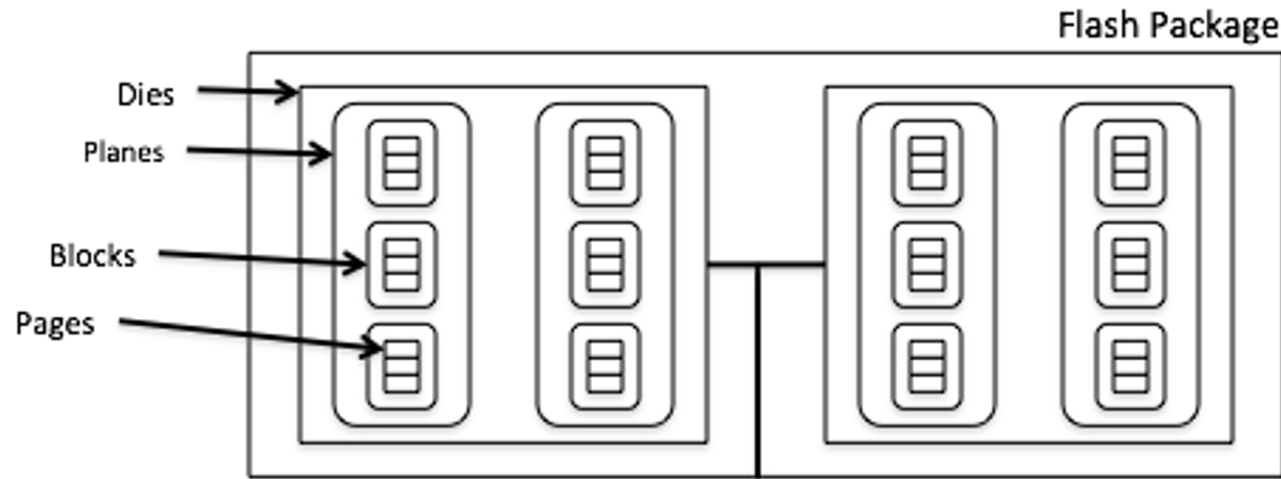
Main advantage over disks: random read is now much more efficient

**BUT: Not as fast random writes!**

**Goal: avoid random writes**



# The internals of flash



interconnected flash chips

no mechanical limitations

maintain the block API  
compatible with disks layout

internal parallelism  
for both read/write

complex software driver



# Flash access time

... depends on:

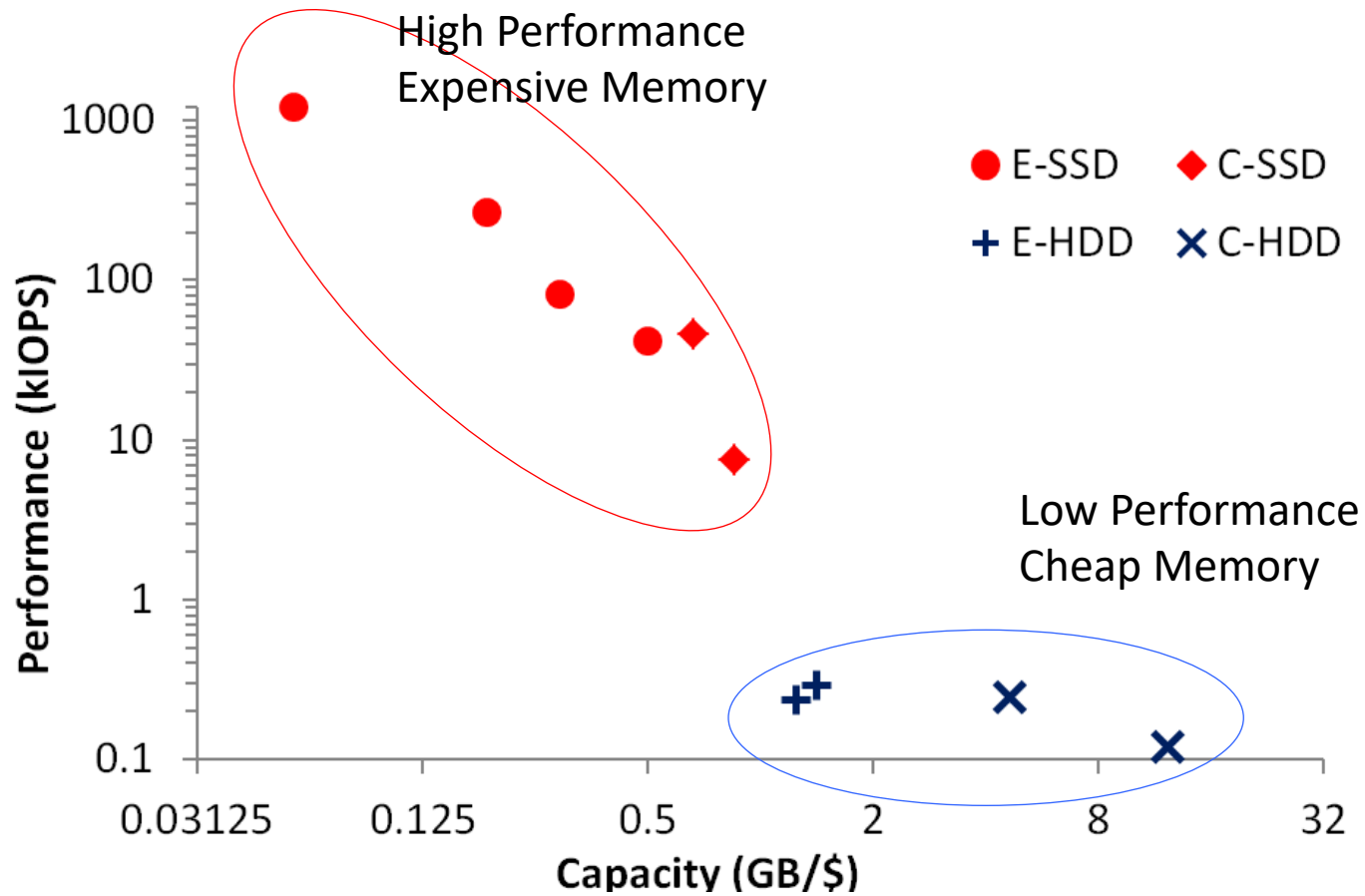
device organization (*internal parallelism*)

software efficiency (*driver*)

bandwidth of flash packages

the Flash Translation Layer (FTL), a complex device driver (firmware) which tunes performance and device lifetime

# Flash vs HDD



## HDD

✓ Large - cheap capacity

✗ Inefficient random reads

## Flash

✗ Small - expensive capacity

✓ Very efficient random reads

✗ Read/Write Asymmetry

# Technology Trends & Research Challenges

- (1) From fast **single cores** to **increased parallelism**
- (2) From **slow storage** to **efficient random reads**
- (3) From **infinite** endurance to **limited endurance**
- (4) From **symmetric** to **asymmetric read/write performance**

# Technology Trends & Research Challenges

How to exploit increasing parallelism (in compute and storage)?

How to redesign systems for efficient random reads?

e.g., no need to aggressively minimize index height!

How to reduce **write amplification** (physical writes per logical write)?

How to write algorithms for asymmetric storage?

