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Concurrent Tera-Device Computing



TERA^FLUX, Effective Operation of Dataflow Parallelism in Teradevices

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Multicore Architectures and Their
Effective Operation

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What is **TERA^FLUX** about

Architecture+Programmability+Reliability

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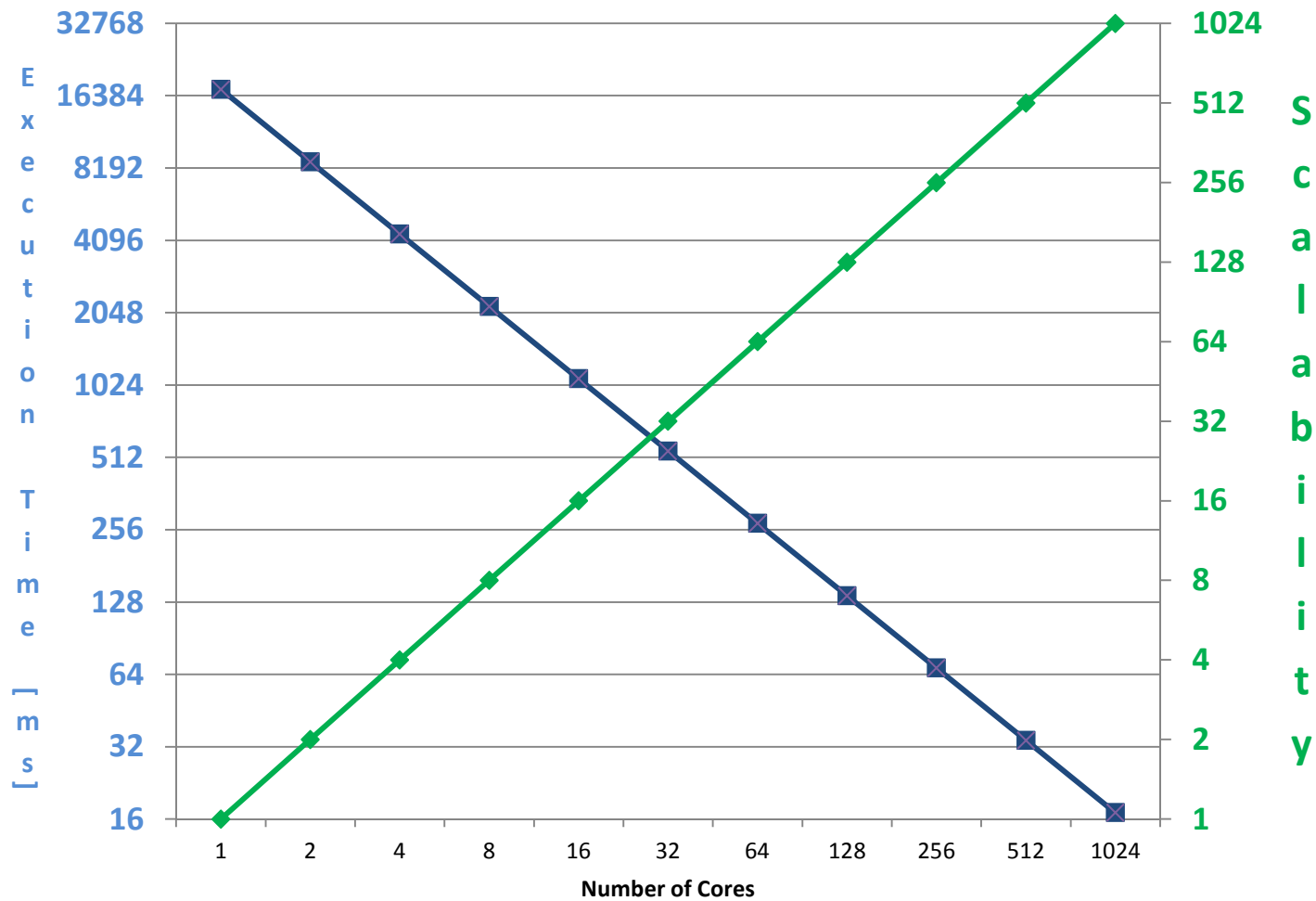
Future (single chip)

Many-cores

(targeting 1000+ cores)*

* TERADEVICE==**10¹²** DEVICES
(or 1000 BILLIONS of them)

Scalability of Sequential Source Code Targeting the T* x86_64 ISA Extension



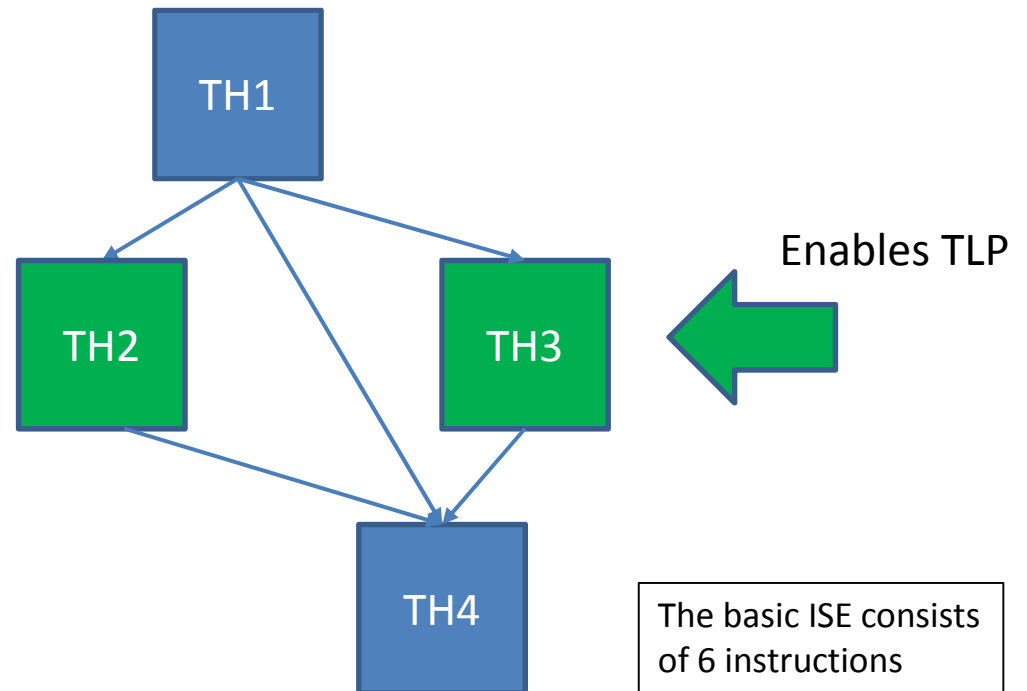
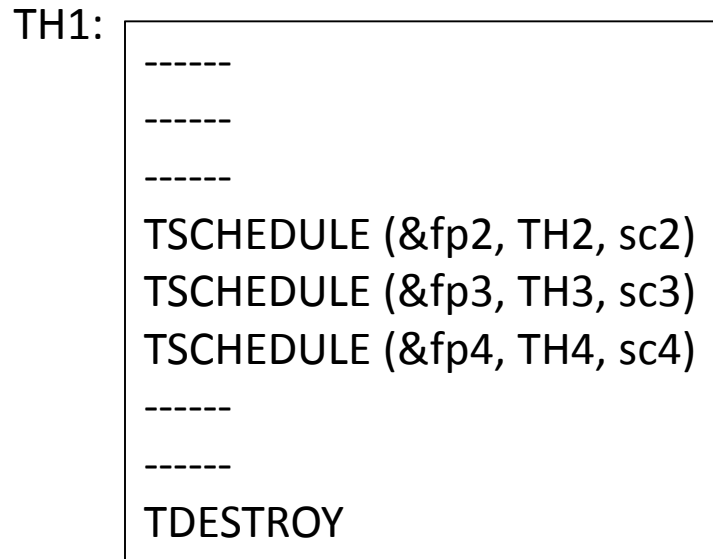
Data-Flow Parallelism Enabled this Effective Operation !

Simulation Framework

- Simulation host: 1TB, 64 x86_64 cores
- Simulation software: HPLabs COTSon
- Modeled cores: AMD SimNow cores @800MHz
- Initial pipe-cleaner: recursive Fibonacci (n=40)

What is the T* ISE ?

- A minimalistic ISA Extension of a standard ISA (e.g., x86_64 – why not?)
- The key instructions are TSCHEDULE/TDESTROY

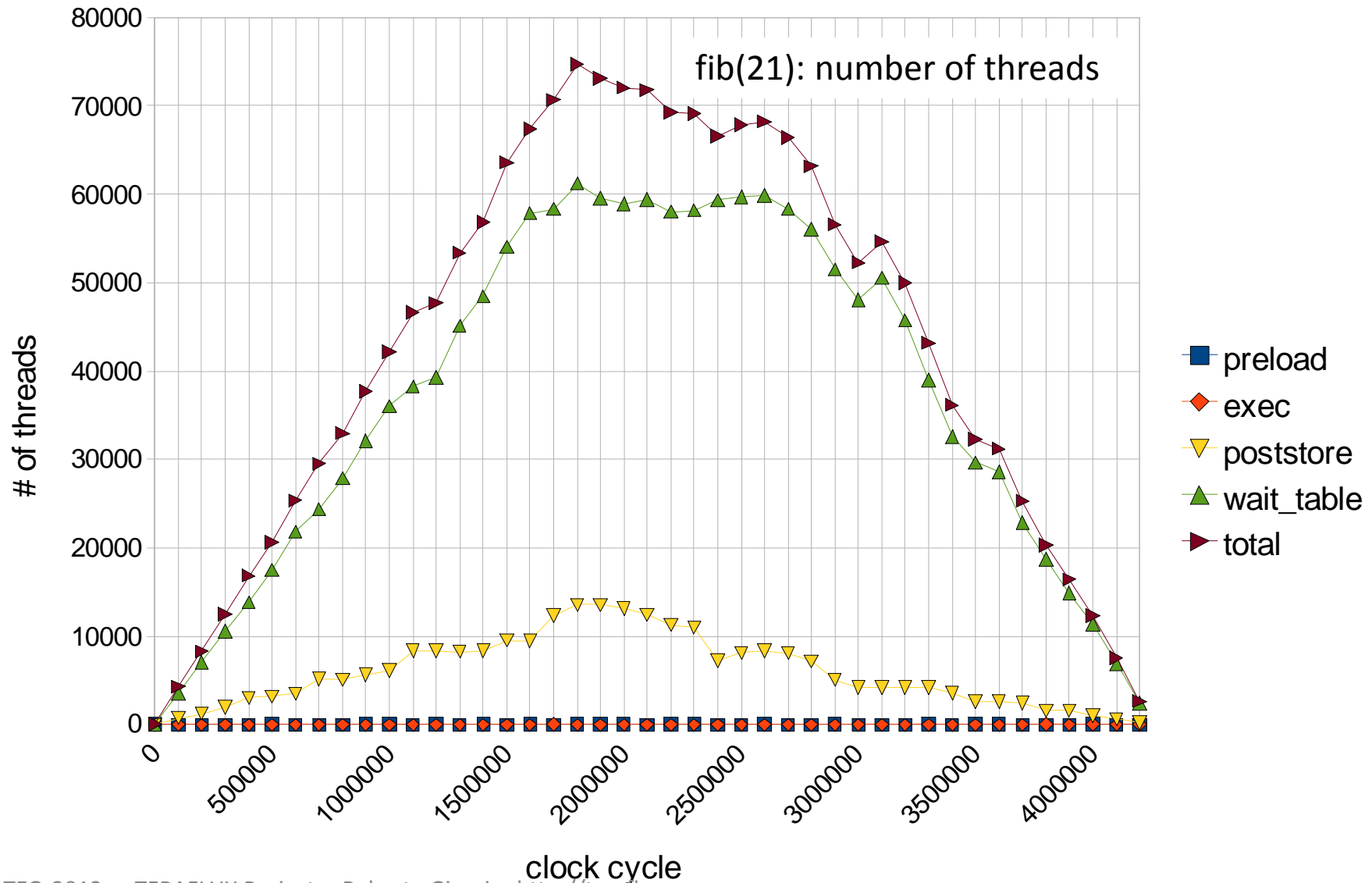


The basic ISE consists of 6 instructions

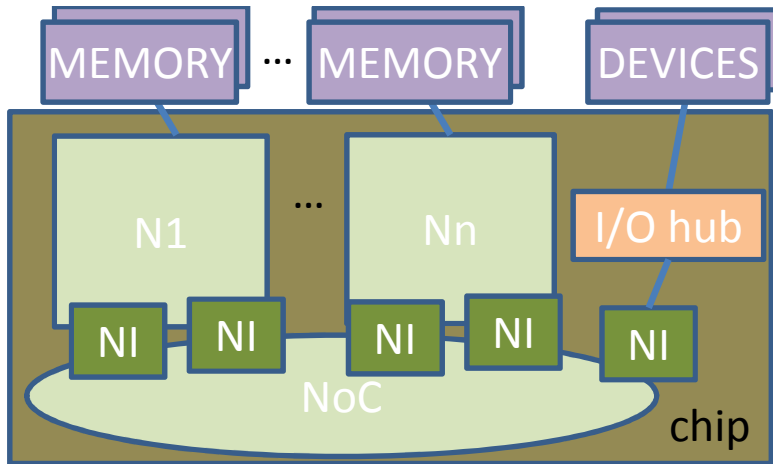
Design Goals

- Decoupling of Memory Accesses
- Asynchronous operation of Threads
- Simple and Fast ISA interface
- Scalability with the number of cores
- Non-centralized control
- All-or-none execution of the single thread
- DF Thread Isolation, Repeatability
- Suitable for Memory Transactions

Is there TLP potential?



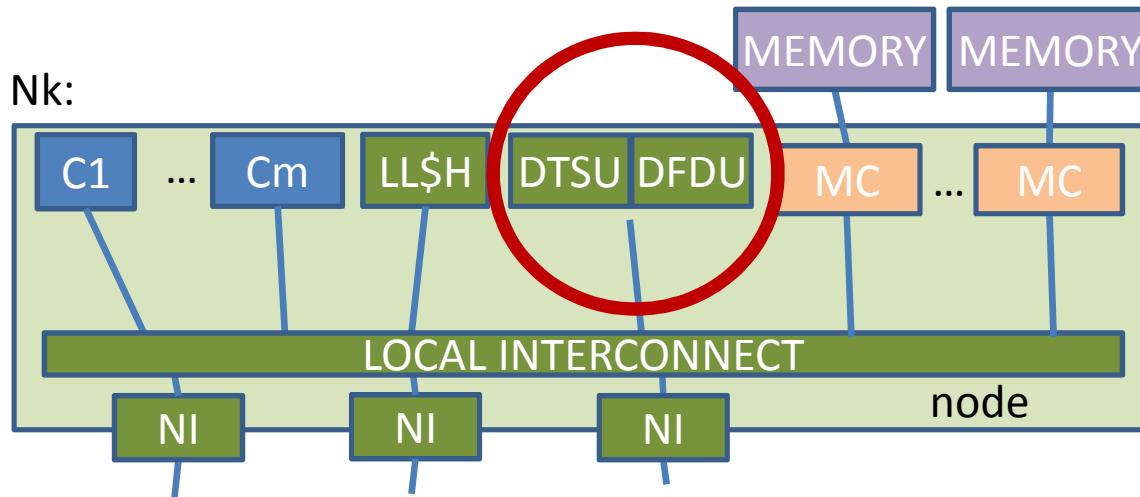
TERAFLUX Architectural template



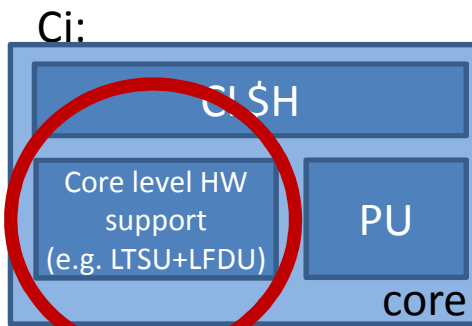
LEGENDA:

n = # of nodes
 m = # of cores per node
 u = # of DRAM controllers insisting on the Unified Physical Address Space
 z = # of I/O Hubs

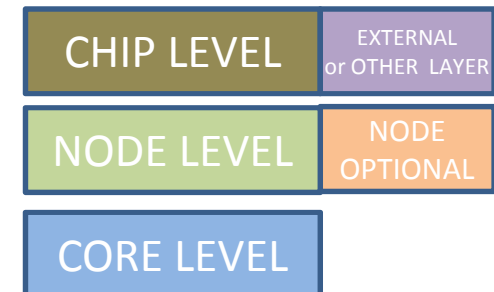
Nk = k-th Node (k=1..n)
 NI = Network Interface
 NoC = Network on Chip



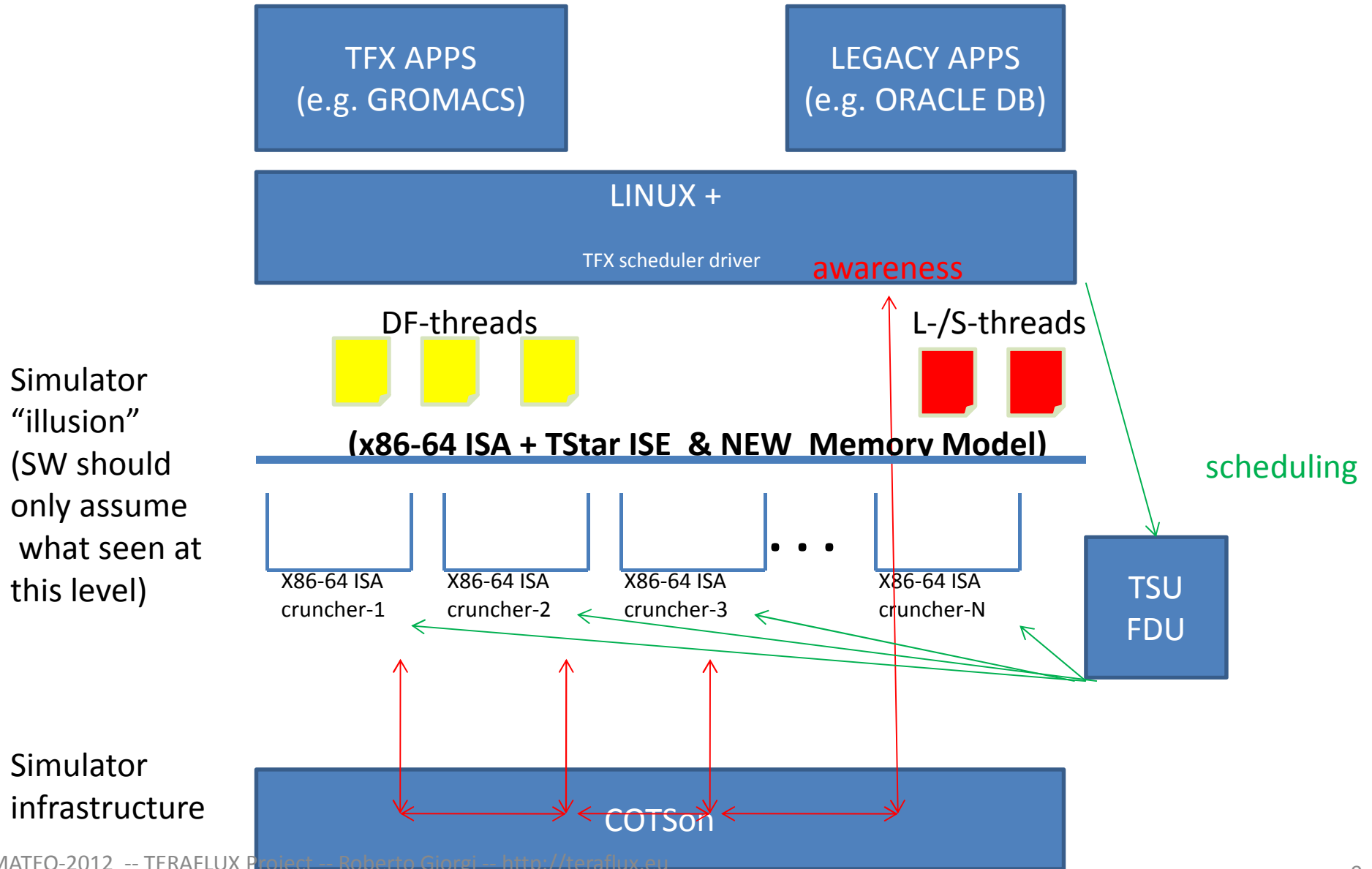
Cj = j-th core (j=1..m)
 MC = Memory Controller
 DTSU = Distributed Thread-Scheduler Unit
 DFDU = Distributed Fault-Detection Unit
 LLSH = Last Level Cache Hierarchy



CLSH = Core Level Cache Hierarchy
 PU = Processing Unit
 LTSU = Local Thread-Scheduler Unit
 LFDU = Local Fault-Detection Unit



Data-Flow Threads ...and... NON-Data-Flow Threads



Data-Flow Memory Model

- The Software (possibly but not necessarily assisted by the hardware) should take care of **four** main producer/consumer patterns among DF threads:
 - 1-1 → private
 - N-1 → frame-memory
 - 1-N
 - N-N → shared (TM protected)

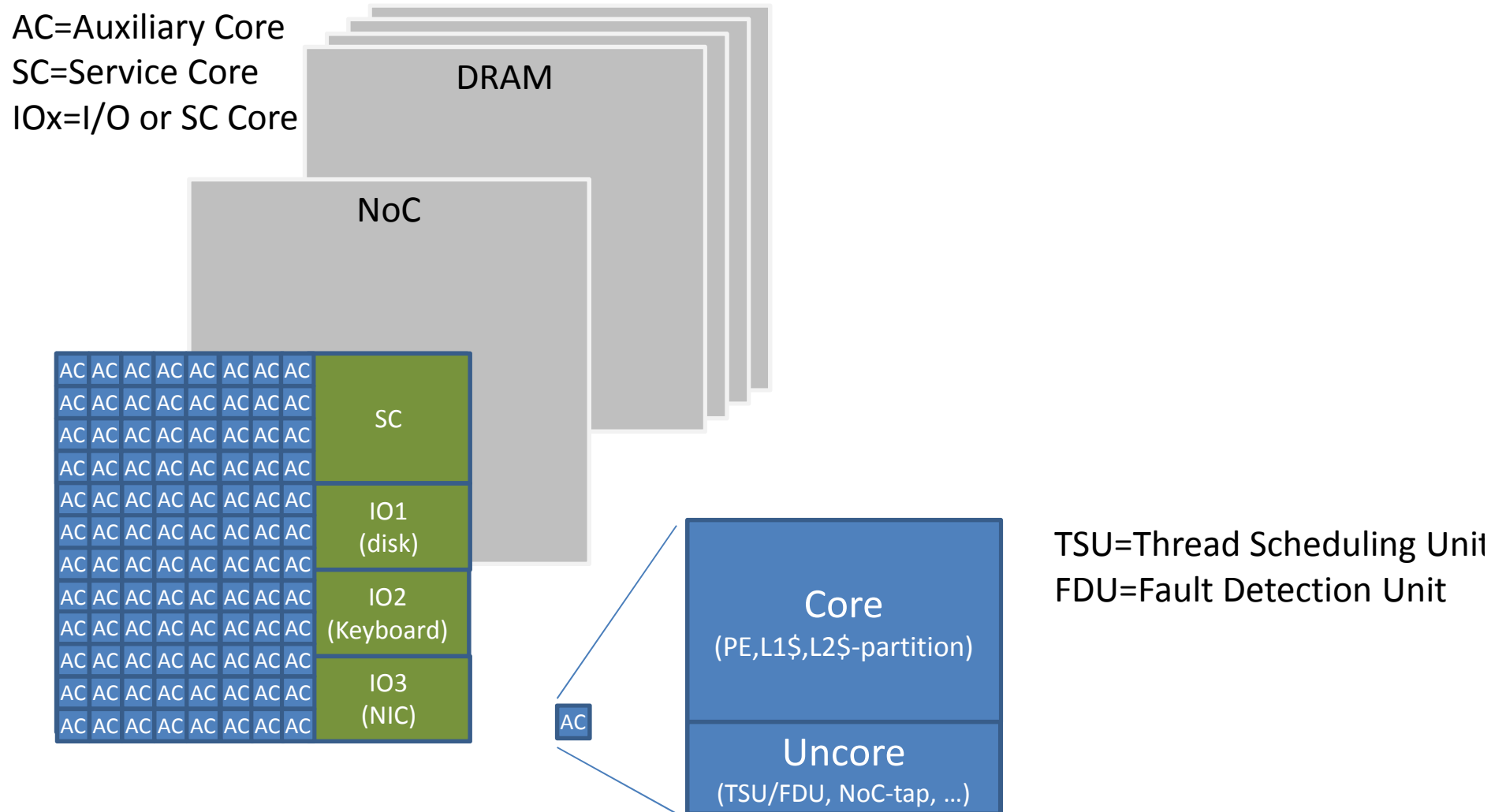
This enables us to also get rid of hw coherency

DATAFLOW

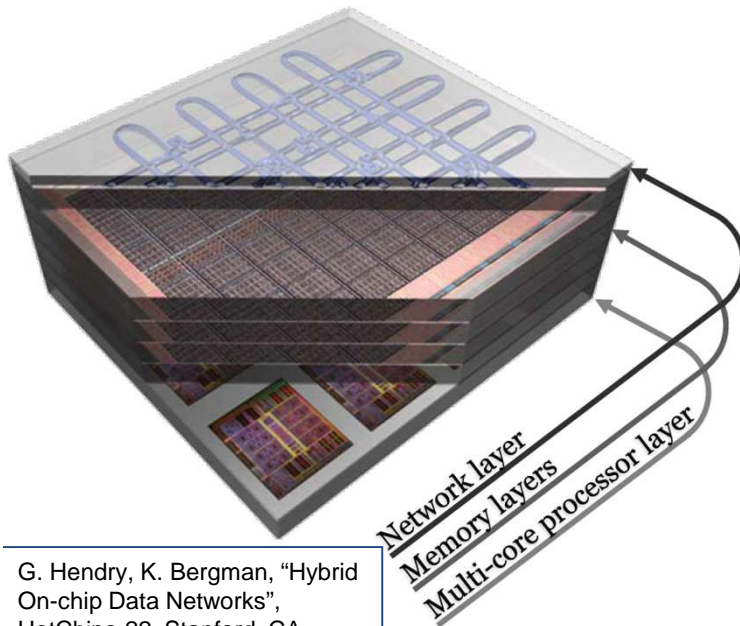
A Scheme of Computation in which
an activity is initiated by presence
of the data it needs to perform its
function

(Jack Dennis)

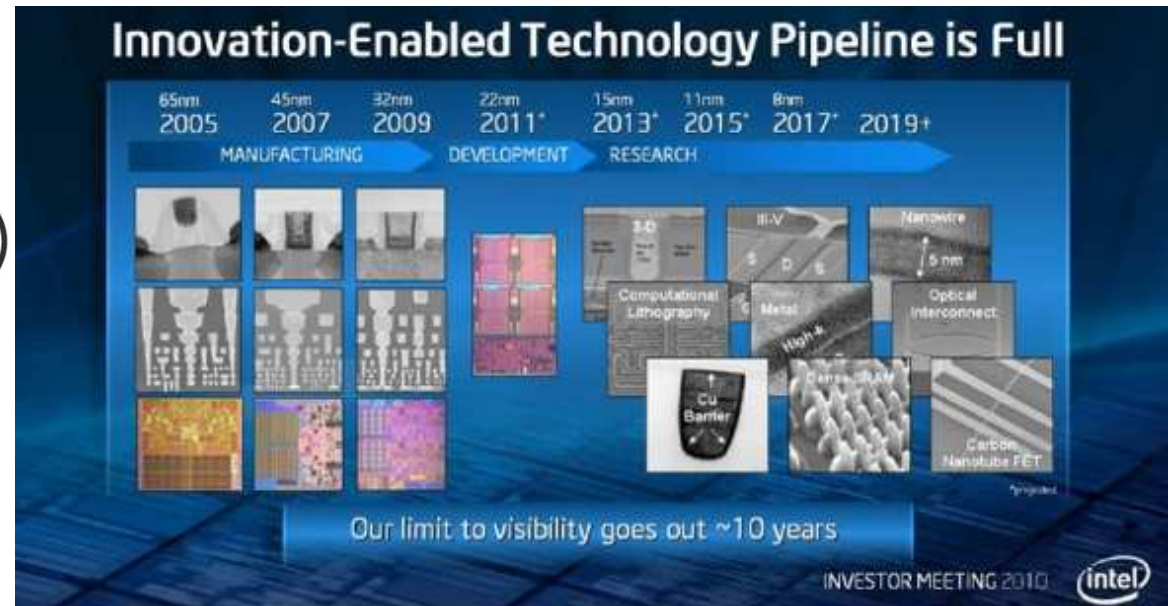
A possible TERAFLUX architectural instance



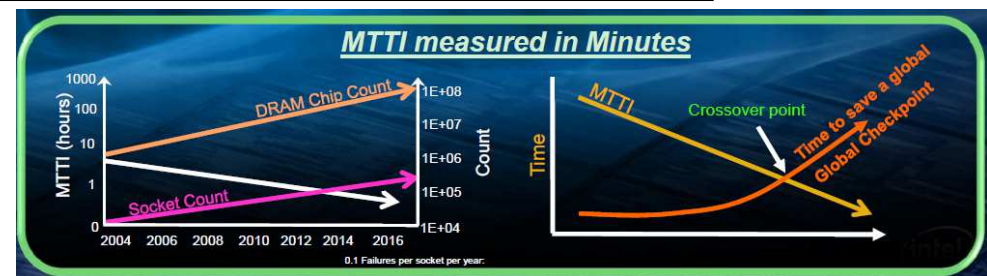
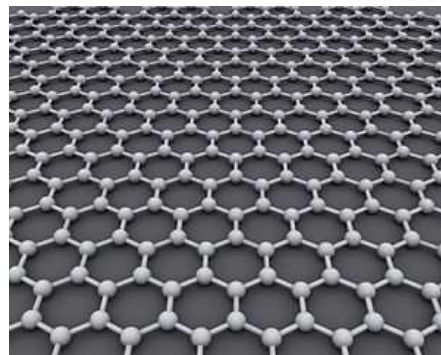
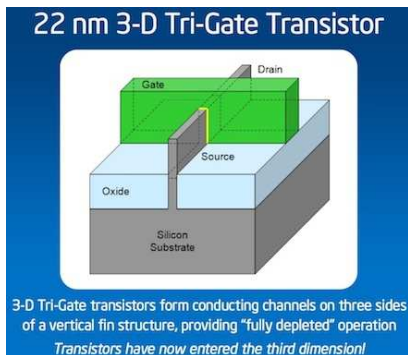
Will this fit Future Scenarios? == 3D stacking, 8nm, 3D transistors, Graphene



G. Hendry, K. Bergman, "Hybrid On-chip Data Networks", HotChips-22, Stanford, CA – Aug. 2010



Fab D1X (OR), 42 (AZ) starting the 14nm node in 2013



Pawloski, May 2011, Exascale Seminar, Ghent

Our pillars

- FIXED and MOST-USED ISA (**x86**)
- MANYCORE FULL SYSTEM SIMULATOR (**COTSon**)
- REAL WORLD APPLICATIONS (e.g. GROMACS)
- SYNCHRONIZATION: **TRANSACTIONAL MEMORY**
- **GCC** based TOOL-CHAIN
- OFF-THE-SHELF COMPONENTS FOR CORES, OS, NOC, MEMORY HIERARCHY
- **FDU** AND **TSU** (Fault Detection Unit and Thread Scheduling Unit)

Very inspiring work

- J. Smith – Decouple Access/Execute
- Y. Patt, W. Hwu – the Restricted Dataflow
- G. Sohi – the Multi-Scalar
- D. Burger, S. Keckler – the TRIPS architecture
- D. Culler – The TAM
- G. Gao – The Earth
- G. Papadopolus – the Monsoon
- ...

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- Arvind – for keep insisting on the DF potentials
- K. M. Kavi – for initiating me to the DF
- G. Gao – for showing great DF software

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Exploiting Dataflow Parallelism in Teradevice Computing

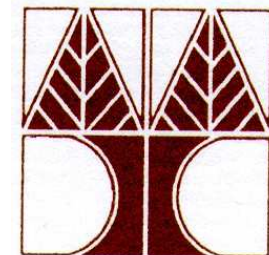
8.2 Million Euro Cost
Integrated Project
in the context of
FET program
(Future Emerging Technologies)
of the EUROPEAN UNION

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