Operating Systems
(Honor Track)

What is an Operating System?

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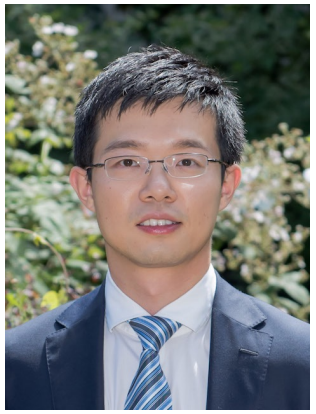

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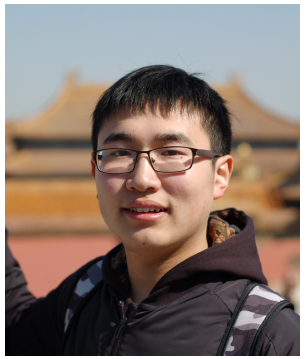

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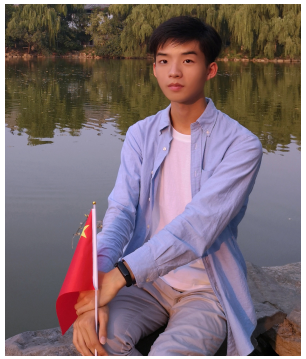

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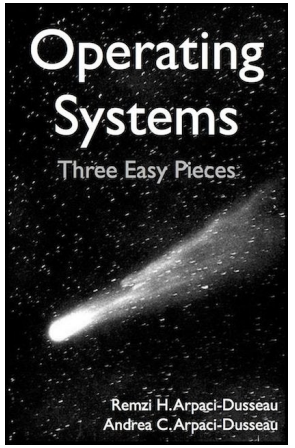
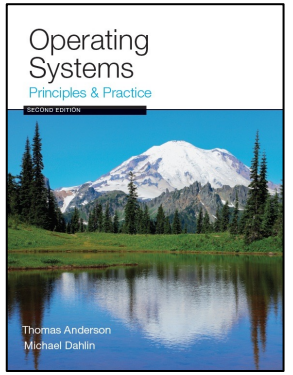
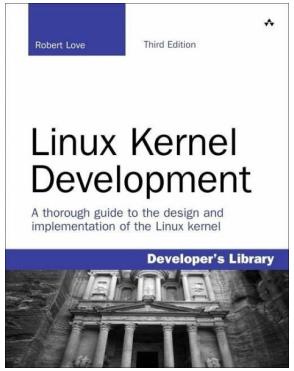
Recommended Readings

- Recommended textbook: Operating Systems: Three Easy Pieces, by Remzi and Andrea Arpaci-Dusseau
  - Available for **free** online (https://pages.cs.wisc.edu/~remzi/OSTEP)
  - Try to keep up with material in book as well as lectures



- Supplementary Materials
  - Operating Systems: Principles and Practice, 2nd Edition, by Anderson and Dahlin
  - Linux Kernel Development, 3rd edition, by Robert Love





Preparing Yourself for this Class

- The assignments will require you to be very comfortable with programming and debugging C
  - Pointers (including function pointers, void*)
  - Memory Management (malloc, free, stack vs heap)
  - Debugging with GDB

- You will be working on a larger, more sophisticated code base than anything you've likely seen in other courses!

- Others
  - C tutorial (https://cs162.org/ladder/)
  - Markdown tutorial (https://www.markdowntutorial.com/zh-cn/)

Goals

- **Prepare** students for advanced study and research in computer systems, by providing the necessary foundation and context.
- **Enable** students to understand the internal core logic of the operating system in depth and have a chance to design and implement their own operating systems.
- **Empower** students to write and debug large programs, design and implement useful abstractions and especially practice their ability to write and debug multi-threading programs.

Class Workload

- Lectures
  - Core concepts and principles of operating systems, which form the foundation of computer systems in general (based on Berkeley CS 162)
  - Recent developments and frontiers in computer systems (new in this course)
    - Big data systems: Google's three papers (GFS, MapReduce, Bigtable), Hadoop, Spark, etc.
    - Machine learning systems: TensorFlow, PyTorch, Ray, etc.
    - Cloud computing: resource disaggregation, serverless computing, etc.
    - We will read and discuss interesting research papers in computer systems
- Programming assignments: VERY CHALLENGING
  - Design and implement your own operating systems
  - Based on Pintos from Stanford (used by OS courses at Stanford, Berkeley, etc.)
- Two exams
  - Midterm, final

Grading

- Participation: 5%
- Programming assignments (5 labs): 40%
  - 5 labs: 4% + 9% + 9% + 9% + 9%
  - Design (design doc) + Implementation (code)
  - Difference from Berkeley CS 162
    - Done individually
    - We reorganize the labs
    - We provide TA sessions that give you enough tips to help you go through the assignments
    - We do not have other programming assignments in addition to the 5 labs (there are 7 extra programming assignments in Berkeley CS 162)
- Midterm exam: 15%
- Final exam: 40%

Collaboration Policy

Explaining a concept to other students

Discussing algorithms/testing strategies with other students

Helping debug someone else's code

Searching online for generic algorithms (e.g., hash table)

Sharing code or test cases with other students

Copying OR reading another student's code or test cases

Copying OR reading online code or test cases

Uploading your solutions online (during AND after the course)

We compare all homework submissions against each other and online solutions and will take actions against offenders

Feedback

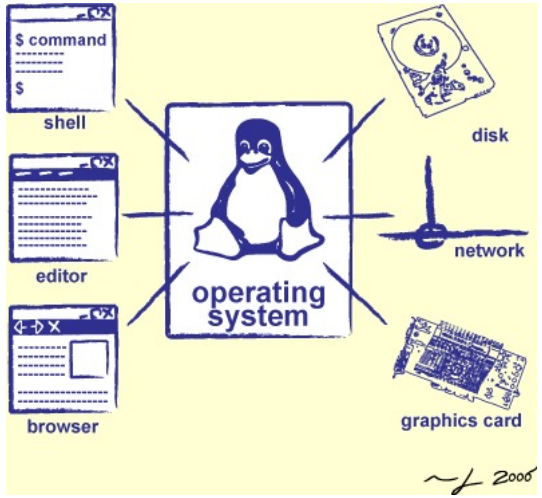
- Feedback survey: https://www.wjx.cn/vj/hhnJxie.aspx
  - Feed free to send us your feedback about the course.
  - It is available throughput the semester.
  - It is anonymous. A private channel to talk to me.
  - Your suggestions, comments, concerns and questions are very valuable.
  - **We will summarize the feedback and make changes to the course.**
    - **Let's make the course better together.**

Lecture Goal

Interactive!!!

Goals for Today

- What is an Operating System?
  - ➢ And – what is it not?
- What makes Operating Systems so exciting?



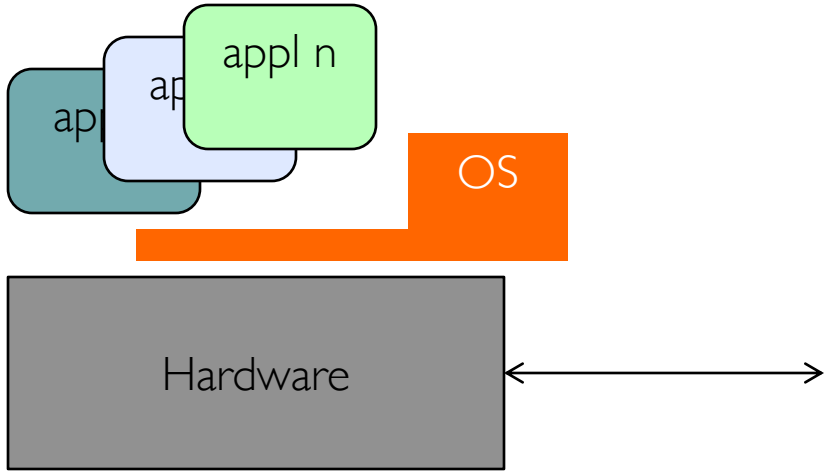
Interactive is important!

Ask Questions!

Slides courtesy of David Culler, Anthony D. Joseph, John Kubiatowicz, AJ Shankar, George Necula, Alex Aiken, Eric Brewer, Ras Bodik, Ion Stoica, Doug Tygar, and David Wagner.

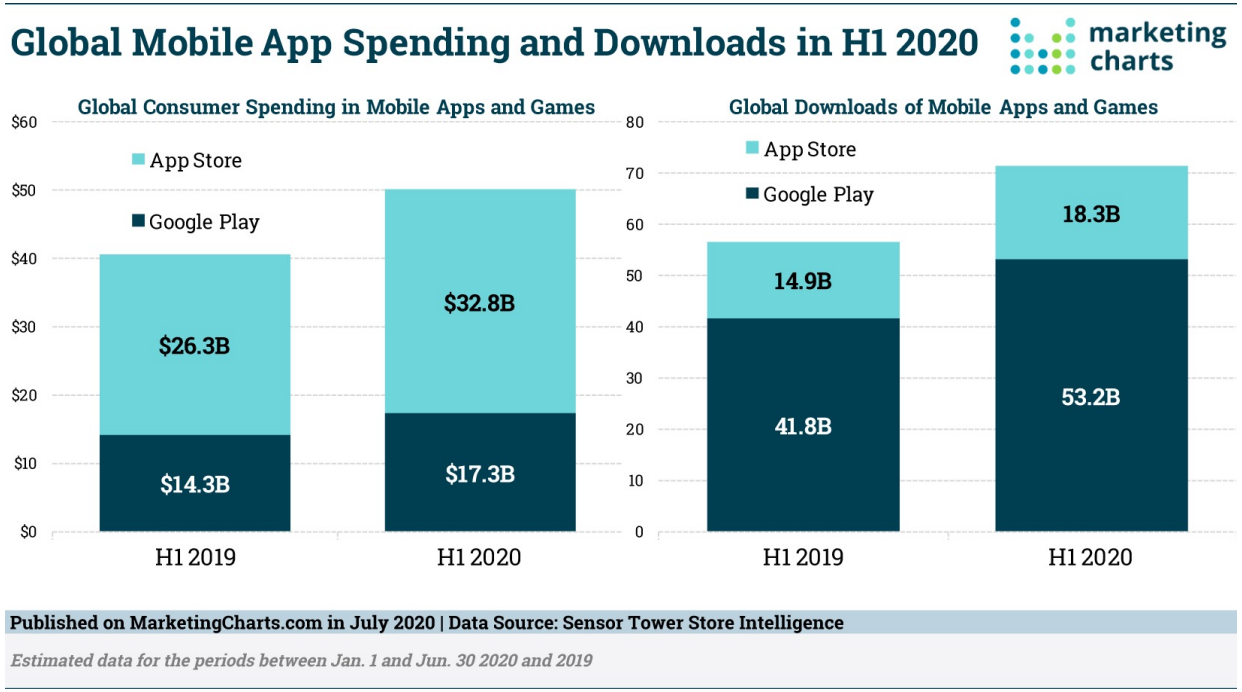
What is an operating system?

- Special layer of software that provides application software access to hardware resources
  - ➢Convenient abstraction of complex hardware devices
  - ➢Protected access to shared resources
  - ➢Security and authentication
  - ➢Communication amongst logical entities

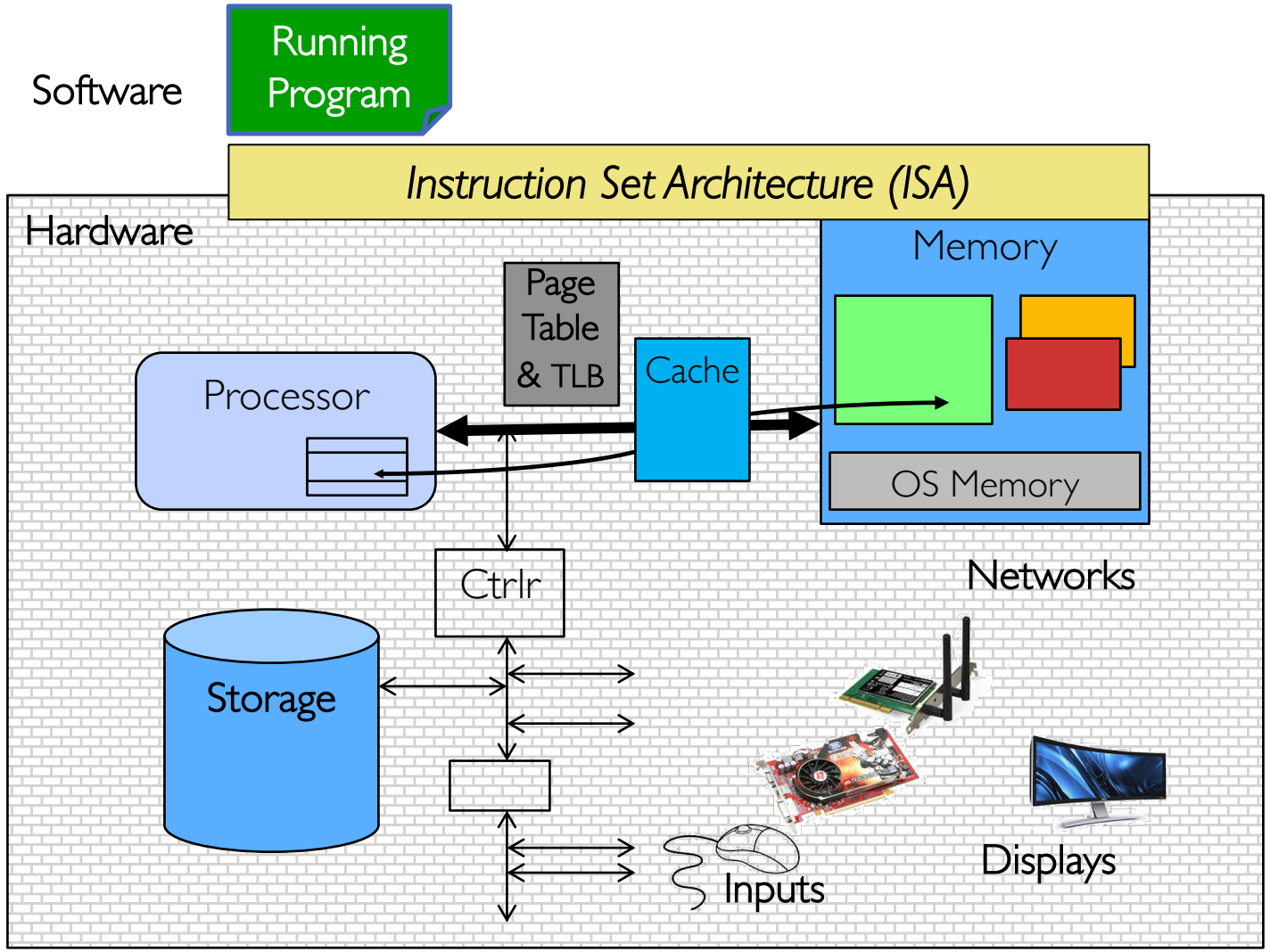


What Does an OS do?

- Provide abstractions to **apps**
  - File systems
  - Processes, threads
  - VM, containers
  - Naming system
  - …
- Manage resources:
  - Memory, CPU, storage, …
- Achieves the above by implementing specific algorithms and techniques:
  - Scheduling
  - Concurrency
  - Transactions
  - Security
  - …..



Hardware/Software Interface



What you learned in Introduction to Computer Systems (ICS)

The OS *abstracts* these hardware details from the application

What is an Operating System?

- Illusionist
  - ➢ Provide clean, easy-to-use abstractions of physical resources
    - » Infinite memory, dedicated machine
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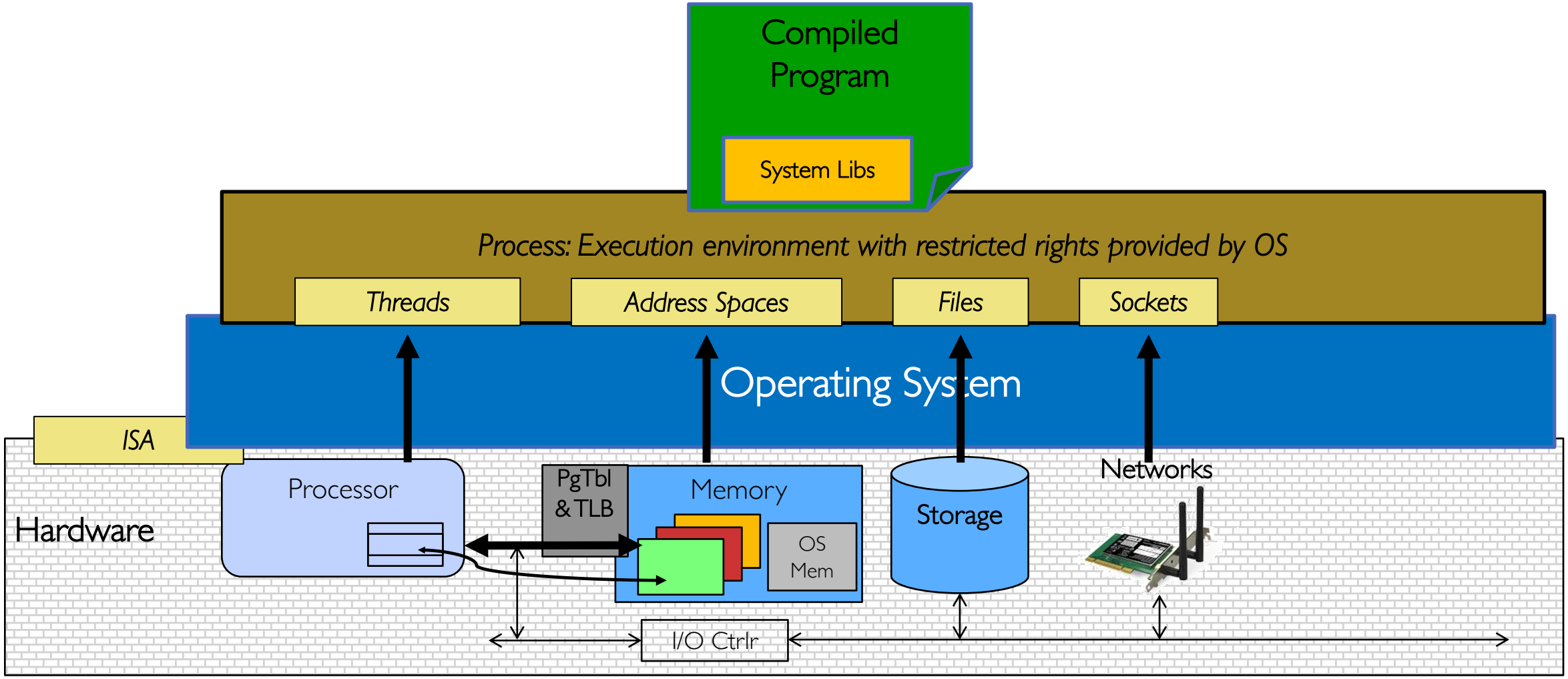
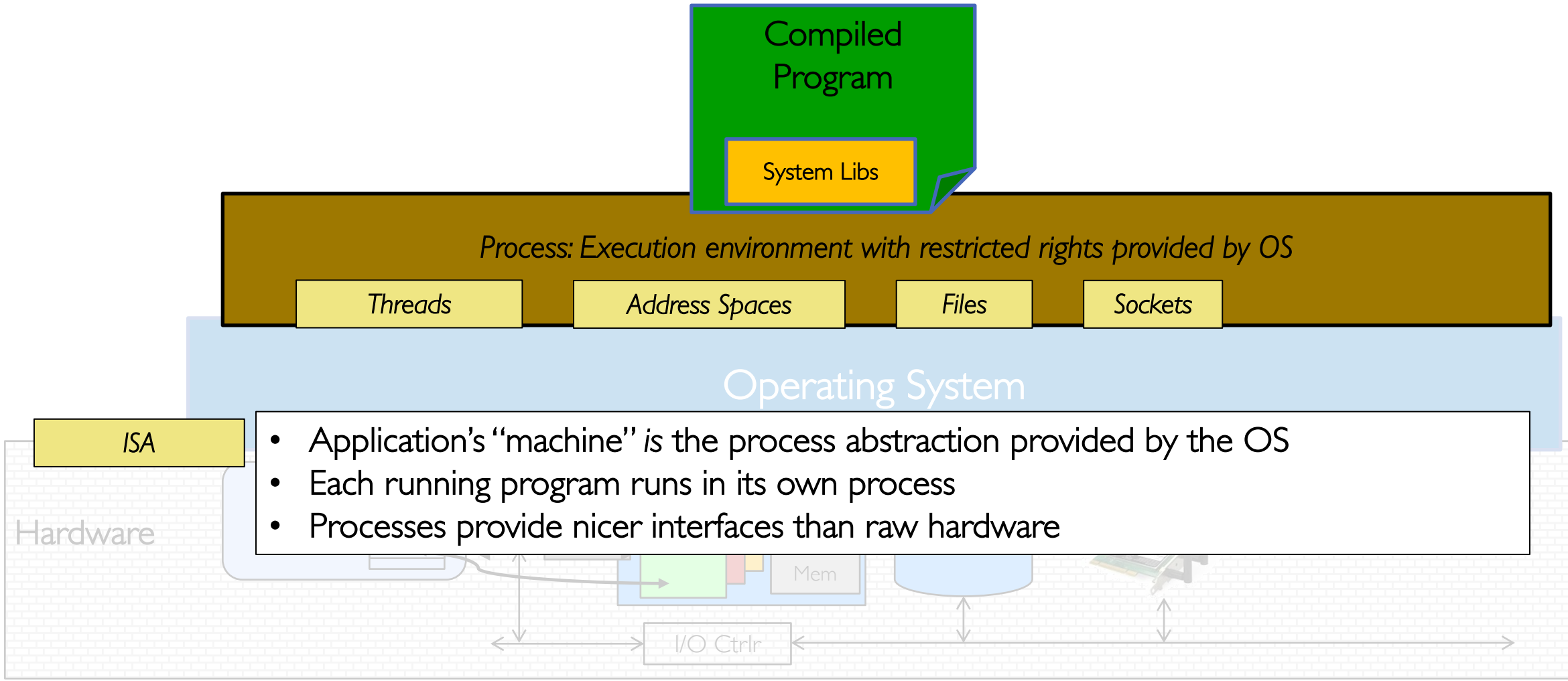
OS Basics: Virtualizing the Machine



Compiled Program's View of the World



- Application's "machine" *is* the process abstraction provided by the OS
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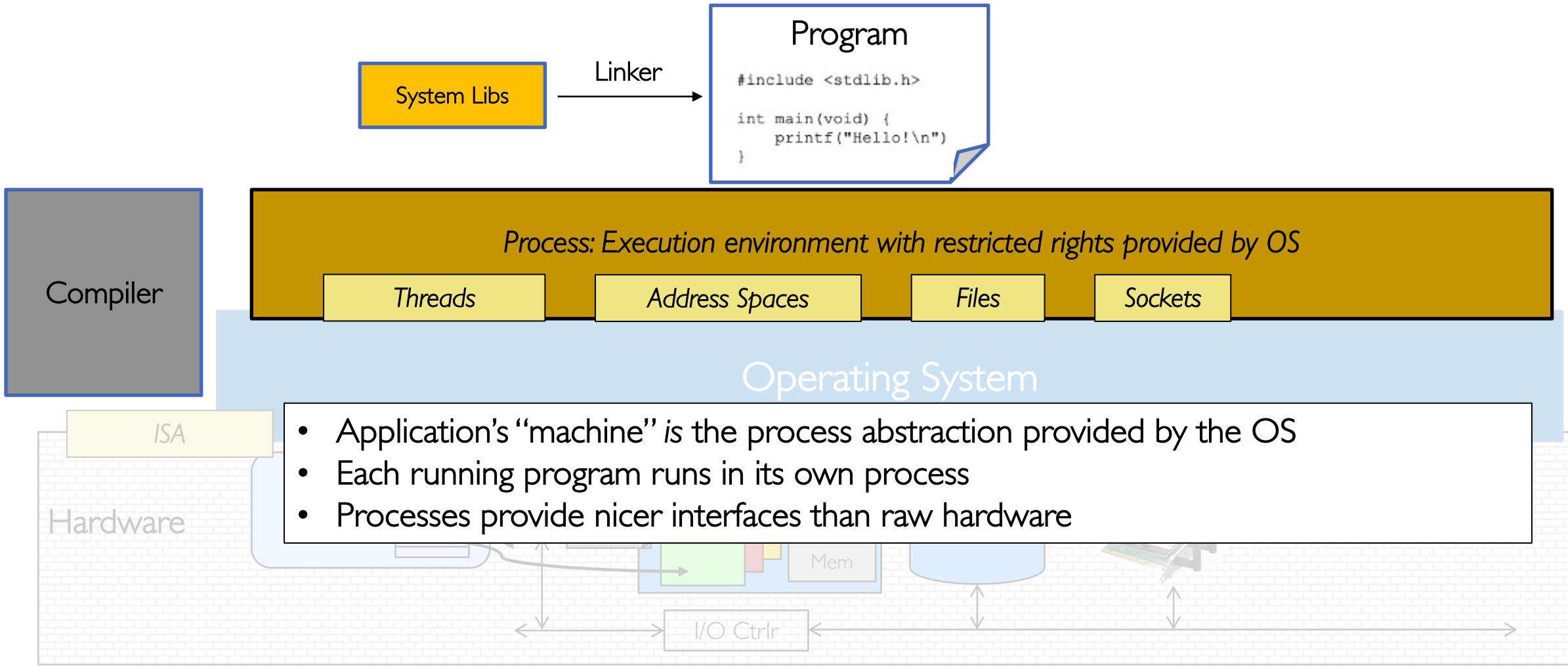
System Programmer's View of the World



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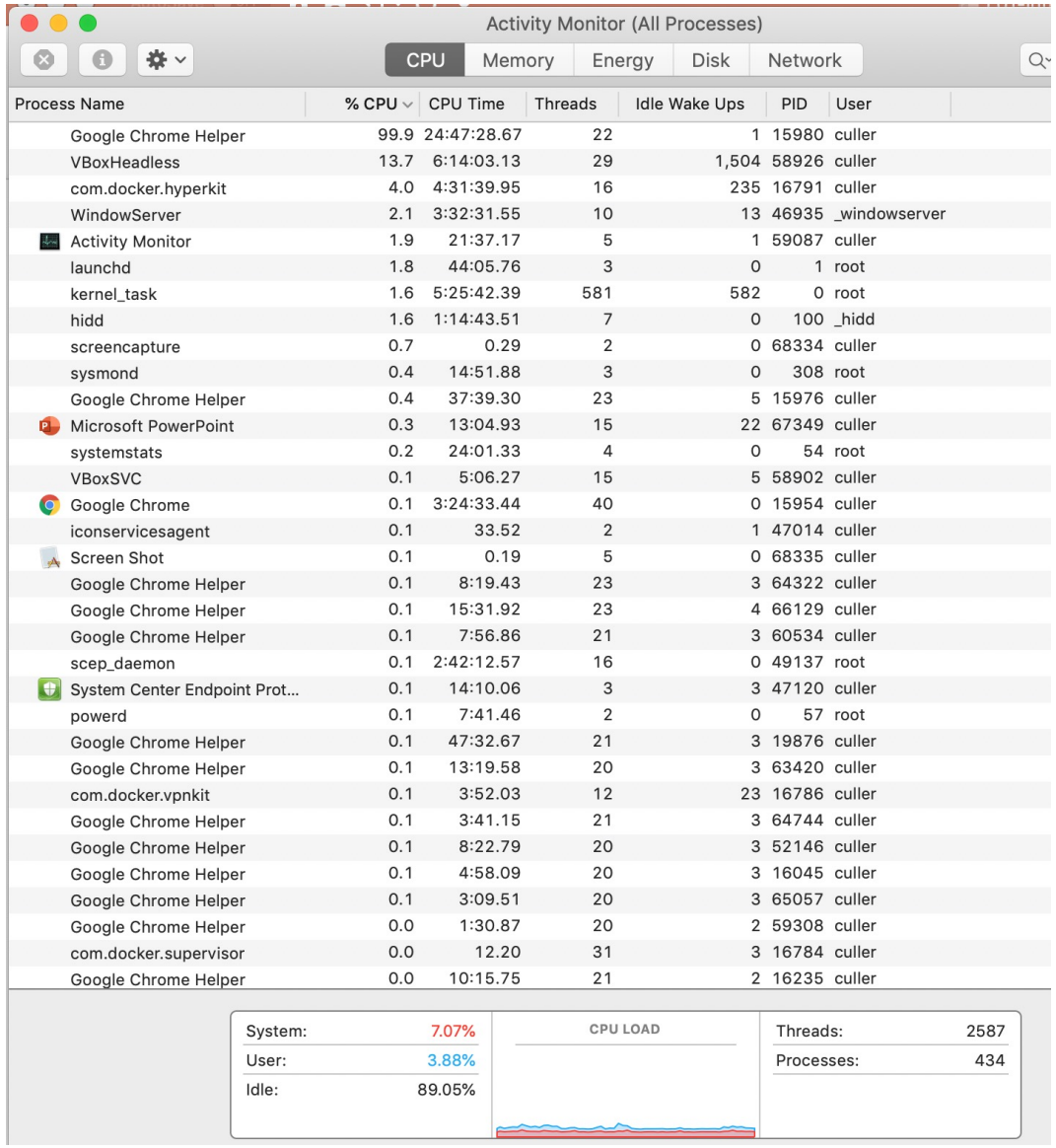
What's in a Process?

A process consists of:

- Address Space
- One or more threads of control executing in that address space
- Additional system state associated with it
  - Open files
  - Open sockets (network connections)
  - …

For Example…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Energy
Disk
Network
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VBoxHeadless 13.7 6:14:03.13 29 1,504 58926 culler
com.docker.hyperkit 4.0 4:31:39.95 16 235 16791 culler
WindowServer 2.1 3:32:31.55 10 13 46935 _windowserver
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launchd 1.8 44:05.76 3 0 1 root
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Idle: 89.05%
CPU LOAD
Threads: 2587
Processes: 434

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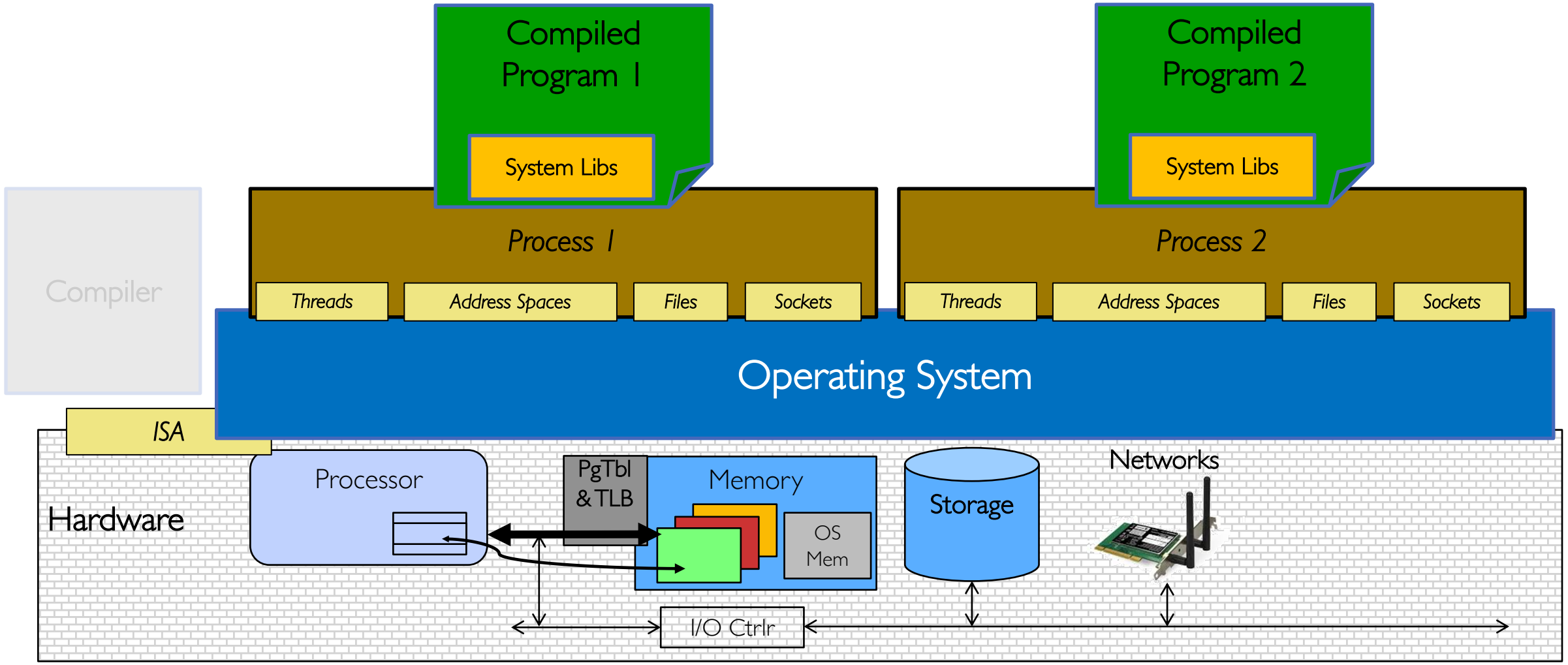

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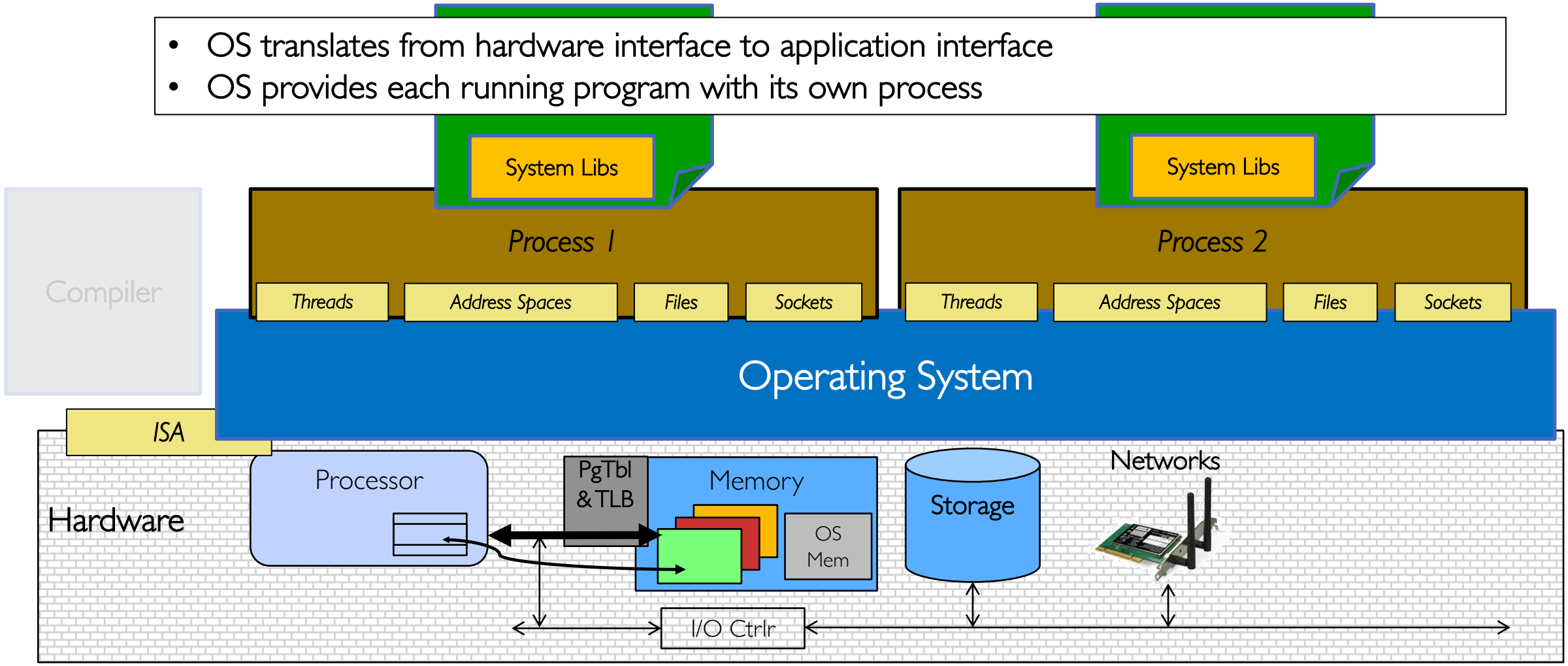
- OS translates from hardware interface to application interface
- OS provides each running program with its own process



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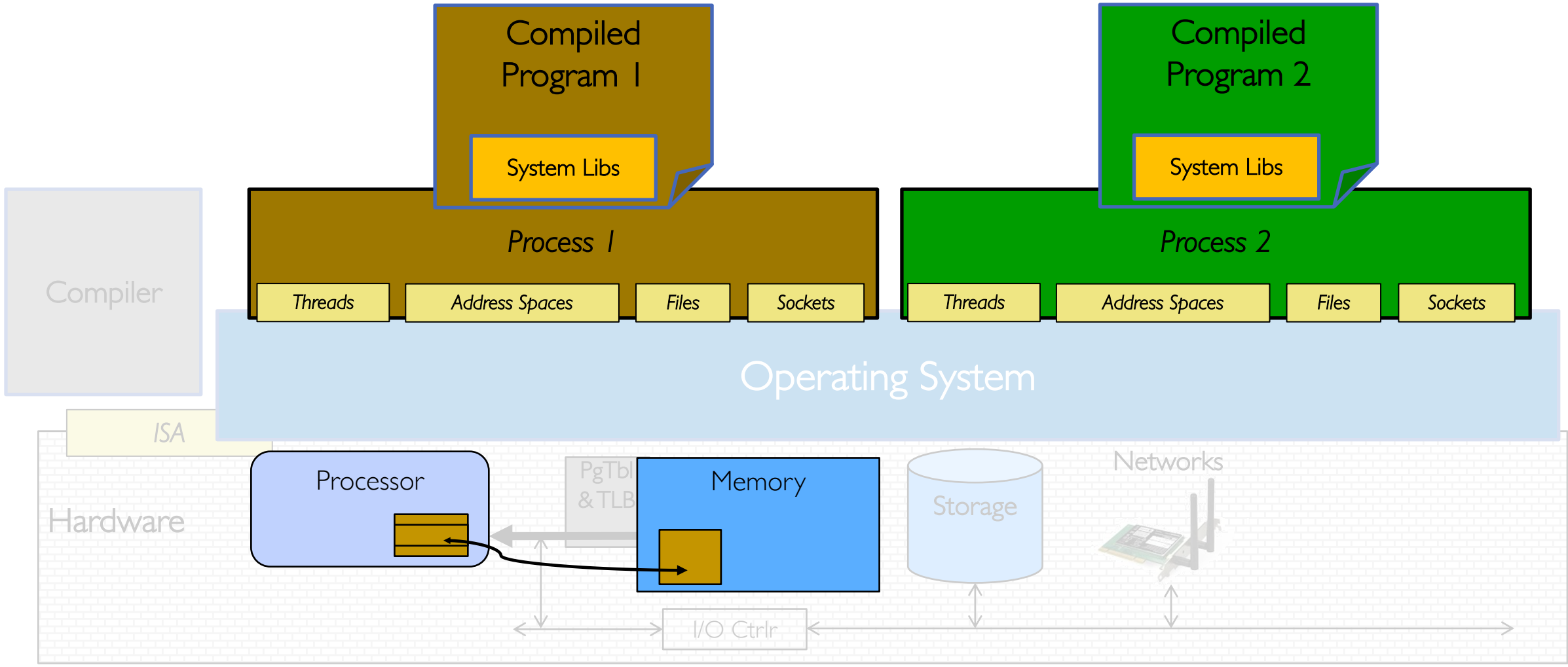
OS Basics: Running a Process



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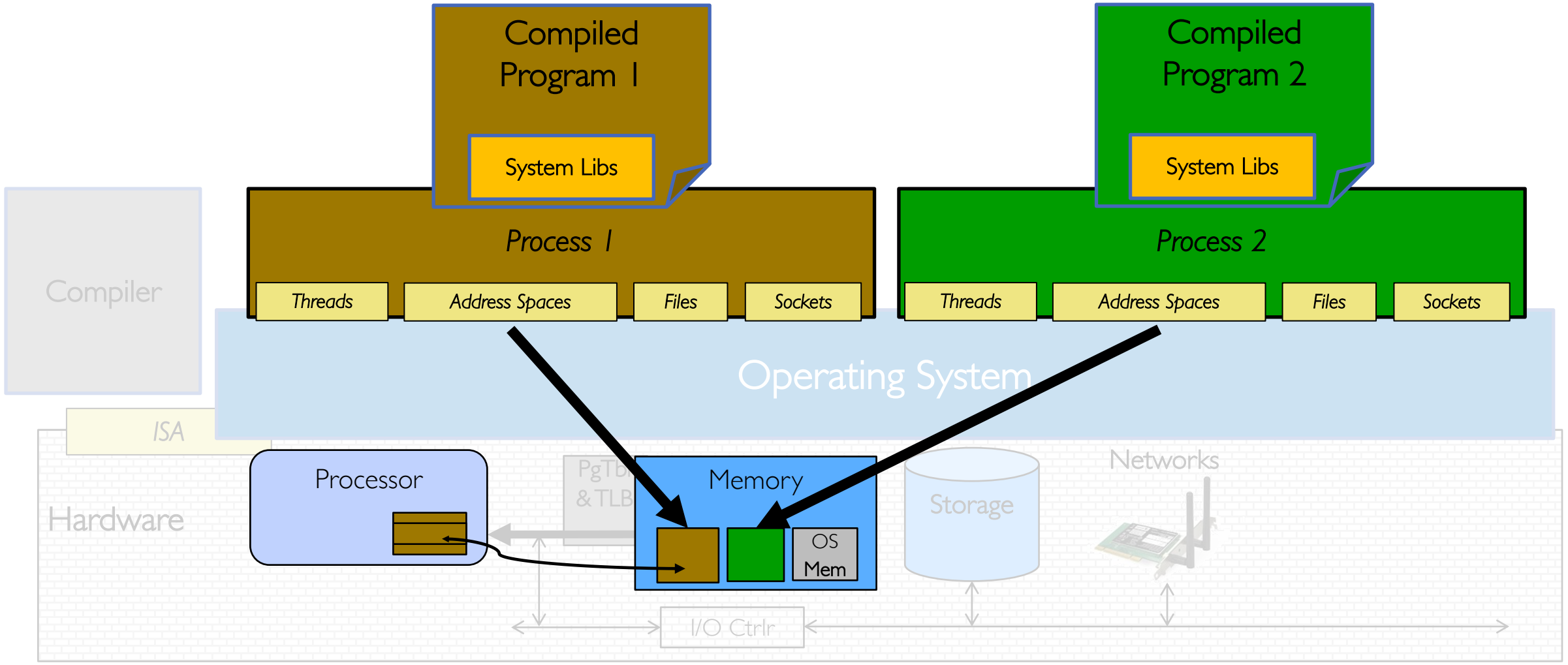

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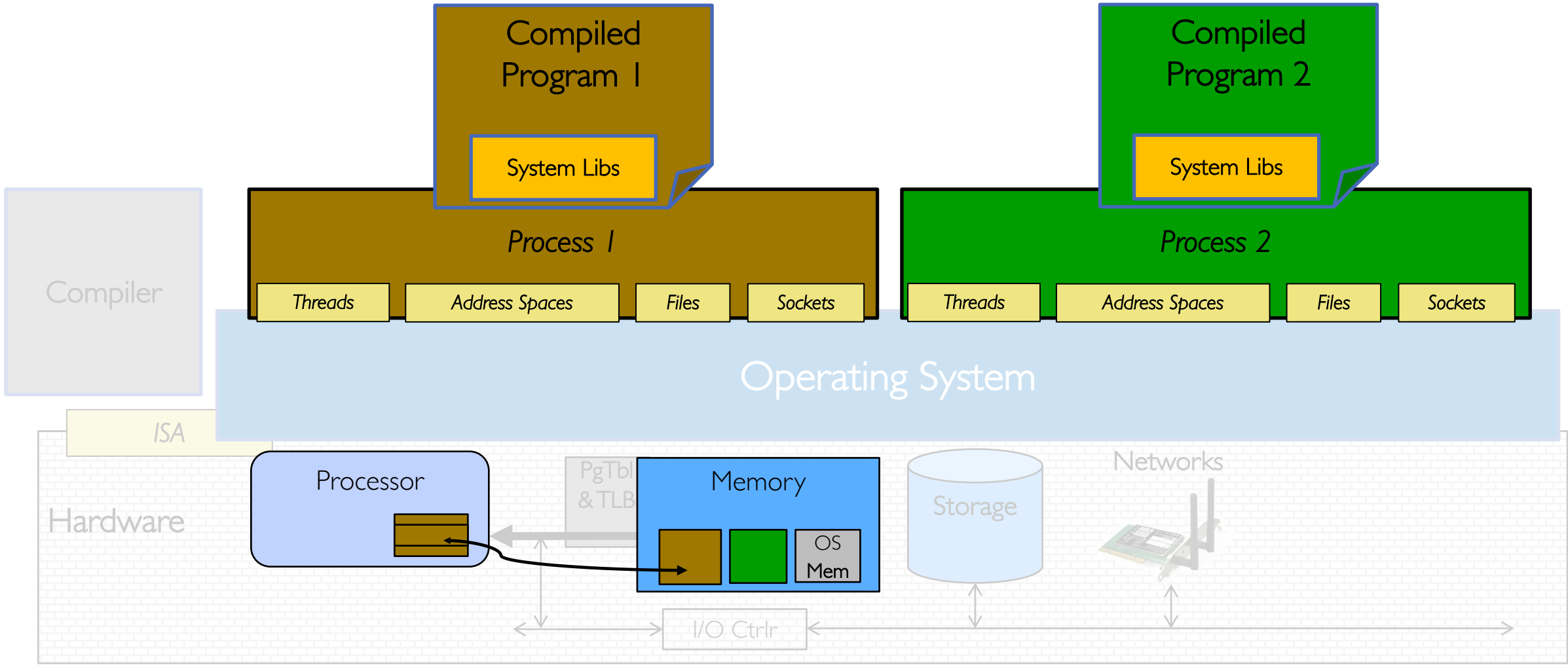

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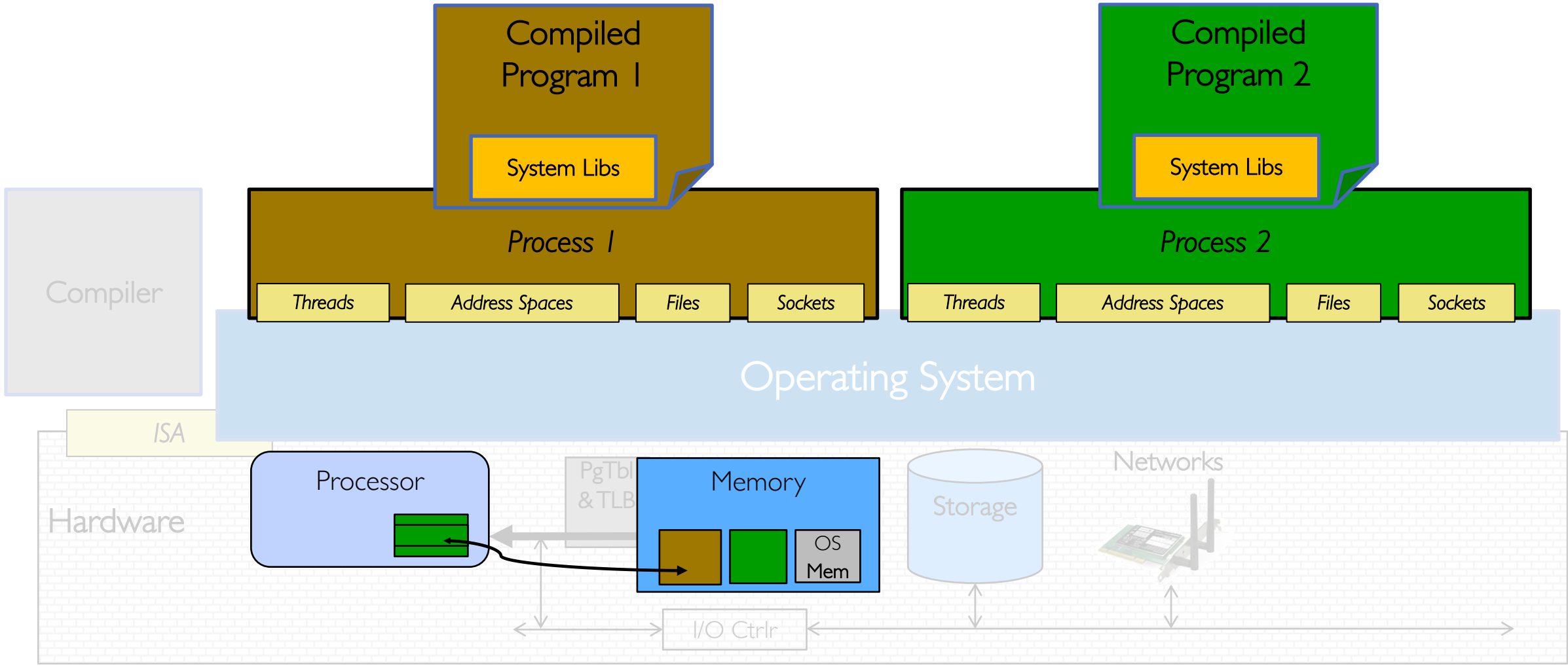

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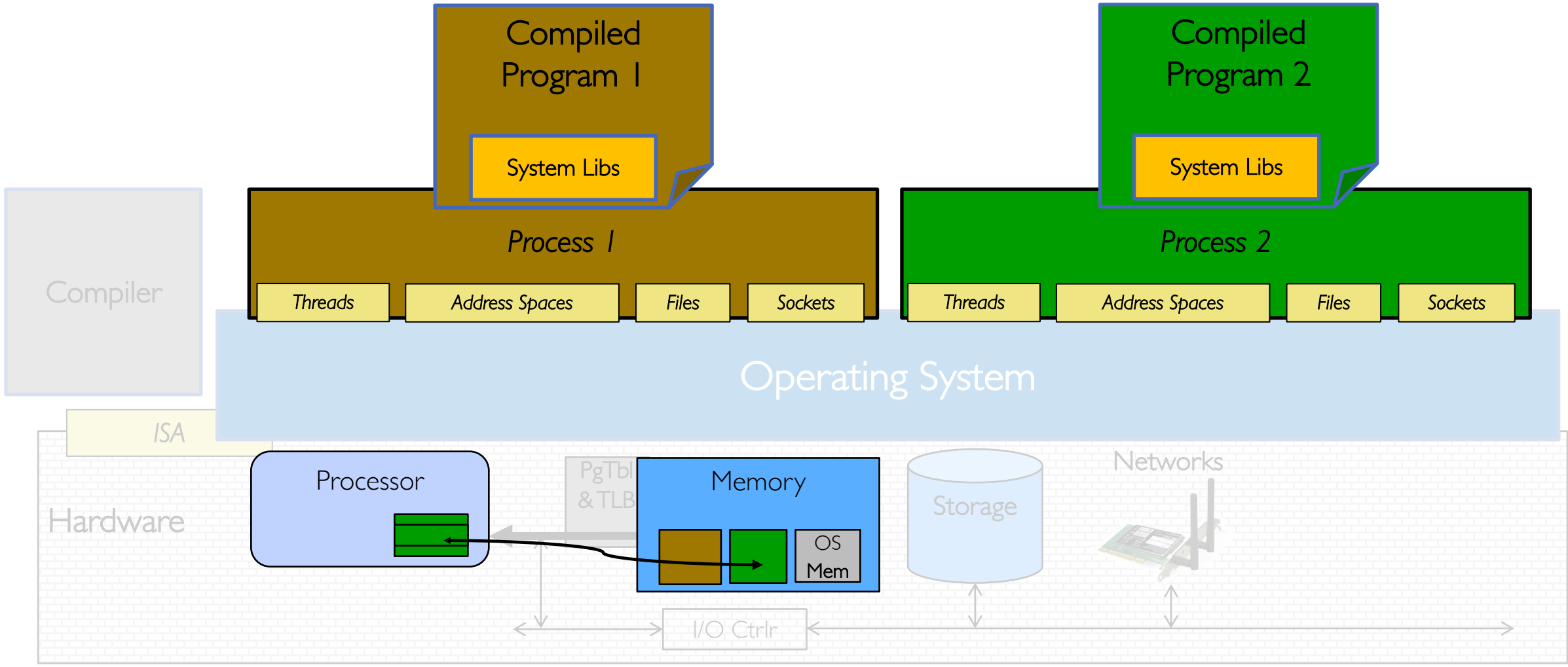

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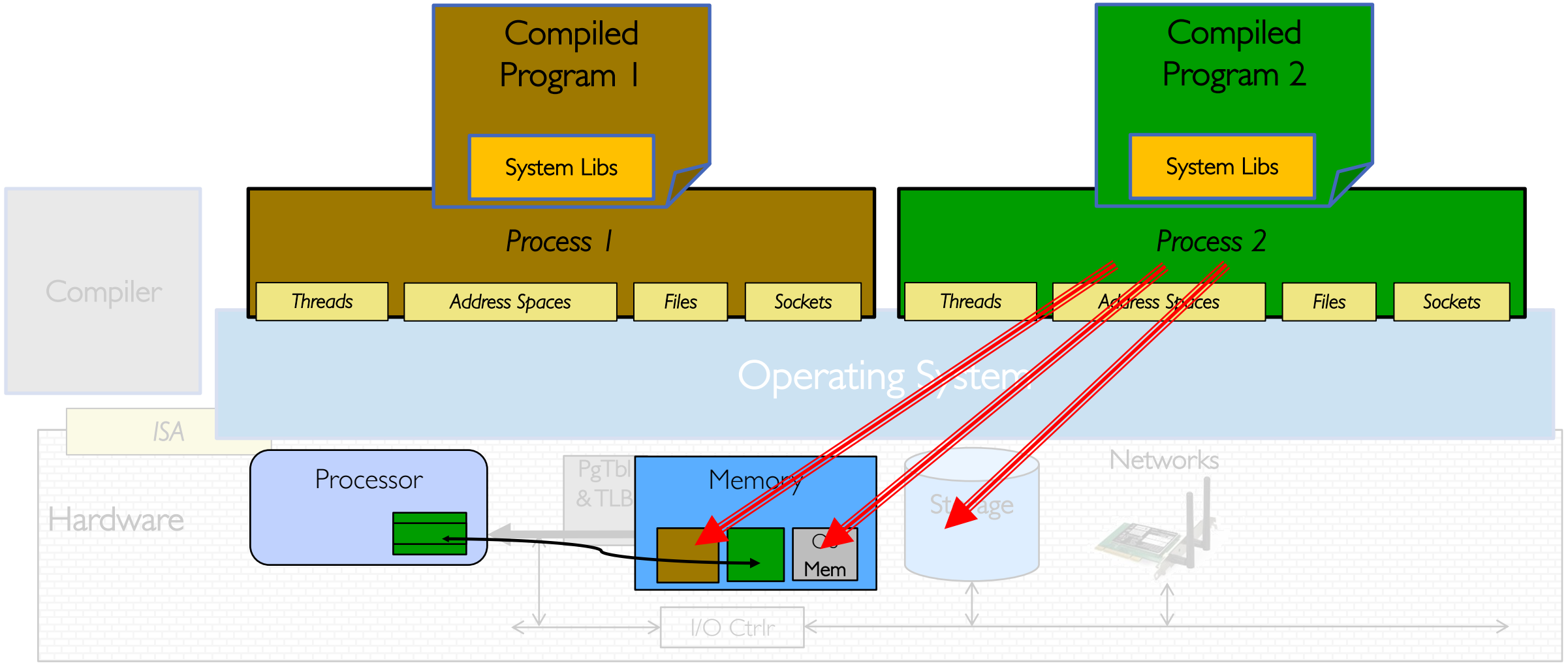

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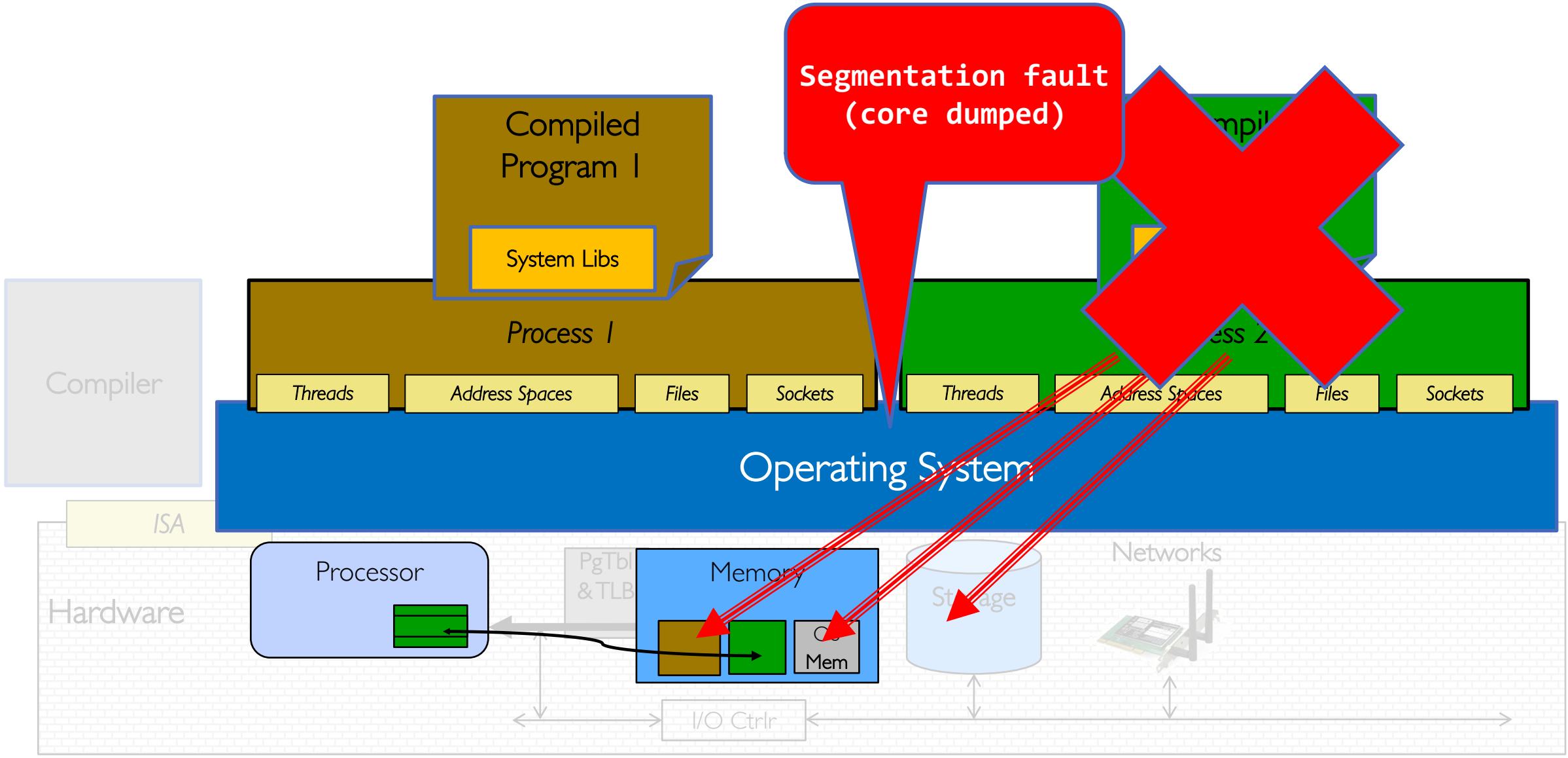

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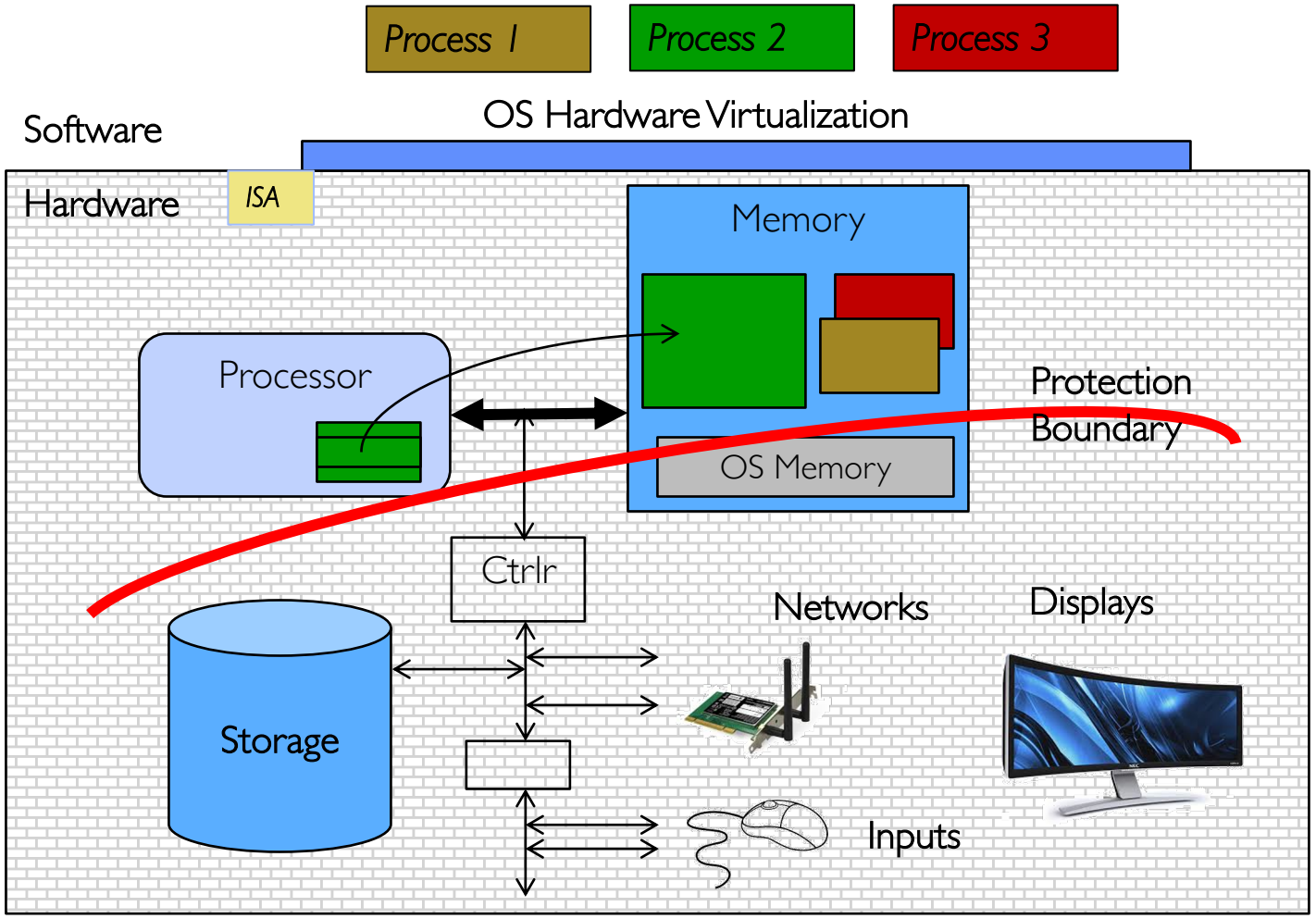

- OS *isolates* processes from each other
- OS *isolates* itself from other processes
- … even though they are actually running on the same hardware!

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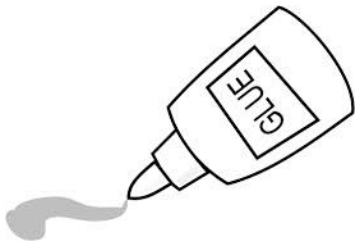

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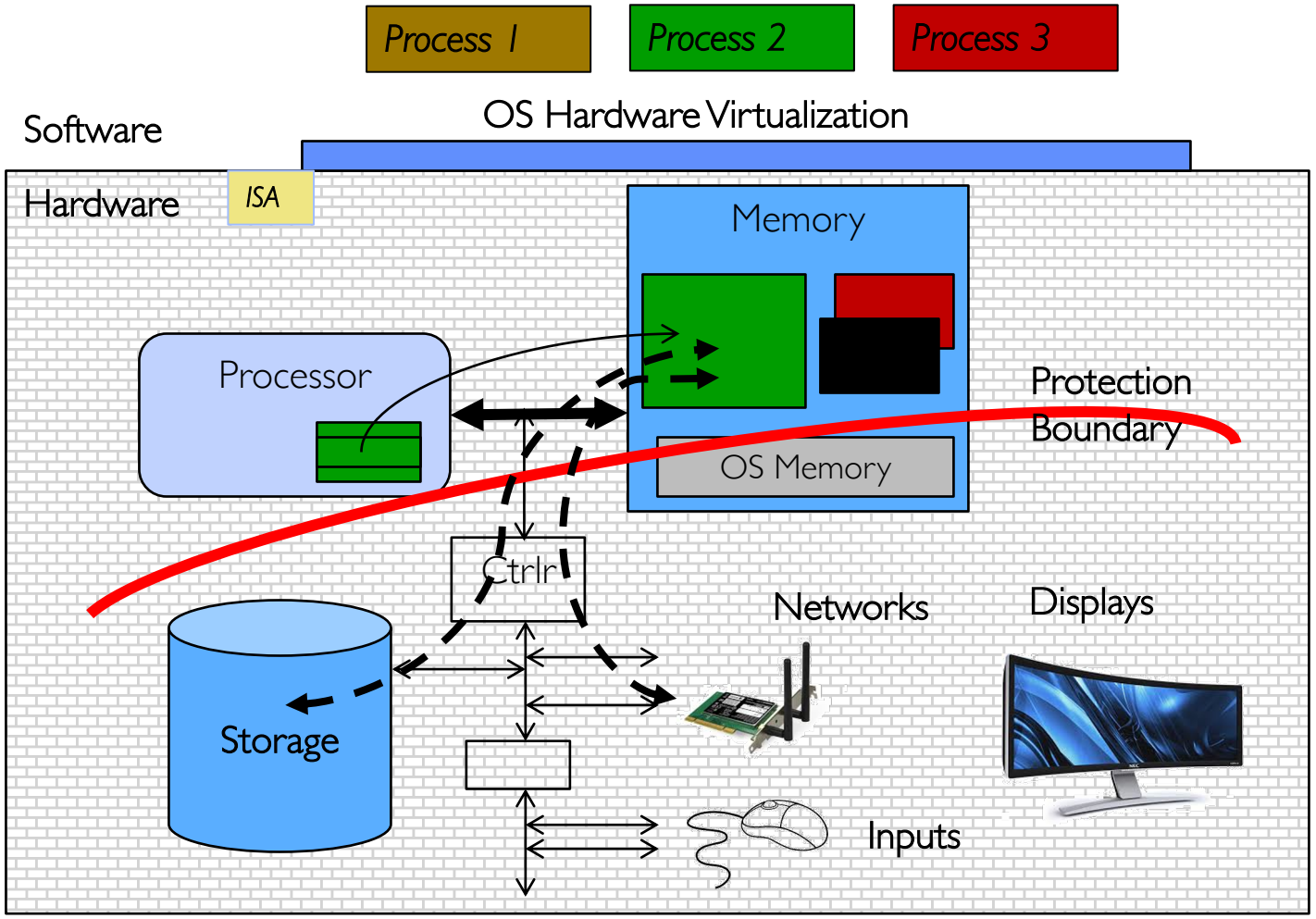
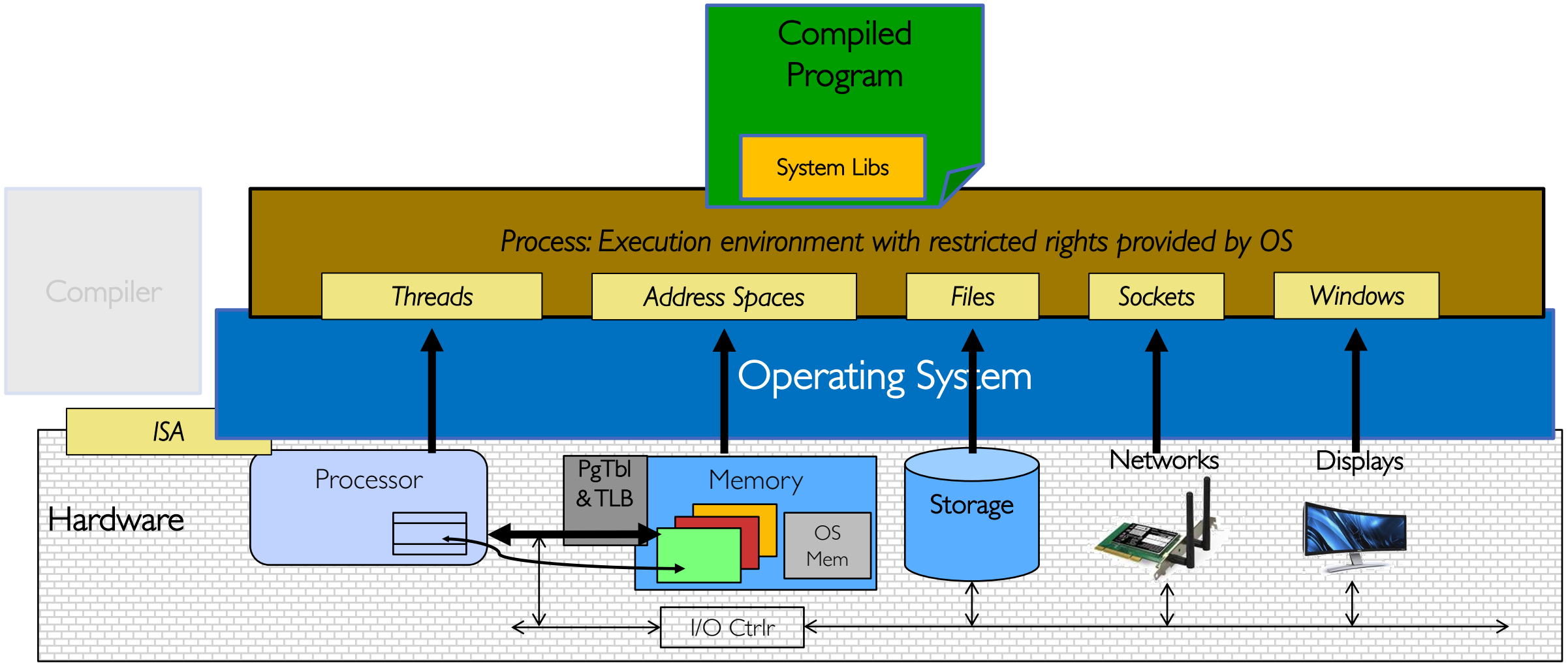
    - » Sharing, Authorization
    - » Look and feel

OS Basics: I/O

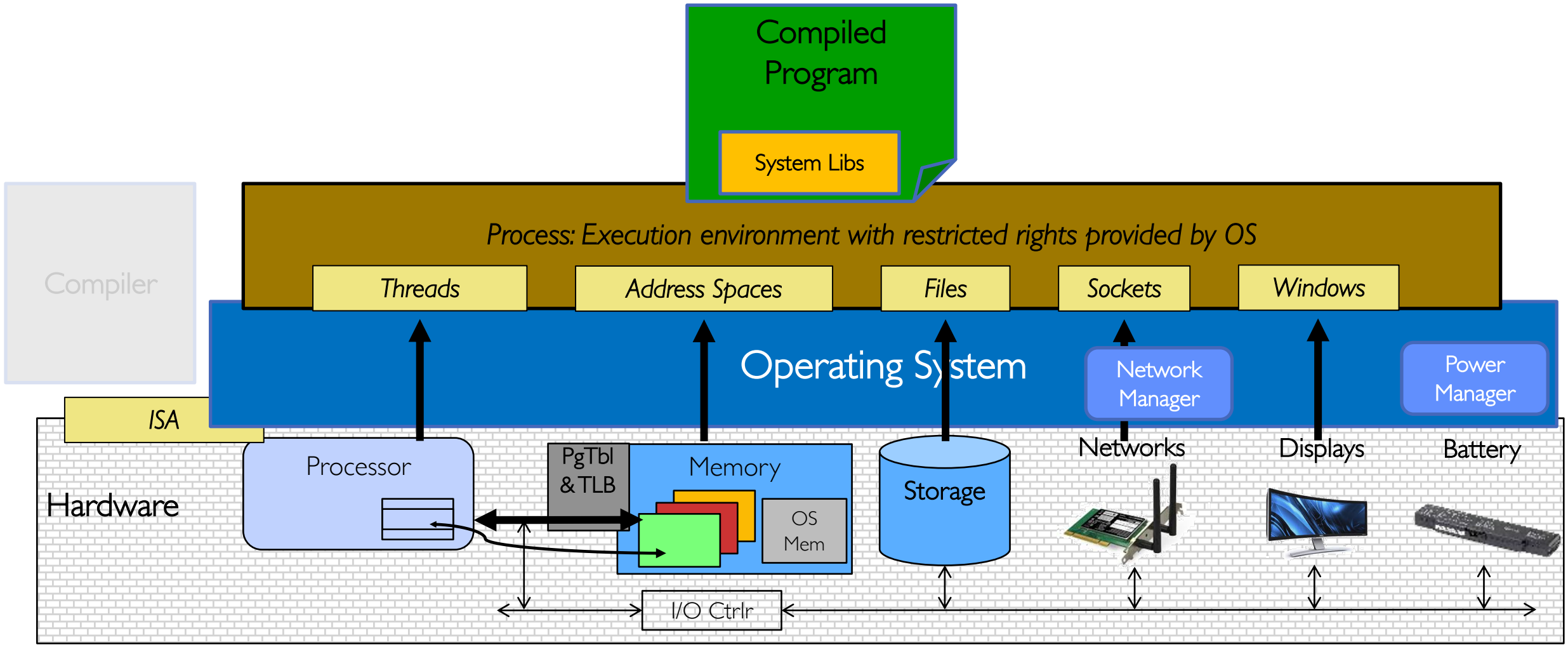


- OS provides common services in the form of I/O

OS Basics: Look and Feel



OS Basics: Background Management



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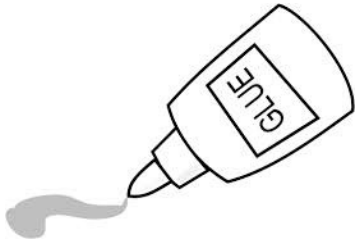

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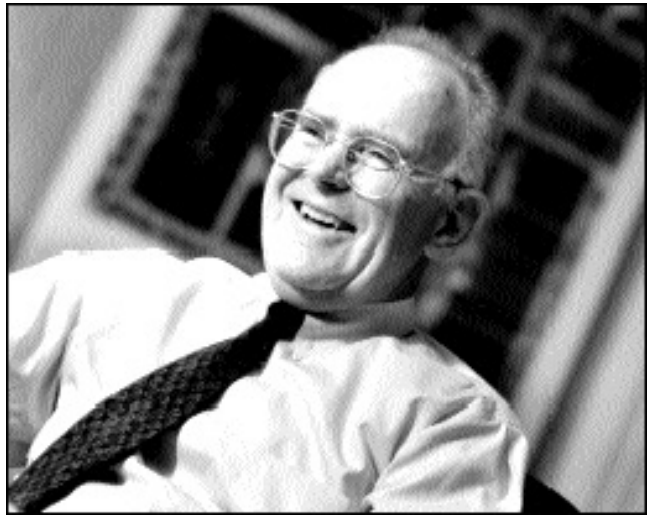
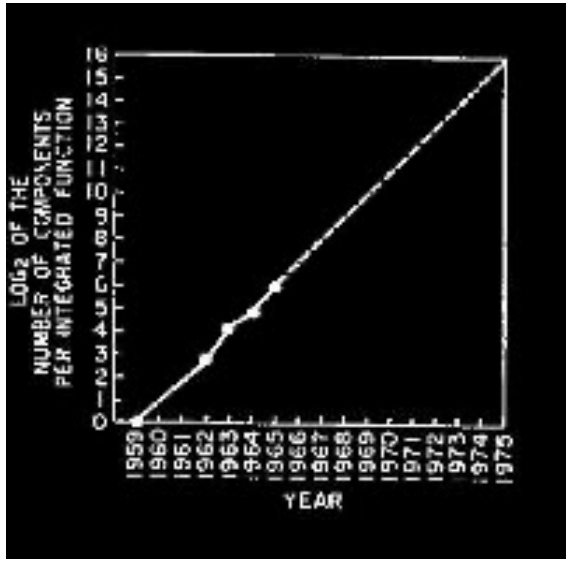
Why take Operating Systems?

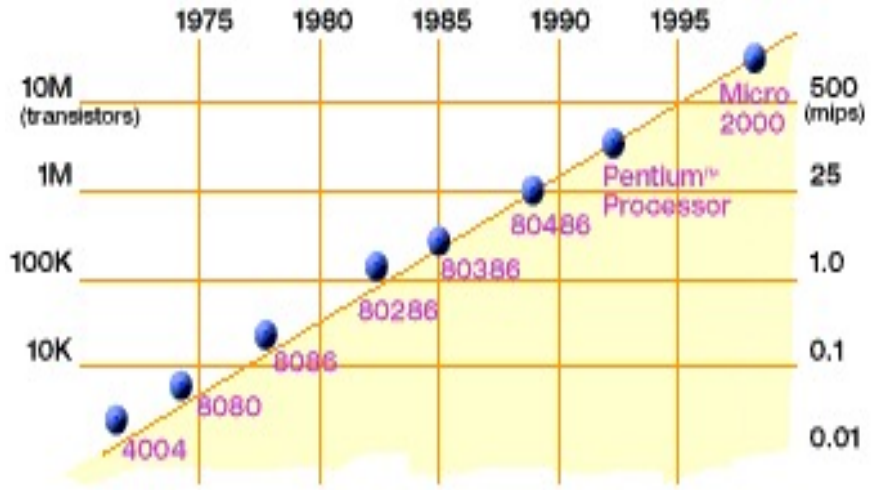
- Some of you will actually design and build operating systems or components of them.
  - Perhaps more now than ever
- Many of you will create systems that utilize the core concepts in operating systems.
  - Whether you build software or hardware
  - The concepts and design patterns appear at many levels
- All of you will build applications, etc. that utilize operating systems
  - The better you understand their design and implementation, the better use you'll make of them.

What makes Operating Systems Exciting and Challenging?

Technology Trends: Moore's Law







2X transistors/Chip Every 2 years

Called "Moore's Law"

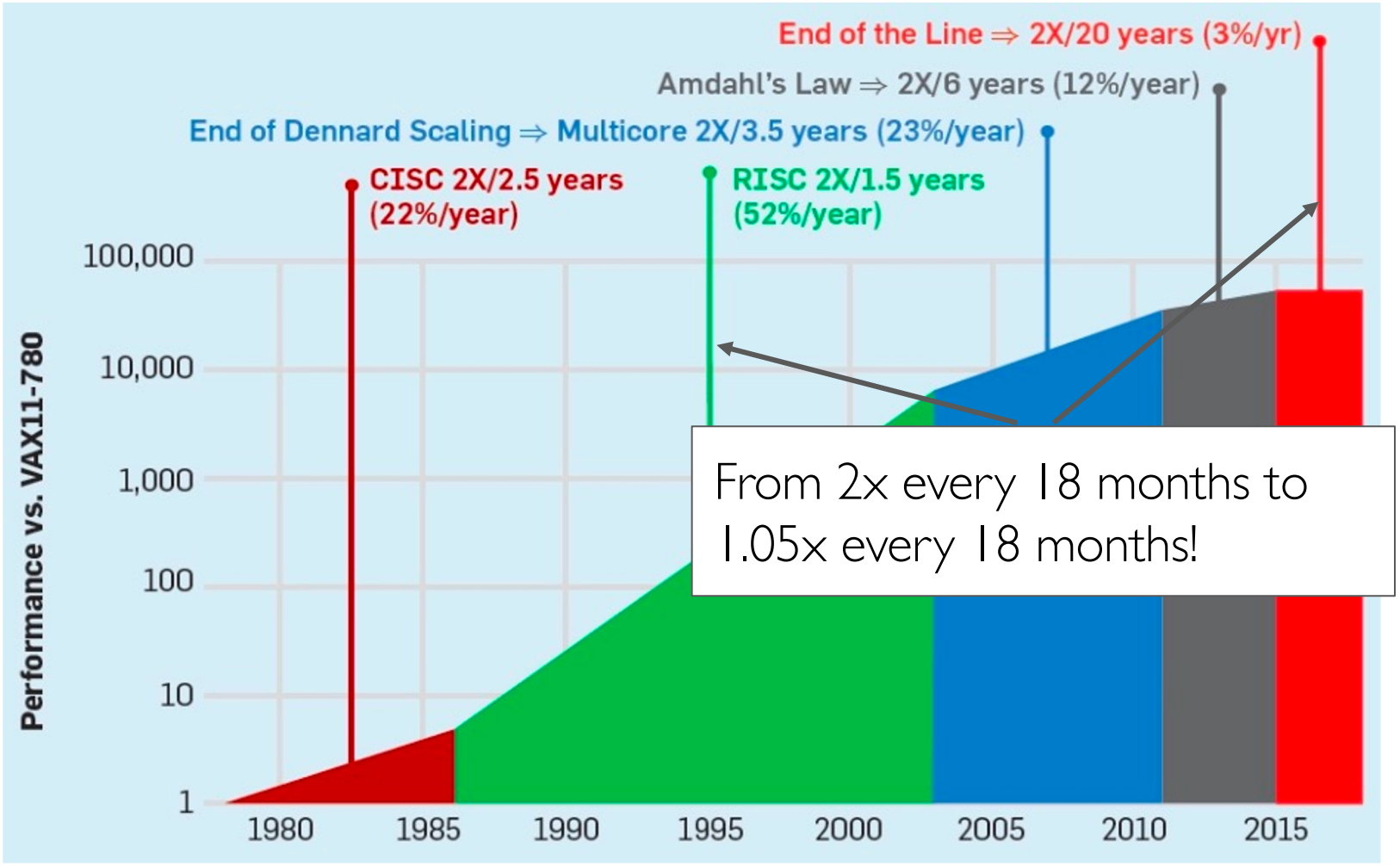
Gordon Moore (co-founder of Intel) predicted in 1965 that the transistor density of semiconductor chips would double roughly every 2 years

- Microprocessors have become smaller, denser, and more powerful

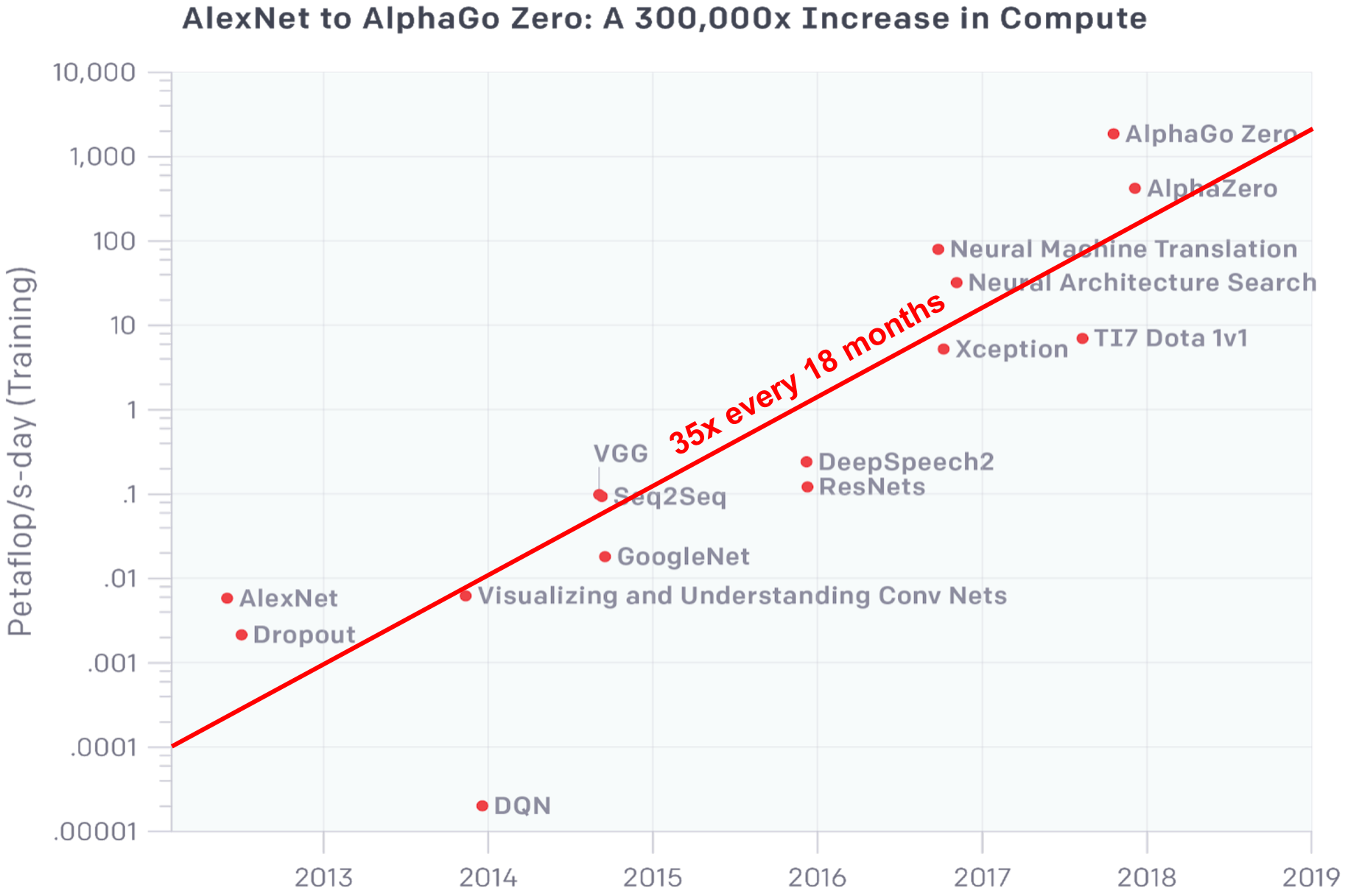
Corollary: Performance double roughly every 1.5 years (18 months)

- Faster growth because transistors are closer to each other so electrical signals travel faster

The end of the Moore's Law



AI Compute demands: 2012 - 2019



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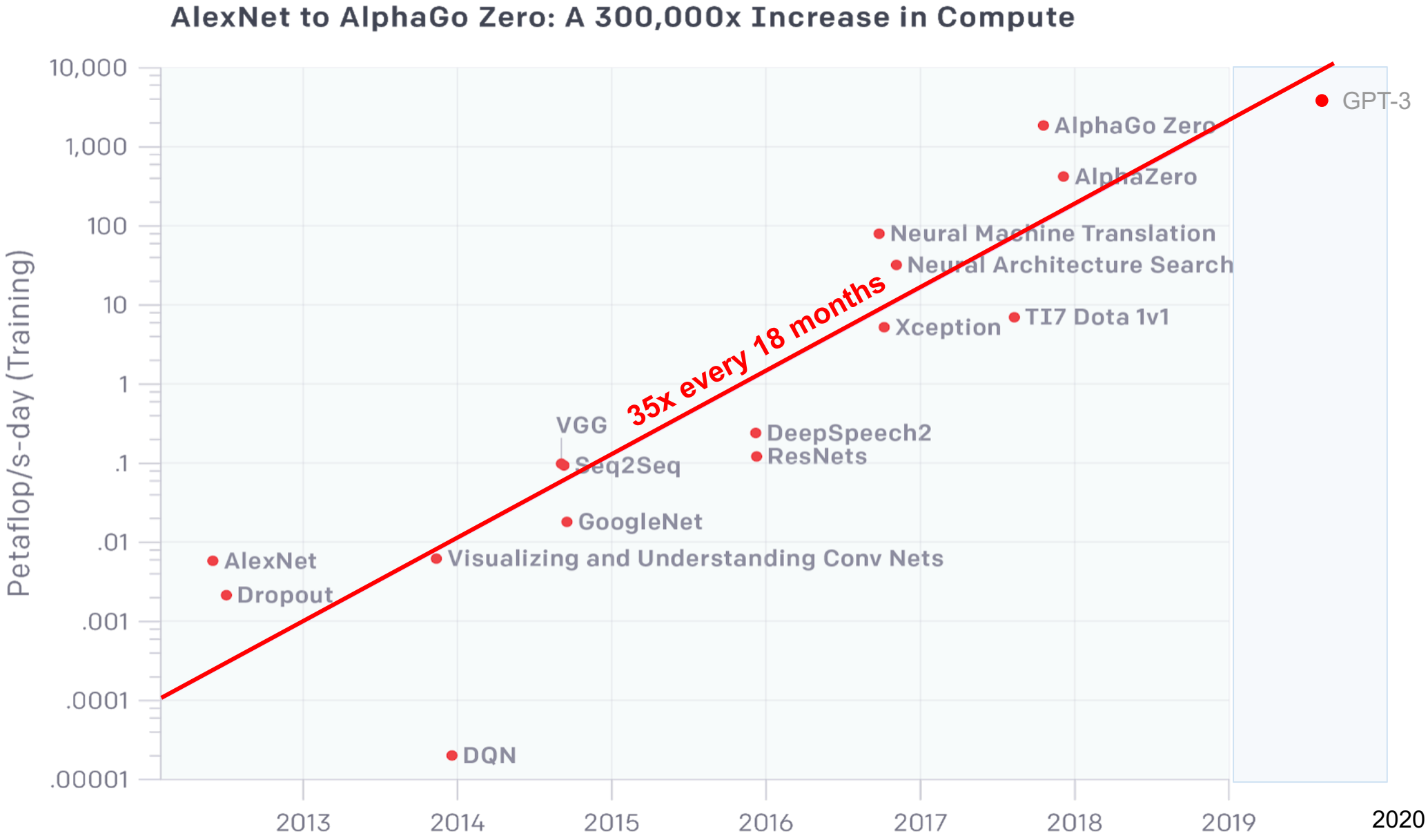

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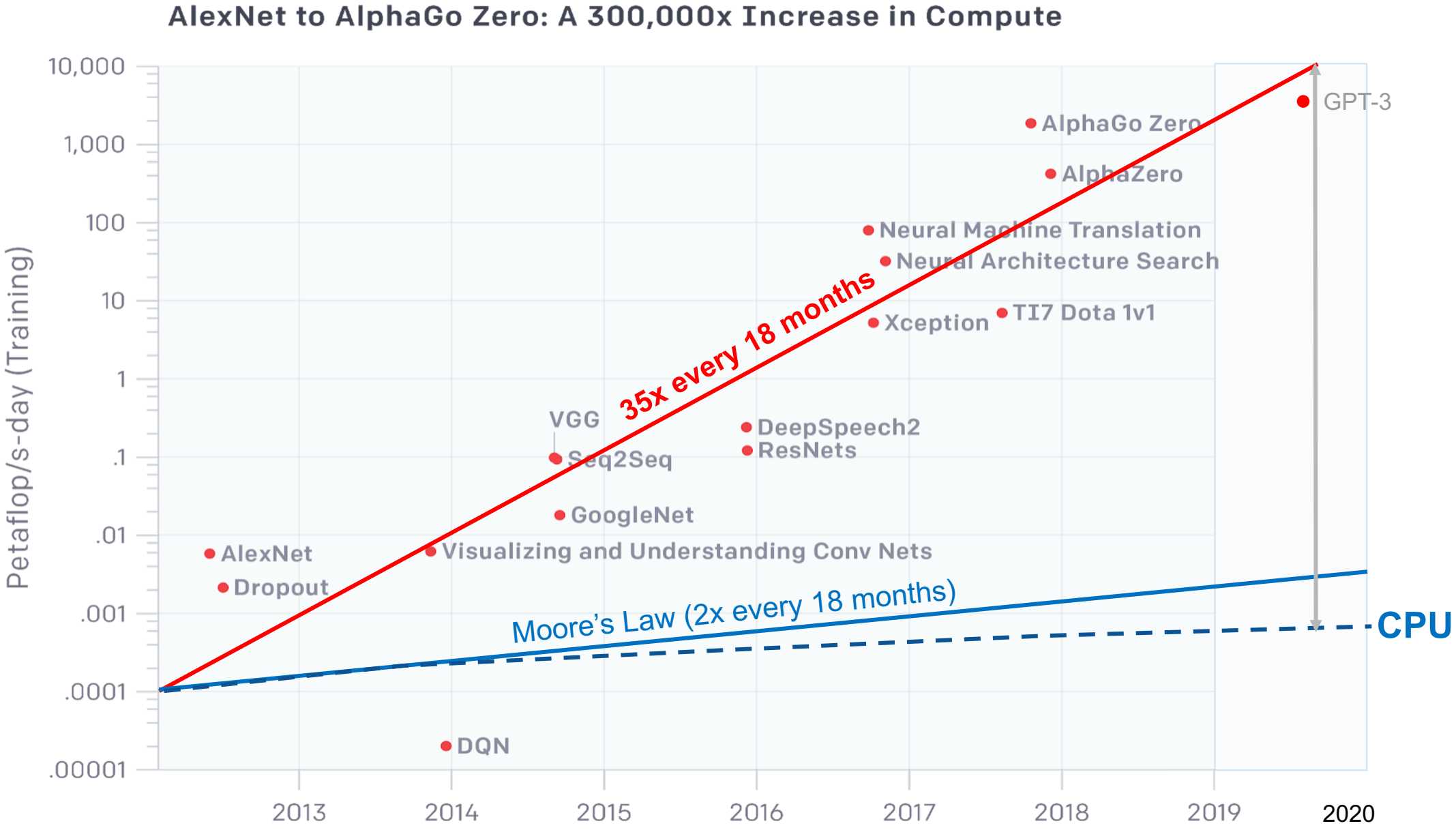
Growing gap between demand and supply



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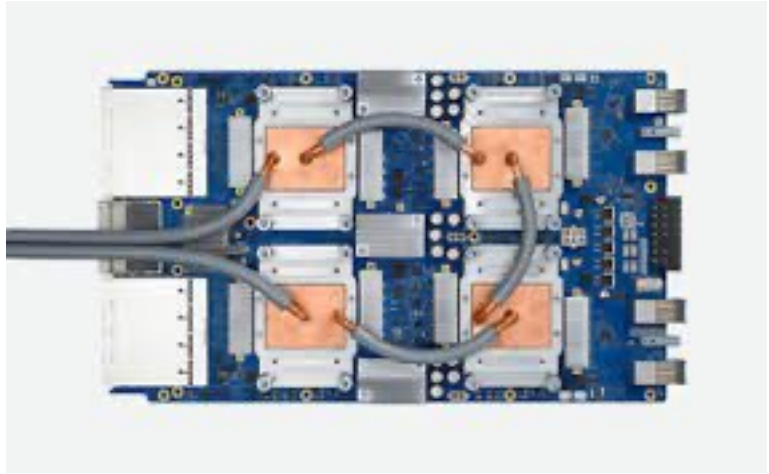
Specialized processors to the rescue?

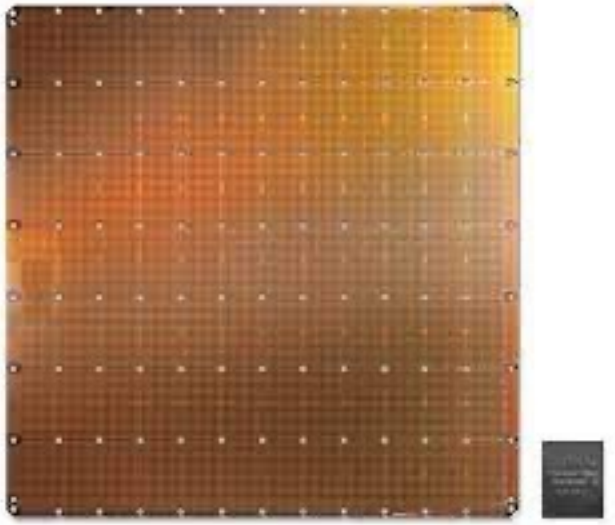


TPU v3

Nvidia A100

AWS's Inferentia

AMD Radeon



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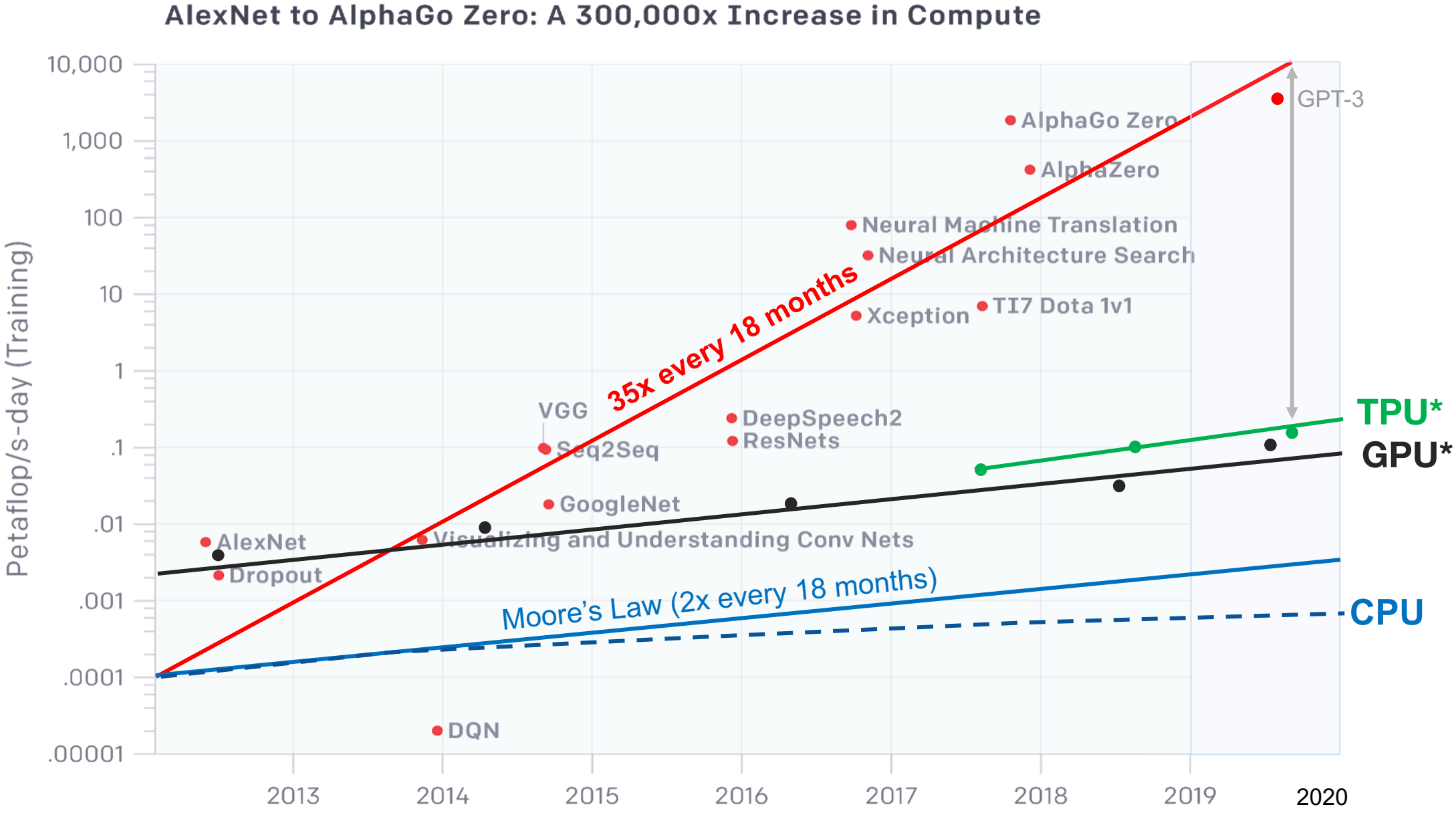
Intel Alchemist

Specialized hardware note enough



* assume 0.33 utilization

(https://openai.com/blog/ai-and-compute//)

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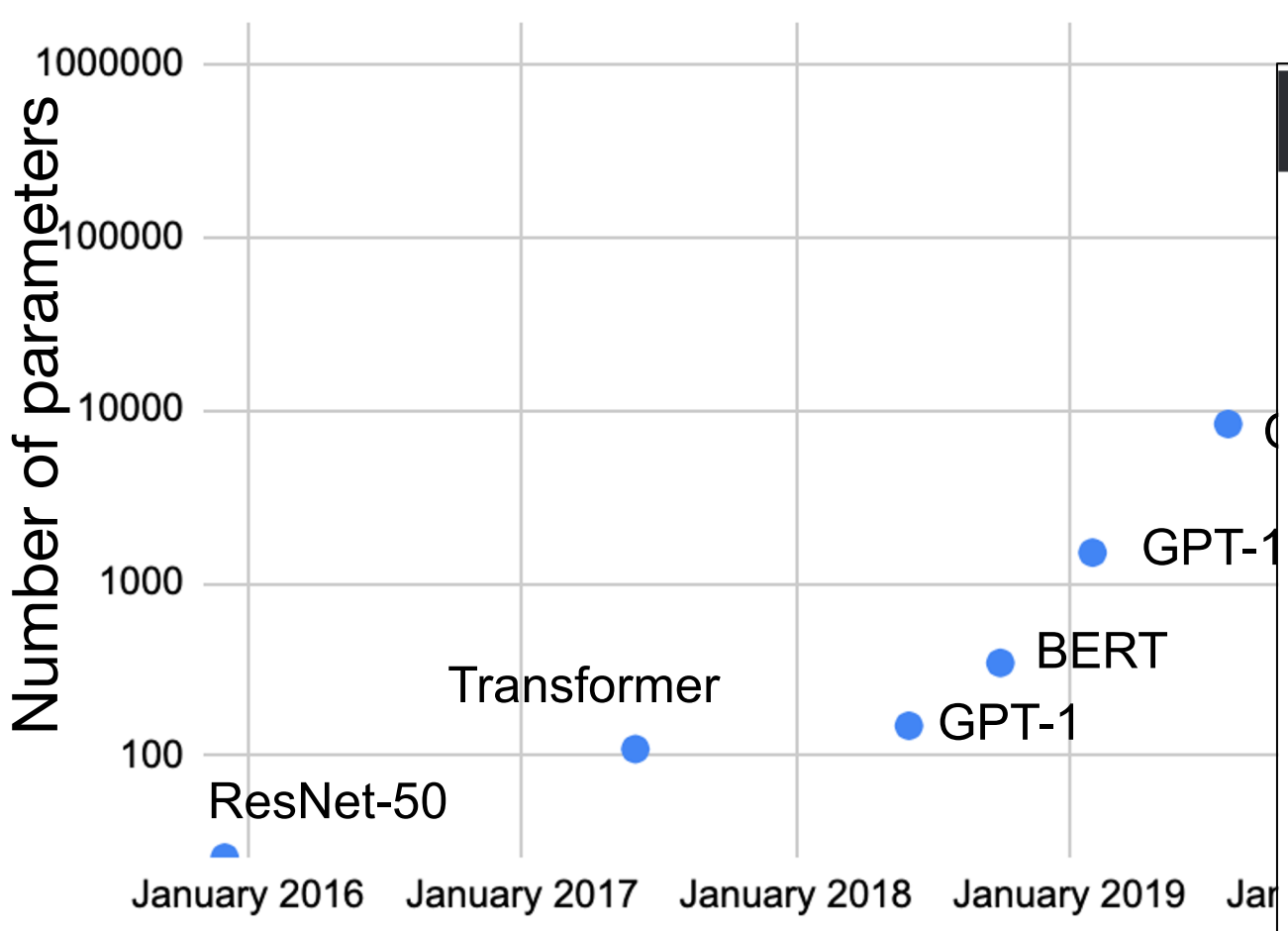

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China's gigantic multi-modal AI is no one-trick pony

Sporting 1.75 trillion parameters, Wu Dao 2.0 is roughly ten times the size of Open AI's GPT-3.

A. Tarantola
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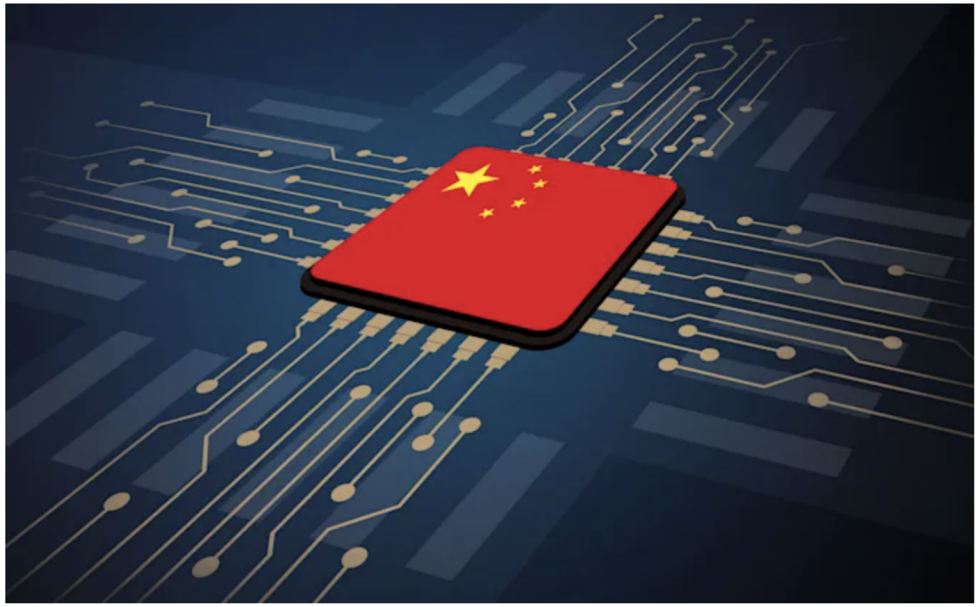

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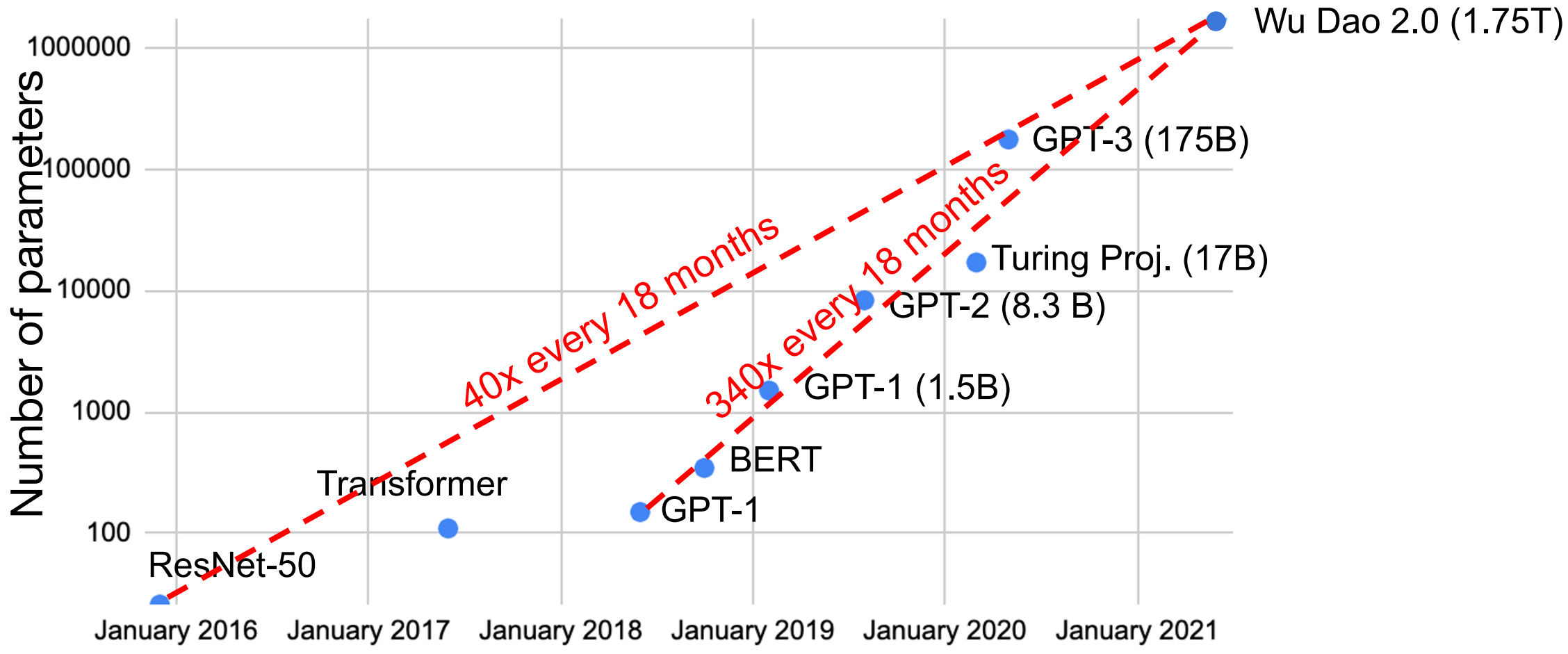
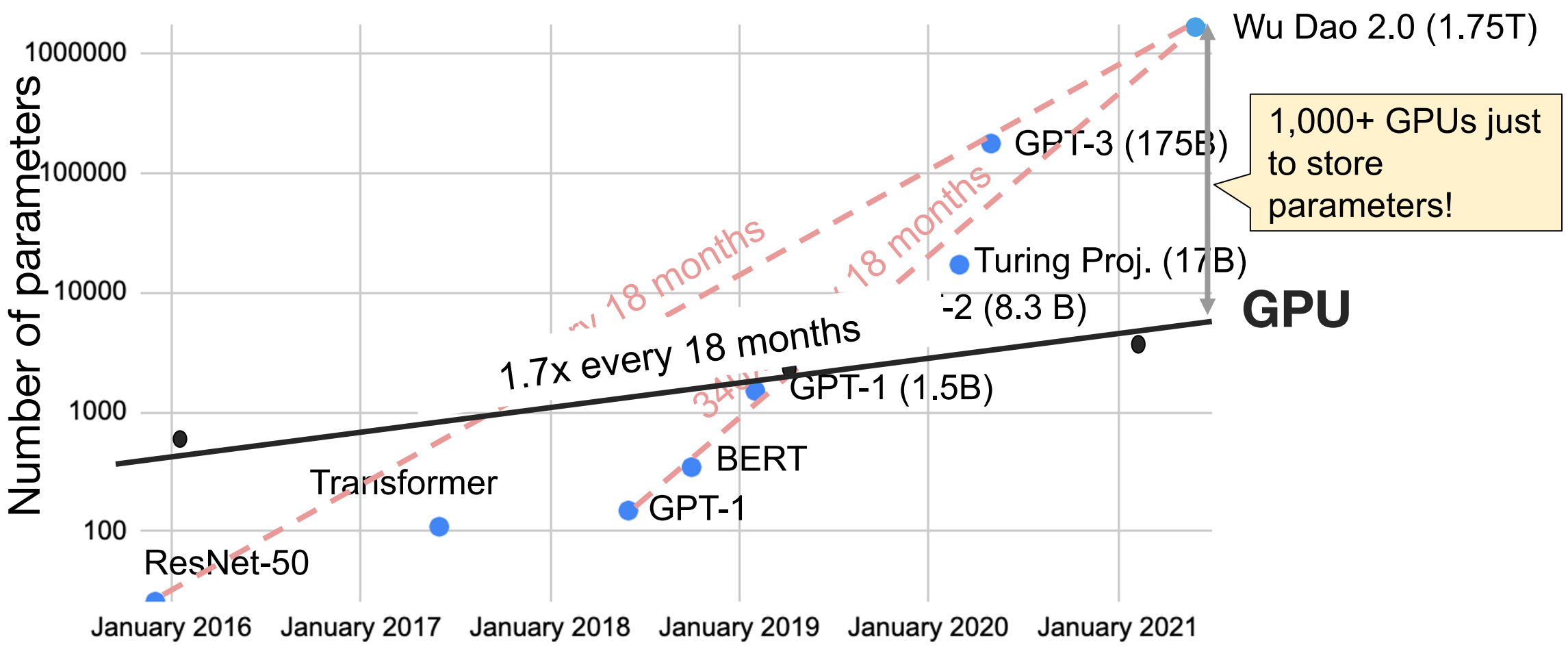
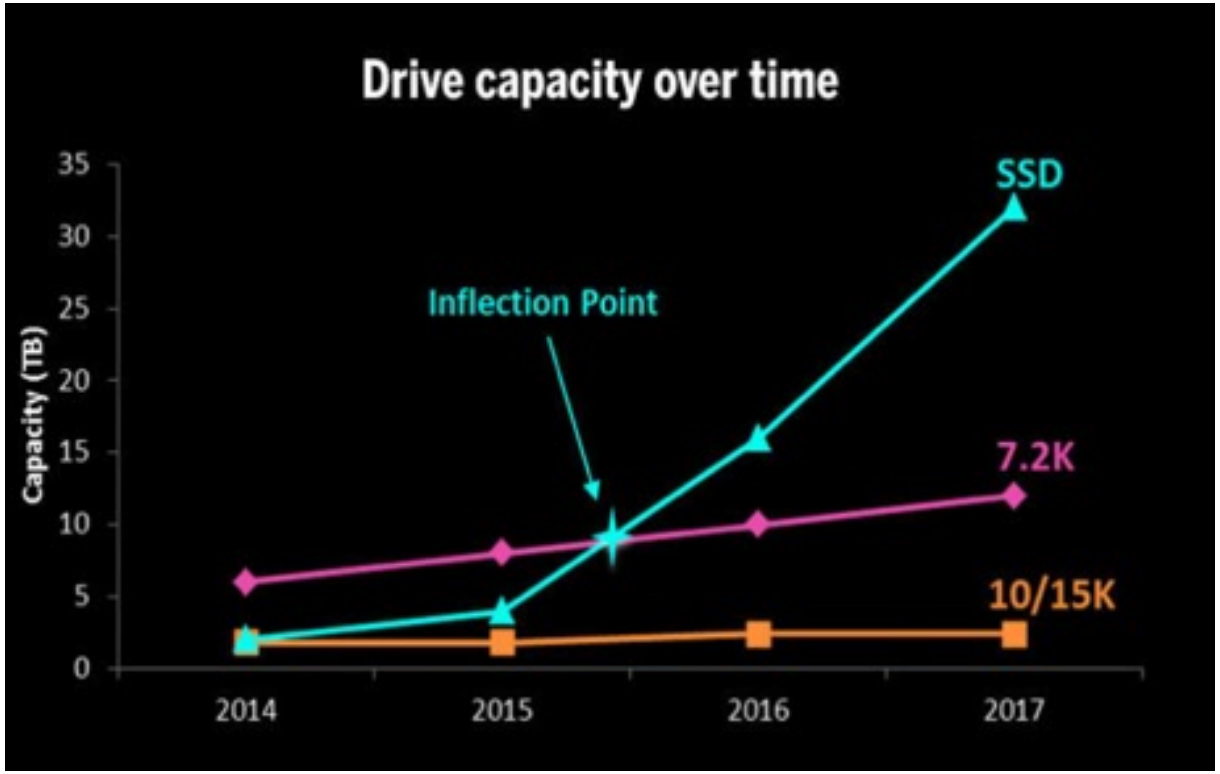


Huge Gap between memory demands and single-chip memory



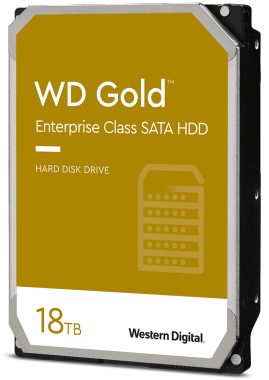
Storage Capacity is Still Growing!



Storage Capacity

Largest SSD 3.5-inch drive:
100 TB @ $40K ($400/TB)

Samsung SSD 2.5-inch drive:
4 TB @ $380K ($95/TB)



Largest HDD 3.5-inch drive:
18 TB @ $600 ($33/TB)

Cheaper, but

- Slower (10x-100x)
- Consumes more power
- Less reliable

SSD/Flash will Dominate

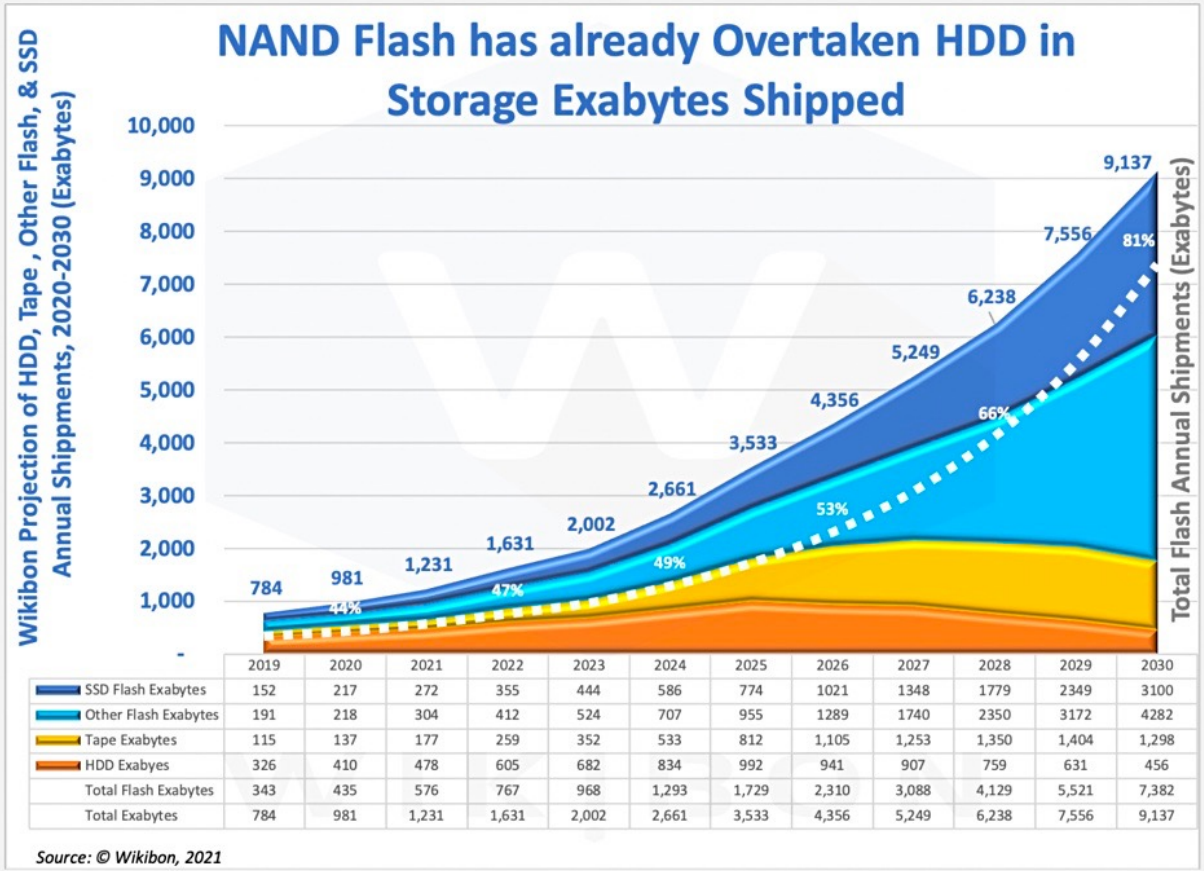


Figure 9 - Exabyte Storage Shipments Split by SSD, Other Flash, HDDs, and Tape

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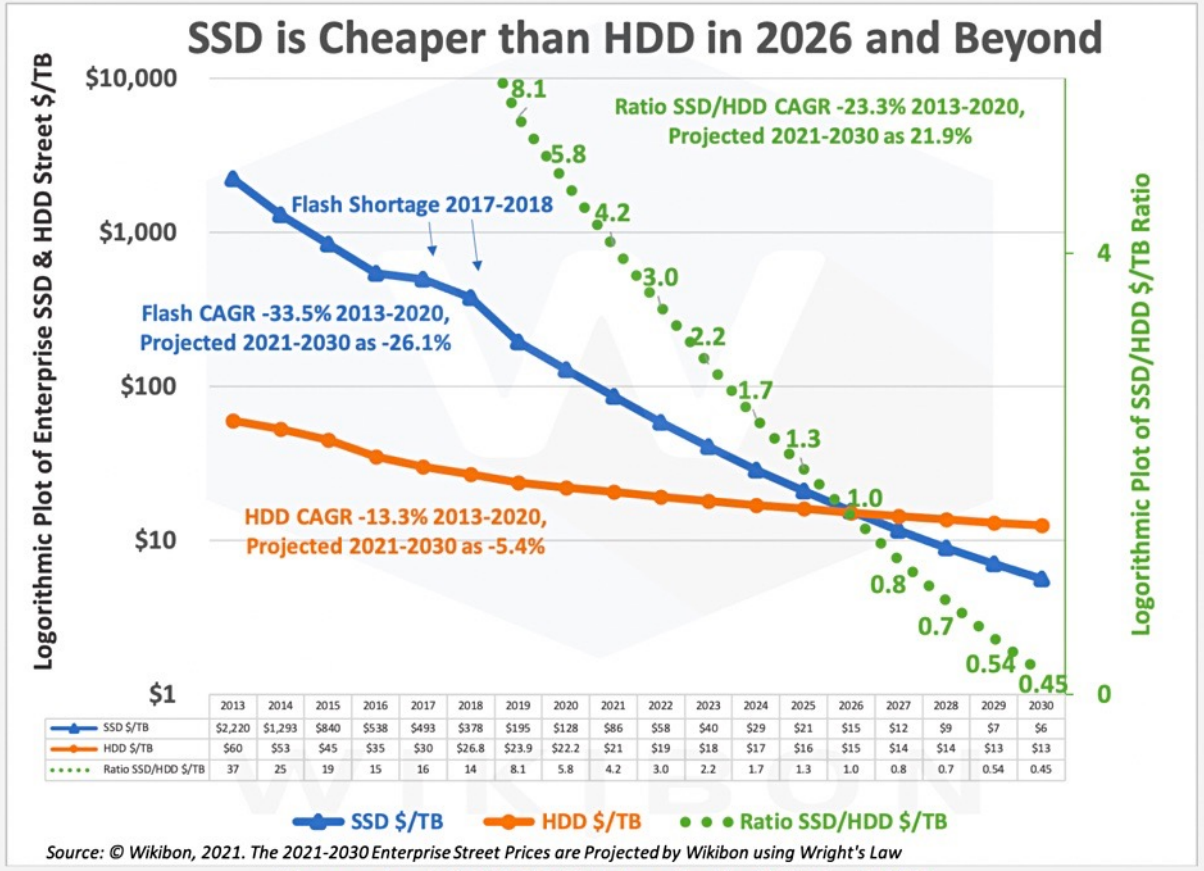

Figure 4 - SSD/HDD Pricing Ratio 2013 - 2030

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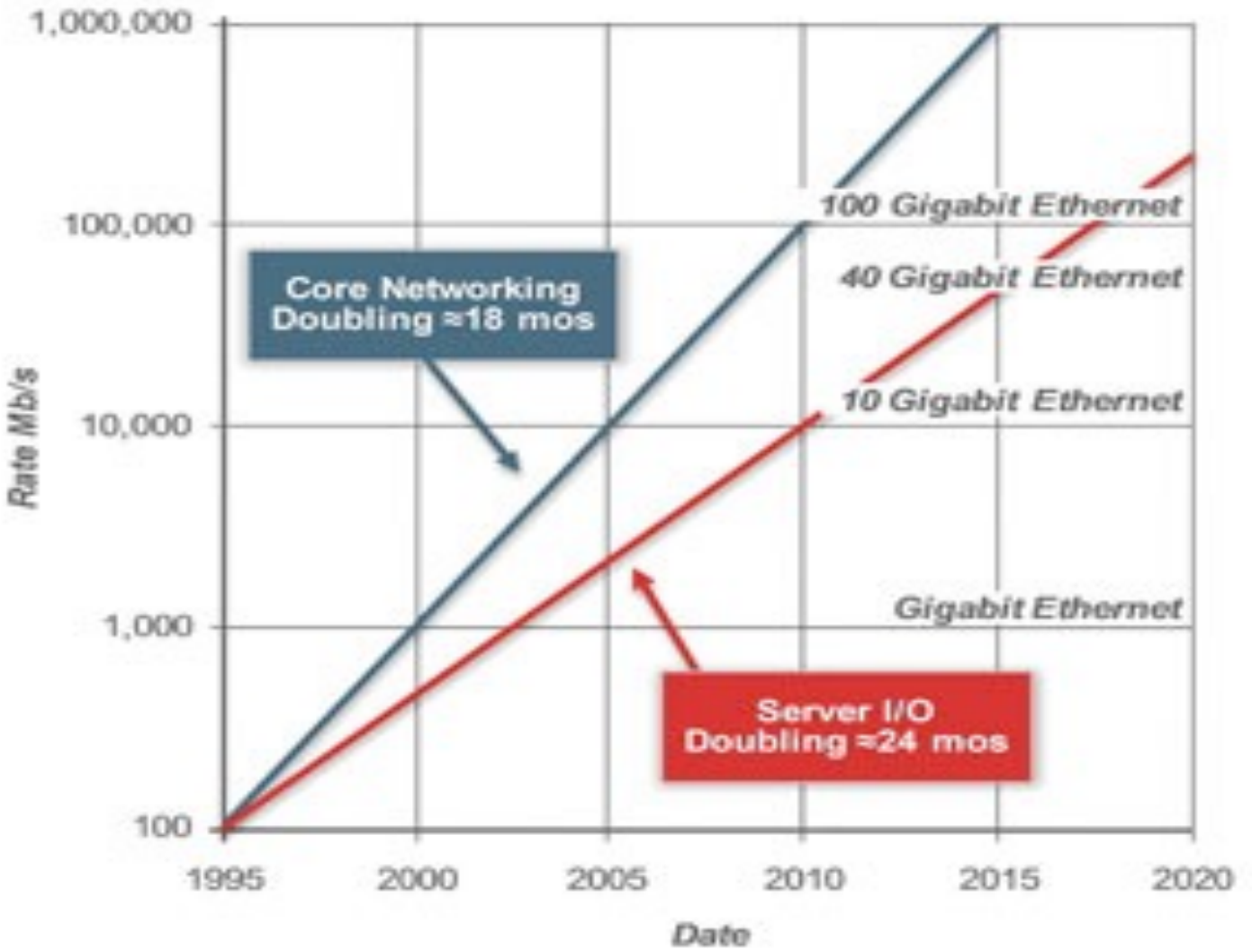
Network Capacity



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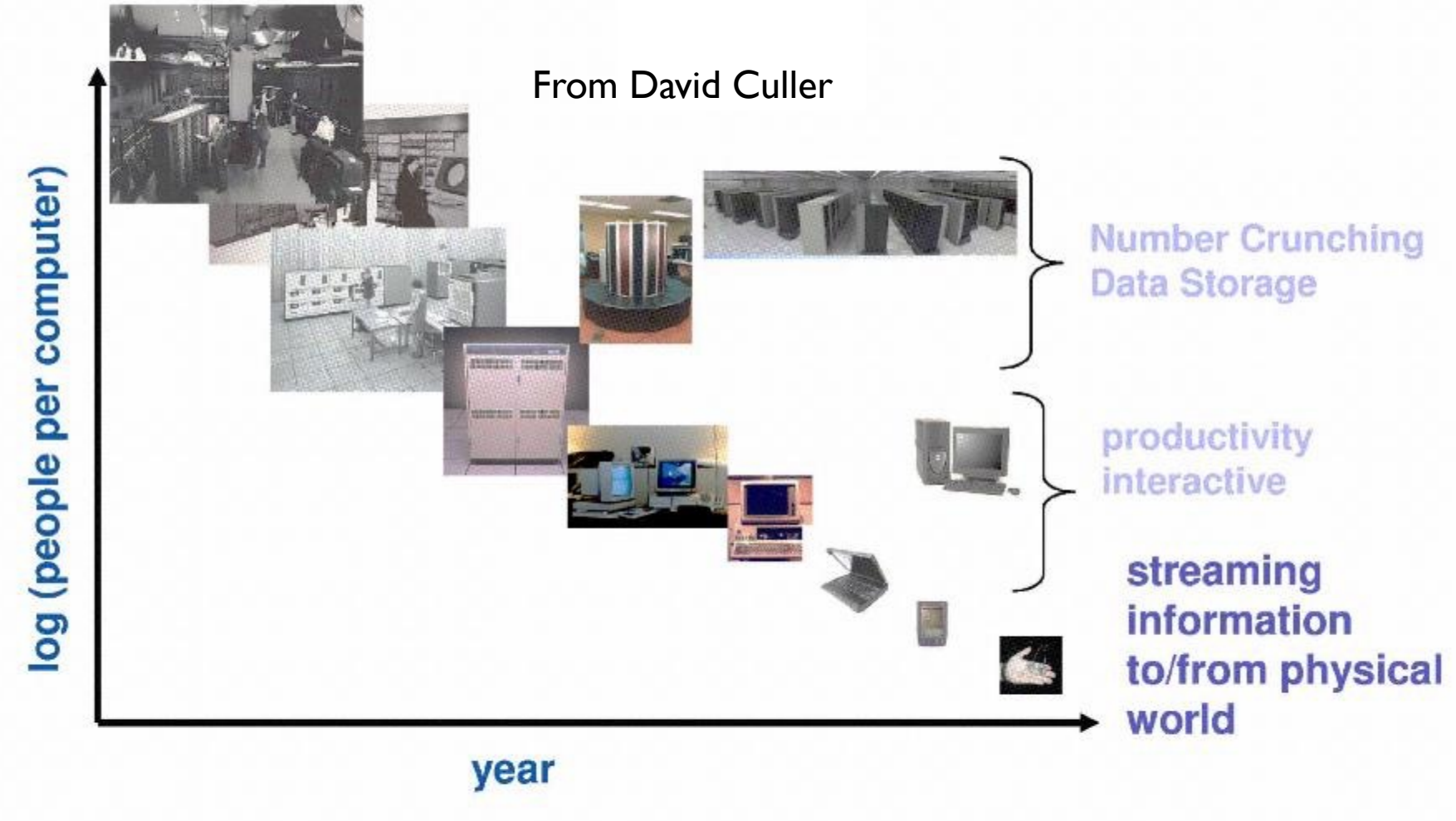
People-to-Computer Ratio Over Time



- Today: multiple CPUs/person!
  - Approaching 100s?

And Range of Timescales

Jeff Dean: "Numbers Everyone Should Know"

L1 cache reference	0.5 ns
Branch mispredict	5 ns
L2 cache reference	7 ns
Mutex lock/unlock	25 ns
Main memory reference	100 ns
Compress 1K bytes with Zippy	3,000 ns
Send 2K bytes over 1 Gbps network	20,000 ns
Read 1 MB sequentially from memory	250,000 ns
Round trip within same datacenter	500,000 ns
Disk seek	10,000,000 ns
Read 1 MB sequentially from disk	20,000,000 ns
Send packet CA->Netherlands->CA	150,000,000 ns

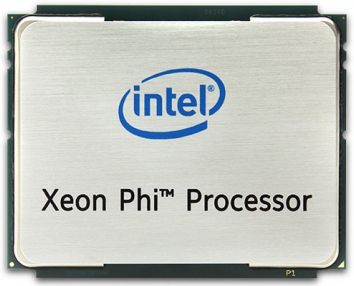
Challenge: Complexity

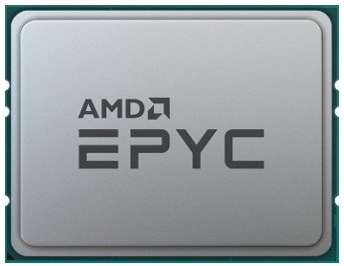
- Applications consisting of…
  - … a variety of software modules that …
  - … run on a variety of devices (machines) that
    - … implement different hardware architectures
    - … run competing applications
    - … fail in unexpected ways
    - … can be under a variety of attacks

- Not feasible to test software for all possible environments and combinations of components and devices
  - The question is not whether there are bugs but how serious are the bugs!

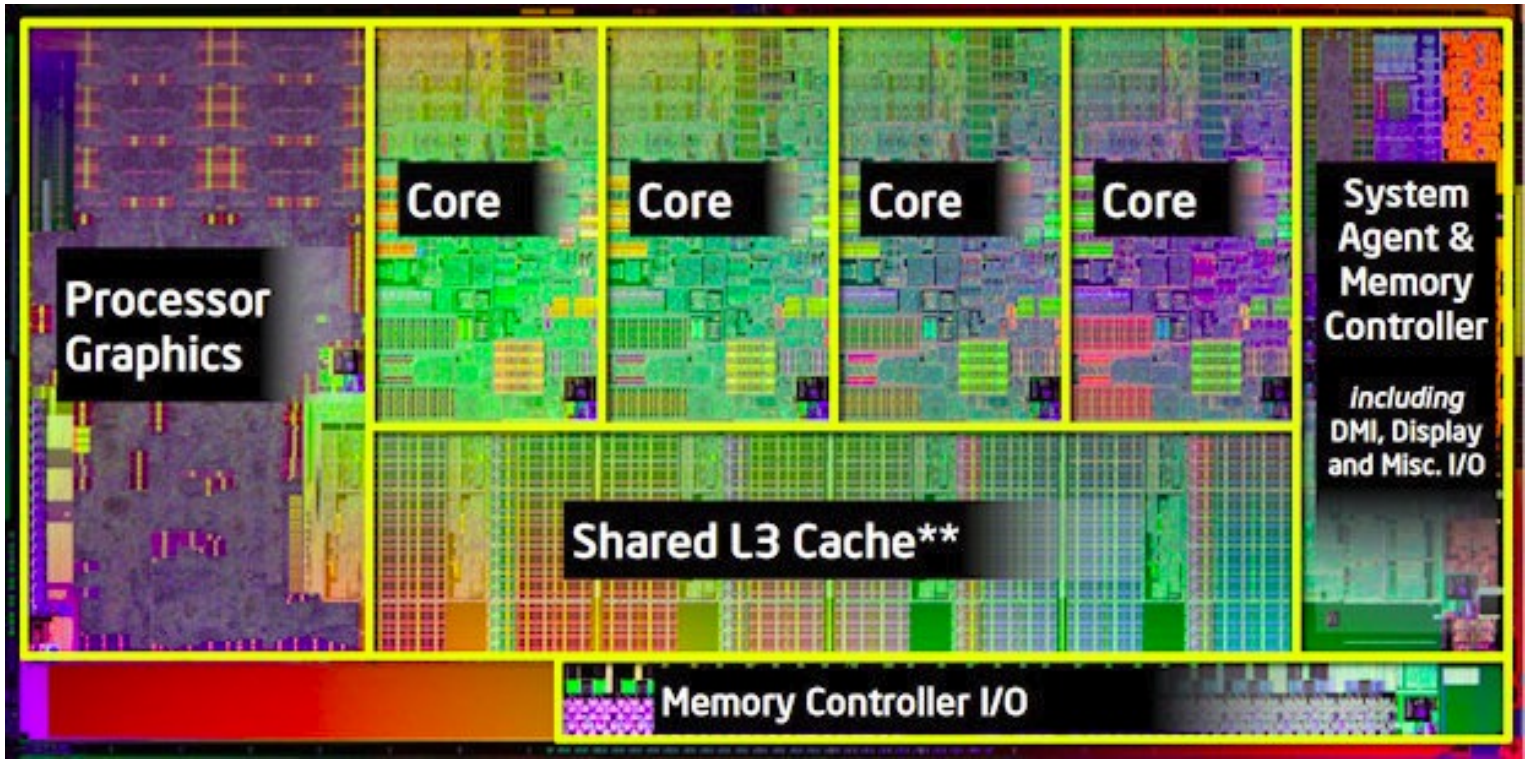
Not only specialized processors…

- Multi-core processors
  - Intel Xeon Phi: 64 cores
  - AMD Epyc: 64 cores; planned 128 cores (?)





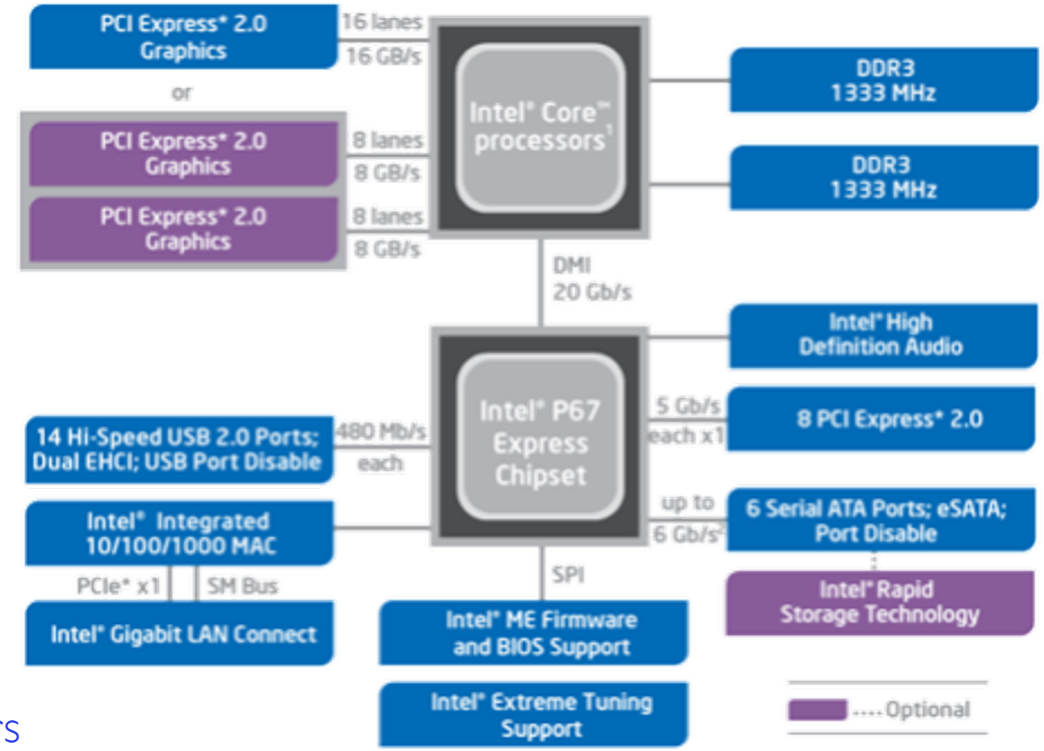
A Modern Processor: Intel Sandy Bridge

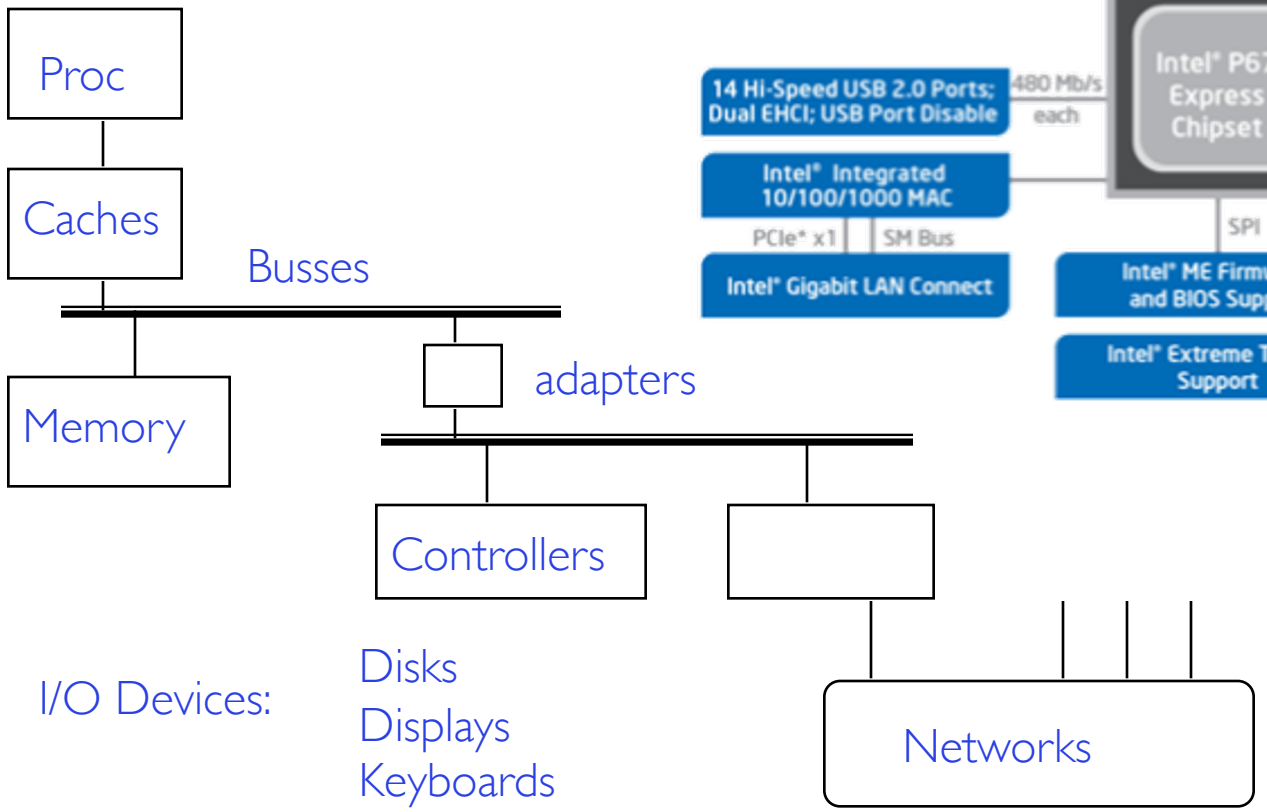


- Package: LGA 1155
  - 1155 pins
  - 95W design envelope
- Cache:
  - L1: 32K Inst, 32K Data (3 clock access)
  - L2: 256K (8 clock access)
  - Shared L3: 3MB – 20MB
- Transistor count:
  - 504 Million (2 cores, 3MB L3)
  - 2.27 Billion (8 cores, 20MB L3)
- Note that ring bus is on high metal layers – above the Shared L3 Cache

HW Functionality comes with great complexity!

Intel Sandy Bridge I/O Configuration





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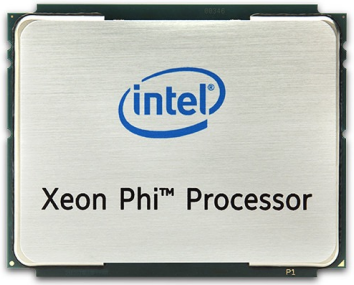
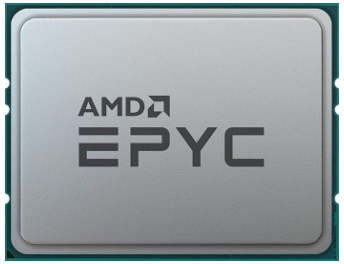
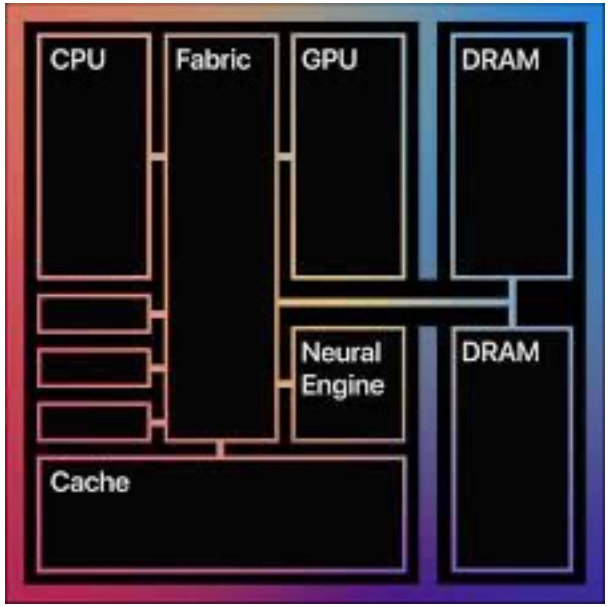
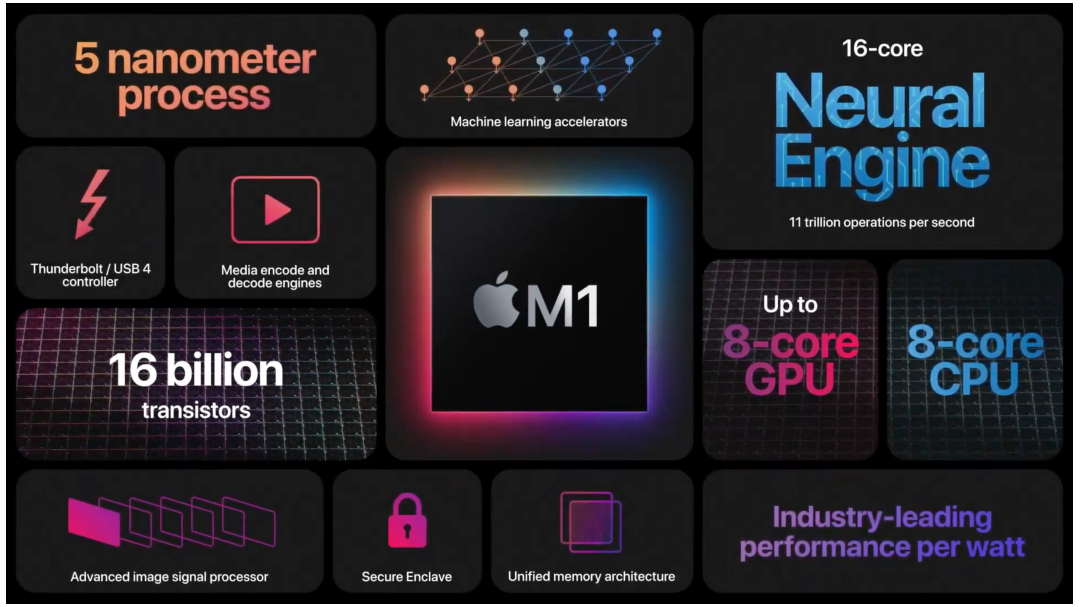


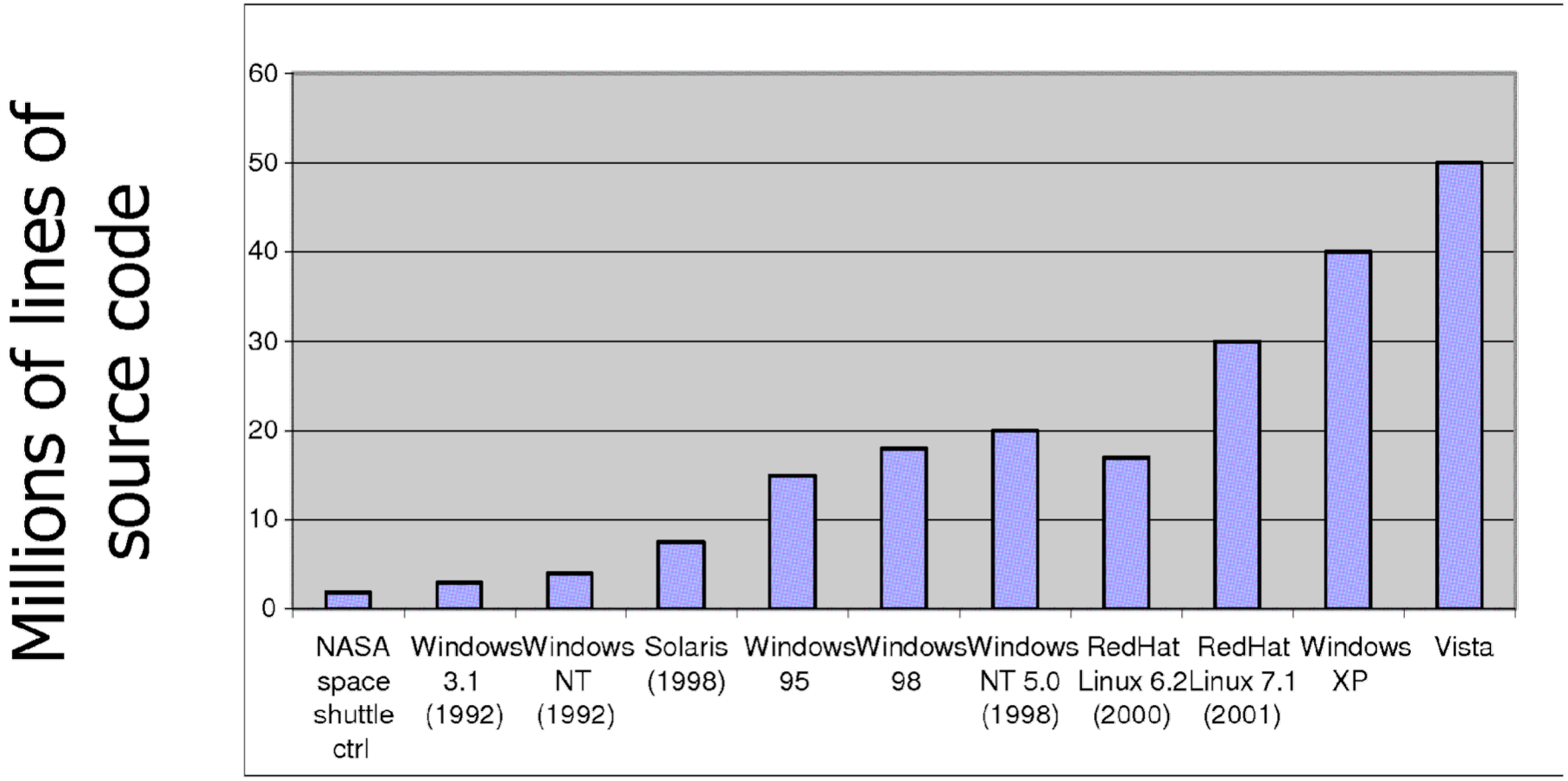


- System On a Chip (SOC): accelerating trend





Increasing Software Complexity

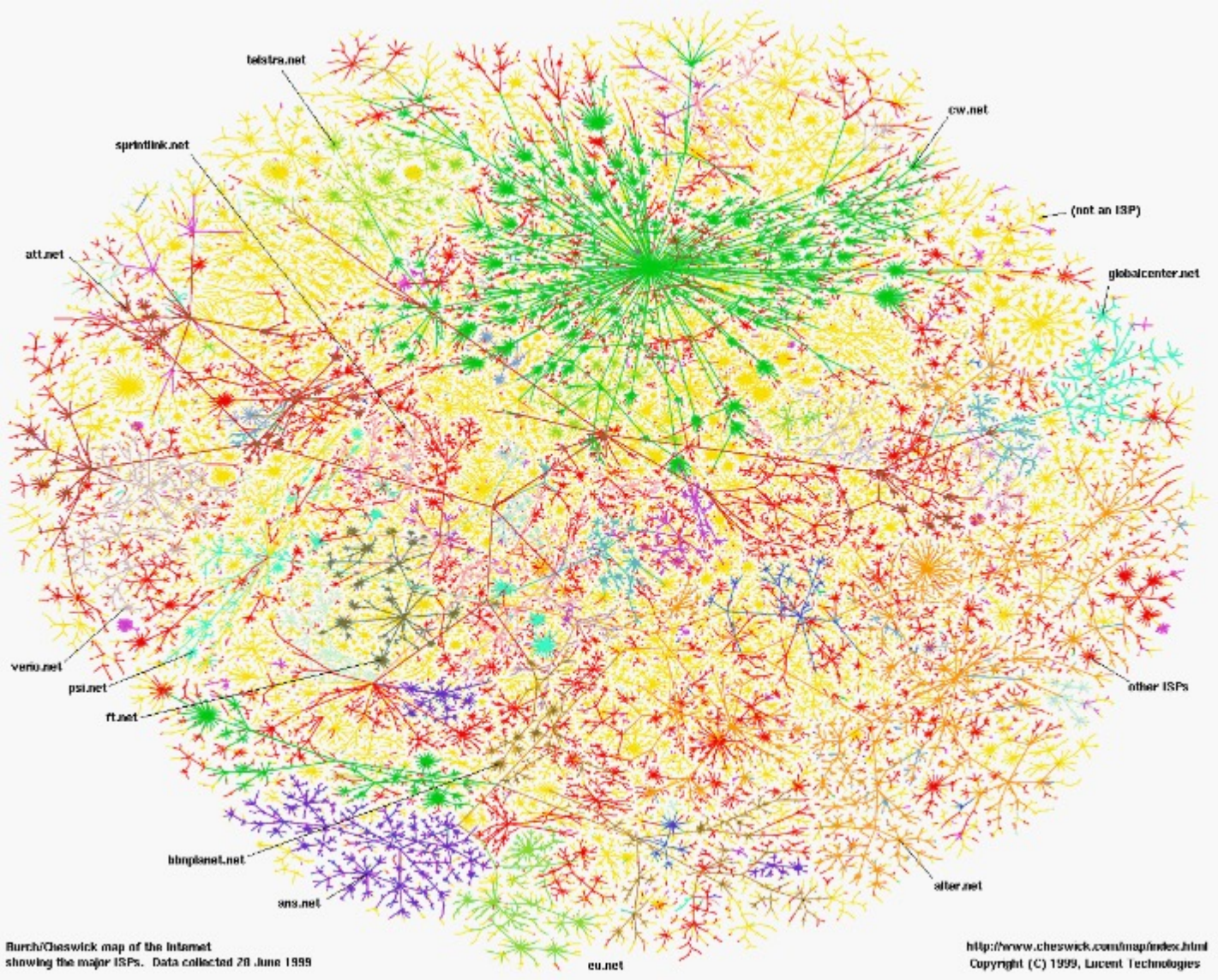


From MIT's 6.033 course

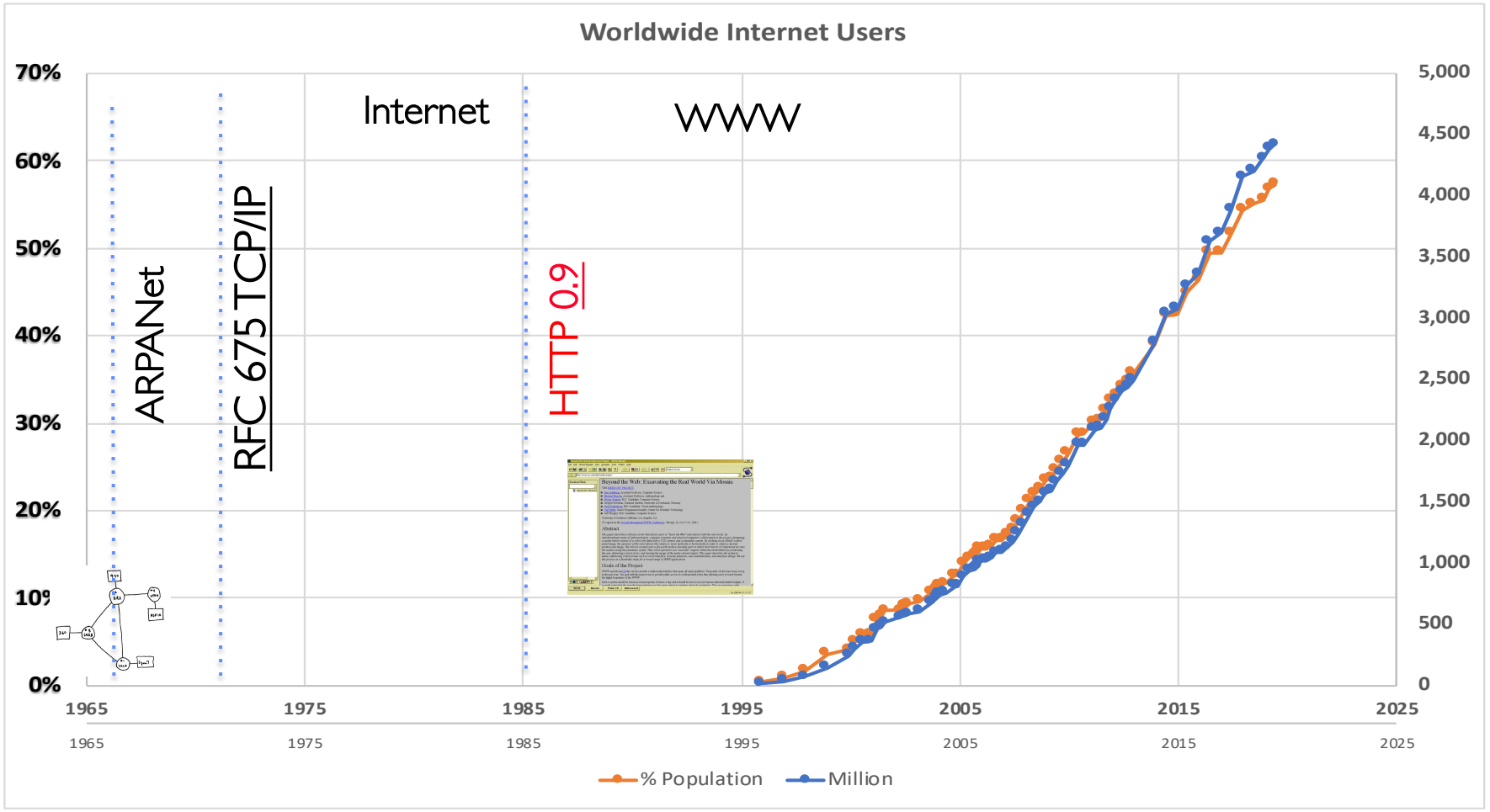
Everything going distributed

- Need to scale
  - Machine learning workloads
  - Big Data analytics
  - Scientific computing
  - …
- Everything is connected!

Greatest Artifact of Human Civilization…



Running Systems at Internet Scale



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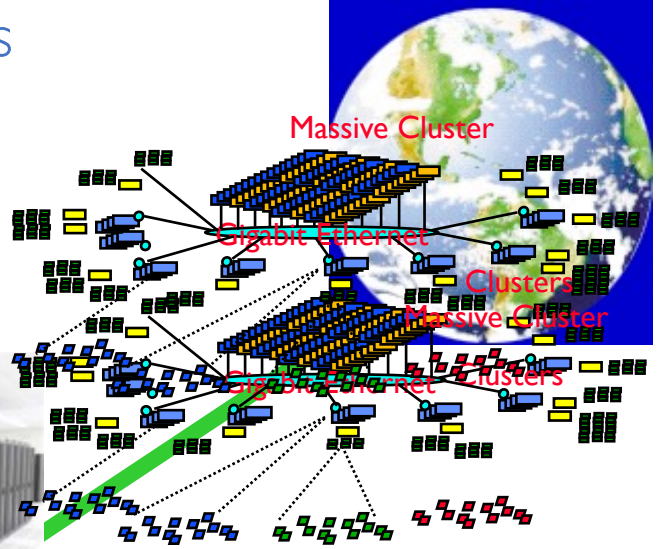
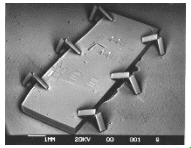
Societal Scale Information Systems (Or the "Internet of Things"?)

- The world is a large distributed system
  - Microprocessors in everything
  - Vast infrastructure behind them



Internet Connectivity

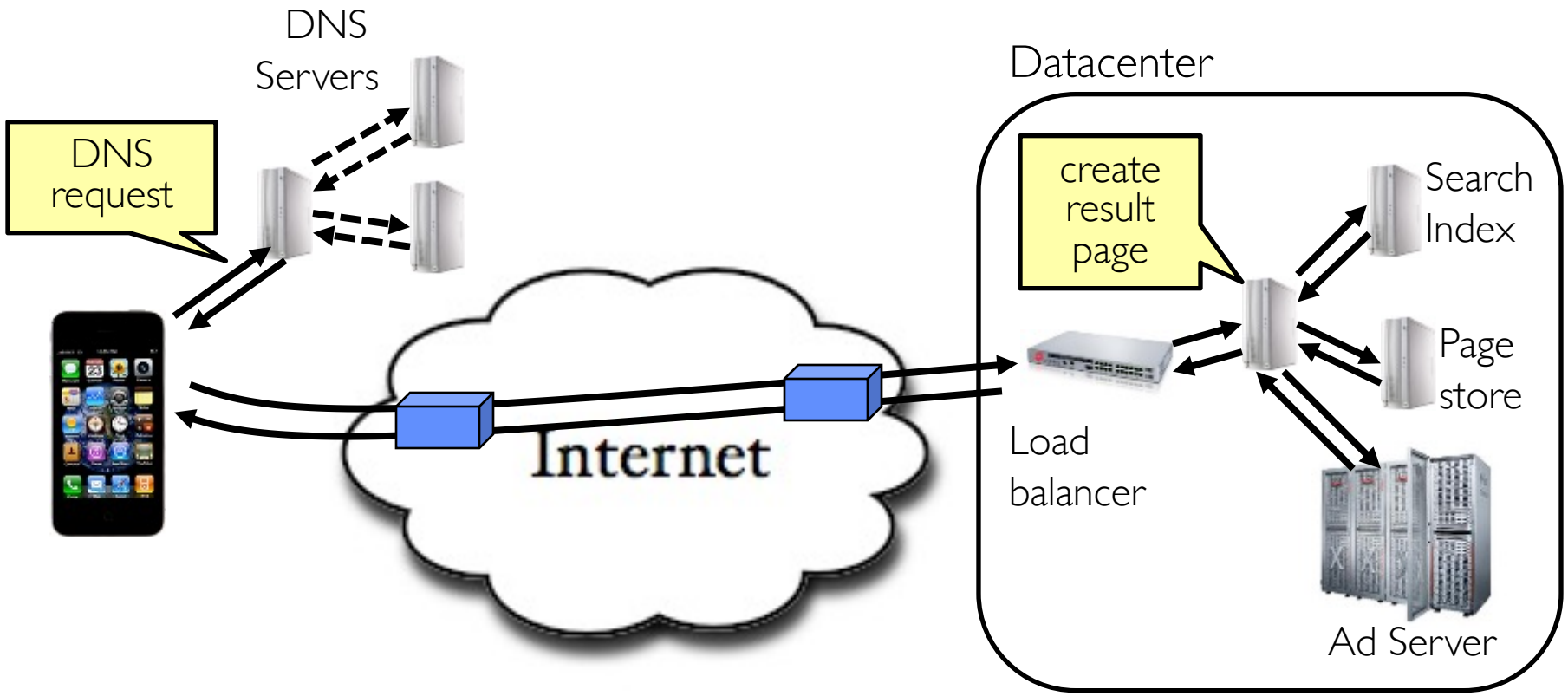


Scalable, Reliable, Secure Services

Databases
Information Collection
Remote Storage
Online Games
Commerce
…

MEMS for Sensor Nets

Example: What's in a Search Query?



- Complex interaction of multiple components in multiple administrative domains
  - Systems, services, protocols, …

How do we tame complexity?

- Every piece of computer hardware different
  - Different CPU
    - » x86 (Intel, AMD), ARM, RISC-V
  - Different specialized hardware
    - » Nvidia GPUs, TPUs, AWS Inferentia, …
  - Different amounts of memory, disk, …
  - Different types of devices
    - » Mice, Keyboards, Sensors, Cameras, Fingerprint readers, Face recognotion
  - Different networking environment
    - » Fiber, Cable, DSL, Wireless, Firewalls,…
- Questions:
  - Does the programmer need to write a single program that performs many independent activities?
  - Does every program have to be altered for every piece of hardware?
  - Does a faulty program crash everything?
  - Does every program have access to all hardware?

Syllabus

- OS Concepts: How to Navigate as a Systems Programmer!
  - Process, I/O, Networks and Virtual Machines
- Concurrency
  - Threads, scheduling, locks, deadlock, scalability, fairness
- Address Space
  - Virtual memory, address translation, protection, sharing
- File Systems
  - I/O devices, file objects, storage, naming, caching, performance, paging, transactions, databases
- Distributed Systems
  - Protocols, RPC, NFS, DHTs, Consistency, Scalability, multicast
- Reliability & Security
  - Fault tolerance, protection, security
- Cloud Infrastructure

Lab 0

- Booting Pintos
- Debugging
- Kernel Monitor

- Deadline: March 3 (next Thursday)

Conclusion

- Operating systems provide high-level abstractions to handle diverse hardware
  - ➢ Operating systems simplify application development by providing standard services
- Operating systems coordinate resources and protect users from each other
  - ➢ Operating systems can provide an array of fault containment, fault tolerance, and fault recovery
- Operating systems combine things from many other areas of computer science:
  - ➢ Languages, data structures, hardware, and algorithms

- Feedback: https://www.wjx.cn/vj/hhnJxie.aspx