

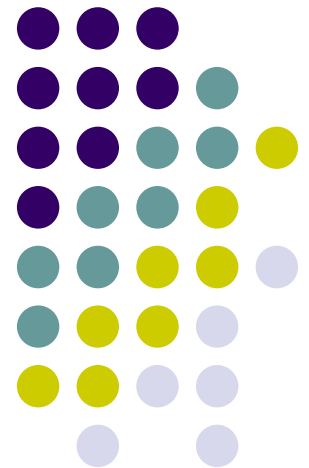
# Best Ways to Use Billions of Devices on a Chip

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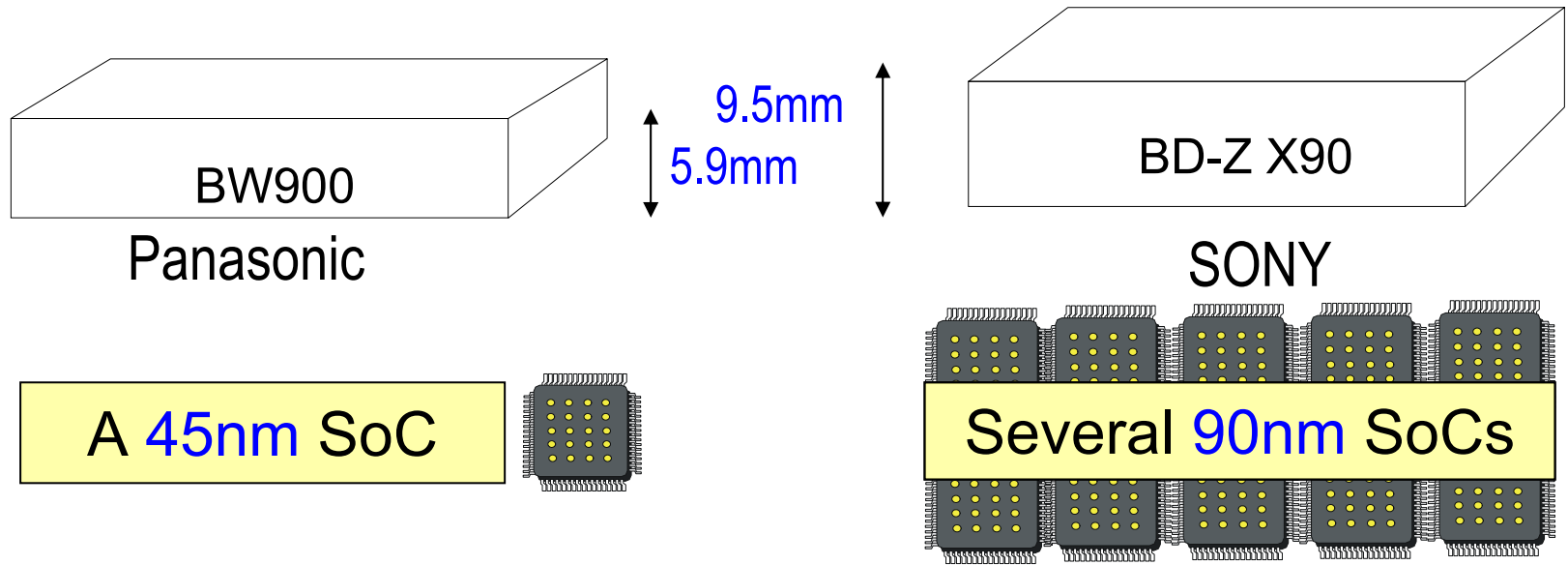
# Two Possible Ways

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1. Utilize billions of Trs for **Superior Capabilities**
  - Make consumer products more appealing
2. Utilize them to enhance **Reliability and Availability**
  - Make the SoCs more reliable

# Superior Capabilities with Billions of Trs

## Blu-ray Recorders for HD Digital TVs



0.8W

Stand-by Power

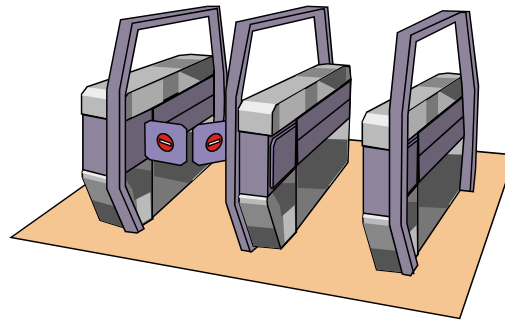
3.0W

Full HD (1920x1080)  
MPEG4 AVC Encoder

Full HD (1440x1080)  
MPEG4 AVC Encoder

# Reliability and Availability

- Our daily life highly relies on computer systems



Transportation



Banking

- Troubles freeze our daily life

May, 2007  
 Airline reservation  
 system trouble

Affects  
**70,000** people

Dec., 2007  
 IC ticket gate in train  
 stations trouble

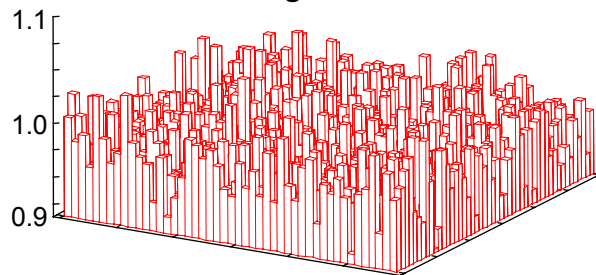
Affects **2million**  
 people

# Less Reliability and Availability on Billions of Trs

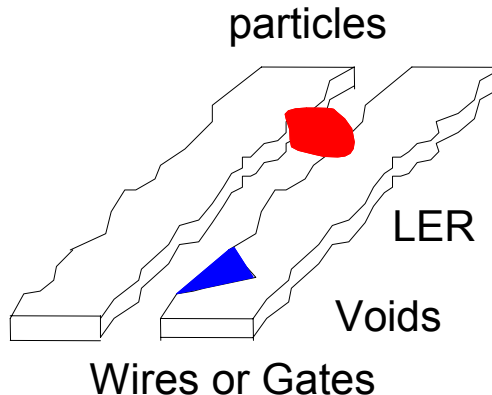
- It is impossible to guarantee perfect functionality of billions of Trs on a chip

## Device Variation

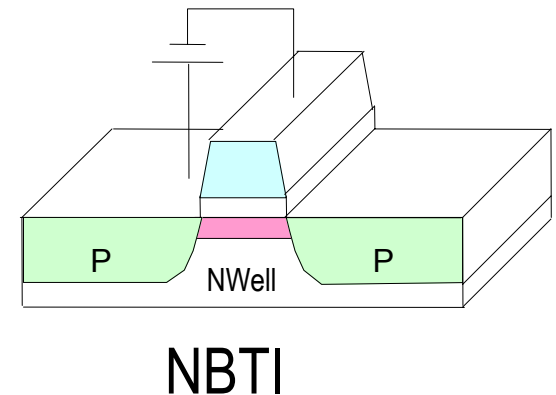
Intra-die Frequency Distribution of Ring Oscillators



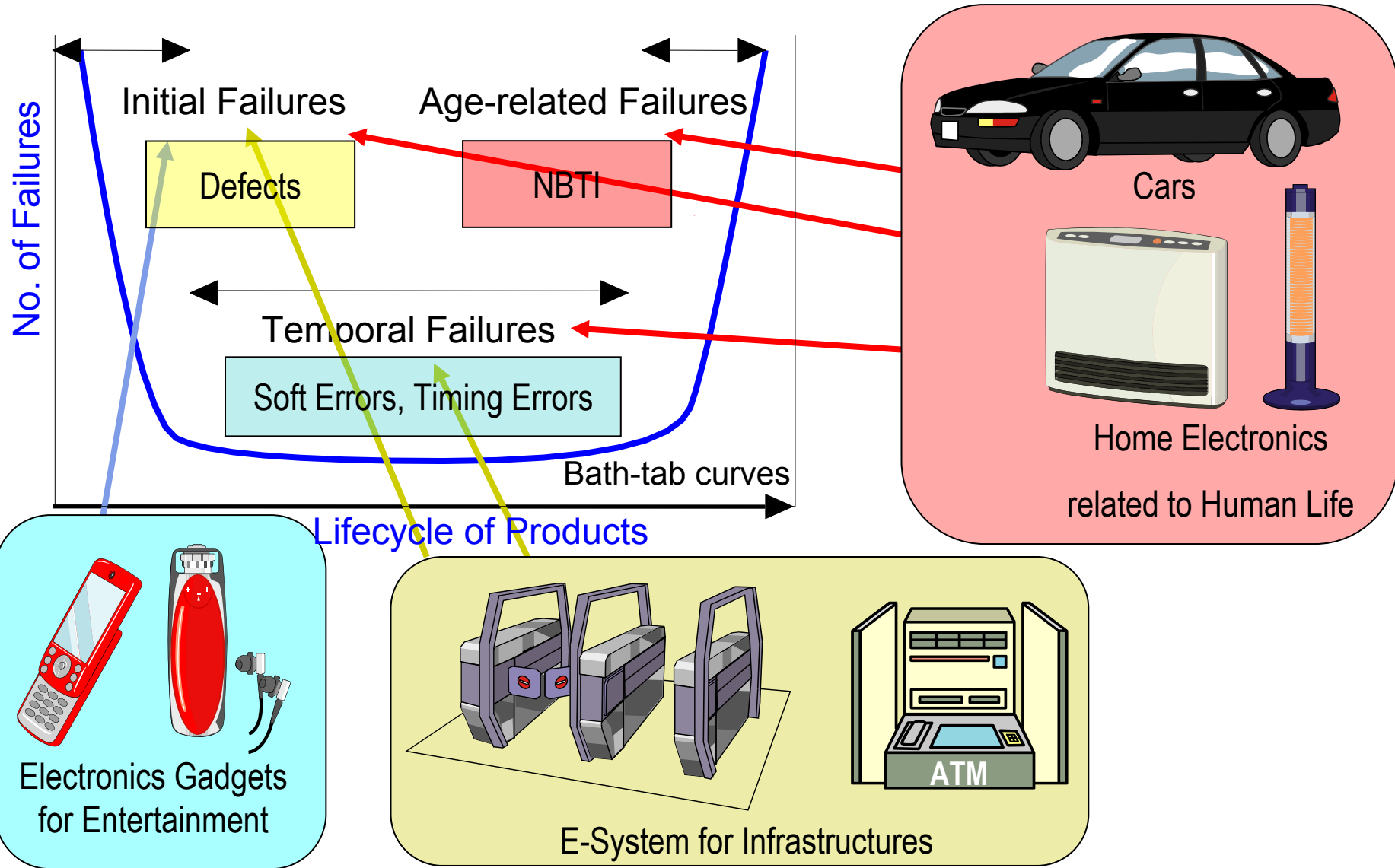
## Defects



## Age Degradation



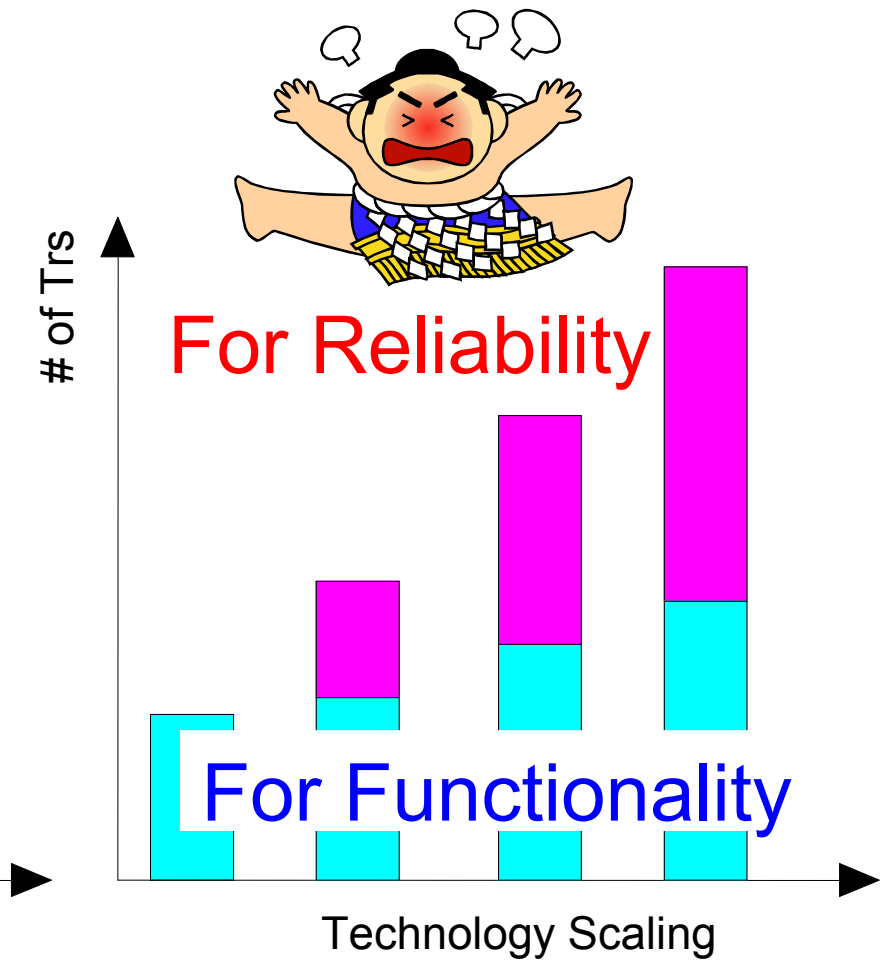
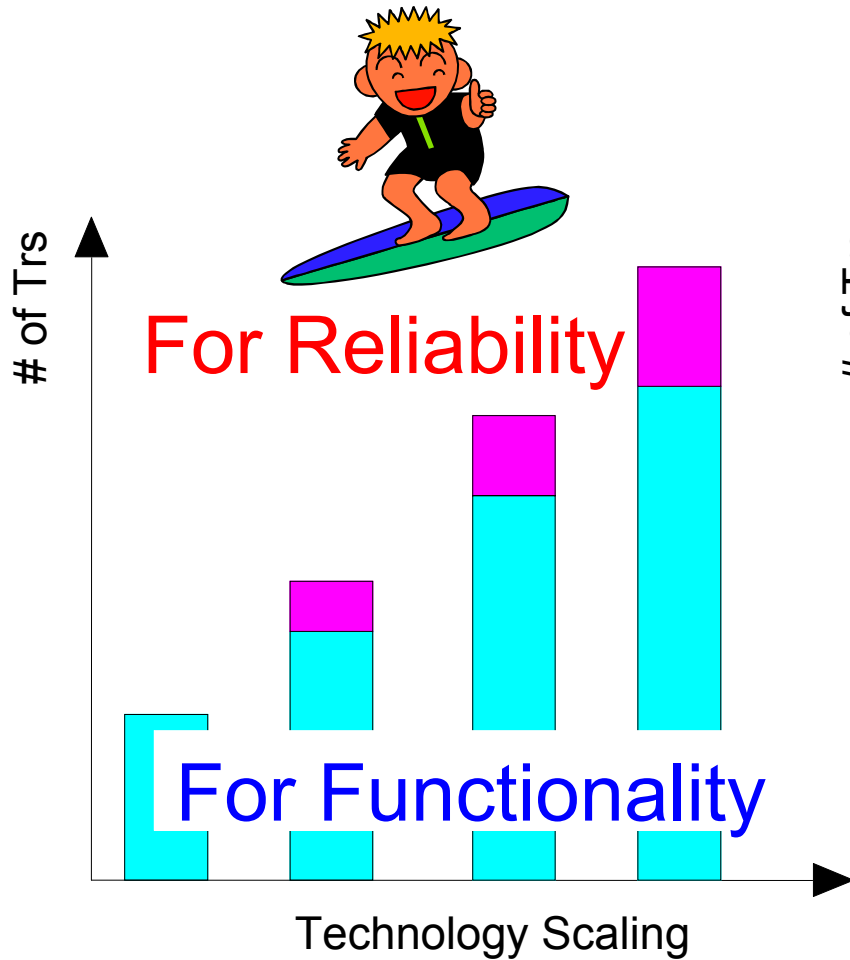
# Various Requirement for Robustness



# Conclusions and Discussions

- For more functionality
  - Final products have superior capabilities
  - Can you find good applications?
    - Digital TVs, Cell phones, Digital Cameras, Robots
  - Will consumers choose such products?
    - Nintendo Wii vs SONY PlayStation3
- For Reliability and Availability
  - Some amount of Trs to enhance Reliability
  - Tradeoffs between Cost and Benefit
    - Who can pay the cost?
    - Do you pay the additional cost for reliability?

# Best Way / Worst Way



Best Way

vs.

Worst Way



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*Thank You*