

Manycore Processor for Video Mining Applications



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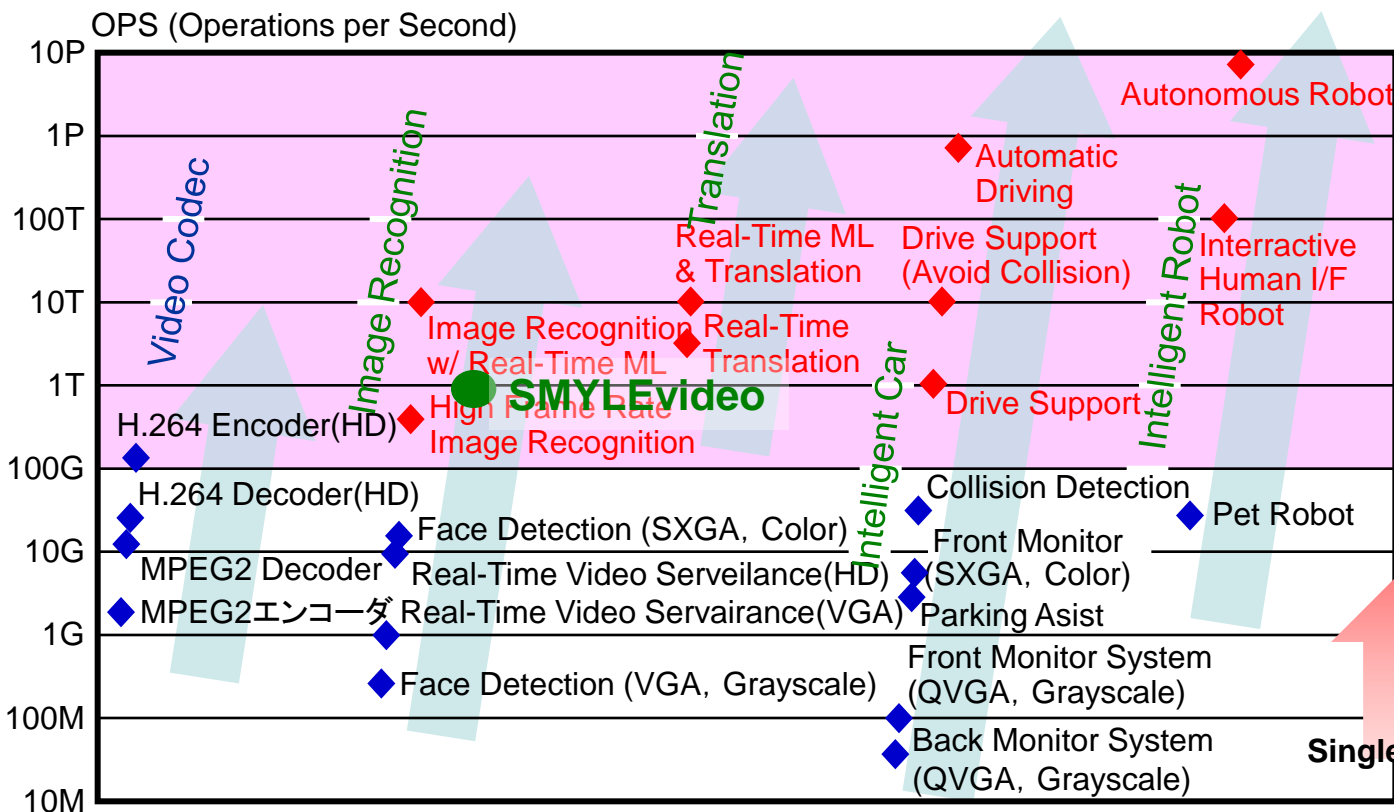
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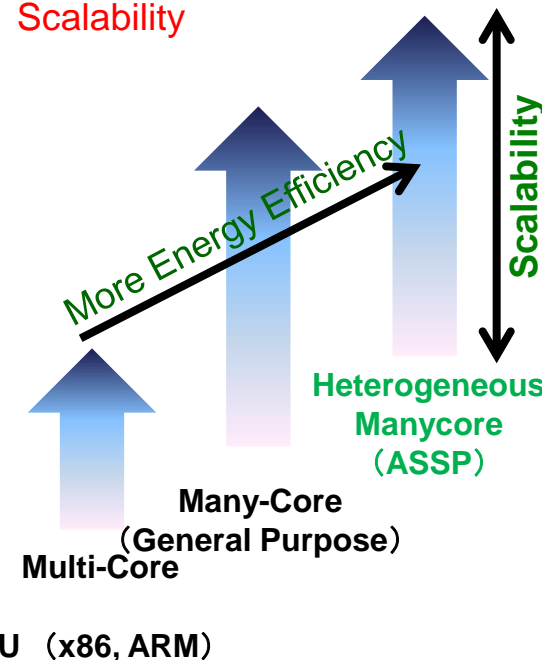
More Energy-Efficiency required for Next-Generation Embedded Systems

- **Next-Gen Embedded Systems** : Requires more performance (100's GOPS~ 1 POPS)
- **Power Consumption** : Already reached upper limit (~ W)



<Expectations on Many-Core>

- 10's GOPS/W ⇒ 100's GOPS/W
- General Purpose ⇒ ASSP
- Scalability



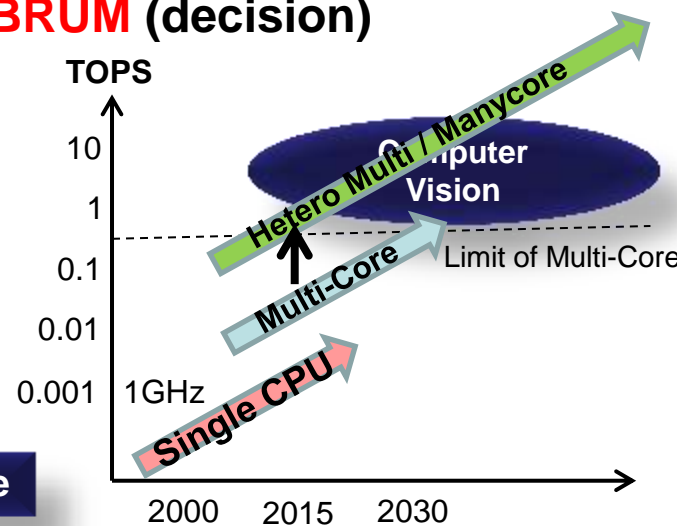
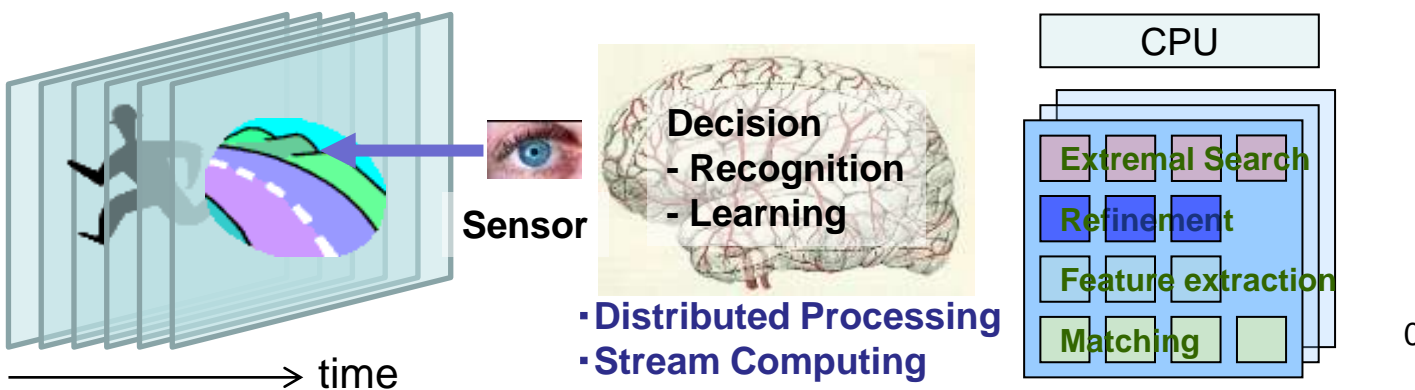
Ref: NDEO Technology Roadmap 2009, I-48p, Fig. 1-6

Energy-Efficient Computing goes to Heterogeneous & Manycore

SMYLEvideo: Application Domain Specific Heterogeneous Manycore for **Computer Vision**

“ML and 3D Object Recognition on Image Stream”

Computer Vision (CW) = **EYE** (sensor) + **CEREBRUM** (decision)



Why we need Hetero Manycore?

- Conceptually: **Machine Learning (ML) ≙ Functional Configuration**
- High Perf. Requirement: **More than 1 TOPS**
- Inherent Parallelism: **More than 99% of processing**
- Several types of Proc.: **Huge cost with Hardwires Implementation**
 - Resolutions: **VGA, XGA, SGGA, FHD, 2K, 4K, etc.**
 - Algorithms: **SIFT, Optical Flow, Ransac, Viola & Jones, Model based Recognitions, etc.**
 - Others: **Multi-Medium Streams (MPEG-2, MPEG-4, H.264, etc.)**

Key requirement is High Performance with Flexibility

What is Video Mining System



Camera(s)
Video(MPEG, H.264, ...)

Data Parallel
~n streams, 2-D image blocks
Task Parallel
Gaussian Filter, Integral Map, Motion Vectors, Motion Compensation, Entropy Decode, iDCT, de-blocking Filter, etc.

Data Parallel
Image Stream by frames, Motion Streams (MVs)

20%
Feature Extraction (Low Level)

Video Decoder + α

Stream Motion Stream Audio Stream

- face
- building
- road
- speech
- music

Shot boundary Detection

- Frame
- Shot
- Scene
- Video Sequence

Keyword Detection (Mid Level)

x_2 x_3 ... x_n

80%

- Highlight
- Person
- Dog

Event Detection (High Level)

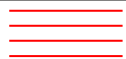

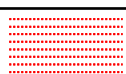
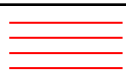

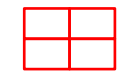




Data Parallel
Image Streams, Motion Streams, Pixels, Image blocks, frames, shots
Task Parallel; Recognition Algorithms
Viola Jone, SIFT, SVM, Matching, optical flow, etc.

Recognized Images, Extracted Images

Data Parallel
Search target, event detection
Task Parallel
Matching, Editing

More than 99% of application can be parallelized

Parallelisms in Algorithms for Video Mining

Application	Objective	Algorithm	Parallelism	
Video Analysis	Prediction of Motion Vector	Optical Flow	Line	
	Specific feature detection and extraction	SIFT*1	Data Partitioning	
	Detection of human, and tracking	Cascaded Haar Like	Pixel Level	
	Line detection for field separation	Huff	Line	
	Elimination of error from continuous frames	Ransac*2	Sample Data	
Human Search	Face detection from several angles	Vector Face Detection	Pixel Blocks	
	Extraction of features on faces	Model Based Face Detection	Task Level	
	Specific feature detection and extraction	SIFT	Data Partitioning	
Video Editing	Segment Extraction	Graph based Segmentation	Grid Level	
	Detection of Motion Vector	Block Matching	Line	

*1 SIFT: Scale-Invariant Feature Transform

*2 Ransac: Random Sample Consensus

Many type of pallarelisms are inherent in algorithms for Video Mining



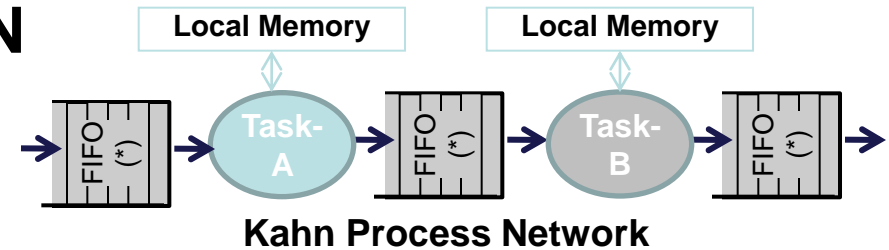
Goals of SMYLEvideo Manycare

- Real-Time Processing : **1TOPS~**
- Scalability : **10fps, 20fps, 30fps**
- Programmability : **Software Based Implementation**
- Flexibility : **OpenCV (Computer Vision)**
SIFT, Optical Flow, Ransac, Viola & Jones, Model based Recognitions, SVM, etc.
- Low Power : **~1.5W**
- Low Clock Frequency : **~100MHz**

High Performance, Programmable, Scalable

■ Distributed Processing with KPN

- Non-Shared Memory Processes
- **Zero-Overhead Message Passing Mechanism**



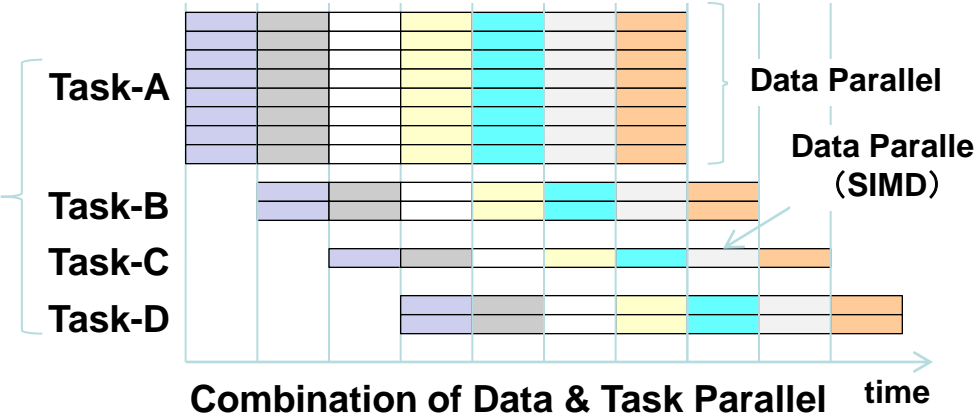
■ Combination of Parallelisms

- Distributed Parallel Processing (Task, Pipeline)
- Data Parallelism (High-Level, Instruction Level)

■ Stream Processing (Core)

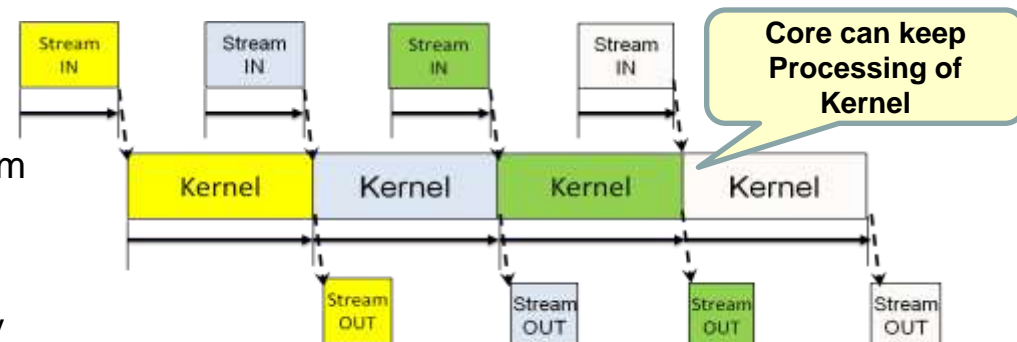
- Kernel
- Stream-In (Read Message)
- Stream-Out (Write Message)

Task Parallel



■ Optimization of Core

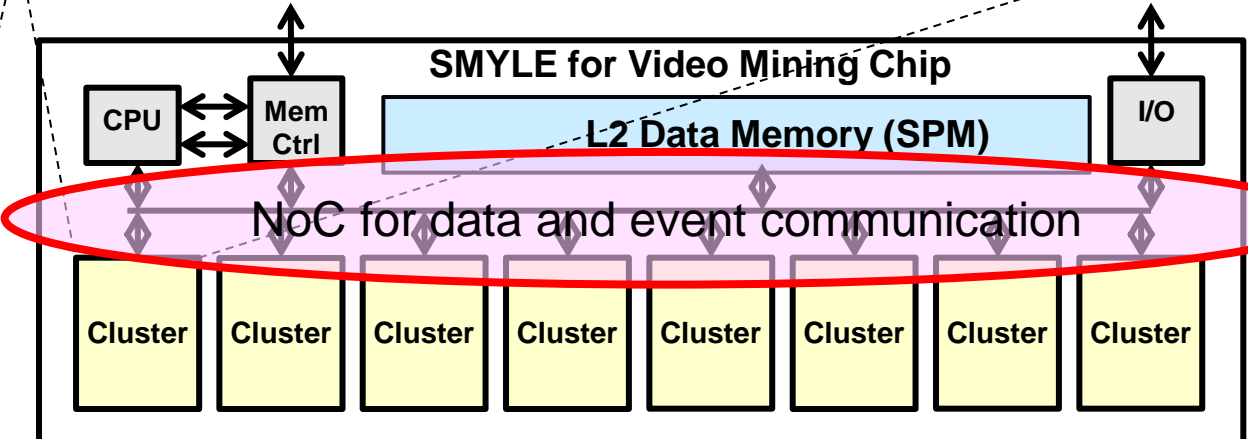
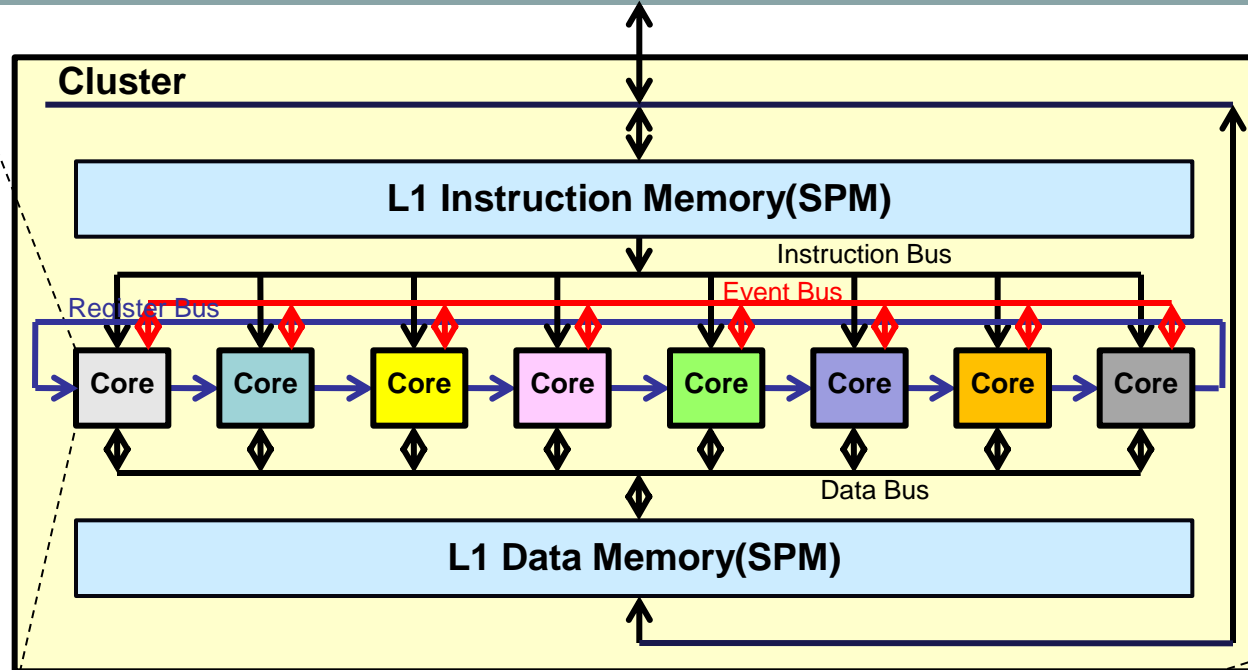
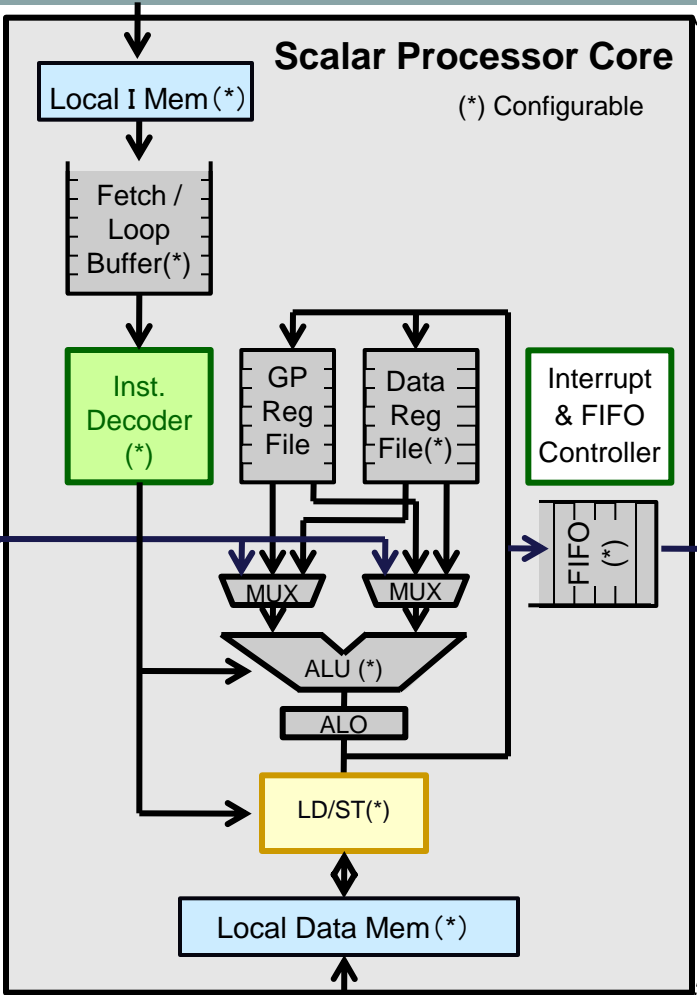
- Support Stream Processing : background Stream
- Complex Inst : Reduction of Kernel cycle
- FIFO support mechanism
- Reduction of energy for instruction / data supply



Distributed Processing, ZOMP, Task Parallel, Stream Processing, ASIP



SMYLEvideo : Basic Architecture



- Local Inst. Memory Configuration
- Loop Buffer Configuration
- Instruction Externtion (Decoder, ALU, LD/ST)
- Local Data Memory Configuration

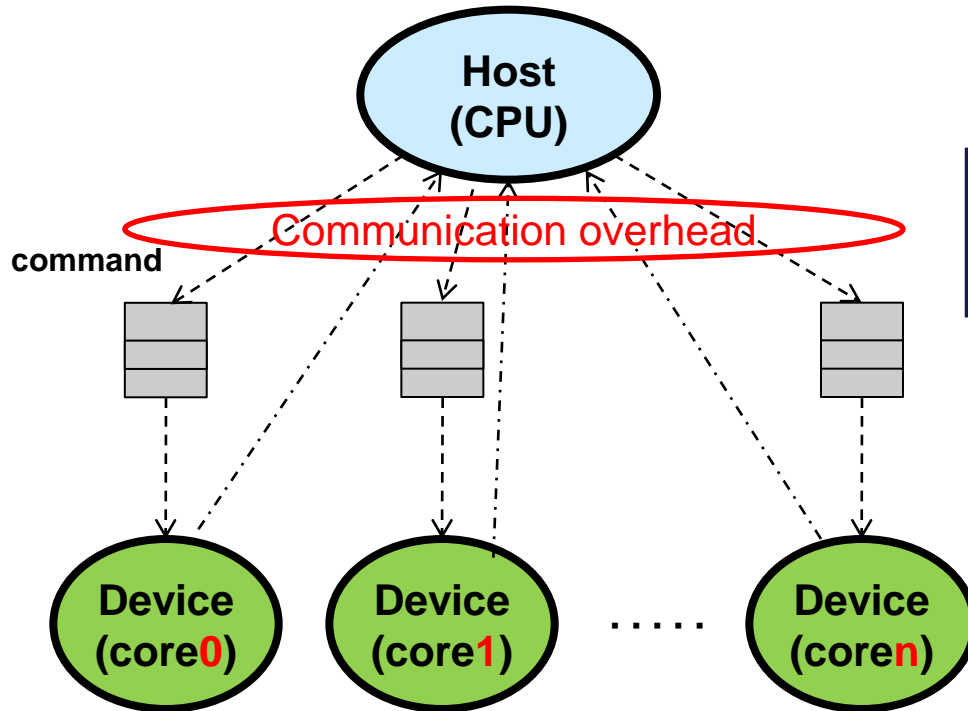
Application Domain Specific Scalable Heterogeneous Manycore

Partitioning

OpenCL vs. Distributed Processing

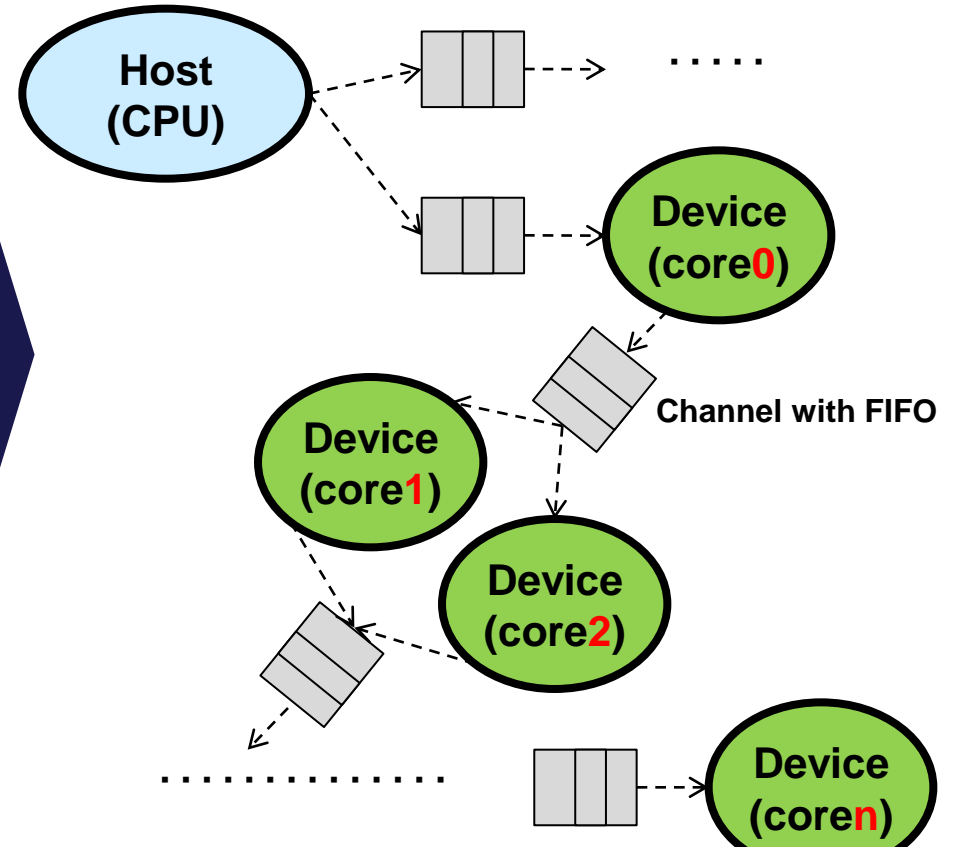
❖ OpenCL (CPU centric)

- ◆ Bottleneck
 - Processing on Host
 - Increasing communication with Host
- ◆ Hard to express distributed processing



❖ Distributed Processing

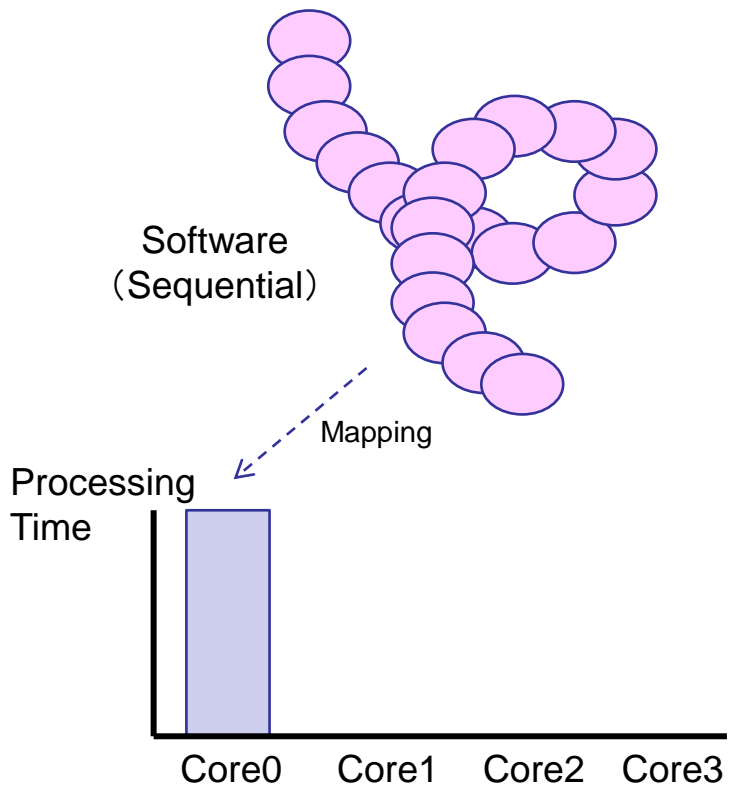
- ◆ Scalability
- ◆ Can combine with Data Parallel Processing



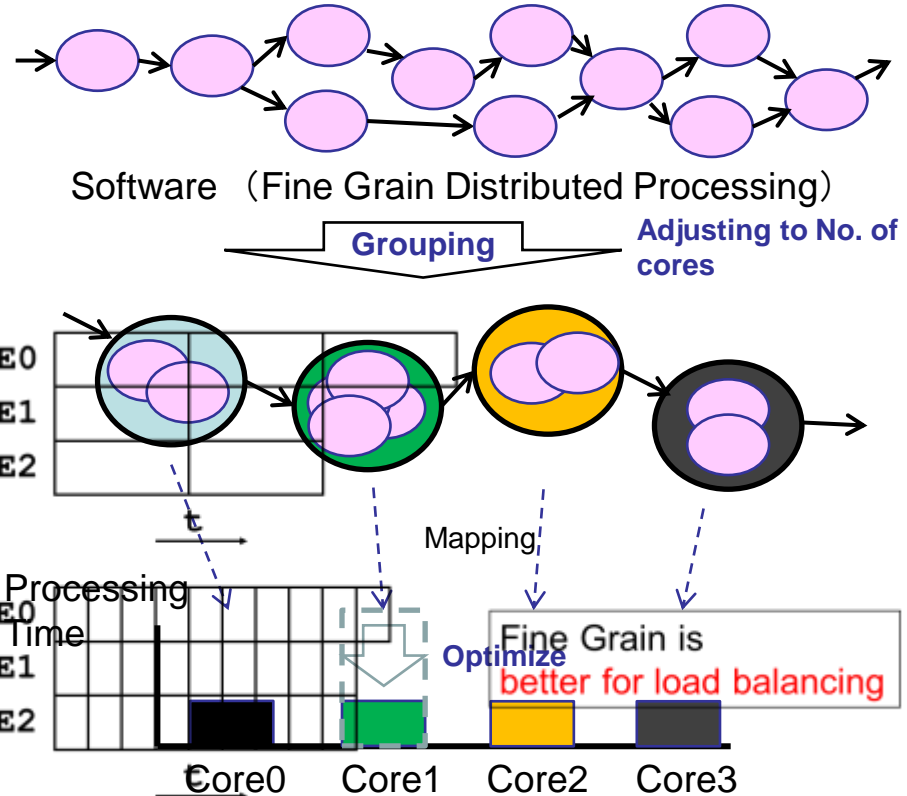
Take an approach of Distributed Processing for removing bottlenecks

Software Partitioning

Sequential to Distributed Processing



- ▣ Profiling
- ▣ Streaming
- ▣ Partitioning
- ▣ Grouping
- ▣ Optimizing



<Issues>

- Cannot utilize **Multi-Core / Many-Core**
- **Requires High Performance** for Video Mining

<Advantages>

- Utilize Multi-Core / Many-Core resources
- **Easy to balance the load**

Investigation has done on Many Algorithms ; Viola & Jones, SVM, SIFT, etc.

Approach for Energy-Efficient Computing

- Goal : **High-Performance & Low-Power Programmable Accelerator**
(Energy-Efficient, Low Cost, Flexible, Scalable)
- Approach : **Low Clock Frequency**

◆ Power consumption

$$P_{\text{Total}} = P_{\text{Dynamic}} + P_{\text{Static}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \alpha C V^2 f \alpha + I_{\text{Leak}} V$$

C: Load capacity
V: Source voltage
f: Frequency
 α : Switching rate
 I_{Leak} : Leakage current



◆ Performance

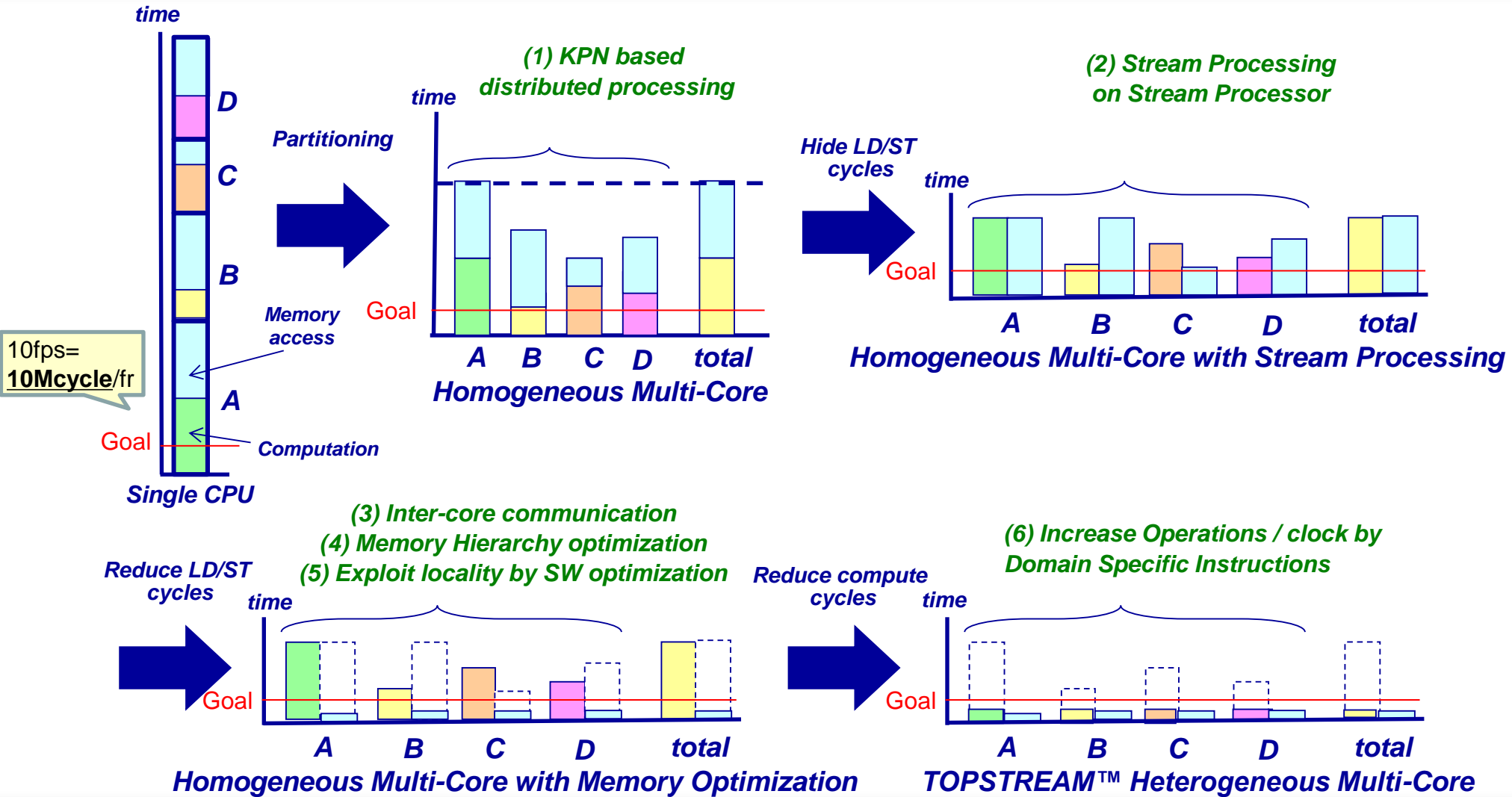
$$\text{Performance} = \text{OPC} \times f$$

OPC: Operation Per Clock

High Performance @ Low Clock Frequency drives Low Power

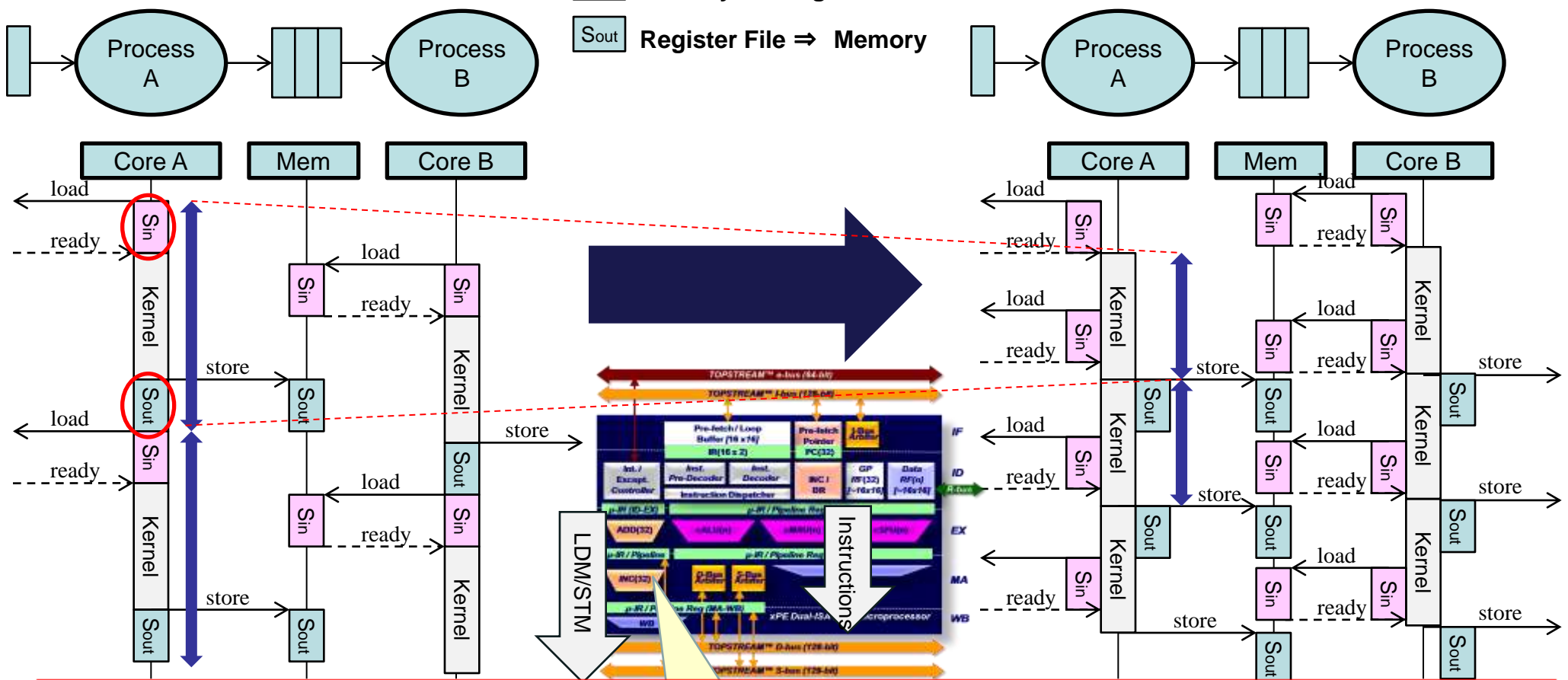


Approach to reduce clock frequency with Architecture-Algorithm Co-Design



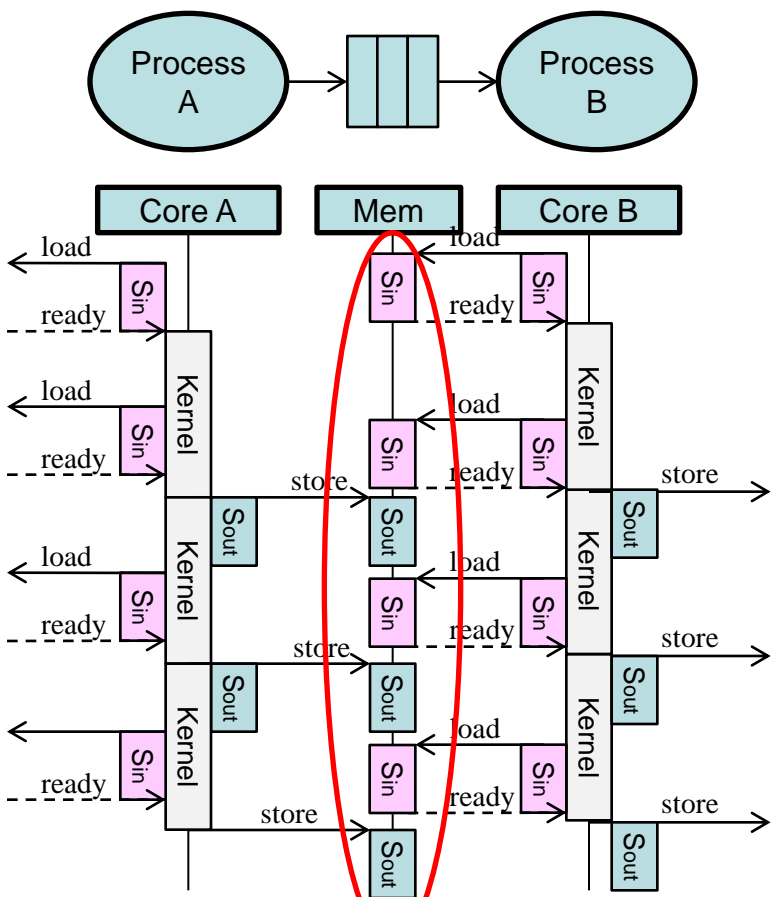
Hide overhead of Stream-In and Stream-Out

Sin Memory ⇒ Register File
Sout Register File ⇒ Memory

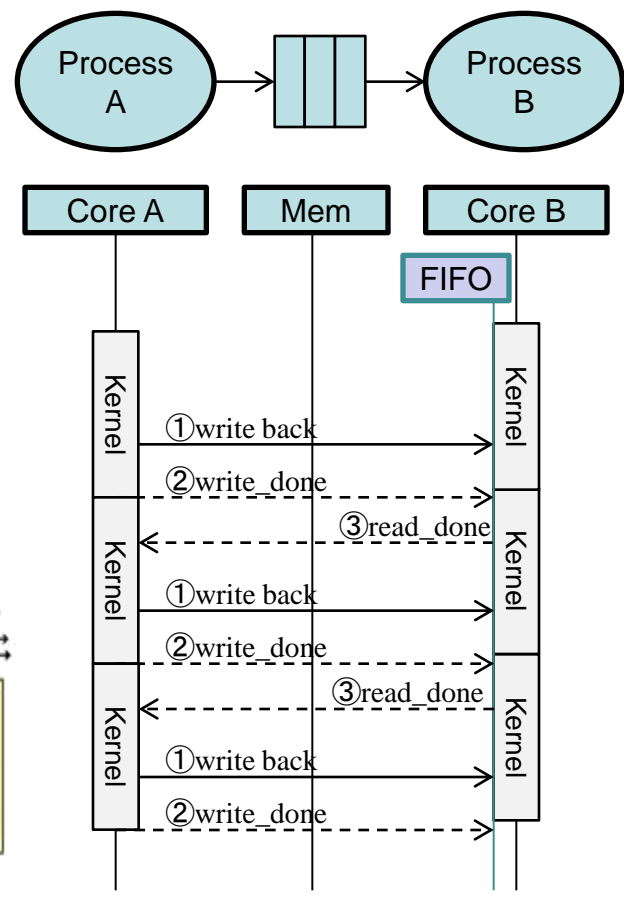
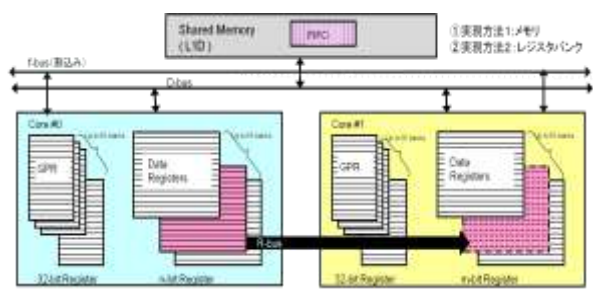


Hide cycles for inter-process communication (Stream-In and Stream-Out)

■ Reduction of Memory Access Bandwidth and its Energy



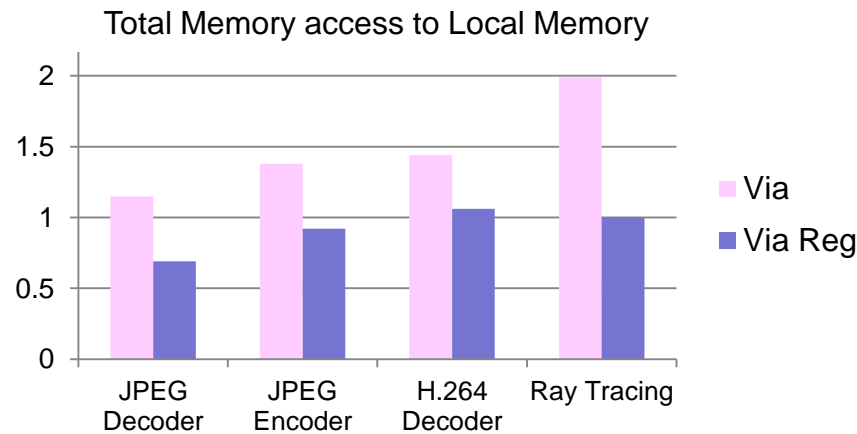
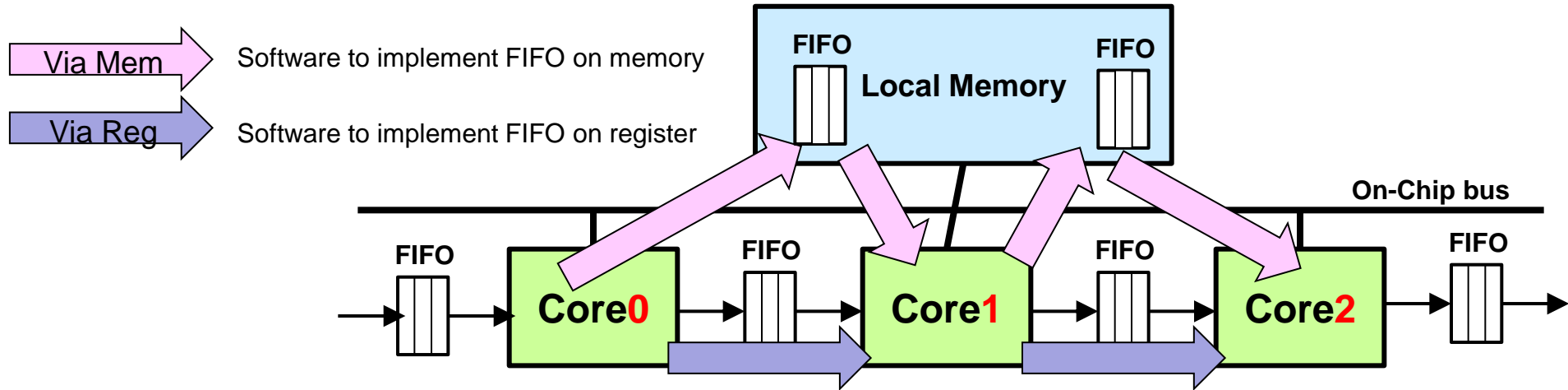
Register Bank Sharing



Reduce memory access time and Energy!

Reduction of memory traffic

■ Path for Message Passing



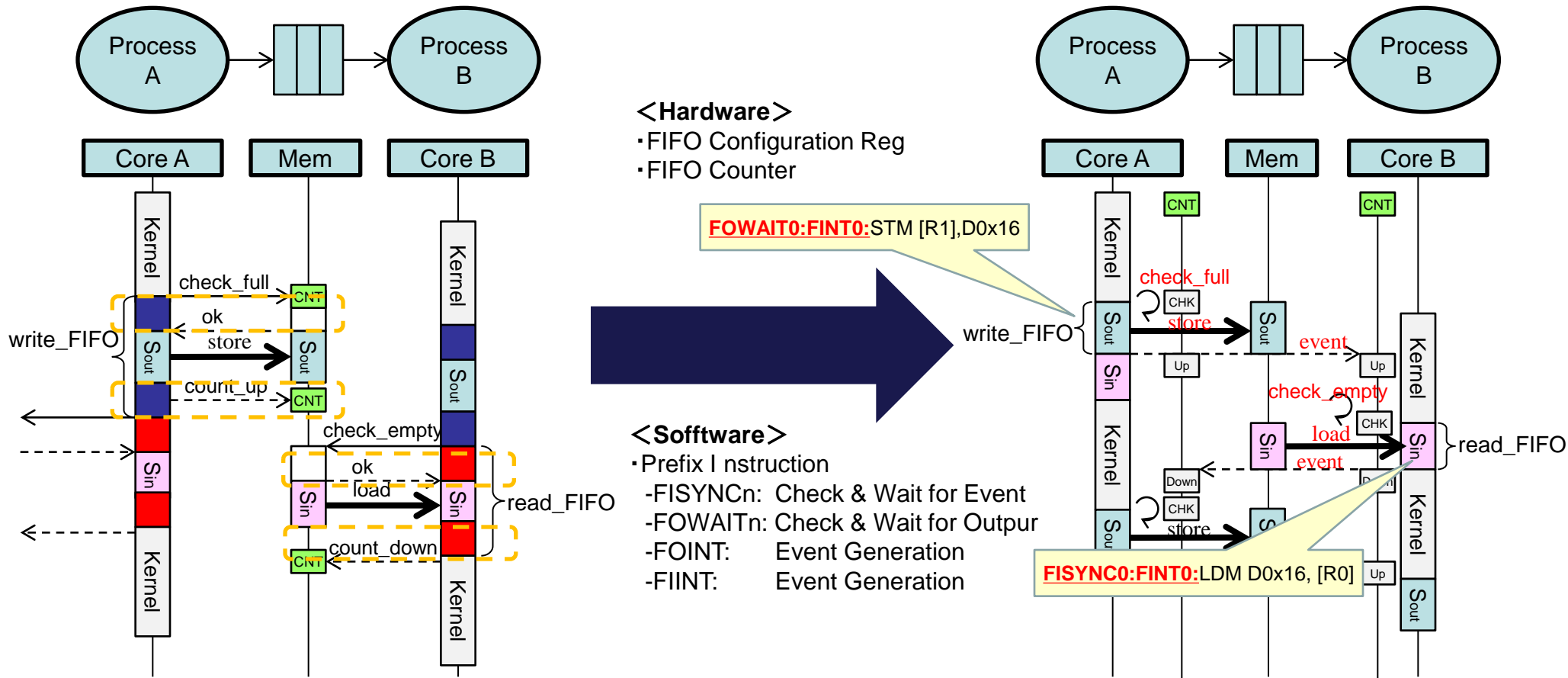
Significant Reduction of Memory Traffic : more than 30%



ZOMP

Zero-Overhead Message Passing Mechanism

- Remove cycles and memory access for checking FIFO counts and synchronization



No overhead : Just Add Prefix instructions on Stream-In & Stream-Out

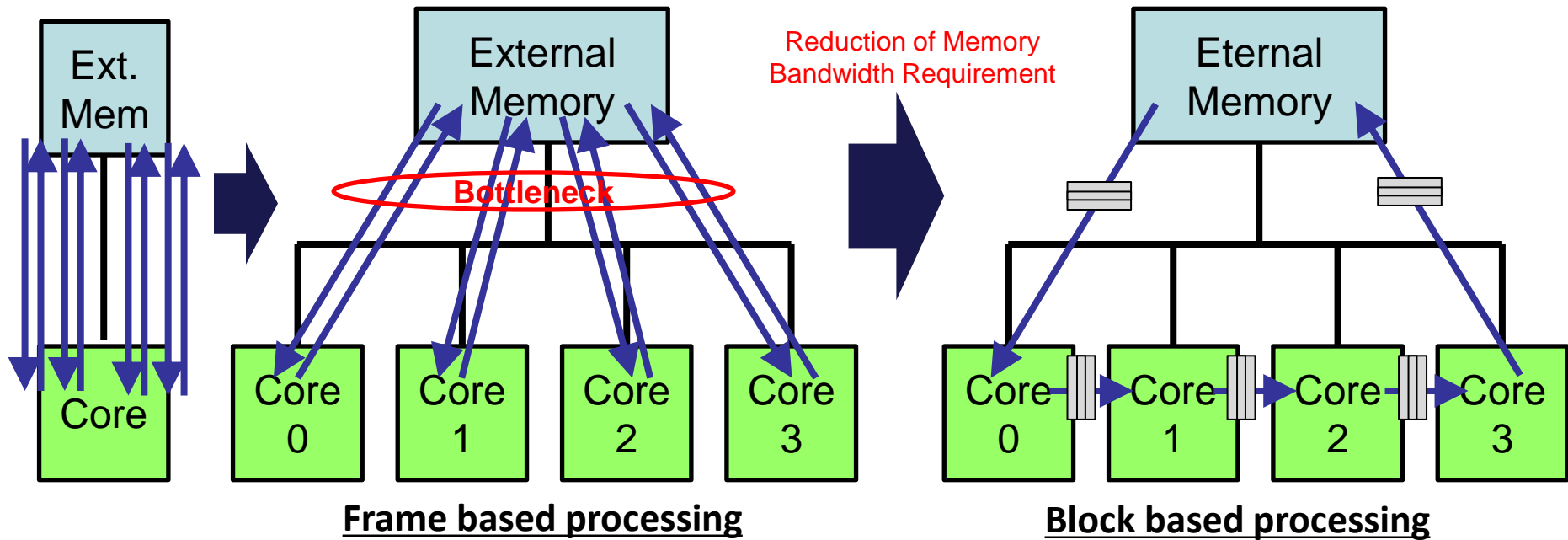
Memory Access reduction by Distributed Stream Processing

■ Memory Centric Processing

- Each core works data on External Memory
- Integration of processors and memories

■ Distributed Stream Processing

- Core to Core Stream passing
 - On-Chip memory
 - Register Sharing

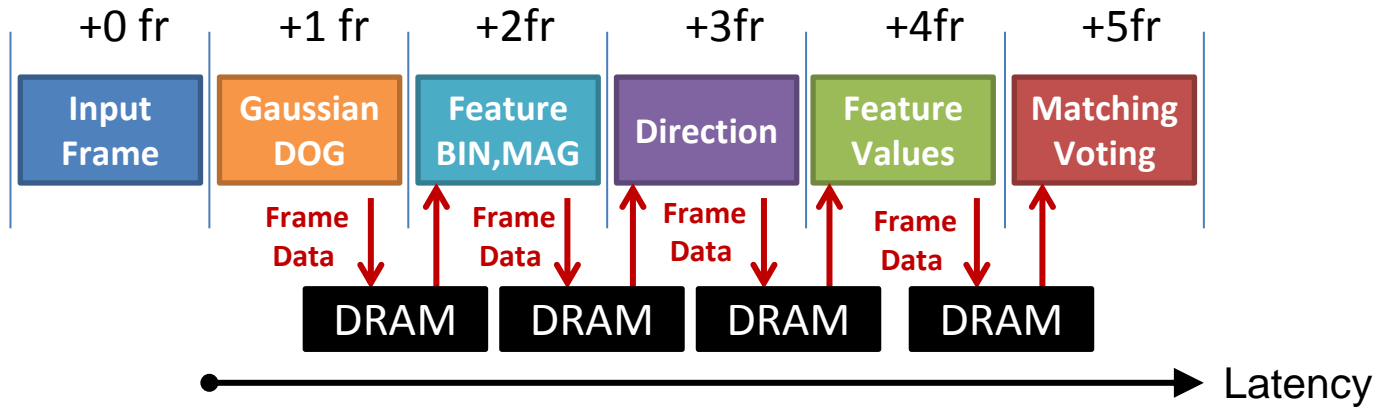


Increase scalability by reducing memory bandwidth requirement

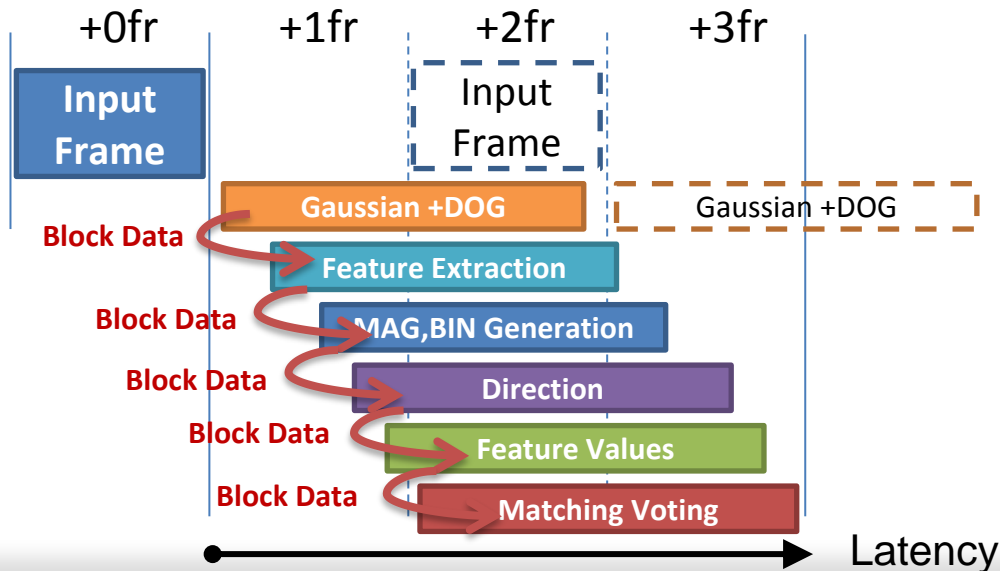
Frame based vs. Block based Processing

Frame based processing

Ex). SIFT



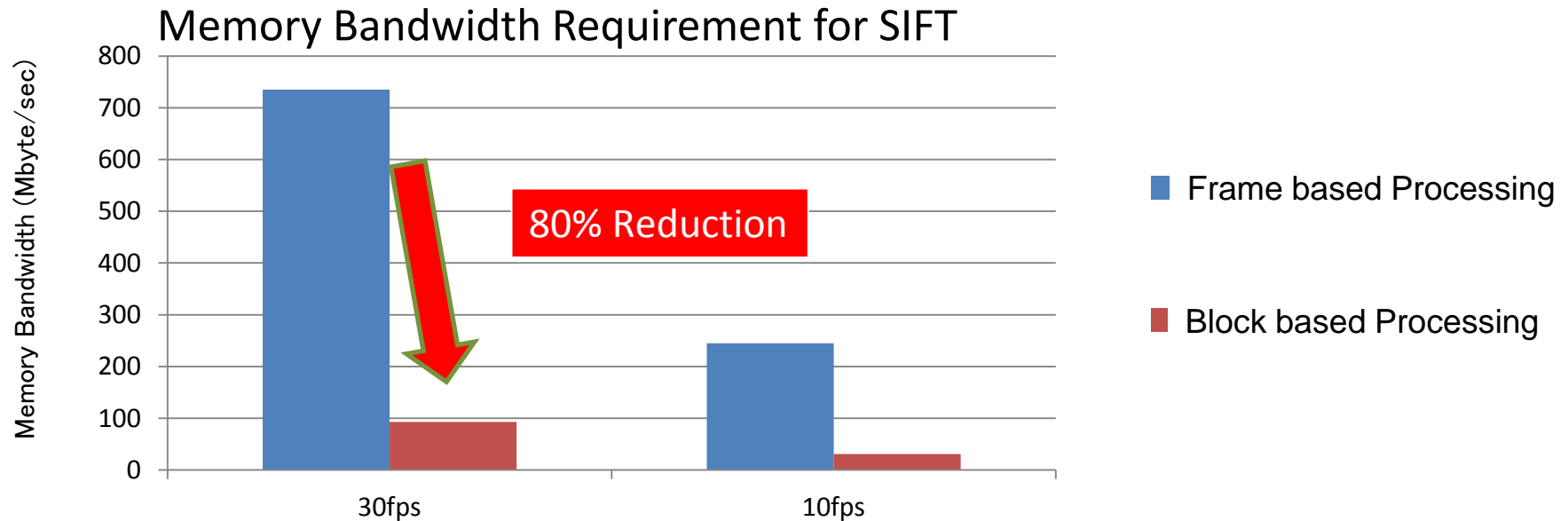
Block based processing



Smaller latency with Smaller Data

Frame based vs. Block based Processing

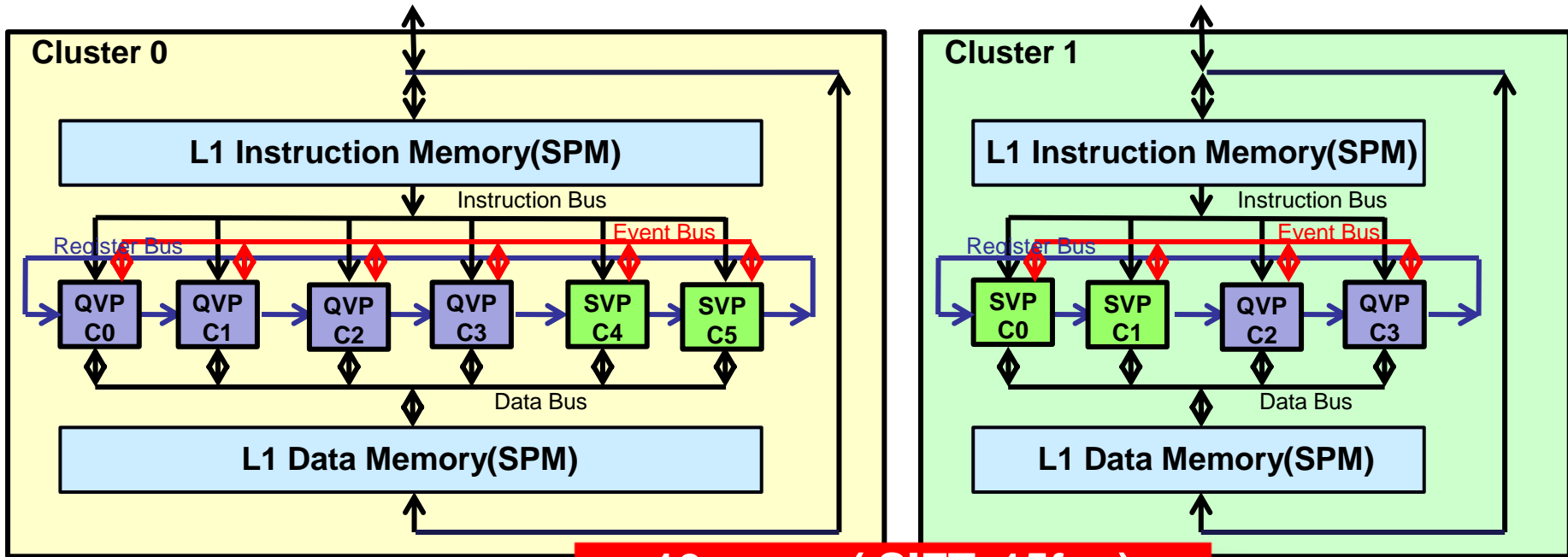
	Frame based Processing	Block based Processing
Global Memory Usage	22Mbytes	3.1Mbytes
Cluster Local Memory Usage	0.15Mbytes	0.8Mbytes
Recognition Latency	167mSec(5.1frame)	100mSec(3frame)



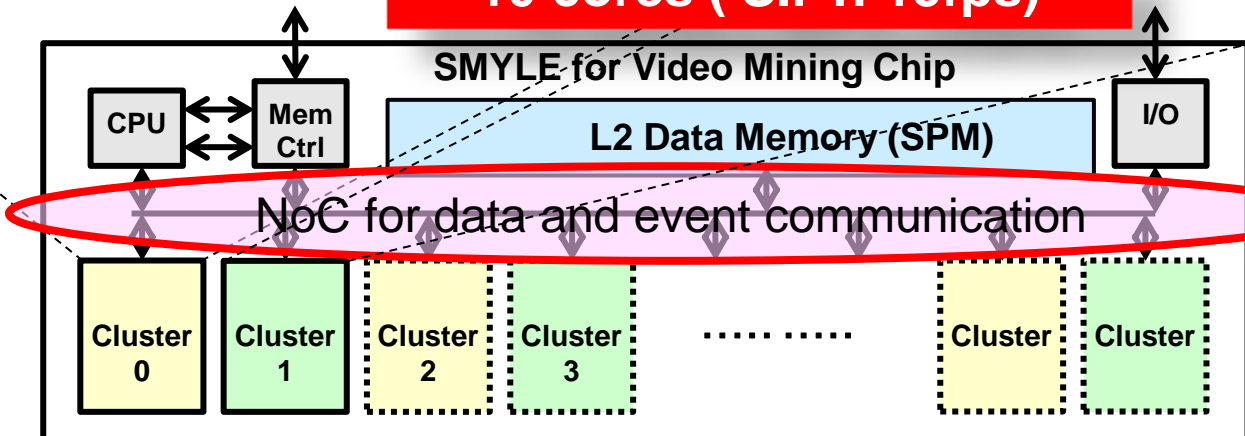
Memory Usage : 1/7, Memory Bandwidth Requirement : 1/5



SMYLEvideo Configuration



10 cores (SIFT: 15fps)



QVP : Quad V processor
(256-bit core)
SVP : Single V processor
(64-bit core)

Scalable Performance and Functionality with adding Clusters

Conclusions

- **Manycore** will play a crucial role in extending the roadmap for enabling the next generation **SoCs** required for **“Video Mining”** one of Computer Vision systems.
- **Zero-Overhead Message Passing Mechanism (ZOMP)** can **efficiently increases the system performance** and **scalability** of Manycore processors.
- **Block based distributed processing** drastically **reduces memory access bandwidth** and **increases room for higher performance** on Manycore processors.
- **SMYLEvideo** provides **scalability in performance and functionality** with its **clustered architecture**.