# EE-748: Advanced Topics Computer Architecture Course Introduction

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# Computer Architecture's Changing Definition

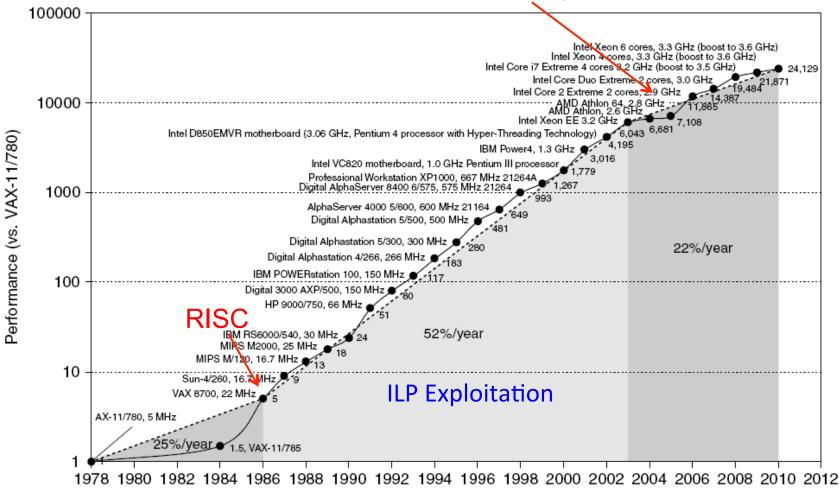
- 1950s to 1960s: Computer Architecture Course = Computer Arithmetic
- 1970s to mid 1980s:
   Computer Architecture Course = Instruction Set Design, especially ISA appropriate for compilers
- 1990s onwards:
   Computer Architecture Course = Design of CPU (Processor Microarchitecture), memory system, I/O system, Multiprocessors





### Single Processor Performance

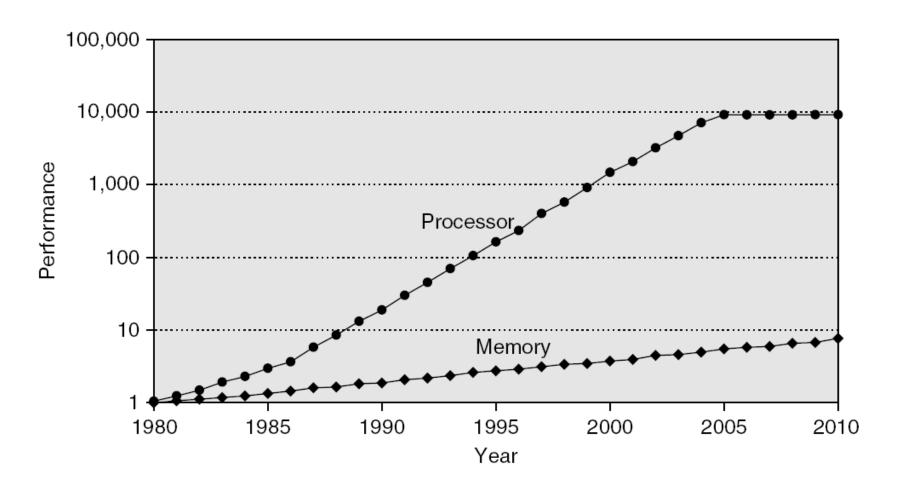








## Memory Performance Gap







#### EE-748: Course Focus

#### Focus: Next generation general purpose processors

- Energy efficient single chip multi-processors with course/fine grain multithreading including dynamic cores
- CPU-GPGPU architecture
- Speculative multithreading
- Efficient Memory systems

#### Goal: Initiate research in this area

- Review previous and current research
- Identify open issues and key opportunities
- Propose initial approaches and demonstrate their potential
- If we work hard enough, publish some ideas and results





#### Course Outline

- Review of Computer Architecture
  - SMT architecture
  - Multi-core architecture (including CPU-GPU)
- Discussion on papers from
  - ISCA/Micro/HPCA/ICCD/DSN
  - Architecture Letters/ IEEE Trans. on Computers
  - About 20 papers





## Your Participation

- Every class meeting
  - Read papers before class meeting
  - Submit review of paper at least a day before class
  - Actively participate in the class discussion
- Keep notes of class discussion
  - Submit after every paper discussion
- Lead one of class discussions
- Project (in group of max 3 students)
  - Original research on one open issue
  - Proposal, presentation and final paper
- Review papers of another groups





#### Who should take EE-748?

- Students interested in system research
  - Architecture, operation system, compilers
  - working in application areas interested in system implications

- Pre-requisite
  - CS-683: Advanced Computer Architecture,

or

EE-739: Processor Design





#### Caution!

- This is NOT a normal class room teaching course!!
- It is a research oriented course
- Participation in discussion is most important



#### Must to Read Papers Before Class

Tilak Agerwala and S. Chatterjee, `Computer architecture: challenges and opportunities for the next the decade, IEEE Micro, May-June 2005

- Mark Hill and Michael Marty, Amdahl's law in the multi-core era', IEEE Computers, July 2008
- Shekhar Borkar and Andrew Chien, `The future of microprocessors`, Communications of ACM, vol. 54, no. 5, May 2011





#### Course Evaluation

- Mid Term Exam (10%)
  - Open Book/Notes/Internet Exam
- Quizzes (10%)
  - Open Book/Notes/Internet Exam
- Final Exam (10%)
  - Open Book/Notes/Internet Exam
- Course Projects (35%)
  - 1 projects [Decided during the first month]
  - Group (Max size 3)
- Class participation (35%)
  - Discussion in class





#### **Grades**

#### **Absolute Grade**

- > 95: AA
- 85 94: AB
- 75 84: BB
- 65 94: BC
- 55 64: CC
- 45 54: CD
- 40 44: DD
- < 40 :FR



#### **More Information**

http://www.ee.iitb.ac.in/~viren/Courses/2014/EE748.htm





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