Energy-Aware Computing Systems

Energiebewusste Rechensysteme

I. Introduction

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Agenda

Energy-Aware Computing Systems

meaning of the lecture labelling in linguistic terms:

en·er·gy (gr.) *energeia*: word based upon *ergon*, meaning *work*

1. capacity for the exertion of power
2. a fundamental entity of nature that is transferred between parts of a system in the production of physical change within the system

aware (old en.) *gewær*

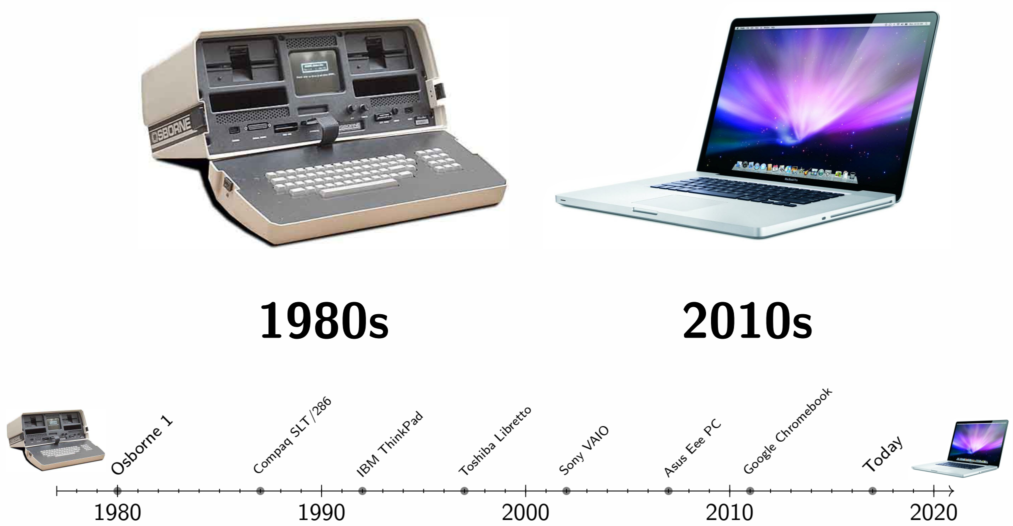
1. having or showing realization, perception, or knowledge
2. state of being conscious of something

com·put·ing (lat.) *computare*: *com* (together) + *putare* (to settle)

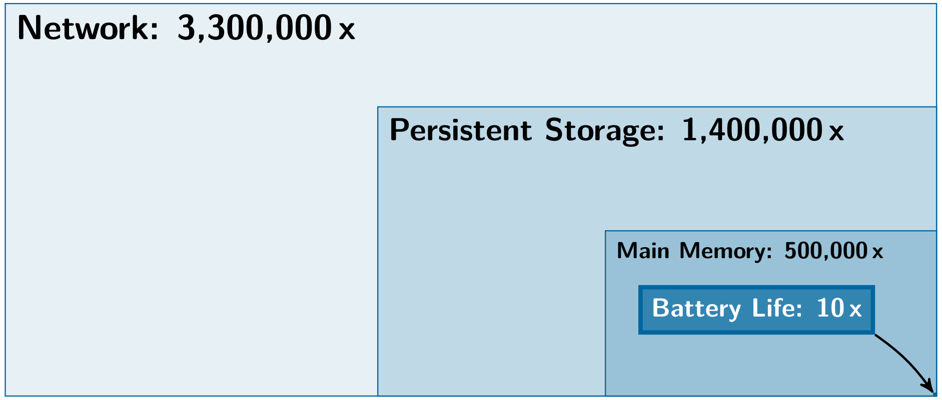
1. task of making a calculation
2. to use a computer

sys·tems plural of (gr.) *systēmas*: to place together

1. a regularly interacting or interdependent group of items forming a unified whole
2. a group of devices (...) or an organization forming a network especially for distributing something or serving a common purpose



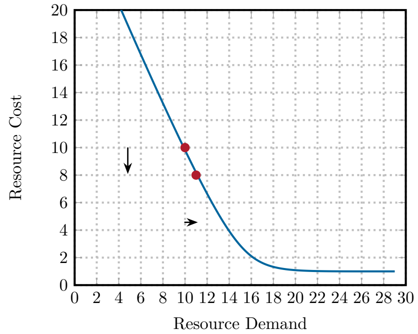
Technological Progress in Recent Decades

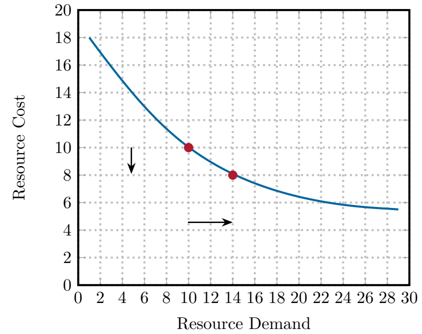


Battery life improved by a factor of **10** (0.00001 Mio.)

➜ 1 h vs. 10 h

Jevons Paradox





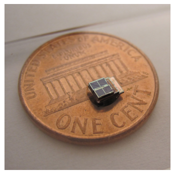
increase efficiency by 20 %
⇒ increase demand by 10 %

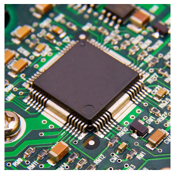
increase efficiency by 20 %
⇒ increase demand by 40 %

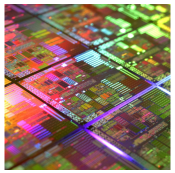
- improve efficiency by reducing costs
- Jevons paradox: efficiency gain ⇒ increase of demand
- rebound effect: increase of demand outweighs efficiency gain

Electrical Energy: Basic Operating Resource

- electrical energy is *the* basic operating resource of today's computers

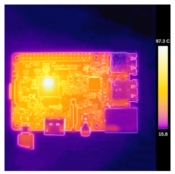


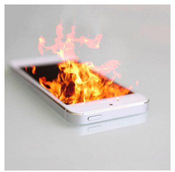


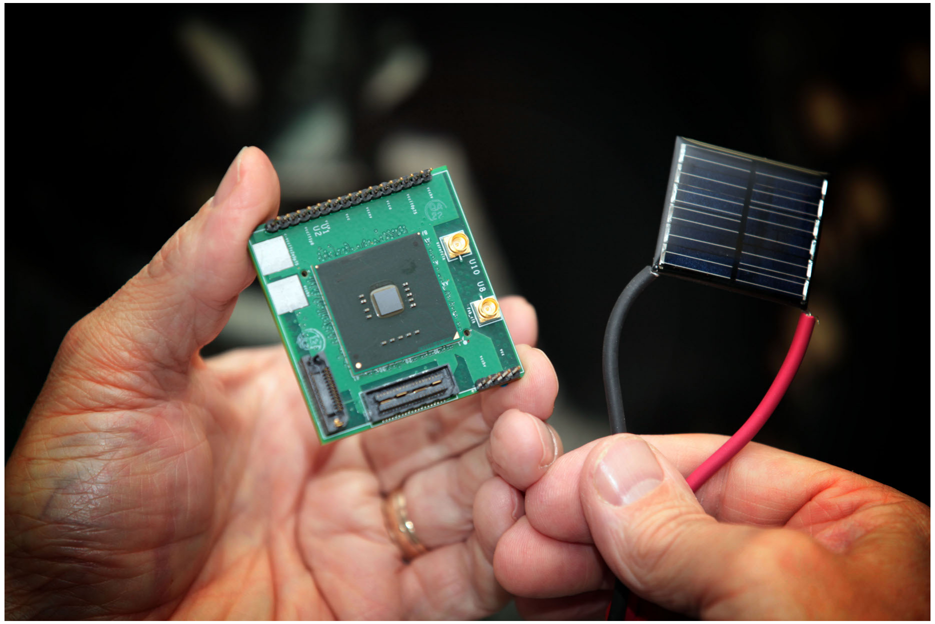


embedded —— laptop/desktop —— cluster

- but: excessive power dissipation leads to uncontrollable situations







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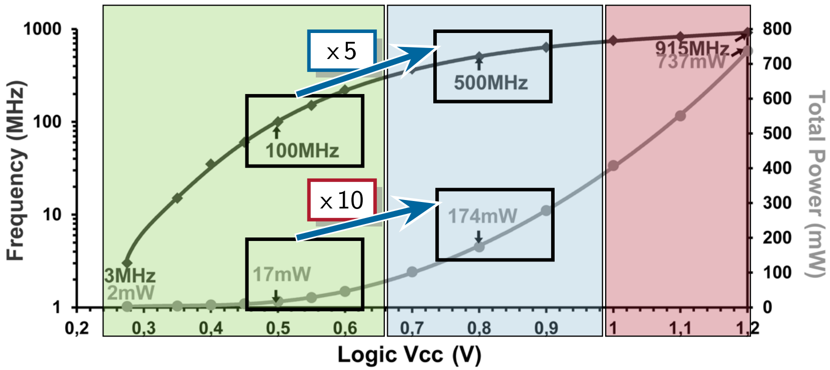

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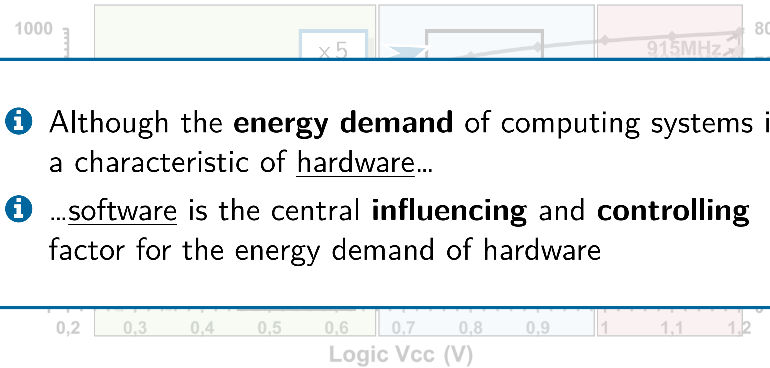

- Although the **energy demand** of computing systems is a characteristic of hardware...
- ...software is the central **influencing** and **controlling** factor for the energy demand of hardware

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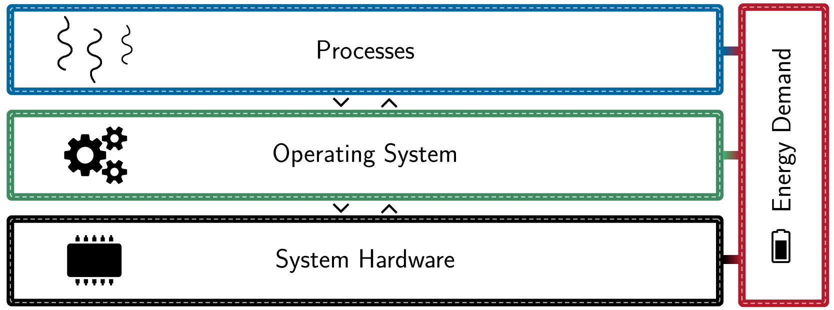
Energy Demand as a System Property

- energy demand is a physical property of integrated transistor circuits that construct hardware components
  - type
    - static energy demand
    - dynamic energy demand
  - form
    - effective energy → maximize
    - energy loss → minimize
- duality and principle of causality: software and hardware activities
  - software activities ⇒ hardware activities
  - hardware activities ⇒ software activities
- software: two dimensions of influence
  - quantitative amount of energy demand
  - control system: energy demand must be under strict governance

System Characteristics



- design and structure of energy-aware system software
  - interfaces for higher-level abstractions (upwards towards applications)
  - controlling of system-level activities to enforce system strategies (downwards towards the hardware)

Fundamentals

Introduction:

Lecture 1 Overview, Organization

General Topics and Basic Principles:

Lecture 2 Principles of Energy-Aware Computing Systems
- terminology, metrics
- assessing of power and energy demand

Lecture 3 Energy Demand Analysis
- awareness of energy demand at system level
- physical and logical means to determine energy demand

Lecture 4 Energy Management
- hardware power and energy management
- energy accounting at operating-system level

Systems

Energy-Aware Components, Subsystems, and Systems:

Lecture 5 Components and Subsystems
- energy-aware system components (e.g., memory, caches)
- subsystems to integrate energy-aware components

Lecture 6 Cyber-Physical Systems
- energy-constraint systems from the embedded domain
- energy-aware sensors and actuator in control systems

Lecture 7 Cluster Systems
- resource allocation in cluster computing environments
- assessment of remote execution

Software Systems

Energy-Aware System Software and Infrastructure:

Lecture 8 System Software
- energy-aware operating systems
- accounting and enforcement of energy demand

Lecture 9 Energy-Aware Programming
- constructive approaches towards energy-aware software
- software design and restructuring for low energy

Lecture 10 Infrastructure
- impact of renewable energy, electricity-grid evolution
- supplementary, fact-related research areas

State of the Art and Advanced Topics

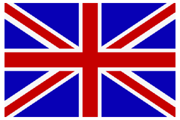
Tie Points, Industry Experience, and Remarks

Lecture 11 Uncharted Lecture
- TBA

Lecture 12 Research Projects and Remarks
- current DFG funded projects at the chair
- Master’s theses
- retrospection and lessons learned
- wrap-up and perspectives

Language of Instruction

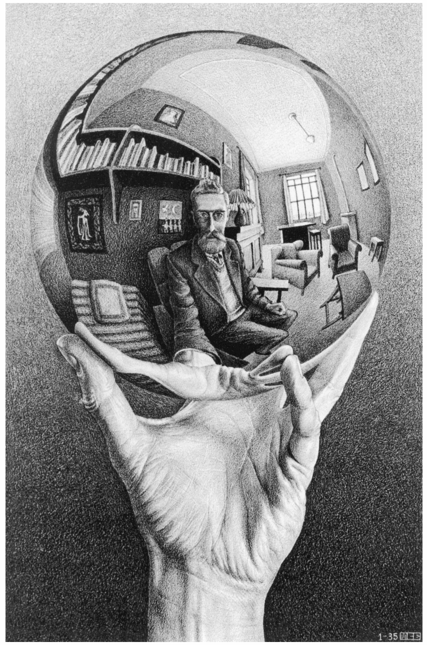
(Ger.) *Unterrichtssprache*



- language of instruction for the lecture
  - English ■ primary working language
  - German ■ in case of doubt, German is the fall-back position
- written material (slides or handouts, resp.) will be English
  - with technical terms also stated in German, where applicable

Meaningful Learning

1. learn → new information
2. relate → to existing knowledge
3. reflect



Lecture

Meaningful Learning

- acquire new knowledge
  - prepare next reading on one's own initiative
  - attend presentation, listen, and discuss topics treated
    - **reading** and **discussing research papers** on a regular basis
    - jointly with the exercises discussed papers transfer theory to practice
  - reinforce learning matter, reflect
- relate it with previous knowledges
  - computer architecture (GRA) I3
  - system programming (SP, SPiC, GSPiC) I4
  - operating systems (BS), operating-systems engineering (BST) I4
  - modeling, optimization and simulation of energy systems (MOSES) I7
- teaching material presented in the **lecture room**:
  - follow "Lehre" (Eng. *teaching*) at `https://www4.cs.fau.de`
  - copies of the slides are made available as handouts free of charge
  - supplemented by secondary literature as and when required

Exercise

Experimental Learning

- deepen knowledge by means of direct experience: „learning by doing"

> *Acquisition of virtuous behavior and operational ability is less a matter of easy instruction but rather functional copy, practice, and use. (Aristotle [1])*

  - deepen technical discussion of research papers
  - consolidation of the lecture and discussion of assignments
- **blackboard practice** under guidance of an exercise instructor
  - registration through WAFFEL[1], URL see web page: `https://www4.cs.fau.de/Lehre/SS20/V_EASY/`
  - assignments are to be processed in teamwork: discretionary clause
    - depending on the number of participants
- **computer work** under individual responsibility
  - registration is not scheduled, reserved workplaces are available
  - in case of questions, a exercise instructor is available

[1]abbr. for (Ger.) *Webanmeldefrickelformular Enterprise Logic*

Requirements

- **hard skills** (computer-science expertise)
  - mandatory
    - **structured** computer organization
    - algorithm design and development
    - principles of programming in C → V_SP, V_SPiC, V_BS, V_BST, V_CS
    - utilization of GNU/Linux → V_SP, V_BS, V_BST, V_CS, P_PASST
  - ↪ knowledge gaps will not be closed actively: no extra tuition
  - beneficial
    - basic knowledge of at least one scripting language (e.g. shell, Python, Perl) → V_SP, P_PASST, V_BS, V_CS
    - basic knowledge of a version control system, (preferably) GIT or SVN → V_SP, V_SPiC, V_BS, V_BST, P_PASST
  - optional
    - assembly language (absolute) programming
  - ↪ as appropriate, knowledge gaps will be closed on demand by the instructors
- **soft** (personal, social, methodical) **skills**
  - staying power, capacity of teamwork
  - structured problem solving

Major Course Assessment

- achievable credit points
  - 5 ECTS (*European Credit Transfer System*)
  - corresponding to a face time of 4 *contact-free* hours per week
    - lecture and practice, with 2 SWS[2] (i.e., 2.5 ECTS) each
- German or English, **twenty-minute oral examination**
  - date by arrangement: send e-mail to `thoenig@cs.fau.de`
  - propose desired date within the official audit period
    - the exception (from this very period) proves the rule...
- examination subjects
  - topics of lecture, blackboard practice, but also computer work
  - brought up in the manner of an "expert talk"
    - major goal is to find out the degree of understanding of inter-relations
- registration through "mein campus": `https://www.campus.fau.de`

[2] abbr. for (Ger.) *Semesterwochenstunden*

Subject Matter

- energy-aware computing systems
  - fundamental understanding for analyzing and improving the energy demand of computing systems
  - comprehend factors and causality for energy demand that is exhibited by different computing systems
- structured analysis of system designs
  - reading and understanding of subject-related research papers to gain knowledge and relate to own work on exercises and assignments
  - bridging the gap from theory to practice
- reading list for Lecture 2:
  - Mark Horowitz et al.
    Low-power Digital Design
    Proceedings of IEEE Symposium on Low Power Electronics, 1994.

Reference List I

[1] ARISTOTLE:
Nicomachean Ethics.
c. 334 BC