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Starting up in Embedded Systems Design

Embedded Systems Design: A Unified Hardware/Software Introduction

Starting up in Embedded Systems Design

Outline

- Embedded systems overview
 - What are they?
- Design challenge – optimizing design metrics
- Technologies
 - Processor technologies
 - IC technologies
 - Design technologies

What are Embedded Systems? – An overview

Design challenge – optimizing design metrics

Technologies

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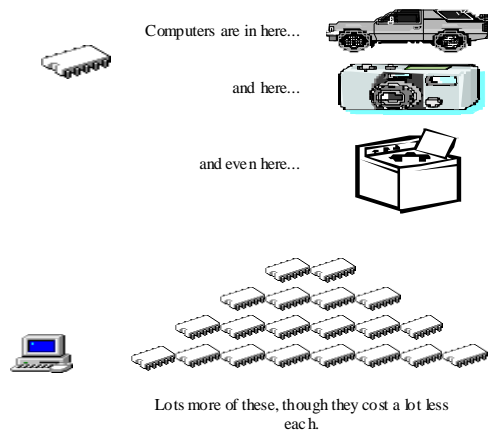


Embedded systems overview

- Computing systems are everywhere
- Most of us think of “desktop” computers
 - PC’s
 - Laptops
 - Mainframes
 - Servers
- But there’s another type of computing system
 - Far more common...

Computing systems are everywhere, the most of us when think in embedded systems think in desktop computers, pc’s, laptops, mainframes, servers, but there are another type of computing system...

Embedded systems overview

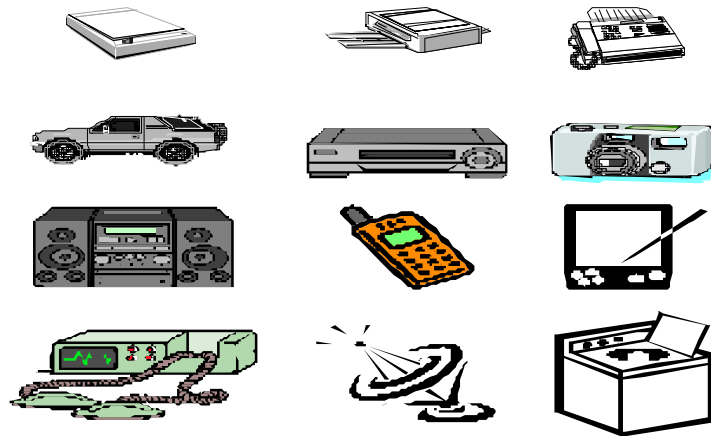


- Embedded computing systems
 - Computing systems embedded within electronic devices
 - Hard to define. Nearly any computing system other than a desktop computer
 - Billions of units produced yearly, versus millions of desktop units
 - Perhaps 50 per household and per automobile



A list of embedded systems, but there are many mores!

A “short list” of embedded systems



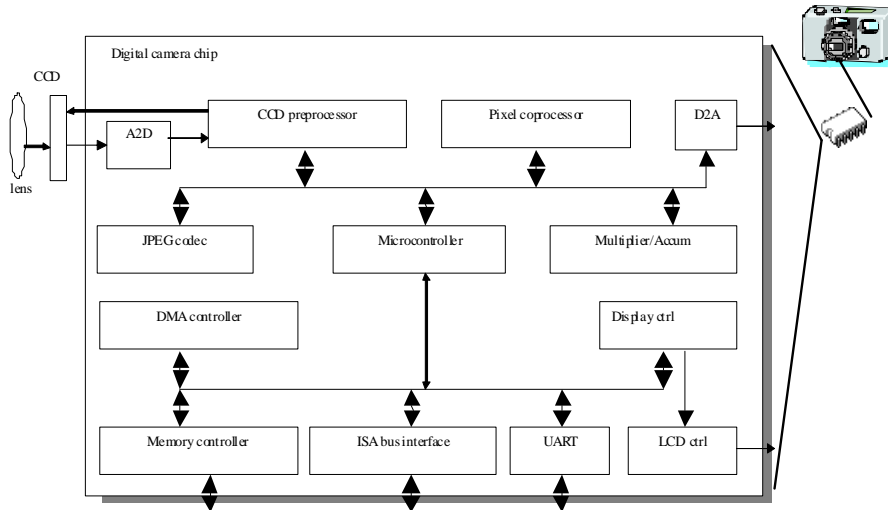
- Anti-lock brakes
- Auto-focus cameras
- Automatic teller machines
- Automatic toll systems
- Automatic transmission
- Avionic systems
- Battery chargers
- Camcorders
- Cell phones
- Cell-phone base stations
- Cordless phones
- Cruise control
- Curbside check-in systems
- Digital cameras
- Disk drives
- Electronic card readers
- Electronic instruments
- Electronic toys/games
- Factory control
- Fax machines
- Fingerprint identifiers
- Home security systems
- Life-support systems
- Medical testing systems
- Modems
- MPEG decoders
- Network cards
- Network switches/routers
- On-board navigation
- Pagers
- Photocopiers
- Point-of-sale systems
- Portable video games
- Printers
- Satellite phones
- Scanners
- Smart ovens/dishwashers
- Speech recognizers
- Stereo systems
- Teleconferencing systems
- Televisions
- Temperature controllers
- Theft tracking systems
- TV set-top boxes
- VCR's, DVD players
- Video game consoles
- Video phones
- Washers and dryers

Some common characteristics of embedded systems

- Single-functioned
 - Executes a single program, repeatedly
- Tightly-constrained
 - Low cost, low power, small, fast, etc.
- Reactive and real-time
 - Continually reacts to changes in the system's environment
 - Must compute certain results in real-time without delay

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An embedded system example -- a digital camera

- Single-functioned -- always a digital camera
- Tightly-constrained -- Low cost, low power, small, fast
- Reactive and real-time -- only to a small extent

Design challenge – optimizing design metrics

- Obvious design goal:
 - Construct an implementation with desired functionality
- Key design challenge:
 - Simultaneously optimize numerous design metrics
- Design metric
 - A measurable feature of a system's implementation
 - Optimizing design metrics is a key challenge

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•Common metrics

- Unit cost:** the monetary cost of manufacturing each copy of the system, excluding NRE cost
- NRE cost (Non-Recurring Engineering cost):** The one-time monetary cost of designing the system
- Size:** the physical space required by the system
- Performance:** the execution time or throughput of the system
- Power:** the amount of power consumed by the system
- Flexibility:** the ability to change the functionality of the system without incurring heavy NRE cost

Design challenge – optimization design metrics

Common metrics: Unit cost, NRD cost, Size, Performance, Power and Flexibility.

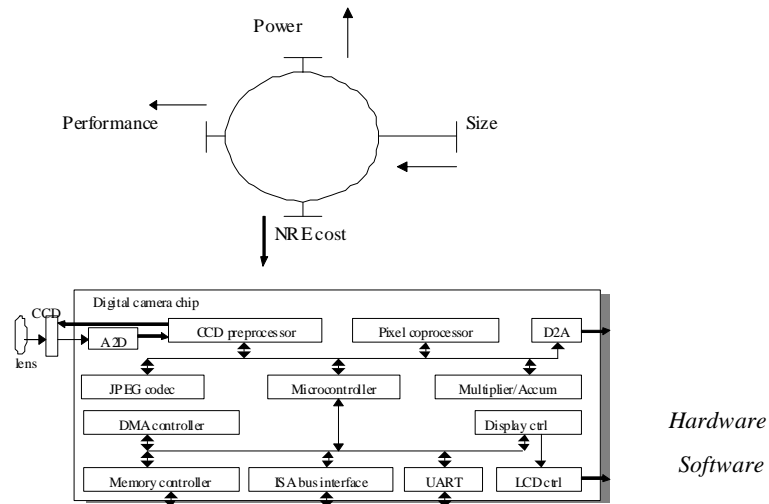
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Common metrics (continued): Time-to-prototype, Time to market, Maintainability and Correctness.

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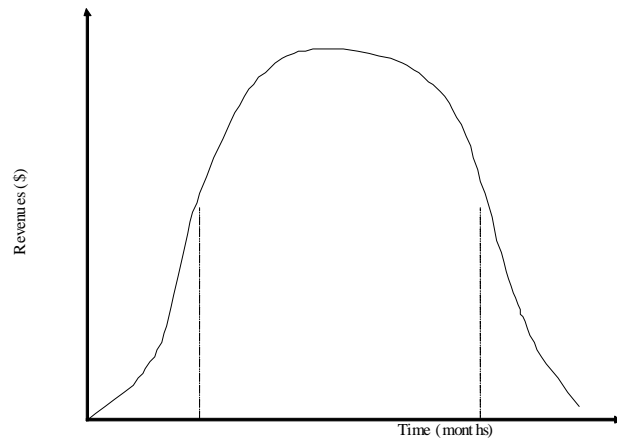
- Time-to-prototype:** the time needed to build a working version of the system
- Time-to-market:** the time required to develop a system to the point that it can be released and sold to customers
- Maintainability:** the ability to modify the system after its initial release
- Correctness, safety, many more**

Design metric competition -- improving one may worsen others



- Expertise with both **software and hardware** is needed to optimize design metrics
 - Not just a hardware or software expert, as is common
 - A designer must be comfortable with various technologies in order to choose the best for a given application and constraints

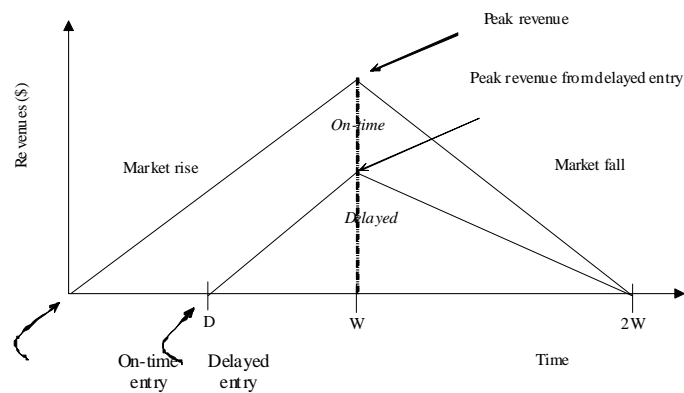
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- Time required to develop a product to the point it can be sold to customers
- Market window
 - Period during which the product would have highest sales
- Average time-to-market constraint is about 8 months
- Delays can be costly

Losses due to delayed market entry

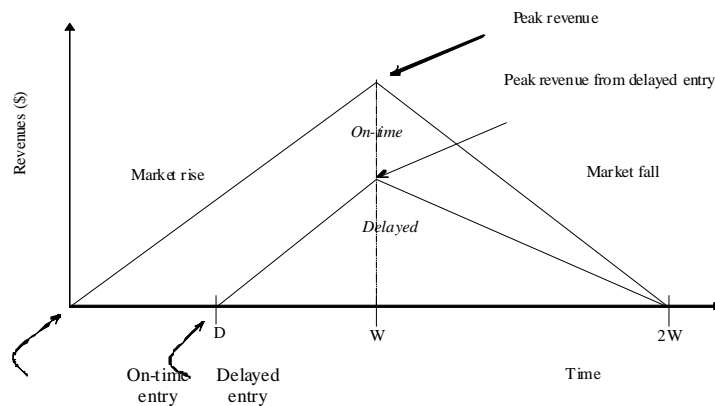


Losses due to delayed market entry

- Simplified revenue model
 - Product life = $2W$, peak at W
 - Time of market entry defines a triangle, representing market penetration
 - Triangle area equals revenue
- Loss
 - The difference between the on-time and delayed triangle areas

Losses due to delayed market entry (cont)

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- Area = $1/2 * \text{base} * \text{height}$
 - On-time = $1/2 * 2W * W$
 - Delayed = $1/2 * (W-D+W)*(W-D)$
- Percentage revenue loss = $(D(3W-D)/2W^2)*100\%$
- Try some examples
 - Lifetime $2W=52$ wks, delay $D=4$ wks
 - $(4*(3*26 - 4)/2*26^2) = 22\%$
 - Lifetime $2W=52$ wks, delay $D=10$ wks
 - $(10*(3*26 - 10)/2*26^2) = 50\%$
 - Delays are costly!



NRE and unit cost metrics

- Example

- NRE=\$2000, unit=\$100

- For 10 units

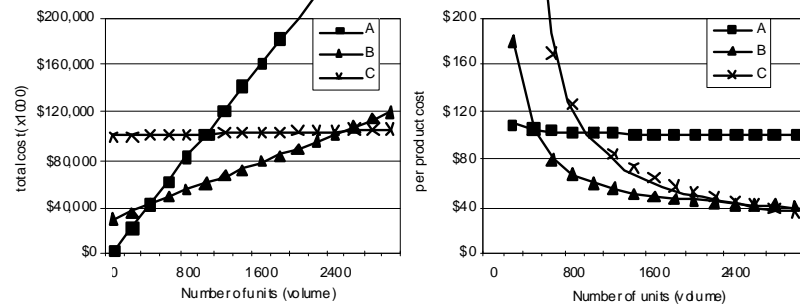
- total cost = $\$2000 + 10 * \$100 = \$3000$

- per-product cost = $\$2000/10 + \$100 = \$300$

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 - $total\ cost = NRE\ cost + unit\ cost * \#\ of\ units$
 - $per\ product\ cost = total\ cost / \#\ of\ units$
 $= (NRE\ cost / \#\ of\ units) + unit\ cost$

NRE and unit cost metrics



- Compare technologies by costs -- best depends on quantity
 - Technology A: NRE=\$2,000, unit=\$100
 - Technology B: NRE=\$30,000, unit=\$30
 - Technology C: NRE=\$100,000, unit=\$2

But, must also consider time-to-market



The performance design metric

- **Widely-used measure of system, widely-abused**
 - Clock frequency, instructions per second – not good measures
 - Digital camera example – a user cares about how fast it processes images, not clock speed or instructions per second
- **Latency (response time)**
 - Time between task start and end
 - e.g., Camera's A and B process images in 0.25 seconds
- **Throughput**
 - Tasks per second, e.g. Camera A processes 4 images per second
 - Throughput can be more than latency seems to imply due to concurrency, e.g. Camera B may process 8 images per second (by capturing a new image while previous image is being stored).
- **Speedup of B over S = B's performance / A's performance**
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Three key embedded system technologies

- Technology
 - A manner of accomplishing a task, especially using technical processes, methods, or knowledge
- Three key technologies for embedded systems
 - Processor technology
 - IC technology
 - Design technology

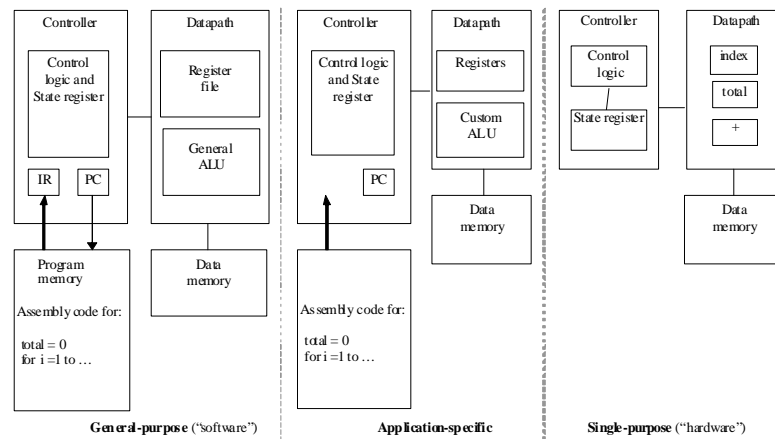
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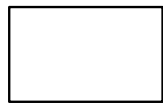
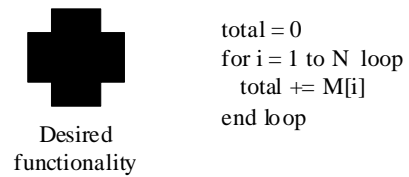
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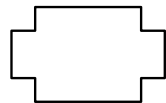
- The architecture of the computation engine used to implement a system's desired functionality
- Processor does not have to be programmable
 - “Processor” *not* equal to general-purpose processor

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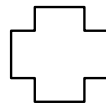
- Processors vary in their customization for the problem at hand.



General-purpose
processor

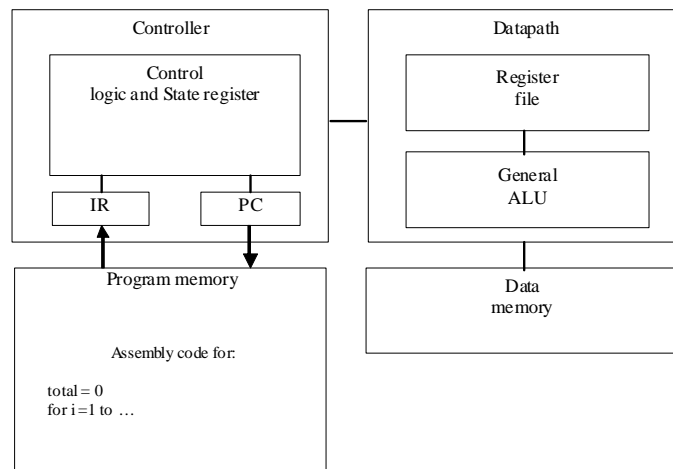


Application-specific
processor



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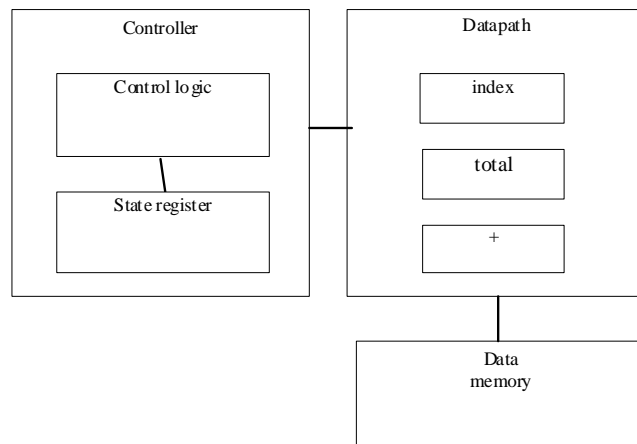
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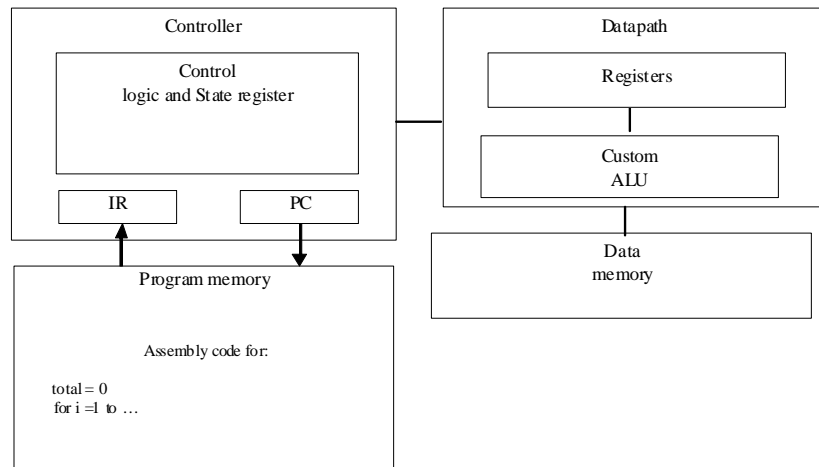
- Programmable device used in a variety of applications
 - Also known as “microprocessor”
- Features
 - Program memory
 - General datapath with large register file and general ALU
- User benefits
 - Low time-to-market and NRE costs
 - High flexibility
- “Pentium” the most well-known, but there are hundreds of others.

Single-purpose processors



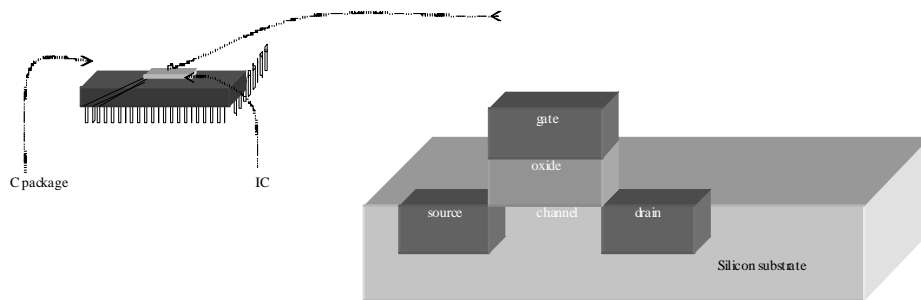
- Digital circuit designed to execute exactly one program
 - a.k.a. coprocessor, accelerator or peripheral
- Features
 - Contains only the components needed to execute a single program
 - No program memory
- Benefits
 - Fast
 - Low power
 - Small size

Application-specific processors



- Programmable processor optimized for a particular class of applications having common characteristics
 - Compromise between general-purpose and single-purpose processors
- Features
 - Program memory
 - Optimized datapath
 - Special functional units
- Benefits
 - Some flexibility, good performance, size and power.

IC technology



IC technology

- The manner in which a digital (gate-level) implementation is mapped onto an IC
 - IC: Integrated circuit, or “chip”
 - IC technologies differ in their customization to a design
 - IC’s consist of numerous layers (perhaps 10 or more)
 - IC technologies differ with respect to who builds each layer and when

IC technology

- Three types of IC technologies

- Full-custom/VLSI
- Semi-custom ASIC (gate array and standard cell)
- PLD (Programmable Logic Device)

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Full-custom/VLSI

- All layers are optimized for an embedded system's particular digital implementation

- Placing transistors
- Sizing transistors
- Routing wires

- Benefits

- Excellent performance, small size, low power

- Drawbacks

- High NRE cost (e.g., \$300k), long time-to-market

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Semi – custom

Semi-custom

- Lower layers are fully or partially built
 - Designers are left with routing of wires and maybe placing some blocks
- Benefits
 - Good performance, good size, less NRE cost than a full-custom implementation (perhaps \$10k to \$100k)
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PLD (Programmable Logic Device)

- All layers already exist

- Designers can purchase an IC
- Connections on the IC are either created or destroyed to implement desired functionality
- Field-Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) very popular

- Benefits

- Low NRE costs, almost instant IC availability

- Drawbacks

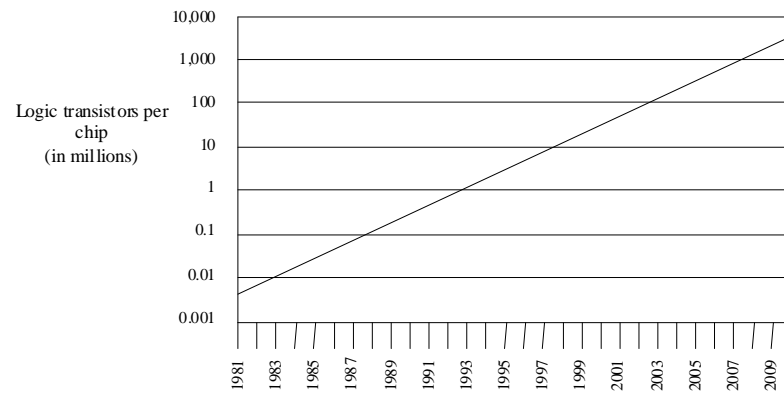
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- The most important trend in embedded systems
 - Predicted in 1965 by Intel co-founder Gordon Moore

IC transistor capacity has doubled roughly every 18 months for the past several decades

Moore's law

- Wow

- This growth rate is hard to imagine, most people underestimate

- How many ancestors do you have from 20 generations ago

- i.e., roughly how many people alive in the 1500's did it take to make you?

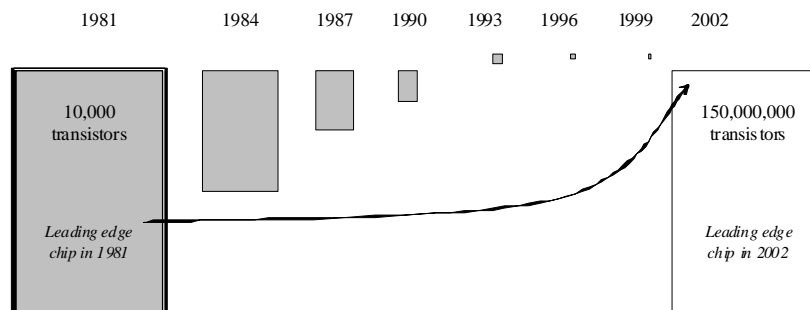
- 2^{20} = more than *1 million people*

- (*This underestimation is the key to pyramid schemes!*)

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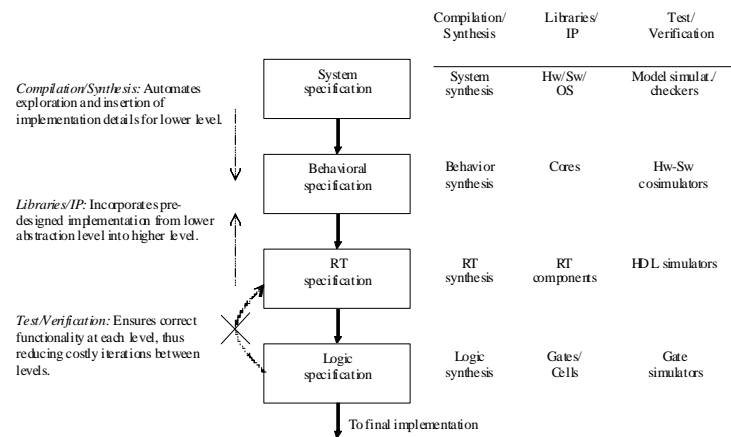
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Graphical illustration of Moore's law



- Something that doubles frequently grows more quickly than most people realize!
 - A 2002 chip can hold about 15,000 1981 chips inside itself.

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ArtistDesign is a driving force for federating the European research community in Embedded Systems Design. It brings together 31 of the best research teams as core partners, 15 Industrial and SME affiliated Industrial partners, 25 affiliated Academic partners, and 5 affiliated International Collaboration partners who participate actively in the technical meetings and events.



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Main Idea 1

Embedded systems are essential to ensuring a leading position for Europe in key industrial sectors services. This is well-recognized in the ICT FP7 priorities, and through the ARTEMIS ETP.

Main Idea 2

Embedded systems design is an emerging scientific discipline, mobilizing a large international community, around a set of fundamental challenging and multi-disciplinary problems. For this discipline to emerge, a considerable focused research effort by the best teams is needed.

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Theory, Methods and Tools for ES Design

Design flow involves topics leading from initial requirements to a final implementation satisfying them. The objective is to study specific needs for these design activities, as well the possibility of integrating them in a coherent design flow.

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- Software Synthesis, Code Generation and Timing Analysis: Strong integration should be sought for these interrelated topics. The aim is to study and implement resource-aware synthesis and code generation techniques. These techniques allow the generation of an implementation meeting given user requirements from a functional description of an application (e.g. application software) and a model of a target platform.

- Real-Time Operating Systems Scheduling and Networks: The aim is to develop theory methods and tools for new real-time software infrastructures, for the execution and communication between embedded applications. The main problems include adaptive resource management and dependability techniques, in particular to improve robustness to deviations from nominal conditions.

- Platforms and MPSoC Design: The aim is implementation of complex applications on multi-core HW platforms. It raises a number of problems for ensuring predictability and efficiency. These include adaptive techniques for resource management, and the study of reliable programming models for multi-core architectures.

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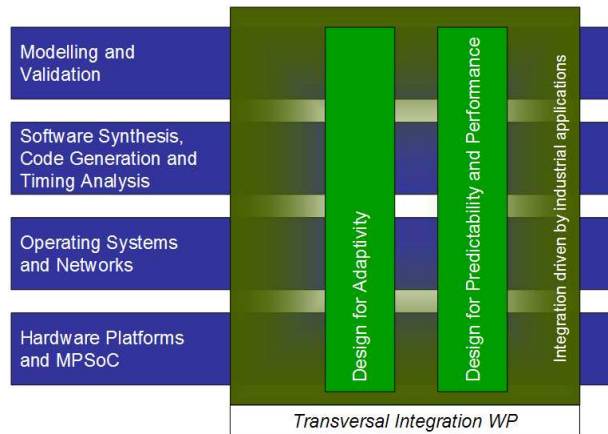
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Research Activities



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Clusters are autonomous entities, with specific objectives, teams, leaders, and a dedicated yearly budget. The set of Thematic Clusters cover all the main topics in Embedded Systems Design. The thematic activities in the Transversal Integration workpackage focus on Design methodologies, with specific objectives (Predictability, Adaptivity).



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Embedded systems design is a multidisciplinary area requiring competences from hardware engineering, operating systems and networks, programming and compilation, modelling and software engineering, control engineering. The ArtistDesign NoE gathers together leading European teams from all these areas. ArtistDesign will continue and extend these activities, both quantitatively and qualitatively. In setting up the consortium, we have sought the right balance between critical mass, excellence, and commitment from the core partners.

- Critical Mass

It was essential to gather a sufficient number of partners, to achieve a fair coverage of the main topics in the area, as well as to have the capacity to impact the European research landscape. Nonetheless, to ensure efficiency, we have limited the number of core partners, based on previous experience. At the same time, our impact is amplified through the large number of affiliated academic, SME, industrial, and international collaboration partners.

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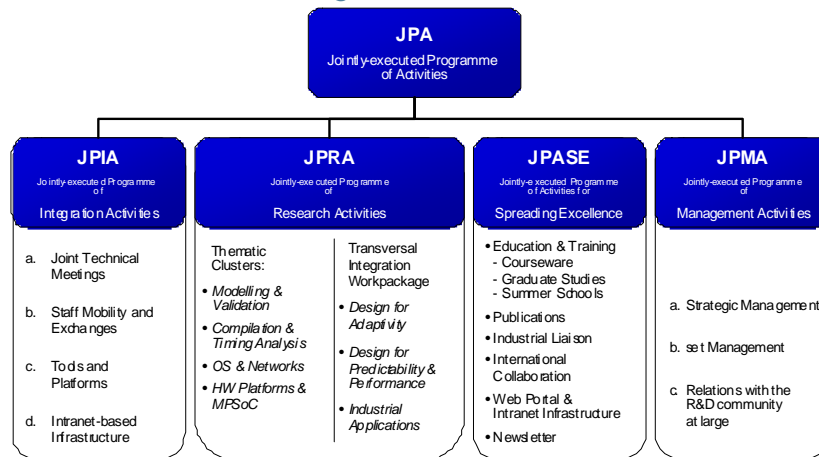
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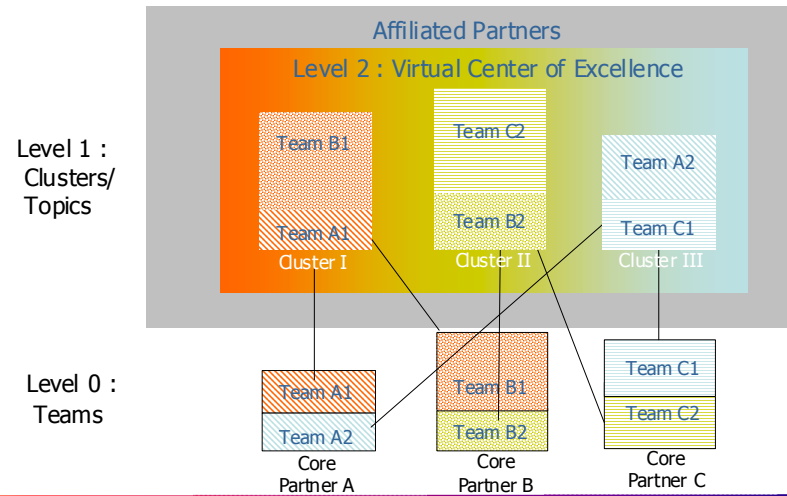
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ArtistDesign acts as a Virtual Centre of Excellence, composed of a set of virtual teams, called clusters. Each cluster gathers together selected teams from partners, to create the critical mass and expertise in one of the essential topics for embedded systems design.

Principle of Construction





Artist « Brand Recognition »

Artist has strong 'brand recognition' within the European and international community. This is visible through:

- **Role in ARTEMIS.** Partners involved: CEA, Bologna, ESI, IMEC, INRIA, Malardalen, OFFIS, PARADES, VERIMAG, TU Vienna,
Areas: Automotive, avionics, real-time requirements for consumer electronics, multi-core processing, design methodologies
- **Organization of major conferences** (Embedded Systems Week, DATE, RTSS) as well as in IEEE and the ACM.
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-Mapping of Applications to MPSoCs June 16-17, 2008 Schloss Rheinfels, DE	-WESE'07: WS on Embedded Systems Education October 4-5, 2007 Salzburg, Austria
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- Excellence of the Partners
- Wholistic Viewpoint

Internal Communication Mechanisms

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- Mailing Lists
- Efficient Website (CMS)

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PROJECT ACRONYM: NET-SHARE

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INSTRUMENT: ICT PSP

DURATION: 36 MONTHS

DISSEMINATION LEVEL: PUBLIC

PROJECT COORDINATOR ORGANISATION NAME: Inovamais, S.A.; www.inovamais.pt

PARTNER NAME: INOVA+

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GOOD PRACTICE NAME: MULTI – OBJECTIVE DESIGN SPACE EXPLORATION OF MULTI – PROCESSOR SOC ARCHITECTURE EMBEDDED MULTIMEDIA APPLICATIONS

SOURCE OF THE GOOD PRACTICE: MULTICUBE PROJECT [WWW.MULTICUBE.EU]

TARGET GROUP: SMES

DATE:

Multi – Objective Design Space Exploration Of Multi – Processor Soc Architecture Embedded Multimedia Applications

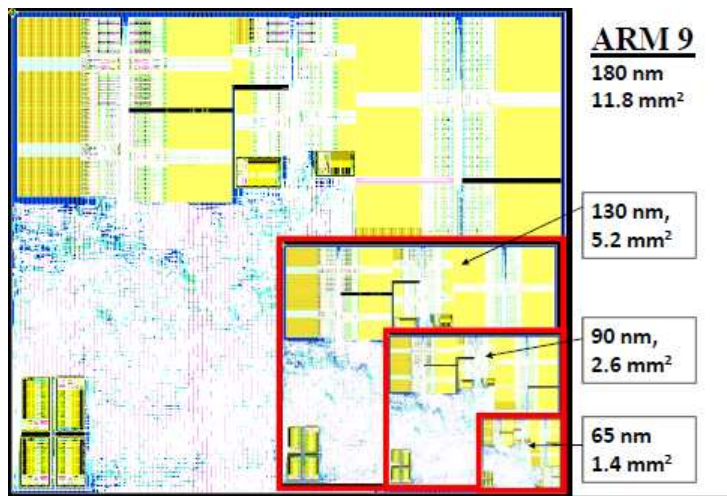


Introduction and Motivations

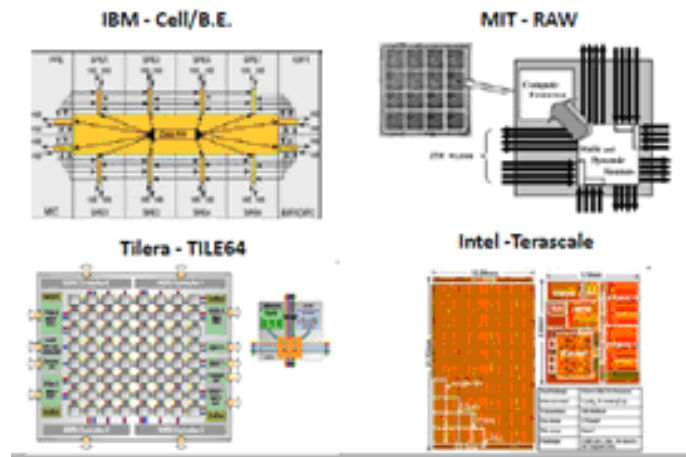
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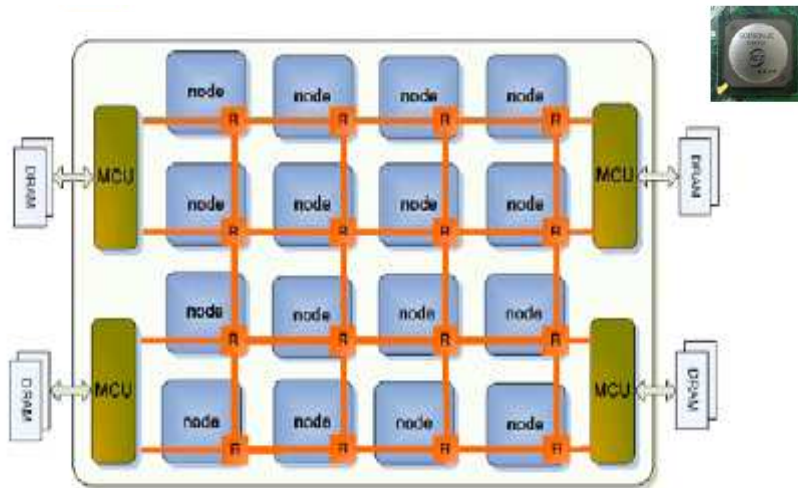
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Squeezing of computing cores



From multi-core to many-core architectures



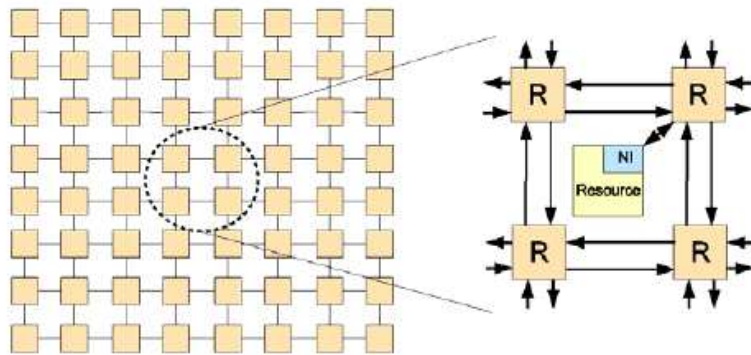


Architecture of transformer

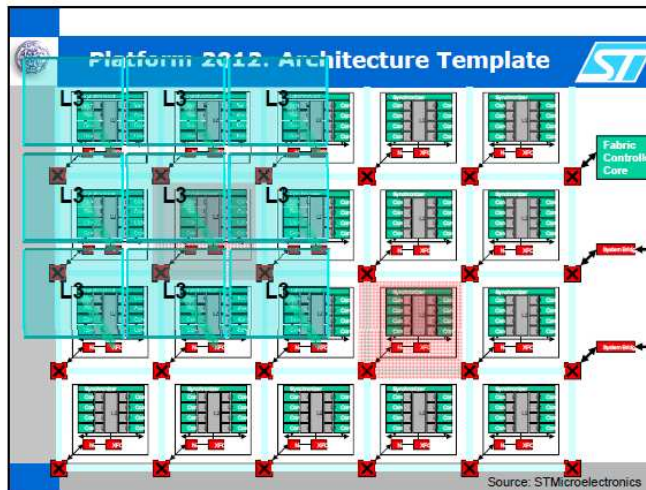
Transformer Processor Architecture consists of a 4*4 2D grid of identical compute elements, called nodes. Each node is a powerful computing system that can independently run an entire application


Multi – core architecture: a tied homogeneous multi – core architecture for general embedded purpose (Godson – T)

Many-core computing Fabric Template



Platform 2012. Architecture Template



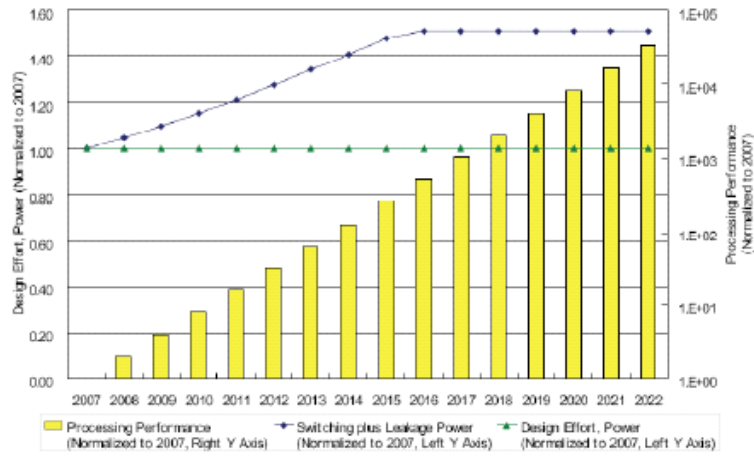

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- Design space of the target architecture A should consider all possible configurations of each parameters p_i :

$$A = S_{p1} \times S_{p2} \times \dots \times S_{pn}$$
- Example:
 - Number of Processors = {2, 4, 8, 16}
 - Processor Issue Width = {1, 2, 4, 8}
 - L1 Instr. Cache Size = {2KB, 4KB, 8KB, 16KB}
 - L1 Data Cache Size = {2KB, 4KB, 8KB, 16KB}
 - L2 Private Cache Size = {32KB, 64KB, 128KB, 256KB}
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 - I/D/L2 Cache Block Size = {16, 32}

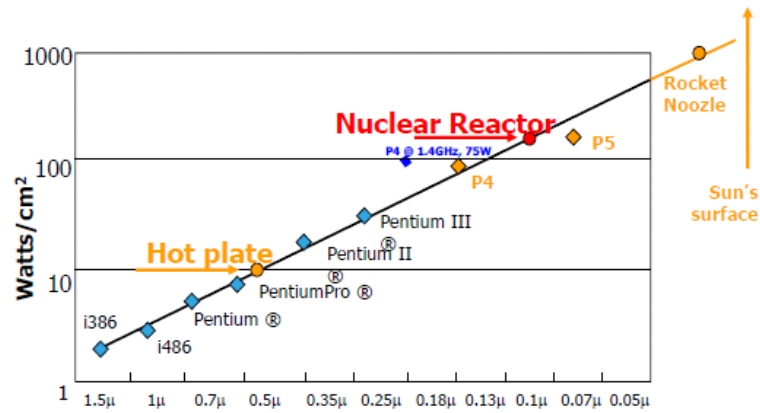
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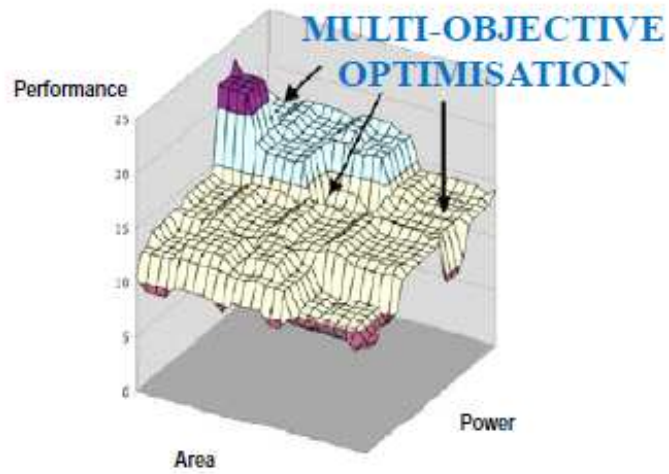


Processing performance is expected to grow more than 2 orders of magnitude in the next 10 years.

Power density trend for Intel's microprocessors



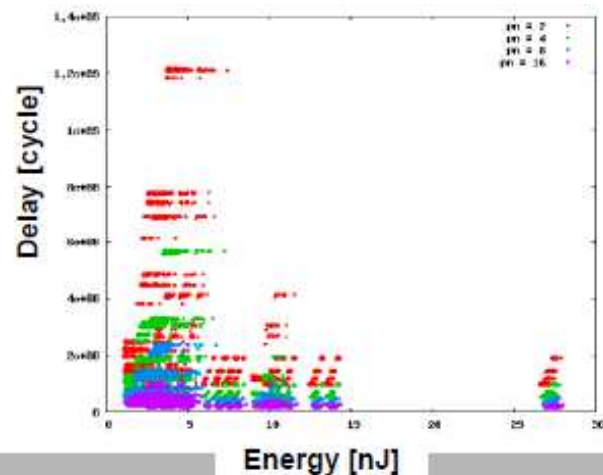
Soc requirements for MO plants (not only for performance processing)



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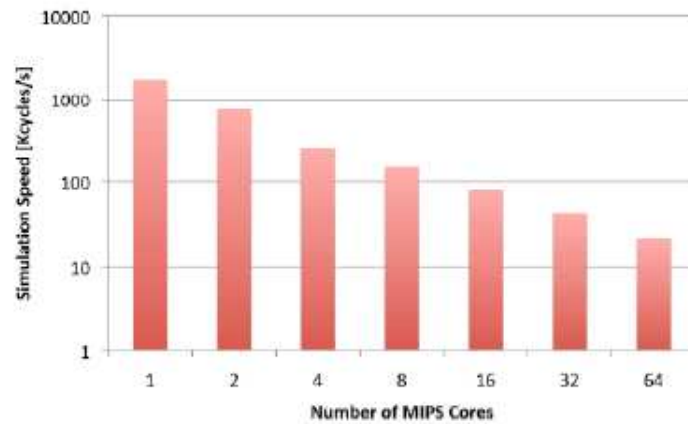
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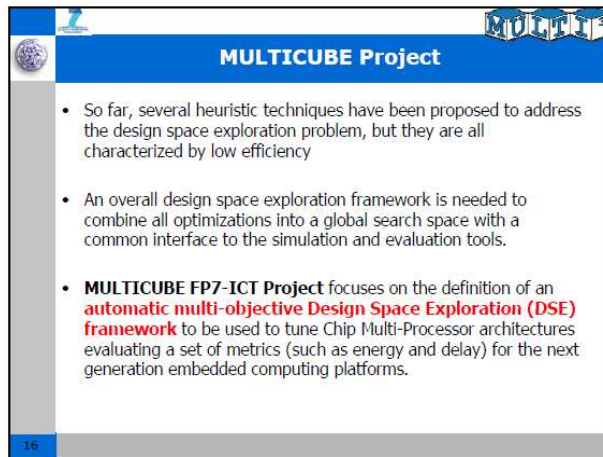
Full search design Space Exploration:

- in most cases , the design space to be explored is huge
- Automatic Design Space Exploration based on full-search exploration is unfeasible because its requires a very long simulation time
- Example: design space composed of 131 072 system configurations. If simulation of the target application for each system configuration requires 1min =131 072 min ~ 91 days for full search exploration.



SESC simulation speed by varying the number of MIPS cores

SESC is an open-source cycle accurate architectural simulator of MIPS instructions set, it models single processors and several configurations of CMPs, SECS project started at University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign.



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Automatic Design Space Exploration



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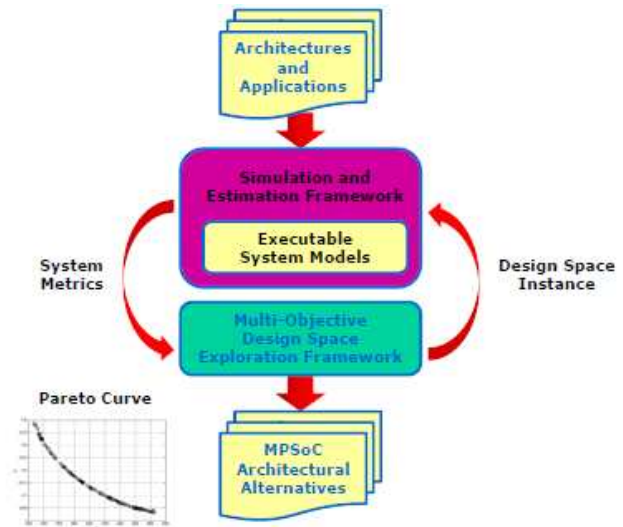
Institute of Computing Technology (ICT) - China



ESTECO - Italy

Project duration: from January 2008 to June 2010

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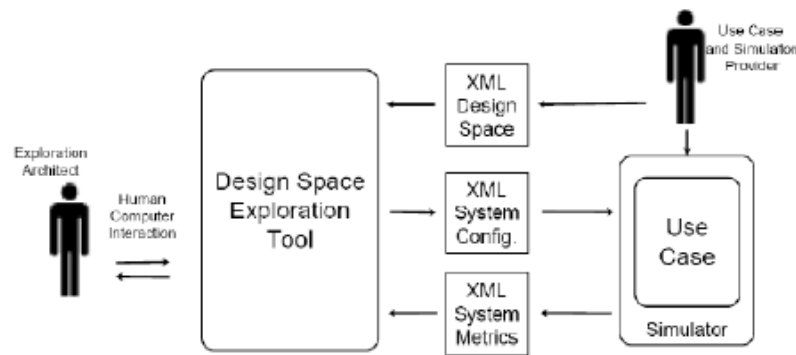
MULTICUBE Design flow

MAIN GOALS:

- The work proposes a **Multi-Objective Design Space Exploration (DSE) framework** to customize MP-SoC architectures evaluating a set of metrics.
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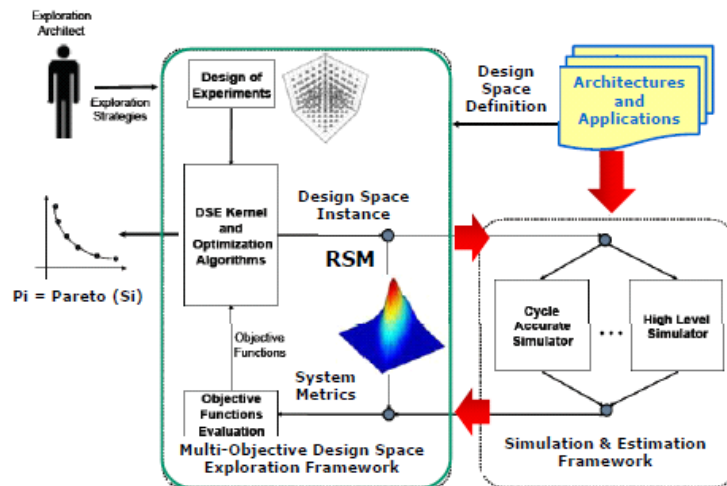
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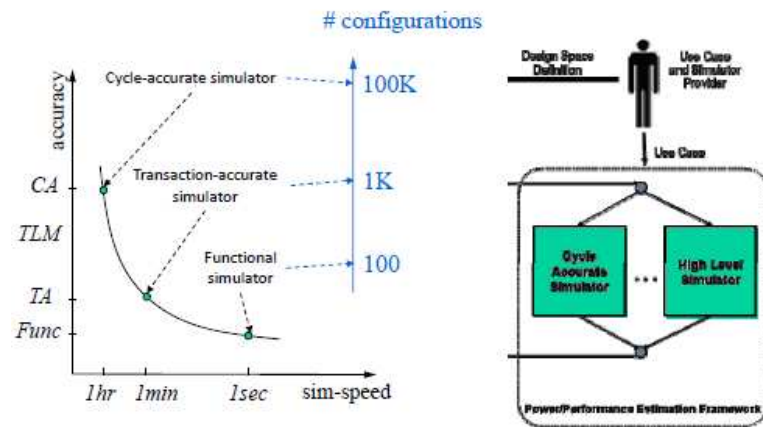


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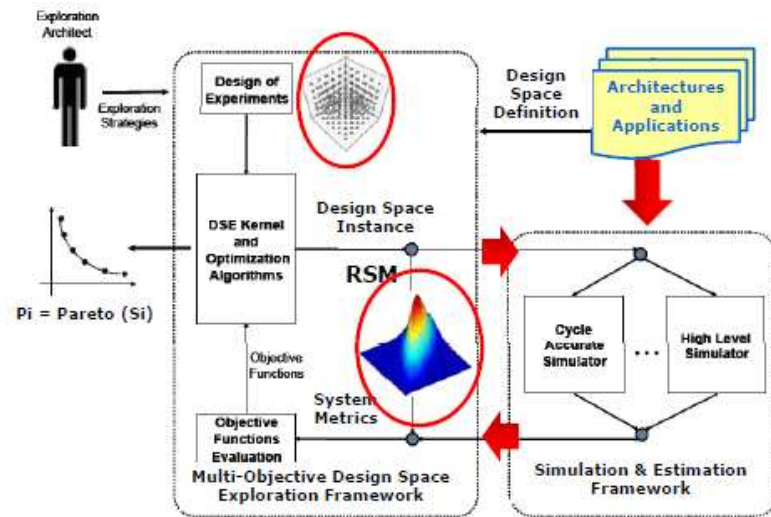
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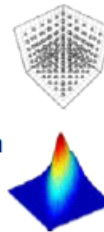
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Multi-Objective Design Space Exploration

- MO-DSE framework based on:
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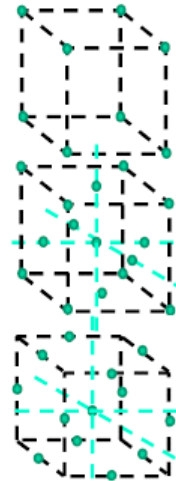


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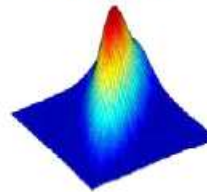
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 - RSM based on Radial Basis Functions

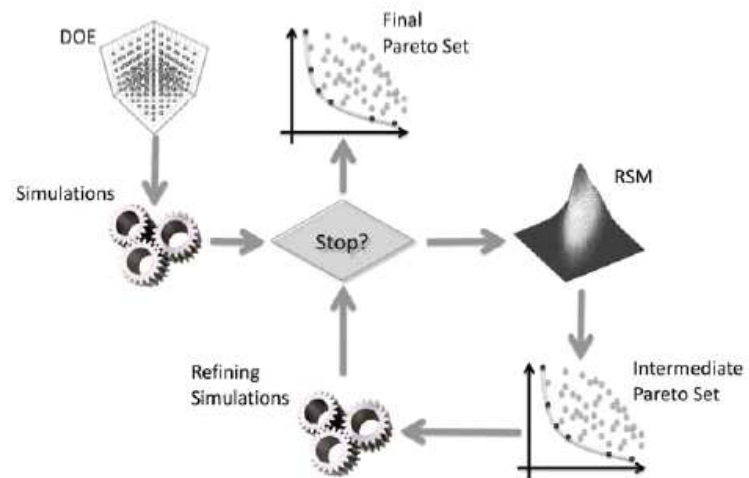


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RSM – Support Interactive Pareto Refinement



Target MP-SoC Architecture

- MIPS-based shared memory MP-SoC with private caches
- Modeled with SESC simulator with power estimation support

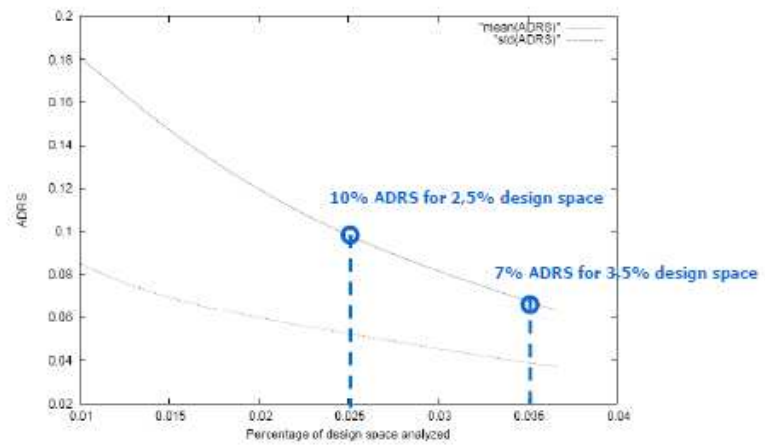
Parameter	Min.	Max.
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Processor issue width.	1	8
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L1 data cache size	2K	16K
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L1 instruction cache assoc.	1w	8w
L1 data cache assoc.	1w	8w
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I/D/L2 block size	16	32

- Design space composed of 2^{17} design points (131 072)
- Four parallel applications {FFT, OCEAN, LU, RADIX} derived from SPLASH-2 benchmark suite for different data-sets

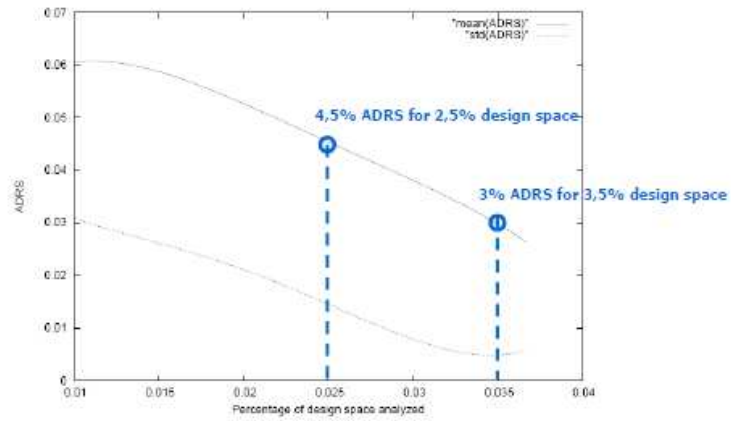
Experimental Results

- Target multi-objective optimization problem:
Minimization of *average execution time* and *average [mW per MIPS]* over the set of several application scenarios and subject to total cache size constraint
- Accuracy in terms of **Average Distance from Reference Set** to measure the distance between reference Pareto front and approximated Pareto front
 - **Lower ADRS, best approximated Pareto front**
- ADRS by varying the percentage of the design space analyzed from 1% to 3,5%
- Comparison with state-of-the-art heuristics:
 - **Multi-Objective Simulated Annealing (MOSA)**
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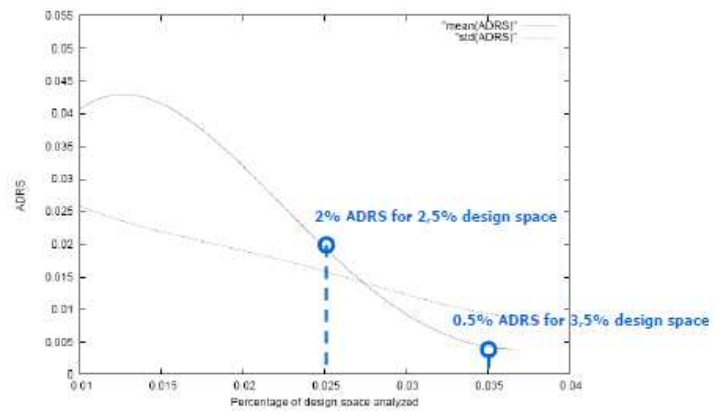
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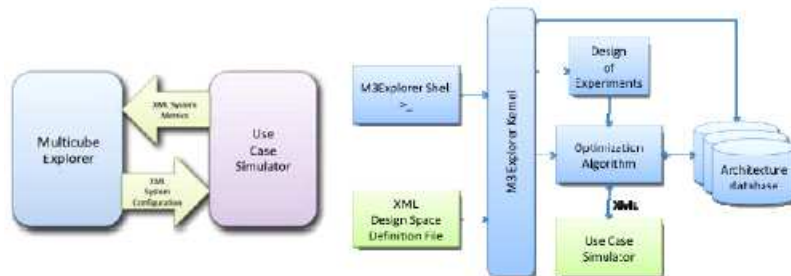




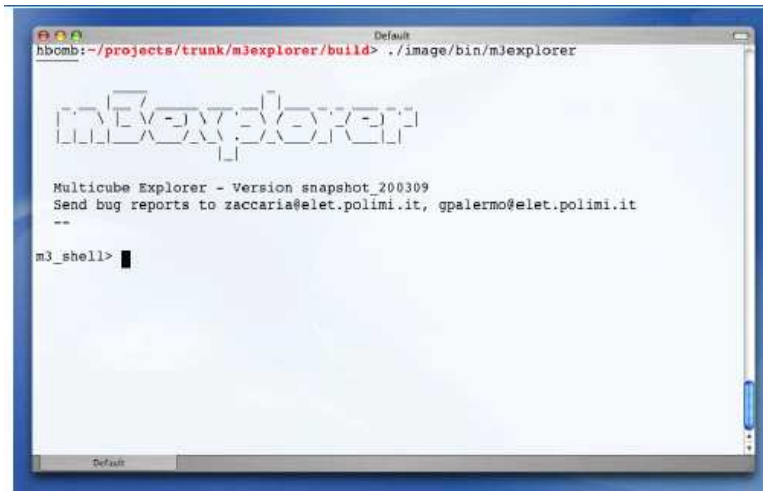
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Open-source prototype exploration framework (MULTICUBE Explorer): the tool enables a fast automatic optimization of parameterized system architectures towards a set of multiple objectives.



Command Line Interface

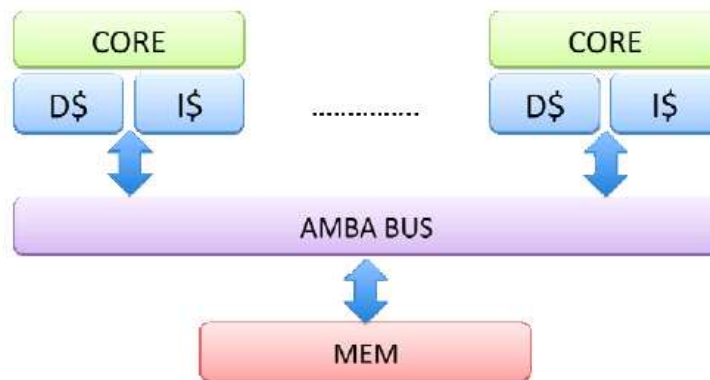


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Default
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  M U L T I C U B E   E X P L O R E R

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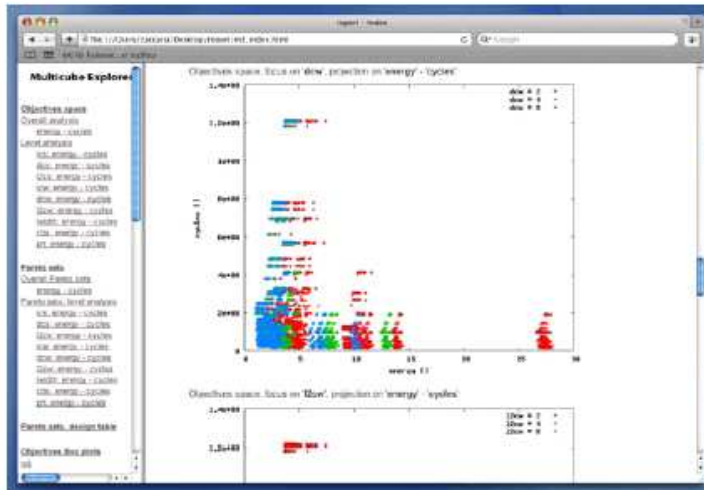

Multi-processor Architecture: an example



Example of XML design space and metrics

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    <simulator_executable
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    </simulator_executable>
  </simulator>
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    <parameter name="icache_size" type="exp2" min="4096" max="32768"/>
    <parameter name="freq" type="integer" min="40" max="200" step="40"/>
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    </rule>
  </rules>
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    <system_metric name="power_consumption" type="float" unit="W" />
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Example of results (html format): Cycles and Energy objectives space



Cycles and Energy objectives space & Pareto curve

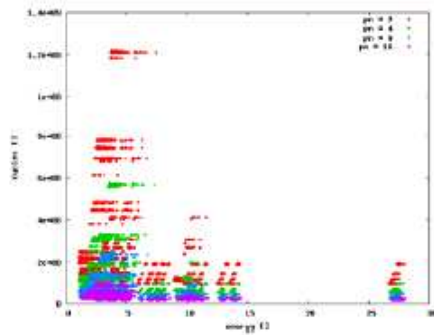


Table on the left: Cycles and energy objectives spaces associated with the design points with respect to parameter 'pn' number of processors.

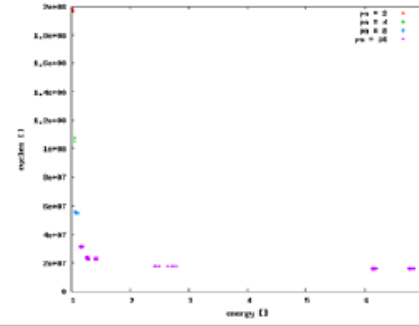
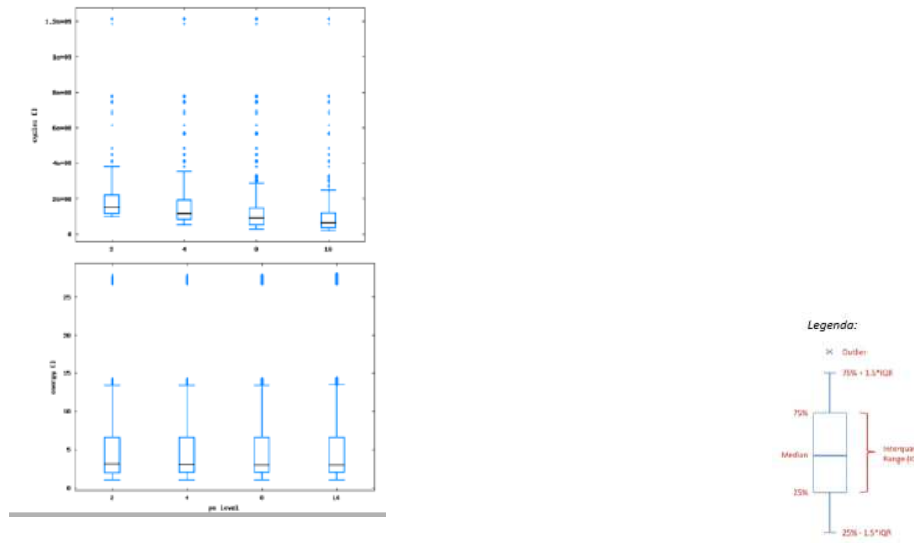


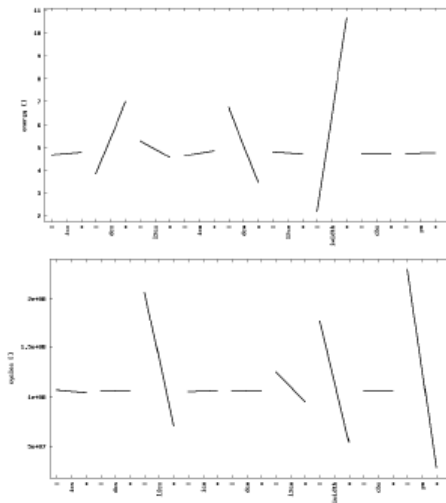
Table on the right: Cycles and Energy Pareto curve associated with the design points with respect parameter 'pn' number of processors

Box Plots

Showing the behaviour of each of the objectives (cycles, energy) associated to the design points with respect parameter 'pn' number of processors



Analysis of parameter main effects



Impact of the architecture parameters on each objective. The impact is computed as the average difference on the objectives by passing from a low (-) to a high (+) parameter setting.

- An automatic design space exploration methodology has been proposed leveraging Design of Experiments and Response Surface Modeling techniques
- The proposed methodology makes automatic exploration of CMP architectures more feasible
- The proposed approach can be easily combined with fast simulation techniques
- Future work: Joint architecture and compiler spaces to be explored
- This work is part of the ICT-FP7 EU project MULTICUBE

Conclusions

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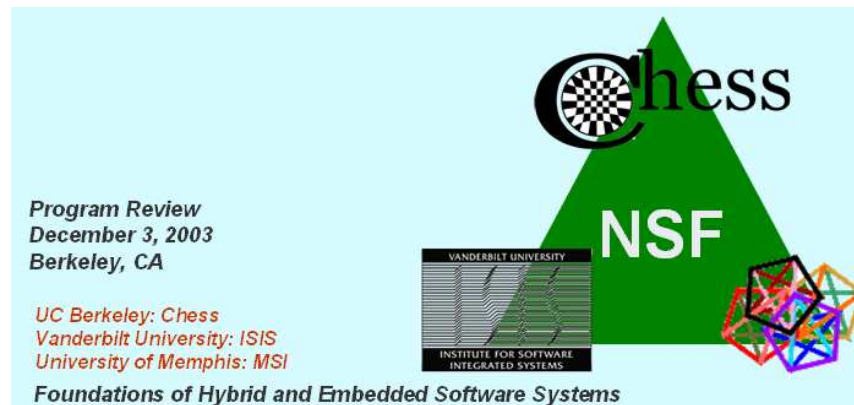
GOOD PRACTICE NAME: FOUNDATIONS OF HYBRID AND EMBEDDED SOFTWARE AND SYSTEMS

SOURCE OF THE GOOD PRACTICE: NSF-ITR PROJECT

TARGET GROUP: SMES

DATE: 23 SEPTEMBER 2009

Foundations of Hybrid and Embedded Software and Systems: Overview of NSF-ITR Project



Program Review
December 3, 2003
Berkeley, CA

UC Berkeley: Chess
Vanderbilt University: ISIS
University of Memphis: MSI

Foundations of Hybrid and Embedded Software Systems

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 - *Essential source of superiority*
 - *Largest, most complex systems*
- **Automotive (drive-by-wire)**
 - *Key competitive element in the future*
 - *Increasing interest but low risk taking*
- **Consumer Electronics (from mobile phones to TVs)**
 - *Problem is generally simpler*
 - *US industry is strongly challenged*
- **Plant Automation Systems**
 - *Conservative solutions to date*
 - *Emerging importance of SCADA/DCS in Critical Infrastructure Protection*

Embedded software systems is an problem for:

DoD

Automotive

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Key Properties of Hybrid & Embedded Software Systems

- **Computational systems**
 - but not first-and-foremost a computer
- **Integral with physical processes**
 - sensors, actuators
- **Reactive**
 - at the speed of the environment
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 - hardware/software, mixed architectures
- **Networked**
 - adaptive software, shared data, resource discovery
 - Ubiquitous and pervasive computing devices



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- **coPIs:** Tom Henzinger, Edward Lee, Alberto Sangiovanni-Vincentelli, Janos Sztipanovits
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Outreach Continued

■ Interaction with EU-IST programs

- Columbus (with Cambridge, l'Aquila, Rome, Patras, INRIA)
- Hybridge (with Cambridge, Patras, NLR, Eurocontrol, Brescia, KTH)
- ARTISTE: Educational Initiatives (Grenoble, INRIA, ETH-Zurich)

■ Foundation of non-profit ESCHER

- Interaction with F-22/JSF designs
- Secure Networked Embedded Systems

There are continued outreach troughs the interaction with EU-IST programs (Columbus, Hybridge, ARTIST) and the Foundation of non-profit ESCHER (interaction with F-22/JSF designs, Secure Network Systems)



The management plan consists on an Executive Board, thrust leaders and an Industrial Advisory Board

Management Plan

■ Executive Board (Pis and co-Pis)

■ Thrust Leaders

- Hybrid Systems: Henzinger
- Model Based Tool Design: Sztipanovits
- Integrated Tool Architectures: Lee
- Applications: Sangiovanni-Vincentelli
- Education: Lee, Varaiya
- Outreach: Karsai, Williams

■ Industrial Advisory Board

- First meeting May 7th 2003
- Sustained interaction with GM, Boeing, Ford, Lockheed, Raytheon to found ESCHER.
- Industrial partners: above + Honeywell, Toyota, Daimler Chrysler, Windriver



Emerging Research Area: Embedded Systems for Homeland Security

Technology needs were classified into areas:

- Information Assurance and Survivability
- Security with Privacy
- **Secure Network Embedded Systems (SENSE)**
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Critical Infrastructures:

- Government operations
- Gas & oil storage and delivery
- Telecommunications
- Emergency services
- Electrical energy
- Water supply systems
- Banking & finance
- Transportations



Secure SCADA and beyond

We think that there is a great deal to be done in terms of operationalizing secure versions of SCADA (Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition) and DCS (Digital Control Systems) for the infrastructures considered, especially power, natural gas, chemical and process control, etc. However, the sense was that this infrastructure was going to be gradually replaced by networked embedded devices (possibly wireless) as computing and communication devices become more ubiquitous and prevalent. Thus, the major research recommendations were for an area that we named Secure Networked Embedded Systems (SENSE).

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SCADA of the Future

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- Local, limited adaptation (parametric), manual control
- Static, centralized structure

■ Future requirements

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Secure Network Embedded Systems

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- Automated Design, Verification and Validation
 - Verified design in a formal, mathematical sense
 - Validated design in an engineering sense
 - Certifiable design to allow for regulatory and certification input
- High Confidence Systems
 - Narrow waisted middleware
 - Trusted abstractions, limited interfaces
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- Attacks: flooding, desynchronization
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Fundation: Smart Dust and Motes

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- 4 Mhz 8-bit CPU
- 128KB Instruction Memory
- 4KB RAM

4 Mbit flash (AT45DB041B)

- SPI interface, 1-4 uJ/bit r/w

RFM TR1000 radio

- 50 kb/s
- Sense and control of signal strength

Network programmable in place

Multihop routing, multicast

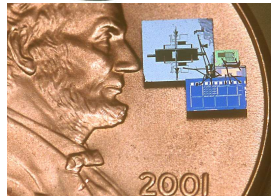
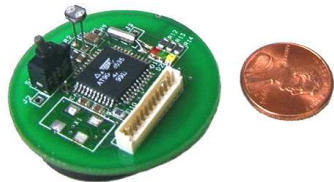
Sub-microsecond RF node-to-node synchronization

Provides unique serial ID's

Sensor board: acoustic and magnetic sensors

Foundations: Smart Dust and Motes

Berkeley experimental platforms:





Modeling: Research Needs

- **New Modeling and Simulation Tools for Hybrid Systems.** CIP systems involve multiple models of computation (discrete, continuous, logical, differential equations) and many hierarchical levels and granularities. Simulators for such systems need to be made numerically robust and probabilistically accurate.
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SOURCE OF THE GOOD PRACTICE: MORE

TARGET GROUP: Embedded-electronics

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- IST funded
- Start Date: June 1st 2006 - 36 months duration
- Under Directorate G Unit G3 – Embedded Systems
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End User scenarios

1. Remote health monitoring, specifically for diabetics
2. Mitigation management of environmental damage in the forestry domain



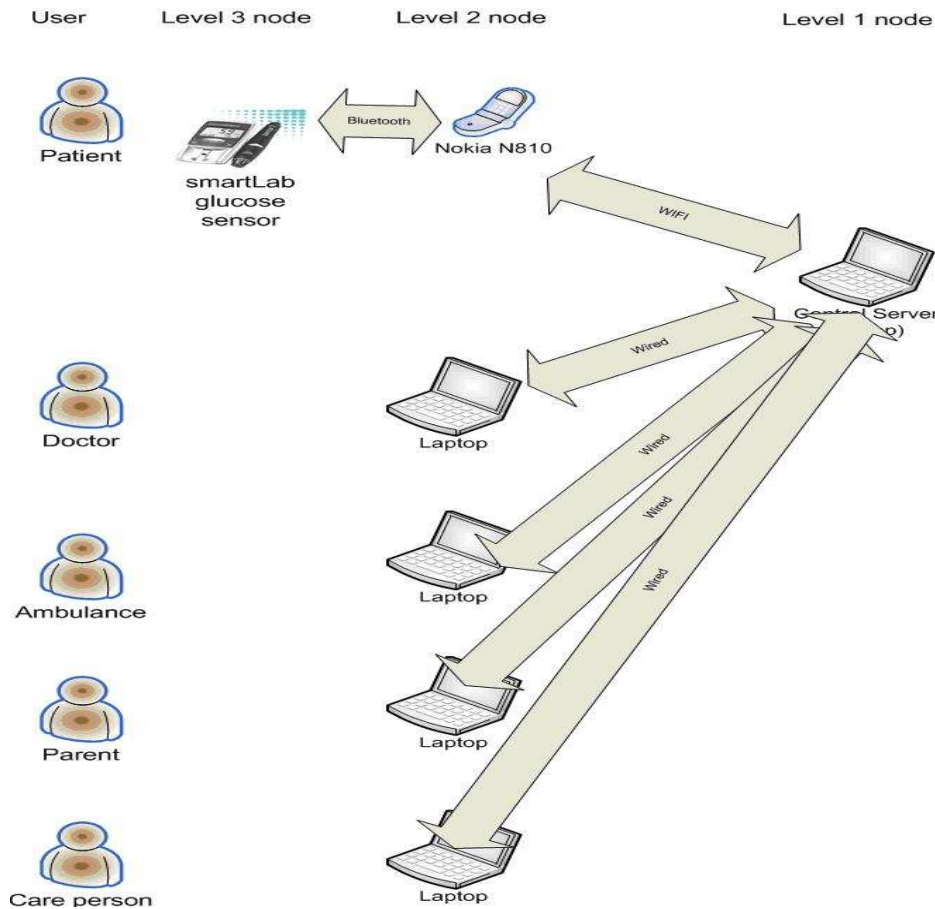
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MORE is a research project currently being undertaken by the Telecommunications Software and Systems Group (part of the Waterford Institute of Technology) along with seven other European partners from France, Spain, Germany and Hungary. These partners are from both academic and industrial establishments.

The main goal of MORE is to provide an efficient disease management service for patients with chronic diseases like diabetes, by employing technology to enhance their care through the provision of remote monitoring.

MORE has published an extract and article detailing its work in the Irish Medical Times journal, June 2008



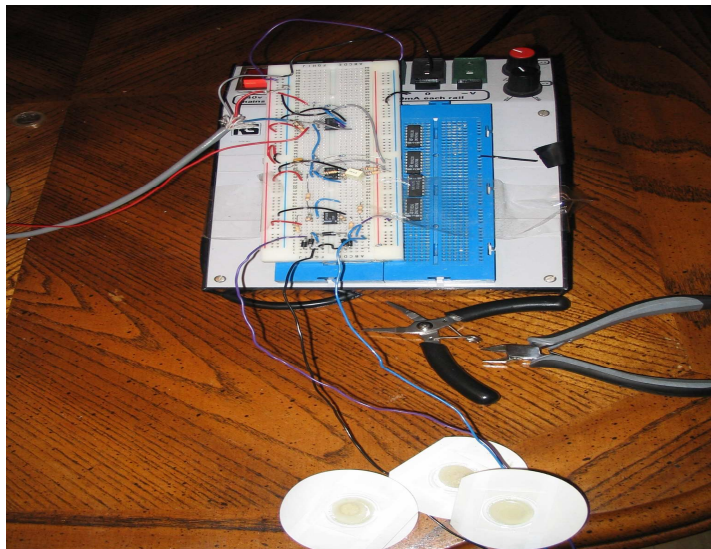
End user scenario 1:

MORE is a middleware platform. It is a piece of software that connects two more software applications so that they can communicate effectively.

It will facilitate communication across a group of users as per the diagram.

This diagram shows the demonstration setup for the Health Care scenario. The Patient's blood sugar level is being monitored; all the other actors shown on the left are potential members of this patient's care group depending on the readings.

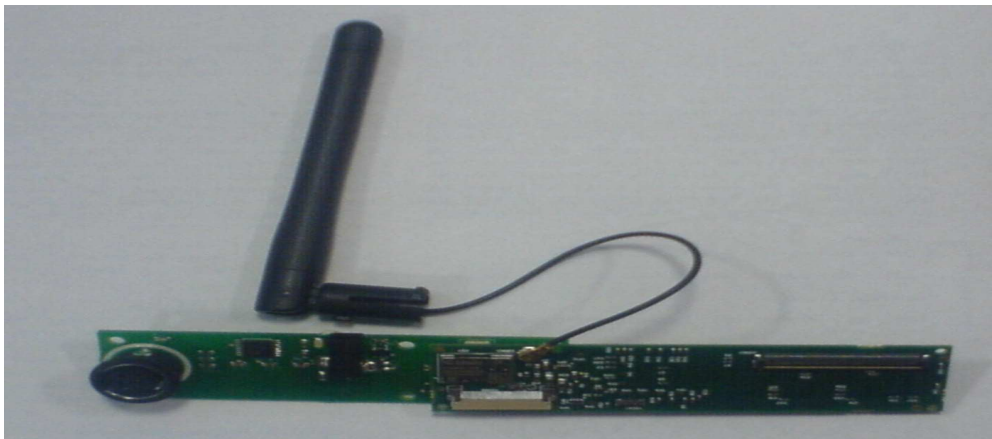
The patient's blood sugar readings are transferred wirelessly from their generic blood sugar monitors to medical personnel via the patient's mobile phone or PDA.



MORE used the Squidbee unit to monitor a person's heart rate by attaching circuitry to it (an ECG). This was achieved by assembling a circuit found on the internet which contained a number of Operational Amplifiers to take in the signals from the electrodes and provide an output for analogue to digital conversion. The circuit also contained several low power resistors, capacitors and diodes for safety.



This is the Blood sugar monitor used in the Health care scenario.

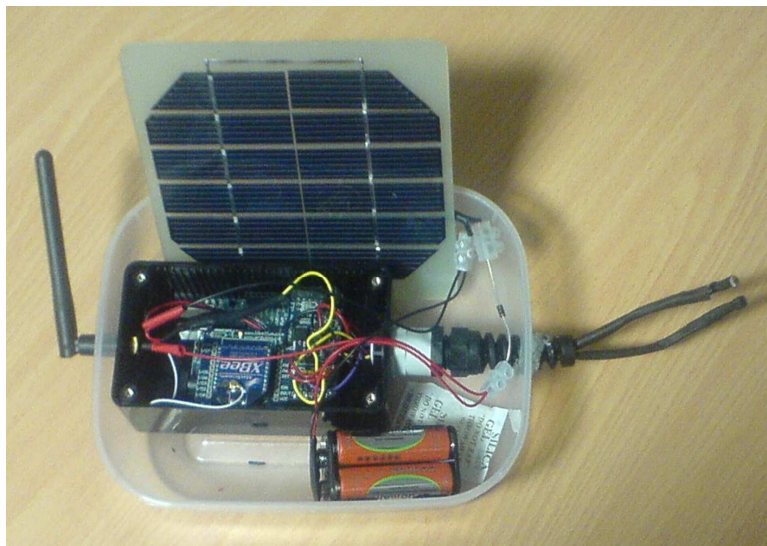


The Gumstix is a fully functional open source computer. It can be individually extended through expansion boards. The MORE prototype platform is based on an XScale PXA270 CPU (ARM 5) with 128MB RAM and 32MB ROM. The Gumstix will serve as a gateway between connected sensors and Web Services. Ethernet or WiFi.

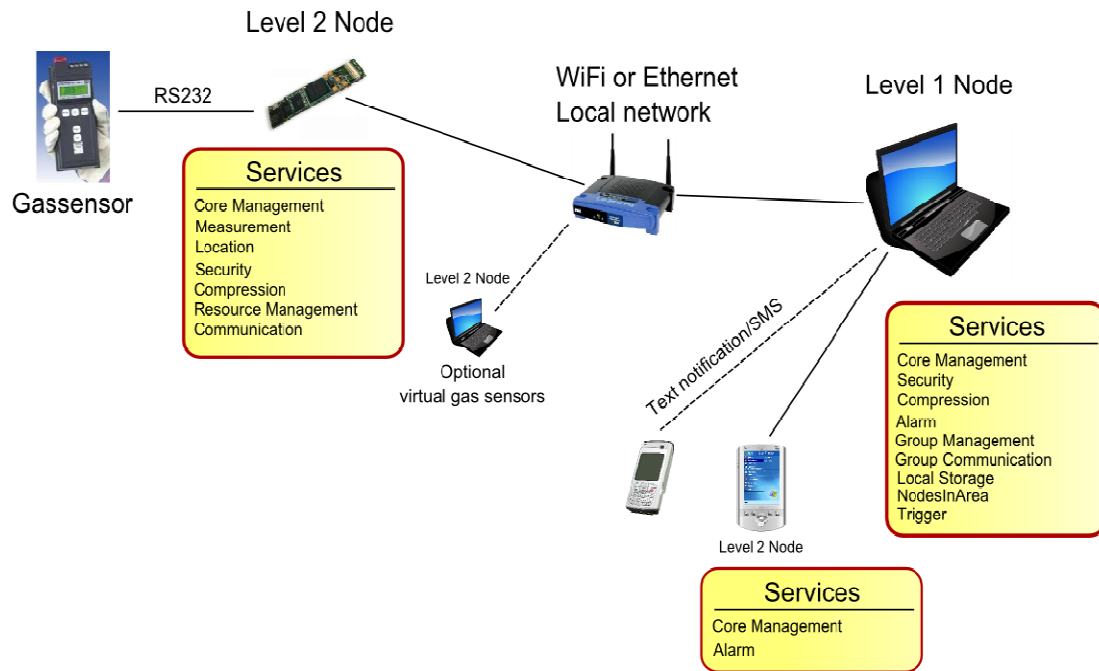


Service developed which extracts sensor data from Squidbee devices (Zigbee enabled)

Squidbee is an Open Hardware and Source wireless sensor device. Twelve digital I/O and six analog I/O allow for the connection of up to 18 sensors. Data collected from these sensors can be securely (the Zigbee module lets you use the AES-128 bit cipher algorithm), wirelessly transmitted using the Zigbee protocol, to a “gateway” which is connected directly to a USB or serial port.



The MORE service developed to interact with the Squidbee unit reads temperature, humidity and, light values from the sensor. For the Squidbee service the MORE group attached circuitry to one of the Squidbee’s six analogue inputs to measure the power level of the attached battery. This reading was then transmitted and corresponding code alerted the user as to when the battery was failing.



End user scenario 2:

In order to mitigate and manage environmental damage (e.g. water quality (see EU Water Framework Directive), soil functionality (see EU Soil Protection Policy)) information must be transferred from automatic monitoring facilities (e.g. EU Level-I/II plots) to a heterogeneous group of (a) affected land owners and (b) persons in charge at different administration, research, and management organisations.

The MORE middleware will enable professional users (administrations, research stations, management organisations) to receive and work with maps, e.g. with the help of a smart phone, PDA or MDA in this scenario. Private users (land owners) can receive information in a simplified form, which can be transferred to normal telecommunication instruments (mobile phone, Fax, etc.). Thus, users on different communication levels can be informed effectively and rapidly on probable hot spots (storm damage, critical release of harmful substances into drinking water).

This slide shows the demonstration setup for the Mitigation management scenario.



Mitigation management of environmental damage in the forestry domain.



The EU Partners involved in MORE.

Project Partners

- 1 PRO DV, **Germany**
- 2 Thales Communications S.A., **France**
- 3 University of Dortmund, Communication Networks Institute & Embedded Systems Group, **Germany**
- 4 Applied Logic Laboratory, **Hungary**
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SOURCE OF THE GOOD PRACTICE: HYDRA FP6-IP PROJECT

TARGET GROUP: AGRO-FOOD, DOP CHEESE PRODUCERS

DATE: 11/09/2009

Development of a technology for Home Automation and Embedded Devices SMEs sector

We will describe in detail the process that brought an innovative development technology to an SMEs cluster, thus to provide more tools and possibilities to improve their business and their economic sustainability.

Context: the players

- **Field Associations:** ASSODOMOTICA, EHSA (European Home System Association)
- **SMEs:** domotic and home automation sector
 - In Italy the domotic sector has 200 producers and annual turnover of € 60.000.000 [source : Assodomotica 2009, <http://www.assodomotica.it/>]
- **Technologies owners:** Research Centres, Industries, technology developers, producers, suppliers (dealer, retailer, installer), consulting engineers, universities.

The analysed SMEs cluster belongs to the Buildings Automation field and Smart Homes, located in the north of Italy.

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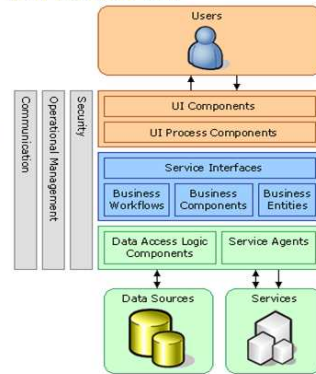
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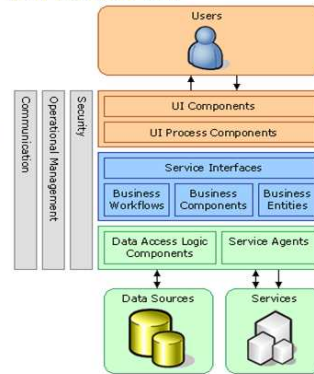
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- Means of transport
- Health
- Industrial Automatization
- Services and Public Infrastructure
- Energy
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- Environment
- Defense

Technologies

- Design and architecture
- Connectivity and Middleware
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Results are presented as a set of recommendations and trends.

Results



1 -Technologies

1.1 - Design and architecture

- **Reliability**, understood as the ability of a system to perform and maintain its functions in routine circumstances, as well as hostile or unexpected circumstances, is ranked as highly important attribute.
- As a consequence the introduction of **specific training in Embedded Systems and Reliability** in Education Plans is also seen as necessary.
- The adoption of **certificates** is also seen as a trend in all kinds of applications.
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- A change in **business models** is seen as highly necessary, treating embedded systems not as something monolithic but as the integration of different components.

Results



1 -Technologies

1.2 – Connectivity and Middleware

- Enhance the study and developments of **energy aspects** of embedded systems.
- **Automatic and optimized systems communication:** Ad-hoc networks (MESH) will integrate automatically with existing networks, web-services will allow the exchange of data. Systems will show ABC (Allways Best Connected) capabilities.
- Security and protection of data will be ensured through the adoption of **communication protocols**. Identification systems will allow secure and private communication between any two devices.

Results



1 -Technologies

1.3 – Methods, Tools and Processes for systems design

- New architectures will allow **easy integration and interoperability** between methods and tools in any ambit.
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- **Validation and certification** processes will be critical for the viability of projects.
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2 -Applications

2.1 – Means of transport

- **Automotive:** . **X-by-Wire** systems will replace traditional mechanical/hydraulic links.
 - . Embedded systems will allow **safe autonomous driving**.
 - . **Multimedia services** will help to optimize **road efficiency**.
 - . **Open architectures** will play a very important role (**AUTOSAR**)
 - . **Power electronics**.

- **Rail:** . Introduction of ERTMS will allow **sharing of infrastructures and dynamic rail control**.
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 - . **New services for passengers** will be common: phone, internet...
 - . **Open hardware and software** for commercial use will improve flight safety.

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Results



2 -Applications

2.2 – Health

- Spanish health system needs to **improve its infrastructure** to be able to take advantage of future developments. Major developments may start in the private sector.
- Devices need to comply with **safety standards** and pass **strict certificates**.
- **Standardization** will be key to ensure interoperability between devices.
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- The **Administration should play a sponsor role** to share the costs with companies.

Results



2 -Applications

2.3 Industrial Automatization

- **Stock management and logistics** will make use of embedded systems in the products and transportations systems of companies. **Traceability** will also be improved.
- **Maintenance and control of large production systems** will benefit from **sensorized embedded systems**.
- Enhancement of **flexibility and autoconfiguration** of production systems.
- **Real time and distance control** of production systems.
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2 -Applications

2.4 Services and Public Infrastructure

- Electricity, water and gas meters will be **automatically and remotely read**.
- Embedded systems will be present in **public lightning** to improve their energy efficiency.
- Traffic signs and **infrastructures will communicate with vehicles and traffic control centers**, improving safety and traffic management.
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- The **Administration** needs to get **economically involved** to ensure these trends become a reality.

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2 -Applications

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2 -Applications

2.6 Consumer goods

- Safety and quality of consumer goods will be achieved through **total traceability** of products. This will be possible thanks to embedded systems in intermediate production stages.
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