



Mobile CPU's Rise to Power:

Quantifying the Impact of Generational Mobile CPU Design Trends on Performance, Energy, and User Satisfaction

Matthew Halpern Yuhao Zhu Vijay Janapa Reddi

Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering
The University of Texas at Austin







Snake

2000

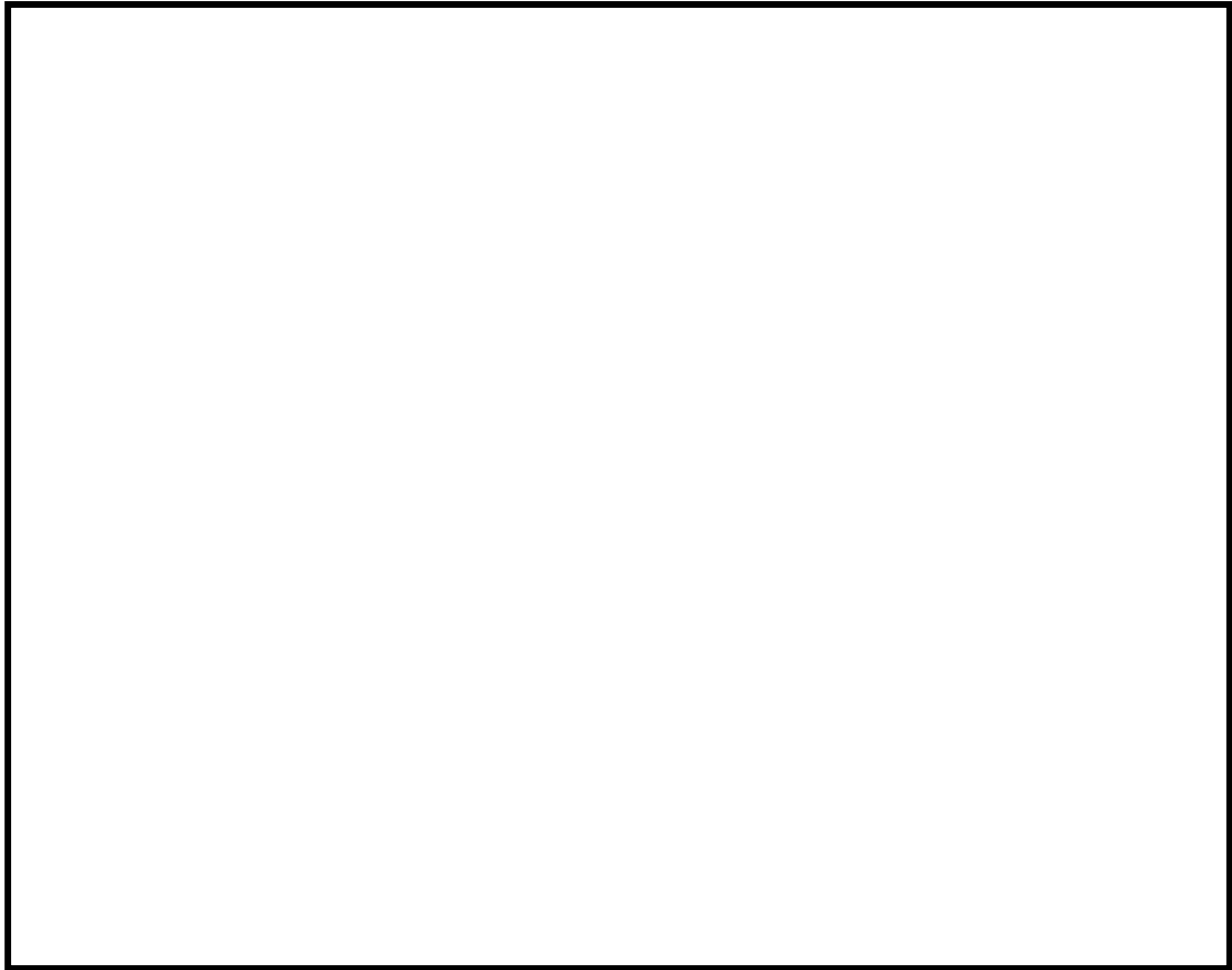


Snake
2000

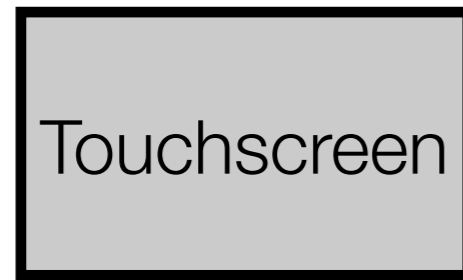


Snake Simulator
2016

Mobile Device



Mobile Device



Mobile Device

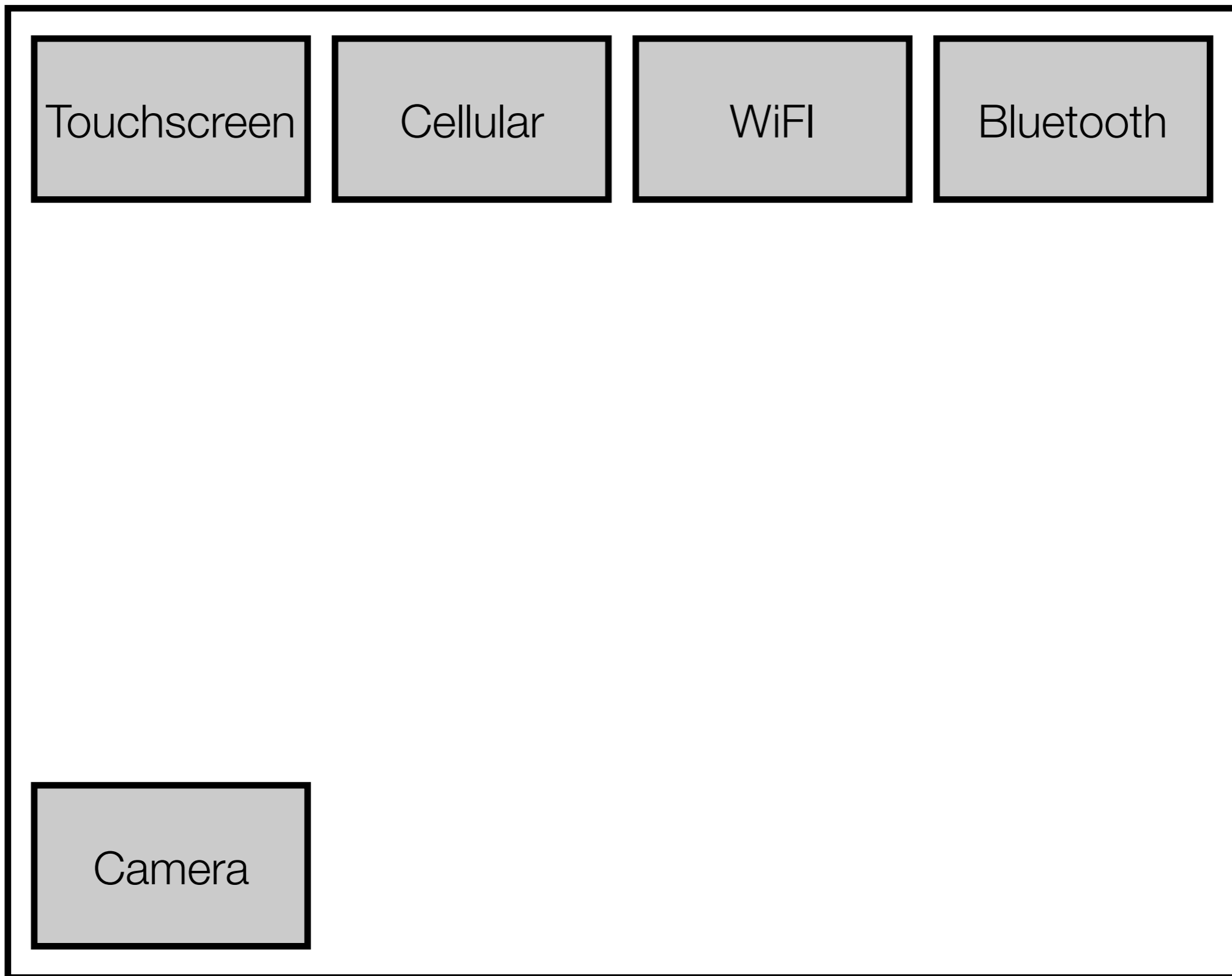
Touchscreen

Cellular

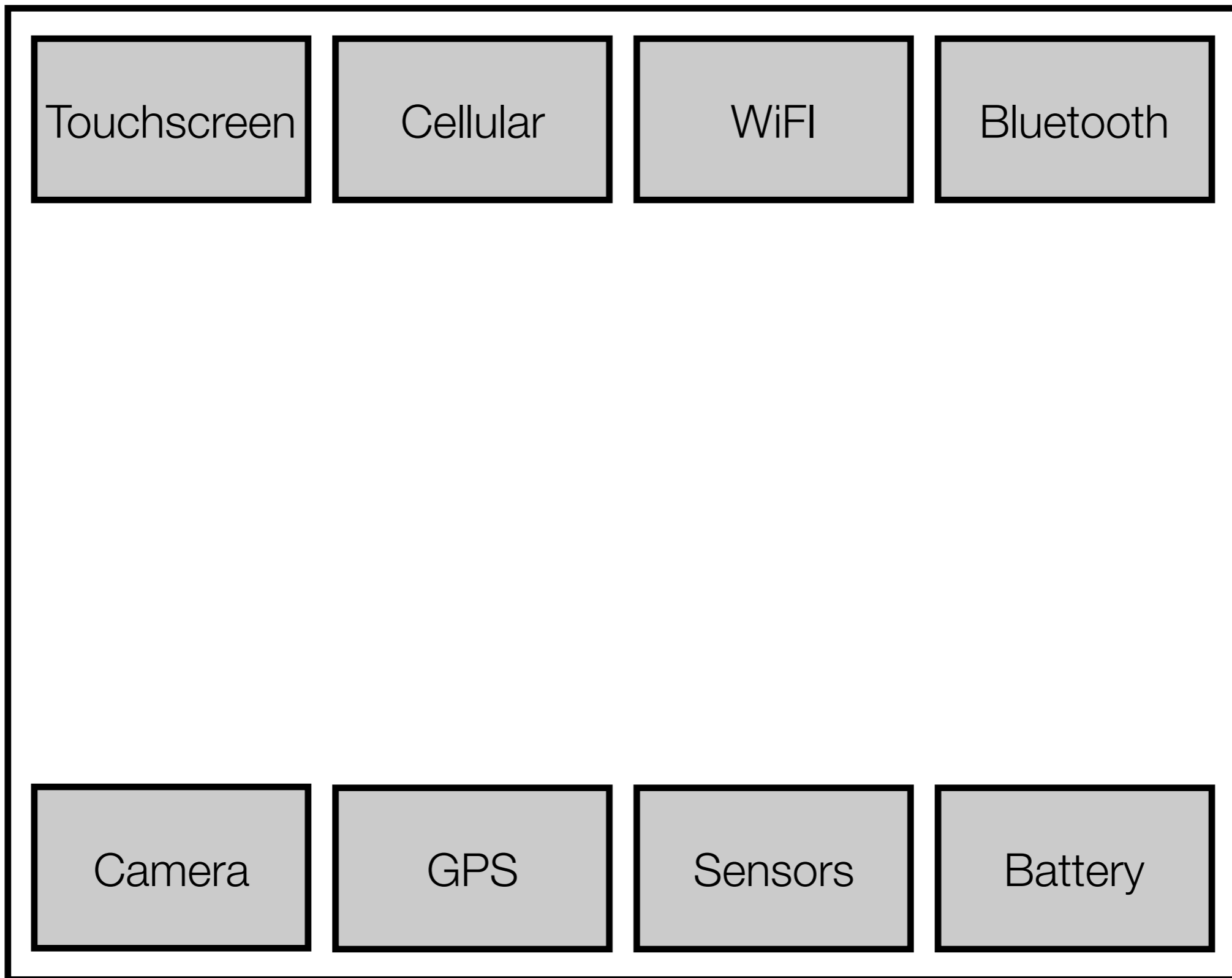
WiFi

Bluetooth

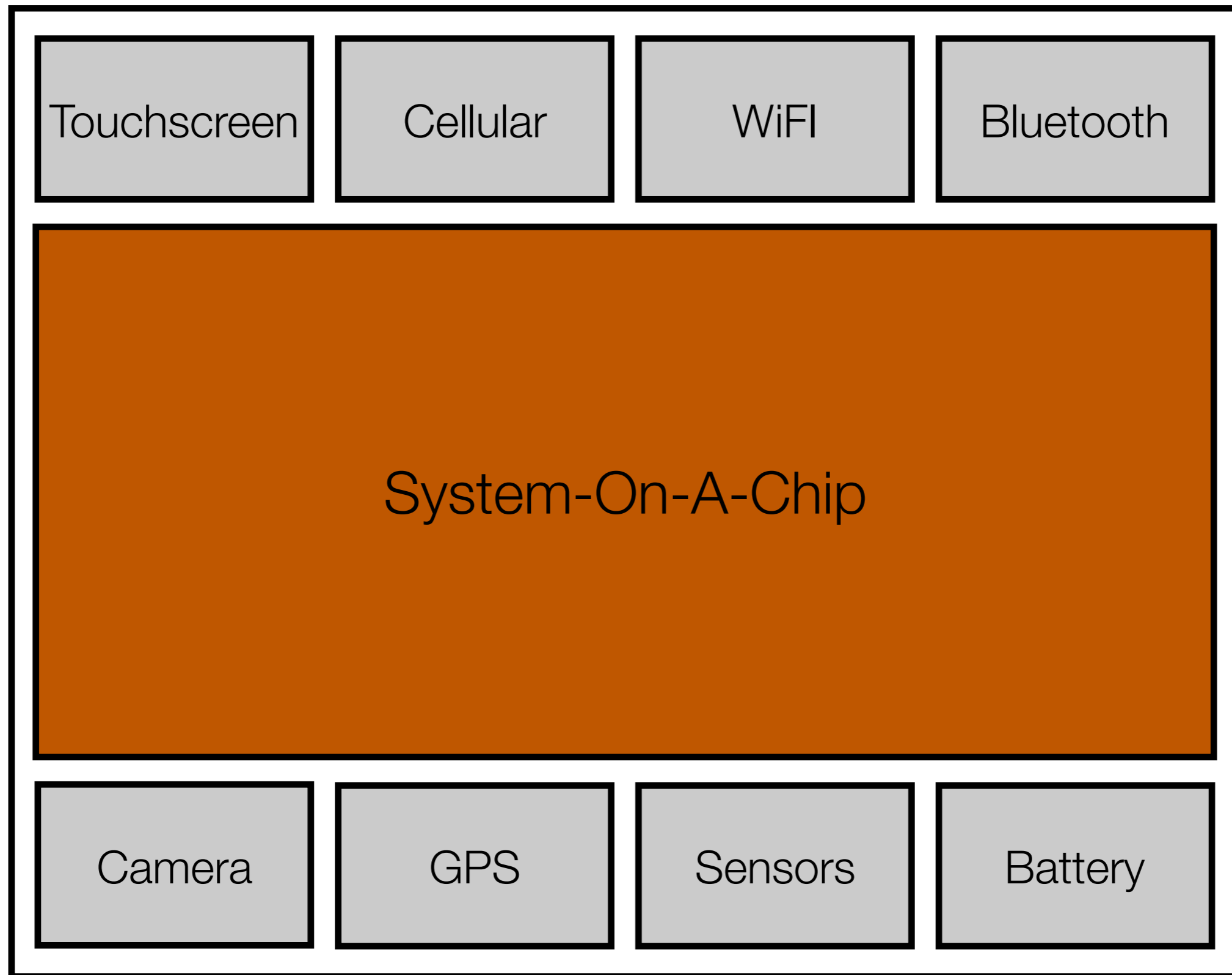
Mobile Device



Mobile Device

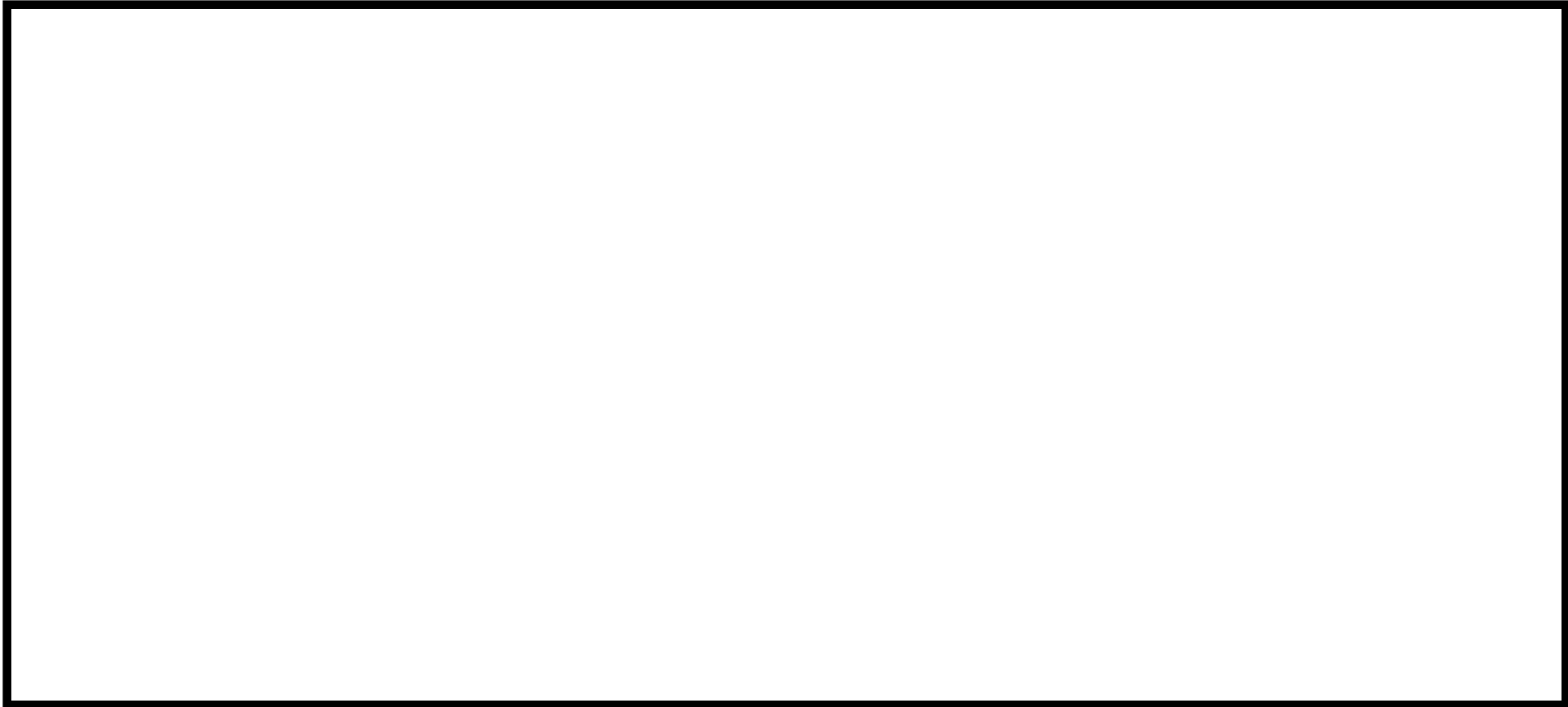


Mobile Device

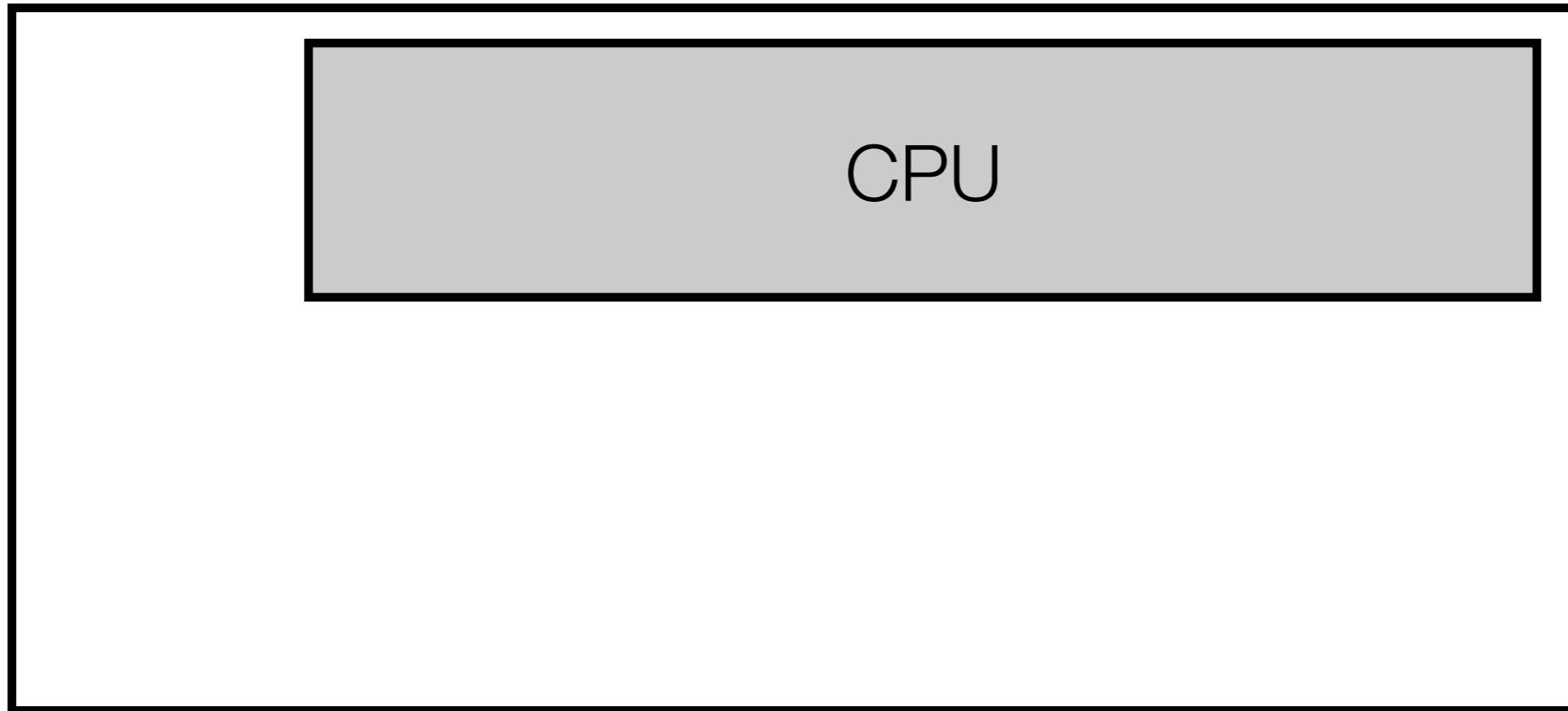


System-On-A-Chip

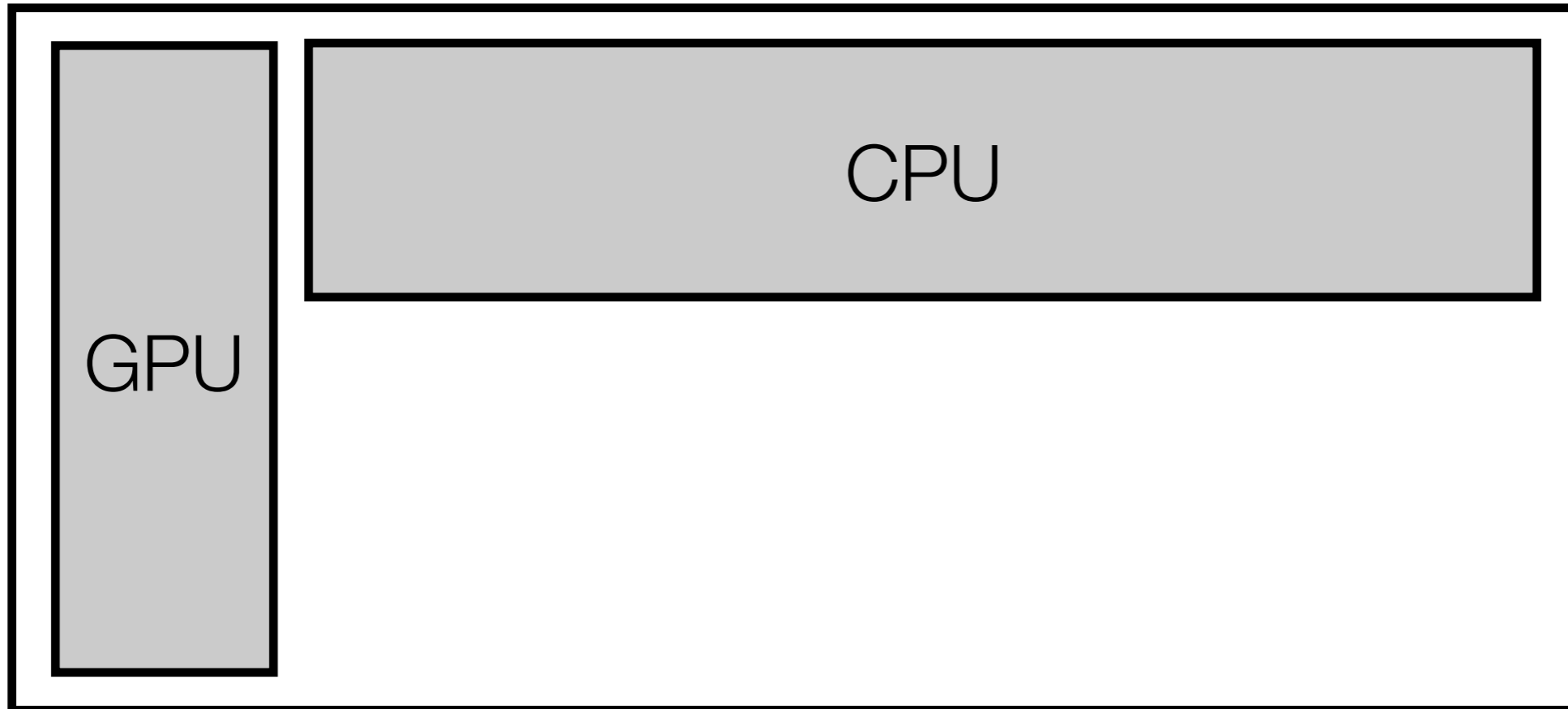
System-On-A-Chip



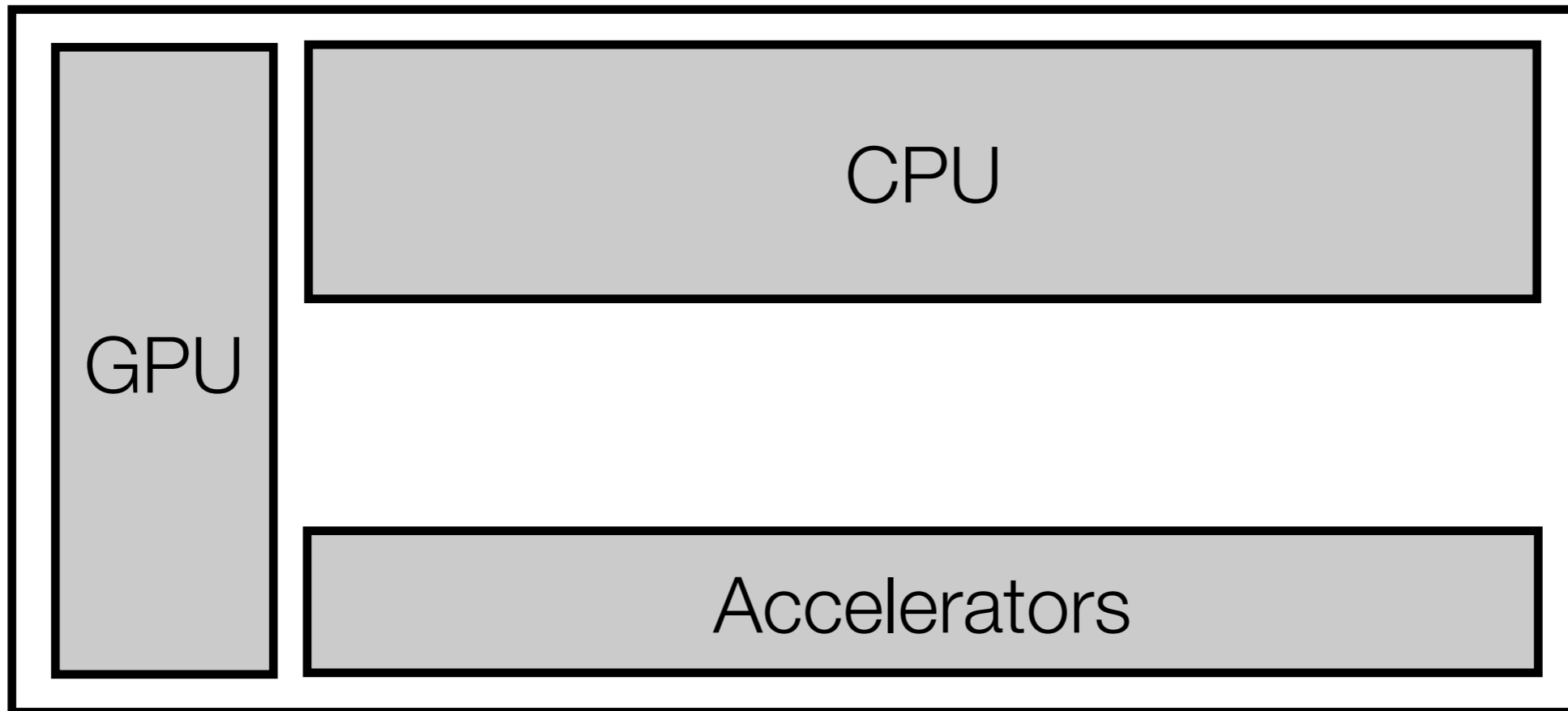
System-On-A-Chip



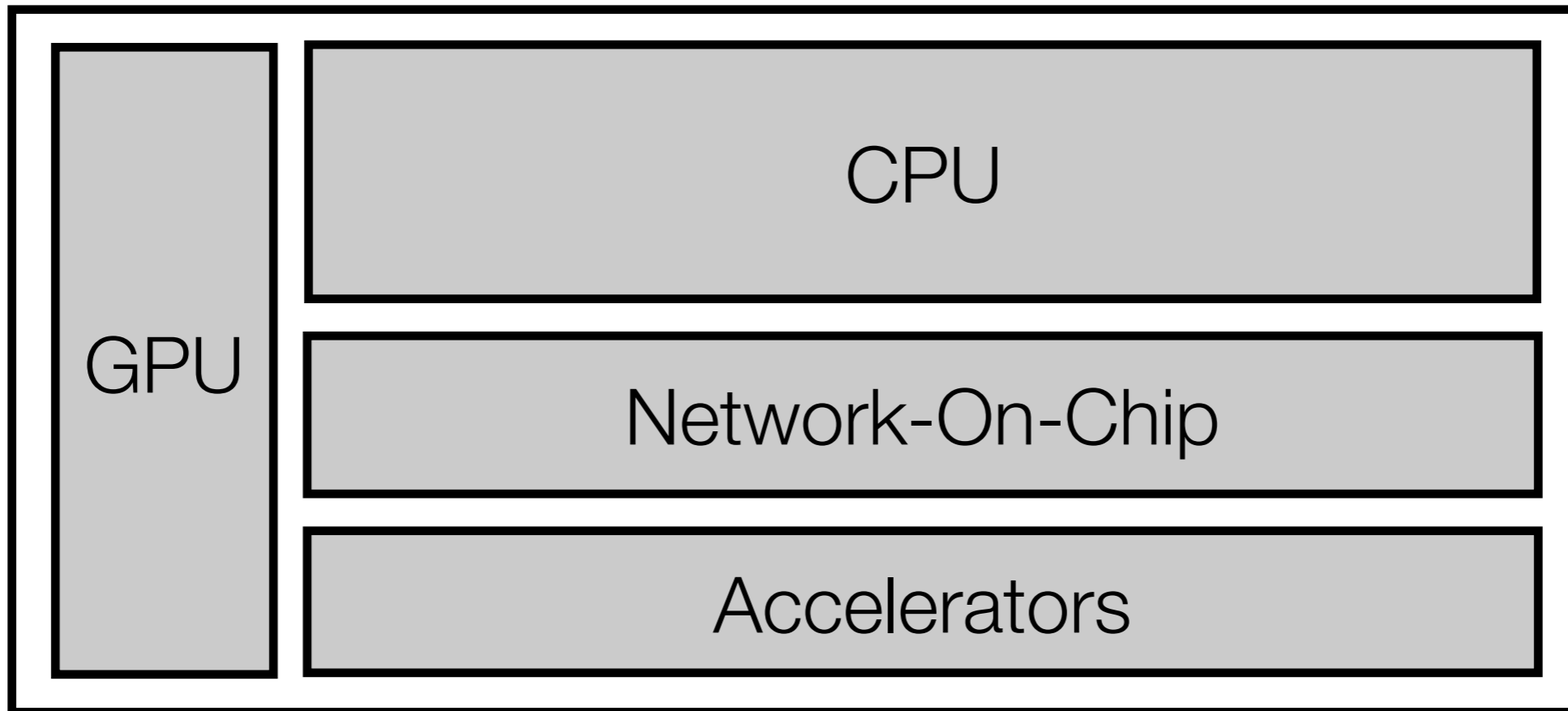
System-On-A-Chip



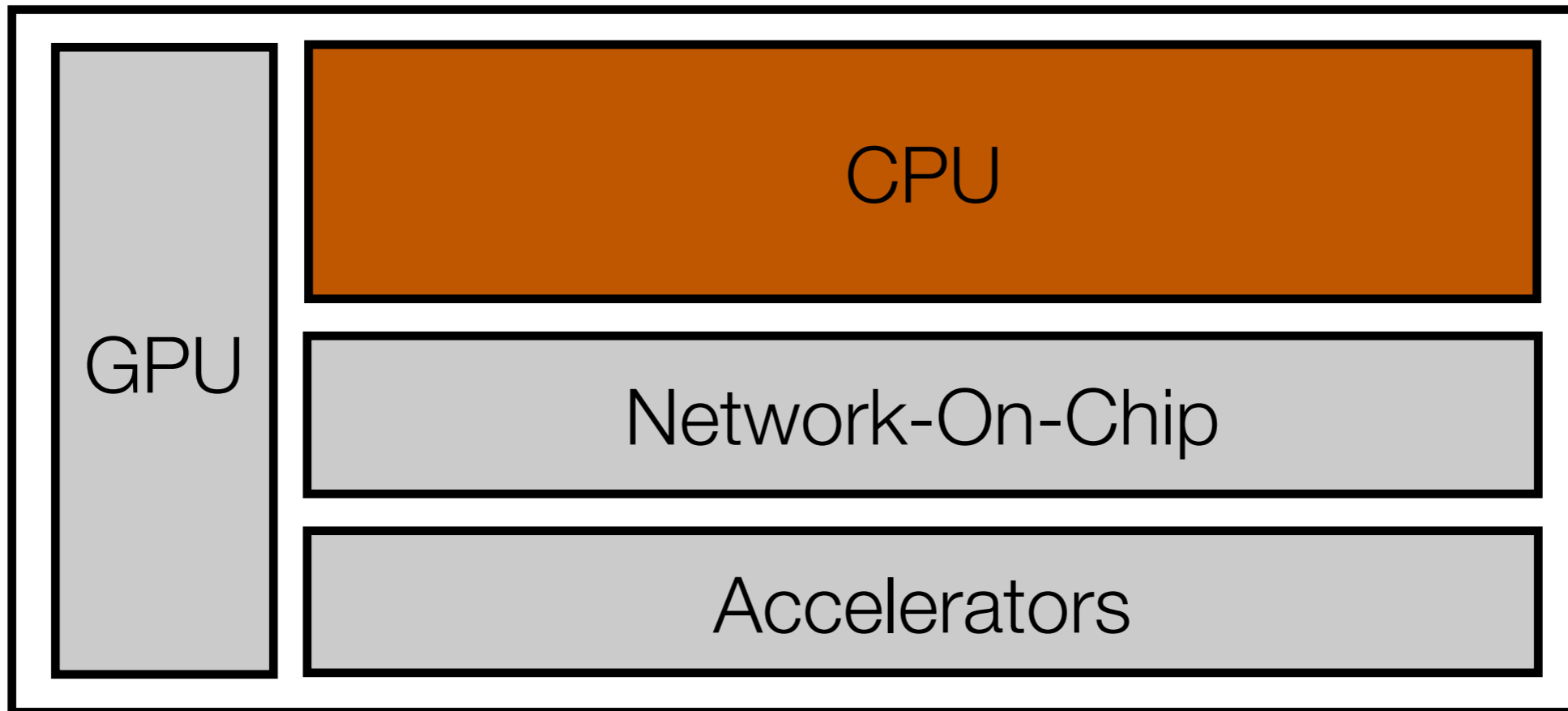
System-On-A-Chip



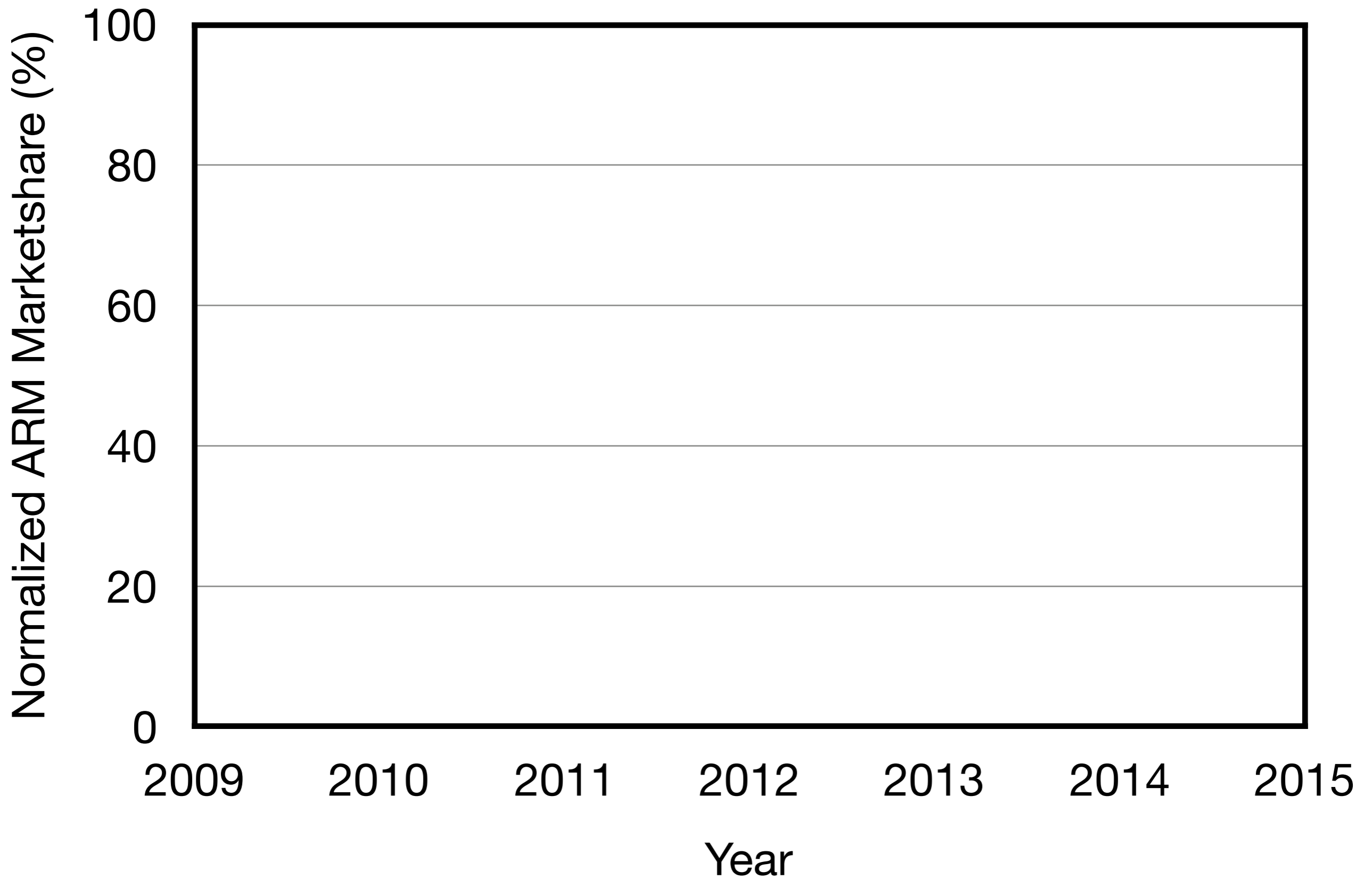
System-On-A-Chip



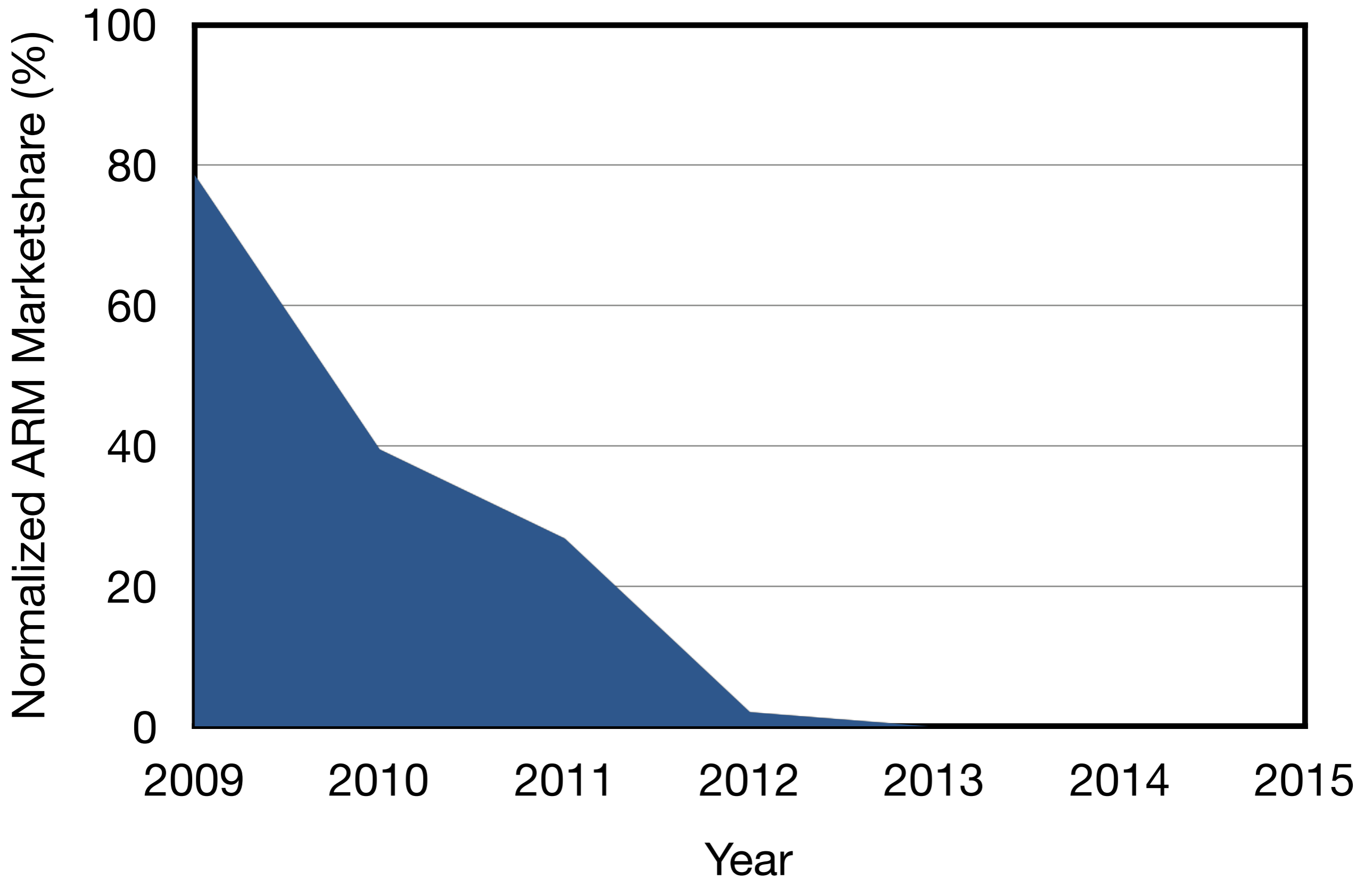
System-On-A-Chip



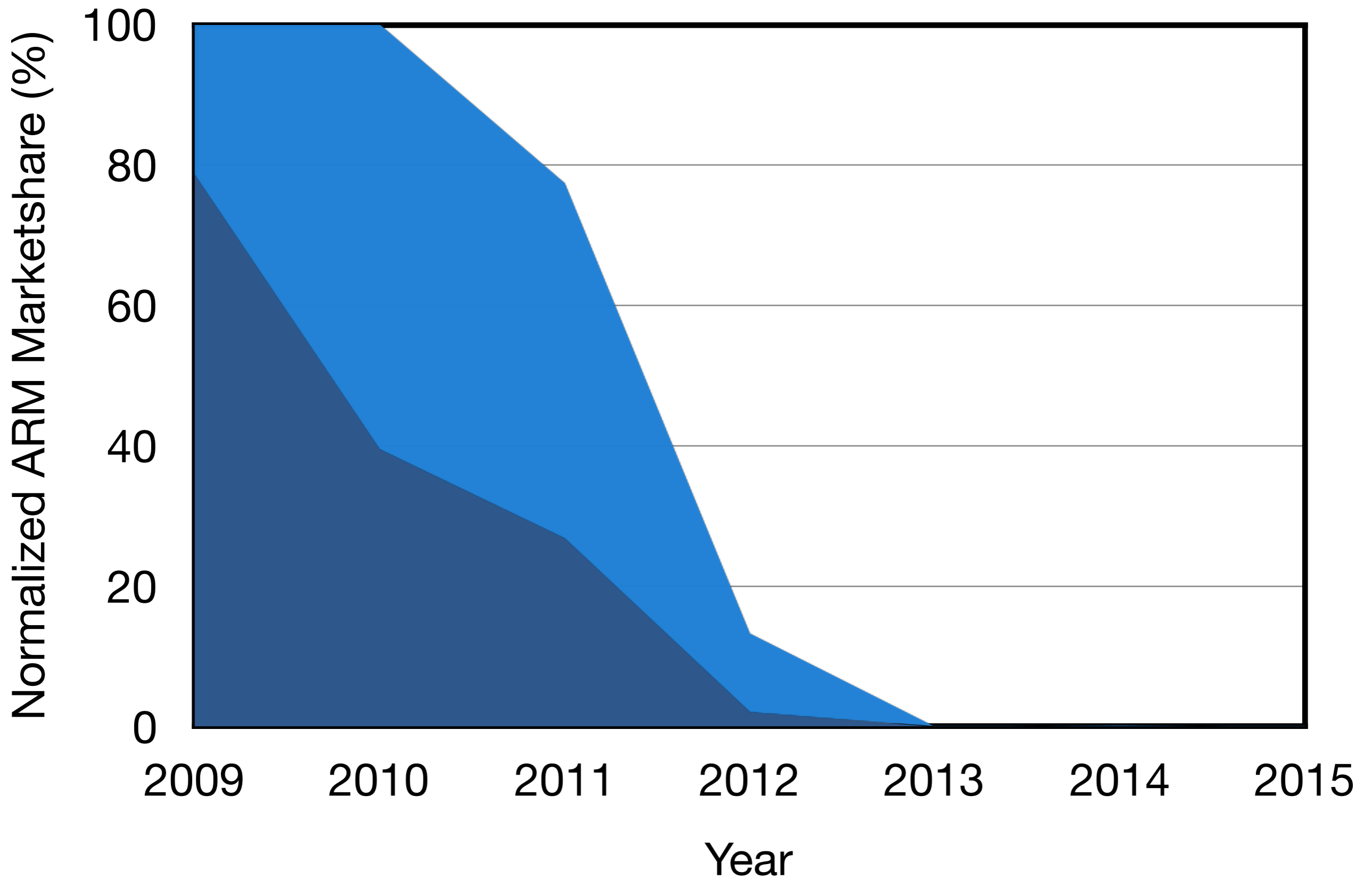
ARM11 A8 A5 A9 A15 A7 A53 A57



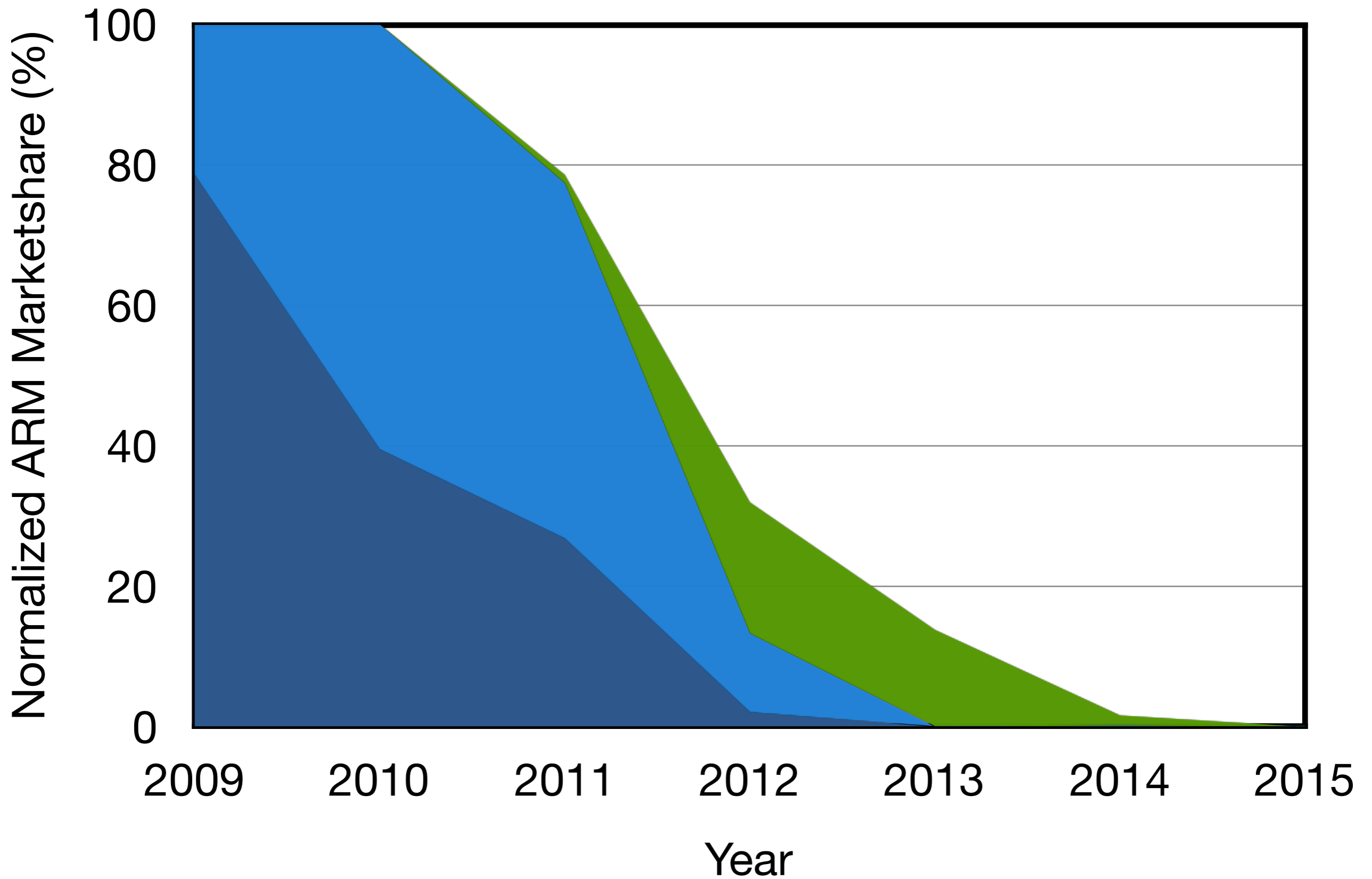
ARM11 A8 A5 A9 A15 A7 A53 A57



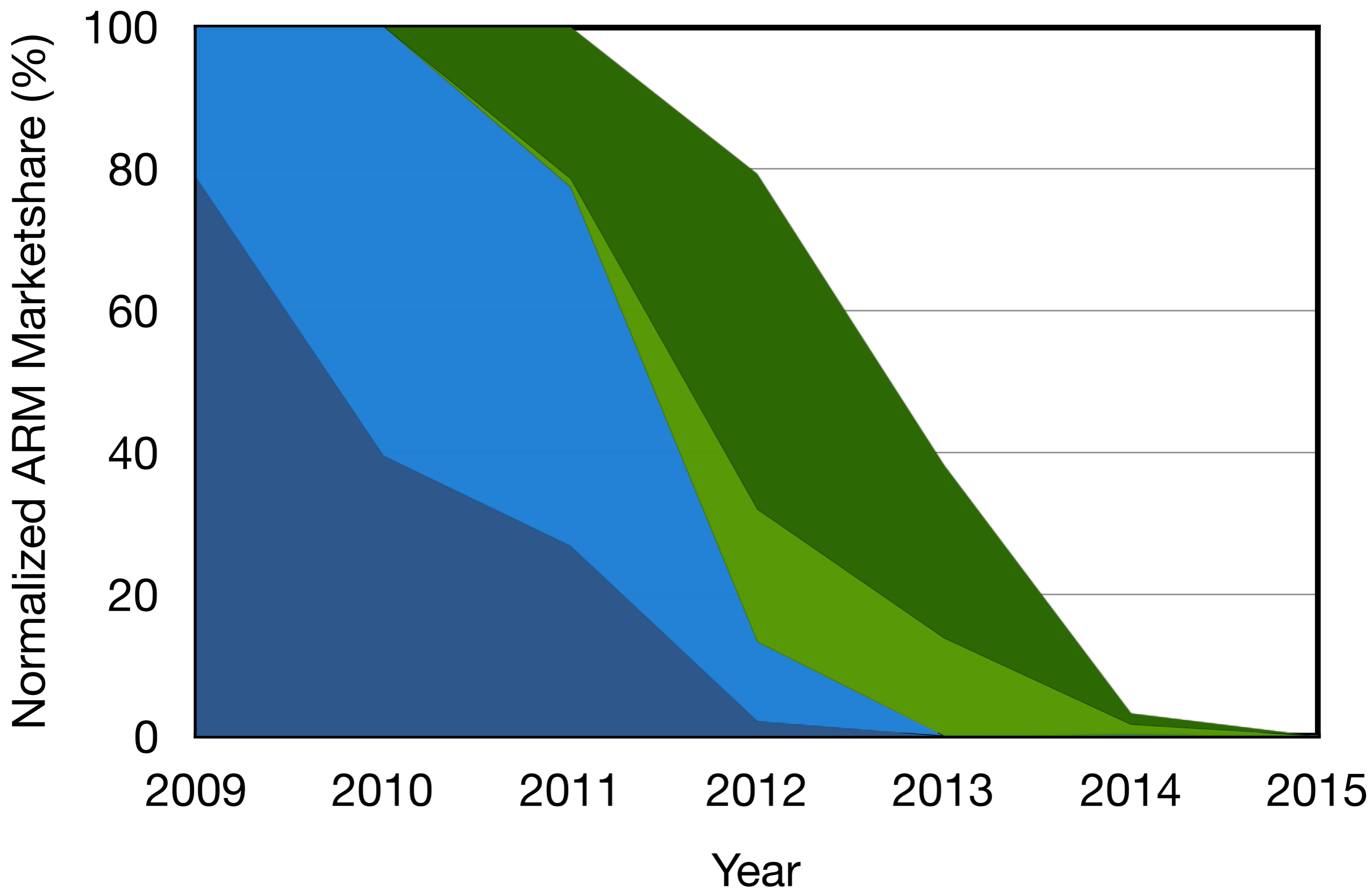
ARM11 A8 A5 A9 A15 A7 A53 A57



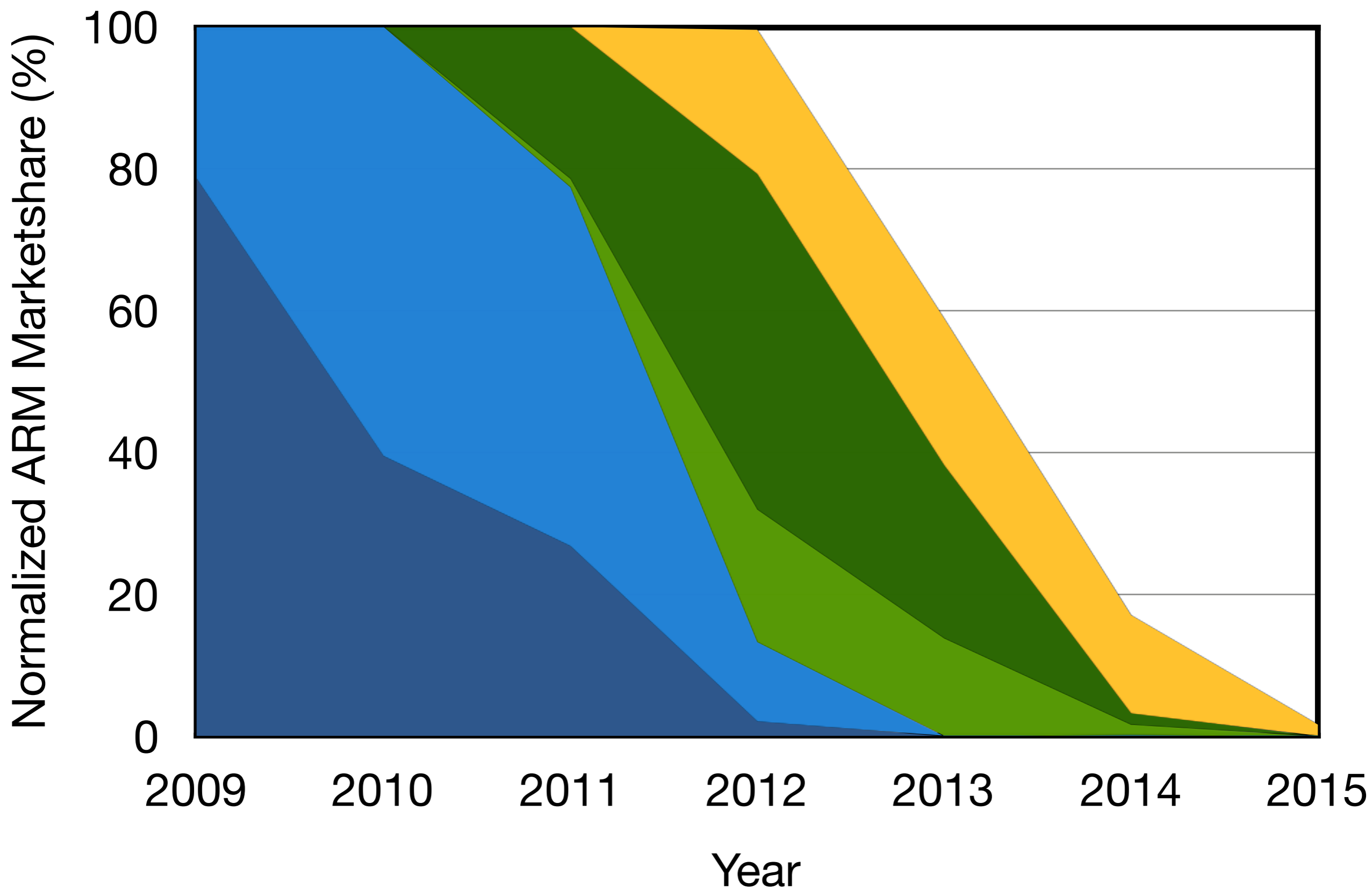
ARM11 A8 A5 A9 A15 A7 A53 A57



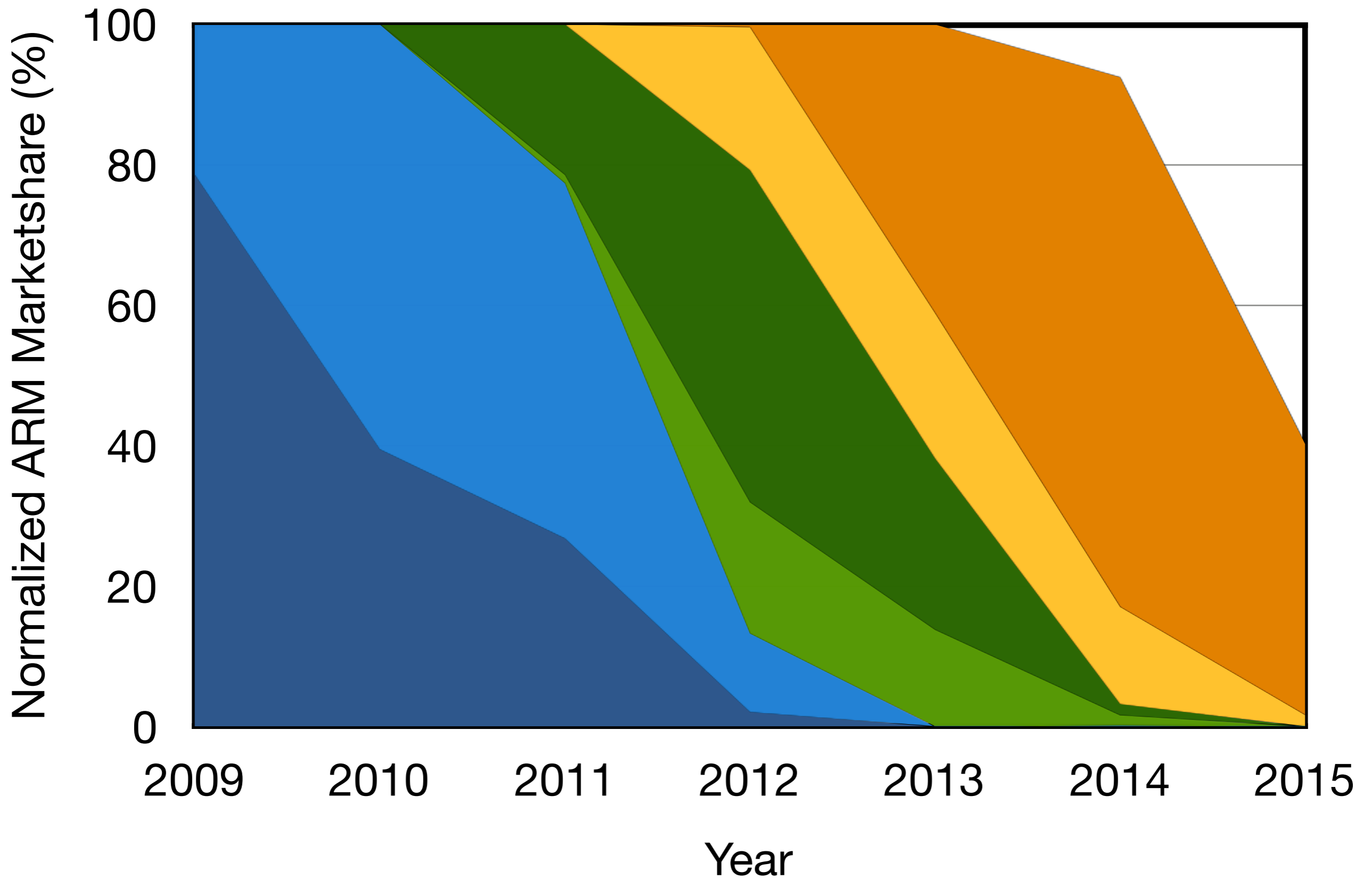
ARM11 A8 A5 A9 A15 A7 A53 A57



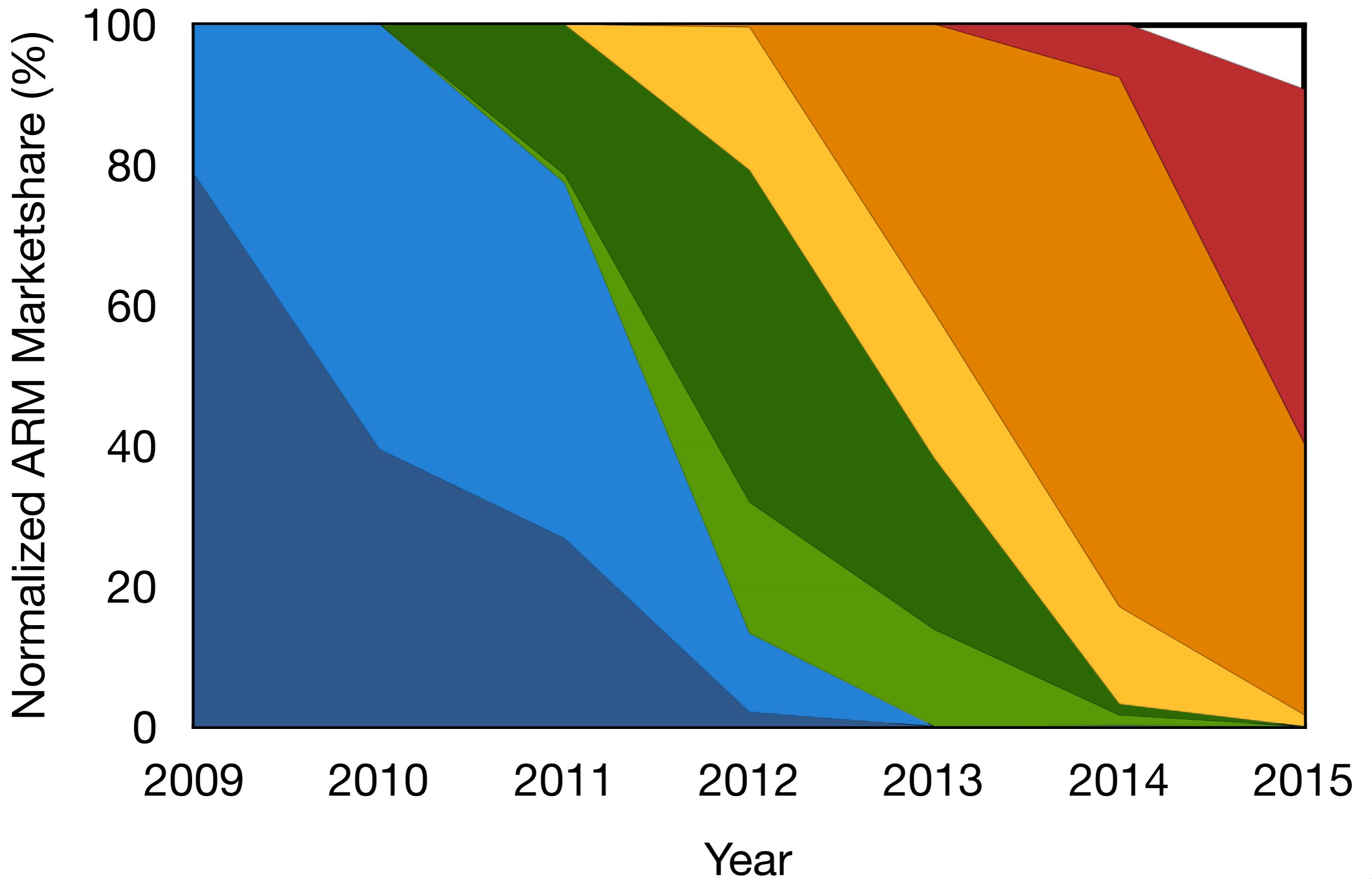
ARM11 A8 A5 A9 A15 A7 A53 A57



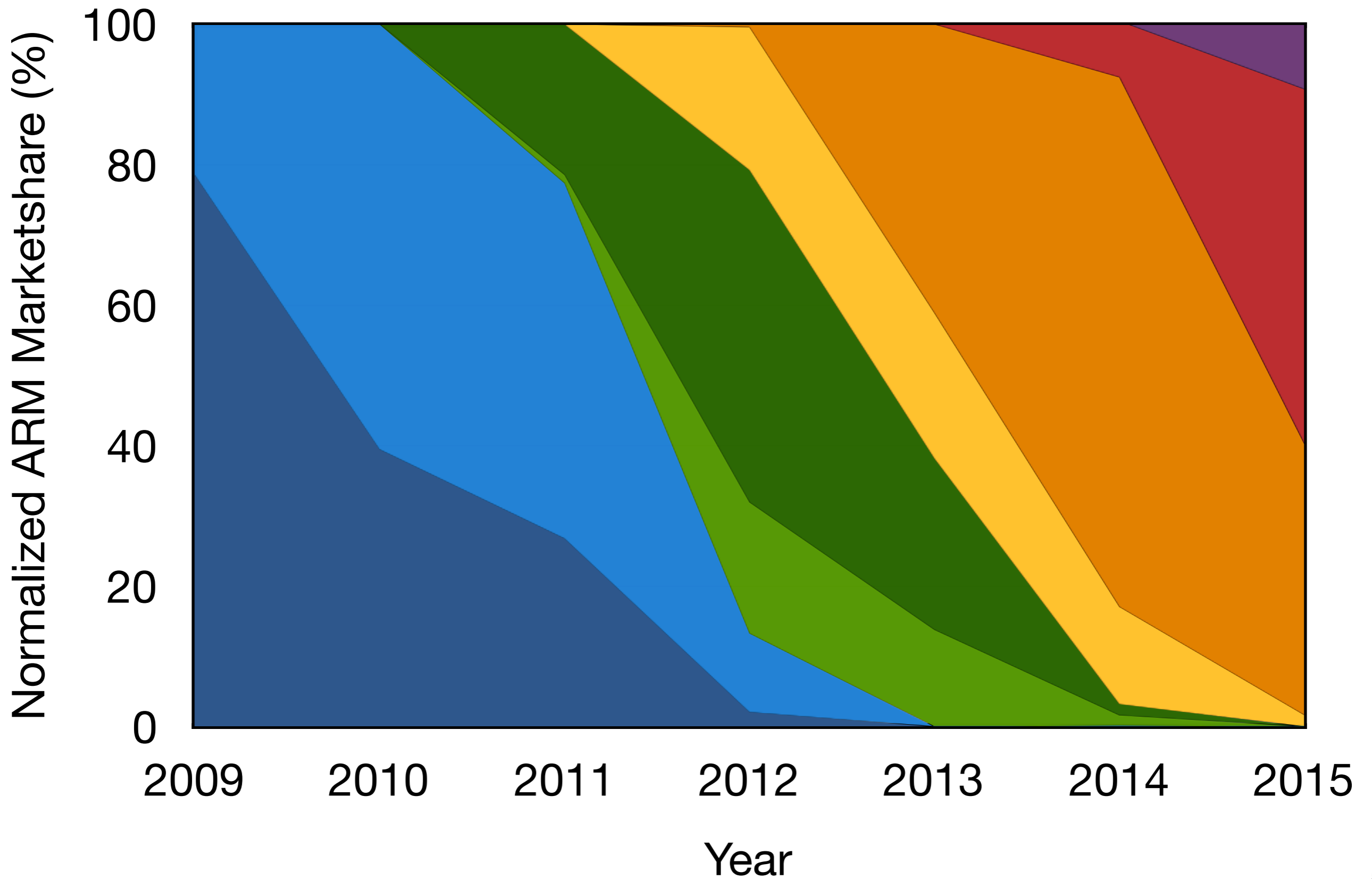
ARM11 A8 A5 A9 A15 A7 A53 A57



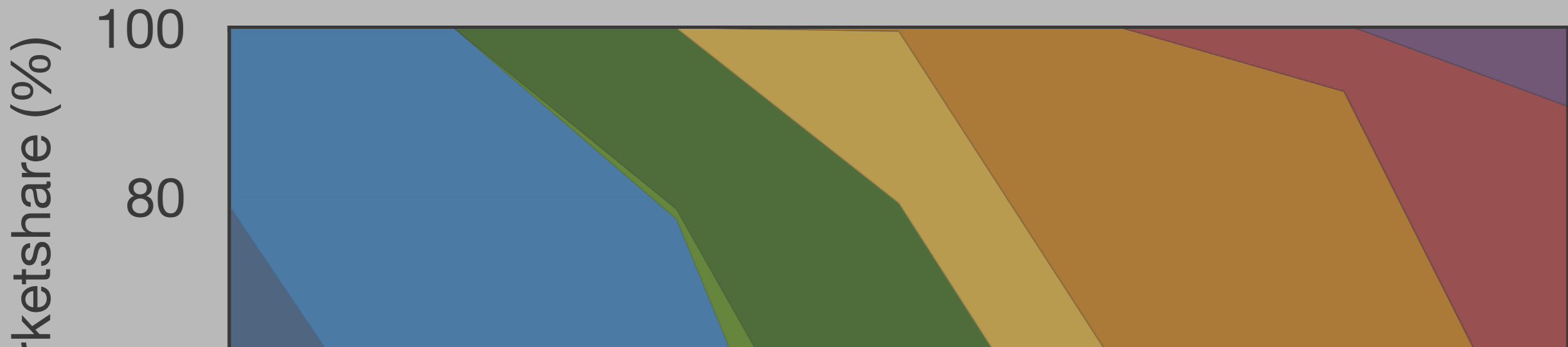
ARM11 A8 A5 A9 A15 A7 A53 A57



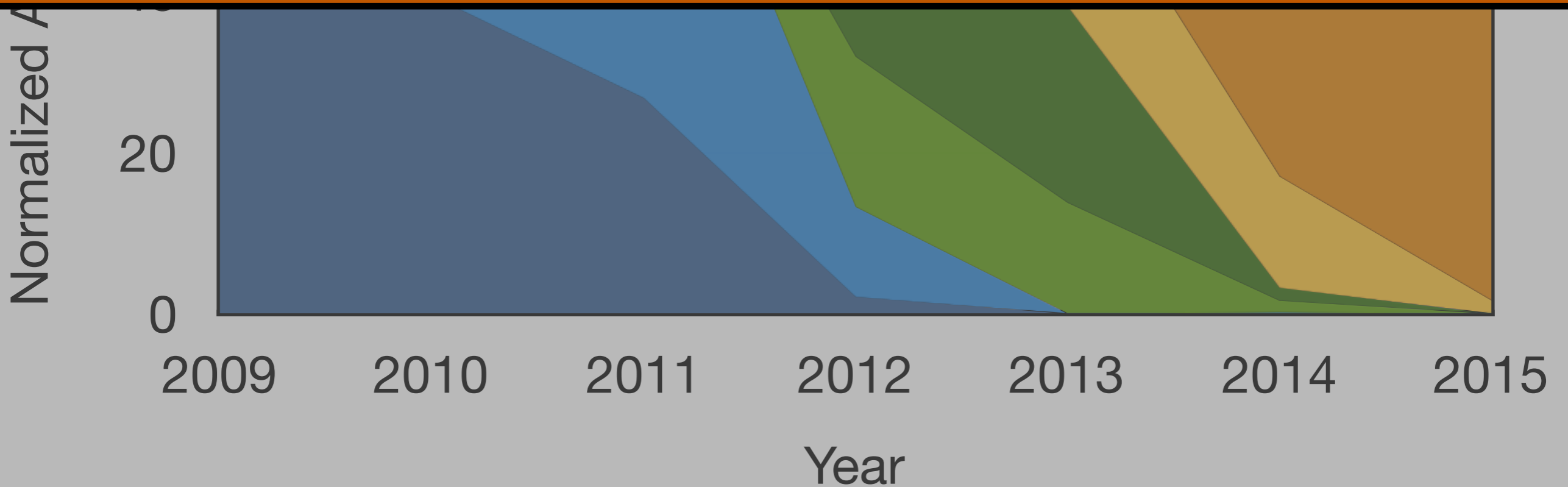
ARM11 A8 A5 A9 A15 A7 A53 A57



ARM11 A8 A5 A9 A15 A7 A53 A57



Mobile CPU design is **fast-paced**.



Conventional Research Scope

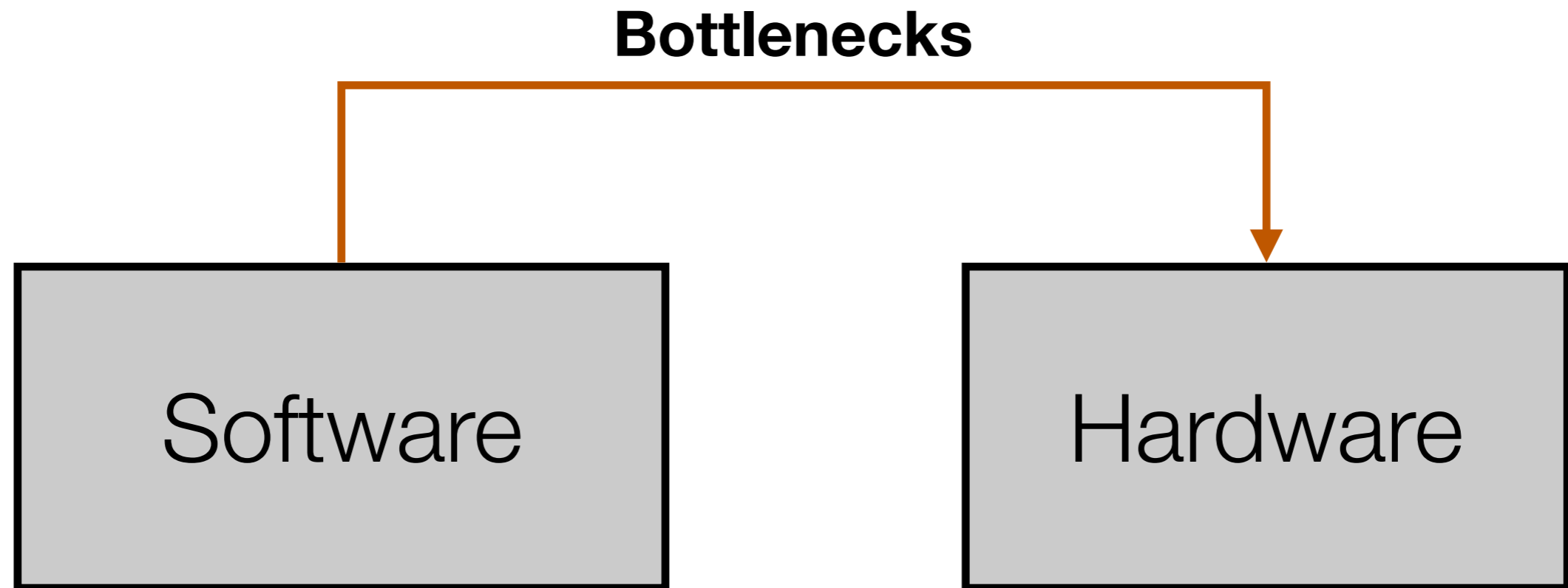
Conventional Research Scope



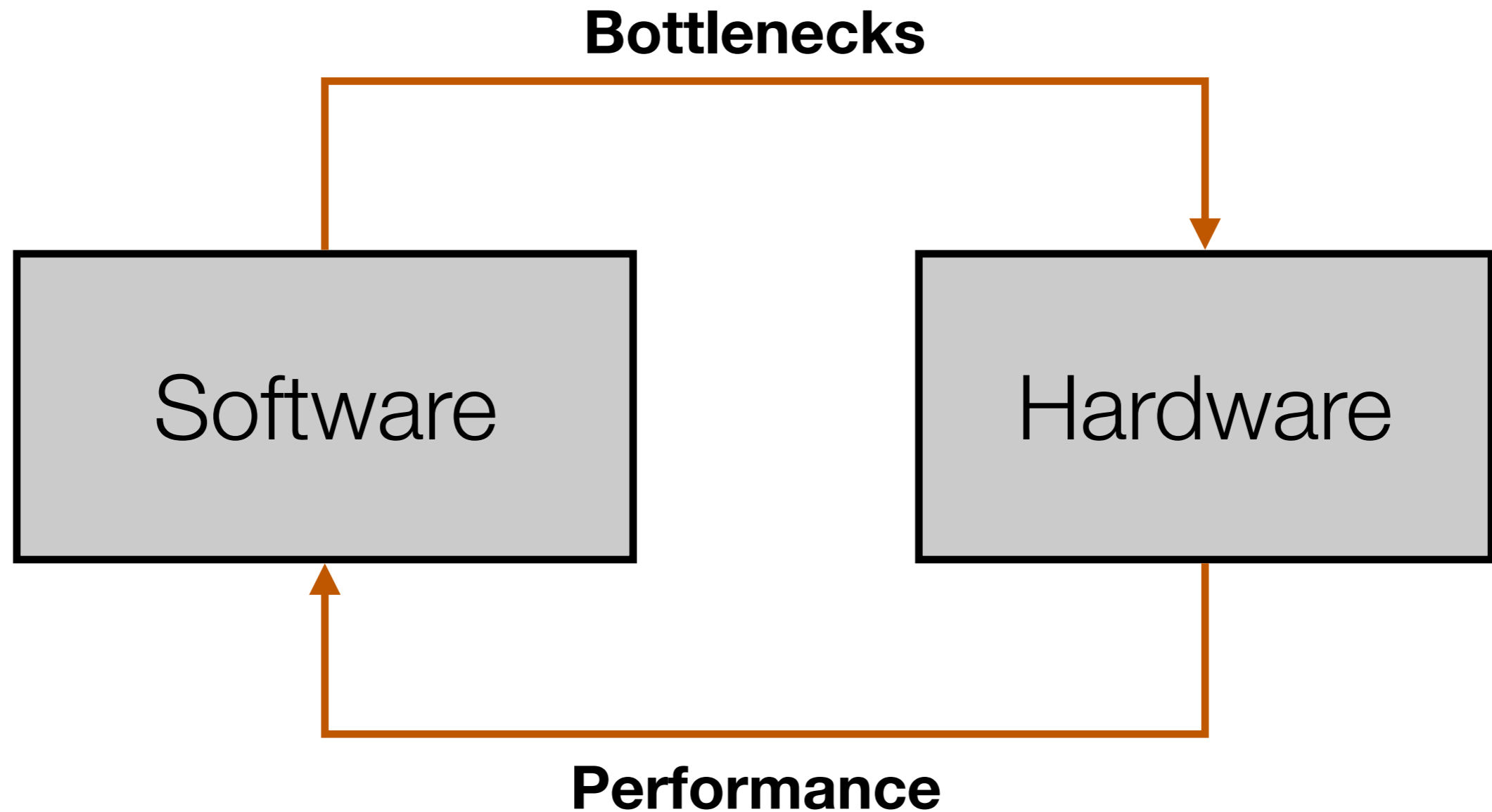
Software

Hardware

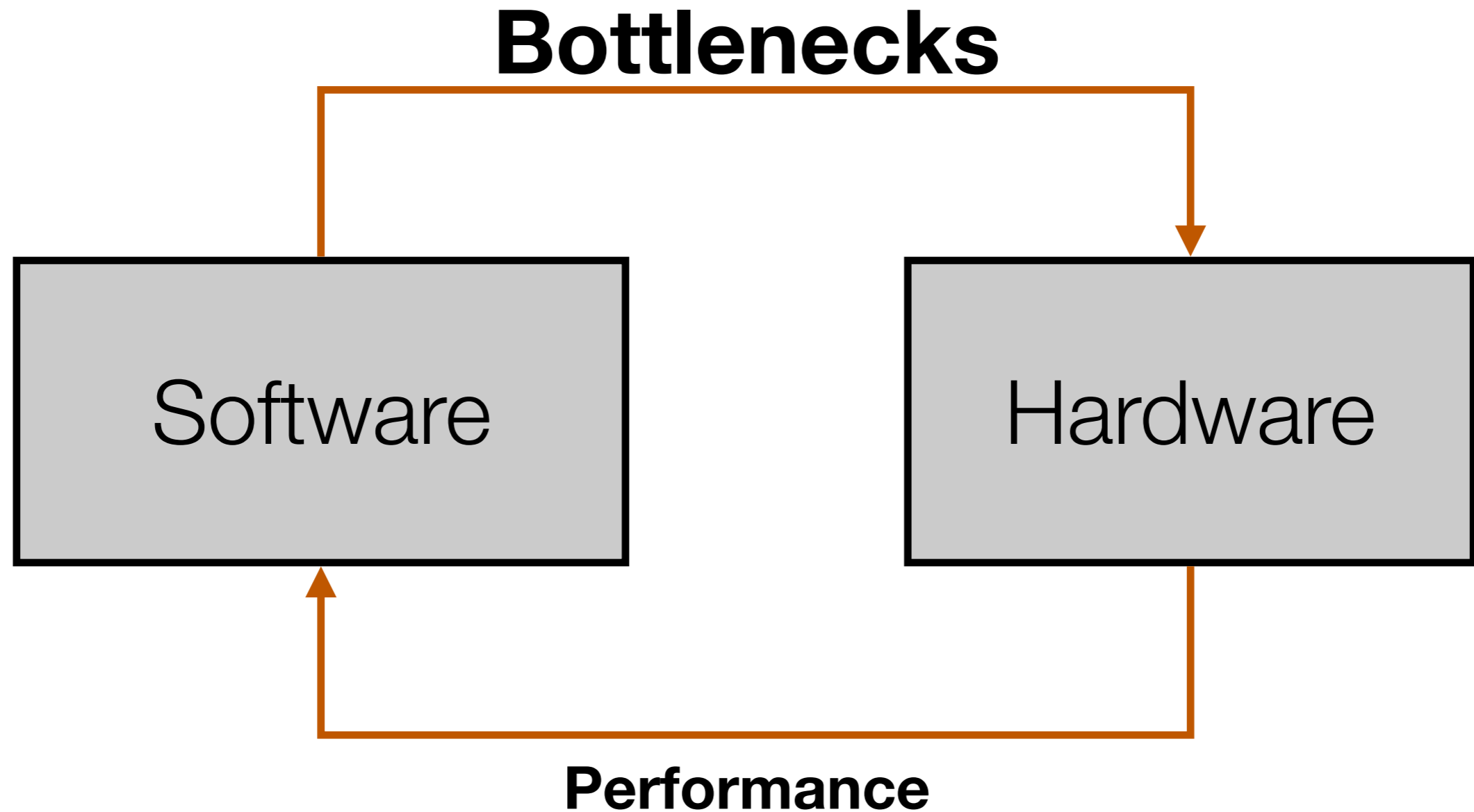
Conventional Research Scope



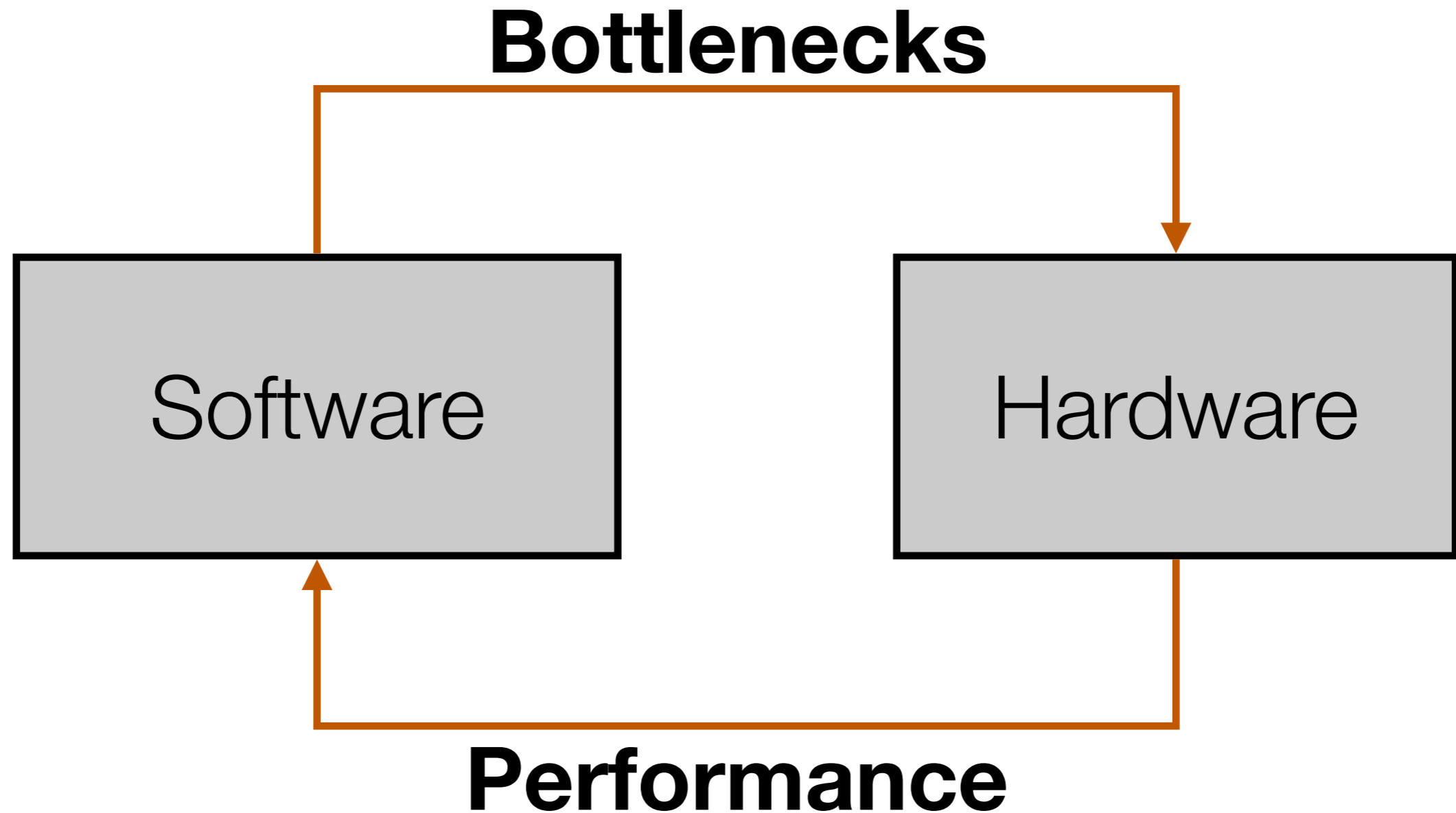
Conventional Research Scope



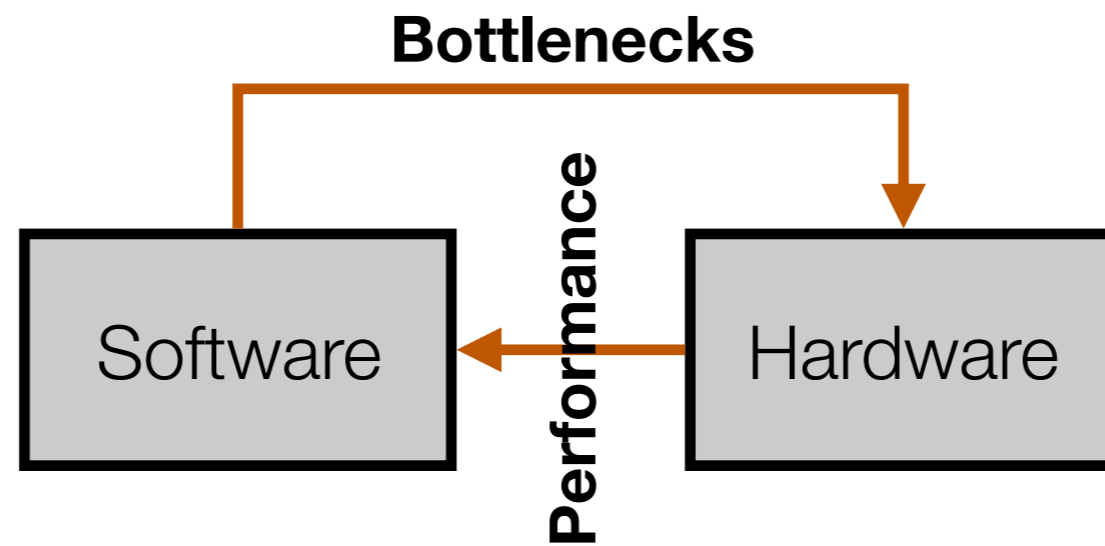
Conventional Research Scope



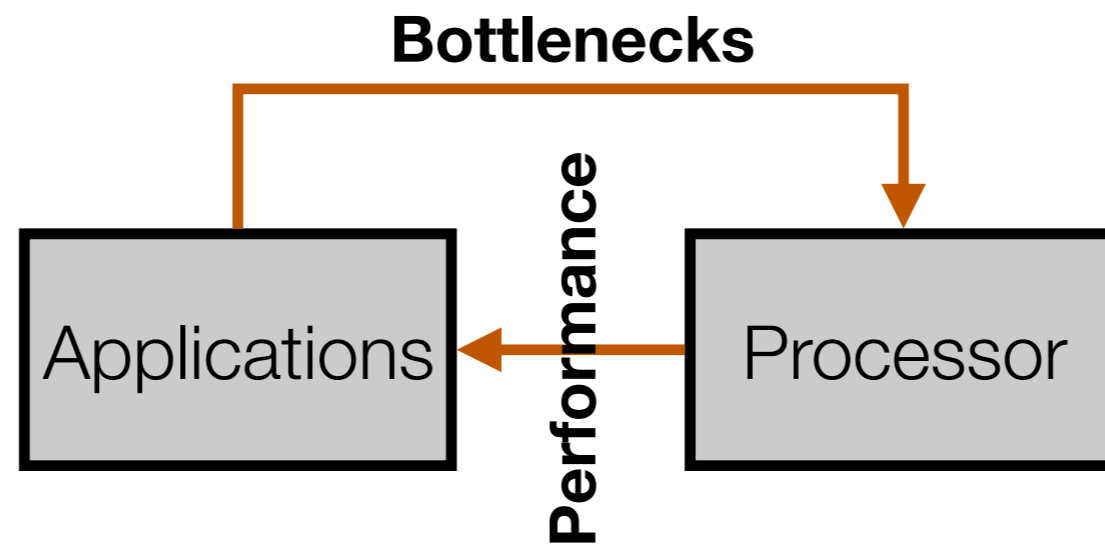
Conventional Research Scope



Expanding the Research Scope

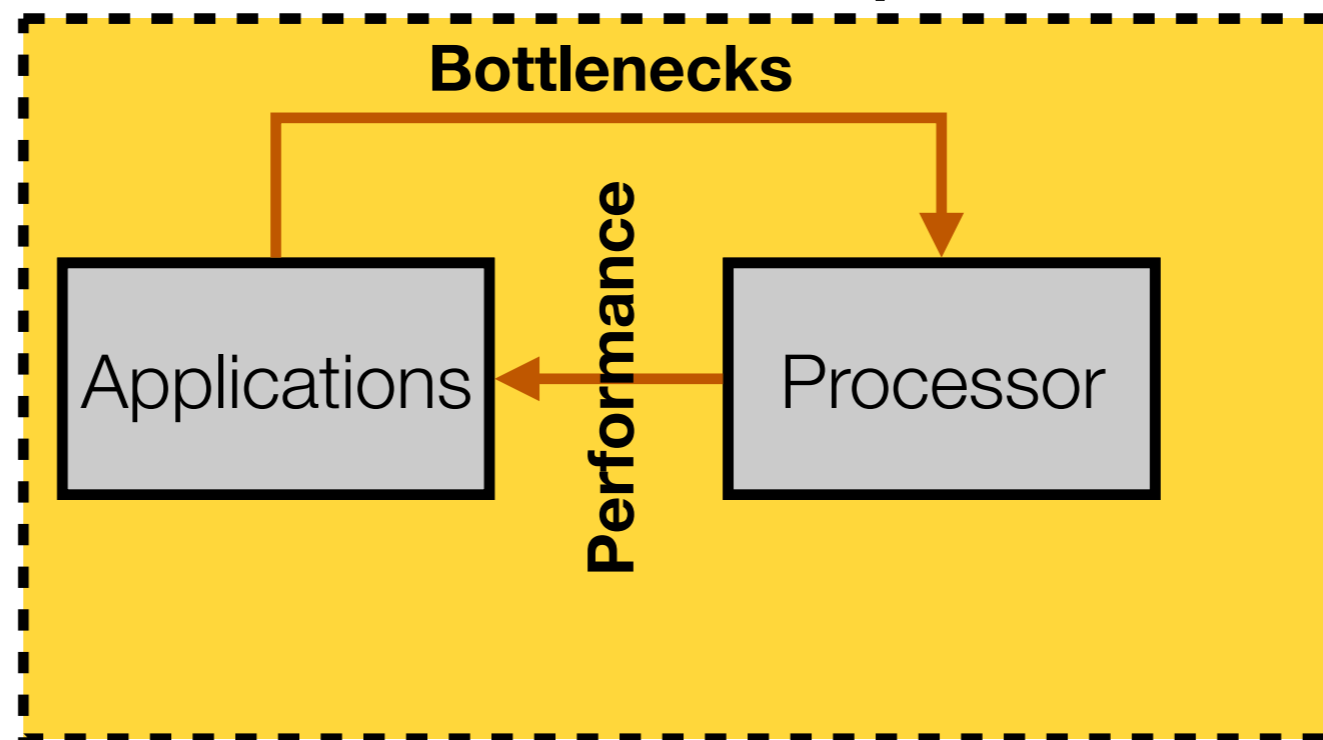


Expanding the Research Scope

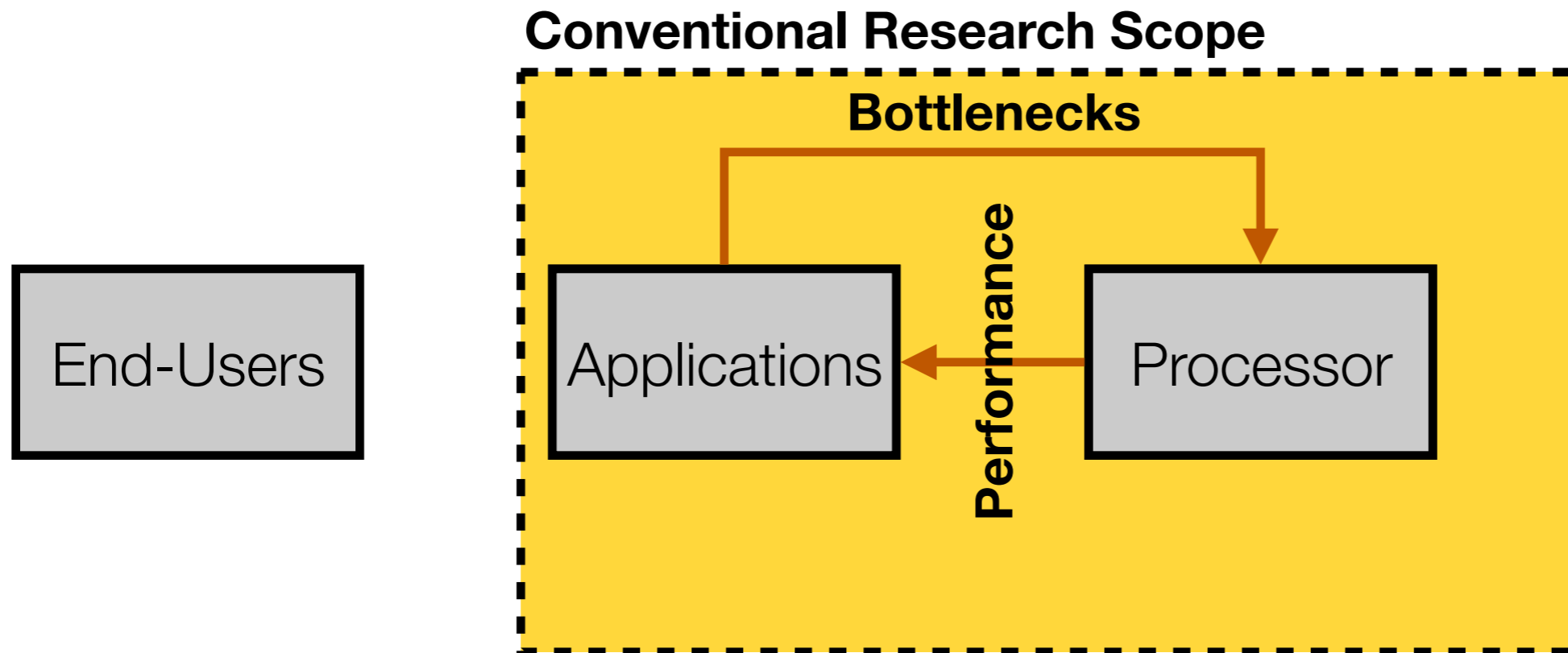


Expanding the Research Scope

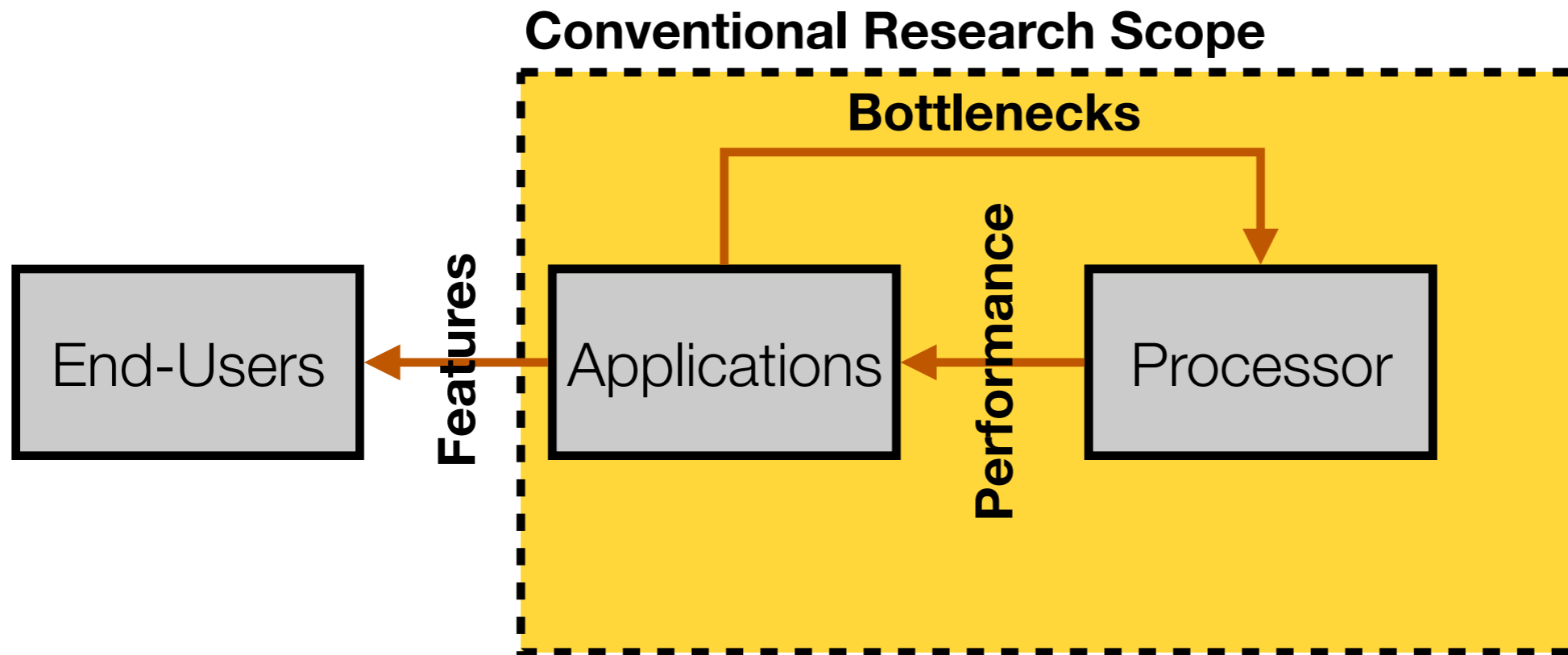
Conventional Research Scope



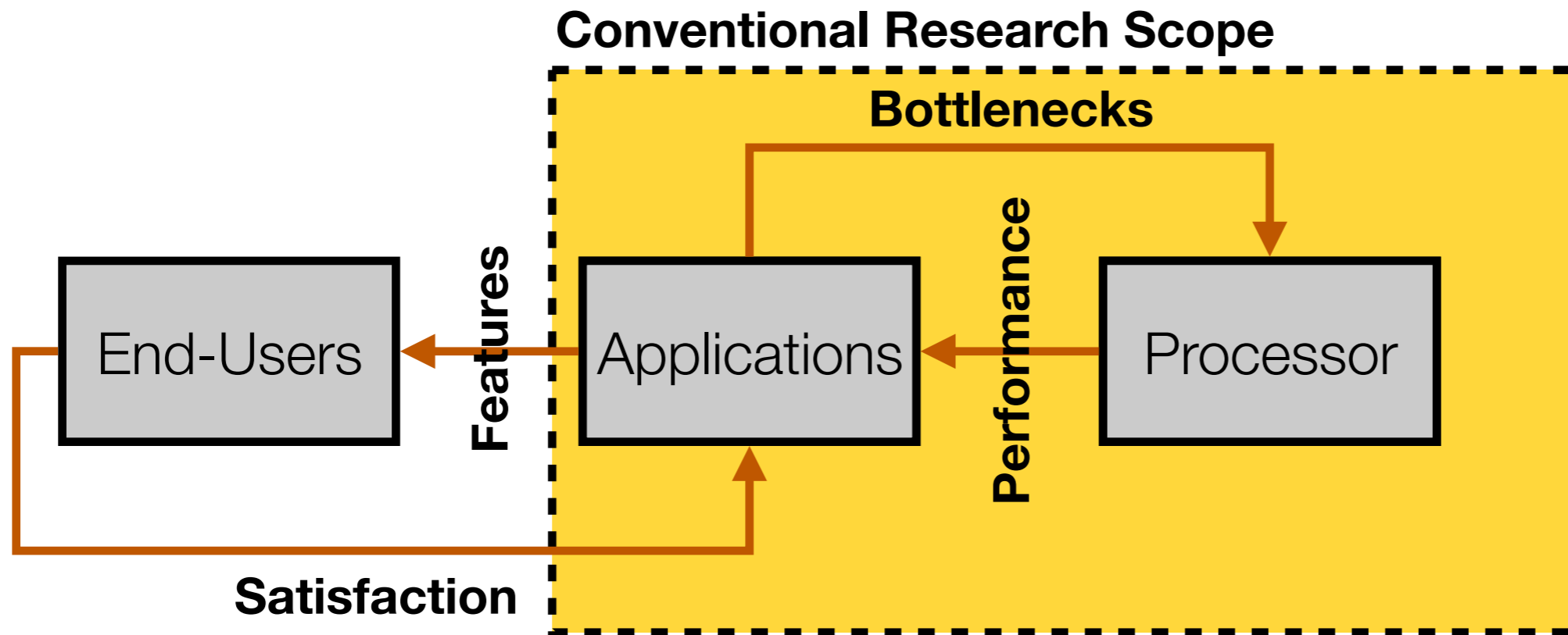
Expanding the Research Scope



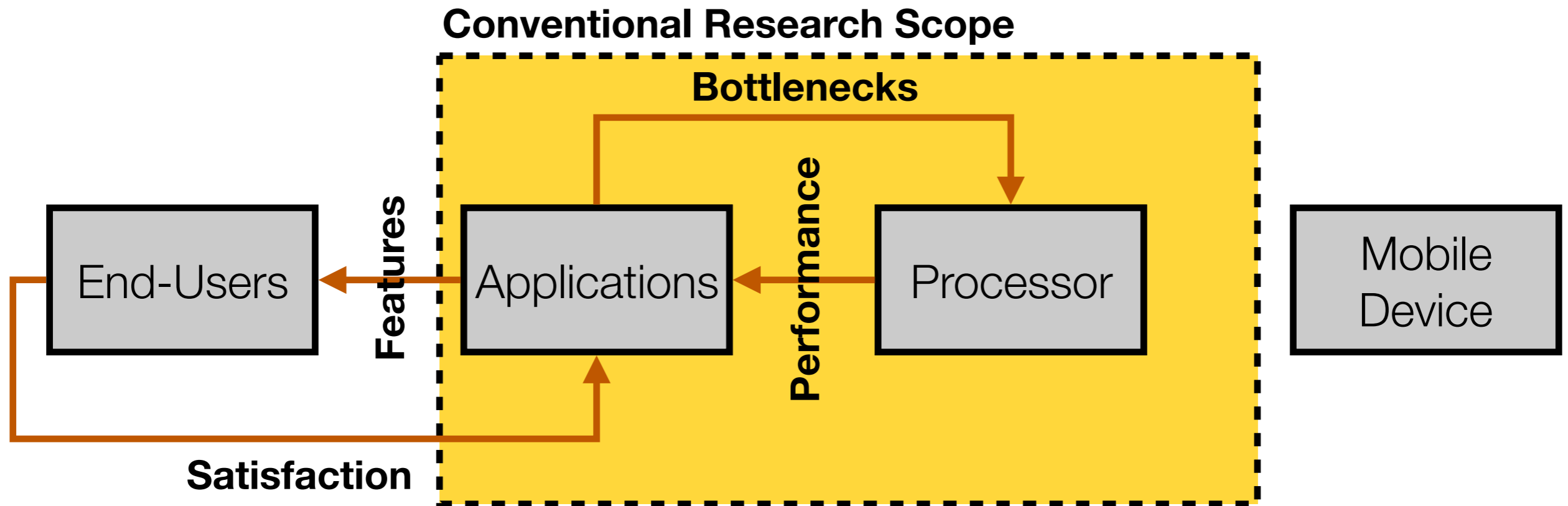
Expanding the Research Scope



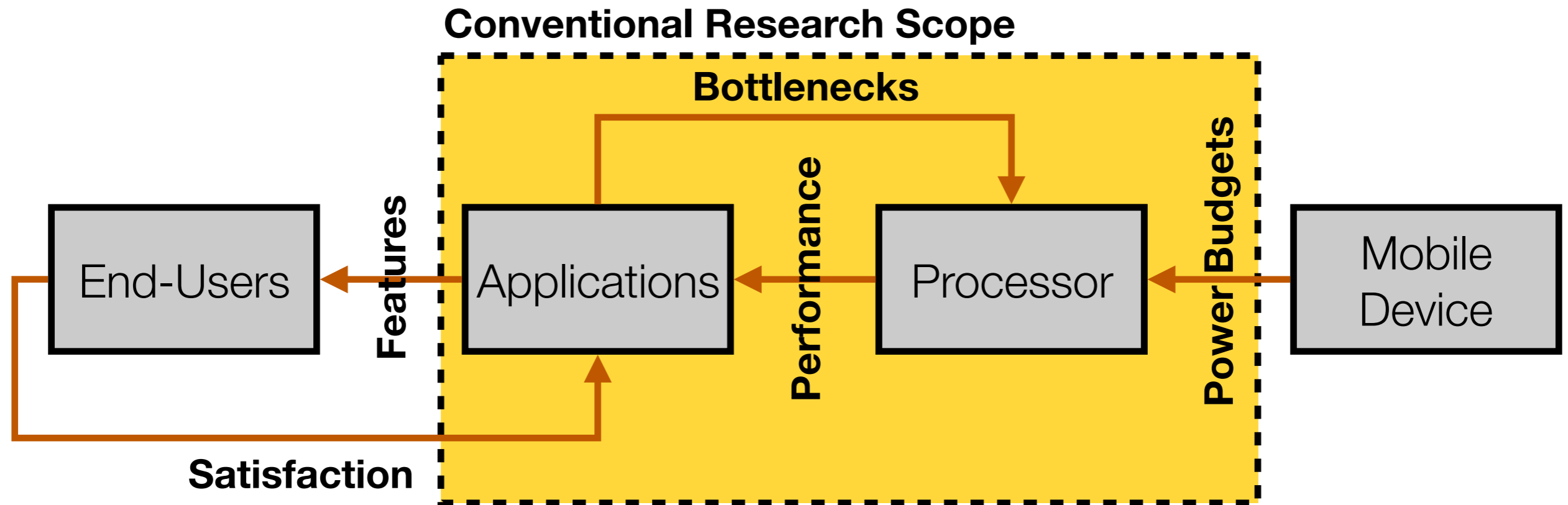
Expanding the Research Scope



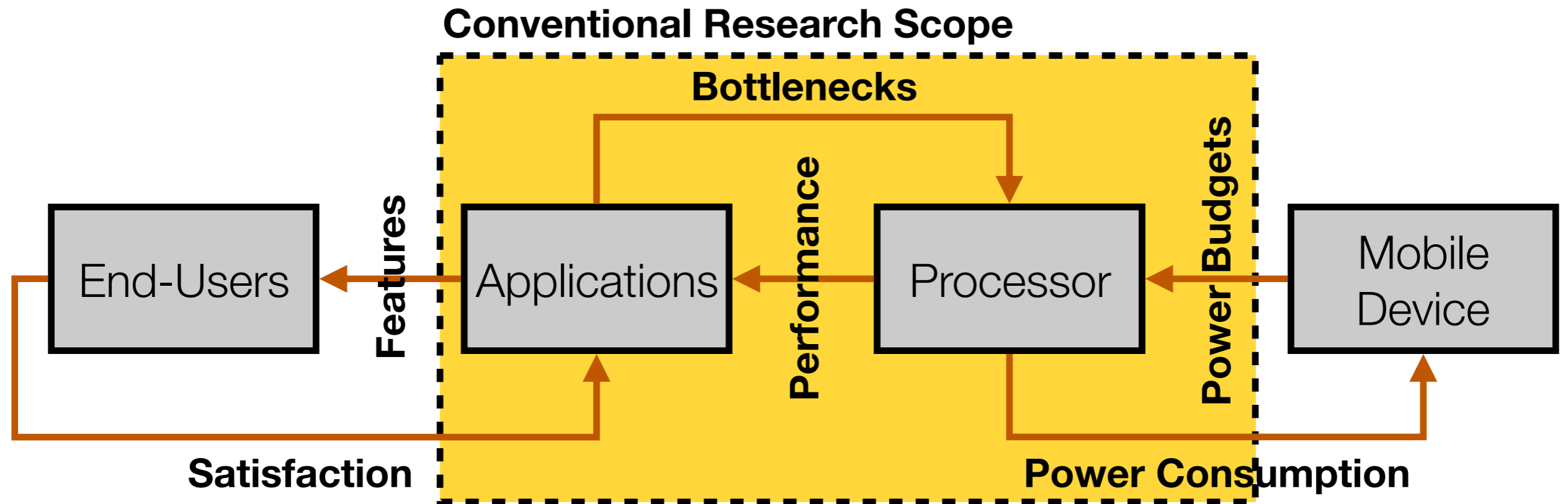
Expanding the Research Scope



Expanding the Research Scope

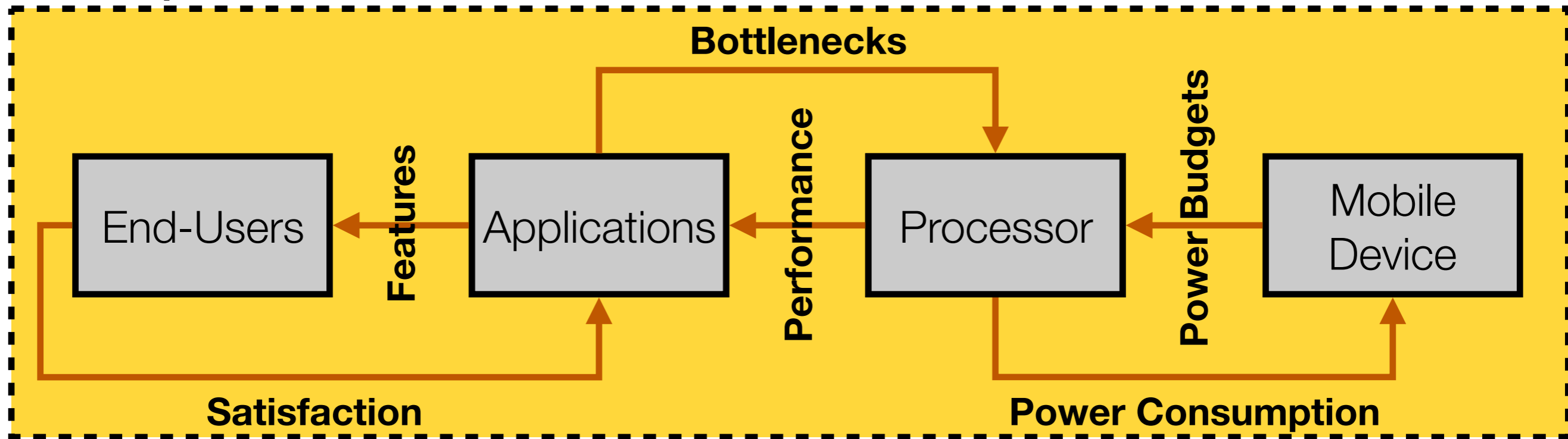


Expanding the Research Scope



Expanding the Research Scope

Our Scope



Characterize how the **interactions** between mobile CPU, end-user, and mobile device have **changed over time** through **real-world measurement**

Characterize how the **interactions** between mobile CPU, end-user, and mobile device have **changed over time** through **real-world measurement**

1. Has mobile CPU efficiency improved?

Characterize how the **interactions** between mobile CPU, end-user, and mobile device have **changed over time** through **real-world measurement**

1. Has mobile CPU efficiency improved?
2. Have mobile CPU advancements improved end-user satisfaction?

Characterize how the **interactions** between mobile CPU, end-user, and mobile device have **changed over time** through **real-world measurement**

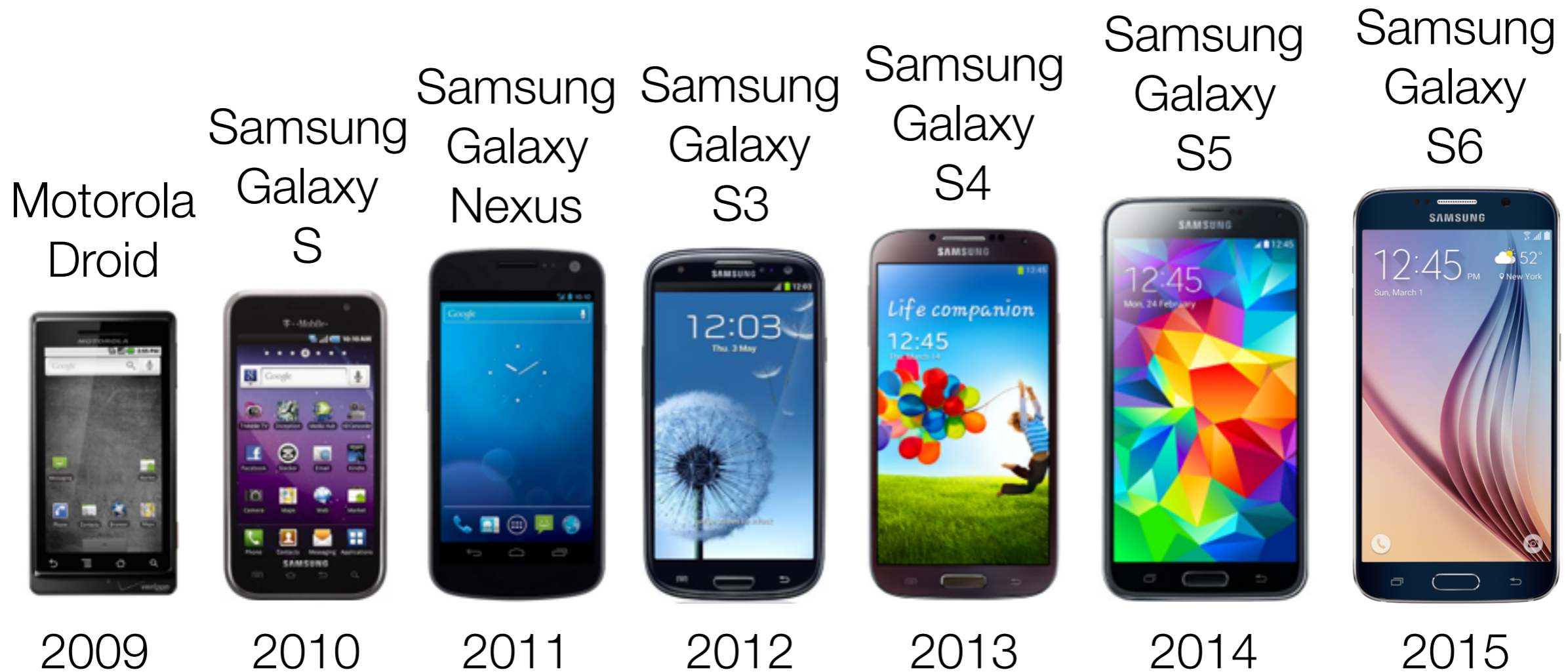
1. Has mobile CPU efficiency improved?
2. Have mobile CPU advancements improved end-user satisfaction?
3. How has the rest of the mobile device evolved around the CPU?

real-world measurement

real-world measurement

Capturing Real-world Mobile CPU Trends from Off-the-Shelf Smartphones

Capturing Real-world Mobile CPU Trends from Off-the-Shelf Smartphones



Capturing Real-world Mobile CPU Trends from Off-the-Shelf Smartphones



Capturing Real-world Mobile CPU Trends from Off-the-Shelf Smartphones



Year

2009

2010

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

Capturing Real-world Mobile CPU Trends from Off-the-Shelf Smartphones



Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
uArch	A8	A8	A9	A9	A15	A15	A57

Capturing Real-world Mobile CPU Trends from Off-the-Shelf Smartphones



Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
uArch	A8	A8	A9	A9	A15	A15	A57
Process	65 nm	45 nm	32 nm	28 nm	28 nm	28 nm	14 nm

Capturing Real-world Mobile CPU Trends from Off-the-Shelf Smartphones



Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
uArch	A8	A8	A9	A9	A15	A15	A57
Process	65 nm	45 nm	32 nm	28 nm	28 nm	28 nm	14 nm
Freq	0.6 GHz	1 GHz	1.2 GHz	1.4 GHz	1.6 GHz	2.1 GHz	2.1 GHz

Capturing Real-world Mobile CPU Trends from Off-the-Shelf Smartphones



Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
uArch	A8	A8	A9	A9	A15	A15	A57
Process	65 nm	45 nm	32 nm	28 nm	28 nm	28 nm	14 nm
Freq	0.6 GHz	1 GHz	1.2 GHz	1.4 GHz	1.6 GHz	2.1 GHz	2.1 GHz
Cores	1	1	2	4	4 (+4)	4 (+4)	4 (+4)

Capturing Real-world Mobile CPU Trends from Off-the-Shelf Smartphones



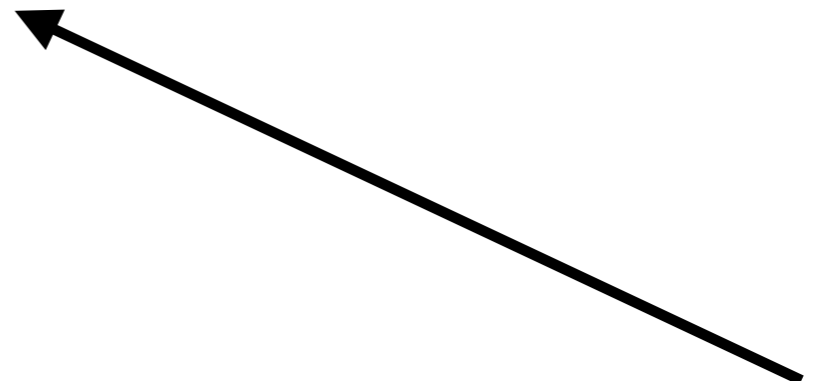
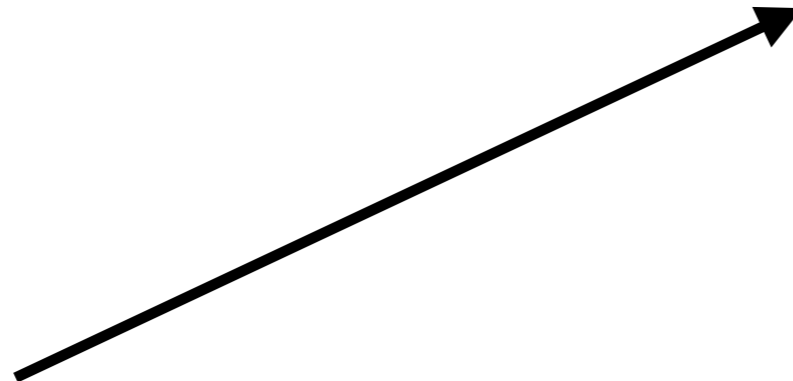
Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
uArch	A8	A8	A9	A9	A15	A15	A57
Process	65 nm	45 nm	32 nm	28 nm	28 nm	28 nm	14 nm
Freq	0.6 GHz	1 GHz	1.2 GHz	1.4 GHz	1.6 GHz	2.1 GHz	2.1 GHz
Cores	1	1	2	4	4 (+4)	4 (+4)	4 (+4)
L1 I\$	32 KB	32 KB	32 KB	32 KB	32 KB	32 KB	48 KB
L1 D\$	32 KB	32 KB	32 KB	32 KB	32 KB	32 KB	32 KB
LLC	256 KB	512 KB	1 MB	2 MB	2 MB	2 MB	2 MB
DRAM	256 MB	512 MB	1 GB	1 GB	2 GB	2 GB	3 GB

Has mobile CPU efficiency improved?

Power



Has mobile CPU **efficiency** improved?

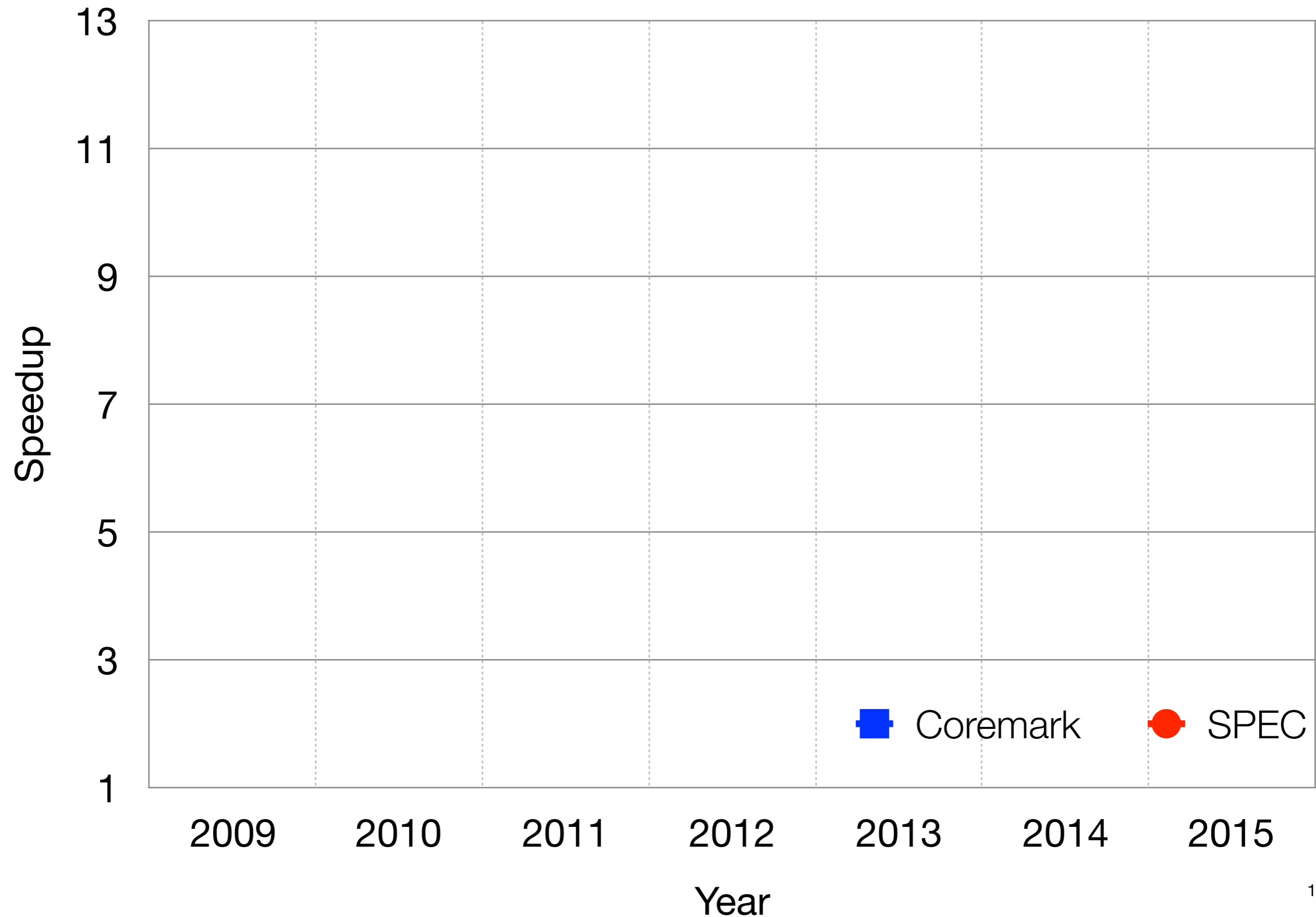


Performance

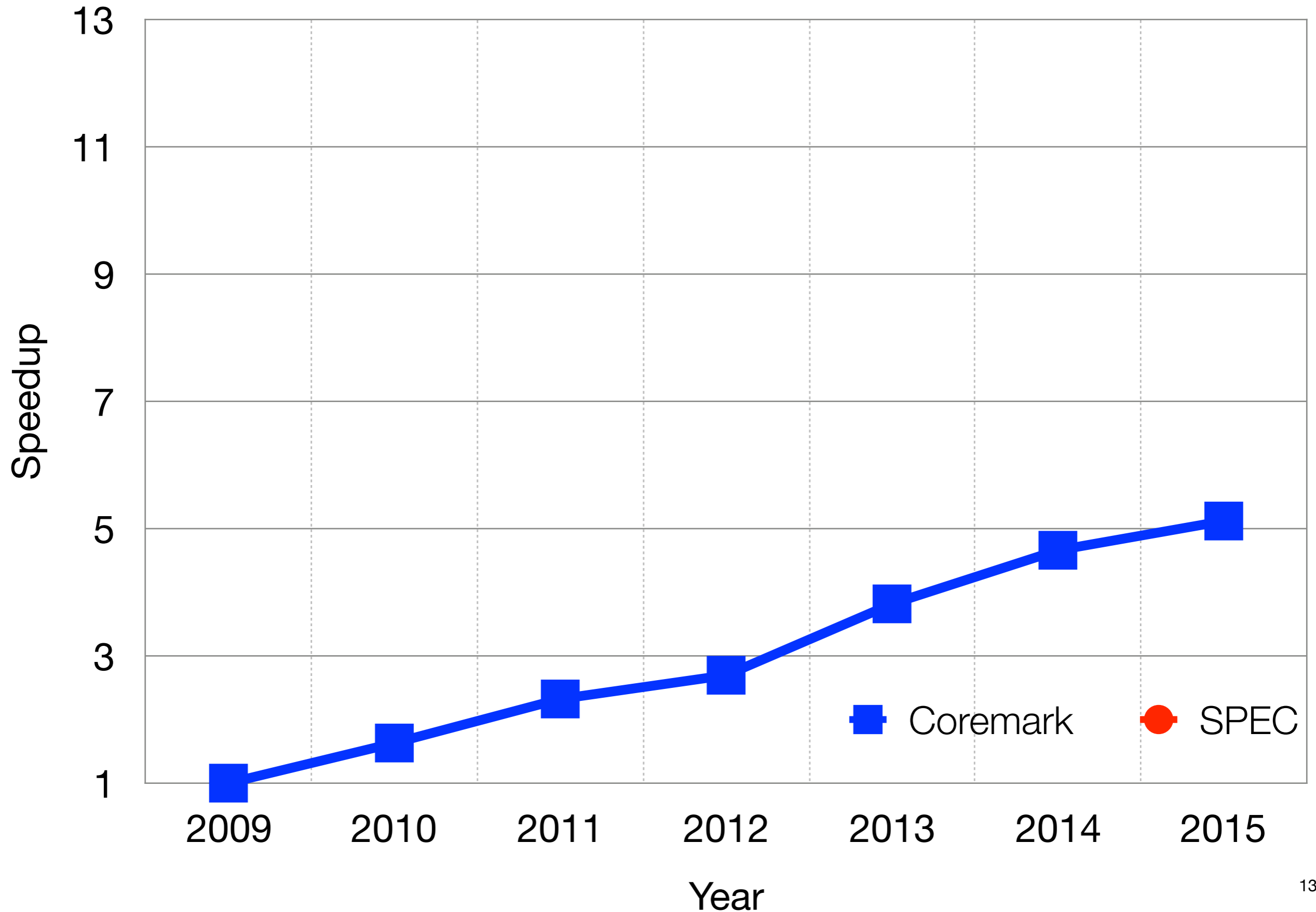
Energy

Substantial Performance Improvements

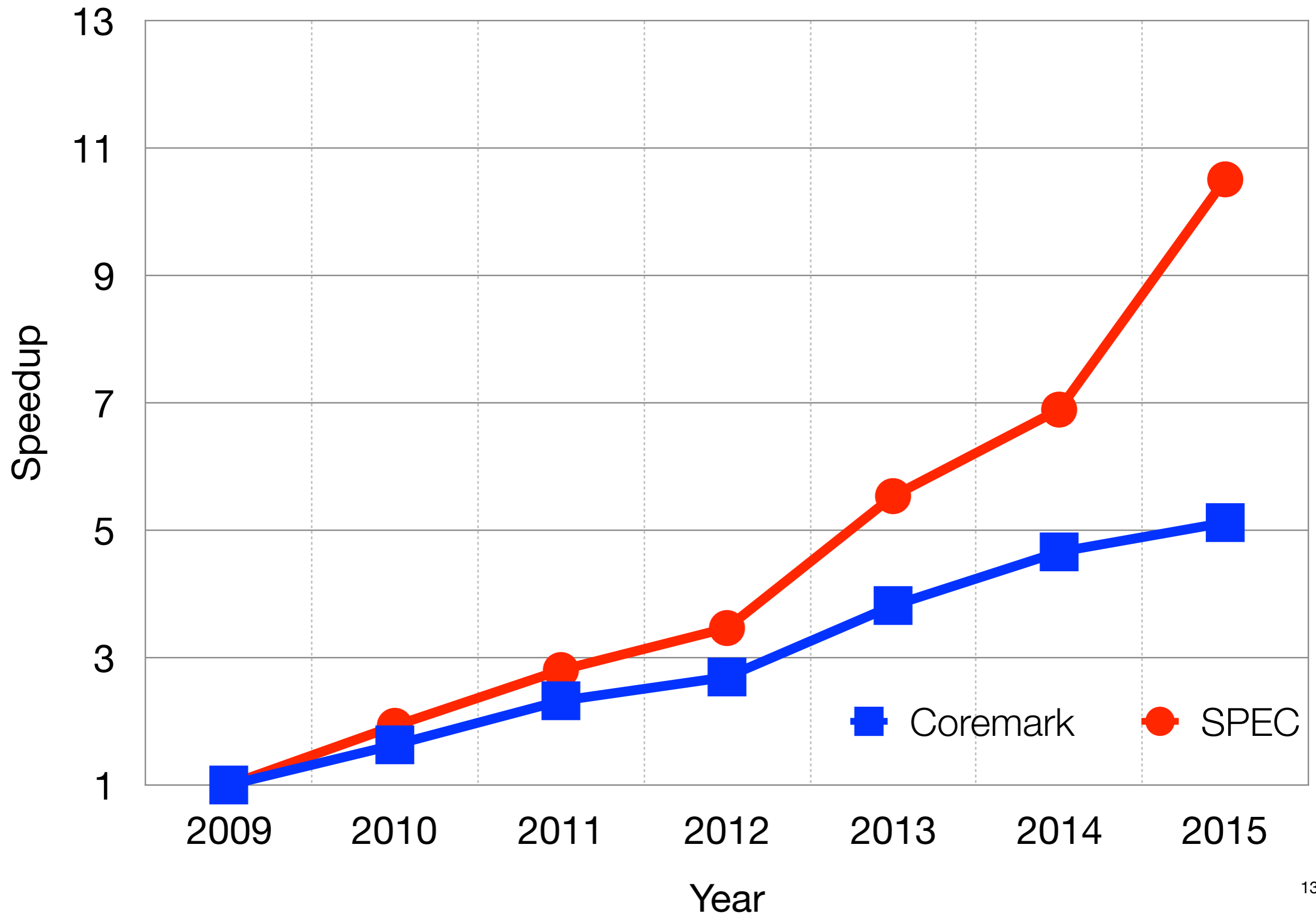
Substantial Performance Improvements



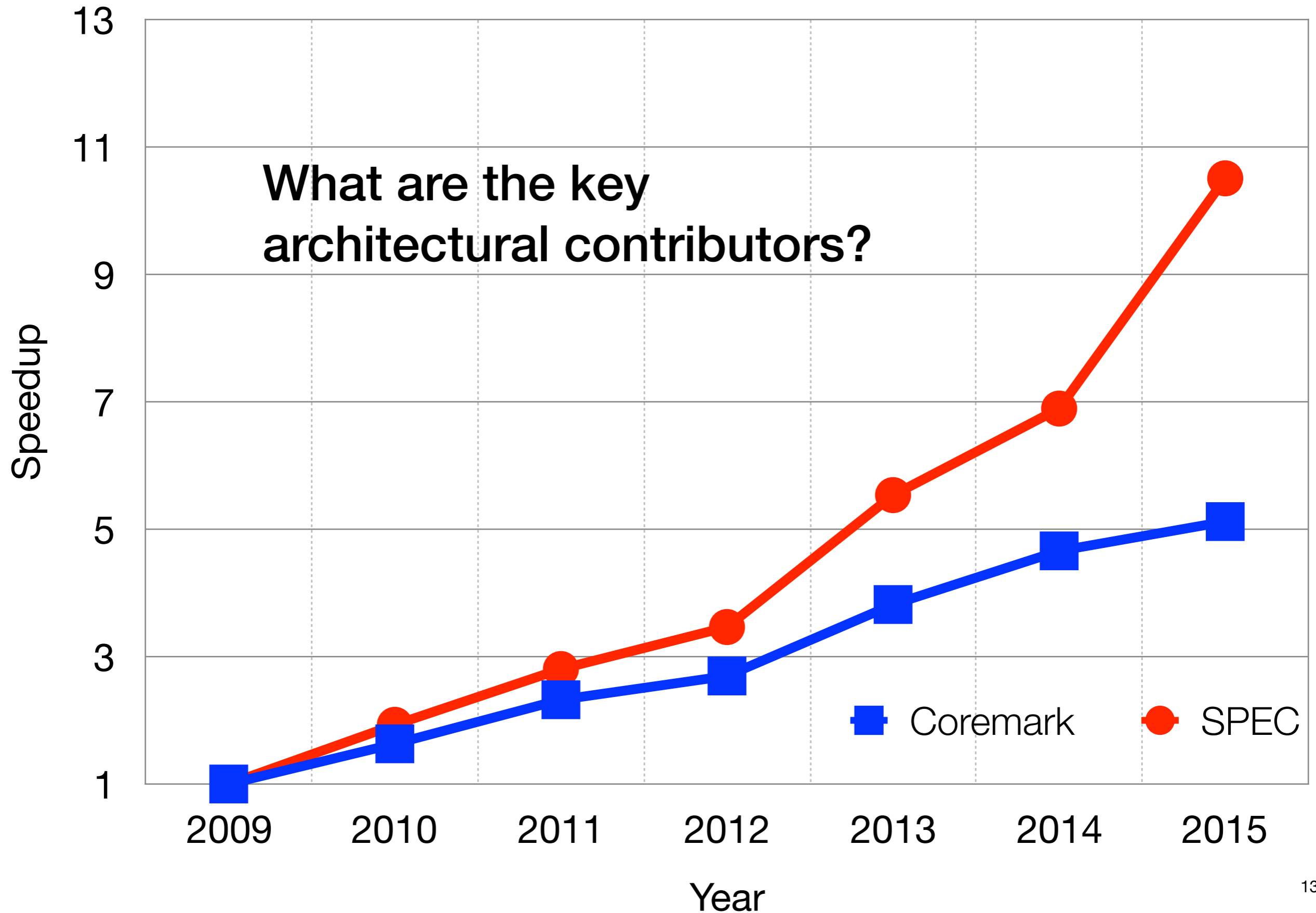
Substantial Performance Improvements



Substantial Performance Improvements

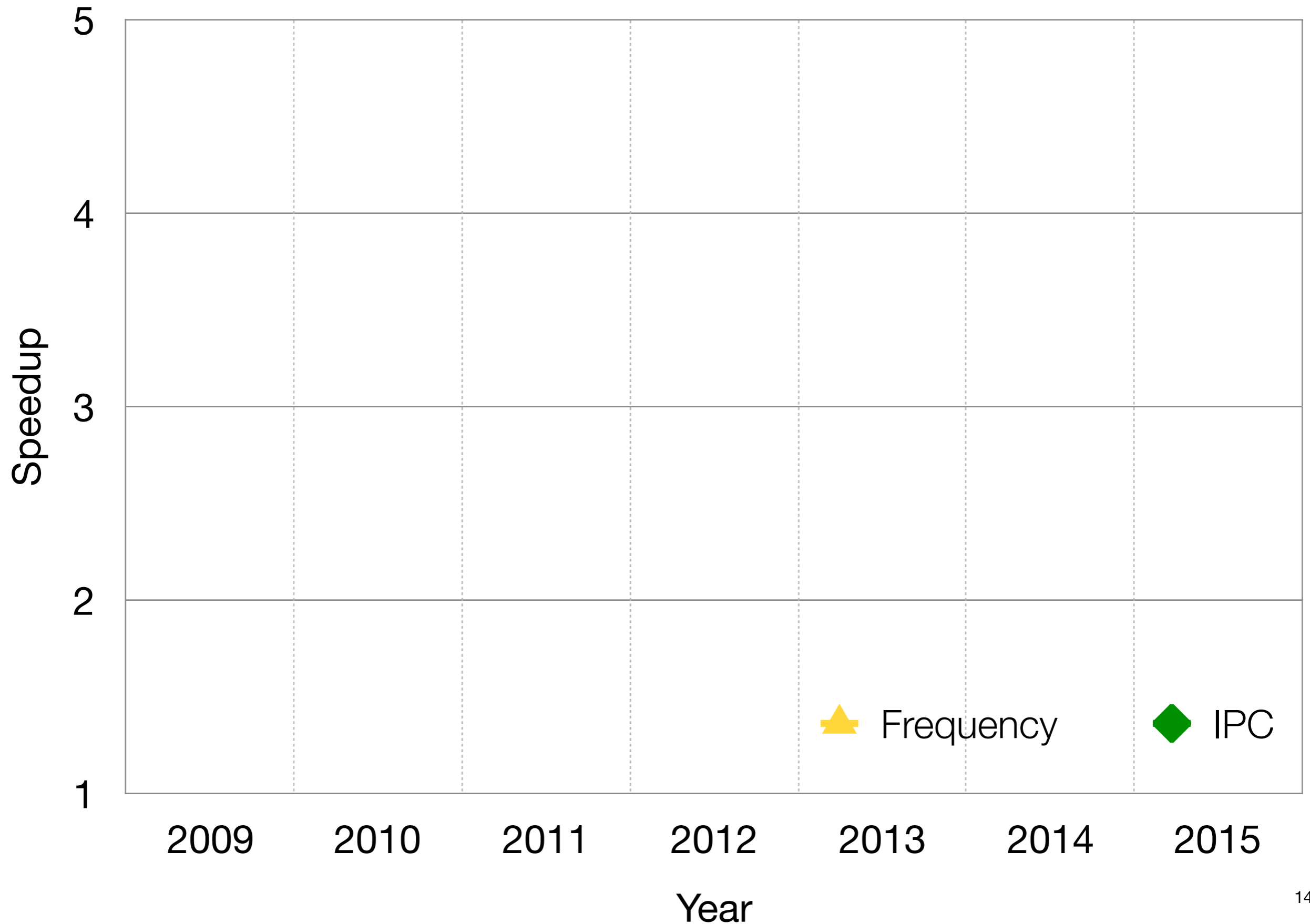


Substantial Performance Improvements

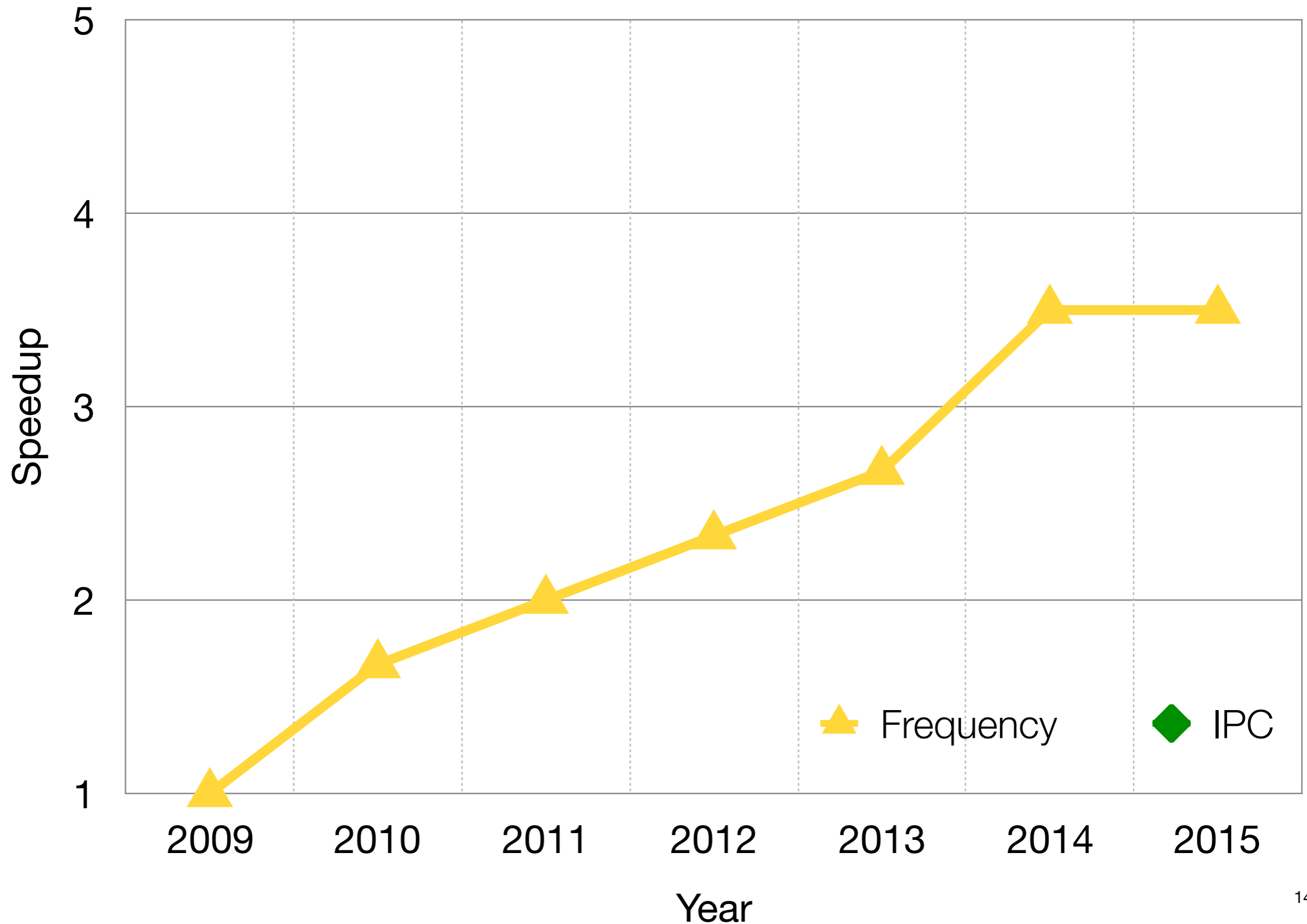


Speedup = IPC Speedup x Clock Speedup

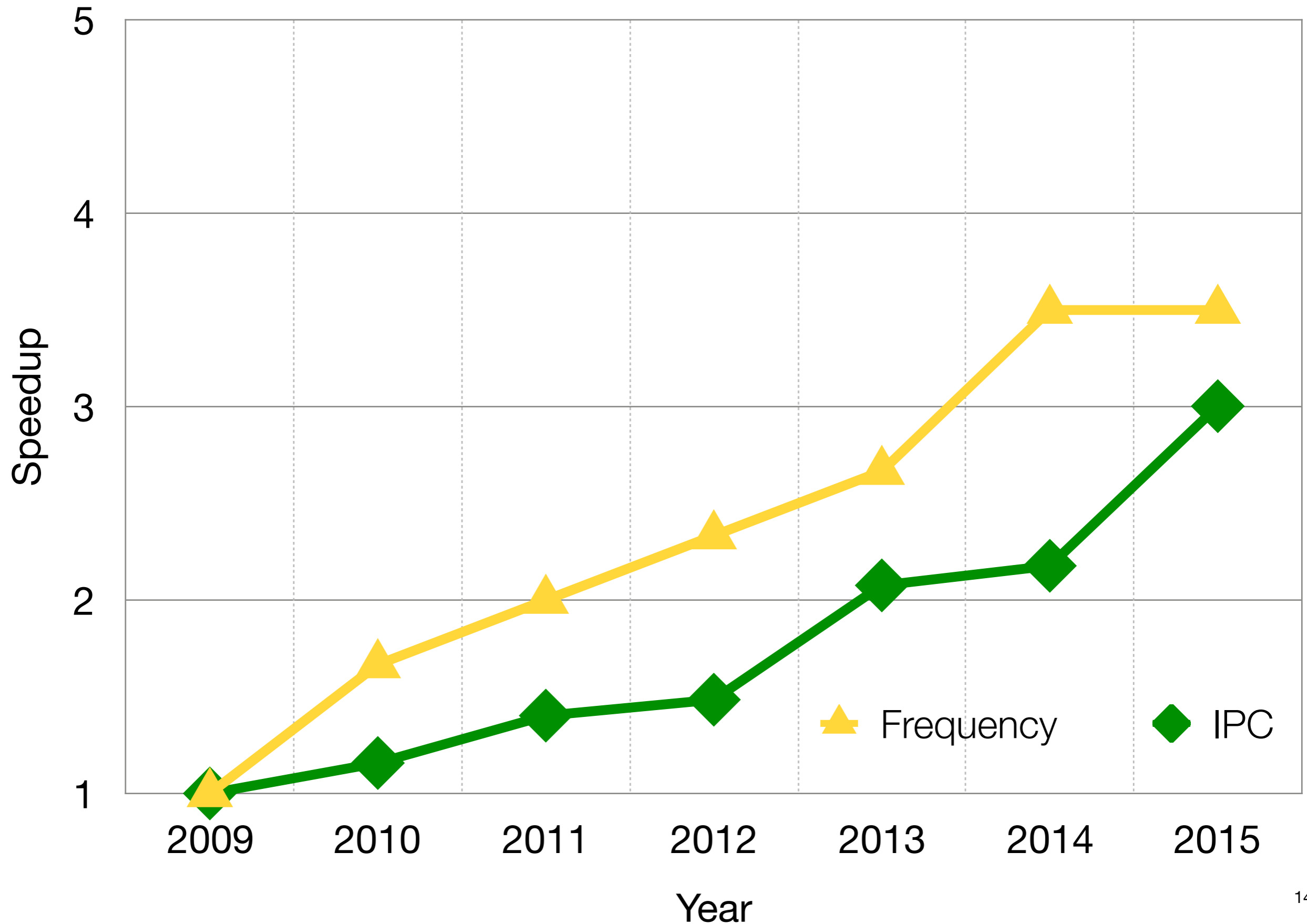
$\text{Speedup} = \text{IPC Speedup} \times \text{Clock Speedup}$



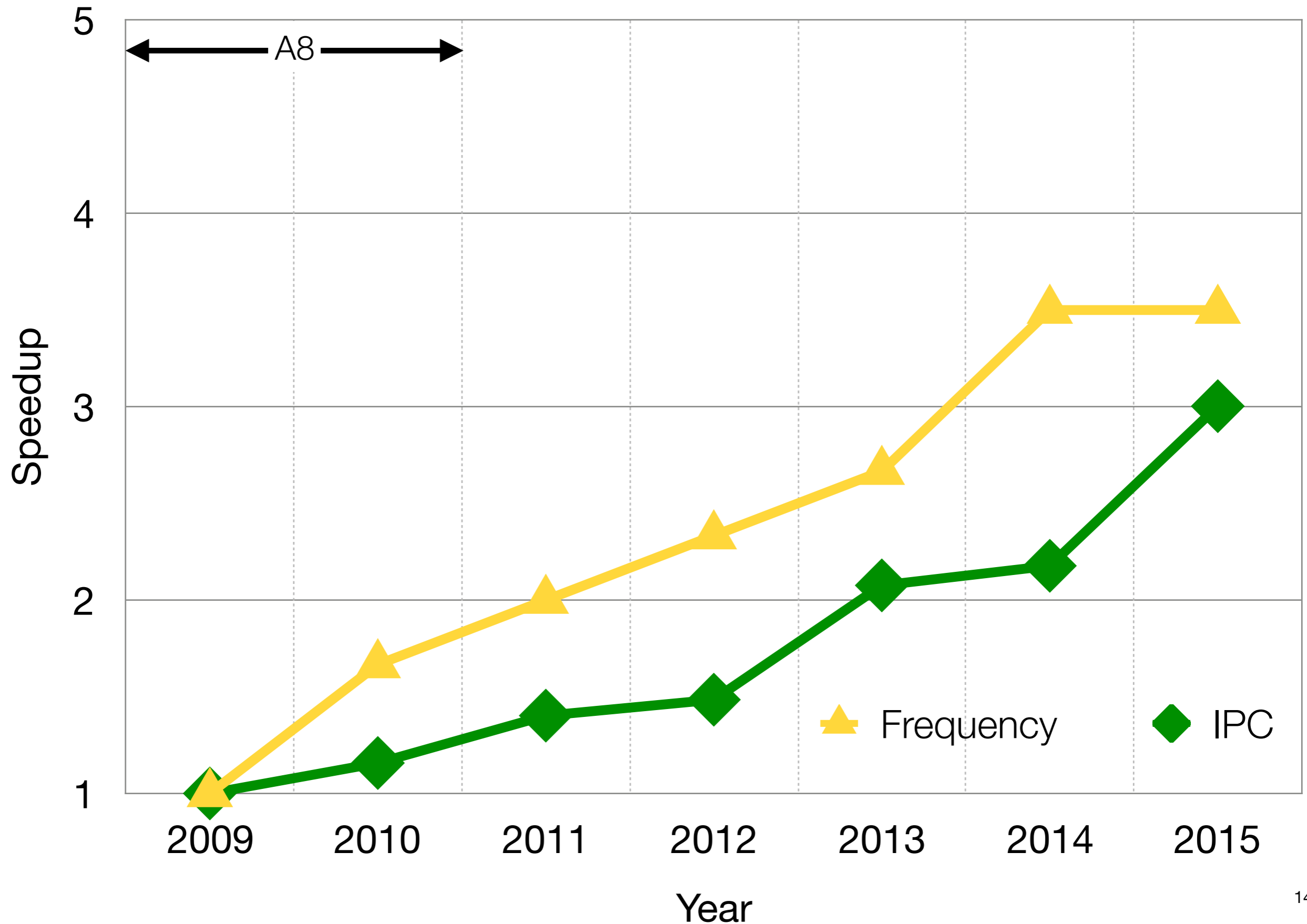
Speedup = IPC Speedup x Clock Speedup



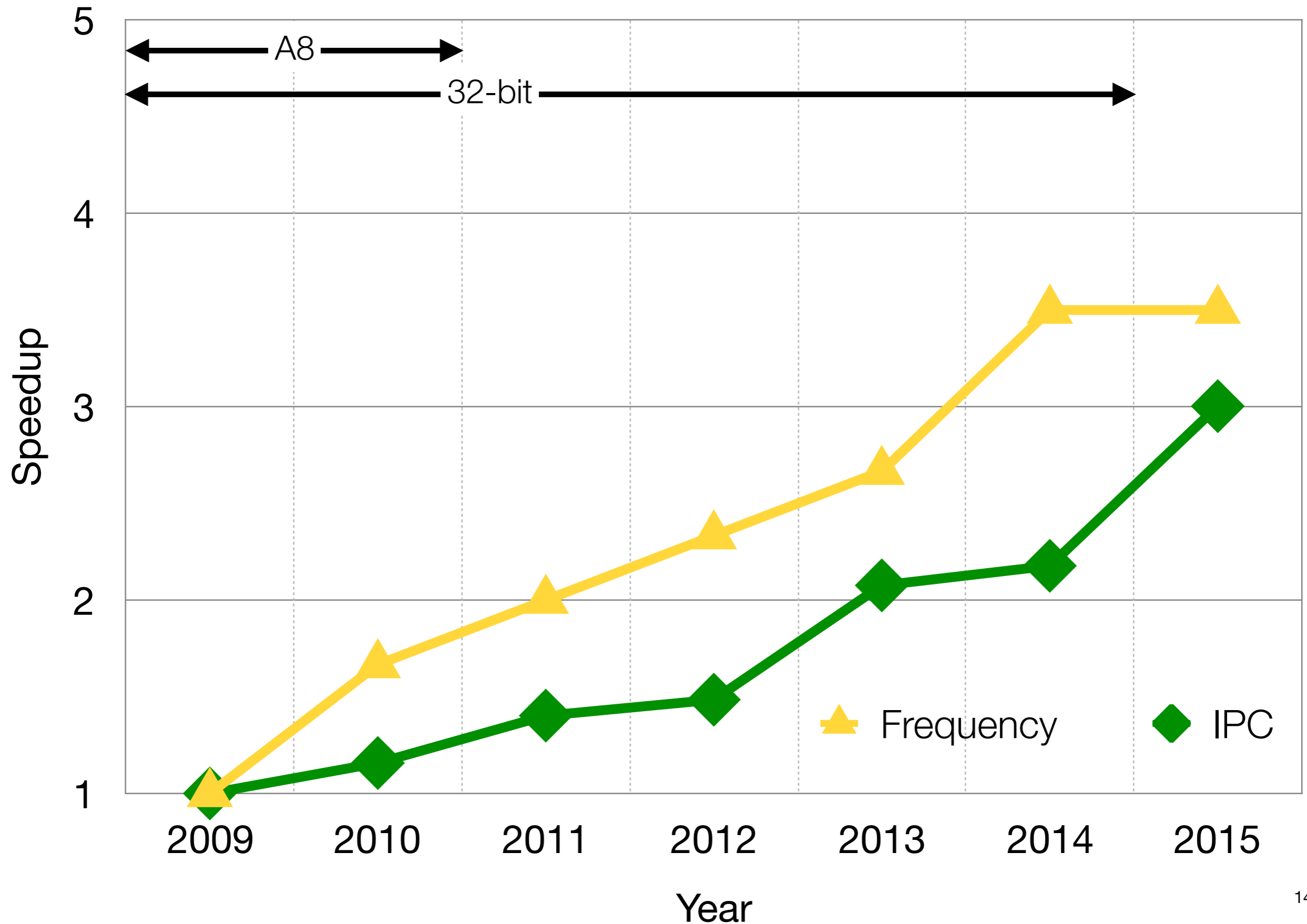
Speedup = IPC Speedup x Clock Speedup



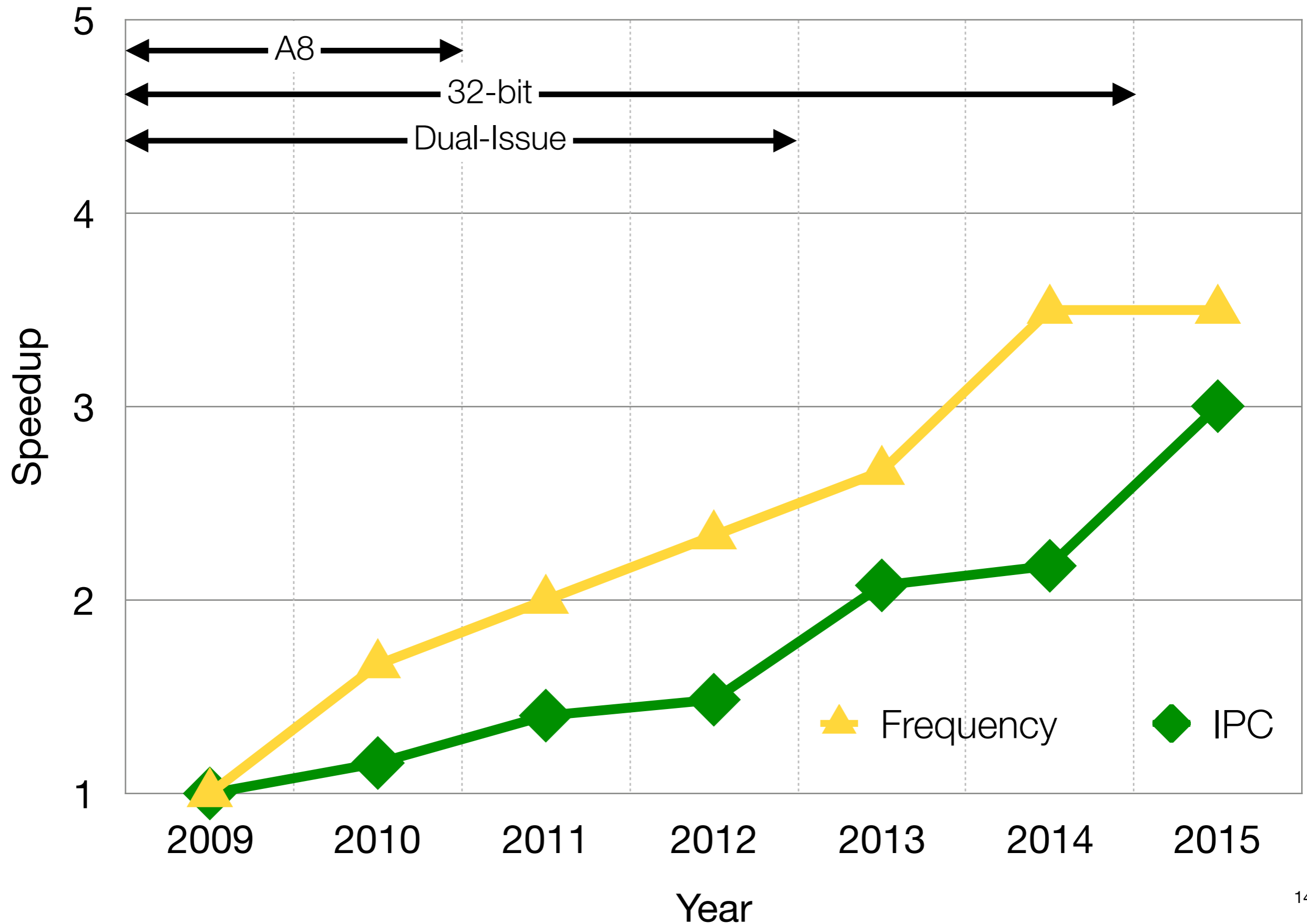
Speedup = IPC Speedup x Clock Speedup



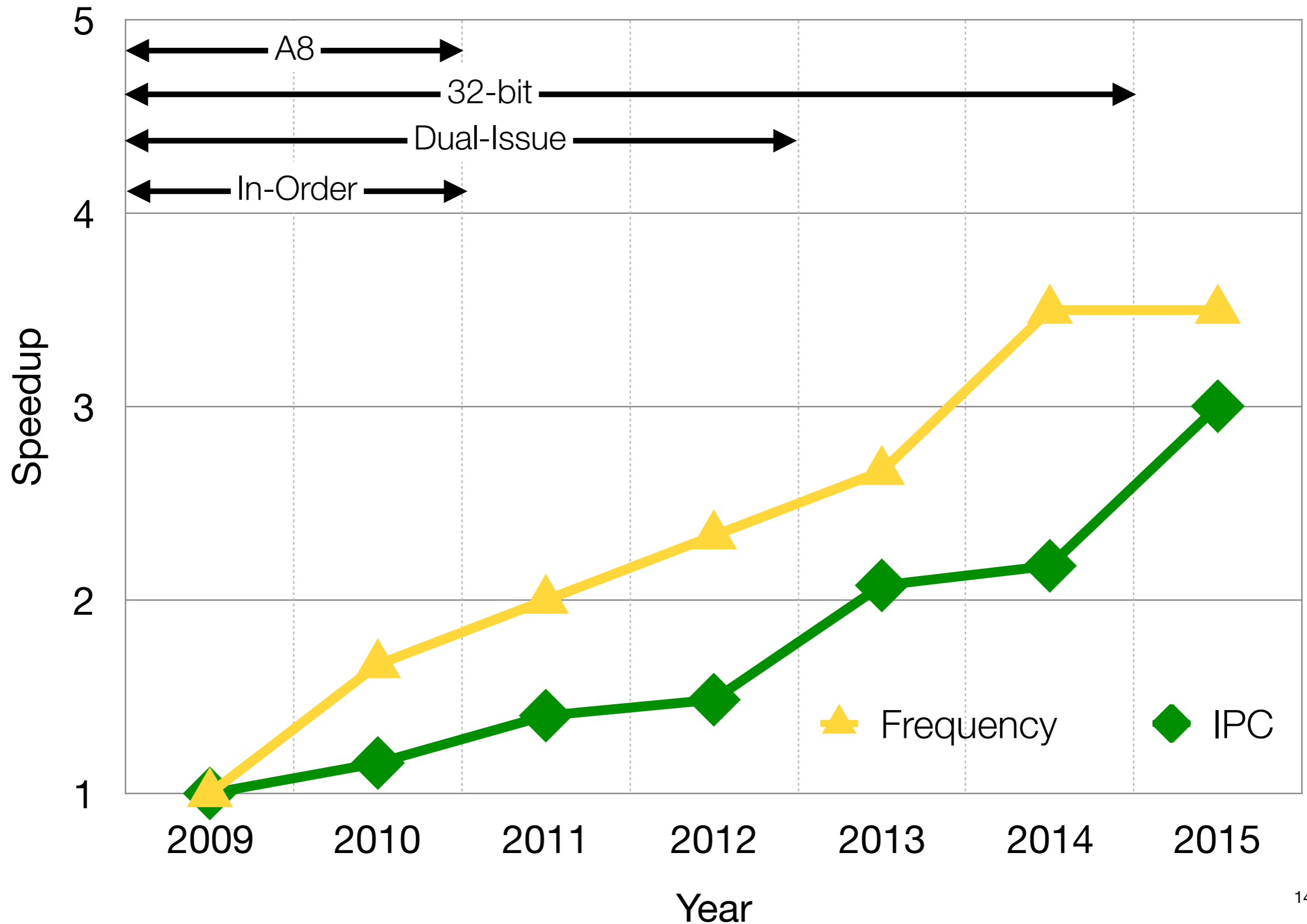
Speedup = IPC Speedup x Clock Speedup



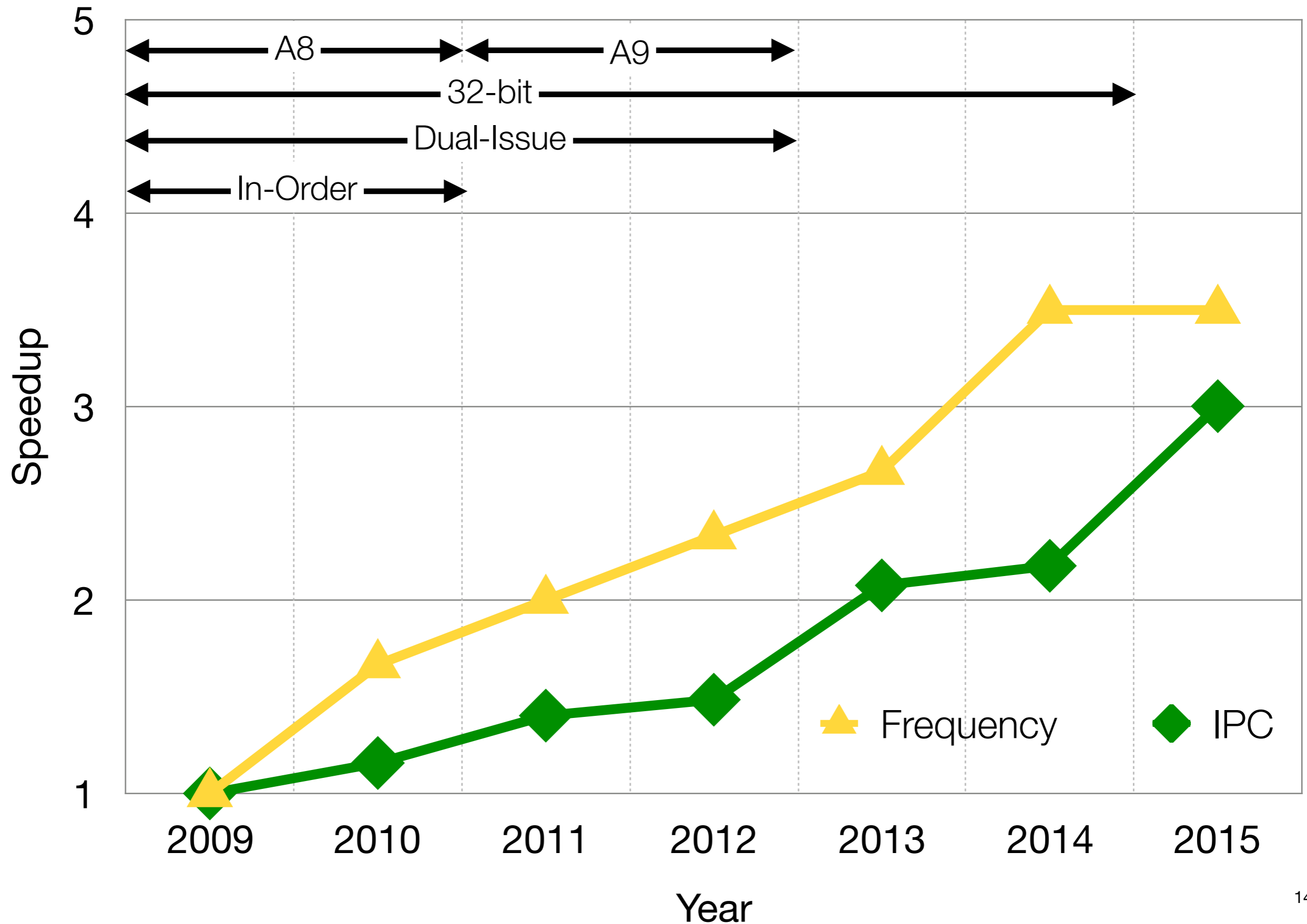
Speedup = IPC Speedup x Clock Speedup



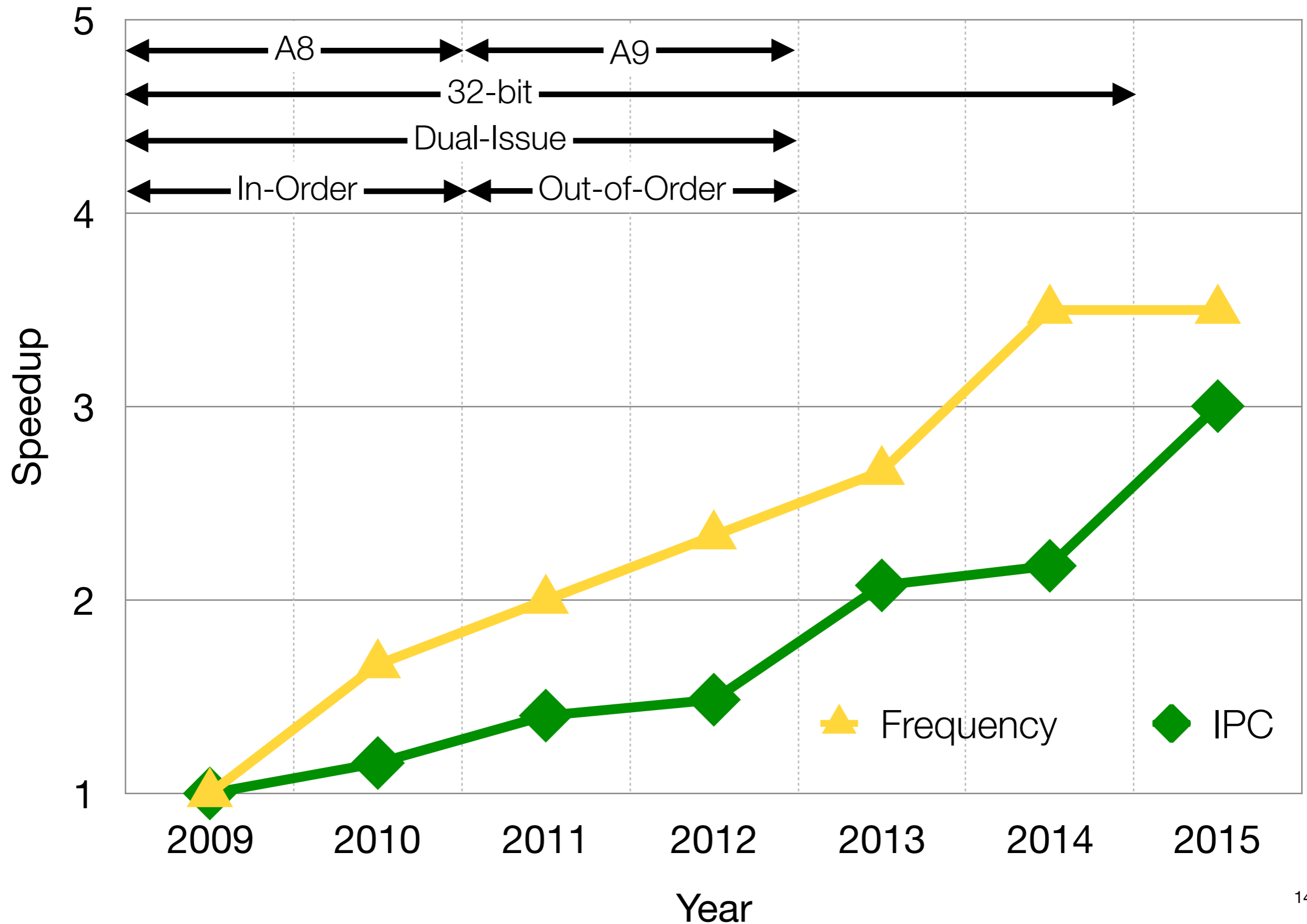
Speedup = IPC Speedup x Clock Speedup



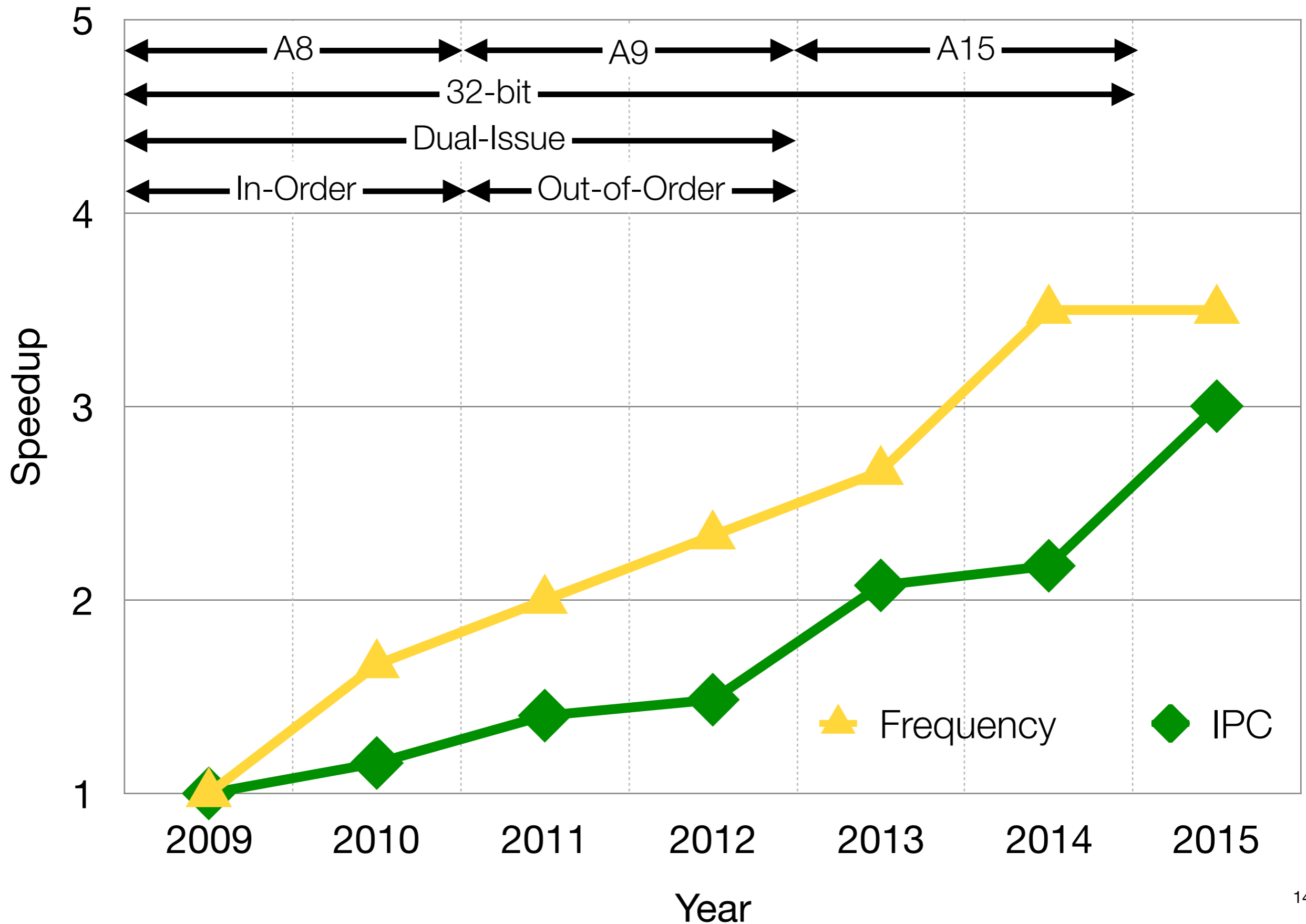
Speedup = IPC Speedup x Clock Speedup



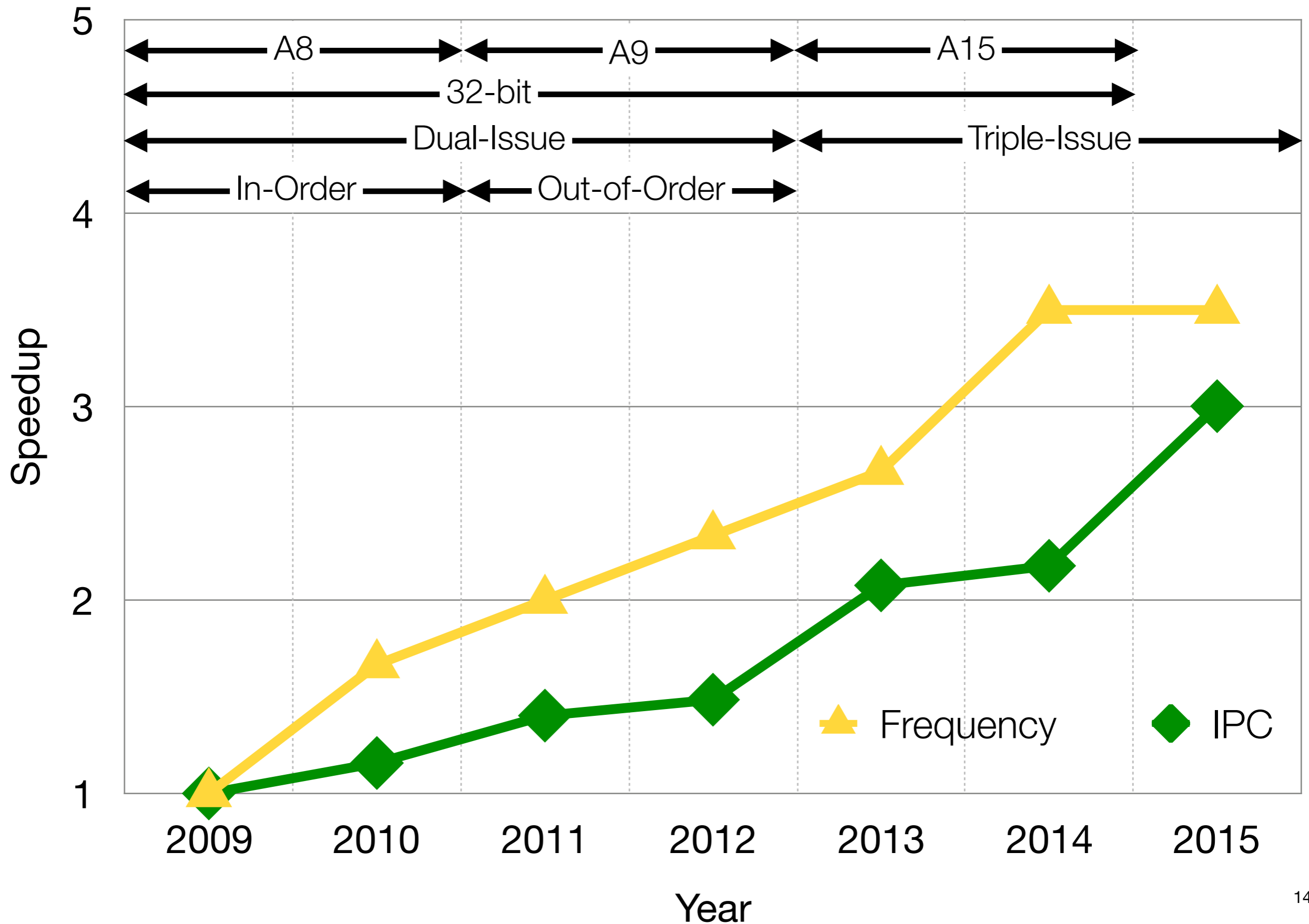
Speedup = IPC Speedup x Clock Speedup



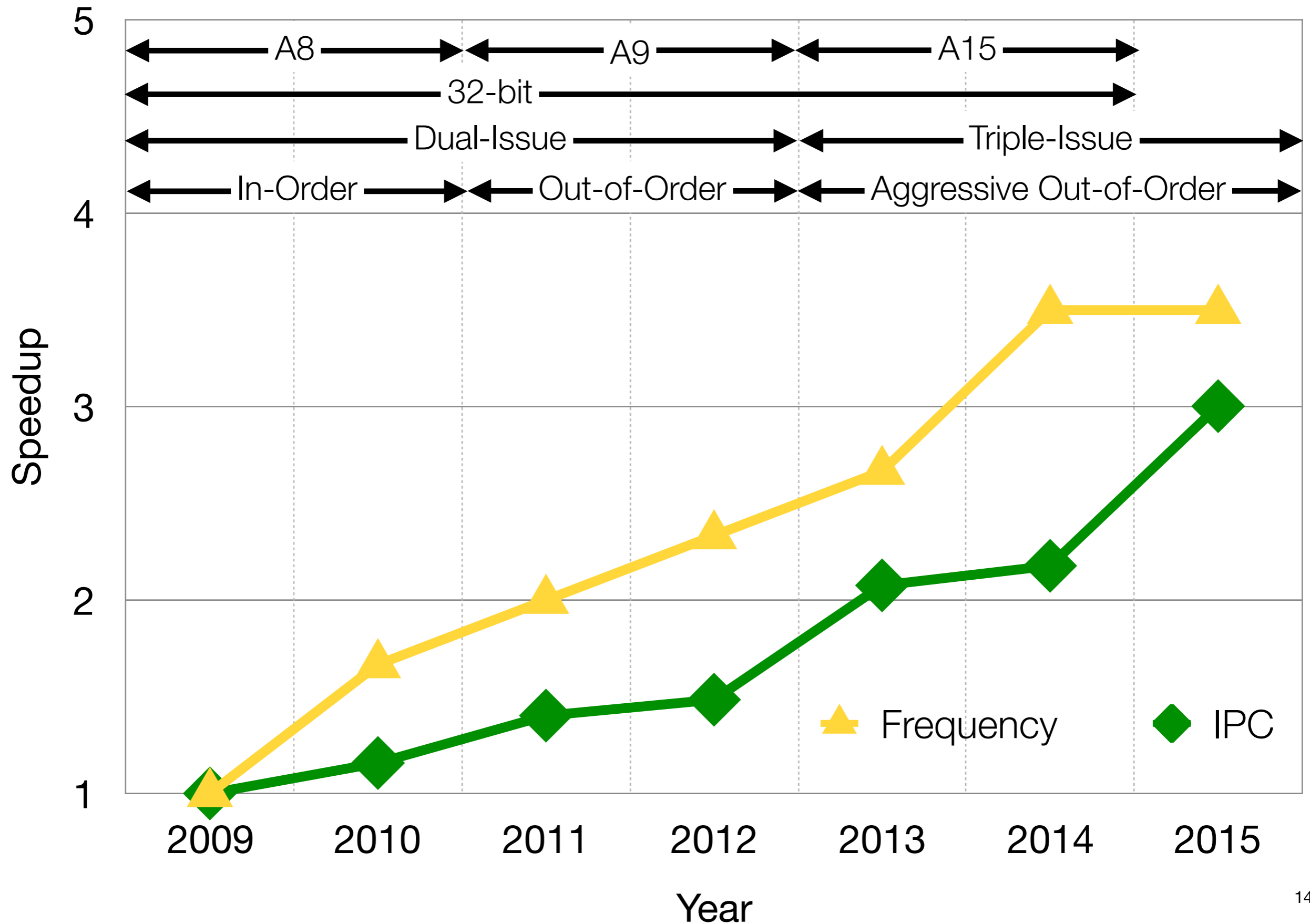
Speedup = IPC Speedup x Clock Speedup



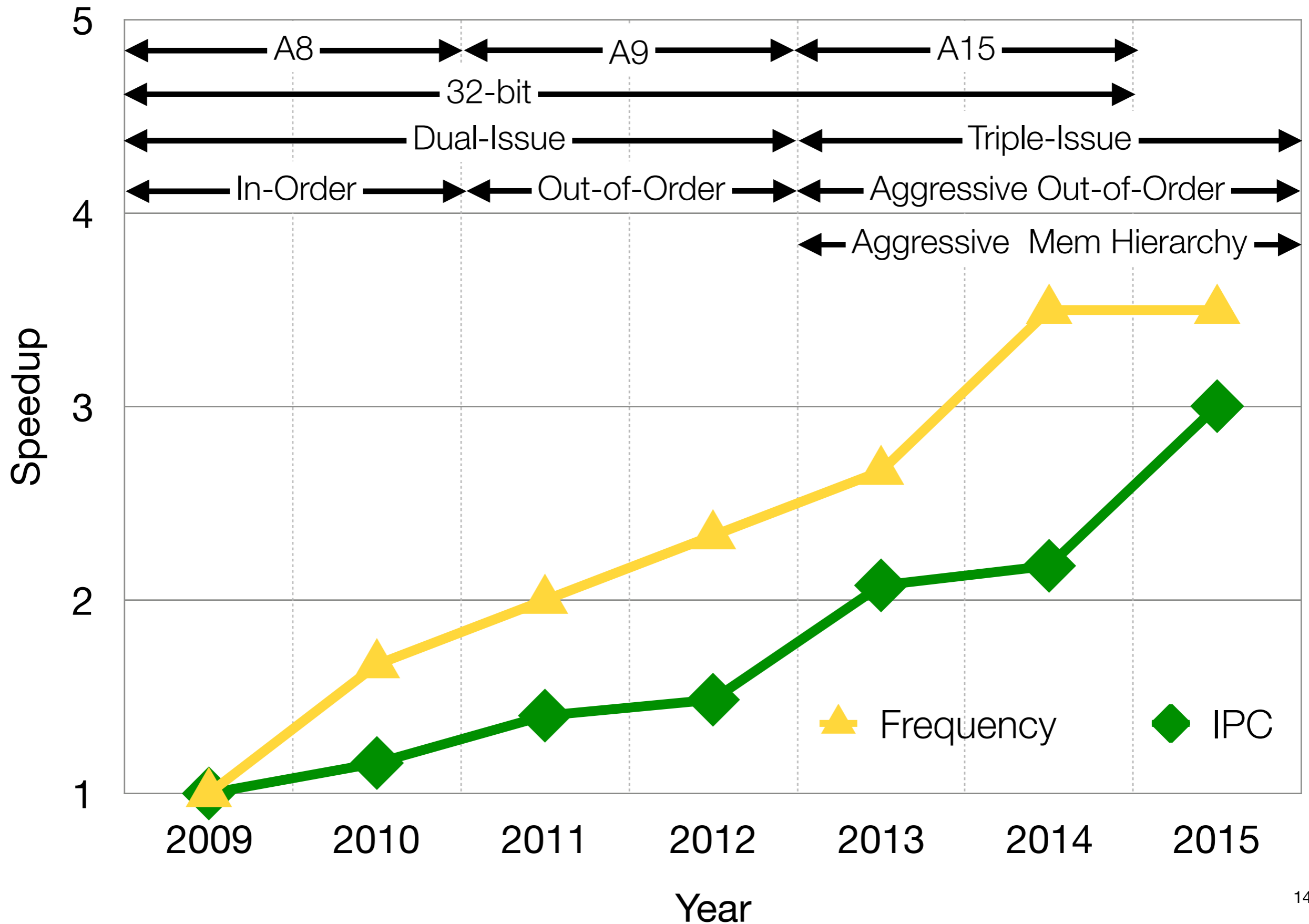
Speedup = IPC Speedup x Clock Speedup



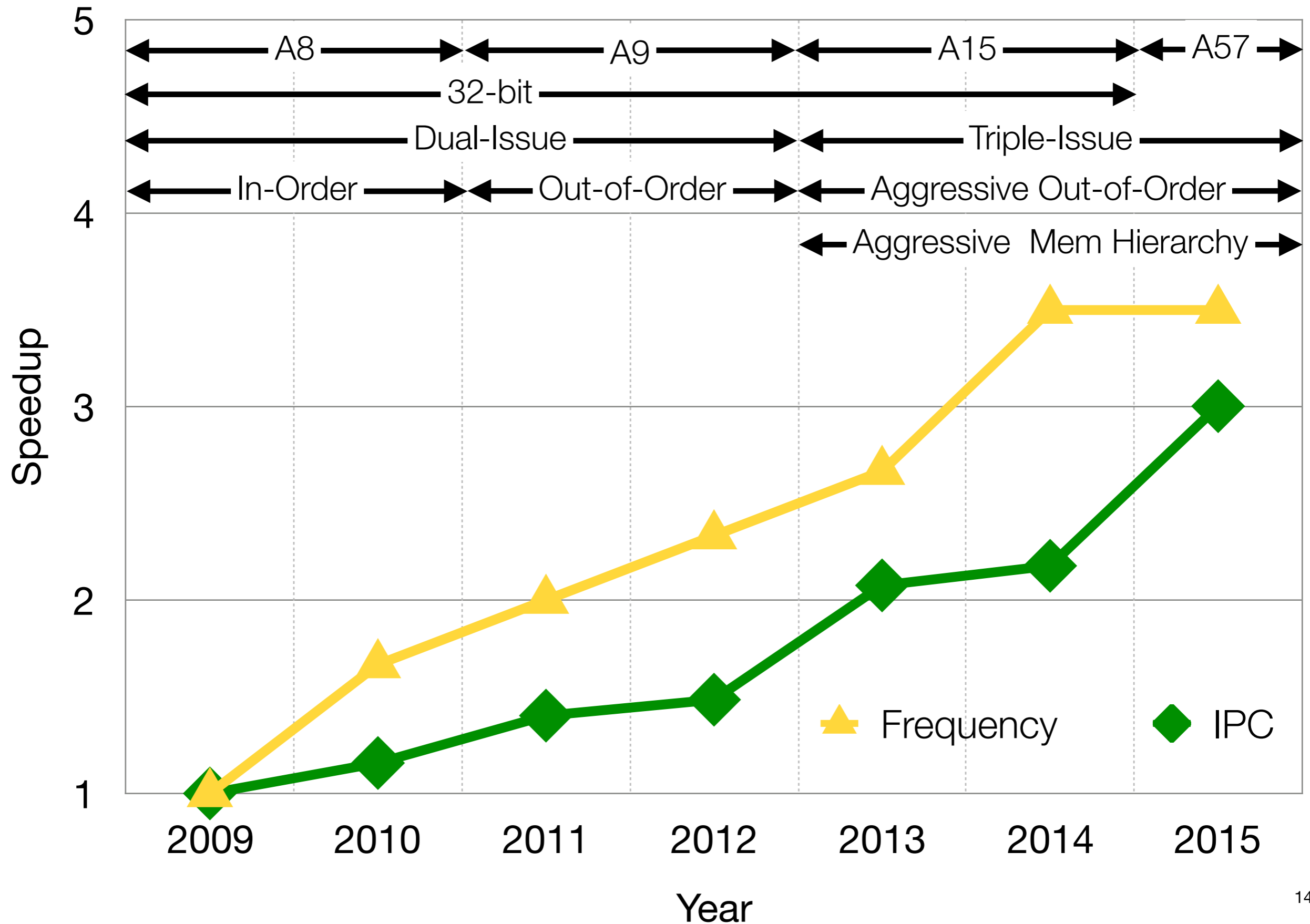
Speedup = IPC Speedup x Clock Speedup



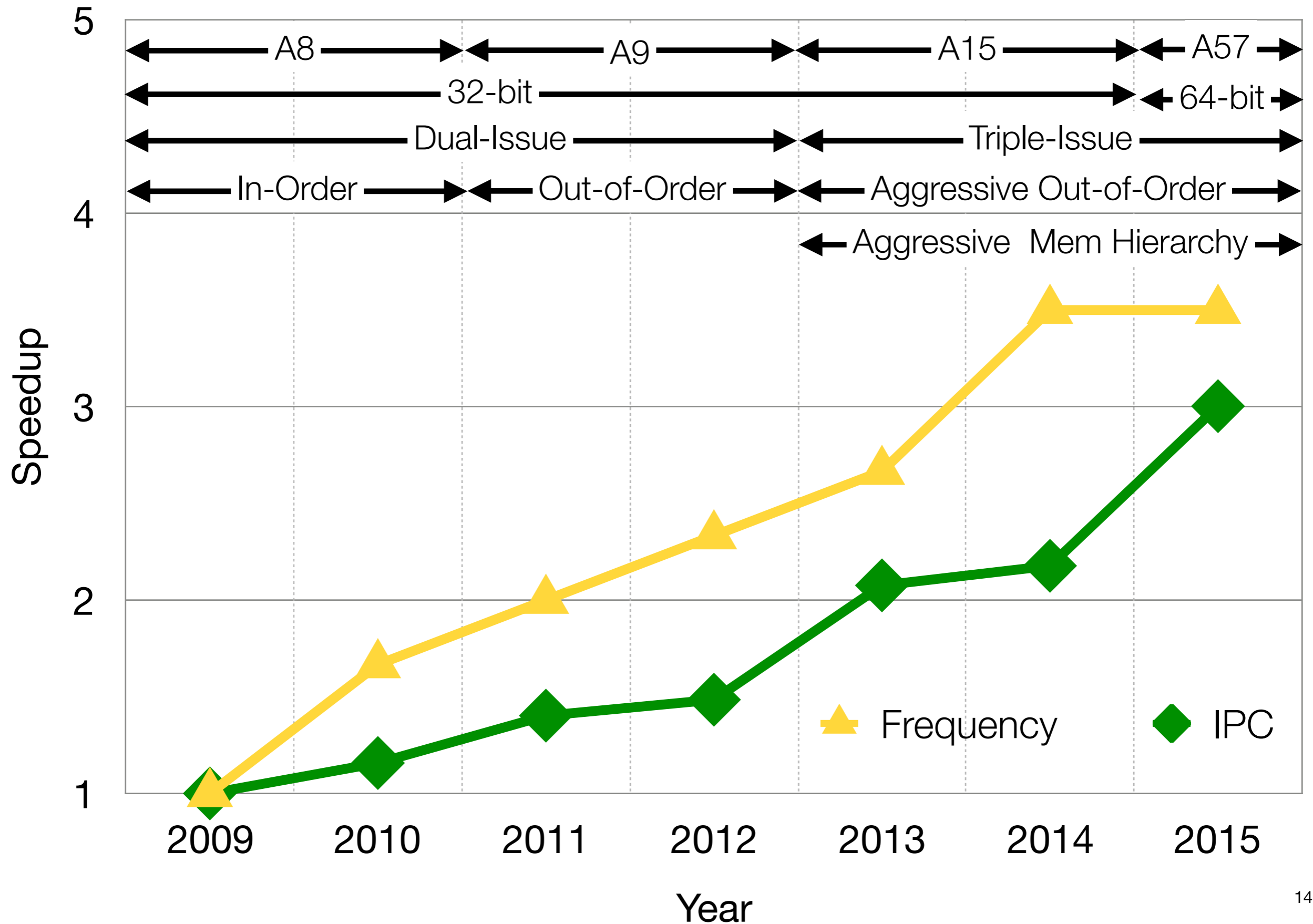
Speedup = IPC Speedup x Clock Speedup



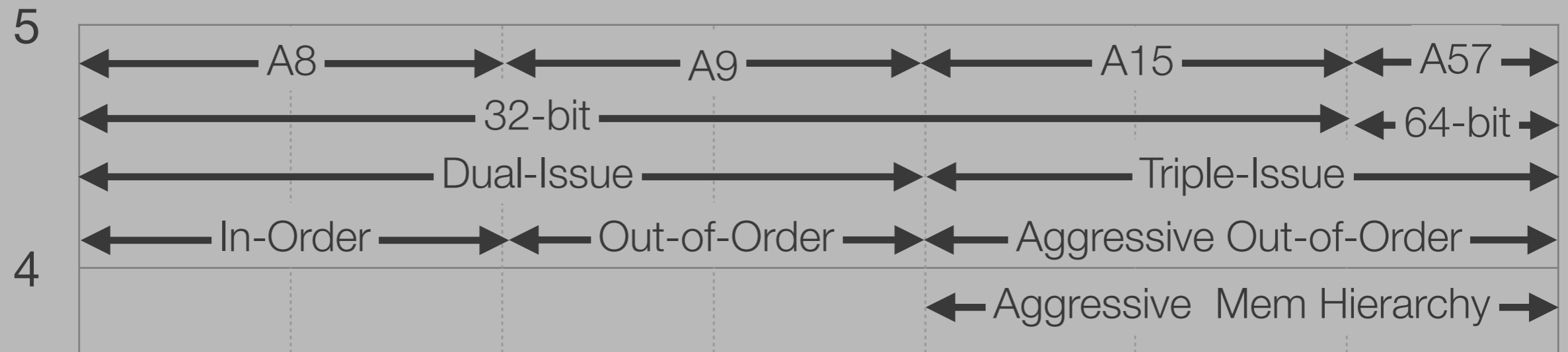
Speedup = IPC Speedup x Clock Speedup



Speedup = IPC Speedup x Clock Speedup



Speedup = IPC Speedup x Clock Speedup



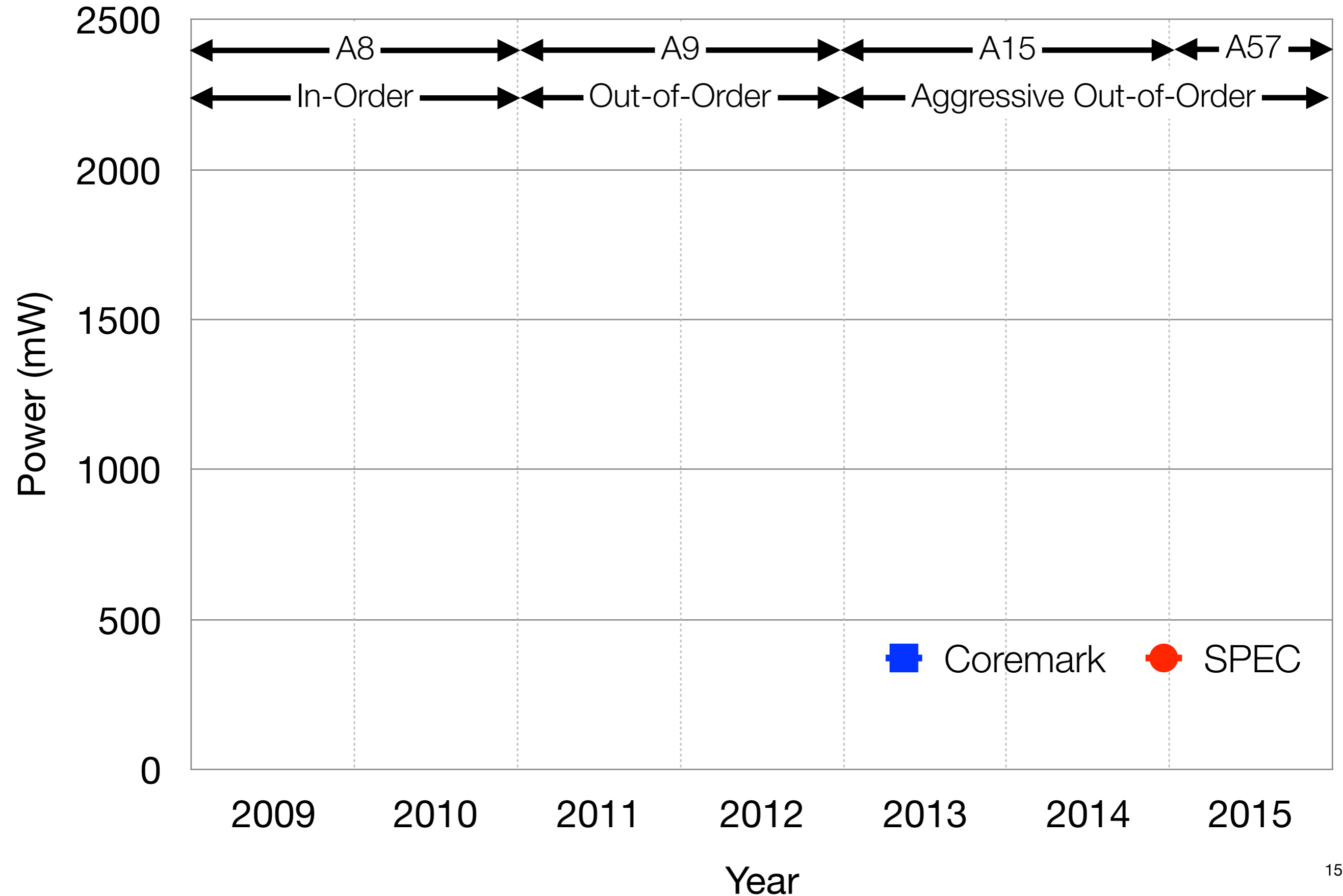
Aggressive core scaling techniques have provided mobile CPUs substantial performance improvements.



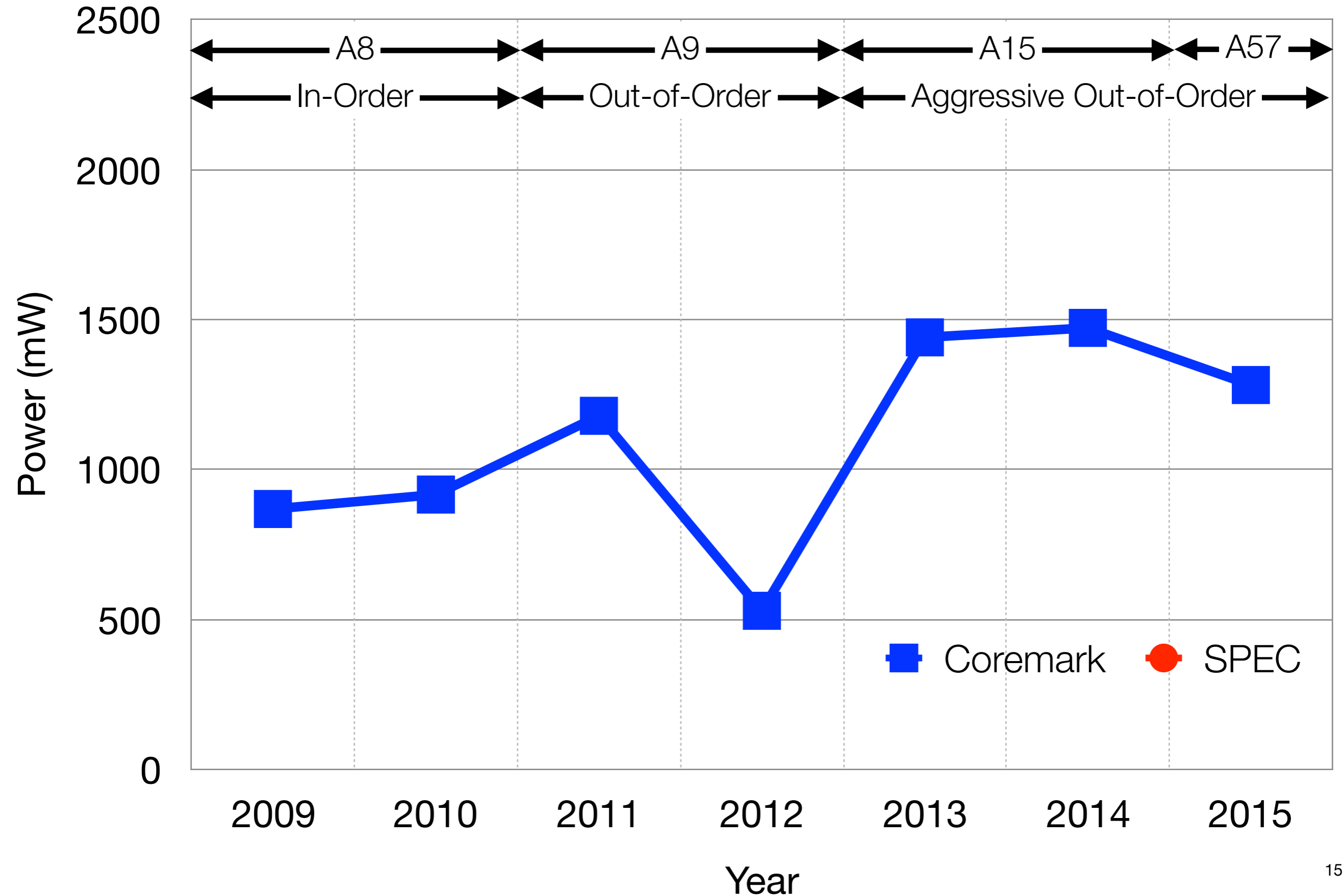
Excessive Power Consumption



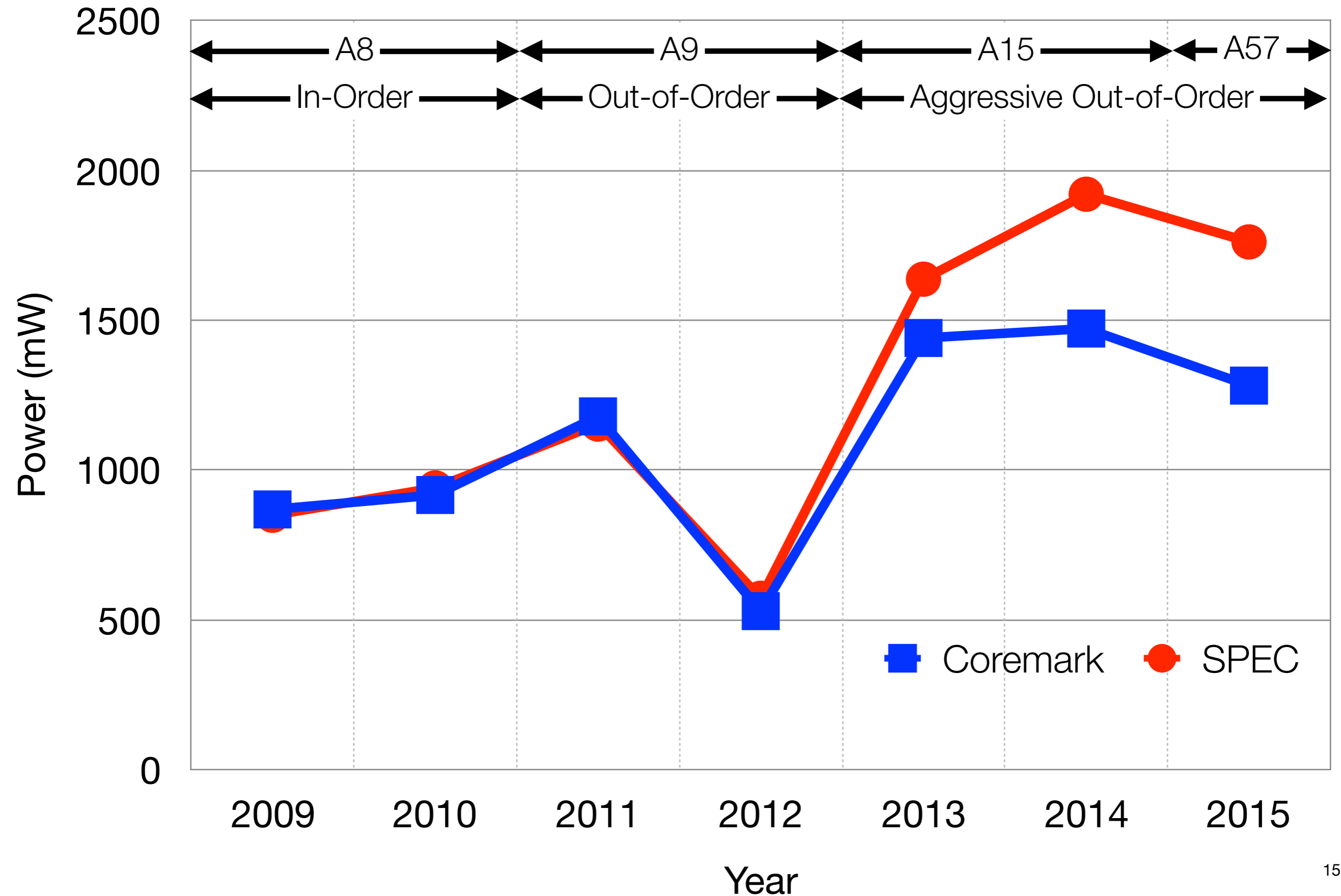
Excessive Power Consumption



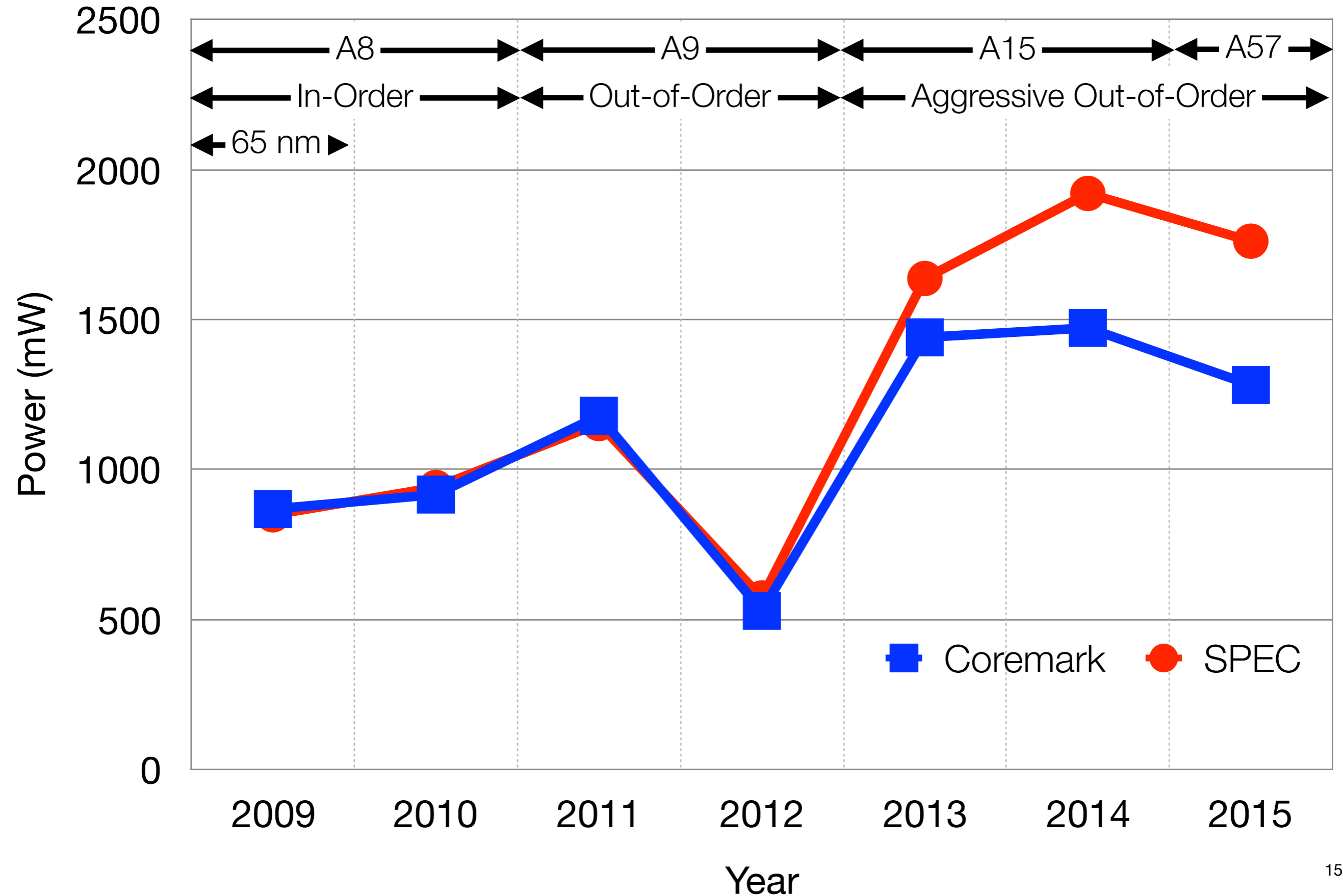
Excessive Power Consumption



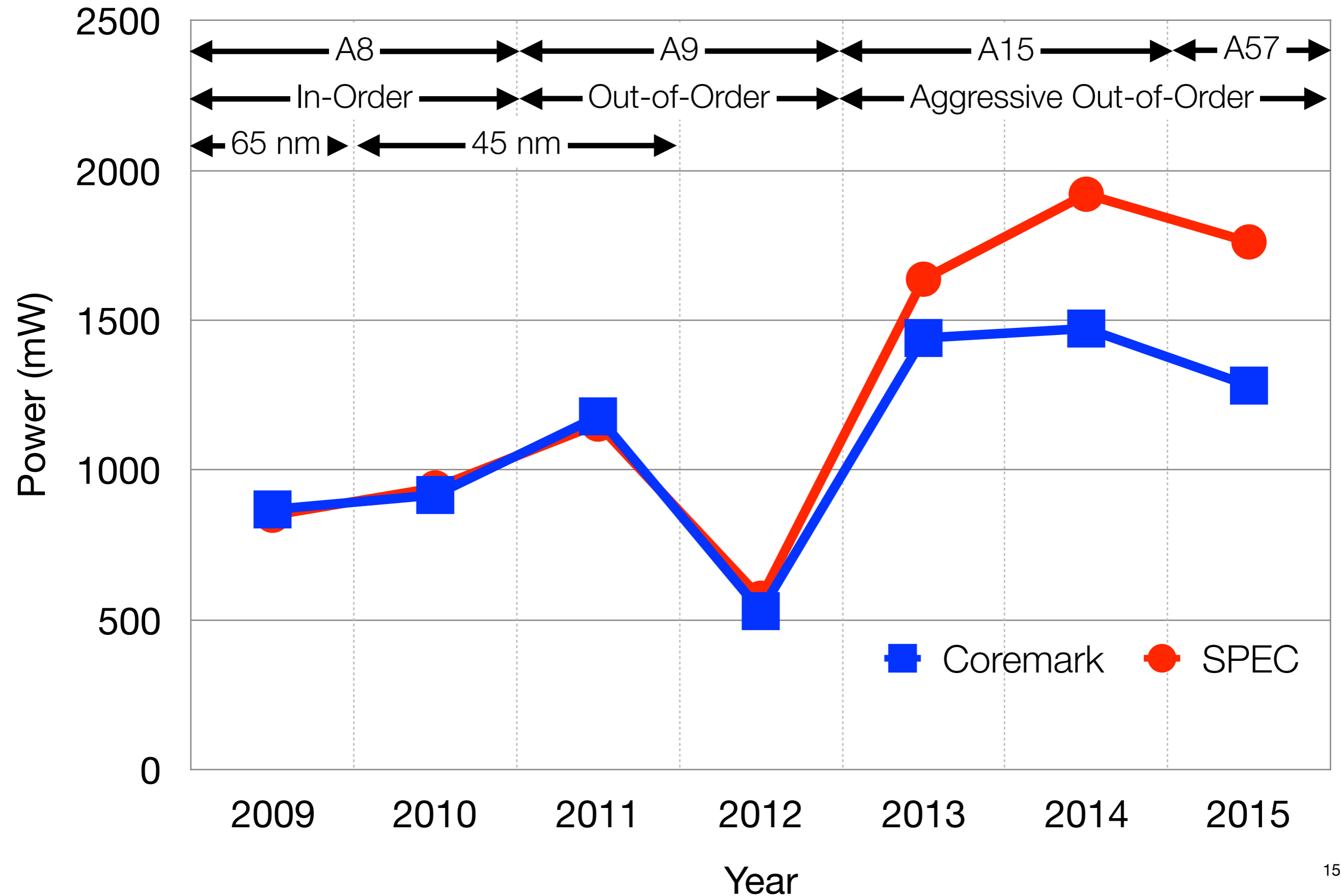
Excessive Power Consumption



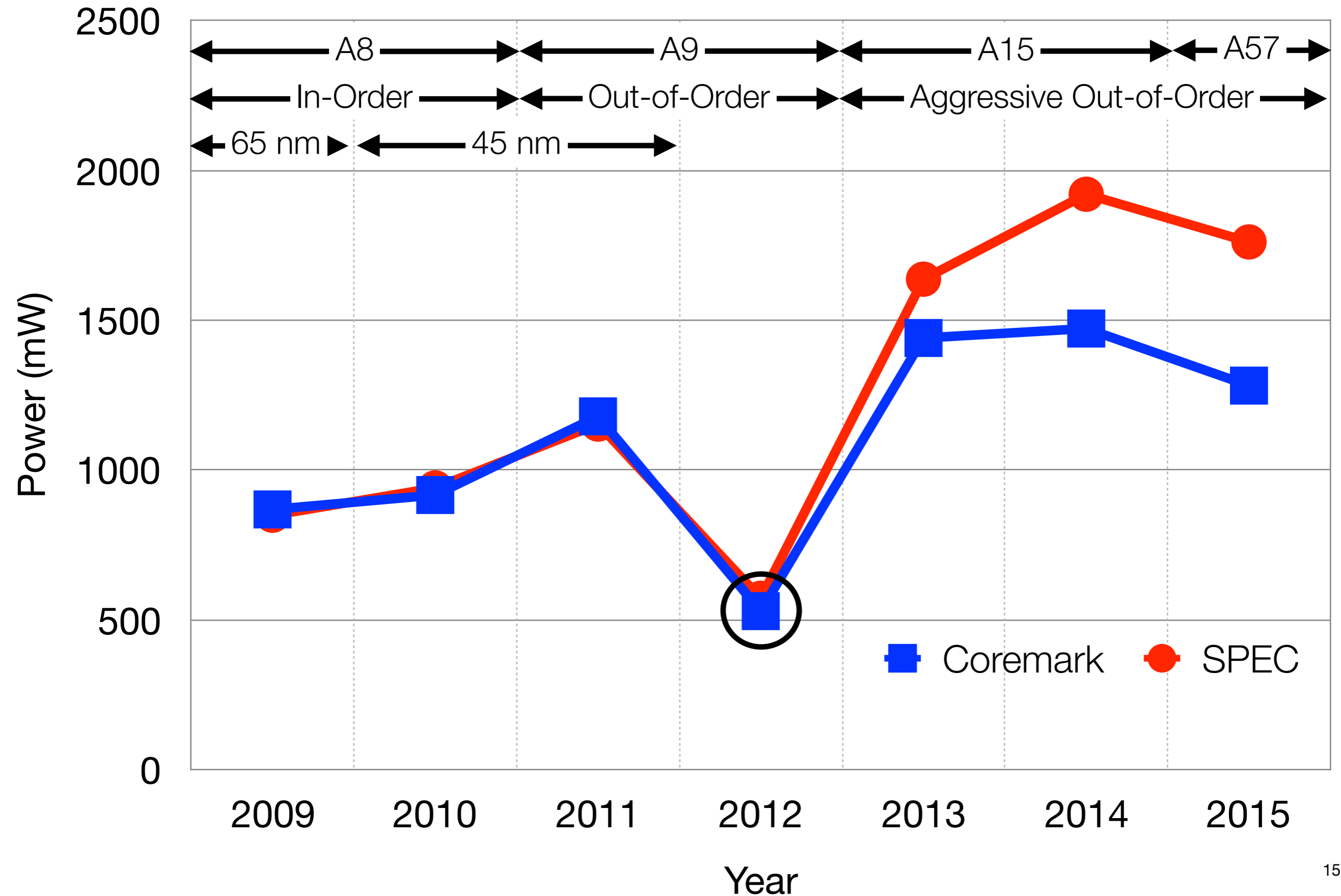
Excessive Power Consumption



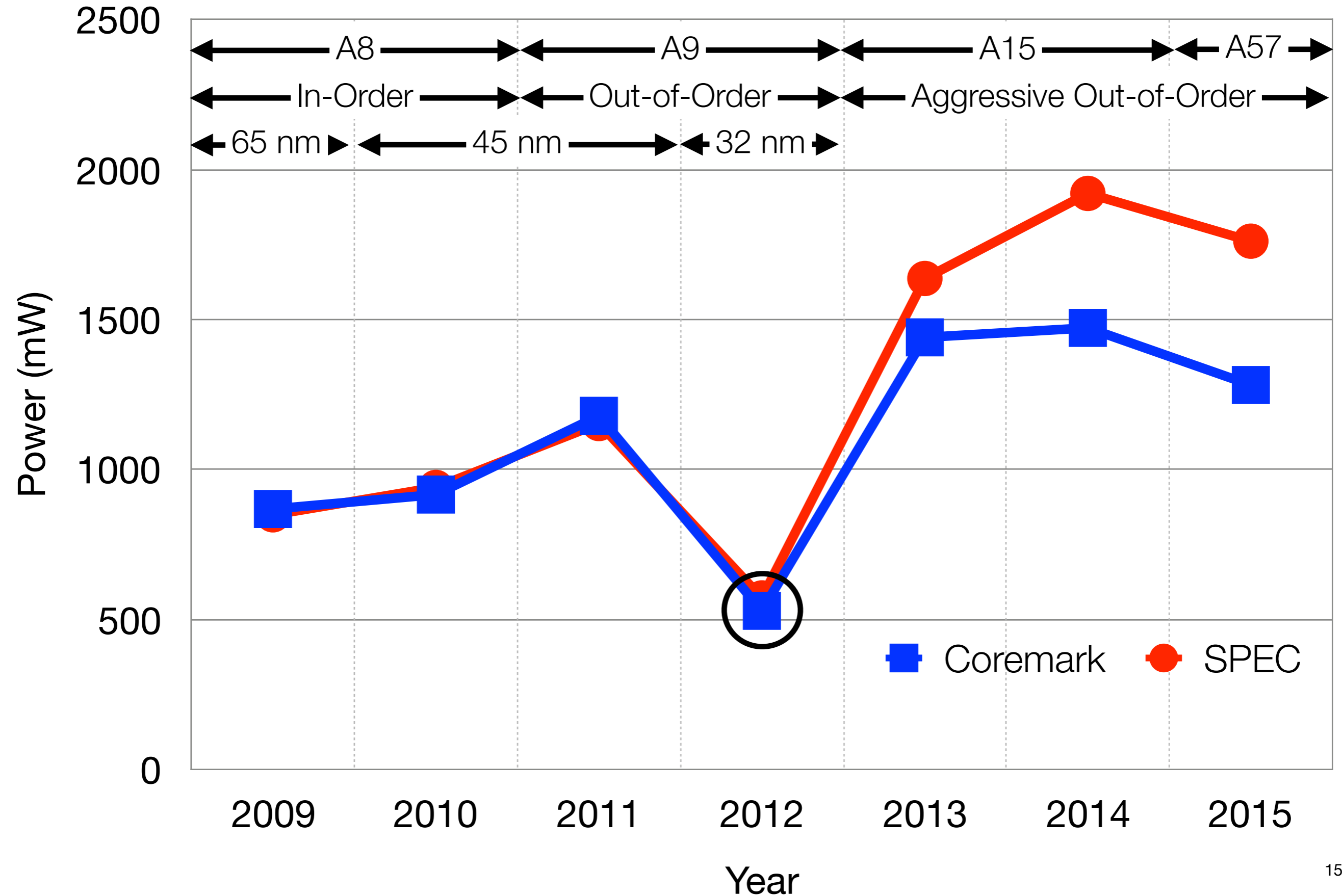
Excessive Power Consumption



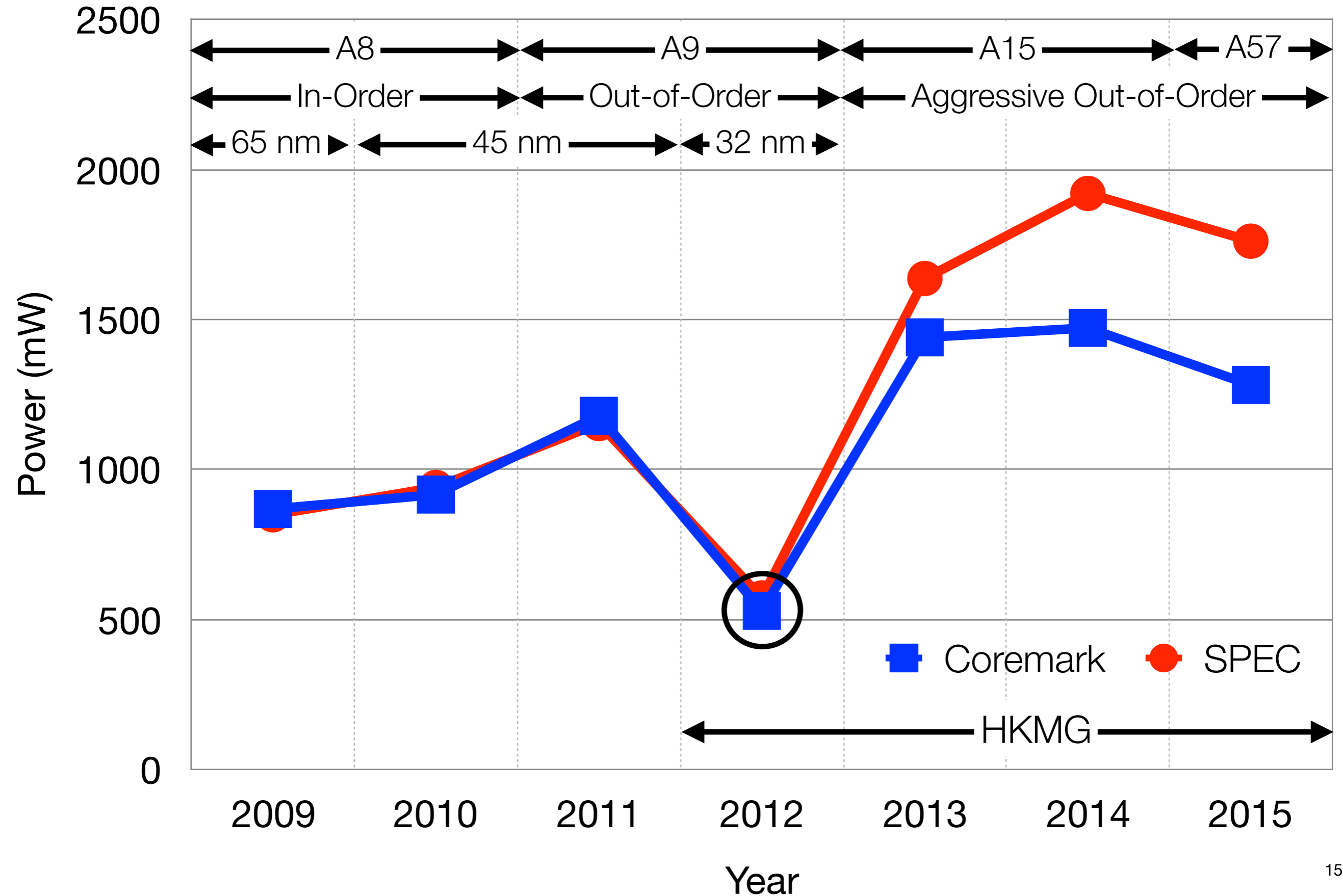
Excessive Power Consumption



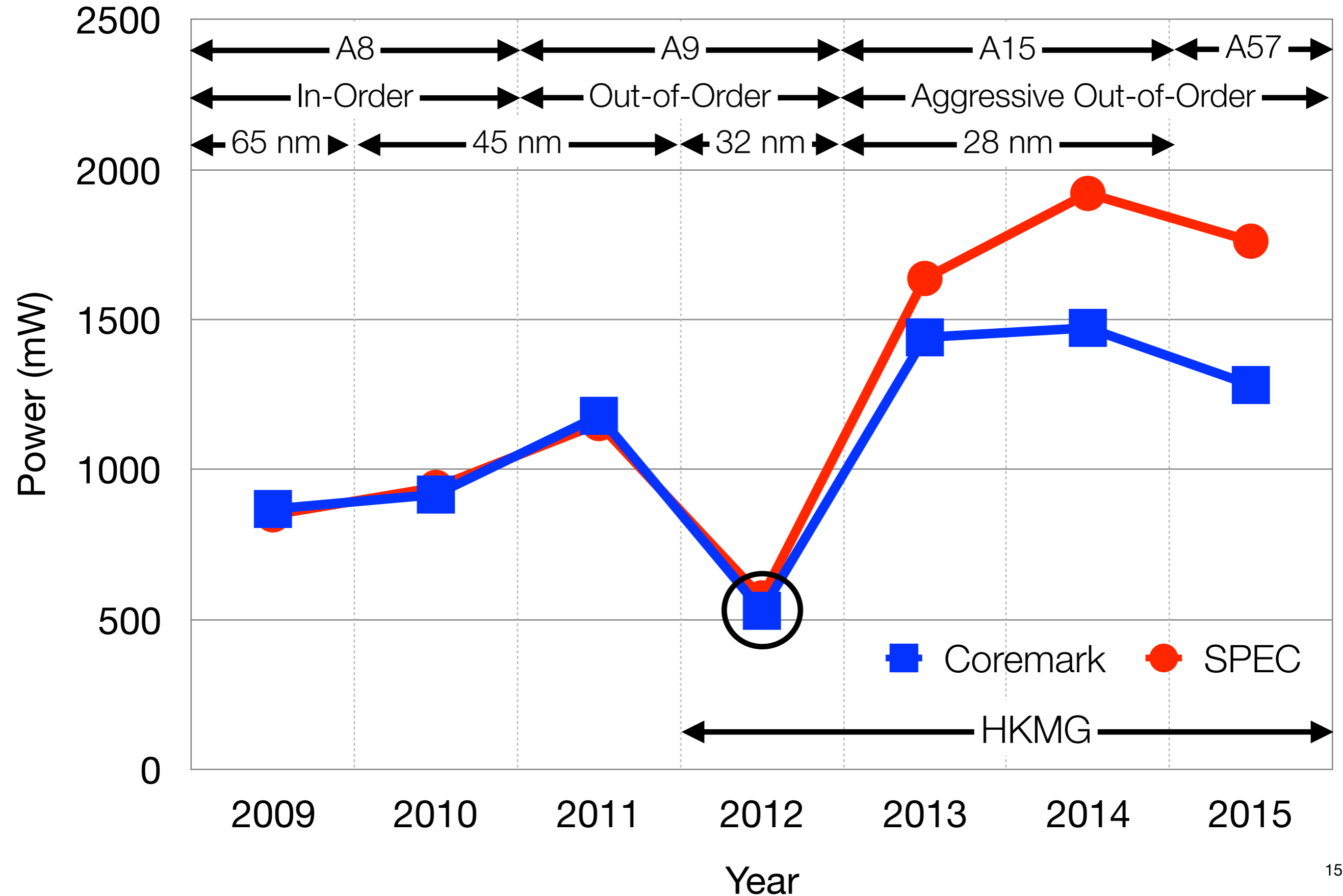
Excessive Power Consumption



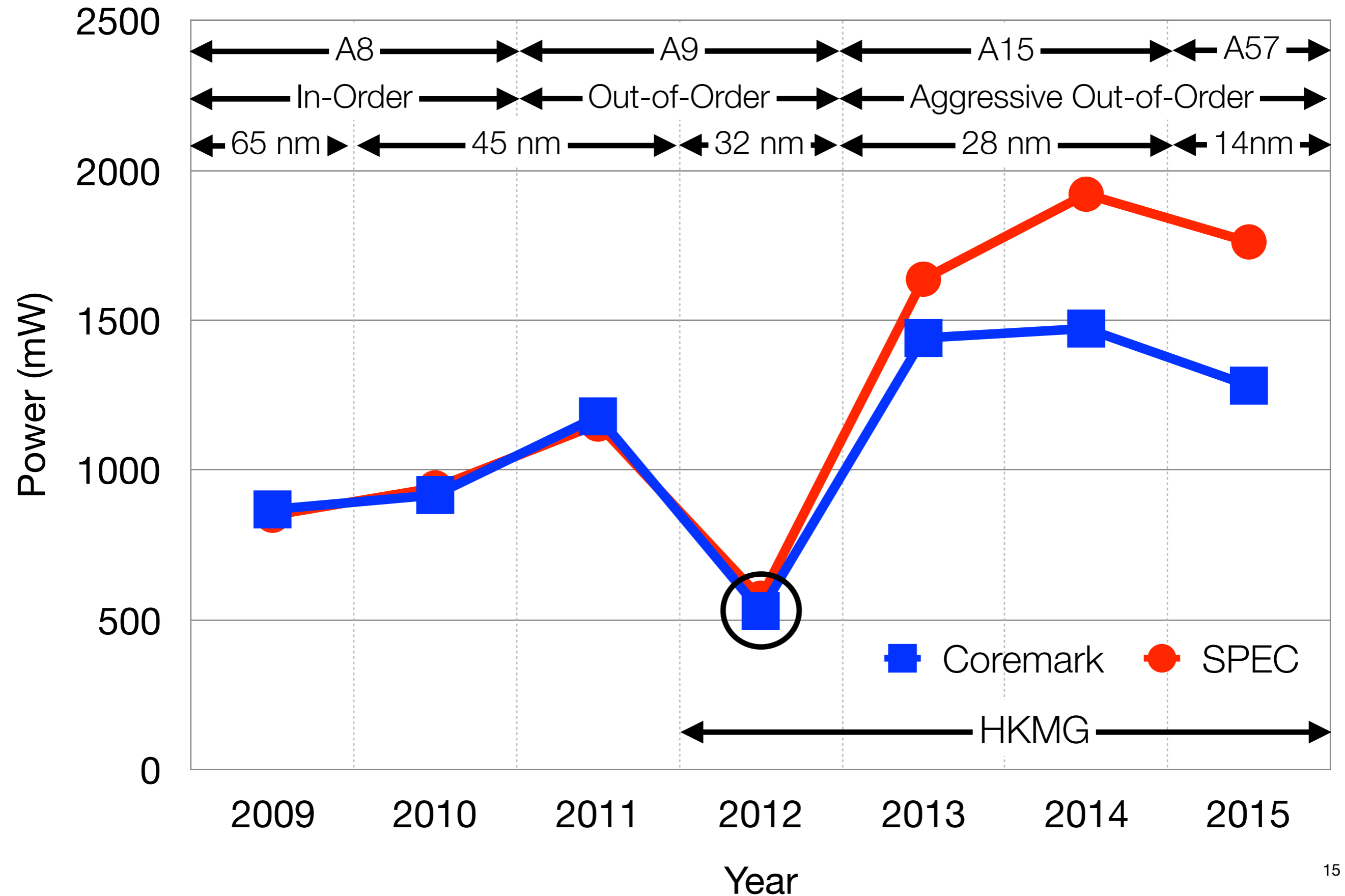
Excessive Power Consumption



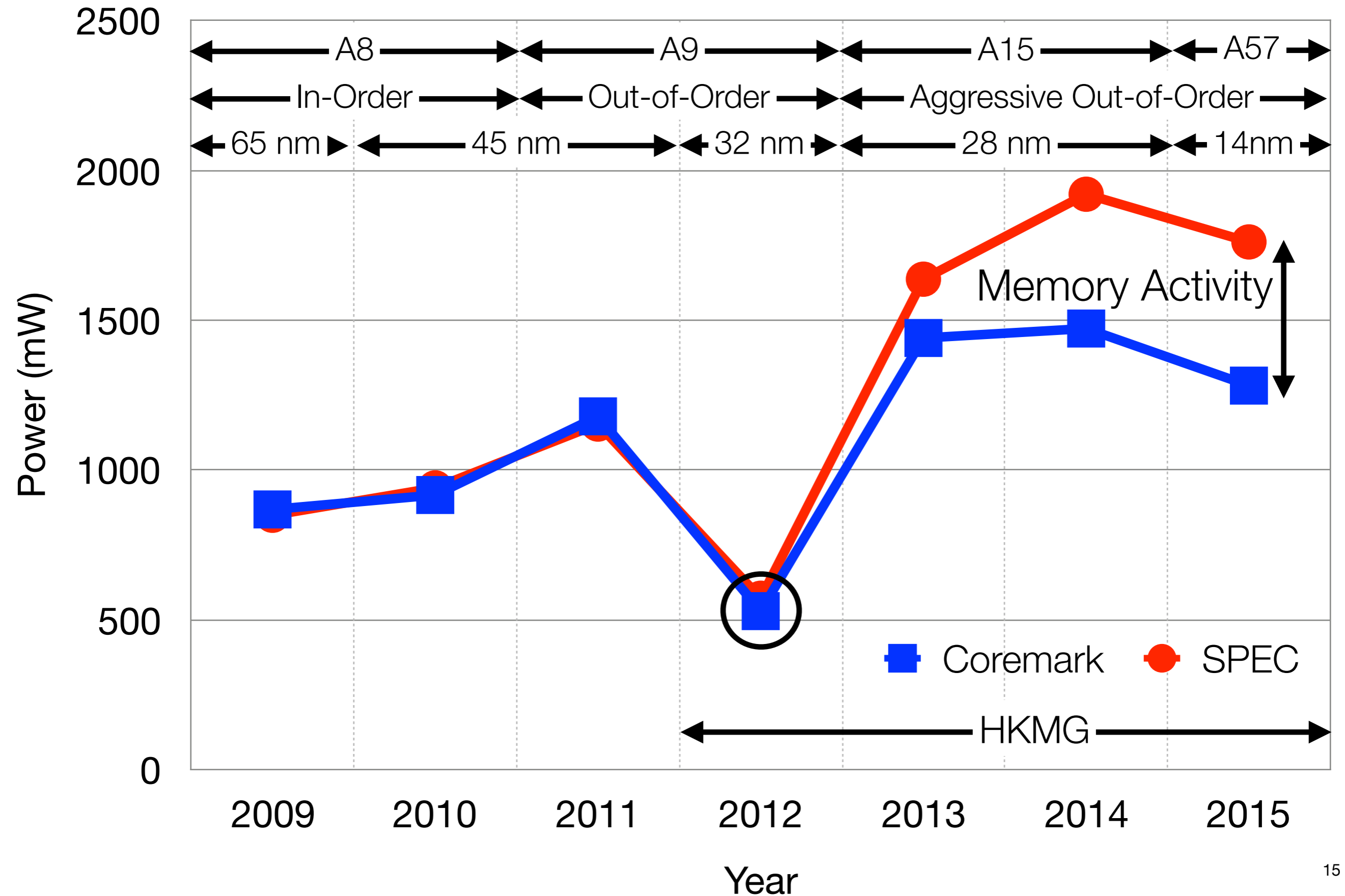
Excessive Power Consumption



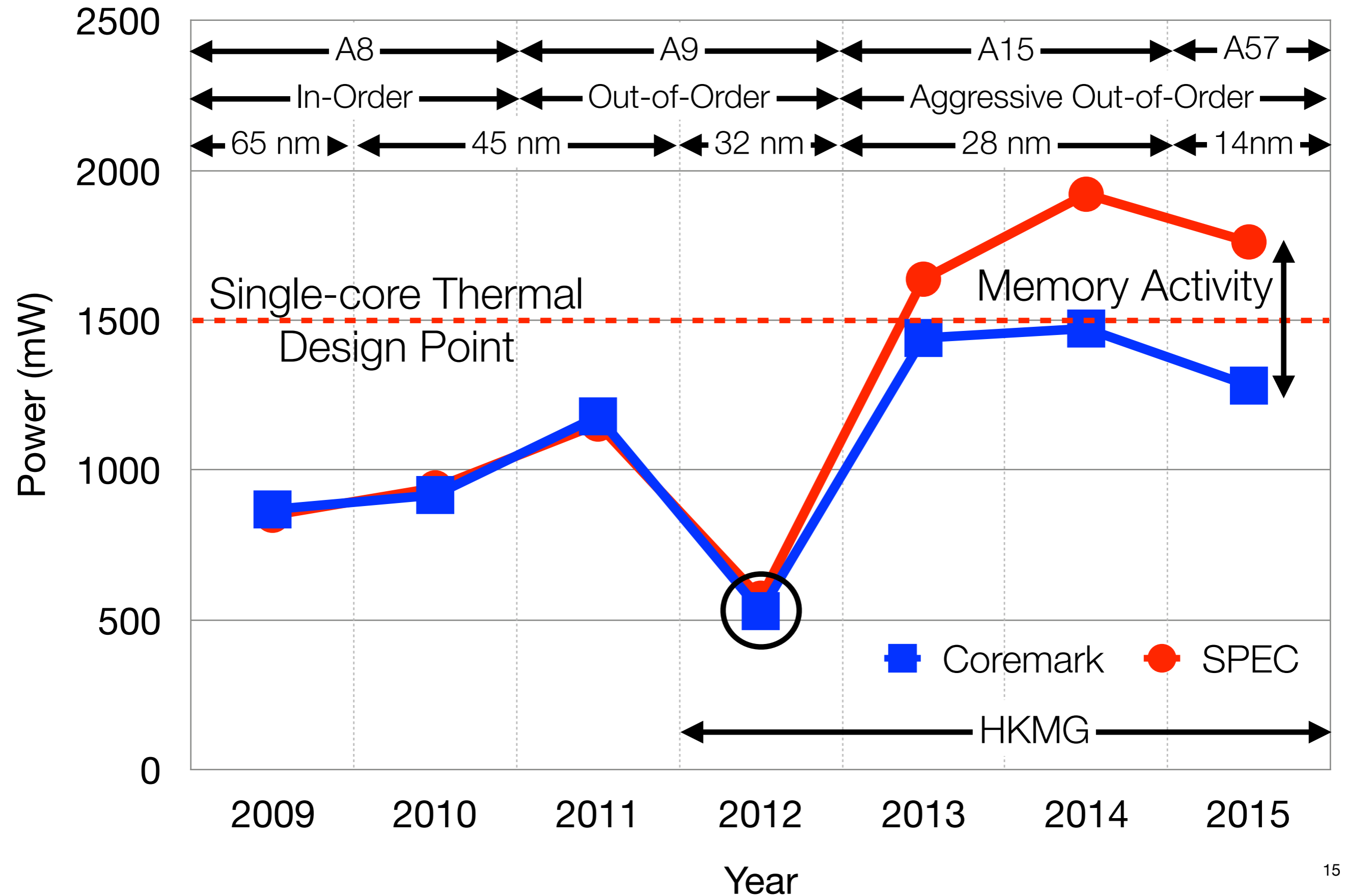
Excessive Power Consumption



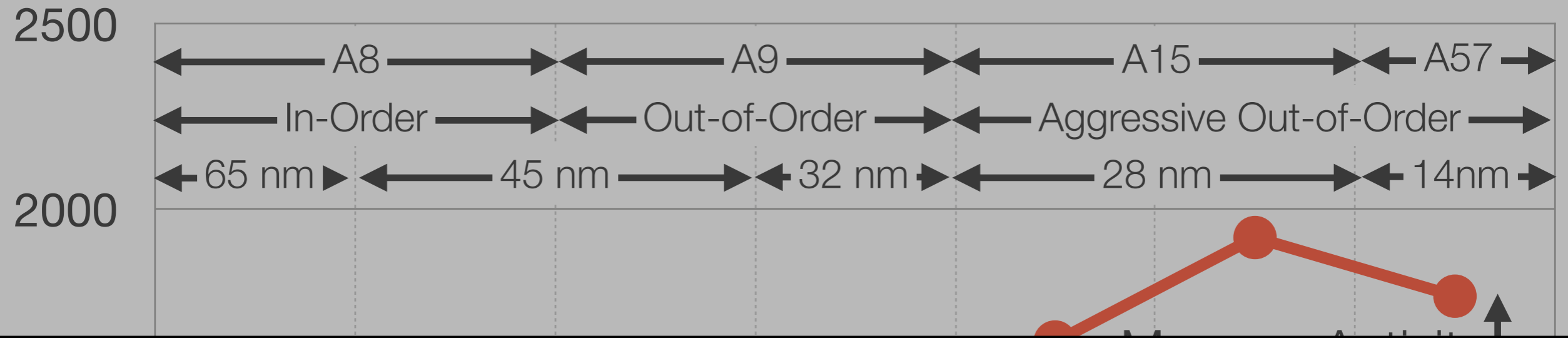
Excessive Power Consumption



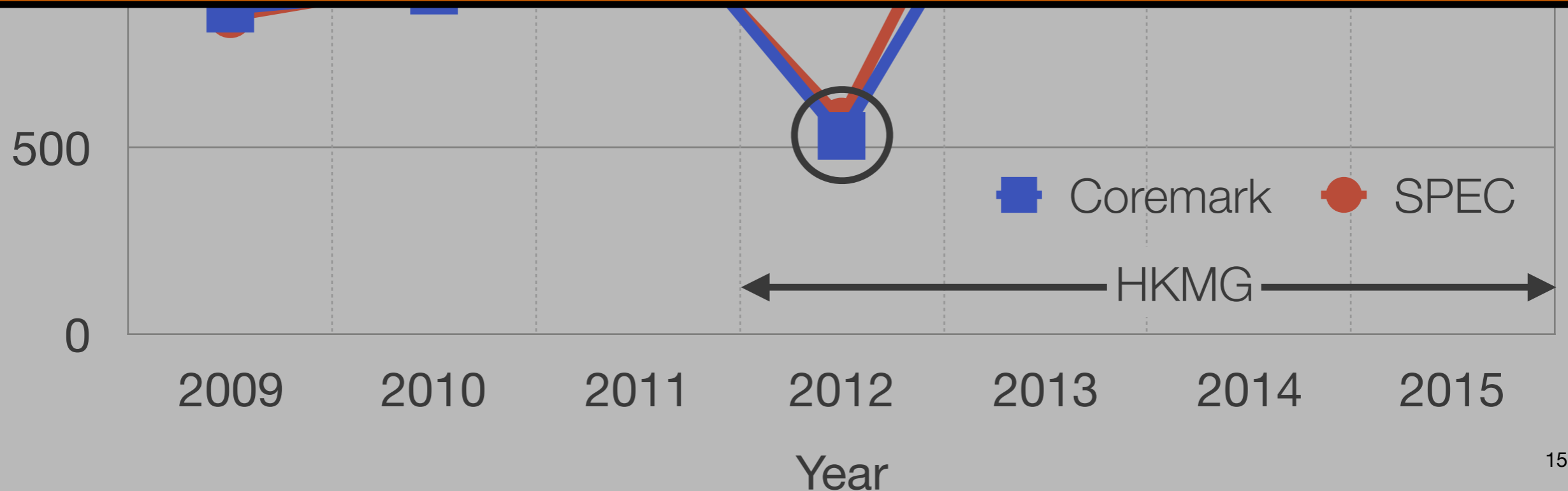
Excessive Power Consumption



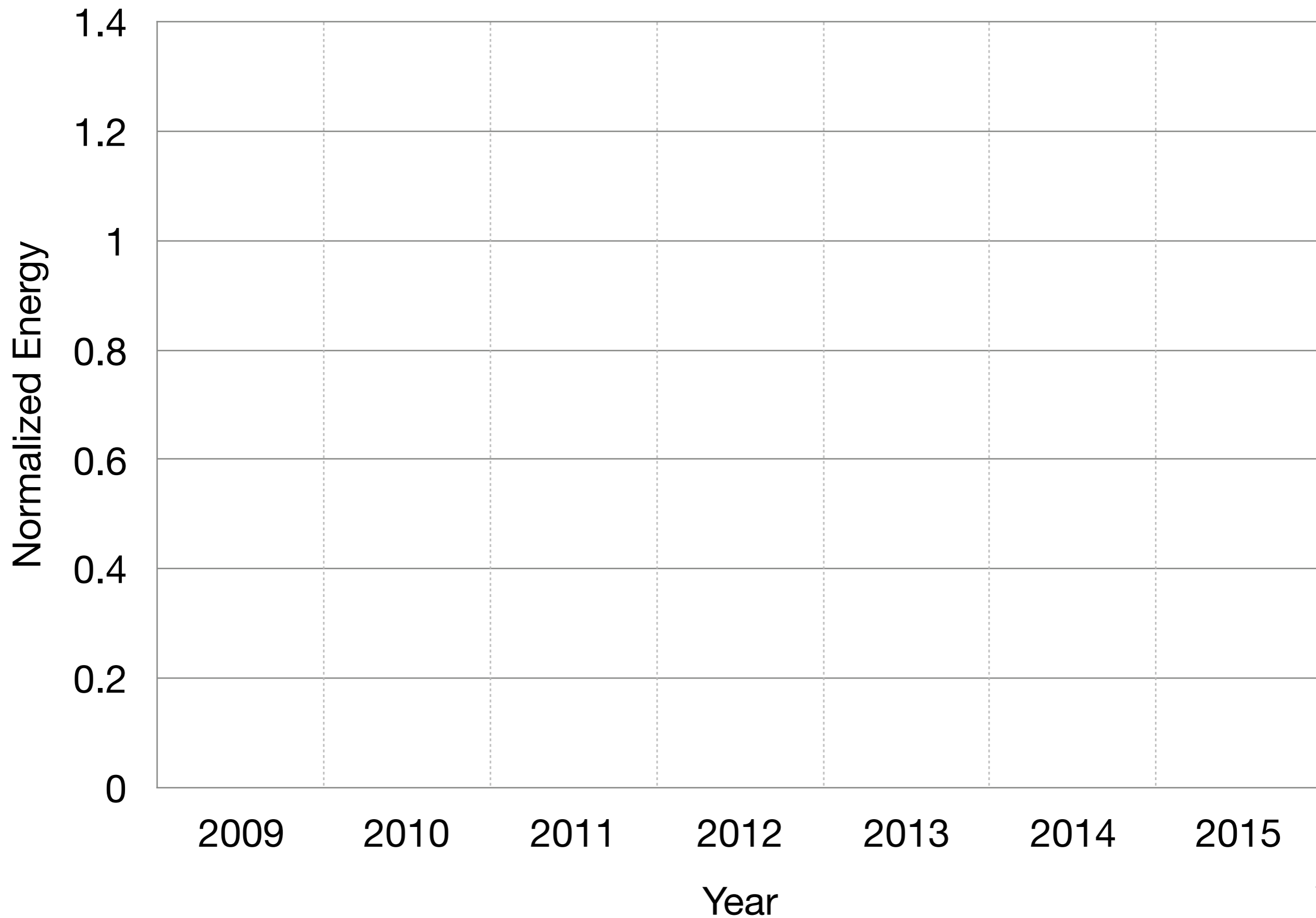
Excessive Power Consumption



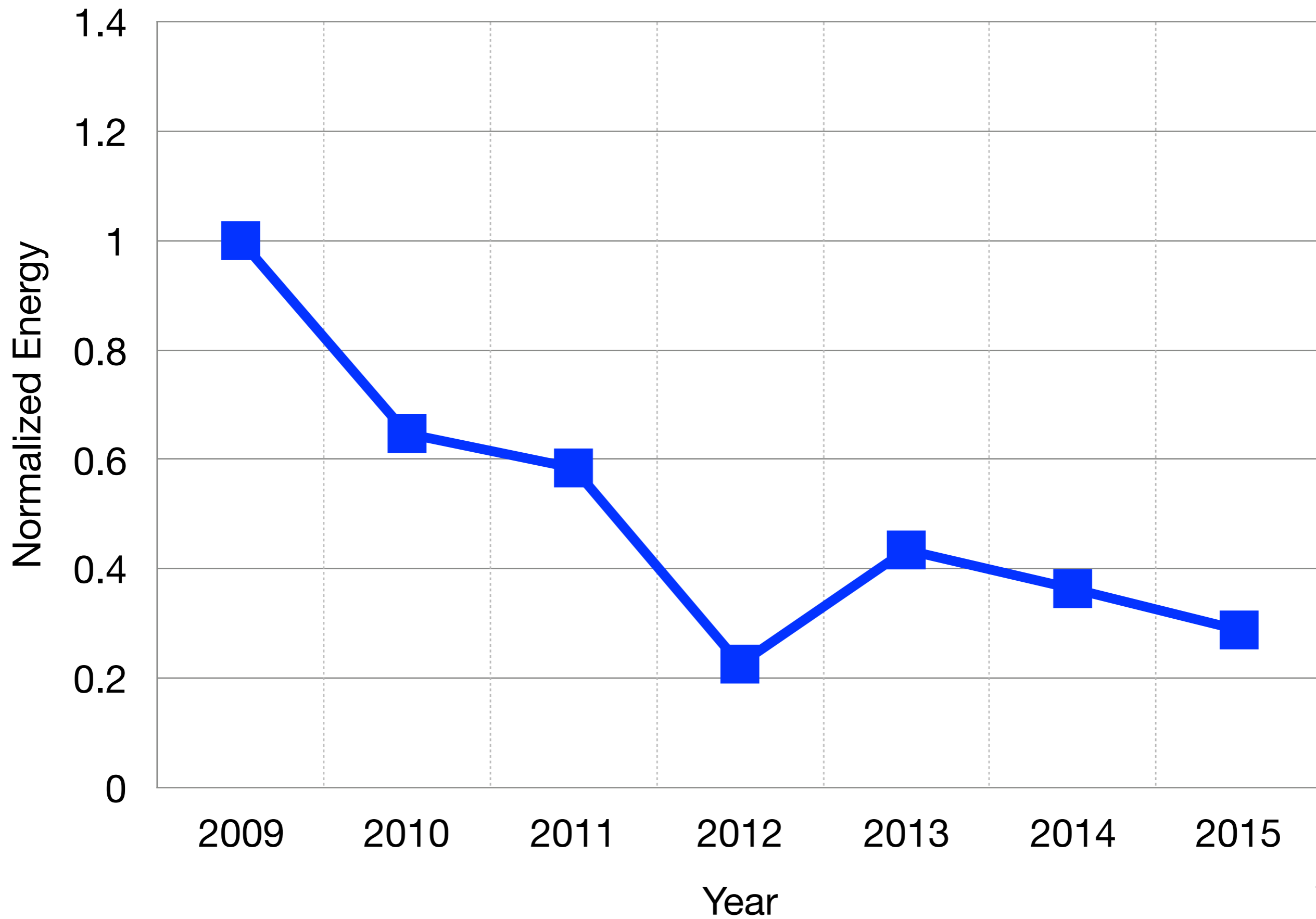
Mobile CPUs designs are beginning to approach a **power wall**.



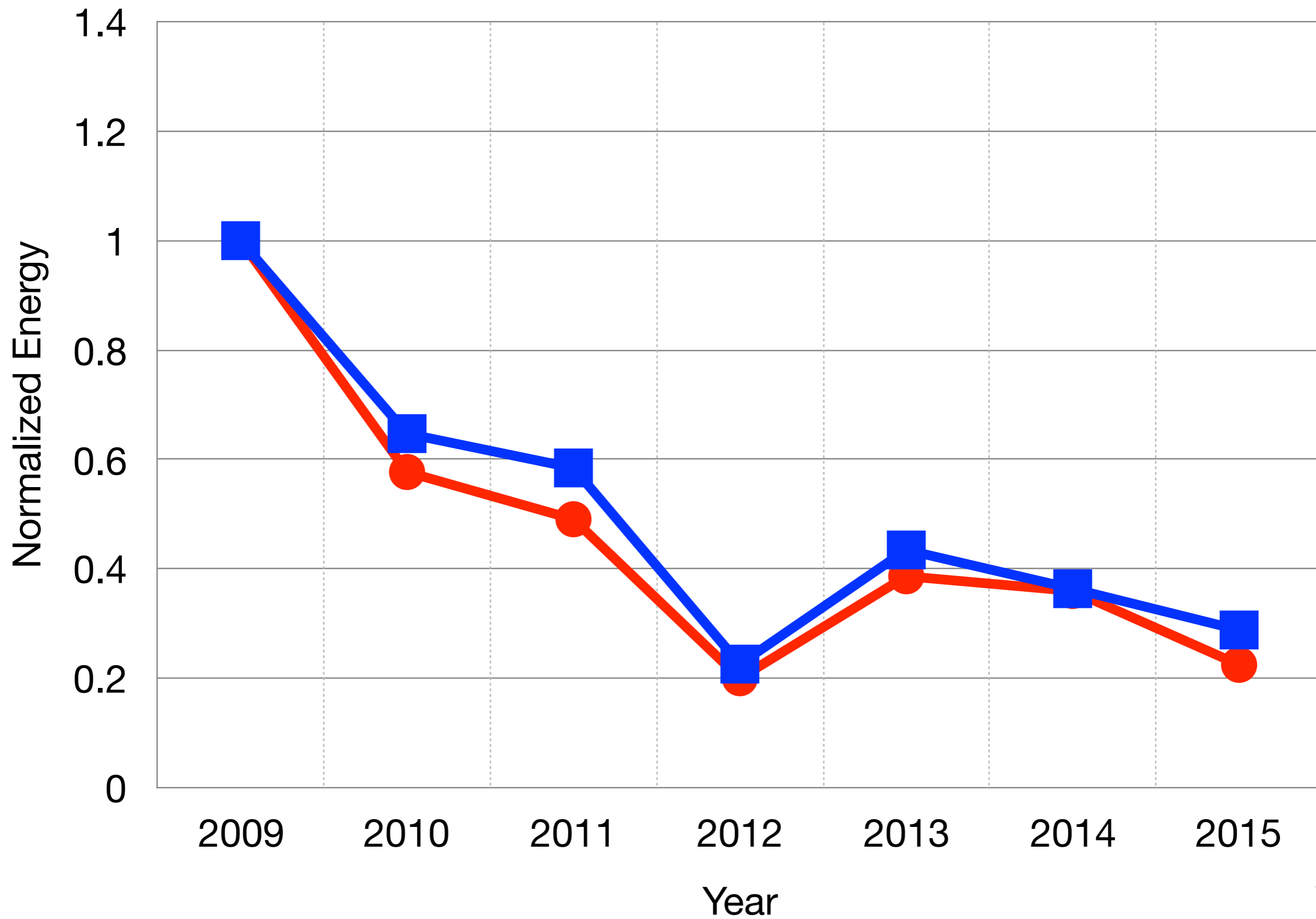
Coremark SPEC



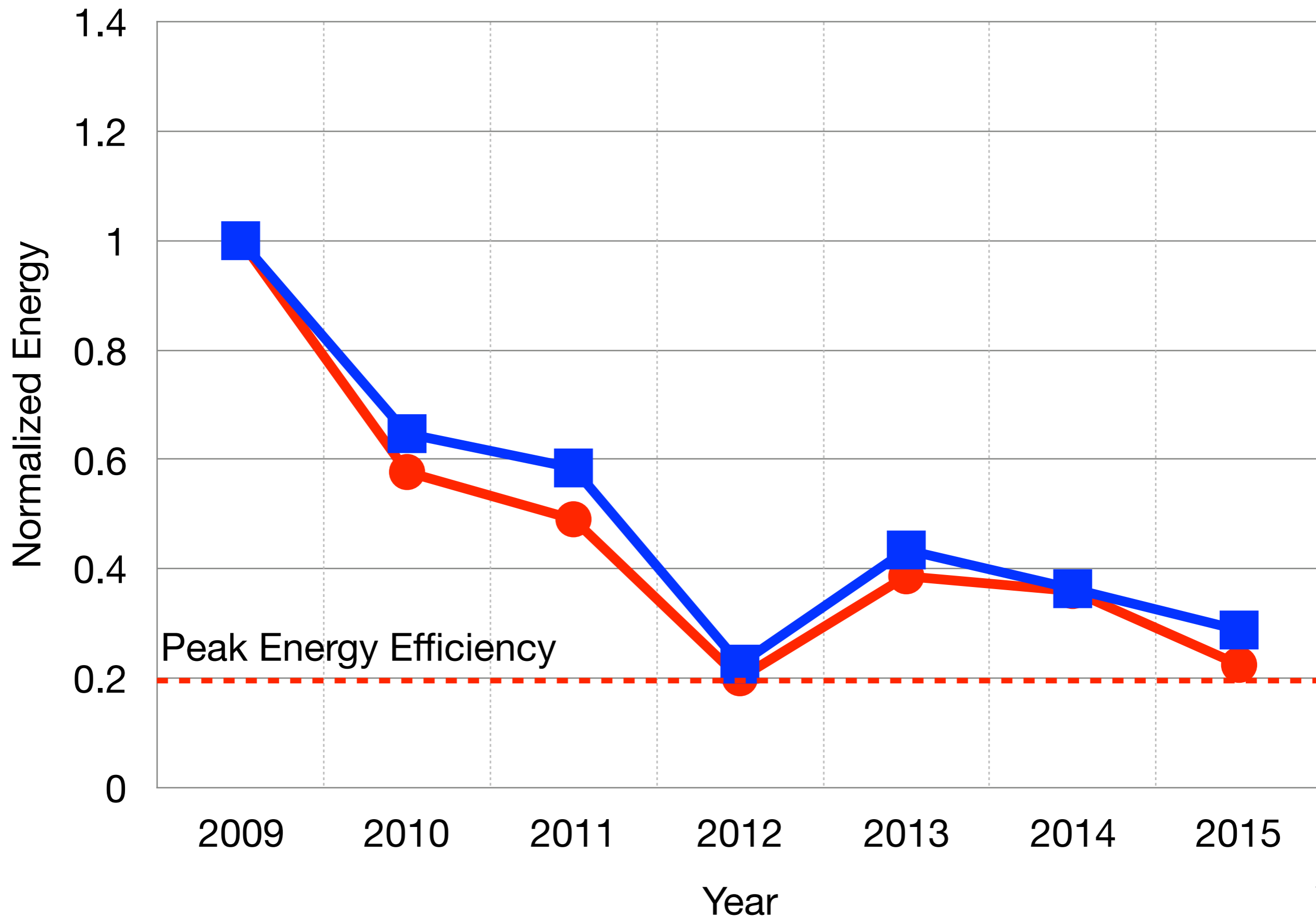
■ Coremark ● SPEC

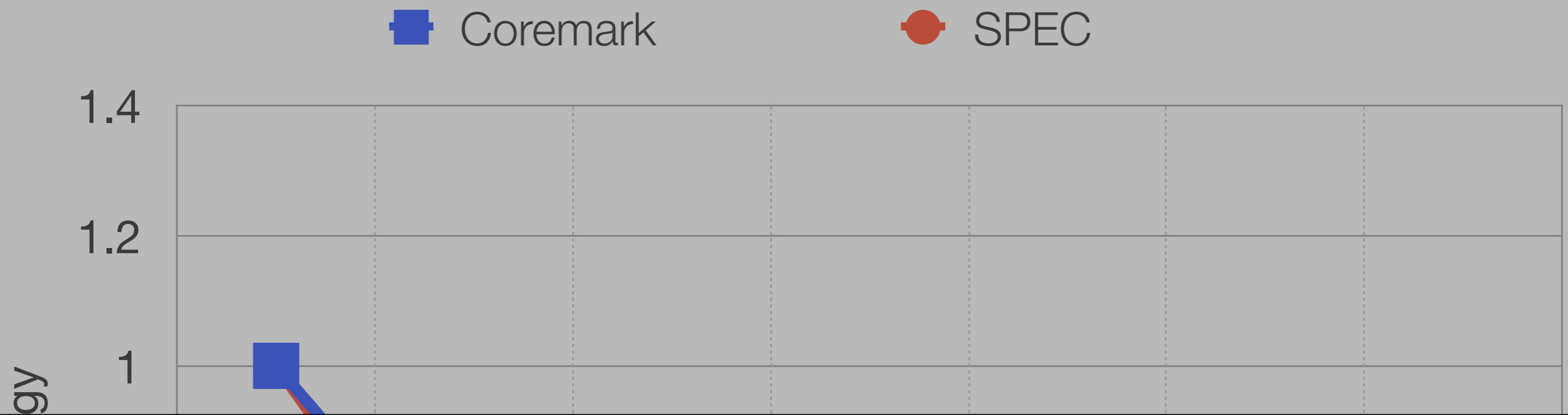


Coremark SPEC

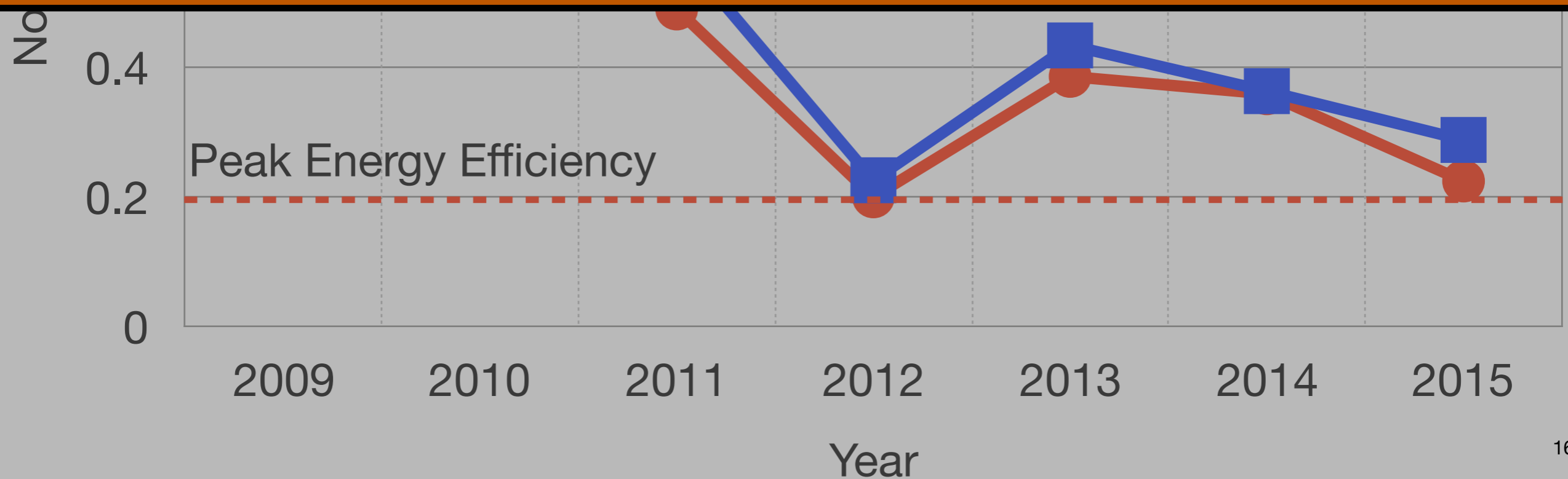


Coremark SPEC

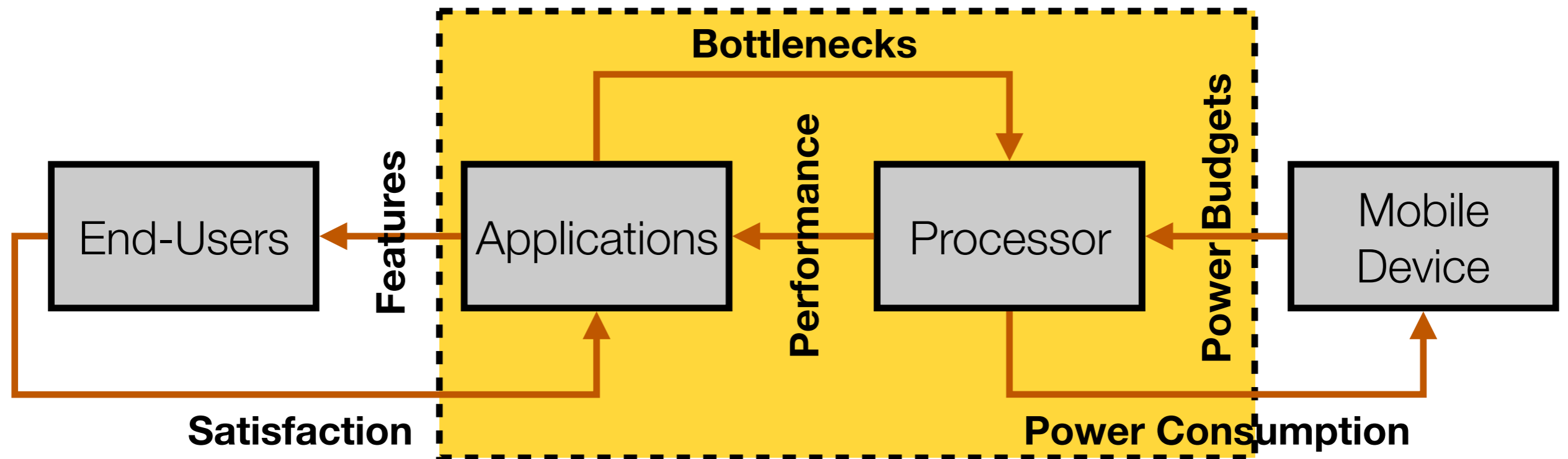




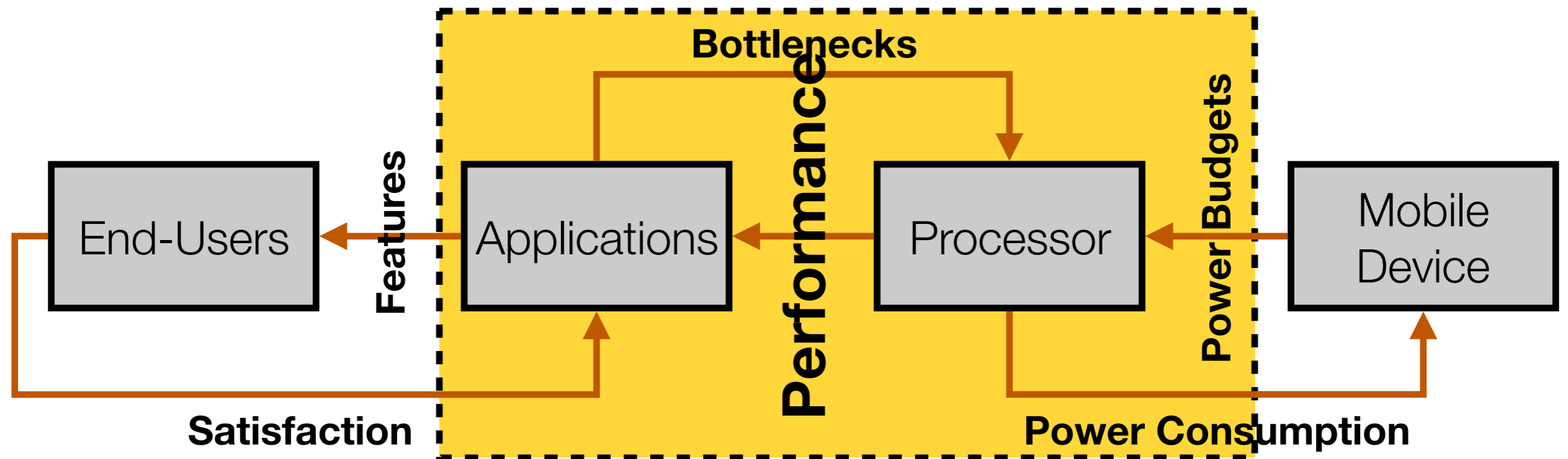
Mobile CPU performance improvements are in an **era of energy efficiency stagnation.**



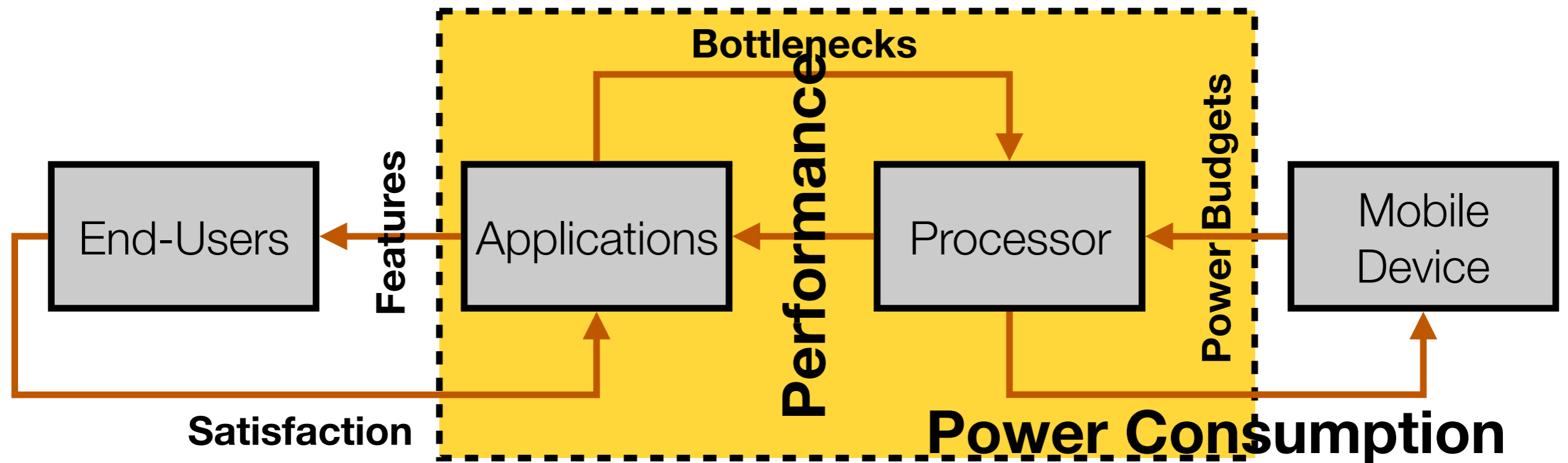
Incorporating the End-User



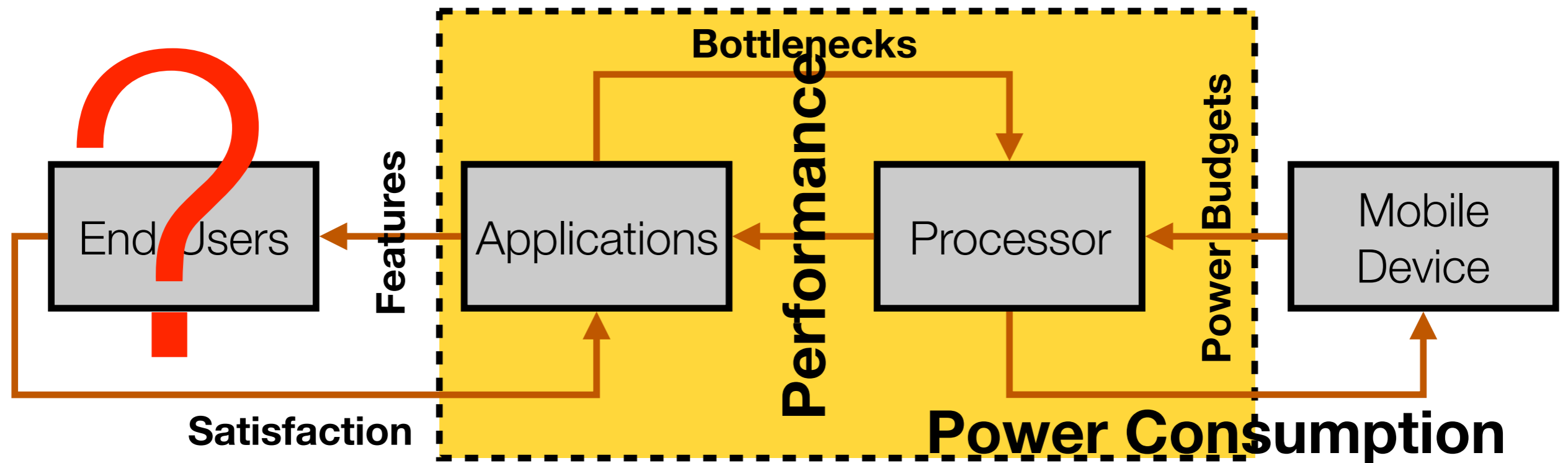
Incorporating the End-User



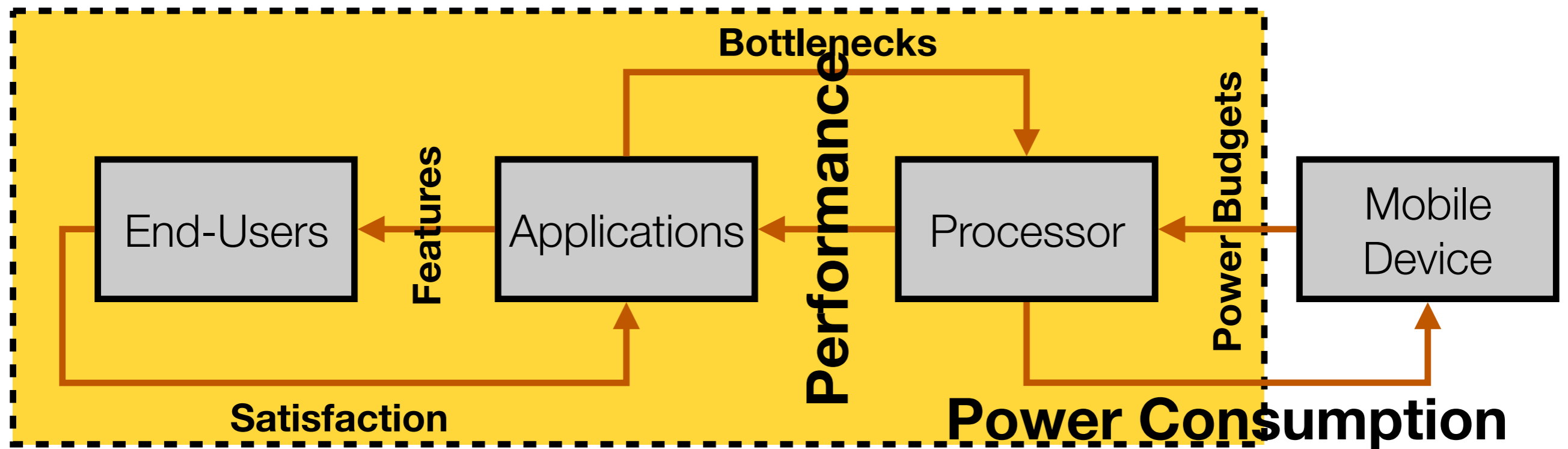
Incorporating the End-User



Incorporating the End-User



Incorporating the End-User



**Have mobile CPU advancements
improved end-user satisfaction?**

Have **mobile CPU** advancements improved **end-user satisfaction**?

1. Is single-core performance necessary?

Have **mobile CPU** advancements improved **end-user satisfaction**?

1. Is single-core performance necessary?
2. Is multi-core performance necessary?

Have **mobile CPU** advancements improved **end-user satisfaction**?

1. Is single-core performance necessary?
2. Is multi-core performance necessary?
3. Does graphics performance matter more than CPU performance?

Studying user satisfaction
requires users

Studying **user** satisfaction
requires **users**
^
LOTS

Leveraging the Crowd to Achieve Scale

The screenshot displays the Amazon Mechanical Turk Requester interface. At the top left is the Amazon Mechanical Turk logo with 'beta' underneath. To its right is the word 'REQUESTER'. Below these is a navigation bar with tabs: 'Home' (selected), 'Create', 'Manage', 'Developer', and 'Help'. Under the 'Home' tab, there are links for 'Overview', 'Tour' (underlined), 'Case Studies', 'Pricing', 'Partners', and 'Business Solutions'. On the far right of this bar is a link 'We're Hiring! Learn More'. On the left side of the page, there is a 'Service Summary »' section with a list of services: Data Cleansing, Categorization, Sentiment, Tagging, Create and Moderate Content, and Business Feedback. Below this is a 'How It Works' section and a 'Choose the Right Tool' section. The main content area features a large graphic with the text 'Distribute your work to thousands of Workers instantly.' The graphic includes a large white cloud, an orange ribbon with document icons, and a network of green worker icons connected by dotted lines.

amazonmechanical turk beta | REQUESTER

Home Create Manage Developer Help

Overview Tour Case Studies Pricing Partners Business Solutions [We're Hiring! Learn More](#)

Service Summary »

- Data Cleansing
- Categorization
- Sentiment
- Tagging
- Create and Moderate Content
- Business Feedback

How It Works

Choose the Right Tool

Distribute your work to thousands of Workers instantly.

Leveraging the Crowd to Achieve Scale

amazonmechanical turk beta | REQUESTER

Home

Create

Manage

Developer

Help

Over **25,000** participants!

- Tagging
- Create and Moderate Content
- Business Feedback

How It Works

Choose the Right Tool



Survey Design



1. Thank you for participating in our smartphone user experience study. The clip shown above is an application usage scenario recorded on an Android smartphone. As a user of the application, how satisfied are you with the smartphone's performance (i.e., application responsiveness and fluidness)?

- ☐ 5 - Very Satisfied
- ☐ 4 - Satisfied
- ☐ 3 - Neutral
- ☐ 2 - Dissatisfied
- ☐ 1 - Very Dissatisfied

Survey Design

1. Thank you for participating in our smartphone user experience study. The clip shown above is an application usage scenario recorded on an Android smartphone. As a user of the application, how satisfied are you with the smartphone's performance (i.e., application responsiveness and fluidness)?

- ☐ 5 - Very Satisfied
- ☐ 4 - Satisfied
- ☐ 3 - Neutral
- ☐ 2 - Dissatisfied
- ☐ 1 - Very Dissatisfied

Survey Design

1. Thank you for participating in our smartphone user experience study. The clip shown above is an application usage scenario recorded on an Android smartphone. As a user of the application, how satisfied are you with the smartphone's performance (i.e., application responsiveness and fluidness)?

- ☐ 5 - Very Satisfied
- ☐ 4 - Satisfied
- ☐ 3 - Neutral
- ☐ 2 - Dissatisfied
- ☐ 1 - Very Dissatisfied

Survey Design

1. Thank you for participating in our smartphone user experience study. The clip shown above is an application usage scenario recorded on an Android smartphone. As a user of the application, how satisfied are you with the smartphone's performance (i.e., application responsiveness and fluidness)?

- ☐ 5 - Very Satisfied
- ☐ 4 - Satisfied
- ☐ 3 - Neutral
- ☐ 2 - Dissatisfied
- ☐ 1 - Very Dissatisfied

Emulating the Mobile CPU Evolution

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014

Year

Emulating the Mobile CPU Evolution

D

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014

Year

Emulating the Mobile CPU Evolution

D	S				
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Year					

Emulating the Mobile CPU Evolution

D	S	N			
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Year					

Emulating the Mobile CPU Evolution

D	S	N	S3		
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Year					

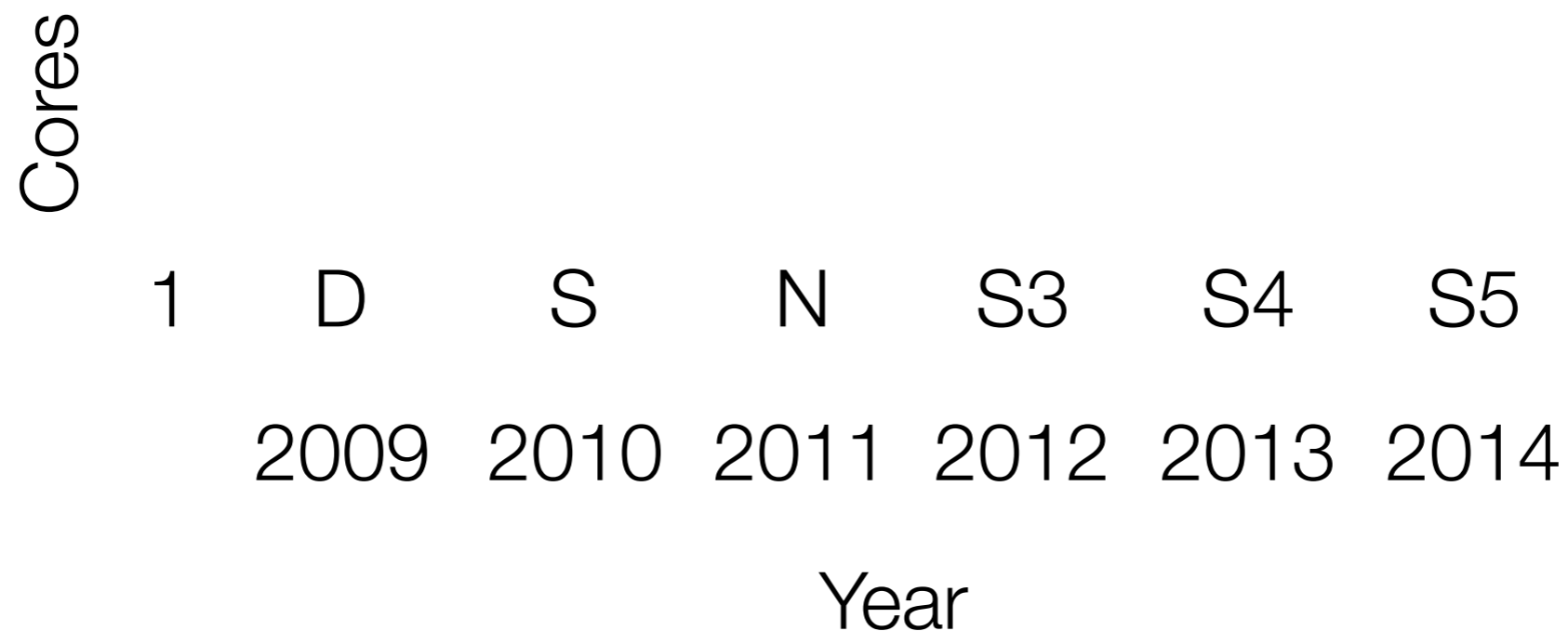
Emulating the Mobile CPU Evolution

D	S	N	S3	S4	
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Year					

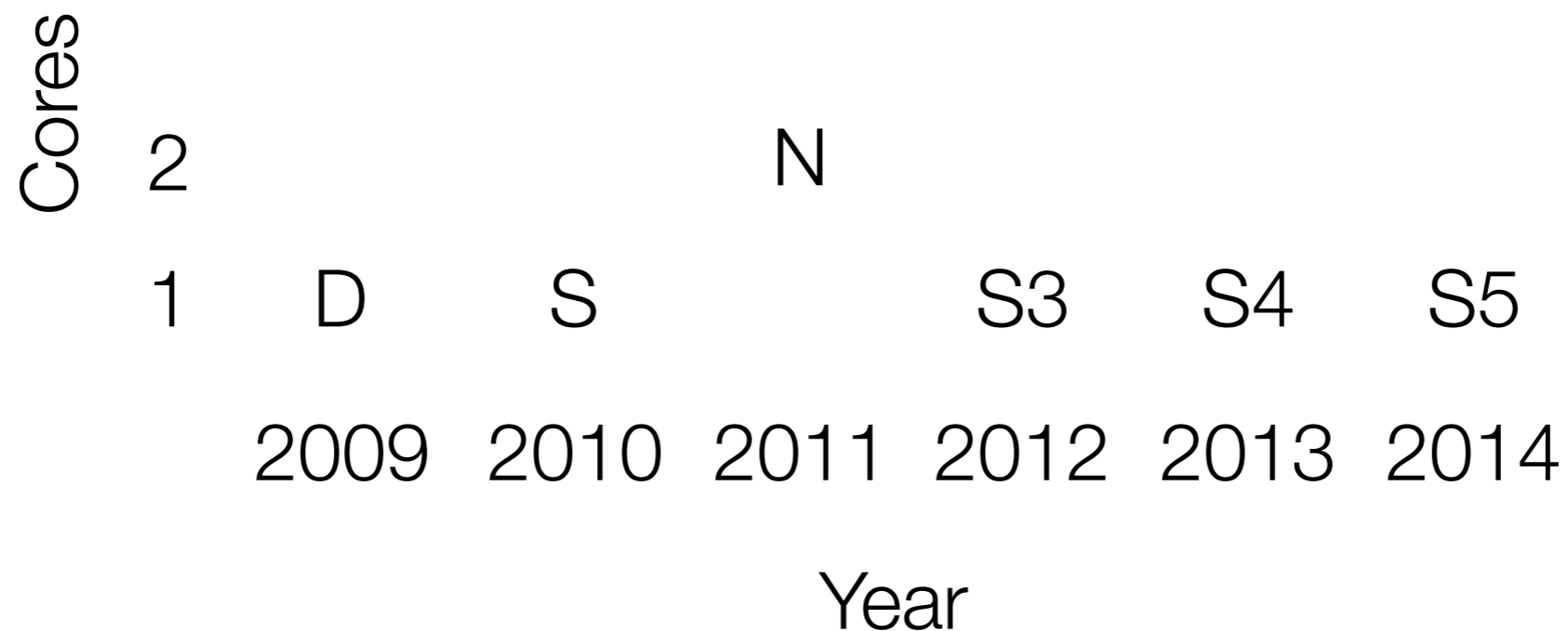
Emulating the Mobile CPU Evolution

D	S	N	S3	S4	S5
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Year					

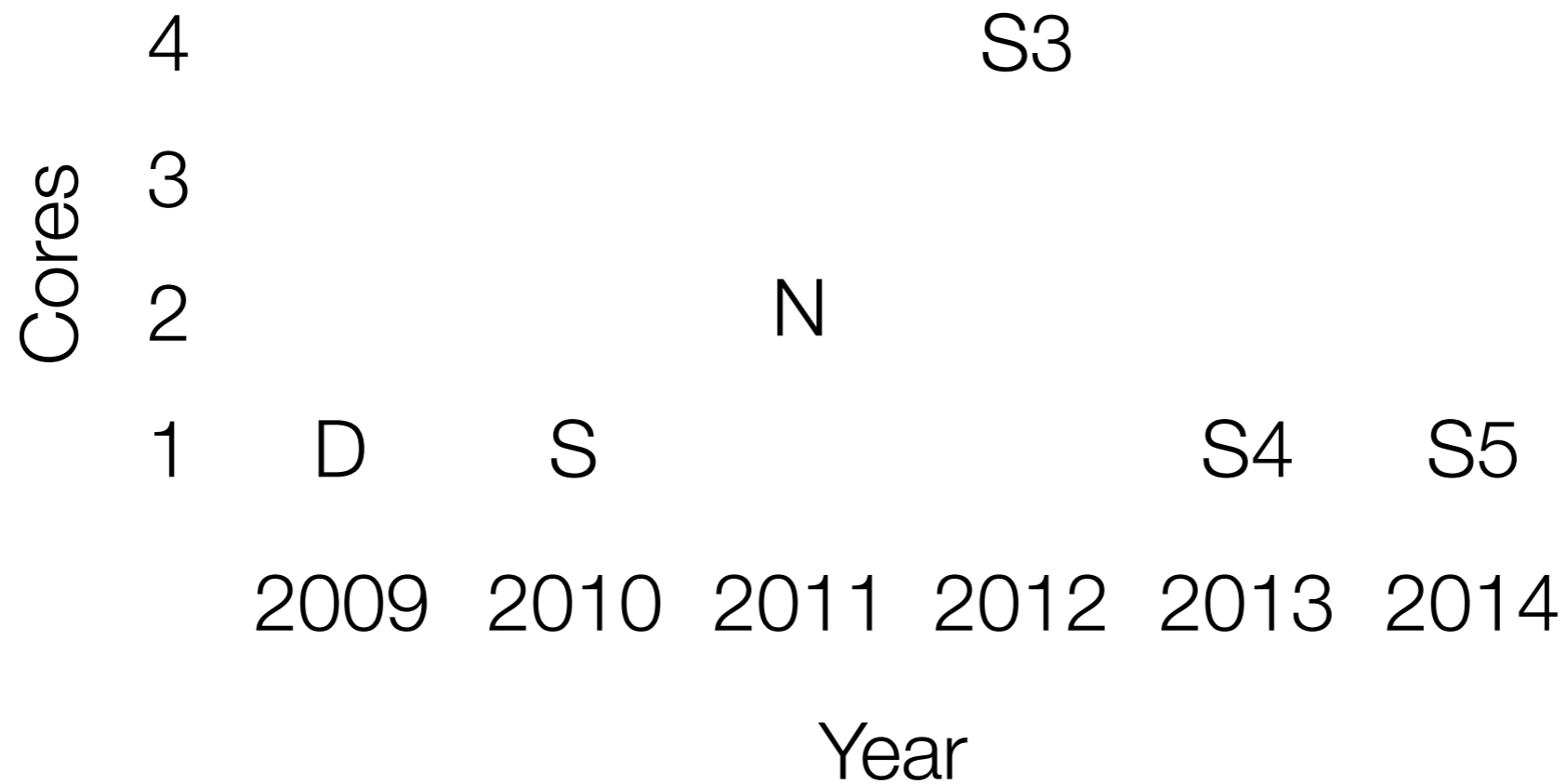
Emulating the Mobile CPU Evolution



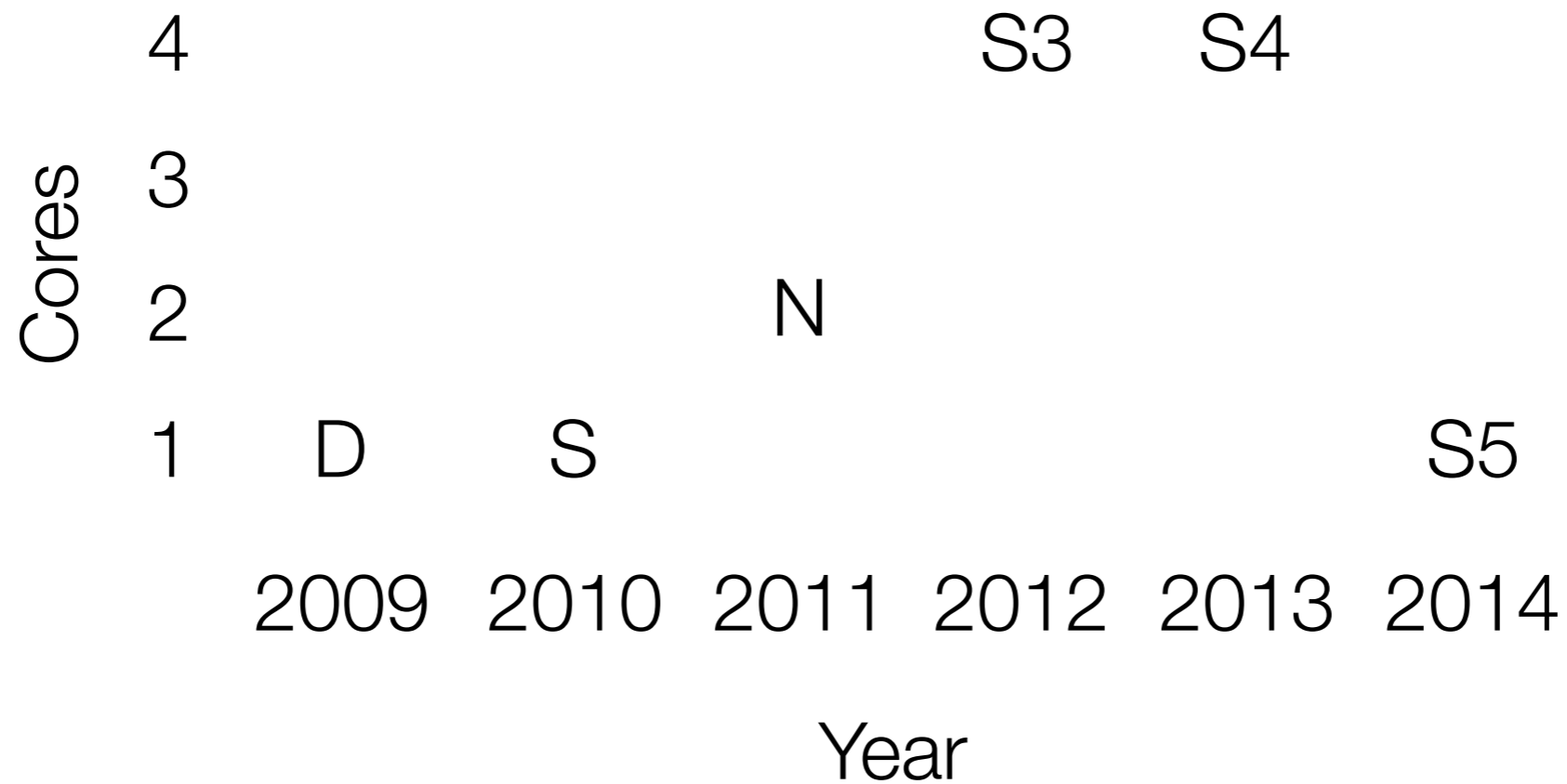
Emulating the Mobile CPU Evolution



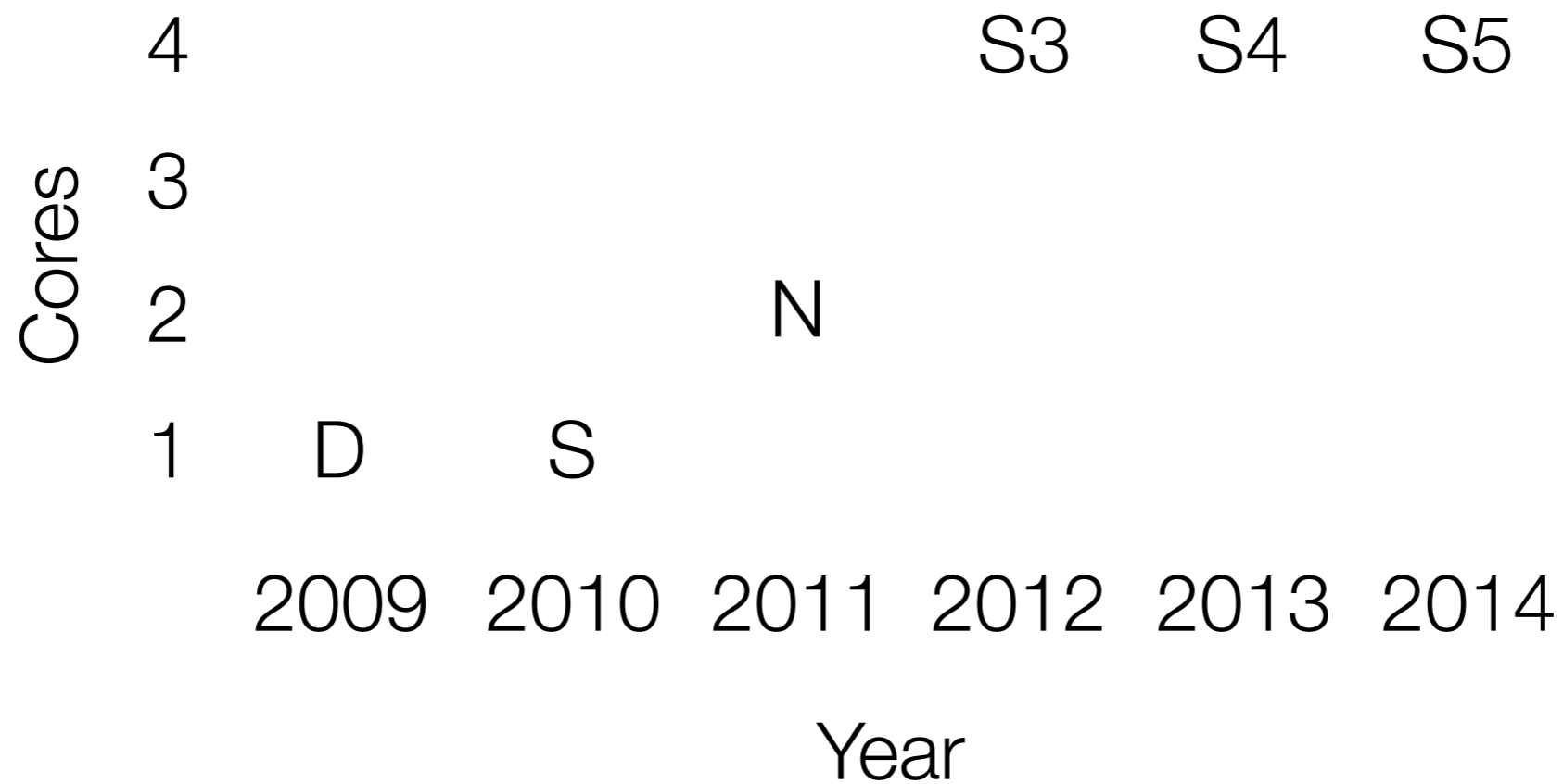
Emulating the Mobile CPU Evolution



Emulating the Mobile CPU Evolution



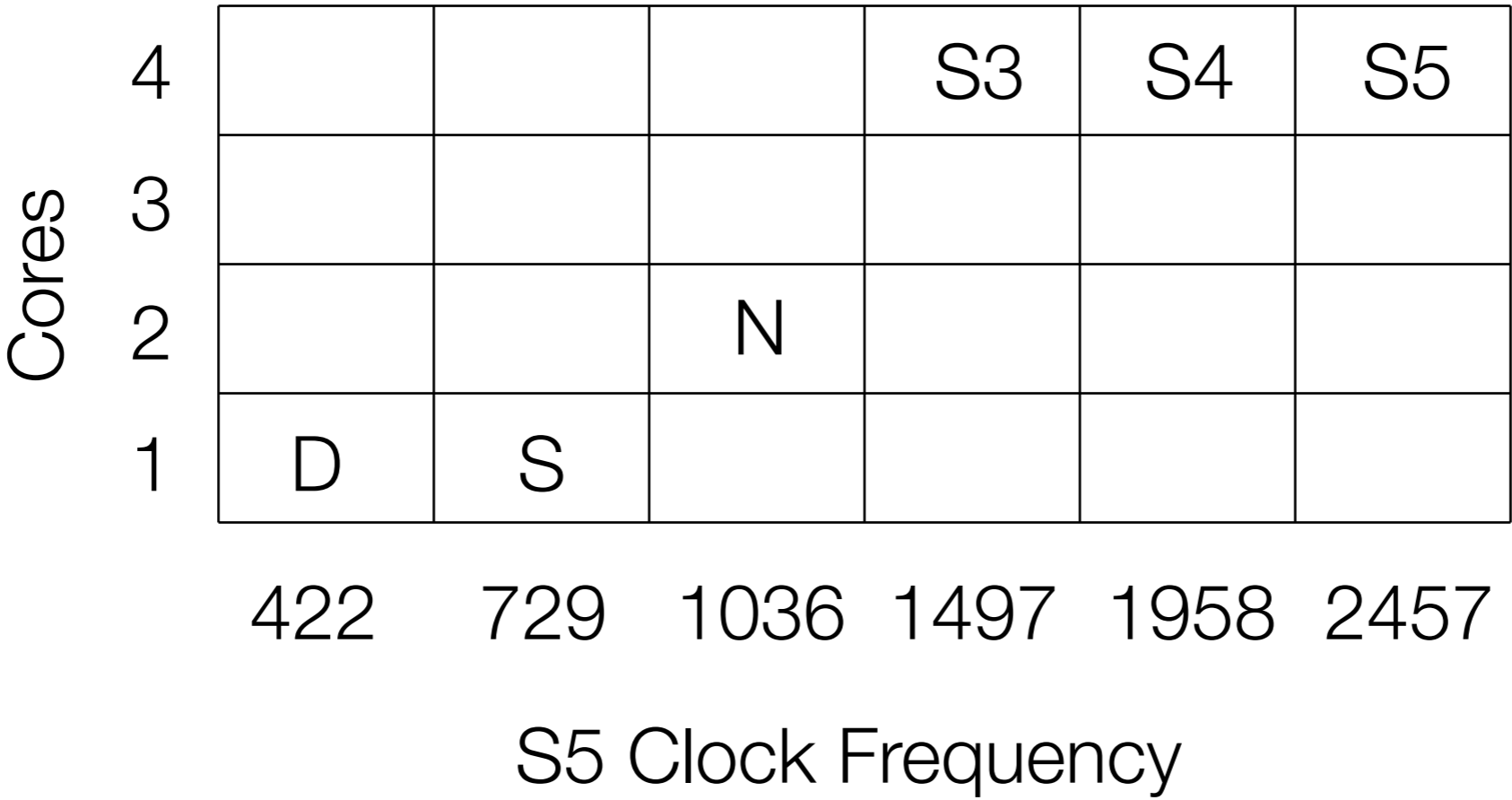
Emulating the Mobile CPU Evolution



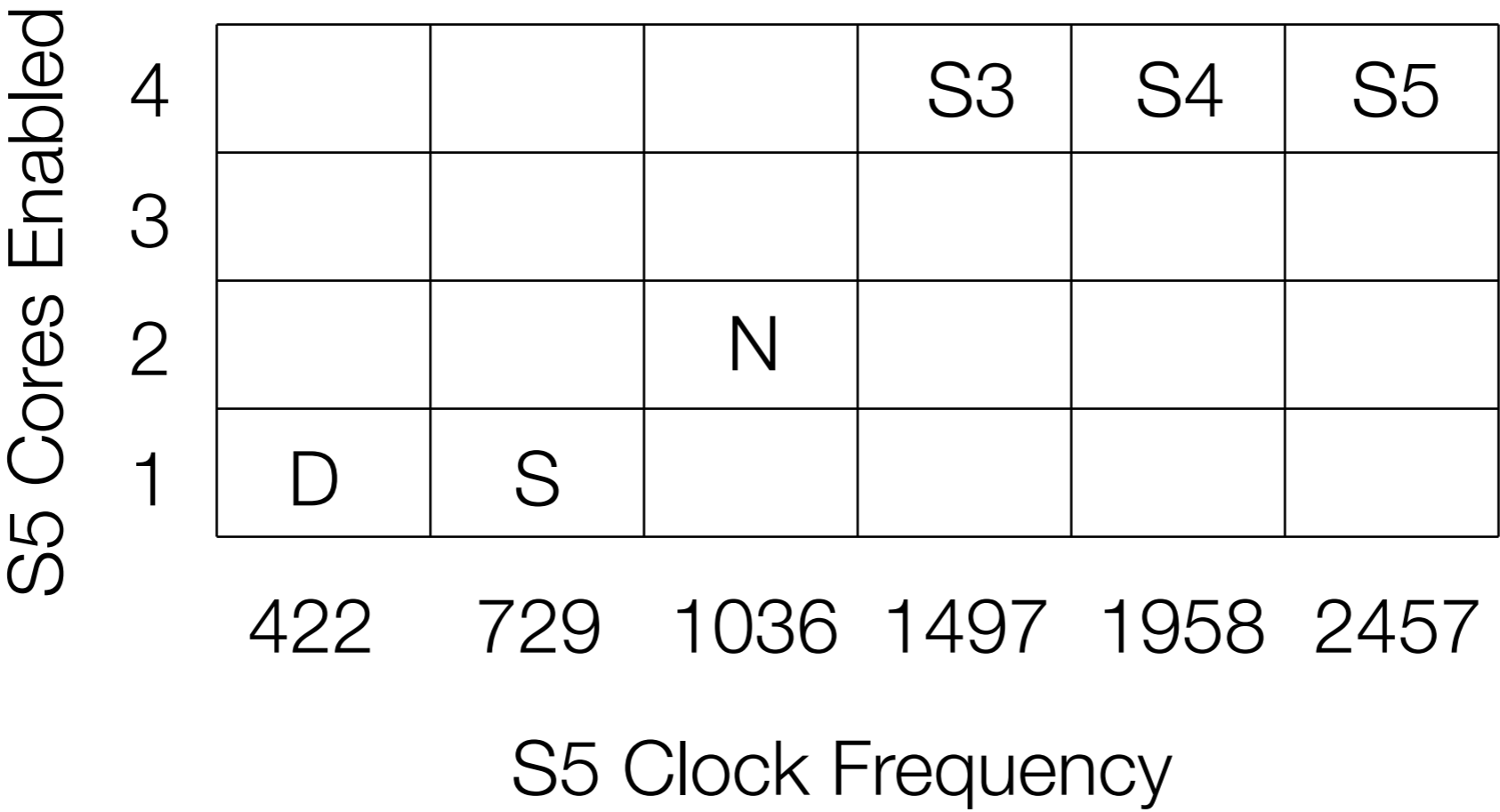
Emulating the Mobile CPU Evolution

Cores	4				S3	S4	S5
	3						
	2			N			
	1	D	S				
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
		Year					

Emulating the Mobile CPU Evolution



Emulating the Mobile CPU Evolution



Putting the Pieces Together

Record User

Parametrized Replay

Post Survey

Crowdsource

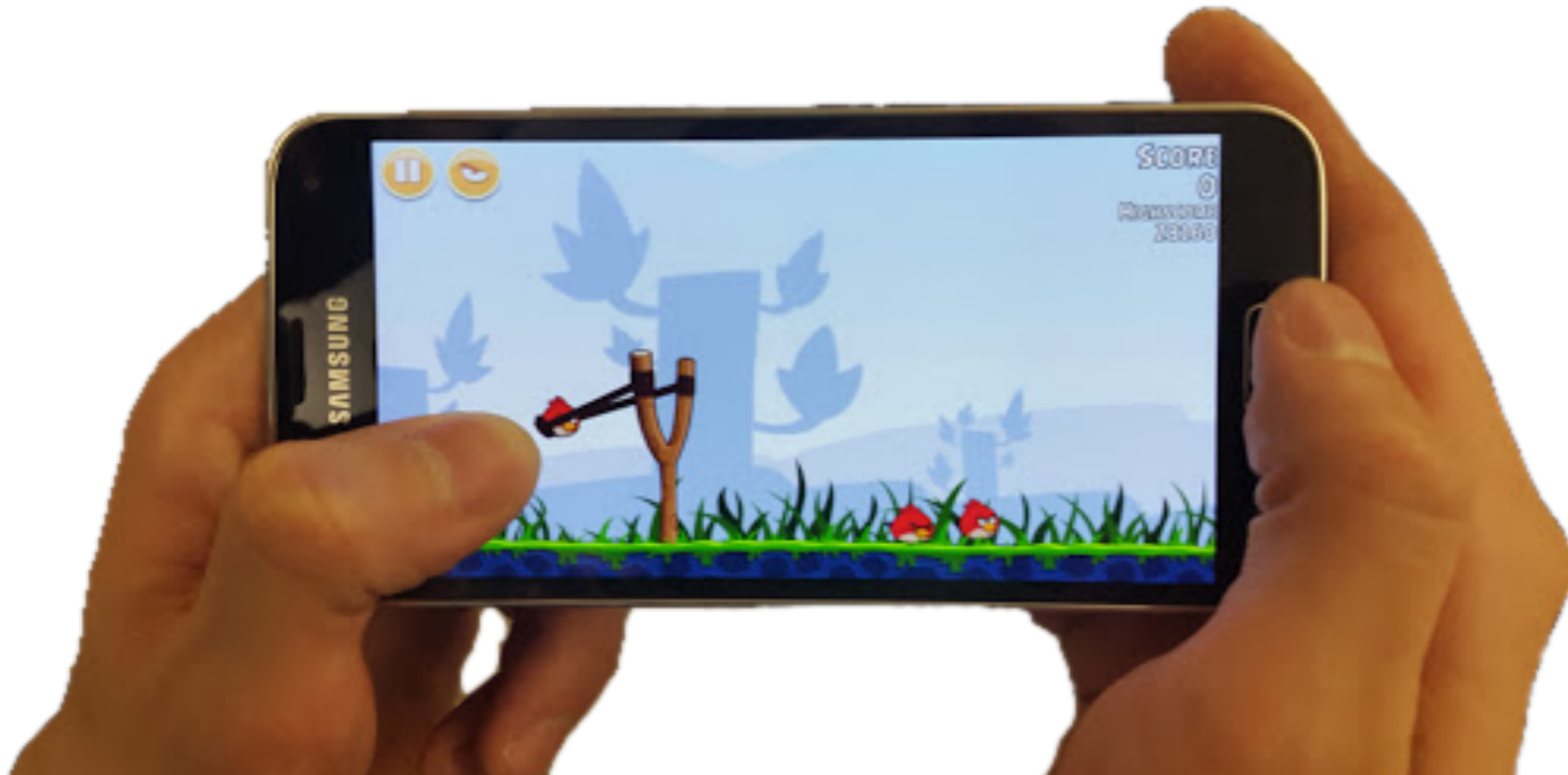
Putting the Pieces Together

Record User

Parametrized Replay

Post Survey

Crowdsource



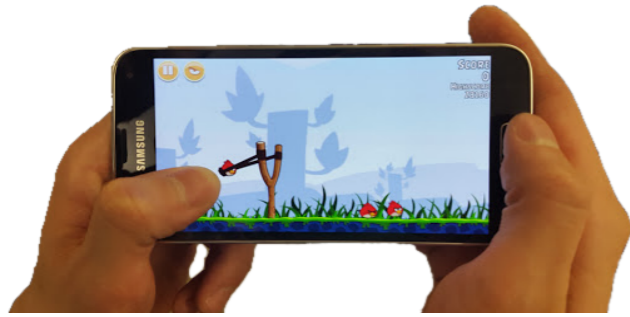
Putting the Pieces Together

Record User

Parametrized Replay

Post Survey

Crowdsource



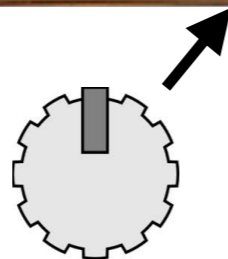
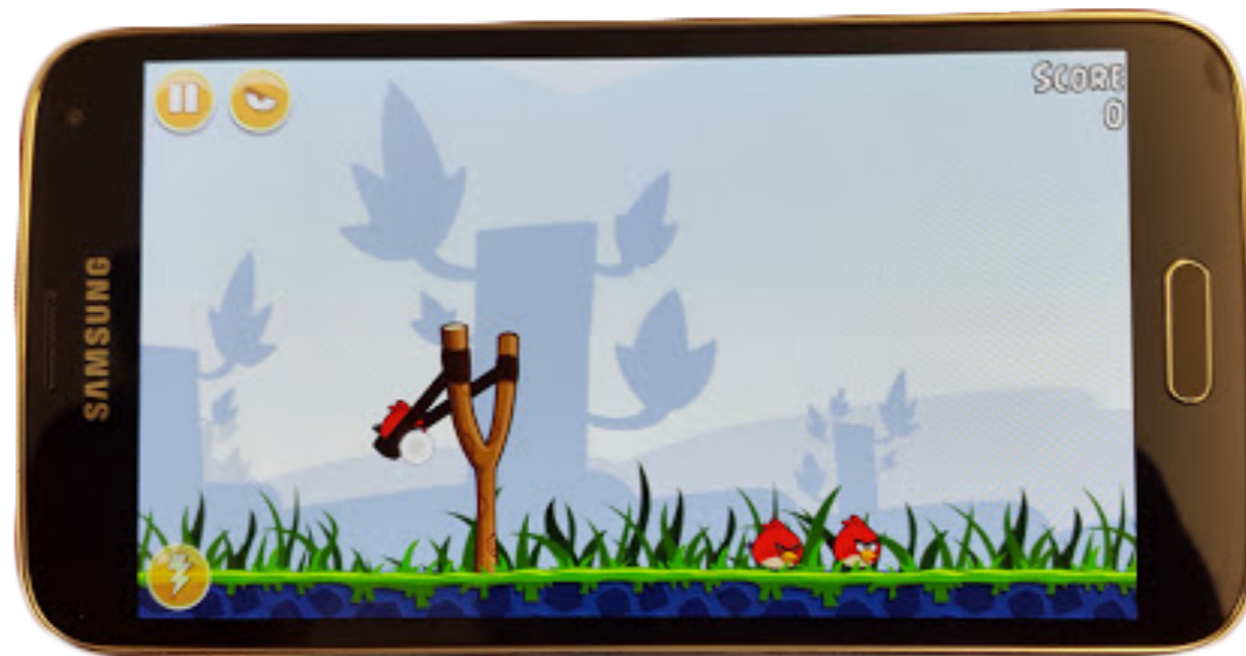
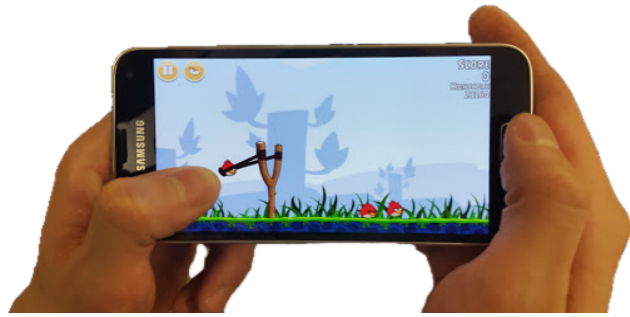
Putting the Pieces Together

Record User

Parametrized Replay

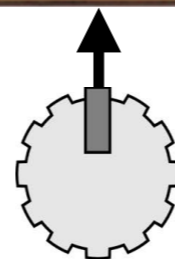
Post Survey

Crowdsource



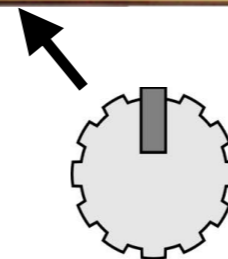
CPU

Frequency



CPU

Cores

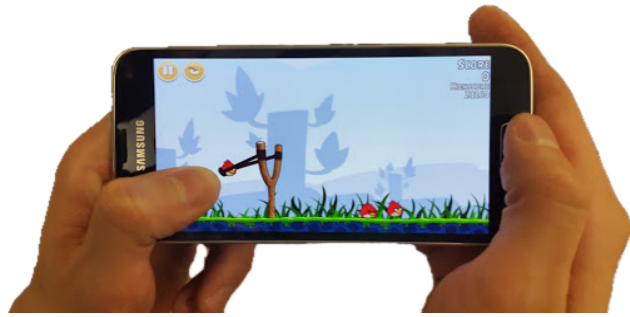


GPU

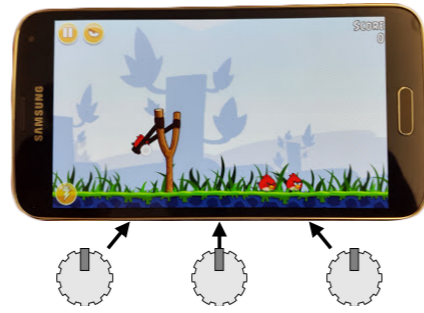
Frequency

Putting the Pieces Together

Record User



Parametrized Replay



Post Survey

Crowdsource

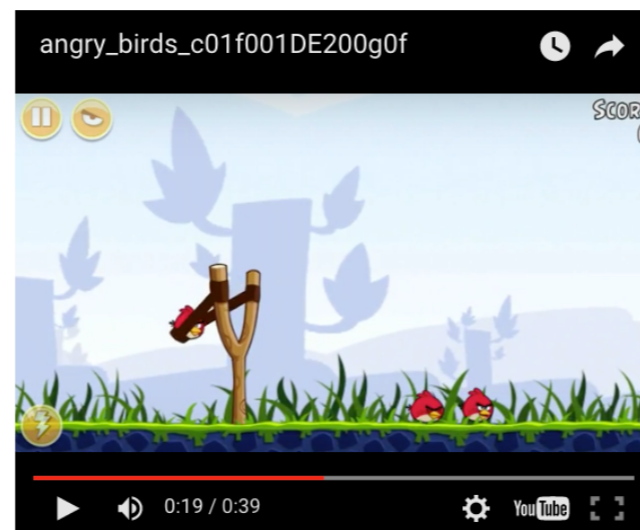
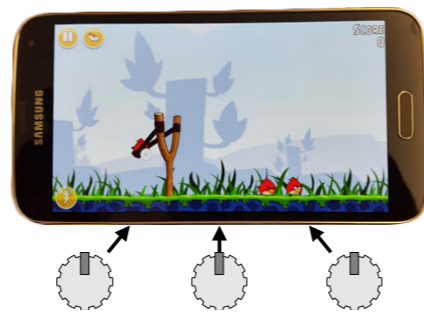
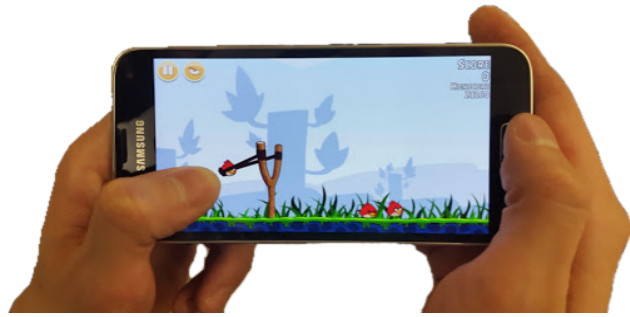
Putting the Pieces Together

Record User

Parametrized Replay

Post Survey

Crowdsource

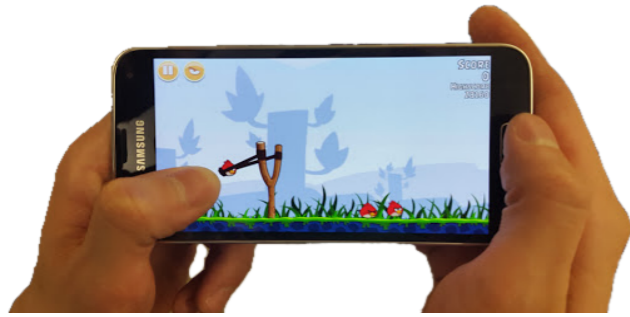


1. Thank you for participating in our smartphone user experience study. The clip shown above is an application usage scenario recorded on an Android smartphone. As a user of the application, how satisfied are you with the smartphone's performance (i.e., application responsiveness and fluidness)?

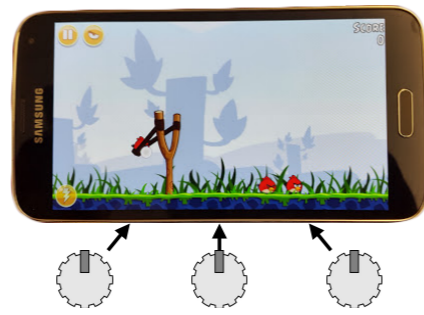
- ☐ 5 - Very Satisfied
- ☐ 4 - Satisfied
- ☐ 3 - Neutral
- ☐ 2 - Dissatisfied
- ☐ 1 - Very Dissatisfied

Putting the Pieces Together

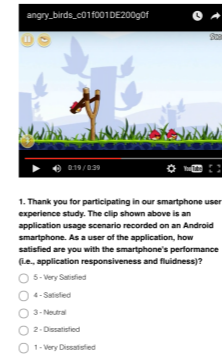
Record User



Parametrized Replay



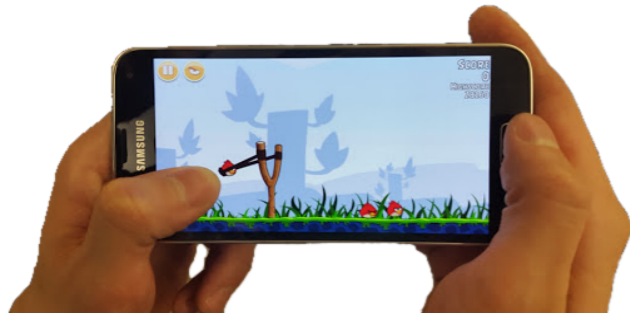
Post Survey



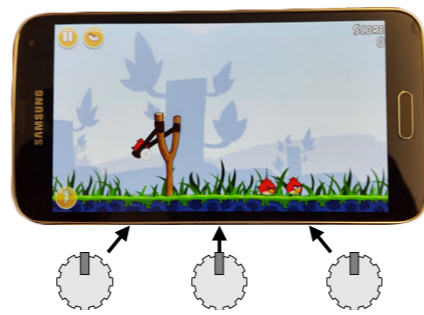
Crowdsource

Putting the Pieces Together

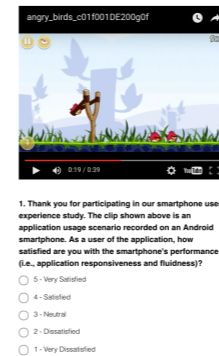
Record User



Parametrized Replay



Post Survey

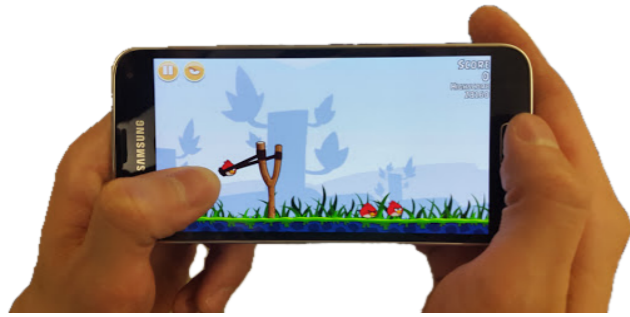


Crowdsource

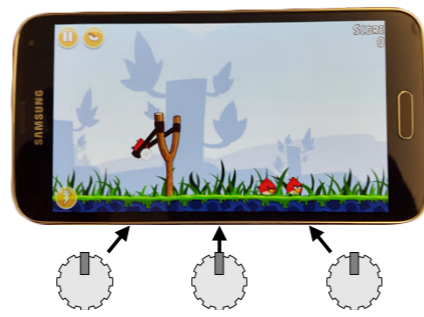
A screenshot of the Amazon Mechanical Turk requester interface. The header includes the Amazon Mechanical Turk logo and the word "REQUESTER". Below the header is a navigation bar with tabs: "Home", "Create", "Manage", "Developer", and "Help". Under "Home", there are links for "Overview", "Tour", "Case Studies", "Pricing", "Partners", and "Business Solutions". On the right side of the navigation bar is a link that says "We're Hiring! Learn More". The main content area features a large graphic with the text "Distribute your work to thousands of Workers instantly." The graphic shows a white cloud with an orange ribbon coming out of it, and several green worker icons connected by dotted lines to the cloud.

Putting the Pieces Together

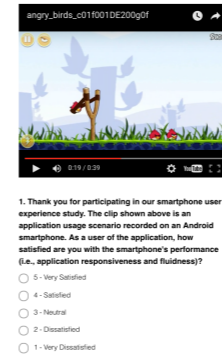
Record User



Parametrized Replay



Post Survey

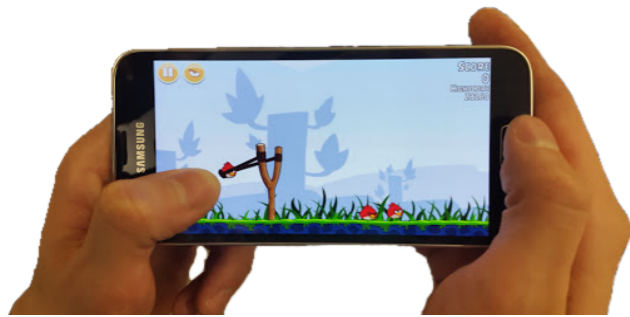


Crowdsource

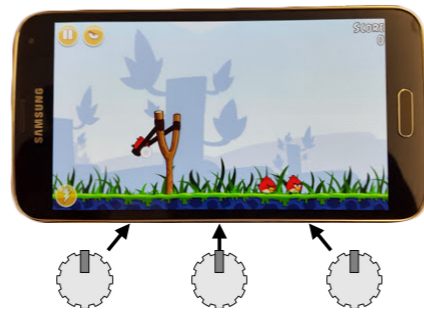


Putting the Pieces Together

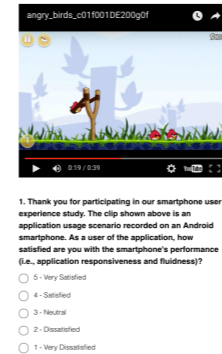
Record User



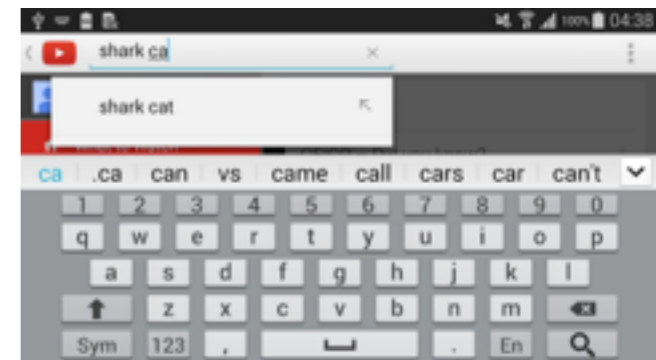
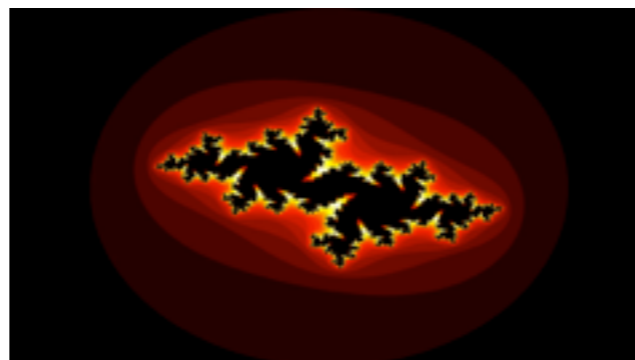
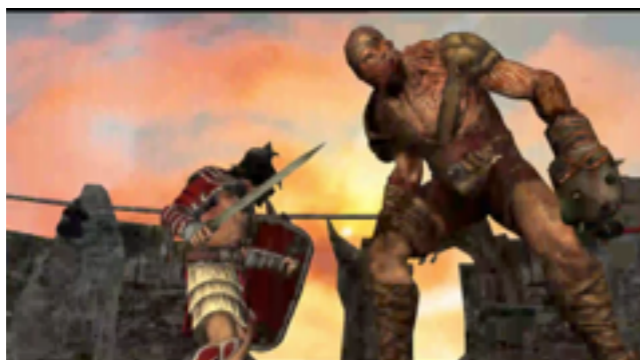
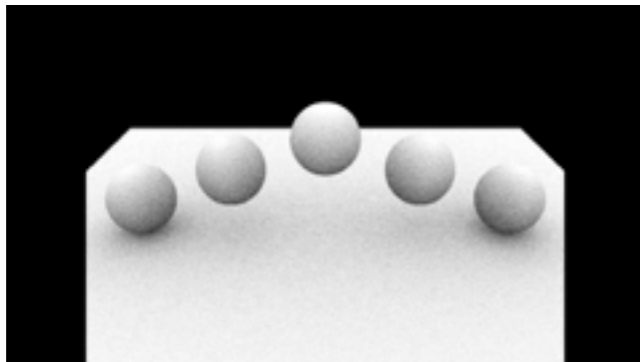
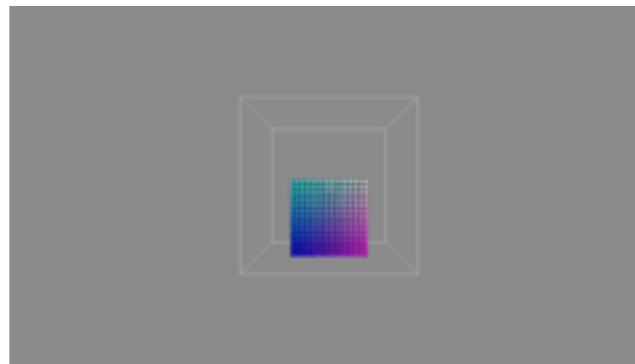
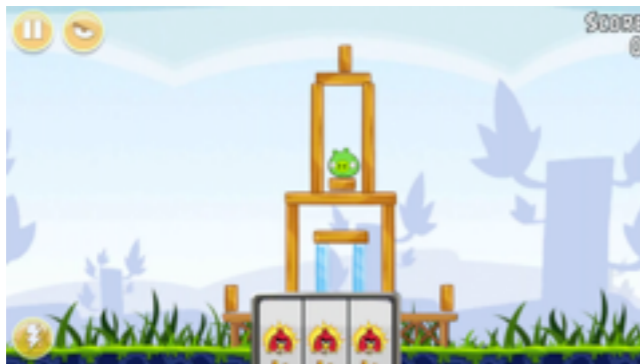
Parametrized Replay



Post Survey

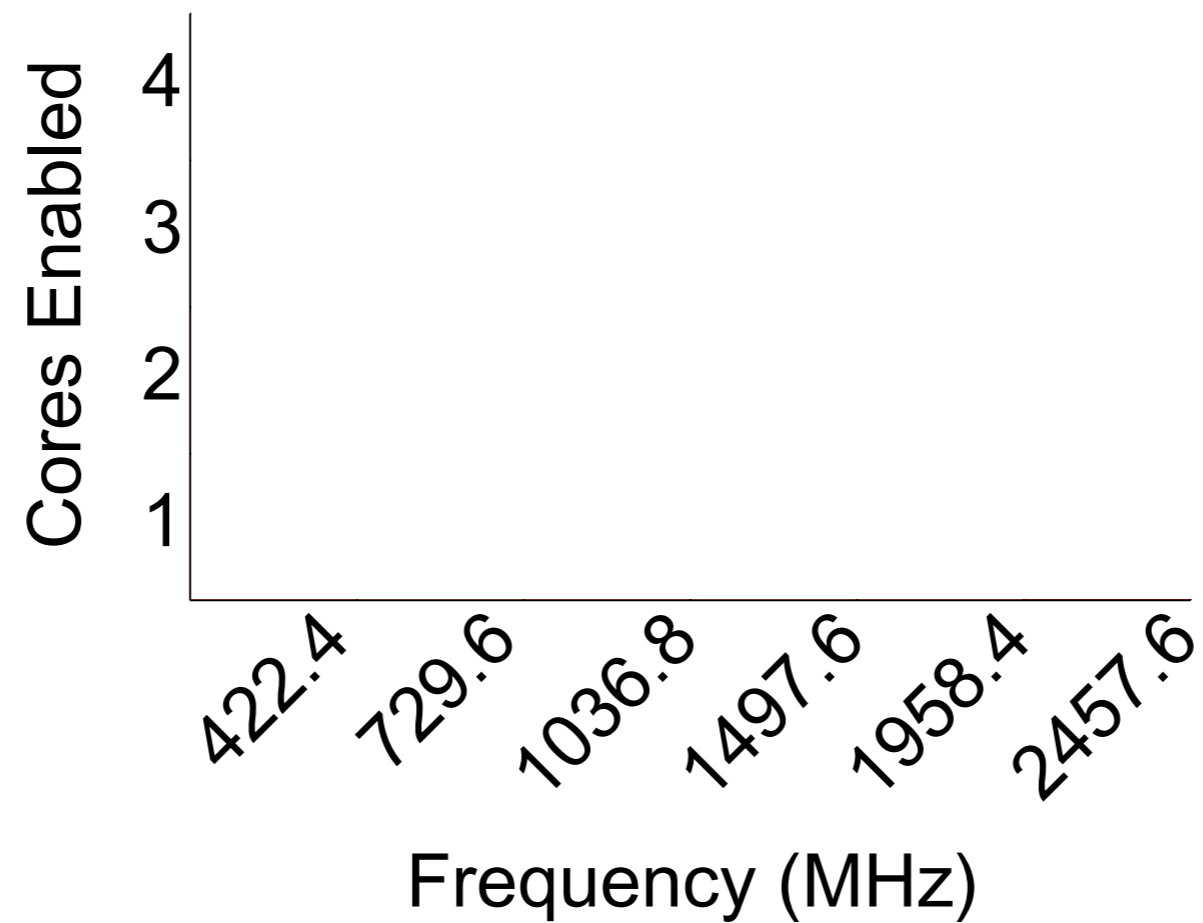


Crowdsource



Do we need **single-core** performance?

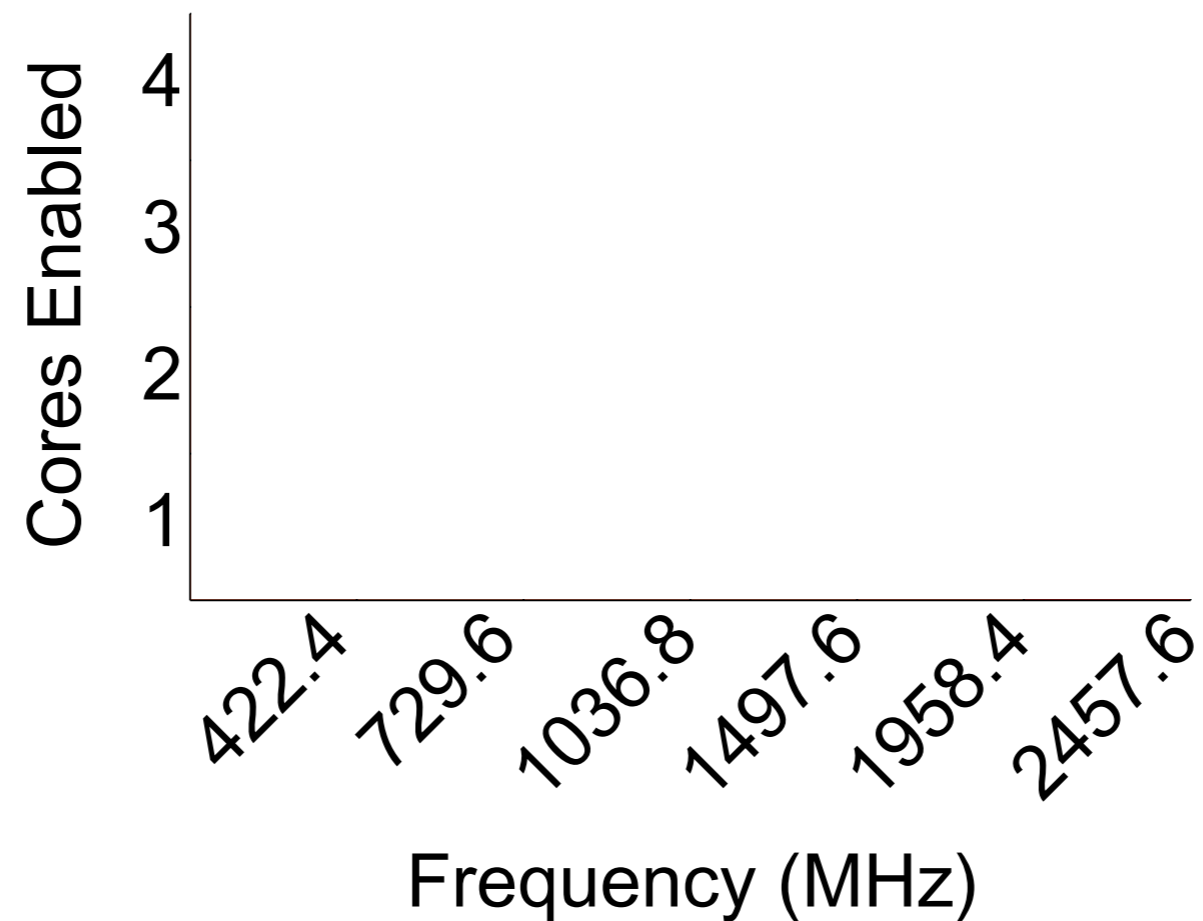
1.0	Very Dissatisfied
2.0	Dissatisfied
3.0	Neutral
4.0	Satisfied
5.0	Very Satisfied



Do we need **single-core** performance?



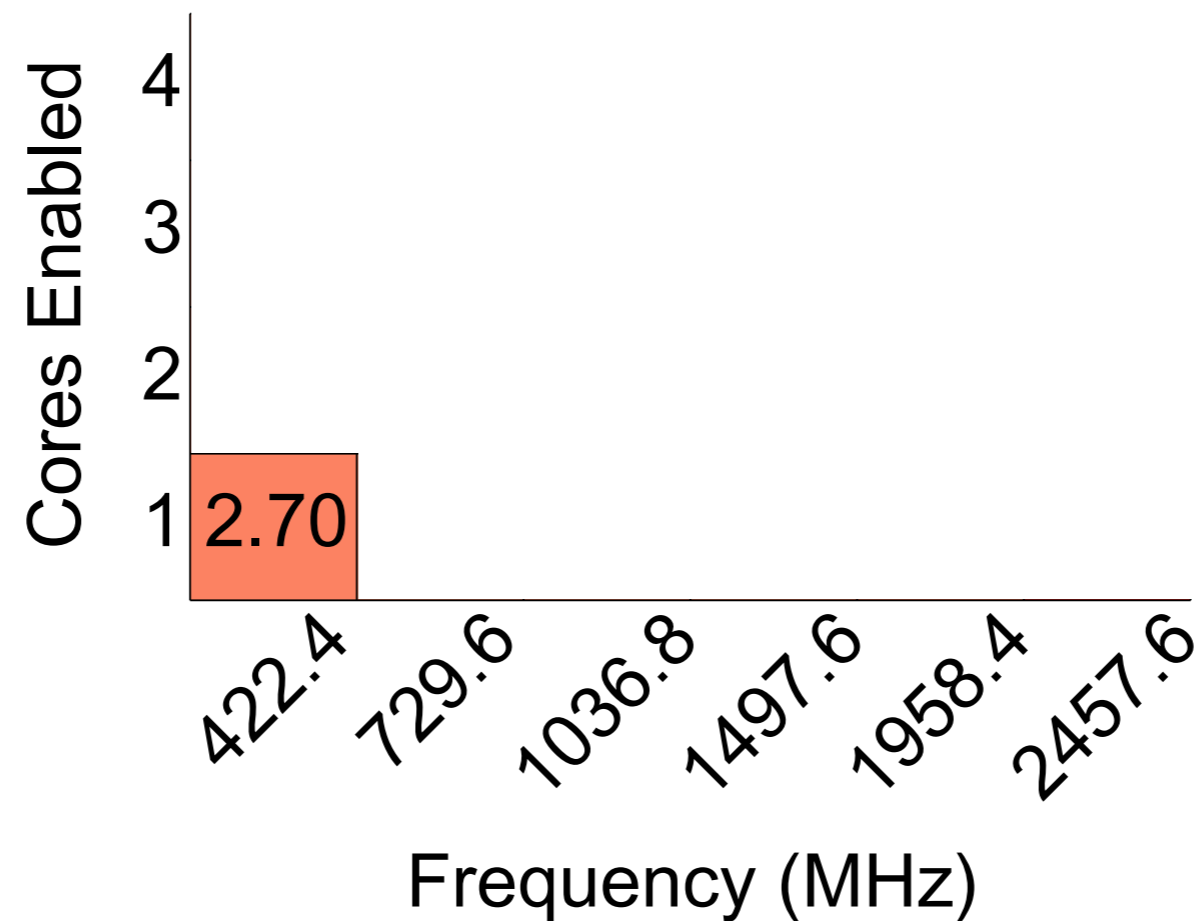
1.0	Very Dissatisfied
2.0	Dissatisfied
3.0	Neutral
4.0	Satisfied
5.0	Very Satisfied



Do we need **single-core** performance?



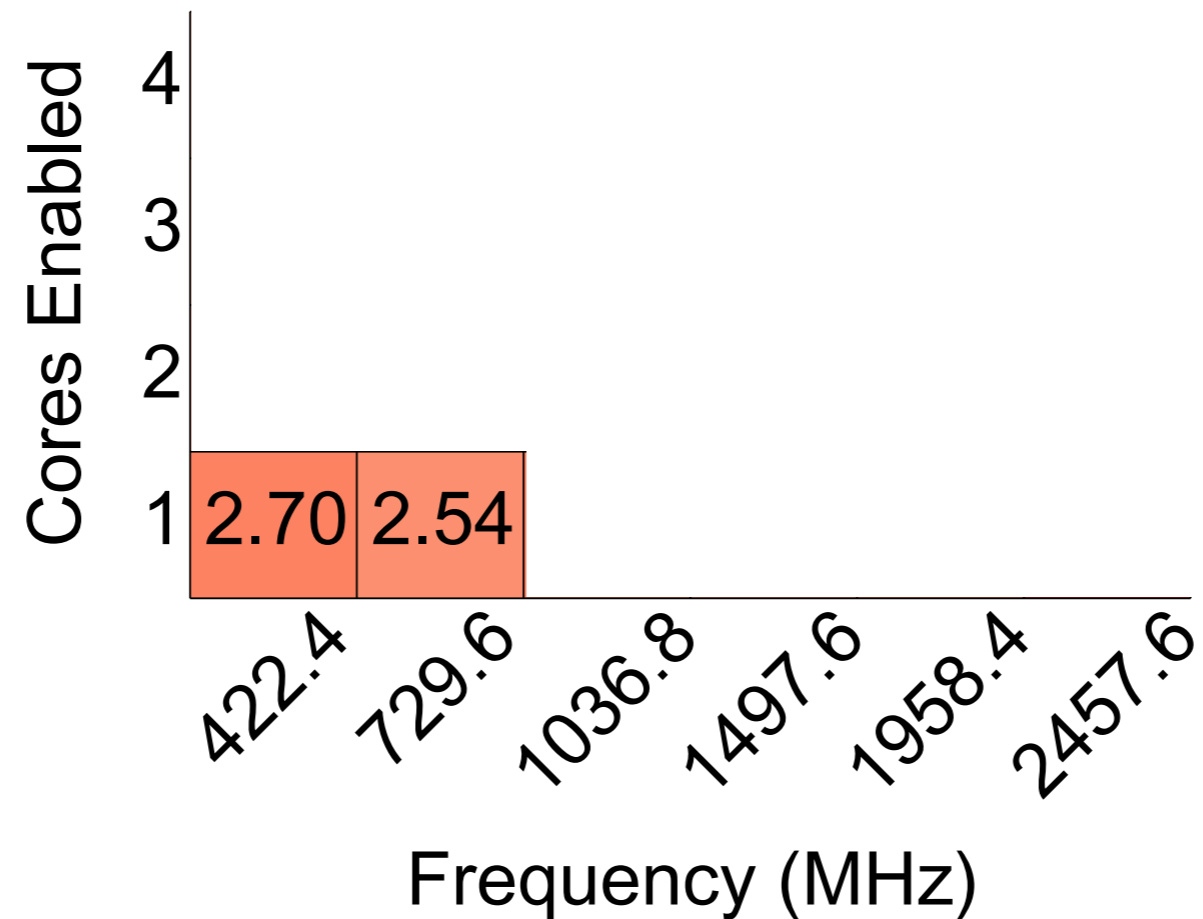
1.0	Very Dissatisfied
2.0	Dissatisfied
3.0	Neutral
4.0	Satisfied
5.0	Very Satisfied



Do we need **single-core** performance?



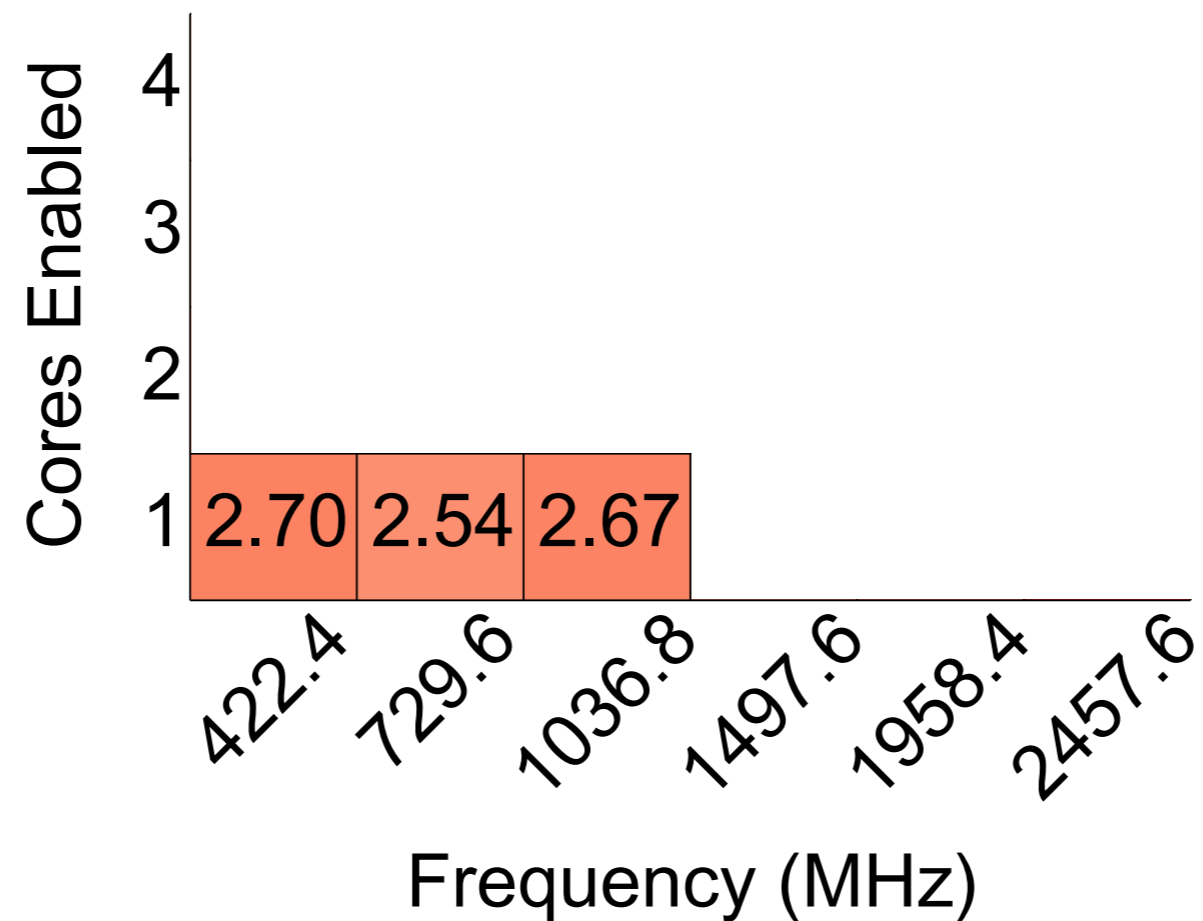
1.0	Very Dissatisfied
2.0	Dissatisfied
3.0	Neutral
4.0	Satisfied
5.0	Very Satisfied



Do we need **single-core** performance?



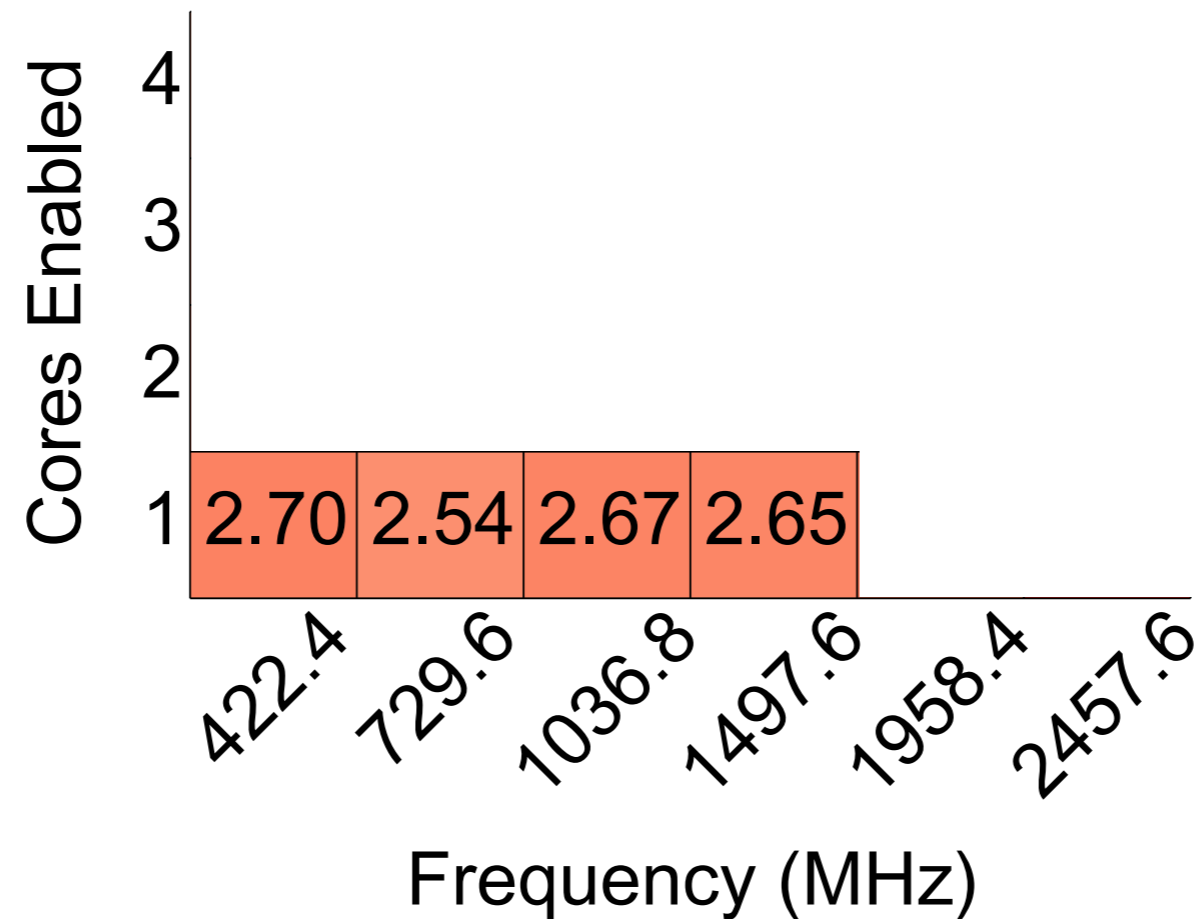
1.0	Very Dissatisfied
2.0	Dissatisfied
3.0	Neutral
4.0	Satisfied
5.0	Very Satisfied



Do we need **single-core** performance?



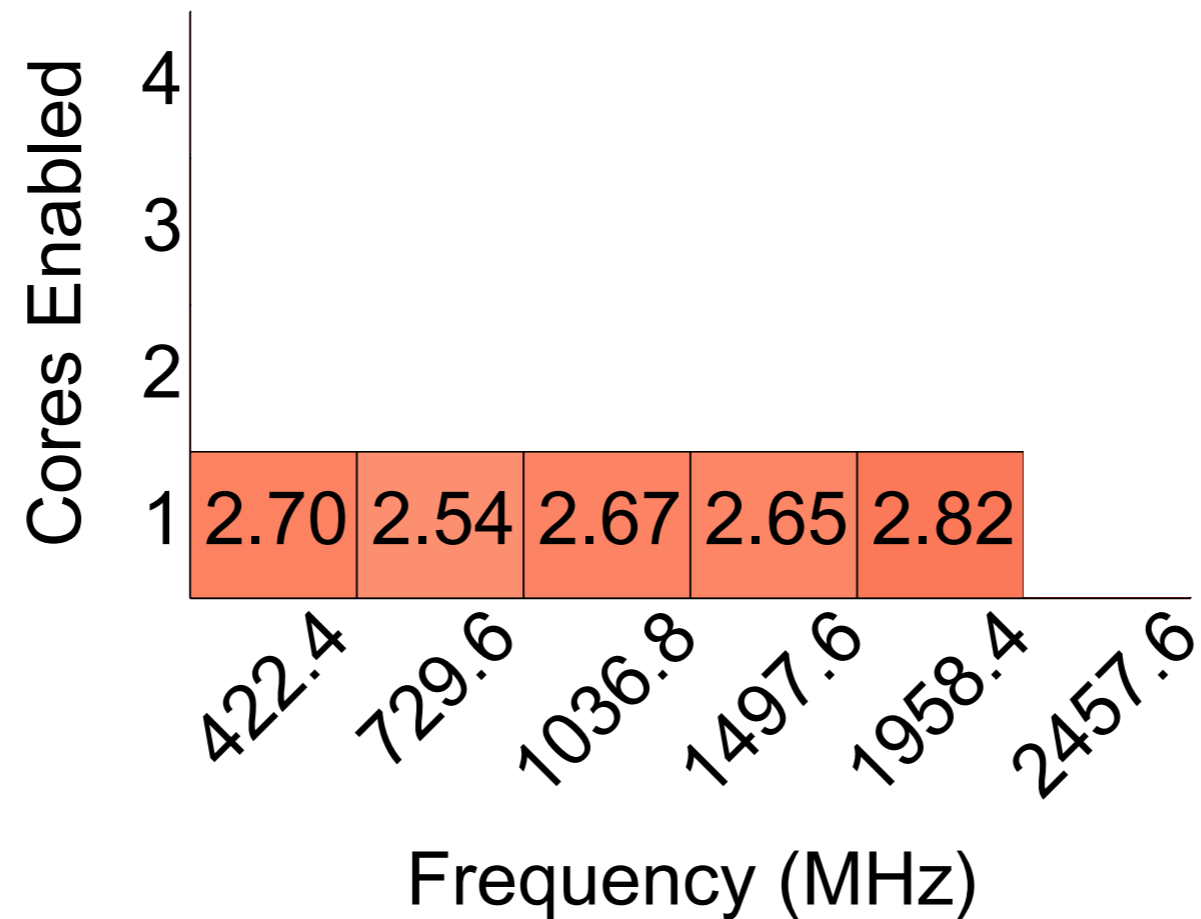
1.0	Very Dissatisfied
2.0	Dissatisfied
3.0	Neutral
4.0	Satisfied
5.0	Very Satisfied



Do we need **single-core** performance?



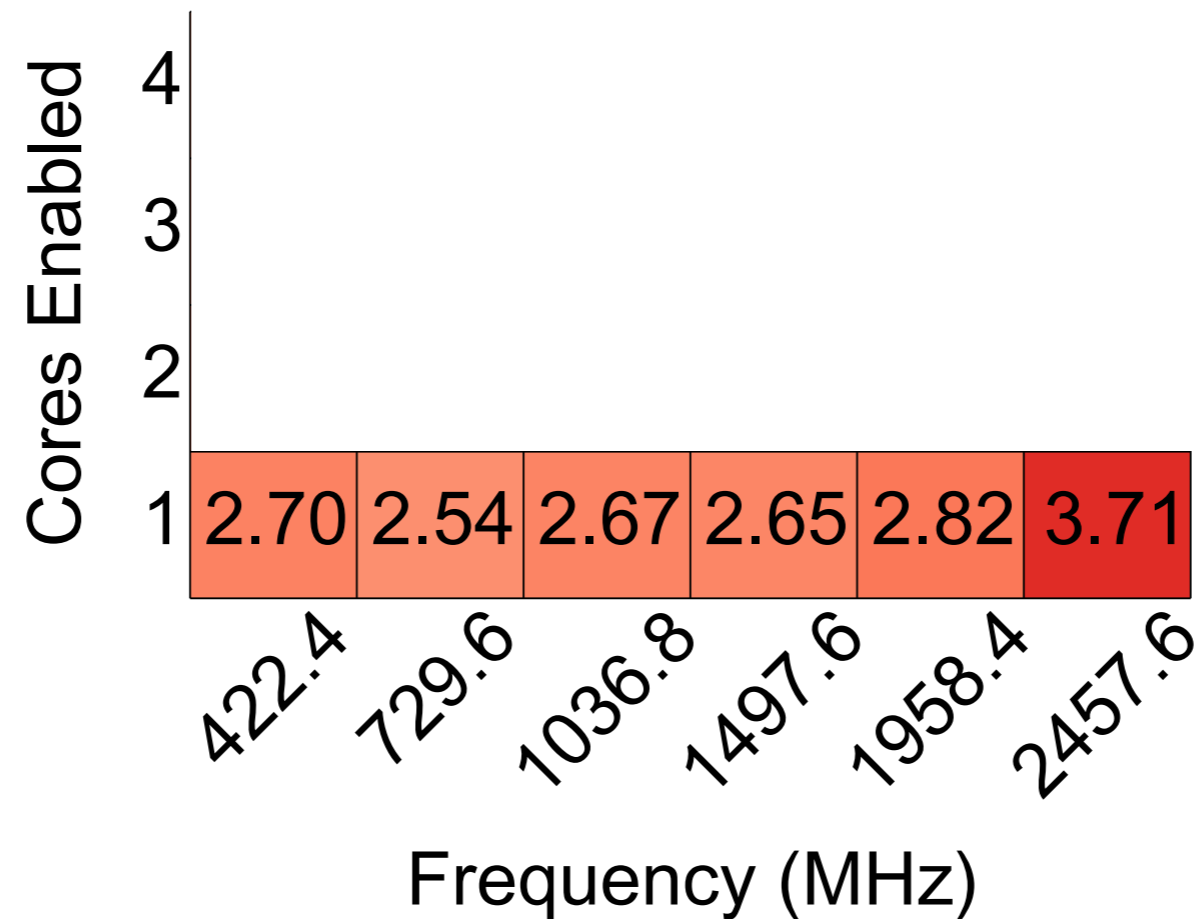
1.0	Very Dissatisfied
2.0	Dissatisfied
3.0	Neutral
4.0	Satisfied
5.0	Very Satisfied



Do we need **single-core** performance?



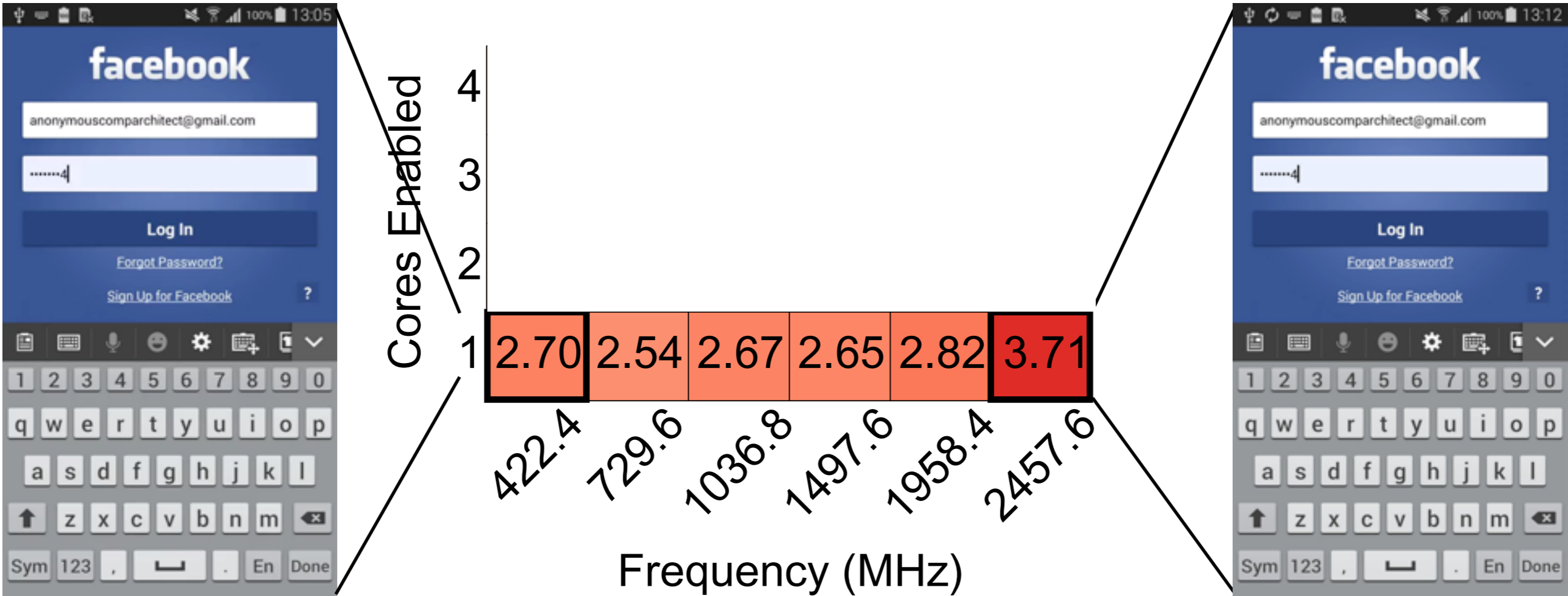
1.0	Very Dissatisfied
2.0	Dissatisfied
3.0	Neutral
4.0	Satisfied
5.0	Very Satisfied



Do we need **single-core** performance?



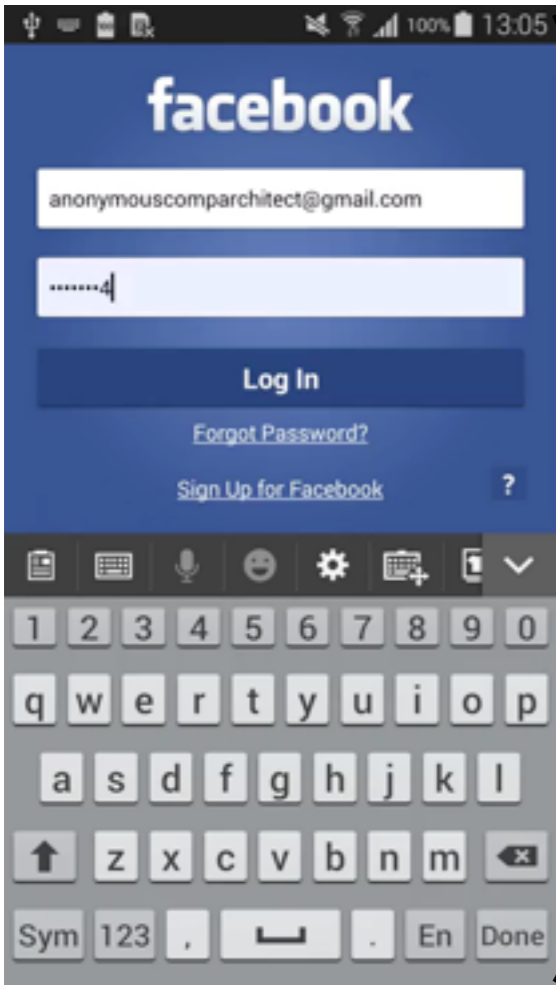
1.0	Very Dissatisfied
2.0	Dissatisfied
3.0	Neutral
4.0	Satisfied
5.0	Very Satisfied



Do we need single-core performance?



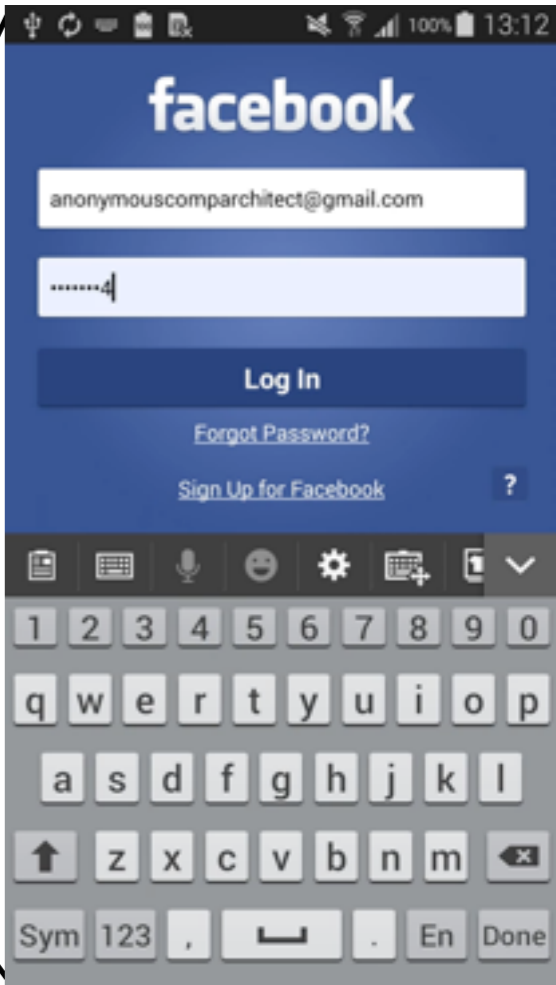
1.0	Very Dissatisfied
2.0	Dissatisfied
3.0	Neutral
4.0	Satisfied
5.0	Very Satisfied



Cores Enabled

4	2.40	2.56	4.08	3.89	3.82	4.14
3	2.49	2.85	3.90	3.72	3.90	3.88
2	2.77	2.66	2.79	4.19	4.06	3.82
1	2.70	2.54	2.67	2.65	2.82	3.71
	422.4	729.6	1036.8	1497.6	1958.4	2457.6

Frequency (MHz)

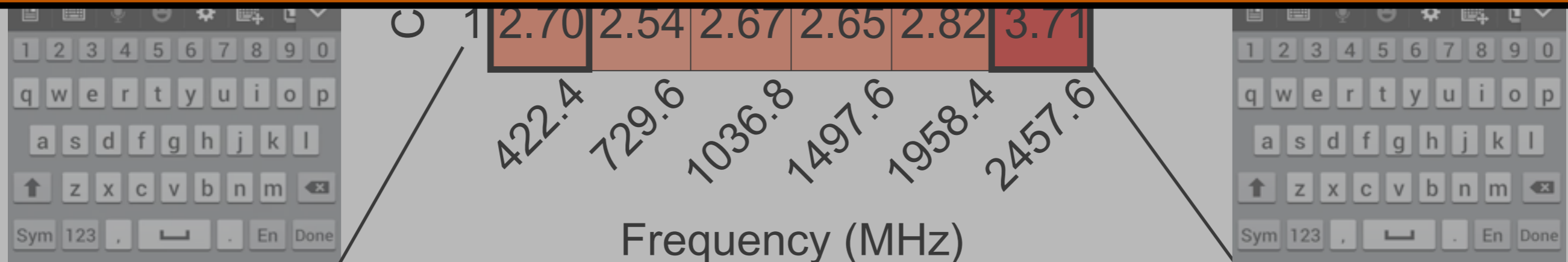


Do we need **single-core** performance?

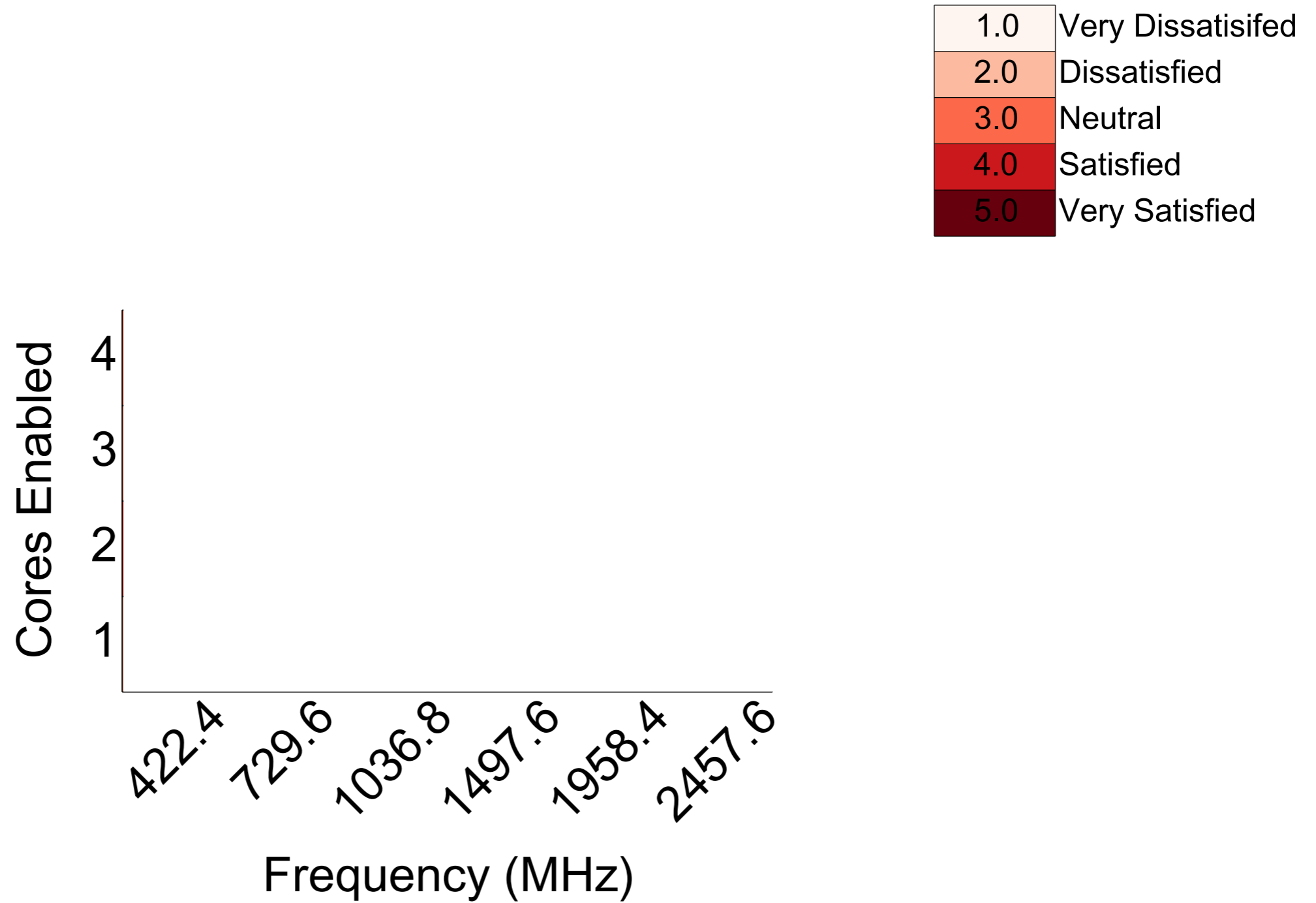


1.0	Very Dissatisfied
2.0	Dissatisfied
3.0	Neutral
4.0	Satisfied
5.0	Very Satisfied

User satisfaction is **latency-critical**. Single-core CPU performance enhancements have been crucial to the end-user.



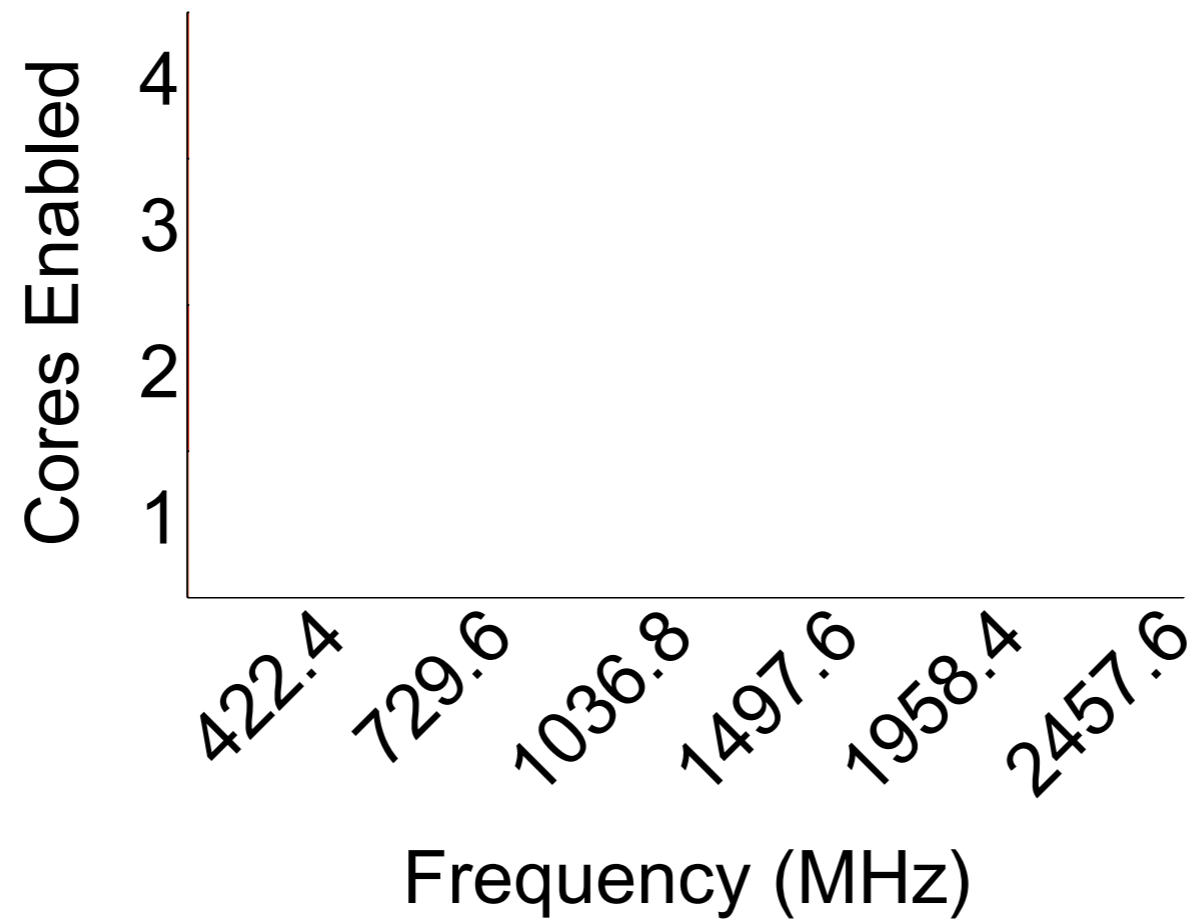
Do we need multi-core performance?



Do we need multi-core performance?



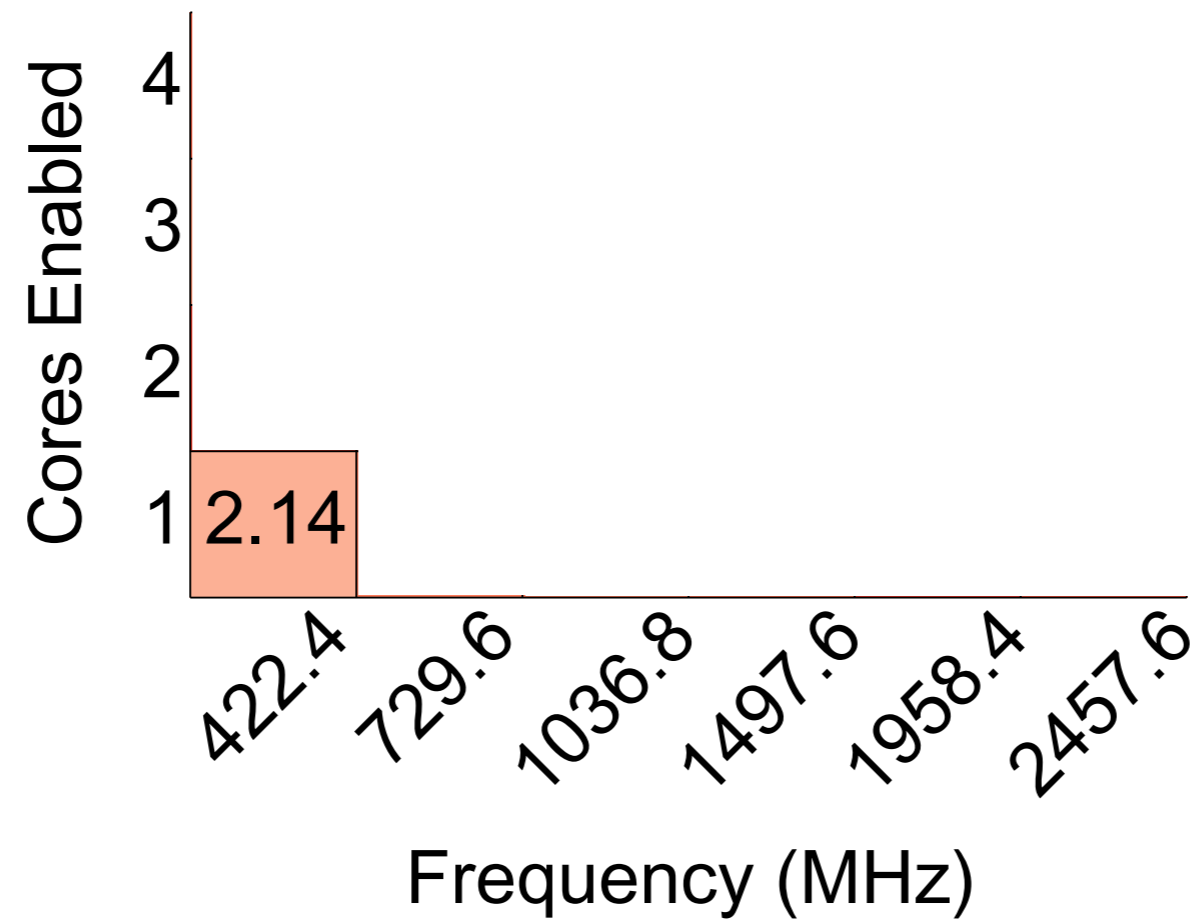
1.0	Very Dissatisfied
2.0	Dissatisfied
3.0	Neutral
4.0	Satisfied
5.0	Very Satisfied



Do we need multi-core performance?



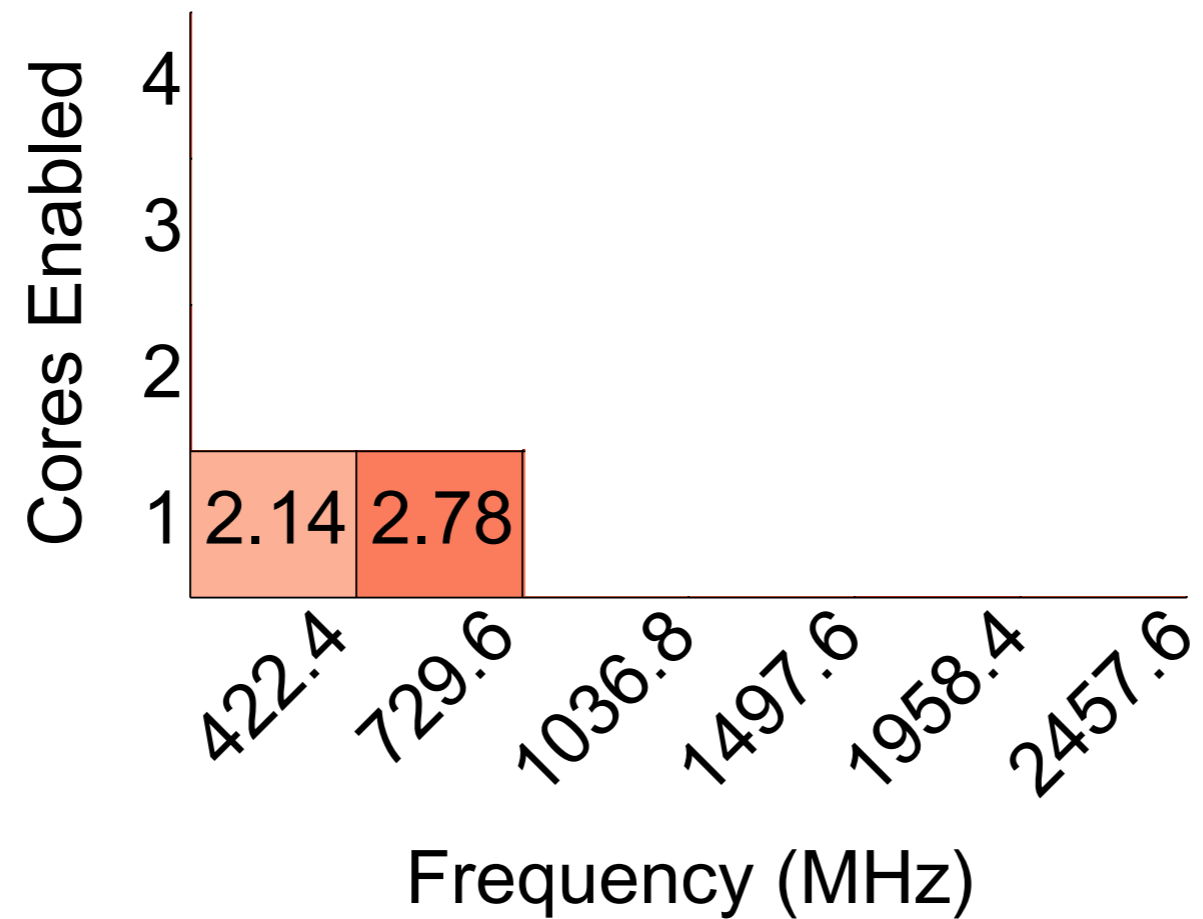
1.0	Very Dissatisfied
2.0	Dissatisfied
3.0	Neutral
4.0	Satisfied
5.0	Very Satisfied



Do we need multi-core performance?



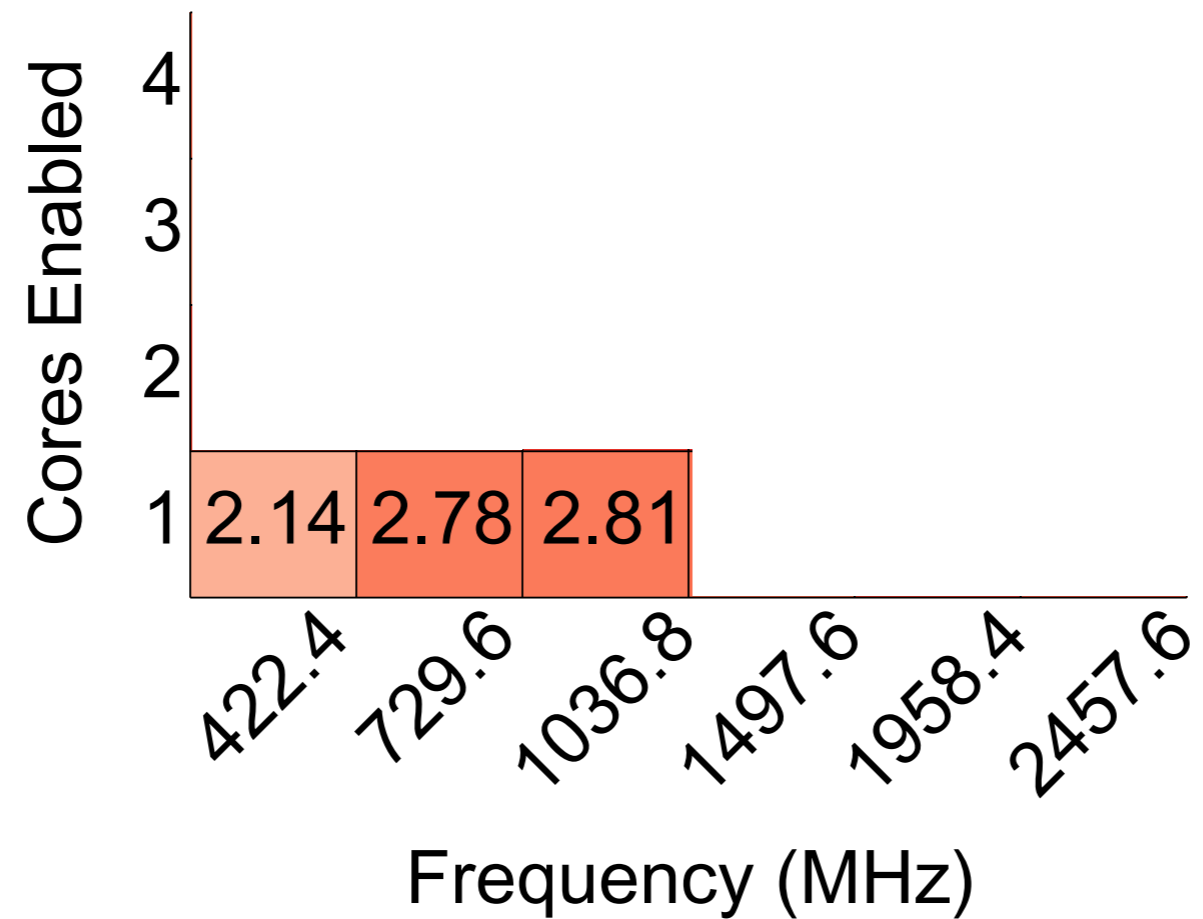
1.0	Very Dissatisfied
2.0	Dissatisfied
3.0	Neutral
4.0	Satisfied
5.0	Very Satisfied



Do we need multi-core performance?



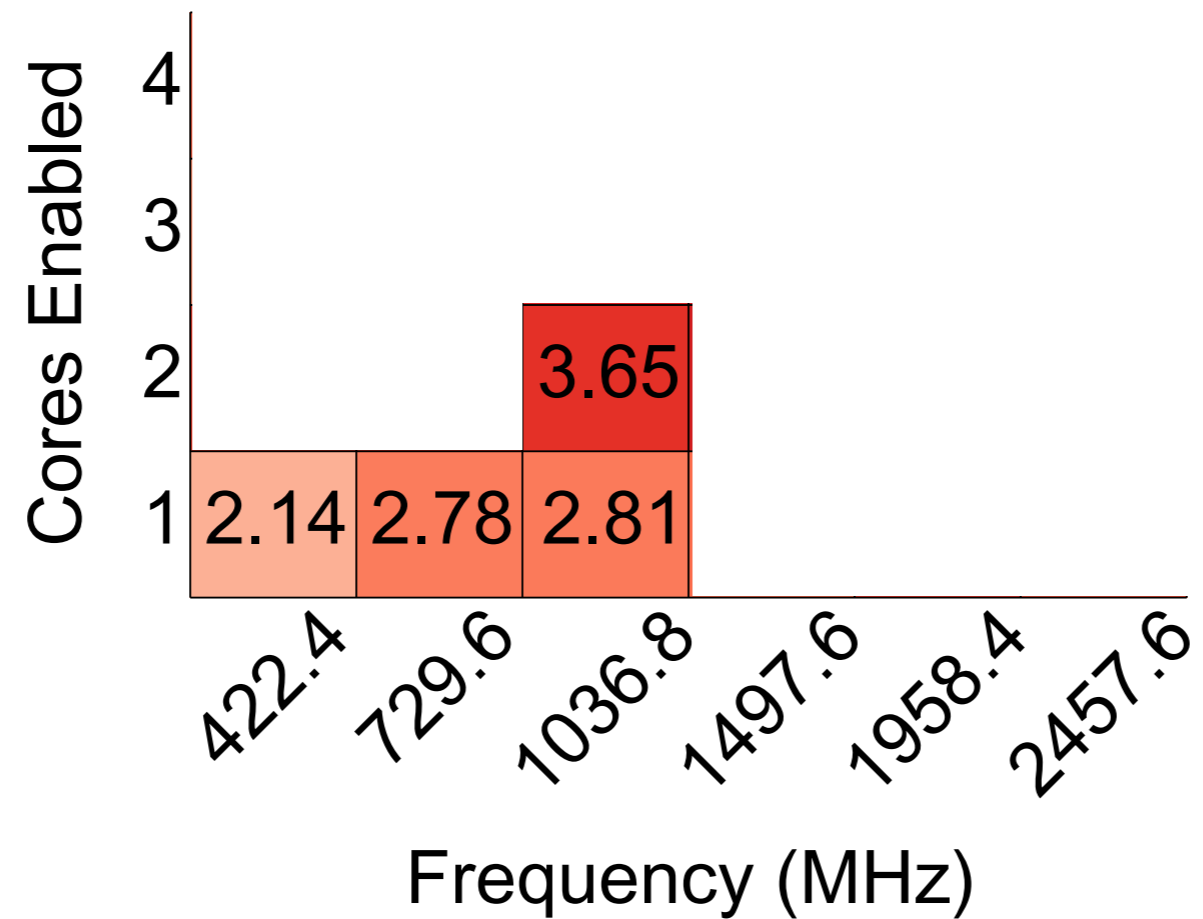
1.0	Very Dissatisfied
2.0	Dissatisfied
3.0	Neutral
4.0	Satisfied
5.0	Very Satisfied



Do we need multi-core performance?



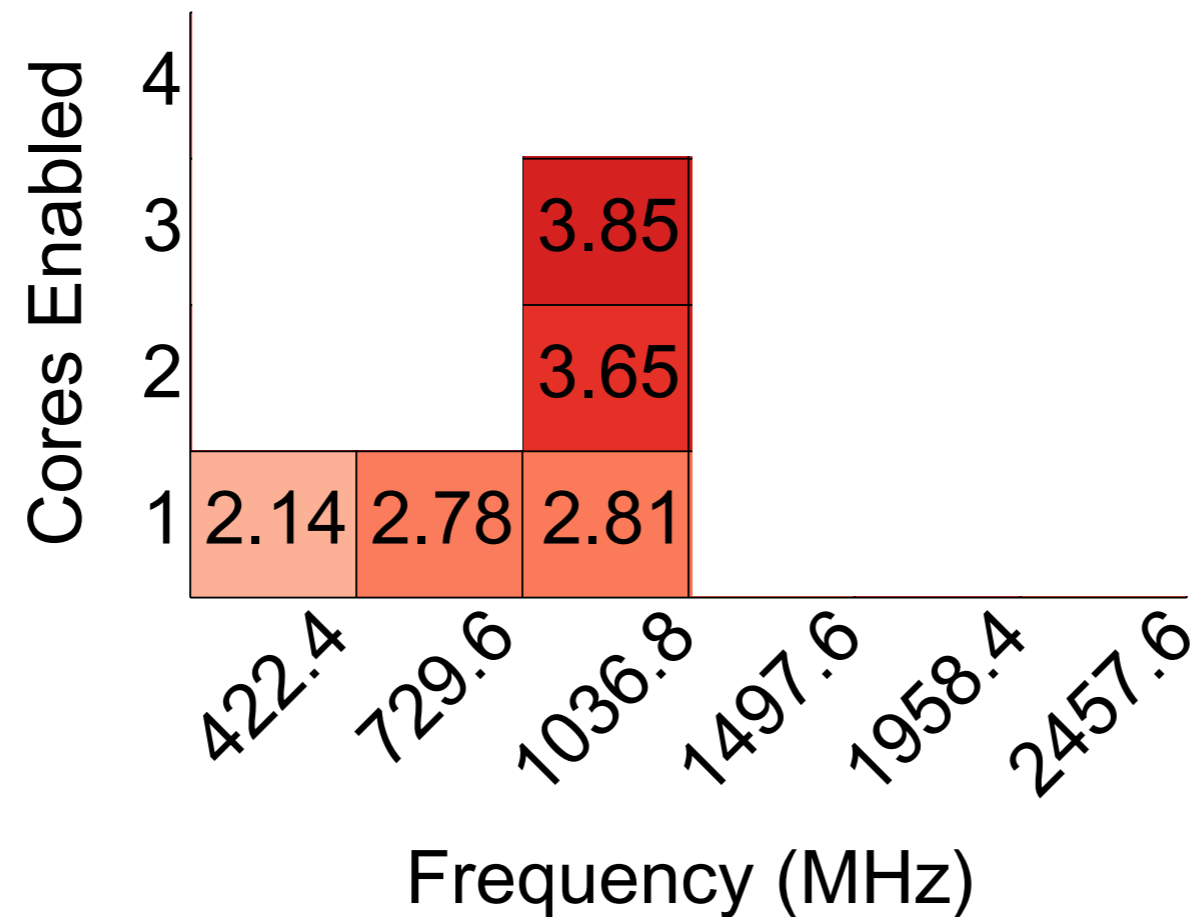
1.0	Very Dissatisfied
2.0	Dissatisfied
3.0	Neutral
4.0	Satisfied
5.0	Very Satisfied



Do we need multi-core performance?



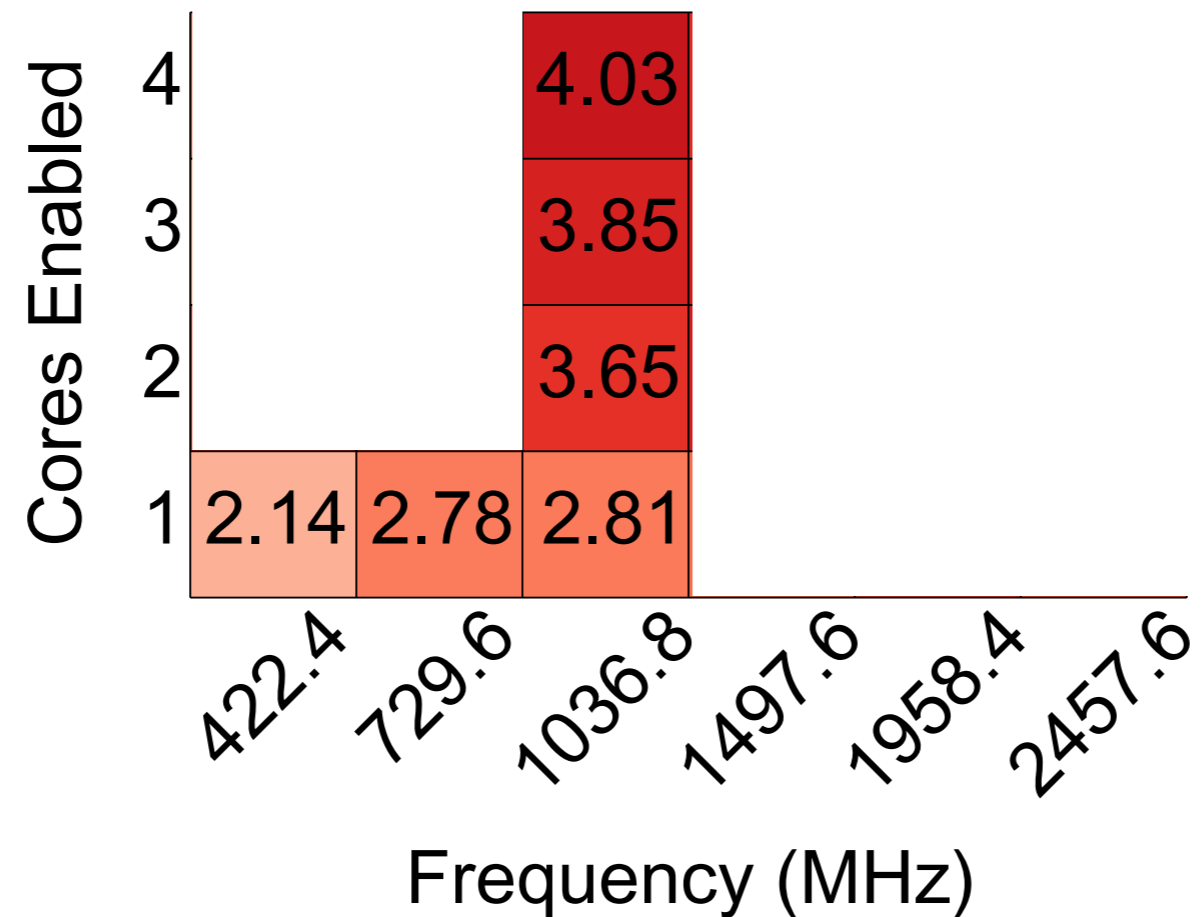
1.0	Very Dissatisfied
2.0	Dissatisfied
3.0	Neutral
4.0	Satisfied
5.0	Very Satisfied



Do we need multi-core performance?



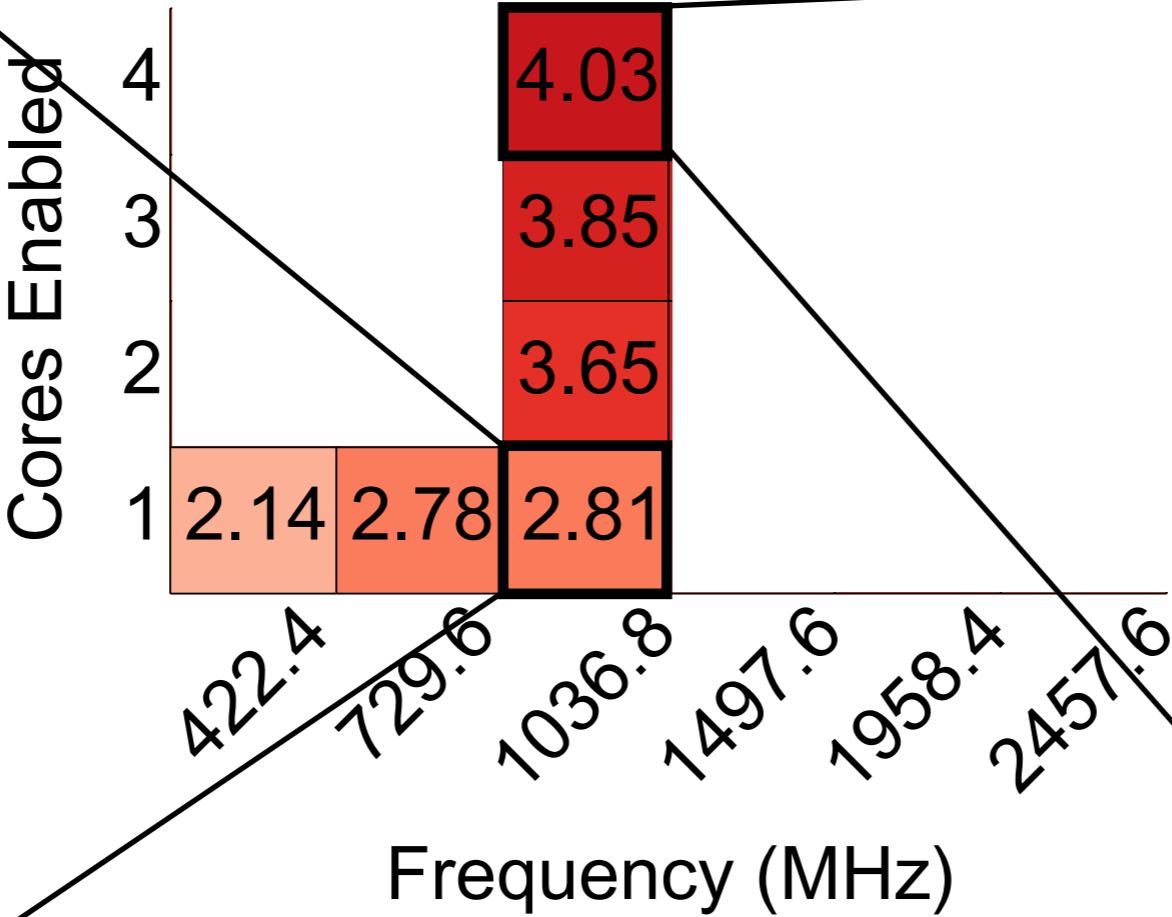
1.0	Very Dissatisfied
2.0	Dissatisfied
3.0	Neutral
4.0	Satisfied
5.0	Very Satisfied



Do we need multi-core performance?



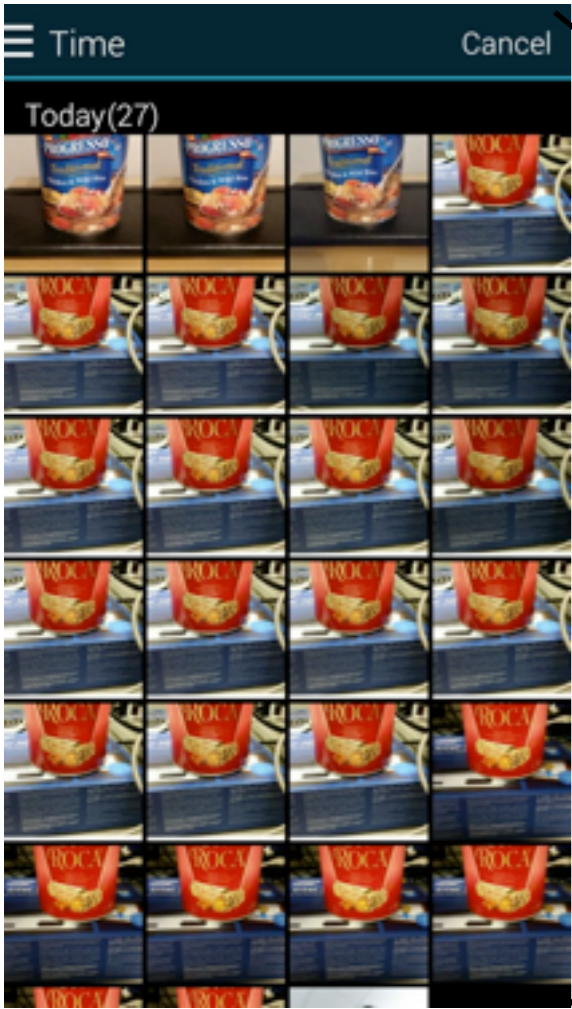
1.0	Very Dissatisfied
2.0	Dissatisfied
3.0	Neutral
4.0	Satisfied
5.0	Very Satisfied



Do we need multi-core performance?



1.0	Very Dissatisfied
2.0	Dissatisfied
3.0	Neutral
4.0	Satisfied
5.0	Very Satisfied

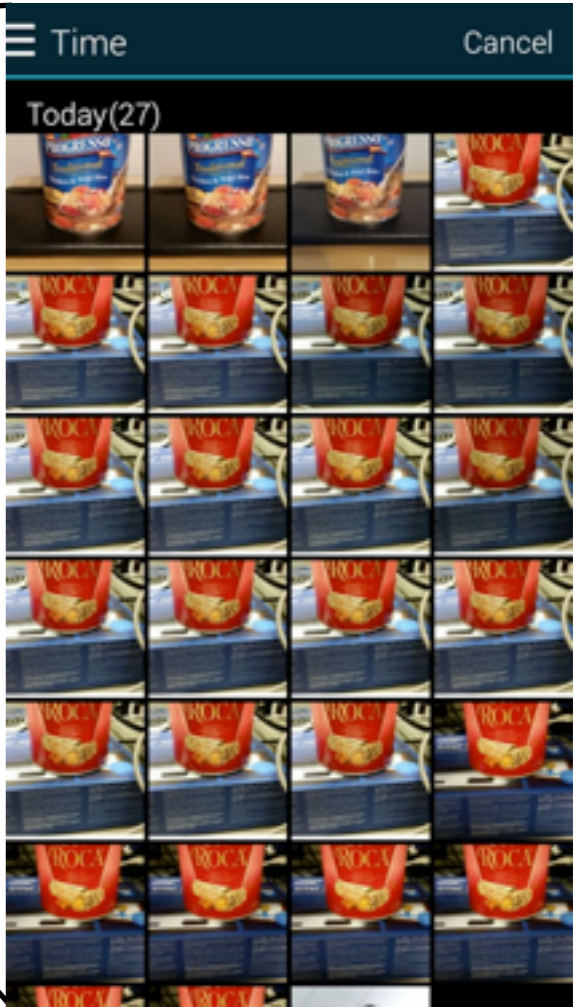


Cores Enabled

4	3.08	3.24	4.03	3.72	4.03	4.24
3	2.53	3.98	3.85	3.95	4.02	4.17
2	3.44	3.52	3.65	3.93	3.97	3.79
1	2.14	2.78	2.81	2.98	3.54	3.24

422.4
729.6
1036.8
1497.6
1958.4
2457.6

Frequency (MHz)



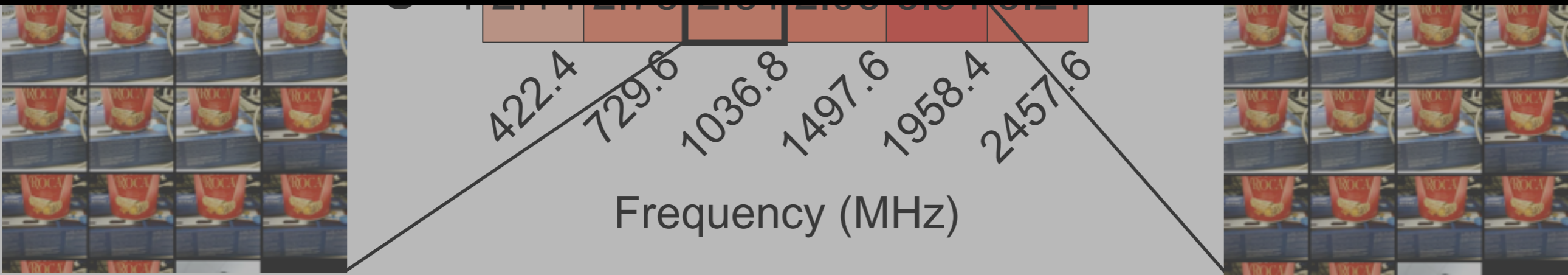
Do we need multi-core performance?



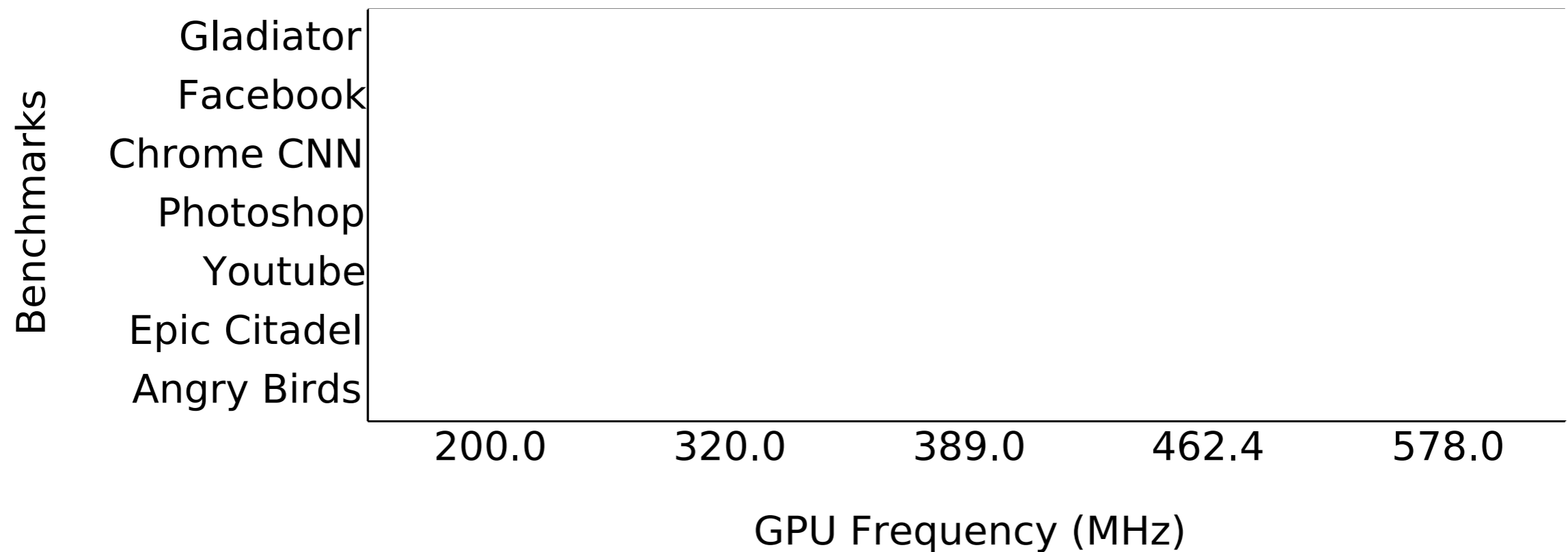
1.0	Very Dissatisfied
2.0	Dissatisfied
3.0	Neutral
4.0	Satisfied
5.0	Very Satisfied



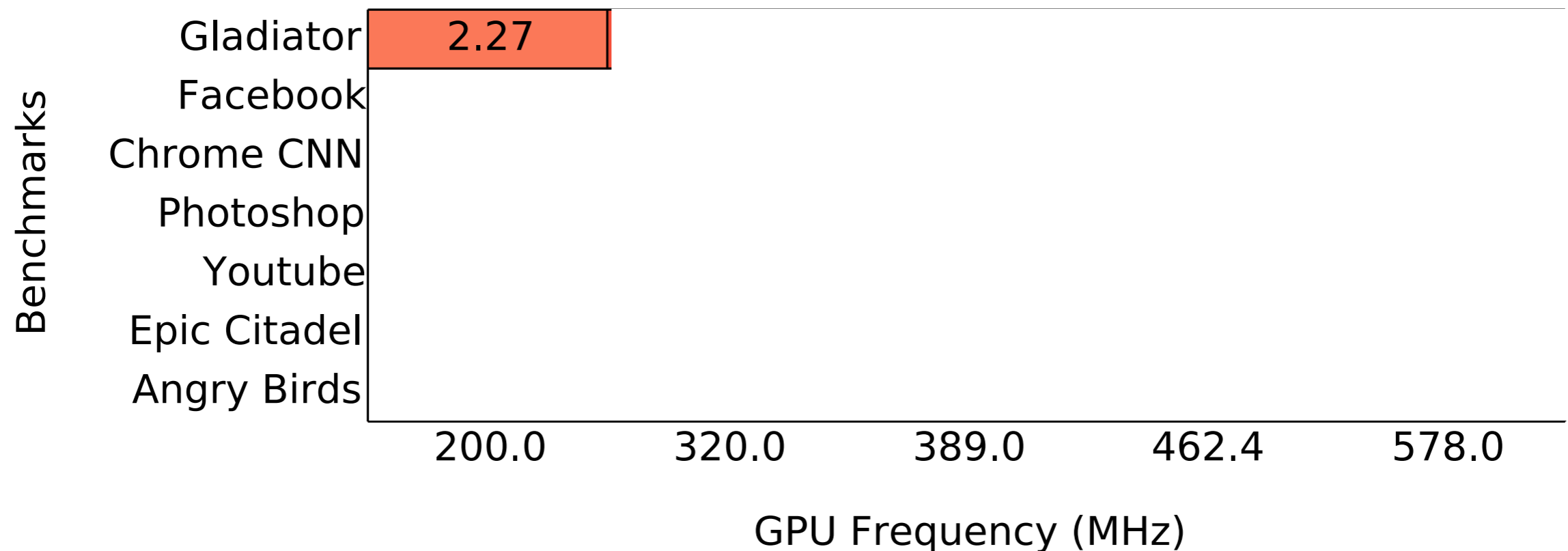
Multi-threading is being used for user-critical functionalities. Multiple CPU cores can provide benefit to the end user.



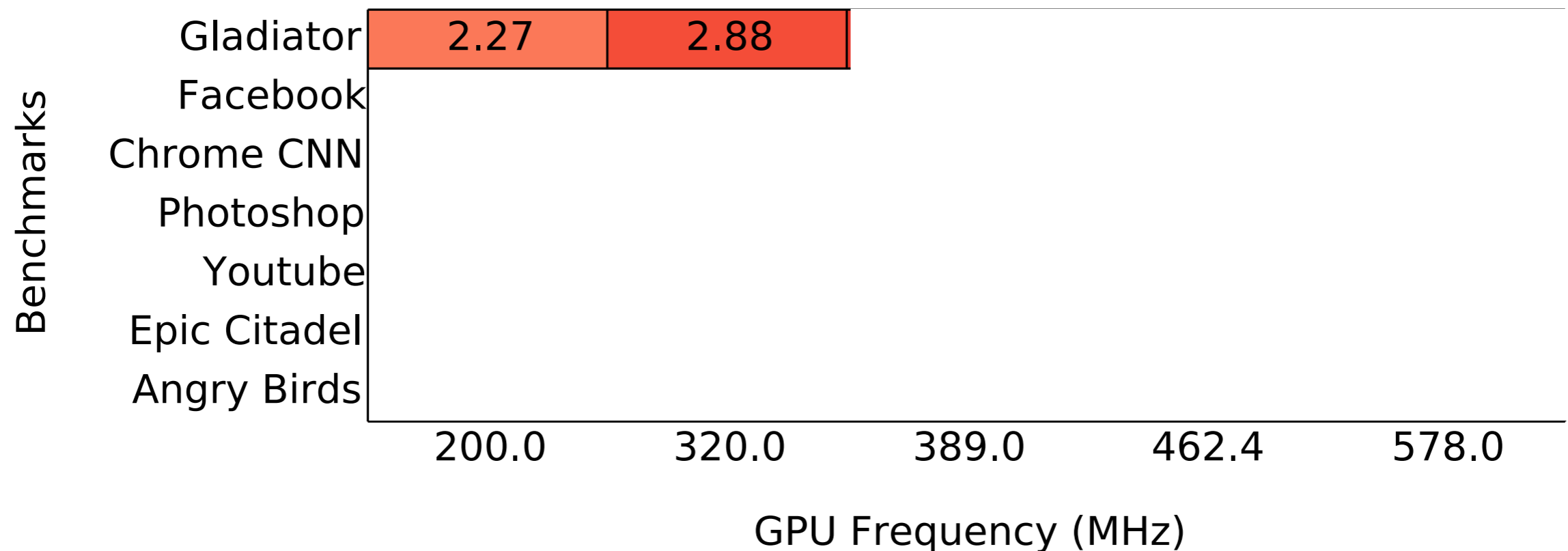
Does **graphics** performance matter more than CPU performance?



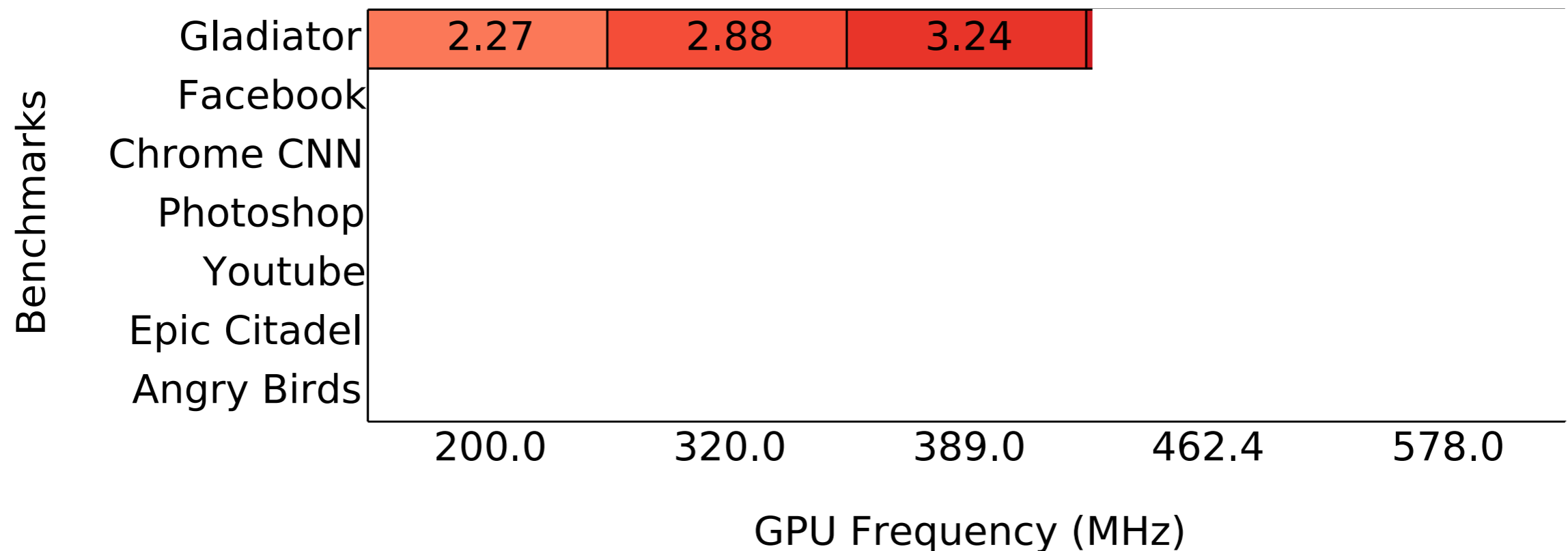
Does **graphics** performance matter more than CPU performance?



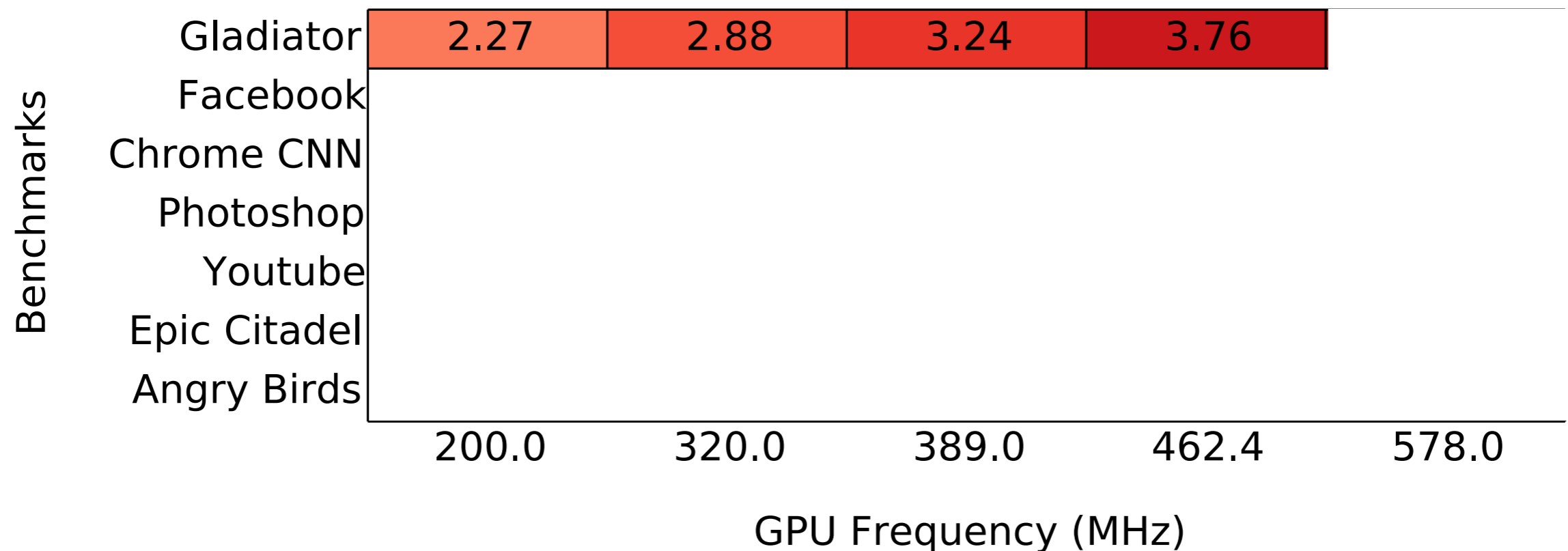
Does **graphics** performance matter more than CPU performance?



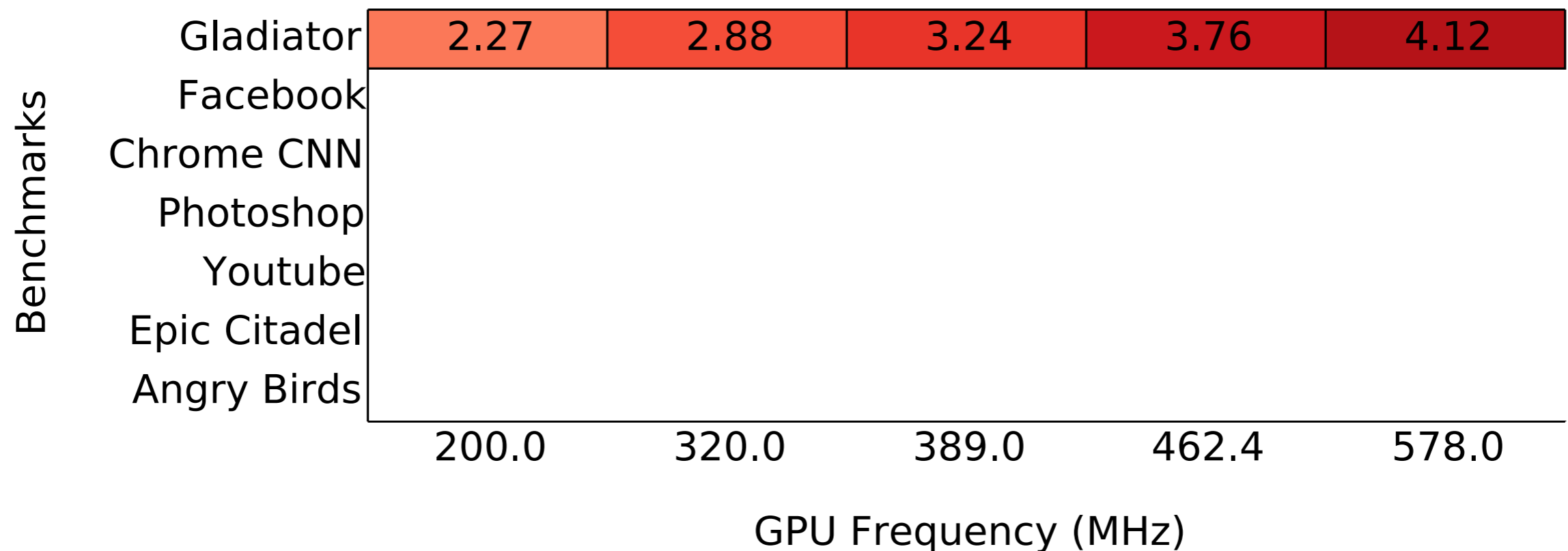
Does **graphics** performance matter more than CPU performance?



Does **graphics** performance matter more than CPU performance?



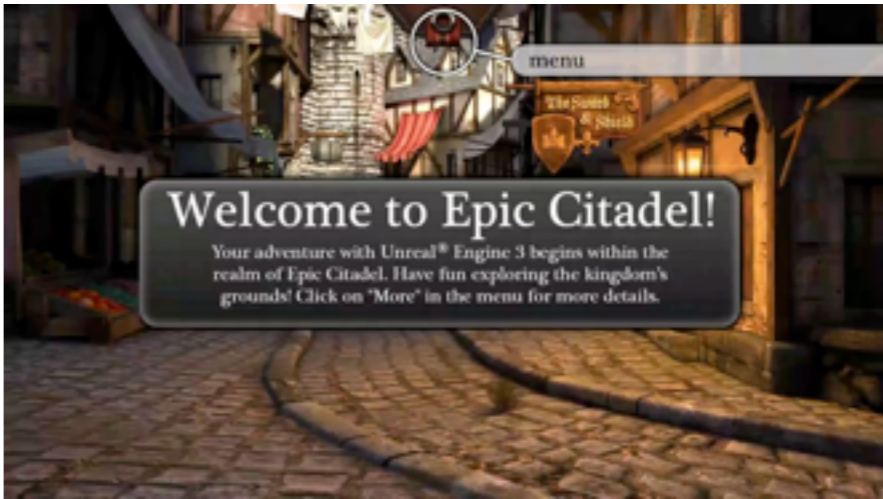
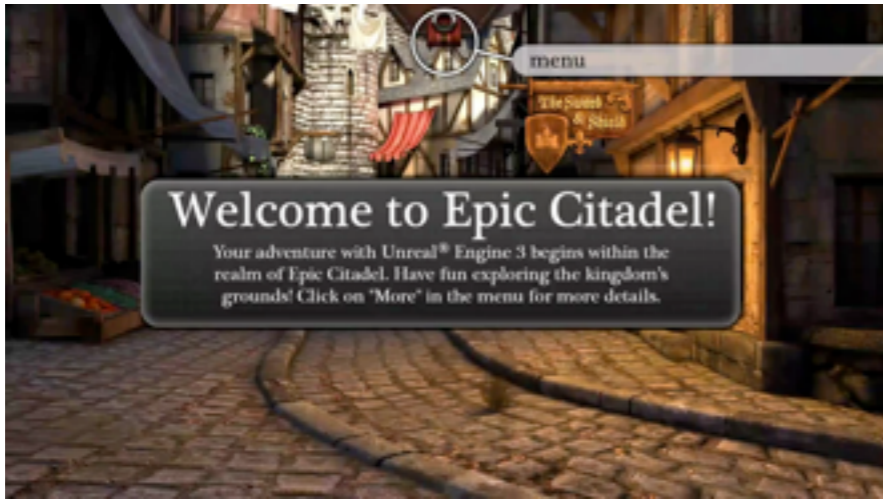
Does **graphics** performance matter more than CPU performance?



Does **graphics** performance matter more than CPU performance?

Benchmarks	Gladiator	2.27	2.88	3.24	3.76	4.12
	Facebook	4.06	3.89	4.04	3.94	4.14
	Chrome CNN	4.23	4.31	4.22	4.18	4.19
	Photoshop	4.19	4.00	4.19	4.17	4.24
	Youtube	4.38	4.38	4.31	4.37	4.18
	Epic Citadel	4.44	4.51	4.48	4.57	4.33
	Angry Birds	4.23	4.57	4.44	4.30	4.60
		200.0	320.0	389.0	462.4	578.0
GPU Frequency (MHz)						

Does **graphics** performance matter more than CPU performance?



Benchmarks

Gladiator	2.27	2.88	3.24	3.76	4.12
Facebook	4.06	3.89	4.04	3.94	4.14
Chrome CNN	4.23	4.31	4.22	4.18	4.19
Photoshop	4.19	4.00	4.19	4.17	4.24
Youtube	4.38	4.38	4.31	4.37	4.18
Epic Citadel	4.44	4.51	4.48	4.57	4.33
Angry Birds	4.23	4.57	4.44	4.30	4.60
	200.0	320.0	389.0	462.4	578.0

GPU Frequency (MHz)

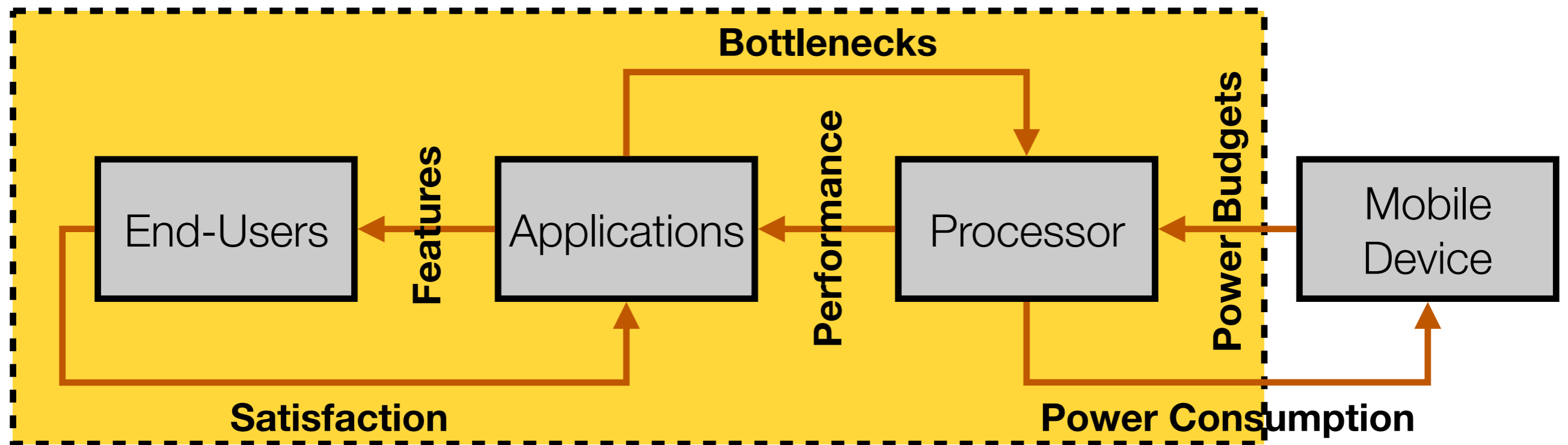
Does **graphics** performance matter more than CPU performance?



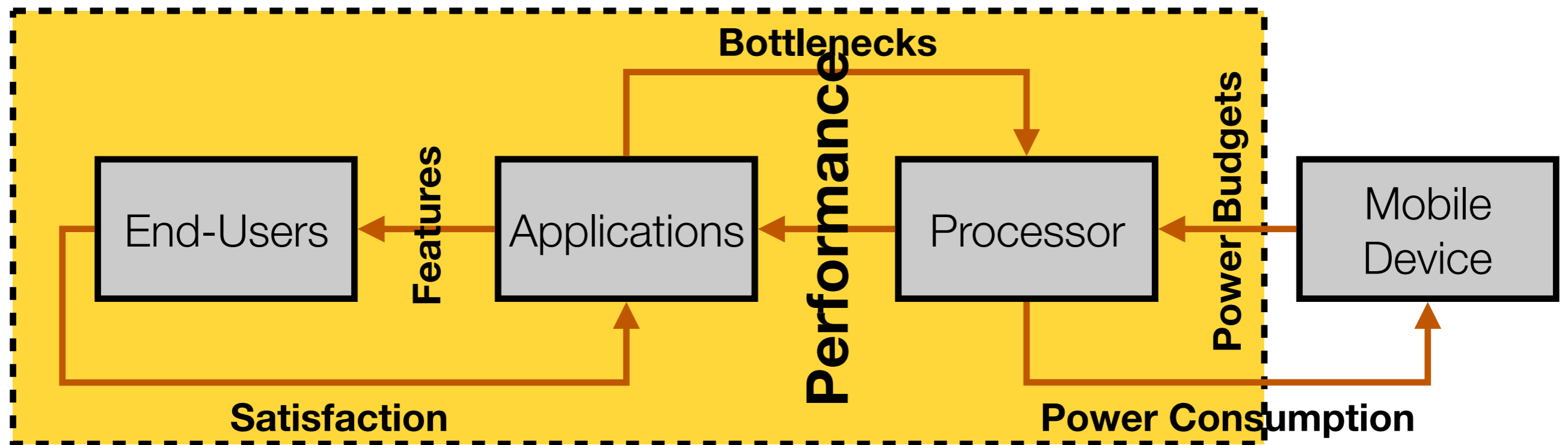
Even amongst applications that make use of the GPU and other accelerators, end-users are **sensitive to CPU performance.**

Benchmarks	Chrome	4.25	4.31	4.22	4.18	4.19
	Photoshop	4.19	4.00	4.19	4.17	4.24
	Youtube	4.38	4.38	4.31	4.37	4.18
	Epic Citadel	4.44	4.51	4.48	4.57	4.33
	Angry Birds	4.23	4.57	4.44	4.30	4.60
		200.0	320.0	389.0	462.4	578.0
		GPU Frequency (MHz)				

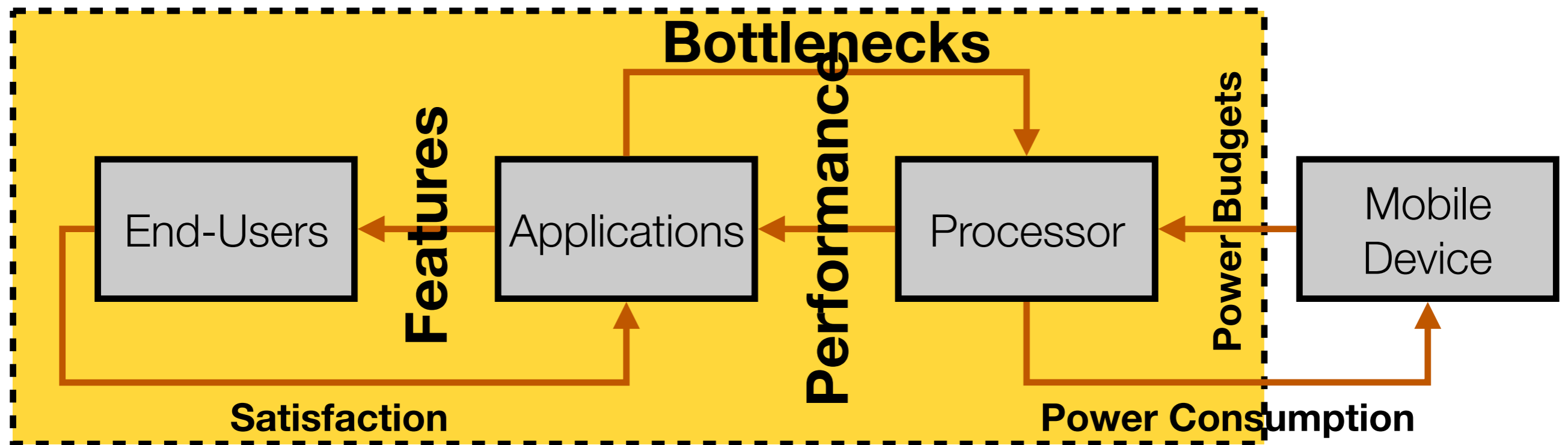
At the Mercy of Power Constraints



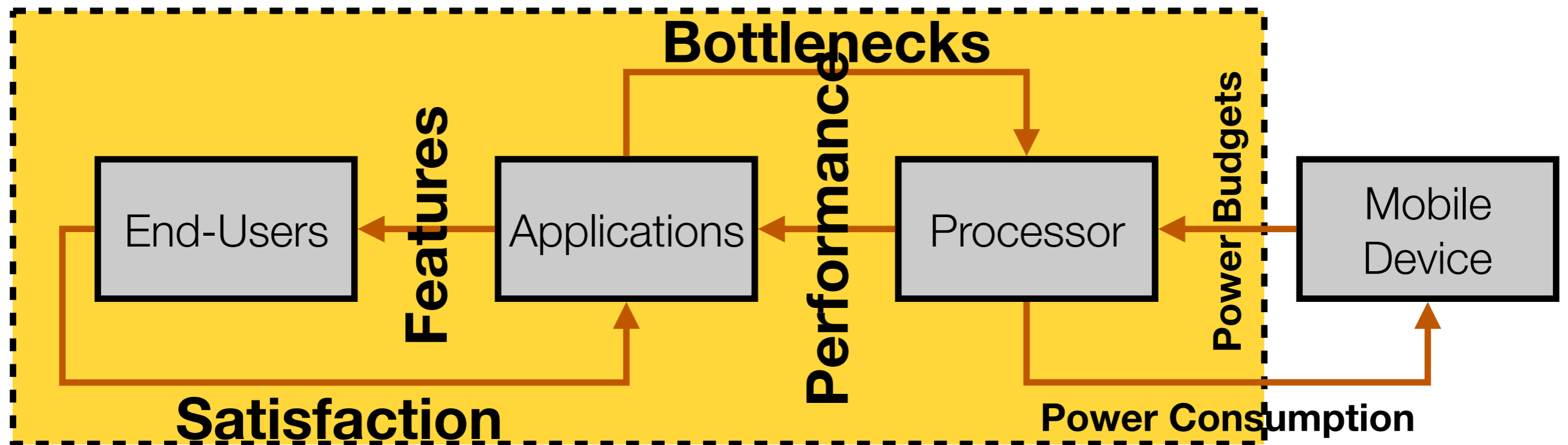
At the Mercy of Power Constraints



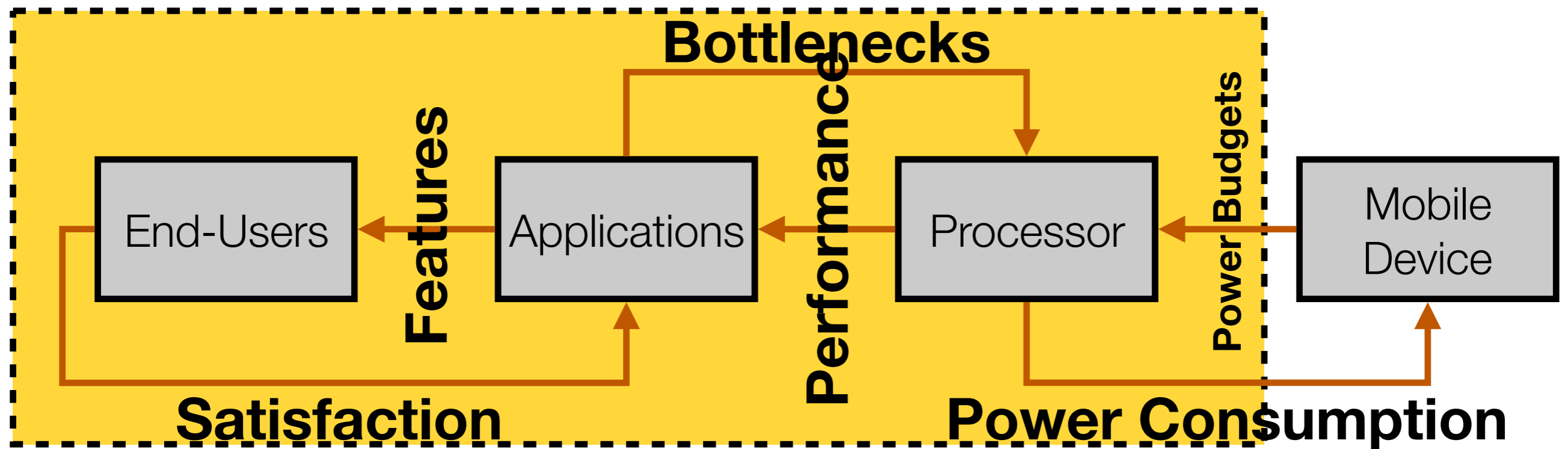
At the Mercy of Power Constraints



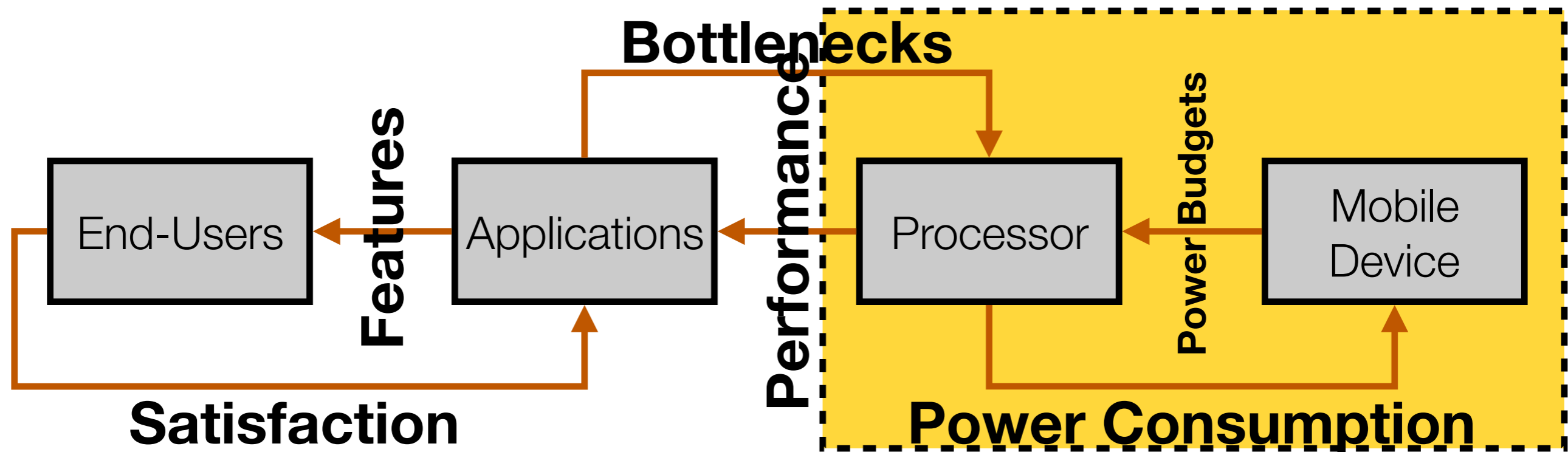
At the Mercy of Power Constraints



At the Mercy of Power Constraints



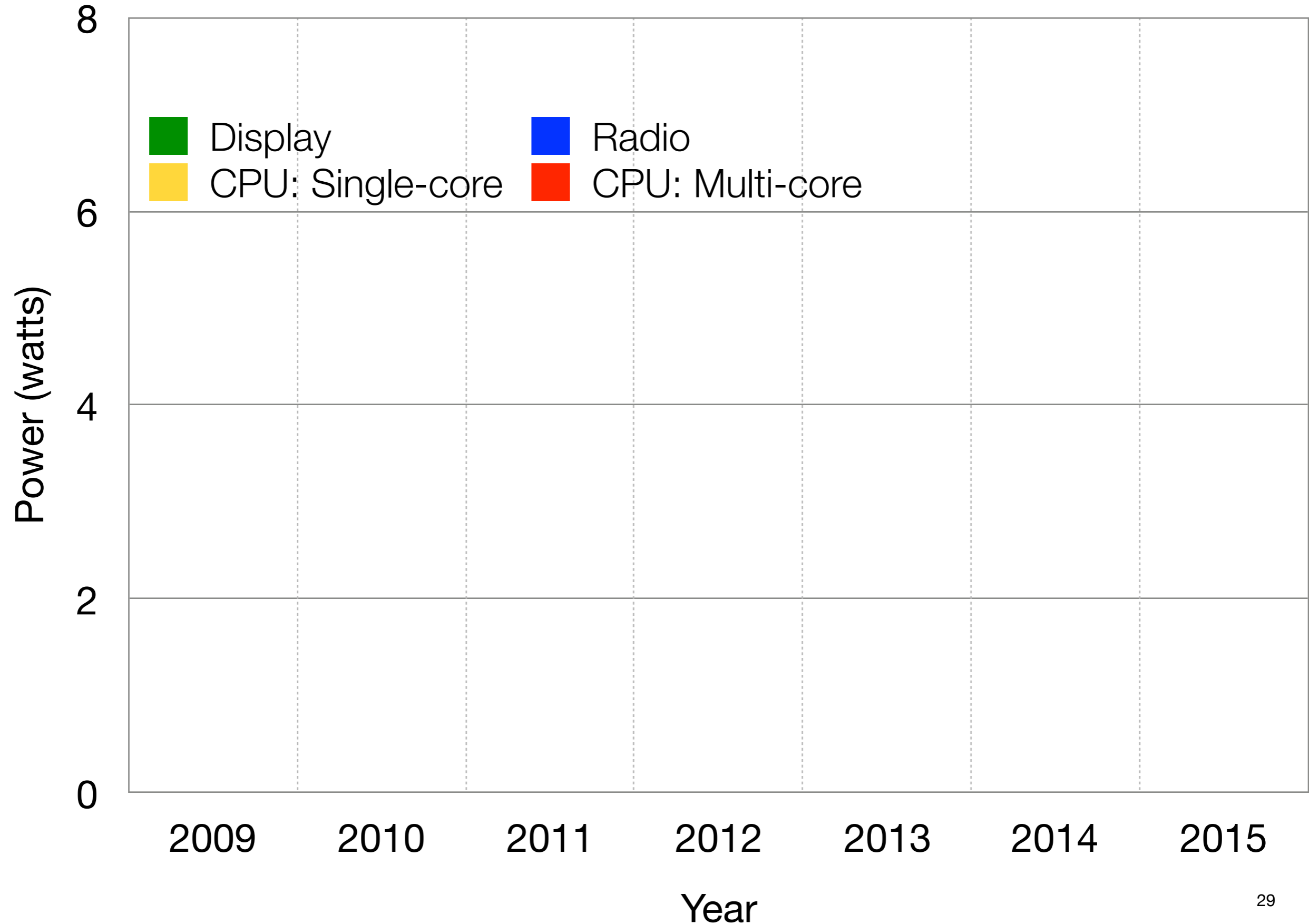
At the Mercy of Power Constraints



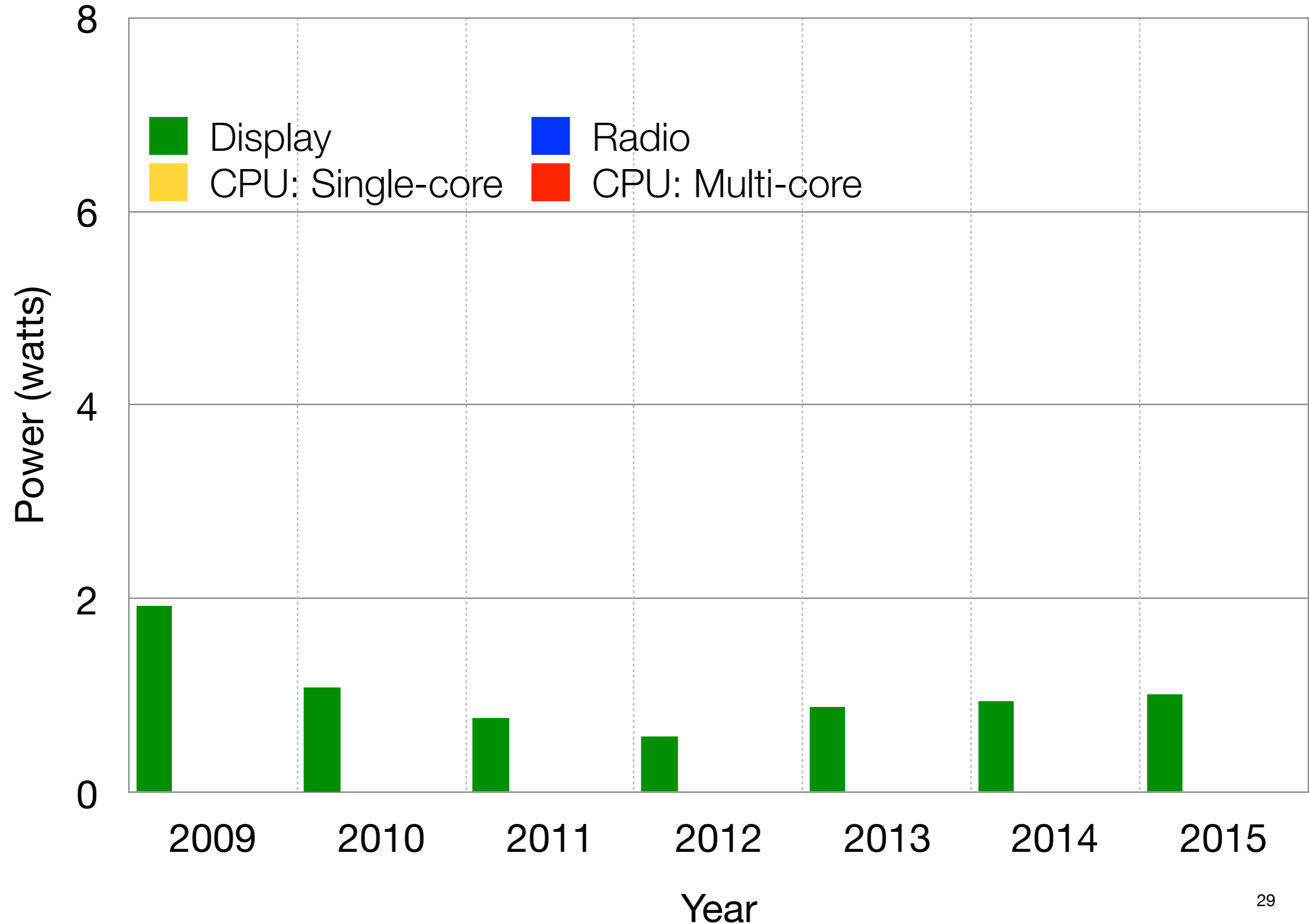
How has the **rest of the mobile device** evolved around the CPU?

Sharing the Power Budget: Device-level

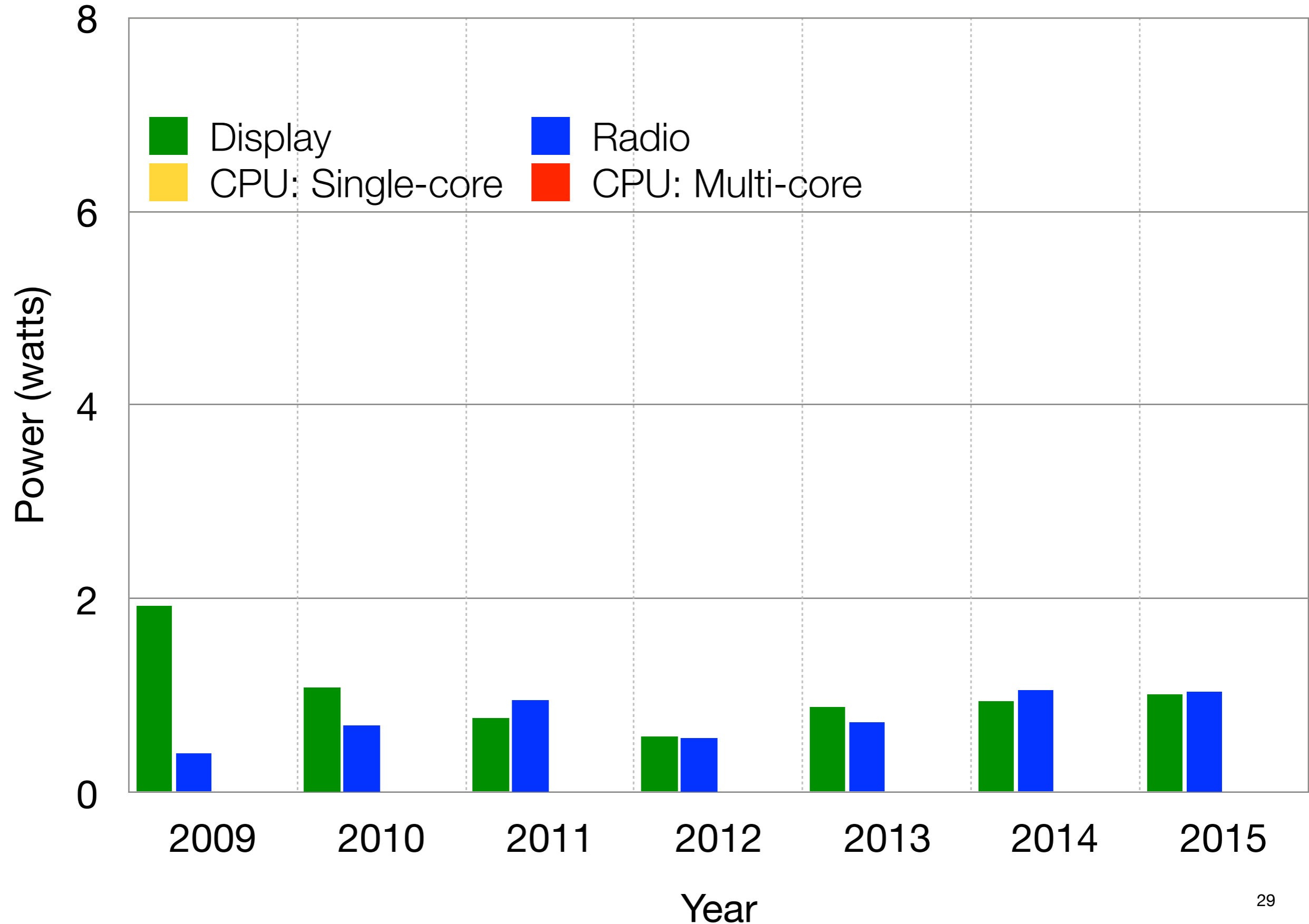
Sharing the Power Budget: Device-level



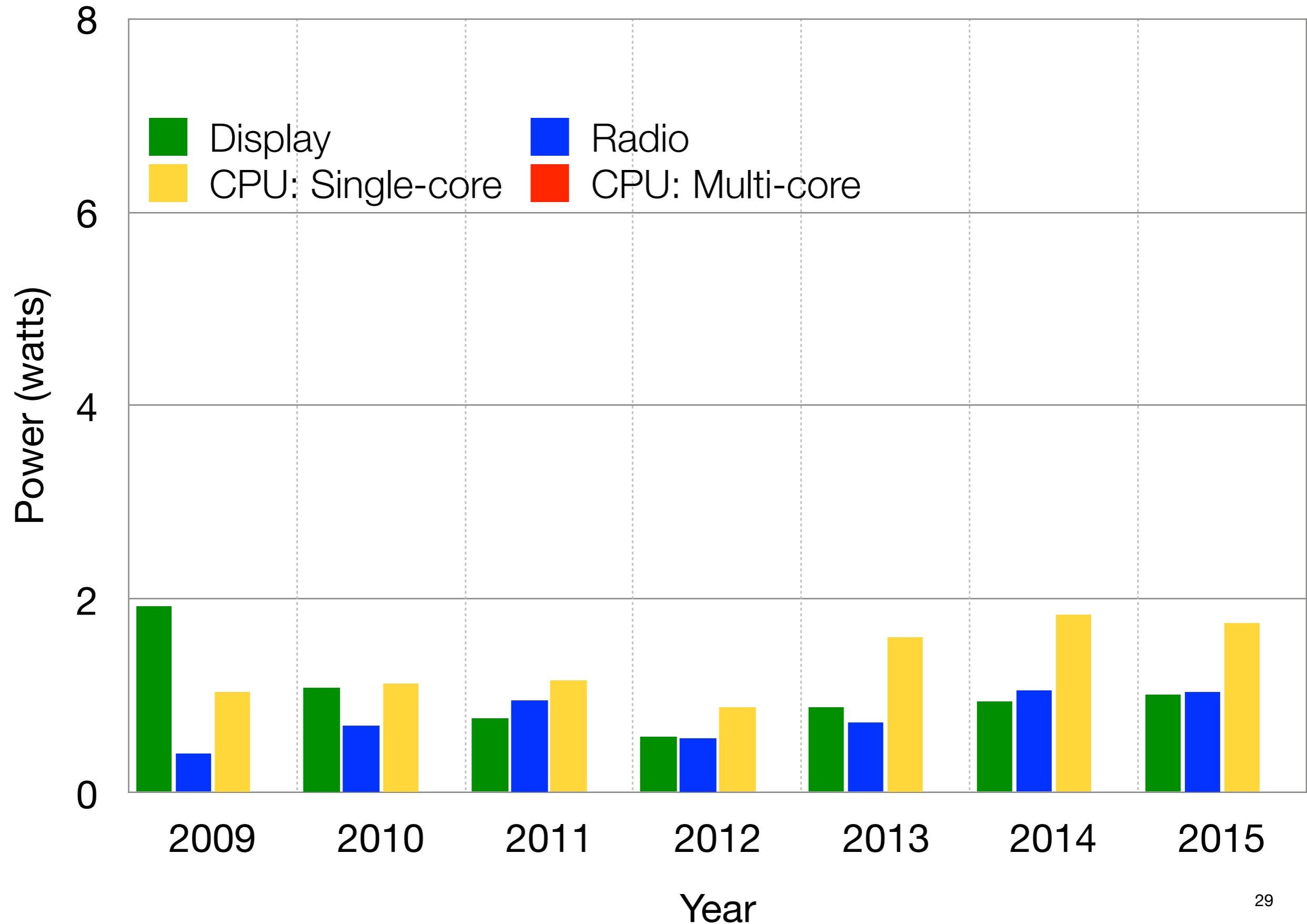
Sharing the Power Budget: Device-level



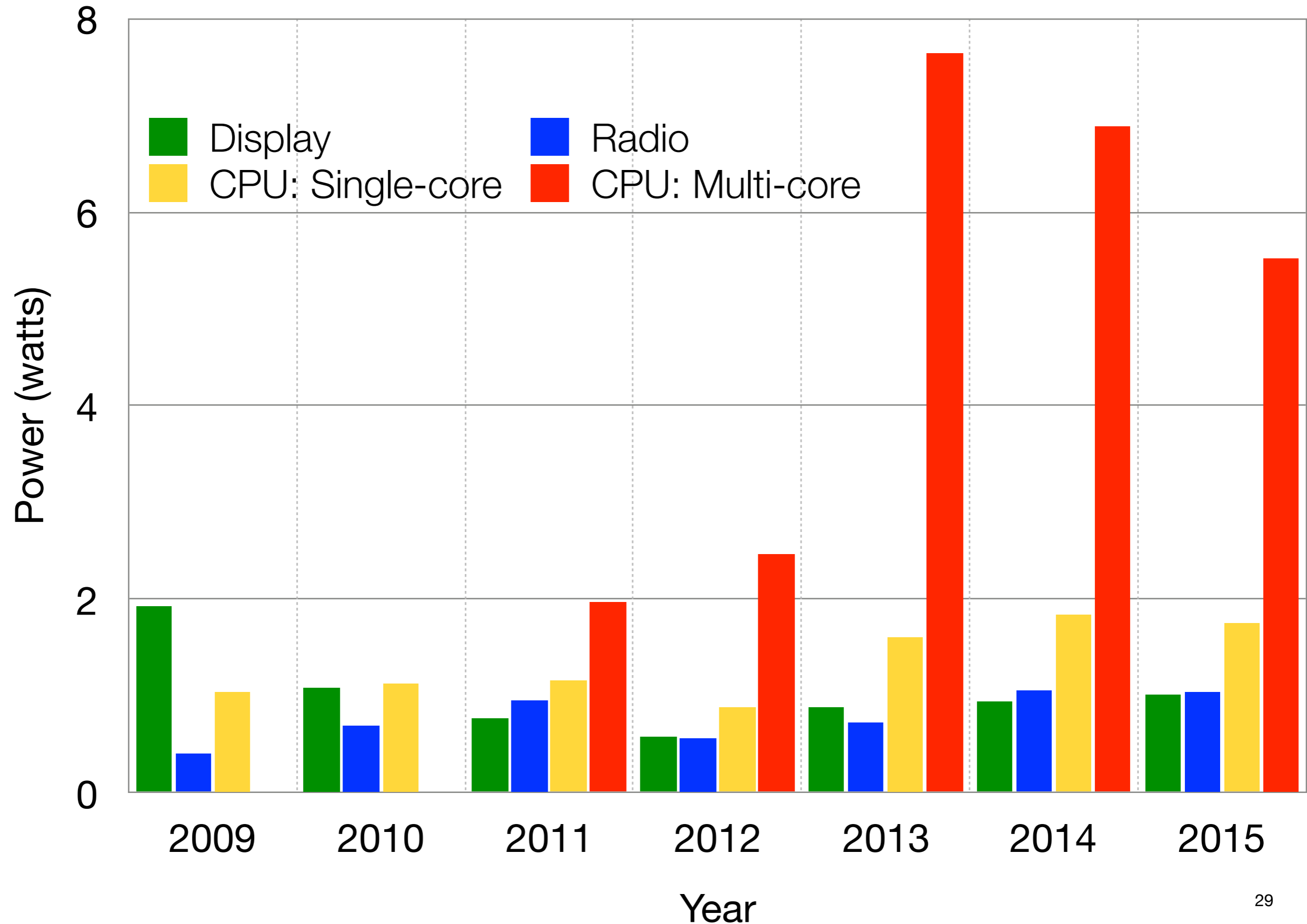
Sharing the Power Budget: Device-level



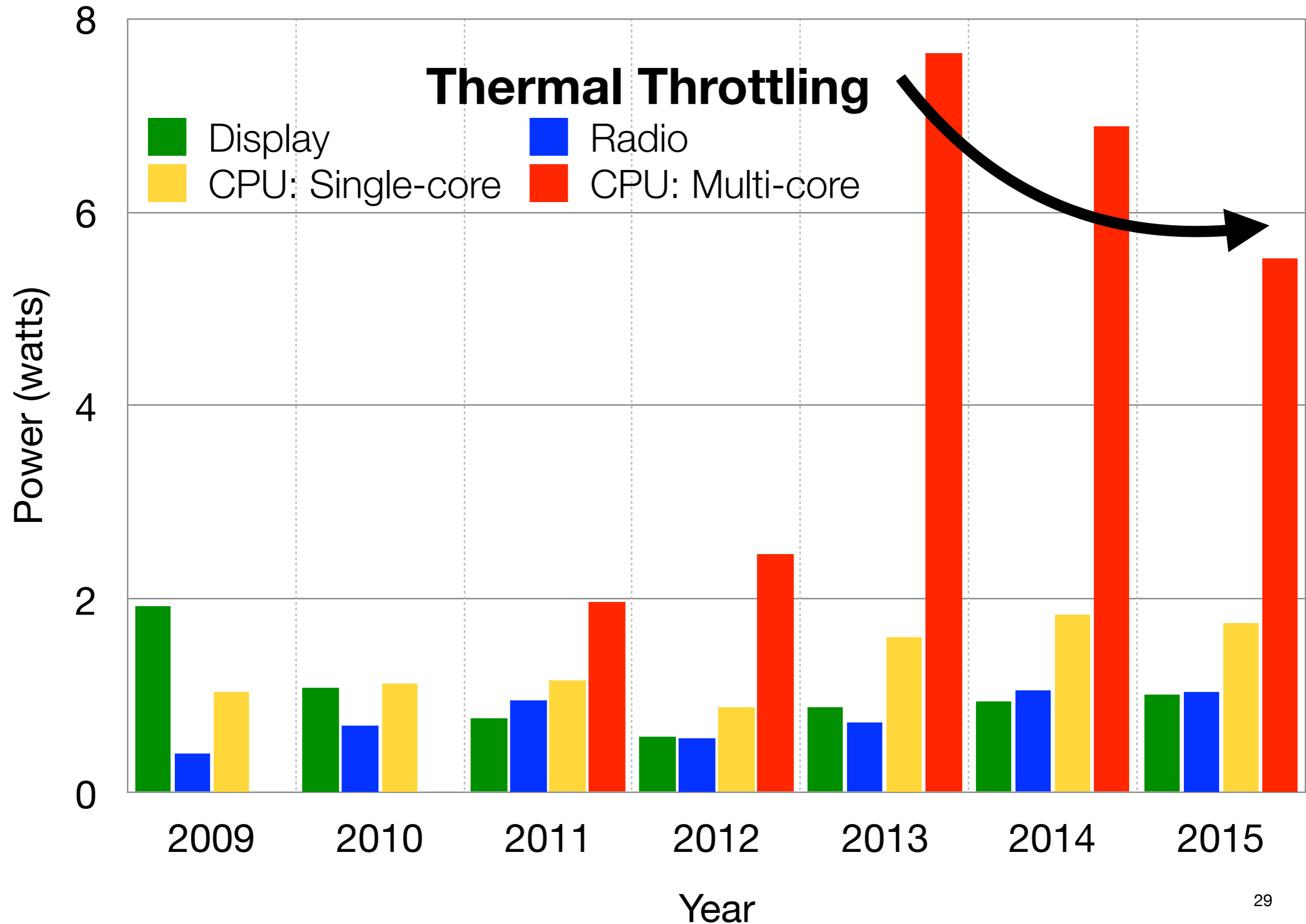
Sharing the Power Budget: Device-level



Sharing the Power Budget: Device-level

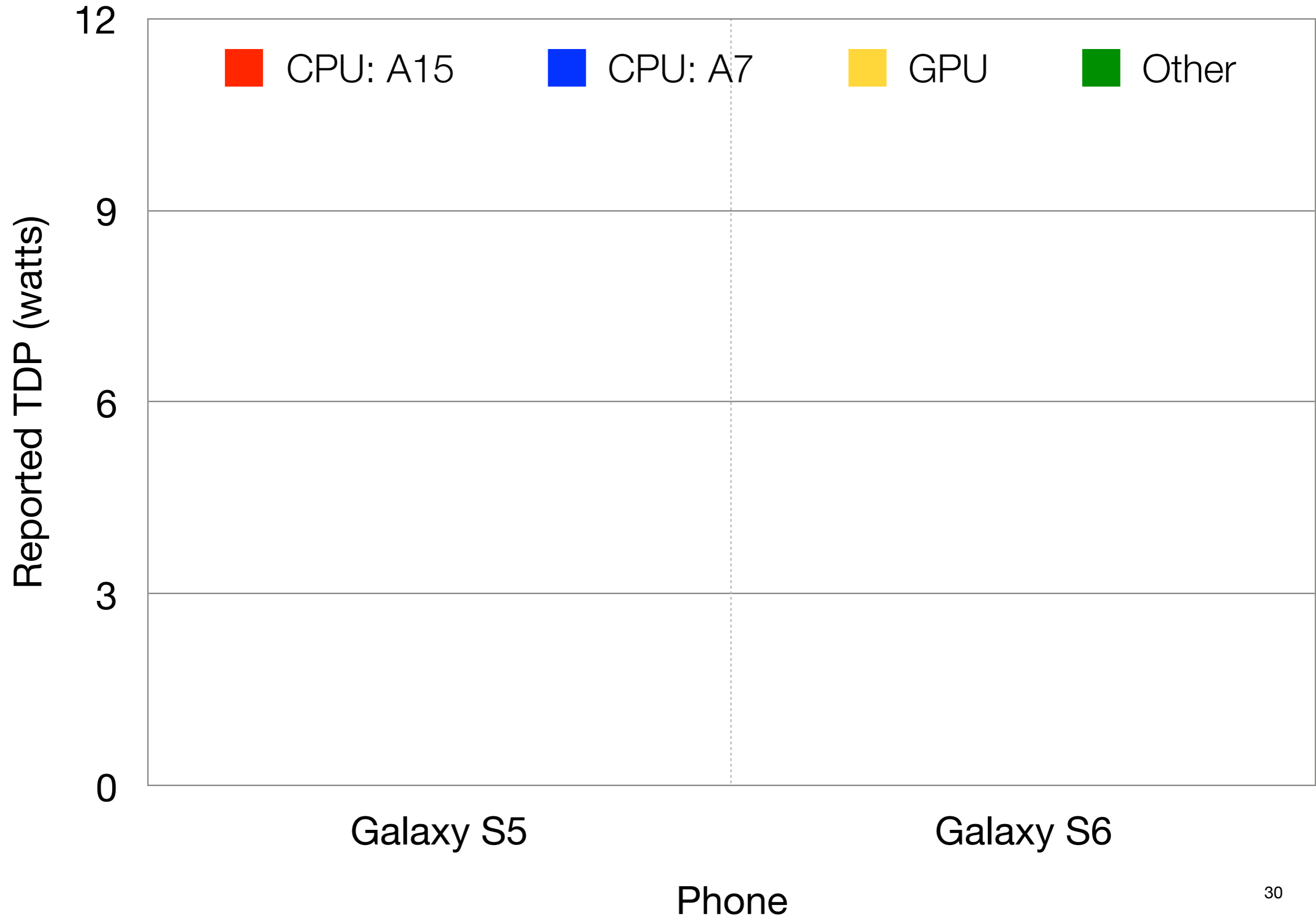


Sharing the Power Budget: Device-level

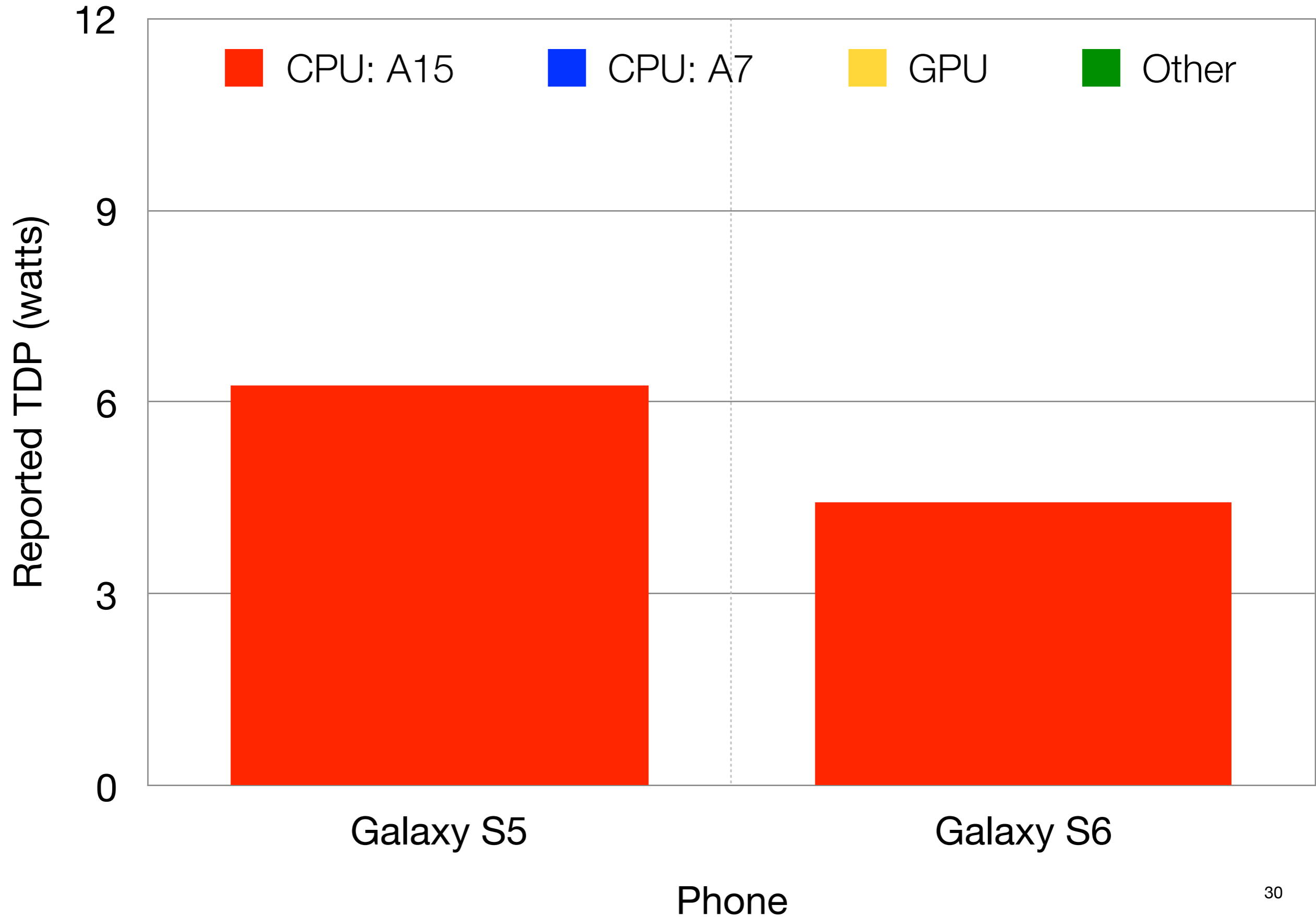


Mobile SoC: Unsustainable By Design

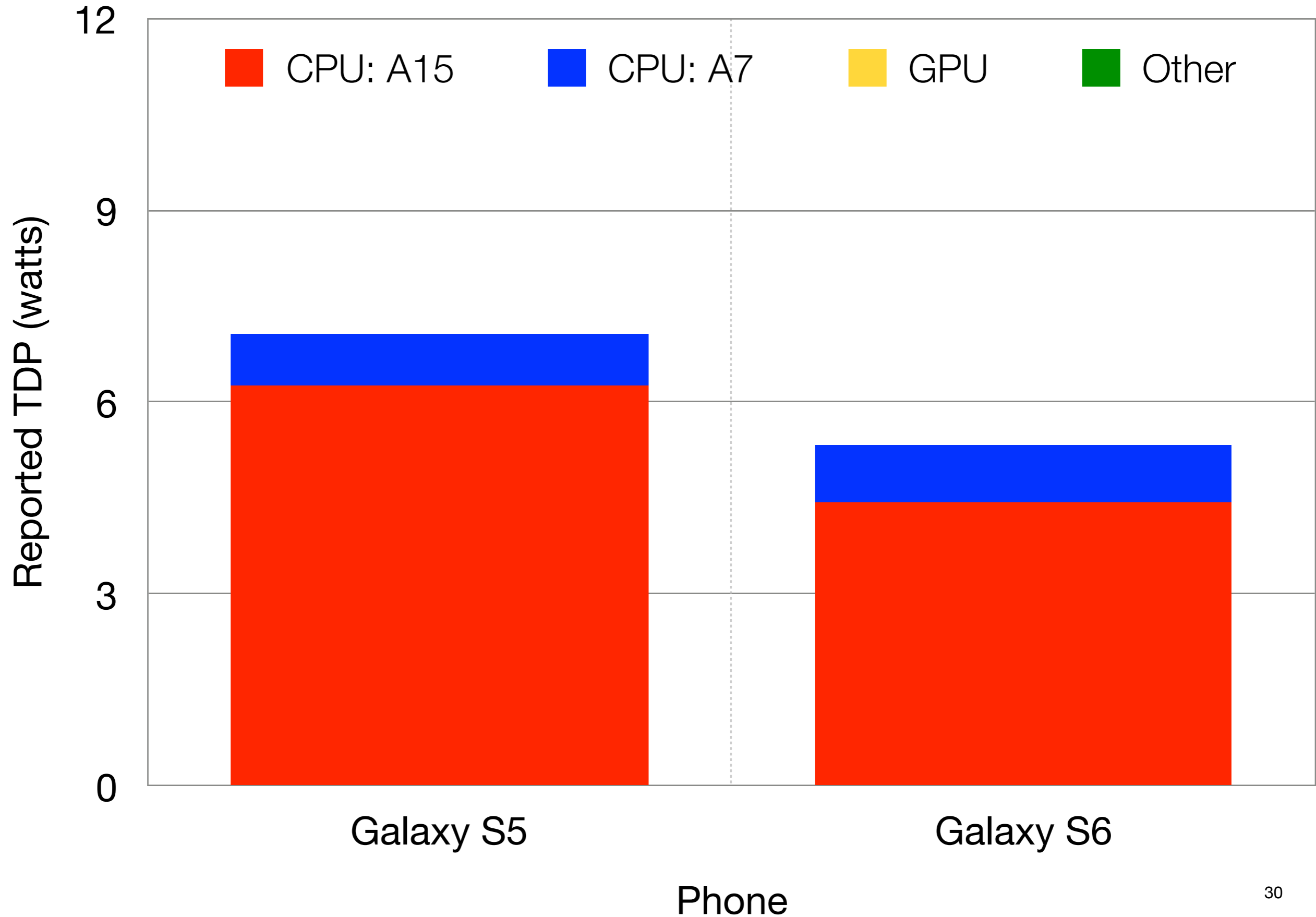
Mobile SoC: Unsustainable By Design



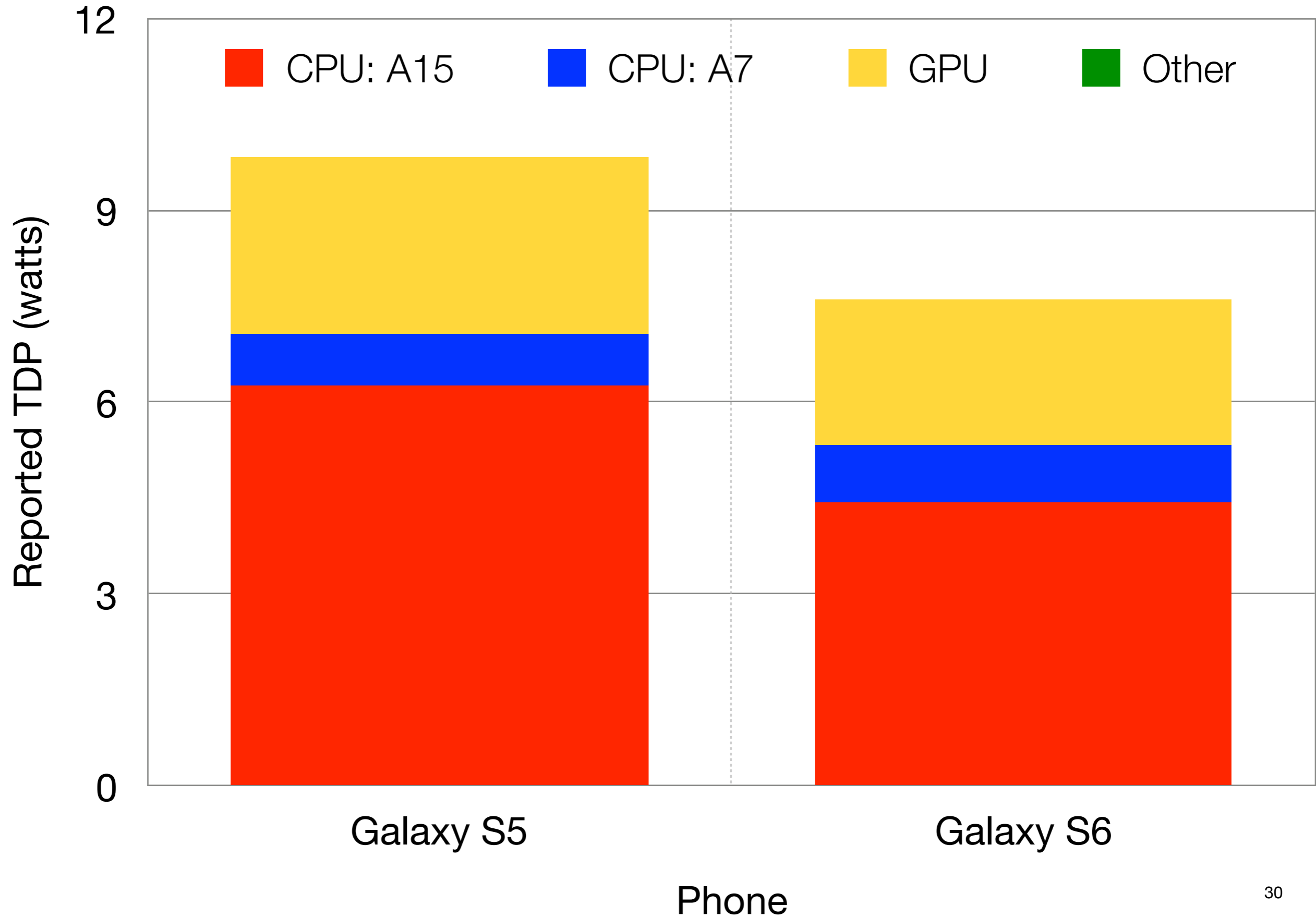
Mobile SoC: Unsustainable By Design



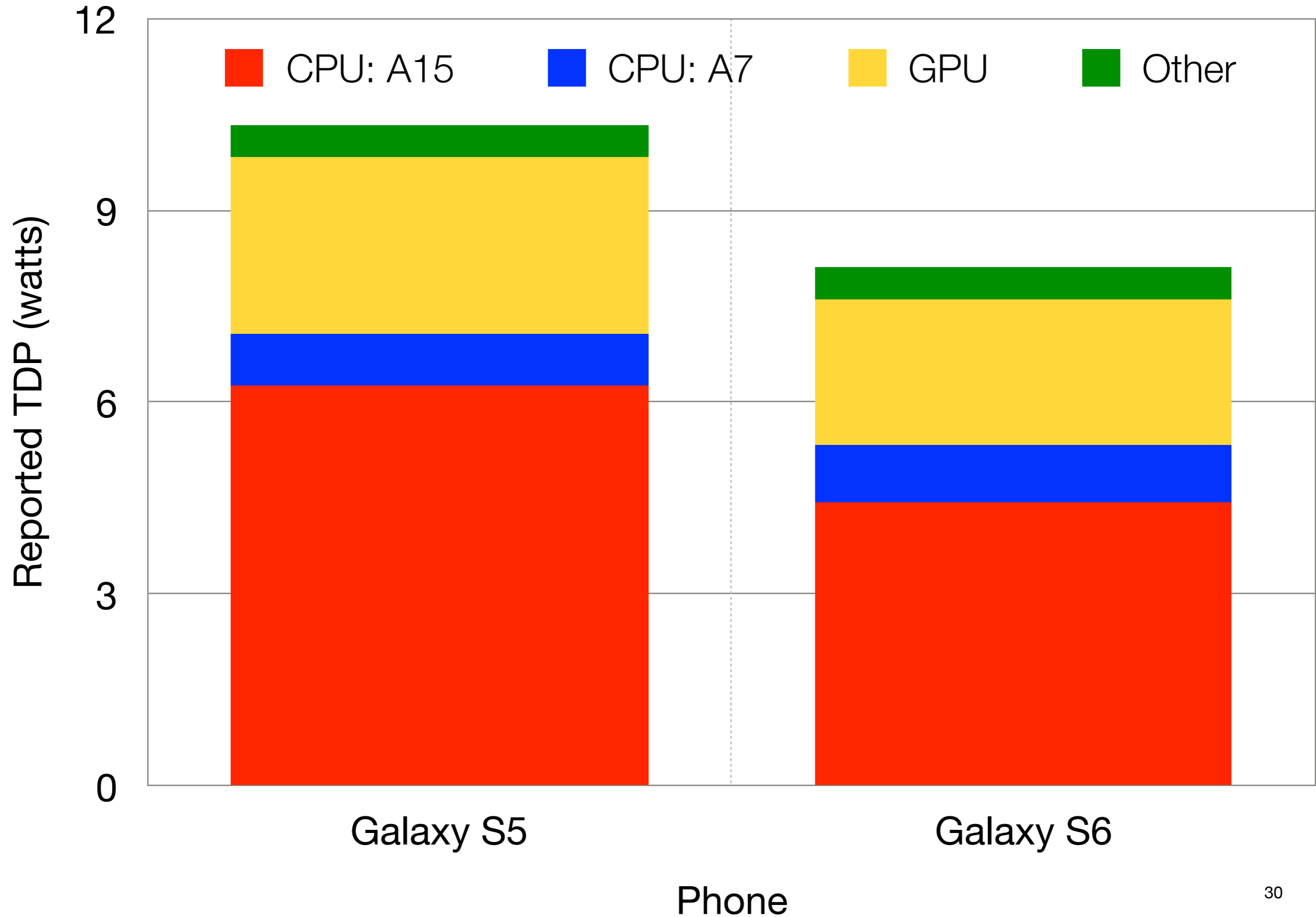
Mobile SoC: Unsustainable By Design



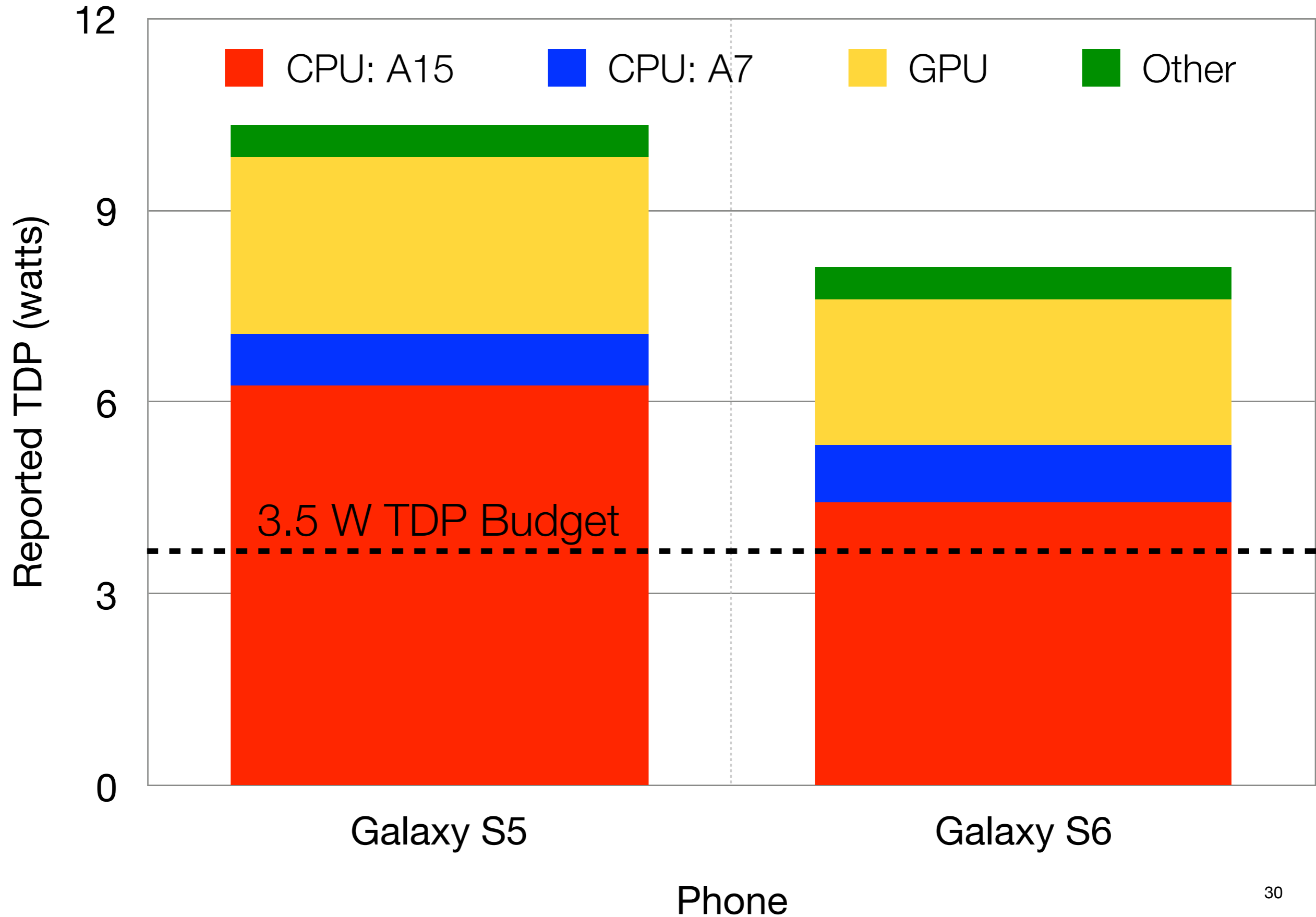
Mobile SoC: Unsustainable By Design



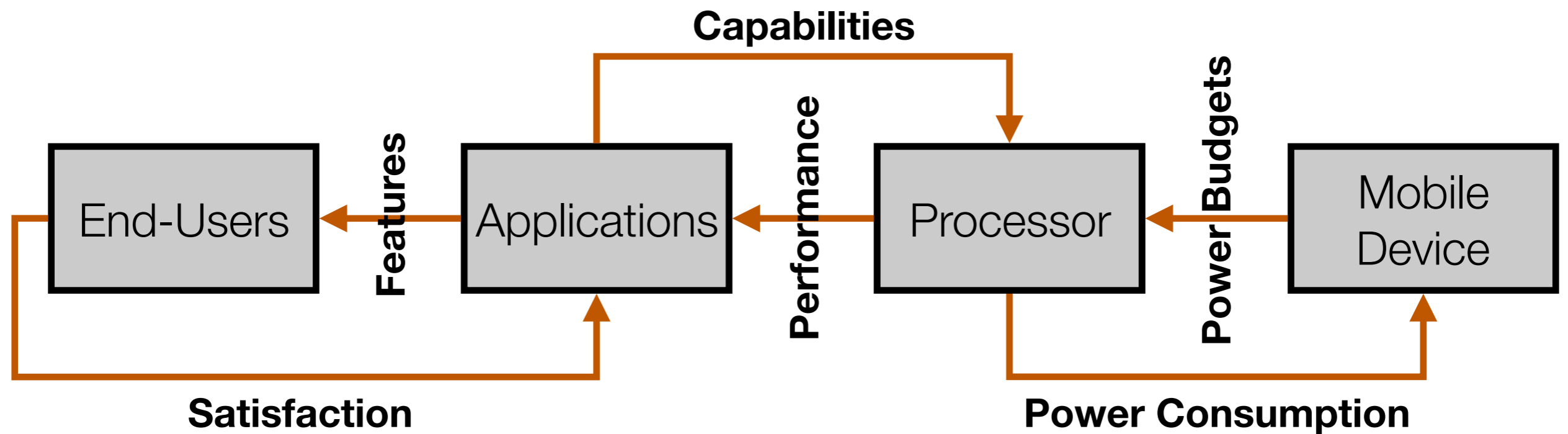
Mobile SoC: Unsustainable By Design



Mobile SoC: Unsustainable By Design



Tying It All Together



A Call to Action



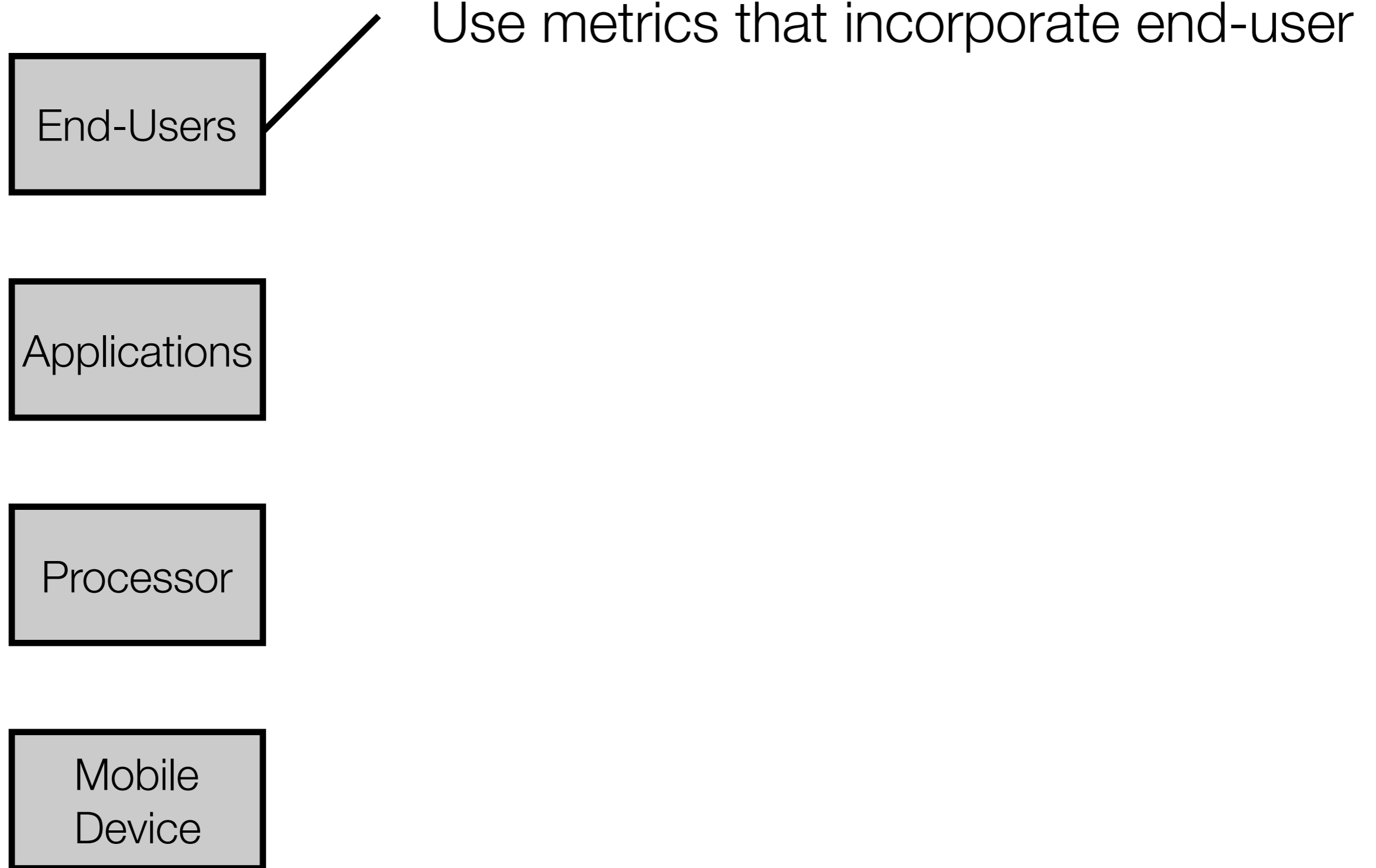
End-Users

Applications

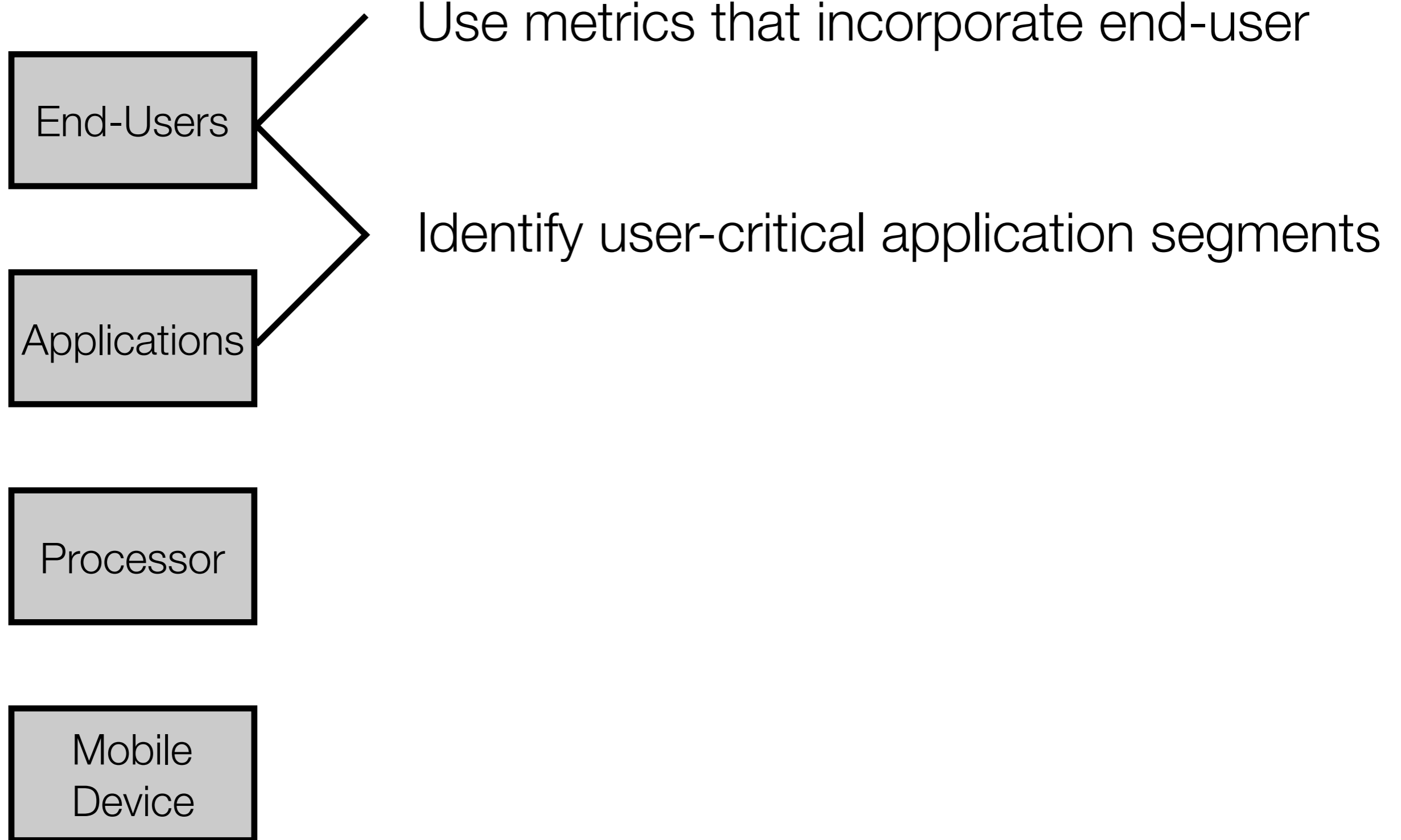
Processor

Mobile
Device

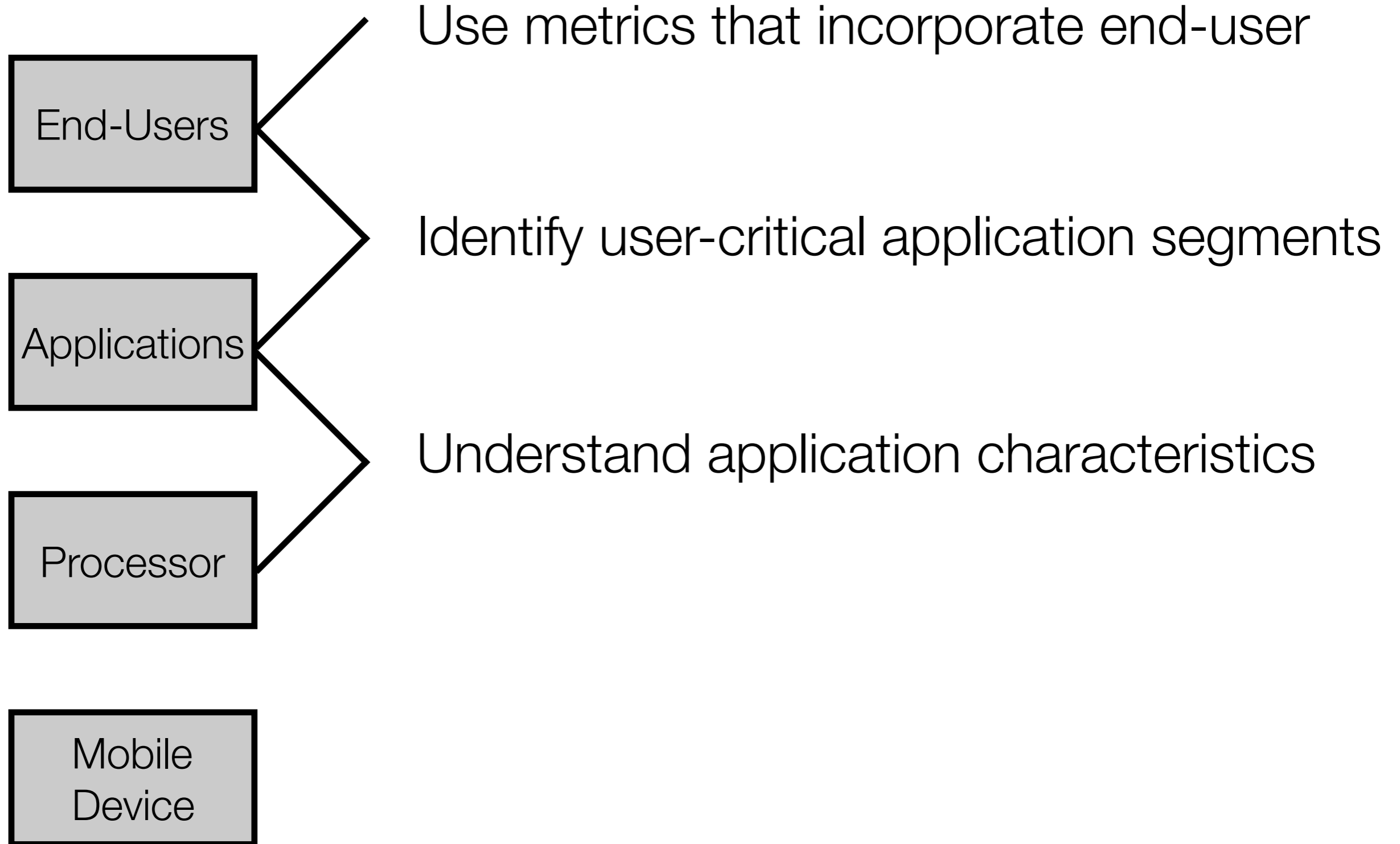
A Call to Action



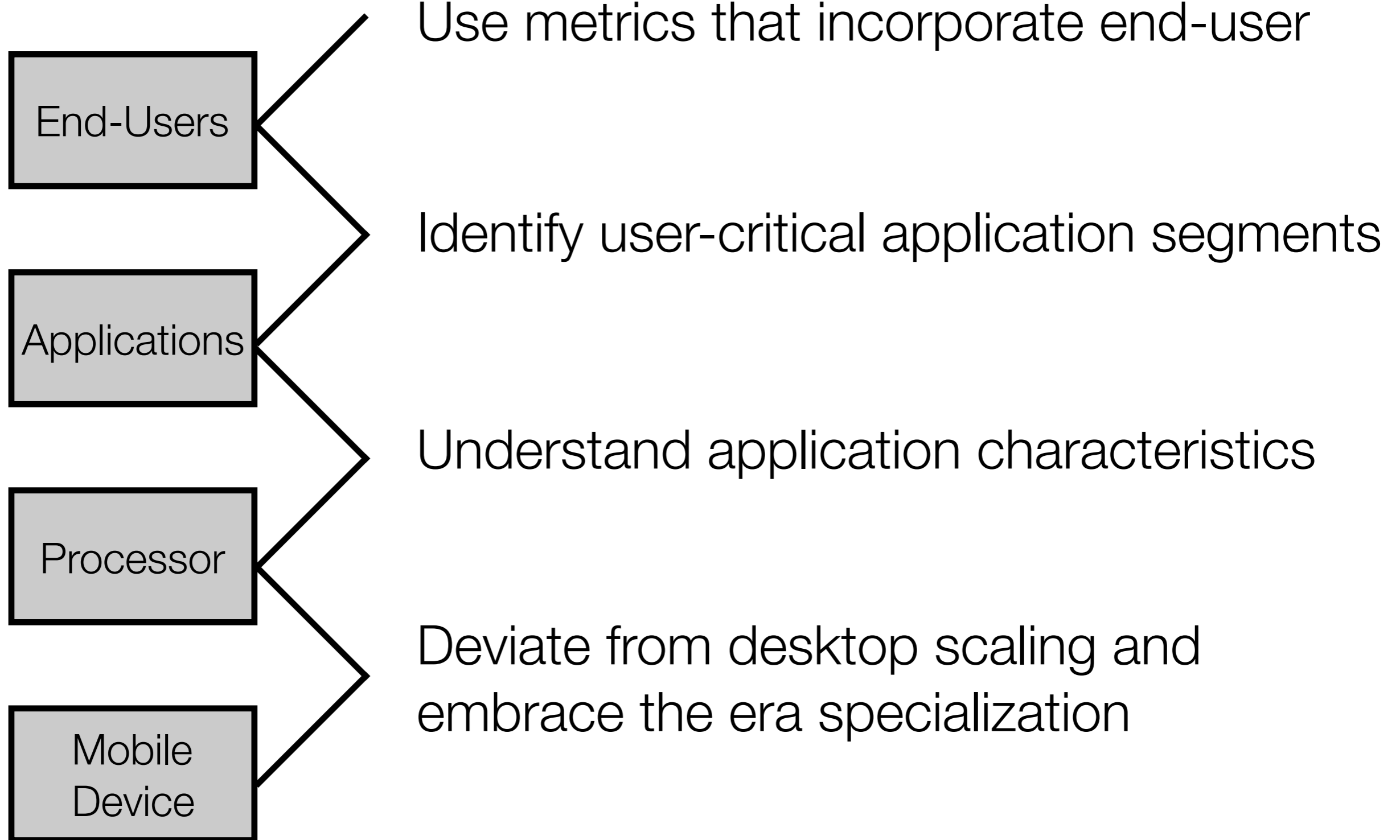
A Call to Action



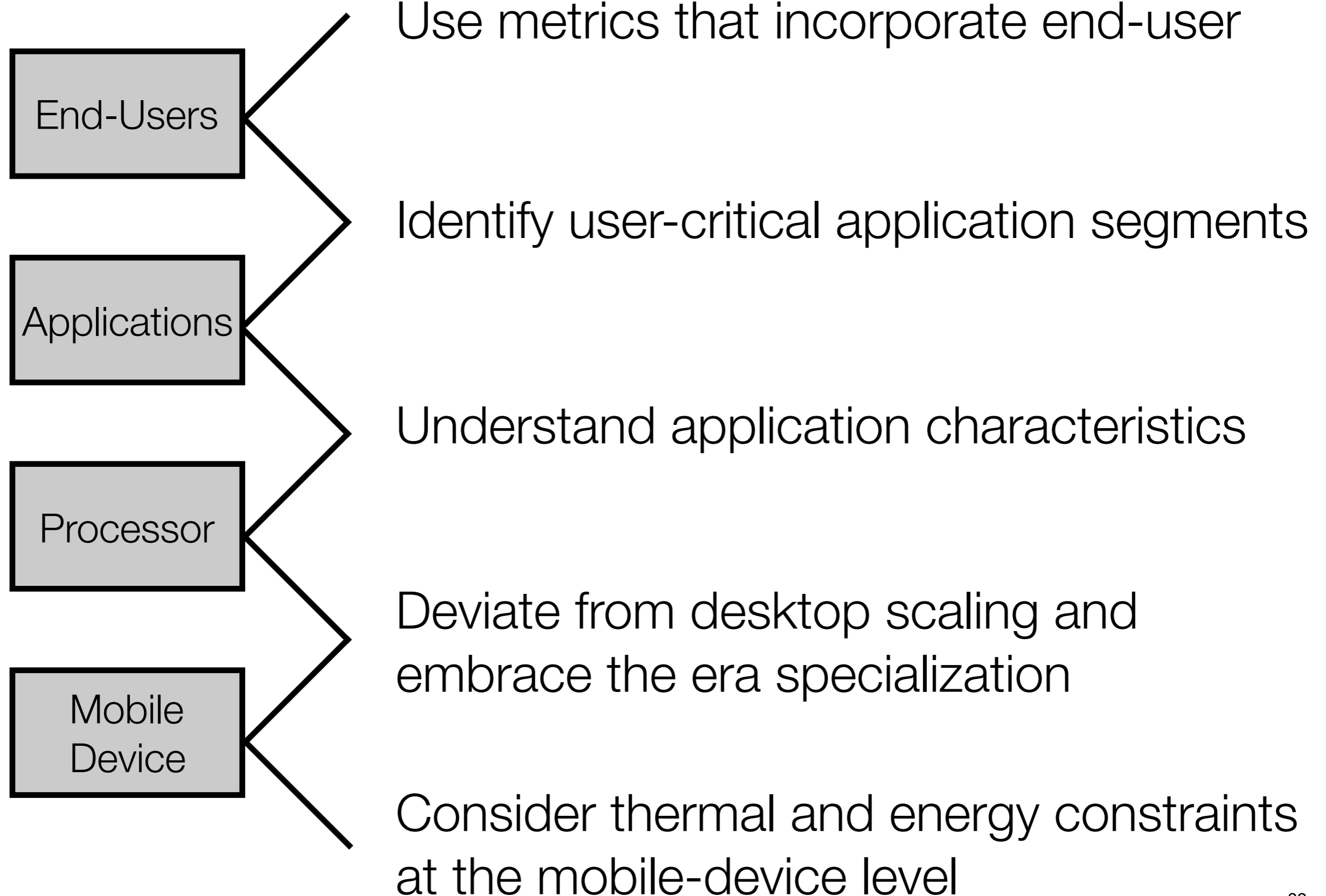
A Call to Action



A Call to Action

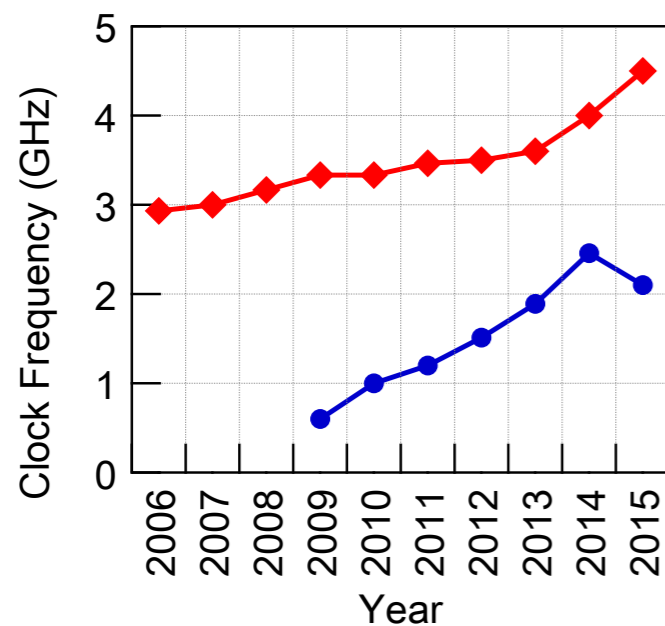


A Call to Action

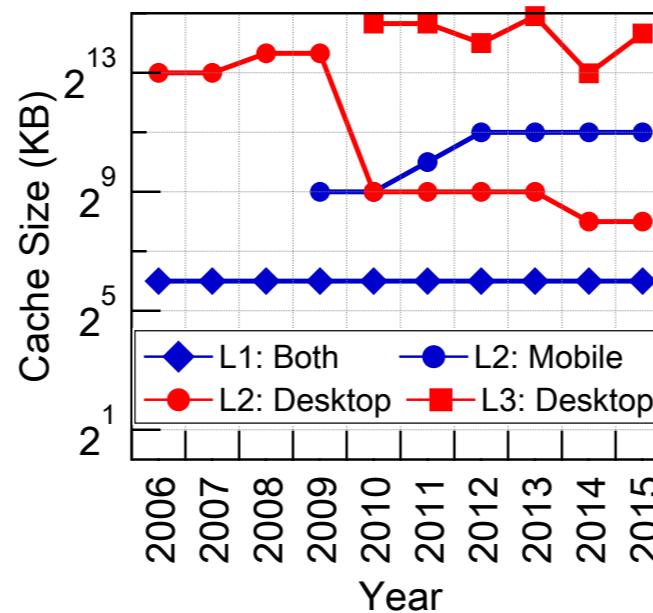


Thank You!

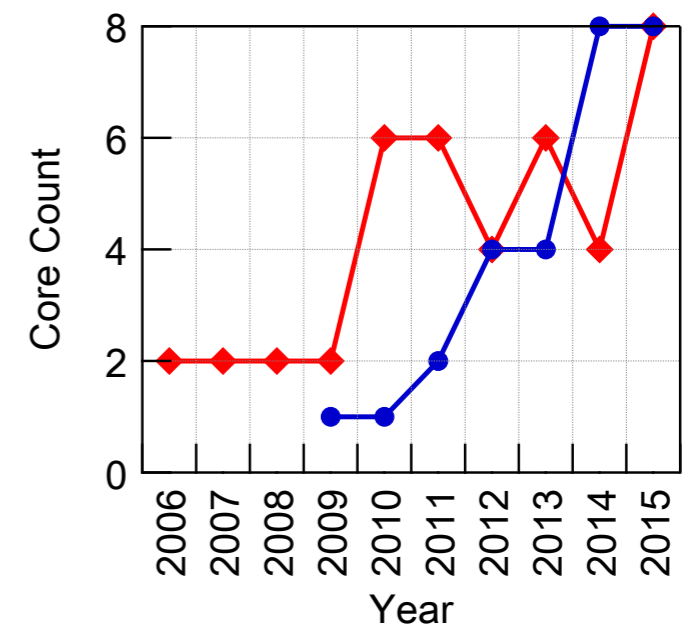
Desktop-like CPU Scaling



Clock Scaling

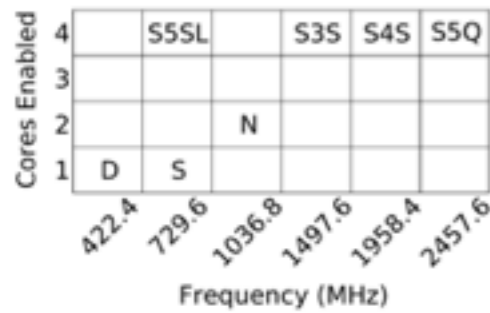


Resource Scaling

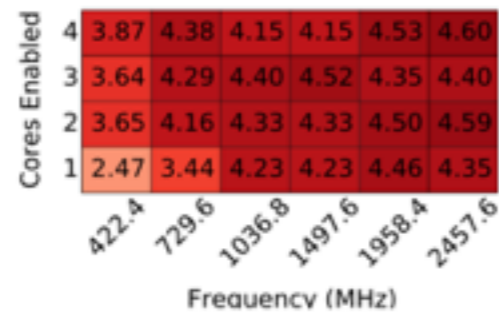


Core Scaling

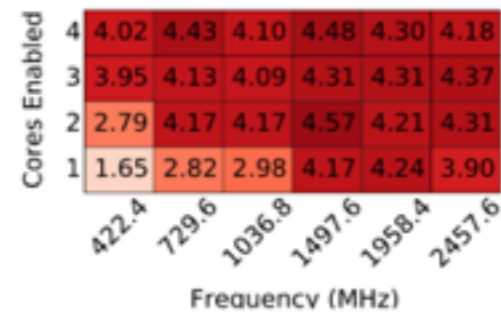
Other Applications



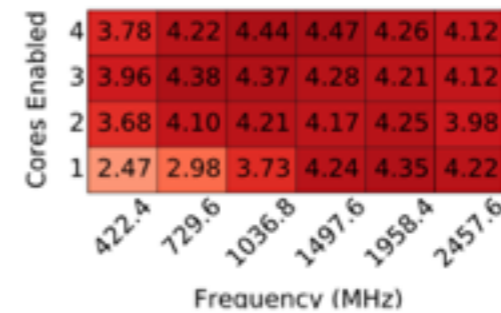
(a) Phone Mapping.



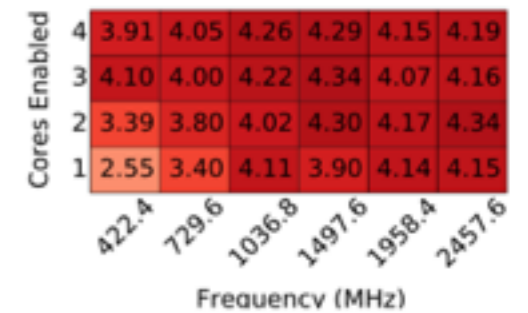
(b) Angry Birds.



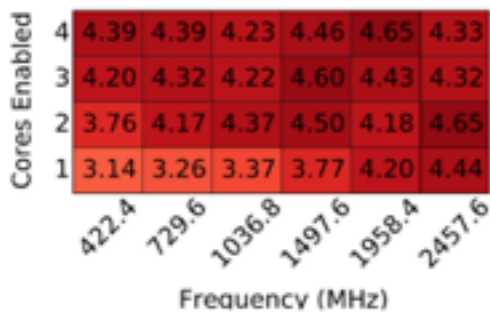
(c) YouTube.



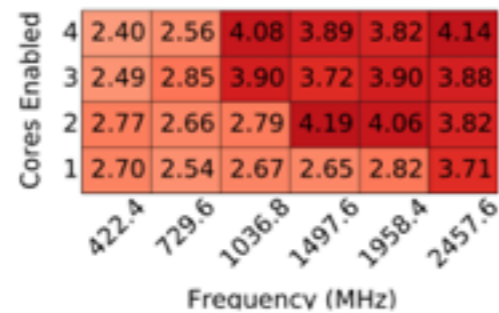
(d) Gladiator.



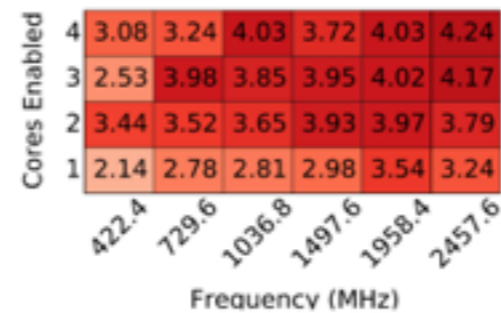
(e) CNN (Chrome).



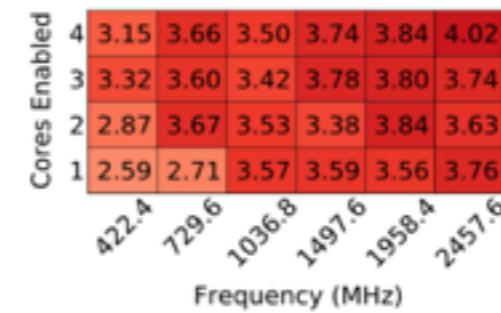
(f) Epic Citadel.



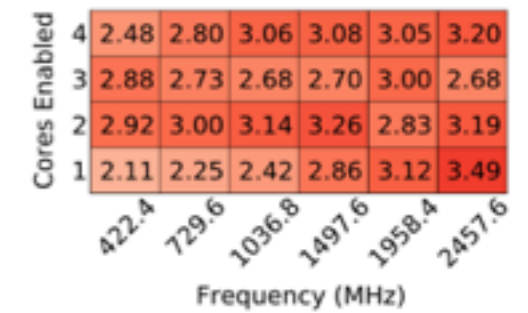
(g) Facebook.



(h) Photoshop Express.



(i) Particles.



(j) Histogram.

- 1 - Very Dissatisfied
- 2 - Dissatisfied
- 3 - Neutral
- 4 - Satisfied
- 5 - Very Satisfied

Application Selection Criteria

	Application Description		User-level Metrics			Computational Metrics (TLP)				
	Name	Description	Installs	Duration	Events	1	2	3	4	Avg
Current-Gen	Angry Birds	Navigate to and play first level	0.5-1E9	0:41	6	21%	8%	2%	0%	1.43
	CNN (Chrome)	Navigate to and scroll through CNN.com	1-5E8	0:36	12	16%	11%	7%	2%	1.90
	Epic Citadel	Navigate through environment	0.5-1E6	0:44	15	25%	22%	5%	0%	1.67
	Facebook	Log-in and visit ESPN brand page	0.5-1E9	0:57	23	16%	8%	3%	1%	1.67
	Gladiator	Sword-fight opponent in first level	1-5E6	0:36	31	31%	8%	2%	0%	1.34
	Photoshop Express	Apply various filters and effects to image	1-5E7	0:48	15	13%	9%	6%	15%	2.52
	Youtube	Navigate to and watch video	1-5E7	0:46	13	16%	10%	5%	1%	1.73
Next-Gen	Ambiant Occlusion	Brute force ray primitive intersection	1-5E3	0:21	4	7%	3%	2%	46%	3.46
	Face Detection	Face detection on video	1-5E3	0:21	3	17%	4%	2%	47%	3.09
	Gaussian Blur	Guassian Blur on video	1-5E3	0:21	3	51%	4%	2%	4%	1.37
	Julia	Visualization of Julia Set dynamics	1-5E3	0:17	4	11%	4%	2%	24%	2.93
	Particles	Particle simulation in a spatial grid	1-5E3	0:21	4	17%	14%	14%	7%	2.21

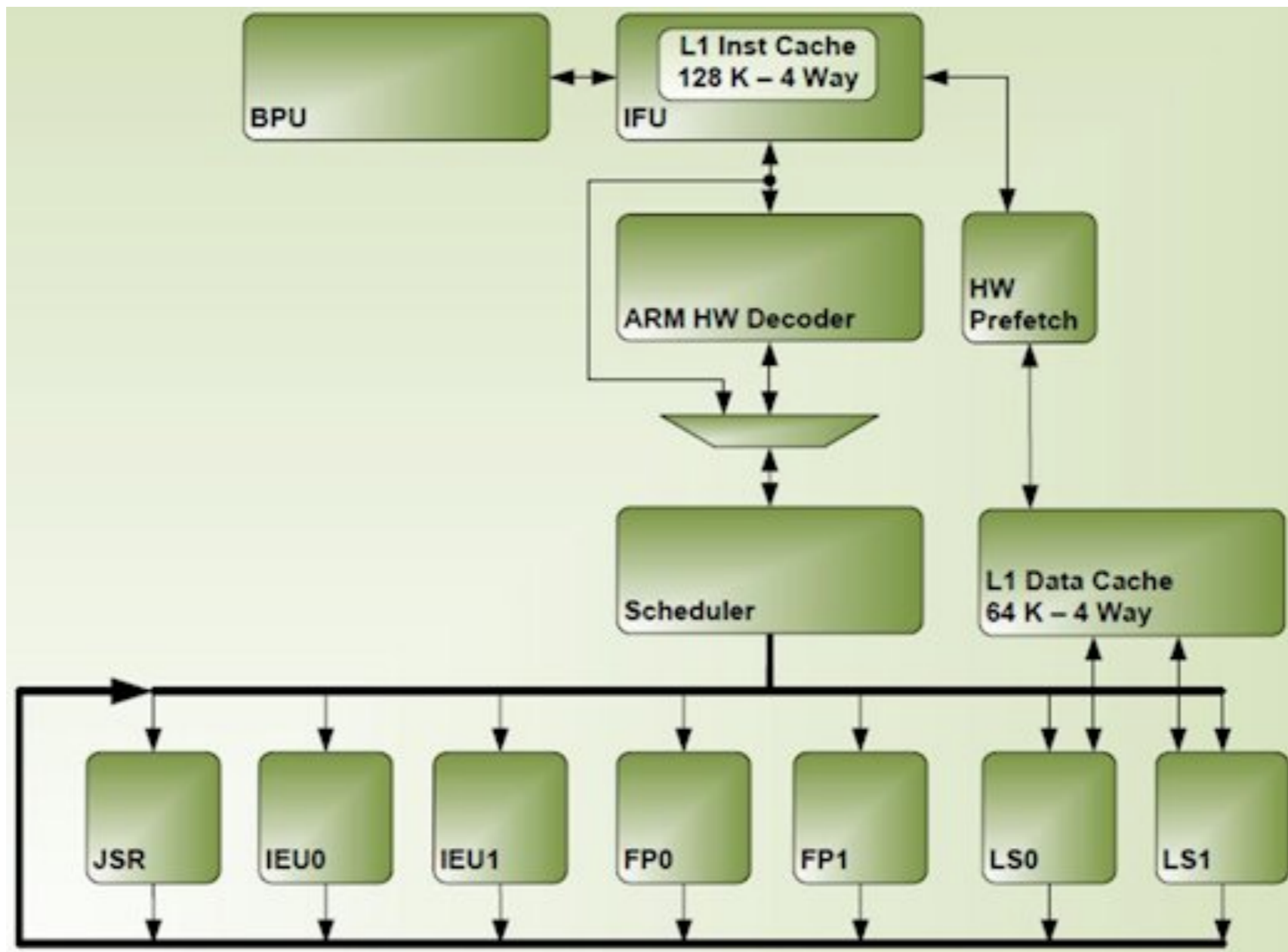
Apple SoCs

Apple SoC Comparison				
	A9X	A9	A8X	A6X
CPU	2x Twister	2x Twister	3x Typhoon	2x Swift
CPU Clockspeed	2.26GHz	1.85GHz	1.5GHz	1.3GHz
GPU	PVR 10 cluster Series7?	PVR GT7600	Apple/PVR GXA6850	PVR SGX554 MP4
RAM	4GB LPDDR4	2GB LPDDR4	2GB LPDDR3	1GB LPDDR2
Memory Bus Width	128-bit	64-bit	128-bit	128-bit
Memory Bandwidth	51.2GB/sec	25.6GB/sec	25.6GB/sec	17.1GB/sec
L2 Cache	3MB	3MB	2MB	1MB
Manufacturing Process	Unknown (TSMC 16nm or Samsung 14nm)	TSMC 16nm & Samsung 14nm	TSMC 20nm	Samsung 32nm

Apple CPUs

Apple Custom CPU Core Comparison		
	Apple A8	Apple A9
CPU Codename	Typhoon	Twister
ARM ISA	ARMv8-A (32/64-bit)	ARMv8-A (32/64-bit)
Issue Width	6 micro-ops	6 micro-ops
Reorder Buffer Size	192 micro-ops	192 micro-ops
Branch Mispredict Penalty	16 (14 - 19)	9
Integer ALUs	4	4
Shifter ALUs	2	4
Load/Store Units	2	2
Addition (FP32) Latency	4 cycles	3 cycles
Multiplication (FP32) Latency	5 cycles	4 cycles
Addition (INT) Latency	1 cycle	1 cycle
Multiplication (INT) Latency	3 cycles	3 cycles
Branch Units	2	2
Indirect Branch Units	1	1
FP/NEON ALUs	3 (3 Add or 2 Mult)	3 (3 Add or 3 Mult)
L1 Cache	64KB I\$ + 64KB D\$	64KB I\$ + 64KB D\$
L2 Cache	1MB	3MB
L3 Cache	4MB	8MB 4MB

<http://www.anandtech.com/show/9686/the-apple-iphone-6s-and-iphone-6s-plus-review/4>



Crowdsourcing Considerations

Crowdsourcing Considerations



1. Thank you for participating in our smartphone user experience study. The clip shown above is an application usage scenario recorded on an Android smartphone. As a user of the application, how satisfied are you with the smartphone's performance (i.e., application responsiveness and fluidness)?

- ☐ 5 - Very Satisfied
- ☐ 4 - Satisfied
- ☐ 3 - Neutral
- ☐ 2 - Dissatisfied
- ☐ 1 - Very Dissatisfied

2. Please enter a random word below to use as your survey confirmation code (e.g., a fruit, vegetable, animal, color, appliance, etc.) when returning to the Mechanical Turk HIT page.

Done

Powered by
 SurveyMonkey®
See how easy it is to [create a survey](#).

Crowdsourcing Considerations

Task Design



1. Thank you for participating in our smartphone user experience study. The clip shown above is an application usage scenario recorded on an Android smartphone. As a user of the application, how satisfied are you with the smartphone's performance (i.e., application responsiveness and fluidness)?

- ☐ 5 - Very Satisfied
- ☐ 4 - Satisfied
- ☐ 3 - Neutral
- ☐ 2 - Dissatisfied
- ☐ 1 - Very Dissatisfied

2. Please enter a random word below to use as your survey confirmation code (e.g., a fruit, vegetable, animal, color, appliance, etc.) when returning to the Mechanical Turk HIT page.

Done

Powered by
 SurveyMonkey®
See how easy it is to [create a survey](#).

Crowdsourcing Considerations

Task Design

▷ Open-ended question



1. Thank you for participating in our smartphone user experience study. The clip shown above is an application usage scenario recorded on an Android smartphone. As a user of the application, how satisfied are you with the smartphone's performance (i.e., application responsiveness and fluidness)?

- ☐ 5 - Very Satisfied
- ☐ 4 - Satisfied
- ☐ 3 - Neutral
- ☐ 2 - Dissatisfied
- ☐ 1 - Very Dissatisfied

2. Please enter a random word below to use as your survey confirmation code (e.g., a fruit, vegetable, animal, color, appliance, etc.) when returning to the Mechanical Turk HIT page.

Done

Powered by
 SurveyMonkey®
See how easy it is to [create a survey](#).

Crowdsourcing Considerations

Task Design

- ▷ Open-ended question
- ▷ Well-defined answers



1. Thank you for participating in our smartphone user experience study. The clip shown above is an application usage scenario recorded on an Android smartphone. As a user of the application, how satisfied are you with the smartphone's performance (i.e., application responsiveness and fluidness)?

- ☐ 5 - Very Satisfied
- ☐ 4 - Satisfied
- ☐ 3 - Neutral
- ☐ 2 - Dissatisfied
- ☐ 1 - Very Dissatisfied

2. Please enter a random word below to use as your survey confirmation code (e.g., a fruit, vegetable, animal, color, appliance, etc.) when returning to the Mechanical Turk HIT page.

Done

Powered by
 SurveyMonkey®
See how easy it is to [create a survey](#).

Crowdsourcing Considerations

Task Design

- ▷ Open-ended question
- ▷ Well-defined answers

Worker Recruitment and Incentive



1. Thank you for participating in our smartphone user experience study. The clip shown above is an application usage scenario recorded on an Android smartphone. As a user of the application, how satisfied are you with the smartphone's performance (i.e., application responsiveness and fluidness)?

- ☐ 5 - Very Satisfied
- ☐ 4 - Satisfied
- ☐ 3 - Neutral
- ☐ 2 - Dissatisfied
- ☐ 1 - Very Dissatisfied

2. Please enter a random word below to use as your survey confirmation code (e.g., a fruit, vegetable, animal, color, appliance, etc.) when returning to the Mechanical Turk HIT page.

Done

Powered by
 SurveyMonkey[®]
See how easy it is to [create a survey](#).

Crowdsourcing Considerations

Task Design

- ▷ Open-ended question
- ▷ Well-defined answers

Worker Recruitment and Incentive

- ▷ \$0.10 / task



1. Thank you for participating in our smartphone user experience study. The clip shown above is an application usage scenario recorded on an Android smartphone. As a user of the application, how satisfied are you with the smartphone's performance (i.e., application responsiveness and fluidness)?

- ☐ 5 - Very Satisfied
- ☐ 4 - Satisfied
- ☐ 3 - Neutral
- ☐ 2 - Dissatisfied
- ☐ 1 - Very Dissatisfied

2. Please enter a random word below to use as your survey confirmation code (e.g., a fruit, vegetable, animal, color, appliance, etc.) when returning to the Mechanical Turk HIT page.

Done

Powered by
 SurveyMonkey[®]
See how easy it is to [create a survey](#).

Crowdsourcing Considerations

Task Design

- ▷ Open-ended question
- ▷ Well-defined answers

Worker Recruitment and Incentive

- ▷ \$0.10 / task
- ▷ \$8.00 / hour wage



1. Thank you for participating in our smartphone user experience study. The clip shown above is an application usage scenario recorded on an Android smartphone. As a user of the application, how satisfied are you with the smartphone's performance (i.e., application responsiveness and fluidness)?

- ☐ 5 - Very Satisfied
- ☐ 4 - Satisfied
- ☐ 3 - Neutral
- ☐ 2 - Dissatisfied
- ☐ 1 - Very Dissatisfied

2. Please enter a random word below to use as your survey confirmation code (e.g., a fruit, vegetable, animal, color, appliance, etc.) when returning to the Mechanical Turk HIT page.

Done

Powered by
SurveyMonkey
See how easy it is to [create a survey](#).

Crowdsourcing Considerations

Task Design

- ▷ Open-ended question
- ▷ Well-defined answers

Worker Recruitment and Incentive

- ▷ \$0.10 / task
- ▷ \$8.00 / hour wage

Data Integrity



1. Thank you for participating in our smartphone user experience study. The clip shown above is an application usage scenario recorded on an Android smartphone. As a user of the application, how satisfied are you with the smartphone's performance (i.e., application responsiveness and fluidness)?

- ☐ 5 - Very Satisfied
- ☐ 4 - Satisfied
- ☐ 3 - Neutral
- ☐ 2 - Dissatisfied
- ☐ 1 - Very Dissatisfied

2. Please enter a random word below to use as your survey confirmation code (e.g., a fruit, vegetable, animal, color, appliance, etc.) when returning to the Mechanical Turk HIT page.

Done

Powered by
SurveyMonkey
See how easy it is to [create a survey](#).

Crowdsourcing Considerations

Task Design

- ▷ Open-ended question
- ▷ Well-defined answers

Worker Recruitment and Incentive

- ▷ \$0.10 / task
- ▷ \$8.00 / hour wage

Data Integrity

- ▷ Scale of trials (> 50 trials / configuration)



1. Thank you for participating in our smartphone user experience study. The clip shown above is an application usage scenario recorded on an Android smartphone. As a user of the application, how satisfied are you with the smartphone's performance (i.e., application responsiveness and fluidness)?

- ☐ 5 - Very Satisfied
- ☐ 4 - Satisfied
- ☐ 3 - Neutral
- ☐ 2 - Dissatisfied
- ☐ 1 - Very Dissatisfied

2. Please enter a random word below to use as your survey confirmation code (e.g., a fruit, vegetable, animal, color, appliance, etc.) when returning to the Mechanical Turk HIT page.

Done

Powered by

See how easy it is to [create a survey](#).

Crowdsourcing Considerations

Task Design

- ▷ Open-ended question
- ▷ Well-defined answers

Worker Recruitment and Incentive

- ▷ \$0.10 / task
- ▷ \$8.00 / hour wage

Data Integrity

- ▷ Scale of trials (> 50 trials / configuration)
- ▷ Validation keyword prevents scripters



1. Thank you for participating in our smartphone user experience study. The clip shown above is an application usage scenario recorded on an Android smartphone. As a user of the application, how satisfied are you with the smartphone's performance (i.e., application responsiveness and fluidness)?

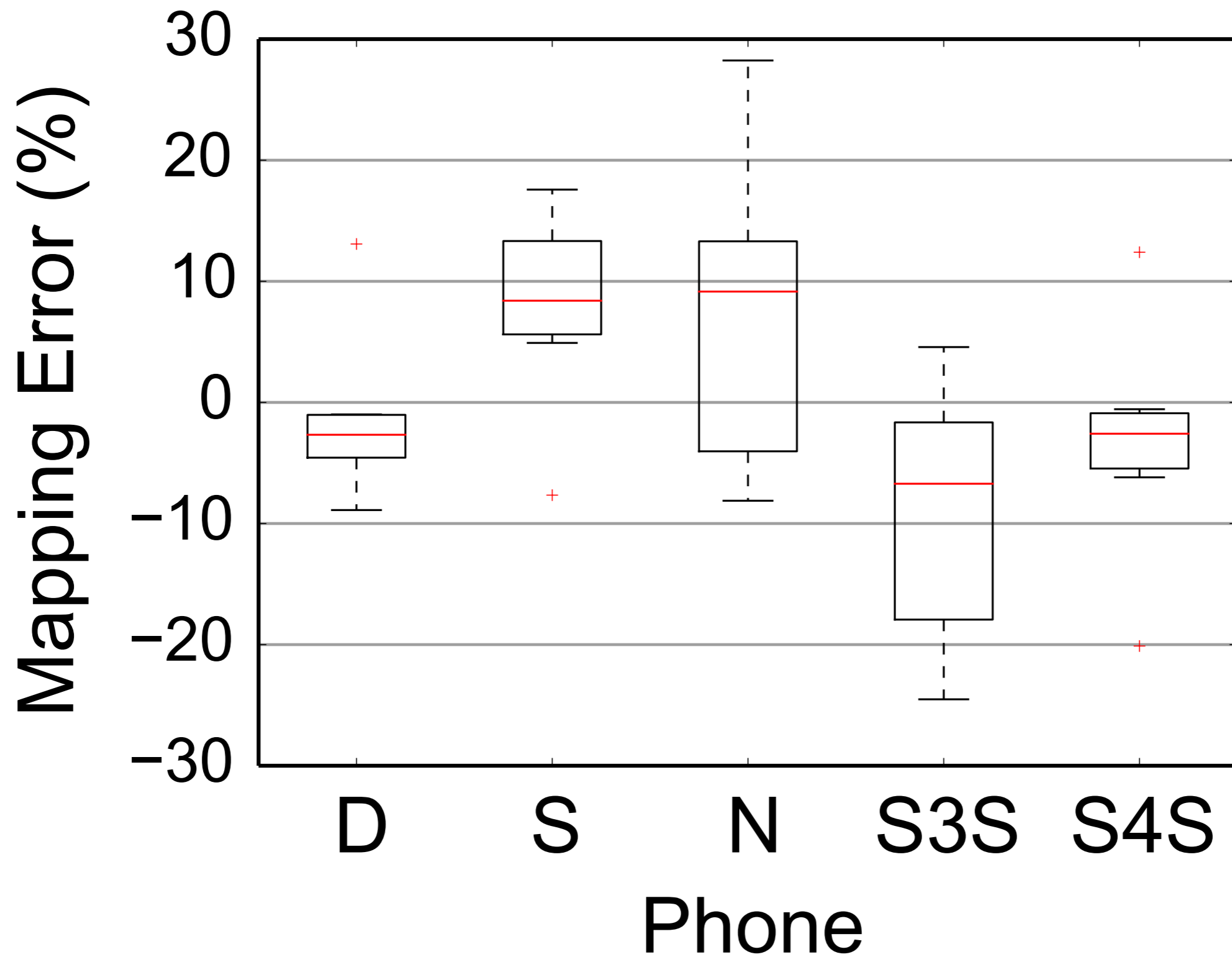
- ☐ 5 - Very Satisfied
- ☐ 4 - Satisfied
- ☐ 3 - Neutral
- ☐ 2 - Dissatisfied
- ☐ 1 - Very Dissatisfied

2. Please enter a random word below to use as your survey confirmation code (e.g., a fruit, vegetable, animal, color, appliance, etc.) when returning to the Mechanical Turk HIT page.

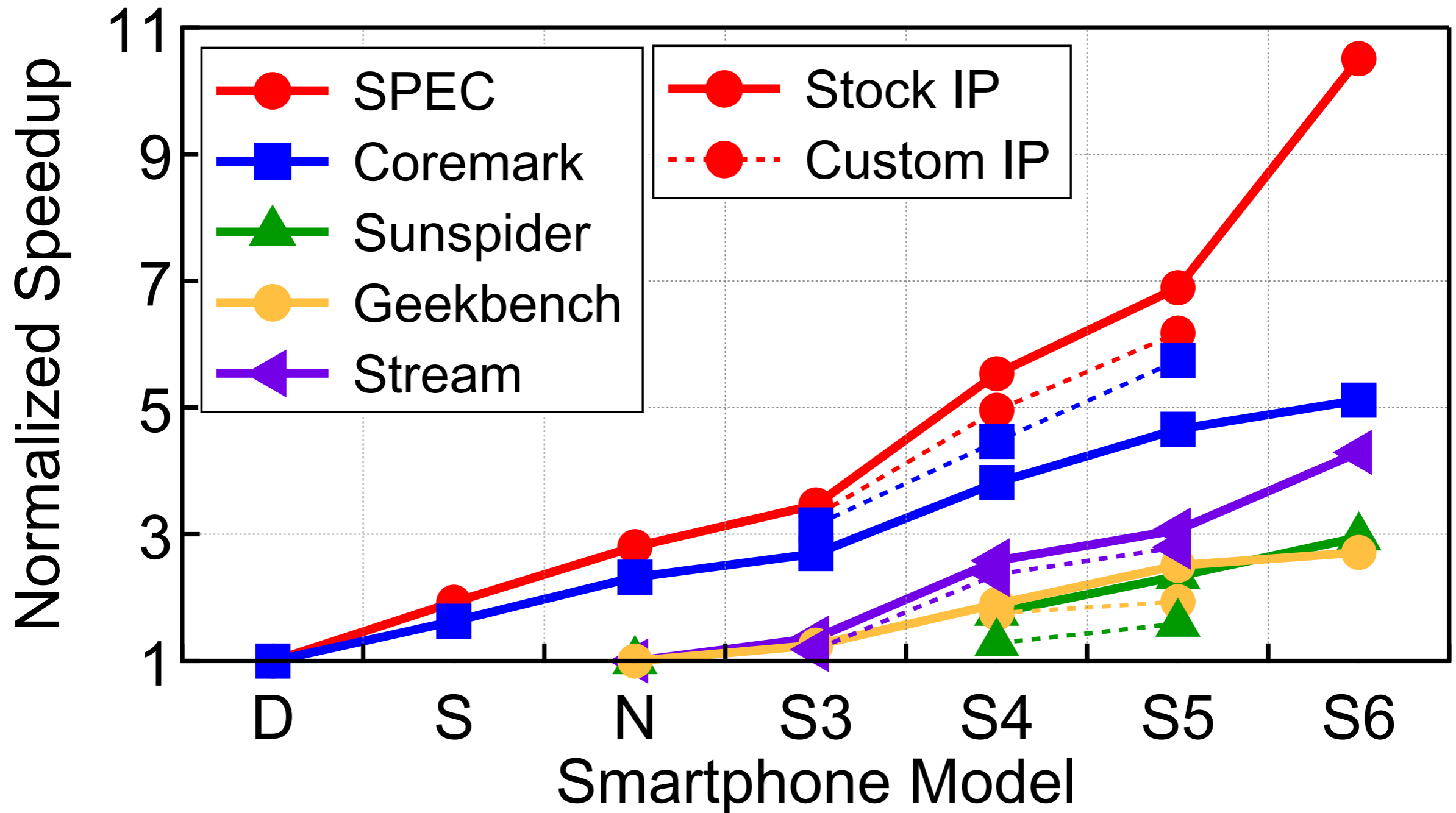
Done

Powered by
SurveyMonkey
See how easy it is to [create a survey](#).

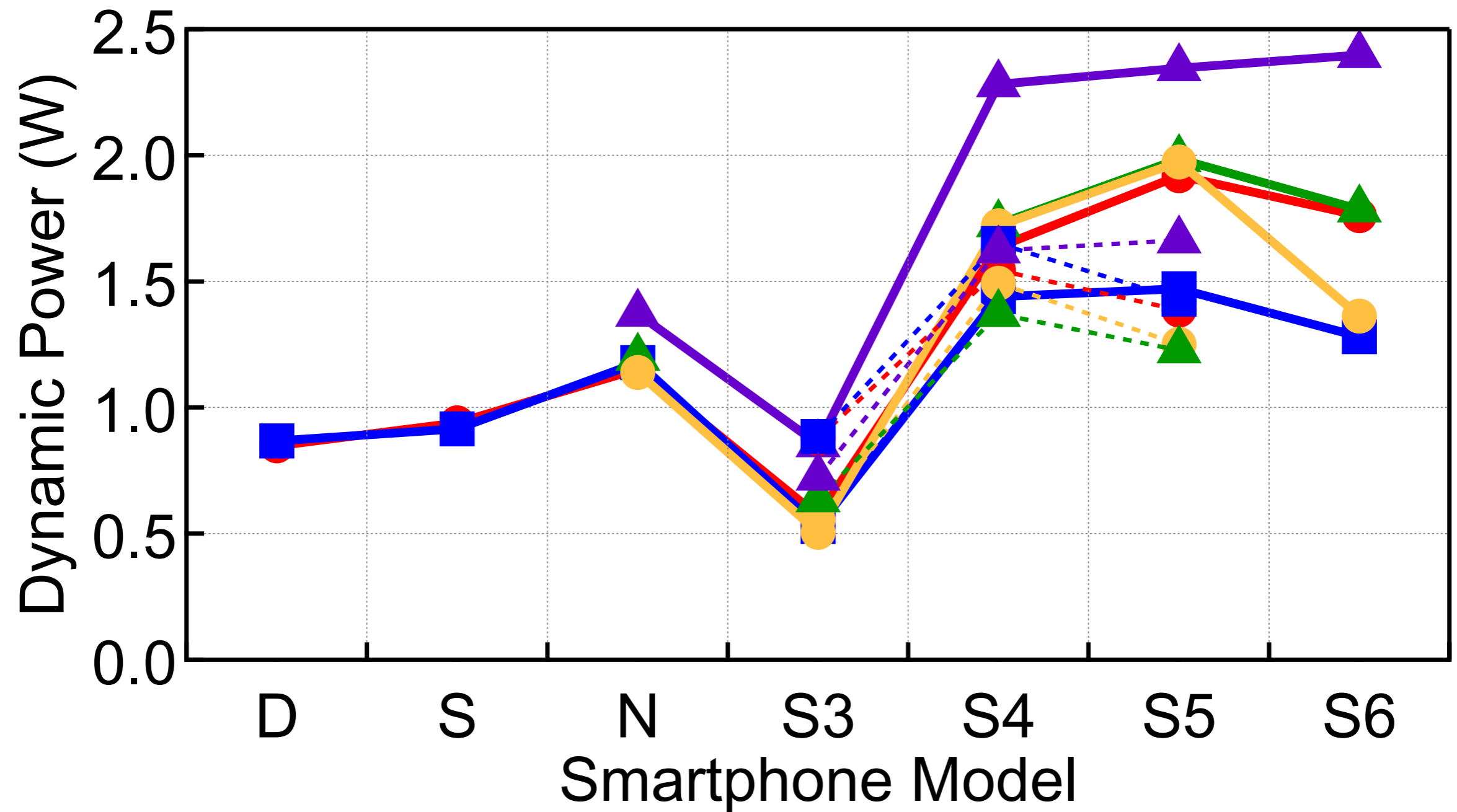
Phone Mapping



Other CPUs and Benchmarks: Perf



Other CPUs and Benchmarks: Power



Other CPUs and Benchmarks: Energy

