



AMD Opteron Energy Efficiency Technology

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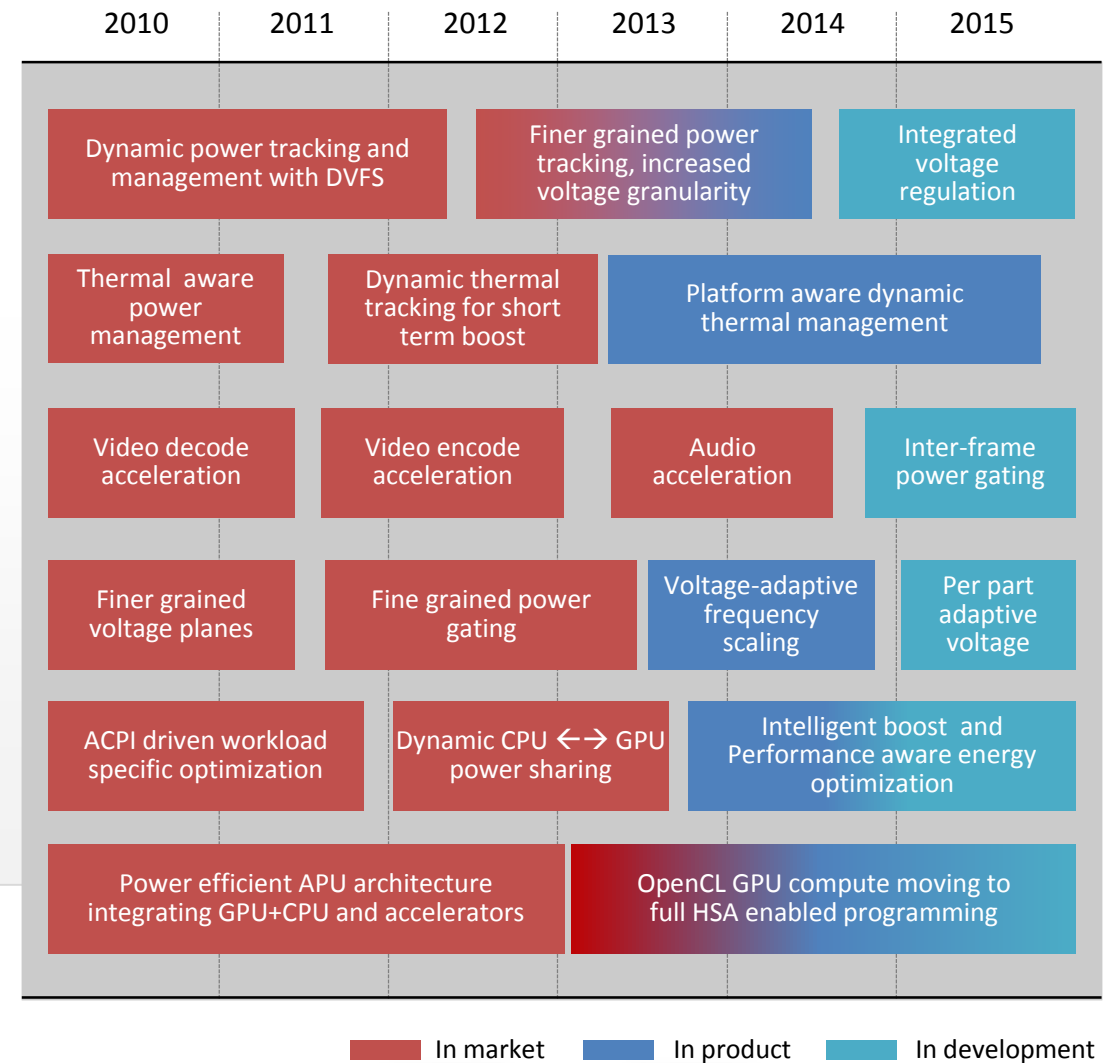
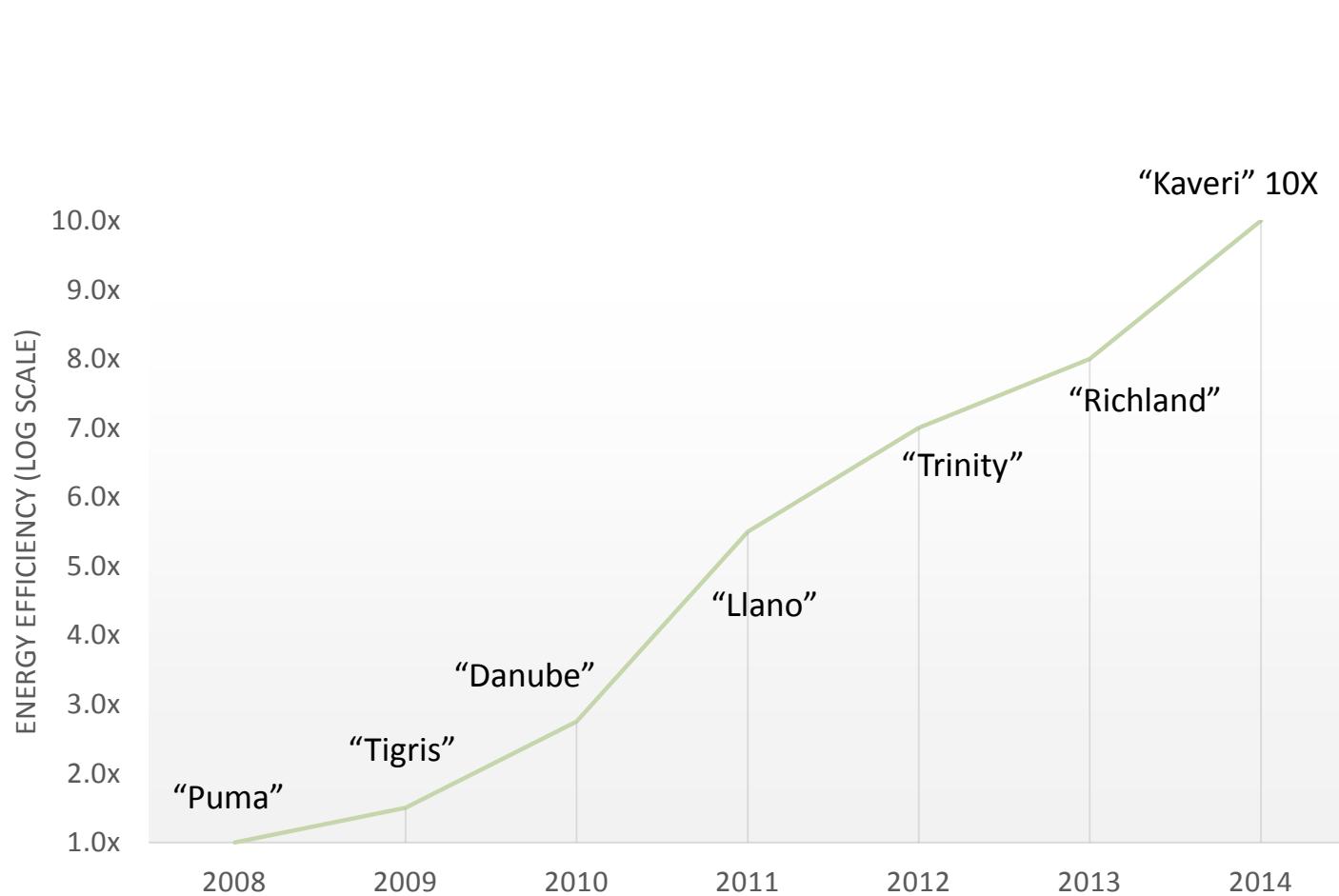
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AMD 2013-2014 SERVER ROADMAP



	2013	2014
2P and 4P Enterprise, Mainstream Platforms	<div>AMD Opteron™ 6300 and 4300 Series 4, 6, 8, 12 or 16 “Piledriver” CPU Cores 35W-140W</div> <div>32nm</div>	<div>“Warsaw” CPU 12 or 16 “Piledriver” CPU Cores</div> <div>32nm</div>
1P Web/Enterprise Services Clusters	<div>AMD Opteron™ 3300 Series 4 or 8 “Piledriver” CPU Cores 25W-65W TDP</div> <div>32nm</div>	<div>“Berlin” CPU/APU 4 “Steamroller” CPU Cores GCN Graphics Compute Units (APU) HSA Features (APU)</div> <div>28nm</div>
	<div>AMD Opteron™ X1150 CPU and X2150 APU 4 “Jaguar” CPU Cores GCN Graphics Compute Units (APU) 9W-22W</div> <div>28nm SoC</div>	<div>“Seattle” CPU ARM “A57” CPU Cores</div> <div>28nm SoC</div>

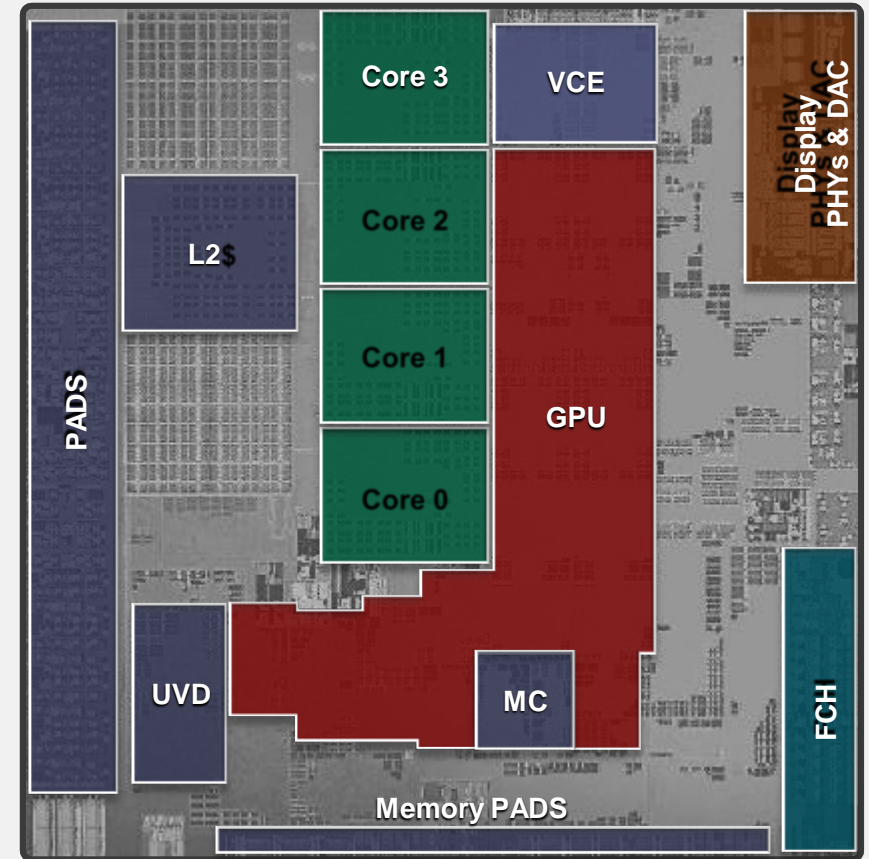
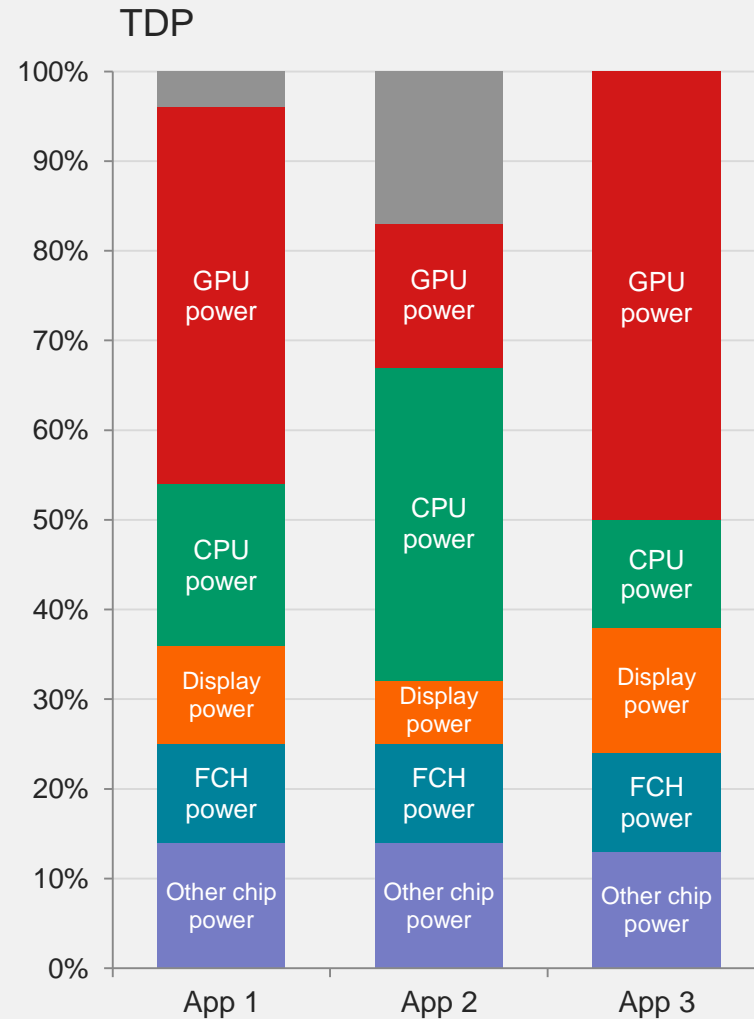
A History of Energy Efficiency



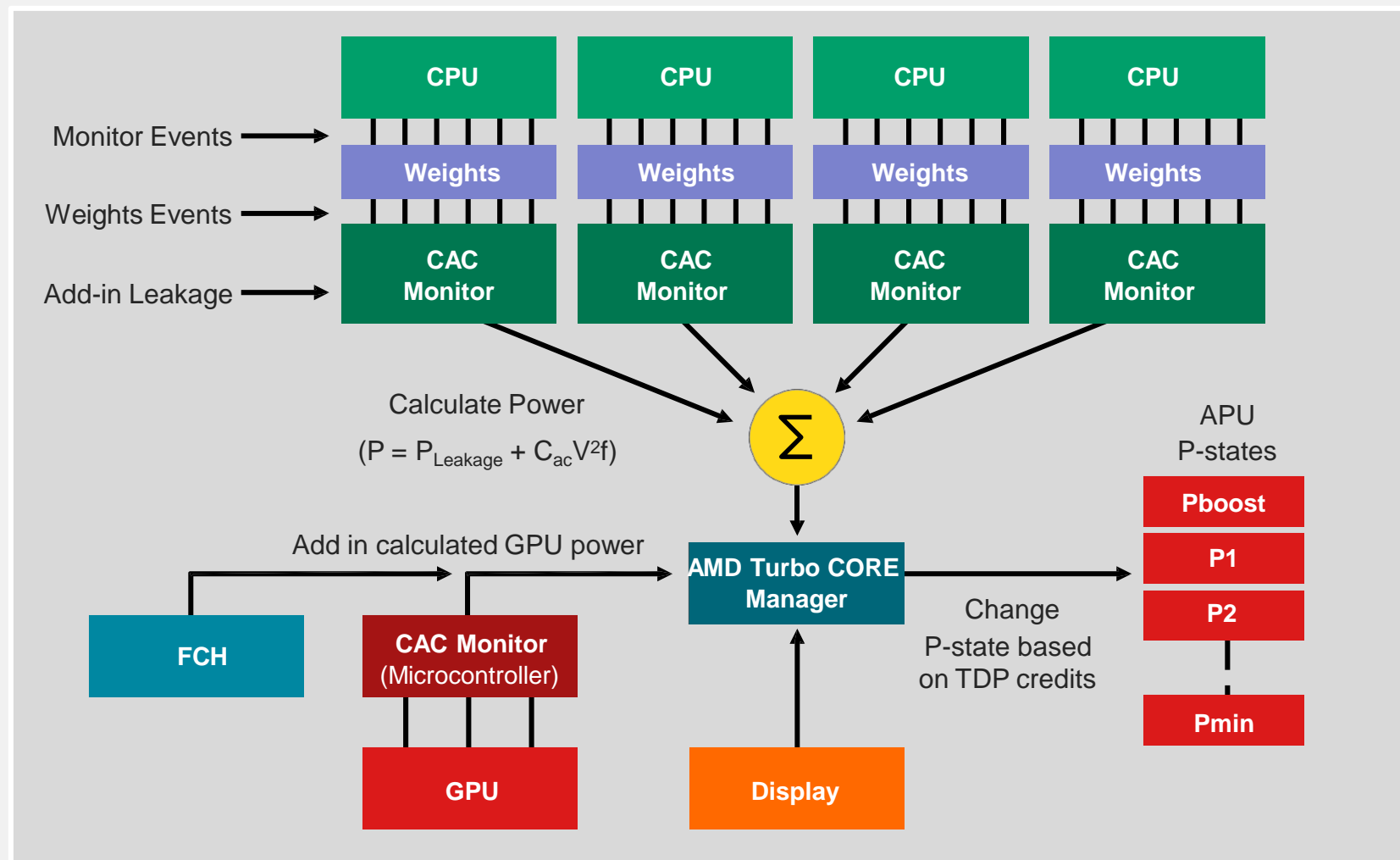
CHIP-LEVEL POWER DISTRIBUTIONS



- ▶ Power consumption (and hence performance) is set by the cooling capabilities of the platform
- ▶ Power varies a lot by workload
- ▶ We measure and manage the power of each component on the chip to generate the best performance/watt



- ▶ To manage temperature and send the power wherever it's needed, we use power monitors in all chip components
- ▶ “Kyoto” has power monitors in each CPU, the GPU, the display interface, and the FCH
- ▶ The central controller uses this information to optimize performance within thermal constraints

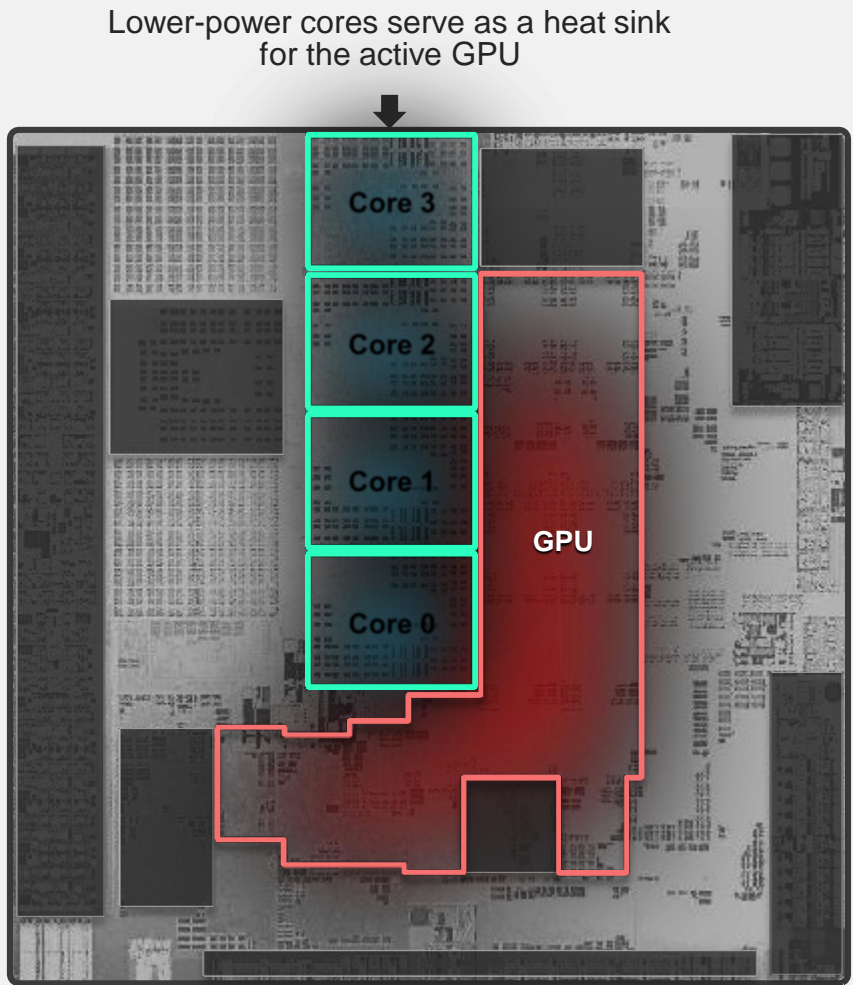
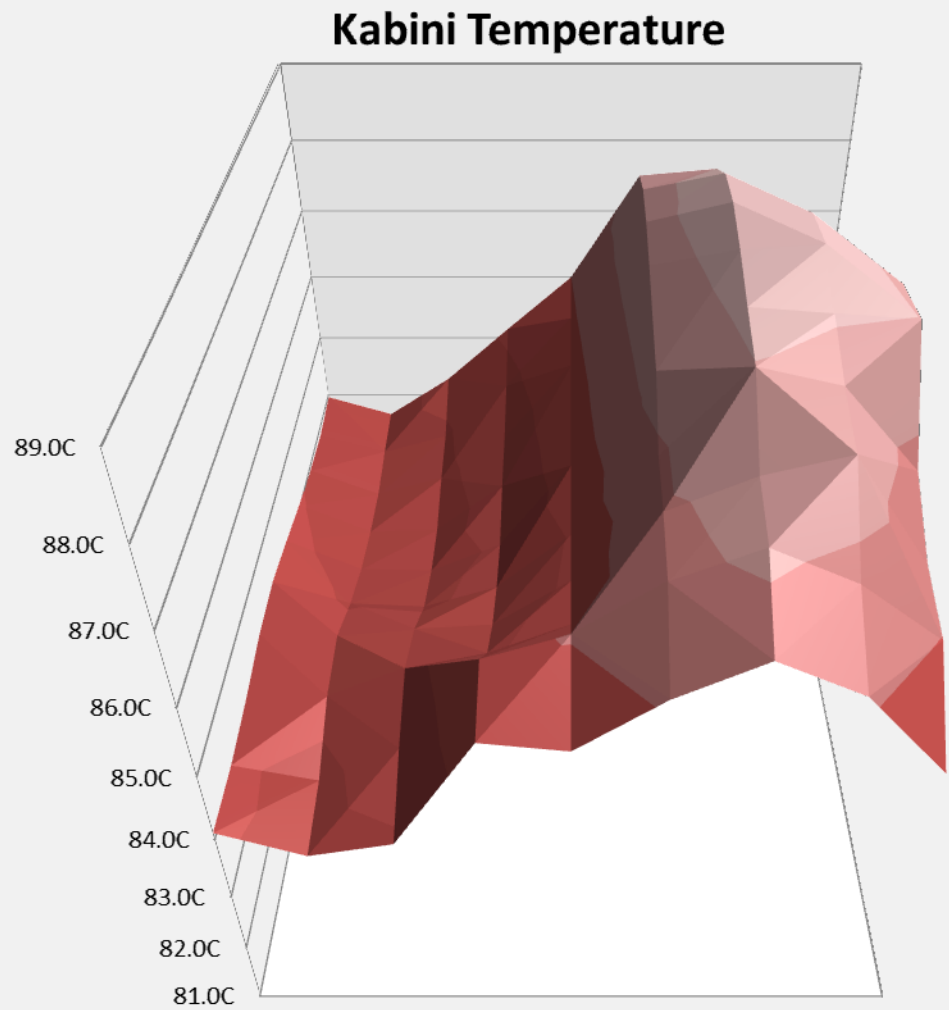
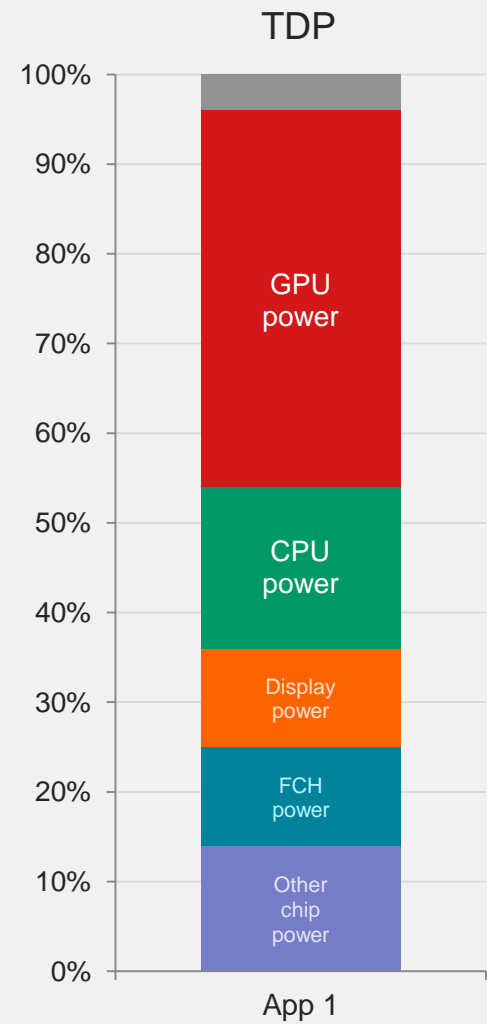


EVOLUTION OF AMD TURBO CORE TECHNOLOGY

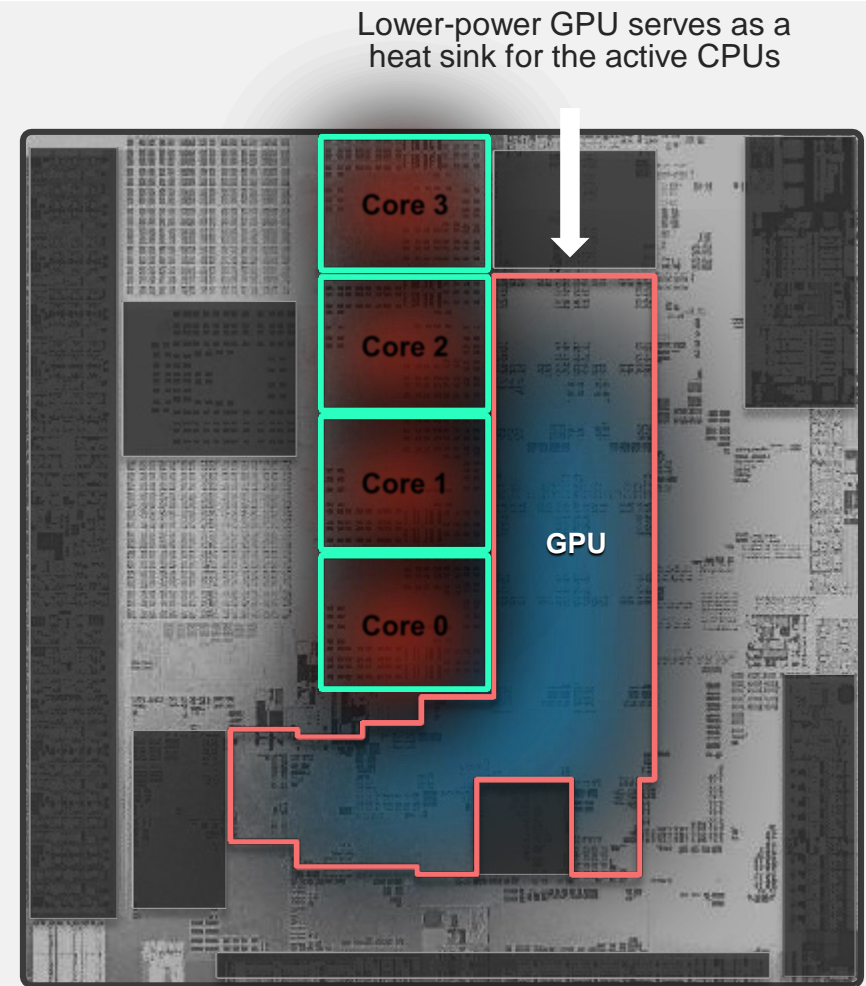
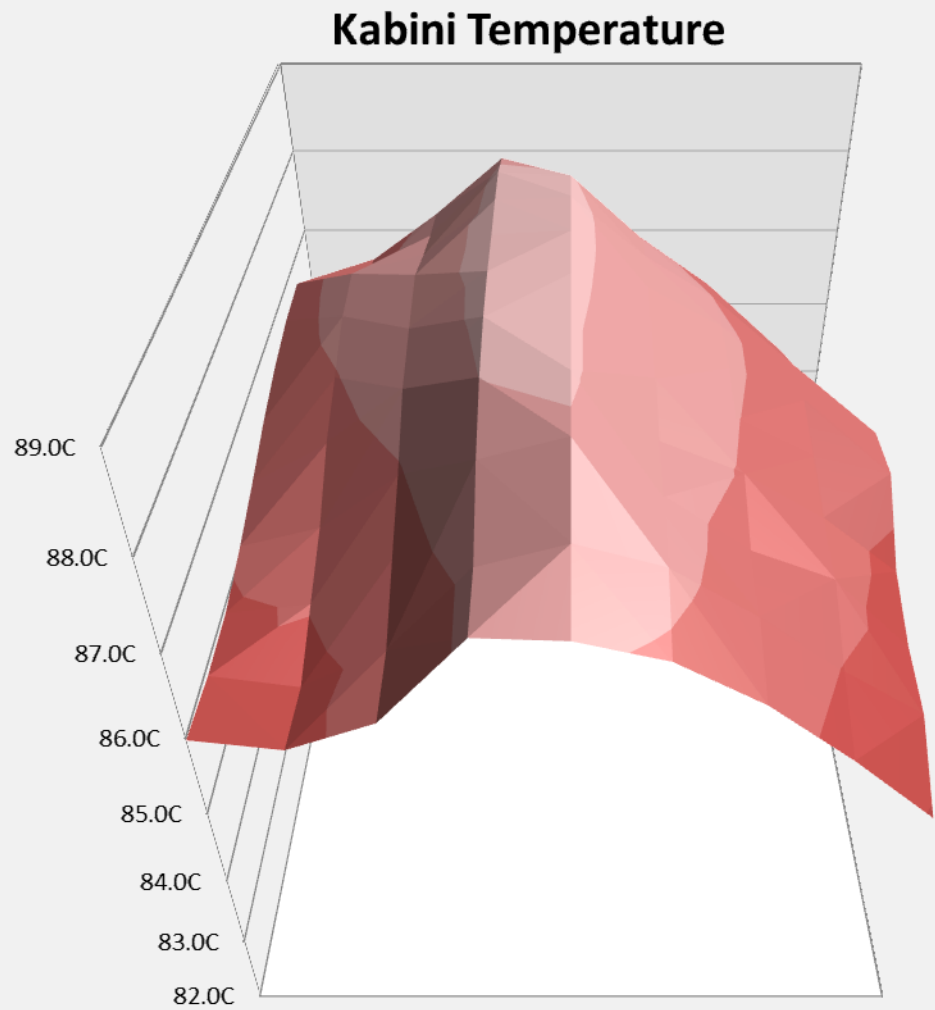
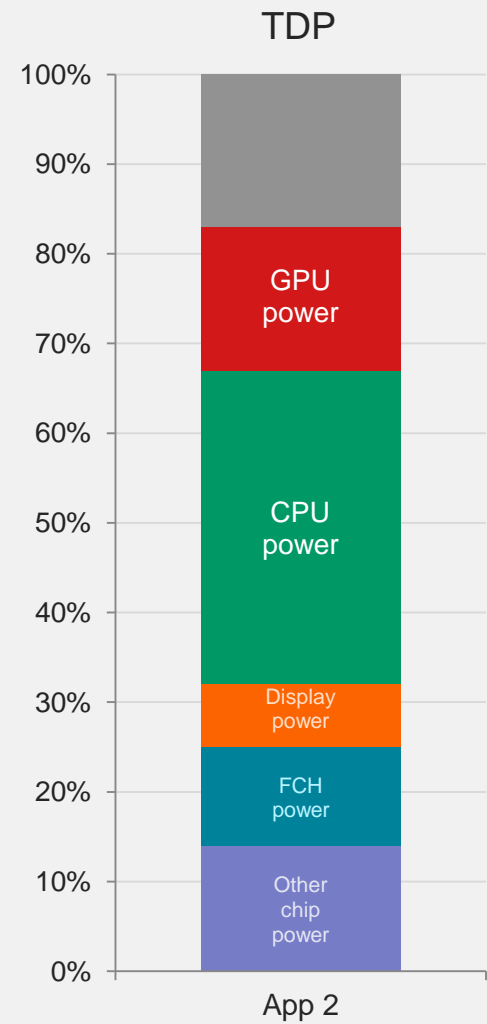


Year	Processor	Boosting decision based on	Notes
2010	AMD Phenom™ II	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Number of cores active	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Single boost Pstate used if half or more cores are inactive▪ Coarse-grain power margin exploited
2011	1 st -Generation AMD A-Series APU	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Calculated power	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Unidirectional power transfer between thermal entities<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ GPU→CPU▪ Exploit fine-grain power margin
2012	2 nd -Generation AMD A-Series APU	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Calculated power▪ Calculated temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Bidirectional power transfer between thermal entities<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ GPU→CPU▪ CPU→GPU▪ Exploit temperature margin
2013	3 rd -Generation AMD A-Series APU ("Richland")	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Calculated power▪ Calculated temperature▪ Measured/Sensor temperature▪ Efficiency of power usage by individual entities (CPU, GPU, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Designed to more effectively exploit temperature margin by detecting favorable thermal conditions in real time▪ Intelligent Boost

CHIP-LEVEL POWER DISTRIBUTIONS: GPU-CENTRIC

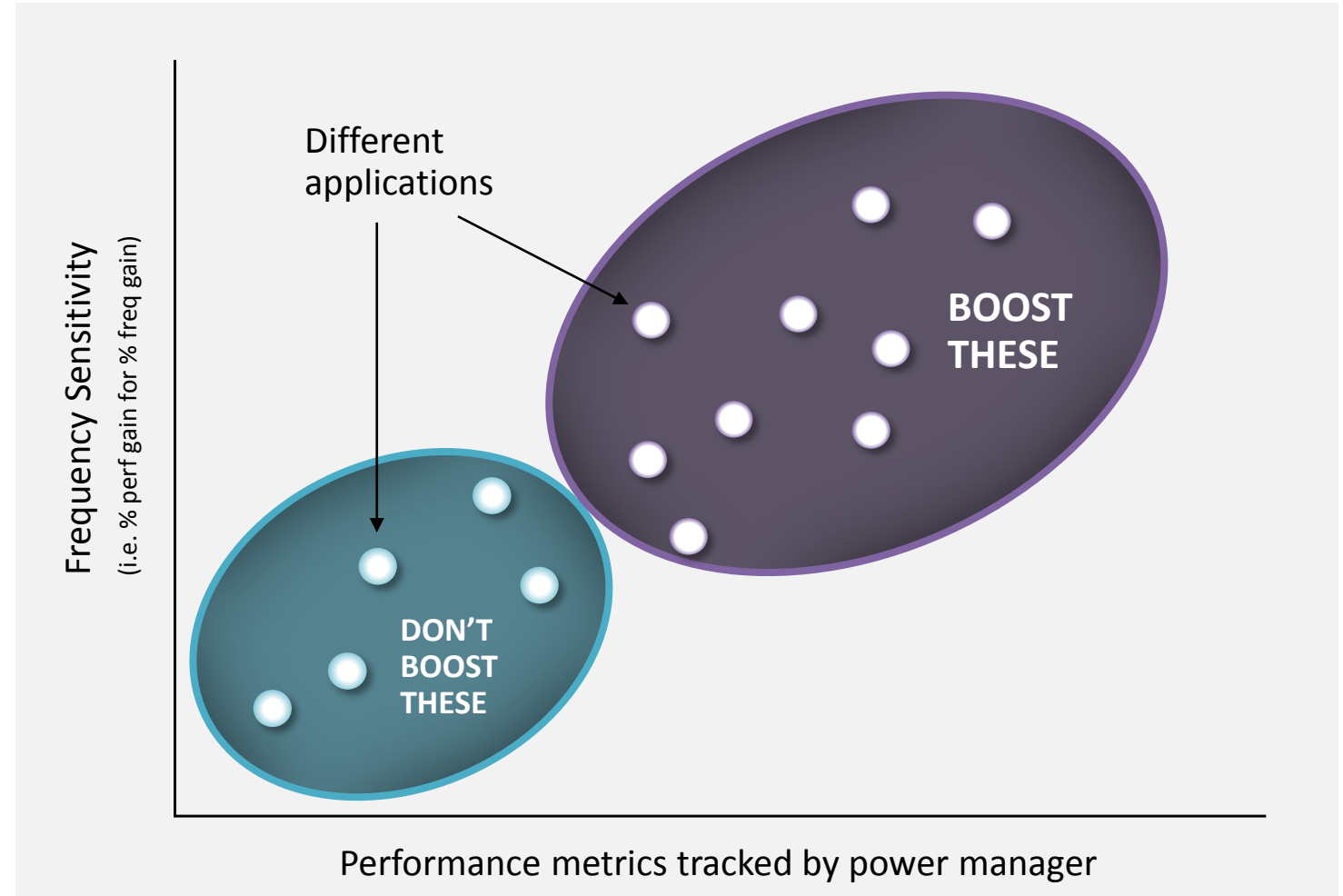


CHIP-LEVEL POWER DISTRIBUTIONS: CPU-CENTRIC



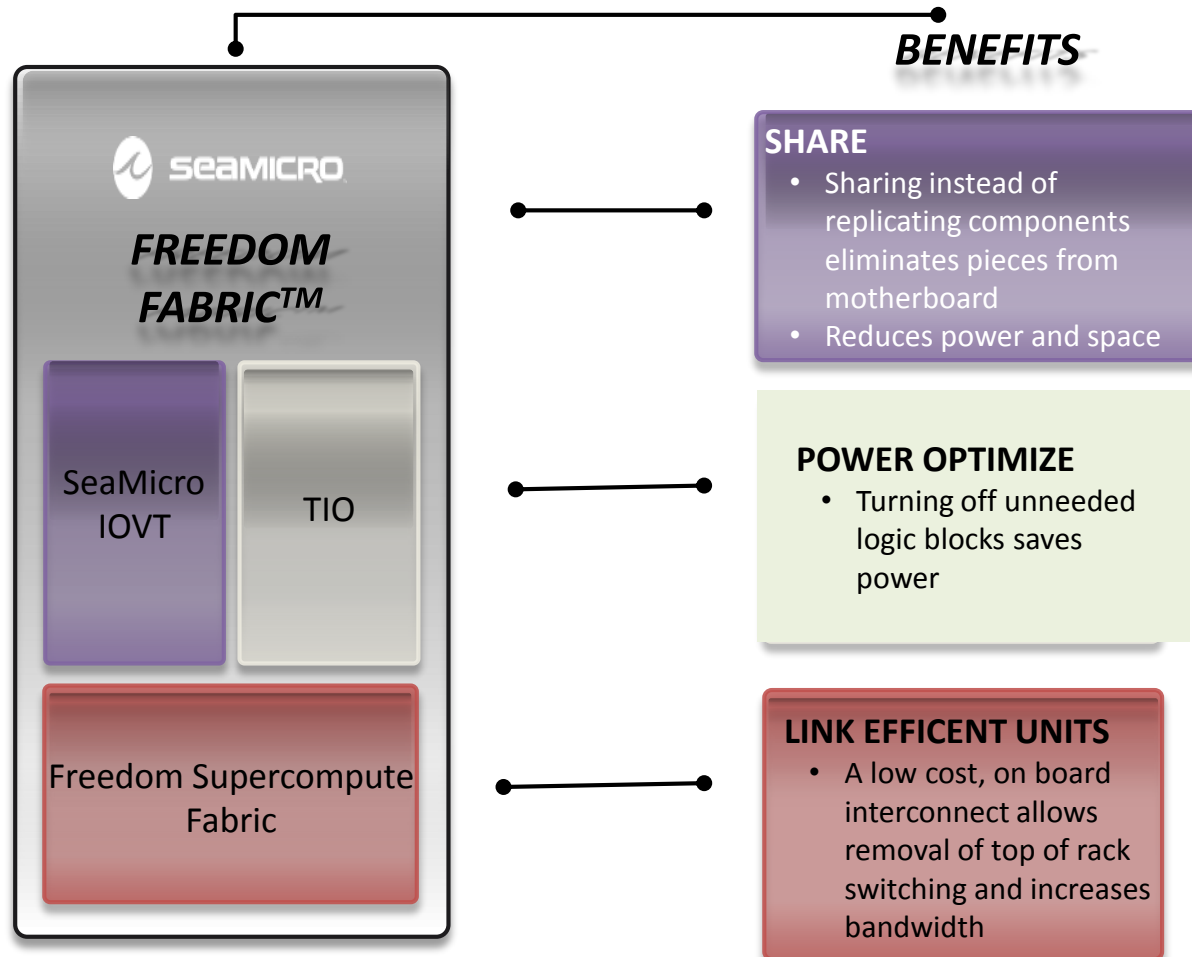
Avoiding power waste with Intelligent Boost control

- Intelligent Boost is designed to avoid power waste that results from boosting applications that benefit very little from higher frequency
- Enables long battery life and cool operation while maintaining great performance
- Power management micro-controller tracks application behavior real-time to determine frequency sensitivity
- Boost behavior is adjusted accordingly



FABRICS REDUCE THE POWER CONSUMPTION OF EVERY SERVER

- ▲ ~70% of energy consumption in servers from components beyond CPU
- ▲ Eliminate unnecessary components and functions
- ▲ Remove tiers of networking equipment and thousands of cables



- ““Richland” Client APU” Presentation by Praveen Dongara, Lloyd Bircher, John Darrilek - Hot Chips 25, August 2013
- “AMD Product and Tech Roadmaps 5.5.14”
- “Energy Efficiency” by Sam Naffziger, June 16, 2014
- “AMD “Kabini” APU SOC” by Dan Bouvier, Ben Bates, Walter Fry, Sreekanth Godey – Hot Chips 25, August 2013
- “Energy Efficiency Messaging” May 9, 2014
- “AMD Advanced Power Management” by Sam Naffziger, April 2014

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