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HULK-V: a Heterogeneous Ultra-low-power Linux capable RISC-V SoC

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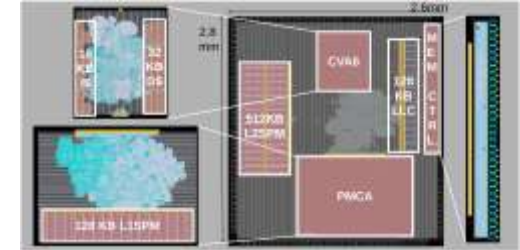
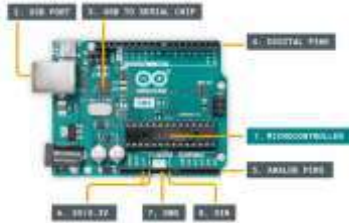
PULP
Parallel Ultra Low Power



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IoT End-Nodes classification



Low-power devices:

- Hundreds kB of SRAM
- Bare-metal runtime
- Energy efficient accelerators

Single Board Computers:

- Powerful (CortexA53 like Linux-capable) CPU
- High perf & power DDR memories
- Watts of power consumption

HULK-V (22nmFDSOI):

- Linux-capable (CPU and enough mem)
- Energy efficient accelerator
- 250mW power envelope

How?

1) Leverage heterogeneity

- **Combine different kinds of processors**

Host core

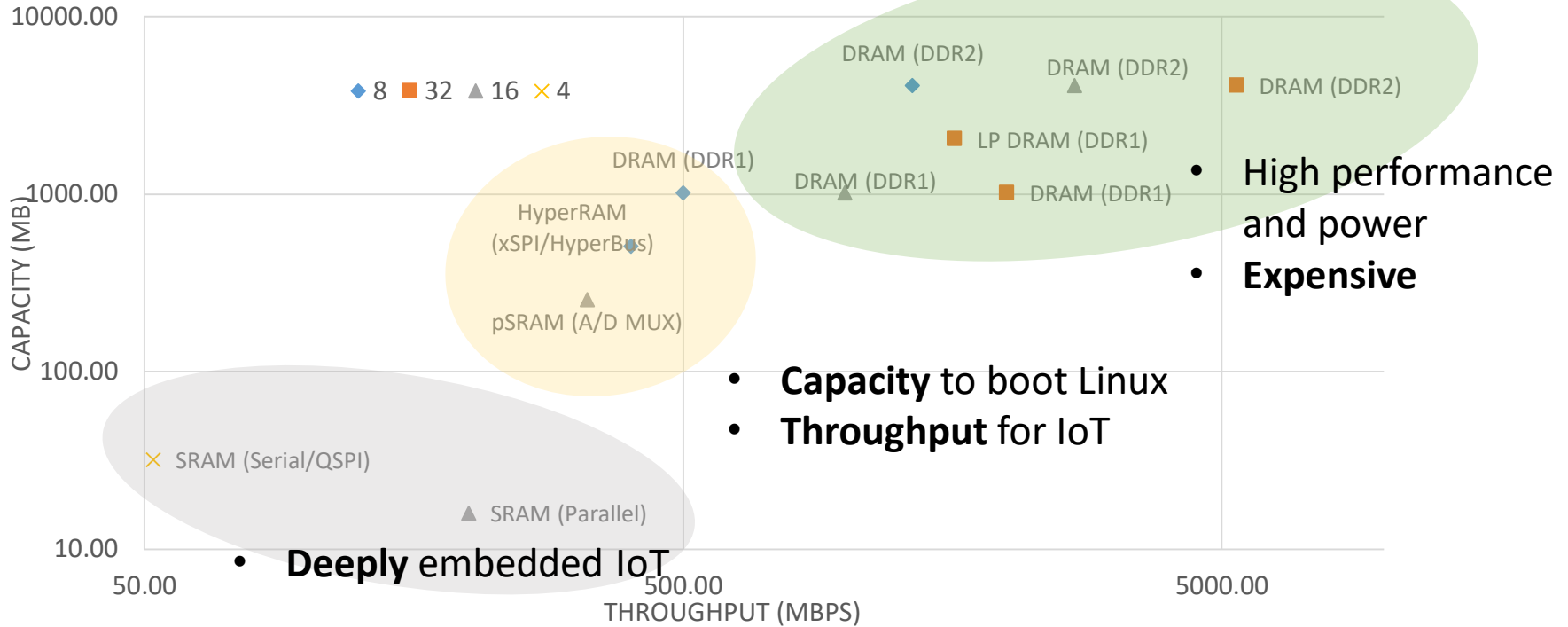
- Decide: modulate flow of **instructions**
- Linux support



Accelerator cores:

- Compute: modulate flow of **data**
- **Energy efficient**
- DSP and ML extension

2) Choose the right memory



HW-SW infrastructure: HULK-V

User-Space
Software



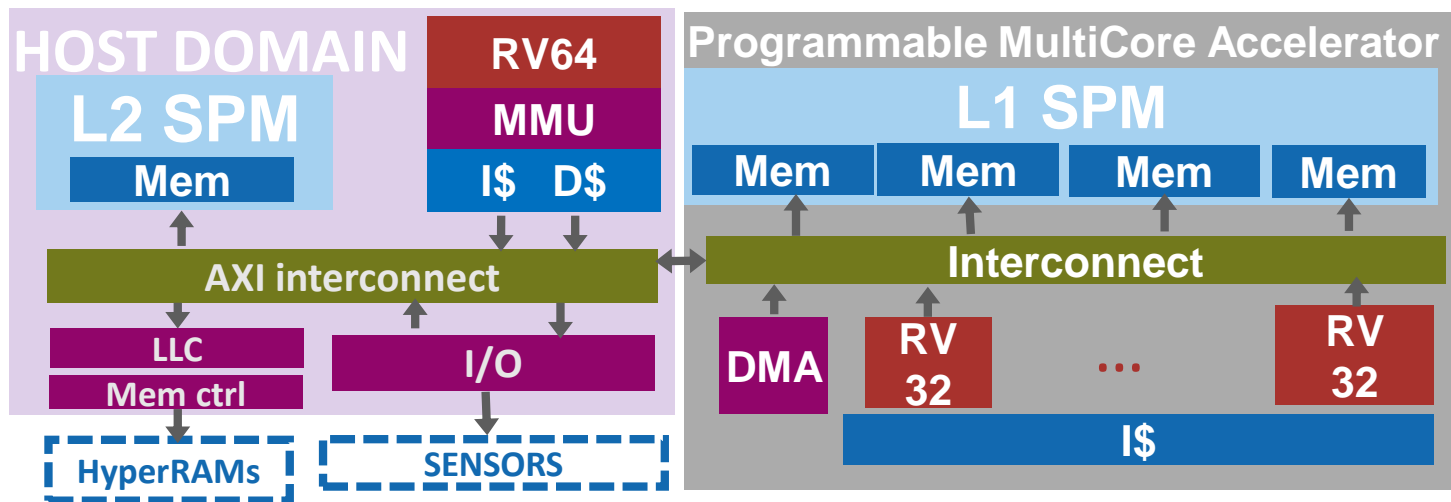
LINUX KERNEL

PMCA
DRIVER

PMCA RUNTIME

HW ABSTRACTION LIBRARY

Kernel-Space
Software



Hardware

Comparison with SoA

	OS	CPU mem.	Technology	CPU	Accelerator	Peak power
GAP10 (Greenwaves)	RTOS	512kB SRAM	ASIC	RI5CY 200MHz	8-core cluster	100mW
Sapphire	RTOS	4MB-3GB HYPER/DDR	FPGA	VEX RISC 400MHz	-	Few W
i.MX RT (NXP)	RTOS	1.5MB SRAM	ASIC	CORTEXM7 1GHz	MIPI	100mW
Raspberry Pi0	Linux	512MB LPDDR2	ASIC	4-Core CortexA53 1GHz	-	3W
SiFive Unmatched	Linux	16GB DDR4	ASIC	U74 1GHz	-	3W
HULK-V	Linux	512MB HYPER	ASIC	CVA6 900MHz	8-core cluster	250mW

Question? Poster session!