



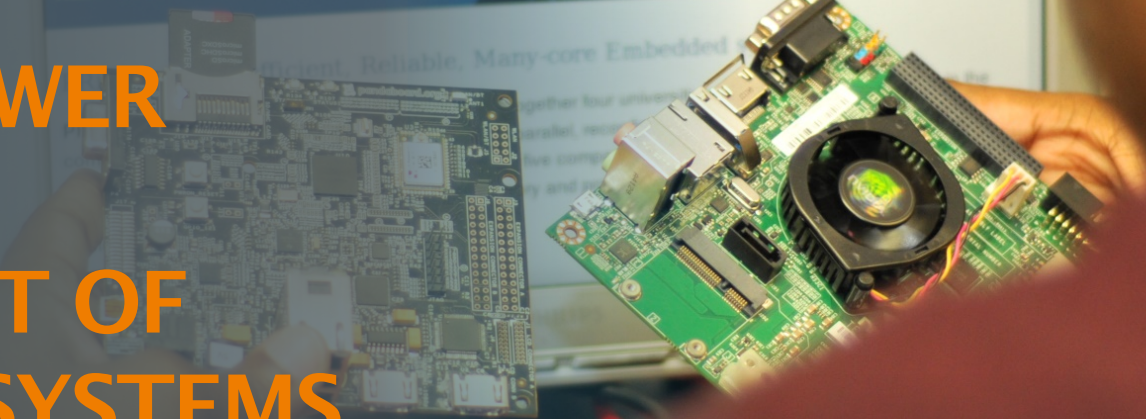
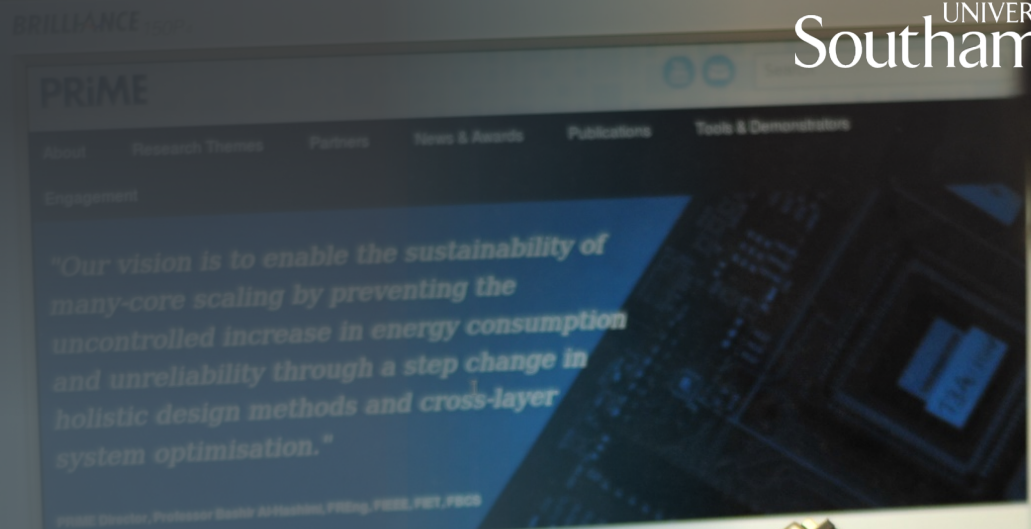
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# RUN-TIME POWER AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT OF MANY-CORE SYSTEMS

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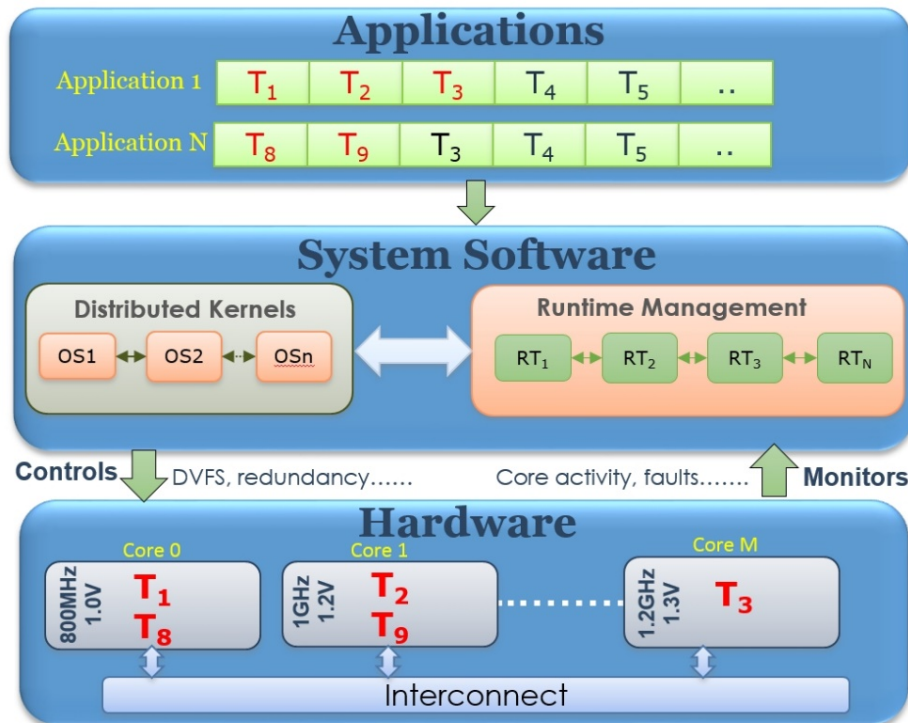
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# THE PRIME PROJECT

[www.prime-project.org](http://www.prime-project.org)

“Enable the sustainability of **many-core scaling** by preventing the uncontrolled increase in **energy consumption** and **unreliability** through a step change in holistic design methods and **cross-layer** system optimisation.”



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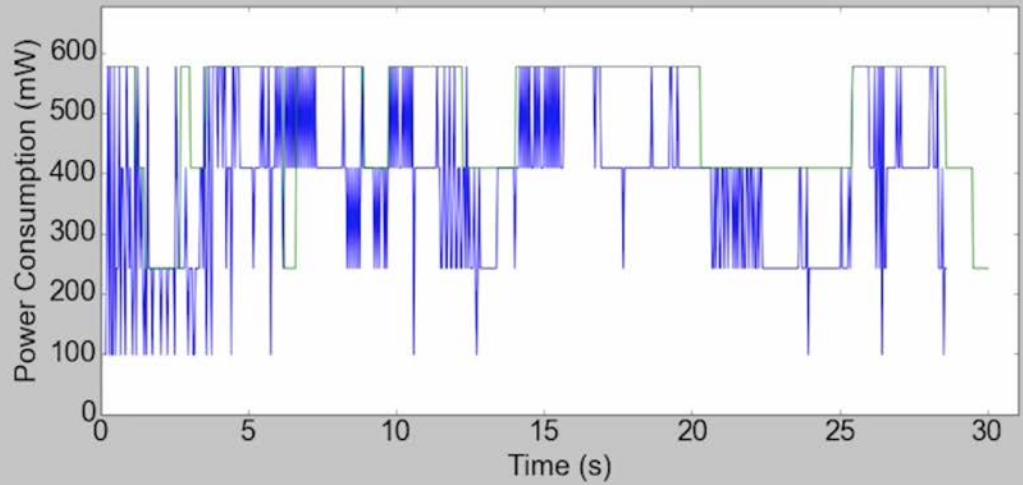
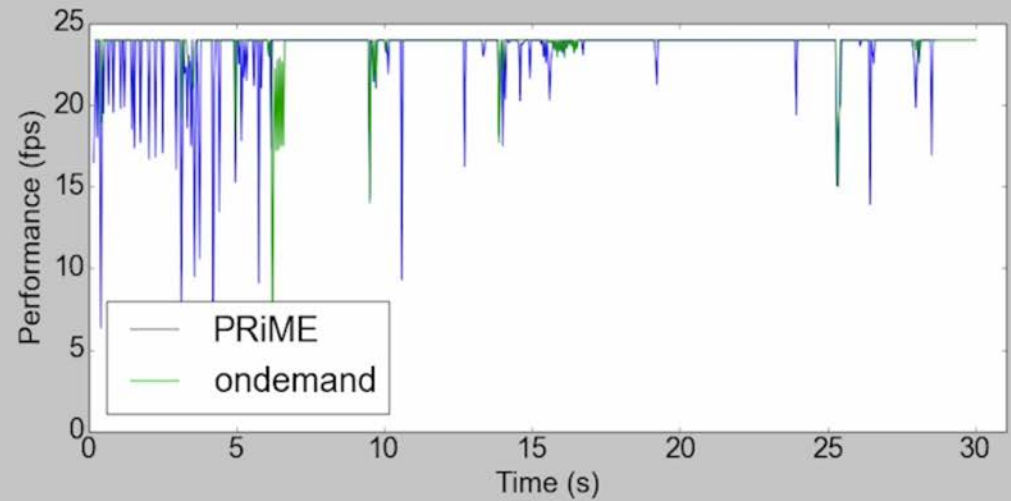
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A “supercomputer in your hands”, running 100s of cores with a battery lasting for a day

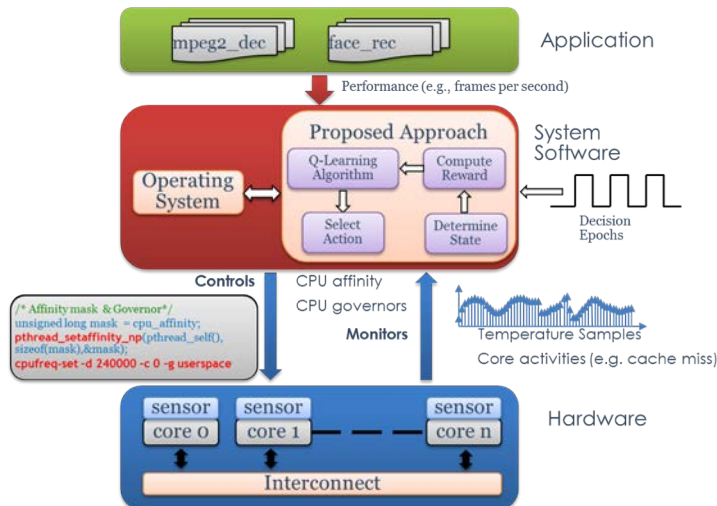
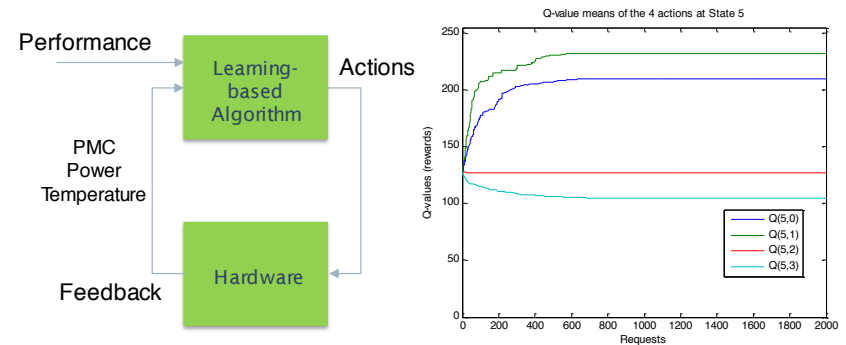
# RUNTIME POWER MANAGEMENT



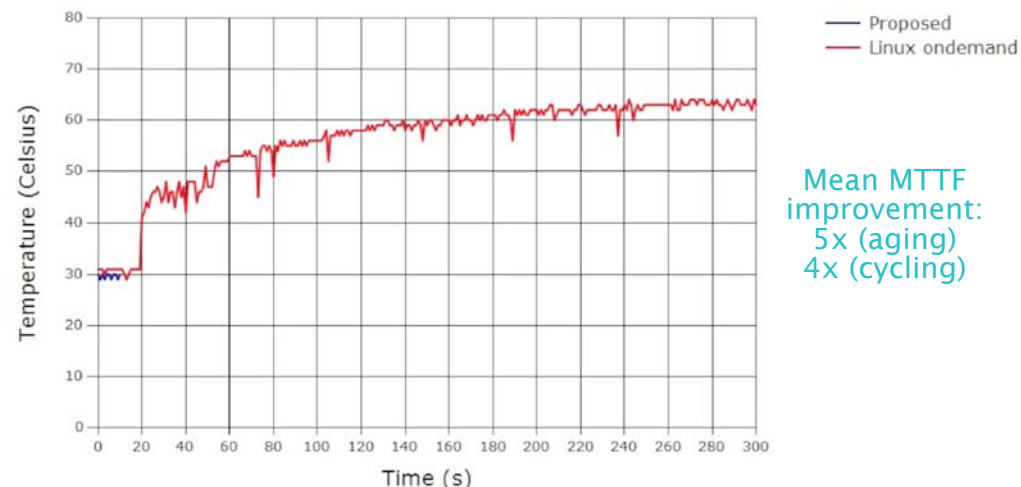
# LEARNING OPTIMAL DVFS CHOICES

## Reinforcement Learning

- Observes the current system state
- Selects an action (V-F pairs)
- Changes the state (workload)
- Leads to a payoff (reward/penalty)



Convergence of the Reinforcement Learning Algorithm



# OVERVIEW

## Applications

- From single > sequential > concurrent execution

## Offline Characterisation

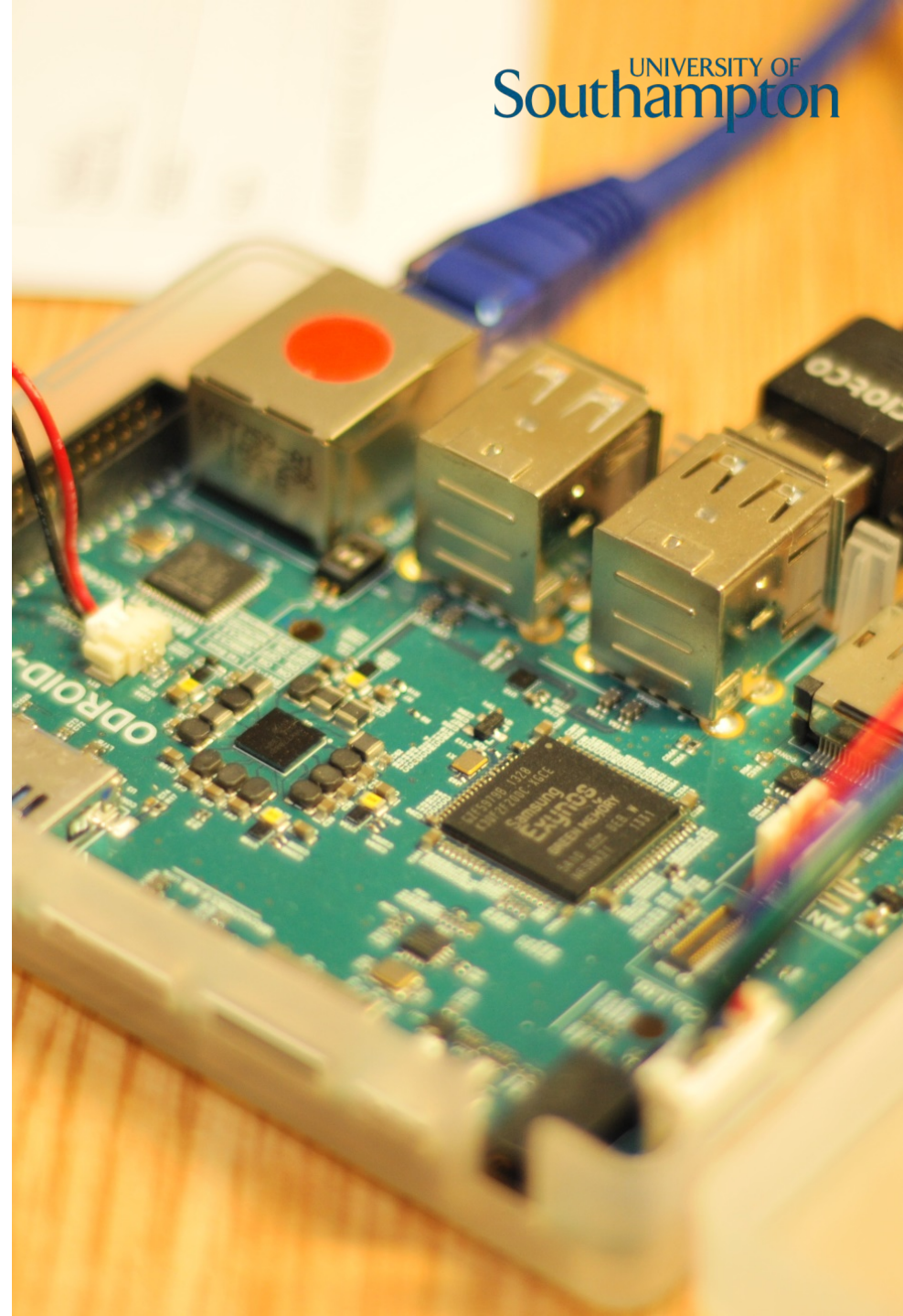
- Can we improve RTM through offline characterisation?

## Towards Many-Core

- How do RTM approaches scale with number of cores?

## Novel Platforms

- Can our RTM approaches be applied to novel platforms?

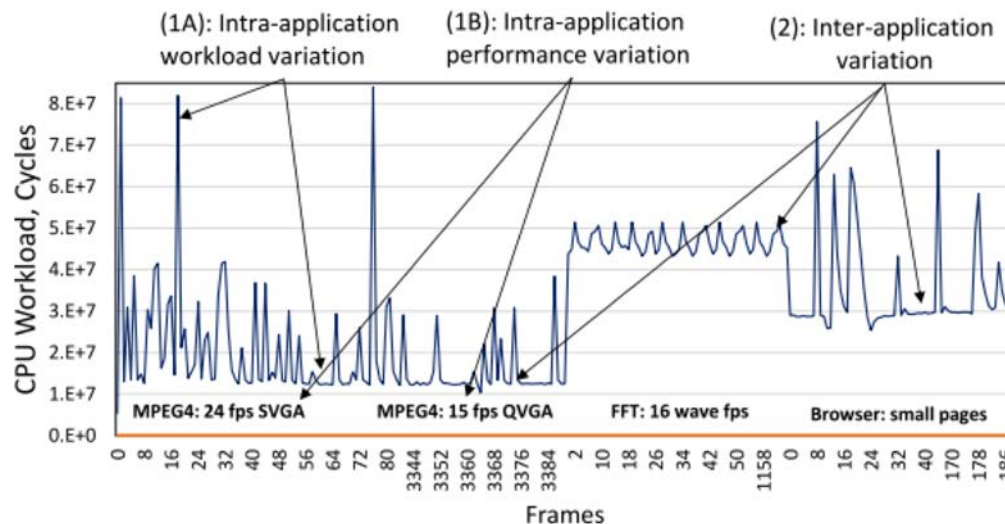


# RTMs and Application Workloads

From single > sequential > concurrent execution

# EXECUTING MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS

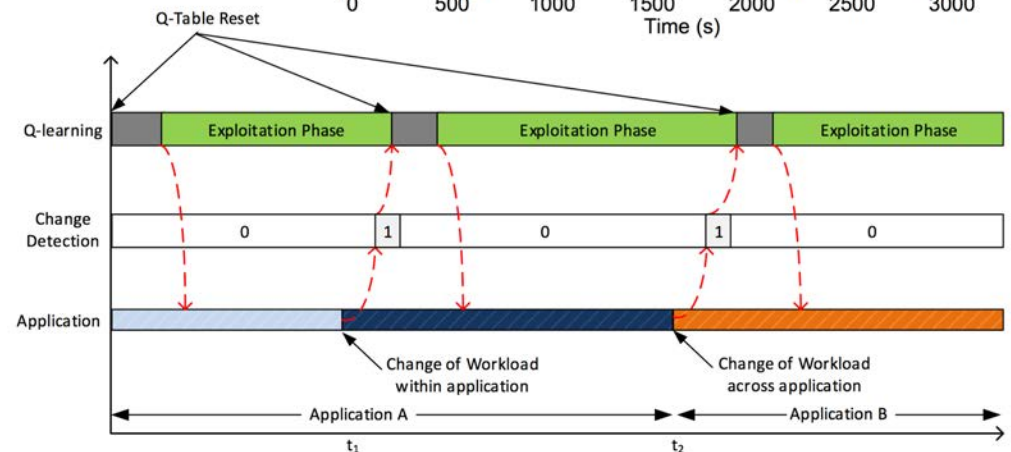
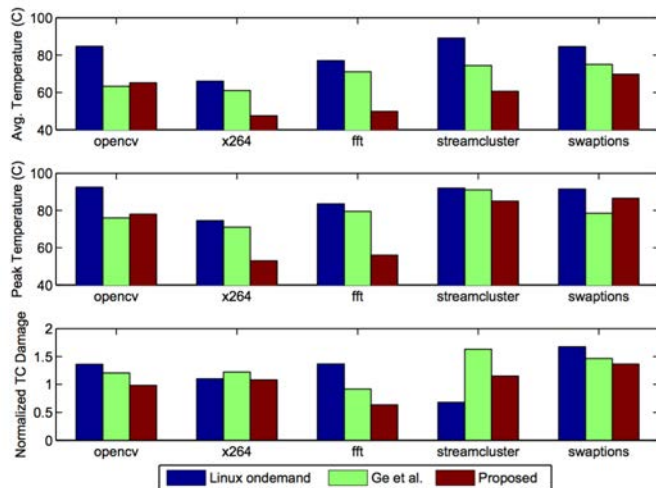
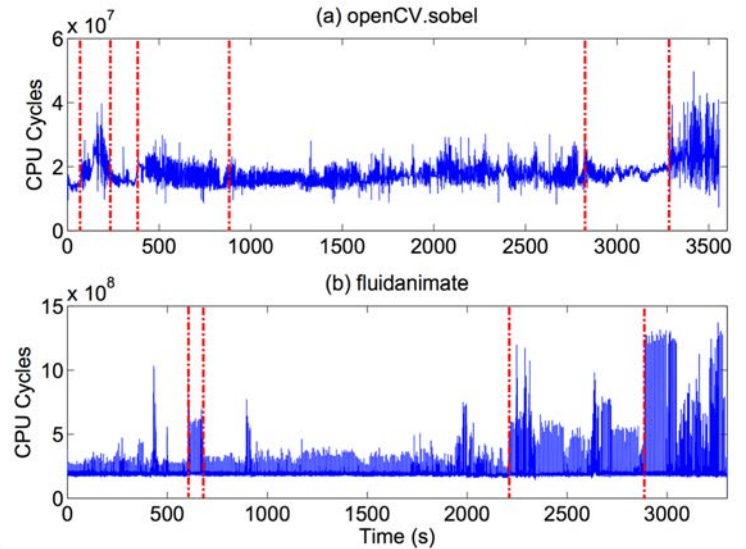
- Workload and performance variation due to:
  - Changes within an application
  - Changing applications (*sequential execution*)



- Overlapping applications (*concurrent execution*)

# DETECTING WORKLOAD CHANGES

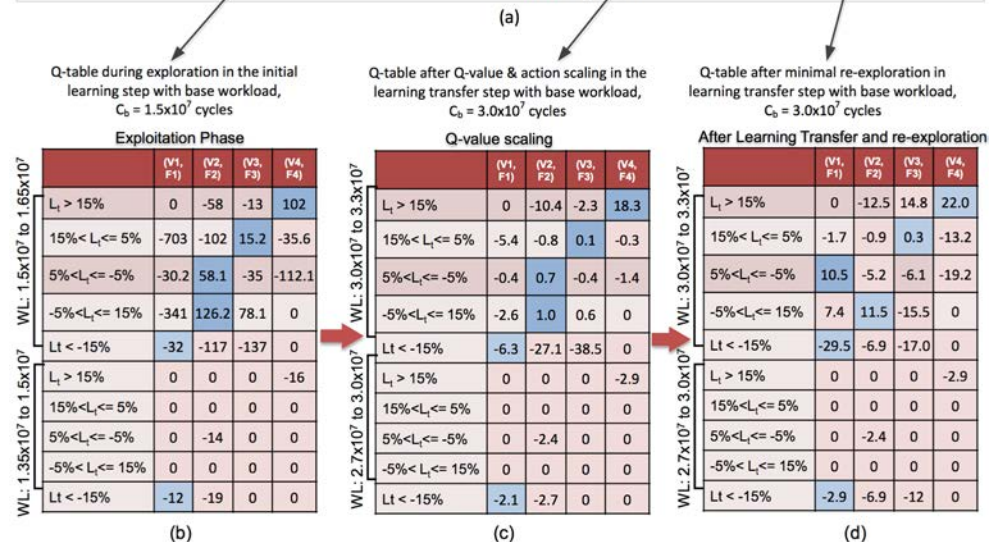
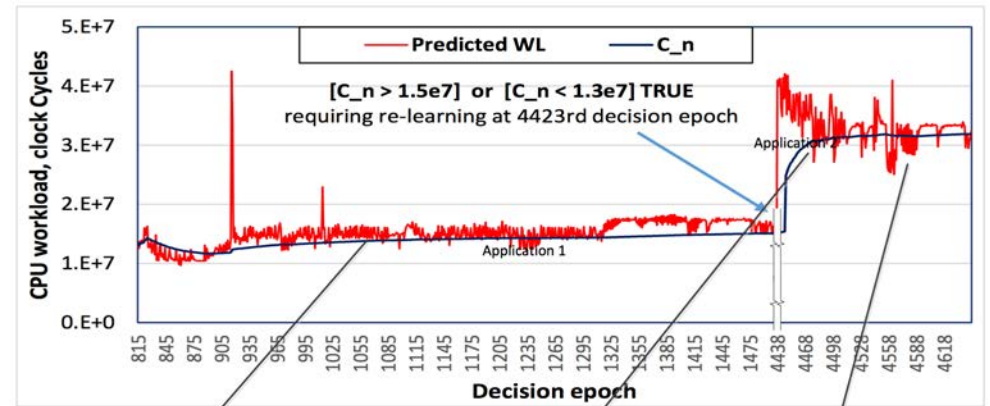
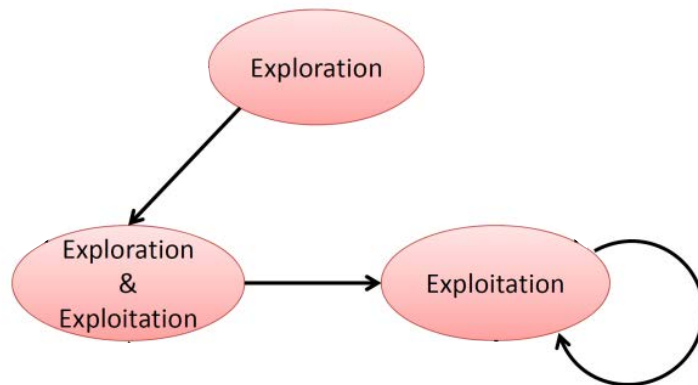
- Density ratio-based statistical divergence between overlapping sliding windows of CPU cycles
- Use this information to clear learning table (i.e. start afresh)





# TRANSFERRING LEARNING

- Detect workload changes
- Transfer knowledge where possible
- Learn again fresh when not

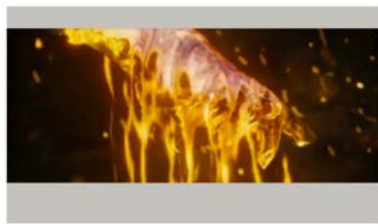
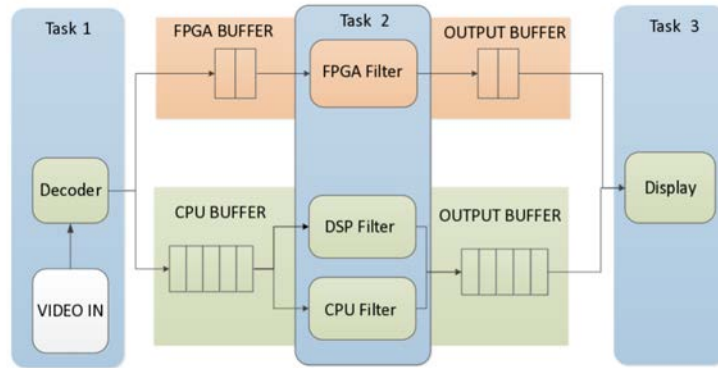
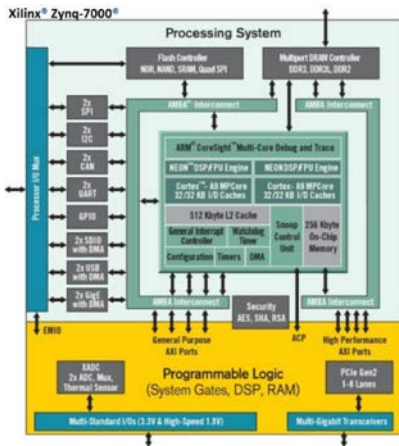


# Online vs Offline

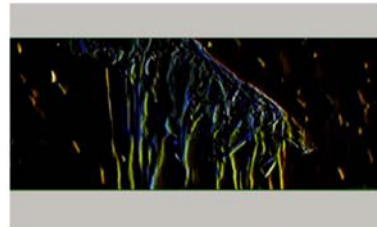
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# MODEL-BASED RTM: HETEROGENEITY

## Heterogeneous Platforms



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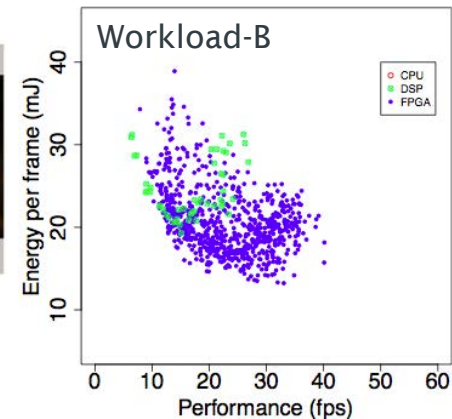
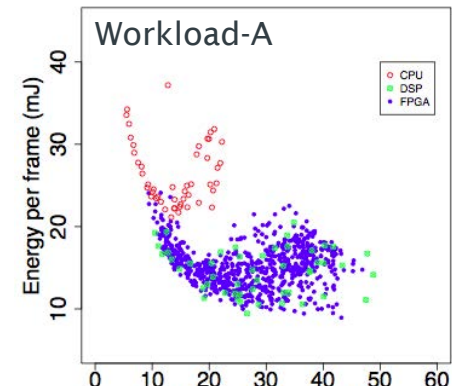


(c) Edge detected



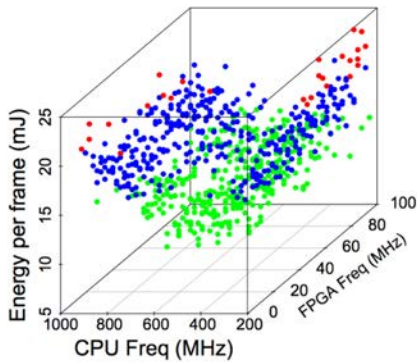
(d) Blurred

- Run-time changes in:
- Performance requirements
  - Application workload changes

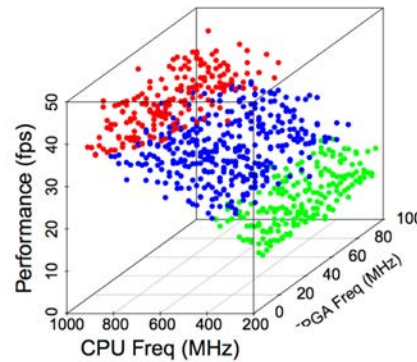


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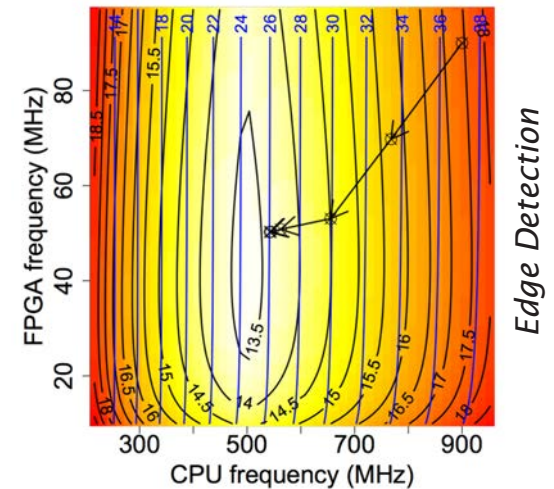
## Heterogeneous Platforms



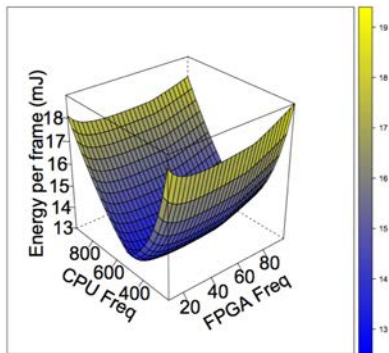
(a) FPGA measured energy



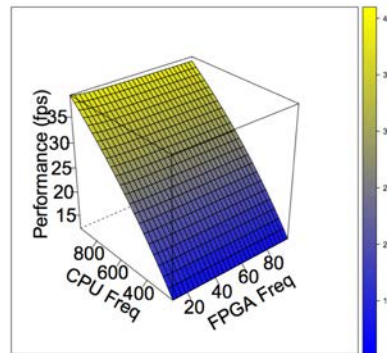
(b) FPGA measured performance



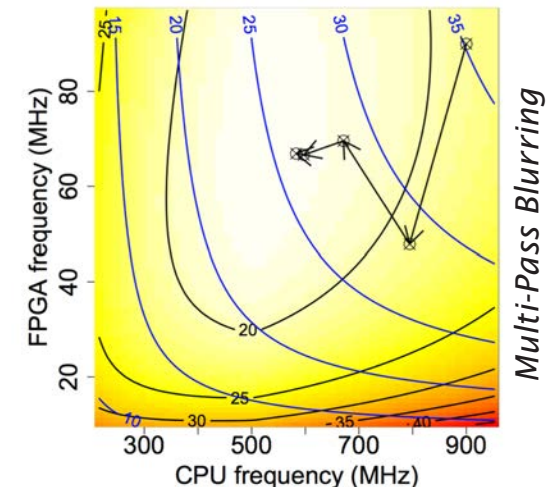
Edge Detection



(c) FPGA modeled energy



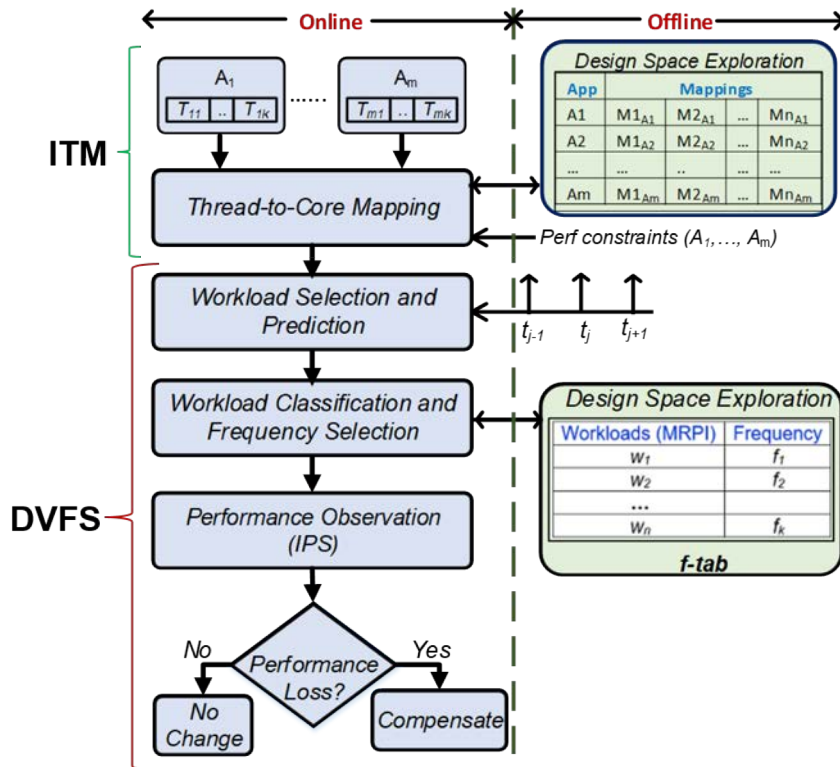
(d) FPGA modeled performance



Multi-Pass Blurring

# RTM FOR CONCURRENT EXECUTION

MRPI (Memory Reads Per Instruction)



- Supports concurrent execution of applications
- Inter-cluster Thread-to-core Mapping (ITM).
- MRPI informs DVFS control

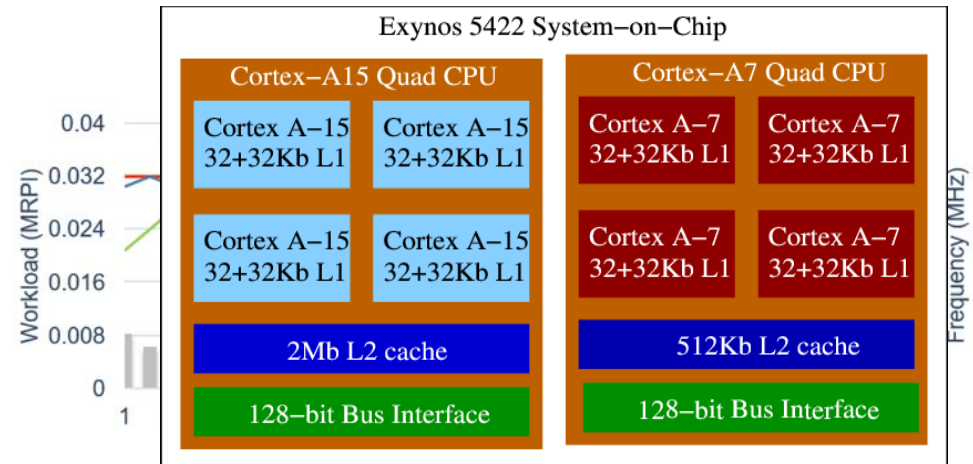


Image: Catalán et al., Performance and Energy Optimization of Matrix Multiplication on Asymmetric big.LITTLE Processors, 2015

# Towards Many-Core

How do RTM approaches scale  
with number of cores?

# ENERGY RTM ON HPC SYSTEMS

- Applications targeted for HPC are usually multi-threaded
- Modern HPC often based on Non-Uniform Memory Access (NUMA) architecture
- Our Approach
  - Platform characterized offline
  - Workload estimated based on memory-intensity, thread synchronization contention, NUMA latency
  - $V$ - $f$  determined using binning, while accounting for contention due to concurrent execution

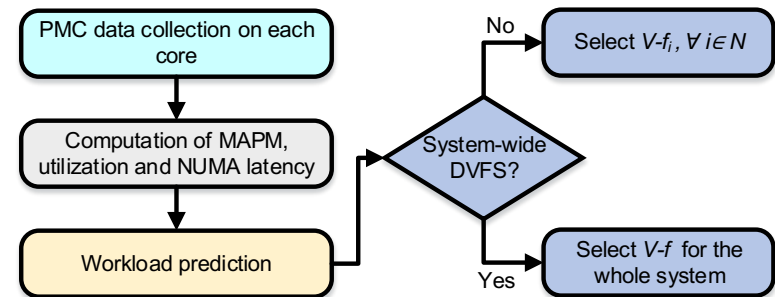
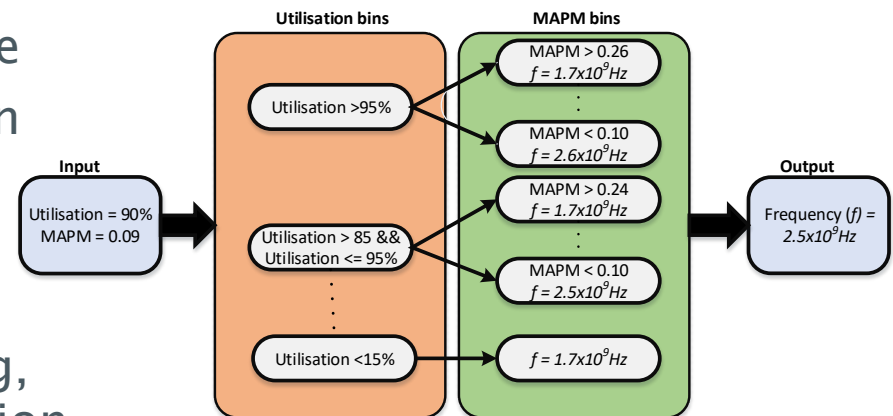
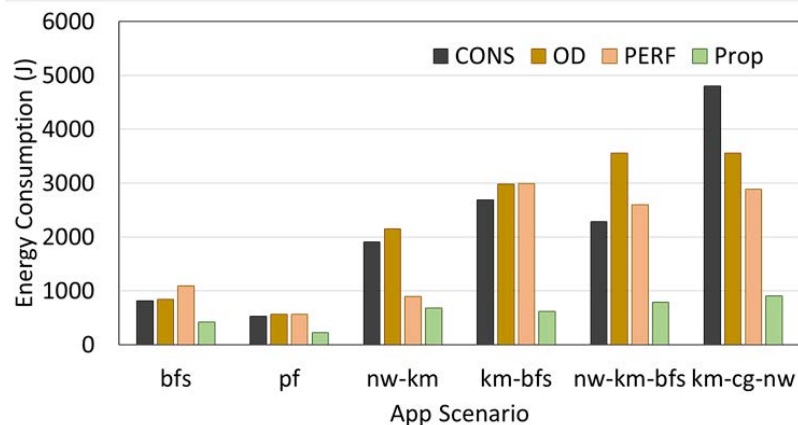


Illustration of various steps in the proposed approach

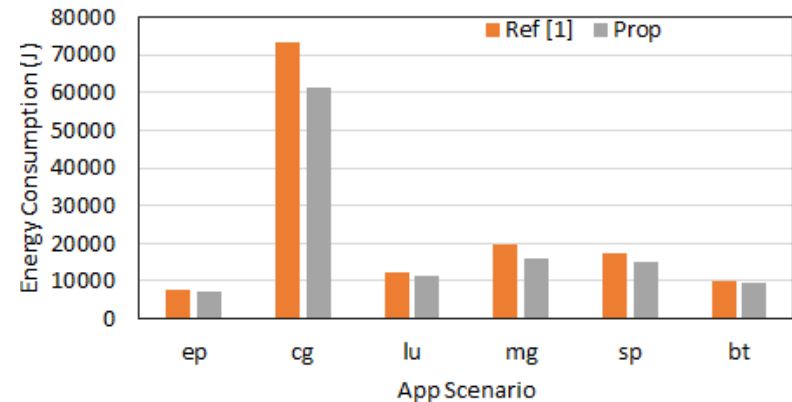


An example of  $V$ - $f$  setting selection using binning-based approach

# ENERGY RTM ON HPC SYSTEMS



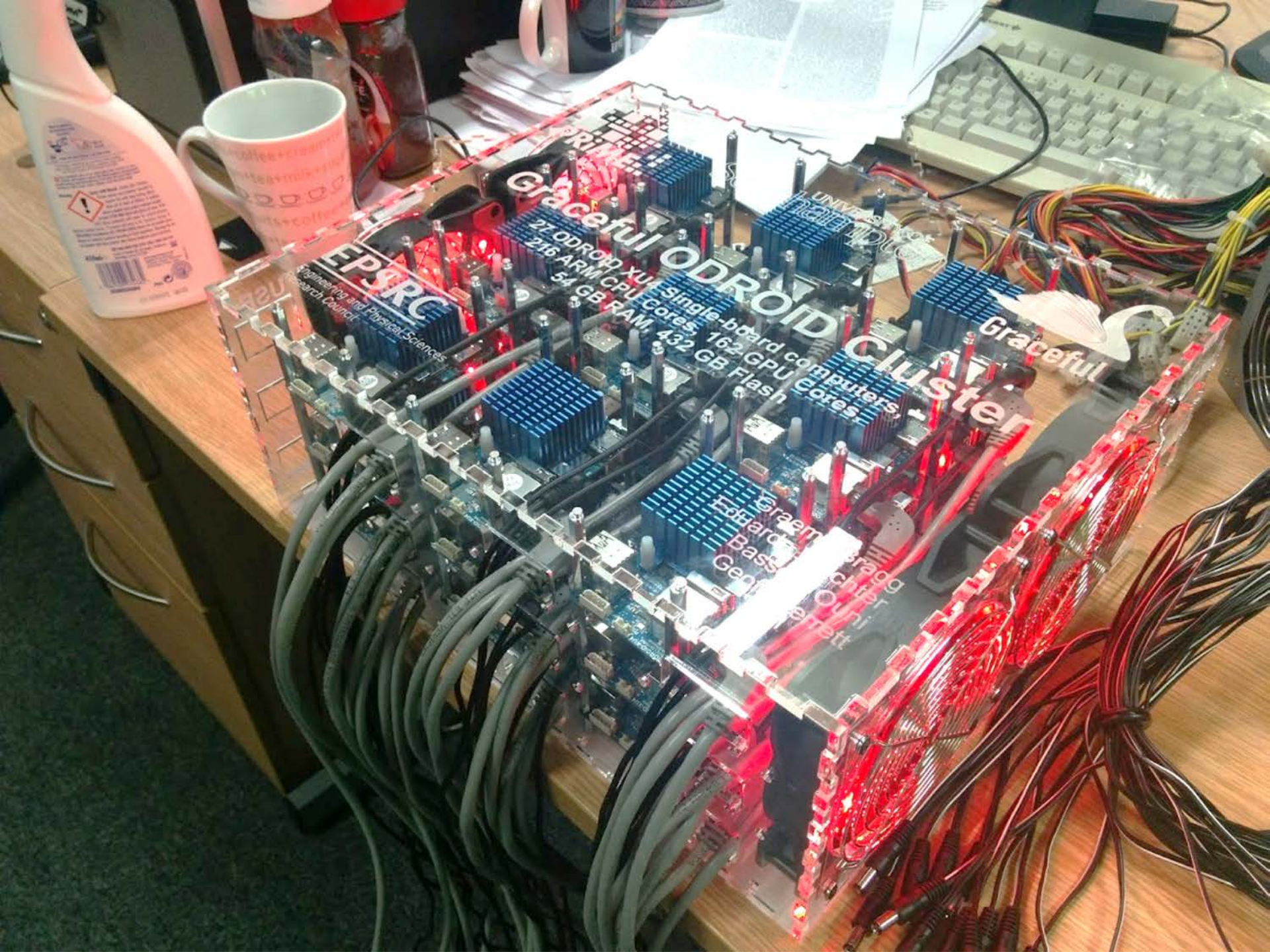
Energy consumption of different approaches



Comparison of presented approach with Sundriyal *et al*

- Xeon E5-2630 (12 cores, 24 threads) and Xeon Phi 7620P (61 cores, 244 threads); NAS and Rodinia benchmarks
- Proposed (Prop) approach achieves energy savings of up to 81% (Xeon) and 61% (Phi) compared to Linux's governors
- Outperforms Sundriyal *et al.* by 10% in energy efficiency and 3.7% in performance





Graceful ODRROID Cluster

27 Odroid XU single-board computers,  
216 ARM CPU Cores, 162 GPU Cores,  
54 GB RAM, 432 GB Flash

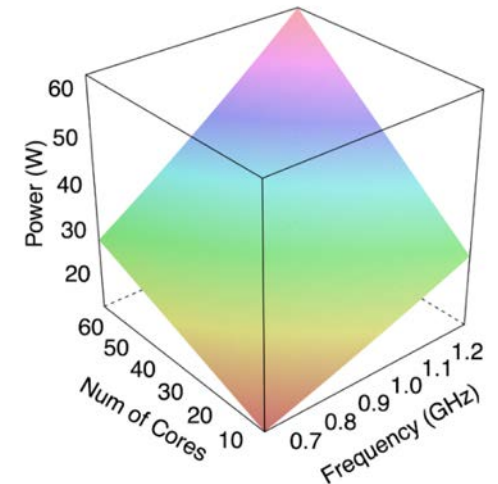
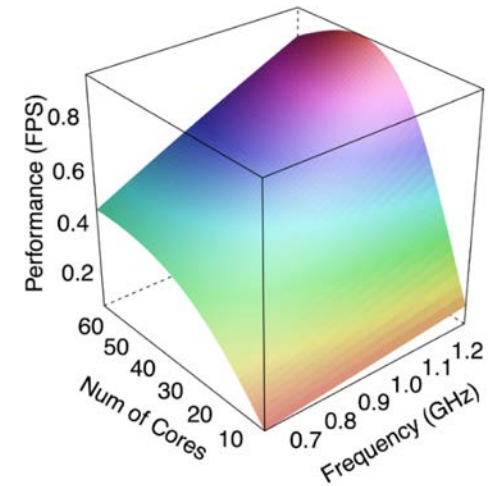
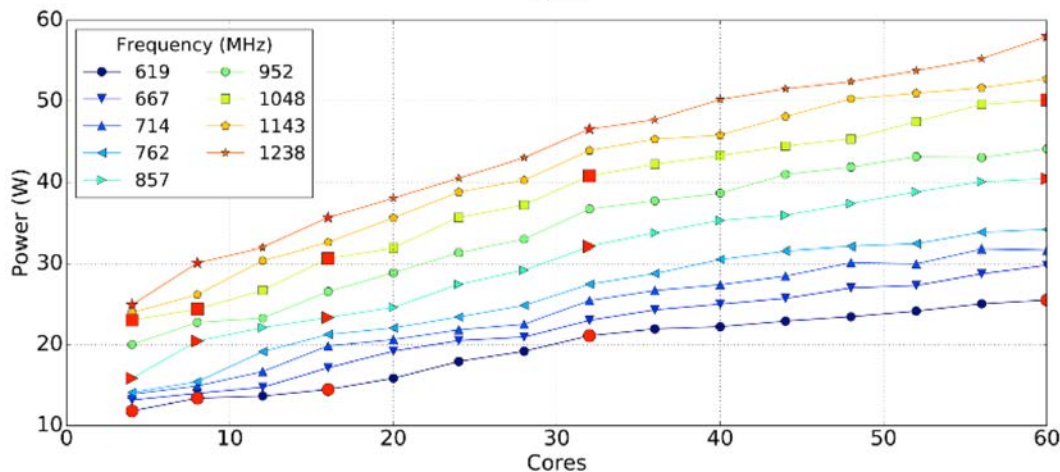
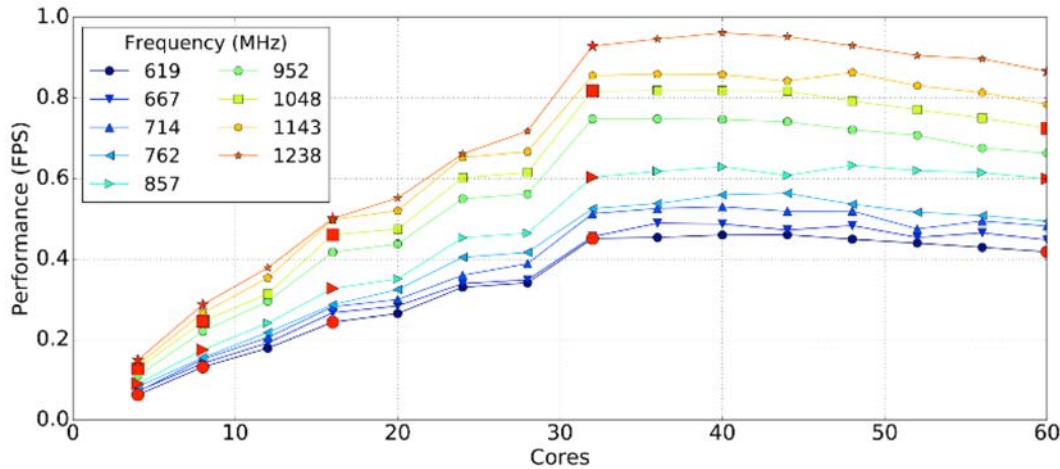
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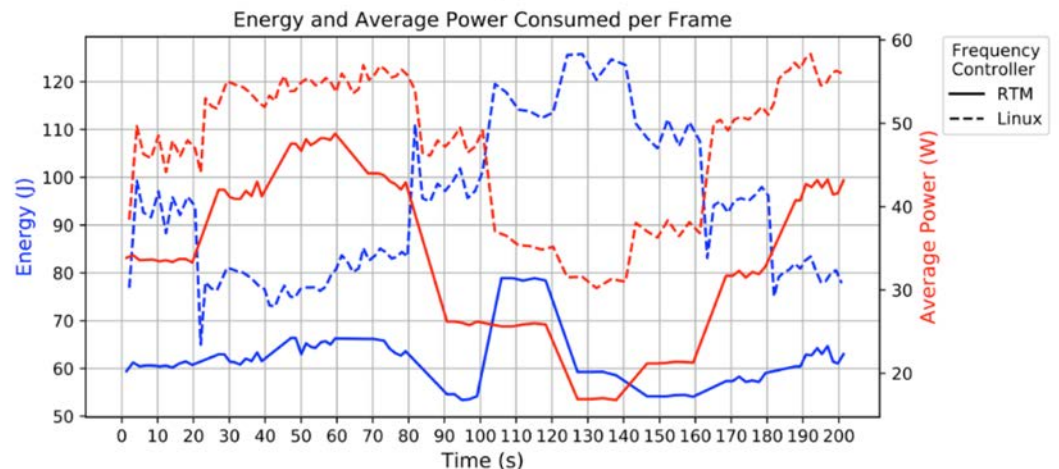
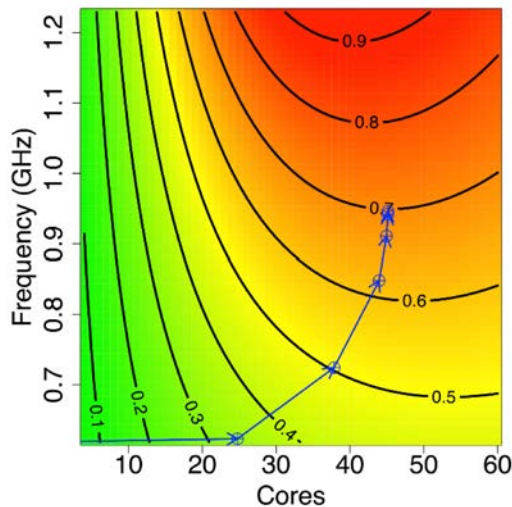
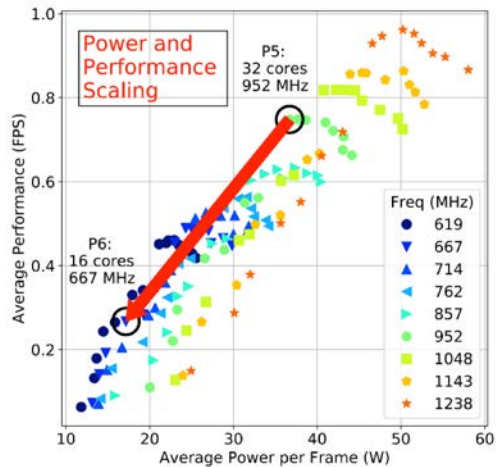
# MODEL-BASED RTM

## Model Building



# MODEL-BASED RTM

## Runtime Management



# OPEN SOURCE TOOLS

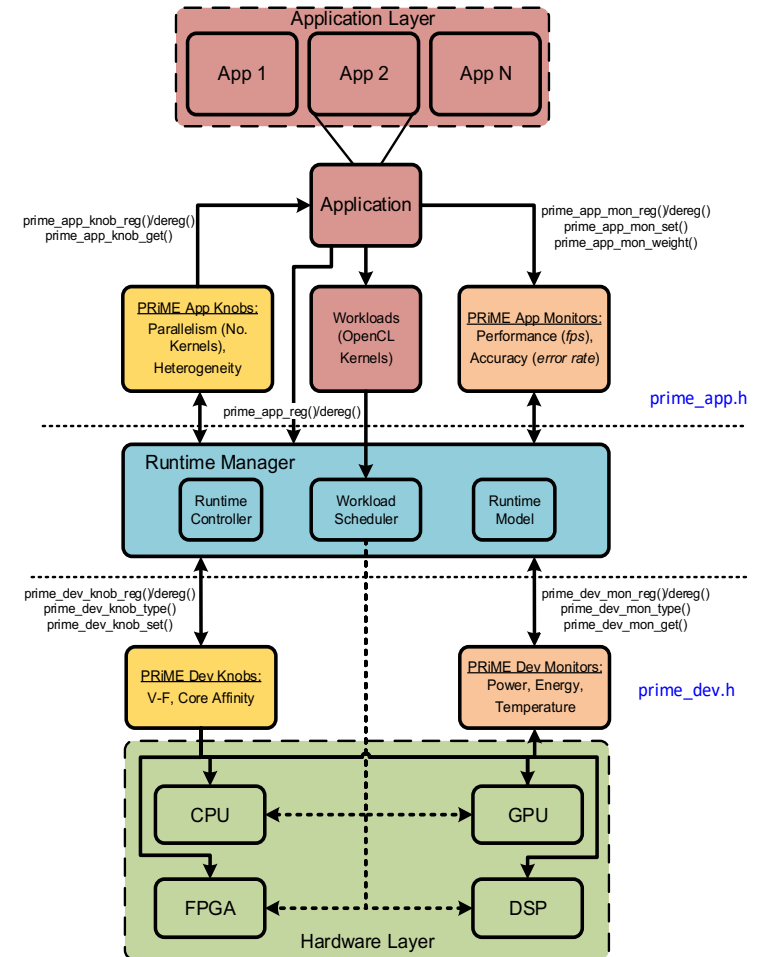
# PRiME RTM FRAMEWORK

<https://github.com/PRiME-project/PRiME-Framework>

Plat.	Const.	Space	Type	For	No.		
Odroid-XU3	disc	GOVERNOR	A7 cluster	1			
			A15 cluster	1			
			A7 cluster	1			
				1			
			GPU DVFS	1			
				1			
	knob	FREQ	A15 cluster	1			
			GPU	1			
			A7 cores	16			
				24			
			mon	PMC_CTRL	A15 cores	24	
					Clusters, RAM, GPU, SoC	5	
A15 cores	4						
GPU	1						
A7 cores	4						
A15 cores	4						
Cyclone V	knob	VOLT	A9 cluster, peripherals	4			
			FPGA, peripherals	3			
			A9 cluster, peripherals	5			
	mon	POW	FPGA, peripherals	4			
			SoC	1			

Application	Name	Const.	Space	Allowed/target values
Jacobi	Iterations	knob	disc	$N \in [1, \infty)$
	Data type	knob	disc	{float, double}
	Device type	knob	disc	{CPU, GPU/FPGA}
	Throughput	mon	cont	$\mathbb{R} \in [10, \infty)$
	Error	mon	cont	$\mathbb{R} \in (-\infty, 1e^{-12}]$
Video decoder	Throughput	mon	cont	$\mathbb{R} \in [25, \infty)$
Whetstone	Threads	knob	disc	$N \in [1, \infty)$
	Throughput	mon	cont	$\mathbb{R} \in [2.5, \infty)$

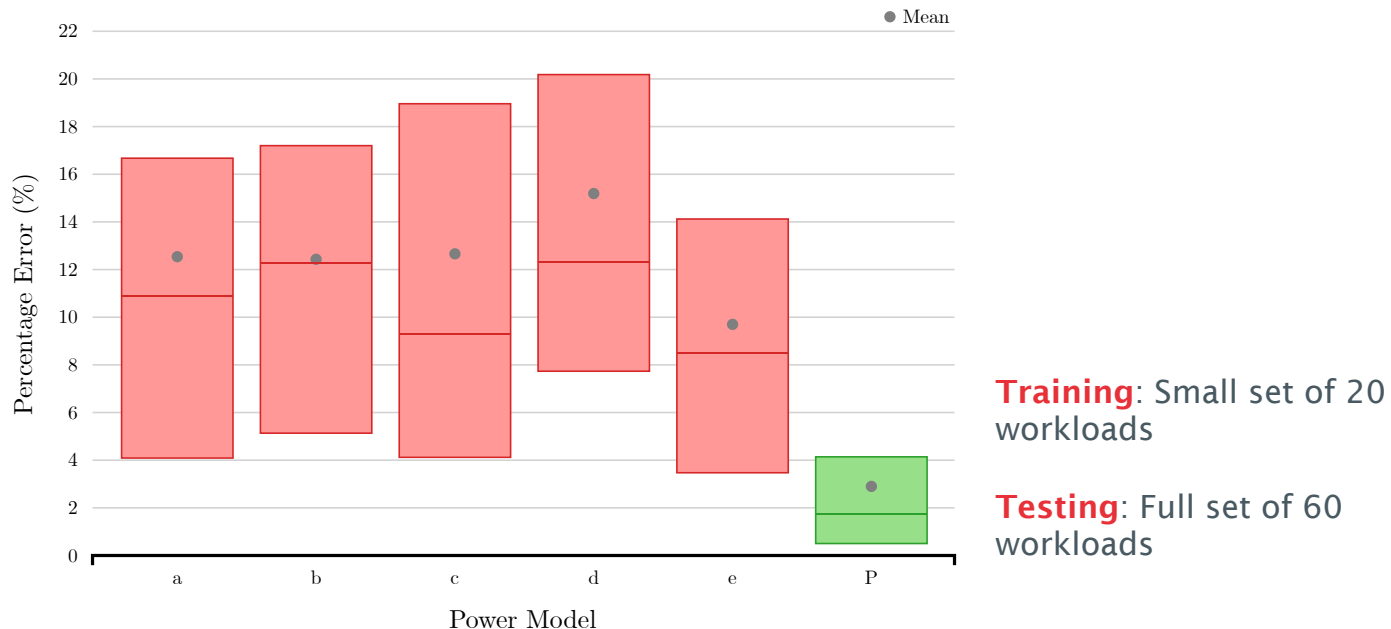


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# POWMON: STABLE POWER MODELLING

[www.powmon.ecs.soton.ac.uk](http://www.powmon.ecs.soton.ac.uk)

Our stable approach achieves a low average error and narrow error distribution compared to existing techniques.



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# CONCLUSIONS

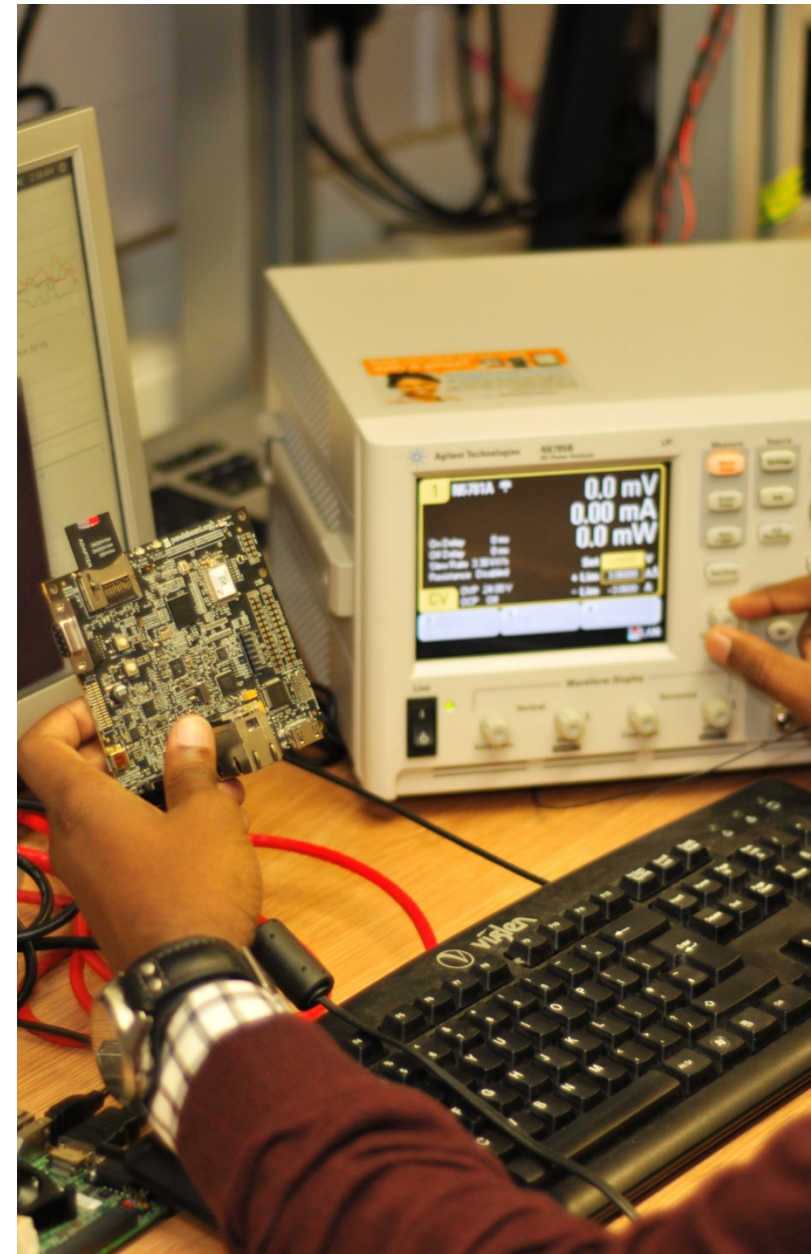
## Runtime Power Management

- Single > multiple > concurrent applications
- Online vs offline+online approaches
- >> Number of cores
- Homogeneous vs Heterogeneous platforms

## Tools and Support [www.prime-project.org](http://www.prime-project.org)

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