



OpenACC

Lecture Objectives:

Yet another way
to program parallel
machines

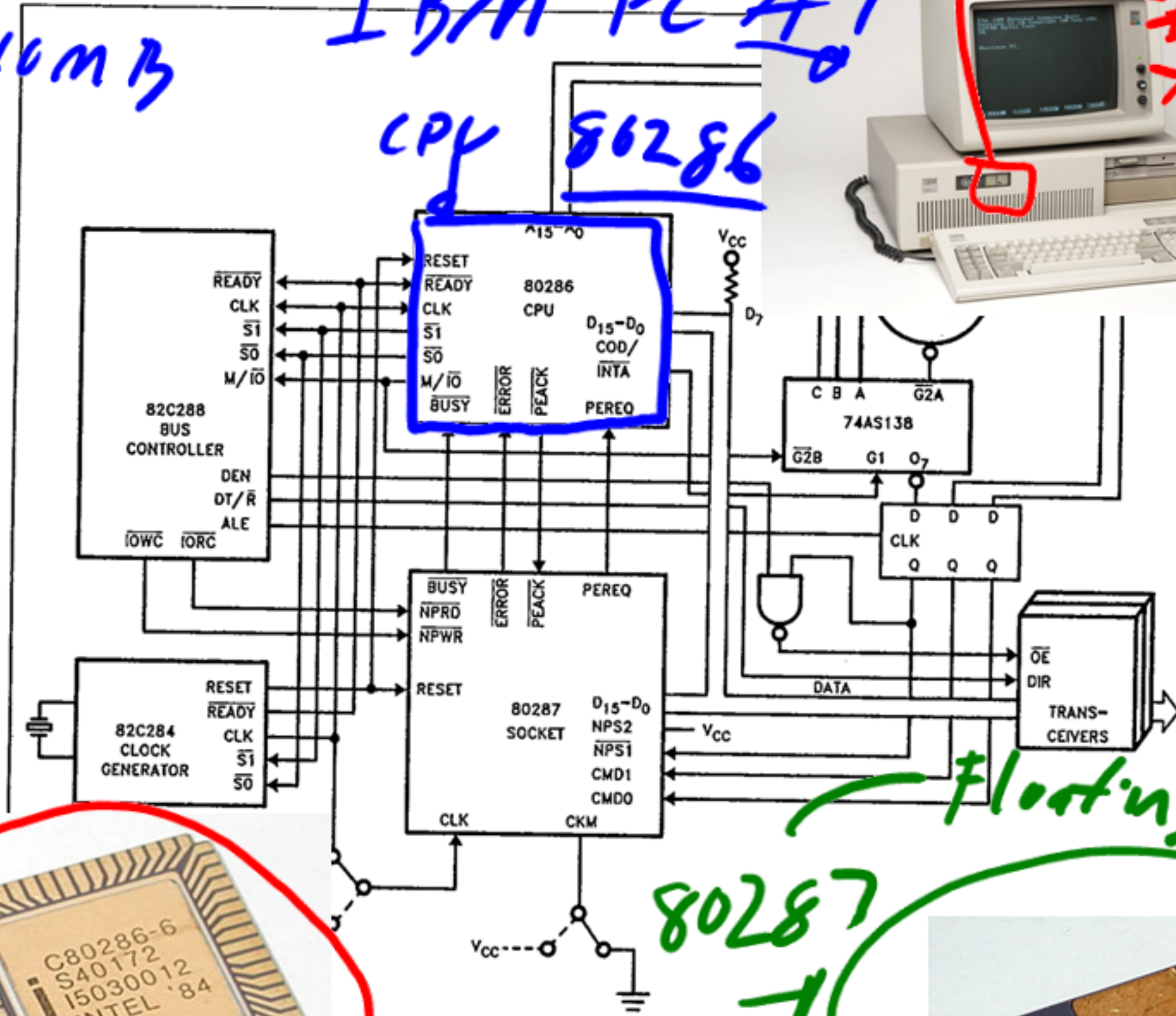
220-40MB

IBM PC AT

CPU 80286



Where we came from...



80287

Floating Pin

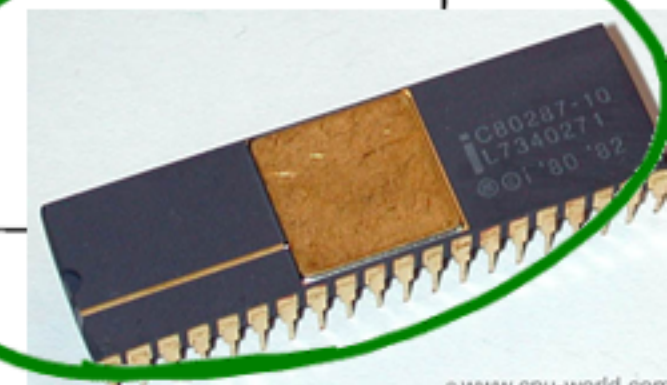
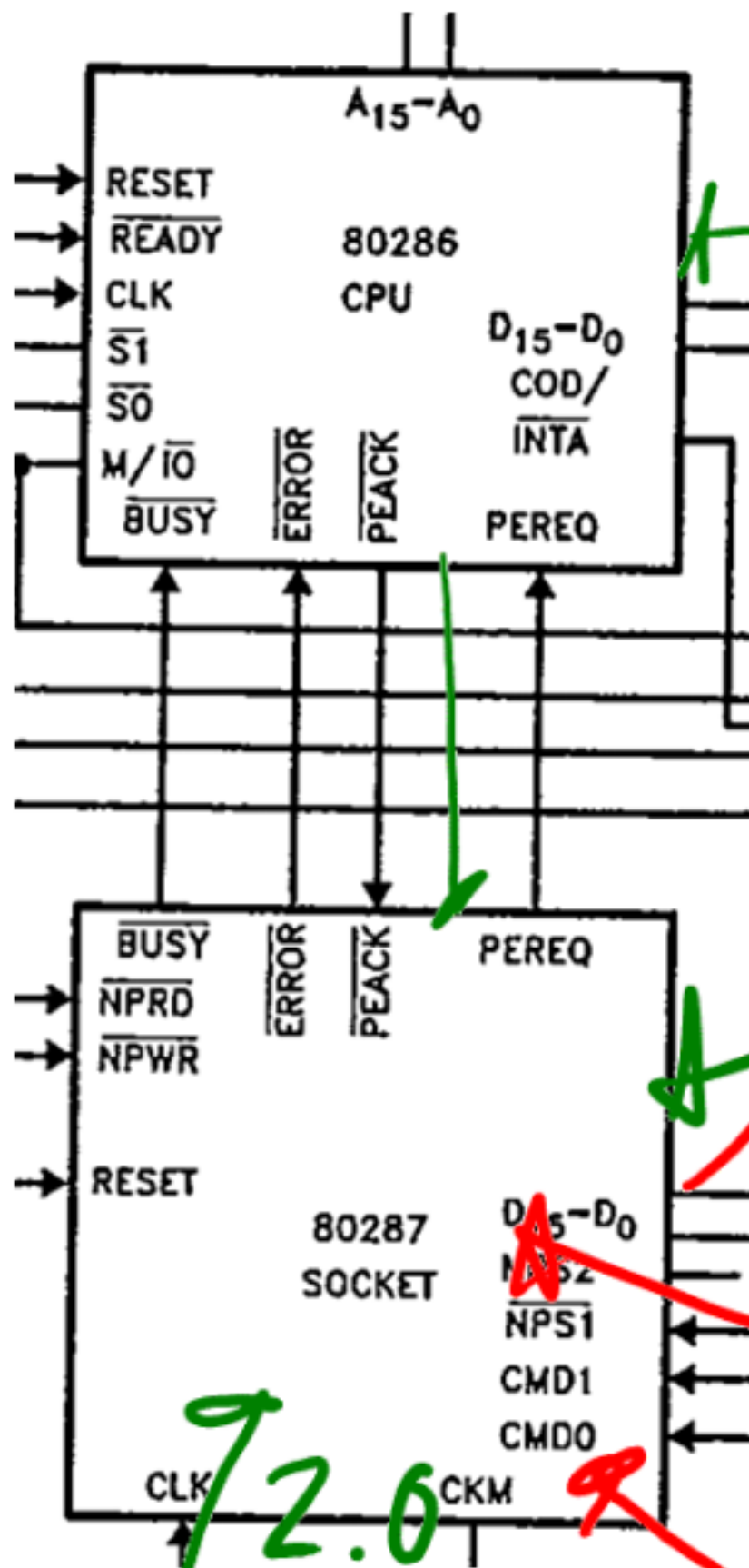


Figure 4A. 80286/80287 System Configuration

Where we came from...



"Accelerated"
Data Floating
Point.

Result

Floating

2.0 / 5.0

Divide

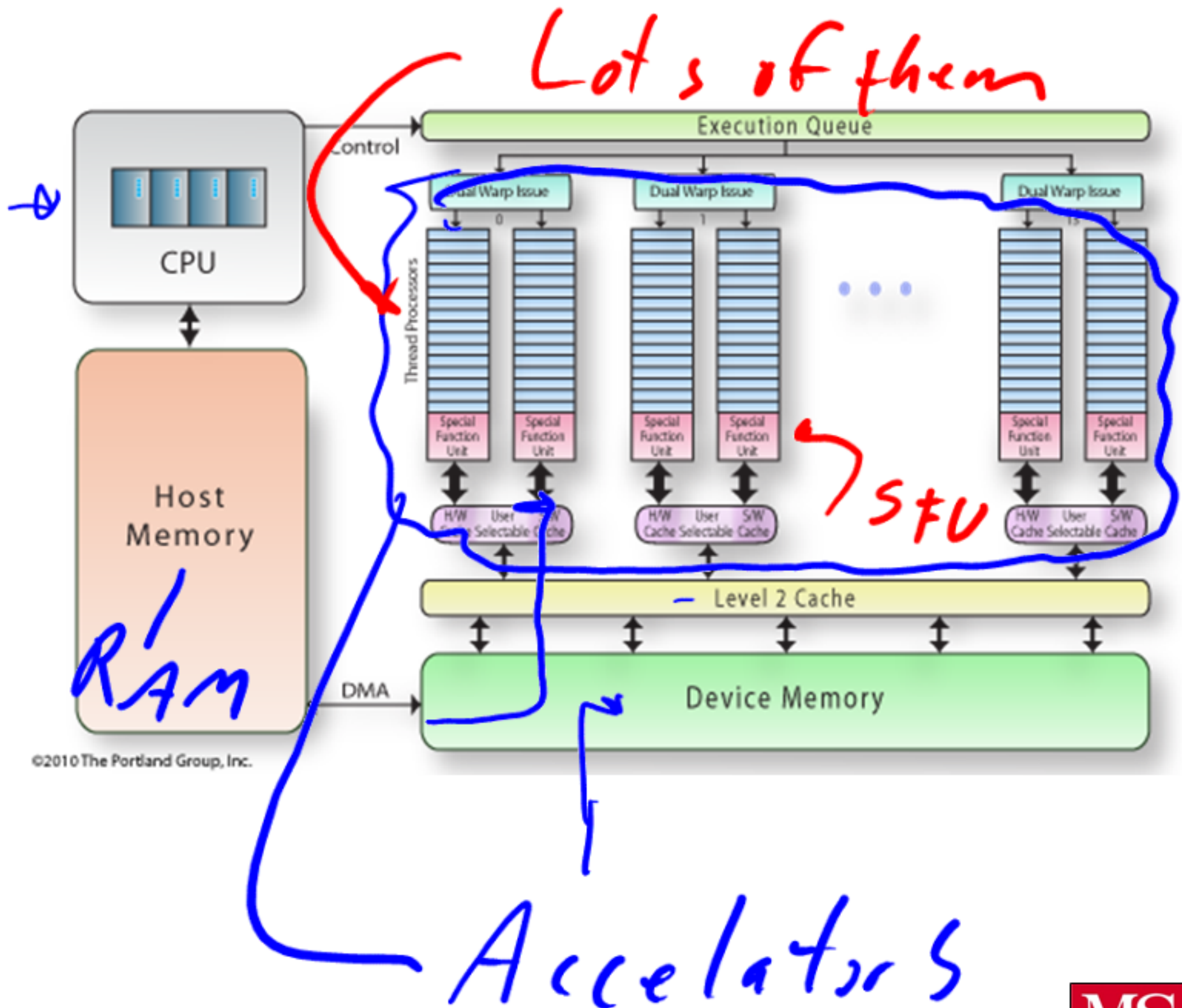
5.0

Definitions

- Offloading ✓
 - Offloading is the ability to send code to a coprocessor or GPU to run using many coprocessor cores.
- Accelerator *Graphics Processing Unit*
 - A coprocessor installed on a computer for the purpose of improving system performance.

Specialized Processor.

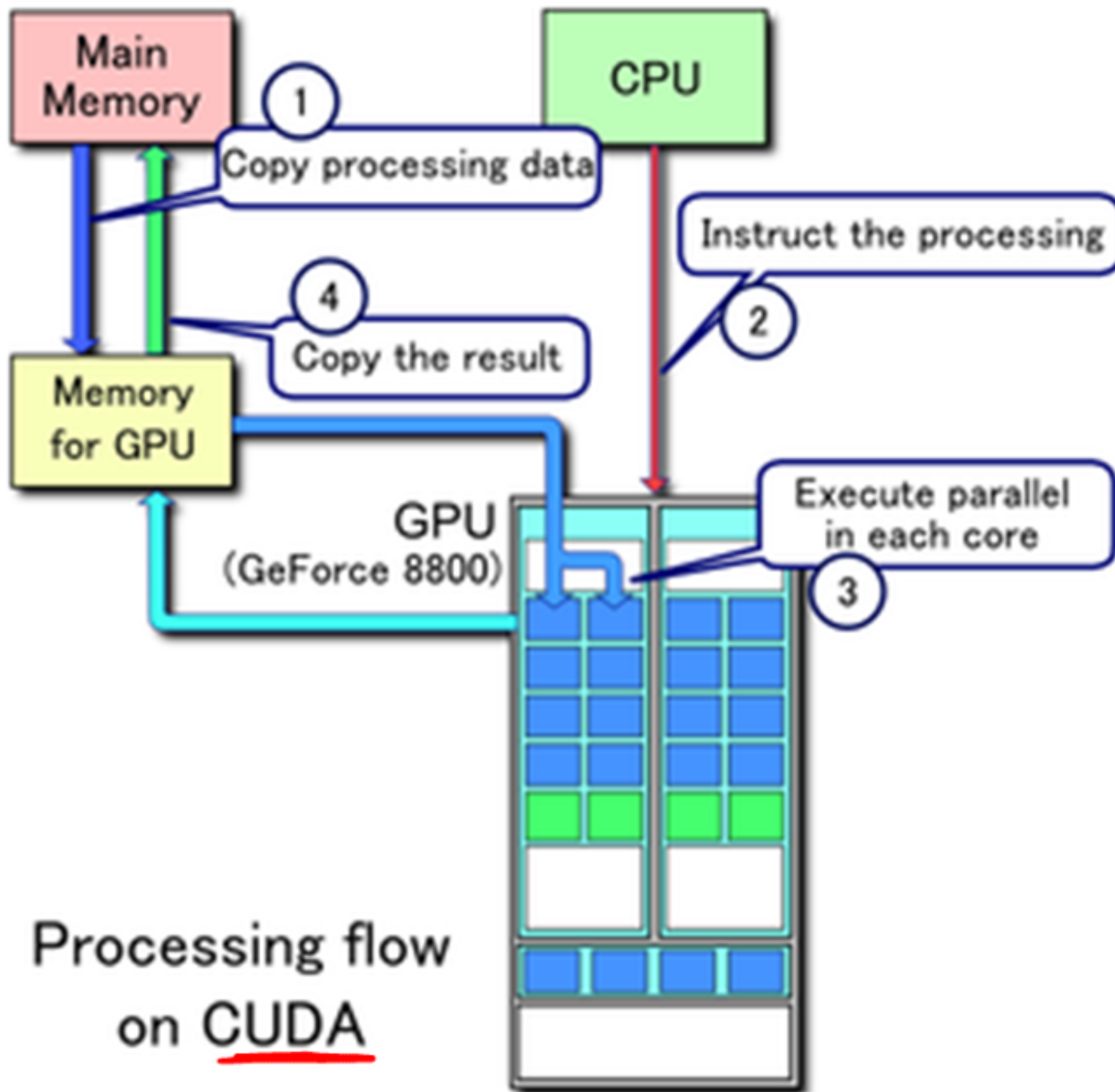
Processor architecture to use accelerators



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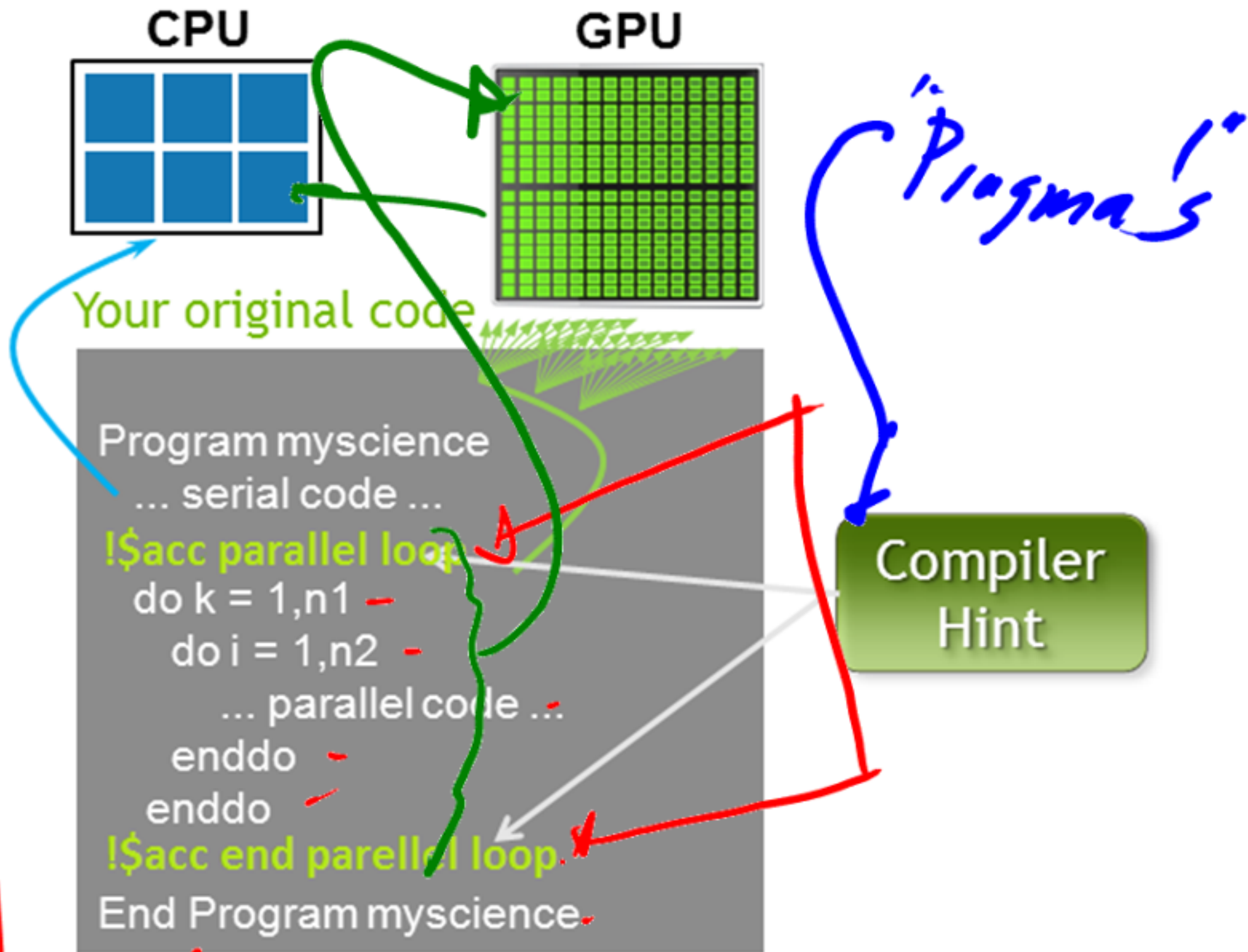
Using an accelerator



Processing flow
on CUDA

OpenACC Program Structure

(<http://www.epcc.ed.ac.uk/blog/2013/04/19/opening-openacc>)



"Fortran"

SE498 Parallel Computing



Lets look at some code

- it will send a vector of floats to the GPU, double it, and bring the results back.

1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0 5.0 6.0



2.0 4.0 6.0 8.0 10.0 12.0


```
/* *****  
 * This is the main program for the doubler program. It will send a vector of floats to the  
GPU,  
 * double it, and bring the results back.  
 *  
 * @param [0] - The name of the program.  
 * @param [1] - This is the size of the array. If not present a default value is used.  
 * @return There is no return from the main method.  
*****
```

How big?

100,000

```
*****
```

```
#include <stdio.h>  
#include <stdlib.h>  
#include <assert.h>
```

```
int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
```

```
{  
    int n; /* size of the vector */  
    float *a; /* the vector */  
    float *restrict r; /* the results */  
    float *e; /* expected results */  
    int i;
```

Results

```
if( argc > 1 )  
    n = atoi( argv[1] );  
else  
    n = 100000;  
if( n <= 0 ) n = 100000;
```

myprogram.exe 1000.000



```
a = (float*)malloc(n*sizeof(float));
r = (float*)malloc(n*sizeof(float));
e = (float*)malloc(n*sizeof(float));
```

Allocating memory.

```
/* initialize */
for( i = 0; i < n; ++i )
{
    a[i] = (float) (i+1);
}
```

```
#pragma acc kernels loop
for( i = 0; i < n; ++i )
{
    r[i] = a[i]*2.0f;
}
```

Source values

```
/* compute on the host to compare */
for( i = 0; i < n; ++i )
{
    e[i] = a[i]*2.0f;
}
```

Done on the accelerator.

```
/* check the results */
for( i = 0; i < n; ++i )
{
    assert( r[i] == e[i] );
}
```

Check results

```
printf( "%d iterations completed\n", n );
return 0;
```

}



Restrict keyword

- Declaration of intent given by the programmer to the [compiler](#).
- Indicates that for the lifetime of the pointer, only it or a value directly derived from it (such as `pointer + 1`) will be used to access the object to which it points.
- Limits the effects of [pointer aliasing](#)
- Aids caching optimizations.

Scope of a
pointer.

Lets look at another demo

- This multiplies two matrices together.