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Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI)

- Defines different power saving states in a platform-independent manner
- The standard was originally developed by Intel, Microsoft, and Toshiba (in 1996), then later joined by HP, and Phoenix.
- The latest version is "Revision 6.1," published by UEFI (March 2016).

Global States

GO: working

- G1: Sleeping and hibernation (several degrees available)
- G2:, Soft Off: almost the same as G3 Mechanical Off, except that the power supply still supplies power, at a minimum, to the power button to allow wakeup. A full reboot is required.
- G3, Mechanical Off: The computer's power has been totally removed via a mechanical switch.

Processor Performance States (P-States)

- **PO** max power and frequency
- P1 less than P0, voltage/frequency scaled
- P2 less than P1, voltage/frequency scaled
- ...
- Pn less than P(n-1), voltage/frequency scaled

Processor "Sleep" States (C-states)

- **CO**: is the operating state.
- C1 (often known as *Halt*): is a state where the processor is not executing instructions, but can return to an executing state instantaneously. All ACPI-conformant processors must support this power state.
- C2 (often known as *Stop-Clock*): is a state where the processor maintains all software-visible state, but may take longer to wake up. This processor state is optional.
- C3 (often known as *Sleep*) is a state where the processor does not need to keep its cache, but maintains other state. This processor state is optional.

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Dynamic Power Management

- DPM refers to turning devices off (or putting them in deep sleep modes)
- Device wakeup has a cost that imposes a minimum sleep interval (a breakeven time)
- DPM must maximize power savings due to sleep while maintaining schedulability





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 - Does not work because the "sleep task" may need to have a larger period than the actual top-priority task, which contradicts ratemonotonic scheduling. The bound does not work.



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 - A Valid solution, but pessimistic.

(Called: Device Forbidden Regions. Published in RTAS 2008.)



Intel CPU Clock Speed



- Moore's Law (1980-2005)
- Question: Why did the speed curve saturate (around 2005)?

Computational Power (per Die)



- Note the exponential rise in power consumption
- Question: how come it does not saturate?

Microprocessor Transistor Counts 1971-2011 & Moore's Law



Single-core computer



Single-core CPU chip



Multi-core Architectures

Replicate multiple processor cores on a single die.



Interaction with the Operating System

- OS perceives each core as a separate processor
- OS scheduler maps threads/processes to different cores
- Major OSes support multi-core today: Windows, Linux, Mac OS X, ...

DVS on Multiprocessors

- Consider a set of tasks, where task *i* has period P_i and total number of cycles C_i
 - Sort tasks from largest to smallest utilization C_i / P_i
 - Assign tasks one at a time (largest-first) to the least utilized processor
 - Apply one of the previous algorithms on each processor separately

Question

From the perspective of minimizing energy, is it always a good idea to use up all processors?

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What if n is not an integer?