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# $P = CfV^2 + P_{static}$



# TEST SYSTEMS



Max CPU Frequency



#### REALITY CHECK



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#### REASONS

- scaling of silicon transistor technology
- increasing memory performance
- improved idle/sleep modes
- complexity of multi-core processors



# IDLE PADDING



# CONCLUSION

- do not try minimizing idle time (as Linux' ondemand governor does)
- race to idle instead
- remember: this was a worst-case memory-bound benchmark

### DISCUSSION

- CPU energy management solved?
- Will this happen to other devices?
- Is it better to have devices self-manage their energy?
- Is energy management just batching?