

CMOS Scaling Trends

Snapshots from 40 and 10 years ago.

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Moore's Law: the trend that the demand for IC functions and the capacity of the semiconductor industry to meet that demand, will double every 1.5 to 2 years.

Historical Trends: Then and Now

Circa 1970

12 μm PMOS
1000 transistors
5-10 mm² die size
10V supply
50-100 kHz frequency
100-200 mW
16 pin DIPs

Circa 2000

0.18 μm CMOS
10-100 million transistors
300-400 mm² die size
2.5 V supply
500-1000 Mhz frequency
50-100 W
500-1000 pin BGAs

Intel Trends

The 4004 (1971)

2300 transistors in a 10 μm process
108 kHz operation, executing 0.06 MIPs

The Pentium III (1999)

28 million transistors in a 0.18 μm process
733 Mhz operation, executes 2000 MIPs

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