EITF20: Computer Architecture

Part6.1.1: Course Summary

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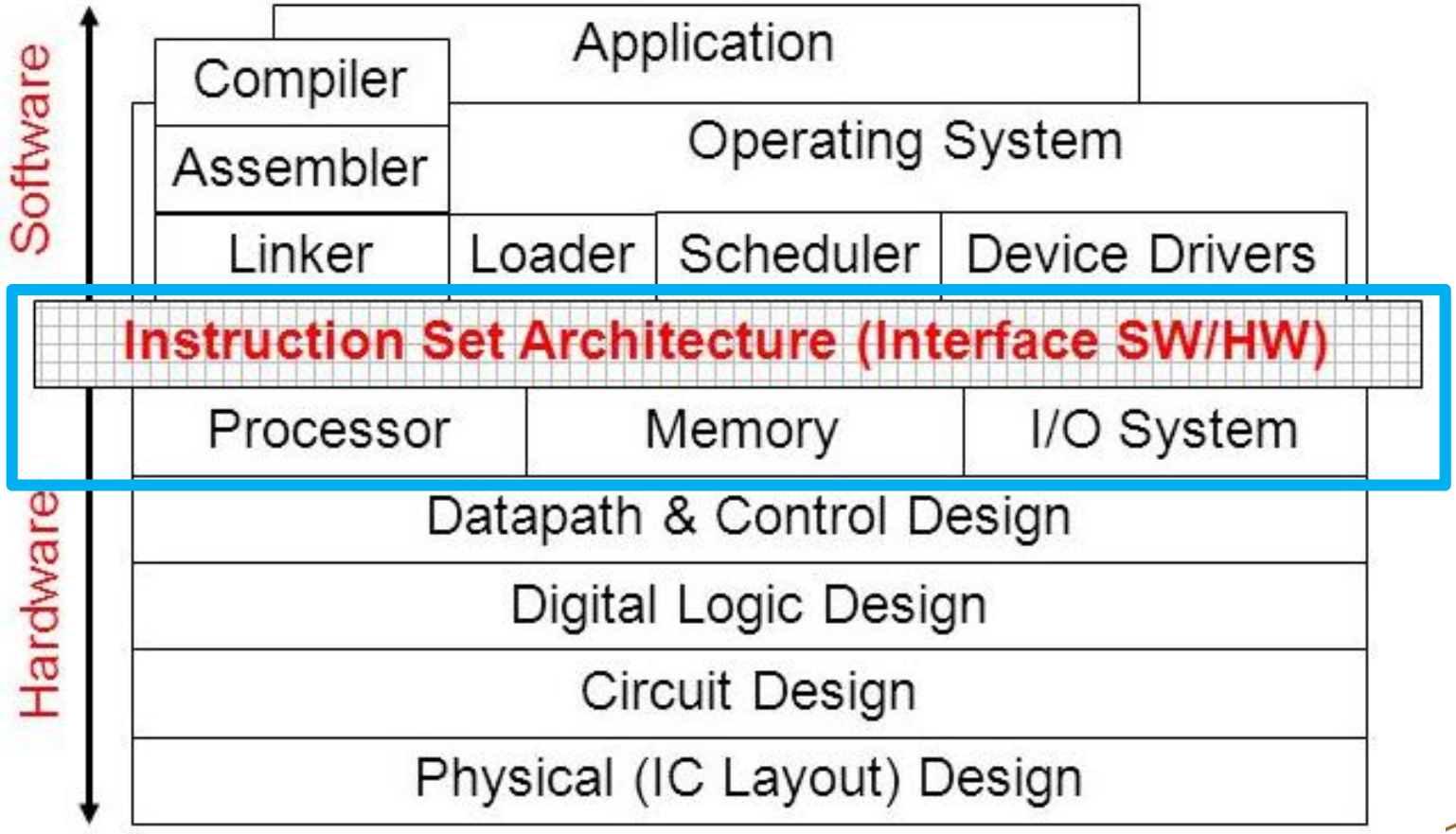
The art of designing computers is based on engineering principles and quantitative performance evaluation

Computer Architecture

Computer architecture is a set of disciplines that describe the functionality, organization and implementation of computer systems.

- **ISA: Instruction-set architecture**
- **Computer orginization: micro architecture**
- **Specific implementation**

Computer abstraction levels



What computer architecture?

- **Design and analysis**
  - ISA
  - Orgnization (microarchitecture)
  - Implementation
- **To meet requirements of**
  - Functionality (application, standards…)
  - Price
  - Performance
  - Power
  - Reliability
  - Dependability
  - Compatability
  - ..

Outline

- Performance
- ISA
- Pipeline
- Memory Hierarchy
- I/O, Storage System

What is Performance?

Plane	DC to Paris	Speed
Boeing 747	6.5 h	980 km/h
Concorde	3 h	2160 km/h

- **Time to complete a task (T_{exe})**
  - Execution time, response time, latency
- **Task per day, hour…**
  - Total amount of tasks for given time
  - Thoughput, bandwidth
- **Speed of Concorde vs Boeing 747**
- **Throughput of Boeing 747 vs Concorde**

Performance

$$Performance(X) = \frac{1}{T_{exe}(X)}$$

"X is n times faster than Y" means:

$$\frac{T_{exe}(Y)}{T_{exe}(X)} = \frac{Performance(X)}{Performance(Y)} = n$$

Performance

Application	⟸	Answers/month
Programming	⟸	Response time (seconds)
language	⟸	Operations/second
Compiler		
Instruction set	⟸	MIPS/MFLOPS
Data-path control	⟸	Megabytes/second
Functional units		
Transistors, wires, pins	⟸	Cycles per second (clock rate)

MIPS = millions of instructions per second
MFLOPS = millions of FP operations per second

Aspect of CPU performance

$$\text{CPUtime} = \text{Execution time} = \textit{seconds/program} =$$

$$\underbrace{(\textit{executed})\textit{instr./program}}_{IC} * \underbrace{\textit{cycles/instr.}}_{CPI} * \underbrace{\textit{seconds/cycle}}_{T_c}$$

	IC	CPI	T_c
Program	X		
Compiler	X	(X)	
Instr. Set	X	X	
Organization		X	X
Technology			X

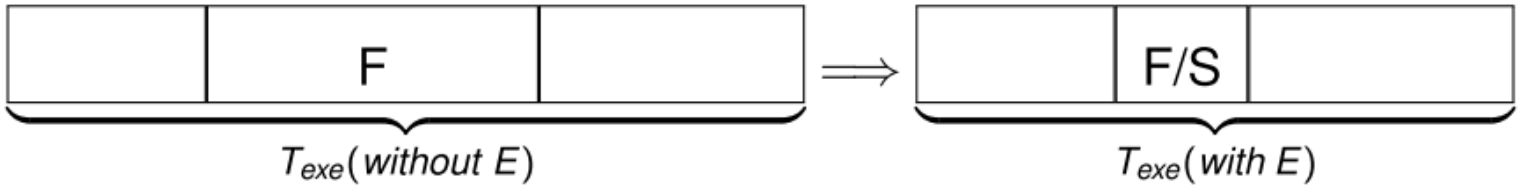
Quantitative Principles

This is intro to design and analysis

- Take advantage of parallelism
  - ILP, DLP, TLP, ...
- Principle of locality
  - 90% of execution time in only 10% of the code
- Focus on the common case
  - In makeing a design trade-off, favor the frquent case ove the infrequent case
- Amdahl's Law
  - The performance improvement gained from uisng faster mode is limited by the fraction of the time the faster mode can be used
- The Processor Performance Equation

Amdahl's Law

Enhancement E accelerates a fraction F of a program by a factor S



Speedup due to enhancement E:

$$Speedup(E) = \frac{T_{exe}(without\ E)}{T_{exe}(with\ E)} = \frac{Performance(with\ E)}{Performance(without\ E)}$$

$$T_{exe}(with\ E) = T_{exe}(without\ E) * [(1 - F) + F/S]$$

$$Speedup(E) = \frac{T_{exe}(without\ E)}{T_{exe}(with\ E)} = \frac{1}{(1-F)+F/S}$$

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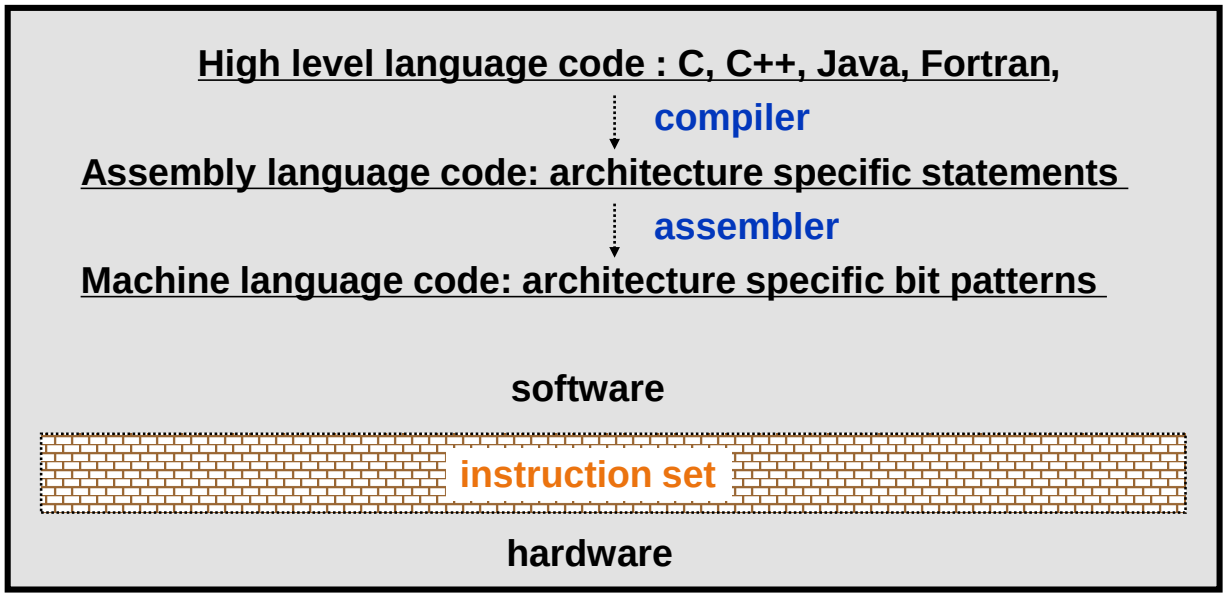
Interface Design

A good interface

- Lasts through many implementations (portability, compatibility)
- Can be used in many different ways (generality)
- Provides sufficient functionality to higher levels
- Permits an efficient implementation at lower levels



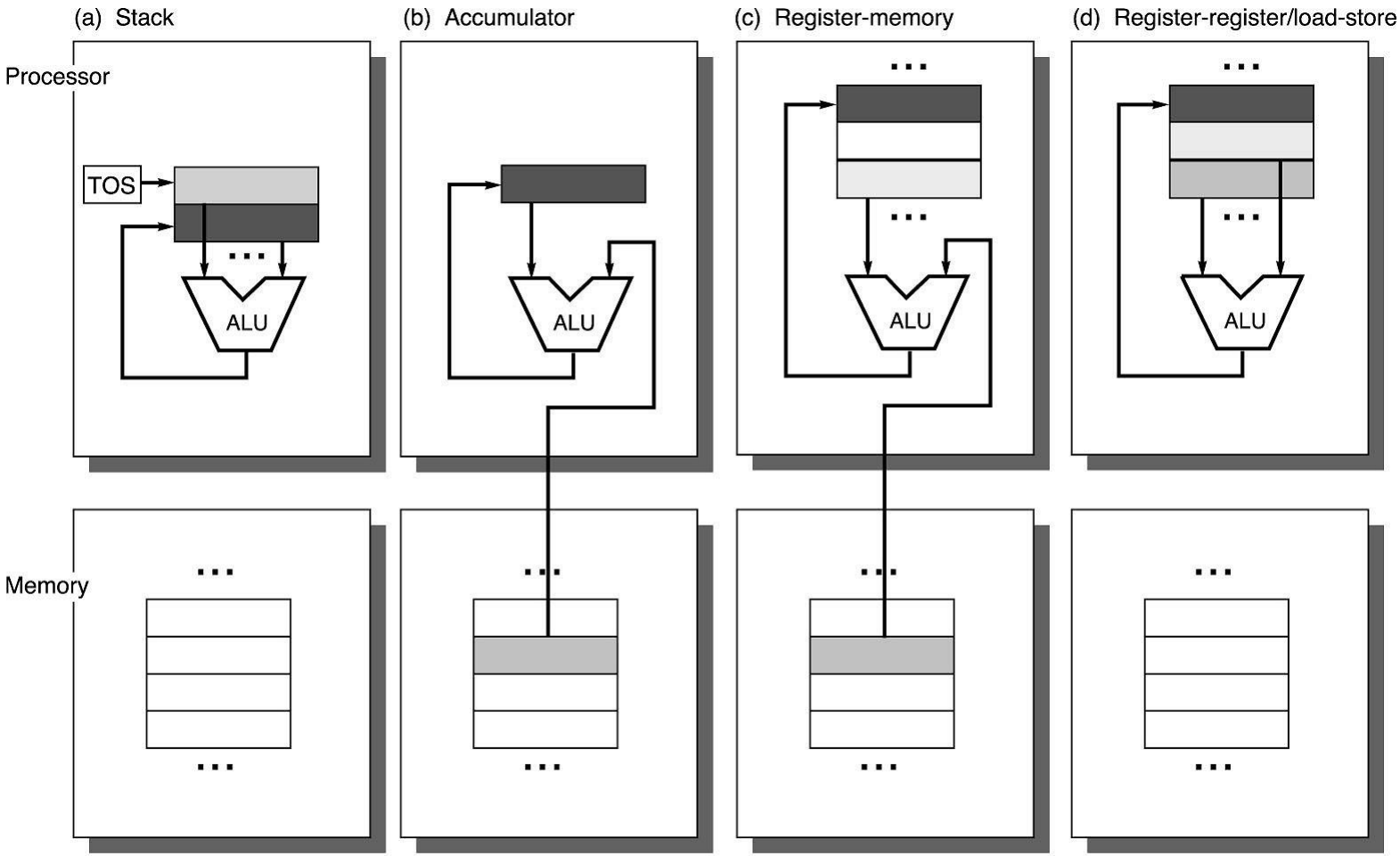
ISA Classification

- **What's needed in an instruction set?**
  - Addressing
  - Operands
  - Operations
  - Control Flow
- **Classification of instruction sets**
  - Register model
  - The number of operands for instructions
  - Addressing modes
  - The operations provided in the instruction set
  - Type and size of operands
  - Control flow instructions
  - Encoding

ISA Design Issues

- **Where are operands stored?**
  - registers, memory, stack, accumulator
- **How many explicit operands are there?**
  - 0, 1, 2, or 3
- **How is the operand location specified?**
  - register, immediate, indirect, . . .
- **What type & size of operands are supported?**
  - byte, int, float, double, string, vector. . .
- **What operations are supported?**
  - add, sub, mul, move, compare . . .
- **How is the operation flow controlled?**
  - branches, jumps, procedure calls . . .
- **What is the encoding format**
  - fixed, variable, hybrid...

ISA Classes: Where are operands stored



Memory Addressing Mode

Addressing Mode	Example	Action
1. Register direct	Add R4, R3	R4 <- R4 + R3
2. Immediate	Add R4, #3	R4 <- R4 + 3
3. Displacement	Add R4, 100(R1)	R4 <- R4 + M[100 + R1]
4. Register indirect	Add R4, (R1)	R4 <- R4 + M[R1]
5. Indexed	Add R4, (R1 + R2)	R4 <- R4 + M[R1 + R2]
6. Direct	Add R4, (1000)	R4 <- R4 + M[1000]
7. Memory Indirect	Add R4, @(R3)	R4 <- R4 + M[M[R3]]
8. Auto-increment	Add R4, (R2)+	R4 <- R4 + M[R2] R2 <- R2 + d
9. Auto-decrement	Add R4, (R2)-	R4 <- R4 + M[R2] R2 <- R2 - d
10. Scaled	Add R4, 100(R2)[R3]	R4 <- R4 + M[100 + R2 + R3*d]

Instruction format

Variable instruction format

- Compact code but the instruction decoding is more complex and thus slower
- Examples: VAX, Intel 80x86 (1-17 byte)

Operation # operands	Address specifier 1	Address field 1	...	Address specifier x	Address field x

Fixed instruction format

- Easy and fast to decode but gives large code size
- Examples: Alpha, ARM, MIPS (4byte), PowerPC, SPARC

Operation	Address field 1	Address field 2	Address field 3

Example: RISC-CICS

- **RISC (Reduced Instruction Set Computing)**
  - Simple instructions
  - MIPS, ARM, ...
  - Easier to design, build
  - Less power
  - Larger code size (IC), but in total (byte)?
  - Easier for compiler, but for optimization?
- **CISC (Complex Instruction Set Computing)**
  - Complex instructions
  - VAX, Intel 80x86 (now RISC-like internally), ...

http://cs.stanford.edu/people/eroberts/courses/soco/projects/risc/risccisc/

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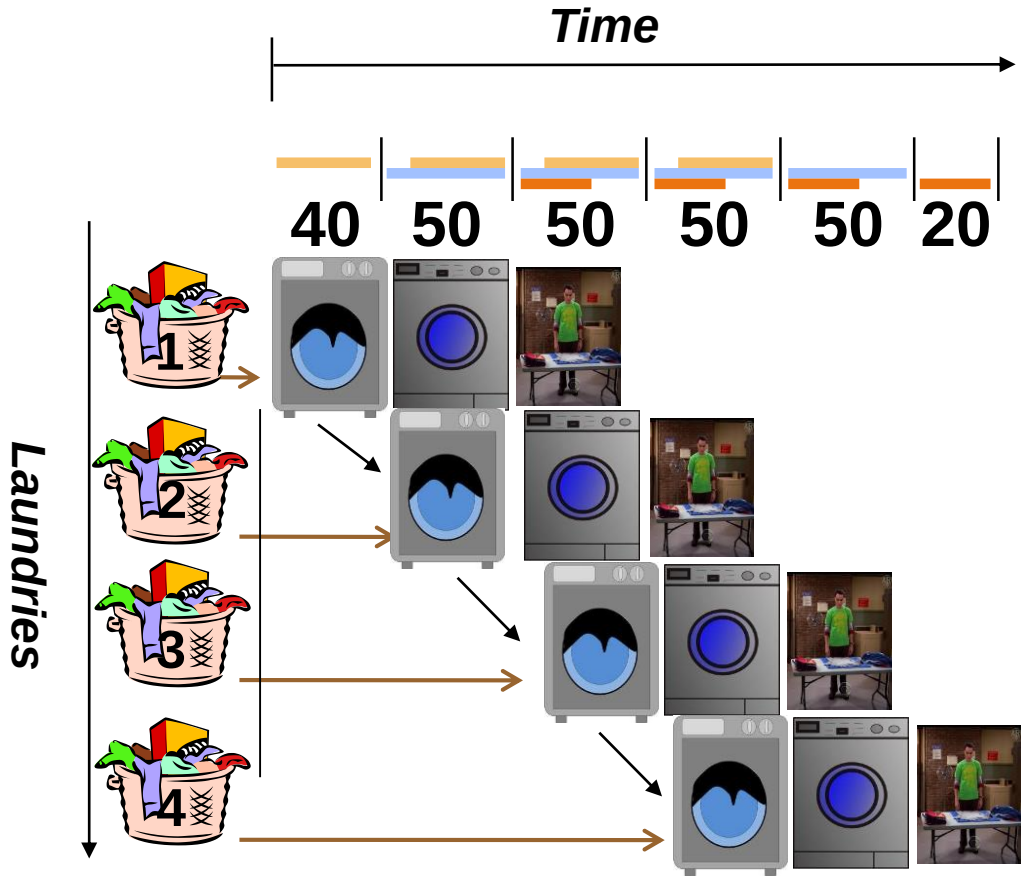
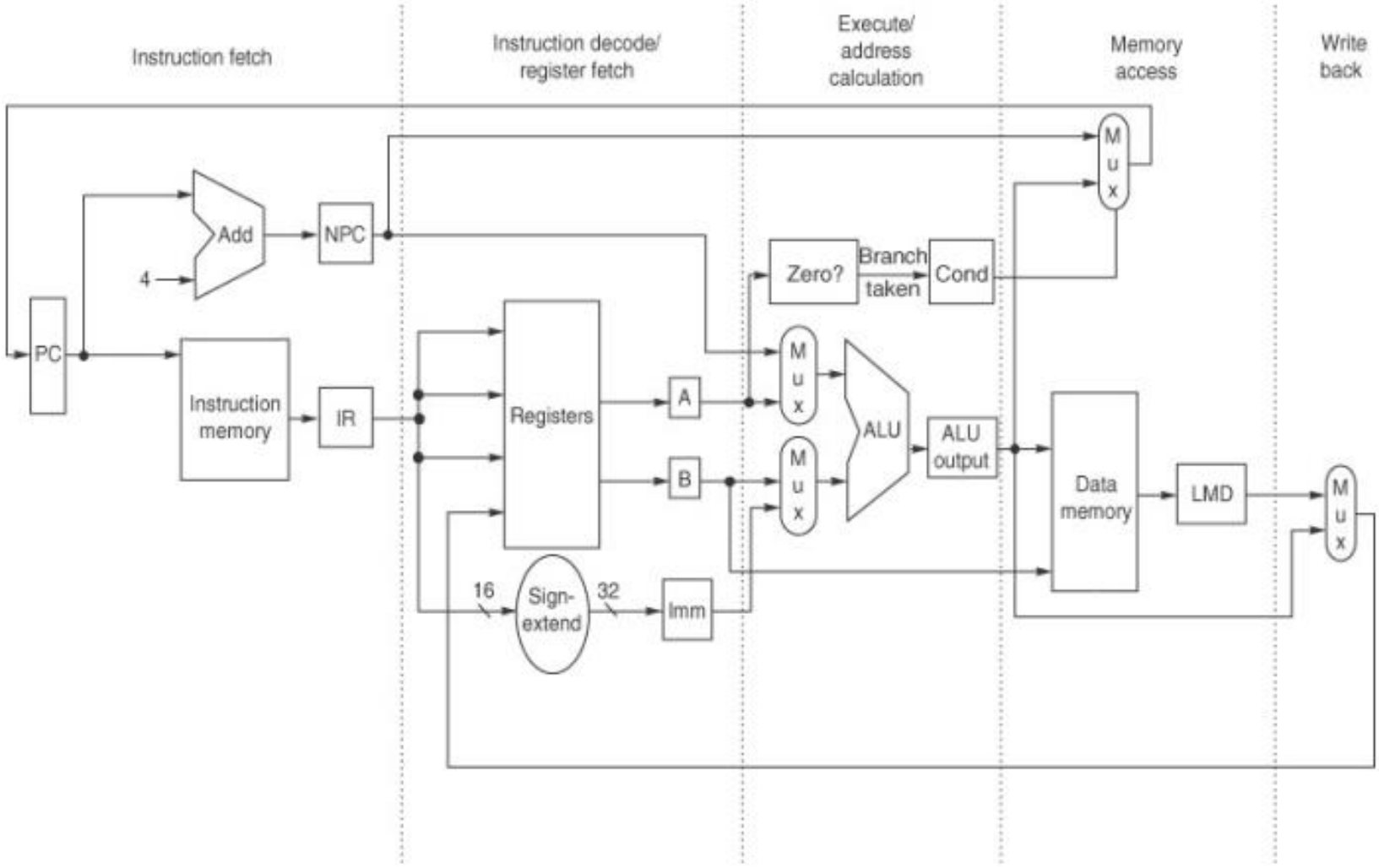
Pipeline Facts



- Multiple tasks operating simultaneously
- Pipelining doesn't help latency of single task, it helps throughput of entire workload
- Pipeline rate limited by slowest pipeline stage
- Unbalanced lengths of pipe stages reduces speedup
- Potential speedup ∝ Number of pipe stages

One core – the MIPS data-path



Dependencies

- **Data dependent: if**
  - Instruction *i* produces a result used by instr. *j*, or
  - Instruction *j* is data dependent on instruction k and instr. k is data dependent on instr. *i*

```
            LD      F0,0(R1)
Example:    ADDD    F4,F0,F2
            SD      0(R1),F4
```

- **Name dependent: two instructions use same name (register or memory address) but do not exchange data**
  - Anti-dependence (WAR if hazard in HW)

```
ADDD    F2,F0,F2    ; Must execute before LD
LD      F0,0(R1)
```

  - Output dependence (WAW if hazard in HW)

```
ADDD    F0,F2,F2    ; Must execute before LD
LD      F0,0(R1)
```

Control dependencies

- **Determines order between an instruction and a branch instruction**

Example:

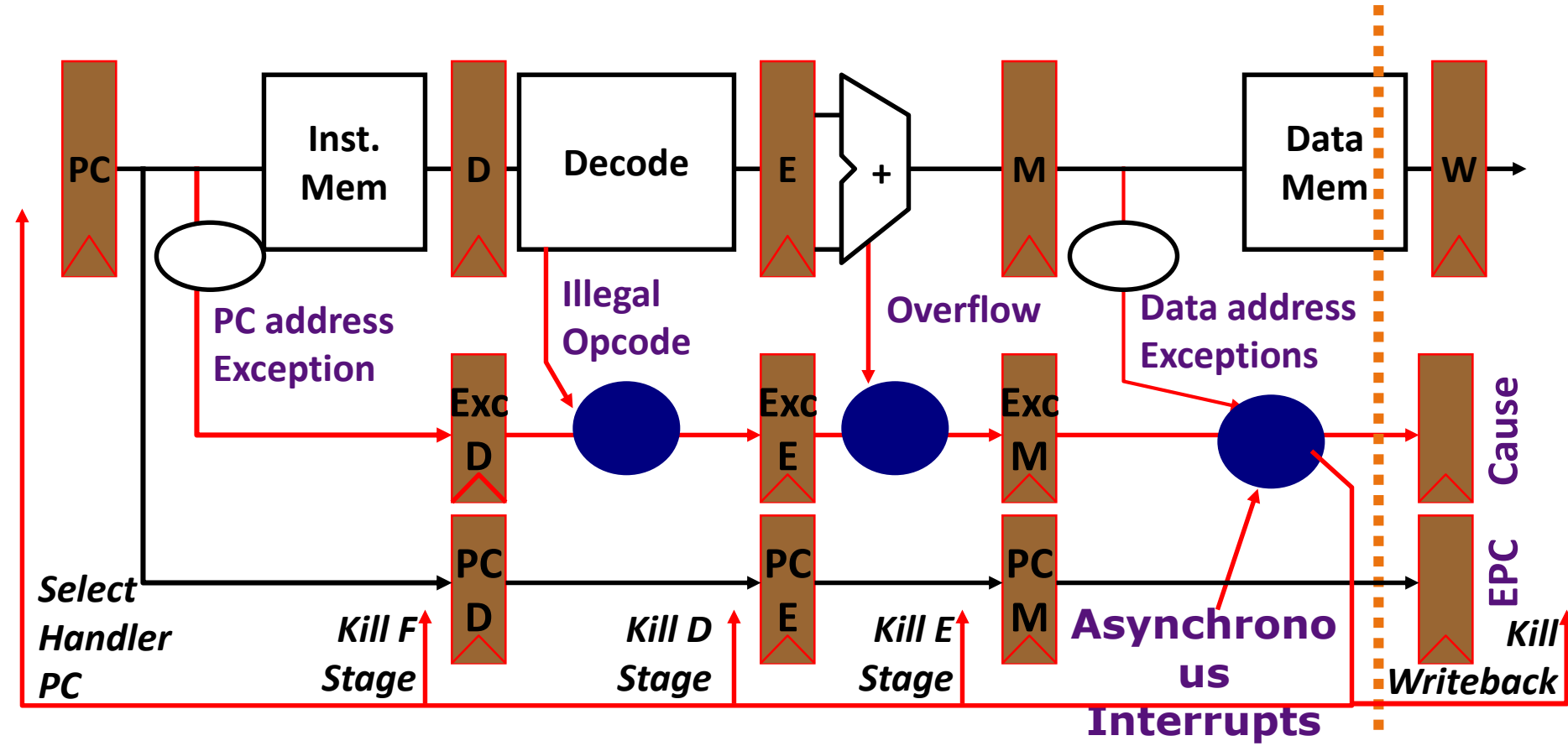
if Test1 then { S1 }
if Test2 then { S2 }

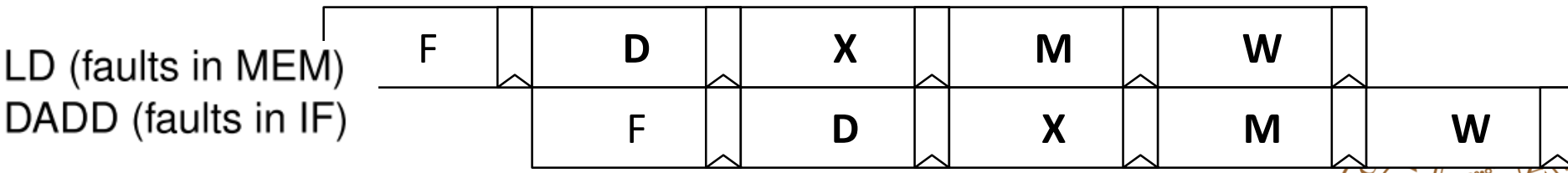
S1 is control dependent on Test1
S2 is control dependent on Test2; but *not* on Test1

Summary pipeline - method

Dependency	Hazard	Method
Data	RAW	Forwarding, Scheduling,
Name	WAR, WAW	Register Renaming
Control	Control	Branch Prediction, Speculation, Delayed branch
Precise exceptions		in-order commit
ILP		Scheduling, Loop unrolling

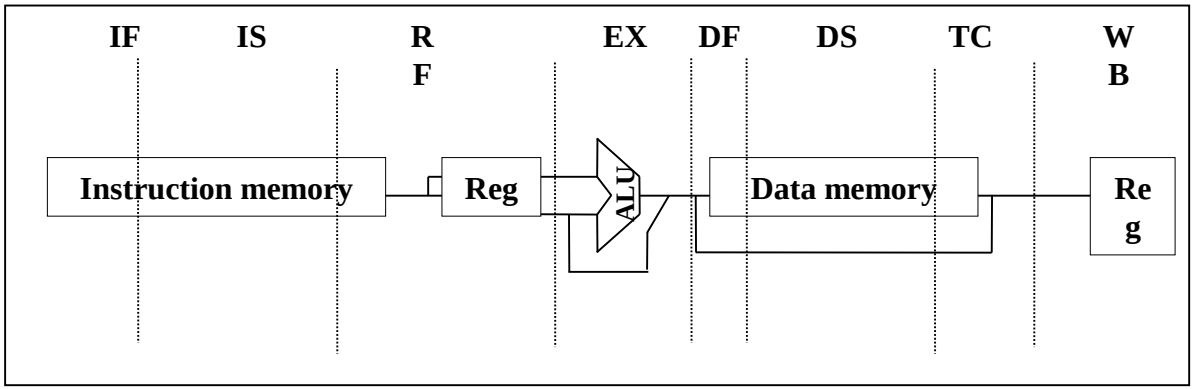
Solution for simple MIPS





Deeper pipeline

- **Implications of deeper pipeline**
  - load latency: 2 cycles
  - branch latency: 3 cycles (incl. one delay slot) ⇒ High demands on the compiler
  - Bypassing (forwarding) from more stages
  - More instructions “in flight” in pipeline
  - Faster clock, larger latencies, more stalls
- **Performance equation: CPI ∗ Tc must be lower for the longer pipeline to make it worthwhile**



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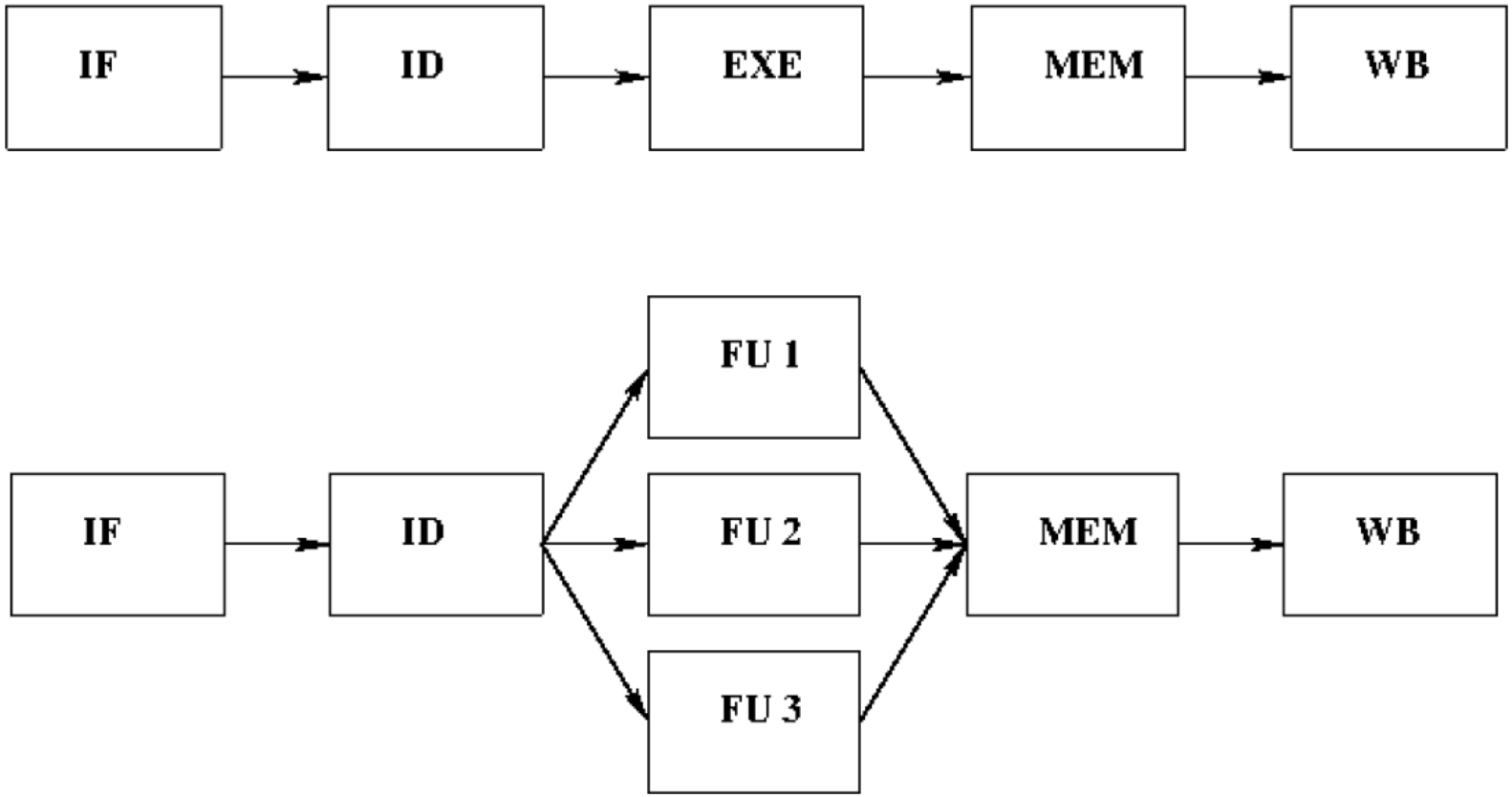


Pipeline hazard

- **RAW hazards:**
  - Normal bypassing from MEM and WB stages
  - Stall in ID stage if any of the source operands is destination operand in any of the FP functional units
- **WAR hazards?**
  - There are no WAR-hazards since the operands are read (in ID) before the EX-stages in the pipeline
- **WAW hazard**

```
DIV.D    F0,F2,F3    FP divide 24 cycles
...
SUB.D    F0,F8,F10   FP subtract 3 cycles
```

  - SUB finishes before DIV which will overwrite the result from SUB!
  - are eliminated by stalling SUB until DIV reaches MEM stage
  - When WAW hazard is a problem?

Scheduling

```
loop:  LD      F0, 0(R1)      ; F0 = array element
       ADDD    F4, F0, F2     ; Add scalar constant
       SD      F4, 0(R1)      ; Save result
       DADDUI  R1, R1, #-8    ; decrement array ptr.
       BNE     R1,R2, loop    ; reiterate if R1 != R2
```

Loop unrolling

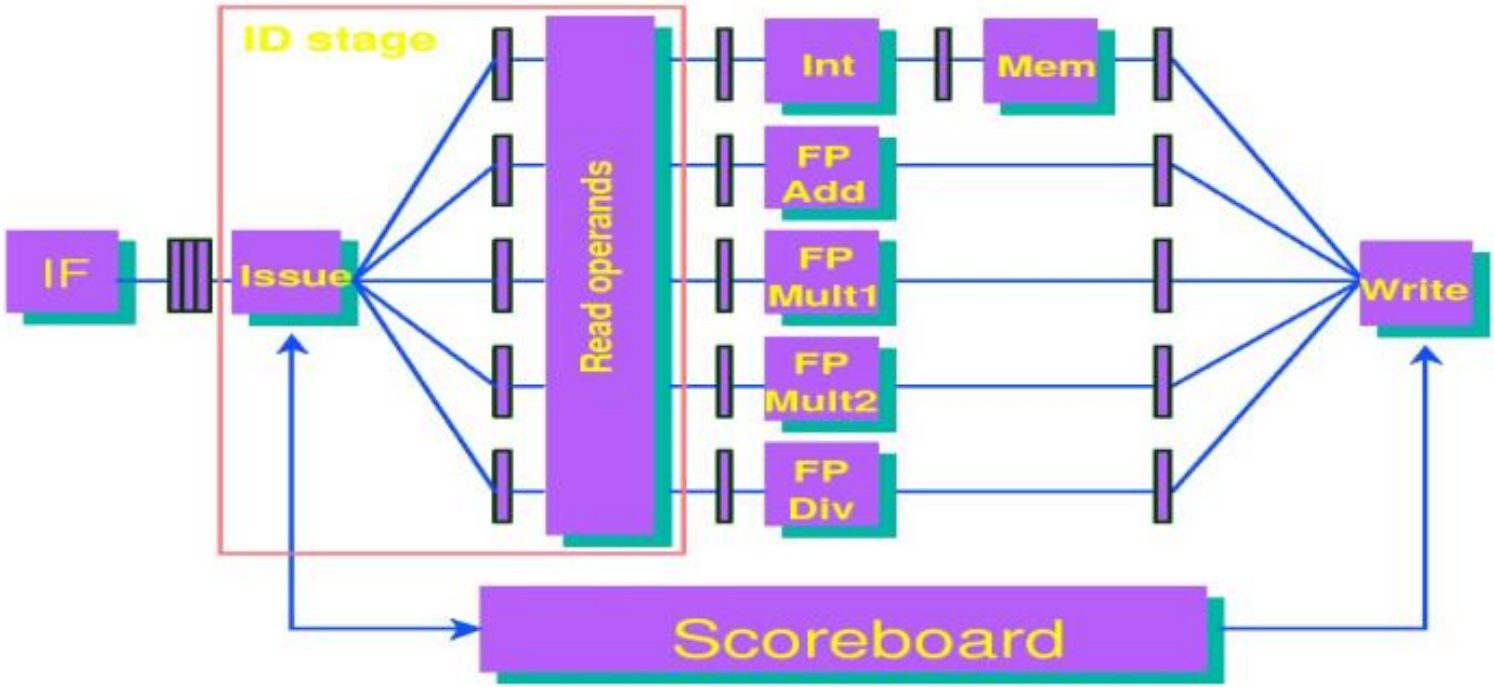
```
1   loop:  LD      F0, 0(R1)
2          ADDD    F4, F0, F2
3          SD      F4, 0(R1)
4          LD      F6, -8(R1)
5          ADDD    F8, F6, F2
6          SD      F8, -8(R1)
7          LD      F10, -16(R1)
8          ADDD    F12, F10, F2
9          SD      F12, -16(R1)
10         LD      F14, -24(R1)
11         ADDD    F16, F14, F2
12         SD      F16, -24(R1)
13         DADDUI  R1, R1, #-32
14         BNE     R1, R2, loop
```

Scheduling

```
Loop:  L.D     F0,0(R1)
       L.D     F6,-8(R1)
       L.D     F10,-16(R1)
       L.D     F14,-24(R1)
       ADD.D   F4,F0,F2
       ADD.D   F8,F6,F2
       ADD.D   F12,F10,F2
       ADD.D   F16,F14,F2
       S.D     F4,0(R1)
       S.D     F8,-8(R1)
       DADDUI  R1,R1,#-32
       S.D     F12,16(R1)
       S.D     F16,8(R1)
       BNE     R1,R2,Loop
```

Scoreboard pipeline

- **Issue:** decode and check for structural & WAW hazards
- **Read operands:** wait until no data hazards, then read operands
- **All data hazards are handled by the scoreboard**



Scoreboard functionality

- **Issue:** An instruction is issued if:
  - The needed functional unit is free (there is no **structural hazard**)
  - No functional unit has a destination operand equal to the destination of the instruction (resolves **WAW hazards**)
- **Read:** Wait until no data hazards, then read operands
  - Performed in parallel for all functional units
  - Resolves **RAW hazards** dynamically
- **EX:** Normal execution
  - Notify the scoreboard when ready
- **Write:** The instruction can update destination if:
  - All earlier instructions have read their operands (resolves **WAR hazards**)

Scoreboard example

Instruction status

Instruction		j	k	Issue	Read ops	Exec. compl.	Write result
LD	F6	34+	R2				
LD	F2	45+	R3				
MULTD	F0	F2	F4				
SUBD	F8	F6	F2				
DIVD	F10	F0	F6				
ADDD	F6	F8	F2				

Functional unit status

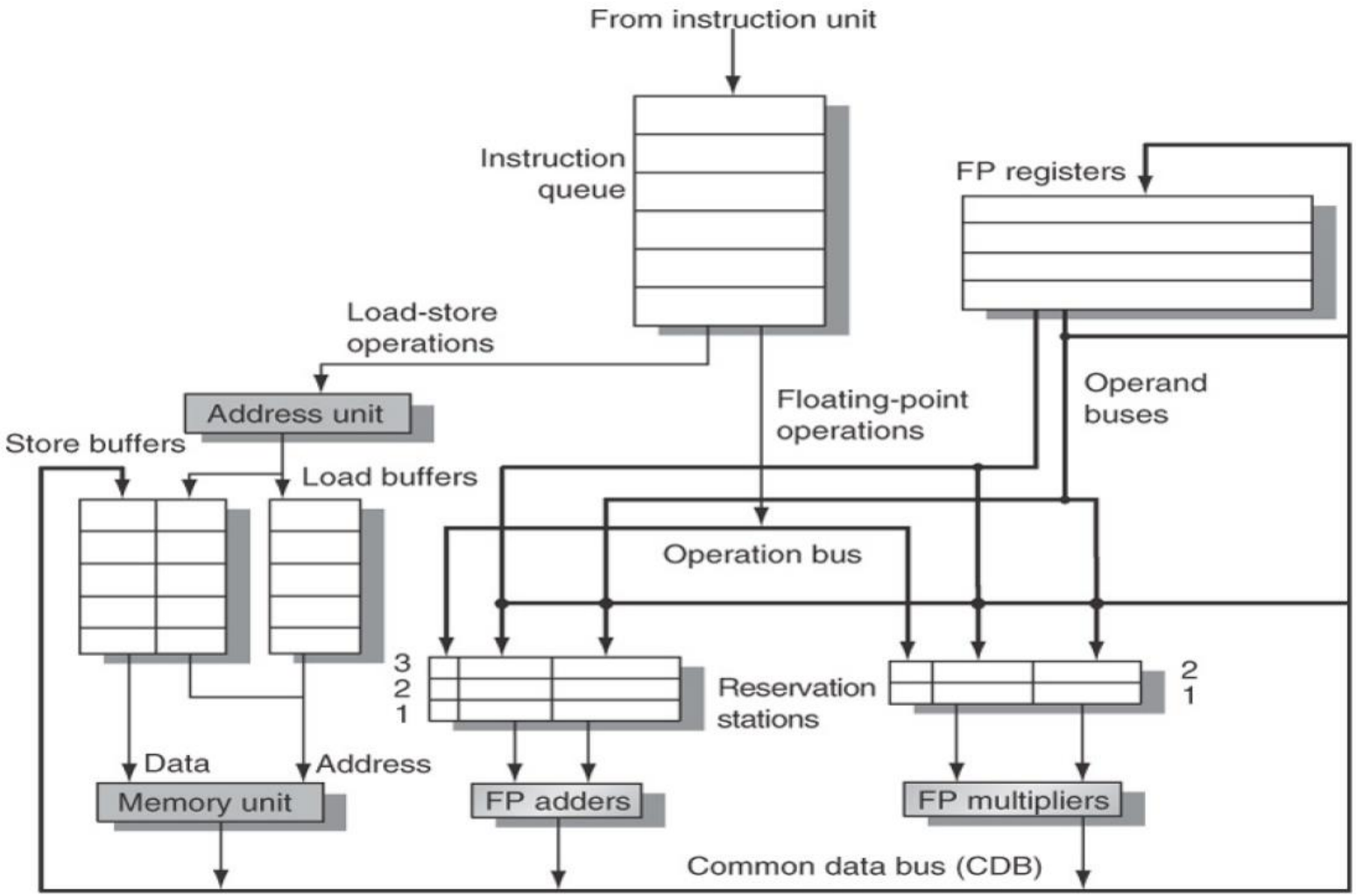
Time	Name	Busy	Op	dest Fi	src 1 Fj	src 2 Fk	FUsrc1 Qj	FUsrc2 Qk	Fj? Rj	Fk? Rk
	Integer	No								
	Mult1	No								
	Mult2	No								
	Add	No								
	Divide	No								

Register result status

	F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	...	F30
FU								

Clock: 0

Tomasulo orgnizations



Reservation stations

- **Op:Operation to perform (e.g., + or –)**
- **Vj, Vk: Value (instead of reg specifier) of Source operands**
- **Qj, Qk: Reservation stations (instead of FU) producing source registers (value to be written)**
  - Note: Qj,Qk=0 => ready
  - V and Q filed are mutual exclusive
- **Busy: Indicates reservation station or FU is busy**
- **Register result status—Indicates which RS will write each register**
  - Blank when no pending instructions that will write that register

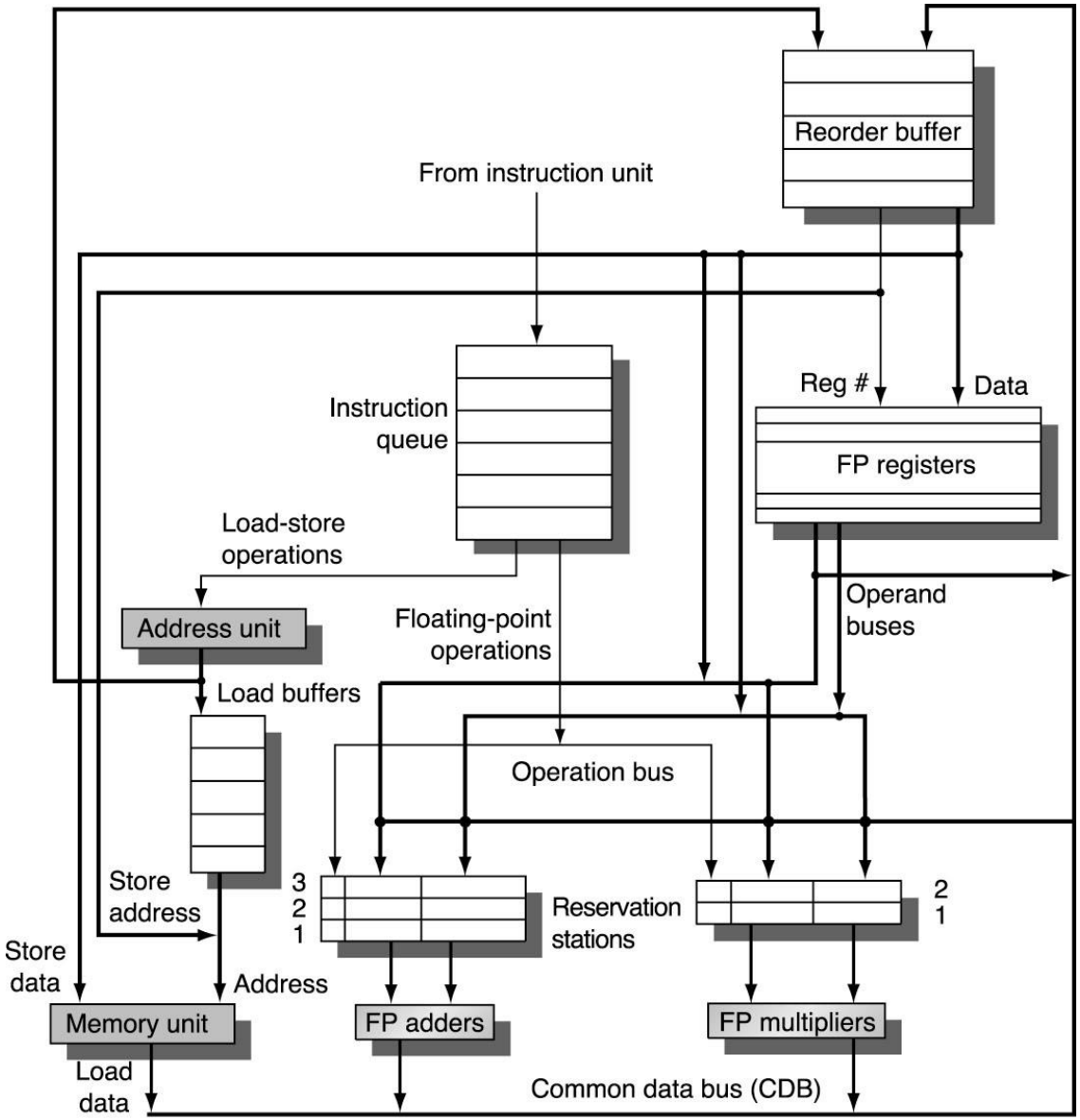
Functional unit status

Time	Name	Busy	Op	src 1 Vj	src 2 Vk	RS for j Qj	RS for k Qk
	Add1	No					
	Add2	No					
	Add3	No					
	Mult1	No					
	Mult2	No					

Three stages of Tomasulo algorithm

- **Issue –** get instruction from instruction Queue
  - If matching reservation station free (no **structural hazard**)
  - Instruction is issued together with its operands values or RS point (register rename, handle **WAR, WAW**)
- **Execution –** operate on operands (EX)
  - When both operands are ready, then execute (handle **RAW**)
  - If not ready, watch **Common Data Bus (CDB)** for operands (snooping)
- **Write result –** finish execution (WB)
  - Write on CDB to all awaiting RS, regs (**forwarding**)
  - Mark reservation station available
  - Data Bus
    - Normal Bus: data + destination
    - Common Data Bus: data + source (snooping)

Tomasulo extended to support speculation



Summary pipeline - implementation

Problem	Simple	Scoreboard	Tomasulo	Tomasulo + Speculation
	Static Sch	Dynamic Scheduling		
RAW	forwarding stall	wait (Read)	CDB stall	CDB stall
WAR	-	wait (Write)	Reg. rename	Reg. rename
WAW	-	wait (Issue)	Reg. rename	Reg. rename
Exceptions	precise	?	?	precise, ROB
Issue	in-order	in-order	in-order	in-order
Execution	in-order	out-of-order	out-of-order	out-of-order
Completion	in-order	out-of-order	out-of-order	in-order
Structural hazard	-	many FU stall	many FU, CDB, stall	many FU, CDB, stall
Control hazard	Delayed br., stall	Branch prediction	Branch prediction	Br. pred, speculation

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Memory tricks (techniques)

Use a hierarchy

CPU	superfast	Registers		instructions
	FAST	Cache		
			cache memory	(HW)
Memory	CHEAP	Main memory		
			virtual memory	(SW)
	BIG	Disk		

Levels of memory hierarchy

Capacity
Access Time
Cost/bit

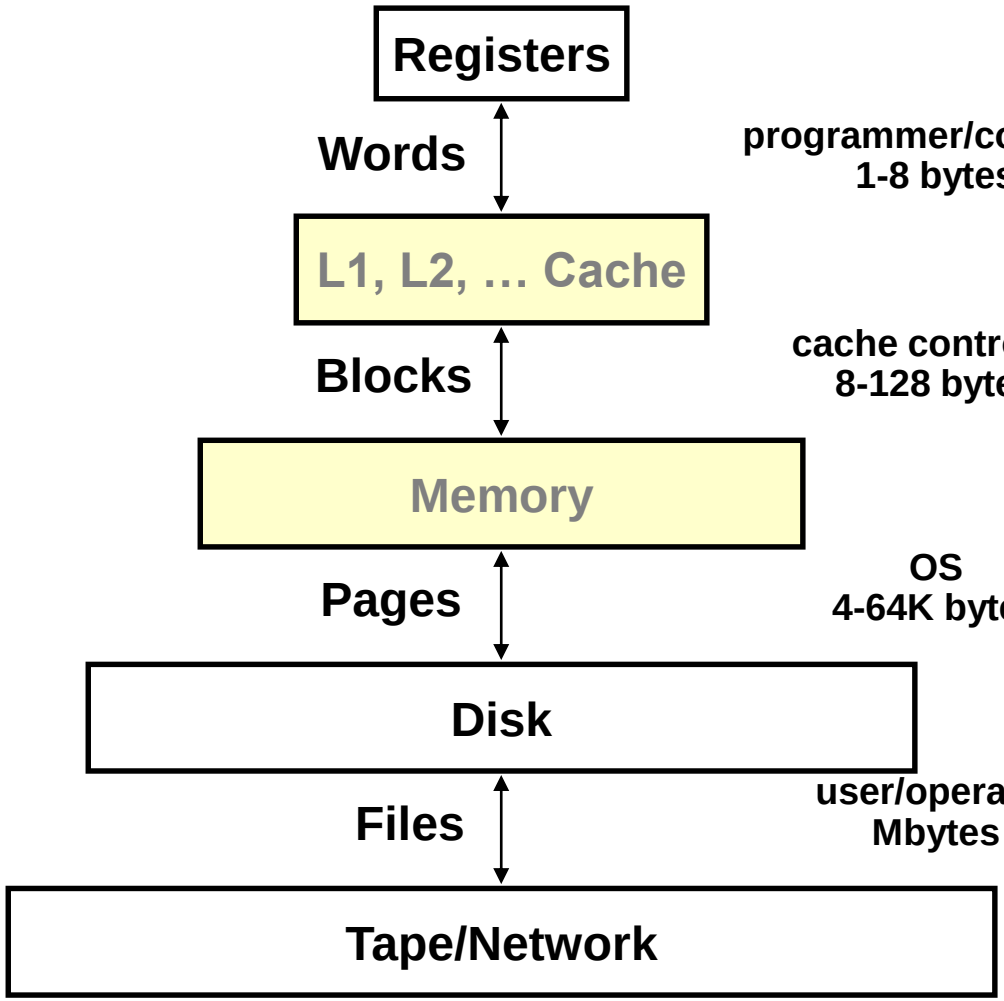
CPU Registers
500 Bytes
0.25 ns
~$.01

Cache
16K-1M Bytes
1 ns
~$10^{-4}

Main Memory
64M-2G Bytes
100ns
~$10^{-7}

Disk
100 G Bytes
5 ms
~$10^{-7}- 10^{-9}

Tape/Network
"infinite"
secs.
~$10^{-10}



Staging
Transfer Unit

programmer/compiler
1-8 bytes

cache controller
8-128 bytes

OS
4-64K bytes

user/operator
Mbytes

Upper Level
Faster

Larger
Lower Level

Four memory hierarchy questions

- Q1: Where can a block be placed in the upper level?

(Block placement)

- Q2: How is a block found if it is in the upper level?

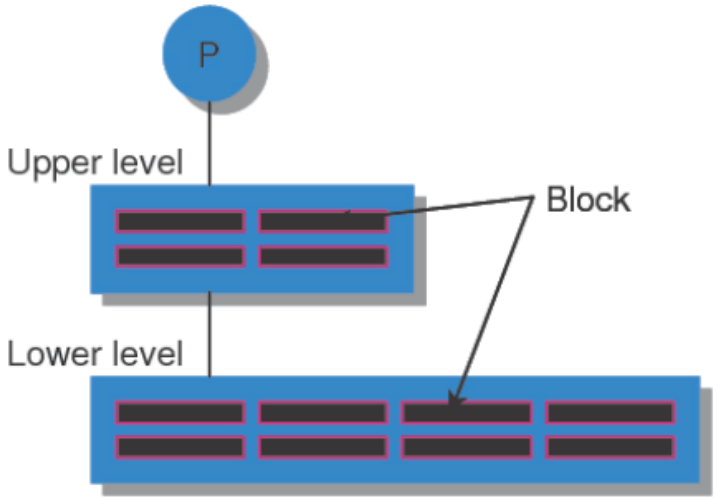
(Block identification)

- Q3: Which block should be replaced on a miss?

(Block replacement)

- Q4: What happens on a write?

(Write strategy)



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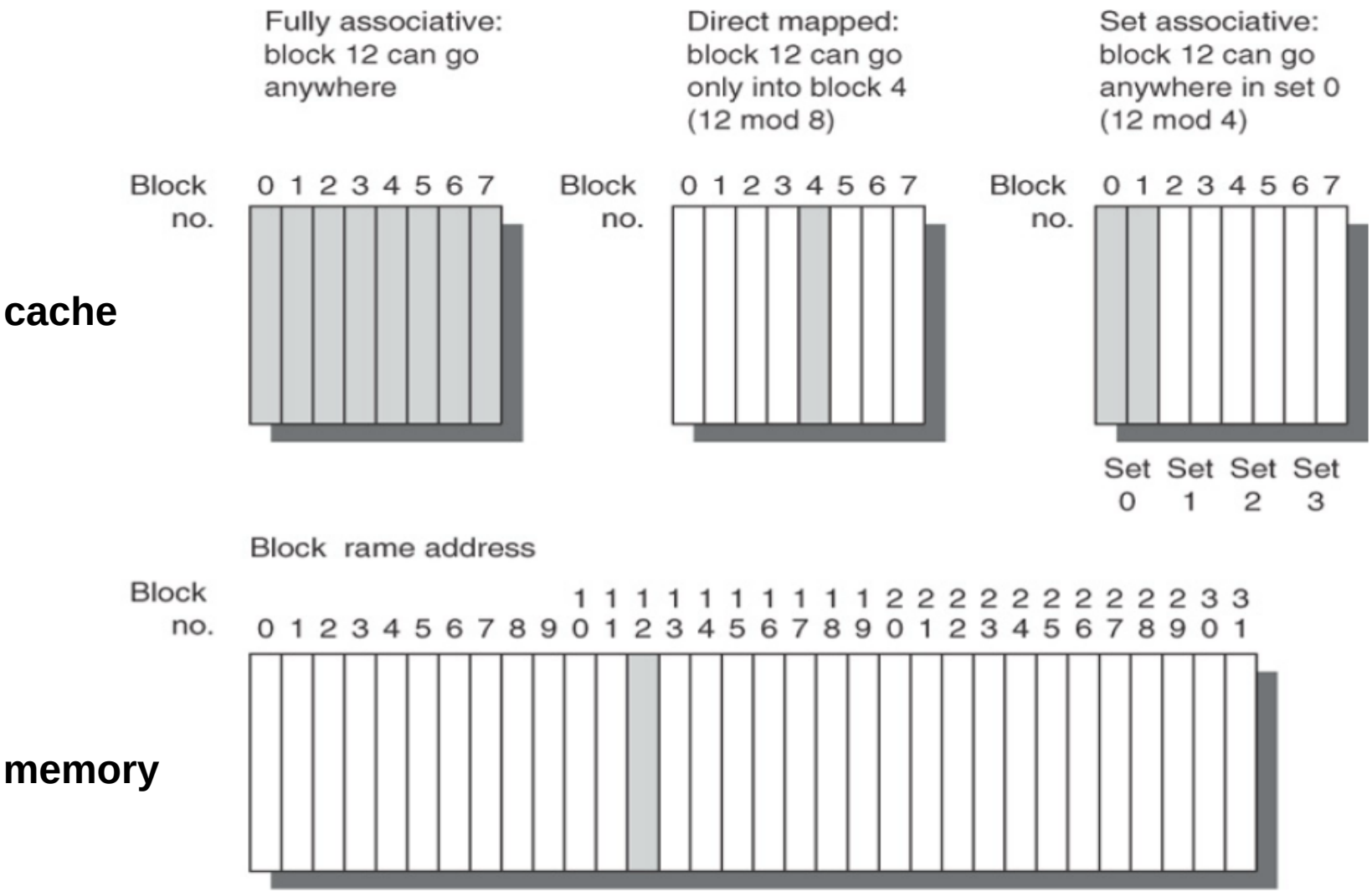

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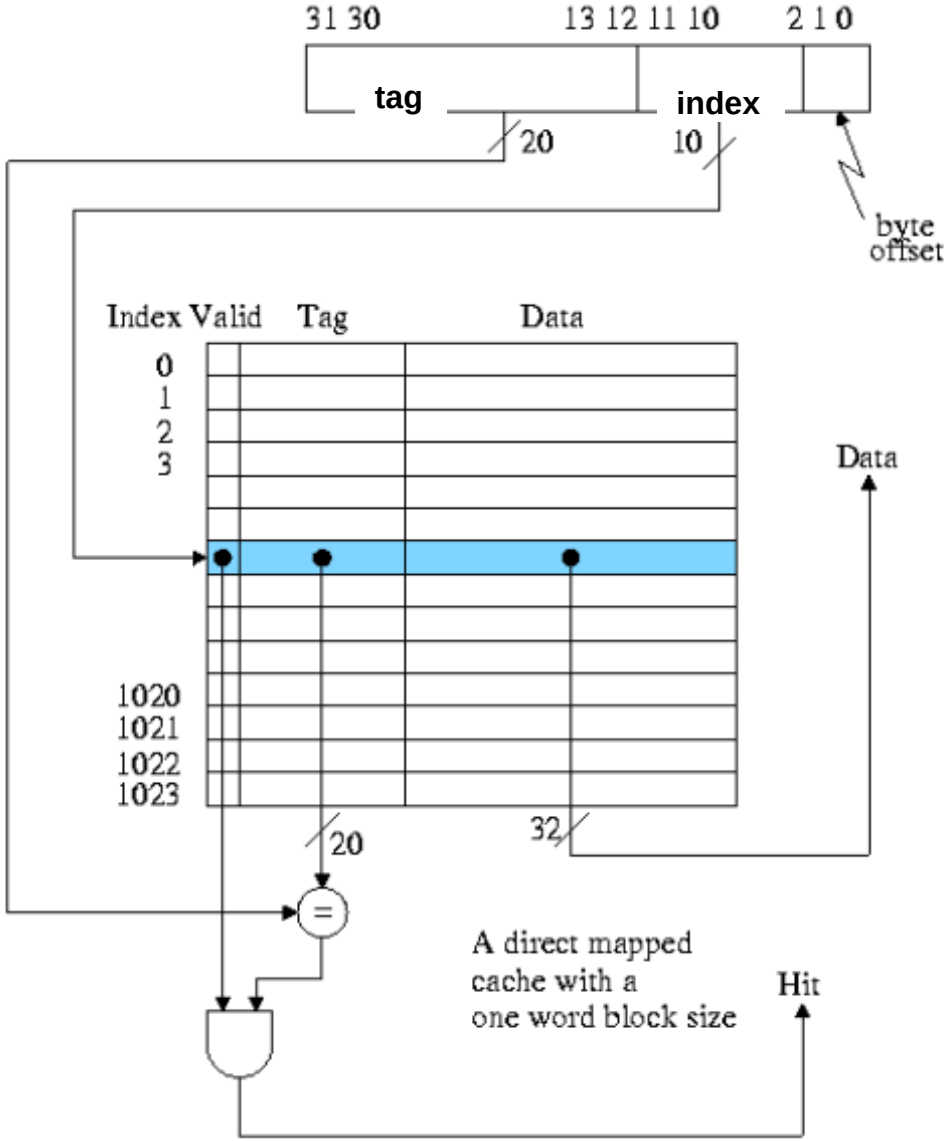
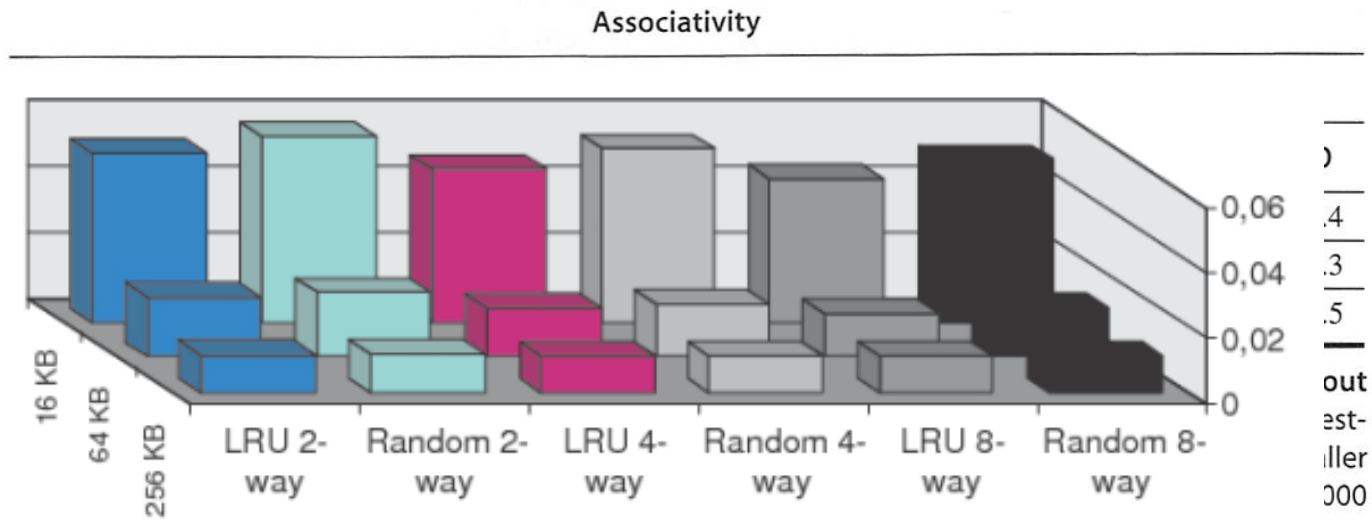


Which block should be replaced on a Cache miss?

- **Direct mapped caches don't need a block replacement policy**
- **Primary strategies:**
  - Random (easiest to implement)
  - LRU – Least Recently Used (best, hard to implement)
  - FIFO – Oldest (used to approximate LRU)



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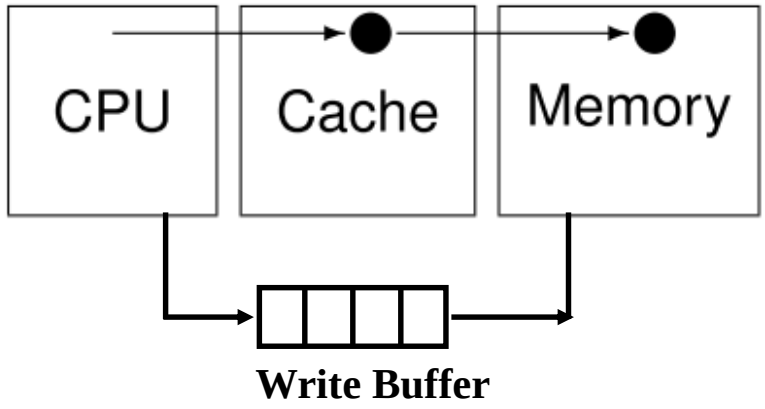
benchmarks. Five are from SPECint2000 (gap, gcc, gzip, mcf, and perl) and five are from SPECfp2000 (applu, art, equake, lucas, and swim). We will use this computer and these benchmarks in most figures in this appendix.

Cache write (hit)

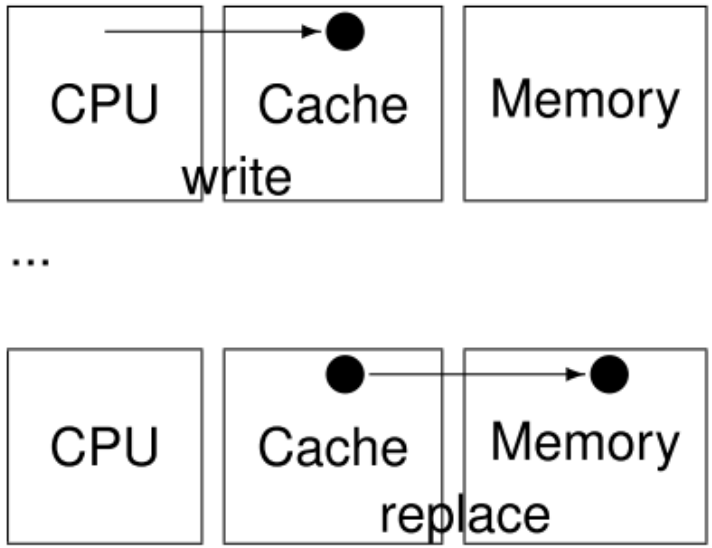
Write through:

- The information is written to both the block in the cache and to the block in the lower-level memory
- Is always combined with write buffers so that the CPU doesn't have to wait for the lower level memory



Write back:

- The information is written only to the block in the cache
- Copy a modified cache block to main memory only when replaced
- Is the block clean or modified? (dirty bit, several write to the same block)



Cache performance

$$\text{CPU execution Time} = IC * \left(CPI_{execution} + \frac{mem\ accesses}{instruction} * miss\ rate * miss\ penalty\right) * T_C$$

- **Three ways to increase performance:**
  - Reduce miss rate
  - Reduce miss penalty
  - Reduce hit time (improves T_C)

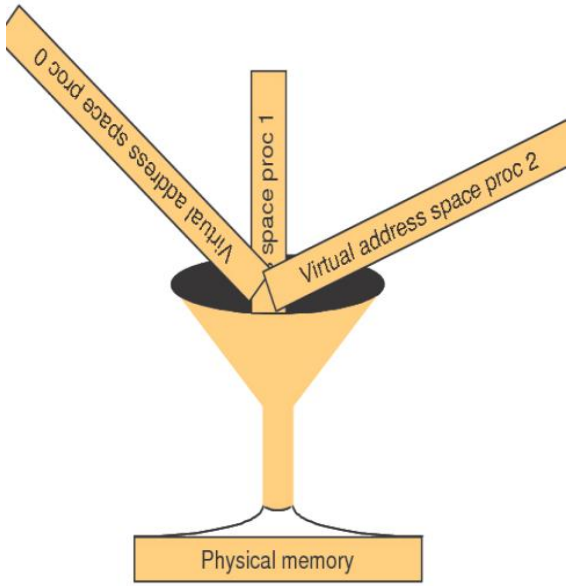
$$\text{Average memory access time} = hit\ time + miss\ rate * miss\ penalty$$

Cache optimizations

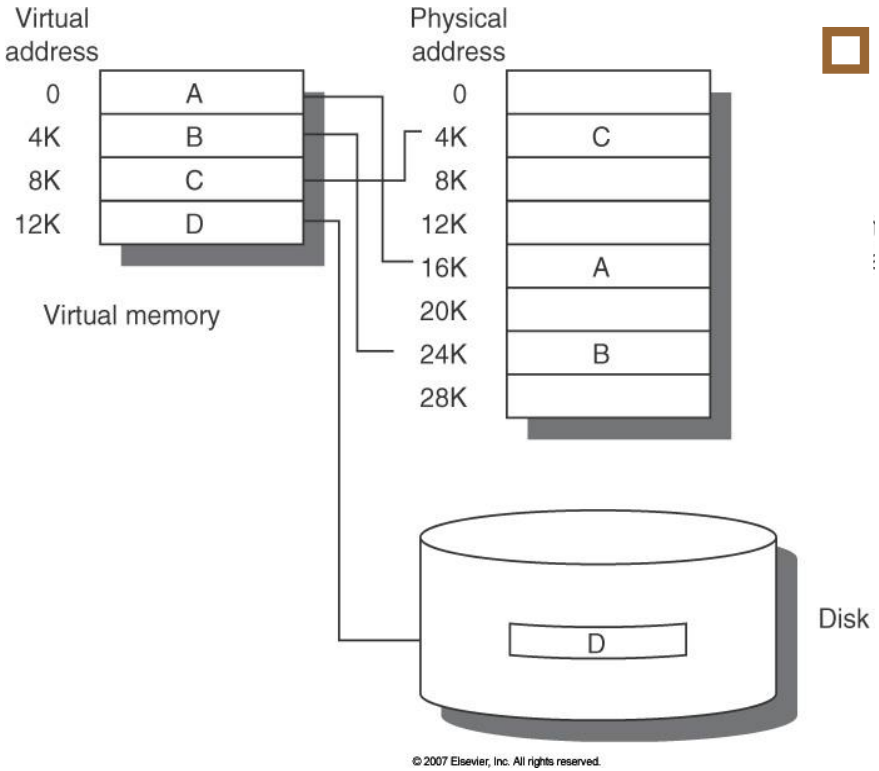
	Hit time	Band-width	Miss penalty	Miss rate	HW complexity
Simple	+			-	0
Addr. transl.	+				1
Way-predict	+				1
Trace	+				3
Pipelined	-	+			1
Banked		+			1
Nonblocking		+	+		3
Early start			+		2
Merging write			+		1
Multilevel			+		2
Read priority			+		1
Prefetch			+	+	2-3
Victim			+	+	2
Compiler				+	0
Larger block			-	+	0
Larger cache	-			+	1
Associativity	-			+	1

Virtual memory benifits

- **Using physical memory efficiently**
  - Allowing more than physical memory addressing
  - Enables programs to begin before loading fully
  - Programmers used to use overlays and manually control loading/unloading
- **Using physical memory simply**
  - Virtual memory simplifies memory management
  - Programmer can think in terms of a large, linear address space
- **Using physical memory safely**
  - Virtual memory protests process' address spaces
  - Processes cannot interfere with each other, because they operate in different address space
  - User processes cannot access priviledged information



Virtual memory concept



- **Is part of memory hierarchy**
  - The virtual address space is divided into **pages** (blocks in Cache)
  - The physical address space is divided into **page frames**
  - A miss is called a **page fault**
  - Pages not in main memory are stored on **disk**

- **The CPU uses *virtual addresses***
- **We need an *address translation* (memory mapping) mechanism**

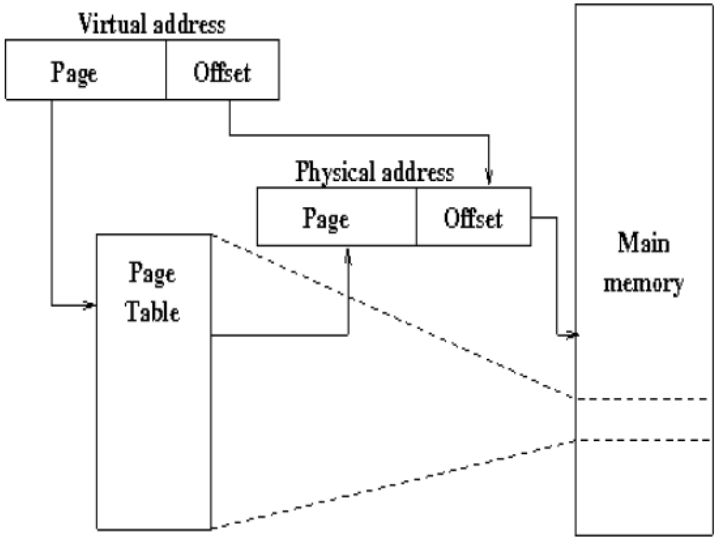
Page placement

- **Where can a page be placed in main memory?**
  - Cache access: ~ ns
  - Memory access: ~ 100 ns
  - Disk access: ~ 10, 000, 000 ns

$\Longrightarrow$ **HIGH miss penalty**

- **The high miss penalty makes it**
  - Necessary to **minimize miss rate**
  - Possible to use software solutions to implement a **fully associative address** mapping

Page identification: address mapping



- **Contains Real Page Number**
- **Miscellaneous control information**
  - valid bit,
  - dirty bit,
  - replacement information,
  - access control

- **4Byte per page table entry**
  - Page table will have

    $2^{20}*4=2^{22}=4MByte$
  - Generally stored in the main memory

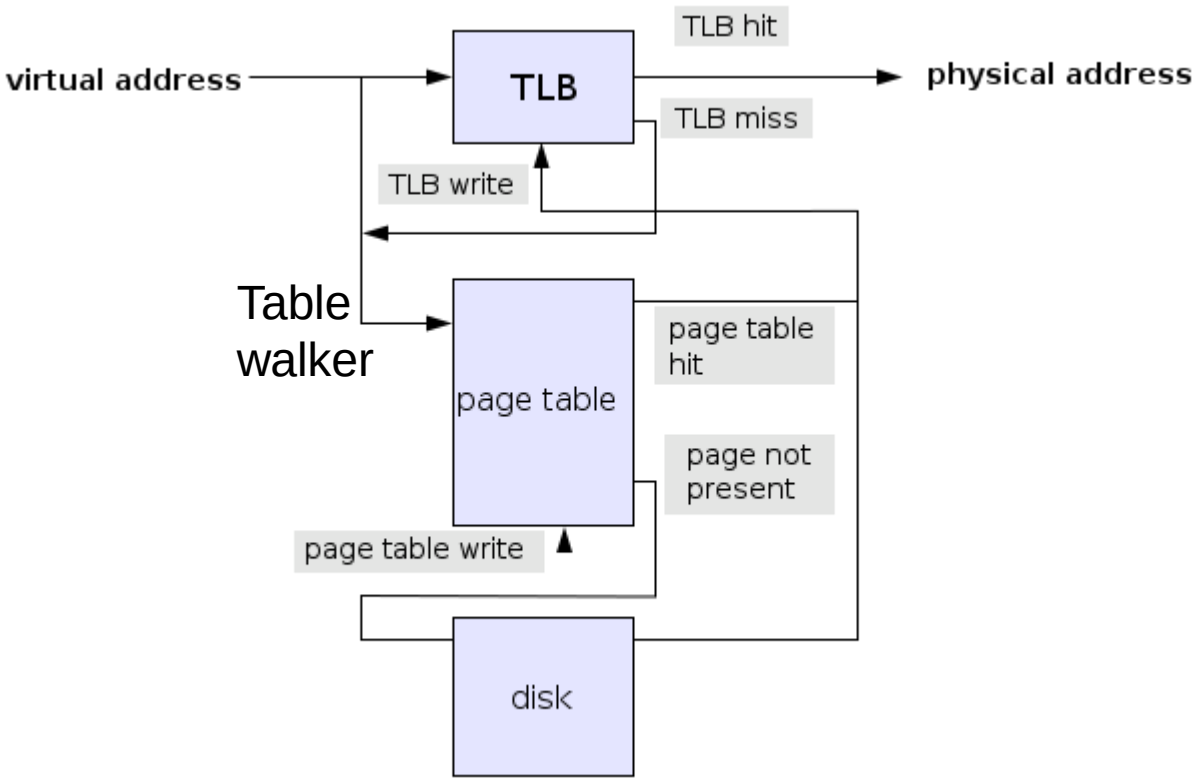
- **64 bit virtual address,16 KB pages:**

  $2^{64}/2^{14}*4=2^{52}=2^{12}TByte$

- **One page table per program (100 program?)**
- **Solutions**
  - Multi–level page table
  - Inverted page table

Page identification (TLB)

- **How do we avoid two (or more) memory references for each original memory reference?**
  - Cache address translations – Translation Look-aside Buffer (TLB)



Summary memory hierarchy

Hide CPU - memory performance gap
Memory hierarchy with several levels
Principle of locality

Cache memories:	**Virtual memory:**
• Fast, small - Close to CPU	• Slow, big - Close to disk
• Hardware	• Software
• TLB	• TLB
• CPU performance equation	• Page-table
• Average memory access time	• Very high miss penalty $\Longrightarrow$ miss rate must be low
• Optimizations	• Also facilitates: relocation; memory protection; and multiprogramming

Same 4 design questions - Different answers

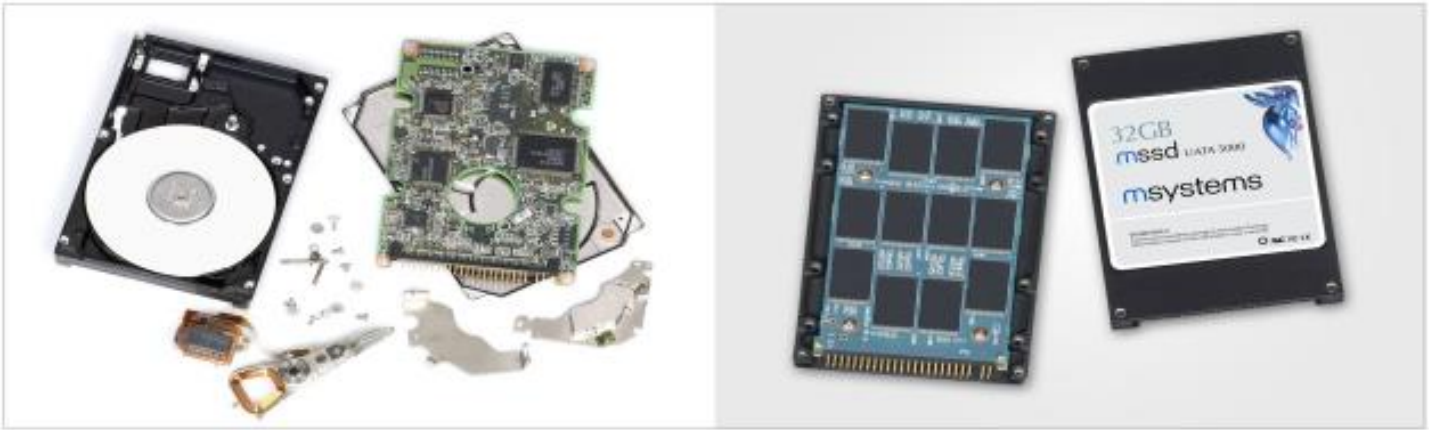
Outline

- Performance
- ISA
- Pipeline
- Memory Hierarchy
- **I/O, Storage System**

I/O technologies

- **The techniques for I/O have evolved (and sometimes unevolved):**
  - ***Direct control:*** CPU controls device by reading/writing data lines directly
  - ***Polled I/O:*** CPU communicates with hardware via built-in controller; busy-waits (sampling) for completion of commands
  - ***Driven I/O:*** CPU issues command to device, gets interrupt on completion
  - ***Direct memory access:*** CPU commands device, which transfers data directly to/from main memory (DMA controller may be separate module, or on device).
  - ***I/O channels:*** device has specialized processor, interpreting main CPU only when it is truly necessary. CPU asks device to execute entire I/O program

HDD vs. SSD



Reliability / Availability – Dependability

Definitions:

- Reliability – Is anything broken?
- Availability – Is the system available for the user?
- Dependability – Is the system doing what it is supposed to do?

Why is this an issue?

- Small disks and large disks cost the same / byte
- An array of N small disks can achieve higher bandwidth than one large disk
- However, the reliability is 1/N of the reliability of a single disk

RAID

Redundant Array of Inexpensive (Independent) Disks

	RAID level	Failures tolerated	Overhead 8 data disks	comment
0	striped	0	0	JBOD, common
1	mirrored	1-8	8	high overhead
2	ECC	1	4	not used
3	bit parity	1	1	synchronized drives
4	block parity	1	1	
5	block parity distributed	1	1	common
6	row-diagonal dual parity	2	2	high availability
01	mirrored stripes	1-8	8	
10	striped mirrors	1-8	8	

Thanks and Good Luck!