

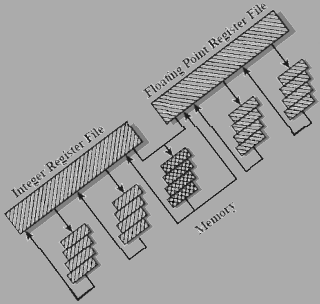
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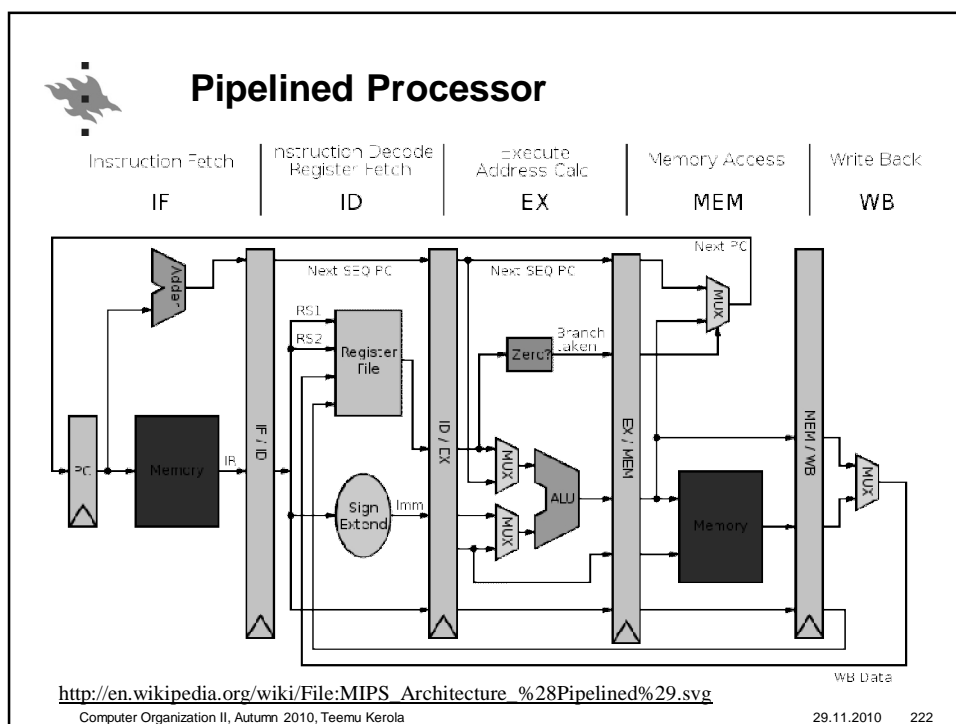
Lecture 9

Superscalar- processing

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- Instruction dependences
- Register renaming
- Pentium / PowerPC





Superscalar processors

- Goal
 - Concurrent execution of scalar instructions
- Several independent pipelines
 - Not just more stages in one pipeline
 - Own functional units in each pipeline

Ancient!

Reference	Speedup
[TJAD70]	1.8
[KUCK72]	8
[WEIS84]	1.58
[ACOS86]	2.7
[SOHI90]	1.8
[SMT89]	2.3
[JOUN89b]	2.2
[LEE91]	7

Sta10 Tbl 14.1

Integer Register File Floating Point Register File

Pipelined functional units

Memory

Instruction-level parallelism

Sta10 Fig 14.1

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Superscalar

Successive instructions

Simple 4-stage pipeline

Superpipelined

Superscalar

Key: Execute

Fetch	Decode	Execute	Write
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Only one instruction execute at one time

Each execute stage split into 2 "half-stages"

http://www.coe.uncc.edu/~jbyun1/papers/MIPS_3.pdf


Two instructions executed at the same time.

(Sta10 Fig 14.2)

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Superscalar processor

- Efficient memory usage
 - Fetch several instructions at once, prefetching (*ennaltanouto*)
 - Data fetch and store (read and write)
 - Concurrency
- Several instructions of the same process executed concurrently on different pipelines
 - Select executable instruction (ready for execute stage) from the prefetched instruction following a policy (in-order issue/out-of-order issue)
- Finish more than one instruction during each cycle
 - Instructions may complete in different order than started (out-of-order completion)
- When is it ok for an instruction finish before the preceding ones?

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Effect of Dependencies

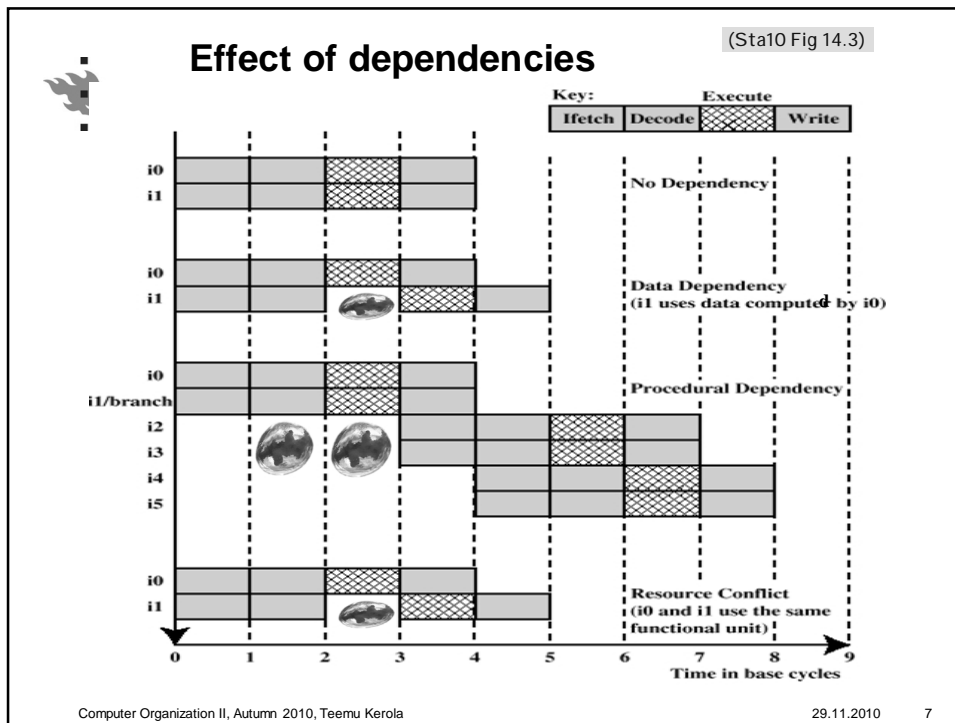
- True Data/Flow Dependency (*datariippuvuus*)
 - Read after Write (RAW) Typo on p. 545, line 2 [Stal10]
 - The latter instruction needs data from former instruction

```
add r1,r2
move r3,r1
```
- Procedural/Control Dependency (*kontrolliriippuvuus*)
 - Instruction after the jump executed only, when jump does not happen
 - Superscalar pipeline has more instructions to waste
 - Variable-length instructions: some additional parts known only during execution

```
jnz r2, 100
add r1, =1
```
- Resource Conflict (*Resurssiriippuvuus*)
 - One or more pipeline stage needs the same resource
 - Memory buffer, ALU, access to register file, ...

```
fadd f1, f2, f4
fadd f4, f5, f6
```

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WAR and WAW Dependencies

■ i: "write" R1

.....

j: "read" R1

■ i: "read" R1

.....

j: "write" R1

■ i: "write" R1

.....

j: "write" R1

true data dependency (RAW)

data dependent instruction j cannot be executed before instruction i

antidependency (WAR)

Typo on p. 550, line 2 from bottom [Sta10]

Anti- and output dependency allow change in execution order for instructions i and j, but afterwards must be checked that the right value and result remains

output dependency (WAW)

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Dependencies Specific to Out-of-order Completion

- **Output Dependency** (*Kirjoitusriippuvuus*)
 - write-after-write (WAW)
 - Two instructions alter the same register or memory location, the latter in the original code must stay

```
load r1, X
add r2, r1, r3
add r1, r4, r5
```
- **Antidependency** (*Antiriippuvuus*)
 - Write-after-read (WAR)
 - The former read instruction must be able to fetch the register content, before the latter write stores new value there

```
move r2, r1
add r1, r4, r5
```
- **Alias?**
 - Two registers use indirect references to the same memory location?
 - Different virtual address, same physical address?
 - What is visible on instruction level (before MMU)?

```
store R5, 40(R1)
load R6, 0(R2)
```

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How to Handle Dependencies?

- **Starting point**
 - All dependences must be handled one way or other
- **Simple solution** (like before)
 - **Special hardware** detects dependency and force the pipeline to wait (bubble)
- **Alternative solution** (like before, bit more important now)
 - **Compiler** generates instructions in such a way that there will be NO dependencies
 - No special hardware
 - simpler CPU that need not detect dependencies
 - Compiler must have very detailed and specific information about the target processor's functionality
 - which dependencies must/can be solved by compiler?

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ILP vs. Machine Parallelism

load r1 ← r2
 add r3 ← r3+1
 add r4 ← r4, r2

- **Instruction-level parallelism, ILP** (*käskytason rinnakkaisuus*)
 - Independent instructions that could be executed in parallel by overlapping
 - Theoretical upper limit for parallel execution of instructions
 - Depends on the code
- **Machine parallelism** (*konetason rinnakkaisuus*)
 - Ability of the processor to actually execute instructions parallel
 - How many instructions can be fetched and executed at the same time?
 - ~ How many pipelines can be used
 - Always smaller than instruction-level parallelism
 - Cannot exceed what instructions allow, but can limit the true parallelism
 - Dependences solved inefficiently, bad optimization?

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Superscalar execution

(Sta10 Fig 14.6)

in-order complete vs. out-of-order complete

dispatch (*vuorottaminen, lähettää suorittamaan*)

issue (*laukaisu, liikkeellelaskeminen*)

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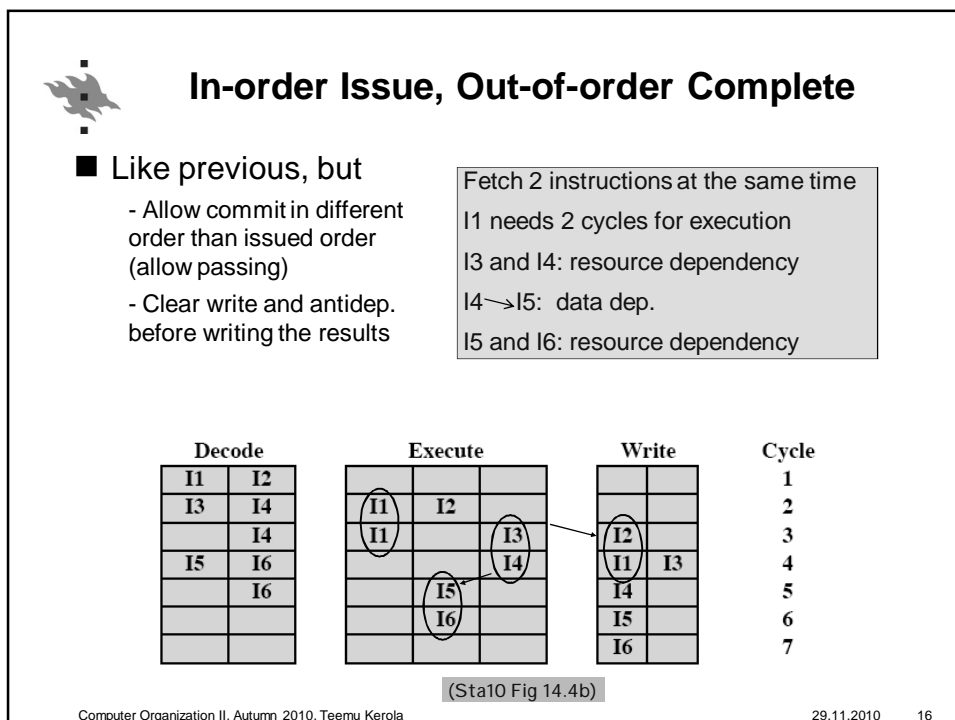
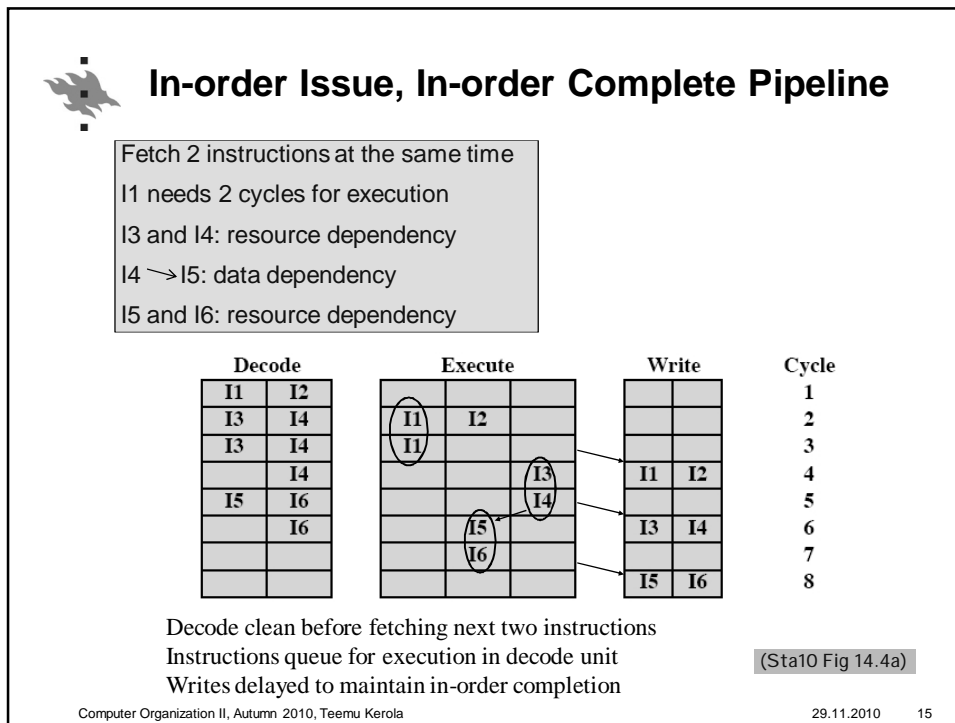
Superscalar Execution


- Instruction fetch (*käskeyjen nouto*)
 - Branch prediction (*hyppyjen ennustus*)
 - prefetch (*ennaltanouto*) from memory to CPU
 - Dispatch to instruction window (*valintaikkuna*)
- Instruction issue (*käskyn päästäminen hihnalle*)
 - Check (and remove) data, control and resource dependencies
 - Reorder; issue suitable instructions to pipelines
 - Pipelines proceed without waits
- Instruction complete, retire (*suoritus valmistuu*)
 - Commit or abort (*hyväksy tai hylkää*)
 - Usually all state changes occur here
 - Check and remove write and antidependencies
 - wait / reorder (*järjestä uudelleen*)



In-order Issue, In-order Complete

- Traditional sequential execution order
- No need for instruction window
- Instructions dispatched to pipelines in original order (determined by the compiler)
 - Compiler handles most of the dependencies
 - Still need to check dependencies, if needed add bubbles
 - Can allow overlapping on multiple pipelines
- Instructions complete and commit in original order
 - Cannot pass, overtake (*ohittaa*) on other pipeline
 - Several instructions can complete at same time
 - Commit/Abort






Out-of-order Issue, Out-of-order Complete

True superscalar processor

- Dispatch instructions for execution in any suitable order
 - Need instruction window
 - Processor looks ahead (at the future instructions)
 - Must consider the dependencies during dispatch
- Allow instructions to complete and commit in any suitable order
 - Check and clear write dependencies and antidependencies

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Out-of-order issue, Out-of-order Completion

Fetch 2 instructions at the same time
 I1 needs 2 cycles for execution
 I3 and I4: resource dependency
 I4 → I5: data dependency
 I5 and I6: resource dependency

Decode	
I1	I2
I3	I4
I5	I6

Window
(I1,I2)
(I3,I4)
(I4,I5,I6)
I5

Execute		
I1	I2	
I1		I3
	I6	I4
	I5	

Write	
(I2)	
I1	I3
I4	(I6)
I5	

Cycle
1
2
3
4
5
6

Instruction window,
 (just a buffer, not a pipeline stage)

(Sta10 Fig 14.4c)

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Solve Dependencies by Register Renaming

- Some dependencies are caused by register names, not data
 - The same name could be used for several independent elements
 - Thus, instructions have unnneeded write and antidependencies
 - Causing unnecessary waits

name
dependency
vs. data
dependency?

R3 ← R3 + R5
R4 ← R3 + 1
R3 ← R5 + 1
R7 ← R3 + R4

- Solution: Register renaming
 - Hardware must have more registers (than visible to the programmer and compiler)
 - Hardware allocates new real registers during execution in order to avoid name-based dependencies (nimiriippuvuus)
- Need
 - More internal registers (register files, register set), e.g. Pentium II has 40 working registers
 - Hardware can allocate and manage registers, and perform the mapping dynamically at execution time

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Register Renaming

Output dependency (WAW):
i3 must not write R3 before i1 writes R3

Anti dependency (WAR):
i3 must not write R3 before i2 has read the value from R3

Typo on p. 552, line 15 [Stal10]

R3 ← R3 + R5 (i1)
R4 ← R3 + 1 (i2)
R3 ← R5 + 1 (i3)
R7 ← R3 + R4 (i4)

Solution

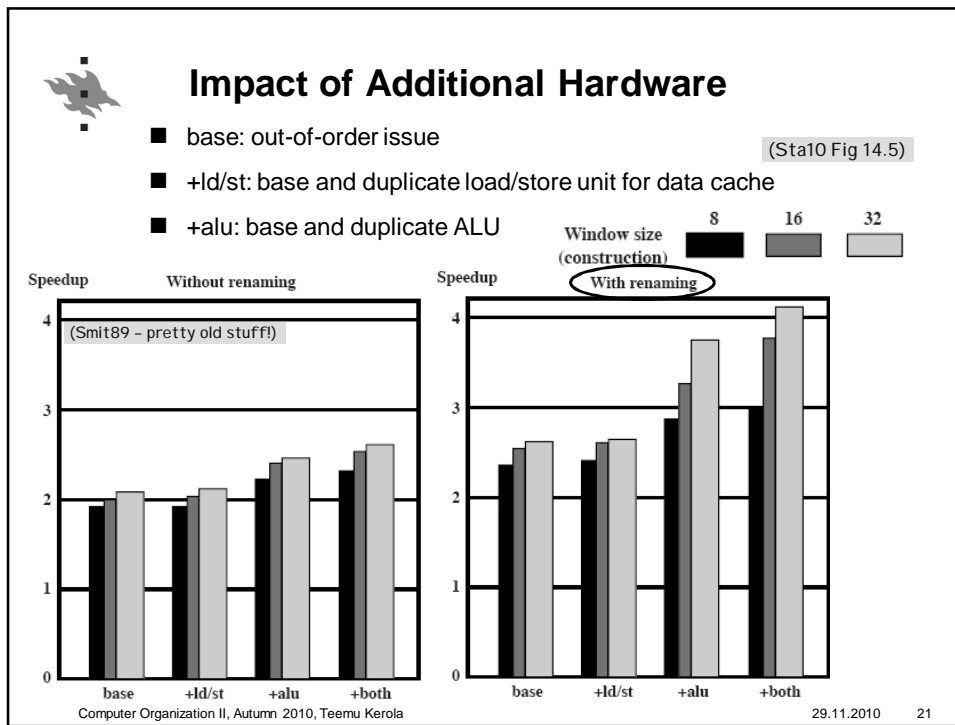
Rename R3
use work registers R3a, R3b, R3c
Other registers similarly:
R4b, R5a, R7b

No more dependencies based on names!

R3b ← R3a + R5a (i1)
R4b ← R3b + 1 (i2)
R3c ← R5a + 1 (i3)
R7b ← R3c + R4b (i4)

Discussion?

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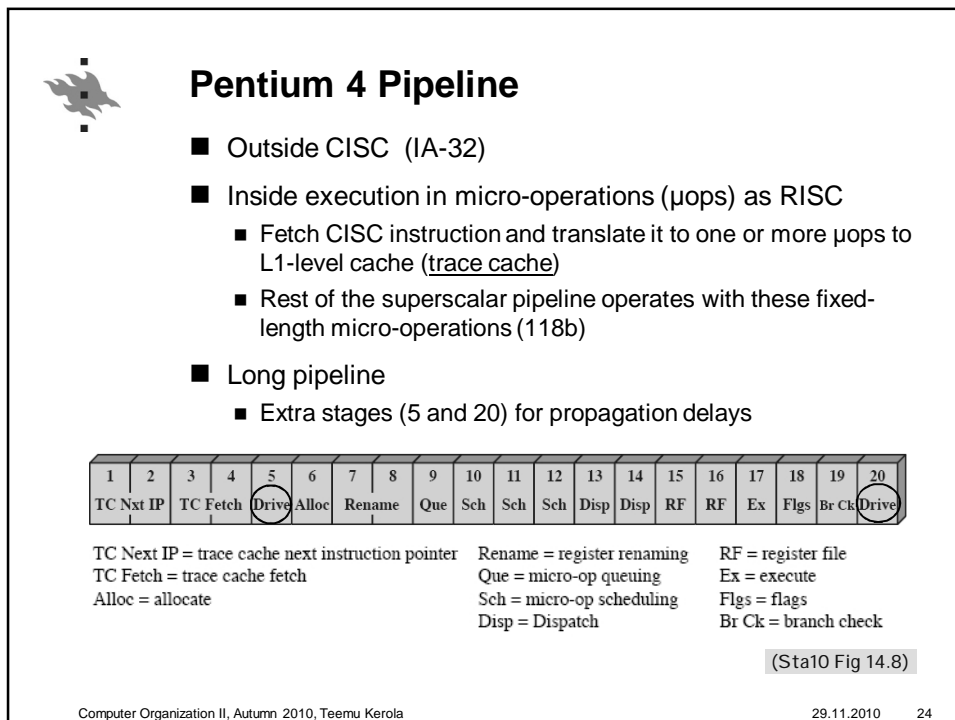
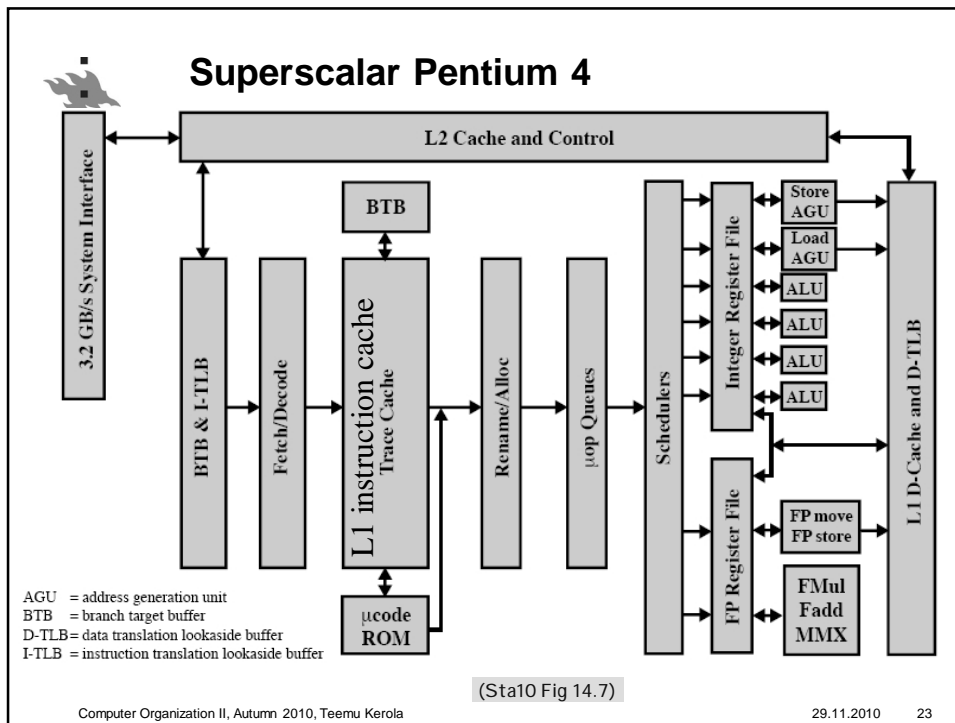



Superscalar Conclusion

- Several functionally independent units
- Efficient use of memory hierarchy
 - Allows parallel memory fetch and store
- Instruction prefetch
 - Branch prediction important
- Hardware-level logic for dependency detections
 - Circuits to pass information for other functional unit at the same time as storing to register or memory
- Hardware-level logic to issue several independent instructions
 - Dependencies → issue order
- Hardware-level logic to maintain correct completion order
 - Dependencies → commit-order

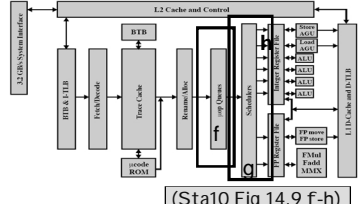
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Pentium Pipeline Window of Execution



(Sta10 Fig 14.9 f-h)

f) Micro-Op Queuing

- 2 FIFO queues for μ ops
 - One for memory operations (load, store)
 - One for everything else
- No dependencies, proceed when room in scheduling


g) Micro-Op Scheduling

- Retrieve μ ops from queue and dispatch (issue) for execution
- Only when operands ready (check from ROB-entry)

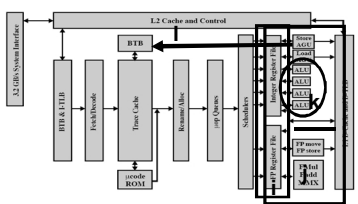
h) Dispatching

- Check the first instructions of FIFO-queues (their ROB-entries)
- If execution unit needed is free, dispatch to that unit
- Two queues \rightarrow out-of-order issue
- max 6 micro-ops dispatched in one cycle
 - ALU and FPU can handle 2 per cycle
 - Load and store each can handle 1 per cycle

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Pentium Pipeline Integer and FP Units




Sta10 Fig 14.9i-l

- i) Get data from register or L1 cache
- j) Execute instruction, set flags (lipuke)
 - Several pipelined execution units
 - 4 * Alu, 2 * FPU, 2 * load/store
 - E.g. fast ALU for simple ops, own ALU for multiplications
 - Result storing: in-order complete
 - Update ROB, allow next instruction to the unit
- k) Branch check
 - What happen in the jump /branch instruction
 - Was the prediction correct?
 - Abort incorrect instruction from the pipeline (no result storing)
- l) Drive – update BTB with the branch result

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Pentium 4 Hyperthreading




- One physical IA-32 CPU, but 2 logical CPUs
 - Instructions from 2 processes in the same pipeline
- OS sees as 2 CPU SMP (symmetric multiprocessing)
 - Logical processors execute different processes or threads
 - No code-level issues
 - OS must be capable to handle more processors (like scheduling, locks)
- Uses CPU wait cycles
 - Cache miss, dependences, wrong branch prediction
- If one logical CPU uses FP unit, then the other one can use INT unit
 - Benefits depend on the applications

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Pentium 4 Hyperthreading



- Duplicated (kahdennettu)
 - IP, EFLAGS and other control registers
 - Instruction TLB
 - Register renaming logic
- Split (puolitettu)
 - No monopoly, non-even split allowed
 - Reordering buffers (ROB)
 - Micro-op queues
 - Load/store buffers
- Shared (jaettu)
 - Register files (128 GPRs, 128 FPRs)
 - Caches: trace cache, L1, L2, L3
 - Registers needed during μops execution
 - Functional units: 2 ALU, 2 FPU, 2 ld/st-units

Intel Nehalem arch.:
 8 cores on one chip,
 1-16 threads (820
 million transistors)
 First launched processor
 Core i7 (Nov 2008)

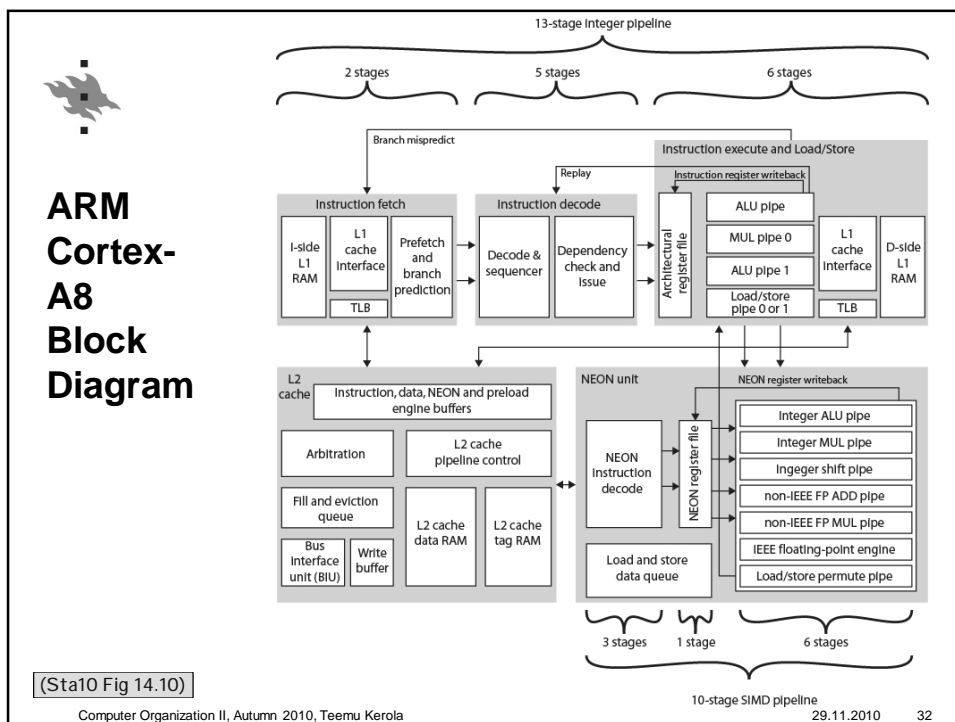
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Superscalar ARM CORTEX-A8

- In family of ARM application processors
- Embedded processor running complex operating system
 - Wireless, consumer and imaging applications
 - Mobile phones, set-top boxes, gaming consoles, automotive navigation/entertainment systems
- Three (four?) functional units
 - Fetch pipeline, decode pipeline, execute pipeline
 - SIMD pipeline NEON (10-stages)
- Dual, in-order-issue, 13-stage pipeline
 - Keep power required to a minimum
 - Out-of-order issue would need extra logic consuming extra power

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ARM Cortex-A8 Instruction Fetch Unit


Instruction fetch

I-side L1 RAM	L1 cache interface	Prefetch and branch prediction
TLB		

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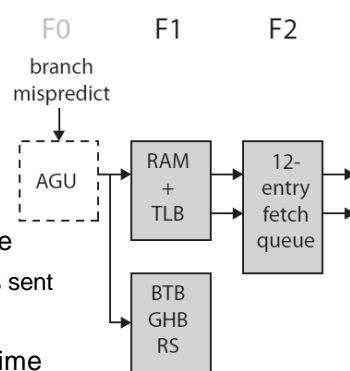
- Predicts instruction stream
- Fetches instructions from the (included) L1 instruction cache
 - Into buffer for decode pipeline
 - Up to four instructions per cycle
- Speculative instruction fetches
- Branch or exceptional instruction cause pipeline flush
- Two-level global history branch predictor
 - Branch Target Buffer (BTB) and Global History Buffer (GHB)
- Return stack to predict subroutine return addresses
- Can fetch and queue up to 12 instructions

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ARM Cortex-A8 Instruction Fetch Unit Processing Stages

- F0 address generation unit (AGU)
 - Next address sequentially
 - Or branch target address (from branch prediction of previous address)
- F1 fetch instructions from L1
 - In parallel, check the branch prediction for the next address
- F2 Place instruction to instruction queue
 - If branch prediction, new target address sent to AGU
- Issues instructions to decode two at a time



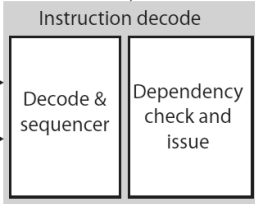
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ARM Cortex-A8 Instruction Decode Unit

- Dual pipeline structure, *pipe0* and *pipe1*
 - Two instructions at a time
 - Pipe0 contains older instruction in program order
 - If instruction in pipe0 cannot issue, pipe1 will not issue

- In-order instruction issue and retire
 - Results written back to register file at end of execution pipeline
 - no WAR hazards
 - tracks WAW hazards and straightforward recovery from flush
 - Decode pipeline to prevent RAW hazards

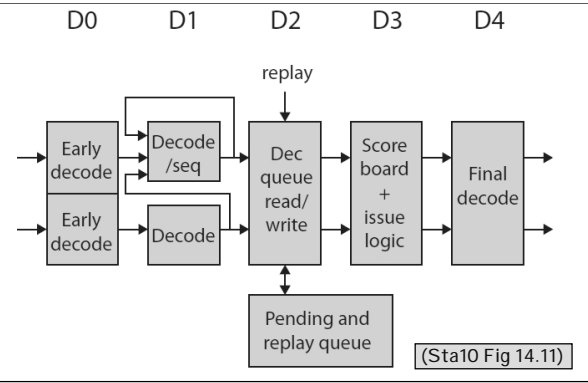


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ARM Cortex-A8 Instruction Decode Unit Processing Stages

- D0 Decompress Thumbs and do preliminary decode
- D1 Instruction decode completed
- D2 Write/read instructions to/from pending/replay queue
- D3 instruction scheduling logic
 - Scoreboard predicts register availability using static scheduling
 - Dependency checking
- D4 Final decode - control signals for integer execute load/store units



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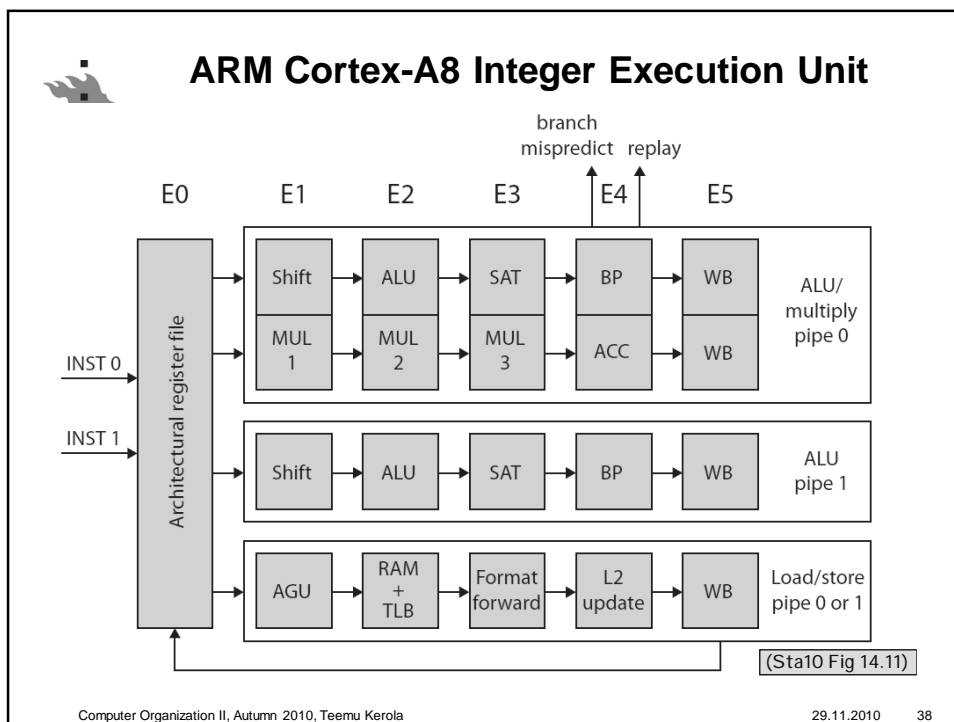
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ARM Cortex-A8 Integer Execution Unit

- Two symmetric (ALU) pipelines, an address generator for load and store instructions, and multiply pipeline
- Multiply unit instructions routed to pipe0
 - Performed in stages E1 through E3
 - Multiply accumulate operation in E4
- E0 Access register file
 - Up to six registers for two instructions
- E1 Barrel shifter if needed.
- E2 ALU function
- E3 If needed, completes saturation arithmetic
- E4 Change in control flow prioritized and processed
- E5 Results written back to register file

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ARM Cortex-A8 Load/Store Pipeline

- Parallel to integer pipeline
- E1 Memory address generated from base and index register
- E2 address applied to cache arrays
- E3 load, data returned and formatted
- E3 store, data are formatted and ready to be written to cache
- E4 Updates L2 cache, if required
- E5 Results are written to register file

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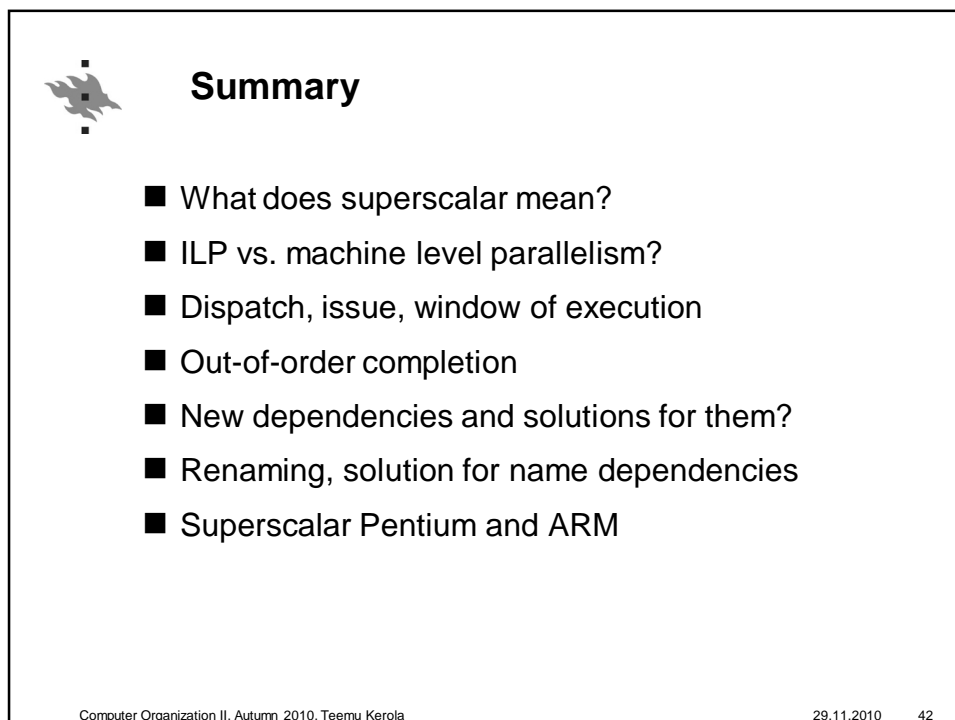
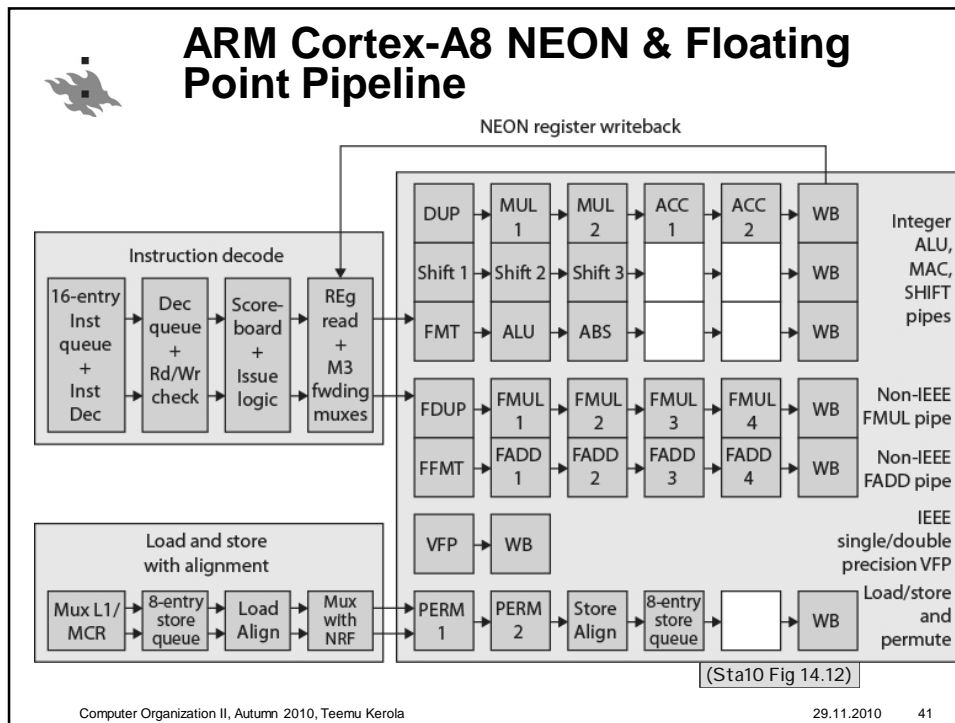
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    AGU[AGU] --> RAM[RAM + TLB]
    RAM --> Format[Format forward]
    Format --> L2[L2 update]
    L2 --> WB[WB]
    subgraph Pipeline [Load/store pipe 0 or 1]
        AGU
        RAM
        Format
        L2
        WB
    end
  
```

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ARM Cortex-A8 SIMD and Floating-Point Pipeline

- SIMD and floating-point instructions pass through integer pipeline
- Processed in separate 10-stage pipeline
 - NEON unit
 - Handles packed SIMD instructions
 - Provides two types of floating-point support
- If implemented, vector floating-point (VFP) coprocessor performs IEEE 754 floating-point operations
 - If not, separate multiply and add pipelines implement (non-IEEE) floating-point operations

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Review Questions

- Differences / similarities of superscalar and traditional pipeline?
- What new problems must be solved?
- How to solve those?
- What is register renaming and why it is used?