CMSC 411
Computer Systems Architecture
Lecture 16 Instruction Level Parallelism (cont.)

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- **Exam #2 moved to April 24**

Tomasulo Example Cycle 57

Instruction status:

Instruction		j	k	Issue	Exec Comp	Write Result
LD	F6	34+	R2	1	3	4
LD	F2	45+	R3	2	4	5
MULTD	F0	F2	F4	3	15	16
SUBD	F8	F6	F2	4	7	8
DIVD	F10	F0	F6	5	56	57
ADDD	F6	F8	F2	6	10	11

	Busy	Address
Load1	No	
Load2	No	
Load3	No	

Reservation Stations:

Time	Name	Busy	Op	S1 Vj	S2 Vk	RS Qj	RS Qk
	Add1	No					
	Add2	No					
	Add3	No					
	Mult1	No					
	Mult2	Yes	DIVD	M*F4	M(A1)		

Register result status:

Clock		F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
56	FU	M*F4	M(A2)		(M-M+M	(M-M)	Result			

- **Once again: In-order issue, out-of-order execution and out-of-order completion.**

Why can Tomasulo overlap loop iterations?

- Register renaming
  - Multiple iterations use different physical destinations for registers (dynamic loop unrolling).
- Reservation stations
  - Permit instruction issue to advance past integer control flow operations
  - Also buffer old values of registers - totally avoiding WAR stalls
- Other perspective: Tomasulo building data flow dependency graph on the fly

2 Main Advantages w/ Tomasulo

1. Distribution of the hazard detection logic
   - distributed reservation stations and the CDB
   - If multiple instructions waiting on single result, & each instruction already has other operand, then instructions can be released simultaneously by broadcast on CDB
   - If a centralized register file were used, the units would have to read their results from the registers when register buses are available
2. Elimination of stalls for WAW and WAR hazards

Tomasulo Drawbacks

- Complexity
  - delays of 360/91, MIPS 10000, Alpha 21264
- Many associative stores (CDB) at high speed
- Performance limited by Common Data Bus
  - Each CDB must go to multiple functional units ⇒high capacitance, high wiring density
  - Number of functional units that can complete per cycle limited to one!
    - » Solution is to use multiple CDBs ⇒ more FU logic for parallel associative stores
- Non-precise interrupts!
  - We will address this later

And In Conclusion … #1

- Leverage Implicit Parallelism for Performance: Instruction Level Parallelism
- Loop unrolling by compiler to increase ILP
- Branch prediction to increase ILP
- Dynamic HW exploiting ILP
  - Works when can't know dependence at compile time
  - Can hide L1 cache misses
  - Code for one machine runs well on another

And In Conclusion … #2

- Reservations stations: *renaming* to larger set of registers + buffering source operands
  - Prevents registers as bottleneck
  - Avoids WAR, WAW hazards
  - Allows loop unrolling in HW
- Not limited to basic blocks (integer units get ahead, beyond branches)
- Helps cache misses as well
- Lasting Contributions
  - Dynamic scheduling
  - Register renaming
  - Load/store disambiguation
- 360/91 descendants are Intel Pentium 4, IBM Power 5/6, AMD Athlon/Opteron, …

ADDING SPECULATION TO TOMASULO'S ALGORITHM

Speculation to greater ILP

- Greater ILP: Overcome control dependence by hardware speculating on outcome of branches and executing program as if guesses were correct
  - Speculation ⇒ fetch, issue, and execute instructions as if branch predictions were always correct
  - Dynamic scheduling ⇒ only fetches and issues instructions
- Essentially a data flow execution model: Operations execute as soon as their operands are available

Speculation to greater ILP

- 3 components of HW-based speculation:
  1. Dynamic branch prediction to choose which instructions to execute
  2. Speculation to allow execution of instructions before control dependences are resolved
     + ability to undo effects of incorrectly speculated sequence
  3. Dynamic scheduling to deal with scheduling of different combinations of basic blocks

speculatively executing post-branch instructions

Adding Speculation to Tomasulo

- Must separate execution from allowing instruction to finish or "commit"
  - This additional step called instruction commit
- When an instruction is no longer speculative, allow it to update the register file or memory
- Requires additional set of buffers to hold results of instructions that have finished execution but have not committed
  - This reorder buffer (ROB) is also used to pass results among instructions that may be speculated

Reorder Buffer (ROB)

- In Tomasulo's algorithm, once an instruction writes its result, any subsequently issued instructions will find result in the register file
- With speculation, the register file is not updated until the instruction commits
  - know definitively that the instruction should execute
- Thus, the ROB supplies operands in interval between completion of instruction execution and instruction commit
  - ROB is a source of operands for instructions, just as reservation stations (RS) provide operands in Tomasulo's algorithm
  - ROB extends architecture registers like RS

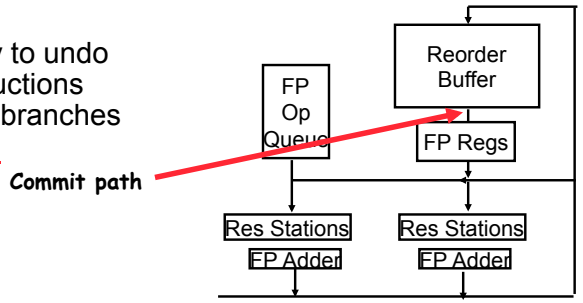
Reorder Buffer Entry

- Each entry in the ROB contains four fields:

1. Instruction type
   - a branch (has no destination result), a store (has a memory address destination), or a register operation (ALU operation or load, which has register destinations)
2. Destination
   - Register number (for loads and ALU operations) or memory address (for stores) where the instruction result should be written
3. Value
   - Value of instruction result until the instruction commits
4. Ready
   - Indicates that instruction has completed execution, and the value is ready

Reorder Buffer operation

- Holds instructions in FIFO order, exactly as issued
- When instructions complete, results placed into ROB
  - Supplies operands to other instruction between execution complete & commit ⇒ more registers like RS
  - Tag results with ROB buffer number instead of reservation station
- Instructions commit ⇒values at head of ROB placed in registers
- As a result, easy to undo speculated instructions on mispredicted branches or on exceptions



Recall: 4 Steps of Speculative Tomasulo Algorithm

1. Issue—get instruction from FP Op Queue

   If reservation station and reorder buffer slot free, issue instr & send operands & reorder buffer no. for destination (this stage sometimes called "dispatch")

2. Execution—operate on operands (EX)

   When both operands ready then execute; if not ready, watch CDB for result; when both in reservation station, execute; checks RAW (sometimes called "issue")

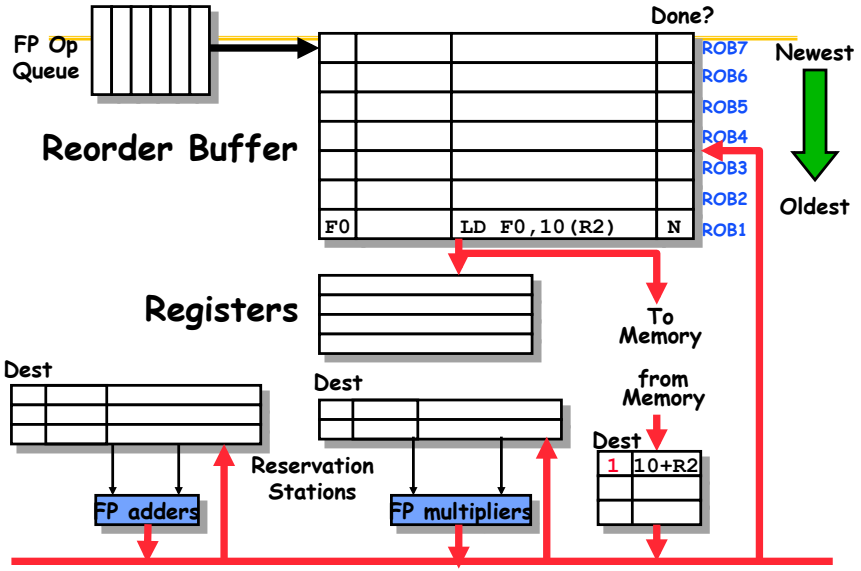
3. Write result—finish execution (WB)

   Write on Common Data Bus to all awaiting FUs & reorder buffer; mark reservation station available.

4. Commit—update register with reorder result

   When instr. at head of reorder buffer & result present, update register with result (or store to memory) and remove instr from reorder buffer. Mispredicted branch flushes reorder buffer (sometimes called "graduation")

Tomasulo With Reorder buffer:



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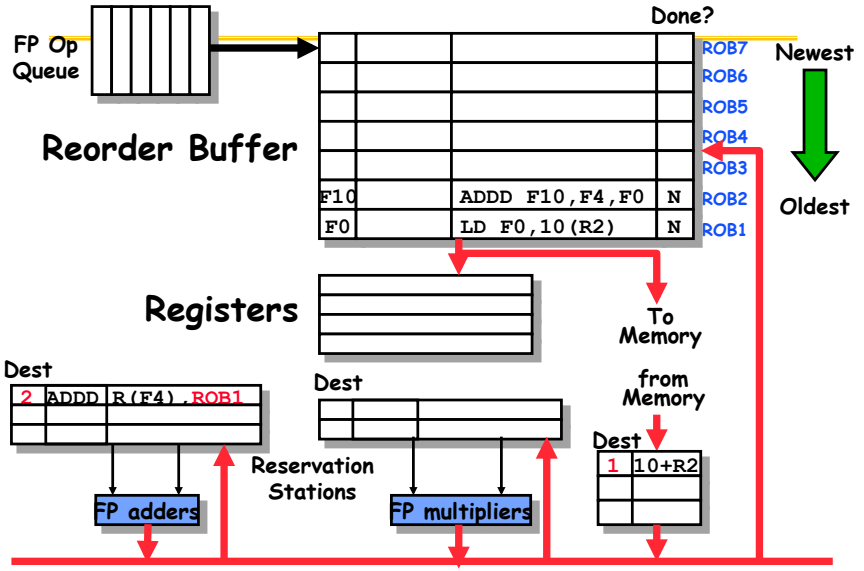

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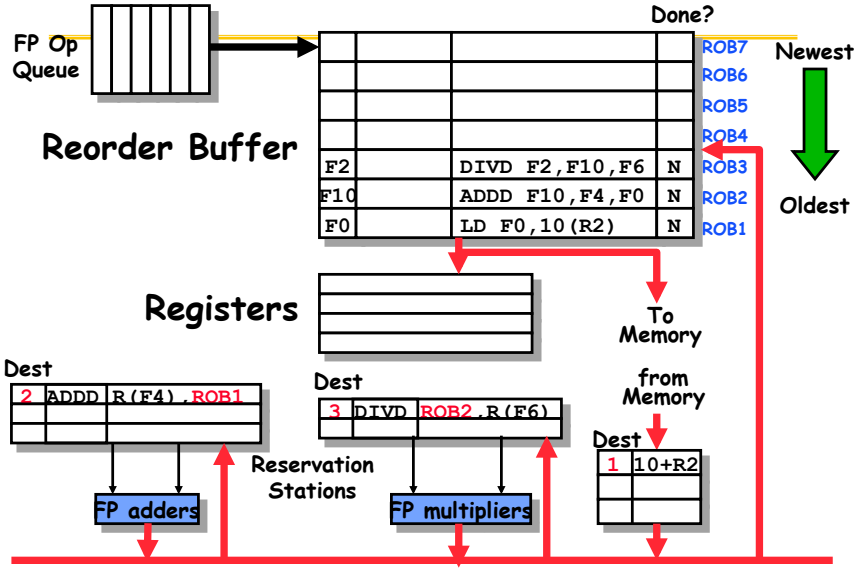

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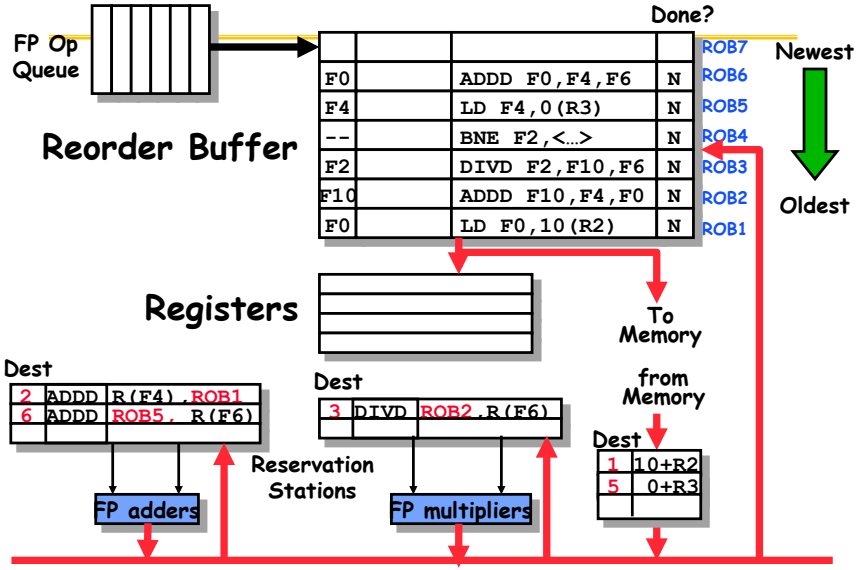

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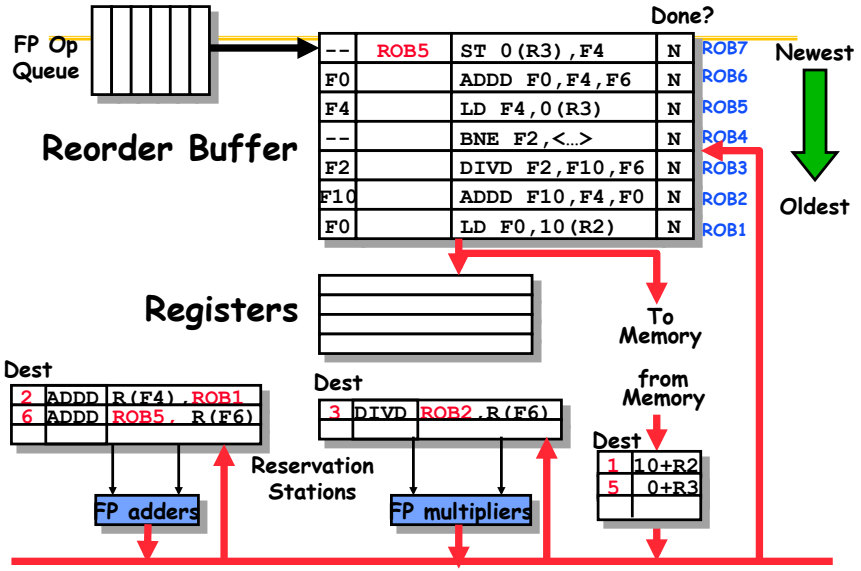

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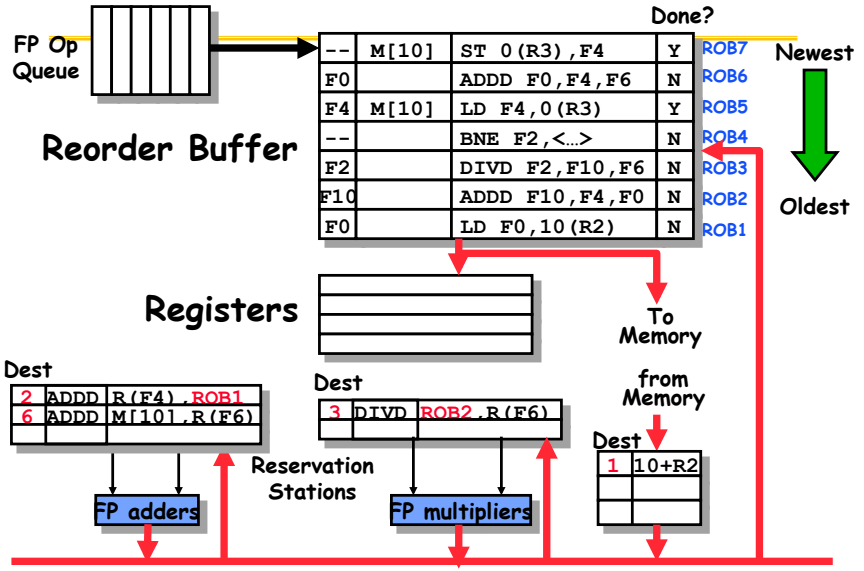

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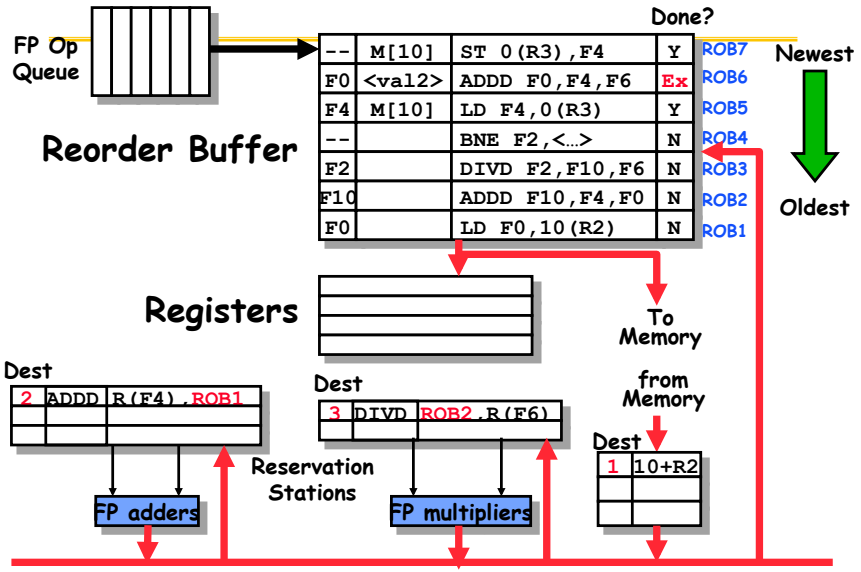

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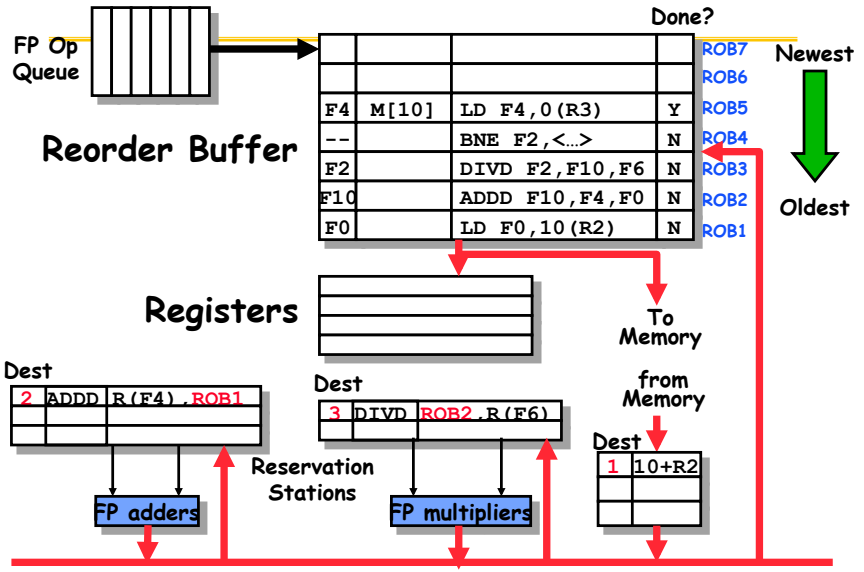

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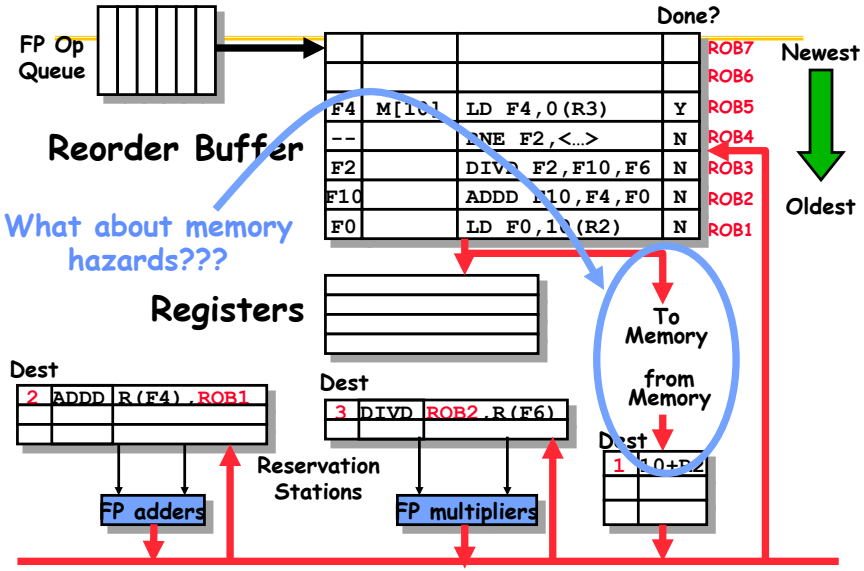

Avoiding Memory Hazards

- WAW and WAR hazards through memory are eliminated with speculation because actual updating of memory occurs in order, when a store is at head of the ROB, and hence, no earlier loads or stores can still be pending
- RAW hazards through memory are maintained by two restrictions:
  1. not allowing a *load* to initiate the second step of its execution if any active ROB entry occupied by a *store* has a Destination field that matches the value of the A field of the load, and
  2. maintaining the program order for the computation of an effective address of a load with respect to all earlier stores.
- these restrictions ensure that any load that accesses a memory location written to by an earlier store cannot perform the memory access until the store has written the data

Exceptions and Interrupts

- IBM 360/91 invented “imprecise interrupts”
  - Computer stopped at this PC; its likely close to this address
  - Not so popular with programmers
  - Also, what about Virtual Memory? (Not in IBM 360)
- Technique for both precise interrupts/exceptions and speculation: *in-order completion* and *in-order commit*
  - If we speculate and are wrong, need to back up and restart execution to point at which we predicted incorrectly
  - This is exactly same as need to do with precise exceptions
- Exceptions are handled by not recognizing the exception until instruction that caused it is ready to commit in ROB
  - If a speculated instruction raises an exception, the exception is recorded in the ROB
  - This is why reorder buffers in all new processors

Getting CPI under 1: Outline

- **More ILP**
  - **VLIW**
  - **branch target buffer**
  - **return address predictor**
  - **superscalar**
  - **more register renaming**
  - **value prediction**
  - **conditional instructions**
  - **speculative loads**
  - **superscalar**
  - **Limits to ILP**

Getting CPI below 1

- CPI ≥ 1 if issue only 1 instruction every clock cycle
- Multiple-issue processors come in 3 flavors:
  1. statically-scheduled *superscalar* processors,
  2. dynamically-scheduled superscalar processors, and
  3. VLIW (very long instruction word) processors
- 2 types of superscalar processors issue varying numbers of instructions per clock
  - use in-order execution if they are statically scheduled, or
  - out-of-order execution if they are dynamically scheduled
- VLIW processors, in contrast, issue a fixed number of instructions formatted either as one large instruction or as a fixed instruction packet with the parallelism among instructions explicitly indicated by the instruction (Intel/HP Itanium)

VLIW: Very Large Instruction Word

- Each "instruction" has explicit coding for multiple operations
  - In IA-64, grouping called a "packet"
  - In Transmeta, grouping called a "molecule" (with "atoms" as ops)
- Tradeoff instruction space for simple decoding
  - The long instruction word has room for many operations
  - By definition, all the operations the compiler puts in the long instruction word are independent => execute in parallel
  - E.g., 2 integer operations, 2 FP ops, 2 Memory refs, 1 branch
    - » 16 to 24 bits per field => 7*16 or 112 bits to 7*24 or 168 bits wide
  - Need compiling technique that schedules across several branches