# Programming modern processors & introduction to multithreaded processors

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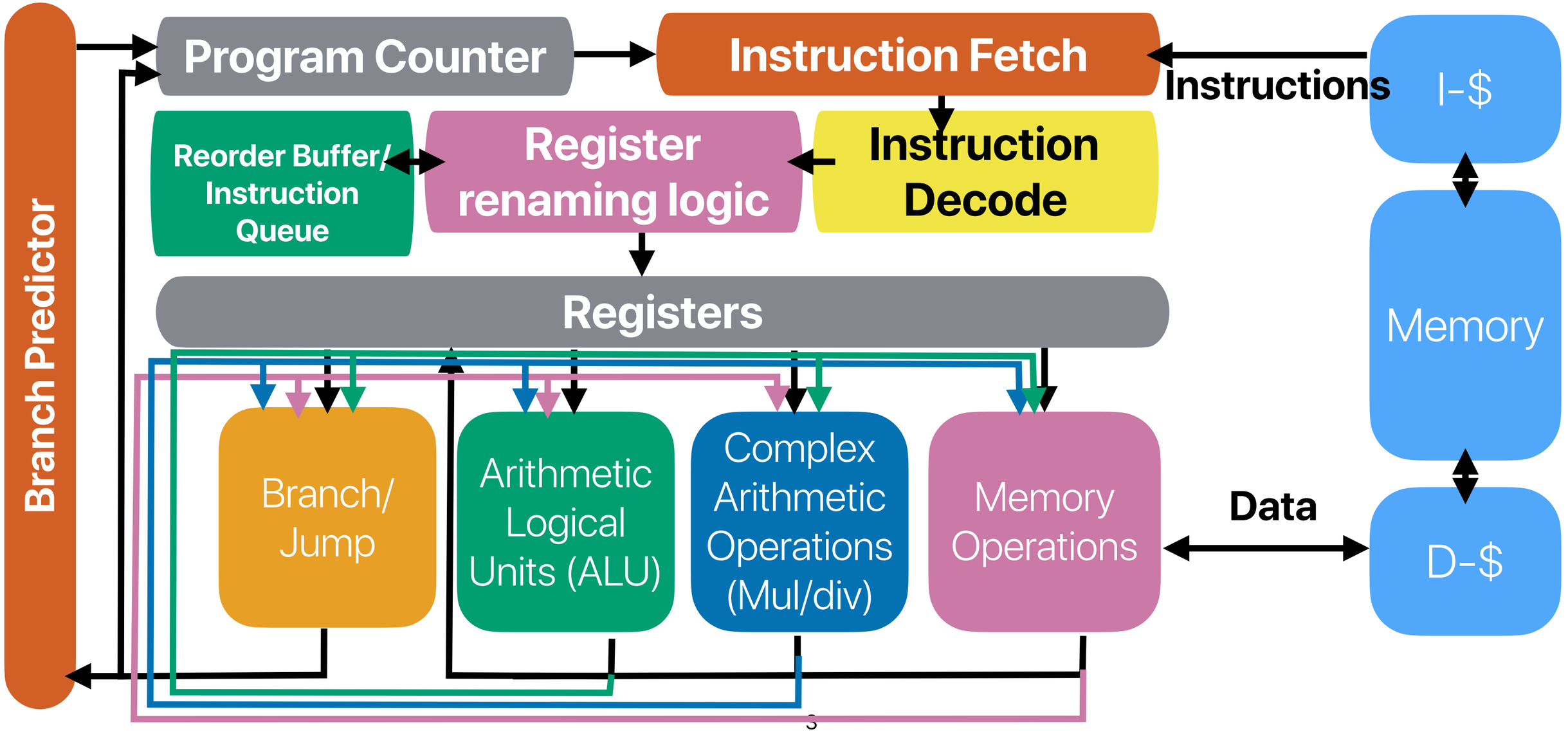
# Recap: Register renaming + OoO

- Redirecting the output of an instruction instance to a **physical register**
- Redirecting inputs of an instruction instance from **architectural registers** to correct **physical registers**
  - You need a mapping table between architectural and physical registers
  - You may also need reference counters to reclaim physical registers
- OoO: Executing an instruction all operands are ready (the values of depending physical registers are generated)
  - You will need an **issue logic** to **issue** an instruction to the target functional unit
  - Reorder buffer (ROB) to commit instructions in-order
    - The processor allocates an entry for each instruction in a reorder buffer
    - Store results in **reorder buffer and physical registers** when the instruction is still speculative
    - If an earlier instruction failed to commit due to an exception or mis-prediction, the physical registers and all ROB entries after the failed-to-commit instruction are flushed
    - An instruction can officially “retire” only if all prior instructions are committed

# Register renaming + OoO + RoB



# Through data flow graph analysis

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③  movq %r8, (%rdi,%rax)
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⑤  addq $8, %rax
⑥  cmpq %r9, %rax
⑦  jne  .L9
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⑨  movq (%rcx,%rax), %r8
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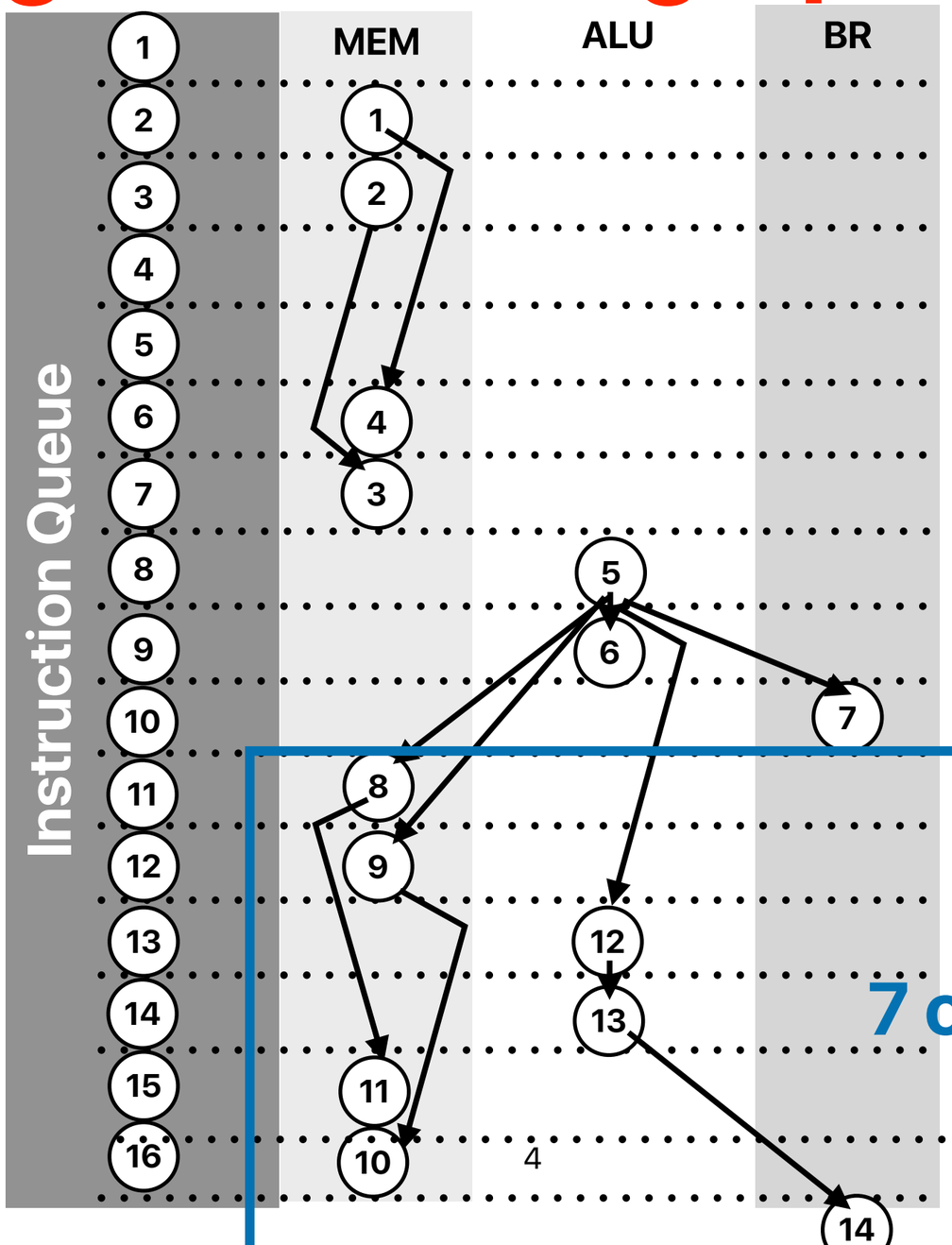



**7 cycles every iteration**

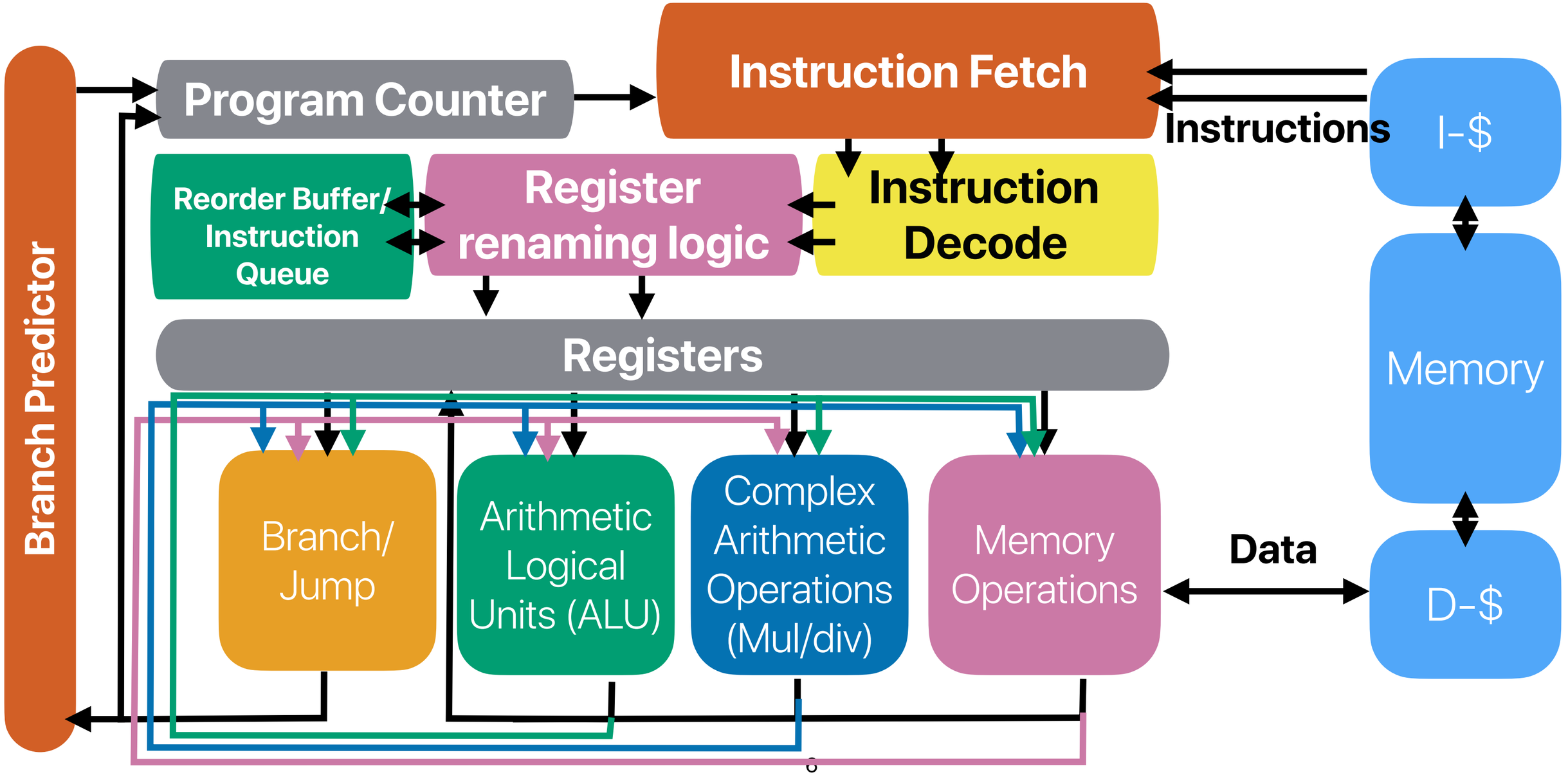
**CPI = $\frac{7}{7} = 1$!**

# Recap: Superscalar

- Since we have many functional units now, we should fetch/decode more instructions each cycle so that we can have more instructions to issue!
- Super-scalar: fetch/decode/issue more than one instruction each cycle
  - **Fetch width:** how many instructions can the processor fetch/decode each cycle
  - **Issue width**: how many instructions can the processor issue each cycle
- The theoretical CPI should now be

$$\frac{1}{min(issue\ \ width, fetch\ \ width, decode\ \ width)}$$

# Register renaming + SuperScalar



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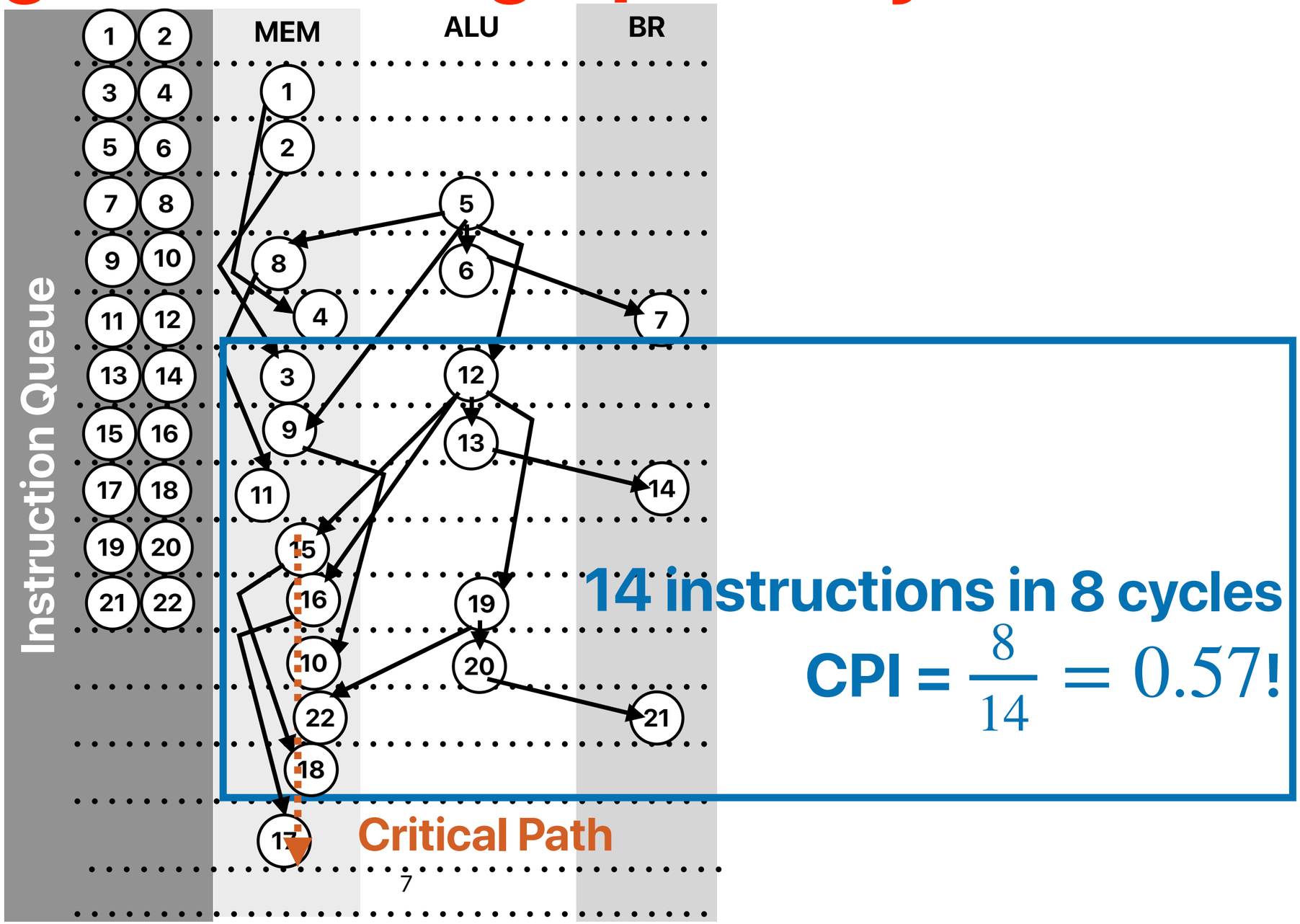



**14 instructions in 8 cycles**

**CPI =** $\frac{8}{14} = 0.57$**!**

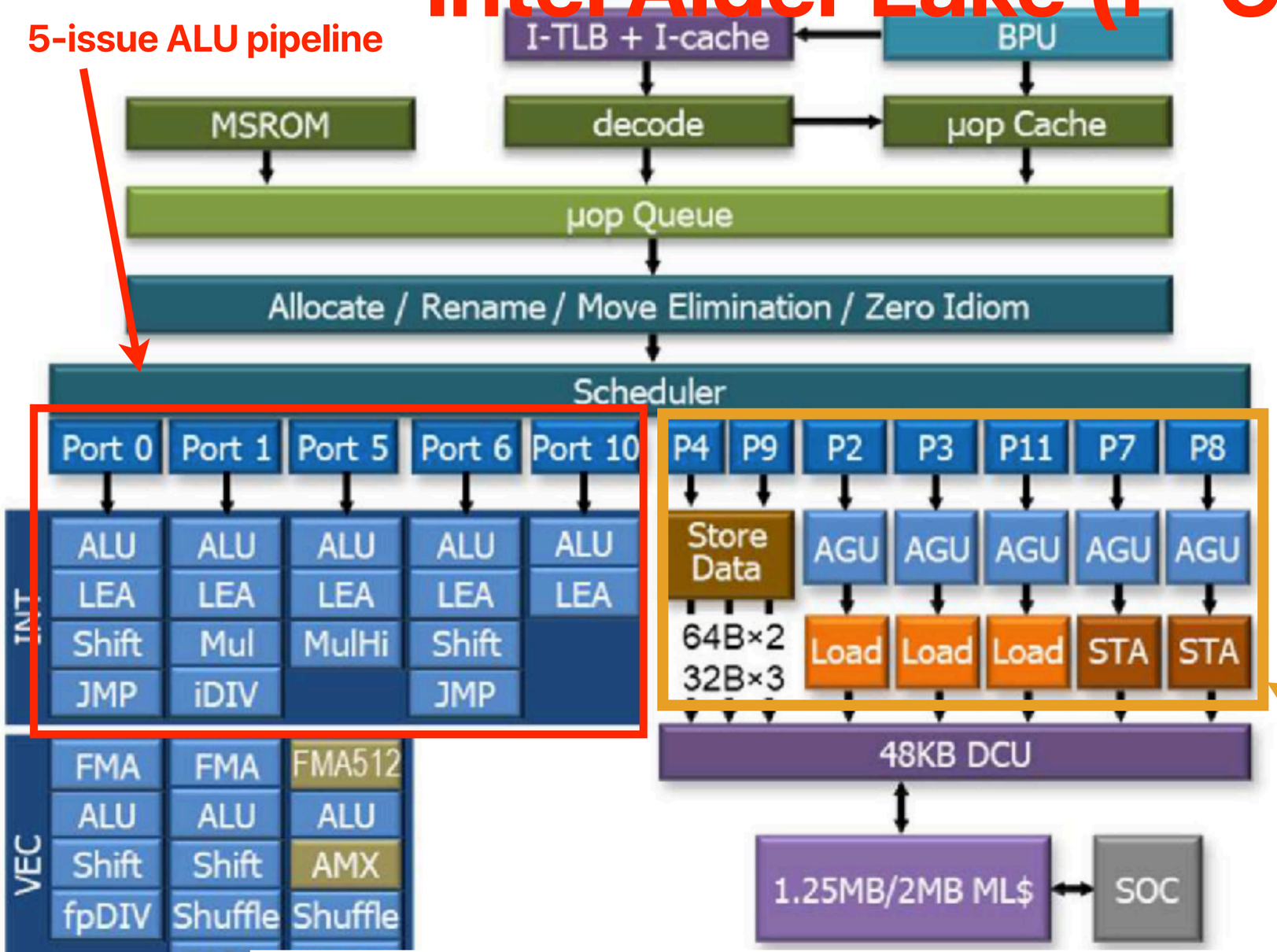
# Intel Alder Lake (P-Core)

$$MinCPI = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$MinINTInst.CPI = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$MinMEMInst.CPI = \frac{1}{7}$$

$$MinBRInst.CPI = \frac{1}{2}$$

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# Summary: Characteristics of modern processor architectures

- Multiple-issue pipelines with multiple functional units available
  - Multiple ALUs
  - Multiple Load/store units
  - Dynamic OoO scheduling to reorder instructions whenever possible
- Cache — very high hit rate **if your code has good locality**
  - Very matured data/instruction prefetcher
- Branch predictors — very high accuracy **if your code is predictable**
  - Perceptron
  - TAGE

# Outline

- Programming modern processors
- Parallel architectures

# Demo: Popcount

- The population count (or popcount) of a specific value is the number of set bits (i.e., bits in 1s) in that value.
- Applications
  - Parity bits in error correction/detection code
  - Cryptography
  - Sparse matrix
  - Molecular Fingerprinting
  - Implementation of some succinct data structures like bit vectors and wavelet trees.

# Demo: Popcount

- Given a 64-bit integer number, find the number of 1s in its binary representation.
- Example 1:
  Input: 59487
  Output: 10
  Explanation: 59487's binary representation is 0b1110100001011111

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {

      uint64_t key = 0xdeadbeef;

      int count = 1000000000;
      uint64_t sum = 0;

      for (int i=0; i < count; i++)
      {
            sum += popcount(RandLFSR(key));
      }
      printf("Result: %lu\n", sum);
      return sum;
}
```

# Five implementations

- Which of the following implementations will perform the best on modern pipeline processors?

A

```
inline int popcount(uint64_t x){
  int c=0;
  while(x)  {
        c += x & 1;
        x = x >> 1;
    }
    return c;
}
```

B

```
inline int popcount(uint64_t x) {
   int c = 0;
   while(x)     {
     c += x & 1;
     x = x >> 1;
     c += x & 1;
     x = x >> 1;
     c += x & 1;
     x = x >> 1;
     c += x & 1;
     x = x >> 1;
   }
   return c;
}
```

C

```
inline int popcount(uint64_t x) {
     int c = 0;
     int table[16] = {0, 1, 1, 2, 1,
2, 2, 3, 1, 2, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 4};
     while(x)     {
         c += table[(x & 0xF)];
         x = x >> 4;
     }
     return c;
}
```

D

```
inline int popcount(uint64_t x) {
     int c = 0;
     int table[16] = {0, 1, 1, 2, 1,
2, 2, 3, 1, 2, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 4};
     for (uint64_t i = 0; i < 16; i++)
     {
         c += table[(x & 0xF)];
         x = x >> 4;
     }
     return c;
 }
```

E

```
inline int popcount(uint64_t x) {
     int c = 0;
     for (uint64_t i = 0; i < 16; i++)
     {
         switch((x & 0xF))
         {
             case 1: c+=1; break;
             case 2: c+=1; break;
             case 3: c+=2; break;
             case 4: c+=1; break;
             case 5: c+=2; break;
             case 6: c+=2; break;
             case 7: c+=3; break;
             case 8: c+=1; break;
             case 9: c+=2; break;
             case 10: c+=2; break;
             case 11: c+=3; break;
             case 12: c+=2; break;
             case 13: c+=3; break;
             case 14: c+=3; break;
             case 15: c+=4; break;
             default: break;
         }
         x = x >> 4;
     }
     return c;
}
```



# Why is B better than A?

- How many of the following statements explains the reason why B outperforms A with compiler optimizations
  - ① B has lower dynamic instruction count than A
  - ② B has significantly lower branch mis-prediction rate than A
  - ③ B has significantly fewer branch instructions than A
  - ④ B can incur fewer data hazards

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}
```

B

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inline int popcount(uint64_t x) {
    int c = 0;
    while(x)      {
      c += x & 1;
      x = x >> 1;
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    }
    return c;
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    }
    return c;
}
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    }
    return c;
}
```

```
movl    %eax, %ecx
andl    $1, %ecx
addl    %ecx, %edx
shrq    %rax
jne     .L6
```

**5*n instructions**

B

```
inline int popcount(uint64_t x) {
   int c = 0;
   while(x)     {
     c += x & 1;
     x = x >> 1;
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     x = x >> 1;
   }
   return c;
}
```

**15*(n/4) = 3.75*n instructions**

```
movl    %ecx, %eax
andl    $1, %eax
addl    %edx, %eax
movq    %rcx, %rdx
shrq    %rdx
andl    $1, %edx
addl    %eax, %edx
movq    %rcx, %rax
shrq    $2, %rax
andl    $1, %eax
addl    %edx, %eax
movq    %rcx, %rdx
shrq    $3, %rdx
andl    $1, %edx
addl    %eax, %edx
shrq    $4, %rcx
jne     .L6
```

Only one branch for four iterations in A

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  - ③ ✓ B has significantly fewer branch instructions than A
  - ④ ✓ B can incur fewer data hazards

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      x = x >> 1;
    }
    return c;
}
```

# Why is C better than B?

- How many of the following statements explains the reason why B outperforms C with compiler optimizations
  - ① C has lower dynamic instruction count than B
  - ② C has significantly lower branch mis-prediction rate than B
  - ③ C has significantly fewer branch instructions than B
  - ④ C can incur fewer data hazards

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      while(x)      {
          c += table[(x & 0xF)];
          x = x >> 4;
      }
      return c;
}
```

B

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inline int popcount(uint64_t x) {
    int c = 0;
    while(x)      {
      c += x & 1;
      x = x >> 1;
      c += x & 1;
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      c += x & 1;
      x = x >> 1;
      c += x & 1;
      x = x >> 1;
    }
    return c;
}
```

# Why is C better than B?

- How many of the following statements explains the reason why B outperforms C with compiler optimizations
  - ① C has lower dynamic instruction count than B — C only needs one load, one add, one shift, the same amount of iterations
  - ② C has significantly lower branch mis-prediction rate than B — the same number being predicted.
  - ③ C has significantly fewer branch instructions than B — the same amount of branches
  - ④ C can incur fewer data hazards — Probably not. In fact, the load may have negative effect without architectural supports

A. 0

B. 1

C. 2

D. 3

E. 4

C

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inline int popcount(uint64_t x) {
    int c = 0;
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    while(x)     {
        c += table[(x & 0xF)];
        x = x >> 4;
    }
    return c;
}
```

B

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inline int popcount(uint64_t x) {
    int c = 0;
    while(x)     {
      c += x & 1;
      x = x >> 1;
      c += x & 1;
      x = x >> 1;
      c += x & 1;
      x = x >> 1;
      c += x & 1;
      x = x >> 1;
    }
    return c;
}
```



# Why is D better than C?

- How many of the following statements explains the main reason why B outperforms C with compiler optimizations
  - ① D has lower dynamic instruction count than C
  - ② D has significantly lower branch mis-prediction rate than C
  - ③ D has significantly fewer branch instructions than C
  - ④ D can incur fewer data hazards than C

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E. 4

C

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inline int popcount(uint64_t x) {
      int c = 0;
      int table[16] = {0, 1, 1, 2, 1,
2, 2, 3, 1, 2, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 4};
      while(x)      {
          c += table[(x & 0xF)];
          x = x >> 4;
      }
      return c;
}
```

D

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      for (uint64_t i = 0; i < 16; i++)
      {
          c += table[(x & 0xF)];
          x = x >> 4;
      }
      return c;
 }
```

# Loop unrolling eliminates all branches!

D

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     int c = 0;
     int table[16] = {0, 1, 1, 2, 1,
2, 2, 3, 1, 2, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 4};
     for (uint64_t i = 0; i < 16; i++)
     {
         c += table[(x & 0xF)];
         x = x >> 4;
     }
     return c;
 }
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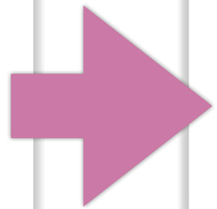

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          x = x >> 4;
     return c;
}
```

# Why is D better than C?

- How many of the following statements explains the main reason why B outperforms C with compiler optimizations
  - ① D has lower dynamic instruction count than C — Compiler can do loop unrolling — no branches
  - ② D has significantly lower branch mis-prediction rate than C — Could be
  - ③ D has significantly fewer branch instructions than C — maybe eliminated through loop unrolling...
  - ④ D can incur fewer data hazards than C — about the same

A. 0
B. 1
C. 2
D. 3
E. 4

C

```
inline int popcount(uint64_t x) {
     int c = 0;
     int table[16] = {0, 1, 1, 2, 1,
2, 2, 3, 1, 2, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 4};
     while(x)     {
         c += table[(x & 0xF)];
         x = x >> 4;
     }
     return c;
}
```

D

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inline int popcount(uint64_t x) {
     int c = 0;
     int table[16] = {0, 1, 1, 2, 1,
2, 2, 3, 1, 2, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 4};
     for (uint64_t i = 0; i < 16; i++)
     {
         c += table[(x & 0xF)];
         x = x >> 4;
     }
     return c;
 }
```

# Why is E the slowest?

- How many of the following statements explains the main reason why B outperforms C with compiler optimizations
  - ① E has the most dynamic instruction count
  - ② E has the highest branch mis-prediction rate
  - ③ E has the most branch instructions
  - ④ E can incur the most data hazards than others

A. 0
B. 1
C. 2
D. 3
E. 4

D

```
inline int popcount(uint64_t x) {
    int c = 0;
    int table[16] = {0, 1, 1, 2, 1,
2, 2, 3, 1, 2, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 4};
    for (uint64_t i = 0; i < 16; i++)
    {
        c += table[(x & 0xF)];
        x = x >> 4;
    }
    return c;
}
```

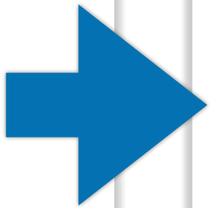
E

```
inline int popcount(uint64_t x) {
    int c = 0;
    for (uint64_t i = 0; i < 16; i++)
    {
        switch((x & 0xF))
        {
            case 1: c+=1; break;
            case 2: c+=1; break;
            case 3: c+=2; break;
            case 4: c+=1; break;
            case 5: c+=2; break;
            case 6: c+=2; break;
            case 7: c+=3; break;
            case 8: c+=1; break;
            case 9: c+=2; break;
            case 10: c+=2; break;
            case 11: c+=3; break;
            case 12: c+=2; break;
            case 13: c+=3; break;
            case 14: c+=3; break;
            case 15: c+=4; break;
            default: break;
        }
        x = x >> 4;
    }
    return c;
}
```

# Why is E the slowest?

E

```
inline int popcount(uint64_t x) {
    int c = 0;
    for (uint64_t i = 0; i < 16; i++)
    {
        switch((x & 0xF))
        {
            case 1: c+=1; break;
            case 2: c+=1; break;
            case 3: c+=2; break;
            case 4: c+=1; break;
            case 5: c+=2; break;
            case 6: c+=2; break;
            case 7: c+=3; break;
            case 8: c+=1; break;
            case 9: c+=2; break;
            case 10: c+=2; break;
            case 11: c+=3; break;
            case 12: c+=2; break;
            case 13: c+=3; break;
            case 14: c+=3; break;
            case 15: c+=4; break;
            default: break;
        }
        x = x >> 4;
    }
    return c;
}
```



```
.L11:
        movq    %r9, %rcx
        andl    $15, %ecx
        movslq  (%r8,%rcx,4), %rcx
        addq    %r8, %rcx
        notrack jmp     *%rcx
.L7:
        .long   .L5-.L7
        .long   .L10-.L7
        .long   .L10-.L7
        .long   .L9-.L7
        .long   .L10-.L7
        .long   .L9-.L7
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        .long   .L9-.L7
        .long   .L8-.L7
        .long   .L8-.L7
        .long   .L6-.L7
.L8:
        addl    $3, %eax
.L5:
        shrq    $4, %r9
        subq    $1, %rsi
        jne     .L11
        cltq
        addq    %rax, %rbx
        subl    $1, %edi
        jne     .L12
```

```
.L9:
        .cfi_restore_state
        addl    $2, %eax
        jmp     .L5
        .p2align 4,,10
        .p2align 3
.L10:
        addl    $1, %eax
        jmp     .L5
        .p2align 4,,10
        .p2align 3
.L6:
        addl    $4, %eax
        jmp     .L5
```

# Why is E the slowest?

- How many of the following statements explains the main reason why B outperforms C with compiler optimizations
  - ① E has the most dynamic instruction count
  - ② E has the highest branch mis-prediction rate
  - ③ E has the most branch instructions
  - ④ E can incur the most data hazards than others

A. 0
B. 1
C. 2
D. 3
E. 4

D

```
inline int popcount(uint64_t x) {
     int c = 0;
     int table[16] = {0, 1, 1, 2, 1,
2, 2, 3, 1, 2, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 4};
     for (uint64_t i = 0; i < 16; i++)
     {
         c += table[(x & 0xF)];
         x = x >> 4;
     }
     return c;
 }
```

E

```
inline int popcount(uint64_t x) {
     int c = 0;
     for (uint64_t i = 0; i < 16; i++)
     {
         switch((x & 0xF))
         {
             case 1: c+=1; break;
             case 2: c+=1; break;
             case 3: c+=2; break;
             case 4: c+=1; break;
             case 5: c+=2; break;
             case 6: c+=2; break;
             case 7: c+=3; break;
             case 8: c+=1; break;
             case 9: c+=2; break;
             case 10: c+=2; break;
             case 11: c+=3; break;
             case 12: c+=2; break;
             case 13: c+=3; break;
             case 14: c+=3; break;
             case 15: c+=4; break;
             default: break;
         }
         x = x >> 4;
     }
     return c;
 }
```

# Hardware acceleration

- Because popcount is important, both intel and AMD added a POPCNT instruction in their processors with SSE4.2 and SSE4a
- In C/C++, you may use the intrinsic "_mm_popcnt_u64" to get # of "1"s in an unsigned 64-bit number
  - You need to compile the program with -m64 -msse4.2 flags to enable these new features

```
#include <smmintrin.h>
inline int popcount(uint64_t x) {
      int c = _mm_popcnt_u64(x);
      return c;
}
```

# Tips of programming on modern processors

- Minimize the critical path operations
  - Don’t forget about optimizing cache/memory locality first!
    - Memory latencies are still way longer than any arithmetic instruction
    - Can we use arrays/hash tables instead of lists?
  - Branch can be expensive as pipeline get deeper
    - Sorting
    - Loop unrolling
  - Still need to carefully avoid long latency operations (e.g., mod)
- Since processors have multiple functional units — code must be able to exploit instruction-level parallelism
  - Hide as many instructions as possible under the “critical path”
  - Try to use as many different functional units simultaneously as possible
- Modern processors also have accelerated instructions
- Compiler can do fairly go optimizations, but with limitations

# Summary of popcounts

| | ET | IC | IPC/ILP | # of branches | Branch mis-prediction rate |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | 22.21 | 332 Trillions | 2.88 | 65 Trillions | 1.13% |
| B | 12.29 | 287 Trillions | 4.52 | 17 Trillions | 0.04% |
| C | 5.01 | 102 Trillions | 3.95 | 17 Trillions | 0.04% |
| D | 3.73 | 80 Trillions | 4.13 | 1 Trillions | ~0% |
| E | 54.4 | 173 Trillions | 0.61 | 44 Trillions | 18.6% |
| SSE4.2 | 1.57 | 22 Trillions | 2.7 | 1 Trillions | ~0% |

Best at 4.5

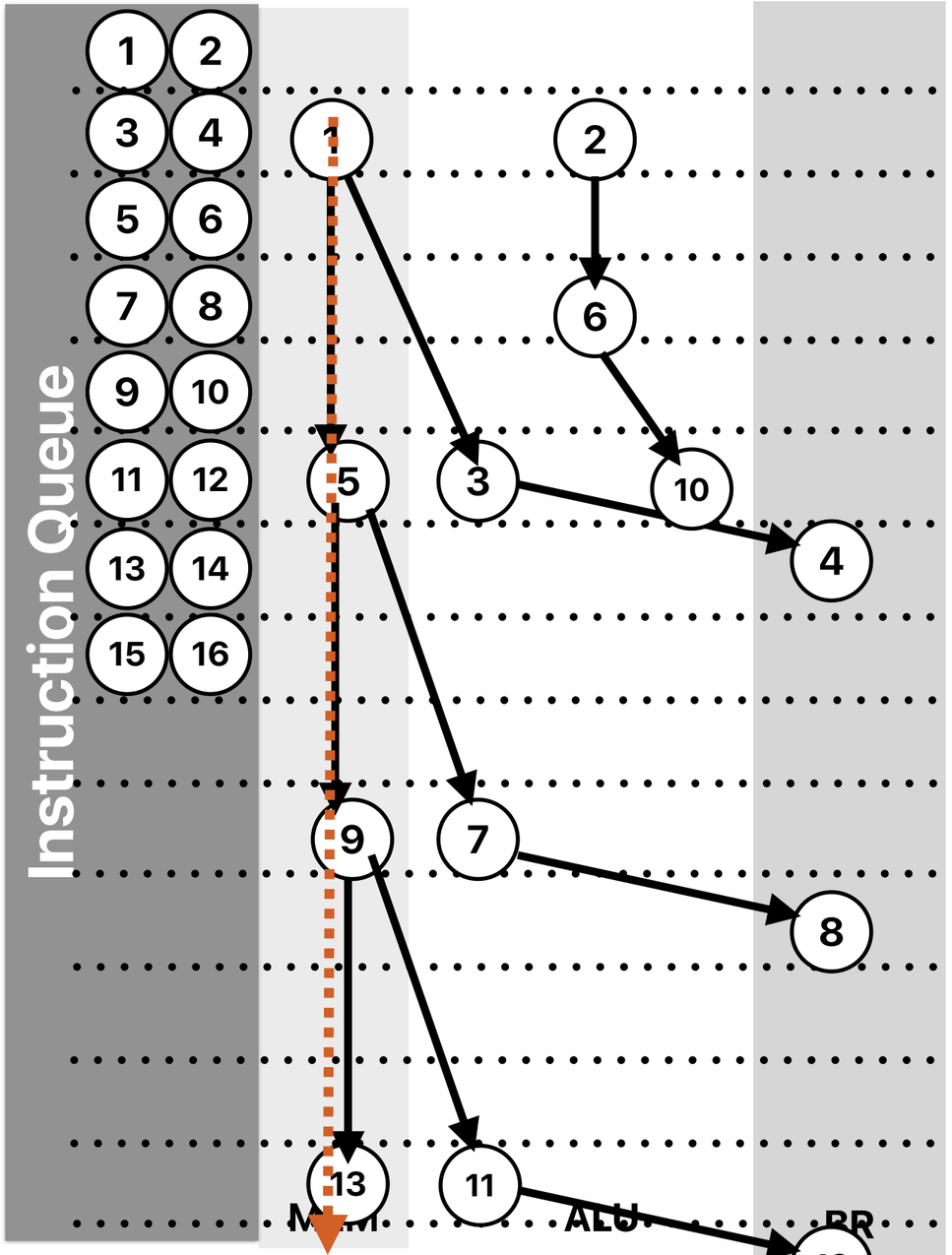
Best performing one at 2.7

# What if we have “unlimited” fetch/issue width — “linked list”

**Doesn’t help that much!**
**— It’s important that the programmer should write code that can exploit “ILP”**
**— But — there’re always cases we cannot do further in ILP**

```
do {
    number_of_nodes++;
    current = current->next;
} while ( current != NULL );
```

```
① .L3:    movq    8(%rdi), %rdi
②         addl    $1, %eax
③         testq   %rdi, %rdi
④         jne     .L3
```



# 2-issue register renaming pipeline

```
① movq    8(%rdi), %rdi
② addl    $1, %eax
③ testq   %rdi, %rdi
④ jne     .L3
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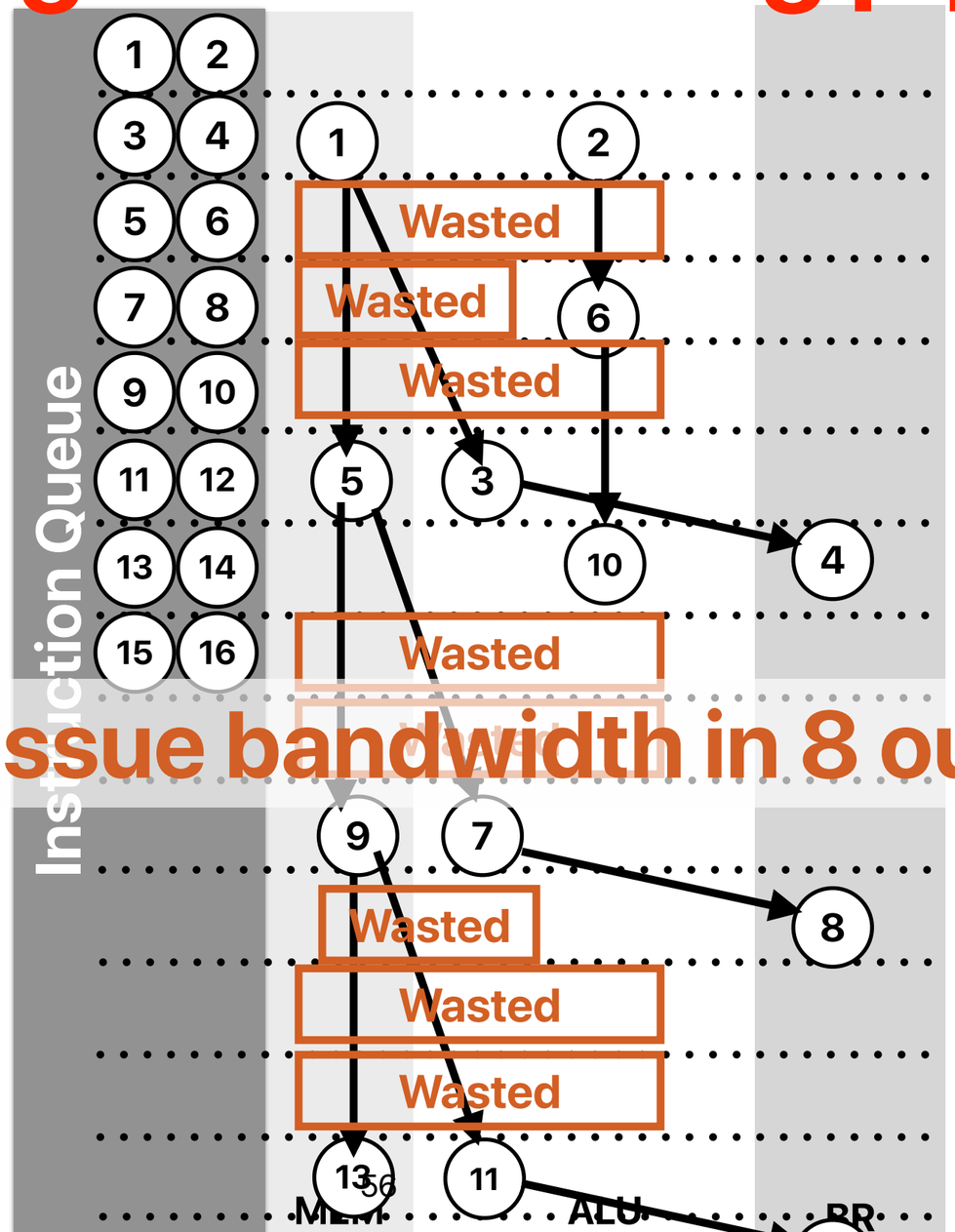


**We're wasting the issue bandwidth in 8 out of 12 cycles**

# Simultaneous multithreading

# Concept: Simultaneous Multithreading (SMT)

```
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③  testq   %rdi, %rdi
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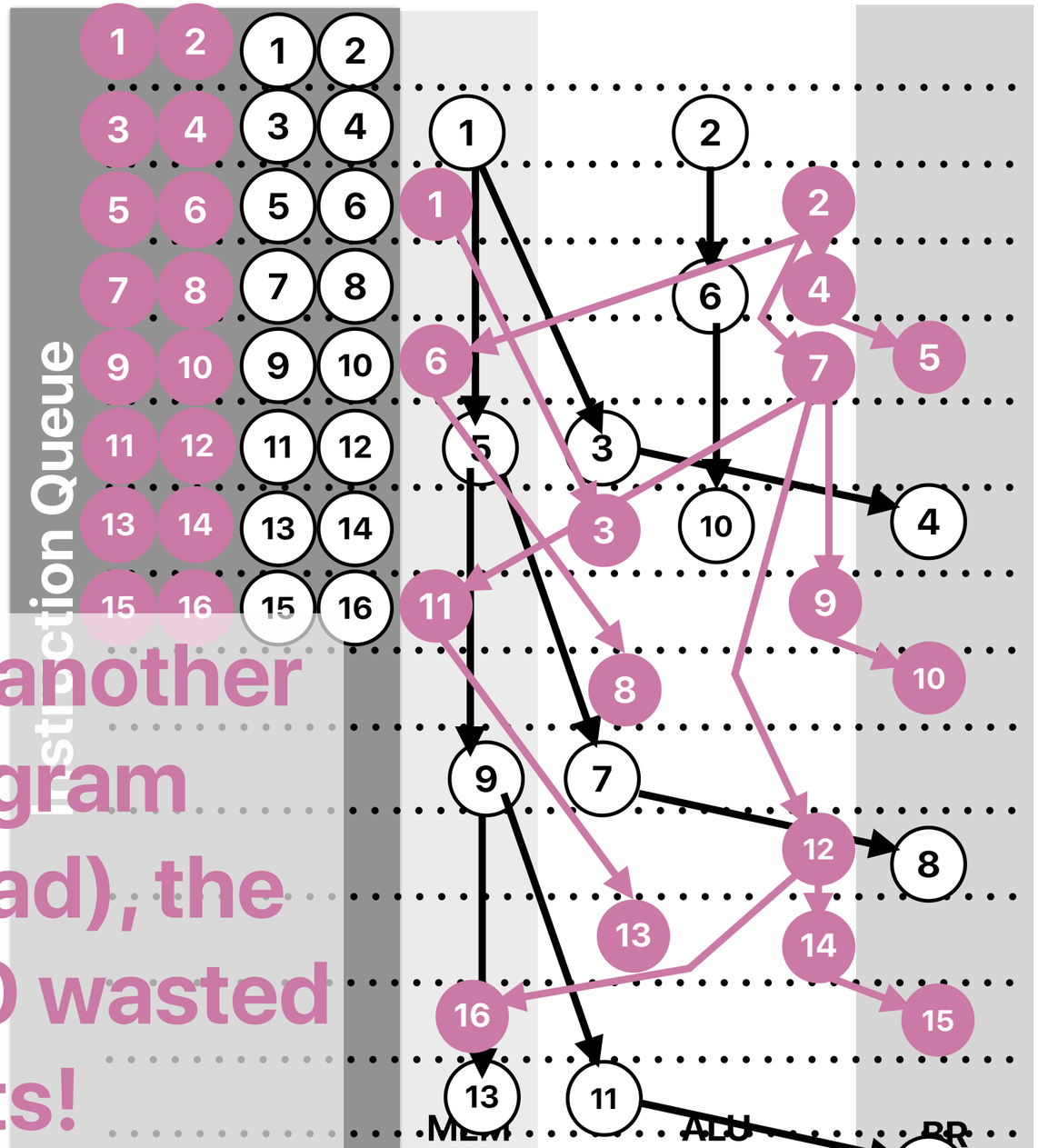


**By scheduling another running program instance (thread), the processor has 0 wasted issue slots!**

```
①  movl (%rdi), %ecx
②  addq $4, %rdi
③  addl %ecx, %eax
④  cmpq %rdx, %rdi
⑤  jne  .L3
⑥  movl (%rdi), %ecx
⑦  addq $4, %rdi
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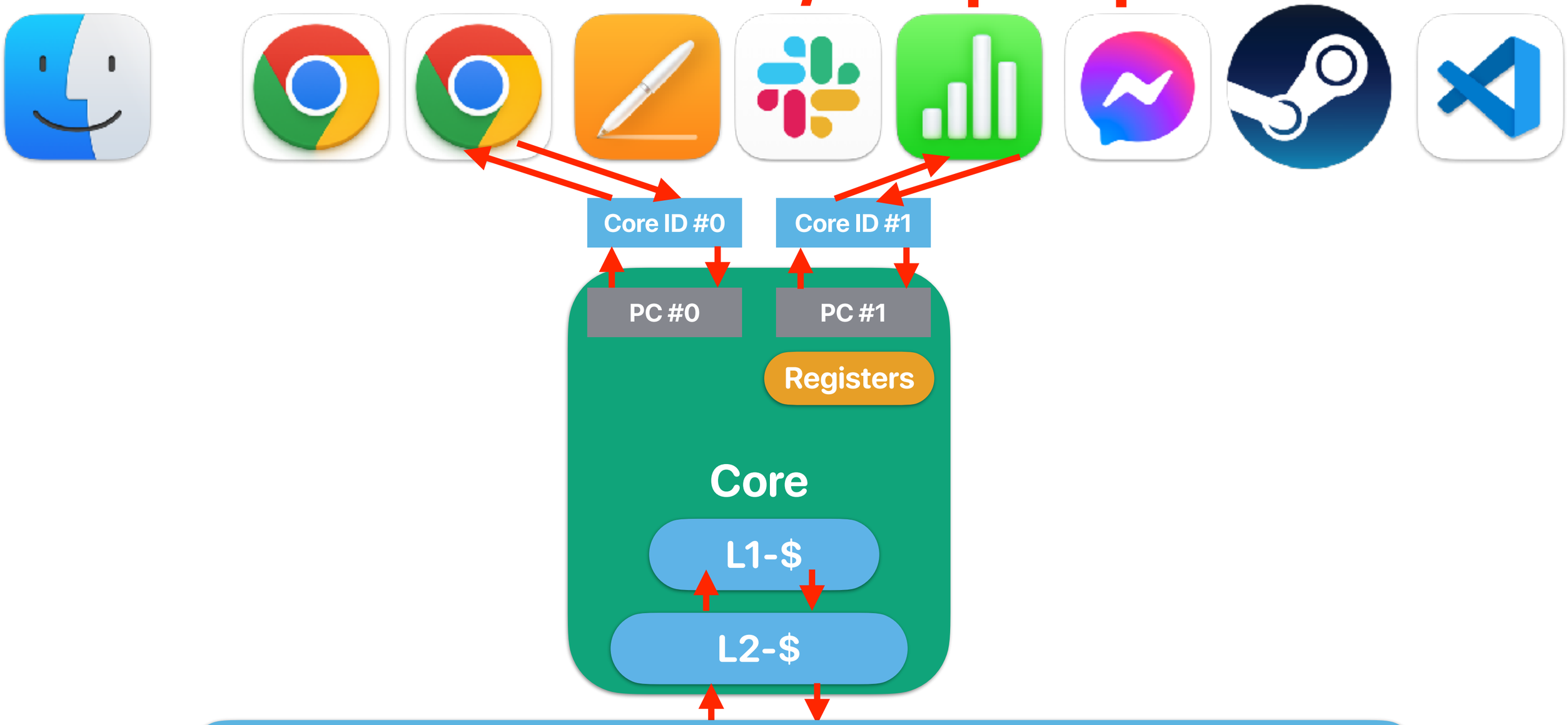
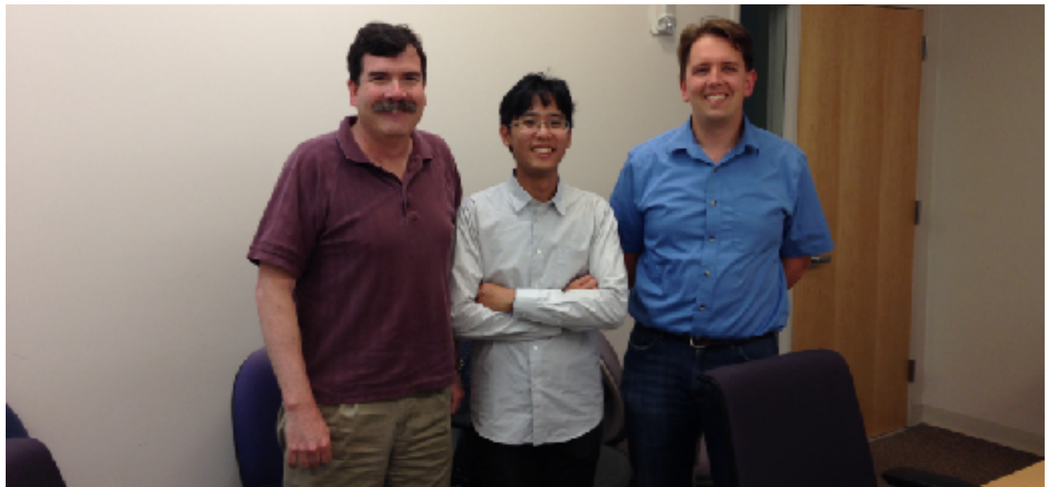
# SMT from the user/OS' perspective



# Simultaneous multithreading

- Invented by Dean Tullsen (Now a professor at UCSD CSE)
- The processor can schedule instructions from different threads/processes/ programs
- Fetch instructions from different threads/processes to fill the not utilized part of pipeline
  - Exploit “thread level parallelism” (TLP) to solve the problem of insufficient ILP in a single thread
  - You need to create an illusion of multiple processors for OSs



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# Architectural support for simultaneous multithreading

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  - ④ ALUs — **you can share**
  - ⑤ Data cache — **you can share**
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  - A. 2
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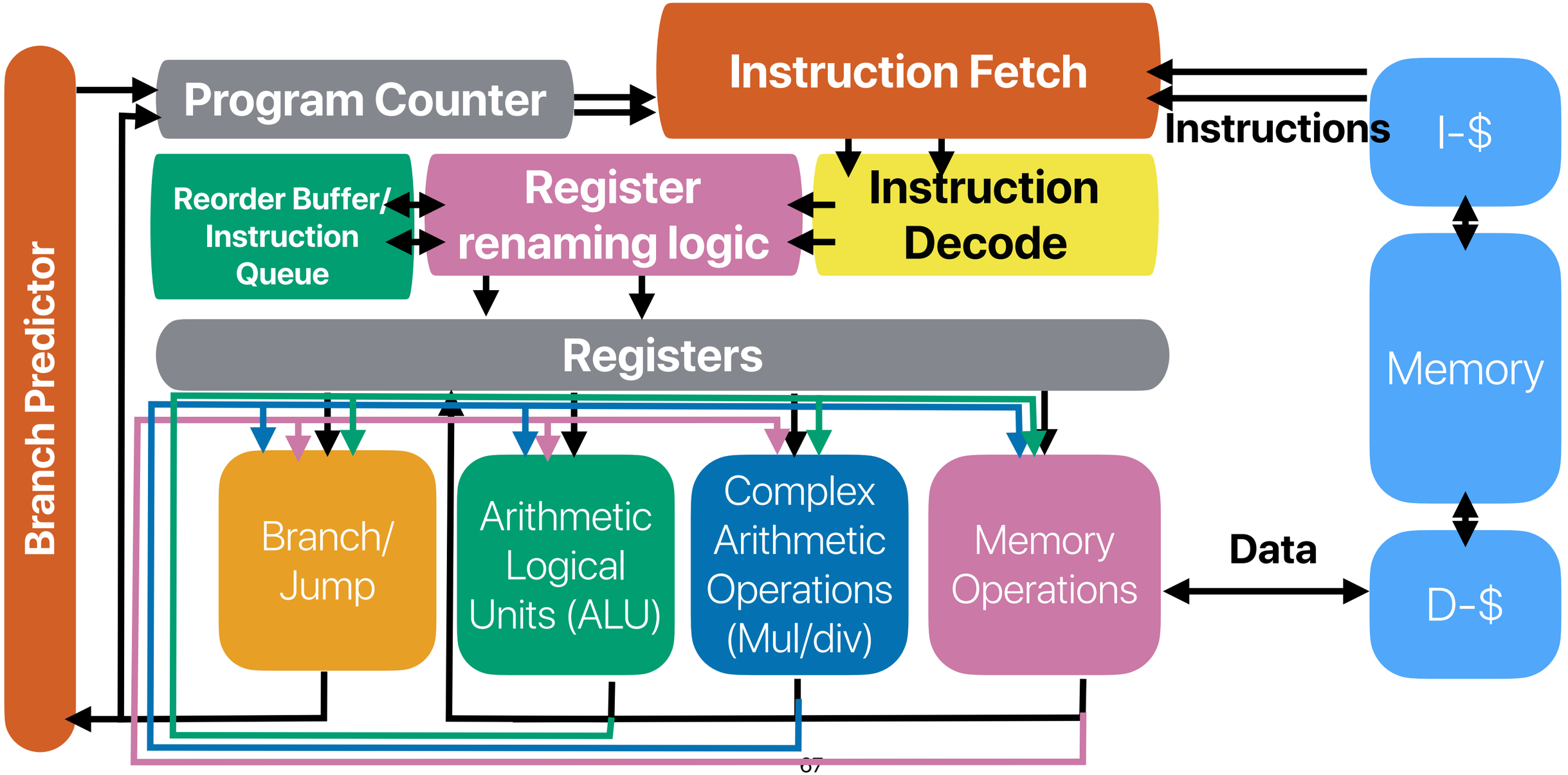
# How do we support two running programs in one pipeline?

- We need two program counters
- We need two sets of architectural to physical register mappings
- We do not need
  - Duplicated cache — virtually indexed, physically tagged cache already addressed that
  - Duplicated pipeline functional units — isn’t sharing the whole purpose?
  - Duplicated reorder buffer — you simply need to tag which process the instruction belongs to

# Recap: Register renaming



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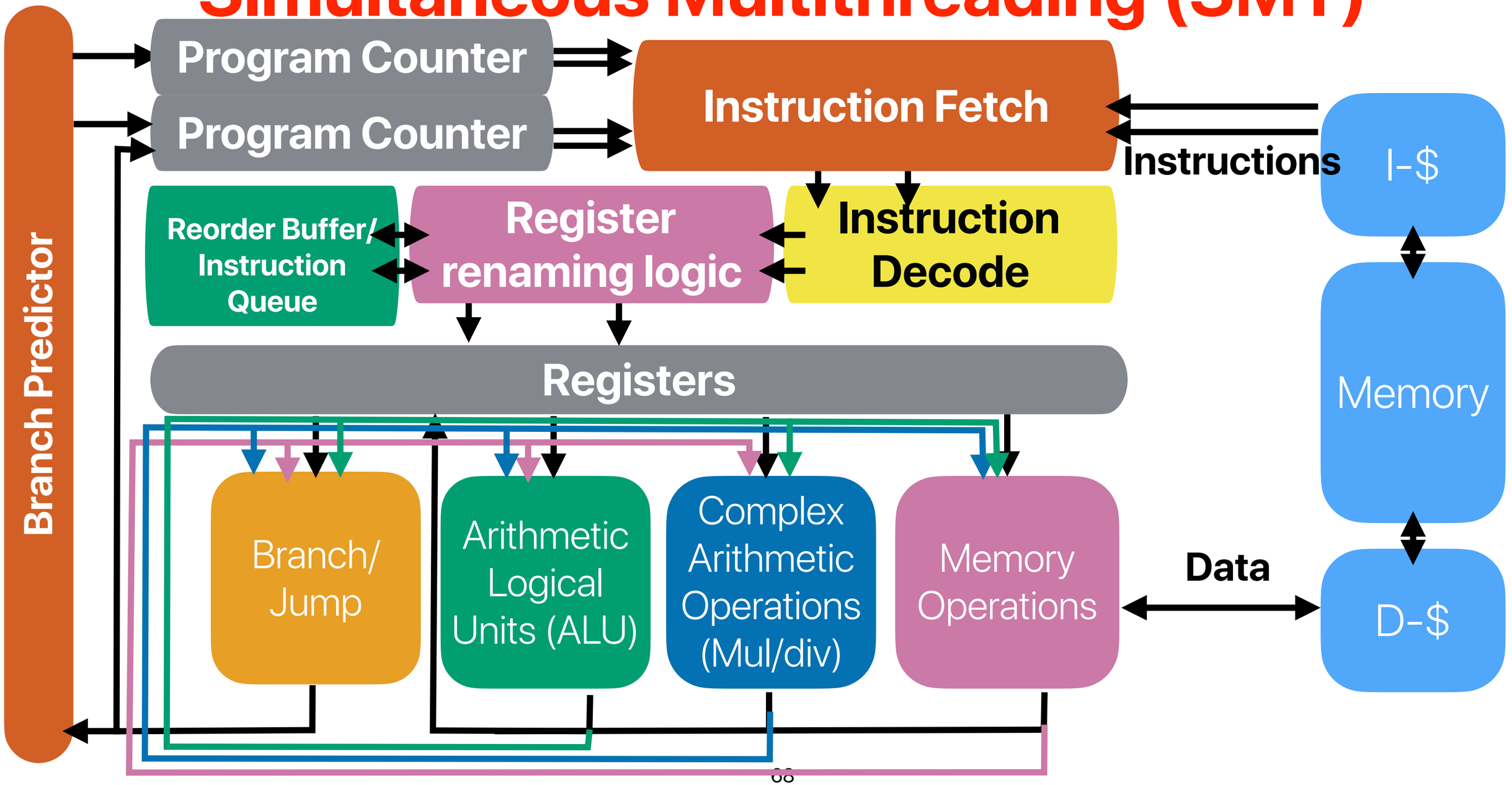

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hurt, b/c you are sharing resource with other threads.

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# Announcements

- **Assignment 4** due **tonight**
- Assignment 5 should be up by Thursday
- Hung-Wei's Office Hour changes to Tuesdays 10:30a—12:00p for the following two weeks (always check the calendar for the up-to-date information)
- Final Exam
  - 12/7 (in class) — 80 minutes paper-based. Same rules as the midterm, including CSMS comprehensive examine.
  - 12/11 6pm — 12/14 6pm (any 3-hour you pick) — open-ended questions, multiple choices, and programming assessments (TBD)

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