

Advanced Computer Architectures

(High Performance Processors and Systems)

Static Scheduling and VLIW Architectures

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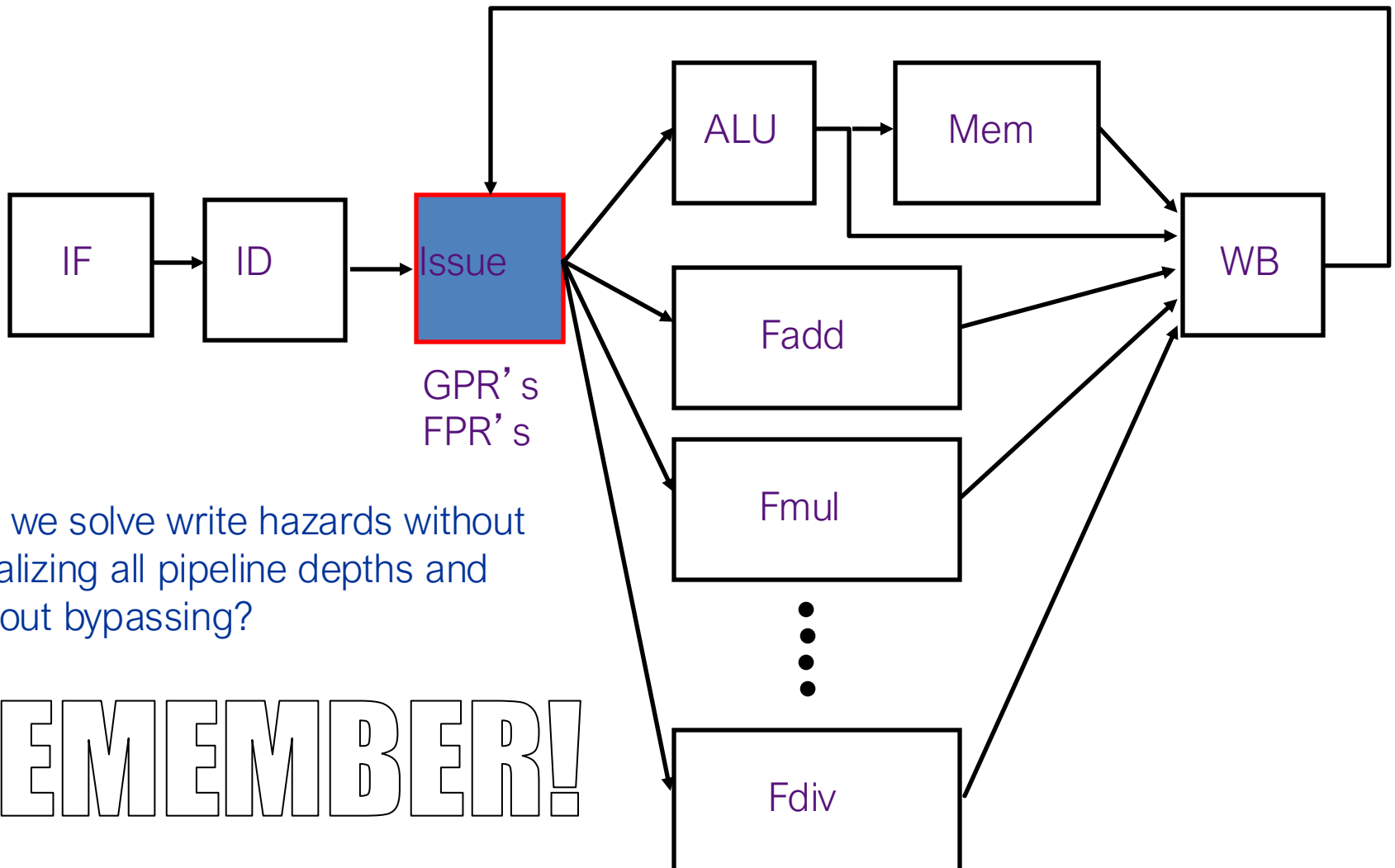
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Complex Pipeline



Can we solve write hazards without equalizing all pipeline depths and without bypassing?

REMEMBER!

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Outline

- Introduction to ILP (a short reminder)
- VLIW architecture
- Static Scheduling
 - Basic Blocks
 - Trace scheduling

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Beyond $CPI = 1$

- (Very) Long Instruction Words (V)LIW:
 - fixed number of instructions (4-16)
 - scheduled by the compiler; put ops into wide templates
 - Currently found more success in DSP, Multimedia applications
 - Joint HP/Intel agreement in 1999/2000
 - Intel Architecture-64 (Merced/A-64) 64-bit address
 - Style: “Explicitly Parallel Instruction Computer (EPIC)”
- ILP with a $CPI > 1$, where to start from...

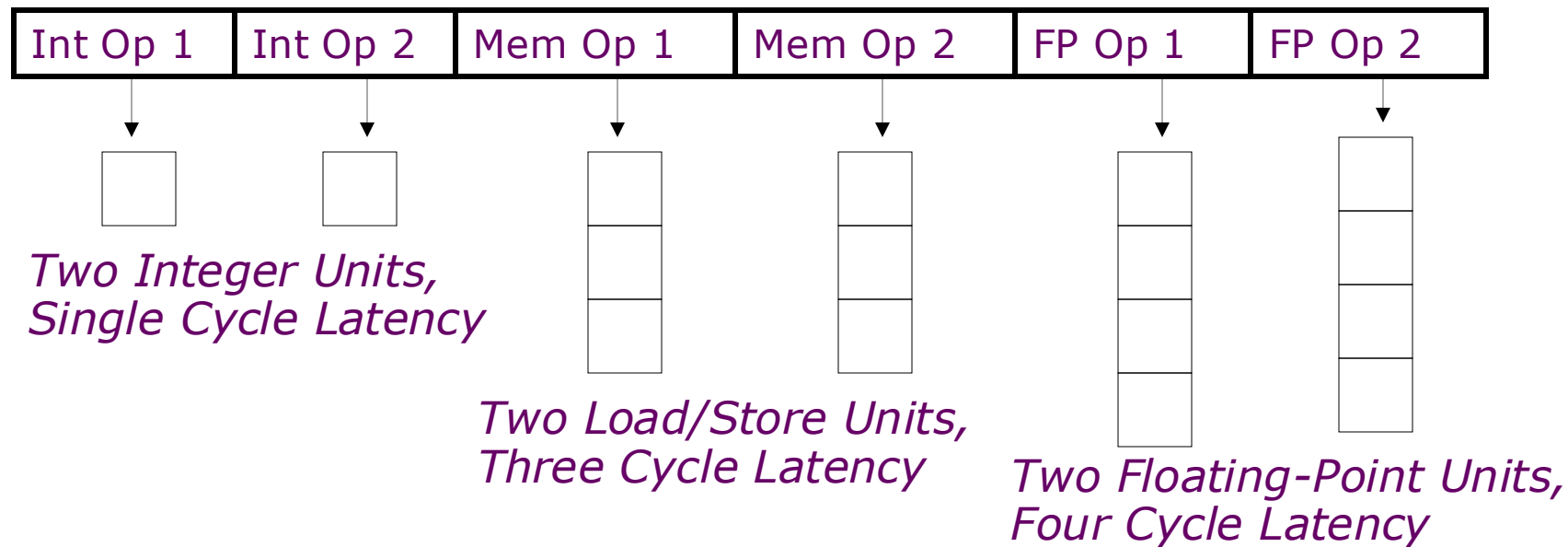
Very Long Instruction Word Architectures

- Processor can initiate multiple operations per cycle
 - Specified completely by the compiler (!like superscalar)
- Low hardware complexity (no scheduling hardware, reduced support of variable latency instructions)
 - No instruction reordering performed by the hardware
- Explicit parallelism
- Single control flow

VLIW processors

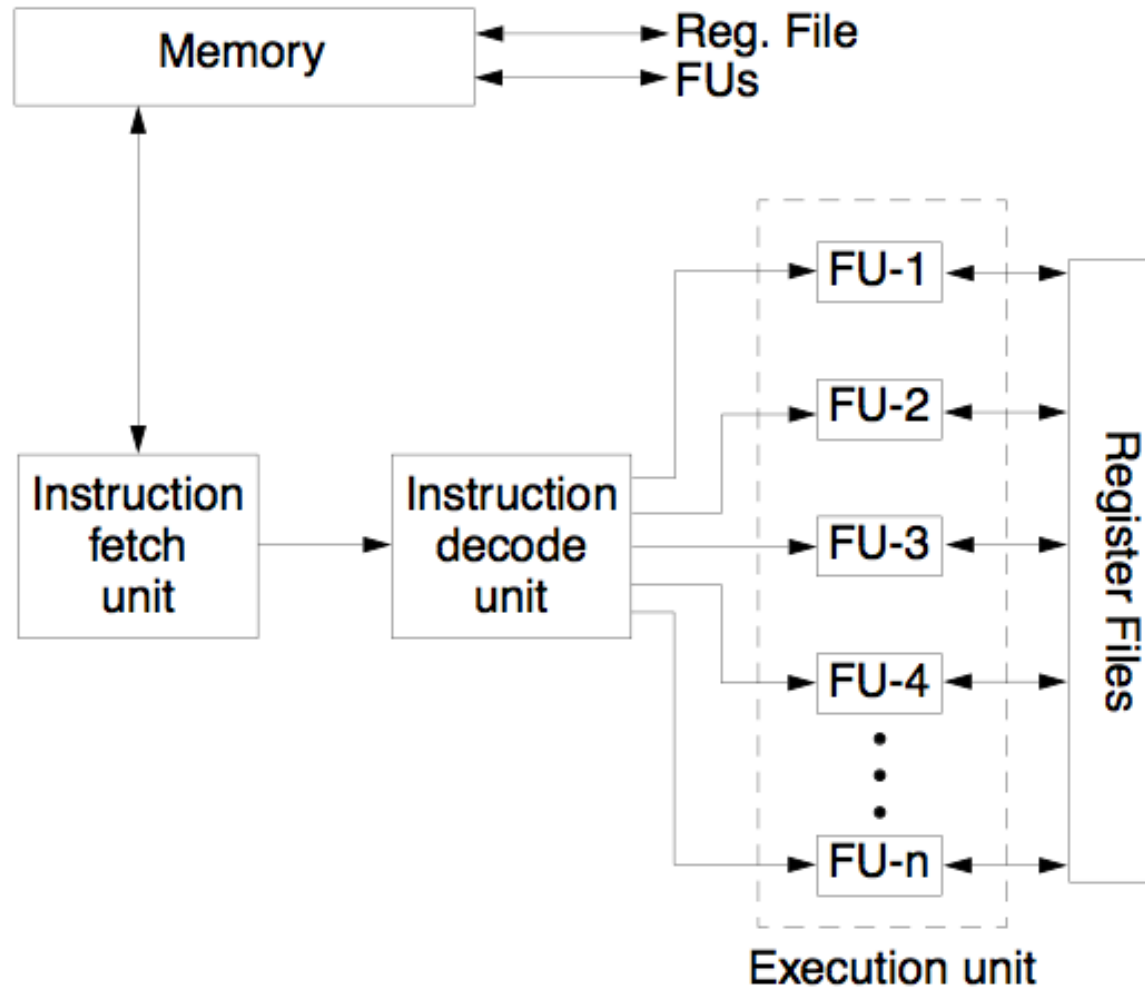
- Operation vs instruction
 - Operation: is a unit of computation (add, load, branch = instruction in sequential ar.)
 - Instruction: set of operations that are intended to be issued simultaneously
- Compiler decides which operation to go to each instruction (scheduling)
- All operations that are supposed to begin at the same time are packaged into a single VLIW instruction

VLIW: Very Long Instruction Word



- Multiple operations packed into one instruction
- Each operation slot is for a fixed function
- Constant operation latencies are specified
- Architecture requires guarantee of:
 - Parallelism within an instruction => no x-operation RAW check
 - No data use before data ready => no data interlocks

A VLIW Machine Configuration



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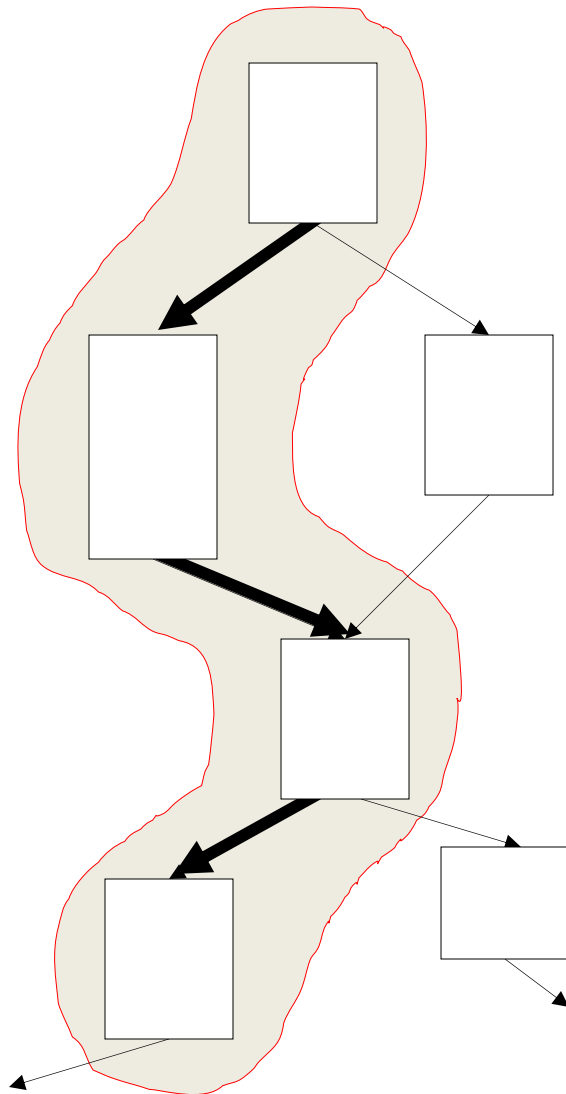
Static Scheduling: the idea

- Try to keep pipeline full (in single issue pipelines) or utilize all FUs in each cycle (in VLIW) as much as possible to reach better ILP and therefore higher parallel speedups.

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Trace Scheduling *[Fisher, Ellis]*

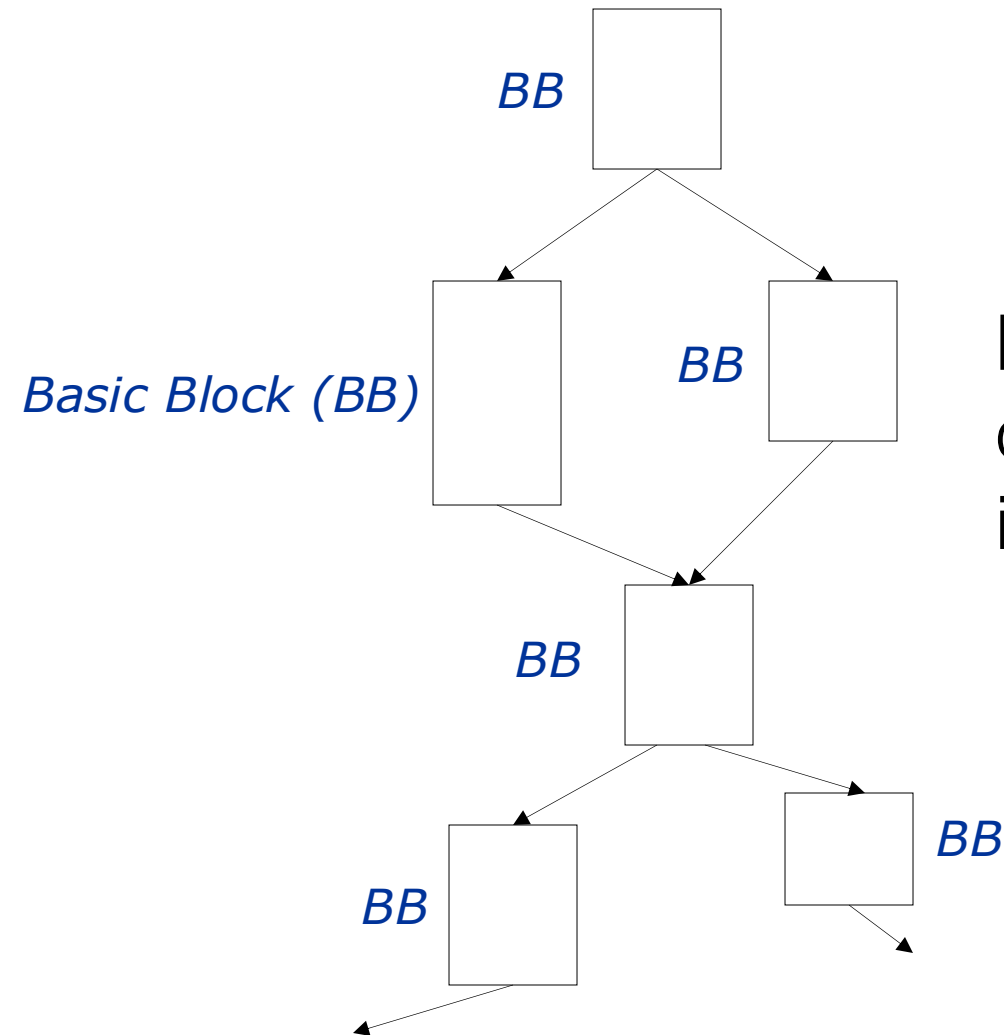


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- We are going to see more, not only about Trace Scheduling, next in this class

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- Compilers can use sophisticated algorithms for code scheduling to exploit ILP (Instruction Level Parallelism).
- The amount of parallelism available within a basic block is quite small.
- Data dependence can further limit the amount of ILP we can exploit within a basic block to much less than the average basic block size.
- To obtain substantial performance enhancements, we must exploit ILP across multiple basic blocks (i.e. across branches).

Basic Block Definition



Basic block: a sequence of straight non-branch instructions

Detection and resolution of dependences

Static Scheduling

- Static detection and resolution of dependences (\Rightarrow **static scheduling**): accomplished by the compiler \Rightarrow dependences are avoided by code reordering.
 - Output of the compiler: reordered into dependency-free code.
- Typical example: VLIW (Very Long Instruction Word) processors expect **dependency-free code**.

VLIW: Pros and Cons

- Pros
 - Simple HW
 - Easy to extend the #FUs
 - Good compilers can effectively detect parallelism
- Cons
 - Huge number of registers to keep active the FUs
 - Needed to store operands and results
 - Large data transport capacity between
 - FUs and register files
 - Register files and Memory
 - High bandwidth between i-cache and fetch unit
 - Large code size
- Knowing branch probabilities
 - Profiling requires a significant extra step in build process
- Scheduling for statically unpredictable branches
 - optimal schedule varies with branch path

Static Scheduling: methods

- Simple code motion
- Loop unrolling & loop peeling
- Software pipeline
- Global code scheduling (across basic block)
 - Trace scheduling
 - Superblock scheduling
 - Hyperblock scheduling
 - Speculative Trace scheduling

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$$1 \text{ fadd} / 8 \text{ cycles} = 0.125$$

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Need to handle values of N that are not multiples of unrolling factor with final cleanup loop

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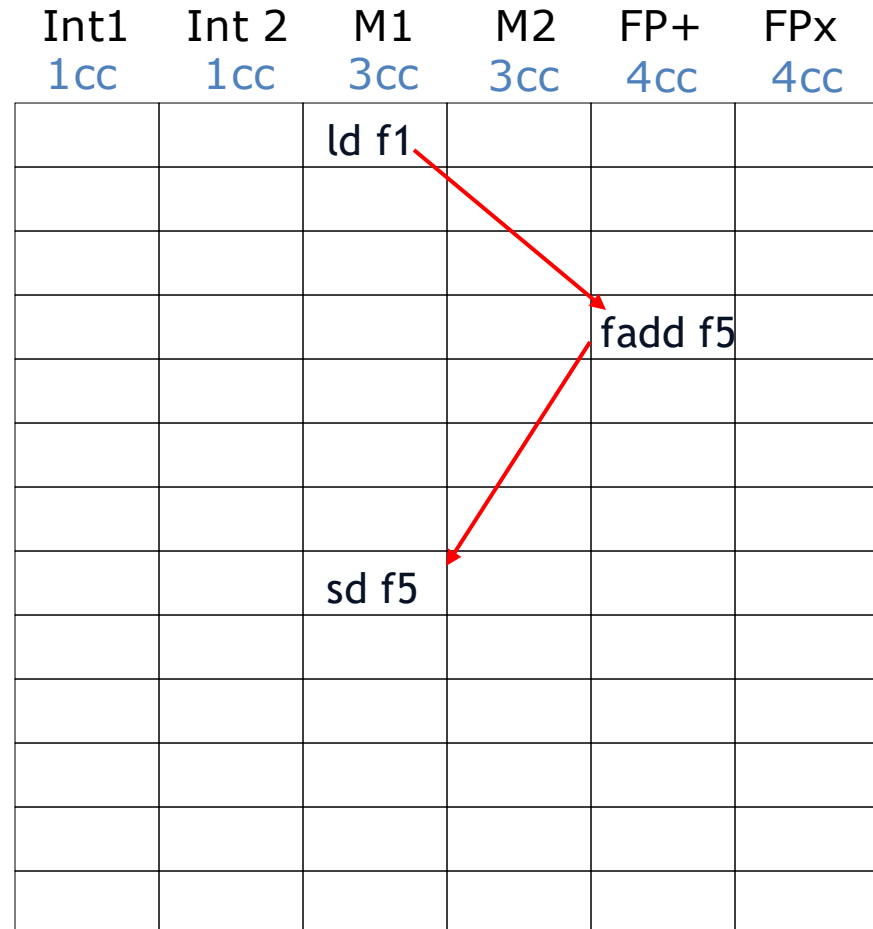
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       add r2, 32
       bne r1, r3, loop
  
```

loop:

Schedule →

Int1 1cc	Int 2 1cc	M1 3cc	M2 3cc	FP+ 4cc	FPx 4cc
		ld f1			
		ld f2			
		ld f3			
add r1		ld f4		fadd f5	
				fadd f6	
				fadd f7	
				fadd f8	
		sd f5			
		sd f6			
		sd f7			
add r2		sd f8			

Scheduling Loop Unrolled Code

Unroll 4 ways

```

loop: ld f1, 0(r1)
      ld f2, 8(r1)
      ld f3, 16(r1)
      ld f4, 24(r1)
      add r1, 32
      fadd f5, f0, f1
      fadd f6, f0, f2
      fadd f7, f0, f3
      fadd f8, f0, f4
      sd f5, 0(r2)
      sd f6, 8(r2)
      sd f7, 16(r2)
      sd f8, 24(r2)
      add r2, 32
      bne r1, r3, loop
  
```

loop:

Schedule →

Int1 1cc	Int 2 1cc	M1 3cc	M2 3cc	FP+ 4cc	FPx 4cc
		ld f1			
		ld f2			
		ld f3			
add r1		ld f4		fadd f5	
				fadd f6	
				fadd f7	
				fadd f8	
		sd f5			
		sd f6			
		sd f7			
add r2	bne	sd f8			

Scheduling Loop Unrolled Code

Unroll 4 ways

```

loop: ld f1, 0(r1)
      ld f2, 8(r1)
      ld f3, 16(r1)
      ld f4, 24(r1)
      add r1, 32
      fadd f5, f0, f1
      fadd f6, f0, f2
      fadd f7, f0, f3
      fadd f8, f0, f4
      sd f5, 0(r2)
      sd f6, 8(r2)
      sd f7, 16(r2)
      sd f8, 24(r2)
      add r2, 32
      bne r1, r3, loop
  
```

loop:

Schedule →

Int1 1cc	Int 2 1cc	M1 3cc	M2 3cc	FP+ 4cc	FPx 4cc
		ld f1			
		ld f2			
		ld f3			
add r1		ld f4		fadd f5	
				fadd f6	
				fadd f7	
				fadd f8	
		sd f5			
		sd f6			
		sd f7			
add r2	bne	sd f8			

How many FLOPS/cycle?

Scheduling Loop Unrolled Code

Unroll 4 ways

```

loop: ld f1, 0(r1)
      ld f2, 8(r1)
      ld f3, 16(r1)
      ld f4, 24(r1)
      add r1, 32
      fadd f5, f0, f1
      fadd f6, f0, f2
      fadd f7, f0, f3
      fadd f8, f0, f4
      sd f5, 0(r2)
      sd f6, 8(r2)
      sd f7, 16(r2)
      sd f8, 24(r2)
      add r2, 32
      bne r1, r3, loop
  
```

loop:

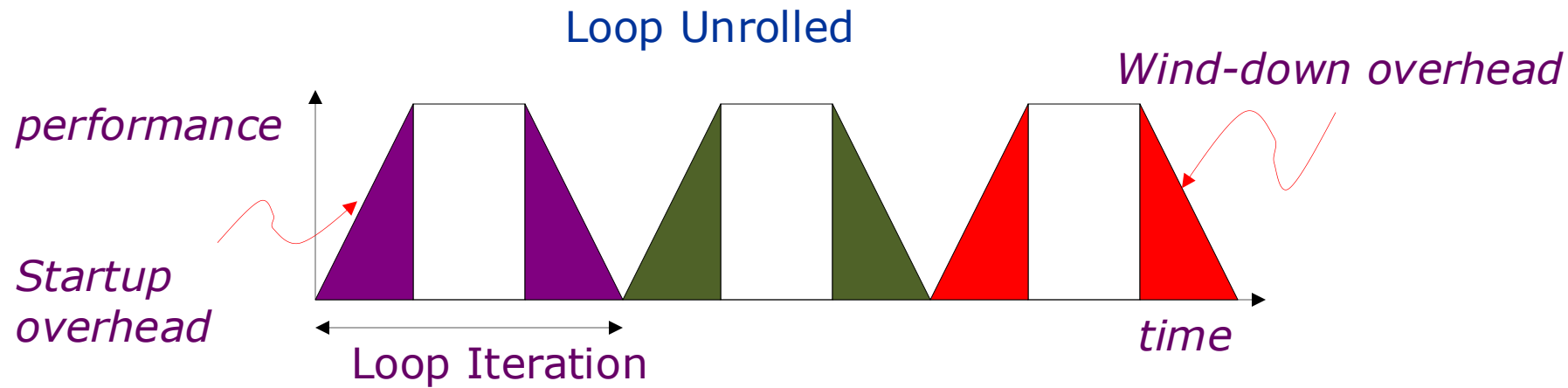
Schedule →

Int1 1cc	Int 2 1cc	M1 3cc	M2 3cc	FP+ 4cc	FPx 4cc
		ld f1			
		ld f2			
		ld f3			
add r1		ld f4		fadd f5	
				fadd f6	
				fadd f7	
				fadd f8	
		sd f5			
		sd f6			
		sd f7			
add r2	bne	sd f8			

How many FLOPS/cycle?

4 fadds / 11 cycles = 0.36

Loop Unrolling



```

loop: ld f1, 0(r1)
      ld f2, 8(r1)
      ld f3, 16(r1)
      ld f4, 24(r1)
      add r1, 32
      fadd f5, f0, f1
      fadd f6, f0, f2
      fadd f7, f0, f3
      fadd f8, f0, f4
      sd f5, 0(r2)
      sd f6, 8(r2)
      sd f7, 16(r2)
      add r2, 32
      sd f8, -8(r2)
      bne r1, r3, loop

```

Schedule

[illegible]

Software Pipelining

Unroll 4 ways first

```

loop: ld f1, 0(r1)
      ld f2, 8(r1)
      ld f3, 16(r1)
      ld f4, 24(r1)
      add r1, 32
      fadd f5, f0, f1
      fadd f6, f0, f2
      fadd f7, f0, f3
      fadd f8, f0, f4
      sd f5, 0(r2)
      sd f6, 8(r2)
      sd f7, 16(r2)
      add r2, 32
      sd f8, -8(r2)
      bne r1, r3, loop
  
```

loop:

Schedule →

Int1 1cc	Int 2 1cc	M1 3cc	M2 3cc	FP+ 4cc	FPx 4cc
		ld f1			
		ld f2			
		ld f3			
add r1		ld f4			
				fadd f5	
				fadd f6	
				fadd f7	
				fadd f8	
			sd f5		
			sd f6		
			sd f7		
	bne		sd f8		

Software Pipelining

Unroll 4 ways first

```

loop: ld f1, 0(r1)
      ld f2, 8(r1)
      ld f3, 16(r1)
      ld f4, 24(r1)
      add r1, 32
      fadd f5, f0, f1
      fadd f6, f0, f2
      fadd f7, f0, f3
      fadd f8, f0, f4
      sd f5, 0(r2)
      sd f6, 8(r2)
      sd f7, 16(r2)
      add r2, 32
      sd f8, -8(r2)
      bne r1, r3, loop
  
```

Schedule

loop:

Int1 1cc	Int 2 1cc	M1 3cc	M2 3cc	FP+ 4cc	FPx 4cc
		ld f1			
		ld f2			
		ld f3			
add r1		ld f4			
				fadd f5	
				fadd f6	
				fadd f7	
				fadd f8	
			sd f5		
			sd f6		
			sd f7		
	bne		sd f8		

Software Pipelining

Unroll 4 ways first

```

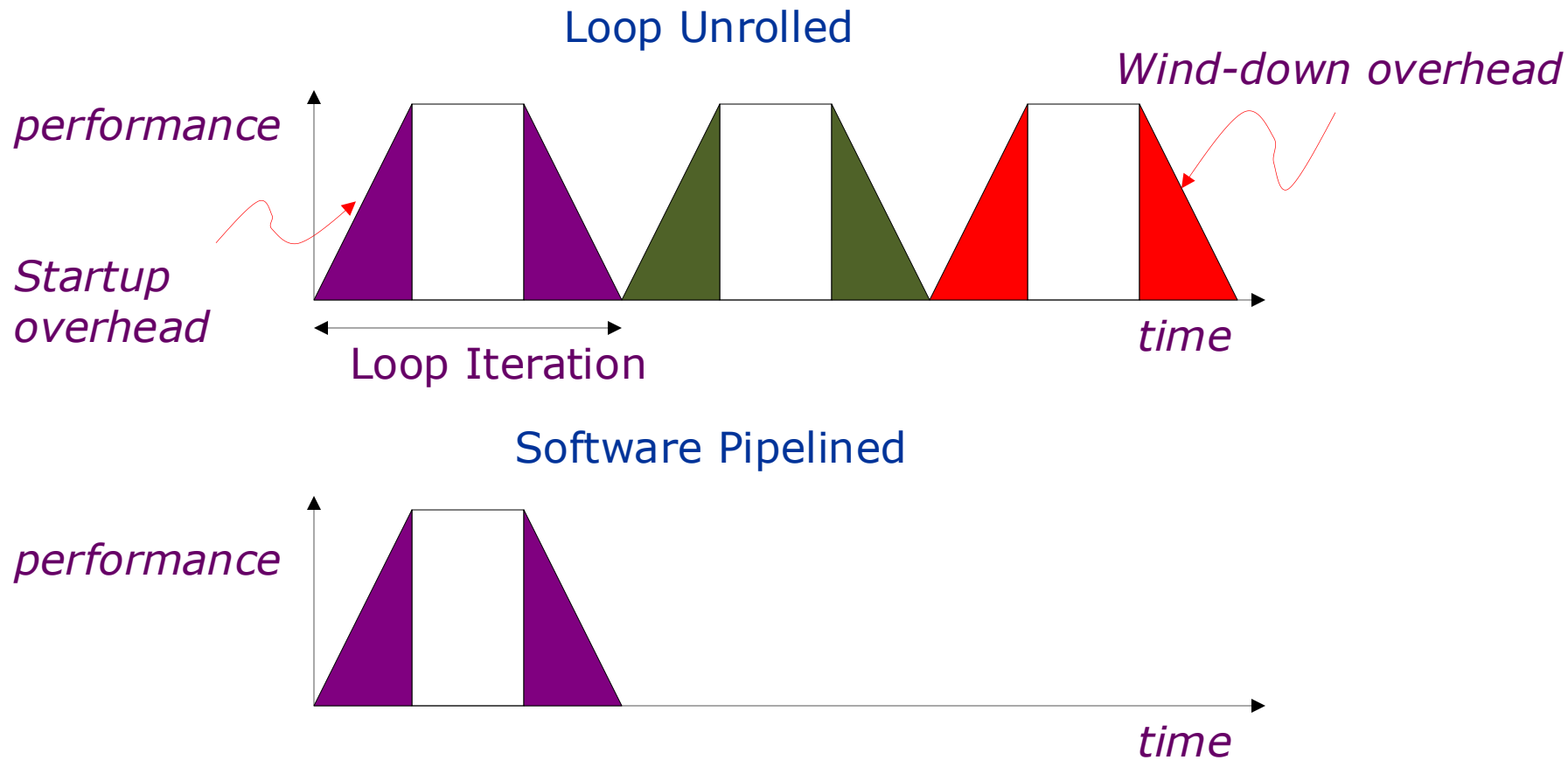
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      ld f2, 8(r1)
      ld f3, 16(r1)
      ld f4, 24(r1)
      add r1, 32
      fadd f5, f0, f1
      fadd f6, f0, f2
      fadd f7, f0, f3
      fadd f8, f0, f4
      sd f5, 0(r2)
      sd f6, 8(r2)
      sd f7, 16(r2)
      add r2, 32
      sd f8, -8(r2)
      bne r1, r3, loop
  
```

loop:

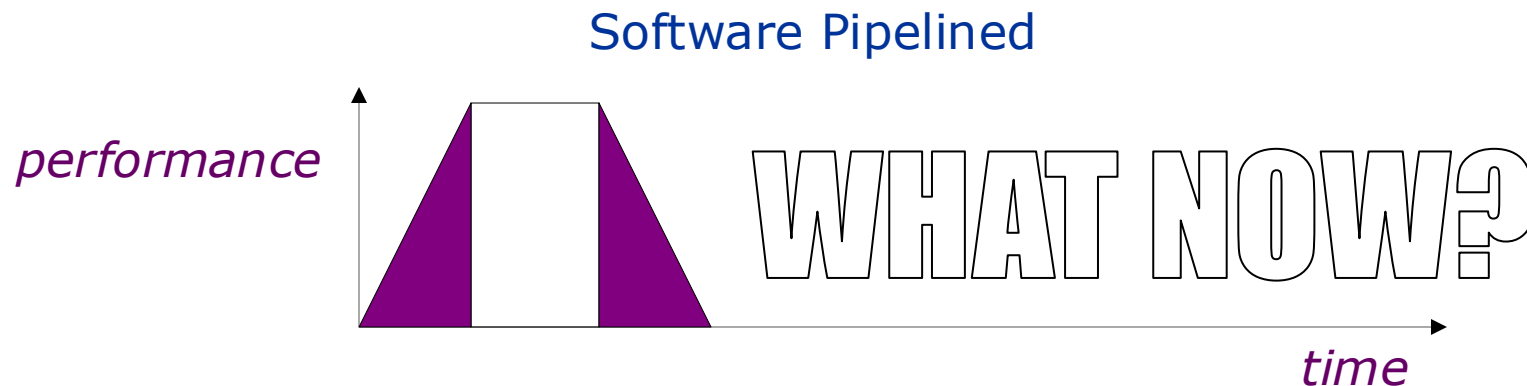
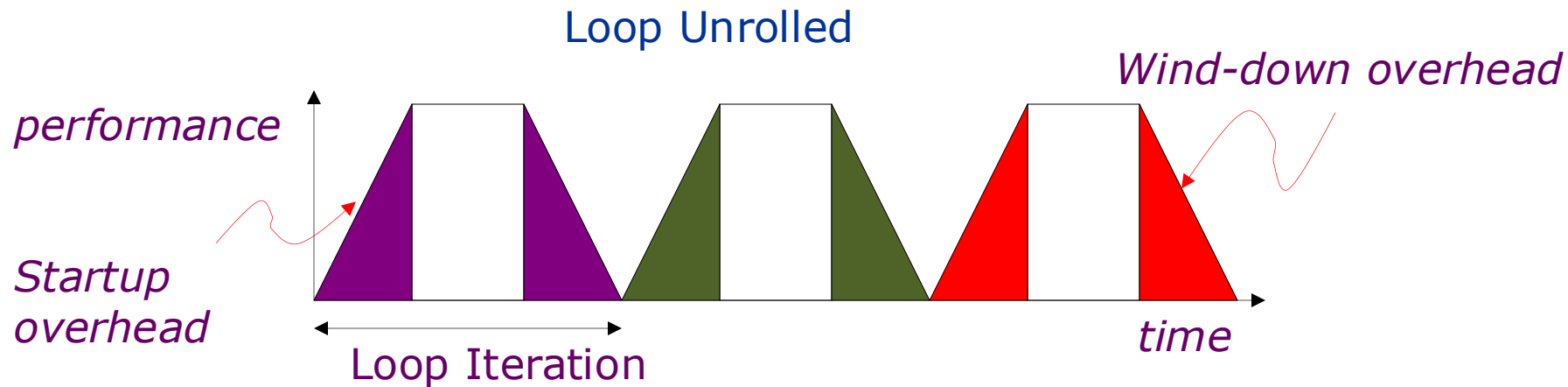
Schedule

Int1 1cc	Int 2 1cc	M1 3cc	M2 3cc	FP+ 4cc	FPx 4cc
		ld f1			
		ld f2			
		ld f3			
add r1		ld f4			
				fadd f5	
				fadd f6	
				fadd f7	
				fadd f8	
			sd f5		
			sd f6		
	add r2		sd f7		
	bne		sd f8		

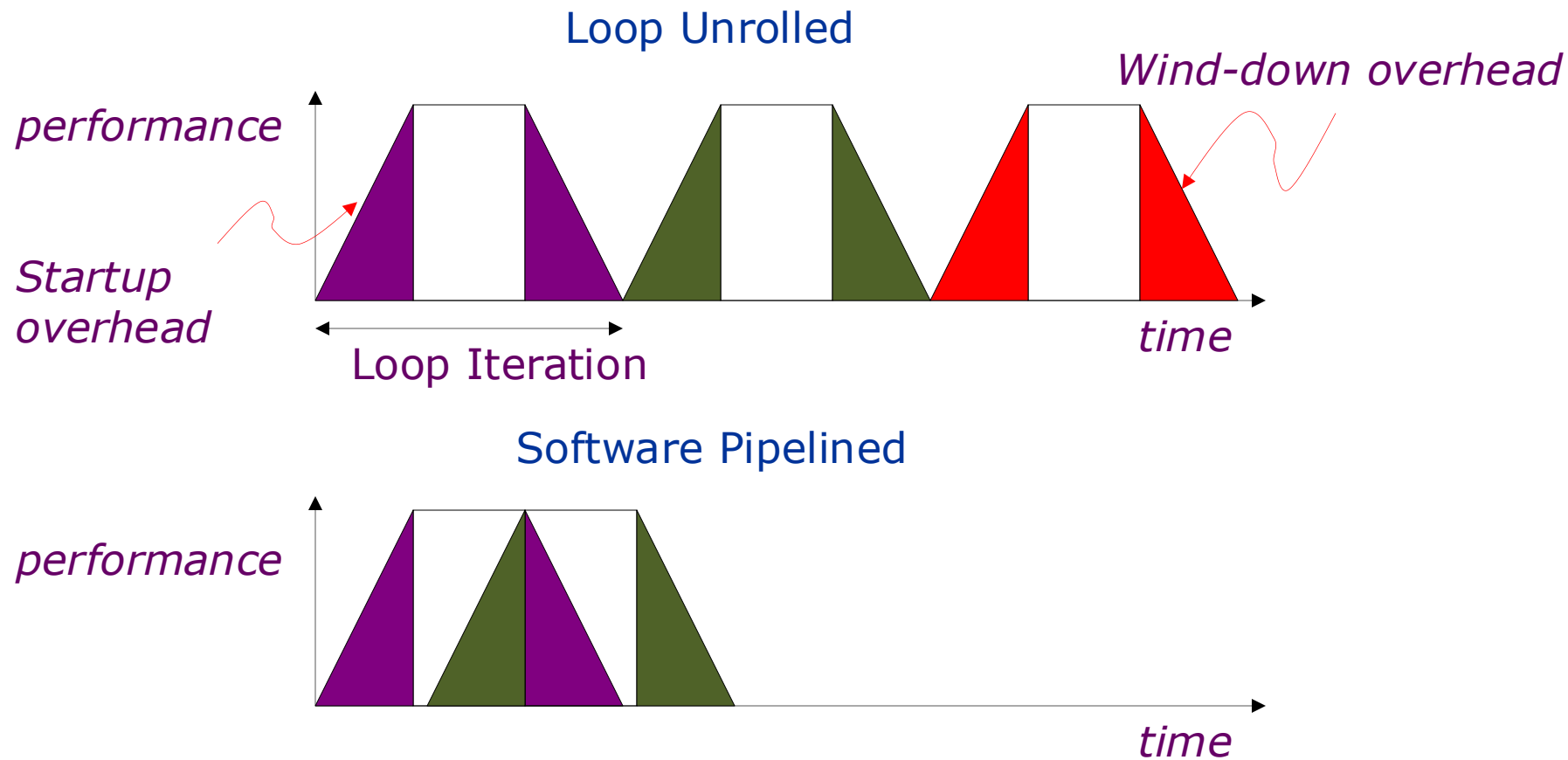
Loop Unrolling vs. Software Pipelining



Loop Unrolling vs. Software Pipelining



Loop Unrolling vs. Software Pipelining



Software Pipelining

Unroll 4 ways first

```

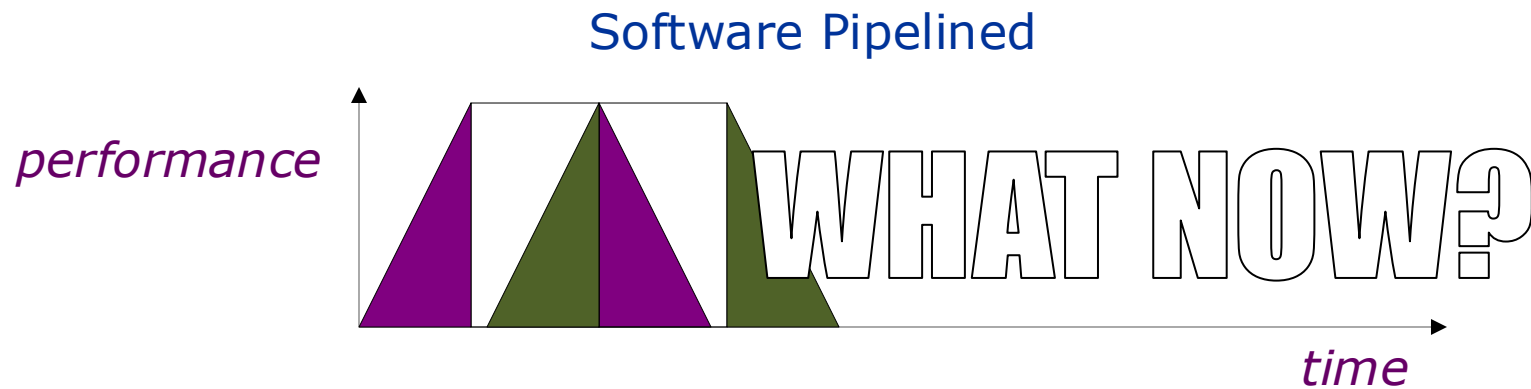
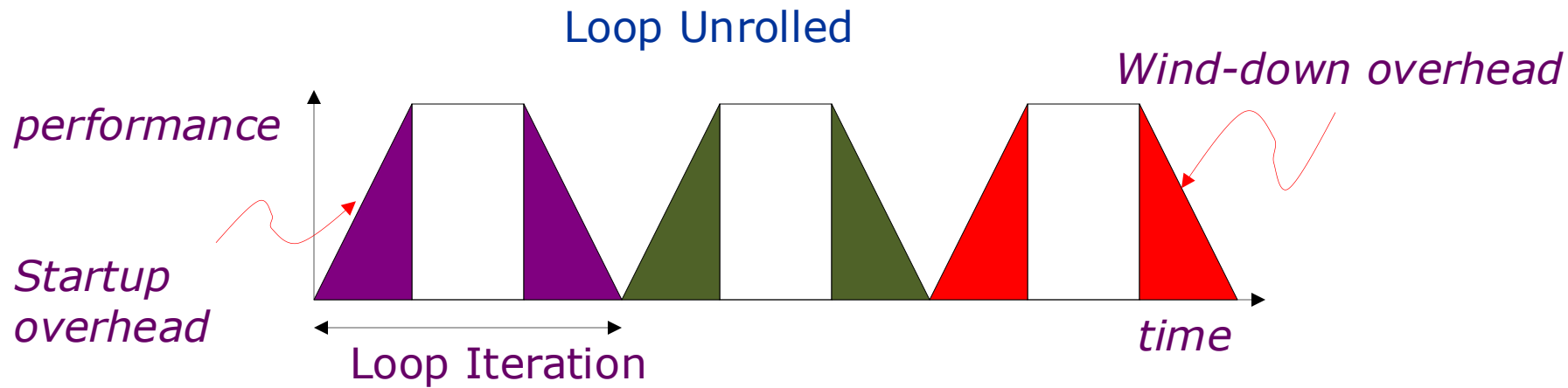
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      ld f2, 8(r1)
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      ld f4, 24(r1)
      add r1, 32
      fadd f5, f0, f1
      fadd f6, f0, f2
      fadd f7, f0, f3
      fadd f8, f0, f4
      sd f5, 0(r2)
      sd f6, 8(r2)
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      add r2, 32
      sd f8, -8(r2)
      bne r1, r3, loop
  
```

loop:

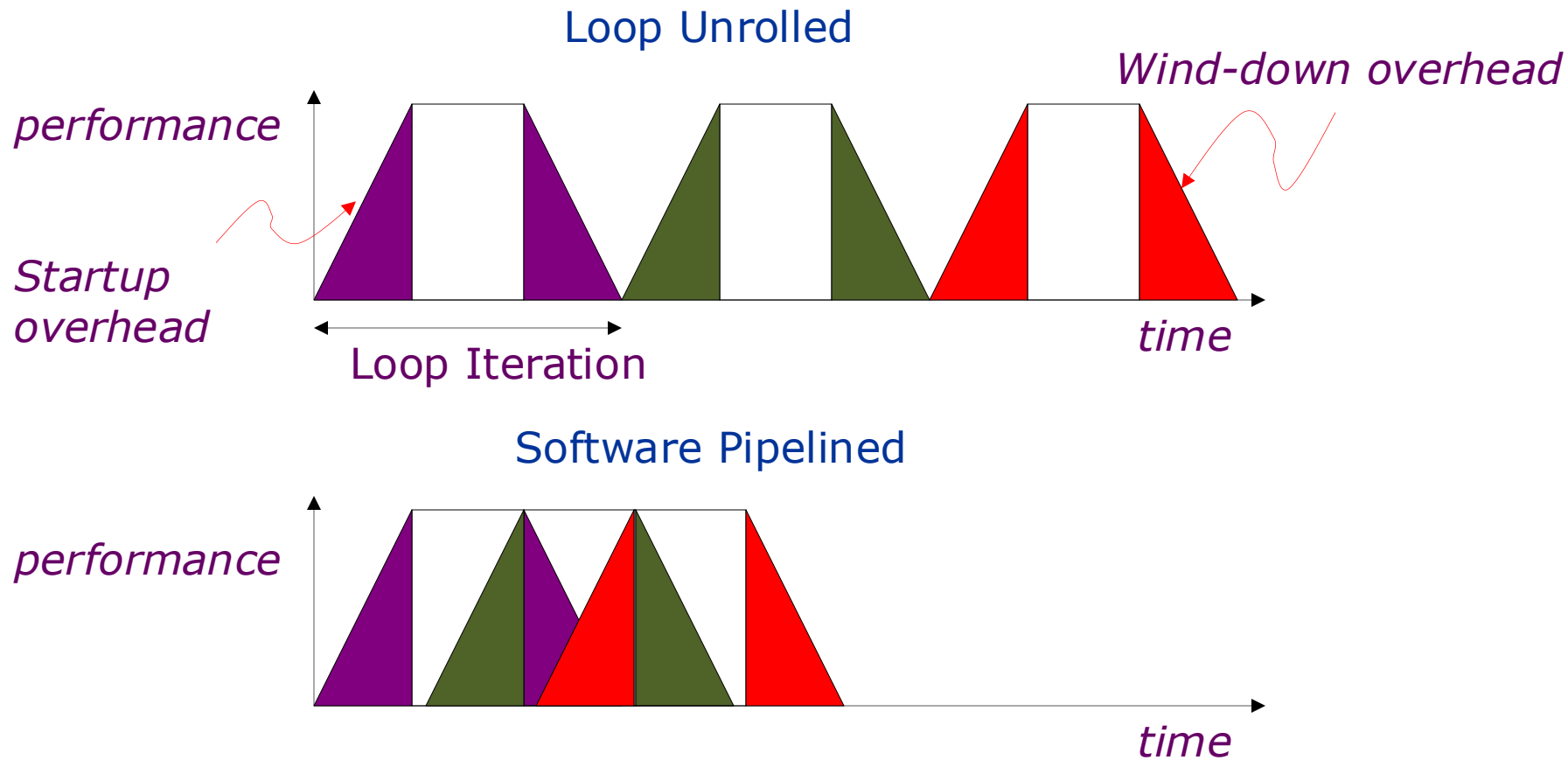
Schedule →

Int1 1cc	Int 2 1cc	M1 3cc	M2 3cc	FP+ 4cc	FPx 4cc
		ld f1			
		ld f2			
		ld f3			
add r1		ld f4			
		ld f1		fadd f5	
		ld f2		fadd f6	
		ld f3		fadd f7	
add r1		ld f4		fadd f8	
			sd f5	fadd f5	
			sd f6	fadd f6	
	add r2		sd f7	fadd f7	
	bne		sd f8	fadd f8	
			sd f5		
			sd f6		
	add r2		sd f7		
	bne		sd f8		

Loop Unrolling vs. Software Pipelining



Loop Unrolling vs. Software Pipelining



Software Pipelining

Unroll 4 ways first

```

loop: ld f1, 0(r1)
      ld f2, 8(r1)
      ld f3, 16(r1)
      ld f4, 24(r1)
      add r1, 32
      fadd f5, f0, f1
      fadd f6, f0, f2
      fadd f7, f0, f3
      fadd f8, f0, f4
      sd f5, 0(r2)
      sd f6, 8(r2)
      sd f7, 16(r2)
      add r2, 32
      sd f8, -8(r2)
      bne r1, r3, loop
  
```

loop:

Schedule →

Int1 1cc	Int 2 1cc	M1 3cc	M2 3cc	FP+ 4cc	FPx 4cc
		ld f1			
		ld f2			
		ld f3			
add r1		ld f4			
		ld f1		fadd f5	
		ld f2		fadd f6	
		ld f3		fadd f7	
add r1		ld f4		fadd f8	
		ld f1	sd f5	fadd f5	
		ld f2	sd f6	fadd f6	
	add r2	ld f3	sd f7	fadd f7	
add r1	bne	ld f4	sd f8	fadd f8	
			sd f5	fadd f5	
			sd f6	fadd f6	
	add r2		sd f7	fadd f7	
	bne		sd f8	fadd f8	

sd f5

Software Pipelining

Unroll 4 ways first

```

loop: ld f1, 0(r1)
      ld f2, 8(r1)
      ld f3, 16(r1)
      ld f4, 24(r1)
      add r1, 32
      fadd f5, f0, f1
      fadd f6, f0, f2
      fadd f7, f0, f3
      fadd f8, f0, f4
      sd f5, 0(r2)
      sd f6, 8(r2)
      sd f7, 16(r2)
      add r2, 32
      sd f8, -8(r2)
      bne r1, r3, loop
  
```

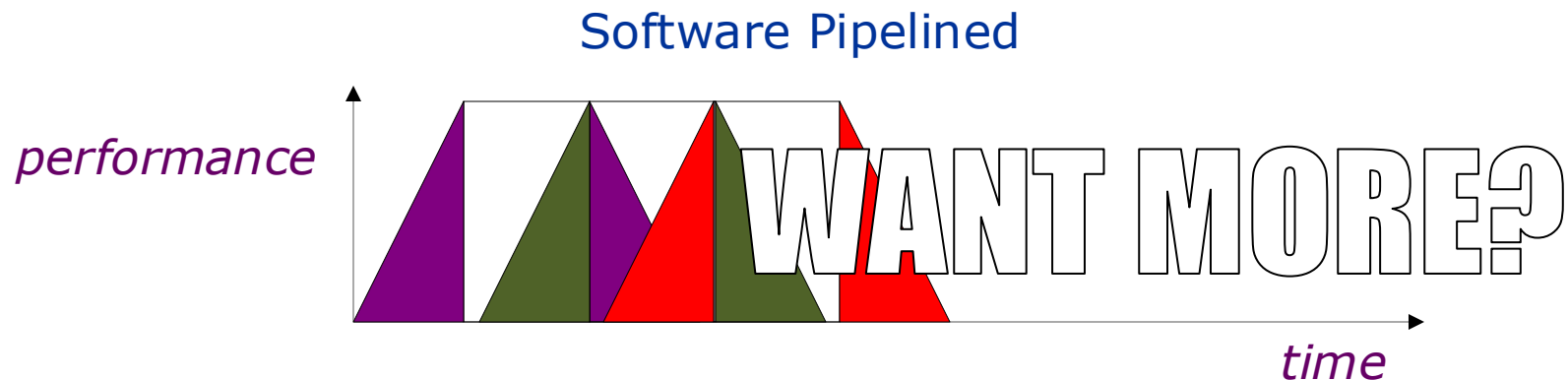
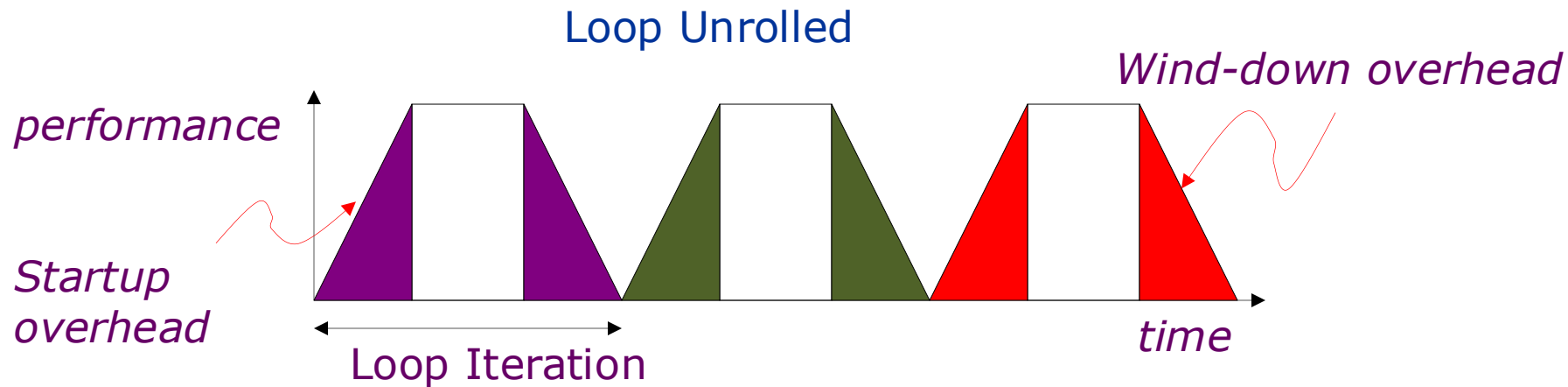
loop:

Schedule

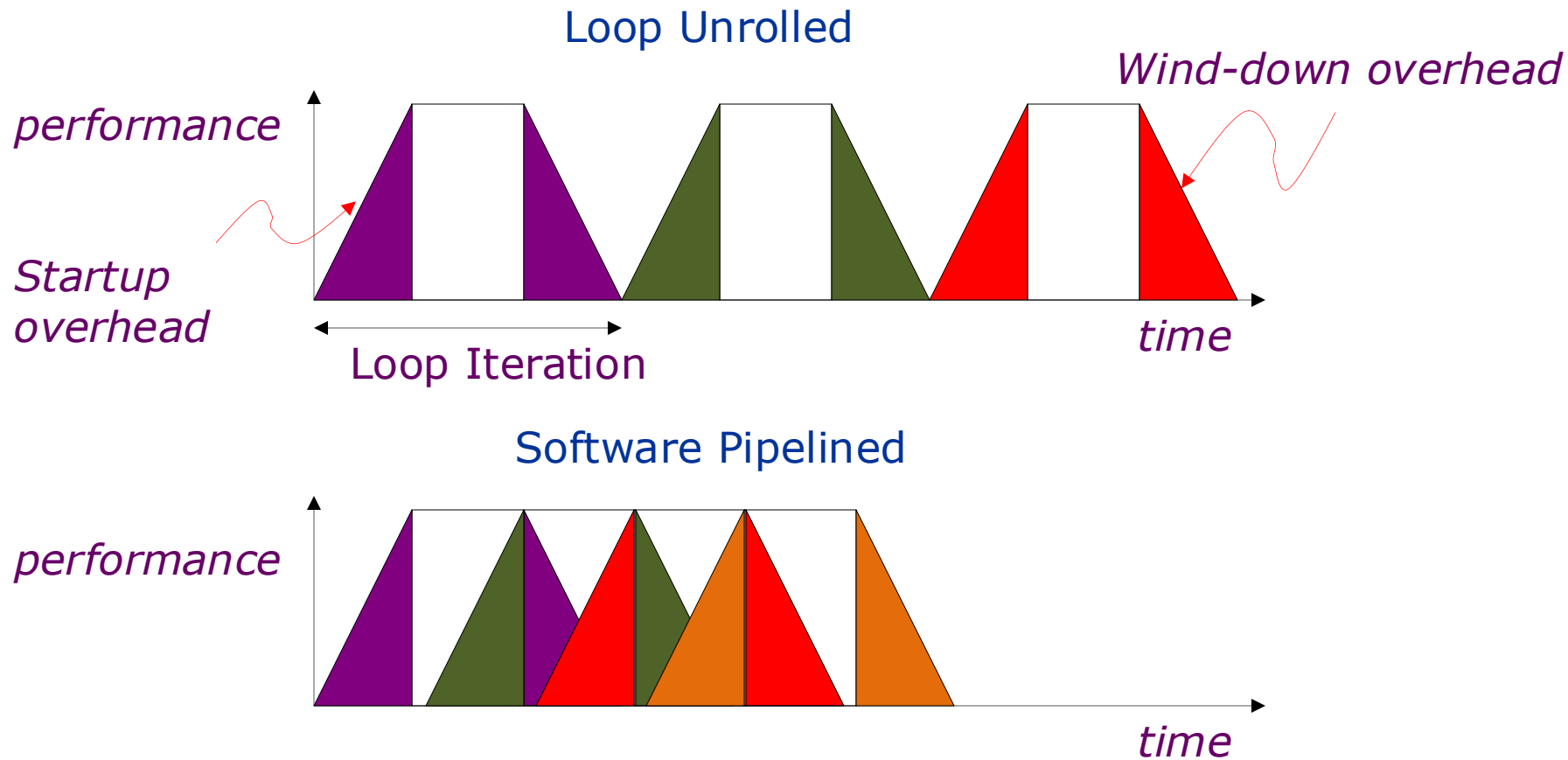
Int1 1cc	Int 2 1cc	M1 3cc	M2 3cc	FP+ 4cc	FPx 4cc
		ld f1			
		ld f2			
		ld f3			
add r1		ld f4			
		ld f1		fadd f5	
		ld f2		fadd f6	
		ld f3		fadd f7	
add r1		ld f4		fadd f8	
		ld f1	sd f5	fadd f5	
		ld f2	sd f6	fadd f6	
	add r2	ld f3	sd f7	fadd f7	
add r1	bne	ld f4	sd f8	fadd f8	
			sd f5	fadd f5	
			sd f6	fadd f6	
	add r2		sd f7	fadd f7	
	bne		sd f8	fadd f8	

sd f5

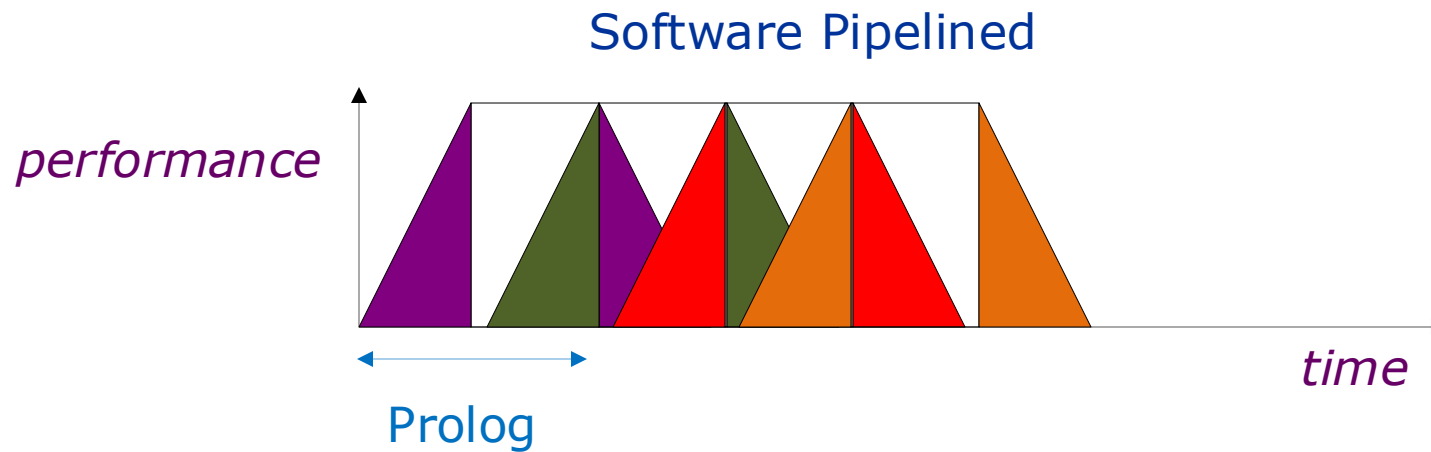
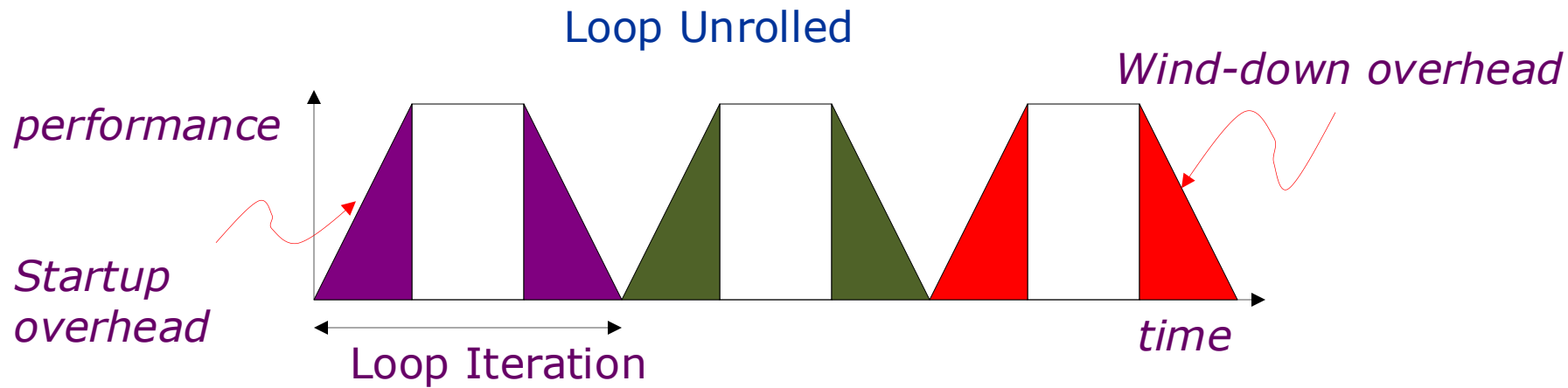
Loop Unrolling vs. Software Pipelining



Loop Unrolling vs. Software Pipelining



Loop Unrolling vs. Software Pipelining



Software Pipelining

Unroll 4 ways first

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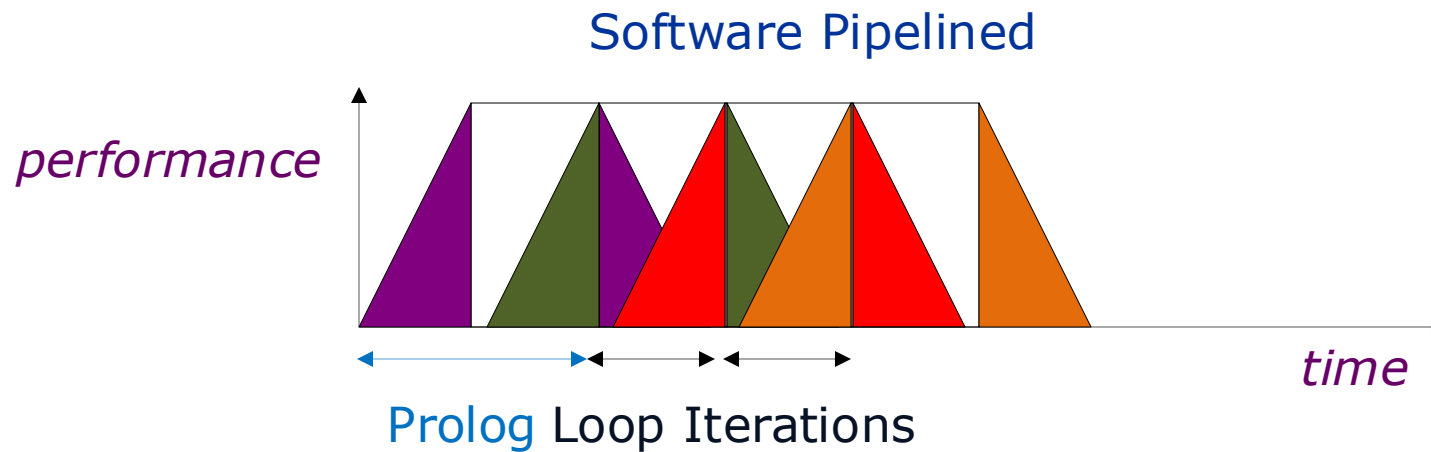
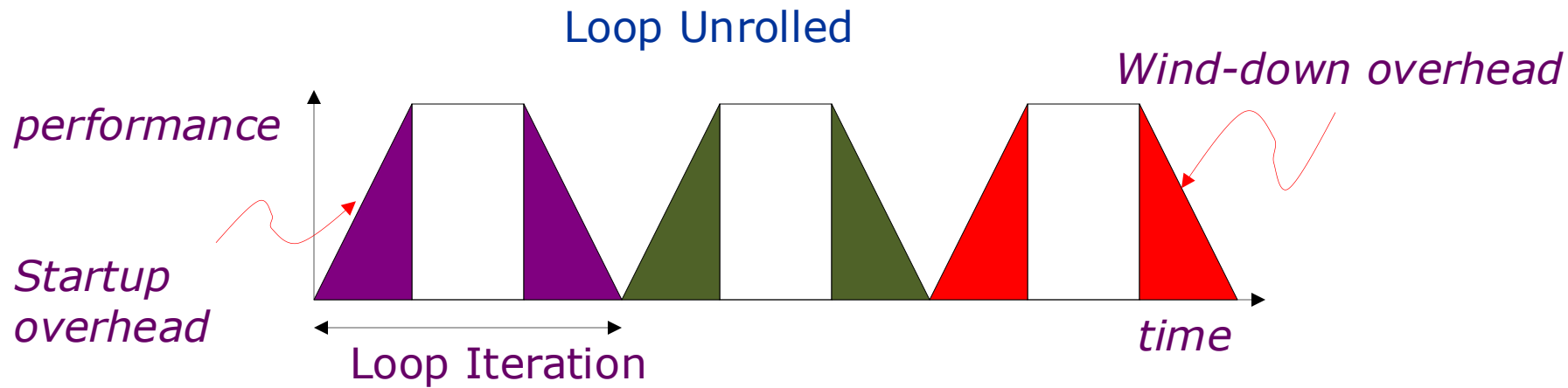
loop: ld f1, 0(r1)
      ld f2, 8(r1)
      ld f3, 16(r1)
      ld f4, 24(r1)
      add r1, 32
      fadd f5, f0, f1
      fadd f6, f0, f2
      fadd f7, f0, f3
      fadd f8, f0, f4
      sd f5, 0(r2)
      sd f6, 8(r2)
      sd f7, 16(r2)
      add r2, 32
      sd f8, -8(r2)
      bne r1, r3, loop
  
```

Prolog
Schedule

Int1 1cc	Int 2 1cc	M1 3cc	M2 3cc	FP+ 4cc	FPx 4cc
		ld f1			
		ld f2			
		ld f3			
add r1		ld f4			
		ld f1		fadd f5	
		ld f2		fadd f6	
		ld f3		fadd f7	
add r1		ld f4		fadd f8	
		ld f1	sd f5	fadd f5	
		ld f2	sd f6	fadd f6	
	add r2	ld f3	sd f7	fadd f7	
add r1	bne	ld f4	sd f8	fadd f8	
			sd f5	fadd f5	
			sd f6	fadd f6	
	add r2		sd f7	fadd f7	
	bne		sd f8	fadd f8	

sd f5

Loop Unrolling vs. Software Pipelining



Software Pipelining

Unroll 4 ways first

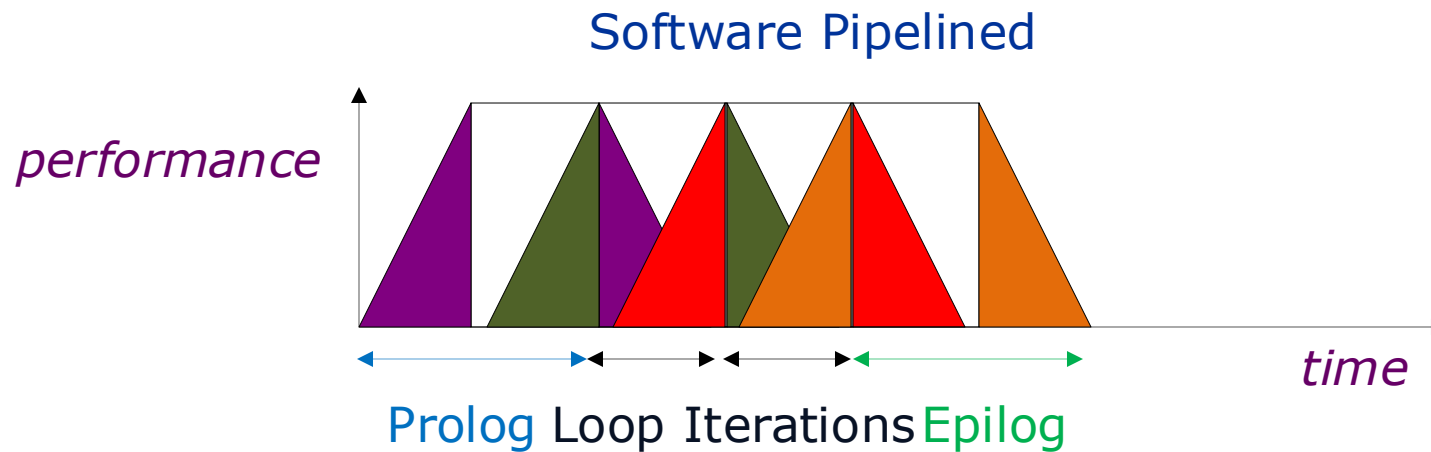
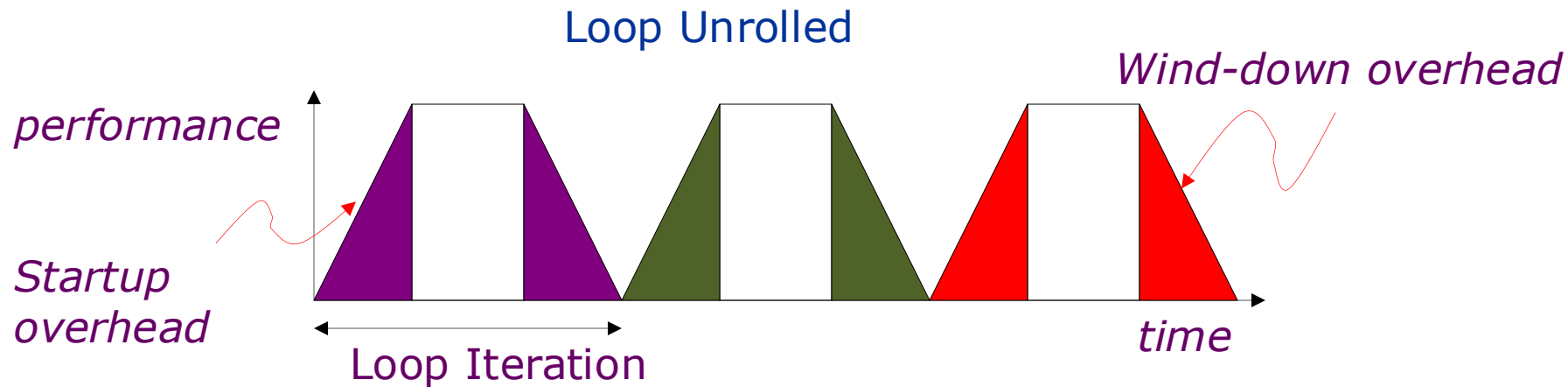
```

loop: ld f1, 0(r1)
      ld f2, 8(r1)
      ld f3, 16(r1)
      ld f4, 24(r1)
      add r1, 32
      fadd f5, f0, f1
      fadd f6, f0, f2
      fadd f7, f0, f3
      fadd f8, f0, f4
      sd f5, 0(r2)
      sd f6, 8(r2)
      sd f7, 16(r2)
      add r2, 32
      sd f8, -8(r2)
      bne r1, r3, loop
  
```

	Int1 1cc	Int 2 1cc	M1 3cc	M2 3cc	FP+ 4cc	FPx 4cc
Prolog			ld f1			
			ld f2			
			ld f3			
	add r1		ld f4			
			ld f1		fadd f5	
			ld f2		fadd f6	
			ld f3		fadd f7	
	add r1		ld f4		fadd f8	
loop: iterate			ld f1	sd f5	fadd f5	
			ld f2	sd f6	fadd f6	
		add r2	ld f3	sd f7	fadd f7	
	add r1	bne	ld f4	sd f8	fadd f8	
				sd f5	fadd f5	
				sd f6	fadd f6	
		add r2		sd f7	fadd f7	
		bne		sd f8	fadd f8	

sd f5

Loop Unrolling vs. Software Pipelining



Software Pipelining

Unroll 4 ways first

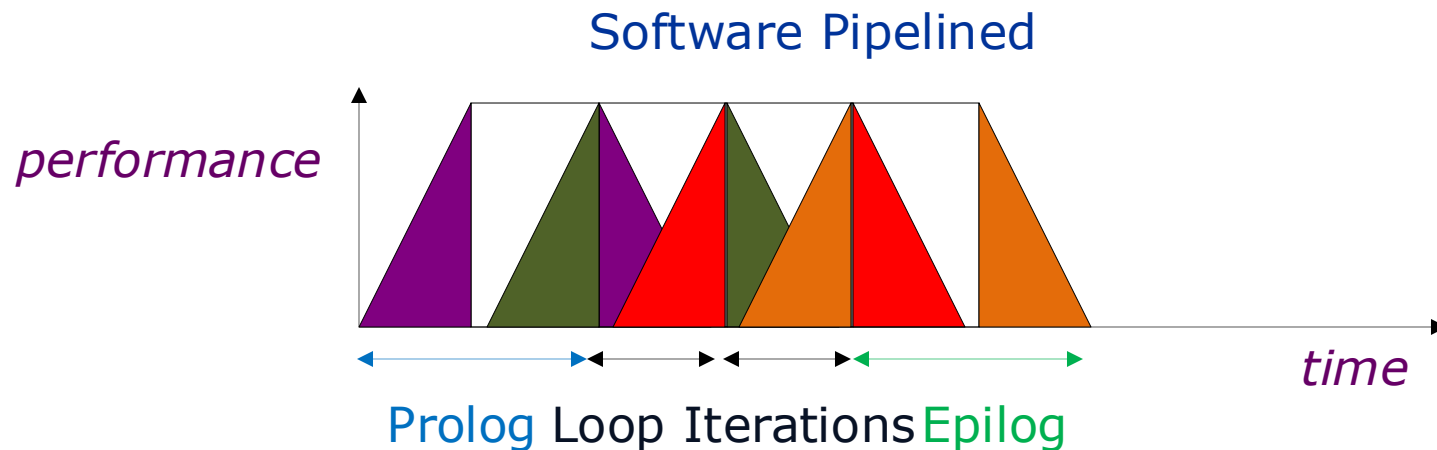
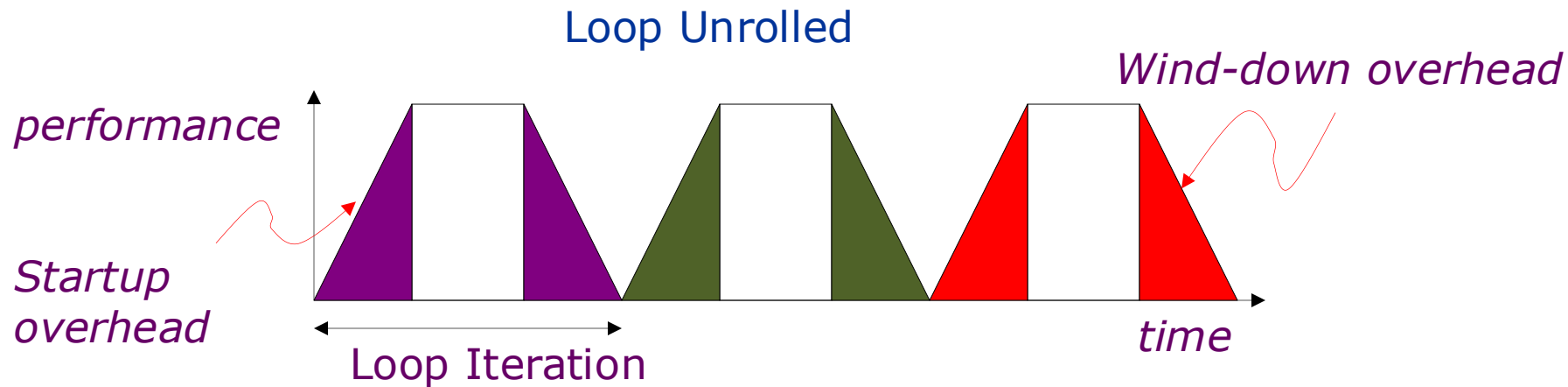
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loop: ld f1, 0(r1)
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      ld f4, 24(r1)
      add r1, 32
      fadd f5, f0, f1
      fadd f6, f0, f2
      fadd f7, f0, f3
      fadd f8, f0, f4
      sd f5, 0(r2)
      sd f6, 8(r2)
      sd f7, 16(r2)
      add r2, 32
      sd f8, -8(r2)
      bne r1, r3, loop
  
```

	Int1 1cc	Int 2 1cc	M1 3cc	M2 3cc	FP+ 4cc	FPx 4cc
Prolog			ld f1			
			ld f2			
			ld f3			
	add r1		ld f4			
			ld f1		fadd f5	
			ld f2		fadd f6	
			ld f3		fadd f7	
	add r1		ld f4		fadd f8	
loop:			ld f1	sd f5	fadd f5	
			ld f2	sd f6	fadd f6	
		add r2	ld f3	sd f7	fadd f7	
	add r1	bne	ld f4	sd f8	fadd f8	
				sd f5	fadd f5	
				sd f6	fadd f6	
		add r2		sd f7	fadd f7	
		bne		sd f8	fadd f8	
Epilog						

sd f5

Loop Unrolling vs. Software Pipelining



Software pipelining pays startup/wind-down costs only once per loop, not once per iteration

Software Pipelining

Unroll 4 ways first

```

loop: ld f1, 0(r1)
      ld f2, 8(r1)
      ld f3, 16(r1)
      ld f4, 24(r1)
      add r1, 32
      fadd f5, f0, f1
      fadd f6, f0, f2
      fadd f7, f0, f3
      fadd f8, f0, f4
      sd f5, 0(r2)
      sd f6, 8(r2)
      sd f7, 16(r2)
      add r2, 32
      sd f8, -8(r2)
      bne r1, r3, loop
  
```

Prolog
Schedule

loop:
iterate

Epilog

Int1 1cc	Int 2 1cc	M1 3cc	M2 3cc	FP+ 4cc	FPx 4cc
		ld f1			
		ld f2			
		ld f3			
add r1		ld f4			
		ld f1		fadd f5	
		ld f2		fadd f6	
		ld f3		fadd f7	
add r1		ld f4		fadd f8	
		ld f1	sd f5	fadd f5	
		ld f2	sd f6	fadd f6	
	add r2	ld f3	sd f7	fadd f7	
add r1	bne	ld f4	sd f8	fadd f8	
			sd f5	fadd f5	
			sd f6	fadd f6	
	add r2		sd f7	fadd f7	
	bne		sd f8	fadd f8	

sd f5

How many FLOPS/cycle?

Software Pipelining

Unroll 4 ways first

```

loop: ld f1, 0(r1)
      ld f2, 8(r1)
      ld f3, 16(r1)
      ld f4, 24(r1)
      add r1, 32
      fadd f5, f0, f1
      fadd f6, f0, f2
      fadd f7, f0, f3
      fadd f8, f0, f4
      sd f5, 0(r2)
      sd f6, 8(r2)
      sd f7, 16(r2)
      add r2, 32
      sd f8, -8(r2)
      bne r1, r3, loop
  
```

Prolog
Schedule

loop:
iterate

Epilog

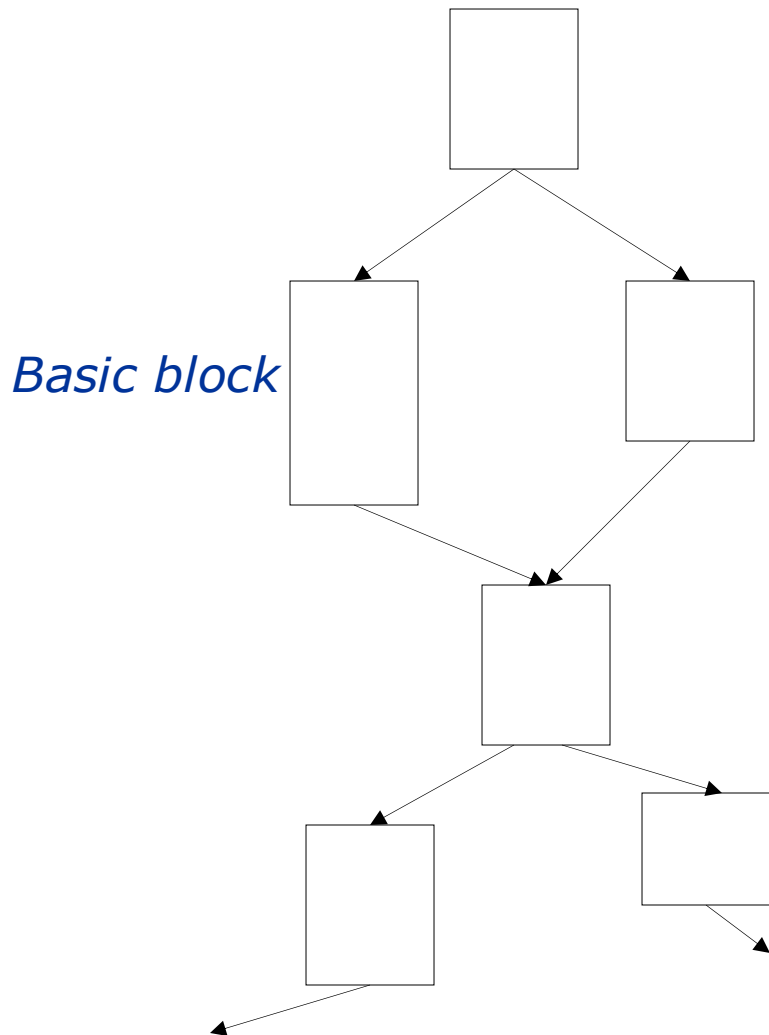
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		ld f1			
		ld f2			
		ld f3			
add r1		ld f4			
		ld f1		fadd f5	
		ld f2		fadd f6	
		ld f3		fadd f7	
add r1		ld f4		fadd f8	
		ld f1	sd f5	fadd f5	
		ld f2	sd f6	fadd f6	
	add r2	ld f3	sd f7	fadd f7	
add r1	bne	ld f4	sd f8	fadd f8	
			sd f5	fadd f5	
			sd f6	fadd f6	
	add r2		sd f7	fadd f7	
	bne		sd f8	fadd f8	

How many FLOPS/cycle?

4 fadds / 4 cycles = 1

sd f5

What if there are no loops?



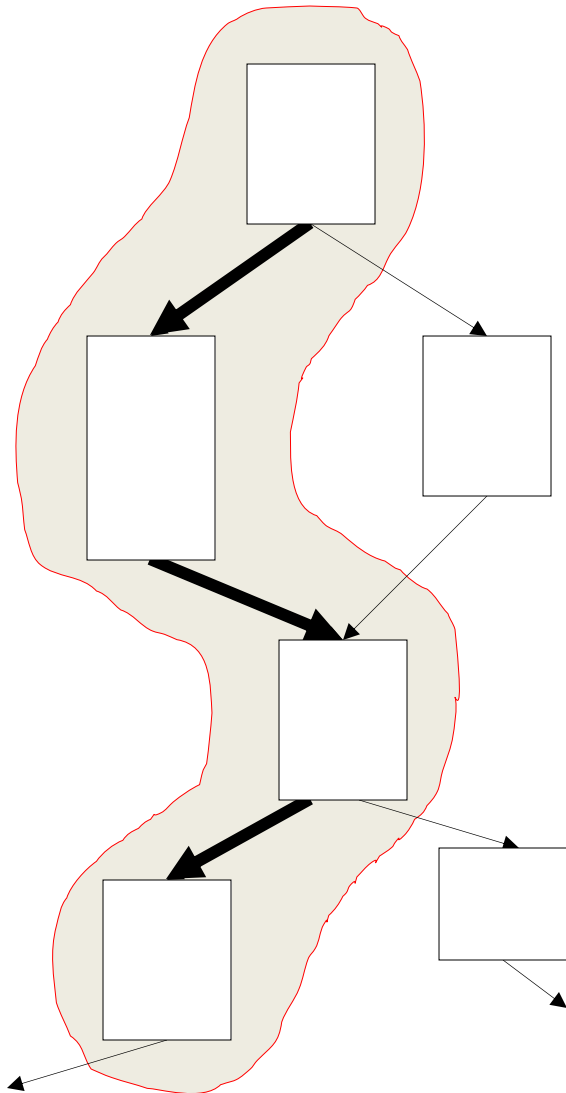
- Branches limit basic block size in control-flow intensive irregular code
- Difficult to find ILP in individual basic blocks

Basic block: a sequence of straight non-branch instructions

Trace scheduling: basic idea

- Trace scheduling focuses on traces
 - A trace is a loop-free sequence of basic blocks embedded in the control flow graph (Fisher)
 - It is an execution path which can be taken for some set of inputs
 - The chances that a trace is actually executed depends on the input set that allows its execution
- Some traces are executed much more frequently than others

Trace Scheduling [Fisher, Ellis]



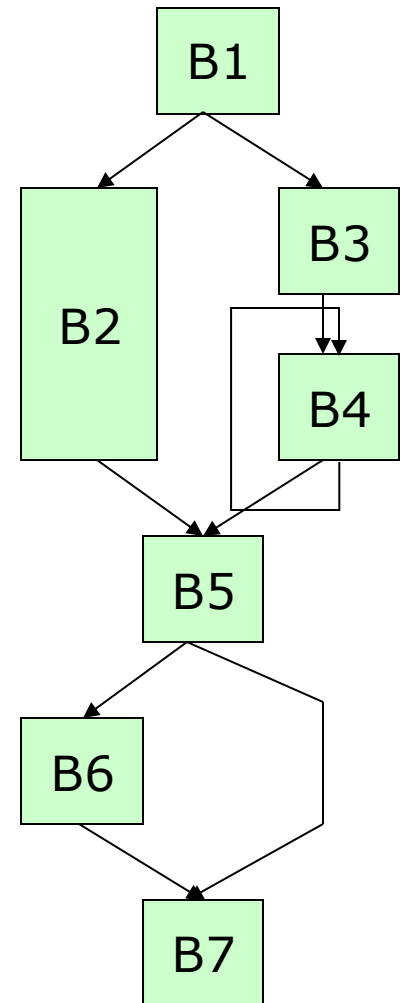
- Pick string of basic blocks, a trace, that represents most frequent branch path
- Use profiling feedback or compiler heuristics to find common branch paths
- Schedule whole “trace” at once
- Add fixup code to cope with branches jumping out of trace

Trace scheduling and loops

- Trace scheduling and loops
 - Trace scheduling cannot proceed beyond a loop barrier
 - Techniques used to overcome this limitation are based on loop unrolling
- Negative effects on unrolling
 - Unrolling produces much extra code
 - It also loses performance, because of the costs of starting and closing the iterations
- Traces scheduling schedules traces in order of decreasing probability of being executed
 - So, most frequently executed traces get better schedules
 - Traces are scheduled as if they were basic blocks (no special considerations for branches)

Trace Scheduling: in deep

- Trace: a sequence of instructions which may include branches but not including loops
- For example some traces in the control flow graph:
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 - B4
 - B5, B7
 - B1, B2
 - B1, B2, B5, B6, B7

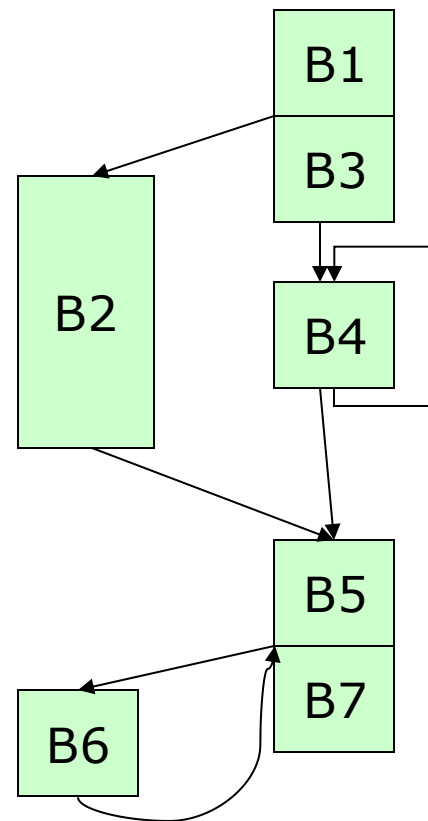


Trace Scheduling Cont'd

- Trace Scheduling: finding common path and scheduling traces in that path independently
- Scheduling in a trace rely on basic code motion but now has a global taste across more than one basic block by appropriate use of renaming
- Compensation codes are needed
 - for side entry points: i.e. points except beginning
 - and side exit points: i.e. points except ending
- Blocks on non common path may now have added overhead, so there must be a high probability of taking common path according to profile (may not be clear for some programs)
- Problems: compensation codes are difficult to generate specially for entry points

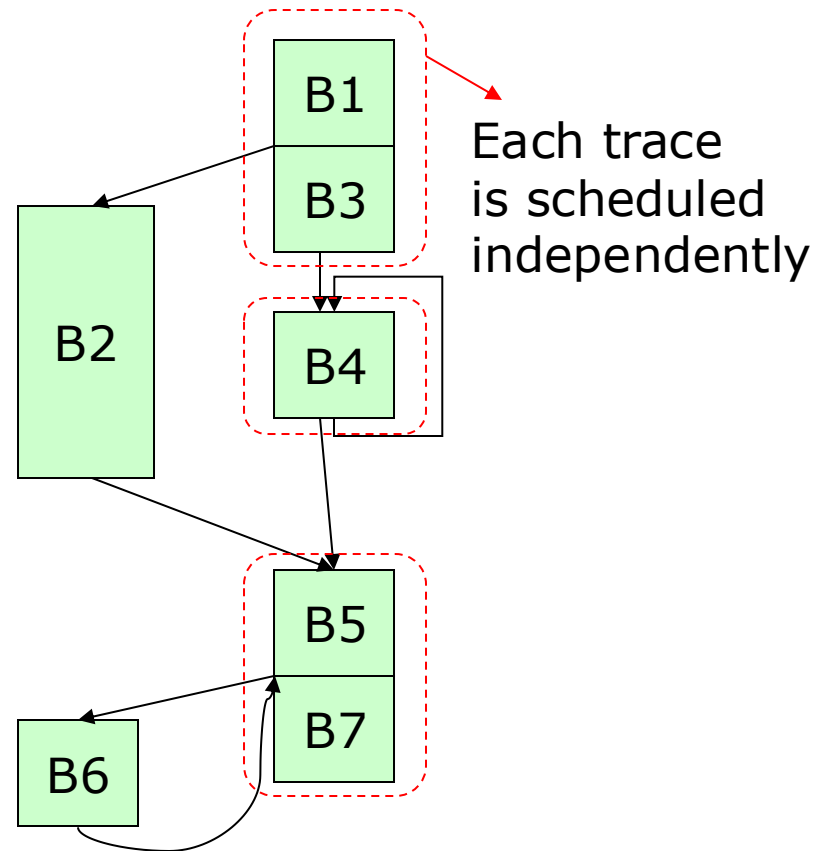
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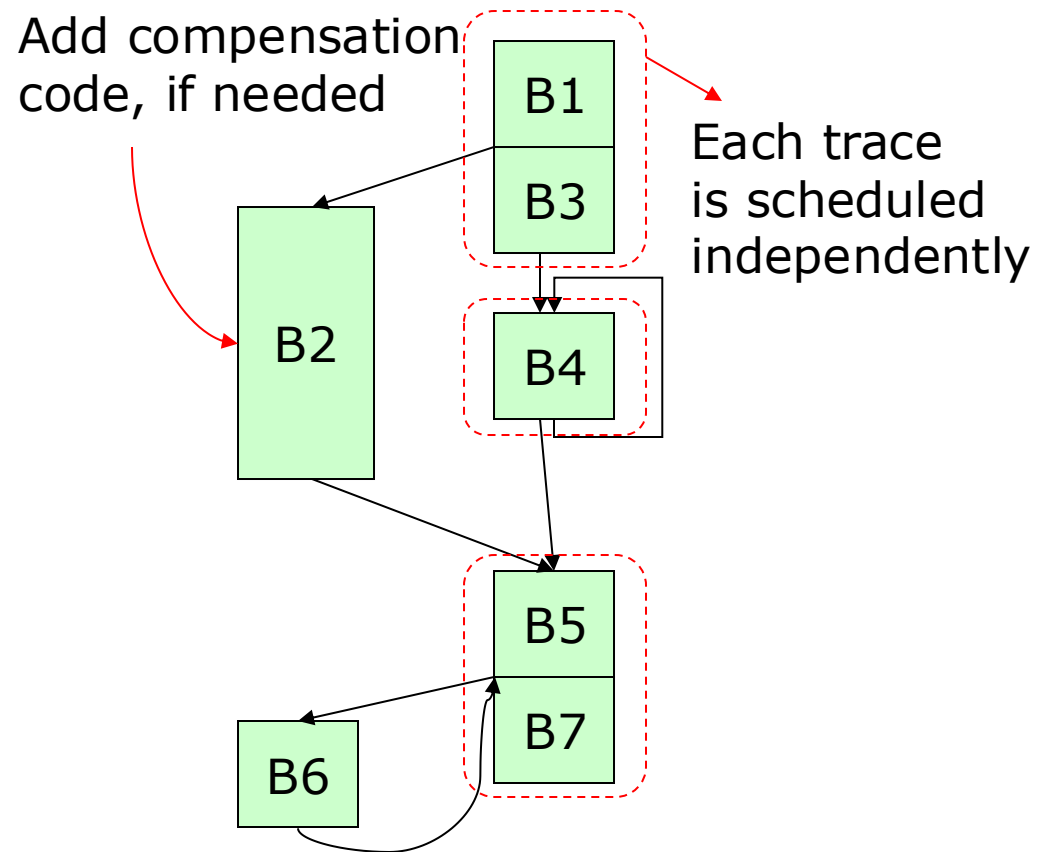
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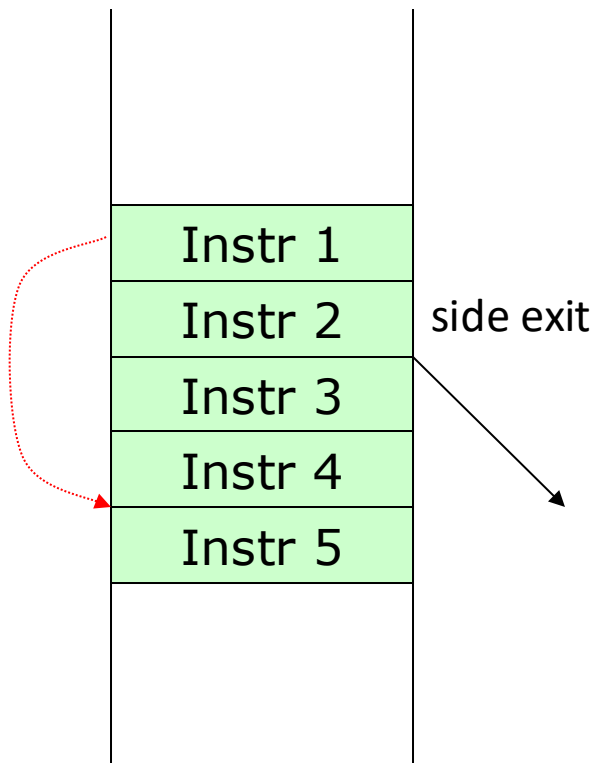
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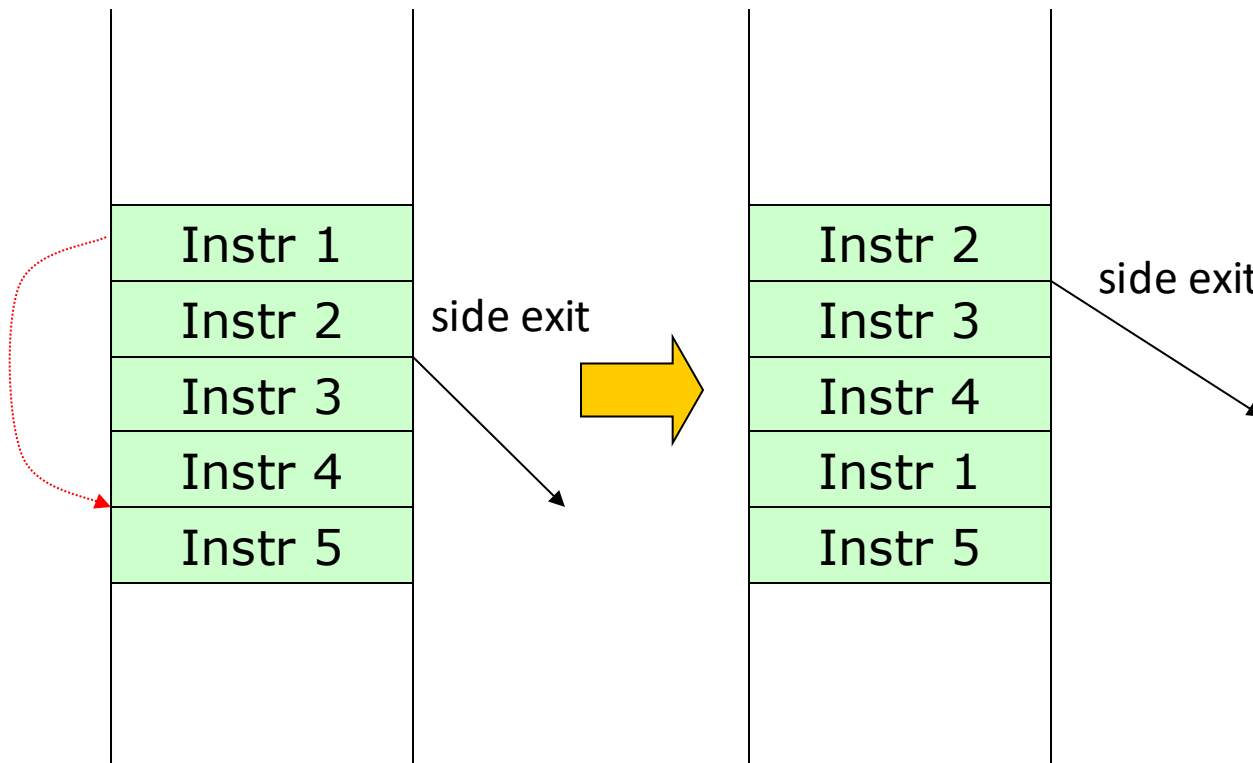
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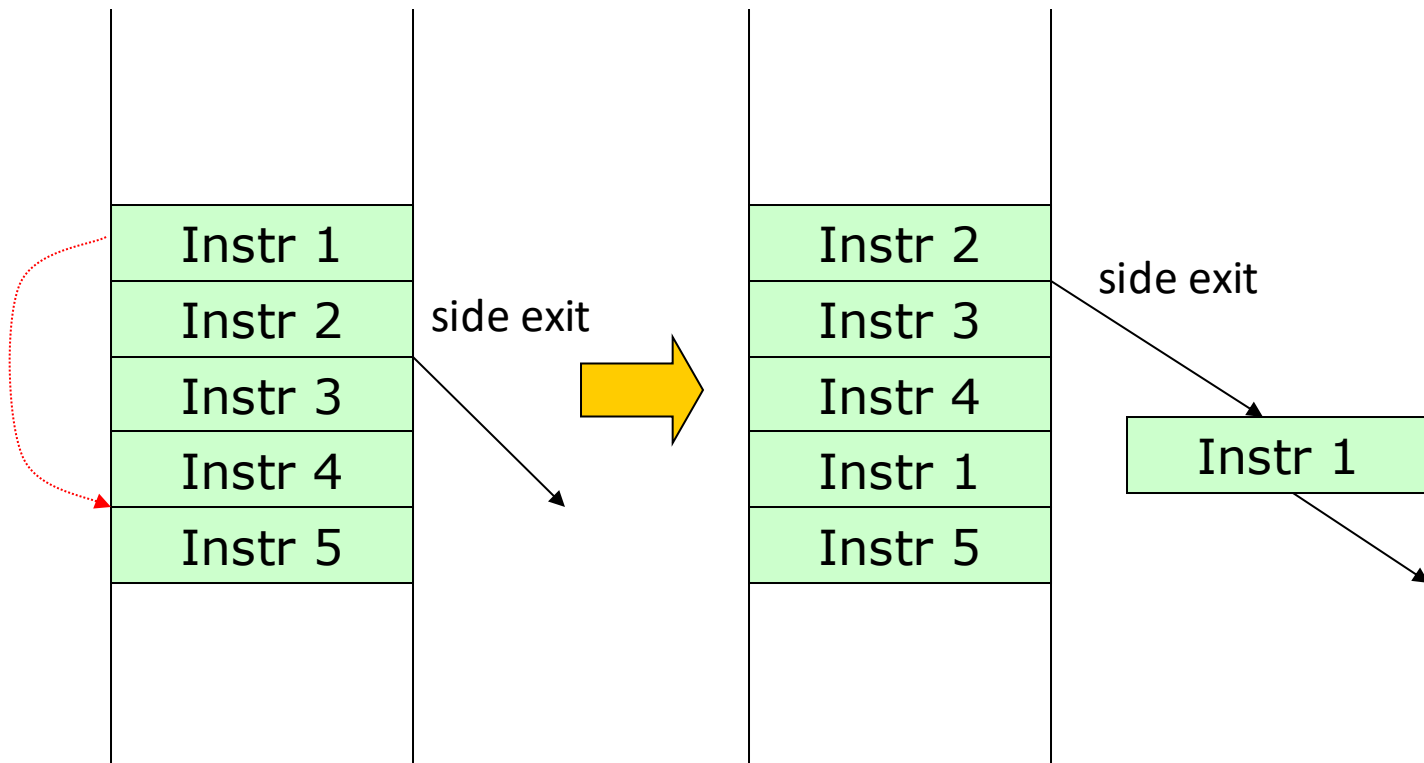
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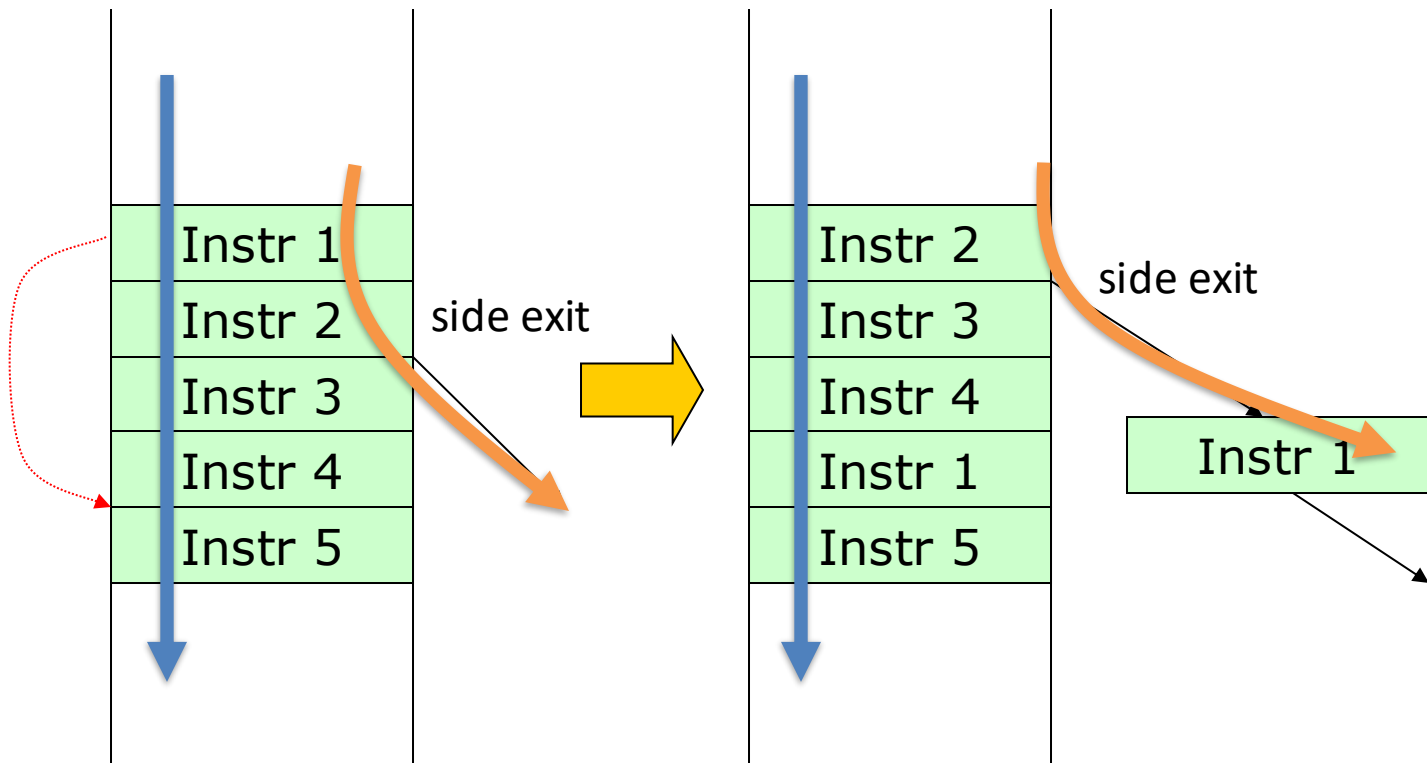
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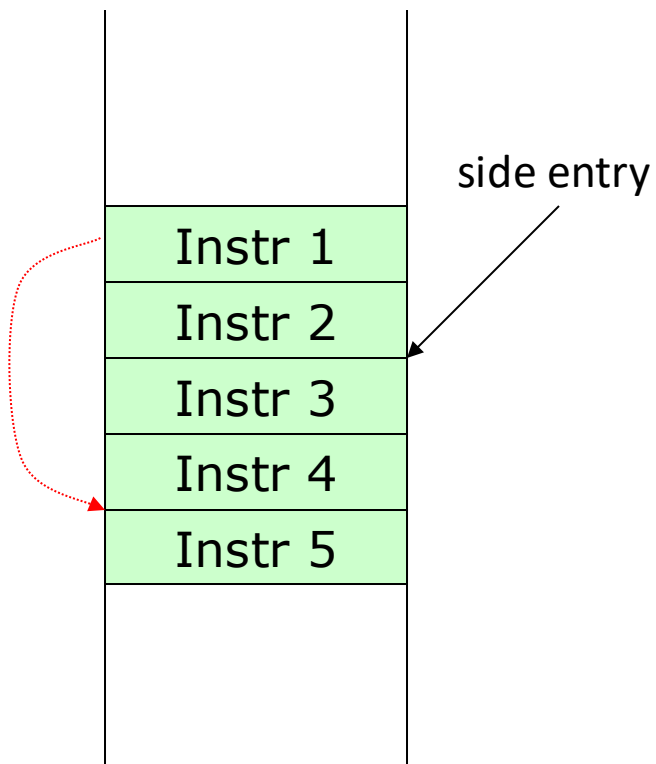
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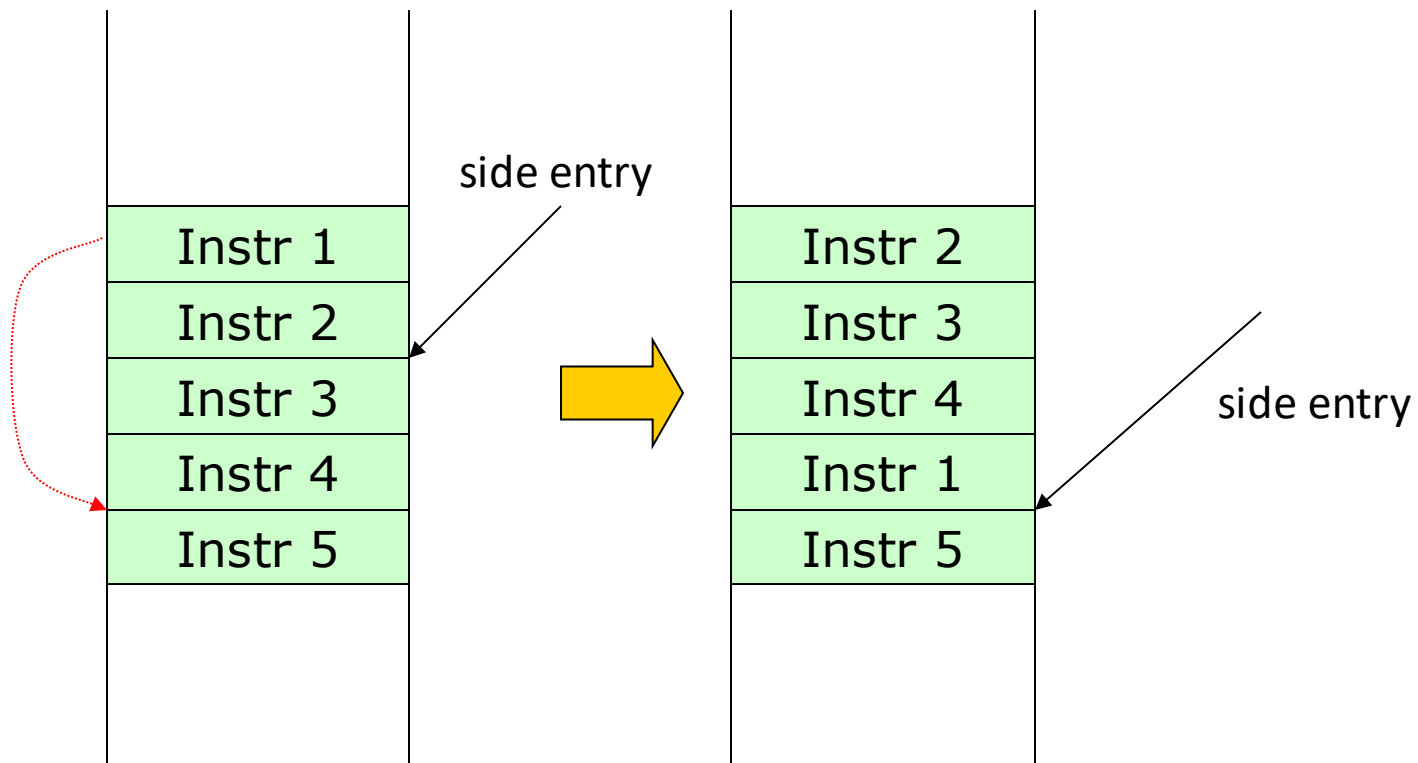
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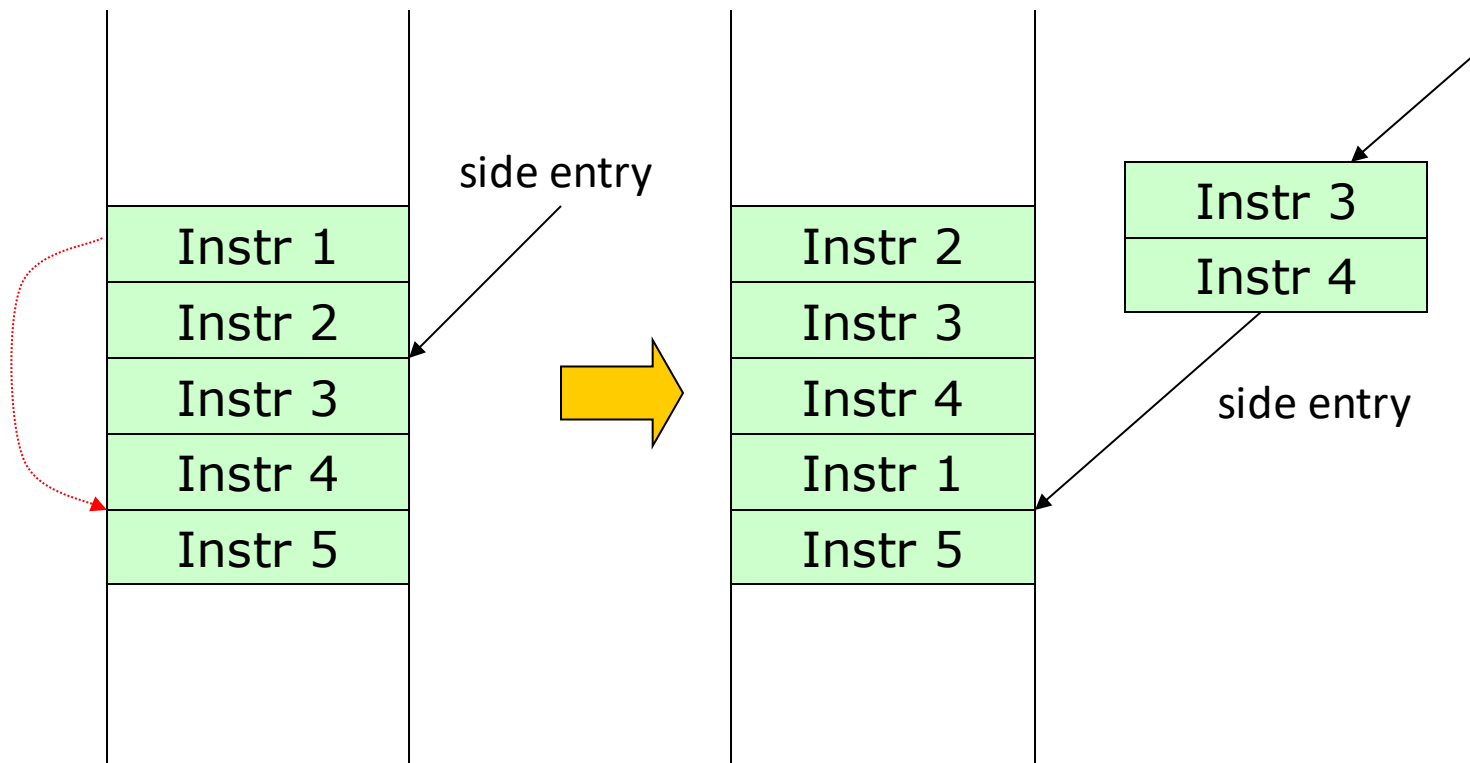
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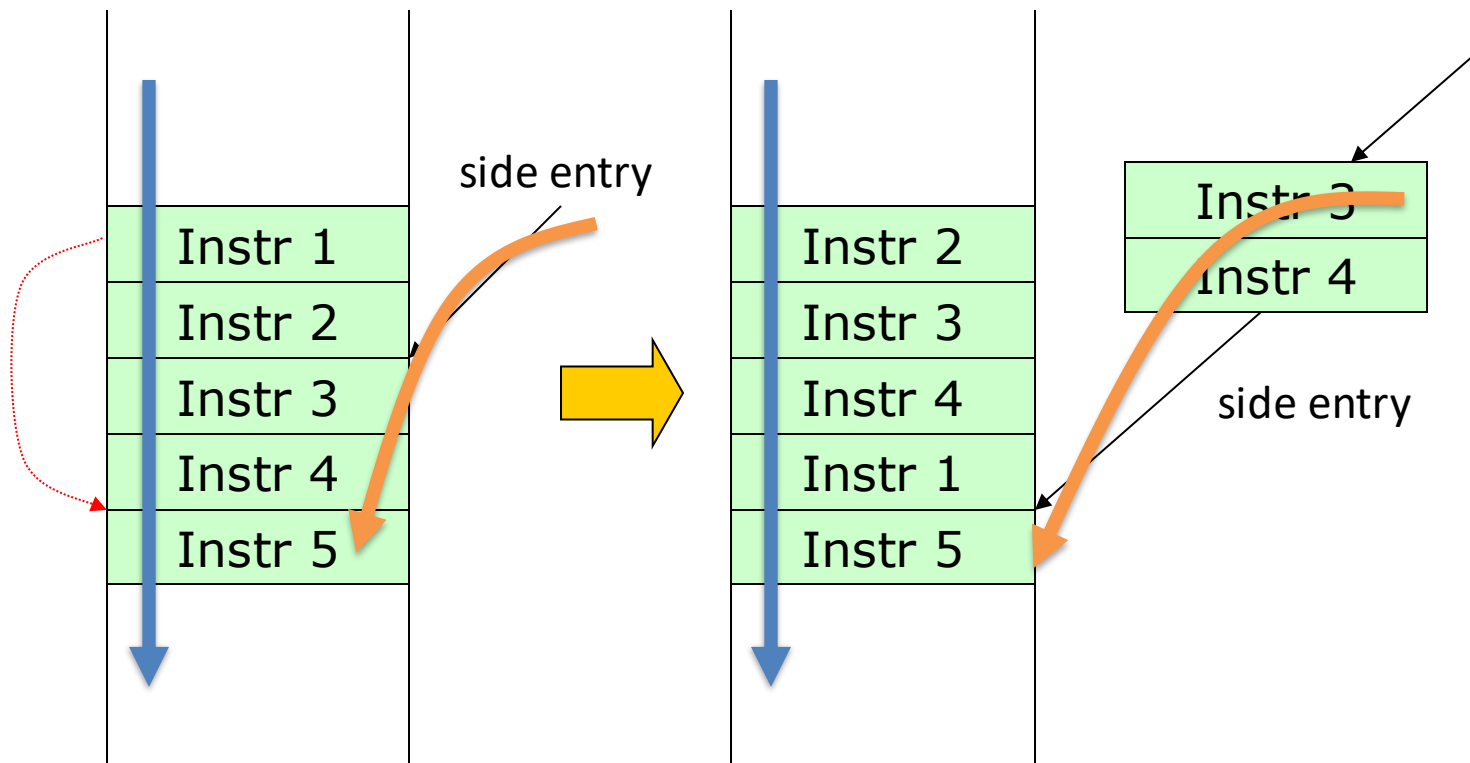
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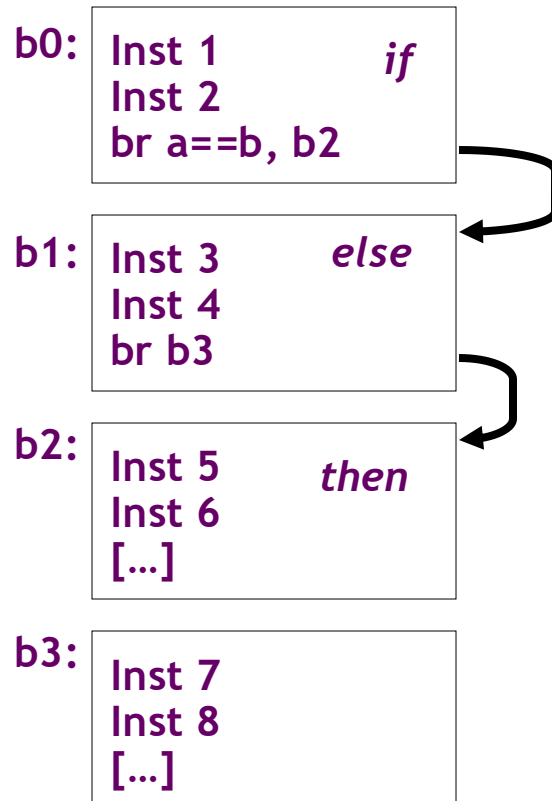
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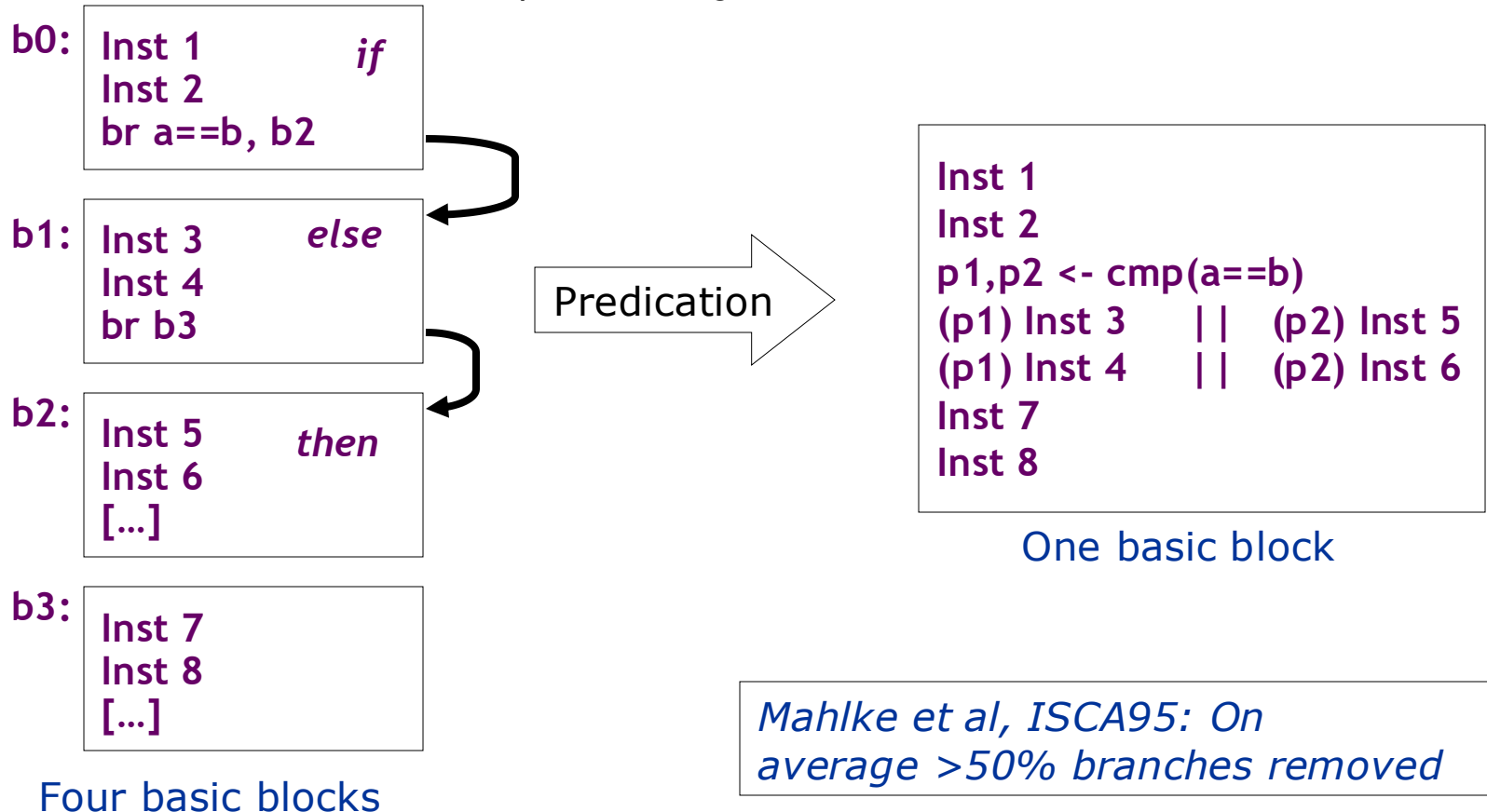
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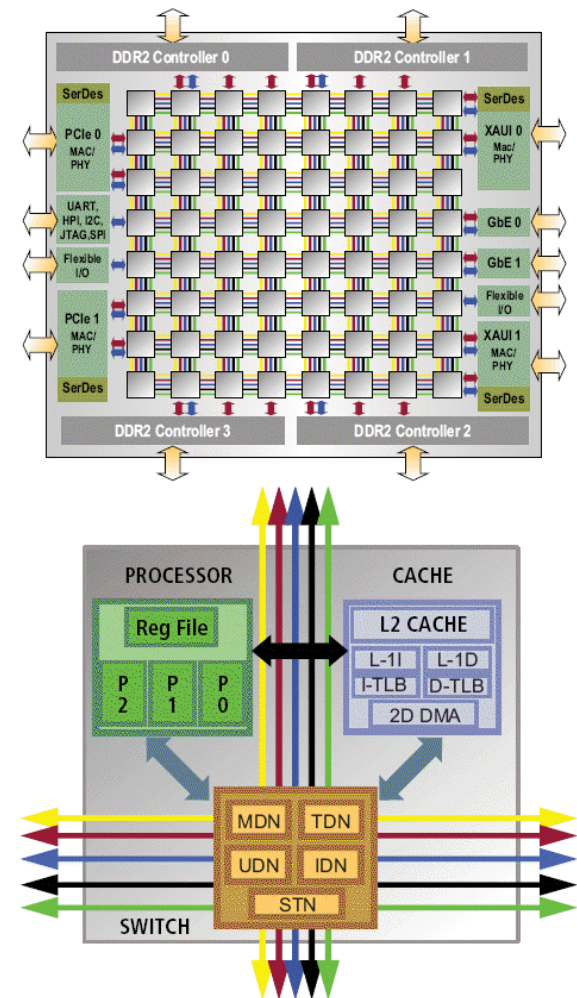
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