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Exercise Session 6

Scoreboard, Tomasulo, Dynamic Branch Prediction, (Extra: Simple Scheduling)
Advanced Computer Architectures

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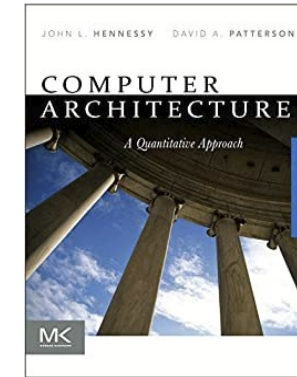
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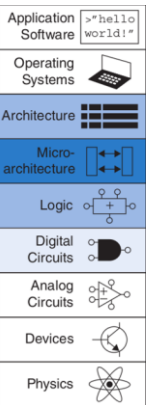
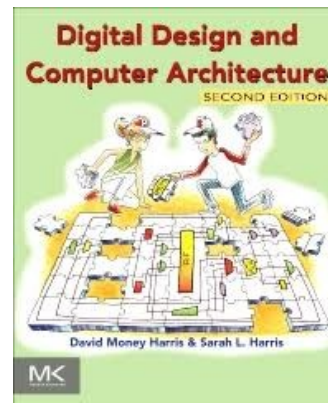
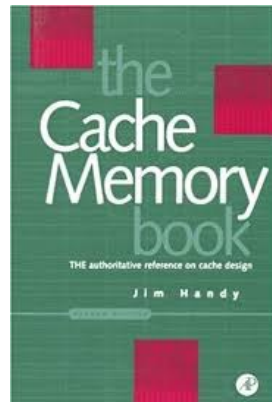
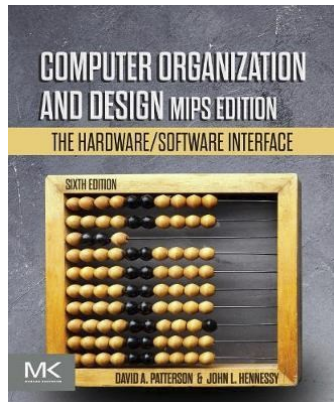
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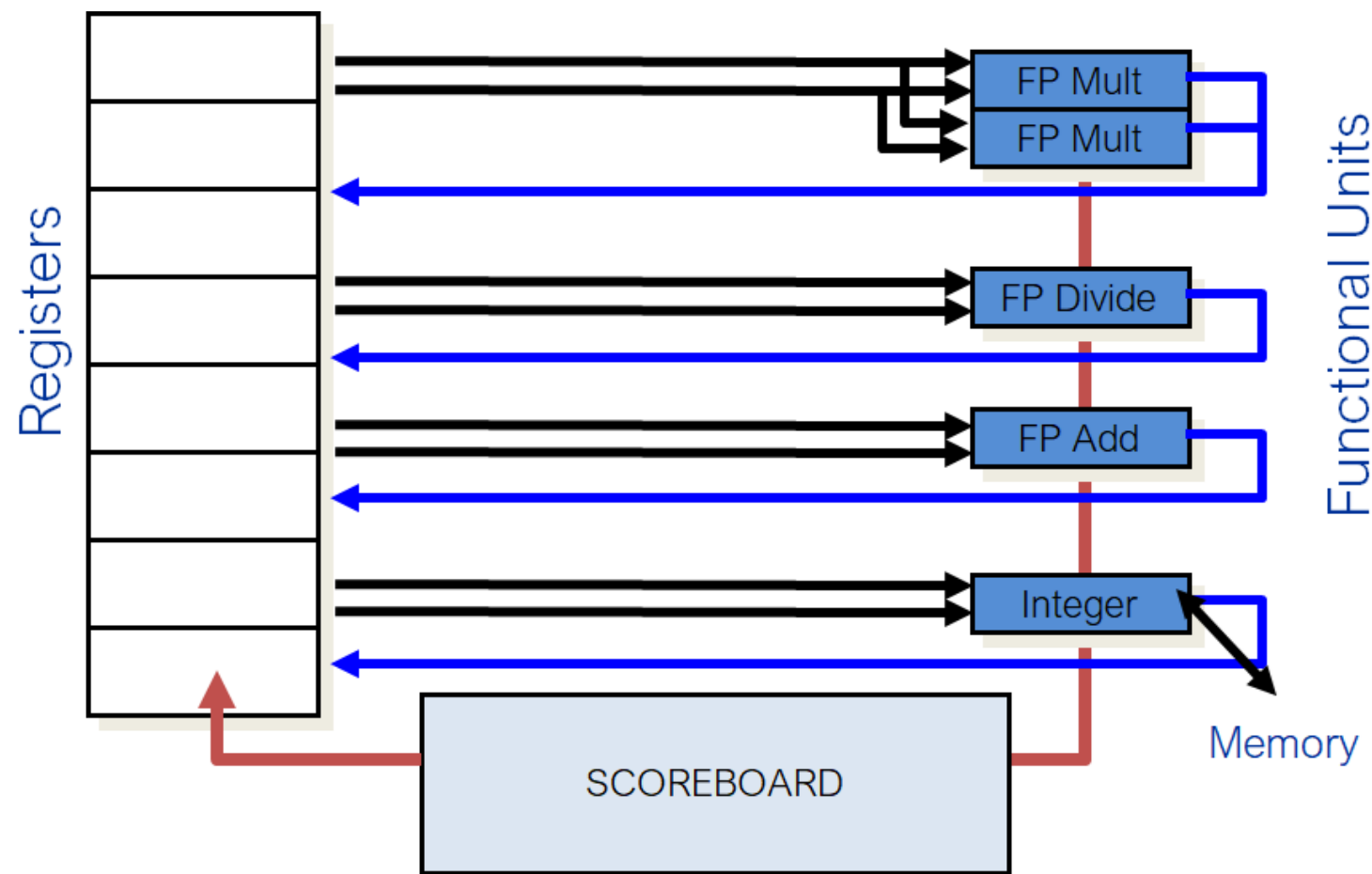
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Other Interesting Reference



Exe Scoreboard



Parallel operation in the control data 6600

The Scoreboard pipeline

ISSUE	READ OPERAND	EXE COMPLETE	WB
Decode instruction;	Read operands;	Operate on operands;	Finish exec;
Structural FUs check; WAW checks	RAW check; WAR if need to read	Notify Scoreboard on completion;	WAR & Struct check (FUs will hold results); Can overlap issue/read&write 4 Structural Hazard;

Exe.1 The code

```
I1: LD $F1, 0($R1)
I2: FADD $F2, $F2, $F3
I3: ADDI $R3, $R3, 8
I4: LD $F4, 0(R2)
I5: FADD $F5, $F4, $F2
I6: FMULT $F6, $F1, $F4
I7: ADDI $R5, $R5, 1
I8: LD $R6, 0($R4)
I9: SD $F6, 0($R5)
I10: SD $F5, 0($R6)
```

Exe.1 The conflicts

I1: LD \$F1, 0(\$R1)
I2: FADD \$F2, \$F2, \$F3
I3: ADDI \$R3, \$R3, 8
I4: LD \$F4, 0(R2)
I5: FADD \$F5, \$F4, \$F2
I6: FMULT \$F6, \$F1, \$F4
I7: ADDI \$R5, \$R5, 1
I8: LD \$R6, 0(\$R4)
I9: SD \$F6, 0(\$R5)
I10: SD \$F5, 0(\$R6)

Exe.2 Scoreboard: ∃ a configuration?

	Instruction	ISSUE	READ OPERAND	EXE COMPLETE	WB
I1	LD \$F1, 0(\$R1)	1	2	5	6
I2	FADD \$F2, \$F2, \$F3	2	3	7	8
I3	ADDI \$R3, \$R3, 8	3	4	5	6
I4	LD \$F4, 0(R2)	4	5	8	9
I5	FADD \$F5, \$F4, \$F2	9	6	14	15
I6	FMULT \$F6, \$F1, \$F4	8	10	14	16
I7	ADDI \$R5, \$R5, 1	5	8	9	10
I8	LD \$R6, 0(\$R4)	6	9	12	13
I9	SD \$F6, 0(\$R5)	9	11	14	17
I10	SD \$F5, 0(\$R6)	10	14	17	18

- Is there a “configuration” that can respect the shown execution?
- How many units? Which kind? What latency?

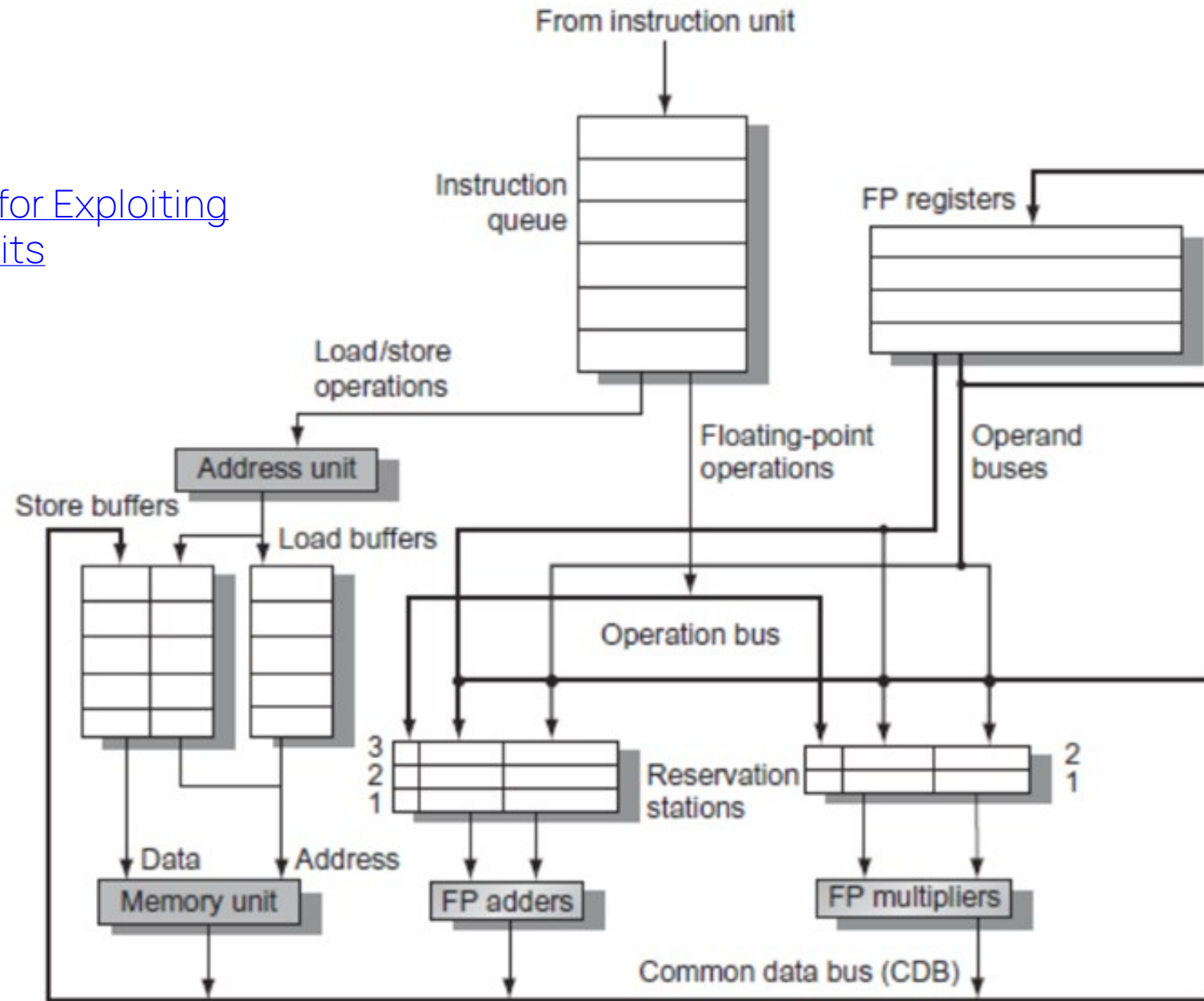
Exe.2 Scoreboard CC0

	Instruction	ISSUE	READ OPERAND	EXE COMPLETE	WB	Hazards	Unit
I1	LD \$F1, 0(\$R1)						
I2	FADD \$F2, \$F2, \$F3						
I3	ADDI \$R3, \$R3, 8						
I4	LD \$F4, 0(R2)						
I5	FADD \$F5, \$F4, \$F2						
I6	FMULT \$F6, \$F1, \$F4						
I7	ADDI \$R5, \$R5, 1						
I8	LD \$R6, 0(\$R4)						
I9	SD \$F6, 0(\$R5)						
I10	SD \$F5, 0(\$R6)						



Exe Tomasulo

[An Efficient Algorithm for Exploiting Multiple Arithmetic Units](#)



Exe.1 The conflicts

I1: LD \$F1, 0(\$R1)
I2: FADD \$F2, \$F2, \$F3
I3: ADDI \$R3, \$R3, 8
I4: LD \$F4, 0(R2)
I5: FADD \$F5, \$F4, \$F2
I6: FMULT \$F6, \$F1, \$F4
I7: ADDI \$R5, \$R5, 1
I8: LD \$R6, 0(\$R4)
I9: SD \$F6, 0(\$R5)
I10: SD \$F5, 0(\$R6)

Recall: the Tomasulo pipeline

ISSUE	EXECUTION	WRITE
Get Instruction from Queue and Rename Registers	Execute and Watch CDB;	Write on CDB;
Structural RSs check; WAW and WAR solved by Renaming (!!!in-order-issue!!!);	Check for Struct on FUs; RAW delaying; Struct check on CDB;	(FUs will hold results unless CDB free) RSs/FUs marked free

Exe.2 Tomasulo: \exists a configuration?

Instruction	ISSUE	START EXE	WB
I1: LD \$F1, 0(\$R1)	1	2	5
I2: FADD \$F2, \$F2, \$F3	2	3	6
I3: ADDI \$R3, \$R3, 8	3	4	6
I4: LD \$F4, 0(R2)	6	5	8
I5: FADD \$F5, \$F4, \$F2	7	9	12
I6: FMULT \$F6, \$F1, \$F4	8	9	13
I7: ADDI \$R5, \$R5, 1	9	10	11
I8: LD \$R6, 0(\$R4)	10	9	14
I9: SD \$F6, 0(\$R5)	11	14	17
I10: SD \$F5, 0(\$R6)	12	15	18

- Is there a “configuration” that can respect the shown execution?
- How many units? Which kind? What latency? How many Reservation Stations?

Exe.3 Tomasulo CC0

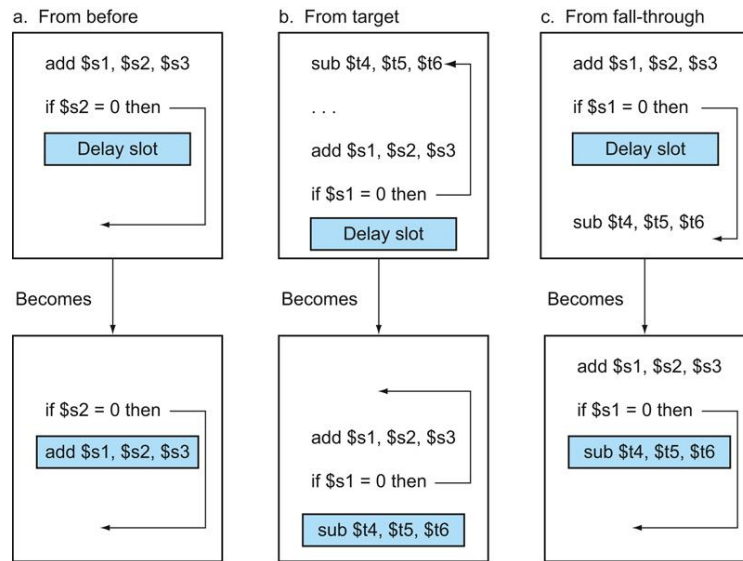
Instruction	ISSUE	START EXE	WB	Hazards Type	RSi	Unit
I1: LD \$F1, 0(\$R1)						
I2: FADD \$F2, \$F2, \$F3						
I3: ADDI \$R3, \$R3, 8						
I4: LD \$F4, 0(R2)						
I5: FADD \$F5, \$F4, \$F2						
I6: FMULT \$F6, \$F1, \$F4						
I7: ADDI \$R5, \$R5, 1						
I8: LD \$R6, 0(\$R4)						
I9: SD \$F6, 0(\$R5)						
I10: SD \$F5, 0(\$R6)						



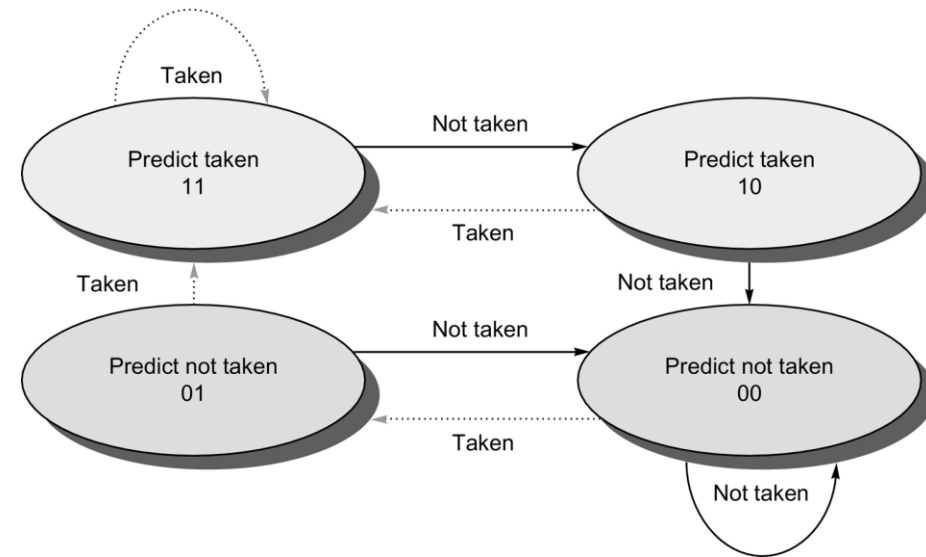
Prediction

Branch vanguard: decomposing branch functionality into prediction and resolution instructions

The IBM z15 High Frequency Mainframe Branch Predictor



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Dynamic Branch Predictor

- Describe (the answer has to be effectively supported) a 1-BHT and a 2-BHT able to execute the following assembly code (R0 is set to 1, R1 is set to 300)

```
      LOOP:  LD  F3 0 (R0)
             ADDD F1 F3 F3
             ADDI R1 R1 3000
LOOP2:  MULTD F2 F2 F3
             SUBI R1 R1 3
             BNEZ R1 LOOP2
             SUBI R0 R0 2
             BNEZ R0 LOOP
```

- The obtained result, in terms of mispredictions, is inline with theoretical characteristics of the two predictors? Please effectively support your answer.

A First Consideration

```
LOOP:    LD  F3  0  (R0)
          ADDD F1  F3  F3
          ADDI R1  R1  3000
LOOP2:    MULTD F2  F2  F3
          SUBI R1  R1  3
          BNEZ R1  LOOP2
          SUBI R0  R0  2
          BNEZ R0  LOOP
```

How many iterations?

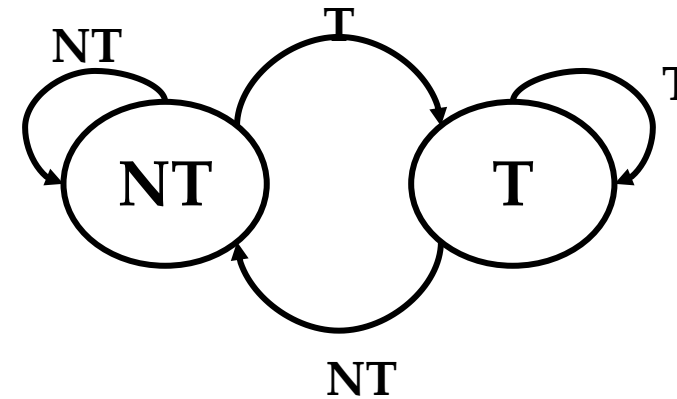
R0 is set to 1
R1 is set to 300

```
LOOP:    LD  F3  0  (R0)
          ADDD F1  F3  F3
          ADDI R1  R1  3000
LOOP2:   MULTD F2  F2  F3
          SUBI R1  R1  3
          BNEZ R1  LOOP2
          SUBI R0  R0  2
          BNEZ R0  LOOP
```

1bit - BHT

```
LOOP:  LD F3 0 (R0)
        ADDD F1 F3 F3
        ADDI R1 R1 3000
LOOP2: MULTD F2 F2 F3
        SUBI R1 R1 3
        BNEZ R1 LOOP2
        SUBI R0 R0 2
        BNEZ R0 LOOP
```

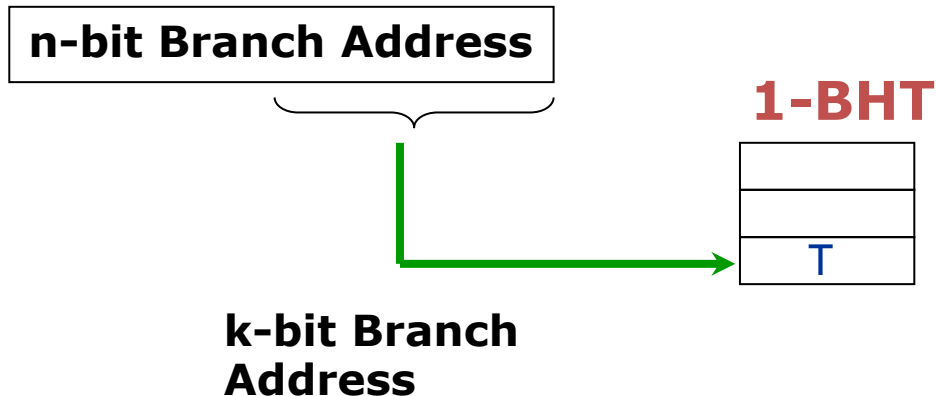
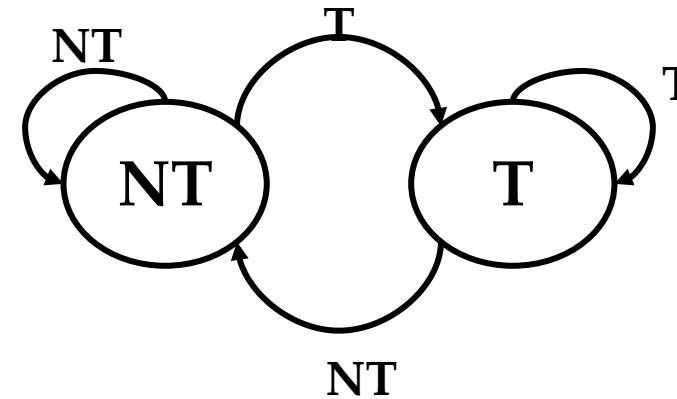
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LOOP:  LD F3 0 (R0)
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       ADDI R1 R1 3000
LOOP2: MULTD F2 F2 F3
       SUBI R1 R1 3
       BNEZ R1 LOOP2
       SUBI R0 R0 2
       BNEZ R0 LOOP
```

R0 is set to 1
R1 is set to 300

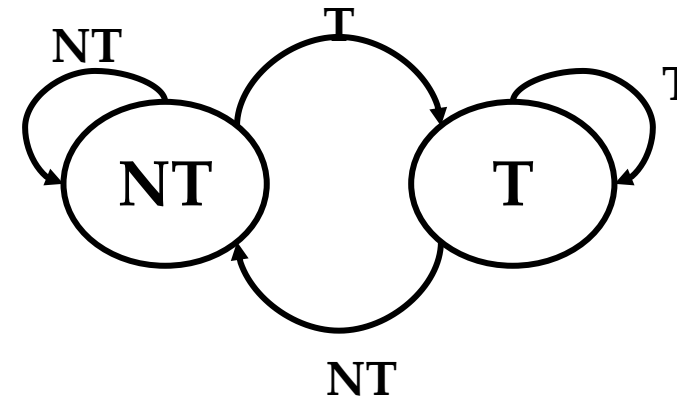


k-bit Branch Address:
Collide
Not collide

1bit - BHT - Not Collide

```
LOOP:  LD F3 0 (R0)
        ADDD F1 F3 F3
        ADDI R1 R1 3000
LOOP2:  MULTD F2 F2 F3
        SUBI R1 R1 3
        BNEZ R1 LOOP2
        SUBI R0 R0 2
        BNEZ R0 LOOP
```

R0 is set to 1
R1 is set to 300



Let us consider that the branch addresses do not collide

	1-BHT	1-BHT	1-BHT	1-BHT
LOOP:				
	T	T	NT	NT
LOOP2:	T	NT	T	NT

2bit - BHT

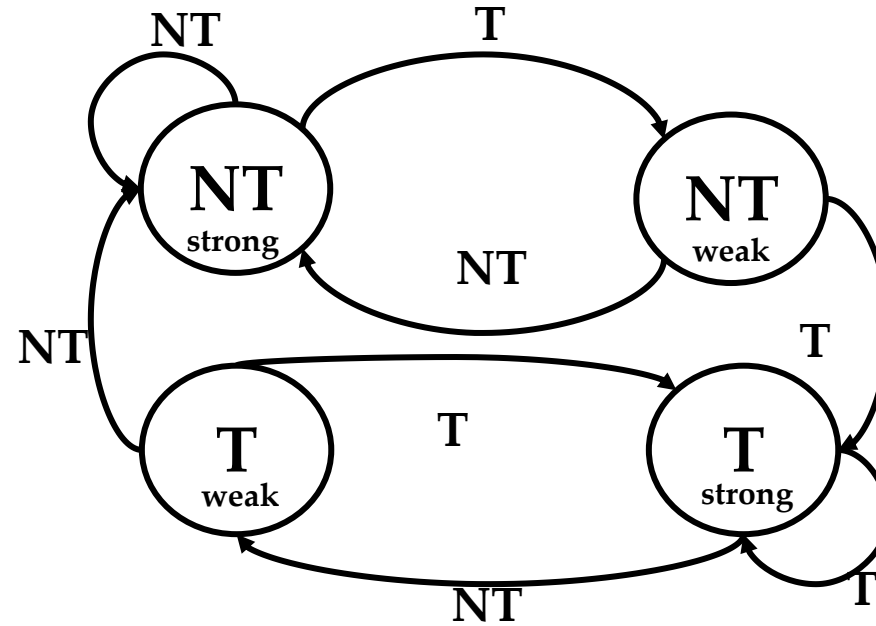
```
LOOP:  LD F3 0 (R0)
        ADDD F1 F3 F3
        ADDI R1 R1 3000
LOOP2: MULTD F2 F2 F3
        SUBI R1 R1 3
        BNEZ R1 LOOP2
        SUBI R0 R0 2
        BNEZ R0 LOOP
```

R0 is set to 1
R1 is set to 300

2bit - BHT

LOOP: LD F3 0 (R0)
 ADDD F1 F3 F3
 ADDI R1 R1 3000
LOOP2: MULTD F2 F2 F3
 SUBI R1 R1 3
 BNEZ R1 LOOP2
 SUBI R0 R0 2
 BNEZ R0 LOOP

R0 is set to 1
R1 is set to 300

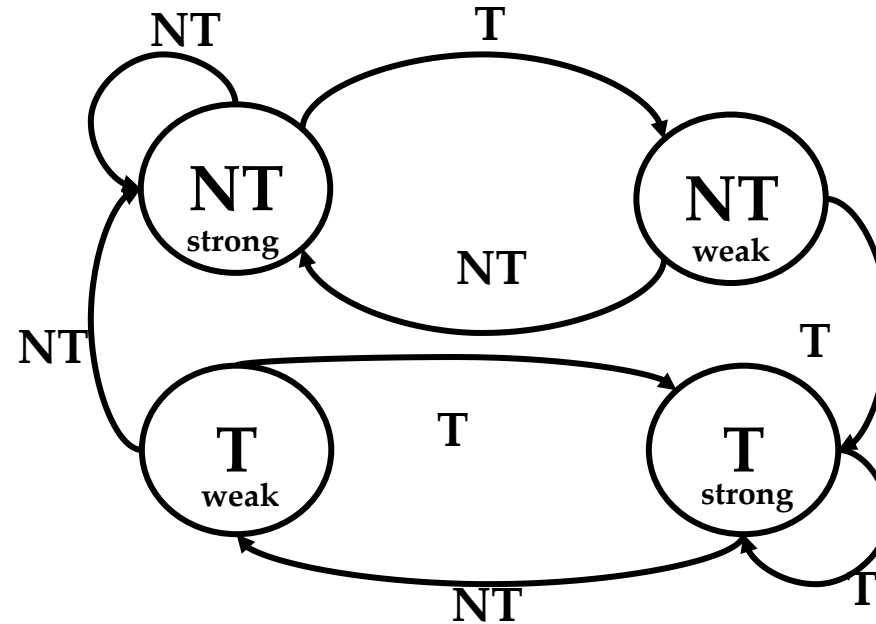


2bit - BHT

LOOP: LD F3 0 (R0)
 ADDD F1 F3 F3
 ADDI R1 R1 3000
LOOP2: MULTD F2 F2 F3
 SUBI R1 R1 3
 BNEZ R1 LOOP2
 SUBI R0 R0 2
 BNEZ R0 LOOP

Let us consider
that the branch
addresses do NOT
collide

R0 is set to 1
 R1 is set to 300



2-BHT

LOOP:

NT_strong

LOOP2:

NT_strong

2-BHT

LOOP:

NT_weak

LOOP2:

NT_weak

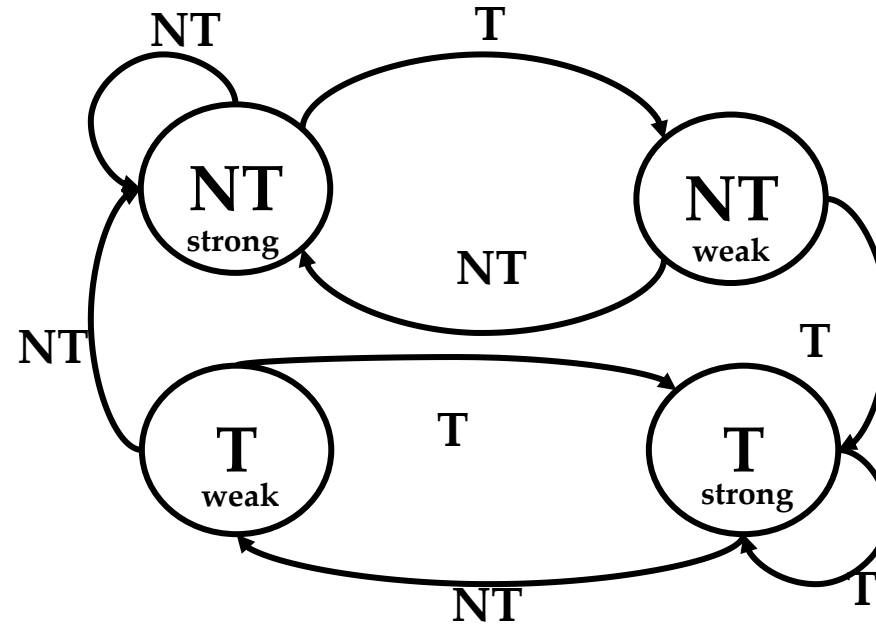
2bit - BHT

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 ADDI R1 R1 3000

LOOP2: MULTD F2 F2 F3
 SUBI R1 R1 3
 BNEZ R1 LOOP2
 SUBI R0 R0 2
 BNEZ R0 LOOP

Let us consider
 that the branch
 addresses do NOT
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2-BHT

LOOP:	
LOOP2:	T _{weak}
	T _{weak}

2-BHT

LOOP:	
LOOP2:	T _{strong}
	T _{strong}

SUMMARY

Assumption: NO collision

WORST CASES

BEST CASES





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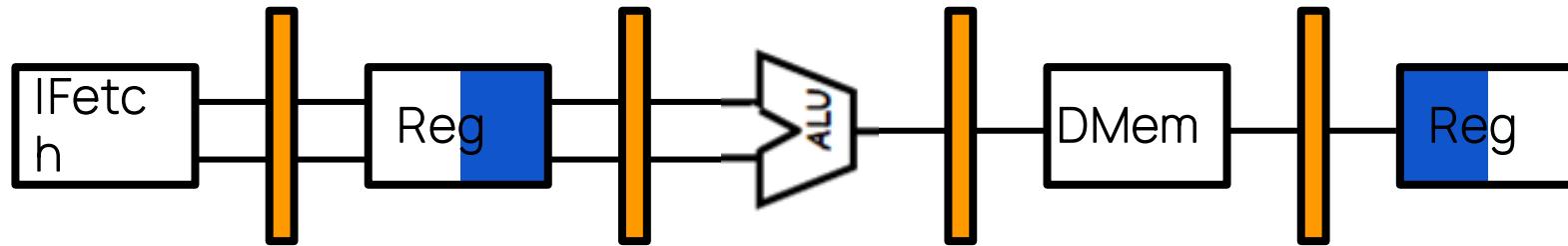
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Exe 3: Simple Pipelining

Exe 3 Simple Pipelining : the Code

```
I1:  addi $s3, $s2, 2
I2:  add  $s5, $s4, $s3
I3:  sw   $s5, 4($s3)
I4:  sub  $s7, $s5, $s6
I5:  lw   $s6, 4($s7)
```

Exe 3: Simple Pipelining: the Architecture



Exe 3.1 Simple Pipelining : Conflicts

	Instruction	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
I1:	addi \$s3, \$s2, 2	F	D	E	M	W										
I2:	add \$s5, \$s4, \$s3		F	D	E	M	W									
I3:	sw \$s5, 4(\$s3)			F	D	E	M	W								
I4:	sub \$s7, \$s5, \$s6				F	D	E	M	W							
I5:	lw \$s6, 4(\$s7)					F	D	E	M	W						

Draw the pipeline schema showing all the conflicts/dependencies.

Solve the resulting RAW hazards without using rescheduling and path forwarding.

Exe 3.1 Simple Pipelining : solve as is

Istr	CK1	CK2	CK3	CK4	CK5	CK6	CK7	CK8	CK9	CK10	CK11
I1											
I2											
I3											
I4											
I5											
Istr	CK12	CK13	CK14	CK15	CK16	CK17	CK18	CK19	CK20	CK21	CK22
I1											
I2											
I3											
I4											
I5											

I1: addi \$s3, \$s2, 2
 I2: sub \$s4, \$s3, \$s1
 I3: add \$s5, \$s4, \$s1
 I4: lw \$s6, 4(\$s4)
 I5: sub \$s7, \$s4, \$s6

Exe 3.2 Simple Pipelining : Rescheduling

Reschedule the instructions to **reduce the stalls**; Draw the pipeline schema showing all the data conflicts/dependencies.

Exe 3.3 Simple Pipelining : FWD Paths

Istr	CK1	CK2	CK3	CK4	CK5	CK6	CK7	CK8	CK9	CK10	CK11
I1											
I2											
I3											
I4											
I5											
Istr	CK12	CK13	CK14	CK15	CK16	CK17	CK18	CK19	CK20	CK21	CK22
I1											
I2											
I3											
I4											
I5											

I1: addi \$s3, \$s2, 2
 I2: sub \$s4, \$s3, \$s1
 I3: add \$s5, \$s4, \$s1
 I4: lw \$s6, 4(\$s4)
 I5: sub \$s7, \$s4, \$s6