

# Tomasulo Loop Example

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Loop: LD      F0    0    R1
      MULTD   F4    F0    F2
      SD      F4    0    R1
      SUBI    R1    R1    #8
      BNEZ    R1    Loop
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- This time assume Multiply takes 4 clocks
- Assume 1st load takes 8 clocks  
(L1 cache miss), 2nd load takes 1 clock (hit)
- To be clear, will show clocks for SUBI, BNEZ
  - Reality: integer instructions ahead of Fl. Pt. Instructions
- Show 2 iterations

# Loop Example

*Instruction status:*

<i>Instruction status:</i>						<i>Exec Write</i>				
<i>ITER</i>	Instruction		<i>j</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>Issue</i>	<i>Comp</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Busy</i>	<i>Addr</i>	<i>Fu</i>
<b>Iter- ation Count</b>	1	LD	F0	0	R1			Load1	No	
	1	MULTD	F4	F0	F2			Load2	No	
	1	SD	F4	0	R1			Load3	No	
	2	LD	F0	0	R1			Store1	No	
	2	MULTD	F4	F0	F2			Store2	No	
	2	SD	F4	0	R1			Store3	No	

*Reservation Stations:*

<i>Time</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Busy</i>	<i>Op</i>	<i>Vj</i>	<i>S1</i> <i>Vk</i>	<i>S2</i> <i>Qj</i>	<i>RS</i> <i>Qk</i>	<i>Code:</i>
	Add1	No						LD
	Add2	No						F0
	Add3	No						0
	Mult1	No						R1
	Mult2	No						MULTD
								F4
								0
								R1
								SD
								R1
								R1
								#8
								SUBI
								R1
								BNEZ
								Loop

*Register result status*

<i>Clock</i>	<i>R1</i>	<i>F0</i>	<i>F2</i>	<i>F4</i>	<i>F6</i>	<i>F8</i>	<i>F10</i>	<i>F12</i>	...	<i>F30</i>
0	80									

Value of Register used for address, iteration control

# Loop Example Cycle 1

*Instruction status:*

ITER	Instruction	j	k	Issue	Comp	Result	Busy	Addr	Fu
1	LD	F0	0	R1	1		Load1	Yes	80
							Load2	No	
							Load3	No	
							Store1	No	
							Store2	No	
							Store3	No	

*Reservation Stations:*

Time	Name	Busy	Op	Vj	Vk	Qj	Qk	Code:				
	Add1	No						LD	F0	0	R1	←
	Add2	No						MULTD	F4	F0	F2	
	Add3	No						SD	F4	0	R1	
	Mult1	No						SUBI	R1	R1	#8	
	Mult2	No						BNEZ	R1	Loop		

*Register result status*

Clock	R1	F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
1	80	Fu	Load1							

# Loop Example Cycle 2

*Instruction status:*

						<i>Exec Write</i>			
<i>ITER</i>	<i>Instruction</i>	<i>j</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>Issue</i>	<i>CompResult</i>	<i>Busy</i>	<i>Addr</i>	<i>Fu</i>	
1	LD	F0	0	R1	1	Load1	Yes	80	
1	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	2	Load2	No		
						Load3	No		
						Store1	No		
						Store2	No		
						Store3	No		

*Reservation Stations:*

<i>Time</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Busy</i>	<i>Op</i>	<i>Vj</i>	<i>Vk</i>	<i>Qj</i>	<i>Qk</i>	<i>Code:</i>	
	Add1	No						LD	F0 0 R1
	Add2	No						MULTD	F4 F0 F2 ←
	Add3	No						SD	F4 0 R1
	Mult1	Yes	Multd		R(F2)	Load1		SUBI	R1 R1 #8
	Mult2	No						BNEZ	R1 Loop

*Register result status*

<i>Clock</i>	<i>R1</i>	<i>F0</i>	<i>F2</i>	<i>F4</i>	<i>F6</i>	<i>F8</i>	<i>F10</i>	<i>F12</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>F30</i>
2	80	<i>Fu</i>	Load1	Mult1						

# Loop Example Cycle 3

*Instruction status:*

					<i>Exec Write</i>				
<i>ITER</i>	<i>Instruction</i>	<i>j</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>Issue</i>	<i>Comp</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Busy</i>	<i>Addr</i>	<i>Fu</i>
1	LD	F0	0	R1	1		Load1	Yes	80
1	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	2		Load2	No	
1	SD	F4	0	R1	3		Load3	No	
							Store1	Yes	80
							Store2	No	
							Store3	No	

*Reservation Stations:*

<i>Time</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Busy</i>	<i>Op</i>	<i>Vj</i>	<i>Vk</i>	<i>Qj</i>	<i>Qk</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Op</i>	<i>Rs</i>
	Add1	No						LD	F0	R1
	Add2	No						MULTD	F4	F2
	Add3	No						SD	F4	R1
	Mult1	Yes	Multd		R(F2)	Load1		SUBI	R1	#8
	Mult2	No						BNEZ	R1	Loop

*Register result status*

<i>Clock</i>	<i>R1</i>	<i>F0</i>	<i>F2</i>	<i>F4</i>	<i>F6</i>	<i>F8</i>	<i>F10</i>	<i>F12</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>F30</i>
3	80	<i>Fu</i>	Load1	Mult1						

- Implicit renaming sets up data flow graph

# Loop Example Cycle 4

*Instruction status:*

*Exec Write*

<i>ITER</i>	Instruction		<i>j</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>Issue CompResult</i>		<i>Busy</i>	<i>Addr</i>	<i>Fu</i>
1	LD	F0	0	R1	1 2 3	Load1	Yes	80	Mult1
1	MULTD	F4	F0	F2		Load2	No		
1	SD	F4	0	R1		Load3	No		
						Store1	Yes	80	
						Store2	No		
						Store3	No		

*Reservation Stations:*

*S1 S2 RS*

Time	Name	Busy	Op	Vj	Vk	Qj	Qk	Code:
	Add1	No						LD F0 0 R1
	Add2	No						MULTD F4 F0 F2
	Add3	No						SD F4 0 R1
	Mult1	Yes	Multd		R(F2)	Load1		SUBI R1 R1 #8
	Mult2	No						BNEZ R1 Loop

*Register result status*

Clock	R1	F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
4	80	Fu	Load1	Mult1						

- Dispatching SUBI Instruction (not in FP queue)

# Loop Example Cycle 5

*Instruction status:*

*Exec Write*

<i>ITER</i>	Instruction		<i>j</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>Issue CompResult</i>		<i>Busy</i>	<i>Addr</i>	<i>Fu</i>
1	LD	F0	0	R1	1 2 3	Load1	Yes	80	Mult1
1	MULTD	F4	F0	F2		Load2	No		
1	SD	F4	0	R1		Load3	No		
						Store1	Yes	80	
						Store2	No		
						Store3	No		

*Reservation Stations:*

*S1 S2 RS*

Time	Name	Busy	Op	Vj	Vk	Qj	Qk	Code:
	Add1	No						LD F0 0 R1
	Add2	No						MULTD F4 F0 F2
	Add3	No						SD F4 0 R1
	Mult1	Yes	Multd		R(F2)	Load1		SUBI R1 R1 #8
	Mult2	No						BNEZ R1 Loop

*Register result status*

Clock	R1	F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
5	72	Fu	Load1	Mult1						

- And, BNEZ instruction (not in FP queue)

# Loop Example Cycle 6

*Instruction status:*

*Exec Write*

ITER	Instruction	j	k	Issue	CompResult	Busy	Addr	Fu
1	LD	F0	0	R1	1	Load1	Yes 80	
1	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	2	Load2	Yes 72	
1	SD	F4	0	R1	3	Load3	No	
2	LD	F0	0	R1	6	Store1	Yes 80	Mult1
						Store2	No	
						Store3	No	

*Reservation Stations:*

*S1 S2 RS*

Time	Name	Busy	Op	Vj	Vk	Qj	Qk	Code:
	Add1	No						LD F0 0 R1
	Add2	No						MULTD F4 F0 F2
	Add3	No						SD F4 0 R1
	Mult1	Yes	Multd		R(F2)	Load1		SUBI R1 R1 #8
	Mult2	No						BNEZ R1 Loop

*Register result status*

Clock	R1	F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
6	72	Fu	Load2			Mult1				

- Notice that F0 never sees Load from location 80



# Loop Example Cycle 7


*Instruction status:*

*Exec Write*

ITER	Instruction	j	k	Issue	CompResult	Busy	Addr	Fu
1	LD	F0	0	R1	1	Load1	Yes 80	
1	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	2	Load2	Yes 72	
1	SD	F4	0	R1	3	Load3	No	
2	LD	F0	0	R1	6	Store1	Yes 80	Mult1
2	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	7	Store2	No	
						Store3	No	

*Reservation Stations:*

*S1 S2 RS*

Time	Name	Busy	Op	Vj	Vk	Qj	Qk	Code:
	Add1	No						LD F0 0 R1
	Add2	No						MULTD F4 F0 F2 
	Add3	No						SD F4 0 R1
	Mult1	Yes	Multd		R(F2)	Load1		SUBI R1 R1 #8
	Mult2	Yes	Multd		R(F2)	Load2		BNEZ R1 Loop

*Register result status*

Clock	R1	F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
7	72	Fu	Load2	Mult2						

**Observations?**

- Register file completely detached from computation (how?)
- First and Second iteration completely overlapped

# Loop Example Cycle 8

*Instruction status:*

*Exec Write*

ITER	Instruction	j	k	Issue	CompResult	Busy	Addr	Fu
1	LD	F0	0	R1	1	Load1	Yes 80	
1	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	2	Load2	Yes 72	
1	SD	F4	0	R1	3	Load3	No	
2	LD	F0	0	R1	6	Store1	Yes 80	Mult1
2	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	7	Store2	Yes 72	Mult2
2	SD	F4	0	R1	8	Store3	No	

*Reservation Stations:*

*S1 S2 RS*

Time	Name	Busy	Op	Vj	Vk	Qj	Qk	Code:
	Add1	No						LD F0 0 R1
	Add2	No						MULTD F4 F0 F2
	Add3	No						SD F4 0 R1
	Mult1	Yes	Multd		R(F2)	Load1		SUBI R1 R1 #8
	Mult2	Yes	Multd		R(F2)	Load2		BNEZ R1 Loop

*Register result status*

Clock	R1	F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
8	72	Fu	Load2	Mult2						

# Loop Example Cycle 9

*Instruction status:*

*Exec Write*

ITER	Instruction		j	k	Issue	Comp	Result	Busy	Addr	Fu
1	LD	F0	0	R1	1	9	Load1	Yes	80	
1	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	2		Load2	Yes	72	
1	SD	F4	0	R1	3		Load3	No		
2	LD	F0	0	R1	6		Store1	Yes	80	Mult1
2	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	7		Store2	Yes	72	Mult2
2	SD	F4	0	R1	8		Store3	No		

*Reservation Stations:*

*S1 S2 RS*

Time	Name	Busy	Op	Vj	Vk	Qj	Qk	Code:
	Add1	No						LD F0 0 R1
	Add2	No						MULTD F4 F0 F2
	Add3	No						SD F4 0 R1
	Mult1	Yes	Multd		R(F2)	Load1		SUBI R1 R1 #8
	Mult2	Yes	Multd		R(F2)	Load2		BNEZ R1 Loop

*Register result status*

Clock	R1	F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
9	72	Fu	Load2	Mult2						

- Load1 completing: who is waiting?
- Can SUBI be dispatched?

# Loop Example Cycle 10

*Instruction status:*

*Exec Write*

ITER	Instruction		<i>j</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>Issue Comp</i>		<i>Result</i>	<i>Busy</i>	<i>Addr</i>	<i>Fu</i>
1	LD	F0	0	R1	1	9	10	Load1	No	
1	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	2			Load2	Yes	72
1	SD	F4	0	R1	3			Load3	No	
2	LD	F0	0	R1	6	10	?	Store1	Yes	80
2	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	7			Store2	Yes	72
2	SD	F4	0	R1	8			Store3	No	

*Reservation Stations:*

Reservation Stations:				S1	S2	RS					
Time	Name	Busy	Op	Vj	Vk	Qj	Qk	Code:			
4	Add1	No						LD	F0	0	R1
	Add2	No						MULTD	F4	F0	F2
	Add3	No						SD	F4	0	R1
	Mult1	Yes	Multd	M[80]	R(F2)			SUBI	R1	R1	#8
	Mult2	Yes	Multd		R(F2)	Load2		BNEZ	R1	Loop	

*Register result status*

Clock	R1	F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
10	64	Load2	Mult2							

- Load2 completing: who is waiting?
- Can BNEZ be Dispatched?

# Loop Example Cycle 11

*Instruction status:*

*Exec Write*

ITER	Instruction	j	k	Issue	Comp	Result	Busy	Addr	Fu
1	LD	F0	0	R1	1	9	10	Load1	No
1	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	2			Load2	No
1	SD	F4	0	R1	3			Load3	Yes 64
2	LD	F0	0	R1	6	10	11	Store1	Yes 80 Mult1
2	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	7			Store2	Yes 72 Mult2
2	SD	F4	0	R1	8			Store3	No

*Reservation Stations:*

*S1 S2 RS*

Time	Name	Busy	Op	Vj	Vk	Qj	Qk	Code:
	Add1	No						LD F0 0 R1
	Add2	No						MULTD F4 F0 F2
	Add3	No						SD F4 0 R1
3	Mult1	Yes	Multd	M[80]	R(F2)			SUBI R1 R1 #8
4	Mult2	Yes	Multd	M[72]	R(F2)			BNEZ R1 Loop

*Register result status*

Clock	R1	F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
11	64	Fu	Load3		Mult2					

- Next load in sequence

# Loop Example Cycle 12


*Instruction status:*

*Exec Write*

ITER	Instruction	j	k	Issue	Comp	Result	Busy	Addr	Fu
1	LD	F0	0	R1	1	9	10	Load1	No
1	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	2			Load2	No
1	SD	F4	0	R1	3			Load3	Yes 64
2	LD	F0	0	R1	6	10	11	Store1	Yes 80 Mult1
2	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	7			Store2	Yes 72 Mult2
2	SD	F4	0	R1	8			Store3	No

*Reservation Stations:*

*S1 S2 RS*

Time	Name	Busy	Op	Vj	Vk	Qj	Qk	Code:
	Add1	No						LD F0 0 R1
	Add2	No						MULTD F4 F0 F2 
	Add3	No						SD F4 0 R1
2	Mult1	Yes	Multd	M[80]	R(F2)			SUBI R1 R1 #8
3	Mult2	Yes	Multd	M[72]	R(F2)			BNEZ R1 Loop

*Register result status*

Clock	R1	F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
12	64	Fu	Load3	Mult2						

- Why not issue third multiply?

# Loop Example Cycle 13


*Instruction status:*

*Exec Write*

ITER	Instruction	j	k	Issue	Comp	Result	Busy	Addr	Fu
1	LD	F0	0	R1	1	9	10	Load1	No
1	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	2			Load2	No
1	SD	F4	0	R1	3			Load3	Yes 64
2	LD	F0	0	R1	6	10	11	Store1	Yes 80 Mult1
2	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	7			Store2	Yes 72 Mult2
2	SD	F4	0	R1	8			Store3	No

*Reservation Stations:*

*S1 S2 RS*

Time	Name	Busy	Op	Vj	Vk	Qj	Qk	Code:
	Add1	No						LD F0 0 R1
	Add2	No						MULTD F4 F0 F2 
	Add3	No						SD F4 0 R1
1	Mult1	Yes	Multd	M[80]	R(F2)			SUBI R1 R1 #8
2	Mult2	Yes	Multd	M[72]	R(F2)			BNEZ R1 Loop

*Register result status*

Clock	R1	F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
13	64	Fu	Load3	Mult2						

- Why not issue third store?

# Loop Example Cycle 14

*Instruction status:*

*Exec Write*

ITER	Instruction		j	k	Issue	Comp	Result		Busy	Addr	Fu
1	LD	F0	0	R1	1	9	10	Load1	No		
1	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	2	14		Load2	No		
1	SD	F4	0	R1	3			Load3	Yes	64	
2	LD	F0	0	R1	6	10	11	Store1	Yes	80	Mult1
2	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	7			Store2	Yes	72	Mult2
2	SD	F4	0	R1	8			Store3	No		

*Reservation Stations:*

*S1 S2 RS*

Time	Name	Busy	Op	Vj	Vk	Qj	Qk	Code:
	Add1	No						LD F0 0 R1
	Add2	No						MULTD F4 F0 F2 ←
	Add3	No						SD F4 0 R1
0	Mult1	Yes	Multd	M[80]	R(F2)			SUBI R1 R1 #8
1	Mult2	Yes	Multd	M[72]	R(F2)			BNEZ R1 Loop

*Register result status*

Clock	R1	F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
14	64	Fu	Load3	Mult2						

- Mult1 completing. Who is waiting?

The third MULT is waiting (because of the structural hazard).





# Loop Example Cycle 16

*Instruction status:*

*Exec Write*

ITER	Instruction	j	k	Issue	Comp	Result	Busy	Addr	Fu
1	LD	F0	0	R1	1	9	10	Load1	No
1	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	2	14	15	Load2	No
1	SD	F4	0	R1	3			Load3	Yes 64
2	LD	F0	0	R1	6	10	11	Store1	Yes 80 [80]*R2
2	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	7	15	16	Store2	Yes 72 [72]*R2
2	SD	F4	0	R1	8			Store3	No

*Reservation Stations:*

Time	Name	Busy	Op	Vj	Vk	Qj	Qk	Code:
	Add1	No						LD F0 0 R1
	Add2	No						MULTD F4 F0 F2 ←
	Add3	No						SD F4 0 R1
4	Mult1	Yes	Multd		R(F2)	Load3		SUBI R1 R1 #8
	Mult2	No						BNEZ R1 Loop

*Register result status*

Clock	R1	F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
16	64	Fu	Load3	Mult1						

# Loop Example Cycle 17

*Instruction status:*

*Exec Write*

ITER	Instruction	j	k	Issue	Comp	Result	Busy	Addr	Fu
1	LD	F0	0	R1	1	9	10	Load1	No
1	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	2	14	15	Load2	No
1	SD	F4	0	R1	3			Load3	Yes 64
2	LD	F0	0	R1	6	10	11	Store1	Yes 80 [80]*R2
2	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	7	15	16	Store2	Yes 72 [72]*R2
2	SD	F4	0	R1	8			Store3	Yes 64 Mult1

*Reservation Stations:*

*S1 S2 RS*

Time	Name	Busy	Op	Vj	Vk	Qj	Qk	Code:
	Add1	No						LD F0 0 R1
	Add2	No						MULTD F4 F0 F2
	Add3	No						SD F4 0 R1
	Mult1	Yes	Multd		R(F2)	Load3		SUBI R1 R1 #8
	Mult2	No						BNEZ R1 Loop

*Register result status*

Clock	R1	F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
17	64	Fu	Load3		Mult1					

# Loop Example Cycle 18

*Instruction status:*

*Exec Write*

ITER	Instruction	j	k	Issue	Comp	Result	Busy	Addr	Fu
1	LD	F0	0	R1	1	9	10	Load1	No
1	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	2	14	15	Load2	No
1	SD	F4	0	R1	3	18		Load3	Yes 64
2	LD	F0	0	R1	6	10	11	Store1	Yes 80 [80]*R2
2	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	7	15	16	Store2	Yes 72 [72]*R2
2	SD	F4	0	R1	8			Store3	Yes 64 Mult1

*Reservation Stations:*

*S1 S2 RS*

Time	Name	Busy	Op	Vj	Vk	Qj	Qk	Code:
	Add1	No						LD F0 0 R1
	Add2	No						MULTD F4 F0 F2
	Add3	No						SD F4 0 R1
	Mult1	Yes	Multd		R(F2)	Load3		SUBI R1 R1 #8
	Mult2	No						BNEZ R1 Loop

*Register result status*

Clock	R1	F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
18	64	Fu	Load3		Mult1					

# Loop Example Cycle 19

*Instruction status:*

*Exec Write*

ITER	Instruction	j	k	Issue	Comp	Result	Busy	Addr	Fu
1	LD	F0	0	R1	1	9	10	Load1	No
1	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	2	14	15	Load2	No
1	SD	F4	0	R1	3	18	19	Load3	Yes 64
2	LD	F0	0	R1	6	10	11	Store1	No
2	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	7	15	16	Store2	Yes 72 [72]*R2
2	SD	F4	0	R1	8	19		Store3	Yes 64 Mult1

*Reservation Stations:*

Time	Name	Busy	Op	Vj	Vk	Qj	Qk	Code:
	Add1	No						LD F0 0 R1
	Add2	No						MULTD F4 F0 F2
	Add3	No						SD F4 0 R1
	Mult1	Yes	Multd		R(F2)	Load3		SUBI R1 R1 #8
	Mult2	No						BNEZ R1 Loop

*Register result status*

Clock	R1	F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
19	56	Fu	Load3		Mult1					



# Loop Example Cycle 20

*Instruction status:*

					Exec Write					
ITER	Instruction	j	k	Issue	Comp	Result	Busy	Addr	Fu	
1	LD	F0	0	R1	1	9	10	Load1	Yes	56
1	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	2	14	15	Load2	No	
1	SD	F4	0	R1	3	18	19	Load3	Yes	64
2	LD	F0	0	R1	6	10	11	Store1	No	
2	MULTD	F4	F0	F2	7	15	16	Store2	No	
2	SD	F4	0	R1	8	19	20	Store3	Yes	64
										Mult1

*Reservation Stations:*

Time	Name	Busy	Op	Vj	Vk	Qj	Qk	Code:	
	Add1	No						LD	F0 0 R1
	Add2	No						MULTD	F4 F0 F2
	Add3	No						SD	F4 0 R1
	Mult1	Yes	Multd		R(F2)	Load3		SUBI	R1 R1 #8
	Mult2	No						BNEZ	R1 Loop

*Register result status*

Clock	R1	F0	F2	F4	F6	F8	F10	F12	...	F30
20	56	Fu	Load1	Mult1						

Observation?

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

# Why can Tomasulo overlap iterations of loops?

- **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 the WAR stall that we saw in the scoreboard.
- Other perspective: Tomasulo building data flow dependency graph **on the fly**.

# Tomasulo's scheme offers 2 major advantages

- The distribution of the hazard detection logic
  - distributed reservation stations and the CDB
  - If multiple instructions waiting on single result, & each instruction 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.
- The elimination of stalls for WAW and WAR hazards



# Summary

- Reservations stations: *implicit register renaming* to larger set of registers + buffering source operands
  - Prevents registers as bottleneck
  - Avoids WAR, WAW hazards of Scoreboard
  - Allows loop unrolling in HW
- Not limited to basic blocks  
(integer units gets ahead, beyond branches)
- Today, helps cache misses as well
  - Don't stall for L1 Data cache miss
- Lasting Contributions
  - Dynamic scheduling
  - Register renaming
  - Load/store disambiguation
- 360/91 descendants are Pentium III; PowerPC 604; MIPS R10000; HP-PA 8000; Alpha 21264