

# CS 380 - GPU and GPGPU Programming

## Lecture 8: GPU Architecture, Pt. 5

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# Reading Assignment #5 (until Oct 2)

## Read (required):

- Programming Massively Parallel Processors book, 4th edition,  
**Chapter 4 (Compute architecture and scheduling)**
- NVIDIA CUDA C++ Programming Guide (v11.7, Aug 2022):  
*Read Chapter 2.6 (Compute Capability);*  
*go through Appendix K (Compute Capabilities);*  
*go through Chapter 5.2 (Maximize Utilization) and*  
*Chapter 5.4 (Maximize Instruction Throughput)*

[https://docs.nvidia.com/cuda/pdf/CUDA\\_C\\_Programming\\_Guide.pdf](https://docs.nvidia.com/cuda/pdf/CUDA_C_Programming_Guide.pdf)

## Read (optional):

- NVIDIA Fermi (GF100) white paper (CC 2.x; for historical reasons and comparison to current GPUs):

[https://www.nvidia.com/content/PDF/fermi\\_white\\_papers/NVIDIA\\_Fermi\\_Compute\\_Architecture\\_Whitepaper.pdf](https://www.nvidia.com/content/PDF/fermi_white_papers/NVIDIA_Fermi_Compute_Architecture_Whitepaper.pdf)

- NVIDIA Pascal (GP100) white paper (CC 6.x):

<https://images.nvidia.com/content/pdf/tesla/whitepaper/pascal-architecture-whitepaper.pdf>

- NVIDIA Volta (V100) white paper (CC 7.0; tensor cores):

<http://images.nvidia.com/content/volta-architecture/pdf/volta-architecture-whitepaper.pdf>

- NVIDIA Turing (TU102, TU104, TU106) white paper (CC 7.5; ray tracing cores):

<https://www.nvidia.com/content/dam/en-zz/Solutions/design-visualization/technologies/turing-architecture/NVIDIA-Turing-Architecture-Whitepaper.pdf>



# Quiz #1: Sep 28

## Organization

- First 30 min of lecture
- No material (book, notes, ...) allowed

## Content of questions

- Lectures (both actual lectures and slides)
- Reading assignments
- Programming assignments (algorithms, methods)
- Solve short practical examples

# GPU Architecture: General Architecture

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# Next Problem: Stalls!

Stalls occur when a core cannot run the next instruction because of a dependency on a previous operation.

Texture access latency = 100's to 1000's of cycles  
(also: instruction pipelining hazards, ...)

We've removed the fancy caches and logic that helps avoid stalls.

# Idea #3: Interleave execution of groups

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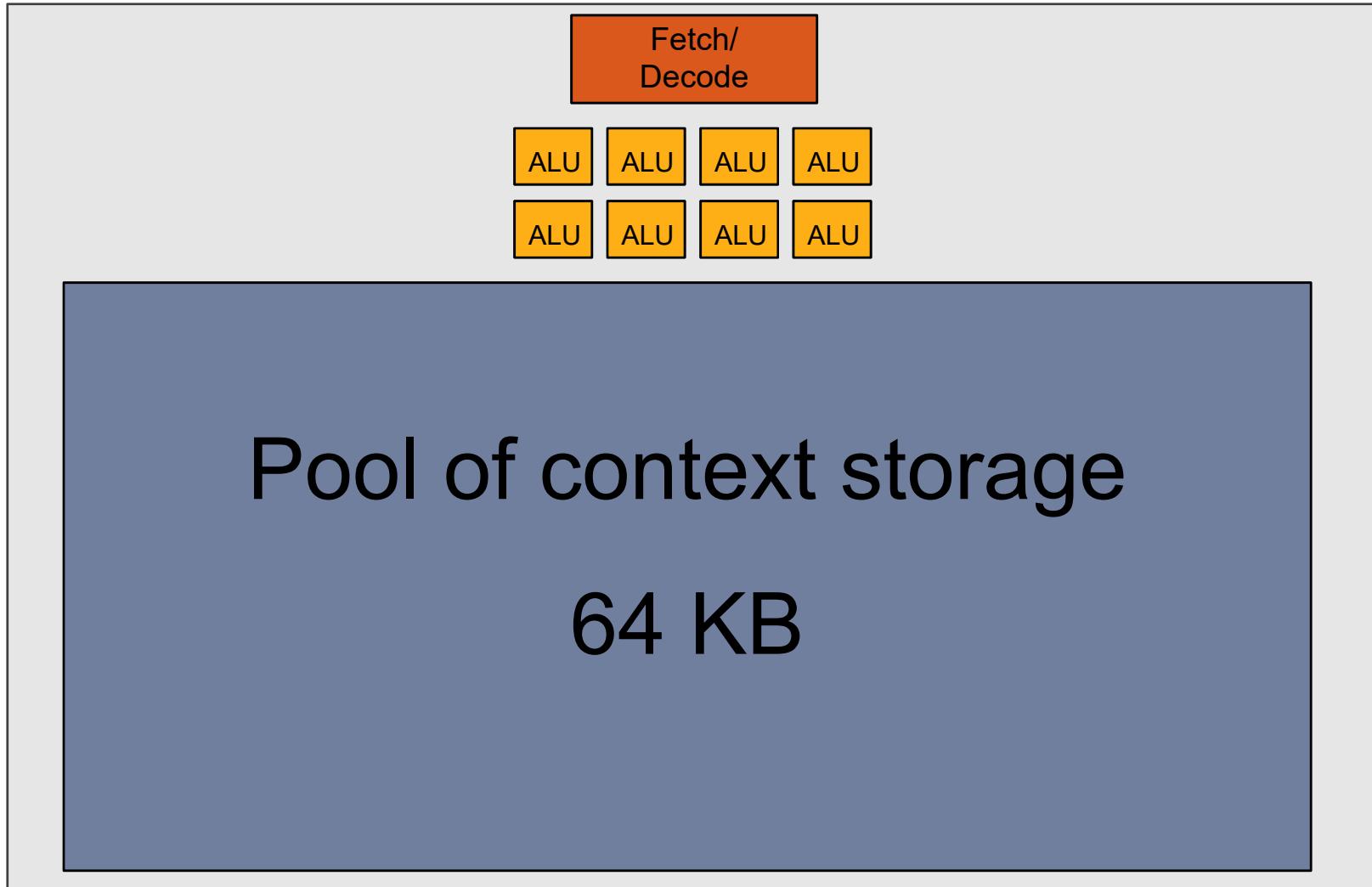
But we have **LOTS** of independent fragments.

## Idea #3:

Interleave processing of many fragments on a single core  
to avoid stalls caused by high latency operations.

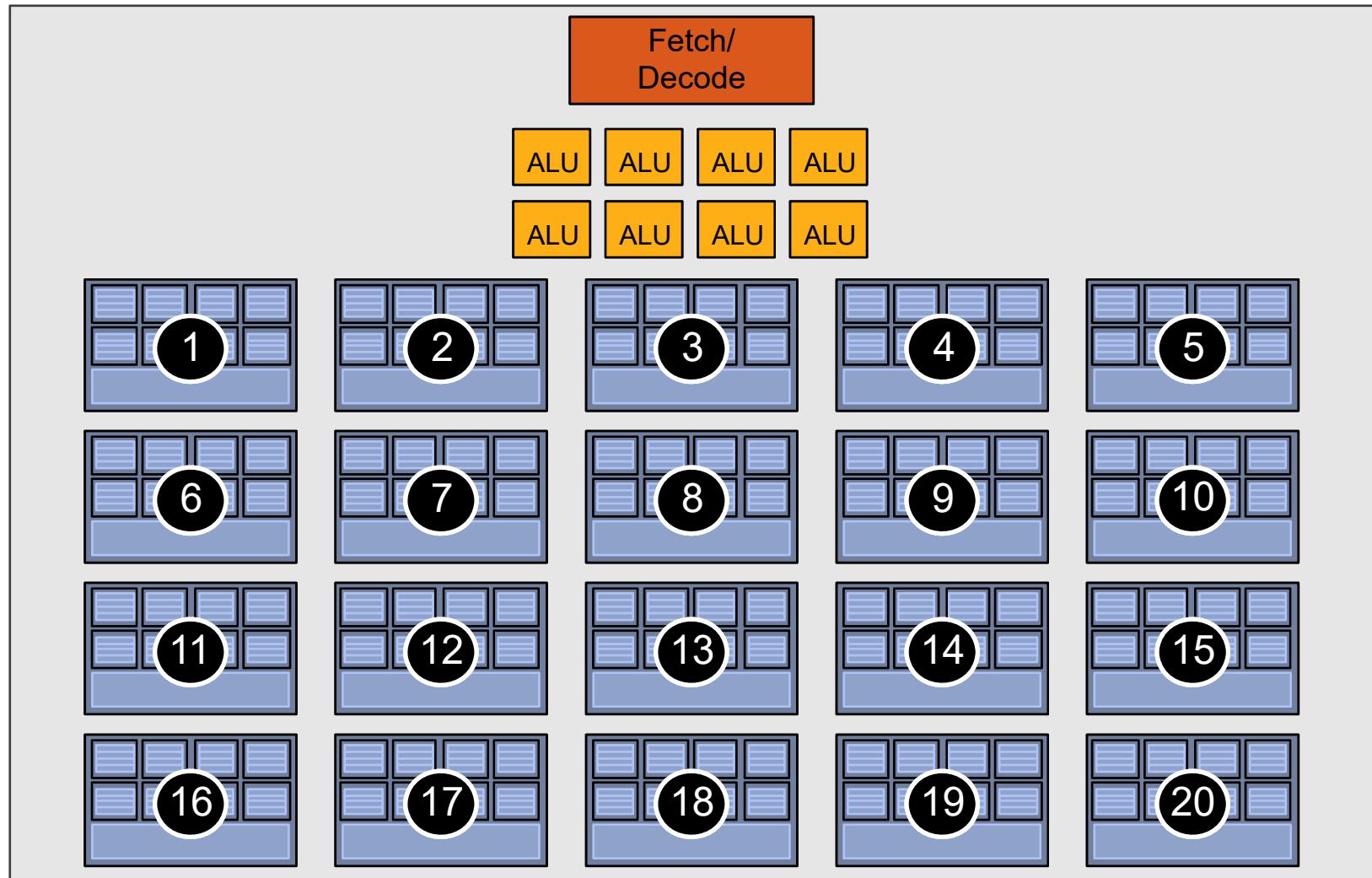
# Idea #3: Store multiple group contexts

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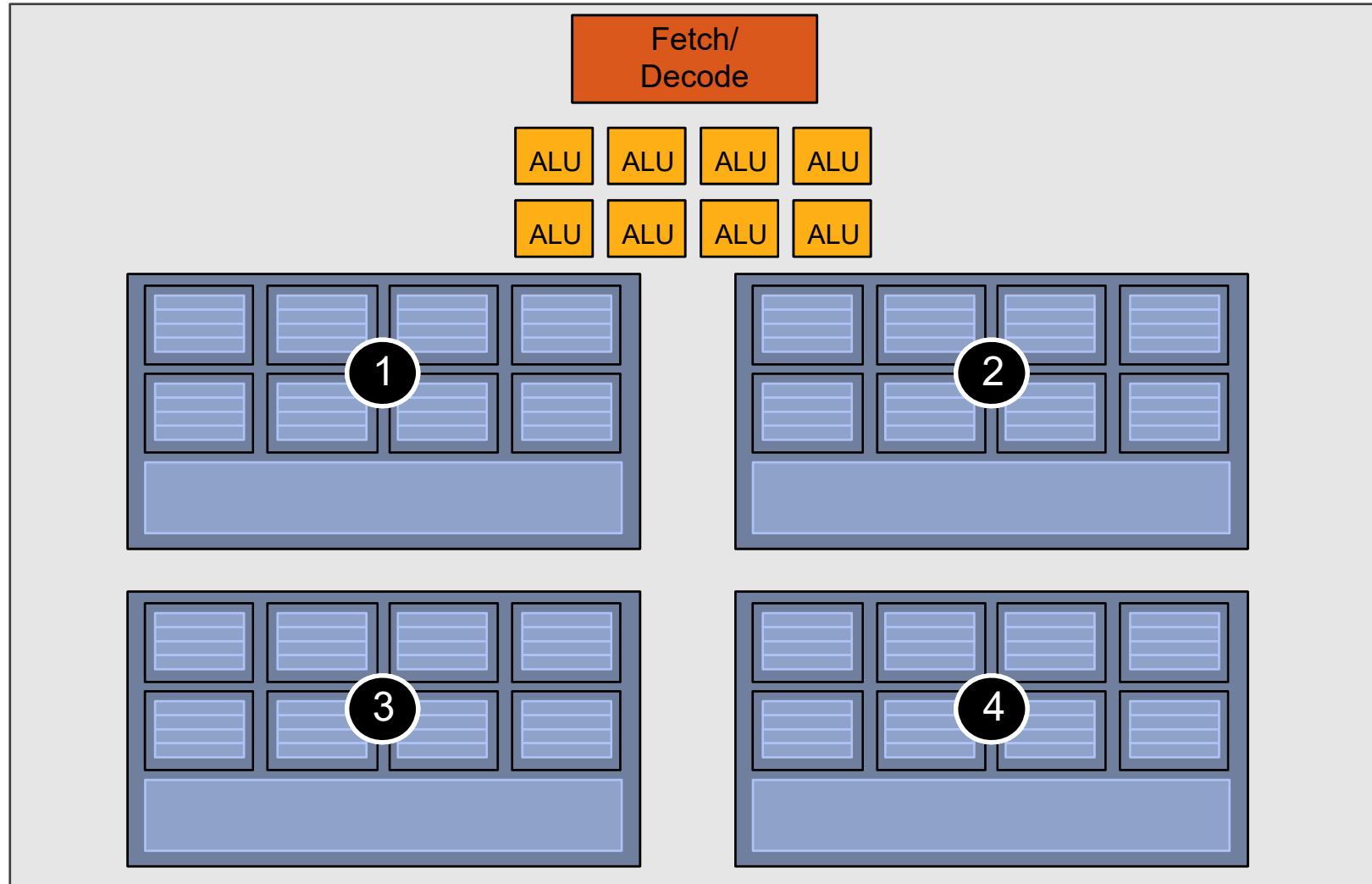
# Twenty small contexts (few regs/thread)

(maximal latency hiding ability)



# Four large contexts (many regs/thread)

(low latency hiding ability)



# Concepts: SM Occupancy in CUDA (*TLP!*)



We need to hide latencies from

- Instruction pipelining hazards
- Memory access latency

First type of latency: Definitely need to hide! (it is always there)

Second type of latency: only need to hide if it does occur (of course not unusual)

**Occupancy:** How close are we to *maximum latency hiding ability?*  
(how many threads are resident vs. how many could be)

See run time occupancy API, or Nsight Compute: <https://docs.nvidia.com/nsight-compute/NsightCompute/index.html#occupancy-calculator>

# Where We've Arrived...



## Summary: three key ideas for high-throughput execution

1. Use many “slimmed down cores,” run them in parallel
2. Pack cores full of ALUs (by sharing instruction stream overhead across groups of fragments)
  - Option 1: Explicit SIMD vector instructions
  - Option 2: Implicit sharing managed by hardware
3. Avoid latency stalls by interleaving execution of many groups of fragments
  - When one group stalls, work on another group

GPUs are here!  
(usually)

# GPU Architecture: Real Architectures

# NVIDIA Architectures (since first CUDA GPU)



**Tesla** [CC 1.x]: 2007-2009

- G80, G9x: 2007 (Geforce 8800, ...)  
GT200: 2008/2009 (GTX 280, ...)

**Fermi** [CC 2.x]: 2010 (2011, 2012, 2013, ...)

- GF100, ... (GTX 480, ...)  
GF104, ... (GTX 460, ...)  
GF110, ... (GTX 580, ...)

**Kepler** [CC 3.x]: 2012 (2013, 2014, 2016, ...)

- GK104, ... (GTX 680, ...)  
GK110, ... (GTX 780, GTX Titan, ...)

**Maxwell** [CC 5.x]: 2015

- GM107, ... (GTX 750Ti, ...)  
GM204, ... (GTX 980, Titan X, ...)

**Pascal** [CC 6.x]: 2016 (2017, 2018, 2021, 2022, ...)

- GP100 (Tesla P100, ...)
- GP10x: x=2,4,6,7,8, ...  
(GTX 1060, 1070, 1080, Titan X *Pascal*, Titan Xp, ...)

**Volta** [CC 7.0, 7.2]: 2017/2018

- GV100, ...  
(Tesla V100, Titan V, Quadro GV100, ...)

**Turing** [CC 7.5]: 2018/2019

- TU102, TU104, TU106, TU116, TU117, ...  
(Titan RTX, RTX 2070, 2080 (Ti), GTX 1650, 1660, ...)

**Ampere** [CC 8.0, 8.6, 8.7]: 2020

- GA100, GA102, GA104, GA106, ...  
(A100, RTX 3070, 3080, 3090 (Ti), RTX A6000, ...)

**Hopper** [CC 9.0], **Ada Lovelace** [CC 8.9]: 2022/23

- GH100, AD102, AD103, AD104, ...  
(H100, L40, RTX 4080 (12/16 GB), 4090, RTX 6000, ...)



# Interlude: PTX vs. SASS Code (1)

PTX is virtual machine ISA

SASS is actual machine ISA

For disassembly:

cuobjdump / nvdisasm

See CUDA\_Binary\_Utils.pdf

For debugging (and code inspection) see:

[https://developer.nvidia.com/  
nsight-visual-studio-edition](https://developer.nvidia.com/nsight-visual-studio-edition)

Nsight CUDA Device Summary Disassembly matrixMul.cu matrixMul\_kernel.cu

Address: \_Z9matrixMulPfS\_S\_ii

```
0x000002ed0      MOV R1, R1;
72:
73:    // Index of the last sub-matrix of A processed by the block
74:    int aEnd    = aBegin + wA - 1;
0x000002ed8 [0083] ld.param.s32 %r14, [_cudaparm__Z9matrixMulPfS_S_ii_wA];
0x000002ed8          MVI R0, 0x1c;
0x000002ee0          R2A A1, R0;
0x000002ee8          MOV R0, g [A1+0x0];
0x000002ef0 [0084] mov.s32 %r15, %r13;
0x000002ef0          MOV32 R1, R1;
0x000002ef4 [0085] add.s32 %r16, %r14, %r15; ← PTX
0x000002ef4          IADD32 R0, R0, R1; ← SASS
0x000002ef8 [0086] sub.s32 %r17, %r16, 1;
0x000002ef8          IADD32I R8, R0, 0xffffffff;
0x000002ff0 [0087] mov.s32 %r18, %r17;
0x000002ff0          MOV R8, R8;

75:
76:    // Step size used to iterate through the sub-matrices of A
77:    int aStep   = BLOCK_SIZE;
0x000002f08 [0089] mov.s32 %r19, 16;
0x000002f08          MVI R9, 0x10;
0x000002f10 [0090] mov.s32 %r20, %r19;
0x000002f10          MOV32 R9, R9;

78:
79:    // Index of the first sub-matrix of B processed by the block
80:    int bBegin = BLOCK_SIZE * bx;
0x000002f14 [0092] mov.s32 %r21, %r2;
0x000002f14          MOV32 R4, R4;
0x000002f18 [0093] mul.lo.s32 %r22, %r21, 16;
0x000002f18          IMUL.U16.U16 R0, R4L, R31H;
0x000002f20          IMAD32I.U16 R0, R4H, 0x10, R0;
0x000002f28          SHL R2, R0, 0x10;
0x000002f30          IMAD32I.U16 R2, R4L, 0x10, R2;
0x000002f38 [0094] mov.s32 %r23, %r22;
0x000002f38          MOV R2, R2;
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# Interlude: PTX vs. SASS Code (2)

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Viewing Options

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    0x0000004300bc0070    FADD R3, -R2, -R3
    0x0000004300bc0080    MOV R3, R3
    0x0000004300bc0090    MOV R6, 0x3f800000
    0x0000004300bc00a0    FFMA R6, R3, R5, R6
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    0x0000004300bc00c0    FFMA R6, R5, R6, R5
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(SASS on Ampere)

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}  
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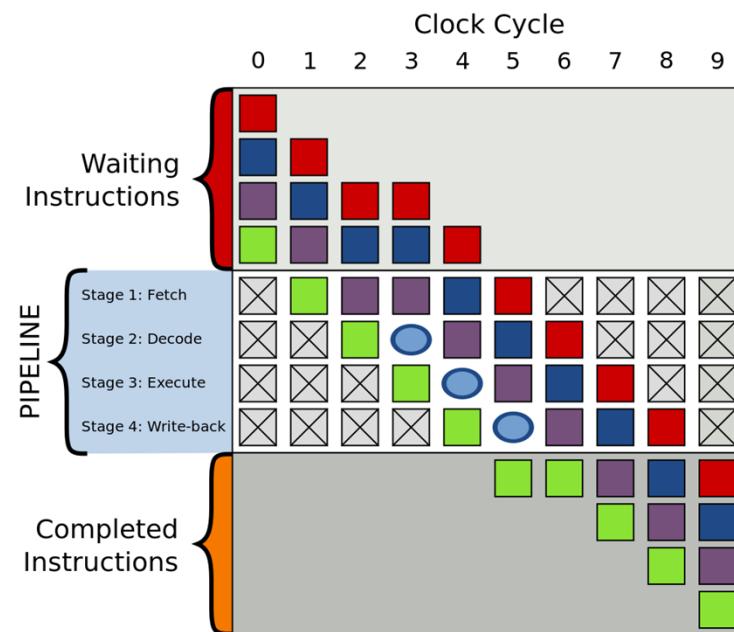
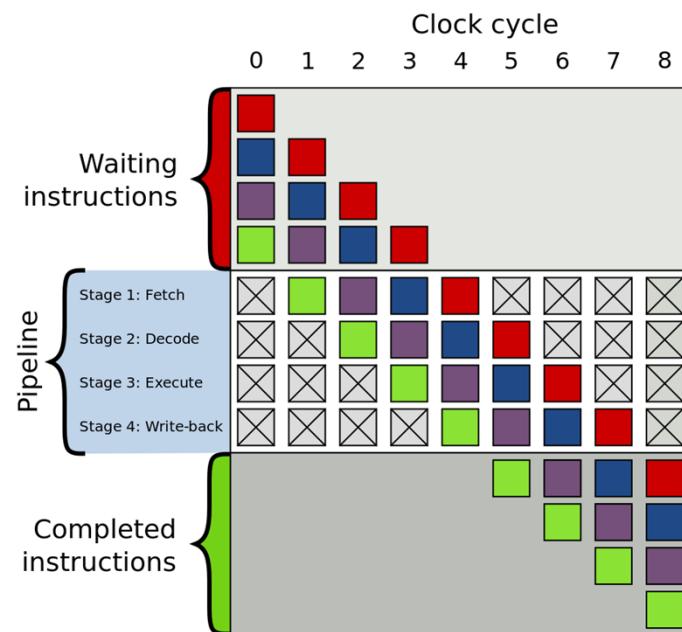
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# Instruction Pipelining



Most basic way to exploit instruction-level parallelism (ILP)

Problem: hazards (different solutions: bubbles, ...)



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Instruction\\_pipelining](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Instruction_pipelining)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Classic\\_RISC\\_pipeline](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Classic_RISC_pipeline)

wikipedia

# Concepts: Latency Hiding (Latency Tolerance)



Main goal: Avoid that instruction *throughput* goes below peak

**ILP:** Hide instruction pipeline latency of one instruction by pipelined execution of *independent* instruction from same thread

**TLP:** Hide any latency occurring for one thread (group/warp/wavefront) by *executing a different thread (group/warp/wavefront)* as soon as current thread (group/warp/wavefront) stalls:

→ *Total throughput does not go down*

**GPUs**

- TLP: pull independent, not-stalling instruction from other thread group
- ILP: pull independent instruction from same thread group (instruction stream)
- Depending on GPU: TLP often sufficient, but sometimes also need ILP
- However: If in one cycle TLP doesn't work, ILP can jump in or vice versa\*

(\*depending on actual microarchitecture)



# ILP vs. TLP on GPUs

## Main observations

- Each time unit (usually one clock cycle), a new instruction *without dependencies* should be dispatched to functional units (ALUs, SFUs, ...)
- *Instruction* is a *group of threads* that is executing the same instruction: CUDA warp (32 threads), frontend (32 or 64 threads), ...
- Where can this instruction come from?
  - TLP: from another runnable warp (i.e., different instruction stream)
  - ILP: from the same warp (i.e., the same instruction stream)

How many instructions/warps per time unit (clock cycle)?

- “Scalar” pipeline ( $CPI=1.0$ ): **TLP sufficient** (if enough warps); **can exploit ILP** (next instruction either from different warp, or from same warp)
- “Superscalar” ( $CPI<1.0$ ) pipeline: dispatch more than one instruction per cycle, (#dispatchers > #warp schedulers): **need ILP!**

(CPI = clocks per instruction)

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# Example: “Scalar” GF100

Main concept here:

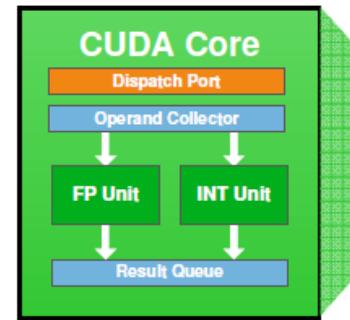
There is one instruction dispatcher  
(dispatch unit / fetch/decode unit)  
per warp scheduler  
(warp selector)

Details later...

Ignore less important subtleties...

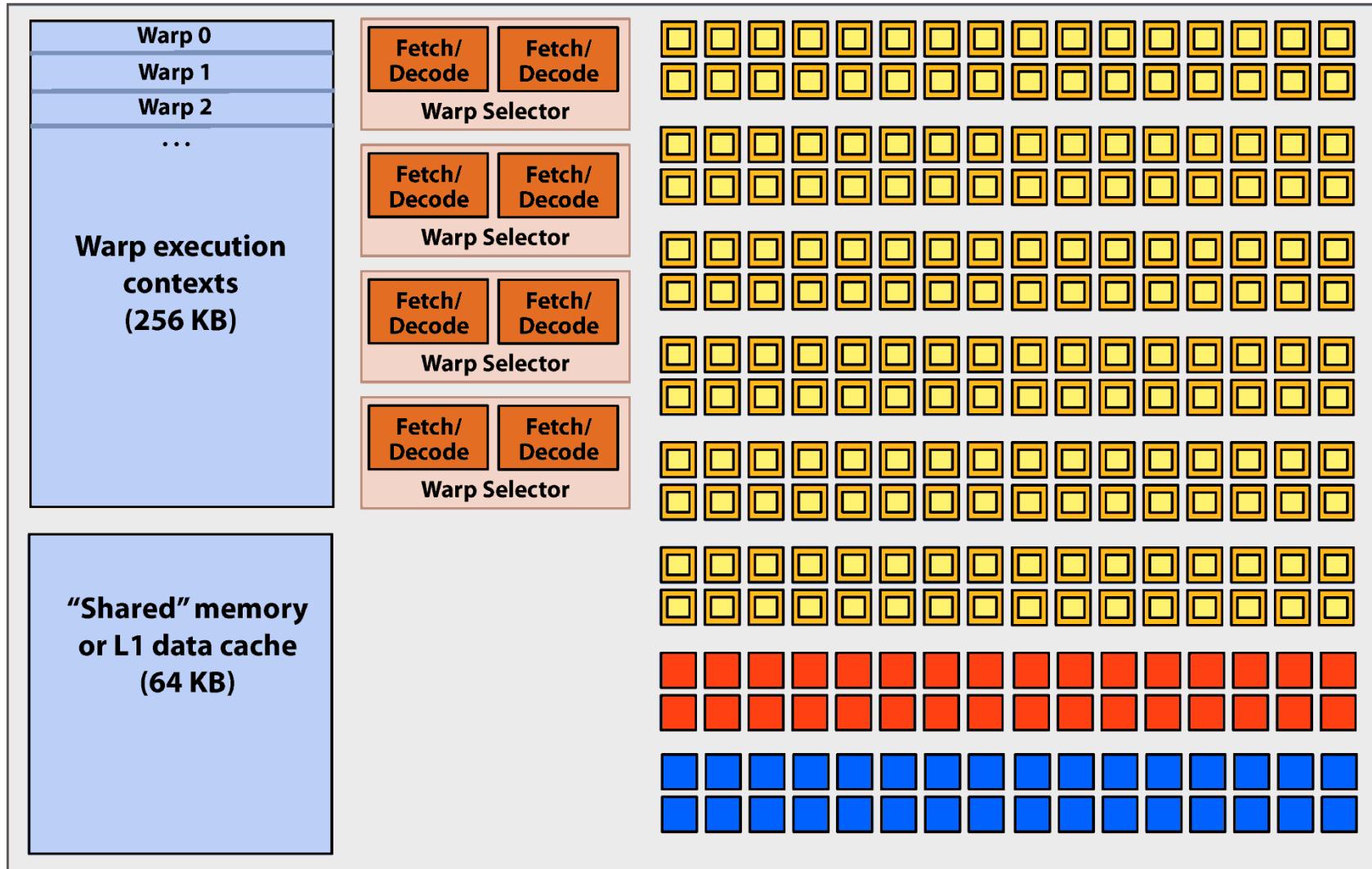
GF100 has two warp schedulers, not one,  
and each 32-thread instruction is executed  
over two clock cycles, not one, etc.

**Caveat on NVIDIA diagrams:** if two dispatchers per warp scheduler are shown, it still doesn't mean that the ALU pipeline is “superscalar” (often, the second dispatcher dispatches to a *non-ALU* pipeline)  
... need to look at CUDA programming guide info, also given in our tables in row “# ALU dispatch / warp sched.”



# Example: “Superscalar” ALUs in SM Architecture

NVIDIA Kepler GK104 architecture SMX unit (one “core”)



Yellow square = SIMD function unit,  
control shared across 32 units  
(1 MUL-ADD per clock)

Red square = “special” SIMD function unit,  
control shared across 32 units  
(operations like sin/cos)

Blue square = SIMD load/store unit  
(handles warp loads/stores, gathers/scatters)



# Instruction Throughput

Instruction throughput numbers in CUDA C Programming Guide (Chapter 5.4)

	Compute Capability									8.9	9.0
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16-bit floating-point add, multiply, multiply-add	N/A		256	128	2	256	128		$256^3$	?	256
32-bit floating-point add, multiply, multiply-add	192		128	64	128		64	128		?	128
64-bit floating-point add, multiply, multiply-add	$64^4$		4	32	4		$32^5$	32	2	?	64

<sup>3</sup>

<sup>4</sup>

<sup>5</sup>

128 for `__nv_bfloat16`

8 for GeForce GPUs, except for Titan GPUs

2 for compute capability 7.5 GPUs



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SM busy with # warps + inst	L	2L	8L	4L	2L	4L	4L	4L	4L
inst. pipe latency (L)	22	22	11	9	6	6	4	4	?
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*IF no other stalls occur!  
(i.e., except inst. pipe hazards)*

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# NVIDIA Tesla Architecture

## 2007-2009

### (compute capability 1.x)

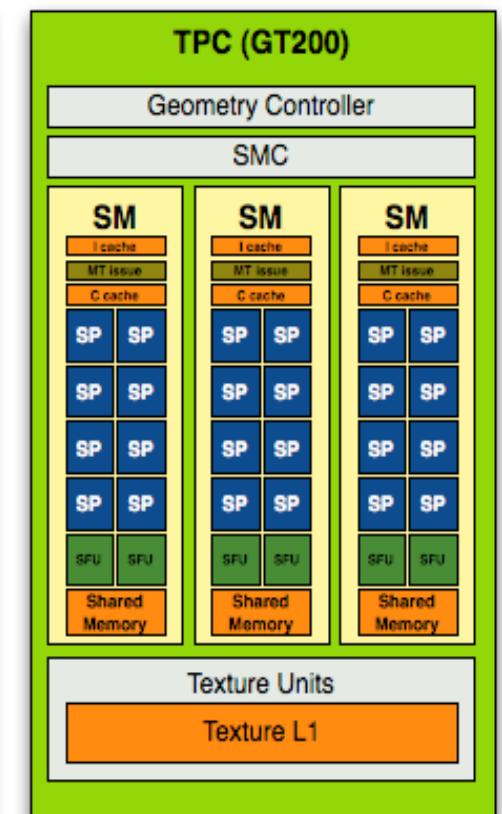
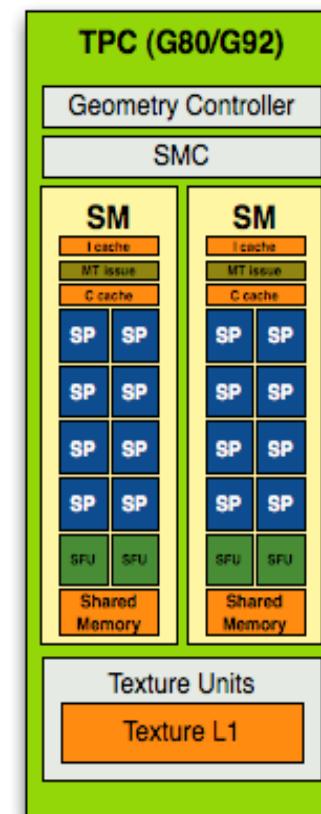
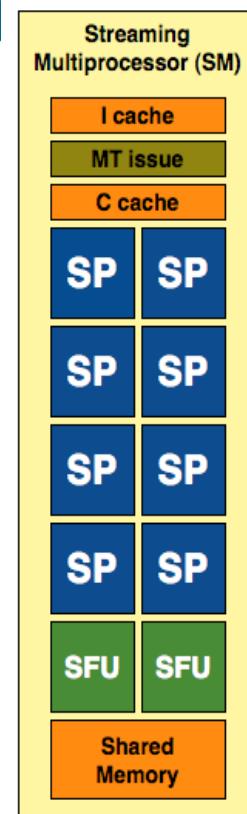
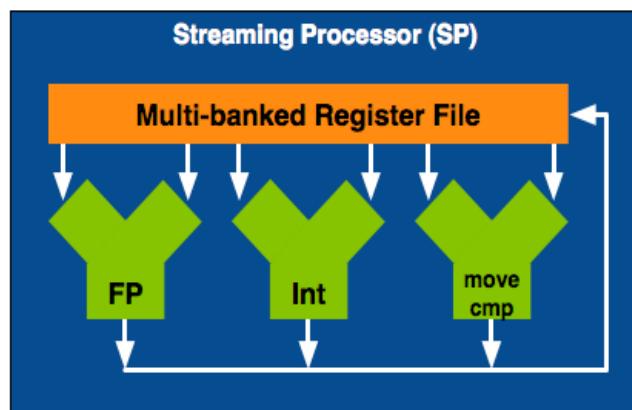
G80 (cc 1.0): 2007 (Geforce 8800, ...)

G9x (cc 1.1): 2008 (Geforce 9800, ...)

GT200 (cc 1.3): 2008/2009 (GTX 280, GTX 285, ...)

*(this is not the Tesla product line!)*

# NVIDIA Tesla Architecture (not the Tesla product line!), G80: 2007, GT200: 2008/2009



G80: first CUDA GPU!

Multiprocessor: SM (CC 1.x)

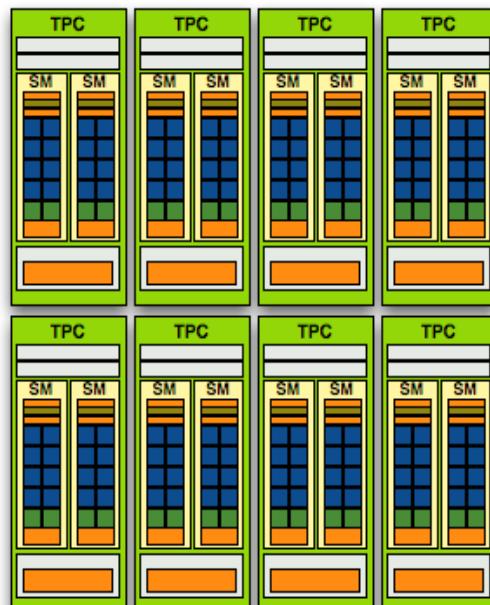
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- Streaming Processor (SP) [or: CUDA core; or: FP32 / FP64 / INT32 core, ...]
- Streaming Multiprocessor (SM)
- Texture/Processing Cluster (TPC)

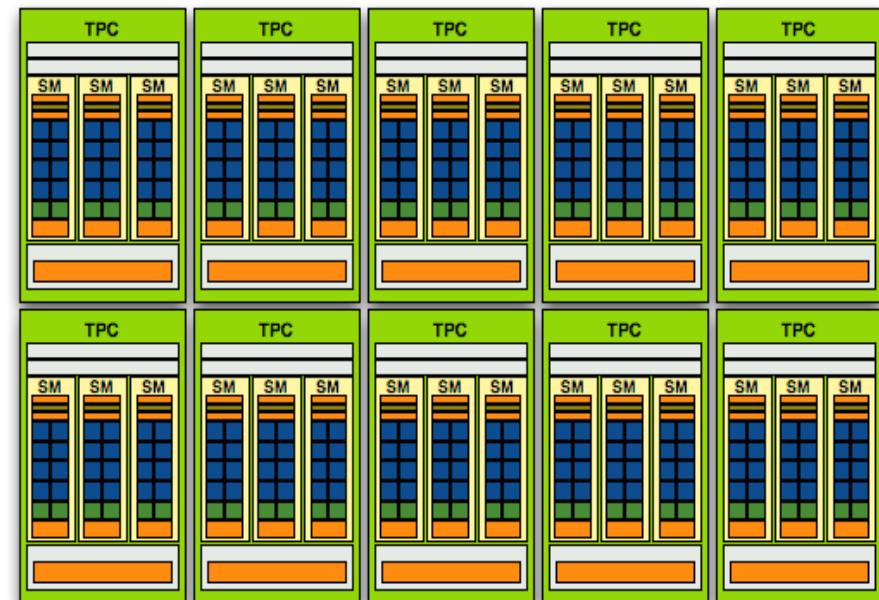
# NVIDIA Tesla Architecture (not the Tesla product line!), G80: 2007, GT200: 2008/2009



- G80/G92:  $8 \text{ TPCs} * (2 * 8 \text{ SPs}) = 128 \text{ SPs}$  [= CUDA cores]
- GT200:  $10 \text{ TPCs} * (3 * 8 \text{ SPs}) = 240 \text{ SPs}$  [= CUDA cores]
- **Arithmetic intensity** has increased (num. of ALUs vs. texture units)



G80 / G92



GT200

Courtesy AnandTech



# NVIDIA Fermi Architecture

## 2010

(compute capability 2.x)

GF100 (cc 2.0), ... (GTX 480, ...)  
GF104 (cc 2.1), ... (GTX 460, ...)  
GF110 (cc 2.0), ... (GTX 580, ...)

# NVIDIA Fermi (GF100) Architecture (2010)



Full size

- 4 GPCs
- 4 SMs each
- 6 64-bit memory controllers (= 384 bit)

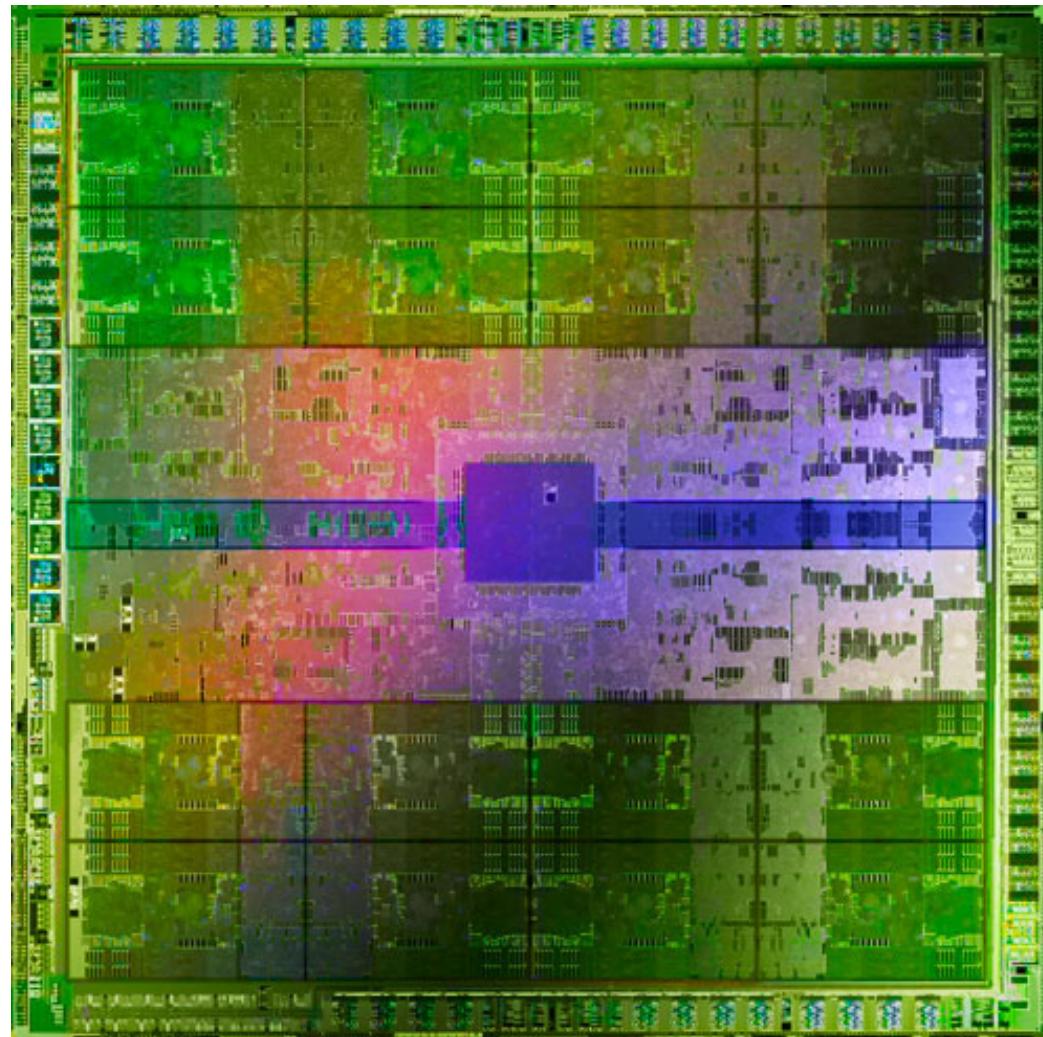


# NVIDIA Fermi (GF100) Die Photo



Full size

- 4 GPCs
- 4 SMs each





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performance guidelines/multiprocessor level; compute capabilities

# NVIDIA GF100 SM (2010)

Multiprocessor: SM (CC 2.0)

Streaming processors now called  
*CUDA cores*

32 CUDA cores per Fermi GF100  
streaming multiprocessor (SM)

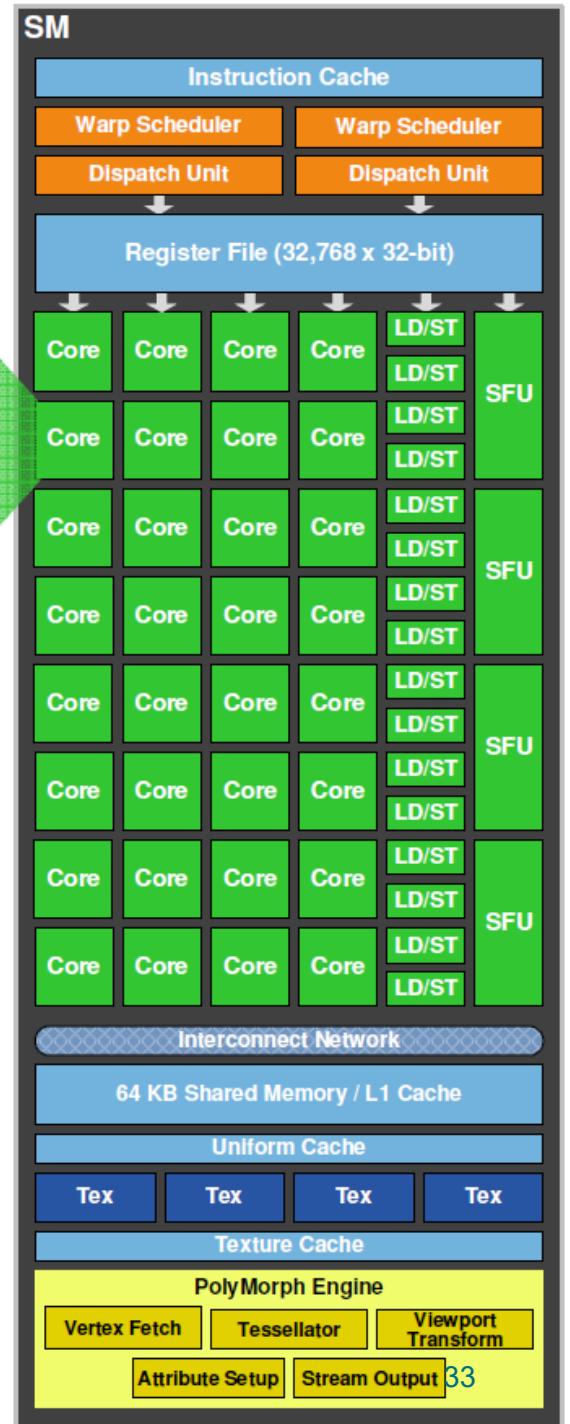
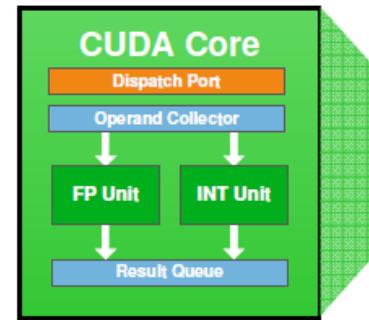
16 SMs = 512 CUDA cores

CPU-like cache hierarchy

- L1 cache / shared memory
- L2 cache

Texture units and caches now in SM

(instead of with TPC=multiple SMs in G80/GT200)





# Graphics Processor Clusters (GPC)

(instead of TPC on GT200)

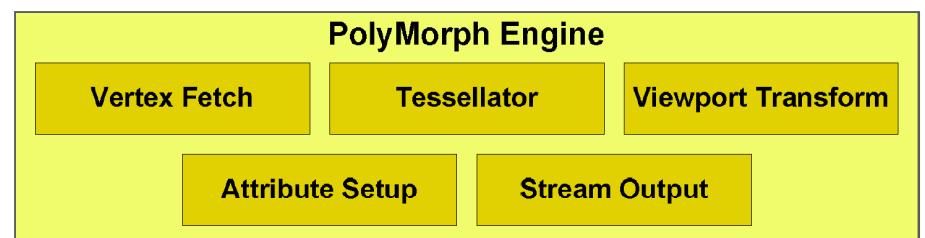
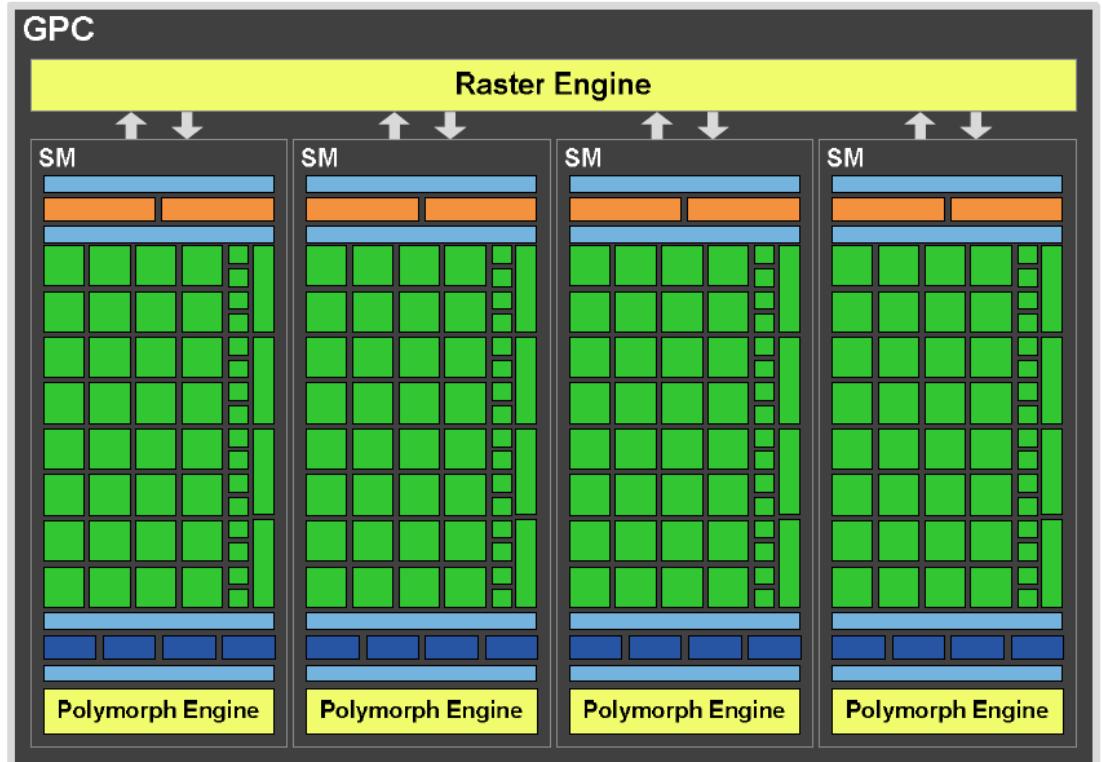
4 SMs

32 CUDA cores / SM

4 SMs / GPC =  
128 cores / GPC

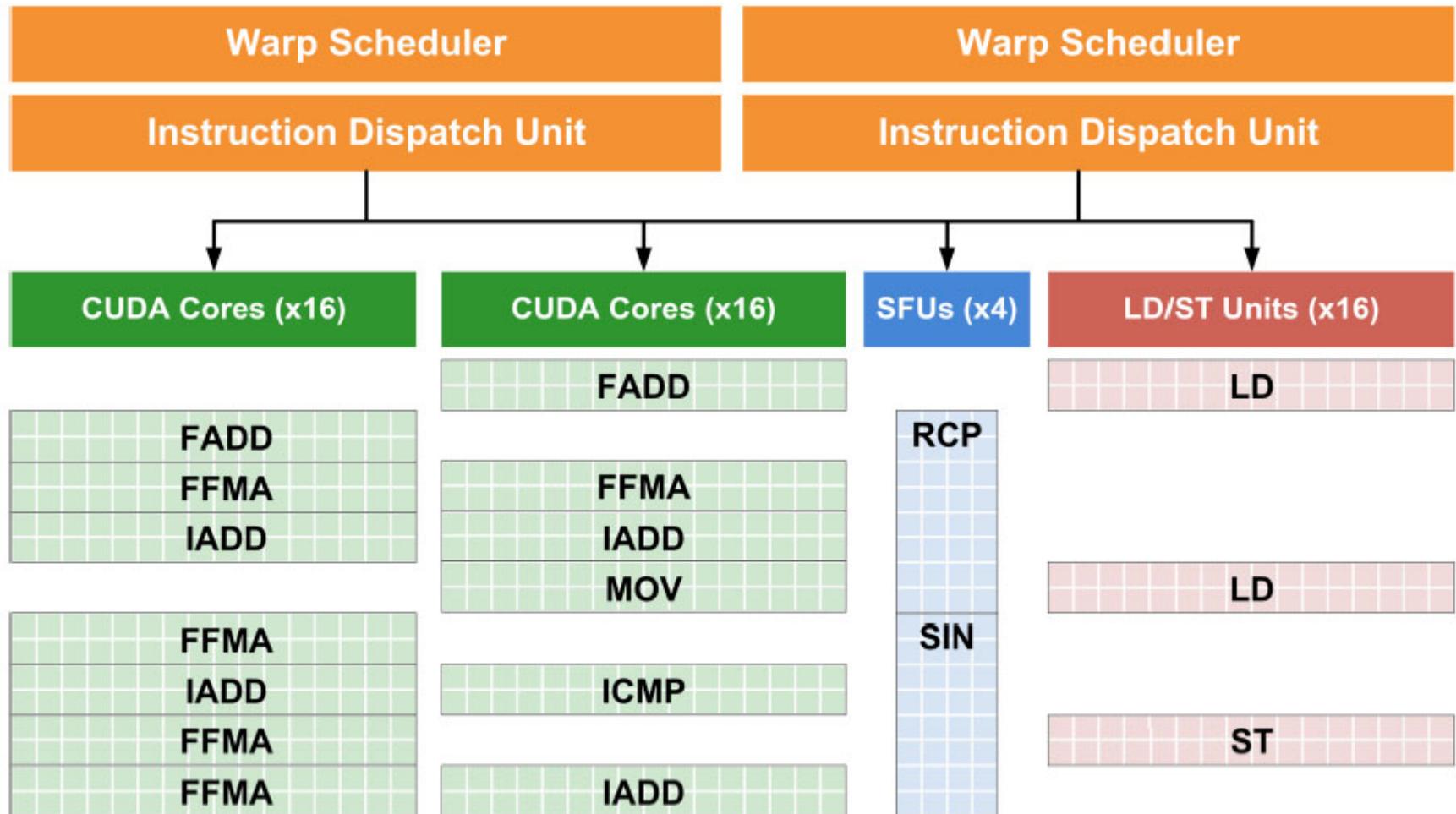
Decentralized rasterization  
and geometry

- 4 raster engines
- 16 "PolyMorph" engines



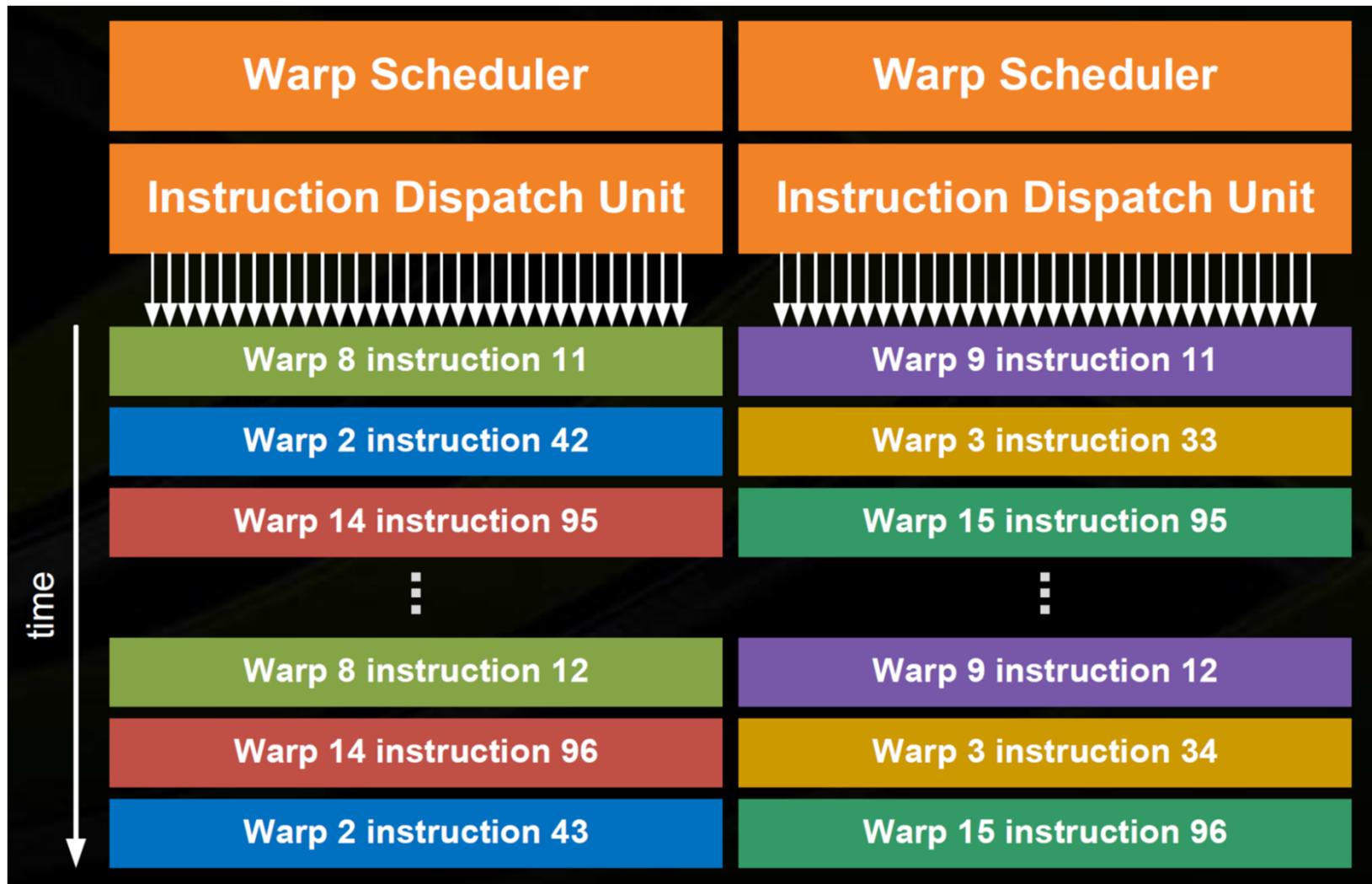


# Dual Warp Schedulers





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# NVIDIA GF104 SM (2010)

Multiprocessor: SM (CC 2.1)

Streaming processors now called  
*CUDA cores*

48 CUDA cores per Fermi GF104  
streaming multiprocessor (SM)

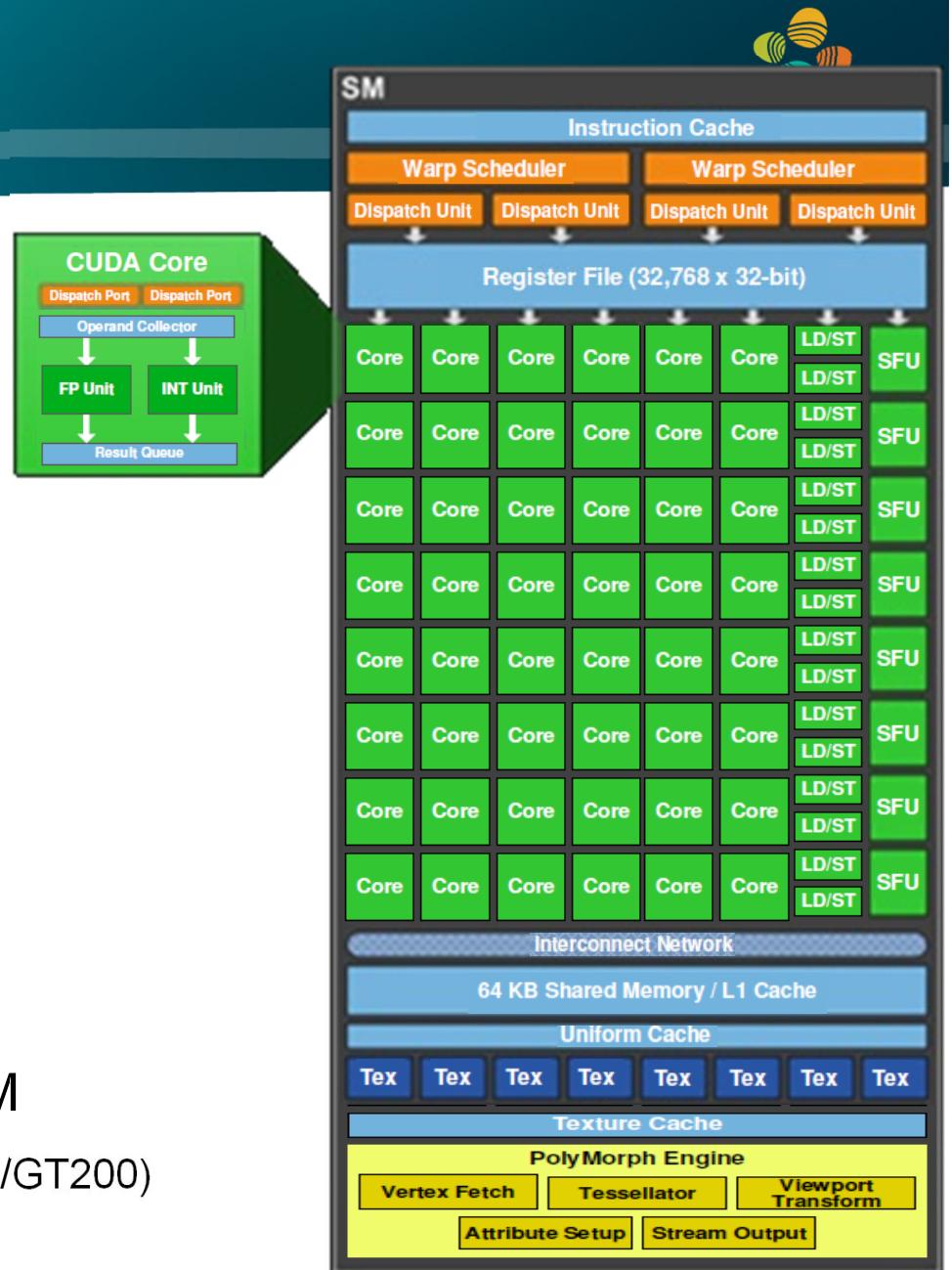
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CPU-like cache hierarchy

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Texture units and caches now in SM

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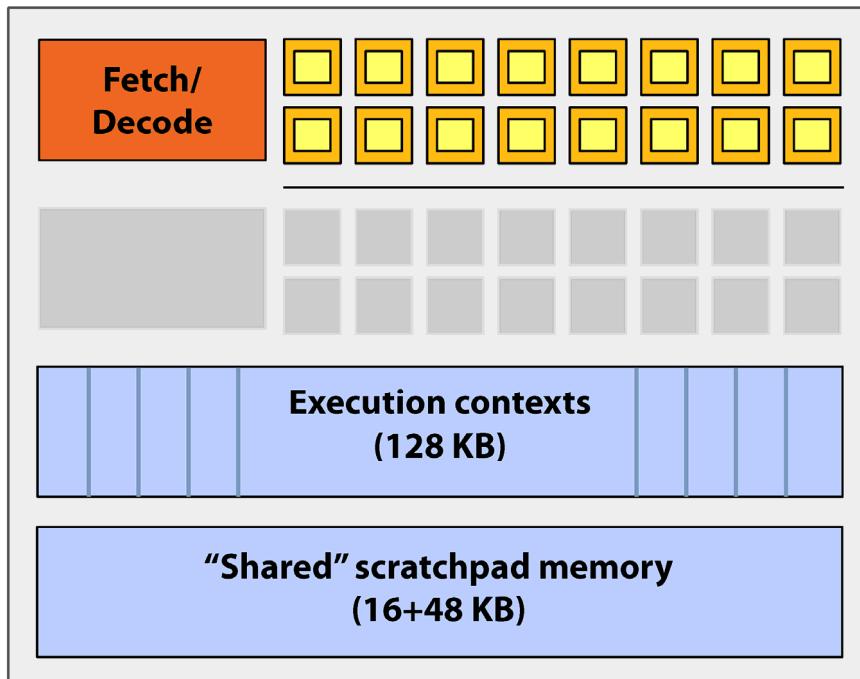


# NVIDIA Fermi GF100 Architecture (2010)



## NVIDIA GeForce GTX 480 “core”

CC 2.0, not 2.1 !



- Groups of 32 fragments share an instruction stream
- Up to 48 groups are simultaneously interleaved
- Up to 1536 individual contexts can be stored

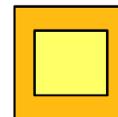
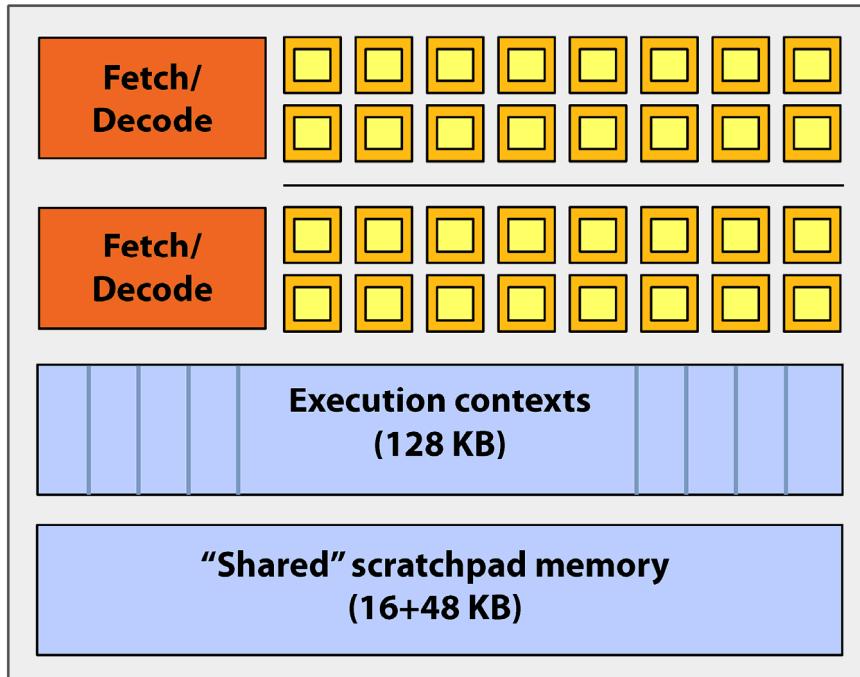
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# NVIDIA Fermi GF100 Architecture (2010)



## NVIDIA GeForce GTX 480 “core”

CC 2.0, not 2.1 !



= SIMD function unit,  
control shared across 16 units  
(1 MUL-ADD per clock)

- The core contains 32 functional units
- Two groups are selected each clock  
(decode, fetch, and execute two instruction streams in parallel)

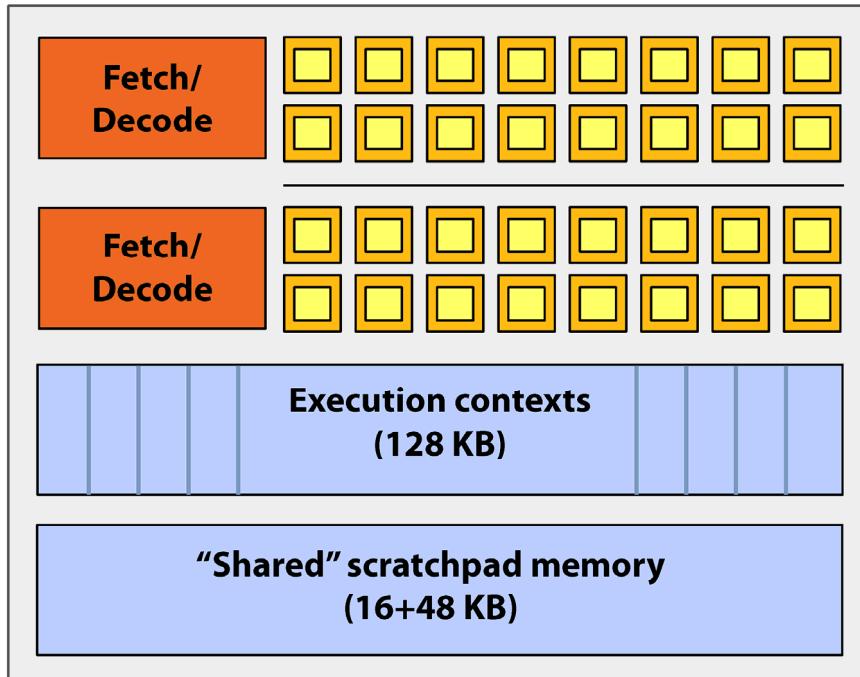
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# NVIDIA Fermi GF100 Architecture (2010)



## NVIDIA GeForce GTX 480 "SM"

CC 2.0, not 2.1 !



= CUDA core  
(1 MUL-ADD per clock)

- The **SM** contains **32 CUDA cores**
- Two **warps** are selected each clock  
(decode, fetch, and execute two **warps** in parallel)
- Up to **48 warps** are interleaved, totaling **1536 CUDA threads**

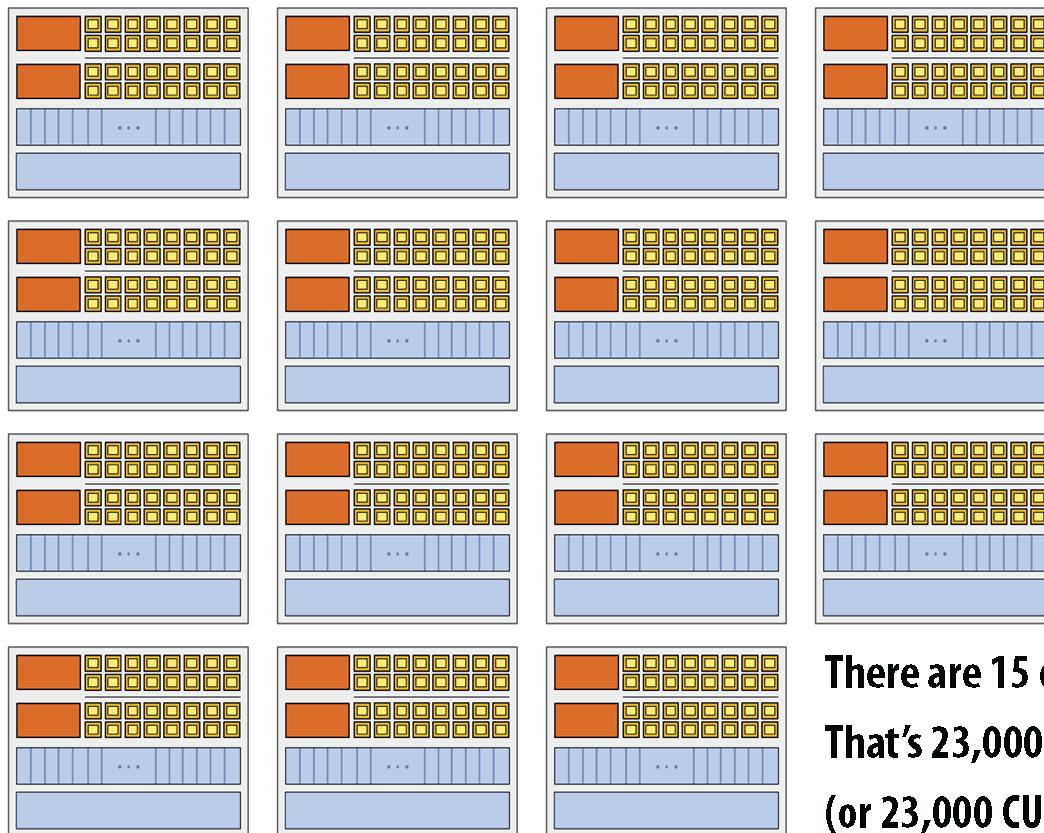
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# NVIDIA Fermi GF100 Architecture (2010)



## NVIDIA GeForce GTX 480

CC 2.0, not 2.1 !



**There are 15 of these things on the GTX 480:  
That's 23,000 fragments!  
(or 23,000 CUDA threads!)**



# NVIDIA Ampere Architecture

## 2020

(compute capability 8.0/8.6/8.7)

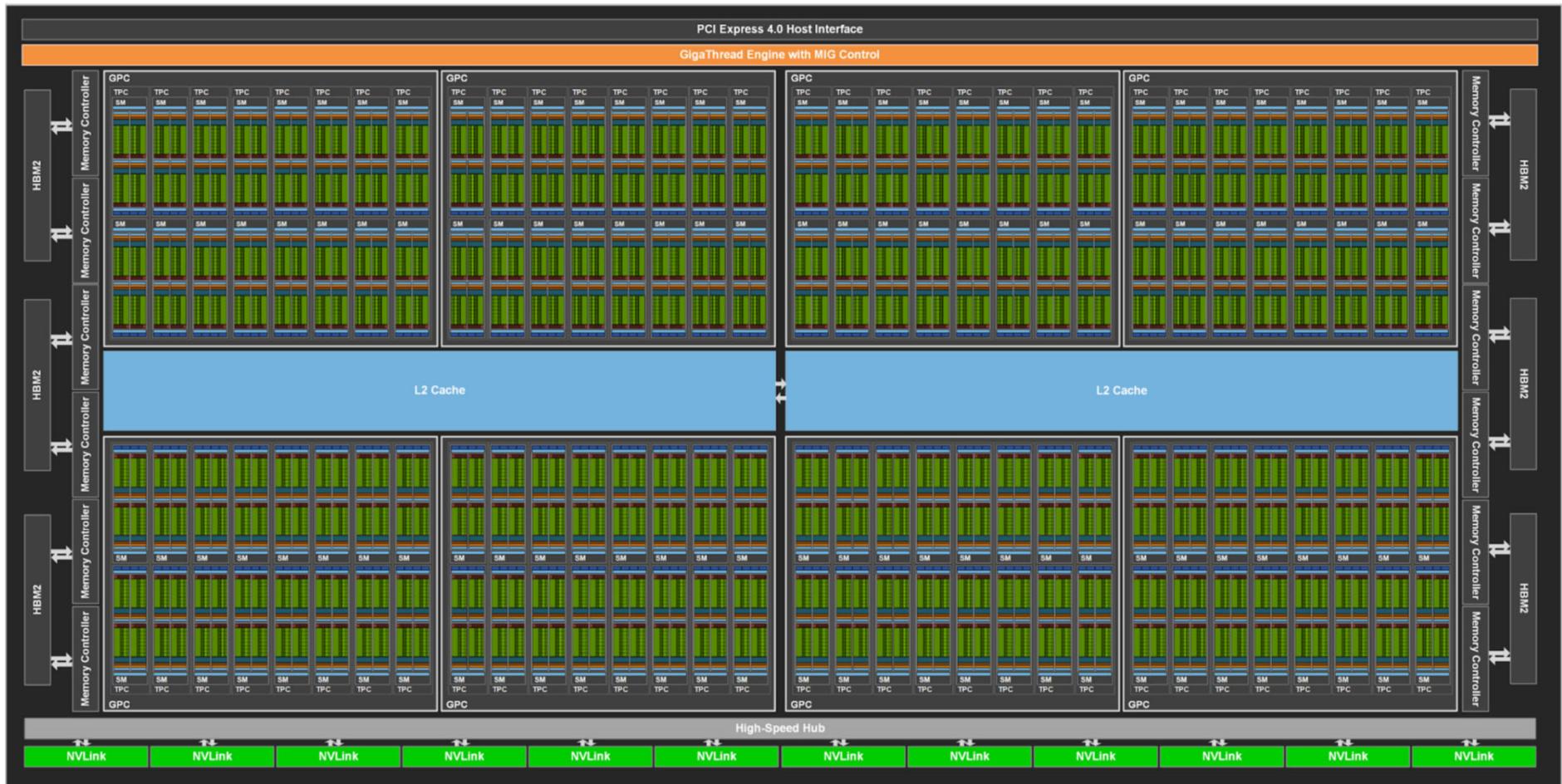
- GA100 (cc 8.0), ... (A100, ...)
- (x=2,3,4,6,7) GA10x (cc 8.6), ... (RTX 3070, RTX 3080, RTX 3090, ...)
- GA10B (cc 8.7), ... (Jetson, DRIVE, ...)

# NVIDIA Ampere GA100 Architecture (2020)



GA 100 (A100 Tensor Core GPU)

Full GPU: 128 SMs (in 8 GPCs/64 TPCs)





# Instruction Throughput

Instruction throughput numbers in CUDA C Programming Guide (Chapter 5.4)

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64-bit floating-point add, multiply, multiply-add	64 <sup>4</sup>		4	32	4		32 <sup>5</sup>	32	2

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# NVIDIA GA100 SM

Multiprocessor: SM (CC 8.0)

- 64 FP32 + 64 INT32 cores
- 32 FP64 cores
- 4 3<sup>rd</sup> gen tensor cores
- 1 2<sup>nd</sup> gen RT (ray tracing) core

4 partitions inside SM

- 16 FP32 + 16 INT32 cores
- 8 FP64 cores
- 8 LD/ST units each
- 1 3<sup>rd</sup> gen tensor core each
- Each has: warp scheduler, dispatch unit, 16K register file



# NVIDIA Ampere GA10x Architecture (2020)



## GA 102 (RTX 3070, 3080, 3090)

Full GPU: 84 SMs (in 7 GPCs/42 TPCs)



# NVIDIA GA10x SM

Multiprocessor: SM (CC 8.6)

- 128 (64+64) FP32 + 64 INT32 cores
- 2 (!) FP64 cores
- 4 3<sup>rd</sup> gen tensor cores
- 1 2<sup>nd</sup> gen RT (ray tracing) core

4 partitions inside SM

- 16+16 FP32 + 16 INT32 cores
- 4 LD/ST units each
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Thank you.