

OUT-OF-ORDER LOADS/STORES

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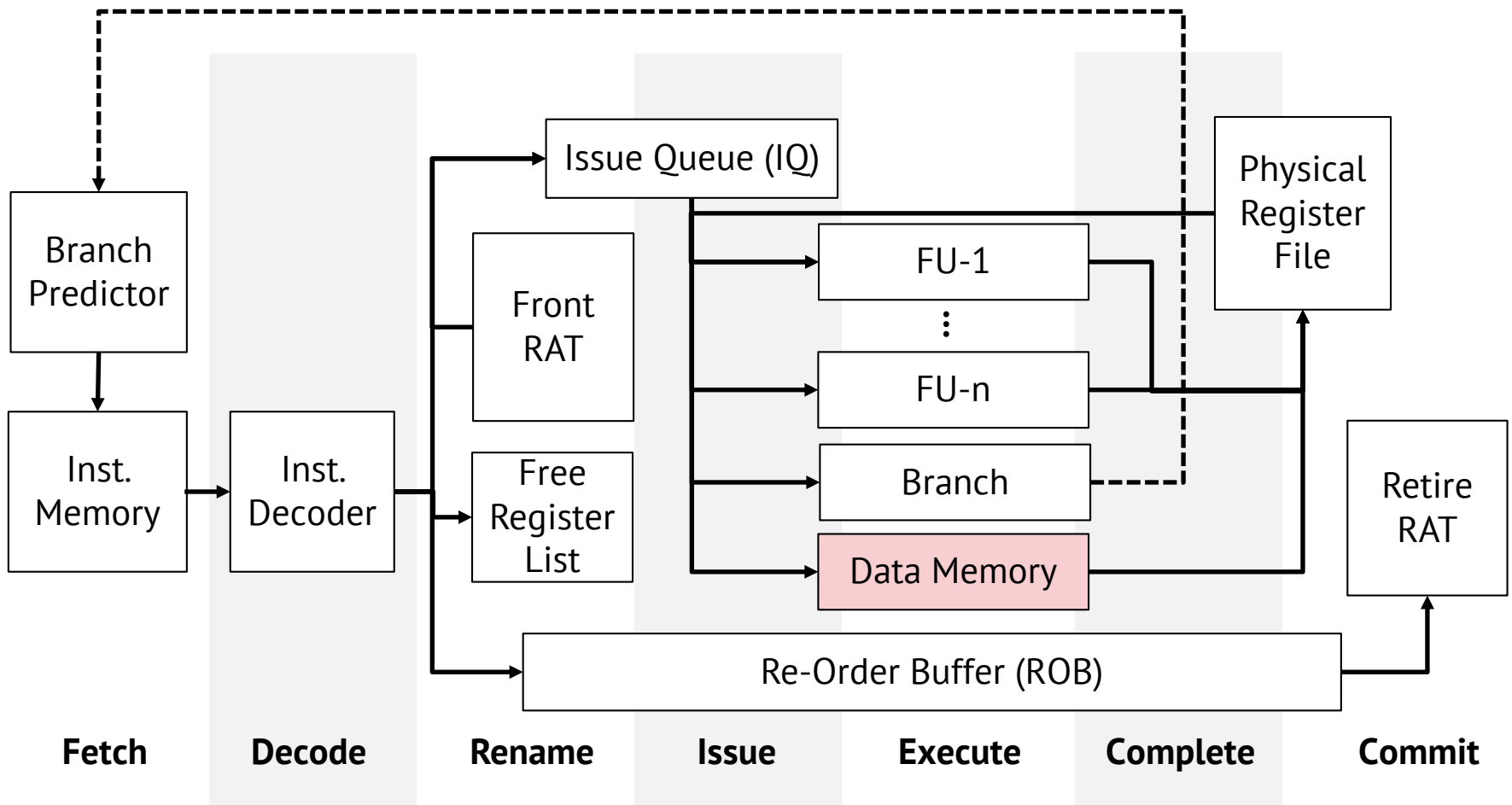
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Loads and Stores

- What if IQ also had load and store instructions?



Memory Data Dependence

- Can we continue executing loads/stores out-of-order?
 - ▣ Effective address is required for dependence check

Instructions in the issue queue

Load	R1 ← Mem[R2]
Load	R3 ← Mem[R4+8]
Store	R5 → Mem[R6]
Load	R7 ← Mem[R8+16]
Store	R9 → Mem[R10]

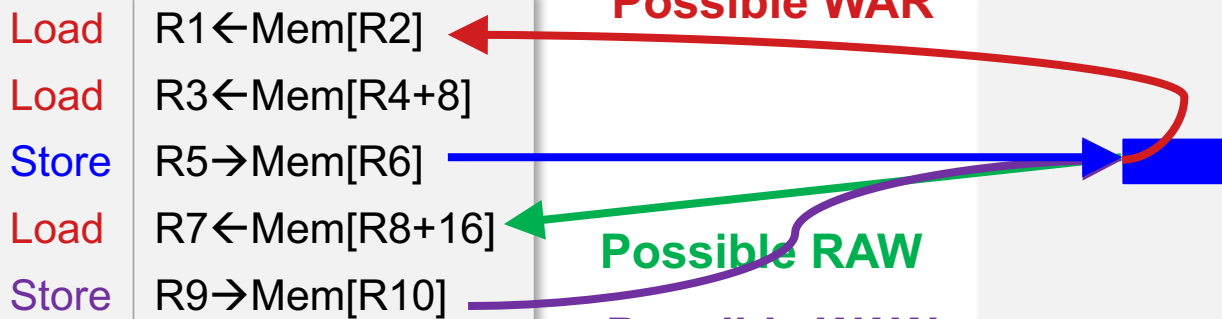
Memory

Possible WAR

Possible RAW

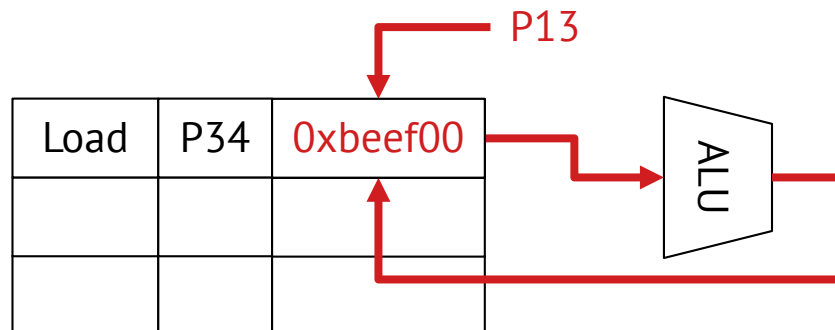
Possible WAW

Does renaming help?



Load-Store Queue

- Dedicated queue only for load/store instructions
 - ▣ Check availability of operands every cycle
- Two steps for load/store instructions
 - ▣ Compute the effective address when register is available
 - ▣ Send the request to memory if there is no memory hazards



Memory Dependence Check

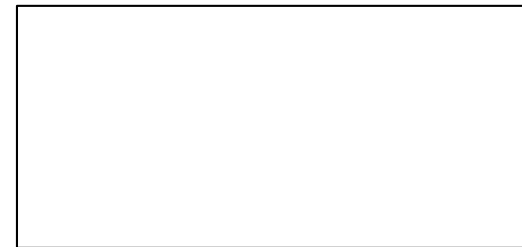
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Store	P26	
Load	P11	
Load	P29	0x12345
Store	P30	0x11111
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1. Which load instructions can be issued?

Due to RAW hazards, only those loads that are not following any unknown stores can be issued.

Can we bypass memory?



Memory

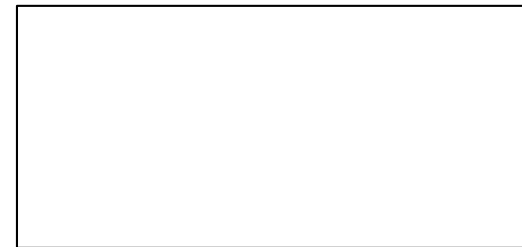
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2. Which store instructions can be issued?

Due to WAW and WAR hazards, only when there is no younger instructions. (why?)



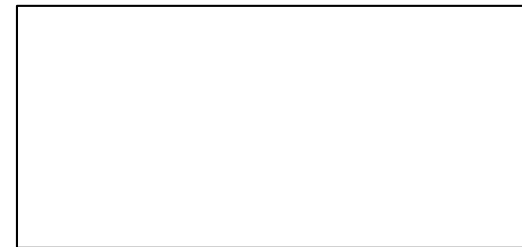
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Which instructions can be issued?



Memory

Memory Dependence Prediction

- Can we predict memory dependence?

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Issue/execute load instructions even if they are following unresolved stores

What if the prediction was not correct?

Out-of-order Pipeline with LSQ

- LSQ is an extension to IQ

