Bluespec-6
Simple Pipelined Processor

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Instruction set

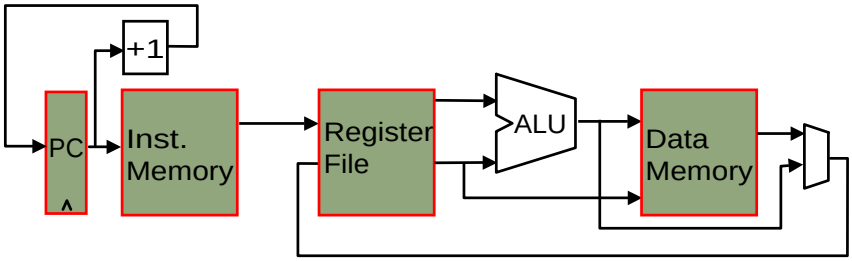
```
data RName = R0 | R1 | R2 | … | R31

type Src   = RName
type Dest  = RName
type Cond  = RName
type Addr  = RName
type Val   = RName

data Instr =   Add   Dest Src Src
           | Bz    Cond Addr
           | Load  Dest Addr
           | Store Val  Addr
```

An instruction set can be implemented using many different microarchitectures

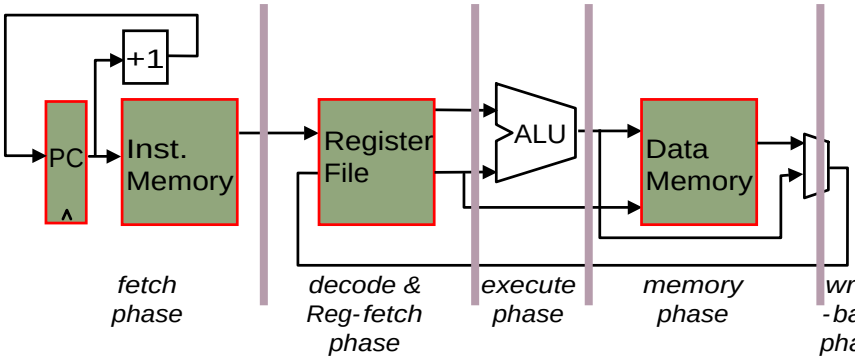
Non-pipelined Processor



Each instruction executes in one cycle!

slow ... slow .....slow .....

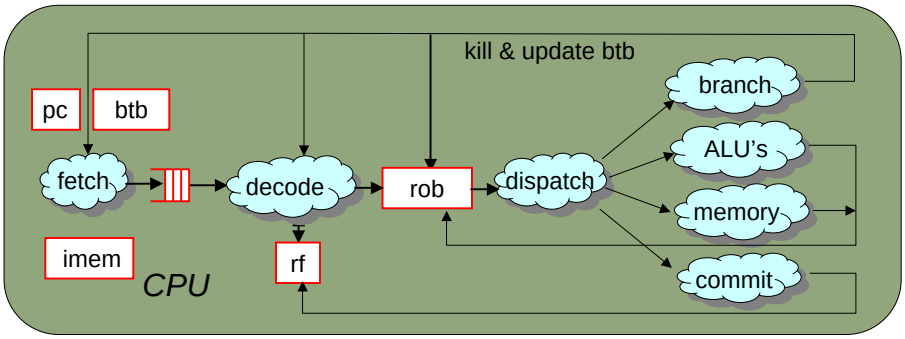
N-stage Pipelined Processor



- Stages are separated by *FIFO buffers*
- In-order issue and completion

Do these processors produce the same behaviors as the non-pipelined processor?

Modern Microprocessors
register renaming and speculative execution



Does a speculative processor produce the same behaviors as a non-pipelined processor?

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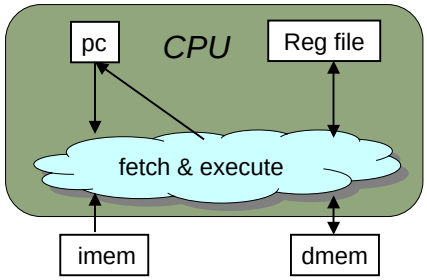
Non-pipelined Pipeline




```
mkCPU :: Imem -> Dmem -> Module CPUinterface
mkCPU iMem dMem =
  module
      pc :: Reg Iaddress <- mkReg 0
      rf  :: Array RName (Bit 32) <- mkArray
      rules
        "fetch&execute" ...
      interface ...
```


Non-pipelined processor rule

```
"fetch & execute":
   when (True) ==>
     let
       i32    = iMem.get pc
       instr  = unpack i32[16:0]
       predIa = pc + 1
     in
       case instr of
         Add rd ra rb -> action
                           rf.upd rd ((rf.sub ra)+(rf.sub rb))
                           pc := predIa
         Bz cd addr   -> action
                           pc := if (rf.sub cd) == 0
                                    then rf.sub addr
                                    else predIa
         Load rd addr -> action
                           rf.upd rd (dMem.get (rf.sub addr))
                           pc := predIa
         Store v addr -> action
                           dMem.put (rf.sub addr) (rf.sub v)
                           pc := predIa
```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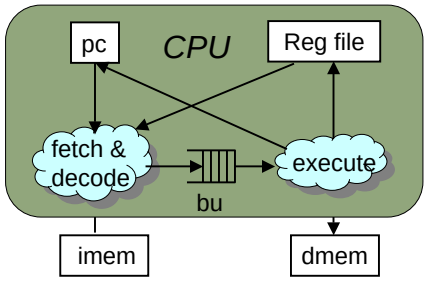
Two-stage Pipeline




```
mkCPU2 :: Imem -> Dmem -> Module CPUinterface
mkCPU2 iMem dMem =
  module
        pc :: Reg Iaddress <- mkReg 0
        rf  :: Array RName (Bit 32) <- mkArray
        bu :: FIFO (Iaddress, InstrTemp) <- mkFIFO
        rules ...
        interface ...
```


Instruction Template

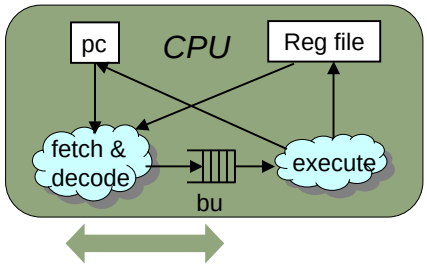
```
data Instr =
              Add    Dest Src Src
            | Bz     Cond Addr
            | Load   Dest Addr
            | Store  Val  Addr
       deriving (Bits)
```

decoded instruction with operands

```
data InstTemplate =
              EAdd     Dest  Value Value
            | EBz      Value Value
            | ELoad    Dest  Value
            | EStore   Value Value
       deriving (Bits)

type Value  = Bit 32
```


Fetch & Decode Rule: Add



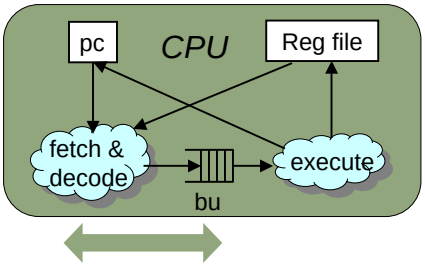

```
"fetch_and_decode_Add":

when (Add rd ra rb) <- instr ==>
   action
       bu.enq (pc,(EAdd rd (rf.sub ra) (rf.sub rb)))
       pc:= pc+1
```

Wrong! Because instructions in bu may be modifying ra or rb

stall !

Fetch & Decode Rule: Add *corrected*




```
"fetch_and_decode_Add":

when (Add rd ra rb) <- instr, ((chk ra) || (chk rb)) ==>
   action
       bu.enq (pc,(EAdd rd (rf.sub ra) (rf.sub rb)))
       pc:= pc+1
```


The Stall Signal

```
stall  = case instr of
             Add rd ra rb -> (chk ra) || (chk rb)
             Bz  cd addr  -> (chk cd) || (chk addr)
             Load rd addr -> (chk addr)
             Store v addr -> (chk v) || (chk addr)
```

```
chk r  = case (bu.find (findf r)) of
             Just _  -> True;
             Nothing -> False;
```

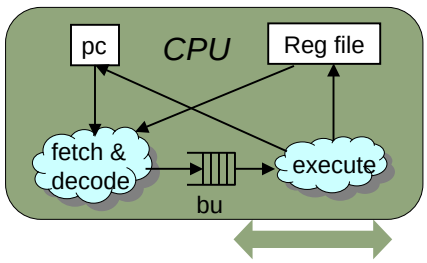
```
findf r it =
      let (pc, i) = it
      in   case i of
             EAdd rd _ _ -> (r == rd)
             EBz  _ _    -> False
             ELoad rd _  -> (r == rd)
             EStore _ _  -> False
```

Need to extend the fifo interface with the "find" method

Fetch & Decode Rule

```
"fetch_and_decode_rule":
when (True) ==>
   if stall then noAction
   else
    action
       case instr of
         Add rd ra rb -> bu.enq (pc,
                               (EAd rd (rf.sub ra) (rf.sub rb)))
         Bz cd addr   -> bu.enq (pc,
                               (EBz (rf.sub cd) (rf.sub addr)))
         Load rd addr -> bu.enq (pc,
                               (ELd rd (rf.sub addr)))
         Store v addr -> bu.enq (pc,
                               (ESt (rf.sub v) (rf.sub addr)))
       pc:= pc+1
```


Execute Rule: Add




```
when (nextpc, EAdd rd va vb) <- bu.first
  ==>
   action
       rf.upd rd (va + vb)
       bu.deq
```


Execute Rule

```
"execute_rule":
when (True) ==>
  let (nextpc, instTemplate) = bu.first
  in   case instTemplate of
         EAdd rd va vb -> action rf.write rd (va + vb)
                                 bu.deq

         EBz  cv av    -> if (cv == 0) then action
                                              pc := av
                                              bu.clear
                           else bu.deq

         ELoad rd av   -> action
                              rf.write rd (dataMem.get av)
                              bu.deq

         EStore vv av  -> action dataMem.put av vv
                                 bu.deq
```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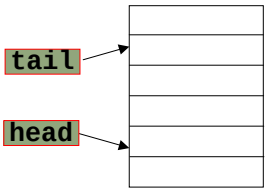
FIFO

- fifo of size sz is implemented using sz+1 registers and two registers containing head and tail pointers
- tail points to an empty slot where the next element will be enqueued
- fifo is
  - full, when tail+1 = head
  - empty, when tail = head



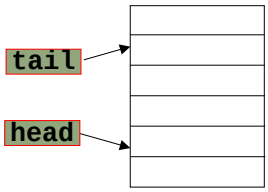

```
interface F t =
    enq :: t -> Action
    first :: t
    deq :: Action
    clear :: Action

mkF1 :: (Bits t ts, Log sz1 lsz, Add sz 1 sz1) =>
                                  (Bit sz) -> Module (F t)
```


FIFO Module

```
module
   rs :: List (Reg t)
   rs <- mapM (const mkRegU) (upto 0 size)
   let get i   = (select rs i)._read
       put i v = (select rs i)._write v
   interface
       enq x = action
                   put tail x
                   tail := incr tail
                when notFull

       first = get head          when notEmpty

       deq   = head := incr head when notEmpty

       clear = action
                   head := 0
                   tail := 0
```


Adding "Find" Functionality

find searches the fifo from the tail (newest) to head (oldest) using a find-function f and returns the first element x where (f x) is true.




```
interface FF t =
    enq, first,deq, clear
    find :: (t -> Bool) -> Maybe t
```

```
findfunc :: (t -> Bool) -> (Bit lsz, Bit lsz) -> Maybe t
findfunc f (hd,ptr) =
      if (ptr == hd) then Nothing
       else let new_ptr = decr ptr
                elem = get new_ptr
            in  if (f elem) then Just elem
                else findfunc f (hd,new_ptr)
```

```
interface find f = findfunc f (head, tail)
```

Unrolling does not terminate!

Tabulate to rescue ...

```
find f =
  let
      g (h,t) = if (h > maxptr) then _
                else if (t > maxptr) then _
                     else (findfunc f) (h,t)
  in
      tabulate g (head,tail)
```

findfunc is now called only on constant (head,tail) values and terminates quickly.