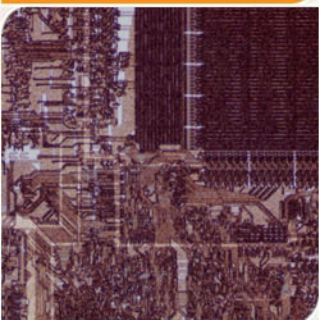


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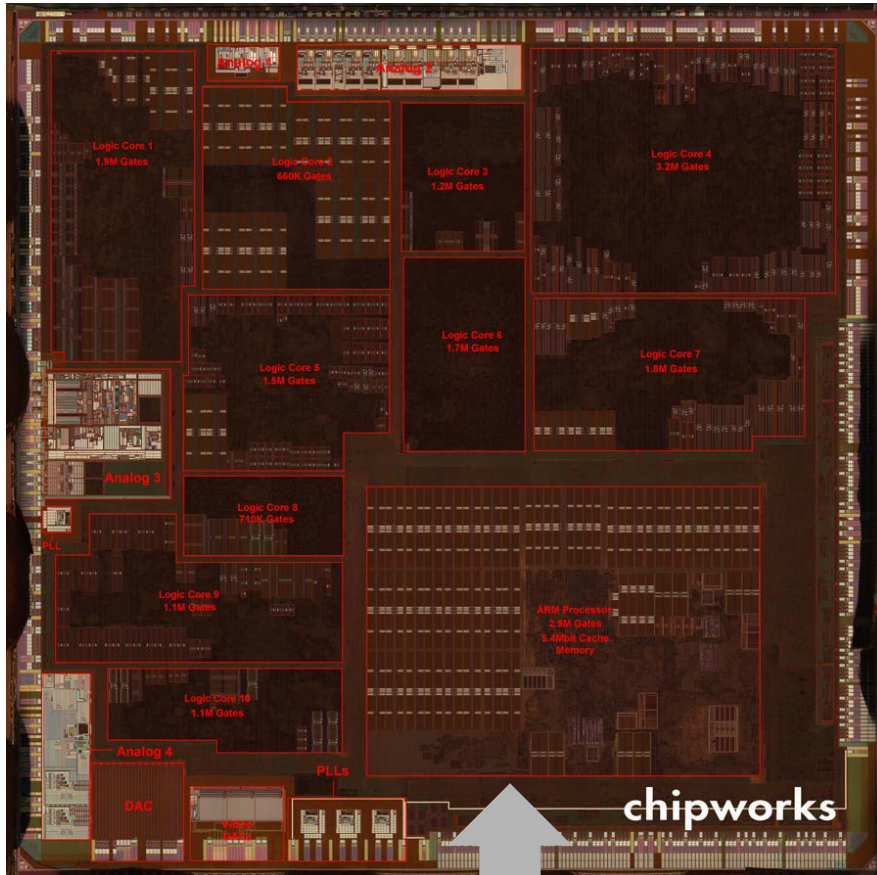
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Papers



# Floor Plan of A4 and A5 → iPhones/iPads

A4

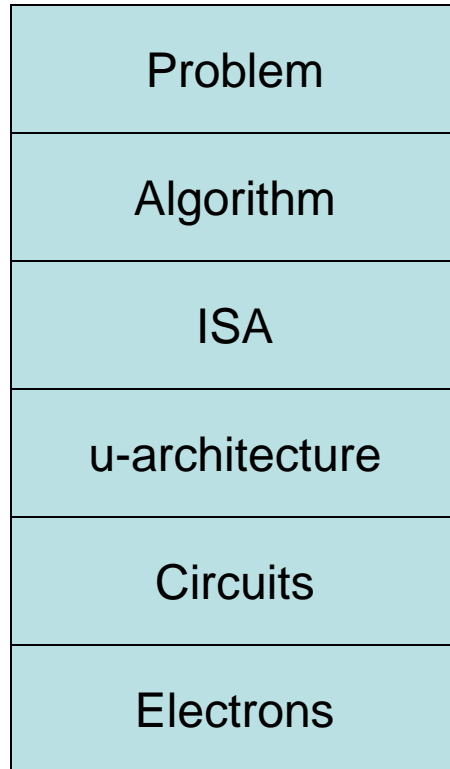


A5





# What is Architecture?



ISA: Interface between s/w & h/w



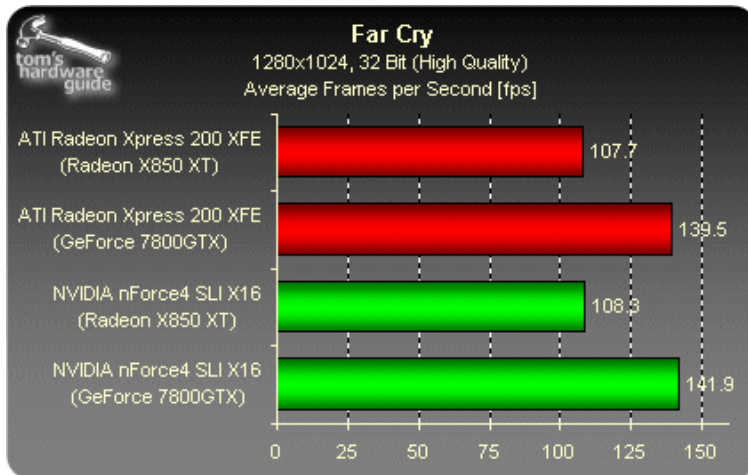
# Warning!!



- This course requires heavy programming
- Don't take too many program heavy courses!
- It is 3-credit course but you feel a 4-5 credit course
- The most ECElike course in CS

# Architecture class

- can be **fun** or can be **hard** or look so **easy**...



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## NVIDIA VS ATI



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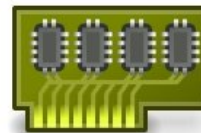
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## IS ATI OR NVIDIA BETTER?



ATI and Nvidia are the leaders of the GPU market. When you upgrade your graphics card you usually have to choose between similarly priced and positioned products from these two companies. But how do you know if ATI or Nvidia is better?

You will find more information about both GPU manufacturers, as well as AMD Radeon and Nvidia benchmarks and performance comparisons below. Don't forget to check out our ATI vs Nvidia discussion and cast your vote!



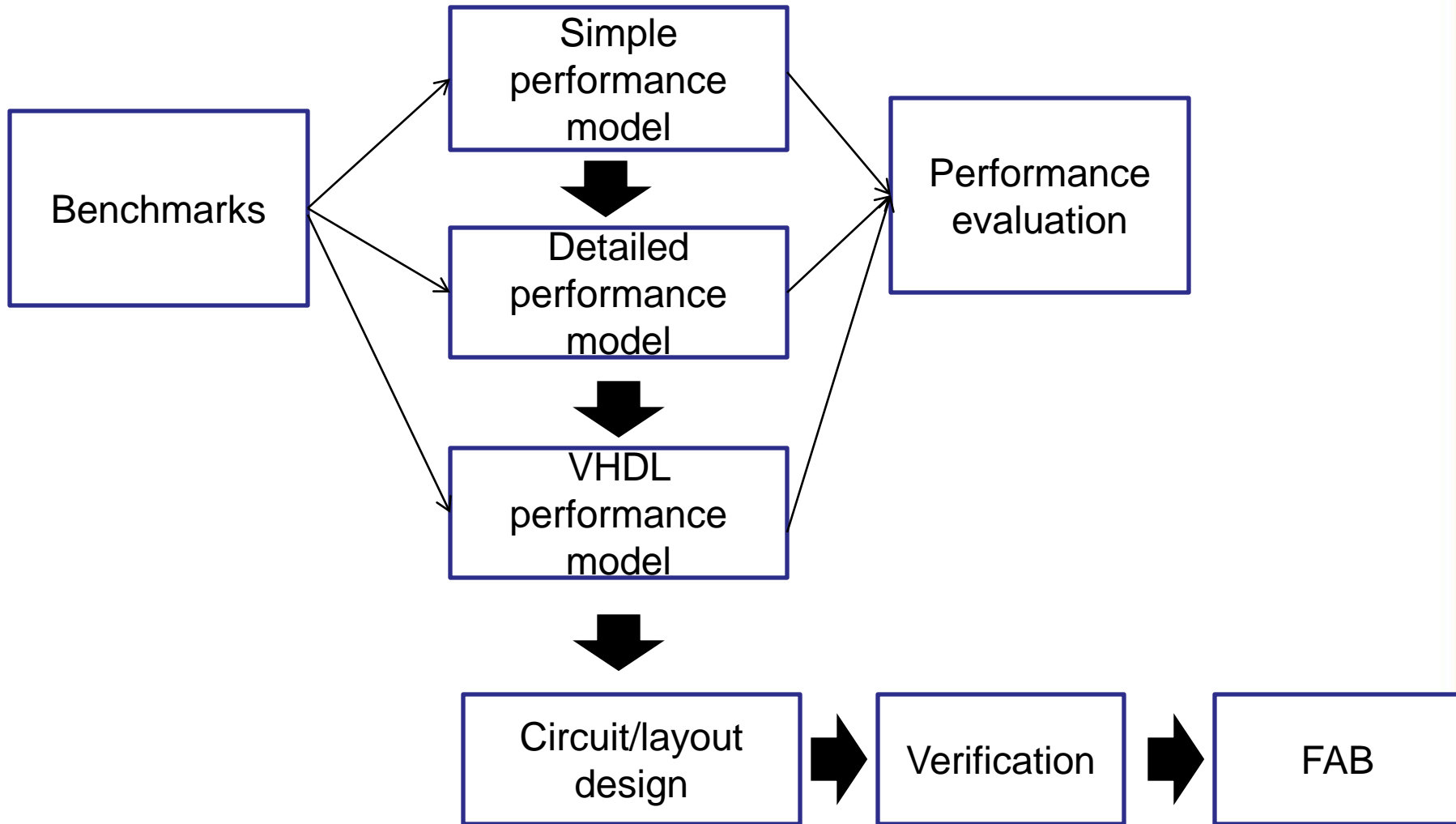


# Chip Design Process

- Select target platforms
  - Identify important applications
  - Identify design specifications (area, power budget etc.)
- Design space explorations
- Develop new mechanisms
- Evaluate ideas using
  - High-level simulations
  - Detailed-level simulations
- Design is mostly fixed → hardware description languages
- VLSI
- Fabrications
- Testing



# Architecture Study







# Design Options

- Pipeline depth?
- # of cores?
- Cache sizes?, cache configurations? Memory configurations. Coherent, non-coherent?
- In-order/ out of order
- How many threads to support?
- Power requirements?
- Performance enhancement mechanisms
  - Instruction fetch: branch predictor, speculative execution
  - Data fetch : cache, prefetching
  - Execution : data forwarding



# METRICS



# Performance

- Two common measures
  - Latency (how long to do X)
    - Also called response time and execution time
  - Throughput (how often can it do X)
- Example of car assembly line
  - Takes 6 hours to make a car (latency is 6 hours per car)
  - A car leaves every 5 minutes (throughput is 12 cars per hour)
  - Overlap results in Throughput  $> 1/\text{Latency}$



# Measuring Performance

- Benchmarks
  - Real applications and application suites
    - E.g., SPEC CPU2000, SPEC2006, TPC-C, TPC-H, EEMBC, MediaBench, PARSEC, SYSmark
  - Kernels
    - “Representative” parts of real applications
    - Easier and quicker to set up and run
    - Often not really representative of the entire app
  - Toy programs, synthetic benchmarks, etc.
    - Not very useful for reporting
    - Sometimes used to test/stress specific functions/features



# SPEC CPU (integer)

SPEC2006 benchmark description	Benchmark name by SPEC generation				
	SPEC2006	SPEC2000	SPEC95	SPEC92	SPEC89
GNU C compiler					gcc
Interpreted string processing			perl		espresso
Combinatorial optimization		mcf			li
Block-sorting compression		bzip2		compress	eqntott
Go game (AI)	go	vortex	go	sc	
Video compression	h264avc	gzip	ijpeg		
Games/path finding	astar	eon	m88ksim		
Search gene sequence	hmmer	twolf			
Quantum computer simulation	libquantum	vortex			
Discrete event simulation library	omnetpp	vpr			
Chess game (AI)	sjeng	crafty			
XML parsing	xalancbmk	parser			

“Representative” applications keeps growing with time!





# SPEC CPU (floating point)

CFD/blast waves	bwaves			fpppp
Numerical relativity	cactusADM			tomcatv
Finite element code	calculix			doduc
Differential equation solver framework	dealll			nasa7
Quantum chemistry	gamess			spice
EM solver (freq/time domain)	GemsFDTD			matrix300
Scalable molecular dynamics (~NAMD)	gromacs		swim	
Lattice Boltzman method (fluid/air flow)	lbm	apsi	hydro2d	
Large eddie simulation/turbulent CFD	LESlie3d	mgrid	su2cor	
Lattice quantum chromodynamics	milc	aplu	wave5	
Molecular dynamics	namd	turb3d		
Image ray tracing	povray			
Spare linear algebra	soplex			
Speech recognition	sphinx3			
Quantum chemistry/object oriented	tonto			
Weather research and forecasting	wrf			
Magneto hydrodynamics (astrophysics)	zeusmp			
		wupwise		
		apply		
		galgel		
		mesa		
		art		
		equake		
		facerec		
		ampp		
		lucas		
		fma3d		
		sixtrack		



# Spec Input Sets

- Test, train and ref
- Test: simple checkup
- Train: profile input, feedback compilation
- Ref: real measurement. Design to run long enough to use for real system
  - -> Simulation?
- Reduced input set
- Statistical simulation
- Sampling



# TPC Benchmarks

- Measure transaction-processing throughput
- Benchmarks for different scenarios
  - TPC-C: warehouses and sales transactions
  - TPC-H: ad-hoc decision support
  - TPC-W: web-based business transactions
- Difficult to set up and run on a simulator
  - Requires full OS support, a working DBMS
  - Long simulations to get stable results



# Multiprocessor's benchmarks

- SPLASH: Scientific computing kernels
  - Who used parallel computers?
- PARSEC: More desktop oriented benchmarks
- NPB: NASA parallel computing benchmarks
- GPGPU benchmark suites
  - Rodinia, Parboil, SHOC
- Not many



# Performance Metrics

- GFLOPS, TFLOPS
- MIPS (Million instructions per second)



# MIPS



Machine A with ISA “A”: 10 MIPS

Machine B ISA “B”: 5 MIPS

which one is faster?

Case 1      Alpha ISA

X86 ISA

LEA A  
LD R1 mem[A]  
Add R1, R1 #1  
ST mem[A] R1



INC mem[A]

Case 2

Add, ADD, **NOP** ADD, ADD **NOP**, **NOP** ADD , **NOP**



# CPU Performance Equation (1)

$$\text{CPU time} = \text{CPU Clock Cycles} \times \text{Clock cycle time}$$

$$\text{CPU time} = \text{Instruction Count} \times \text{Cycles Per Instruction} \times \text{Clock cycle time}$$

$$\text{CPU time} = \frac{\text{Seconds}}{\text{Program}} = \frac{\text{Instructions}}{\text{Program}} \times \frac{\text{Clock Cycles}}{\text{Instruction}} \times \frac{\text{Seconds}}{\text{Clock Cycle}}$$

ISA,  
Compiler  
Technology

Organization,  
ISA

Hardware  
Technology,  
Organization

A.K.A. The “iron law” of performance



# CPU Performance Equation

CPU time = CPU Clock Cycles  $\times$  Clock cycle time

$$\text{CPU time} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \text{IC}_i \times \text{CPI}_i \right) \times \text{Clock cycle time}$$

For each kind  
of instruction

How many  
instructions of this  
kind are there in the  
program

How many cycles it  
takes to execute an  
instruction of this kind

# CPU performance w/ different instructions



Instruction Type	Frequency	CPI
Integer	40%	1.0
Branch	20%	4.0
Load	20%	2.0
Store	10%	3.0

$$\text{CPU time} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n IC_i \times CPI_i \right) \times \text{Clock cycle time}$$

Total Insts = 50B, Clock speed = 2 GHz

$$= (0.4 \times 1.0 + 0.2 \times 4.0 + 0.2 \times 2.0 + 0.1 \times 3.0) \times 50 \times 10^9 \times 1 / (2 \times 10^9)$$



# Comparing Performance

- “X is n times faster than Y”

$$\frac{\text{Execution time}_Y}{\text{Execution time}_X} = n$$

- “Throughput of X is n times that of Y”

$$\frac{\text{Tasks per unit time}_X}{\text{Tasks per unit time}_Y} = n$$





# If Only it Were That Simple

- “X is n times faster than Y *on A*”

$$\frac{\text{Execution time of app A on machine Y}}{\text{Execution time of app A on machine X}} = n$$

- But what about different applications (or even parts of the same application)
  - X is 10 times faster than Y on A, and 1.5 times on B, but Y is 2 times faster than X on C, and 3 times on D, and...

So does X have better performance than Y?

Which would you buy?



# Summarizing Performance

- Arithmetic mean
  - Average execution time
  - Gives more weight to longer-running programs
- Weighted arithmetic mean
  - More important programs can be emphasized
  - But what do we use as weights?
  - Different weight will make different machines look better



# Speedup

	Machine A	Machine B
Program 1	5 sec	4 sec
Program 2	3 sec	6 sec

What is the speedup of A compared to B on Program 1?  $4/5$

What is the speedup of A compared to B on Program 2?  $6/3$

What is the average speedup?  $(4/5+6/3)/2 = 0.8$

What is the speedup of A compared to B on Sum(Program1, Program2) ?  
 $(4+6)/(5+3) = 1.25$



# Normalizing & the Geometric Mean

- Speedup of arithmetic means  $\neq$  arithmetic mean of speedup
- Use geometric mean:  $\sqrt[n]{\prod_{i=1}^n \text{Normalized execution time on } i}$
- Neat property of the geometric mean: *Consistent whatever the reference machine*
- **Do not use the arithmetic mean for normalized execution times**



# CPI/IPC

- Often when making comparisons in comp-arch studies:
  - Program (or set of) is the same for two CPUs
  - The clock speed is the same for two CPUs
- So we can just directly compare CPI's and often we use IPC's



# Average CPI vs. “Average” IPC

- Average CPI =  $(CPI_1 + CPI_2 + \dots + CPI_n)/n$

- A.M. of IPC =  ~~$(IPC_1 + IPC_2 + \dots + IPC_n)/n$~~

Not Equal to A.M. of CPI!!!

- Must use *Harmonic Mean* to remain  $\propto$  to runtime



# IPC vs. Execution time

- A program is compiled with different compiler options. Can we use IPC to compare performance?
- A program is run with different cache size machine. Can we use IPC to compare performance?





# Harmonic Mean

- $H.M.(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) =$ 
$$\frac{n}{\frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_2} + \frac{1}{x_3} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_n}}$$

- What in the world is this?
  - Average of inverse relationships

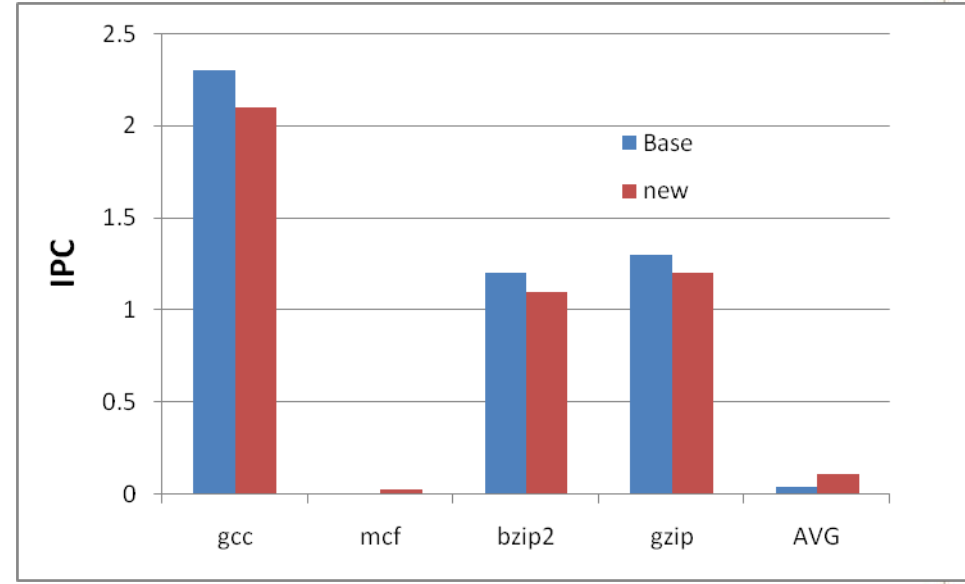
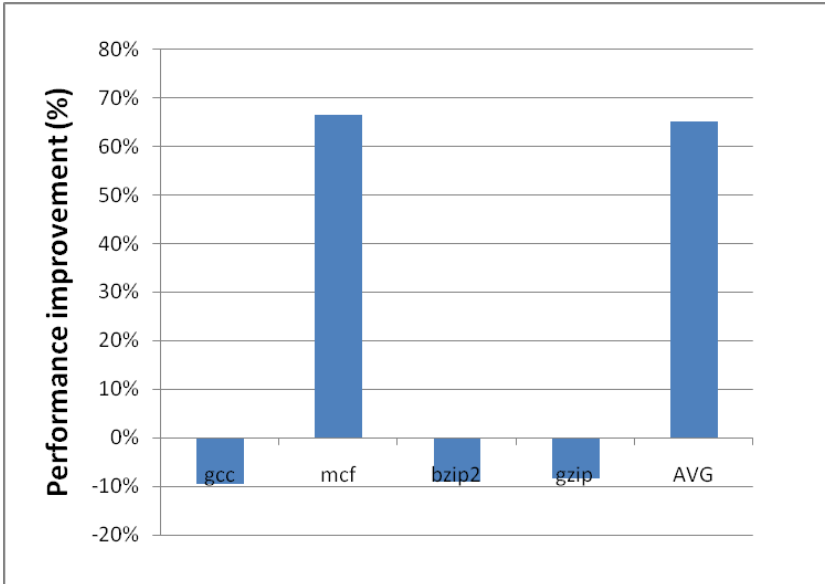


# A.M.(CPI) vs. H.M.(IPC)

- “Average” IPC = 
$$\frac{1}{\text{A.M.}(CPI)}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\frac{CPI_1}{n} + \frac{CPI_2}{n} + \frac{CPI_3}{n} + \dots + \frac{CPI_n}{n}}$$
$$= \frac{n}{CPI_1 + CPI_2 + CPI_3 + \dots + CPI_n}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{IPC_1} + \frac{1}{IPC_2} + \frac{1}{IPC_3} + \dots + \frac{1}{IPC_n}} =$$
$$\text{H.M.}(IPC)$$

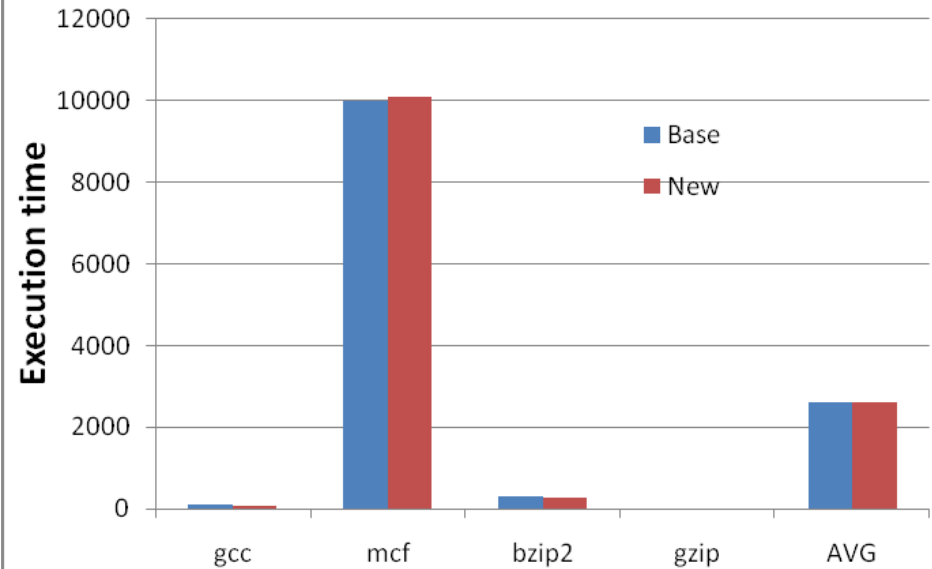
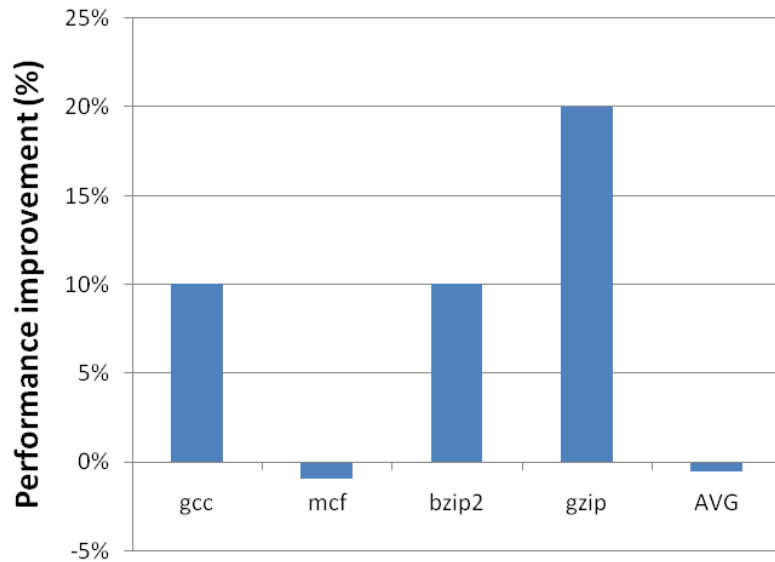


# HMEAN's trick



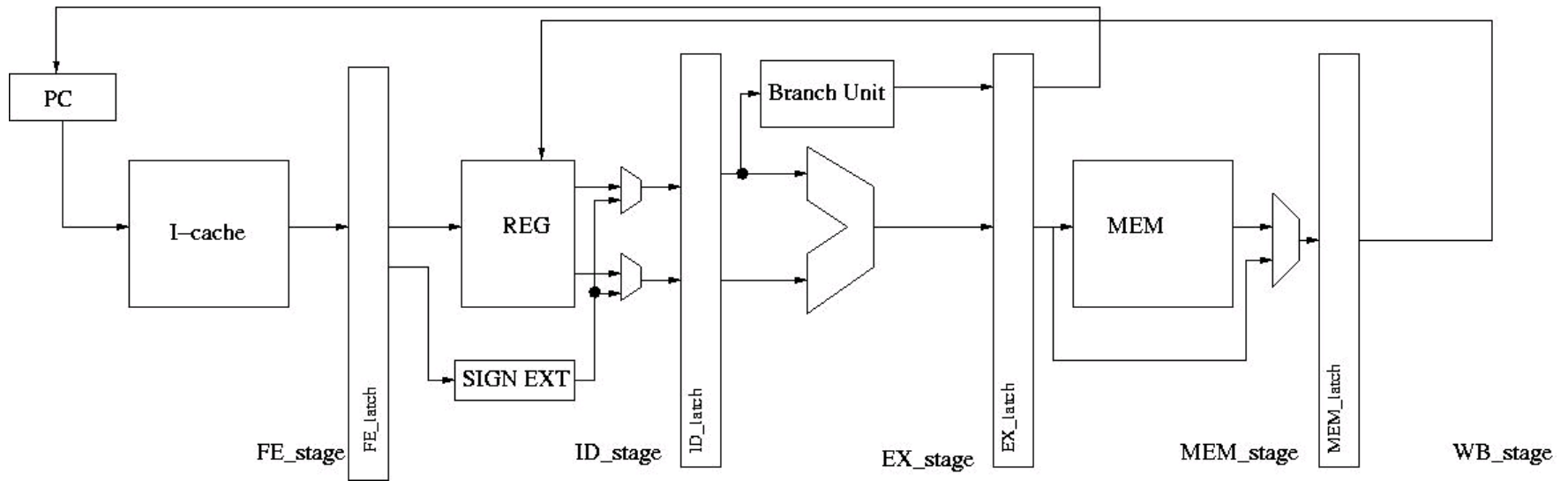
- One solution: use Gmean or show average without mcf and with mcf

# AMEAN...



$\text{Sum}(\text{base}) - \text{Sum}(\text{new}) / \text{Sum}(\text{base}) = -0.005\%$   
 $\text{AVERAGE}(\text{delta}) = 9.75\%$

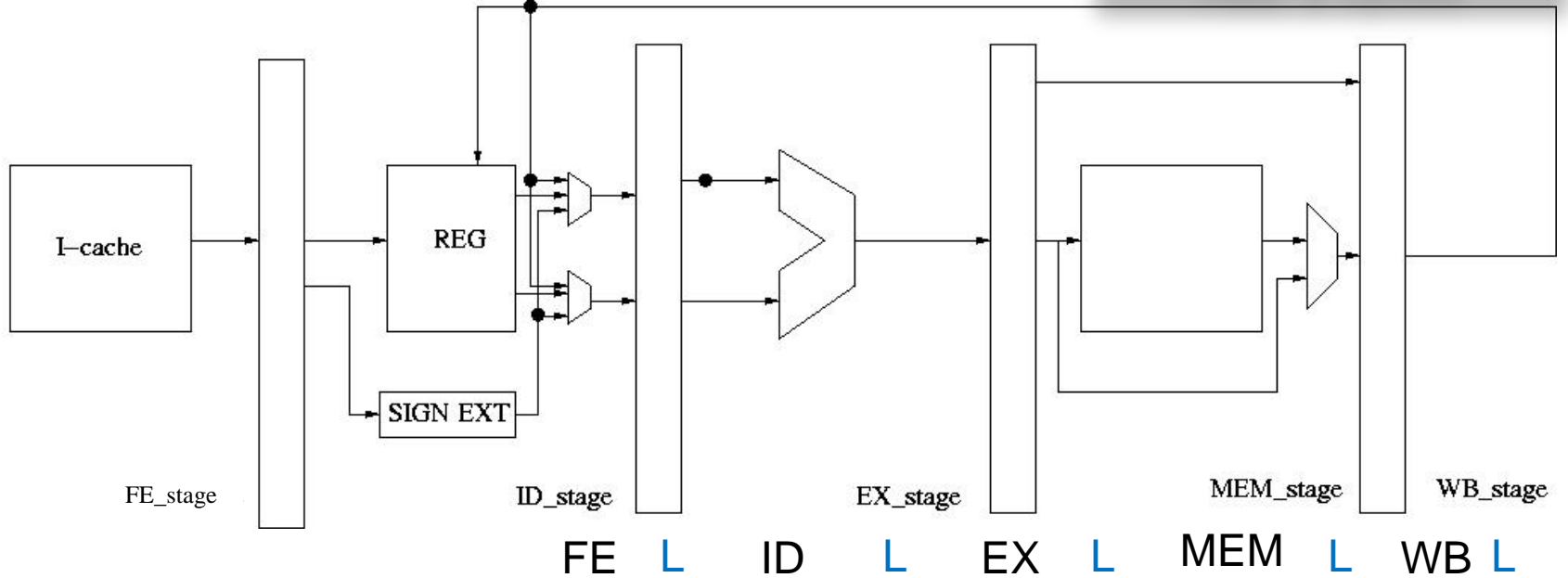
# Assignment #1



# Dependent Instructions: dst data is available at WB



Add: 2 cycles



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add r1, r2, r3
sub r4, r1, r3
mul r5, r2, r3
```

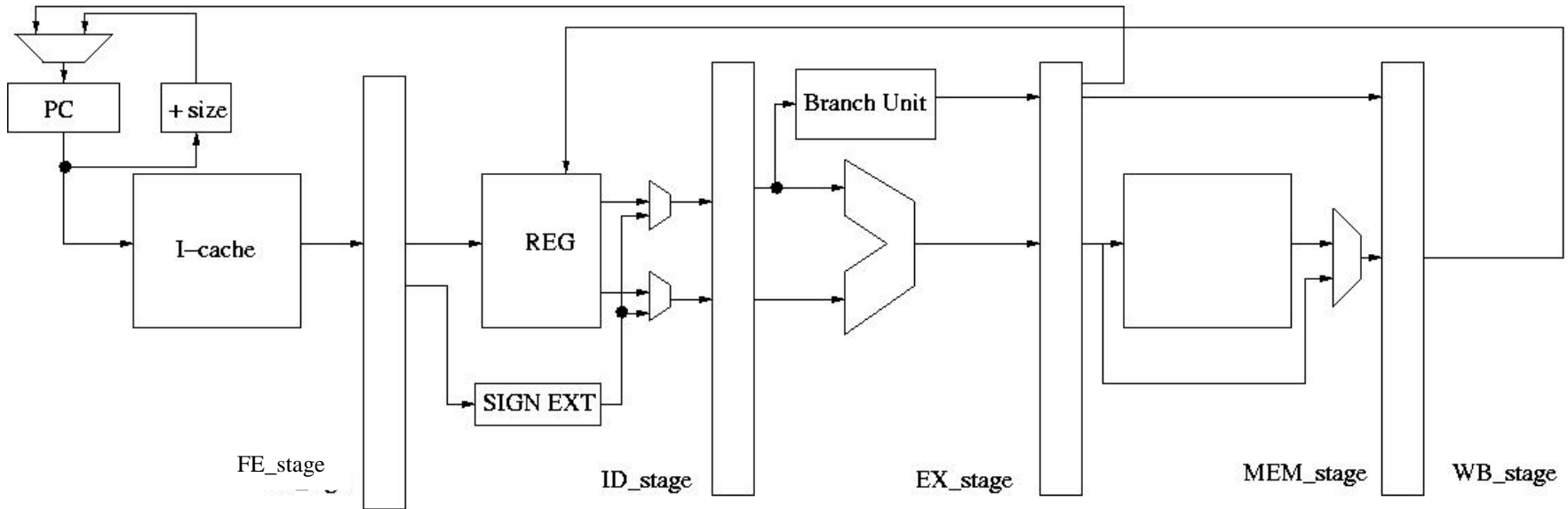
	FE	L	ID	L	EX	L	MEM	L	WB	L
add	add									
sub	sub	add	add							
mul	sub	sub	add	add						
mul	sub	sub		add	add					
mul	sub	sub				add	add			
mul	mul	sub	sub							add

# Handling Branches

**br** target 0x800

add r1, r2,r3 0x804

target sub r2,r3,r4 0x900



cycle	PC (latch)	FE	ID	EX	MEM	WB
1	0x800	<b>br</b>				
2	0x804	add	<b>br</b>			
3	0x804	add		<b>br</b>		
4	0x804	add			<b>br</b>	
5	0x900	sub				<b>br</b>
6	0x904	add	sub			





# Multicycle stages

## Example: MIPS R4000

