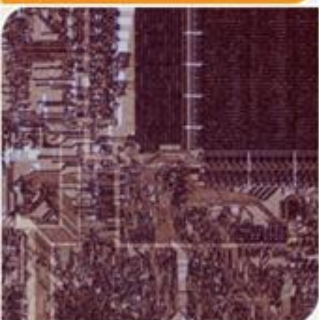


CS4803DGC Design and Programming of Game Console

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Lectures are from

- Reading assignment [LRB]
- <http://www.ece.neu.edu/groups/nucar/GPGPU/GPGPU-2/Seiler.pdf>



Motivation for LRB

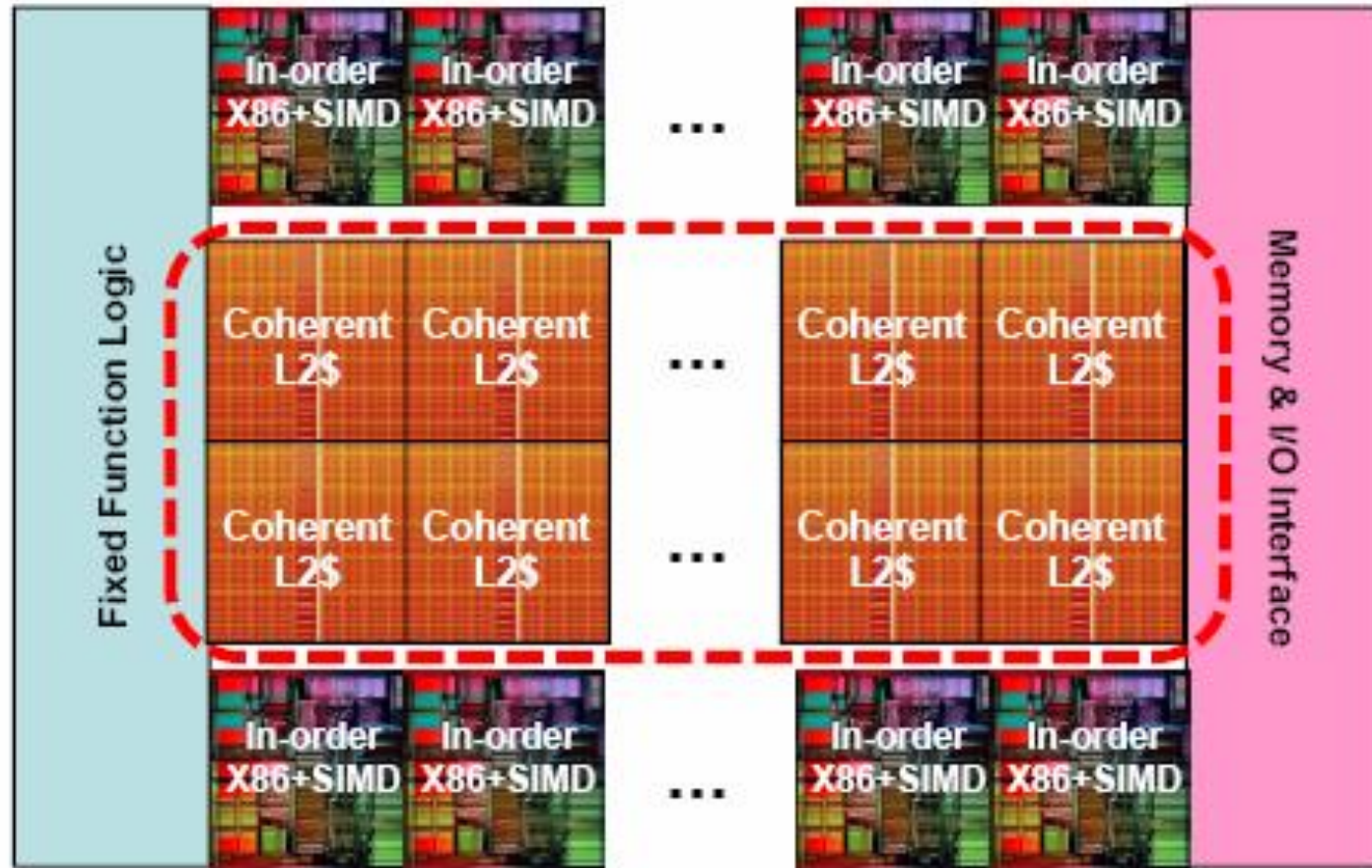
- Economic reason: Game market is getting bigger
- Technology reason: Power wall, memory wall. → Heterogeneous architecture shows promising results
- **Programmable Graphics**



In-order vs. OOO

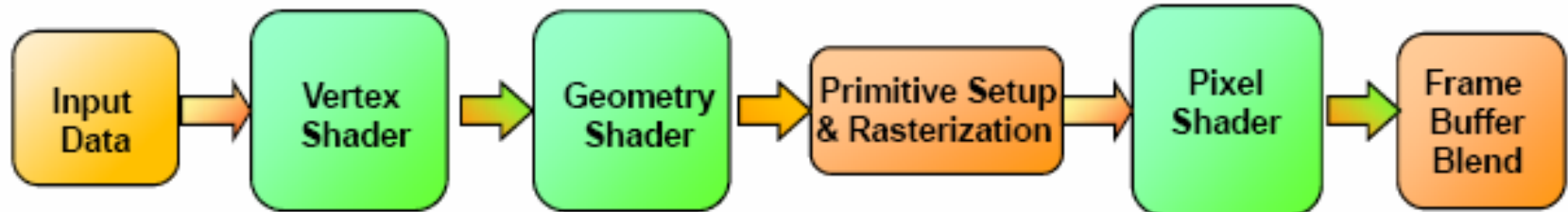
# CPU cores:	2 out-of-order	10 in-order
Instruction issue:	4 per clock	2 per clock
VPU per core:	4-wide SSE	16-wide
L2 cache size:	4 MB	4 MB
Single-stream:	4 per clock	2 per clock
Vector throughput:	8 per clock	160 per clock

Larrabee Architecture

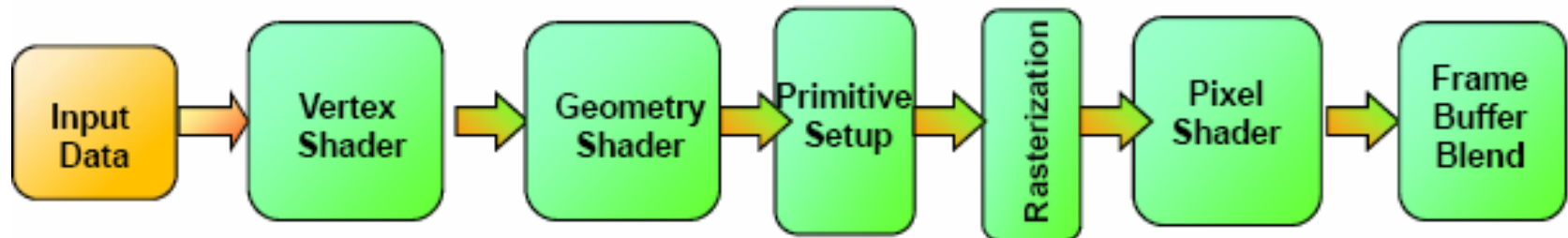


- 4-way SMT in order processor with cache coherence
- Extended X86 ISA
- Fixed functions: texture filtering

Programmable Pipeline Comparison

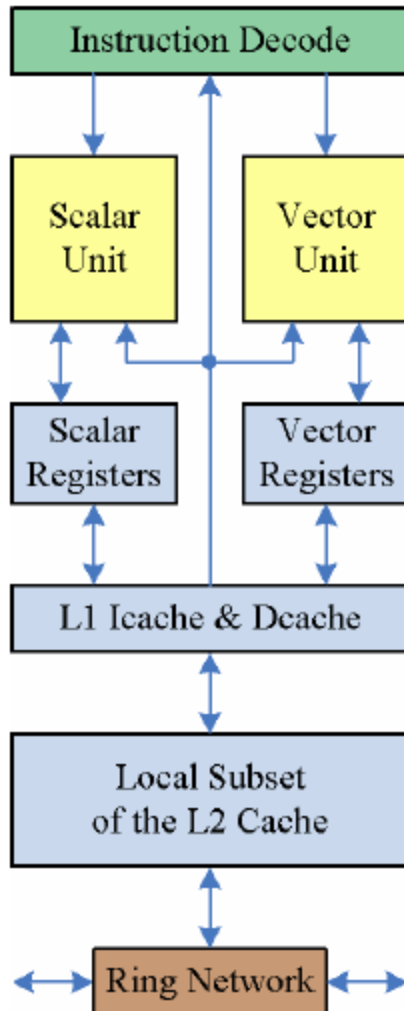


Conventional GPGPU pipeline (base on DirectX10)



Larrabee's fully programmable pipeline

Core



- Pentium processor in-order
- Extended X86 (64bit, new instructions)
- 4-way SMT
- 32KB I-cache, 32KB D-cache (statically partitioned)
- 256KB Local L2 cache (subset of L2 cache)



Dual issue

- U-pipe V-pipe
- Primary pipeline: All instructions (U-pipe)
- Secondary: Limited instructions (V-pipe)

loads, stores, simple ALU operations, branches, cache manipulation instructions, and vector stores.

- Reply on compiler's paring
 - VLIWish again

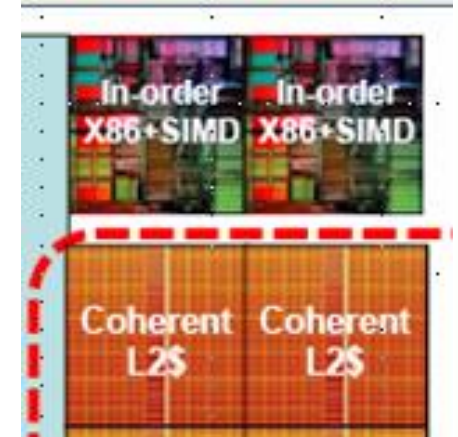


Cache managements

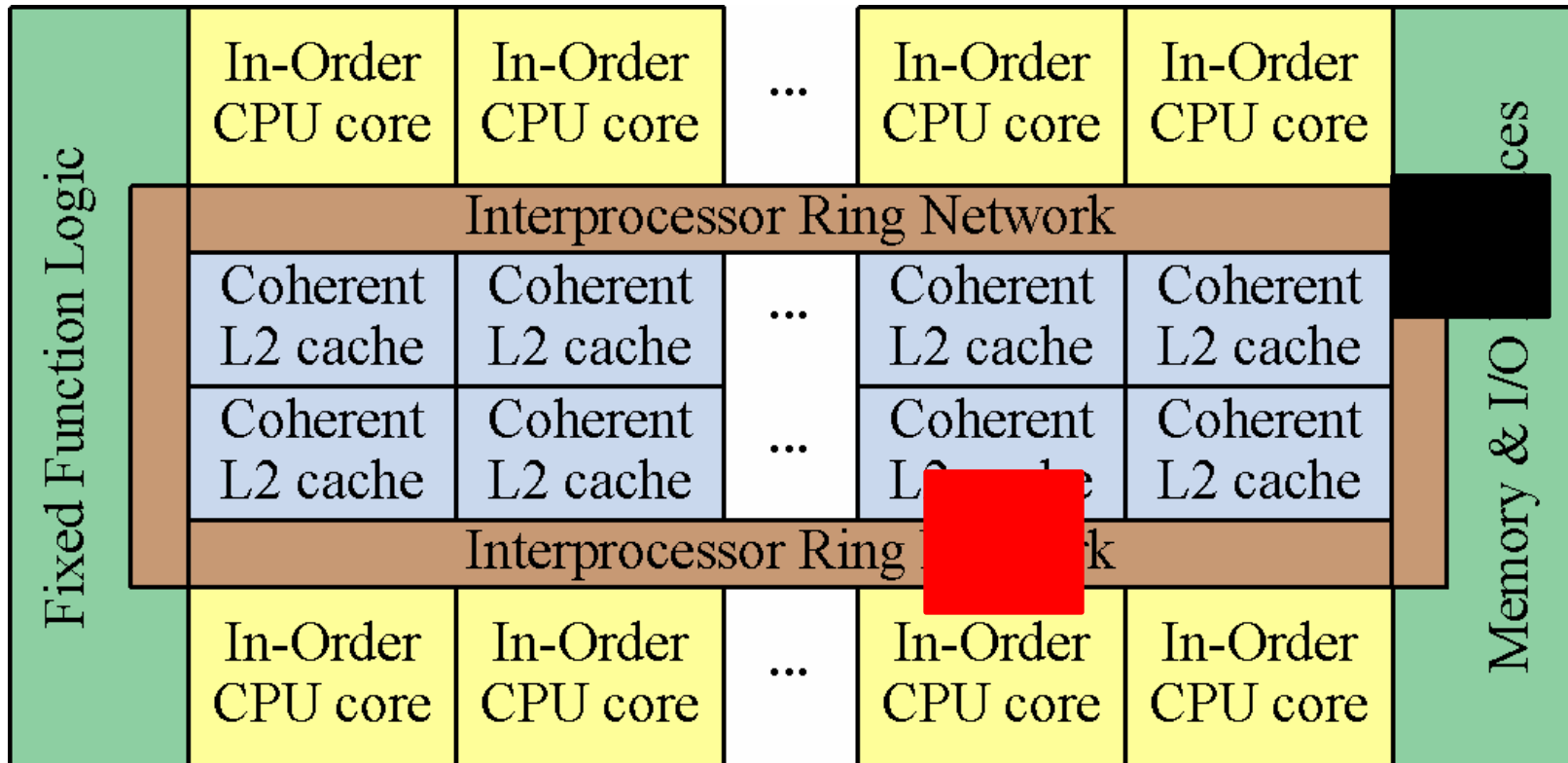
- Use cache as extended register file storage
- Target for Stream applications
- Each core can
 - Fast-access its local subset of L2 (256KB) – Access other's L2 shares too
 - Control for non-temporal streaming data (SSE)
 - Prefetch to L1, or L2 only
 - Mark a streaming cache line for early eviction
 - Render target kept in L2

L2-Cache and Ring network

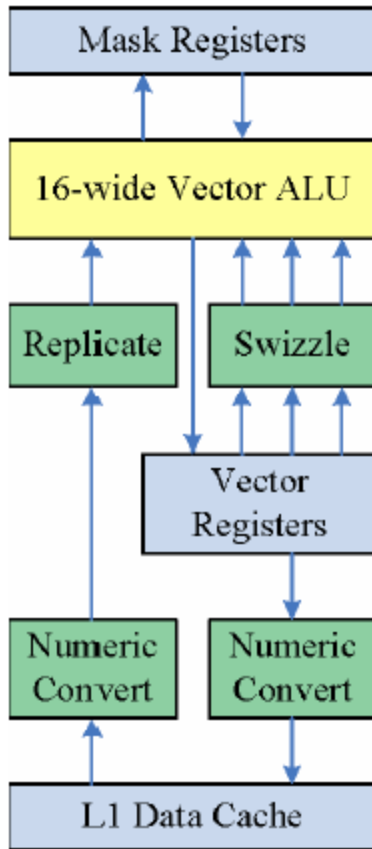
- Global L2 cache is divided into 256KB
Local L2 per core
- Data written by a CPU core is stored in its own L2 cache subset and is flushed from other subsets, if necessary
- Bi-direction Ring network (<16)
 - Even cycle, odd cycle: one clock per one hop
- Each ring data-path is 512-bits wide per direction
- L2 cache Insertion requires cache coherence checking
- Memory and fixed function access



Ring Network



VPU (Vector Processor Units)

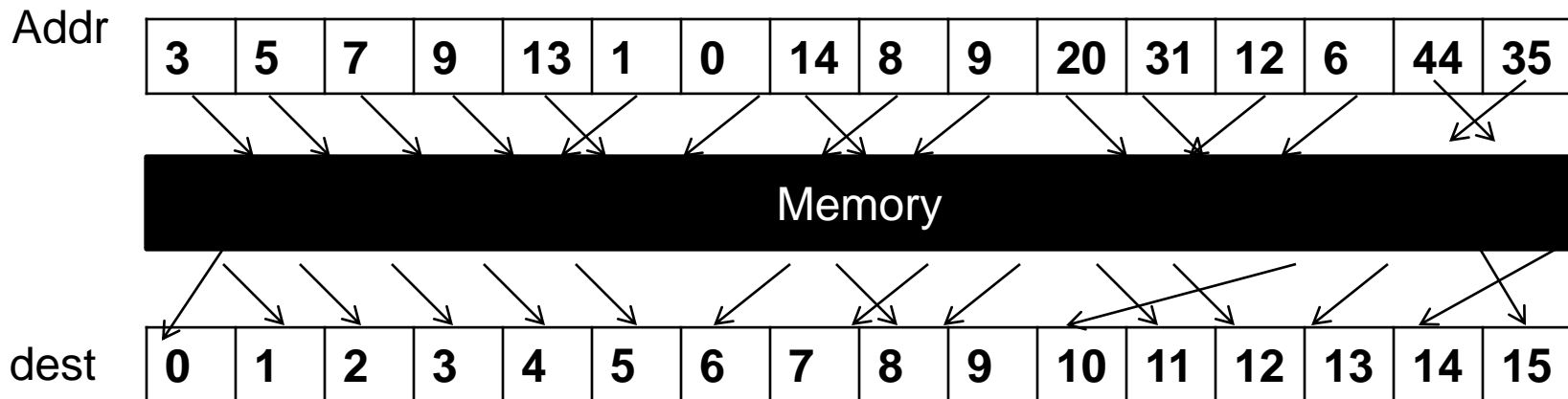


- 16-wide SIMD unit
 - 16 wide Single precision
 - 8-wide double precision
- Hardware scatter/gathering operations : 16 elements are loaded from or stored to up to 16 different addresses that are specified in another vector register.
- **New instructions:** fused multiply-add, and the standard logical operations, including instructions to extract non-byte-aligned
- Data can be replicated from L2 cache directly
- Free numeric type conversion and data replication while reading from memory
- Mask registers: predicated
- 3 source operands, one of them can come from L1 directly



Gather and Scatter Operation Support

- Loads and stores from non-continuous addresses
- 16 data values can be loaded or stored from addresses in another vector register value.

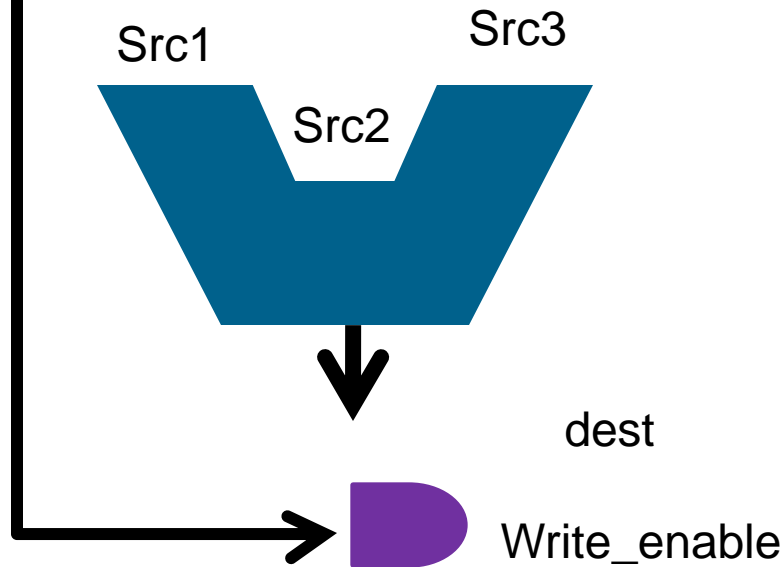




Mask Bits



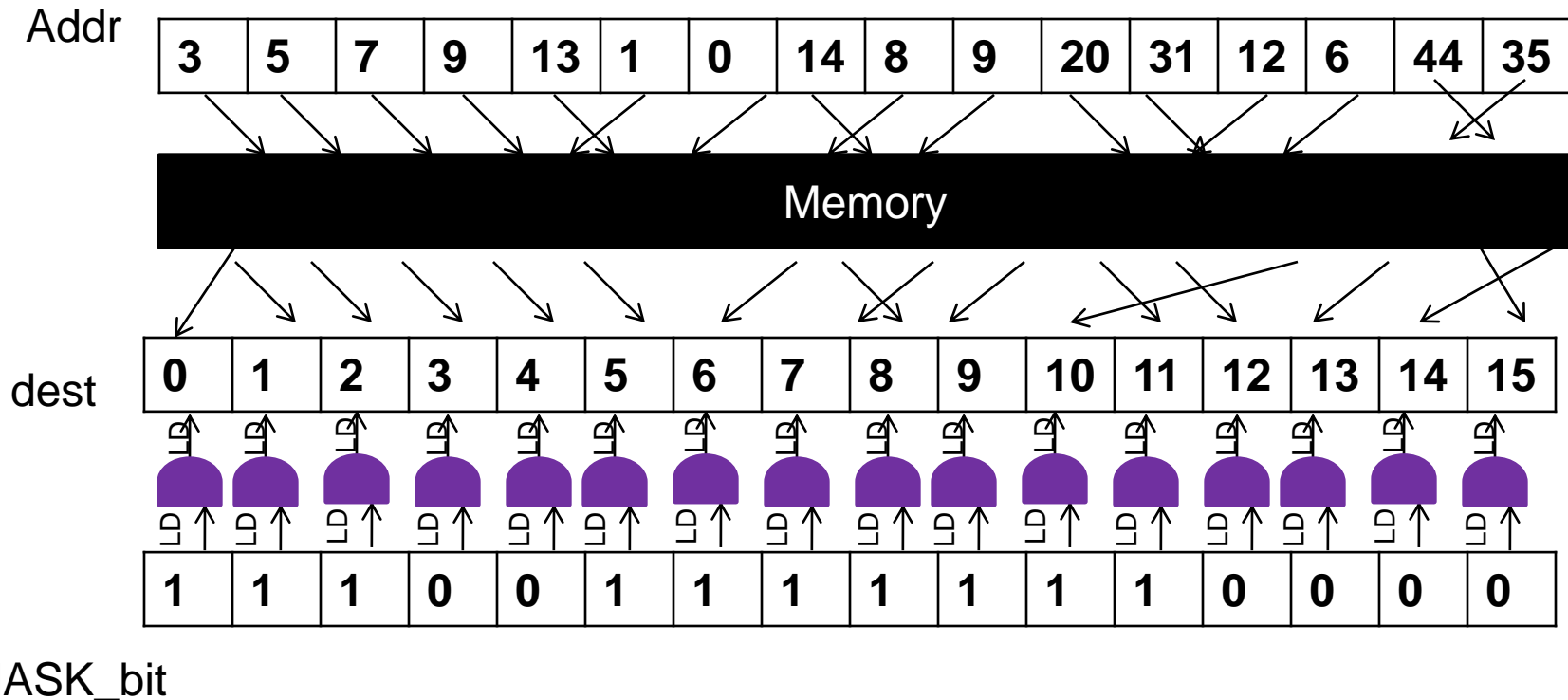
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- All the operations participated the computation in vector units
- Mask bits decide write enable signal



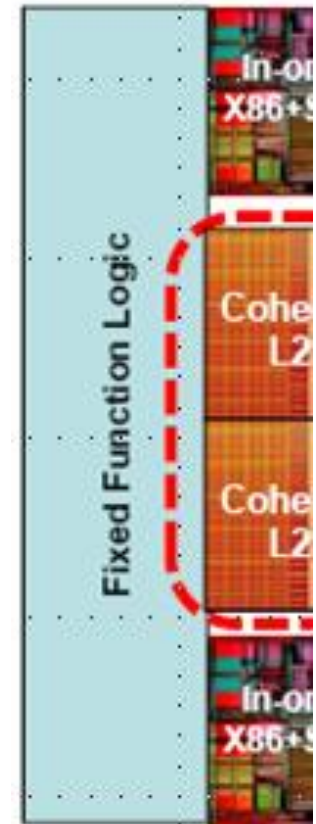
Predication for Load/Store



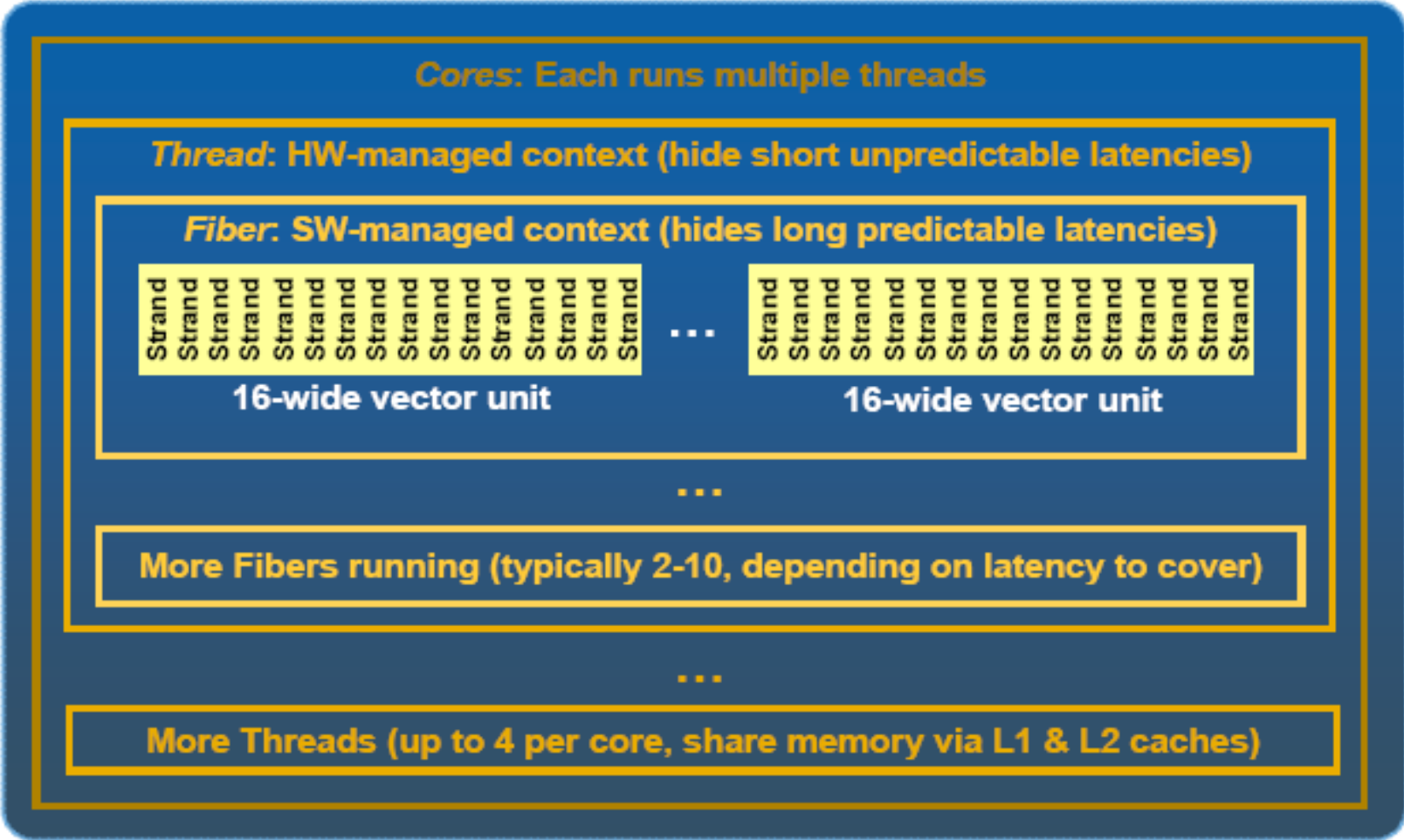


Fixed Functions

- Use FIFO for load balancing
- No rasterizations
- Texture filtering
 - 32KB texture cache per each core
 - Core passes commands through L2 cache
- Texture units perform **virtual to physical page** translation



Larrabee Data Parallelism: Threads





Data Parallelism Support

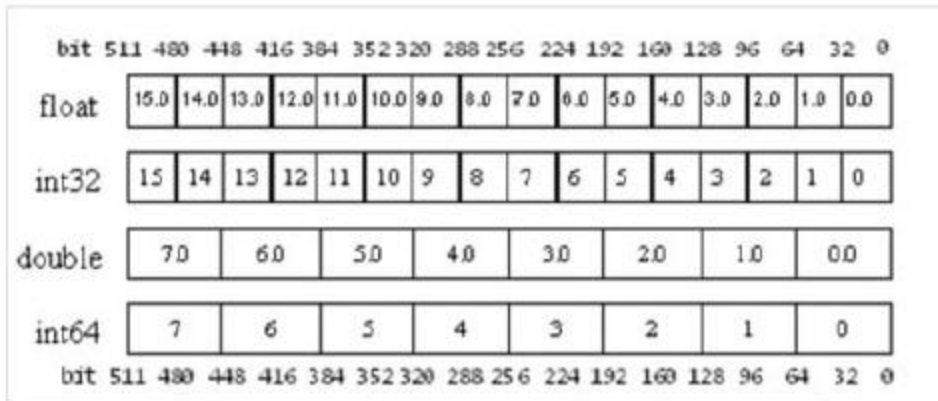
- Implementation hierarchy (your names may vary)
 - Strand: runs a data kernel in one (or more) VPU lane(s)
 - Fiber: SW-managed group of strands, like co-routines
 - Thread: HW-managed, swaps fibers to cover long latencies
- Core: runs multiple threads to cover short latencies

- Comparison to GPU data parallelism
 - Same mechanisms as used in GPUs, except...
 - Larrabee allows SW scheduling (except for HW threads)



LRB new instruction sets

- New Data types



- Vector arithmetic, logical, and
- Vector mask generation
- Vector load/store

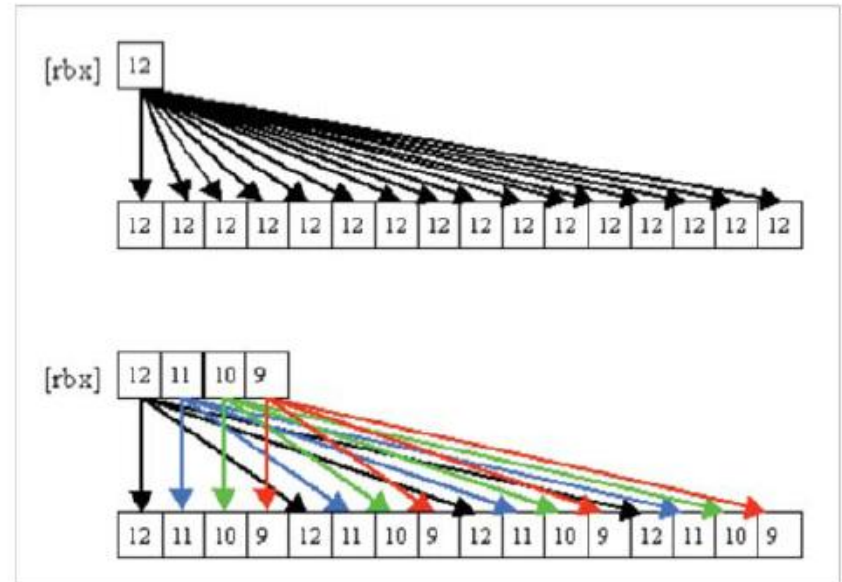


Figure 3: 1-to-16 [1to16] and 4-to-16 [4to16] broadcasts.

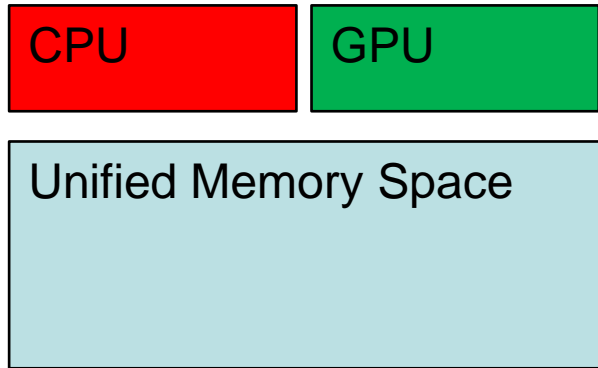


Is LRB failed?

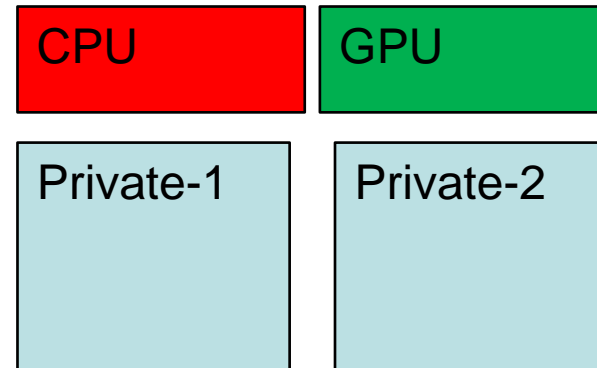
- Knight Ferry
- Software Programming GPUs
 - → slow at Market



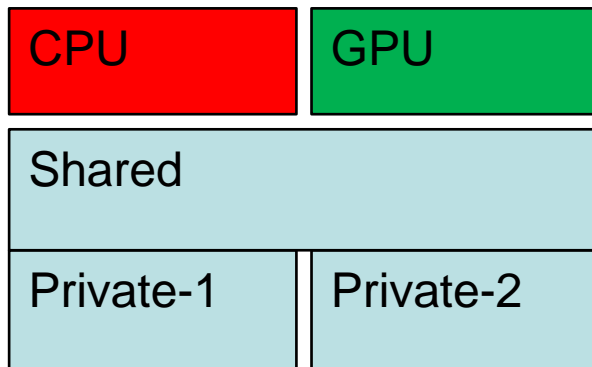
Programming Memory Spaces



Non-coherent: CPU 4.0, Rigel, Exochi



Cuda (3.0), OpenCL, Sandy Bridge, Cell



CPU+LRB

[CPU+NVIDIA GPU/OpenCL] Explicit Communication

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- `cudaMemcpy(, , , cudaMemcpyHostToDevice);`
- `cudaMemcpy(, , , cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost);`

```
// Copy vectors from host memory to device memory
cudaMemcpy(d_A, h_A, size, cudaMemcpyHostToDevice);
cudaMemcpy(d_B, h_B, size, cudaMemcpyHostToDevice);
```

```
// Copy result from device memory to host memory
// h_C contains the result in host memory
cudaMemcpy(h_C, d_C, size, cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost);
```



[CPU+LRB]

Vector addition example

CPU

GPU

Shared

Private-1

Private-2

```
int addTwoVectors(int* a, int* b, int* c)
{
    for (i = 1 to 64) {
        c[i] = a[i] + b[i]
    }
}

int someApp( ...)
{
    int *a = malloc (...);
    int *b = malloc (...);
    int *c = malloc (...);
    for (i = 1 to 64) //initialize
        {a[i] = ; b[i] = ; c[i] = ;}
    addTwoVectors(a, b, c);
    ...
}
```

Function should be executed on the LRB

```
attribute(LRB) int addTwoVectors(shared
int* a, shared int* b, shared int* c)
{
    acquireOwnership();
    for (i = 1 to 64) {
        c[i] = a[i] + b[i];
    }
    releaseOwnership();
}

int someApp(..)
{
    // allocate in shared region
    shared int* a = sharedMalloc (...);
    shared int* b = sharedMalloc (...);
    shared int* c = sharedMalloc (...);
    for (i = 1 to 64) // initialize
        {a[i] = ; b[i] = ; c[i] = ;}
    // compiler hints into remote call
    addTwoVectors(a, b, c);
    acquireOwnership();
}
```

Thrust template {unified address space CUDA}

This code sample computes the sum of 100 random numbers on the GPU.

```
#include <thrust/host_vector.h>
#include <thrust/device_vector.h>
#include <thrust/generate.h>
#include <thrust/reduce.h>
#include <thrust/functional.h>
#include <cstdlib>

int main(void)
{
    // generate random data on the host
    thrust::host_vector<int> h_vec(100);
    thrust::generate(h_vec.begin(), h_vec.end(), rand);

    // transfer to device and compute sum
    thrust::device_vector<int> d_vec = h_vec;
    int x = thrust::reduce(d_vec.begin(), d_vec.end(), 0, thrust::plus<int>());
    return 0;
}
```