



## Chapter 4

# Data-Level Parallelism in Vector, SIMD, and GPU Architectures

# Introduction

- SIMD architectures can exploit significant data-level parallelism for:
  - matrix-oriented scientific computing
  - media-oriented image and sound processors
- SIMD is more energy efficient than MIMD
  - Only needs to fetch one instruction per data operation
  - Makes SIMD attractive for personal mobile devices
- SIMD allows programmer to continue to think sequentially

# SIMD Parallelism

- Vector architectures
- SIMD extensions
- Graphics Processor Units (GPUs)
- For x86 processors:
  - Expect two additional cores per chip per year
  - SIMD width to double every four years
  - Potential speedup from SIMD to be twice that from MIMD!

# Vector Architectures

- Basic idea:
  - Read sets of data elements into “vector registers”
  - Operate on those registers
  - Disperse the results back into memory
- Registers are controlled by compiler
  - Used to hide memory latency
  - Leverage memory bandwidth

- Example architecture: VMIPS
  - Loosely based on Cray-1
  - Vector registers
    - Each register holds a 64-element, 64 bits/element vector
    - Register file has 16 read ports and 8 write ports
  - Vector functional units
    - Fully pipelined
    - Data and control hazards are detected
  - Vector load-store unit
    - Fully pipelined
    - One word per clock cycle after initial latency
  - Scalar registers
    - 32 general-purpose registers
    - 32 floating-point registers

# VMIPS Instructions

- ADDVV.D: add two vectors
- ADDVS.D: add vector to a scalar
- LV/SV: vector load and vector store from address

- Example: DAXPY

L.D	F0,a	; load scalar a
LV	V1,Rx	; load vector X
MULVS.D	V2,V1,F0	; vector-scalar multiply
LV	V3,Ry	; load vector Y
ADDVV	V4,V2,V3	; add
SV	Ry,V4	; store the result

- Requires 6 instructions vs. almost 600 for MIPS

# Vector Execution Time

- Execution time depends on three factors:
  - Length of operand vectors
  - Structural hazards
  - Data dependencies
- VMIPS functional units consume one element per clock cycle
  - Execution time is approximately the vector length
- *Convey*
  - Set of vector instructions that could potentially execute together

# Chimes

- Sequences with read-after-write dependency hazards can be in the same convey via *chaining*
- *Chaining*
  - Allows a vector operation to start as soon as the individual elements of its vector source operand become available
- *Chime*
  - Unit of time to execute one convey
  - $m$  conveys executes in  $m$  chimes
  - For vector length of  $n$ , requires  $m \times n$  clock cycles



# Example

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MULVS.D	V2,V1,F0	;vector-scalar multiply
LV	V3,Ry	;load vector Y
ADDVV.D	V4,V2,V3	;add two vectors
SV	Ry,V4	;store the sum

Convoys:

1	LV	MULVS.D
2	LV	ADDVV.D
3	SV	

3 chimes, 2 FP ops per result, cycles per FLOP = 1.5

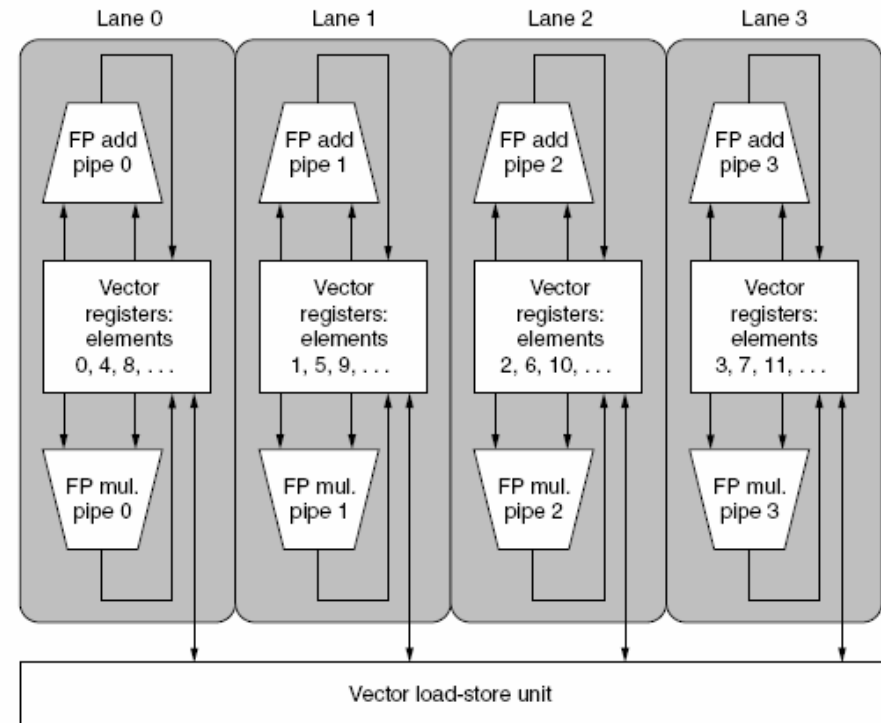
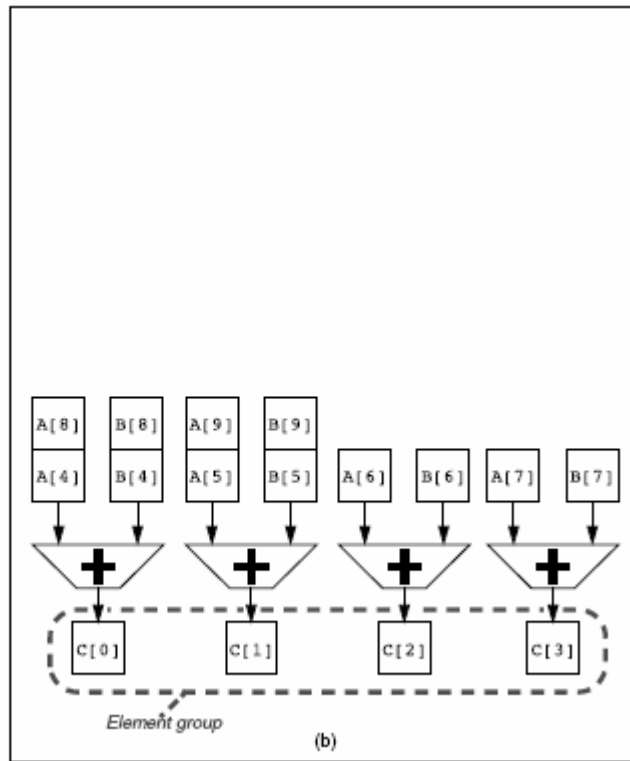
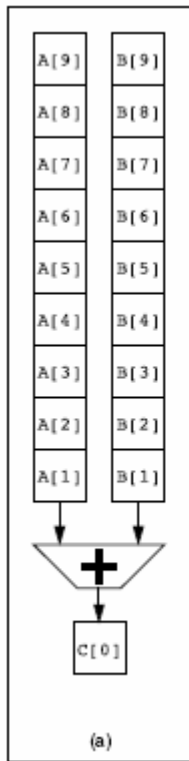
For 64 element vectors, requires  $64 \times 3 = 192$  clock cycles

# Challenges

- Start up time
  - Latency of vector functional unit
  - Assume the same as Cray-1
    - Floating-point add => 6 clock cycles
    - Floating-point multiply => 7 clock cycles
    - Floating-point divide => 20 clock cycles
    - Vector load => 12 clock cycles
- Improvements:
  - > 1 element per clock cycle
  - Non-64 wide vectors
  - IF statements in vector code
  - Memory system optimizations to support vector processors
  - Multiple dimensional matrices
  - Sparse matrices
  - Programming a vector computer

# Multiple Lanes

- Element  $n$  of vector register  $A$  is “hardwired” to element  $n$  of vector register  $B$ 
  - Allows for multiple hardware lanes



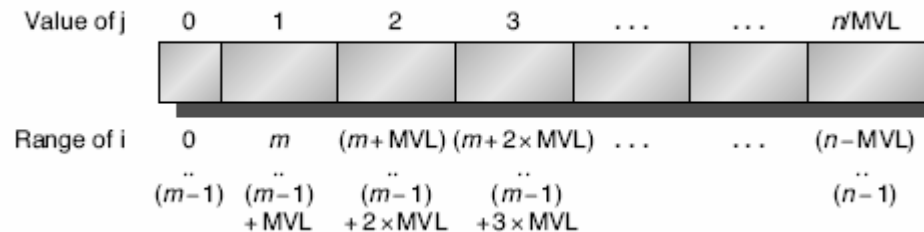
# Vector Length Register

- Vector length not known at compile time?
- Use Vector Length Register (VLR)
- Use strip mining for vectors over the maximum length:

```

low = 0;
VL = (n % MVL); /*find odd-size piece using modulo op % */
for (j = 0; j <= (n/MVL); j=j+1) { /*outer loop*/
    for (i = low; i < (low+VL); i=i+1) /*runs for length VL*/
        Y[i] = a * X[i] + Y[i] ; /*main operation*/
    low = low + VL; /*start of next vector*/
    VL = MVL; /*reset the length to maximum vector length*/
}

```



# Vector Mask Registers

- Consider:

for (i = 0; i < 64; i=i+1)

if (X[i] != 0)

$X[i] = X[i] - Y[i];$

- Use vector mask register to “disable” elements:

LV	V1,Rx	;load vector X into V1
LV	V2,Ry	;load vector Y
L.D	F0,#0	;load FP zero into F0
SNEVS.D	V1,F0	;sets VM(i) to 1 if V1(i)!=F0
SUBVV.D	V1,V1,V2	;subtract under vector mask
SV	Rx,V1	;store the result in X

- GFLOPS rate decreases!

# Memory Banks

- Memory system must be designed to support high bandwidth for vector loads and stores
- Spread accesses across multiple banks
  - Control bank addresses independently
  - Load or store non sequential words
  - Support multiple vector processors sharing the same memory
- Example:
  - 32 processors, each generating 4 loads and 2 stores/cycle
  - Processor cycle time is 2.167 ns, SRAM cycle time is 15 ns
  - How many memory banks needed?

# Stride

- Consider:

```
for (i = 0; i < 100; i=i+1)
    for (j = 0; j < 100; j=j+1) {
        A[i][j] = 0.0;
        for (k = 0; k < 100; k=k+1)
            A[i][j] = A[i][j] + B[i][k] * D[k][j];
    }
```

- Must vectorize multiplication of rows of B with columns of D
- Use *non-unit stride*
- Bank conflict (stall) occurs when the same bank is hit faster than bank busy time:
  - $\#banks / LCM(stride, \#banks) < \text{bank busy time}$

# Scatter-Gather

- Consider:

for (i = 0; i < n; i=i+1)

$A[K[i]] = A[K[i]] + C[M[i]];$

- Use index vector:

LV	Vk, Rk	;load K
LVI	Va, (Ra+Vk)	;load A[K[]]
LV	Vm, Rm	;load M
LVI	Vc, (Rc+Vm)	;load C[M[]]
ADDVV.D	Va, Va, Vc	;add them
SVI	(Ra+Vk), Va	;store A[K[]]



# Programming Vec. Architectures

- Compilers can provide feedback to programmers
- Programmers can provide hints to compiler

Benchmark name	Operations executed in vector mode, compiler-optimized	Operations executed in vector mode, with programmer aid	Speedup from hint optimization
BDNA	96.1%	97.2%	1.52
MG3D	95.1%	94.5%	1.00
FLO52	91.5%	88.7%	N/A
ARC3D	91.1%	92.0%	1.01
SPEC77	90.3%	90.4%	1.07
MDG	87.7%	94.2%	1.49
TRFD	69.8%	73.7%	1.67
DYFESM	68.8%	65.6%	N/A
ADM	42.9%	59.6%	3.60
OCEAN	42.8%	91.2%	3.92
TRACK	14.4%	54.6%	2.52
SPICE	11.5%	79.9%	4.06
QCD	4.2%	75.1%	2.15

# SIMD Extensions

- Media applications operate on data types narrower than the native word size
  - Example: disconnect carry chains to “partition” adder
- Limitations, compared to vector instructions:
  - Number of data operands encoded into op code
  - No sophisticated addressing modes (strided, scatter-gather)
  - No mask registers

# SIMD Implementations

- Implementations:
  - Intel MMX (1996)
    - Eight 8-bit integer ops or four 16-bit integer ops
  - Streaming SIMD Extensions (SSE) (1999)
    - Eight 16-bit integer ops
    - Four 32-bit integer/fp ops or two 64-bit integer/fp ops
  - Advanced Vector Extensions (2010)
    - Four 64-bit integer/fp ops
- Operands must be consecutive and aligned memory locations

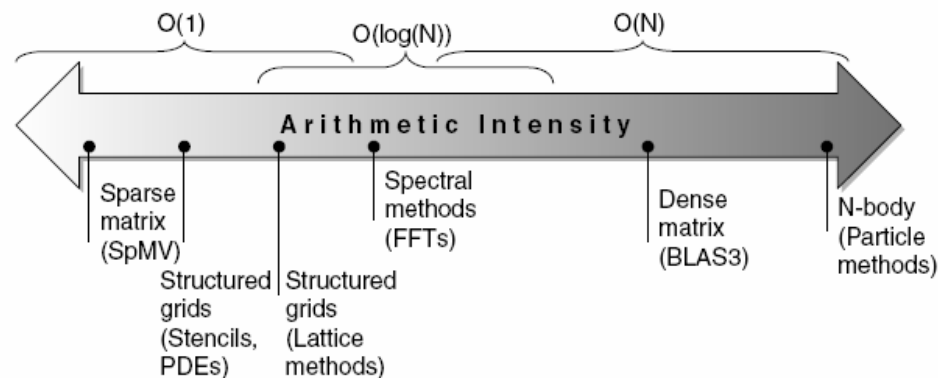
# Example SIMD Code

## ■ Example DXPY:

L.D	F0,a	;load scalar a
MOV	F1, F0	;copy a into F1 for SIMD MUL
MOV	F2, F0	;copy a into F2 for SIMD MUL
MOV	F3, F0	;copy a into F3 for SIMD MUL
DADDIU	R4,Rx,#512	;last address to load
Loop:	L.4D F4,0[Rx]	;load X[i], X[i+1], X[i+2], X[i+3]
MUL.4D	F4,F4,F0	;a×X[i],a×X[i+1],a×X[i+2],a×X[i+3]
L.4D	F8,0[Ry]	;load Y[i], Y[i+1], Y[i+2], Y[i+3]
ADD.4D	F8,F8,F4	;a×X[i]+Y[i], ..., a×X[i+3]+Y[i+3]
S.4D	0[Ry],F8	;store into Y[i], Y[i+1], Y[i+2], Y[i+3]
DADDIU	Rx,Rx,#32	;increment index to X
DADDIU	Ry,Ry,#32	;increment index to Y
DSUBU	R20,R4,Rx	;compute bound
BNEZ	R20,Loop	;check if done

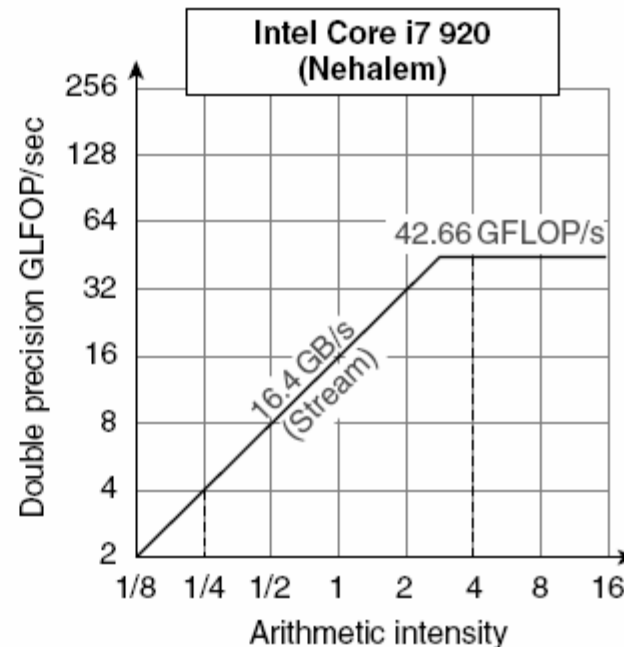
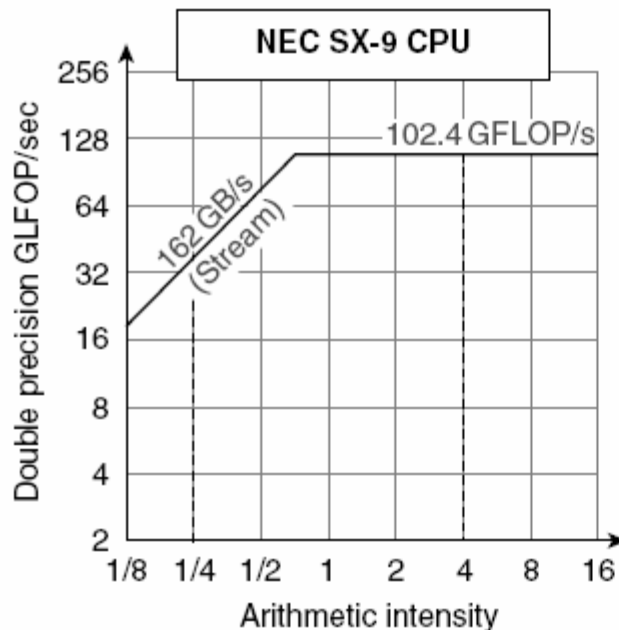
# Roofline Performance Model

- Basic idea:
  - Plot peak floating-point throughput as a function of arithmetic intensity
  - Ties together floating-point performance and memory performance for a target machine
- Arithmetic intensity
  - Floating-point operations per byte read



# Examples

- Attainable GFLOPs/sec Min = (Peak Memory BW × Arithmetic Intensity, Peak Floating Point Perf.)



# Graphical Processing Units

- Given the hardware invested to do graphics well, how can be supplement it to improve performance of a wider range of applications?
- Basic idea:
  - Heterogeneous execution model
    - CPU is the *host*, GPU is the *device*
  - Develop a C-like programming language for GPU
  - Unify all forms of GPU parallelism as *CUDA thread*
  - Programming model is “Single Instruction Multiple Thread”

# Threads and Blocks

- A thread is associated with each data element
  - Threads are organized into blocks
  - Blocks are organized into a grid
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- GPU hardware handles thread management, not applications or OS



# NVIDIA GPU Architecture

- Similarities to vector machines:
  - Works well with data-level parallel problems
  - Scatter-gather transfers
  - Mask registers
  - Large register files
- Differences:
  - No scalar processor
  - Uses multithreading to hide memory latency
  - Has many functional units, as opposed to a few deeply pipelined units like a vector processor

# Example

- Multiply two vectors of length 8192
  - Code that works over all elements is the grid
  - Thread blocks break this down into manageable sizes
    - 512 threads per block
  - SIMD instruction executes 32 elements at a time
  - Thus grid size = 16 blocks
  - Block is analogous to a strip-mined vector loop with vector length of 32
  - Block is assigned to a *multithreaded SIMD processor* by the *thread block scheduler*
  - Current-generation GPUs (Fermi) have 7-15 multithreaded SIMD processors

# Terminology

- *Threads of SIMD instructions*
  - Each has its own PC
  - Thread scheduler uses scoreboard to dispatch
  - No data dependencies between threads!
  - Keeps track of up to 48 threads of SIMD instructions
    - Hides memory latency
- Thread block scheduler schedules blocks to SIMD processors
- Within each SIMD processor:
  - 32 SIMD lanes
  - Wide and shallow compared to vector processors

# Example

- NVIDIA GPU has 32,768 registers
  - Divided into lanes
  - Each SIMD thread is limited to 64 registers
  - SIMD thread has up to:
    - 64 vector registers of 32 32-bit elements
    - 32 vector registers of 32 64-bit elements
- Fermi has 16 physical SIMD lanes, each containing 2048 registers

# NVIDIA Instruction Set Arch.

- ISA is an abstraction of the hardware instruction set
  - “Parallel Thread Execution (PTX)”
  - Uses virtual registers
  - Translation to machine code is performed in software
  - Example:

```

shl.s32      R8, blockldx, 9    ; Thread Block ID * Block size (512 or 29)
add.s32      R8, R8, threadldx ; R8 = i = my CUDA thread ID
ld.global.f64 RD0, [X+R8]      ; RD0 = X[i]
ld.global.f64 RD2, [Y+R8]      ; RD2 = Y[i]
mul.f64 R0D, RD0, RD4           ; Product in RD0 = RD0 * RD4 (scalar a)
add.f64 R0D, RD0, RD2           ; Sum in RD0 = RD0 + RD2 (Y[i])
st.global.f64 [Y+R8], RD0       ; Y[i] = sum (X[i]*a + Y[i])
  
```

# Conditional Branching

- Like vector architectures, GPU branch hardware uses internal masks
- Also uses
  - Branch synchronization stack
    - Entries consist of masks for each SIMD lane
    - I.e. which threads commit their results (all threads execute)
  - Instruction markers to manage when a branch diverges into multiple execution paths
    - Push on divergent branch
  - ...and when paths converge
    - Act as barriers
    - Pops stack
- Per-thread-lane 1-bit predicate register, specified by programmer

# Example

```
if (X[i] != 0)
    X[i] = X[i] - Y[i];
else X[i] = Z[i];
```

ld.global.f64	RD0, [X+R8]	; RD0 = X[i]
setp.neq.s32	P1, RD0, #0	; P1 is predicate register 1
@!P1, bra	ELSE1, *Push	; Push old mask, set new mask bits
		; if P1 false, go to ELSE1
ld.global.f64	RD2, [Y+R8]	; RD2 = Y[i]
sub.f64	RD0, RD0, RD2	; Difference in RD0
st.global.f64	[X+R8], RD0	; X[i] = RD0
@P1, bra	ENDIF1, *Comp	; complement mask bits
		; if P1 true, go to ENDIF1
ELSE1:	ld.global.f64 RD0, [Z+R8]	; RD0 = Z[i]
	st.global.f64 [X+R8], RD0	; X[i] = RD0
ENDIF1:	<next instruction>, *Pop	; pop to restore old mask

# NVIDIA GPU Memory Structures

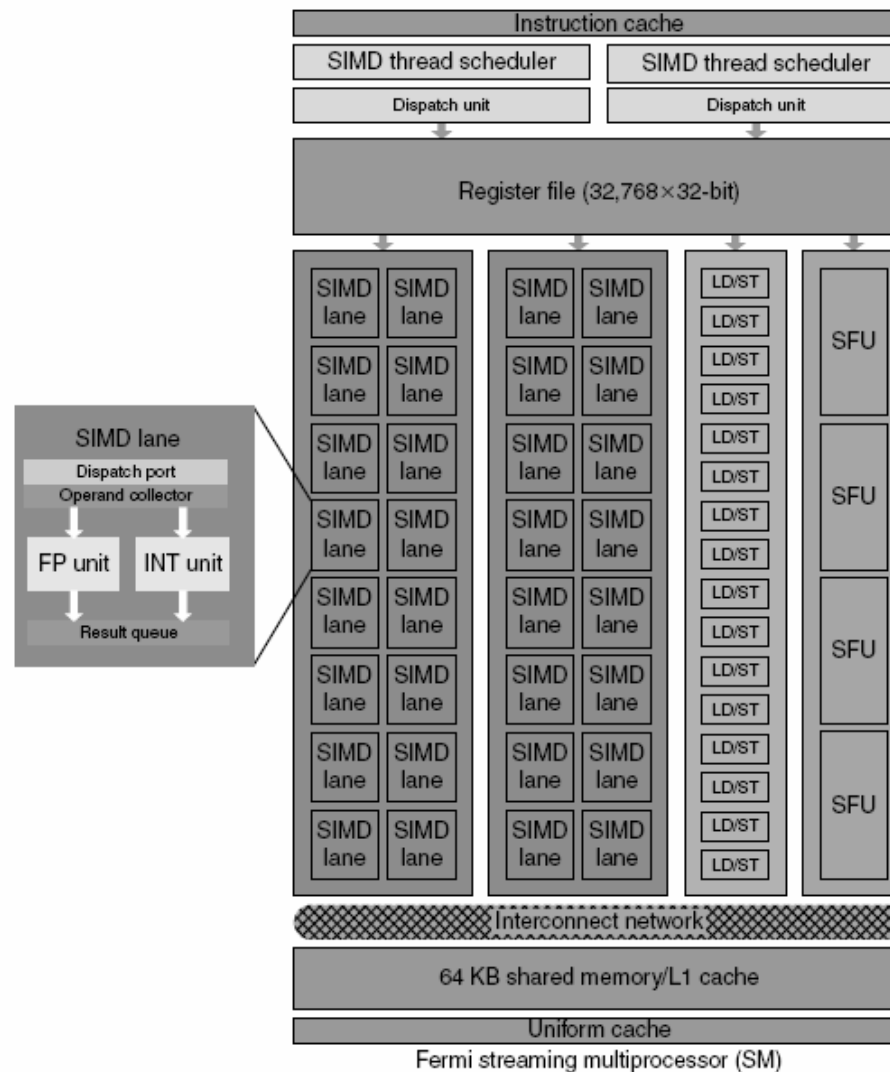
- Each SIMD Lane has private section of off-chip DRAM
  - “Private memory”
  - Contains stack frame, spilling registers, and private variables
- Each multithreaded SIMD processor also has local memory
  - Shared by SIMD lanes / threads within a block
- Memory shared by SIMD processors is GPU Memory
  - Host can read and write GPU memory



# Fermi Architecture Innovations

- Each SIMD processor has
  - Two SIMD thread schedulers, two instruction dispatch units
  - 16 SIMD lanes (SIMD width=32, chime=2 cycles), 16 load-store units, 4 special function units
  - Thus, two threads of SIMD instructions are scheduled every two clock cycles
- Fast double precision
- Caches for GPU memory
- 64-bit addressing and unified address space
- Error correcting codes
- Faster context switching
- Faster atomic instructions

# Fermi Multithreaded SIMD Proc.



# Loop-Level Parallelism

- Focuses on determining whether data accesses in later iterations are dependent on data values produced in earlier iterations
  - Loop-carried dependence
- Example 1:  
for (i=999; i>=0; i=i-1)  
     $x[i] = x[i] + s;$
- No loop-carried dependence

# Loop-Level Parallelism

- Example 2:

```
for (i=0; i<100; i=i+1) {  
    A[i+1] = A[i] + C[i]; /* S1 */  
    B[i+1] = B[i] + A[i+1]; /* S2 */  
}
```

- S1 and S2 use values computed by S1 in previous iteration
- S2 uses value computed by S1 in same iteration

# Loop-Level Parallelism

- Example 3:

```
for (i=0; i<100; i=i+1) {  
    A[i] = A[i] + B[i]; /* S1 */  
    B[i+1] = C[i] + D[i]; /* S2 */  
}
```

- S1 uses value computed by S2 in previous iteration but dependence is not circular so loop is parallel

- Transform to:

```
A[0] = A[0] + B[0];  
for (i=0; i<99; i=i+1) {  
    B[i+1] = C[i] + D[i];  
    A[i+1] = A[i+1] + B[i+1];  
}  
B[100] = C[99] + D[99];
```

# Loop-Level Parallelism

- Example 4:

```
for (i=0;i<100;i=i+1) {  
    A[i] = B[i] + C[i];  
    D[i] = A[i] * E[i];  
}
```

- Example 5:

```
for (i=1;i<100;i=i+1) {  
    Y[i] = Y[i-1] + Y[i];  
}
```

# Finding dependencies

- Assume indices are affine:
  - $a \times i + b$  ( $i$  is loop index)
- Assume:
  - Store to  $a \times i + b$ , then
  - Load from  $c \times i + d$
  - $i$  runs from  $m$  to  $n$
  - Dependence exists if:
    - Given  $j, k$  such that  $m \leq j \leq n, m \leq k \leq n$
    - Store to  $a \times j + b$ , load from  $a \times k + d$ , and  $a \times j + b = c \times k + d$

# Finding dependencies

- Generally cannot determine at compile time
- Test for absence of a dependence:
  - GCD test:
    - If a dependency exists,  $\text{GCD}(c,a)$  must evenly divide  $(d-b)$
- Example:

```
for (i=0; i<100; i=i+1) {  
    X[2*i+3] = X[2*i] * 5.0;  
}
```



# Finding dependencies

- Example 2:

```
for (i=0; i<100; i=i+1) {  
    Y[i] = X[i] / c; /* S1 */  
    X[i] = X[i] + c; /* S2 */  
    Z[i] = Y[i] + c; /* S3 */  
    Y[i] = c - Y[i]; /* S4 */  
}
```

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# Reductions

- Reduction Operation:  
for (i=9999; i>=0; i=i-1)  
    sum = sum + x[i] \* y[i];
- Transform to...  
for (i=9999; i>=0; i=i-1)  
    sum [i] = x[i] \* y[i];  
for (i=9999; i>=0; i=i-1)  
    finalsum = finalsum + sum[i];
- Do on p processors:  
for (i=999; i>=0; i=i-1)  
    finalsum[p] = finalsum[p] + sum[i+1000\*p];
- Note: assumes associativity!