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CS 380 - GPU and GPGPU Programming
Lecture 6: GPU Architecture 4

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Reading Assignment #3 (until Sep 21)

Read (required):

- Programming Massively Parallel Processors book, Chapter 1 (*Introduction*)
- Programming Massively Parallel Processors book (2nd edition), Appendix B (*GPU Compute Capabilities*)
- OpenGL 4 Shading Language Cookbook, Chapter 2

Read (optional):

- OpenGL 4 Shading Language Cookbook, Chapter 1
- GLSL (orange) book, Chapter 7 (OpenGL Shading Language API)

Quiz #1: Sep 28

Organization

- First 30 min of lecture
- No material (book, notes, ...) allowed

Content of questions

- Lectures (both actual lectures and slides)
- Reading assigments
- Programming assignments (algorithms, methods)
- Solve short practical examples

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From Shader Code to a **Teraflop**: How Shader Cores Work

Kayvon Fatahalian
Stanford University

Part 1: throughput processing

- Three key concepts behind how modern GPU processing cores run code

- Knowing these concepts will help you:
  1. Understand space of GPU core (and throughput CPU processing core) designs
  2. Optimize shaders/compute kernels
  3. Establish intuition: what workloads might benefit from the design of these architectures?

Where this is going...

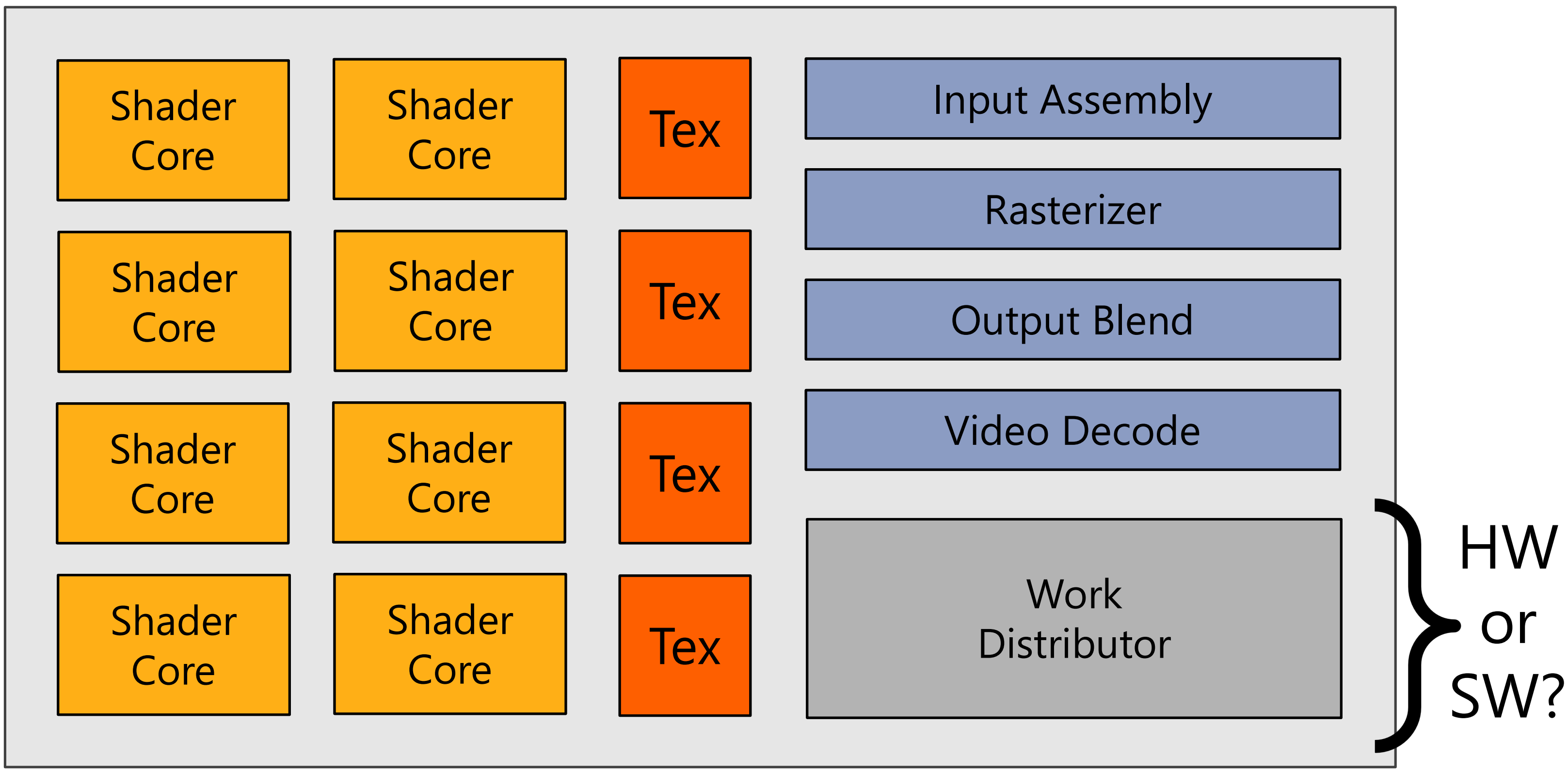
Summary: three key ideas for high-throughput execution

1. Use many "slimmed down cores," run them in parallel

2. Pack cores full of ALUs (by sharing instruction stream overhead across groups of fragments)
   - Option 1: Explicit SIMD vector instructions
   - Option 2: Implicit sharing managed by hardware

3. Avoid latency stalls by interleaving execution of many groups of fragments
   - When one group stalls, work on another group

What's in a GPU?



Heterogeneous chip multi-processor (highly tuned for graphics)

A diffuse reflectance shader

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sampler mySamp;
Texture2D<float3> myTex;
float3 lightDir;

float4 diffuseShader(float3 norm, float2 uv)
{
  float3 kd;
  kd = myTex.Sample(mySamp, uv);
  kd *= clamp( dot(lightDir, norm), 0.0, 1.0);
  return float4(kd, 1.0);
}
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Independent, but no explicit parallelism

Compile shader

1 unshaded fragment input record

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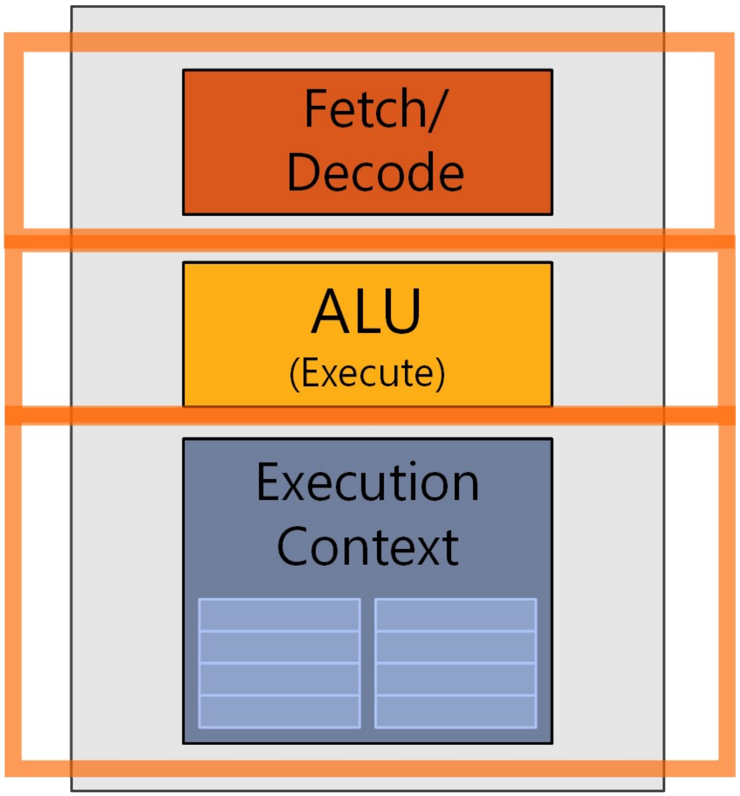

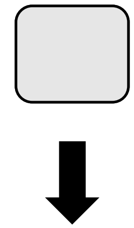

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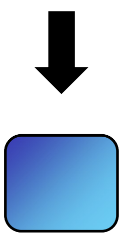

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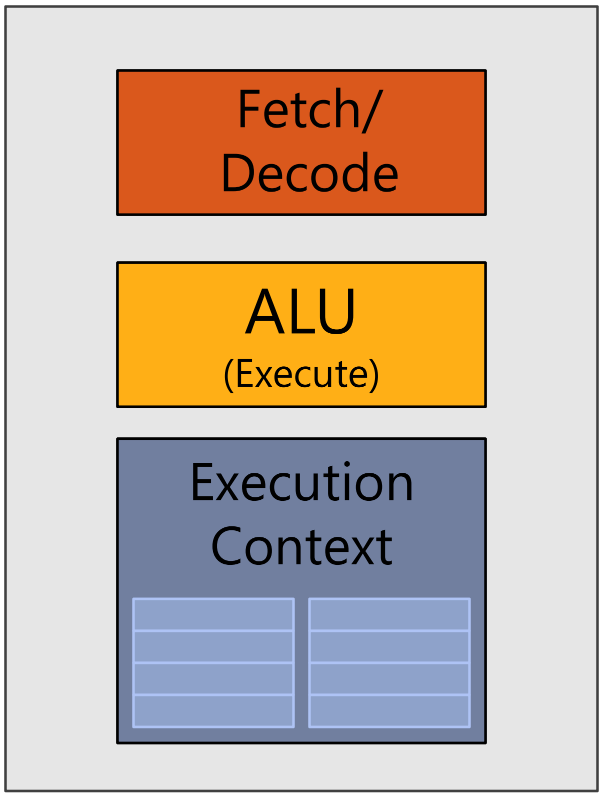

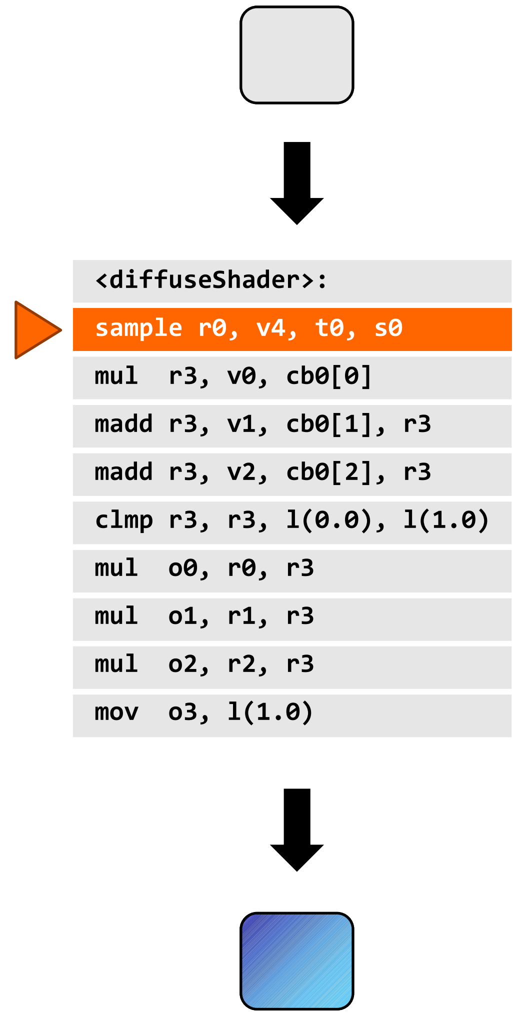

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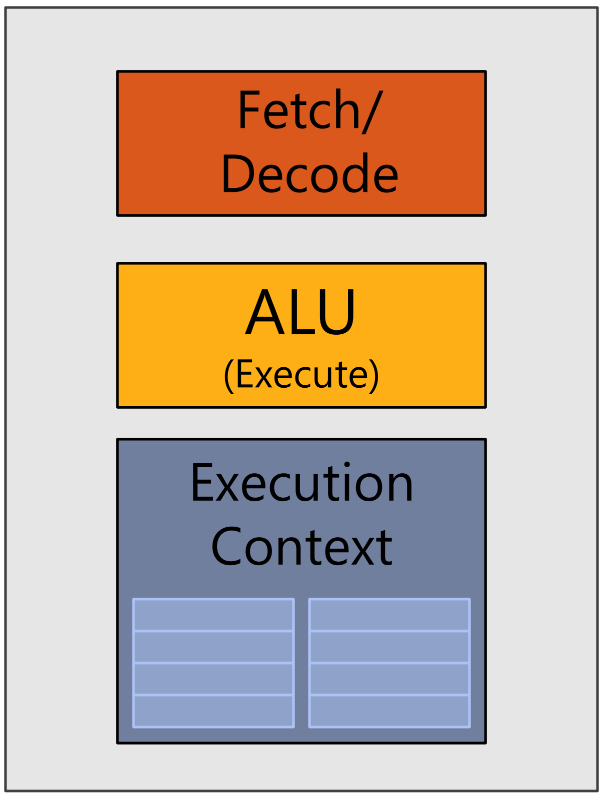

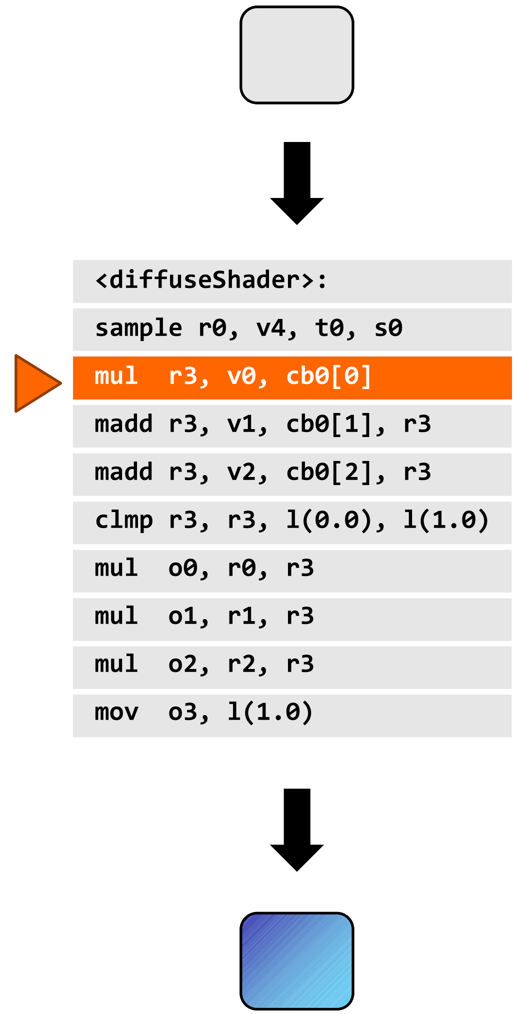

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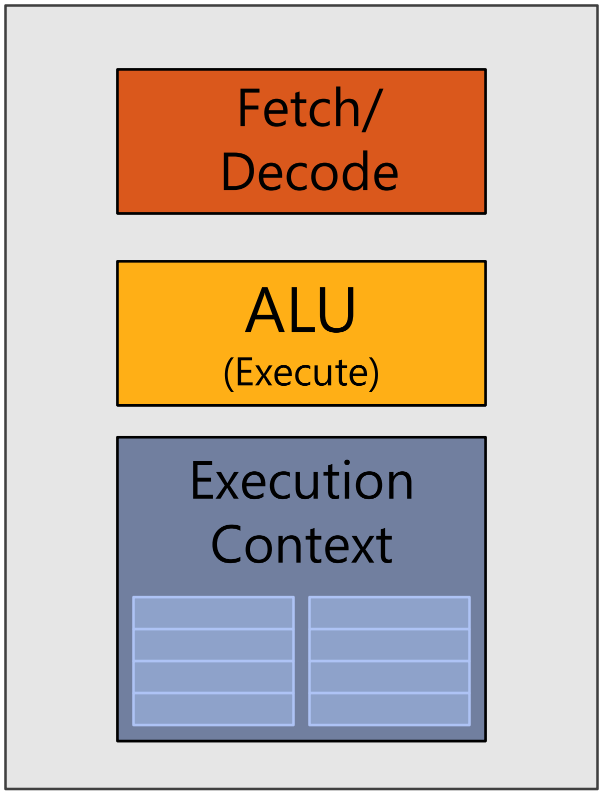


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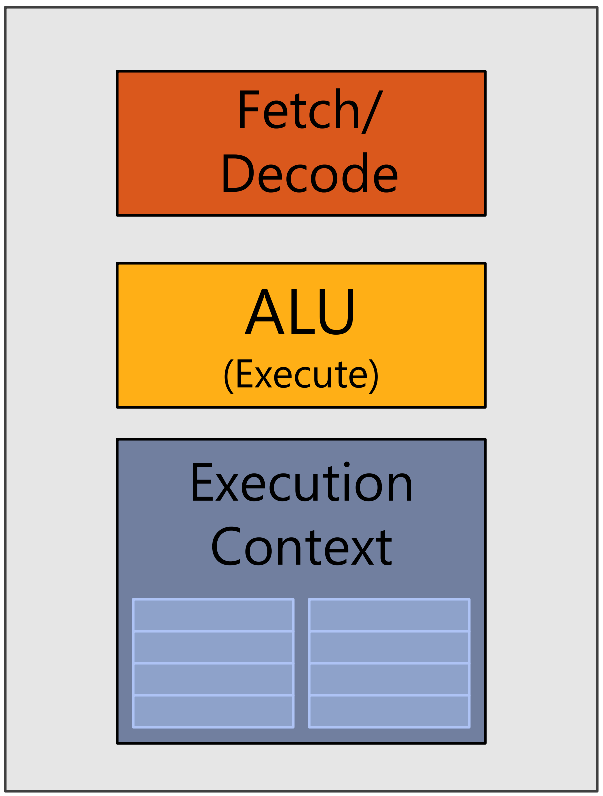

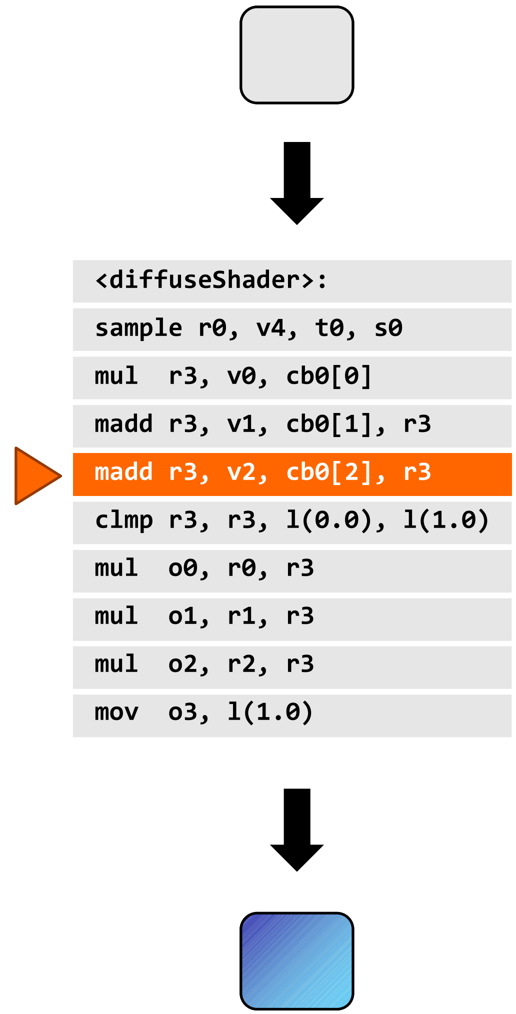

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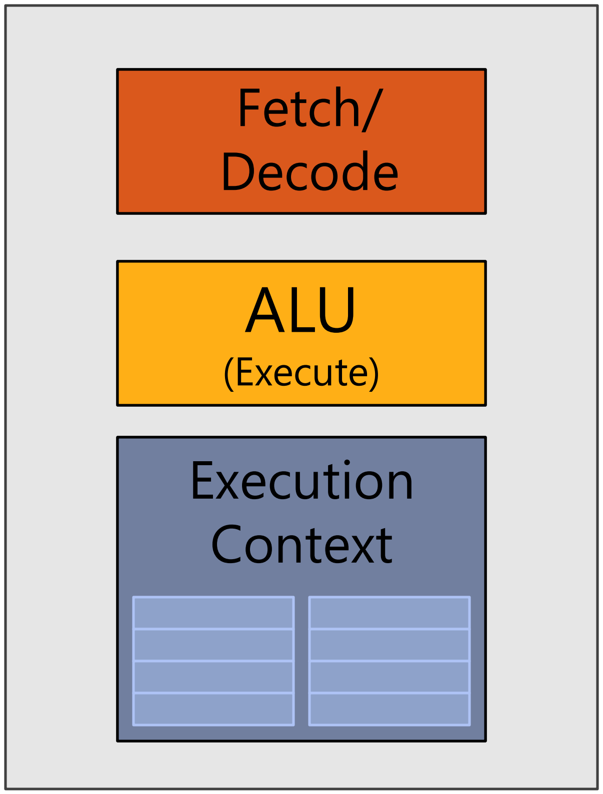

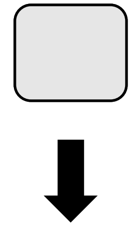

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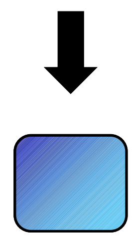
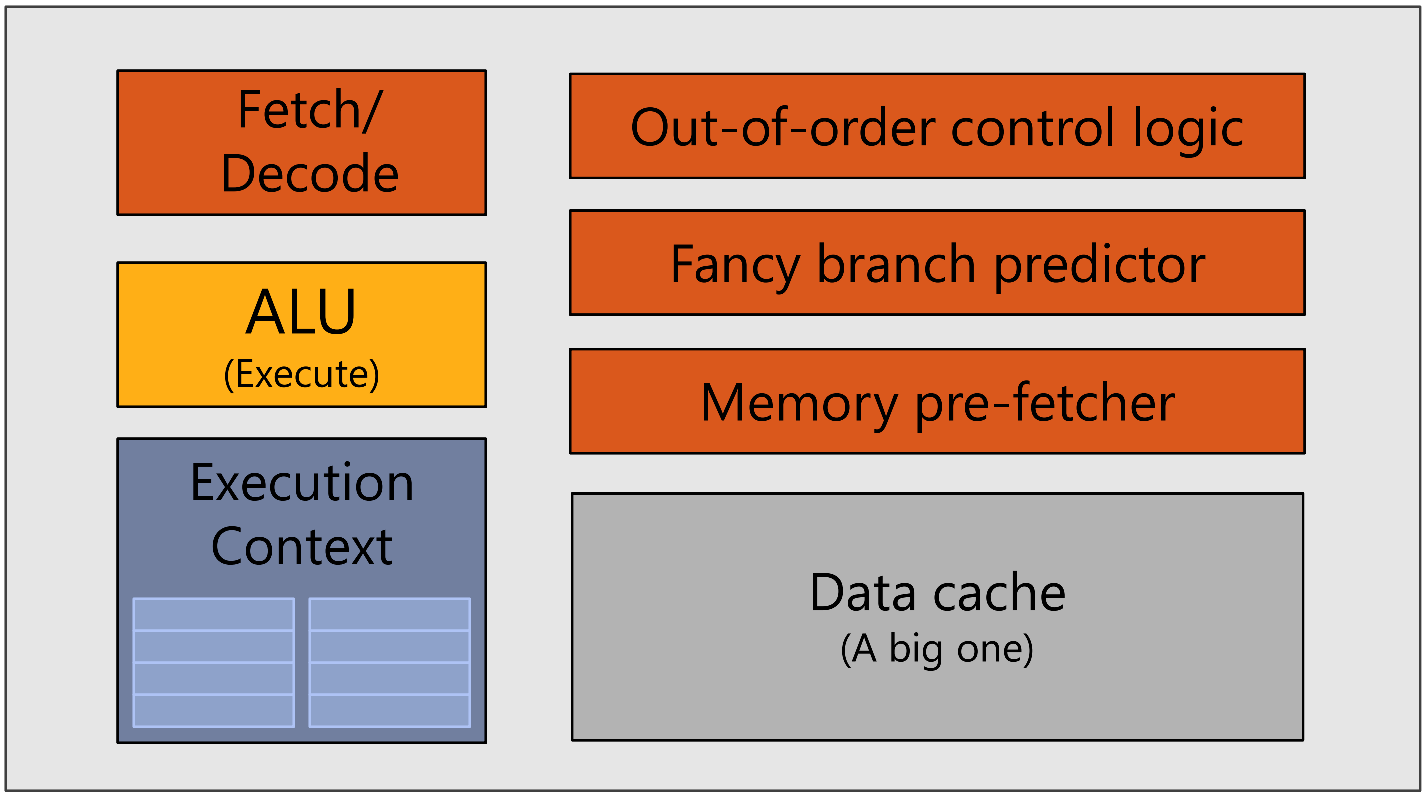
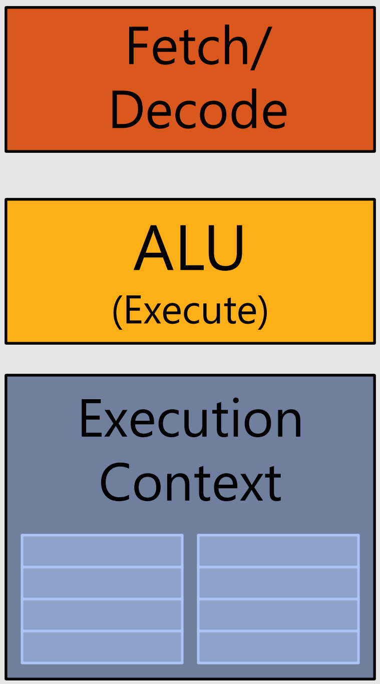


CPU-"style" cores



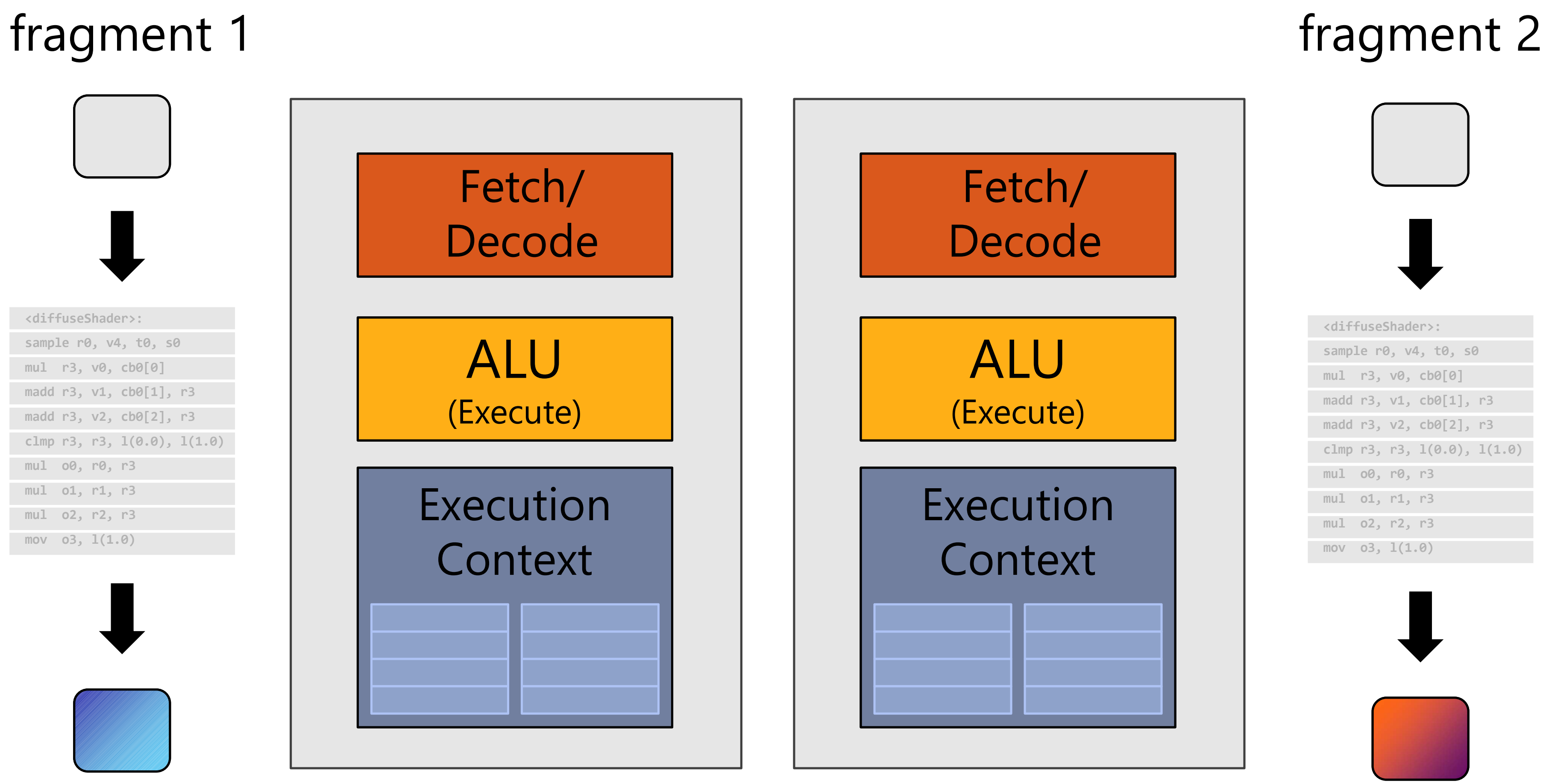
Slimming down



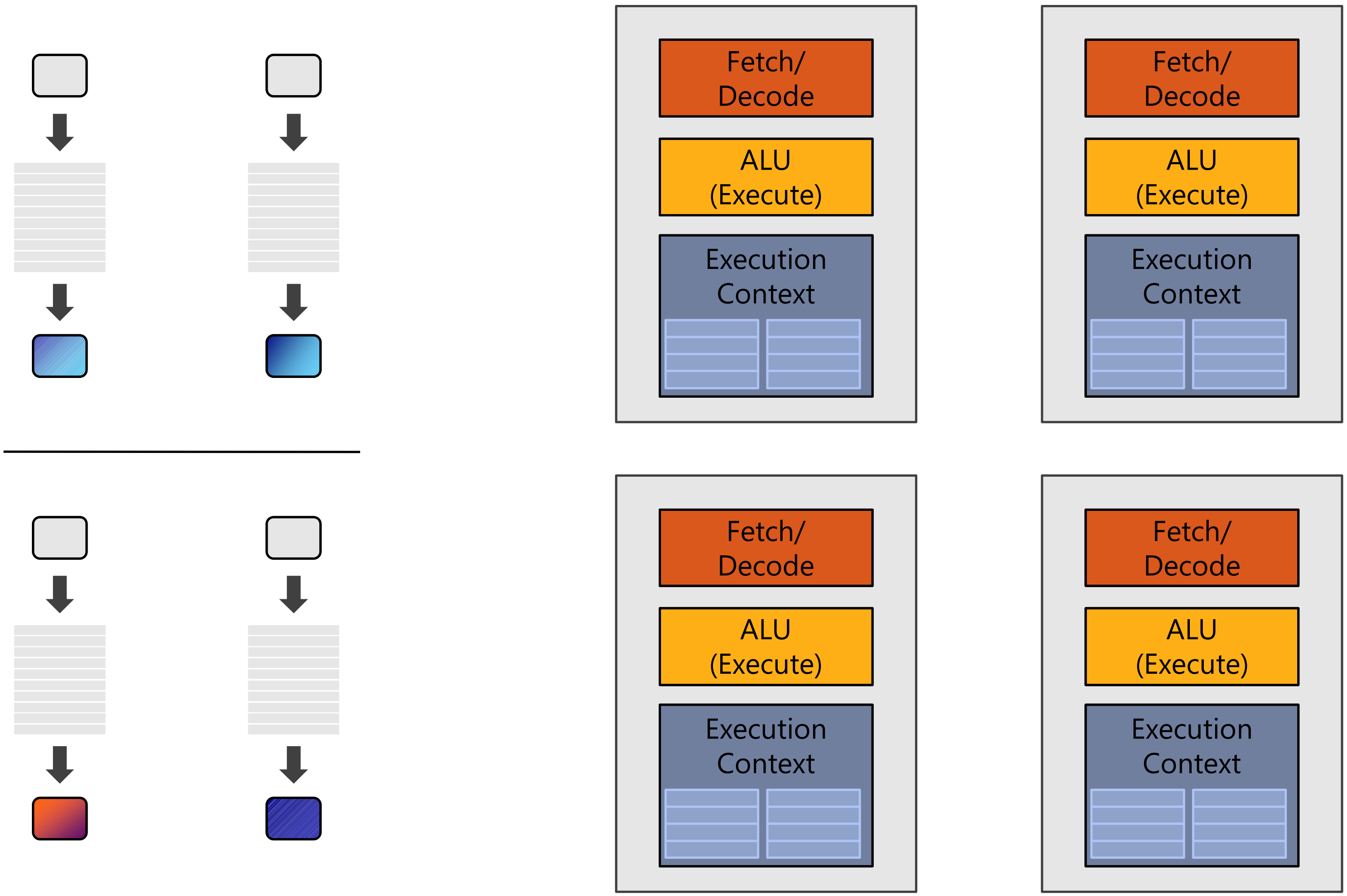
Idea #1:

Remove components that help a single instruction stream run fast

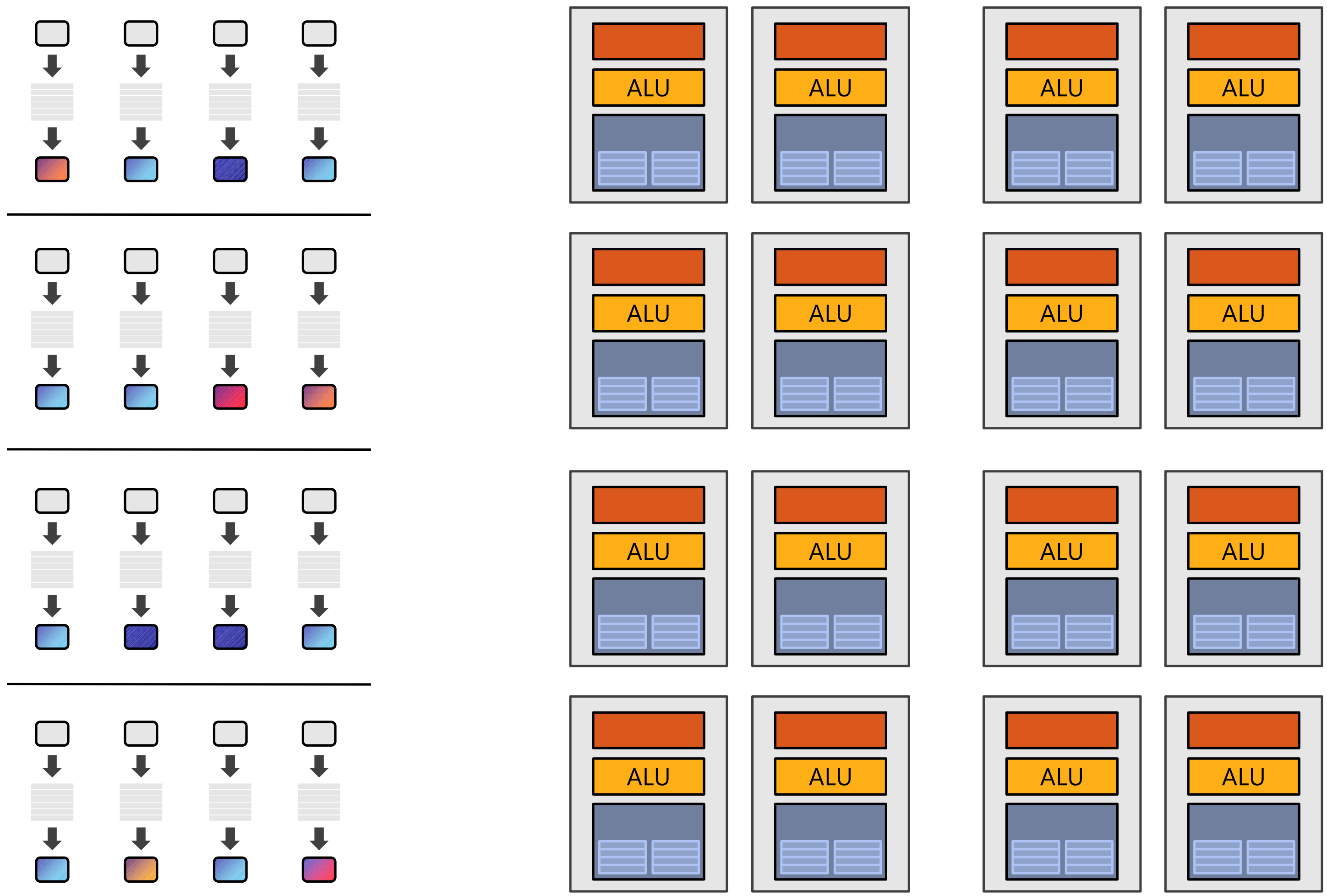
Two cores (two fragments in parallel)



Four cores (four fragments in parallel)

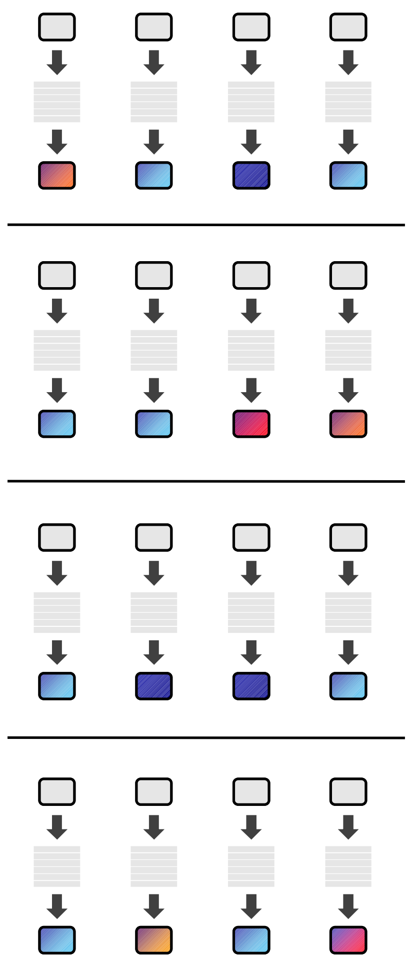


Sixteen cores (sixteen fragments in parallel)



16 cores = 16 simultaneous instruction streams

Instruction stream sharing



But… many fragments should be able to share an instruction stream!

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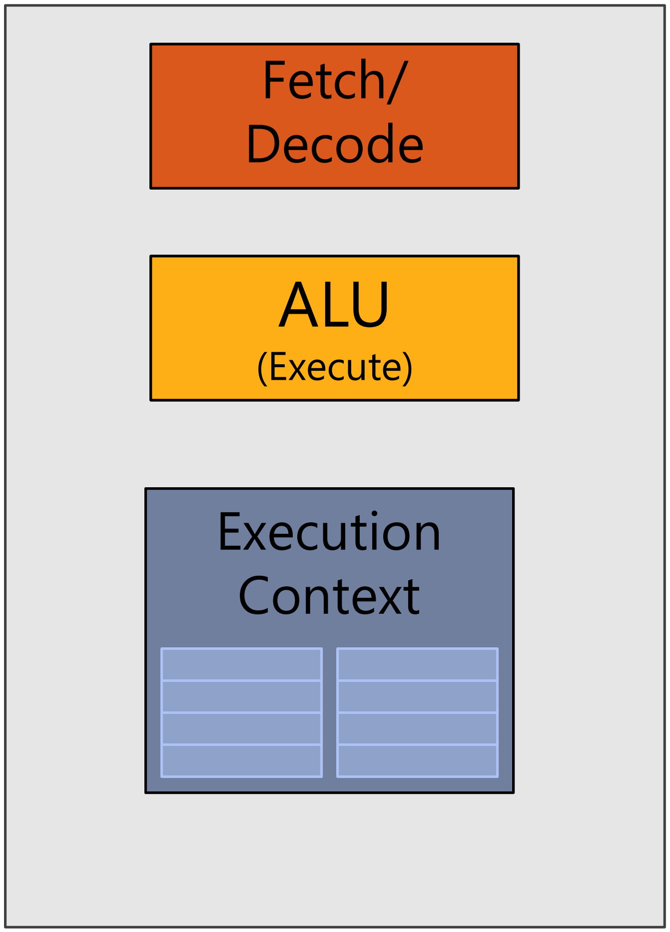
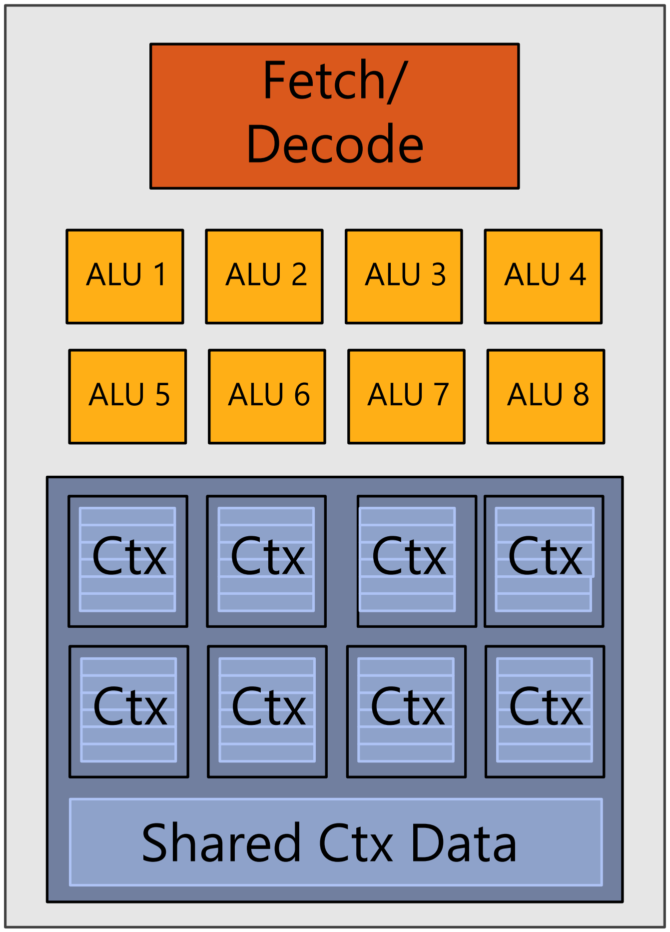
Recall: simple processing core



Add ALUs



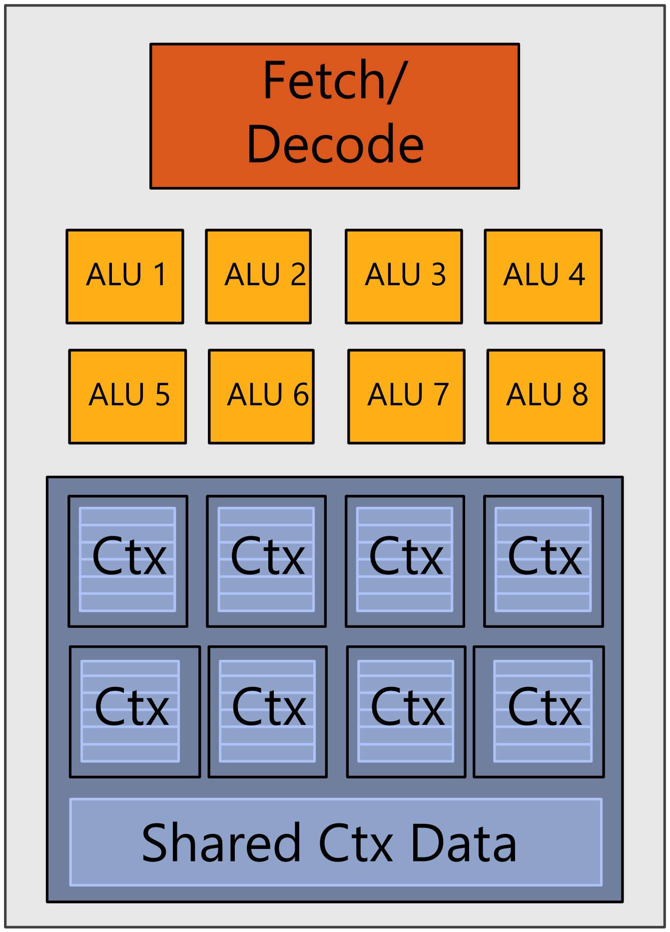
Idea #2:

Amortize cost/complexity of managing an instruction stream across many ALUs

SIMD processing

(or SIMT, SPMD)

Modifying the shader

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Original compiled shader:

Processes one fragment
using scalar ops on scalar registers

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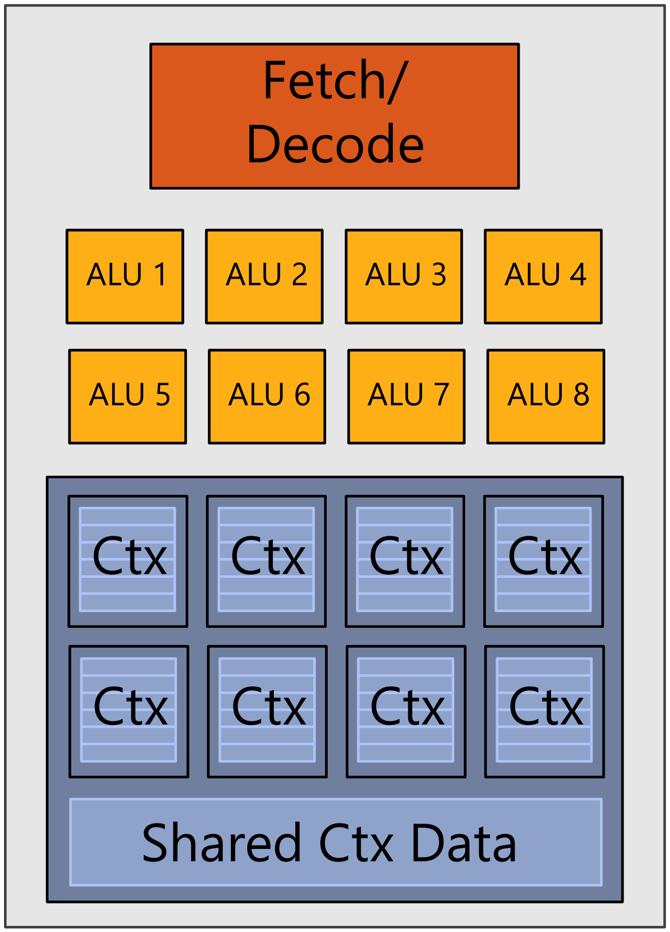


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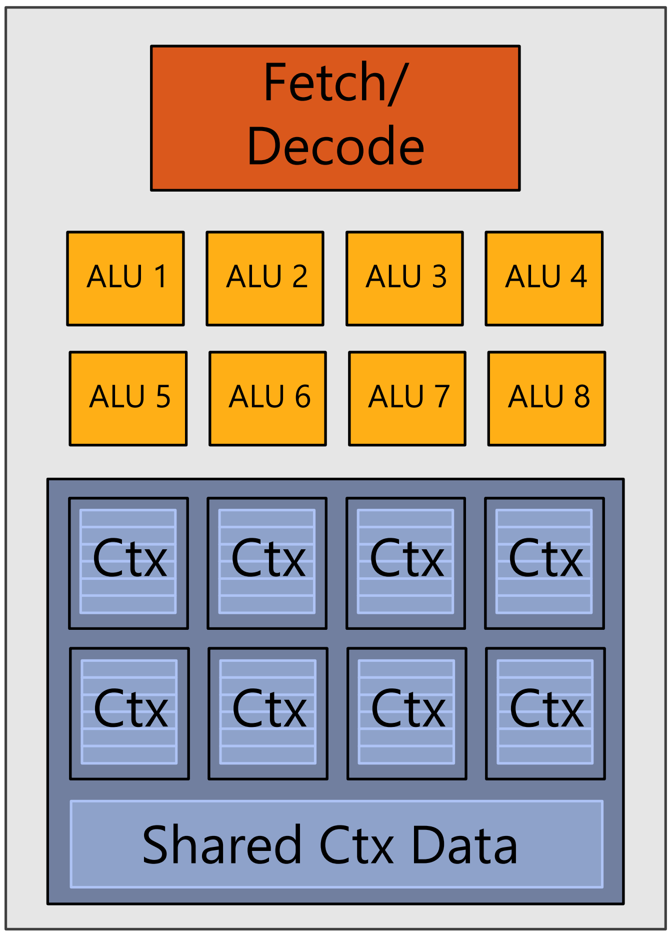
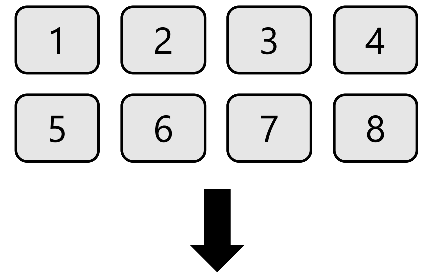
<VEC8_diffuseShader>:
VEC8_sample vec_r0, vec_v4, t0, vec_s0
VEC8_mul  vec_r3, vec_v0, cb0[0]
VEC8_madd vec_r3, vec_v1, cb0[1], vec_r3
VEC8_madd vec_r3, vec_v2, cb0[2], vec_r3
VEC8_clmp vec_r3, vec_r3, l(0.0), l(1.0)
VEC8_mul  vec_o0, vec_r0, vec_r3
VEC8_mul  vec_o1, vec_r1, vec_r3
VEC8_mul  vec_o2, vec_r2, vec_r3
VEC8_mov  vec_o3, l(1.0)
```

New compiled shader:

Processes 8 fragments
using “vector ops” on “vector registers”
(Caveat: This does NOT mean there are actual vector instructions or cores! See later slide.)

Modifying the shader



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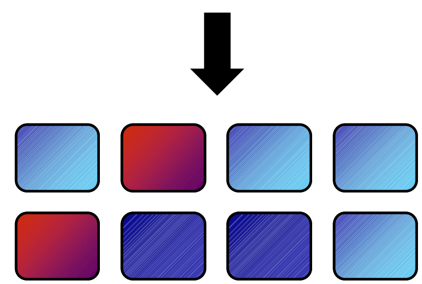
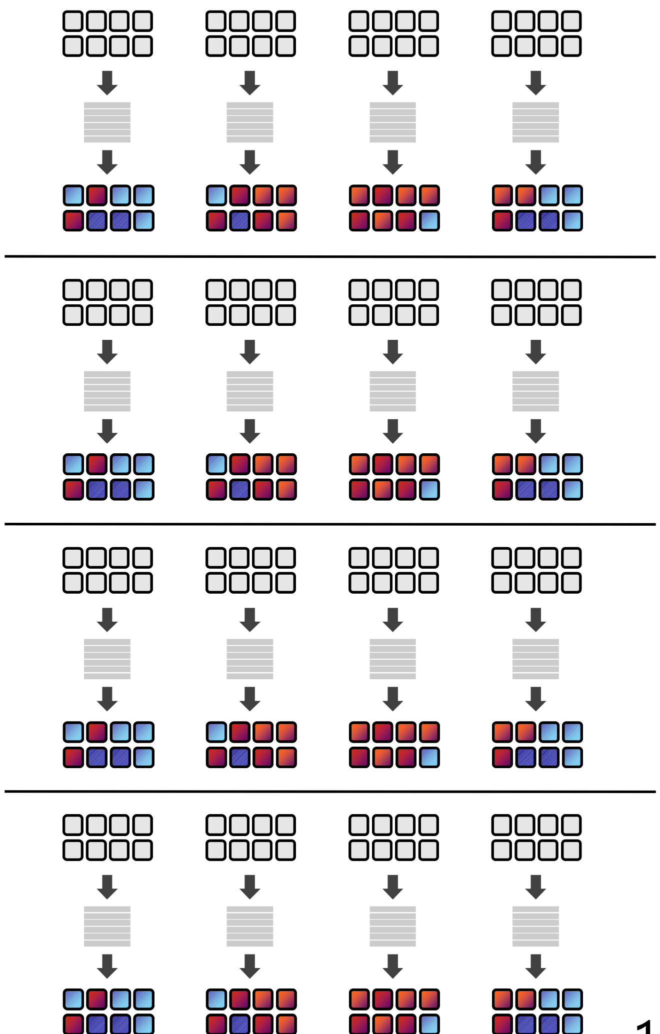
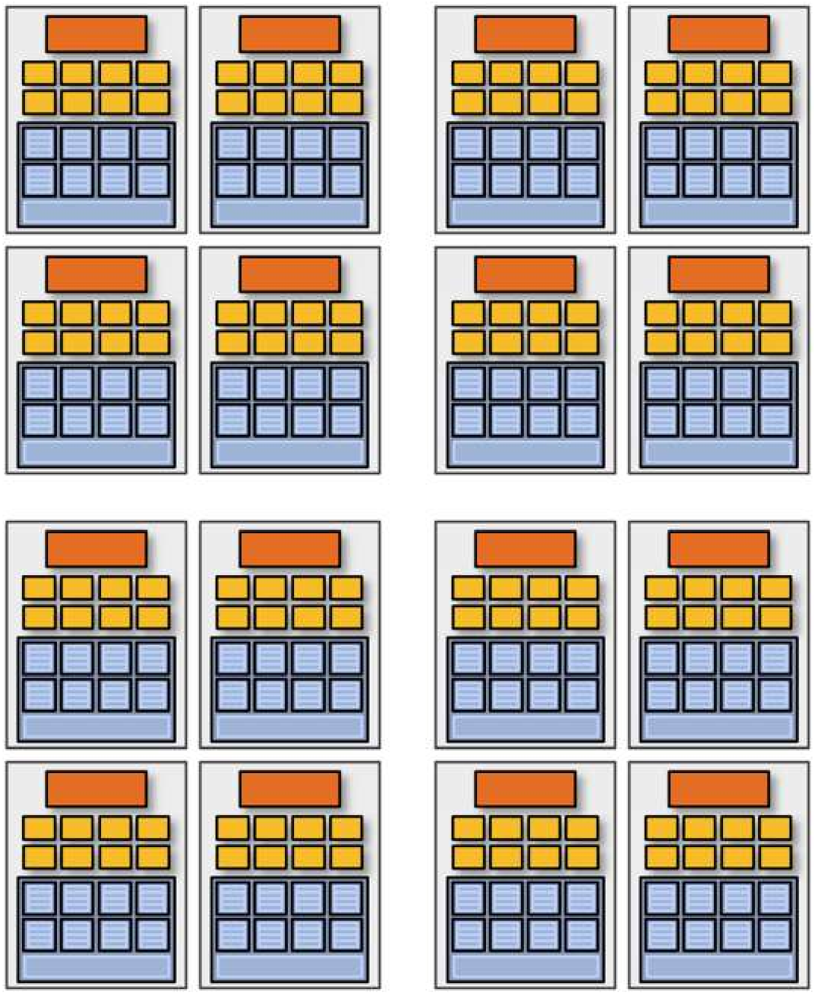


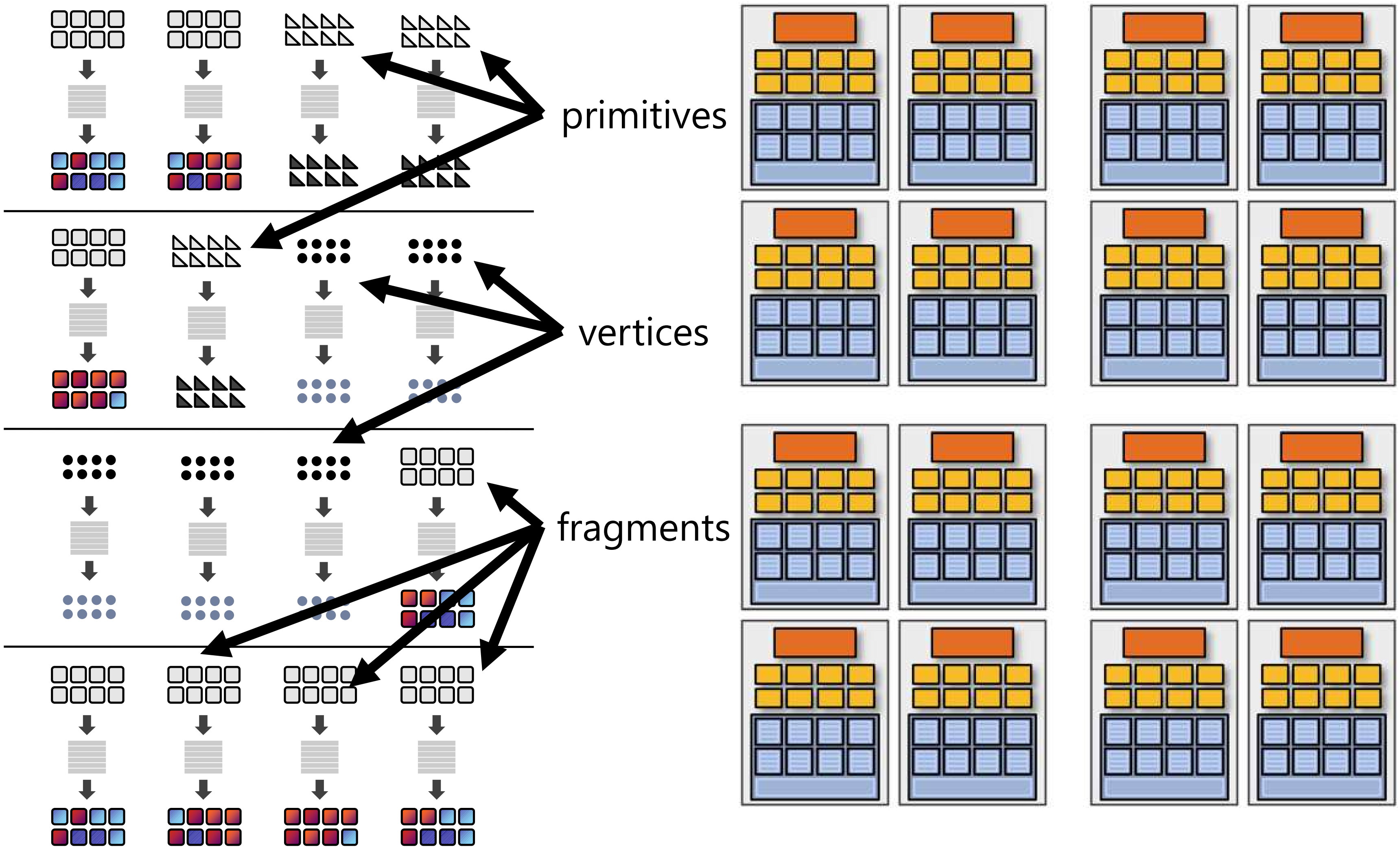
128 fragments in parallel





16 cores = 128 ALUs
= 16 simultaneous instruction streams

128 [vertices / fragments primitives CUDA threads OpenCL work items compute shader threads] in parallel



Clarification

SIMD processing does not imply SIMD instructions

- Option 1: Explicit vector instructions
  - Intel/AMD x86 SSE, Intel Larrabee
- Option 2: Scalar instructions, implicit HW vectorization
  - HW determines instruction stream sharing across ALUs (amount of sharing hidden from software)
  - NVIDIA GeForce (“SIMT” warps), AMD Radeon architectures

In practice: 16 to 64 fragments share an instruction stream

Thank you.