Advancing Near-Data Processing with Precise Exceptions and Effective Data Fetching

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Big Data

- Data-centric behavior;
 - Extensive data streaming;
 - Little data reuse;
 - Constantly accessing the main memory;



Near-Data Processing

- Memory wall;
 - Processing elements near the data;
 - A more data-centric system.

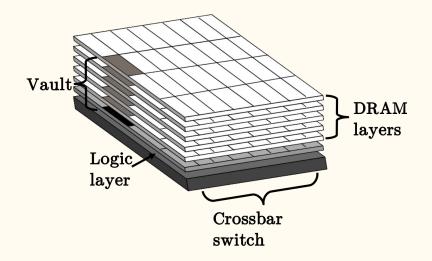
• Issues:

- Added complexity;
- System consistency;
- Cache coherence;
- Efficiency;

Near-Data Processing

• Strategies:

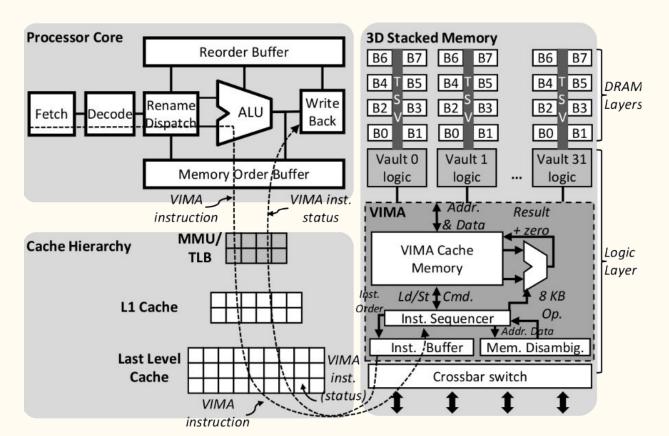
- Limiting near-data action;
- Strict in-order processing;
- Forced inefficiency;
- Especially when considering fine-grain architectures;



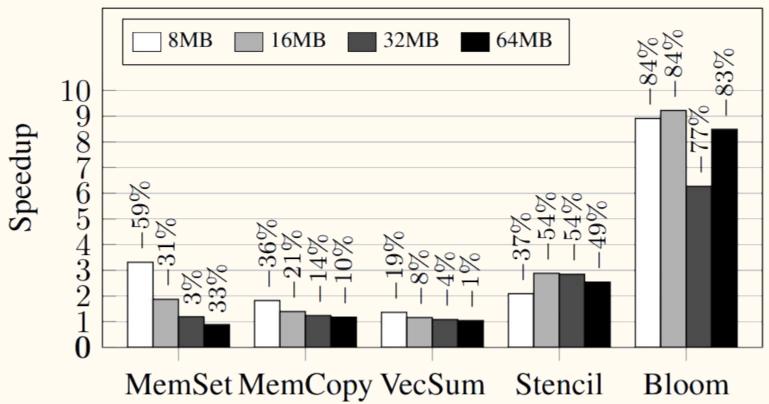
Proposed Modifications

- Two additional elements:
 - An instruction buffer;
 - Pooling of instructions;
 - No forced idleness;
 - Out or order operand loading;
 - Improved data throughput;
 - A memory disambiguation mechanism;
 - Precise exceptions;

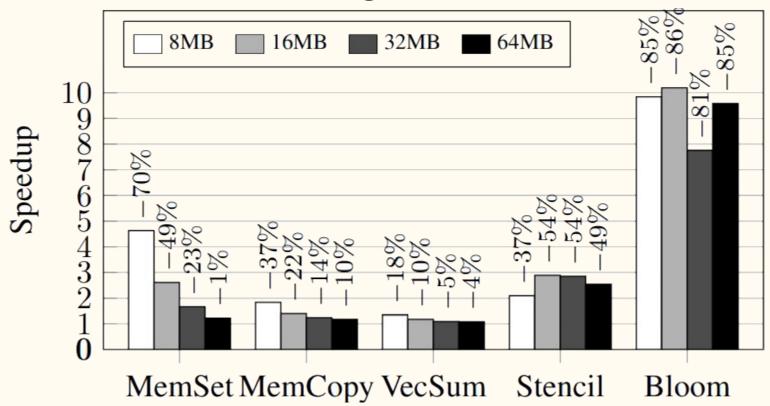
Vector-in-Memory Architeture



Results – Original Design



Results – Modified Design



Thank you!