Processor Architecture III: PIPE: Pipelined Implementation

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Pipeline Part 1: Overview

- General Principles of Pipelining
 - Goal
 - Difficulties
- Creating a Pipelined Y86 Processor
 - Rearranging SEQ
 - Inserting pipeline registers
 - Problems with data and control hazards

Real-World Pipelines: Car Washes

Sequential



Parallel



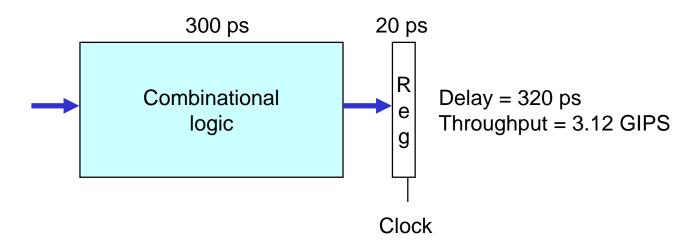
Pipelined



Idea

- Divide process into independent stages
- Move objects through stages in sequence
- At any given times, multiple objects being processed

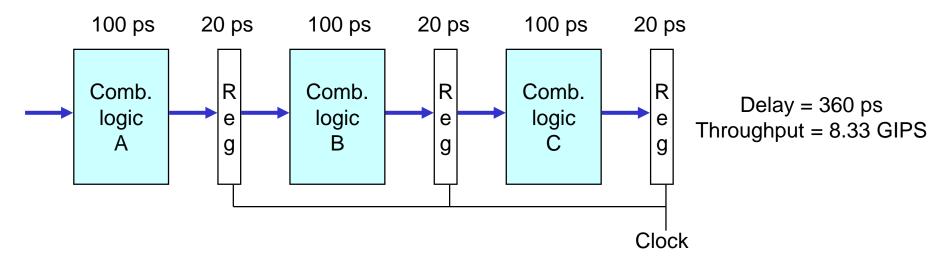
Computational Example



System

- Computation requires total of 300 picoseconds
- Additional 20 picoseconds to save result in register
- Must have clock cycle of at least 320 ps

3-Way Pipelined Version

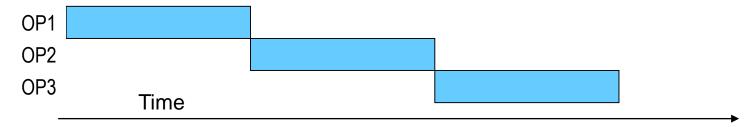


System

- Divide combinational logic into 3 blocks of 100 ps each
- Can begin new operation as soon as previous one passes through stage A.
 - Begin new operation every 120 ps
- Overall latency increases
 - 360 ps from start to finish

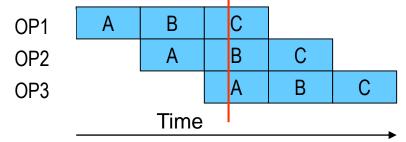
Pipeline Diagrams

Unpipelined



Cannot start new operation until previous one completes

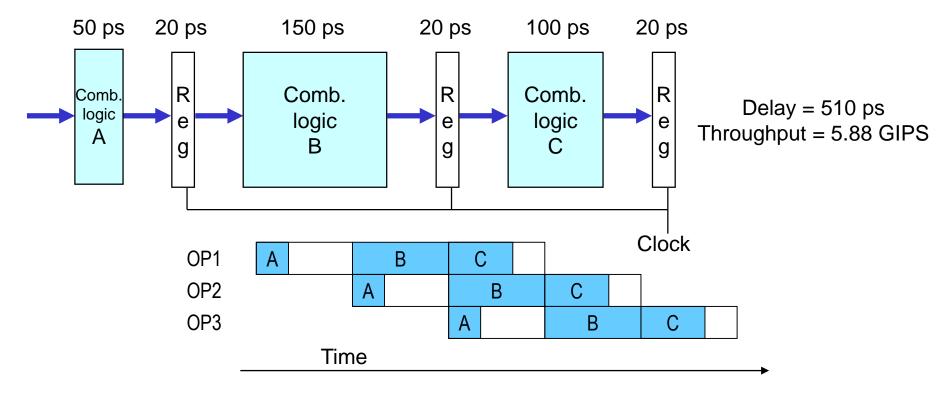
3-Way Pipelined



Up to 3 operations in process simultaneously

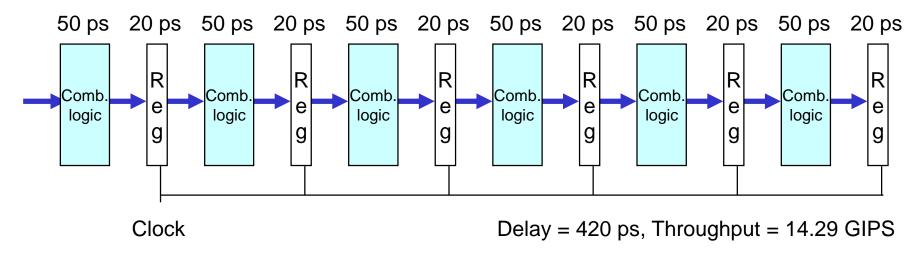
Operating a Pipeline 300 359 Clock OP1 В Α OP2 Α OP3 В C 0 120 240 360 480 640 Time 100 ps 20 ps 100 ps 20 ps 100 ps 20 ps Comb. Comb. Comb. R logic logic logic В Clock

Limitations: Nonuniform Delays



- Throughput limited by slowest stage
- Other stages sit idle for much of the time
- Challenging to partition system into balanced stages

Limitations: Register Overhead



- As try to deepen pipeline, overhead of loading registers becomes more significant
- Percentage of clock cycle spent loading register:

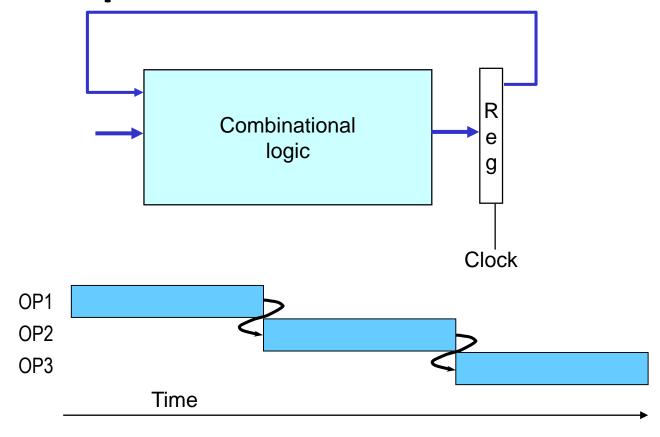
1-stage pipeline: 6.25%

3-stage pipeline: 16.67%

6-stage pipeline: 28.57%

 High speeds of modern processor designs obtained through very deep pipelining

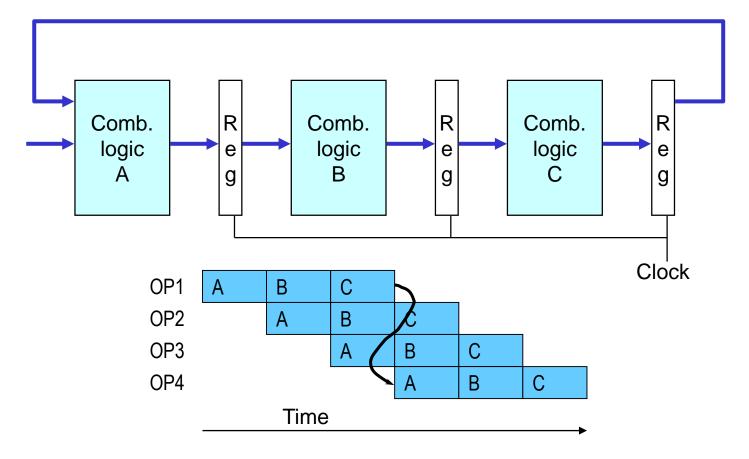
Data Dependencies



System

Each operation depends on result from preceding one

Data Hazards



- Result does not feed back around in time for next operation
- Pipelining has changed behavior of system

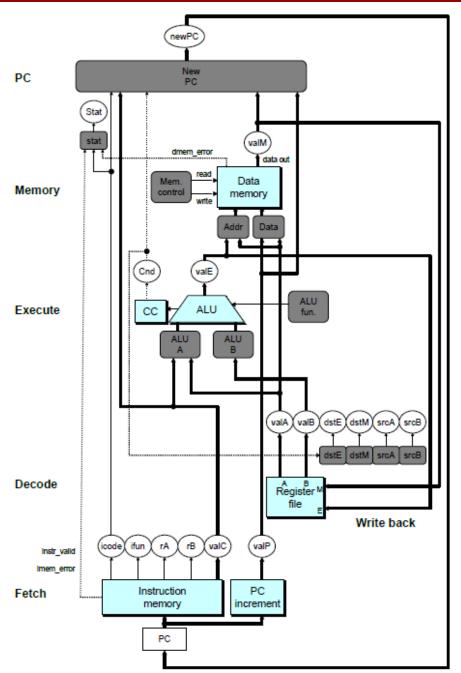
Data Dependencies in Processors

```
irmovl $50, %eax
addl %eax, %ebx
mrmovl 100(%ebx), %edx
```

- Result from one instruction used as operand for another
 - Read-after-write (RAW) dependency
- Very common in actual programs
- Must make sure our pipeline handles these properly
 - Get correct results
 - Minimize performance impact

SEQ Hardware

- Stages occur in sequence
- One operation in process at a time



SEQ+ Hardware

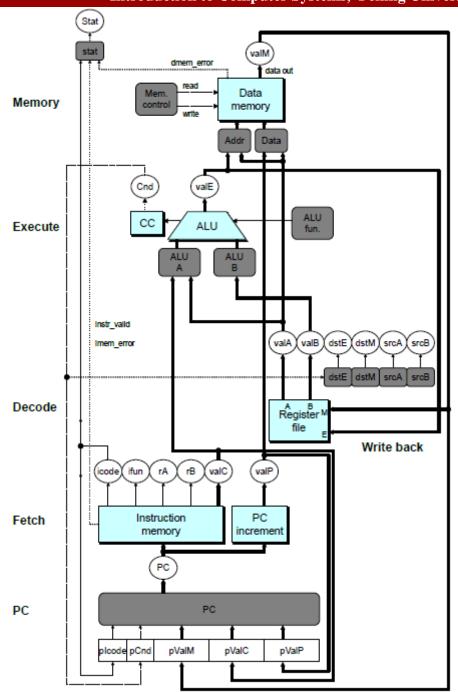
- Still sequential implementation
- Reorder PC stage to put at beginning

PC Stage

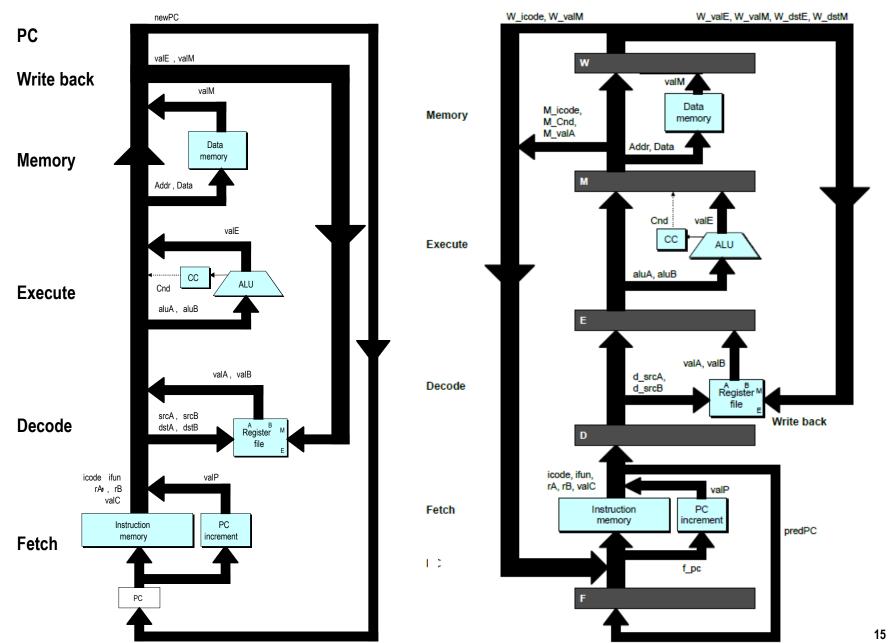
- Task is to select PC for current instruction
- Based on results computed by previous instruction

Processor State

- PC is no longer stored in register
- But, can determine PC based on other stored information



Adding Pipeline Registers



Pipeline Stages

Fetch

- Select current PC
- Read instruction
- Compute incremented PC

Decode

Read program registers

Execute

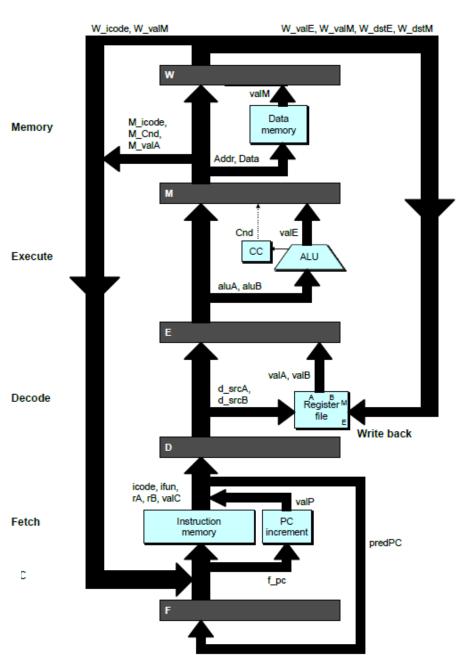
Operate ALU

Memory

Read or write data memory

Write Back

Update register file

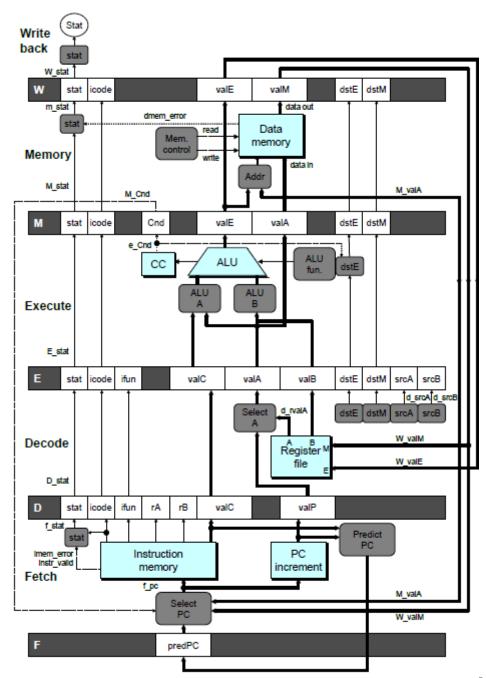


PIPE- Hardware

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Forward (Upward) Paths

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- Cannot jump past stages
 - e.g., valC passes through decode



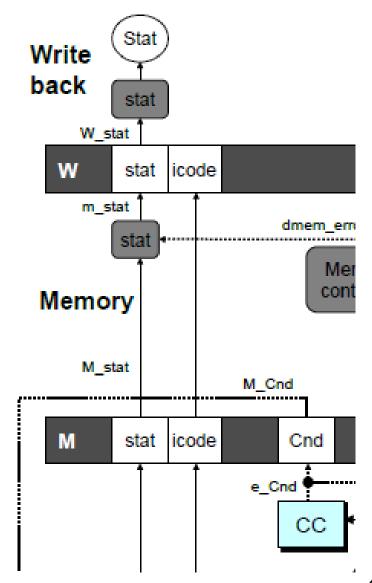
Signal Naming Conventions

S_Field

 Value of Field held in stage S pipeline register

s_Field

Value of Field computed in stage S



Feedback Paths

Predicted PC

Guess value of next PC

Branch information

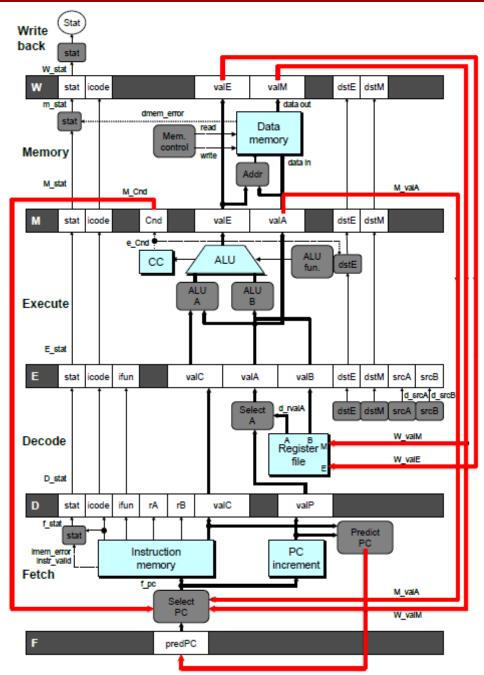
- Jump taken/not-taken
- Fall-through or target address

Return point

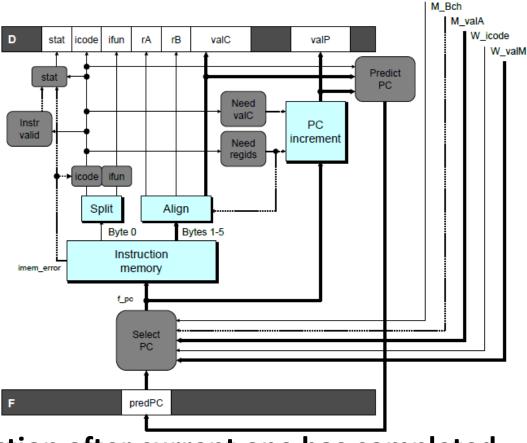
Read from memory

Register updates

To register file write ports



Predicting the PC •



- Start fetch of new instruction after current one has completed fetch stage
 - Not enough time to reliably determine next instruction
- Guess which instruction will follow
 - Recover if prediction was incorrect
 - Q: Which instructions might be incorrect?

Our Prediction Strategy

Instructions that Don't Transfer Control

- Predict next PC to be valP
- Always reliable

Call and Unconditional Jumps

- Predict next PC to be valC (destination)
- Always reliable

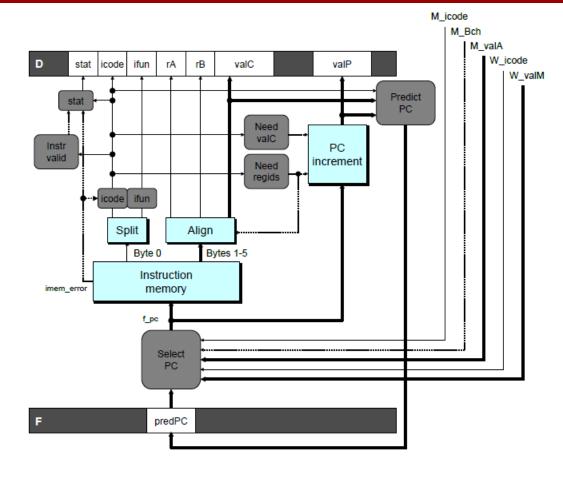
Conditional Jumps

- Predict next PC to be valC (destination)
- Only correct if branch is taken
 - Typically right 60% of time

Return Instruction

Don't try to predict

Recovering from PC Misprediction



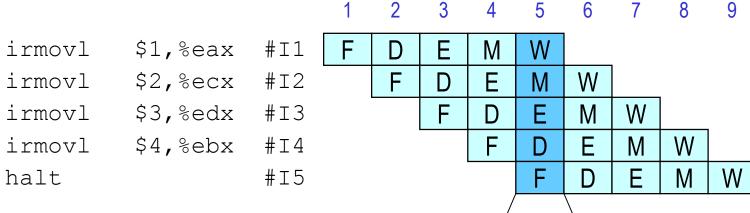
Mispredicted Jump

- Will see branch condition flag once instruction reaches memory stage
- Can get fall-through PC from valA (value M_valA)

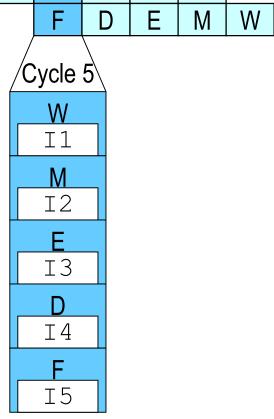
Return Instruction

Will get return PC when ret reaches write-back stage (W_valM)

Pipeline Demonstration



■ File: demo-basic.ys



Data Dependencies: 3 Nop's

demo-h3.ys

0x000: irmovl \$10, % edx

0x006: irmovl \$3,% eax

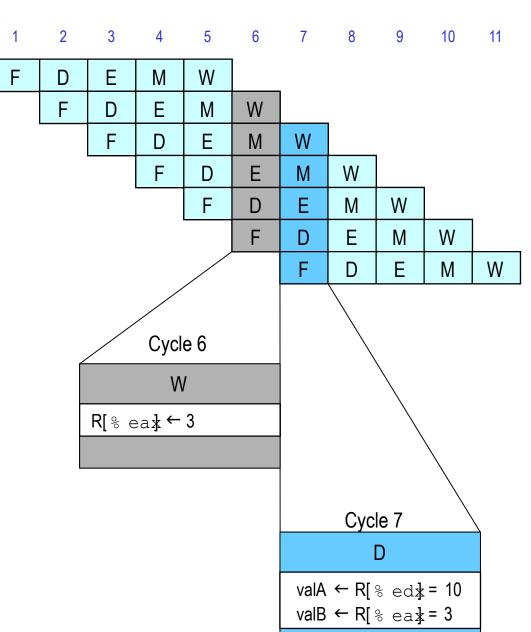
0x00c: nop

0x00d: nop

0x00e: nop

0x00f: addl % edx, % eax

0x011: halt



Data Dependencies: 2 Nop's

demo-h2.ys

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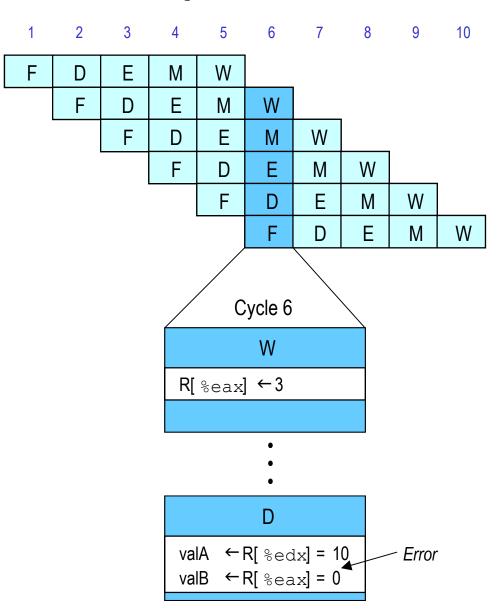
0x006: irmovl \$3,%eax

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0x010: halt



Data Dependencies: 1 Nop

demo-h1.ys

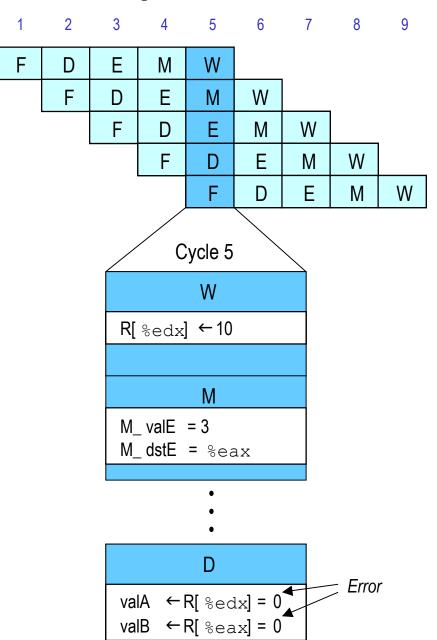
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Data Dependencies: No Nop

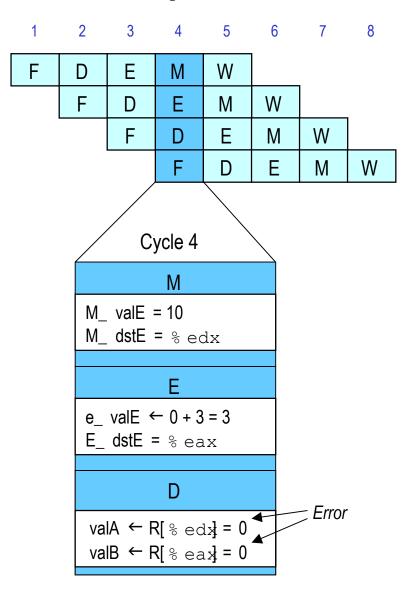
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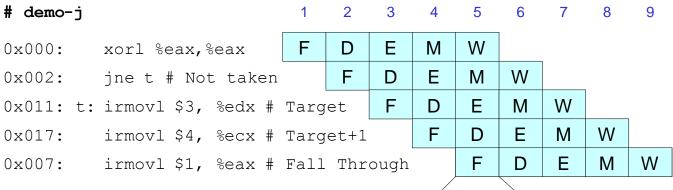


Branch Misprediction Example

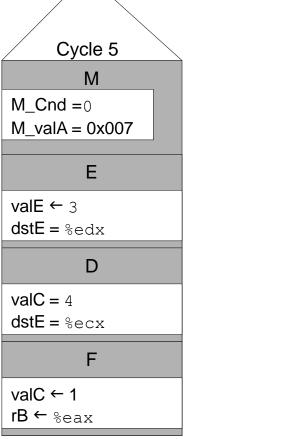
demo-j.ys

```
0x000:
         xorl %eax,%eax
0x002:
                          # Not taken
         jne t
0x007:
         irmovl $1, %eax  # Fall through
0x00d:
         nop
0x00e:
         nop
0x00f:
         nop
        halt
0x010:
0x011: t: irmov1 $3, %edx
                          # Target(Should not execute)
0x017: irmov1 $4, %ecx # Should not execute
0x01d: irmovl $5, %edx
                          # Should not execute
```

Branch Misprediction Trace



Incorrectly execute two instructions at branch target



demo-ret.ys

Return Example

```
0x000:
          irmovl Stack,%esp
                              # Initialize stack pointer
0 \times 006:
                              # Avoid hazard on %esp
          nop
0 \times 007:
          nop
0 \times 008:
          nop
0x009:
          call p
                              # Procedure call
0x00e:
          irmovl $5,%esi
                              # Return point
0 \times 014:
          halt
0x020: .pos 0x20
0x020: p: nop
                              # procedure
0 \times 021:
          nop
0 \times 022:
          nop
0x023: ret
0x024: irmovl $1,%eax # Should not be executed
0x02a: irmovl $2, %ecx # Should not be executed
0x030:
          irmovl $3,%edx  # Should not be executed
0x036:
          irmovl $4,%ebx
                              # Should not be executed
0x100: .pos 0x100
0x100: Stack:
                              # Stack: Stack pointer
```

Require lots of nops to avoid data hazards

W

M

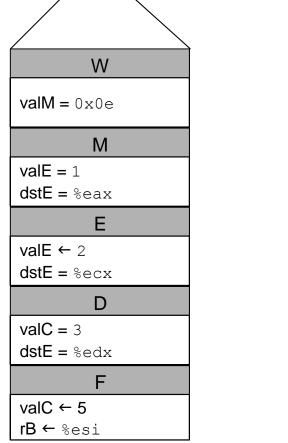
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Incorrect Return Example

demo-ret

Ε W 0×023 : ret D M 0×024 : irmovl \$1,%eax # Oops! Е W M 0x02a: irmovl \$2, %ecx # Oops! F E W D M 0x030: irmovl \$3, %edx # Oops! F Ε M 0x00e: irmovl \$5,%esi # Return Ε F D

Incorrectly execute 3 instructions following ret



Pipeline Part 1: Summary

Concept

- Break instruction execution into 5 stages
- Run instructions through in pipelined mode

Limitations

- Can't handle dependencies between instructions when instructions follow too closely
- Data dependencies
 - One instruction writes register, later one reads it
- Control dependency
 - Instruction sets PC in way that pipeline did not predict correctly
 - Mispredicted branch and return

Fixing the Pipeline

We'll do that next time

Pipeline Part 2: Overview

Make the pipelined processor work!

Data Hazards

- Instruction having register R as source follows shortly after instruction having register R as destination
- Common condition, don't want to slow down pipeline

Control Hazards

- Mispredict conditional branch
 - Our design predicts all branches as being taken
 - Naïve pipeline executes two extra instructions
- Getting return address for ret instruction
 - Naïve pipeline executes three extra instructions

Making Sure It Really Works

What if multiple special cases happen simultaneously?

Pipeline Stages

Fetch

- Select current PC
- Read instruction
- Compute incremented PC

Decode

Read program registers

Execute

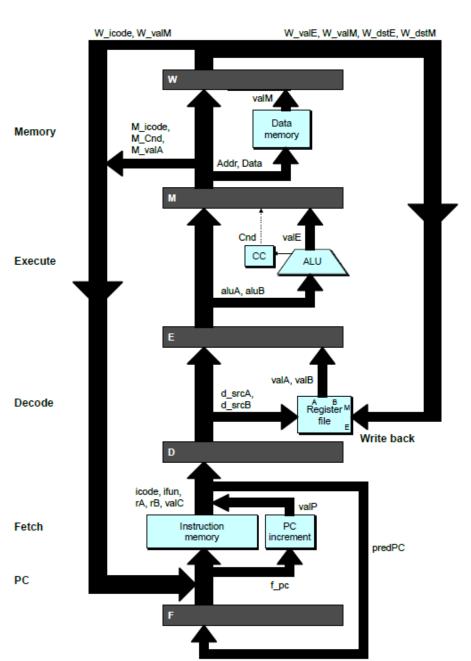
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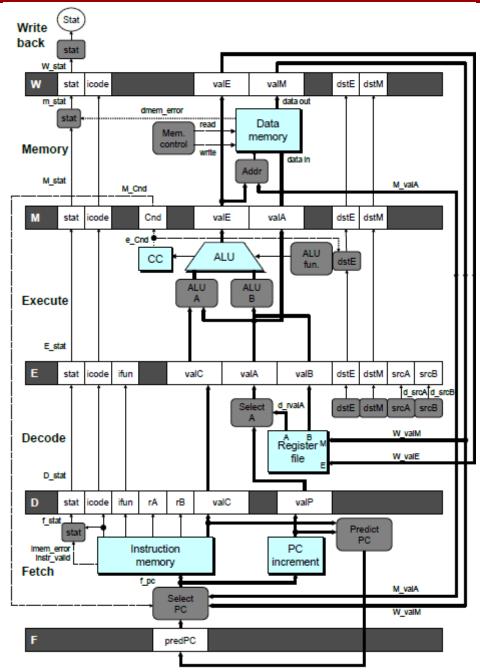


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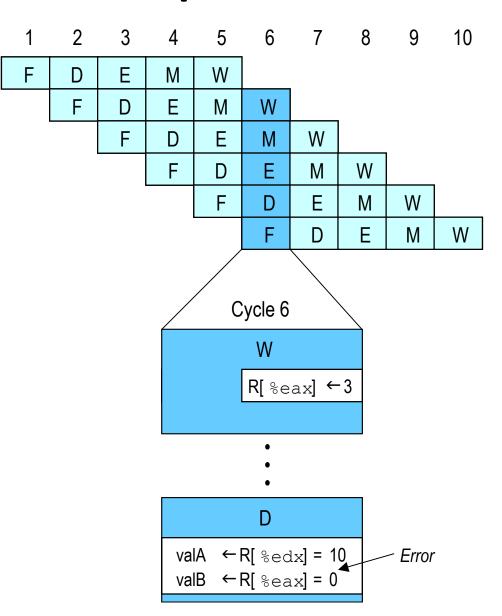
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0x00c: nop

0x00d: nop

0x00e: addl %edx, %eax

0x010: halt



Data Dependencies: No Nop

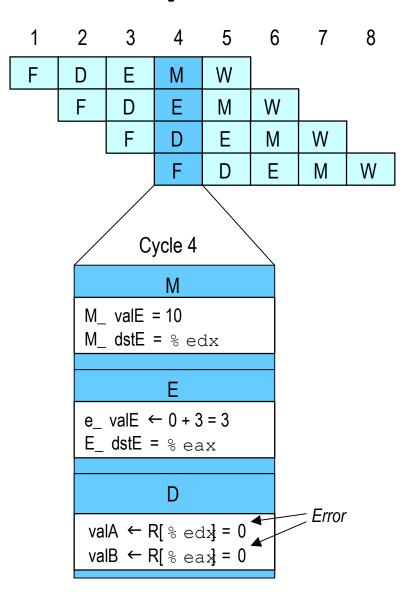
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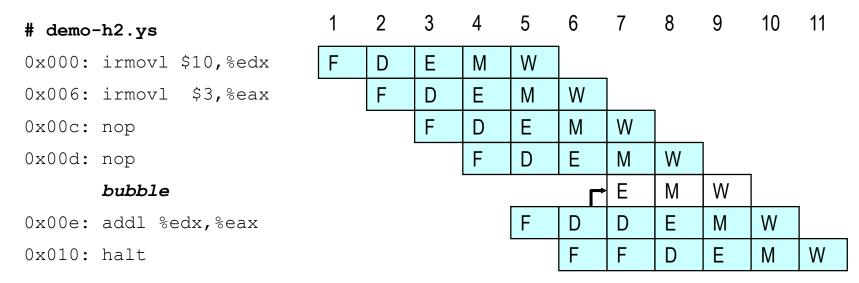
0x006: irmovl \$3,% eax

0x00c: addl % edx, % eax

0x00e: halt



Stalling for Data Dependencies



- If instruction follows too closely after one that writes register, slow it down
- Hold instruction in decode
- Dynamically inject nop into execute stage

Stall Condition

Source Registers

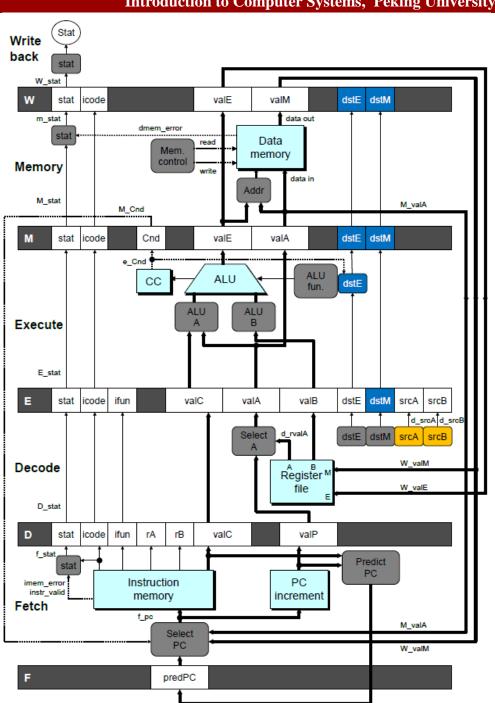
srcA and srcB of current instruction in decode stage

Destination Registers

- dstE and dstM fields
- Instructions in execute, memory, and write-back stages

Special Case

- Don't stall for register ID 15 (OxF)
 - Indicates absence of register operand
- Don't stall for failed conditional move



Detecting Stall Condition

demo-h2.ys

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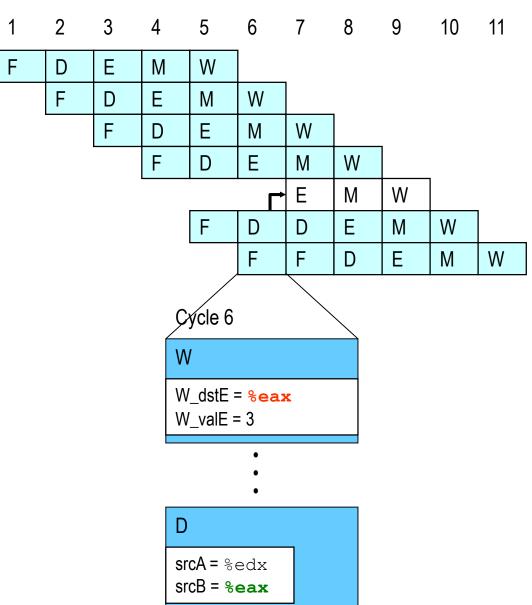
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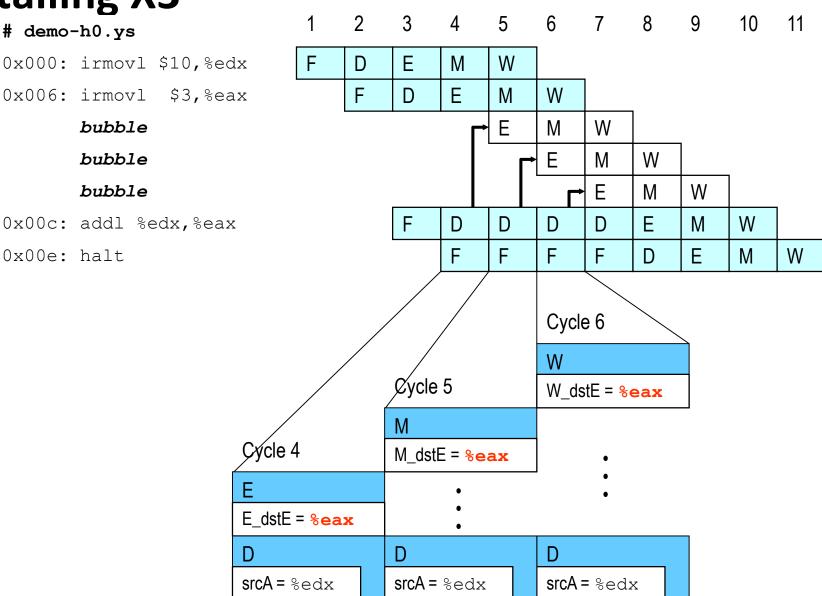
bubble

0x00e: addl %edx, %eax

0x010: halt



Stalling X3



srcB = %eax

srcB = %eax

srcB = %eax

What Happens When Stalling?

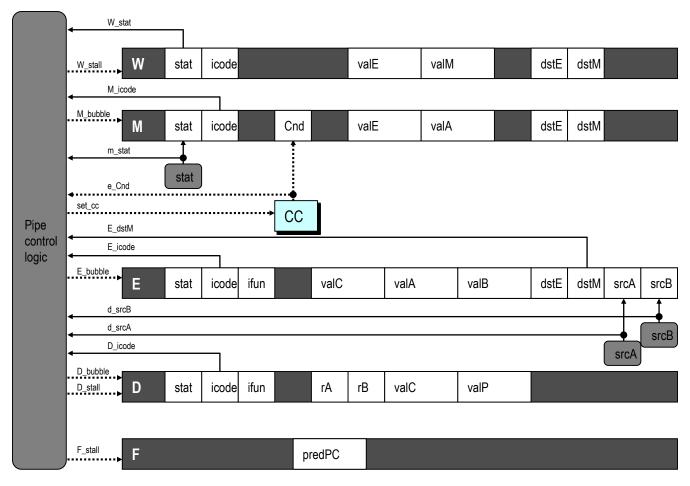
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| | Cycle 8 |
|------------|-----------------------|
| Write Back | bubble |
| Memory | bubble |
| Execute | 0x00c: addl %edx,%eax |
| Decode | 0x00e: halt |
| Fetch | |

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- Stalling instruction held back in decode stage
- Following instruction stays in fetch stage
- Bubbles injected into execute stage
 - Like dynamically generated nop's
 - Move through later stages

Implementing Stalling

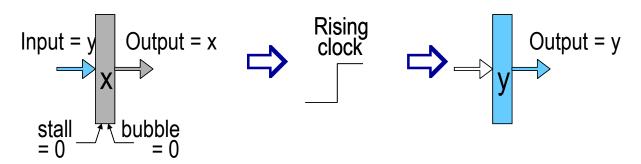


Pipeline Control

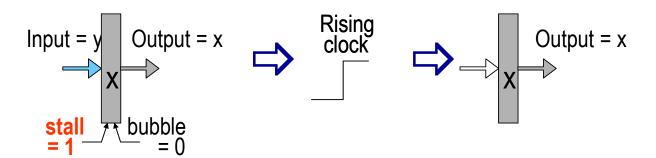
- Combinational logic detects stall condition
- Sets mode signals for how pipeline registers should update

Pipeline Register Modes

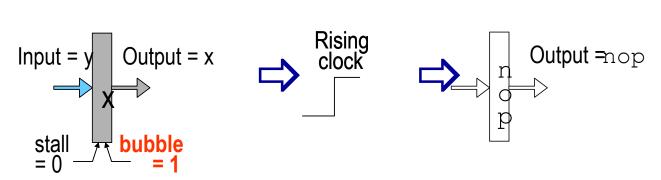
Normal



Stall



Bubble



Data Forwarding

Naïve Pipeline

- Register isn't written until completion of write-back stage
- Source operands read from register file in decode stage
 - Needs to be in register file at start of stage

Observation

Value generated in execute or memory stage

Trick

- Pass value directly from generating instruction to decode stage
- Needs to be available at end of decode stage

Data Forwarding Example

F

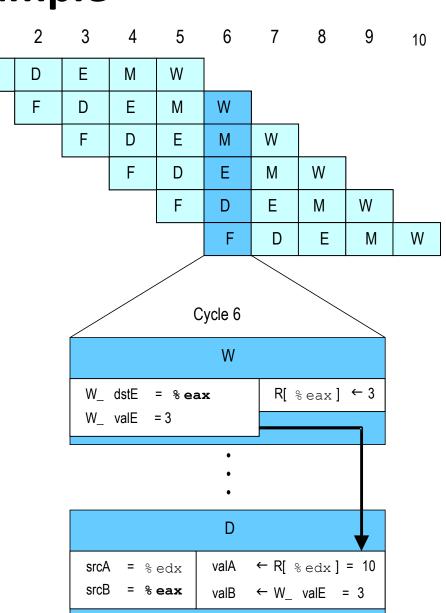
demo-h2.ys

```
0x000: irmovl $10,% edx
0x006: irmovl $3,% eax
0x00c: nop
0x00d: nop
0x00e: addl % edx,% eax
```

irmovl in write-back
stage

0x010: halt

- Destination value in W pipeline register
- Forward as valB for decode stage



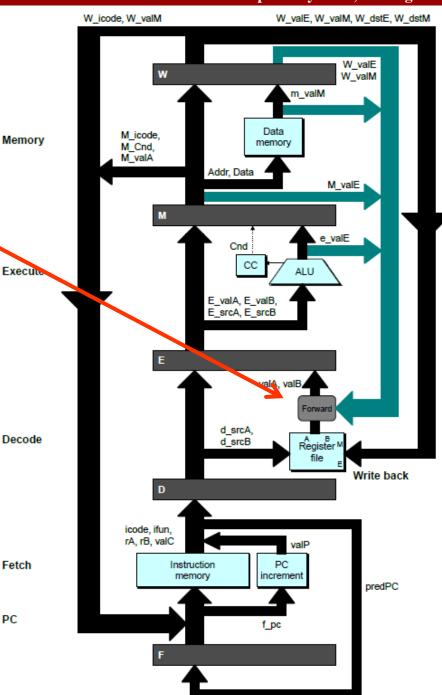
Bypass Paths

Decode Stage

- Forwarding logic selects valA and valB
- Normally from register file
- Forwarding: get valA or valB from later pipeline stage

Forwarding Sources

- Execute: valE
- Memory: valE, valM
- Write back: valE, valM



Fetch

PC

Data Forwarding Example #2

demo-h0.ys

0x000: irmovl \$10,%edx

0x006: irmovl \$3,%eax

0x00c: addl %edx, %eax

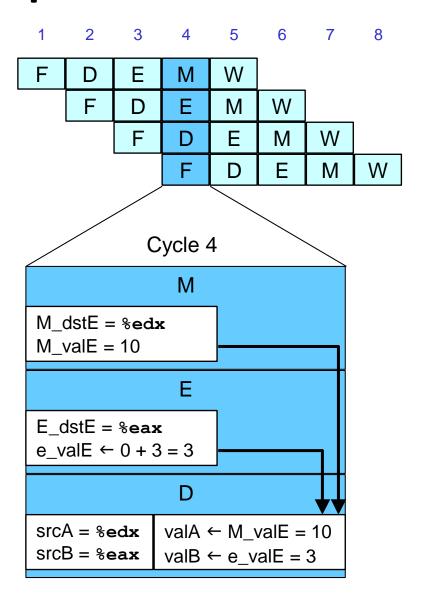
0x00e: halt

■ Register %edx

- Generated by ALU during previous cycle
- Forward from memory as valA

■ Register %eax

- Value just generated by ALU
- Forward from execute as valB



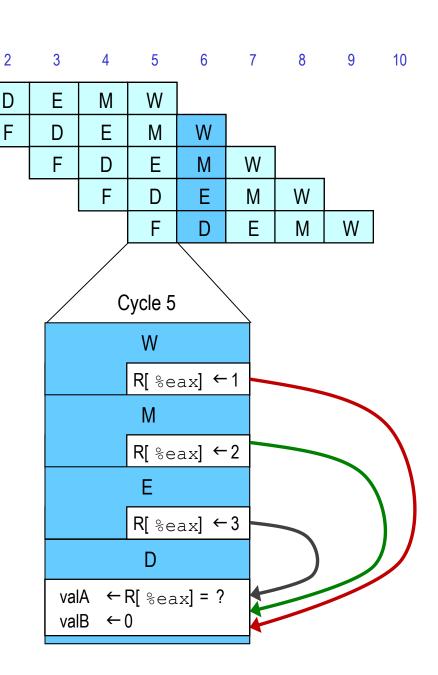
Forwarding Priority

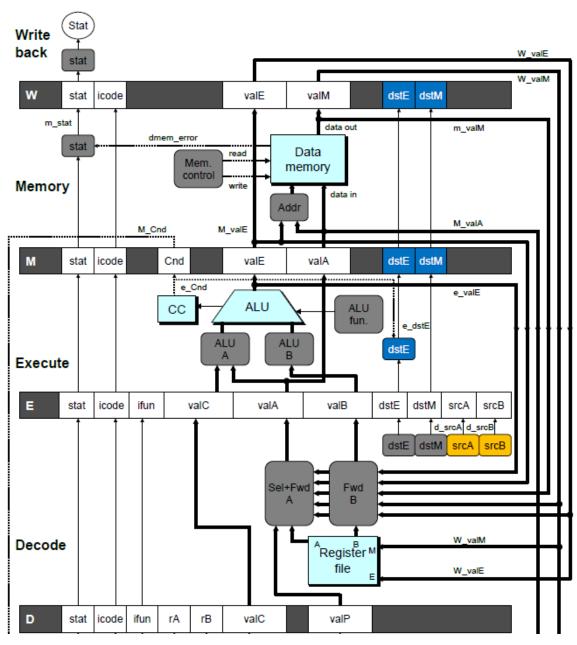
demo-priority.ys

0x000: irmovl \$1, %eax
0x006: irmovl \$2, %eax
0x00c: irmovl \$3, %eax
0x012: rrmovl %eax, %edx
0x014: halt

Multiple Forwarding Choices

- Which one should have priority?
- Use matching value from earliest pipeline stage
- Match sequential semantics

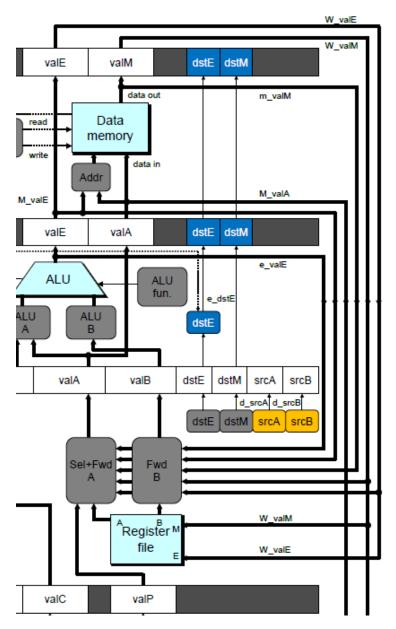




Implementing Forwarding

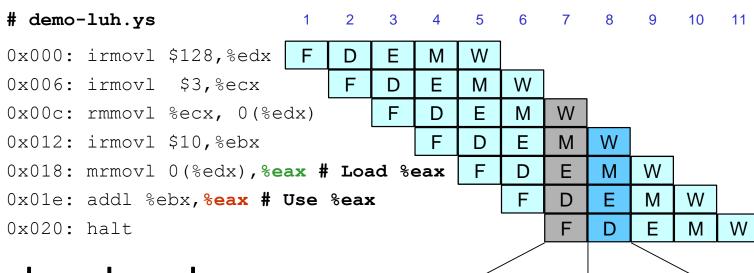
- Add additional feedback paths from E, M, and W pipeline registers into decode stage
- Create logic blocks to select from multiple sources for valA and valB in decode stage

Implementing Forwarding



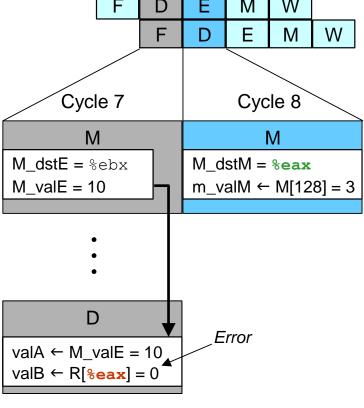
```
## What should be the A value?
int new E valA = [
 # Use incremented PC
    D icode in { ICALL, IJXX } : D valP;
 # Forward valE from execute
    d srcA == e dstE : e valE;
 # Forward valM from memory
    d srcA == M dstM : m valM;
 # Forward valE from memory
    d srcA == M dstE : M valE;
 # Forward valM from write back
    d srcA == W dstM : W valM;
 # Forward valE from write back
    d srcA == W dstE : W valE;
 # Use value read from register file
    1 : d rvalA;
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Limitation of Forwarding



Load-use dependency

- Value needed by end of decode stage in cycle 7
- Value read from memory in memory stage of cycle 8



M

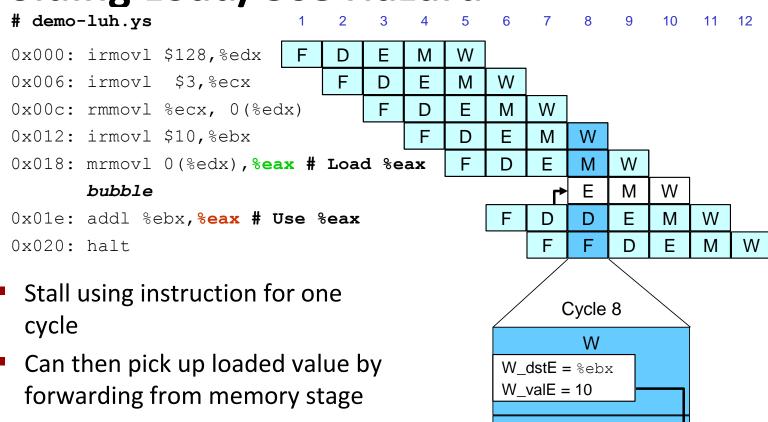
 $m_valM \leftarrow M[128] = 3$

D

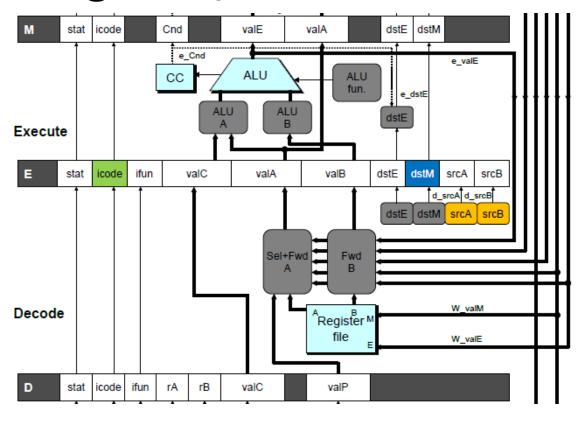
 $valA \leftarrow W_valE = 10$ $valB \leftarrow m_valM = 3$

 $M_dstM = eax$

Avoiding Load/Use Hazard

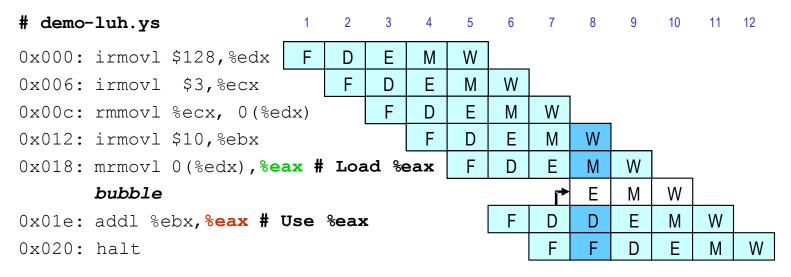


Detecting Load/Use Hazard



| Condition | Trigger |
|-----------------|--|
| Load/Use Hazard | E_icode in { IMRMOVL, IPOPL } && E_dstM in { d_srcA, d_srcB } |

Control for Load/Use Hazard



- Stall instructions in fetch and decode stages
- Inject bubble into execute stage

| Condition | F | D | E | M | W |
|-----------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Load/Use Hazard | stall | stall | bubble | normal | normal |

Should not execute

Branch Misprediction Example

demo-j.ys

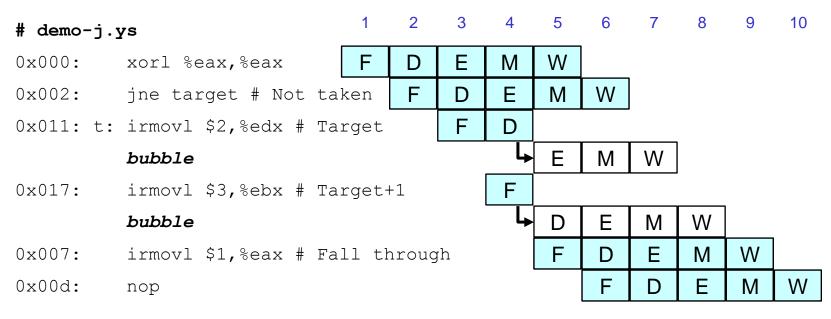
0x01d:

```
0x000:
           xorl %eax,%eax
 0x002:
           jne t
                              # Not taken
 0x007:
           irmovl $1, %eax
                              # Fall through
 0x00d:
           nop
 0x00e:
           nop
 0x00f:
           nop
 0 \times 010:
           halt
 0x011: t: irmovl $3, %edx
                              # Target (Should not
execute)
           irmovl $4, %ecx
 0 \times 017:
                              # Should not execute
```

Should only execute first 8 instructions

irmovl \$5, %edx

Handling Misprediction



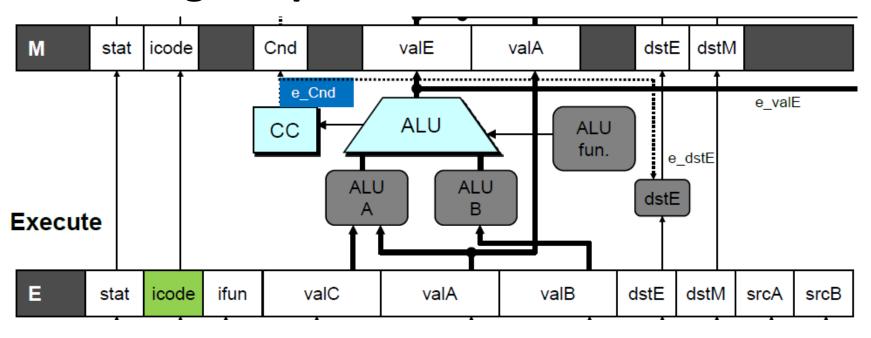
Predict branch as taken

■ Fetch 2 instructions at target

Cancel when mispredicted

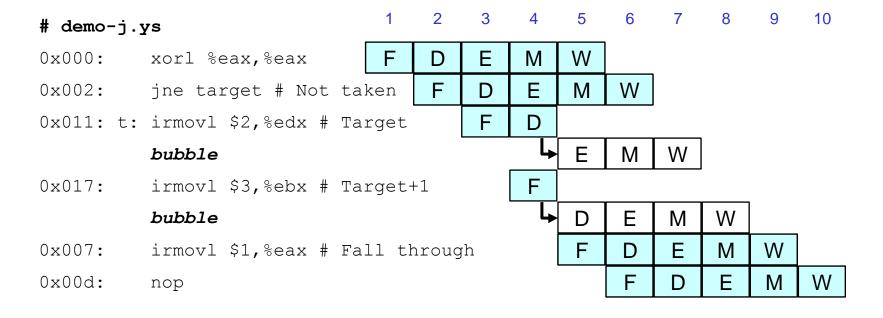
- Detect branch not-taken in execute stage
- On following cycle, replace instructions in execute and decode by bubbles
- Key point: No side effects have occurred yet

Detecting Mispredicted Branch



| Condition | Trigger |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Mispredicted Branch | E_icode = IJXX & !e_Cnd |

Control for Misprediction



| Condition | F | D | E | M | W |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Mispredicted Branch | normal | bubble | bubble | normal | normal |

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Return Example

```
0x000:
         irmovl Stack,%esp # Initialize stack pointer
                            # Procedure call
0x006:
         call p
0x00b:
         irmovl $5,%esi
                            # Return point
0 \times 011:
         halt
0x020: .pos 0x20
0x020: p: irmovl $-1,%edi
                            # procedure
0 \times 026:
         ret
0x027: irmovl $1, %eax
                            # Should not be executed
0x02d: irmov1 $2, %ecx
                            # Should not be executed
0x033:
         irmovl $3,%edx
                            # Should not be executed
         irmovl $4,%ebx
0x039:
                            # Should not be executed
0x100: .pos 0x100
0x100: Stack:
                            # Stack: Stack pointer
```

Previously executed three additional instructions

Correct Return Example

F

D

F

demo-retb

0x026: ret

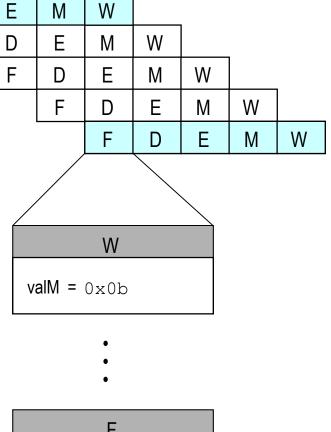
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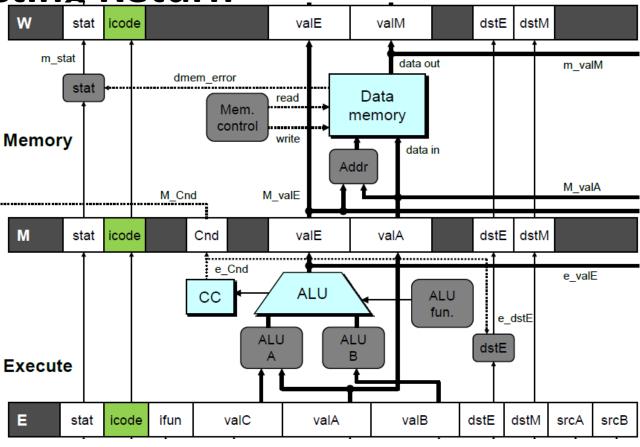
bubble

0x00b: irmovl \$5,% esi # Return

- As ret passes through pipeline, stall at fetch stage
 - While in decode, execute, and memory stage
- Inject bubble into decode stage
- Release stall when reach writeback stage



Detecting Return



| Condition | Trigger |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Processing ret | IRET in { D_icode, E_icode, M_icode } |

Control for Return

demo-retb

0x026: ret

bubble

bubble

bubble

0x00b: irmovl \$5,%esi # Return

| | F | D | Е | М | W | | | | |
|---|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | F | D | Е | М | W | | _ | |
| | | | F | D | Е | М | W | | _ |
| | | | | F | D | Е | М | W | |
| Ι | Retur | n | ! | | F | D | Е | М | W |

| Condition | F | D | E | M | W |
|----------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Processing ret | stall | bubble | normal | normal | normal |

Special Control Cases

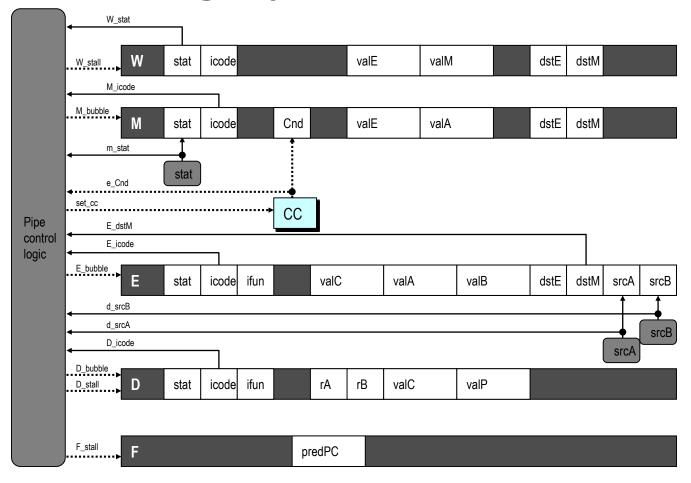
Detection

| Condition | Trigger |
|---------------------|---|
| Processing ret | IRET in { D_icode, E_icode, M_icode } |
| Load/Use Hazard | E_icode in { IMRMOVL, IPOPL } && E_dstM in { d_srcA, d_srcB } |
| Mispredicted Branch | E_icode = IJXX & !e_Cnd |

Action (on next cycle)

| Condition | F | D | E | M | W |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Processing ret | stall | bubble | normal | normal | normal |
| Load/Use Hazard | stall | stall | bubble | normal | normal |
| Mispredicted Branch | normal | bubble | bubble | normal | normal |

Implementing Pipeline Control

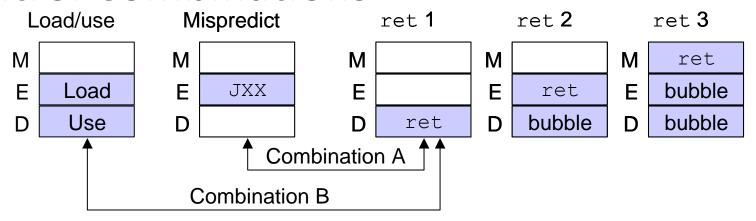


- Combinational logic generates pipeline control signals
- Action occurs at start of following cycle

Initial Version of Pipeline Control

```
bool F stall =
    # Conditions for a load/use hazard
    E icode in { IMRMOVL, IPOPL } && E dstM in { d srcA, d srcB } ||
    # Stalling at fetch while ret passes through pipeline
     IRET in { D icode, E icode, M icode };
bool D stall =
    # Conditions for a load/use hazard
    E icode in { IMRMOVL, IPOPL } && E dstM in { d srcA, d srcB };
bool D bubble =
    # Mispredicted branch
     (E icode == IJXX && !e Cnd) ||
    # Stalling at fetch while ret passes through pipeline
     IRET in { D icode, E icode, M icode };
bool E bubble =
    # Mispredicted branch
     (E icode == IJXX && !e Cnd) ||
    # Load/use hazard
    E icode in { IMRMOVL, IPOPL } && E dstM in { d srcA, d srcB };
```

Control Combinations



Special cases that can arise on same clock cycle

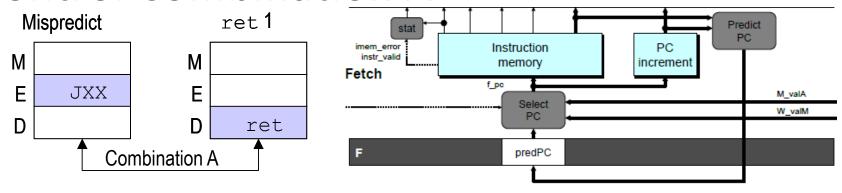
Combination A

- Not-taken branch
- ret instruction at branch target

Combination B

- Instruction that reads from memory to %esp
- Followed by ret instruction

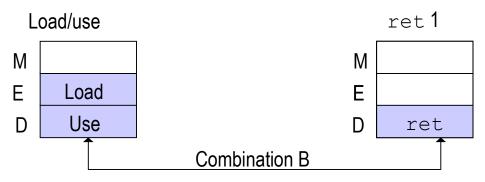
Control Combination A



| Condition | F | D | Е | M | W |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Processing ret | stall | bubble | normal | normal | normal |
| Mispredicted Branch | normal | bubble | bubble | normal | normal |
| Combination | stall | bubble | bubble | normal | normal |

- Should handle as mispredicted branch
- Stalls F pipeline register
- But PC selection logic will be using M_valM anyhow

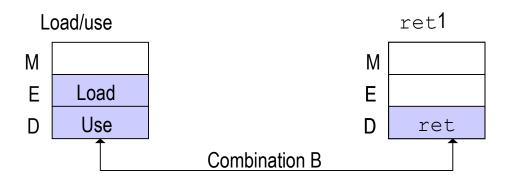
Control Combination B



| Condition | F | D | Е | M | W |
|-----------------|-------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Processing ret | stall | bubble | normal | normal | normal |
| Load/Use Hazard | stall | stall | bubble | normal | normal |
| Combination | stall | bubble + stall | bubble | normal | normal |

- Would attempt to bubble *and* stall pipeline register D
- Signaled by processor as pipeline error

Handling Control Combination B



| Condition | F | D | E | M | W |
|-----------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Processing ret | stall | bubble | normal | normal | normal |
| Load/Use Hazard | stall | stall | bubble | normal | normal |
| Combination | stall | stall | bubble | normal | normal |

- Load/use hazard should get priority
- ret instruction should be held in decode stage for additional cycle

Corrected Pipeline Control Logic

```
bool D_bubble =
    # Mispredicted branch
    (E_icode == IJXX && !e_Cnd) ||
    # Stalling at fetch while ret passes through pipeline
    IRET in { D_icode, E_icode, M_icode }
        # but not condition for a load/use hazard
        && !(E_icode in { IMRMOVL, IPOPL }
              && E_dstM in { d_srcA, d_srcB });
```

| Condition | F | D | E | M | W |
|-----------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Processing ret | stall | bubble | normal | normal | normal |
| Load/Use Hazard | stall | stall | bubble | normal | normal |
| Combination | stall | stall | bubble | normal | normal |

- Load/use hazard should get priority
- ret instruction should be held in decode stage for additional cycle

Pipeline Part 2: Summary

Data Hazards

- Most handled by forwarding
 - No performance penalty
- Load/use hazard requires one cycle stall

Control Hazards

- Cancel instructions when detect mispredicted branch
 - Two clock cycles wasted
- Stall fetch stage while ret passes through pipeline
 - Three clock cycles wasted

Control Combinations

- Must analyze carefully
- First version had subtle bug
 - Only arises with unusual instruction combination