# 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** 



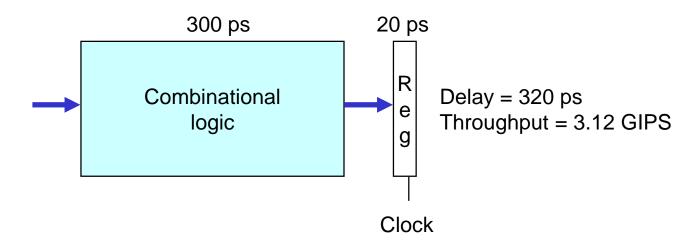
**Pipelined** 



### Idea

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

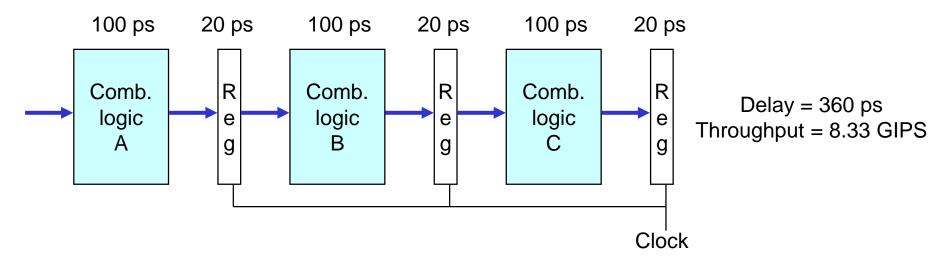
# **Computational Example**



## 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**

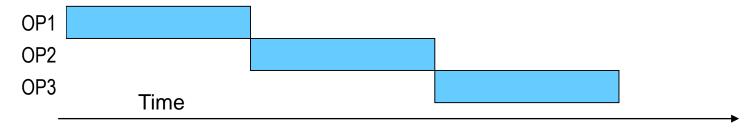


### System

- 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

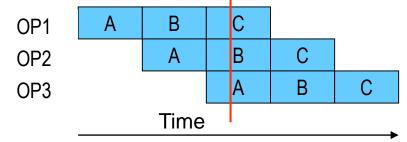
# **Pipeline Diagrams**

## Unpipelined



Cannot start new operation until previous one completes

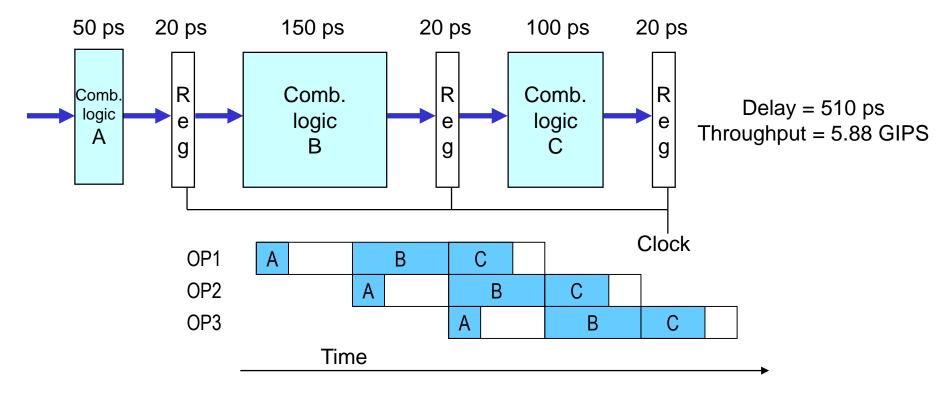
## 3-Way Pipelined



Up to 3 operations in process simultaneously

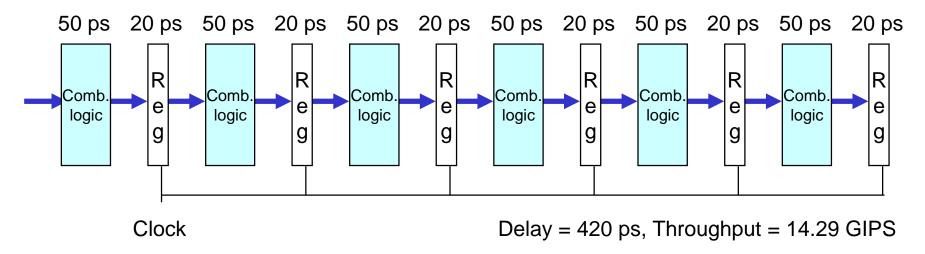
Operating a Pipeline 300 359 Clock OP1 В Α OP2 Α OP3 В C 0 120 240 360 480 640 Time 100 ps 20 ps 100 ps 20 ps 100 ps 20 ps Comb. Comb. Comb. R logic logic logic В Clock

# **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:

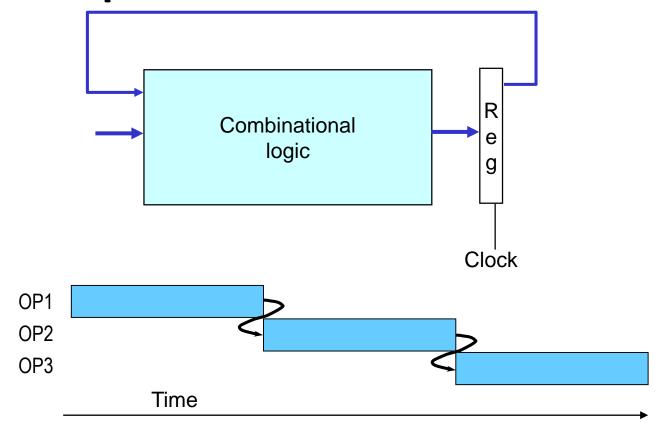
1-stage pipeline: 6.25%

3-stage pipeline: 16.67%

6-stage pipeline: 28.57%

 High speeds of modern processor designs obtained through very deep pipelining

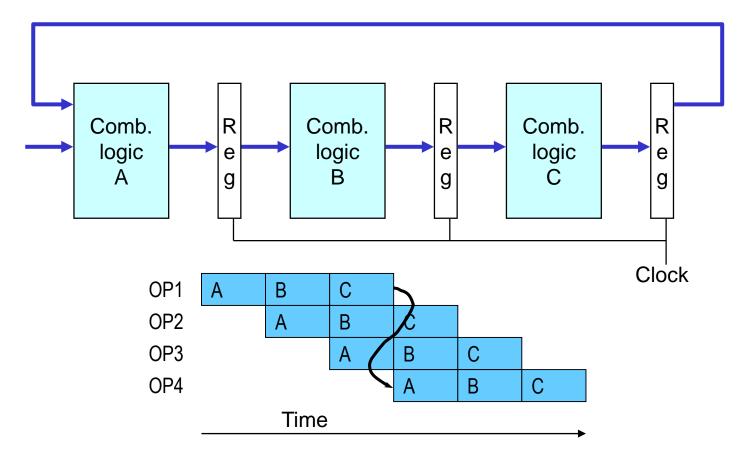
# **Data Dependencies**



## 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

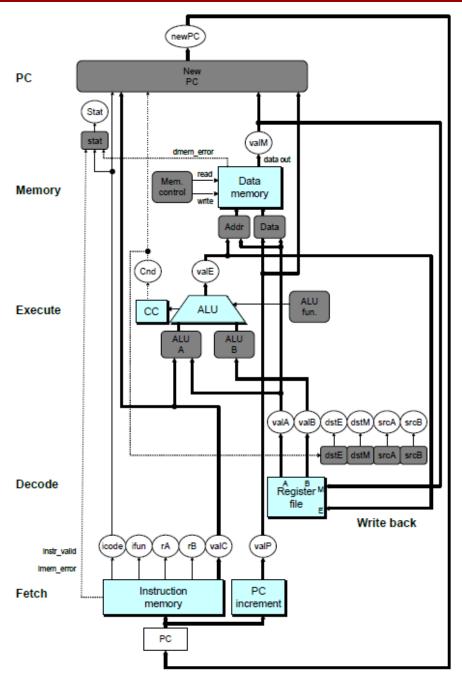
# **Data Dependencies in Processors**

```
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**

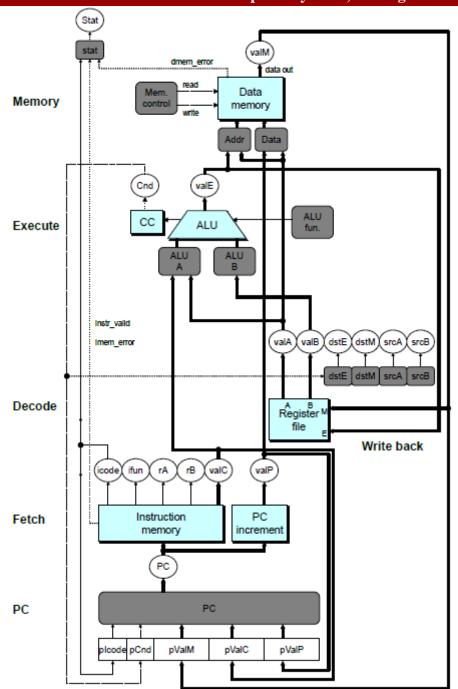
- Still sequential implementation
- Reorder PC stage to put at beginning

## PC Stage

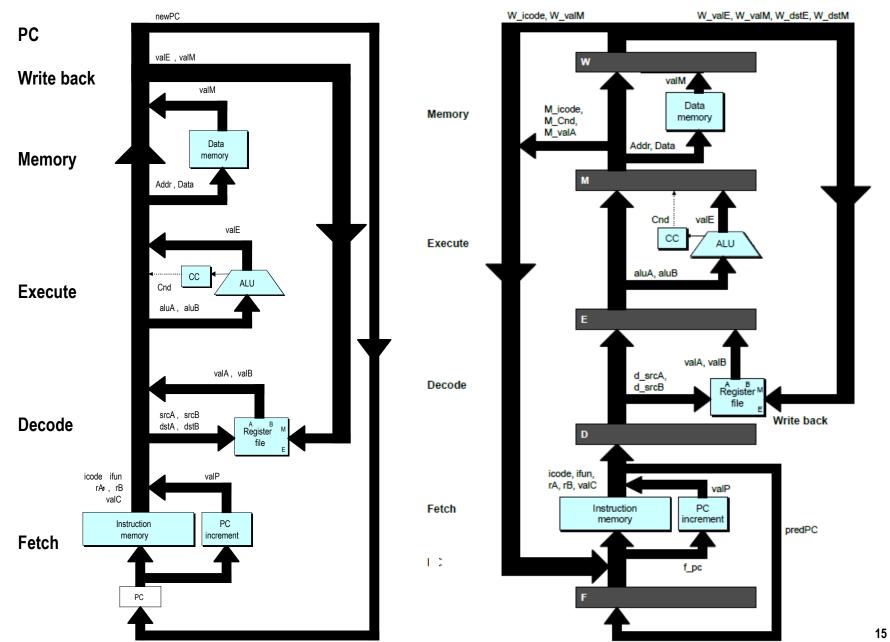
- Task is to select PC for current instruction
- Based on results computed by previous instruction

### 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

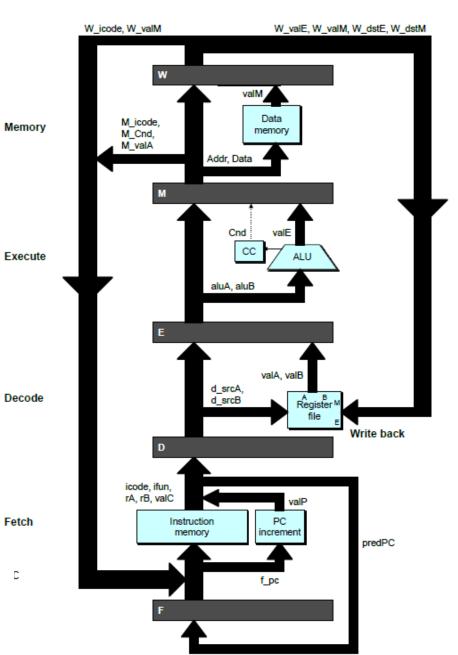
Operate ALU

## Memory

Read or write data memory

### Write Back

Update register file

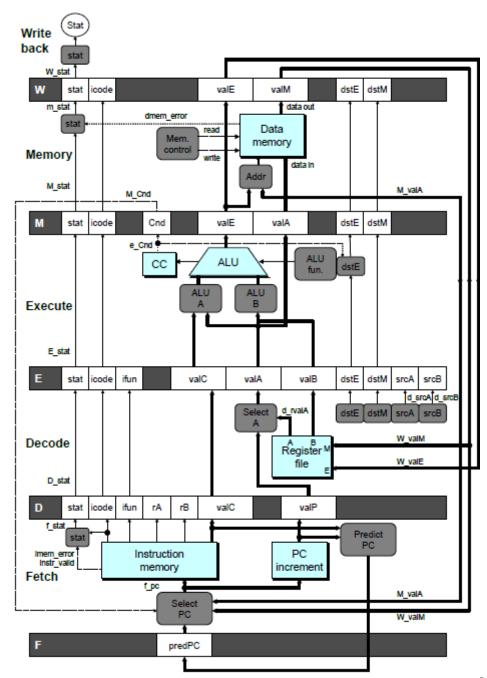


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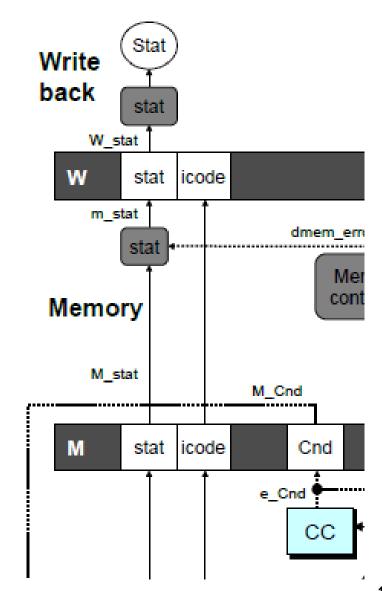
# **Signal Naming Conventions**

## 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

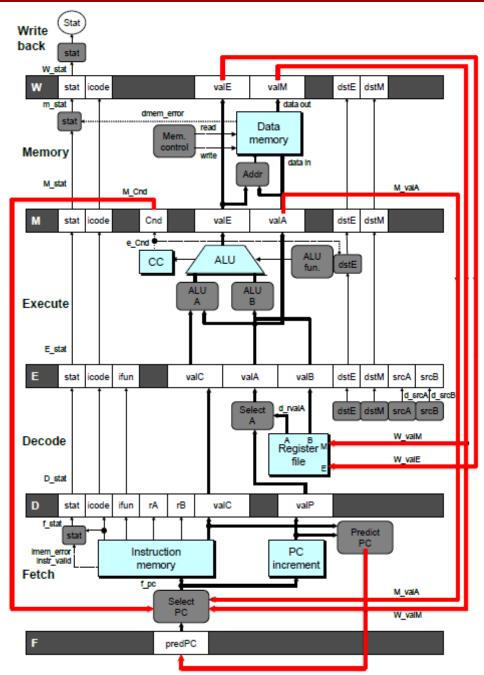
- Jump taken/not-taken
- Fall-through or target address

## Return point

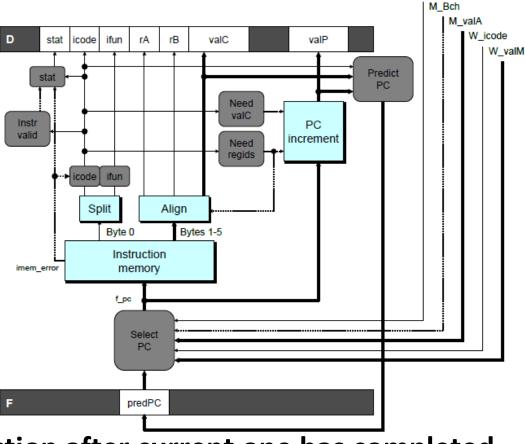
Read from memory

## 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

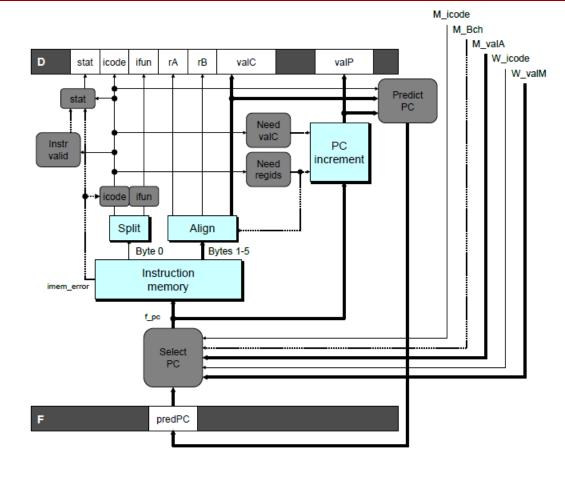
## Conditional Jumps

- 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



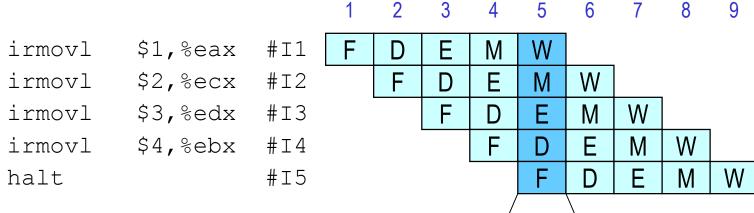
## Mispredicted Jump

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

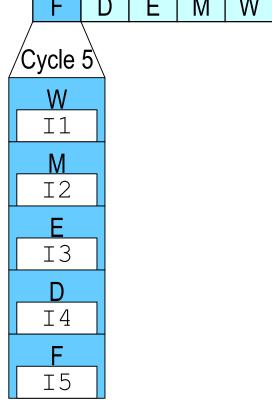
### Return Instruction

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

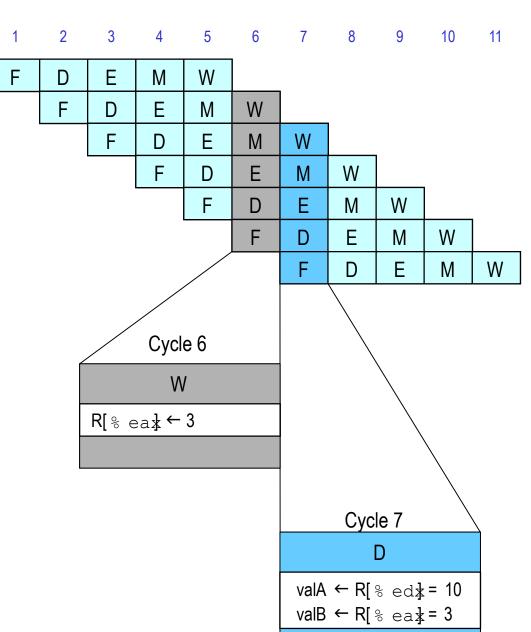
0x00c: nop

0x00d: nop

0x00e: nop

0x00f: addl % edx, % eax

0x011: halt



# Data Dependencies: 2 Nop's

### # demo-h2.ys

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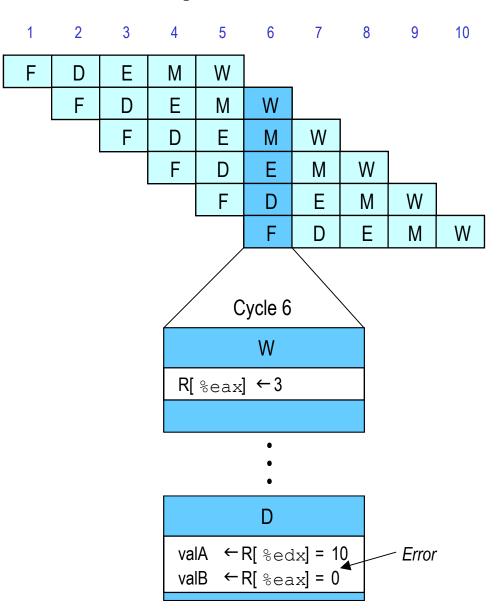
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0x00e: addl %edx, %eax

0x010: halt



# **Data Dependencies: 1 Nop**

### # demo-h1.ys

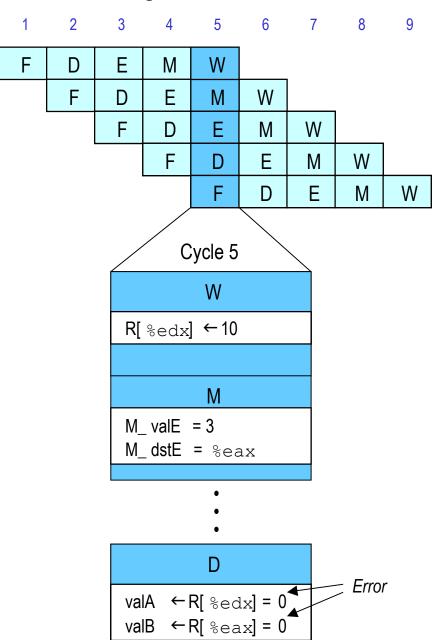
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# **Data Dependencies: No Nop**

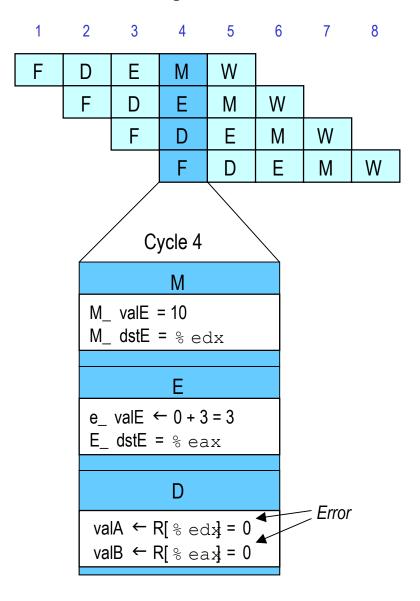
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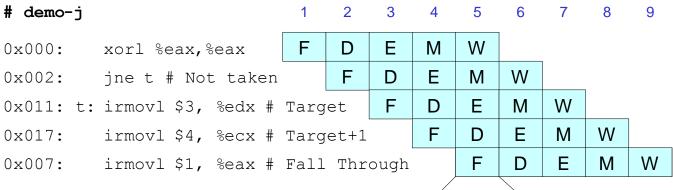


# **Branch Misprediction Example**

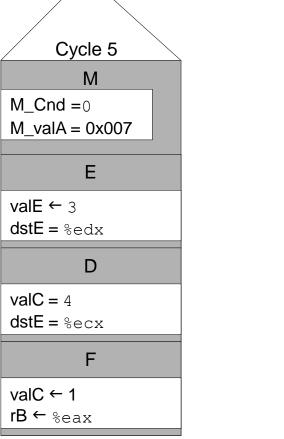
demo-j.ys

```
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 0.07:
          nop
0x008:
          nop
0 \times 009:
                              # Procedure call
          call p
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
```

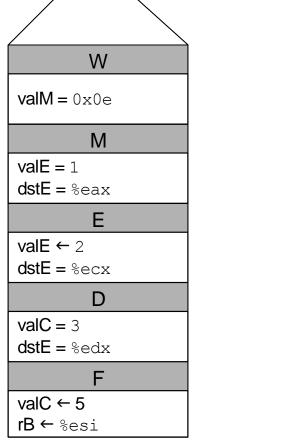
Require lots of nops to avoid data hazards

# **Incorrect Return Example**

#### # demo-ret

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

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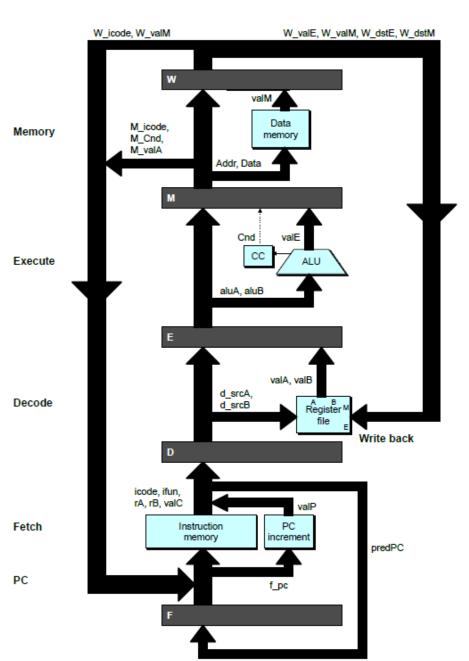
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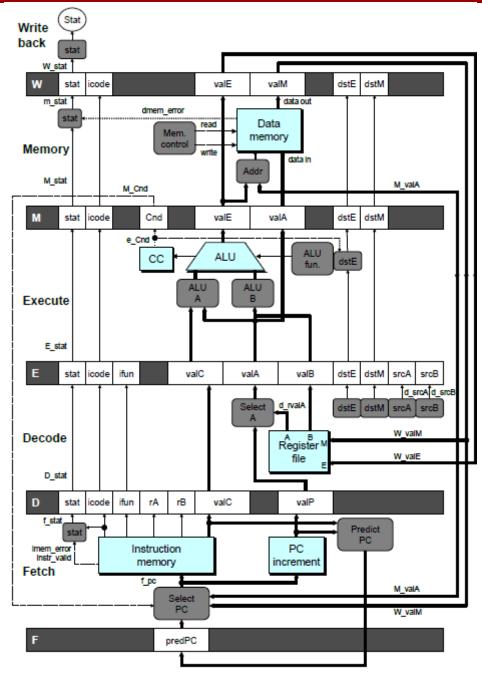


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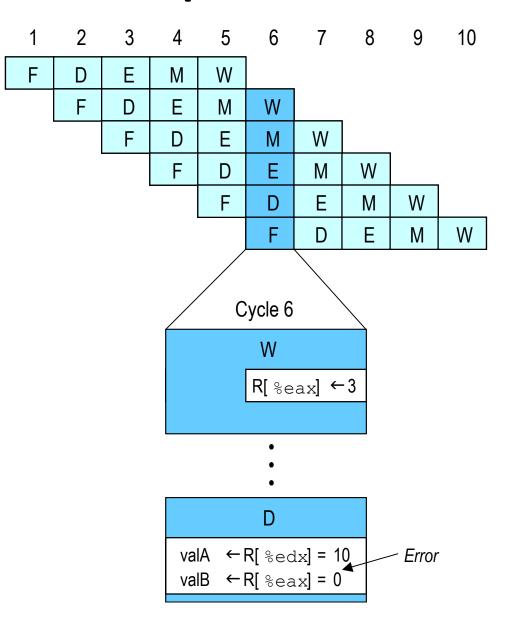
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0x010: halt



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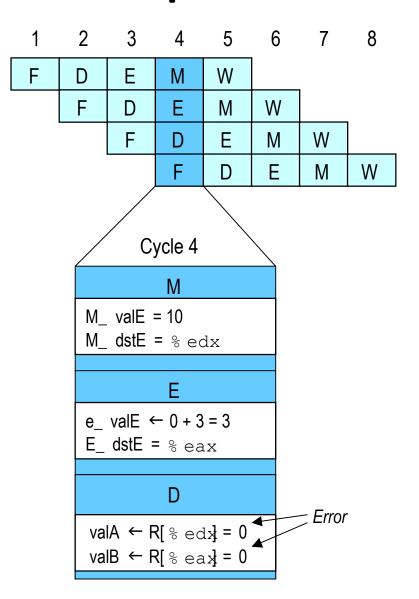
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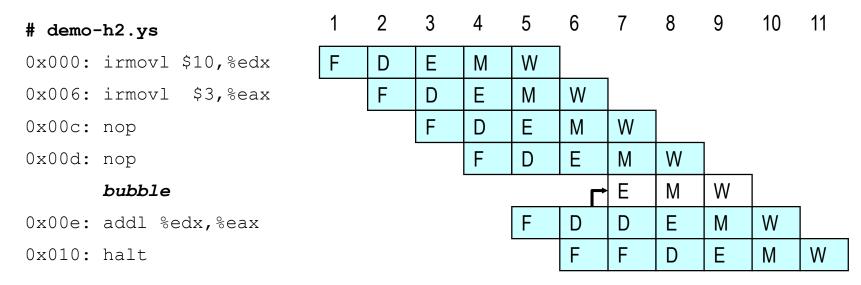
0x006: irmovl \$3,% eax

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**

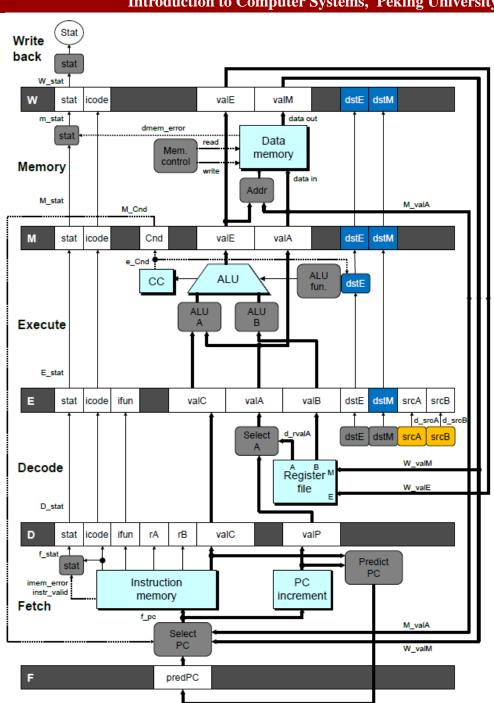
srcA and srcB of current instruction in decode stage

#### **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**

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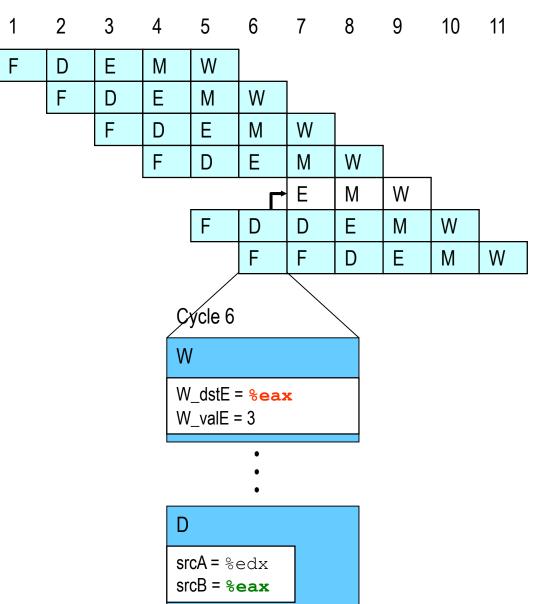
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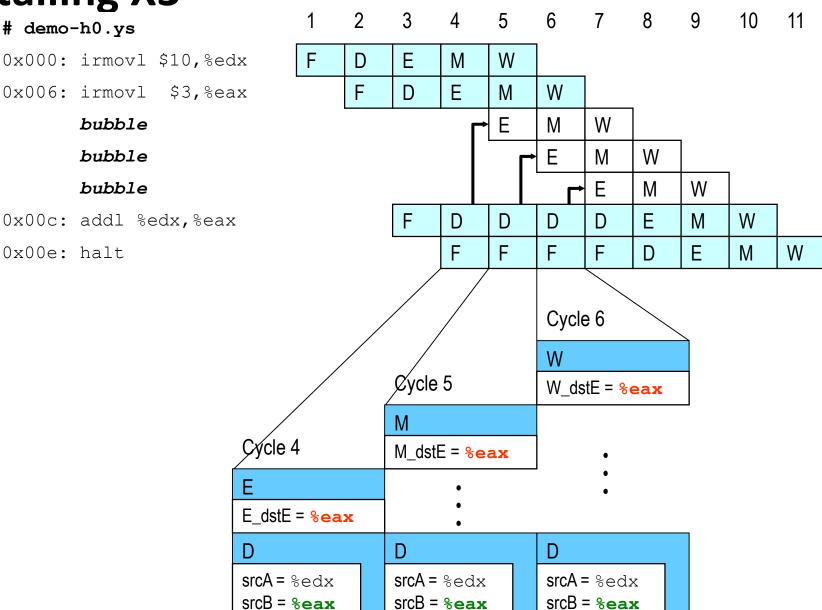
#### bubble

0x00e: addl %edx, %eax

0x010: halt



## **Stalling X3**



## What Happens When Stalling?

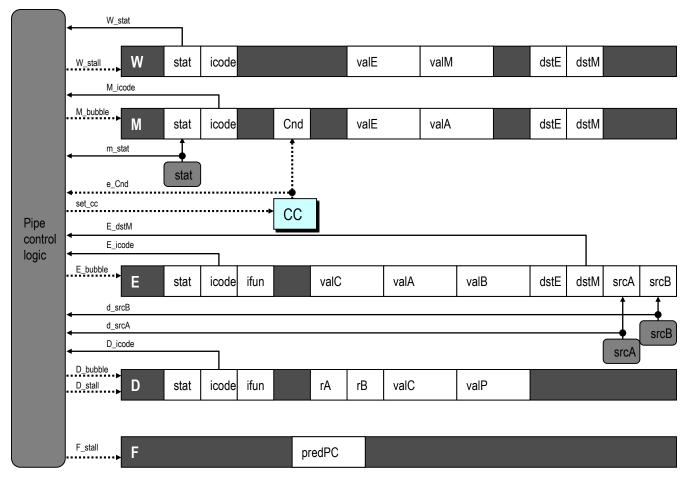
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	Cycle 8
Write Back	bubble
Memory	bubble
Execute	0x00c: addl %edx,%eax
Decode	0x00e: halt
Fetch	

 $C_{Vala}$ 

- 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**

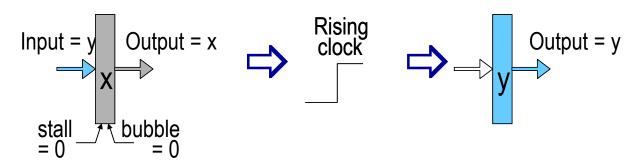


#### Pipeline Control

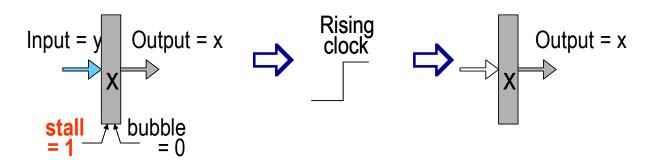
- Combinational logic detects stall condition
- Sets mode signals for how pipeline registers should update

## **Pipeline Register Modes**

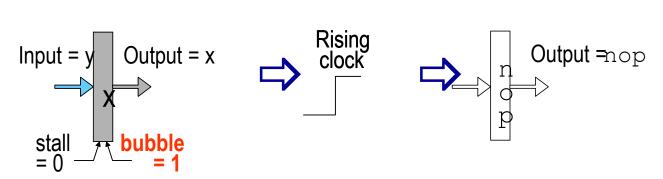
#### **Normal**



#### 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**

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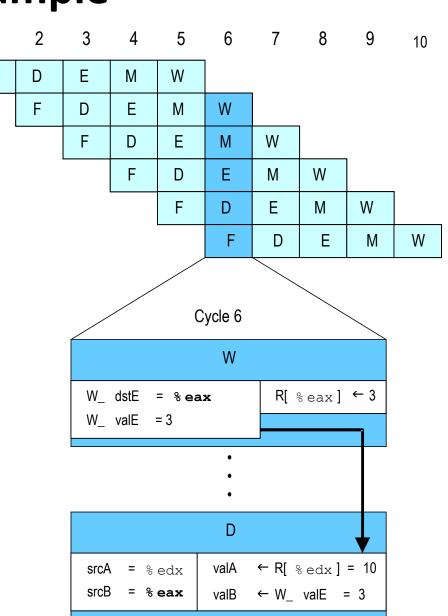
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0x00c: nop
0x00d: nop
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```

irmovl in write-back
stage

0x010: halt

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



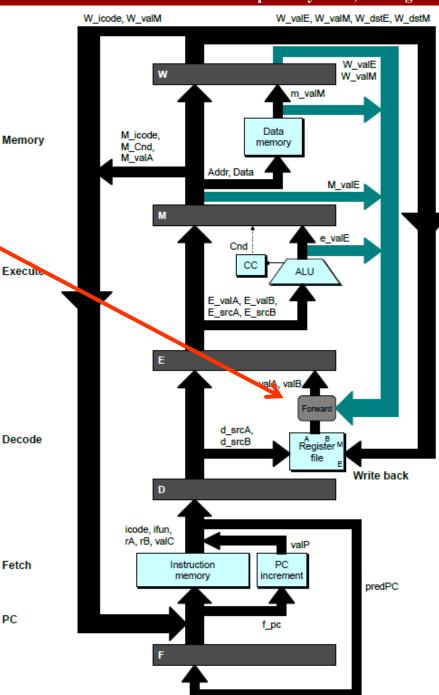
## **Bypass Paths**

#### **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

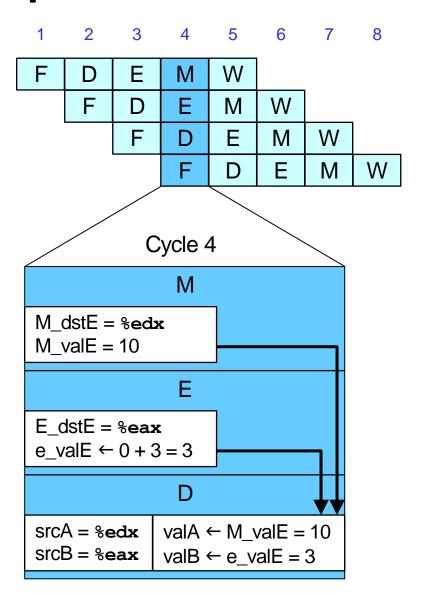
0x00e: halt

#### ■ 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



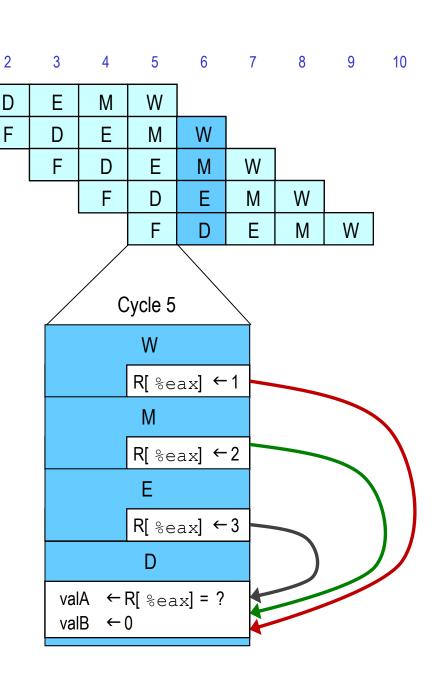
## **Forwarding Priority**

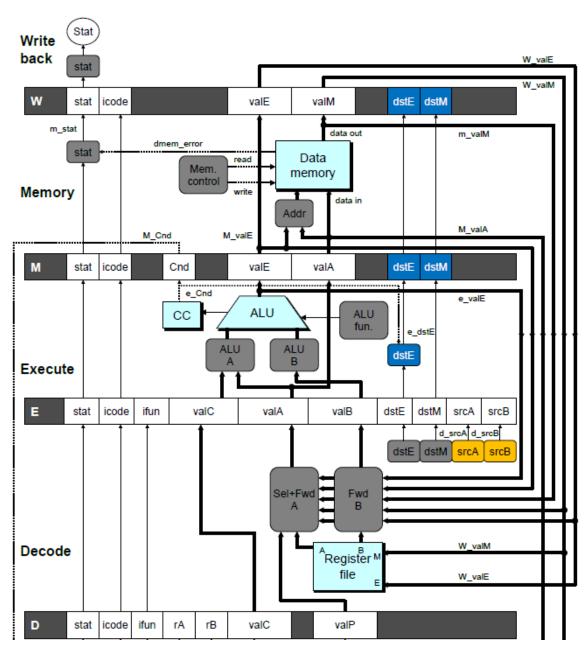
#### # demo-priority.ys

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

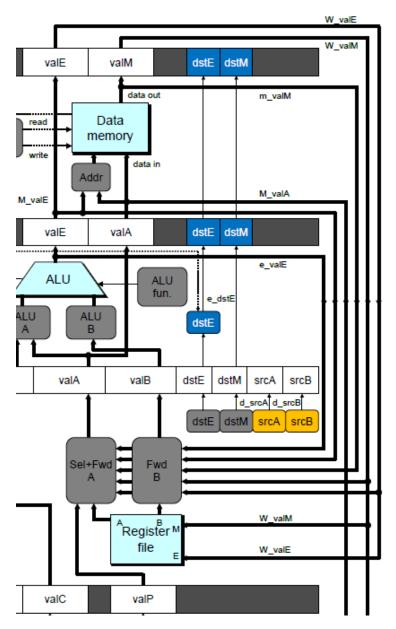




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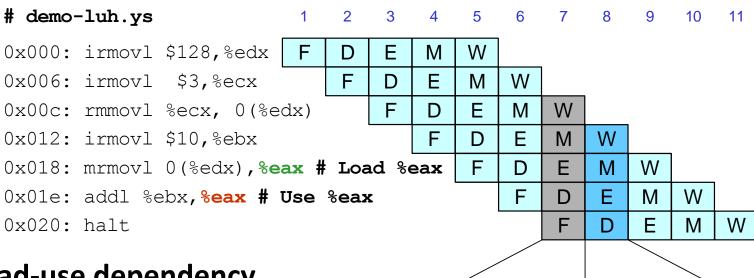
- Add additional feedback paths from E, M, and W pipeline registers into decode stage
- Create logic blocks to select from multiple sources for valA and valB in decode stage

## **Implementing Forwarding**



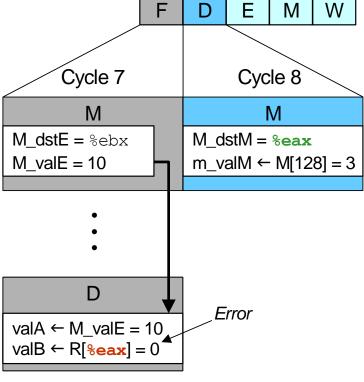
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## What should be the A value?
int new E valA = [
 # Use incremented PC
    D icode in { ICALL, IJXX } : D valP;
 # Forward valE from execute
    d srcA == e dstE : e valE;
 # Forward valM from memory
    d srcA == M dstM : m valM;
 # Forward valE 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;
```

## **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



 $m_valM \leftarrow M[128] = 3$ 

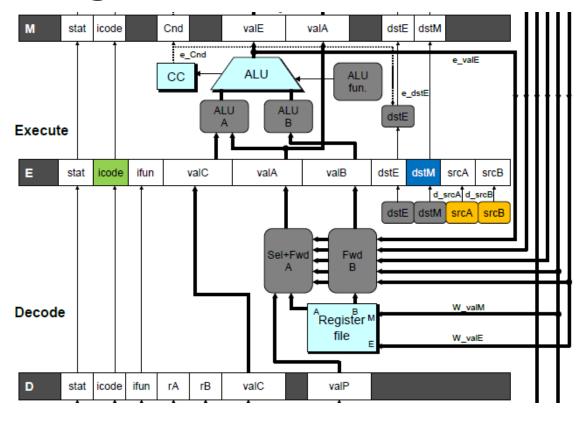
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 $valA \leftarrow W_valE = 10$  $valB \leftarrow m \ valM = 3$ 

## **Avoiding Load/Use Hazard**

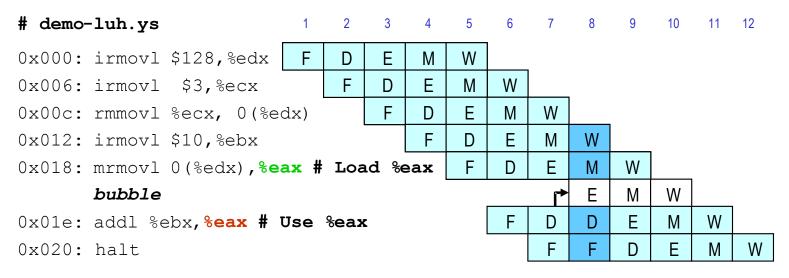
# demo-luh.ys 9 10 6 11 12 Ε 0x000: irmovl \$128, %edx D M W 0x006: irmovl \$3,%ecx F Ε M W F 0x00c: rmmovl %ecx, 0(%edx) Ε W D M Ε 0x012: irmovl \$10,%ebx F D M W Ε 0x018: mrmovl 0(%edx), %eax # Load %eax W M bubble Ε Μ W F Ε 0x01e: addl %ebx, %eax # Use %eax D M W F F D Е W 0x020: halt M Stall using instruction for one Cycle 8 cycle W Can then pick up loaded value by W dstE = %ebx  $W_valE = 10$ forwarding from memory stage M M dstM = eax

## **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

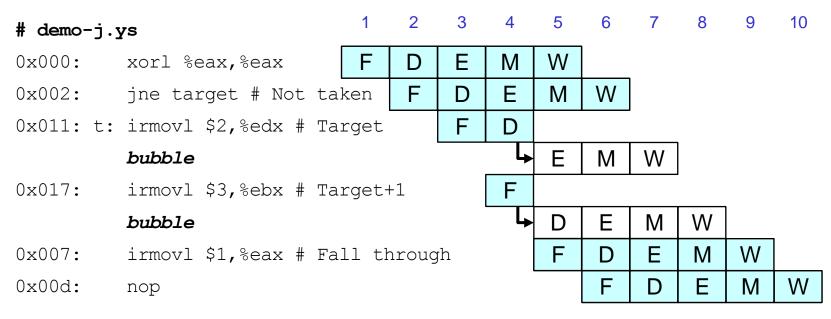
0x01d:

```
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**



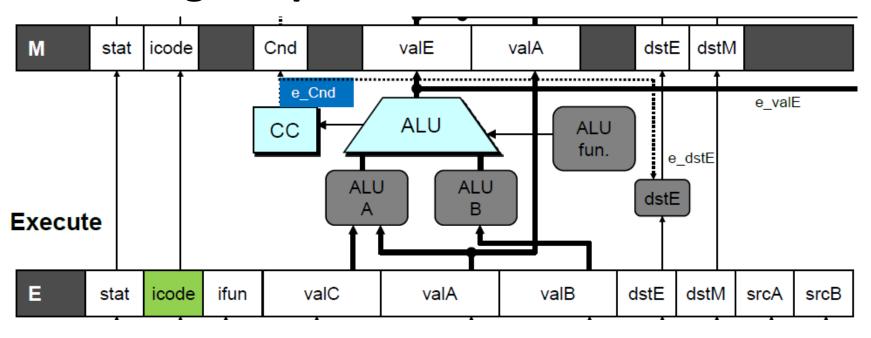
#### Predict branch as taken

■ Fetch 2 instructions at target

#### **Cancel when mispredicted**

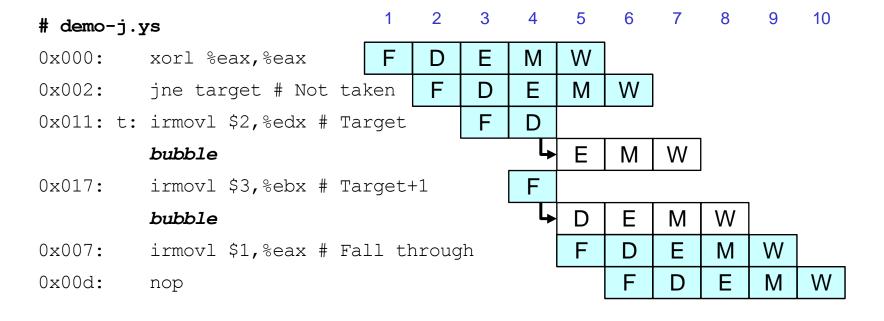
- Detect branch not-taken in execute stage
- On following cycle, replace instructions in execute and decode by bubbles
- Key point: No side effects have occurred yet

## **Detecting Mispredicted Branch**



Condition	Trigger
Mispredicted Branch	E_icode = IJXX & !e_Cnd

## **Control for Misprediction**



Condition	F	D	Е	M	W
Mispredicted Branch	normal	bubble	bubble	normal	normal

#### demo-retb.ys

## **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

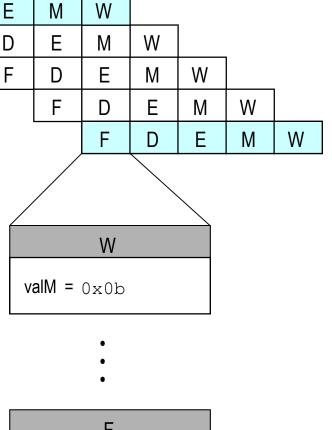
bubble

bubble

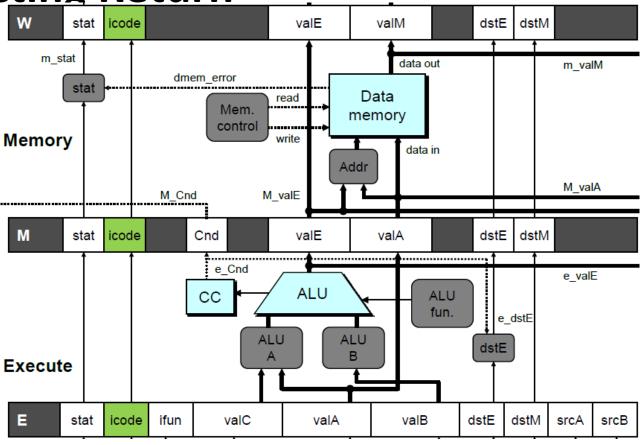
bubble

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	Ε	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	Ш	M	W
Processing ret	stall	bubble	normal	normal	normal

## **Special Control Cases**

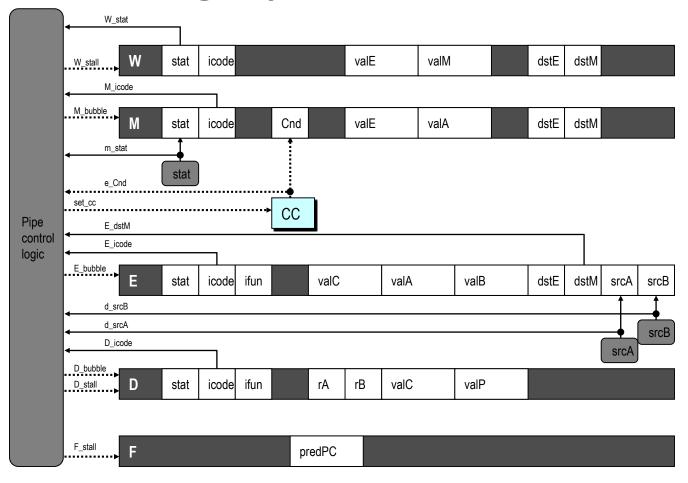
#### Detection

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**

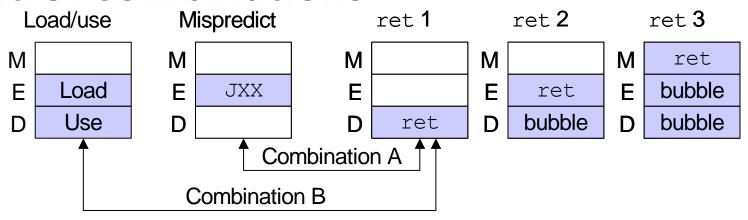


- Combinational logic generates pipeline control signals
- Action occurs at start of following cycle

## **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

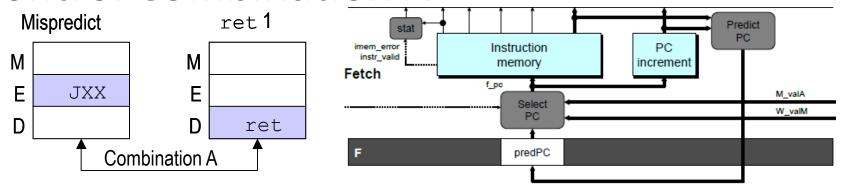
#### Combination A

- Not-taken branch
- ret instruction at branch target

#### Combination B

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

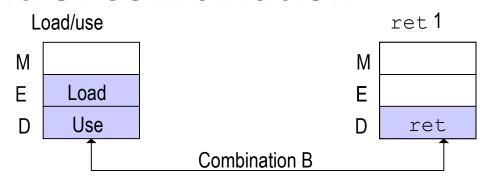
#### **Control Combination A**



Condition	F	D	E	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	Ш	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