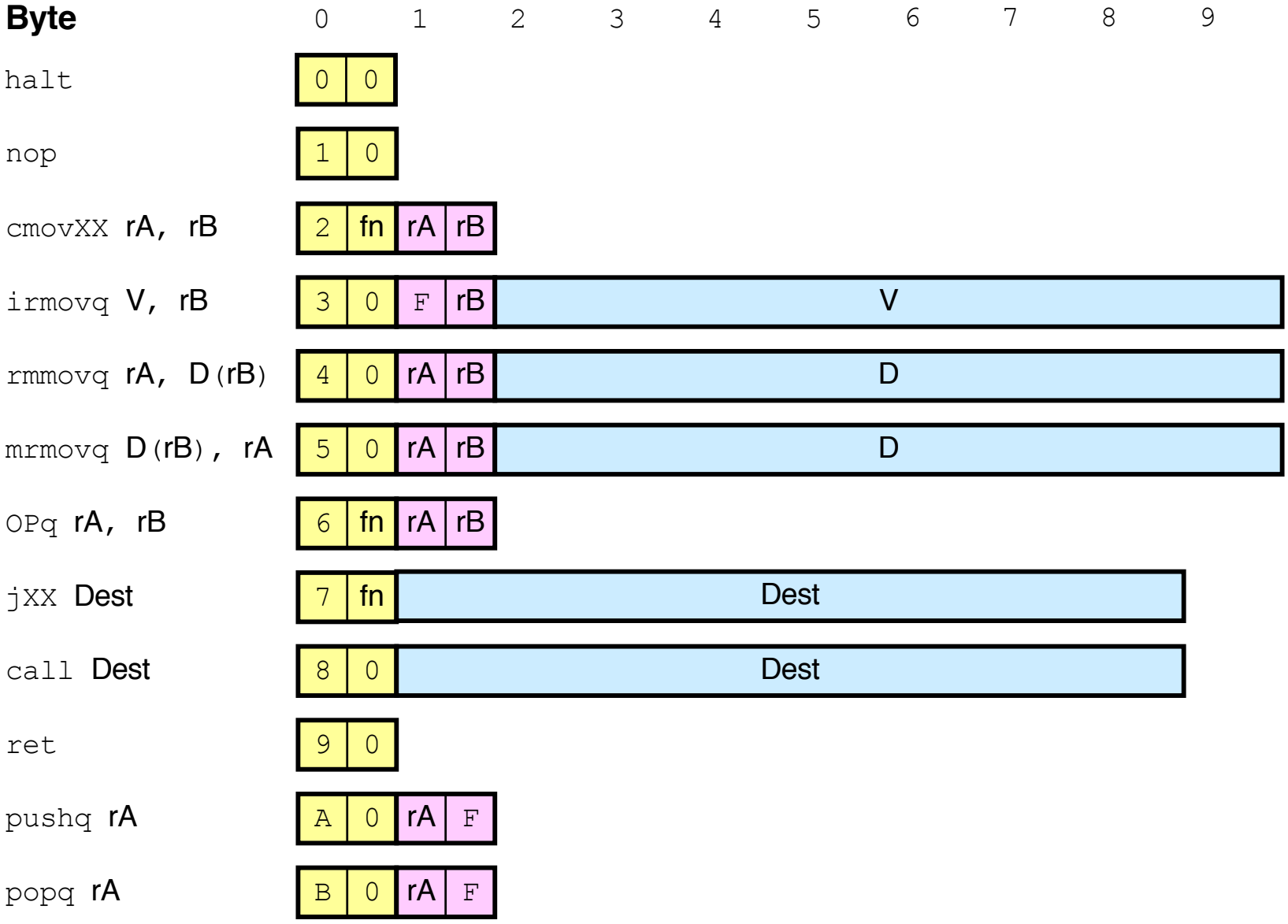
Processor Architecture: Sequential Implementation

SEQ

- Our first processor to be designed from scratch
- Implements IA-64 ISA
- Executes 1 instruction per cycle

Y86-64 Instruction Set #1



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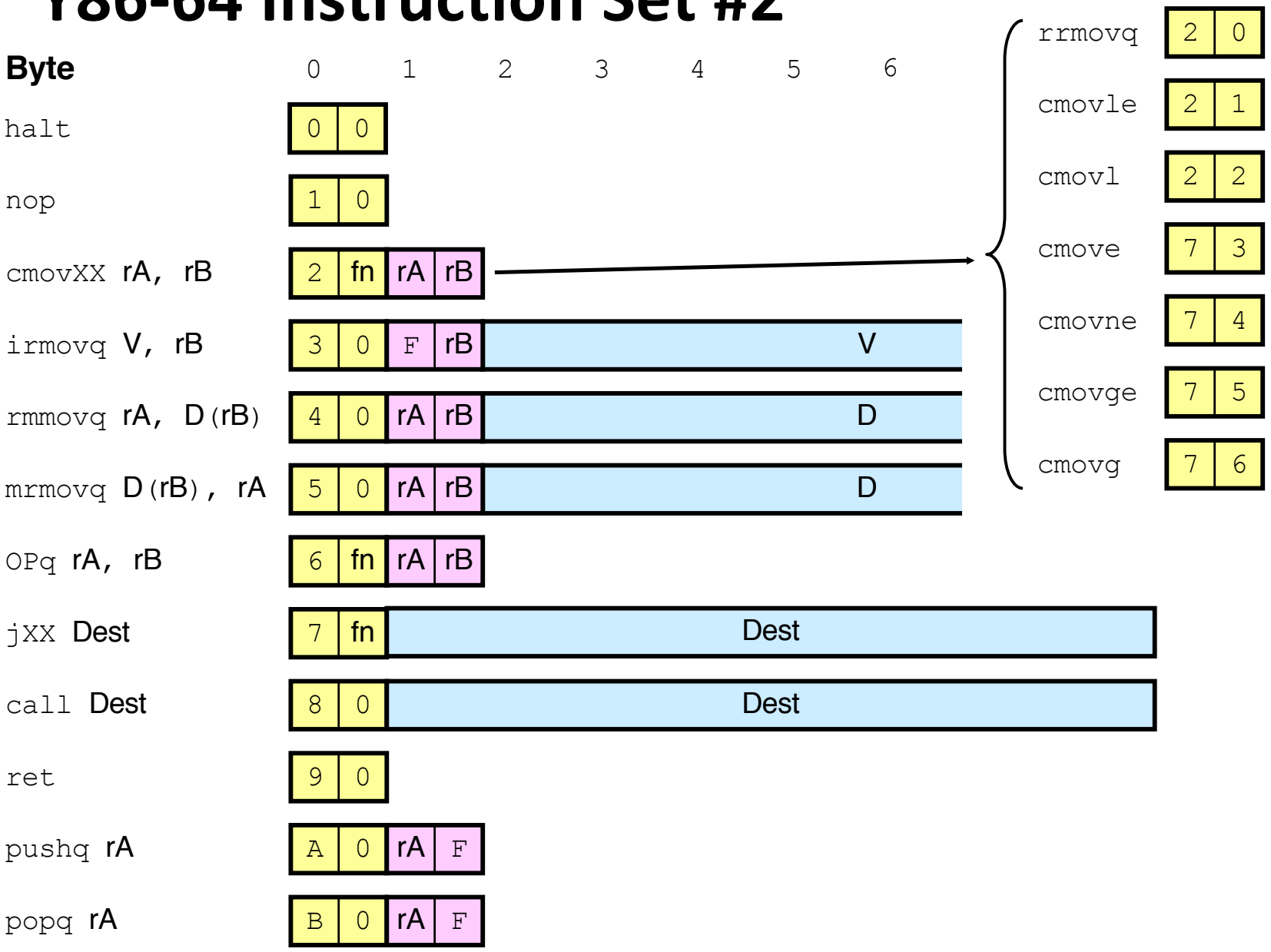

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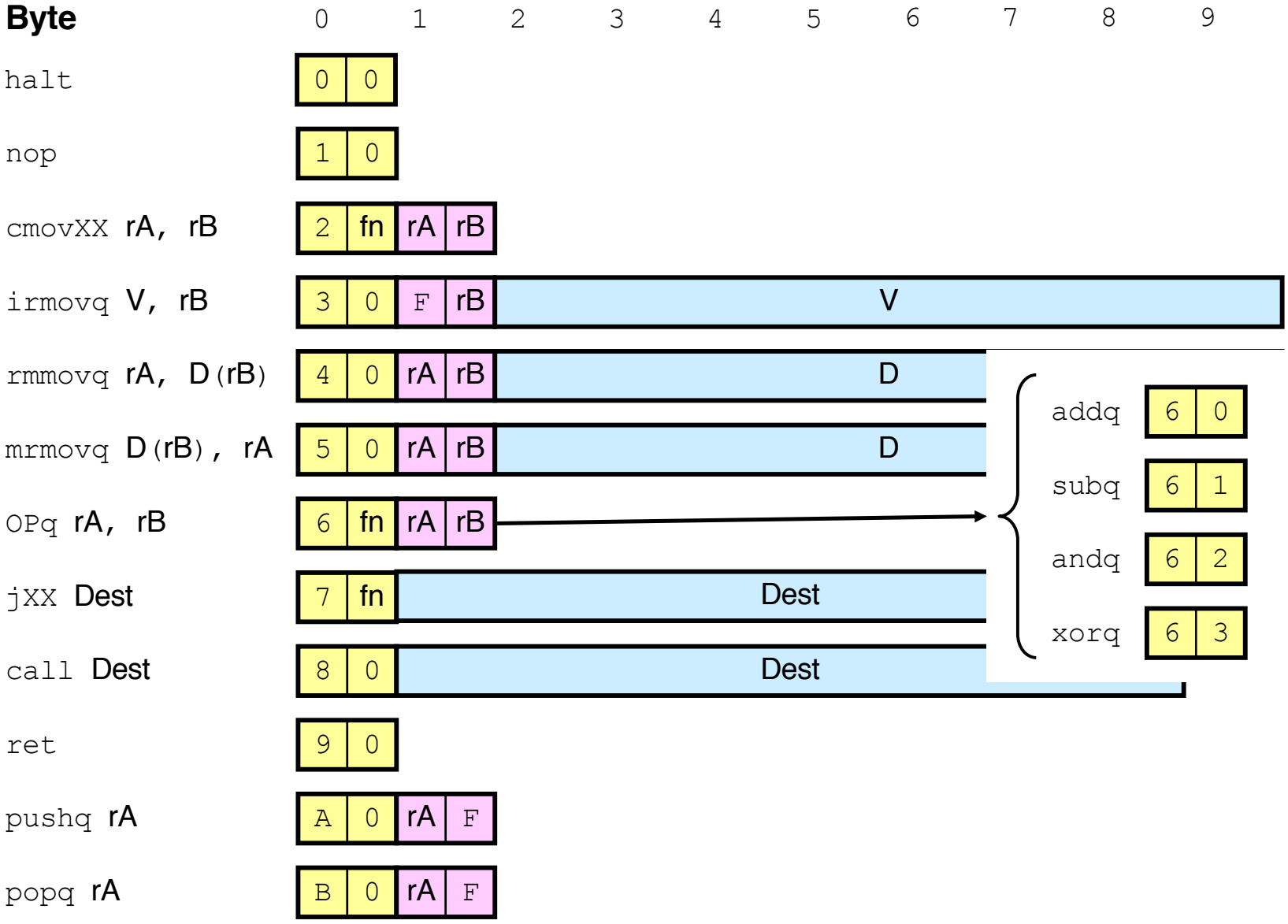

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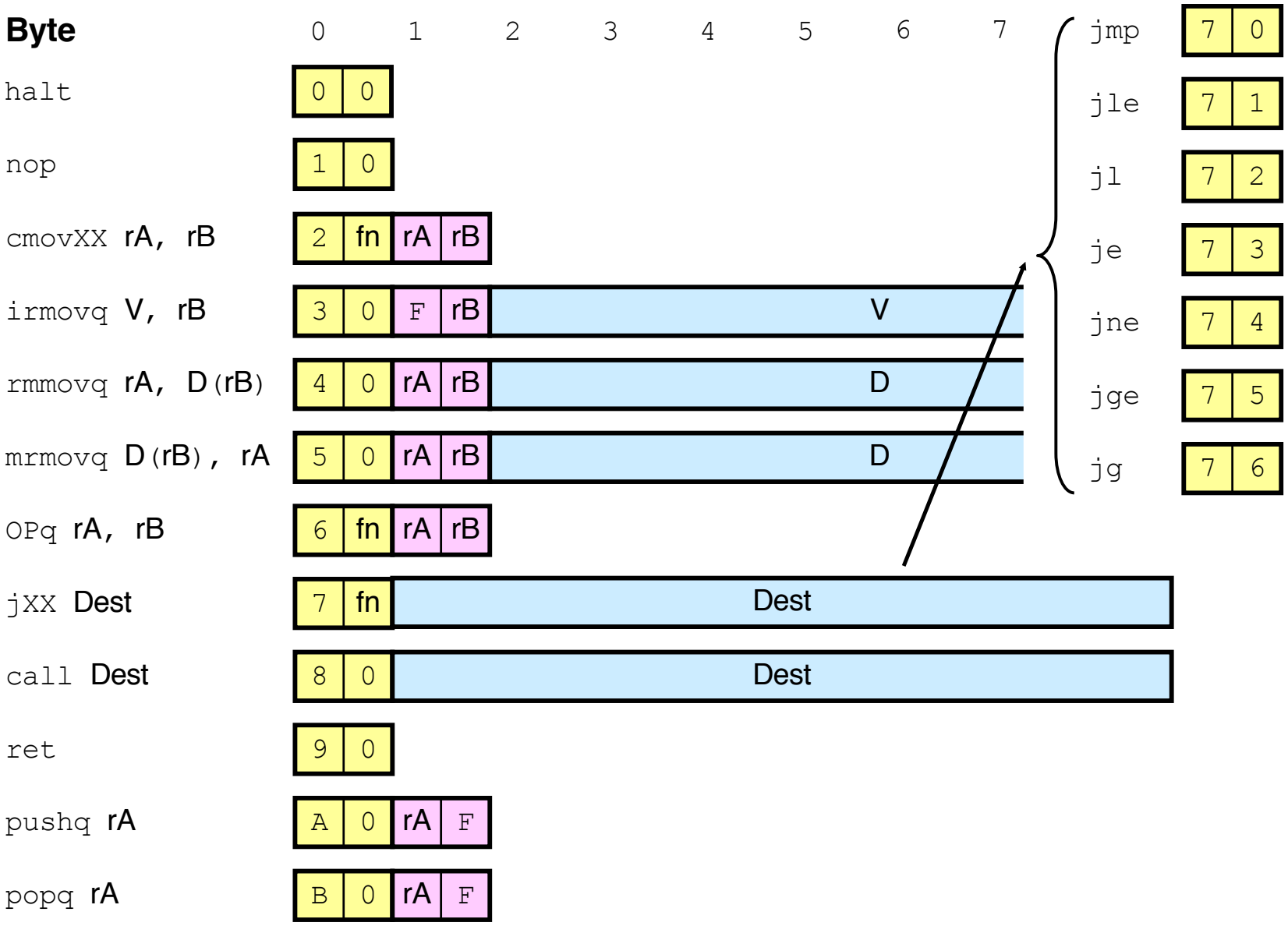
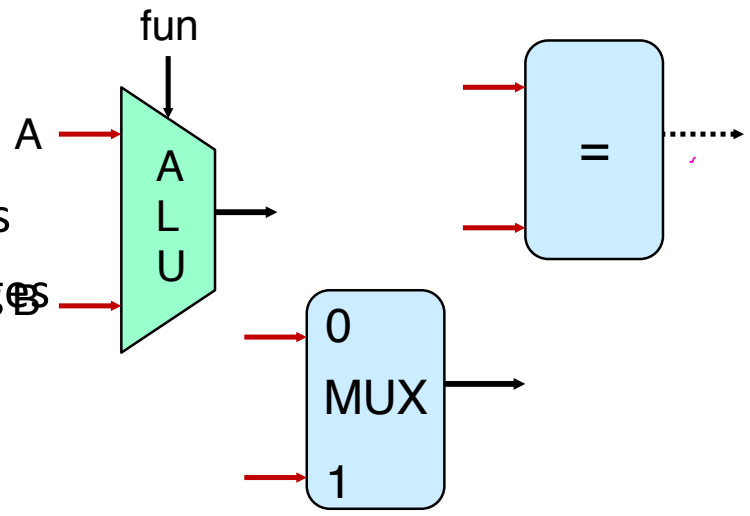
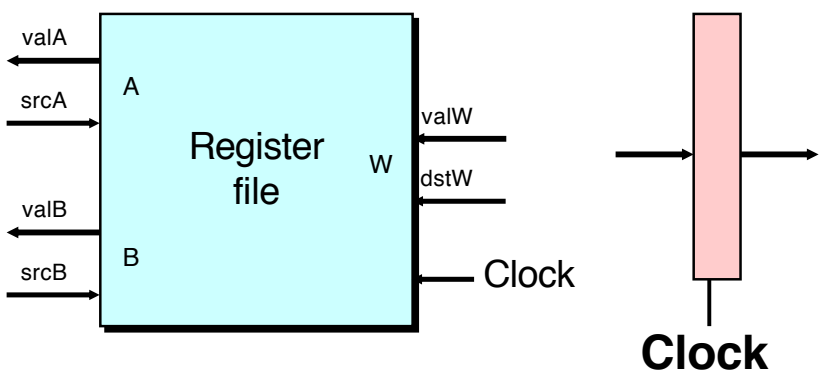


Building Blocks

- **Combinational Logic**
  - Compute Boolean functions of inputs
  - Continuously respond to input changes
  - Operate on data and implement control



- **Storage Elements**
  - Store bits
  - Addressable memories
  - Non-addressable registers
  - Loaded only as clock rises



Hardware Control Language

- Very simple hardware description language
- Can only express limited aspects of hardware operation
  - Parts we want to explore and modify

- **Data Types**
  - `bool`: Boolean
    - `a`, `b`, `c`, …
  - `int`: words
    - `A`, `B`, `C`, …
    - Does not specify word size---bytes, 64-bit words, …

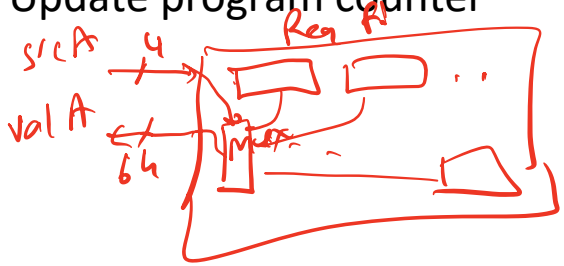
- **Statements**
  - `bool a = bool-expr ;`
  - `int A = int-expr ;`

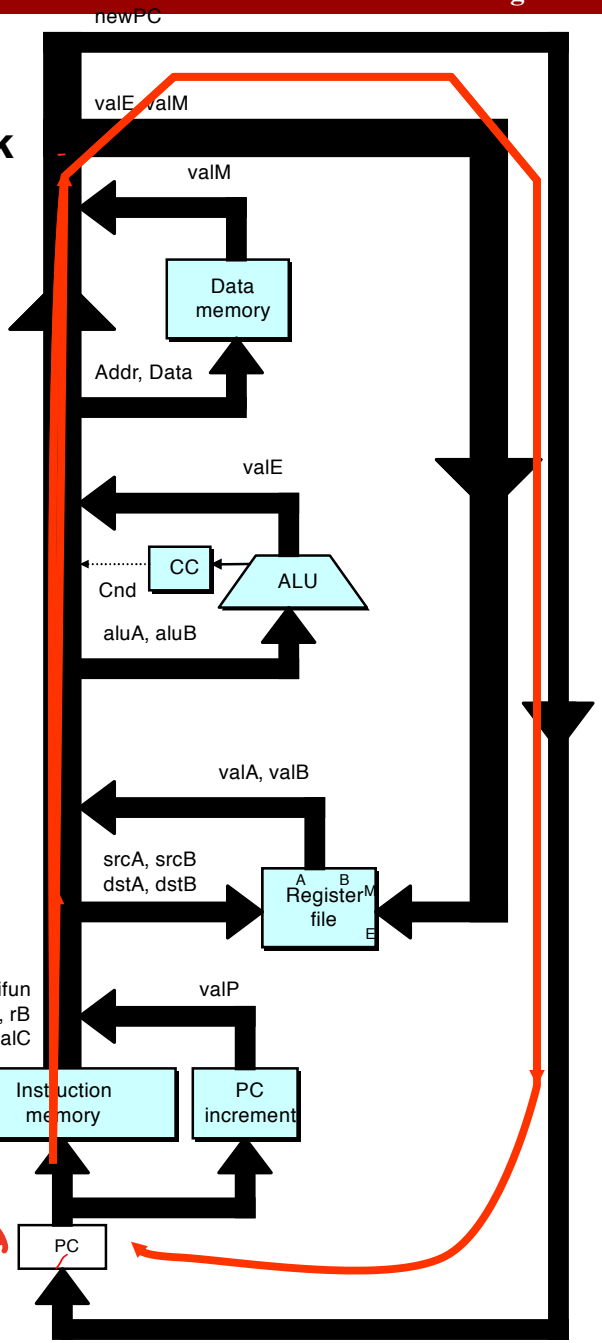
HCL Operations

- Classify by type of value returned
- **Boolean Expressions**
  - Logic Operations
    - `a && b, a || b, !a`
  - Word Comparisons
    - `A == B, A != B, A < B, A <= B, A >= B, A > B`
  - Set Membership
    - `A in { B, C, D }`
      - Same as `A == B || A == C || A == D`
- **Word Expressions**
  - Case expressions
    - `[ a : A; b : B; c : C ]`
    - Evaluate test expressions `a`, `b`, `c`, … in sequence
    - Return word expression `A`, `B`, `C`, … for first successful test

SEQ Hardware Structure

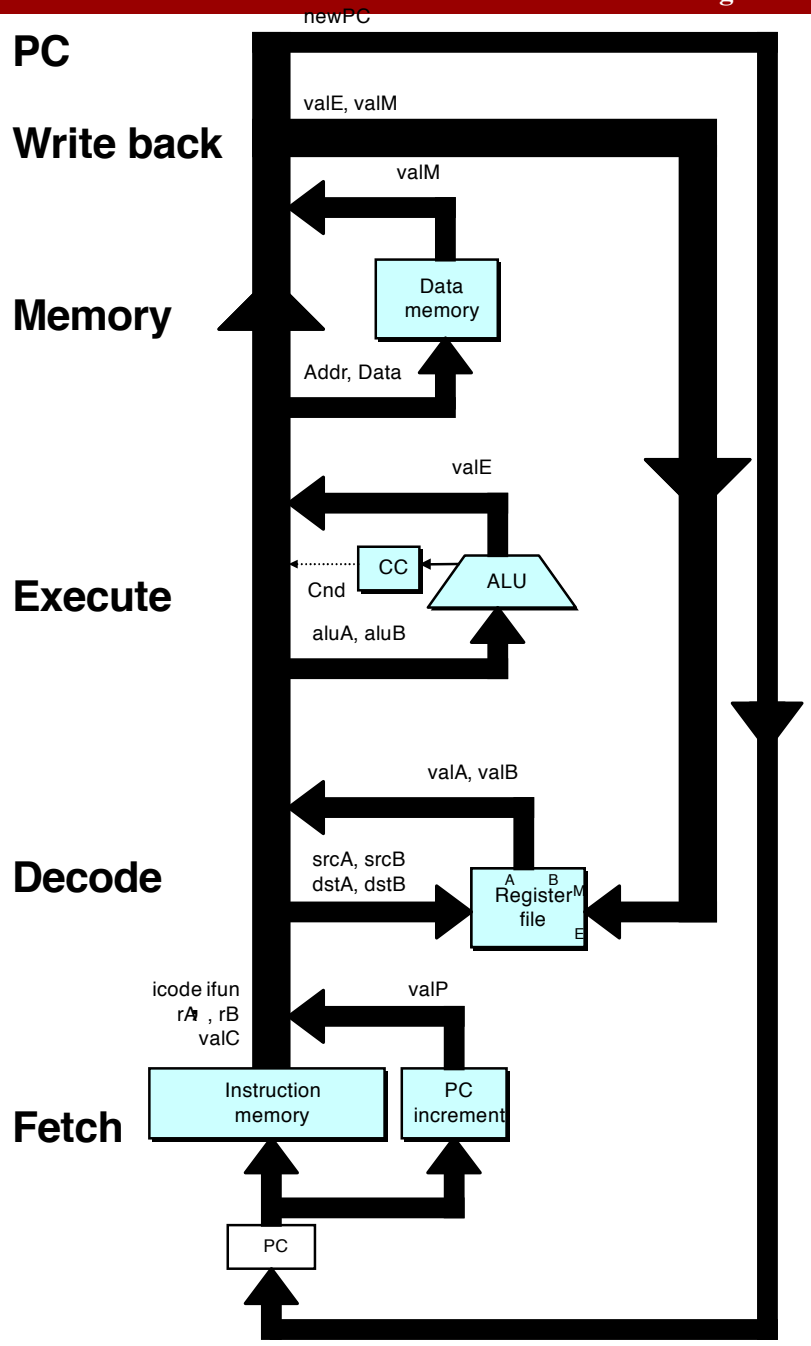
- **State**
  - Program counter register (PC)
  - Condition code register (CC)
  - Register File
  - Memories
    - Access same memory space
    - Data: for reading/writing program data
    - Instruction: for reading instructions
- **Instruction Flow**
  - Read instruction at address specified by PC
  - Process through stages
  - Update program counter



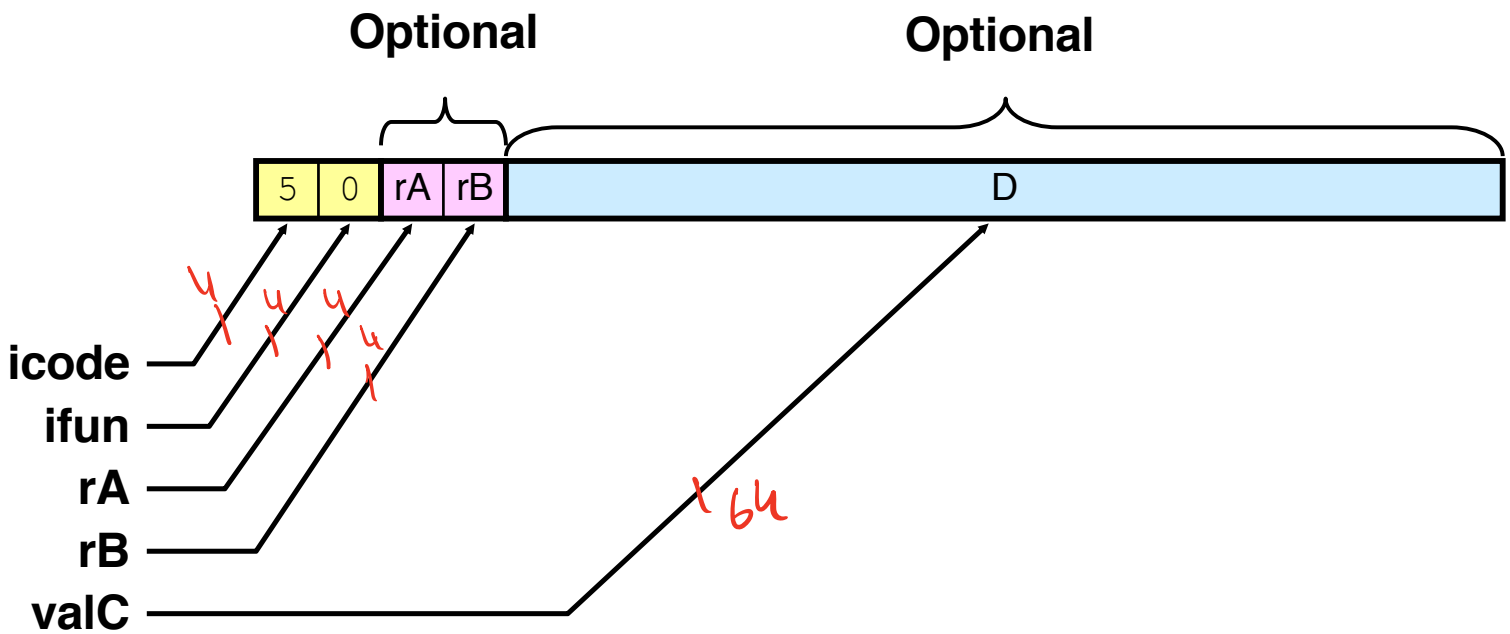


SEQ Stages

- **Fetch**
  - Read instruction from instruction memory
- **Decode**
  - Read program registers
- **Execute**
  - Compute value or address
- **Memory**
  - Read or write data
- **Write Back**
  - Write program registers
- **PC**
  - Update program counter

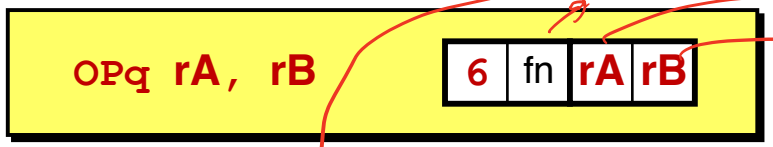


Instruction Decoding



- **Instruction Format**
  - Instruction byte — icode:ifun
  - Optional register byte — rA:rB
  - Optional constant word — valC

Executing Arith./Logical Operation



- **Fetch**
  - Read 2 bytes
- **Decode**
  - Read operand registers
- **Execute**
  - Perform operation
  - Set condition codes
- **Memory**
  - Do nothing
- **Write back**
  - Update register
- **PC Update**
  - Increment PC by 2

Stage Computation: Arith/Log. Ops

	OPq rA, rB
Fetch	icode:ifun ← M_1[PC] rA:rB ← M_1[PC+1] valP ← PC+2
Decode	valA ← R[rA] valB ← R[rB]
Execute	valE ← valB OP valA Set CC
Memory	
Write back	R[rB] ← valE
PC update	PC ← valP

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	valP ← PC+2	Compute next PC
Decode	valA ← R[rA]	Read operand A
	valB ← R[rB]	Read operand B
Execute	valE ← valB OP valA	Perform ALU operation
	Set CC	Set condition code register
Memory		
Write back	R[rB] ← valE	Write back result
PC update	PC ← valP	Update PC

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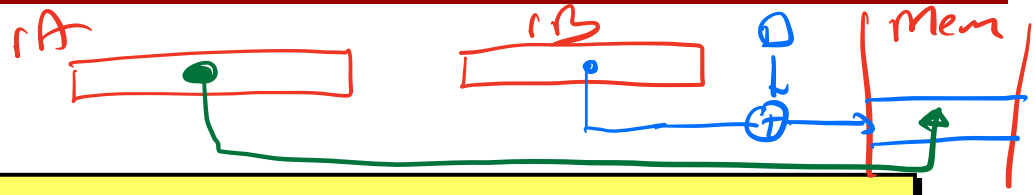
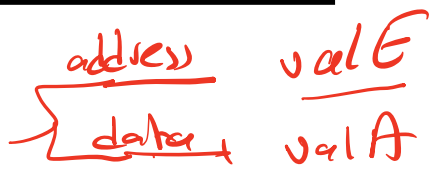
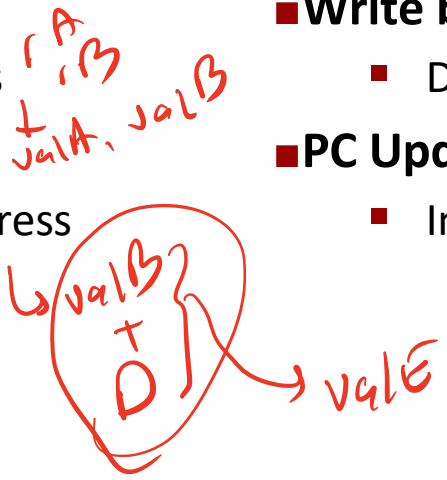
Executing rmmovq



- **Fetch**
  - Read 10 bytes
- **Decode**
  - Read operand registers
- **Execute**
  - Compute effective address
- **Memory**
  - Write to memory
- **Write back**
  - Do nothing
- **PC Update**
  - Increment PC by 10



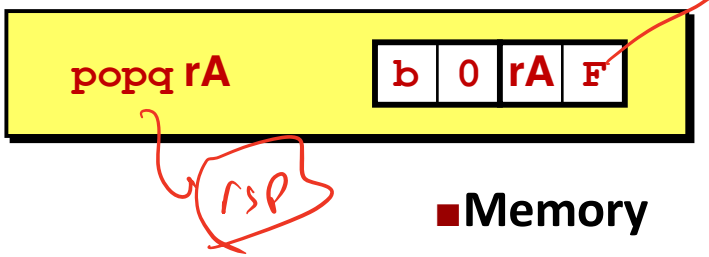


Stage Computation: rmmovq

	rmmovq rA, D(rB)	
Fetch	icode:ifun ← M_1[PC]	Read instruction byte
	rA:rB ← M_1[PC+1]	Read register byte
	valC ← M_8[PC+2]	Read displacement D
	valP ← PC+10	Compute next PC
Decode	valA ← R[rA]	Read operand A
	valB ← R[rB]	Read operand B
Execute	valE ← valB + valC	Compute effective address
Memory	M_8[valE] ← valA	Write value to memory
Write back		
PC update	PC ← valP	Update PC

- Use ALU for address computation

Executing popq



- **Fetch**
  - Read 2 bytes
- **Decode**
  - Read stack pointer
- **Execute**
  - Increment stack pointer by 8
- **Memory**
  - Read from old stack pointer
- **Write back**
  - Update stack pointer
  - Write result to register
- **PC Update**
  - Increment PC by 2

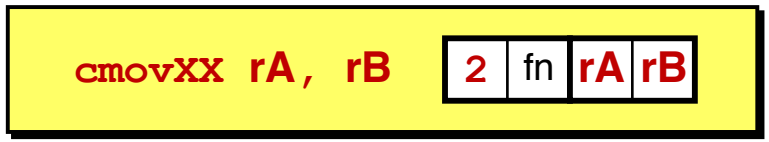
popq rA = { valM ← M[rsp]; rsp ← rsp + 8; rA ← valM }

Stage Computation: popq

	popq rA	
Fetch	icode:ifun ← M_1[PC]	Read instruction byte
	rA:rB ← M_1[PC+1]	Read register byte
	valP ← PC+2	Compute next PC
Decode	valA ← R[%rsp]	Read stack pointer
	valB ← R[%rsp]	Read stack pointer
Execute	valE ← valB + 8	Increment stack pointer
Memory	valM ← M_8[valA]	Read from stack
Write back	R[%rsp] ← valE	Update stack pointer
	R[rA] ← valM	Write back result
PC update	PC ← valP	Update PC

- Use ALU to increment stack pointer
- Must update two registers
  - Popped value
  - New stack pointer

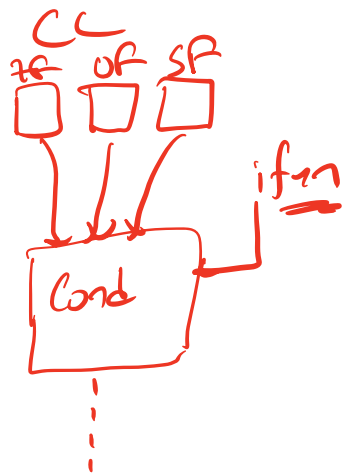
Executing Conditional Moves



- **Fetch**
  - Read 2 bytes
- **Decode**
  - Read operand registers
- **Execute**
  - If !cnd, then set destination register to 0xF
- **Memory**
  - Do nothing
- **Write back**
  - Update register (or not)
- **PC Update**
  - Increment PC by 2

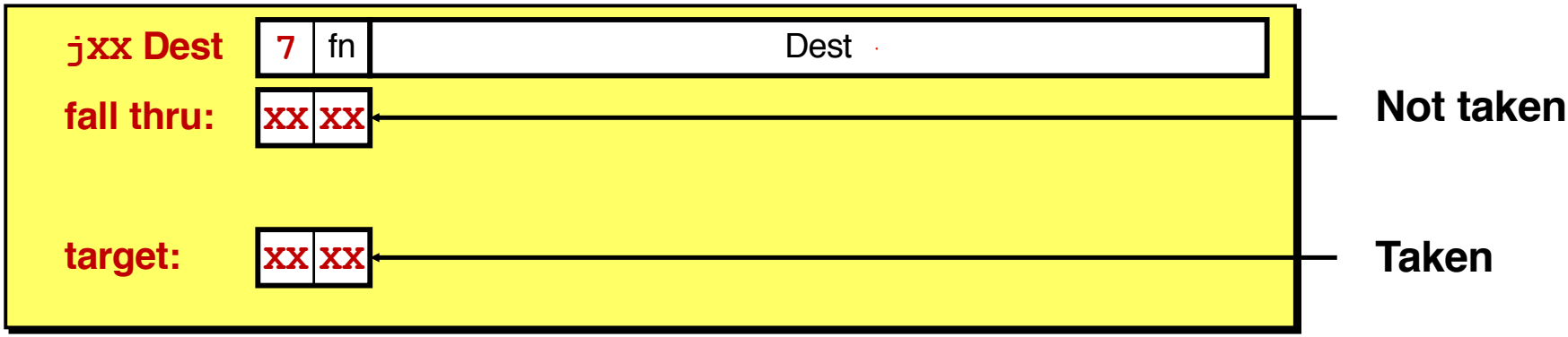
Stage Computation: Cond. Move

	cmovXX rA, rB	
Fetch	icode:ifun ← M_1[PC] rA:rB ← M_1[PC+1] valP ← PC+2	Read instruction byte Read register byte Compute next PC
Decode	valA ← R[rA] valB ← 0	Read operand A
Execute	valE ← valB + valA If ! Cond(CC,ifun) rB ← 0xF	Pass valA through ALU (Disable register update)
Memory		
Write back	R[rB] ← valE	Write back result
PC update	PC ← valP	Update PC



- Read register rA and pass through ALU
- Cancel move by setting destination register to 0xF
  - If condition codes & move condition indicate no move

Executing Jumps



- **Fetch**
  - Read 9 bytes
  - Increment PC by 9
- **Decode**
  - Do nothing
- **Execute**
  - Determine whether to take branch based on jump condition and condition codes
- **Memory**
  - Do nothing
- **Write back**
  - Do nothing
- **PC Update**
  - Set PC to Dest if branch taken or to incremented PC if not branch

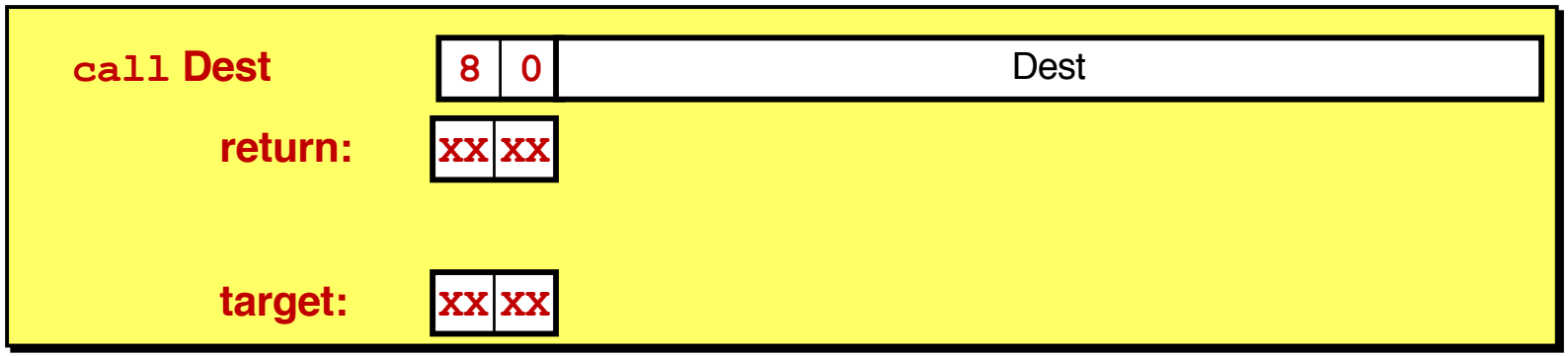
Stage Computation: Jumps

	jXX Dest	
Fetch	icode:ifun ← M_1[PC] valC ← M_8[PC+1] valP ← PC+9	Read instruction byte Read destination address Fall through address
Decode		
Execute	Cnd ← Cond(CC,ifun)	Take branch?
Memory		
Write back		
PC update	PC ← Cnd ? valC : valP	Update PC

Dest

- Compute both addresses
- Choose based on setting of condition codes and branch condition

Executing `call`



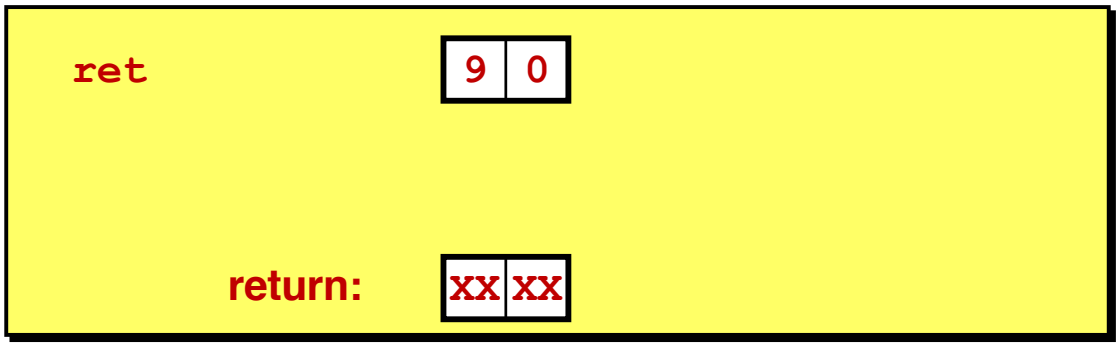
- **Fetch**
  - Read 9 bytes
  - Increment PC by 9
- **Decode**
  - Read stack pointer
- **Execute**
  - Decrement stack pointer by 8
- **Memory**
  - Write incremented PC to new value of stack pointer
- **Write back**
  - Update stack pointer
- **PC Update**
  - Set PC to Dest

Stage Computation: `call`

	`call` Dest	
Fetch	icode:ifun ← M_1[PC]	Read instruction byte
	valC ← M_8[PC+1]	Read destination address
	valP ← PC+9	Compute return point
Decode	valB ← R[`%rsp`]	Read stack pointer
Execute	valE ← valB + –8	Decrement stack pointer
Memory	M_8[valE] ← valP	Write return value on stack
Write back	R[`%rsp`] ← valE	Update stack pointer
PC update	PC ← valC	Set PC to destination

- Use ALU to decrement stack pointer
- Store incremented PC

Executing `ret`



- **Fetch**
  - Read 1 byte
- **Decode**
  - Read stack pointer
- **Execute**
  - Increment stack pointer by 8
- **Memory**
  - Read return address from old stack pointer
- **Write back**
  - Update stack pointer
- **PC Update**
  - Set PC to return address

Stage Computation: `ret`

	`ret`	
Fetch	icode:ifun ← M_1[PC]	Read instruction byte
Decode	valA ← R[`%rsp`] valB ← R[`%rsp`]	Read operand stack pointer Read operand stack pointer
Execute	valE ← valB + 8	Increment stack pointer
Memory	valM ← M_8[valA]	Read return address
Write back	R[`%rsp`] ← valE	Update stack pointer
PC update	PC ← valM	Set PC to return address

- Use ALU to increment stack pointer
- Read return address from memory

Computation Steps

		OPq rA, rB	
Fetch	icode,ifun	icode:ifun ← M_1[PC]	Read instruction byte
	rA,rB	rA:rB ← M_1[PC+1]	Read register byte
	valC		[Read constant word]
	valP	valP ← PC+2	Compute next PC
Decode	valA, srcA	valA ← R[rA]	Read operand A
	valB, srcB	valB ← R[rB]	Read operand B
Execute	valE	valE ← valB OP valA	Perform ALU operation
	Cond code	Set CC	Set/use cond. code reg
Memory	valM		[Memory read/write]
Write back	dstE	R[rB] ← valE	Write back ALU result
	dstM		[Write back memory result]
PC update	PC	PC ← valP	Update PC

- All instructions follow same general pattern
- Differ in what gets computed on each step

Computation Steps

		`call` Dest	
Fetch	icode,ifun	icode:ifun ← M_1[PC]	Read instruction byte
	rA,rB		[Read register byte]
	valC	valC ← M_8[PC+1]	Read constant word
	valP	valP ← PC+9	Compute next PC
Decode	valA, srcA		[Read operand A]
	valB, srcB	valB ← R[`%rsp`]	Read operand B
Execute	valE	valE ← valB + –8	Perform ALU operation
	Cond code		[Set /use cond. code reg]
Memory	valM	M_8[valE] ← valP	Memory read/write
Write back	dstE	R[`%rsp`] ← valE	Write back ALU result
	dstM		[Write back memory result]
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Computed Values

- **Fetch**
  - icode Instruction code
  - ifun Instruction function
  - rA Instr. Register A
  - rB Instr. Register B
  - valC Instruction constant
  - valP Incremented PC
- **Decode**
  - srcA Register ID A
  - srcB Register ID B
  - dstE Destination Register E
  - dstM Destination Register M
  - valA Register value A
  - valB Register value B
- **Execute**
  - valE ALU result
  - Cnd Branch/move flag
- **Memory**
  - valM Value from memory

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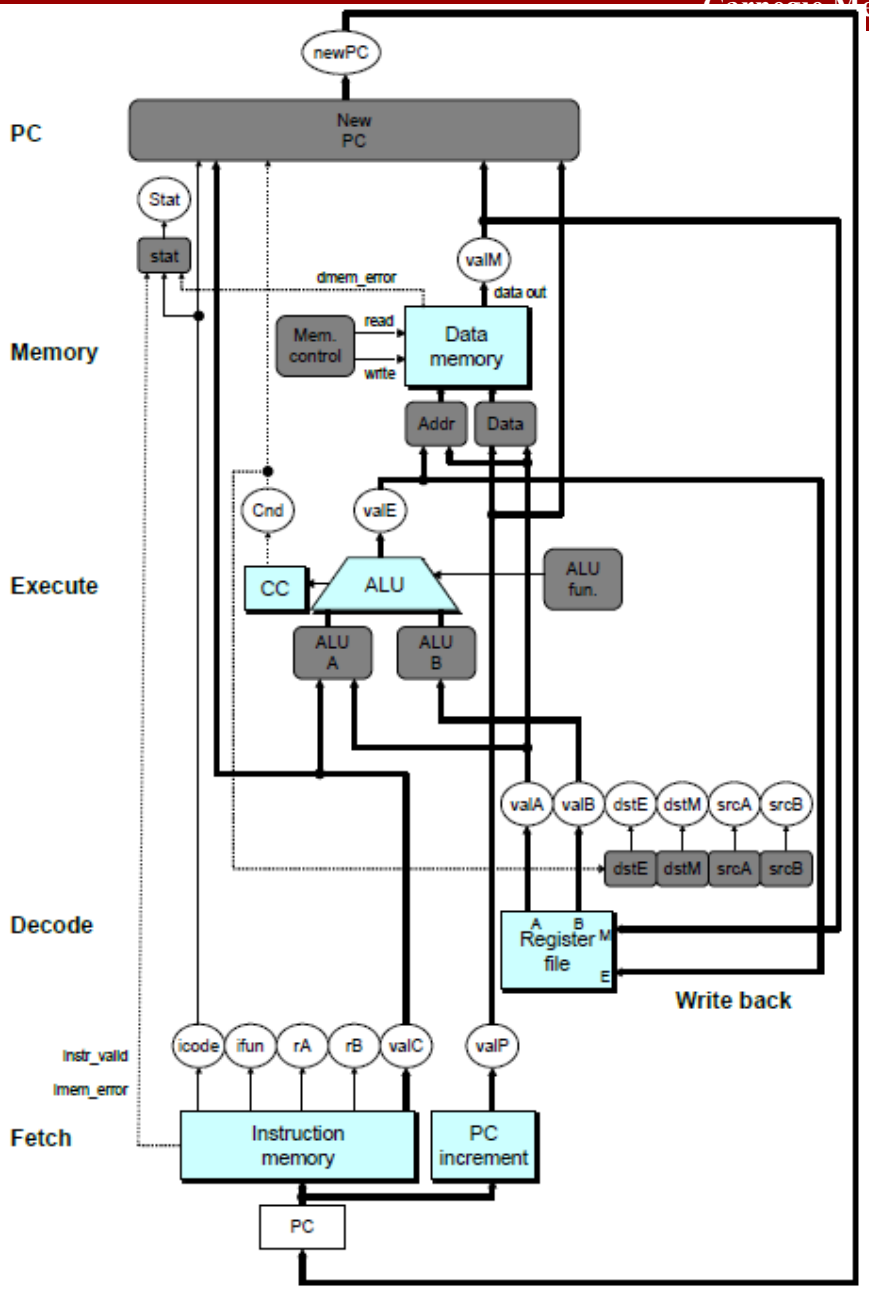

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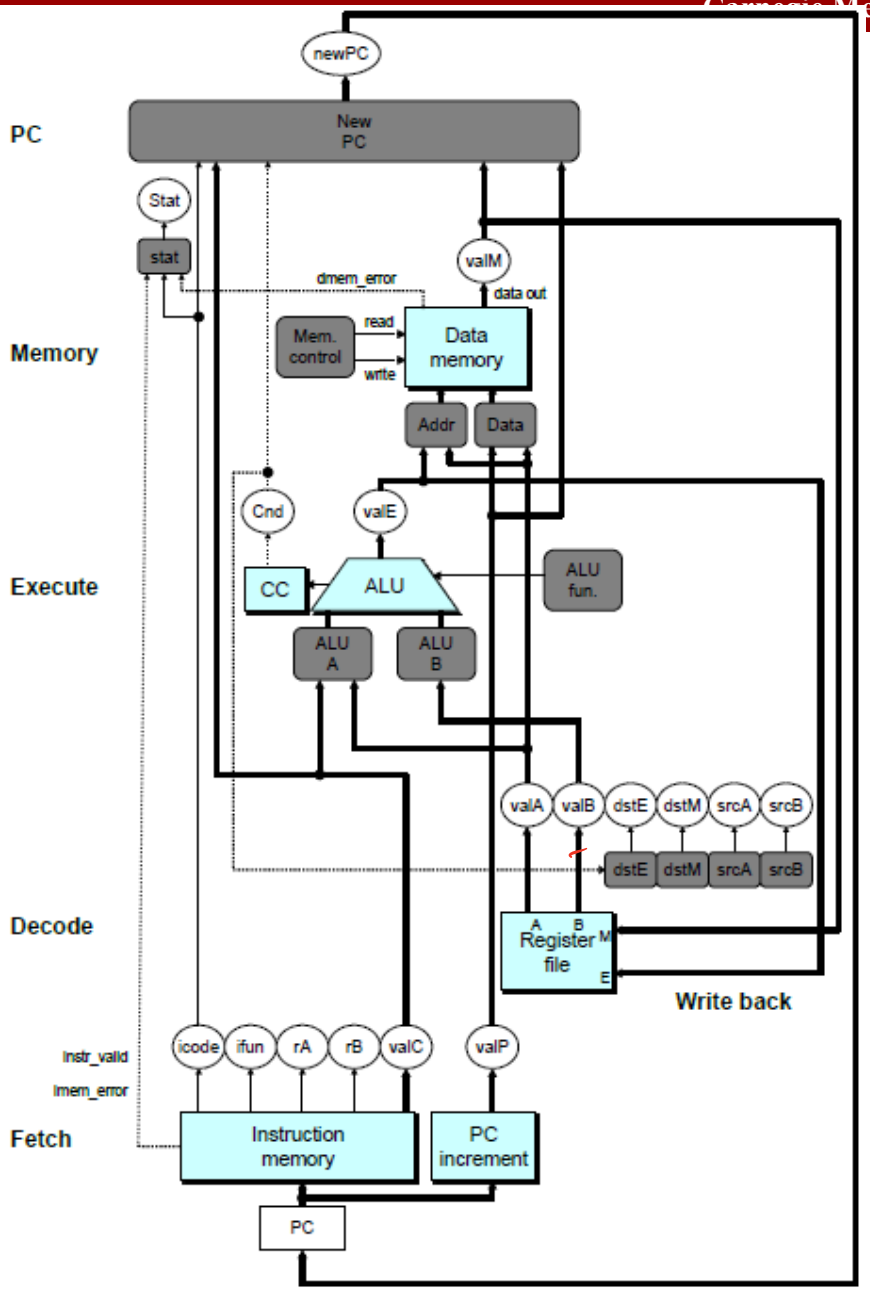

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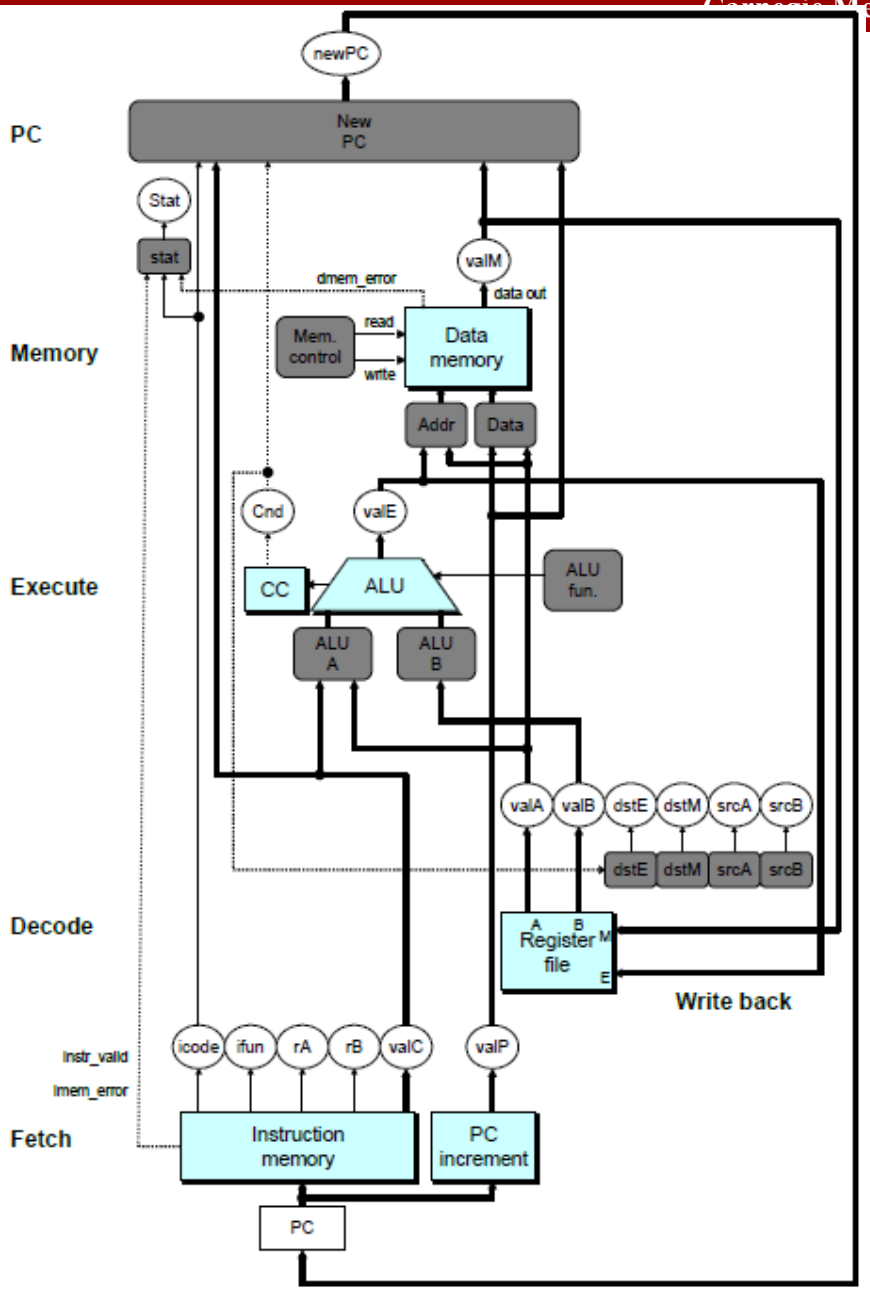

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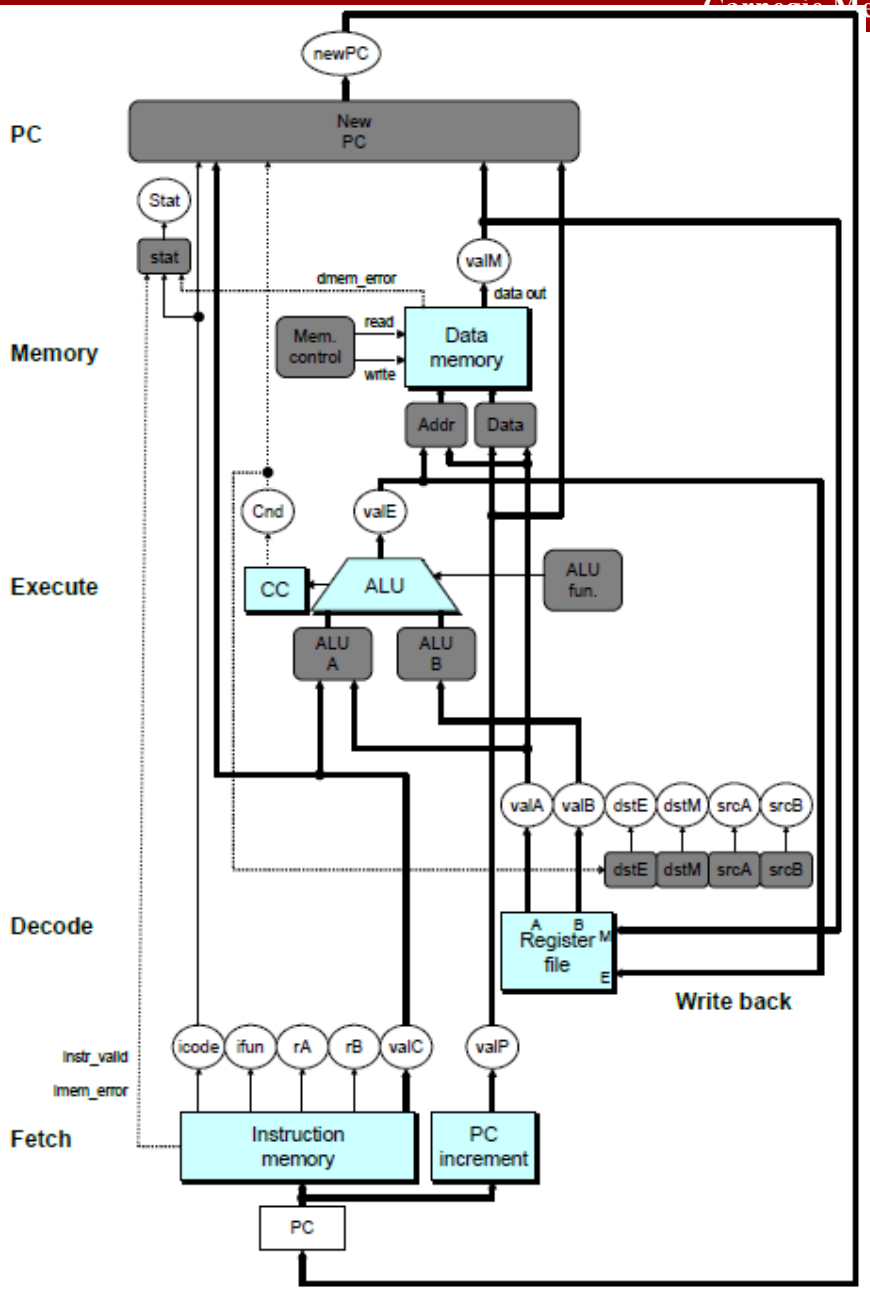

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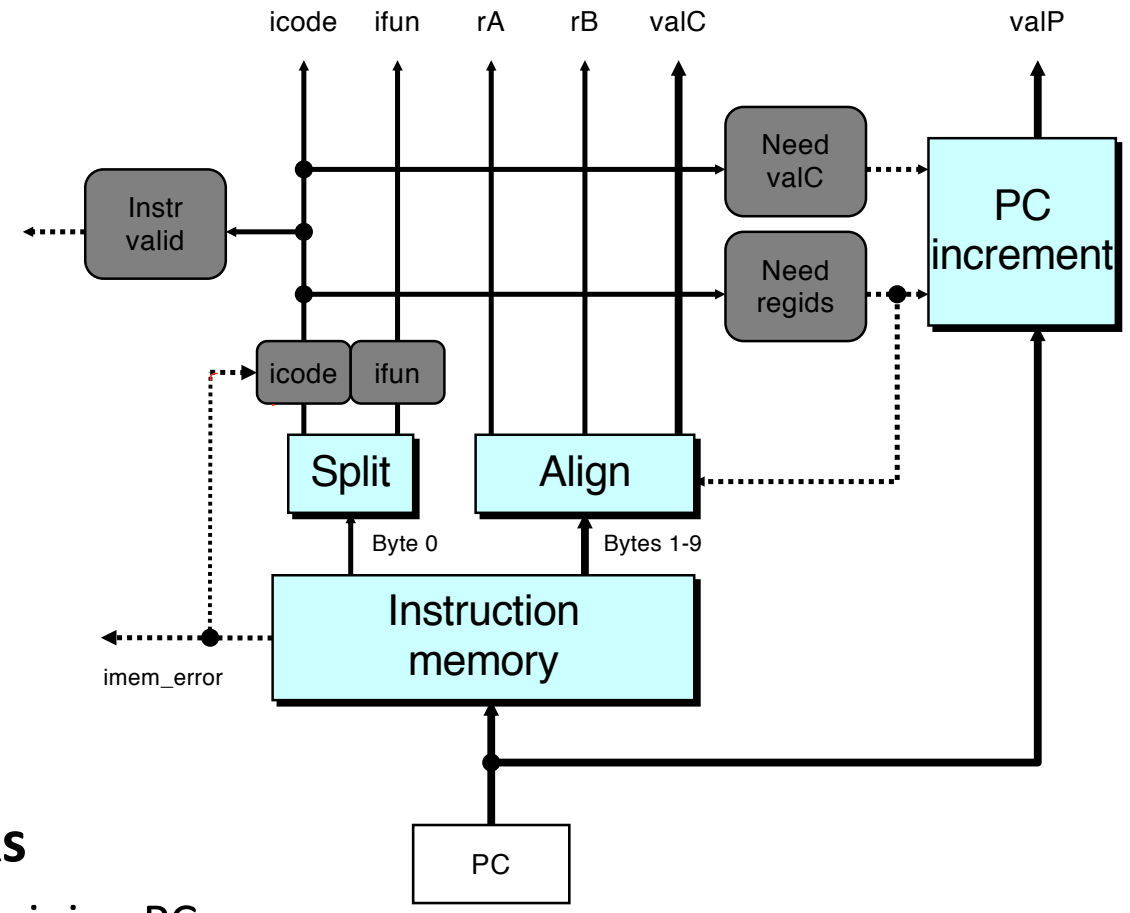
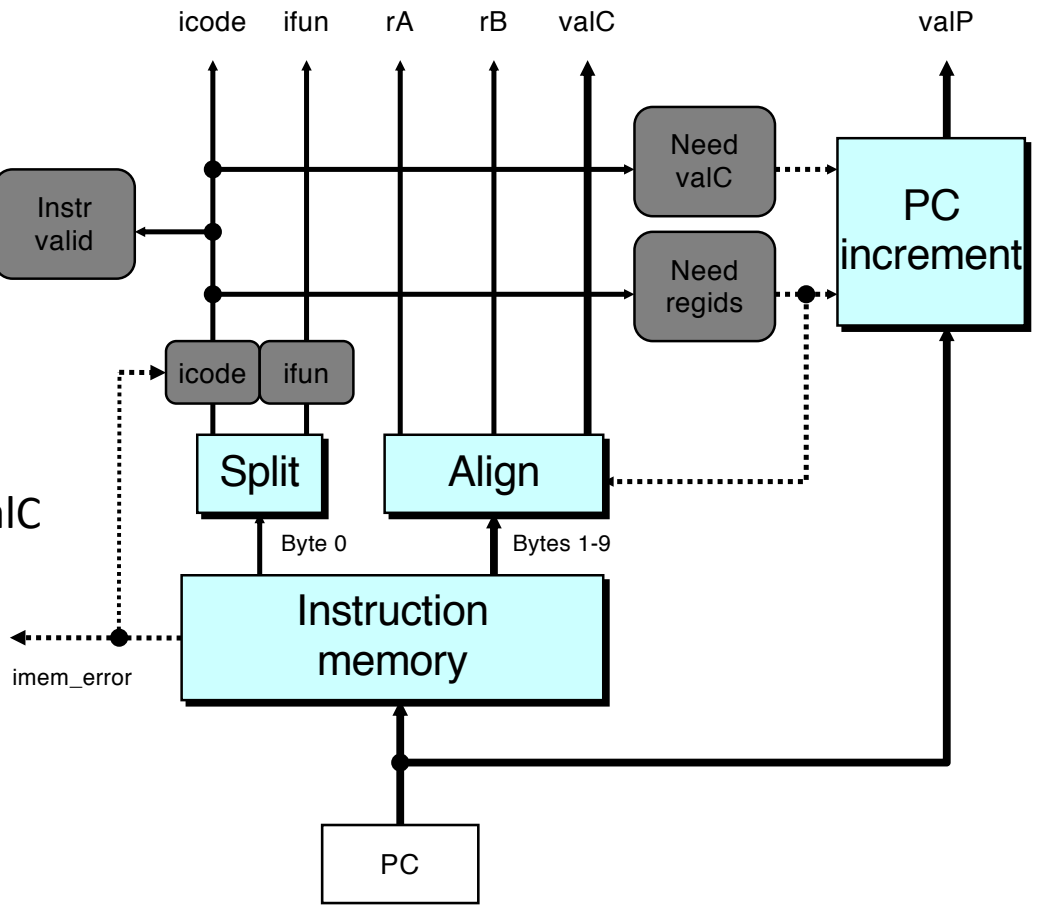


- **Predefined Blocks**
  - PC: Register containing PC
  - Instruction memory: Read 10 bytes (PC to PC+9)
    - Signal invalid address

Fetch Logic

Split: Divide instruction byte into icode and ifun

Align: Get fields for rA, rB, and valC



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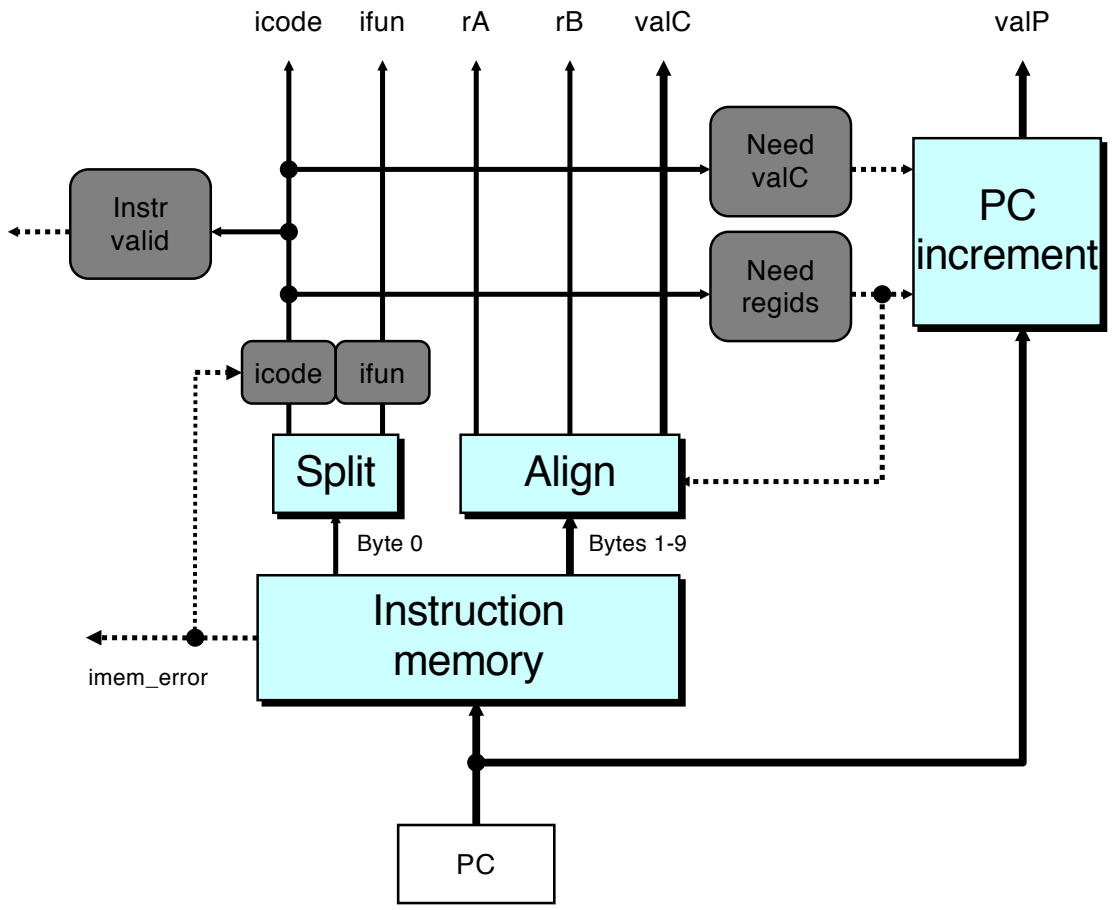
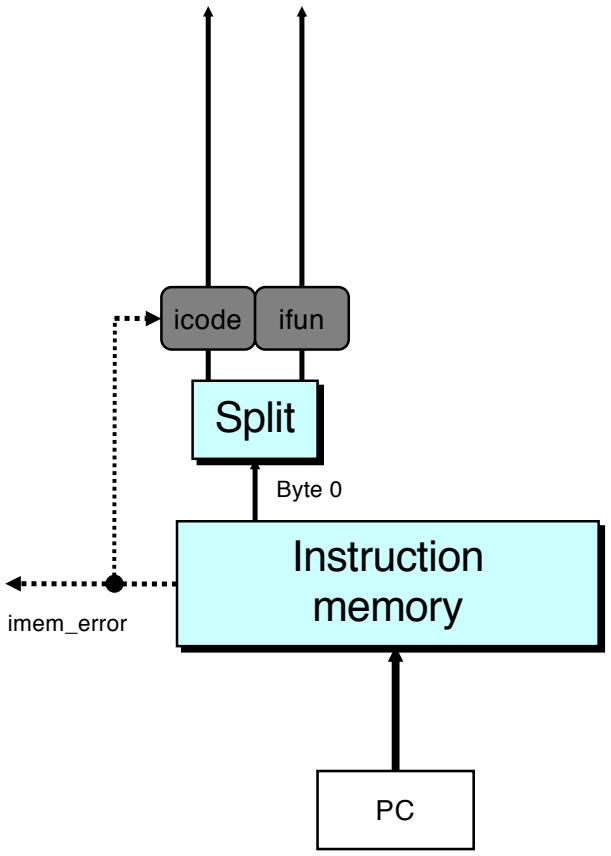


- **Control Logic**
  - Instr. Valid: Is this instruction valid?
  - icode, ifun: Generate no-op if invalid address
  - Need regids: Does this instruction have a register byte?
  - Need valC: Does this instruction have a constant word?

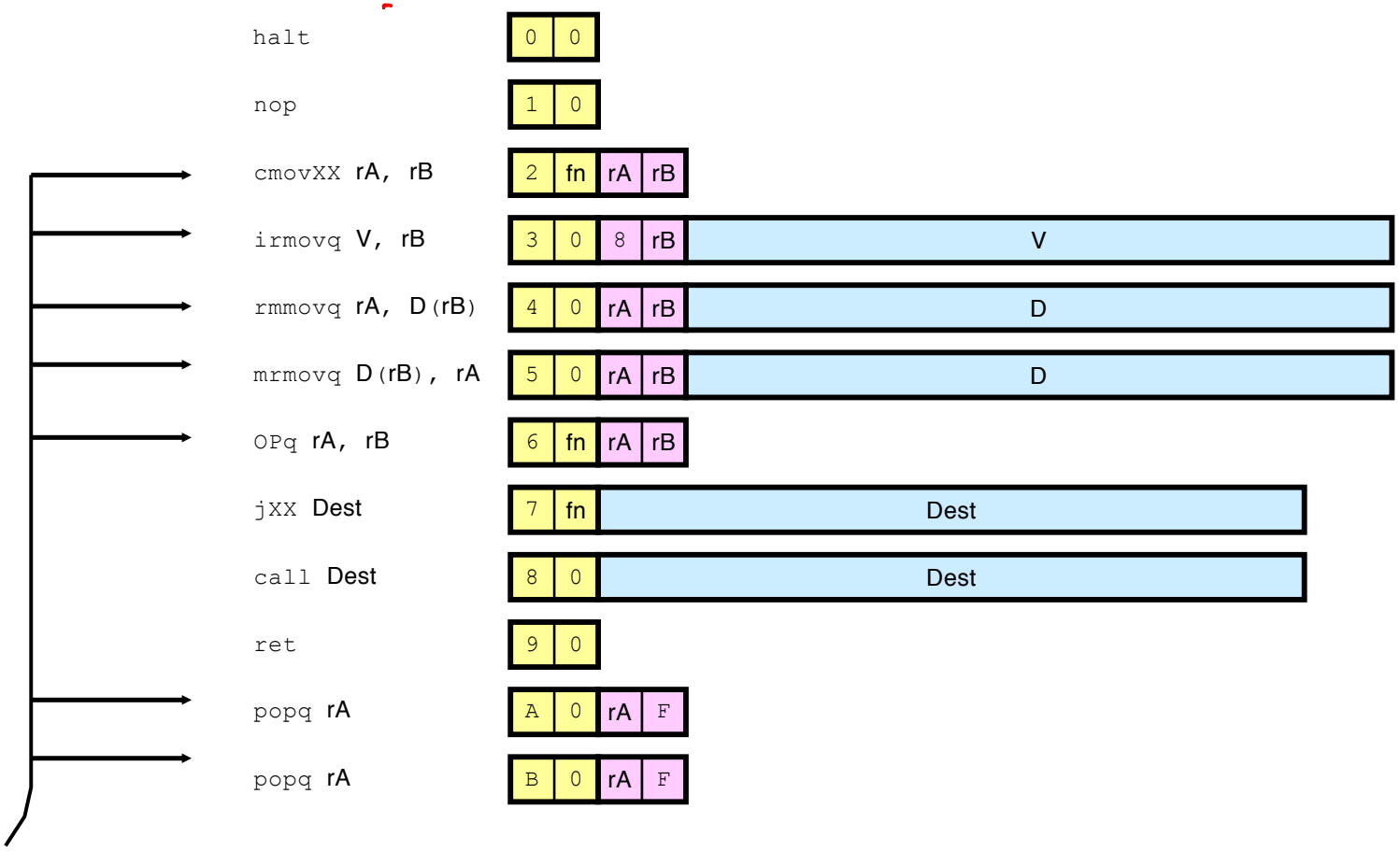
Fetch Control Logic in HCL




```
# Determine instruction code
int icode = [
        imem_error: INOP;
        1: imem_icode;
];

# Determine instruction function
int ifun = [
        imem_error: FNONE;
        1: imem_ifun;
];
```

Fetch Control Logic in HCL

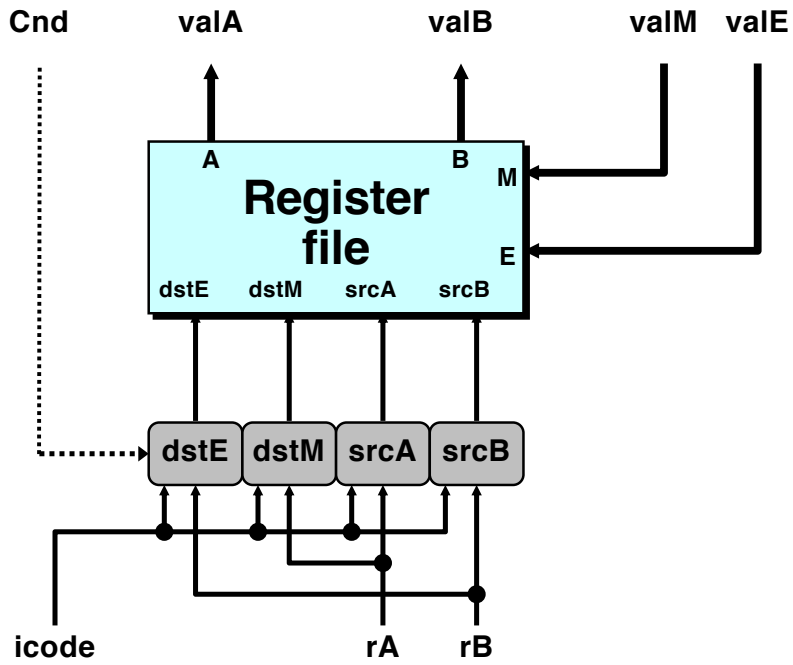



```
bool need_regids =
        icode in { IRRMOVQ, IOPQ, IPUSHQ, IPOPQ,
                   IIRMOVQ, IRMMOVQ, IMRMOVQ };

bool instr_valid = icode in
        { INOP, IHALT, IRRMOVQ, IIRMOVQ, IRMMOVQ, IMRMOVQ,
          IOPQ, IJXX, ICALL, IRET, IPUSHQ, IPOPQ };
```

Decode Logic

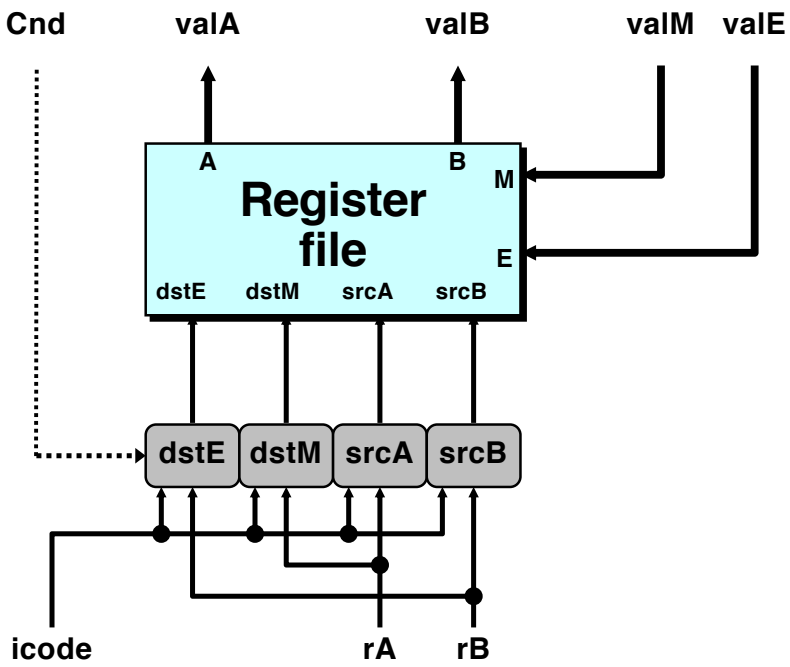
- **Register File**
  - Read ports A, B
  - Write ports E, M
  - Addresses are register IDs or 15 (0xF) (no access)



Decode Logic

Control Logic

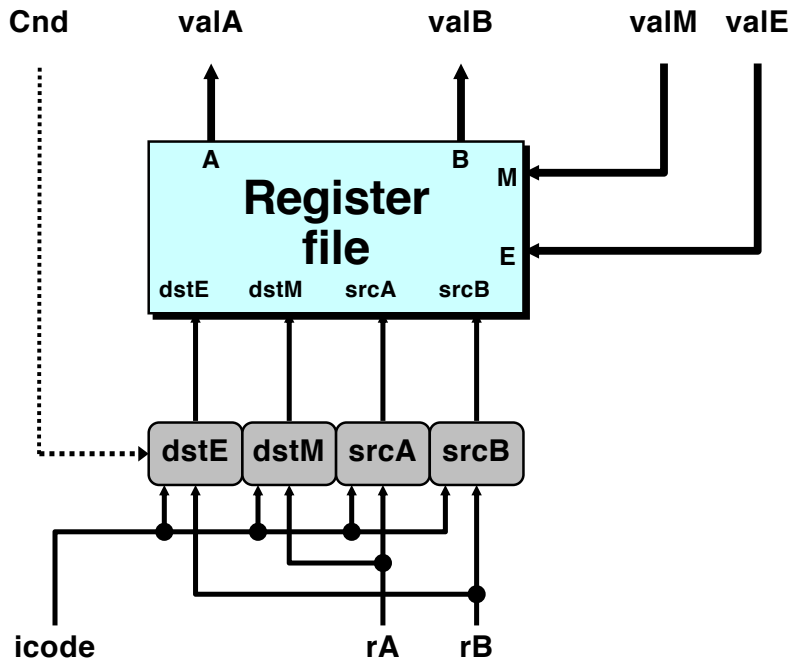
- srcA, srcB: read port addresses
- dstE, dstM: write port addresses



Decode Logic

Signals

- **Cnd:** Indicate whether or not to perform conditional move
  - Computed in Execute stage



Decode Logic

- **Register File**
  - Read ports A, B
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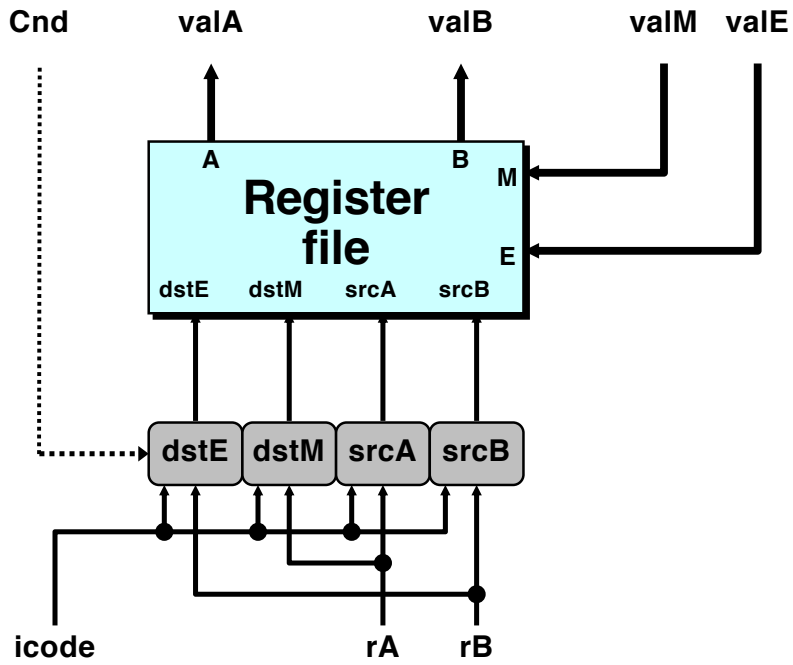
Control Logic

- **srcA, srcB:** read port addresses
- **dstE, dstM:** write port addresses



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A Source

	OPq rA, rB
Decode	valA ← R[rA]

Read operand A

	cmovXX rA, rB
Decode	valA ← R[rA]

Read operand A

	`rmmovq` rA, D(rB)
Decode	valA ← R[rA]

Read operand A

	`popq` rA
Decode	valA ← R[`%rsp`]

Read stack pointer

	jXX Dest
Decode	

No operand

	`call` Dest
Decode	

No operand

	`ret`
Decode	valA ← R[`%rsp`]

Read stack pointer

```
int srcA = [
        icode in { IRRMOVQ, IRMMOVQ, IOPQ, IPUSHQ  } : rA;
        icode in { IPOPQ, IRET } : RRSP;
        1 : RNONE; # Don't need register
];
```

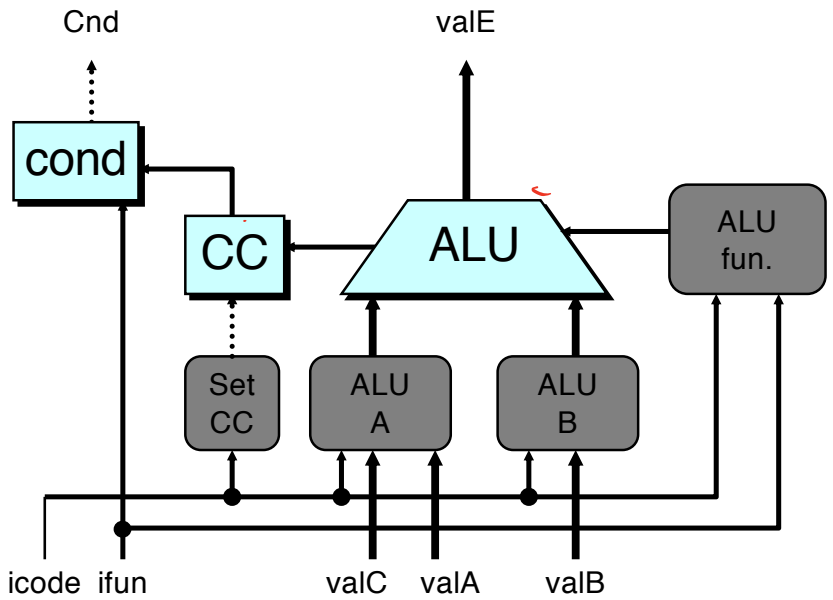
E Destination

	OPq rA, rB	
Write-back	R[rB] ← valE	Write back result
	cmovXX rA, rB	Conditionally
Write-back	R[rB] ← valE	write back result
	`rmmovq` rA, D(rB)	
Write-back		None
	`popq` rA	Update
Write-back	R[`%rsp`] ← valE	stack pointer
	jXX Dest	
Write-back		None
	`call` Dest	Update
Write-back	R[`%rsp`] ← valE	stack pointer
	`ret`	Update
Write-back	R[`%rsp`] ← valE	stack pointer

```
int dstE = [
        icode in { IRRMOVQ } && Cnd : rB;
        icode in { IIRMOVQ, IOPQ} : rB;
        icode in { IPUSHQ, IPOPQ, ICALL, IRET } : RRSP;
        1 : RNONE;  # Don't write any register
];
```

Execute Logic

- **Units**
  - ALU
    - Implements 4 required functions
    - Generates condition code values
  - CC
    - Register with 3 condition code bits
  - cond
    - Computes conditional jump/move flag
- **Control Logic**
  - Set CC: Should condition code register be loaded?
  - ALU A: Input A to ALU
  - ALU B: Input B to ALU
  - ALU fun: What function should ALU compute?



ALU A Input

	OPq rA, rB	
Execute	valE ← valB OP valA	Perform ALU operation
	cmovXX rA, rB	
Execute	valE ← 0 + valA	Pass valA through ALU
	rmmovq rA, D(rB)	
Execute	valE ← valB + valC	Compute effective address
	popq rA	
Execute	valE ← valB + 8	Increment stack pointer
	jXX Dest	
Execute		No operation
	call Dest	
Execute	valE ← valB + –8	Decrement stack pointer
	ret	
Execute	valE ← valB + 8	Increment stack pointer

```
int aluA = [
        icode in { IRRMOVQ, IOPQ } : valA;
        icode in { IIRMOVQ, IRMMOVQ, IMRMOVQ } : valC;
        icode in { ICALL, IPUSHQ } : -8;
        icode in { IRET, IPOPQ } : 8;
        # Other instructions don't need ALU
];
```

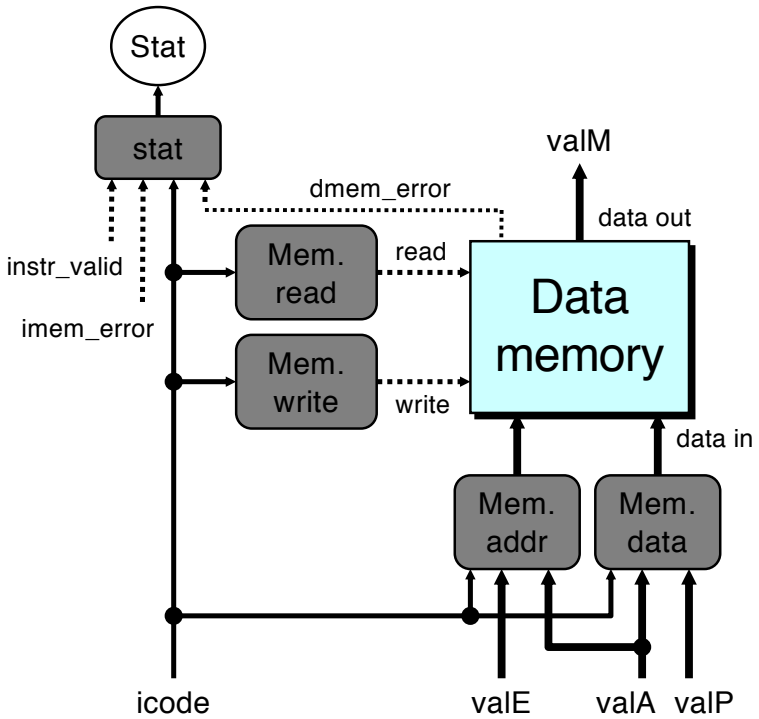
ALU Operation

	OPl rA, rB	Perform ALU
Execute	valE ← valB OP valA	operation
	cmovXX rA, rB	Pass valA
Execute	valE ← 0 + valA	through ALU
	`rmmovl` rA, D(rB)	Compute
Execute	valE ← valB + valC	effective address
	`popq` rA	Increment
Execute	valE ← valB + 8	stack pointer
	jXX Dest	
Execute		No operation
	`call` Dest	Decrement
Execute	valE ← valB + –8	stack pointer
	`ret`	Increment
Execute	valE ← valB + 8	stack pointer

```
int alufun = [
        icode == IOPQ : ifun;
        1 : ALUADD;
];
```

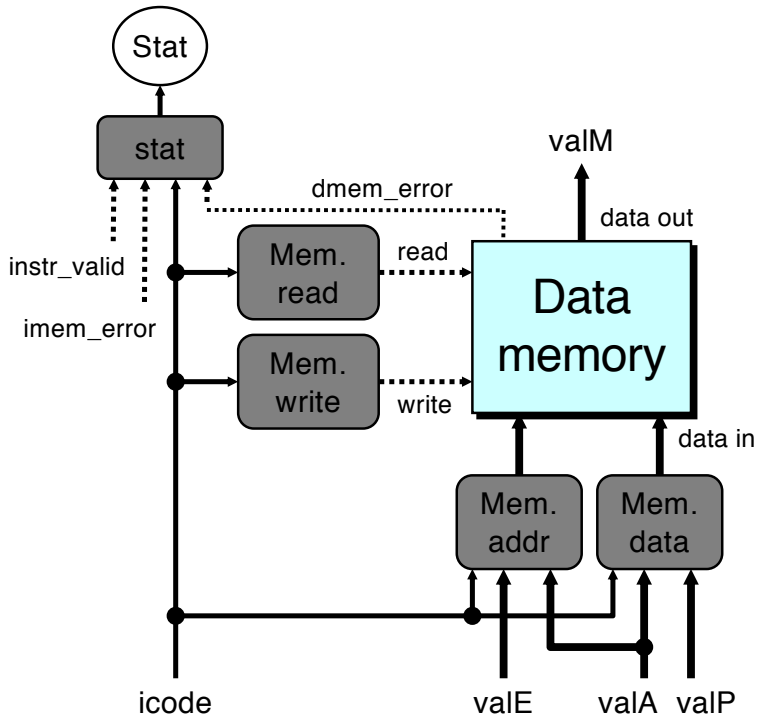
Memory Logic

- **Memory**
  - Reads or writes memory word
- **Control Logic**
  - stat: What is instruction status?
  - Mem. read: should word be read?
  - Mem. write: should word be written?
  - Mem. addr.: Select address
  - Mem. data.: Select data



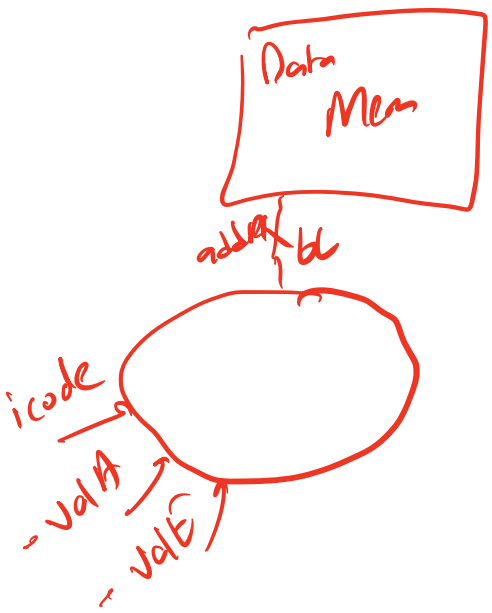
Instruction Status

- **Control Logic**
  - stat: What is instruction status?




```
## Determine instruction status
int Stat = [
        imem_error || dmem_error : SADR;
        !instr_valid: SINS;
        icode == IHALT : SHLT;
        1 : SAOK;
];
```

Memory Address



	OPq rA, rB	
Memory		No operation

	`rmmovq` rA, D(rB)	Write value
Memory	M_8[valE] ← valA	to memory

	`popq` rA	
Memory	valM ← M_8[valA]	Read from stack

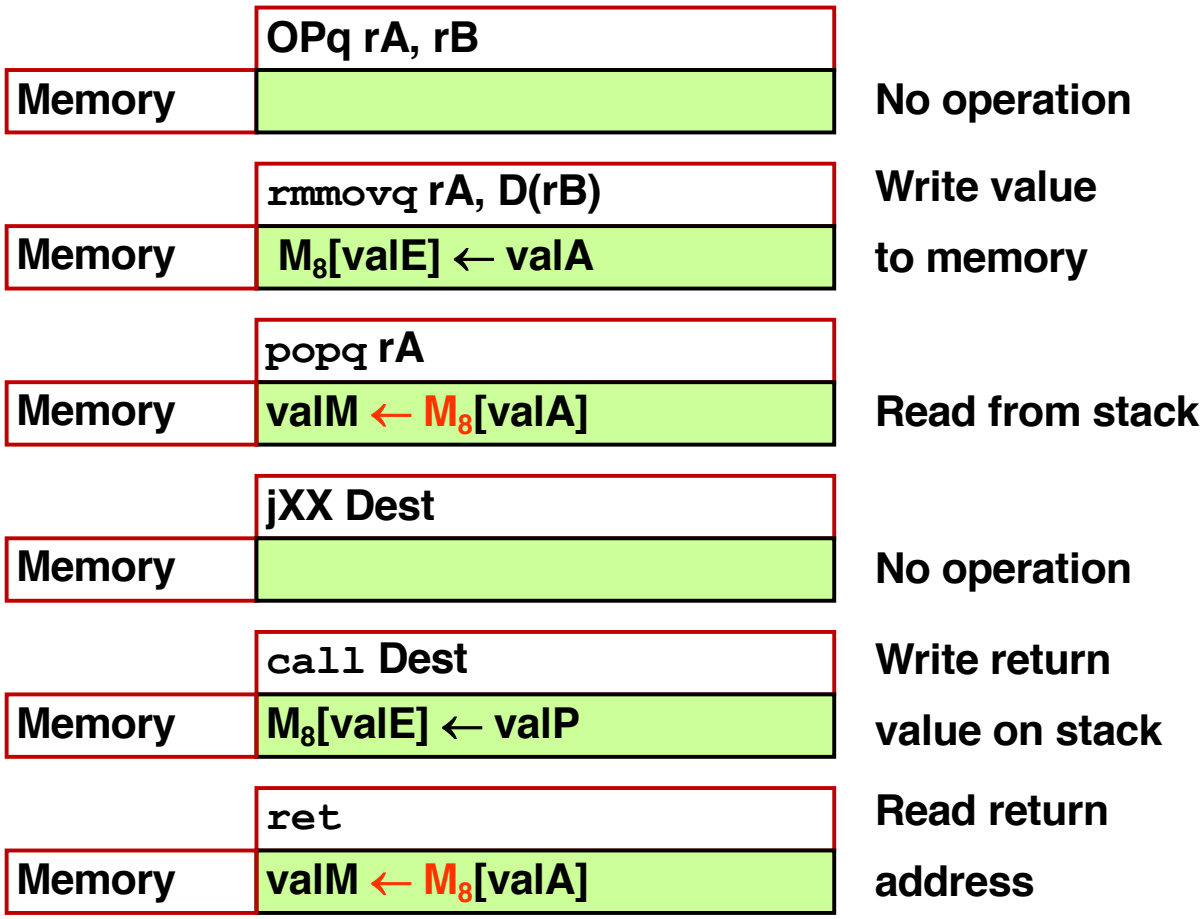
	jXX Dest	
Memory		No operation

	`call` Dest	Write return
Memory	M_8[valE] ← valP	value on stack

	`ret`	Read return
Memory	valM ← M_8[valA]	address

```
int mem_addr = [
        icode in { IRMMOVQ, IPUSHQ, ICALL, IMRMOVQ } : valE;
        icode in { IPOPQ, IRET } : valA;
        # Other instructions don't need address
];
```

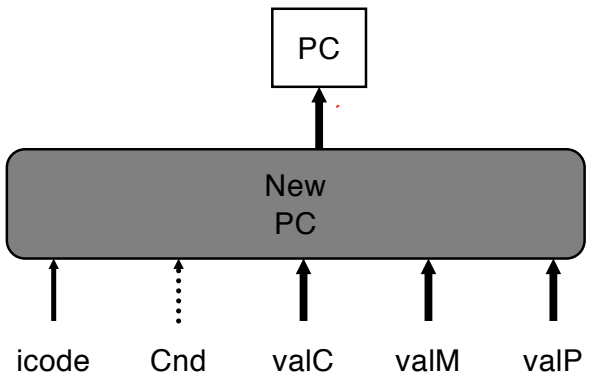
Memory Read



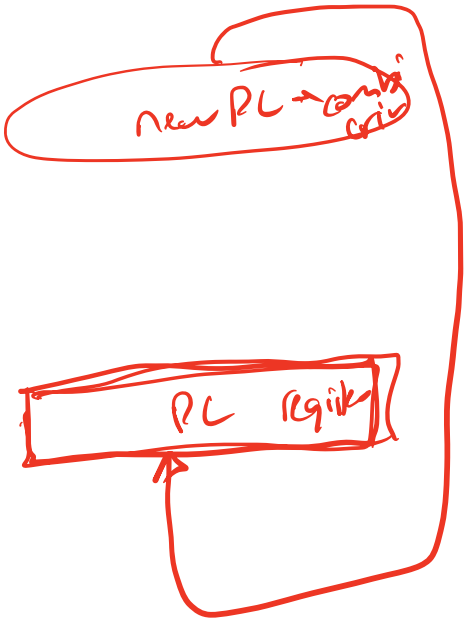

```
bool mem_read = icode in { IMRMOVQ, IPOPQ, IRET };
```

PC Update Logic

- **New PC**
  - Select next value of PC



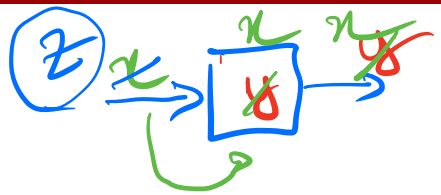
PC Update

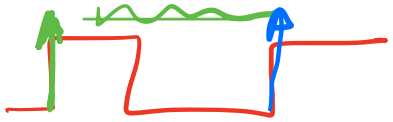


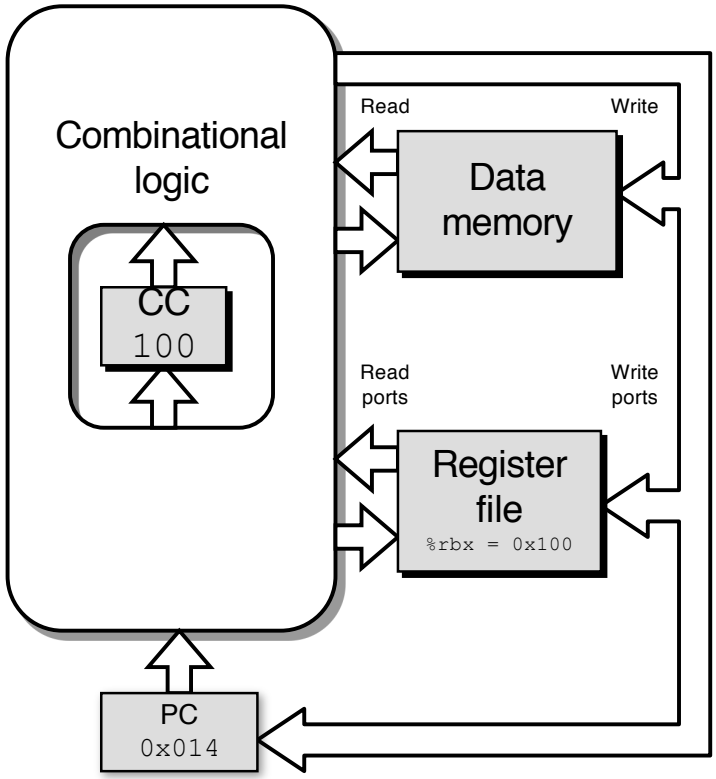
	OPq rA, rB	
PC update	PC ← valP	Update PC
	rmmovq rA, D(rB)	
PC update	PC ← valP	Update PC
	popq rA	
PC update	PC ← valP	Update PC
	jXX Dest	
PC update	PC ← Cnd ? valC : valP	Update PC
	call Dest	
PC update	PC ← valC	Set PC to destination
	ret	
PC update	PC ← valM	Set PC to return address

```
int new_pc = [
        icode == ICALL : valC;
        icode == IJXX && Cnd : valC;
        icode == IRET : valM;
        1 : valP;
];
```

SEQ Operation



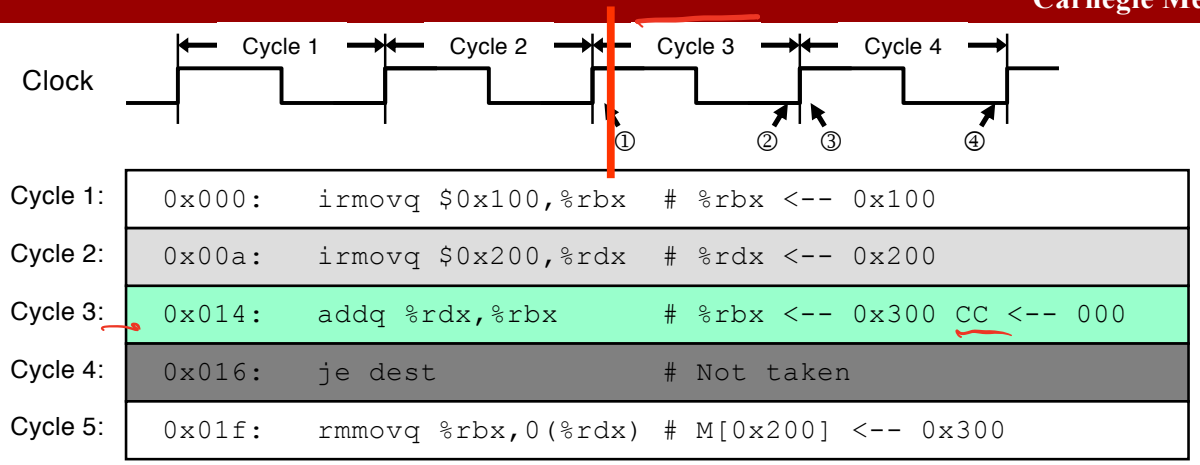


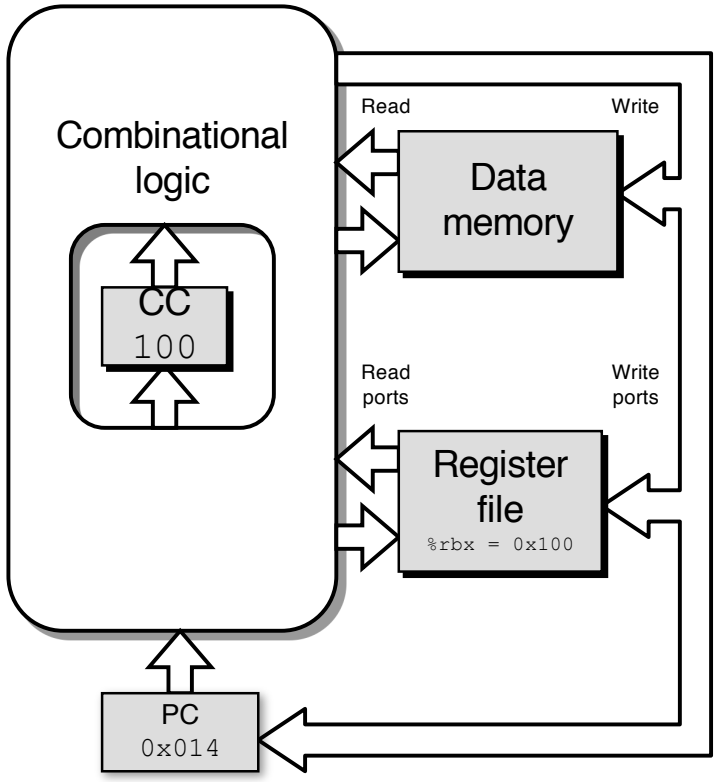


- **State**
  - PC register
  - Cond. Code register
  - Data memory
  - Register file

  All updated as clock rises
- **Combinational Logic**
  - ALU
  - Control logic
  - Memory reads
    - Instruction memory
    - Register file
    - Data memory

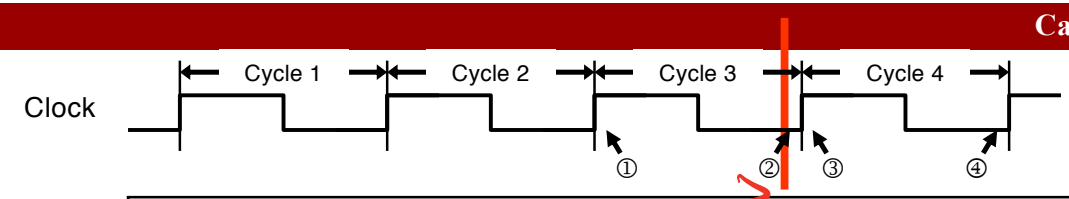
SEQ Operation #2



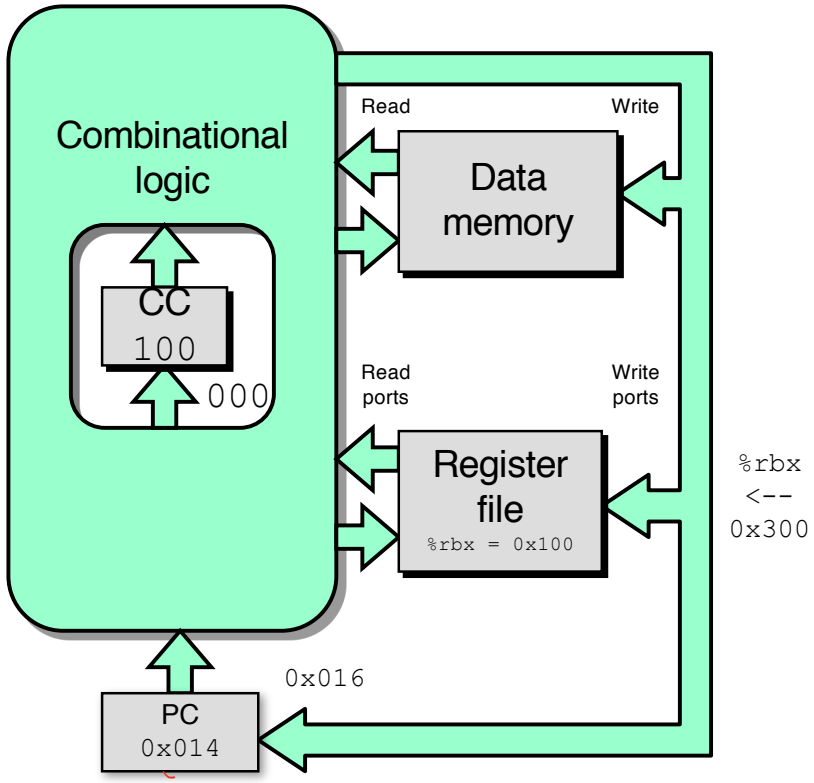


- state set according to second `irmovq` instruction
- combinational logic starting to react to state changes

SEQ Operation #3

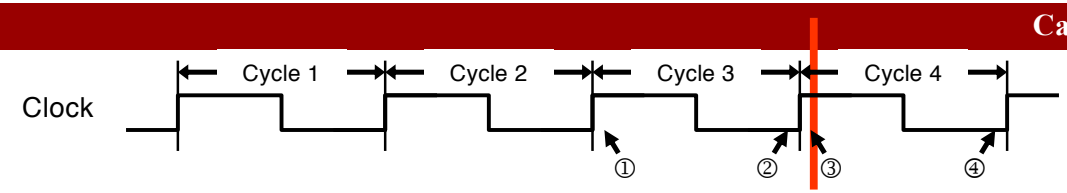


Cycle 1:	0x000:	irmovq $0x100,%rbx	# %rbx <-- 0x100
Cycle 2:	0x00a:	irmovq $0x200,%rdx	# %rdx <-- 0x200
Cycle 3:	0x014:	addq %rdx,%rbx	# %rbx <-- 0x300 CC <-- 000
Cycle 4:	0x016:	je dest	# Not taken
Cycle 5:	0x01f:	rmmovq %rbx,0(%rdx)	# M[0x200] <-- 0x300

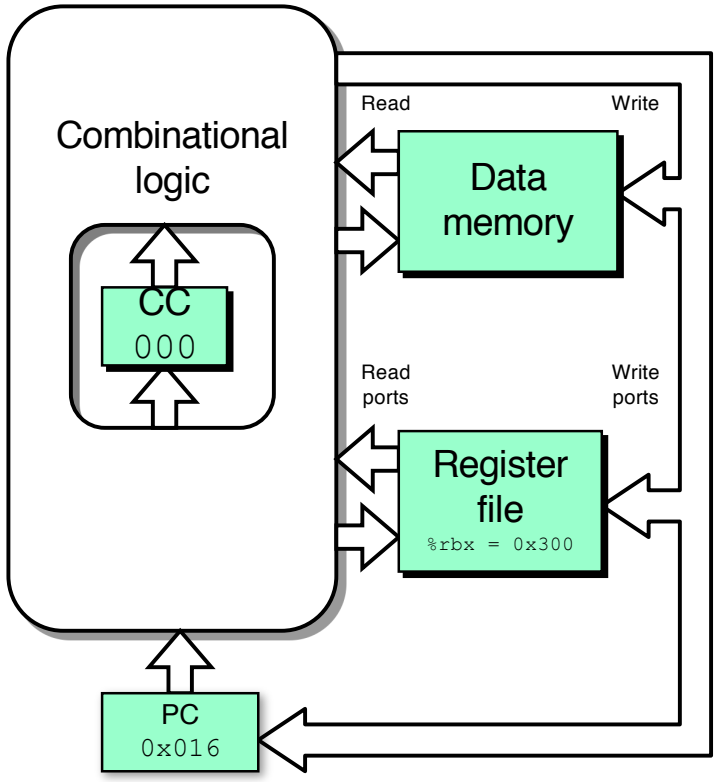


- state set according to second `irmovq` instruction
- combinational logic generates results for `addq` instruction

SEQ Operation #4

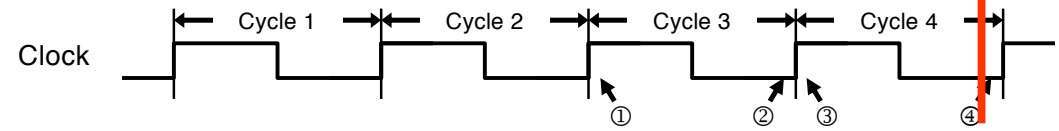


Cycle 1:	0x000:	irmovq $0x100,%rbx	# %rbx <-- 0x100
Cycle 2:	0x00a:	irmovq $0x200,%rdx	# %rdx <-- 0x200
Cycle 3:	0x014:	addq %rdx,%rbx	# %rbx <-- 0x300 CC <-- 000
Cycle 4:	0x016:	je dest	# Not taken
Cycle 5:	0x01f:	rmmovq %rbx,0(%rdx)	# M[0x200] <-- 0x300



- state set according to `addq` instruction
- combinational logic starting to react to state changes

SEQ Operation #5



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Cycle 2:	0x00a:	irmovq $0x200,%rdx	# %rdx <-- 0x200
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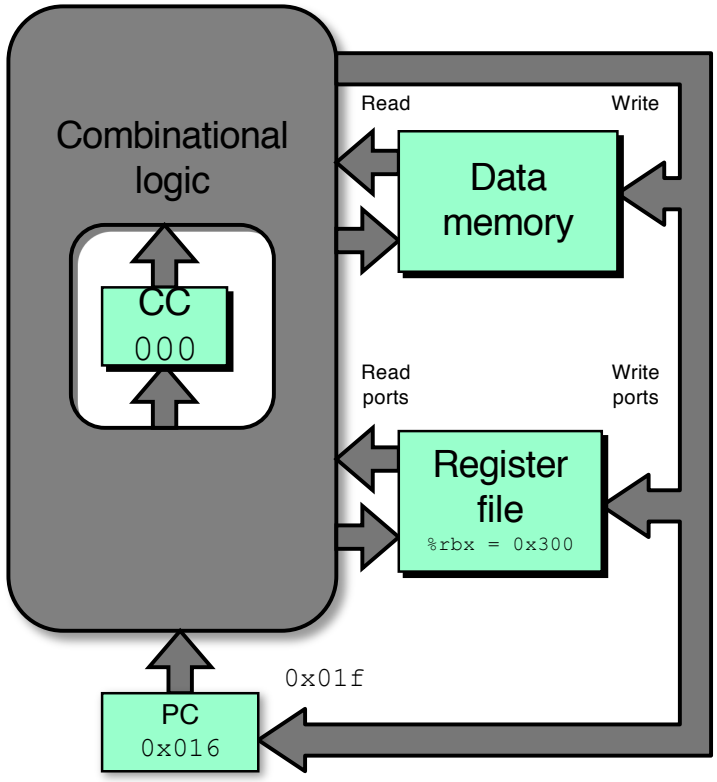

- state set according to `addq` instruction
- combinational logic generates results for `je` instruction

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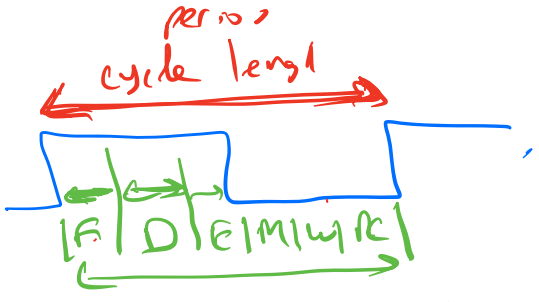

- **Implementation**
  - Express every instruction as series of simple steps
  - Follow same general flow for each instruction type
  - Assemble registers, memories, predesigned combinational blocks
  - Connect with control logic
- **Limitations**
  - Too slow to be practical
  - In one cycle, must propagate through instruction memory, register file, ALU, and data memory
  - Would need to run clock very slowly
  - Hardware units only active for fraction of clock cycle