

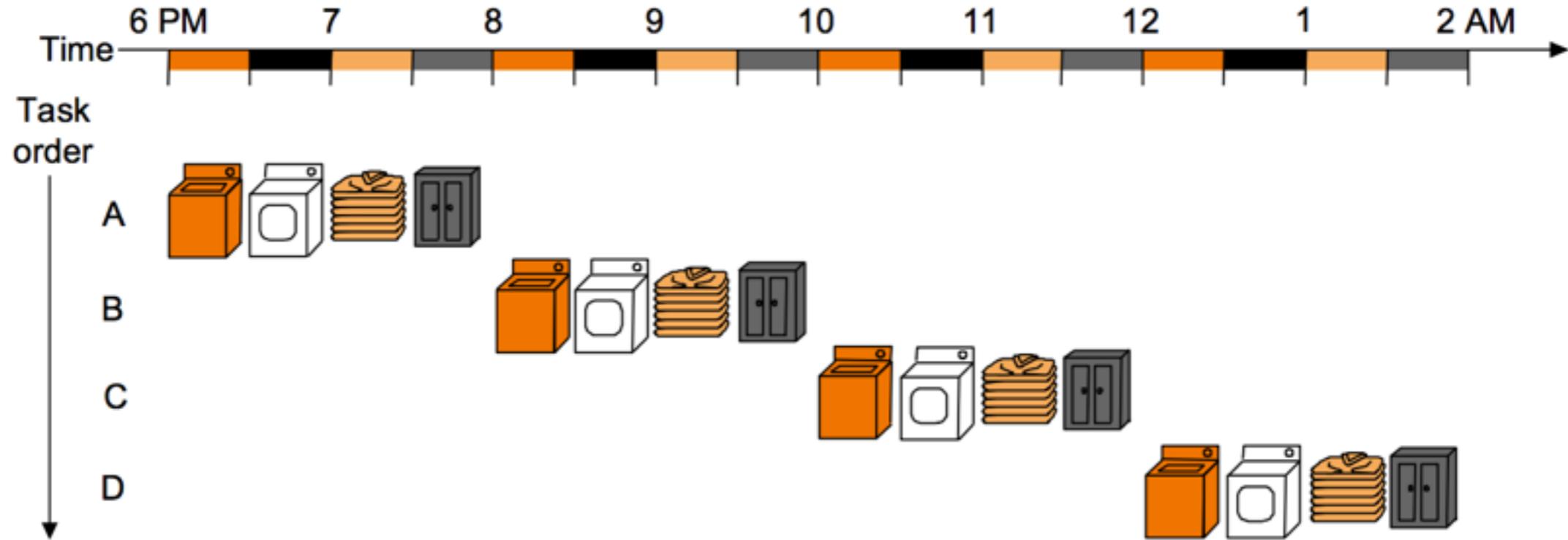
# CSCI-564 Advanced Computer Architecture

## Lecture 7: Pipelining Hazards

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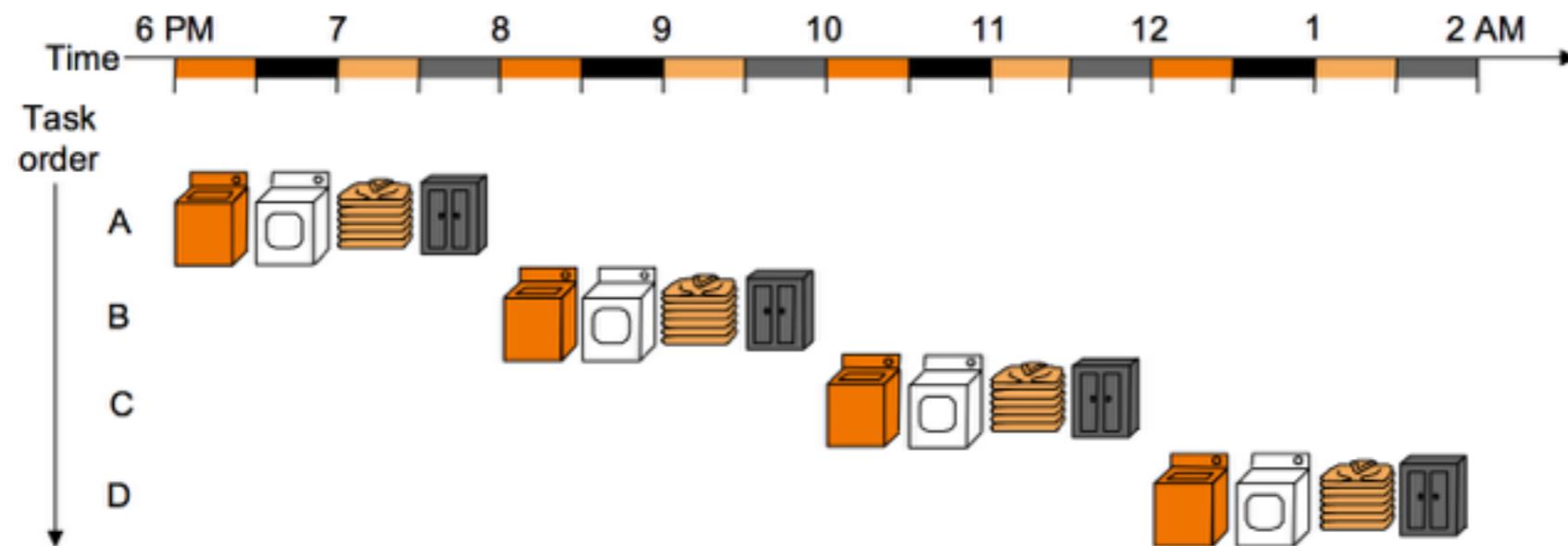
**Wake up! Time to do laundry!**

# The Laundry Analogy

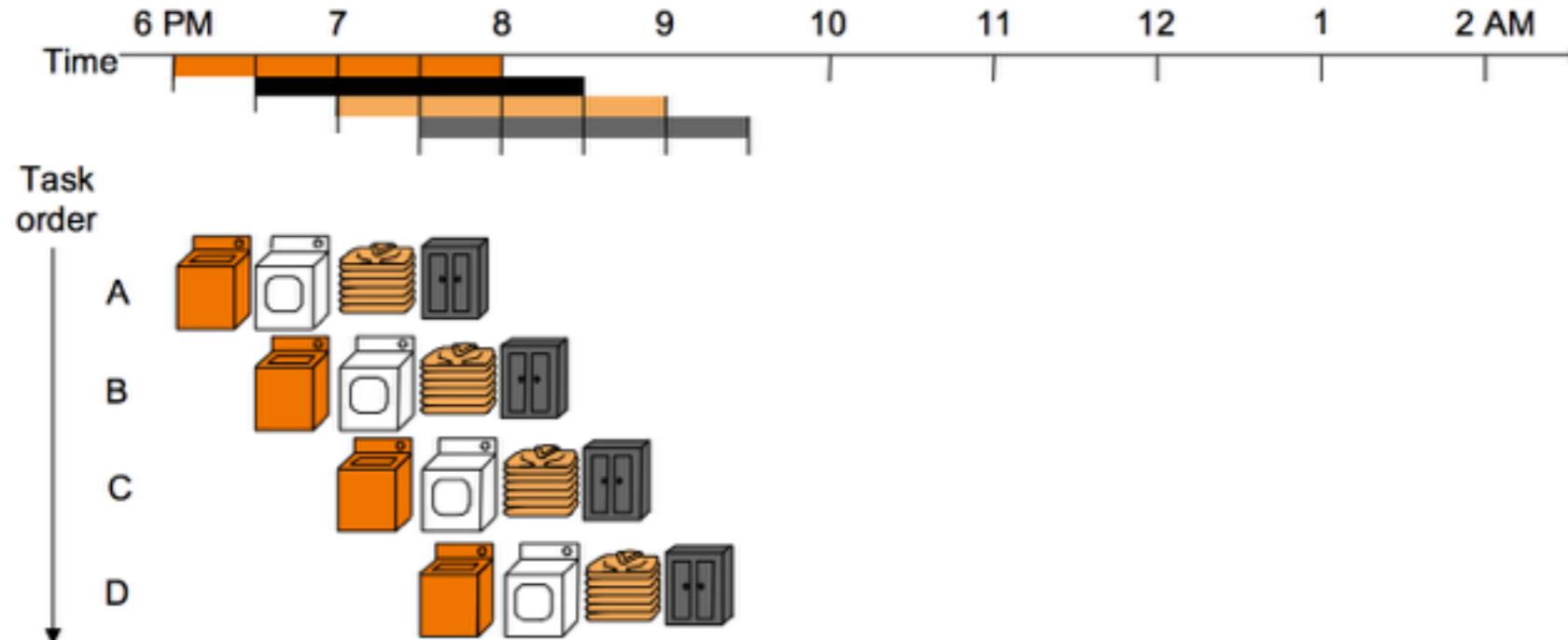
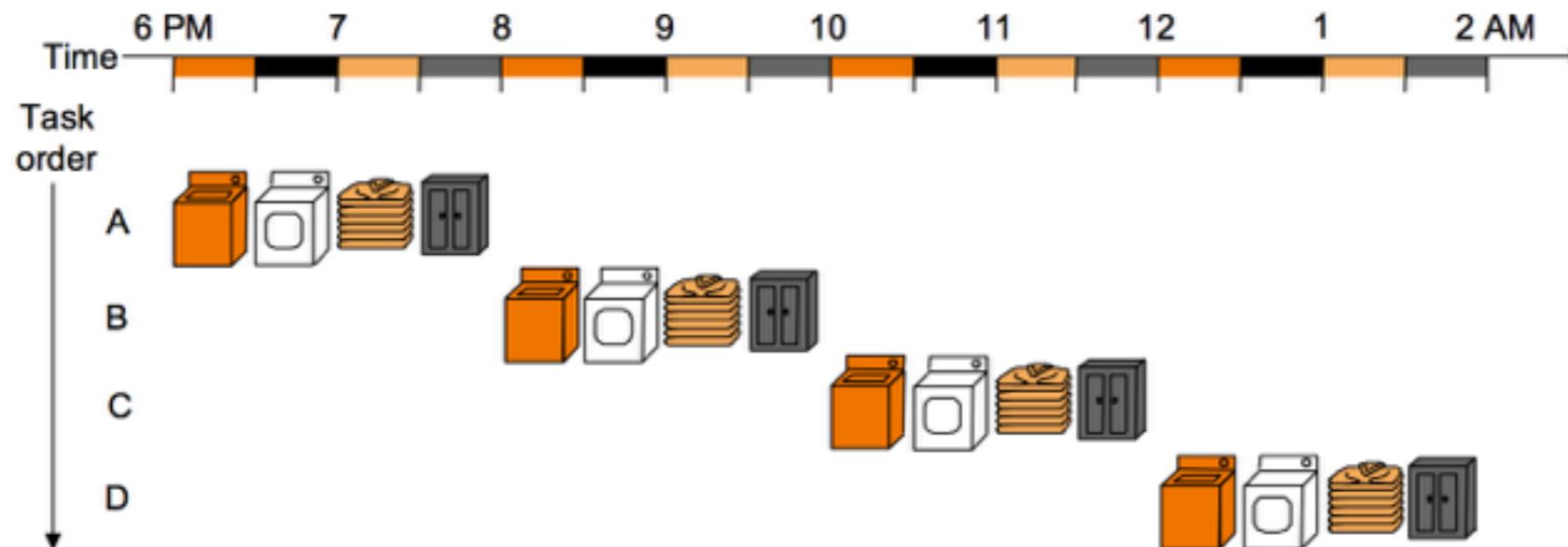


- Place one dirty load of clothes in the washer
- When the washer is finished, place the wet load in the dryer
- When the dryer is finished, take out the dry clothes and fold
- When folding is finished, ask your roommate (?) to put the clothes away

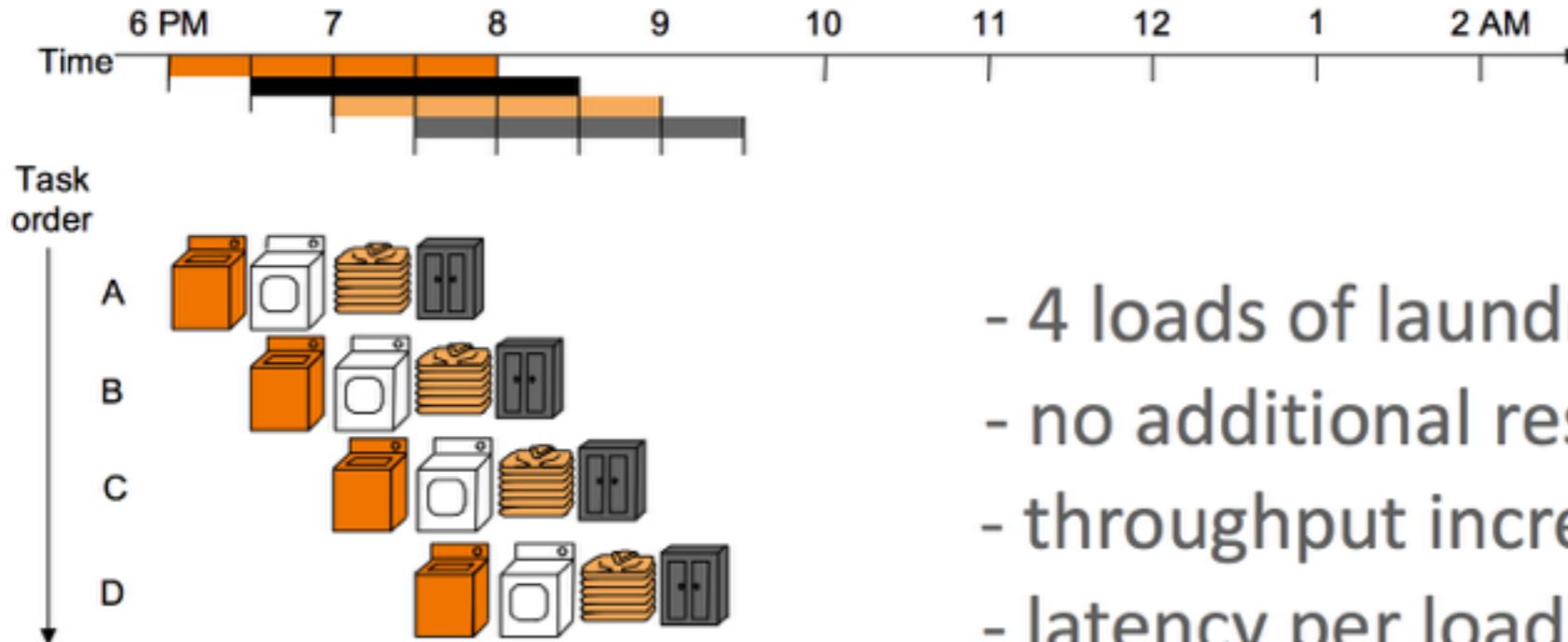
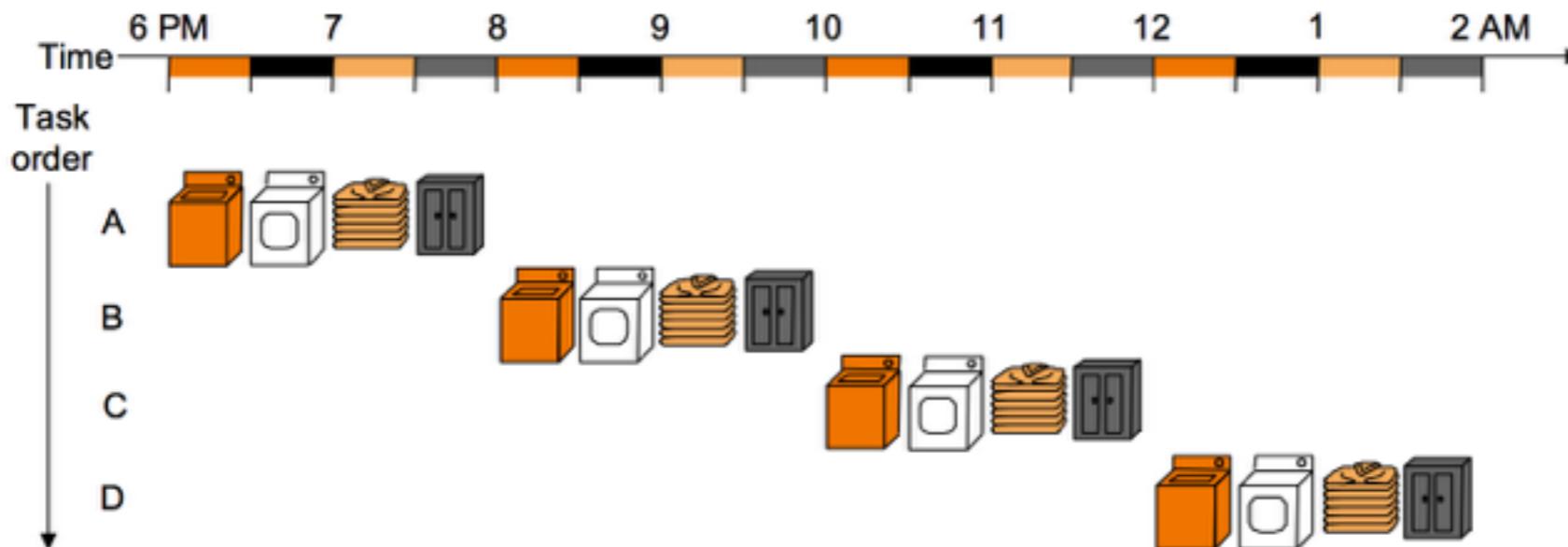
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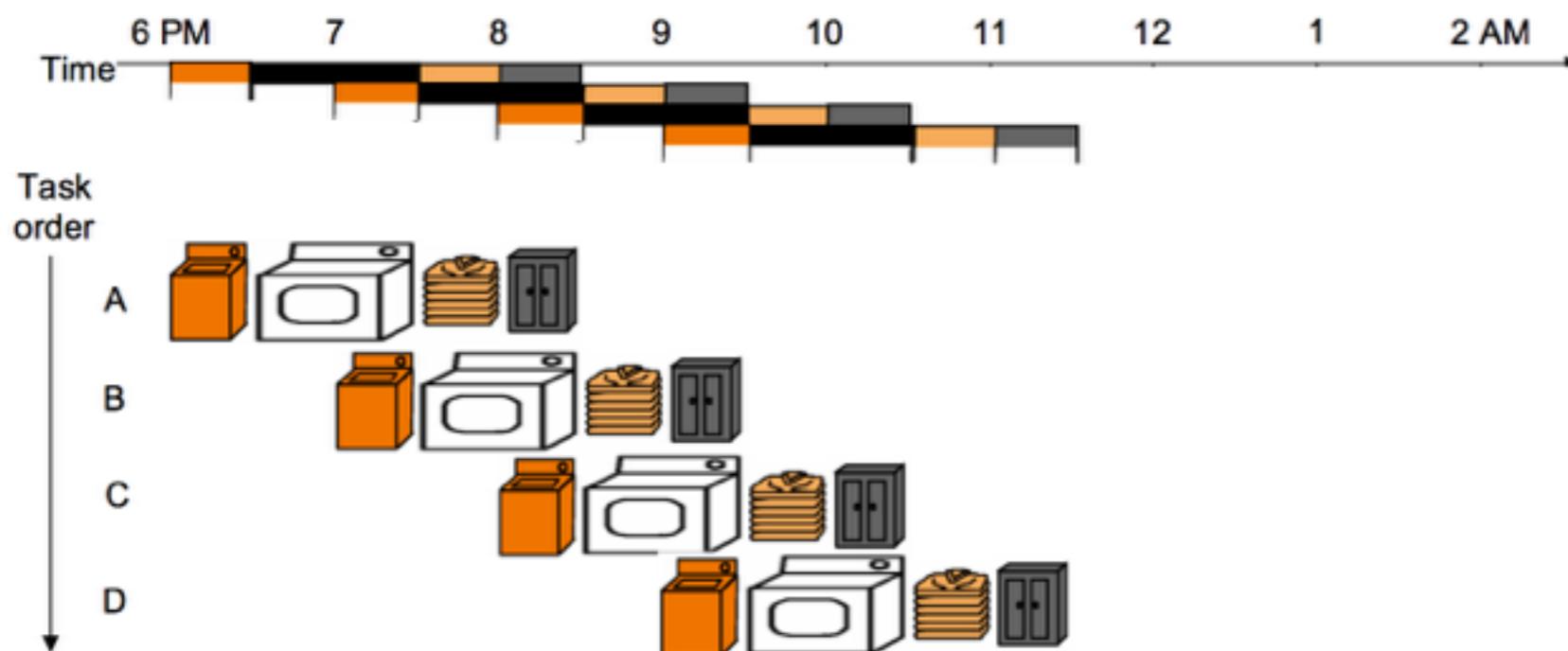
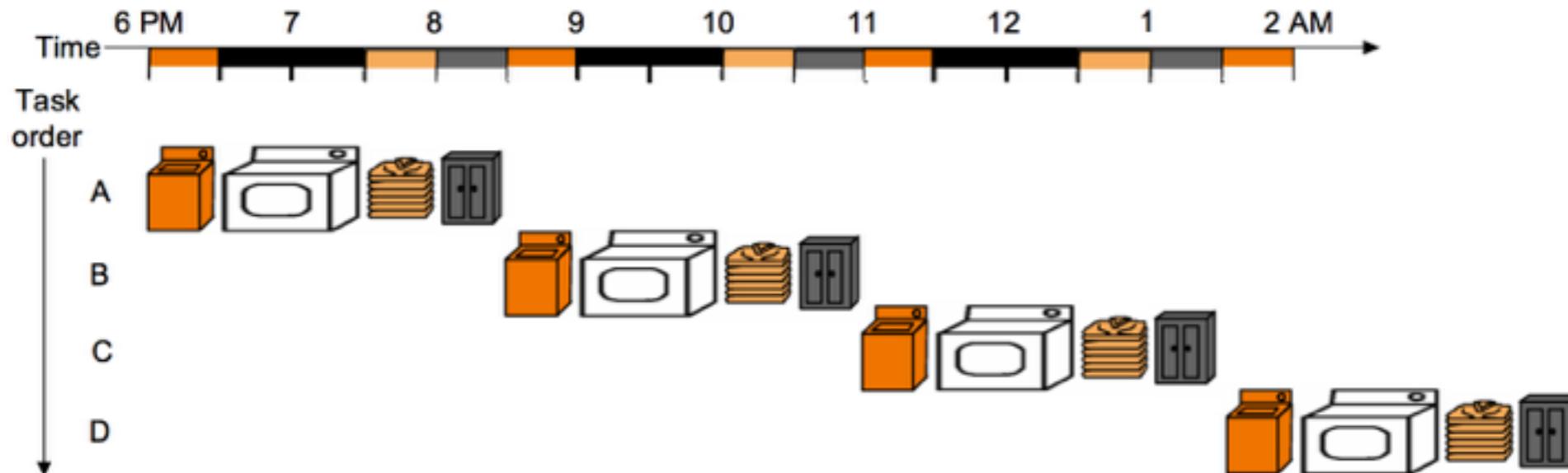
- 4 loads of laundry in parallel
- no additional resources
- throughput increased by 4
- latency per load is the same

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# In Reality, maybe...



the slowest step decides throughput

# Pipelining is Everywhere

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frame

Install  
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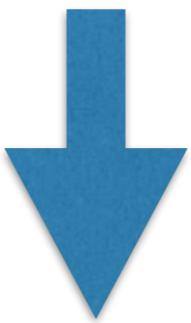
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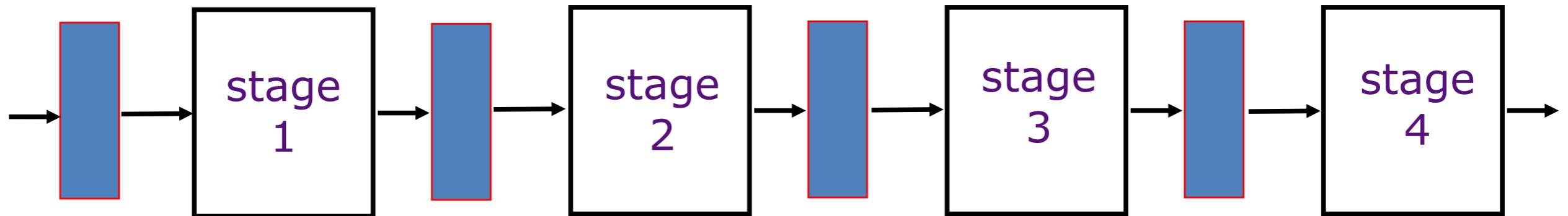
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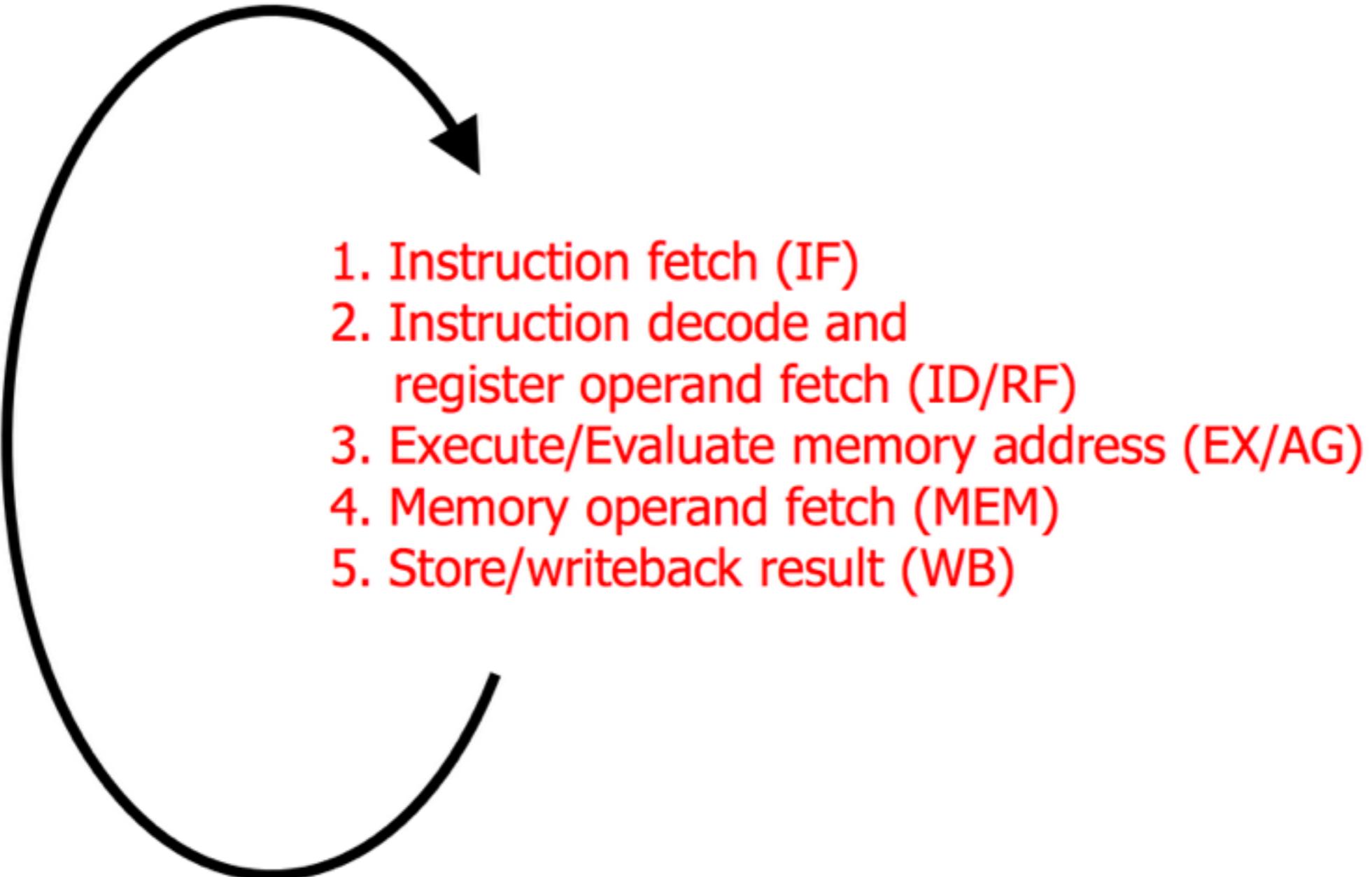


# An Ideal Pipeline

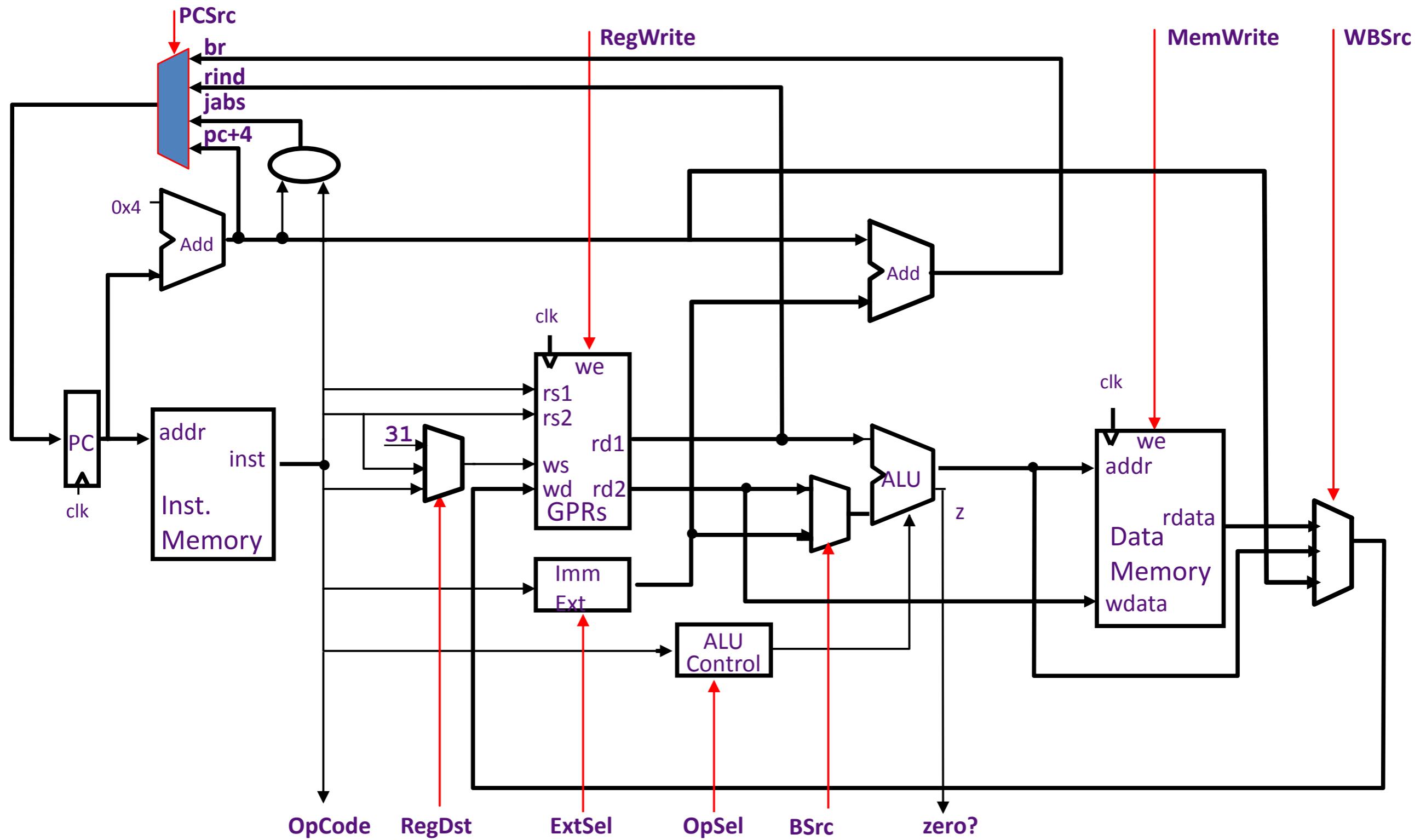


- All objects go through the same stages
- No sharing of resources between any two stages
- Propagation delay through all pipeline stages is equal
- Scheduling of a transaction entering the pipeline is not affected by the transactions in other stages

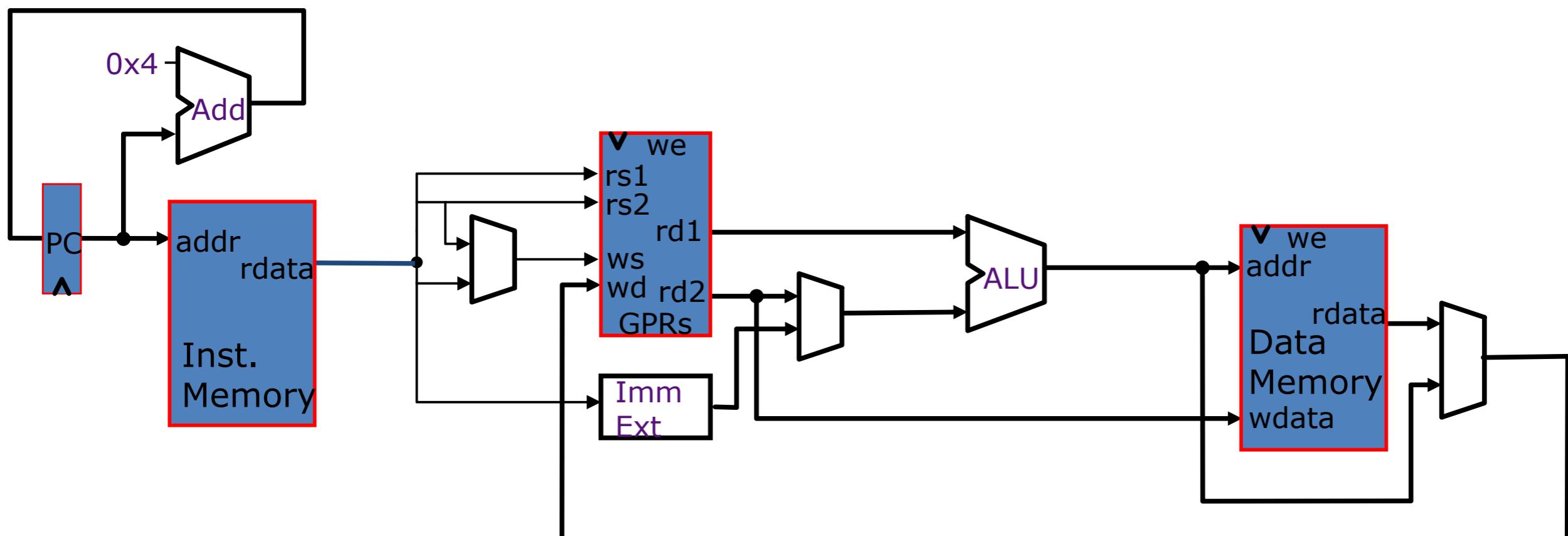
# The Instruction Execution Cycle



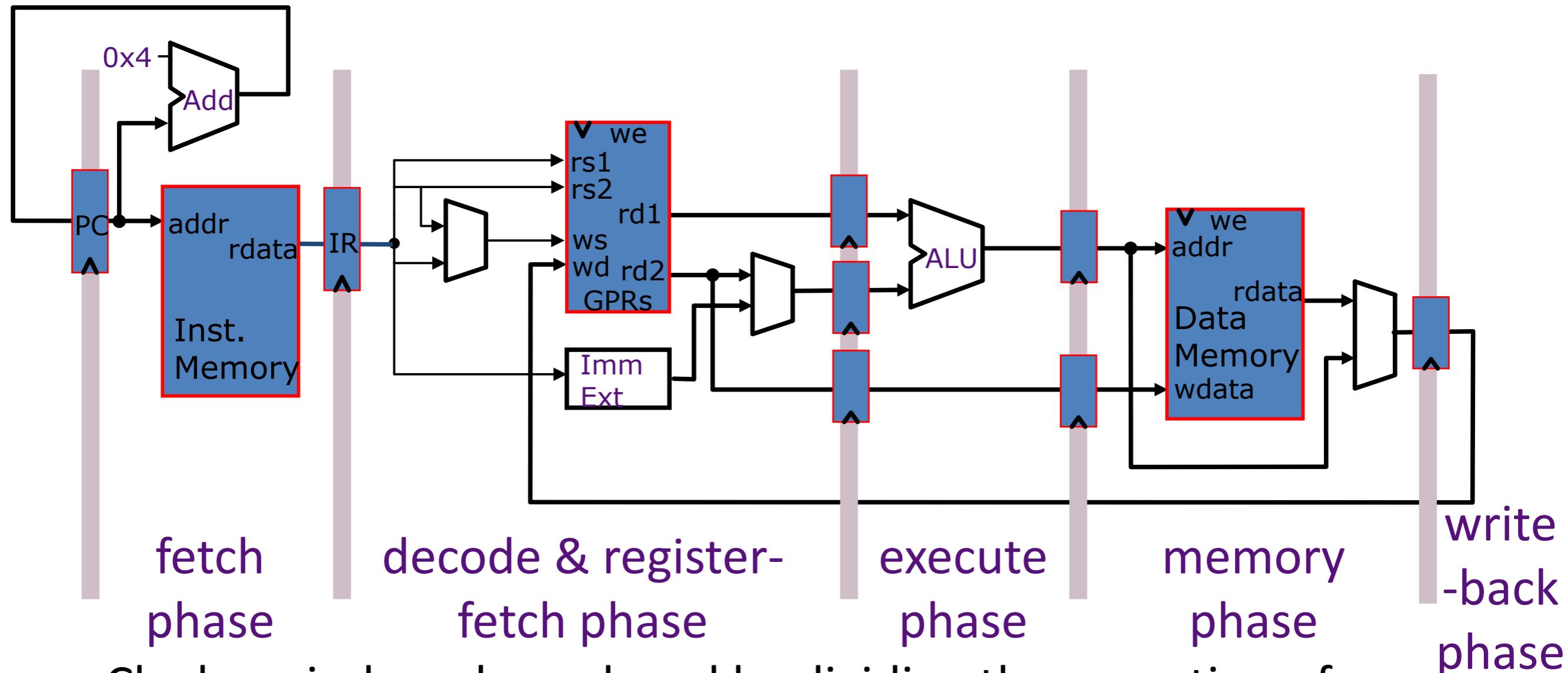
# Unpipelined Datapath for MIPS



# Simplified Unpipelined Datapath



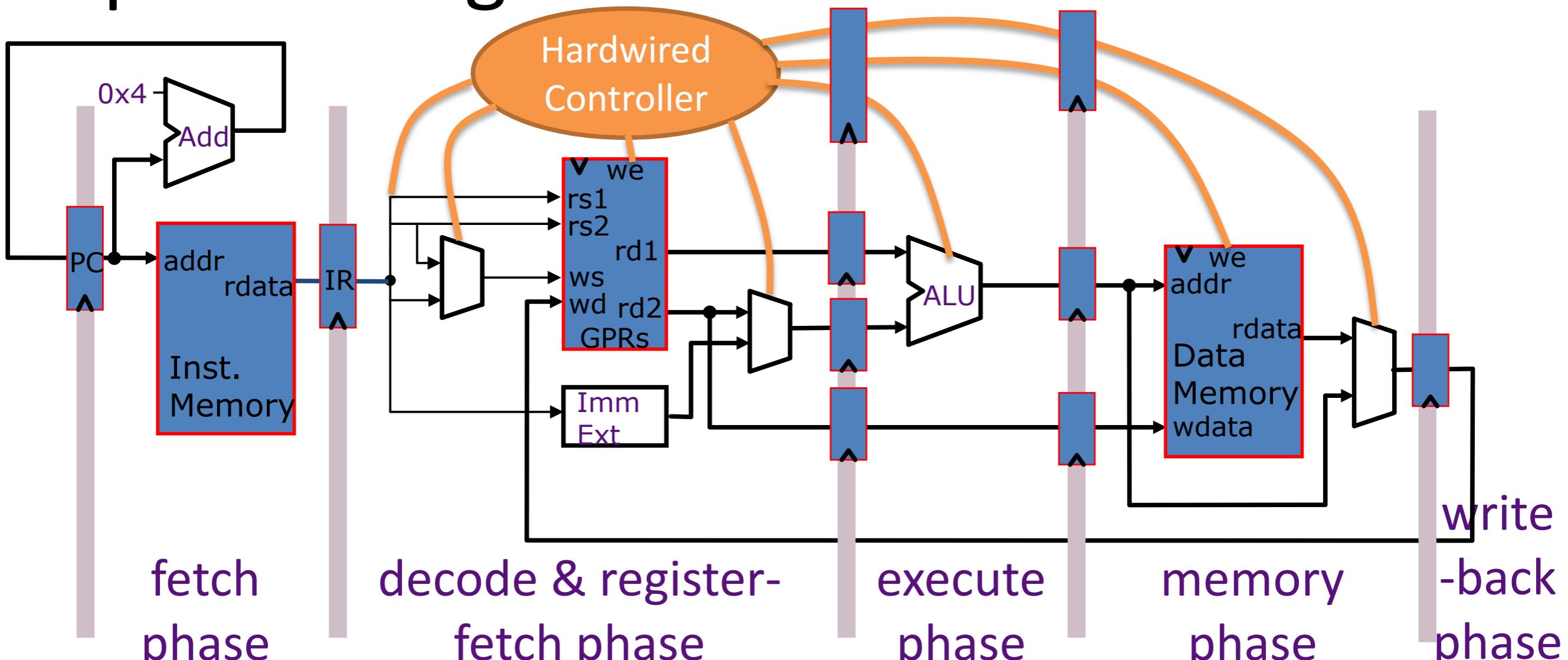
# Pipelined Datapath



Clock period can be reduced by dividing the execution of an instruction into multiple cycles

$$t_C > \max \{t_{IM}, t_{RF}, t_{ALU}, t_{DM}, t_{RW}\} (= t_{DM} \text{ probably})$$

# Pipeline Diagrams: Transactions vs. Time



*time*

instruction1

instruction2

instruction3

instruction4

instruction5

t0  
 $IF_1$

t1  
 $ID_1$

t2  
 $EX_1$

t3  
 $MA_1$

t4  
 $WB_1$

t5  
 $MA_2$

t6  
 $WB_2$

t7  
 $MA_3$

WB3

...

$IF_2$

$ID_2$

$EX_2$

$MA_2$

$WB_2$

$ID_3$

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$ID_4$

$EX_4$

$MA_4$

WB4

$IF_5$

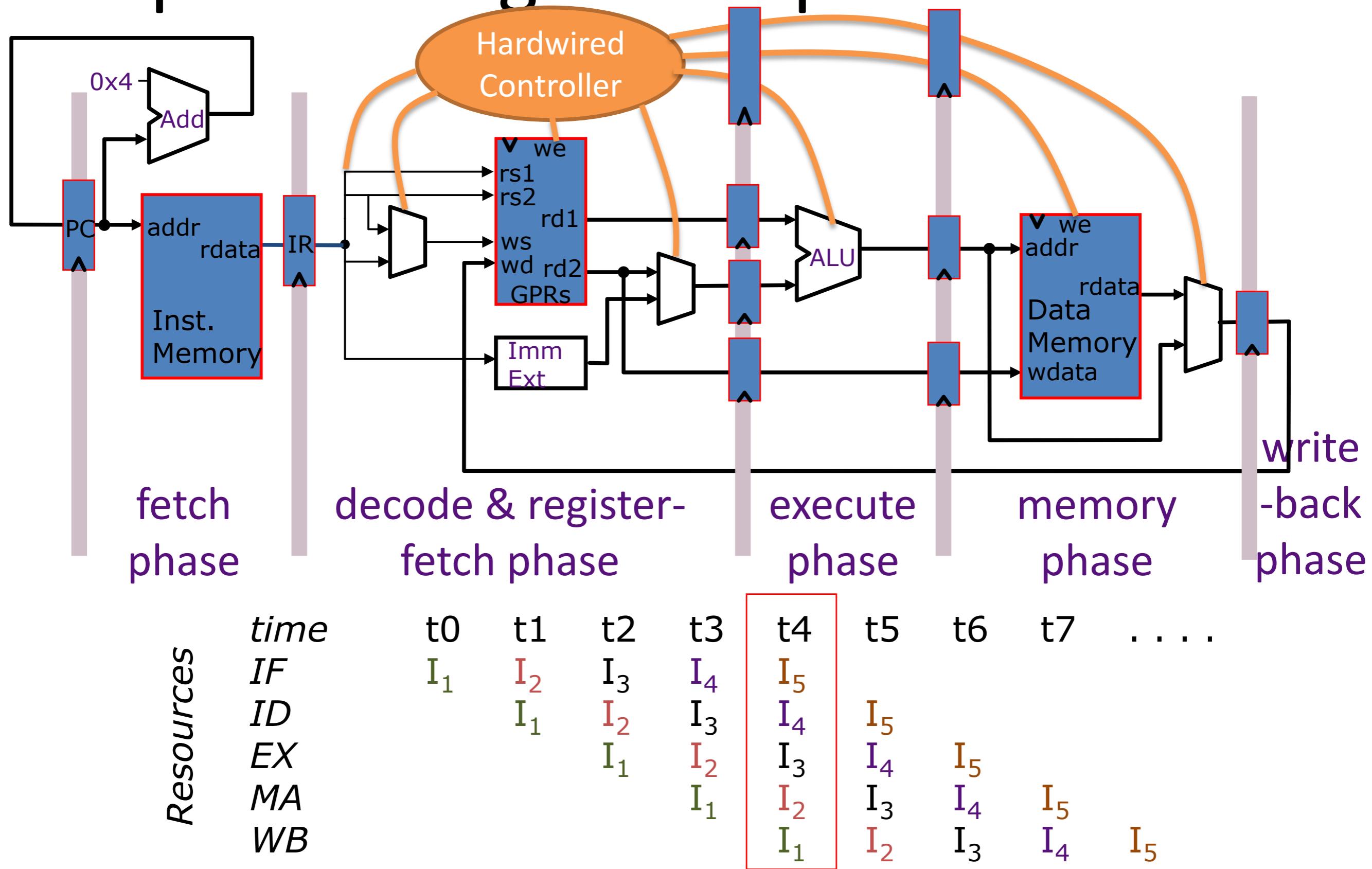
$ID_5$

$EX_5$

$MA_5$

WB5

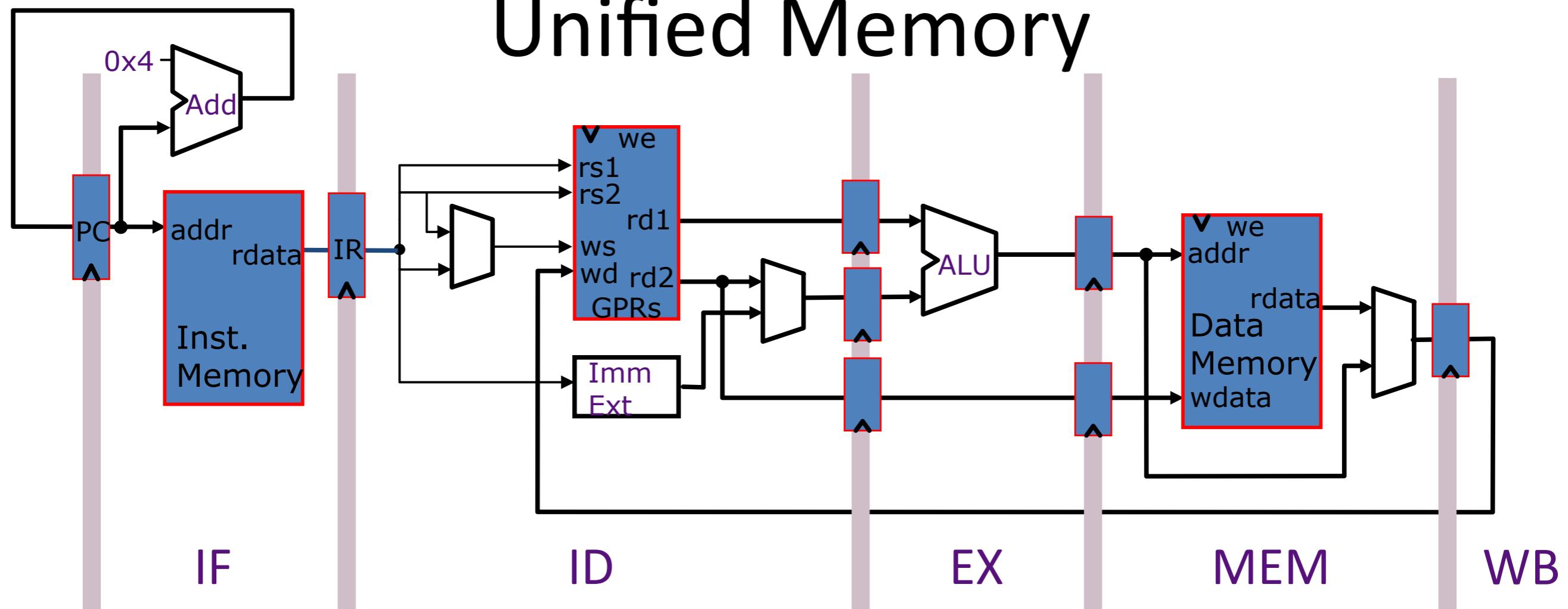
# Pipeline Diagrams: Space vs. Time



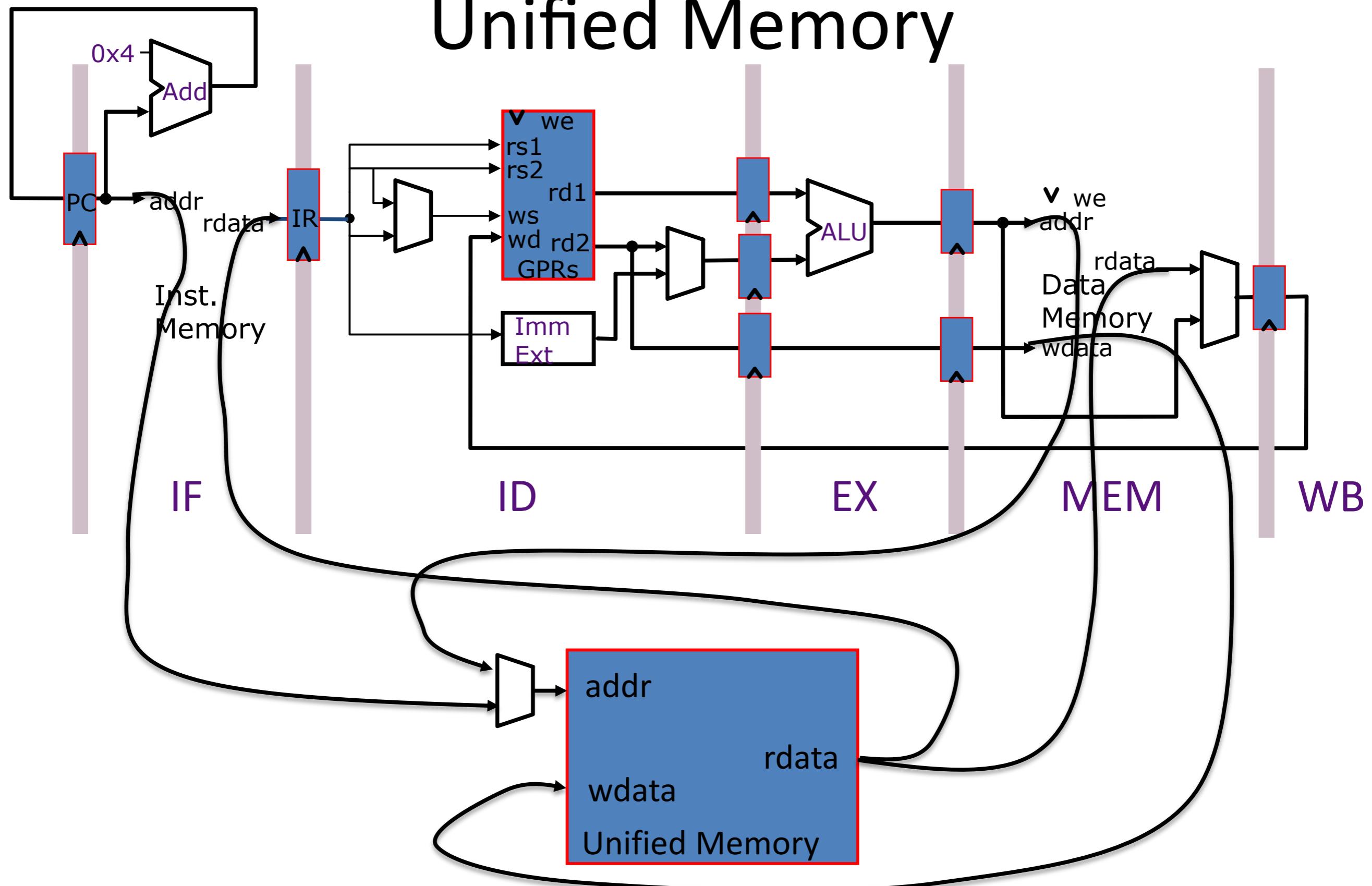
# Instructions Interact With Each Other in Pipeline

- **Structural Hazard:** An instruction in the pipeline needs a resource being used by another instruction in the pipeline
- **Data Hazard:** An instruction depends on a data value produced by an earlier instruction
- **Control Hazard:** Whether or not an instruction should be executed depends on a control decision made by an earlier instruction

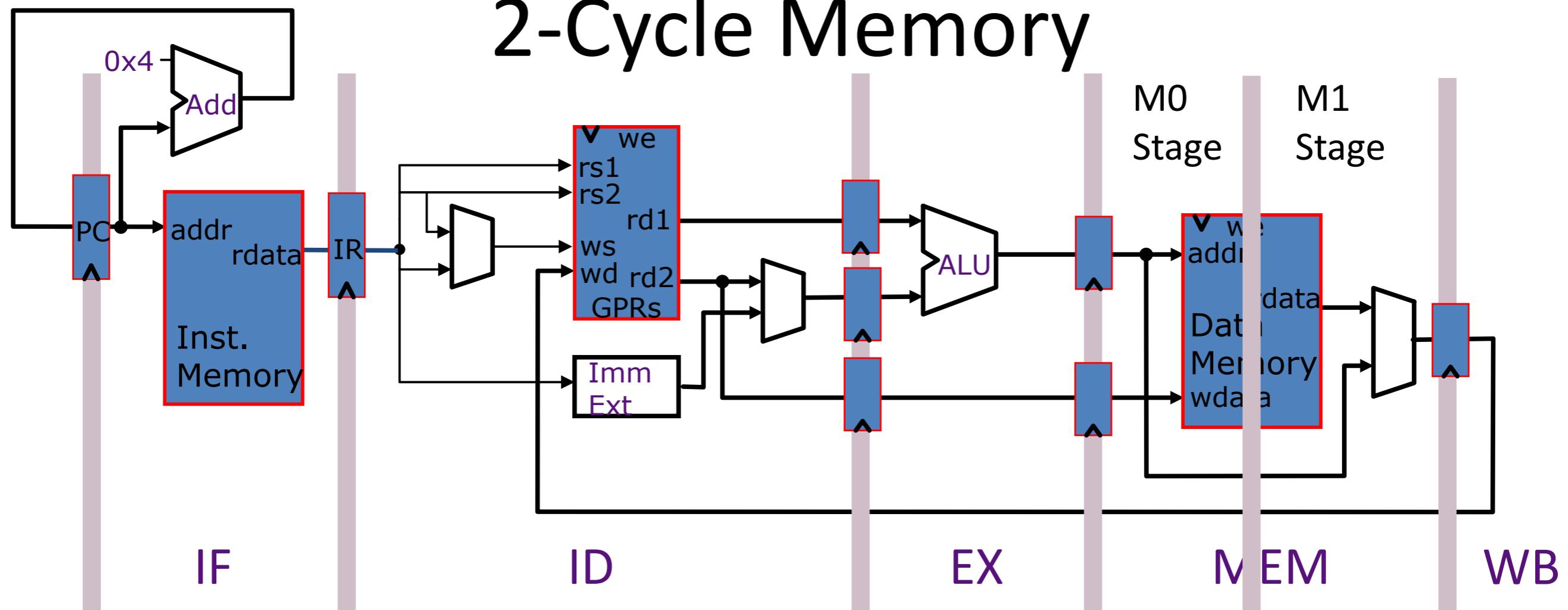
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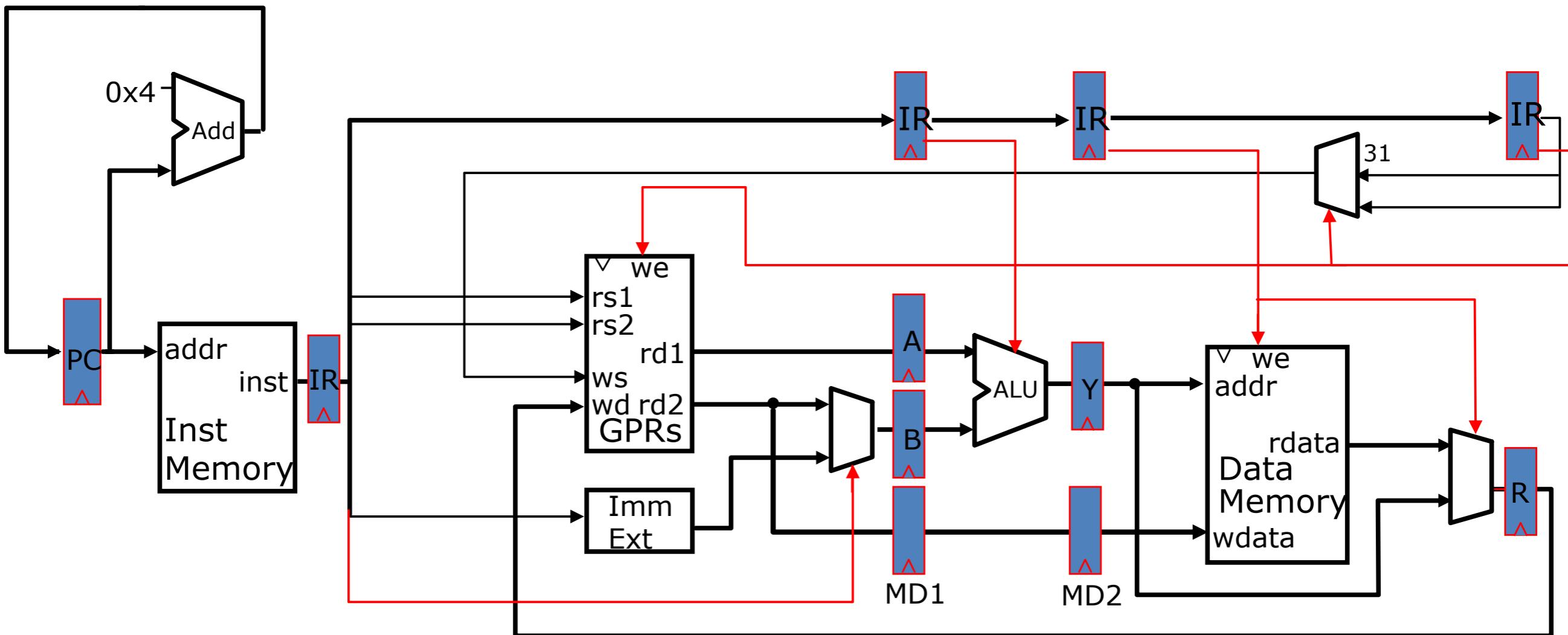
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# Example Structural Hazard: 2-Cycle Memory



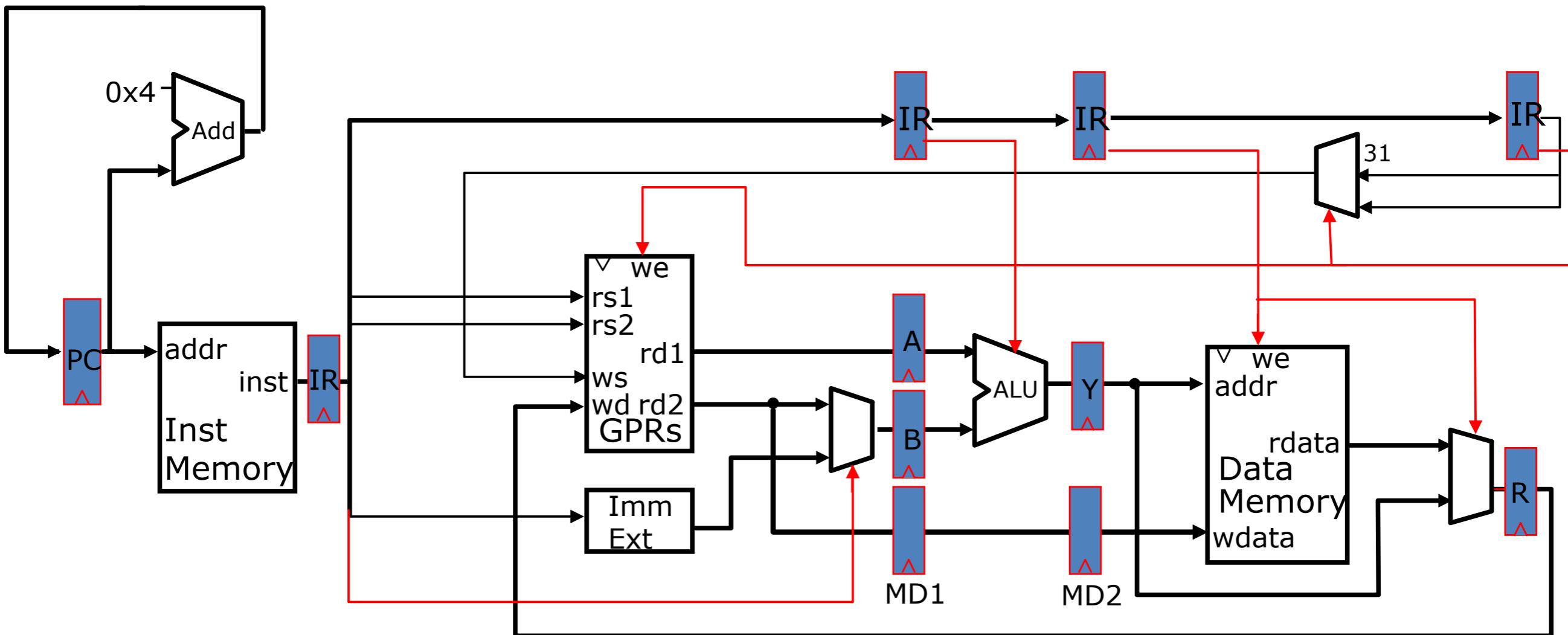
# Example Data Hazard



...  
r1  $\leftarrow$  r0 + 10 (ADDI R1, R0, #10)  
r4  $\leftarrow$  r1 + 17 (ADDI R4, R1, #17)

...

# Example Data Hazard



...  
 $r_1 \leftarrow r_0 + 10$  (ADDI R1, R0, #10)  
 $r_4 \leftarrow r_1 + 17$  (ADDI R4, R1, #17)

*r1 is stale. Oops!*

# Data Dependence

Flow dependence

$$\begin{array}{rcl} r_3 & \leftarrow & r_1 \text{ op } r_2 \\ r_5 & \leftarrow & r_3 \text{ op } r_4 \end{array}$$

Read-after-Write  
(RAW)

Anti dependence

$$\begin{array}{rcl} r_3 & \leftarrow & r_1 \text{ op } r_2 \\ r_1 & \leftarrow & r_4 \text{ op } r_5 \end{array}$$

Write-after-Read  
(WAR)

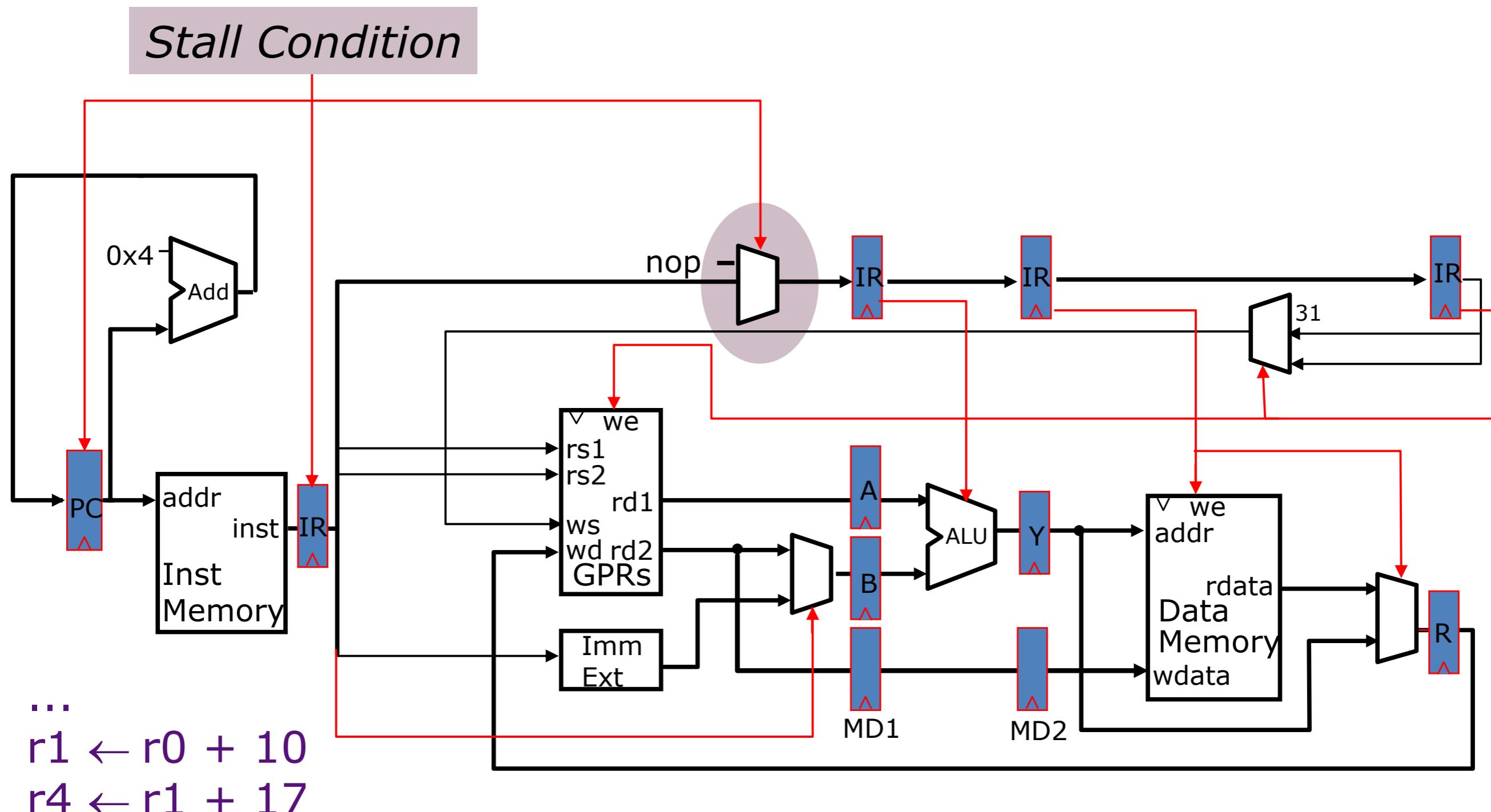
Output-dependence

$$\begin{array}{rcl} r_3 & \leftarrow & r_1 \text{ op } r_2 \\ r_5 & \leftarrow & r_3 \text{ op } r_4 \\ r_3 & \leftarrow & r_6 \text{ op } r_7 \end{array}$$



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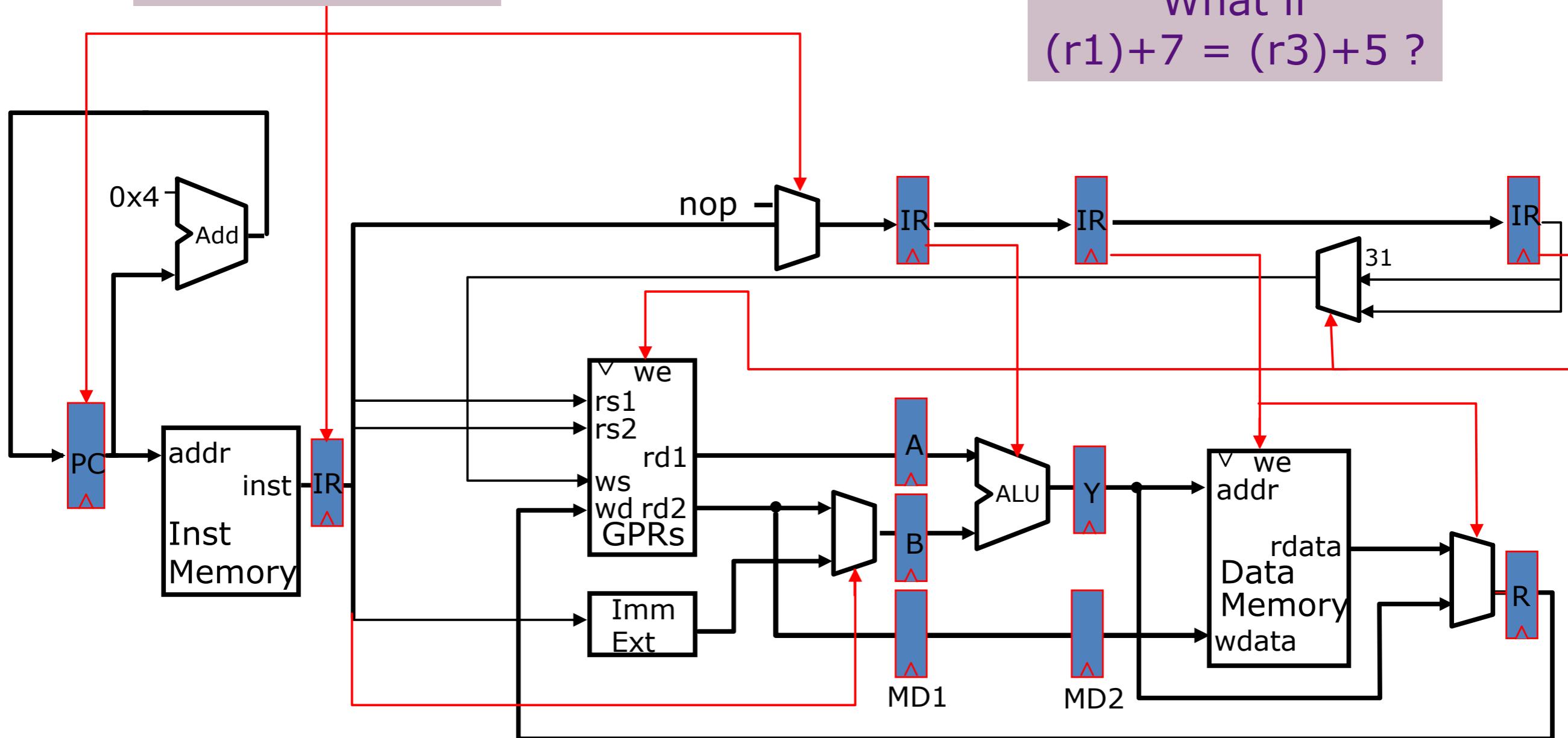
# Resolving Data Hazards with Stalls



# Hazards due to Loads & Stores

*Stall Condition*

What if  
 $(r1)+7 = (r3)+5 ?$



...  
 $M[(r1)+7] \leftarrow (r2)$   
 $r4 \leftarrow M[(r3)+5]$   
...

*Is there any possible data hazard  
in this instruction sequence?*

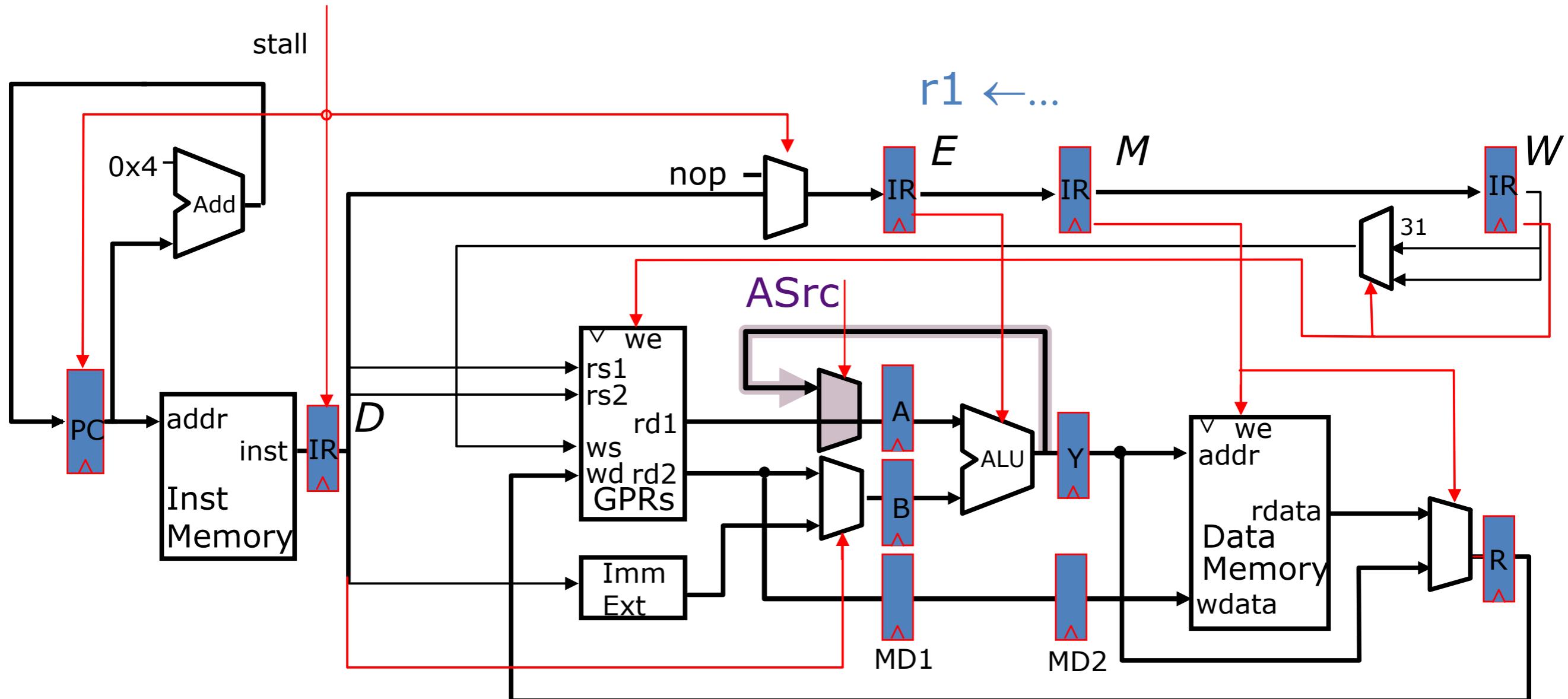
# Data Hazards Due to Loads and Store

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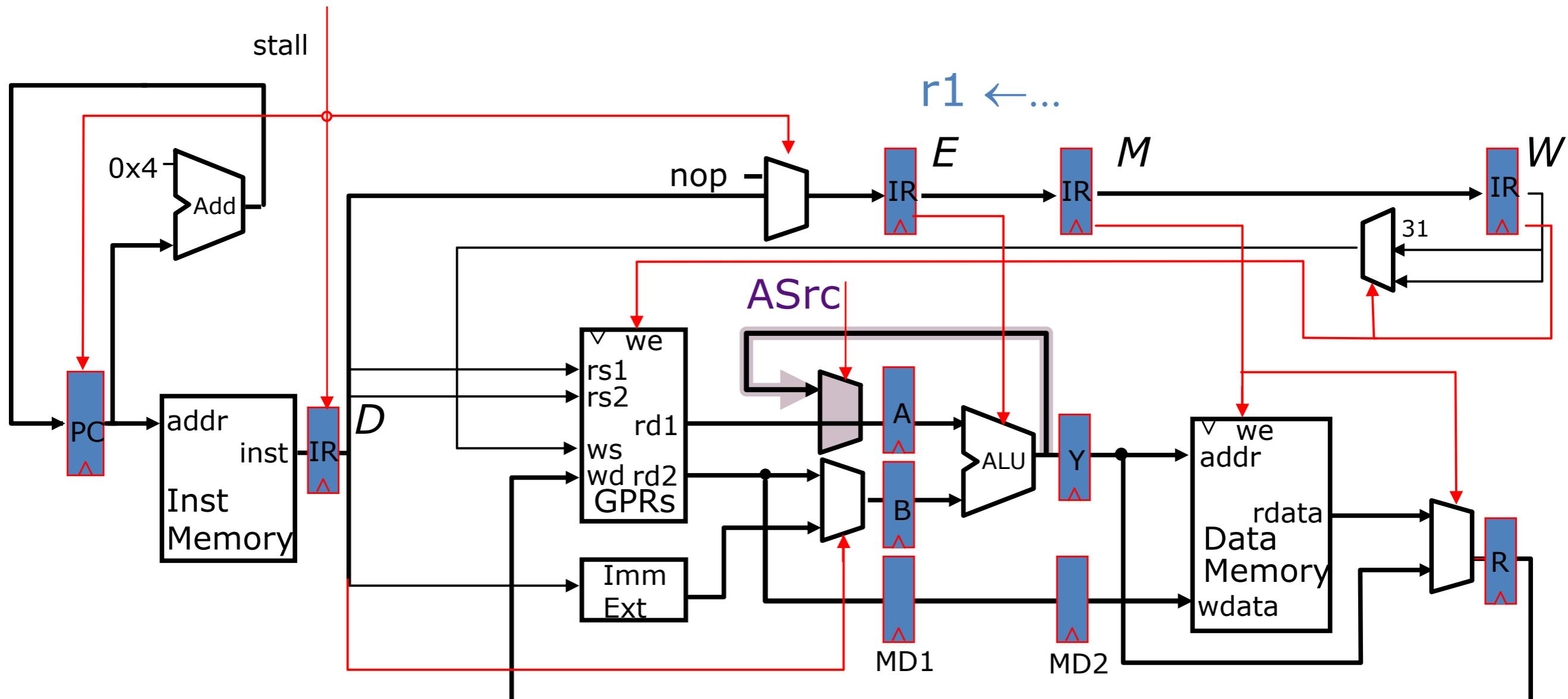
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- What if  $\text{Regs}[r1]+7 == \text{Regs}[r3]+5$  ?
  - Writing and reading to/from the same address
  - Hazard is avoided because our memory system completes writes in a single cycle
  - More realistic memory system will require more careful handling of data hazards due to loads and stores

# Adding Bypassing to the Datapath



$(I_1)$   $r1 \leftarrow r0 + 10$   
 $(I_2)$   $r4 \leftarrow r1 + 17$

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*When does this bypass help?*

|         |                         |                                     |                         |
|---------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| $(I_1)$ | $r1 \leftarrow r0 + 10$ | $r1 \leftarrow \text{Mem}[r0 + 10]$ | $\text{JAL } 500$       |
| $(I_2)$ | $r4 \leftarrow r1 + 17$ | $r4 \leftarrow r1 + 17$             | $r4 \leftarrow r31 + 1$ |

# Bypassing in Action

- Consider this 8-stage pipeline



- For the following pairs of instructions, how many stalls will the second instruction experience (with and without bypassing)?

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ADD R3+R4→R5

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without: 5 with: 3

LD [R1]→R2

without: 5 with: 3

SD [R2]←R3

without: 5 with: 1

LD [R1]→R2

without: 5 with: 1

SD [R3]←R2

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  - For Jumps
    - Opcode, offset and PC
  - For Jump Register
    - Opcode and Register value
  - For Conditional Branches
    - Opcode, PC, Register (for condition), and offset
  - For all other instructions
    - Opcode and PC

# Opcode Decoding Bubble

(assuming no branch delay slots for now)

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*nop* ⇒ *pipeline bubble*

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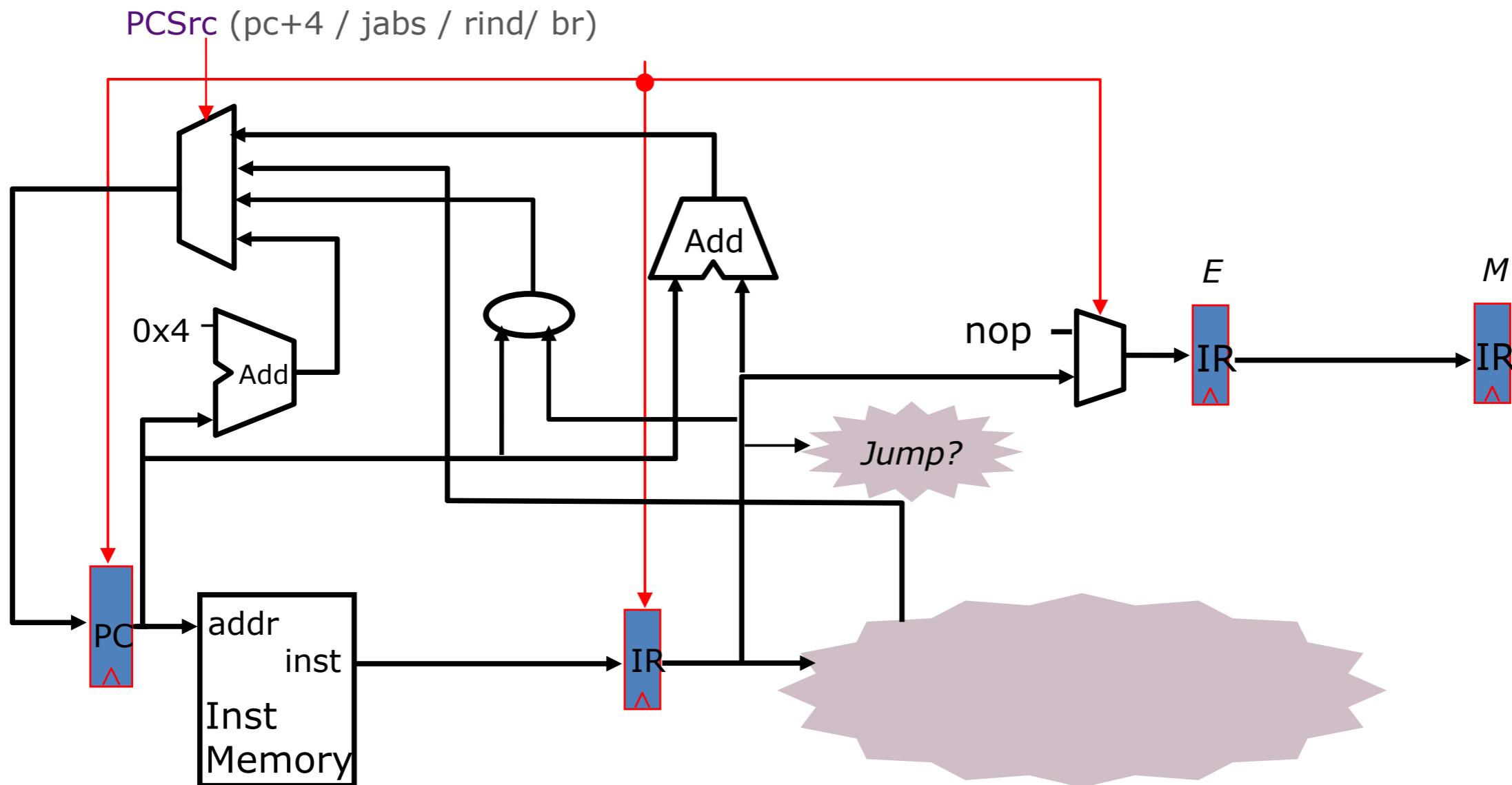
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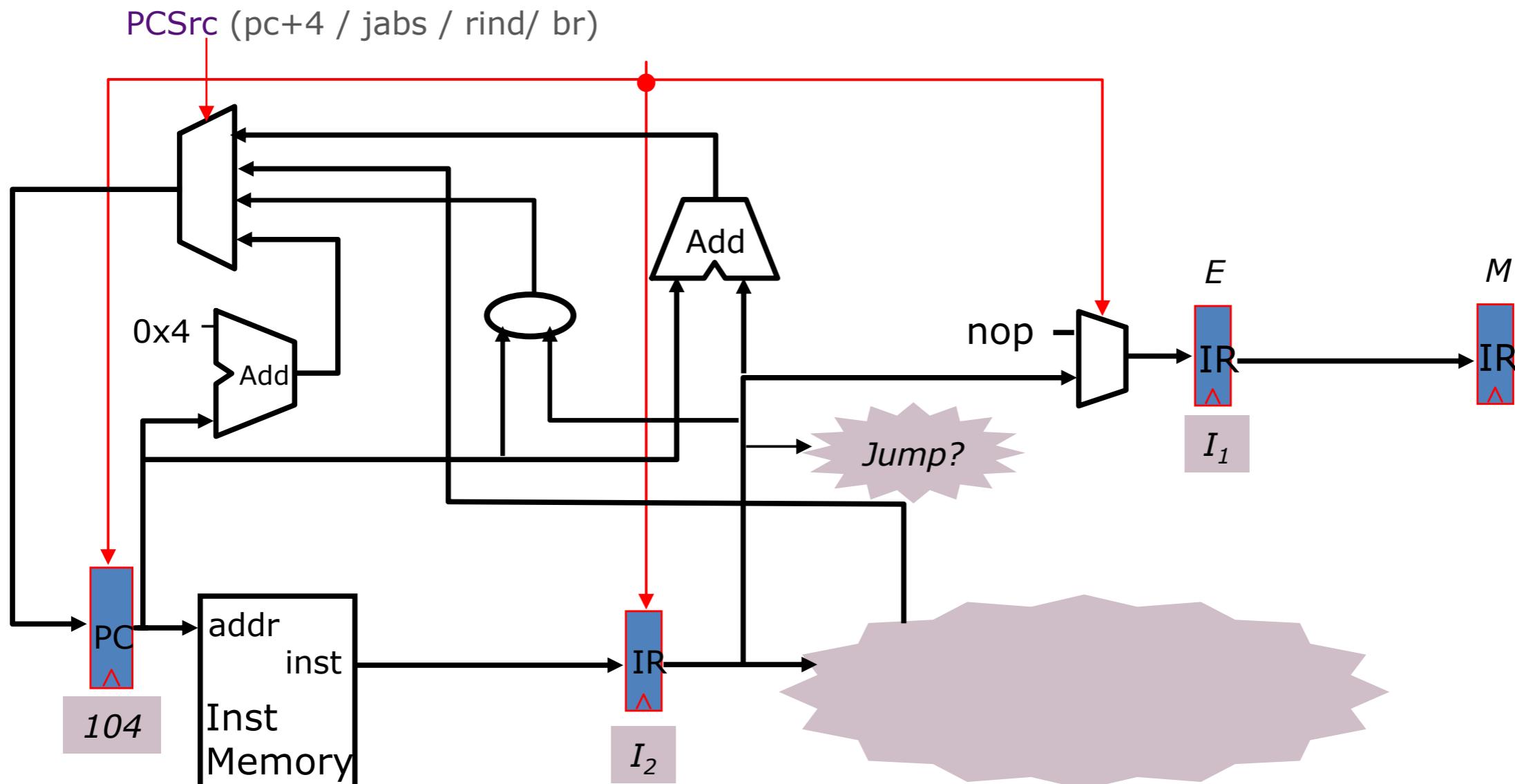
CPI = 2!

*nop* ⇒ *pipeline bubble*

# Speculate next address is PC+4



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|                      |            |                        |
|----------------------|------------|------------------------|
| <b>I<sub>1</sub></b> | <b>096</b> | <b>ADD</b>             |
| <b>I<sub>2</sub></b> | <b>100</b> | <b>J 304</b>           |
| <b>I<sub>3</sub></b> | <b>104</b> | <b>ADD</b> <i>kill</i> |
| <b>I<sub>4</sub></b> | <b>304</b> | <b>ADD</b>             |

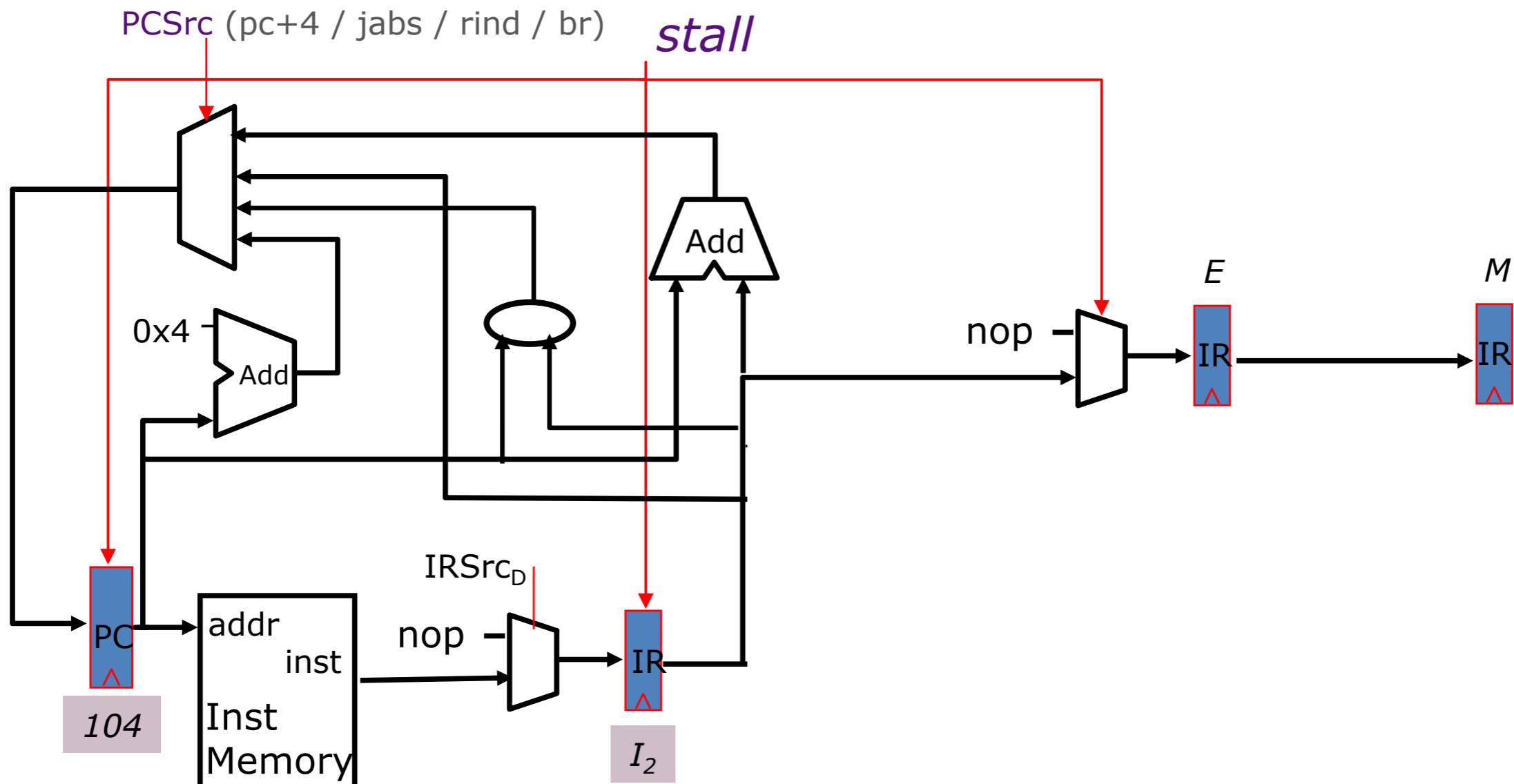
# Jump Pipeline Diagrams

|                              | <i>time</i>     |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |    |    |     |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----|----|-----|
|                              | t0              | t1              | t2              | t3              | t4              | t5              | t6 | t7 | ... |
| (I <sub>1</sub> ) 096: ADD   | IF <sub>1</sub> | ID <sub>1</sub> | EX <sub>1</sub> | MA <sub>1</sub> | WB <sub>1</sub> |                 |    |    |     |
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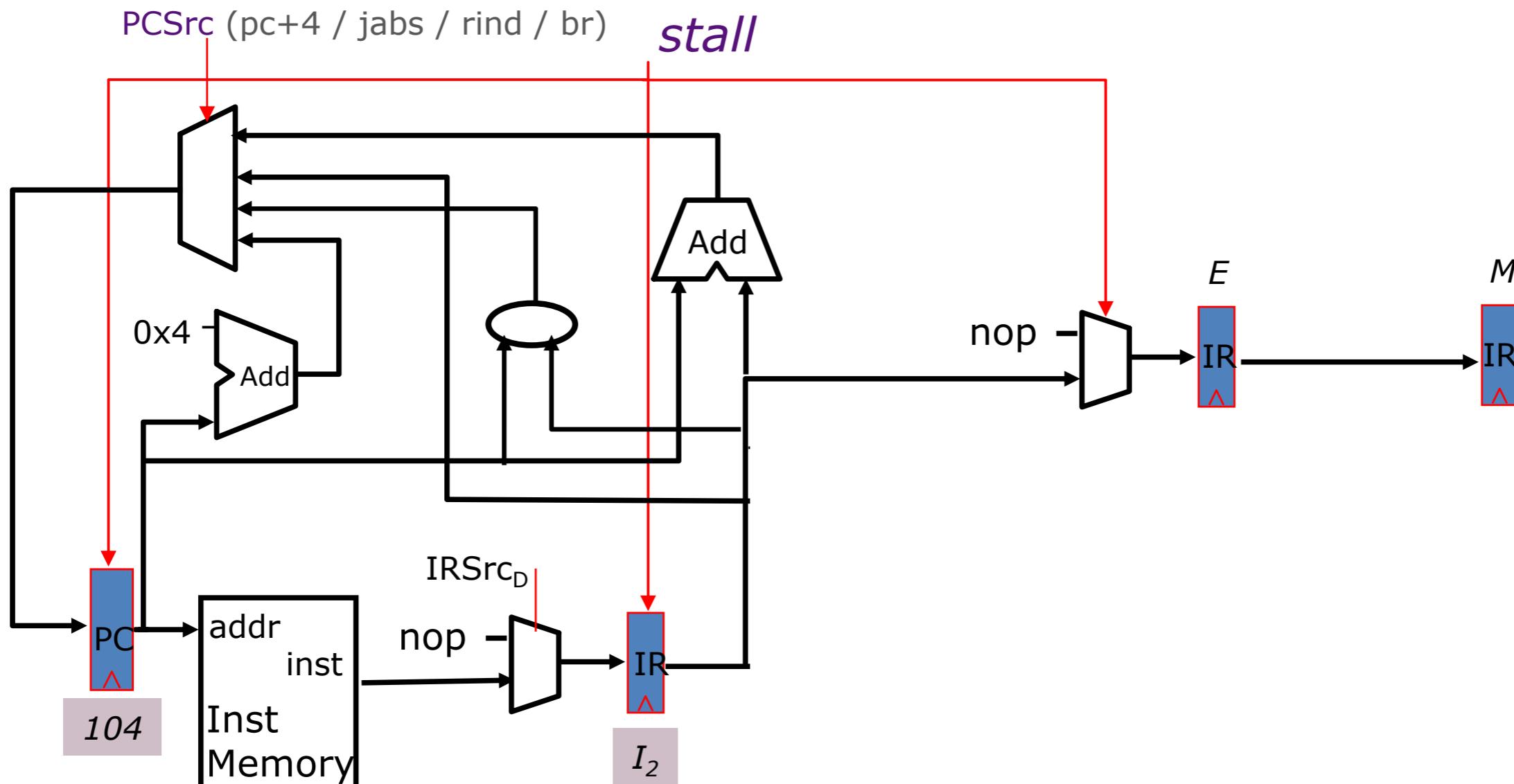
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*nop*  $\Rightarrow$  *pipeline bubble*

# Pipelining Conditional Branches



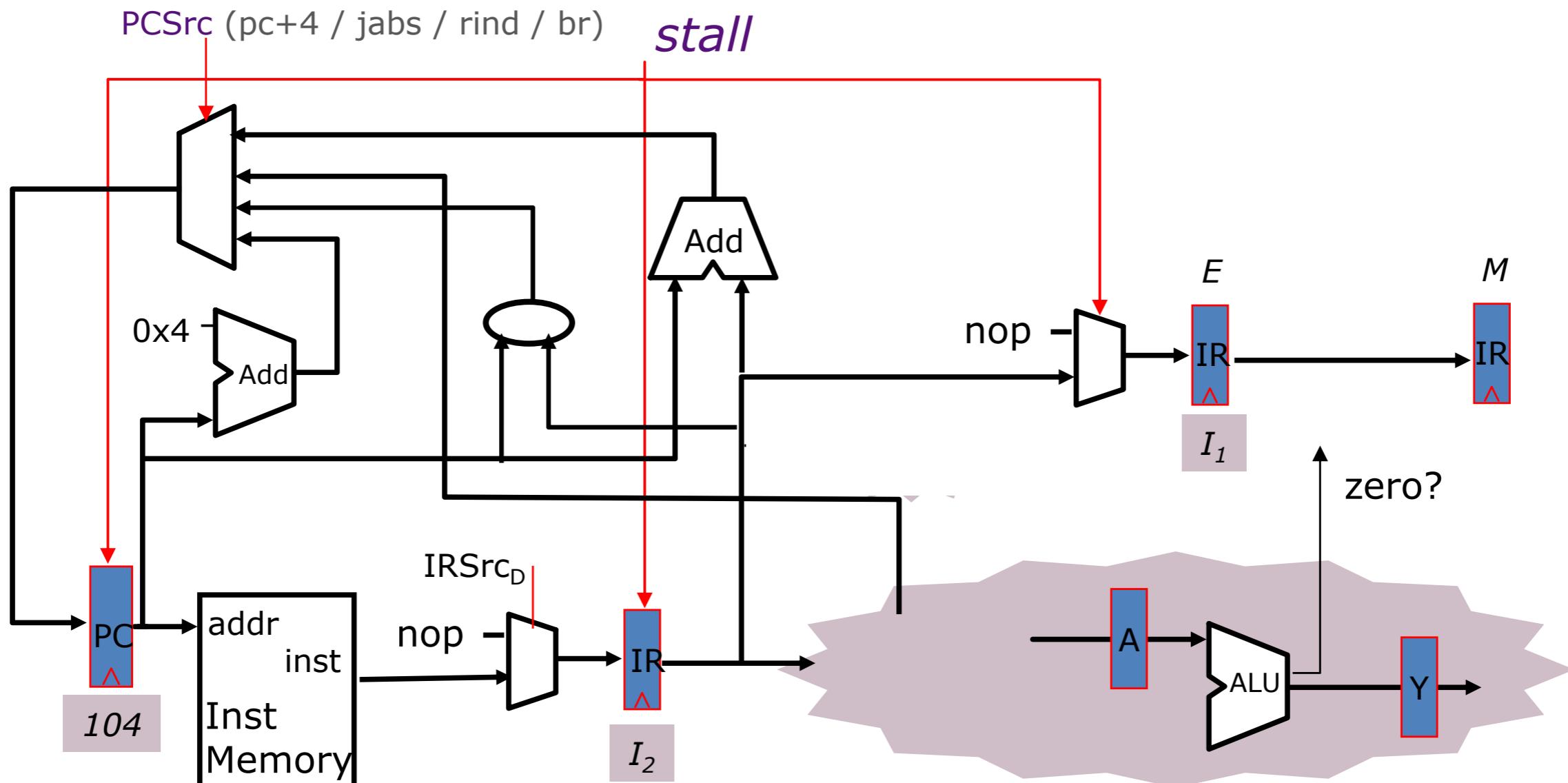
# Pipelining Conditional Branches



|                |     |              |
|----------------|-----|--------------|
| I <sub>1</sub> | 096 | ADD          |
| I <sub>2</sub> | 100 | BEQZ r1 +200 |
| I <sub>3</sub> | 104 | ADD          |
|                | 108 | ...          |
| I <sub>4</sub> | 304 | ADD          |

Branch condition is not known until the execute stage  
*what action should be taken in the decode stage ?*

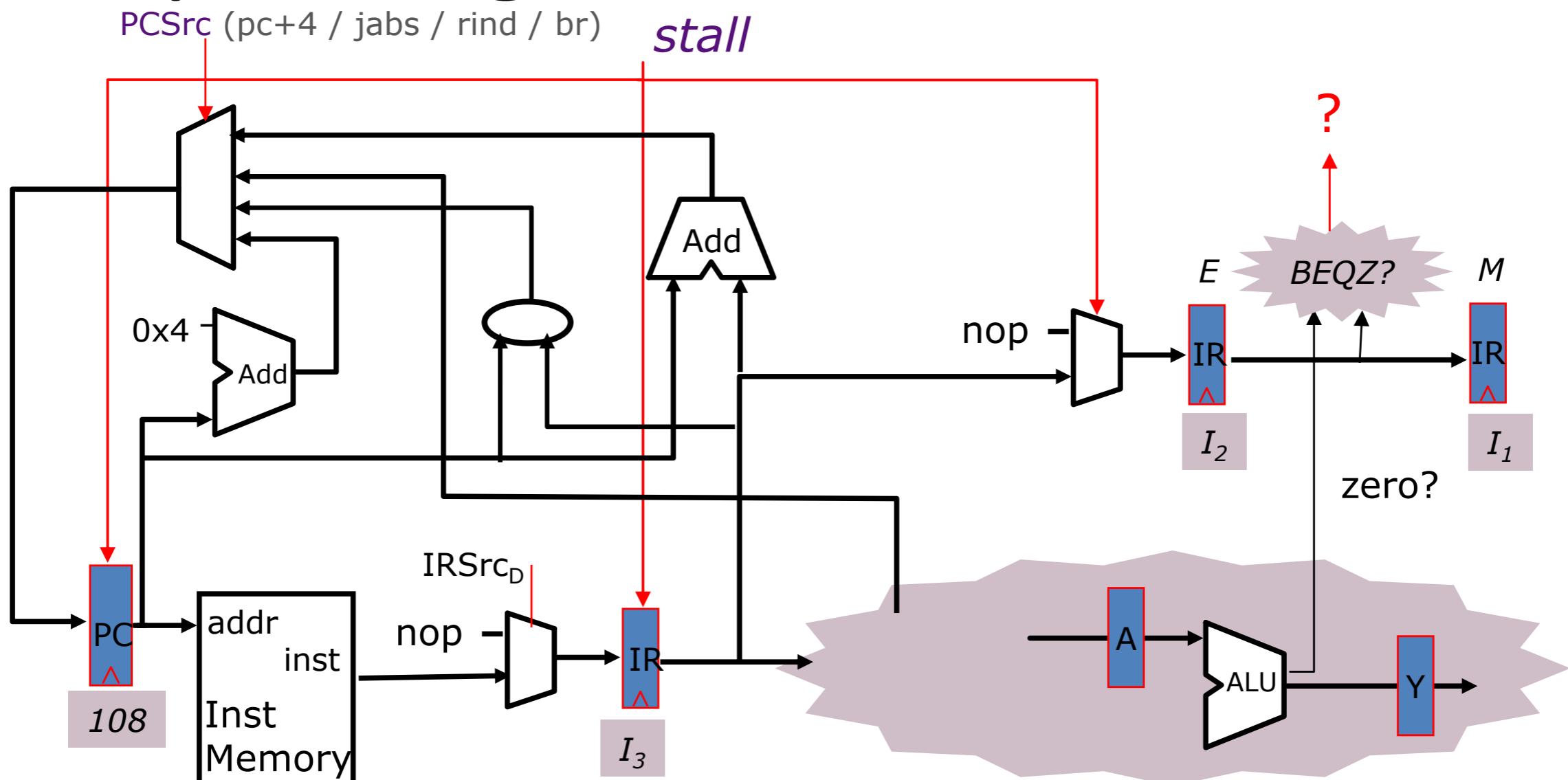
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|       |     |              |
|-------|-----|--------------|
| $I_1$ | 096 | ADD          |
| $I_2$ | 100 | BEQZ r1 +200 |
| $I_3$ | 104 | ADD          |
| $I_4$ | 108 | ...          |
|       | 304 | ADD          |

Branch condition is not known until the execute stage  
*what action should be taken in the decode stage ?*

# Pipelining Conditional Branches



If the branch is taken

- kill the two following instructions
  - the instruction at the decode stage is not valid

```
096      ADD
100      BEQZ r1 +200
104      ADD
108      ...
304      ADD
```

# Branch Pipeline Diagrams

(resolved in execute stage)

|                                  | <i>time</i> |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                  | t0          | t1              | t2              | t3              | t4              | t5              | t6              | t7              | ...             |                 |
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| (I <sub>3</sub> ) 104: ADD       |             |                 |                 | IF <sub>3</sub> | ID <sub>3</sub> | nop             | nop             | nop             |                 |                 |
| (I <sub>4</sub> ) 108:           |             |                 |                 |                 | IF <sub>4</sub> | nop             | nop             | nop             | nop             |                 |
| (I <sub>5</sub> ) 304: ADD       |             |                 |                 |                 |                 | IF <sub>5</sub> | ID <sub>5</sub> | EX <sub>5</sub> | MA <sub>5</sub> | WB <sub>5</sub> |

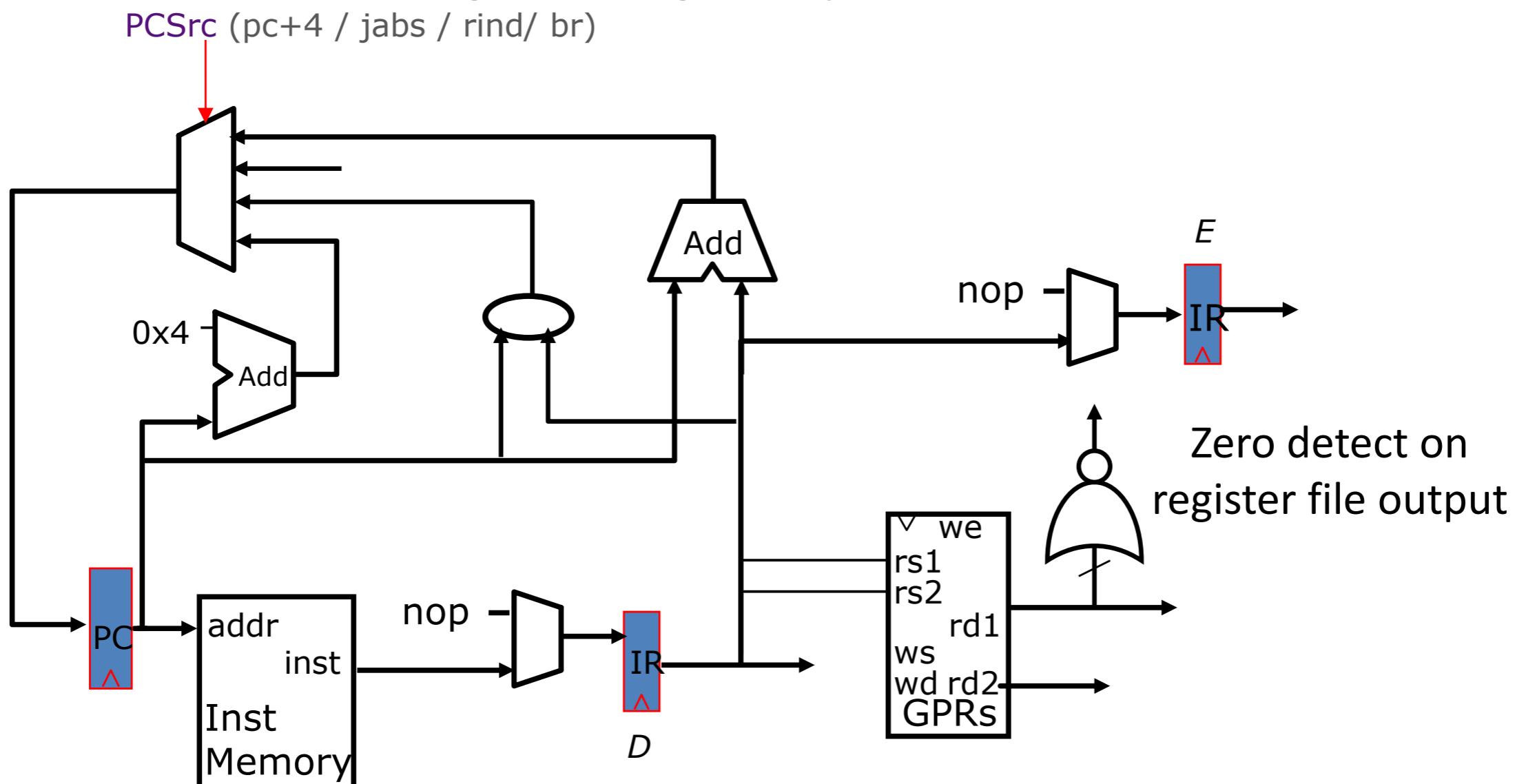
|                | <i>time</i> |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                | t0          | t1             | t2             | t3             | t4             | t5             | t6             | t7             | ...            |                |
| Resource Usage | IF          | I <sub>1</sub> | I <sub>2</sub> | I <sub>3</sub> | I <sub>4</sub> | I <sub>5</sub> |                |                |                |                |
|                | ID          |                | I <sub>1</sub> | I <sub>2</sub> | I <sub>3</sub> | nop            | I <sub>5</sub> |                |                |                |
|                | EX          |                |                | I <sub>1</sub> | I <sub>2</sub> | nop            | nop            | I <sub>5</sub> |                |                |
|                | MA          |                |                |                | I <sub>1</sub> | I <sub>2</sub> | nop            | nop            | I <sub>5</sub> |                |
|                | WB          |                |                |                |                | I <sub>1</sub> | I <sub>2</sub> | nop            | nop            | I <sub>5</sub> |

*nop*  $\Rightarrow$  *pipeline bubble*

# Reducing Branch Penalty

(resolve in decode stage)

- One pipeline bubble can be removed if an extra comparator is used in the Decode stage
  - But might elongate cycle time



*Pipeline diagram now same as for jumps*

# Branch Delay Slots

(expose control hazard to software)

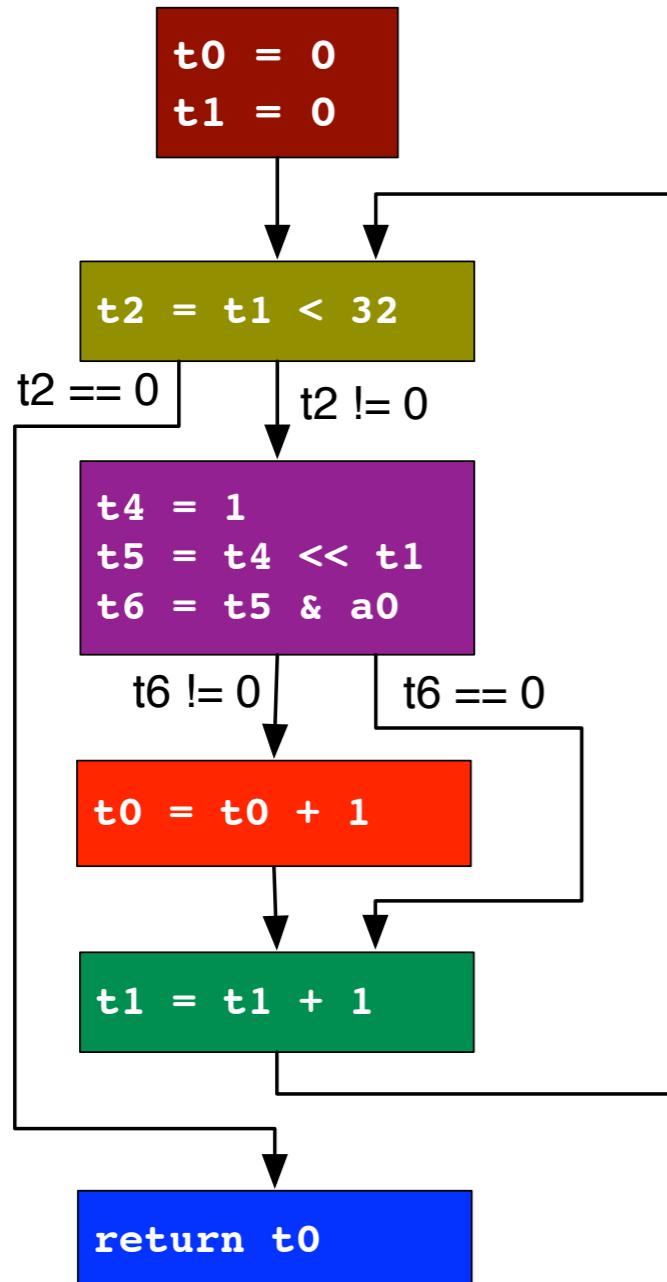
- Change the ISA semantics so that the instruction that follows a jump or branch is always executed
  - gives compiler the flexibility to put in a useful instruction where normally a pipeline bubble would have resulted.

|                |     |              |
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| I <sub>4</sub> | 304 | ADD          |

*Delay slot instruction executed  
regardless of branch outcome*

- Other techniques include more advanced branch prediction, which can dramatically reduce the branch penalty... *to come later*

# In the Compiler



```
popcount:  
    ori $v0, $zero, 0  
    ori $t1, $zero, 0  
  
top:  
    slti $t2, $t1, 32  
    beq $t2, $zero, end  
    nop  
    addi $t3, $zero, 1  
    sllv $t3, $t3, $t1  
    and $t3, $a0, $t3  
    beq $t3, $zero, notone  
    nop  
    addi $v0, $v0, 1  
  
notone:  
    beq $zero, $zero, top  
    addi $t1, $t1, 1  
  
end:  
    jr $ra  
    nop
```

Control flow graph

Assembly

# Branch Pipeline Diagrams

(branch delay slot)

|                                  | <i>time</i> |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
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|                | <i>time</i> |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                | t0          | t1             | t2             | t3             | t4             | t5             | t6             | t7             | ...            |
| Resource Usage | IF          | I <sub>1</sub> | I <sub>2</sub> | I <sub>3</sub> | I <sub>4</sub> |                |                |                |                |
|                | ID          |                | I <sub>1</sub> | I <sub>2</sub> | I <sub>3</sub> | I <sub>4</sub> |                |                |                |
|                | EX          |                |                | I <sub>1</sub> | I <sub>2</sub> | I <sub>3</sub> | I <sub>4</sub> |                |                |
|                | MA          |                |                |                | I <sub>1</sub> | I <sub>2</sub> | I <sub>3</sub> | I <sub>4</sub> |                |
|                | WB          |                |                |                |                | I <sub>1</sub> | I <sub>2</sub> | I <sub>3</sub> | I <sub>4</sub> |

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- Suppose every branch brings two stalls, how do you schedule the following instructions?

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SUB t2, t3, t5  
ADD t4, t3, t5  
bneqz t4, 400  
ADD t1, t3, t8  
ADD t3, t5, t9  
beqz t4, 500
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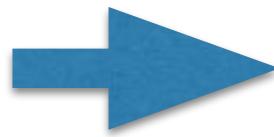


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bneqz t4, 400  
SUB t2, t3, t5  
beqz t4, 500 ← stall  
ADD t1, t3, t8  
ADD t3, t5, t9

# Exceptions

- Causes
  - Arithmetic overflow
    - In an 8-bit machine, what if you do  $255+1$ ?
  - Undefined instruction
  - System call
- When to handle
  - when detected
- Who should handle
  - Process

# Interrupts

- Causes
  - external events
    - arrival of network package, hard disk, ...
- When to handle
  - when convenient except for high priority ones
- Who should handle
  - System

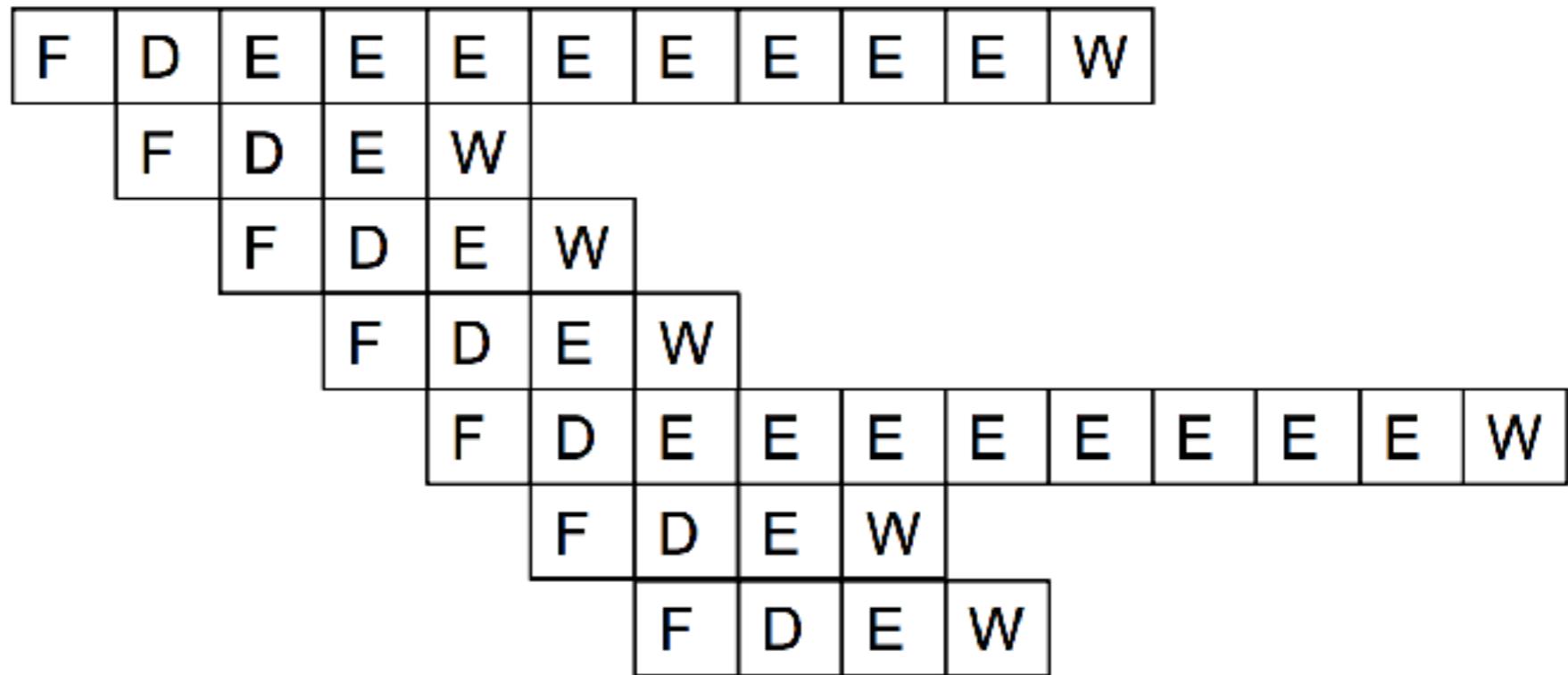
# Precise exceptions/interrupts

- The architectural state should be consistent when the exception/interrupt is ready to be handled
  - All previous instructions should be completely retired.
  - No later instruction should be retired.

Retire = commit = finish execution and update arch. state

# Multi-cycle execute

FMUL R4  $\leftarrow$  R1, R2  
ADD R3  $\leftarrow$  R1, R2

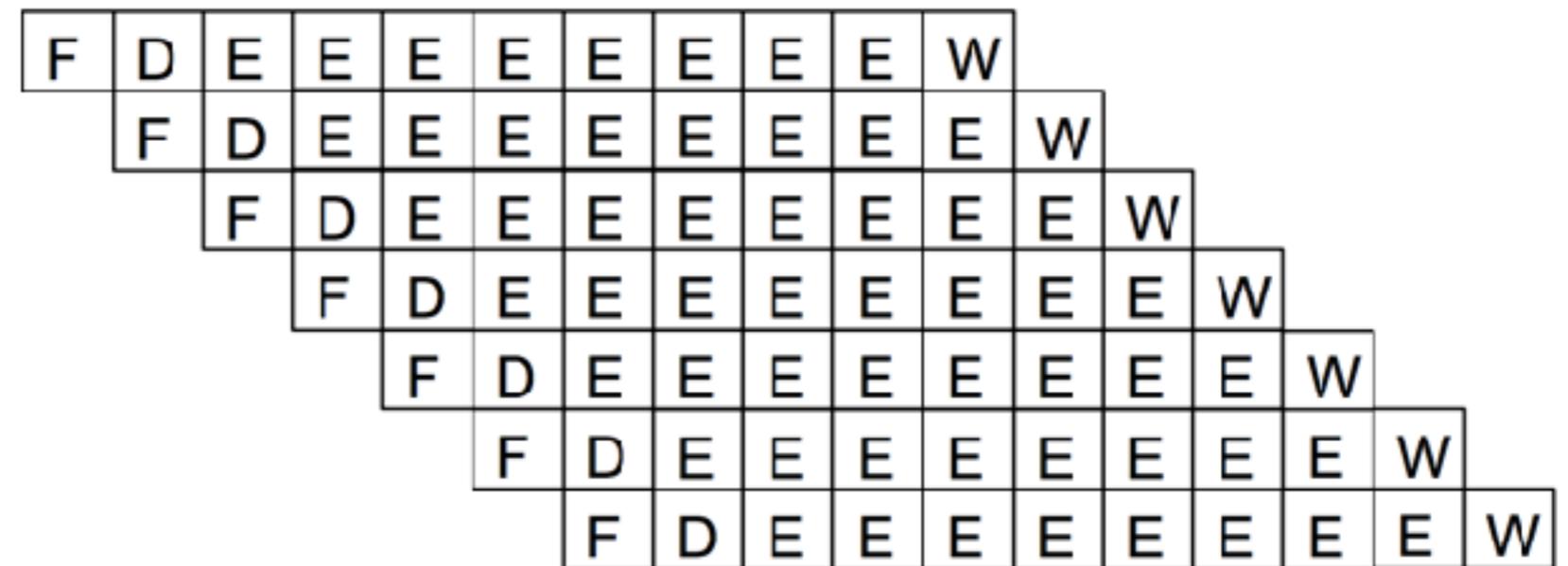


- instructions may take multiple cycles in ALU
- What's wrong here?
  - what if floating point ALU incurs an exception?

# Ensuring precise exceptions in pipelining

- Idea 1: make each operation take the same amount of time

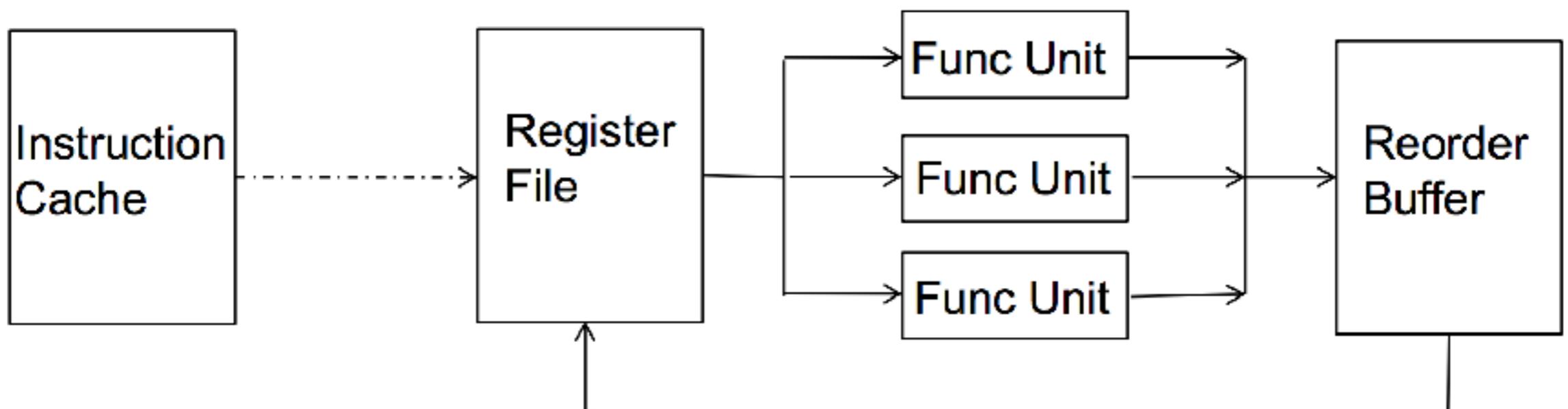
FMUL R3  $\leftarrow$  R1, R2  
ADD R4  $\leftarrow$  R1, R2



- Downside
  - worse-case latency determines all instructions' latency
  - chance is high for structural hazards

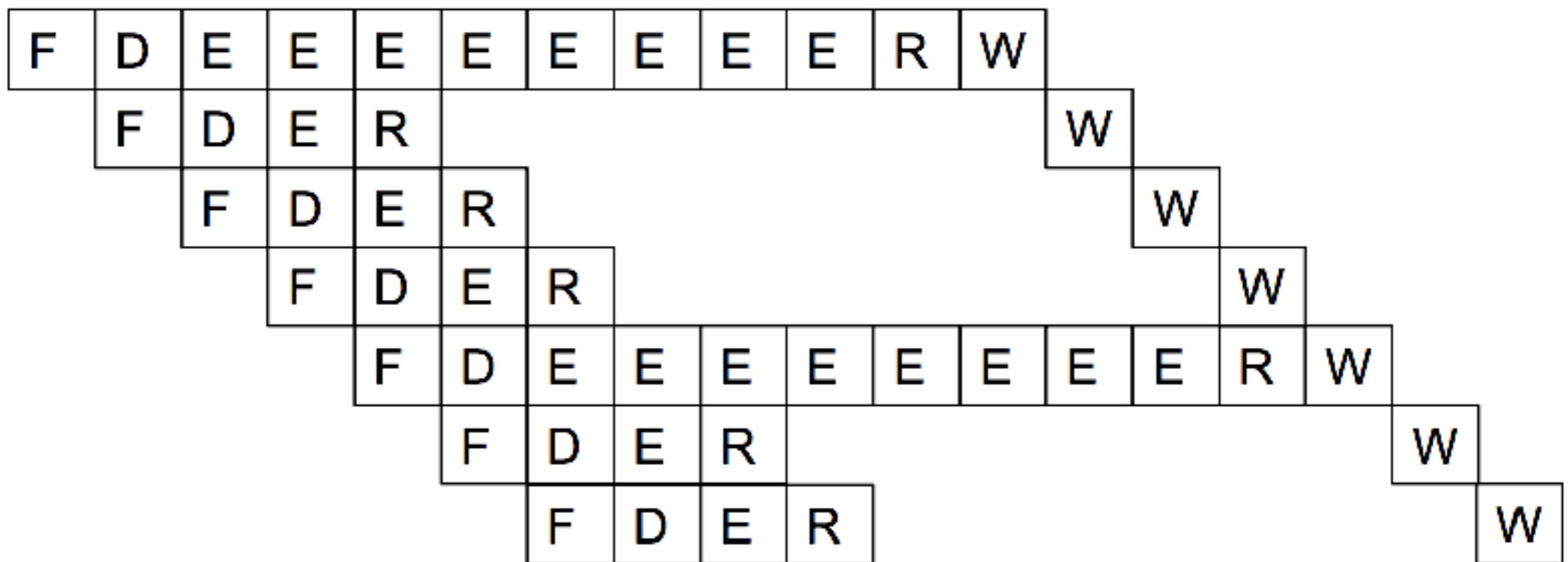
# Ensuring precise exceptions in pipelining

- Idea 2: Reorder buffer (ROB)
  - Complete instructions out-of-order, but reorder them before making results visible to architectural state
  - When instruction is decoded it reserves an entry in the ROB
  - When instruction completes, it writes result into ROB entry
  - When instruction oldest in ROB and it has completed without exceptions, its result moved to reg. file



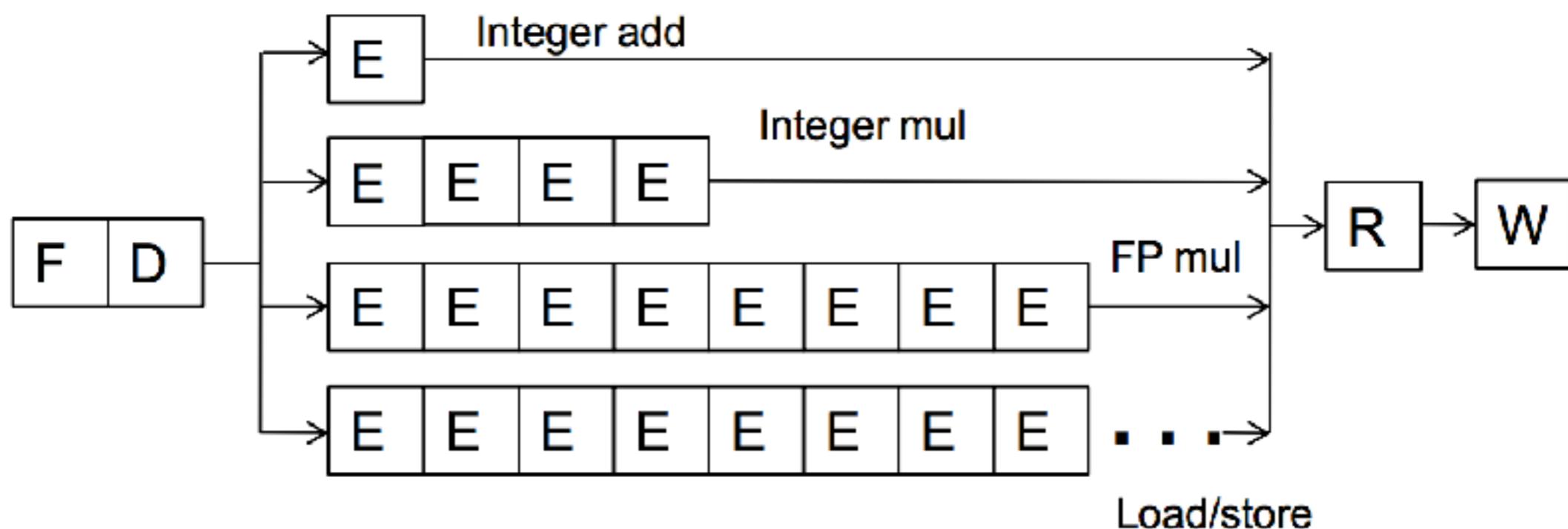
# Reorder buffer instruction flow

- Results first written to ROB, then to register file at commit time



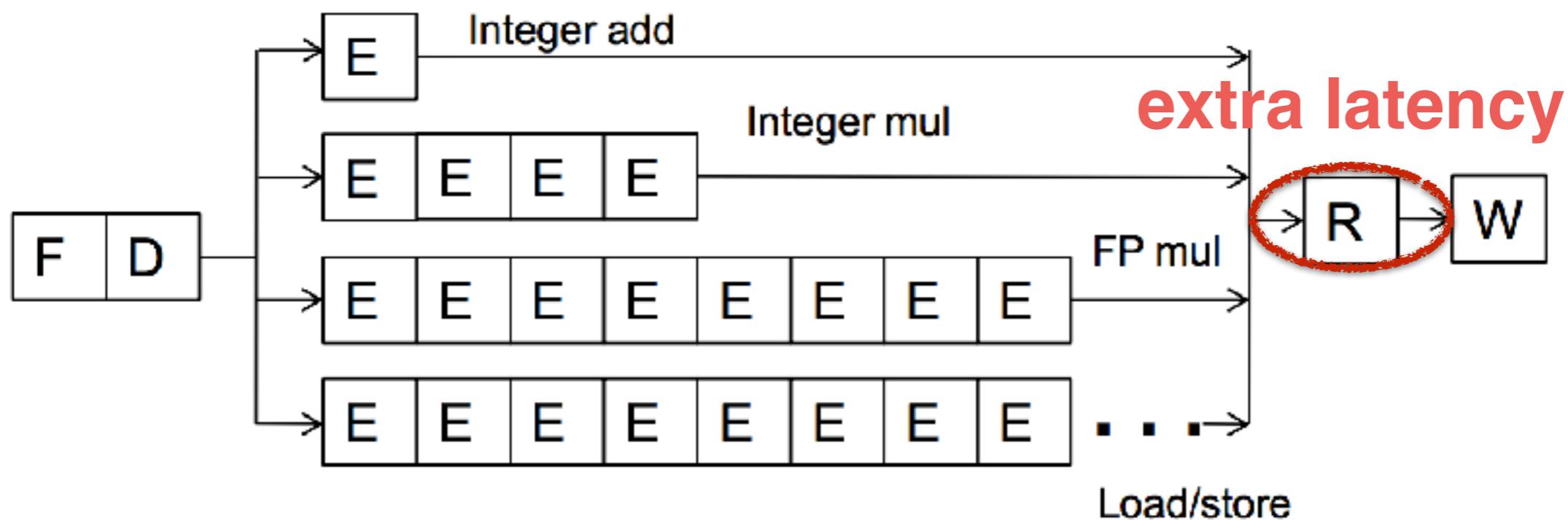
# In-order pipeline with reorder buffer

- **Decode (D):** Access regfile/ROB, allocate entry in ROB, and dispatch instruction
- **Execute (E):** Instructions can complete out-of-order
- **Completion (R):** Write result to reorder buffer
- **Retirement/Commit (W):** Check for exceptions; if none, write result to architectural register file or memory; else, flush pipeline and start from exception handler
- In-order dispatch/execution, out-of-order completion, in-order retirement



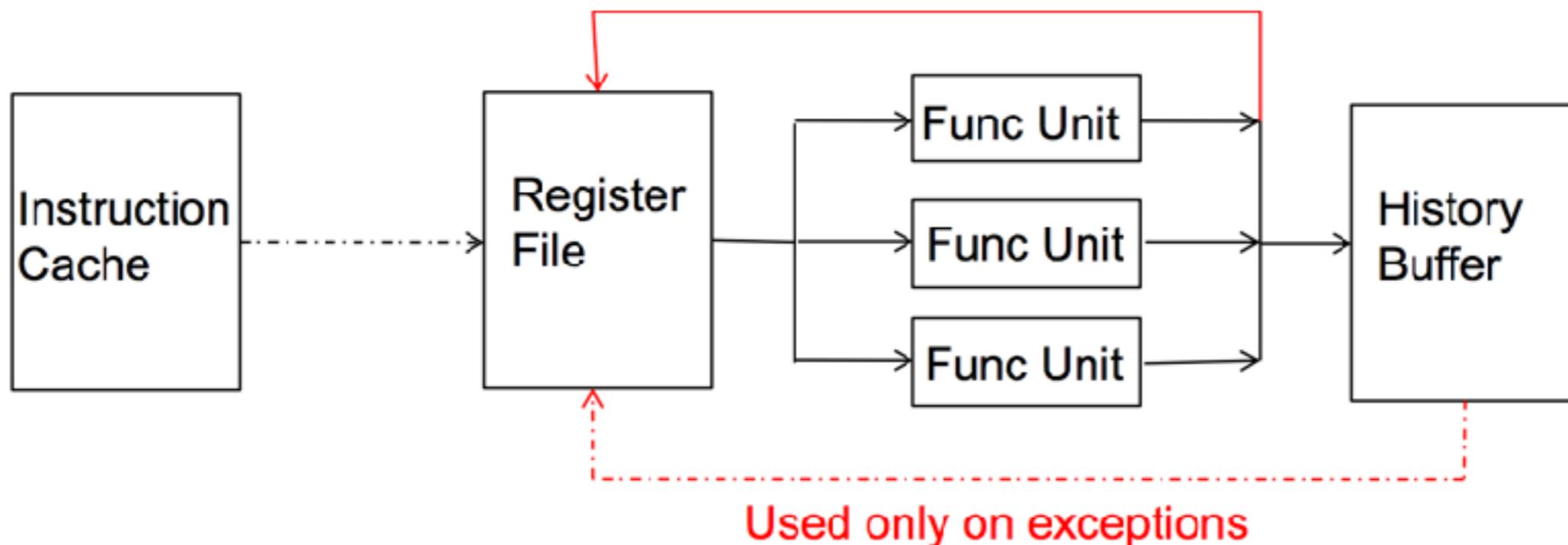
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# Ensuring precise exceptions in pipelining

- Idea 3: History buffer (HB)
  - When instruction is decoded, it reserves an HB entry
  - When the instruction completes, it stores the old value of its destination in the HB
  - When instruction is oldest and no exceptions interrupts, the HB entry discarded
  - When instruction is oldest and an exception needs to be handled, old values in the HB are written back into the architectural state from tail to head



**Superscalar: the essential concept that differentiates  
undergrad and graduate students**

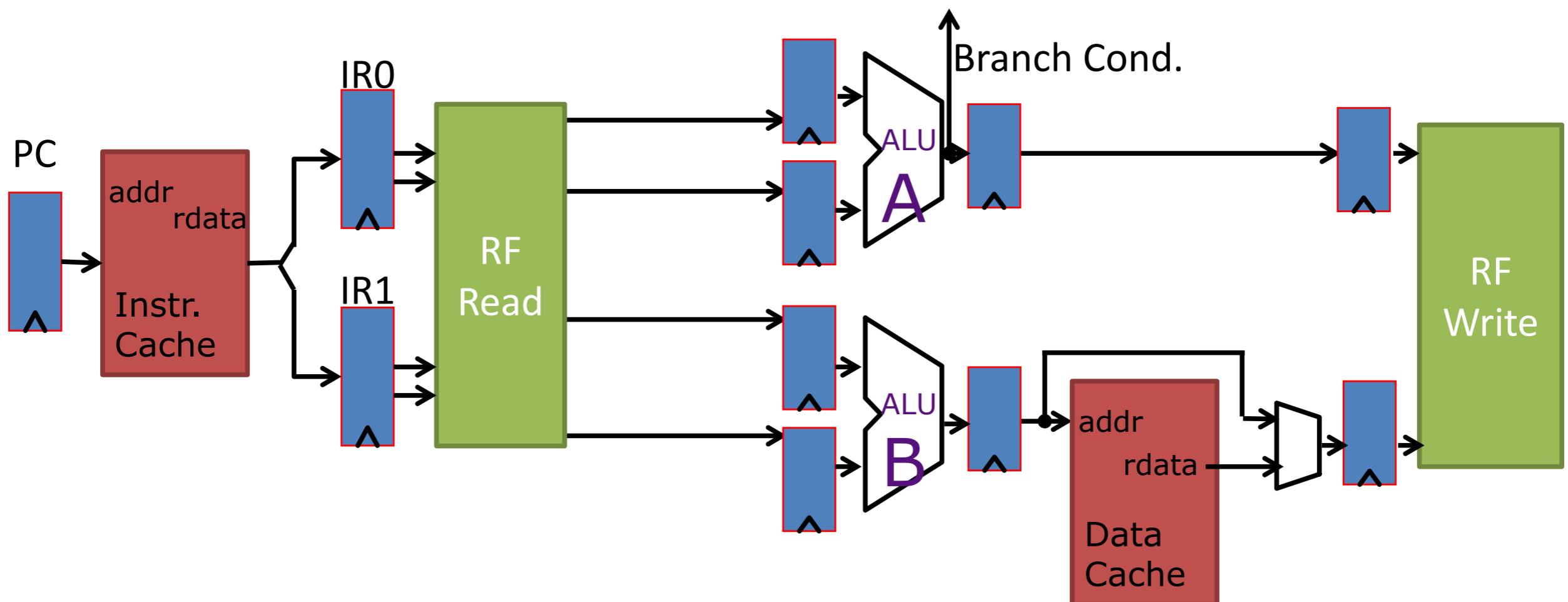
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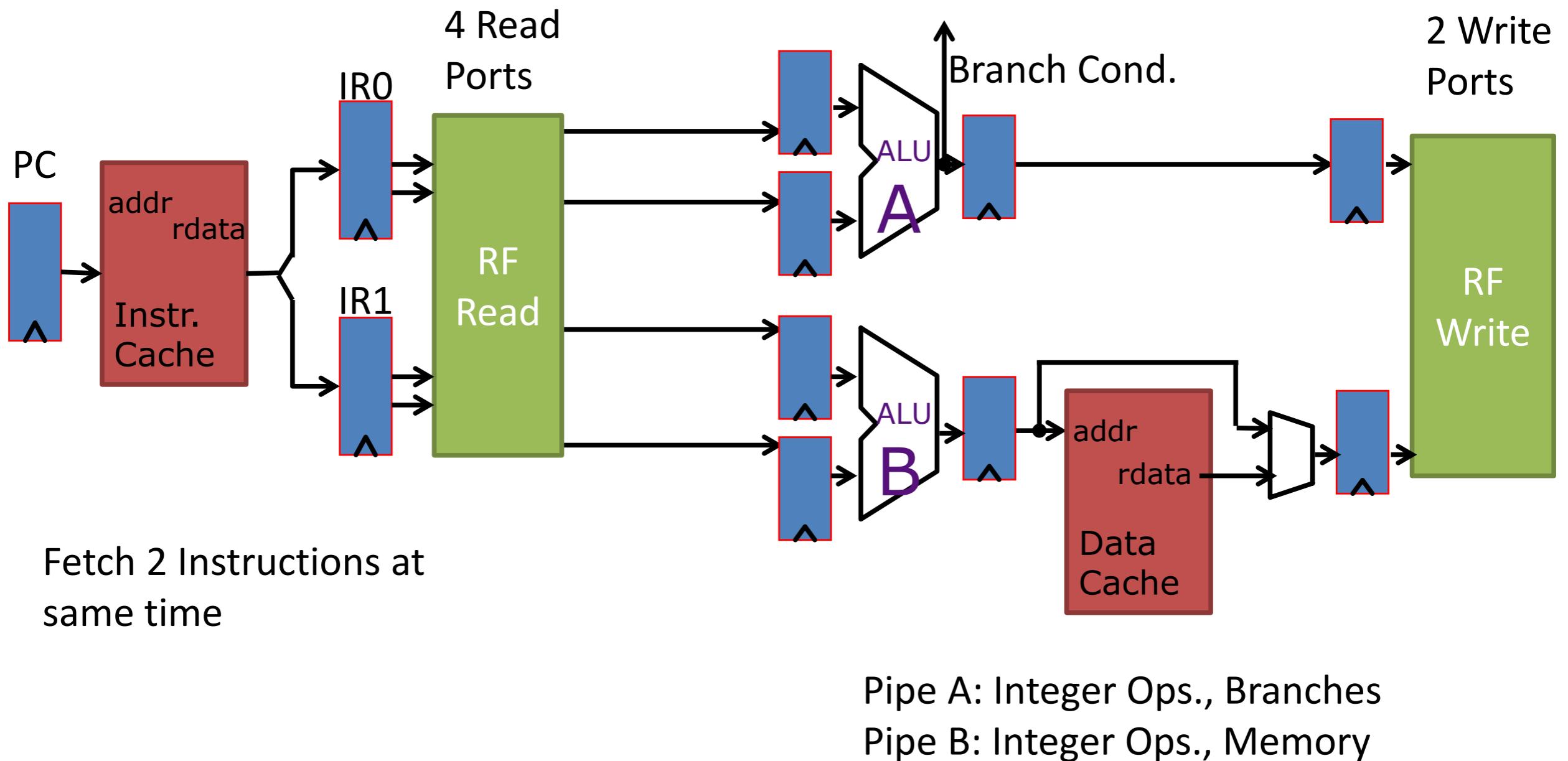
- Processors studied so far are fundamentally limited to  $CPI \geq 1$
- Superscalar processors enable  $CPI < 1$  ( $IPC > 1$ ) by executing multiple instructions in parallel
- Can have both in-order and out-of-order superscalar processors. We will start with in-order.

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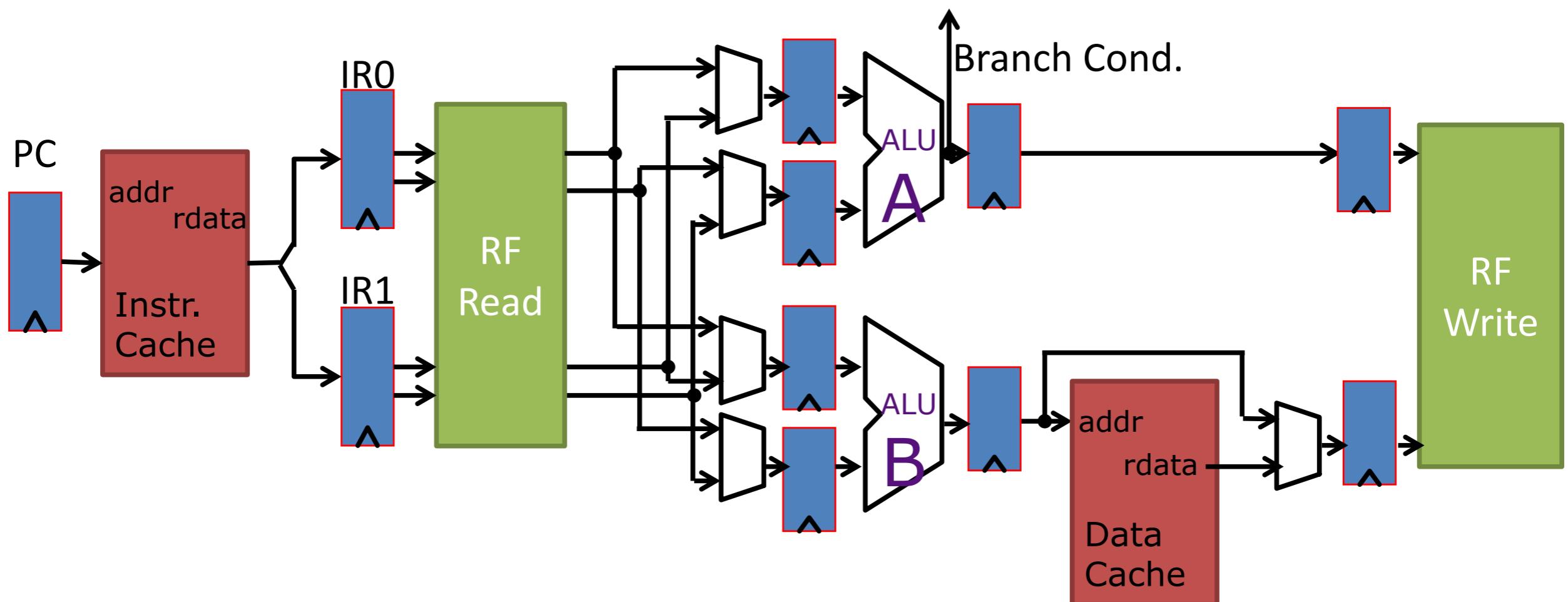


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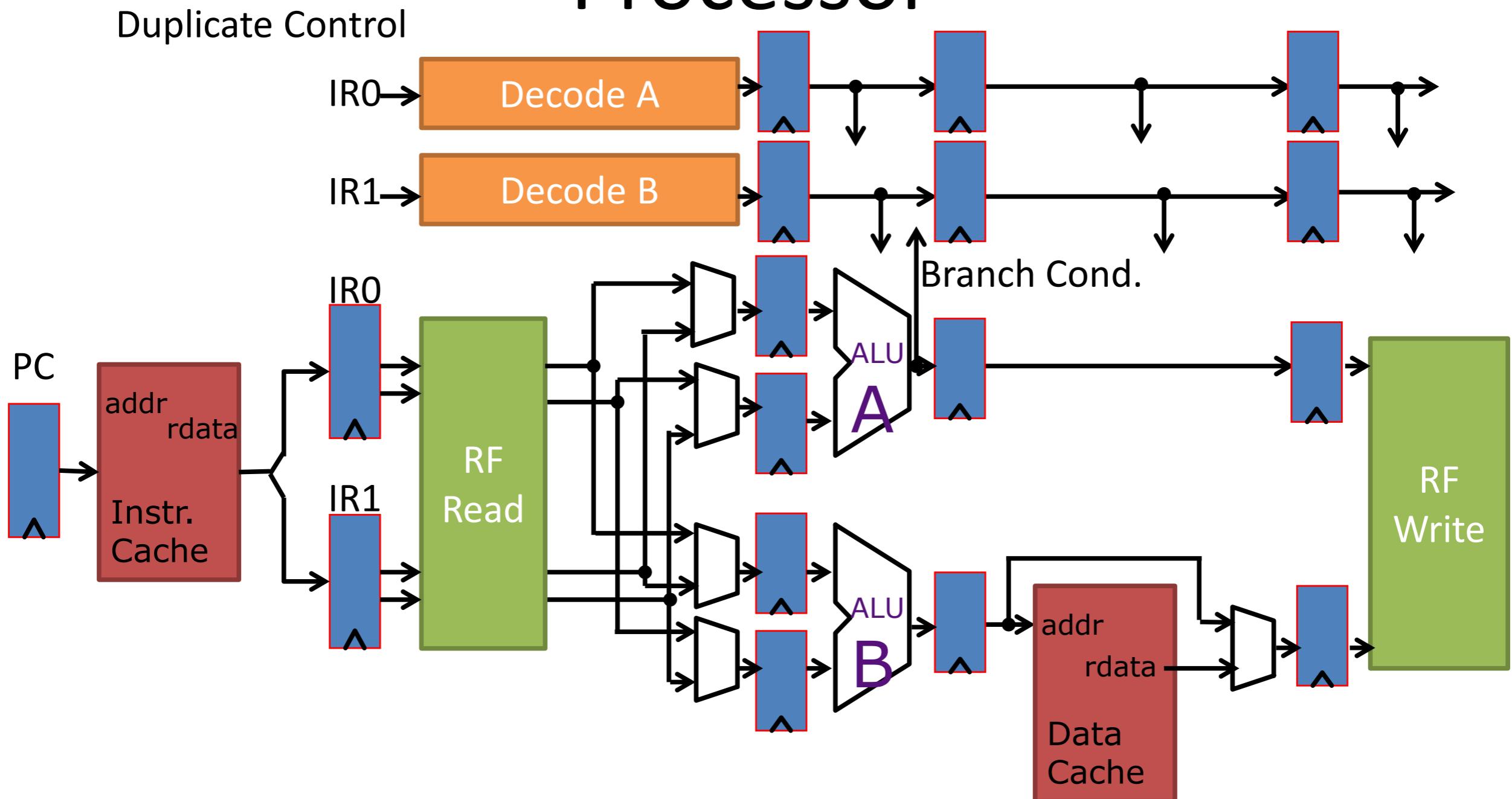


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# Issue Logic Pipeline Diagrams

|     |   |   |    |    |    |    |   |
|-----|---|---|----|----|----|----|---|
| OpA | F | D | A0 | A1 | W  |    |   |
| OpB | F | D | B0 | B1 | W  |    |   |
| OpC |   | F | D  | A0 | A1 | W  |   |
| OpD |   | F | D  | B0 | B1 | W  |   |
| OpE |   |   | F  | D  | A0 | A1 | W |
| OpF |   |   | F  | D  | B0 | B1 | W |

CPI = 0.5 (IPC = 2)

Double Issue Pipeline  
Can have two instructions in  
same stage at same time

# Dual Issue Data Hazards

No Bypassing:

ADDIU R1,R1,1 F D A0 A1 W

ADDIU R3,R4,1 F D B0 B1 W

ADDIU R5,R6,1 F D A0 A1 W

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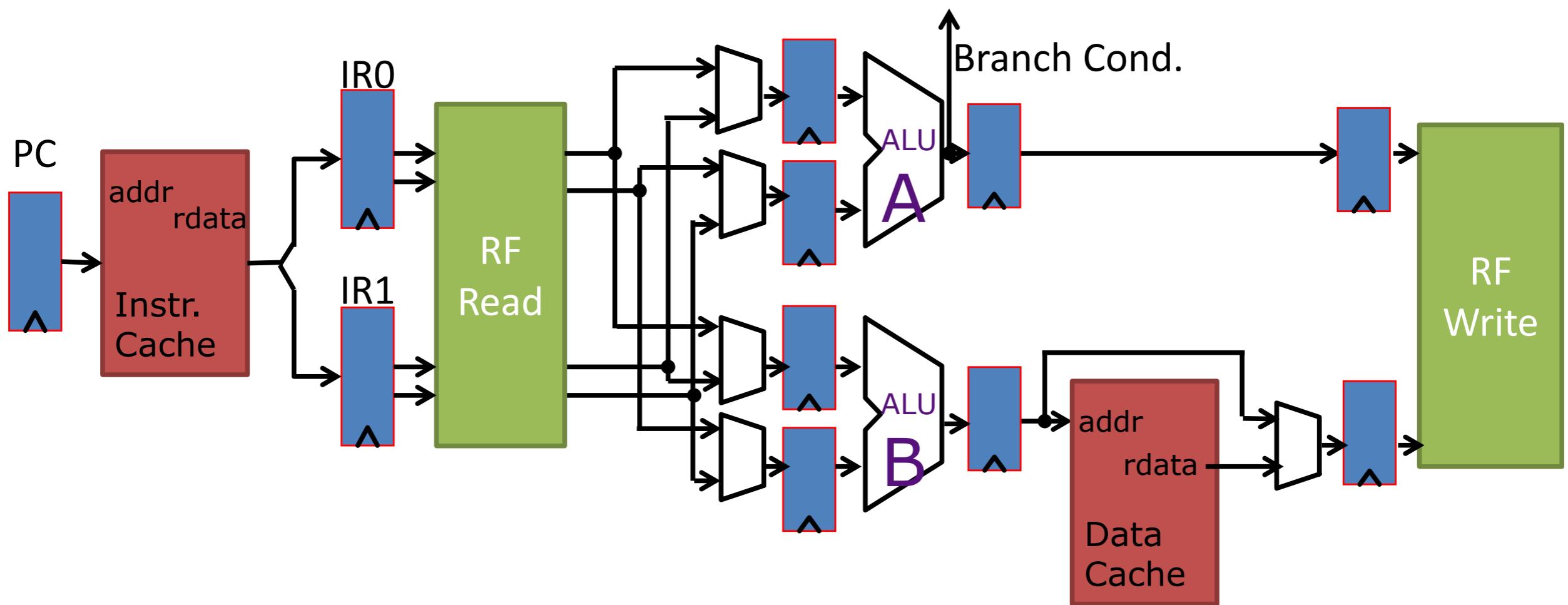
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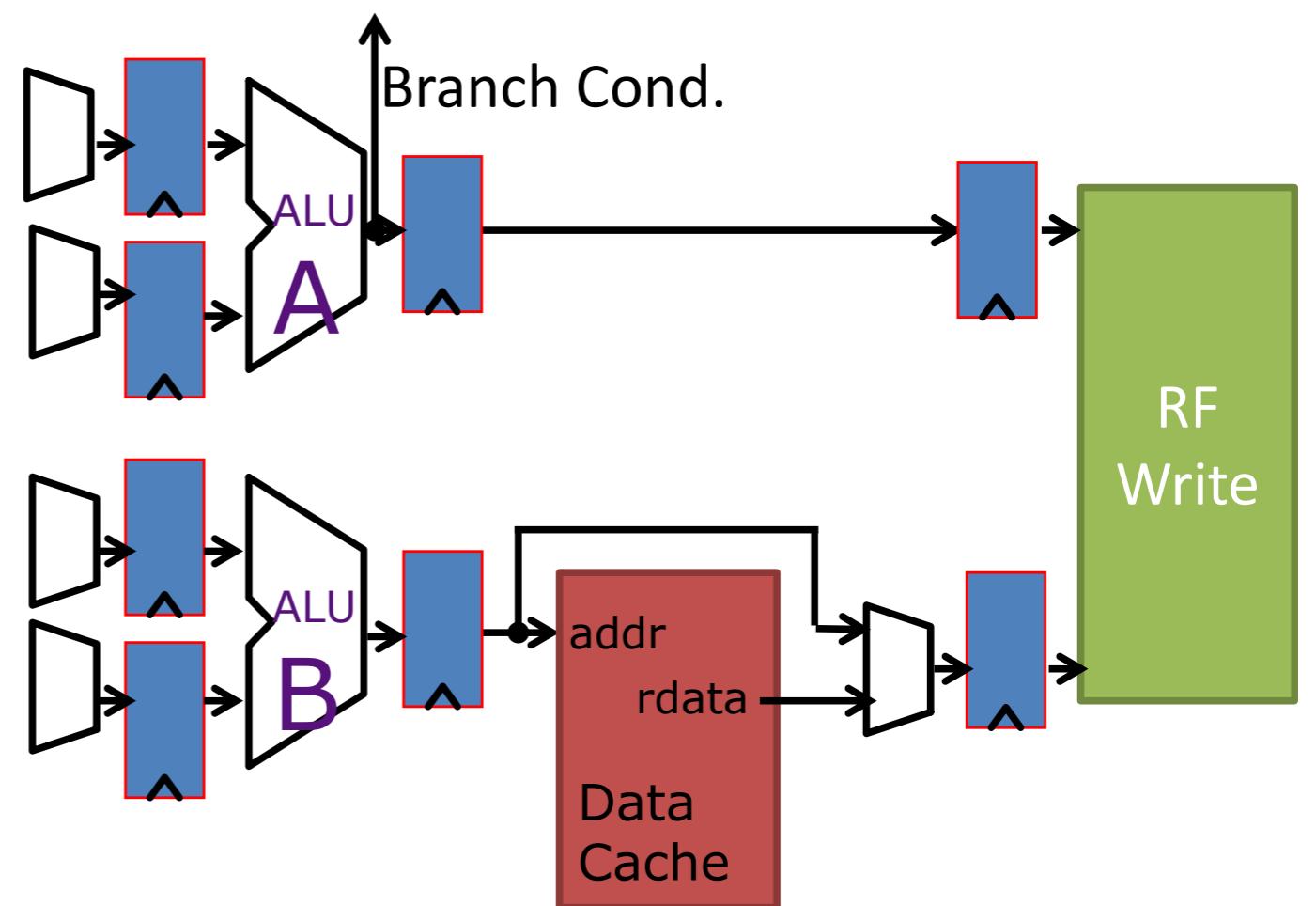
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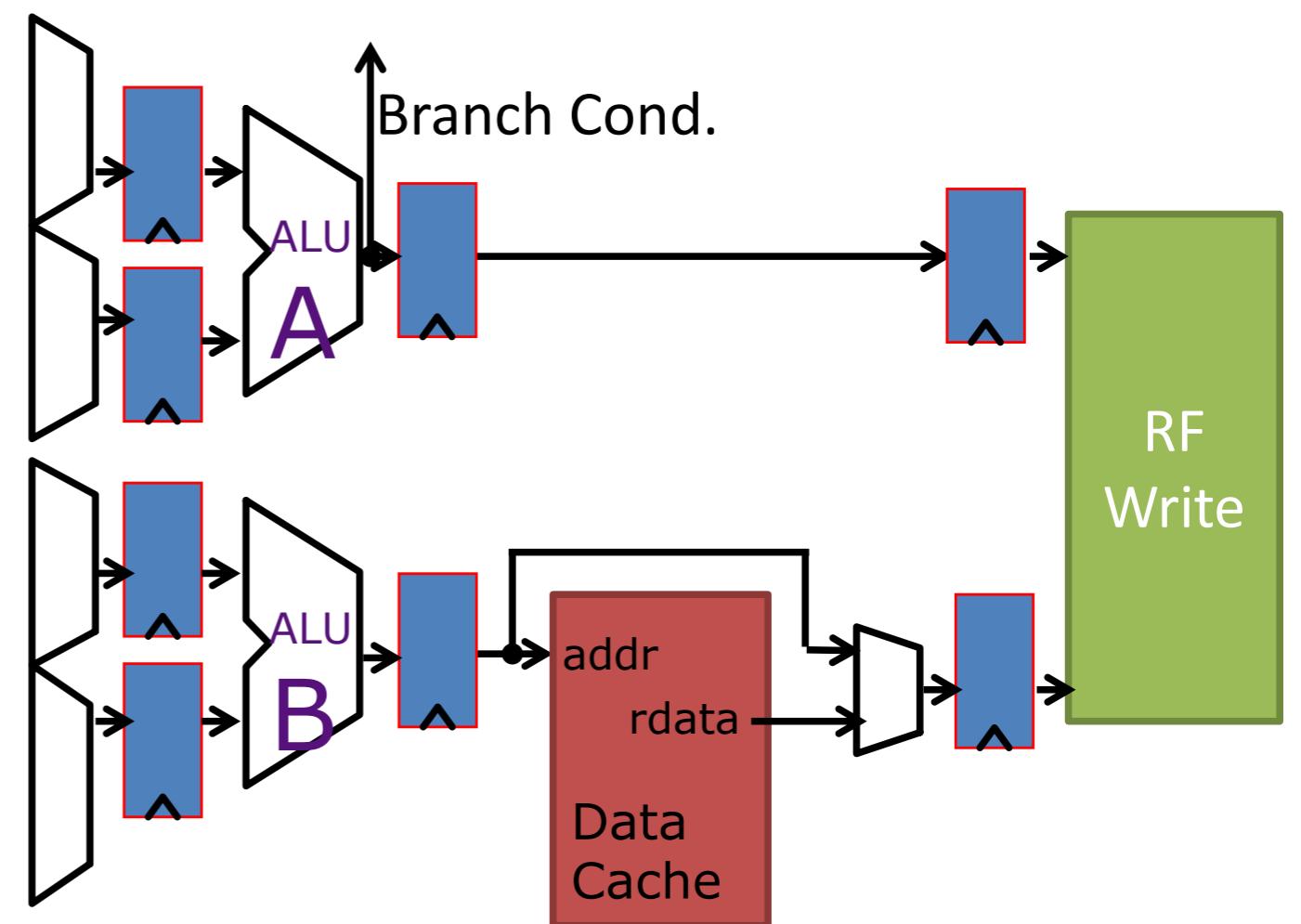
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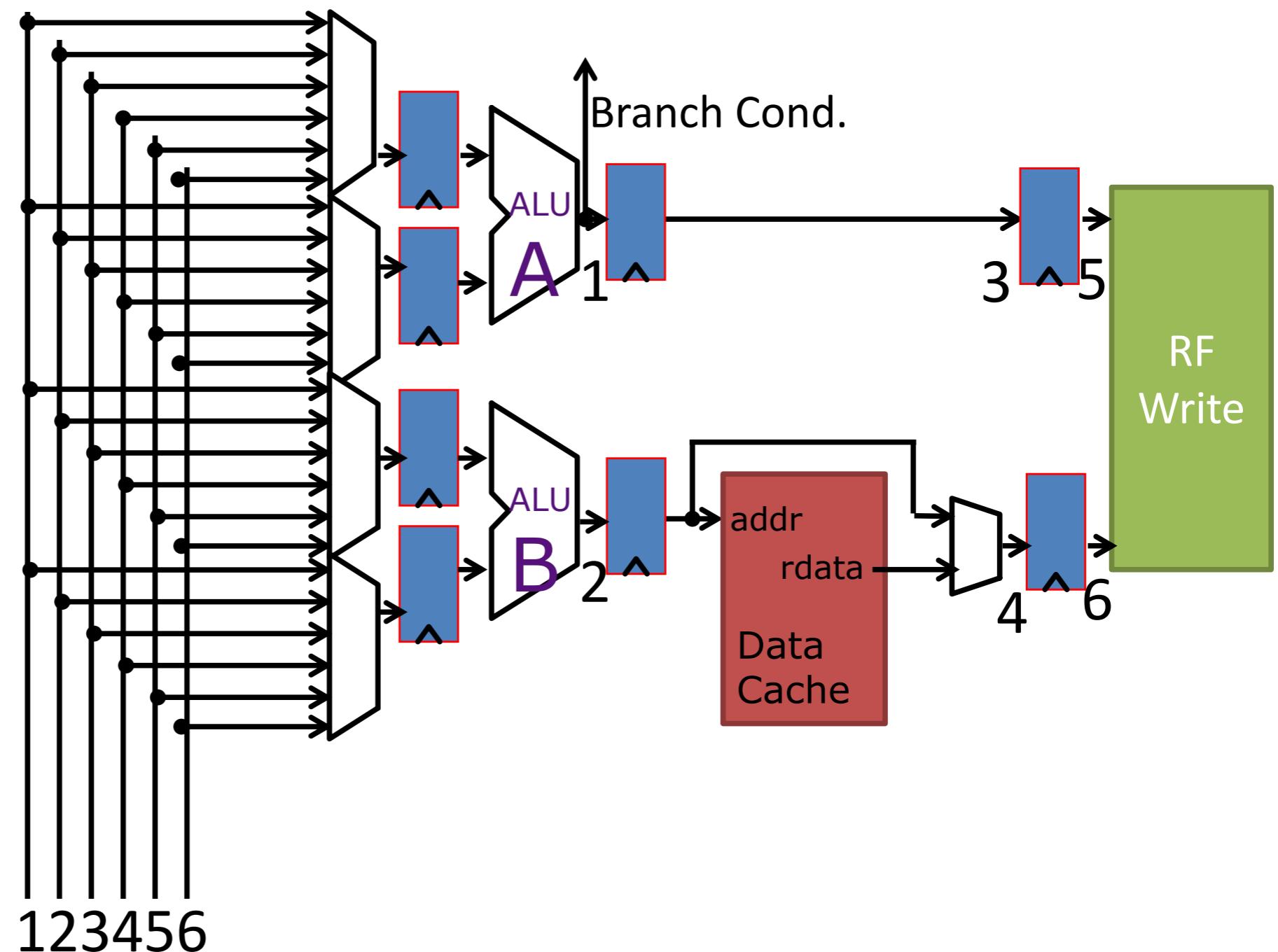
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# Breaking Decode and Issue Stage

- Bypass Network can become very complex
- Can motivate breaking Decode and Issue Stage

D = Decode, Possibly resolve structural Hazards

I = Register file read, Bypassing, Issue/Steer  
Instructions to proper unit

OpA F D I A0 A1 W

OpB F D I B0 B1 W

OpC F D I A0 A1 W

OpD F D I B0 B1 W

# Dual Issue Data Hazards

Order Matters:

ADDIU R1,R1,1 F D A0 A1 W

ADDIU R3,R4,1 F D B0 B1 W

ADDIU R7,R5,1 F D A0 A1 W

ADDIU R5,R6,1 F D B0 B1 W

WAR Hazard Possible?

# Fetch Logic and Alignment

| Cyc | Addr | Instr |
|-----|------|-------|
|-----|------|-------|

|     |       |         |
|-----|-------|---------|
| 0   | 0x000 | OpA     |
| 0   | 0x004 | OpB     |
| 1   | 0x008 | OpC     |
| 1   | 0x00C | J 0x100 |
| ... |       |         |
| 2   | 0x100 | OpD     |
| 2   | 0x104 | J 0x204 |
| ... |       |         |
| 3   | 0x204 | OpE     |
| 3   | 0x208 | J 0x30C |
| ... |       |         |
| 4   | 0x30C | OpF     |
| 4   | 0x310 | OpG     |
| 5   | 0x314 | OpH     |

|       |   |   |   |   |
|-------|---|---|---|---|
| 0x000 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| ...   |   |   |   |   |
| 0x100 | 2 | 2 |   |   |
| ...   |   |   |   |   |
| 0x200 |   | 3 | 3 |   |
| ...   |   |   |   |   |
| 0x300 |   |   |   | 4 |
| 0x310 | 4 | 5 |   |   |

Fetching across cache Lines is  
very hard. May need extra ports

# Fetch Logic and Alignment

| Cyc | Addr  | Instr   | Ideal, No Alignment Constraints |   |   |    |    |      |
|-----|-------|---------|---------------------------------|---|---|----|----|------|
| 0   | 0x000 | OpA     |                                 |   |   |    |    |      |
| 0   | 0x004 | OpB     |                                 |   |   |    |    |      |
| 1   | 0x008 | OpC     | OpA                             | F | D | A0 | A1 | W    |
| 1   | 0x00C | J 0x100 | OpB                             | F | D | B0 | B1 | W    |
| ... |       |         | OpC                             |   | F | D  | B0 | B1 W |
| 2   | 0x100 | OpD     | J                               |   | F | D  | A0 | A1 W |
| 2   | 0x104 | J 0x204 | OpD                             |   | F | D  | B0 | B1 W |
| ... |       |         | J                               |   | F | D  | A0 | A1 W |
| 3   | 0x204 | OpE     | OpE                             |   | F | D  | B0 | B1 W |
| 3   | 0x208 | J 0x30C | J                               |   | F | D  | A0 | A1 W |
| ... |       |         | OpF                             |   | F | D  | A0 | A1 W |
| 4   | 0x30C | OpF     | OpG                             |   | F | D  | B0 | B1 W |
| 4   | 0x310 | OpG     | OpH                             |   | F | D  | A0 | A1 W |
| 5   | 0x314 | OpH     |                                 |   |   |    |    |      |

# With Alignment Constraints

| Cyc | Addr  | Instr   | F | D | A0 | A1 | W |
|-----|-------|---------|---|---|----|----|---|
| 1   | 0x000 | OpA     | F | D | A0 | A1 | W |
| 1   | 0x004 | OpB     | F | D | B0 | B1 | W |
| 2   | 0x008 | OpC     | F | D | B0 | B1 | W |
| 2   | 0x00C | J 0x100 | F | D | A0 | A1 | W |
| 3   | 0x100 | OpD     | F | D | B0 | B1 | W |
| 3   | 0x104 | J 0x204 | F | D | A0 | A1 | W |
| 4   | 0x200 | ?       | F | - | -  | -  | - |
| 4   | 0x204 | OpE     | F | D | A0 | A1 | W |
| 5   | 0x208 | J 0x30C | F | D | A0 | A1 | W |
| 5   | 0x20C | ?       | F | - | -  | -  | - |
| 6   | 0x308 | ?       | F | - | -  | -  | - |
| 6   | 0x30C | OpF     | F | D | A0 | A1 | W |
| 7   | 0x310 | OpG     | F | D | A0 | A1 | W |
| 7   | 0x314 | OpH     | F | D | B0 | B1 | W |

# Superscalars Multiply Branch Cost

|      |   |   |   |    |    |         |
|------|---|---|---|----|----|---------|
| BEQZ | F | D | I | A0 | A1 | W       |
| OpA  | F | D | I | B0 | -  | -       |
| OpB  |   | F | D | I  | -  | -       |
| OpC  |   | F | D | I  | -  | -       |
| OpD  |   | F | D | -  | -  | -       |
| OpE  |   | F | D | -  | -  | -       |
| OpF  |   | F | - | -  | -  | -       |
| OpG  |   | F | - | -  | -  | -       |
| OpH  |   |   | F | D  | I  | A0 A1 W |
| OpI  |   |   | F | D  | I  | B0 B1 W |