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(57) Abstract		
<p>A digital signal processing architecture (10) includes a timer to reset the processor and return to the first instruction periodically. Pipeline operation is enhanced using a double buffering system (22) which latches operands into the first stage of a double buffer as soon as they are ready, then to the second stage only when the last-ready operand is available and the computation unit (22) is ready to receive the operands. The processor communicates with an external unit via a random access memory (24) and a plurality of FIFOs each associated with a random access memory location. When the processor retrieves/writes a value from/to a random access memory location, a controller (26) refills the location from the corresponding FIFO or copies the value into the corresponding FIFO, respectively. Also included are instructions with a "write-back" bit, "branch from" instructions, a register addressing mode, an invisible move function, and an operand mask register.</p>		

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DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSOR ARCHITECTURE

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

15 1. Field of the Invention

The invention relates to digital signal processor
architectures and, more particularly, to cyclical
machines for performing digital signal processor
functions.

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2. Description of Related Art

In a typical digital signal processing system, a
varying analog signal is sampled at some periodic rate
and converted to a digital value. The sequence of
25 digital values is then processed according to a signal
processing algorithm which may represent, for example,
a low-pass filter, a high-pass filter, a band-pass
filter, or any of a number of other functions.
Typically the calculations to be performed are the same
30 for each sample in the input sequence. The result is
another sequence of digital values which can then be
reconverted to analog form.

The signal processing algorithm may be performed
"off-line" meaning the input sequence of values is
35 stored, the processing takes place on all of the input

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values, and the resulting values are then reconverted to analog form. Off-line digital signal processing is useful if the processing hardware is slow and/or a large number of calculations need to take place. It cannot be
5 used for real time applications, however, in which the output is expected substantially simultaneously, or at least in a pipelined manner, with the input. It also cannot be used if the input stream will be continuous and there is not enough memory to store all the input
10 values while the processing takes place.

Real time digital signal processing requires fast, powerful hardware to perform the number of calculations required between each sample of the input signal. For many algorithms the calculations involve repetitions of
15 a multiply-and-add-to-accumulator function. The number of these calculations that can be performed by the hardware between "cycles" (input samples) directly limits the signal processing work which can be accomplished by the device. For example, if it is
20 desired that the device perform a multi-pole low-pass filtering function, the number of multiply-add calculations that the device can perform per sample sets a hard limit on the number of poles which the filter can have. Viewed another way, the higher the desired
25 filtering quality, the lower the sampling frequency will have to be in order to permit the required number of calculations between cycles. A lower sampling frequency reduces the maximum frequency component which the system can handle in the analog input signal without
30 causing aliasing.

In compact disc (CD) audio applications, input data samples always arrive at a fixed standard rate such as 44.1kHz for a stereo pair. In some systems and for some purposes, the fixed rate is 176.4 KHz. Live CD signals
35 must be processed in real time. The performance of a

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given hardware architecture with respect to these signals, therefore, can be measured by the number of calculations which the hardware can perform between samples occurring at a constant, predefined sampling frequency.

In order to maximize performance, many digital signal processors use a pipelined architecture and/or incorporate extensive auxiliary hardware. Additional hardware is expensive, however, and could not be readily used in lower-priced consumer directed equipment. In the consumer market, the key is to identify and include only those hardware features which yield a performance improvement worth more than the costs required to implement them.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to provide a digital signal processing architecture which overcomes some or all of the above disadvantages.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a digital signal processing architecture which is optimized for audio or fixed-input-sample-frequency applications.

According to the invention, roughly speaking, a digital signal processing architecture is provided which is inherently cyclical in nature. A timer is provided which can be programmed to reset the processor and return to the first instruction periodically, typically once each sample of the input stream.

In another aspect of the invention, pipeline operation is enhanced through the use of a double buffering system in which operands are latched into the first stage of a double buffer as soon as they are ready, but they are transferred to the second stage only

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when the last-ready operand is available and the computation unit is ready to receive the operands. The computation unit receives the operands in the second stage of the buffers.

5 In another aspect of the invention, a processor communicates with an external unit via a random access memory and a plurality of FIFOs. Each FIFO is associated with a respective location in the random access memory. Whenever the processor retrieves a value
10 from one of these locations in the random access memory, control means automatically refills that location from the corresponding FIFO. Similarly, whenever the processor writes data to one of the locations corresponding to an output FIFO, control means
15 automatically recognizes that and copies the data into the corresponding output FIFO. Output FIFO writes may be emulated by an address latch and a data latch in a path to the FIFOs.

In another aspect of the invention, a processor is
20 provided for which certain operands can include a "write-back" bit, which causes the result of an operation automatically to be written back to a corresponding one of the operands.

25 In another aspect of the invention, a novel register addressing mode is supported in a processor.

In another aspect of the invention, a processor is provided in which an instruction following a branch instruction in memory may mandate another branch from the target instruction stream after a predetermined
30 number of instructions.

35 In another aspect of the invention, apparatus is provided for moving data in response to one instruction, without affecting the progress of a computation which is taking place simultaneously in response to another instruction.

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In another aspect of the invention, an operand mask register is provided which permits doing many instructions using one re-used constant.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The invention will be described with respect to particular embodiments thereof, and reference will be made to the drawings, in which:

10 Fig. 1 is a simplified block diagram of digital signal processing apparatus according to the invention;

Fig. 2 is a block diagram of the instruction/operand fetch subsystem shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a block diagram of the buffer/computation subsystem as shown in Fig. 1;

15 Fig. 4 is a block diagram of one of the double buffers shown in Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is a block diagram of the RAM/IO subsystem shown in Fig. 1;

20 Fig. 6 is a symbolic diagram of the control unit shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 7 illustrates the instruction and operand formats for the processor of Fig. 1;

Fig. 8 illustrates the instruction pipeline of the processor of Fig. 1;

25 Fig. 9 is a block diagram of the register logic shown in Fig. 2; and

Fig. 10 defines the operation of twiddle logic of Fig. 9.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Fig. 1 is a simplified block diagram of computer system which may incorporate the present invention. It includes, among other things, a digital signal processor (DSP) 10, and a dual port program memory unit 12. The DSP 10 is provided together with the program memory 12

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on a single chip and may be designed as a single unit. Instructions are provided in 16-bit words from the read port of program memory 12 to the processor 10 over an NBUS bus 14, from program memory addresses specified by 5 the processor 10 over a 10-bit PC bus 16. The system may include other elements as well, for example, a host CPU for writing digital signal processor program instructions into program memory 12, and for occasionally providing or reading parameters of a 10 program running in the DSP 10. When an external source such as a microprocessor writes program instructions to program memory 12, it does so via the write port address lines NADDR[9:0] and data lines NDATA[15:0].

The digital signal processor 10 includes three main 15 subsystems: an instruction/operand fetch subsystem 20, a buffer/computation subsystem 22, and a RAM/IO subsystem 24. The instruction/operand fetch subsystem 20 generally performs instruction sequencing, branching, immediate justification and register address decoding. 20 The buffer/computation subsystem generally performs operand synchronization functions, and arithmetic and logic functions on the incoming data stream. The RAM/IO subsystem generally performs scratch pad memory functions for the buffer/computation subsystem 22, as 25 well as data stream input and output functions. The three main subsystems of digital signal processor 10 are controlled by a control unit 26.

Only certain major bus connections between the three main subsystems are shown in Fig. 1, and they include a 30 16-bit operand (OP) bus 134 from the instruction/operand fetch subsystem 20 to the buffer/computation subsystem 22, a 13-bit instruction register NRC bus from the instruction/operand fetch subsystem 20 to the buffer/computation subsystem 22, a 10-bit accumulator 35 ACC bus from the buffer/computation subsystem 22 to the

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instruction/operand fetch subsystem 20, a 10-bit read address RDADDR bus from the instruction/operand fetch subsystem 20 to the RAM/IO subsystem 24, a 16-bit write data WRDATA bus from the buffer/computation subsystem 22 to RAM/IO subsystem 24, and a 16-bit read data RDDATA bus from the RAM/IO subsystem 24 to the instruction operand fetch subsystem 20. The RAM/IO subsystem 24 additionally communicates externally to the processor 10 over lines 28.

Fig. 2 is a block diagram of the instruction/operand subsystem 20 of Fig. 1. As shown in Fig. 2, the 16-bit NBUS bus 14 from program memory 12 is connected to the input of a 16-bit NRC register 110, the output of which forms a 16-bit NRC bus 112. The low-order 10 bits NRC bus 112, NRC(9:0), are connected to a first input port of a 3-input, 10-bit wide multiplexer 114, the 10-bit output of which is connected to the input of a PC register 116. The PC register 116 has a PC increment input connected to receive a PCI signal 118, and generates a 10-bit output which forms the PC bus 16. In addition to being connected to the program memory unit 12 (Fig. 1), the PC bus is also connected to the input of 10-bit SUBR register 120, the 10-bit output of which is connected to a third one of the input ports of multiplexer 114. The second input port of multiplexer 114 is connected to receive ACC(13:4) from the buffer/computation subsystem 22. Both PC register 116 and NRC register 110 are readable directly by an external CPU by means not shown.

The low-order 10 bits NRC(9:0) of NRC bus 16 are also connected to a first input port of a 3-input, 10-bit wide, multiplexer 122, the output of which forms the 10-bit RDADDR bus 124. Three 4-bit fields of NRC bus 112 are also provided to respective first, second and third input ports of a 3-input, 4-bit wide multiplexer 126. The three fields are NRC(13:10), NRC(8:5) and

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NRC(3:0). The 4-bit output of multiplexer 126 is provided as an input to register logic 128, which provides a 10-bit output to a second input port of multiplexer 122. The details of register logic 128 are
5 explained hereinafter.

The low-order 13 bits of NRC bus 112 are also connected to an input port of immediate justification logic unit 130, which provides a 16-bit output to a first input port of a 2-input, 16-bit wide multiplexer 132. Bit NRC(13) of the NRC bus 112 is also provided as
10 a control input to immediate justification logic 130. The second input port of multiplexer 132 is connected to receive the RDDATA bus from RAM/IO subsystem 24 (Fig. 1), and the 16-bit output of multiplexer 132 is provided
15 to the buffer/computation subsystem 22 (Fig. 1) over the OP bus 134. The low-order 10 bits of RDDATA are also provided as an input to an indirect register 136, the 10-bit output of which is connected to the third input of multiplexer 122.

20 The low-order 5 bits of NRC bus 112 are also provided to an OP_MASK register 138, the purpose for which is described below. Similarly, the low-order 6 bits are provided to an RBASE register 140, and the low-order 3 bits are provided to an RMAP register 142, both
25 of which are described below.

Fig. 3 is a block diagram of the buffer/computation subsystem 22 (Fig. 1). As shown in Fig. 3, the 16-bit operand bus 134 from the instruction/operand fetch subsystem 20 is provided as a 16-bit input to an M2 double buffer 210. A double buffer, also referred to herein as a double latch, is a two-stage register in which input values are usually loaded into the first stage only, upon receipt of a clock signal while an enable signal from control unit 26 is asserted.
30 Registers in the DSP 10 always receive a clock signal,
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but are enabled for latching only when an enable signal for the register stands asserted when a clock pulse arrives. The output of the first stage of a double latch is connected to the input of the second stage of
5 the double latch, the output of which is connected to one of the input ports of the computation engine in buffer/computation subsystem 22. As will be seen, the control unit 26 loads values into the first stage of all the appropriate double latches in the buffer/computation
10 subsystem 22 and, only when the last value is ready and the computation engine is also ready, are the values transferred to the second stage of all of the double latches. If the computation engine is ready when the last value is to be loaded into one of the double
15 latches, the control logic loads the last value directly into the second stage of the double latch, bypassing the first stage. This saves operand load time.

Fig. 4 is a detail of the double latch 210 of Fig. 3. As can be seen, it includes a 16-bit register 212 and a 16-bit register 214. Each is a master/slave register, but other types of registers, or carefully controlled transparent latches, may be used instead. The 16-bit operand bus OP(15:0) is provided as a data input to the first-stage register 212, the 16-bit output
25 of which is connected to one input port of a multiplexer 213. The other input port of multiplexer 213 is connected to receive OP(15:0) directly, and the output is connected to the data input of register 214. The 16-bit output of register 214 is provided as the output
30 value 216 of the double latch 210. Each of the registers 212 and 214 also has a respective clock enable input 218 and 220, driven by control unit 26 (Fig. 1).

Returning to Fig. 3, in addition to being connected as an input value to M2 double buffer 210, the operand
35 bus OP(15:0) 134 is also connected to provide input

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values to a 16-bit M1 double buffer 230, a 16-bit A1 double buffer 232, a 16-bit A2 double buffer 234, and a 16-bit MOVE register 236. The MOVE register 236 facilitates moves of data which do not require or affect
5 the operation of the computation engine. The buffer/computation subsystem 22 also includes a 1-bit MSEL double buffer 238, the data input of which is connected to receive NRC(12) from the instruction/operand fetch subsystem 20. It also includes a 4-bit AMX double latch
10 240, the input of which is connected to receive NRC(11:8), and a 4-bit ASEL double latch 242, the input of which is connected to receive NRC(7:4). A 2-input, 1-bit wide multiplexer 244 is also provided, which receives OP(4) on its first input and NRC(7) on its
15 second input. The output of multiplexer 244 is provided as an input value to a 1-bit BT double buffer 246. Similarly, a 2-input, 4-bit wide multiplexer 248 is connected to receive OP(3:0) at its first input port and NRC(3:0) at its second input port. The output of
20 multiplexer 248 is connected to the data input of a 4-bit BSEL double latch 250.

The computation engine of buffer/computation subsystem 22 is basically constructed from a 16 x 16 bit multiplier 252, a 20-bit ALU 254, a status register 255, a 20-bit barrel shifter 256, and a 20-bit accumulator 258. These elements are connected to operate as a "fractional" or "rational math" machine, meaning all values are interpreted to be between -1 and 1 (including -1 but excluding 1). These individual elements are
25 essentially conventional in design, and may, for example, be made up of macros defined in the custom integrated circuit design tools available from AT&T Microelectronics, Allentown, Pennsylvania, incorporated herein by reference. The computation engine is entirely
30 combinational except for the status register 255 and the
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5 accumulator 258, but a particular computation may require one, two or more clock cycles ("ticks") to propagate through. Control unit 26 determines from the particular instruction being executed how many clock ticks to wait before clocking a result into status register 255 and accumulator 258.

10 In the computation engine, a 2-input, 16-bit wide multiplexer 260 is provided which has a '0' input port connected to receive the high-order 16 bits ACC(19:4) of the accumulator 258. The '1' input port of multiplexer 260 is connected to receive a 16-bit value made up of a carry bit C followed by 15 zeroes. C is generated by the ALU 254 on a previous computation and latched into the status register 255 as explained hereinafter. The 15 select input for multiplexer 260 is connected to receive an ACSBU signal, the source of which is explained below. Basically, the ACSBU signal indicates that an add-carry (ADDC) or subtract-borrow (SUBB) instruction is being executed.

20 The 16-bit output of multiplexer 260 is connected to the '0' input port of a 2-input, 16-bit wide multiplexer 262, the '1' input port of which is connected to the second stage output of double latch 210. The select input of multiplexer 262 is connected to receive the 25 second stage output of M2SEL double latch 238. The 16-bit output of multiplexer 262 is connected to one input port of multiplier 252. The other input port of multiplier 252 is connected to receive the second stage output of M1 double latch 230. Accordingly, whereas one 30 input to the multiplier 252 is always an operand (M1), the other input is either another operand (M2), the accumulator value, or a carry bit, all selectively in response to M2SEL and ACSBU.

35 The result of a multiply in multiplier 252 is a 32-bit number including a replicated sign bit (in bits 31

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and 30). Bit 31 is discarded and the remaining high order 20 bits, bits 30:11, form the 20-bit output of multiplier 252. The output of multiplier 252 is connected to the '3' input port of a dual multiplexer 264. The dual multiplexer 264 contains two independent 4-input, 20-bit wide multiplexers. The 4-bit select input to the dual multiplexer 264, which is connected to receive the second stage output of double latch 240, contains two bits which control the first multiplexer 5 and two bits which control the second multiplexer. The '0' input port of dual multiplexer 264 is connected to receive the 20-bit ACC(19:0) value from accumulator 258, and the '1' input port is connected to receive the second stage output of A1 double latch 232. The '2' 10 input port of dual multiplexer 264 is connected to receive the second stage output of A2 double latch 234. The A1 and A2 double latches 232 and 234 are each only 16 bits wide, and since the computation engine is a fractional machine, these are each extended to 20 bits 15 by adding four low-order 0 bits before the dual multiplexer 264.

One of the 20-bit outputs of dual multiplexer 264 is connected to a 20-bit A input of the ALU 254. The other 20-bit output of dual multiplexer 264 is connected to 25 the '0' input of a 2-input, 20-bit wide multiplexer 266, the '1' input of which is connected to receive a 20-bit value made up of all zeroes except for the carry bit C in bit 4. The multiplexer 266 allows 16-bit multiple precision math. The 20-bit output of multiplexer 266 is 30 connected to the B input port of ALU 254, and the select input of multiplexer 266 is connected to receive the same ACSBU signal which is provided to the select input of multiplexer 260.

The ALU 254 has an 8-bit function select input which 35 is provided by an FNX function translation unit 268.

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Four function bits are provided to FNX unit 268 from the second stage output of double latch 242, and translated by FNX unit 268 to the 8 bits required by ALU 254. FNX unit 268 also generates the ACSBU signal which controls 5 multiplexers 260 and 266.

The ALU 254, after translation by FNX unit 268, supports 8 arithmetic and 8 logical operations. They are:

	<u>ASEL</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Y</u>
10	0000	Arithmetic	A
	0001	Arithmetic	-B
	0010	Arithmetic	A + B
	0011	Arithmetic	A + carry
	0100	Arithmetic	A - B
	0101	Arithmetic	A - borrow
15	0110	Arithmetic	A + 1
	0111	Arithmetic	A - 1
	1000	Logical	A
	1001	Logical	NOT A
	1010	Logical	A AND B
	1011	Logical	A NAND B
20	1100	Logical	A OR B
	1101	Logical	A NOR B
	1110	Logical	A XOR B
	1111	Logical	A XNOR B

Operations ASEL = 0000 and ASEL = 1000 are handled identically by the ALU 254. Both are available since the high order bit of ASEL also specifies the type of shift, arithmetic or logical, which the barrel shifter 256 will perform. Note also that other operations might be supported in a different embodiment of the ALU, such as 16-bit increment and decrement operations.

The 20-bit output of ALU 254 is provided as an input 35 to barrel shifter 256, the 20-bit output of which is connected to the input of accumulator 258. Barrel shifter 256 has a 4-bit N input to specify a shifting function, and a T input to specify whether the shift is to be arithmetic or logical. The T input is connected 40 to receive the second stage output of BT double latch 246, and the N input is coupled to receive the second

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stage output of BSEL double latch 250. The functions performed by barrel shifter 256 are as follows:

	<u>BSEL</u>	<u>FUNCTION</u>
5	0000	No shift
	0001	Left shift 1
	0010	Left shift 2
	0011	Left shift 3
	0100	Left shift 4
	0101	Left shift 5
10	0110	Left shift 8
	0111	Clip on overflow
	1000	Load operand
	1001	Right shift 16
	1010	Right shift 8
	1011	Right shift 5
15	1100	Right shift 4
	1101	Right shift 3
	1110	Right shift 2
	1111	Right shift 1

20 For all BSELs except 1000, the shift type (arithmetic or logical) is determined by NRC(7), which is the same as the high order bit of ASEL. Basically, if the ALU function is arithmetic, so will the shift be arithmetic.

25 If the ALU function is logical, so will the shift be logical. If BSEL = 1000, then an operand is loaded which specifies both the shift type and a new BSEL explicitly. If the newly loaded operand is itself 1000, then the barrel shifter 256 performs a 1-bit left rotate

30 of bits 19:4 with bit 19 being rotated into the carry bit.

The "clip on overflow" function of barrel shifter 256 essentially prevents the ALU 254 from exceeding the largest positive or negative number which can be represented in 20 bits. In this function, if the overflow (V) output of ALU 254 is set, the barrel shifter will output the largest positive number if the sign bit from the ALU 254 is negative, or the largest negative number if the sign bit from ALU 254 is positive. Clip on overflow is useful especially in digital filter applications.

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As previously mentioned, the operand bus OP(15:0) is connected as an input to a 16-bit MOVE register 236. The output of the MOVE register 236 is connected to a first input port of a 2-input, 16-bit wide multiplexer 270. The second input port of multiplexer 270 is connected to receive the high-order 16 bits ACC(19:4) from accumulator 258, and the output of multiplexer 270 forms the WRDATA(15:0) bus provided to RAM/IO subsystem 24 (Fig. 1). Ten bits from accumulator 20, specifically ACC(13:4), are also provided to the instruction/operand fetch subsystem 20 as shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a block diagram of RAM/IO subsystem 24 (Fig. 1). The major components of the RAM/IO subsystem 24 are an internal RAM (IRAM) 310, an external input RAM (EIRAM) 312, an external input FIFO (EIFIFO) 314, and an external output FIFO (EOFIFO) 316. The IRAM 310 and EIRAM 312 are each dual-ported, 16-bit wide register files, and are mapped into a 1k word address space as follows:

	<u>Register Set</u>	<u>Address Range</u>
20	External registers in (EI)	000h - OFFh
25	Internal registers (I)	100h - 2FFh
	External registers out (EO)	300h - 3FFh
30	Of these addresses, many do not actually contain memory and some are assigned special purposes. The special register locations are as follows:	
	000h - 06Fh	CPU coefficient space.
	0D0h - 0DEh	EIFIFO status words.
35	0E0h - 0E3h	EOFIFO status words.
	0EAh	Pseudorandom noise generator (white noise).
40	0EBh	Audio Output status read (including AUDLOCK, LFTFULL and RGTFULL).

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	0ECh	Semaphore status read
	0EDh	Semaphore data word read.
5	0EEh	PC
	0EFh	DSPP clock counter value, explained below.
10	0F0h - 0FCh	Input FIFOs, for example, 12 sampled sound channels and one for expansion bus peripherals if desired.
15	0FDh - 0FEh	Two additional input FIFOs, for example, for FM-synthesized sound or I ² S serial input data. (I ² S is an industry standard synthesized sound format.)
20	070h - 07Eh	Read corresponding input FIFO in 0F0h - 0FEh, but without removing the input word from the FIFO.
25	300h - 30Fh	"Quick-Out" latches, readable by external CPU.
	3EBh	Write AUDLOCK; MSB sets/clears.
30	3ECH	Semaphore ACK.
	3EDh	Semaphore Write.
35	3EEh	CPU interrupt register (not shown). Any write to this address sends an interrupt to an external CPU; the data written to this address is sent as the interrupt word.
40	3EFh	DSP clock counter reload value. Writes to this address change the DSP clock counter reload value, but do not reset the clock immediately. As will be seen, this changes the basic cycle time of a program running in the DSP 10. Only direct writes to this address are effective.
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	3F0h - 3F3h	Output FIFOs, which may be used for audio reverb or data streams.
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3FDh Flush output FIFO. Bits 3:0 flush output FIFOs 3:0 respectively. Forces a DMA request.

5 3FEh - 3FFh Audio Left and Right outputs.

Addresses 000h - OFFh are read only, as seen from outside the RAM/IO subsystem 24, and addresses 300h - 3FFh are write only. Addresses 100h - 2FFh are read/write, and may be accessed by the digital signal processor 10. Additionally, locations 100h - 1FFh are equivalent to 200h - 2FFh, and locations 000h - 07Fh are equivalent to locations 080h - OFFh.

The semaphore words permit controlled communication between the DSP 10 and an external CPU. The semaphore data word can be either read or written by either the CPU or the DSP 10. The semaphore status word can only be read by either the CPU or the DSP 10. The semaphore status word contains four bits indicating respectively (1) that the CPU was the last to write to the semaphore data word, (2) that the DSP 10 was the last to write to the semaphore data word, (3) that the CPU has acknowledged the current data word, and (4) that the DSP 10 has acknowledged the current data word. When either the CPU or DSP 10 writes to the semaphore data word, the DSP 10 automatically sets the correct status bit and clears all others. When either the CPU or the DSP 10 writes to the semaphore ACK address, the appropriate ACK bit in the semaphore status register is set. Thus by reading the semaphore status register, both the CPU and the DSP 10 can determine the status of the other's activities relative to the semaphore data word and proceed accordingly.

As shown in Fig. 5, the 10-bit RDADDR bus 124, provided by instruction/operand fetch subsystem 20, is connected to the 10-bit address input of the read port of IRAM 310 as well as of EIRAM 312. RDADDR is also

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connected to OE logic 318, which provides output enables IRAMOE to the output enable input of IRAM 310, EIRAMOE to the output enable of EIRAM 312, CNTROE to the output enable of DSP clock counter 320, as well as various 5 other output enables (not shown). RDADDR(9:0) bus 124 is also connected to one input port of a 2-input, 10-bit wide multiplexer 322, the output of which is connected to the input of two registers WRITE0 and WRITE1, 324 and 326, respectively. Control unit 26 determines which 10 WRITE register will load in the value provided by multiplexer 322. These registers hold the address for writes by the DSP 10, and as explained hereinafter, also facilitate an automatic write-back function of the present embodiment.

15 The 10-bit outputs of the WRITE0 and WRITE1 registers 324 and 326 are provided as inputs to respective input ports of a 2-input, 10-bit wide multiplexer 328, the 10-bit output of which forms an internal WRADDR(9:0) bus 330. WRADDR(9:0) is connected 20 to the 10-bit write address input of IRAM 310, and also to the input of a 10-bit EOADDR register 332. WRADDR is also connected to WE logic 334, which generates an IRAMWE write enable signal for IRAM 310, and EORAMWE signal for the EO address and data registers 332 and 25 340, and a RELOADWE signal for DSP clock reload register 336 (described below). WE logic 334 also includes a latch input 338 generated by control unit 26.

The WRDATA(15:0) bus from buffer/computation subsystem 22 is connected to the 16-bit write data input 30 of IRAM 310. It is also connected to a 16-bit EODATA register 340, and to the input of reload register 336. As will be seen, the EOADDR register 332 and the EODATA register 340 emulate the function of the write-only random access memory locations destined for output 35 through the EOFIFO.

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When the DSP 10 resets, PC register 116 (Fig. 2) is reset to 0 and the value in reload register 336 is loaded into counter 320. The DSP 10 then begins executing the program as the counter 320 counts down in response to each tick of the system clock signal. When the counter 320 underflows, it asserts a signal on underflow line 344. Underflow line 344 is provided to reset logic 345, which also receives an externally supplied reset signal Ext_Reset. Reset logic 345 generates a reset output which resets the PC register 116 to zero, thereby restarting the program at address 0. The counter 320 is also recycled by loading in the value from reload register 336. The DSP 10 is thus an inherently cyclic machine, having a cycle time of the number of system clock ticks indicated by reload register 336. After each such number of ticks, the entire program restarts.

Illustratively, the DSP system clock may operate at 568 times a CD audio sample rate, in which case the number loaded into reload register 336 would be 565 (since various delays add three ticks to the cycle time). If one input sample is processed in each cycle, then the DSP 10 can perform 568 ticks worth of operations for each sample. 568 clock ticks provide sufficient time to perform a significant amount of digital signal processing computation on each value in the incoming audio sample stream. Note that if the value in reload register 336 is zero, cycling is disabled and the DSP 10 operates as a normal linear machine.

More specifically, the processor 10 can be reset either non-cyclically, over the Ext_Reset line shown in Fig. 5, or cyclically. Non-cyclic resets behave differently depending on whether Ext_Reset is held asserted for one or two clock ticks. Cyclic resets

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occur either in response to the counter 320 underflow output or in response to an externally supplied AUDWS signal. AUDWS is provided to enable an external source to dictate the cycle time of a program. Such a
5 technique, known as audlock, is useful if the audio serializer 362 output is to be provided to an output filter which requires its own crystal. The DSP 10 can enable or disable audlock by setting or clearing an audlock bit in the processor 10 (address 3EB).

10 Reload register 336 is automatically set to 565 by a non-cyclic reset and is writable by DSP software and readable by an external CPU. The default value of 565 creates a 568 tick cycle which is appropriate for CD-audio rates. The counter 320 decrements continuously
15 when the DSP is turned on and is reloaded with the current reload register 336 value when it underflows. The counter 320 is read-only by DSP software.

When there is a non-cyclic reset, the reload register 336 is loaded with 565 and the counter 320 is loaded with the prior reload register value. This means
20 that a non-cyclic reset must be held asserted for two or more ticks to allow the 565 to propagate into the counter. This also means that if the DSP software changes the reload value in the beginning of its code
25 and then the external non-cyclic reset is held asserted for only one tick, the DSP 10 will operate at the software selected cyclic rate rather than 568 tick cycles. CPU software should be able to issue either a one or two tick reset to the DSP 10 over the Ext_Reset
30 line to take advantage of this. A non-cyclic hardware reset signal is always held asserted for at least two ticks and so will cause the DSP to return to a 568 tick cycle. Any non-cyclic reset zeroes all registers and latches in the DSP other than the counter and reload
35 register. This includes a primary enable bit (not

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shown) bit which allows the DSP to run. The CPU must therefore restart the DSP after a reset.

Whenever the counter underflows, the DSP will be reset as previously described. All sequential logic 5 will be zeroed and the DSP program will start afresh. If the current DSP program has to output audio data, and audlock is turned off, it must check the ready bits of the audio output FIFO to determine if there is space available. The audio FIFO is double buffered so the DSP 10 software need only check the status every 568 ticks. Thus, programs running a cycle shorter than 568 ticks need only check the status once in the program.

If audlock is turned on, when the externally supplied AUDWS signal transits from high to low, the DSP 15 will be reset. The DSP counter will behave as if a normal non-cyclic external reset occurred (it will reload with the current reload value) but counter underflows will not generate a DSP reset. Note that if software wishes to use the counter as a measurement of 20 how much time is left in the cycle, it should set the reload value to indicate a cycle longer than the audlock cycle. This guarantees that the counter will not reload due to underflow and cause inaccurate readings.

Note that DSP memory is not affected in any way by 25 any reset signal, except that a reset that occurs during a write to memory is likely to produce unpredictable datum at that location.

The 16-bit data output of the read port of IRAM 310 is connected to the RDDATA(15:0) bus provided to 30 instruction/operand fetch subsystem 20 (Fig. 1). The data output of the read port in EIRAM 312 is also connected to the RDDATA(15:0) bus, as is the output of counter 320. The low-order 10 bits of RDDATA(15:0) bus are also provided to the second input port of 35 multiplexer 322. The path from the read data outputs of

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IRAM 310 and EIRAM 312, through the multiplexer 322 and the write registers 324 and 326 to the WRADDR bus 330, is used for indirect write addressing.

Writes to addresses 300h - 3FFh are, as previously mentioned, to the EO portion of DSP address space. These registers do not actually exist in the RAM/IO subsystem 24, but instead are emulated by the EOADDR register 332 and EODATA register 340. The outputs of both of these registers are connected to an EOFIFO control unit 346 which in turn writes EO data to an appropriate structure corresponding to the EO address, in an EOFIFO array 316. The EOFIFO array 316 contains four 16-bit wide, 8-word deep FIFOs corresponding to DSP address locations 3F0h - 3F3h, sixteen 16-bit words (the "quick-out" latches), readable by an external CPU, a word for CPU interrupt data, and a word for the clock reload value to be read by an external CPU. The EOFIFO array 316 has separate read and write ports, and for the FIFOs, the read port is connected to a FIFO output bus 350, which is in turn connected to an input port of an EIO controller 351. The EIO controller 351 communicates bi-directionally with an external MEM bus 353. EIO controller 351 asserts DMA requests as appropriate to a local DMA arbiter/requestor 352, which in turn arbitrates with other devices in the system for control of MEM bus 353.

Writes to the two addresses of the EO portion of DSP address space which are for left and right audio output data, are coupled from the EO FIFO control unit 346 to an audio serializer 362, the output of which provides serial audio data to an output filter/DAC (not shown). Left and right audio data is provided to the serializer 362 in an alternating manner.

Since the EO addresses are intended to appear to programs running in the DSP 10 as true registers, the EO

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FIFO controller 346 should be able to read and pass on the data as fast as actual registers would receive the data, that is, once each tick. If a FIFO in the EO FIFO overflows, EO FIFO control unit 346 may generate an
5 interrupt over a line 354.

The EIO controller 351 also has an output port 355 which is connected to the write port of a dual port EIFIFO FIFO array 314. The read port of EIFIFO FIFO array 314 is connected to an EI FIFO control unit 356.
10 The EIFIFO unit 314 is an array of 15 16-bit wide, 8-word deep FIFOs, one corresponding to each of the addresses 0F0h - 0FEh. The EI FIFO control unit 356 monitors the address bus RDADDR(9:0) as well as the EIRAMOE signal, and when it detects that information has
15 been read from one of the addresses 0F0h - 0FEh in EIRAM 312, it automatically reads a value from the corresponding FIFO in the EIFIFO array 314 and writes it into the location in EIRAM 312 from which the information was read. Accordingly, each time the DSP
20 program reads a value from one of these addresses in EIRAM 312, it is replenished with a new value from an input FIFO. If the corresponding FIFO in EIFIFO array 314 is empty, then the last-read value is repeated. A
25 FIFO underflow bit is also set in the FIFO status word, and can be set to interrupt an external CPU.

The FIFOs in EI FIFO array 314 corresponding to addresses 0FDh and 0FEh receive their input from an FM deserializer 360 rather than from the EIO controller 351. The FM deserializer 360 is one of several units
30 which could be chosen as an input source to one of the FIFOs in the array 314, but is particularly appropriate for a digital signal processor optimized for audio applications. The input to the FM deserializer 360 is adapted to derive from a serial bit stream provided by
35 an external audio synthesizer chip such as a Yamaha

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2151. The deserializer can also accommodate serial sound data according to Philips I²S format.

The EI FIFO control unit 356 also can receive input directly from a host CPU, over lines 358. The EI FIFO control unit 356 monitors external address and data bus lines, chip selects and read/write strobes, for this purpose. The EI FIFO control unit 356 is responsible for arbitrating between data arriving from the CPU directly and data from one of the EI FIFOs to be written into EIRAM 312. Note that the EI FIFO control unit 356 has temporary storage for only two half words of data from the CPU. Thus, if a program running in the DSP 10 reads a FIFO value on many consecutive ticks, the EI FIFO control unit 356 will not be able to receive and store additional words from the CPU. Accordingly, if input values are expected from the CPU over the line 358, the program running in the DSP should not read more than four consecutive FIFO addresses without pausing for two ticks, or not more than two FIFO reads without a one-tick pause. Additionally, the DSP program should not try to read from the same FIFO on two consecutive clock ticks, since the EI FIFO controller 356 replaces read EIRAM data with new FIFO data on the tick following the tick in which it was read from EIRAM. If the DSP reads from the same FIFO on two consecutive ticks, it will receive the same word both times.

Fig. 6 is a symbolic detail of control unit 26 (Fig. 1). It comprises three finite state machines, namely a fetch controller 410, an operand load controller 412, and a computation controller 414. Roughly, the fetch controller 410 controls the operation of instruction/operand fetch subsystem 20, the operand load controller 412 controls the loading of information into the double buffers in the buffer/computation subsystem 22, and the computation controller 414 controls the

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operation of the computation engine in the buffer/computation subsystem 22. The control unit 26 also includes several latches for storing additional variables used by one or another of the state machines.

- 5 In particular, control unit 26 includes a 1-bit DO_WRITE0 latch, which indicates that the WRITE0 latch 324 (Fig. 5) contains a valid write address, and also a DO_WRITE1 latch which indicates that the WRITE1 latch 326 contains a valid write address. The control unit 26
- 10 also includes an OP_RDY bit, which is written by the operand load controller 412 to indicate that all the operands necessary to accomplish a computation have now been loaded into the respective first stage latches of the double buffers in buffer/computation subsystem 22.
- 15 The bit is read by the computation controller 414 to determine when it may begin computation. If this bit is set, and a computation is not currently in progress, the computation controller 414 automatically causes the loading of all the first stage registers into the second
- 20 stage registers in the double buffers of the buffer/computation subsystem 22, clears the OP_RDY bit, and begins the computation. In order for a computation to begin immediately, if the computation engine is available when the last operand is to be loaded into one
- 25 of the double latches, the last operand is loaded directly into the second stage of the double latch via multiplexer 213 (Fig. 4). Additionally, the OP_RDY latch should be designed to end up in the cleared state if the operand load controller 412 attempts to set the
- 30 bit at the same time the computation controller 414 attempts to clear it. This can save a clock tick.

The control unit 26 also includes a COMPUTE_WAIT double latch. The first stage of the COMPUTE_WAIT latch is loaded by the fetch controller 410 to indicate the number of clock ticks which will be required for the

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compute engine to complete the next calculation. This value is loaded into the second stage of the COMPUTE_WAIT double latch when the computation begins. In this second stage, it operates as a 4-bit shift 5 register with a 1 in the bit indicating the number of clock ticks remaining. After each clock tick, the computation controller 414 shifts the value by one bit.

The control unit 26 also includes five latches identified as MULT1_RQ, MULT2_RQ, ALU1_RQ, ALU2_RQ and 10 BS_RQ. These bits are set by the fetch controller 410, based on an incoming instruction word, to indicate to the operand load controller 412 which of the double latches of the buffer/computation subsystem 22 need to be loaded with operands. The operand load controller 15 412 clears each of these bits as it obtains and loads in the specified operands. Each of the latches DO_WRITE0, DO_WRITE1, OP_RDY, and the RQ latches, may be set-reset flip-flops.

The control unit 26 also includes a 5-bit OP_MASK 20 register which is loaded by the fetch controller 410 from bits 4:0 of an OP_MASK instruction. The OP_MASK register contains one bit corresponding to each of the request bits MULT1_RQ, MULT2_RQ, ALU1_RQ, ALU2_RQ and BS_RQ. If an OP_MASK bit is set when the fetch 25 controller 410 is decoding an instruction to determine which operands to obtain, the fetch controller 410 is prevented from setting the _RQ bit corresponding to the OP_MASK bit which is set. Thus the computation called for in the instruction will proceed using one or more 30 operands which were obtained for a prior instruction. In essence, masked operands become implied, and need not be re-specified in subsequent instructions. Note that a masked operand is re-used only for the same purpose 35 for which it was used originally -- the DSP 10 has no facility for moving operands among the different double

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buffers of Fig. 3, although that would be possible in a different embodiment.

The state machine definition for fetch controller 410 is illustrated in an emulation pseudocode in Appendix I, and the state machine definition for the operand load controller 412 is illustrated in emulation pseudocode in Appendix II. The state machine definition for computation controller 414 is illustrated in emulation pseudocode in Appendix III. Accordingly, these machines will not be further described except as necessary for a better understanding of the invention.

The operation of the DSP 10 will now be described with respect to the instruction and operand formats illustrated in Fig. 7.

Fig. 7 illustrates the six formats which a 16-bit word fetched from program memory 12 can have. The first word is always assumed to be an instruction rather than an operand, and each instruction includes an indication of the number of operands which follow. After the appropriate number of operand words are read, the next word is again assumed to be an instruction word. Accordingly, no bit is required to indicate whether a given word is an instruction word or an operand word.

Instruction words can either be arithmetic or control instructions. If bit 15 is 0, then the instruction is an arithmetic instruction, and if bit 15 is 1, the instruction is a control instruction. Format A illustrated in Fig. 7 is the format in which control instructions are provided. Control instructions include branch instructions, move instructions and various special instructions. It includes a branch condition code in bits 14:10, made up of two mode bits (M0 and M1 in bits 14:13), a FLAG select bit S in bit 12, and two FLAGMASK bits in bits 11:10. The instruction also includes a 10-bit branch address BCH_ADDRESS in bits

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9:0. In modes 01, 10 and 11, the branch condition bits are used to test the value of five status bits provided by the ALU 254. These bits are set by ALU 254 in status register 255 as follows:

5	N	Negative	Set if the ALU result is negative (high bit is high).
10	V	Overflow	After an ALU "add", set if and only if the signs of the inputs are identical and the sign of the result is different from the signs of the inputs. After an ALU "subtract", set if and only if the signs of the inputs are opposite and the sign of the result is the same as the sign of the subtrahend.
15	C	Carry	Set if the carry result from the ALU is high.
20	Z	Zero	Set if the high-order 16 bits of the ALU result are zero.
25	X	Exact	Set if the low-order four bits of the ALU result are zero.

Together the branch condition codes can cause a branch in response to any of the following combinations of conditions:

30	Branch if overflow
	Branch if negative
	Branch if negative and overflow
	Branch if equal to zero
35	Branch if carry
	Branch if unsigned overflow
	Branch if carry and zero
	Branch if not overflow
	Branch if positive
40	Branch if negative and overflow both not set
	Branch if not equal to zero
	Branch if carry clear
	Branch if not unsigned overflow
	Branch if carry and zero both not set
45	Branch if less than (signed)
	Branch if less than or equal (signed)
	Branch if greater than or equal (signed)
	Branch if greater than (signed)
	Branch if high (unsigned)
	Branch if low or the same (unsigned)

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Branch if exact
Branch if not exact
Branch if all zero
Branch if not all zero

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When a branch instruction is received in NRC 110 (Fig. 2), the fetch controller 410 detects this, tests the conditions specified, and if the branch is to be taken, loads the BCH_ADDRESS from NRC(9:0) into the PC 116 via the first port of multiplexer 114. If a computation is currently proceeding in the computation subsystem 22, the fetch controller 410 waits for it to complete before testing the conditions. If the conditions are not satisfied, then the fetch controller 410 merely increments PC register 116.

If both the mode bits M1 and M0 are zero in a control instruction, then any of several special instructions may be invoked depending on the remaining bits in NRC. In particular, if NRC(12:10) are not equal to 000, then they represent one of the following instructions:

	JUMP	Branch always to <u>BCH_ADDRESS</u>
25	JSR	Jump to subroutine at <u>BCH_ADDRESS</u> ; store current PC in SUBR register 120
	BFM	Branch from a branch target stream to a new <u>BCH_ADDRESS</u> (explained in more detail below)
30	MOVEREG	Move the following operand to the specified register, direct or indirect
	MOVE	Move the following operand to the specified address, direct or indirect.
35		If the mode is 00 and NRC(12:10) are 000, then an additional series of special instructions are indicated. These instructions are:
	NOP	No operation
40	BAC	Branch to address indicated by accumulator ACC(13:4)

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	RBASE	Change register base value to that specified in NRC(5:0) (explained in more detail below)
5	RMAP	Change register mapping latch to that specified in NRC(2:0) (explained in more detail below)
10	RTS	Return from subroutine to main instruction sequence
10	OP_MASK	Change operand mask bits to those specified in NRC(4:0)
15	SLEEP	Wait until reset by underflow output of counter 320 (Fig. 5) or by external reset signal.

The mode 00 instructions are designed to execute in a single clock tick except the moves. The mode 00 instructions do not need to wait for the completion of a pending computation in buffer/computation subsystem 22. In particular, on a JUMP instruction BCH_ADDRESS is loaded directly into PC 116 from NRC(9:0) via the first input port of multiplexer 114. The same operation occurs on a JSR except that at the same time, the return address is also latched into SUBR latch 120 from the PC(9:0) bus 16. This bus contains the address following that which contained the JSR instruction, since the PC register 116 was automatically incremented when the JSR instruction was loaded into NRC 110. Thus, by the next clock tick, after fetch controller 410 has decoded the contents of NRC 110 to determine that a JSR is specified, PC 116 already contained the return address.

35 The BFM instruction is typically placed after another branch to take advantage of the one clock-tick latency before the branch is actually taken. Whenever a branch is taken, the fetch controller 410 automatically sets a JUST_BRANCHED bit which is tested 40 during the decode of each instruction loaded into NRC 110. Except if the instruction in NRC 110 is a special

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instruction or a BFM instruction, fetch controller 410 merely ignores the instruction in NRC 110 if JUST_BRANCHED is set, increments the PC register 116, and awaits the next instruction to be loaded into NRC
5 110. It also clears the JUST_BRANCHED bit. If the instruction in NRC 110 is one of a predefined set of the special instructions, then it is executed since it requires only one clock tick to accomplish. If the instruction in NRC 110 is a BFM instruction, the
10 BCH_ADDRESS from the BFM instruction is loaded into the PC register 116 via the first input port of multiplexer 114. Branch instructions other than BFM are not executed when JUST_BRANCHED is set.

The operation of the BFM instruction can be better
15 understood with reference to Fig. 8, which illustrates what information is loaded into the PC register 116 and the NRC register 110 on each of a sequence of five clock ticks. The figure assumes a "normal" instruction stream, which includes a branch instruction designating
20 a branched target address followed by a BFM instruction designating a BFM target address. At clock tick 0, it is assumed that the address containing the branch instruction is loaded into the PC register 116. At clock tick 1, the branch instruction itself, pointed to
25 by PC register 116, is loaded into the NRC 110. At the same time, PC register 116 is incremented to point to the address of the word following the branch instruction and containing the BFM instruction. The branch instruction has not yet been decoded. By the second
30 clock tick, the branch instruction has been decoded and the branch target address is loaded into PC register 116. At the same time, however, the instruction word pointed to by PC register 116, namely the word containing the BFM instruction, is loaded into the NRC
35 register 110.

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On the third clock tick, the word then pointed to by PC register 116, now the first instruction of the branch target stream, is loaded into NRC register 110. By now the BFM instruction has been decoded and the target address specified therein is loaded into PC register 116.

By the fourth clock tick, the first instruction of the branch target stream has been decoded and no attempt is made to prevent its execution. However, the next instruction loaded into the NRC register 110 on the fourth clock tick is the instruction then pointed to by PC register 116 which is the first instruction of the BFM target stream. Also on the fourth clock tick, PC register 116 is incremented to now point to the word following the BFM target address.

Accordingly, it can be seen that the BFM instruction permits execution of a single instruction in a target stream specified by a branch instruction which immediately precedes the BFM instruction, after which control is automatically transferred to the address specified in the BFM instruction. The BFM instruction is beneficial for quickly jumping to a distant location and returning. Using BFM to accomplish such a task is faster than a traditional branch and return, since the instruction stream pipeline latency caused by a branch is reduced. The BFM instruction is beneficial also where subroutine nesting is limited. In the present embodiment, for example, subroutine nesting is limited to the one level for which a return address can be stored in SUBR register 120. The BFM instruction permits a call to what is essentially a one-instruction subroutine, without disturbing any higher-level subroutine return address which may then be stored in SUBR register 120. Further, the BFM instruction can help improve reliability of the DSP 10 in the situation

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where an external CPU desires to change a single instruction in the program memory 12 while the DSP 10 is running. Such an operation could be dangerous if the instruction is located in the middle of a program, but
5 safer if it is located in a different part of the program memory 12. The BFM instruction permits the DSP 10 to retrieve and execute such a changeable instruction efficiently, without requiring the instruction to be located in the middle of the DSP program. It should be
10 noted that the DSP 10 will execute branch target instruction only if it can be executed in one clock tick. Longer instructions, including any which require an operand in the location following the branch target instruction, will not be executed.

15 The BFM instruction is capable of many variations. For example, if the instruction pipeline is longer than two clock ticks, then the BFM instruction may permit more than one instruction (or a more-than-one tick instruction) to be executed from the branch target stream before control is transferred to the BFM target stream. In another variation, it can be seen that the BFM target address can be specified other than as an immediate value. Additionally, it can be seen that instructions other than branch instructions can be made
20 available in the branch latency time period.
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Referring again to Fig. 7, if the instruction in the NRC is a MOVEREG or MOVE, then the fetch controller 410 transfers control to the operand load controller 412 to execute the move. Before transferring control, the
30 fetch controller 410 waits for the appropriate WRITE0 or WRITE1 register 324 or 326 (Fig. 5) to become available for storing the destination address, and waits for any indirection taking place in the operand load controller 412 to complete. The operand load controller 412 then
35 loads the destination address into the appropriate write

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address register 324 or 326. If the instruction is a direct MOVE, then the destination address is taken from NRC(9:0) via the first input port of multiplexer 122 (Fig. 2), the RDADDR bus 124, and the second input port 5 of multiplexer 322 (Fig. 5). If the instruction is a direct MOVEREG, then the destination address is taken from register logic 128 via the second input port of multiplexer 122, the RDADDR bus 124, and the second input port of multiplexer 322. If the instruction is an 10 indirect MOVE or MOVEREG (i.e. a move to an indirect address), then the multiplexer 122 selects a direct address from either NRC(9:0) or register logic 128, as appropriate, onto the RDADDR bus 124. The direct address addresses the DSP memory space to 15 combinational generate an indirectly obtained address on the RDDATA(9:0) bus, which is selected by multiplexer 322 to the appropriate WRITE register 324 or 326.

In all such cases, the operand load controller 412 chooses the appropriate WRITE register 324 or 326 to 20 avoid any write address which may be stored in one of these registers pending the outcome of a computation currently taking place in the compute engine of the buffer/computation subsystem 22. The fetch controller 410 then fetches the next word, which contains the 25 operand in one of the formats C, D or E of Fig. 7, to be moved into the specified location. Format F is inappropriate since only one operand can be moved at a time, and format F is necessary only when three operands are to be specified. The operand load controller 412 controls the register decoding, immediate justification, 30 or indirection as explained hereinafter required to place the operand onto the operand bus 134 (Figs. 2 and 3), and to load it into the MOVE register 236 (Fig. 3). It then controls multiplexer 270 to place the data from 35 the move register 236 onto the WRDATA bus (Figs. 3 and

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5), and controls the multiplexer 328 to place the write address onto the WRADDR bus (Fig. 5) to write the data into the specified register address in IRAM 310, EODATA register 340, or reload register 336. It can be seen
5 that the MOVE instruction and the MOVEREG instruction can be executed without affecting any calculation currently taking place in the compute engine of buffer/computation subsystem 22, and without needing to wait for such a computation to complete.

10 If the instruction in NRC register 110 is a BAC instruction (branch to accumulator), then the fetch controller 410 waits for any computation currently taking place to complete and then loads ACC(13:4) from the accumulator 258 (Fig. 3) into PC register 116 via
15 the second input port of multiplexer 114 (Fig. 2).

If the instruction in NRC 110 is an OP_MASK instruction, then the fetch controller 410 loads the value from NRC(4:0) into OP_MASK register 138. Similarly, if the instruction in NRC 110 is an RBASE
20 instruction, then the fetch controller 410 loads the value from NRC(5:0) into RBASE register 140, and if the instruction in NRC 110 is an RMAP instruction, then the fetch controller 410 loads the value from NRC(2:0) into RMAP register 142.

25 If the instruction in NRC 110 is an RTS (return from subroutine) instruction, then the fetch controller 410 loads the value from subroutine latch at 120 into PC register 116 via the third input port of multiplexer 114. Only one subroutine level is permitted in the
30 processor 10.

If the instruction in NRC 110 is SLEEP, then the fetch controller 410 merely remains in its current state without loading any new instructions into NRC register 110. Unlike a conventional "JUMP to present address"
35 instruction, no further fetches are made to external

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instruction memory after a SLEEP instruction is decoded. Any computations currently taking place in the computation engine continue through to completion, but no subsequent operations are initiated. The SLEEP
5 instruction is useful to conclude a program, since the DSP 10 will do no further work until the program is restarted either by the underflow output 344 of counter 320 (Fig. 5) or by an external reset signal.

Arithmetic instructions are distinguishable from
10 control instructions by the presence of a logic 0 in bit 15. Arithmetic instructions follow format B illustrated in Fig. 7. In particular, bits 14:13 indicate the number of operands which follow the instruction; bit 12, identified as M2_SEL, indicates whether an ACC/carry word or one of the operands is to be used for the second input of the multiplier 252 (Fig. 3); bits 11:8 indicate which selections should be made by the dual multiplexer 264 (Fig. 3) in providing operands to the ALU 254; bits 11:10 select the source for the 'A' input port of the
15 ALU and bits 9:8 select the source for the 'B' input port of the ALU. Bits 7:4 contain a 4-bit function select for the ALU 254, and bits 3:0 contain a 4-bit shift amount number for the barrel shifter 256.

When an arithmetic instruction is loaded into NRC
25 110 (Fig. 2), the fetch controller 410 first checks the OP_RDY bit to determine whether valid operands from a previous instruction are still waiting in the first stage buffers of the double buffers in the buffer/computation subsystem 22. If OP_RDY is set, the fetch controller 410 waits for it to be cleared. The fetch controller 410 also awaits the completion of any indirect address determination currently being resolved by operand load controller 412. Once these two conditions are clear, the fetch controller 410
30 determines from a decode of the instruction in the NRC
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110, which of the double buffers 210, 230, 232, 234 and
 250 (Fig. 3) will need to be filled with operands from
 subsequent words. It then sets the appropriate operand
 request (_RQ) bits in control unit 26 (Fig. 6)
 5 corresponding to the double buffers which will need to
 be filled. If the OP_MASK bit corresponding to one of
 the operands is set, then the fetch controller 410 does
 not set the corresponding operand request bit. Instead,
 the operation will proceed by re-using the operand most
 10 recently used for that corresponding operand.

Fetch controller 410 also sets an N_OPS register
 with a logic 1 in the bit corresponding to the number of
 operands which need to be fetched (including a write
 address if appropriate). N_OPS is a 4-bit shift
 15 register, each bit representing a corresponding number
 of operands which still need to be Fetched from program
 memory. For example, a 1 in bit 0 indicates that one
 operand needs to be fetched. A 1 in bit 1 indicates
 that two operands need to be fetched and so on. No more
 20 than one bit in the shift register should be active at
 a time. The fetch controller 410 uses NRC(14:13) in
 determining the number of operands as follows:

	<u>NRC(14:13)</u>	<u>Number of Operands</u>
25	00	0, if AMX indicates that all ALU value inputs are to come from ACC(19:0) or masked operands;
30		4, if AMX indicates that at least one ALU value input is to come from a non-masked operand or from the multiplier 252 output.
	01	1
35	10	2
	11	3.
40	Note that an instruction may have yet another operand to load in response to a 1000 in the BS field of NRC 110 as	

described below. That operand is not included in the number of operands shown in the table above.

Fetch controller 410 also determines from another decode of the instruction in NRC 110, the number of 5 clock ticks that the computation engine in buffer/computation subsystem 22 will require to complete the specified computation. It then loads the first stage of the COMPUTE_WAIT latch accordingly.

The operand load controller 412 latches the M2_SEL field from NRC 110 into the first stage of the M2_SEL double latch 238, the AMX field from NRC 110 into the first stage of AMX double latch 240, and the ALU field from NRC 110 into the first stage of ASEL double latch 242 in the buffer/computation subsystem 22. 10 Additionally, if the value in the BS field of NRC 110 is anything but 1000, the operand load controller 412 loads the value into the first stage of BSEL double latch 250 via the second input port of multiplexer 248. Since the shift type (arithmetic or logical) depends on the ALU 15 operation, specifically the high order bit of the ALU field of the arithmetic instruction, this bit is also loaded into the first stage of BT double latch 246 via the second input port of multiplexer 244. As explained hereinafter, only if BS = 1000 is any operand fetching 20 required to control the barrel shifter 256. The fetch controller 410 then proceeds to fetch the requested operands according to the _RQ bits in the manner described hereinafter, and the load controller 412 writes them into the respective first stages in the 25 corresponding double buffers in buffer/computation subsystem 22. Load controller 412 is responsible for shifting N_OPS down as each operand is received and placed in its appropriate double buffer. If more 30 operands are indicated by N_OPS than are requested by the RQ bits, then the last operand is assumed to 35

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represent a write address. The write address is calculated from this operand like any other, and is stored in an available WRITE latch 324 or 326 (Fig. 5). The corresponding DO_WRITE bit is also set (Fig. 6).

5 All the operand loading can take place while the computation engine of the buffer/computation subsystem 22 is performing a computation according to a previous instruction. This is because the new values written into the first stages of the double buffers in buffer/computation subsystem 22 do not affect the values in the second stages, which actually supply operands to the computation engine.

10 When all of the required operands are loaded, or if the instruction in NRC 110 does not require any 15 operands, the computation controller 414 first awaits the completion of any computation then in progress in the computation engine in buffer/computation subsystem 22. If there is no computation taking place, then the computation controller 414 immediately transfers all the 20 first-stage buffers of the double buffers into the second stages to begin the specified computation. If operands were required, then the computation controller 414 waits until the last operand is being loaded into its double buffer before transferring all the first- 25 stage buffer information into the second stage. In the latter case, the last operand is loaded directly into the second stage of its double buffer, at the same time that all of the other first-stage buffer information is transferred to the second stage. In either case, once 30 the computation begins, the computation controller 414 merely waits the number of clock ticks indicated by the second stage of COMPUTE_WAIT, so that the calculation may propagate completely through the computation engine. At the conclusion of the waiting period, the computation

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controller 414 loads the result into accumulator 258 and the ALU status output bits into status register 255.

In addition to providing a conventional write address as described above, an instruction can instead merely indicate that the result of an operation is to be written back to the address of one of the input values. As explained hereinafter, several of the operand formats can specify whether the result of a calculation is to be written back to the address that an operand came from. If it is, then the operand load controller 412 will have written the write-back address into one of the WRITE0 or WRITE1 latches 324 or 326 (Fig. 5), and set the corresponding DO_WRITE bit (Fig. 6). When the calculation is complete, if one of the DO_WRITE bits is set (either because a conventional write address was provided or because a write-back bit was set), the computation controller 414 performs the write-back by enabling the appropriate WRITE latch 324 or 326 onto the WRADDR bus 330 via multiplexer 328 (Fig. 5), and enabling ACC(19:4) onto the WRDATA bus via the second input port of multiplexer 270 (Fig. 3). The computation controller 414 also clears the corresponding DO_WRITE bit at this time. Writes can take place concurrently with the beginning of the next computation. If no DO_WRITE bit is set, the result is still available for further use in the computation engine. It should be noted that if a MOVE or MOVEREG instruction is underway at the time a result is ready to be written, the write may be delayed until the move is complete.

The DSP 10 supports six basic types of operands: instant, immediate, direct, indirect, register direct, and register indirect. The only instant operands are those present in an arithmetic instruction itself, in the BS field. As mentioned above, for any value in the BS field other than 1000, the BT and BSEL double buffers

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246 and 250 (Fig. 3) are loaded with data from the NRC register 110. No fetch of a subsequent word is required to obtain the operands and load them into these double buffers. If the BS field does contain 1000, then one of
5 the subsequently identified operands contains the information to load into these double buffers.

Operands (other than instant operands) are written to the corresponding double latches for which the _RQ bit is set (Fig. 6), in a predefined sequence.
10 Immediate operands are identified by the presence of a '11' in bits 15:14 of an operand word. As shown in format C of Fig. 7, the immediate operand format includes a justify bit (bit 13) and 13 bits of an immediate value (bits 12:0). The justify bit indicates
15 whether the 13-bit immediate value is to be left or right justified in a 16-bit field. If it is to be left justified, then zeros are added to the right, and if it is to be right justified, then the value is sign extended to the left. When an immediate format operand
20 is retrieved from program memory and written to NRC register 110, the low-order 13 bits are extracted and justified by immediate justification logic 130 in accordance with NRC(13) (Fig. 2). The operand load controller 412 selects the output of immediate
25 justification logic 130 onto the OP bus 134 via the first input port of multiplexer 132, and clocks it into the appropriate double latch in the buffer/computation subsystem 22 (Fig. 3).

Non-register direct or indirect operands are
30 identified by the presence of '100' in bits 15:13 of the operand word. Such operands follow the format D illustrated in Fig. 7. In this format, bits 9:0 identify an operand address, bit 10 specifies whether the address is to be interpreted as direct or indirect,
35 and bit 11 specifies whether "write-back" is desired to

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this operand. Any one operand may be marked for write-back except an immediate operand or a member of a 3-register group. The write-back feature speeds read-modify-write type operations and saves program space.

5 When a non-register direct or indirect format operand is loaded into NRC 110, the operand load controller 412 enables NRC(9:0) onto the RDADDR bus 124 (Fig. 5) via the first input port of multiplexer 122 (Fig. 2). Any address in IRAM 310 or EIRAM 312 may be
10 read. The addressed one of these two units then outputs a data word onto the RDDATA bus. The RDDATA bus is enabled onto the OP bus 134 (Fig. 3) via the multiplexer 132 (Fig. 2), and on the next clock tick, assuming this is a direct operand address, it is loaded into the
15 appropriate double latch in buffer/computation subsystem 22. If NRC(10) indicates that the operand address is indirect, then instead of loading the data into the appropriate double latch, the operand load controller 412 loads the low-order 10 bits of data from the RDDATA bus into the INDIRECT register 136 (Fig. 2). The output of the INDIRECT register 136 is then enabled onto the RDADDR bus 134 via multiplexer 122, and a new data value is read from either IRAM 310 or EIRAM 312 onto the RDDATA bus and provided to the OP bus 134 via
20 multiplexer 132 (Fig. 2). If write-back bit NRC(11) is set, the operand load controller loads the address of the operand into one of the WRITE address registers 324 or 326 either from the RDADDR bus 124 via the second input of multiplexer 322, for direct addressing, or from
25 30 the RDDATA bus 124 via the first input of multiplexer 322. As previously explained, the computation controller 414 will use this address to write back the computation results from the accumulator 258 (Fig. 3) to the specified address. It can be seen that non-
35 registered immediate or directly addressed operands

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occupy one word of instruction space and require one clock tick to fetch and load into the appropriate double latch. Non-registered indirect addressing also uses one word of instruction space but requires two clock ticks
5 to load the operand into the appropriate double latch. Indirect addressing modes benefit most from the write-back feature since it is the indirect address, not the direct address, which is stored in the WRITE address register. The indirection need only be resolved once in
10 a read-modify-write situation.

The registered operand formats E and F illustrated in Fig. 7 essentially provide a level of indirection without incurring the overhead of indirection. A "register", as used with respect to these formats, is a shorthand identification of an operand address. A register number is 4 bits wide, and the address to which it refers can be specified as either direct or indirect. The registered 1- or 2-operand format illustrated as format E in Fig. 7, permits specifying up to two
15 operands in registered format, either one of which can be indicated for write-back as well. In particular, bits 3:0 contain a first register number and bits 8:5 contain a second register number. Bit 4 indicates whether the address pointed to by the first register number is to be interpreted as direct or indirect, and bit 9 indicates whether the address pointed to by the second register number is to be interpreted as direct or
20 indirect. Bit 11 of the operand word indicates whether the result is to be written back to the address specified by the first register number, and bit 12 indicates whether the result is to be written back to the address specified by the second register number. Bit 10 indicates whether one or both of the register
25 numbers are valid. An operand word specified in
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registered 2-operand format is identified by the presence of the code '101' in bits 15:13 of the word.

Operand format F as illustrated in Fig. 7 is a registered 3-operand format. It differs from the 5 registered 1- or 2-operand format in that one additional operand may be specified, but none of the three operand addresses can be indicated for write-back. In the registered 3-operand format, bits 3:0 contain a first register number, bits 8:5 contain a second register number, and bits 13:10 contain a third register number. 10

Bit 4 indicates whether the address pointed to by the first register number is to be considered direct or indirect, bit 9 indicates whether the address pointed to by the second register number is to be considered direct 15 or indirect, and bit 14 indicates whether the address pointed to by the third register number is to be considered direct or indirect. An operand word specified in registered 3-operand format is identifiable by the presence of a '0' in bit 15.

20 When an operand word in one of the registered formats is loaded into NRC 110 (Fig. 2), the operand load controller 412 causes the multiplexer 126 to select the left-most valid register number into register logic 128. If the operand is in Format E, then the register 25 number at NRC(8:5) is used if it is valid, otherwise the register number at NRC(3:0) is used. If the operand is in Format F, then the register number at NRC(13:10) is used. As explained in more detail below, the register logic 128 converts the selected 4-bit register number to 30 a 10-bit address according to RBASE and RMAP values previously specified by the program. The multiplexer 122 selects the output of register logic 128 onto the RDADDR bus 124, which is supplied to the IRAM 310 and EIRAM 312 (Fig. 5). Any indirection specified in NRC(4) 35 is performed in the manner explained above, and the

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resulting operand is then loaded into the appropriate double buffer in the buffer/computation subsystem 22 (Fig. 3). If the operand was in Format E, and the write-back bit WB2 or WB1 corresponding to the selected 5 register number is set, then the 10-bit operand address is also written to one of the WRITE registers 324 or 326 as explained above.

If the operand word was in Format E and NRC(10) indicated that only one register number is valid, then 10 there are no more operands to load in response to the present operand word. If NRC(10) indicates that both register numbers are valid, then at this point operand load controller 412 controls multiplexer 126 to select NRC(3:0) into the register logic 128 for translation, 15 the output of which is selected by multiplexer 122 onto the RDADDR bus 124. The second operand is then obtained by direct or indirect addressing in the same manner as the first operand. A write-back address is also written to one of the WRITE registers 324 or 326 in accordance 20 with the WB2 bit in NRC(12). Note that no more than one of the write-back bits can be validly set.

If the word in NRC 110 is in Format F, then the operand load controller 412 obtains the first operand as specified by the register number in NRC(13:10). 25 NRC(13:10) is selected via the third input of multiplexer 126 to the register logic 128, where it is translated and provided to multiplexer 122 which selects it onto the RDADDR bus 124. The operand is then obtained by direct or indirect addressing as explained 30 above. Operand load controller 412 then goes on to obtain the second and third operands in the same manner, selecting respectively NRC(8:5) and NRC(3:0) to register logic 128.

Fig. 9 shows a detail of the register logic 128 35 (Fig. 2). The 4-bit register number from the output of

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multiplexer 126 (Fig. 4) enters the register logic 128 on a bus 510, and the 10-bit translated address (direct or indirect) is provided on output bus 512. Bits 0 and 1 of the register number on bus 510 are passed directly 5 to respective bits 0 and 1 of the output bus 512. Bit 2 of the input register number is provided to one input of an XOR gate 514, the other input of which comes from bit 0 of the RBASE register 140. The output of XOR gate 514 forms bit 2 of the output bus 512. Bit 2 of the 10 register number is also provided to an x input of twiddle logic 516, the content of which is explained hereinafter. Bit 3 of the input register number is provided to a y input of twiddle logic 516, the output of which forms bit 8 of the output bus 512. Bit 3 of 15 the input register number is also provided directly as bit 9 of the output bus 512. Bits 5:1 of the RBASE register 140 are provided as bits 7:3, respectively, of the output bus 512, and the 3 bits of the RMAP register 142 are provided to a select (S) port of twiddle logic 20 516. Fig. 10 indicates, in the first two columns, the logic function performed by twiddle logic 516 in response to the 3-bit select value from RMAP register 142 (d indicates "don't care").

In a single instruction, all the 4-bit register 25 numbers select from a single set of 16 addresses. Some of the addresses in DSP 10 duplicatively address the same physical locations, as previously mentioned. Thus, in the power-up default state of RMAP = 0 and RBASE = 0, the register address mapping will be as follows:

30	Register Number	Resulting Address on Bus 512	Corresponding Physical Location
35	R0-R3	000h - 003h	000h - 003h (first 4 addresses of EI address range)

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	R4-R11	104h - 107h 200h - 203h	100h - 107h (first 8 addresses of I address range)
5	R12-R15	304h - 307h	304h - 307h (first 4 addresses of EO address range)

Accordingly, the default RMAP and RBASE values provide four registers in the external in (EI) address range, eight in the internal (I) address range and four in the external out (EO) address range. The registers can be remapped in several ways to allow better access for programs that need to place different emphasis on the different address ranges. For example, a program which requires heavy coefficient access, less intermediate storage and few output variables might use a register mapping which provides eight registers in the EI address range, four in the I address range and four in the EO address range. The last three columns of Fig. 10 set out the number of addresses within each of the three address ranges for each corresponding value of RMAP. The RMAP value may be set by the program using the RMAP instruction described above.

Bits 7:3 of the address specified by a register number in an operand word are provided by bits 5:1 of RBASE register 140. Essentially the addresses pointed to by register numbers can be thought of as being located in 8-word blocks of addresses, one block in each of the two address ranges, EI and EO, and two blocks in address range I. If RMAP is such that eight of the registers point to addresses in one of the address ranges, then those addresses occupy an entire 8-word block. If the RMAP value places four of the registers in one of the address ranges, then those four registers occupy one or the other half of the block. If the RMAP value places all sixteen registers in a single one of the address ranges, which can occur only in the I

address range, then the designated address locations occupy two full blocks in that address range.

The RBASE instruction, described above, can be used by a program to change the value in RBASE in order to 5 shift the 8-word blocks within their respective address ranges. Changing the base value changes the base for all of the registers.

Bit 0 of RBASE register 140 provides yet another level of flexibility in the choice of register mappings. 10 In particular, if RBASE(0) equals 0, then the addresses pointed to by register numbers are at the low end or the high end of their block, depending on RMAP. If RBASE(0) = 1, then they are at the opposite end of the block specified by RMAP.

15 It can be seen that the register mapping provided by register logic 128 affords the flexibility of indirection without the overhead of indirect operand fetching. Also, since two or three register identifications can be included within a single operand word (Fig. 7, formats E and F), the space savings achieved with register addressing can be as high as 3:1. Preferably, an assembler is provided with an "RBANK" pseudoinstruction, which translates automatically into a proper RBASE instruction.

20 25 It can be seen that a digital signal processor architecture has been described which contains numerous performance-enhancing features. Each feature alone can improve performance, but in combination the performance is enhanced markedly.

30 The invention has been described with respect to particular embodiments thereof, and it will be understood that numerous modifications are possible within its scope.

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APPENDIX I
FETCH CONTROLLER PSEUDOCODE

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5   #N_Fetcher.var
# variable definitions for N_Fetcher FSM

#Say which FSM these vars belong to
owner N_FETCHER

10  #Operand Types
var 3Registers_NF = !OPERAND_TYPE.1
var 2Registers_NF = OPERAND_TYPE.1 & !OPERAND_TYPE.0 & R_IM & NUM_REGS
#notused
15  #var 1Registers_NF = OPERAND_TYPE.1 & !OPERAND_TYPE.0 & R_IM & !NUM_REGS

#Determine when the N_FETCHER has to suspend itself.
#When an indirect operand shows up, the N_FETCHER will still bump the PC and NR on the
# next tick. The N_FETCHER will then notice that the OPERAND_LOADER is in the INDIRECTION
# state and it will do nothing on the following tick. This will make it appear as if the
# N_FETCHER is jumping the gun when indirections come in, but it saves a lot of logic.
#When a 2 or 3 group register operand comes in, however, the N_FETCHER must notice this and
# idle the PC and NR so the register addresses remain available to the OPERAND_LOADER.

20  var Register_Wait = (3Registers_NF | 2Registers_NF) & !MORE_REGISTERS_0
#The !MORE_REGISTERS_0 output from the OPERAND_LOADER lets the N_FETCHER know that there is
# only 1 register left to decode of the group.

25  #ALU Multiplexer decodes
#notused
#var Alu_Acc_A = !ALU_MUX_A.1 & !ALU_MUX_A.0
#var Alu_Acc_B = !ALU_MUX_B.1 & !ALU_MUX_B.0
30  var Alu1_A = !ALU_MUX_A.1 & ALU_MUX_A.0
var Alu1_B = !ALU_MUX_B.1 & ALU_MUX_B.0
var Alu2_A = ALU_MUX_A.1 & !ALU_MUX_A.0
var Alu2_B = ALU_MUX_B.1 & !ALU_MUX_B.0
var Alu_Mult_A = ALU_MUX_A.1 & ALU_MUX_A.0
var Alu_Mult_B = ALU_MUX_B.1 & ALU_MUX_B.0
40  #notused
#var Fast_Alu = ALU.3 #All logical functions have ALU.3 set
#This is also used to determine shift type
var Transfer = !ALU.2 & !ALU.1 & !ALU.0 #Logical or arithmetic transfer

45  #Operand Requests (inferred)
var Use_Mult = Alu_Mult_A | Alu_Mult_B
var Mult1_Used = Use_Mult
# Second multiplier operand is used if MULT_SELECT is true (1)
50  var Mult2_Used = Use_Mult & MULT_SELECT
var Mult1_Rqst = Mult1_Used & !MULT1_MASK
var Mult2_Rqst = Mult2_Used & !MULT2_MASK
#notused
55  var Mult_Rqsts_Operand = Mult1_Rqst | Mult2_Rqst
var Alu1_Used = Alu1_A | Alu1_B
var Alu2_Used = Alu2_A | Alu2_B
var Alu1_Rqst = Alu1_Used & !ALU1_MASK
var Alu2_Rqst = Alu2_Used & !ALU2_MASK
var Alu_Rqsts_Operand = Alu1_Rqst | Alu2_Rqst
60  #Bit lines for the COMPUTE_WAIT_BUFFER
#Change these to tweak the DSPP
var CwbVar3 = 0 #160ns computation
var CwbVar2 = Use_Mult & !Transfer #120ns computation
var CwbVar1 = (Use_Mult ^ !Transfer) #80ns computation
var CwbVar0 = !Use_Mult & Transfer #40ns computation
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#Bs_Used means the Barrel Shifter uses an operand instead of an instant
# A value of 1000 means use an operand
# If the operand equals 1000 itself, something very wonderful happens
5 var Bs_Used = BS.3 & !BS.2 & !BS.1 & !BS.0
var Bs_Rqst = Bs_Used & !BS_MASK #BS requests Operand

#Determine how many operands are being passed and thus have to be fetched.
#This depends on the OPERAND_MASK and the setting of the NUM_OPSx bits;
# a NUM_OPS value of 00 means zero if the ALU is not passed any operands
10 # Otherwise, a NUM_OPS value of 00 means 4 operands are passed.
# Yes, this is weird, it saves a bit in the N-Struction word.
#This number includes the write operand if there is one.
#It does not include a Barrel Shifter operand; that is handled independently.

15 var 0_Operands_Passed = !NUM_OPS.1 & !NUM_OPS.0 & !Alu_Rqsts_Operand
var 1_Operands_Passed = !NUM_OPS.1 & NUM_OPS.0
var 2_Operands_Passed = NUM_OPS.1 & !NUM_OPS.0
var 3_Operands_Passed = NUM_OPS.1 & NUM_OPS.0
var 4_Operands_Passed = !NUM_OPS.1 & !NUM_OPS.0 & Alu_Rqsts_Operand

20 #This variable was added for RED
#A zero Operand arithmetic N-Struction is currently being fetched -
# there are no operands expressed or implied
25 var 0Operand_N_Struction_NF = (0_Operands_Passed | \
    (1_Operands_Passed & !Mult_Rqsts_Operand & !Alu_Rqsts_Operand))\ 
    & !Bs_Rqst & !A_C \
    & (N_FETCHER_state == N_FETCH)

30 #Note: this variable does NOT count the zeroth bit b/c that operand
# is getting fetched at the time the latch is checked
var No_Operands = !(NUMBER_OPERANDS_L.3 | NUMBER_OPERANDS_L.2 | \
    NUMBER_OPERANDS_L.1 | (NUMBER_OPERANDS_L.0 & BS_RQST_L) )
#Indicates a computation is currently in progress
35 var Computing = COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.3 | \
    COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.2 | COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.1 | COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.0

#Indicates computation in progress that will not be ready within 1 tick (2 hicks)
#This allows for COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.0 to be set.
#IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2 IS GUARANTEED TO BE SHIFTED ON THE NEXT TICK/TICK
40 #notused
#var Wait_For_Compute = COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.3 | \
#    COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.2 | COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.1

45 #Move needs to wait b/c the write?_L it wants to write to is still full
# from 2 ariths ago
Move_Wait = (ARITH_L & DO_WRITE0_L) | (!ARITH_L & DO_WRITE1_L)

#Branch Condition
50 #There are 4 modes for branch conditions, a select bit to choose between using N and V,
# or C and Z for logic, and two FLAG_MASKs to indicate which status bits are important.
# Mode0 is the special mode - all special N-Structions are here.
# Mode1 means where there is a set FLAG bit, the corresponding status bit must be a 1
# Mode2 means where there is a set FLAG bit, the corresponding status bit must be a 0
# Mode3 to be defined.

55 var Md0 = !MODE.1 & !MODE.0
var Md1 = !MODE.1 & MODE.0
var Md2 = MODE.1 & !MODE.0
var Md3 = MODE.1 & MODE.0

60 #This is just a couple of 2-1 MUXes selected by the S bit with inputs N,V,Z, and C
#Outputs are N and V or Z and C
var Stat0 = (FLAG_SELECT & C) | (!FLAG_SELECT & N)
var Stat1 = (FLAG_SELECT & Z) | (!FLAG_SELECT & V)

65 #The Status bits need to be inverted for Mode2. This is accomplished with an XOR of the
# Status bits with Md2
var New_Stat0 = Stat0 ^ Md2
var New_Stat1 = Stat1 ^ Md2

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var tmp_dc care1 = !FLAG_MASK.1 | (FLAG_MASK.1 & New_Stat0)
var tmp_dc care0 = !FLAG_MASK.0 | (FLAG_MASK.0 & New_Stat1)
var Really_Dcare = !FLAG_MASK.1 & !FLAG_MASK.0
var Md12_Success = tmp_dc care1 & tmp_dc care0 & (MODE.1 ^ MODE.0) \
5      & !Really_Dcare
#isn't success if FLAG.MASK bits are both 0 (this is super_dupers)
#can also use Md1 | Md2 for above - whichever is smaller

10     #var Super_Duper_Special = A_C & (MODE.1 ^ MODE.0) & Really_Dcare
var Super_Duper0 = A_C & Md1 & !FLAG_SELECT & Really_Dcare
var Super_Duper1 = A_C & Md1 & FLAG_SELECT & Really_Dcare
#var Super_Duper2 = A_C & Md2 & !FLAG_SELECT & Really_Dcare
#var Super_Duper3 = A_C & Md2 & FLAG_SELECT & Really_Dcare

15     #Added for REDCHIP
#All 20 bits of Accume=zero, or not
var All_Zero = Super_Duper0 & Z & X
var Not_All_Zero = Super_Duper1 & !(Z & X)
var Sd_Success = All_Zero | Not_All_Zero

20     #Test (N ^ V) or !(N ^ V) (XOR or Coincidence)
# also can do N^V | Z (BLE)
# or !(N^V) & !Z (BGT)
var Nvtest = ((N ^ V) | (Z & FLAG_MASK.0)) ^ FLAG_MASK.1 ) & !FLAG_SELECT

25     #Test (C & !Z) or (!C | Z)
var Tmp_Cz = C & !Z
var Cztest = (Tmp_Cz ^ FLAG_MASK.0) & FLAG_SELECT & !FLAG_MASK.1

30     #Test for Xactness (bottom 4 bits of ALU result are zero)
var Xactest = (X ^ FLAG_MASK.0) & FLAG_SELECT & FLAG_MASK.1

var Md3_Success = (Nvtest | Cztest | Xactest) & Md3

35     var Branch = (Md12_Success | Md3_Success | Sd_Success) & A_C

var Special = Md0 & A_C

40     var Super_Special = Special & (SPECIAL_OP == 0b000)
var Jump = Special & (SPECIAL_OP == 0b001)
var Jsr = Special & (SPECIAL_OP == 0b010)
var Branch_From = Special & (SPECIAL_OP == 0b011)
var MoveReg =
45     #var Not_Used1 = Special & (SPECIAL_OP == 0b100)
var Move = Special & (SPECIAL_OP == 0b101) \\
                  (SPECIAL_OP == 0b110) \\
                  (SPECIAL_OP == 0b111)

50     var Nop = Super_Special & (SUPER_SPECIAL_OP == 0b000)
var Branch_Accume = Super_Special & (SUPER_SPECIAL_OP == 0b001)
var Rbase = Super_Special & (SUPER_SPECIAL_OP == 0b010)
var Rmap = Super_Special & (SUPER_SPECIAL_OP == 0b011)
var Rts = Super_Special & (SUPER_SPECIAL_OP == 0b100)
var Operand_Mask =
55     #var Not_Used2 = Super_Special & (SUPER_SPECIAL_OP == 0b101)
var Dspp_Sleep = Super_Special & (SUPER_SPECIAL_OP == 0b110) \\
                  (SUPER_SPECIAL_OP == 0b111)

owner

60     #N_FETCHER
#Donald Gray

fsm N_FETCHER
65     #need to clear the tlatch fudge
unset OP_RDY_S_NF

if Dspp_Reset
70     goto N_FETCH

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    else

        switch
            case N_FETCHER_state == N_FETCH
                if !GWILLING      #External calls for suspension
                    #FSM outputs must be propagated
                    if JUST_BRANCHED_0
                        output JUST_BRANCHED_0
                    endif
                10      if SLEEP_0
                        output SLEEP_0
                    endif
                    goto N_FETCH
                15      else if JUST_RESET_0
                    #just had a Dspp_Reset, bump the PC and NR
                    # and start 'er up!
                    latch NR = NStruct[PC]
                    latch PC = PC +1
                    goto N_FETCH
                20      else

                    #CONTROL WORD
                    # All the signals below are
                    # ANDed with A_C and checked for "Special"
                    switch
                        case Nop
                            latch NR = NStruct[PC]
                            latch PC = PC +1
                            goto N_FETCH
                        30      case Branch
                            if JUST_BRANCHED_0 #Previous N-Struction resulted in successful
                                # branch. So skip this branch.
                                latch NR = NStruct[PC]
                                latch PC = PC + 1
                                goto N_FETCH
                            35      else if Computing
                                #If the Cruncher is still crunching, and will not be ready in 1 tick,
                                # need to wait until it is done so status
                                # bits are valid
                                #The status bits are latched at the same time the
                                #COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2 is latched to 0
                                goto N_FETCH
                            40      else
                                latch NR = NStruct[PC]
                                latch PC = BCH_ADDRESS
                                output JUST_BRANCHED_0      #Lets next N-Struction know there
                                #was a successful branch.
                                goto N_FETCH
                            45      endif

                        50      case Branch_Accume
                            #Branch to location stored in ACCUME
                            if JUST_BRANCHED_0 #Previous N-Struction resulted in successful
                                # branch. So skip this branch.
                                latch NR = NStruct[PC]
                                latch PC = PC + 1
                                goto N_FETCH
                            55      else if Computing
                                #If the Cruncher is still crunching, and will not be ready in 1 tick,
                                # need to wait until it is done so ACCUME is valid
                                goto N_FETCH
                            60      else
                                latch NR = NStruct[PC]
                                latch PC = ACCUME10
                                output JUST_BRANCHED_0      #Lets next N-Struction know there
                                #was a successful branch.
                                goto N_FETCH
                            65      endif

                        70      case Jump | jsr

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        if JUST_BRANCHED_0 #Previous N-Struction resulted in successful
                           # branch. So skip this branch.
        latch NR = NStruct[PC]
        latch PC = PC + 1
        goto N_FETCH
5      else
        if JSR
            latch SUBR_L = PC
        endif
10     latch NR = NStruct[PC]
        latch PC = BCH_ADDRESS
        output JUST_BRANCHED_0 #Lets next N-Struction know there
                           #was a successful branch.
        goto N_FETCH
15     endif
        case Rts
            #why doesn't this look at JUST_BRANCHED_0?
            # I remember thinking about it, but I forgot
            # why I did it this way
20      latch NR = NStruct[PC]
            latch PC = SUBR_L
            output JUST_BRANCHED_0
            goto N_FETCH
        case Branch_From
25      if JUST_BRANCHED_0 #Previous N-Struction resulted in successful
                           # branch, so do the branch from
            latch NR = NStruct[PC]
            latch PC = BCH_ADDRESS
            output JUST_BRANCHED_0
30      goto N_FETCH
        else
            latch NR = NStruct[PC]
            latch PC = PC +1
            goto N_FETCH
35      endif
        case Move | MoveReg
            if JUST_BRANCHED_0
                #Branch in progress, do not execute move
40      latch NR = NStruct[PC]
                latch PC = PC +1
                goto N_FETCH
            else if Move_Wait | (OPERAND_LOADER_state == INDIRECT)
45      #The WRITE?_L is busy,
                # OR the OPERAND_LOADER is in the process of indirection
                # we cannot do an indirect fetch of an operand at the same
                # time as a move b/c if the move is indirect, there is
                # a mem conflict
                goto N_FETCH
50      else
                    #Do the move or movereg
                    #all bus and latch manipulations are handled by the
                    #OPERAND_LOADER
                    latch NR = NStruct[PC]
                    latch PC = PC +1
55      goto OPERAND_FETCH
        endif
        case Rbase
            latch RBASE_L = RBASE_VAL
            latch NR = NStruct[PC]
            latch PC = PC +1
            goto N_FETCH
60      case Rmap
            latch RMAP_L = RMAP_VAL
            latch NR = NStruct[PC]
            latch PC = PC +1
            goto N_FETCH
65      case Operand_Mask
            latch OPERAND_MASK_L = OPERAND_MASK_VAL
            latch NR = NStruct[PC]
            latch PC = PC +1
70      
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        goto N_FETCH
      case Dspp_Sleep
        #When sleep command is issued, DSPP will hang until
        #Dspp_Reset (including DSPP_CLK underflow)
        #This will be useful for performance tests
        # (ex: how long did the DSPP sleep before it was reset).
        if JUST_BRANCHED_0 #Previous N-Struction resulted in successful
          # branch. So skip this.
          latch NR = NStruct[PC]
          latch PC = PC + 1
          goto N_FETCH
        else
          output SLEEP_0
          goto N_FETCH
        endif

      #ARITHMETIC WORD
      case !A_C #Need to fetch operands
        if JUST_BRANCHED_0
          #Previous N-Struction resulted in successful
          # branch. So skip this one.
          latch NR = NStruct[PC]
          latch PC = PC + 1
          goto N_FETCH
        else if OPERANDS_READY_L & OPERAND_LOADER_state == INDIRECTION
          #There are still valid operands in the BUF1's
          # or an operand is being indirectioned
          #Cannot load any new operands.
          goto N_FETCH
        else
          if Mult1_Rqst
            set MULT1_RQST_L
          endif
          if Mult2_Rqst
            set MULT2_RQST_L
          endif
          if Alu1_Rqst
            set ALU1_RQST_L
          endif
          if Alu2_Rqst
            set ALU2_RQST_L
          endif
          if Bs_Rqst
            set BS_RQST_L
          endif

        #These latches are linked to form a simple shift register
        Latch NUMBER_OPERANDS_L.3 = 4_Operands_Passed
        latch NUMBER_OPERANDS_L.2 = 3_Operands_Passed
        latch NUMBER_OPERANDS_L.1 = 2_Operands_Passed
        latch NUMBER_OPERANDS_L.0 = 1_Operands_Passed

        #COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF sets the amount of time the Cruncher
        # waits for the computation to complete.
        # The resolution of this shift reg is 20ns
        # The time waited will be 40ns * (#bits set)
        #These bits are now calculated in N_Fetcher.var
        latch COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF1.3 = CwbVar3
        latch COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF1.2 = CwbVar2
        latch COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF1.1 = CwbVar1
        latch COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF1.0 = CwbVar0

        #Added to RED to fix bug #2 (long arith followed
        # by 0Op. arith)
        if OOperand_N_Struction_NF
          set OP_RDY_S_NF
        endif

        if 0_Operands_Passed & !Bs_Rqst
          # No operands need to be fetched
    
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      latch NR = NStruct[PC]
      latch PC = PC +1
      goto N_FETCH
      else #get operands
          latch NR = NStruct[PC]
          latch PC = PC +1
          goto OPERAND_FETCH
      endif
  endif
10   default
      #This should be a failed branch
      #Any unspecified N-Structure will fall into this crack.
      #Make sure we are not in the middle of a computation
15   # b/c need to wait until status bits are valid
      if !Computing
          latch NR = NStruct[PC]
          latch PC = PC +1
      endif
20   goto N_FETCH

      endswitch
  endif

25   case N_FETCHER_state == OPERAND_FETCH
      if !GWILLING | Register_Wait
          #External call for suspension, or
          #Multiple registers are being fetched
          #FSM outputs must be propagated
30   if JUST_BRANCHED_0
          output JUST_BRANCHED_0
      endif
      if SLEEP_0
          output SLEEP_0
      endif
35   goto OPERAND_FETCH      # the OPERAND_LOADER is dealing with a
                           # register group, so pause.
  else
      if No_Operands #Done fetching operands (last one
                      # is being fetched now).
40   latch NR = NStruct[PC]
      latch PC = PC +1
      goto N_FETCH
  else
45   if OPERAND_LOADER_state == INDIRECT
          #Indirection in progress. Wait 1 tick
          #The next operand will be in the NR but it will not be loaded for a tick
          goto OPERAND_FETCH
  else
50   #The operand counter NUMBER_OPERANDS_L
      # is shifted by the Operand_Loader
      latch NR = NStruct[PC]
      latch PC = PC +1
      goto OPERAND_FETCH
  endif
55   endif
  endif
  endswitch
60   endif
end

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APPENDIX II
OPERAND LOAD CONTROLLER PSEUDOCODE

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5      #Operand_Loader.var

     # define variables for Operand_Loader.FSM

10     #Say which FSM these vars belong to
          owner OPERAND_LOADER

     #Operand Types
     var Immediate_DL = OPERAND_TYPE.1 & OPERAND_TYPE.0
     var Addressed_DL = OPERAND_TYPE.1 & !OPERAND_TYPE.0 & !R_IM
15     var Direct_DL = Addressed_DL & !D_I
     var Indirect_DL = Addressed_DL & D_I
     var 3Registers_DL = !OPERAND_TYPE.1
     var 2Registers_DL = OPERAND_TYPE.1 & !OPERAND_TYPE.0 & R_IM & NUM_REGS
     var 1Registers_DL = OPERAND_TYPE.1 & !OPERAND_TYPE.0 & R_IM & !NUM_REGS

20     #Barrel Shifter uses an "instant" operand
     var Bs_Used_DL = BS.3 & !BS.2 & !BS.1 & !BS.0
     var Bs_Instant_Rqst = !Bs_Used_DL & !BS_MASK #BS requests instant

25     var Any_Operand_Rqsts = MULT1_RQST_L | MULT2_RQST_L | \
                           ALU1_RQST_L | ALU2_RQST_L | BS_RQST_L

     #The Specialy Designed "Exactly-One" Gate.
     #On Its First World Tour ----
30     var tmp_xor1 = MULT1_RQST_L ^ MULT2_RQST_L
     var tmp_xor2 = ALU1_RQST_L ^ ALU2_RQST_L
     var tmp_xor3 = tmp_xor1 ^ tmp_xor2
     var xor = tmp_xor3 ^ BS_RQST_L
     var tmp_nand1 = MULT1_RQST_L !& MULT2_RQST_L
35     var tmp_nand2 = ALU1_RQST_L !& ALU2_RQST_L
     var tmp_nand3 = tmp_xor1 !& tmp_xor2
     var tmp_nand4 = tmp_xor3 !& BS_RQST_L
     var Exactly_1Rqst = xor & tmp_nand1 & tmp_nand2 & tmp_nand3 & tmp_nand4

40     #Note: Any_Operands and No_Operands are not inversely related
     var Any_Operands = NUMBER_OPERANDS_L.3 | \
                       NUMBER_OPERANDS_L.2 | NUMBER_OPERANDS_L.1 | NUMBER_OPERANDS_L.0

45     var Special_DL = A_C & !MODE.1 & !MODE.0
     var MoveReg_DL = Special_DL & (SPECIAL_OP == 0b100)
     var Move_DL = Special_DL & ((SPECIAL_OP == 0b110) | \
                               (SPECIAL_OP == 0b111))
     #Move needs to wait b/c the write?_L it wants to write to is still full
     # from 2 ariths ago
50     Move_Wait_DL = (ARITH_L & DO_WRITE0_L) | (!ARITH_L & DO_WRITE1_L)

     #Indicates a computation is currently in progress
     #var Computing_DL = COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.3 | \
     # COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.2 | COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.1 | COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.0

55     #Indicates computation in progress that will not be ready within 1 tick (2 hicks)
     #This allows for COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.0 to be set.
     #IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2 IS GUARANTEED TO BE SHIFTED ON THE NEXT HICK/TICK
     #notused:
60     #var Wait_For_Compute_DL = COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.3 | \
     # COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.2 | COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.1

     owner

65     #Operand_Loader
     #Donald Gray

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      temp tmpx 1
      end
      temp tmpy 1
      end
      temp Twiddle_Bit 1
      end
      temp ANYREGU 1
      end
10

macro HIGH_PRIORITY
  if MULT1_RQST_L
    latch MULT1_BUF1 = OPERAND_BUS
  15  unset MULT1_RQST_L
    shift NUMBER_OPERANDS_L
  else if MULT2_RQST_L
    latch MULT2_BUF1 = OPERAND_BUS
    unset MULT2_RQST_L
  20  shift NUMBER_OPERANDS_L
  else if ALU1_RQST_L
    latch ALU1_BUF1 = OPERAND_BUS
    unset ALU1_RQST_L
  25  shift NUMBER_OPERANDS_L
  else if ALU2_RQST_L
    latch ALU2_BUF1 = OPERAND_BUS
    unset ALU2_RQST_L
  30  shift NUMBER_OPERANDS_L
  else if BS_RQST_L
    latch BS_SELECT_BUF1 = BS_SELECT_DATA
    latch BS_TYPE_BUF1 = BS_TYPE_DATA
    #Can specify shift type (arith or logical) in operand
    # this latches in 5 bits: 4 for shift and 1 for type
  35  unset BS_RQST_L
    #Do not shift NUMBER_OPERANDS_L b/c the BS operand is not included.
    # in NUMBER_OPERANDS_L variable
  else
    output ERROR_O
    debug High_Priority has been called, but there is no request
40  endif

  if Exactly_1Rqst
    #This is the last operand so set latch indicating operands are ready
    #The Cruncher uses this latch to know it may begin computation
  45  #MAKE SURE THIS LATCH CAN BE SET AND UNSET @ THE SAME TIME
    # resulting in the latch being unset
    set OP_RDY_S_OP
  endif
50  endmacro HIGH_PRIORITY

macro WRITE
  #put the write address in WRITOE_L or WRITE1_L
  #depending on the pipeline
  if ARITH_L
    set DO_WRITE1_L
    latch WRITE1_L = WRITE_L_BUS
  55  else
    set DO_WRITE0_L
    latch WRITE0_L = WRITE_L_BUS
  60  endif
endmacro WRITE

65  fsm OPERAND_LOADER
#need to clear the t latch fudge
unset OP_RDY_S_OP

70  #Hand optimized logic for the REG_BUS:
#Register Addressing:

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# The logic for register address calculations corresponds to the logic below
# that is used for FSM outputs
switch
    #The following logic is implemented by hand for speed
5     case (!NR.15 & !2MORE_REGISTERS_0 & !1MORE_REGISTERS_0)
        calc REG_BUS = R3
    case ((NR.15 & NUM_REGS & !1MORE_REGISTERS_0) | 2MORE_REGISTERS_0)
        calc REG_BUS = R2
    case ((NR.15 & !NUM_REGS) | 1MORE_REGISTERS_0)
        calc REG_BUS = R1
endswitch

#Determine Twiddle based on register mapping
# automatically done in the hardware
15    calc tmpx = REG_BUS.2
    calc tmpy = REG_BUS.3 # Reg Stack Mapping
switch
    case RMAP_L == 0b000      # EI   I   EO
20     calc Twiddle_Bit = tmpx  #   4   8   4
    case RMAP_L == 0b001
        calc Twiddle_Bit = tmpx  #   4   8   4
    case RMAP_L == 0b010
        calc Twiddle_Bit = tmpx  #   4   8   4
    case RMAP_L == 0b011
        calc Twiddle_Bit = tmpx  #   4   8   4
    case RMAP_L == 0b100
        calc Twiddle_Bit = tmpy  #   8   0   8
    case RMAP_L == 0b101
        calc Twiddle_Bit = !tmpy #   0   16  0
    case RMAP_L == 0b110
        calc Twiddle_Bit = tmpx & tmpy # 8   4   4
    case RMAP_L == 0b111
        calc Twiddle_Bit = tmpx | tmpy # 4   4   8
endswitch

35    #In the hardware, the REG_ADDRESS_BUS is actually:
# RBUSU3,TWID,RBASELC[5:1],LAND,RBUSU[1:0]
calc REG_ADDRESS_BUS.0 = REG_BUS.0
calc REG_ADDRESS_BUS.1 = REG_BUS.1
40    calc REG_ADDRESS_BUS.2 = REG_BUS.2 ^ RBASE_L.0
calc REG_ADDRESS_BUS.3 = RBASE_L.1
calc REG_ADDRESS_BUS.4 = RBASE_L.2
calc REG_ADDRESS_BUS.5 = RBASE_L.3
45    calc REG_ADDRESS_BUS.6 = RBASE_L.4
calc REG_ADDRESS_BUS.7 = RBASE_L.5
calc REG_ADDRESS_BUS.8 = Twiddle_Bit
calc REG_ADDRESS_BUS.9 = REG_BUS.3

50    #Hand optimized ADDRESS_BUS multiplexing:
# All calcs for the ADDRESS_BUS are left in the code for comprehension
# but they are commented out.
calc ANYREGU = ( !NR.15 | (NR.15 & !NR.14 & NR.13) )
switch
    case ( !(OPERAND_LOADER_state==INDIRECTION) & \
        ( (N_FETCHER_state==N_FETCH & NR.11) | \
        (!N_FETCHER_state==N_FETCH) & ANYREGU) ) #get non-reg
        calc ADDRESS_BUS = REG_ADDRESS_BUS
    case ( !(OPERAND_LOADER_state==INDIRECTION) & \
        ( (N_FETCHER_state==N_FETCH & NR.11) | \
        (!N_FETCHER_state==N_FETCH) & !ANYREGU) ) #move
        calc ADDRESS_BUS = OP_ADDRESS
    case ( OPERAND_LOADER_state==INDIRECTION ) #we are in INDIRECT
        calc ADDRESS_BUS = INDIRECT_L
endswitch

70    #The DATA_BUS is directly connected to mem in Si
    # references to it within the code are kept for clarity.

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calc DATA_BUS = DATA[ADDRESS_BUS]

#Hand optimized OPERAND_BUS multiplexing:
# All calcs for the OPERAND_BUS are left in the code for comprehension
# but they are commented out.

5   switch
     case ( (OPERAND_LOADER_state==LOAD) & NR.15 & NR.14 )
          calc OPERAND_BUS = just_func function (JUSTIFY, IMMEDIATE_VAL)
     case ( !( (OPERAND_LOADER_state==LOAD) & NR.15 & NR.14 ) )
          calc OPERAND_BUS = DATA_BUS
    endswitch

15  if Dspp_Reset
     goto LOAD
    else
     switch
      case OPERAND_LOADER_state == LOAD
        if !GWILLING
          #External calls for halt or first set of operand BUFs is full
          # so stall
          #FSM must propagate its outputs
          if ERROR_0
            output ERROR_0
          endif
          if MOVE_0
            output MOVE_0
          endif
          if WR_MOVE_0
            output WR_MOVE_0
          endif
          if 3MORE_REGISTERS_0
            output 3MORE_REGISTERS_0
          endif
          if 2MORE_REGISTERS_0
            output 2MORE_REGISTERS_0
          endif
          if 1MORE_REGISTERS_0
            output 1MORE_REGISTERS_0
          endif
          if READ_0
            output READ_0
          endif
        goto LOAD
      else if JUST_RESET_0
        goto LOAD
      else
45   switch    #this is an arithmetic opcode, a MOVE opcode,
           # a MOVE operand, a regular operand, or nothing

50   case N_FETCHER_state == N_FETCH
       if !A_C
         #This is an arithmetic, so load in selections
         if JUST_BRANCHED_0 | OPERANDS_READY_L
           #Previous N-Struction resulted in successful
           # branch. So skip this one.
           # OR, There are still valid operands in the BUF1's
           # or an operand is being indireceted
           #Cannot load any new operands.
       else
         latch MULT_SELECT_BUF1 = MULT_SELECT
         latch ALU_MUX_A_BUF1 = ALU_MUX_A
         latch ALU_MUX_B_BUF1 = ALU_MUX_B
         latch ALU_SELECT_BUF1 = ALU
         if Bs_Inst_Rqst
           #Barrel Shifter does not use operand
           # and does not reuse old value.

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        latch BS_TYPE_BUF1 = ALU.3 #Shift type depends on ALU operation
        latch BS_SELECT_BUF1 = BS
    endif
    #The ARITH_L indicates whether we are processing
    # a "0" or "1" arithmetic so writes know which they belong to
    5      if ARITH_L
            unset ARITH_L
        else
            set ARITH_L
    10     endif
    endif

    else if (Move_OL | MoveReg_Ol)
        #This is the opcode for a Move N-struction
        15    if JUST_BRANCHED_O | Move_Wait_Ol
                #In the middle of a branch, or there is a write pending
                # so stall
            else #Do the move or movereg
                #The ARITH_L indicates whether we are processing
                # a "0" or "1" arithmetic
                # so writes know which they belong to
                #MOVEs also use this latch so their writes
                # can go into the available WRITE latch
        20
                if Move_Ol
                    #calc ADDRESS_Bus = OP_ADDRESS
                else #this is a MoveReg
                    #calc ADDRESS_Bus = REG_ADDRESS_Bus
            endif
        30
                #determine if move is direct or indirect
                if (Move_Ol & !D_I) | (MoveReg_Ol & !R1_D_I)
                    #Direct Move
                    calc WRITE_L_Bus = ADDRESS_Bus
        35            else
                    #Indirect Move
                    calc DATA_Bus = DATA[ADDRESS_Bus]
                    output READ_O
                    calc WRITE_L_Bus = DATA_Bus
        40            endif

                    if ARITH_L
                        #MOVE writes are latched to the opposite
                        # write_L as indicated by the ARITH_L
                        calc WRITE0_L = WRITE_L_Bus
        45            else
                        calc WRITE1_L = WRITE_L_Bus
            endif

        50            output MOVE_O
            endif

            else
                #This must be a control word that is not a MOVE
                #Do nothing
            endif
            goto LOAD
        55

    case MOVE_O
        60    switch
            case Immediate_Ol
                #calc OPERAND_Bus = just_func function (JUSTIFY, IMMEDIATE_VAL)
                latch MOVE_L = OPERAND_Bus
                output WR_MOVE_O
                goto LOAD
            case Direct_Ol
                #calc ADDRESS_Bus = OP_ADDRESS
                #calc DATA_Bus = DATA[ADDRESS_Bus]
                output READ_O
        65            #calc OPERAND_Bus = DATA_Bus
        70
    
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        latch MOVE_L = OPERAND_BUS
        output WR_MOVE_O
        goto LOAD
    case Indirect_OL
        #calc ADDRESS_BUS = OP_ADDRESS
        #calc DATA_BUS = DATA[ADDRESS_BUS]
        output READ_O
        latch INDIRECT_L = DATA_BUS
        output MOVE_O
        goto INDIRECTION
    case 1Registers_OL
        #REG_ADDRESS_BUS is precalculated
        #calc ADDRESS_BUS = REG_ADDRESS_BUS
        if !R1_D_I
            #Register 1 is Direct
            #calc DATA_BUS = DATA[ADDRESS_BUS]
            output READ_O
            #calc OPERAND_BUS = DATA_BUS
            latch MOVE_L = OPERAND_BUS
            output WR_MOVE_O
            goto LOAD
        else
            #Register 1 is Indirect
            #calc DATA_BUS = DATA[ADDRESS_BUS]
            output READ_O
            latch INDIRECT_L = DATA_BUS
            output MOVE_O
            goto INDIRECTION
        endif
    default
        debug ERROR: MOVE from operand is undefined
    endswitch

    case Any_Operand_Rqsts | Any_Operands
        #There are operands to be fetched
        switch
            case Immediate_OL
                #Justify the immediate. 0 means right justify, 1 means left
                # Right justification has left 3 bits sign extended
                # Left justification has right 3 bits zero filled
                #calc OPERAND_BUS = just_func function (JUSTIFY, IMMEDIATE_VAL)
                $HIGH_PRIORITY
                goto LOAD
            case Direct_OL
                #calc ADDRESS_BUS = OP_ADDRESS
                if Any_Operand_Rqsts
                    #calc DATA_BUS = DATA[ADDRESS_BUS]
                    output READ_O
                    #calc OPERAND_BUS = DATA_BUS
                    $HIGH_PRIORITY
                    if WRITE_BACK1
                        #Use this operand for write-back
                        calc WRITE_L_BUS = ADDRESS_BUS
                        $WRITE
                    endif
                else
                    #There are no devices requesting operands,
                    # but there is an operand left, so this is a write address.
                    calc WRITE_L_BUS = ADDRESS_BUS
                    $WRITE
                    shift NUMBER_OPERANDS_L
                endif
                goto LOAD
            case Indirect_OL
                #calc ADDRESS_BUS = OP_ADDRESS
                if Any_Operand_Rqsts
                    #calc DATA_BUS = DATA[ADDRESS_BUS]
                    output READ_O
                    latch INDIRECT_L = DATA_BUS

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      if WRITE_BACK1
        #Operand is used for write back
        output READ_O
        calc WRITE_L_BUS = DATA_BUS
        $WRITE
      endif
      goto INDIRECT
    else
      #There are no requests, so this is write operand
      #calc DATA_BUS = DATA[ADDRESS_BUS]
      output READ_O
      calc WRITE_L_BUS = DATA_BUS
      $WRITE
      shift NUMBER_OPERANDS_L
      goto LOAD
    endif

    case 3Registers_OL & !2MORE_REGISTERS_O & !1MORE_REGISTERS_O
      #REG_ADDRESS_BUS is precalculated
      #calc ADDRESS_BUS = REG_ADDRESS_BUS
      #Cannot use reg 3 for write back
      if !R3_D_I
        #Register 3 is Direct
        #calc DATA_BUS = DATA[ADDRESS_BUS]
        output READ_O
        #calc OPERAND_BUS = DATA_BUS
        $HIGH_PRIORITY
        output 2MORE_REGISTERS_O
        goto LOAD
      else
        #Register 3 is Indirect
        output 3MORE_REGISTERS_O
        #calc DATA_BUS = DATA[ADDRESS_BUS]
        output READ_O
        latch INDIRECT_L = DATA_BUS
        goto INDIRECT
      endif

    case (2Registers_OL | 2MORE_REGISTERS_O) & !1MORE_REGISTERS_O
      #REG_ADDRESS_BUS is precalculated
      #calc ADDRESS_BUS = REG_ADDRESS_BUS
      if !R2_D_I
        #Register 2 is Direct
        #calc DATA_BUS = DATA[ADDRESS_BUS]
        output READ_O
        #calc OPERAND_BUS = DATA_BUS
        $HIGH_PRIORITY
        if WRITE_BACK2 & !3Registers_OL
          calc WRITE_L_BUS = ADDRESS_BUS
          $WRITE
        endif
        output 1MORE_REGISTERS_O
        goto LOAD
      else
        #Register 2 is Indirect
        #calc DATA_BUS = DATA[ADDRESS_BUS]
        output READ_O
        latch INDIRECT_L = DATA_BUS
        if WRITE_BACK2 & !3Registers_OL
          calc WRITE_L_BUS = DATA_BUS
          $WRITE
        endif
        output 2MORE_REGISTERS_O
        goto INDIRECT
      endif

    case 1Registers_OL | 1MORE_REGISTERS_O
      #REG_ADDRESS_BUS is precalculated
      #calc ADDRESS_BUS = REG_ADDRESS_BUS
      if !R1_D_I
        #Register 1 is Direct

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        if Any_Operand_Rqsts
            #This register operand goes to a device.
            #calc DATA_BUS = DATA[ADDRESS_BUS]
            output READ_0
            #calc OPERAND_BUS = DATA_BUS
            $HIGH_PRIORITY
            if WRITE_BACK1 & !3Registers_OL
                calc WRITE_L_BUS = ADDRESS_BUS
                $WRITE
            endif
        else
            #There are no devices requesting operands, but there
            # is an operand left, so this is a write address.
            calc WRITE_L_BUS = ADDRESS_BUS
            $WRITE
            shift NUMBER_OPERANDS_L
        endif
        goto LOAD
    else
        #Register 1 is Indirect
        if Any_Operand_Rqsts
            #calc DATA_BUS = DATA[ADDRESS_BUS]
            output READ_0
            latch INDIRECT_L = DATA_BUS
            if WRITE_BACK1 & !3Registers_OL
                #Operand is used for write back
                calc WRITE_L_BUS = DATA_BUS
                $WRITE
            endif
            goto INDIRECTION
        else
            #There are no requests, so this is write operand
            #calc DATA_BUS = DATA[ADDRESS_BUS]
            output READ_0
            calc WRITE_L_BUS = DATA_BUS
            $WRITE
            shift NUMBER_OPERANDS_L
            goto LOAD
        endif
    endif
endswitch
default
    #There are no operands to fetch
    #Nothing to do
    if OPERANDS_READY_L
        debug ERROR: OPERANDS_READY_L is set and there are no operands
    endif
    goto LOAD
endswitch
endif

case OPERAND_LOADER_state == INDIRECTION
    if !GWILLING #External stop command
        #FSM must propagate its outputs
        if ERROR_O
            output ERROR_O
        endif
        if MOVE_O
            output MOVE_O
        endif
        if WR_MOVE_O
            output WR_MOVE_O
        endif
        if 3MORE_REGISTERS_O
            output 3MORE_REGISTERS_O
        endif
        if 2MORE_REGISTERS_O
            output 2MORE_REGISTERS_O
        endif
        if 1MORE_REGISTERS_O

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      output 1MORE_REGISTERS_0
      endif
      if READ_0
          output READ_0
      endif
      goto INDIRECTON

      else
          #calc ADDRESS_BUS = INDIRECT_L
          #calc DATA_BUS = DATA[ADDRESS_BUS]
          output READ_0
          #calc OPERAND_BUS = DATA_BUS

          if MOVE_0
              #latch the move operand and tell the cruncher to write it
              latch MOVE_L = OPERAND_BUS
              output WR_MOVE_0
          else
              $HIGH_PRIORITY
          endif

          if 3MORE_REGISTERS_0
              #need to propagate register count
              output 2MORE_REGISTERS_0
          endif
          if 2MORE_REGISTERS_0
              #need to propagate register count
              output 1MORE_REGISTERS_0
          endif
          goto LOAD
      endif
  endswitch
endif
end
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APPENDIX III
COMPUTATION CONTROLLER PSEUDOCODE

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5      #Cruncher.var

     # define variables for Cruncher FSM

10     #Say which FSM these vars belong to
          owner CRUNCHER

     #Operand Types
     var Addressed_CR = OPERAND_TYPE.1 & !OPERAND_TYPE.0 & !R_IM
     var Indirect_CR = Addressed_CR & D_I
     var 3Registers_CR = !OPERAND_TYPE.1
     var 2Registers_CR = OPERAND_TYPE.1 & !OPERAND_TYPE.0 & R_IM & NUM_REGS
     var 1Registers_CR = OPERAND_TYPE.1 & !OPERAND_TYPE.0 & R_IM & !NUM_REGS

20     #move from operand is indirect
     #not used
     #var Move_Indirect = Indirect_CR | (1Registers_CR & R1_D_I)

     #Any indirect operand- register or addressed
     var Any_Indirect_CR = Indirect_CR | \
                           (3Registers_CR & R3_D_I & !2MORE_REGISTERS_O & !1MORE_REGISTERS_O) | \
                           ((2Registers_CR | 2MORE_REGISTERS_O) & R2_D_I & !1MORE_REGISTERS_O) | \
                           ((1Registers_CR | 1MORE_REGISTERS_O) & R1_D_I)

     #The Specialy Designed "Exactly-One" Gate.
30     #On Its First World Tour ----
     var tmp_xor1_CR = MULT1_RQST_L ^ MULT2_RQST_L
     var tmp_xor2_CR = ALU1_RQST_L ^ ALU2_RQST_L
     var tmp_xor3_CR = tmp_xor1_CR ^ tmp_xor2_CR
     var xor_CR = tmp_xor3_CR ^ BS_RQST_L
     var tmp_nand1_CR = MULT1_RQST_L !& MULT2_RQST_L
     var tmp_nand2_CR = ALU1_RQST_L !& ALU2_RQST_L
     var tmp_nand3_CR = tmp_xor1_CR !& tmp_xor2_CR
     var tmp_nand4_CR = tmp_xor3_CR !& BS_RQST_L
     var Exactly_1Rqst_CR = xor_CR & tmp_nand1_CR & tmp_nand2_CR & tmp_nand3_CR & tmp_nand4_CR

40     #notused
     #var Computing_CR = COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.3 | \
     # COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.2 | COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.1 | COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.0
     #Indicates computation in progress that will not be ready within 1 tick (2 hicks)
     #This allows for COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.0 to be set.
     #IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2 IS GUARANTEED TO BE SHIFTED ON THE NEXT HICK/TICK
     #notused
     #var Wait_For_Compute_CR = COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.3 | \
     # COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.2 | COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.1

50     ****
     #Everything below is duplicated logic for the sole purpose of producing
     # the OOperand_N_Structure variable.
     # This is used by the cruncher to determine that an instruction with
     # no computation operands has just arrived.
     # If this logic is too big, the N_Fetcher will have to inform the Cruncher
     # that such an instruction has arrived. (by setting the OPERANDS_READY latch?)
     # This will add 1/2 or 1 tick to any computation that has no operand except
     # a write operand.

     #ALU Multiplexer decodes
     var Alu1_A_CR = !ALU_MUX_A.1 & ALU_MUX_A.0
     var Alu1_B_CR = !ALU_MUX_B.1 & ALU_MUX_B.0
     var Alu2_A_CR = ALU_MUX_A.1 & !ALU_MUX_A.0
     var Alu2_B_CR = ALU_MUX_B.1 & !ALU_MUX_B.0

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var Alu_Mult_A_CR = ALU_MUX_A.1 & ALU_MUX_A.0
var Alu_Mult_B_CR = ALU_MUX_B.1 & ALU_MUX_B.0

#Operand Requests (inferred)
5 var Use_Mult_CR = Alu_Mult_A_CR | Alu_Mult_B_CR
var Multi1_Used_CR = Use_Mult_CR
# Second multiplier operand is used if MULT_SELECT is true (1)
var Multi2_Used_CR = Use_Mult_CR & MULT_SELECT
var Multi1_Rqst_CR = Multi1_Used_CR & !MULT1_MASK
10 var Multi2_Rqst_CR = Multi2_Used_CR & !MULT2_MASK
var Mult_Rqsts_Operand_CR = Multi1_Rqst_CR | Multi2_Rqst_CR
var Alu1_Used_CR = Alu1_A_CR | Alu1_B_CR
var Alu2_Used_CR = Alu2_A_CR | Alu2_B_CR
var Alu1_Rqst_CR = Alu1_Used_CR & !ALU1_MASK
15 var Alu2_Rqst_CR = Alu2_Used_CR & !ALU2_MASK
var Alu_Rqsts_Operand_CR = Alu1_Rqst_CR | Alu2_Rqst_CR

#Bs_Used means the Barrel Shifter uses an operand instead of an instant
# A value of 1000 means use an operand
20 # If the operand equals 1000 itself, something very wonderful happens
var Bs_Used_CR = BS.3 & !BS.2 & !BS.1 & !BS.0
var Bs_Rqst_CR = Bs_Used_CR & !BS_MASK #BS requests Operand

var 0_Operands_Passed_CR = !NUM_OPS.1 & !NUM_OPS.0 & !Alu_Rqsts_Operand_CR
25 var 1_Operands_Passed_CR = !NUM_OPS.1 & NUM_OPS.0

#A zero Operand arithmetic N-Struction is currently being fetched -
# there are no operands expressed or implied
var OOperand_N_Struction = (0_Operands_Passed_CR | \
30   (1_Operands_Passed_CR & !Mult_Rqsts_Operand_CR & !Alu_Rqsts_Operand_CR))\
   & !Bs_Rqst_CR & !A_C \
   & (N_FETCHER_state == N_FETCH)

#I had to pull out the OOperand_N_Struction here
35 #b/c the Cruncher was starting right after Dspp_Reset
#but now I put it back, let's see what happens
var Computation_Ready = Exactly_1Rqst_CR | OPERANDS_READY_L | OOperand_N_Struction

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#Cruncher_Code REDCHIP
#Donald Gray

45 #The Cruncher FSM
#The Cruncher opens wide the floodgates to the computation engine.

#define temporary variables
temp Mult1 16
50 end
temp Mult2 16
end
temp Mult_Result 20
end
55 temp Alu_A 20
end
temp Alu_B 20
end
temp Alu_Result 20
end
60 temp Bs_Result 20
format Bs_Hi_Lo
  field Bs_Result16 16
  field Bs_Result4 4
65 endformat
end
temp Use_Carry 1  #The ALU op is either an addc or subb
end

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macro FLOODGATES
#open the Floodgates to allow the data from the BUF1's into the BUF2's
# the data will stay here and will be used for computation until
# the accume and status latches have been latched
5    latch MULT1_BUF2 = MULT1_BUF1
    latch MULT2_BUF2 = MULT2_BUF1
    latch MULT_SELECT_BUF2 = MULT_SELECT_BUF1

#The operands going into the ALU MUX need left
10   # justification from 16 to 20 bits
    latch ALU1_BUF2HI = ALU1_BUF1
    latch ALU1_BUF2LO = 0
    latch ALU2_BUF2HI = ALU2_BUF1
    latch ALU2_BUF2LO = 0

15   latch ALU_MUX_BUF2 = ALU_MUX_BUF1
    latch ALU_MUX_BUF2 = ALU_MUX_BUF1
    latch ALU_SELECT_BUF2 = ALU_SELECT_BUF1
    latch BS_SELECT_BUF2 = BS_SELECT_BUF1
20   latch BS_TYPE_BUF2 = BS_TYPE_BUF1
    latch COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2 = COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF1
    #must try to clear this bit
    set OP_RDY_R_CR
    #Switch the COMP_L so the cruncher knows
25   # which write to associate with this computation
    if COMP_L
        unset COMP_L
    else
        set COMP_L
30   endif

endmacro FLOODGATES

35   fsm CRUNCHER

#need to clear the t latch fudge
unset OP_RDY_R_CR

40   #Hand optimized logic for the WRITE_ADDRESS_BUS:
# This bus either takes input from the WRITE0_L or the WRITE1_L
# If this is a MOVE, use the opposite latch as indicated by ARITH_L
# If this is not a MOVE, use the latch that corresponds to COMP_L
# if the state is HANG_LOOSE. If the state is not HANG_LOOSE, use
# the latch that corresponds to !COMP_L
45   switch
    case ( (WR_MOVE_0 & ARITH_L) || \
           (!WR_MOVE_0 & ((CRUNCHER_state==HANG_LOOSE) ^ COMP_L)) )
        calc WRITE_ADDRESS_BUS = WRITE1_L
50   case ( (WR_MOVE_0 & ARITH_L) | \
           (!WR_MOVE_0 & ((CRUNCHER_state==HANG_LOOSE) ^ COMP_L)) )
        calc WRITE_ADDRESS_BUS = WRITE0_L
    endswitch

55   #Hand optimized logic for the WRITE_DATA_BUS:
# This bus takes either the MOVE_L or the ACCUME[19:4]
# It depends solely on the WR_MOVE_0 signal
switch
    case (WR_MOVE_0)
        calc WRITE_DATA_BUS = MOVE_L
    case (!WR_MOVE_0)
        calc WRITE_DATA_BUS = ACCUME16
60   endswitch

65   if Dspp_Reset
        goto HANG_LOOSE
    else

70   switch

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        case CRUNCHER_state == HANG_LOOSE
          #Cruncher is in this state if someone else is bottlenecking the system

      5       #Waiting around until the data is ready
      if !GWILLING
        #Now is not the time
        if COMPUTE_DONE_0
          output COMPUTE_DONE_0
        endif
        if WRITE_0
          output WRITE_0
        endif
      10      goto HANG_LOOSE

      15      else if JUST_RESET_0
              goto HANG_LOOSE

      20      else
              #Do a write if called for
              #If there is a write and MOVE at the same time
              # the write is delayed
              if COMP_L
                #this is a "1" arithmetic computation
                if DO_WRITE1_L & !WR_MOVE_0 #and a write is called for
                  #calc WRITE_ADDRESS_BUS = WRITE1_L
                  #calc WRITE_DATA_BUS = ACCUME16
                  latch Data[WRITE_ADDRESS_BUS] = WRITE_DATA_BUS
                  output WRITE_0
                  unset DO_WRITE1_L
                endif
              else
                #this is a "0" arithmetic computation
                if DO_WRITE0_L & !WR_MOVE_0 #and a write is called for
                  #calc WRITE_ADDRESS_BUS = WRITE0_L
                  #calc WRITE_DATA_BUS = ACCUME16
                  latch Data[WRITE_ADDRESS_BUS] = WRITE_DATA_BUS
                  output WRITE_0
                  unset DO_WRITE0_L
                endif
              endif

      45      if WR_MOVE_0
              #Time to write a move
              #The Move from operand was has just been latched
              if ARITH_L
                # moves and computations can be nested
                #MOVEs are writ to the opposite latches
                # than what ARITH_L specifies
                #calc WRITE_ADDRESS_BUS = WRITE0_L
              else
                #calc WRITE_ADDRESS_BUS = WRITE1_L
              endif

      55      #calc WRITE_DATA_BUS = MOVE_L
              latch Data[WRITE_ADDRESS_BUS] = WRITE_DATA_BUS
              output WRITE_0
              endif

      60      if Computation_Ready
              if ( (Exactly_1Rqst_CR & Any_Indirect_CR & \
                  !(OPERAND_LOADER_state == INDIRECTION) ) \
                  |(0Operand_N_Structure & (OPERAND_LOADER_state == INDIRECTION)) \
                  |JUST_BRANCHED_0 )
                #The Operand_Loader is currently fetching
                # the final operand and it is indirect.
                # Wait for it to be ready unless the OP_LOADER
                # is already in INDIRECTION.
                #OR This is a 0Op. nstrukcion after an arith with an indirect

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        # so wait (BLUE bug #1)
        #OR This follows a PC modifier so wait (BLUE BUG #3)
        goto HANG_LOOSE
    else
        #Open the Floodgates
        $FLOODGATES
        goto CALCULATING
    endif

10     else
        #nothing to do
        goto HANG_LOOSE
    endif
endif

15     case CRUNCHER_state == CALCULATING
    if !GWILLING
        if COMPUTE_DONE_0
            output COMPUTE_DONE_0
    endif
    if WRITE_0
        output WRITE_0
    endif
    goto CALCULATING
25     else
        #Do a write if called for
        #If there is a write and MOVE at the same time
        # the write is delayed
30     if !COMP_L
        #this is a "0" arithmetic computation
        #so look for writes to "1" (the last arith)
        if DO_WRITE1_L & !WR_MOVE_0
            #calc WRITE_ADDRESS_BUS = WRITE1_L
            #calc WRITE_DATA_BUS = ACCUME16
            latch Data[WRITE_ADDRESS_BUS] = WRITE_DATA_BUS
            output WRITE_0
            unset DO_WRITE1_L
        endif
40     else
        #this is a "1" arithmetic computation
        #so look for writes to "0" (the last arith)
        if DO_WRITE0_L & !WR_MOVE_0
            #calc WRITE_ADDRESS_BUS = WRITE0_L
            #calc WRITE_DATA_BUS = ACCUME16
            latch Data[WRITE_ADDRESS_BUS] = WRITE_DATA_BUS
            output WRITE_0
            unset DO_WRITE0_L
        endif
50     endif

        #Do a MOVE if called for
55     if WR_MOVE_0
        #Time to write a move
        #The Move from operand was has just been latched
        if ARITH_L
            # moves and computations can be nested
            #MOVEs are writ to the opposite latches
            # than what ARITH_L specifies
            #calc WRITE_ADDRESS_BUS = WRITE0_L
60     else
            #calc WRITE_ADDRESS_BUS = WRITE1_L
        endif

65     #calc WRITE_DATA_BUS = MOVE_L
        latch Data[WRITE_ADDRESS_BUS] = WRITE_DATA_BUS
        output WRITE_0
    endif

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switch
case COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.3 | COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.2 | COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.1
    #more computation to do
    shift COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2
    goto CALCULATING

5
case COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2.0
    #Mult and ALU computation will be done at end of this tick
    #Status results will be valid at the end of this tick

10
    #Compute the result
    #ALU or multiplier uses the carry bit
    # this is an emulator only variable b/c the
    # carry/borrow stuff is done in the H.W.
    calc Use_Carry = !ALU_SELECT_BUF2.3 & (ALU_SELECT_BUF2.2 ^

15
    ALU_SELECT_BUF2.1) & ALU_SELECT_BUF2.0
    calc Mult1 = MULT1_BUF2

    #The second mult input depends on the setting of the
    # mult_select bit and whether the ALU is performing
    # an operation that uses the carry.
    calc MHI = Use_Carry ? \
        CARRY : ACCUMEHI #Put the carry in the high bit
    calc MLO = Use_Carry ? \
        0 : ACCUMEL0 #Put zeroes in the low bits
    calc Mult2 = MULT_SELECT_BUF2 ? \
        MULT2_BUF2 : ACCUME_CARRY #ACCUME value or 0/-1

20
    calc Mult_Result = mult_func function ( Mult1,Mult2)

30
    switch
        case (!ALU_MUX_BUF2.3 & !ALU_MUX_BUF2.2)
            calc Alu_A = ACCUME
        case (!ALU_MUX_BUF2.3 & ALU_MUX_BUF2.2)
            calc Alu_A = ALU1_BUF2
        case (ALU_MUX_BUF2.3 & !ALU_MUX_BUF2.2)
            calc Alu_A = ALU2_BUF2
        case (ALU_MUX_BUF2.3 & ALU_MUX_BUF2.2)
            calc Alu_A = Mult_Result
    endswitch

35
    switch
        case (!ALU_MUX_BUF2.1 & !ALU_MUX_BUF2.0)
            calc Alu_B = ACCUME
        case (!ALU_MUX_BUF2.1 & ALU_MUX_BUF2.0)
            calc Alu_B = ALU1_BUF2
        case (ALU_MUX_BUF2.1 & !ALU_MUX_BUF2.0)
            calc Alu_B = ALU2_BUF2
        case (ALU_MUX_BUF2.1 & ALU_MUX_BUF2.0)
            calc Alu_B = Mult_Result
    endswitch

40
    # I am assuming we have CARRY!/BORROW
    if Use_Carry
        #If this is ADDC (add with carry) operation,
        # or a SUBB (subtract with borrow) operation
        # use word with carry/borrow in bit #4 instead of Alu_B
        calc ALUBHI = 0
        calc ALUMBID = CARRY
        calc ALUBL0 = 0
    else
        calc ALUB_CARRY = Alu_B
    endif

45
    calc Alu_Result = alu_func function ( ALU_SELECT_BUF2,Alu_A,ALUB_CARRY )

50
    calc Bs_Result = bs_func function ( BS_SELECT_BUF2, \
        BS_TYPE_BUF2, Alu_Result )

55
    latch STATUS.4 = NEGATIVE

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      latch STATUS.3 = VERFLOW
      latch STATUS.2 = CARRY
      latch STATUS.1 = ZERO
      latch STATUS.0 = XACT
  5
      #End of all computation,
      #The write is done at the end of the next tick

  10     latch ACCUME = Bs_Result
      #Let OPERAND_LOADER know the computation finished
      # So it can know that a write could occur
      output COMPUTE_DONE_0

  15     shift COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2

      #####NOTE: reopen floodgates and
      #          go back to CALCULATING if another computation
      #          is called for.
  20     if Computation_Ready
         if ( (Exactly_1Rqst_CR & Any_Indirect_CR & \
              !(OPERAND_LOADER_state == INDIRECT) ) \
              |(0Operand_N_Struction & (OPERAND_LOADER_state == INDIRECT)) \
              |JUST_BRANCHED_0 )
  25         #The Operand_Loader is currently fetching
         # the final operand and it is indirect.
         # Wait for it to be ready unless the OP_LOADER
         # is already in INDIRECT.
  30         #OR This is a 0Op. instruction after an arith with an indirect
         # so wait (BLUE bug #1)
         #OR This follows a PC modifier so wait (BLUE BUG #3)
         goto HANG_LOOSE
      else
  35         #Open the Floodgates
         $FLOODGATES
         goto CALCULATING
      endif
      else
  40         #nothing to do
         goto HANG_LOOSE
      endif

      default
         debug ERROR: COMPUTE_WAIT_BUF2 improperly set in Cruncher
  45     endswitch
      endif

      endswitch
  50     endif
  end
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CLAIMS

1. Digital signal processing apparatus, for use with processing instructions and a stream of arriving 5 data words, comprising:

processing means for sequencing through said processing instructions for one of said data words, beginning with a first instruction; and

10 auto-restart means for automatically restarting said processing means at said first instruction upon expiration of each predetermined amount of time.

15 2. Apparatus according to Claim 1, for use further with an externally supplied reset signal, further comprising reset means for restarting said processing means at said same first instruction on receipt of said reset signal.

20 3. Apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said predetermined amount of time for each given one of said data words is the same as the amount of time between the arrival of said given data word and the next data word in said stream.

25 4. Apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said data words in said stream arrive at a constant rate, and wherein said predetermined amount of time is the amount of time between the arrival of consecutive ones of said data words in said stream.

30 5. Apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said processing means includes a reset input, said processing means restarting at said first instruction in response to activation of said reset input, and wherein said auto restart means comprises a counter having a terminal count output coupled to said reset input.

35 6. Apparatus according to Claim 5, for use further with an external source, further comprising

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means for loading a count value indicating said predetermined amount of time into said counter from said external source.

5 7. Apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said processing means includes means for reading the contents of said counter in response to said processing instructions.

10 8. Apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said processing means comprises means for fetching said processing instructions and executing instructions fetched, wherein one of said instructions is a sleep instruction, and wherein in response to said sleep instruction, said processing means stops fetching instructions until activation of said reset input.

15 9. Processing apparatus, comprising:
computation means for performing computations beginning at respective computation times according to a respective set of input values delivered to said computation means no later than said respective computation times;

an external source which provides the input values in each of said sets at providing times not all guaranteed to be simultaneous within each set; and

25 synchronizing means for receiving said input values from said external source, for withholding from said computation means any of said input values in a given set received by said synchronizing means prior to a delivery time for said given set, and for delivering said input values in said given set to said computation means at said delivery time, said delivery time being no earlier than the latest providing time in said given set, said latest providing time being no later than the computation time for said given set.

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10. Apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said providing times further are not all guaranteed to occur in any predetermined sequence within each set.

5 11. Apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said delivery time for said given set is the same as said latest providing time for said given set.

12. Apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said computation time for said given set is the same as said delivery time for said given set.

10 13. Apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said computation time for said given set is the same as said delivery time for said given set.

14. Apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein said synchronizing means comprises:

15 an operand-ready storage element;
a computation-in-progress storage element;
means for setting said computation-in-progress storage element at each of said computation times and for clearing said computation-in-progress storage element upon the completion of each of said computations; and

20 25 means for setting said operand-ready storage element at said latest providing time and for clearing said operand-ready storage element at said delivery time, said delivery time for said given set of input values being the later of the time said operand-ready storage element is set and the time said computation-in-progress storage element is cleared.

15. Apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said computation-in-progress storage element comprises a shift register indicating a number of clock cycles remaining in one of said computations, said computation-in-progress storage element being set when it contains a number other than 0 than being clear when it contains
30 35 0.

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16. Apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said synchronizing means comprises:

a first-stage storage element corresponding to each of said input values in said given set, and a
5 corresponding second-stage storage element corresponding to each of said input values in said given set, said second-stage storage element each having an output port coupled to said computation means to provide said corresponding input value to said computation means; and
10 control means for loading input values from said external source into said corresponding first-stage storage elements, but not said corresponding second-stage storage elements, at all of said providing times in said given set prior to said latest providing time in said given set, and for loading all of said input values in said given set into said corresponding second-stage storage elements at said delivery time for said given set.

17. Apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein said synchronizing means further comprises:

an operand-ready storage element;
a computation-in-progress storage element;
means for setting said computation-in-progress storage element at each of said computation times and
25 for clearing said computation-in-progress storage element upon the completion of each of said computations; and

means for setting said operand-ready storage element at said latest providing time and for clearing said operand-ready storage element at said delivery time, said delivery time for said given set of input values being the later of the time said operand-ready storage element is set and the time said computation-in-progress storage element is cleared.

35 18. External input apparatus, comprising:

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a memory having a plurality of input data locations;

a FIFO array having a FIFO corresponding to each of said input data locations in said memory; and

5 control means for popping data from each given one of said FIFOs and writing said data into the input data location corresponding to said given FIFO, in response to a reading of data from said input data location corresponding to said given FIFO.

10 19. Apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein said memory further has a write data port, a write address port and a write data timing signal input, and wherein said control means includes means for coupling said data popped from said given ones of said FIFOs to said write data port, for coupling an address of said corresponding input data location to said write address port, and for activating said write data timing signal input.

20 20. Apparatus according to Claim 19, for use further with an external source providing external data and an external data ready signal, wherein said memory further has additional data locations not corresponding to any FIFO in said FIFO array, and wherein said control means further includes means for coupling said external data to said write data port, for coupling an address of one of said additional data locations to said write address port, and for activating said write data timing signal input, all in response to said external data ready signal.

25 21. External output apparatus, comprising:
30 an address latch and a data latch;
a FIFO array having a plurality of FIFOs, each corresponding to a respective write address; and
control means for pushing data from said data latch into a given one of said FIFOs in response to a writing
35 of said data into said data latch and the address

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corresponding to said given one of said FIFOs into said address latch.

22. Computer apparatus, for use with a memory having data stored in a plurality of address, and
5 processing instructions including an instruction having a write-back bit, comprising:

means for fetching data from an address in said memory in response to said instruction;

means for processing said data; and

10 means for writing said processed data back to said address in said memory in response to said write-back bit.

23. Apparatus according to Claim 22, wherein said instruction further specifies said address.

15 24. Apparatus according to Claim 22, wherein said instruction comprises a control portion and at least one operand identifier, each of said operand identifiers having a respective write-back bit.

20 25. Apparatus according to Claim 22, further comprising:

an address bus coupled to said memory, said means for fetching including means for placing said address on said address bus;

25 an address storage element coupled to said address bus; and

means for writing said address from said address bus into said address storage element at least when said write-back bit in said instruction is active,

30 and wherein said means for writing said processed data includes means for placing said address from said address storage element onto said address bus.

26. Apparatus according to Claim 22, wherein said instruction further has an indirect bit, and wherein said means for fetching includes means for determining

said address by indirection from an address specified in said instruction, in response to said indirect bit.

27. Computer apparatus, for use with a memory having data stored in a plurality of address locations, 5 and with processing instructions including a particular instruction having a register address field including a plurality of bits, comprising:

a base register;

10 means for writing desired register address mapping bits into said base register;

mapping means for determining a memory address in response to said register address field of said particular instruction, said memory address including a first subset of said bits from said register address field, and an additional bit, said additional bit being the true or complement, selectively in response to a first one of said bits in said base register, of a first additional one of said bits in said register address field, said first additional one of said bits being outside said first subset; and 20

means for addressing said memory with said memory address.

28. Apparatus according to claim 27, wherein said memory address further includes a second subset of said bits from said base register, said first base register bit being outside said second subset.

29. Apparatus according to claim 27, further comprising a map register and means for writing desired address mapping bits into said map register, and wherein 30 said memory address further includes a further bit which is the result of a Boolean function of at least one of said bits of said register address field, said Boolean function being selected in response to the contents of said map register.

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30. Apparatus according to claim 29, wherein said register address field includes an x bit and a y bit, and wherein said contents of said map register selects said Boolean function from a set including (x AND y) and
5 (x OR y).

31. Apparatus according to claim 30, wherein said x bit is said first additional bit in said register address field.

10 32. Apparatus according to claim 31, wherein said y bit is also in said first subset of said bits from said register address field.

15 33. Computer apparatus, for use with a memory having data stored in a plurality of address locations, and with processing instructions including a particular instruction having a register address field including a plurality of bits, comprising:
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a map register;

means for writing desired register address mapping bits into said map register;

20 mapping means for determining a memory address in response to said register address field of said particular instruction, said memory address including a first subset of said bits from said register address field, and a further bit which is the result of a
25 Boolean function of at least one of said bits from said register address field, said Boolean function being selected in response to the contents of said map register; and

30 means for addressing said memory with said memory address.

34. Apparatus according to claim 33, wherein said register address field includes an x bit and a y bit, and wherein said contents of said map register selects said Boolean function from a set including (x AND y), (x
35 OR y), (x), (y) and (NOT y).

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35. Apparatus according to claim 33, wherein at least one of said bits from register address field is also in said first subset of said bits from register address field.

5 36. Apparatus according to claim 33, wherein said particular instruction further has an indirect bit, and wherein said means for addressing comprises means for addressing said memory with an address stored in an address location corresponding to said memory address if 10 said indirect bit is active.

15 37. Computer apparatus, for use with a memory and processing instructions stored in said memory at respective addresses, said instructions including a branch instruction calling for a branch to a branch address and an instruction sequentially following said branch instruction, comprising:

processing means for reading instructions from said memory in an instruction flow; and

20 control means for redirecting said flow to said branch address in response to said branch instruction in said flow, for executing a predetermined number of instructions beginning at said branch address, and for thereafter, if said instruction sequentially following said branch instruction is in a predetermined class of 25 instructions, executing said instruction sequentially following said branch instruction.

30 38. Apparatus according to claim 37, wherein said predetermined class of instructions includes a special branch instruction, said special branch instruction being ignored by said control means if not sequentially following a branch instruction requiring a branch.

35 39. Apparatus according to claim 37, wherein said branch instruction is a conditional branch instruction.

40. Apparatus according to claim 37, wherein said predetermined number is one.

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41. Apparatus according to claim 38, wherein said processing means comprises:

5 a PC register containing an address pointing to particular instructions in said instruction flow to be read from said memory;

an instruction register;

reading means for reading instructions pointed to by said PC register into said instruction register; and

10 updating means for updating the contents of said PC register to point to the instruction sequentially following each particular instruction in said memory in correspondence with each reading of an instruction into said instruction register,

and wherein said control means comprises:

15 means for determining whether each given one of said instructions, read from a given address in said memory, comprises a branch instruction calling for a branch to said branch address, and if so writing said branch address into said PC register in correspondence with the n'th instruction following said given instruction in said flow being read into said instruction register; and

20 means for determining whether each certain one of said instructions which is read into said instruction register immediately following one of said branch instructions, is one of said special branch instructions, said one of said special branch instructions specifying a destination address, and if so writing said destination address into said PC register in correspondence with the (n + 1)'th instruction following said given instruction in said flow being read into said instruction register, n being said predetermined number.

30 42. Apparatus according to claim 41, for use with
35 a clock signal having a sequence of clock pulses,

wherein said updating means updates the contents of said PC register in response to each of said clock pulses, wherein said reading means reads said instructions into said instruction register in response to each of said 5 clock pulses, the instruction pointed to by said PC register after each clock pulse being the instruction read into said instruction register in response to the next clock pulse, and wherein n = 1.

43. Computer apparatus, for use with a memory and 10 processing instructions stored in said memory at respective addresses, said instructions including a branch instruction requiring a branch to a branch address and an instruction sequentially following said branch instruction, comprising:

15 processing means for reading instructions from said memory in an instruction flow; and

control means for, in response to said branch instruction in said flow, executing said instruction sequentially following said branch instruction if it is 20 in a predetermined class of instructions, and thereafter executing at least one instruction beginning at said branch address.

44. Apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said predetermined class of instructions includes a special 25 branch instruction, said special branch instruction being ignored by said control means if not sequentially following a branch instruction requiring a branch.

45. Apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said predetermined class of instructions includes a special 30 branch instruction, said control means being further for redirecting said flow to an address specified by said special branch instruction after executing said at least one instruction beginning at said branch address.

46. Computer apparatus, for use with a memory and 35 processing instructions stored in said memory, said

instructions including computation instructions and data move instructions, comprising:

computation means for executing one of said computation instructions;

5 fetch means for fetching a next instruction from said memory without waiting for said computation means to complete executing said one of said computation instructions; and

10 means for executing said next instruction without waiting for said computation means to complete executing said one of said computation instructions, if said next instruction is one of said data move instructions.

47. Computer apparatus, for use with a series of computer instructions, comprising:

15 a first operand register for holding a first operand;

computation means for performing computations specified at least in part by said computer instructions, particular ones of said computations using 20 said first operand;

operand mask means for indicating whether to load a new first operand into said first operand register for a given one of said particular computations; and

25 operand loading means for loading said first operand register with a new first operand for said given computation only. if said operand mask means so indicates, said computation means otherwise re-using pre-existing contents of said first operand register as said first operand for said given computation.

30 48. Apparatus according to claim 47, further comprising instruction providing means for providing said series of computation instructions.

49. Apparatus according to claim 47, wherein said operand mask means comprises an operand mask register

having a bit, the logic state of said bit indicating whether to load said new first operand.

5. Apparatus according to claim 47, wherein said computation means comprises a multiplier and said first operand is a multiplicand.

10 51. Apparatus according to claim 47, wherein said computation means comprises an ALU having first and second operand inputs, said first operand input being coupled to receive said first operand from said first operand register.

52. Apparatus according to claim 47, wherein said computation means comprises a barrel shifter and said first operand indicates the number of bits to shift.

15 53. Apparatus according to claim 47, further comprising a second operand register for holding a second operand, said particular ones of said computations further using said second operand, said operand mask means further indicating whether to load a new second operand into said second operand register for said given computation, and said operand loading means further loading said second operand register with a new second operand for said given computation only if said operand mask means so indicates, said computation means otherwise re-using pre-existing contents of said second operand register as said second operand for said given computation.

20 30 54. Apparatus according to claim 53, wherein said operand loading means is further for determining whether a given computer instruction calls for one of said particular computations.

55. Apparatus according to claim 47, wherein said operand loading means is further for determining whether a given computer instruction calls for one of said particular computations.

56. Apparatus according to claim 47, wherein one of said computer instructions (OP_MASK) calls for modifying said operand mask means, further comprising means for modifying said indication in said operand mask means in response to said one of said computer instructions.

5 57. Apparatus according to claim 47, wherein said operand mask means comprises an operand mask register having a bit, the logic state of said bit indicating whether to load said new first operand, and wherein one 10 of said computer instructions (OP_MASK) calls for modifying said bit in said operand mask register, said apparatus further comprising means for modifying said bit in response to said one of said computer 15 instructions.

58. Computer apparatus, for use with a series of computer instructions, including an operand mask modifying instruction, comprising:

20 a first operand register having an output;
a computation element having a first operand input coupled to receive said first operand register output;
an operand mask register having a first bit;
means for modifying said operand mask register in response to said operand mask modifying instruction; and
25 operand loading means for, in response to a given one of said instructions calling for a computation using said first operand register, loading said first operand register with new data for said computation only if said first bit of said operand mask register is in a predetermined logic state.
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59. Apparatus according to claim 58, further comprising a second operand register having an output, said computation element further having a second operand input coupled to receive said second operand register output, said operand mask register further having a
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second bit, and said operand loading means being further
for, in response to said computation called for by said
given instruction using said second operand register,
loading said second operand register with new data for
5 said computation only if said second bit of said operand
mask register is in a predetermined logic state.

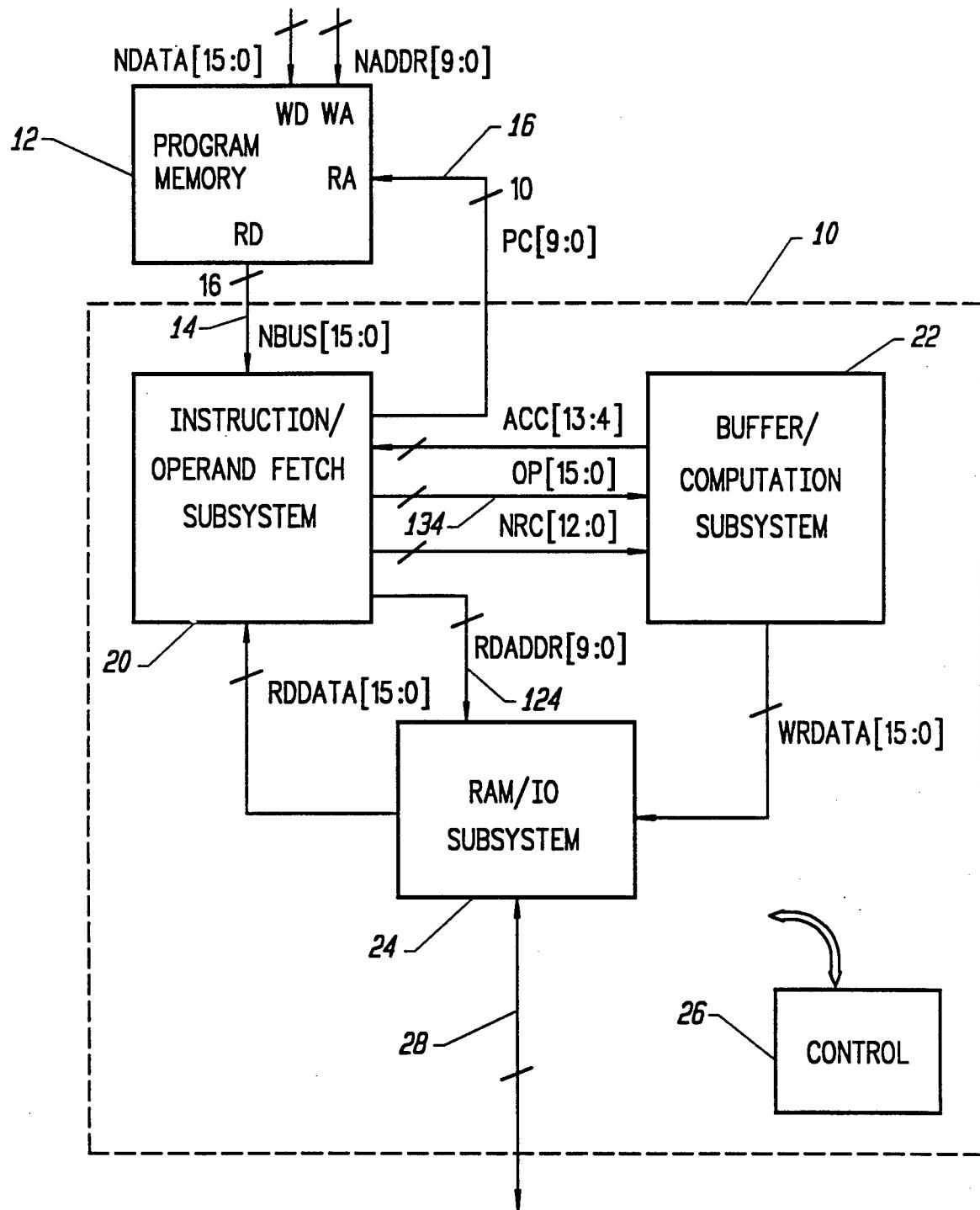


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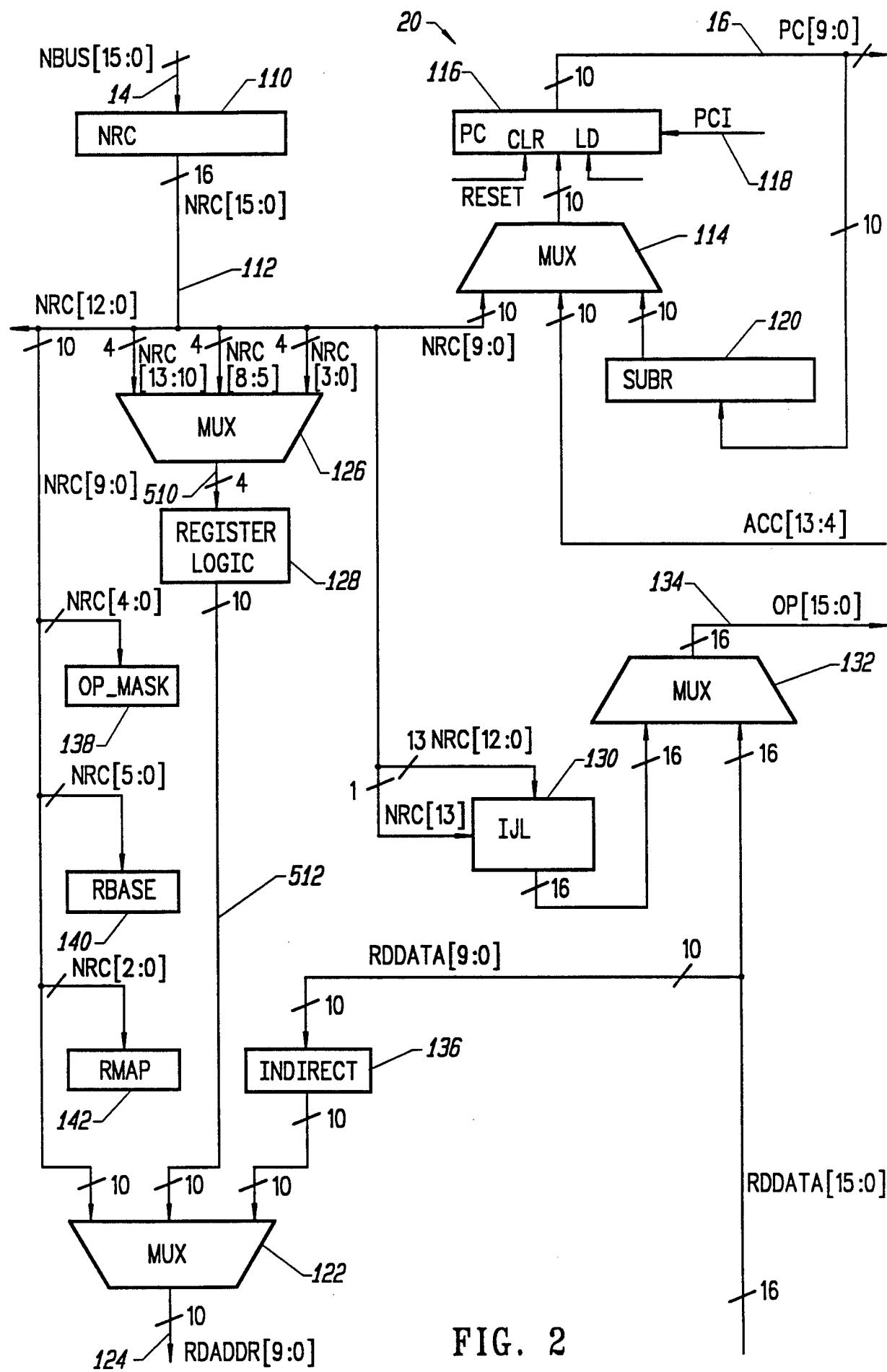
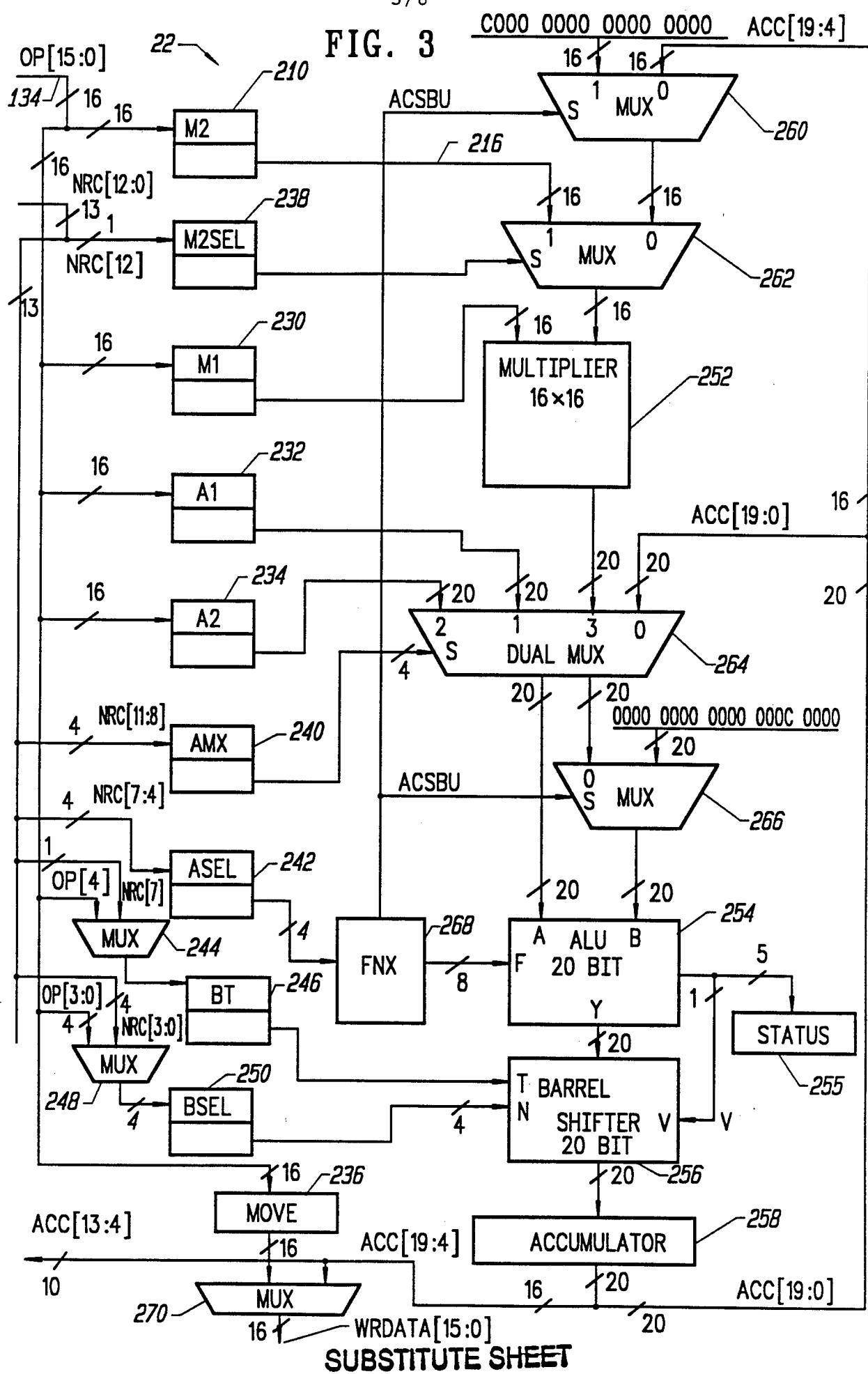


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FIG. 3



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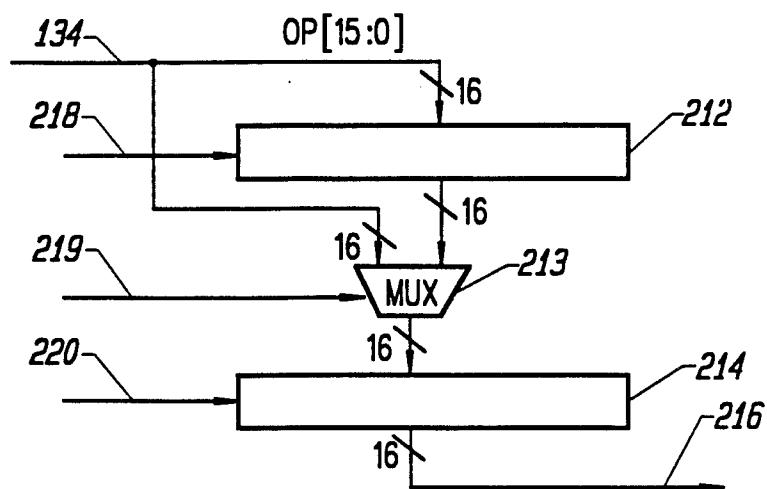


FIG. 4

CLOCK TICK	LOADED INTO PC	LOADED INTO NRC
0	ADDR CONTAINING BRANCH TO TARGET ADDR	X
1	ADDRESS OF WORD FOLLOWING BRANCH INSTRUCTION AND CONTAINING BFM	BRANCH INSTRUCTION
2	BRANCH TARGET ADDRESS	BFM INSTRUCTION
3	BFM TARGET ADDRESS	FIRST INSTRUCTION OF BRANCH TARGET STREAM
4	1 + BFM TARGET ADDRESS	FIRST INSTRUCTION OF BFM TARGET STREAM

FIG. 8

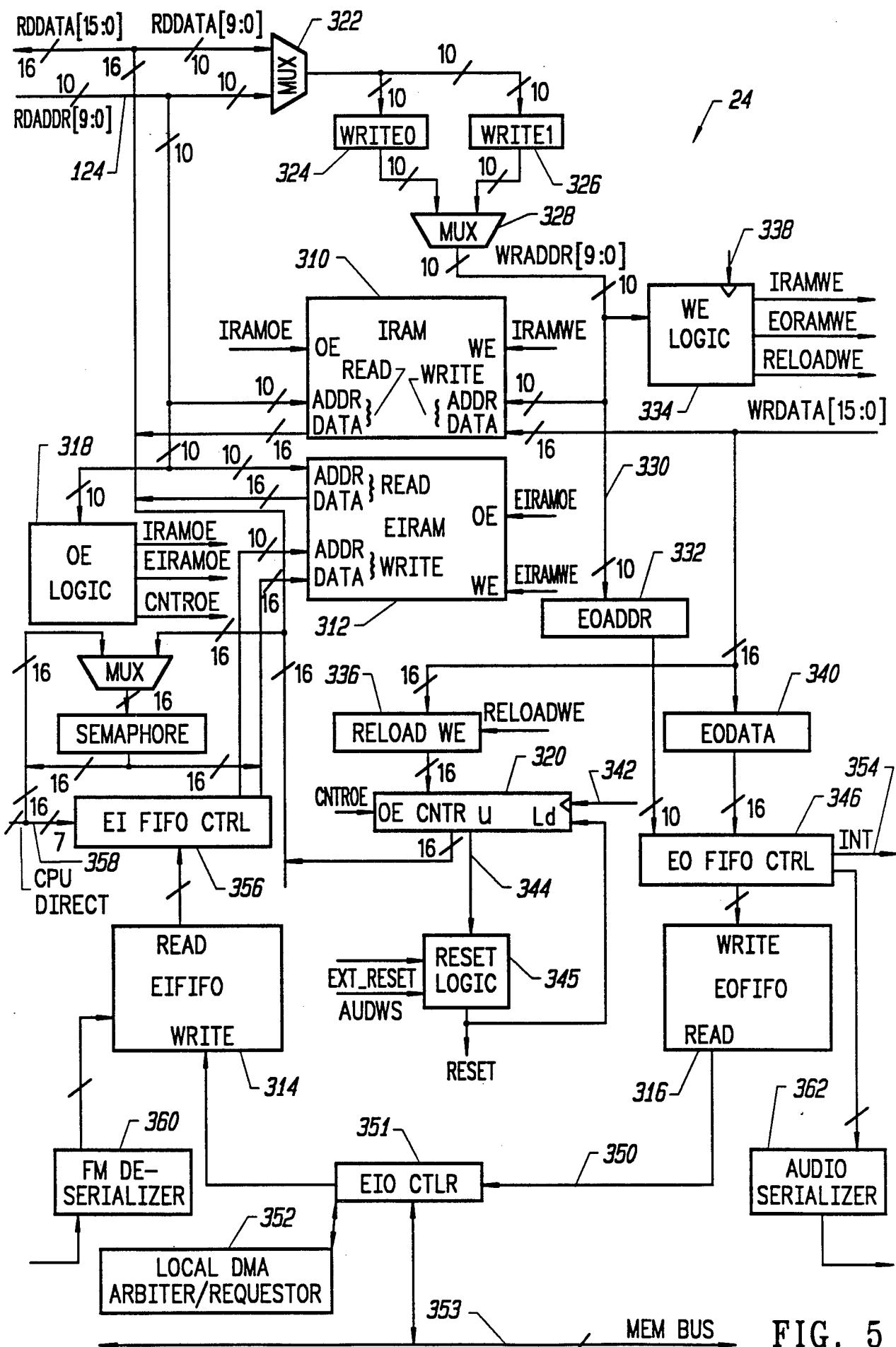


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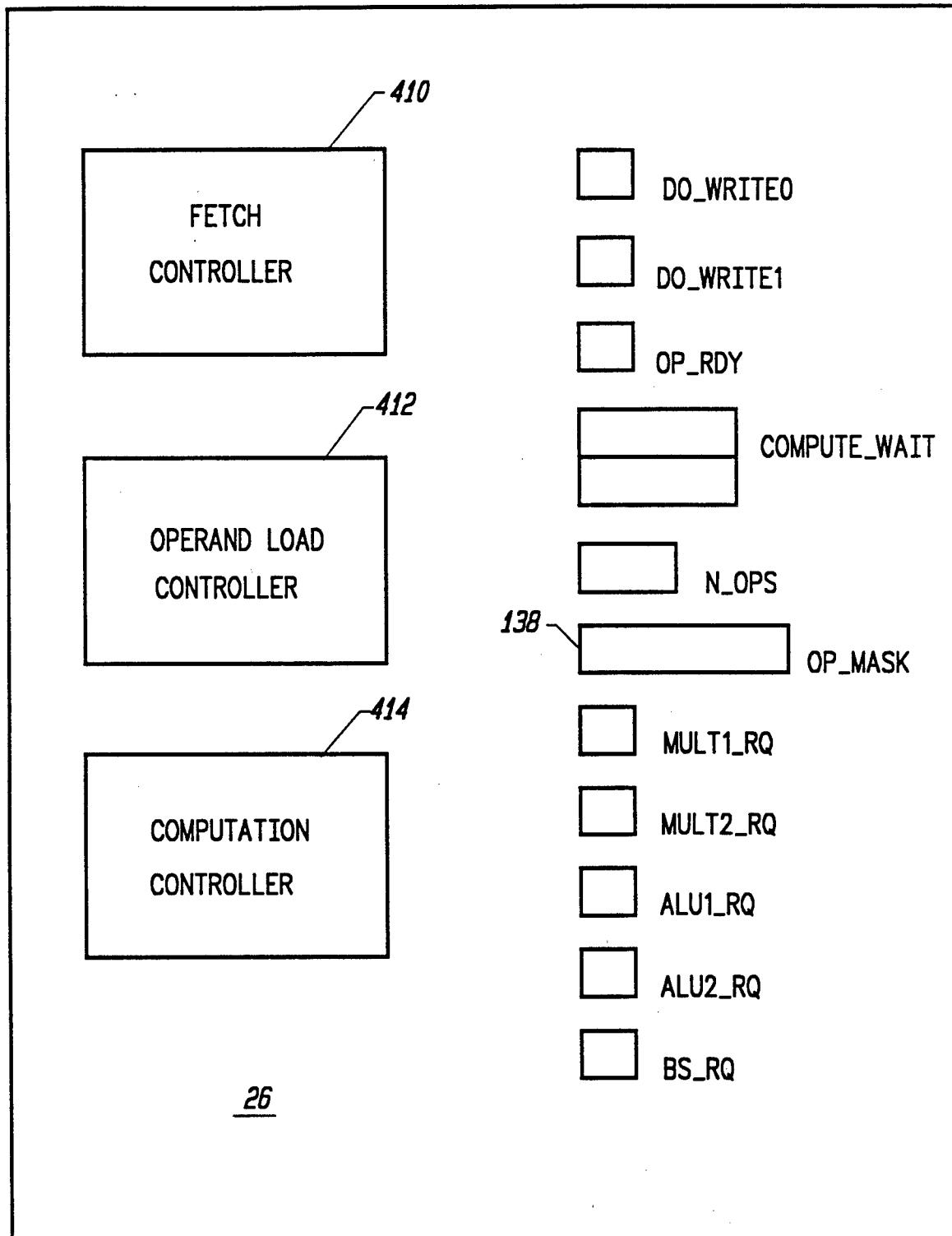


FIG. 6

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A. CONTROL INSTRUCTION FORMAT:

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
1	MODE	FLG_SEL	FLAG_MASK	BCH_ADDRESS											
1	0			1	0	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

B. ARITHMETIC INSTRUCTION FORMAT:

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
1	NUM_OPS	M2_SEL	AMX: ALU_MUX_A ALU_MUX_B						ALU	BS					
1	0		1	0	1	0	3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	

C. IMMEDIATE OPERAND FORMAT:

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
1	1	JST_FY	IMMEDIATE_VAL												
			12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

D. NON-REGISTERED OPERAND FORMAT:

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
1	0	0	X	WB1	D_I	OP_ADDRESS (DIRECT OR INDIRECT)									
						9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

E. REGISTERED 1- OR 2-OPERAND FORMAT:

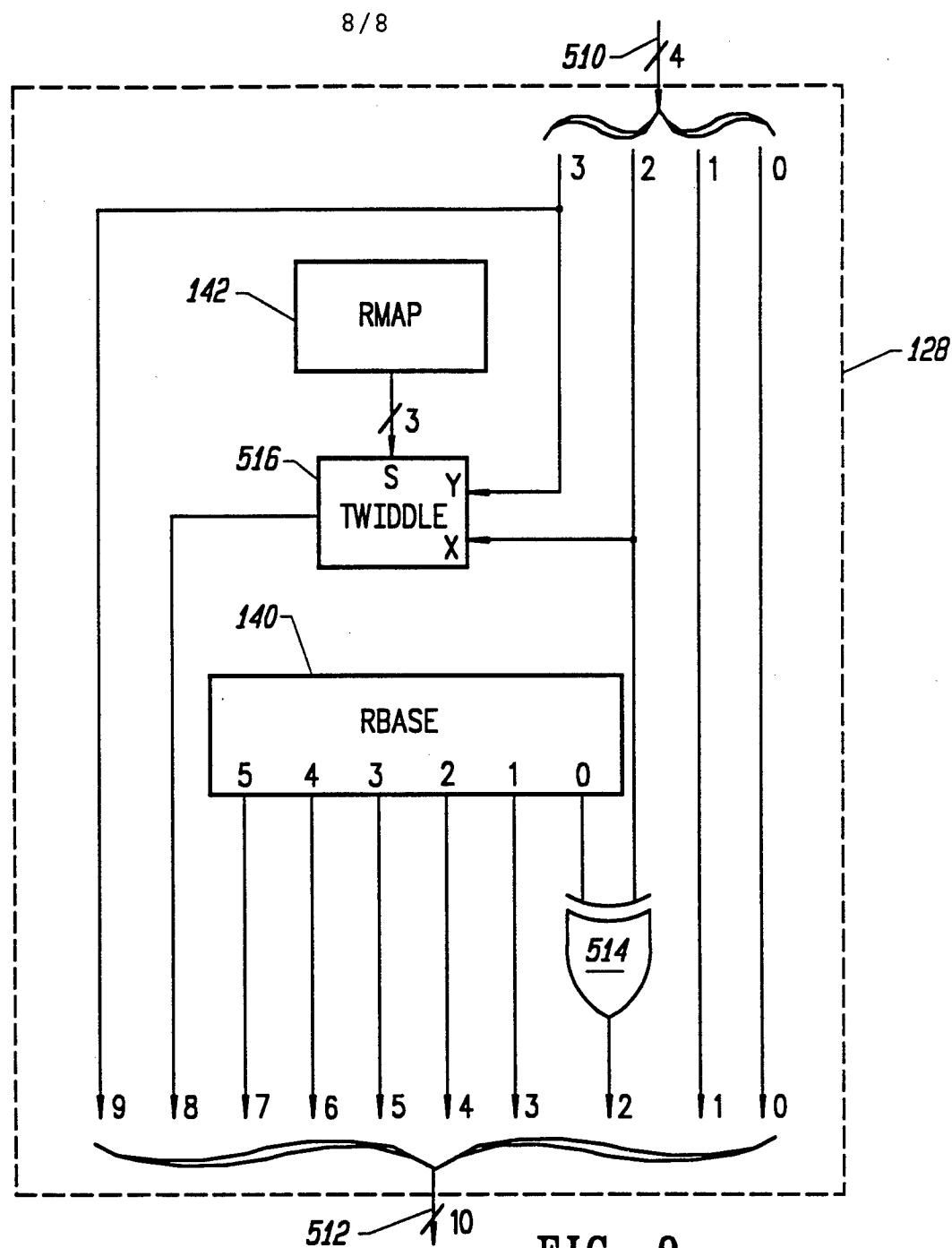
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
1	0	1	WB2	WB1	NUM_RGS	R2_D_I	R2						R1_D_I	R1	
							3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	

F. REGISTERED 3-OPERAND FORMAT:

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	R3_D_I	R3				R2_D_I	R2				R1_D_I	R1			
		3	2	1	0		3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	

FIG. 7

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RMAP	LOGIC FUNCTION	NO. IN EI	NO. IN I	NO. IN EO
ODD	TWIDDLE = x	4	8	4
100	TWIDDLE = y	8	0	8
101	TWIDDLE = $\neg y$	0	16	0
110	TWIDDLE = $x \& y$	8	4	4
111	TWIDDLE = $x \mid y$	4	4	8

FIG. 10**SUBSTITUTE SHEET**

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(5) :G06F 9/32,9/34,9/38,12/00

US CL :395/375,400,425,650

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 395/550,775,800

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

APS: reset?, restart?, instruction#, memory map?, operand# mask?, conditional branch?, copy back, write back, overlap?, prefetch?

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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PCT/US93/00119**Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)**

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION WAS LACKING

This ISA found multiple inventions as follows:

Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to a digital signal processor for processing a stream of data words with a sequence of instructions in which the processor is periodically restarted to the first instruction, classified in class 395, subclass 375.

Group II, claims 9-17, drawn to a processor performing computations at certain times according to externally supplied input values, classified in class 395, subclass 650.

Group III, claims 18-21, drawn to a FIFO memory array and controller for retrieving and storing data from and to the FIFO array, classified in class 395, subclass 425.

Group IV, claims 22-26, drawn to a computer apparatus for processing instructions in which data is fetched and processed, then the processed data is returned responsive to a write-back bit of the instruction, classed in class 395, subclass 425.

Group V, claims 27-36, drawn to a memory mapping apparatus, classified in class 395, subclass 400.

Group VI, claims 37-45, drawn to a computer apparatus for controlling branching to different instruction flows, classified in class 395, subclass 375.

Group VII, claims 46, drawn to a computer apparatus for fetching and executing next instructions without waiting for completion of a current instruction responsive to the type of the current instruction, classified in class 395, subclass 375.

Group VIII, claims 47-59, drawn to a computer apparatus performing operand mask instructions, classified in class 395, subclass 375.

The claims of this application are drawn to eight groups of claims. The claims of these groups are directed to different inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept. The inventions are not linked in operations and perform completely independent operations. For example the inventions are directed at different functions performed in a digital computer system and bear no relationship on each other.