pipelining 3: branch prediction / implementing stalling+forwarding

last time

hazard — pipeline doesn't work as is

data hazard — hazard because wrong version of data

- pipelining changed order of reads+writes (e.g. of registers)

stalling to resolve hazard

- stall — insert nop instead of advancing instruction

forwarding to resolve data hazards

- observation: value may be computed by not stored yet

exercise: forwarding paths

	cycle #	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
`addq %r8, %r9`		F	D	E	M	W				
`subq %r8, %r10`			F	D	E	M	W			
`xorq %r8, %r9`				F	D	E	M	W		
`andq %r9, %r8`					F	D	E	M	W	

in subq, %r8 is __________ addq.

in xorq, %r9 is __________ addq.

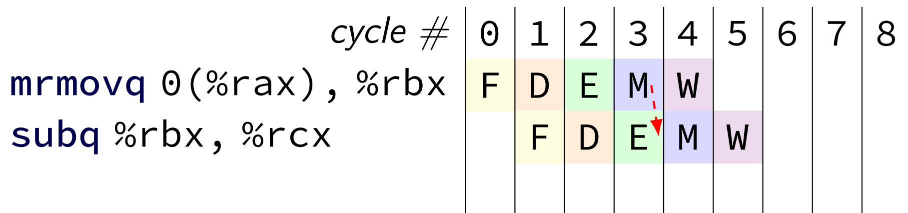
in andq, %r9 is __________ addq.

in andq, %r9 is __________ xorq.

A: not forwarded from

B-D: forwarded to decode from {execute,memory,writeback} stage of

unsolved problem



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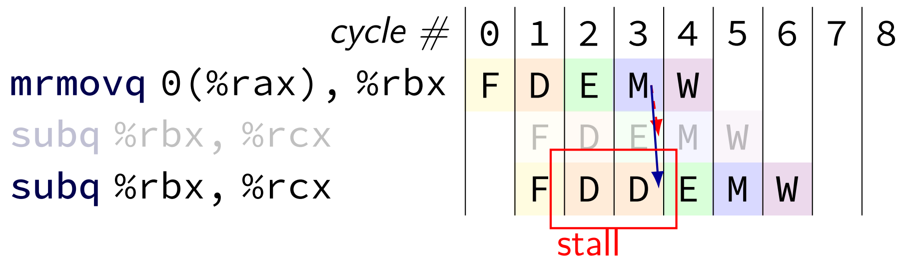

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solveable problem

cycle #	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
`mrmovq 0(%rax), %rbx`	F	D	E	M	W				
`rmmovq %rbx, 0(%rcx)`		F	D	E	M	W			

common for real processors to do this
but our textbook only forwards to the end of decode

aside: forwarding timings

forwarding: adds MUXes for forwarding to critical path

- might slightly increase cycle time, considered acceptable

should not add much more to critical path:

- example: can't use value read from memory in ALU in same cycle

pipeline with different hazards

example: 4-stage pipeline:
fetch/decode/execute+memory/writeback

```
                       // 4 stage    // 5 stage
addq %rax, %r8         //            // W
subq %rax, %r9         // W          // M
xorq %rax, %r10        // EM         // E
andq %r8,  %r11        // D          // D
```

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```

addq/andq is hazard with 5-stage pipeline

addq/andq is **not** a hazard with 4-stage pipeline

exercise: different pipeline

split execute into two stages: F/D/E1/E2/M/W

result only available near end of second execute stage

where does forwarding, stalls occur?

cycle #	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
(1) `addq %rcx, %r9`	F	D	E1	E2	M	W			
(2) `addq %r9, %rbx`									
(3) `addq %rax, %r9`									
(4) `rmmovq %r9, (%rbx)`									
(5) `rrmovq %rcx, %r9`									

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`addq %rax, %r9`									
`rmmovq %r9, (%rbx)`									

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`addq %r9, %rbx`		F	D	E1	E2	M	W		
`addq %rax, %r[...]`									
`rmmovq %r9, (%rbx)`				F	D	E1	E2	M	W

r9 not available yet — can't forward here
so try stalling in addq's decode...

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addq %r9, %rbx		F	D	D	E1	E2	M	W		
addq %rax, %r9										
addq %rax, %r9			F	F	D	E1	E2	M	W	
rmmovq %r9, (%rbx)				F	D	E1	E2	M	W	
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after stalling once, now we can forward

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`addq %r9, %rbx`		F	D	D	E1	E2	M	W		
`addq %rax, %r9`			F	D	E1	E2	M	W		
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`addq %rax, %r9`			F	D	E1	E2	M	W			
`addq %rax, %r9`			F	F	D	E1	E2	M	W		
`rmmovq %r9, (%rbx)`				F	D	E1	E2	M	W		
`rmmovq %r9, (%rbx)`					F	D	E1	E2	M	W	
`rrmovq %rcx, %r9`						F	D	E1	E2	M	W

control hazard

```
subq %r8, %r9
je   0xFFFF
addq %r10, %r11
```

	fetch		fetch→decode		decode→execute			execute→writeback	
cycle	PC	SF/ZF	rA	rB	R[srcA]	R[srcB]	dstE	next R[dstE]	dstE
0	0x0	0/1							
1	0x2	0/1	8	9					
2	???	0/1	0xF	0xF	800	900	9		

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0xFFFF if R[8] = R[9]; 0x12 otherwise

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2	0x2*	0/1	0xF	0xF	800	900	9		
3	0x2	0/0	0xF	0xF	---	---	0xF	1700	9
4	0x10	0/0	0xF	0xF	---	---	0xF	---	0xF
5			10	11	---	---	0xF	---	0xF
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wait for two cycles for addq to update SF/ZF

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execute je instruction (use SF/ZF)

stalling costs

with only stalling:

extra 3 cycles (total 4) for every `ret`

extra 2 cycles (total 3) for conditional jmp

up to 3 extra cycles for data dependencies

ex.: dependencies and hazards (2)

```
        mrmovq  0(%rax) %rbx
        addq    %rbx    %rcx
        jne     foo
foo:    addq    %rcx    %rdx
        mrmovq  (%rdx)  %rcx
```

where are dependencies?
which are hazards in our pipeline?
which are resolved with forwarding?

when do instructions change things?

... other than pipeline registers/PC:

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to “undo” instruction during fetch/decode:

forget everything in pipeline registers

making guesses

```
        subq   %rcx, %rax
        jne    LABEL
        xorq   %r10, %r11
        xorq   %r12, %r13
        ...
LABEL:  addq   %r8, %r9
        rmmovq %r10, 0(%r11)
```

speculate: jne will goto LABEL

right: 2 cycles faster!

wrong: forget before execute finishes

jXX: speculating right

```
        subq %r8, %r8
        jne LABEL
        ...

LABEL:  addq %r8, %r9
        rmmovq %r10, 0(%r11)
        irmovq $1, %r11
```

time	fetch	decode	execute	memory	writeback
1	subq				
2	jne	subq			
3	addq [?]	jne	subq (set ZF)		
4	rmmovq [?]	addq [?]	jne (use ZF)	OPq	
5	irmovq	rmmovq	addq	jne (done)	OPq

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were waiting/nothing

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“squash” wrong guesses

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3	addq [?]	j	[illegible]		
4	rmmovq [?]	addq [?]	jne (use ZF)	OPq	
5	xorq	nothing	nothing	jne (done)	OPq

fetch correct next instruction

performance

hypothetical instruction mix

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predict: $3 \times .03 + 1 \times .05 + 4 \times .01 + 1 \times .91 =$ 1.09 cycles/instr.

stall: $3 \times .03 + 3 \times .05 + 4 \times .01 + 1 \times .91 =$ 1.19 cylces/instr. ($1.19 \div 1.09 \approx 1.09$x faster)

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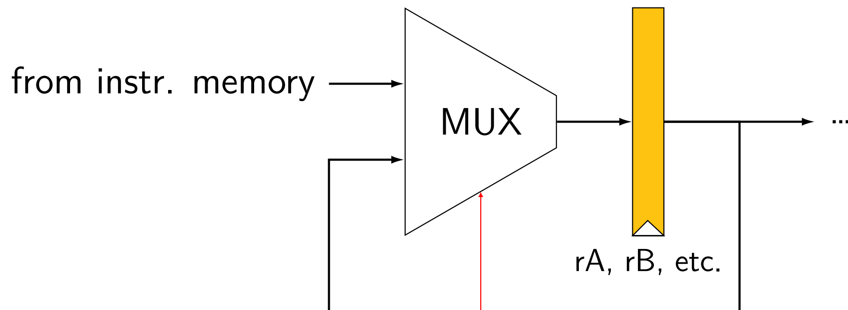
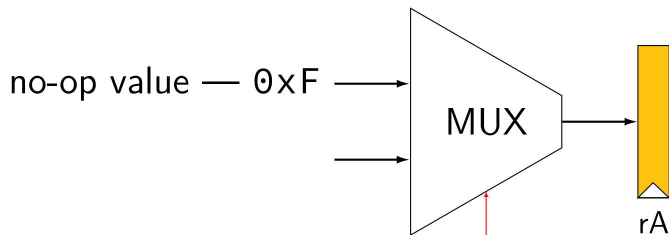
fetch/decode logic — advance or not



fetch/decode logic — bubble or not



should we send
no-op value (“bubble”)?

HCLRS signals

```
register aB {
    ...
}
```

HCLRS: every register bank has these MUXes built-in

`stall_B`: keep old value for all registers

- register input $\leftarrow$ register output
- pipeline: keep same instruction in this stage next cycle

`bubble_B`: use default value for all registers

- register input $\leftarrow$ default value
- pipeline: put no-operation in this stage next cycle

exercise

```
register aB {
    value : 8 = 0xFF;
}
...
```

stall: keep old value
bubble: store default value

time	a_value	B_value	stall_B	bubble_B
0	0x01	0xFF	0	0
1	0x02	???	1	0
2	0x03	???	0	0
3	0x04	???	0	1
4	0x05	???	0	0
5	0x06	???	0	0
6	0x07	???	1	0
7	0x08	???	1	0
8		???		

exercise result

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5	0x06	0x05	0	0
6	0x07	0x06	1	0
7	0x08	0x06	1	0
8		0x06		

backup slides

stalling for conditional jmps

```
        subq %r8, %r8
        je label

label:  irmovq ...
```

time	fetch	decode	execute	memory	writeback
1	OPq				
2	jCC	OPq			
3	wait for jCC	jCC	OPq (set ZF)		
4	wait for jCC	nothing	jCC (use ZF)	OPq	
5	irmovq	nothing	nothing	jCC (done)	OPq

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ZF sent via register

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"taken" sent from execute to fetch

stalling for ret

```
        call empty
        addq %r8, %r9

empty:  ret
```

time	fetch	decode	execute	memory	writeback
1	call				
2	ret	call			
3	wait for ret	ret	call		
4	wait for ret	nothing	ret	call (store)	
5	wait for ret	nothing	nothing	ret (load)	call
6	addq	nothing	nothing	nothing	ret

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return address stored here

stalling for ret

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empty:      ret
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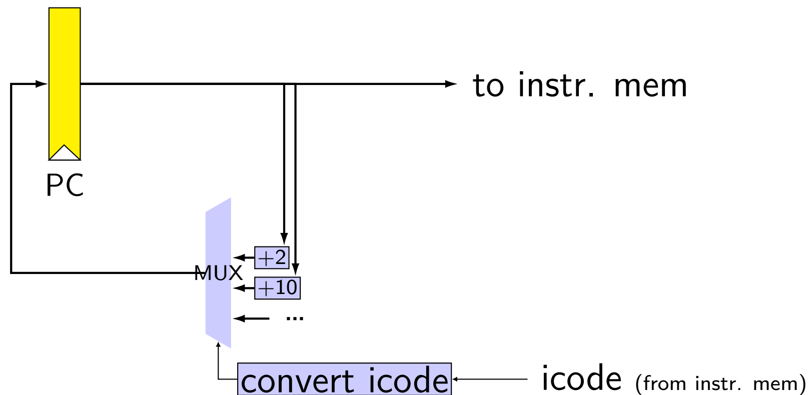
return address loaded here

PC update (adding prediction, stall)



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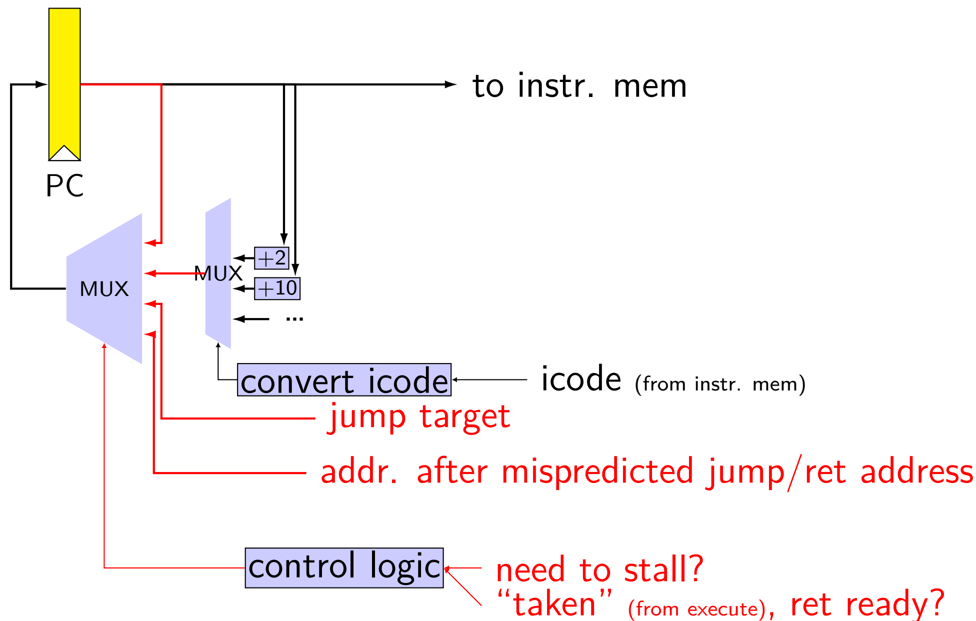

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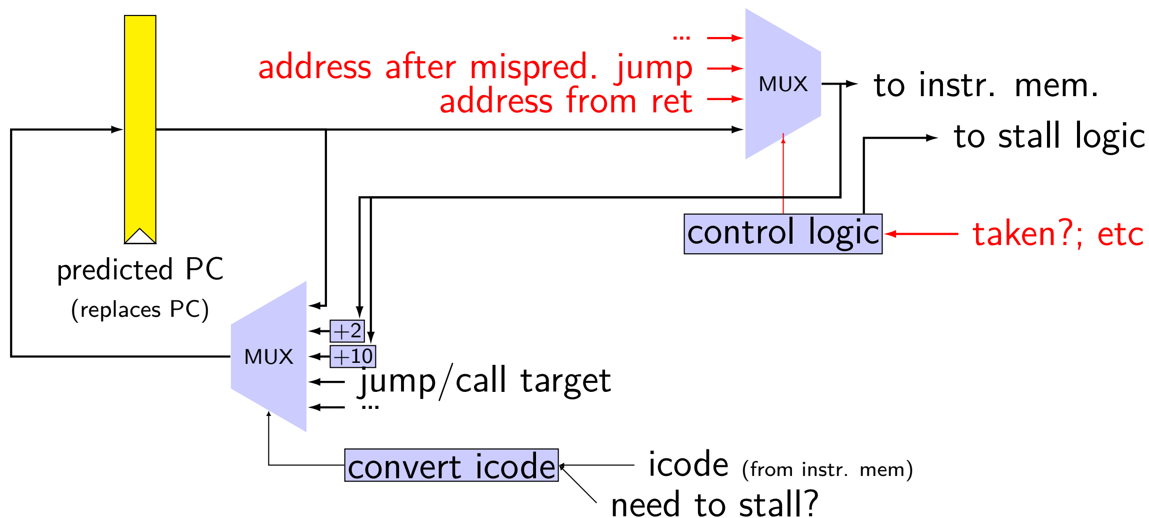

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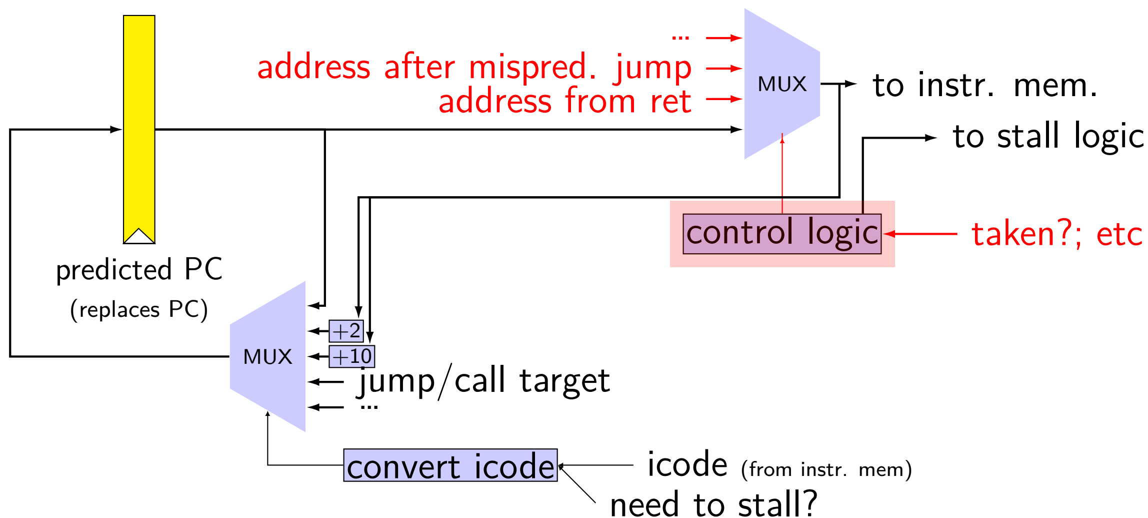

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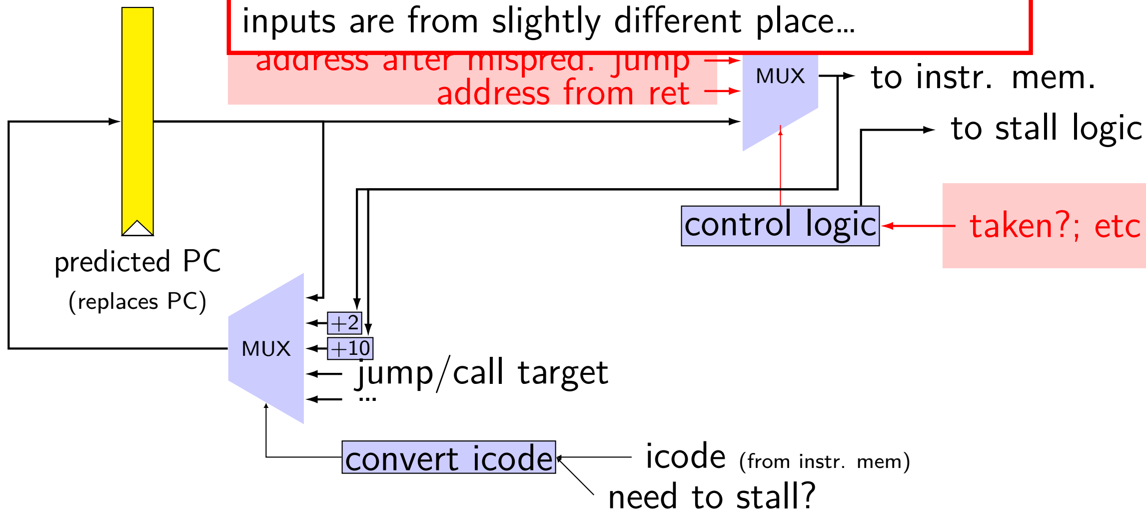

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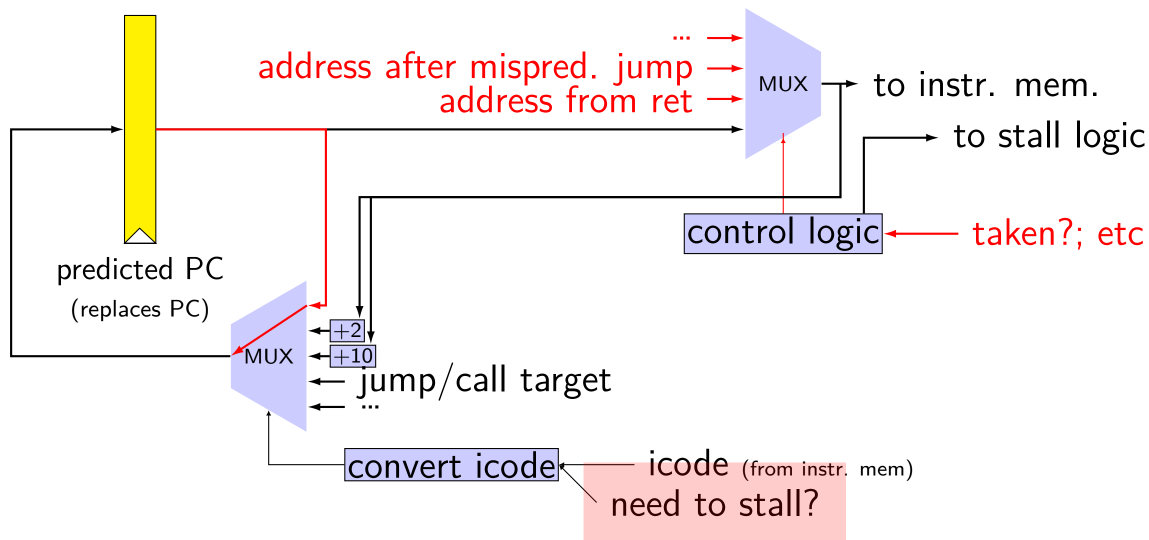


rearranged PC update in HCL

```
/* replacing the PC register: */
register fF {
    predictedPC: 64 = 0;
}

/* actual input to instruction memory */
pc = [
    conditionCodesSaidNotTaken : jumpValP;
        /* from later in pipeline */
    ...
    1: F_predictedPC;
];
```

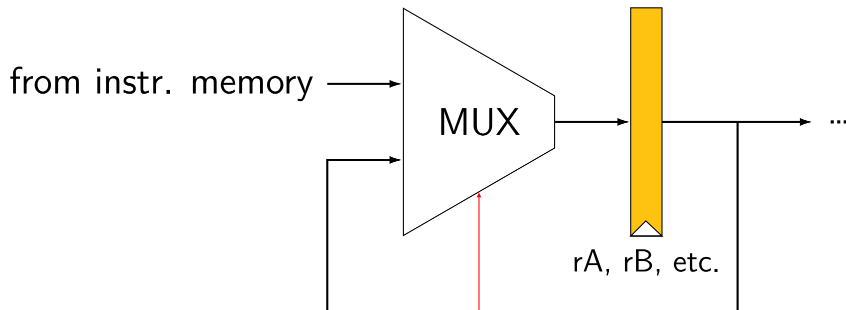
why rearrange PC update?

either works

- correct PC at beginning or end of cycle?
- still some time in cycle to do so...

maybe easier to think about branch prediction this way?

fetch/decode logic — advance or not



ex.: dependencies and hazards (1)

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subq    %rax, %rcx
irmovq  $100, %rcx
addq    %rcx, %r10
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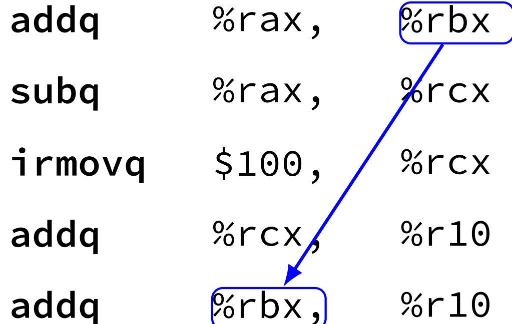

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