

Lecture 18: Pipelining

- Today's topics:
 - Hazards and instruction scheduling
 - Branch prediction
 - Out-of-order execution

Example 2 – Bypassing

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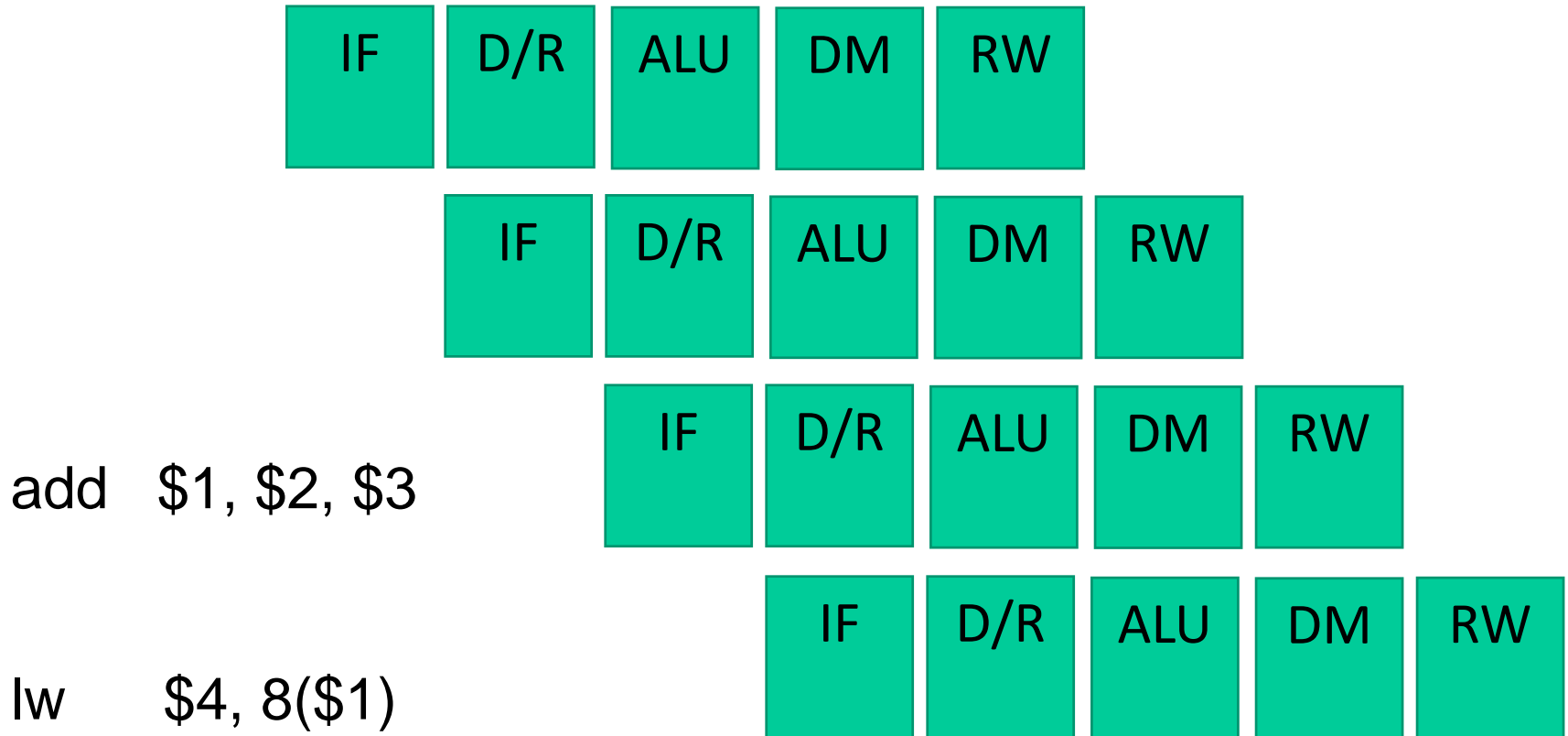
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D/R	D/R	D/R	D/R	D/R	D/R	D/R	D/R
ALU	ALU	ALU	ALU	ALU	ALU	ALU	ALU
DM	DM	DM	DM	DM	DM	DM	DM
RW	RW	RW	RW	RW	RW	RW	RW

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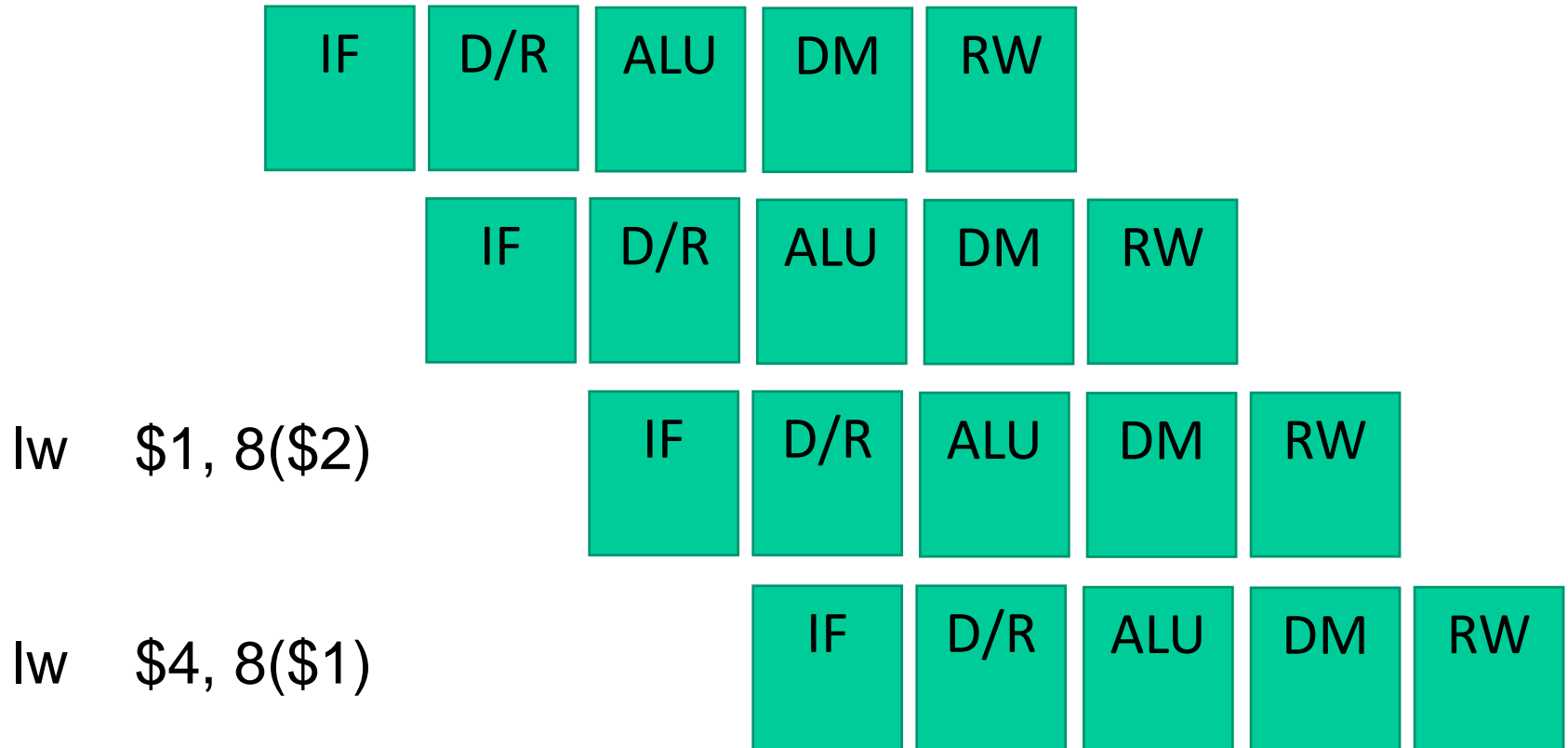
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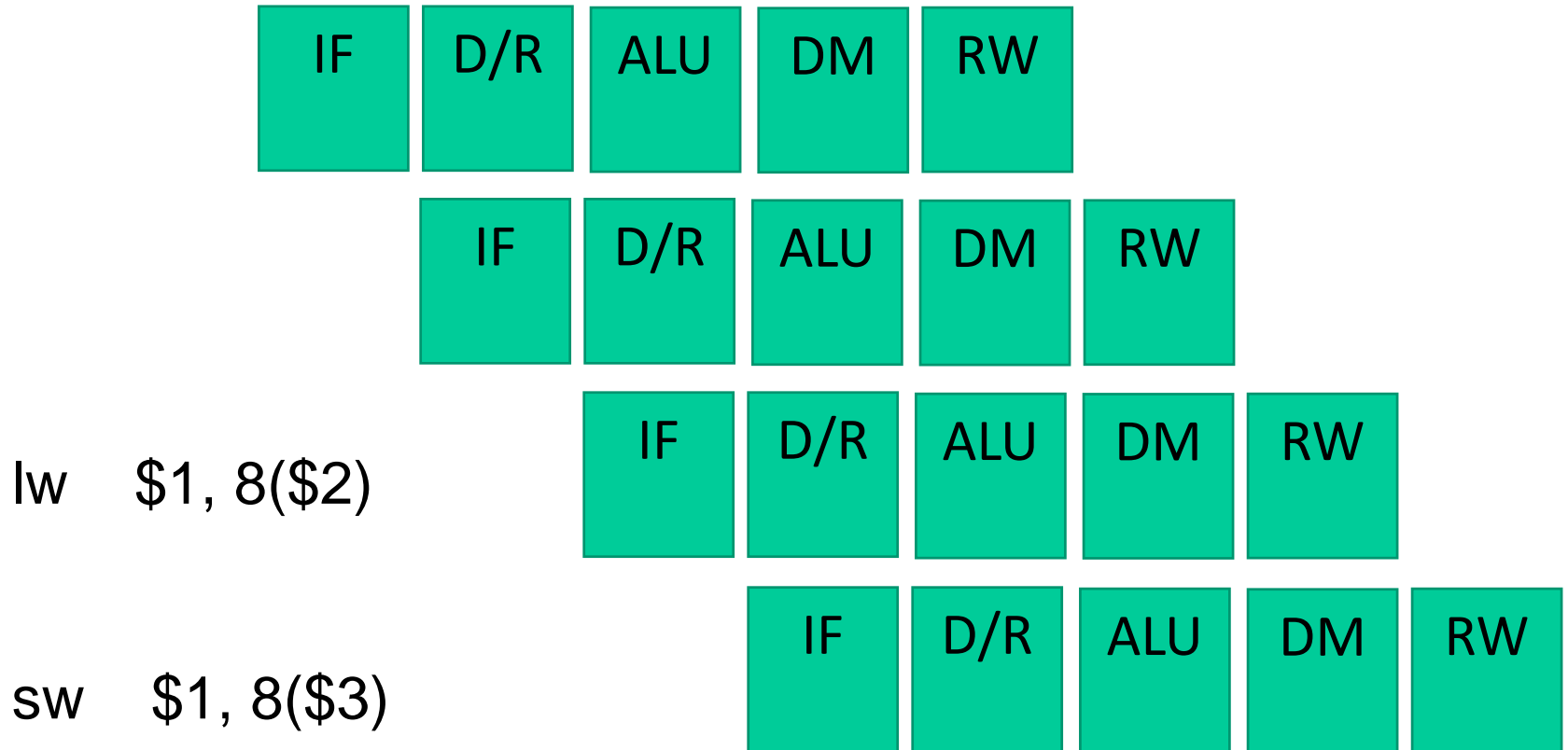
Problem 1



Problem 2

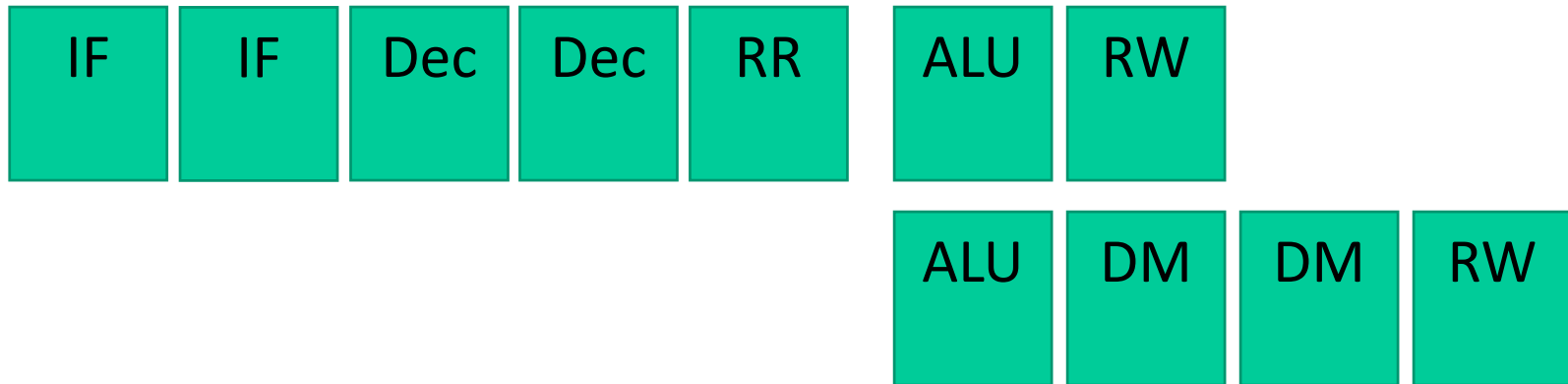


Problem 3



Problem 4

A 7 or 9 stage pipeline



lw \$1, 8(\$2)

add \$4, \$1, \$3

Problem 4

Without bypassing: 4 stalls

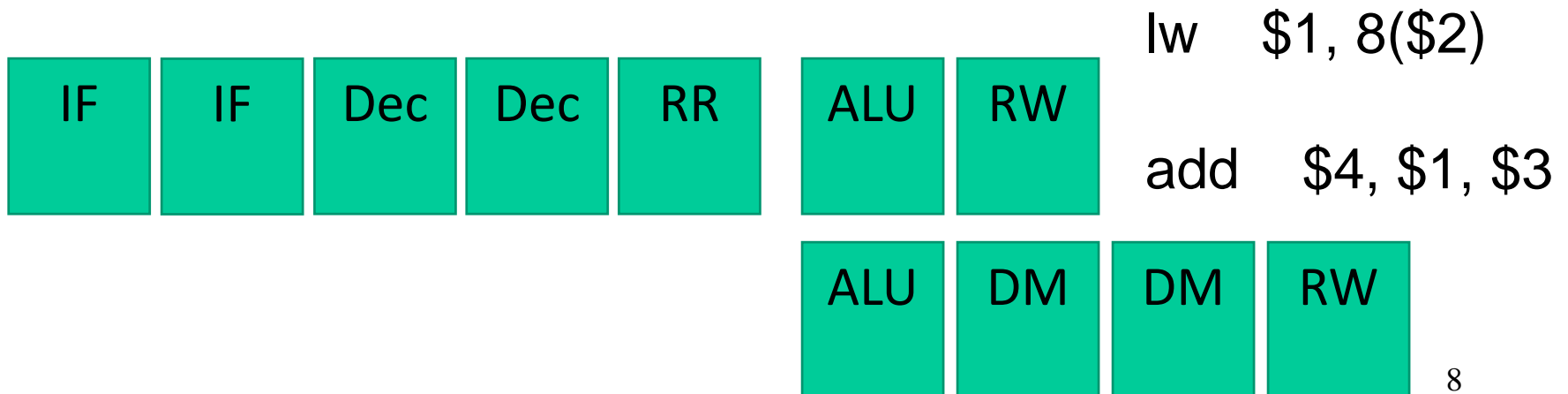
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With bypassing: 2 stalls

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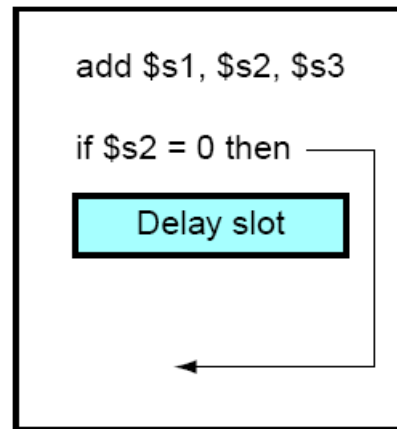


Control Hazards

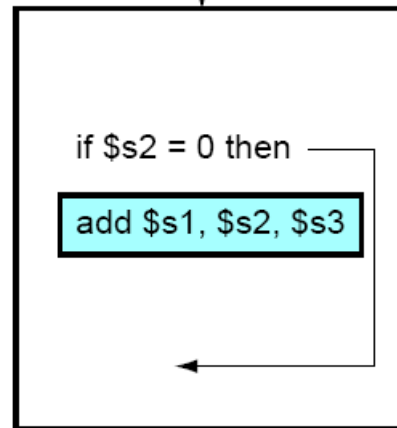
- Simple techniques to handle control hazard stalls:
 - for every branch, introduce a stall cycle (note: every 6th instruction is a branch!)
 - assume the branch is not taken and start fetching the next instruction – if the branch is taken, need hardware to cancel the effect of the wrong-path instruction
 - fetch the next instruction (branch delay slot) and execute it anyway – if the instruction turns out to be on the correct path, useful work was done – if the instruction turns out to be on the wrong path, hopefully program state is not lost
 - make a smarter guess and fetch instructions from the expected target

Branch Delay Slots

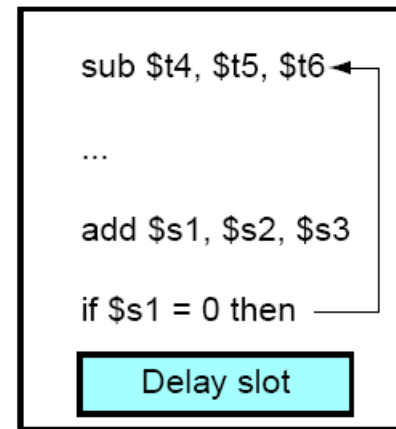
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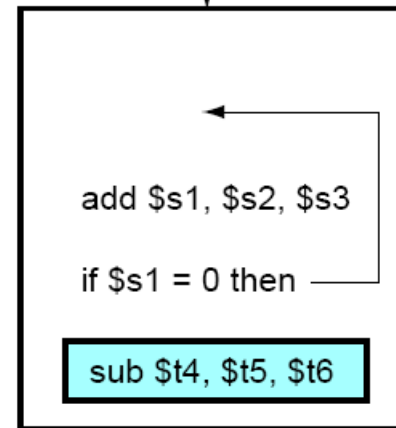
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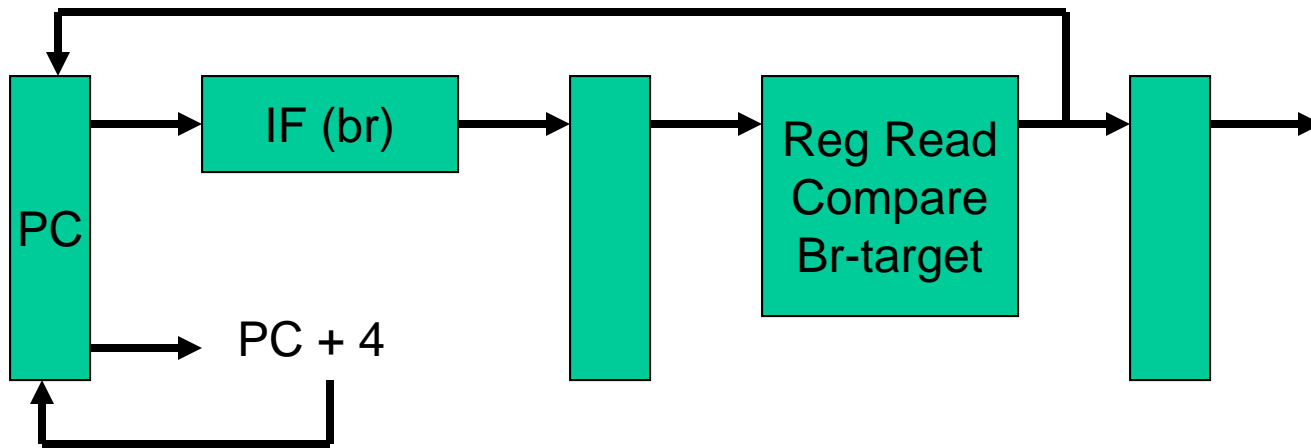
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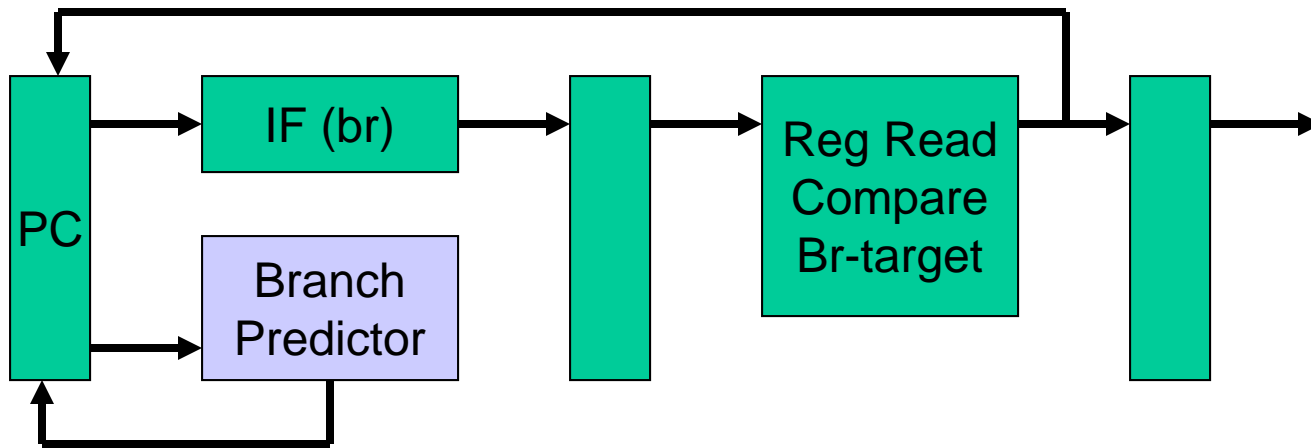
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Pipeline without Branch Predictor



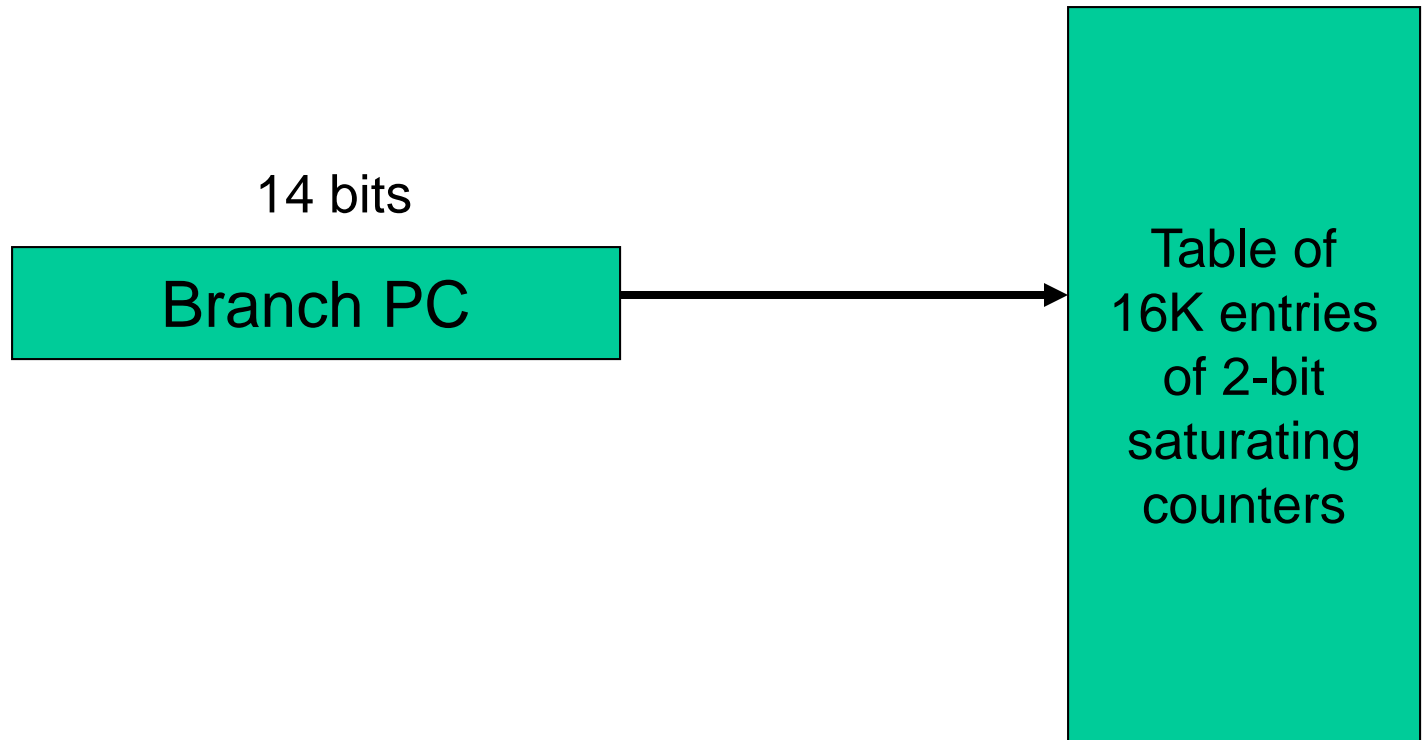
Pipeline with Branch Predictor



2-Bit Prediction

- For each branch, maintain a 2-bit saturating counter:
if the branch is taken: $\text{counter} = \min(3, \text{counter} + 1)$
if the branch is not taken: $\text{counter} = \max(0, \text{counter} - 1)$
... sound familiar?
- If $(\text{counter} \geq 2)$, predict taken, else predict not taken
- The counter attempts to capture the common case for each branch

Bimodal Predictor



Slowdowns from Stalls

- Perfect pipelining with no hazards \rightarrow an instruction completes every cycle (total cycles \sim num instructions)
 \rightarrow speedup = increase in clock speed = num pipeline stages
- With hazards and stalls, some cycles (= stall time) go by during which no instruction completes, and then the stalled instruction completes
- Total cycles = number of instructions + stall cycles