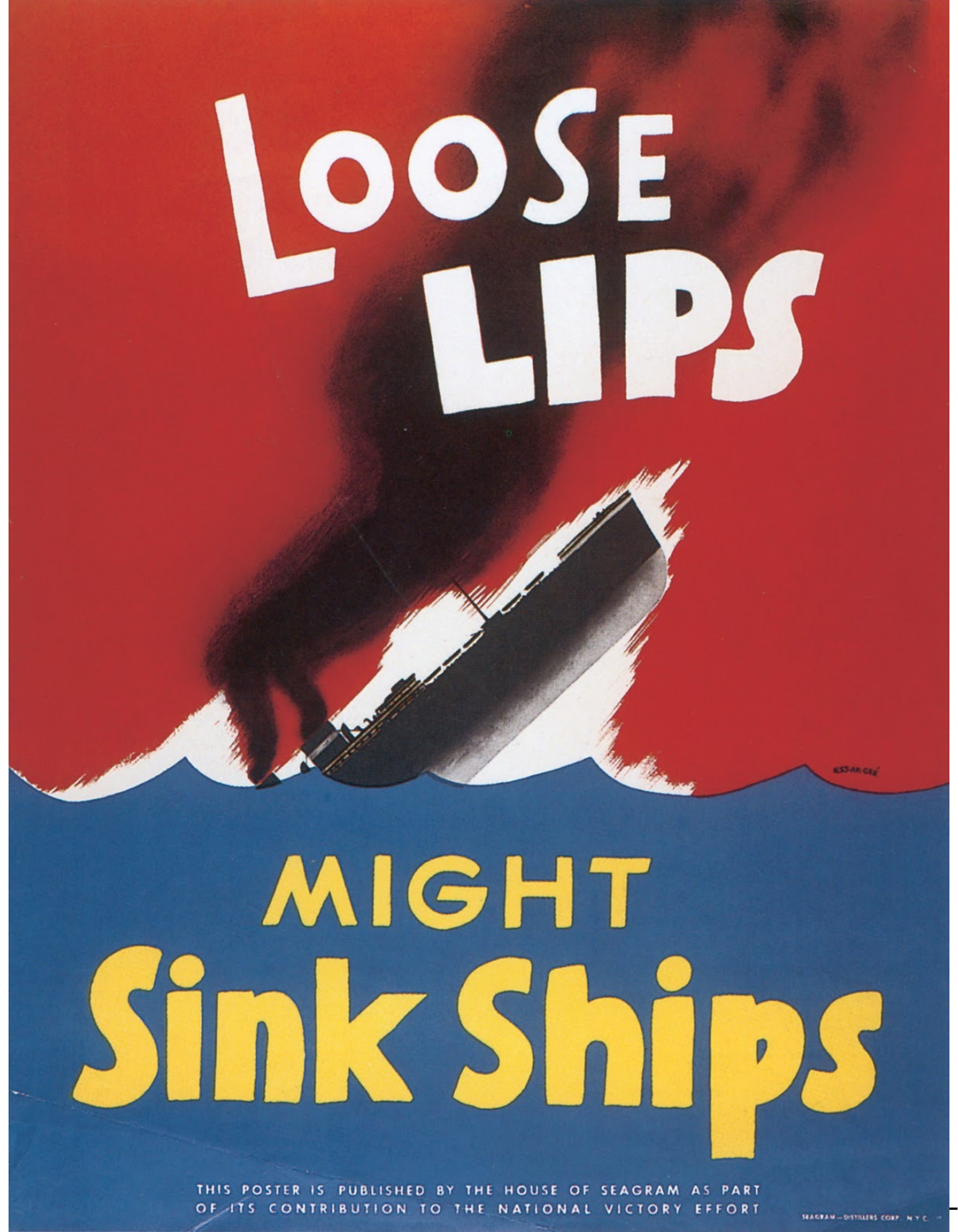


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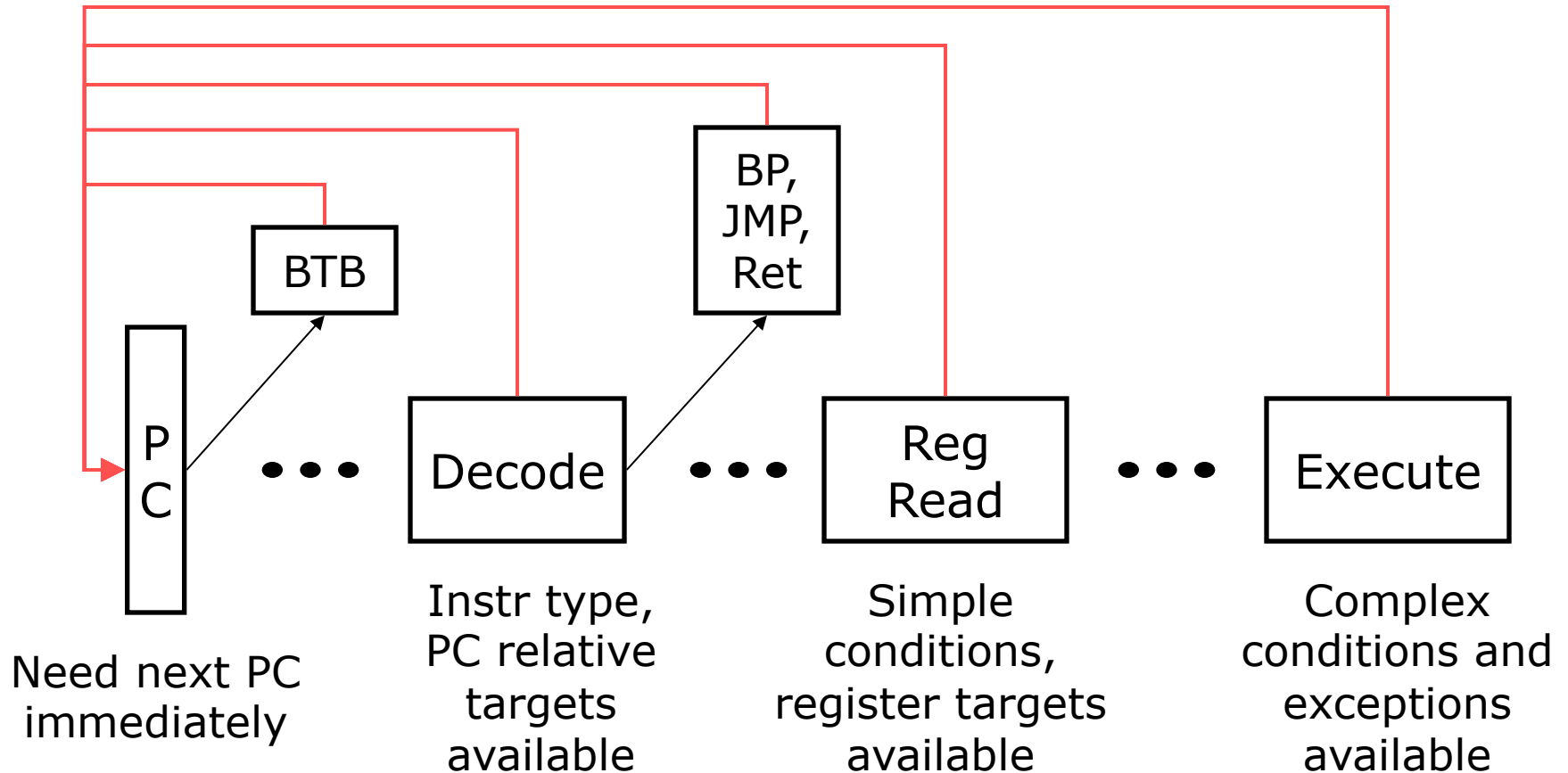
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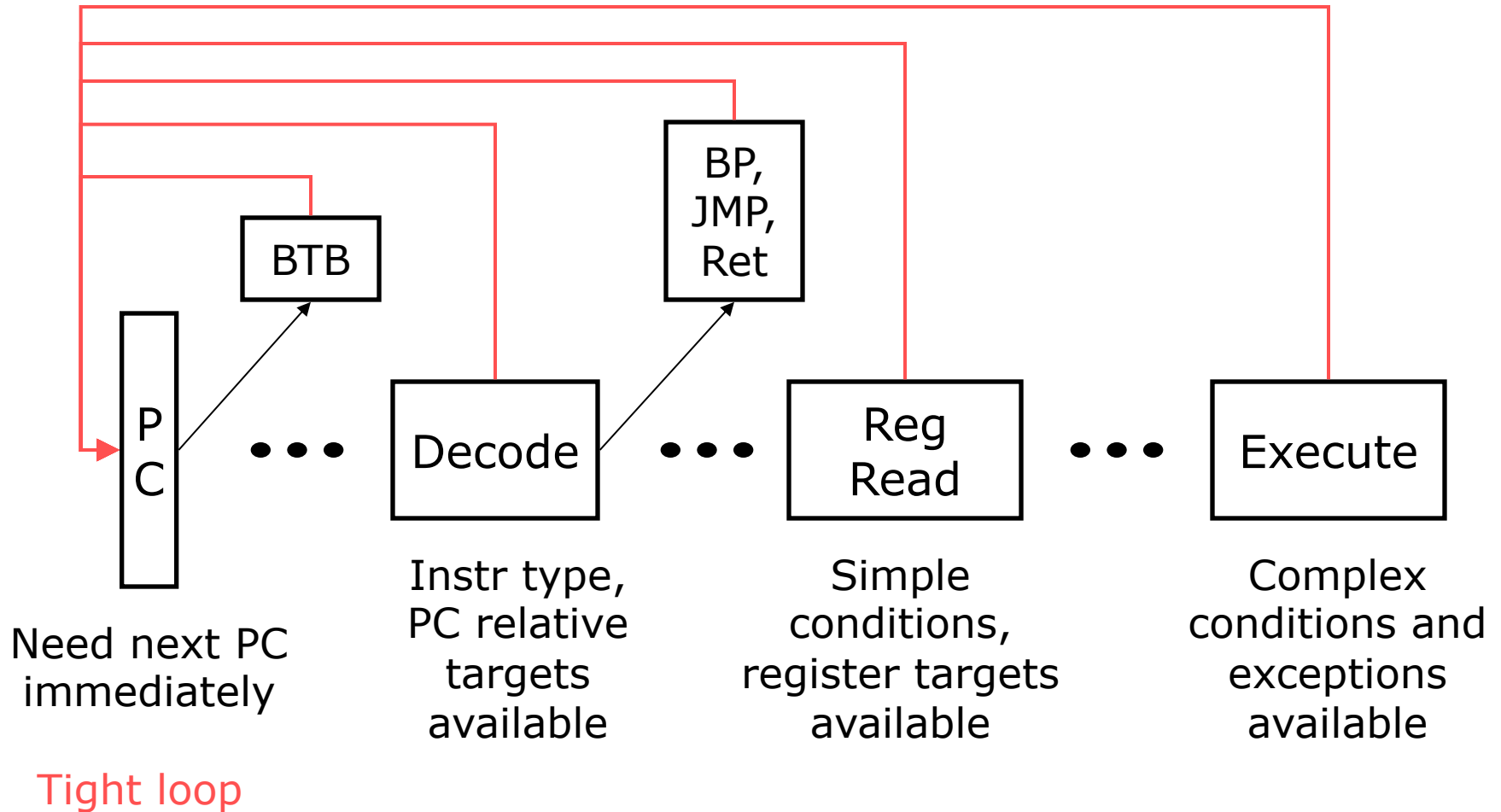
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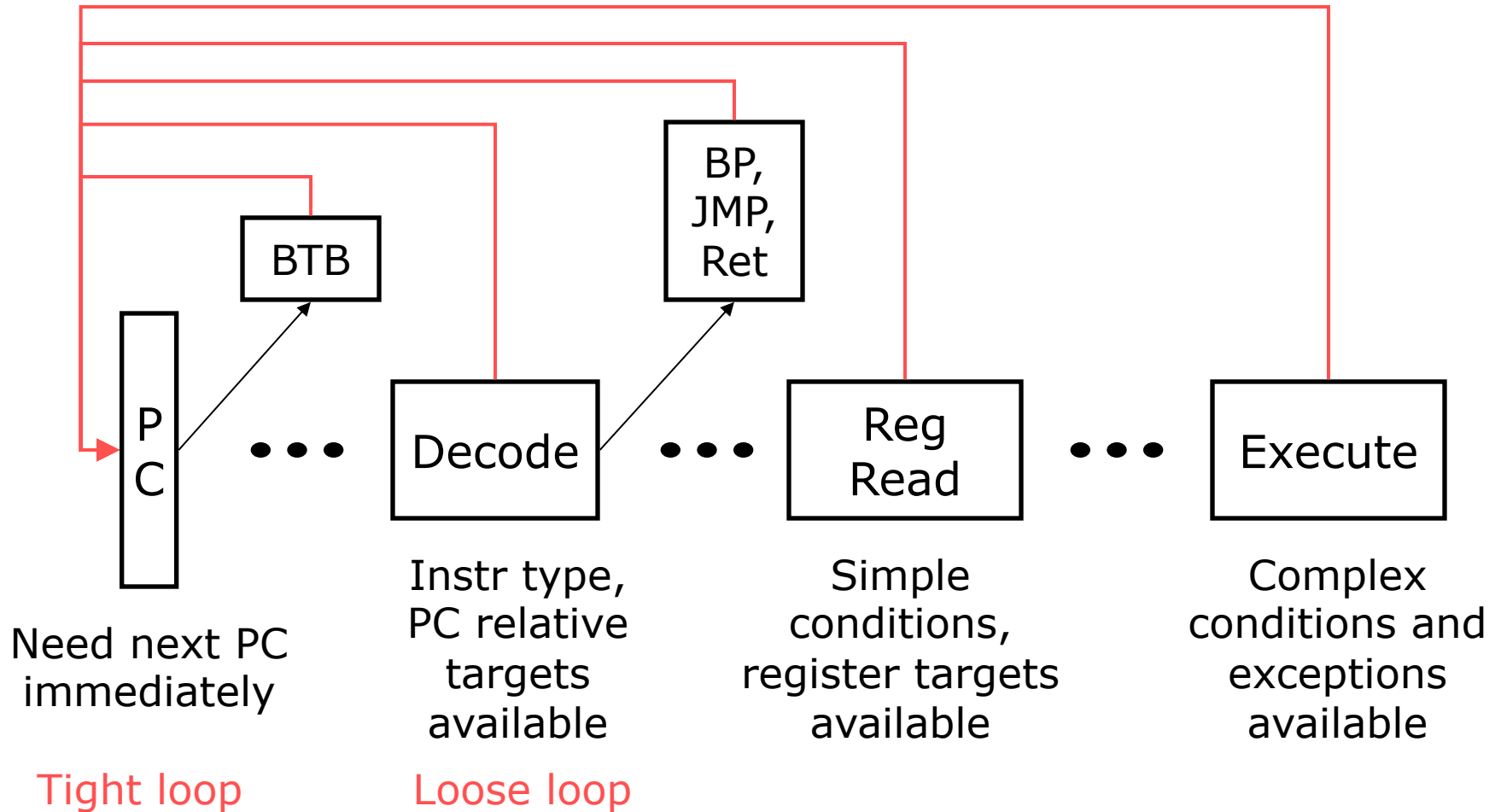
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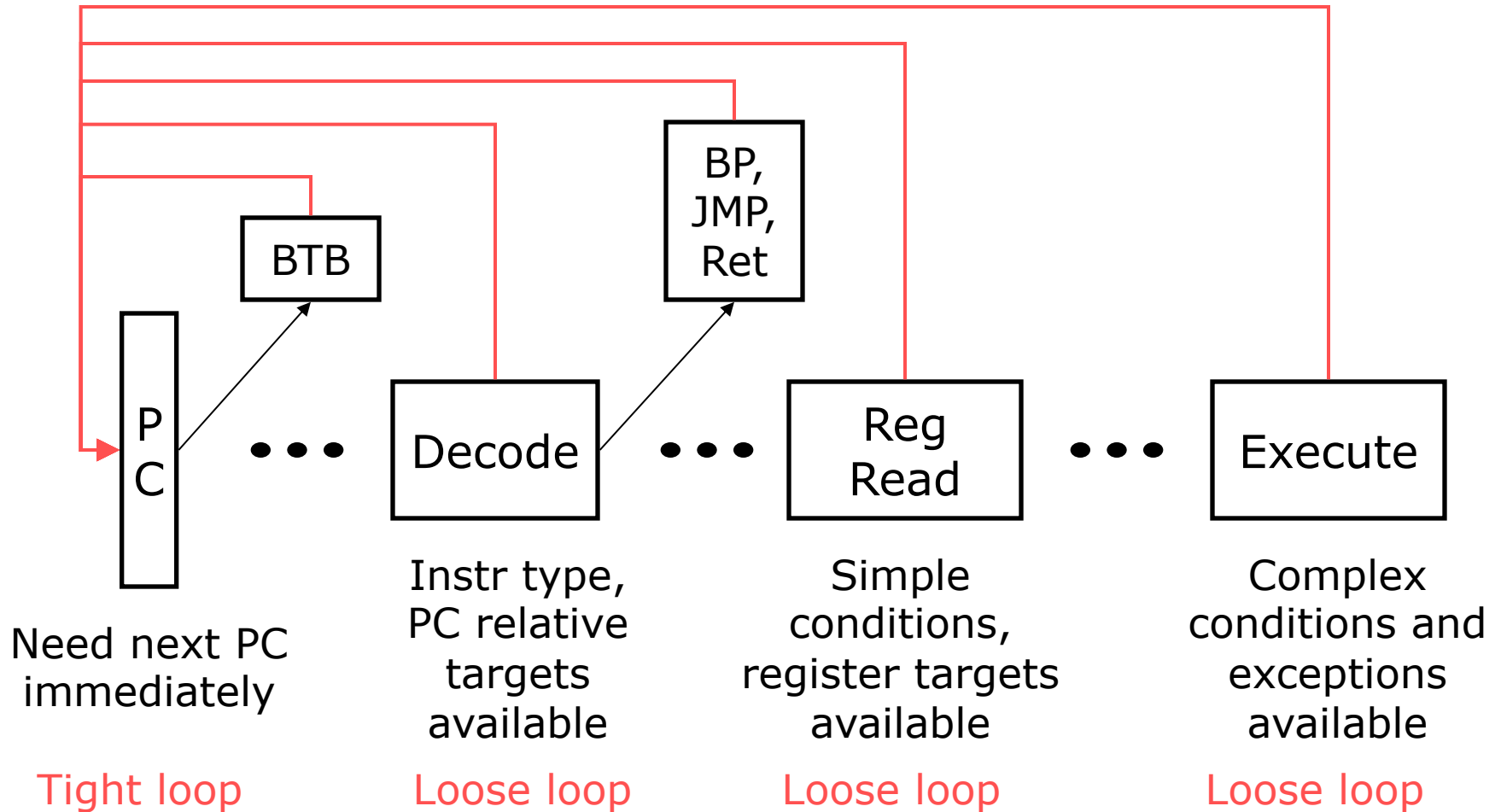
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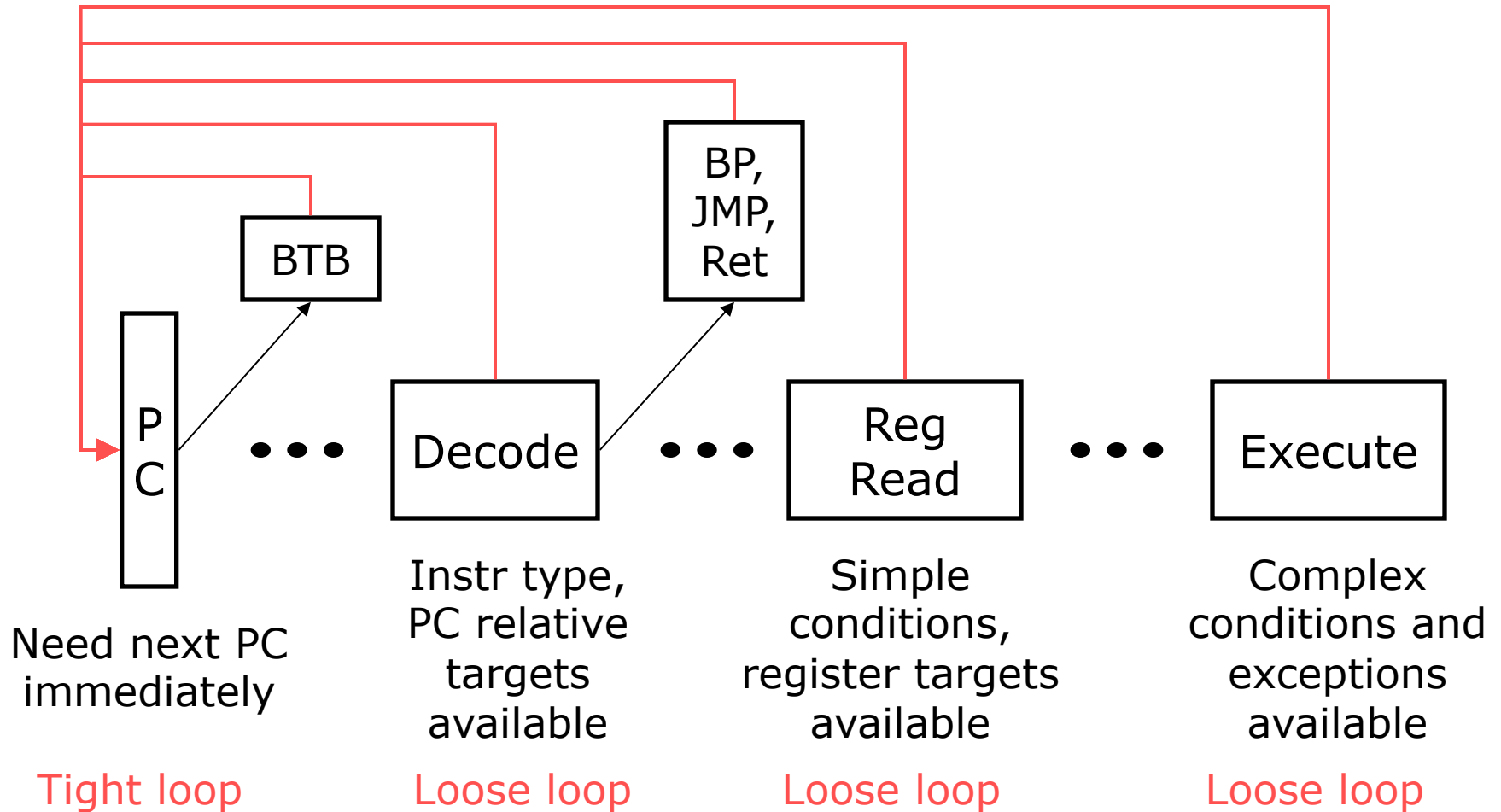
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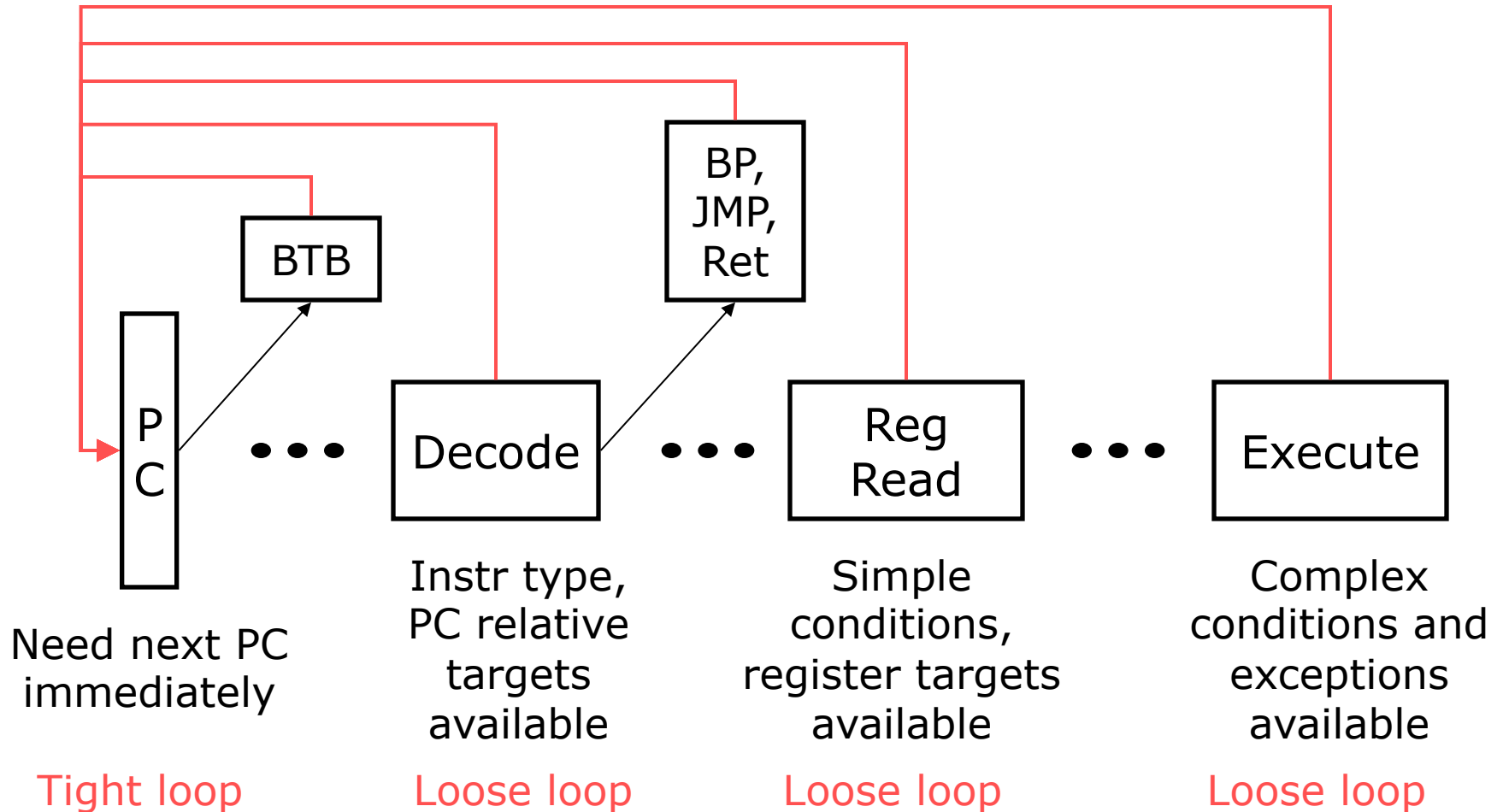


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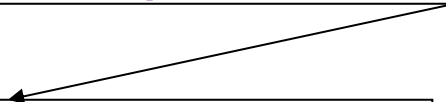
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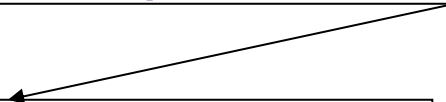
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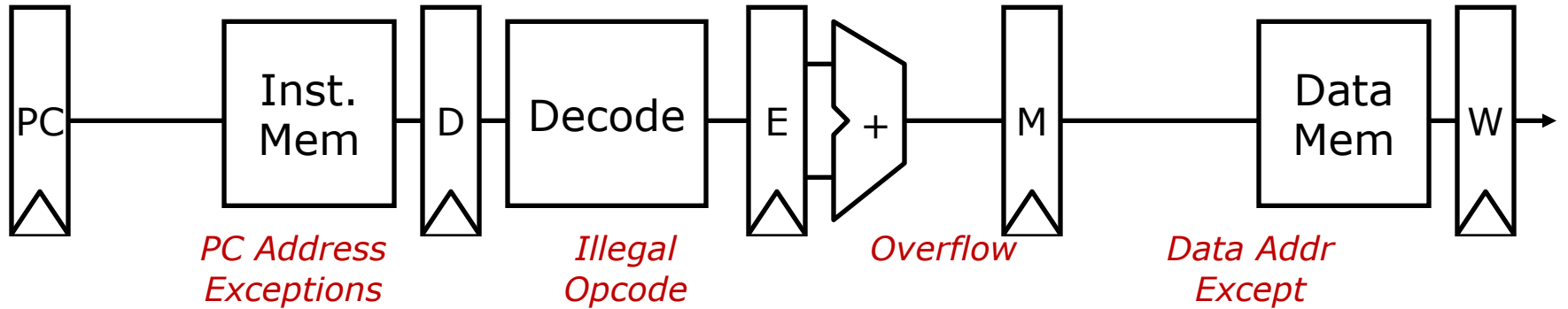
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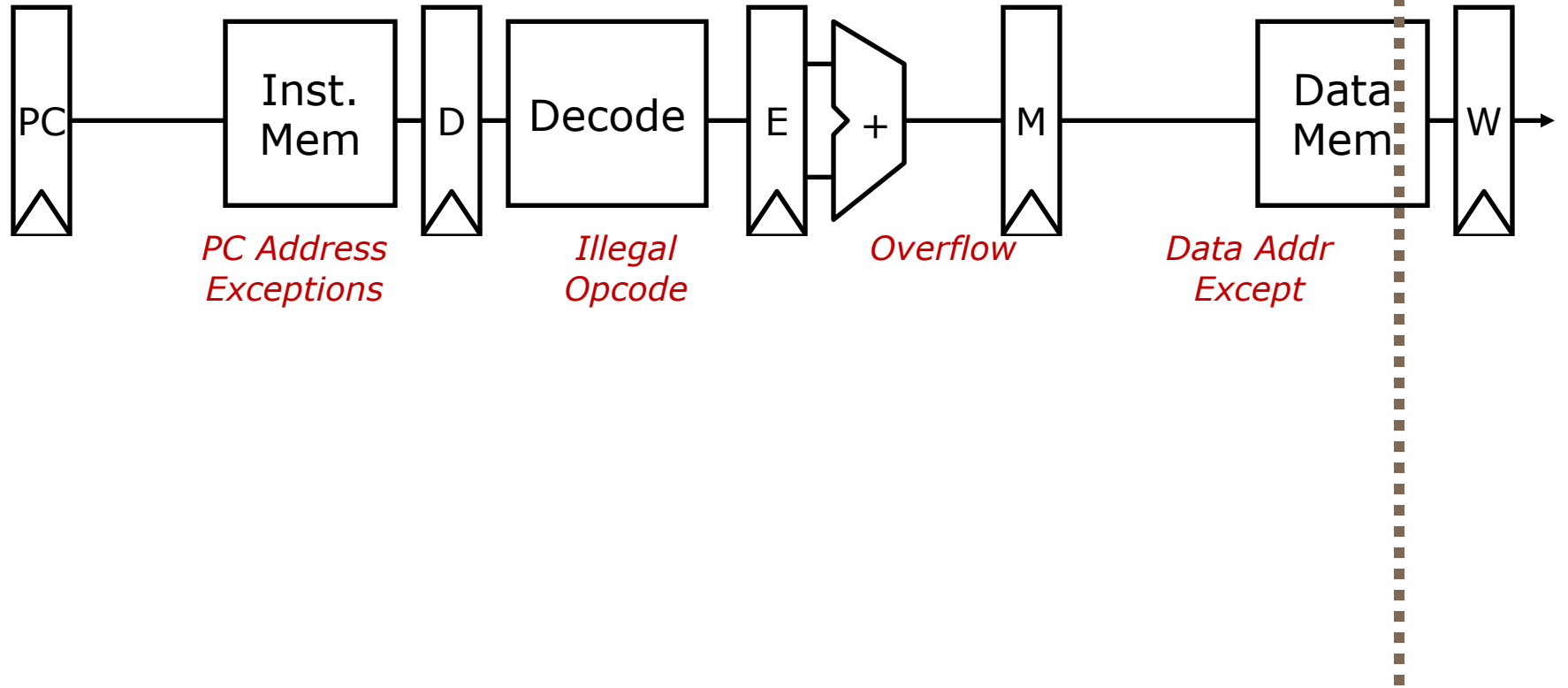
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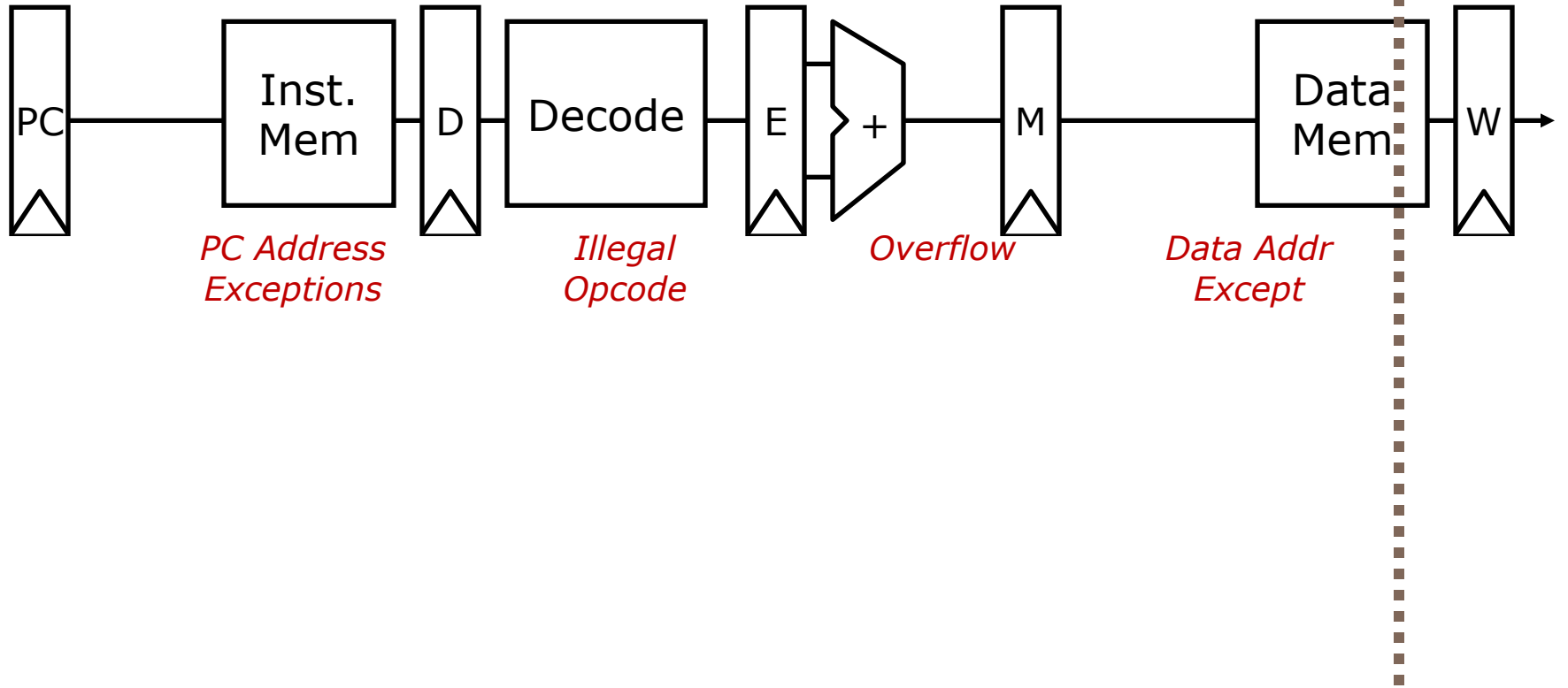
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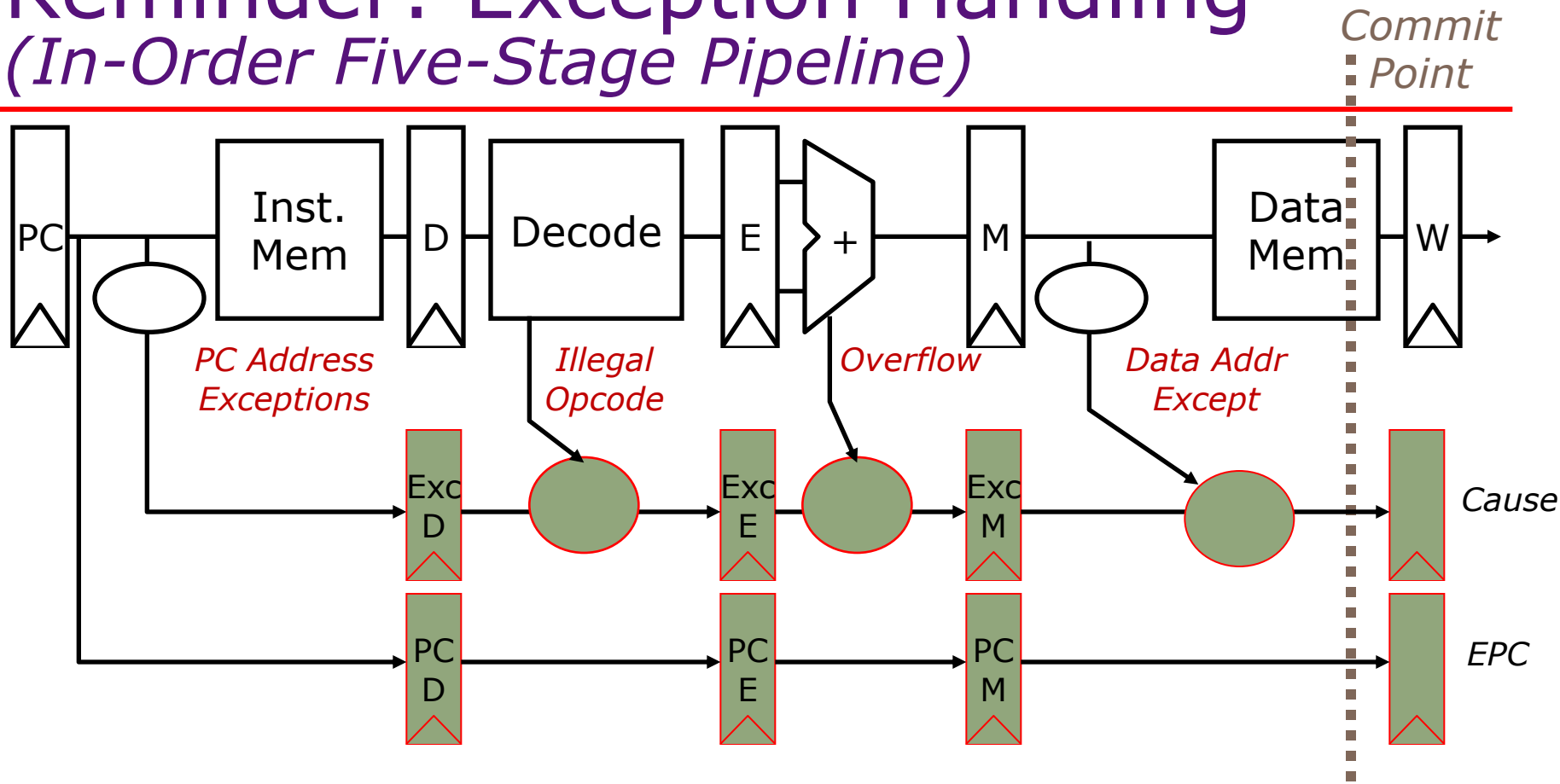


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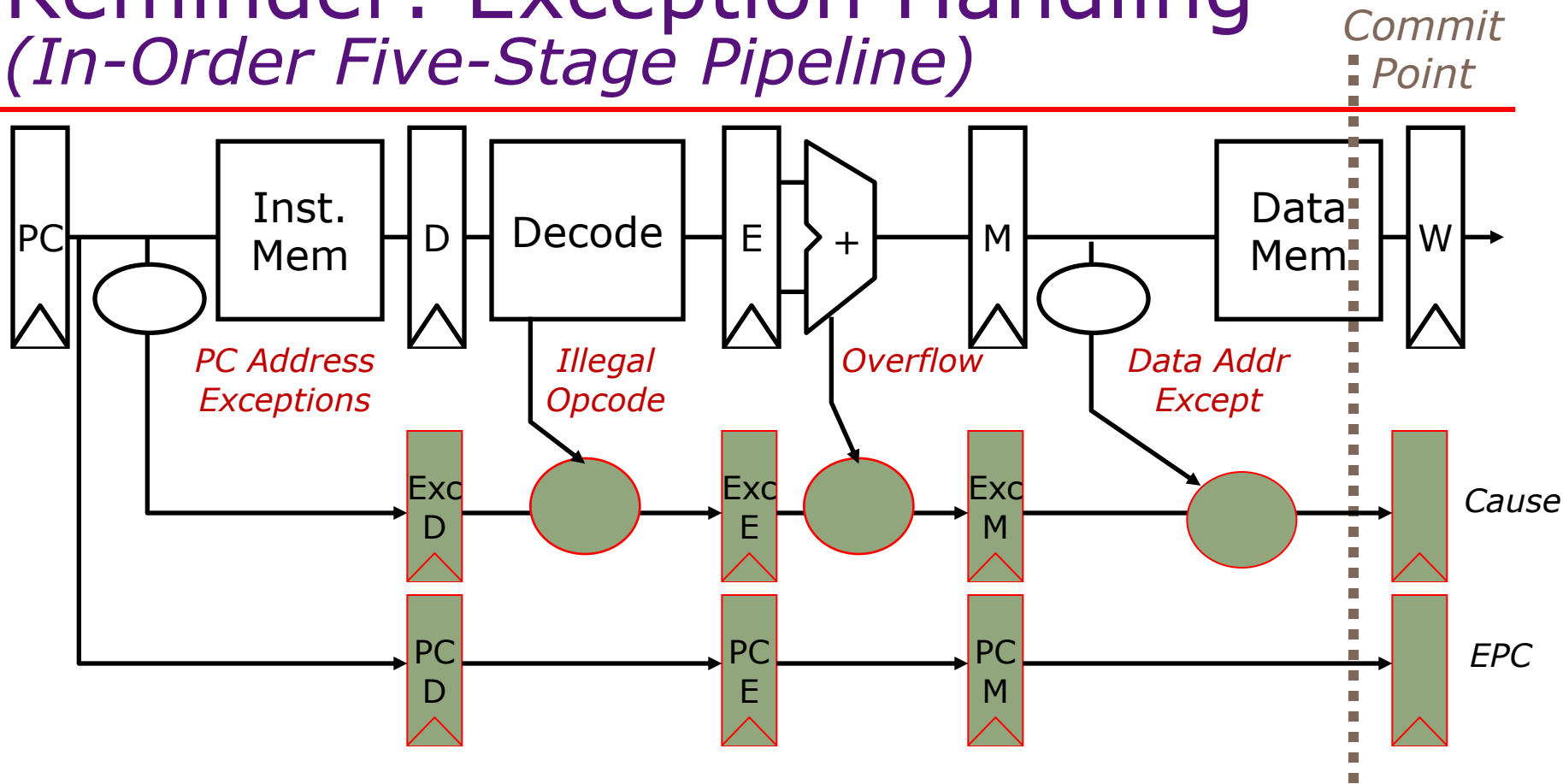
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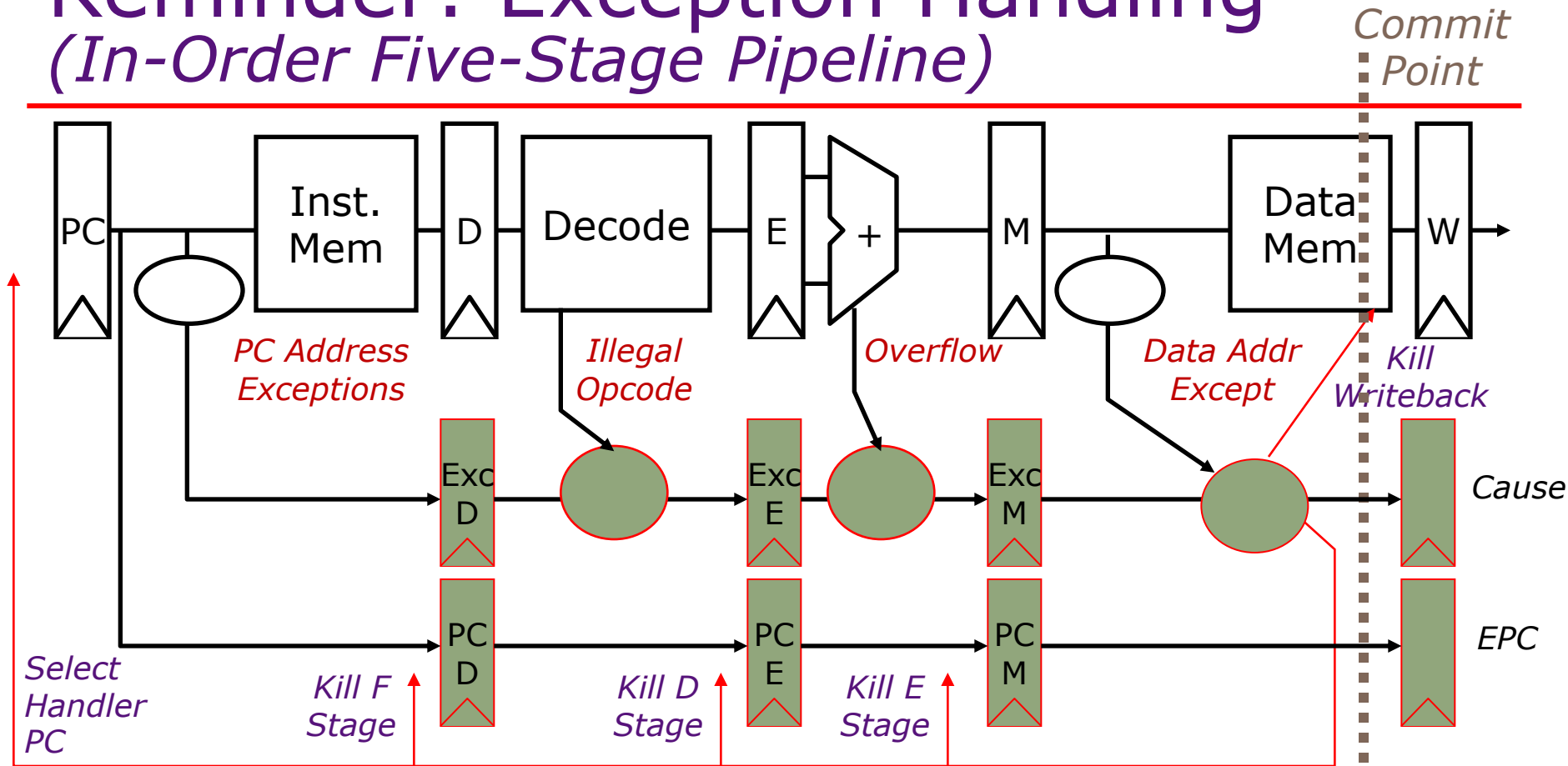
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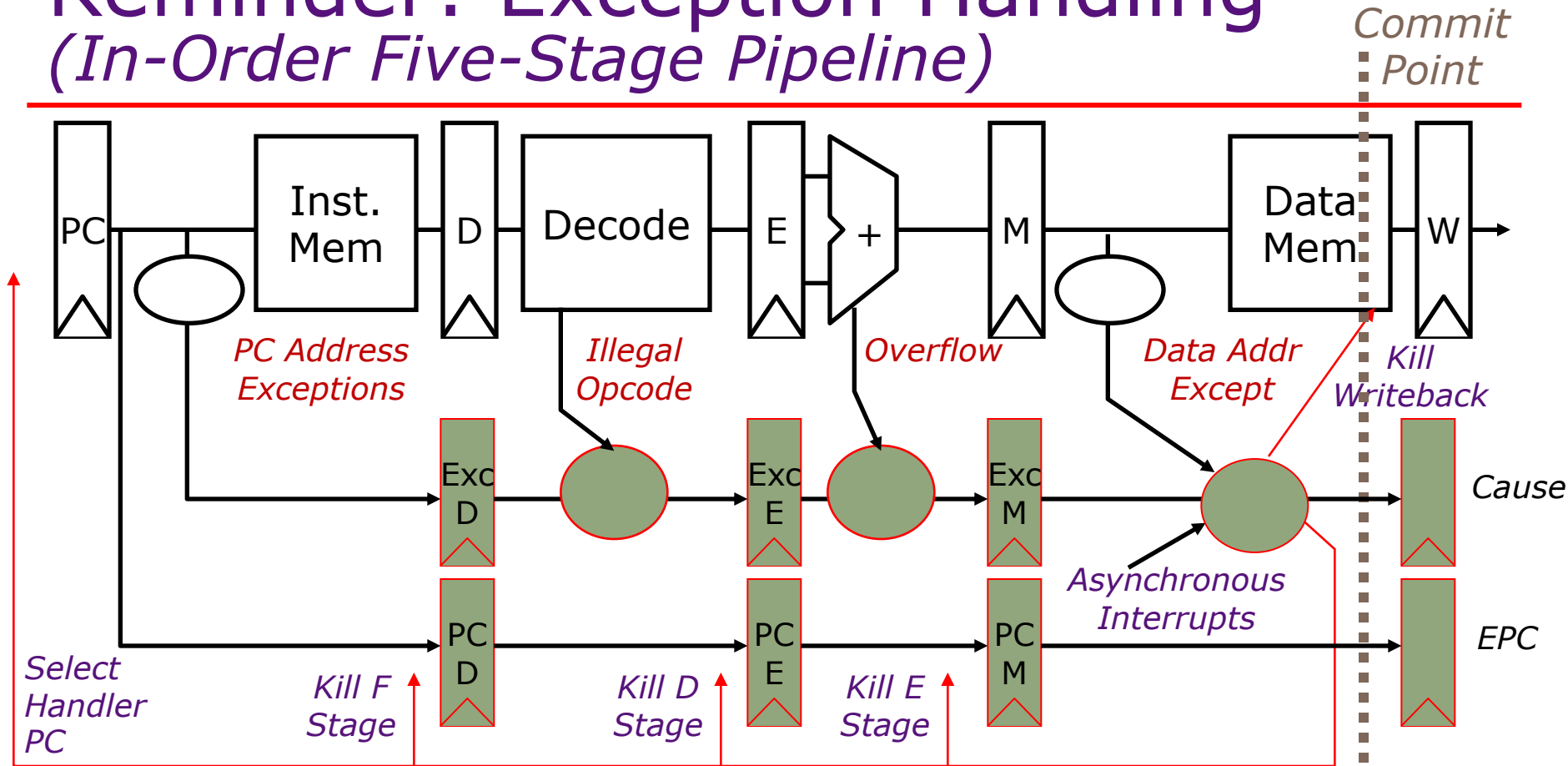
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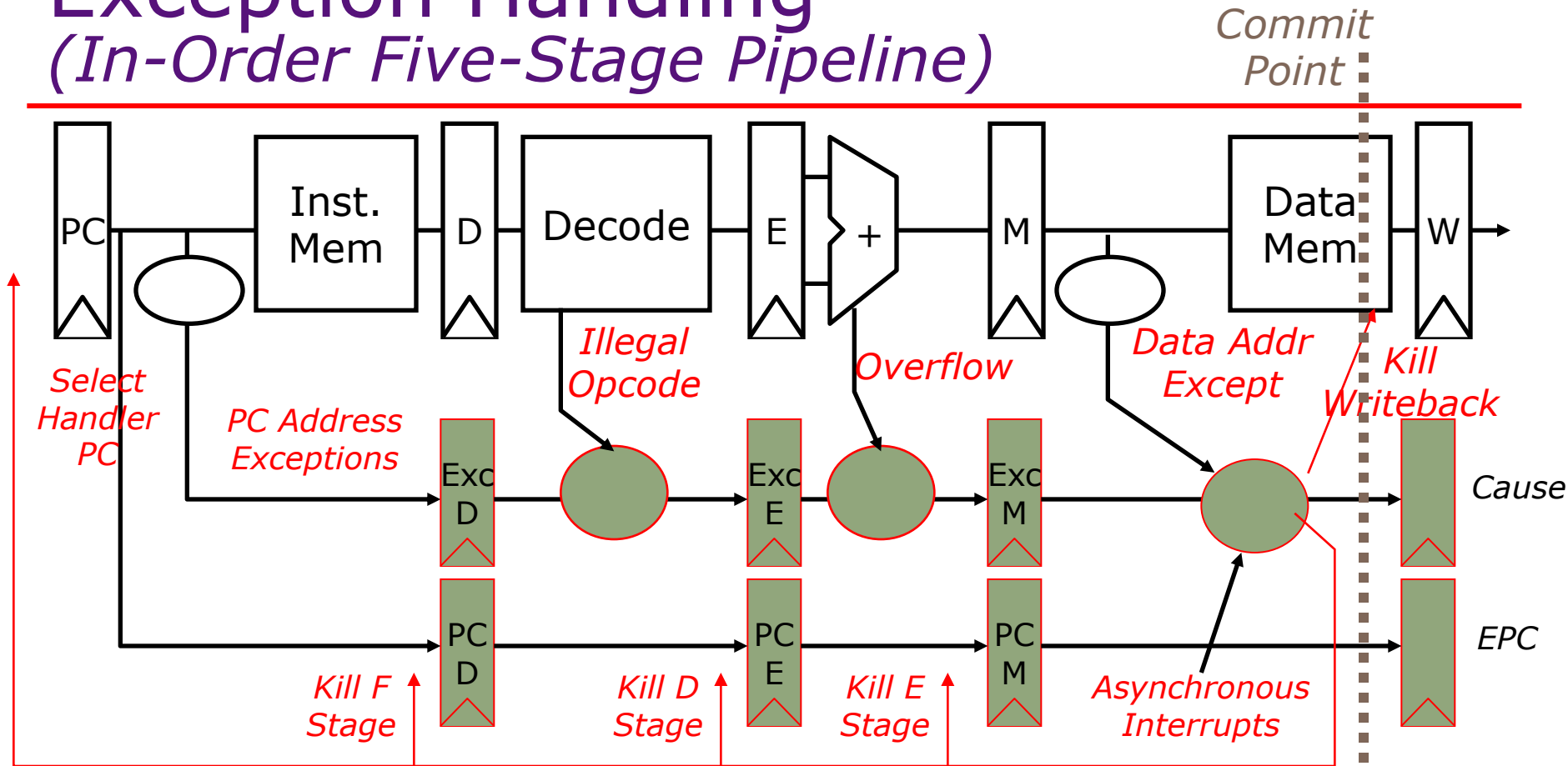
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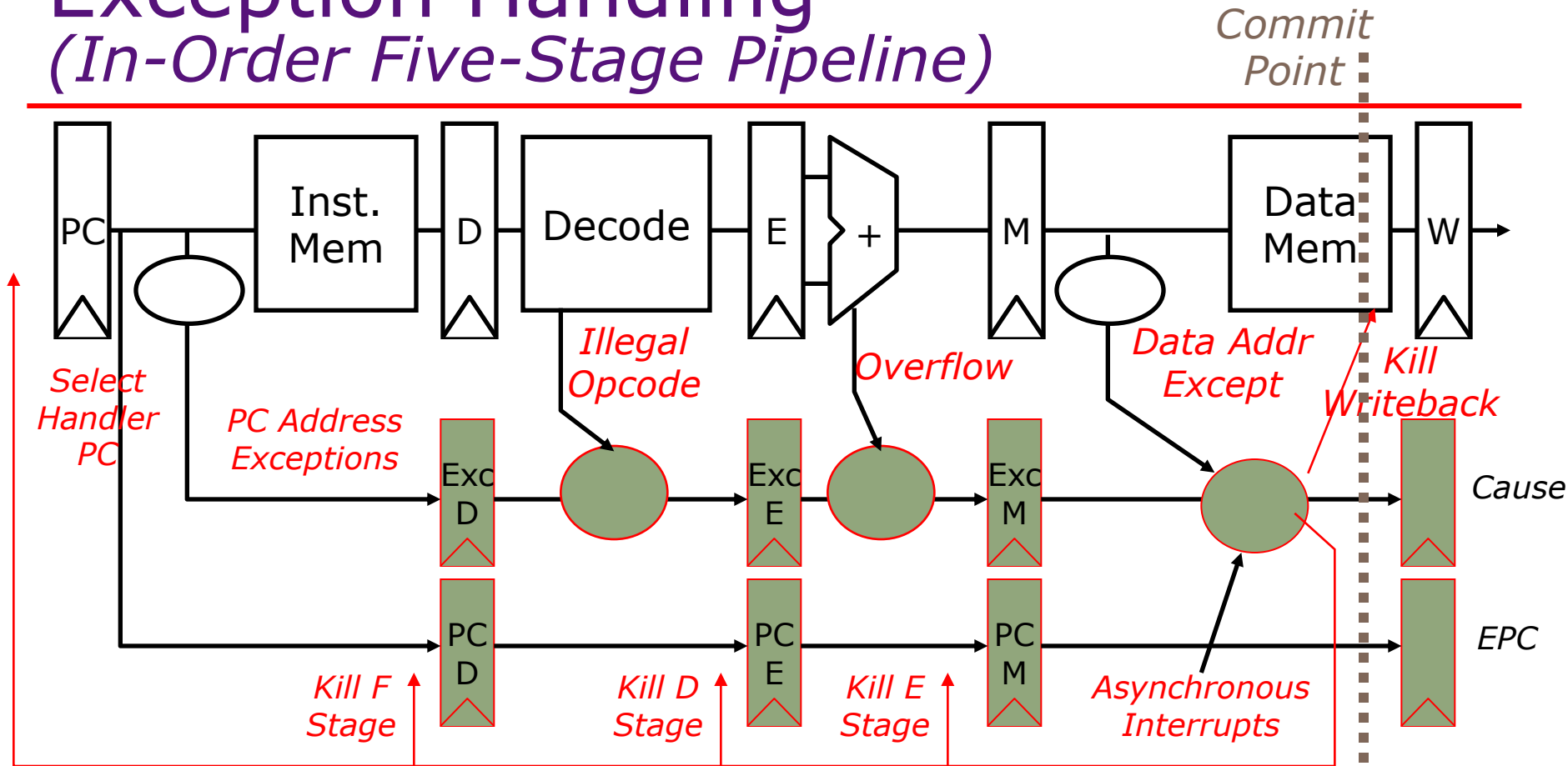


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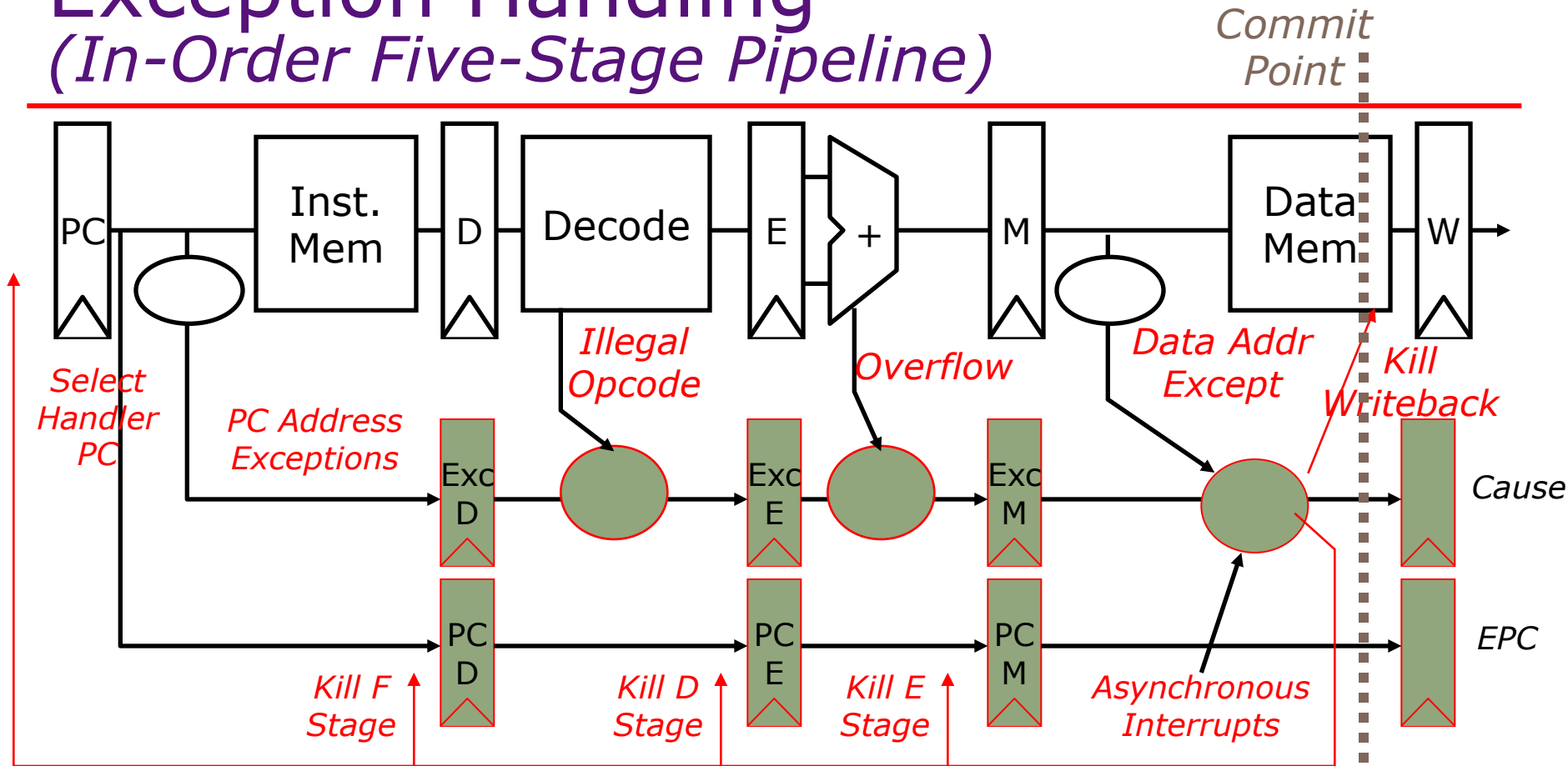
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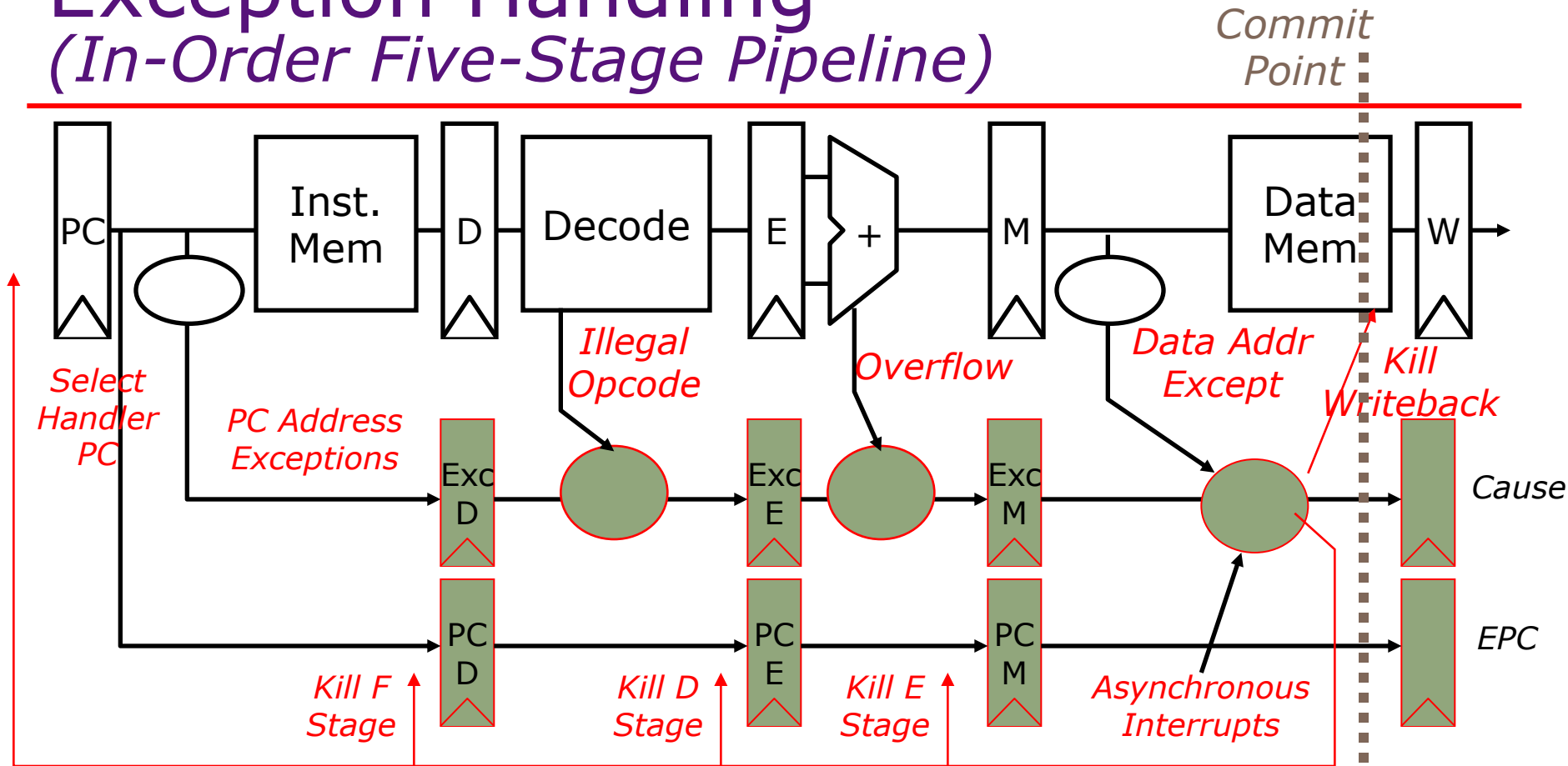


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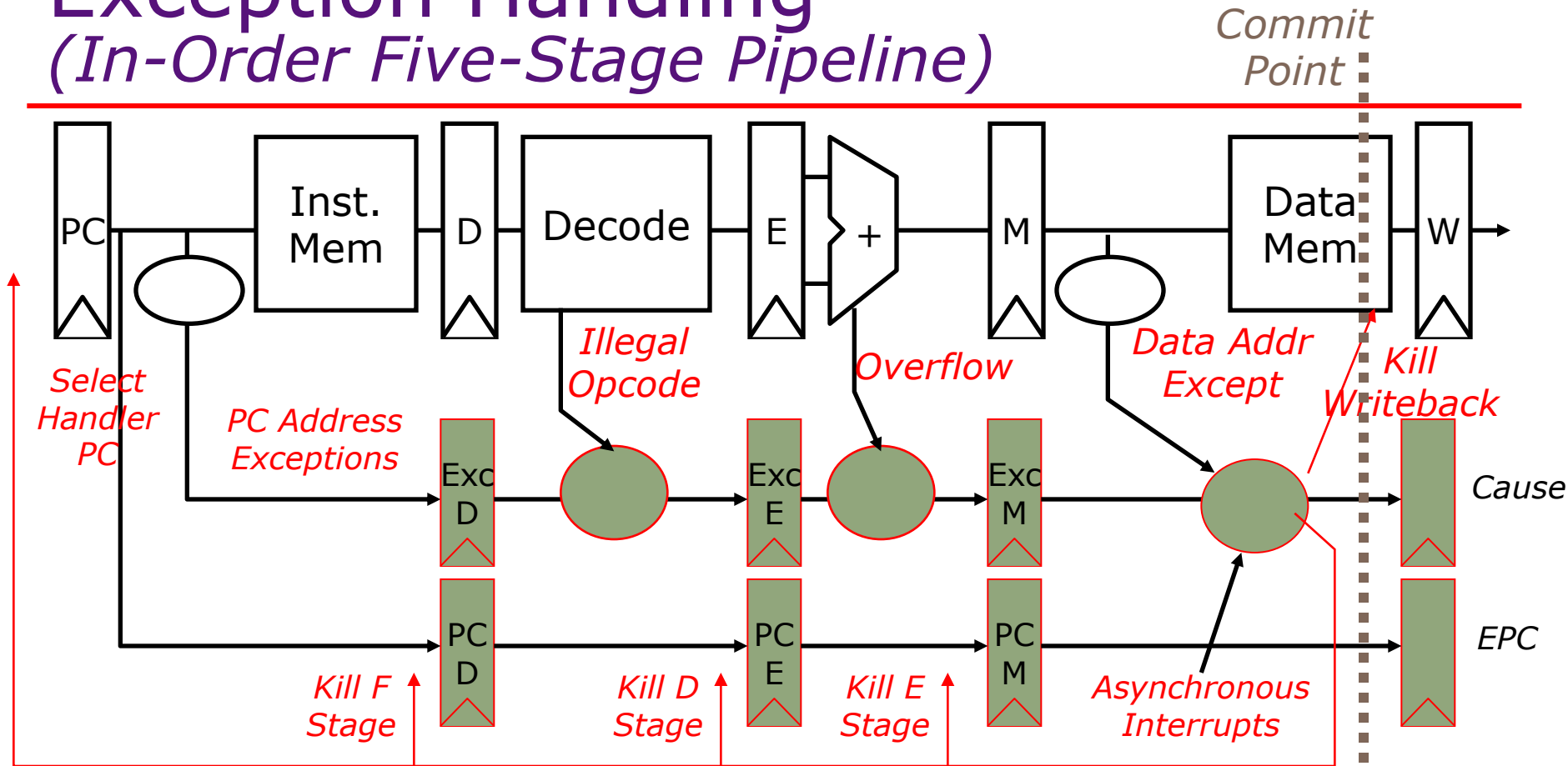


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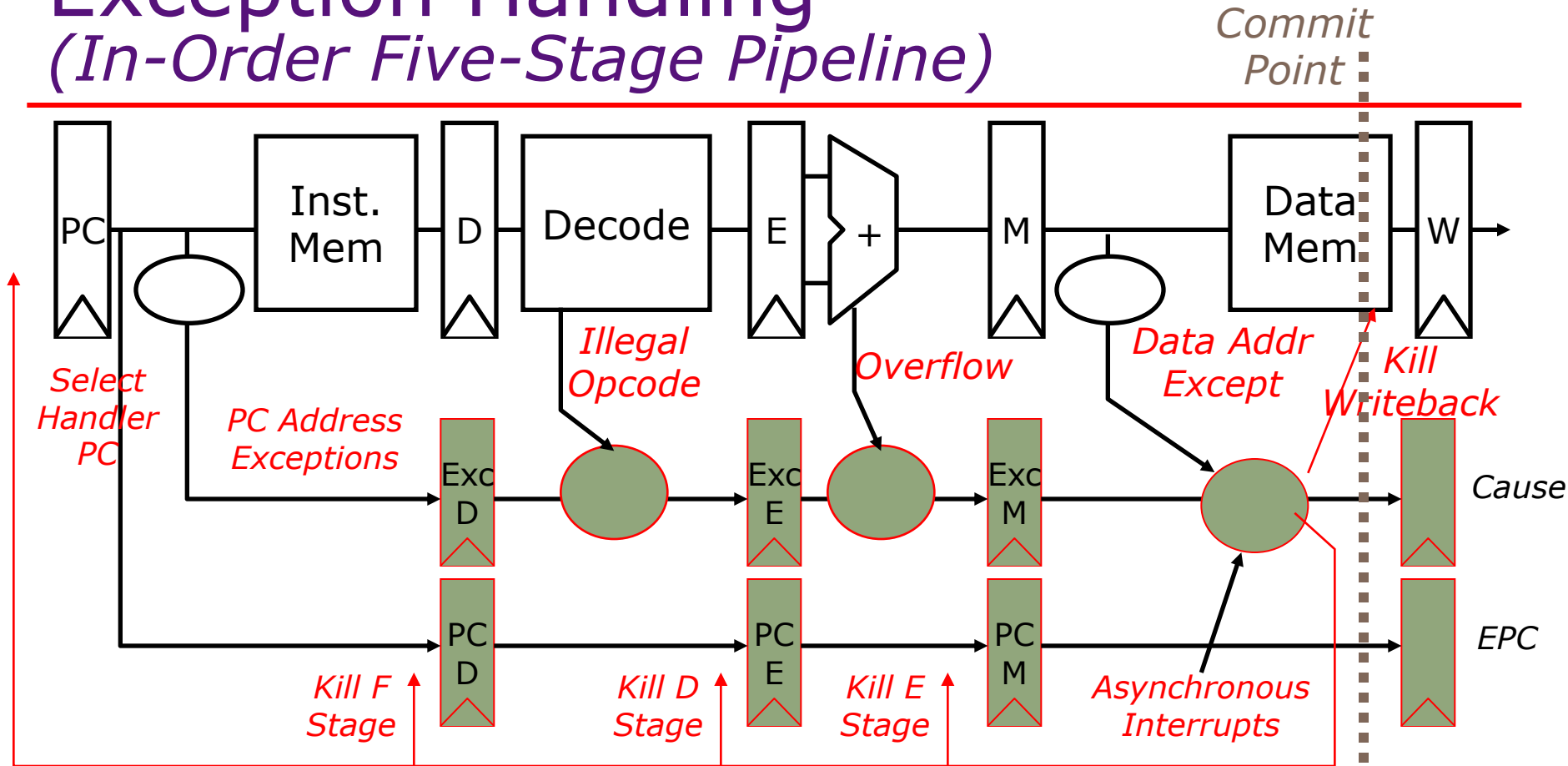


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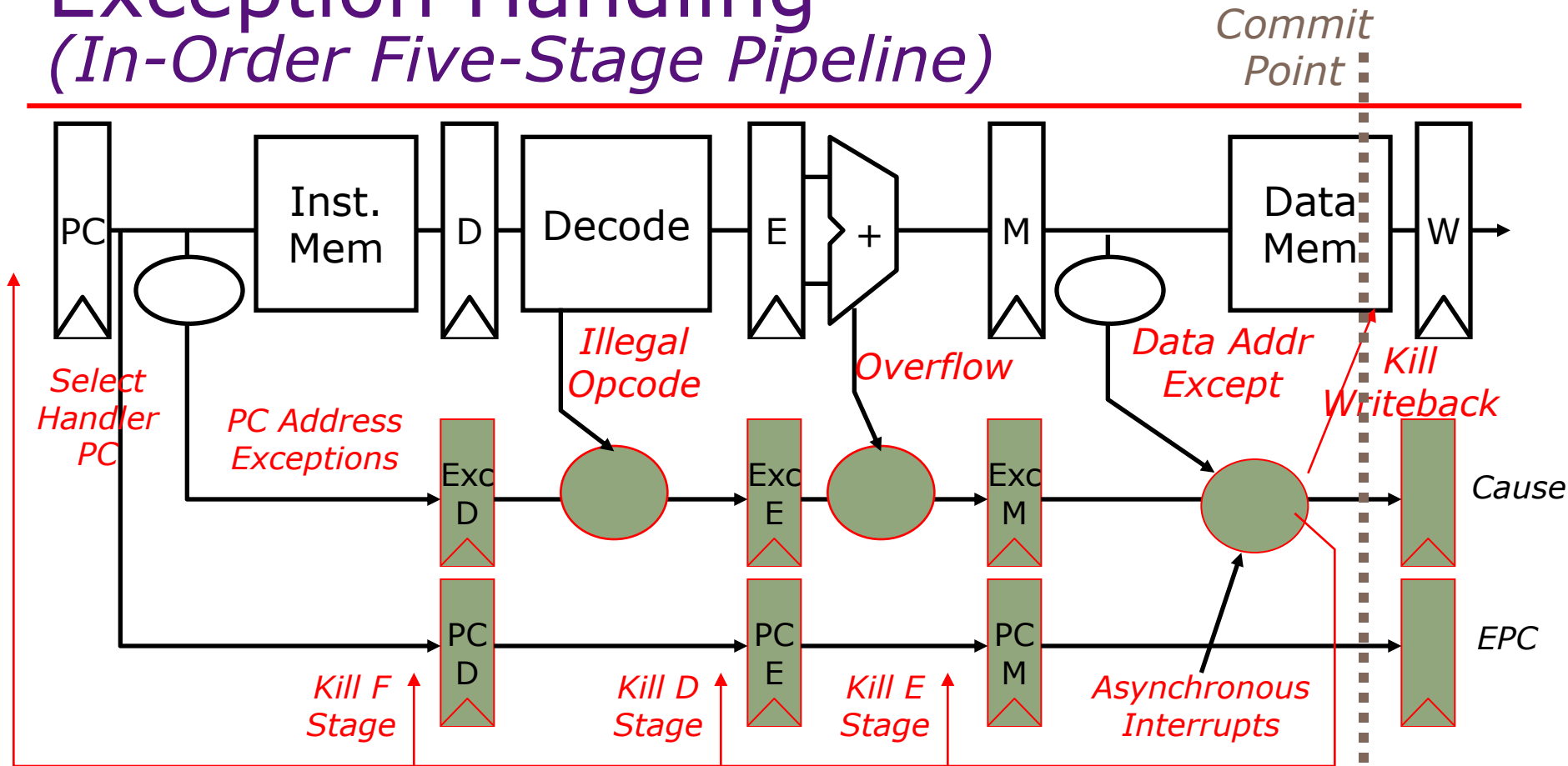


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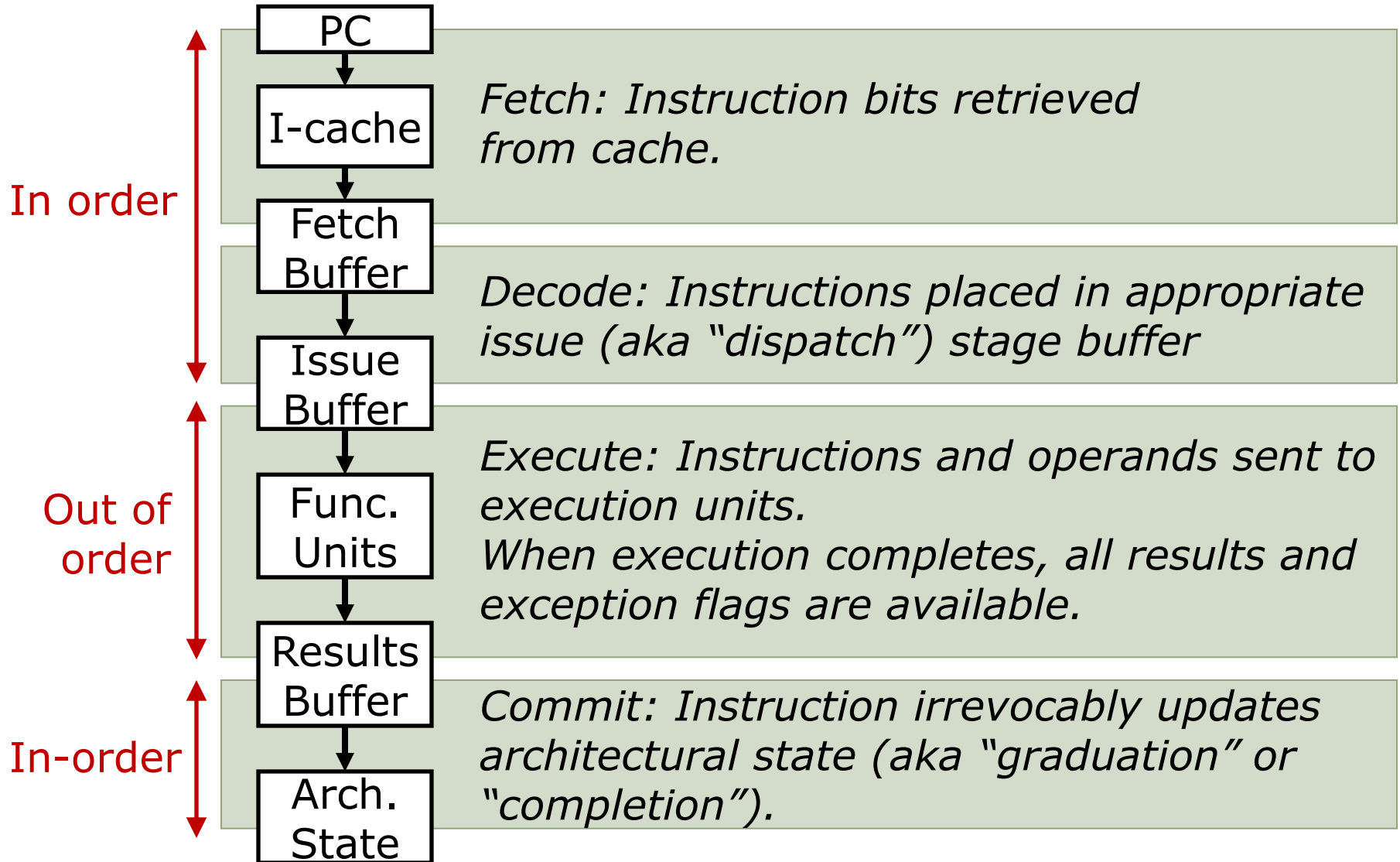
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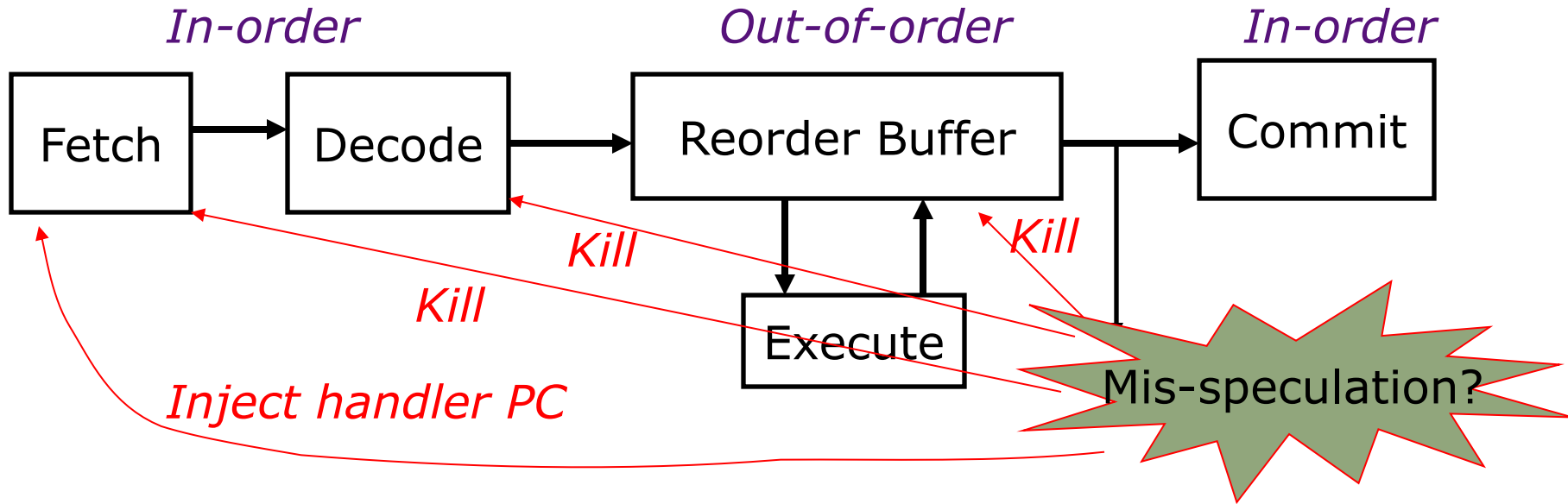
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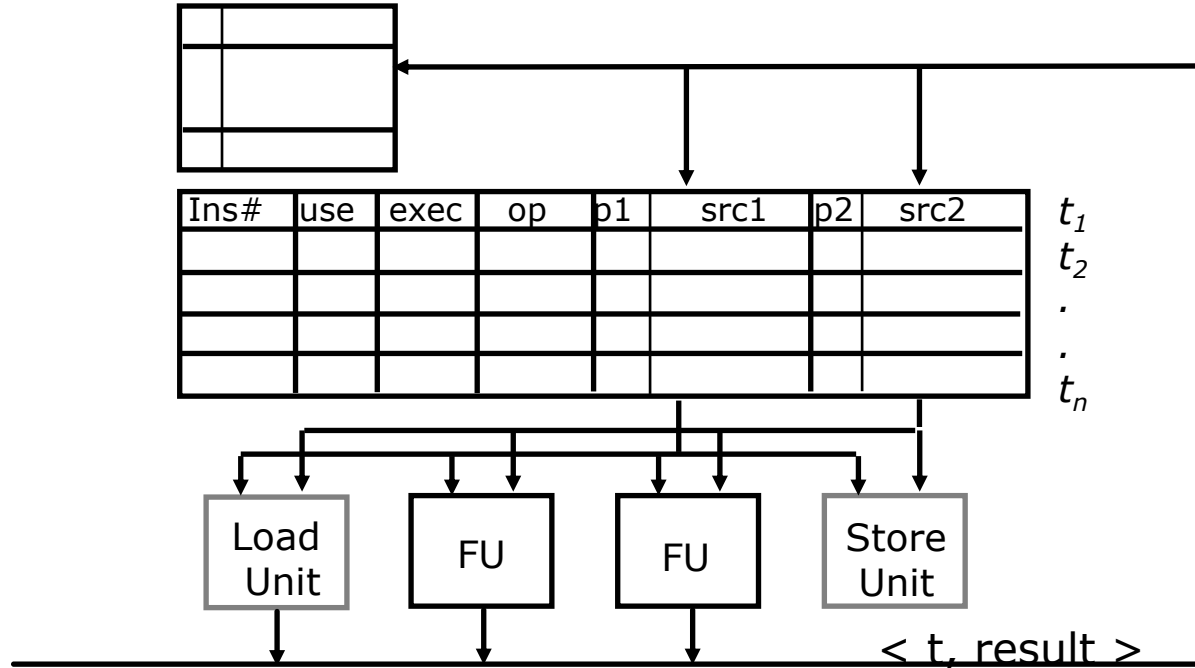
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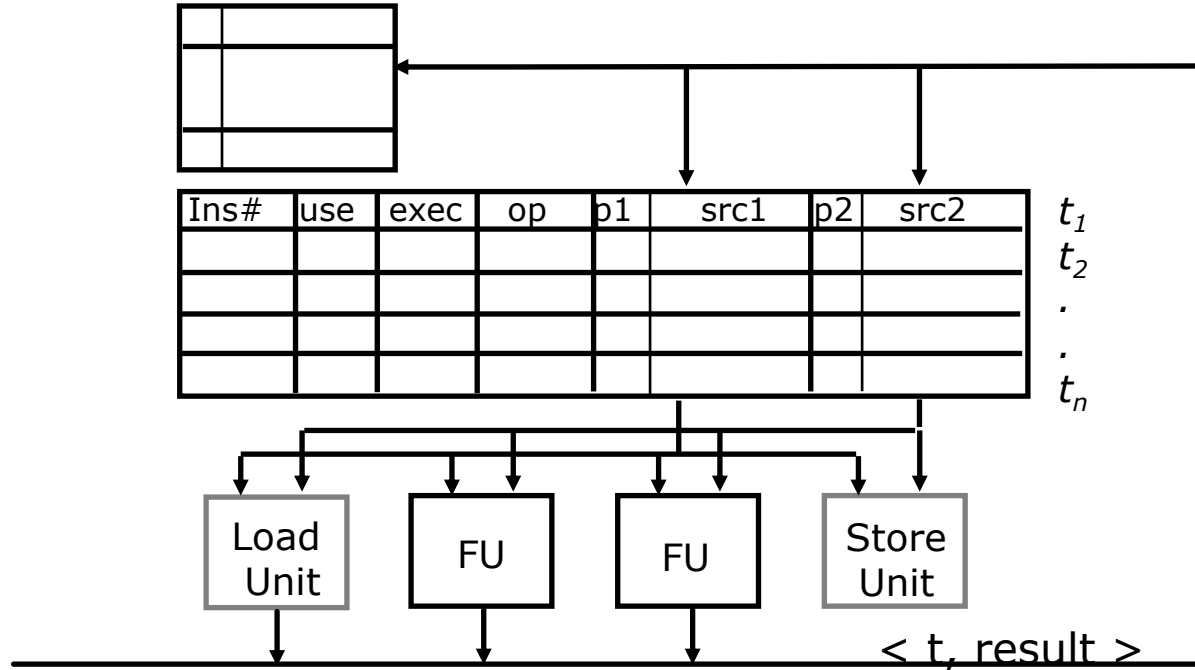
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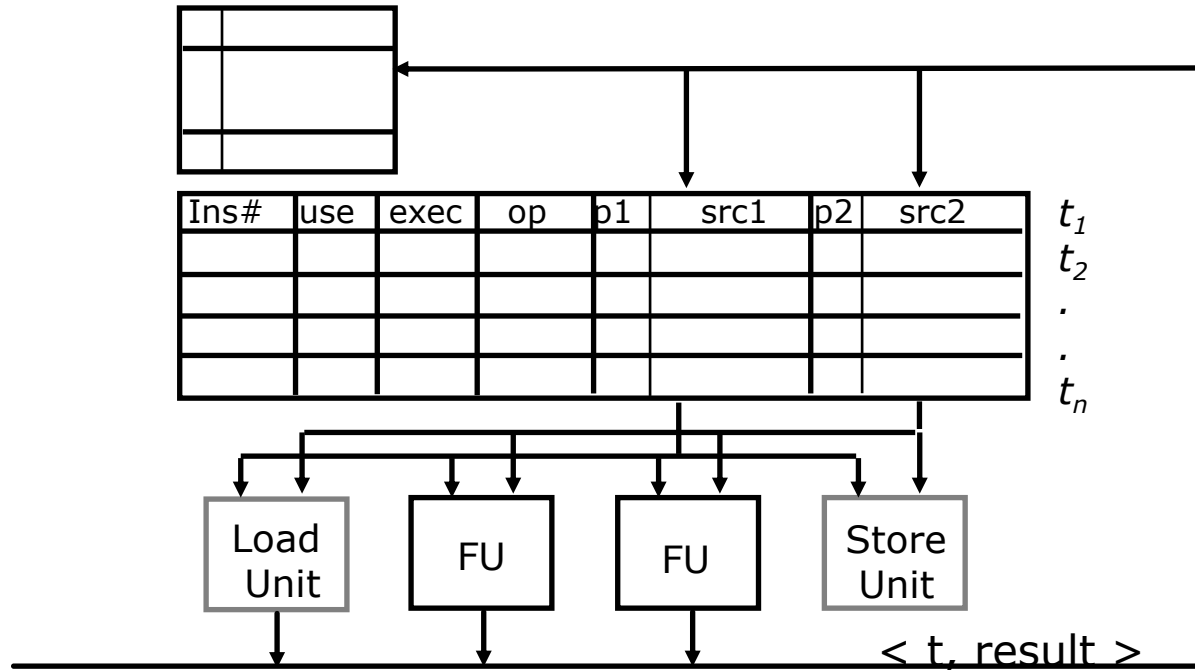
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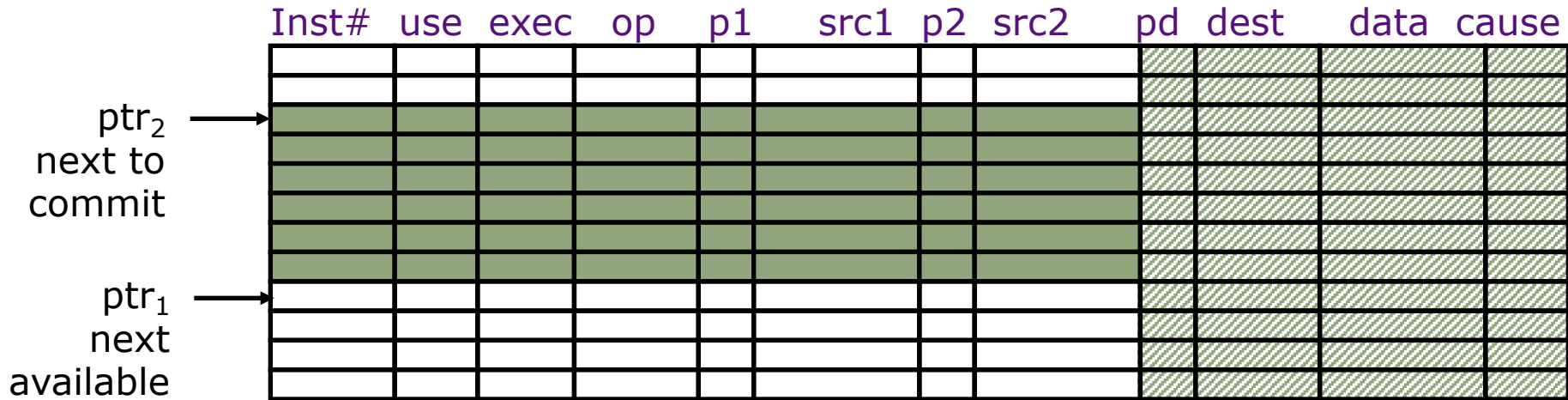
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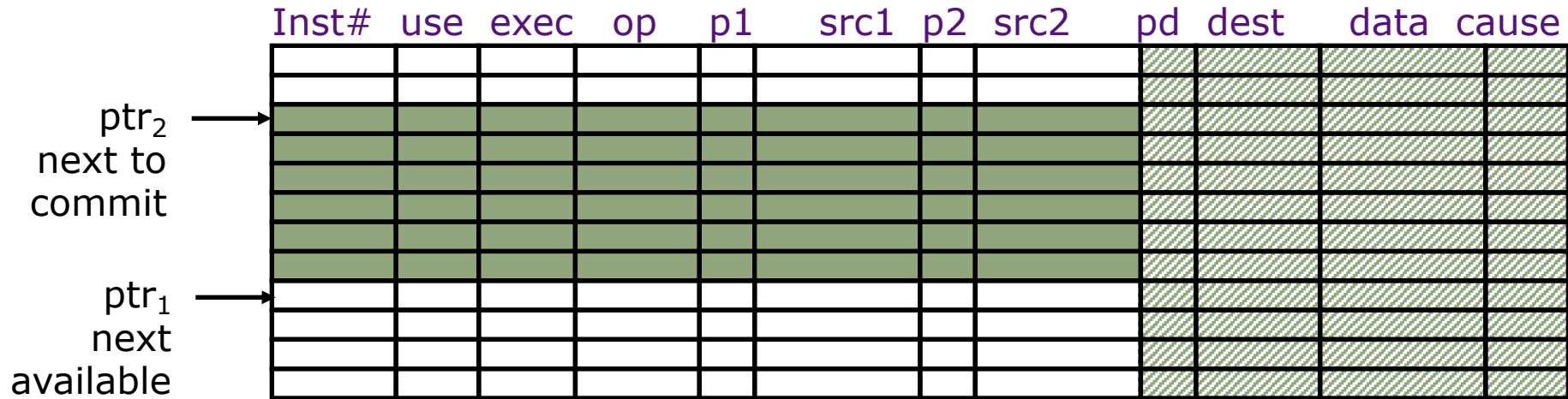
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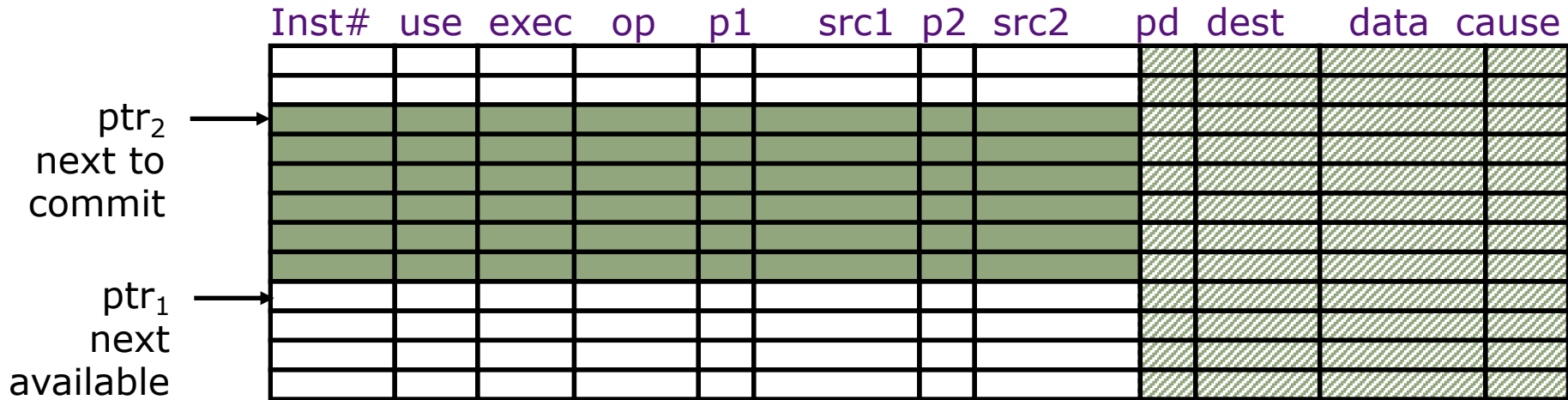


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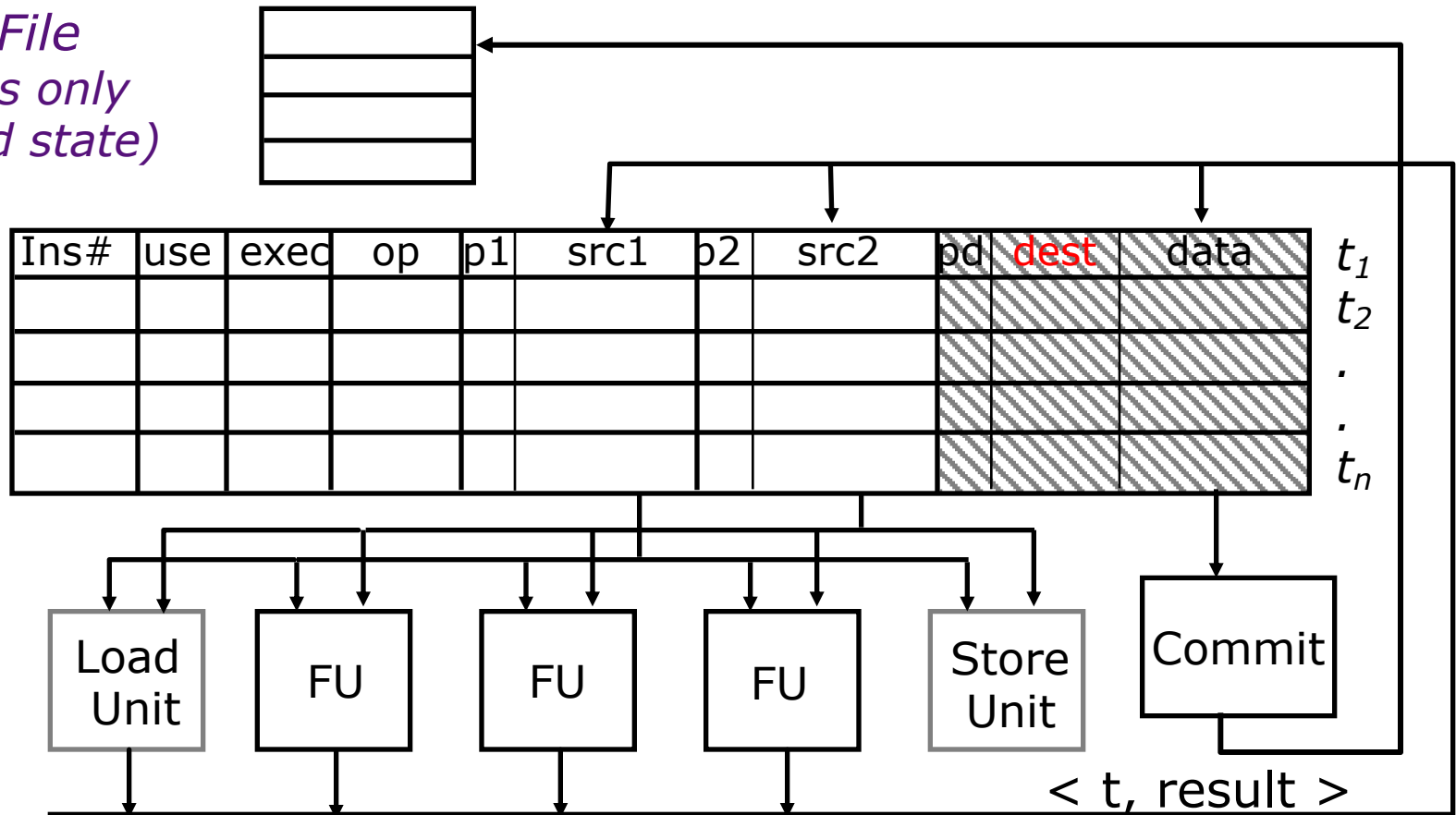
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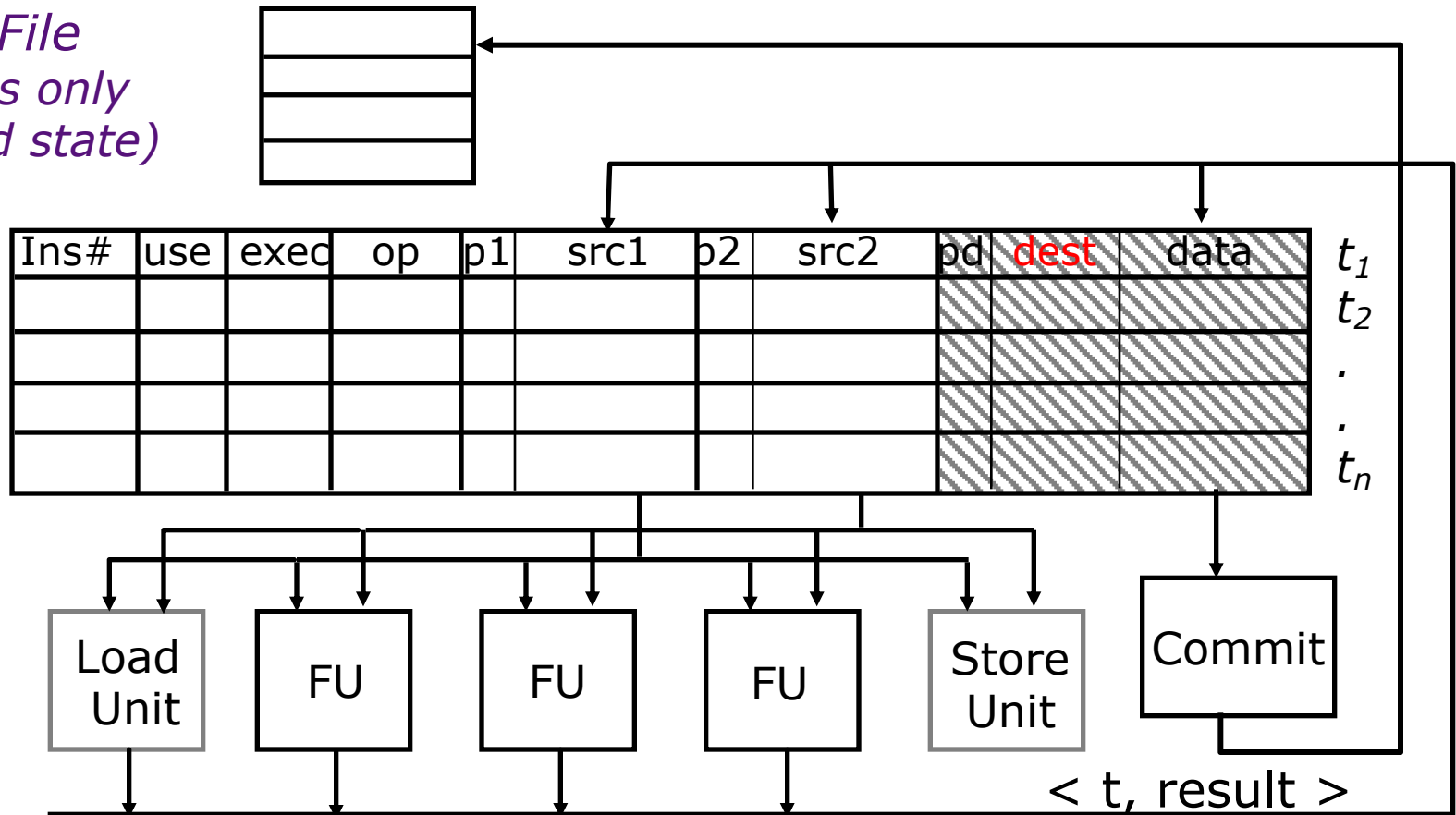
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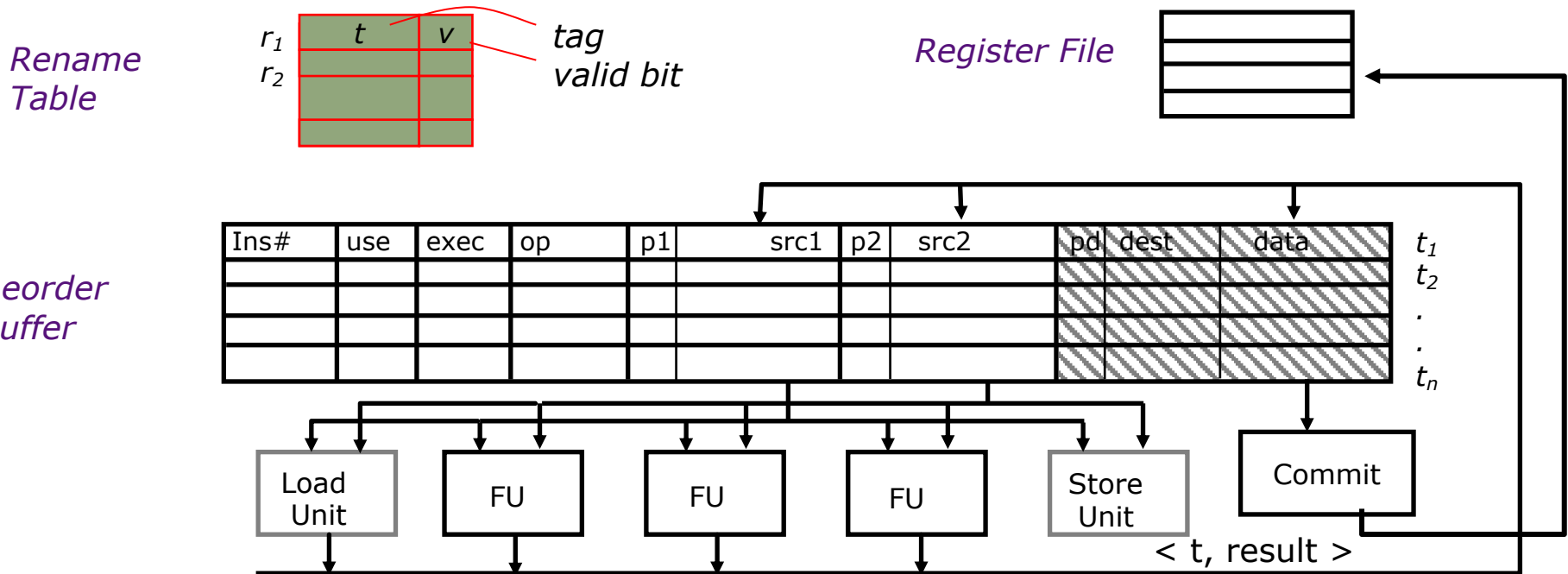
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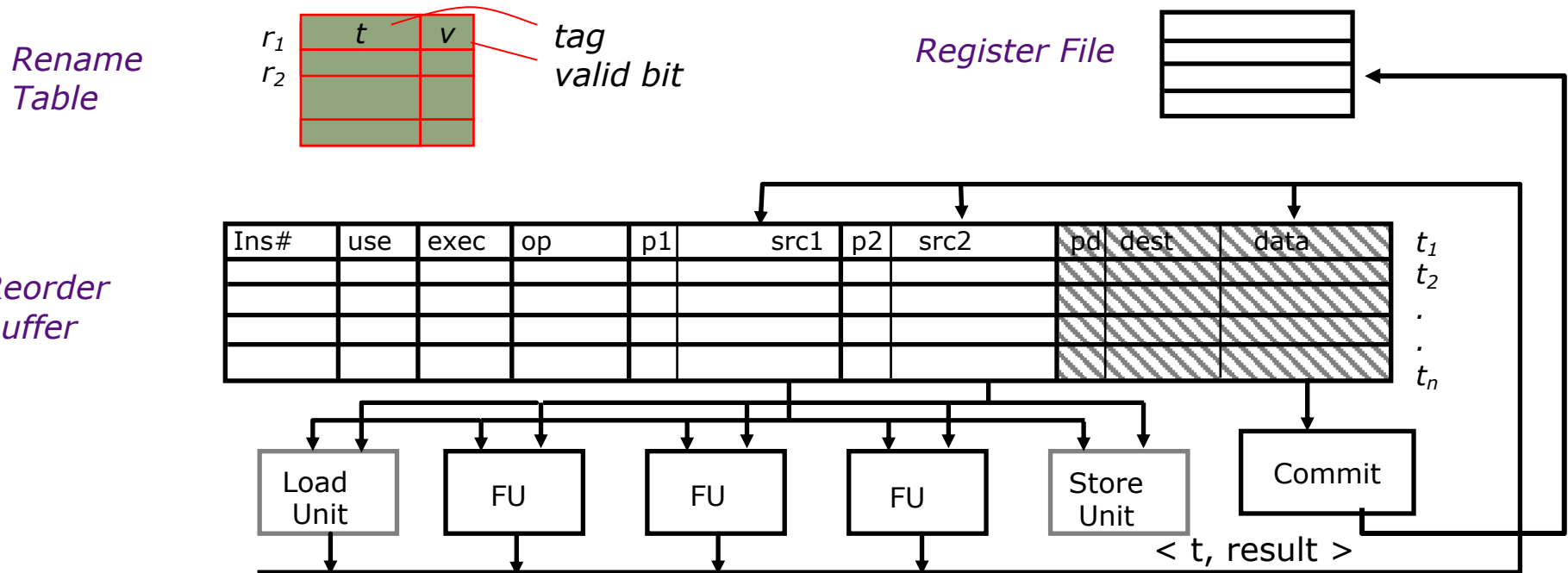
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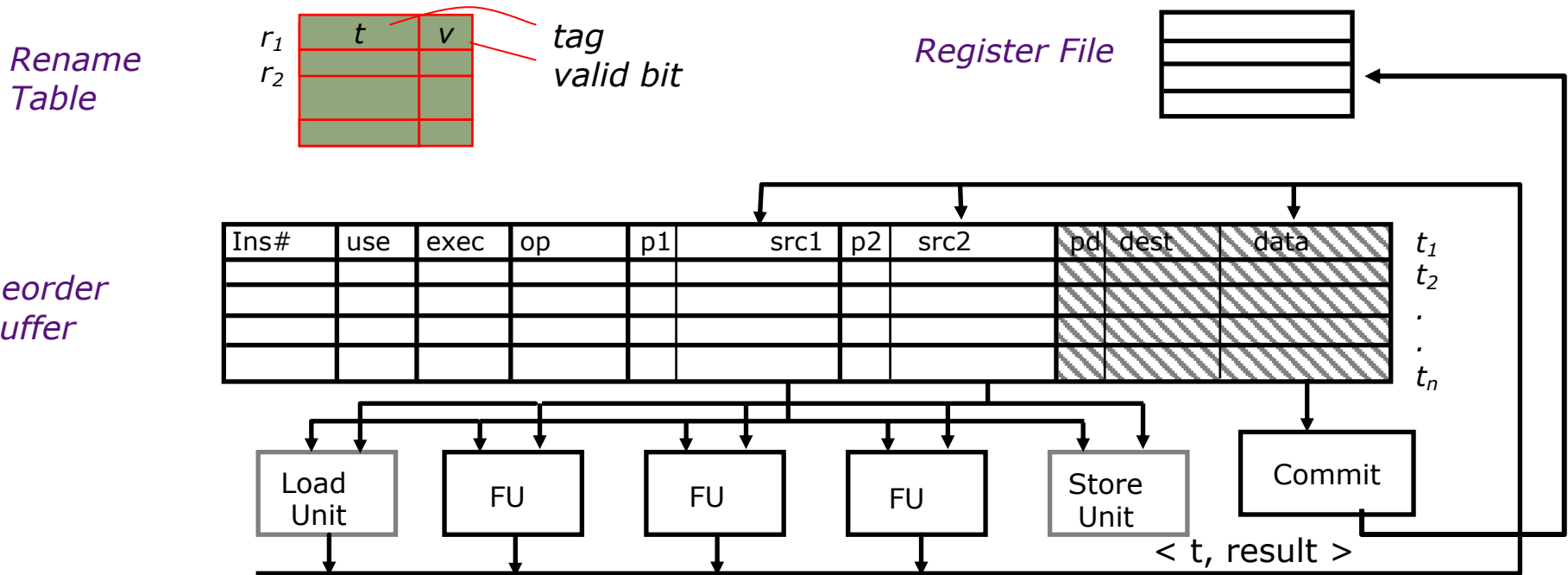
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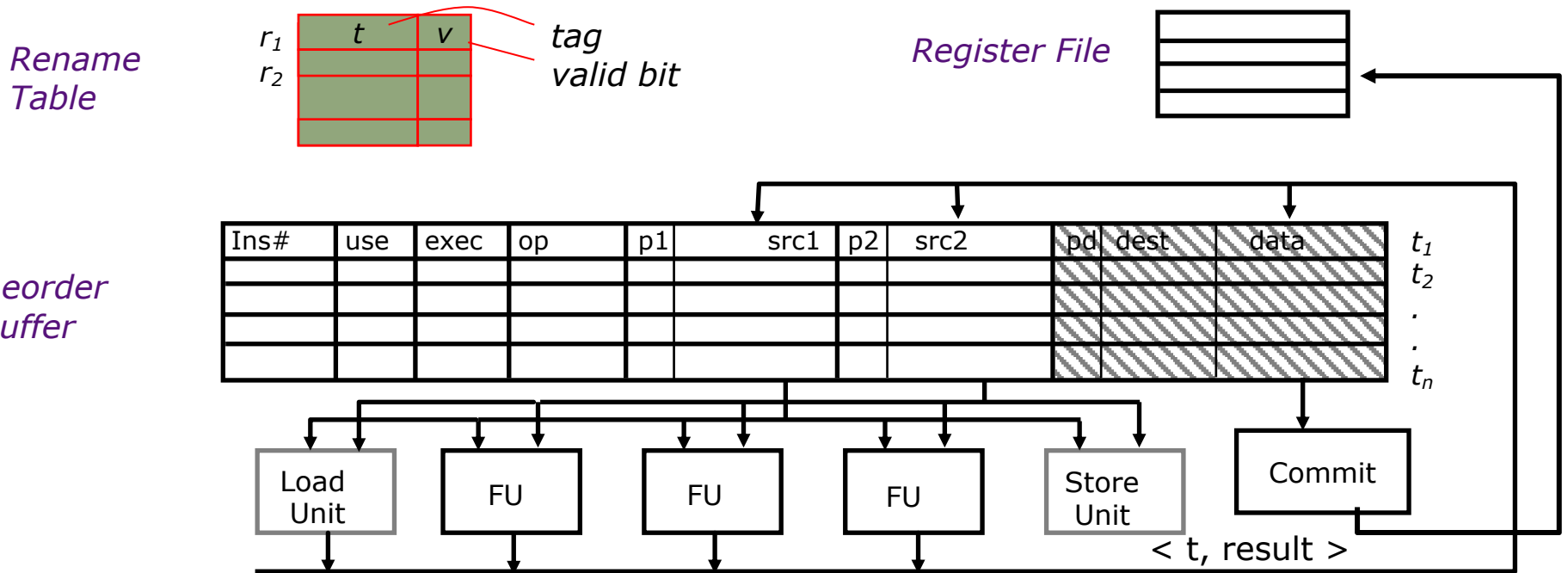


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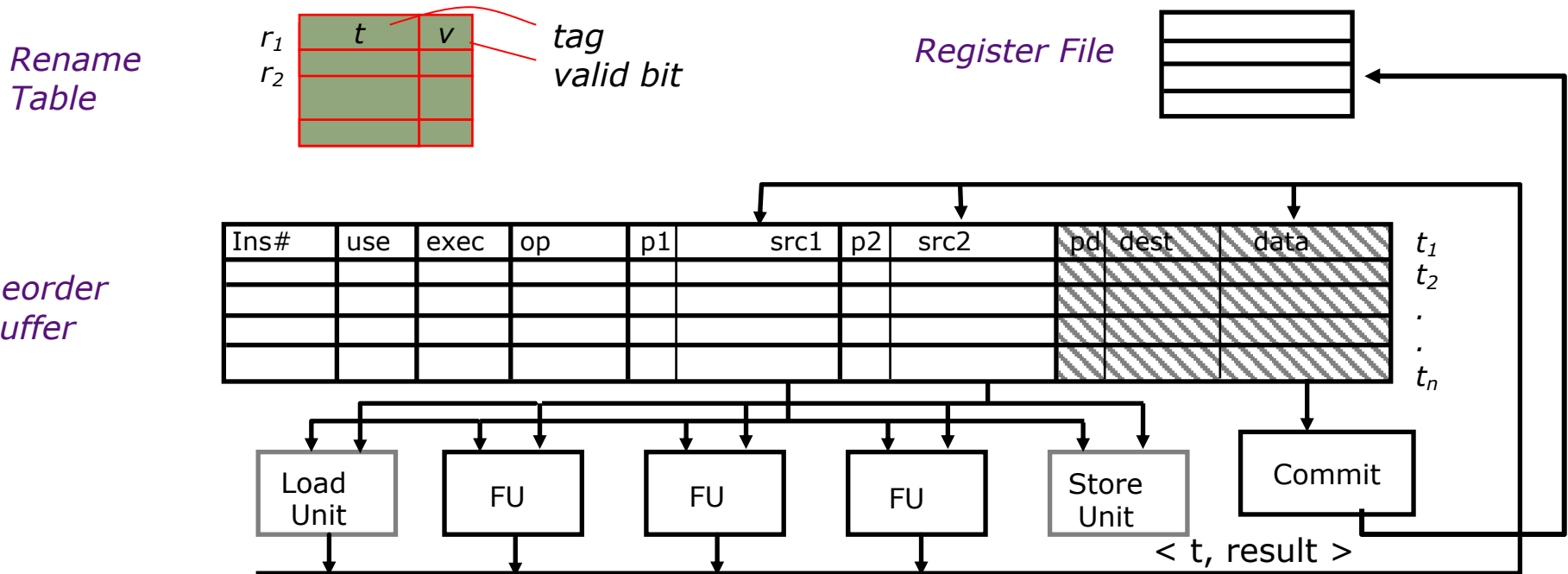


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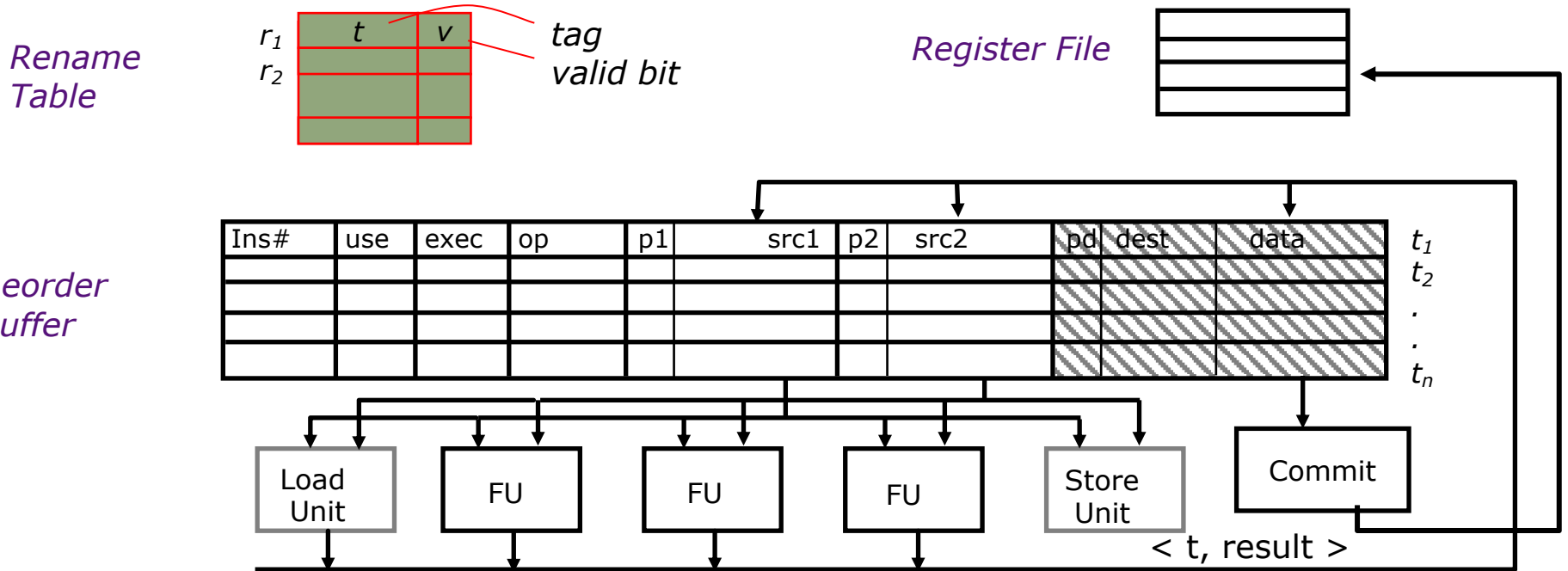
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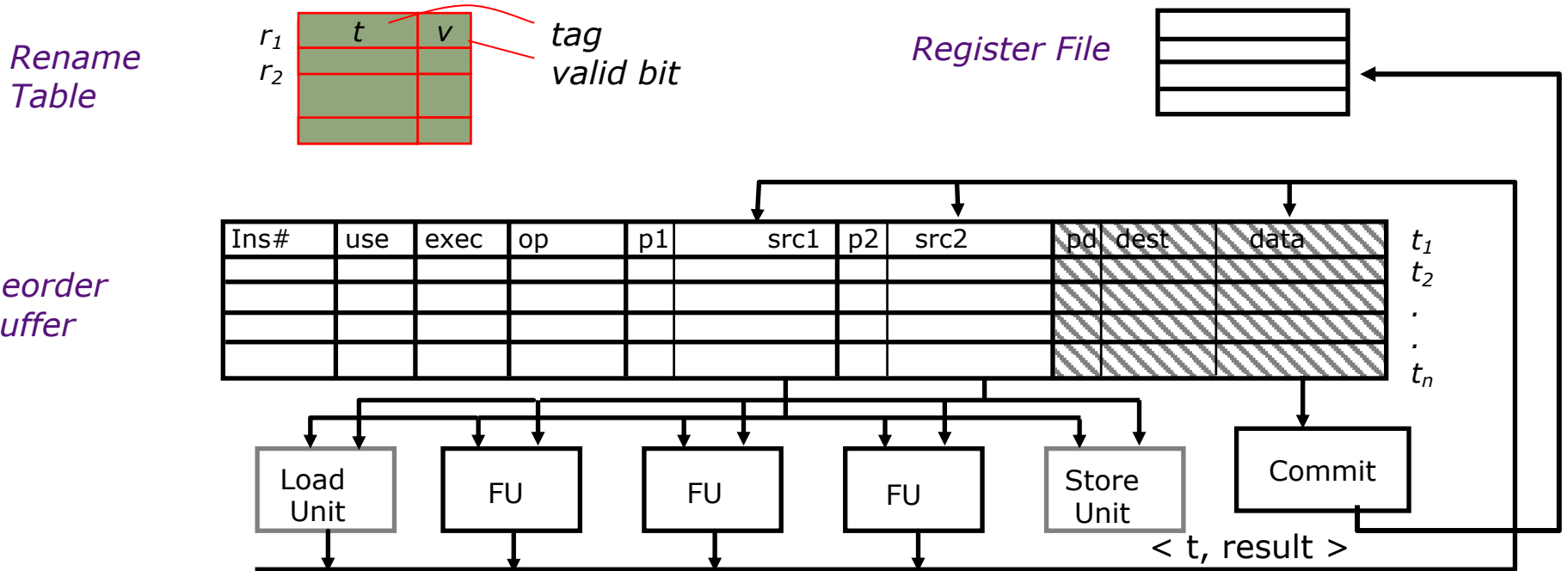
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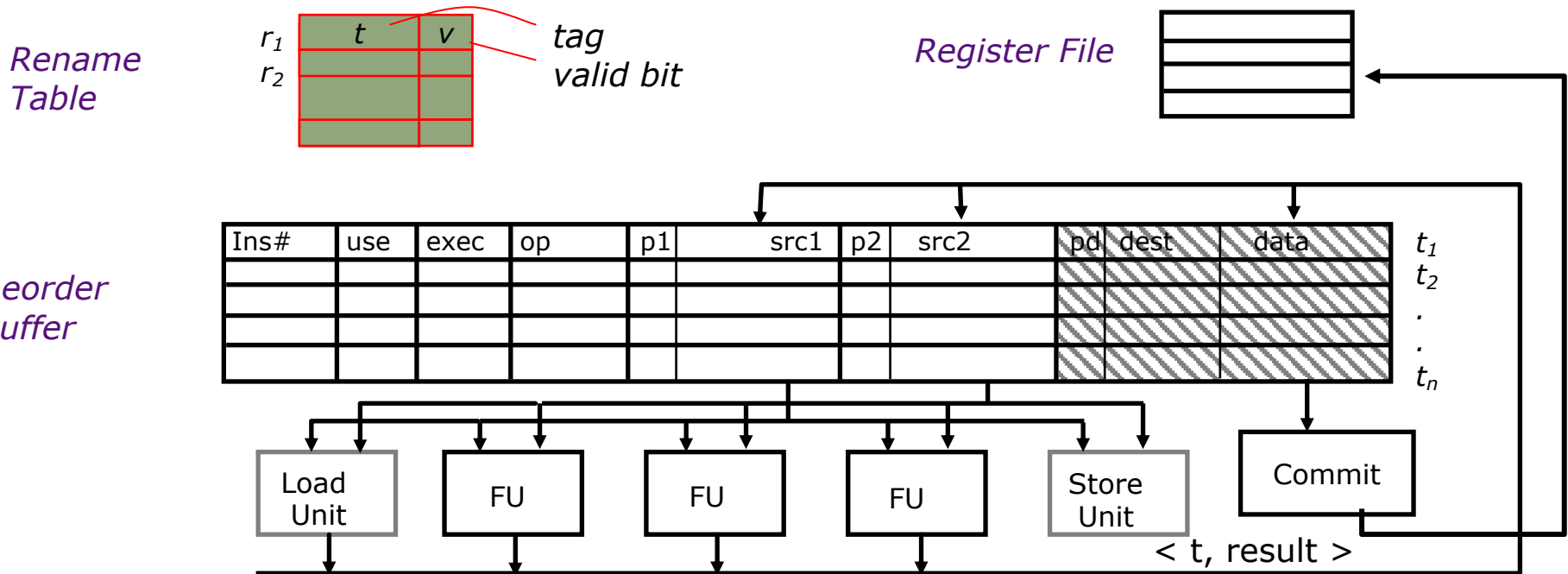
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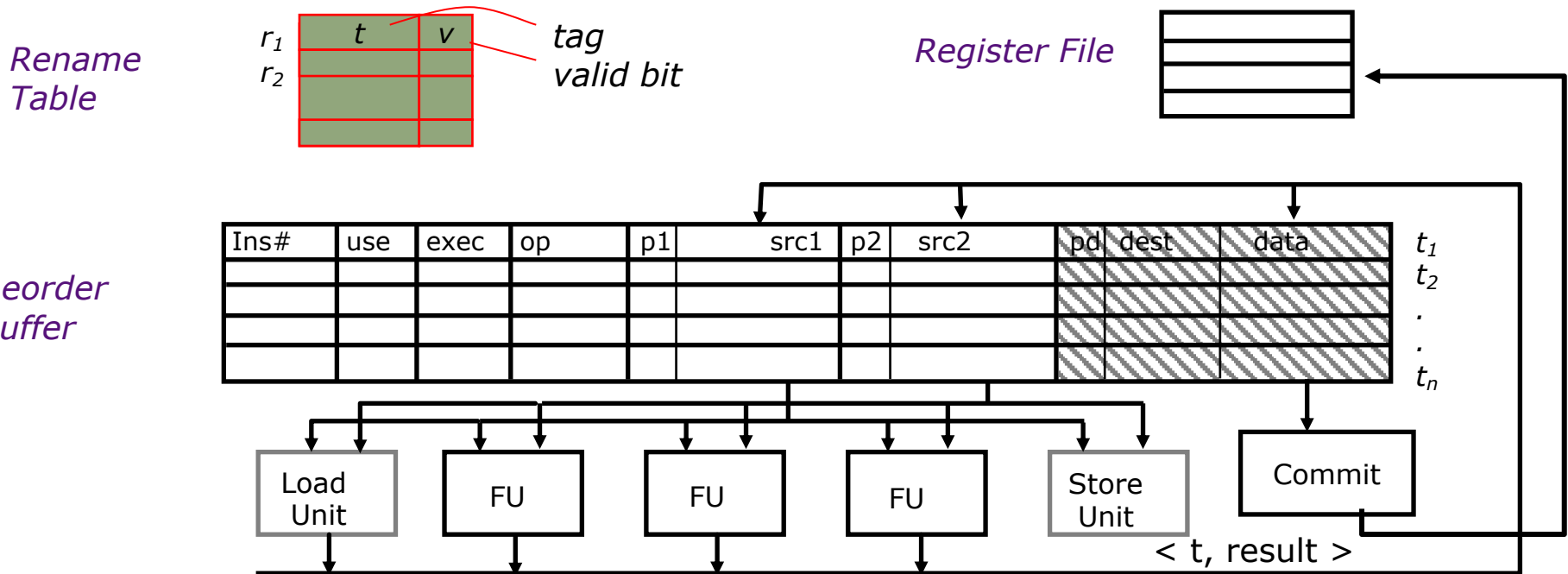
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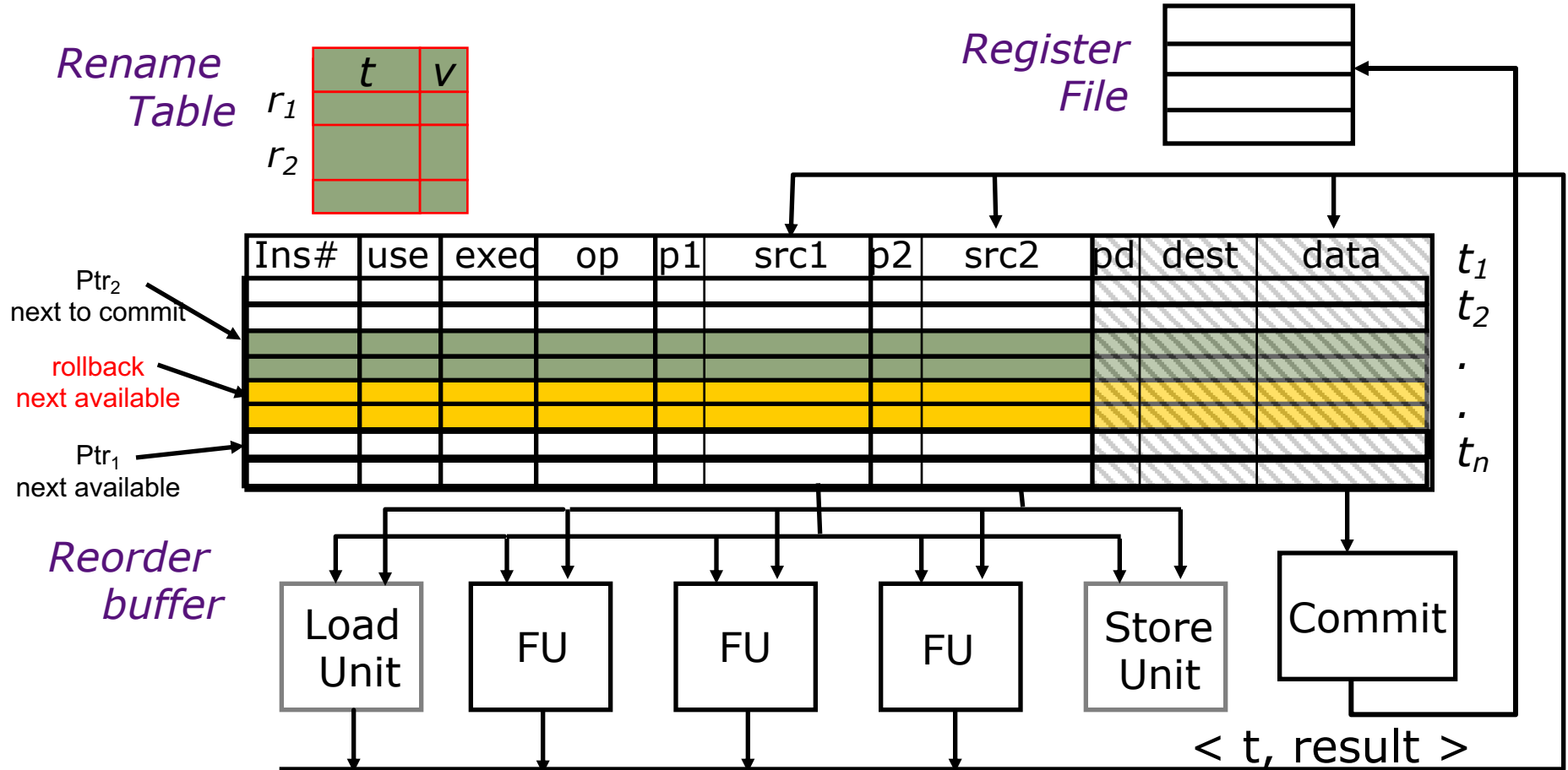
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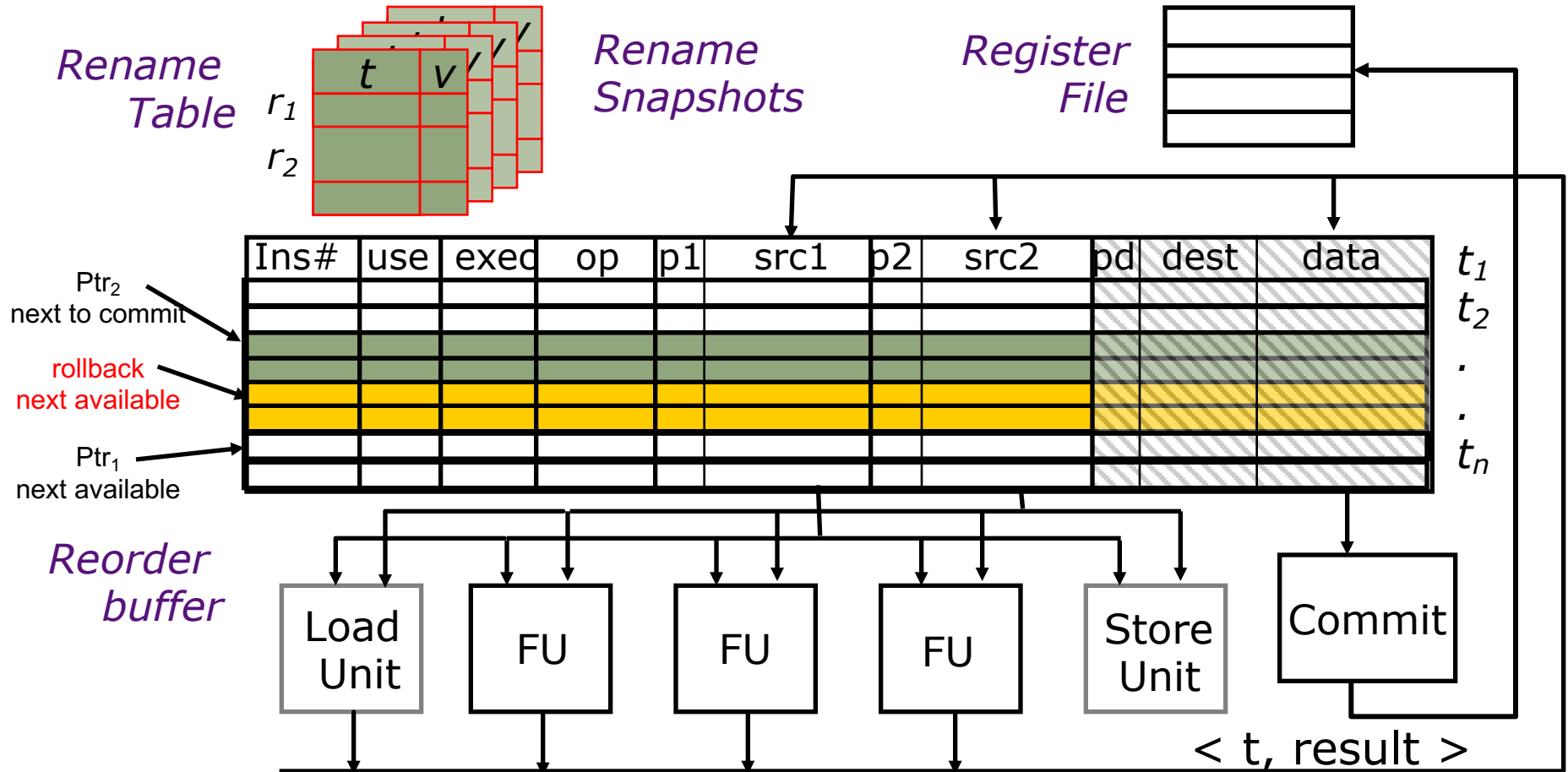
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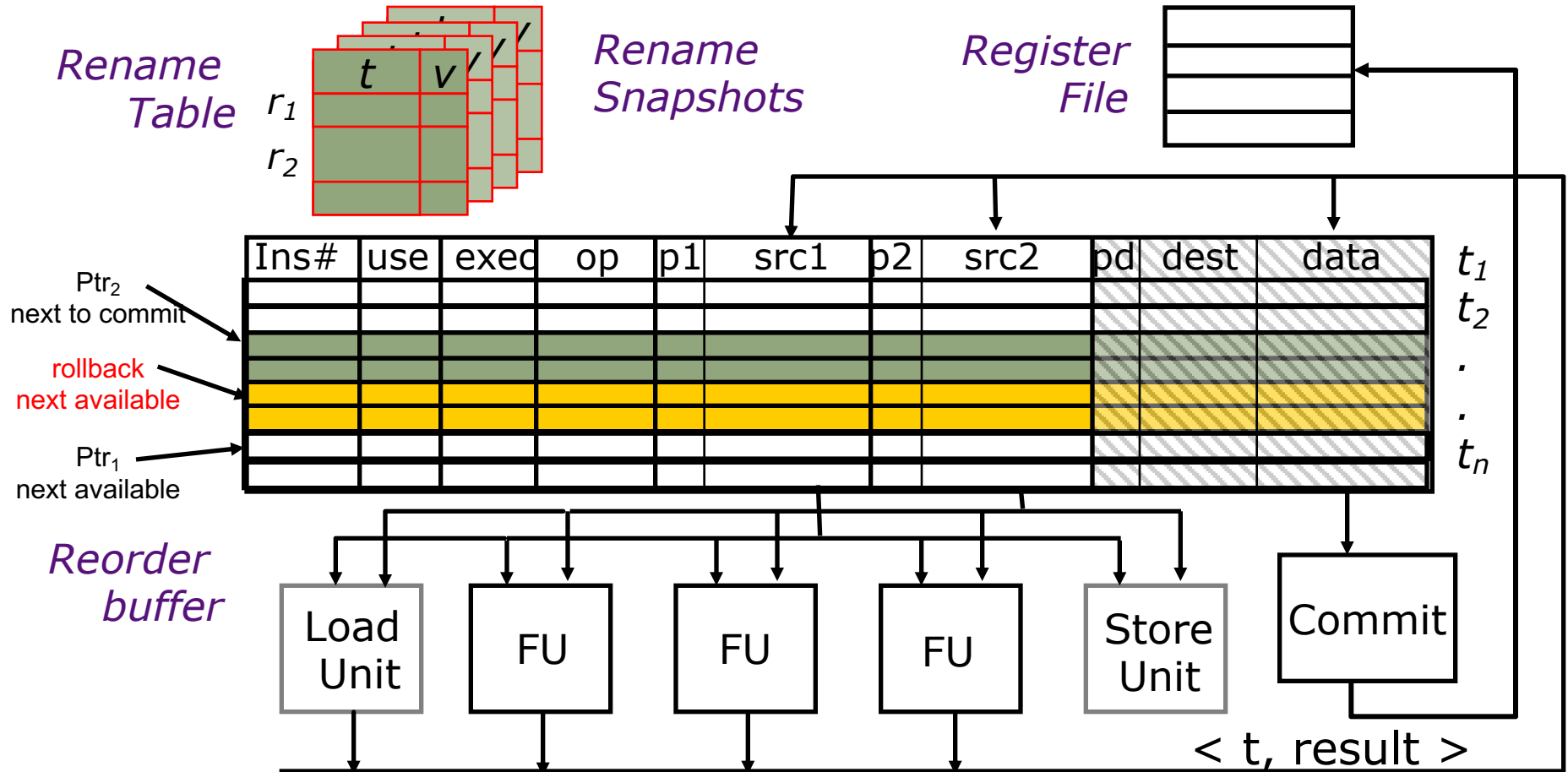
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Map Table Recovery - Snapshots

Speculative value management of microarchitectural state

	Reg Map	V
R0	T20	X
R1	T73	X
R2	T45	X
R3	T128	
	⋮	
R30	T54	
R31	T88	X

	Snap Map	V
	T20	X
	T08	
	T45	X
	T128	X
	⋮	
	T54	
	T88	X

Map Table Recovery - Snapshots

Speculative value management of microarchitectural state

	Reg Map	V	Snap Map	V	Snap Map	V
R0	T20	X	T20	X	T20	X
R1	T73	X	T73	X	T08	
R2	T45	X	T45	X	T45	X
R3	T128		T128		T128	X
	⋮		⋮		⋮	
R30	T54		T54		T54	
R31	T88	X	T88	X	T88	X

Map Table Recovery - Snapshots

Speculative value management of microarchitectural state

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R1	T73	X	T73	X	T08	
R2	T45	X	T45	X	T45	X
R3	T128		T128		T128	X
	⋮		⋮		⋮	
R30	T54		T54		T54	
R31	T88	X	T88	X	T88	X

What kind of value management is this?

Map Table Recovery - Snapshots

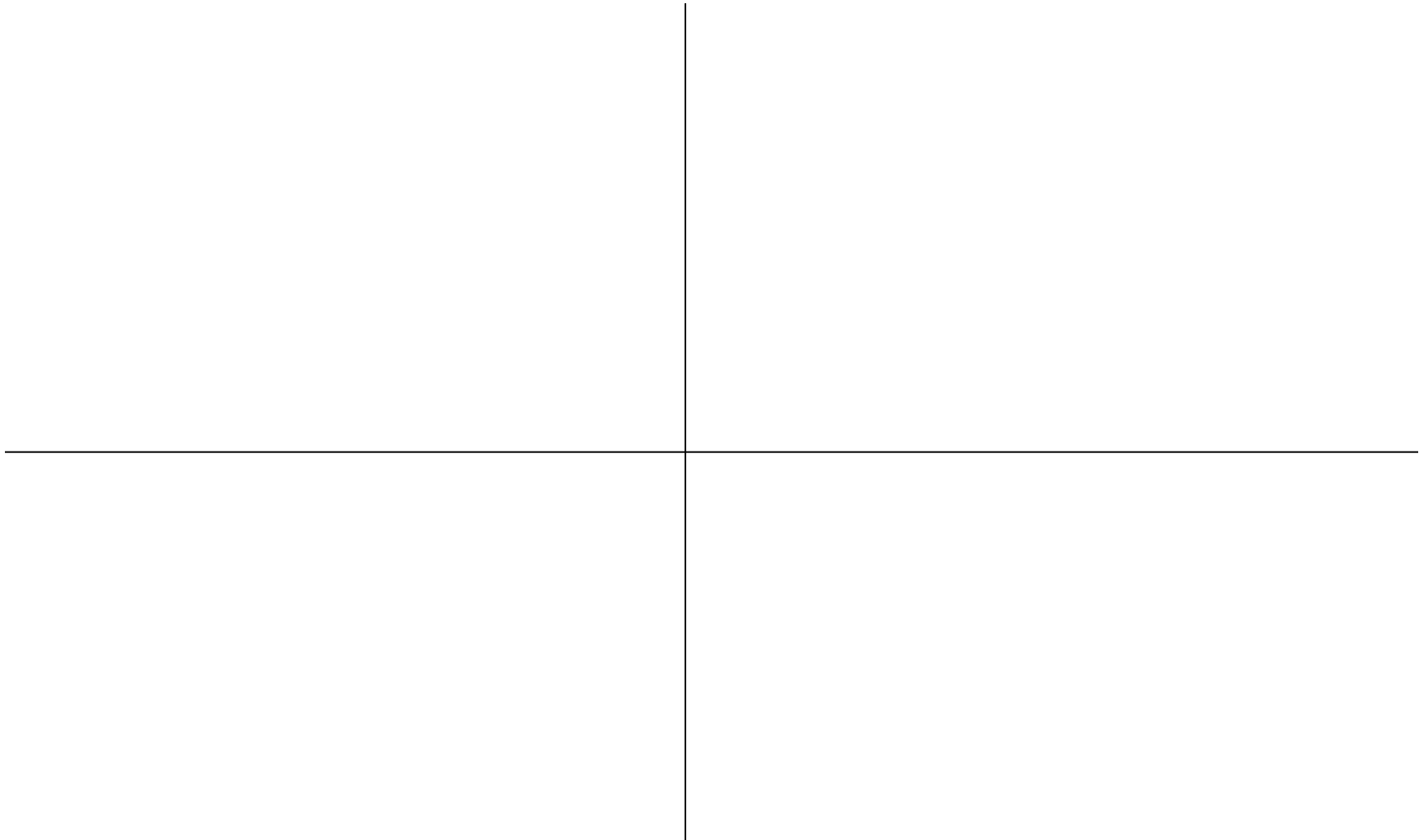
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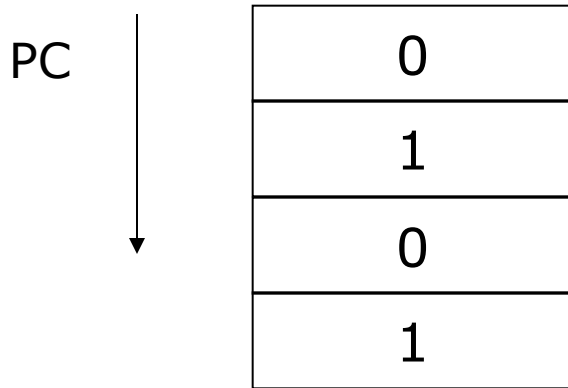
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Branch Predictor Recovery



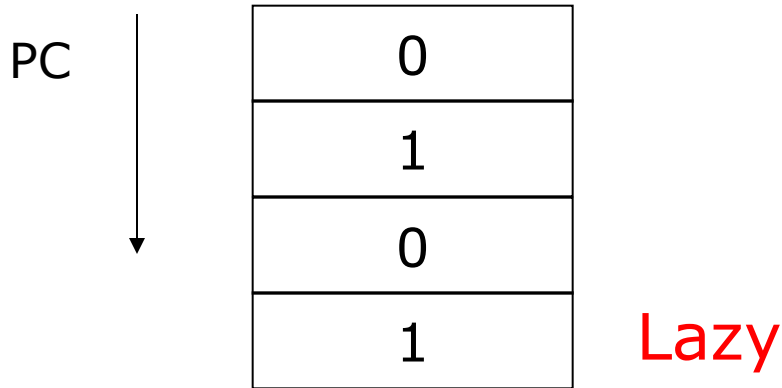
Branch Predictor Recovery

- 1-Bit Counter Recovery



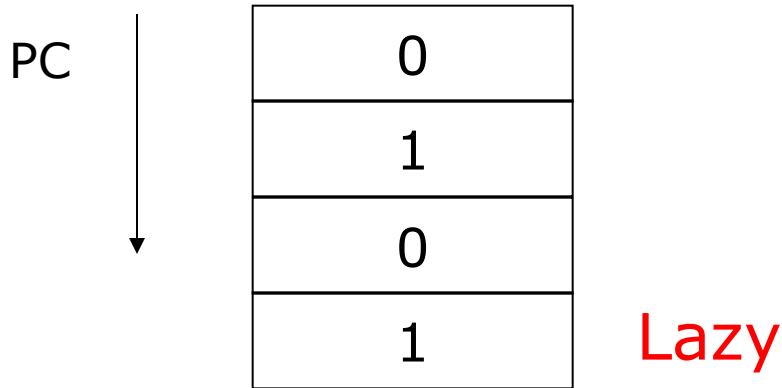
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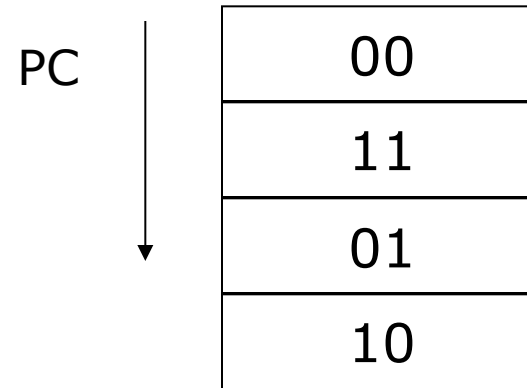


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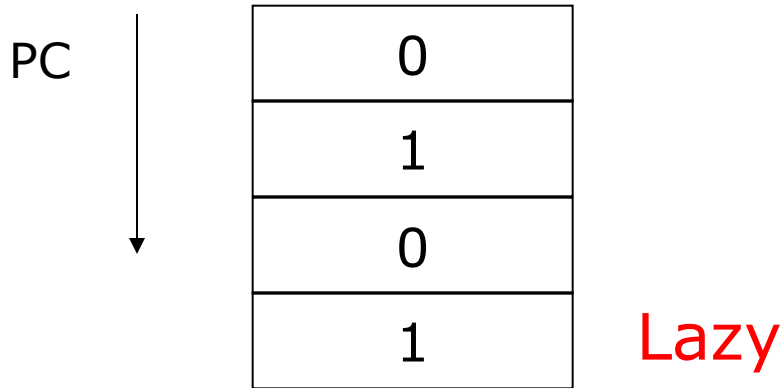


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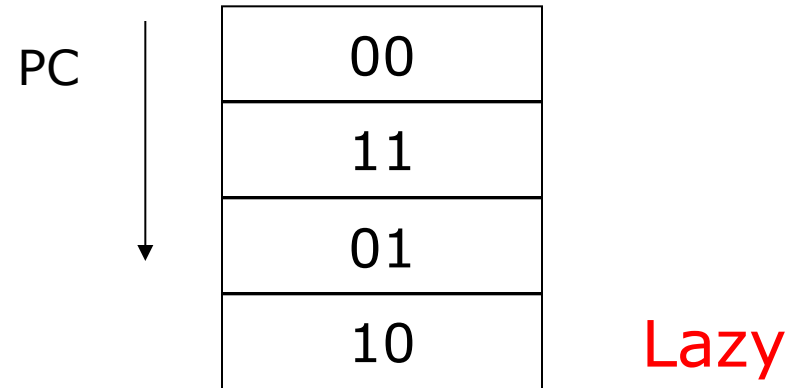


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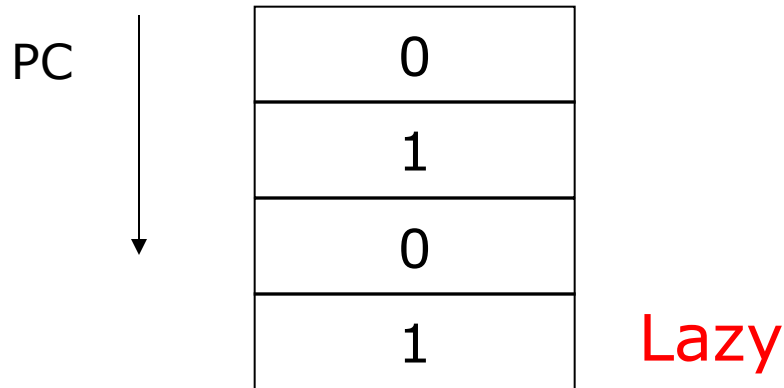


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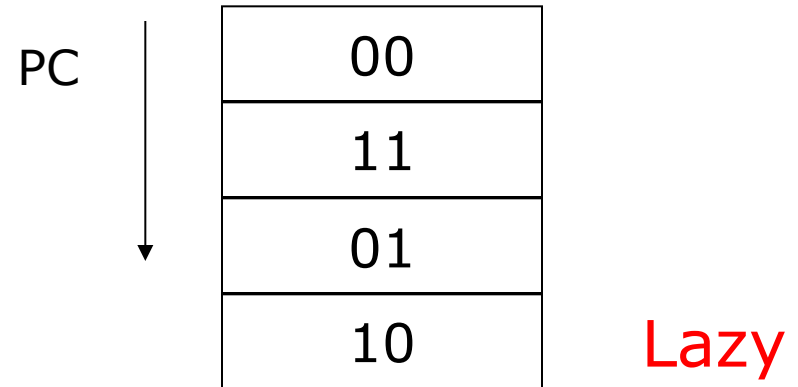


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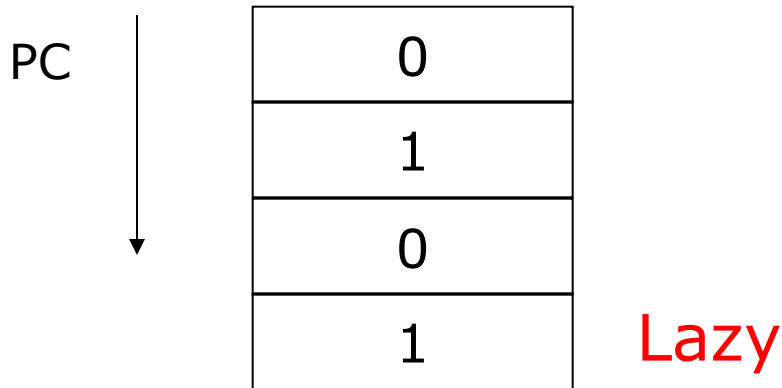


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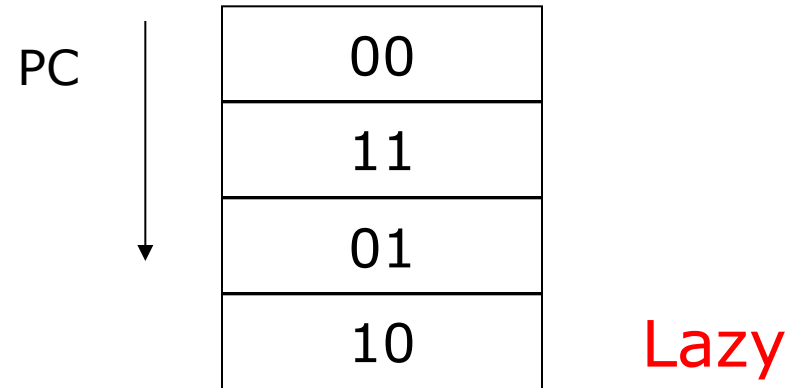
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Branch Predictor Recovery

- 1-Bit Counter Recovery



- 2-Bit Counter Recovery



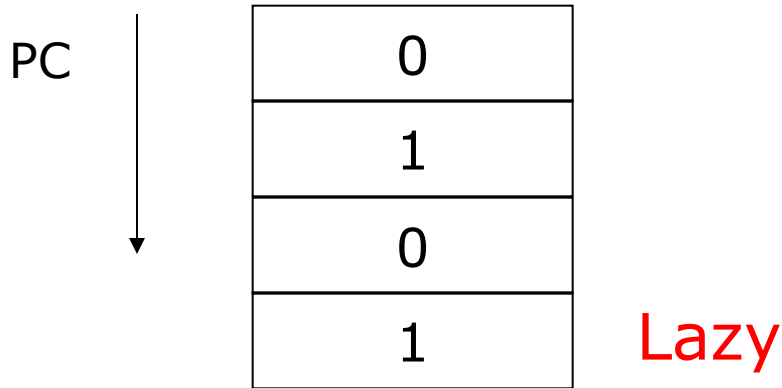
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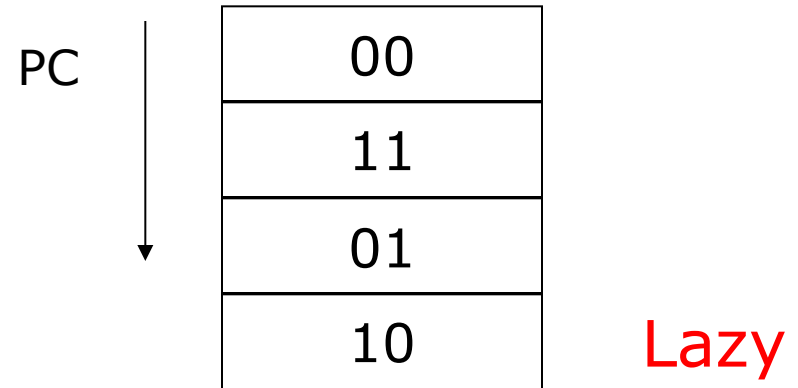
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Branch Predictor Recovery

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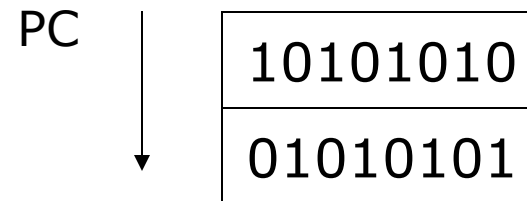


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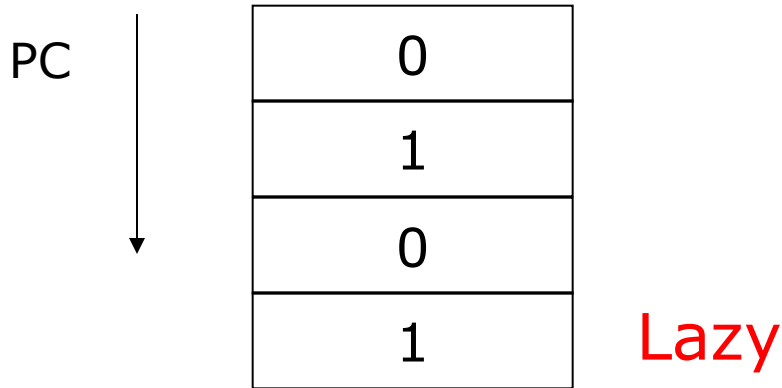
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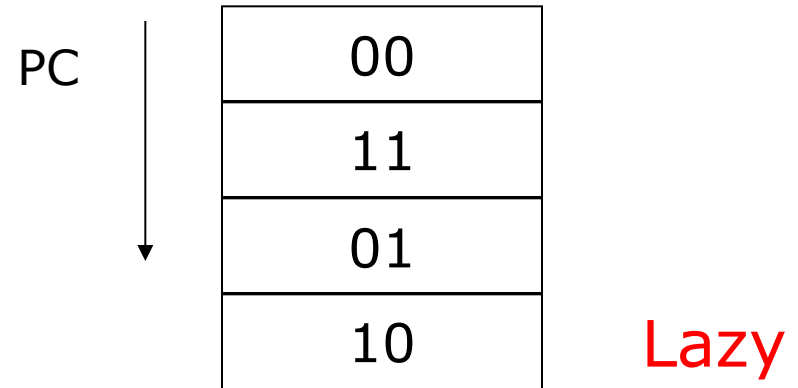


Branch Predictor Recovery

- 1-Bit Counter Recovery



- 2-Bit Counter Recovery



- Global History Recovery

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- Local History Recovery

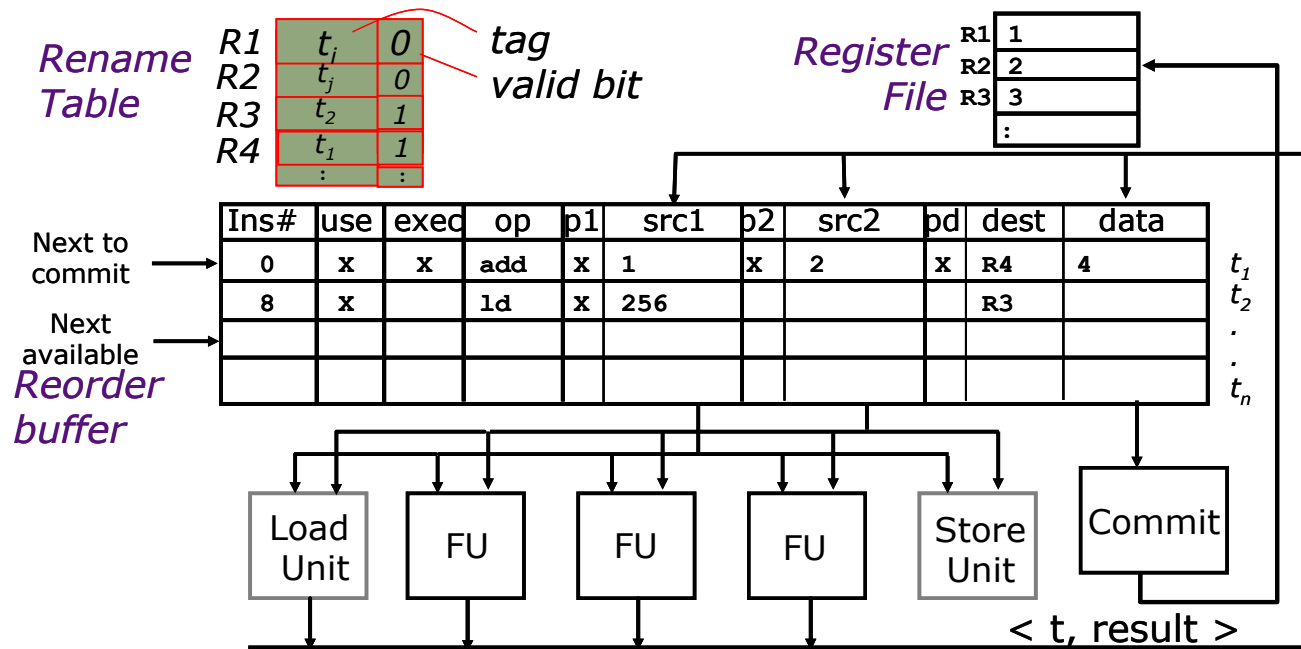
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O-o-O Execution with ROB

Data-in-ROB design

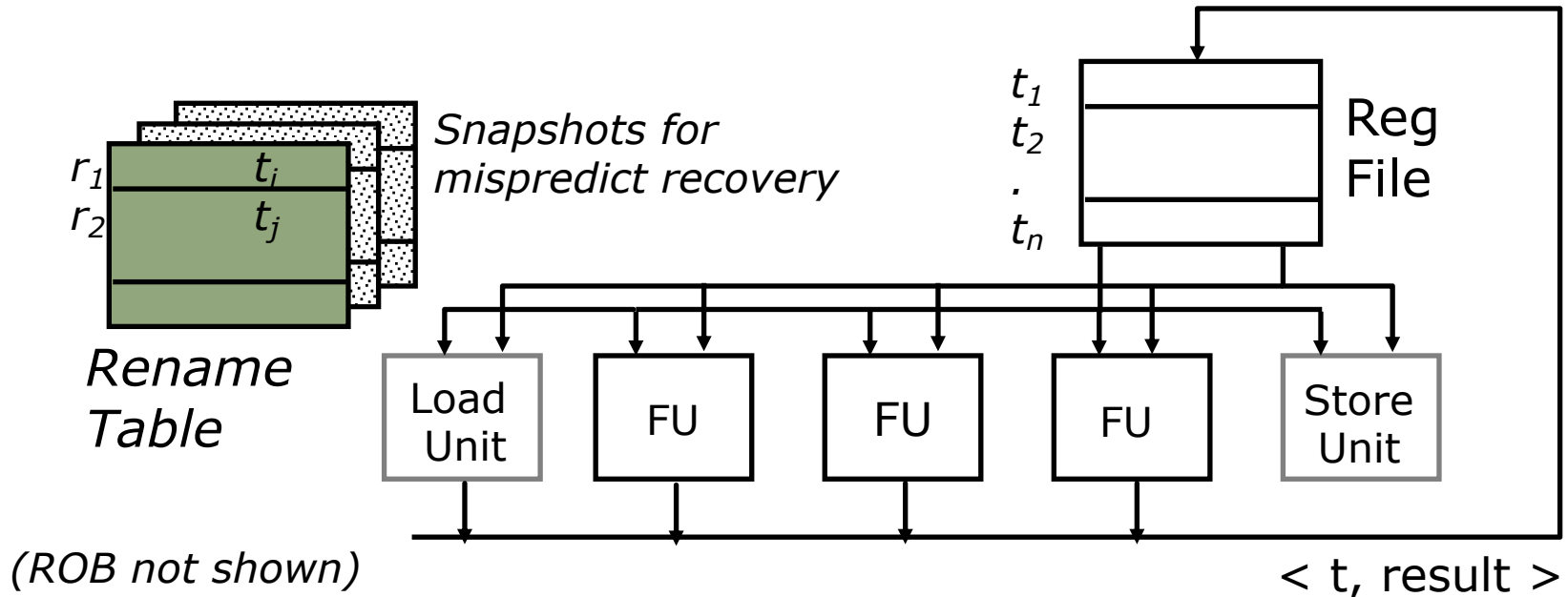


Basic Operation:

- Enter op and tag or data (if known) for each source
- Replace tag with data as it becomes available
- Issue instruction when all sources are available
- Save dest data when operation finishes
- Commit saved dest data when instruction commits

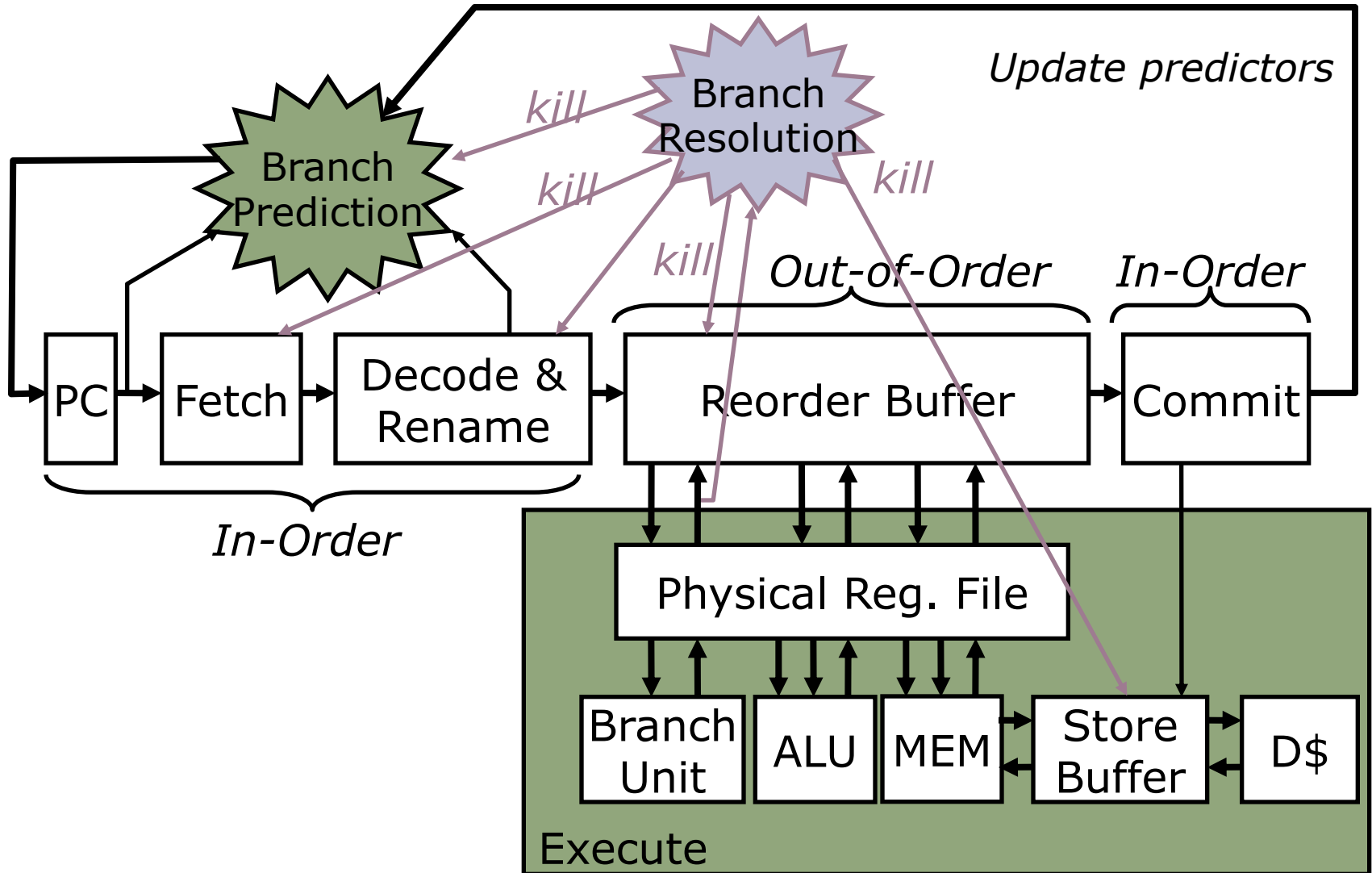
Unified Physical Register File

(MIPS R10K, Alpha 21264, Pentium 4)



- One regfile for both *committed* and *speculative* values (no data in ROB)
- During decode, instruction result allocated new physical register, source regs translated to physical regs through rename table
- Instruction reads data from regfile at start of execute (not in decode)
- Write-back updates reg. busy bits on instructions in ROB (assoc. search)
- Snapshots of rename table taken at every branch to recover mispredicts
- On exception, renaming undone in reverse order of issue (*MIPS R10000*)

Speculative & Out-of-Order Execution



Lifetime of Physical Registers

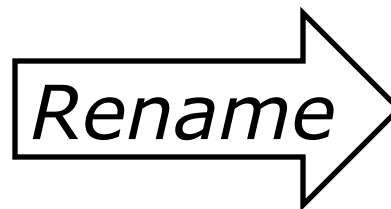
- Physical regfile holds committed and speculative values
- Physical registers decoupled from ROB entries (*no data in ROB*)

- a) ld r1, (r3)
- b) add r3, r1, #4
- c) sub r1, r3, r9
- d) add r3, r1, r7
- e) ld r6, (r1)
- f) add r8, r6, r3
- g) st r8, (r1)
- h) ld r3, (r11)

Lifetime of Physical Registers

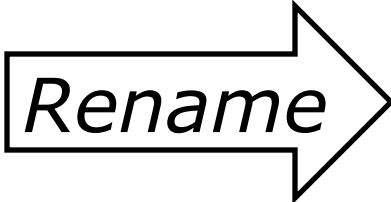
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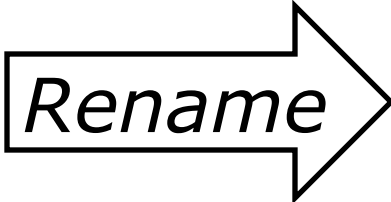
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b)	add r3, r1, #4		add P2, P1, #4
c)	sub r1 , r3, r9		sub P3, P2, Py
d)	add r3 , r1, r7		add P4, P3, Pz
e)	ld r6, (r1)		ld P5, (P3)
f)	add r8, r6, r3		add P6, P5, P4
g)	st r8, (r1)		st P6, (P3)
h)	ld r3 , (r11)		ld P7, (Pw)

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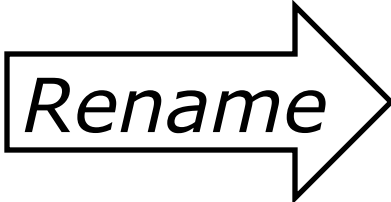
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When can we reuse a physical register?

Lifetime of Physical Registers

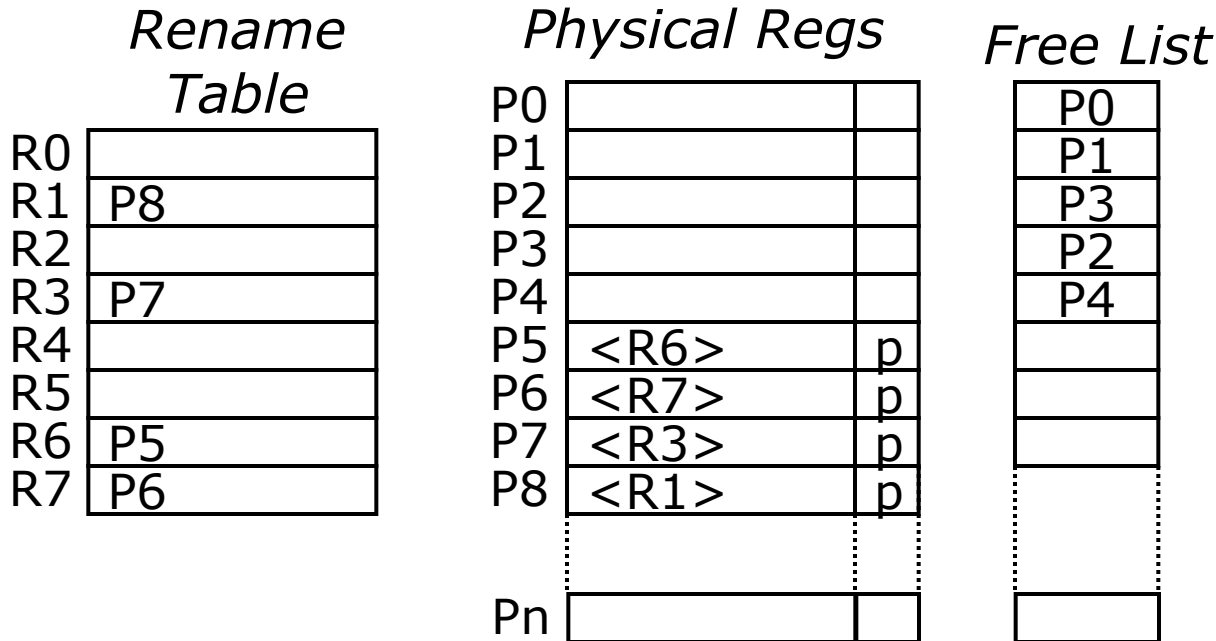
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When can we reuse a physical register?

When next write to same architectural register commits

Physical Register Management



```
ld r1, 0(r3)
add r3, r1, #4
sub r6, r7, r6
add r3, r3, r6
ld r6, 0(r1)
```

ROB

use	ex	op	p1	PR1	p2	PR2	Rd	LPRd	PRd

(LPRd requires third read port on Rename Table for each instruction)

Physical Register Management

Rename Table

R0	
R1	P8
R2	
R3	P7
R4	
R5	
R6	P5
R7	P6

Physical Regs

P0		
P1		
P2		
P3		
P4		
P5	<R6>	p
P6	<R7>	p
P7	<R3>	p
P8	<R1>	p
...
Pn		

Free List

P0
P1
P3
P2
P4

```
ld r1, 0(r3)
add r3, r1, #4
sub r6, r7, r6
add r3, r3, r6
ld r6, 0(r1)
```

ROB

use	ex	op	p1	PR1	p2	PR2	Rd	LPRd	PRd

Physical Register Management

Rename Table

R0	
R1	P8
R2	
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R4	
R5	
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R7	P6

Physical Regs

P0		
P1		
P2		
P3		
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P6	<R7>	p
P7	<R3>	p
P8	<R1>	p
...
Pn		

Free List

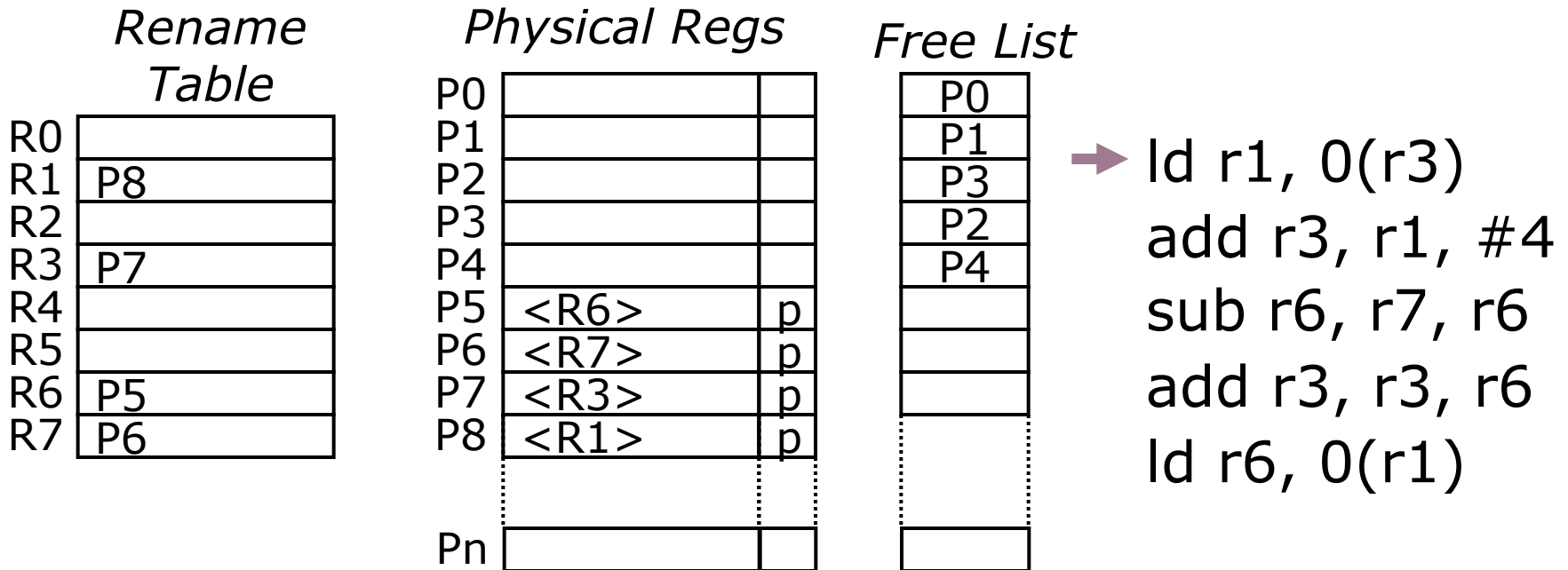
P0
P1
P3
P2
P4

→ `ld r1, 0(r3)`
`add r3, r1, #4`
`sub r6, r7, r6`
`add r3, r3, r6`
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ROB

use	ex	op	p1	PR1	p2	PR2	Rd	LPRd	PRd

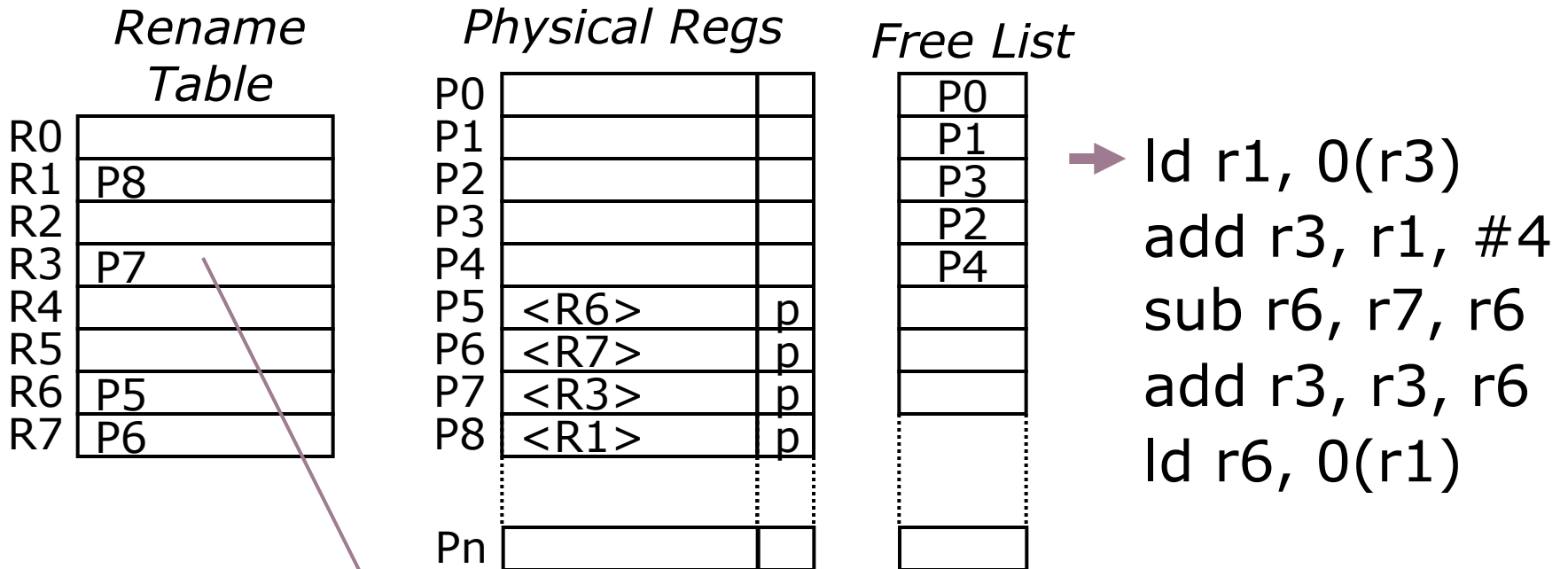
Physical Register Management



ROB

use	ex	op	p1	PR1	p2	PR2	Rd	LPRd	PRd
x		ld					r1		

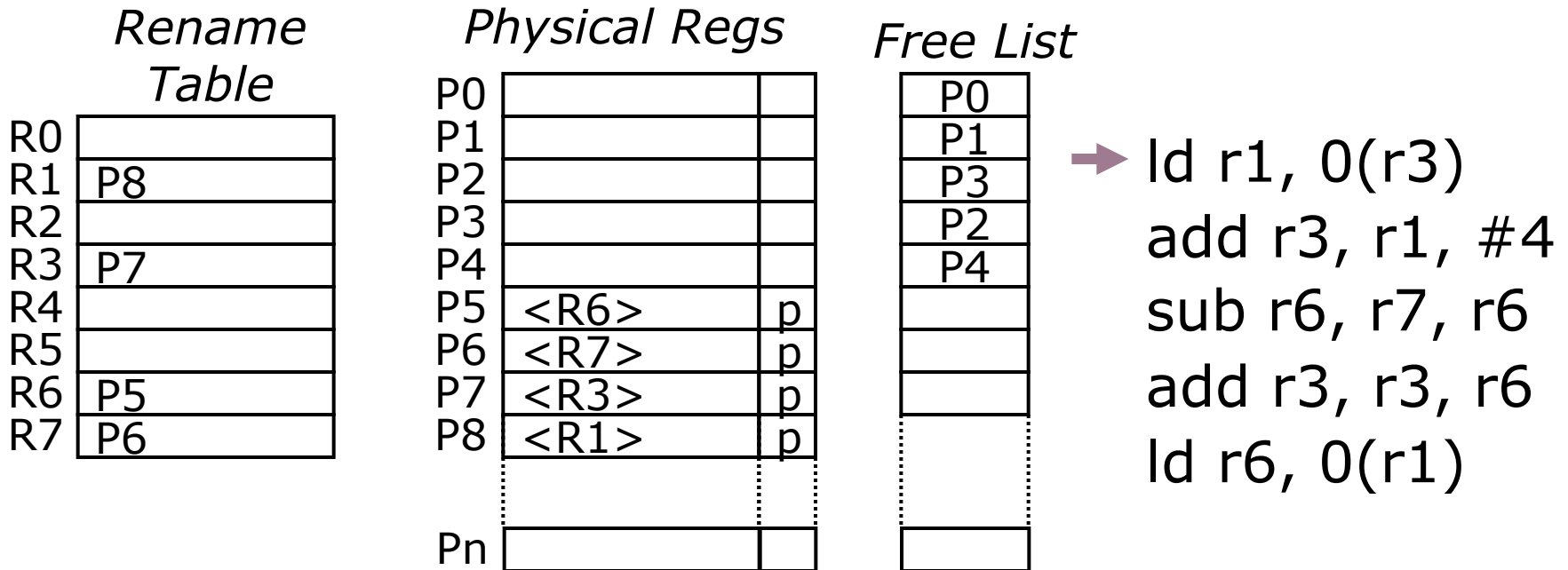
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x		ld					r1		

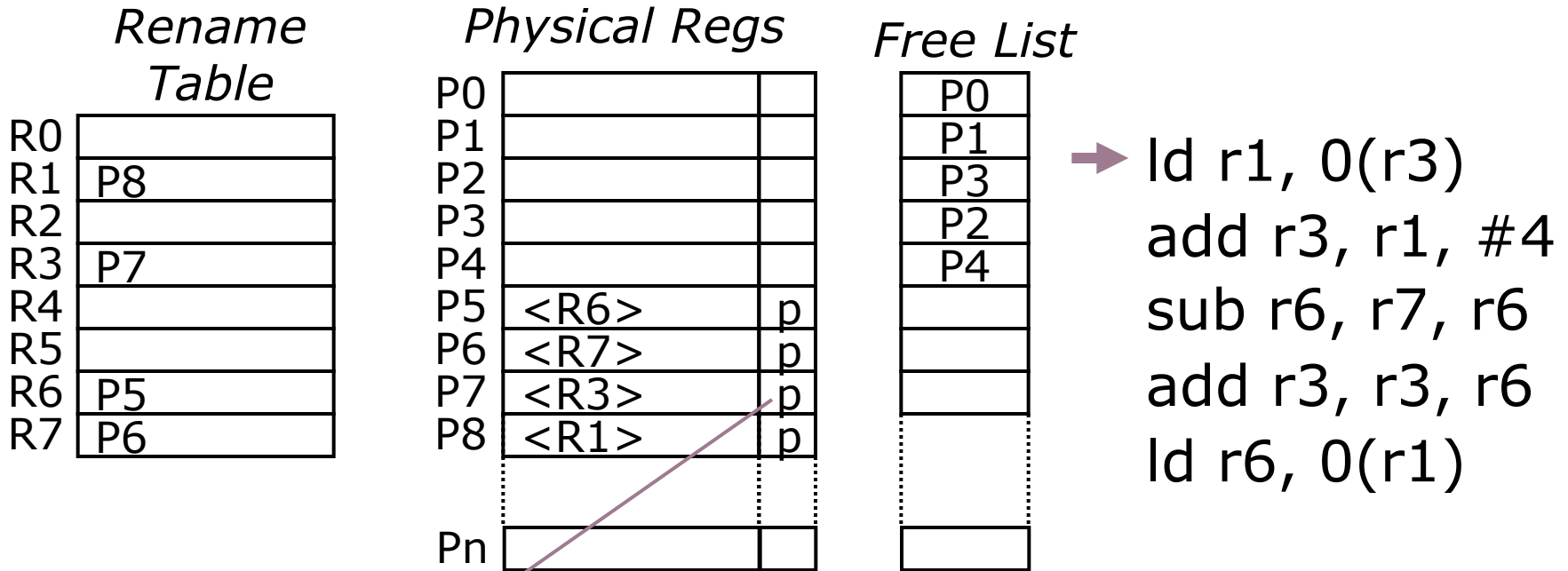
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x		ld		P7			r1		

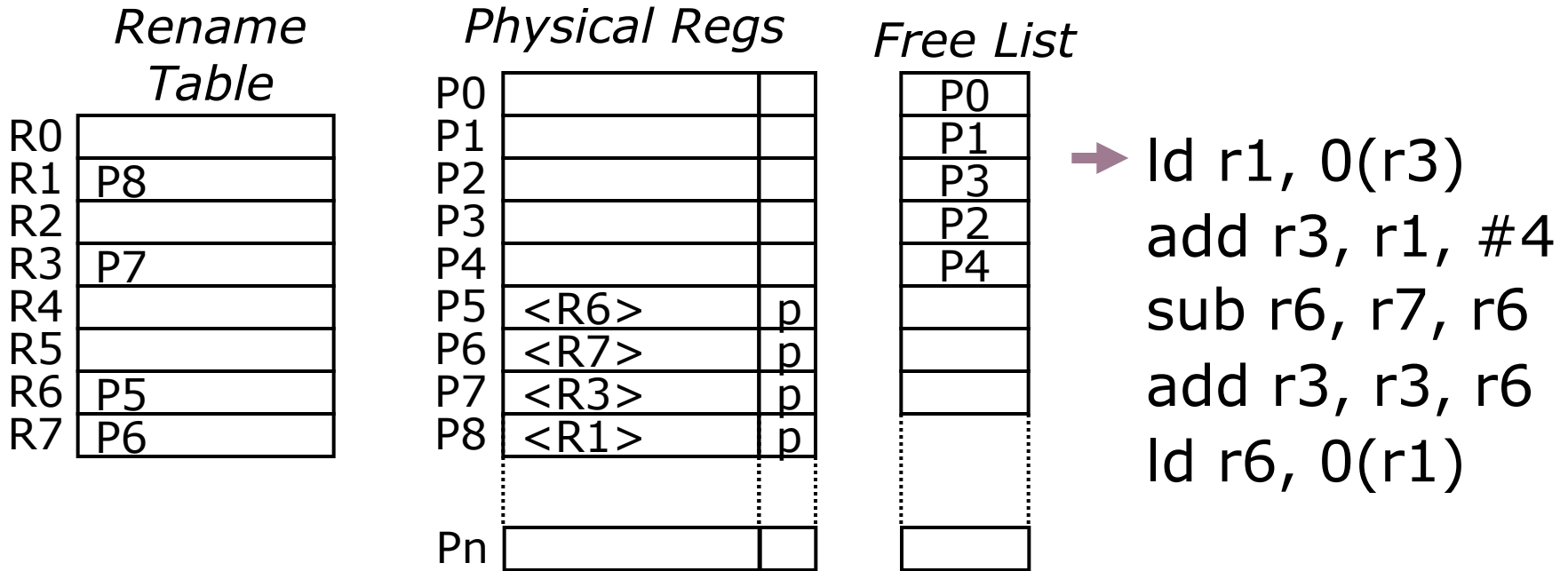
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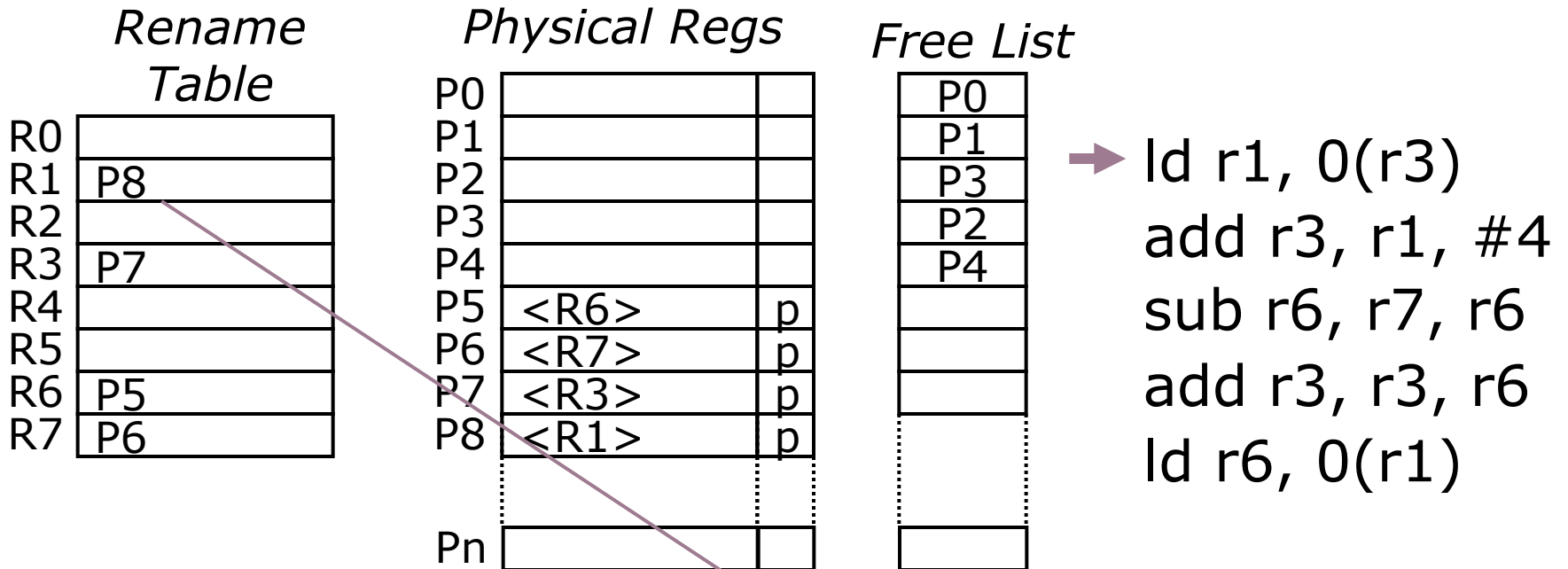
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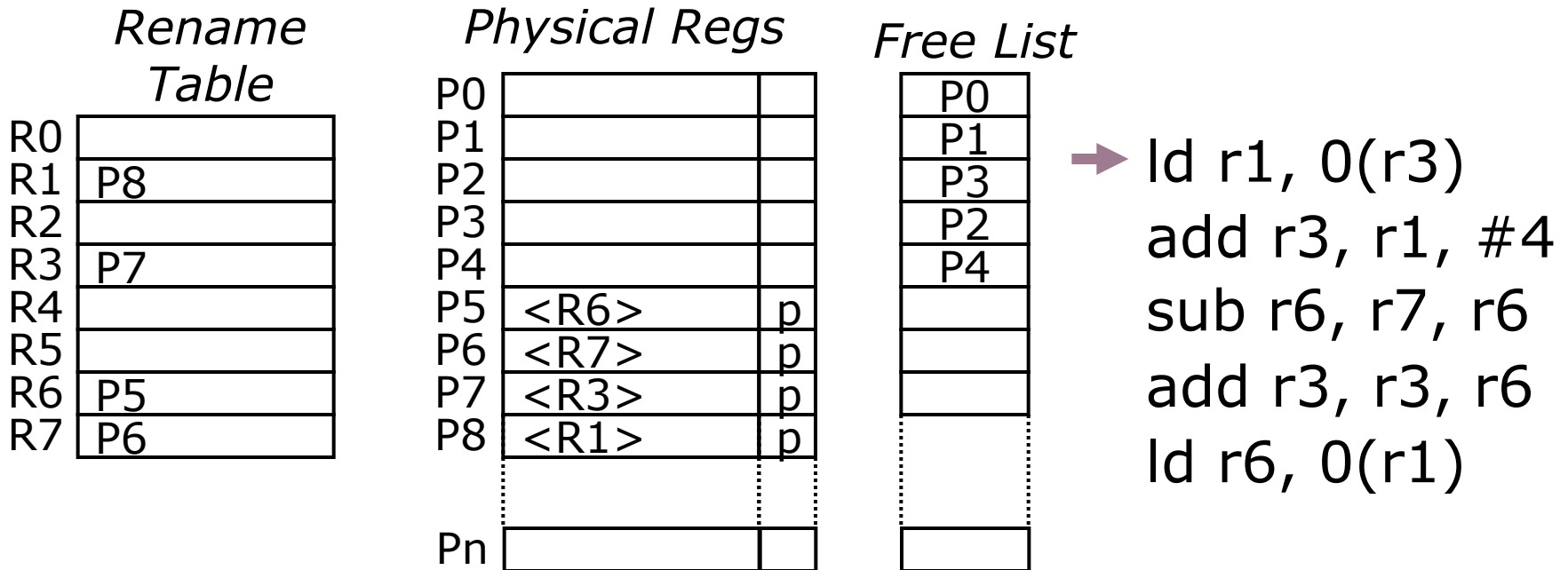
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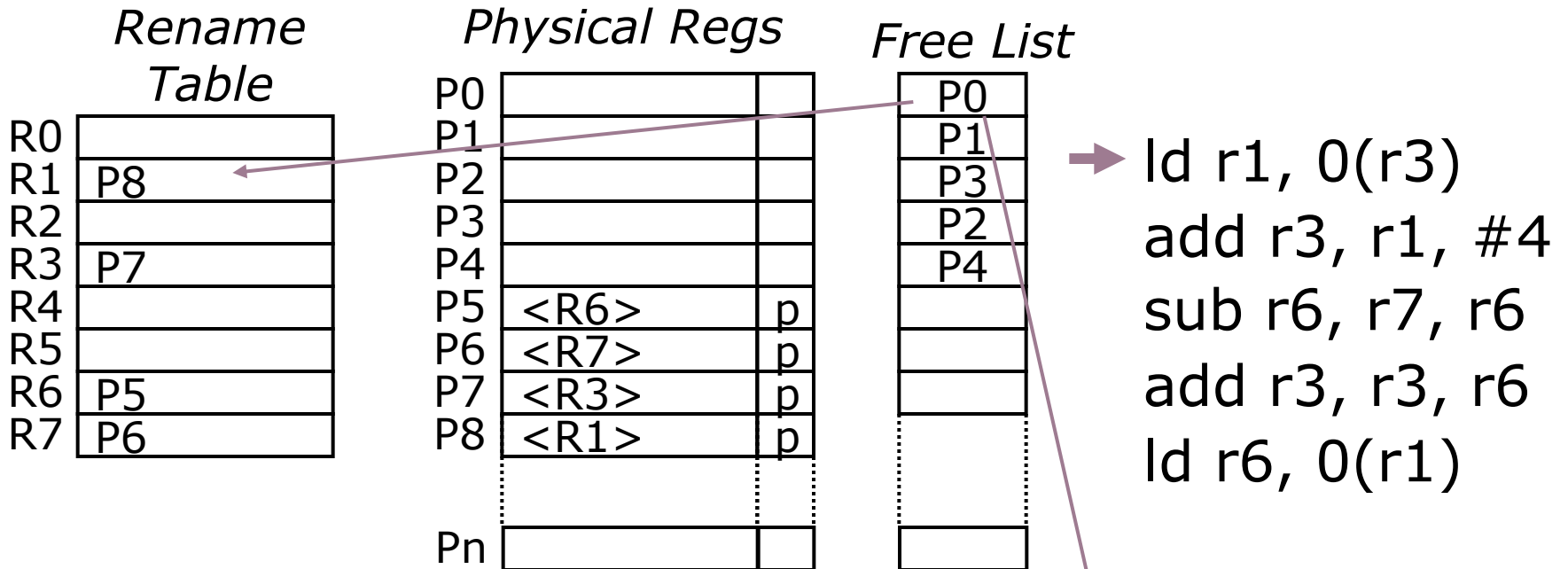
Physical Register Management



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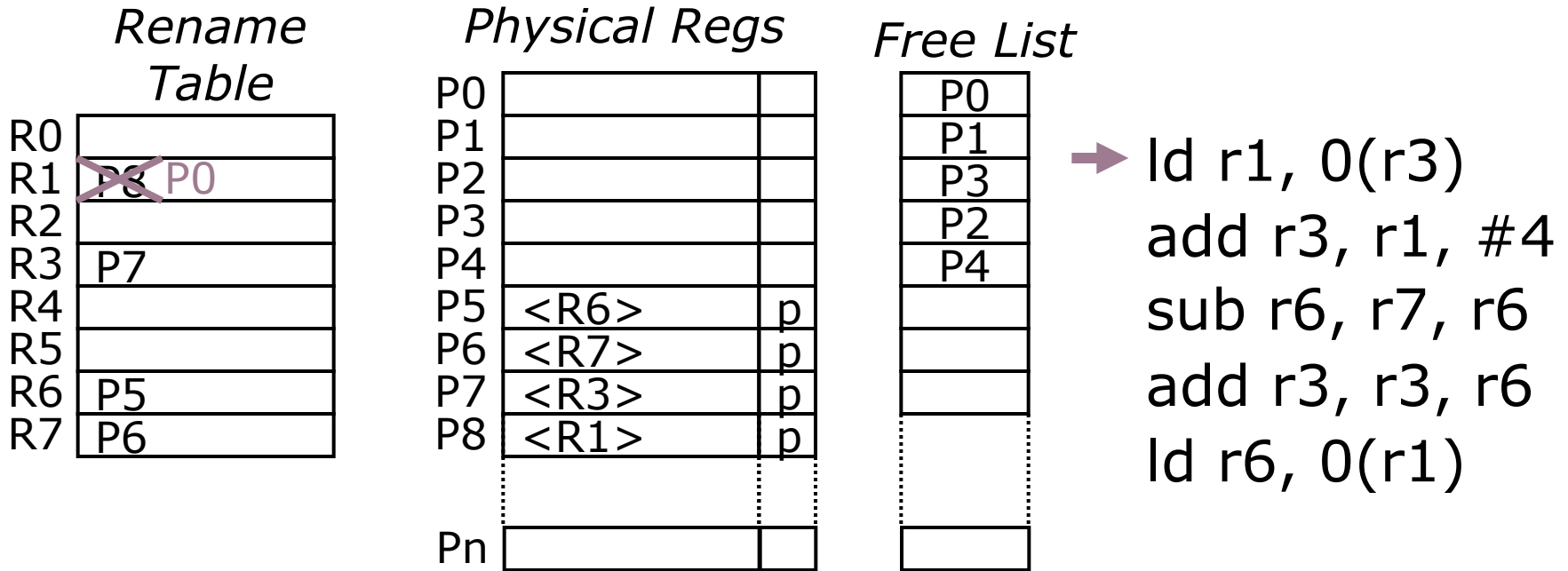
Physical Register Management



ROB

use	ex	op	p1	PR1	p2	PR2	Rd	LPRd	PRd
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Physical Register Management



ROB

use	ex	op	p1	PR1	p2	PR2	Rd	LPRd	PRd
x		ld	p	P7			r1	P8	

Physical Register Management

Rename Table

R0	
R1	P8 P0
R2	
R3	P7
R4	
R5	
R6	P5
R7	P6

Physical Regs

P0		
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P2		
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...		
Pn		

Free List

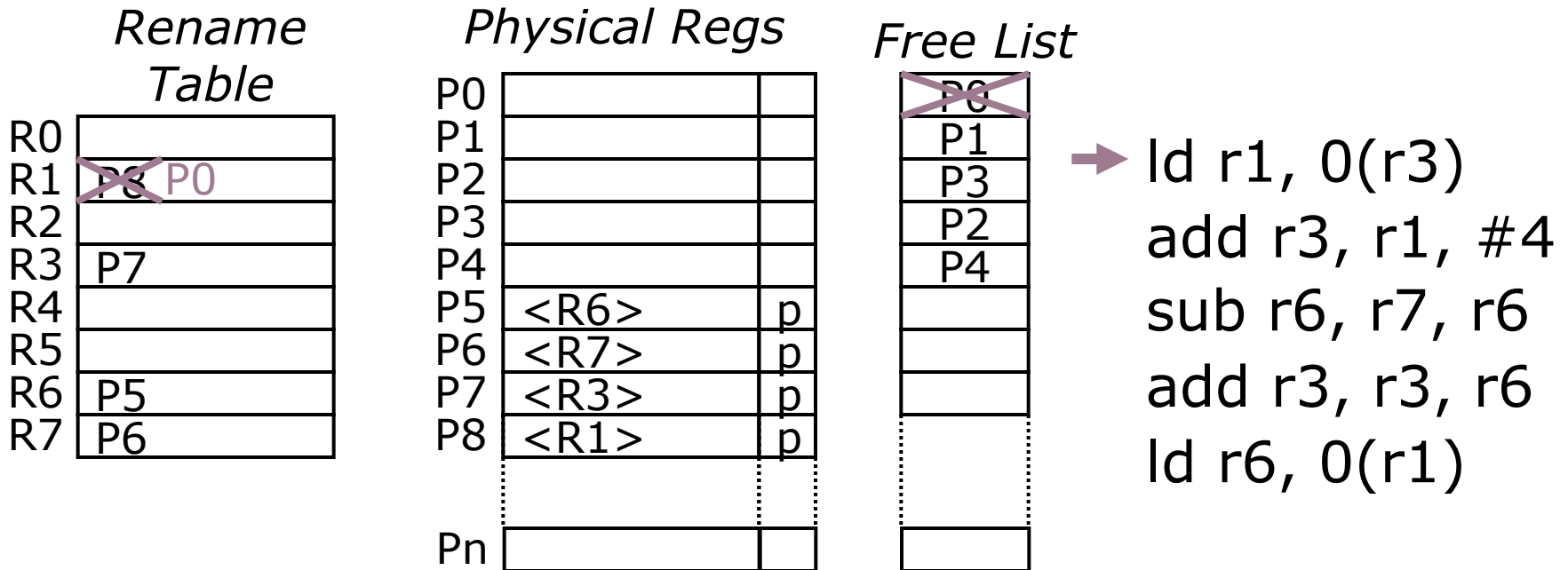
P0
P1
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P4

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`add r3, r1, #4`
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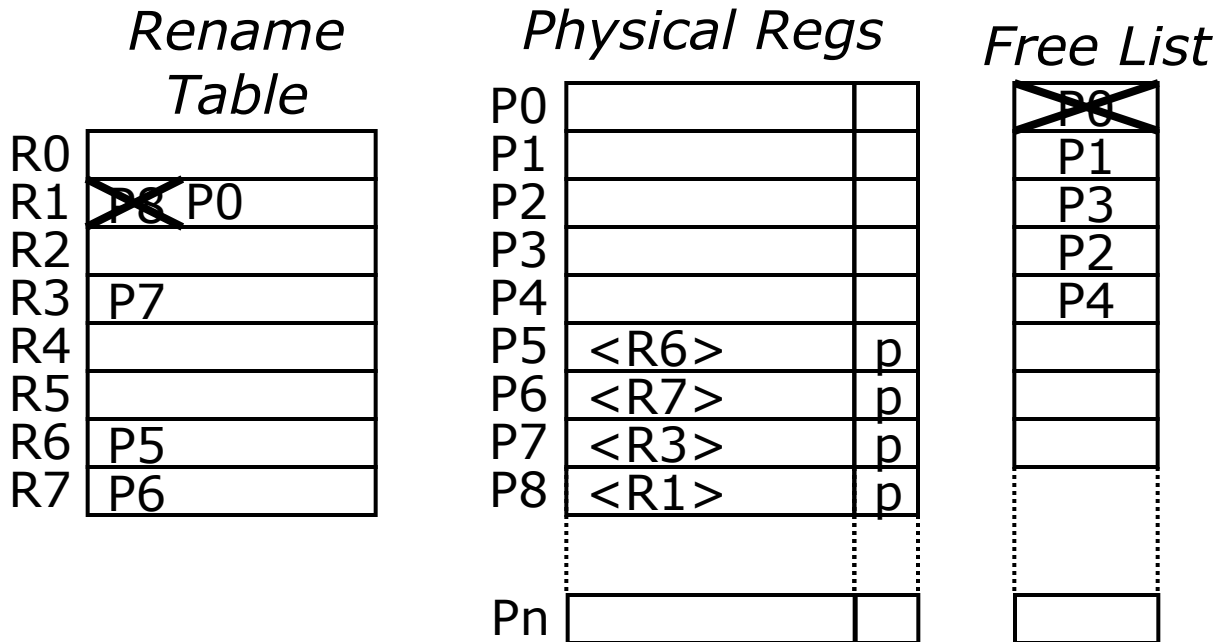
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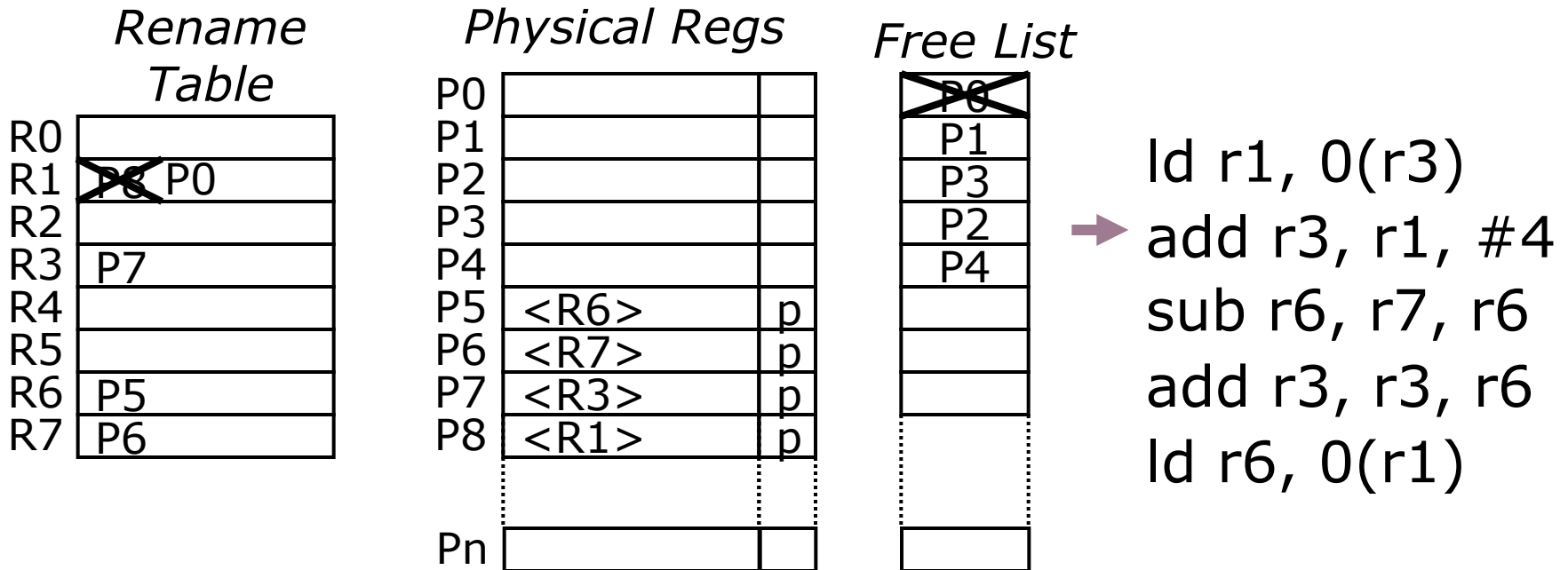


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ROB

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Physical Register Management



ROB

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Physical Register Management

Rename Table

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Free List

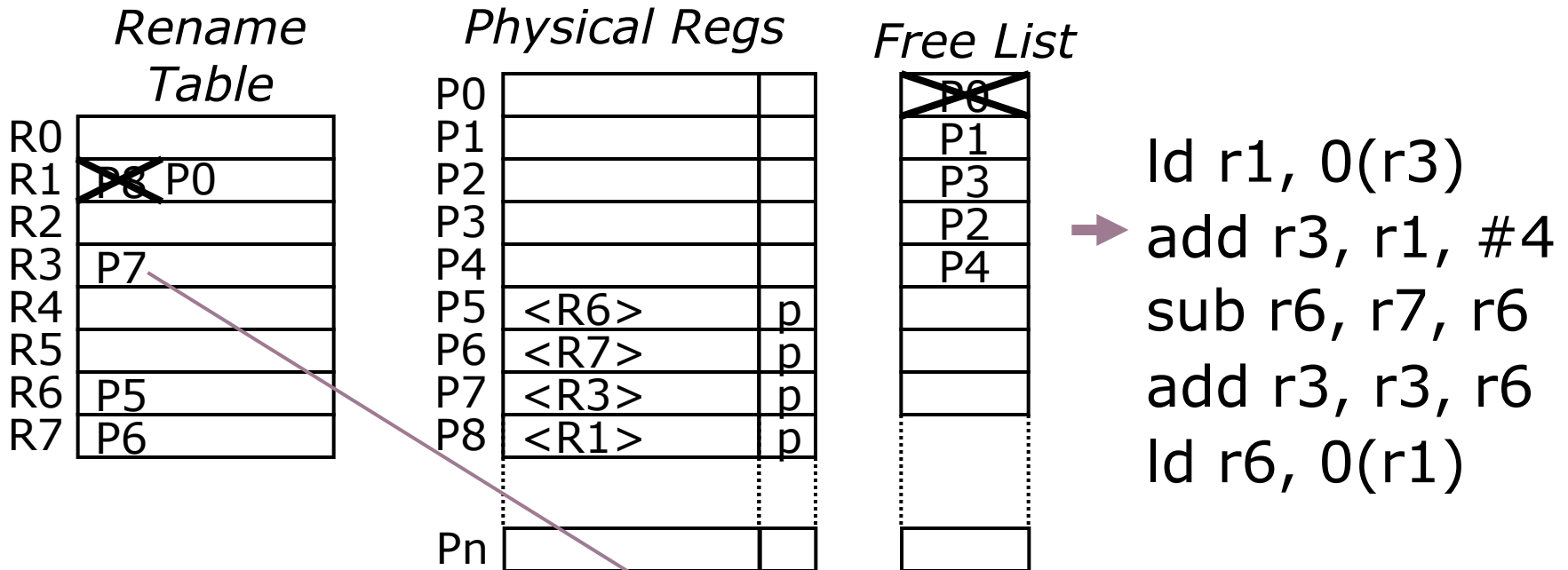
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ROB

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x		ld	p	P7			r1	P8	P0
x		add		P0			r3		

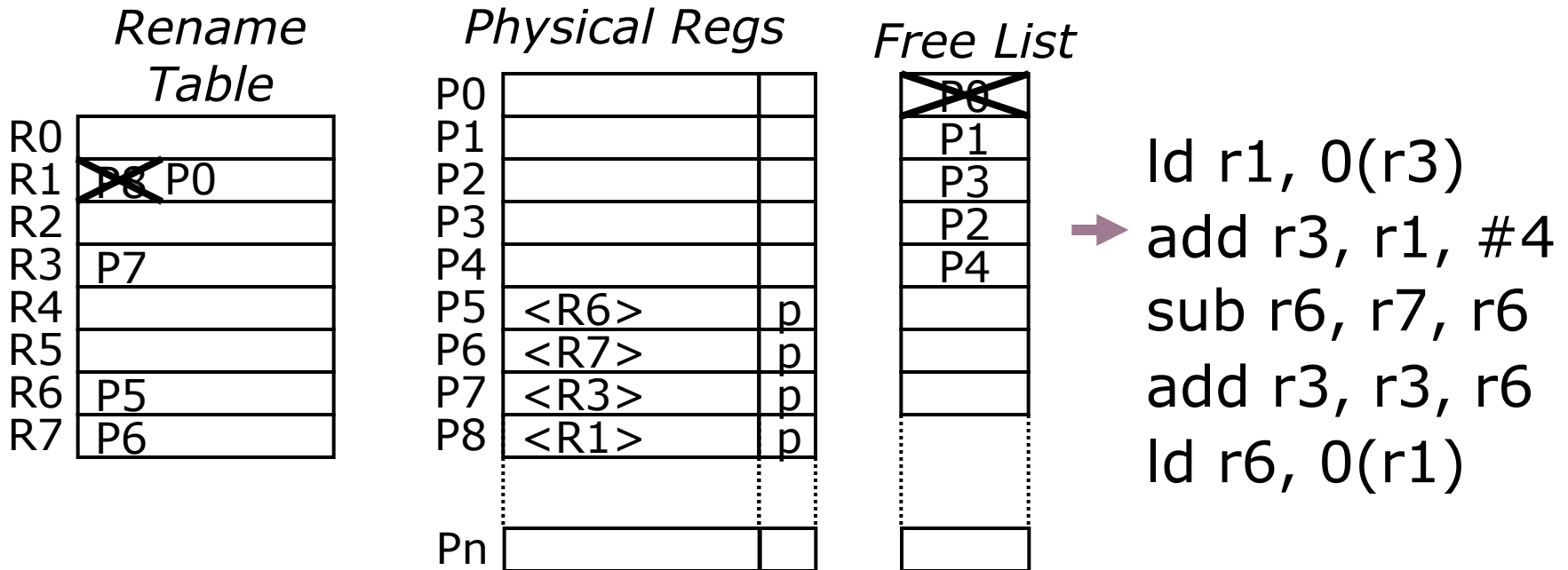
Physical Register Management



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x		ld	p	P7			r1	P8	P0
x		add		P0			r3		

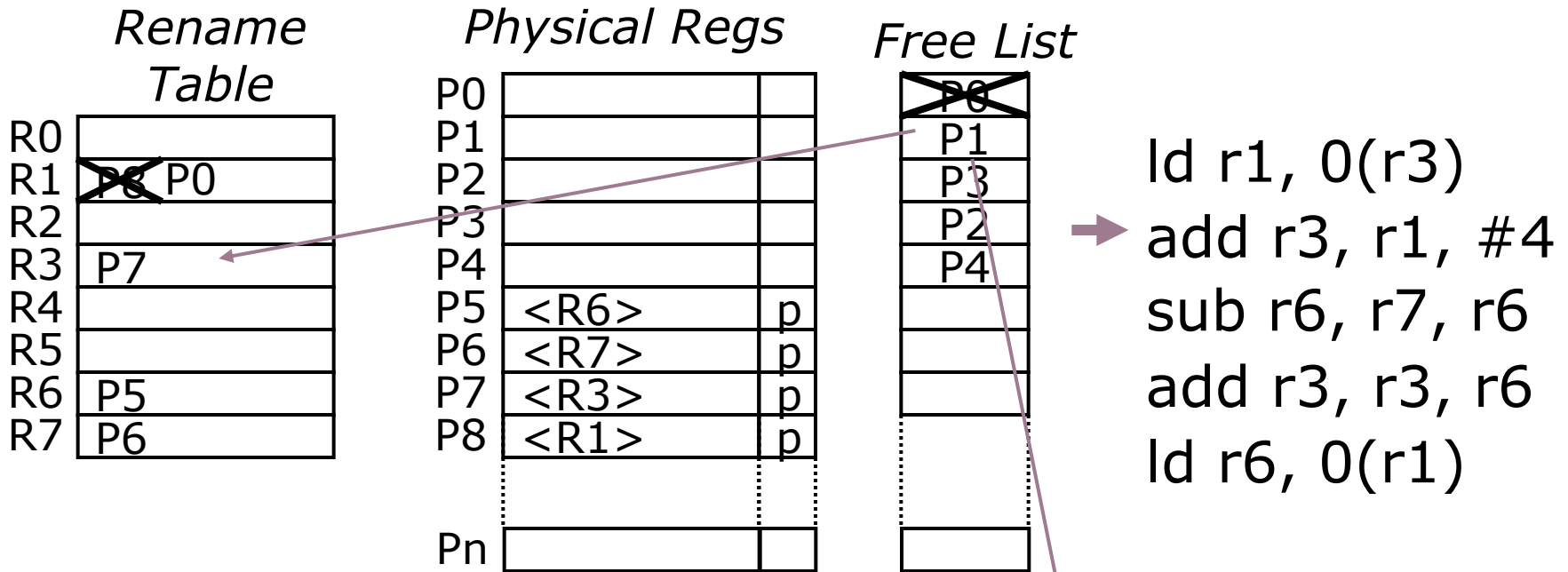
Physical Register Management



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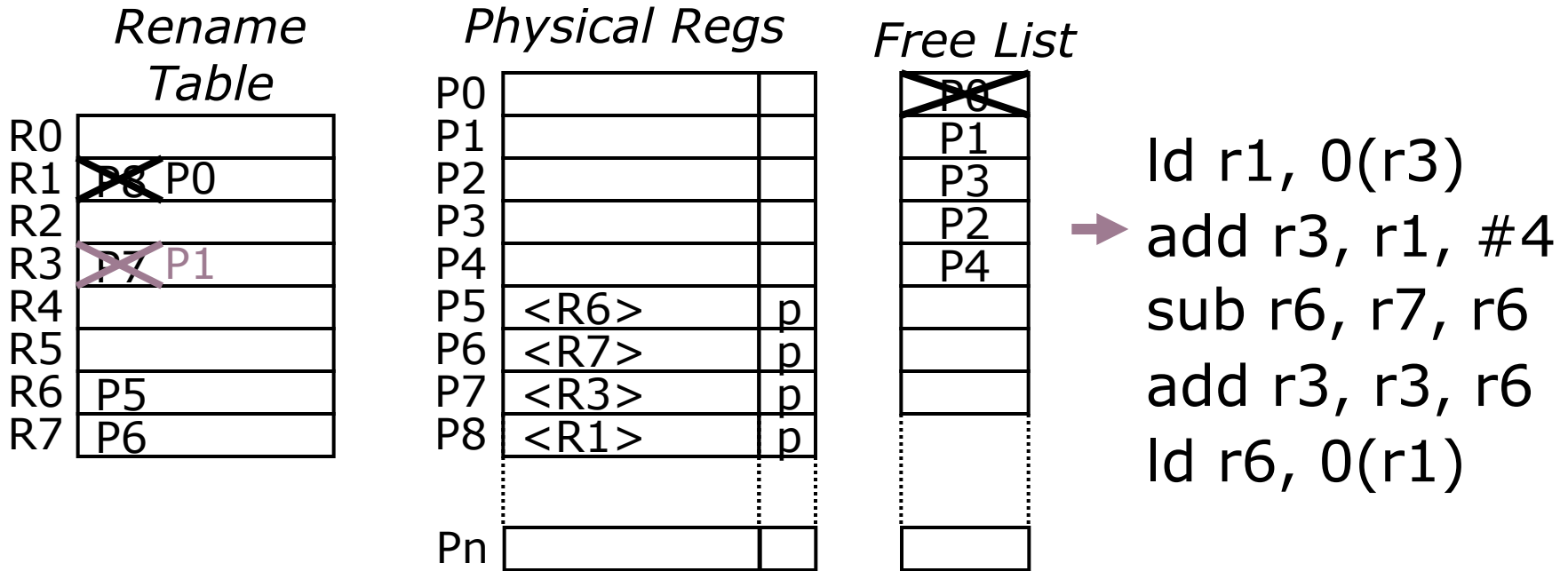
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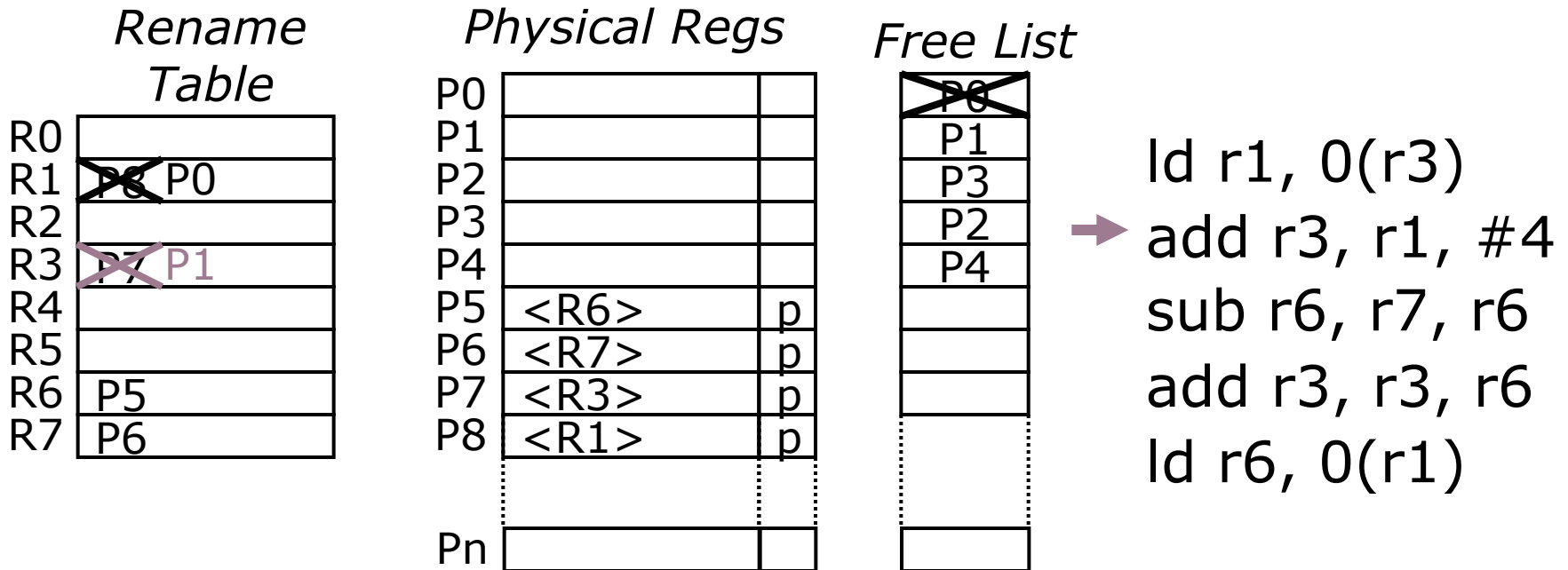
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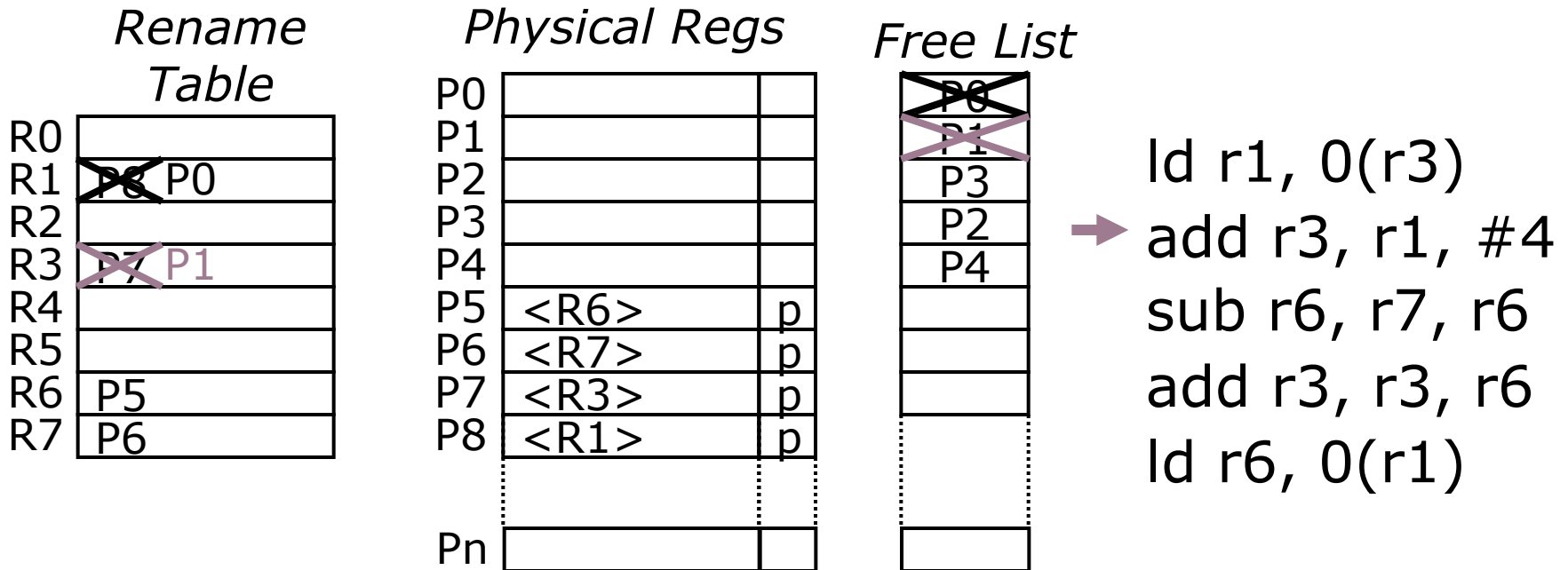
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Physical Register Management



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Physical Register Management

Rename Table

R0	
R1	P0
R2	
R3	P1
R4	
R5	
R6	P5
R7	P6

Physical Regs

P0		
P1		
P2		
P3		
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Free List

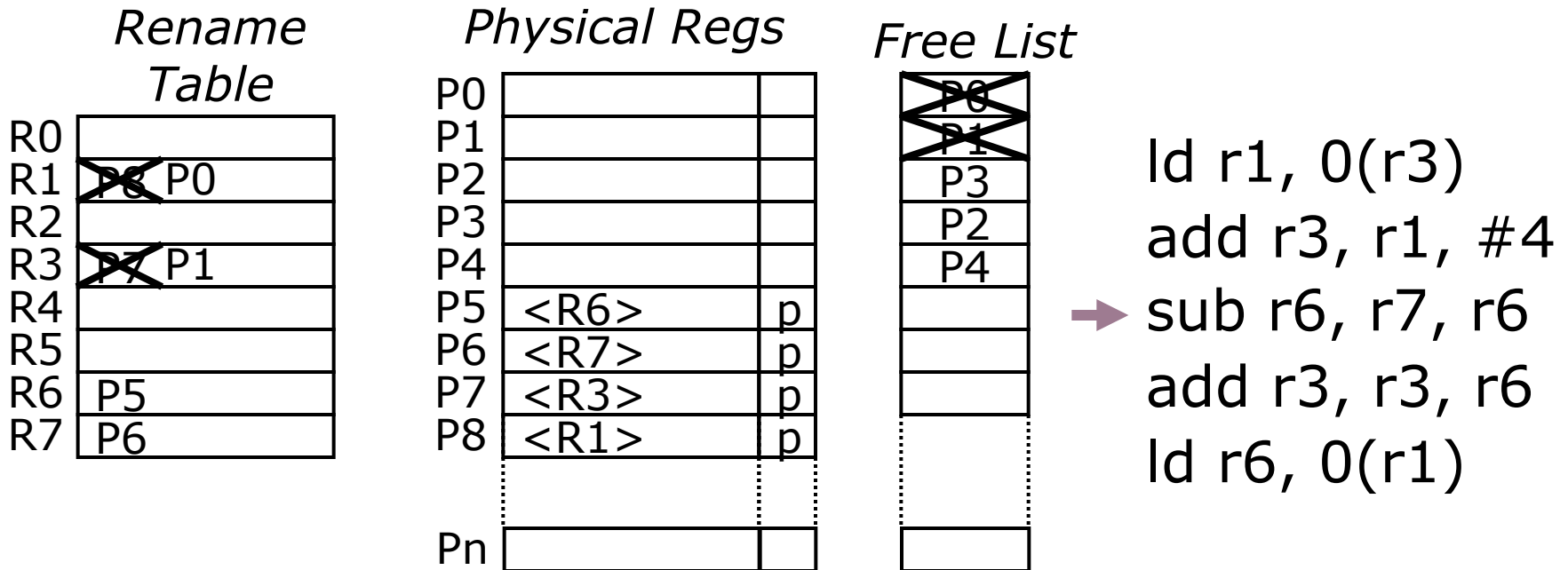
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P1
P3
P2
P4

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ld r1, 0(r3)
add r3, r1, #4
sub r6, r7, r6
add r3, r3, r6
ld r6, 0(r1)
```

ROB

use	ex	op	p1	PR1	p2	PR2	Rd	LPRd	PRd
x		ld	p	P7			r1	P8	P0
x		add		P0			r3	P7	P1

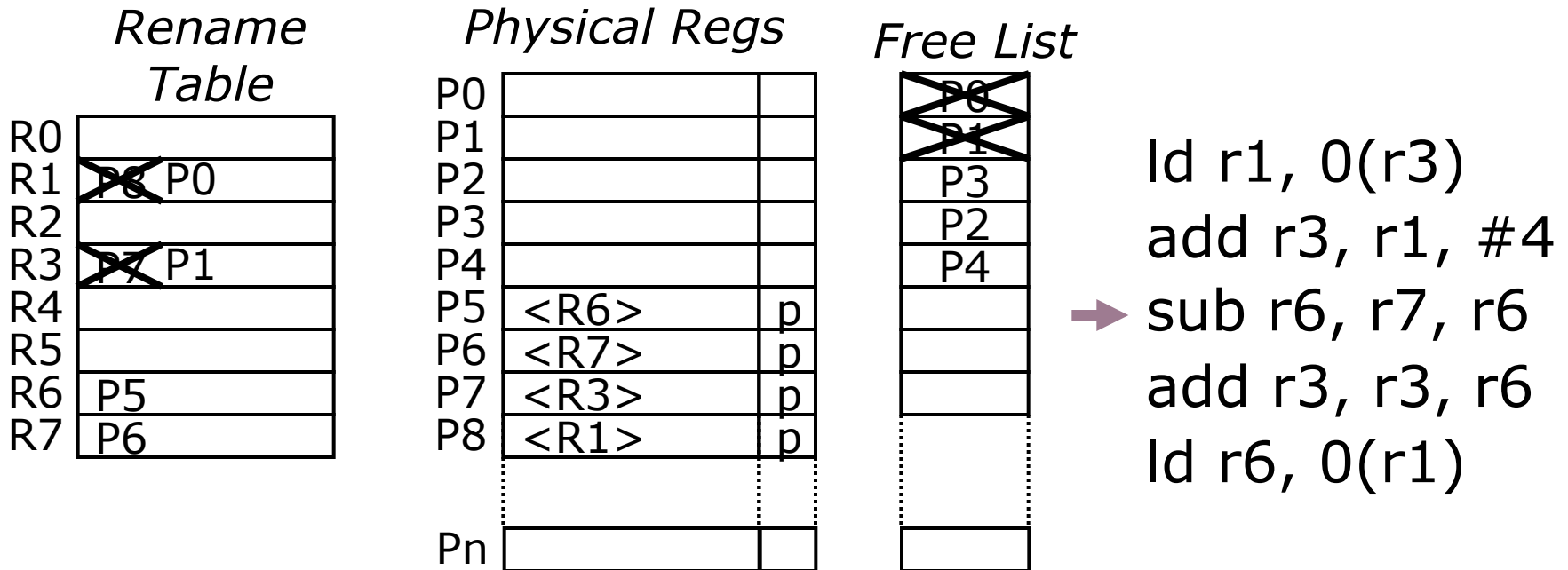
Physical Register Management



ROB

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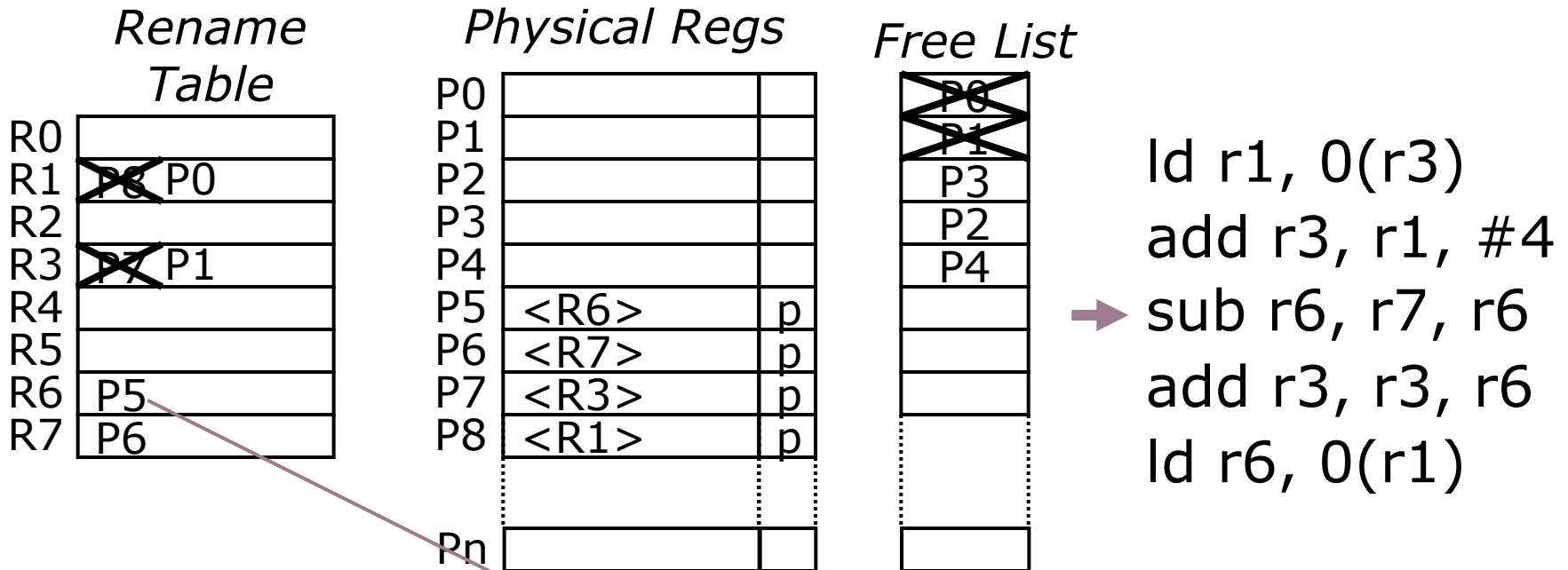
Physical Register Management



ROB

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x		sub	p	P6	p	P5	r6		

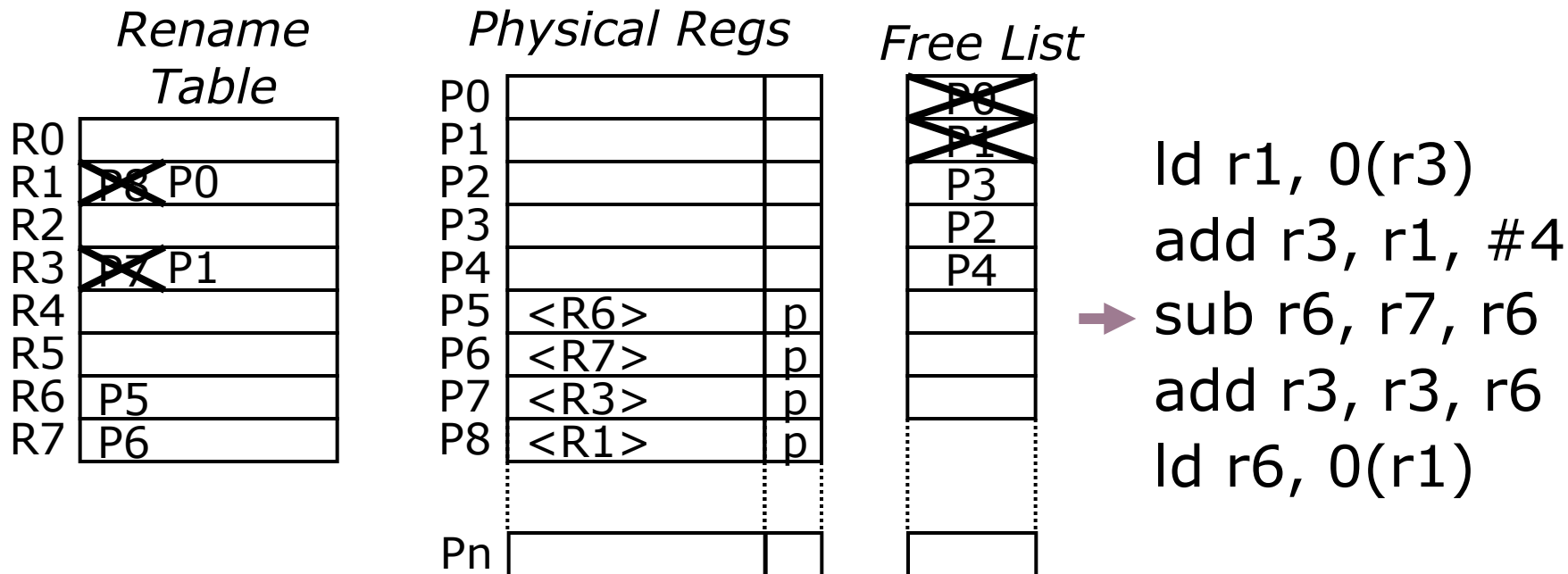
Physical Register Management



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x		sub	p	P6	p	P5	r6		

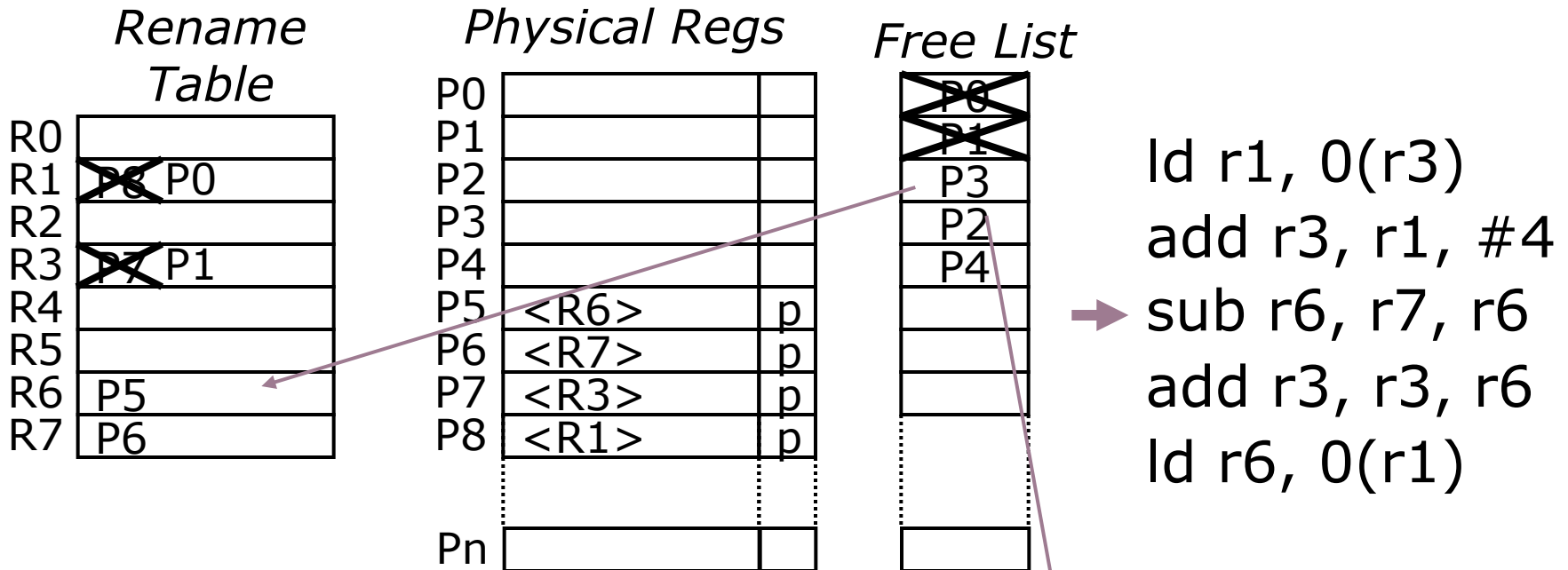
Physical Register Management



ROB

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x		sub	p	P6	p	P5	r6	P5	

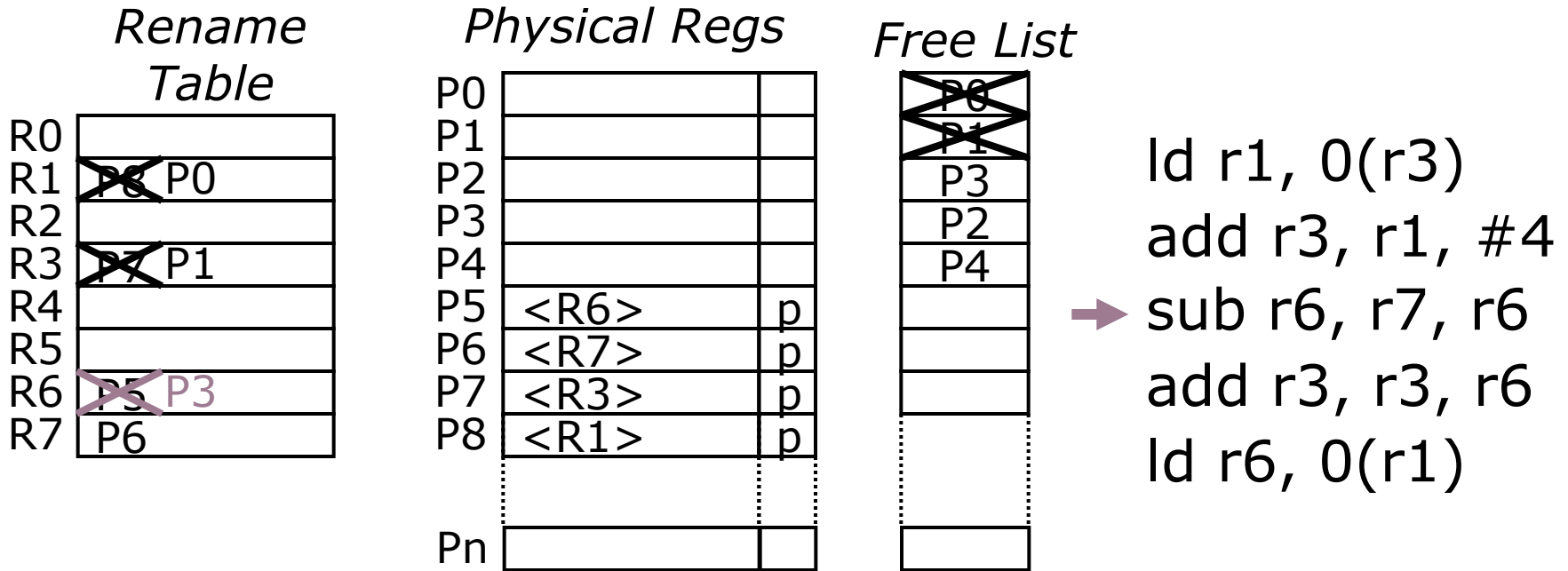
Physical Register Management



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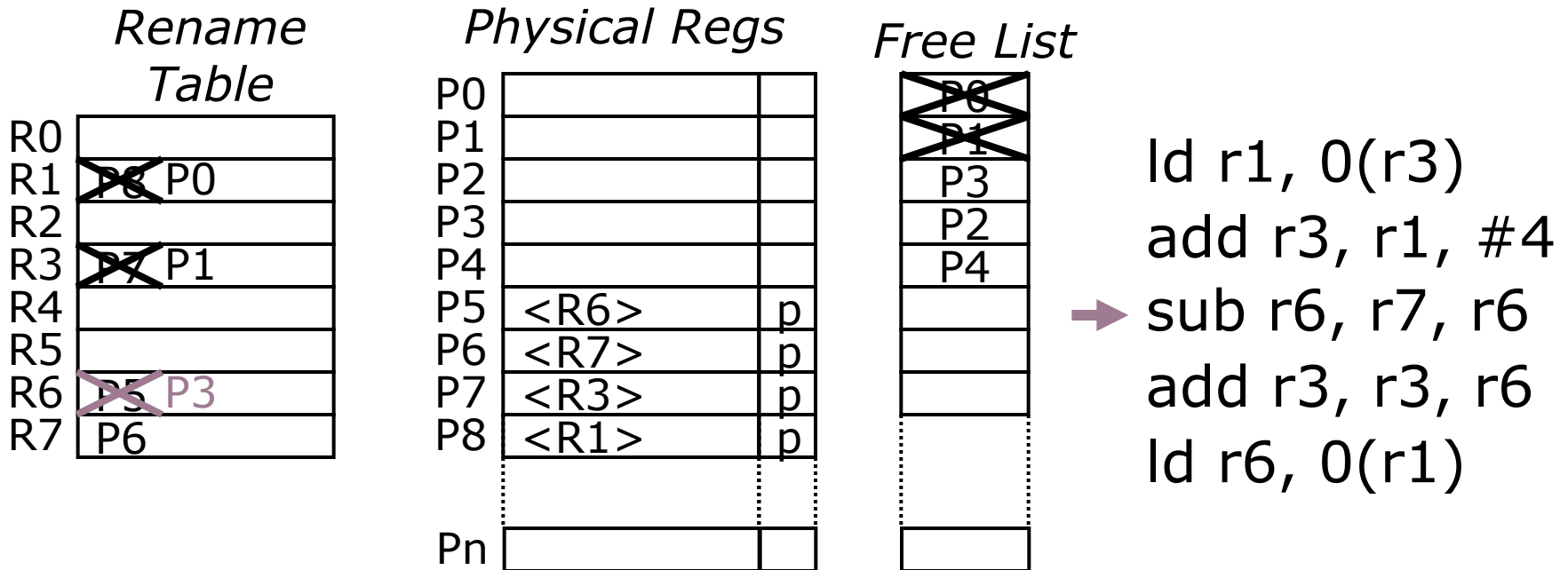
Physical Register Management



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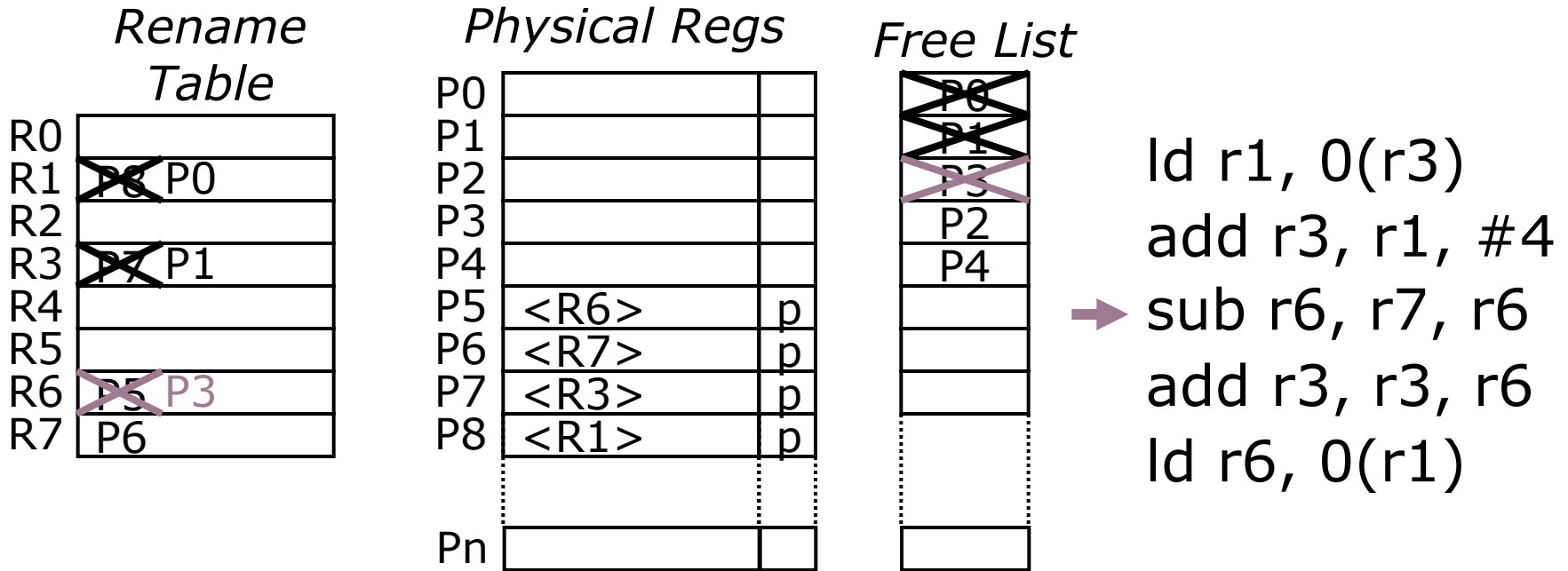
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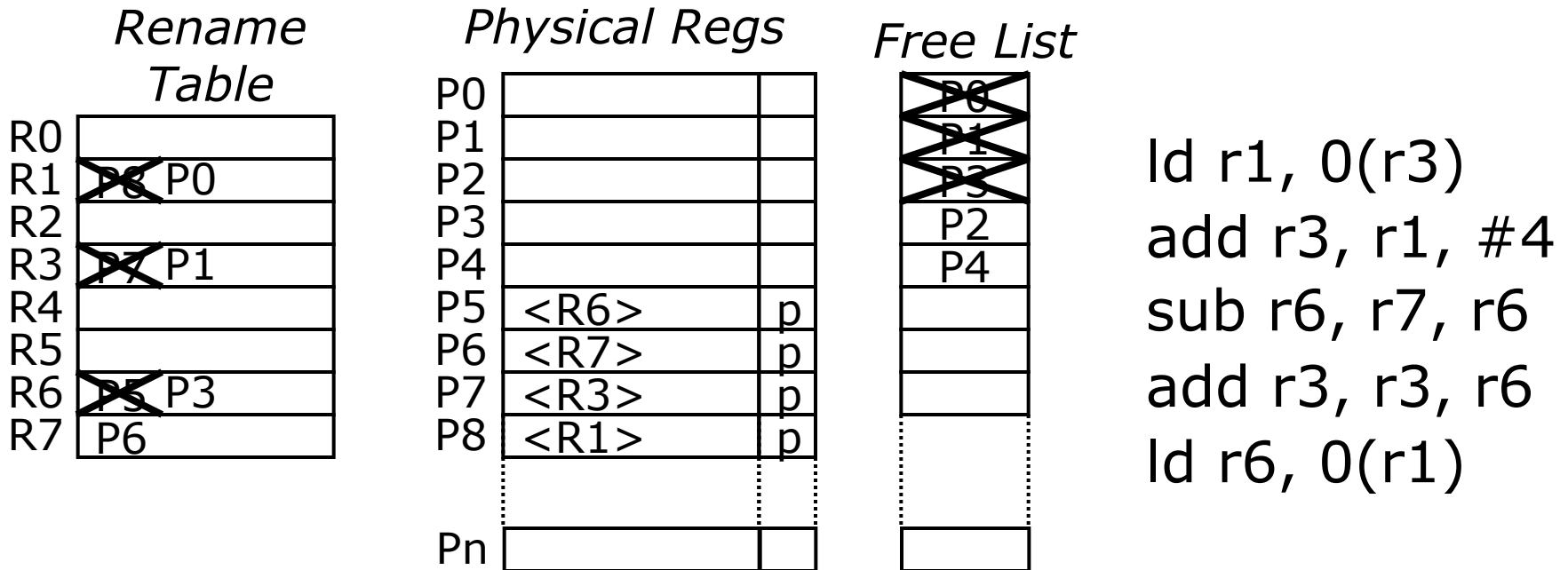
Physical Register Management



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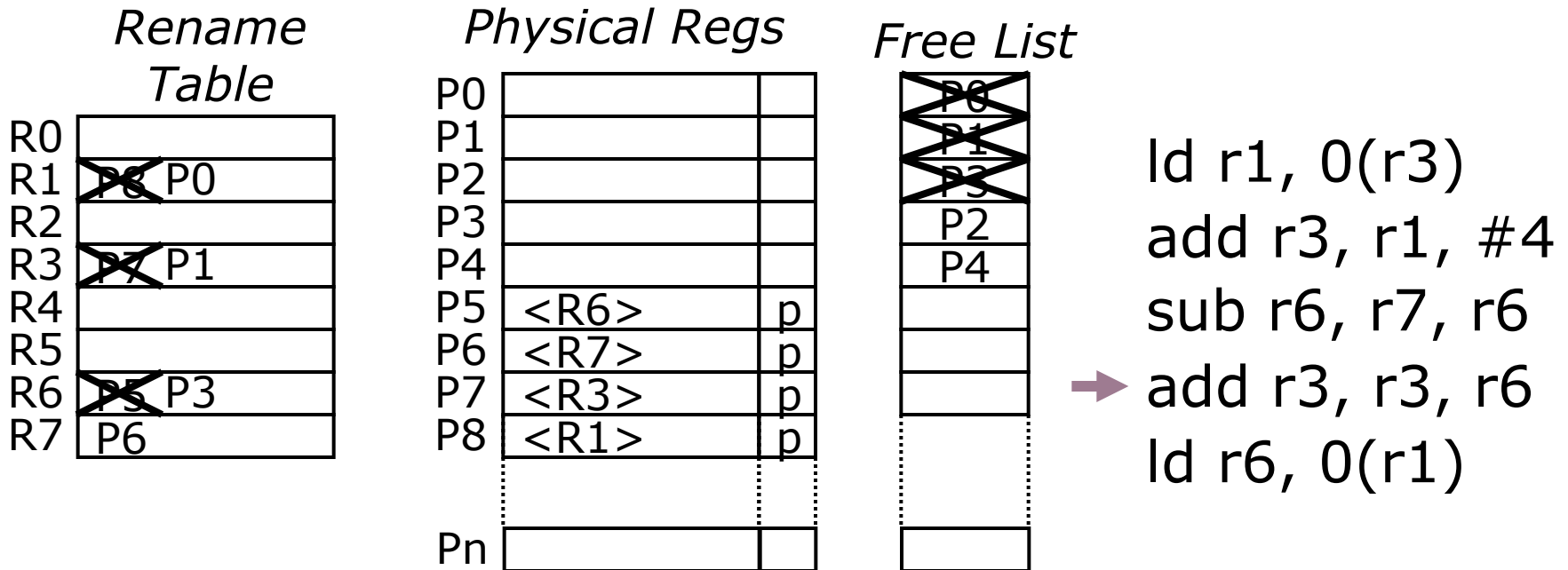
Physical Register Management



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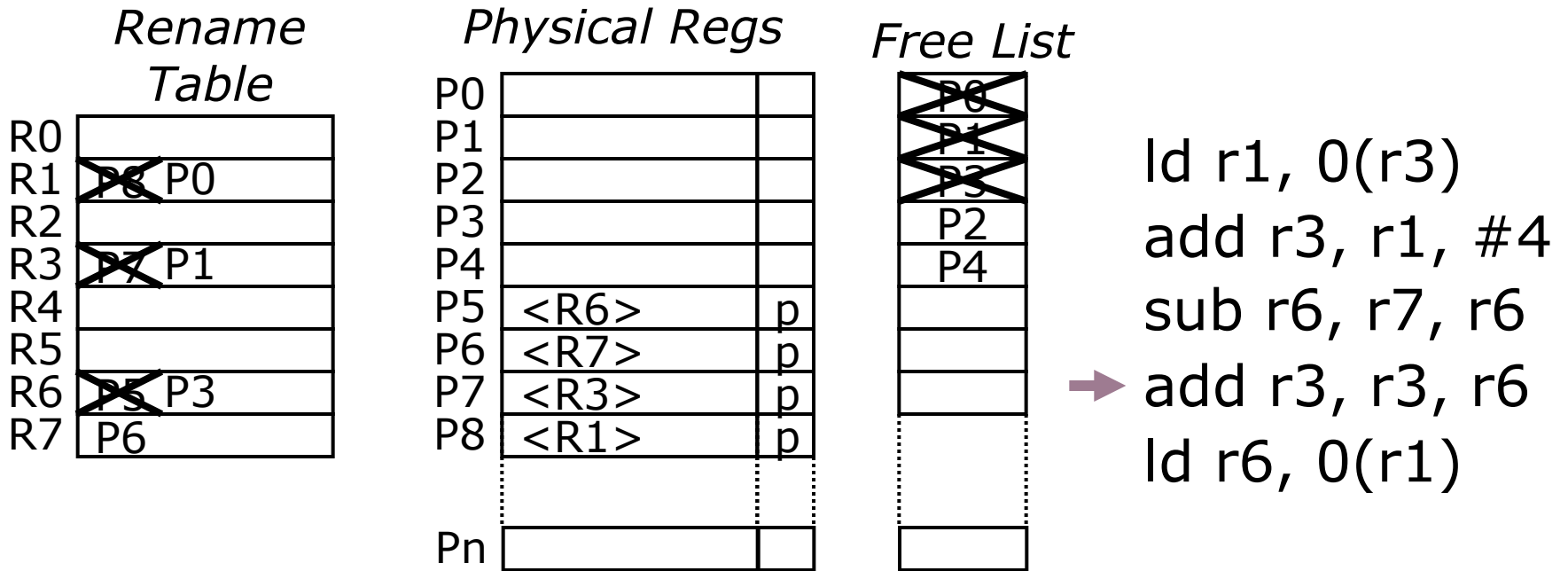
Physical Register Management



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x		sub	p	P6	p	P5	r6	P5	P3

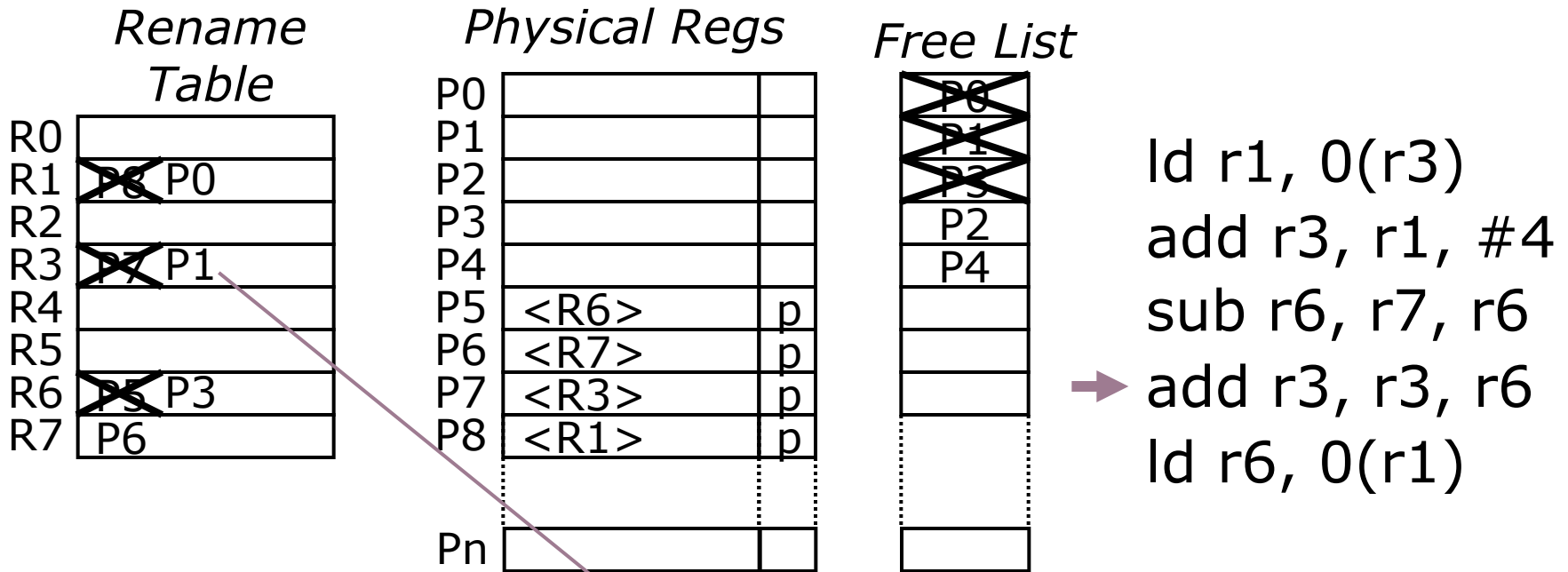
Physical Register Management



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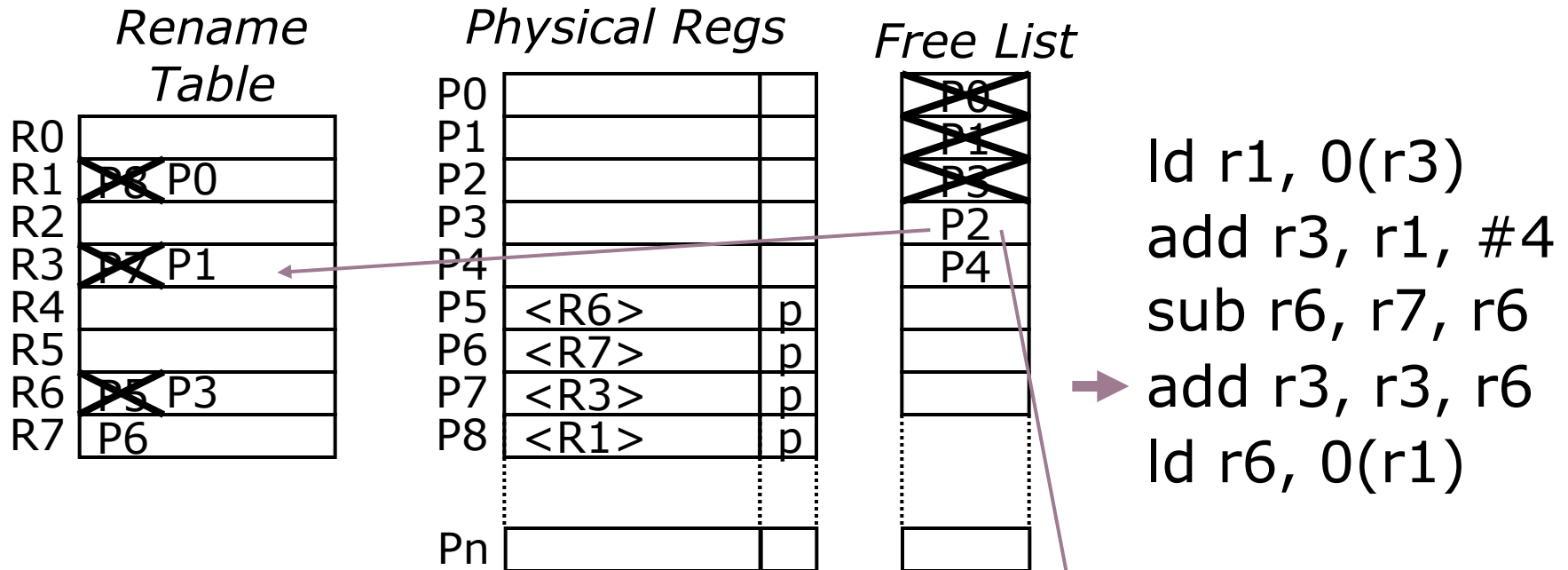
Physical Register Management



ROB

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x		sub	p	P6	p	P5	r6	P5	P3
x		add		P1		P3	r3		

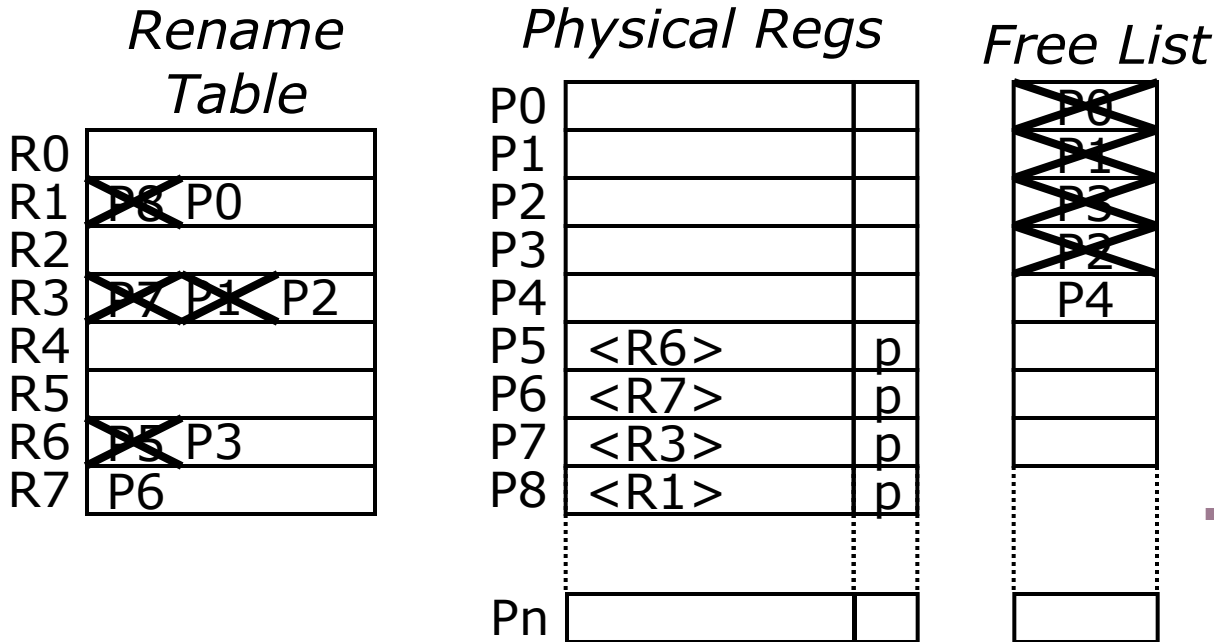
Physical Register Management



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Physical Register Management

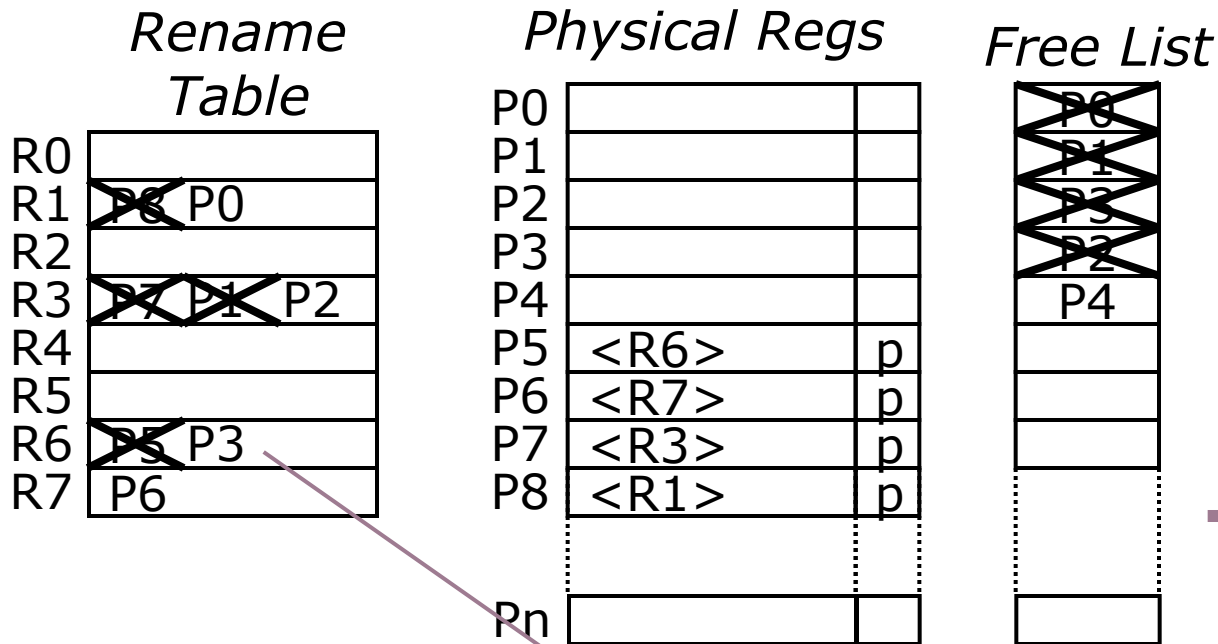


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ld r1, 0(r3)
add r3, r1, #4
sub r6, r7, r6
add r3, r3, r6
→ ld r6, 0(r1)
```

ROB

use	ex	op	p1	PR1	p2	PR2	Rd	LPRd	PRd
x		ld	p	P7			r1	P8	P0
x		add		P0			r3	P7	P1
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Physical Register Management

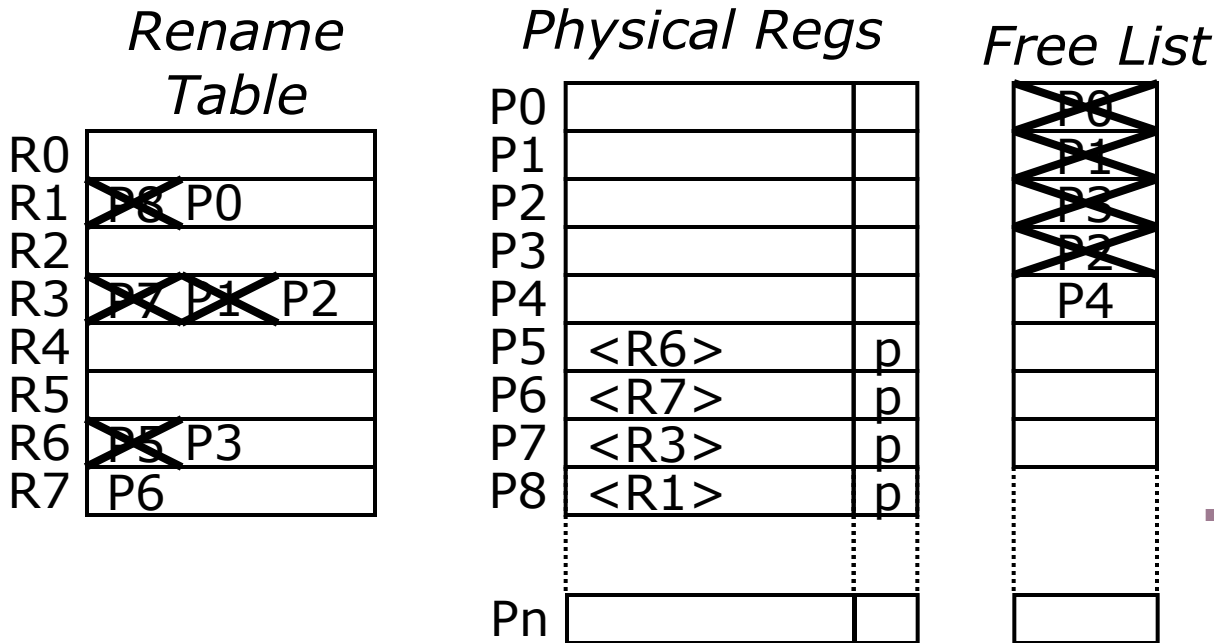


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sub r6, r7, r6
add r3, r3, r6
→ ld r6, 0(r1)
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ROB

use	ex	op	p1	PR1	p2	PR2	Rd	LPRd	PRd
x		ld	p	P7			r1	P8	P0
x		add		P0			r3	P7	P1
x		sub	p	P6	p	P5	r6	P5	P3
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Physical Register Management

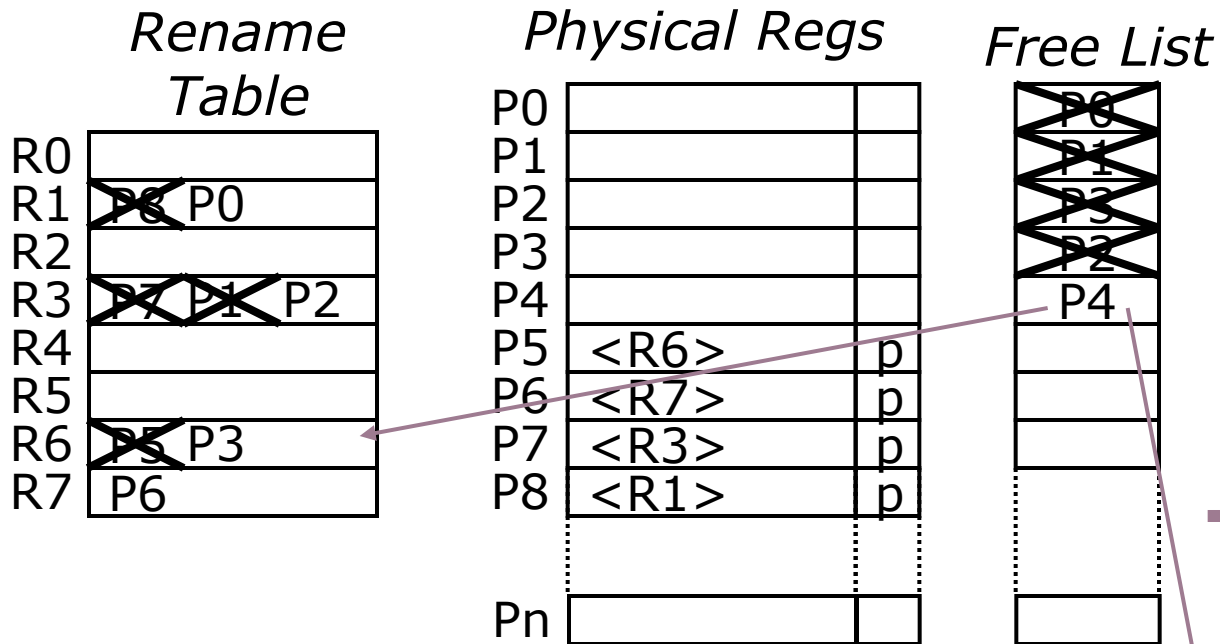


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ROB

use	ex	op	p1	PR1	p2	PR2	Rd	LPRd	PRd
x		ld	p	P7			r1	P8	P0
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Physical Register Management

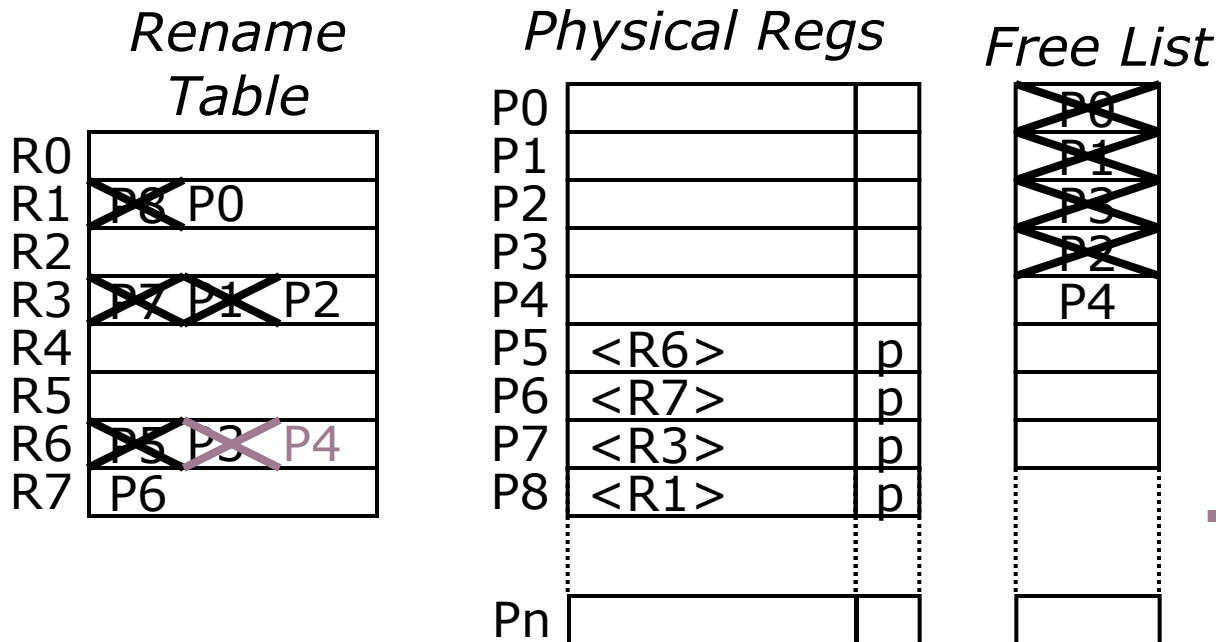


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ld r6, 0(r1)
```

ROB

use	ex	op	p1	PR1	p2	PR2	Rd	LPRd	PRd
x		ld	p	P7			r1	P8	P0
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Physical Register Management

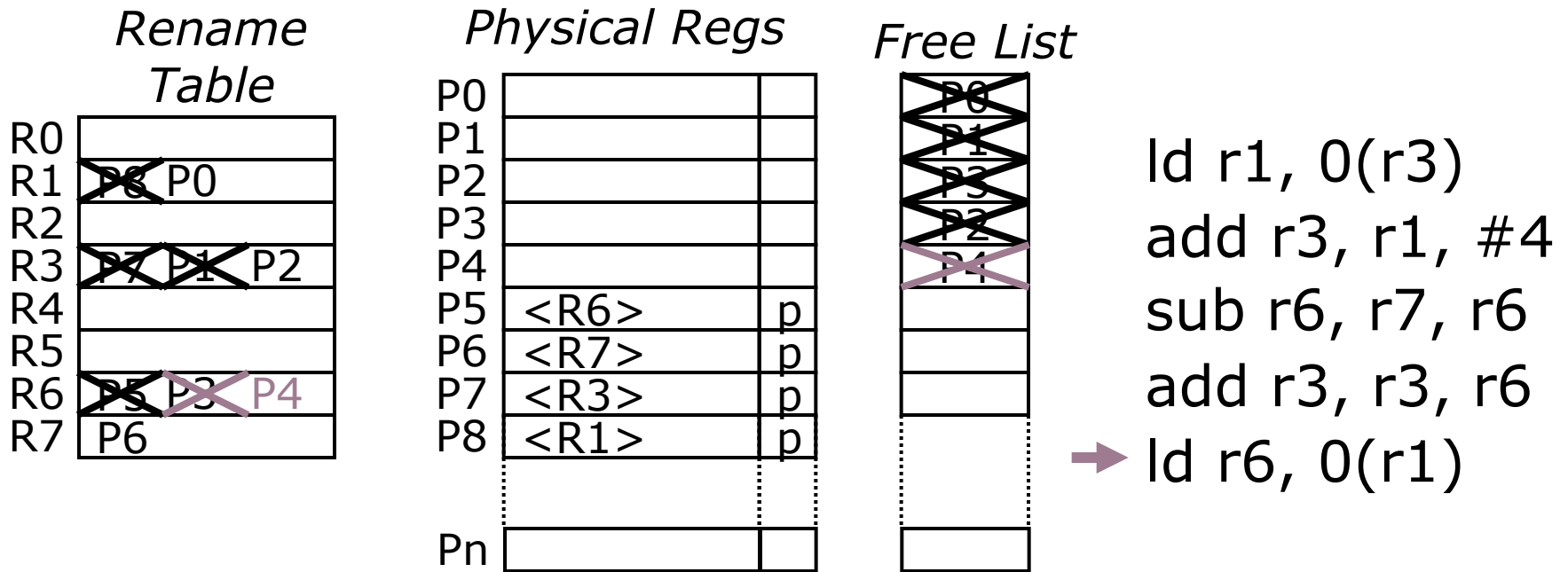


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add r3, r3, r6
→ ld r6, 0(r1)
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ROB

use	ex	op	p1	PR1	p2	PR2	Rd	LPRd	PRd
x		ld	p	P7			r1	P8	P0
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x		sub	p	P6	p	P5	r6	P5	P3
x		add		P1		P3	r3	P1	P2
x		ld		P0			r6	P3	P4

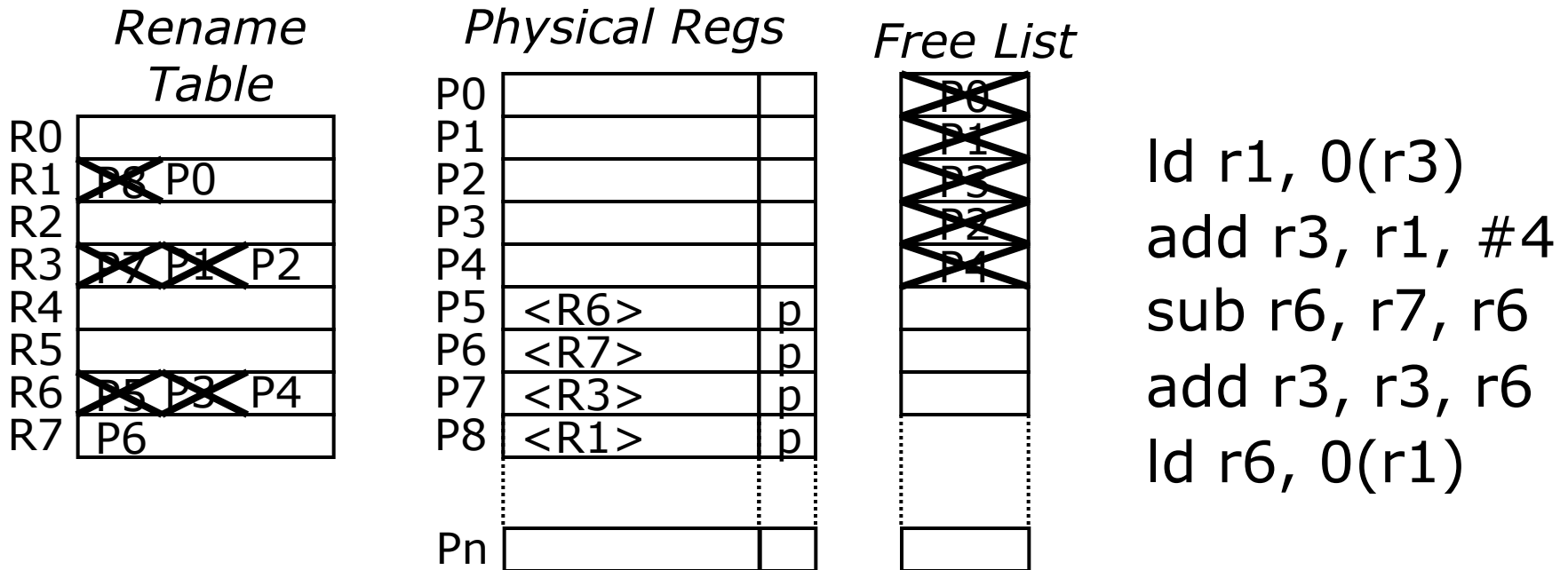
Physical Register Management



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x		sub	p	P6	p	P5	r6	P5	P3
x		add		P1		P3	r3	P1	P2
x		ld		P0			r6	P3	P4

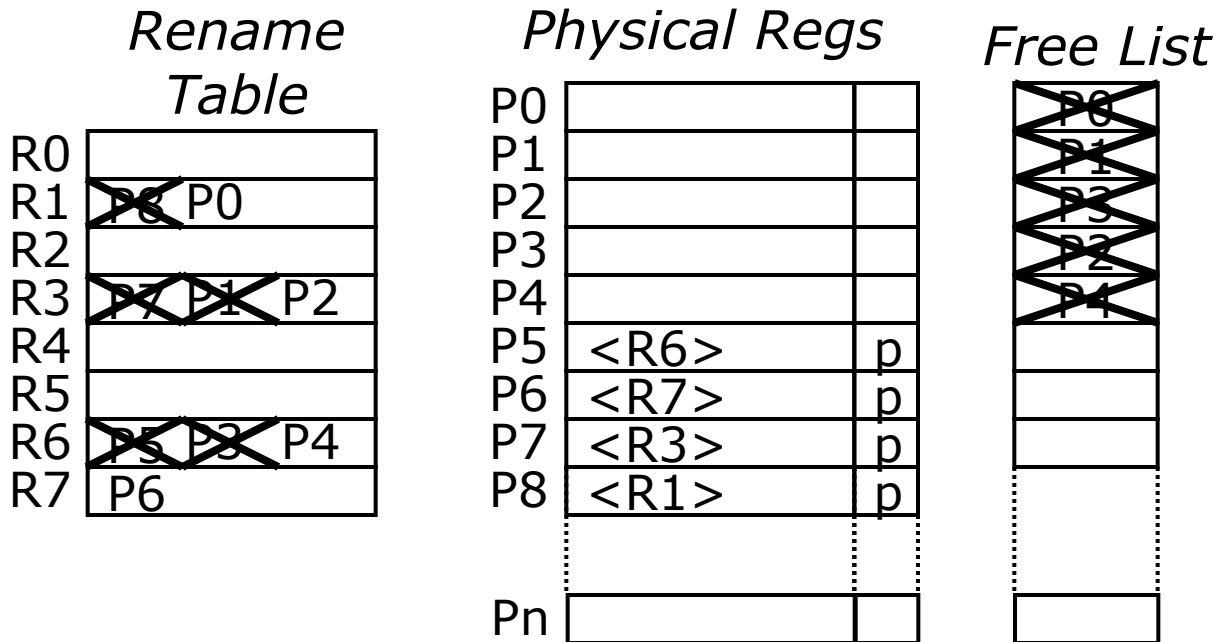
Physical Register Management



ROB

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x		add		P1		P3	r3	P1	P2
x		ld		P0			r6	P3	P4

Physical Register Management



```
ld r1, 0(r3)
add r3, r1, #4
sub r6, r7, r6
add r3, r3, r6
ld r6, 0(r1)
```

ROB

use	ex	op	p1	PR1	p2	PR2	Rd	LPRd	PRd
x		ld	p	P7			r1	P8	P0
x		add		P0			r3	P7	P1
x		sub	p	P6	p	P5	r6	P5	P3
x		add		P1		P3	r3	P1	P2
x		ld		P0			r6	P3	P4

Execute & Commit

Physical Register Management

Rename Table

R0	
R1	P0
R2	
R3	P7 P1 P2
R4	
R5	
R6	P5 P3 P4
R7	P6

Physical Regs

P0		
P1		
P2		
P3		
P4		
P5	<R6>	p
P6	<R7>	p
P7	<R3>	p
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...
Pn		

Free List

P0
P1
P3
P2
P4
...

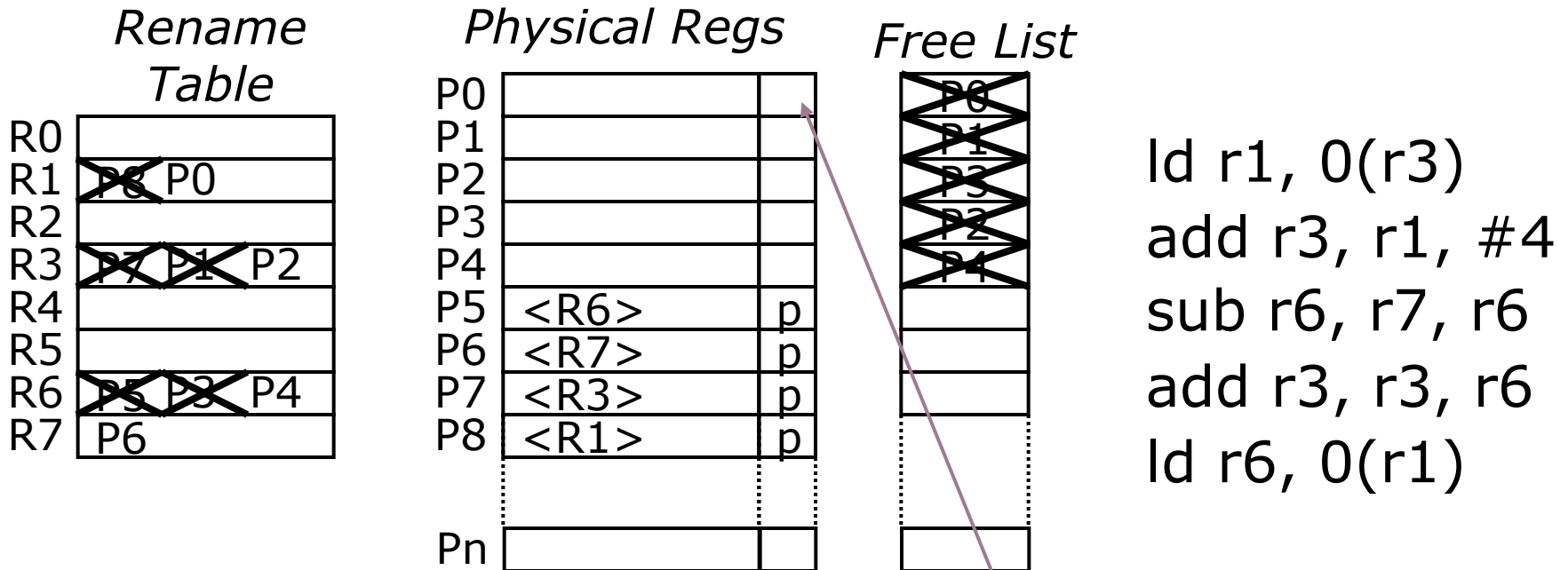
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 add r3, r1, #4
 sub r6, r7, r6
 add r3, r3, r6
 ld r6, 0(r1)

ROB

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X		ld	p	P7			r1	P8	P0
X		add		P0			r3	P7	P1
X		sub	p	P6	p	P5	r6	P5	P3
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Execute & Commit ←

Physical Register Management

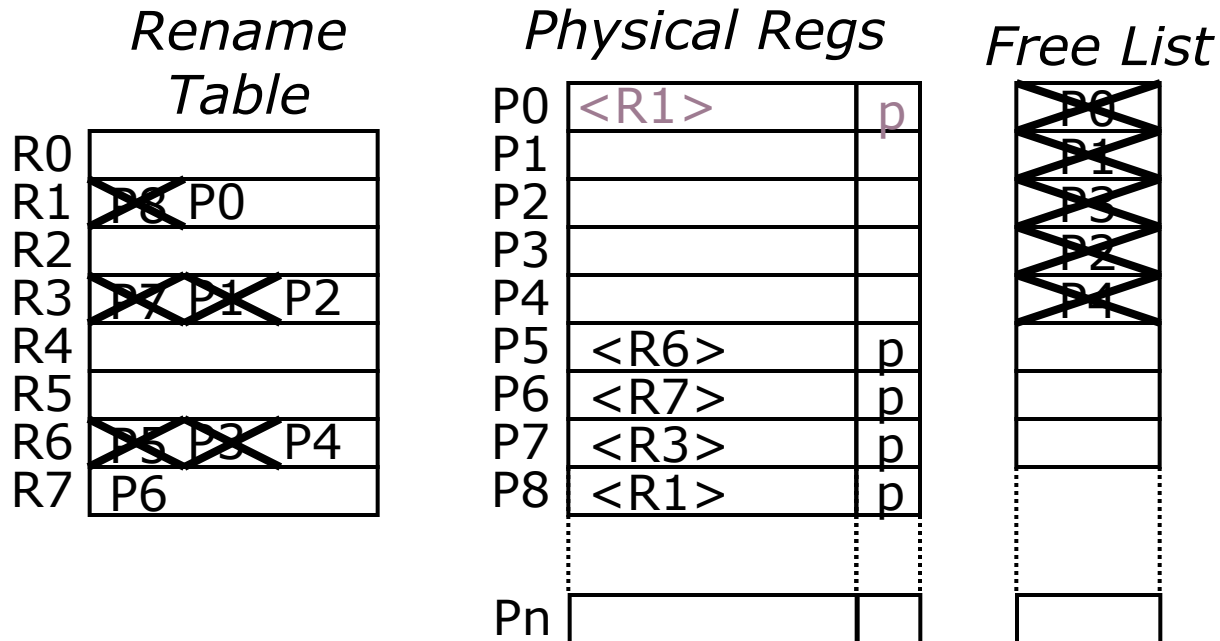


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Execute & Commit

Physical Register Management



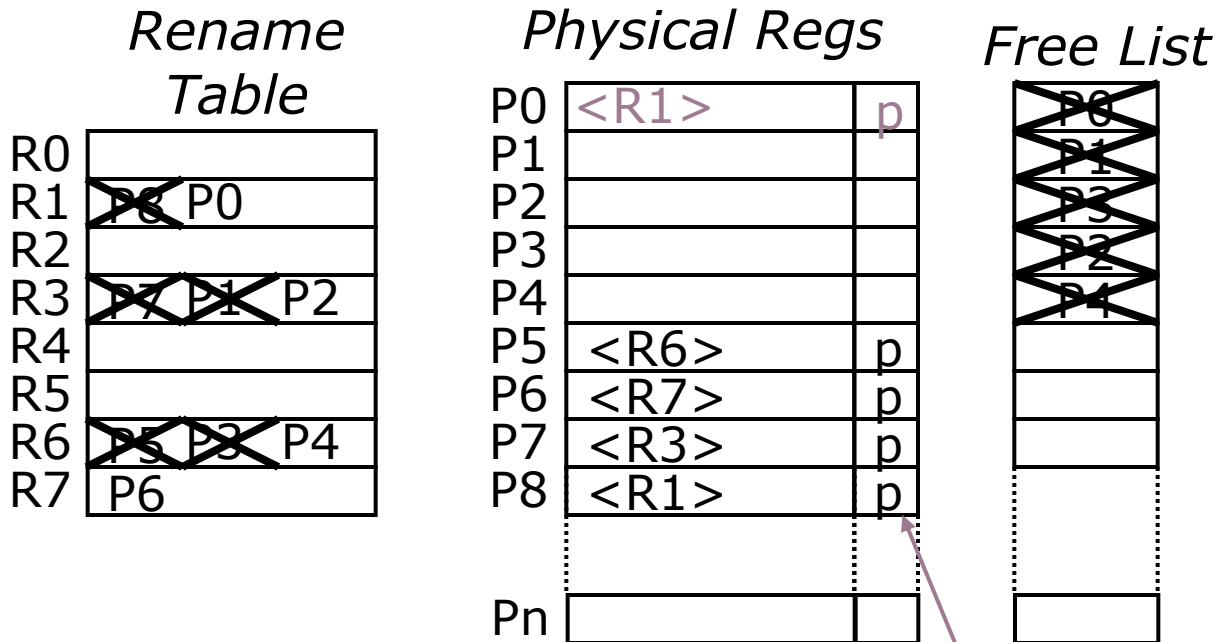
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Execute & Commit ←

ROB

use	ex	op	p1	PR1	p2	PR2	Rd	LPRd	PRd
X	X	ld	p	P7			r1	P8	P0
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X		sub	p	P6	p	P5	r6	P5	P3
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Physical Register Management



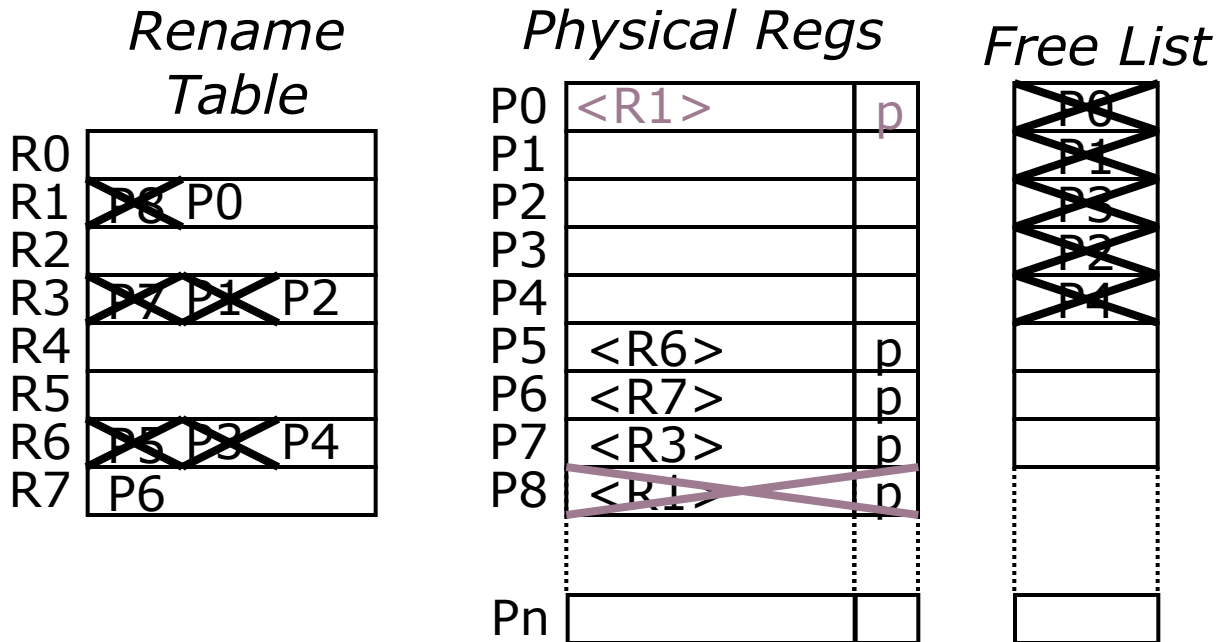
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add r3, r3, r6
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```

Execute & Commit

ROB

use	ex	op	p1	PR1	p2	PR2	Rd	LPRd	PRd
x	x	ld	p	P7			r1	P8	P0
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x		sub	p	P6	p	P5	r6	P5	P3
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Physical Register Management



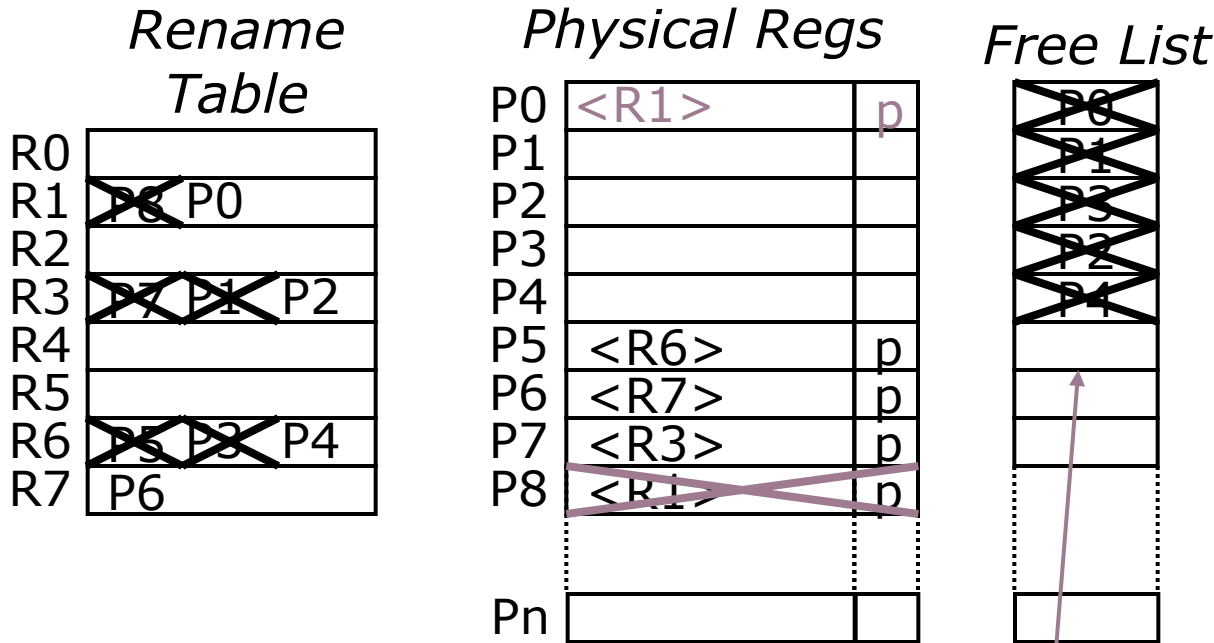
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ROB

use	ex	op	p1	PR1	p2	PR2	Rd	LPRd	PRd
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Execute & Commit ←

Physical Register Management



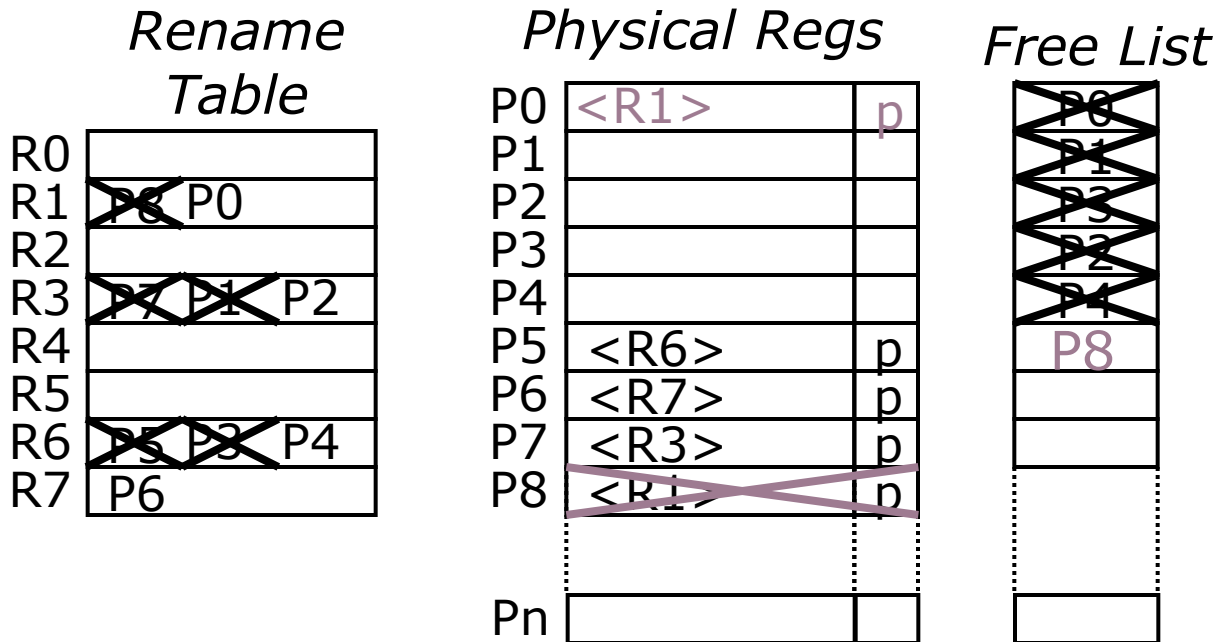
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ROB

use	ex	op	p1	PR1	p2	PR2	Rd	LPRd	PRd
X	X	ld	p	P7			r1	P8	P0
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X		ld	p	P0			r6	P3	P4

Execute & Commit ←

Physical Register Management



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ld r1, 0(r3)
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ROB

use	ex	op	p1	PR1	p2	PR2	Rd	LPRd	PRd
x	x	ld	p	P7			r1	P8	P0
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Execute & Commit

Physical Register Management

Rename Table

R0	
R1	P0
R2	
R3	P7 P1 P2
R4	
R5	
R6	P5 P3 P4
R7	P6

Physical Regs

P0	<R1>	p
P1		
P2		
P3		
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...		
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Free List

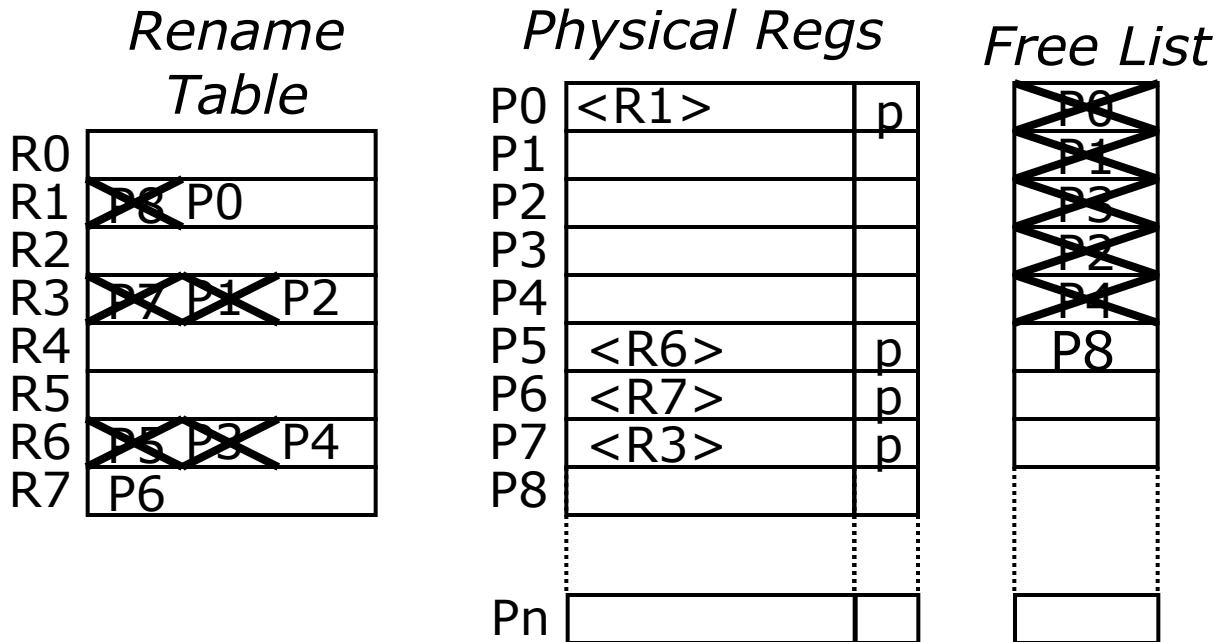
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ld r1, 0(r3)
add r3, r1, #4
sub r6, r7, r6
add r3, r3, r6
ld r6, 0(r1)
```

ROB

use	ex	op	p1	PR1	p2	PR2	Rd	LPRd	PRd
x	x	ld	p	P7			r1	P8	P0
x		add	p	P0			r3	P7	P1
x		sub	p	P6	p	P5	r6	P5	P3
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Physical Register Management



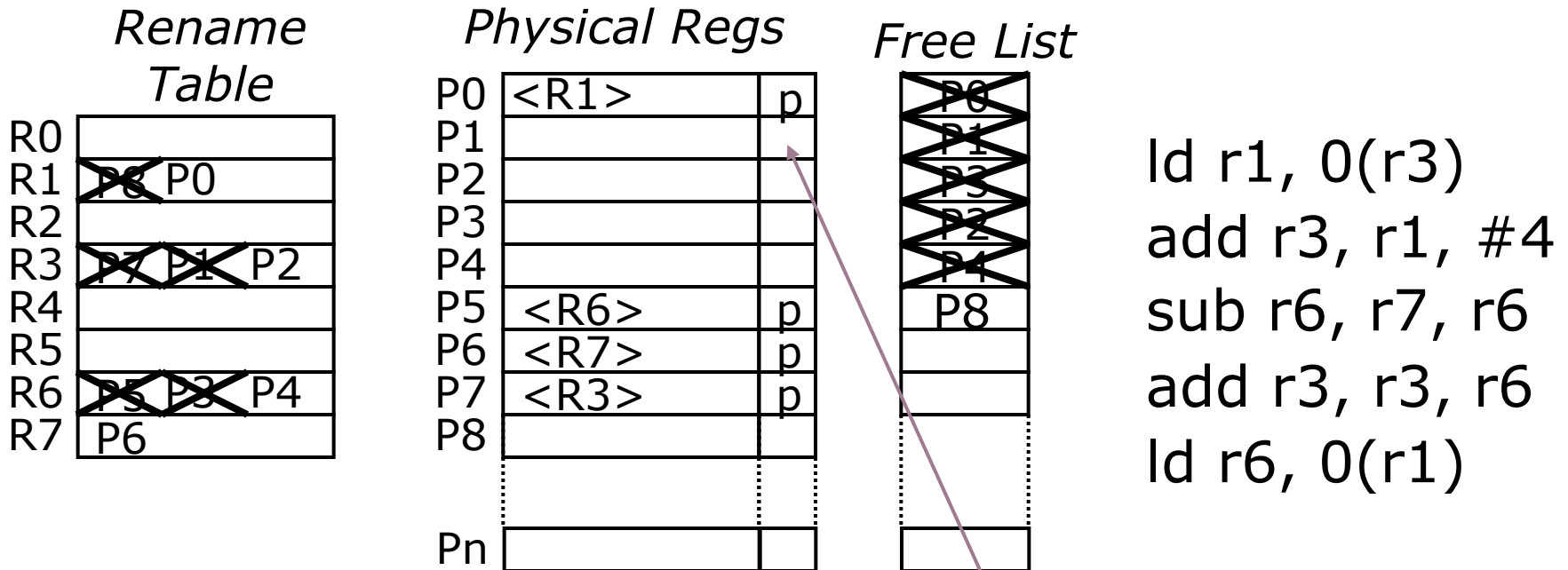
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```

ROB

use	ex	op	p1	PR1	p2	PR2	Rd	LPRd	PRd
x	x	ld	p	P7			r1	P8	P0
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Execute & Commit

Physical Register Management

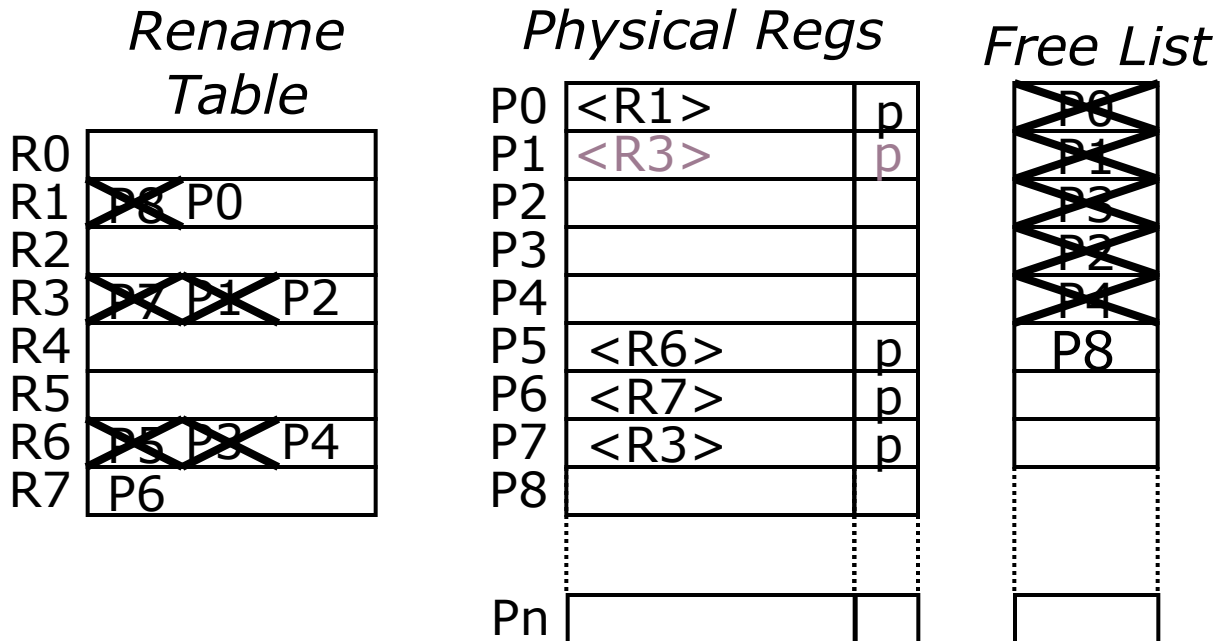


ROB

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Execute & Commit

Physical Register Management



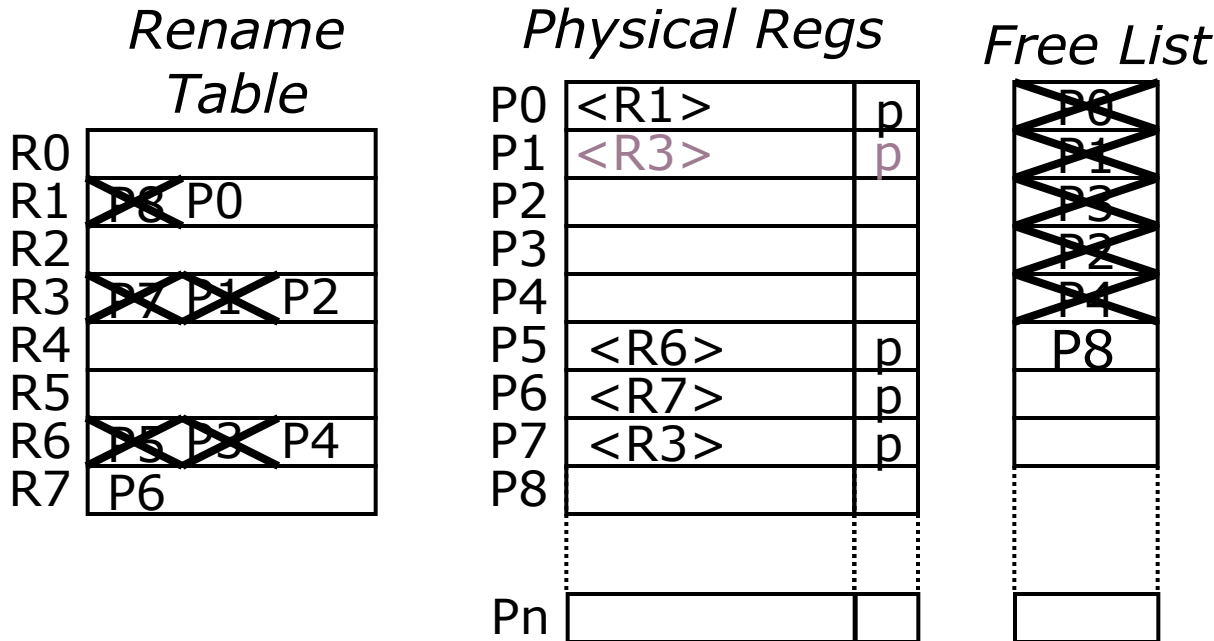
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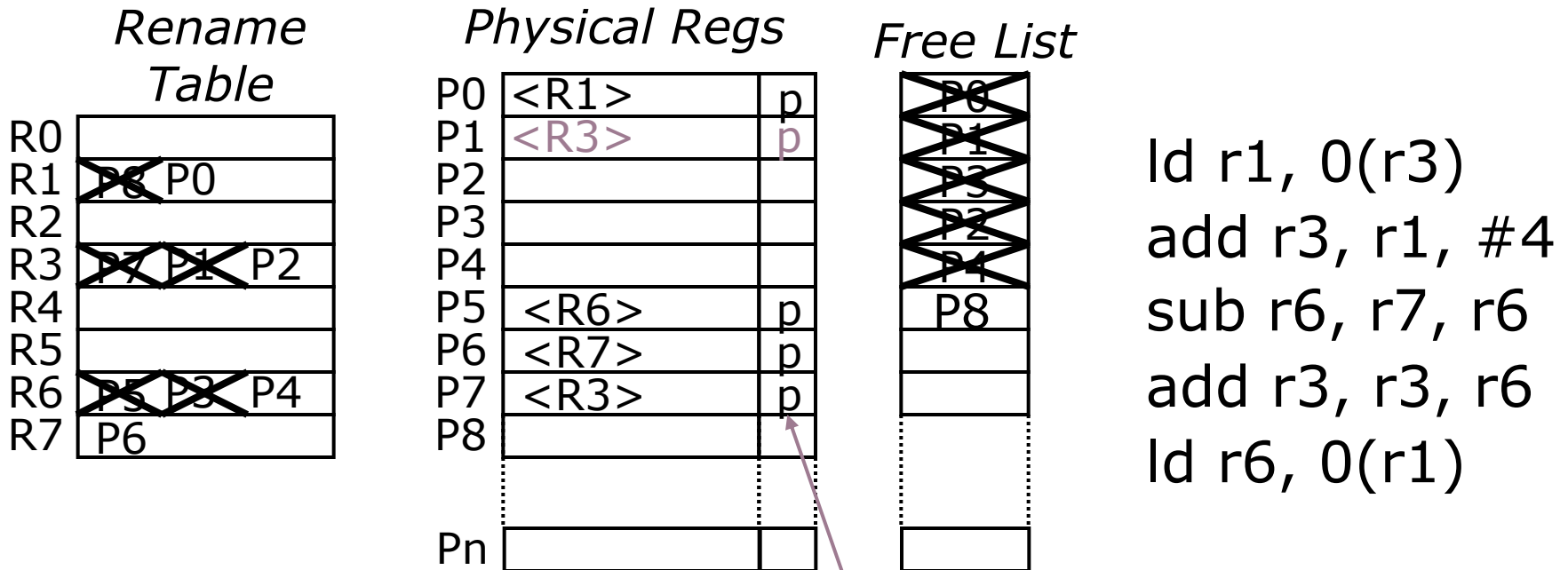
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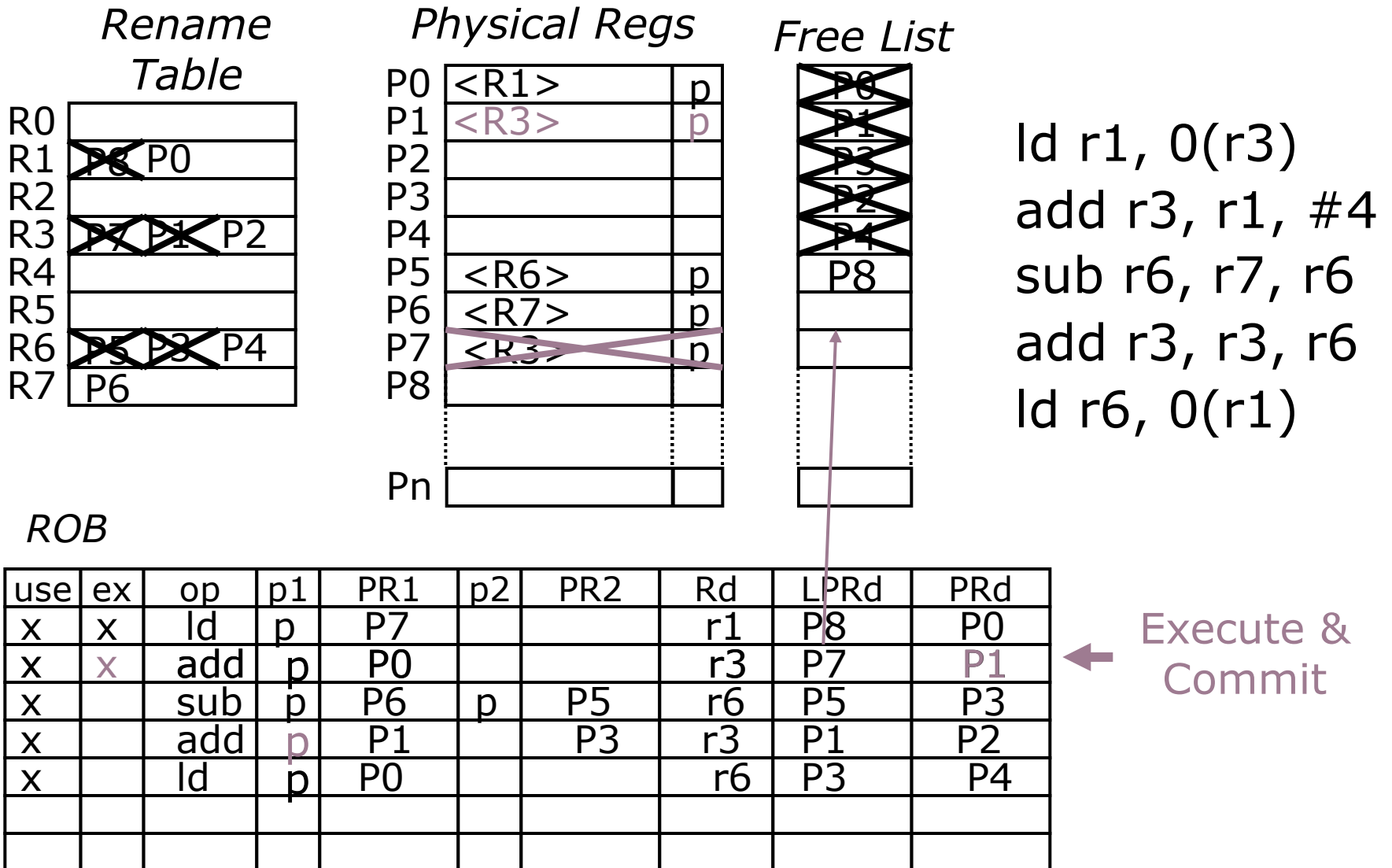


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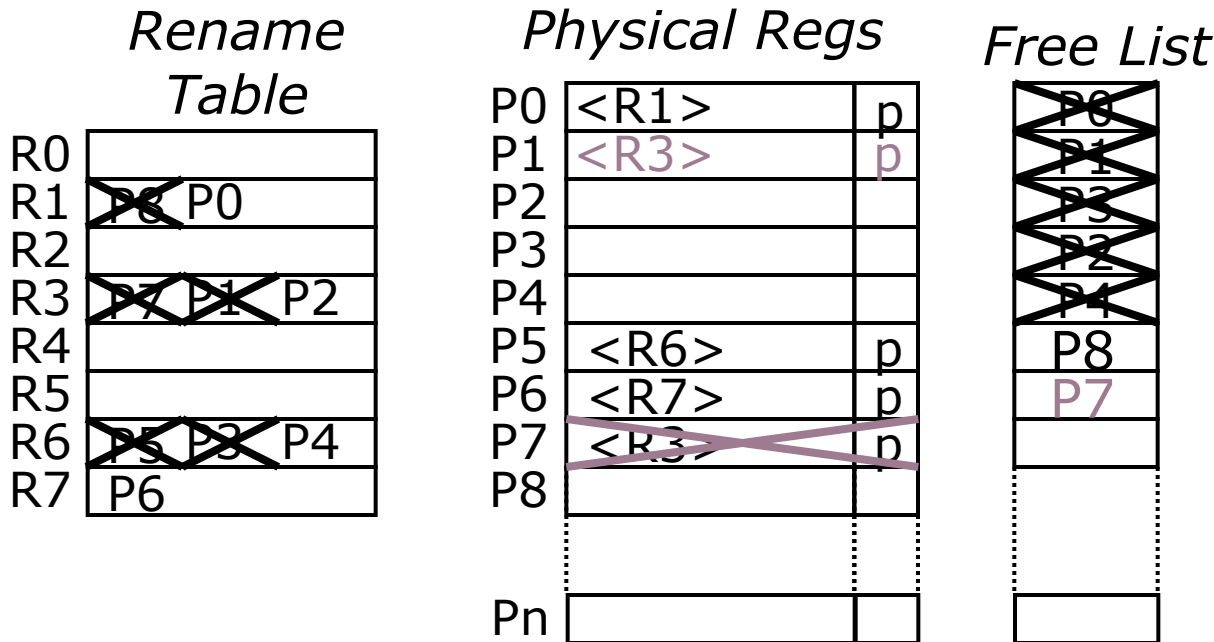
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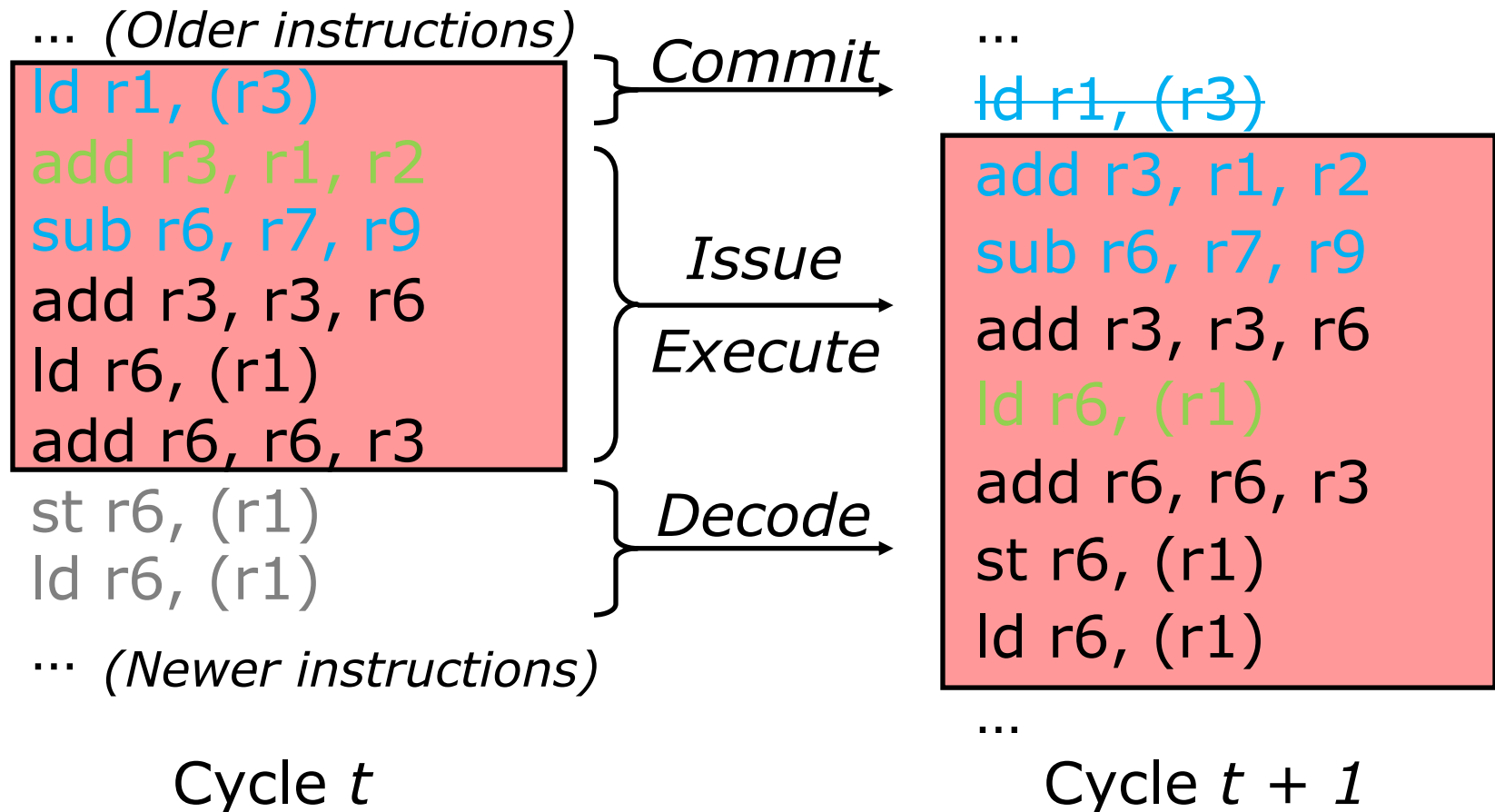
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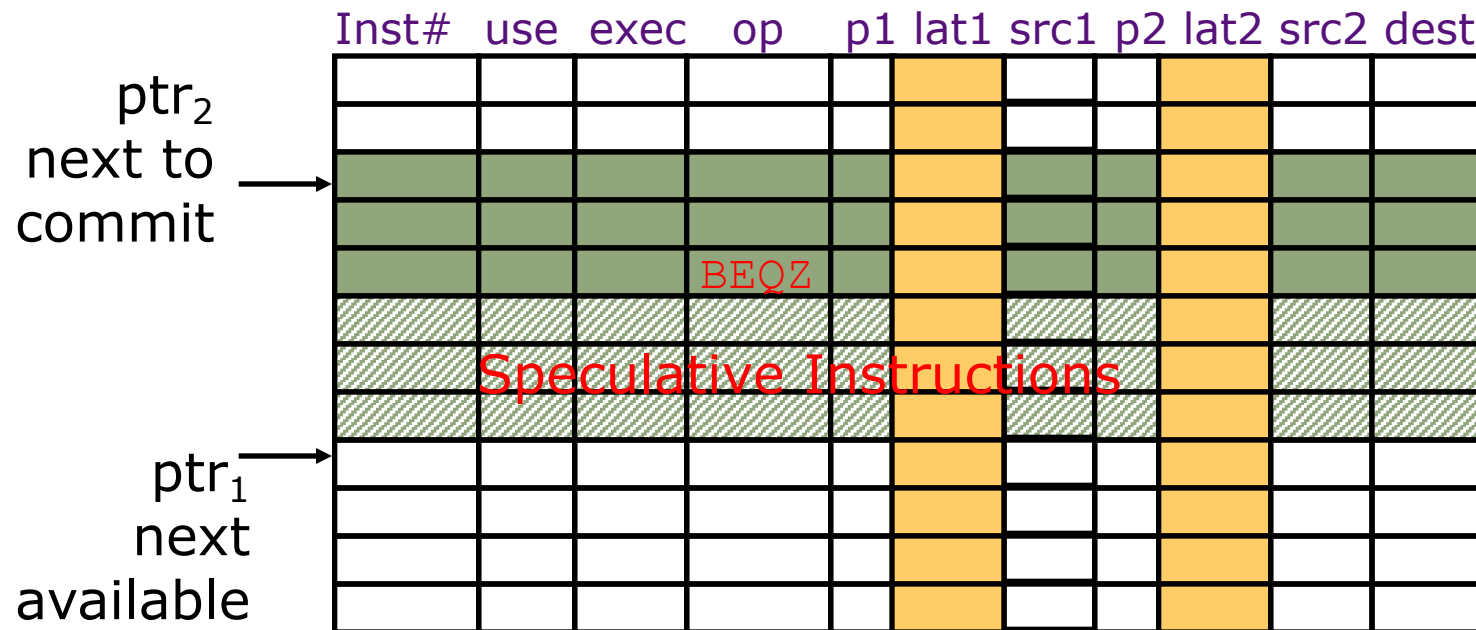
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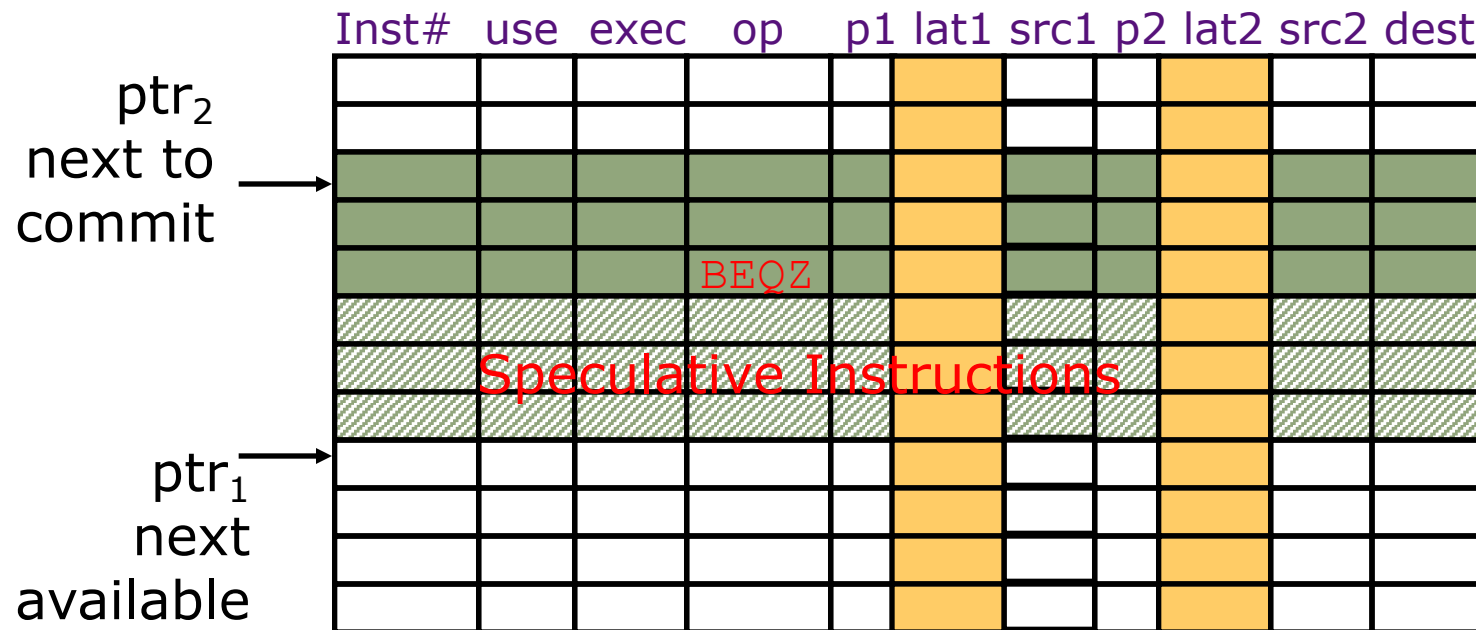
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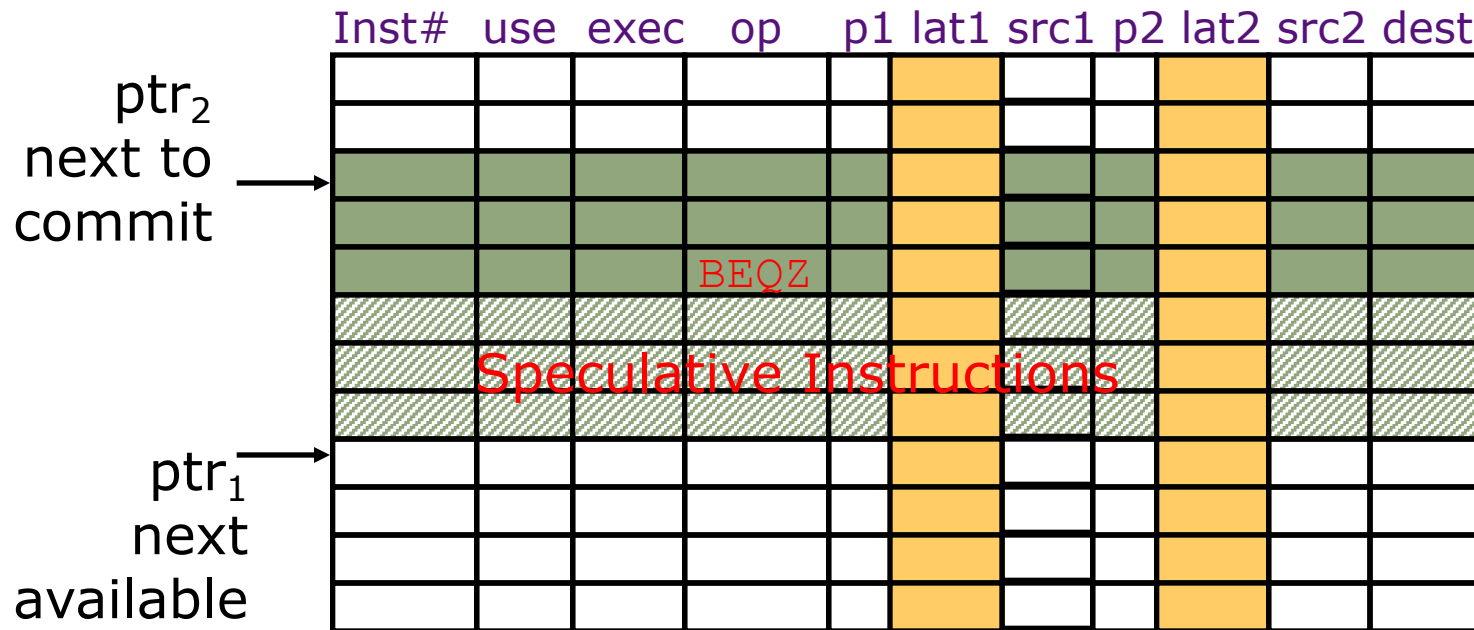
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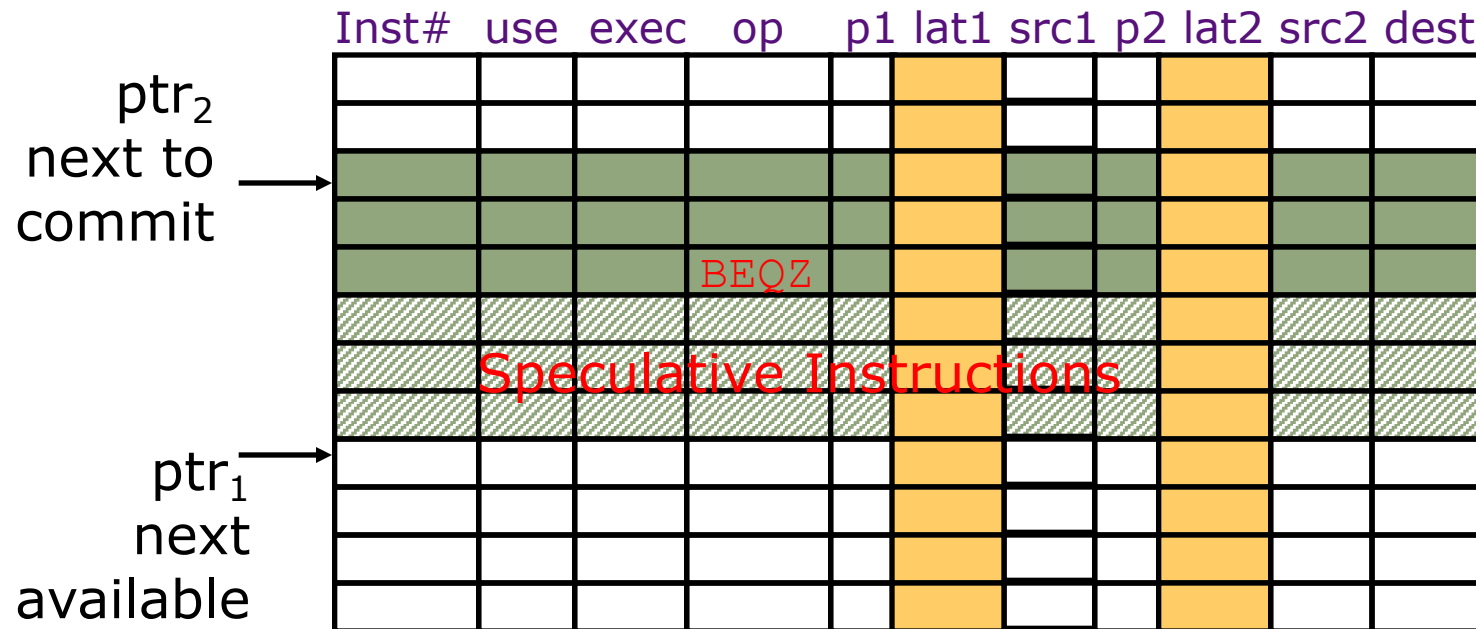
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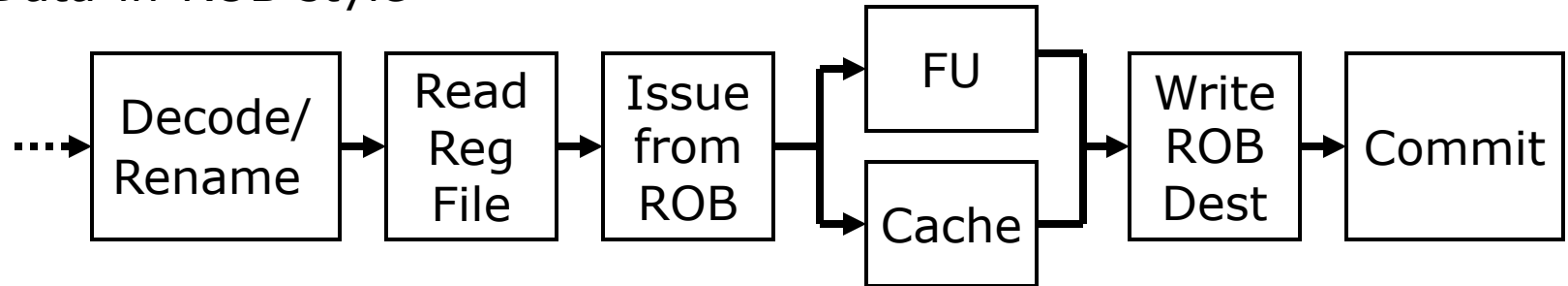


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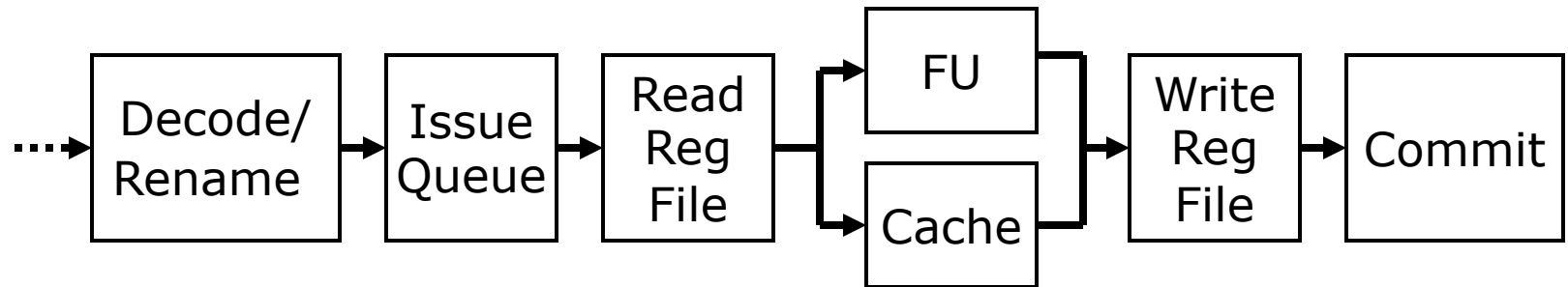
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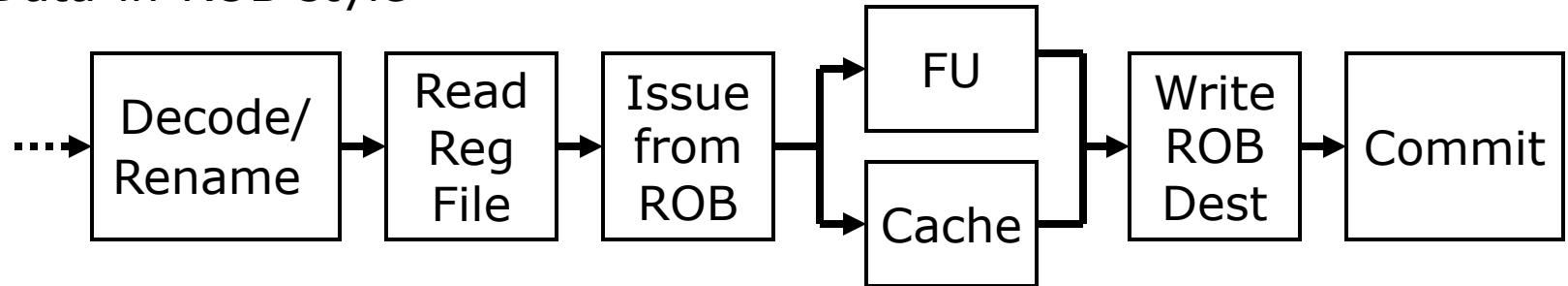
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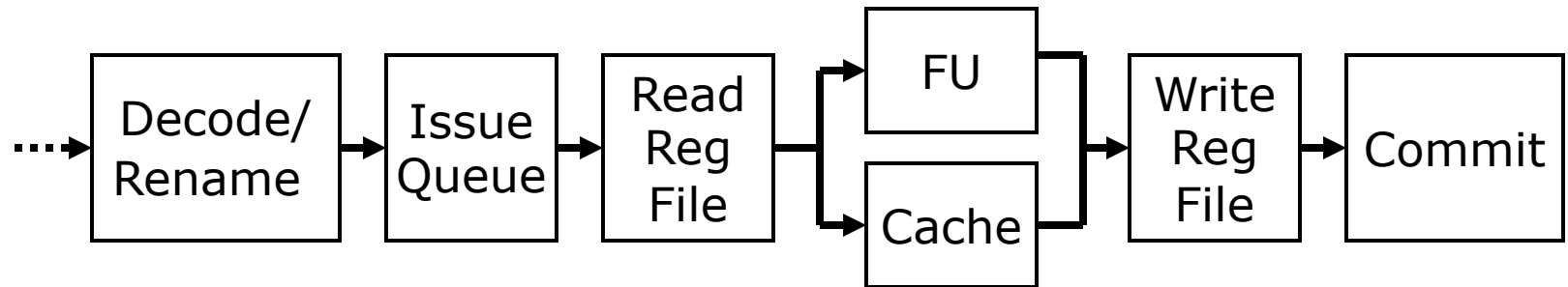
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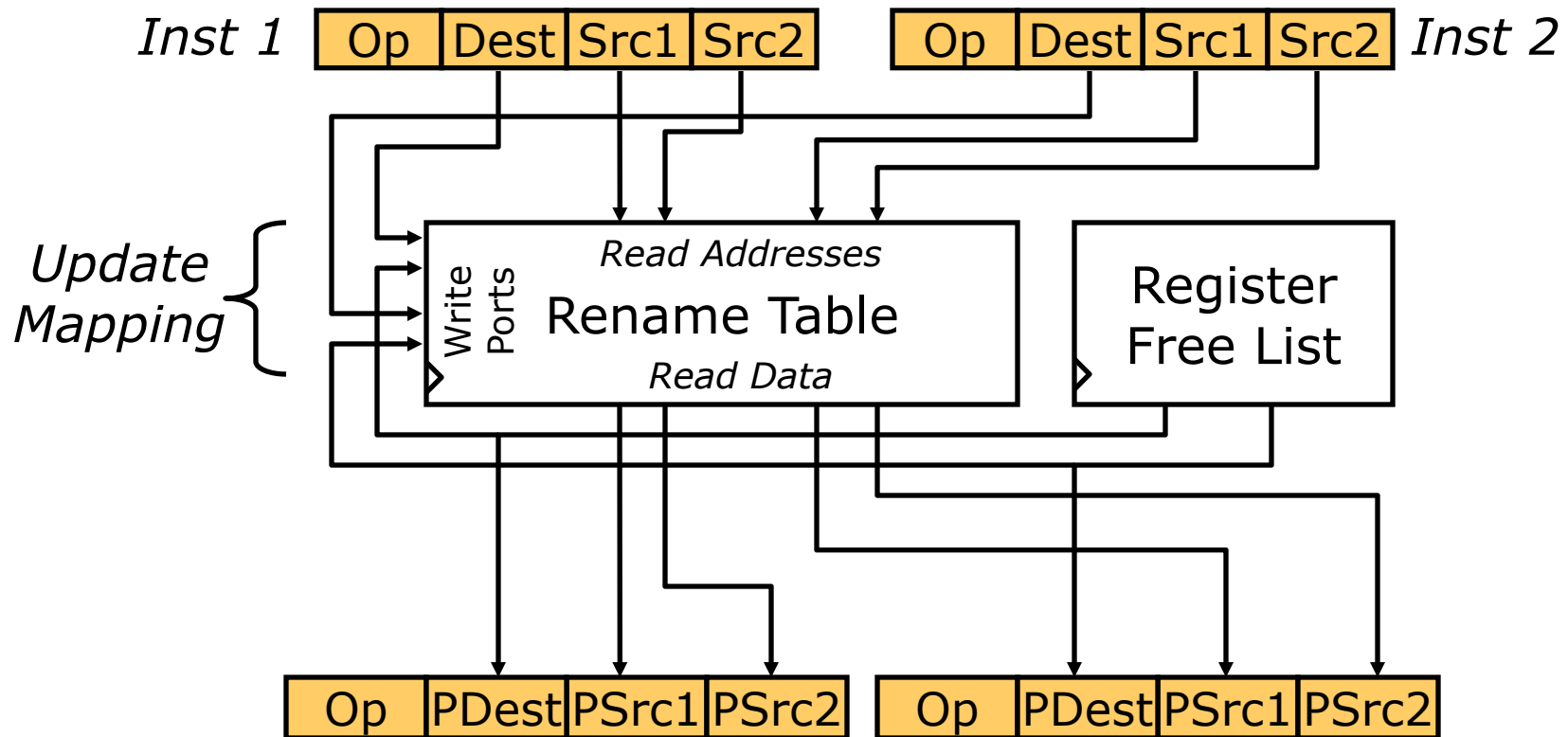
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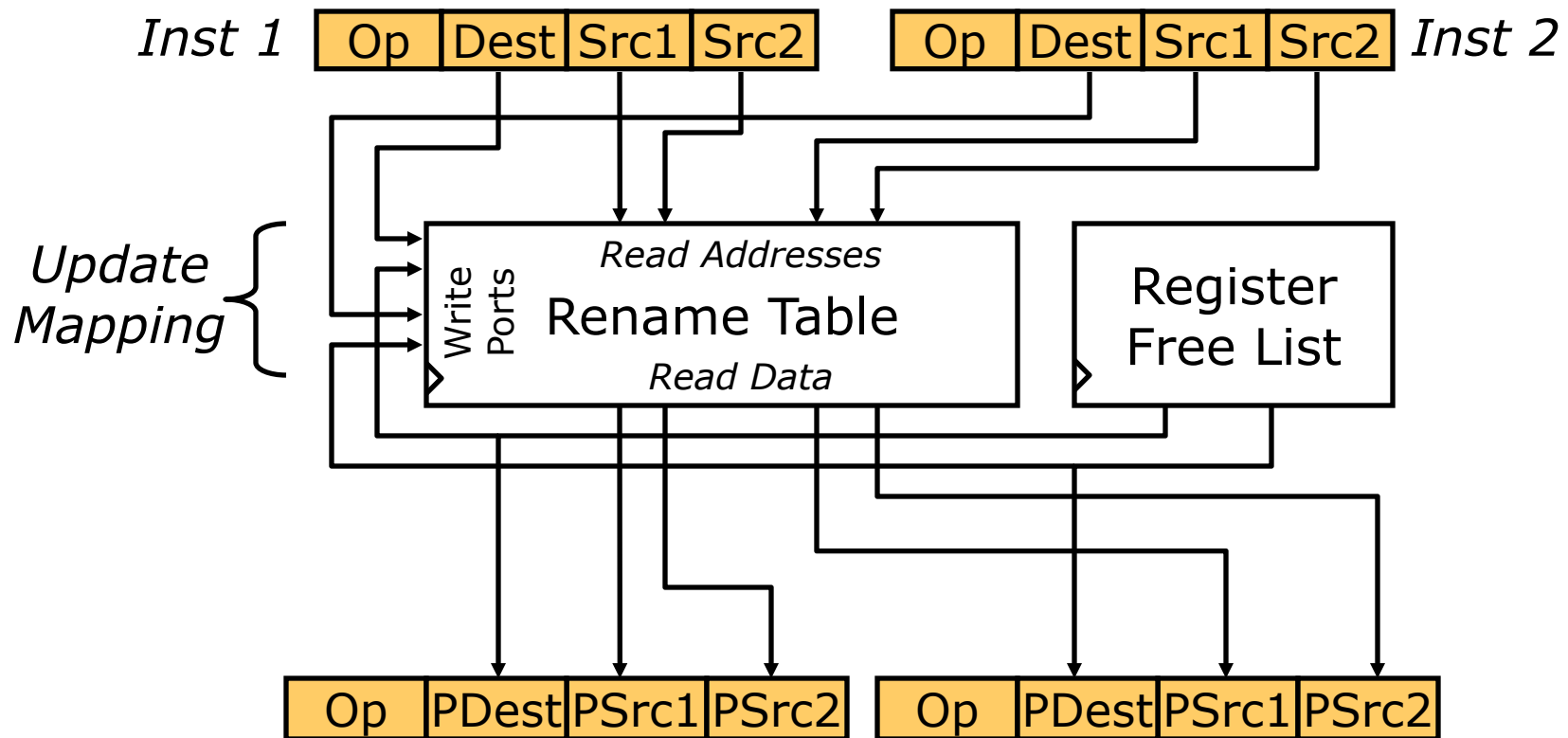
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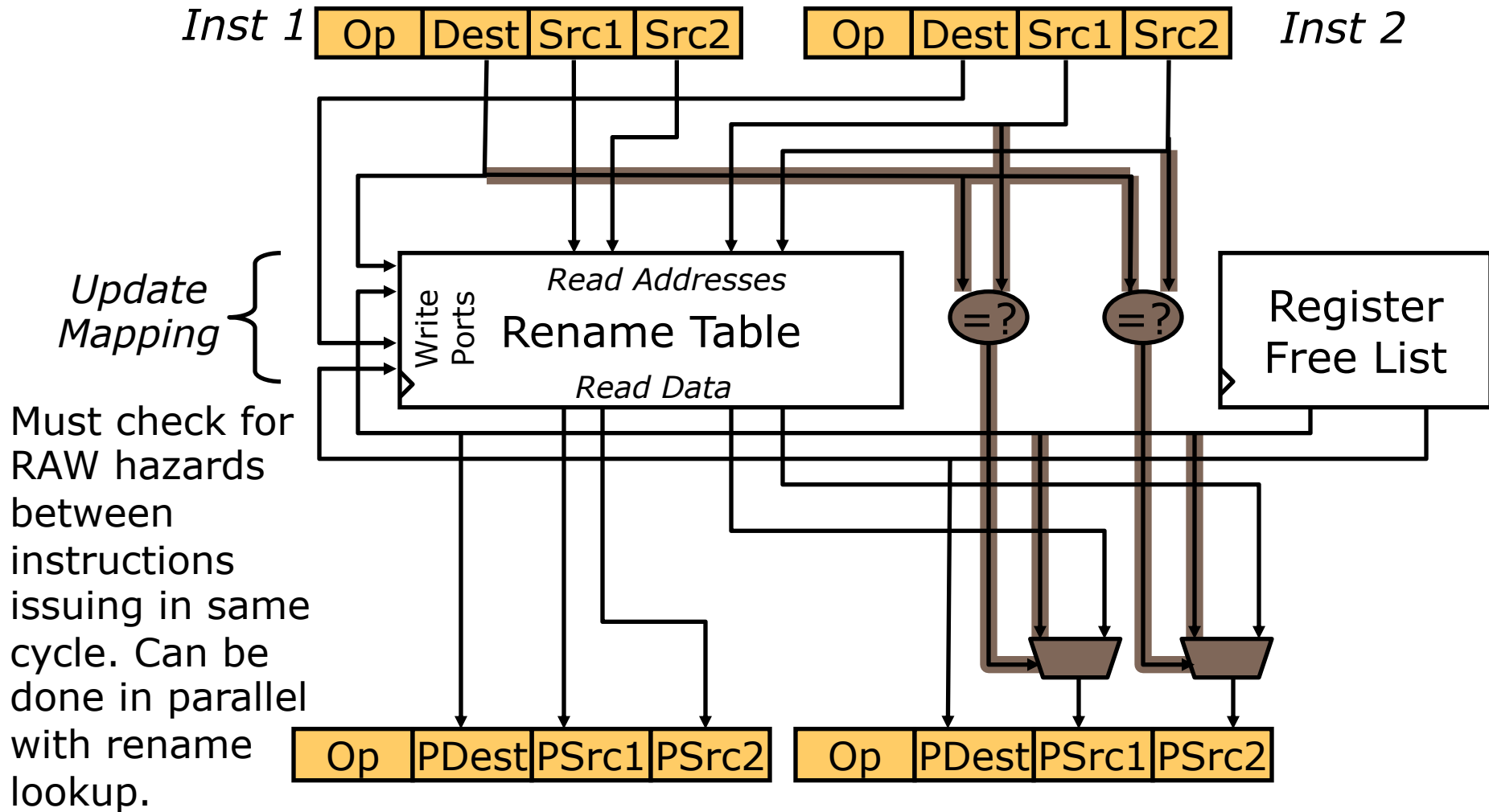
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