

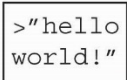
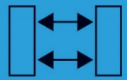
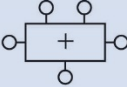
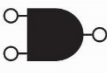
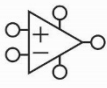
Chapter 7

Digital Design and Computer Architecture, 2nd Edition

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Chapter 7 :: Topics

- Introduction
- Performance Analysis
- Single-Cycle Processor
- Multicycle Processor
- Pipelined Processor
- Exceptions
- Advanced Microarchitecture

Application Software	
Operating Systems	
Architecture	
Micro-architecture	
Logic	
Digital Circuits	
Analog Circuits	
Devices	
Physics	

Introduction

- **Microarchitecture:** how to implement an architecture in hardware
- **Processor:**
 - **Datapath:** functional blocks
 - **Control:** control signals

Application Software	programs
Operating Systems	device drivers
Architecture	instructions registers
Micro-architecture	datapaths controllers
Logic	adders memories
Digital Circuits	AND gates NOT gates
Analog Circuits	amplifiers filters
Devices	transistors diodes
Physics	electrons



Microarchitecture

- Multiple implementations for a single architecture:
 - **Single-cycle:** Each instruction executes in a single cycle
 - **Multicycle:** Each instruction is broken into series of shorter steps
 - **Pipelined:** Each instruction broken up into series of steps & multiple instructions execute at once

Processor Performance

- Program execution time

Execution Time = (#instructions)(cycles/instruction)(seconds/cycle)

- Definitions:
 - CPI: Cycles/instruction
 - clock period: seconds/cycle
 - IPC: instructions/cycle = IPC
- Challenge is to satisfy constraints of:
 - Cost
 - Power
 - Performance

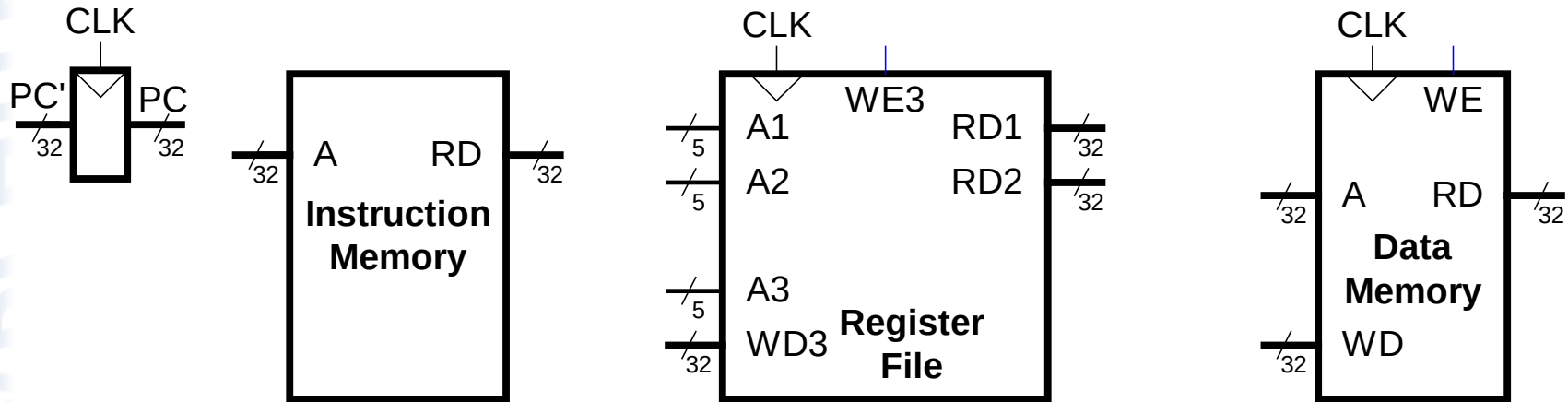
MIPS Processor

- Consider subset of MIPS instructions:
 - R-type instructions: and, or, add, sub, slt
 - Memory instructions: lw, sw
 - Branch instructions: beq

Architectural State

- Determines everything about a processor:
 - PC
 - 32 registers
 - Memory

MIPS State Elements

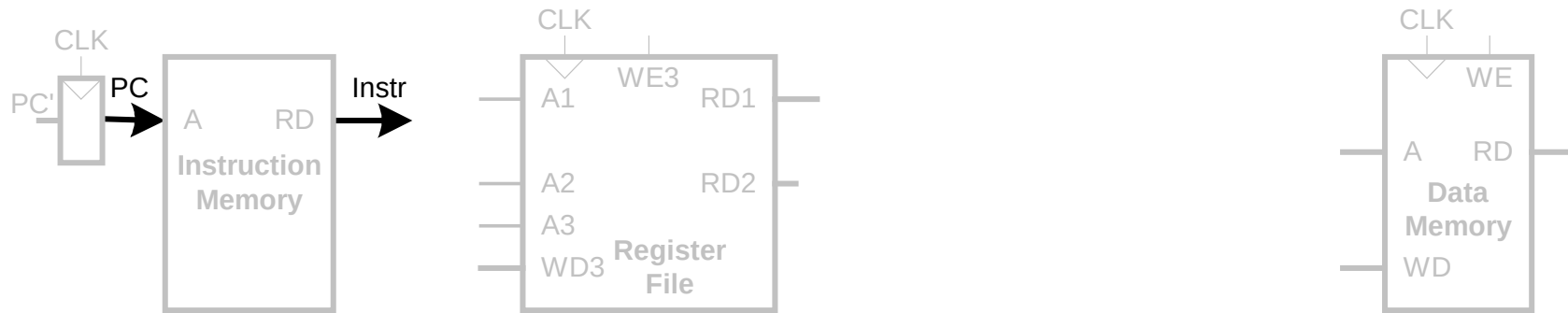


Single-Cycle MIPS Processor

- Datapath
- Control

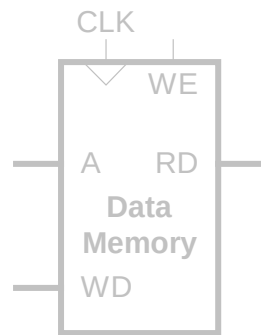
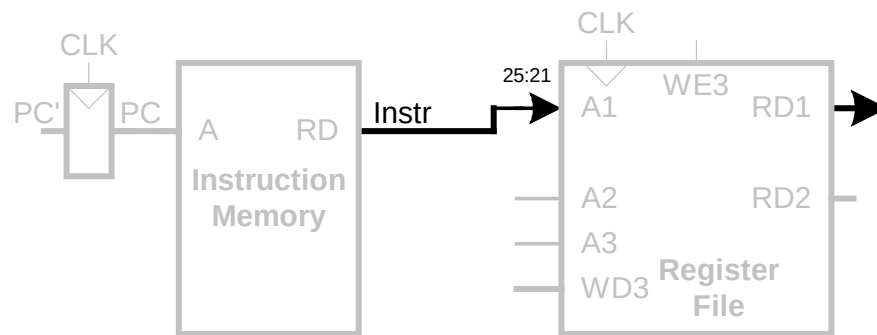
Single-Cycle Datapath: lw fetch

STEP 1: Fetch instruction



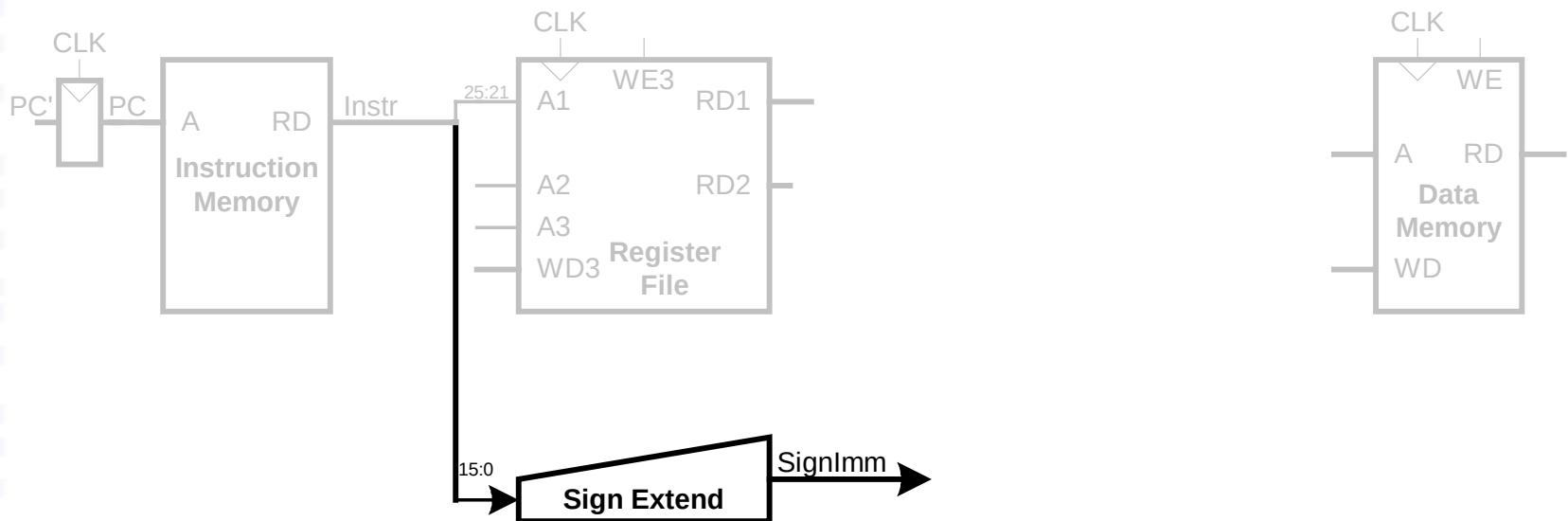
Single-Cycle Datapath: Lw Register Read

STEP 2: Read source operands from RF



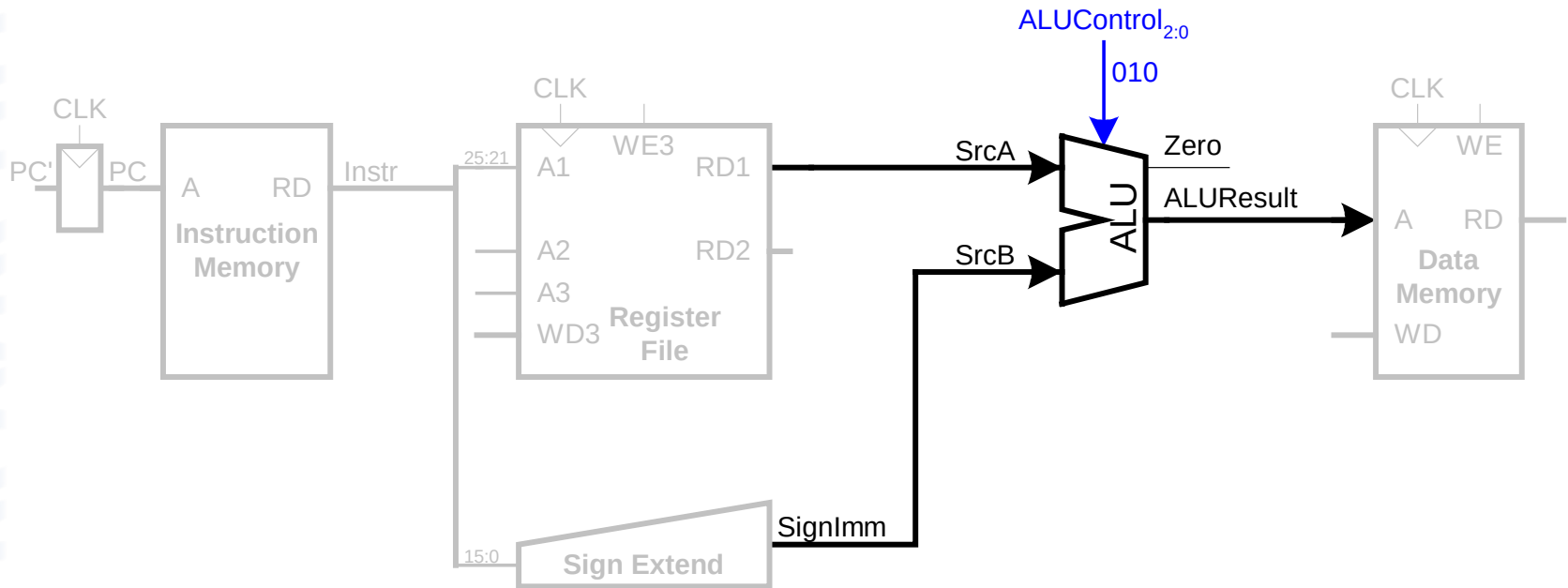
Single-Cycle Datapath: lw Immediate

STEP 3: Sign-extend the immediate



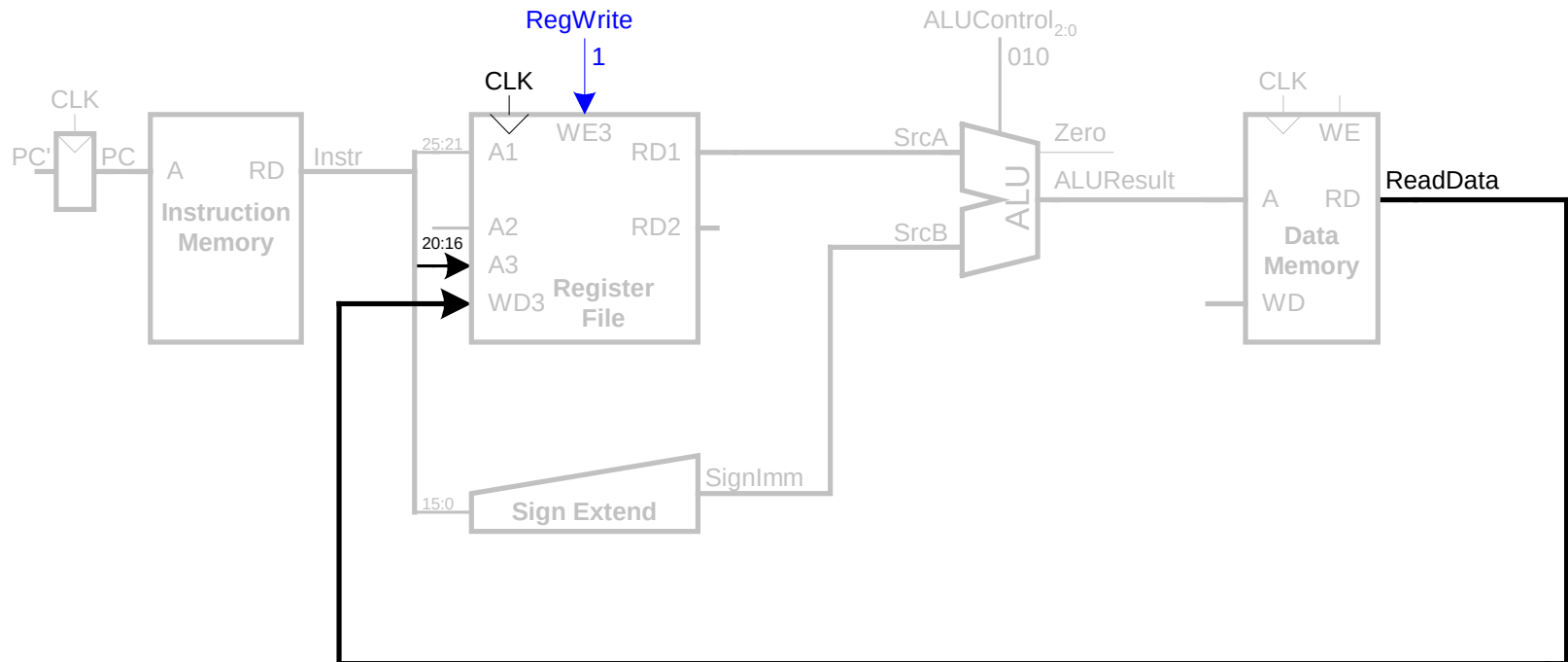
Single-Cycle Datapath: `lw` address

STEP 4: Compute the memory address



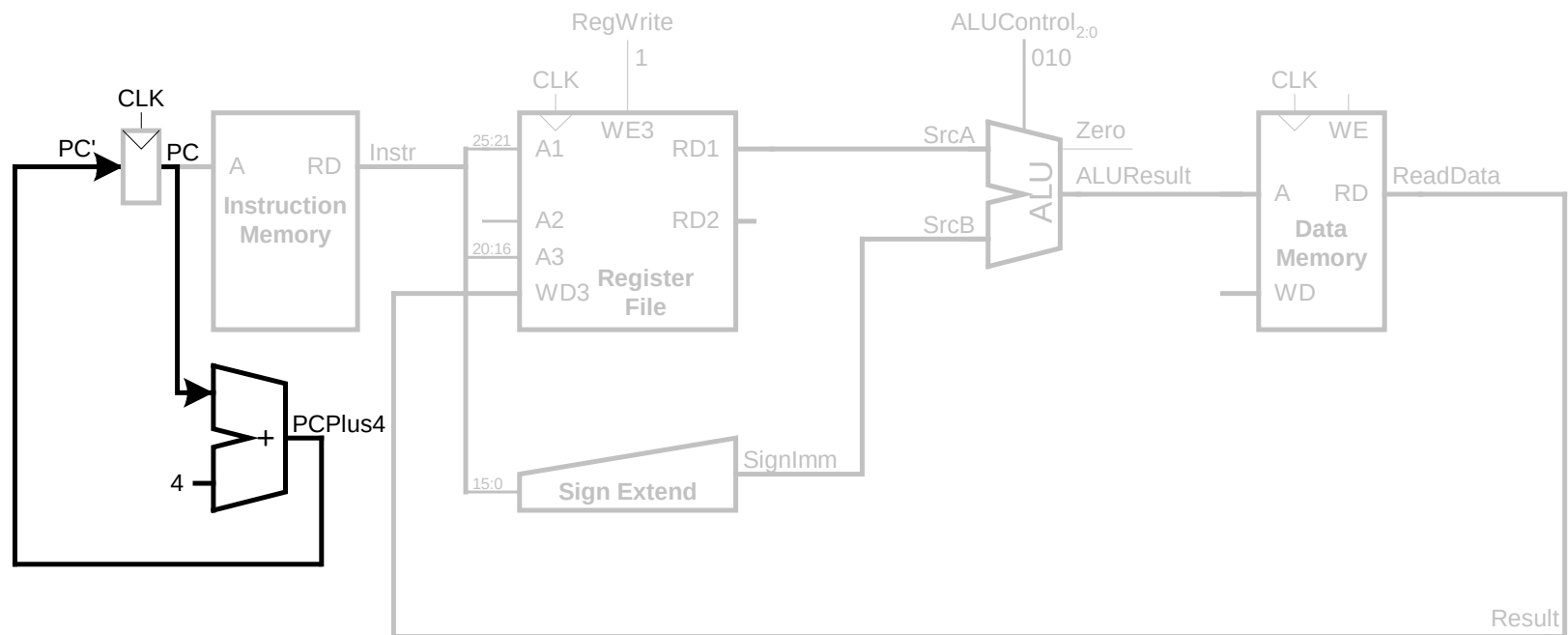
Single-Cycle Datapath: Lw Memory Read

- **STEP 5:** Read data from memory and write it back to register file



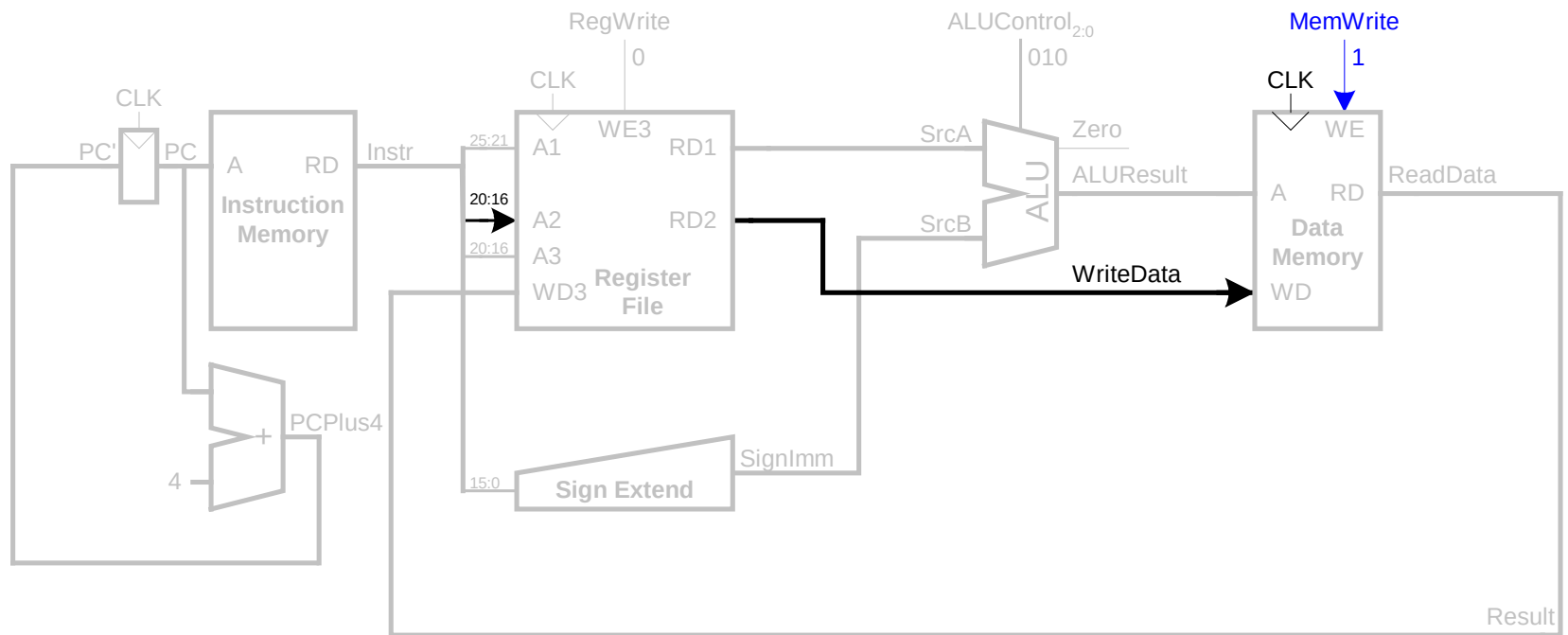
Single-Cycle Datapath: lw PC Increment

STEP 6: Determine address of next instruction



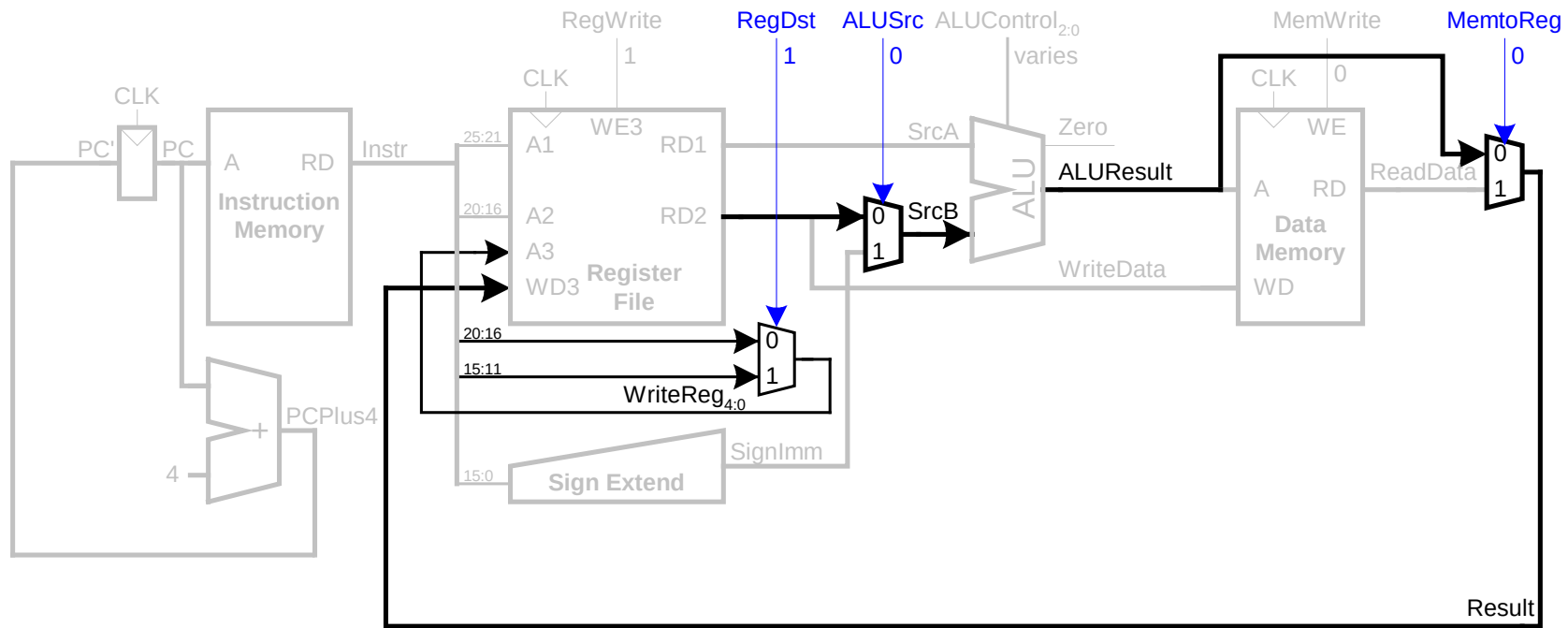
Single-Cycle Datapath: SW

Write data in r_t to memory



Single-Cycle Datapath: R-Type

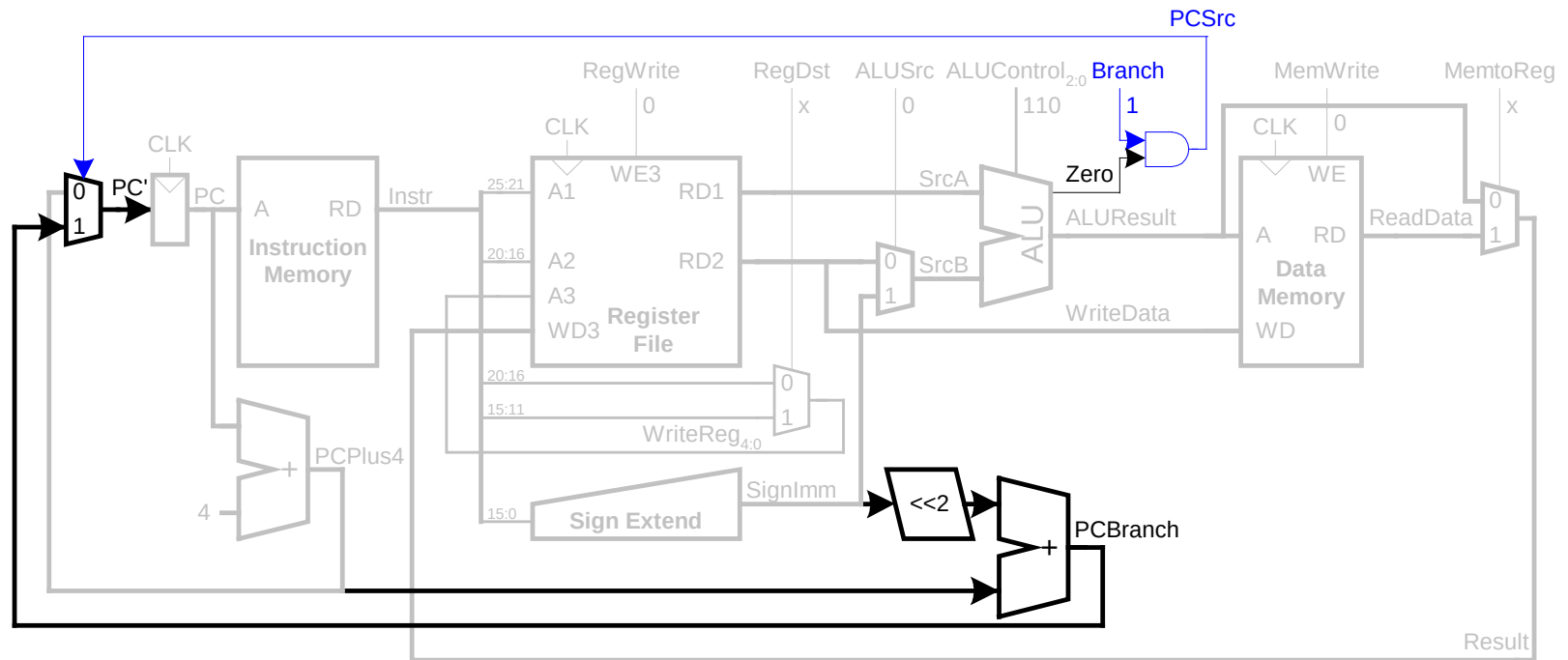
- Read from r_s and r_t
- Write $ALUResult$ to register file
- Write to r_d (instead of r_t)



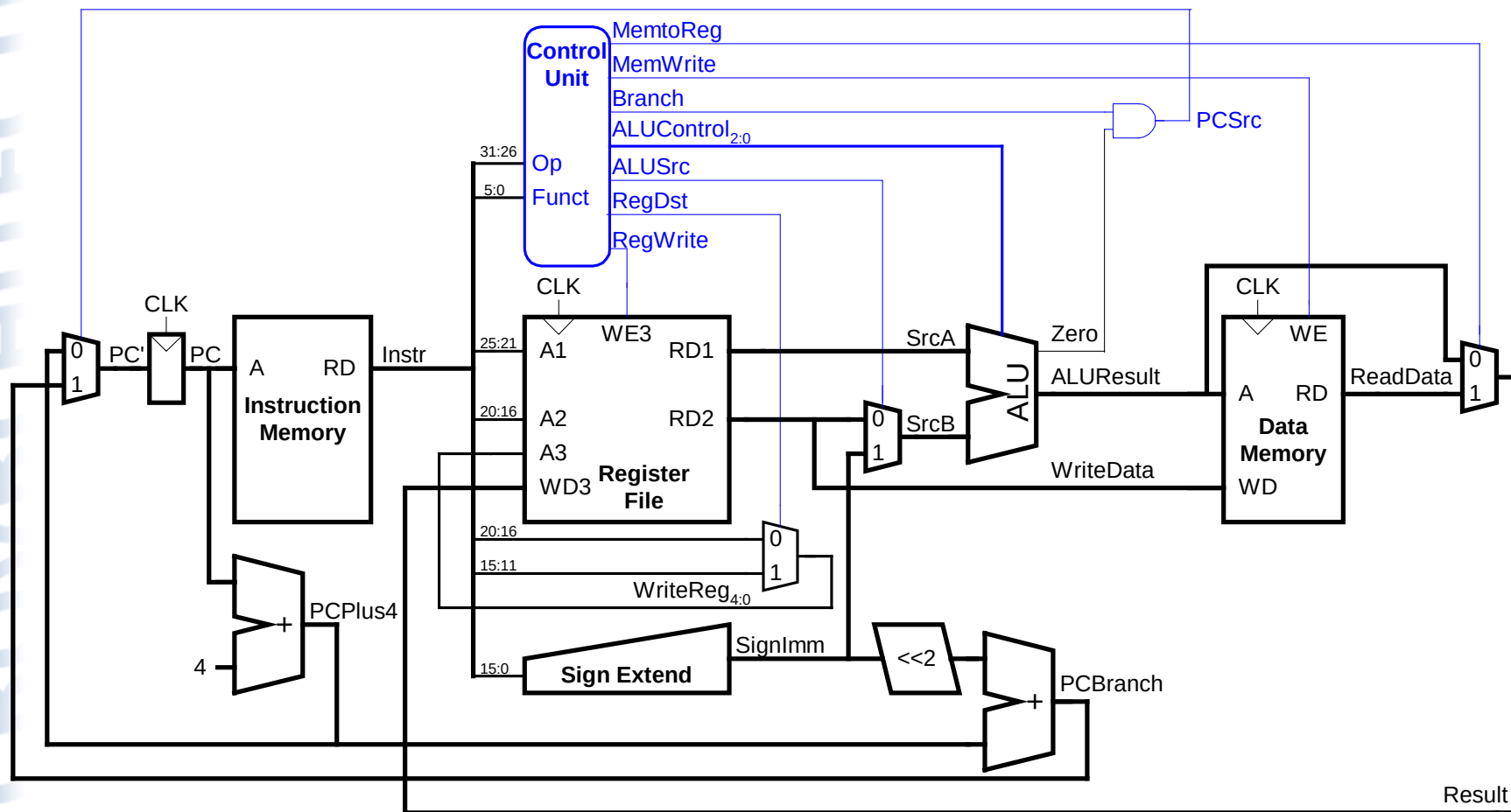
Single-Cycle Datapath: beq

- Determine whether values in r_s and r_t are equal
- Calculate branch target address:

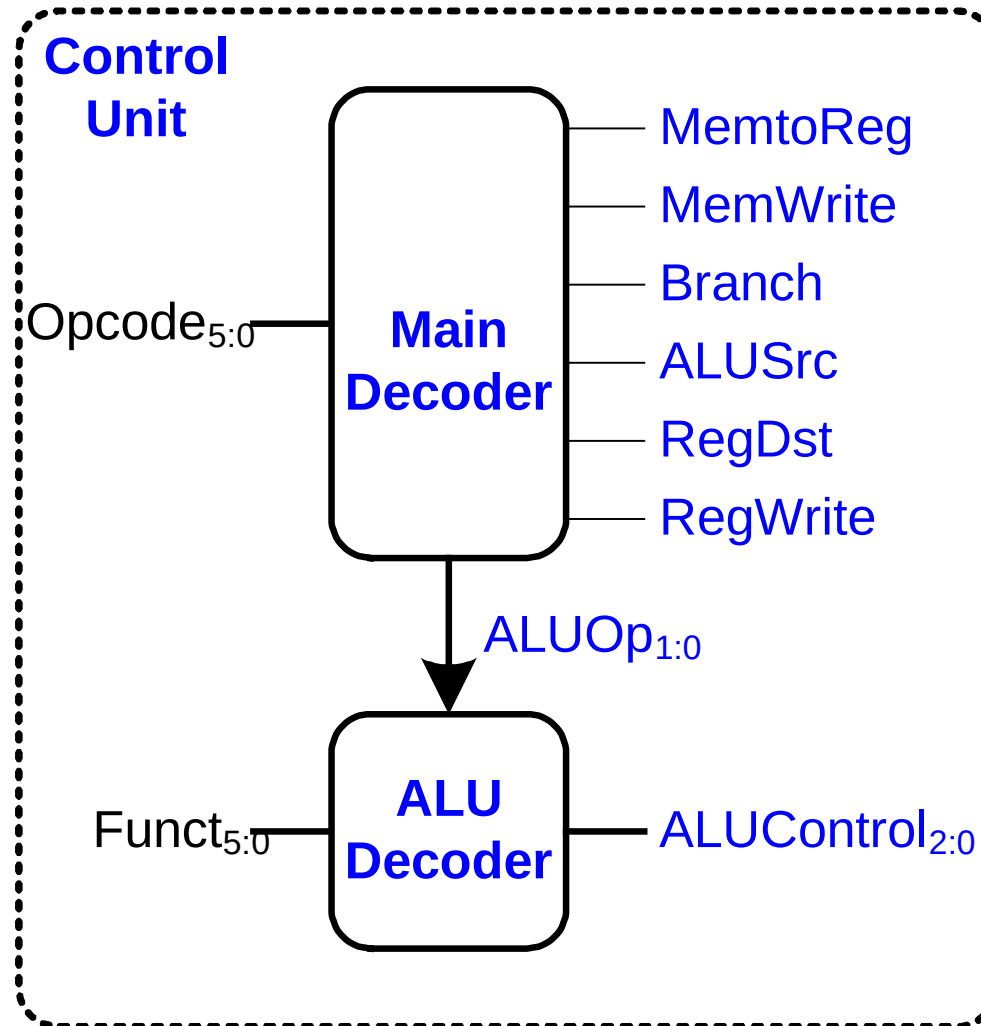
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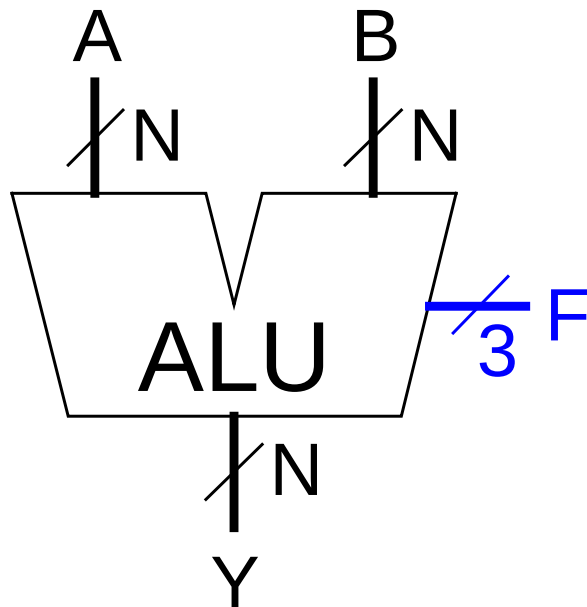
Single-Cycle Processor



Single-Cycle Control

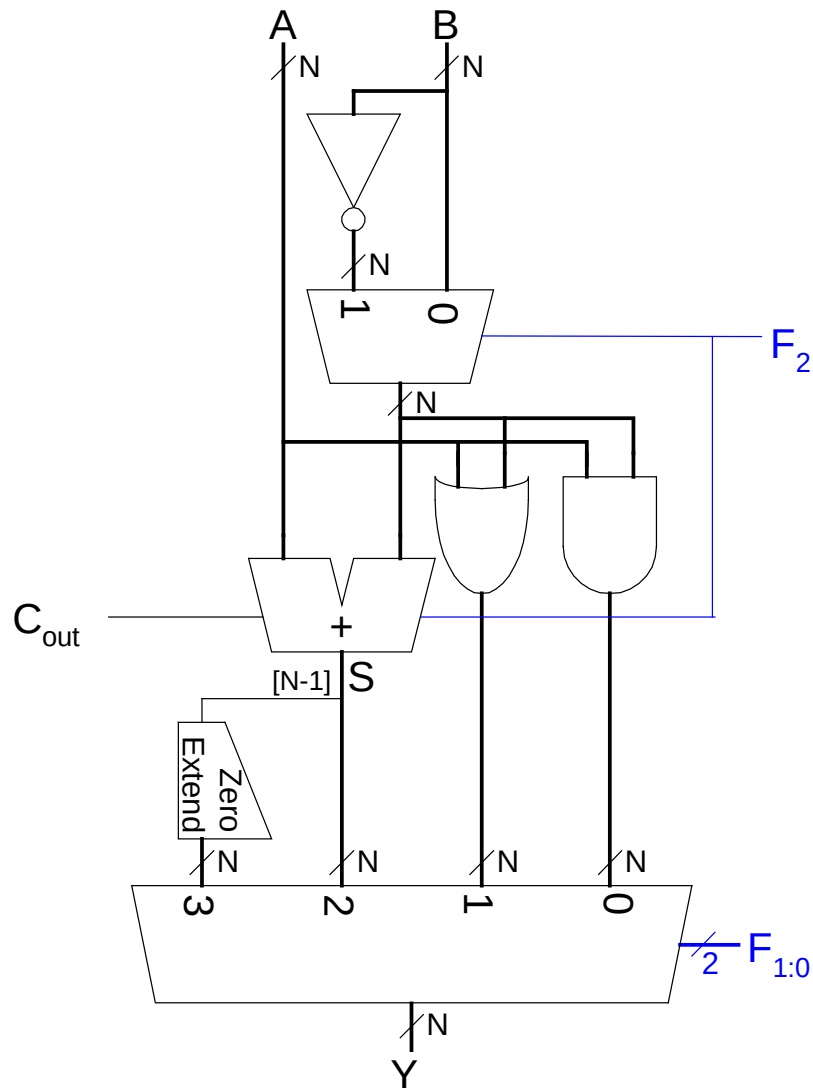


Review: ALU



$F_{2:0}$	Function
000	$A \& B$
001	$A B$
010	$A + B$
011	not used
100	$A \& \sim B$
101	$A \sim B$
110	$A - B$
111	SLT

Review: ALU



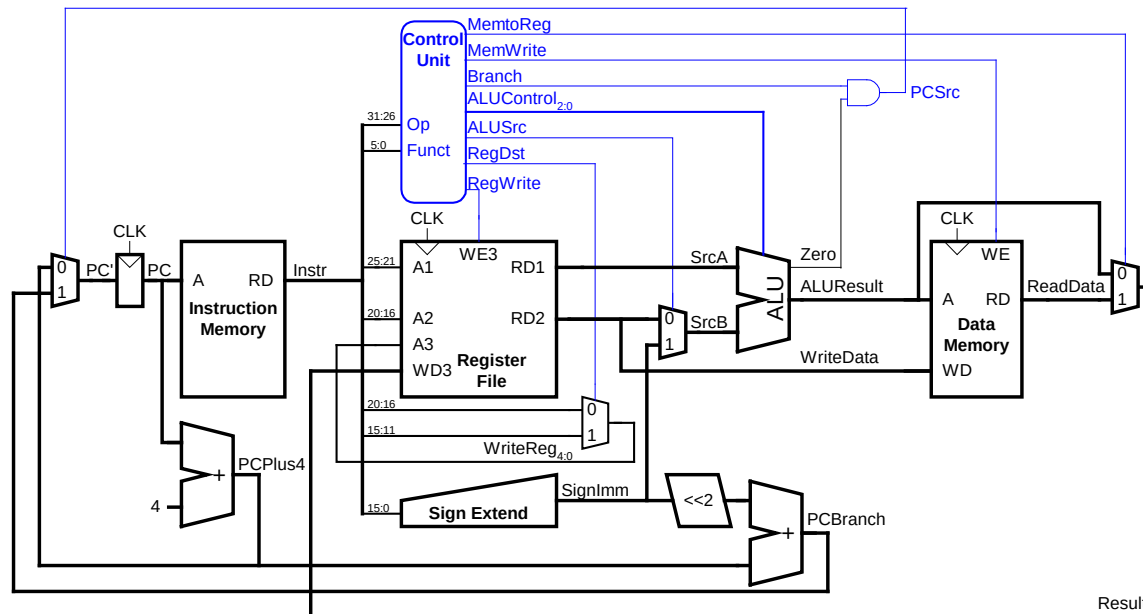
Control Unit: ALU Decoder

ALUOp _{1:0}	Meaning
00	Add
01	Subtract
10	Look at Funct
11	Not Used

ALUOp _{1:0}	Funct	ALUControl _{2:0}
00	X	010 (Add)
X1	X	110 (Subtract)
1X	100000 (add)	010 (Add)
1X	100010 (sub)	110 (Subtract)
1X	100100 (and)	000 (And)
1X	100101 (or)	001 (Or)
1X	101010 (slt)	111 (SLT)

Control Unit Main Decoder

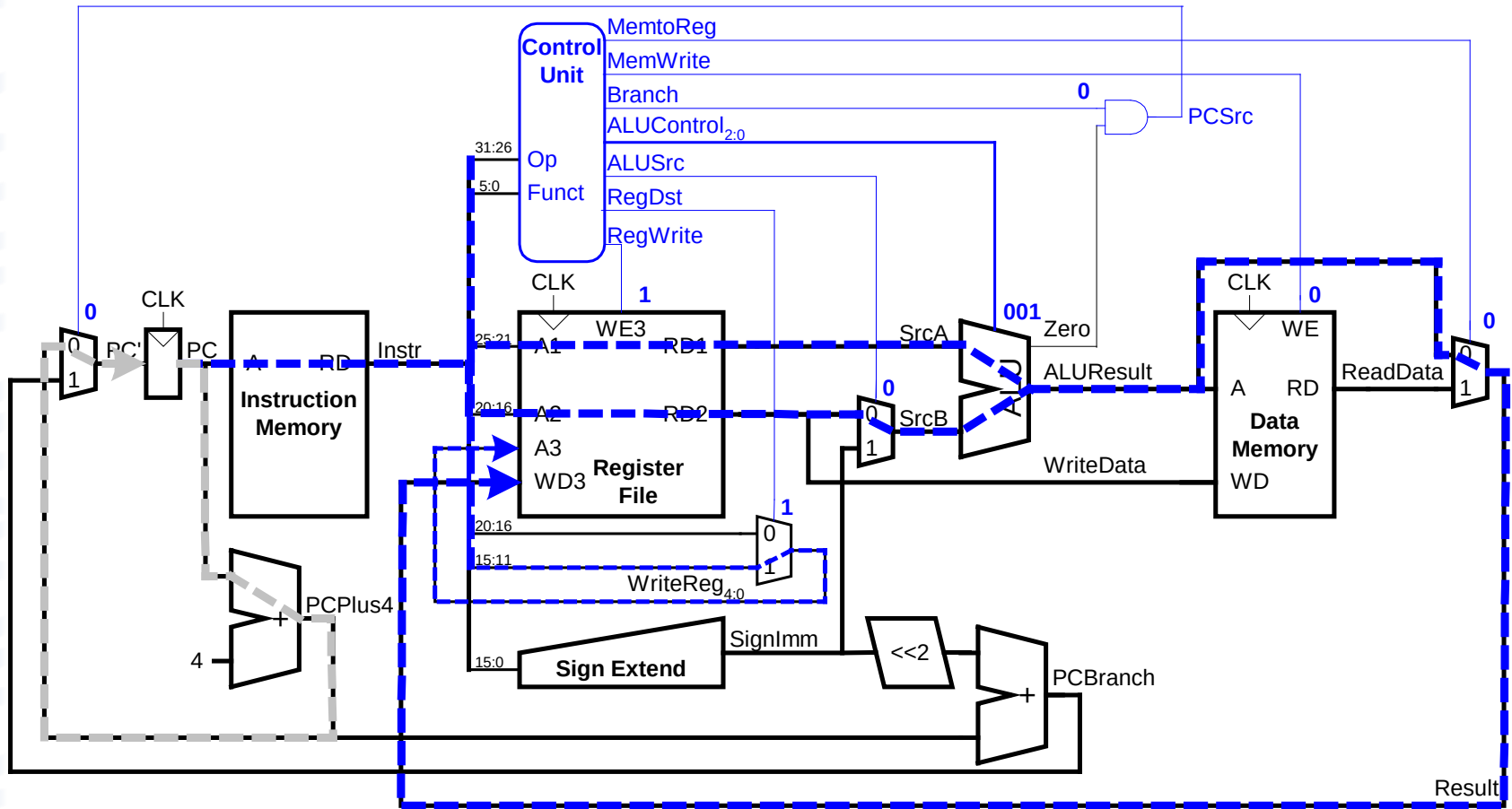
Instruction	Op _{5:0}	RegWrite	RegDst	AluSrc	Branch	MemWrite	MemtoReg	ALUOp _{1:0}
R-type	000000							
lw	100011							
sw	101011							
beq	000100							



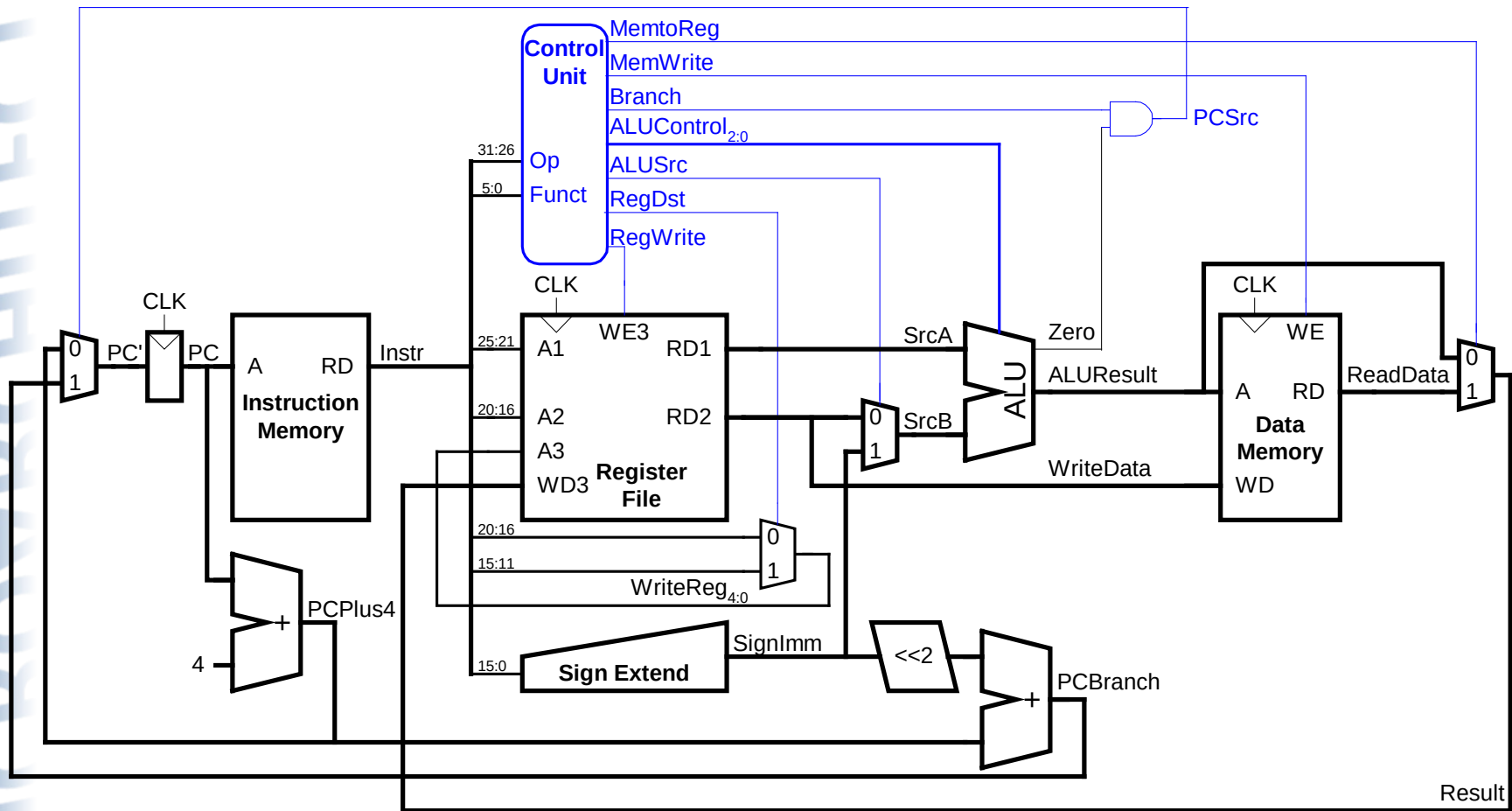
Control Unit: Main Decoder

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R-type	000000	1	1	0	0	0	0	10
lw	100011	1	0	1	0	0	0	00
sw	101011	0	X	1	0	1	X	00
beq	000100	0	X	0	1	0	X	01

Single-Cycle Datapath: or



Extended Functionality: addi



No change to datapath

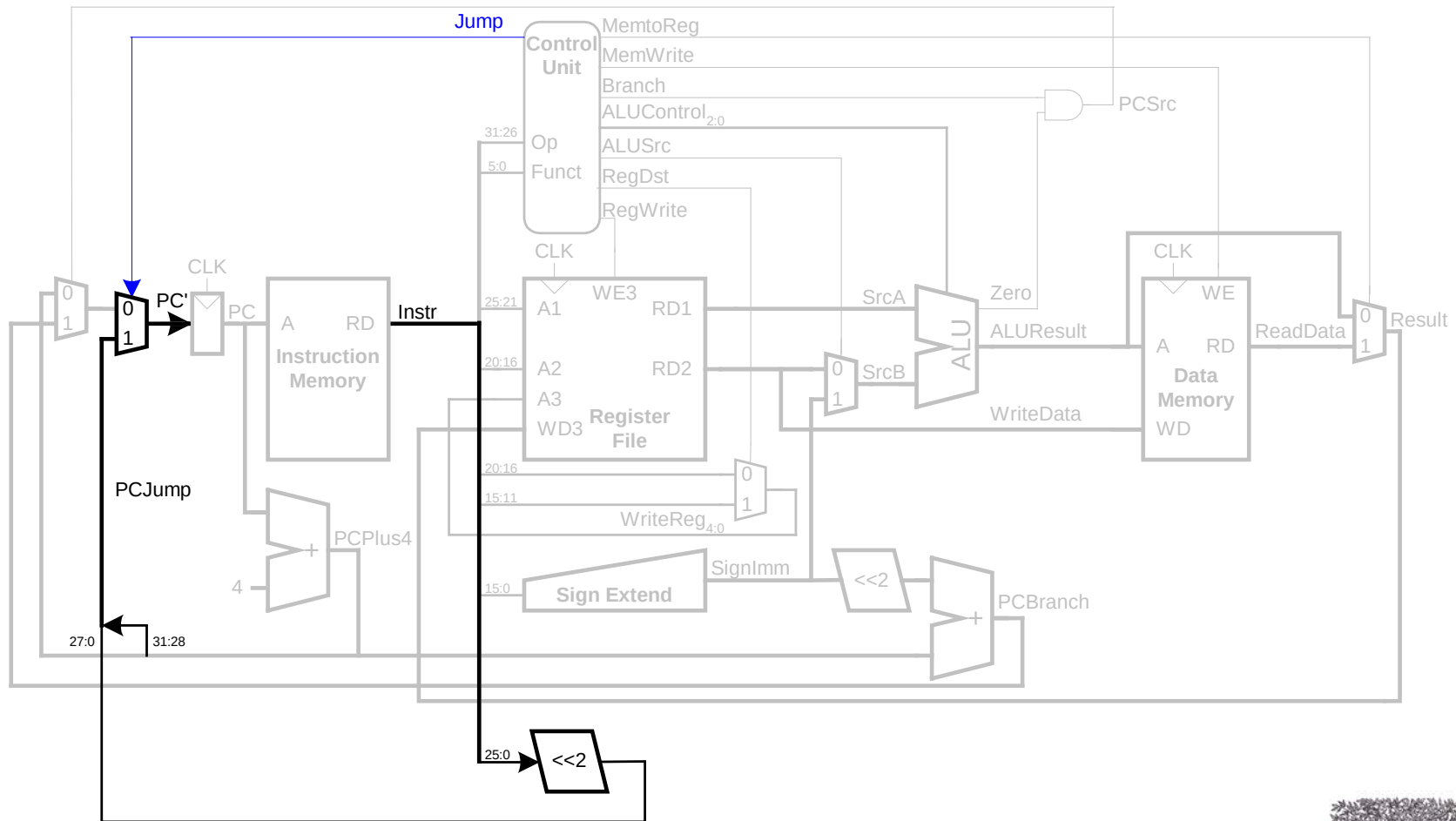
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sw	101011	0	X	1	0	1	X	00
beq	000100	0	X	0	1	0	X	01
addi	001000							

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sw	101011	0	X	1	0	1	X	00
beq	000100	0	X	0	1	0	X	01
addi	001000	1	0	1	0	0	0	00

Extended Functionality: j



Control Unit: Main Decoder

Instruction	Op _{5:0}	RegWrite	RegDst	AluSrc	Branch	MemWrite	MemtoReg	ALUOp _{1:0}	Jump
R-type	000000	1	1	0	0	0	0	10	0
lw	100011	1	0	1	0	0	1	00	0
sw	101011	0	X	1	0	1	X	00	0
beq	000100	0	X	0	1	0	X	01	0
j	000100								

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beq	000100	0	X	0	1	0	X	01	0
j	000100	0	X	X	X	0	X	XX	1

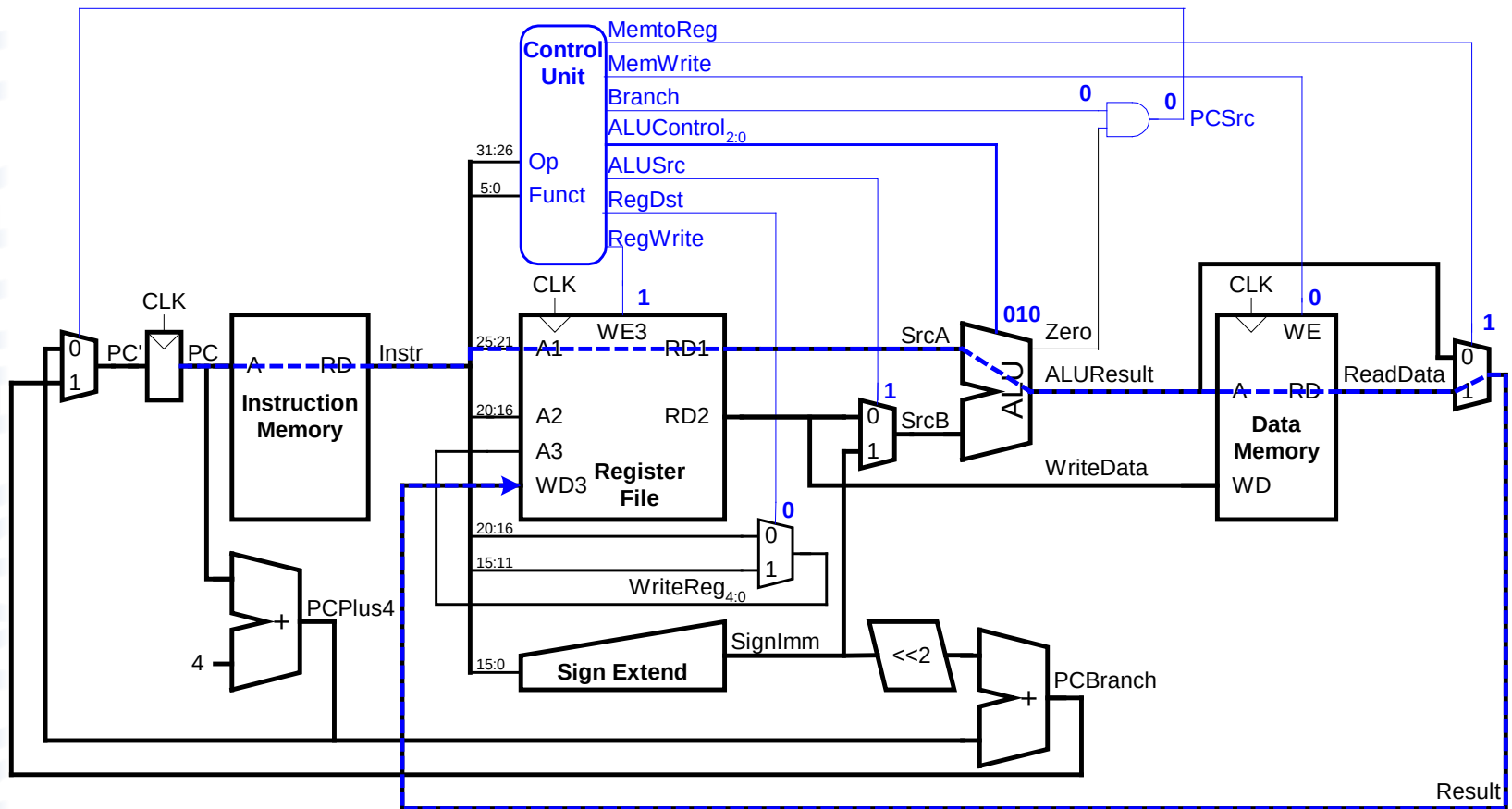
Review: Processor Performance

Program Execution Time

$$= (\text{\#instructions})(\text{cycles/instruction})(\text{seconds/cycle})$$

$$= \text{\# instructions} \times \text{CPI} \times T_c$$

Single-Cycle Performance



T_C limited by critical path (lw)

Single-Cycle Performance

- Single-cycle critical path:

$$T_c = t_{pcq_PC} + t_{mem} + \max(t_{RFread}, t_{sext} + t_{mux}) + t_{ALU} + t_{mem} + t_{mux} + t_{RFsetup}$$

- Typically, limiting paths are:

- memory, ALU, register file

- $T_c = t_{pcq_PC} + 2t_{mem} + t_{RFread} + t_{mux} + t_{ALU} + t_{RFsetup}$



Single-Cycle Performance Example

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$$T_c = ?$$

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$$\begin{aligned}T_c &= t_{pcq_PC} + 2t_{mem} + t_{RFread} + t_{mux} + t_{ALU} + t_{RFsetup} \\&= [30 + 2(250) + 150 + 25 + 200 + 20] \text{ ps} \\&= 925 \text{ ps}\end{aligned}$$

Single-Cycle Performance Example

Program with 100 billion instructions:

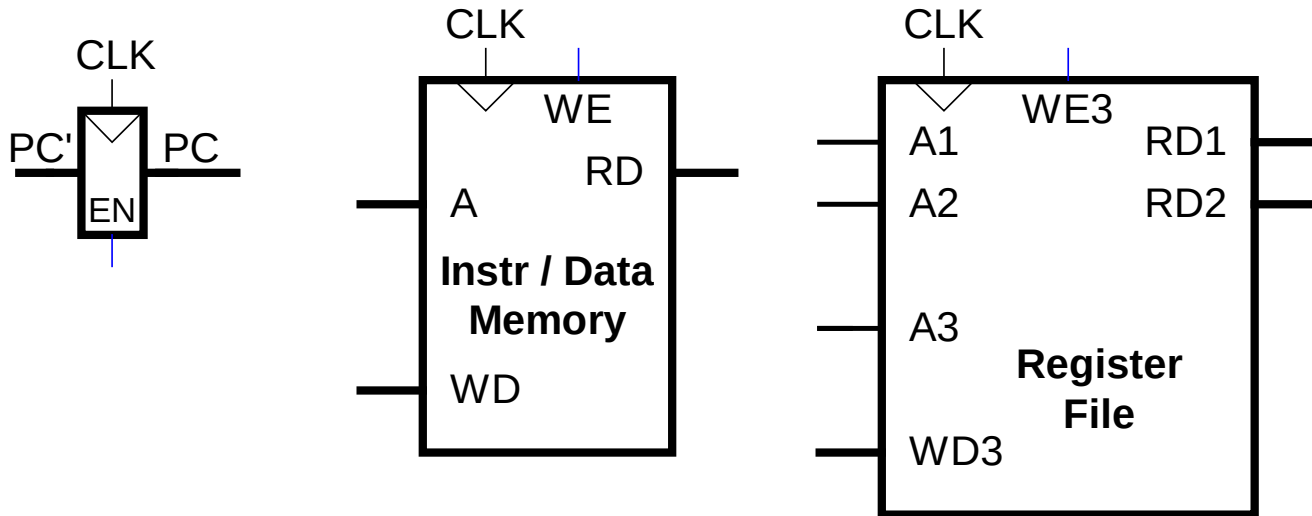
$$\begin{aligned}\text{Execution Time} &= \# \text{ instructions} \times \text{CPI} \times T_C \\ &= (100 \times 10^9)(1)(925 \times 10^{-12} \text{ s}) \\ &= \mathbf{92.5 \text{ seconds}}\end{aligned}$$

Multicycle MIPS Processor

- **Single-cycle:**
 - + simple
 - cycle time limited by longest instruction (lw)
 - 2 adders/ALUs & 2 memories
- **Multicycle:**
 - + higher clock speed
 - + simpler instructions run faster
 - + reuse expensive hardware on multiple cycles
 - sequencing overhead paid many times
- **Same design steps: datapath & control**

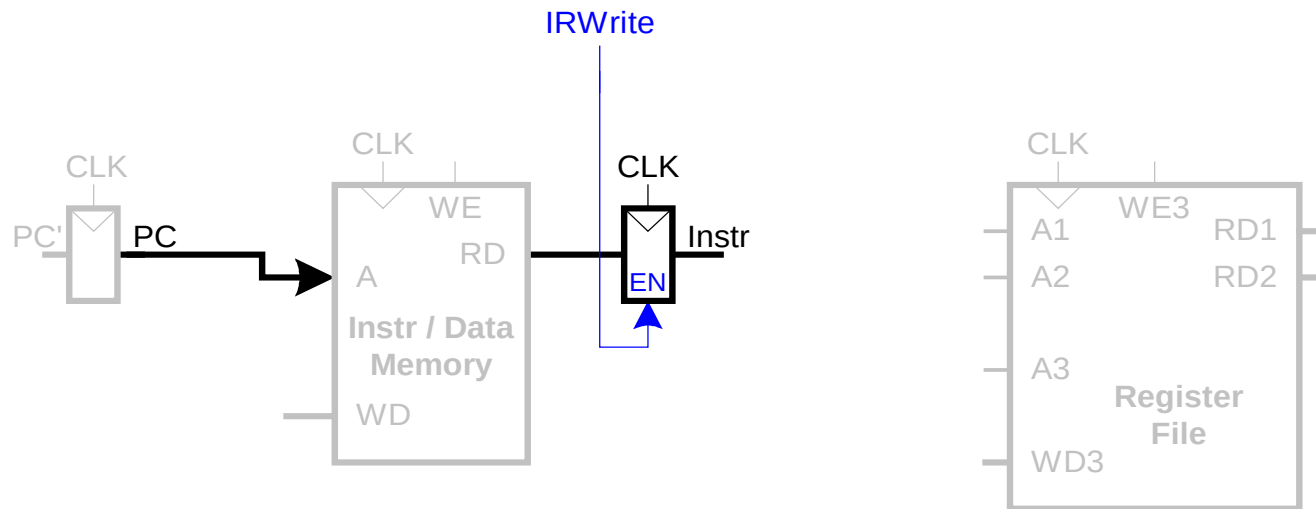
Multicycle State Elements

- Replace Instruction and Data memories with a single unified memory – more realistic



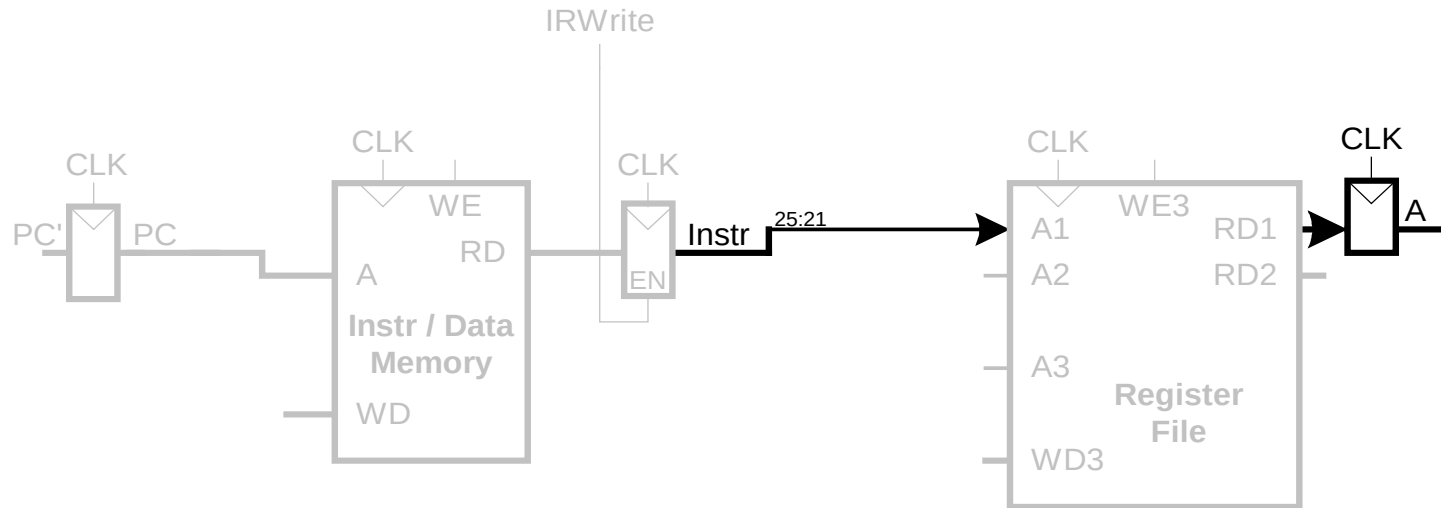
Multicycle Datapath: Instruction Fetch

STEP 1: Fetch instruction



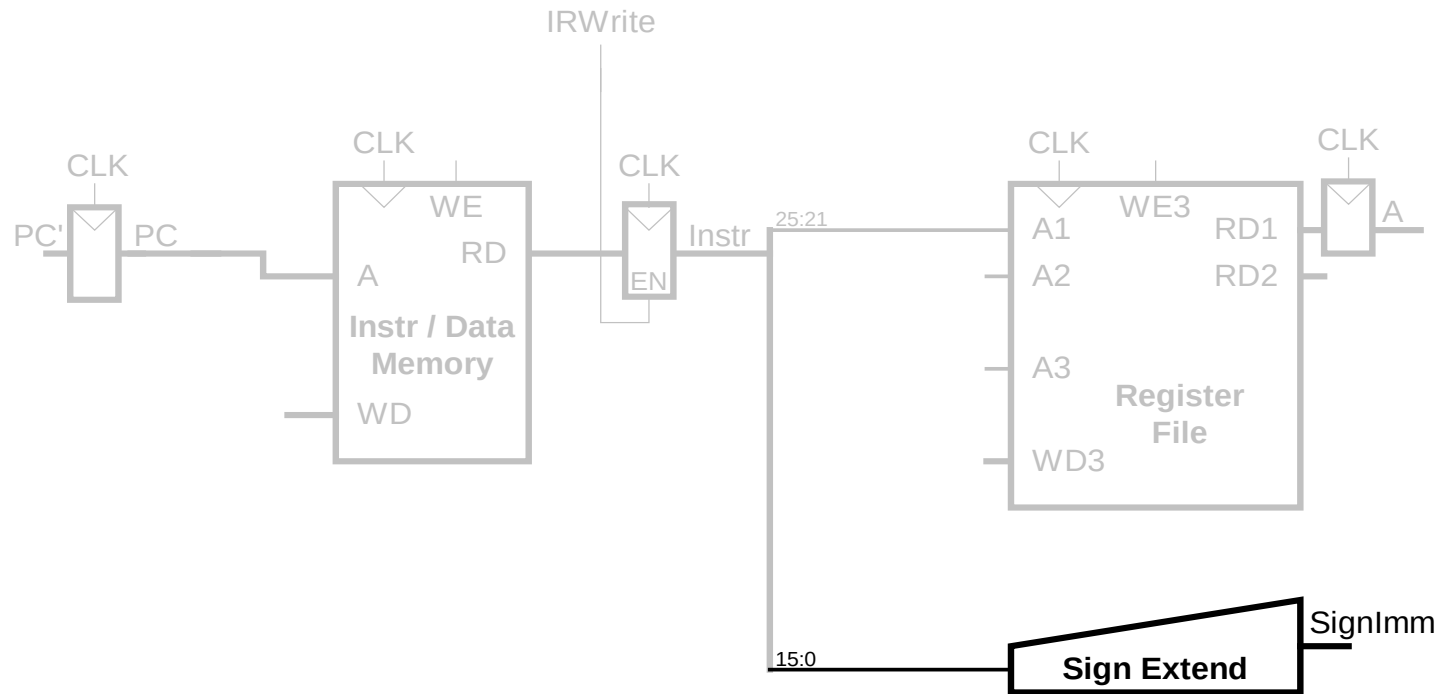
Multicycle Datapath: Lw Register Read

STEP 2a: Read source operands from RF



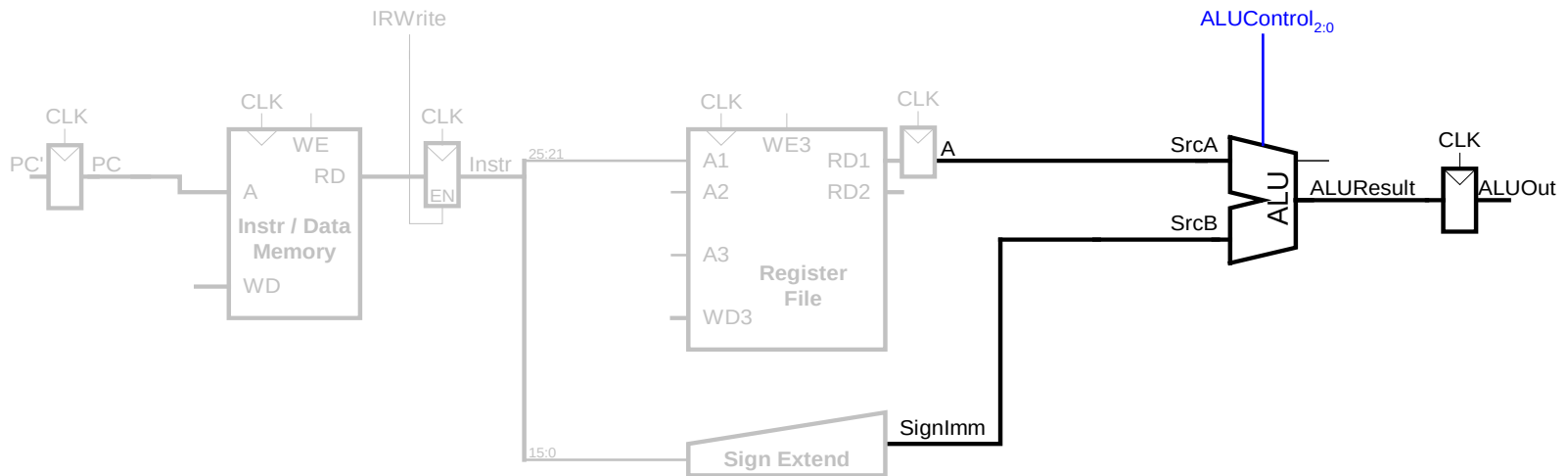
Multicycle Datapath: lw Immediate

STEP 2b: Sign-extend the immediate



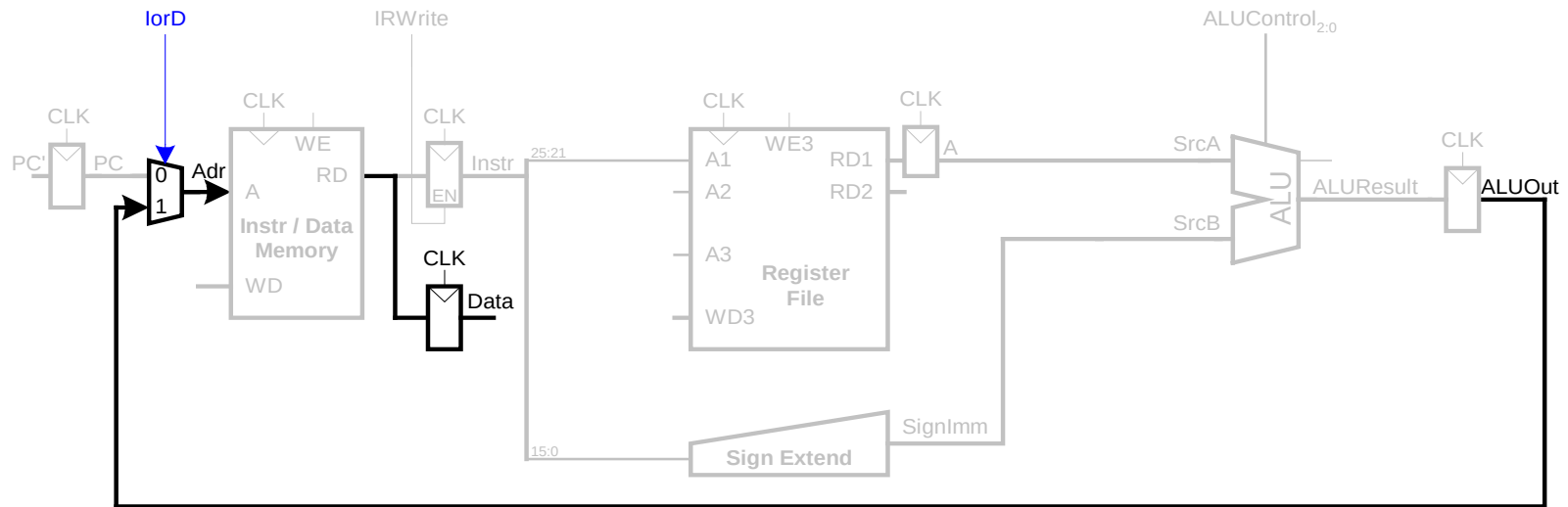
Multicycle Datapath: lw Address

STEP 3: Compute the memory address



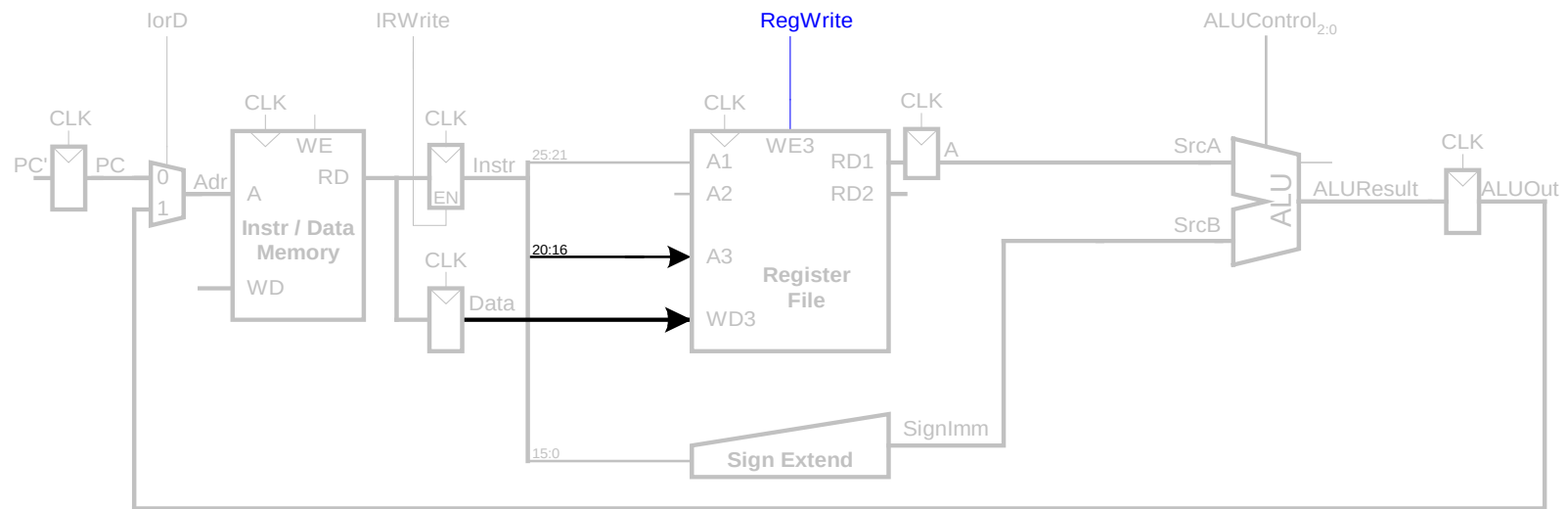
Multicycle Datapath: Lw Memory Read

STEP 4: Read data from memory



Multicycle Datapath: Lw Write Register

STEP 5: Write data back to register file

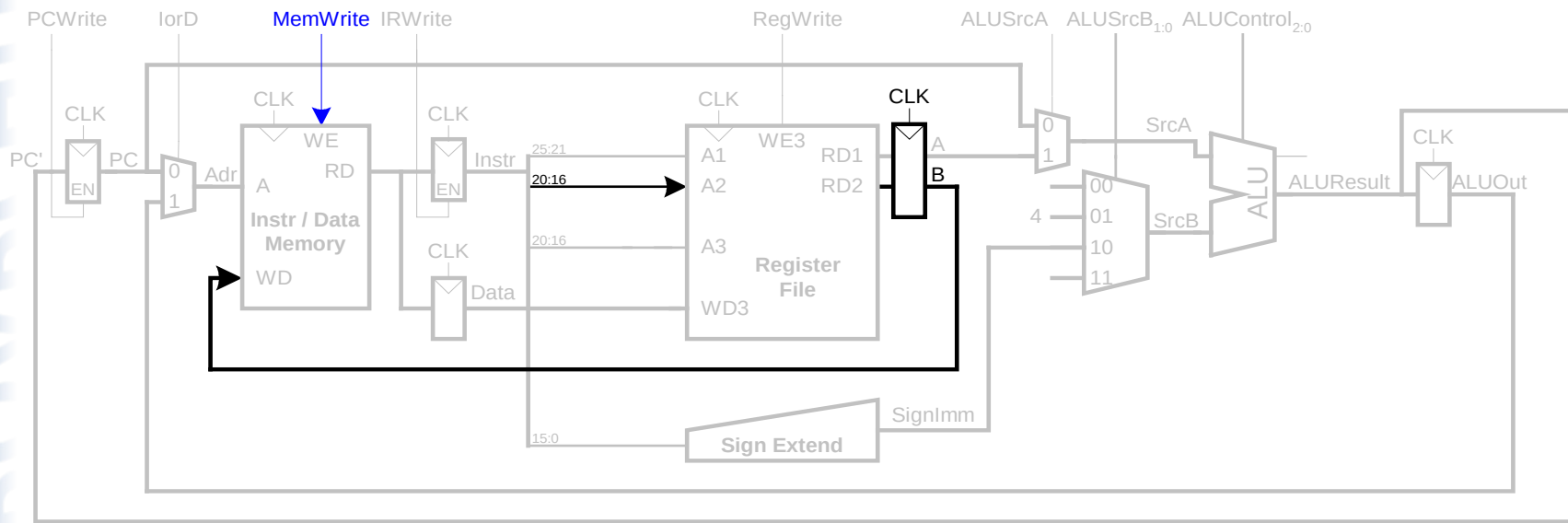


MICROARCHITECTURE



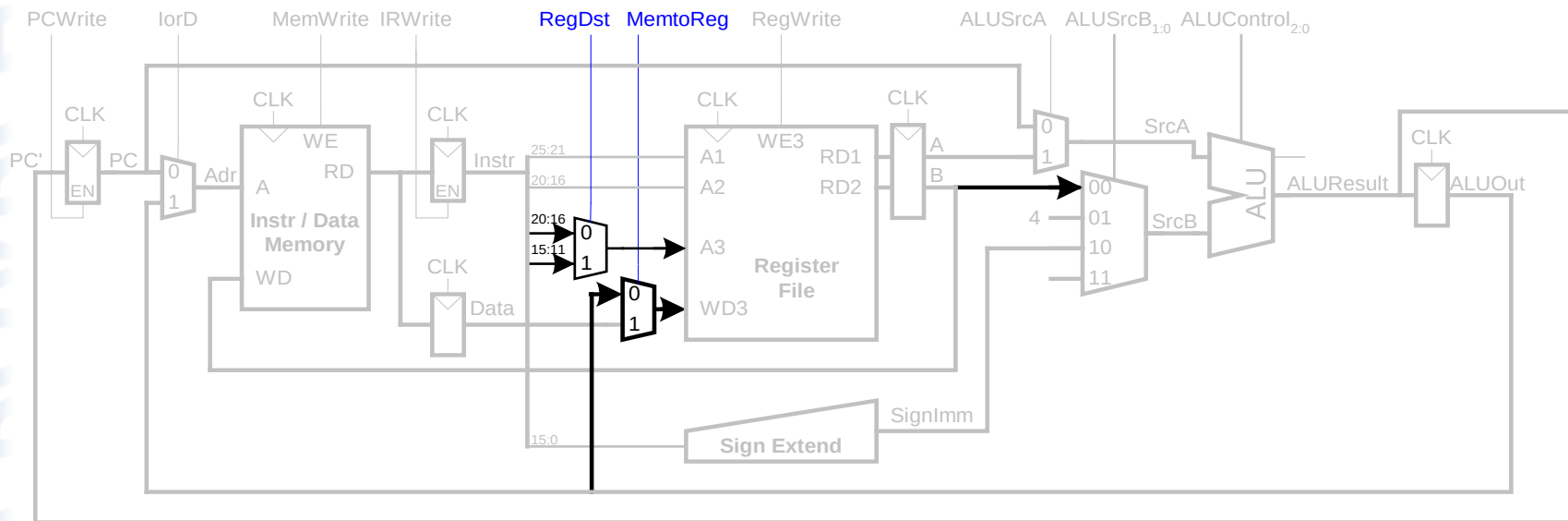
Multicycle Datapath: SW

Write data in r_t to memory



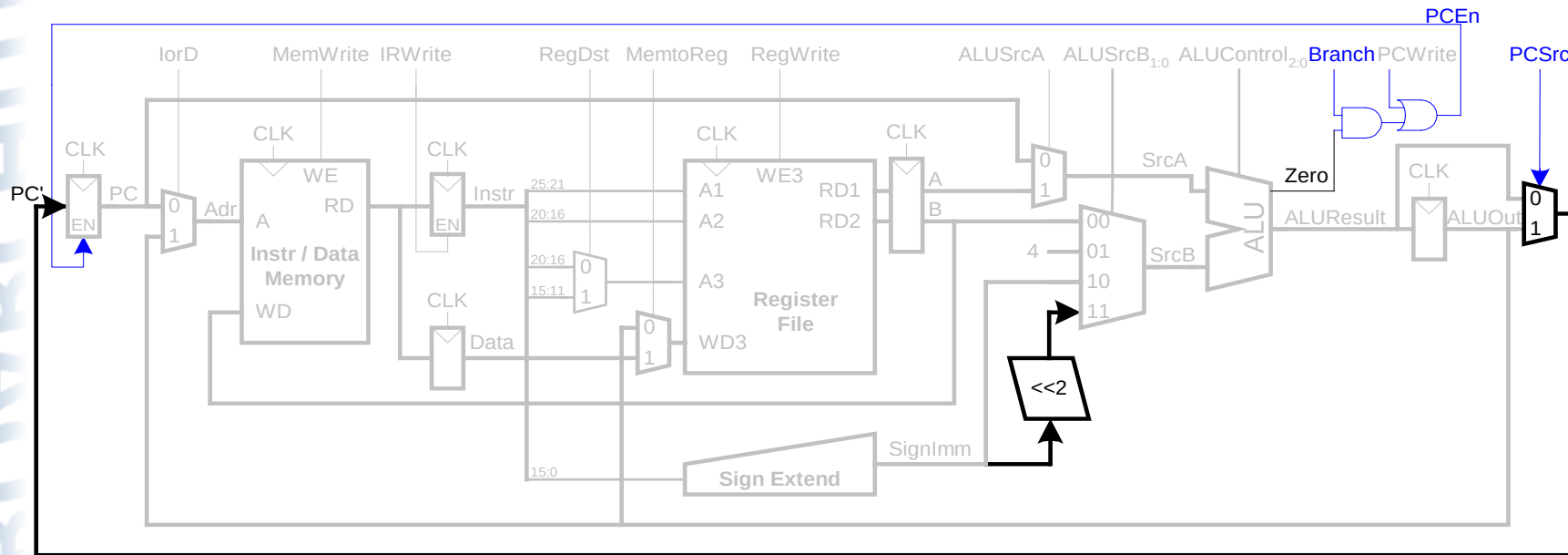
Multicycle Datapath: R-Type

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- Write $ALUResult$ to register file
- Write to rd (instead of rt)

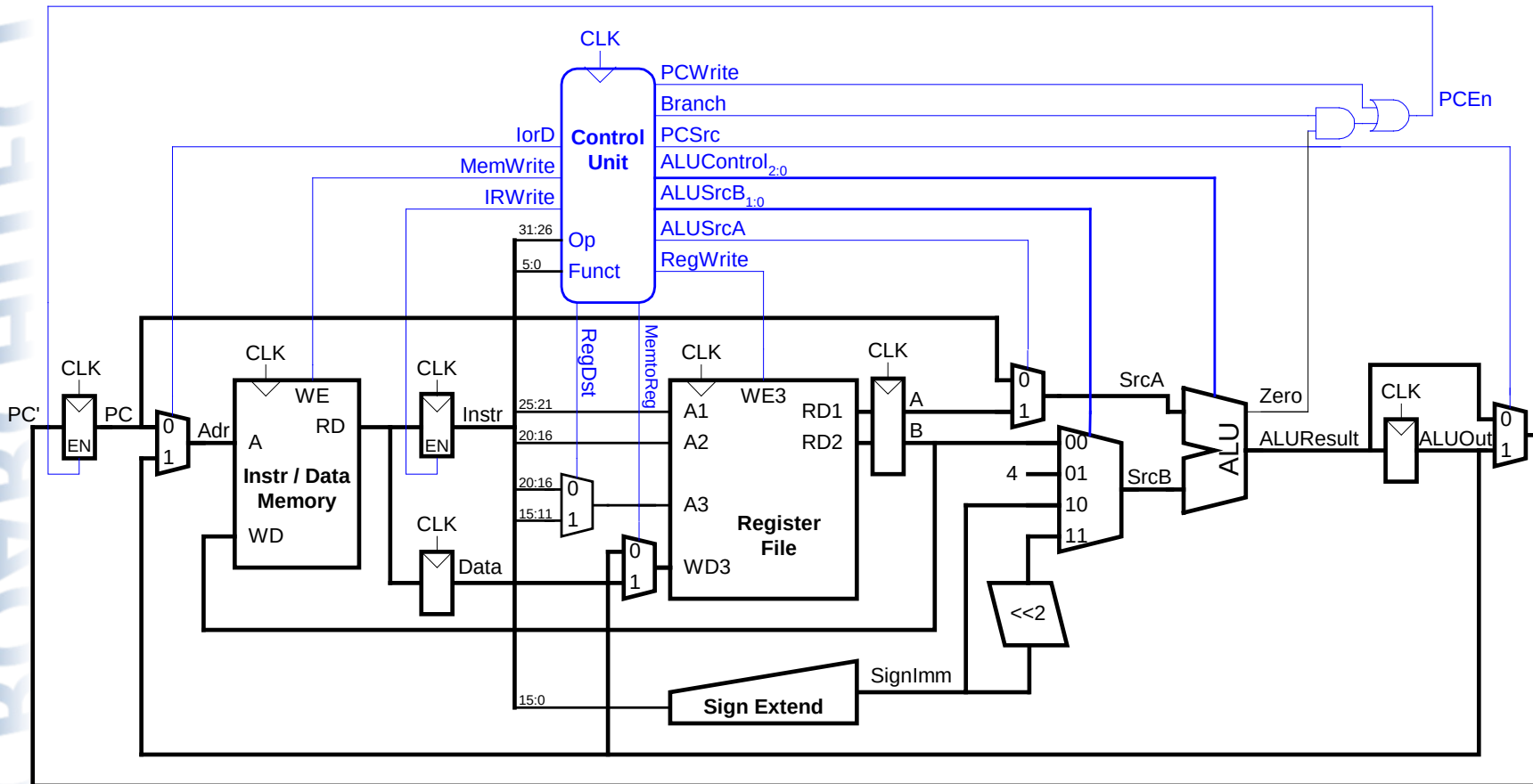


Multicycle Datapath: beq

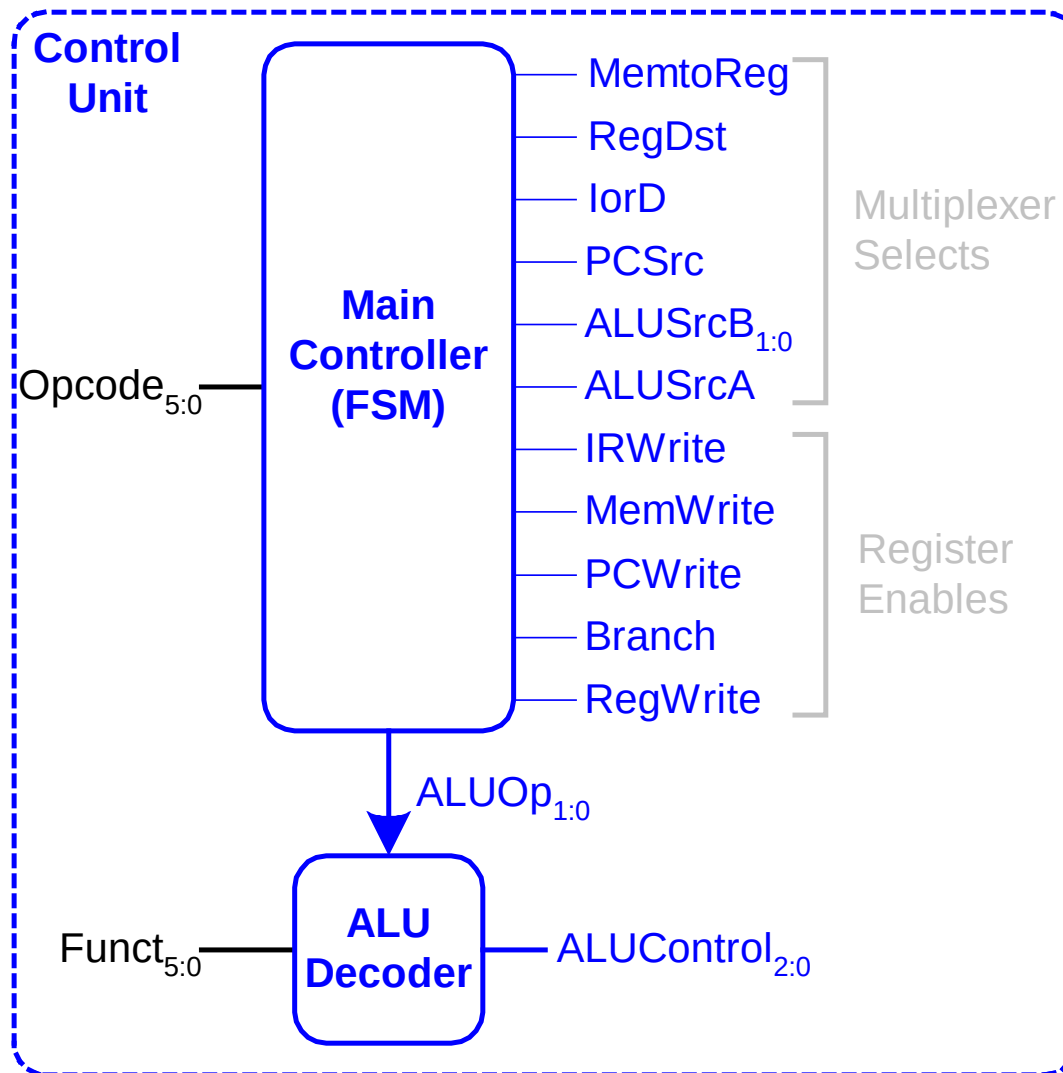
- $rs == rt?$
- $BTA = (\text{sign-extended immediate} \ll 2) + (PC+4)$



Multicycle Processor



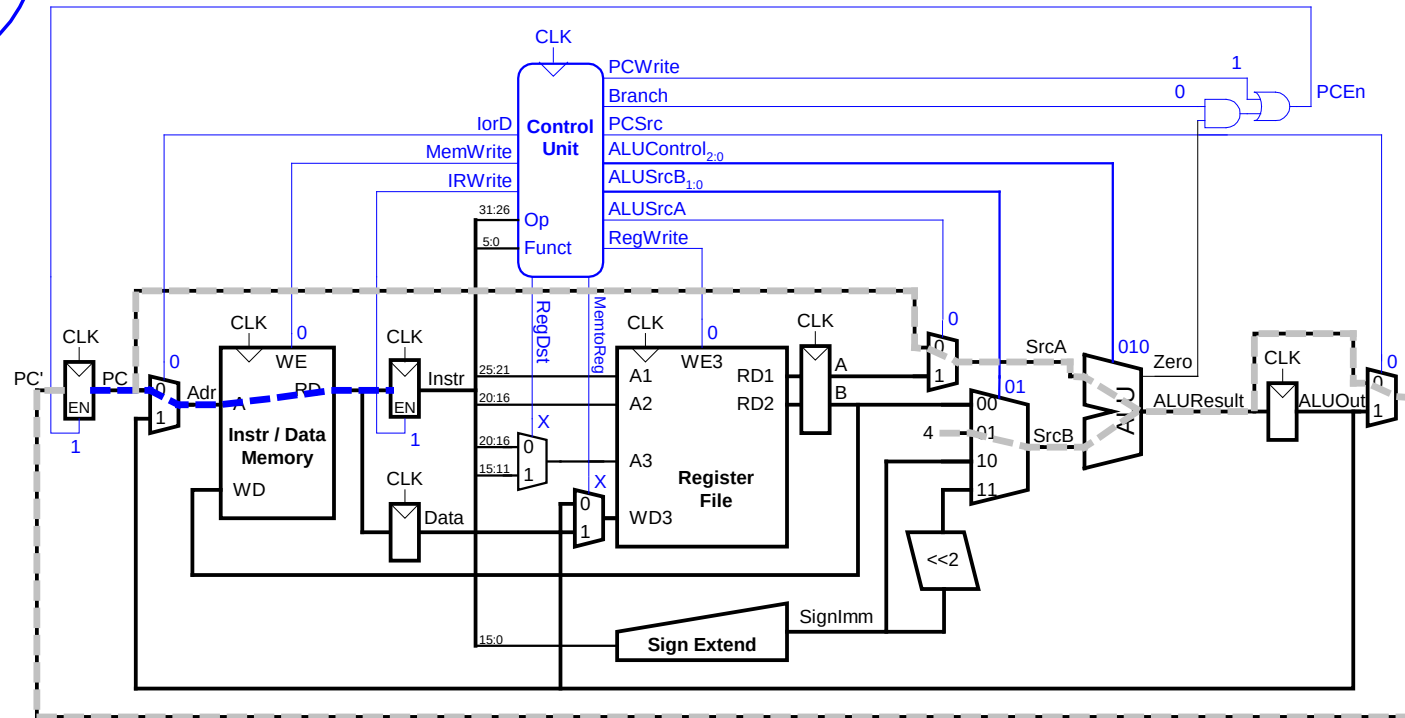
Multicycle Control



Main Controller FSM: Fetch

S0: Fetch

Reset

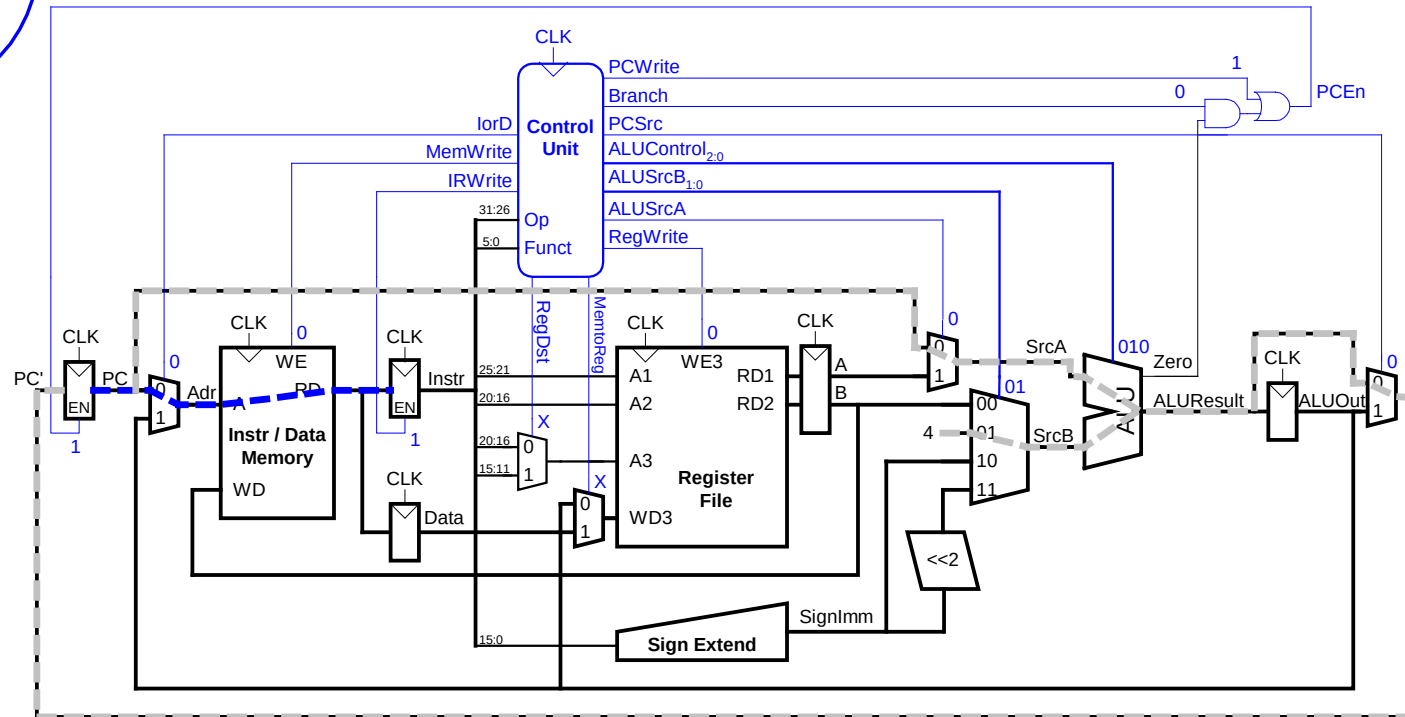


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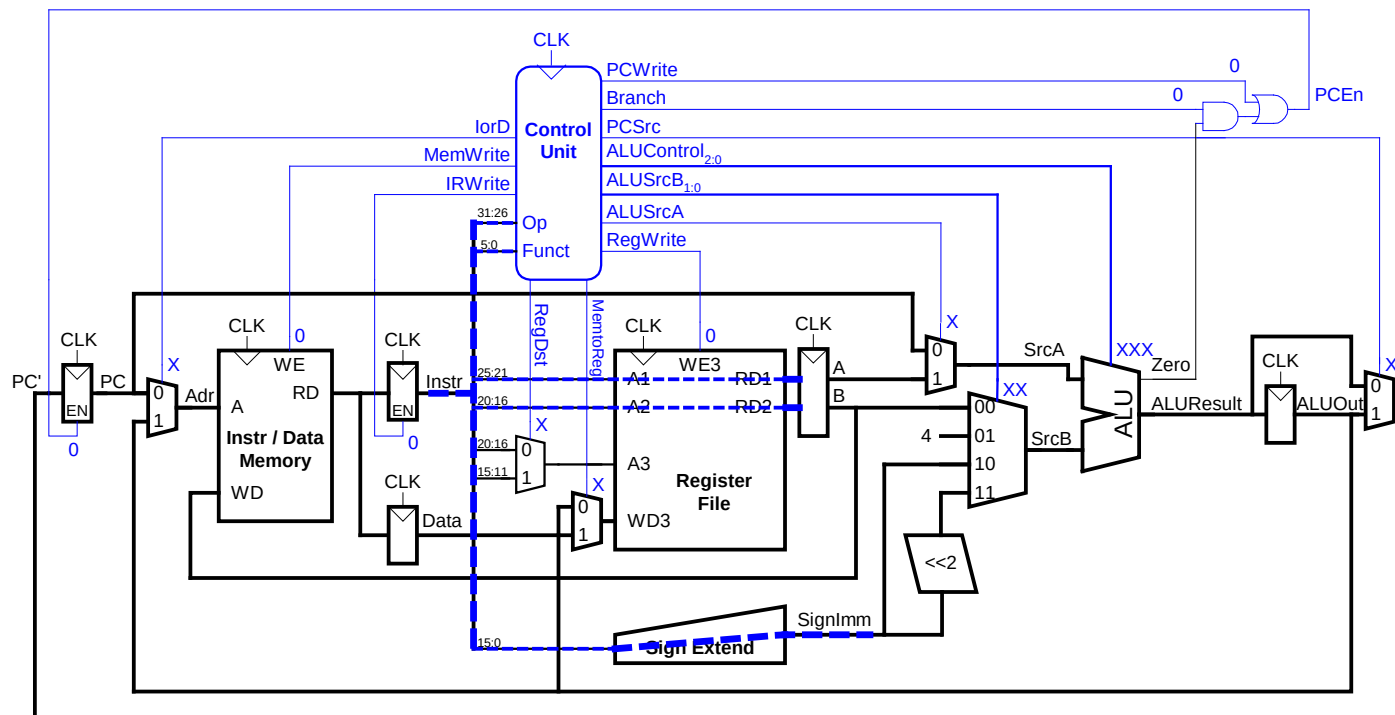
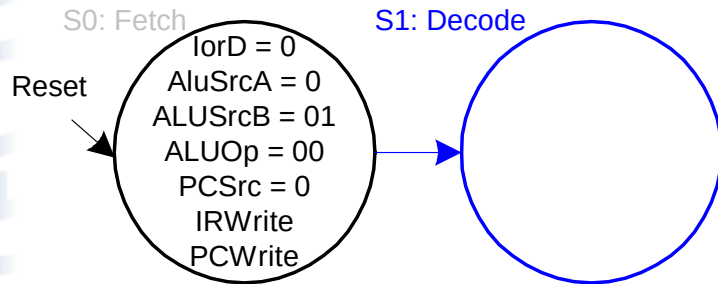
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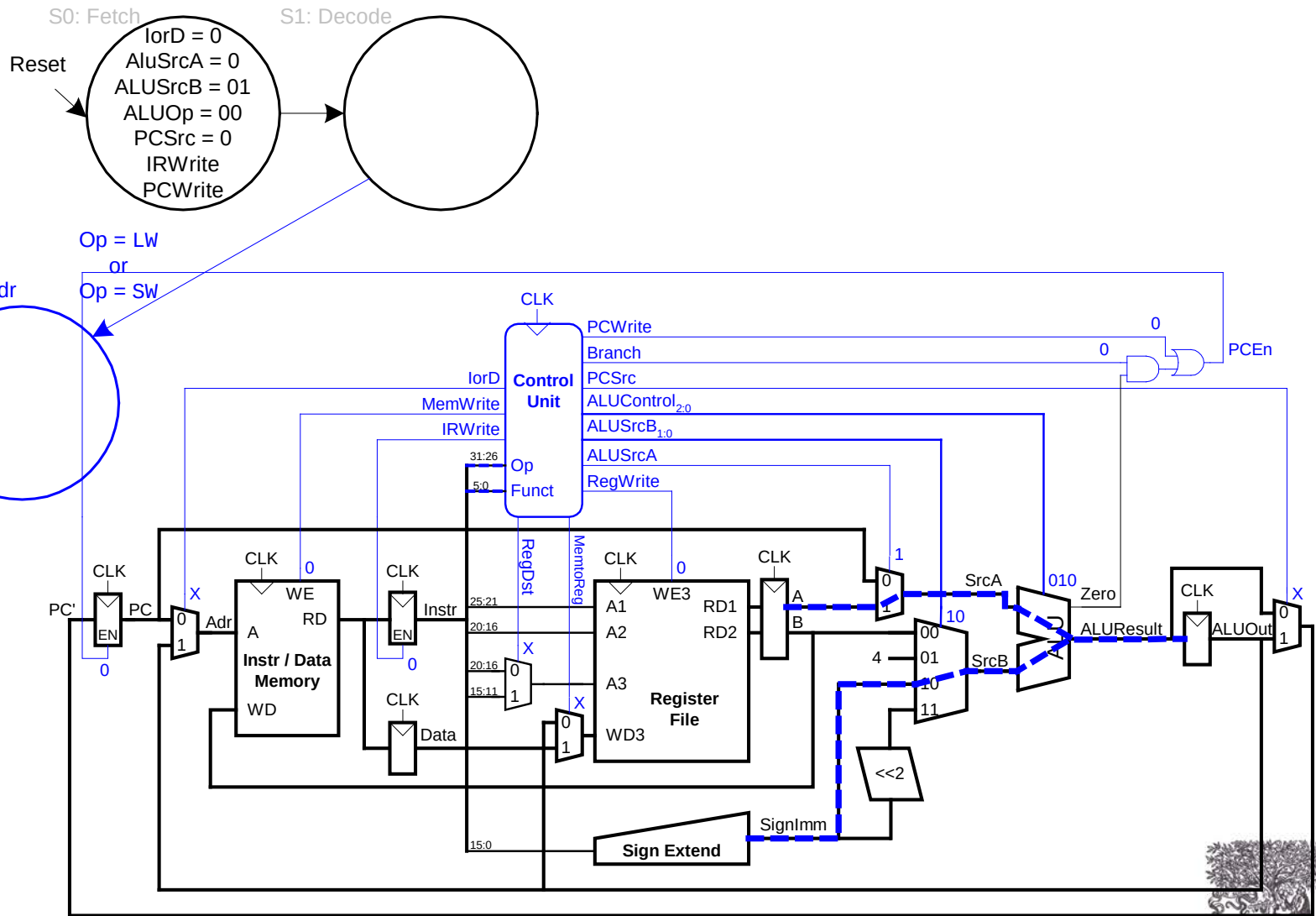
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AluSrcA = 0
ALUSrcB = 01
ALUOp = 00
PCSrc = 0
IRWrite
PCWrite



Main Controller FSM: Decode

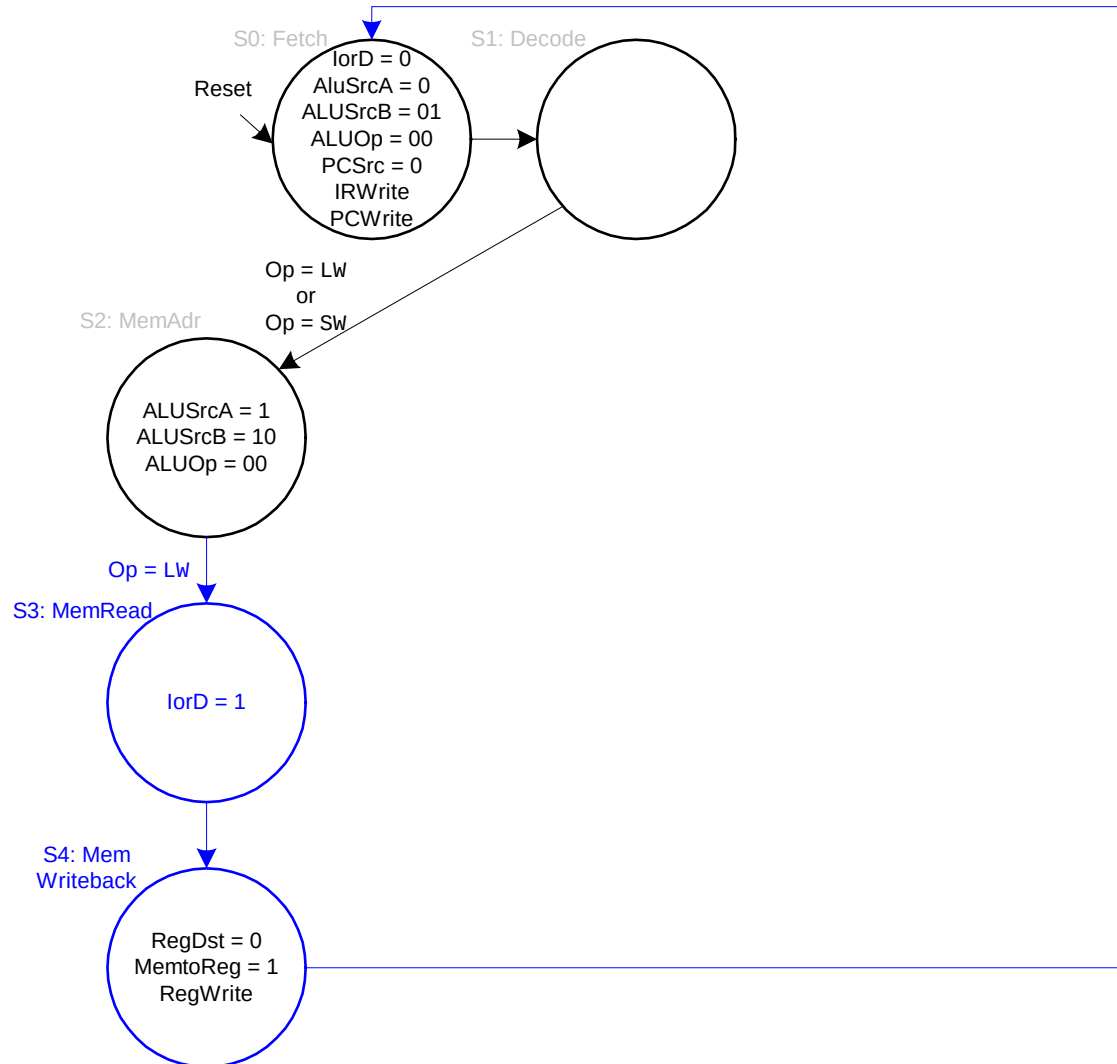


Main Controller FSM: Address

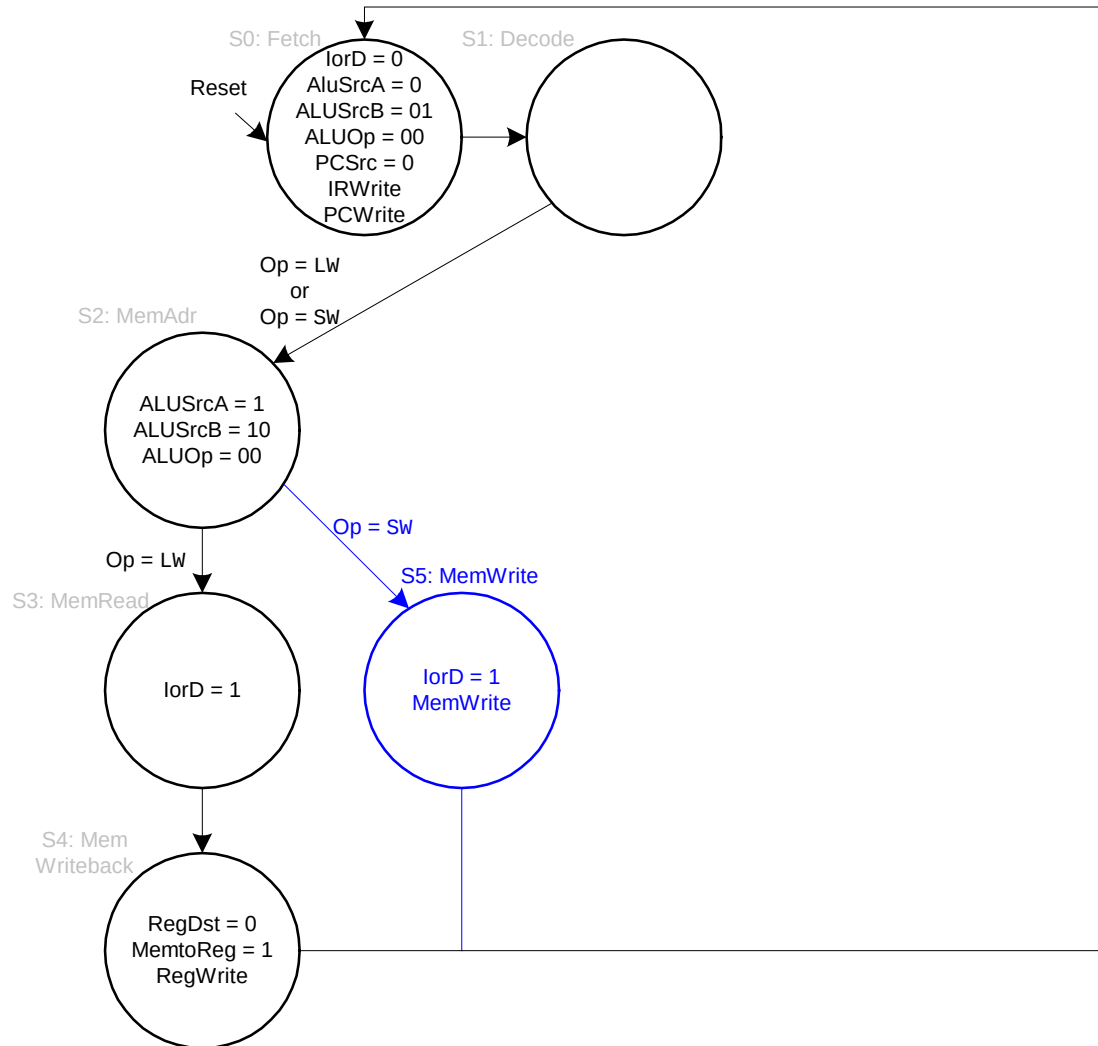




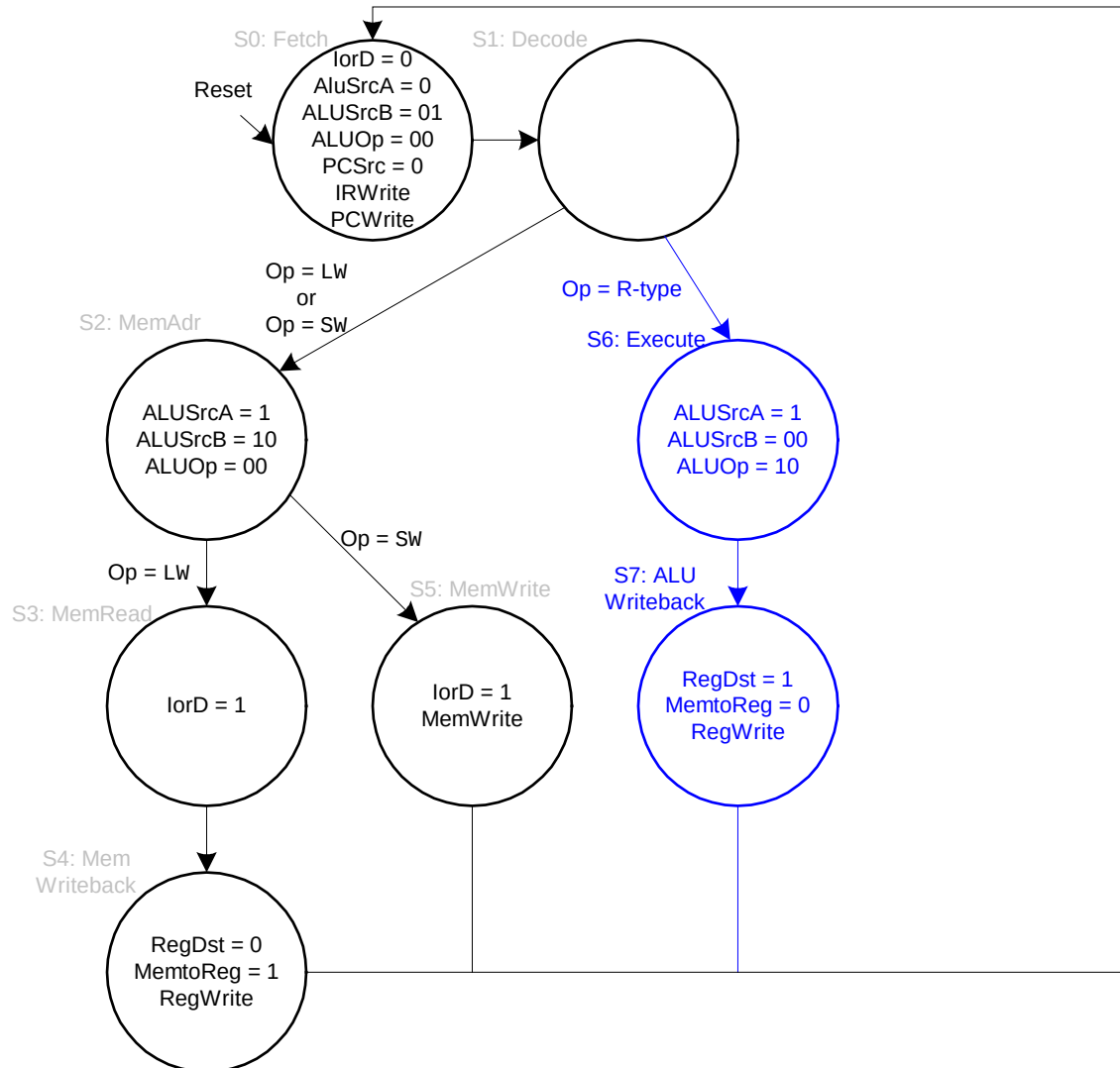
Main Controller FSM: `lw`



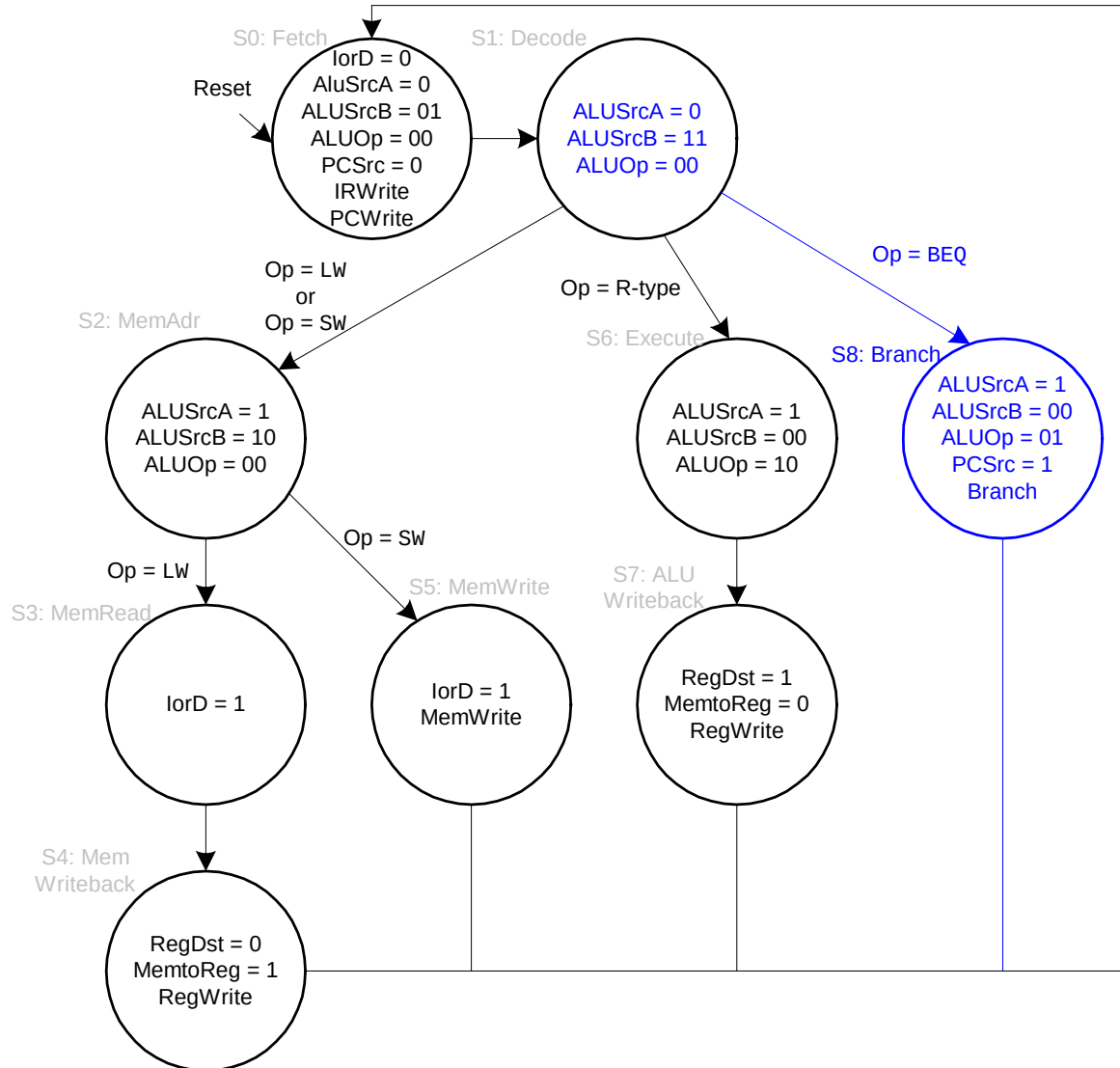
Main Controller FSM: SW



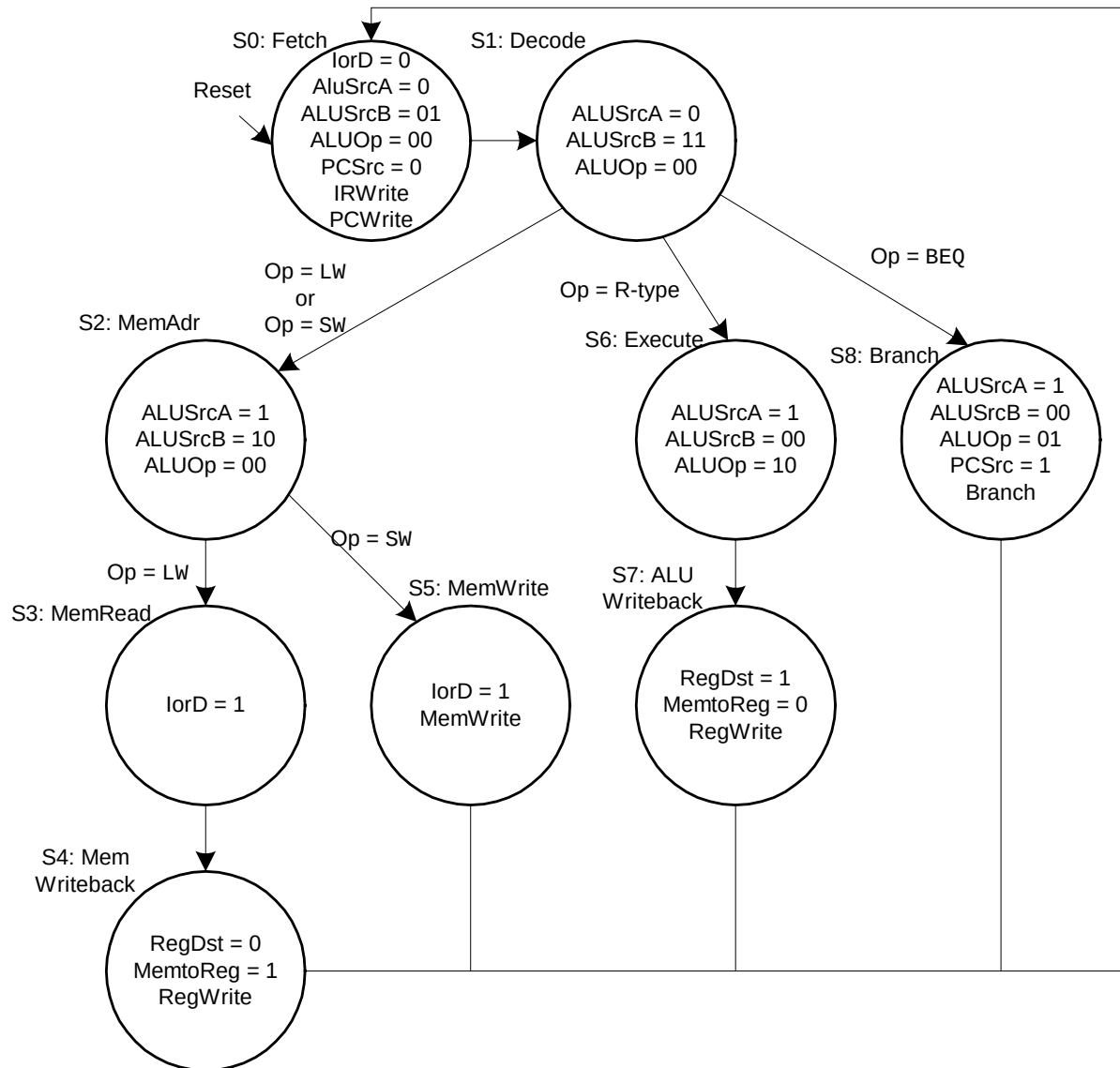
Main Controller FSM: R-Type



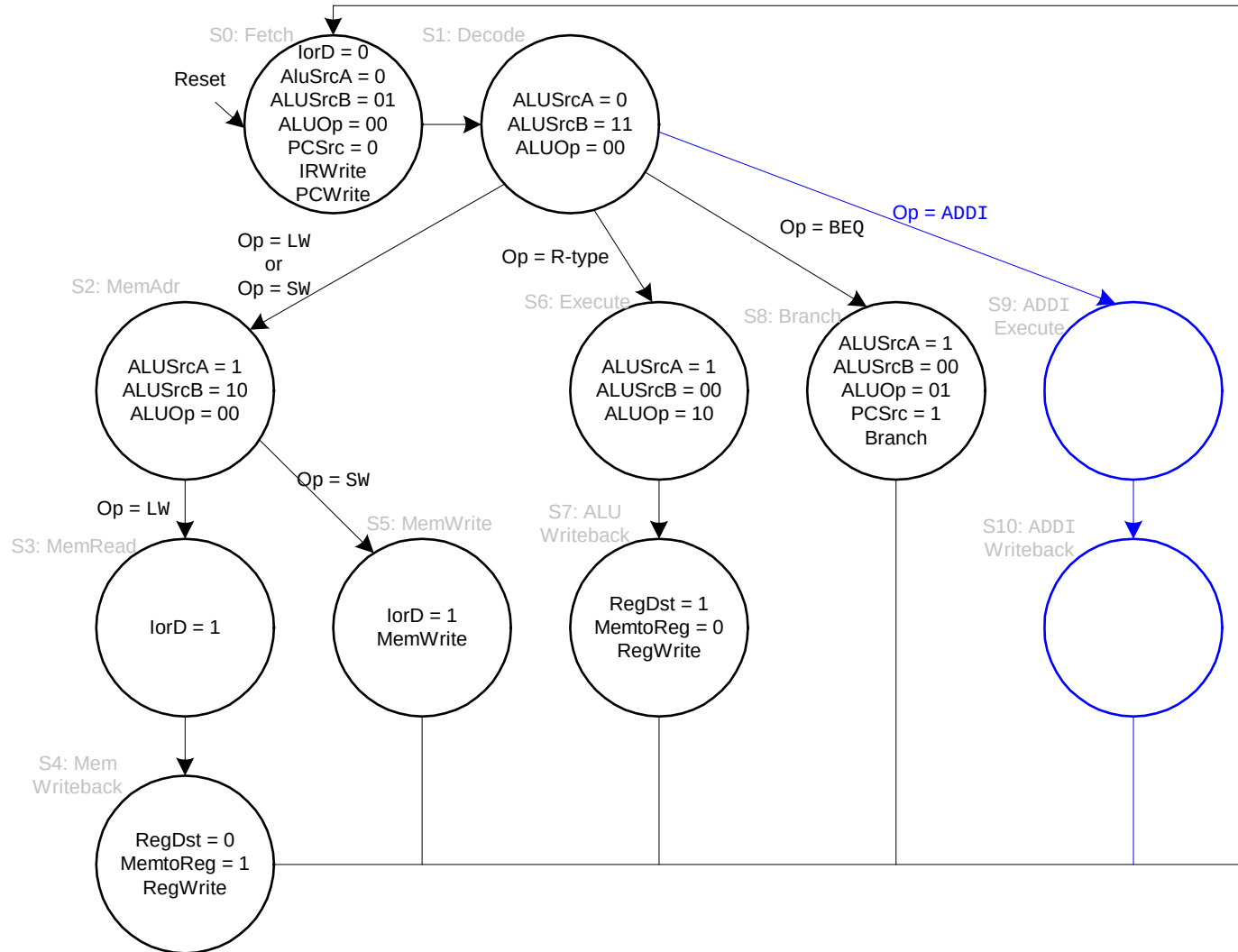
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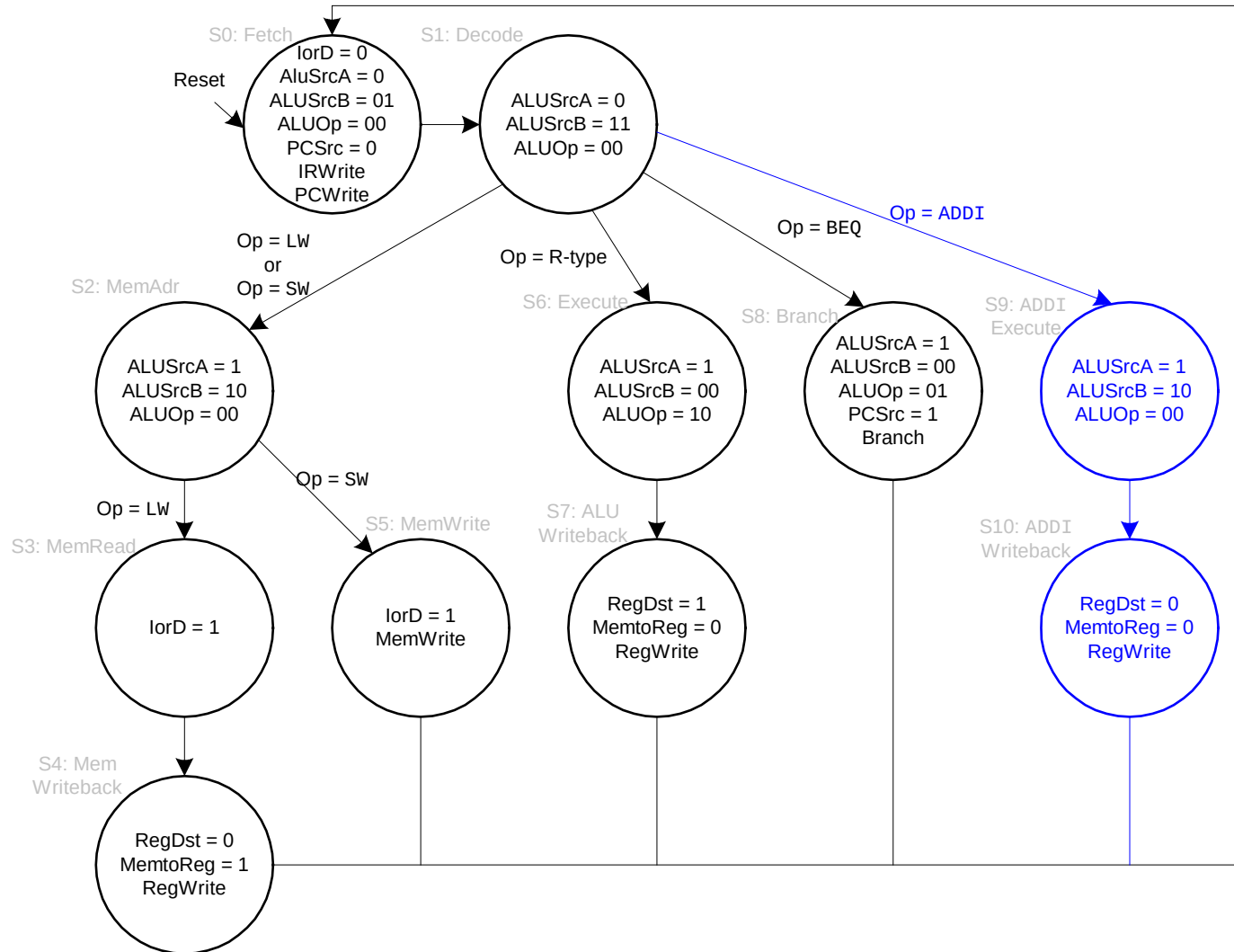
Multicycle Controller FSM



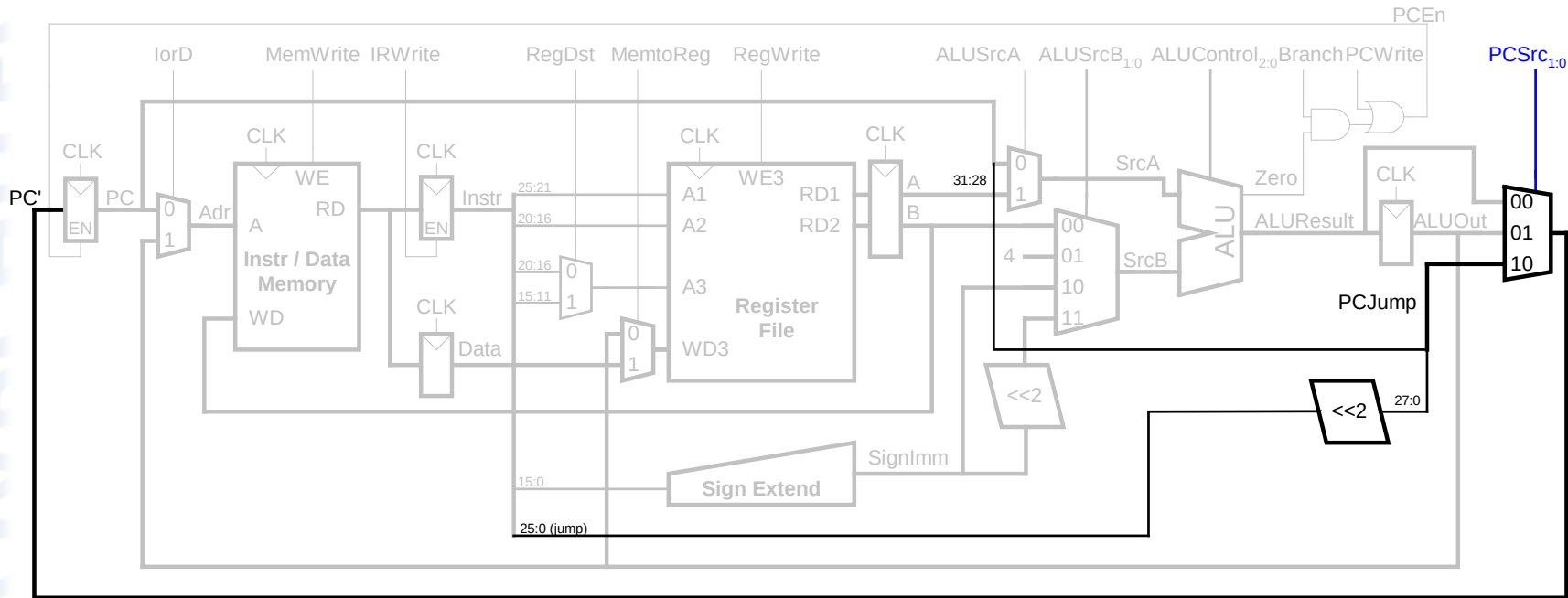
Extended Functionality: addi



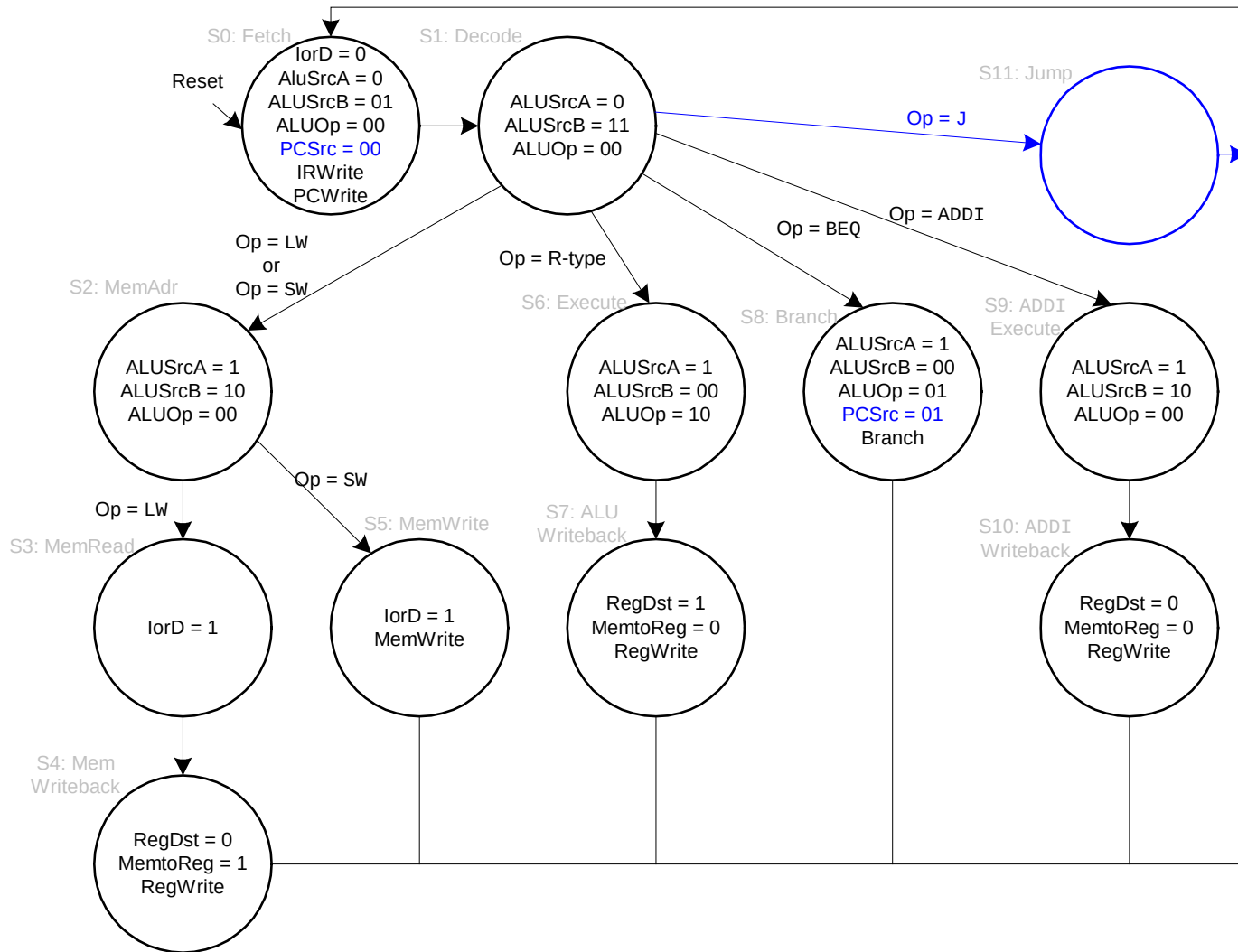
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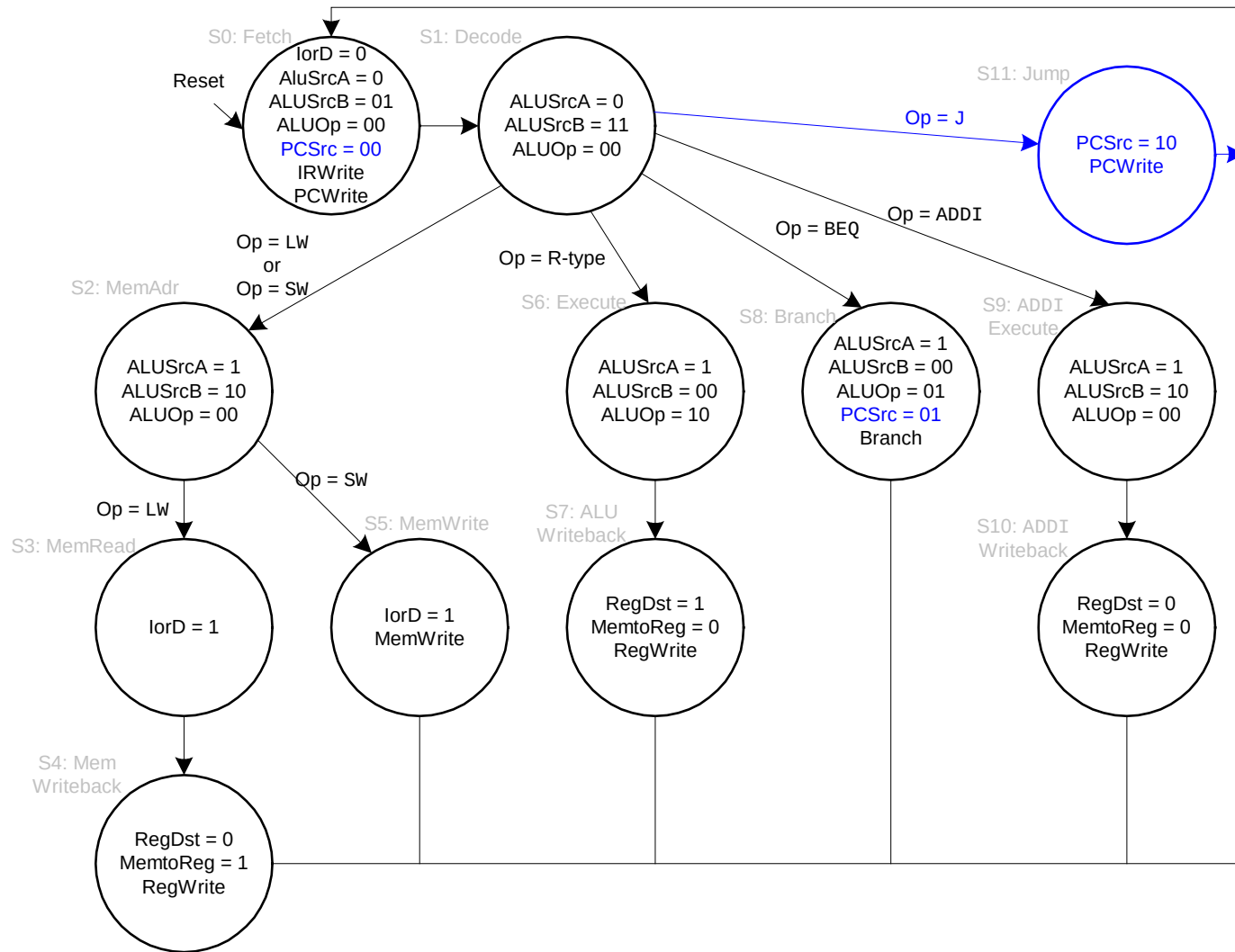
Extended Functionality: j



Main Controller FSM: j



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Multicycle Processor Performance

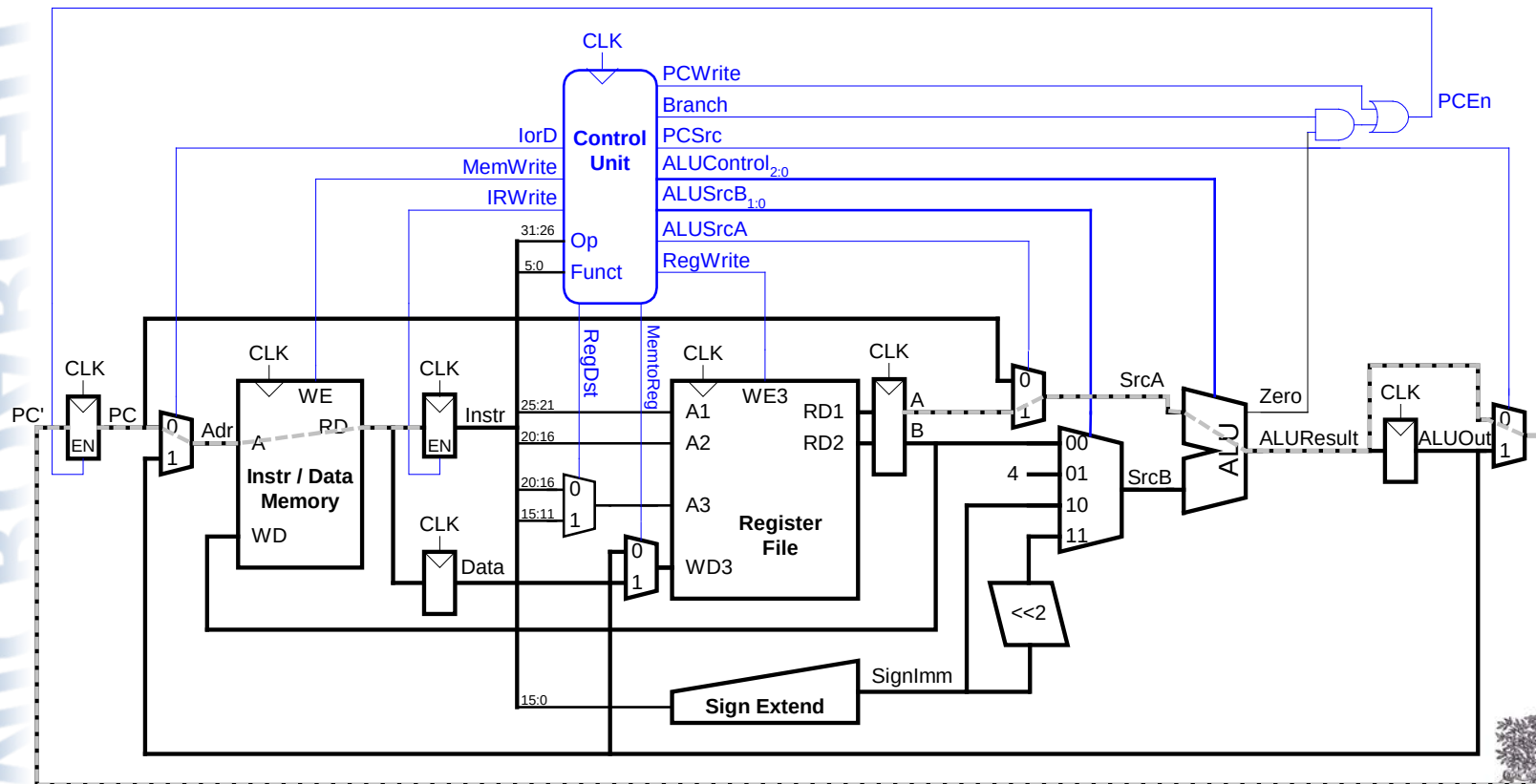
- Instructions take different number of cycles:
 - 3 cycles: beq, j
 - 4 cycles: R-Type, sw, addi
 - 5 cycles: lw
- CPI is weighted average
- SPECINT2000 benchmark:
 - 25% loads
 - 10% stores
 - 11% branches
 - 2% jumps
 - 52% R-type

Average CPI = $(0.11 + 0.2)(3) + (0.52 + 0.10)(4) + (0.25)(5) = 4.12$

Multicycle Processor Performance

Multicycle critical path:

$$T_c = t_{pcq} + t_{mux} + \max(t_{ALU} + t_{mux}, t_{mem}) + t_{setup}$$



Multicycle Performance Example

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$$\begin{aligned}T_c &= t_{pcq_PC} + t_{mux} + \max(t_{ALU} + t_{mux}, t_{mem}) + t_{setup} \\&= t_{pcq_PC} + t_{mux} + t_{mem} + t_{setup} \\&= [30 + 25 + 250 + 20] \text{ ps} \\&= \mathbf{325 \text{ ps}}\end{aligned}$$

Chapter 7 :: Topics

- For a program with 100 billion instructions executing on a multicycle MIPS processor
 - $CPI = 4.12$
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Execution Time =

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 - $T_c = 325 \text{ ps}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Execution Time} &= (\# \text{ instructions}) \times CPI \times T_c \\ &= (100 \times 10^9)(4.12)(325 \times 10^{-12}) \\ &= 133.9 \text{ seconds}\end{aligned}$$

- This is **slower** than the single-cycle processor (92.5 seconds). Why?

Multicycle Performance Example

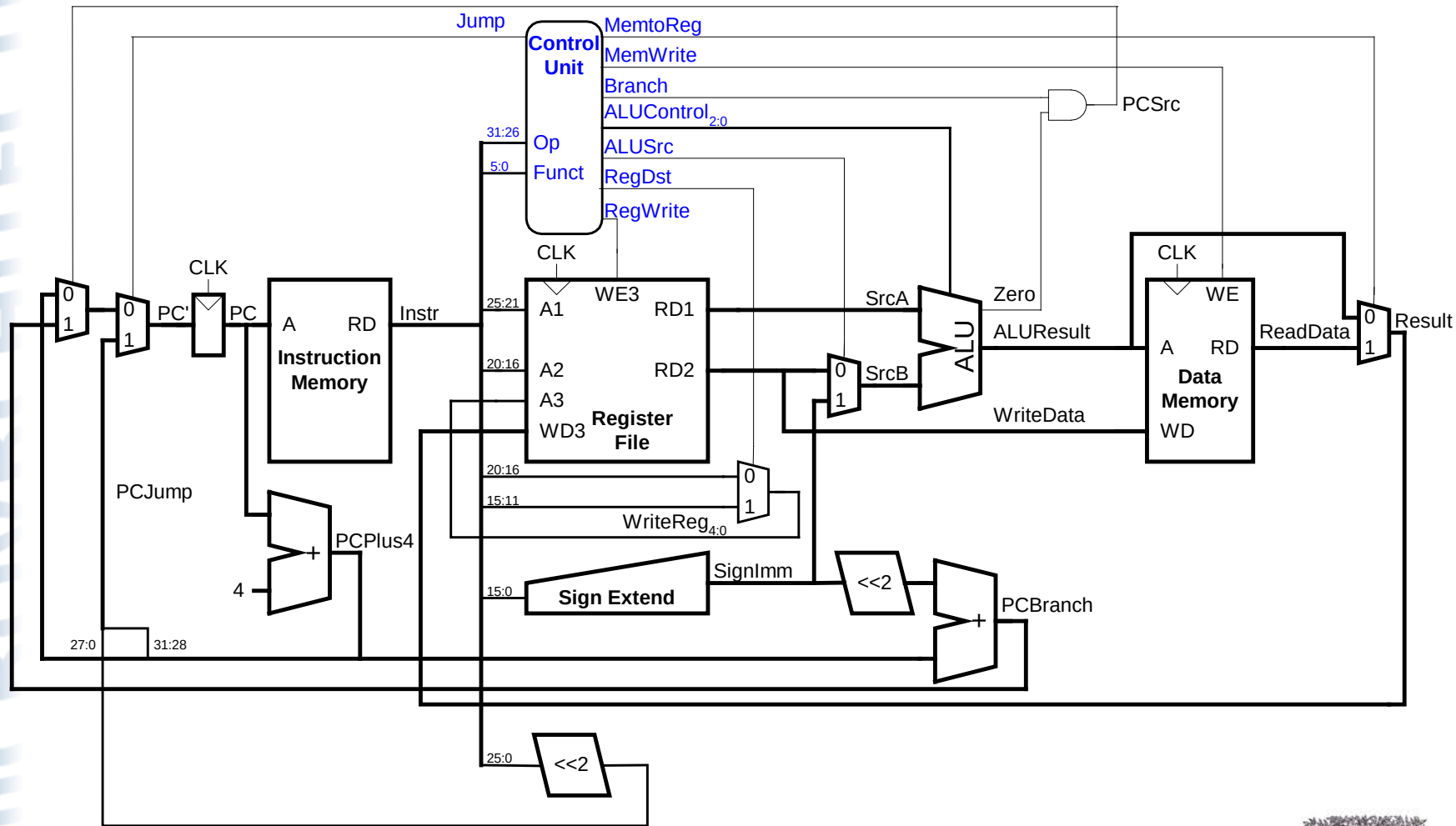
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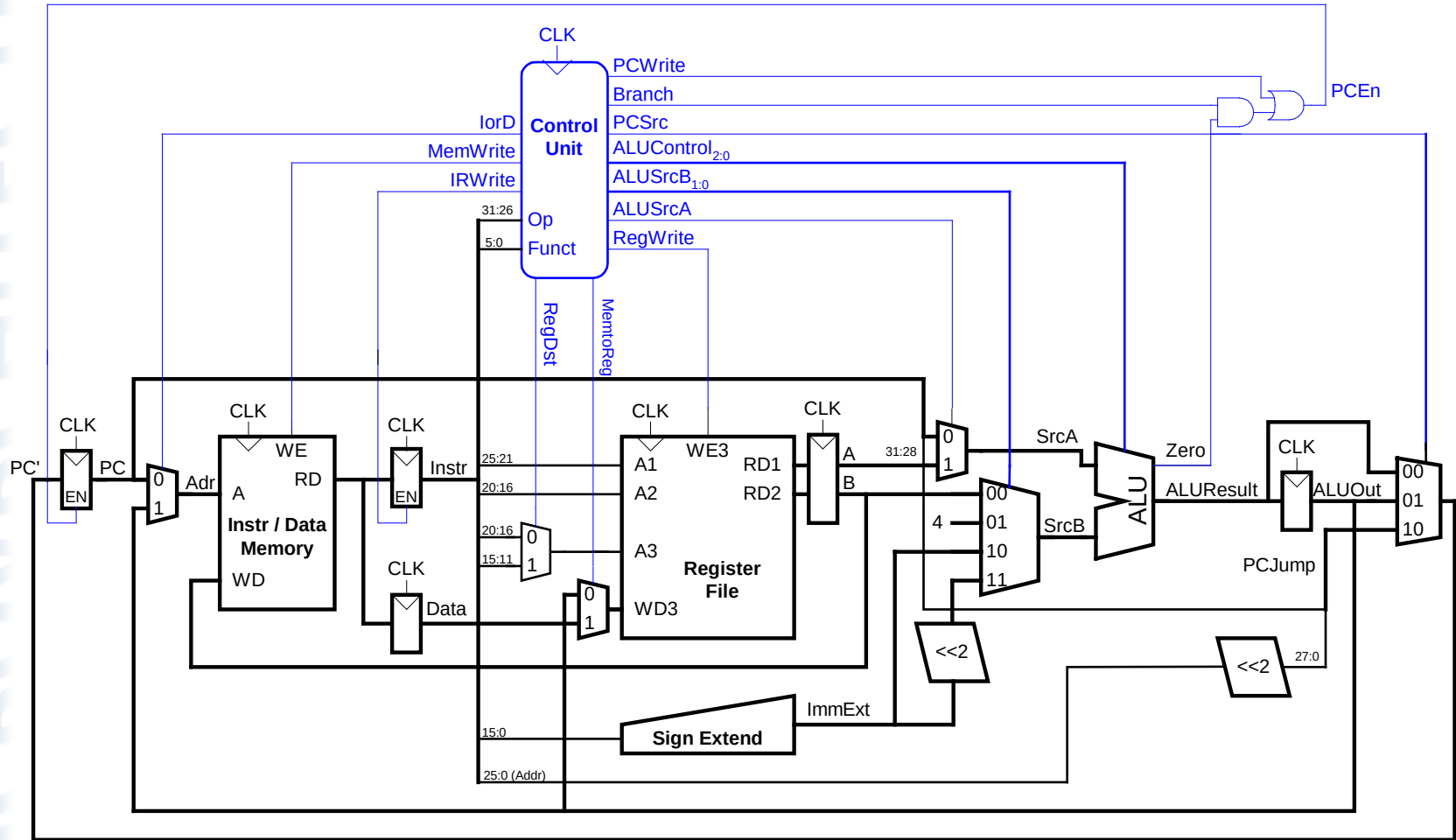
This is **slower** than the single-cycle processor (92.5 seconds). Why?

- Not all steps same length
- Sequencing overhead for each step ($t_{pcq} + t_{\text{setup}} = 50 \text{ ps}$)

Review: Single-Cycle Processor



Review: Multicycle Processor

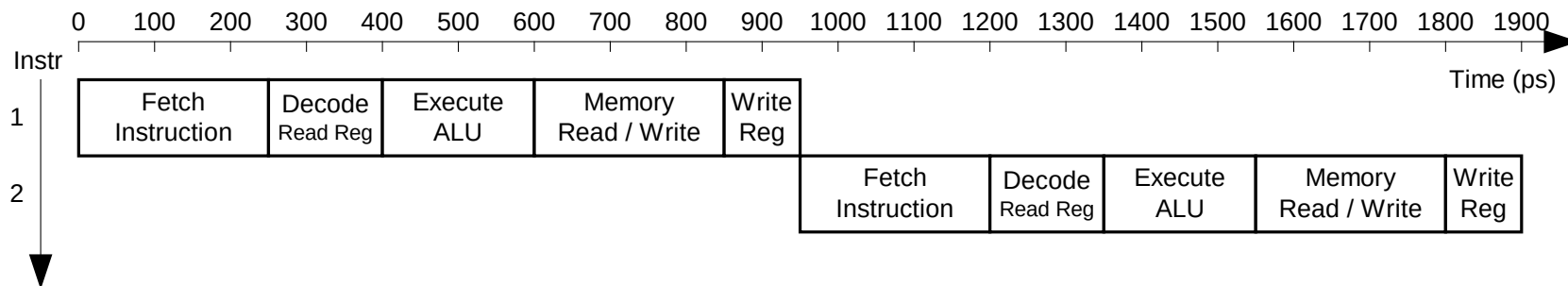


Pipelined MIPS Processor

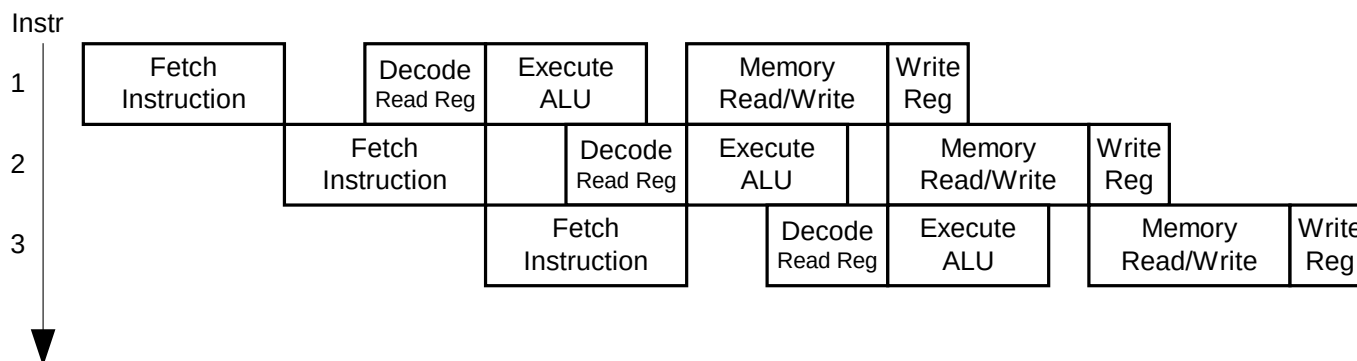
- Temporal parallelism
- Divide single-cycle processor into 5 stages:
 - Fetch
 - Decode
 - Execute
 - Memory
 - Writeback
- Add pipeline registers between stages

Single-Cycle vs. Pipelined

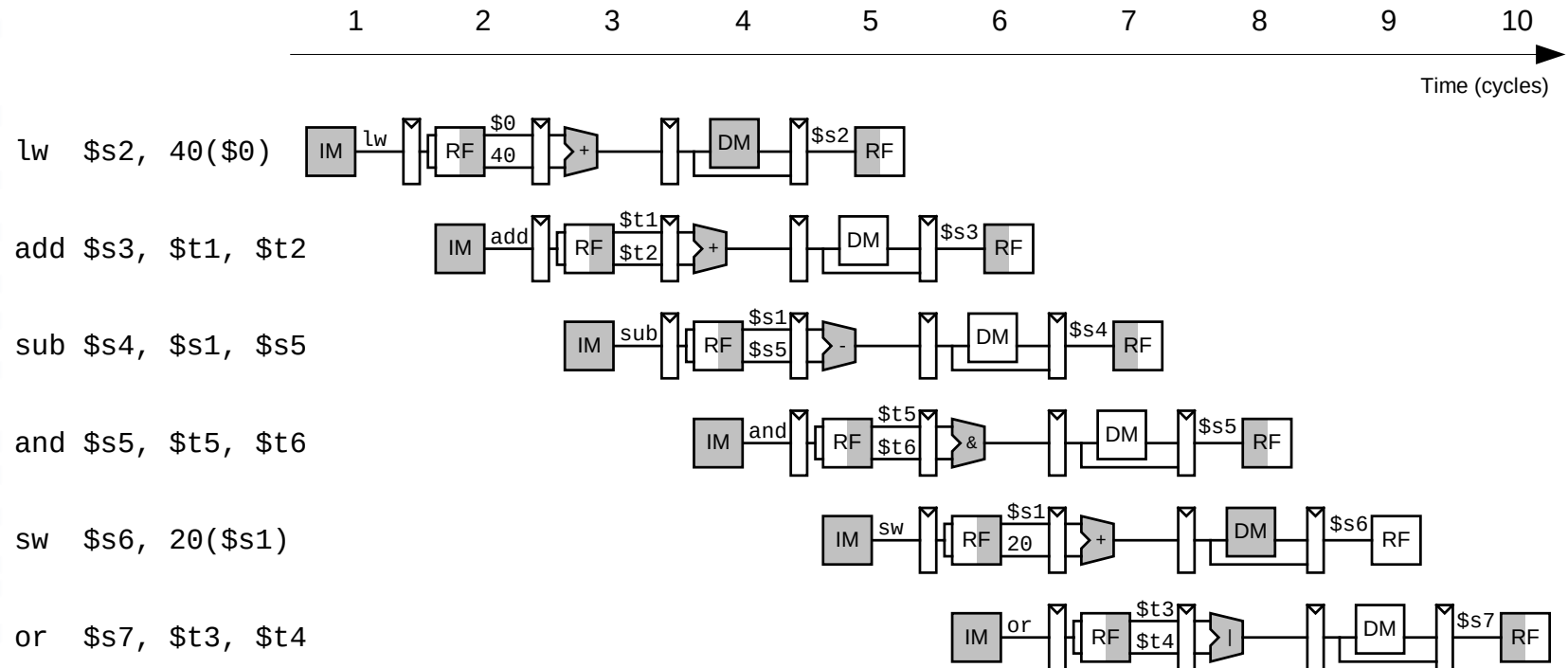
Single-Cycle



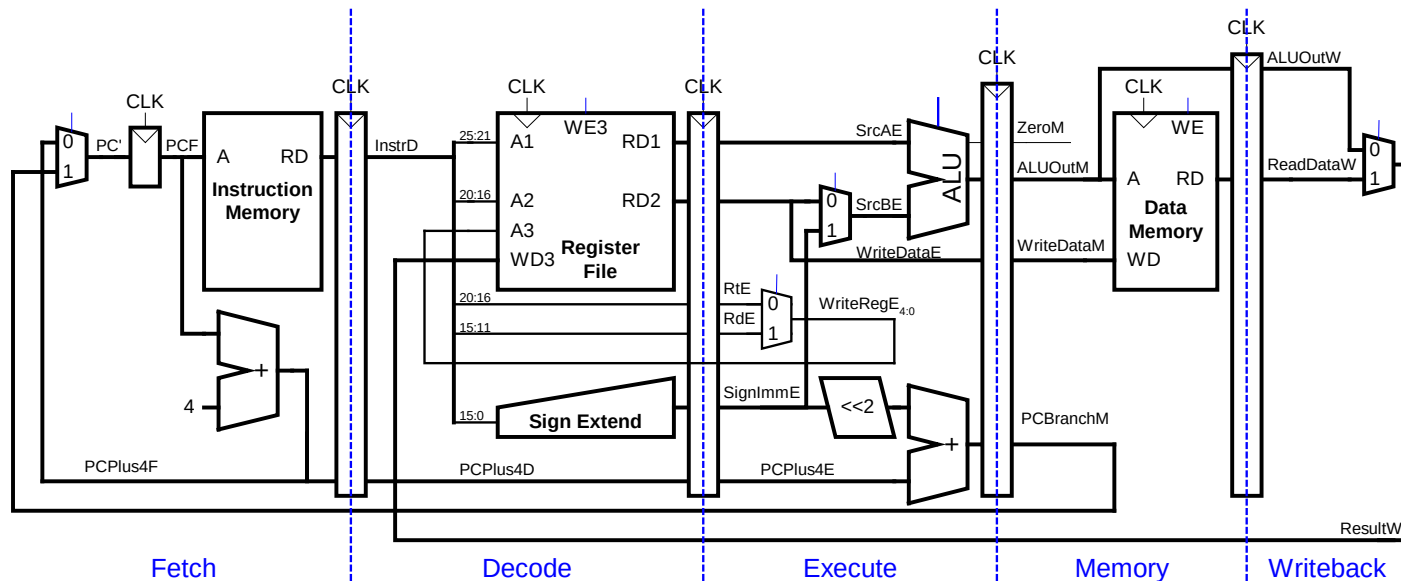
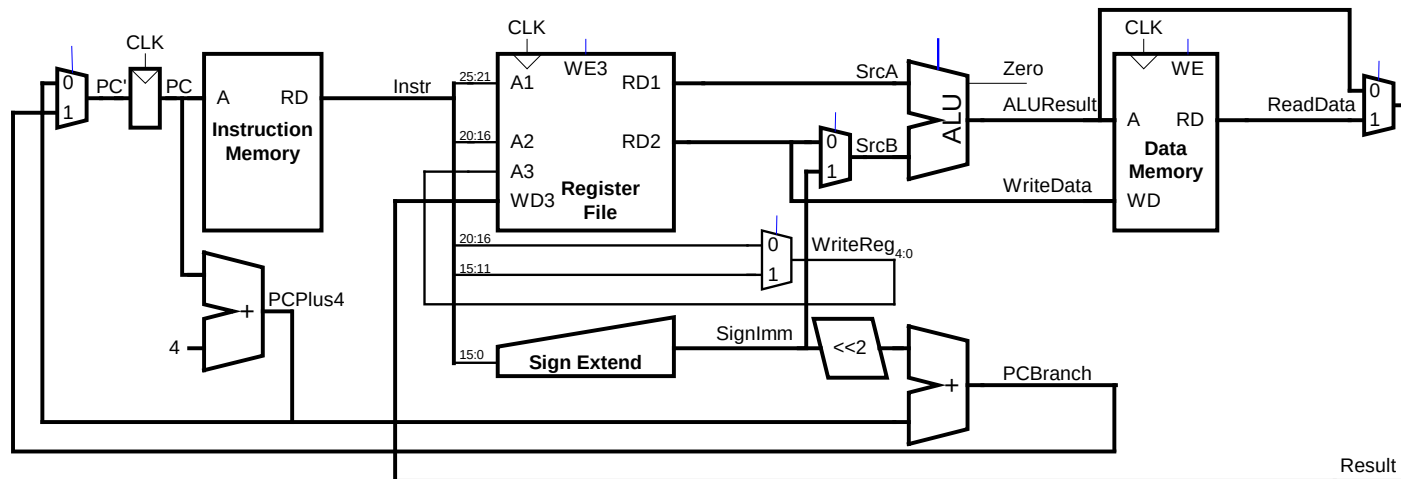
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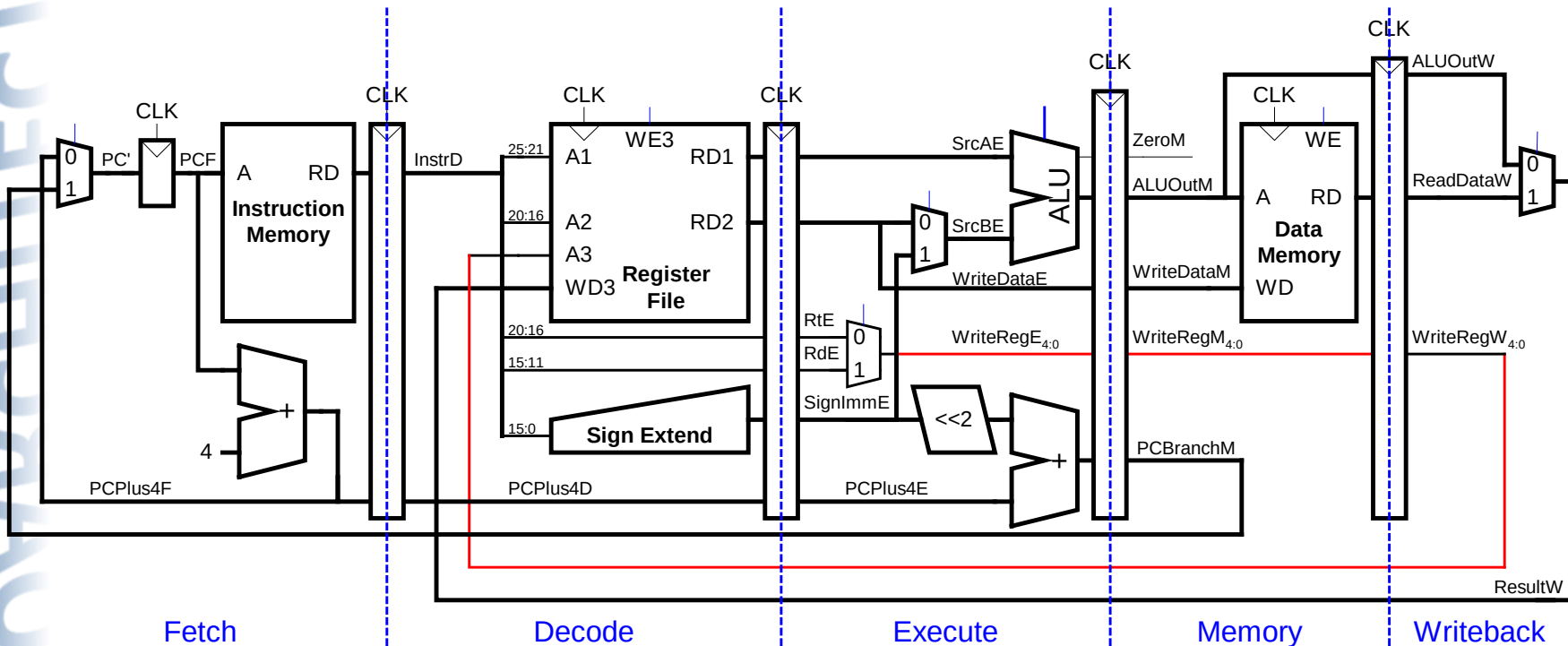
Pipelined Processor Abstraction



Single-Cycle & Pipelined Datapath

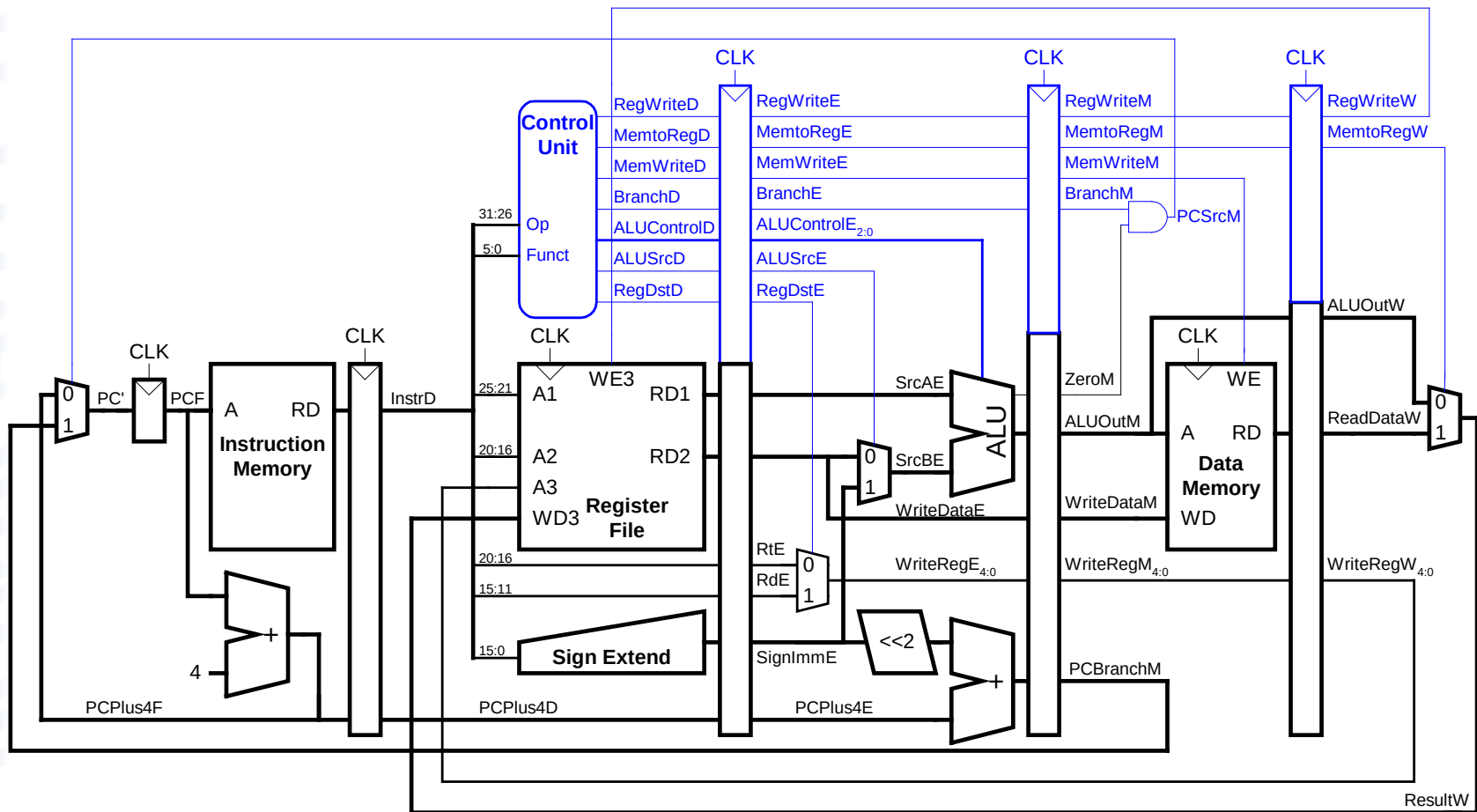


Corrected Pipelined Datapath



WriteReg* must arrive at same time as *Result

Pipelined Processor Control

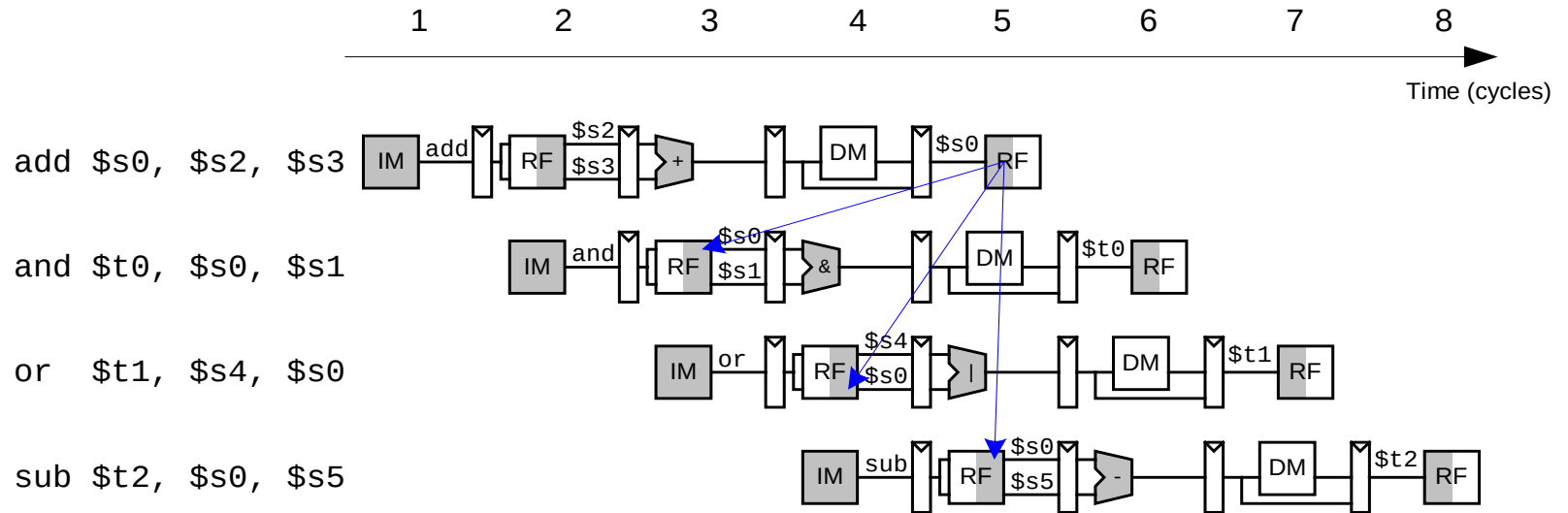


- Same control unit as single-cycle processor
- Control delayed to proper pipeline stage

Pipeline Hazards

- When an instruction depends on result from instruction that hasn't completed
- Types:
 - **Data hazard:** register value not yet written back to register file
 - **Control hazard:** next instruction not decided yet (caused by branches)

Data Hazard

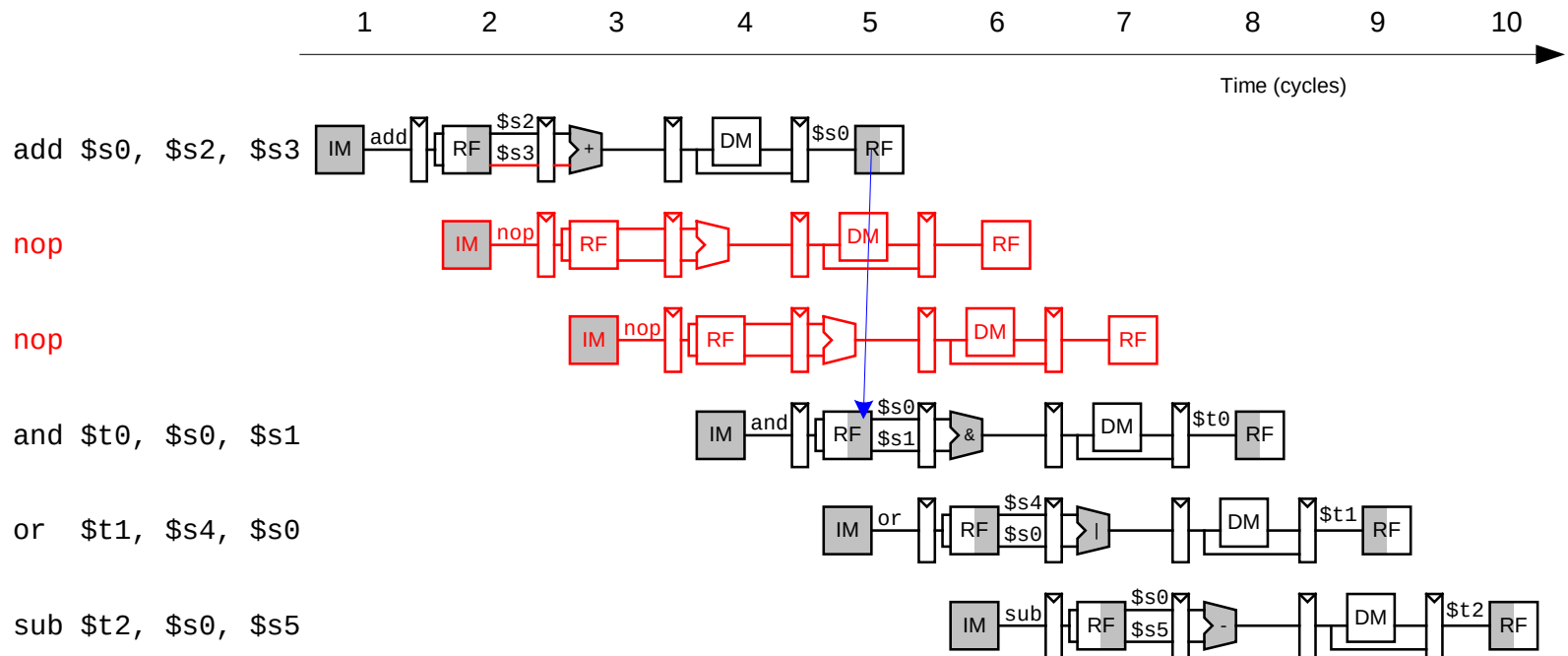


Handling Data Hazards

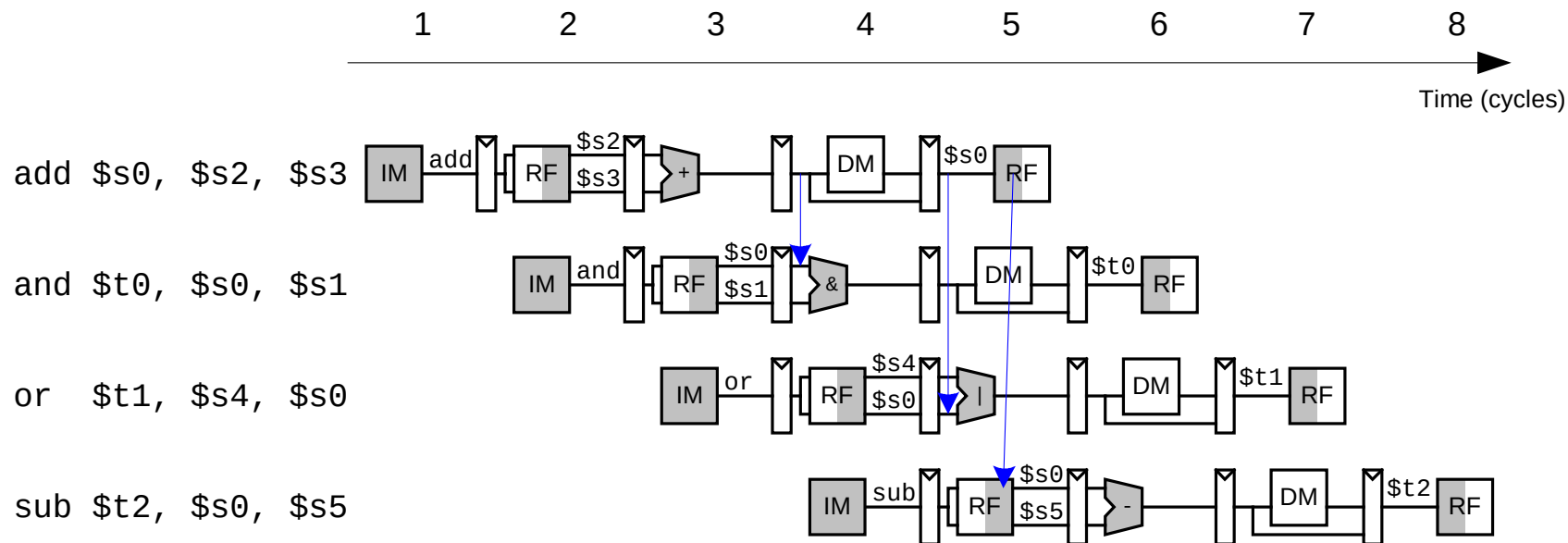
- Insert nops in code at compile time
- Rearrange code at compile time
- Forward data at run time
- Stall the processor at run time

Compile-Time Hazard Elimination

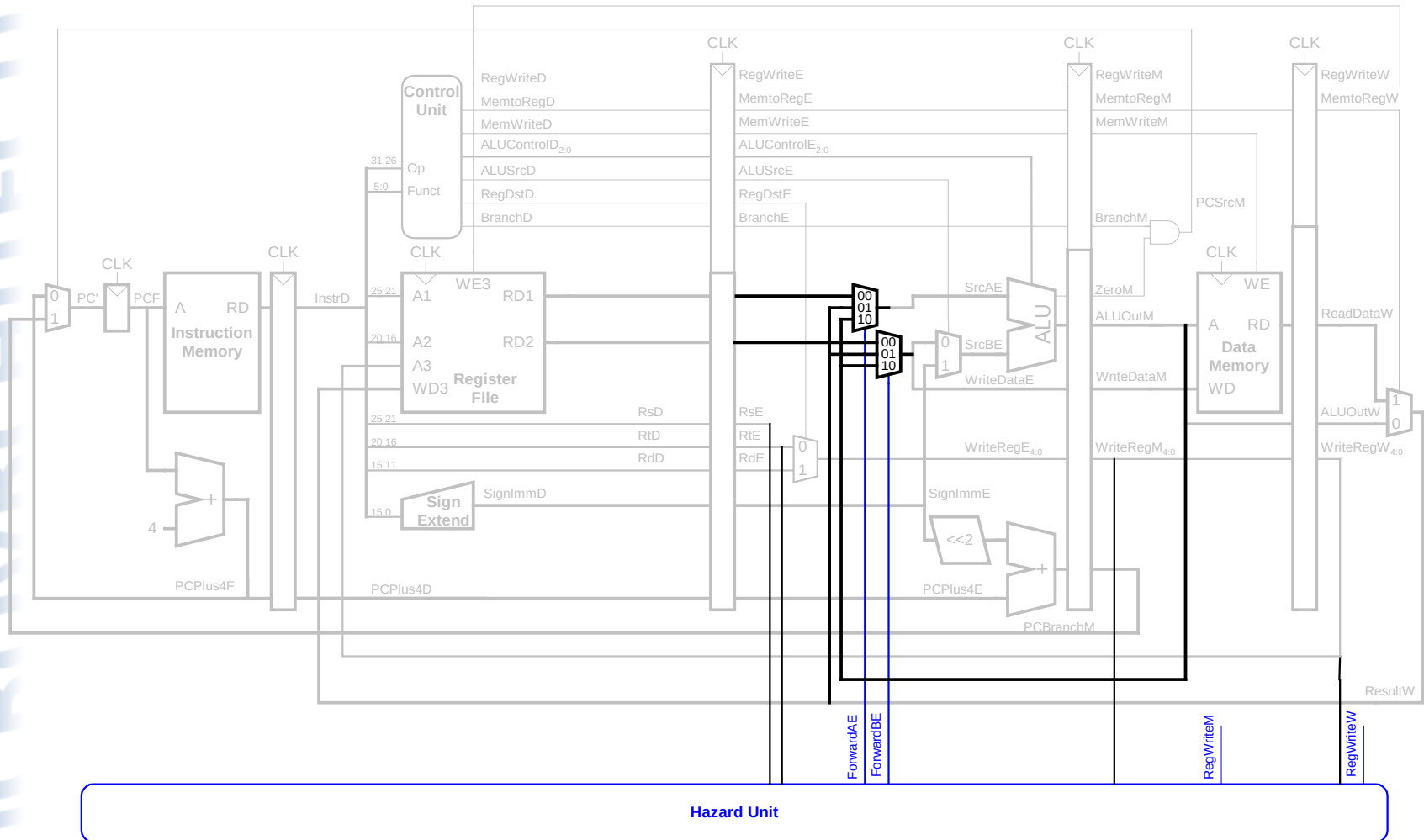
- Insert enough nops for result to be ready
- Or move independent useful instructions forward



Data Forwarding



Data Forwarding



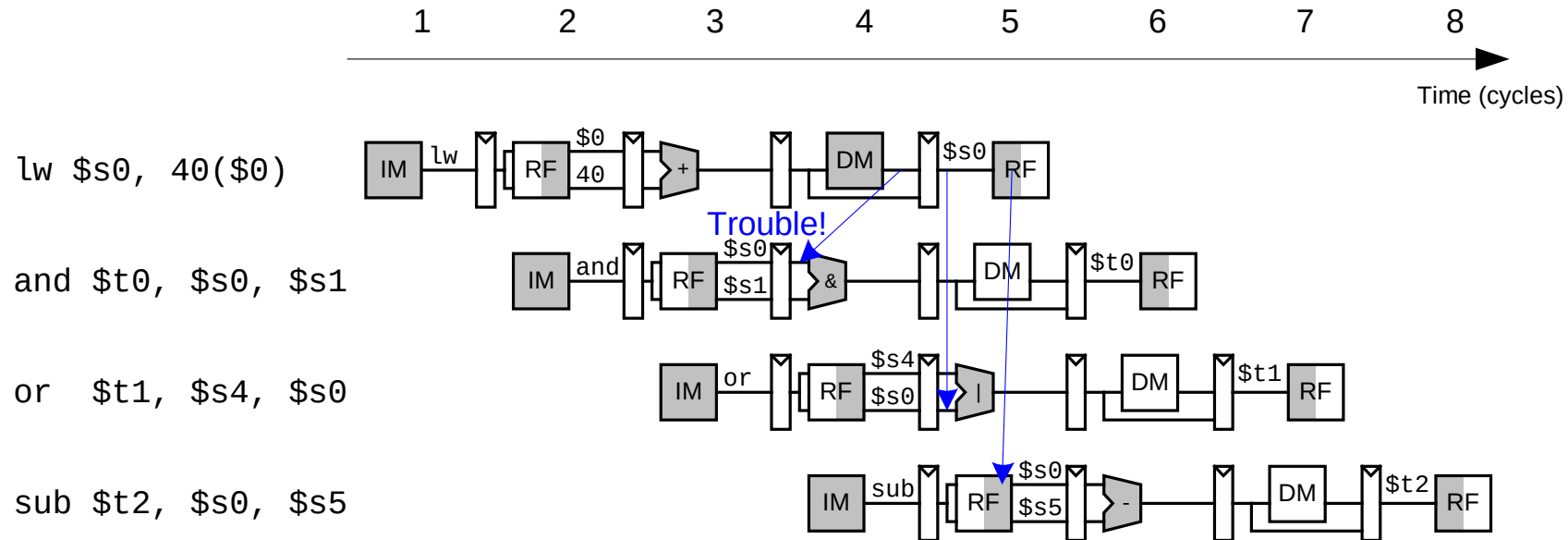
Data Forwarding

- Forward to Execute stage from either:
 - Memory stage or
 - Writeback stage
- Forwarding logic for *ForwardAE*:

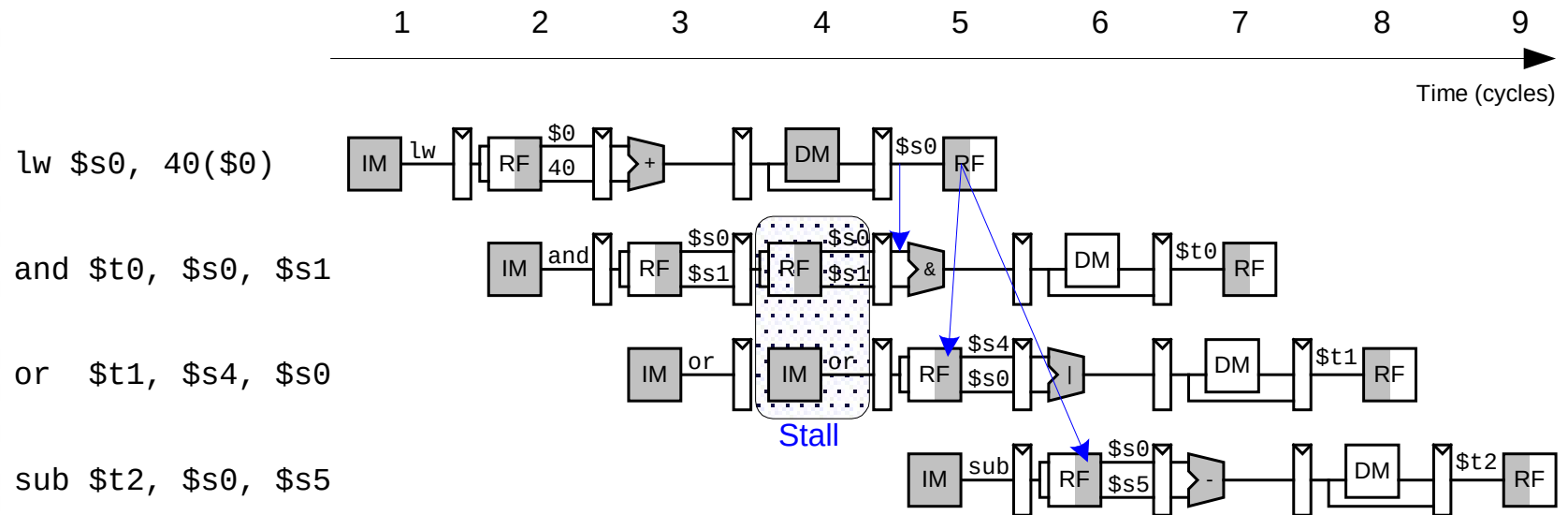
```
if      ((rsE != 0) AND (rsE == WriteRegM) AND RegWriteM)
  then  ForwardAE = 10
else if ((rsE != 0) AND (rsE == WriteRegW) AND RegWriteW)
  then  ForwardAE = 01
else    ForwardAE = 00
```

Forwarding logic for *ForwardBE* same, but replace *rsE* with *rtE*

Stalling



Stalling





Stalling Logic

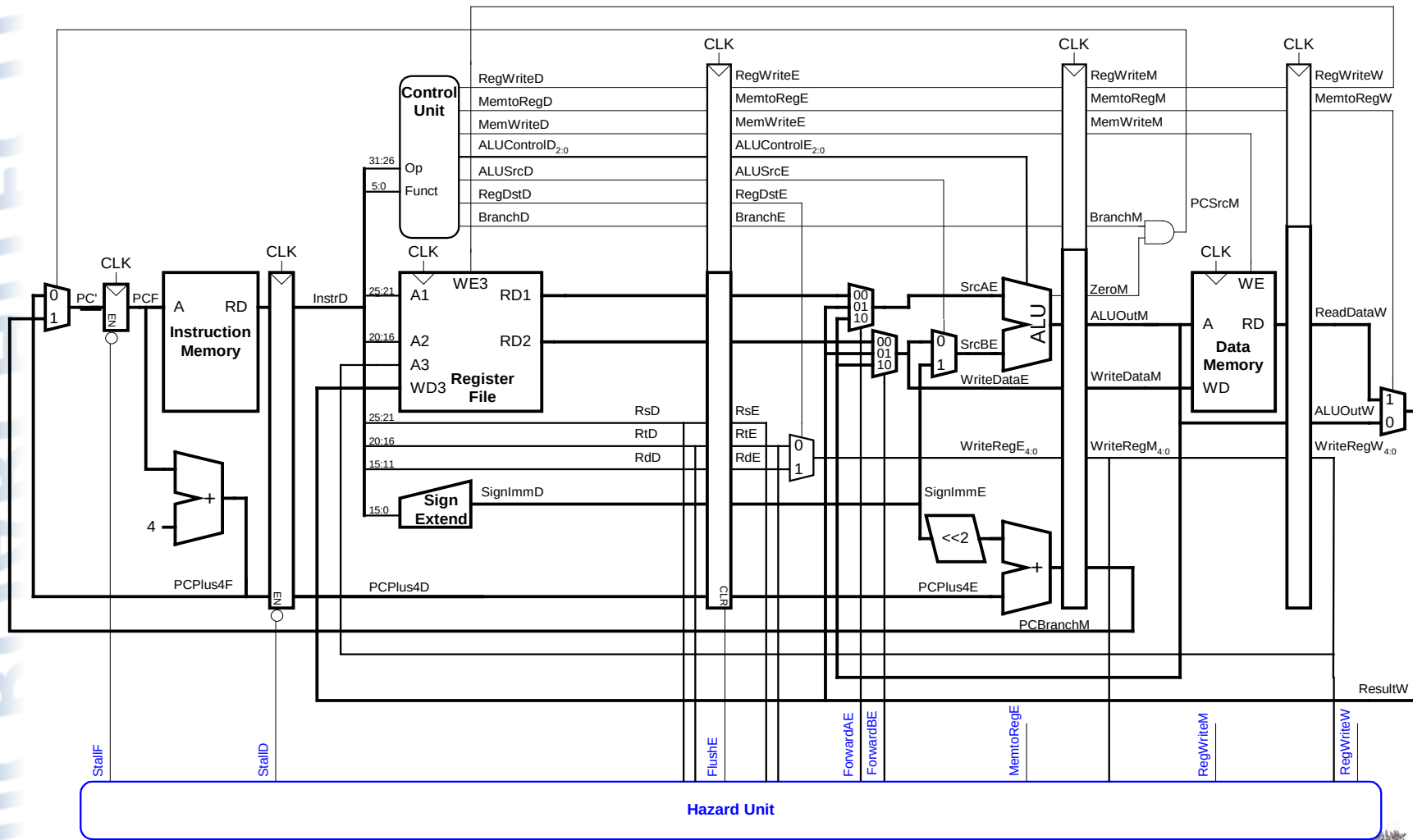
**$lwstall =$
 $((rsD == rtE) \text{ OR } (rtD == rtE)) \text{ AND } MemtoRegE$**

$StallF = StallD = FlushE = lwstall$

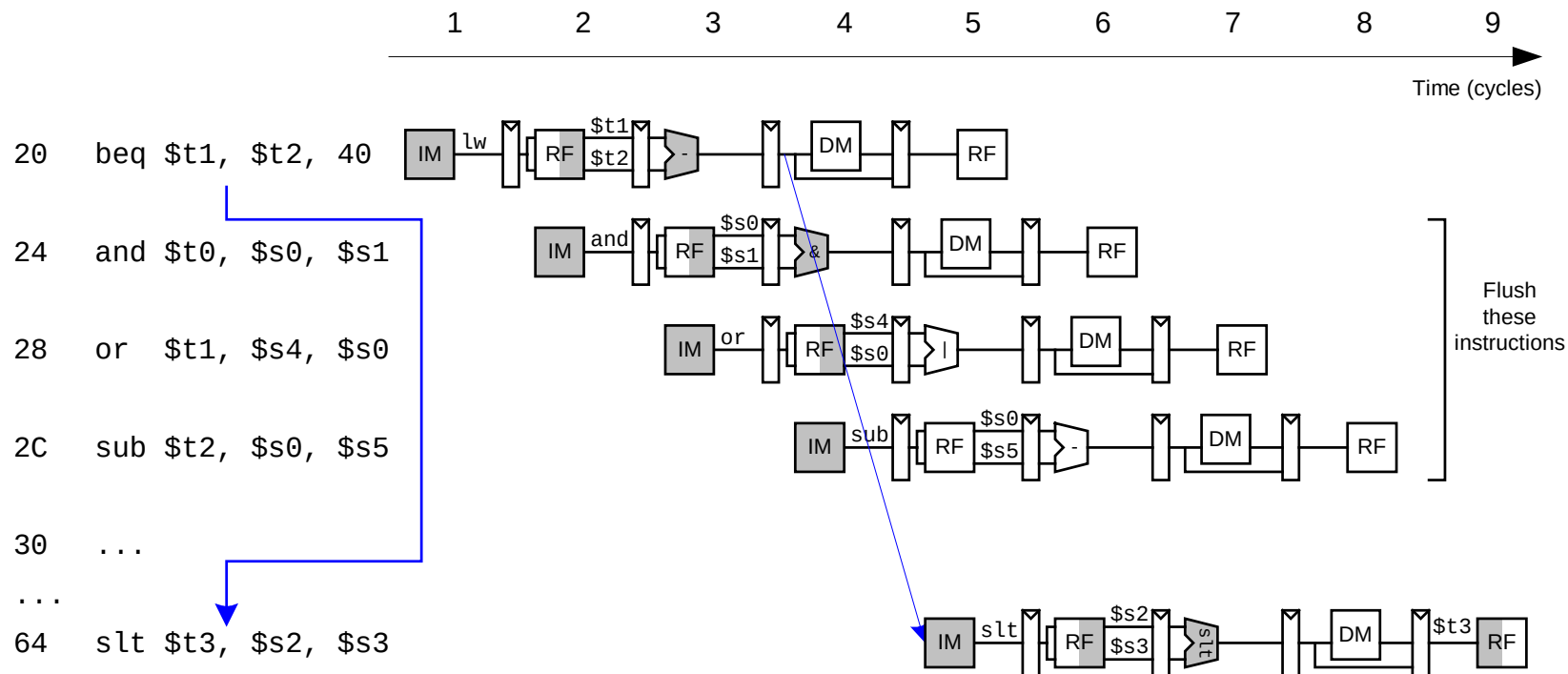
Control Hazards

- **beq:**
 - branch not determined until 4th stage of pipeline
 - Instructions after branch fetched before branch occurs
 - These instructions must be flushed if branch happens
- **Branch misprediction penalty**
 - number of instruction flushed when branch is taken
 - May be reduced by determining branch earlier

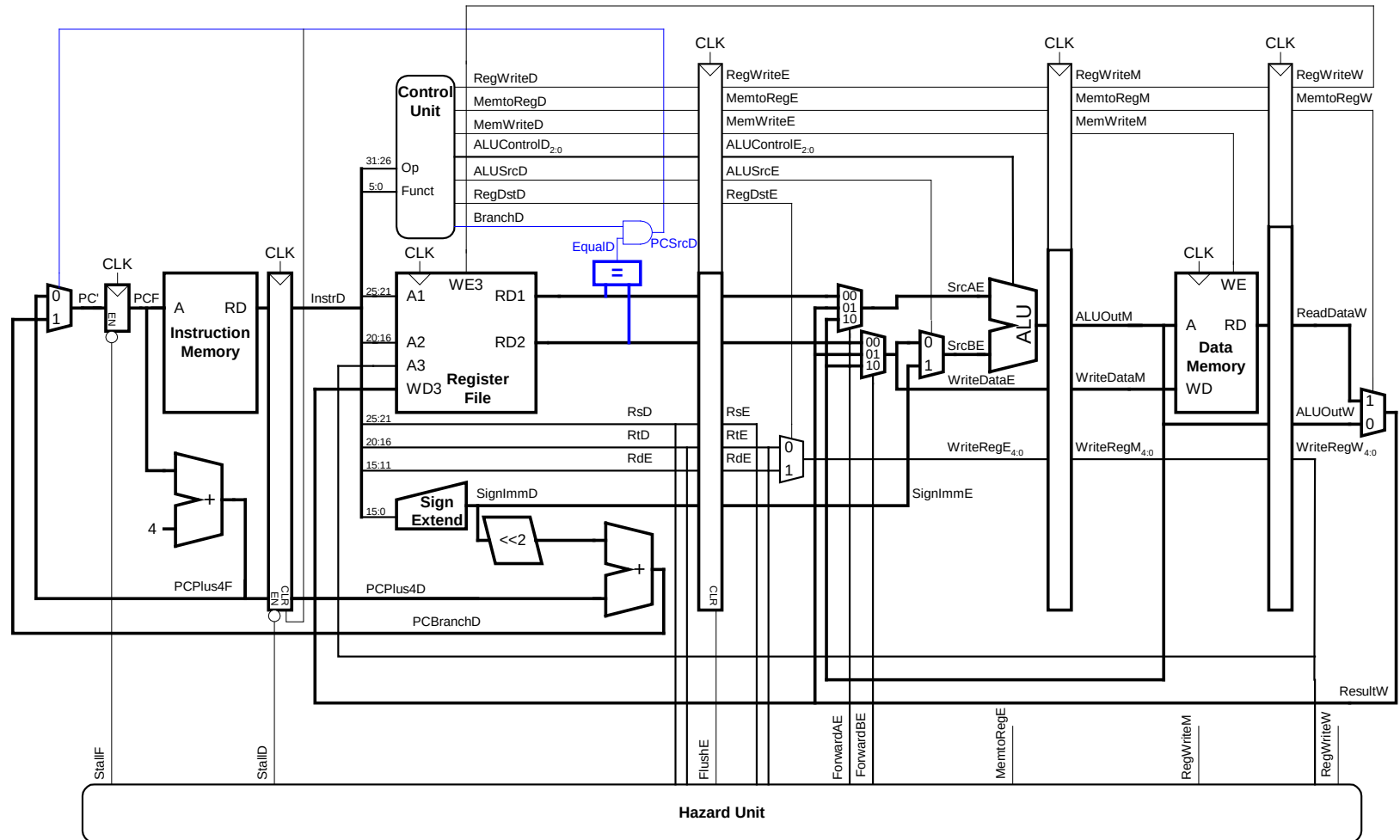
Control Hazards: Original Pipeline



Control Hazards

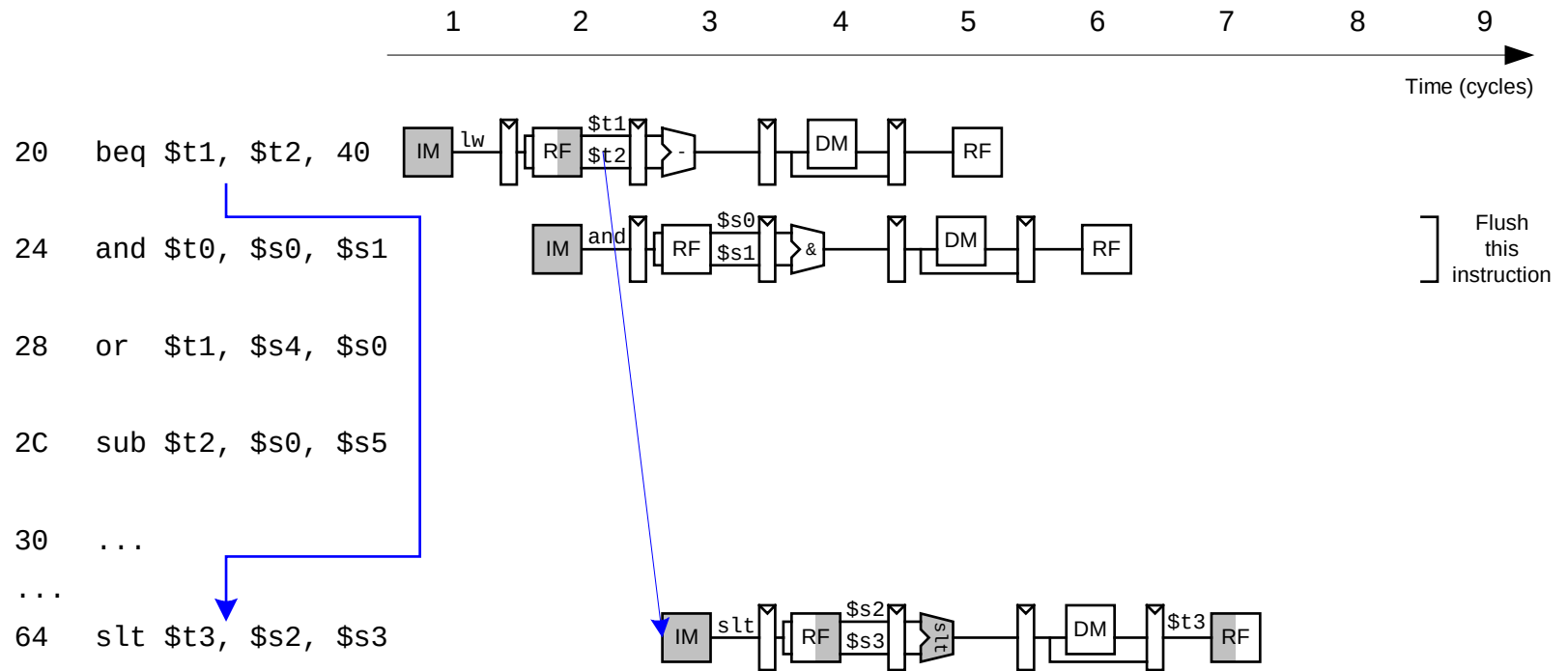


Early Branch Resolution

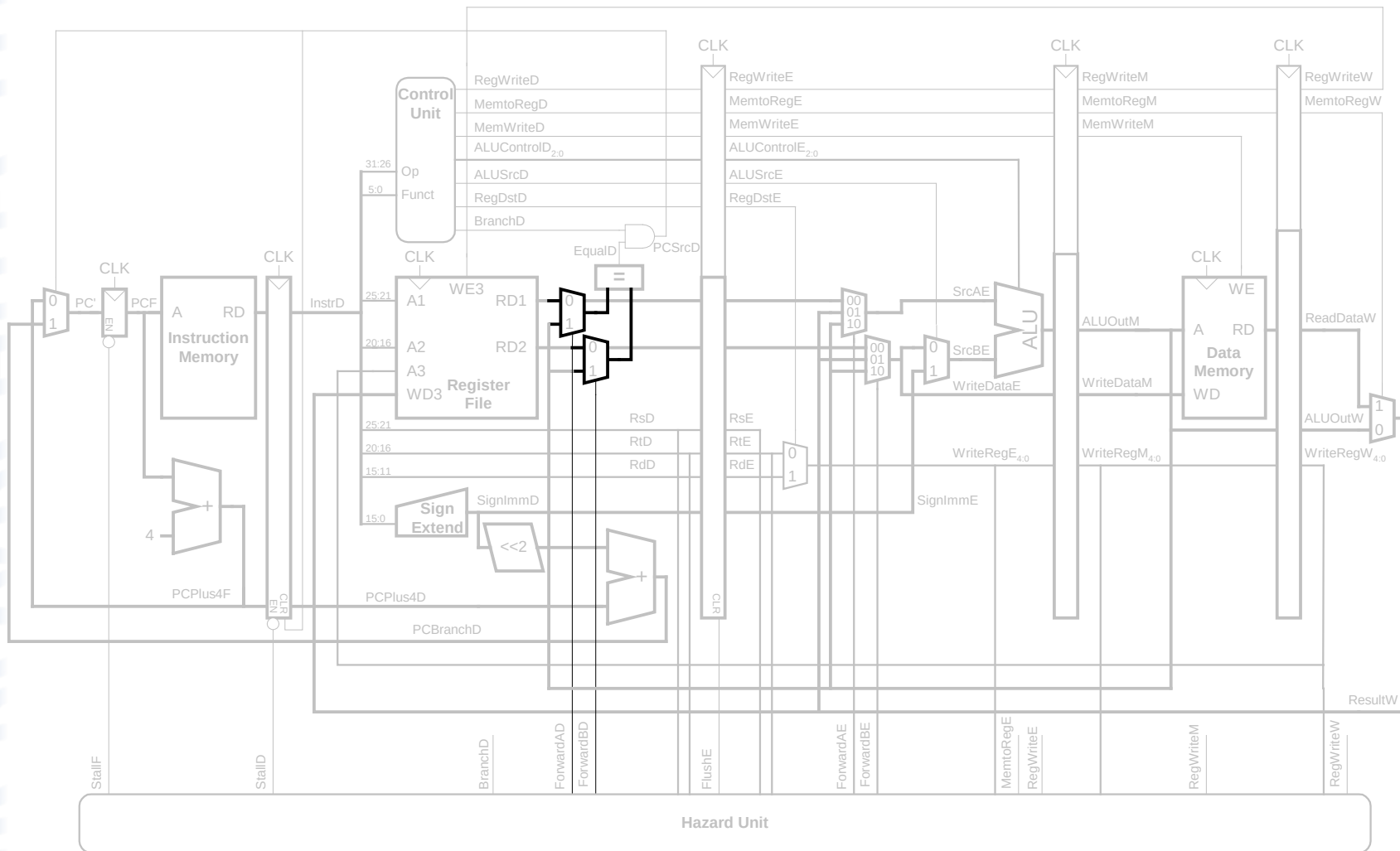


Introduced another data hazard in Decode stage

Early Branch Resolution



Handling Data & Control Hazards



Control Forwarding & Stalling Logic

- **Forwarding logic:**

ForwardAD = (*rsD* != 0) AND (*rsD* == *WriteRegM*) AND *RegWriteM*

ForwardBD = (*rtD* != 0) AND (*rtD* == *WriteRegM*) AND *RegWriteM*

- **Stalling logic:**

branchstall = *BranchD* AND *RegWriteE* AND
(*WriteRegE* == *rsD* OR *WriteRegE* == *rtD*)

OR

BranchD AND *MemtoRegM* AND
(*WriteRegM* == *rsD* OR *WriteRegM* == *rtD*)

StallF = *StallD* = *FlushE* = *lwstall* OR *branchstall*



Branch Prediction

- Guess whether branch will be taken
 - Backward branches are usually taken (loops)
 - Consider history to improve guess
- Good prediction reduces fraction of branches requiring a flush

Pipelined Performance Example

- SPECINT2000 benchmark:
 - 25% loads
 - 10% stores
 - 11% branches
 - 2% jumps
 - 52% R-type
- Suppose:
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- **What is the average CPI?**
 - Load/Branch CPI = 1 when no stalling, 2 when stalling
 - $CPI_{lw} = 1(0.6) + 2(0.4) = 1.4$
 - $CPI_{beq} = 1(0.75) + 2(0.25) = 1.25$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Average CPI} &= (0.25)(1.4) + (0.1)(1) + (0.11)(1.25) + (0.02)(2) + (0.52)(1) \\ &= 1.15\end{aligned}$$

Pipelined Performance

- Pipelined processor critical path:

$$T_c = \max \{$$
$$t_{pcq} + t_{mem} + t_{setup}$$
$$2(t_{RFread} + t_{mux} + t_{eq} + t_{AND} + t_{mux} + t_{setup})$$
$$t_{pcq} + t_{mux} + t_{mux} + t_{ALU} + t_{setup}$$
$$t_{pcq} + t_{memwrite} + t_{setup}$$
$$2(t_{pcq} + t_{mux} + t_{RFwrite}) \}$$

Pipelined Performance Example

Element	Parameter	Delay (ps)
Register clock-to-Q	t_{pcq_PC}	30
Register setup	t_{setup}	20
Multiplexer	t_{mux}	25
ALU	t_{ALU}	200
Memory read	t_{mem}	250
Register file read	t_{RFread}	150
Register file setup	$t_{RFsetup}$	20
Equality comparator	t_{eq}	40
AND gate	t_{AND}	15
Memory write	$T_{memwrite}$	220
Register file write	$t_{RFwrite}$	100 ps

$$\begin{aligned} T_c &= 2(t_{RFread} + t_{mux} + t_{eq} + t_{AND} + t_{mux} + t_{setup}) \\ &= 2[150 + 25 + 40 + 15 + 25 + 20] \text{ ps} = \mathbf{550 \text{ ps}} \end{aligned}$$

Pipelined Performance Example

Program with 100 billion instructions

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Execution Time} &= (\# \text{ instructions}) \times \text{CPI} \times T_c \\ &= (100 \times 10^9)(1.15)(550 \times 10^{-12}) \\ &= \mathbf{63 \text{ seconds}}\end{aligned}$$

Processor Performance Comparison

Processor	Execution Time (seconds)	Speedup (single-cycle as baseline)
Single-cycle	92.5	1
Multicycle	133	0.70
Pipelined	63	1.47

Review: Exceptions

- Unscheduled function call to *exception handler*
- Caused by:
 - Hardware, also called an *interrupt*, e.g. keyboard
 - Software, also called *traps*, e.g. undefined instruction
- When exception occurs, the processor:
 - Records cause of exception (Cause register)
 - Jumps to exception handler (0x80000180)
 - Returns to program (EPC register)

Example Exception

sequential circuits.]

Can we design a spiff

Figure 2.11 shows a box indicates that it is this case, the function is

KeyAccess



The network KeyServer, which is required by KeyServer controlled programs, cannot grant you permission to run this program. If you think you have received this message in error, please contact your KeyServer Administrator.

Visio.exe - Application Error



The exception unknown software exception (0xc06d007e) occurred in the application at location 0x7c81eb33.

OK

words, we say the output Y is a function of the two inputs A and B where the function performed is $A \text{ OR } B$.]

The *implementation* of the combinational circuit is independent of its functionality. Figure 2.1 and Figure 2.2 show two possible implementa-

Exception Registers

- Not part of register file
 - Cause
 - Records cause of exception
 - Coprocessor 0 register 13
 - EPC (Exception PC)
 - Records PC where exception occurred
 - Coprocessor 0 register 14
- Move from Coprocessor 0
 - mfc0 \$t0, Cause
 - Moves contents of Cause into \$t0

mfc0

010000	00000	\$t0 (8)	Cause (13)	000000000000
31:26	25:21	20:16	15:11	10:0

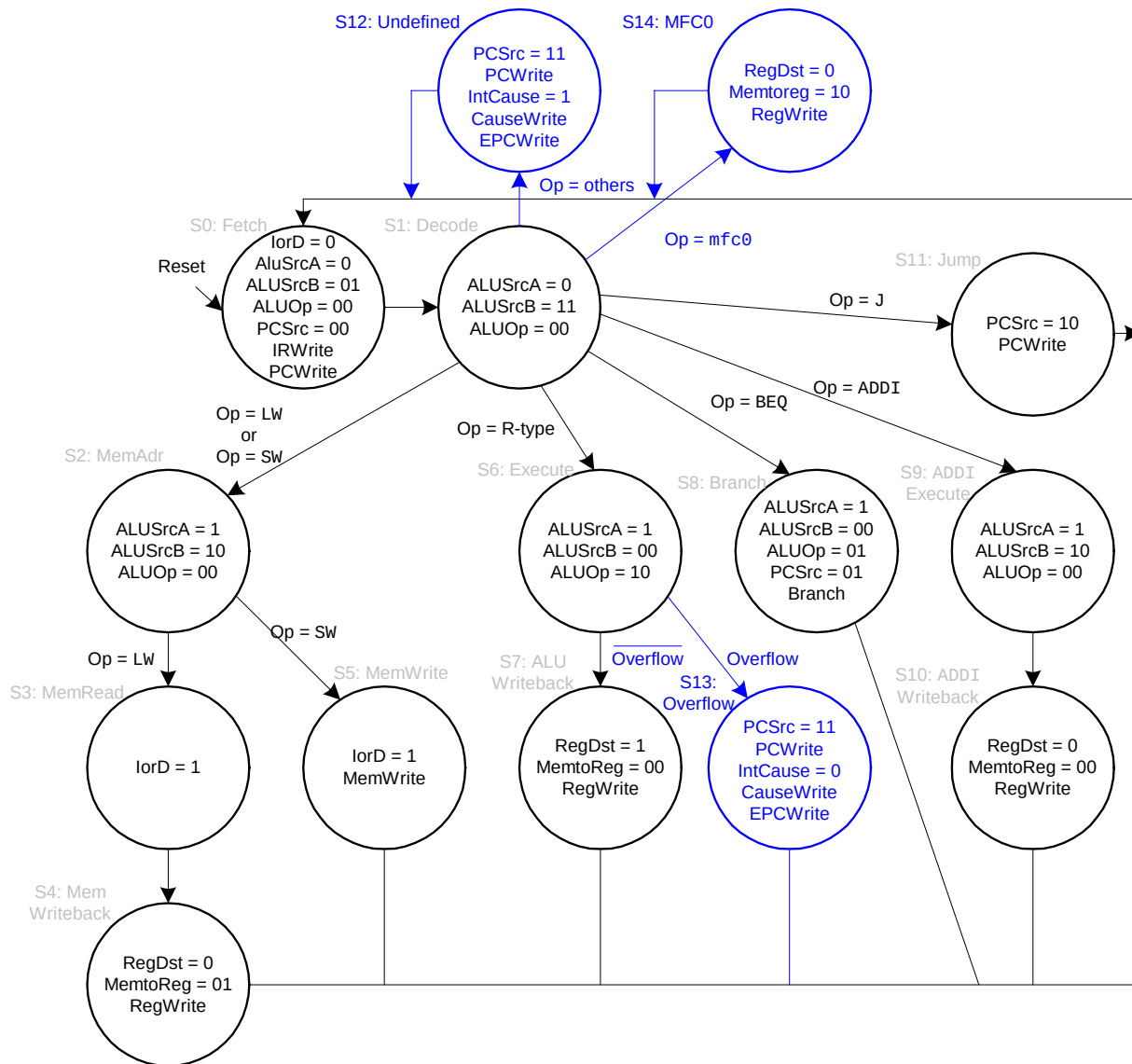
Exception Causes

Exception	Cause
Hardware Interrupt	0x00000000
System Call	0x00000020
Breakpoint / Divide by 0	0x00000024
Undefined Instruction	0x00000028
Arithmetic Overflow	0x00000030

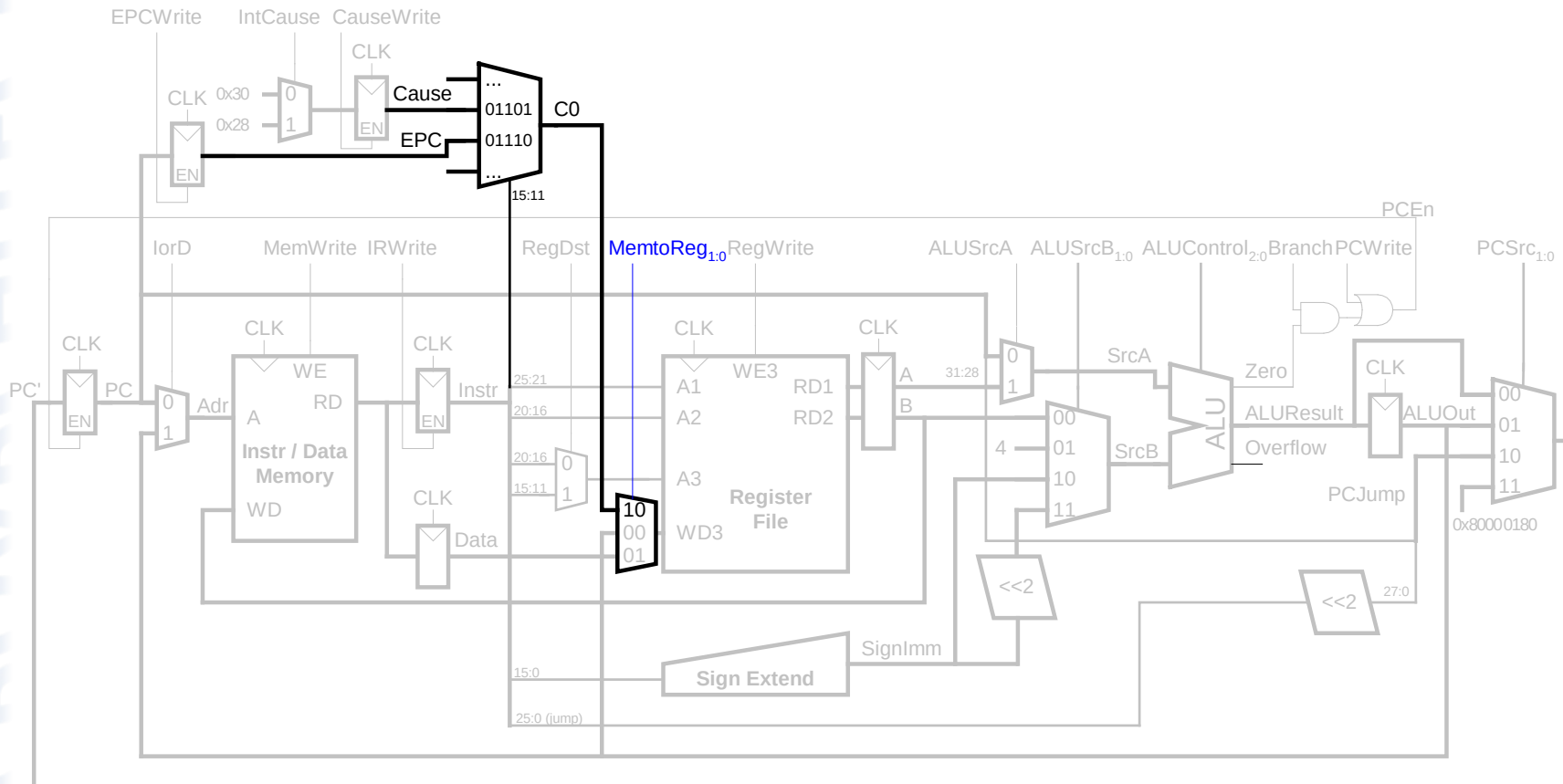
Extend multicycle MIPS processor to handle last two types of exceptions



Control FSM with Exceptions



Exception Hardware: mfc0



Advanced Microarchitecture

- Deep Pipelining
- Branch Prediction
- Superscalar Processors
- Out of Order Processors
- Register Renaming
- SIMD
- Multithreading
- Multiprocessors

Deep Pipelining

- 10-20 stages typical
- Number of stages limited by:
 - Pipeline hazards
 - Sequencing overhead
 - Power
 - Cost

Branch Prediction

- Ideal pipelined processor: $CPI = 1$
- Branch misprediction increases CPI
- **Static branch prediction:**
 - Check direction of branch (forward or backward)
 - If backward, predict taken
 - Else, predict not taken
- **Dynamic branch prediction:**
 - Keep history of last (several hundred) branches in *branch target buffer*, record:
 - Branch destination
 - Whether branch was taken

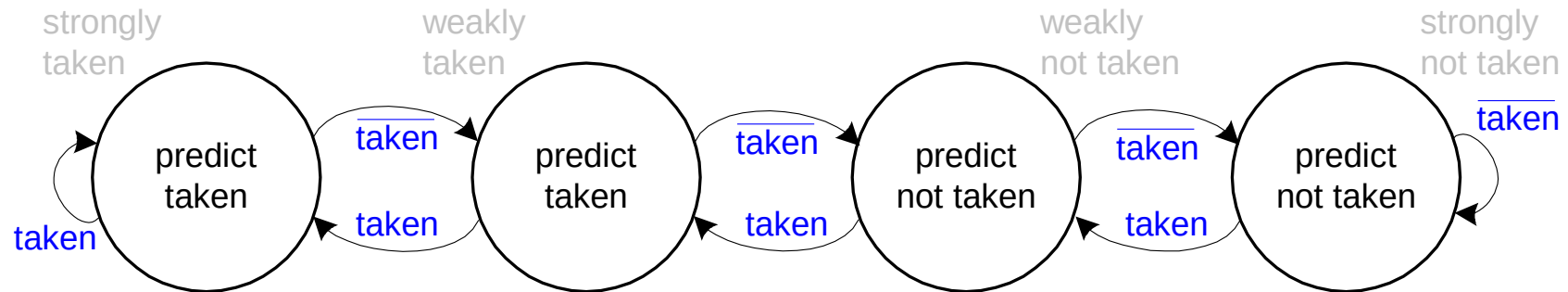
Branch Prediction Example

```
add    $s1, $0, $0        # sum = 0
add    $s0, $0, $0        # i   = 0
addi   $t0, $0, 10        # $t0 = 10
for:
    beq  $s0, $t0, done    # if i == 10, branch
    add  $s1, $s1, $s0     # sum = sum + i
    addi $s0, $s0, 1       # increment i
    j    for
done:
```

1-Bit Branch Predictor

- Remembers whether branch was taken the last time and does the same thing
- Mispredicts first and last branch of loop

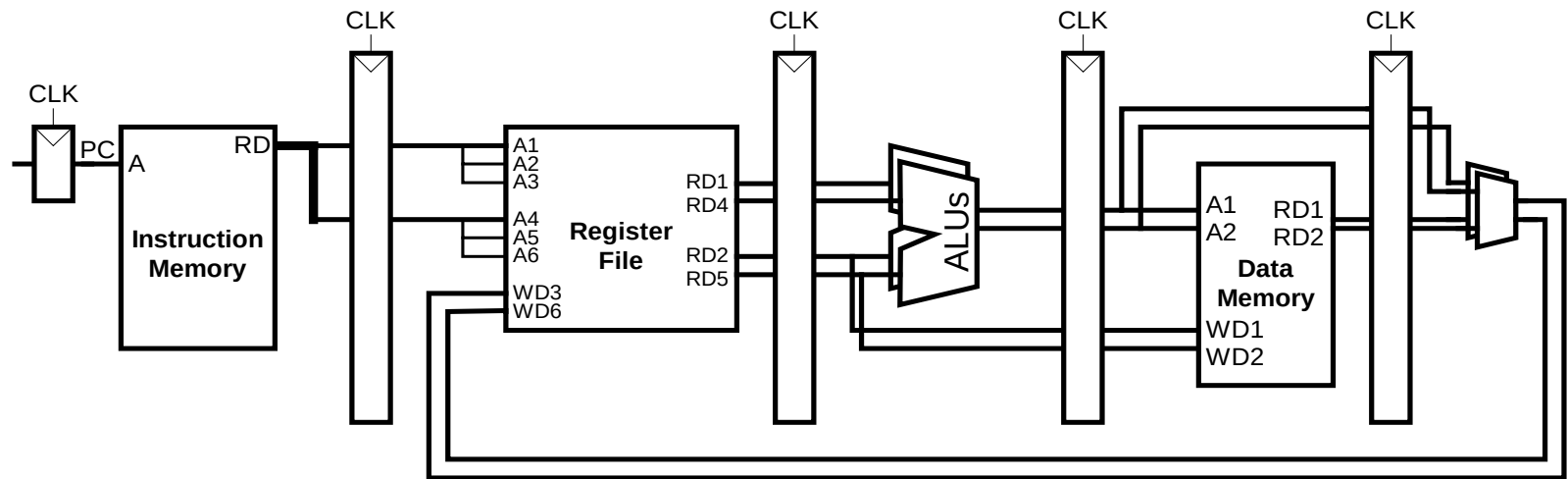
2-Bit Branch Predictor



Only mispredicts last branch of loop

Superscalar

- Multiple copies of datapath execute multiple instructions at once
- Dependencies make it tricky to issue multiple instructions at once

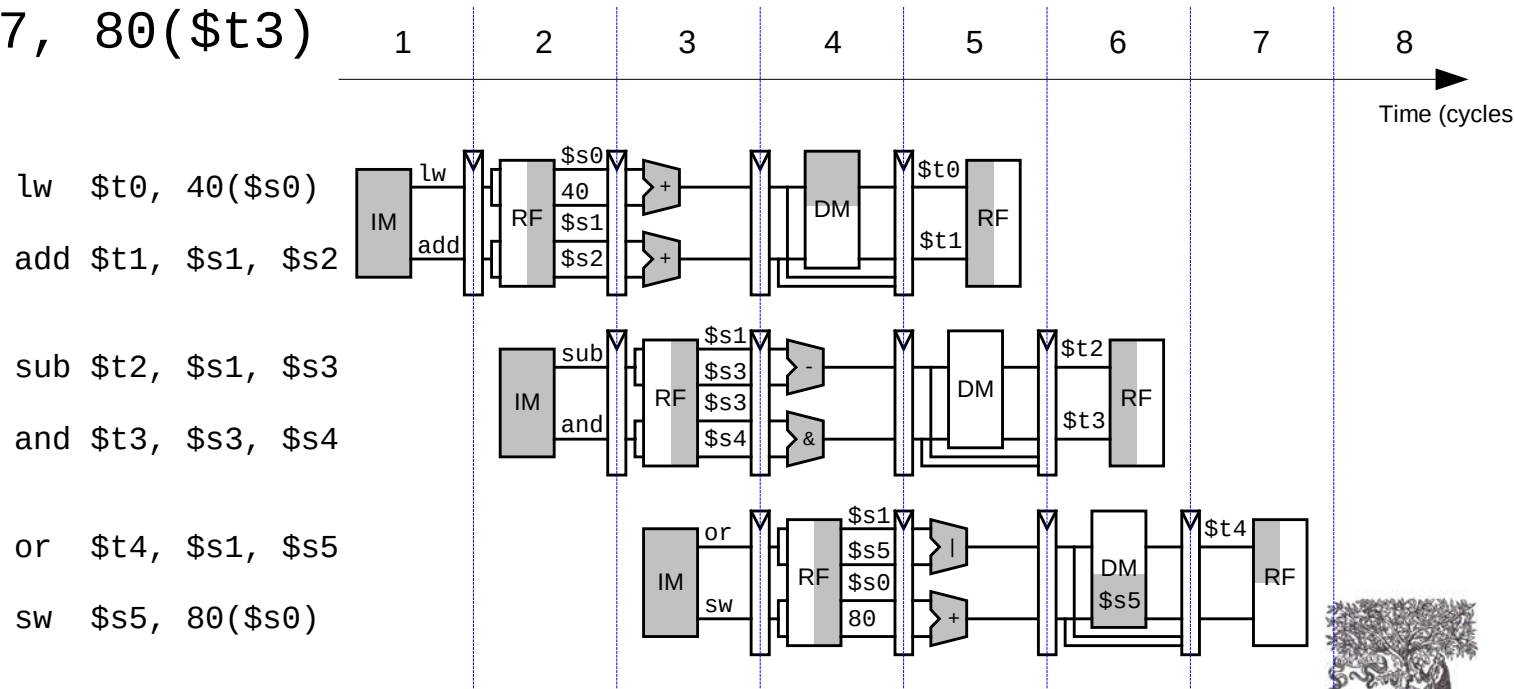


Superscalar Example

```
lw    $t0, 40($s0)
add   $t1, $t0, $s1
sub   $t0, $s2, $s3
and   $t2, $s4, $t0
or    $t3, $s5, $s6
sw    $s7, 80($t3)
```

Ideal IPC: 2

Actual IPC: 2



Superscalar with Dependencies

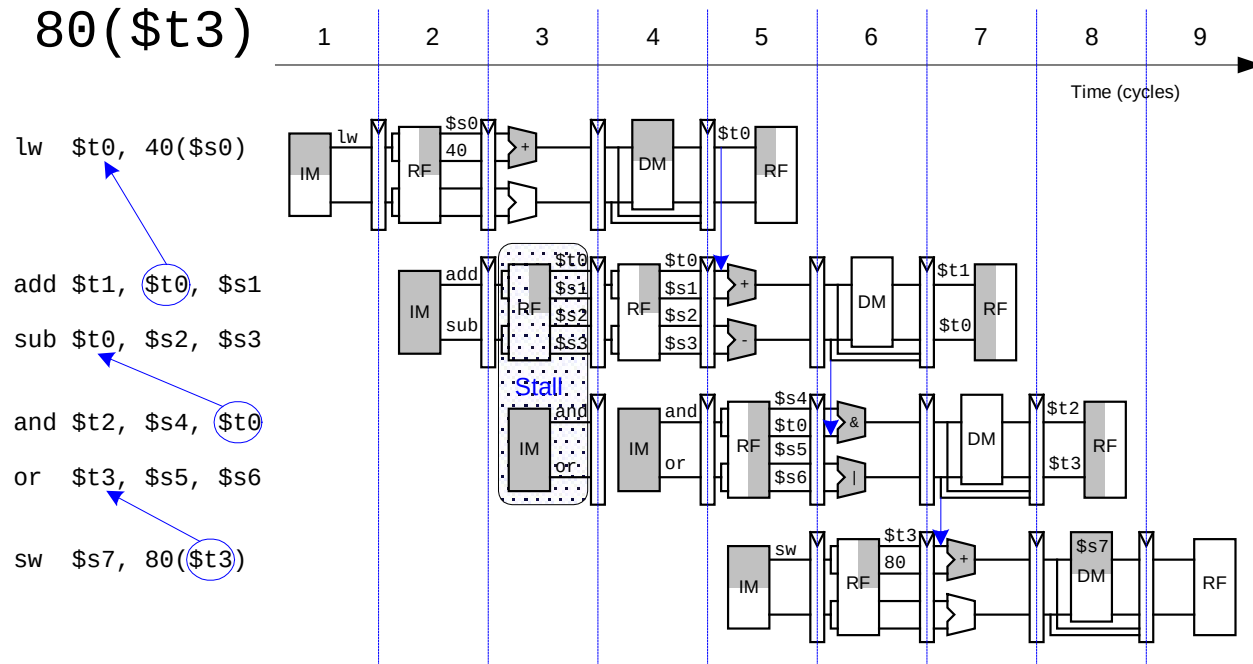
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Ideal IPC:

2

Actual IPC:

$6/5 = 1.17$



Out of Order Processor

- Looks ahead across multiple instructions
- Issues as many instructions as possible at once
- Issues instructions out of order (as long as no dependencies)
- **Dependencies:**
 - **RAW** (read after write): one instruction writes, later instruction reads a register
 - **WAR** (write after read): one instruction reads, later instruction writes a register
 - **WAW** (write after write): one instruction writes, later instruction writes a register

Out of Order Processor

- **Instruction level parallelism (ILP):** number of instruction that can be issued simultaneously (average < 3)
- **Scoreboard:** table that keeps track of:
 - Instructions waiting to issue
 - Available functional units
 - Dependencies

Out of Order Processor Example

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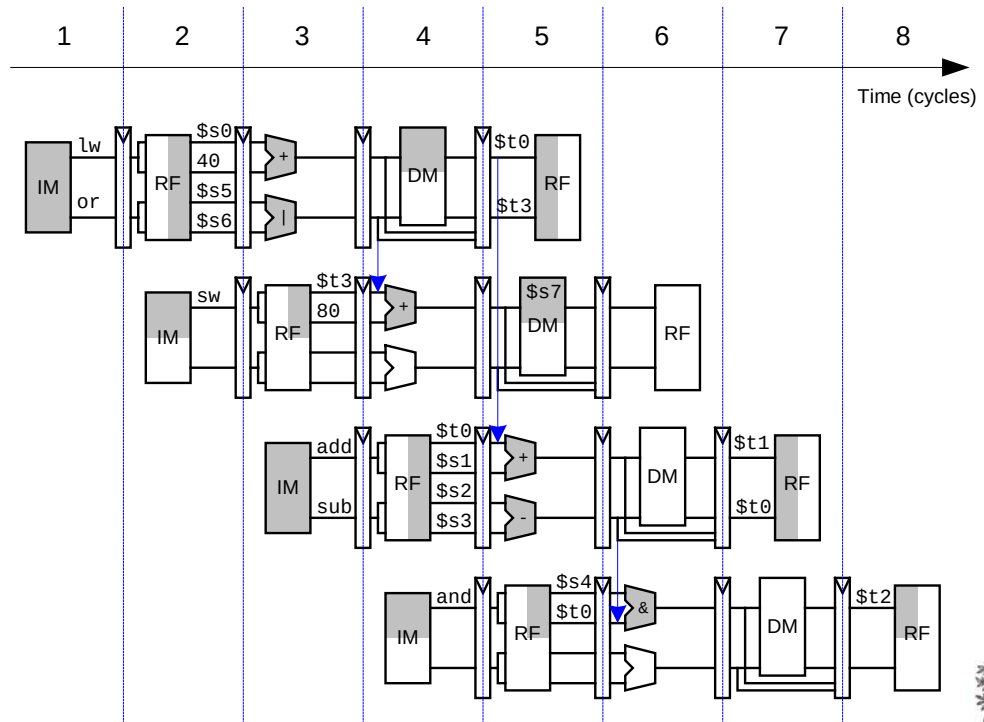
2

Actual IPC:

$6/4 = 1.5$

lw \$t0, 40(\$s0)
 or \$t3, \$s5, \$s6
 sw \$s7, 80(\$t3)
 add \$t1, \$t0, \$s1
 sub \$t0, \$s2, \$s3
 and \$t2, \$s4, \$t0

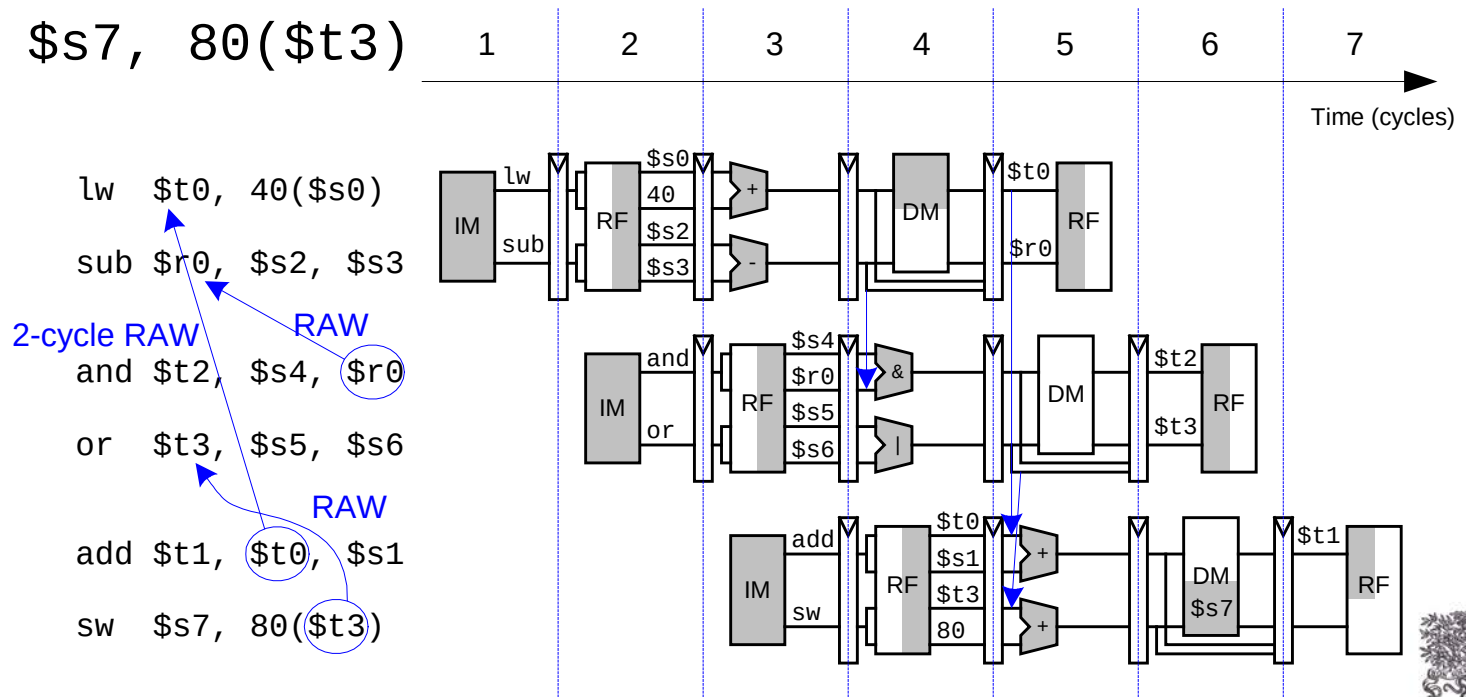
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 two cycle latency
 between load and
 use of \$t0
 RAW
 WAR
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Register Renaming

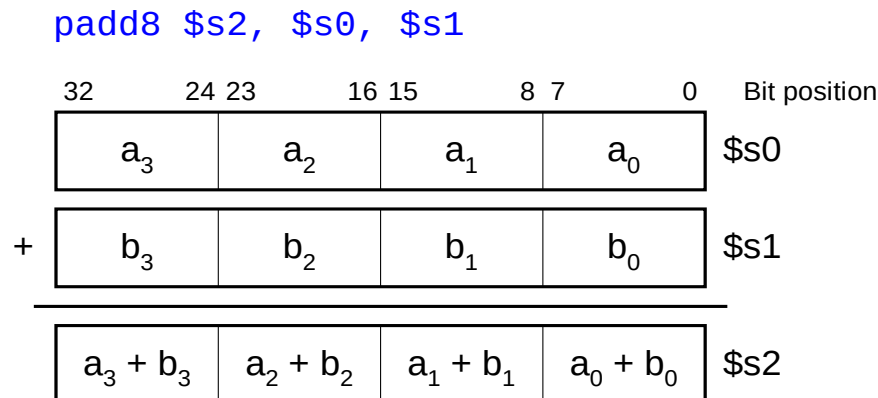
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```

Ideal IPC: 2
Actual IPC: $6/3 = 2$



SIMD

- Single Instruction Multiple Data (SIMD)
 - Single instruction acts on multiple pieces of data at once
 - Common application: graphics
 - Perform short arithmetic operations (also called *packed arithmetic*)
- For example, add four 8-bit elements



Advanced Architecture Techniques

- **Multithreading**
 - Wordprocessor: thread for typing, spell checking, printing
- **Multiprocessors**
 - Multiple processors (cores) on a single chip

Threading: Definitions

- **Process:** program running on a computer
 - Multiple processes can run at once: e.g., surfing Web, playing music, writing a paper
- **Thread:** part of a program
 - Each process has multiple threads: e.g., a word processor may have threads for typing, spell checking, printing

Threads in Conventional Processor

- One thread runs at once
- When one thread stalls (for example, waiting for memory):
 - Architectural state of that thread stored
 - Architectural state of waiting thread loaded into processor and it runs
 - Called **context switching**
- Appears to user like all threads running simultaneously

Multithreading

- Multiple copies of architectural state
- Multiple threads **active** at once:
 - When one thread stalls, another runs immediately
 - If one thread can't keep all execution units busy, another thread can use them
- Does not increase instruction-level parallelism (ILP) of single thread, but increases throughput

Intel calls this “hyperthreading”

Multiprocessors

- Multiple processors (cores) with a method of communication between them
- Types:
 - **Homogeneous:** multiple cores with shared memory
 - **Heterogeneous:** separate cores for different tasks (for example, DSP and CPU in cell phone)
 - **Clusters:** each core has own memory system

Other Resources

- Patterson & Hennessy's: *Computer Architecture: A Quantitative Approach*
- Conferences:
 - www.cs.wisc.edu/~arch/www/
 - ISCA (International Symposium on Computer Architecture)
 - HPCA (International Symposium on High Performance Computer Architecture)