

Computer Architecture

**Design, Analysis, Execution and Optimization of Instructions
Datapath & CU for Pipelined Microprocessor: MIPS**

Objectives

- Design the processor such that
 - Clock period (T) should be lesser than a single-cycle processor [similar to a multi-cycle one]
 - **CPI** should be 1

Comparison of Single & Multi-Cycle MIPS Processor

Performance analysis of Single-Cycle implementation

XYZ-organization is contemplating building the single-cycle MIPS processor in a 65-nm CMOS manufacturing process. The organization has determined that the logic elements have the delays given in Table. Help the organization compute the execution time for a program with 100 billion instructions.

- $$T_c = t_{pcq_PC} + 2t_{mem} + t_{RFread} + t_{ALU} + t_{mux} + t_{RFSetup}$$
$$= 30 + 2(250) + 150 + 200 + 25 + 20 = \text{925 ps}$$

- The total execution time =

$$(100 * 10^9 \text{ instrs.}) * (1 \text{ cycle/instrs.}) * (925 * 10^{-12} \text{ s/cycle})$$
$$= 92.5 \text{ seconds}$$

Other Benchmark: Standard Performance Evaluation Corporation (SPEC)
 Princeton Application Repository for Shared-Memory Computers (PARSEC)
 Stanford Parallel Applications for Shared-Memory (SPLASH-2) programs.

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Parameter	Delay (ps)
t_{pcq_PC}	30
t_{mem}	250
t_{RFread}	150
t_{ALU}	200
t_{mux}	25
$t_{RFSetup}$	20

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Performance Analysis of Multi-Cycle Implementation

- XYZ-organization is contemplating building the multi-cycle MIPS processor instead of the single-cycle processor. For both designs, the organization plans on using a 65-nm CMOS manufacturing process. The organization has determined that the logic elements have the delays given in Table. Help the organization compare each processor's execution time for a program with 100 billion instructions

- $$T_c = t_{pcq_PC} + t_{mux} + \max\{t_{ALU} + t_{mux} + t_{mem}, t_{mem}\} + t_{setup}$$
- $$T_c = 30 + 25 + 250 + 20 = \text{325 ps}$$

- Execution time =

$$(100 * 10^9 \text{ instrs.}) * (4.12 \text{ cycle/instrs.}) * (325 * 10^{-12} \text{ s/cycle})$$
$$= 133.9 \text{ seconds}$$

Parameter	Delay (ps)
t_{pcq_PC}	30
t_{mem}	250
t_{RFread}	20
t_{ALU}	200
t_{mux}	25
t_{setup}	20

Problems of Multi-cycle Processor

- The fundamental problem
 - Split the slowest instruction, *lw*, 5-steps
 - The processor's clock cycle time does not improve 5-times, 185 ps
- The steps take unequal length of time
- Only one stage is busy and the remaining stages are idle
- 5-non-architectural registers and an additional multiplexer

Instructions	Multi-cycle (Clock-cycle)	Single-cycle (Clock-cycle)
LW	5	1
SW	4	1
R-type	4	1
BEQ	3	1
ADDI	4	1
J	3	1
CPI	> 1	1
CLK Period: T	Lesser than Single-cycle	More than Multi-Cycle

Single Cycle: Non-shared FUs, **CPI =1 or IPC=1**, clock period (T_{single})= slowest instr. in ISA

Multi-cycle: Shared FUs, CPI > 1 or IPC <1, **clock period**: $T_{multi} < T_{single}$

Can we have a microprocessor like: IPC=1 & clock period [$T_{multi} < T_{single}$]?

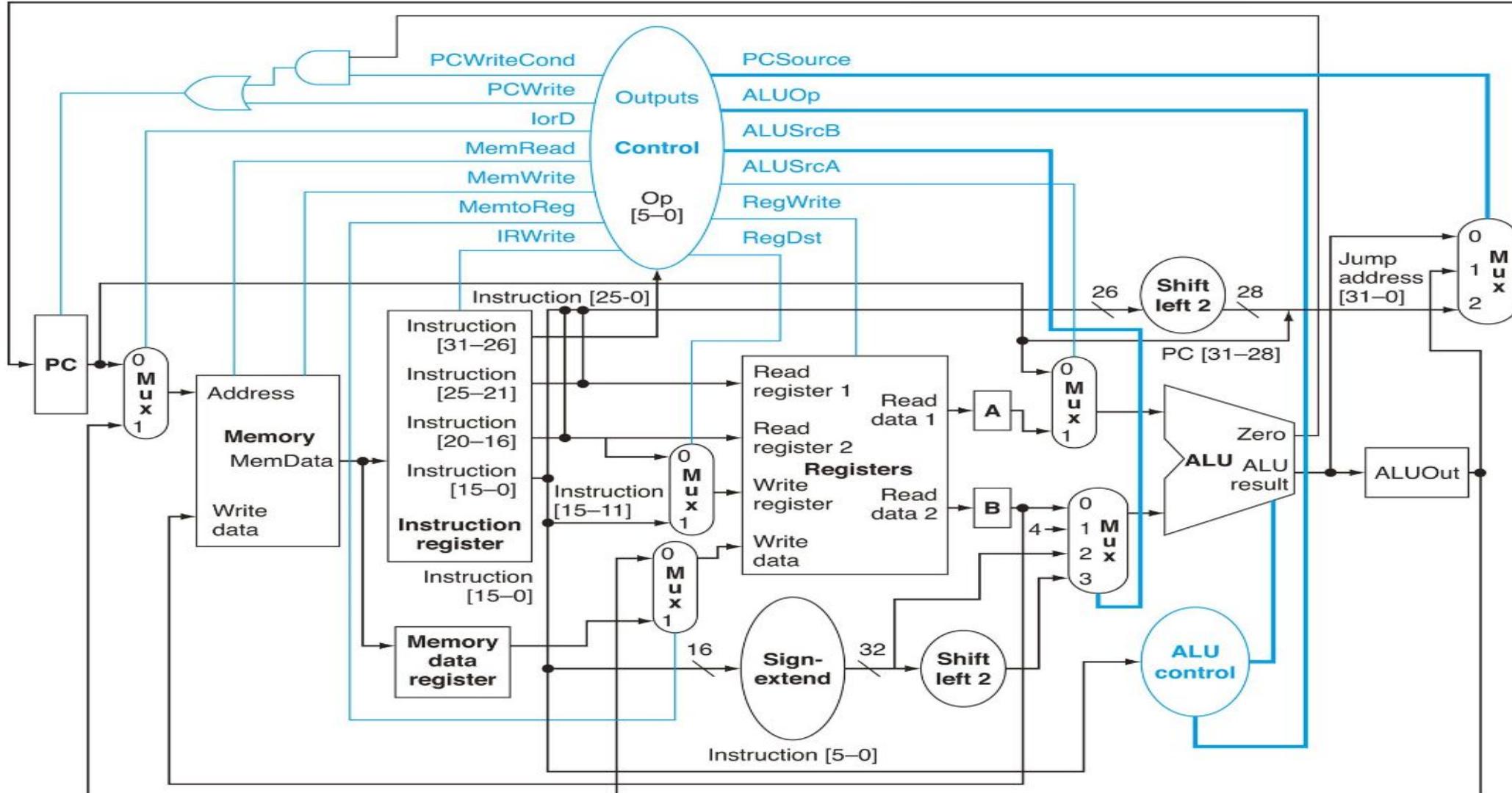
Cycles Per Instruction (CPI)

Program Execution time: #instr. x CPI x Clk (T)

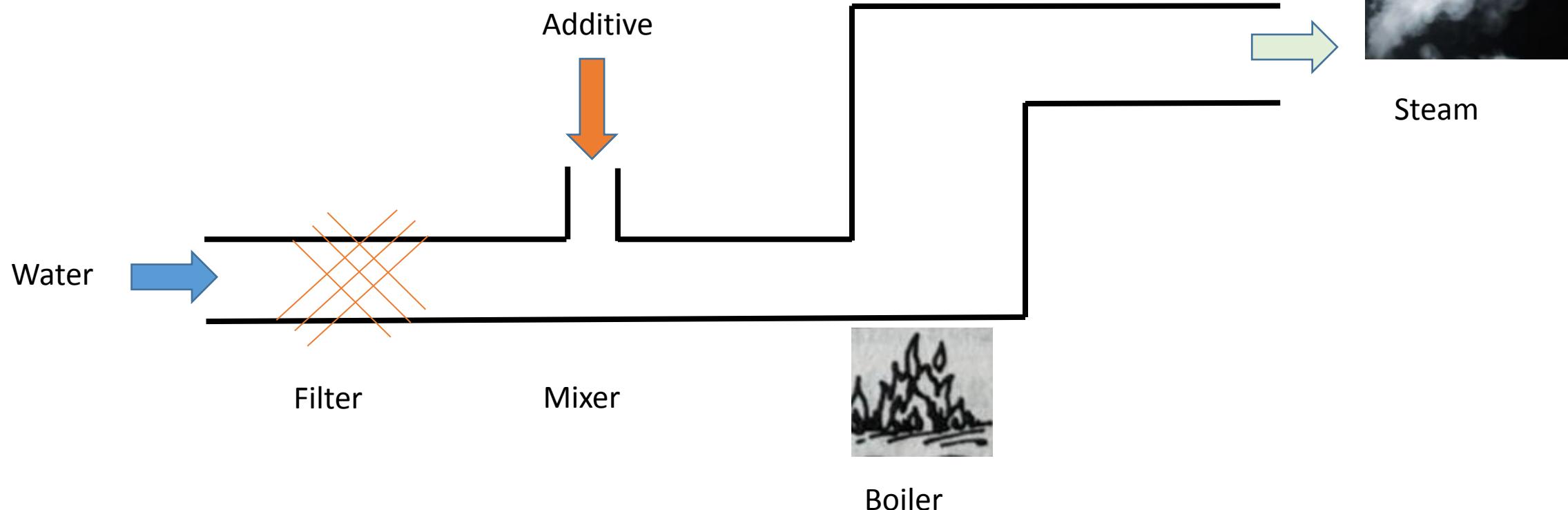
Instructions Per Cycle/Seconds (IPC) = 1/CPI

Problems of Multi-cycle Processor

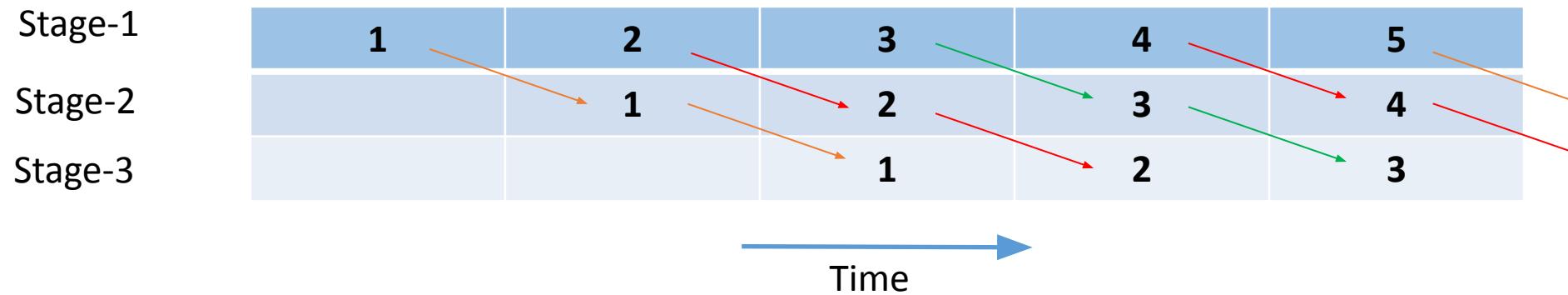
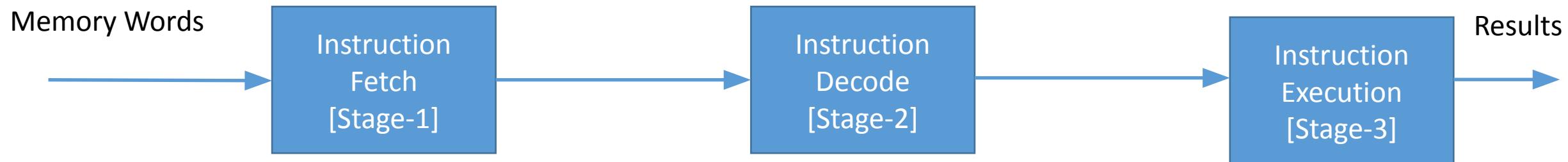
Only one stage is busy and remaining stages are idle at anytime



Pipeline in a Chemical Plant



Pipeline in the Instruction Execution



What is the difference in this Analogical or Parallel reasoning?

Pipelined MIPS-based processor

- Partitioning the Instruction Execution cycle (function)
 - Subfunctions
 - Input of one subfunction TOTALLY comes from output of **previous subfunctions**
 - Other than inputs & outputs, there are no interrelationships between subfunctions
 - Hardware may be developed (stage) to execute each subfunction
 - Each hardware units' evaluations are usually **approximately** equal

Pipelined MIPS-based processor

- Powerful way to improve the *throughput*
- Divide the single-cycle implementation
 - Fetch
 - Decode
 - Execute
 - Memory
 - Writeback
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Latency of each instructions is unchanged, but throughput is ideally 5-times better

Pipelined MIPS-based processor

- Stage elements
 - Reading & writing the memory
 - Register file
 - ALU operation
- Each stage takes almost same amount of time
 - Consists of one element

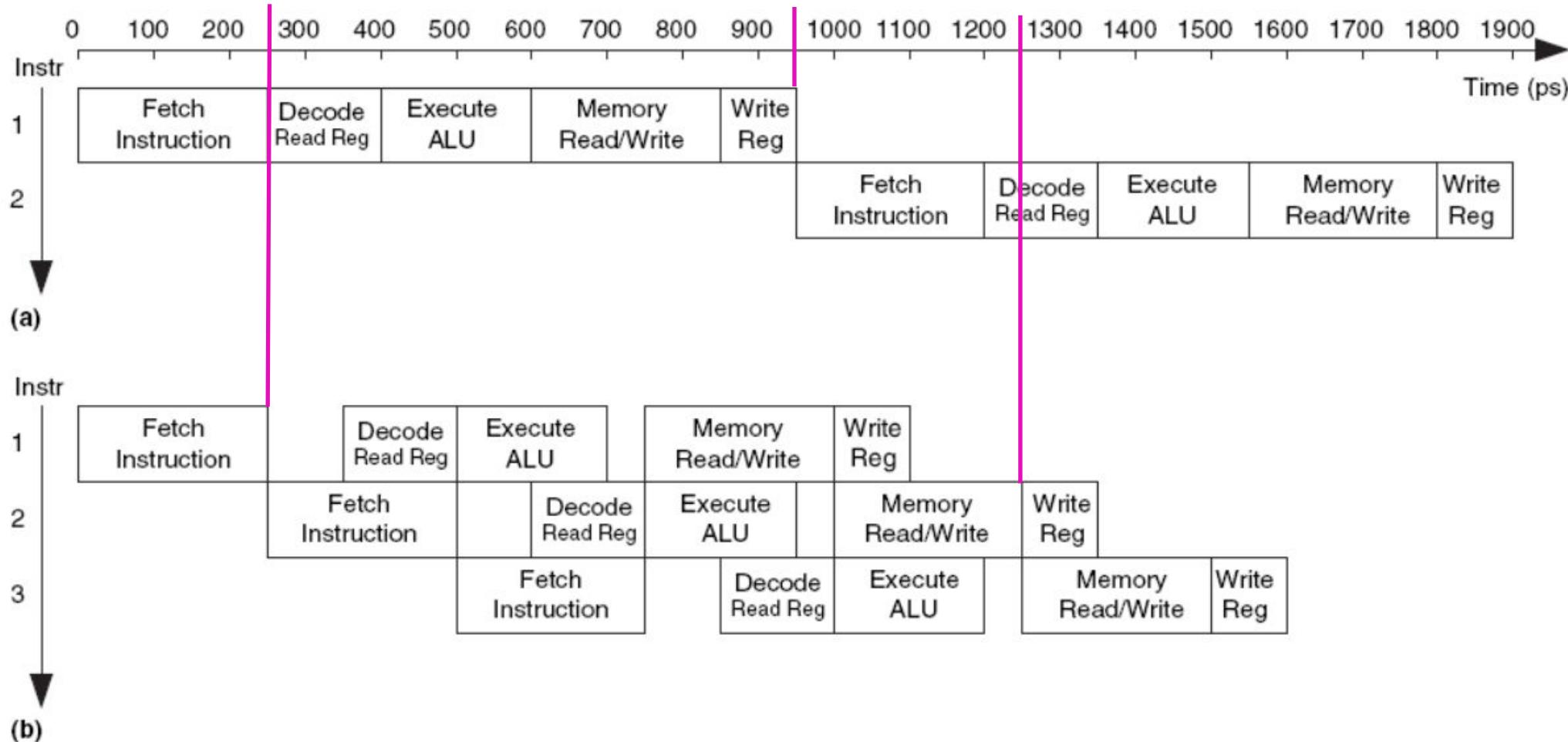
Comparison of timing diagram

- Delay of the elements

Element	Parameter	Delay (ps)
Register clk-to-Q	T_{pcq}	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 write	t_{RWrite}	100
Register file setup	$t_{RFsetup}$	20

Comparison of timing diagram

- Delay of MUX & register is not included



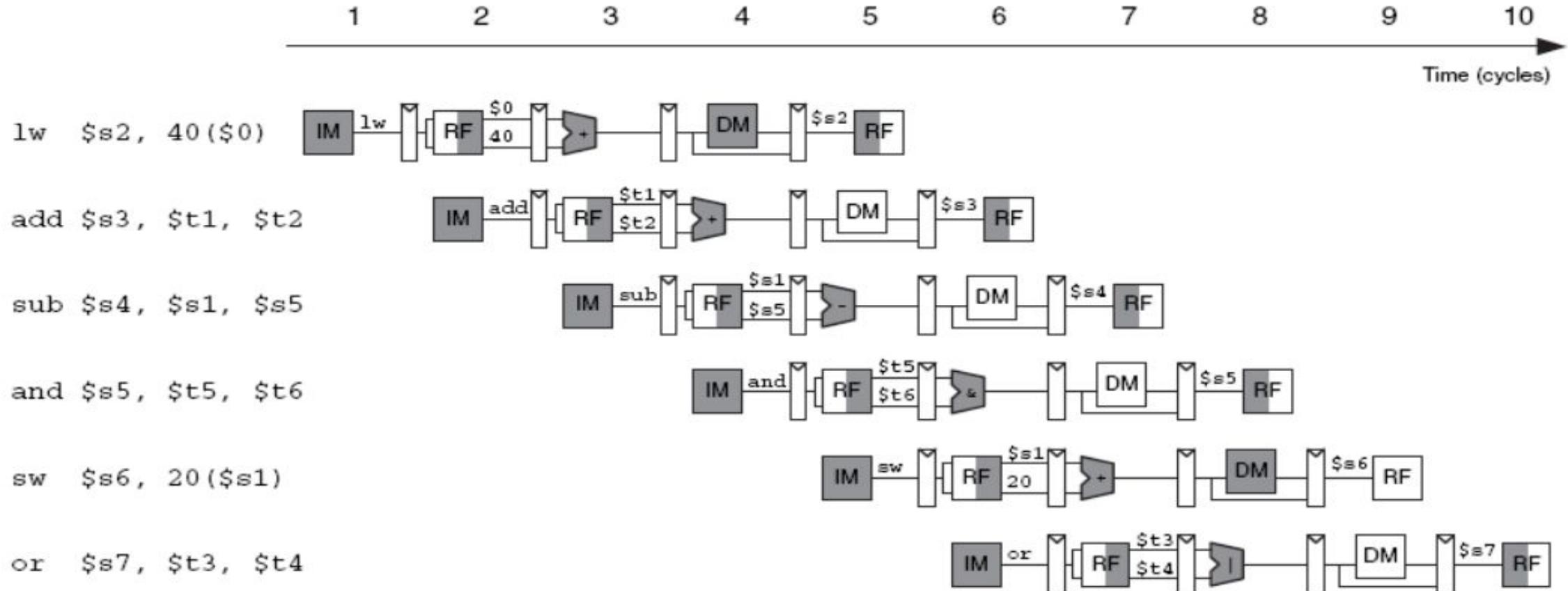
Timing diagram of (a) single-cycle processor (b) pipelined processor

Comparison of timings

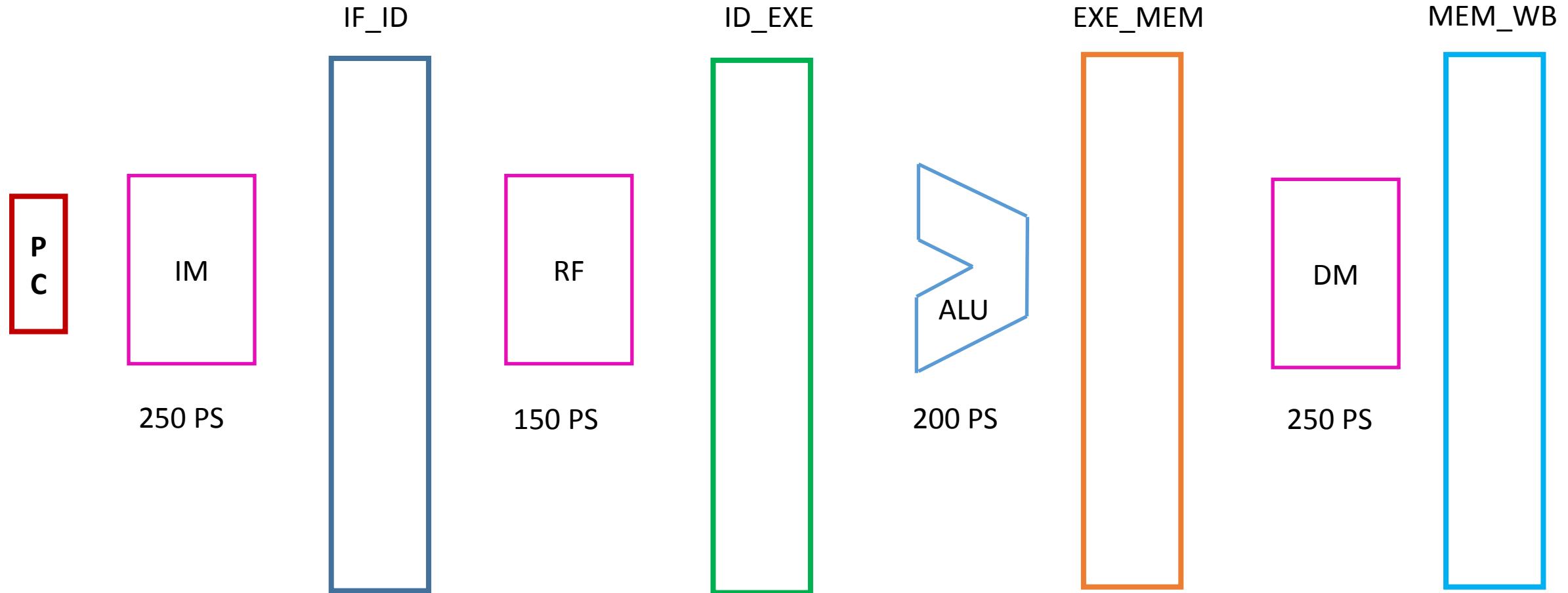
- Single-cycle processor
 - Instruction latency is 950 ps
 - Throughput 1 instruction per 950 ps
 - 1.05 billions instruction **per second**
- Pipelined processor
 - Length of pipeline stage is 250 ps (mem. access)
 - Instruction latency is $5 \times 250 = 1250$ ps
 - Throughput 1 instruction per 250 ps
 - 4 billions instructions **per seconds**

A view of pipeline in operation

- Resource utilization



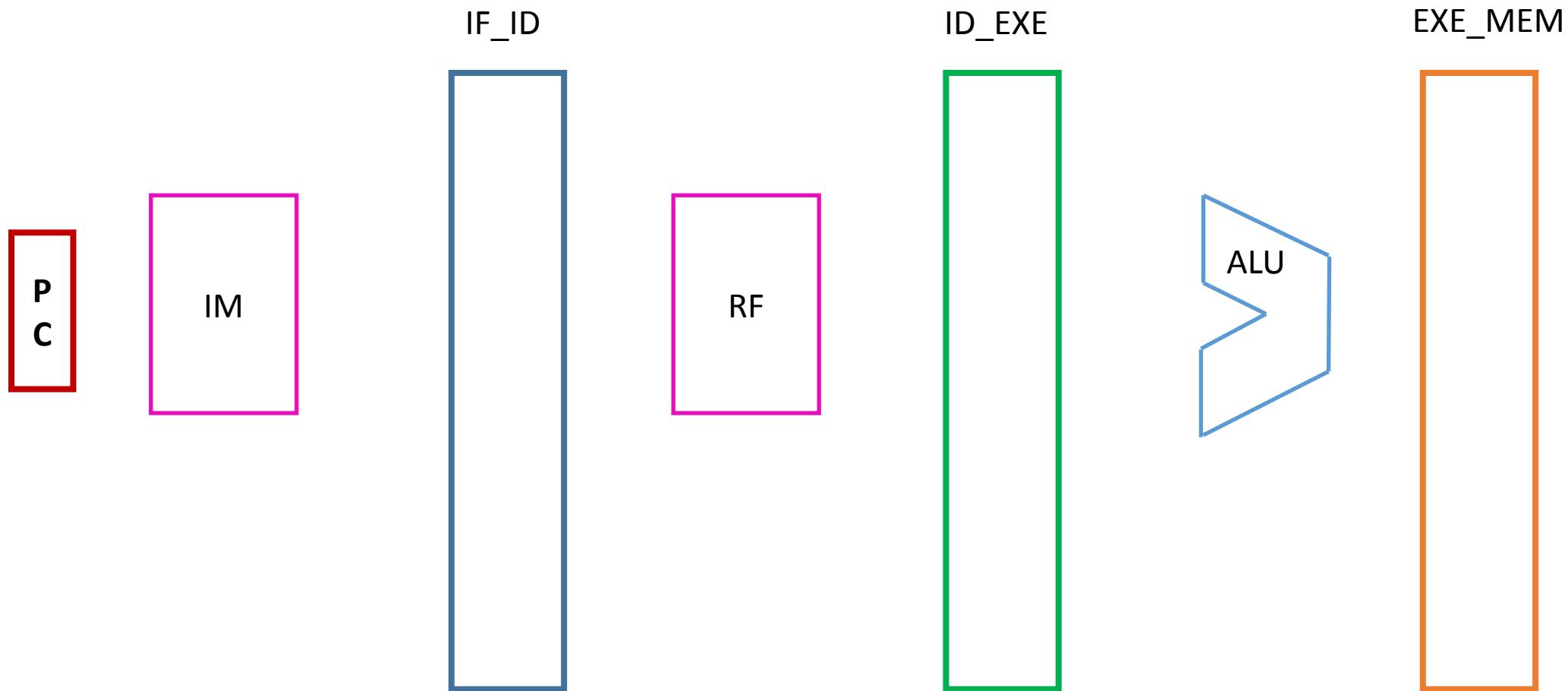
Delay elements and stage registers



Delay values are taken from the previous table.

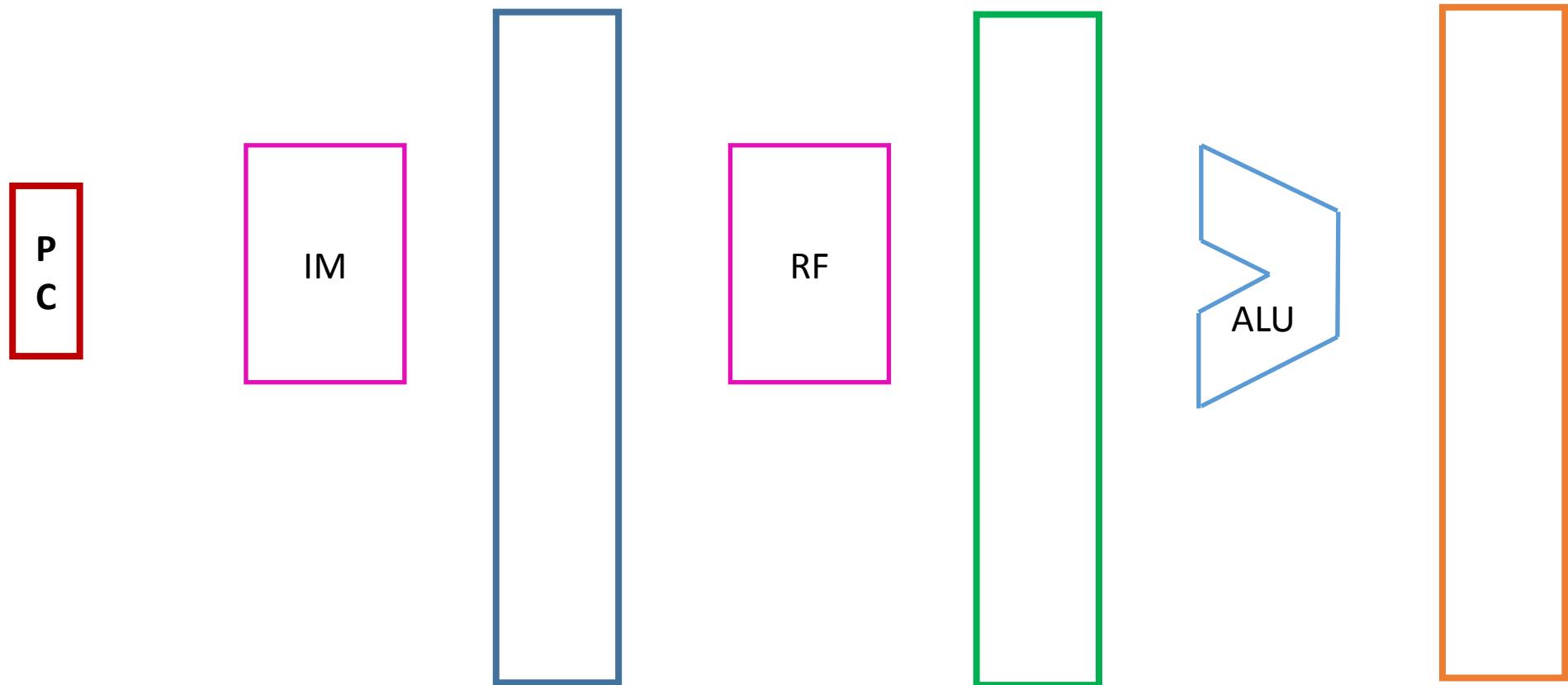
Datapath for R-type: ADD R1, R2, R3

op	rs	rt	rd	shamt	funct
6-bits(31-26)	5-bits(25-21)	5-bits(20-16)	5-bits(15-11)	5-bits(10-6)	6-bits (5-0)



Datapath for B-type: BEQ R1, R3, offset

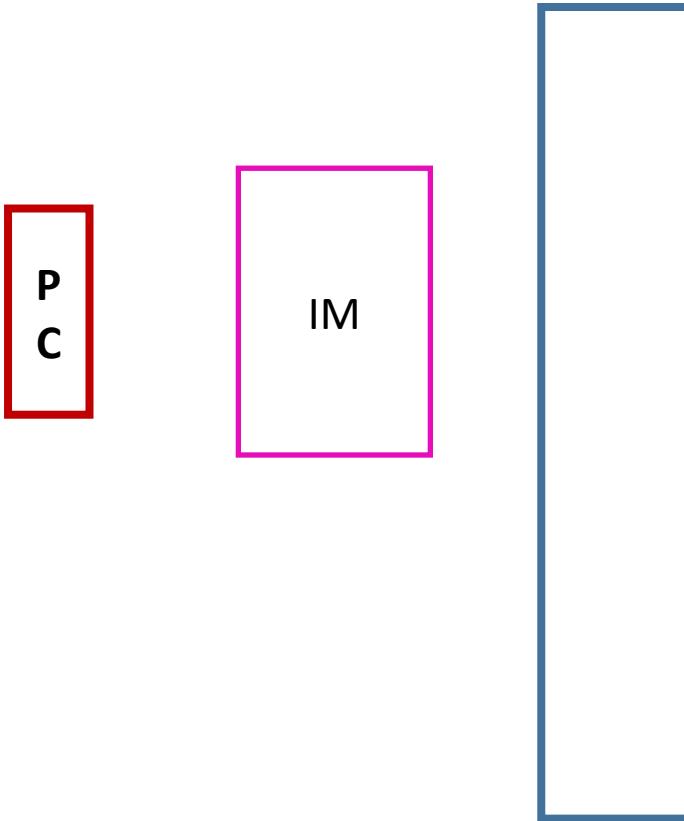
op	rs	rt	offset		
6-bits(31-26)	5-bits(25-21)	5-bits(20-16)	5-bits(15-11)	5-bits(10-6)	6-bits (5-0)
IF_ID		ID_EXE		EXE_MEM	



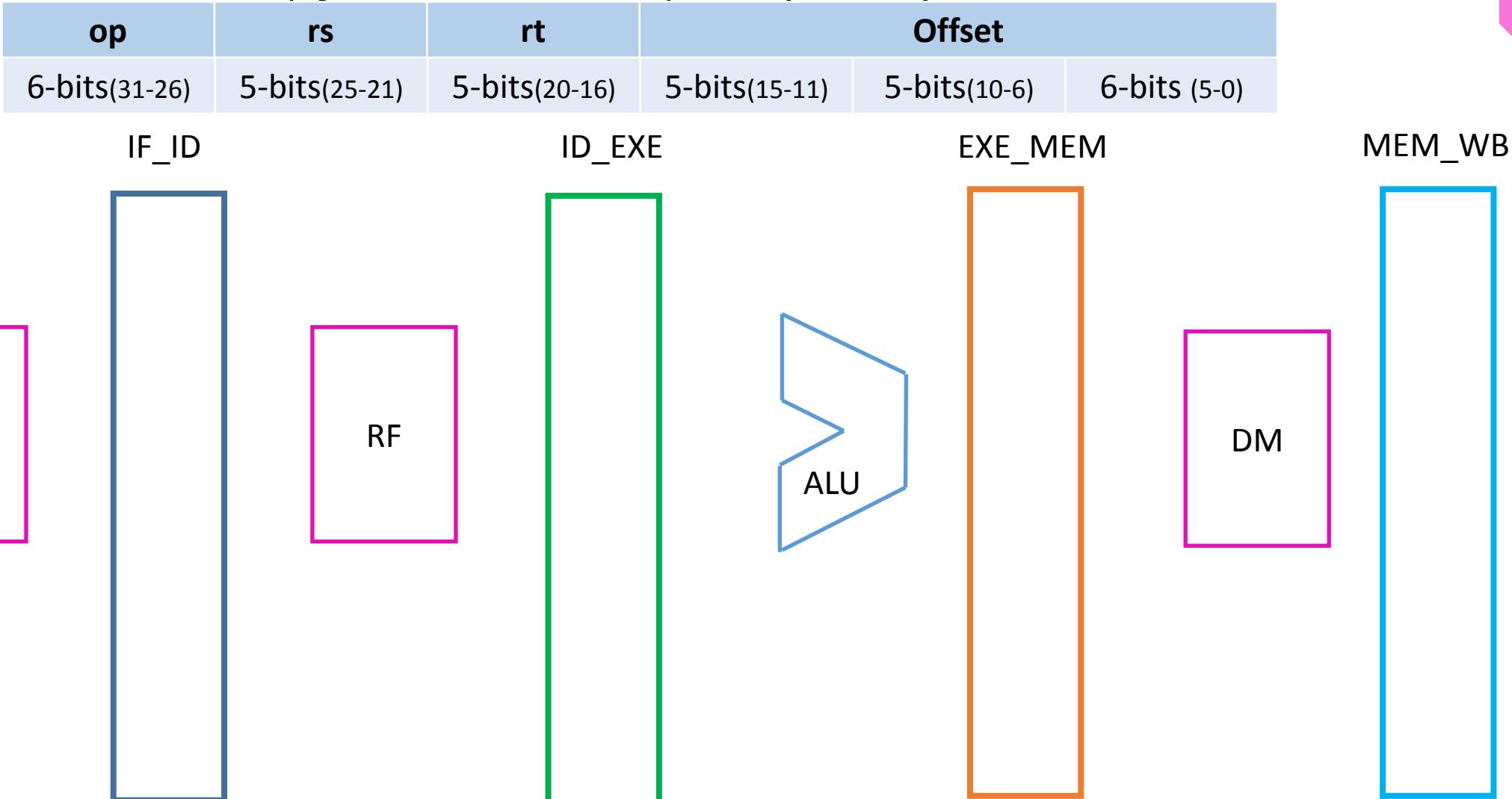
Datapath for J-type: J Offset

op	address				
6-bits(31-26)	5-bits(25-21)	5-bits(20-16)	5-bits(15-11)	5-bits(10-6)	6-bits (5-0)

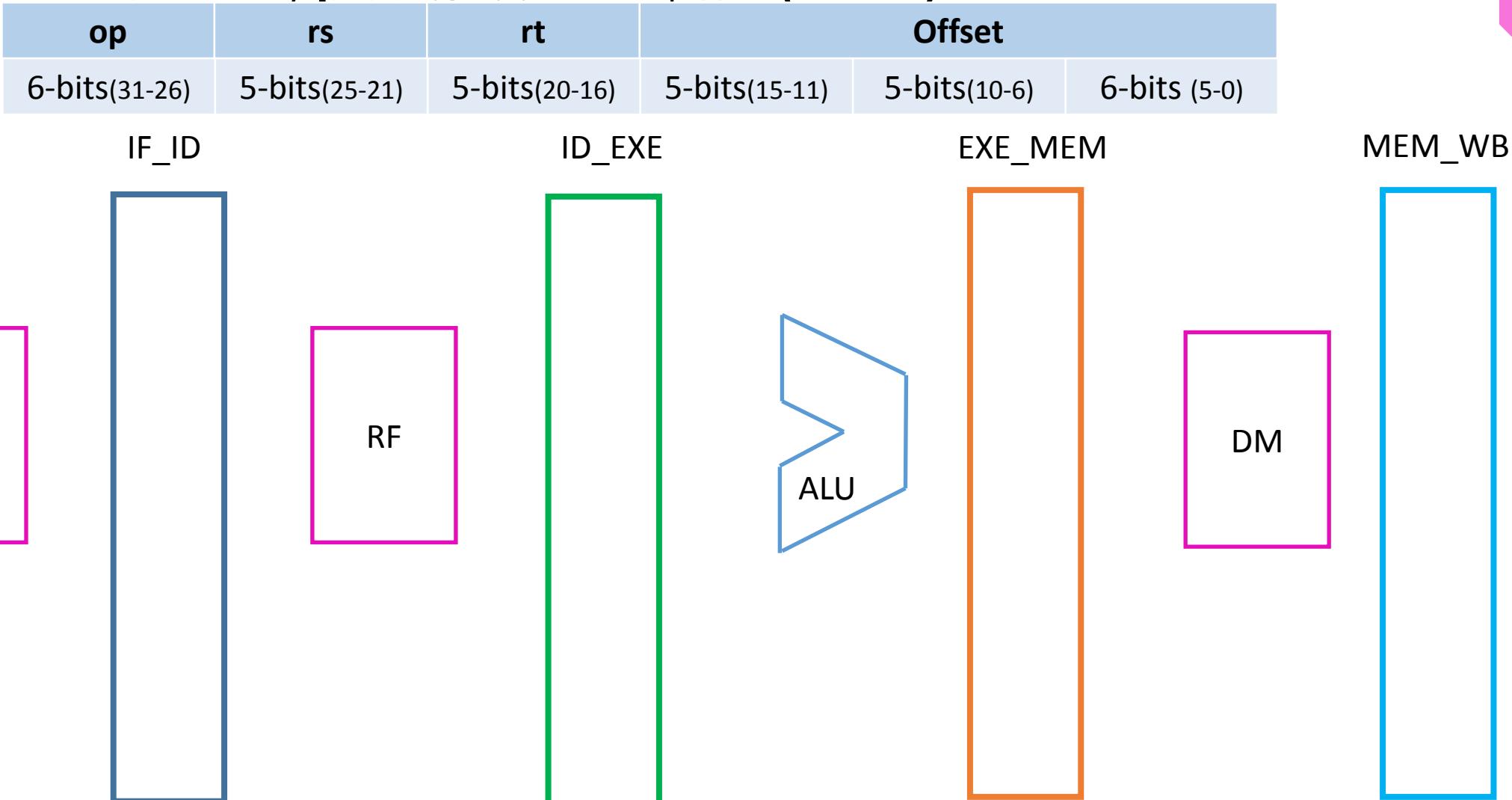
IF_ID



Datapath for I-type: LW R1, #5(R3)

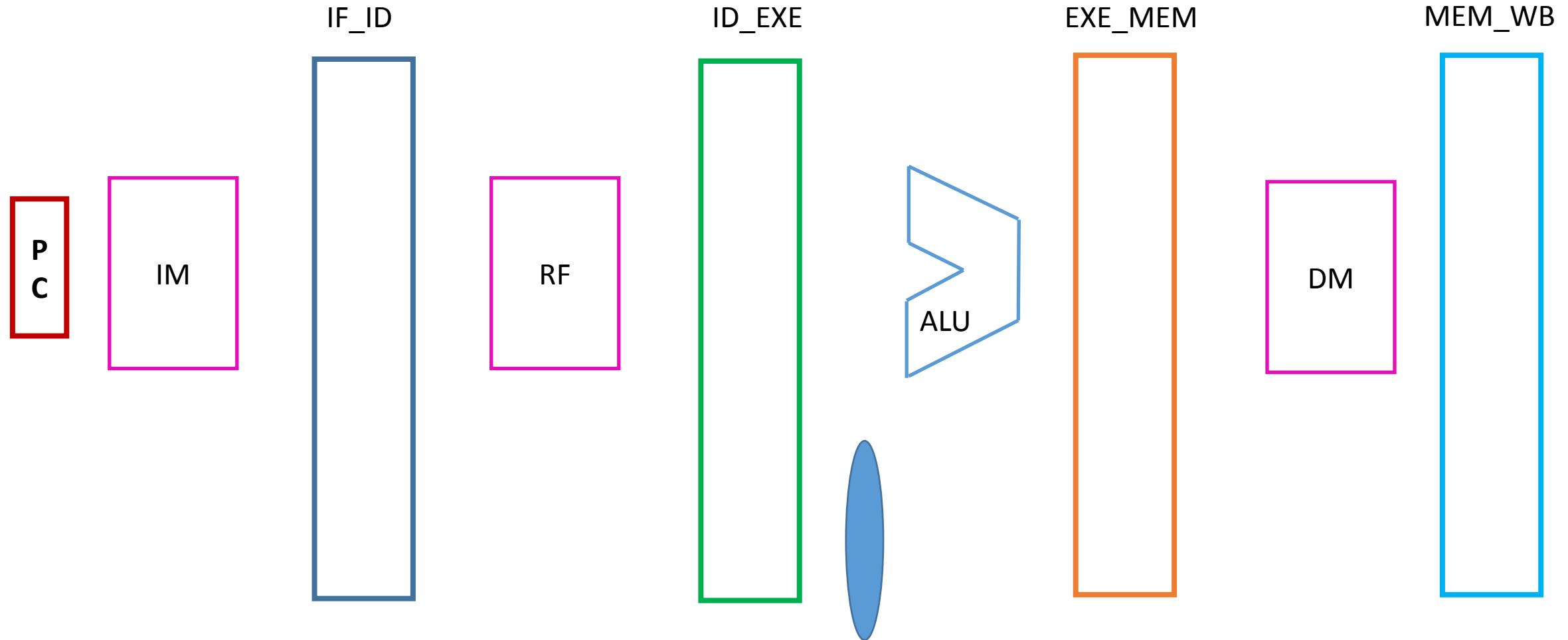


Datapath for I-type: SW R1, #5(R3)



Datapath for LW R1, #5(R3) & R-type

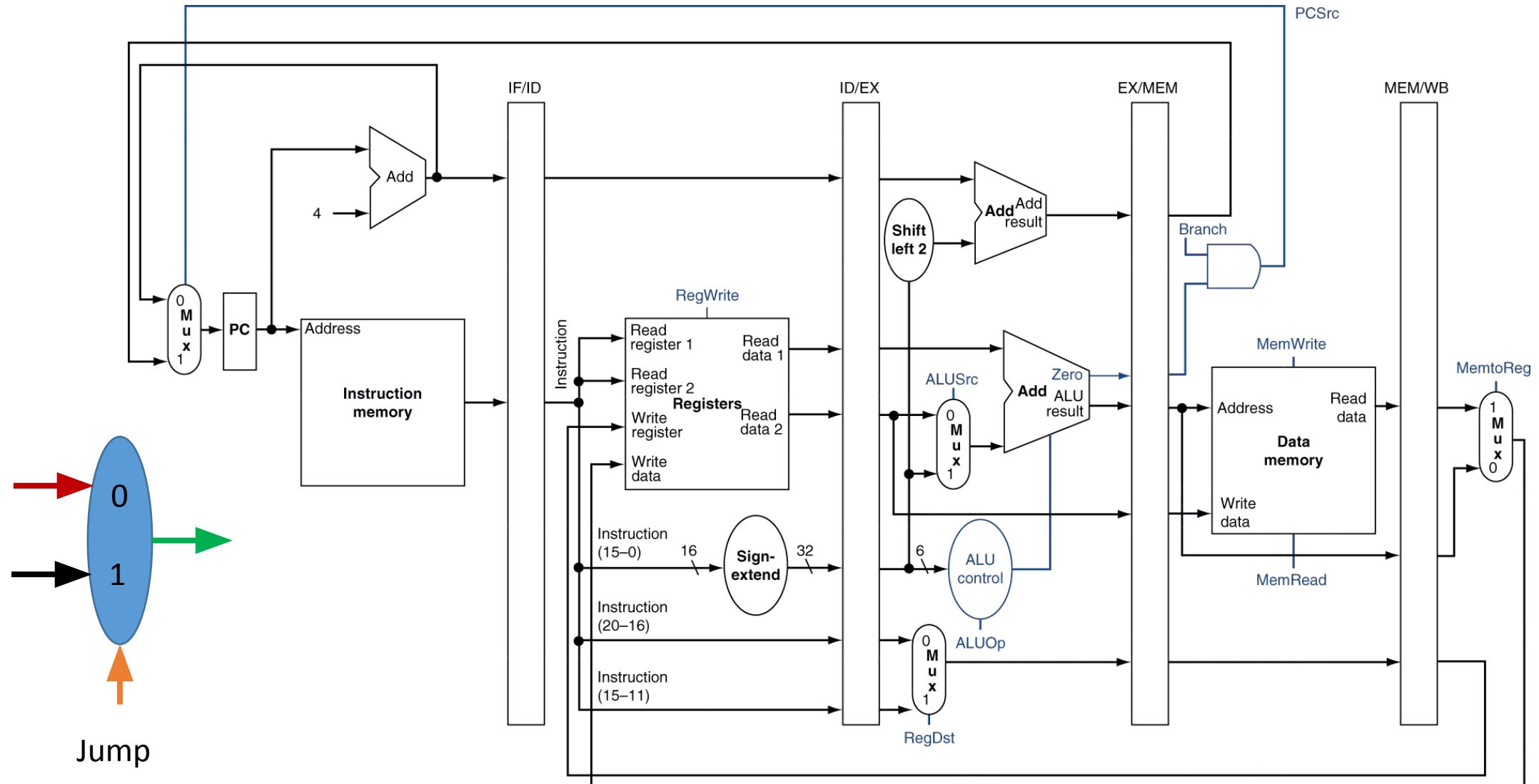
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Combined Datapath

- Stages
 - Insert multiplexer
- Stage registers
 - Union of registers added for each instruction

Combined Datapath



Control unit for Pipelined MIPS processor

- Identify the control signals

- Jump
- RegDst
- RegWrite
- ALUSrc
- Branch
- ALUOp
- MemRead
- MemWrite
- MemtoReg

Fetch	Decode	Execute	Memory	Write Back
jump		ALUSrc	Branch	MemtoReg
		ALUOp	MemRead	RegWrite
		RegDst	MemWrite	

- How does one generate the control signals?

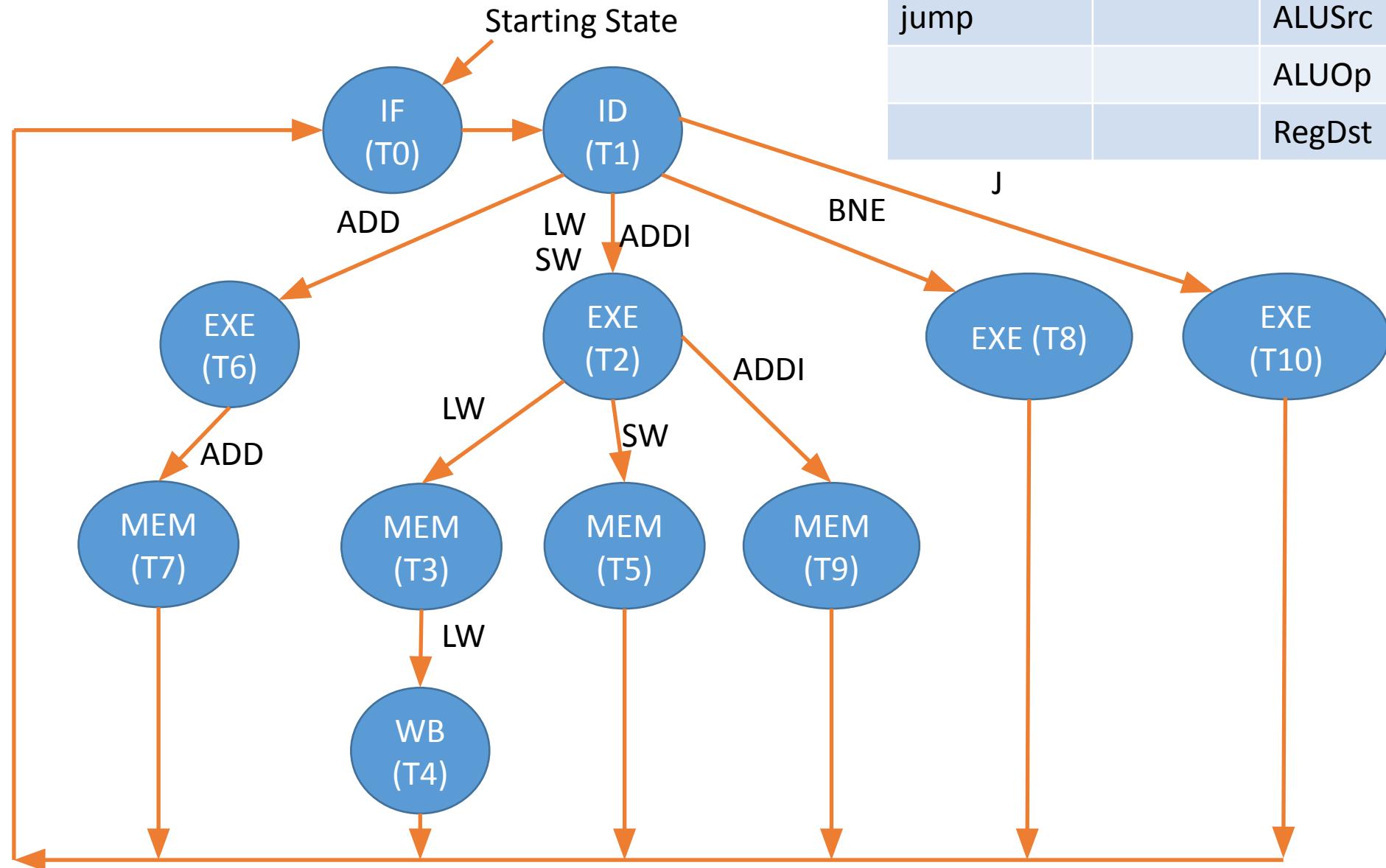
- We want to add a minerals liquid with the water flowing through a pipeline after every 1 KM
- How?

Control generation: Single-cycle

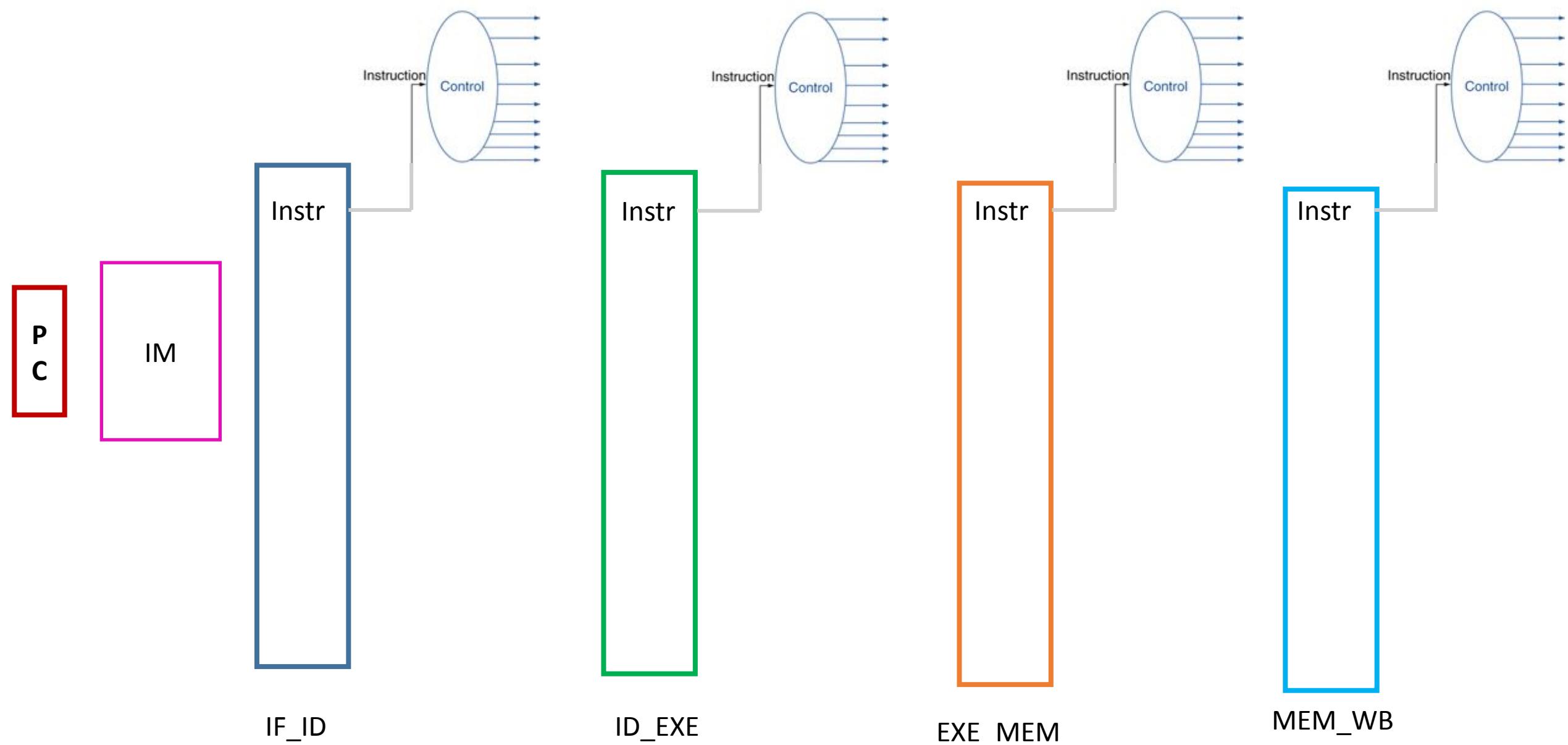
Instr.	Jump	RegDst	RegWrite	ALUSrc	Branch	ALUOp1	ALUOp0	MemRead	MemWrite	MemtoReg
R-type	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
lw	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
sw	0	x	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	x
addi	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
B-type	0	x	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	x
J-type	1	x	0	x	x	x	x	0	0	x

Control generation: Multi-cycle

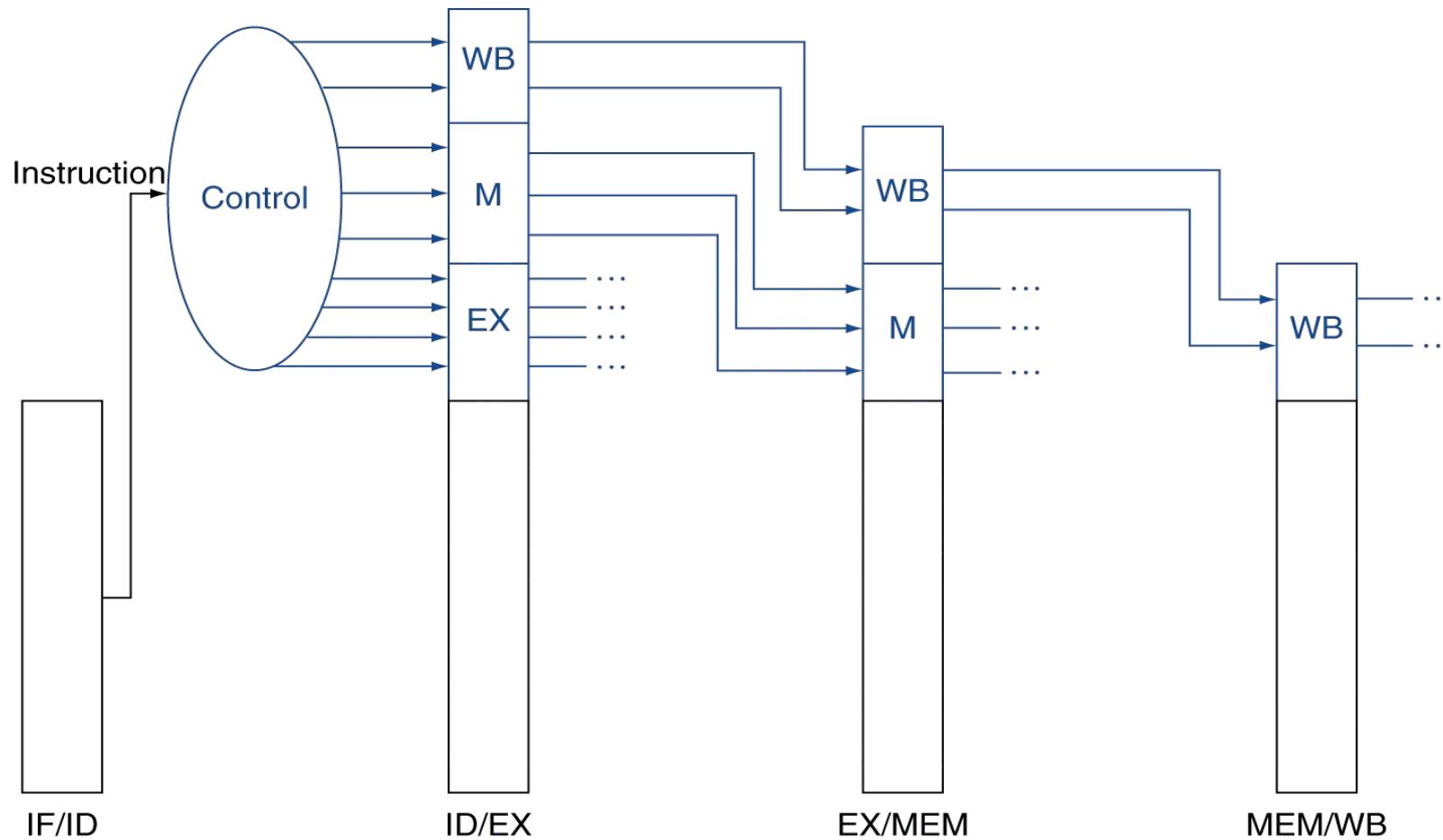
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		ALUSrc	Branch	MemToReg
		ALUOp	MemRead	RegWrite
		RegDst	MemWrite	



Control generation: Strategy - 1



Control generation: Strategy - 2



Control unit for Pipelined MIPS processor

Instr	Execution/Address Calc stage control lines					Memory access stage control lines			Write-back control lines	
	Jump	RegDst	ALUOp 1	ALUOp 0	ALUSrc	Branch	MemRead	MemWrite	RegWrite	MemtoReg
R-format	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
lw	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
sw	0	x	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	x
beq	0	x	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	x

Single cycle MIPS processor

Instr	Jump	RegDst	ALUOp 1	ALUOp 0	ALUSrc	Branch	MemRead	MemWrite	RegWrite	MemtoReg
R-format	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
lw	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
sw	0	x	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	x
beq	0	x	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	x

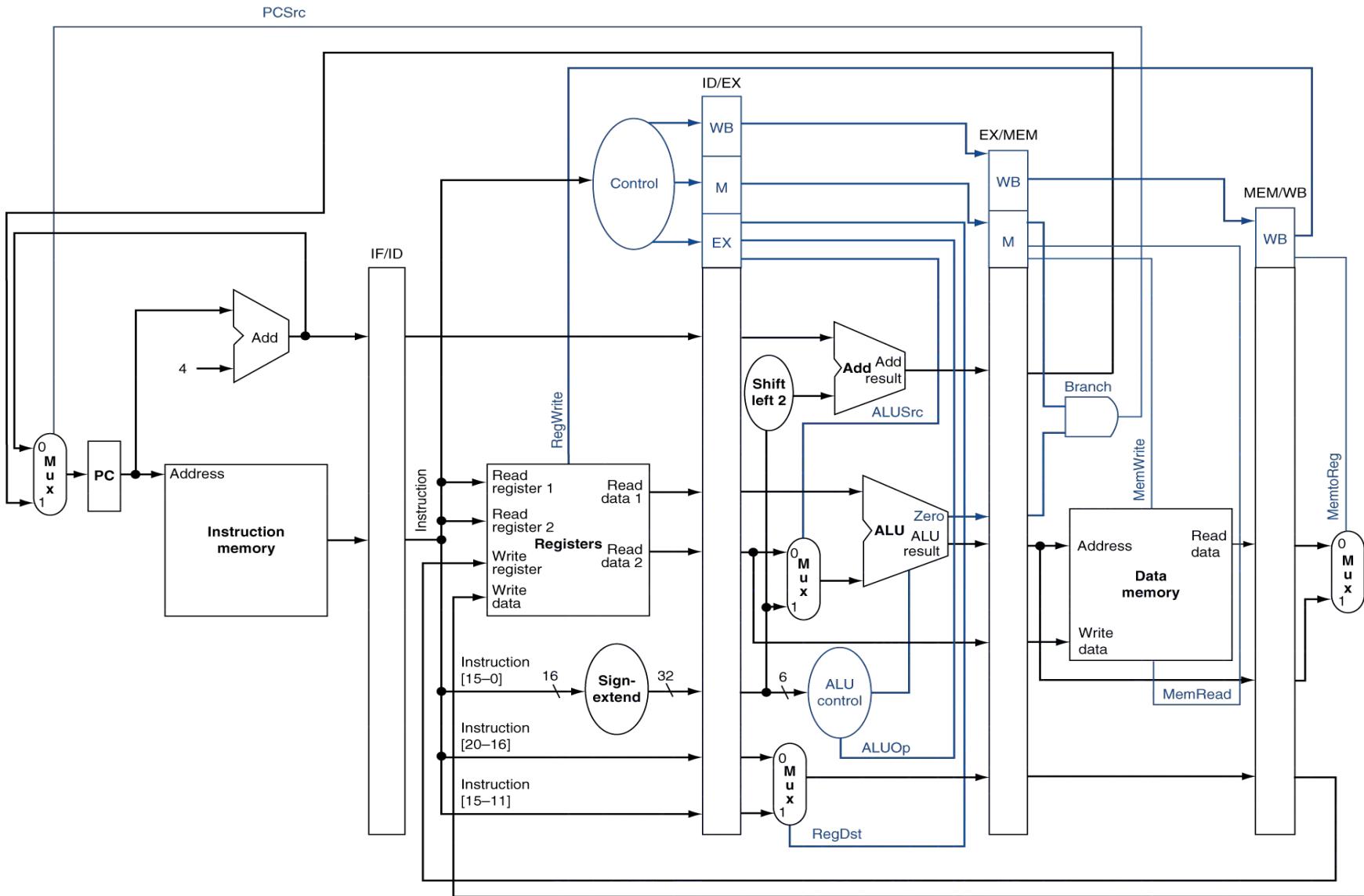
Control unit for Pipelined MIPS processor

- How to generate such control signals?
 - Settings the 10 control lines in each stage for each instruction
 - Simplest way is same as in single cycle
 - Most the controls can be generated at the same time or decoding stage
- How to manage the control signals generated for i-th instruction and control signal will be generated for (i+1)-th instructions?
 - Erroneous control signals can be generated

Control unit for Pipelined MIPS processor

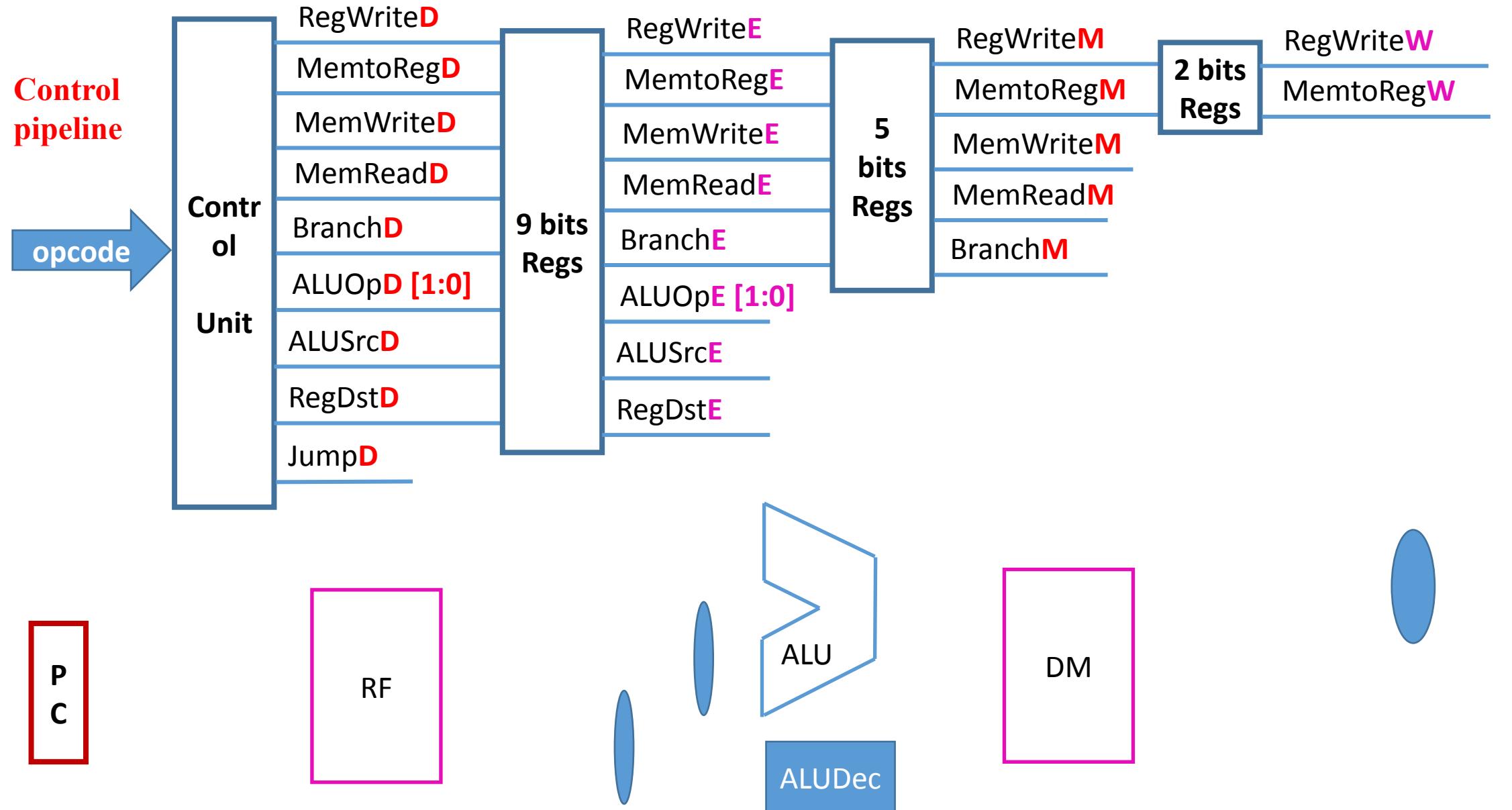
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 - Erroneous control signals can be generated
 - Extension of the pipeline registers for storing the control signals' values

Pipelined Datapath & Control



Pipelined Control Signals

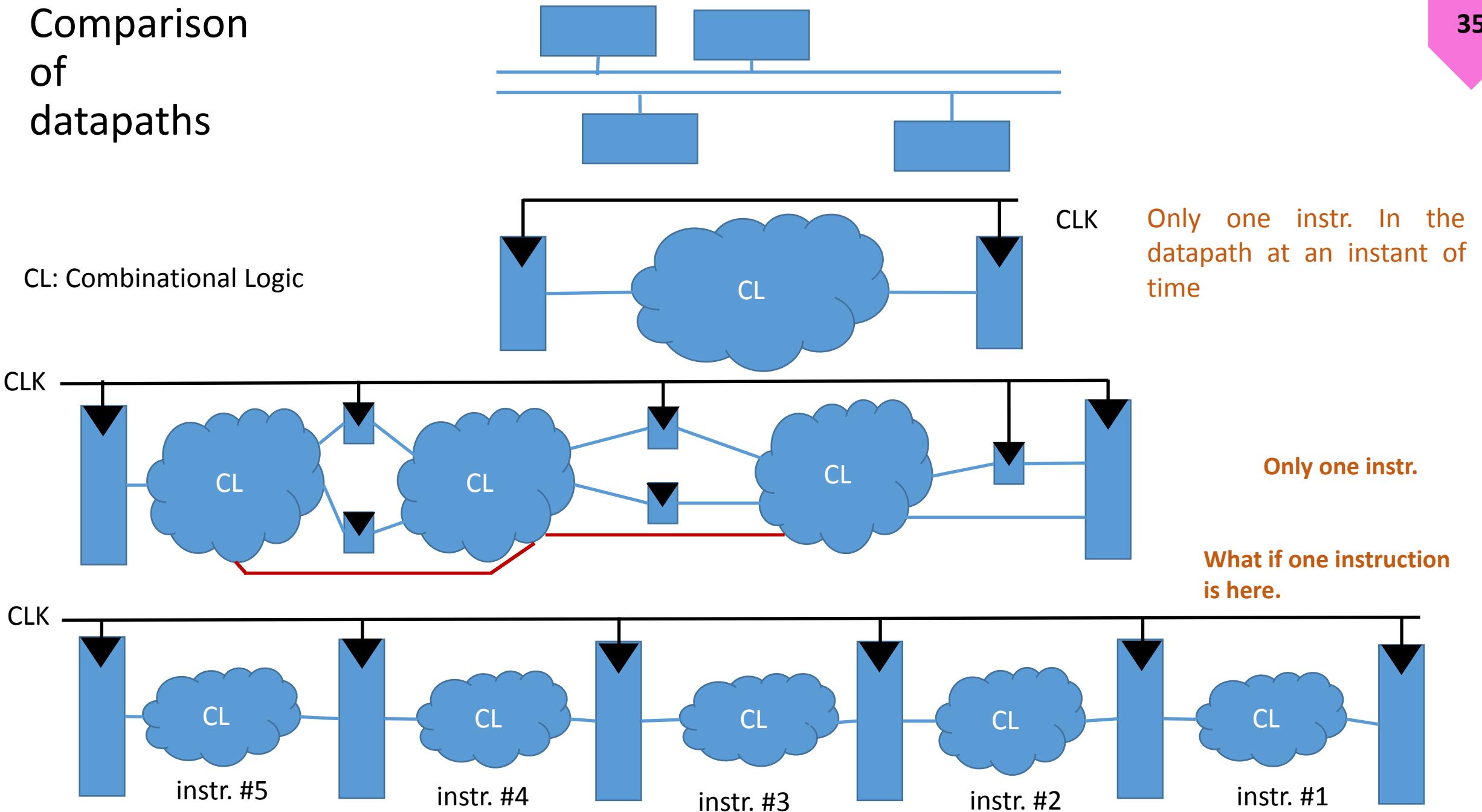
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Designing Instruction Sets for Pipelining

- MIPS's instructions are same length
- X86's instructions vary 1 byte to 15 byte, is pipelining challenging ??
- MIPS has a few addressing modes
- Memory operands only appear in loads or stores in MIPS
- Operand are aligned in memory

Comparison of datapaths



Microprocessor Design Trade-offs: Interconnects Vs Functional Units Vs IPC

- (clock) Cycle Per Instruction (CPI)
- Instructions Per (clock) Cycle/Seconds (IPC) = $1/\text{CPI}$

Interconnects (Bus)	Functional Units (FUs)	
	Less	More
Less	Single-bus & Single-FU (Multi-Cycle, IPC < 1)	Single-bus & Many-FUs (Multi-Cycle, IPC < 1)
More	Many-bus & Single-FU (Multi-Cycle, IPC < 1)	Many-bus & Many-FUs (Single-Cycle or Pipeline, IPC = 1)

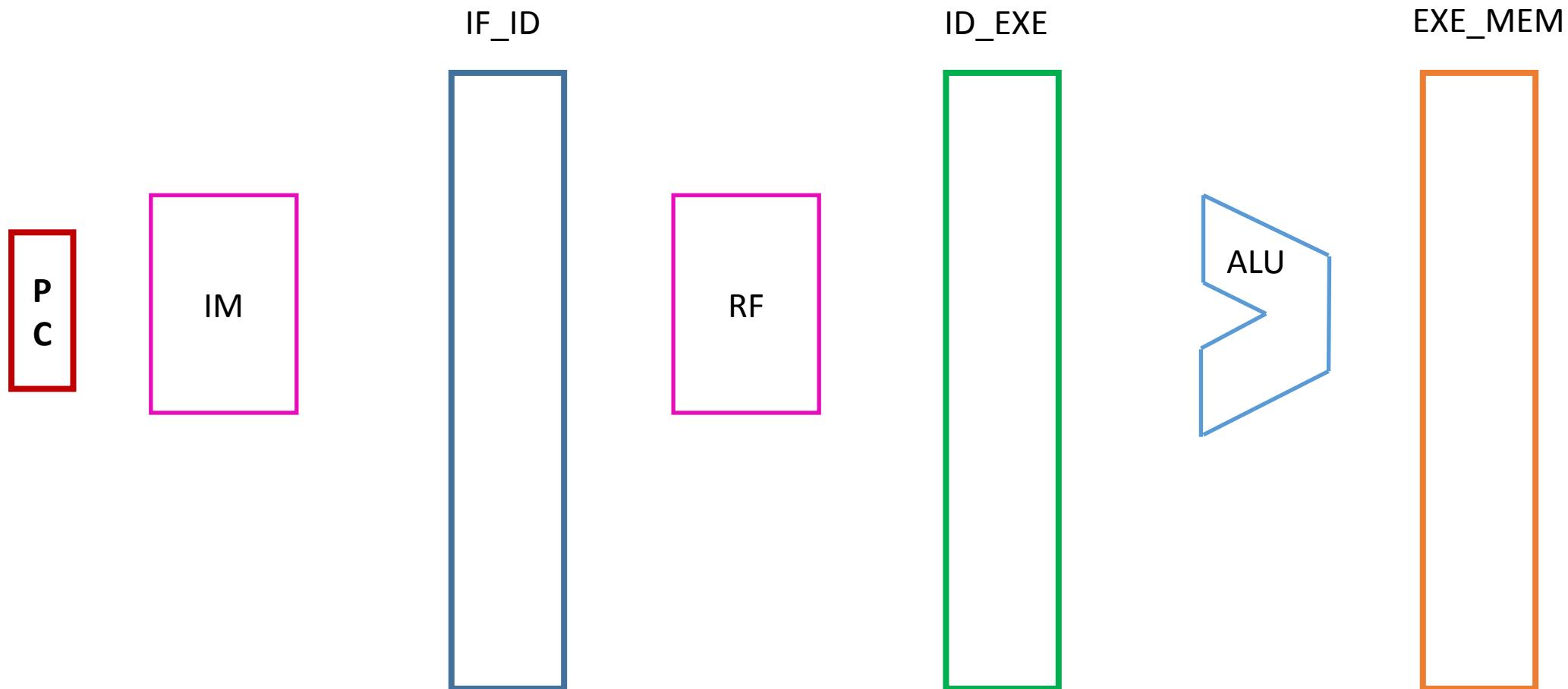
Methods/Algorithms:

- 1) Multi-Cycle
- 2) Single-Cycle
- 3) Pipelined

- **Pipeline:** IPC = 1 (borrowed from Single-Cycle) and less clock period (T) (borrowed from Multi-Cycle), **shared** the Buses & FUs by **more than one instruction**.
- **Program Execution time:** #instr. x (1/IPC) x Clk (T)
- Can we have the IPC > 1?

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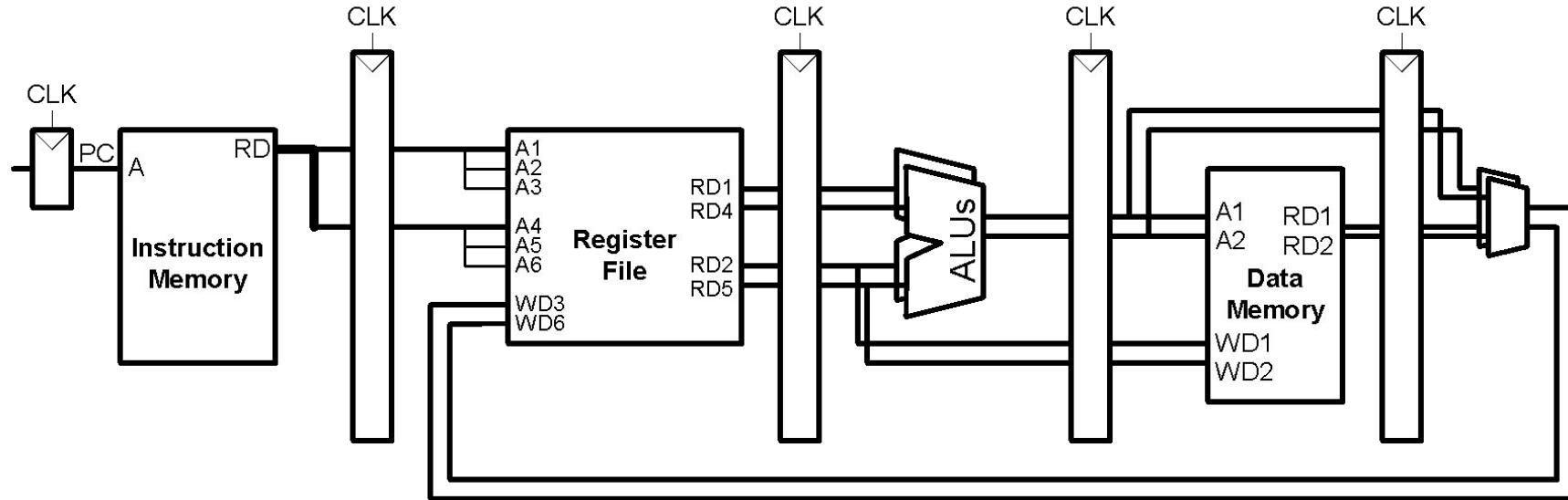
Stage Reg.'s write operation @negedge

Can we have $\text{IPC} > 1$?

Multiple issue processor
Superscalar and VLIW

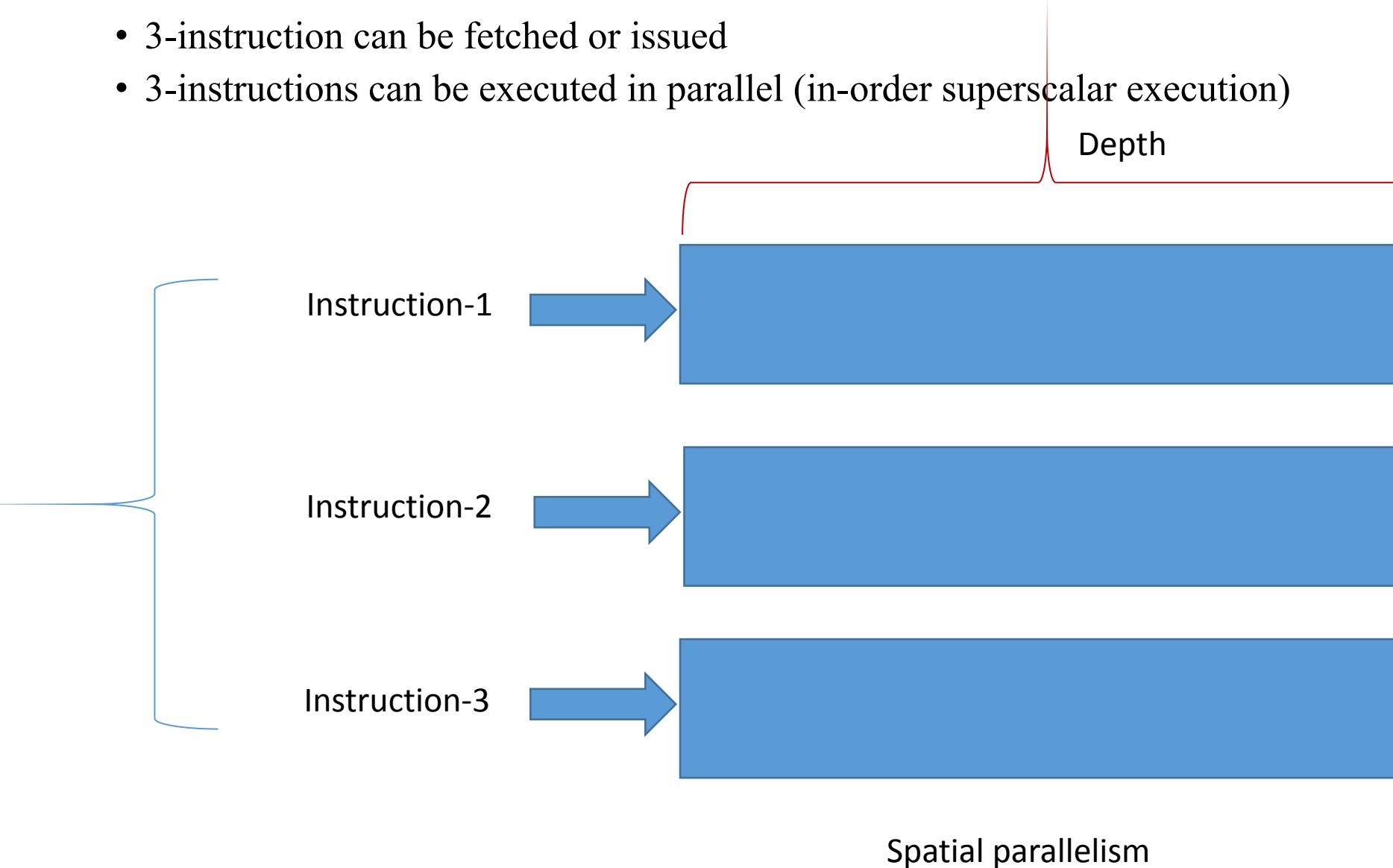
IPC = 2, Superscalar or multiple issue processor

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IPC = 3, Superscalar or 3 issue processor

- 3-instruction can be fetched or issued
- 3-instructions can be executed in parallel (in-order superscalar execution)



Static Multiple Issue MIPS Processor

- Two issue Instruction
- Integer ALU operations – using one datapath
 - ADD, BNE, etc
- Data transfer operations – using 2nd datapath
 - LW & SW
- Instruction format

Instruction 1

Instruction 2

Static Multiple Issue Processor

Instruction type	Pipe stages						
ALU or branch instruction	IF	ID	EX	MEM	WB		
Load or store instruction	IF	ID	EX	MEM	WB		
ALU or branch instruction		IF	ID	EX	MEM	WB	
Load or store instruction		IF	ID	EX	MEM	WB	
ALU or branch instruction			IF	ID	EX	MEM	WB
Load or store instruction			IF	ID	EX	MEM	WB
ALU or branch instruction				IF	ID	EX	MEM
Load or store instruction				IF	ID	EX	WB

Static Multiple Issue Processor

Very Long Instruction Word (VLIW)

If one instruction of the pair cannot be used, we require that it be replaced with a noop. Thus, the instructions always issue in pairs, possibly with a noop in one slot.

In some designs, the compiler takes full responsibility for removing *all* hazards, scheduling the code and inserting no-ops so that the code executes without any need for hazard detection or hardware-generated stalls.

Static Multiple Issue Processor

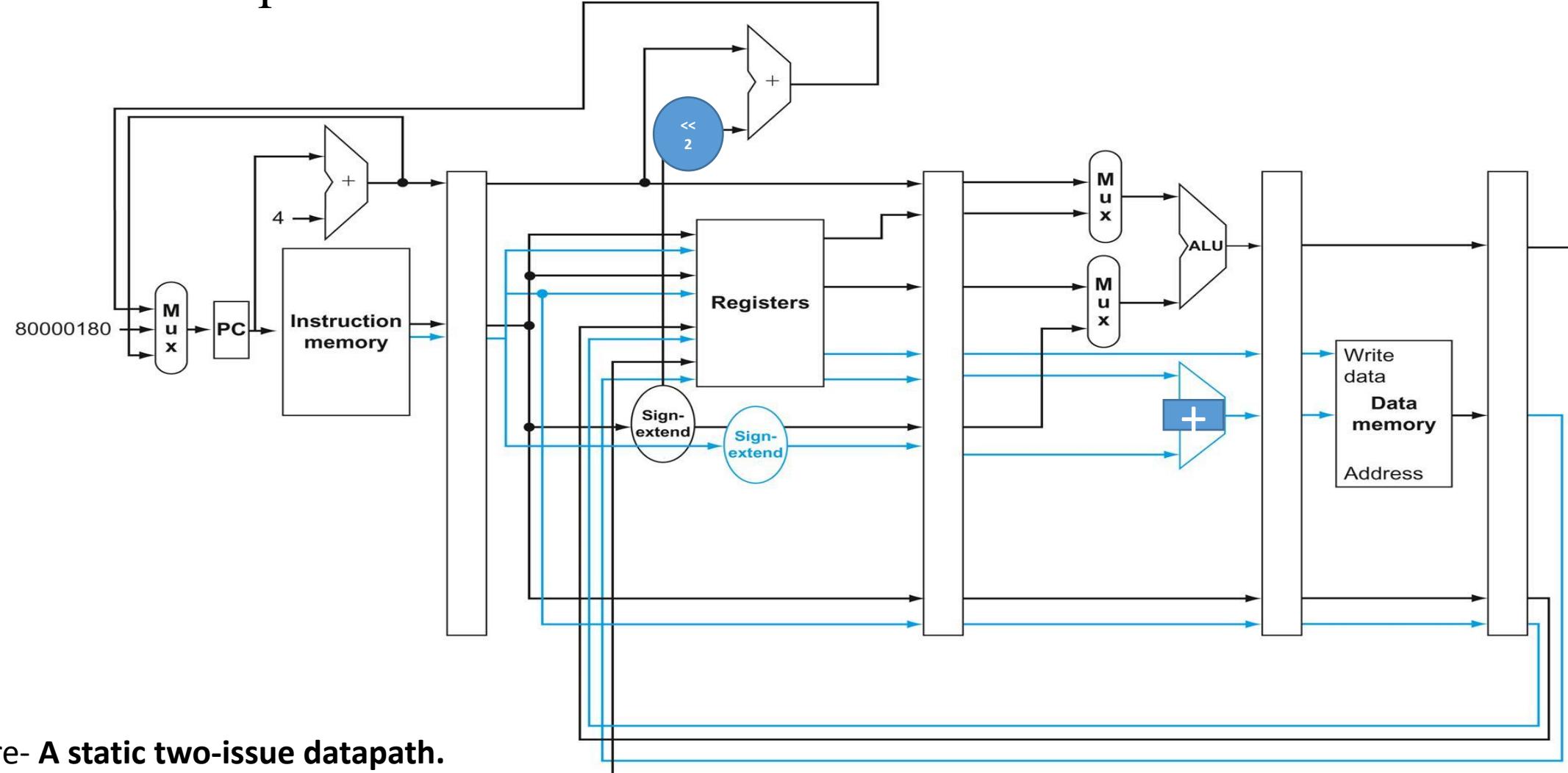


Figure- A static two-issue datapath.

The additions needed for double issue are highlighted: another 32 bits from instruction memory, two more read ports and one more write port on the register file, and another ALU. Assume the bottom ADDER handles address calculations for data transfers and the top ALU handles everything else.

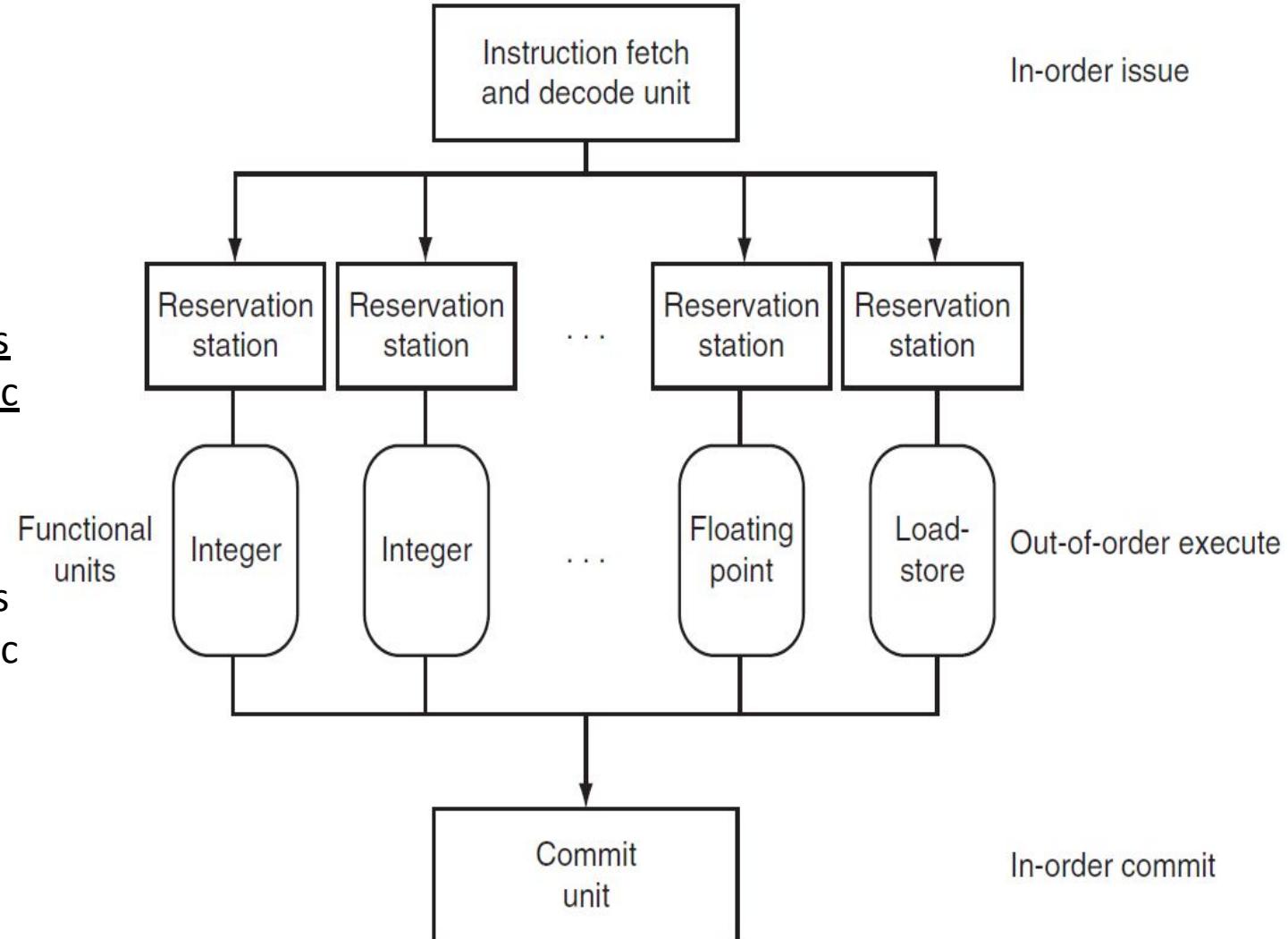
Dynamic Multiple Issue or Superscalar

1. Scoreboard Technique

[https://www.cs.umd.edu/~meesh/411/website/projects/dynamic\(scoreboard.html](https://www.cs.umd.edu/~meesh/411/website/projects/dynamic(scoreboard.html)

2. Tomasulo Technique:

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Difference between Superscalar and VLIW

- General Vs special instruction
- Dynamic Vs. Static pipeline scheduling
- Hazard detection
- Instruction format
- Different VLIW processor needs compilation of the application

ISA design steps

- Step-1:
 - Find out the instructions for the **Algorithm(s)**
- Step-2: [Microarchitecture design]
 - Find out the strategy (Sharedbus/Singlecycle/Multicycle/Pipeline[in order]/etc) for datapath and next
 - Design the datapath and its components for **each** instructions
- Step-3:
 - Design the combined datapaths for **all** instructions
- Step-4:
 - Decide the **clock period** based on the critical path [timing analysis]
 - **Add** setup time, clock-to-Q and etc. to the decided clock period [**satisfy hold time constraints**]
- Step-5:
 - Identify the control signals on the combined datapath
- Step-6:
 - Design the Control Unit (H/W or S/W) for generating the such control signals based on the strategy (Sharedbus/Singlecycle/Multicycle/Pipeline[in order]/etc) decided for datapath
- Step-7:
 - Test & verification of the designed processor

How about Single-purpose microprocessor like MinMax microprocessor?

Applying Pipeline Technique in Other Processors

- **MinMax Processor**
 - Recording is available in the Google-classroom
- **Simple CPU**
 - Recording is available in the Google-classroom

Homework

- Design the Pipelined MIPS ISA using Verilog HDL and C++
- Convert
 - MinMax microprocessor in Pipelined MinMax
- Design the Pipelined MinMax microprocessor using Verilog HDL and C++
- How does Intel manages to run CISC-type code onto RISC-based pipeline?

Summary

- Limitation of Multi-cycle approach
- CPI Vs IPC
- Comparison between single-cycle and pipelined approaches
- Views of pipeline in operation
- Comparison of datapaths
- Design tradeoffs of microprocessors
- Datapath and CU for pipelined processor