THE PROCESSOR

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Introduction

- CPU performance factors
  - Instruction count
    - Determined by ISA and compiler
  - CPI and Cycle time
    - Determined by CPU hardware
- We will examine two MIPS implementations
  - A simplified version (Single-cycle and multi-cycle)
  - A more realistic pipelined version
- Simple subset, shows most aspects
  - Memory reference: `lw`, `sw`
  - Arithmetic/logical: `add`, `sub`, `and`, `or`, `slt`
  - Control transfer: `beq`, `j`

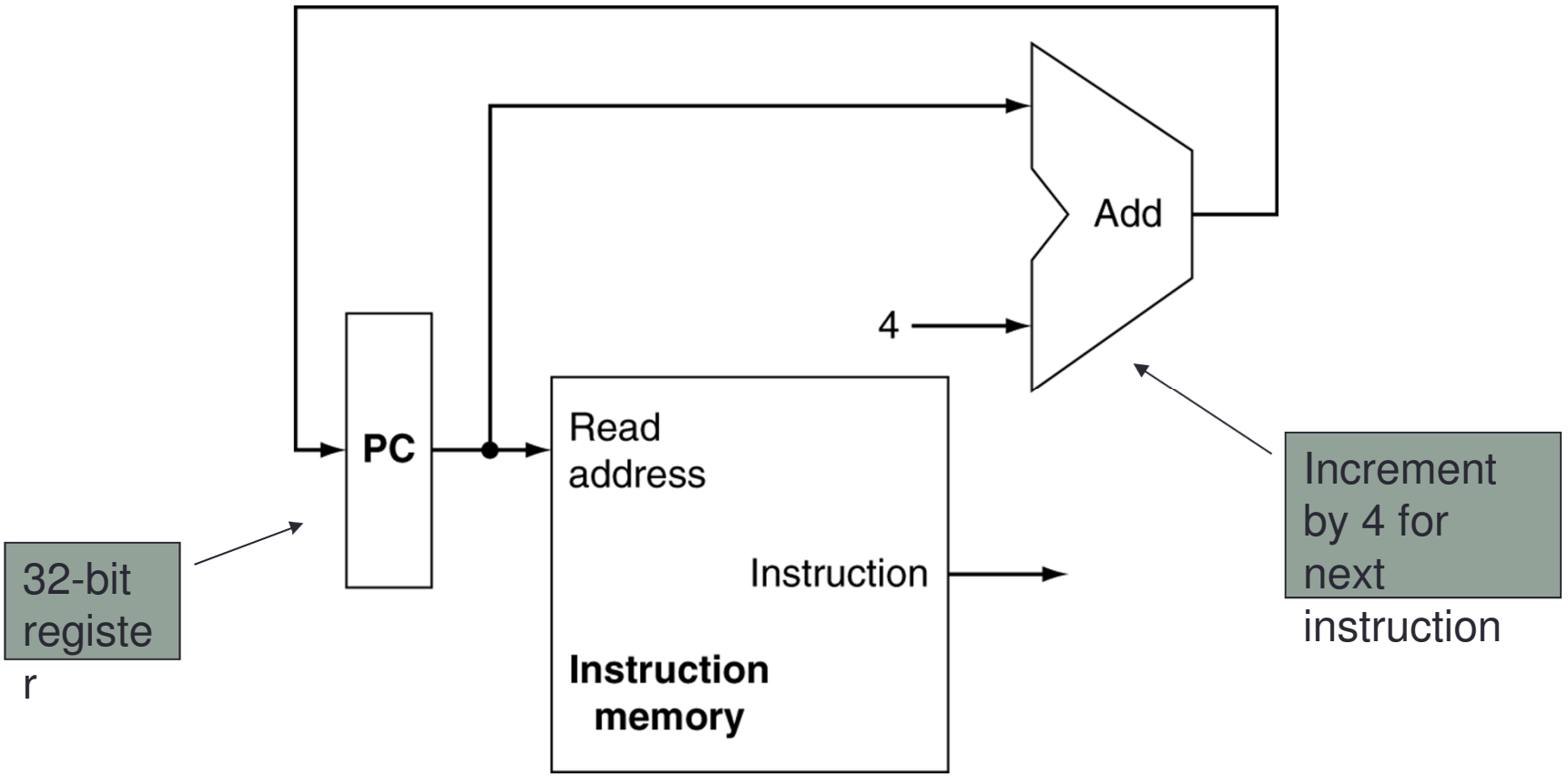
Instruction Execution

- PC → instruction memory, fetch instruction
- Register numbers → register file, read registers
- Depending on instruction class
  - Use ALU to calculate
    - Arithmetic result
    - Memory address for load/store
    - Branch target address
  - Access data memory for load/store
  - PC ← target address or PC + 4

Building a Datapath

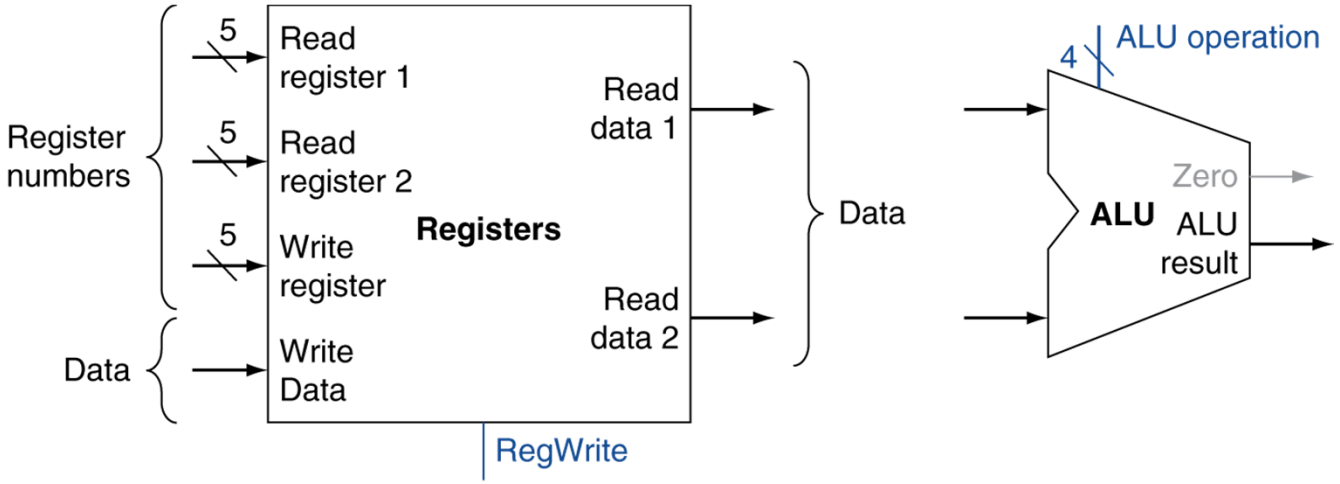
- Datapath
  - Elements that process data and addresses in the CPU
    - Registers, ALUs, mux's, memories, …
- We will build a MIPS datapath incrementally
  - Refining the overview design

Instruction Fetch



R-Format Instructions

- Read two register operands
- Perform arithmetic/logical operation
- Write register result

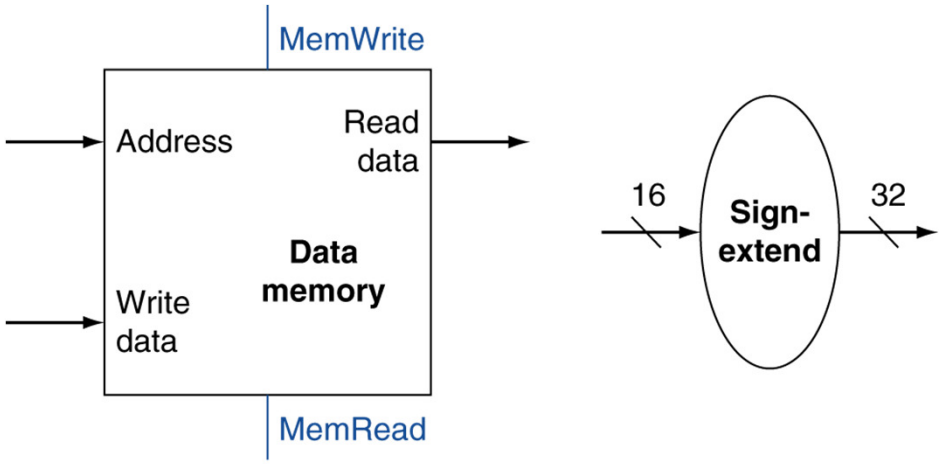


a. Registers

b. ALU

Load/Store Instructions

- Read register operands
- Calculate address using 16-bit offset
  - Use ALU, but sign-extend offset
- Load: Read memory and update register
- Store: Write register value to memory



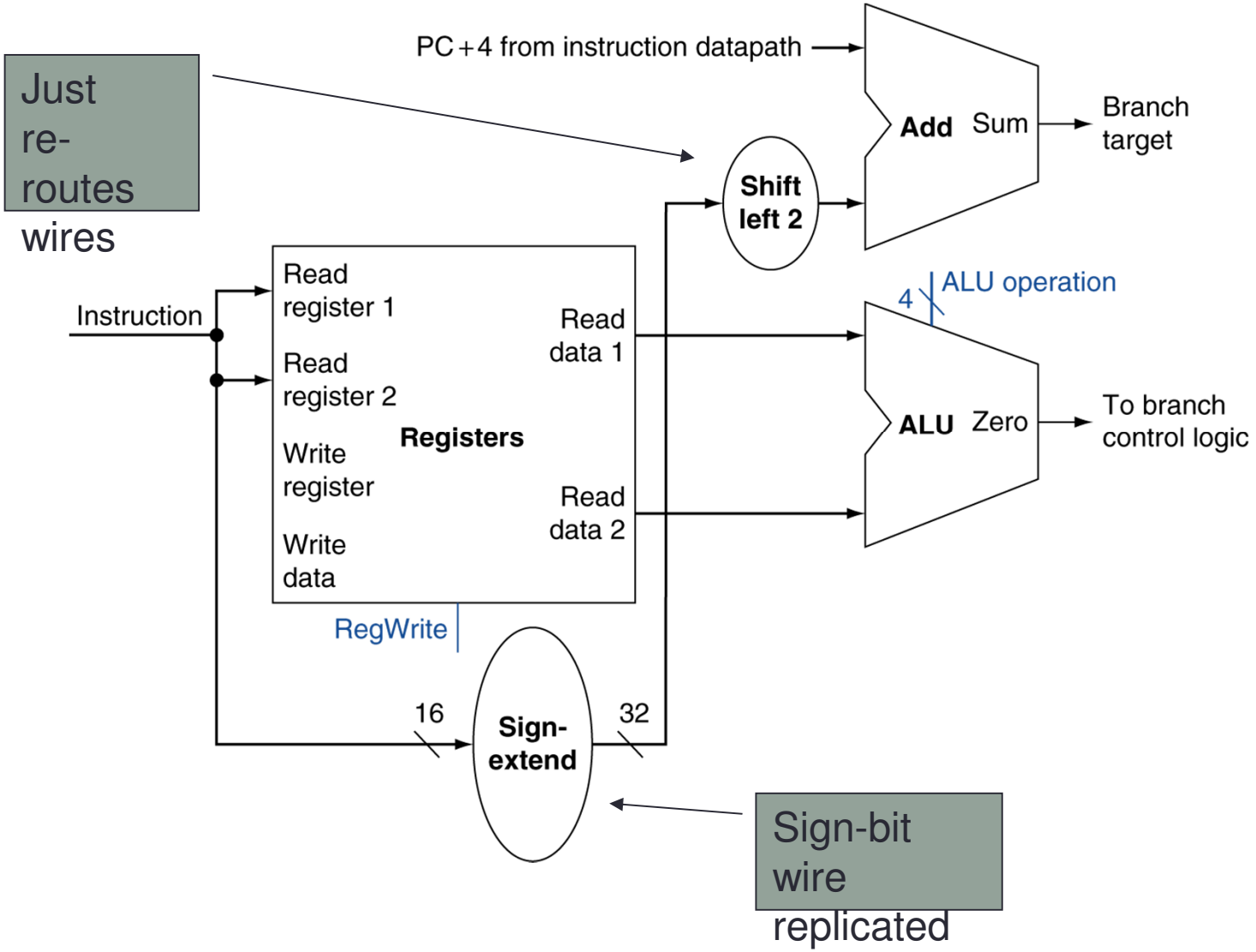
a. Data memory unit

b. Sign extension unit

Branch Instructions

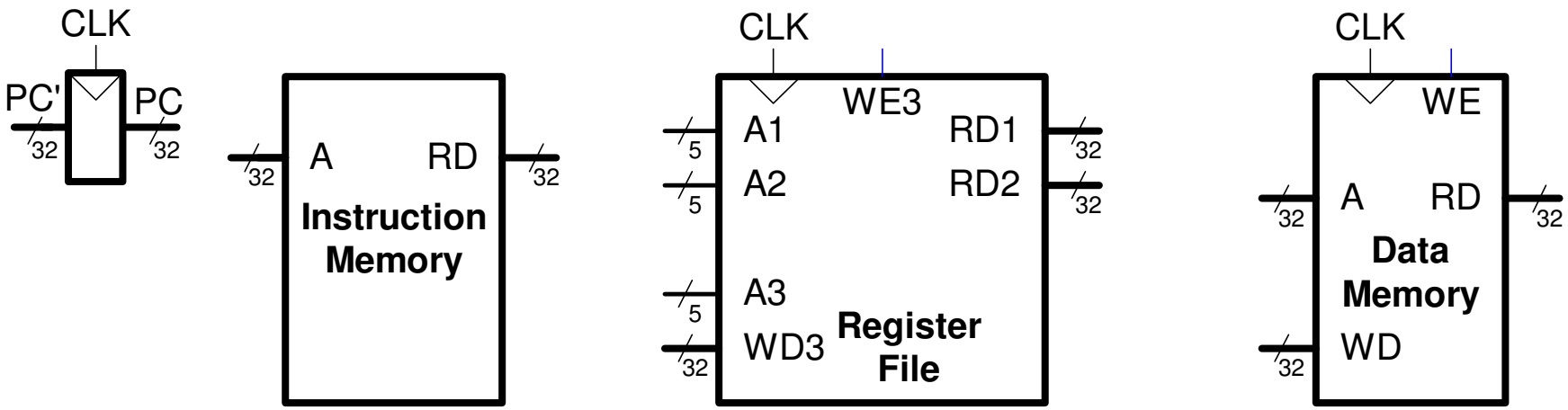
- Read register operands
- Compare operands
  - Use ALU, subtract and check Zero output
- Calculate target address
  - Sign-extend displacement
  - Shift left 2 places (word displacement)
  - Add to PC + 4
    - Already calculated by instruction fetch

Branch Instructions



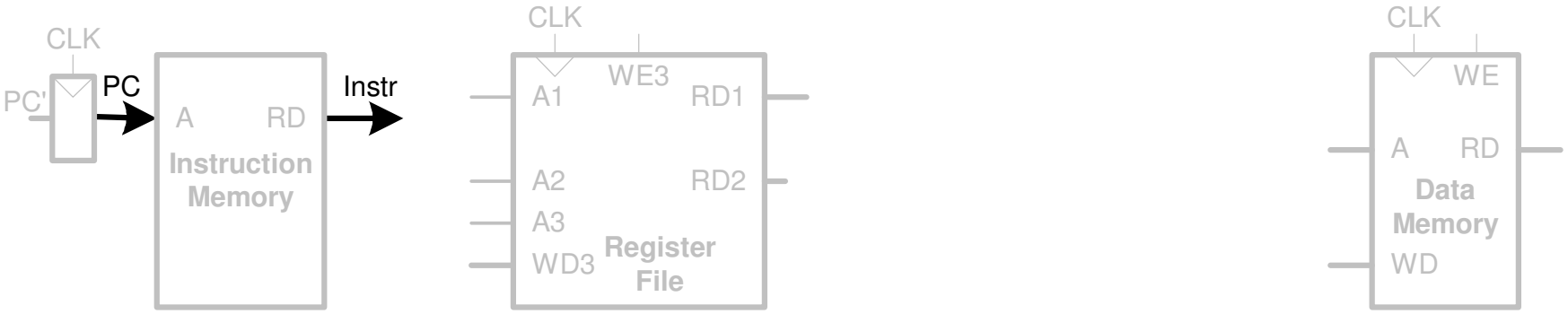
Single-Cycle MIPS Processor

- Each instruction executes in a single cycle
- Components:
  - Datapath
  - Control



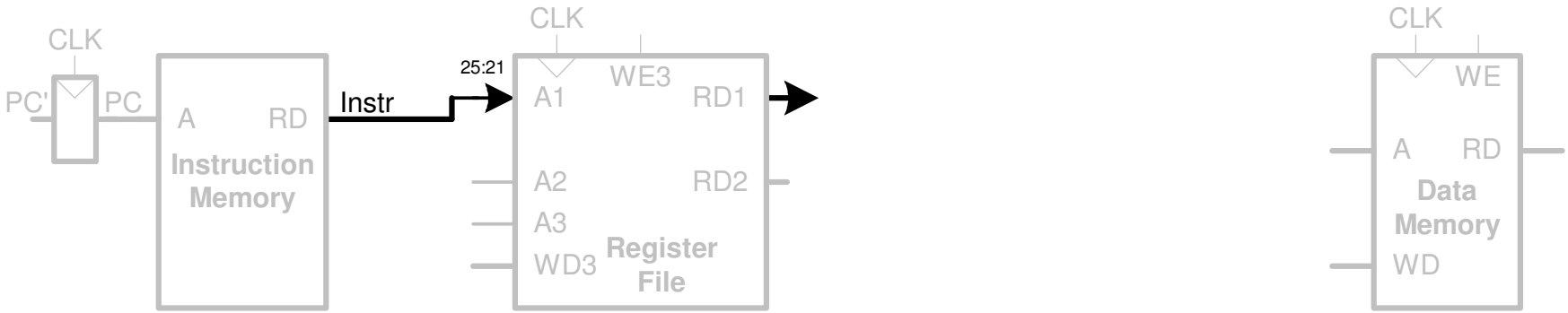
Single-Cycle Datapath: `lw` fetch

- First consider executing `lw`
- **STEP 1:** Fetch instruction



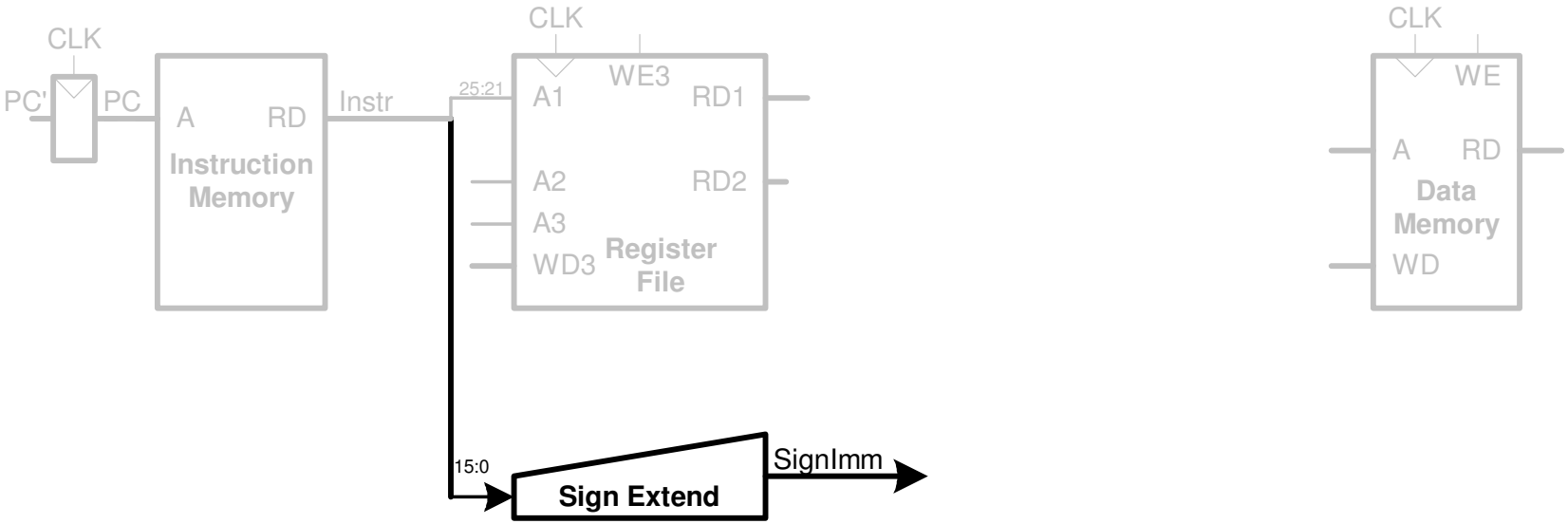
Single-Cycle Datapath: lw register read

- **STEP 2:** Read source operands from register file



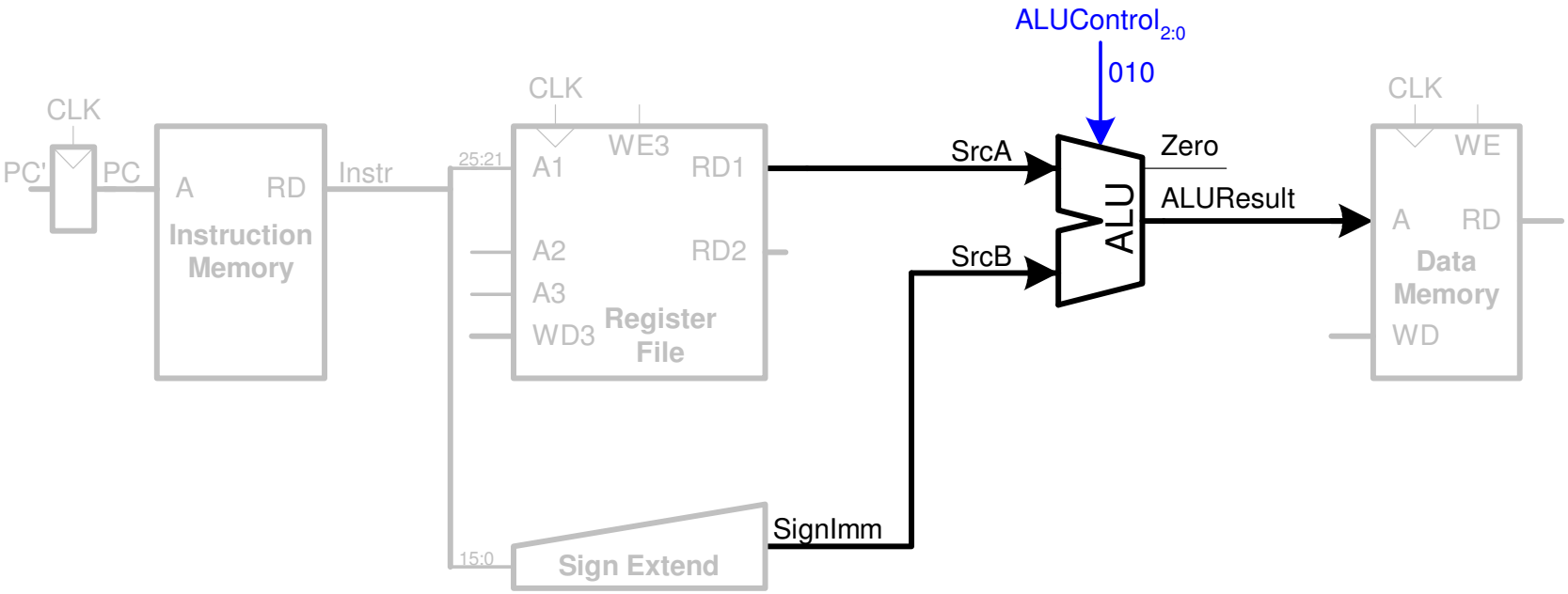
Single-Cycle Datapath: lw immediate

- **STEP 3:** Sign-extend the immediate



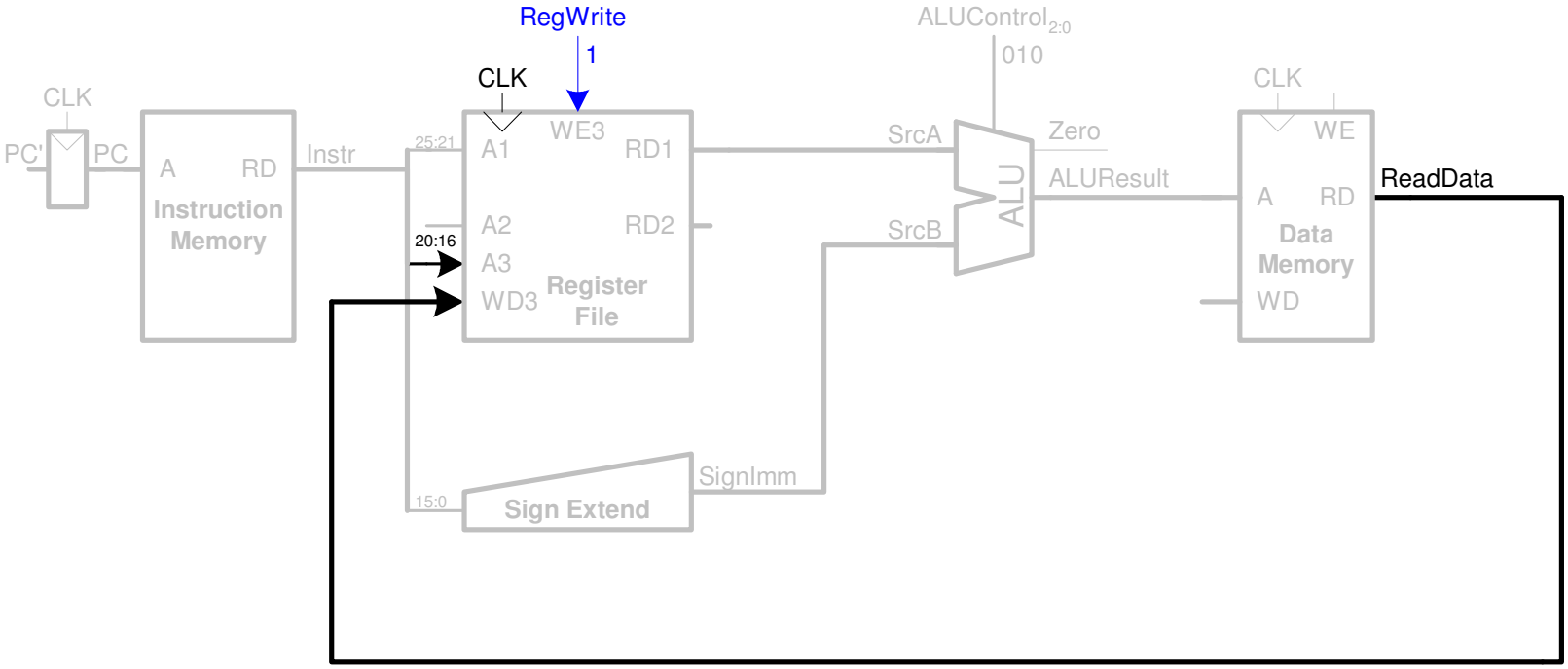
Single-Cycle Datapath: lw address

- **STEP 4:** Compute the memory address



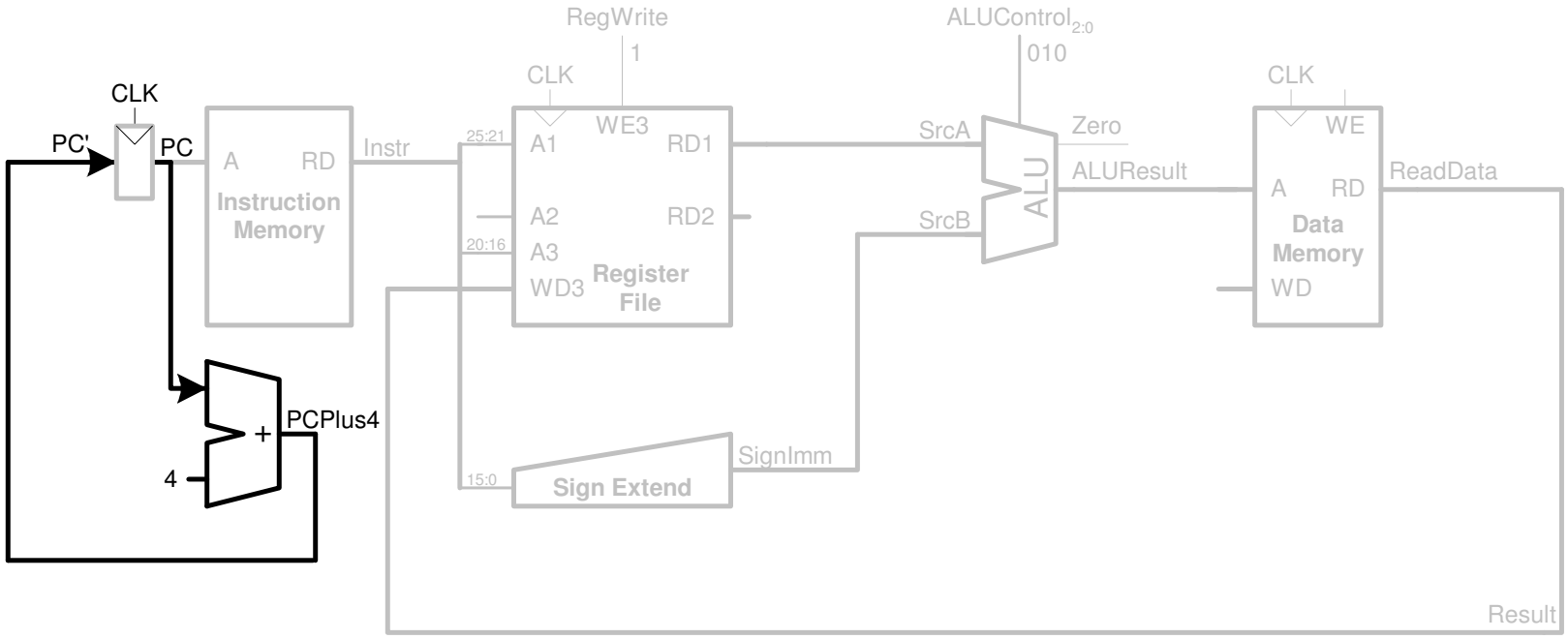
Single-Cycle Datapath: lw memory read

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



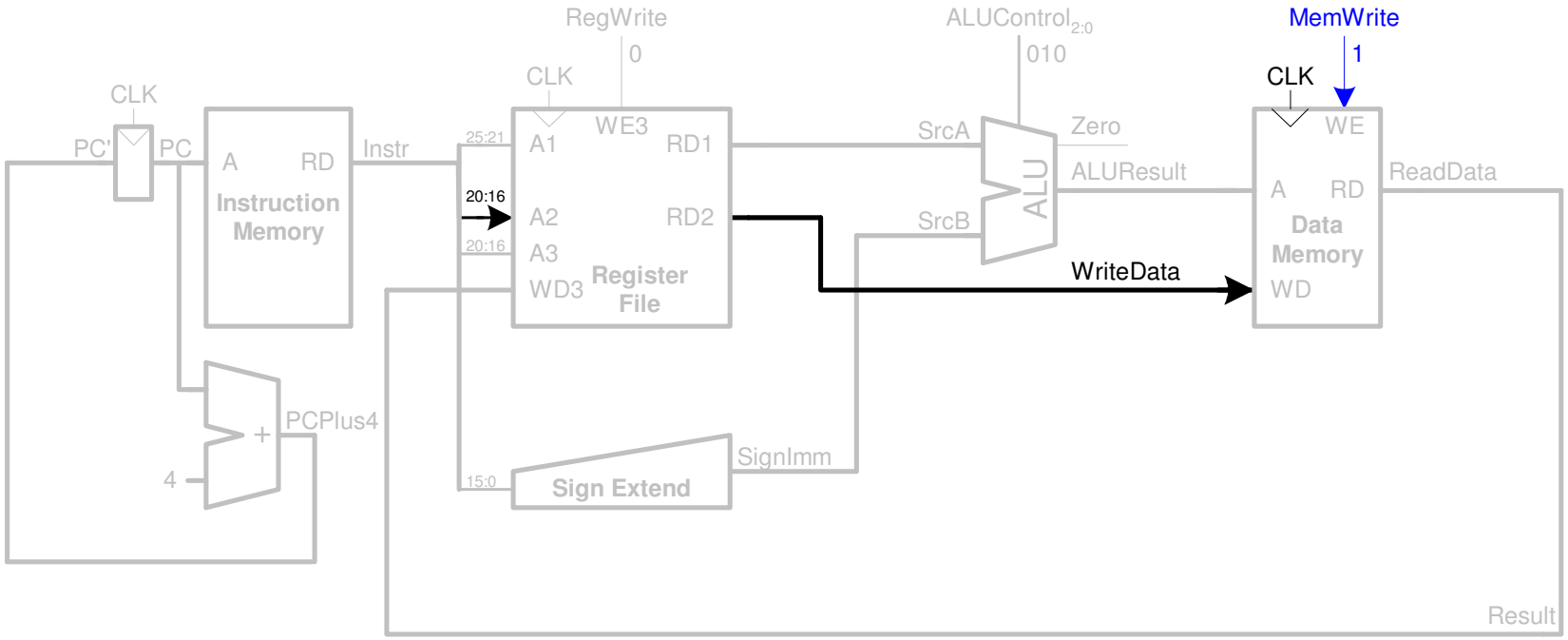
Single-Cycle Datapath: lw PC increment

- **STEP 6:** Determine the address of the next instruction



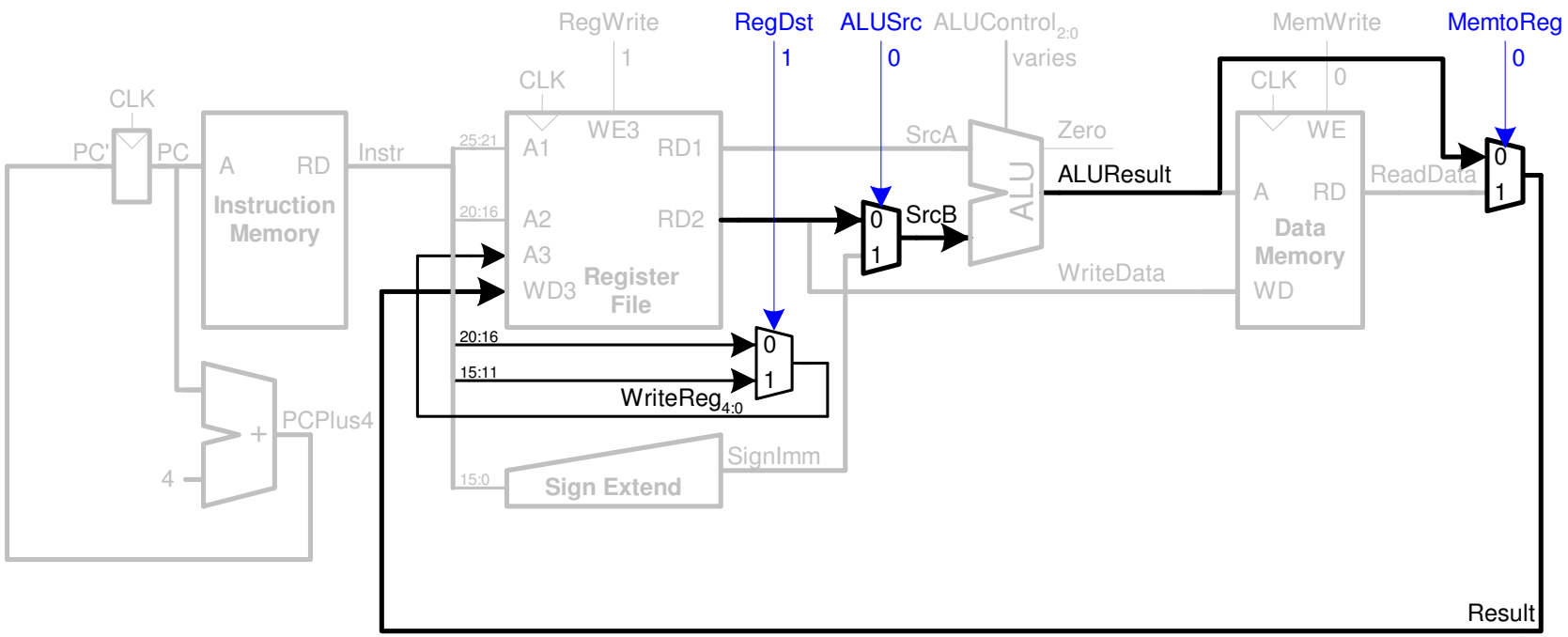
Single-Cycle Datapath: sw

- Write data in `rt` to memory



Single-Cycle Datapath: R-type instructions

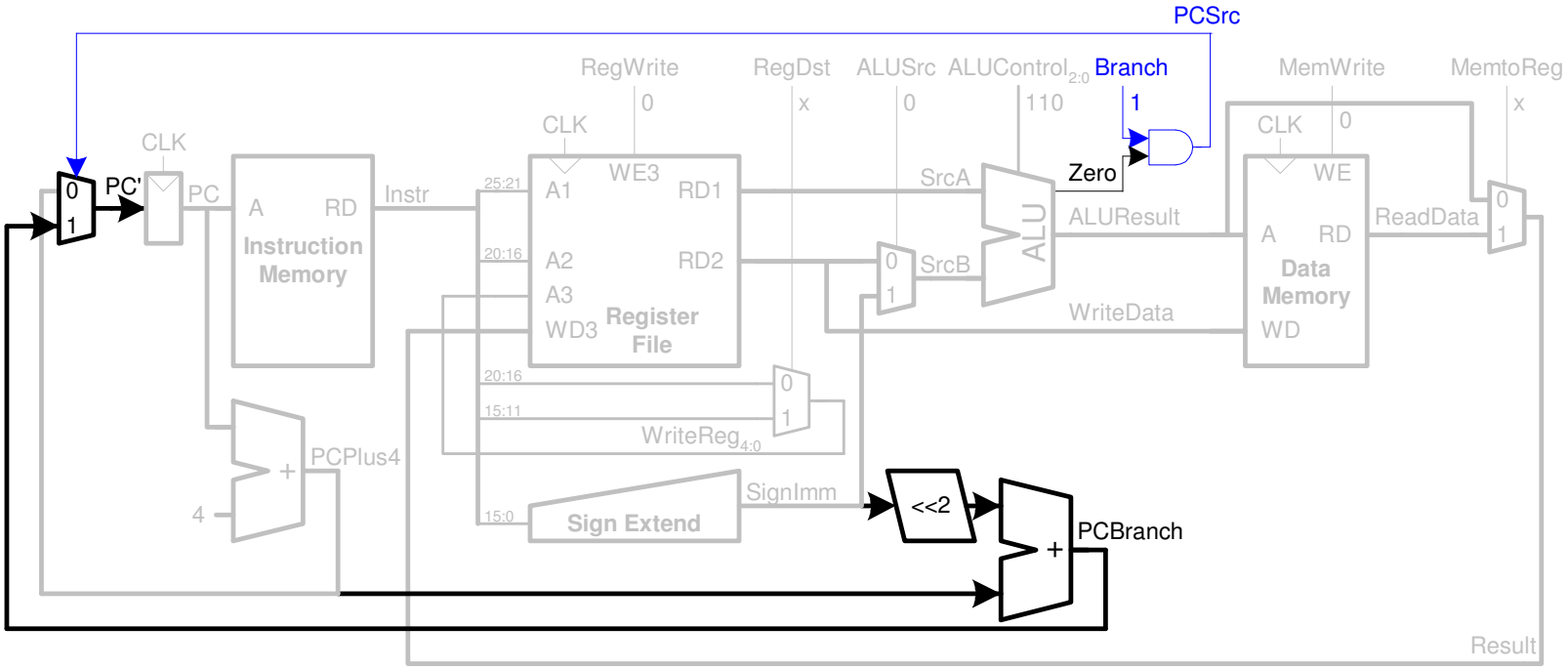
- Read from `rs` and `rt`
- Write *ALUResult* to register file
- Write to `rd` (instead of `rt`)



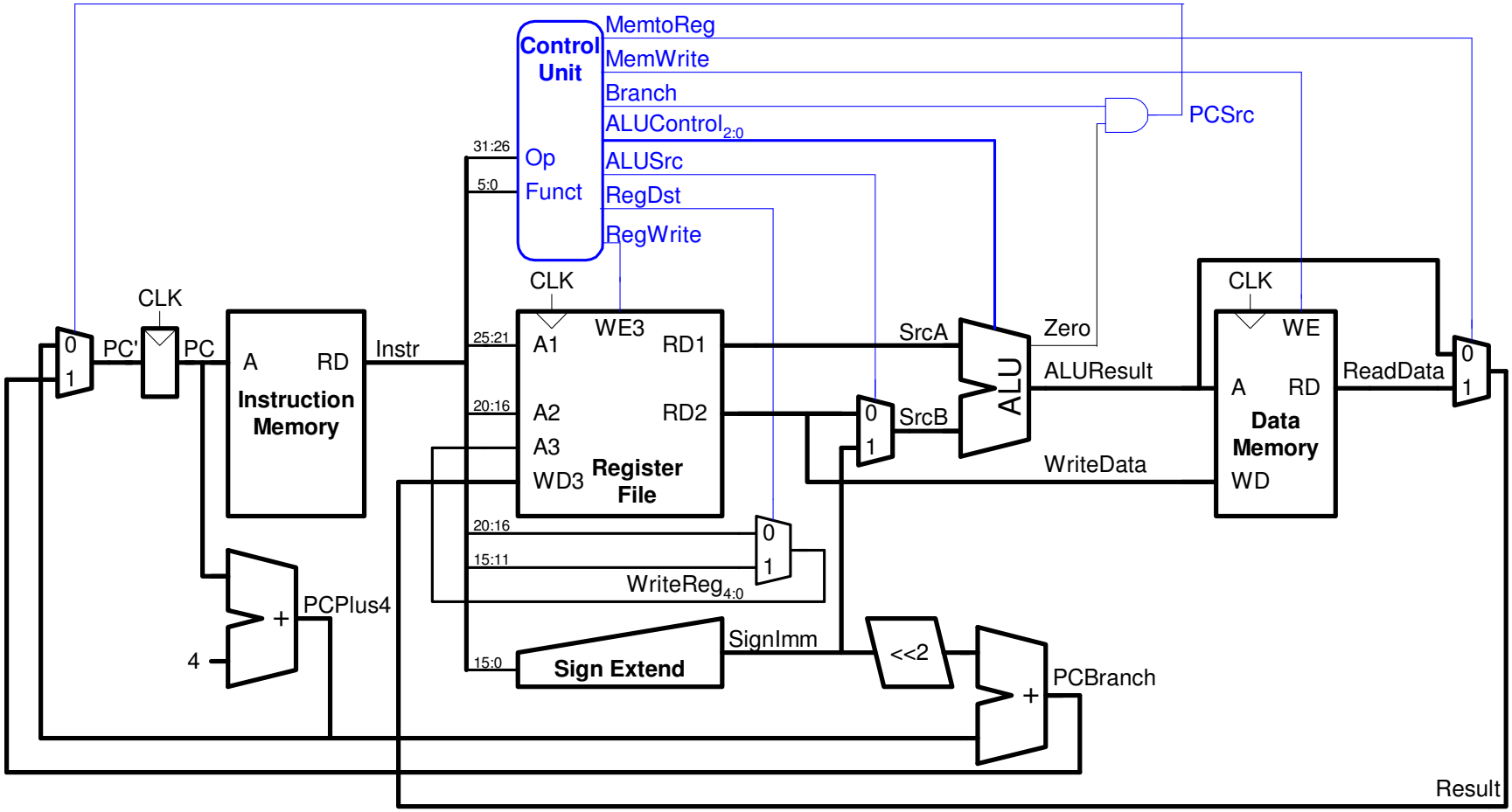
Single-Cycle Datapath: beq

- Determine whether values in `rs` and `rt` are equal
- Calculate branch target address:

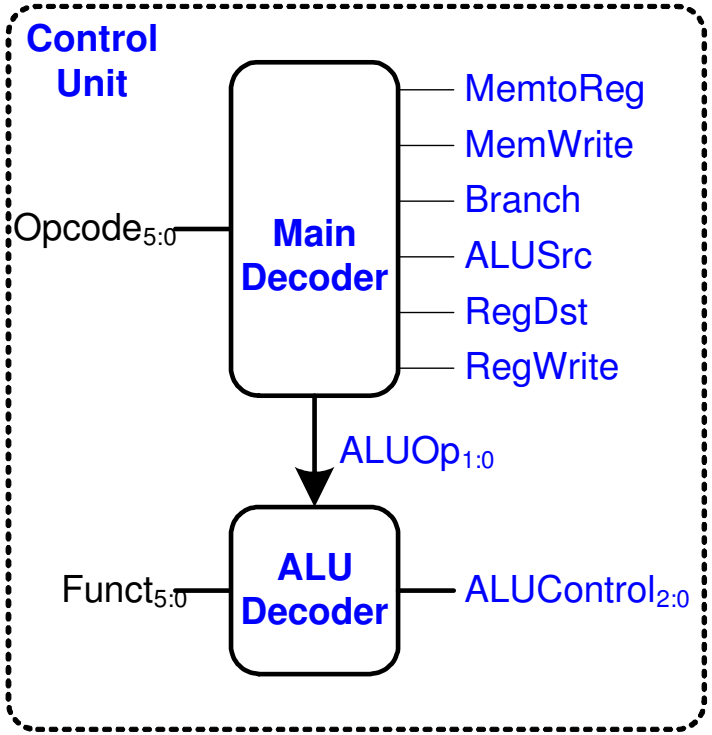
  BTA = (sign-extended immediate << 2) + (PC+4)



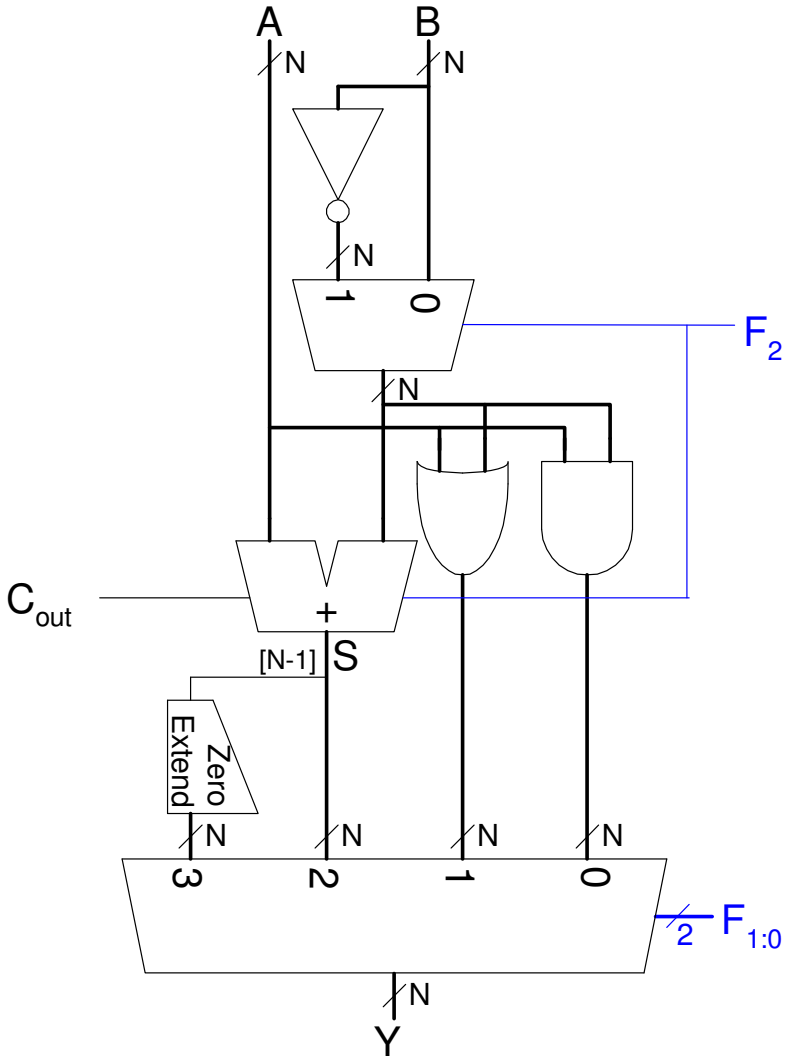
Complete Single-Cycle Processor



Control Unit



Review: ALU



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

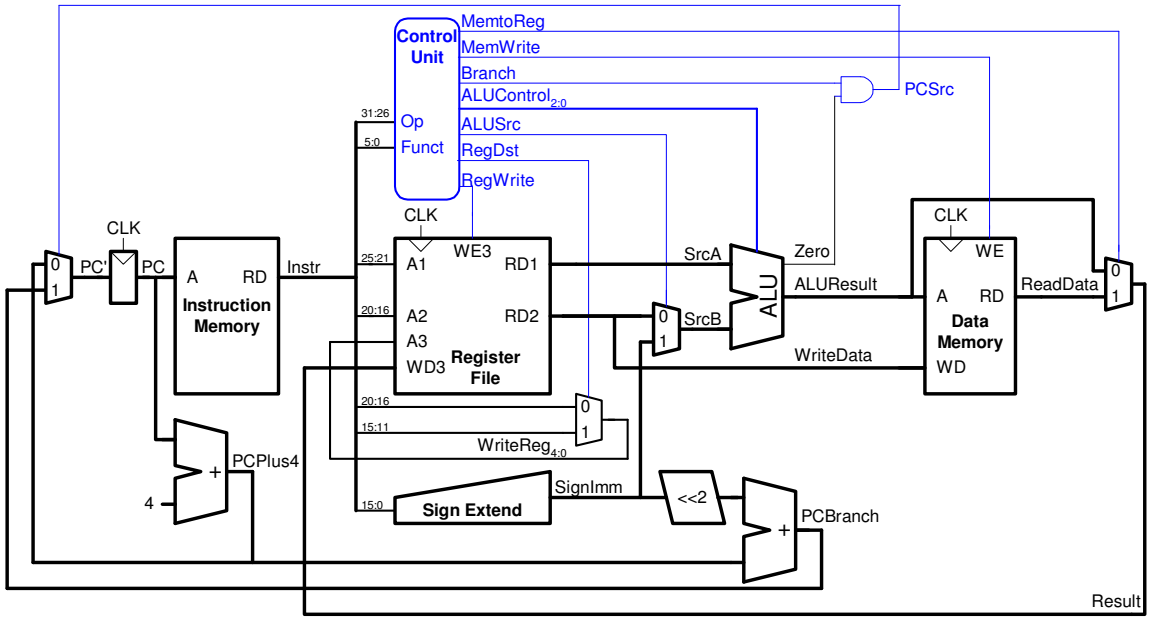
Control Unit: ALU Decoder

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

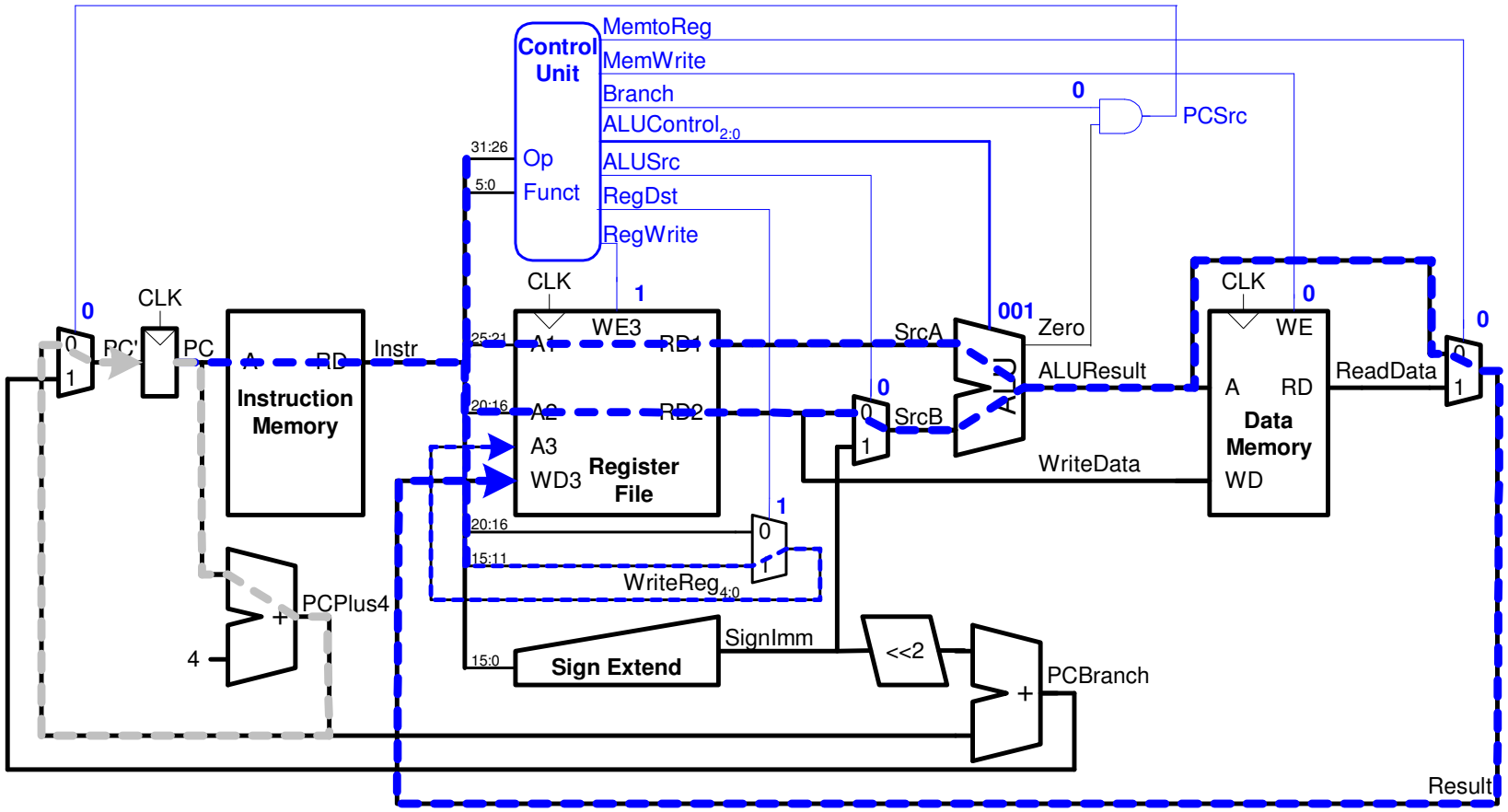
$ALUOp_{1:0}$	Funct	$ALUControl_{2:0}$
00	X	010 (Add)
X1	X	110 (Subtract)
1X	100000 (`add`)	010 (Add)
1X	100010 (`sub`)	110 (Subtract)
1X	100100 (`and`)	000 (And)
1X	100101 (`or`)	001 (Or)
1X	101010 (`slt`)	111 (SLT)

Control Unit: Main Decoder

Instruction	$Op_{5:0}$	RegWrite	RegDst	AluSrc	Branch	MemWrite	MemtoReg	$ALUOp_{1:0}$
R-type	000000	1	1	0	0	0	0	10
`lw`	100011	1	0	1	0	0	1	00
`sw`	101011	0	X	1	0	1	X	00
`beq`	000100	0	X	0	1	0	X	01

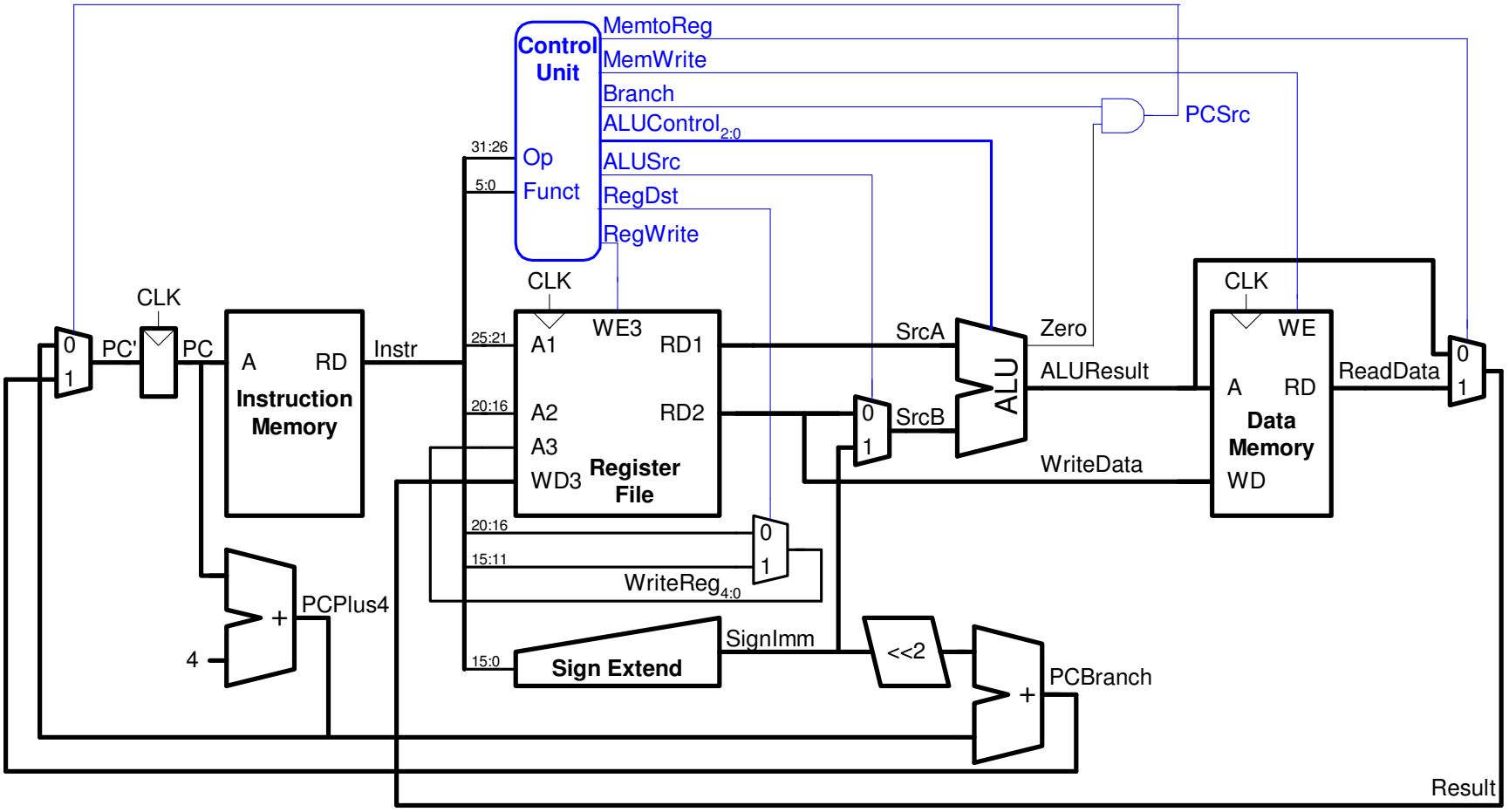


Single-Cycle Datapath Example: `or`



Extended Functionality: `addi`

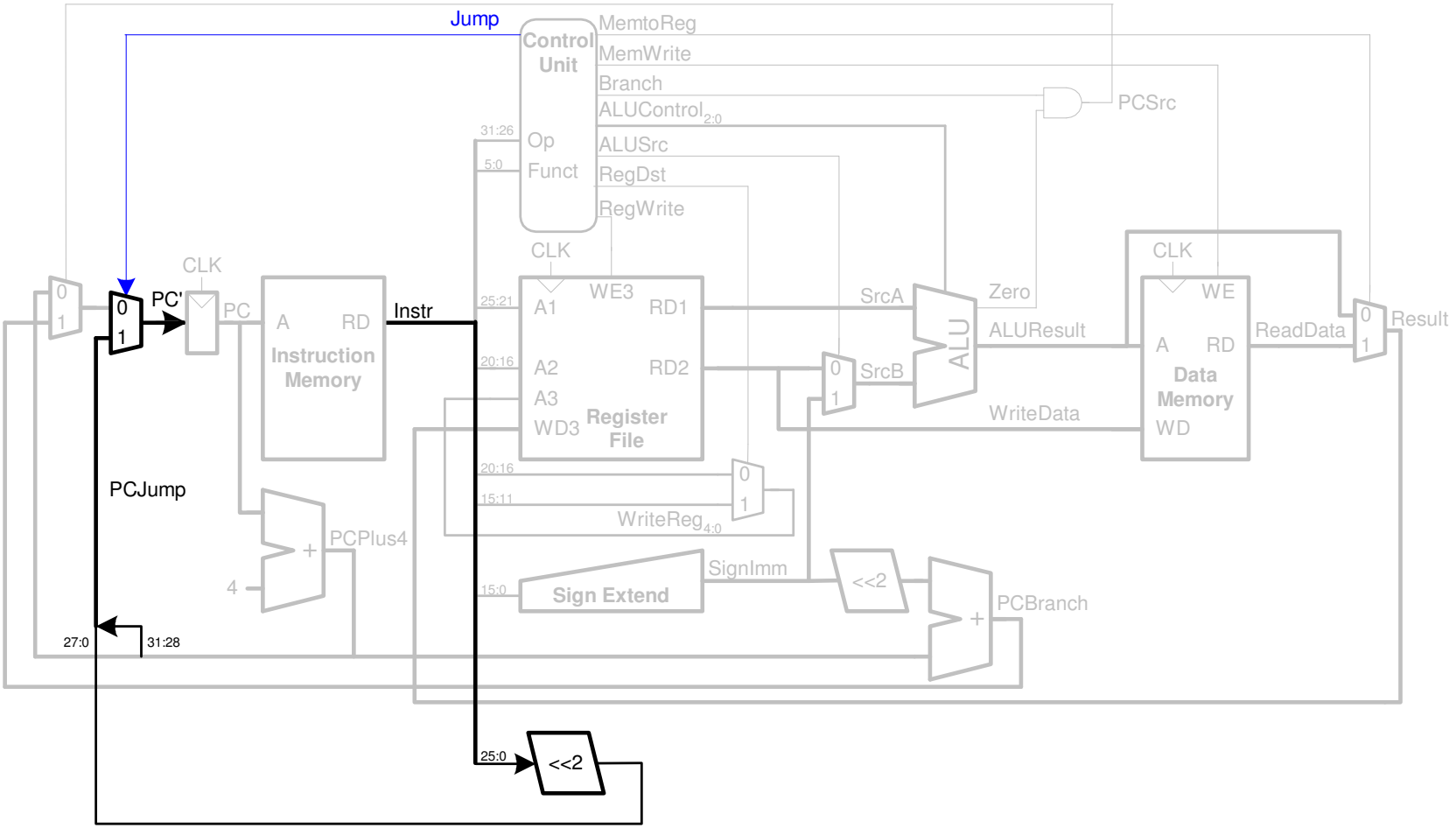
- No change to datapath



Control Unit: `addi`

Instruction	$Op_{5:0}$	RegWrite	RegDst	AluSrc	Branch	MemWrite	MemtoReg	$ALUOp_{1:0}$
R-type	000000	1	1	0	0	0	0	10
`lw`	100011	1	0	1	0	0	1	00
`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`	000010	0	X	X	X	0	X	XX	1

Review: Processor Performance

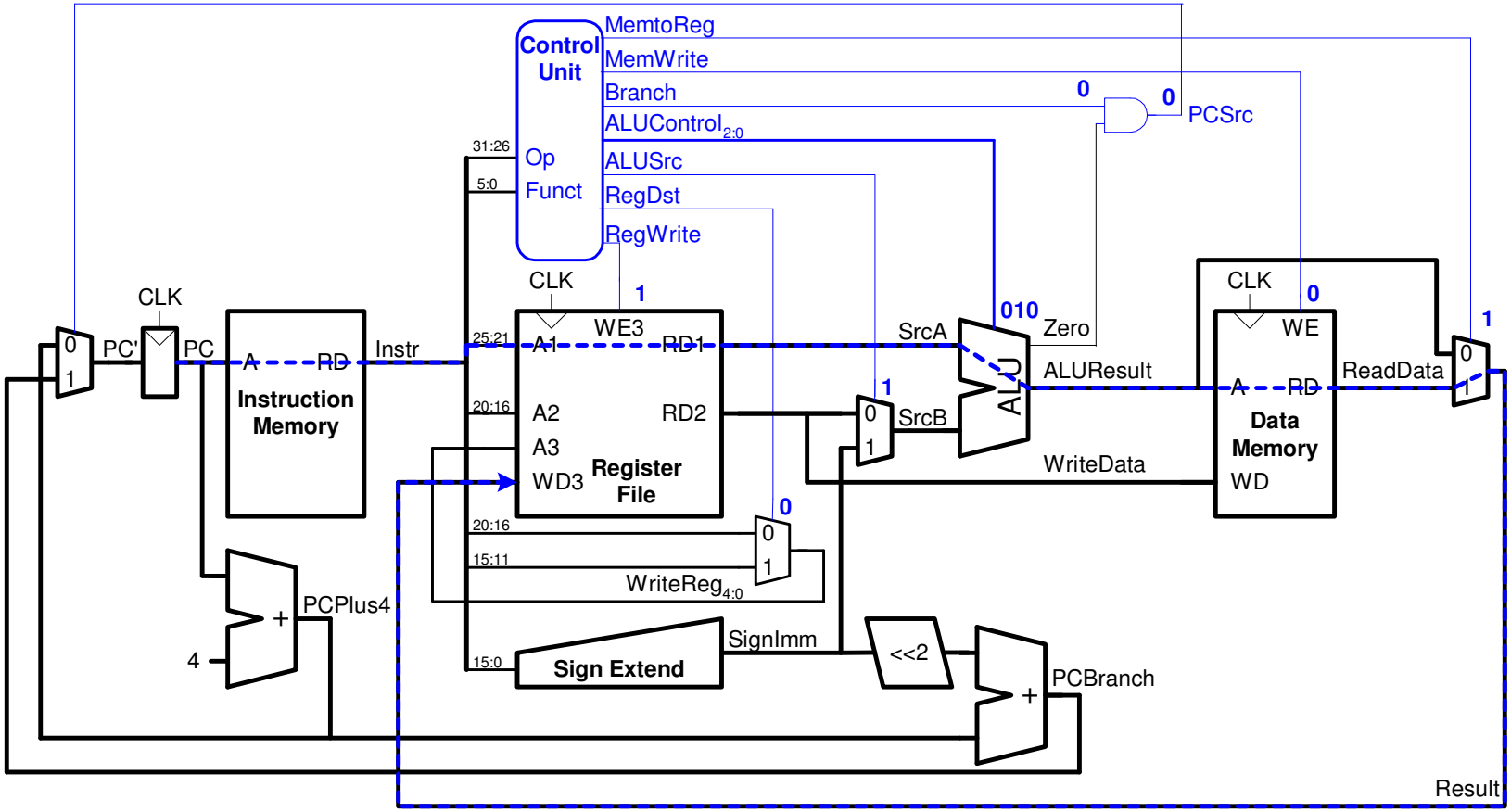
Program Execution Time

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

= # instructions x CPI x T_C

Single-Cycle Performance

- T_C is limited by the critical path (`lw`)



Single-Cycle Performance

- Single-cycle critical path:

  $T_c = t_{pcq\_PC} + t_{\text{mem}} + \max(t_{RF\text{read}}, t_{sext} + t_{\text{mux}}) + t_{\text{ALU}} + t_{\text{mem}} + t_{\text{mux}} + t_{RF\text{setup}}$

- In most implementations, limiting paths are:
  - memory, ALU, register file.
  - $T_c = t_{pcq\_PC} + 2t_{\text{mem}} + t_{RF\text{read}} + t_{\text{mux}} + t_{\text{ALU}} + t_{RF\text{setup}}$

Single-Cycle 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

$$T_c = t_{pcq\_PC} + 2t_{mem} + t_{RFread} + t_{mux} + t_{ALU} + t_{RFsetup}$$
$$= [30 + 2(250) + 150 + 25 + 200 + 20] \text{ ps}$$
$$= 925 \text{ ps}$$

Single-Cycle Performance Example

- For a program with 100 billion instructions executing on a single-cycle MIPS processor,

Execution Time = # instructions x CPI x T_C

$= (100 \times 10^9)(1)(925 \times 10^{-12}\ s)$

$= 92.5$ seconds