

RISC Design: Pipelining

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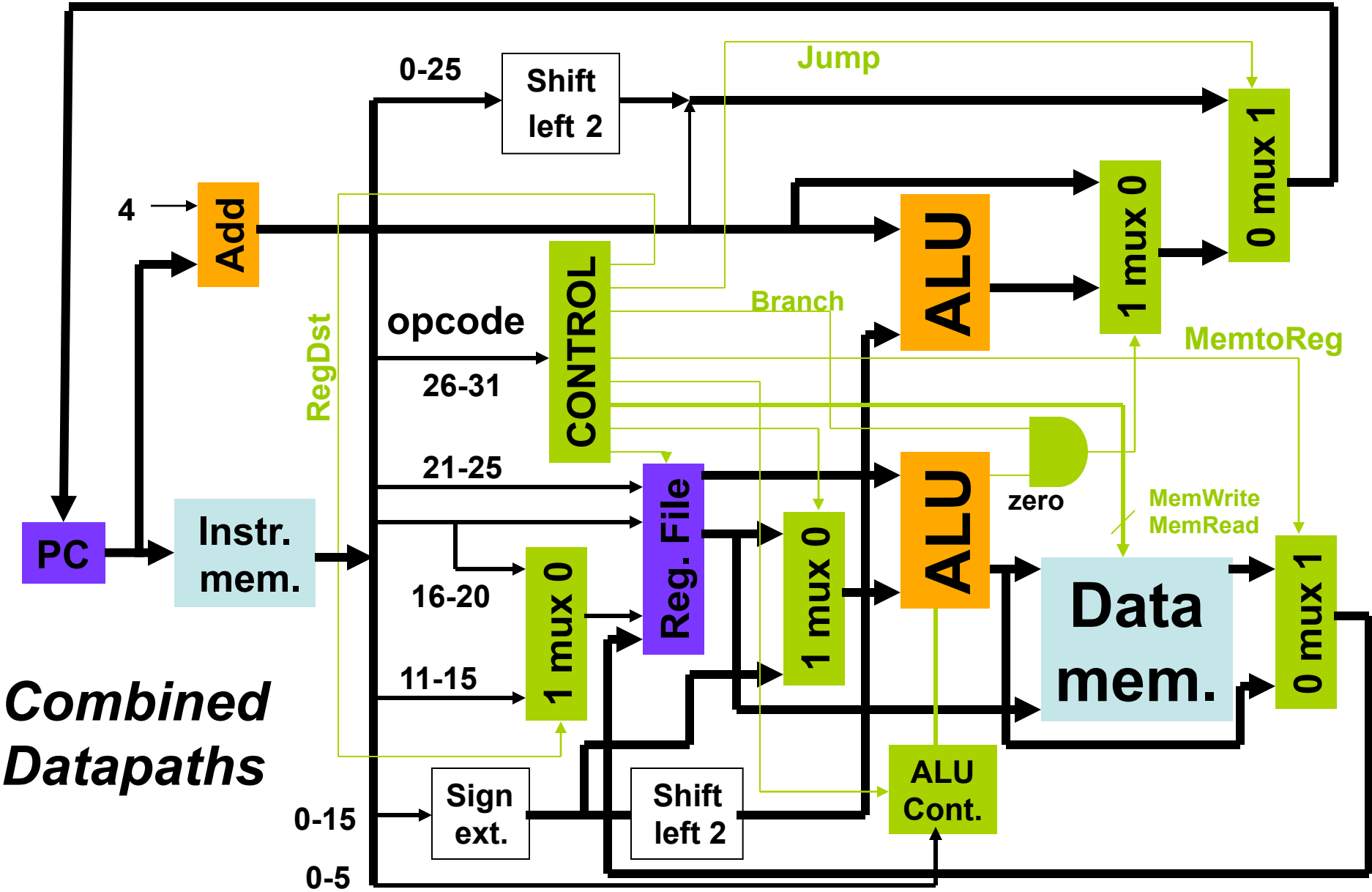
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Combined Datapaths



Pipelining in a Computer

- Divide datapath into nearly **equal tasks**, to be performed serially and requiring non-overlapping resources.
- **Insert registers at task boundaries** in the datapath; registers pass the output data from one task as input data to the next task.
- Synchronize tasks with a clock having a cycle time that just exceeds the time required by the longest task.
- **Break each instruction down into a fixed number** of tasks so that instructions can be executed in a staggered fashion.



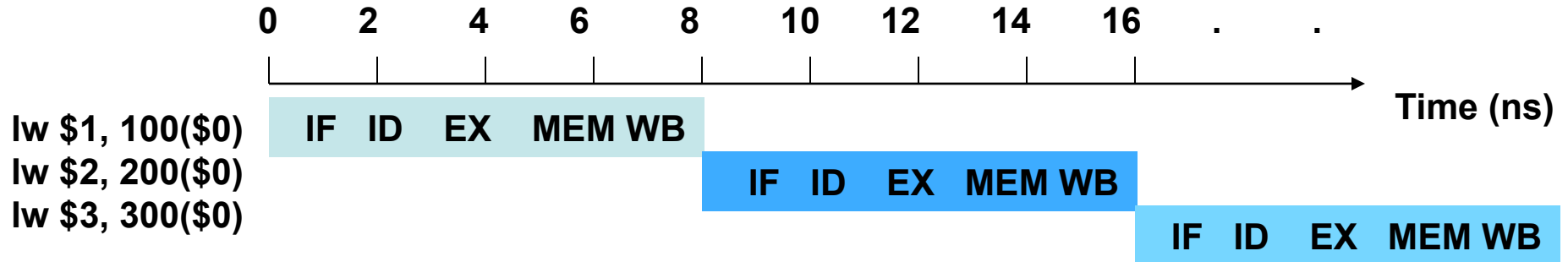
Single-Cycle Datapath

Instruction class	Instr. fetch (IF)	Instr. Decode (also reg. file read) (ID)	Execution (ALU Operation) (EX)	Data access (MEM)	Write Back (Reg. file write) (WB)	Total time
lw	2ns	1ns	2ns	2ns	1ns	8ns
sw	2ns	1ns	2ns	2ns		8ns
R-format add, sub, and, or, slt	2ns	1ns	2ns		1ns	8ns
B-format, beq	2ns	1ns	2ns			8ns

No operation on data; idle time equalizes instruction length to a fixed clock period.



Execution Time: Single-Cycle



Clock cycle time = 8 ns

Total time for executing three lw instructions = 24 ns



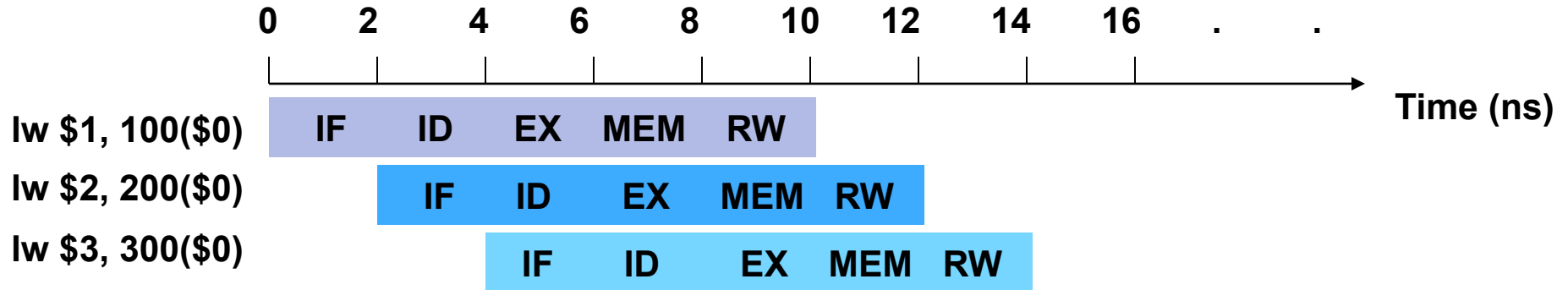
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sw	2ns	1ns 2ns	2ns	2ns	1ns 2ns	10ns
R-format: add, sub, and, or, slt	2ns	1ns 2ns	2ns	2ns	1ns 2ns	10ns
B-format: beq	2ns	1ns 2ns	2ns	2ns	1ns 2ns	10ns

No operation on data; idle time inserted to equalize instruction lengths.



Execution Time: Pipeline



Clock cycle time = 2 ns, *four times faster than single-cycle clock*

Total time for executing three lw instructions = 14 ns

$$\text{Performance ratio} = \frac{\text{Single-cycle time}}{\text{Pipeline time}} = \frac{24}{14} = 1.7$$



Pipeline Performance

Clock cycle time = 2 ns

1,003 *lw* instructions:

Total time for executing 1,003 *lw* instructions = 2,014 ns

$$\text{Performance ratio} = \frac{\text{Single-cycle time}}{\text{Pipeline time}} = \frac{8,024}{2,014} = 3.98$$

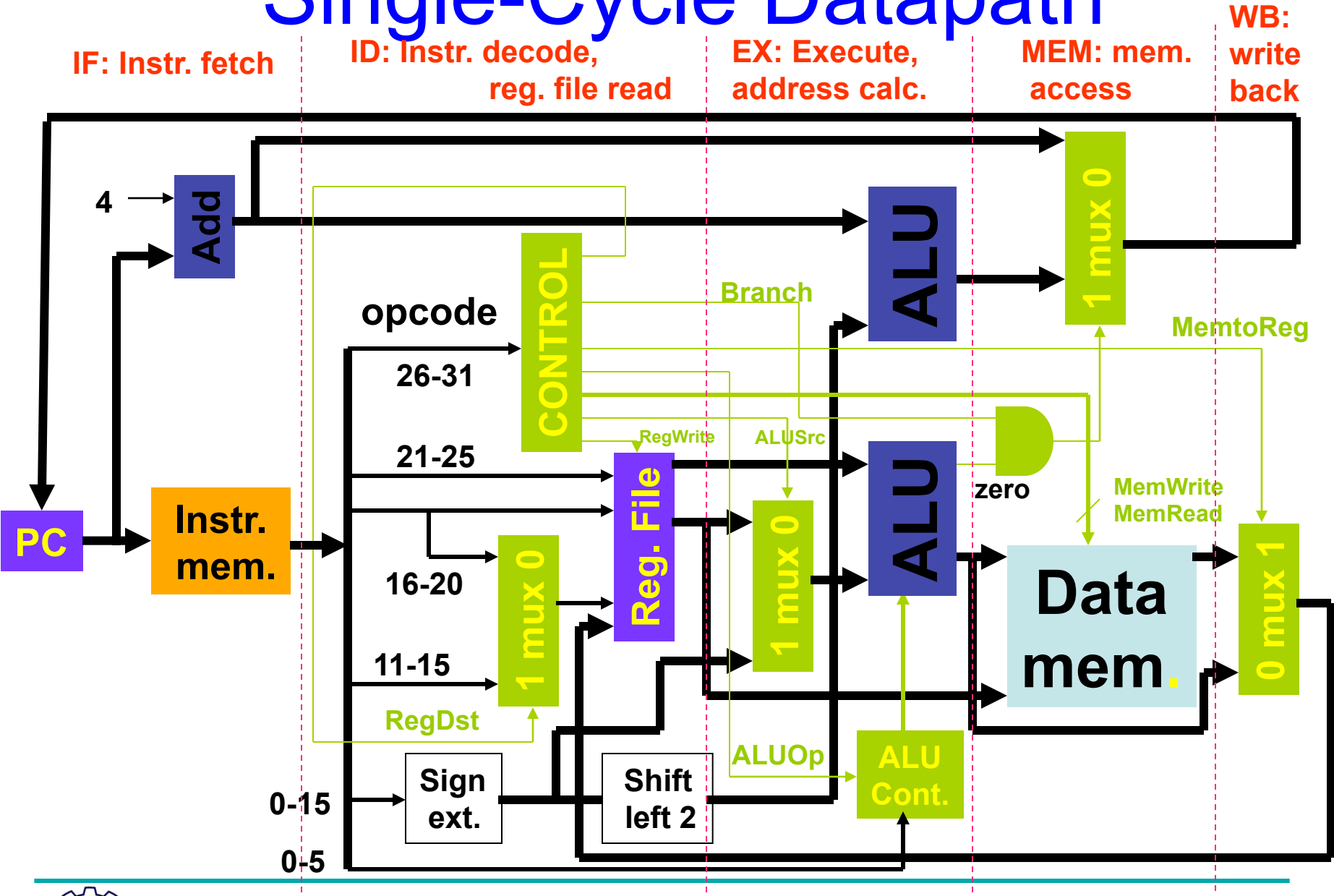
10,003 *lw* instructions:

Performance ratio = $80,024 / 20,014 = 3.998 \rightarrow$ Clock cycle ratio (4)

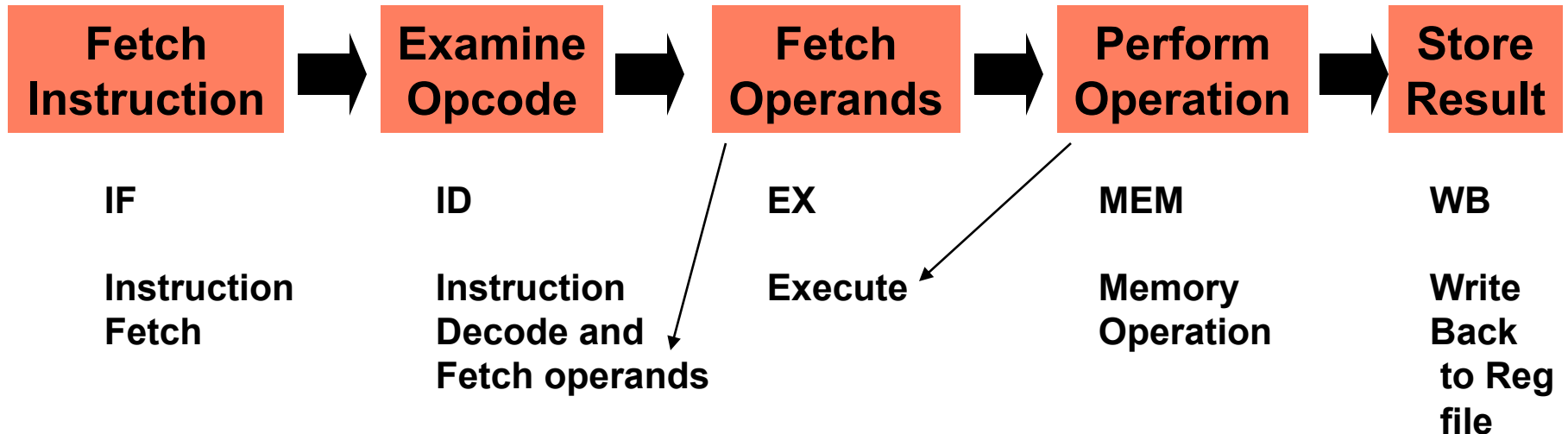
Pipeline performance approaches clock-cycle ratio for long programs.



Single-Cycle Datapath



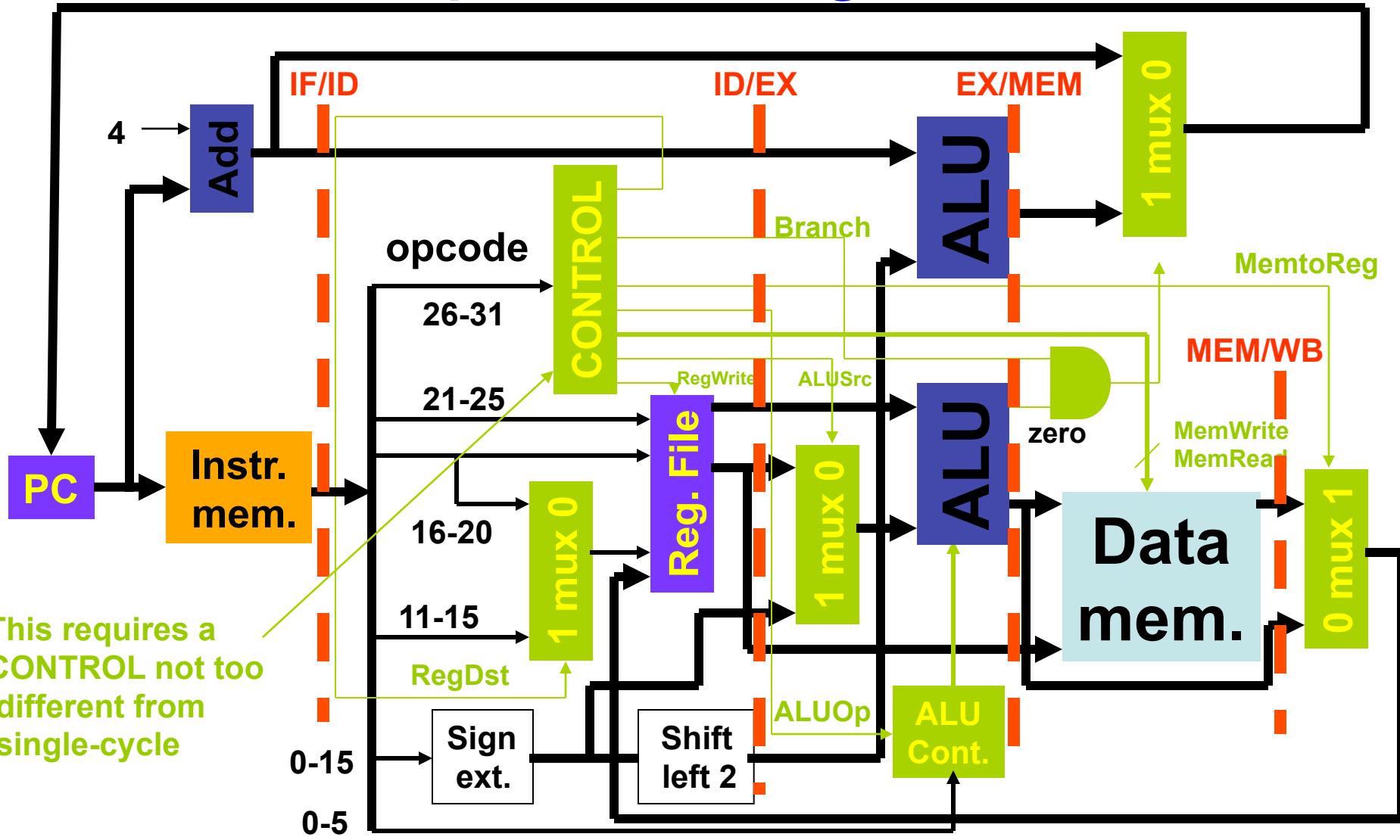
Pipelining of RISC Instructions



Although an instruction takes five clock cycles, one instruction is completed every cycle.



Pipeline Registers



This requires a CONTROL not too different from single-cycle



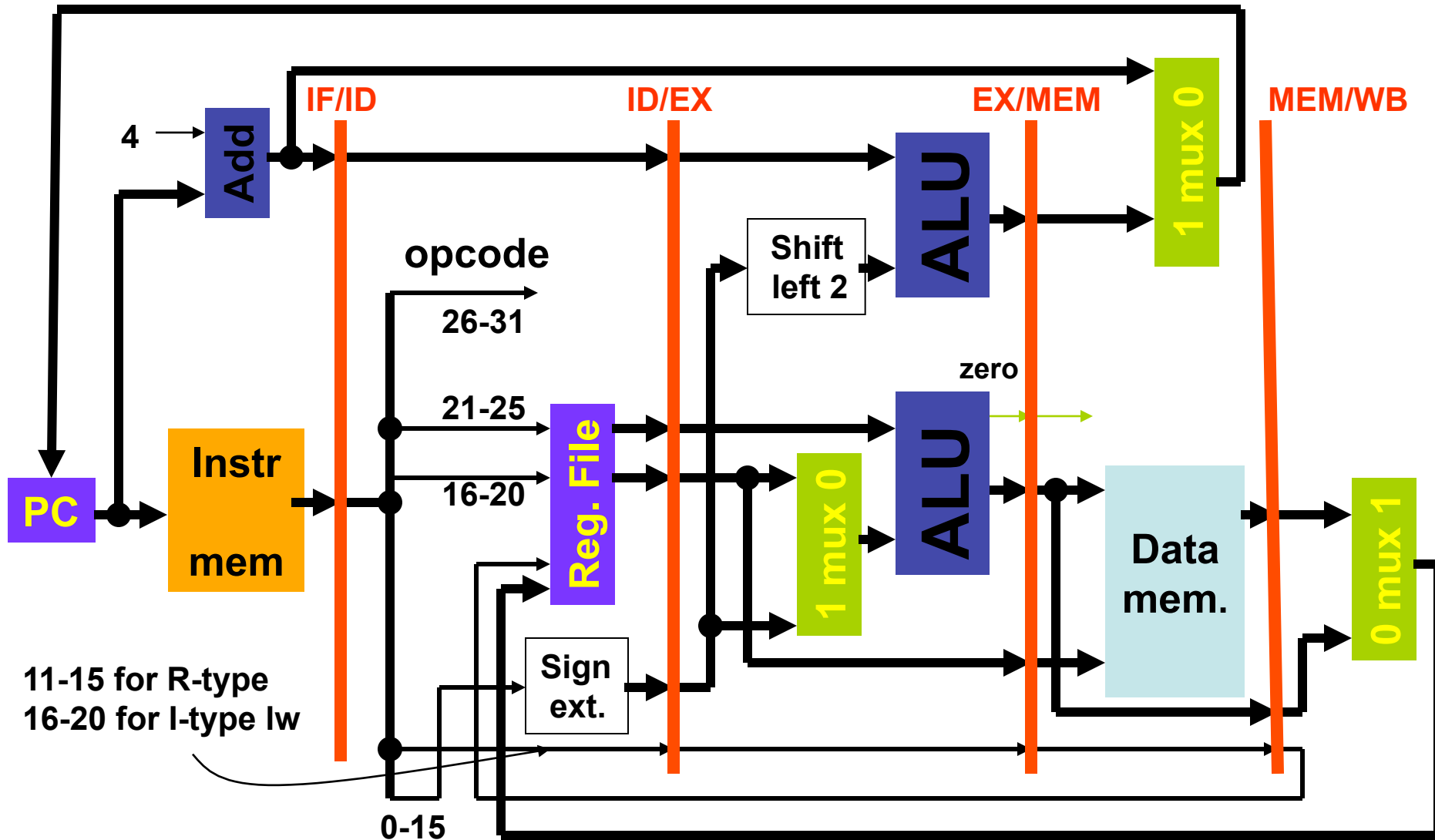
Pipeline Register Functions

- Four pipeline registers are added:

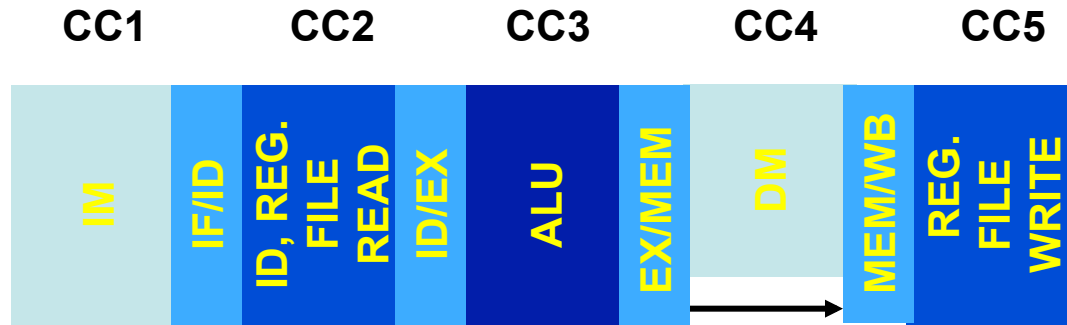
Register name	Data held
IF/ID	PC+4, Instruction word (IW)
ID/EX	PC+4, R1, R2, IW(0-15) sign ext., IW(11-15)
EX/MEM	PC+4, zero, ALUResult, R2, IW(11-15) or IW(16-20)
MEM/WB	M[ALUResult], ALUResult, IW(11-15) or IW(16-20)



Pipelined Datapath



Five-Cycle Pipeline

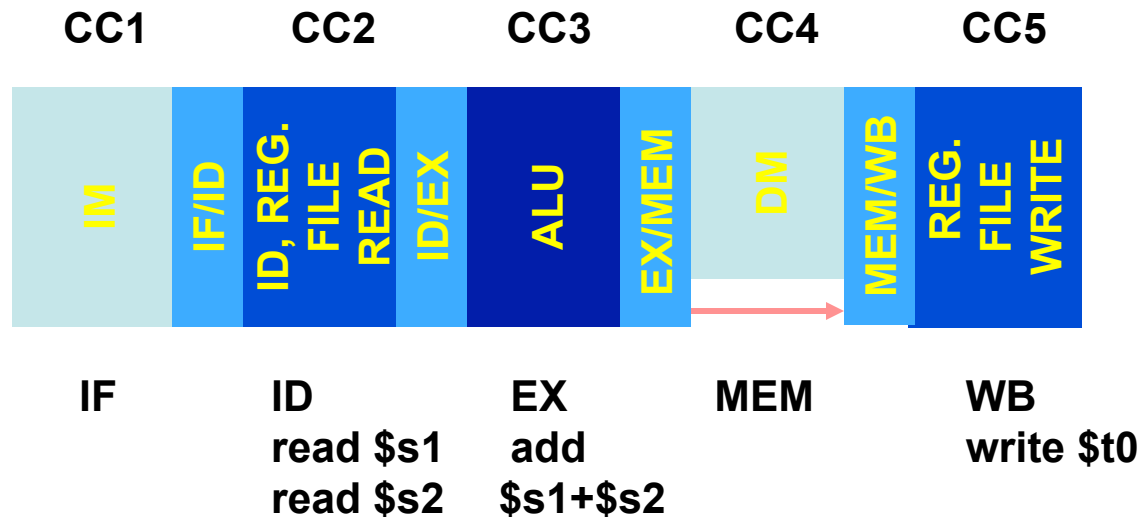


Add Instruction

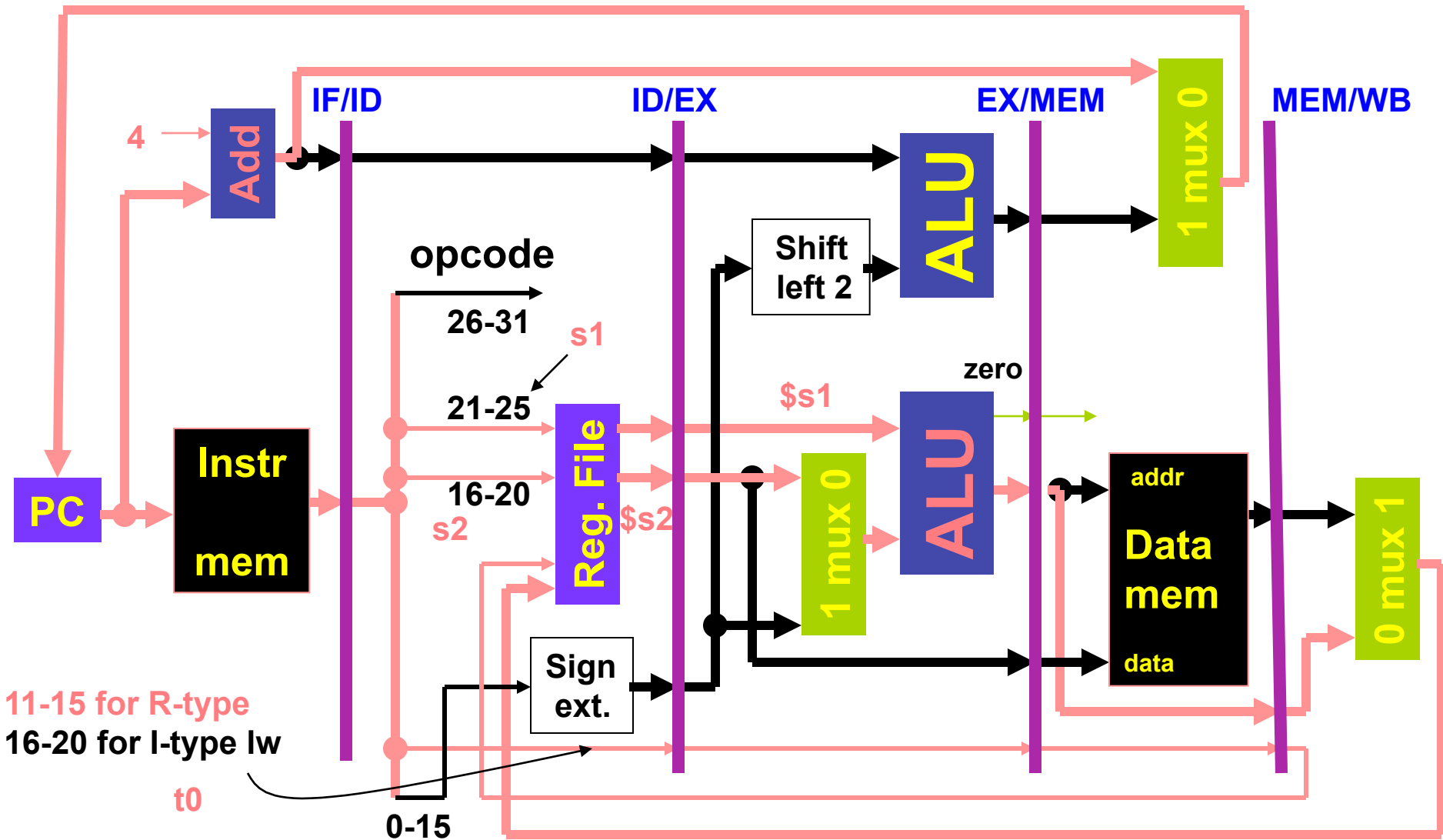
- add \$t0, \$s1, \$s2

Machine instruction word

000000 10001 10010 01000 00000 100000
opcode \$s1 \$s2 \$t0 function



Pipelined Datapath Executing add



11-15 for R-type
16-20 for I-type lw

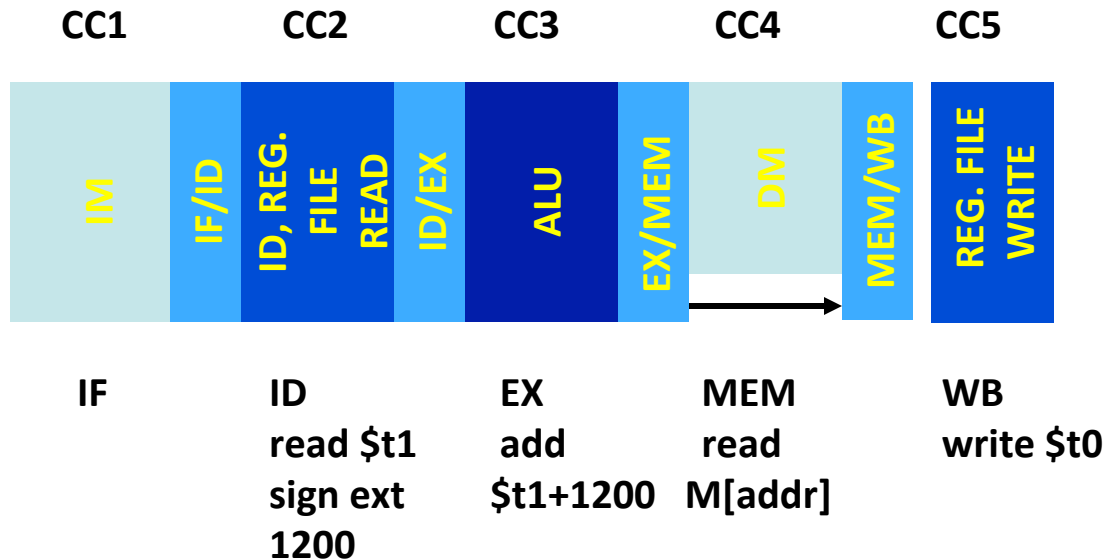


Load Instruction

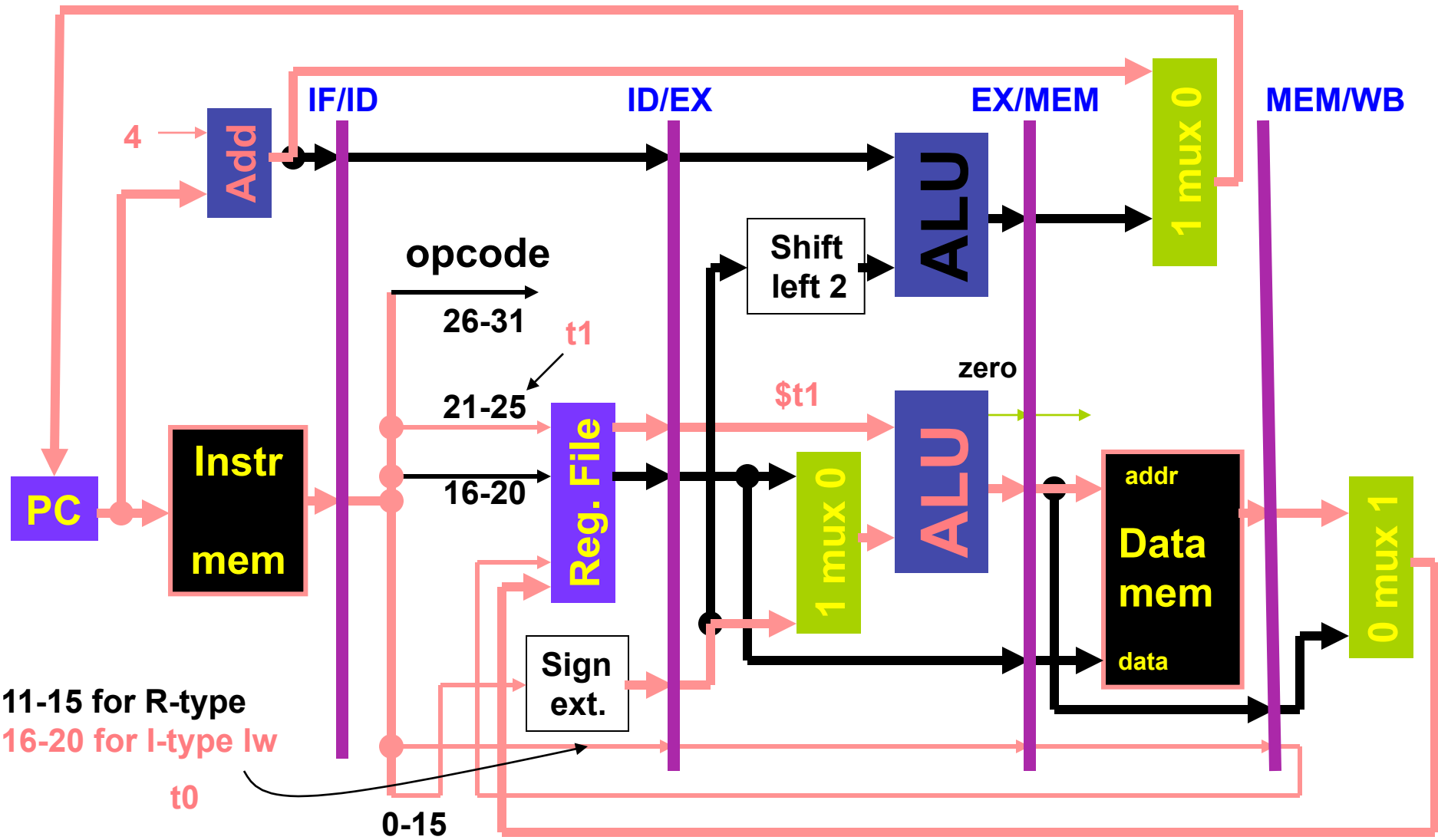
- lw \$t0, 1200 (\$t1)

100011 01001 01000 0000 0100 1000 0000

opcode \$t1 \$t0 1200



Pipelined Datapath Executing lw



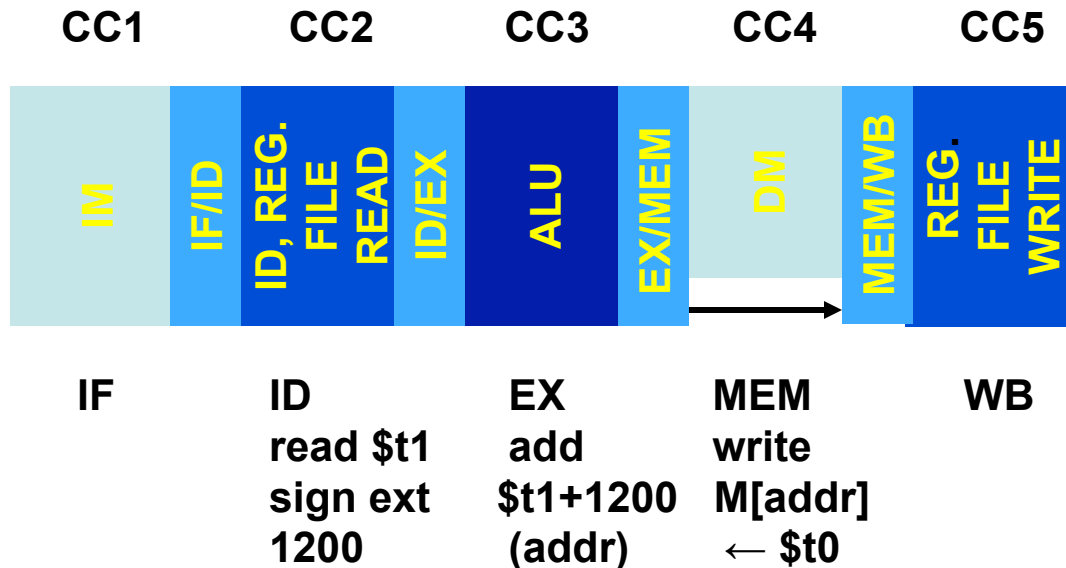
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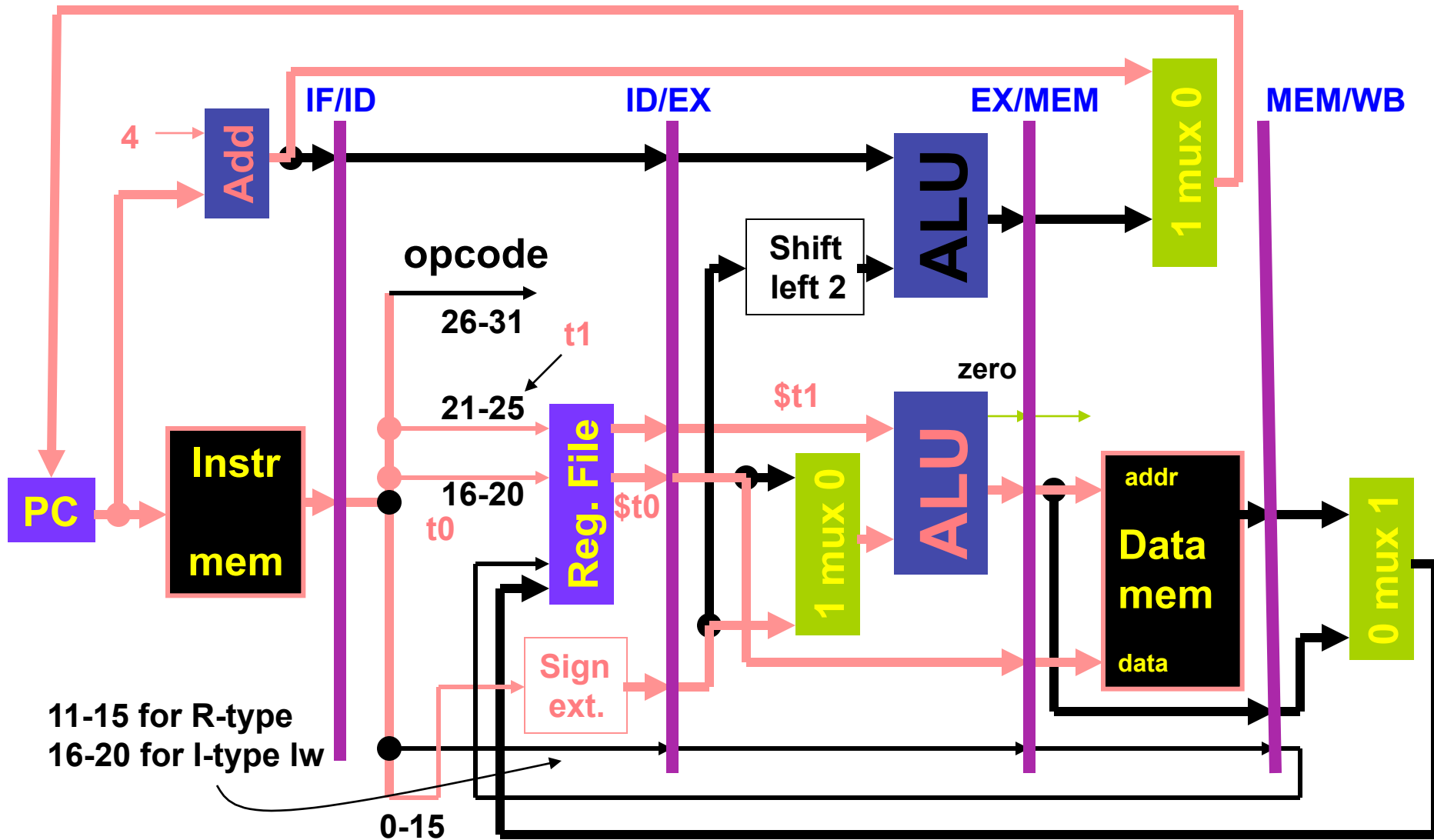
Store Instruction

- SW \$t0, 1200 (\$t1)

101011 01001 01000 0000 0100 1000 0000
opcode \$t1 \$t0 1200



Pipelined Datapath Executing sw



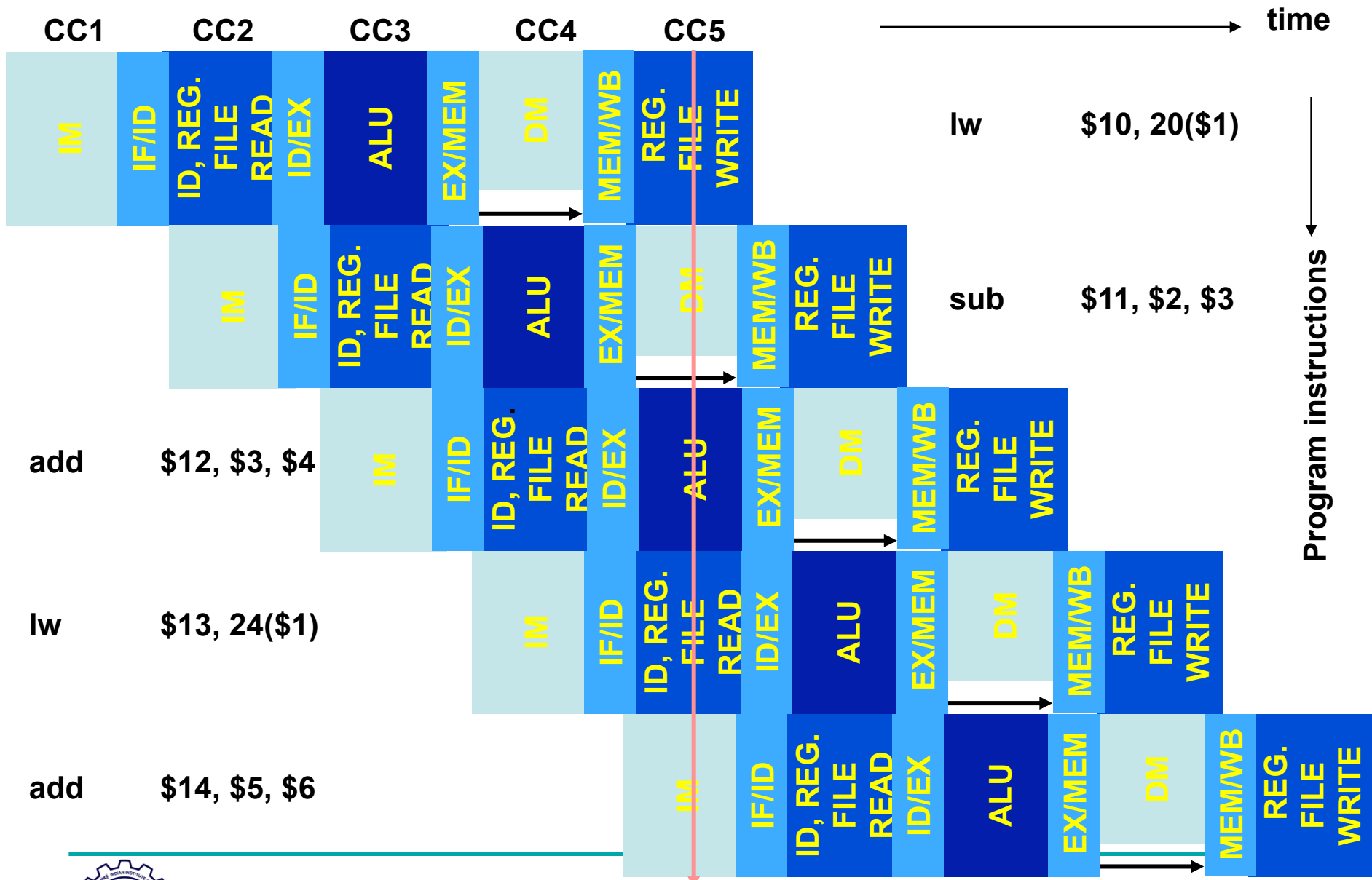
Executing a Program

Consider a five-instruction segment:

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lw    $10, 20($1)
sub   $11, $2, $3
add   $12, $3, $4
lw    $13, 24($1)
add   $14, $5, $6
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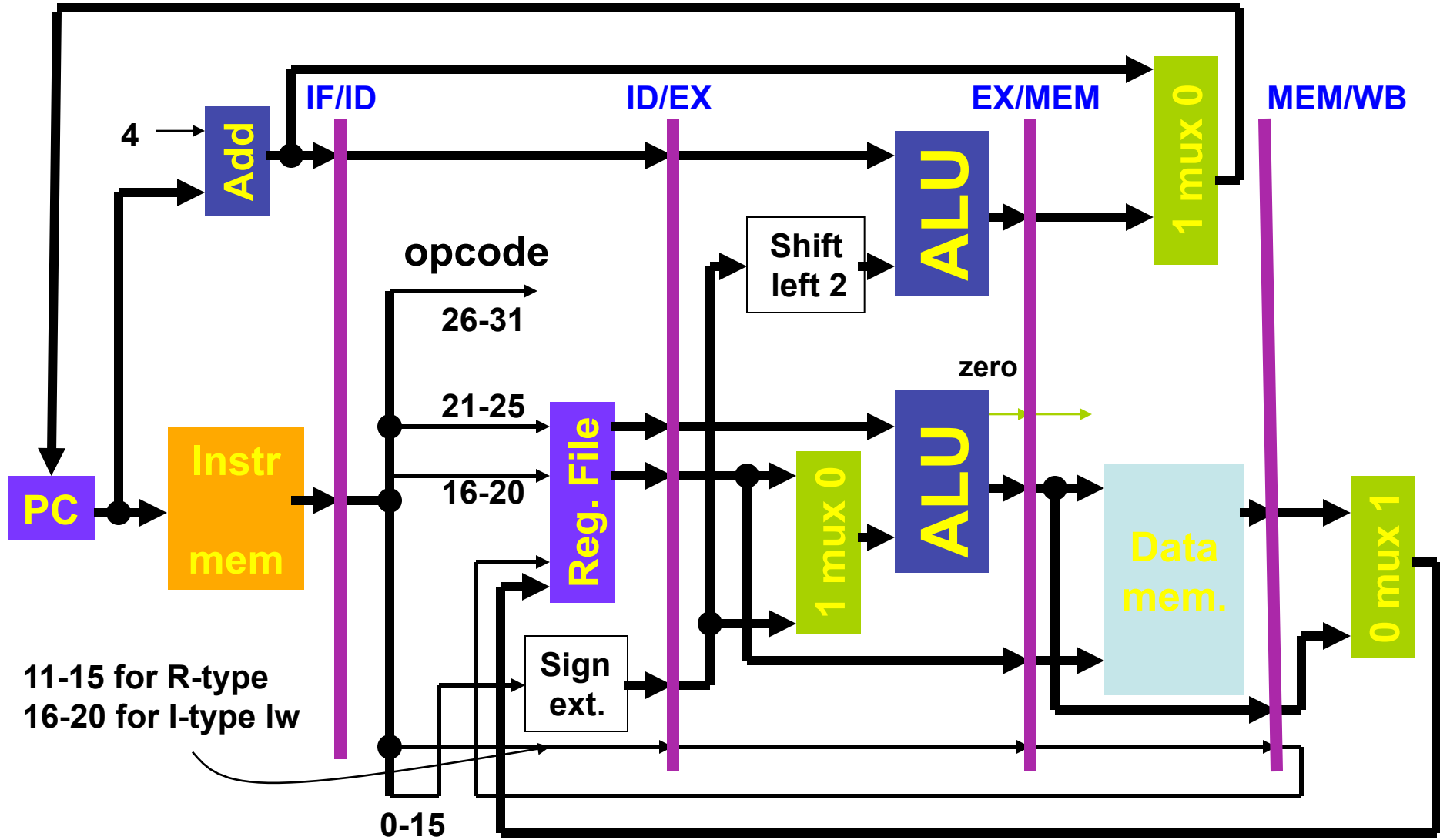


Program Execution



CC5

IF: add \$14, \$5, \$6 ID: lw \$13, 24(\$1) EX: add \$12, \$3, \$4 MEM: sub \$11, \$2, \$3 WB: lw \$10, 20(\$1)



Advantages of Pipeline

- After the fifth cycle (CC5), one instruction is completed each cycle; $CPI \approx 1$, neglecting the initial **pipeline latency** of 5 cycles.
 - *Pipeline latency is defined as the number of stages in the pipeline, or*
 - *The number of clock cycles after which the first instruction is completed.*
- The clock cycle time is about four times shorter than that of single-cycle datapath and about the same as that of multicycle datapath.
- For multicycle datapath, $CPI = 3$
- So, pipelined execution is faster, but . . .



Thank You

