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Zynq Architecture

Objectives

- **After completing this module, you will be able to:**
  - Identify the basic building blocks of the Zynq™ architecture processing system (PS)
  - Describe the ARM Cortex-A9 processor memory space
  - Connect the PS to the programmable logic (PL) through the AXI ports
  - Generate clocking sources for the PL peripherals
  - List the various AXI-based system architectural models
  - Name the five AXI channels
  - Describe the operation of the AXI streaming protocol

Outline

- ***Zynq SoC (AP SoC)***
- Zynq SoC Processing System (PS)
- Processor Peripherals
- Clock, Reset, and Debug Features
- AXI Interfaces
- Summary

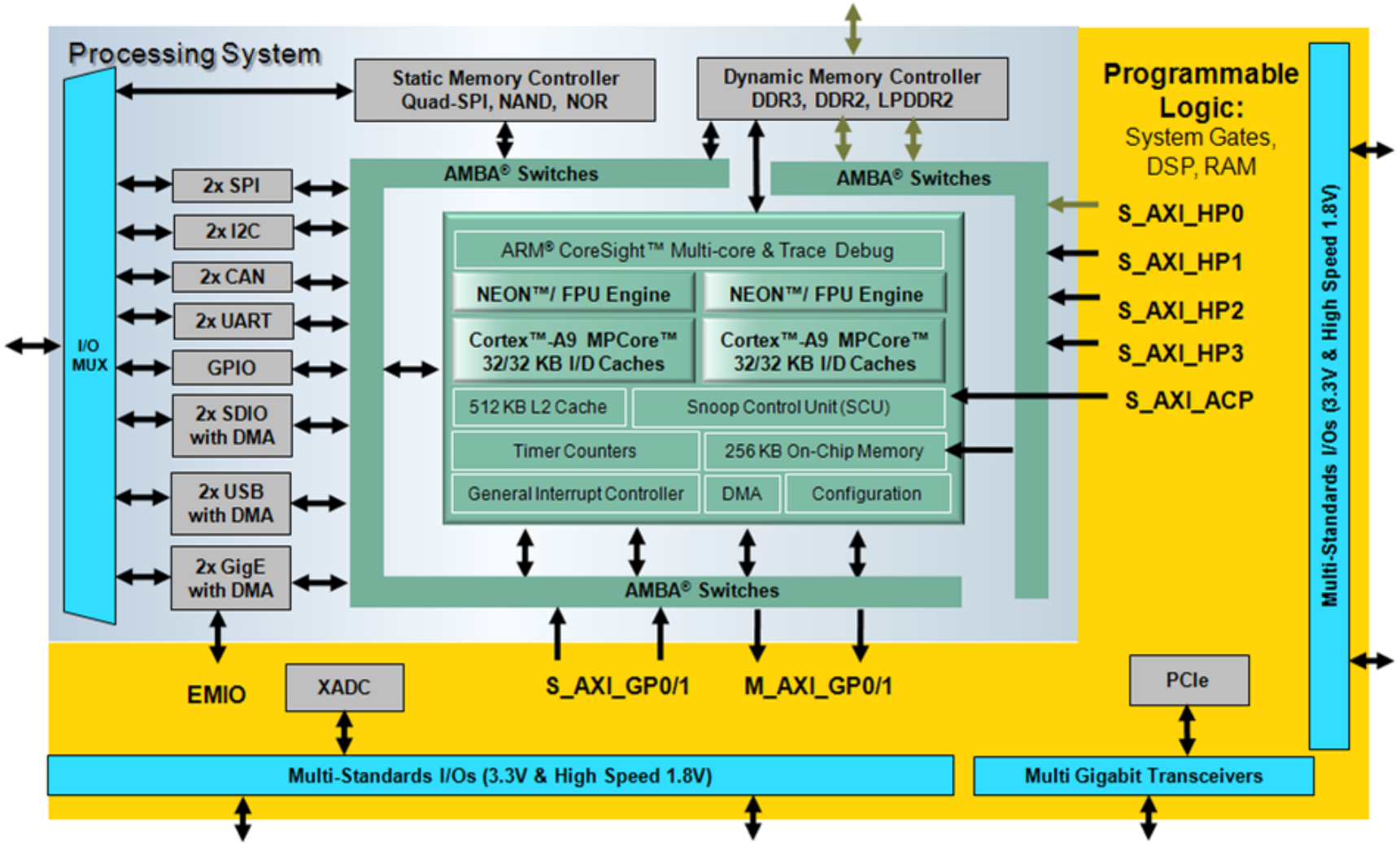
The PS and the PL

- The Zynq-7000 SoC architecture consists of two major sections
  - PS: Processing system
    - Dual ARM Cortex-A9 processor based
      - Single core versions also now available
    - Multiple peripherals
    - Hard silicon core
  - PL: Programmable logic
    - Shares the same 7 series programmable logic as
      - Artix™-based devices: Z-7010, Z-7015, and Z-7020 (high-range I/O banks only)
      - Kintex™-based devices: Z-7030, Z-7035, Z-7045, and Z-7100 (mix of high-range and high-performance I/O banks)
- This section focuses on the PS

Zynq-7000 Family Highlights

- Complete ARM®-based processing system
  - Application Processor Unit (APU)
    - Dual ARM Cortex™-A9 processor
    - Caches and support blocks
  - Fully integrated memory controllers
  - I/O peripherals
- Tightly integrated programmable logic
  - Used to extend the processing system
  - Scalable density and performance
- Flexible array of I/O
  - Wide range of external multi-standard I/O
  - High-performance integrated serial transceivers
  - Analog-to-digital converter inputs

Zynq-7000 SoC Block Diagram



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PS Components

- Application processing unit (APU)
- I/O peripherals (IOP)
  - Multiplexed I/O (MIO), extended multiplexed I/O (EMIO)
- Memory interfaces
- PS interconnect
- DMA
- Timers
  - Public and private
- General interrupt controller (GIC)
- On-chip memory (OCM): RAM
- Debug controller: CoreSight

Zynq SoC Processing System (PS)

ARM Processor Architecture

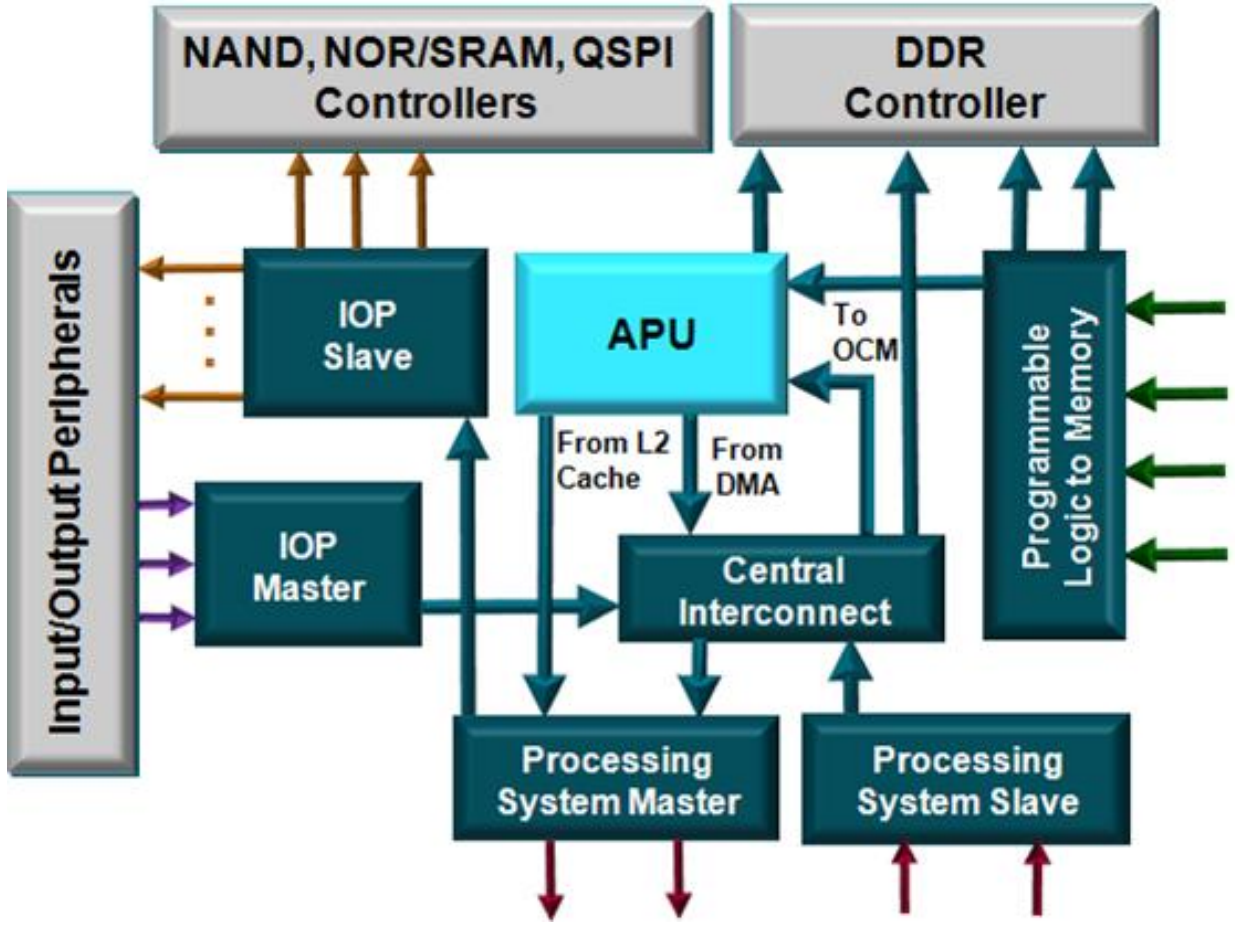
- ARM Cortex-A9 processor implements the ARMv7-A architecture
  - ARMv7 is the ARM Instruction Set Architecture (ISA)
  - ARMv7-A: Application set that includes support for a Memory Management Unit (MMU)
  - ARMv7-R: Real-time set that includes support for a Memory Protection Unit (MPU)
  - ARMv7-M: Microcontroller set that is the smallest set
- The ARMv7 ISA includes the following types of instructions (for backwards compatibility)
  - Thumb instructions: 16 bits; Thumb-2 instructions: 32 bits
  - NEON: ARM's Single Instruction Multiple Data (SIMD) instructions
- ARM Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture (AMBA®) protocol
  - AXI3: Third-generation ARM interface
  - AXI4: Adding to the existing AXI definition (extended bursts, subsets)
- Cortex is the new family of processors
  - ARM family is older generation; Cortex is current; MMUs in Cortex processors and MPUs in ARM

ARM Cortex-A9 Processor Power

- Dual-core processor cluster
- 2.5 DMIP/MHz per processor
- Harvard architecture
- Self-contained 32KB L1 caches for instructions and data
- External memory based 512KB L2 cache
- Automatic cache coherency between processor cores
- 1GHz operation (fastest speed grade)

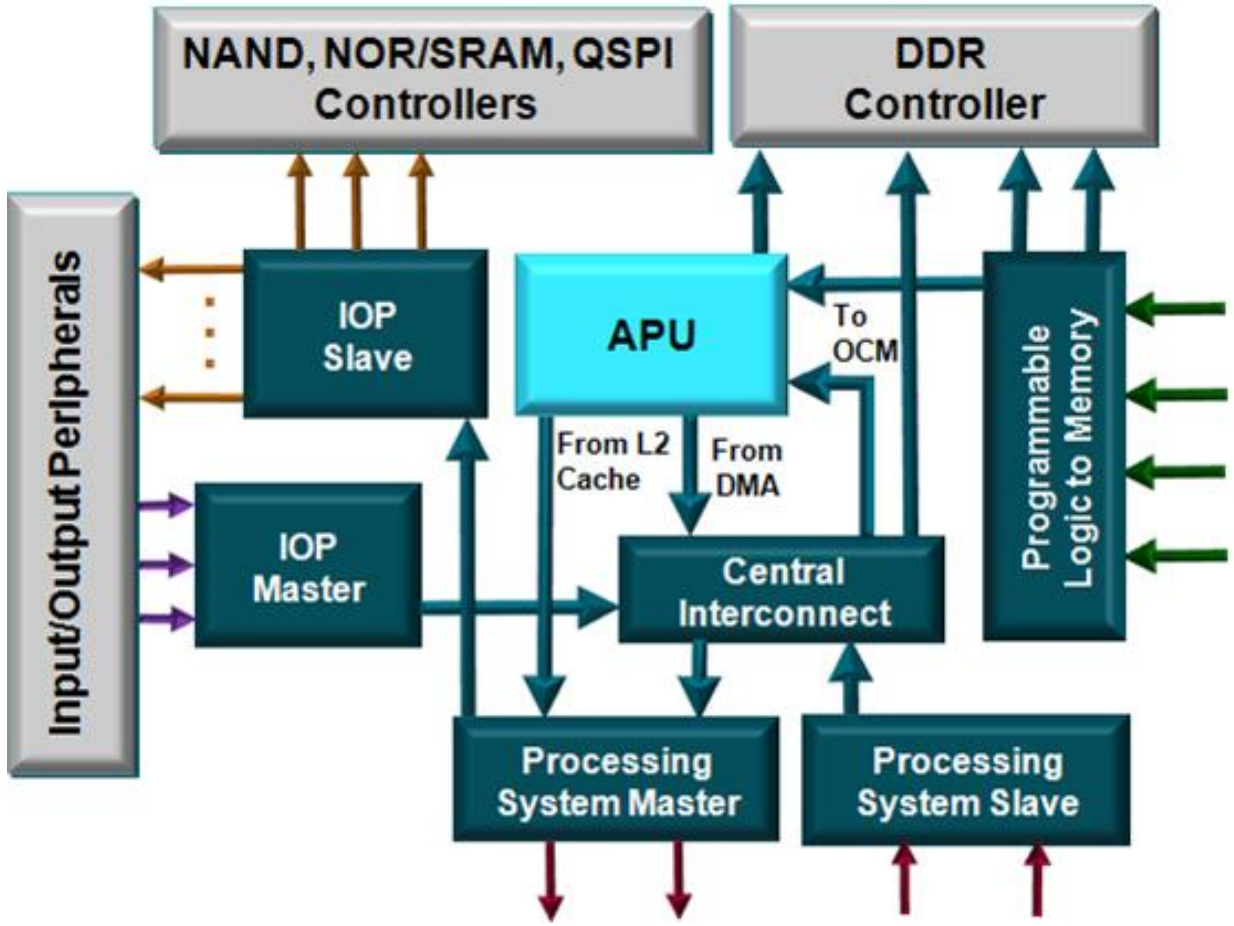
Processing System Interconnect (1)

- **Programmable Logic to Memory**
  - Two ports to DDR
  - One port to OCM SRAM
- **Central Interconnect**
  - Enables other interconnects to communicate
- **Peripheral (IOP) Master**
  - USB, GigE, SDIO connects to DDR and PL via the central interconnect
- **Peripheral (IOP) Slave**
  - CPU, DMA, and PL access to IOP peripherals



Processing System Interconnect (2)

- **Processing System Master**
  - Two ports from the processing system to programmable logic
  - Connects the CPU block to common peripherals through the central interconnect
- **Processing System Slave**
  - Two ports from programmable logic to the processing system



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Memory Map

- The Cortex-A9 processor uses 32-bit addressing
- PS peripherals and PL AXI slave interfaces are memory mapped to the Cortex-A9 processor cores
- All AXI slave PL peripherals will be located between 4000_0000 and 7FFF_FFFF (connected to GP0) and 8000_0000 and BFFF_FFFF (connected to GP1)

FFFC_0000 to FFFF_FFFF	OCM
FD00_0000 to FFFB_FFFF	Reserved
FC00_0000 to FCFF_FFFF	Quad SPI linear address
F8F0_3000 to FBFF_FFFF	Reserved
F890_0000 to F8F0_2FFF	CPU Private registers
F801_0000 to F88F_FFFF	Reserved
F800_1000 to F880_FFFF	PS System registers,
F800_0C00 to F800_0FFF	Reserved
F800_0000 to F800_0BFF	SLCR Registers
E600_0000 to F7FF_FFFF	Reserved
E100_0000 to E5FF_FFFF	SMC Memory
E030_0000 to E0FF_FFFF	Reserved
E000_0000 to E02F_FFFF	IO Peripherals
C000_0000 to DFFF_FFFF	Reserved
8000_0000 to BFFF_FFFF	PL (MAXI _GP1)
4000_0000 to 7FFF_FFFF	PL (MAXI _GP0)
0010_0000 to 3FFF_FFFF	DDR(address not filtered by SCU)
0004_0000 to 000F_FFFF	DDR(address filtered by SCU)
0000_0000 to 0003_FFFF	OCM

Zynq SoC Memory Resources

- On-chip memory (OCM)
  - RAM
  - Boot ROM
- DDRx dynamic memory controller
  - Supports LPDDR2, DDR2, DDR3
- Flash/static, memory controller
  - Supports SRAM, QSPI, NAND/NOR FLASH

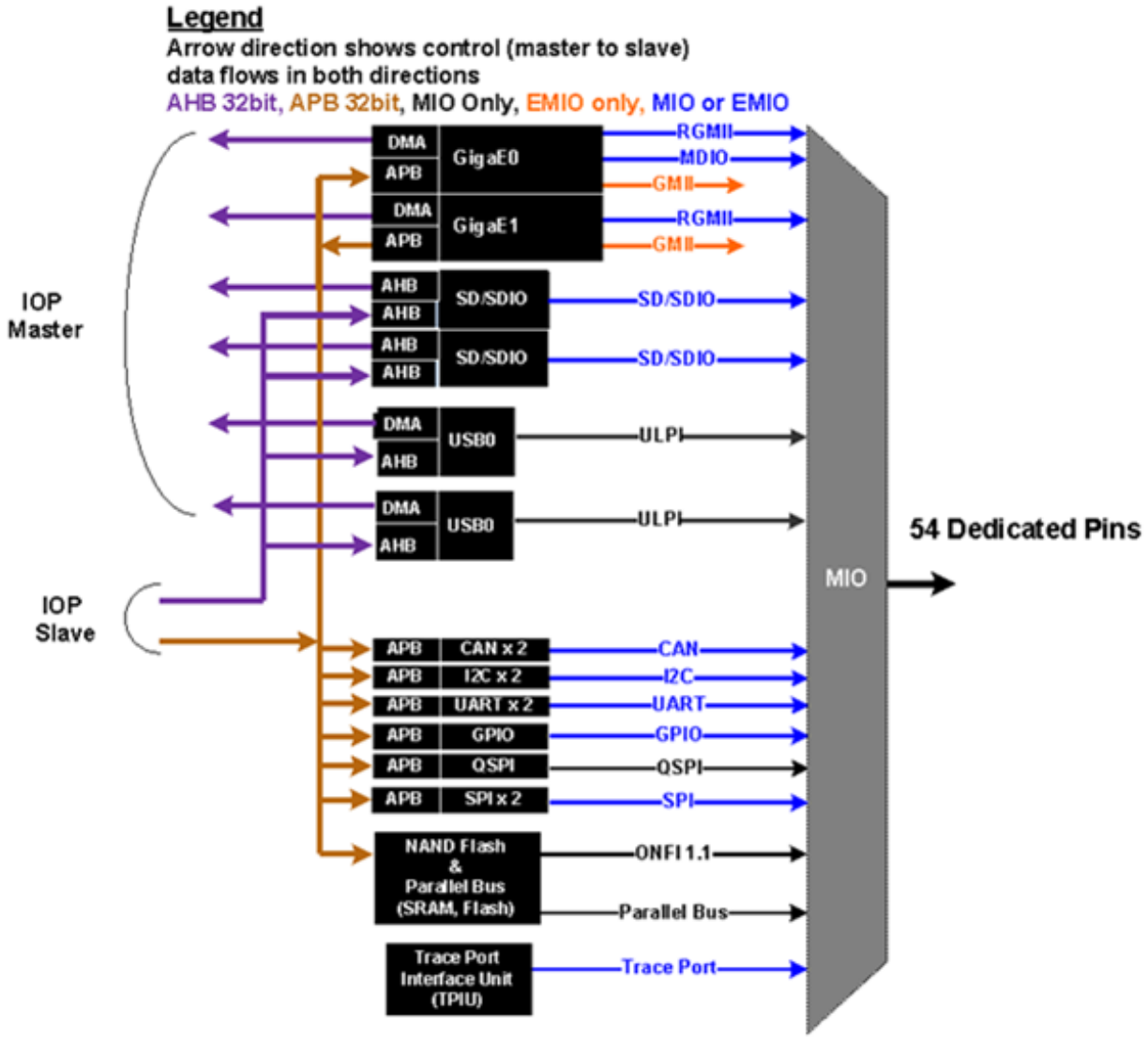
Configuring the PL

- The programmable logic is configured after the PS boots
- Performed by application software accessing the hardware device configuration unit
  - Bitstream image transferred
  - 100-MHz, 32-bit PCAP stream interface
  - Decryption/authentication hardware option for encrypted bitstreams
    - In secure boot mode, this option can be used for software memory load
  - Built-in DMA allows simultaneous PL configuration and OS memory loading

Processor Peripherals

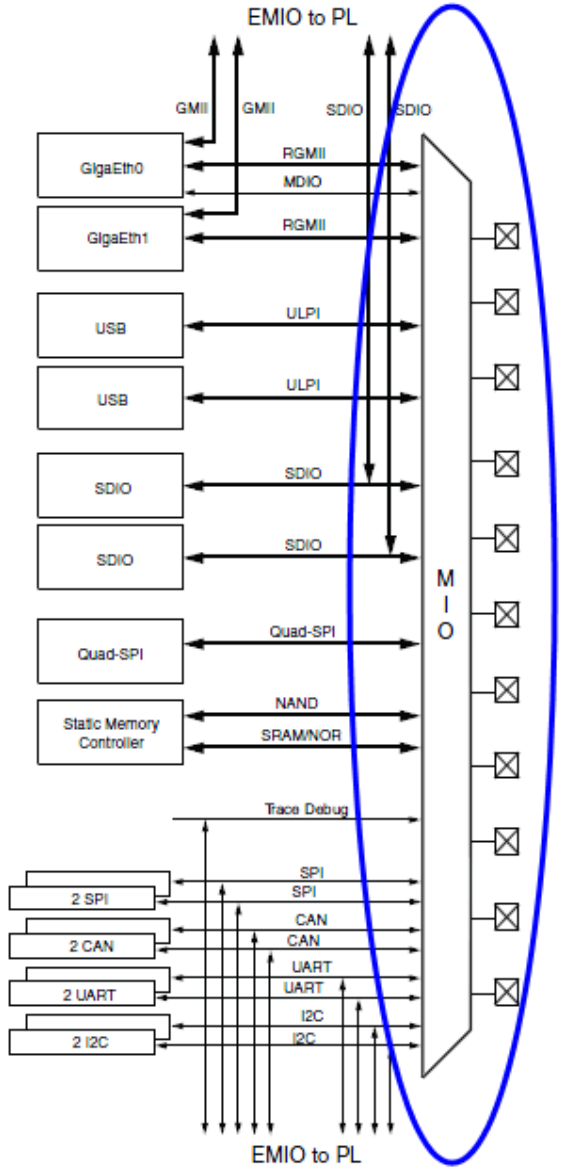
Input/Output Peripherals

- Two GigE
- Two USB
- Two SPI
- Two SD/SDIO
- Two CAN
- Two I2C
- Two UART
- Four 32-bit GPIOs
- Static memories
  - NAND, NOR/SRAM, Quad SPI
- Trace ports



Multiplexed I/O (MIO)

- External interface to PS I/O peripheral ports
  - 54 dedicated package pins available
  - Software configurable
    - Automatically added to bootloader by tools
  - Not available for all peripheral ports
    - Some ports can only use EMIO



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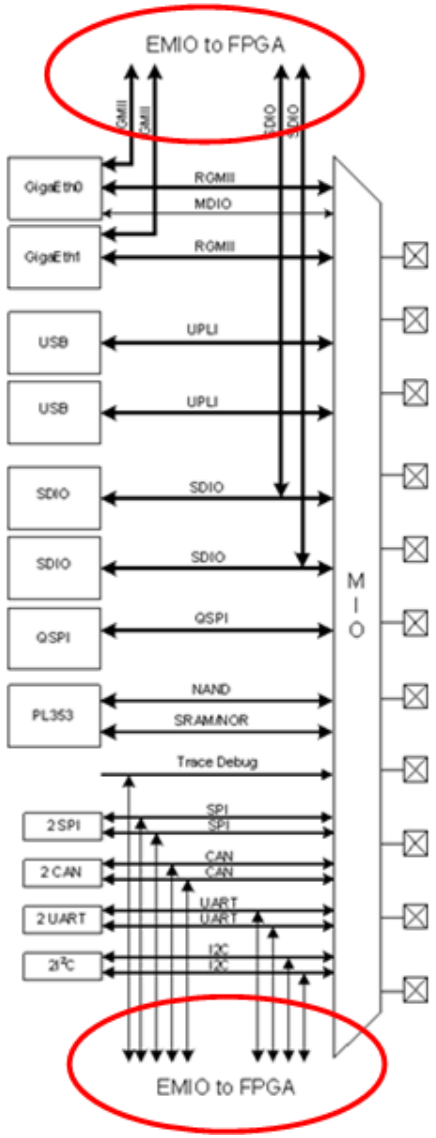
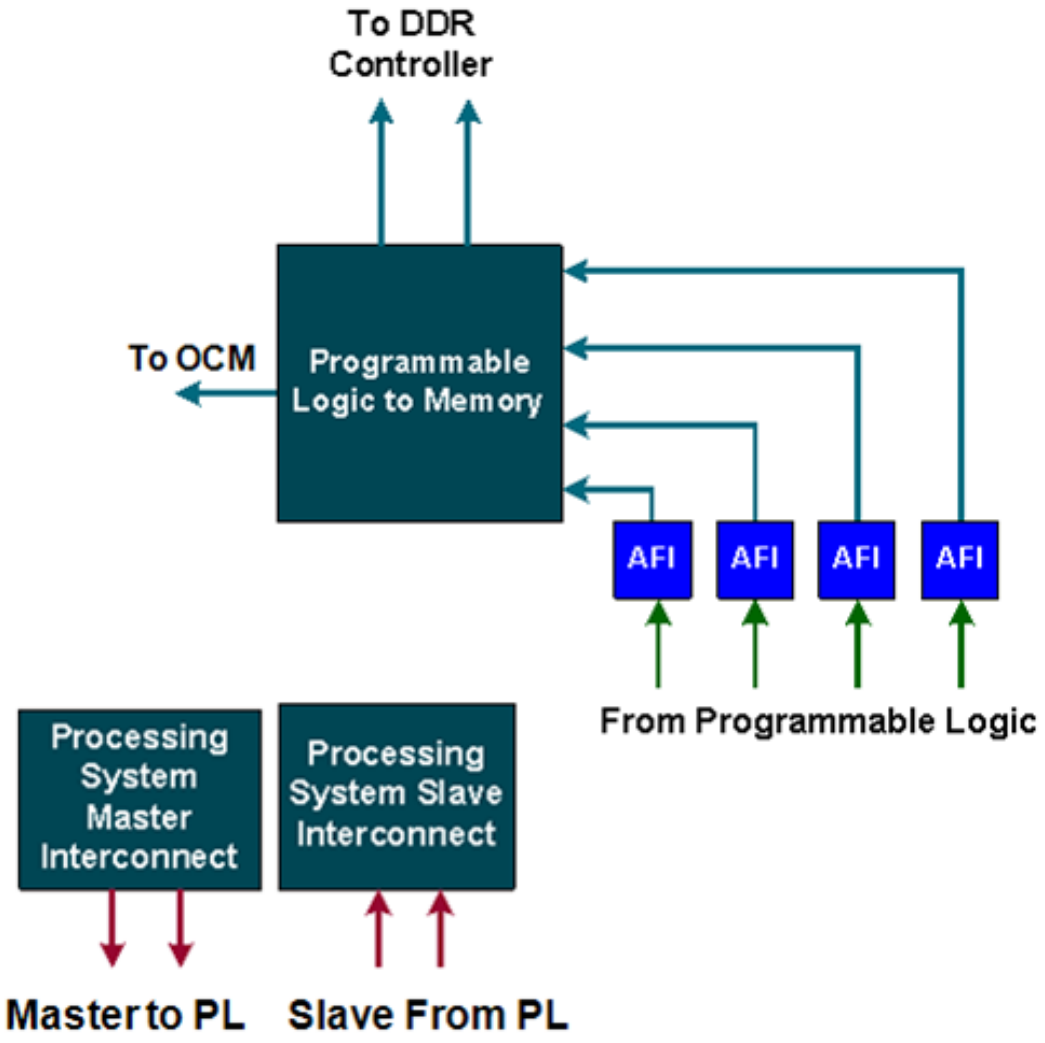
Extended Multiplexed I/O (EMIO)

- Extended interface to PS I/O peripheral ports
  - EMIO: Peripheral port to programmable logic
  - Alternative to using MIO
  - Mandatory for some peripheral ports
  - Facilitates
    - Connection to peripheral in programmable logic
    - Use of general I/O pins to supplement MIO pin usage
    - Alleviates competition for MIO pin usage



PS-PL Interfaces

- AXI high-performance slave ports (HP0-HP3)
  - Configurable 32-bit or 64-bit data width
  - Access to OCM and DDR only
  - Conversion to processing system clock domain
  - AXI FIFO Interface (AFI) are FIFOs (1KB) to smooth large data transfers
- AXI general-purpose ports (GP0-GP1)
  - Two masters from PS to PL
  - Two slaves from PL to PS
  - 32-bit data width
  - Conversation and sync to processing system clock domain



PS-PL Interfaces

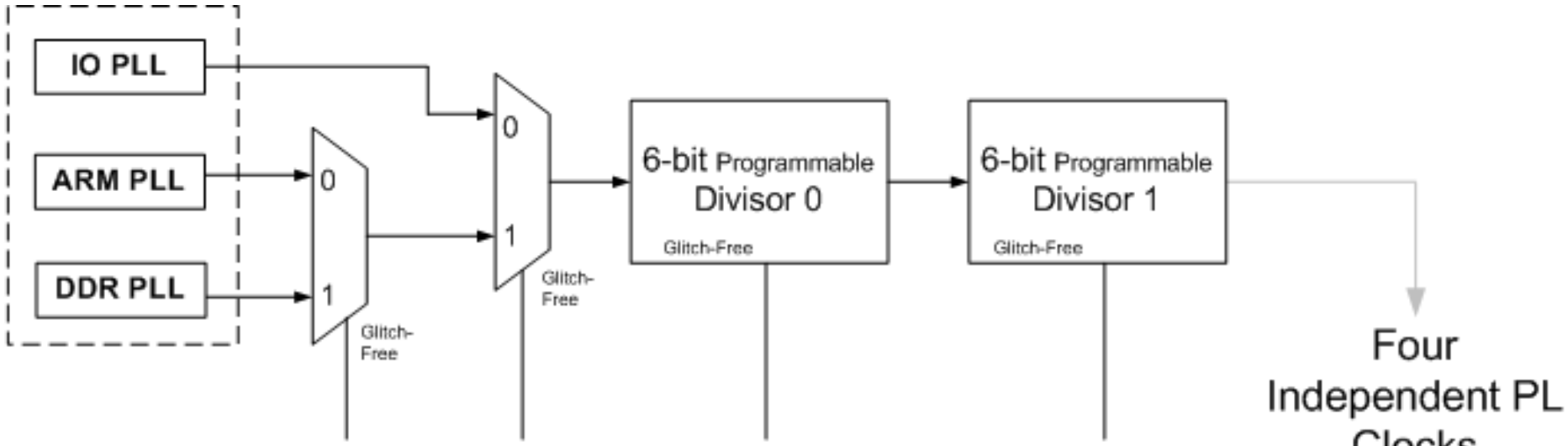
- One 64-bit accelerator coherence port (ACP) AXI slave interface to CPU memory
- DMA, interrupts, events signals
  - Processor event bus for signaling event information to the CPU
  - PL peripheral IP interrupts to the PS general interrupt controller (GIC)
  - Four DMA channel RDY/ACK signals
- Extended multiplexed I/O (EMIO) allows PS peripheral ports access to PL logic and device I/O pins
- Clock and resets
  - Four PS clock outputs to the PL with enable control
  - Four PS reset outputs to the PL
- Configuration and miscellaneous

Clock, Reset, and Debug Features

PL Clocking Sources

- PS clocks
  - PS clock source from external package pin
  - PS has three PLLs for clock generation
  - PS has four clock ports to PL
- The PL has 7 series clocking resources
  - PL has a different clock source domain compared to the PS
  - The clock to PL can be sourced from external clock capable pins
  - Can use one of the four PS clocks as source
- Synchronizing the clock between PL and PS is taken care of by the architecture of the PS
- PL cannot supply clock source to PS

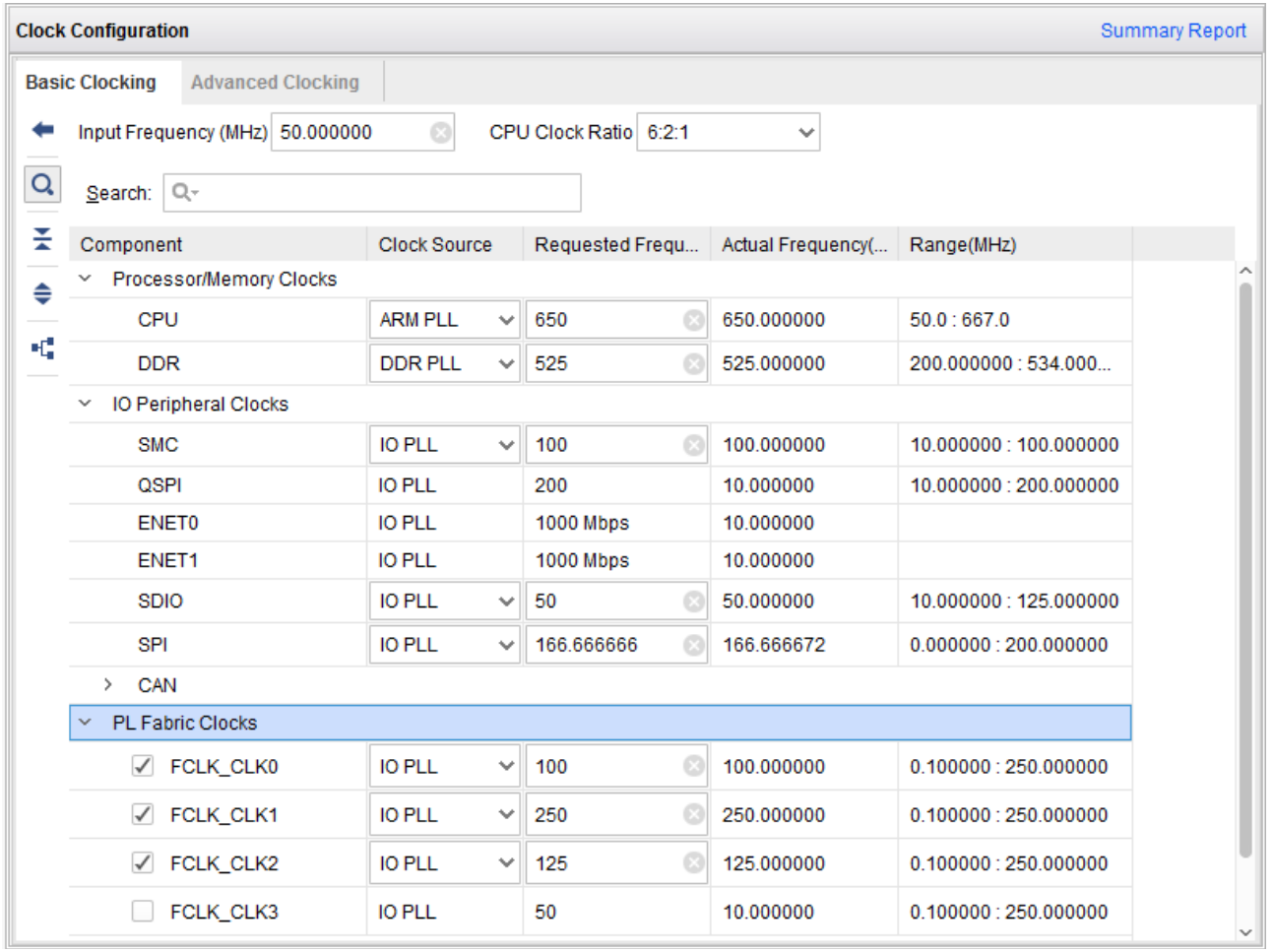
Clocking the PL



PL Fabric Clock	Control Register	Mux Ctrl Field	Mux Ctrl Field	Divider 0 Ctrl Field	Divider 1 Ctrl Field	
PL Fabric 0	FPGA0_CLK_CTRL	SRCSEL, 4	SRCSEL, 5	DIVISOR 0, 13:8	DIVISOR 1, 25:20	→ FCLKCLK0
PL Fabric 1	FPGA1_CLK_CTRL	SRCSEL, 4	SRCSEL, 5	DIVISOR 0, 13:8	DIVISOR 1, 25:20	→ FCLKCLK1
PL Fabric 2	FPGA2_CLK_CTRL	SRCSEL, 4	SRCSEL, 5	DIVISOR 0, 13:8	DIVISOR 1, 25:20	→ FCLKCLK2
PL Fabric 3	FPGA3_CLK_CTRL	SRCSEL, 4	SRCSEL, 5	DIVISOR 0, 13:8	DIVISOR 1, 25:20	→ FCLKCLK3

Clock Generation (Using Zynq Tab)

- The Clock Generator allows configuration of PLL components for both the PS and PL
  - One input reference clock
- Access GUI by clicking the Clock Generation Block, or select from Navigator
- Configure the PS Peripheral Clock in the Zynq tab
  - PS uses a dedicated PLL clock
  - PS I/O peripherals use the I/O PLL clock and ARM PLL



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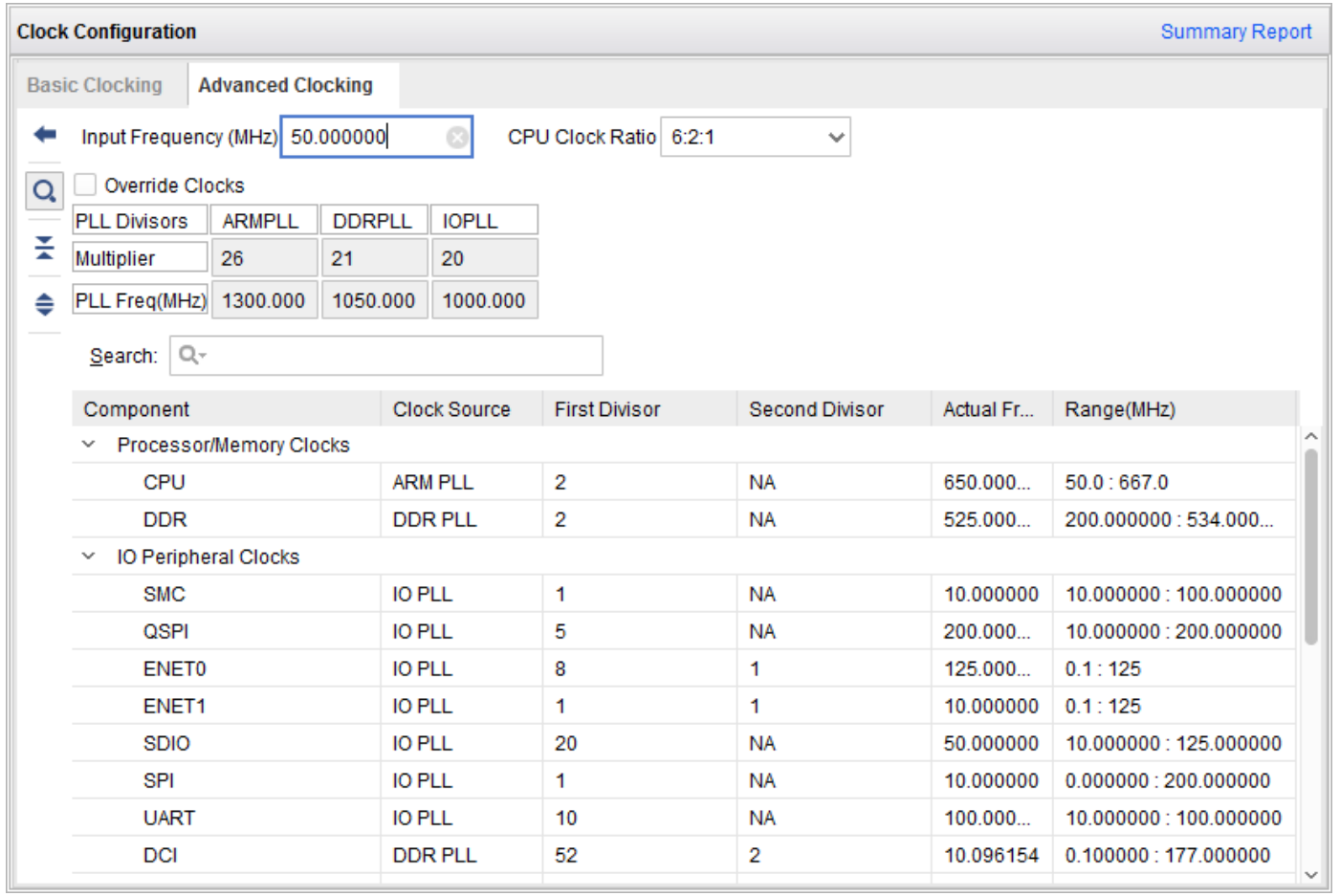
IP Integrator – Advanced Clocking in Zynq

- Basic Clocking allows selection of desired frequency
  - Tools will auto calculate nearest achievable frequency
- Advanced clocking allows access to clock multiply and divide values for various PLLs in the Zynq PS
- Provides more control for user

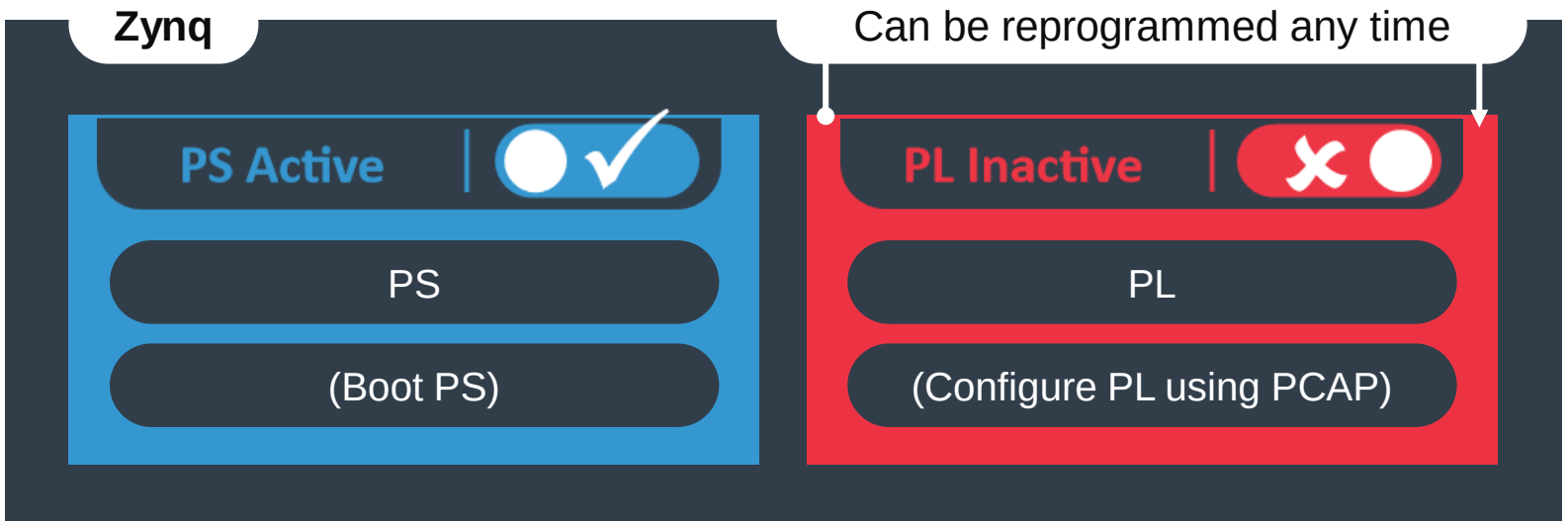


Component	Clock Source	First Divisor	Second Divisor	Actual Fr...	Range(MHz)
Processor/Memory Clocks					
CPU	ARM PLL	2	NA	650.000...	50.0 : 667.0
DDR	DDR PLL	2	NA	525.000...	200.000000 : 534.000...
IO Peripheral Clocks					
SMC	IO PLL	1	NA	10.000000	10.000000 : 100.000000
QSPI	IO PLL	5	NA	200.000...	10.000000 : 200.000000
ENET0	IO PLL	8	1	125.000...	0.1 : 125
ENET1	IO PLL	1	1	10.000000	0.1 : 125
SDIO	IO PLL	20	NA	50.000000	10.000000 : 125.000000
SPI	IO PLL	1	NA	10.000000	0.000000 : 200.000000
UART	IO PLL	10	NA	100.000...	10.000000 : 100.000000
DCI	DDR PLL	52	2	10.096154	0.100000 : 177.000000

Zynq Resets

- Internal resets
  - Power-on reset (POR)
  - Watchdog resets from the three watchdog timers
  - Secure violation reset
- PS resets
  - External reset: PS_SRST_B
  - Warm reset: SRSTB
- PL resets
  - Four reset outputs from PS to PL
  - FCLK_RESET[3:0]

Programmable Logic

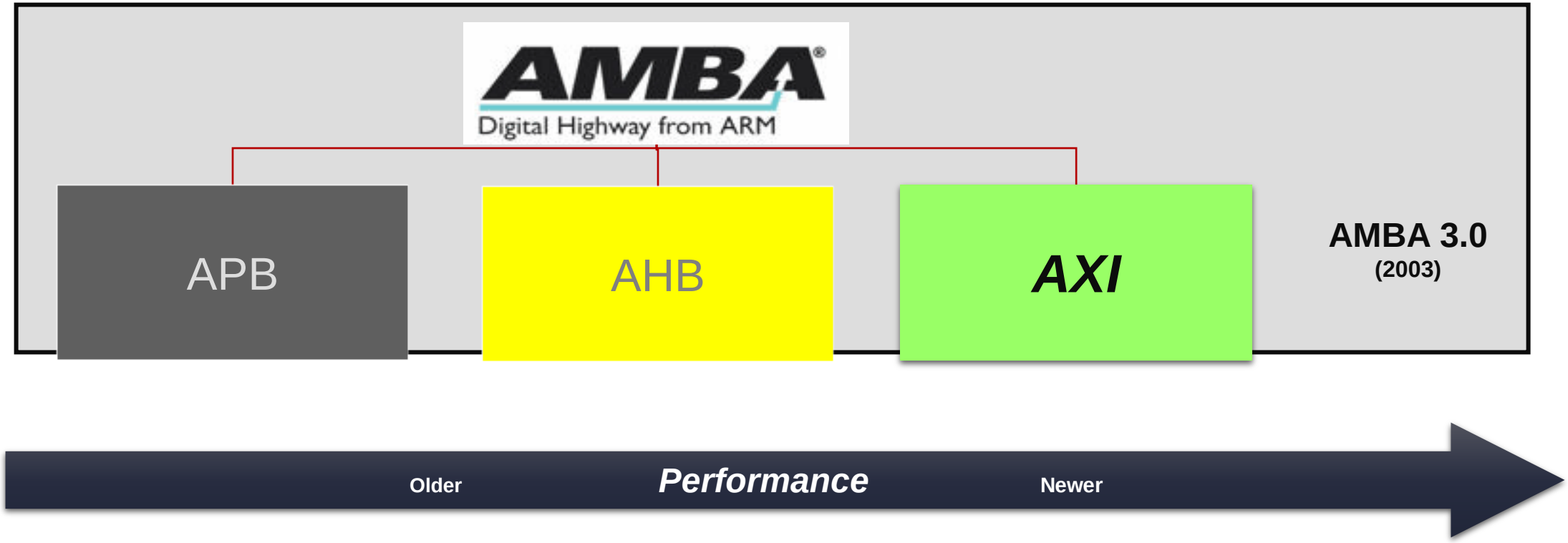


PL can be reset or powered down independent of PS

PL clock management and JTAG configuration can be independent of PS

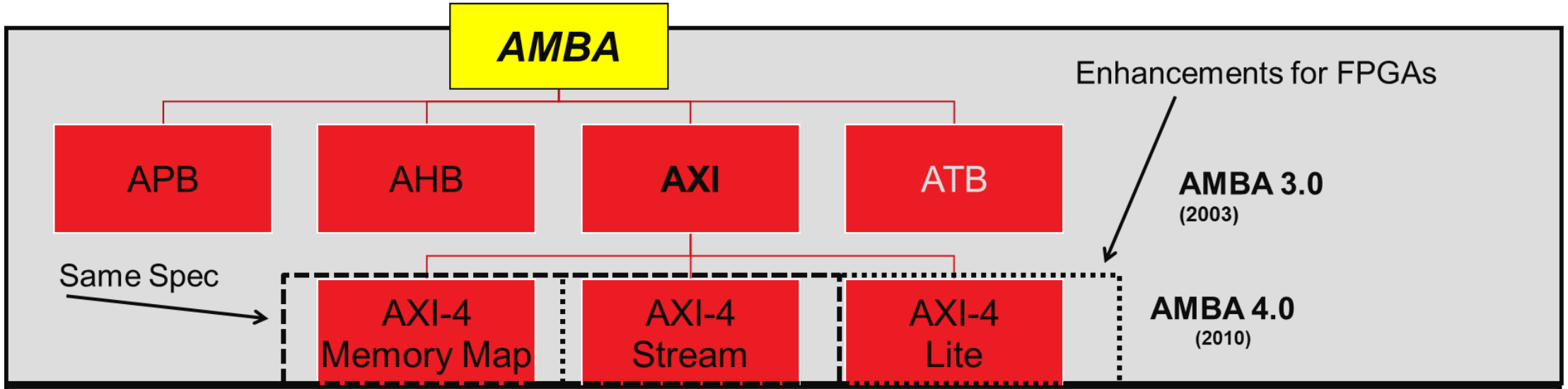
AXI Interfaces

AXI is Part of ARM's AMBA



AMBA: Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture
AXI: Advanced Extensible Interface

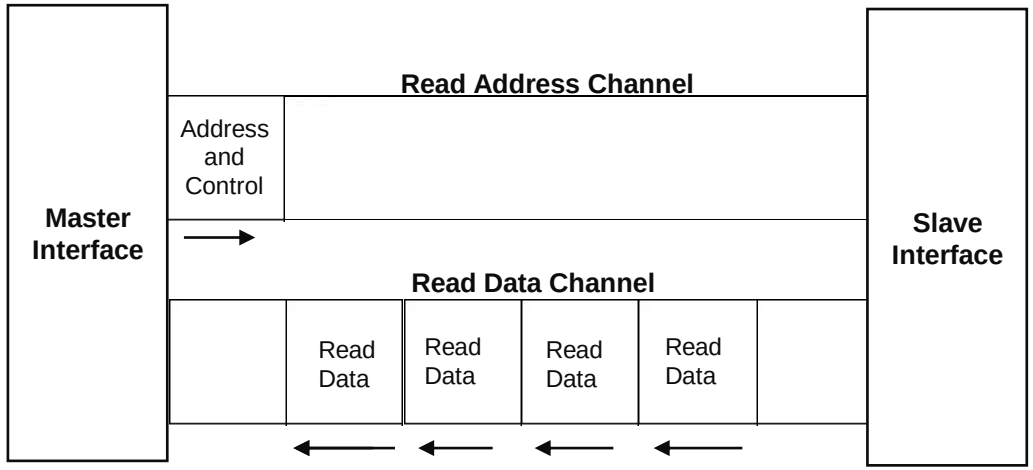
AXI is Part of AMBA



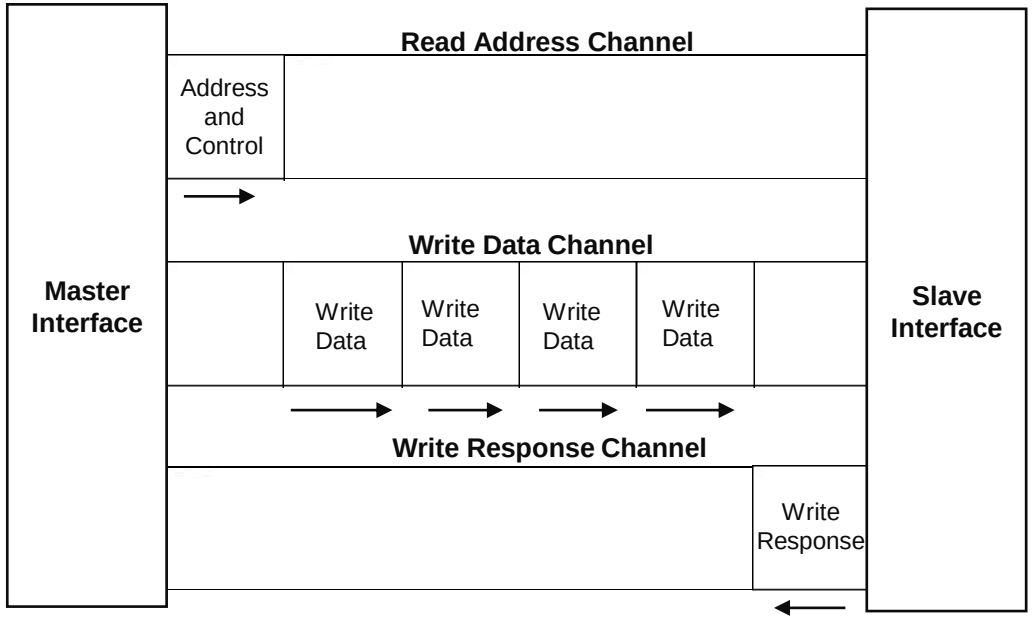
Interface	Features	Similar to
Memory Map / Full (AXI4)	Traditional Address/Data Burst (single address, multiple data)	PLBv46, PCI
Streaming (AXI4-Stream)	Data-Only, Burst	Local Link / DSP Interfaces / FIFO / FSL
Lite (AXI4-Lite)	Traditional Address/Data—No Burst (single address, single data)	PLBv46-single OPB

Basic AXI Signaling – 5 Channels

1. Read Address Channel
2. Read Data Channel

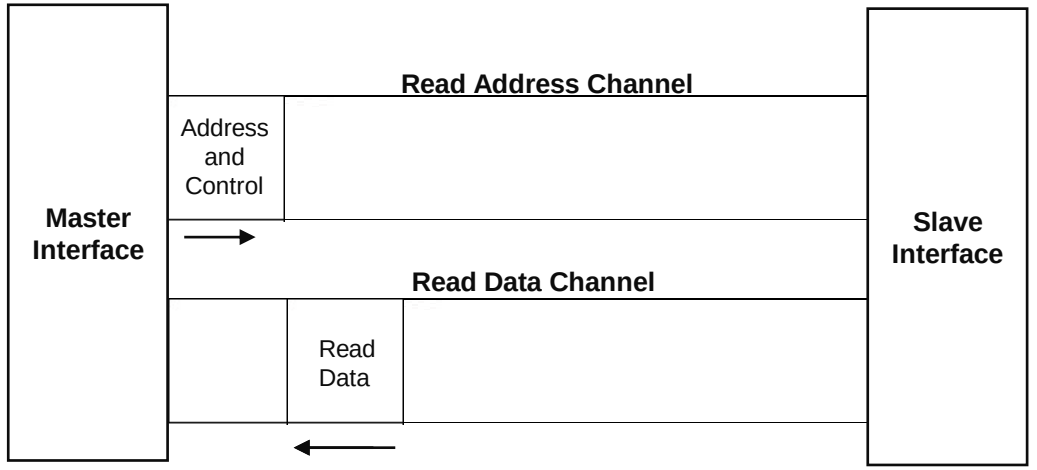


3. Write Address Channel
4. Write Data Channel
5. Write Response Channel



The AXI Interface - AXI4-Lite

- No burst
- Data width 32 or 64 only
  - Xilinx IP only supports 32-bits
- Very small footprint
- Bridging to AXI4 handled automatically by AXI_Interconnect (if needed)



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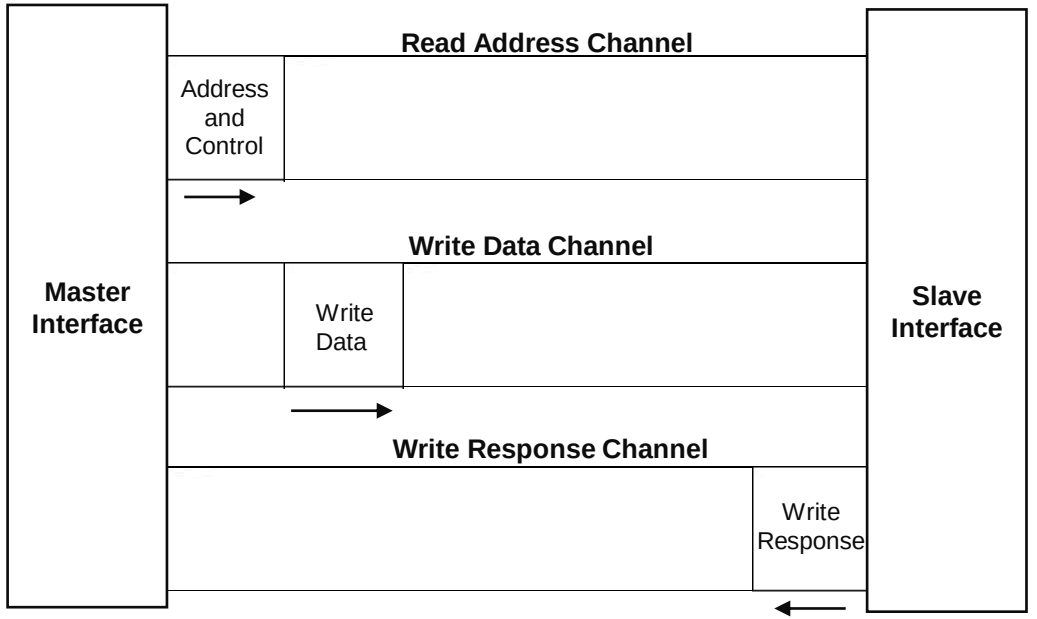

AXI4-Lite Write

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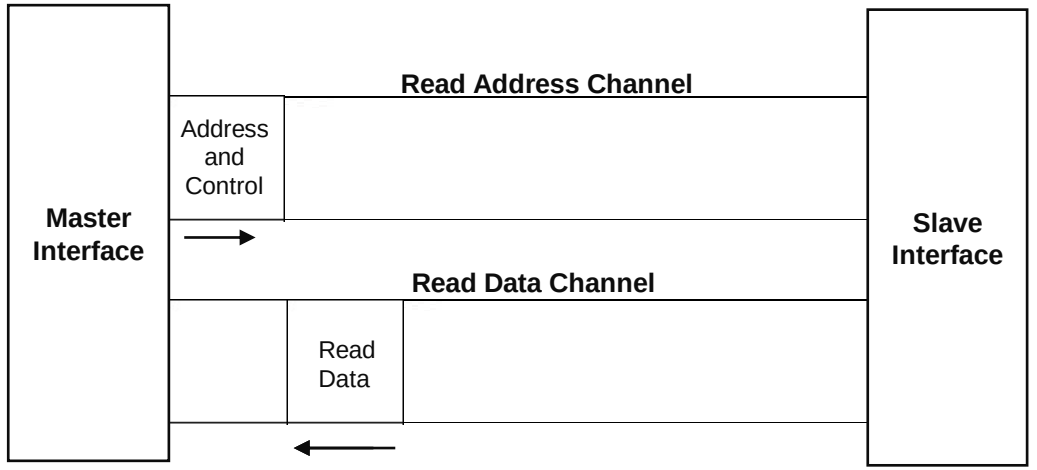
The AXI Interface - AXI4

- Sometimes called “Full AXI” or “AXI Memory Mapped”
- Single address multiple data
  - Burst up to 256 data beats
- Data Width parameterizable
  - 1024 bits



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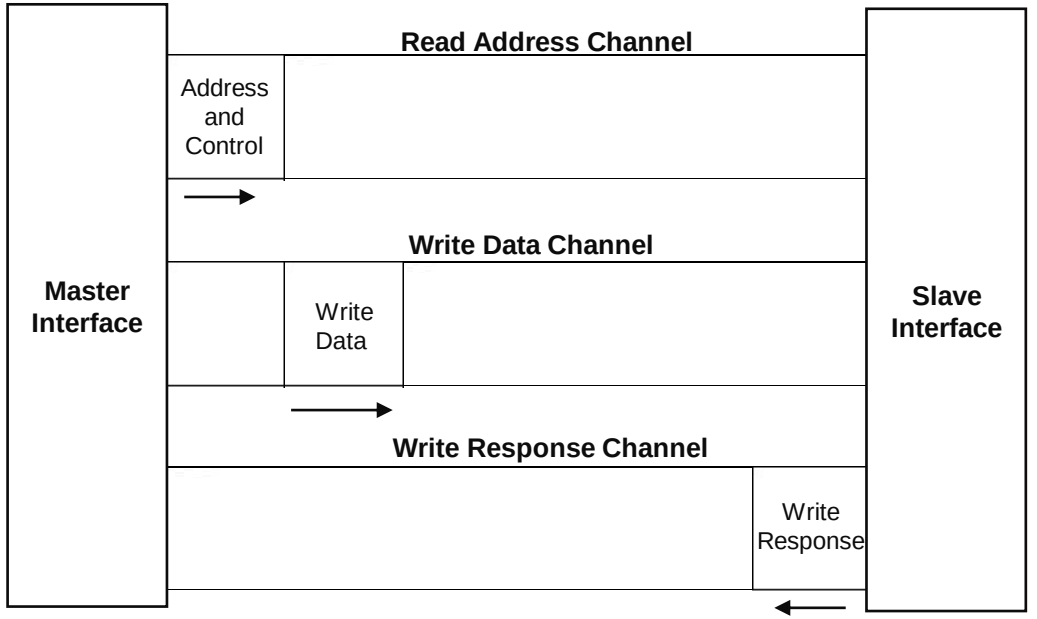

AXI4-Lite Write

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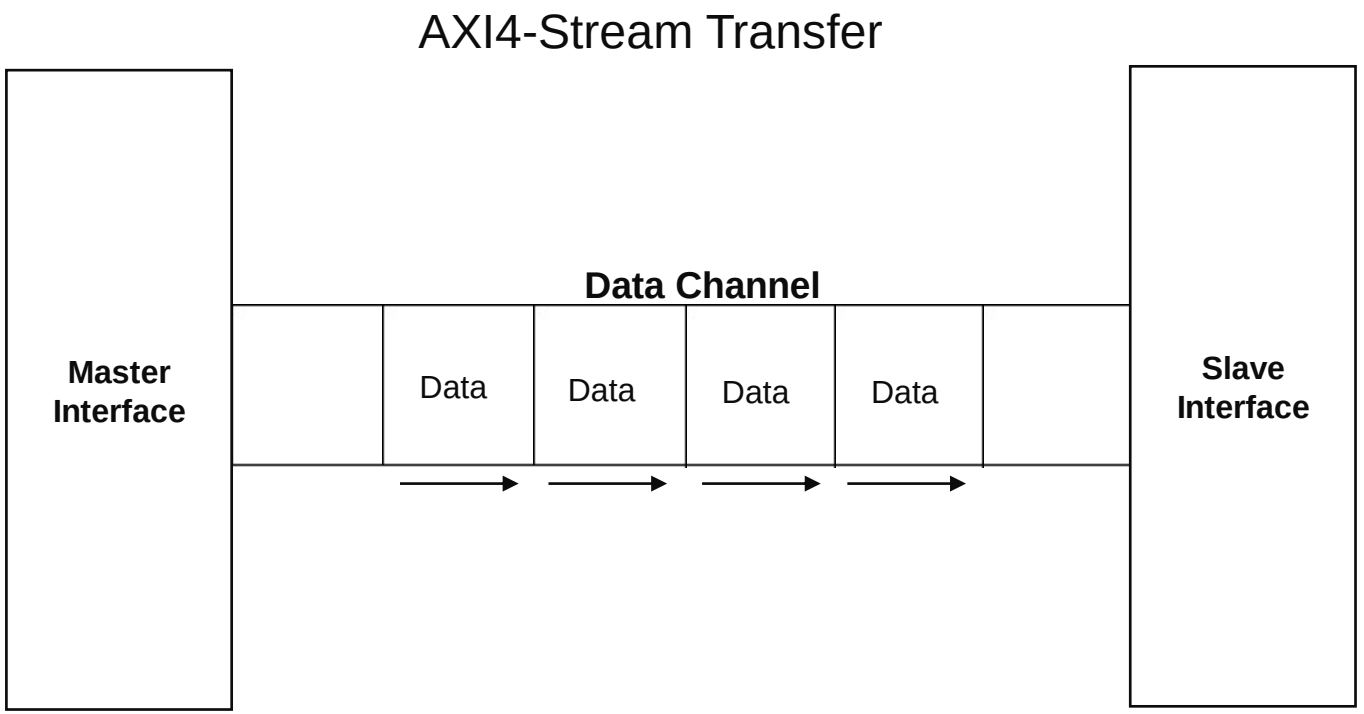
The AXI Interface—AXI4-Stream

- No address channel, no read and write, always just master to slave
  - Effectively an AXI4 “write data” channel
- Unlimited burst length
  - AXI4 max 256
  - AXI4-Lite does not burst
- Virtually same signaling as AXI Data Channels
  - Protocol allows merging, packing, width conversion
  - Supports sparse, continuous, aligned, unaligned streams



Streaming Applications

- May not have packets
  - E.g. Digital up converter
    - No concept of address
    - Free-running data (in this case)
    - In this situation, AXI4-Stream would optimize to a very simple interface
- May have packets
  - E.g. PCIe
    - Their packets may contain different information
    - Typically bridge logic of some sort is needed

Summary

Summary

- The Zynq-7000 processing platform is a system on a chip (SoC) processor with embedded programmable logic
- The processing system (PS) is the hard silicon dual core consisting of
  - APU and list components
    - Two Cortex-A9 processors
    - NEON co-processor
    - General interrupt controller (GIC)
    - General and watchdog timers
  - I/O peripherals
  - External memory interfaces

Summary

- The programmable logic (PL) consists of Xilinx “7 series” technology (28nm)AXI is an interface providing high performance through point-to-point connection
- AXI has separate, independent read and write interfaces implemented with channels
- The AXI4 interface offers improvements over AXI3 and defines
  - Full AXI memory mapped
  - AXI Lite
  - AXI Stream
- Tightly coupled AXI ports interface the PL and PS for maximum performance
- The PS boots from a selection of external memory devices
- The PL is configured by and after the PS boots

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