



VHDL Design and Implementation of an Instruction Set Architecture  
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# Course on Details of Hardware of Processors (Processors)

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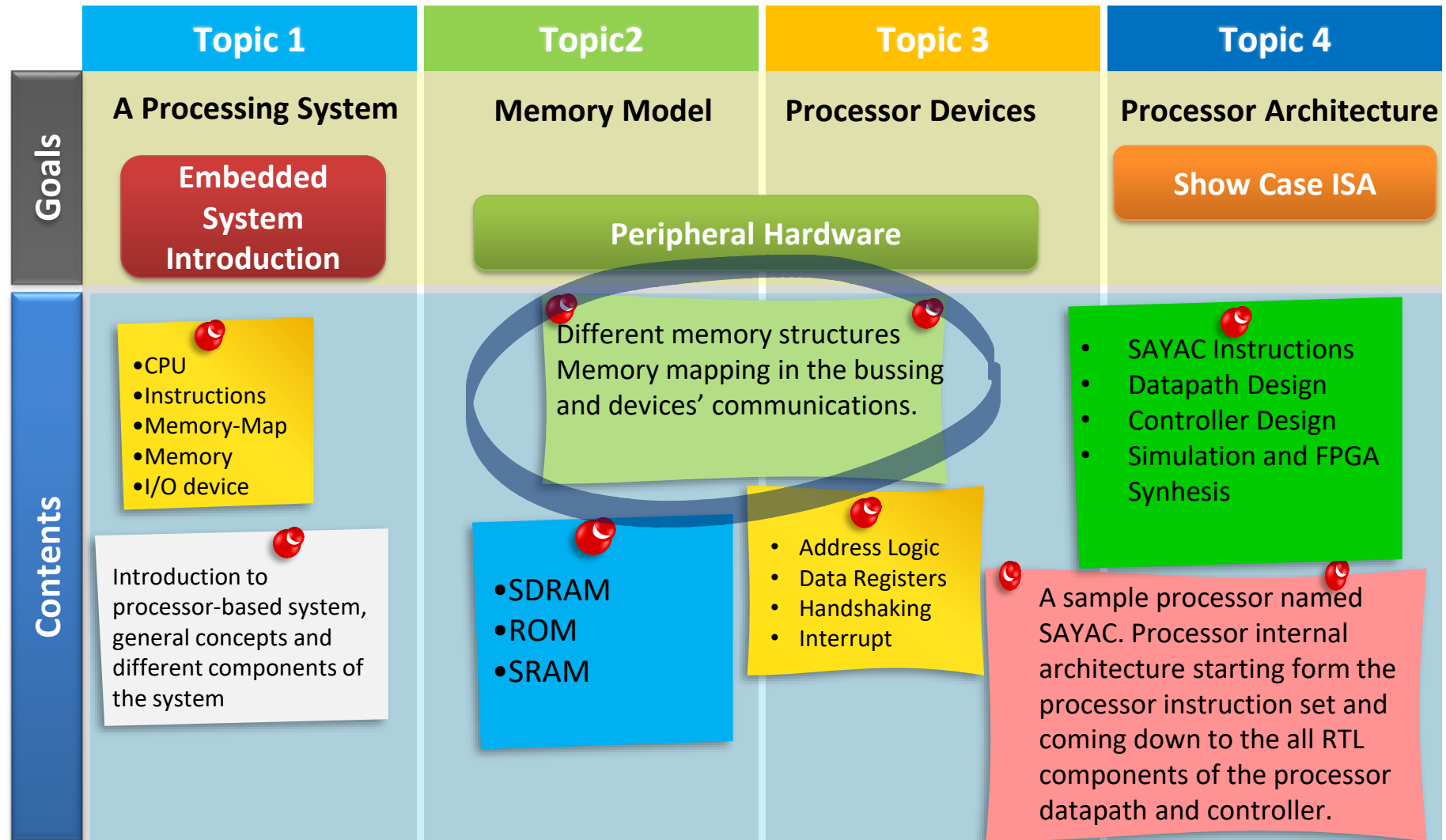


## Topic 2

### Memory Models

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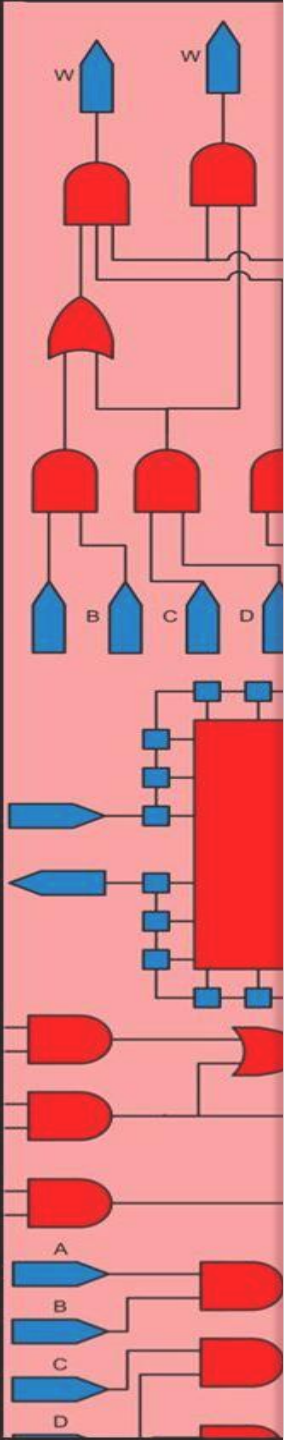
# Course Roadmap



# Memory Models

## Learning Outcomes:

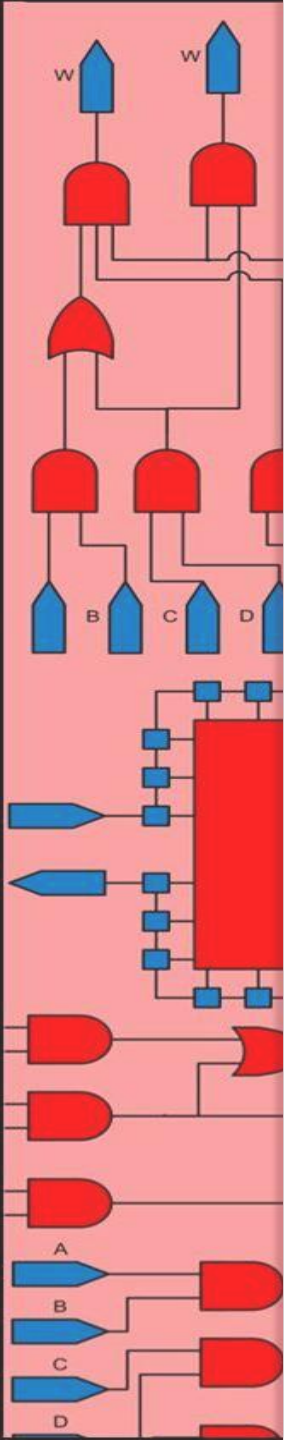
- *Learn* different types of memory
- *Learn* memory stages in embedded system
- *Learn* memory interface



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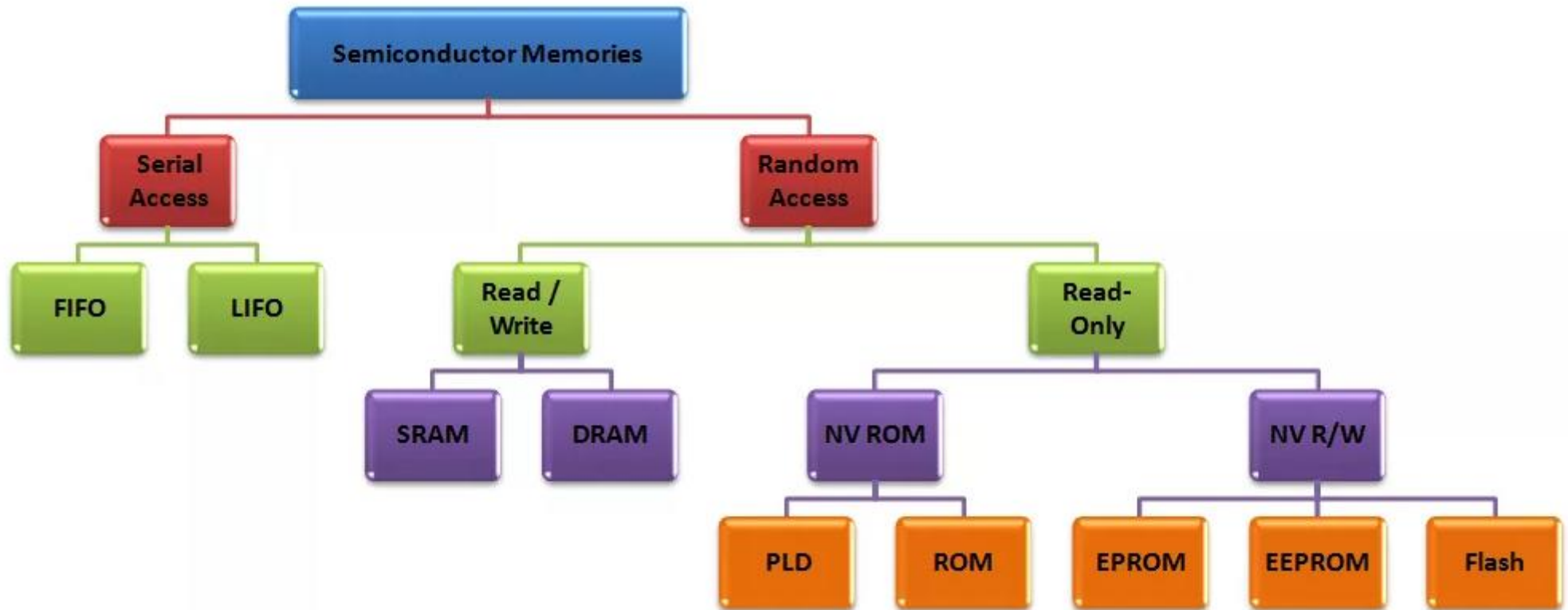
## Outline:

- Memory Types
- Memory Stages in Embedded Systems
- Memory Handshaking
- Memory Mapping



# Memory Models

## Memory Types



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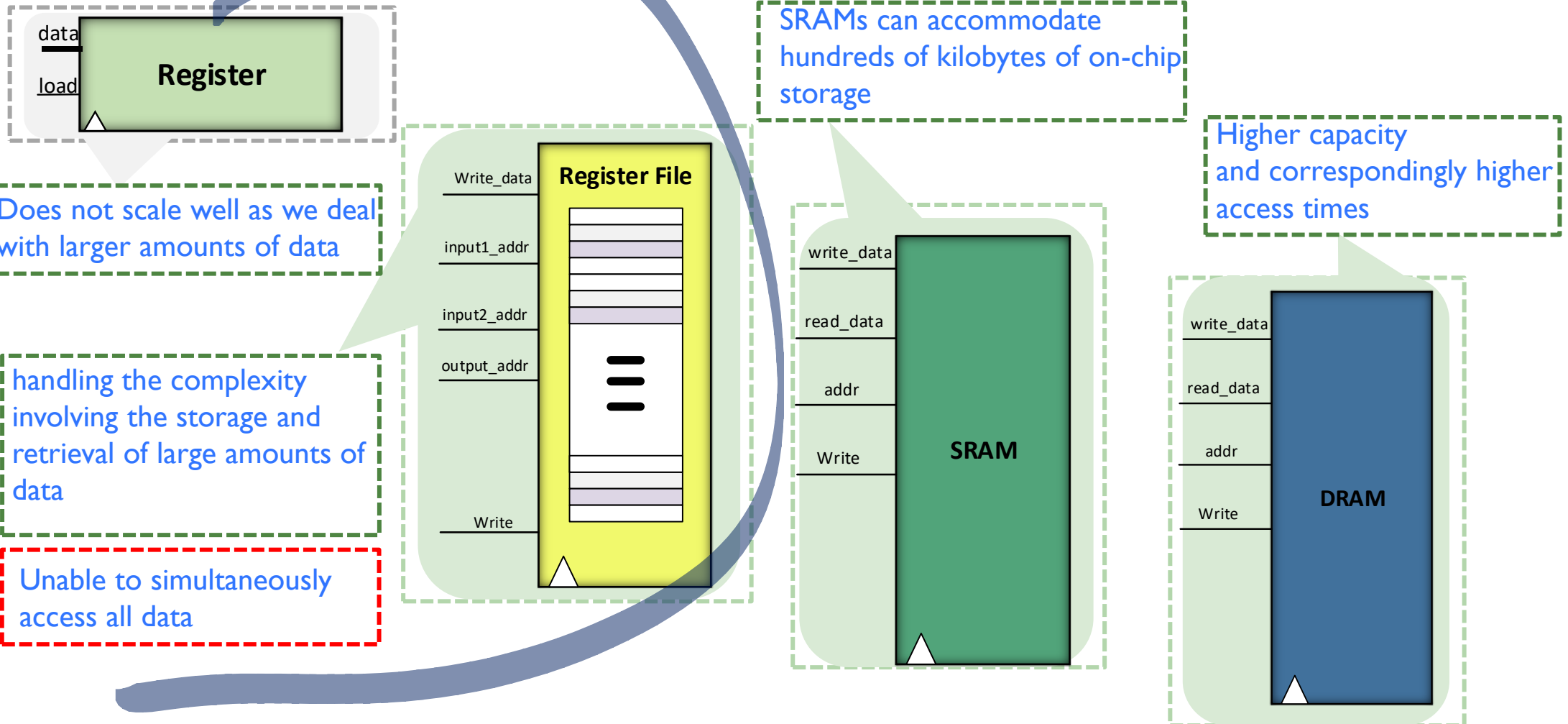
## Memory Stages in Embedded Systems

- Discrete Registers
- Register File
- On-chip / Closely-Coupled / Scratch Pad Memory
  - SRAM
- Main Memory
  - DRAM



# Memory Models

## Memory Hierarchy in Embedded Systems

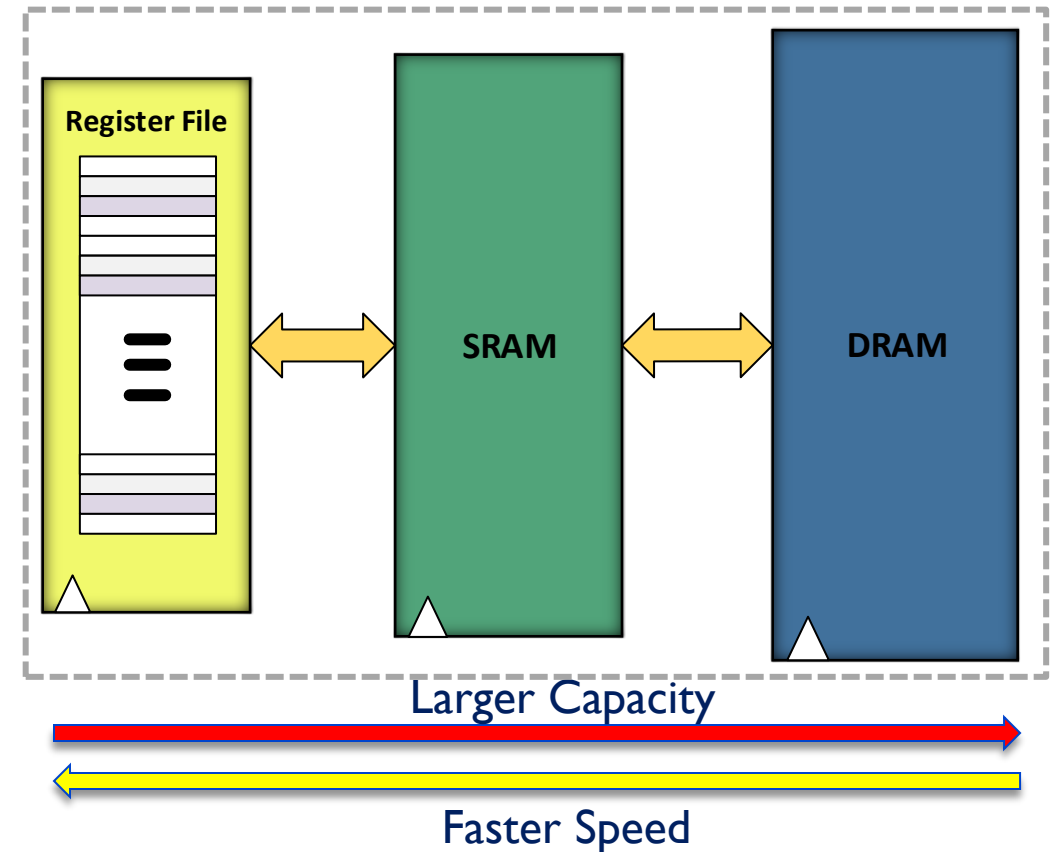




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## Memory Stages in Embedded Systems

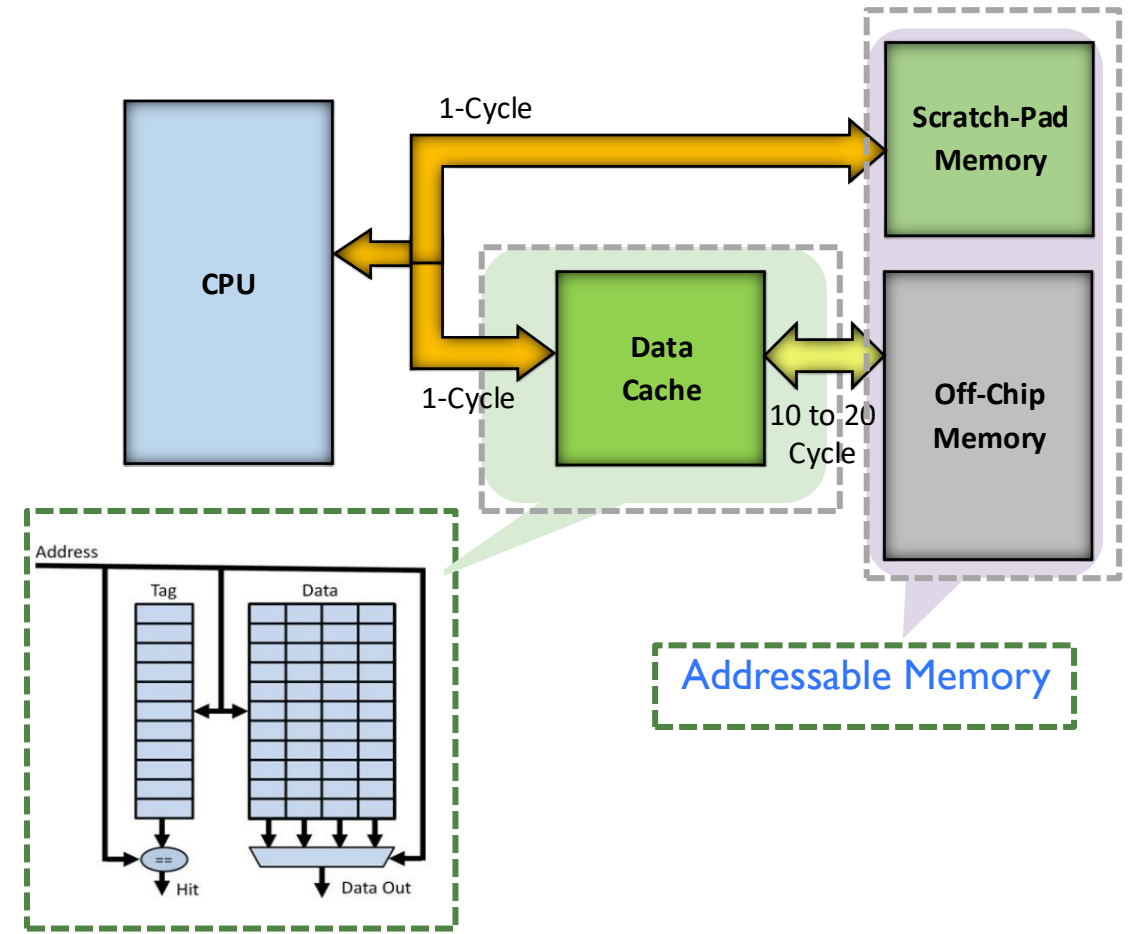
- Smaller memories are faster, whereas larger memories are slower.
- The common method is to architect the memory system as a hierarchy of memories with increasing capacities
- The smallest memory (registers and register files) located closest to the processing units and the largest memory (DRAM) lying farthest.
- Processor fetch the data from the closest memory very fast.
- Performance should not be overwhelmed by excessive accesses to the large memories.



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## Memory Stages in Embedded Systems

- SRAM (On-chip Memory)
  - Scratch-Pad Memory
  - Cache

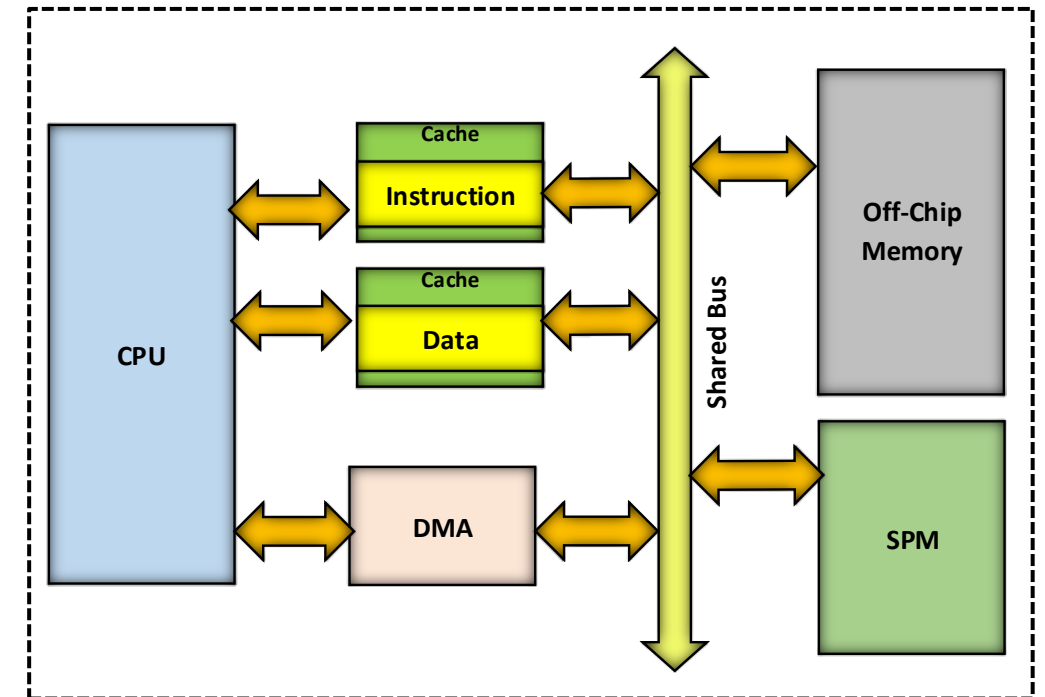
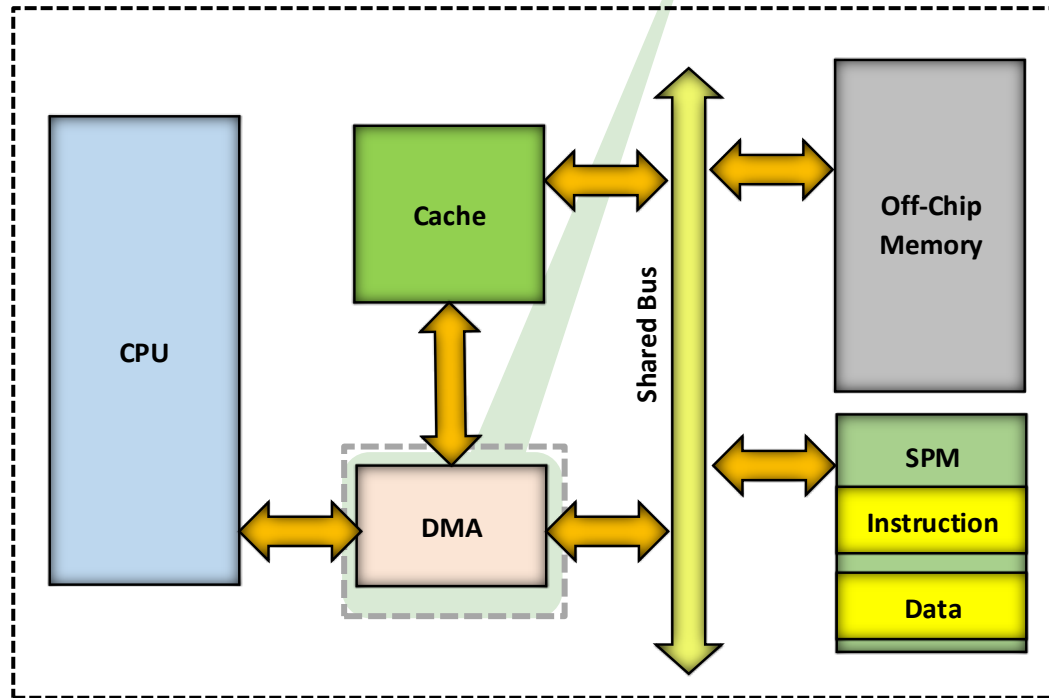


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## Memory Stages in Embedded Systems

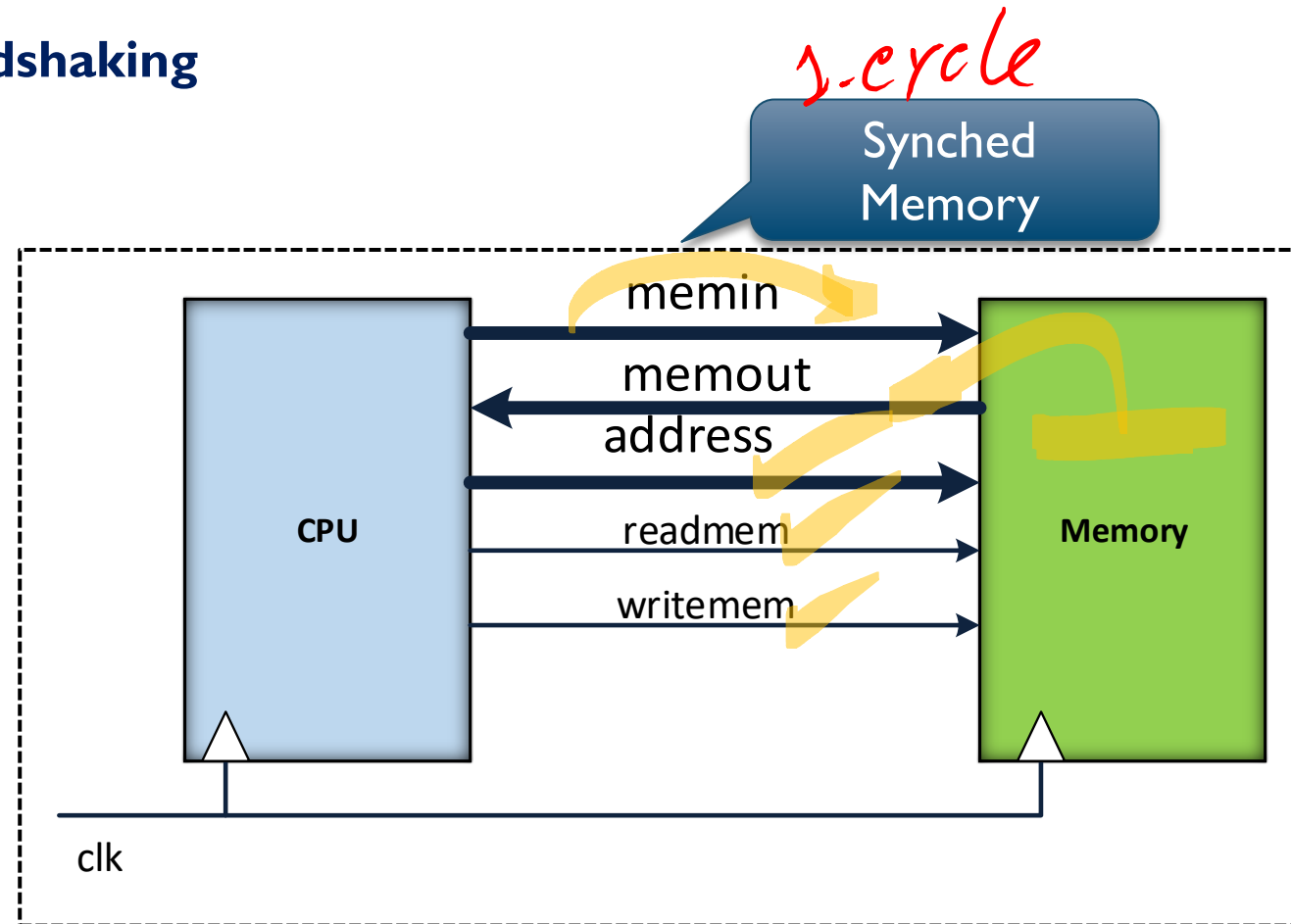
- Different ways of integrating scratchpad memory

DMA: Interface between external memory and on-chip memories



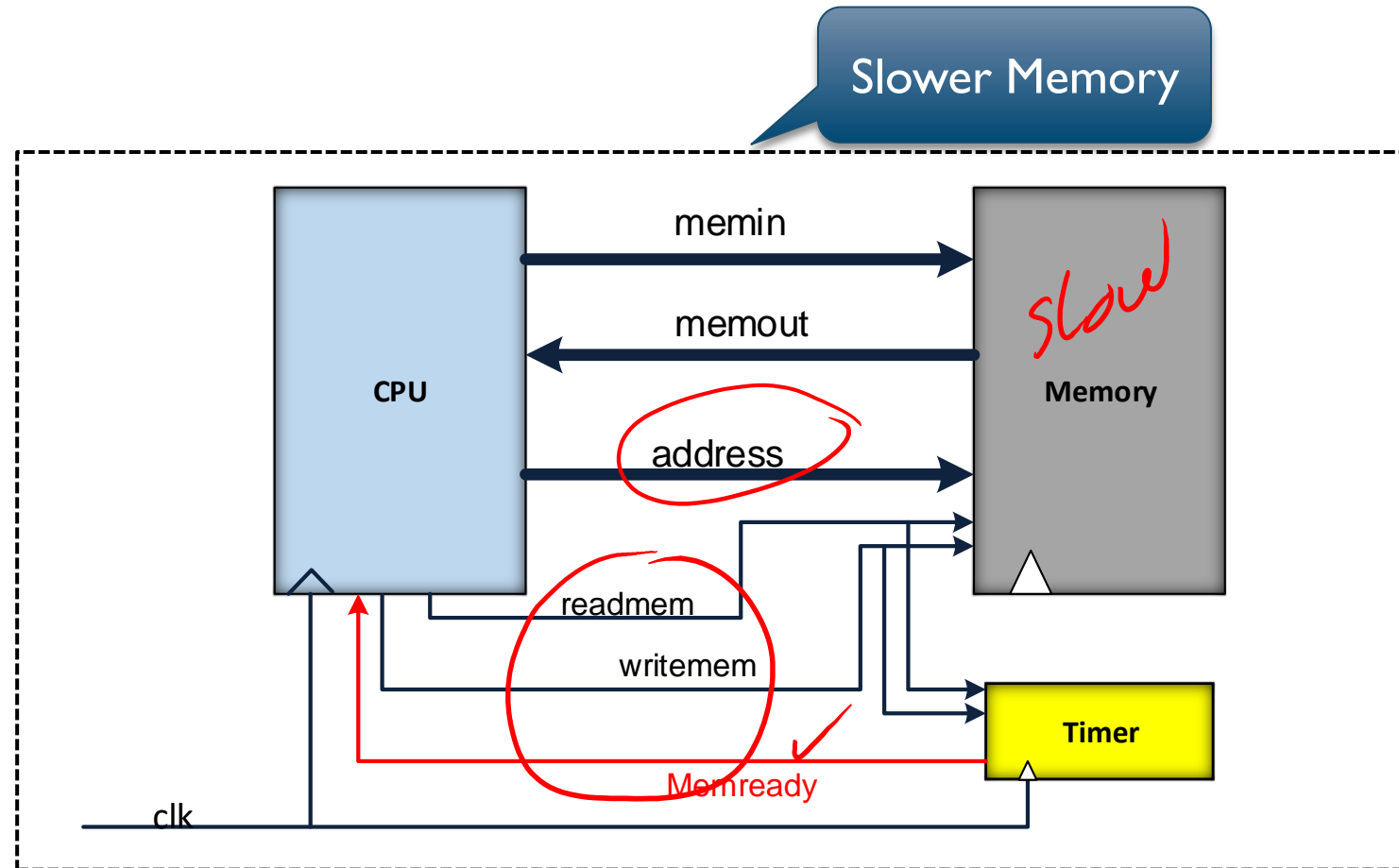
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## Memory Handshaking



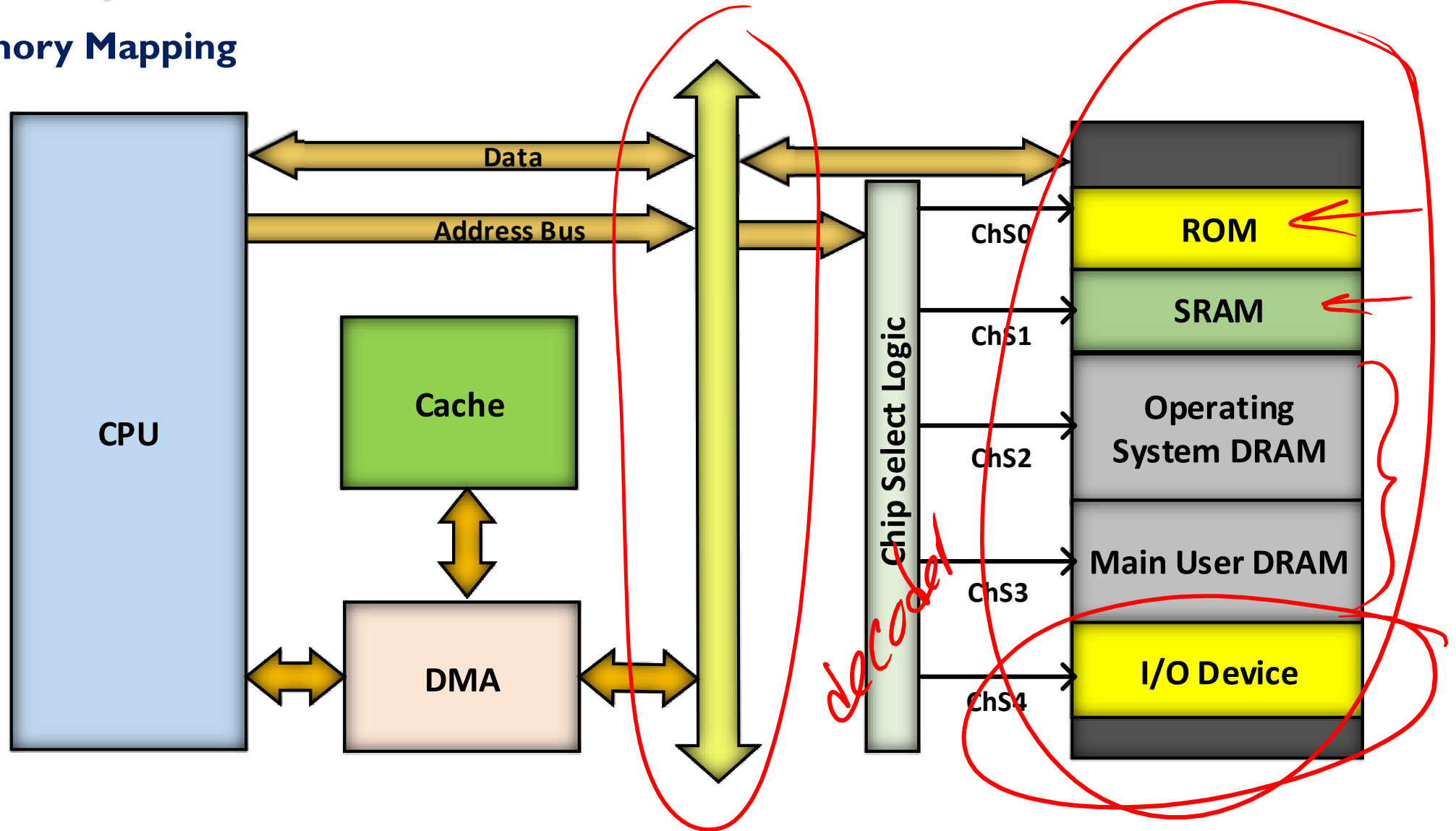
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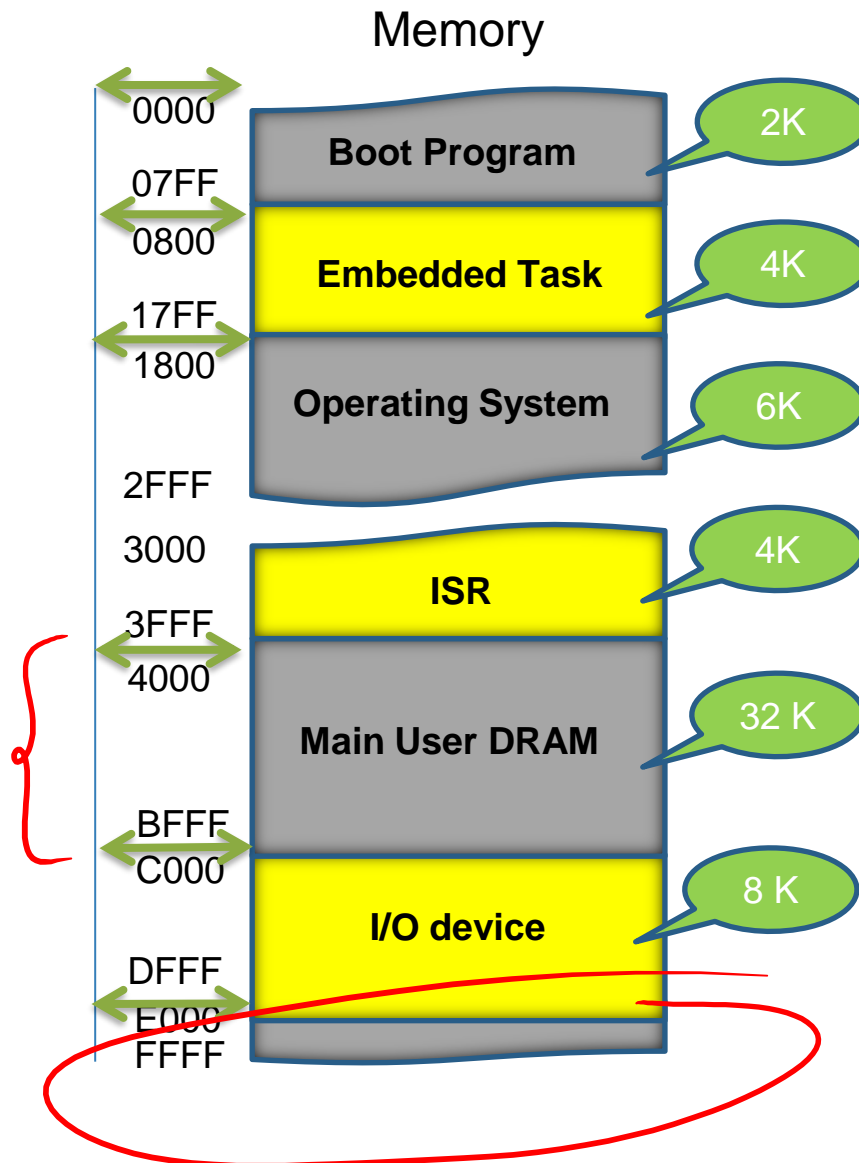
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# Conclusion

In this topic we have learned:

- Memory types ✓
- Memories in embedded system ✓
- Memory mapped structure ✓
- Processor-Memory handshaking

*example memory map*