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# COE718: Embedded Systems Design



## Lecture 2: Cortex-M3 Microarchitecture Features



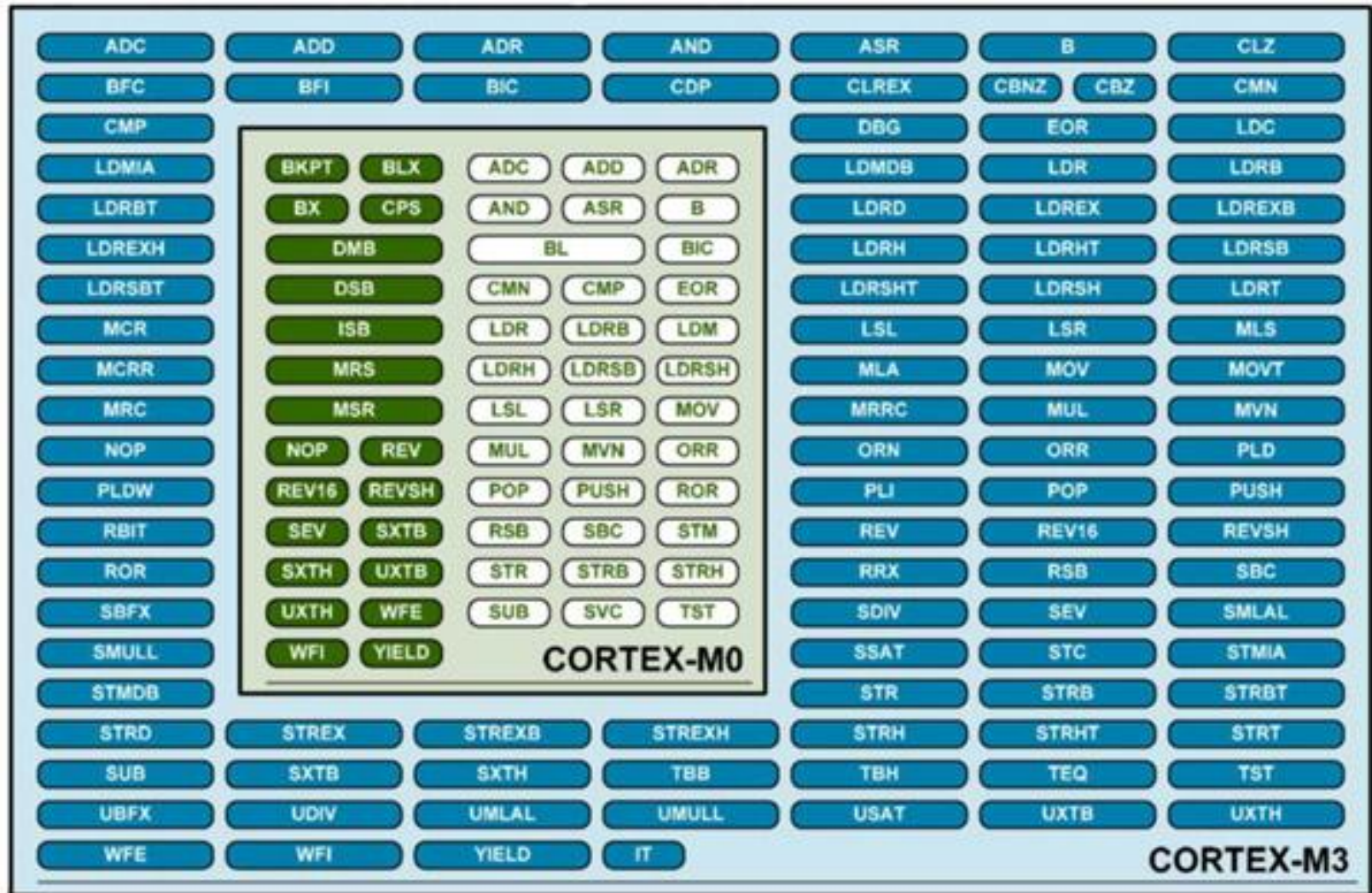
# ARMv7 ISA – Data Processing

Instruction	Function
ADC	Add with carry
ADD	Add
ADR	Add PC and an immediate value and put the result in a register
AND	Logical AND
ASR	Arithmetic shift right
BIC	Bit clear (Logical AND one value with the logic inversion of another value)
CMN	Compare negative (compare one data with two's complement of another data and update flags)
CMP	Compare (compare two data and update flags)
CPY	Copy (available from architecture v6; move a value from one high or low register to another high or low register); synonym of MOV instruction
EOR	Exclusive OR
LSL	Logical shift left
LSR	Logical shift right
MOV	Move (can be used for register-to-register transfers or loading immediate data)
MUL	Multiply
MVN	Move NOT (obtain logical inverted value)
NEG	Negate (obtain two's complement value), equivalent to RSB

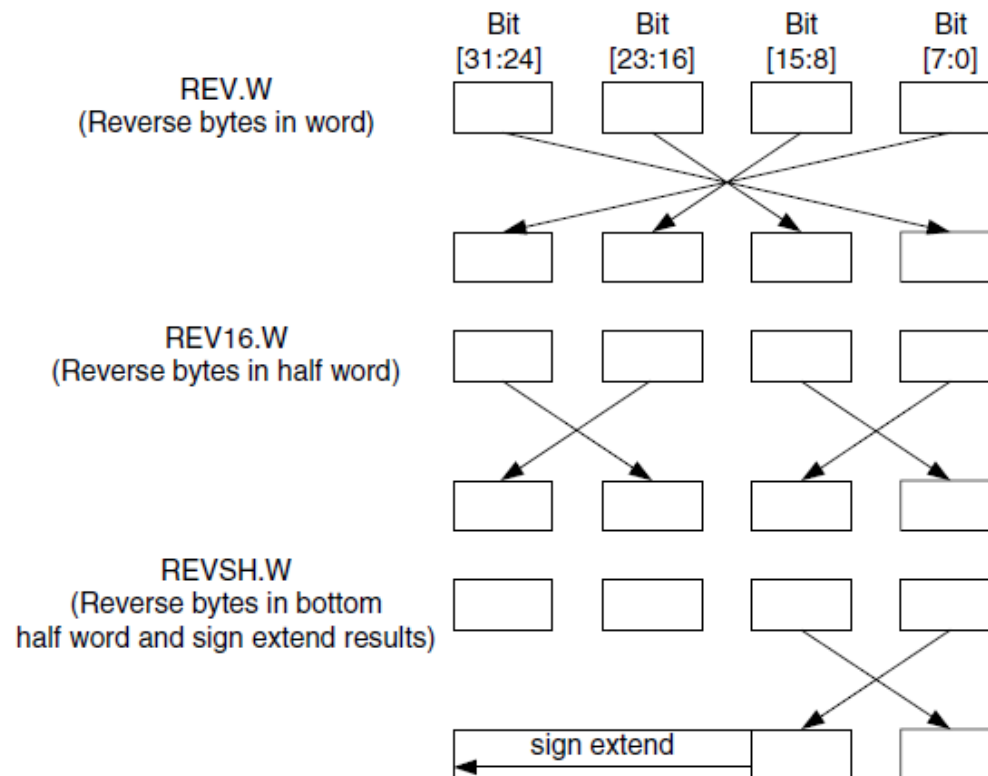
# ARMv7 ISA – Data Processing

Instruction	Function
ORR	Logical OR
RSB	Reverse subtract
ROR	Rotate right
SBC	Subtract with carry
SUB	Subtract
TST	Test (use as logical AND; Z flag is updated but AND result is not stored)
REV	Reverse the byte order in a 32-bit register (available from architecture v6)
REV16	Reverse the byte order in each 16-bit half word of a 32-bit register (available from architecture v6)
REVSH	Reverse the byte order in the lower 16-bit half word of a 32-bit register and sign extends the result to 32 bits (available from architecture v6)
SXTB	Signed extend byte (available from architecture v6)
SXTH	Signed extend half word (available from architecture v6)
UXTB	Unsigned extend byte (available from architecture v6)
UXTH	Unsigned extend half word (available from architecture v6)

# ARMv7 ISA



# ARMv7 – Unique Instructions



# ARMv7 Suffixes

- Instructions do not update the PSR unless a suffix 'S' is appended to the instruction
  - i.e. ADD vs ADD**S**
- Exceptions: Compare (CMP) and Test (TST, TEQ etc)
- Write to the PSR directly
- 16b Thumb Instructions



# ARMv7 Suffixes

**Table 4.16** Examples of Preindexing Memory Access Instructions

Example	Description
LDR.W Rd, [Rn, #offset]!	Preindexing load instructions for various sizes (word, byte, half word, and double word)
LDRB.W Rd, [Rn, #offset]!	
LDRH.W Rd, [Rn, #offset]!	
LDRD.W Rd1, Rd2, [Rn, #offset]!	
LDRSB.W Rd, [Rn, #offset]!	Preindexing load instructions for various sizes with sign extend (byte, half word)
LDRSH.W Rd, [Rn, #offset]!	
STR.W Rd, [Rn, #offset]!	Preindexing store instructions for various sizes (word, byte, half word, and double word)
STRB.W Rd, [Rn, #offset]!	
STRH.W Rd, [Rn, #offset]!	
STRD.W Rd1, Rd2, [Rn, #offset]!	

- For Memory accesses, also has suffixes appended to instruction to indicate size of the word to be loaded or stored
- i.e. LDR(size).W

# ARMv7 Conditional Execution & Suffixes

- Can execute individual instructions conditionally based on the condition flags set by previous instruction(s).
- Cond Execution can be invoked by:
  - Using conditional branches
  - Adding condition code suffixes to instructions



# ARMv7 Conditional Execution & Suffixes

- Conditional Branches

**Table 4.1** Suffixes in Instructions

Suffix	Description
S	Update Application Program Status register (APSR) (flags); for example: <code>ADD<sub>S</sub> R0, R1</code> ; this will update APSR
EQ, NE, LT, GT, and so on	Conditional execution; EQ = Equal, NE = Not Equal, LT = Less Than, GT = Greater Than, and so forth. For example: <code>BEQ &lt;Label&gt;</code> ; Branch if equal

**BNE, BLT, BGT etc**

B	Branch
B<cond>	Conditional branch
BL	Branch with link; call a subroutine and store the return address in LR (this is actually a 32-bit instruction, but it is also available in Thumb in traditional ARM processors)
BLX	Branch with link and change state (BLX <reg> only) <sup>1</sup>
BX <reg>	Branch with exchange state
CBZ	Compare and branch if zero (architecture v7)
CBNZ	Compare and branch if nonzero (architecture v7)
IT	IF-THEN (architecture v7)

# ARMv7 Conditional Execution & Suffixes

- IF-Then-Else structures (IT Blocks)
- Handle small conditional code
- Used to avoid branch penalties
- Maximum 4 conditionally executed instructions
- I = IF, T = Then, E = Else

# ARMv7 Conditional Execution & Suffixes

- Example of ITTEE block

```
I  — if (R1<R2) then
T  —   R2=R2-R1
T  —   R2=R2/2
   else
E  —   R1=R1-R2
E  —   R1=R1/2
```

# ARMv7 Conditional Execution & Suffixes

- Example of ITTEE block

```
if (R1<R2) then
    R2=R2-R1
    R2=R2/2
else
    R1=R1-R2
    R1=R1/2
```

```
CMP      R1, R2 ; If R1 < R2 (less than)
ITTEE    LT     ; then execute instruction 1 and 2
          ; (indicated by T)
          ; else execute instruction 3 and 4
          ; (indicated by E)
SUBLT.W  R2,R1  ; 1st instruction
LSRLT.W  R2,#1  ; 2nd instruction
SUBGE.W  R1,R2  ; 3rd instruction (notice the GE is
          ; opposite of LT)
LSRGE.W  R1,#1  ; 4th instruction
```

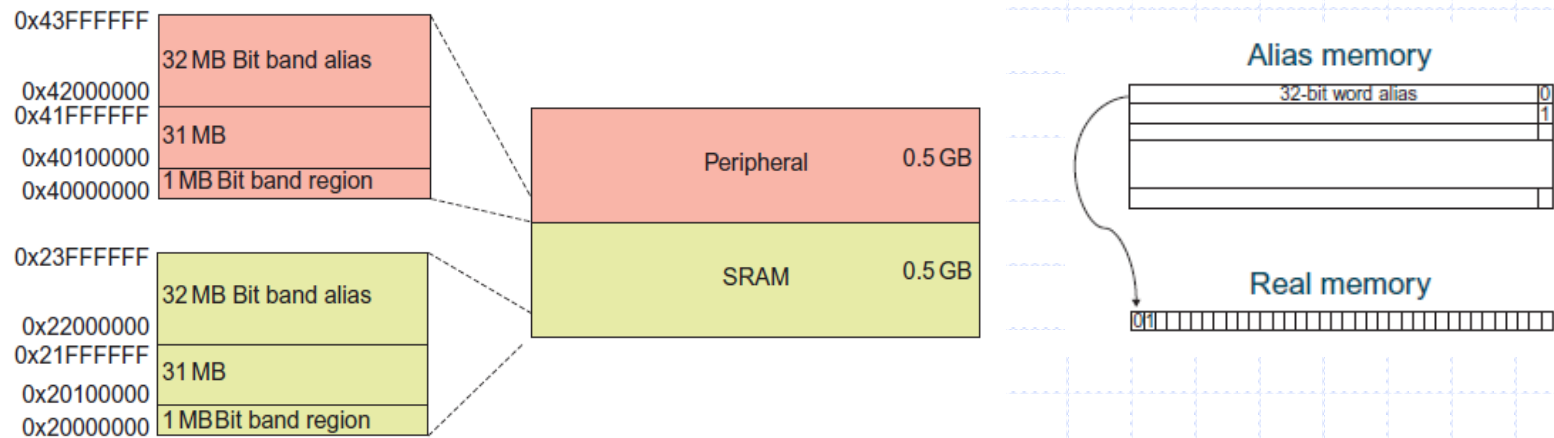
# ARMv7 Conditional Execution & Suffixes

Symbol	Condition	Flag
EQ	Equal	Z set
NE	Not equal	Z clear
CS/HS	Carry set/unsigned higher or same	C set
CC/LO	Carry clear/unsigned lower	C clear
MI	Minus/negative	N set
PL	Plus/positive or zero	N clear
VS	Overflow	V set
VC	No overflow	V clear
HI	Unsigned higher	C set and Z clear
LS	Unsigned lower or same	C clear or Z set
GE	Signed greater than or equal	N set and V set, or N clear and V clear (N == V)
LT	Signed less than	N set and V clear, or N clear and V set (N != V)
GT	Signed greater than	Z clear, and either N set and V set, or N clear and V clear (Z == 0, N == V)
LE	Signed less than or equal	Z set, or N set and V clear, or N clear and V set (Z == 1 or N != V)
AL	Always (unconditional)	—

- Instruction Suffixes

```
CMP R0, R1      ; Compare R0 and R1
ITTEE GT       ; If R0 > R1 Then
                ; if true, first 2 statements execute,
                ; if false, other 2 statements execute
MOVGT R2, R0   ;      R2 = R0
MOVGT R3, R1   ;      R3 = R1
MOVLE R2, R0   ; Else R2 = R1
MOVLE R3, R1   ;      R3 = R0
```

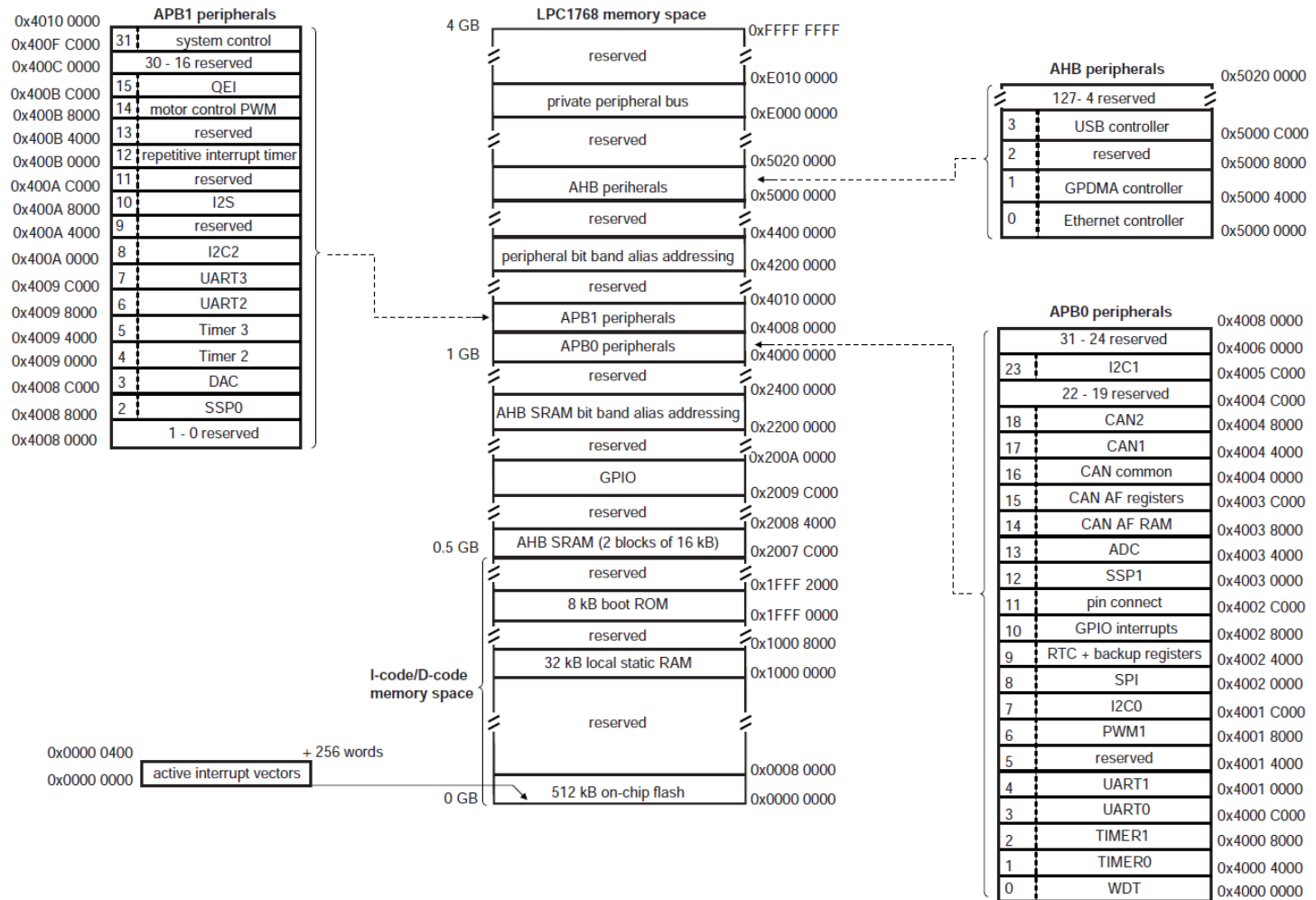
# Bit-Banding



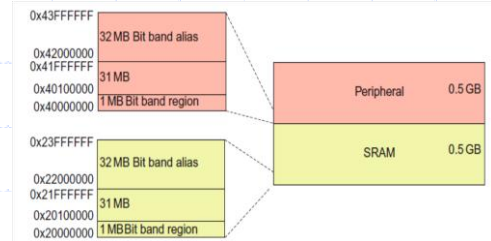
- Address 0x20000000 = SRAM
- 0x40000000 = Peripheral = external RAM, devices, vendor specific memory etc



# Bit-Banding



# Bit-Banding



*Bit Band Word Address =*

$$\text{Bit Band Alias Base Address} + (\text{Byte Offset} * 32) + (\text{Bit Number} * 4) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Byte Offset} = \text{Bit's Bit Band Base Address} - \text{Bit Band Base Address} \quad (2)$$

where:

## **Byte Offset**

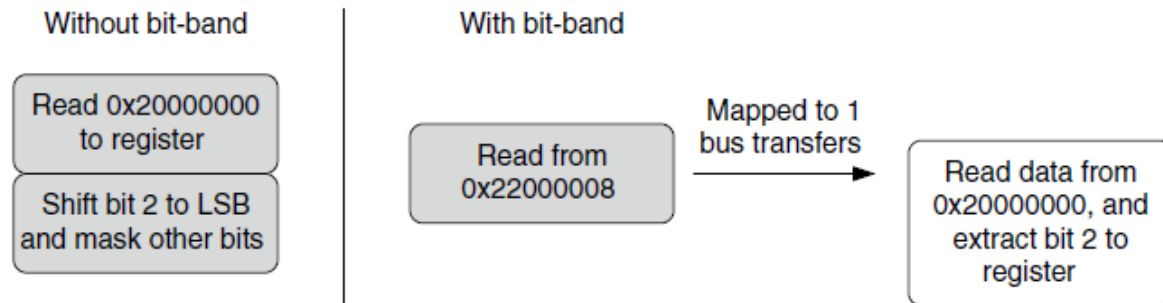
*Bit's Bit Band Base Address* - the base address for the targeted SRAM or peripheral register (i.e. the effective address of the port) (= real address)

*Bit Band Base Address* - for SRAM = 0x20000000, for Peripherals = 0x40000000

**Bit Band Alias Base Address** - for SRAM = 0x22000000, for Peripherals = 0x42000000

**Bit Number** - the bit position of the targeted register (i.e. pin of the port)

# Benefits of Bit-Banding



**FIGURE 5.6**

Read from the Bit-Band Alias.

**Without bit-band**

```
LDR    R0,=0x20000000 ; Setup address
LDR    R1, [R0]        ; Read
UBFX.W R1, R1, #2, #1 ; Extract bit[2]
```

**With bit-band**

```
LDR    R0,=0x22000008 ; Setup address
LDR    R1, [R0]        ; Read
```



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**DESIGN THIS!**



# DESIGN THIS!



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