



## Can you let me know board, performance of chip, code snippet of using in MCU like ARM?

The **LN-3000 series boards** used in Johnson Controls automation networks integrate both **Neuron 3150 chips** (for LonWorks protocol handling) and **ARM Cortex-M3 MCUs** (for application control). These two cores work together: the Neuron handles LON network messaging while the ARM executes control logic and sensor/actuator management.

### Board and Processor Architecture

- **Controller examples:** LN-PRG203, LN-PRG600, LN-IO modules.
- **Main MCU: STM32 (ARM Cortex-M3, 32-bit, 64 MHz)** with 64 KB flash and 20 KBRAM for user applications and I/O logic. <sup>[1]</sup>
- **Network processor: Echelon Neuron 3150, 8-bit, 10 MHz**, with integrated LONWORKS protocol stack, 64 KB flash, 128 KB storage memory. <sup>[2] [3]</sup>
- **Board power:** 24 VAC/DC  $\pm 15\%$ , typically 6–25 VA; devices are UL916, CE, FCC approved. <sup>[2] [1]</sup>
- **Communication:** LONWORKS TP/FT-10 bus at 78 kbps (peer-to-peer); Neuron I/O pins link to ARM MCU via SPI or UART; status LEDs indicate TX/RX and service state. <sup>[4] [2]</sup>
- **ADC/DAC:** 16-bit ADC, 12-bit DAC configurable for PWM 2 s–15 min duty cycles.

### Performance and Design Notes

- The **ARM Cortex-M3** provides deterministic 32-bit real-time control, suitable for PID loops, filtering, or smart I/O expansion tasks.
- The **Neuron 3150's MIP** (Microprocessor Interface Program) offloads LON communication, freeing MCU cycles for application logic.
- The **10 MHz external crystal** yields a **5 MHz internal system clock**, with network throughput optimized for 78 kbps traffic frames. <sup>[5] [4]</sup>
- Combined, this configuration delivers precise synchronization between digital (DI), analog (AO), and field communication (DL) layers of the LN-3000 distributed system.

### Example: ARM Integration Code Snippet

Below is a minimal conceptual example (C for STM32 MCU) illustrating how an embedded ARM Cortex-M3 might interface with the Neuron 3150 through UART (serial link) to transmit LON frames:

```

#include "stm32f10x.h"

#define LON_UART USART1

void LON_UART_Init(void) {
    RCC_APB2PeriphClockCmd(RCC_APB2Periph_USART1, ENABLE);
    USART_InitTypeDef uart;
    uart.USART_BaudRate = 78125;           // Compatible with TP/FT-10 bit rate
    uart.USART_WordLength = USART_WordLength_8b;
    uart.USART_StopBits = USART_StopBits_1;
    uart.USART_Parity = USART_Parity_No;
    uart.USART_Mode = USART_Mode_Tx | USART_Mode_Rx;
    uart.USART_HardwareFlowControl = USART_HardwareFlowControl_None;
    USART_Init(LON_UART, &uart);
    USART_Cmd(LON_UART, ENABLE);
}

void LON_SendFrame(uint8_t *data, uint16_t size) {
    for (uint16_t i = 0; i < size; i++) {
        while (USART_GetFlagStatus(LON_UART, USART_FLAG_TXE) == RESET);
        USART_SendData(LON_UART, data[i]);
    }
}

int main(void) {
    LON_UART_Init();
    uint8_t lon_msg[] = {0x80, 0x01, 0x23, 0x45, 0x67}; // Example frame payload
    while (1) {
        LON_SendFrame(lon_msg, sizeof(lon_msg));
        for (volatile int delay = 0; delay < 50000; delay++);
    }
}

```

## Explanation

- The example sets a **78125 baud UART** to align with the LON TP/FT-10 physical layer rate.
- The MCU pushes payloads via UART/SPI into the Neuron 3150's TX buffer (the MIP handles framing, CRC, and network token control).
- Received frames (RX) can trigger interrupts for application handling, feeding AO/DI updates back into the LN distributed logic.

In practice, firmware for Johnson Controls LN-3000 boards uses a **Neuron C stack** on the Neuron 3150 and **C/C++ or IEC 61131 logic** on the ARM side, linked over SPI/UART channels. Developers compile Neuron C code with Echelon toolchains (e.g., NodeBuilder or ShortStack FX) and ARM firmware with standard STM32 toolchains. <sup>[6]</sup> <sup>[7]</sup>

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