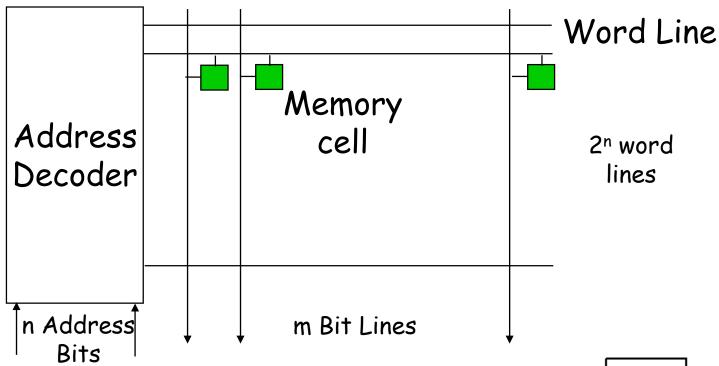
# ΗΥ220 Εργαστήριο Ψηφιακών Κυκλωμάτων

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Δυναμικές Μνήμες - DRAM

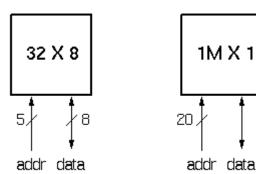
### Βασικό Block Diagram Υποσυστημάτων Μνήμης



RAM/ROM ονοματολογία:

 $32 \times 8$ , "32 by 8" => 32 8-bit words

1M X 1, "1 meg by 1" => 1M 1-bit words



#### Κελί μνήμης με 1 transistor (DRAM)

#### · Εγγραφή - Write:

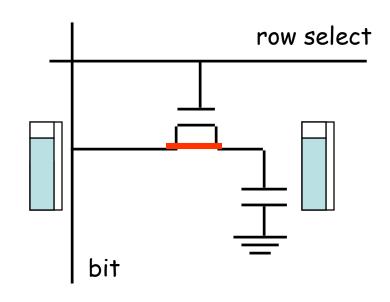
- 1. Οδηγούμε την bit line
- 2. Επιλέγουμε γραμμή (row select)

#### · Aváyvwon - Read:

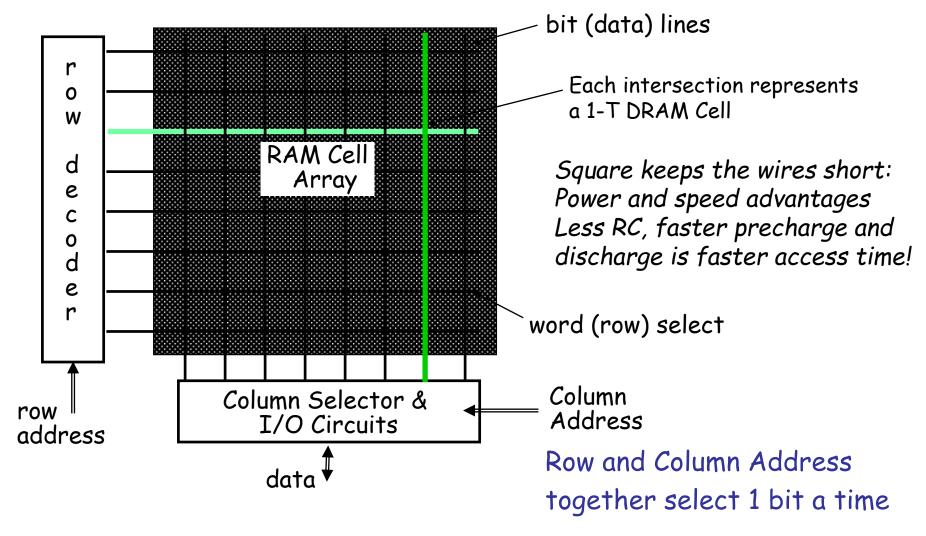
- Προφορτίζουμε (precharge) την bit line σε Vdd/2
- 2. Επιλέγουμε γραμμή (row select)
- Το κελί και η bit line μοιράζονται τα φορτία (charge sharing)
- 4. Sense στην bit line (sense amplifier) Μπορεί να ανιχνεύει πολύ μικρές αλλαγές
- 5. Write: επαναφέρουμε την τιμή

#### · Aνανέωση - Refresh :

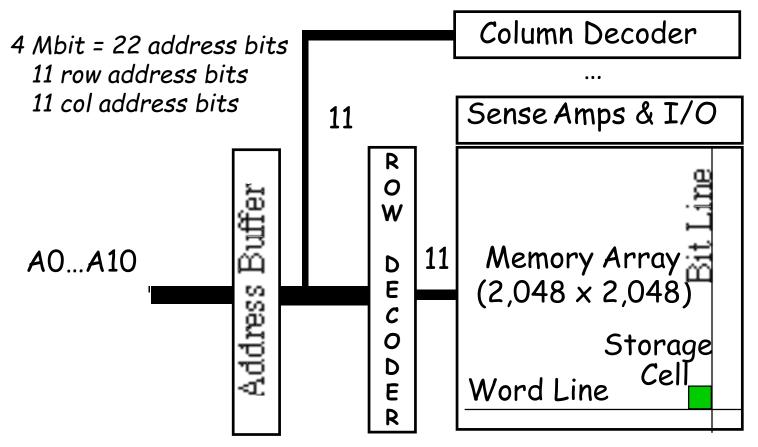
- Αρκεί ένα απλό read σε κάθε κελί



# Κλασσική Οργάνωση DRAM (τετραγωνική)



### Λογική Οργάνωση DRAM (4 Mbit)



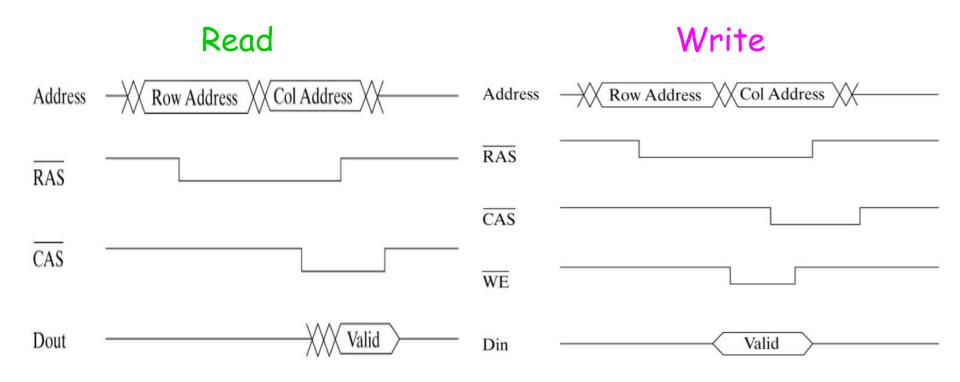
- Square root of bits per RAS/CAS
  - Row selects 1 row of 2048 bits from 2048 rows
  - Col selects 1 bit out of 2048 bits in such a row

### Τα σήματα της DRAM



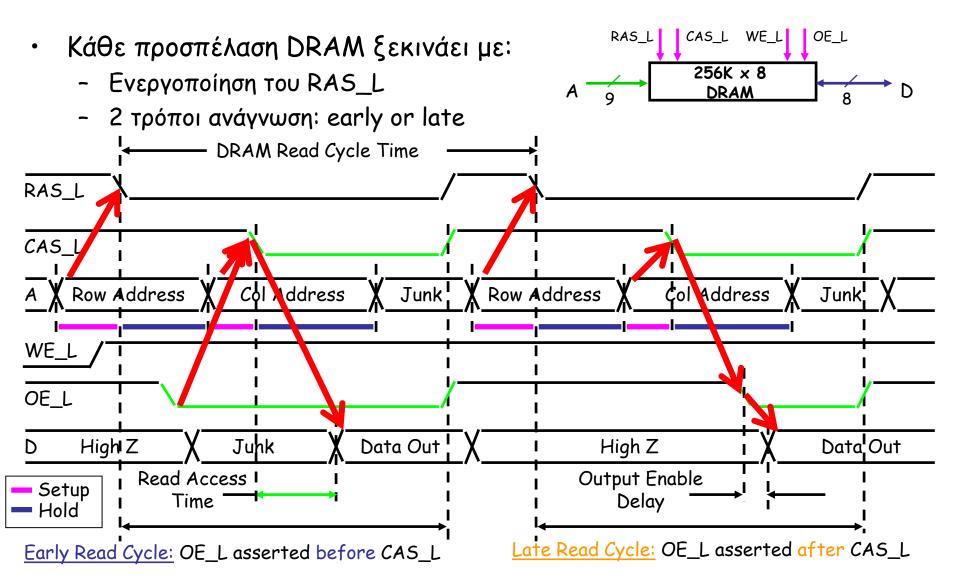
- Σήματα ελέγχου (RAS\_L, CAS\_L, WE\_L, OE\_L) όλα active low
- Κοινό bus δεδομένων D εισόδου κα ι εξόδου (Din & Dout):
  - WE\_L ενεργοποιείται (Low), ΟΕ\_L απενεργοποιείται (High)
    - D χρησιμοποιέιται σαν είσοδος στην DRAM
  - WE\_L απενεργοποιείται (High), ΟΕ\_L ενεργοποιείται (Low)
    - · D χρησιμοποιέιται σαν έξοδος από την DRAM
- Οι διευθύνσεις γραμμής και στήλης μοιράζονται τα ίδια pins (A)
  - RAS\_L ενεργοποιείται (low) -> Α αποθηκεύεται σαν row address
  - CAS\_L ενεργοποιείται (low) -> Α αποθηκεύεται σαν column address
  - RAS/CAS edge-sensitive

# Απλοποιημένο διάγραμμα χρονισμού DRAM



• Η διεύθυνση δίνεται σε 2 βήματα

### Τυπικός χρονισμός Ανάγνωσης DRAM



## Τα βήματα για Early Read

- Assert Row Address
- Assert RAS\_L
  - Start read cycle
  - Meet Row Addr setup time before RAS/hold time after RAS
- Assert OE\_L
- Assert Col Address
- Assert CAS\_L
  - Meet Col Addr setup time before CAS/hold time after CAS
- Valid Data Out after access time
- Disassert OE\_L, CAS\_L, RAS\_L to end cycle

#### Τα βήματα για Late Read

- Assert Row Address
- Assert RAS\_L
  - Start read cycle
  - Meet Row Addr setup time before RAS/hold time after RAS
- Assert Col Address
- Assert CAS\_L
  - Meet Col Addr setup time before CAS/hold time after CAS
- Assert OE\_L
- Valid Data Out after access time
- Disassert OE\_L, CAS\_L, RAS\_L to end cycle

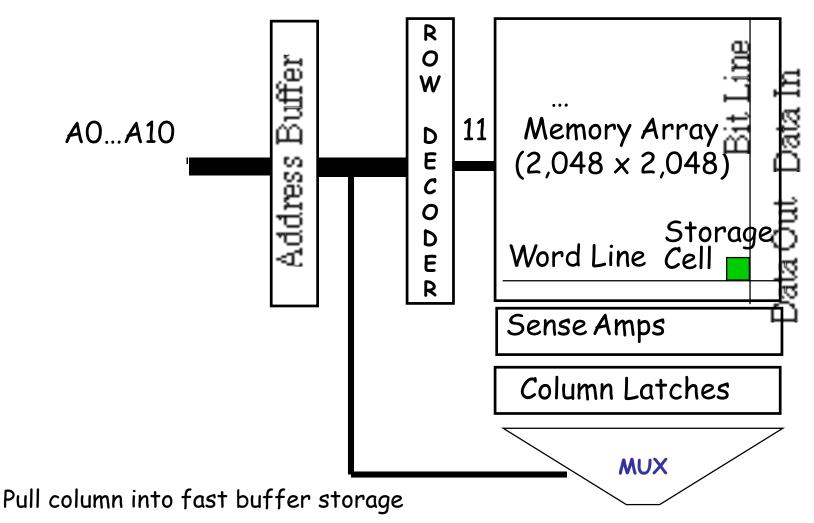
### Τυπικός χρονισμός Εγγραφής DRAM

CAS\_L WE\_L RAS\_L OE L Κάθε προσπέλαση DRAM ξεκινάει με: 256K x 8 Ενεργοποίηση του RAS\_L DRAM 2 τρόποι εγγραφής: early or late DRAM WR Cycle Time RAS\_L CAS Row Address Col Address Junk! Row Address Col Address Junk OE\_L WE L Data In Junk Junk I Junk Data In Setup WR Access Time WR Access Time . Hold Early Wr Cycle: WE\_L asserted before CAS\_L Late Wr Cycle: WE\_L asserted after CAS\_L

# Key DRAM Timing Parameters

- t<sub>RAC</sub>: minimum time from RAS line falling to the valid data output.
  - Quoted as the speed of a DRAM
  - A fast 4Mb DRAM  $t_{RAC}$  = 60 ns
- $t_{RC}$ : minimum time from the start of one row access to the start of the next.
  - $t_{RC}$  = 110 ns for a 4Mbit DRAM with a  $t_{RAC}$  of 60 ns
- $t_{CAC}$ : minimum time from CAS line falling to valid data output.
  - 15 ns for a 4Mbit DRAM with a  $t_{RAC}$  of 60 ns
- $t_{PC}$ : minimum time from the start of one column access to the start of the next.
  - 35 ns for a 4Mbit DRAM with a  $t_{RAC}$  of 60 ns

#### DRAM with Column buffer

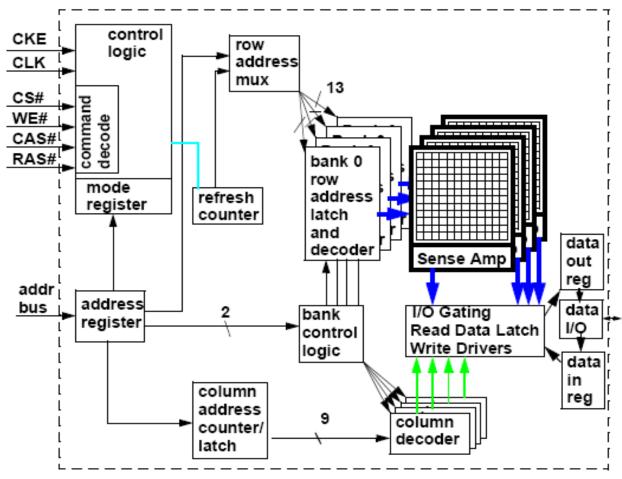


Access sequence of bit from there

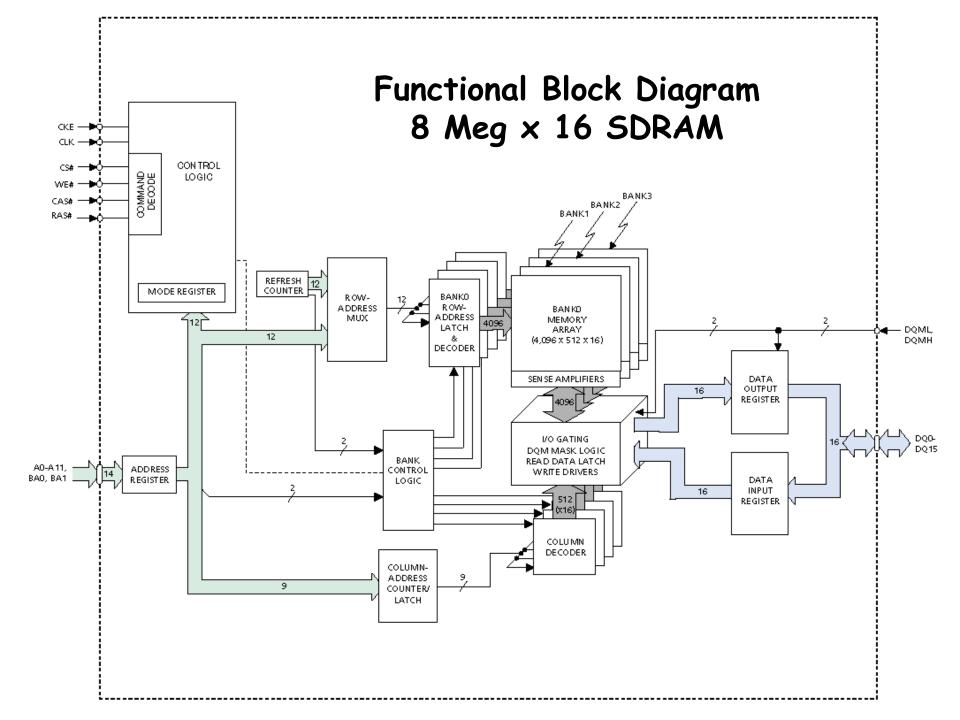
## Optimized Access to Cols in Row

- · Often want to access a sequence of bits
- Page mode
  - After RAS / CAS, can access additional bits in the row by changing column address and strobing CAS
- Static Column mode
  - Change column address (without repeated CAS) to get different bit
- Nibble mode
  - Pulsing CAS gives next bit mod 4
- · Video ram
  - Serial access

# 256 Mbit SDRAM Addressing



256 Mbit chip: 8192 rows, 512 columns, x16 data, 4 banks

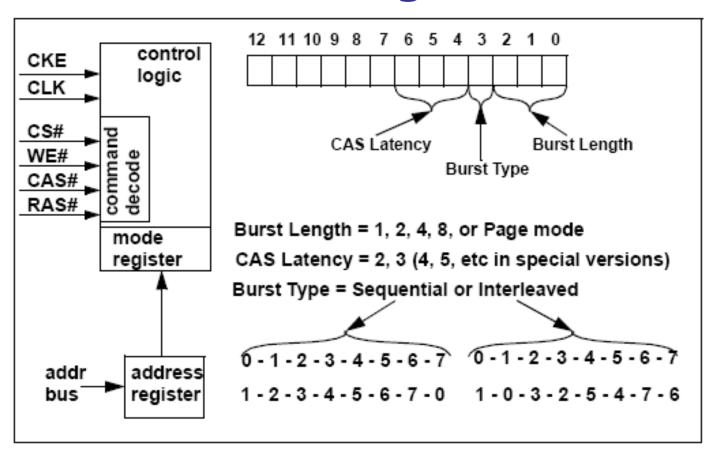


#### SDRAM Details

- Multiple "banks" of cell arrays are used to reduce access time:
  - Each bank is 4K rows by 512 "columns" by 16 bits (for our part)
- Read and Write operations as split into RAS (row access) followed by CAS (column access)
- These operations are controlled by sending commands
  - Commands are sent using the RAS, CAS, CS, & WE pins.
- Address pins are "time multiplexed"
  - During RAS operation, address lines select the bank and row
  - During CAS operation, address lines select the column.

- "ACTIVE" command "opens" a row for operation
  - transfers the contents of the entire to a row buffer
- Subsequent "READ" or "WRITE" commands modify the contents of the row buffer.
- For burst reads and writes during "READ" or "WRITE" the starting address of the block is supplied.
  - Burst length is programmable as 1, 2, 4, 8 or a "full page" (entire row) with a burst terminate option.
- Special commands are used for initialization (burst options etc.)
- A burst operation takes ≈ 4 + n cycles (for n words)

# Mode Register

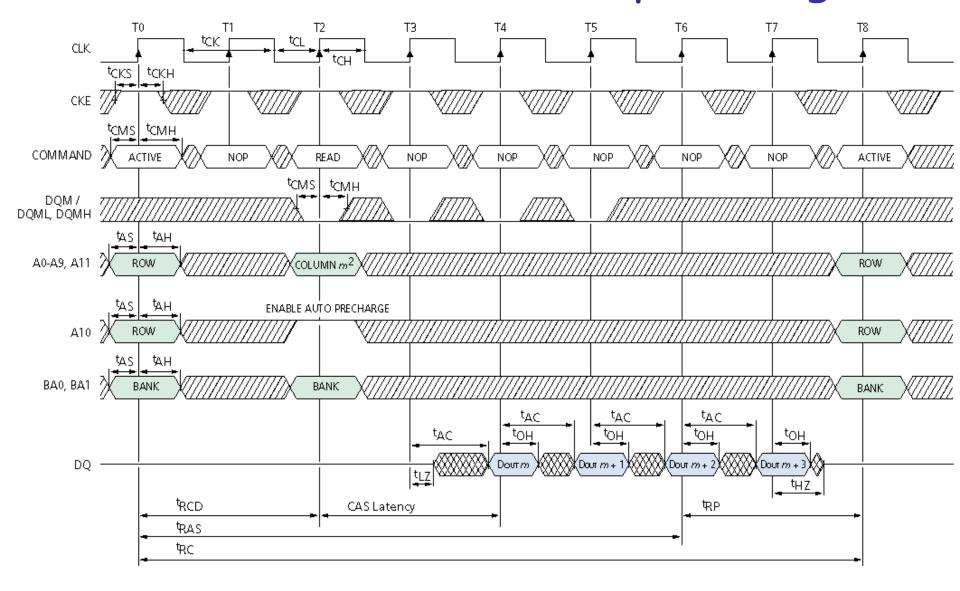


#### SDRAM Device can be programmed to respond in slightly different manners

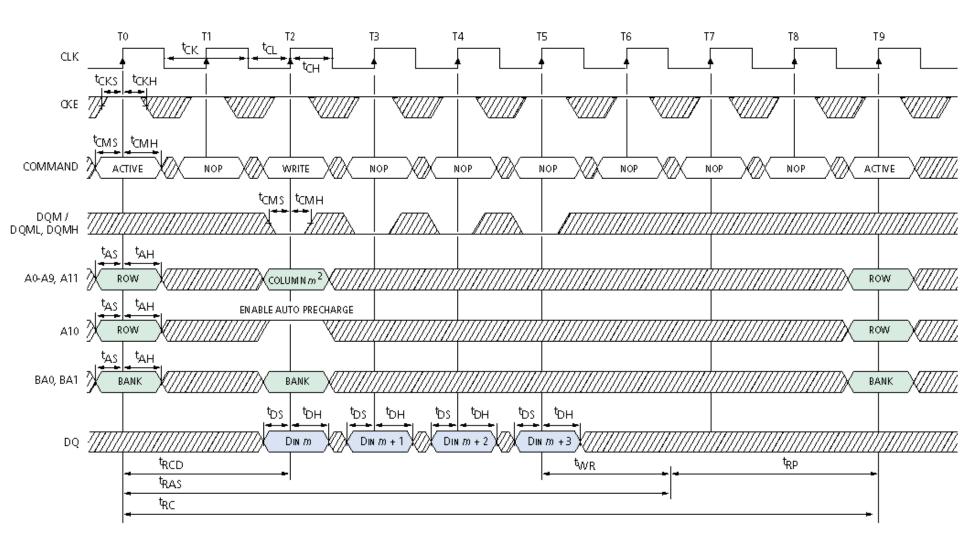
# Βασικές Χρονικές Παράμετροι SDRAM

- t<sub>RCD</sub>: ACTIVE to READ or WRITE delay
- · CL : CAS Latency
- · t<sub>RAS</sub>: ACTIVE to PRECHARGE time
- t<sub>RP</sub>: PRECHARGE Period
- t<sub>WR</sub>: WRITE recovery time
- · tRC : ACTIVE to ACTIVE time

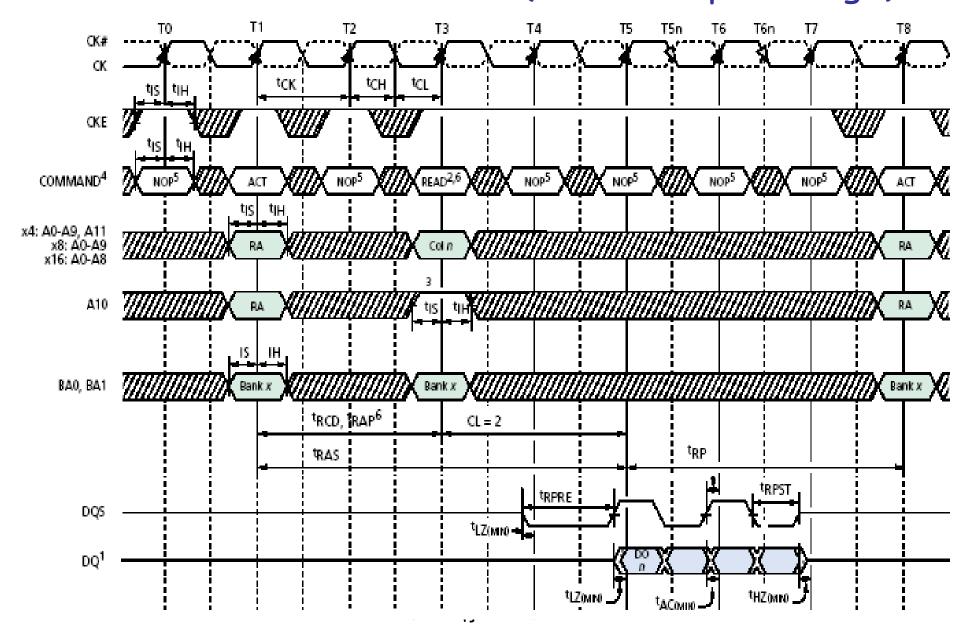
#### READ burst (with auto precharge)



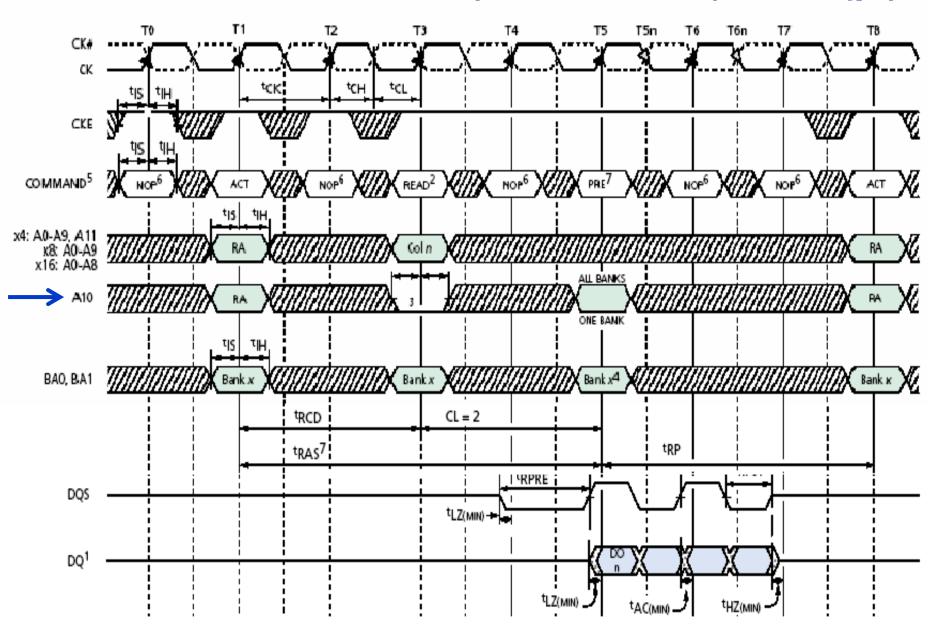
### WRITE burst (with auto precharge)



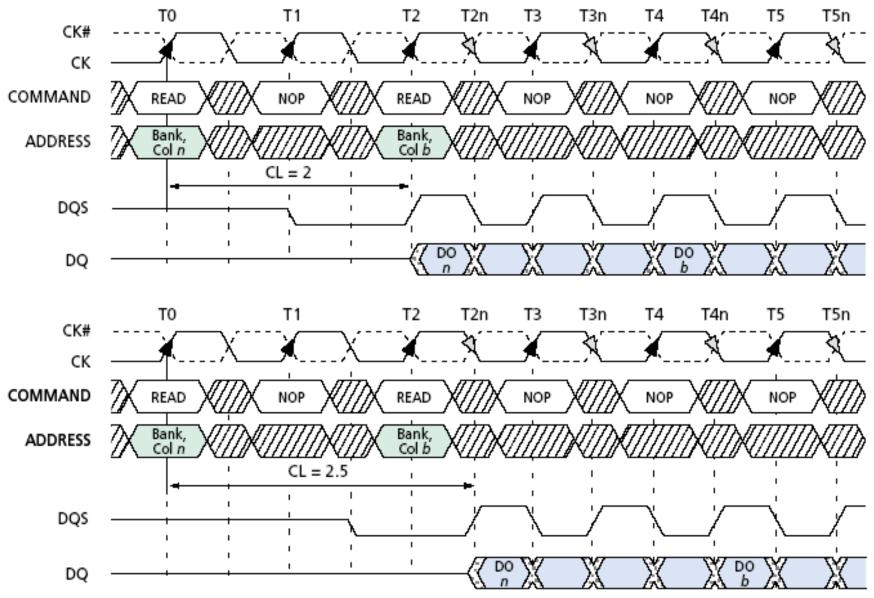
### DDR Read Command (with auto precharge)



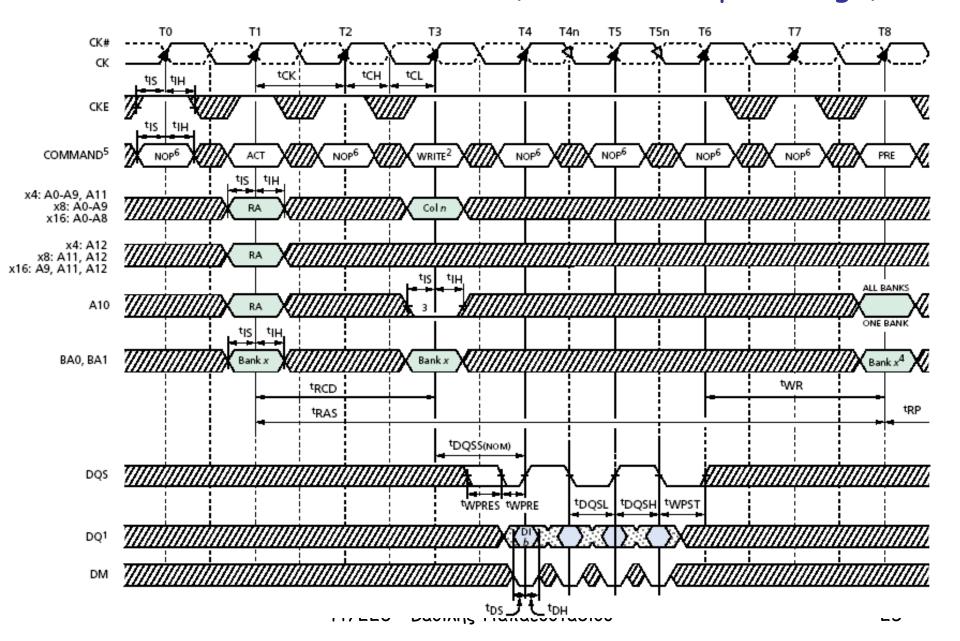
#### DDR Read Command (without auto precharge)



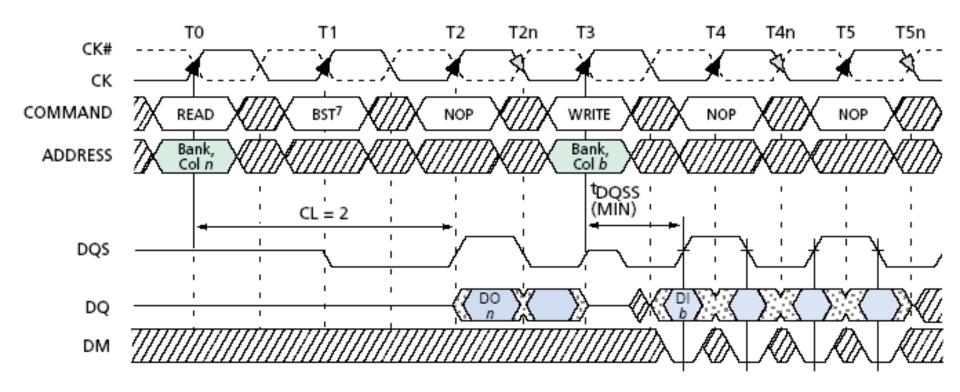
#### DDR: Consecutive Read Bursts



#### DDR Write Command (without auto precharge)



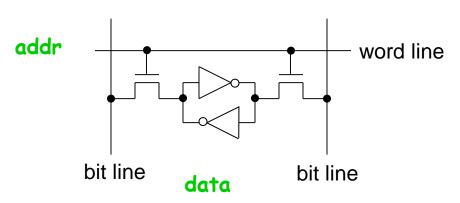
#### DDR: Read - Burst Stop - Write



# Volatile Memory Comparison

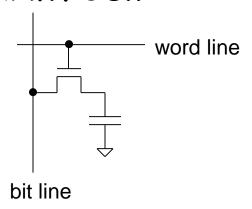
The primary difference between different memory types is the bit cell.

#### SRAM Cell



- Larger cell ⇒ lower density, higher cost/bit
- No dissipation
- Read non-destructive
- No refresh required
- Simple read ⇒ faster access
- Standard IC process ⇒ natural for integration with logic

#### · DRAM Cell



- Smaller cell ⇒ higher density, lower cost/bit
- Needs periodic refresh, and refresh after read
- Complex read ⇒ longer access time
- Special IC process ⇒ difficult to integrate with logic circuits
- Density impacts addressing