Grundlagen der Prozessorarchitektur

- **Logistics**
- **Introduction to MIPSfpga**
  - Background
  - Core and System
  - Interfaces
    - System Interface
    - AHB-Lite Bus
    - EJTAG

Logistics

- Nexys4-DDR Board pick-up
  - Bring 50 Euro deposit (cash) - refundable after board return
  - Frau Reimund, Do. und Fr., 28.04. und 29.04.
  - Piloty E103, Do. 12:30-15:30, Fr. 09:30-12:30
- Lab 3: Start **early**!
  - For example, you should have a completely written pipelined processor by next week: ~04.05.
  - Allow at least a week for debugging
  - Average time to complete: ~15 hours (or more)
- **No lecture next week** (05.05.) – Feiertag

History of MIPS Architecture

- Developed by **John Hennessy** and his colleagues at Stanford in the 1980's
- One of the first commercial **Reduced Instruction Set Computer** (RISC) Architecture
- Hennessy co-founded MIPS Computer Systems – later called MIPS Technologies
- Used in many commercial systems, including Silicon Graphics workstations, Nintendo machines, and Cisco servers
- Studied by a majority of universities
- Over 5 billion MIPS microprocessors sold

History of MIPS Architecture

- Imagination Technologies purchased MIPS Technologies in February 2013
  - British-based company
  - Other products include: PowerVR mobile graphics processor, consumer electronics and audio equipment

MIPS Cores

- **MIPS R3000, R4000, R10000**
  - 1980's and 1990's
  - For example, found in Silicon Graphics workstations
- **Embedded: M4K, M14K**
  - Examples:
    - Microchip's popular **PIC32** line of microcontrollers is based on M4K core
    - Samsung's **Artik-1** IoT-focused chip is a MIPS core

MIPS Cores

- **microAptiv**
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MIPSfpga Background

What is MIPSfpga?

- A soft-core commercial MIPS processor implemented on an FPGA
- Made available to Universities by Imagination Technologies

MIPSfpga Terms

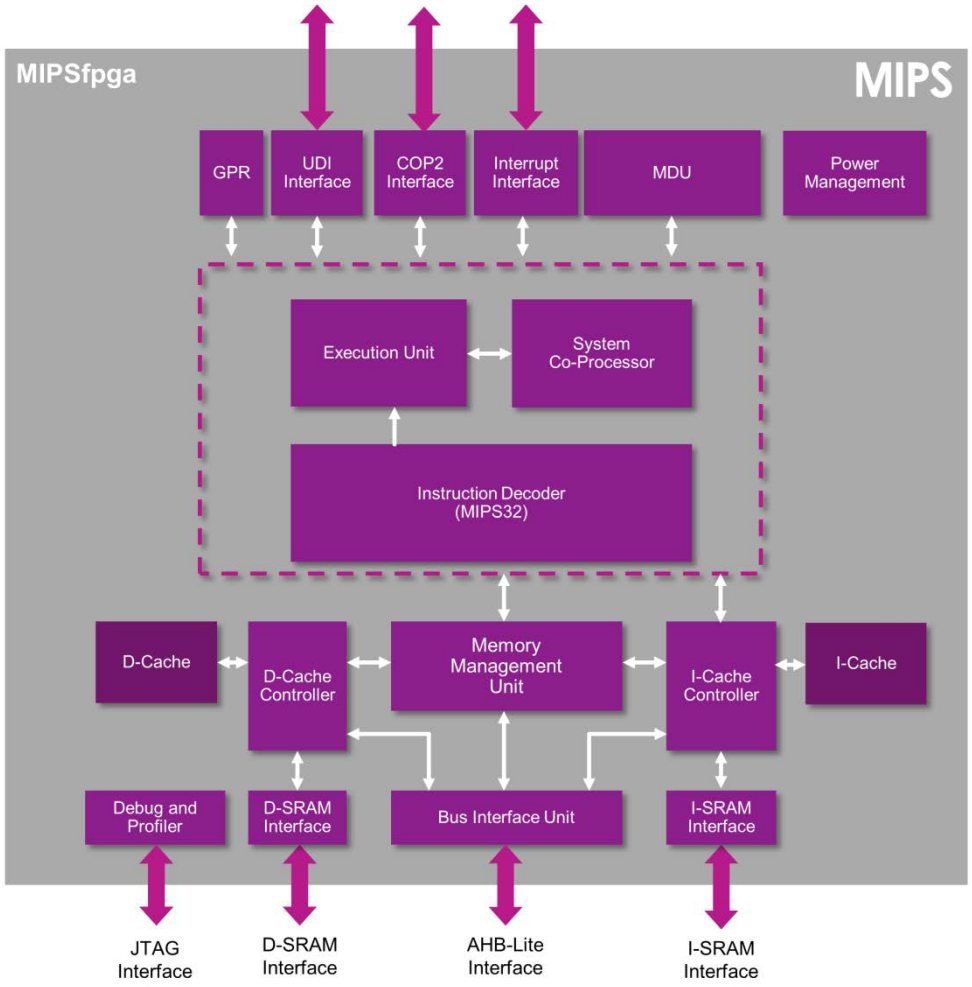
- Available for **Academic Use** only
- **Do not distribute**

MIPSfpga: microAptiv Core

Commercial microAptiv core

- 5-stage pipeline
- 1.5 Dhrystone MIPS/MHz
- 2-way associative I & D caches, 2 KB each
- MMU (memory management unit) with 16-entry TLB

MIPSfpga Core



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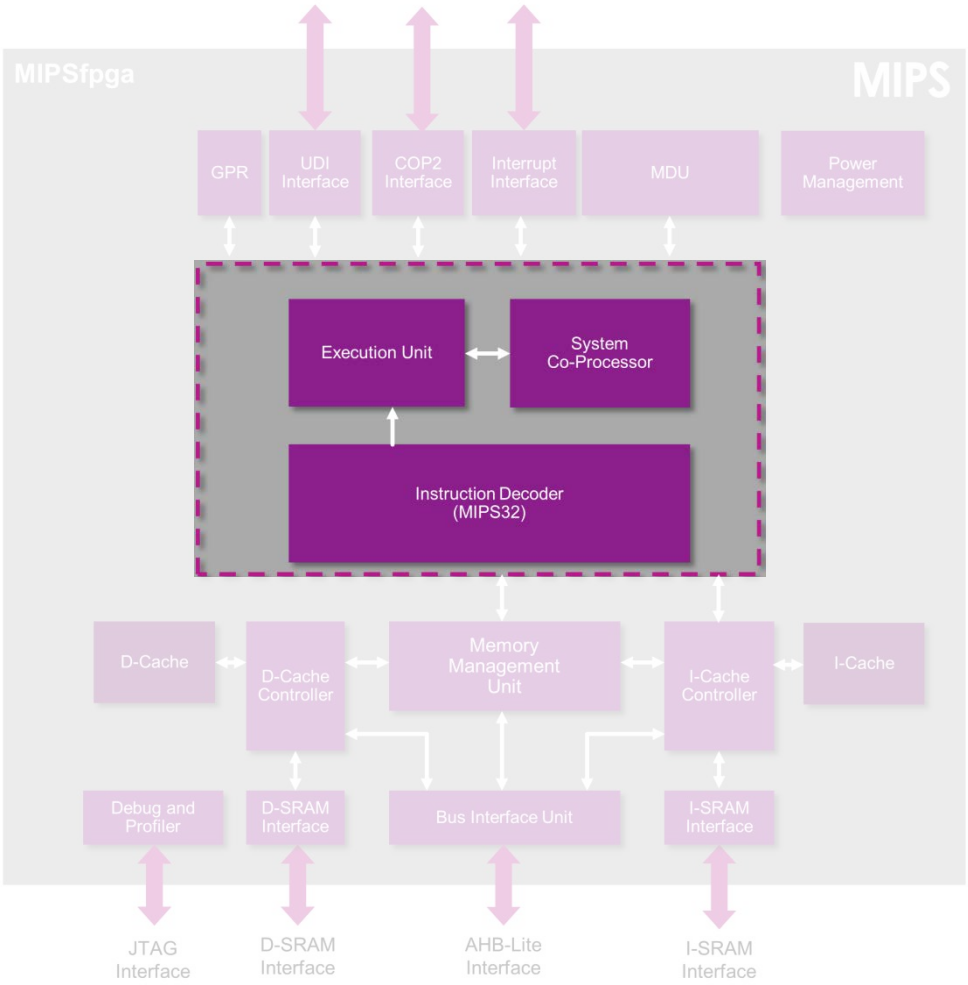

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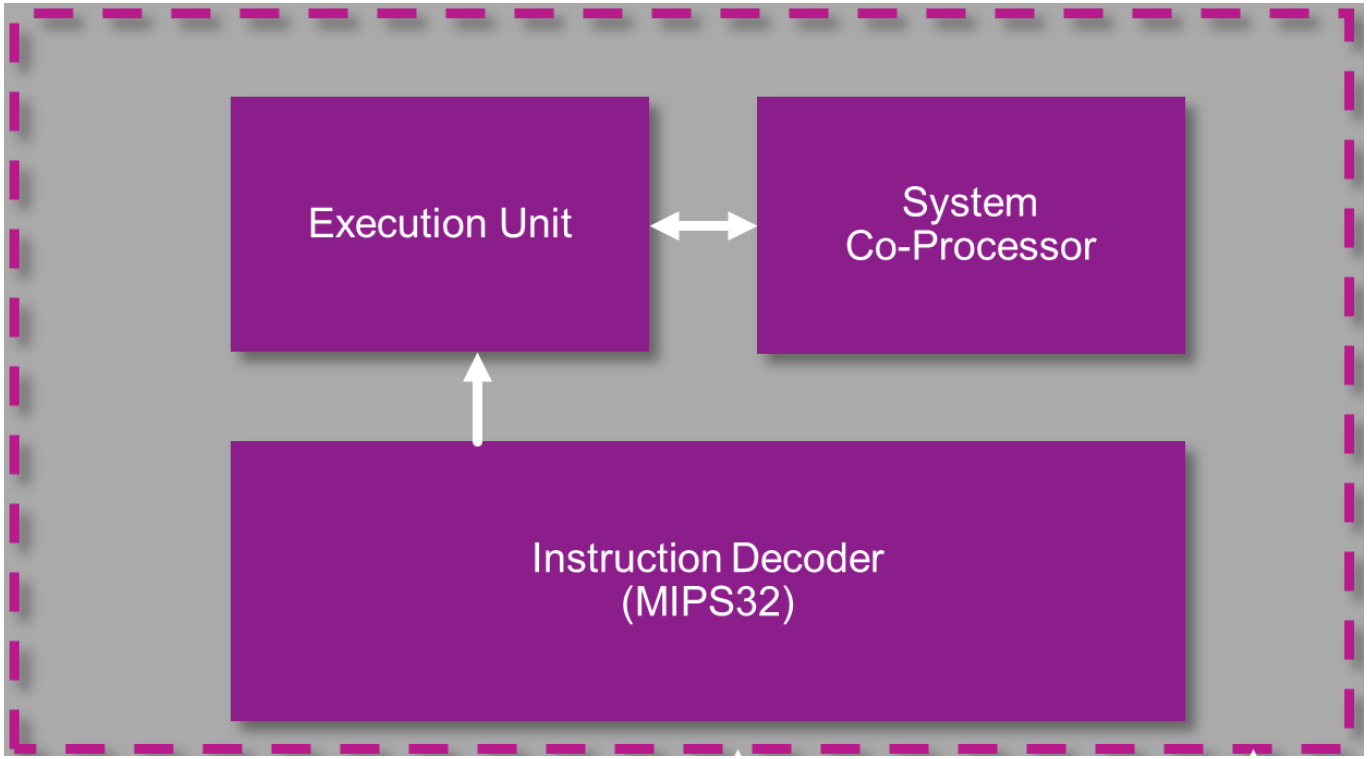
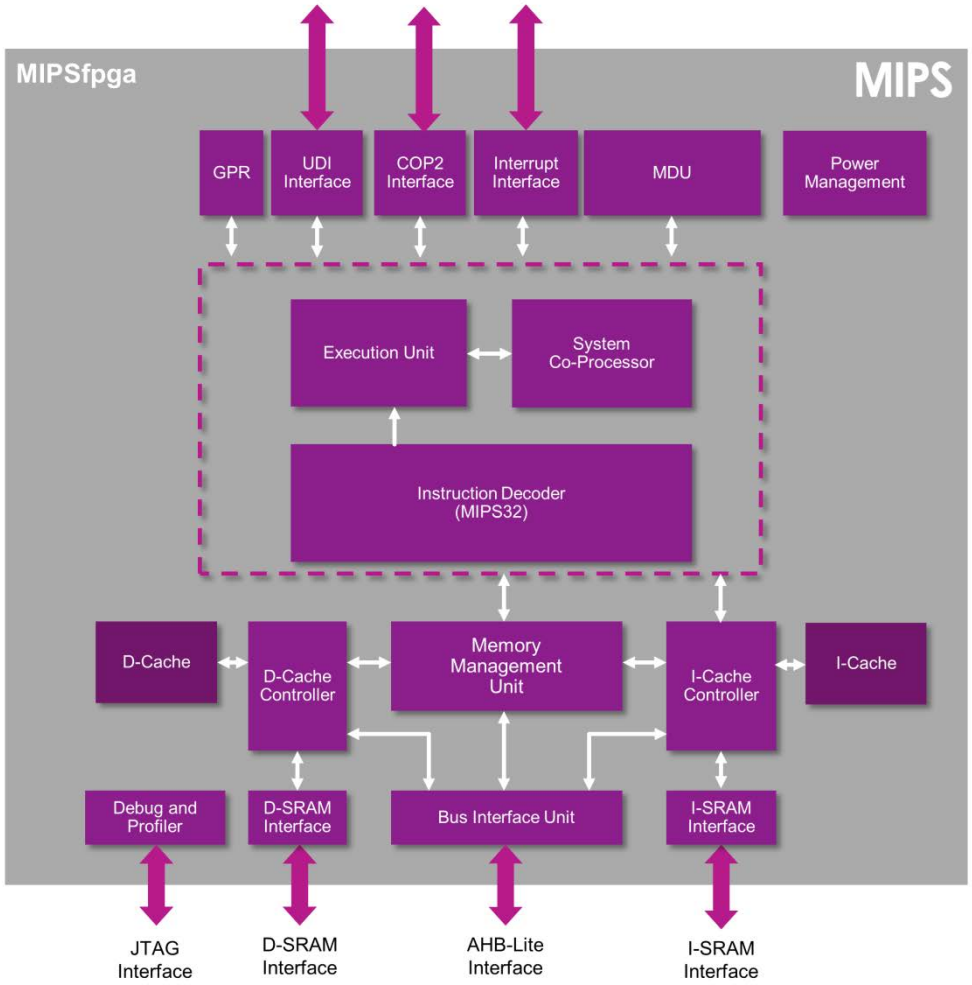


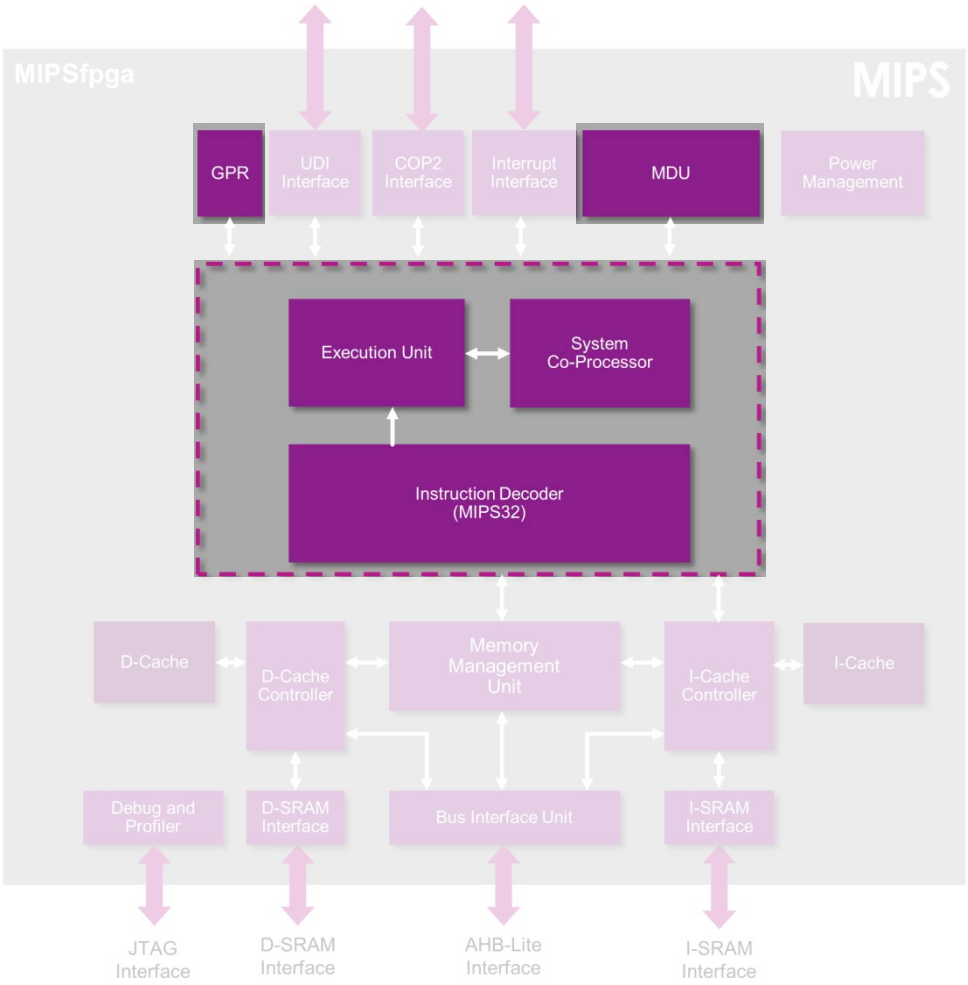
- **Processes instructions**
- **Co-processor: system registers, handles reset**

MIPSfpga: Registers, MDU



MIPSfpga: Registers, MDU

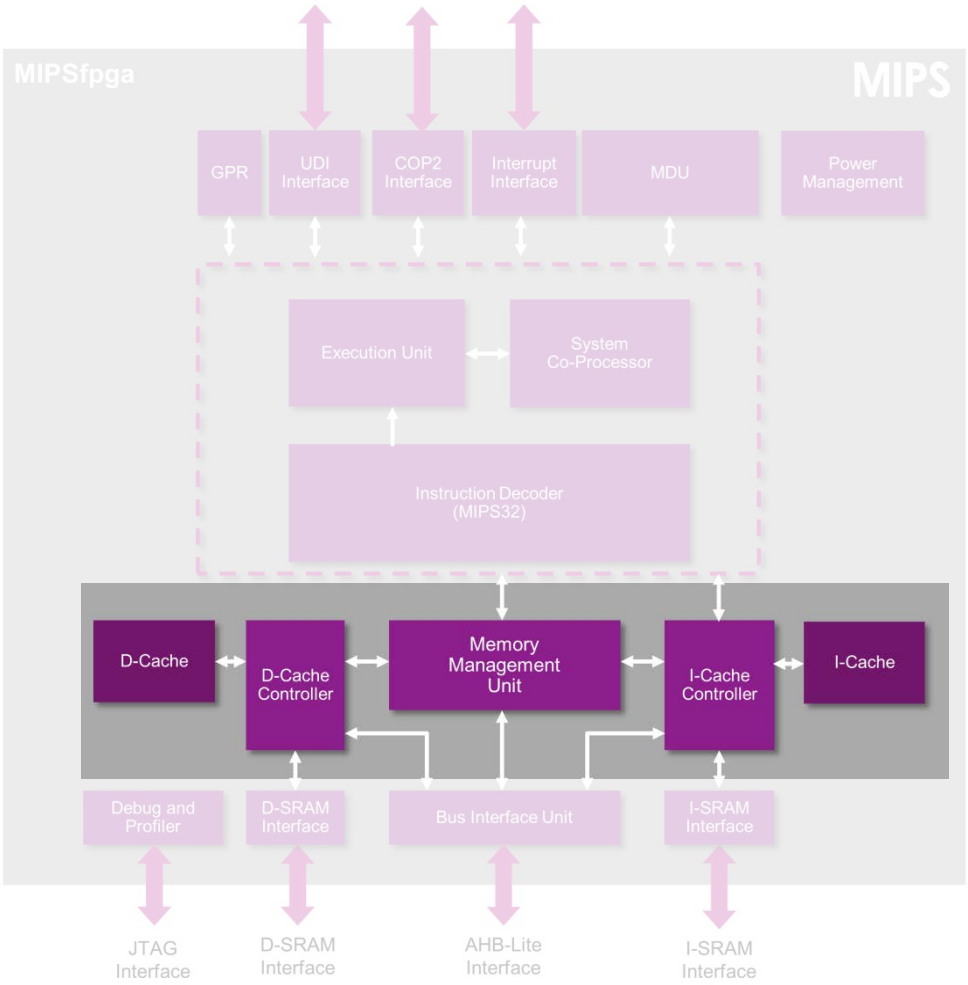
GPR:
General
Purpose
Registers



MDU:
Multiply/
Divide Unit

MIPSfpga: MMU, Caches

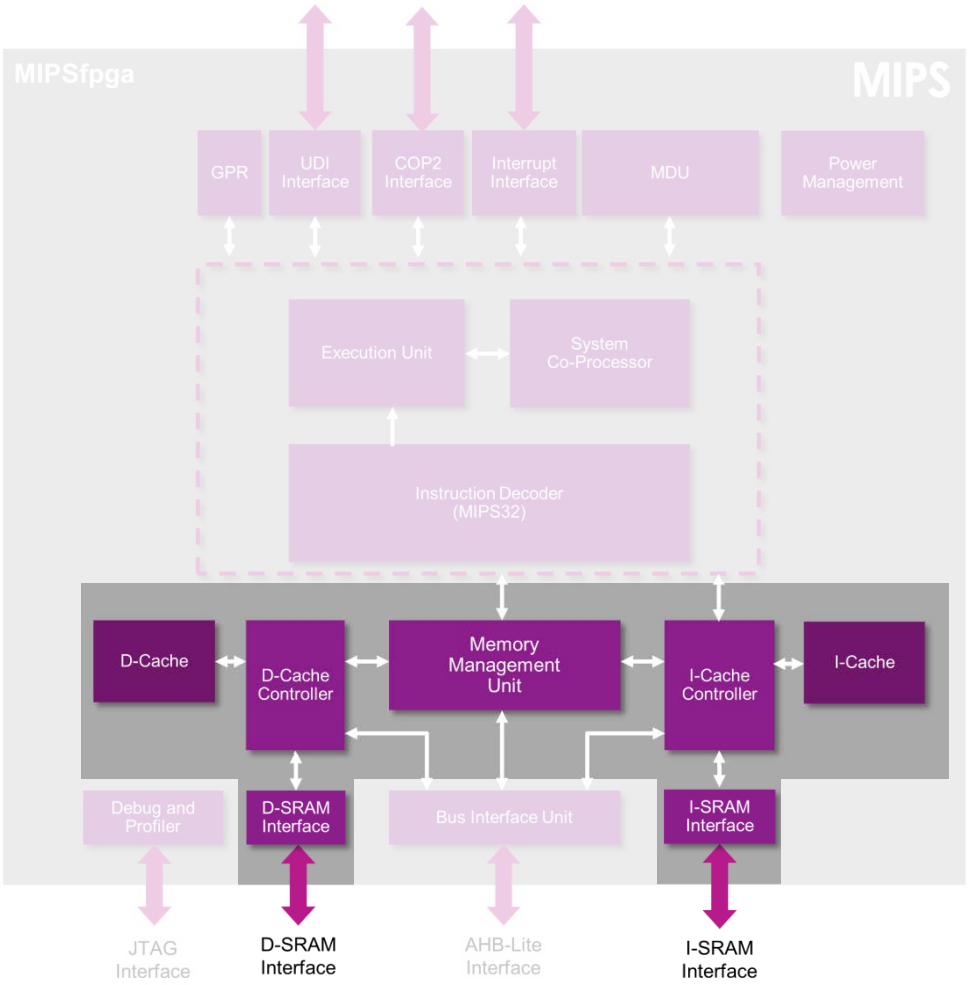
MMU:
Memory Management Unit



Caches:
Instruction & Data

Cache Controller:
Instruction & Data Caches

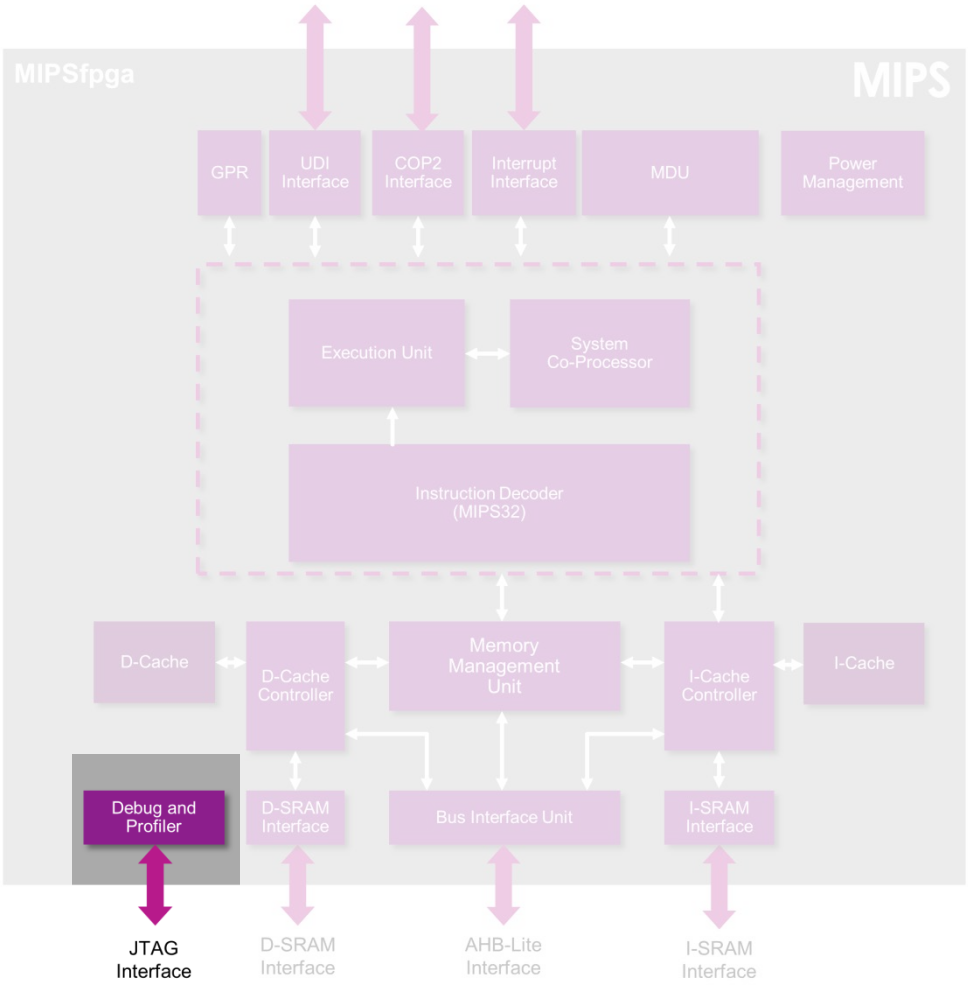
MIPSfpga: Cache Controller



Cache Controller: Interfaces with I & D Caches and external memory (called scratch RAM, SRAM)

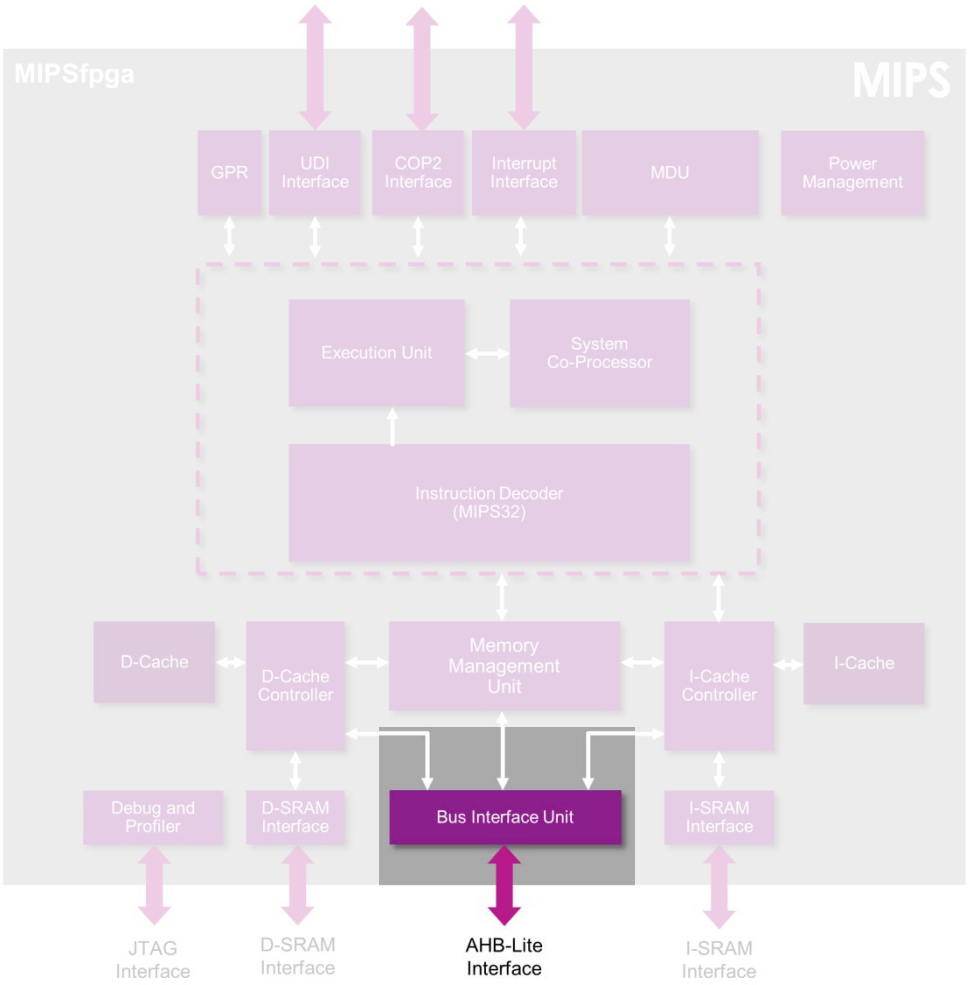
MIPSfpga (E)JTAG Interface

JTAG (also called **EJTAG**): Used for programming and real-time debugging of the core



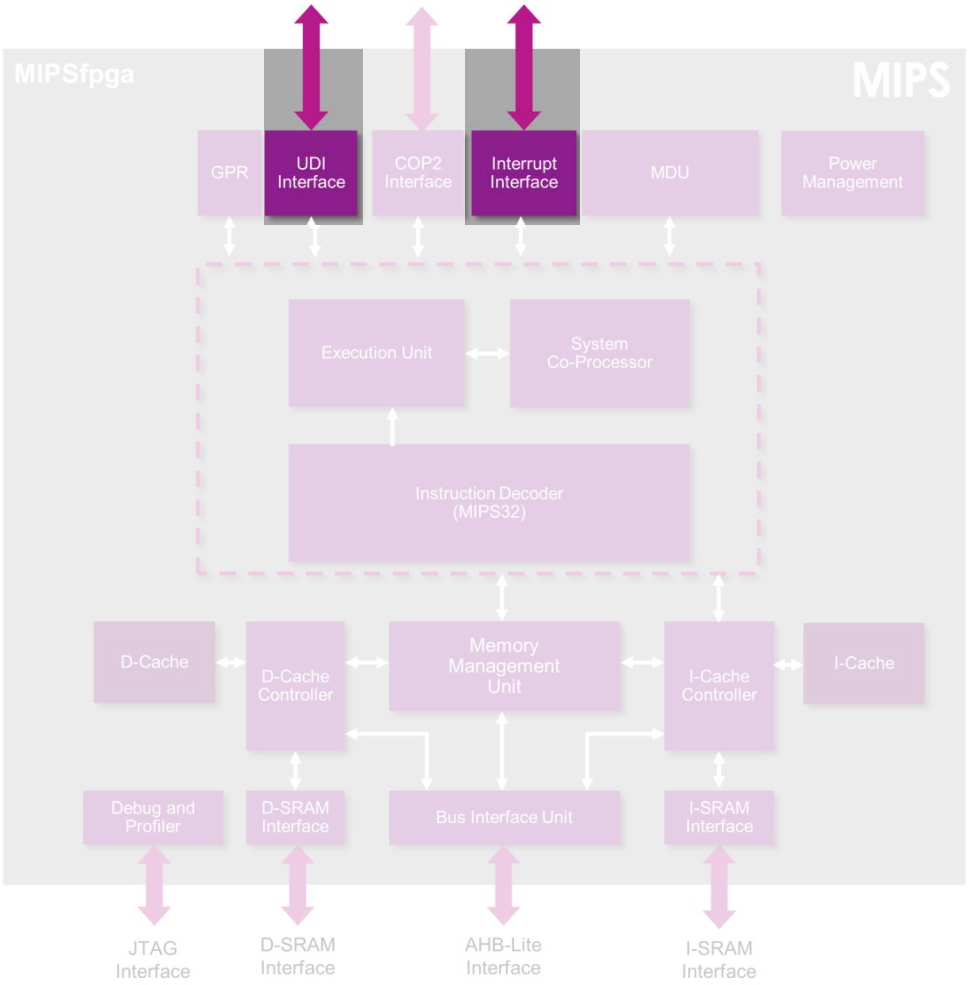
MIPSfpga AHB-Lite Bus

AHB-Lite Bus: Used for interacting with memory & peripherals



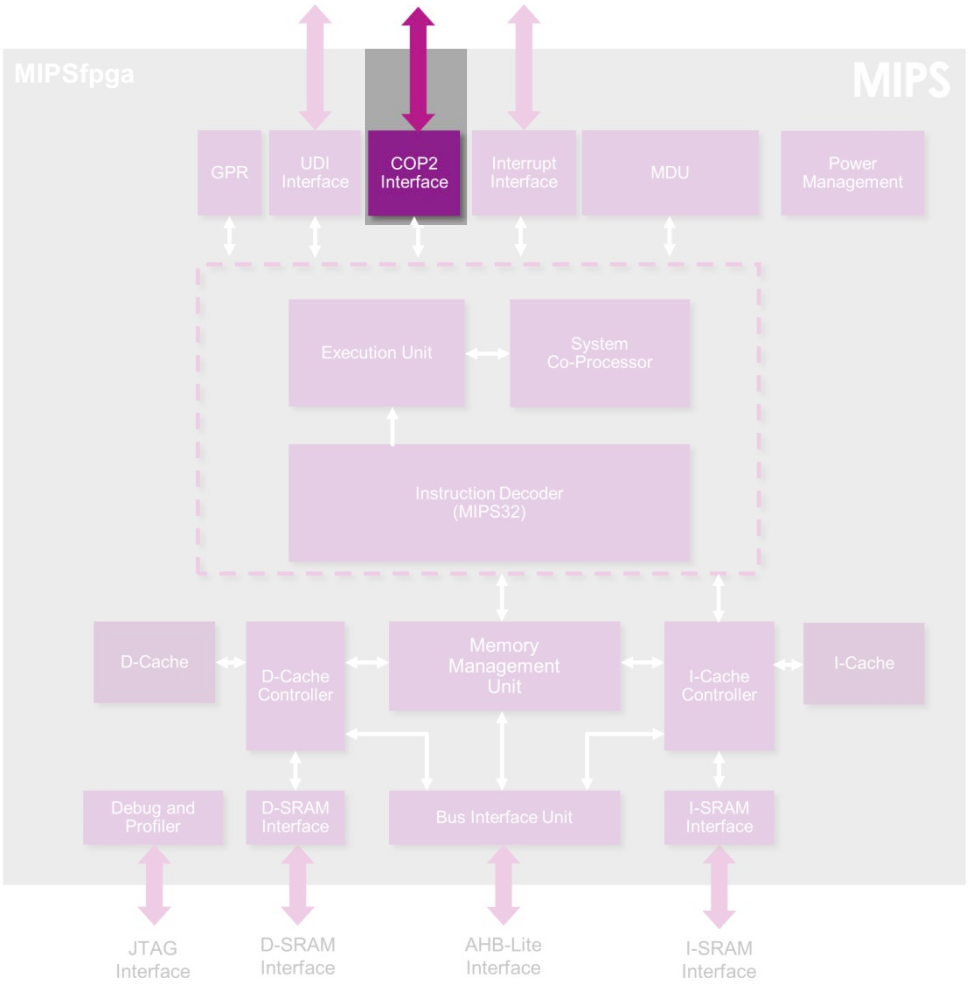
MIPSfpga UDI Interface, Interrupts

UDI (User-Defined Interface Unit): Enables user-defined instructions



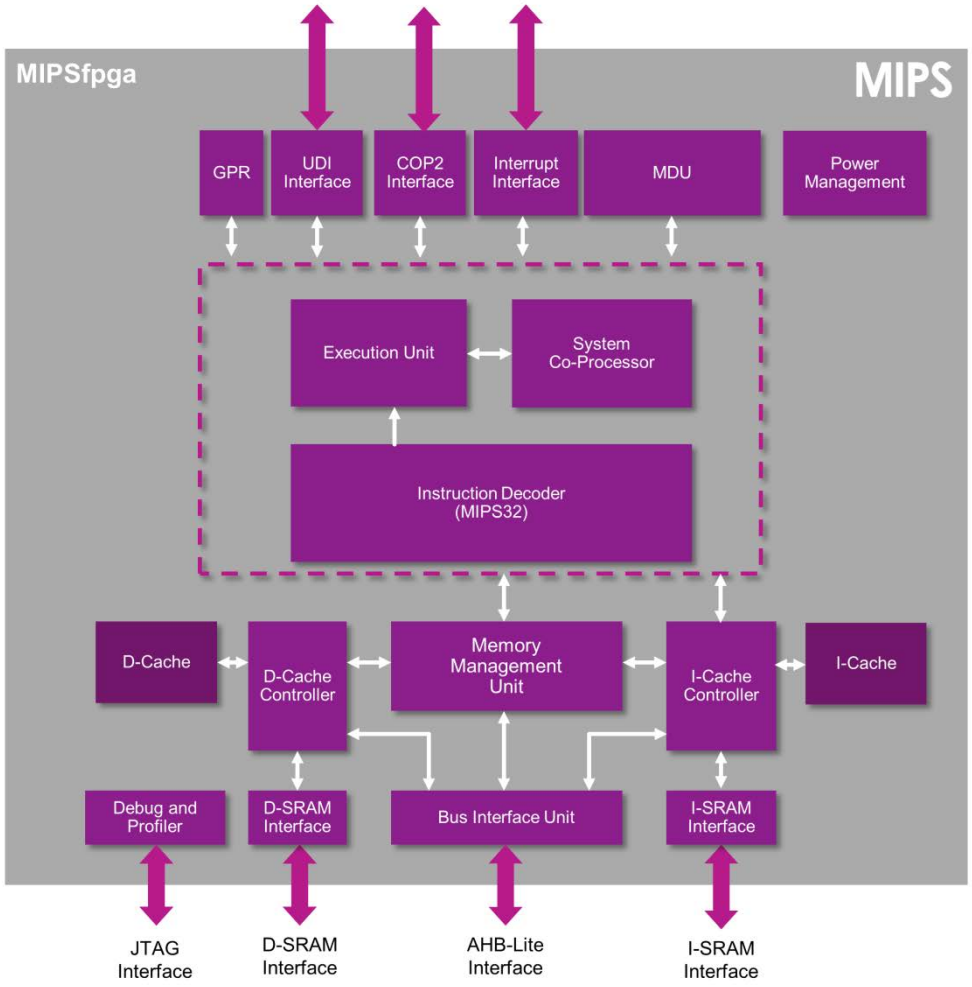
Interrupt Interface: used for hardware interrupts

MIPSfpga Coprocessor 2 Interface



COP2 Interface: Co-processor 2 Interface

MIPSfpga Core



MIPSfpga Core Re-cap

- **Commercial microAptiv core**
  - 5-stage pipeline
  - 4 KB 2-way set-associative I & D caches
  - MMU (memory management unit) with 16-entry TLB
  - Performance counters, input synchronizers
  - No DSP, Coprocessor 2, or shadow registers
  - Interfaces:
    - AHB-Lite bus
    - EJTAG programmer/debugger
    - CorExtend for user-defined instructions

MIPSfpga 5-Stage Pipeline

#	Stage	Name	Description
1	I	Instruction	Fetch Instruction
2	E	Execution	Fetch operands from RF & perform ALU operation
3	M	Memory	Access Memory
4	A	Align	Align data to word boundary
5	W	Writeback	Write result to RF

MIPSfpga Operating Modes

- Kernel
- User
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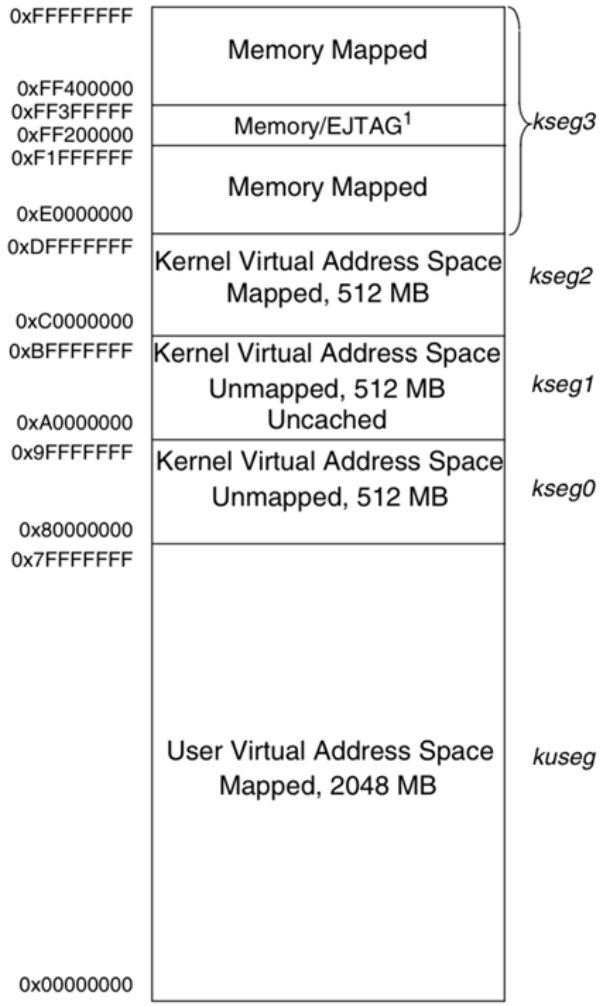
MIPSfpga Memory Map



- **32-bit** virtual memory space (0x00000000 – 0xFFFFFFFF)
- Broken up into different segments
- **kseg0** and **kseg1** both map to physical addresses starting at 0x0, i.e.:
  - **0xA0000000** maps to physical address **0x00000000**
  - **0xBFC00000** => **0x1FC00000**
  - **0x80000000** => **0x00000000**

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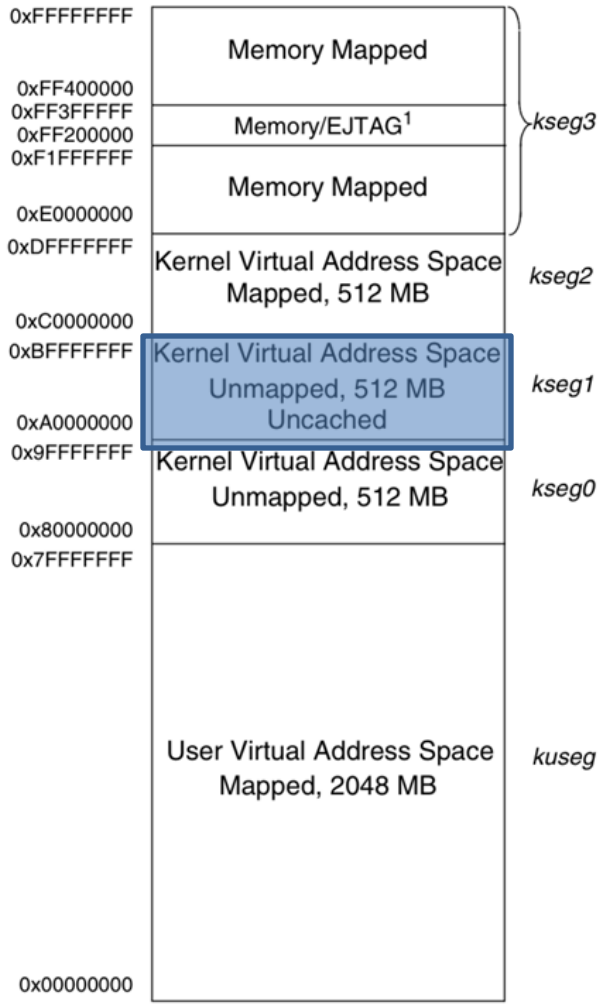

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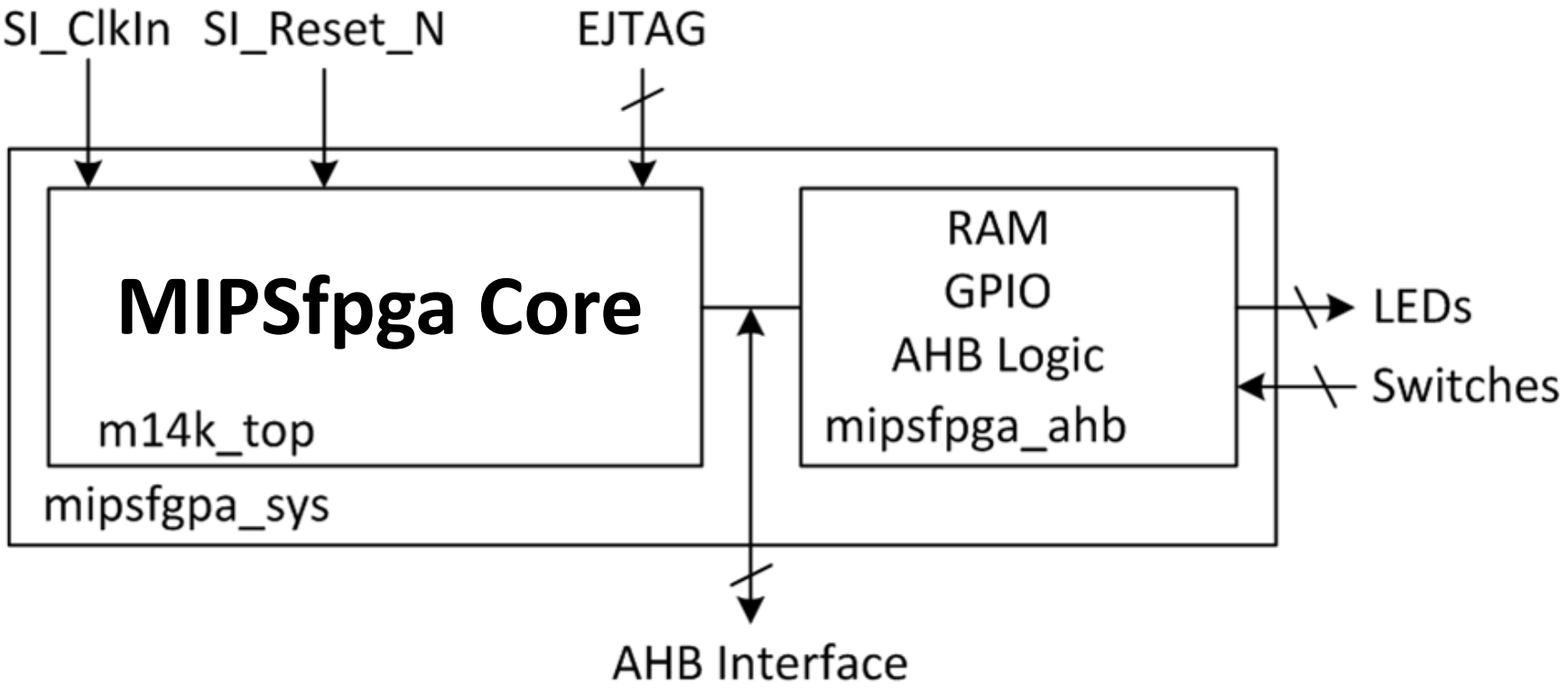
- In **kseg1:** uncached and unmapped in TLB (nothing is initialized)
  - All instructions **fetched from external memory** (not cache)
  - **0xBFC00000** maps to physical address **0x1FC00000**

MIPSfpga System



MIPSfpga System

RAM: 128 KB (boot code)
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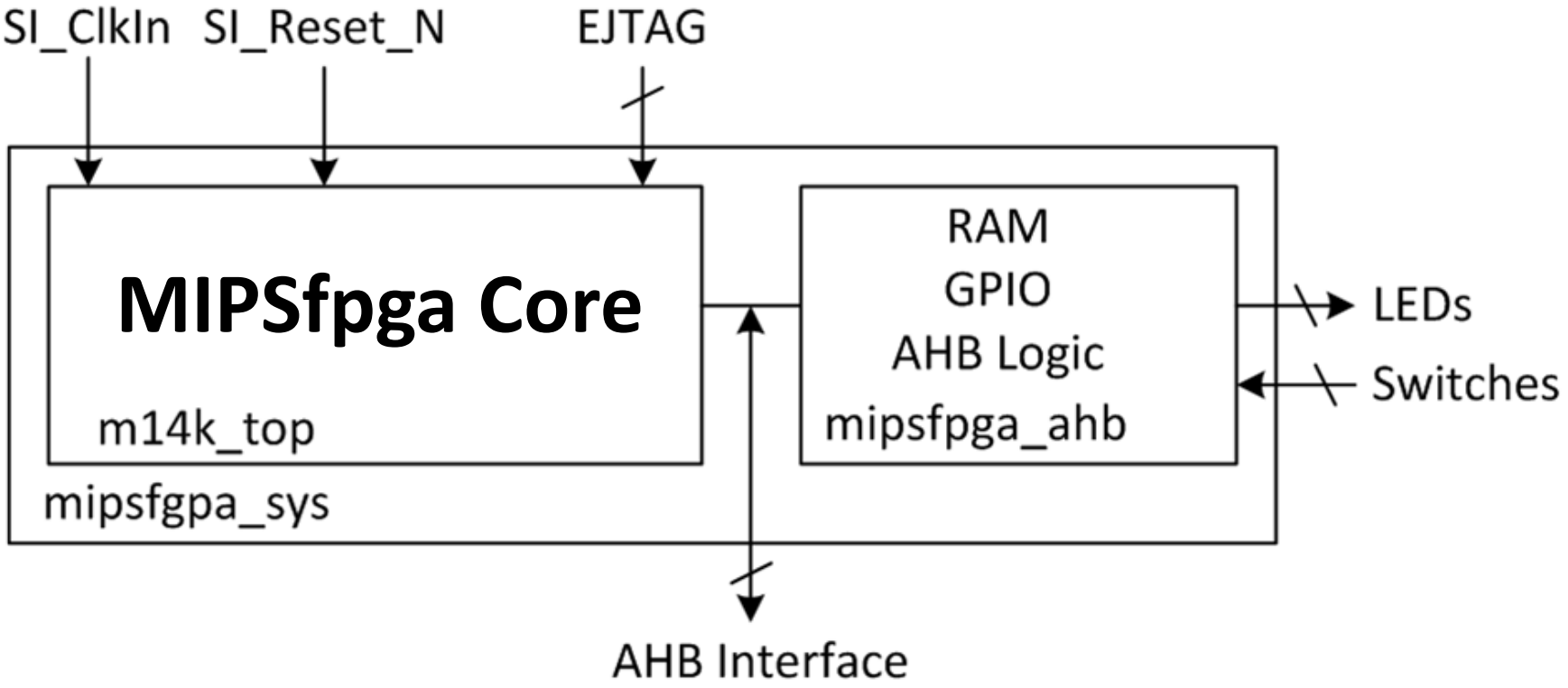
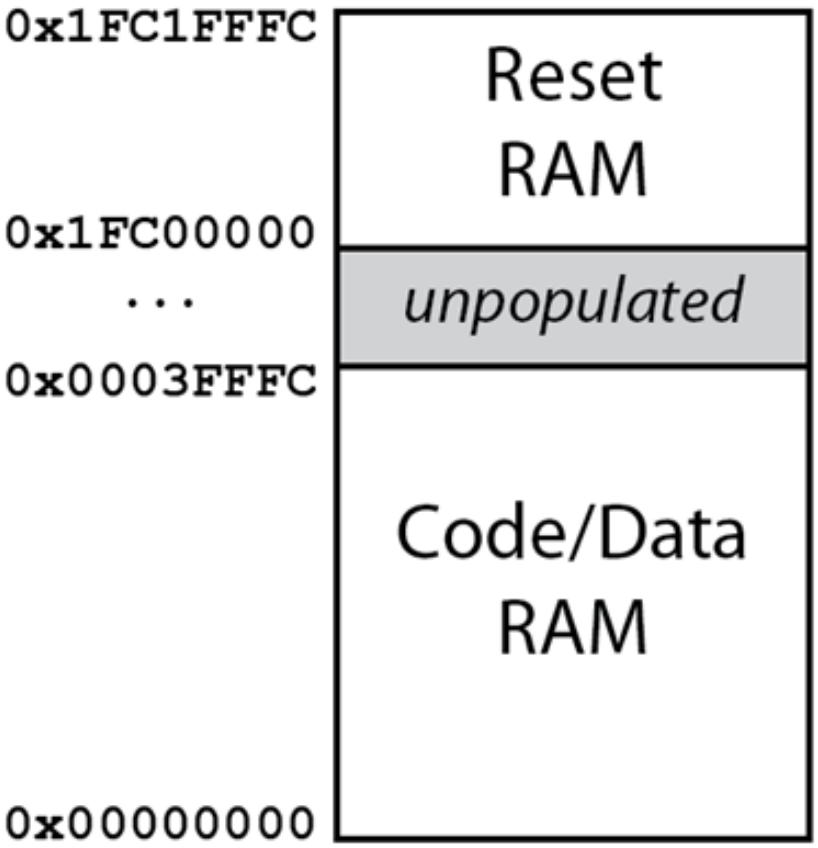


MIPSfpga System: Physical Memory



Boot Code:
Code executed at startup
(128 KB)

User Code/Data
(256 KB)

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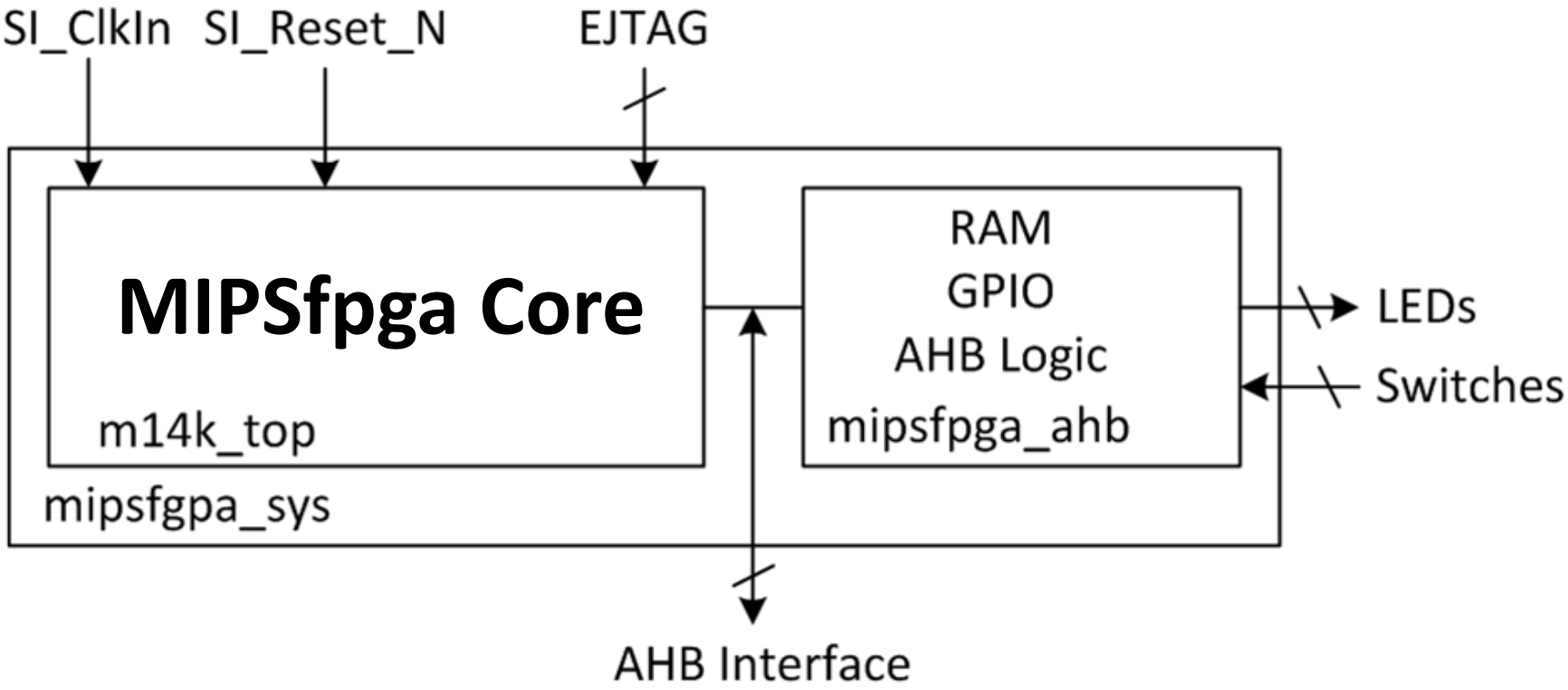

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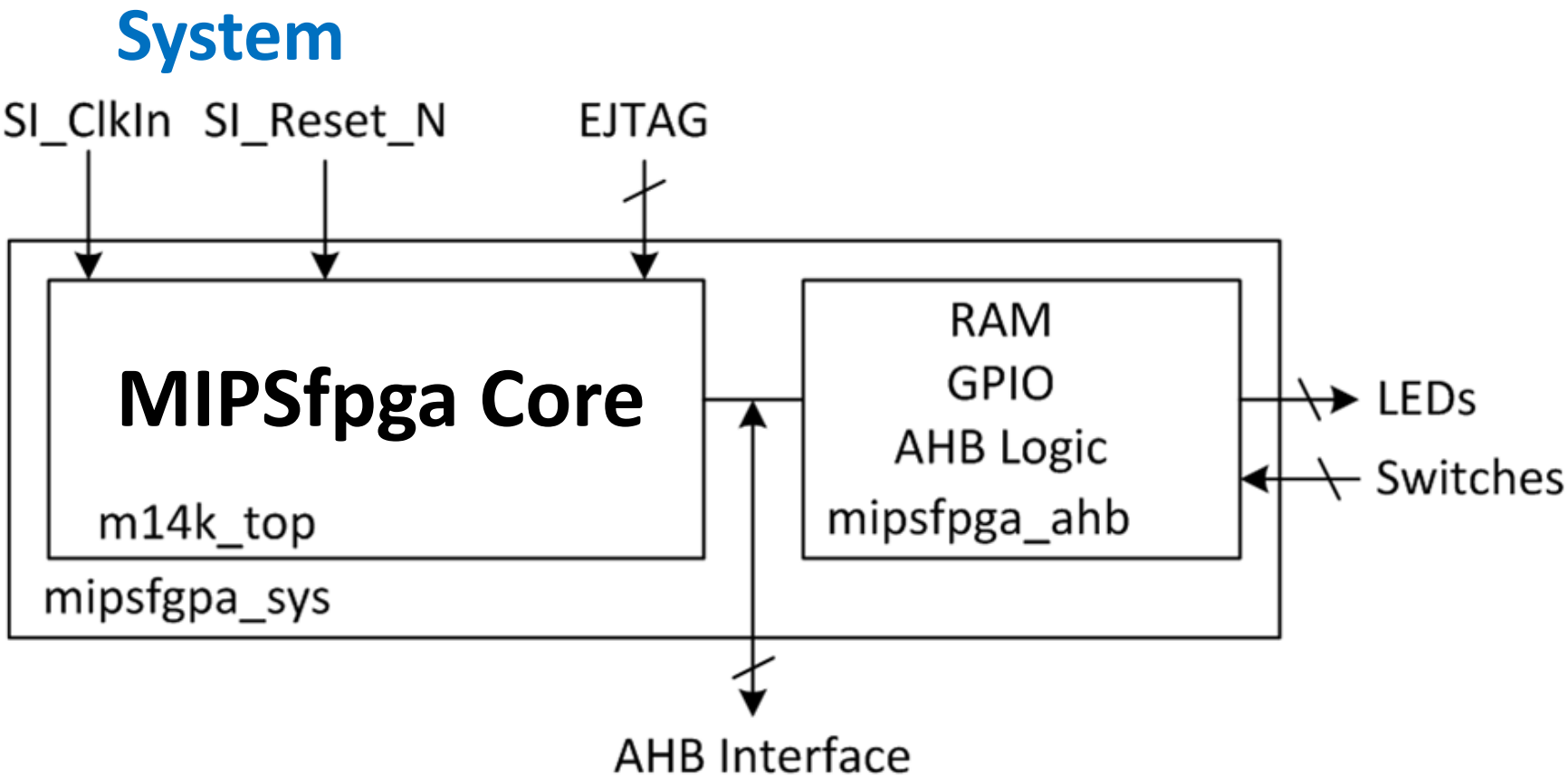

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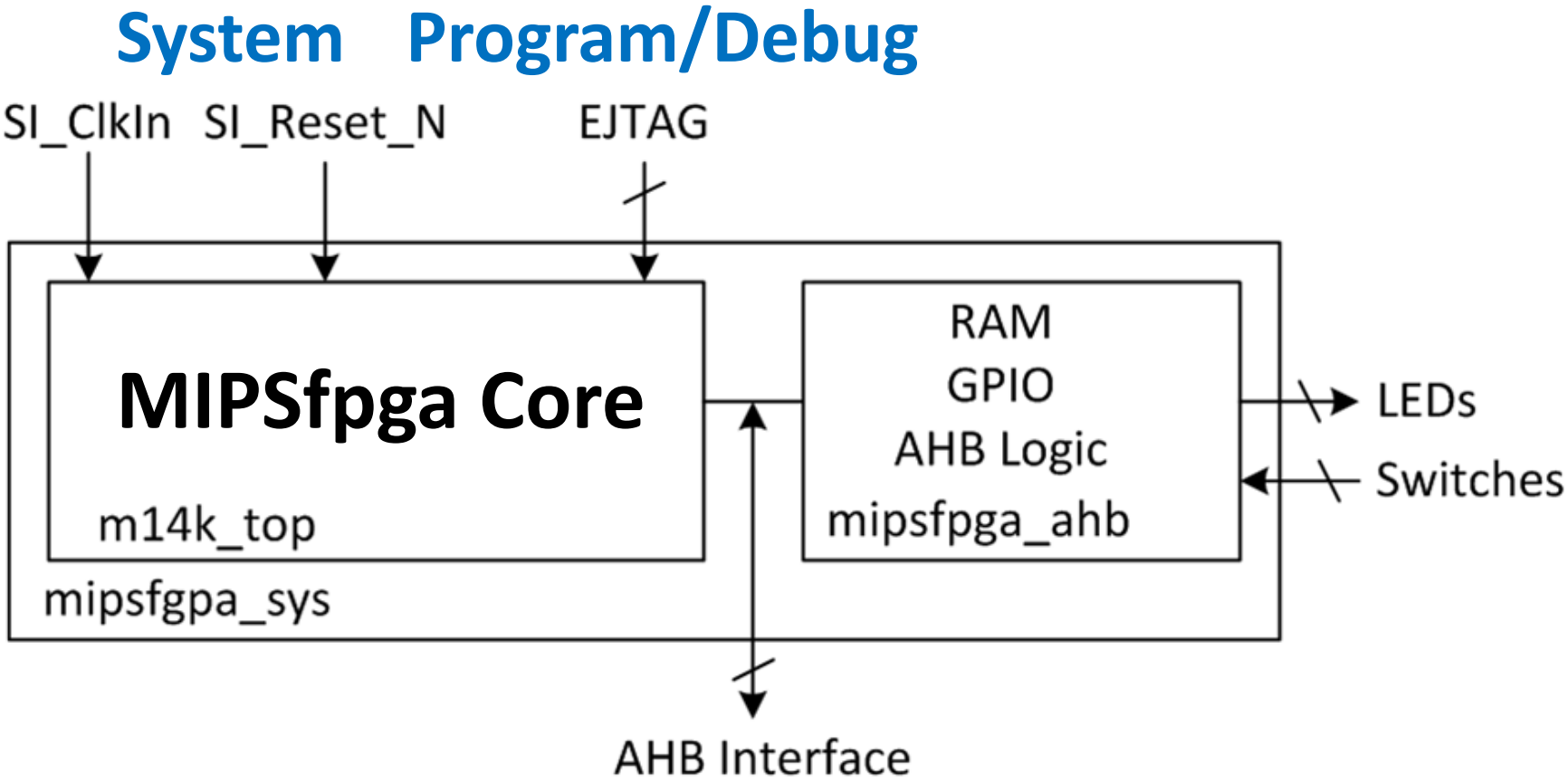

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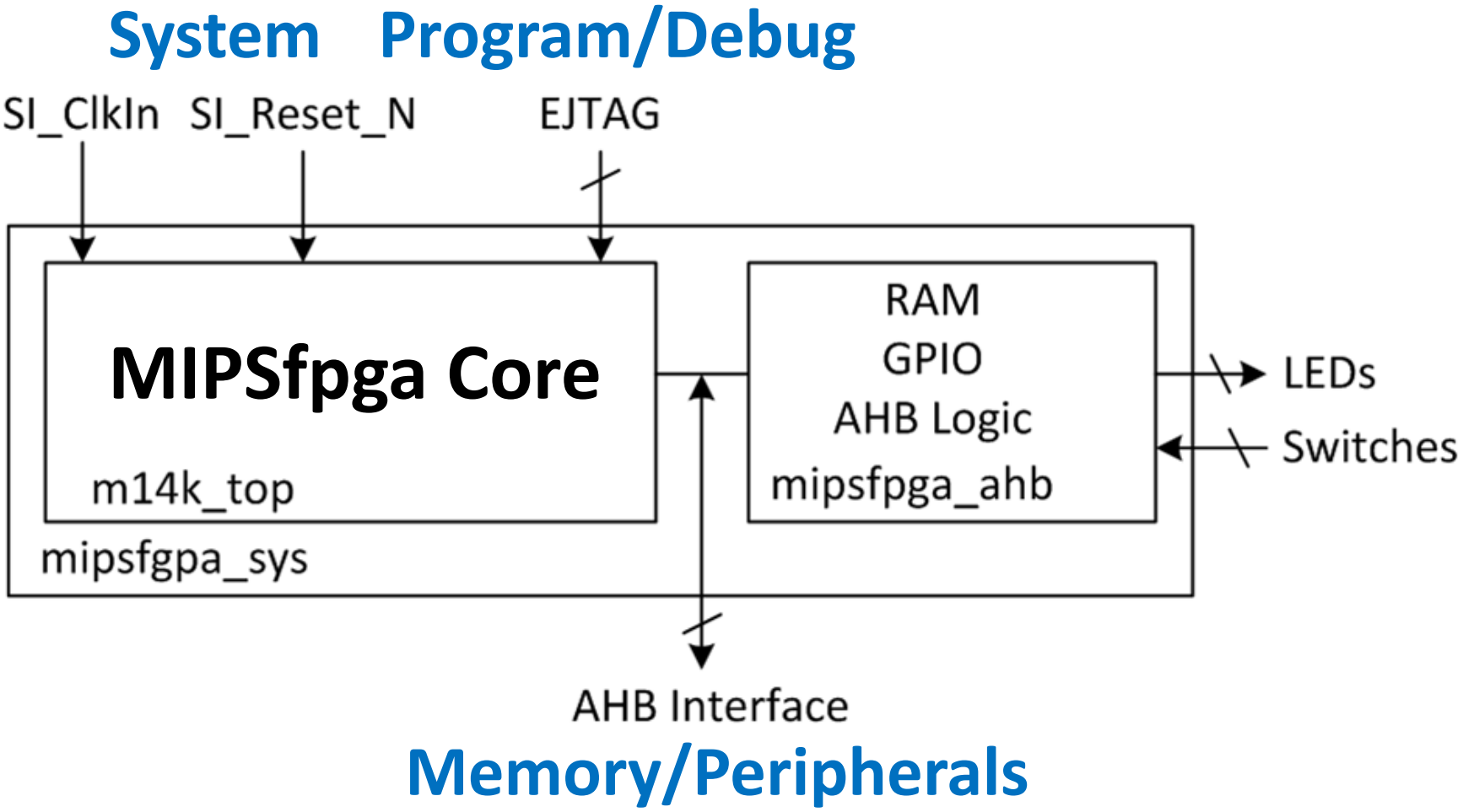

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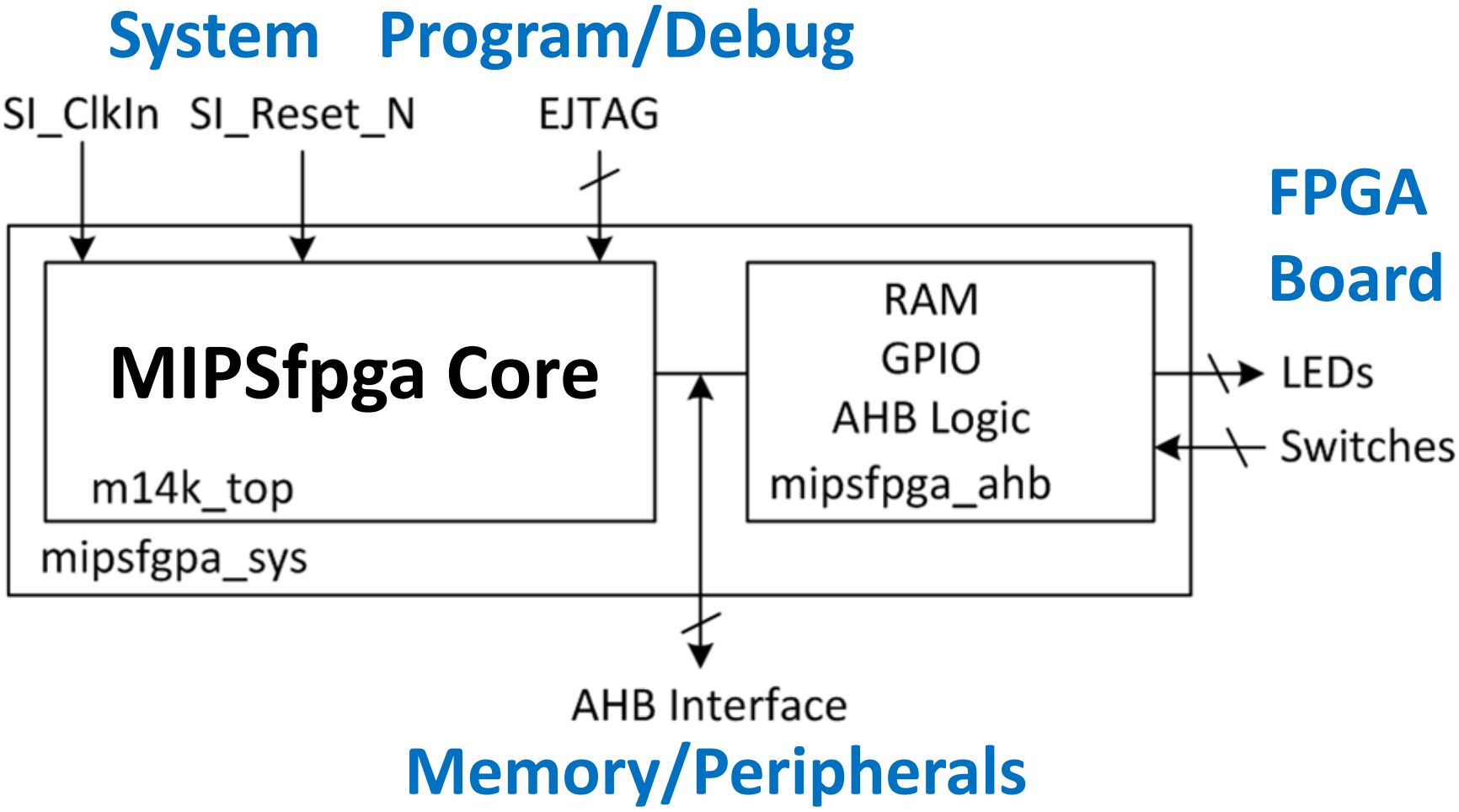


MIPSfpga Interfaces: System

Signal Name	Description	Nexys4 DDR Board
SI_Reset_N	Resets the processor when 0	CPU Reset button
SI_ClkIn	System clock	50 MHz (derived from on-board 100 MHz clock)

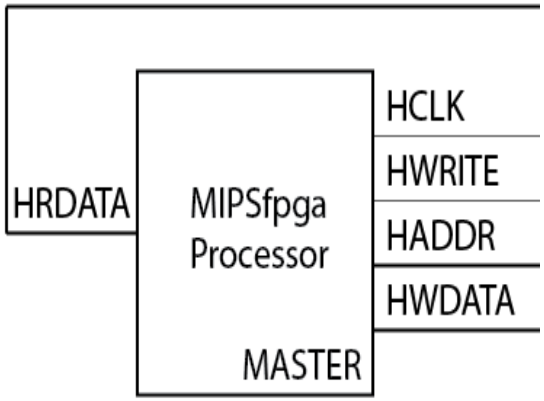
SI: prefix for system interface signals in Verilog files

MIPSfpga Interfaces: AHB-Lite

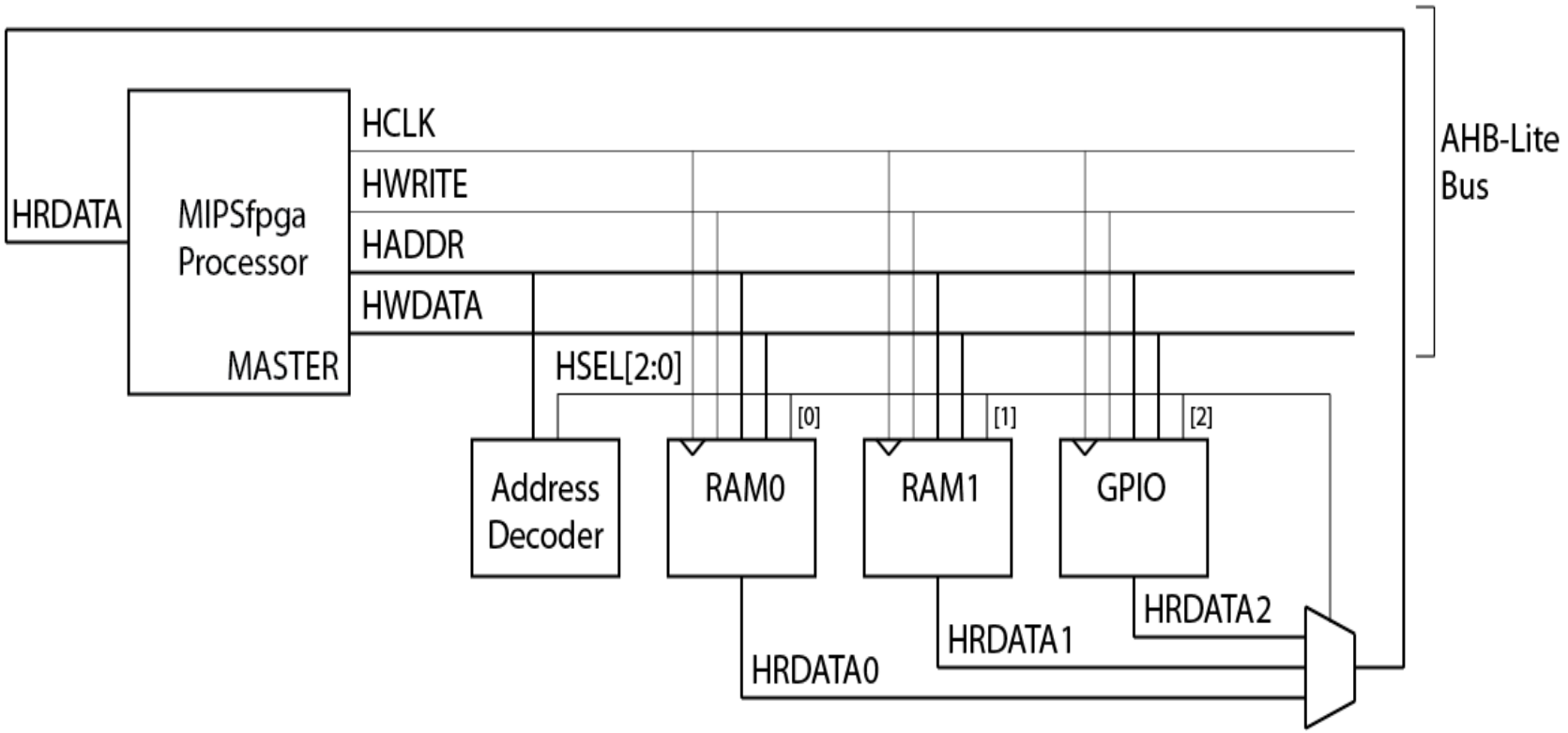
Signal Name	Description
HADDR[31:0]	Address bus
HRDATA[31:0]	Read data bus
HWDATA[31:0]	Write data bus
HWRITE	Write enable
HCLK	Clock

H: prefix for A**H**B-Lite Interface signals in Verilog files

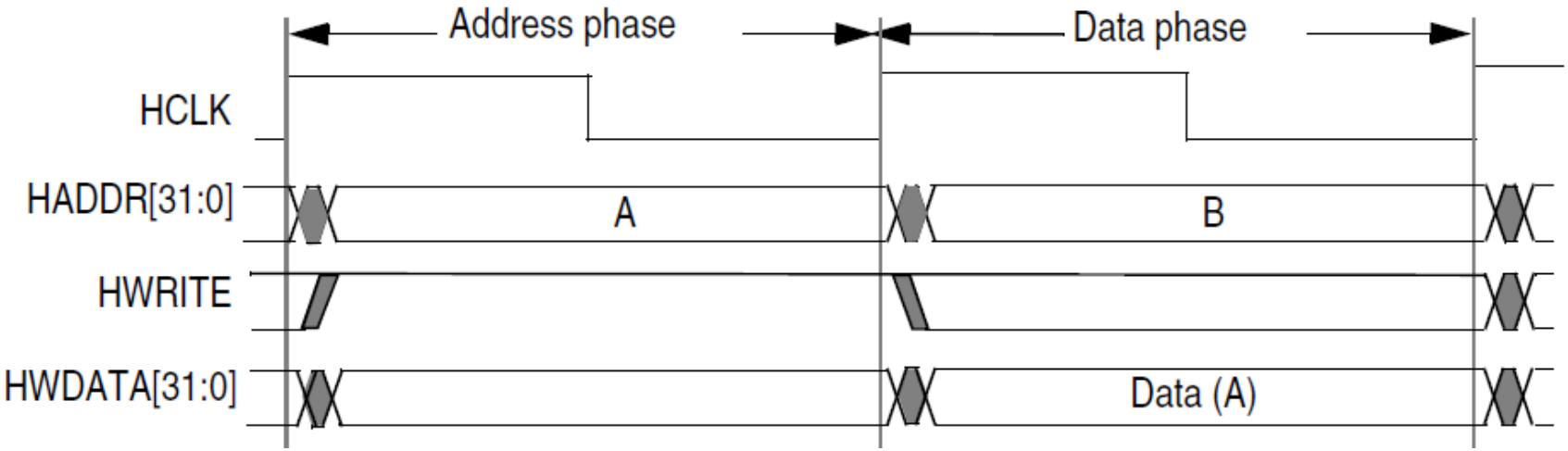
MIPSfpga Interfaces: AHB-Lite



AHB-Lite Memory / Peripherals



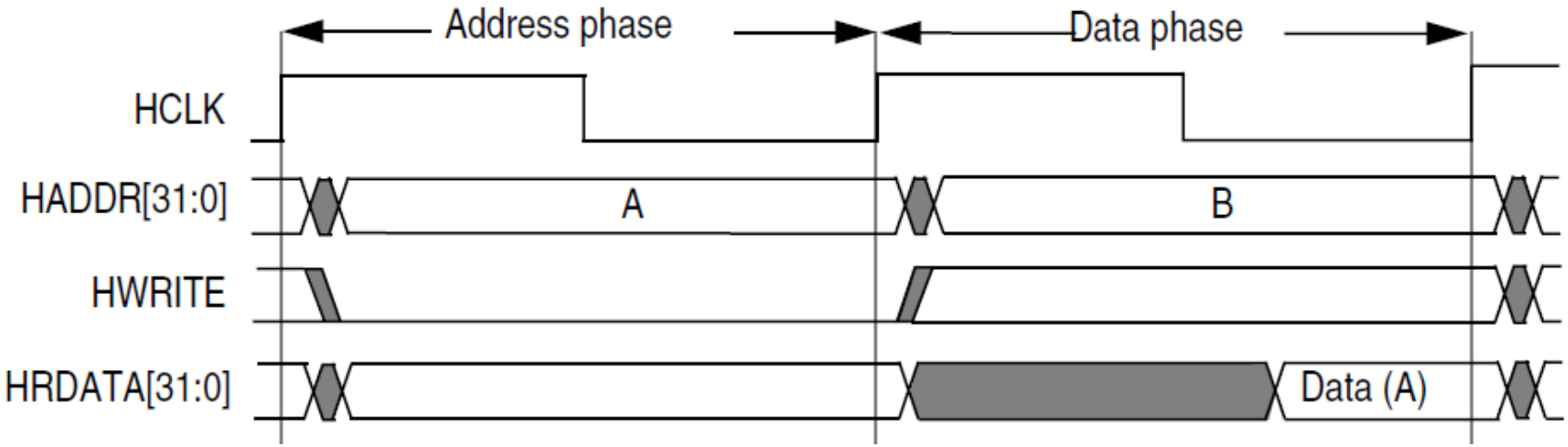
AHB-Lite Write Timing



Cycle 1: **Address and Write Enable** (HADDR & HWRITE)

Cycle 2: **Write Data** (HWDATA)

AHB-Lite Read Timing



Cycle 1: **Address** (HADDR) (also, HWRITE = 0)

Cycle 2: **Read Data** (HRDATA)

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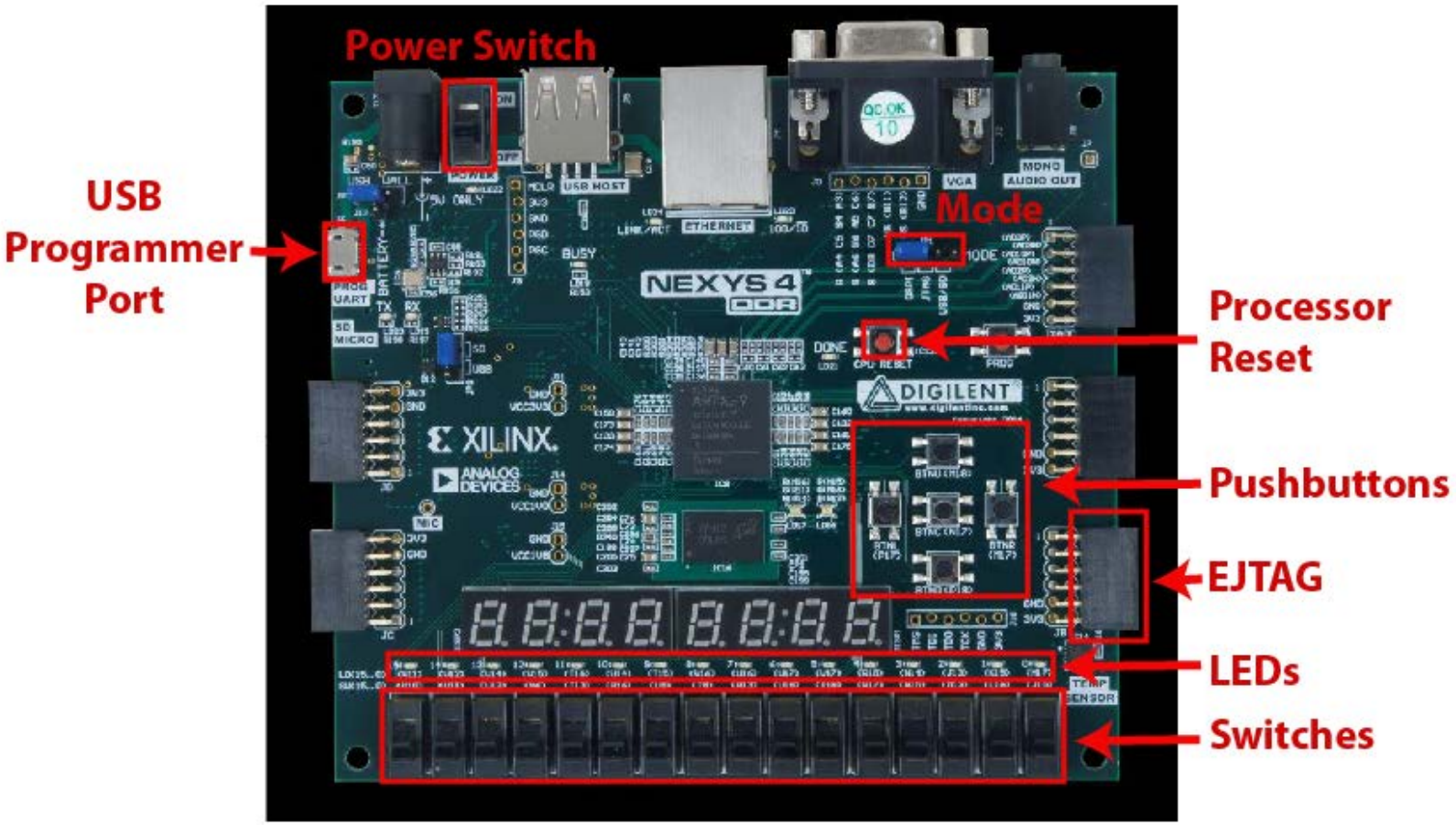
    - **EJTAG**

MIPSfpga Interfaces: Nexys4 Board

Signal Name	Description
IO_LEDR[15:0]	LEDs
IO_Switch[15:0]	Switches
IO_PB[4:0]	Pushbuttons (BTNU, D, L, R, C)

IO: prefix for FPGA board I/O signals in Verilog files

Nexys4 DDR FPGA Board

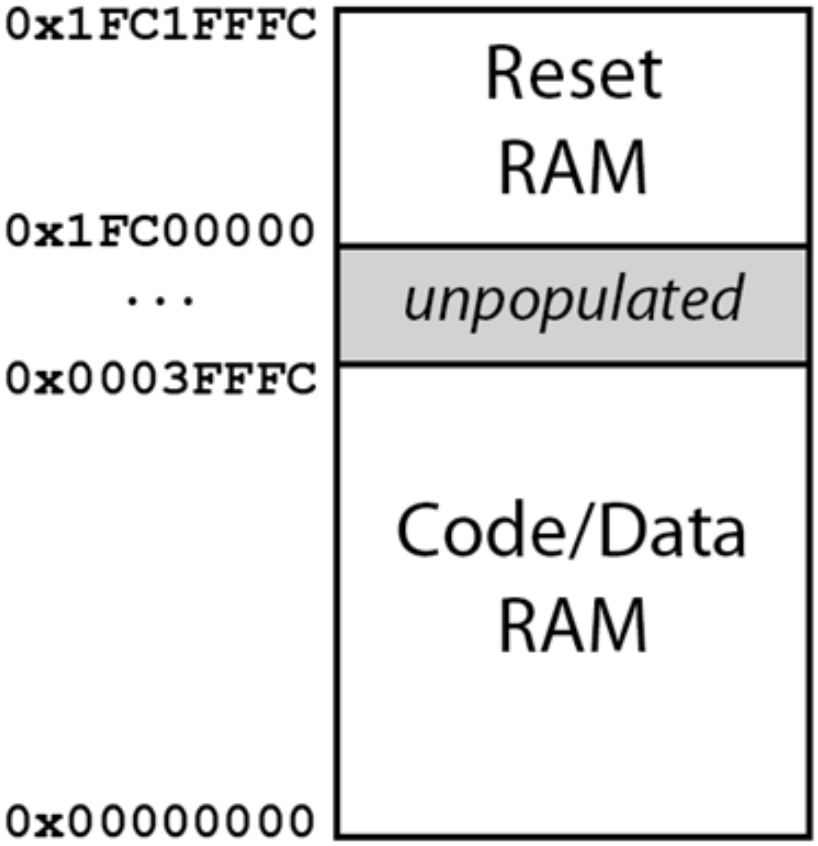


Memory-Mapped I/O

Signal Name	Virtual Address	Physical Address
IO_LEDR[15:0]	0xbf800000	0x1f800000
IO_Switch[15:0]	0xbf800008	0x1f800008
IO_PB[4:0]	0xbf80000c	0x1f80000c

- Write to 0xbf800000 will **write to LEDs**
- Read from 0xbf800008 will **read value of switches**

MIPSfpga System: Physical Memory



No physical memory at memory-mapped addresses (0x1f800000+)

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```
// Write 0x543 to LEDs
addiu $7, $0, 0x543 # $7 = 0x543
lui   $5, 0xbf80    # $5 = 0xbf800000 (LED address)
sw    $7, 0($5)     # LEDs = 0x543
```

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```
// Read value of switches into $10
lui   $5,  0xbf80    # $5 = 0xbf800000
lw    $10, 8($5)     # $10 = value of switches
```

Example MIPS Program

C Code

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unsigned int val = 1;
volatile unsigned int* dest;
dest = 0xbf800000;

while (1) {
  *dest = val;
  val++;
}
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MIPS Assembly Code

```
# $9=val, $8=0xbf800000
    addiu $9, $0, 1   # val=1
    lui   $8, 0xbf80  # address

L1: sw    $9, 0($8)   # write to addr
    addiu $9, $9, 1   # val++
    beqz  $0, L1      # loop
    nop               # branch delay
                      # slot
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MIPSfpga Interfaces: EJTAG

- Used for programming and debugging the MIPSfpga core
- Borrows signal names and functionality from JTAG protocol

MIPSfpga Interfaces: EJTAG

Signal Name	Description
EJ_TDI	Test Data In
EJ_TDO	Test Data Out
EJ_TMS	Test Mode Select
EJ_TCK	Test Clock
EJ_DINT	Debug Interrupt Request
SI_ColdReset_N	Processor Reset
EJ_TRST_N_probe	Reset for EJTAG controller

EJ: prefix for EJTAG Interface signals in Verilog files

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Machine Code

Machine Code	Instruction Address		MIPS Assembly Code
24090001	// bfc00000:		addiu $9, $0, 1
3c08bf80	// bfc00004:		lui $8, 0xbf80
ad090000	// bfc00008:	L1:	sw $9, 0($8)
25290001	// bfc0000c:		addiu $9, $9, 1
1000fffd	// bfc00010:		beqz $0, L1
00000000	// bfc00014:		nop

Simulating MIPSfpga

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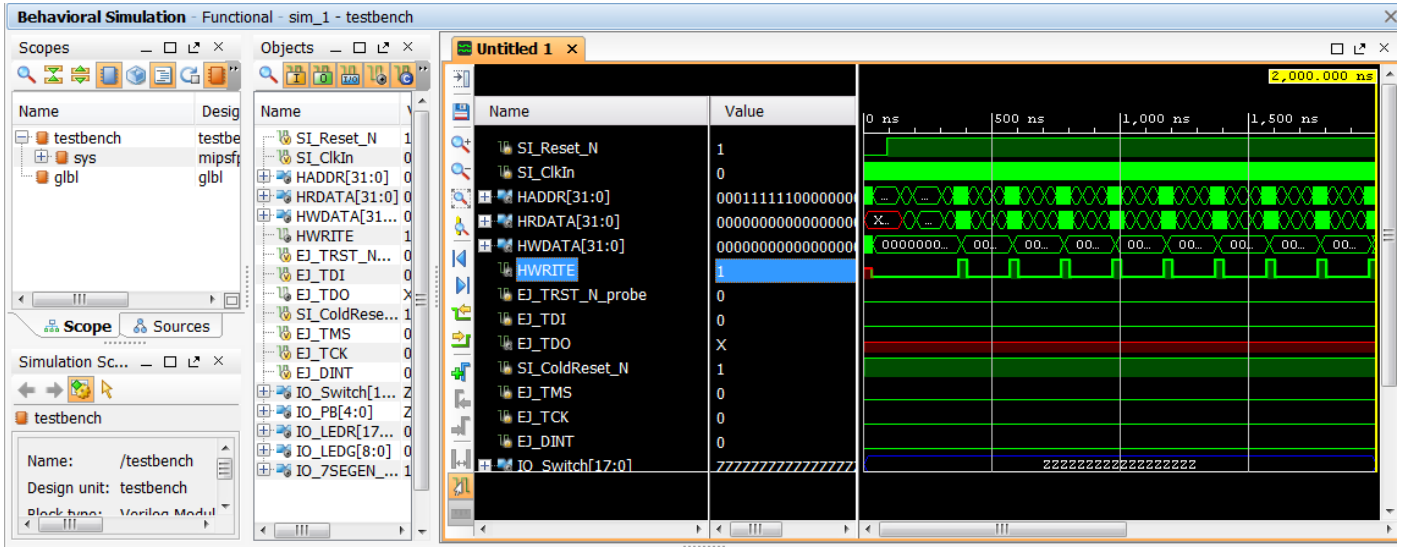

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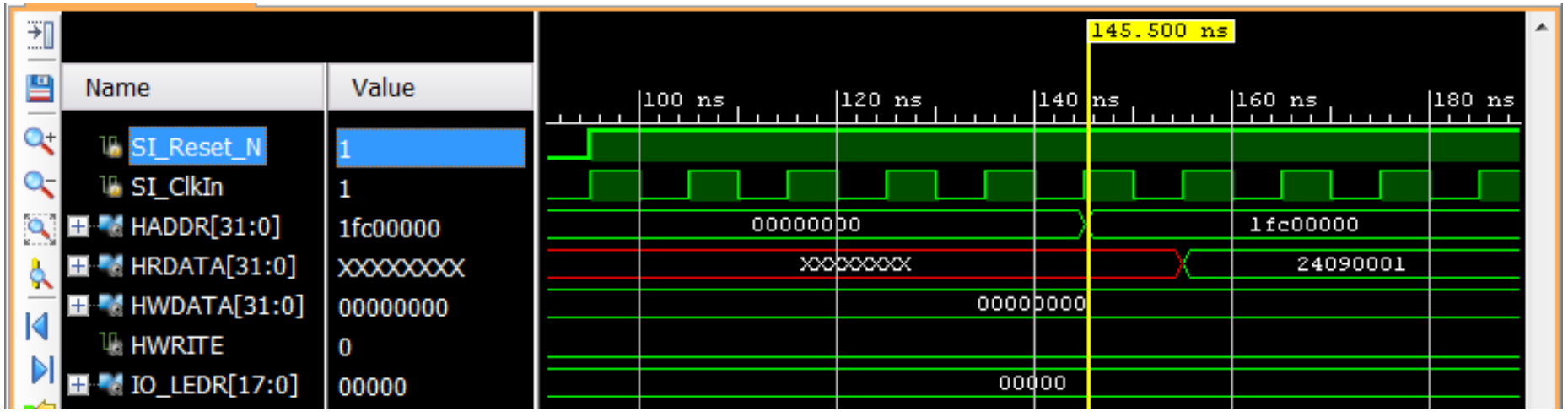

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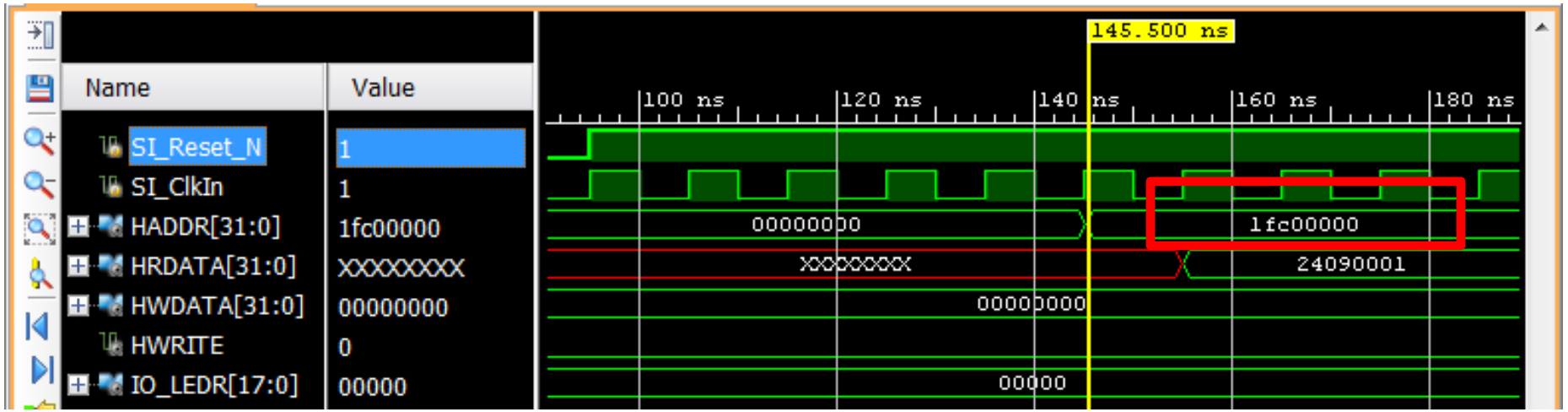

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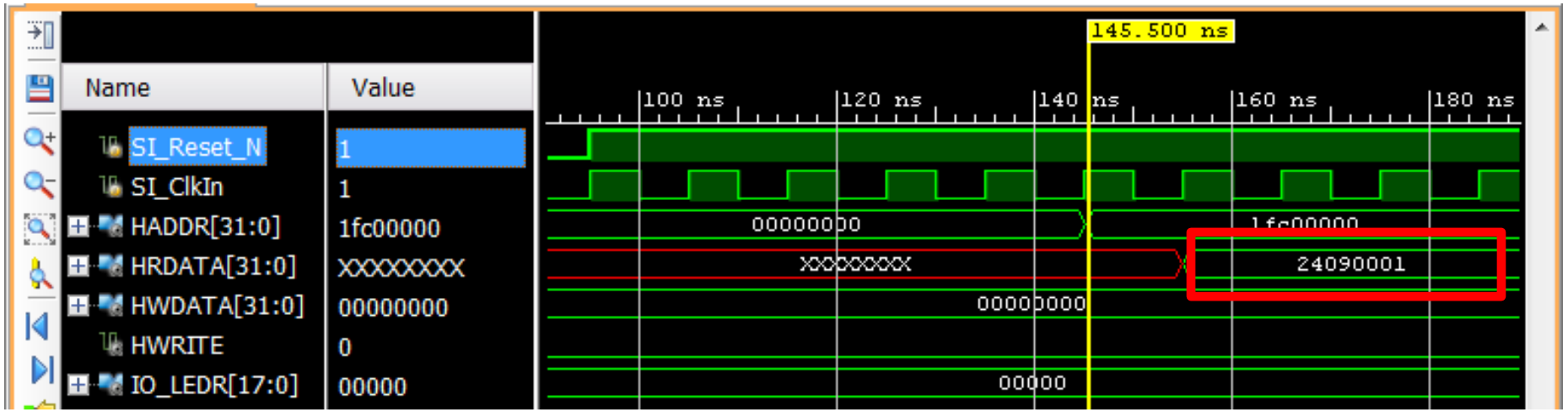

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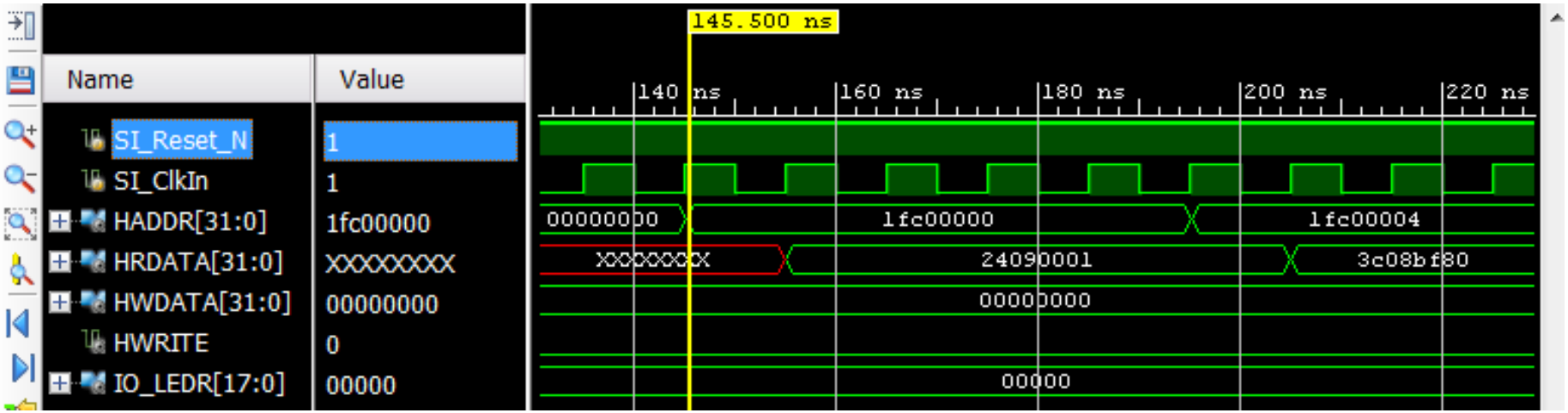

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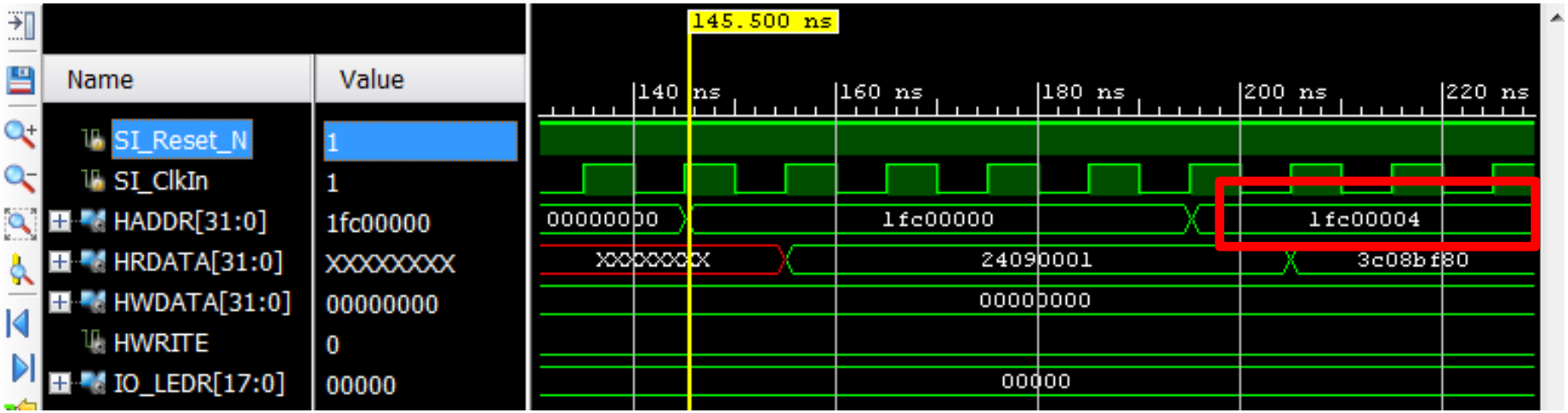

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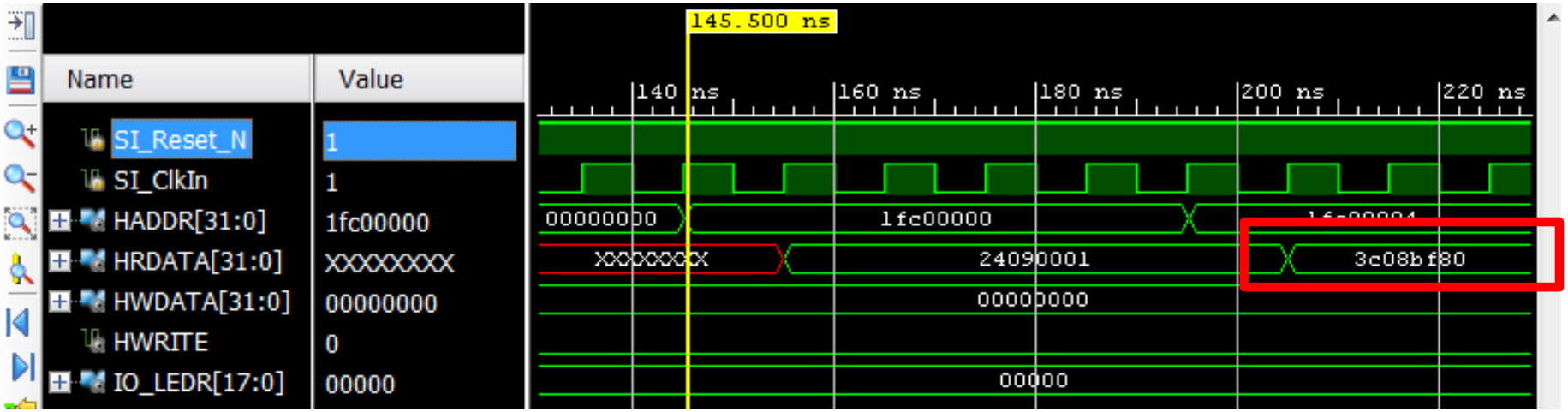

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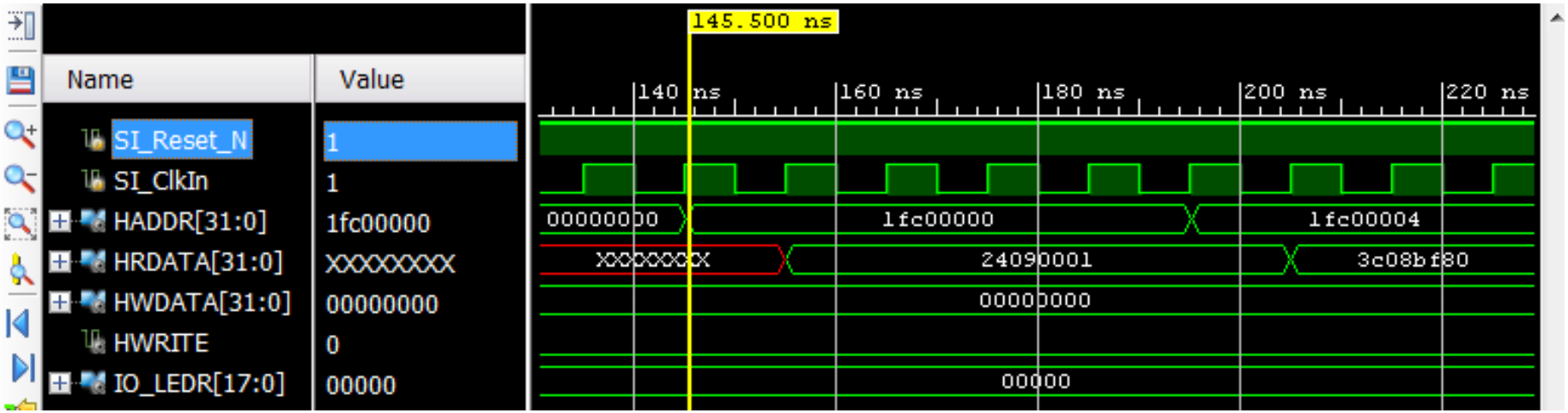

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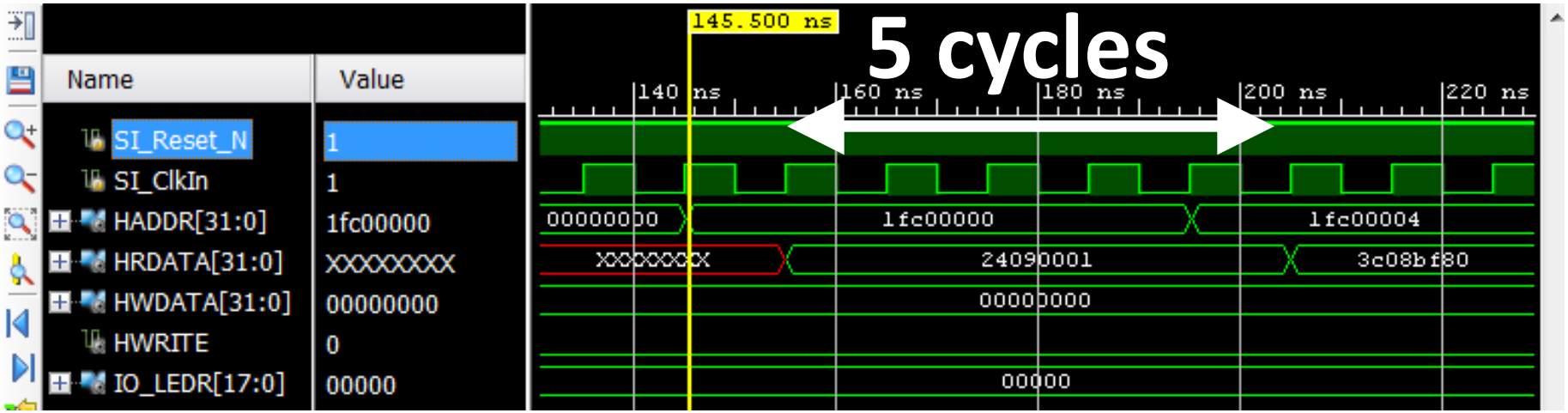

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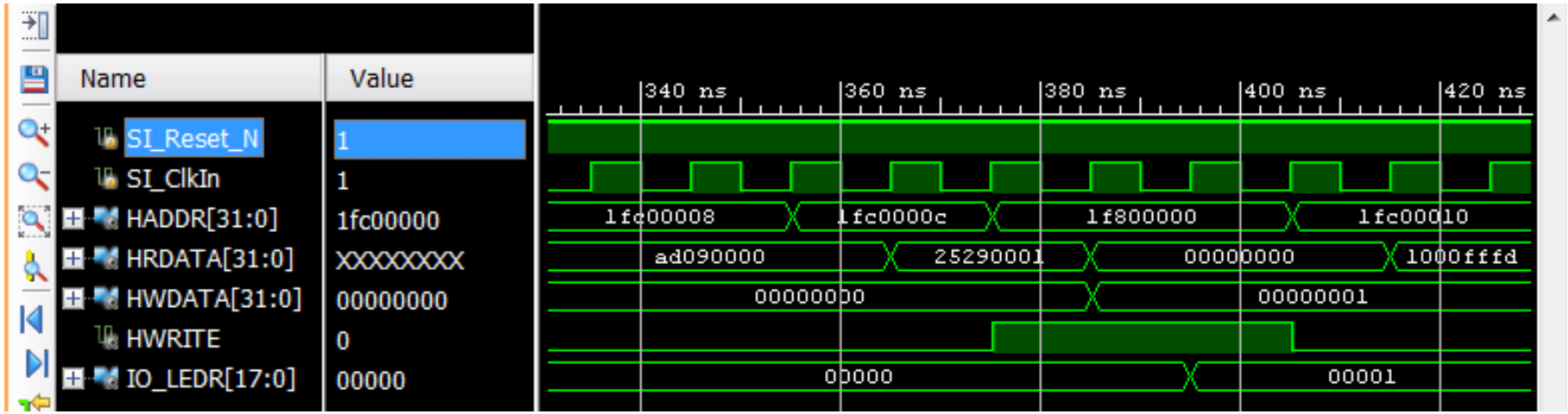

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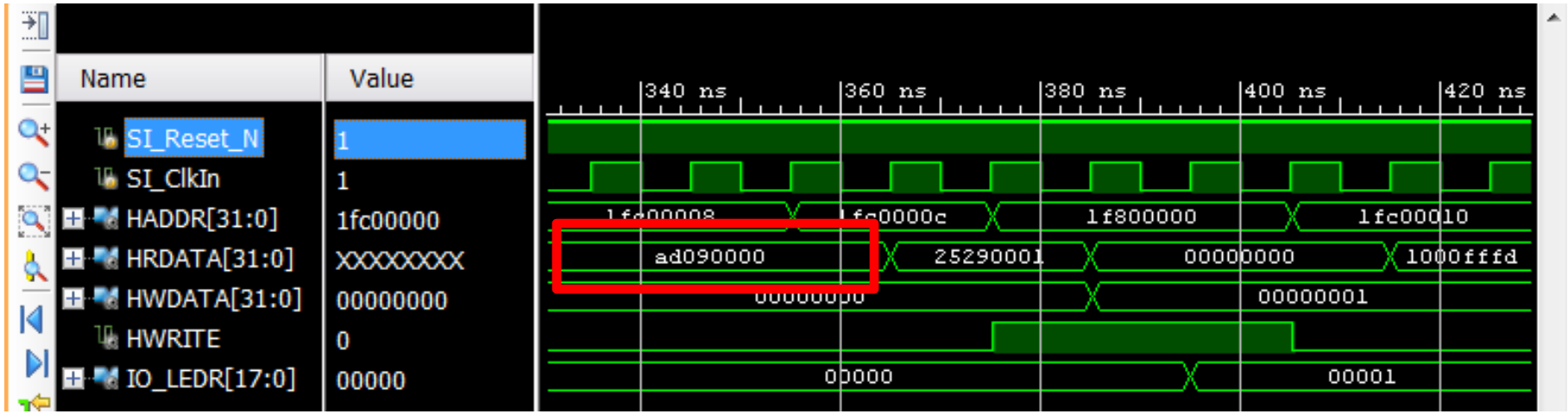

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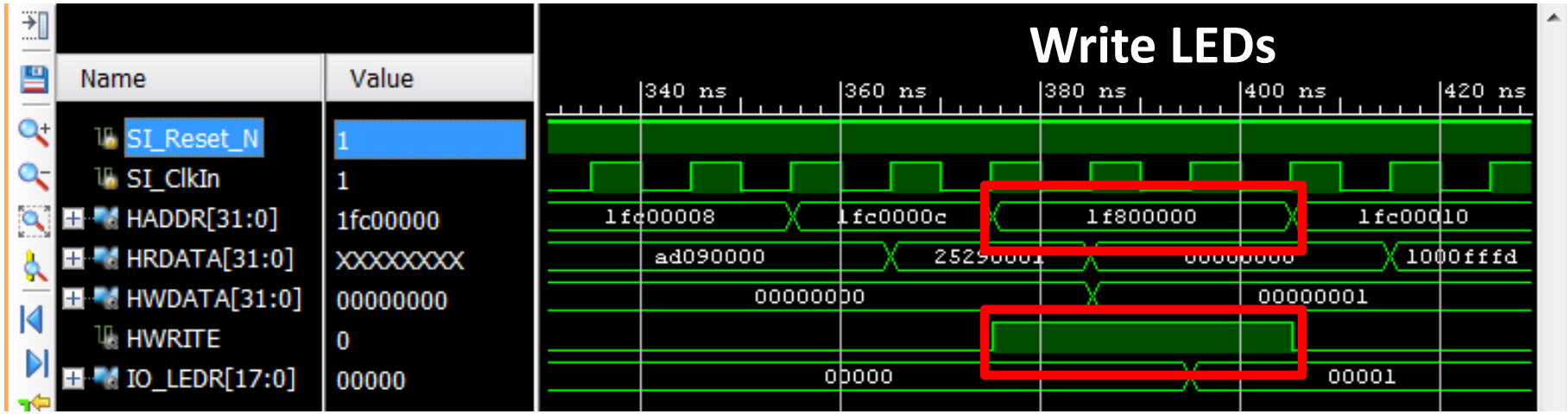

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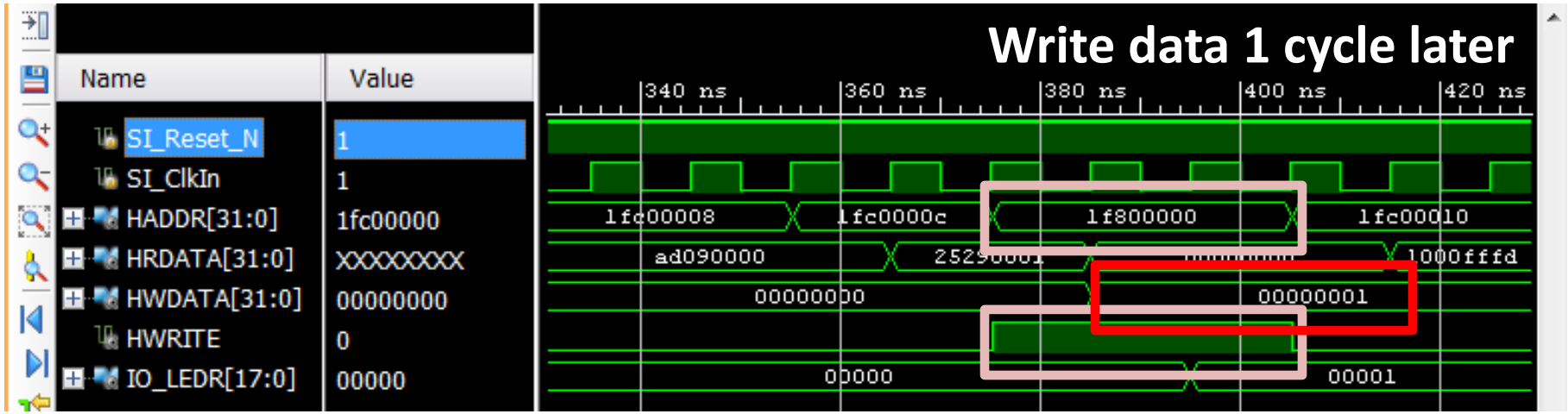

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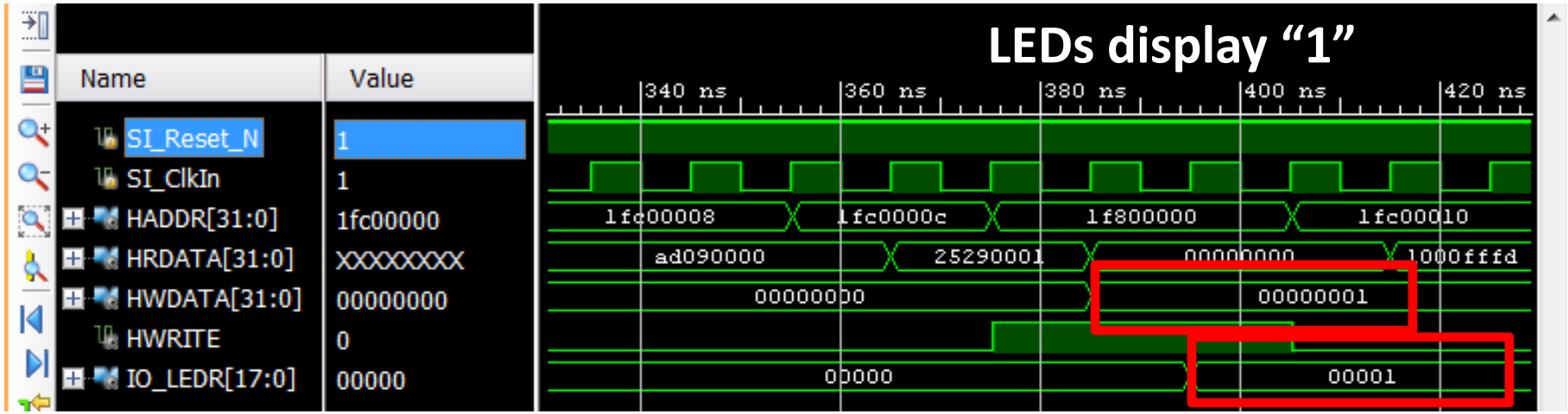

How to Run Programs on MIPSfpga?

- **In Simulation**
- **In Hardware:**
  - **Load program into memory at synthesis**
  - **Load program into memory using EJTAG or USB interface**

Program Loaded at Synthesis

Memory Module

```
module ram_reset_dual_port
  initial begin
    $readmemh("ram_reset_init.txt",
ram);
  end
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Memory Initialization File

ram_reset_init.txt:

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3c050026	// bfc00010: delay:	lui $5, 0x026
34a525a0	// bfc00014:	ori $5, $5, 0x25a0
00003020	// bfc00018:	add $6, $0, $0
00a63822	// bfc0001c: L2:	sub $7, $5, $6
20c60001	// bfc00020:	addi $6, $6, 1
1ce0fffd	// bfc00024:	bgtz $7, L2
00000000	// bfc00028:	nop
1000fff6	// bfc0002c:	beq $0, $0, L1
00000000	// bfc00030:	nop

Add delay so eye can see LEDs change values

Labs 4-6 Overview

- **Lab 4:** Creating a Vivado project for MIPSfpga, Programming MIPSfpga in C & Assembly
- **Lab 5:** Adding peripherals: millisecond timer and buzzer
- **Lab 6:** Adding peripherals: SPI LCD

Adding Peripherals: Memory-Mapped I/O

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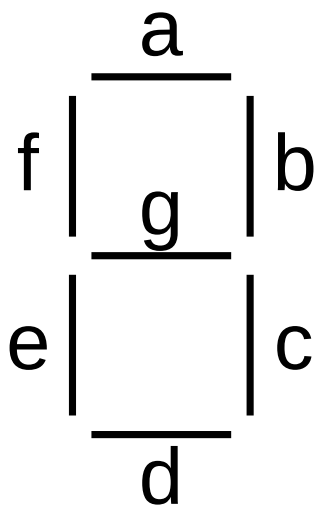

Display digits by selecting which segments to light up

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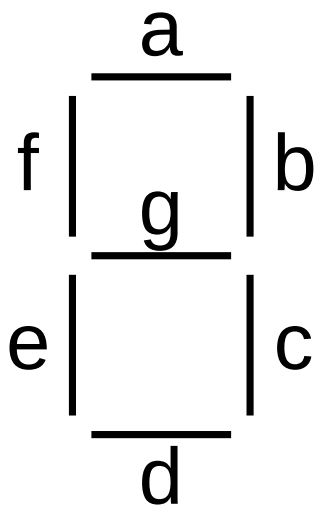

For example, 0 lights up: a,b,c,d,e,f

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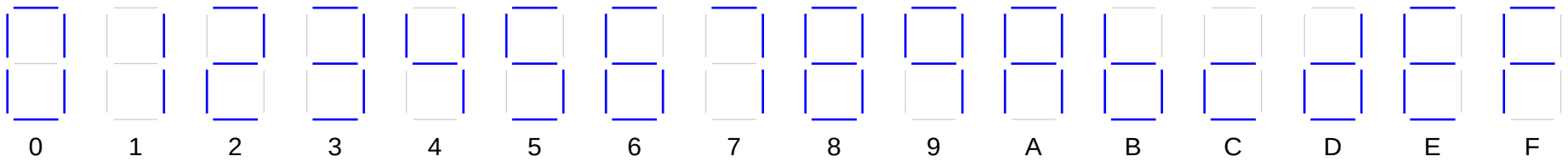
2 lights up: a,b,d,e,g

etc.



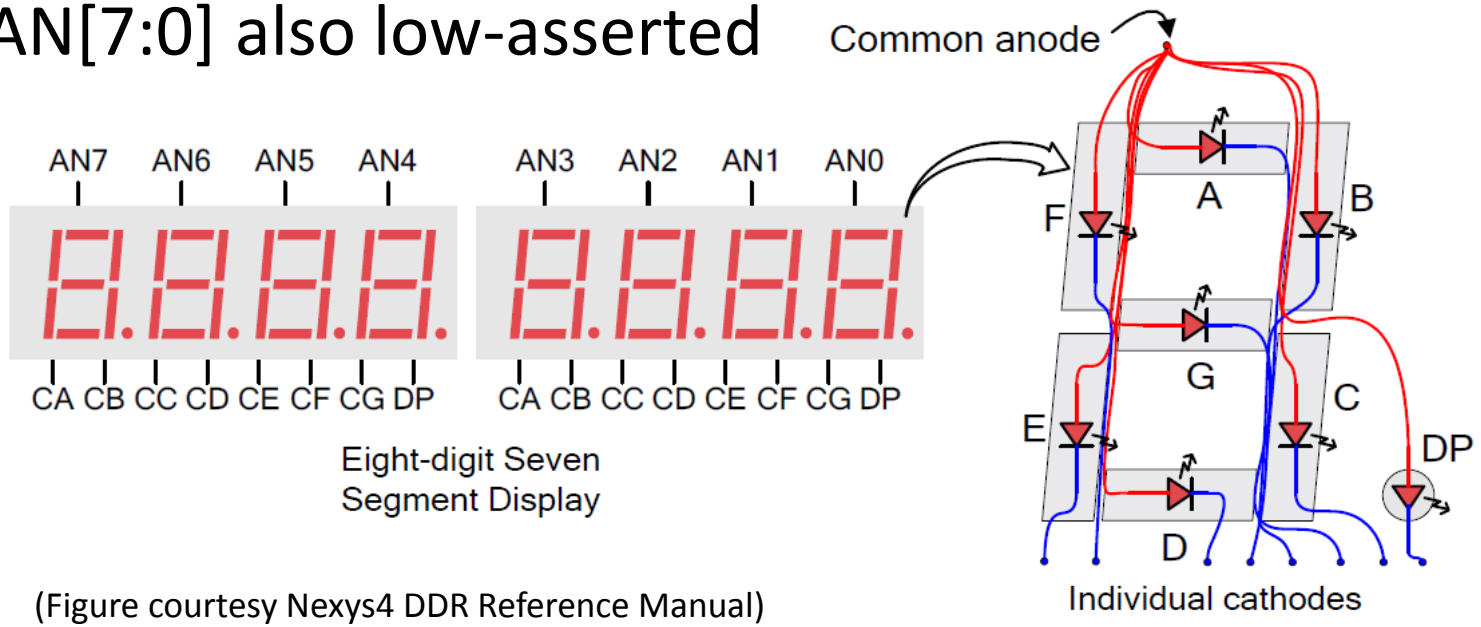
7-Segment Displays: low asserted

```
module mipsfpga_ahb_sevensegdec(input      [3:0] data,
                                output reg [6:0] segments);
  always @(*)
    case(data)          // abc_defg
      4'h0: segments = 7'b000_0001;
      4'h1: segments = 7'b100_1111;
      4'h2: segments = 7'b001_0010;
      ...
      default:
            segments = 7'b111_1111;
    endcase
endmodule
```

Segments are low-asserted

Nexys4 DDR 7-Segment Displays

- 8 7-segment digits
- Each digit connects to same segment inputs (CA-CG)
- Enable signal (AN[7:0]) determines which digits are on – AN[7:0] also low-asserted

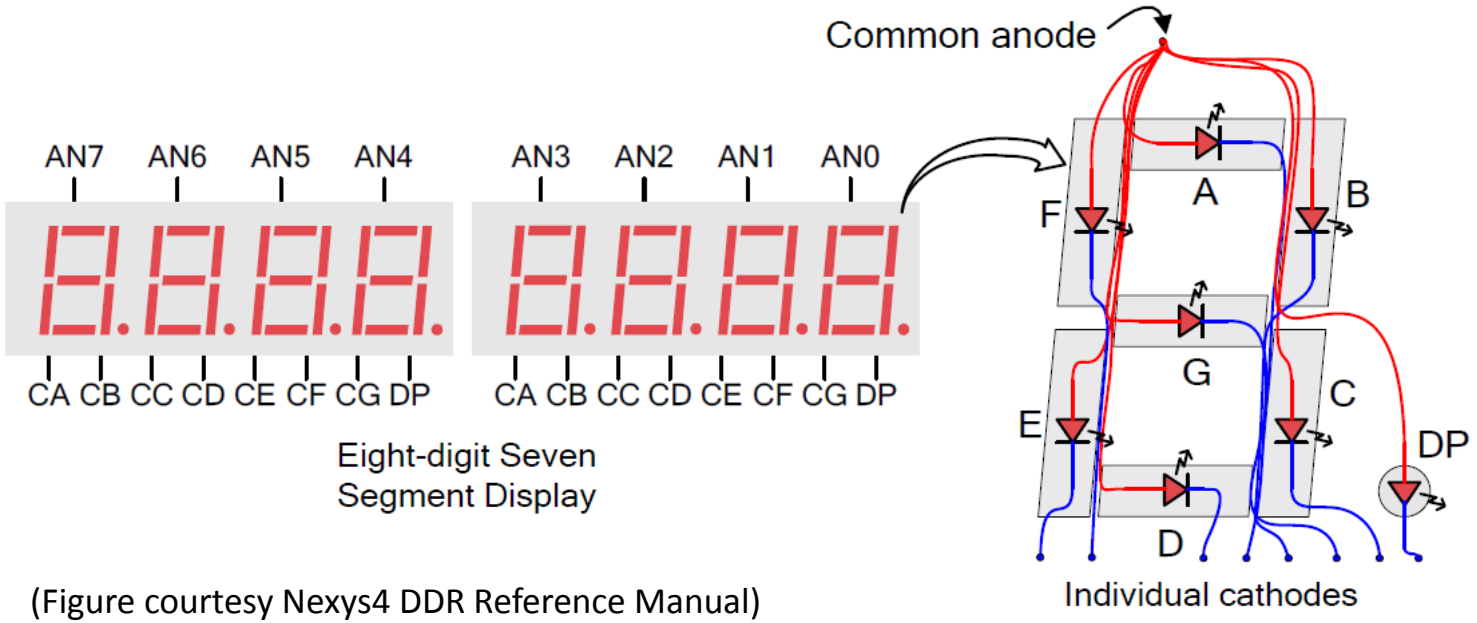


(Figure courtesy Nexys4 DDR Reference Manual)

Nexys4 DDR 7-Segment Displays

Example:

- AN[7:0] = 11111110_2 (only right-most digit is ON)
- Displayed value determined by CA-CG



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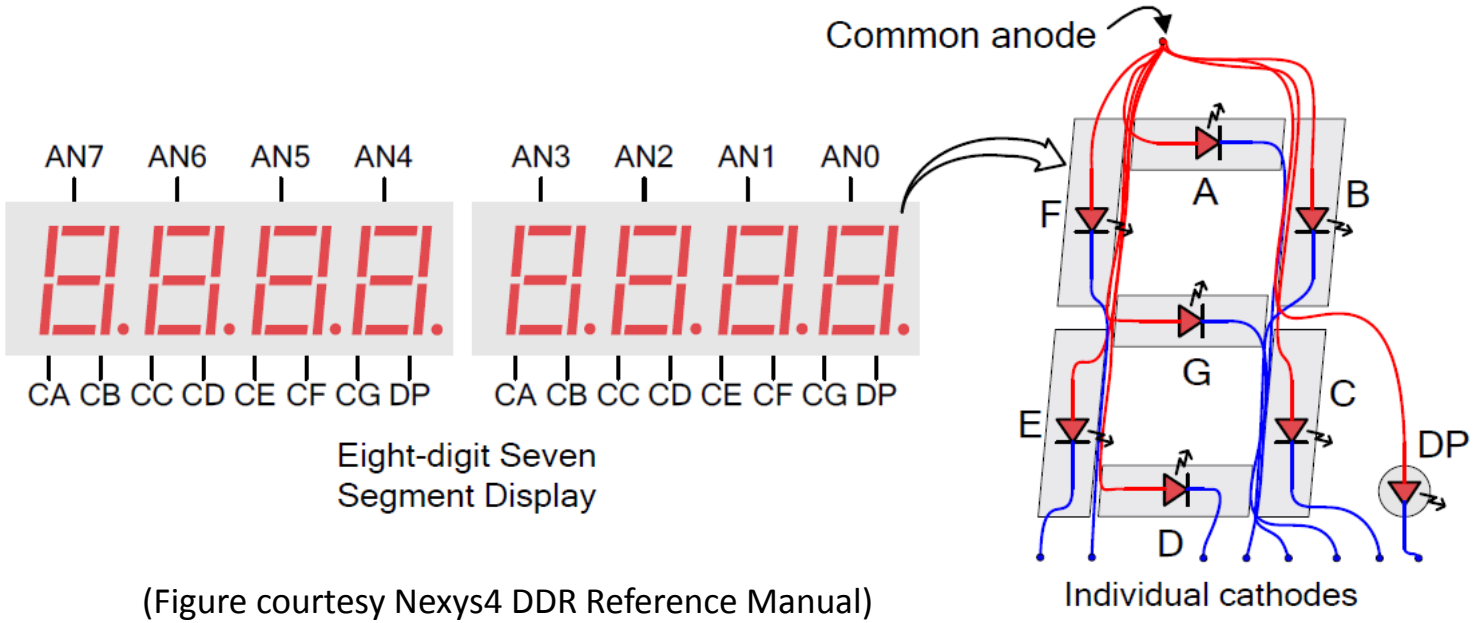
To drive multiple digits:

- Drive each digit one at a time
- But fast enough that can't detect flicker



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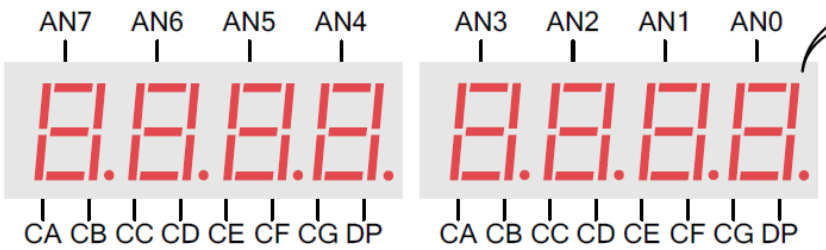
Nexys4 DDR 7-Segment Displays

Every ~2 ms drive next display:

- At t=0, AN[7:0] = 11111110, CA-CG for Digit 0
- At t=2ms, AN[7:0] = 11111101, CA-CG for Digit 1
- At t=4ms, AN[7:0] = 11111011, CA-CG for Digit 2
- And so on…



Eight-digit Seven Segment Display

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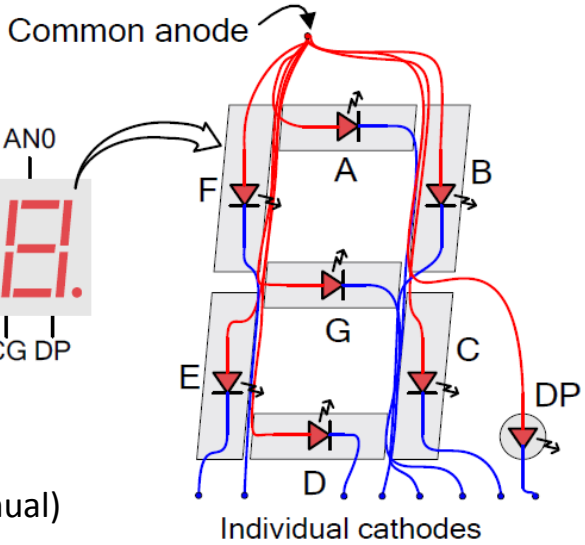

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A 3-bit counter (running at ~500 Hz, i.e., period = 2ms) selects each digit in sequence and displays it if it's enabled.

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Memory-Map Enables and Digits

Register Name	Description	Memory Address
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SEG0_N[3:0]	Digit 0 value	0xbf800014
SEG1_N[3:0]	Digit 1 value	0xbf800018
SEG2_N[3:0]	Digit 2 value	0xbf80001c
SEG3_N[3:0]	Digit 3 value	0xbf800020
SEG4_N[3:0]	Digit 4 value	0xbf800024
SEG5_N[3:0]	Digit 5 value	0xbf800028
SEG6_N[3:0]	Digit 6 value	0xbf80002c
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Nexys4 DDR Wrapper Module:

```
module mipsfpga_nexys4_ddr( ...
      output [ 7:0] AN,
      output        CA, CB, CC, CD, CE, CF, CG);
  ...
  mipsfpga_sys mipsfpga_sys(
                   ...
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MIPSfpga Interface: Nexys4 DDR Pins

MIPSfpga_Nexys4DDR.xdc:

```
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN T10   IOSTANDARD
LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { CA }];
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN R10   IOSTANDARD
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...
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