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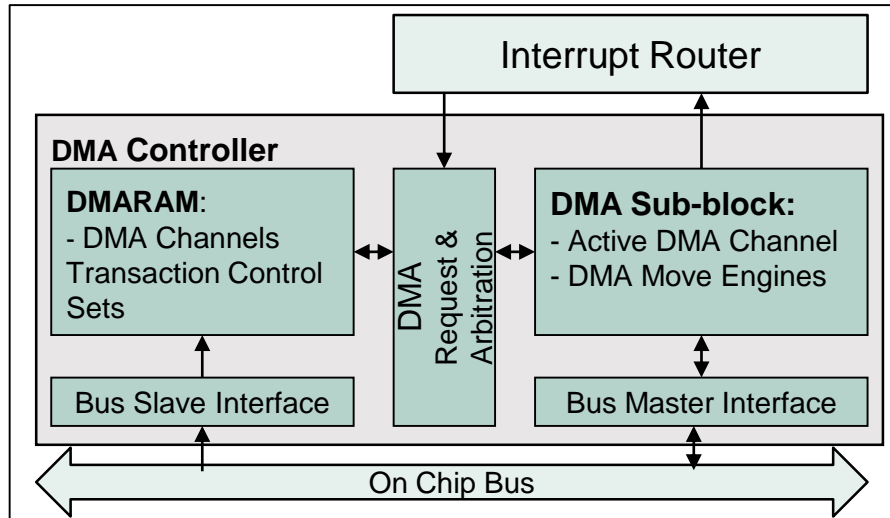
Highlights

› The DMA moves data from source locations to destination locations without the intervention of the CPU or other on chip devices.

› Up to 128 individually programmable DMA channels

Key Features

Flexible DMA channels requests

DMA double buffering

DMA linked list

Customer Benefits

› Possible configuration of the request type (SW, HW, Auto, ..) per DMA channel

› Transfer continuous data stream to two destination buffers

› Perform multi DMA transactions from non contiguous Memory regions

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Flexible DMA channels requests

› The DMA Channel supports the following types of requests:

- **DMA Software Request**: initiated by CPU

- **DMA Hardware Request**: any peripheral that can trigger an interrupt can initiate a DMA transaction through the Interrupt Router

- **DMA Daisy Chain Request**: DMA transaction initiated by the next higher priority DMA channel

- **DMA Auto Start Request:** initiated by the loading of the next Transaction Control Set (TCS) during a DMA Linked List operation
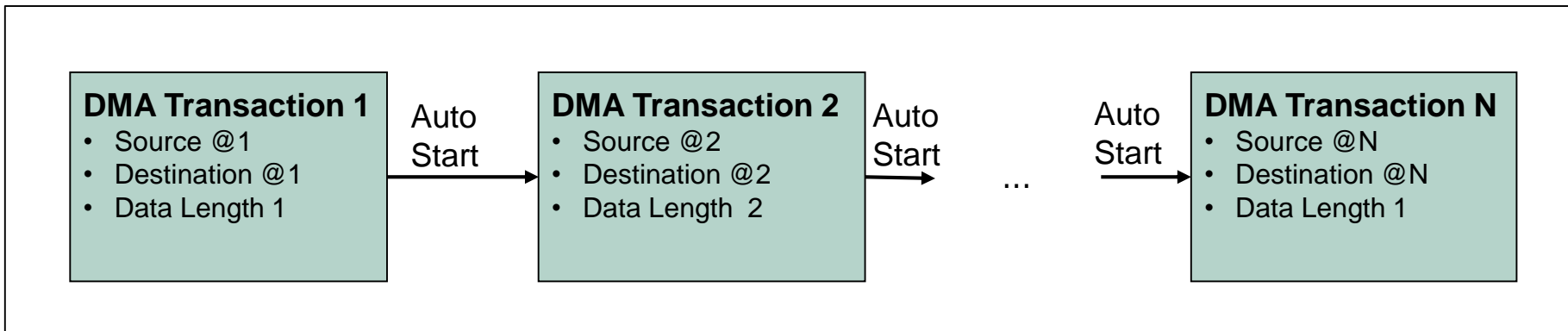
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DMA double buffering

› Double buffering could be selected for source or destination buffering

› The application is able to freeze one of the destination buffers for cyclic software tasks while the other buffer continues to be filled



Double Destination Buffering
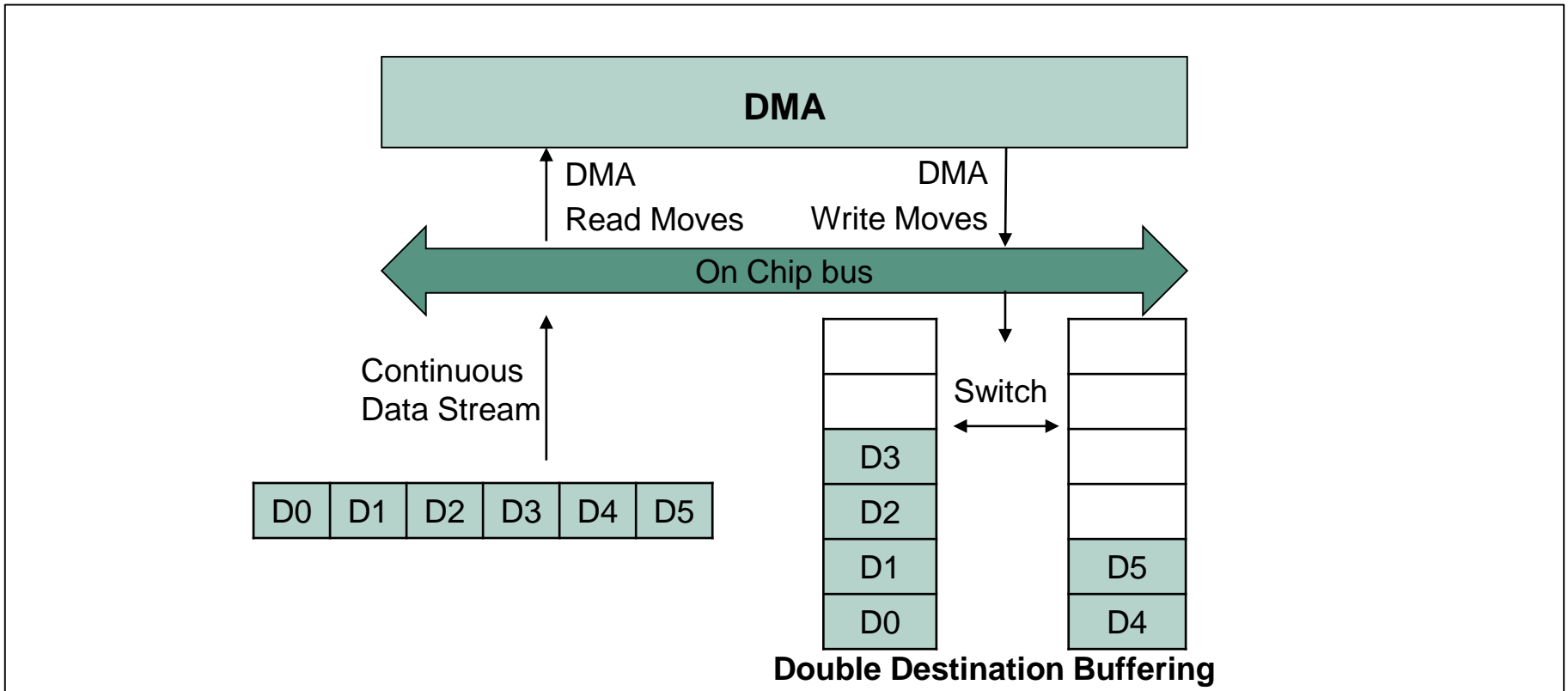
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DMA linked list

› A linked list operation consists of a series of DMA transactions executed by **the same DMA channel**. Each DMA transaction has an unique configuration Set

› If the Auto start request is selected, a DMA transaction will be triggered after the end of the previous one in the list ➜ no HW or SW trigger is needed

| **DMA Transaction 1**
• Source @1
• Destination @1
• Data Length 1 | Auto Start → | **DMA Transaction 2**
• Source @2
• Destination @2
• Data Length 2 | Auto Start → | ... | Auto Start → | **DMA Transaction N**
• Source @N
• Destination @N
• Data Length 1 |

› DMA linked lists are useful when user wants to transfer data from/to non contiguous memory locations using **one** DMA channel and/or **one** service request
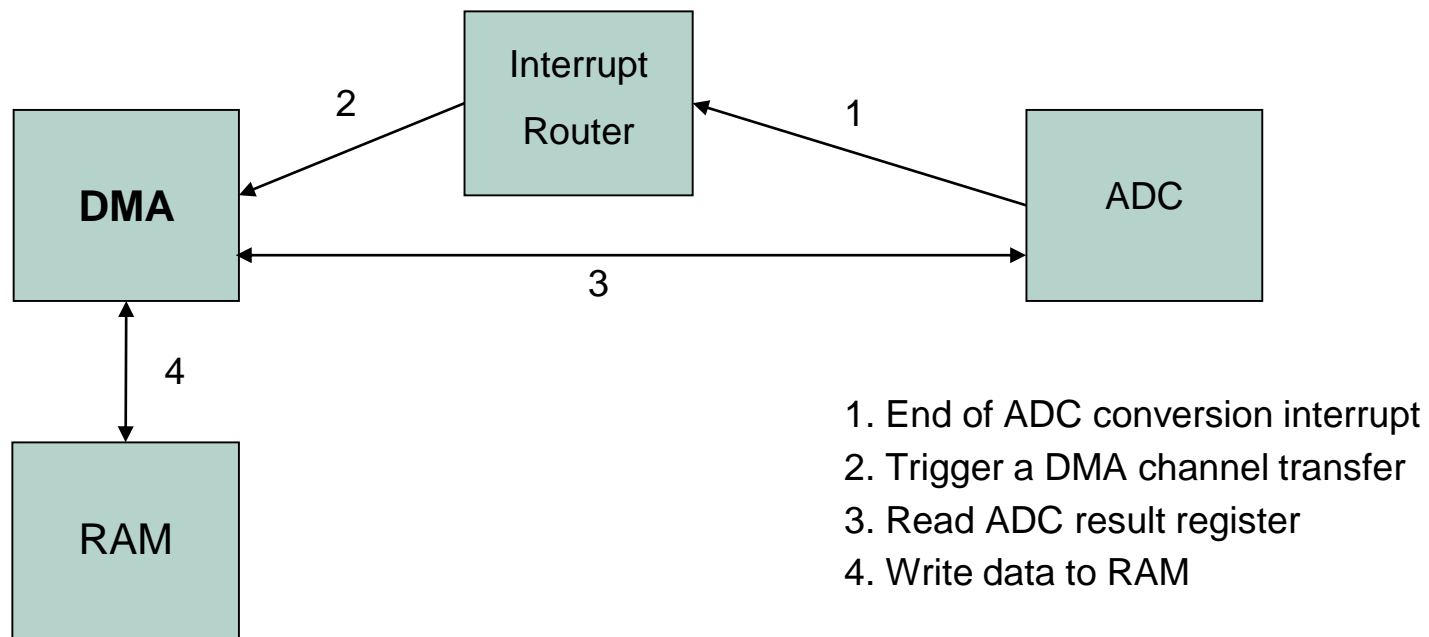
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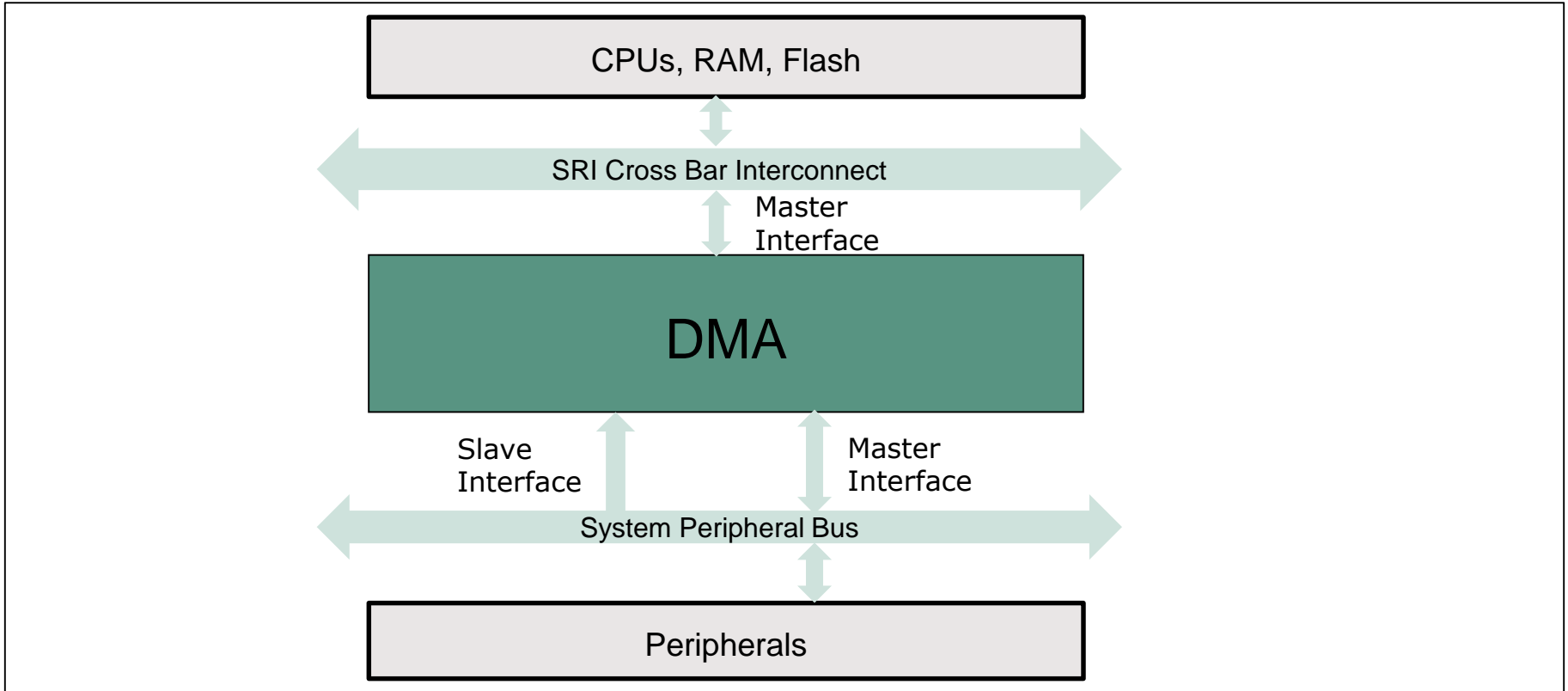
› The DMA is connected to both SRI and SPB with master interfaces

› This enables the DMA to read and write data from/to any module

Application example
DMA hardware requests

› In this example, data is transferred from the ADC output registers to internal memory without any CPU intervention

1. End of ADC conversion interrupt
2. Trigger a DMA channel transfer
3. Read ADC result register
4. Write data to RAM

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