

GTM Generic Timer Module

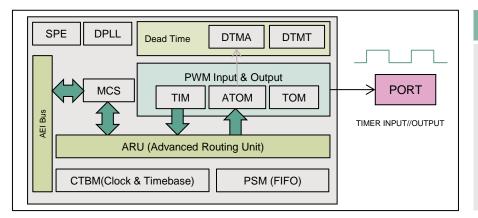
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Generic timer module





Highlights

OFTM is a modular timer unit designed to accommodate many timer applications including complex PWM generation, digital acquisition with filtering, motor control including BLDC. Timer resolution up to 24 bits with up to 5 ns (200MHz) time granularity

Key Features

Advanced routing

Brush-less DC motor (BLDC) support

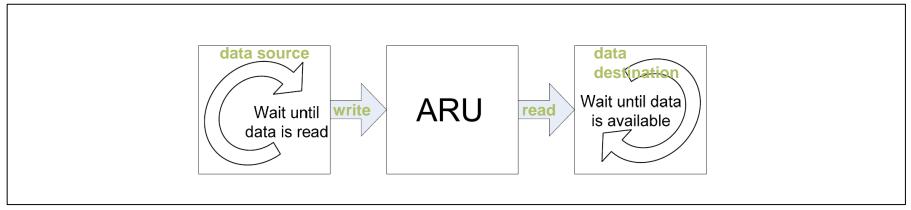
Common time base

Customer Benefits

- Route information in hardware between submodules
- > Brush-less DC motor control in HW. Reduced software overhead
- Synchronize events in the timer using a common time base (CTBM)

Advanced routing

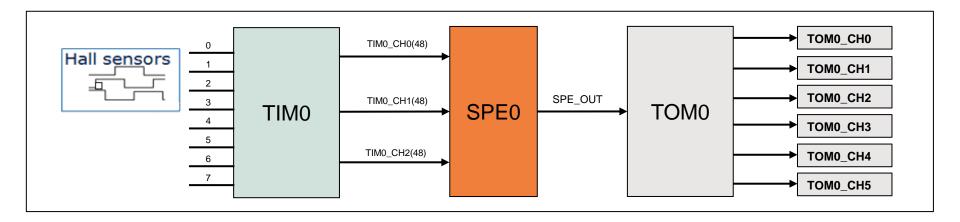




- GTM has an inbuilt advanced routing unit (ARU) that can be used to exchange specific data between submodules
- > Routing follows round-robin scheduling
- > Benefits:
 - Fixed round-trip time leads to deterministic scheduling
 - No need for an internal interrupt mechanism to exchange data
 - Possibility of cluster level isolation for freedom of interference for functional safety

Brush-less DC motor (BLDC) support

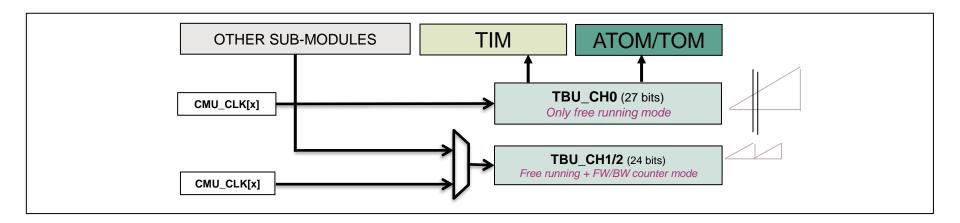




- > Hardware support for Brush-less DC motor drive using the signal pattern evaluation (SPE) sub-module along with Timer input and output modules (TIM/(A)TOM) respectively
- > Benefits:
 - Pattern matching algorithm in hardware
 - Rotation direction & validity detection
 - Possible to generate interrupts on specific rotation

Common time base



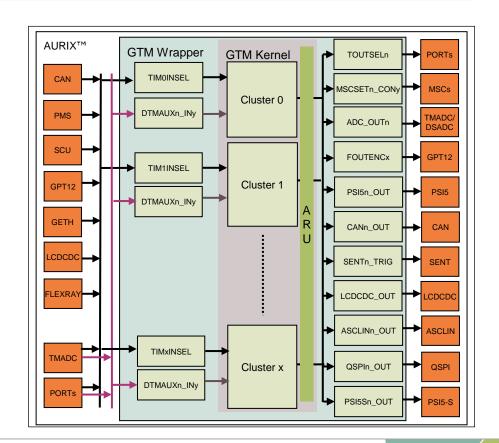


- GTM provides common-time base through the Time Base Unit (TBU) within the sub- module CTBM (Common time-base module)
- > Common time-base provides ability to synchronize events in different sub-modules within GTM
- > Benefits:
 - Timestamp from TBU on input events
 - Use timestamp from TBU as reference to achieve synchronous start of events between various timer outputs

System integration

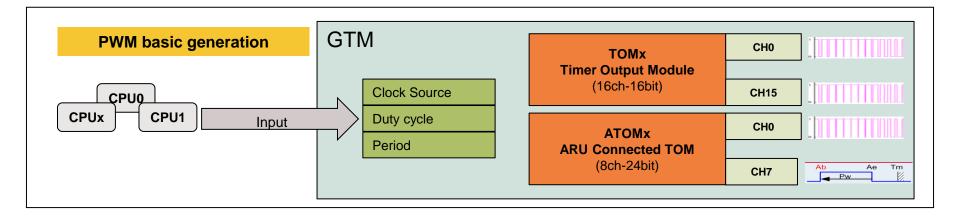


- GTM is integrated in AURIX™ to provide a flexible set of connections to other peripherals
- > This includes:
 - PWM output & input to/from multiple ports
 - Trigger inputs to ADCs as well services request event inputs from ADC to GTM-TIM/DTMx
 - Trigger inputs to SENT, CAN, MSC and PSI5/PSI-5S
 - Introduced trigger connectivity to QSPI and ASCLIN
 - Direct internal connectivity of timer output to GPT12 timer for filtering function of TIM



Application example Digital PWM output





Overview

- > PWM generation with multiple channels with 16 or 24-bit resolution with as low as 5 ns granularity
- ATOM has variety of modes of operation to support different PWM outputs
- Data reception using the ARU on ATOM

Advantages

- Dynamic PWM generation with input of period/duty via the ARU
- Channel counter can be triggered/reset by its predecessor to achieve control of multiple channels with a reference channel

Application example Digital input acquisition

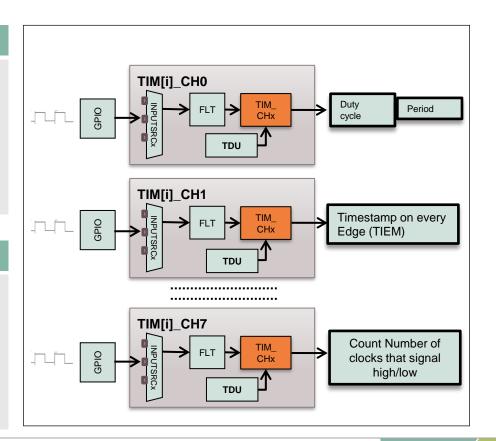


Overview

- Each Timer Input Module (TIM) with 8 independent channels for input capture/measurements, each with its own filter module
- Multiple modes to support different measurements including period/duty, timestamp on desired active edges

Advantages

- Digital filtering of input PWM with glitches in hardware
- Time out detection using TDU (Timeout Detection Unit) within each TIM channel
- Routing TIM channel output results via ARU to other sub-modules without interrupts



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