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ABSTRACT

This application report describes methods to boot a TMS320C32 target system in a C environment.

INTRODUCTION

A DSP system uses a boot procedure following power-up or reset to initialize the system volatile memory (such as SRAM) with the application program/data and to start execution of the application code. The SRAM loads from a nonvolatile medium (EPROM) or from a PC development platform using a debugger/loader program. The loader uses an emulator cable to move the load file from the PC hard disk to the SRAM on the DSP target board. An EPROM boot causes the DSP to start program execution directly from 16- or 32-bit EPROM (microprocessor mode). A hard-wired on-chip boot loader program copies the boot table from the 8-bit EPROM to internal or external SRAM and then starts execution from the SRAM (microcomputer/boot loader mode).

TI supports four ways to boot a DSP system following power-up/reset. Each boot procedure uses a different combination of 'C32 silicon features, software, and hardware tools. Each combination forms an integrated development environment that includes features to support most system boot requirements.

A boot development flow includes two major tasks:

- Use C source debugger and assembly level tools to compile, assemble and link the boot code/data to create a binary common object file format (COFF) executable object.
- Load the COFF file into the DSP target system.

Generating the COFF file (linker output .OUT file) uses the same flow for all boot methods.

GENERATING A COFF FILE

Generating a COFF file requires compiling the source code with the C compiler, then assembling and linking the resulting assembly files with the assembly level tools. A text editor creates additional assembly files or the files are extracted from the RTS30 library. The linking process resolves all external references between program files and generates the .OUT COFF file subject to specified options (such as `-c` or `-cr` boot options).

Compiler

Figure 1 shows how one or more C files are compiled into multiple assembly files. Each assembly file is constructed from former C functions that were individually decomposed into standard logical sections. The program code is assigned to .TEXT, stack to .STACK, dynamically allocated memory to .SYSMEM, switch tables to .CONST, uninitialized variables to .BSS, and initialized variables to .CINIT. If, following system reset, the program executes directly out of EPROM (microprocessor mode), a separate assembly file holds the reset vector (and possibly other interrupt vectors). The reset vector points to the address contained in the `c_int00` symbol that the linker resolves with the beginning of the BOOT.ASM routine (from the RTS30 library).

Assembler

The assembler assembles all .ASM files into their respective .OBJ files. Since each .ASM file may have a .TEXT section fragment for each function in the file, its .OBJ counterpart groups all the fragments into a single contiguous .TEXT section. This applies to all sections in that file. The results of the assembler process are multiple .OBJ files composed of single instances of all standard C sections. In addition to the object files generated by the user, the subsequent boot procedures require another .OBJ file. The BOOT.ASM file can be extracted from the RTS30 library and assembled separately into the BOOT.OBJ. The BOOT.OBJ is the first routine executed following reset. It initializes the C environment by setting up the system stack, processing initialized variables, setting up the page pointer, and calling the main function. While the BOOT.ASM is required for a C program, other optional files may be extracted from the library, such as MALLOC.ASM, which is used to allocate additional memory at run time.

Linker

The linker assigns physical addresses to logical program sections from .OBJ files. A linker command file defines the available physical memory segments (MEMORY directive), assigns one or more sections to individual memory segments (SECTIONS directive), and lists all the object files containing the sections to be processed. The order in which object files are listed is important and reflects the order in which individual sections are stacked in physical memory. For that reason the BOOT.OBJ file must always be the first one listed, since it represents the execution entry point for every C program. The BOOT.OBJ global symbol `c_int00` provides the entry address that can be resolved to other files that are linked with the BOOT.OBJ (for example, the vector file that needs an address for the reset vector). Depending on the method, the linker can be invoked with the `-c` or `-cr` option. These two options control how a C program's initialized variables are handled during the later stages of the boot process.

The .OUT (COFF) File

After resolving the external references among all program sections, the linker builds the .OUT file. The .OUT file is constructed in the binary COFF format and it contains all the sections listed in the linker SECTIONS directive. It contains all the information about the program, how to load it into the target DSP

system, and even symbol information for the debugger that is later used to verify the code. All C and assembly symbols, such as subroutine labels, etc., can be made visible in the debugger window (by embedding them in the COFF file), provided that they are declared as global symbols and the appropriate options are used with the code generation tools.

Some .OUT sections contain only the starting addresses and no code or data. They include the .STACK section for the system stack, the .SYSMEM section for dynamically allocated memory, and the .BSS section for uninitialized data. The boot process also uses the .BSS section as a destination for the initialized variables that are originally stored in the .CINIT section of the .OUT file. Although they contain no data, the .STACK and .SYSMEM sections are included in .OUT to allow the debugger tools to verify that the physical memory for those sections exists on the target board. Other sections in the .COFF file, such as .VECTORS, .CONST, and .TEXT, contain the starting addresses and the contents of the sections. When the debugger loads the .TEXT section into the target system, for example, the opcodes for all assembly instructions for the entire program are copied beginning at the section starting address.

The .CINIT section is special because it contains initialized variables. Once the .OUT file is generated it can be burned into a 16- or 32-bit wide EPROM and the program can start executing directly from that EPROM following reset (in the microprocessor mode). But if the initialized variables also reside in the same EPROM, they are not really variables since one cannot write to an EPROM device and actually change the values of those variables. For that reason, before user program execution commences, the BOOT.ASM library routine copies the initialized variables from the EPROM .CINIT section to the SRAM .BSS section, one array of data at a time. Figure 1 shows that the .CINIT section is divided into individual array records in which each array has a length, data content, and destination address in the SRAM .BSS section. The .BSS section is the final destination for initialized variables, while the .CINIT EPROM section is a temporary holding place before power-up/reset. The .CINIT section also stores the `-c/-cr` linker option selection for use in the later stages of the boot process.

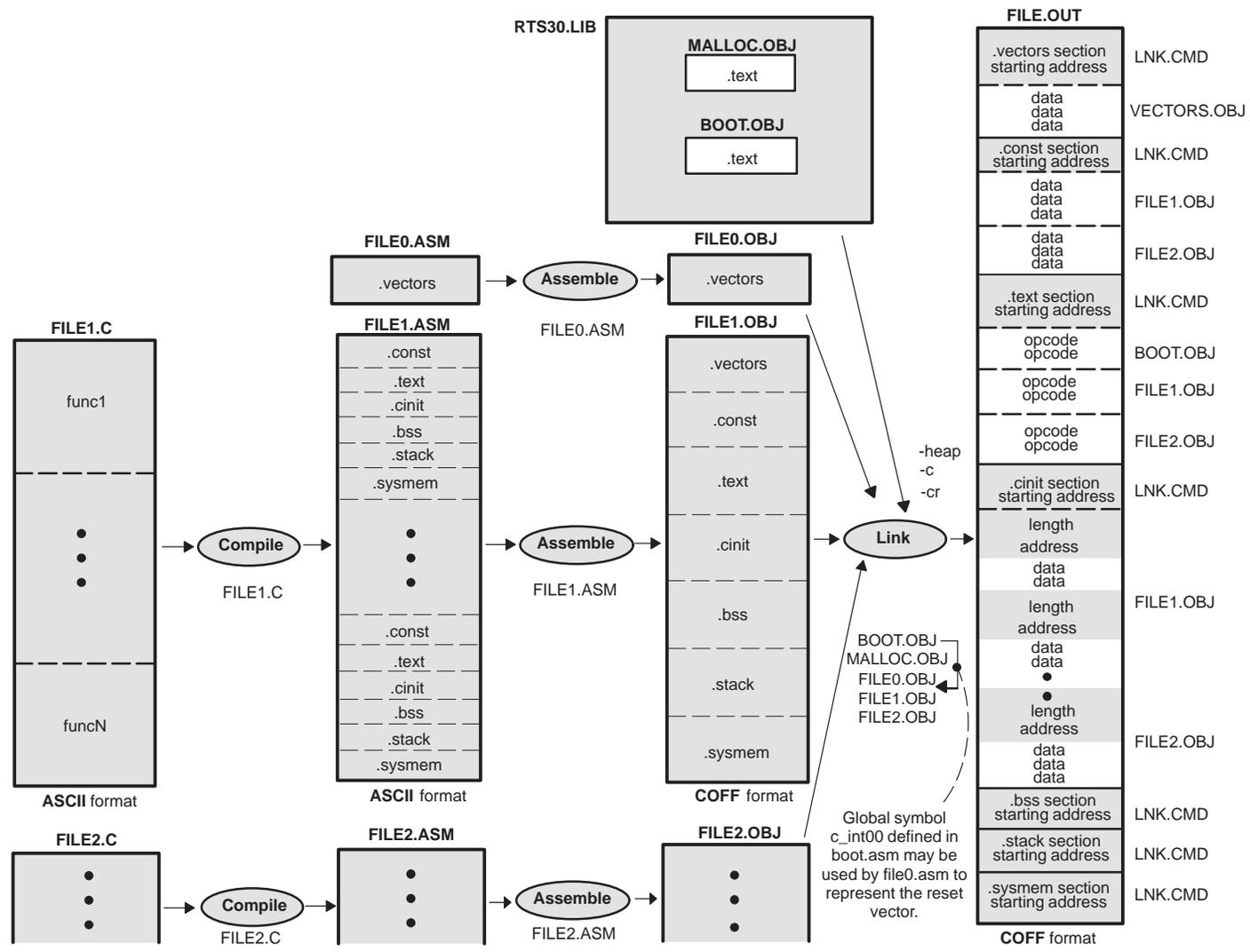


Figure 1. Compile, Assemble, and Link Flow

LOADING THE COFF FILE TO THE TARGET SYSTEM

Loading the COFF file to the DSP target system extracts program and data content as well as control information and then applies the control to place the program/data in the target memory. Some control information embedded in the COFF file may not apply directly to the program/data content. For example, the COFF file may include a symbol table for the debugger or a memory width control word for the on-chip boot loader.

Using the debugger to load the COFF file to target memory requires connecting the target board to the PC (on which the debugger is running) with an emulator cable and pod, and then transferring the COFF file with the LOAD command. The linker `-c/-cr` options control processing of the .CINIT section during the load operation.

The COFF file can also be loaded to a target system from an EPROM. The Hex30 utility converts the COFF file to an EPROM-programmer-compatible file that can be programmed to the EPROM. In the microprocessor mode, the program executes directly from the EPROM. In the microcontroller/boot loader mode, the on-chip boot loader first expands the EPROM contents into target SRAM and the program executes from there. In either case, the C program begins execution at the start of the BOOT.ASM library routine to initialize the C environment before the rest of the C program runs.

DEBUGGER BOOT

Figures 2 and 3 show how to load the COFF file into the target system using the debugger load command.

The debugger is a standard TI software development tool that runs on a PC platform. The debugger accesses the target board through the PC emulator card and cable. The cable connects to the target board through a 12-pin connector that routes the signals to the DSP's emulation pins. The emulation pins control the operation of the MPSD scan chain in the processor. Depending on the command issued by the debugger, the emulation circuitry in the scan chain stops or resumes processor operation, examines/loads registers or memory, sets breakpoints, or executes code one instruction at a time (called single-step execution). The debugger LOAD command reads the COFF file from the PC hard drive, extracts program/data content and transfers it through the emulator cable to the target board's memory.

RAM Model (Linker `-cr` Option)

When the COFF file is loaded into the target board's memory, most sections in the file are processed by copying the program/data to the address defined at the beginning of each section; however, the initialized variables in the .CINIT section are processed differently. If the COFF file was generated by the linker using a `-cr` option, the .CINIT section of the file is loaded using the RAM model (see Figure 2). The RAM model assumes that the target memory is composed exclusively of SRAM devices. Thus, the initialized variables can be directly copied to the SRAM .BSS section, one array at a time, without first placing them in a temporary EPROM .CINIT section. Once the initialized variables have been loaded into SRAM, they can be read or written to by the CPU without further initialization steps by the BOOT.ASM at the beginning of C program execution.

ROM Model (Linker `-c` Option)

If the COFF file was created with the linker `-c` option, the loader places the .CINIT section in the target memory according to the ROM model. The ROM model copies the .CINIT section as one block to the address specified at the beginning of the same .CINIT section. Following the load operation, the ROM model expects the BOOT.ASM routine (at the beginning of the C program) to further process the .CINIT section by copying its contents to the SRAM .BSS section, one array at a time. After the COFF load operation, the memory content is the same as that created by the RAM model with one exception: the target SRAM still contains the temporary .CINIT section that serves no purpose after being processed by the BOOT.ASM. The ROM model can still be useful, for example, to simulate the microprocessor mode EPROM boot (see Figure 4). During the development cycle, instead of burning a new EPROM each time the code is modified, the EPROM can be removed and replaced with an equivalent SRAM device (by reconfiguring a few jumpers, perhaps). The ROM model allows using the loader to quickly load and debug the modified code, while preserving the bus activity at power up to simulate an EPROM boot.

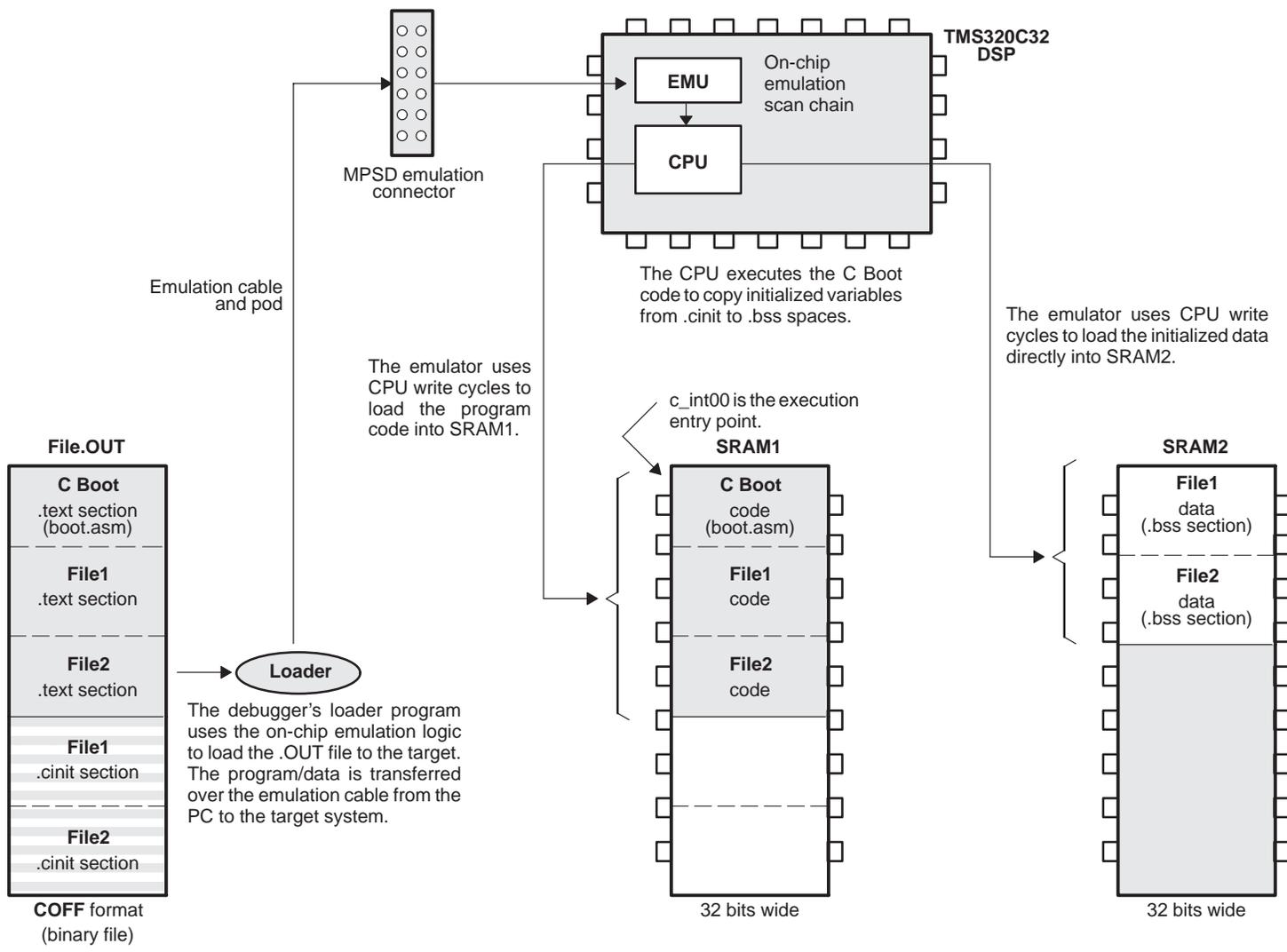


Figure 2. Debugger Load (Linker -cr Option)

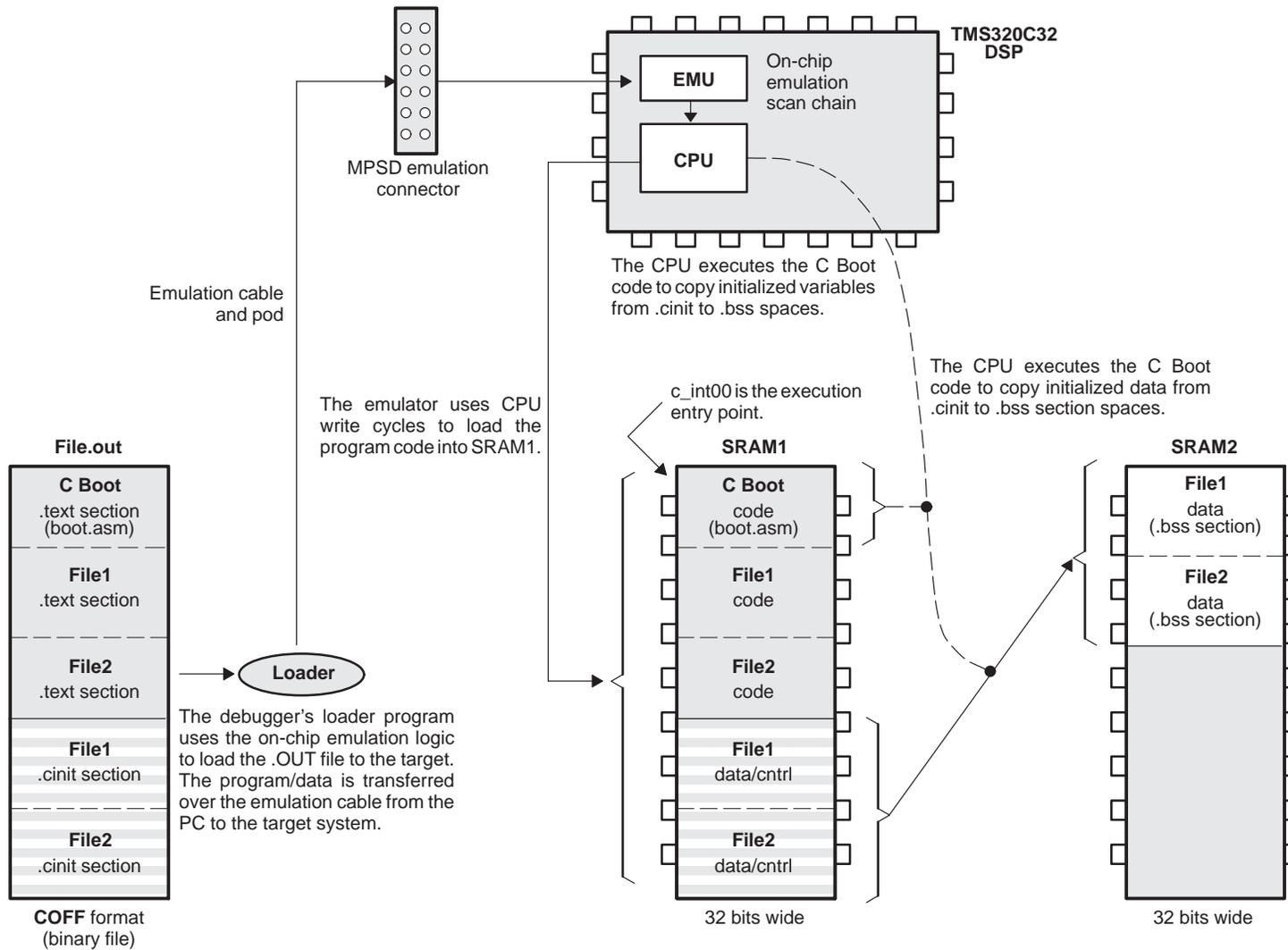


Figure 3. Debugger Load (Linker -c Option)

EPROM BOOT

Booting a DSP target board from C code stored in nonvolatile memory and accessible to the DSP can be done in two ways. If the DSP is powered up in the microprocessor mode, the reset causes the program to start execution from 32- or 16-bit EPROM by fetching the reset vector from memory address 000000h and branching to the reset interrupt service routine (ISR) pointed to by that vector.

On the other hand, if the DSP is powered up in the microcomputer/boot loader mode, program execution starts with the on-chip boot loader program. The boot loader reads the COFF file from an 8-bit EPROM and expands it to the system SRAM from which it can be executed (16 or 32 bits wide). In either case, program entry occurs at the beginning of the BOOT.ASM library routine to initialize the C environment prior to execution of the C code.

Microprocessor Mode (Linker `-c` Option)

Before the binary COFF file can be burned into an EPROM, it must be converted to an ASCII format that an EPROM programmer can recognize (see Figure 4). The HEX conversion utility converts COFF files to a programmer object file format such as Intel Hex. The EPROM programmer uses the converted files to program one or more EPROMs that can be inserted into the DSP target board.

If the linker `-c` option is used to create the COFF file (ROM model), the HEX utility copies the .CINIT section directly into the programmer object file without processing its content. In other words, the .CINIT section in the programmed EPROM contains the initialized data as well as destination addresses and lengths in .BSS for individual .CINIT data arrays. To start program execution from EPROM at power up, the DSP must be configured in the microprocessor mode by pulling the MCBL/ $\overline{\text{MP}}$ pin low. Triggered by the low-to-high transition of the $\overline{\text{RESET}}$ pin, the DSP executes the reset vector fetch read cycle. The reset vector points to the BOOT.ASM routine which is executed next. The linker `-c` option sets a control bit in the .CINIT section of the COFF file.

When the BOOT.ASM program executes the .CINIT section, it checks the `-c/-cr` control bit. The `-c` option (ROM model) causes the BOOT.ASM to copy the contents of each array within the .CINIT section to its destination in the .BSS section mapped to SRAM. The initialized variables must be copied from EPROM to SRAM at the beginning of program execution because they cannot be modified in EPROM (variable data must be changeable during program execution).

Microcomputer/Boot Loader Mode (Linker `-cr` Option)

The TMS320C32 features an on-chip hardwired boot loader program in the internal programmable logic array (PLA). The boot loader reduces the DSP target board cost by replacing multiple fast EPROMs with a single 8-bit slow (inexpensive) EPROM. Because the 'C32 cannot execute code from memory that is only eight bits wide, the on-chip boot loader program reads the boot table from the byte-wide EPROM and reconstructs all sections of the original COFF file one byte at a time before placing the program/data in SRAM (see Figure 5).

To power up the DSP in the boot loader mode, the MCBL/ $\overline{\text{MP}}$ pin must be held high when the $\overline{\text{RESET}}$ signal is deasserted. At that stage, the DSP starts executing the boot loader code from internal address 000045h. Immediately after it starts execution, the boot loader checks the interrupt flag (IF) register. At this point, all interrupts are disabled and remain disabled until the application program enables them. Depending on which external interrupt is asserted, the boot loader looks for the boot table at one of three external memory locations or at the serial port. At this point, the interrupt pins carry a message to the boot loader telling it where to get the boot table after reset.

The boot table structure resembles the COFF file from which it was derived by the HEX conversion utility. The main feature that distinguishes the boot table from a regular HEX utility output (such as the microprocessor mode boot example) is that in addition to the contents of the COFF sections, the boot table includes special control words for the on-chip boot loader program to instruct it how to assemble and load those sections. Each section is built into a block preceded by three control words: block size, destination address, and destination memory width/data size. Multiple blocks can be transferred to selected parts of the DSP memory map. To format the COFF file into the boot table, the program section to be booted must be identified to the HEX conversion utility with the SECTIONS directive. The boot table is constructed of the COFF sections identified in the SECTIONS directive and marked with the BOOT option (see Figure 5).

If the linker uses the `-cr` option to create the COFF file, the HEX utility processes the COFF `.CINIT` section and assigns the addresses in the `.BSS` section to the corresponding `.CINIT` arrays in the boot table. Every C program starts execution with the `BOOT.ASM` routine, but because one of the `BOOT.ASM` control flags indicates that the COFF file was created with the linker `-cr` option, the code skips transfer of `.CINIT` contents to `.BSS`. The HEX utility does that task by placing all the initialized variables in `.BSS` while creating the boot table without relying on `BOOT.ASM` to make the transfer at run time (see Figure 5).

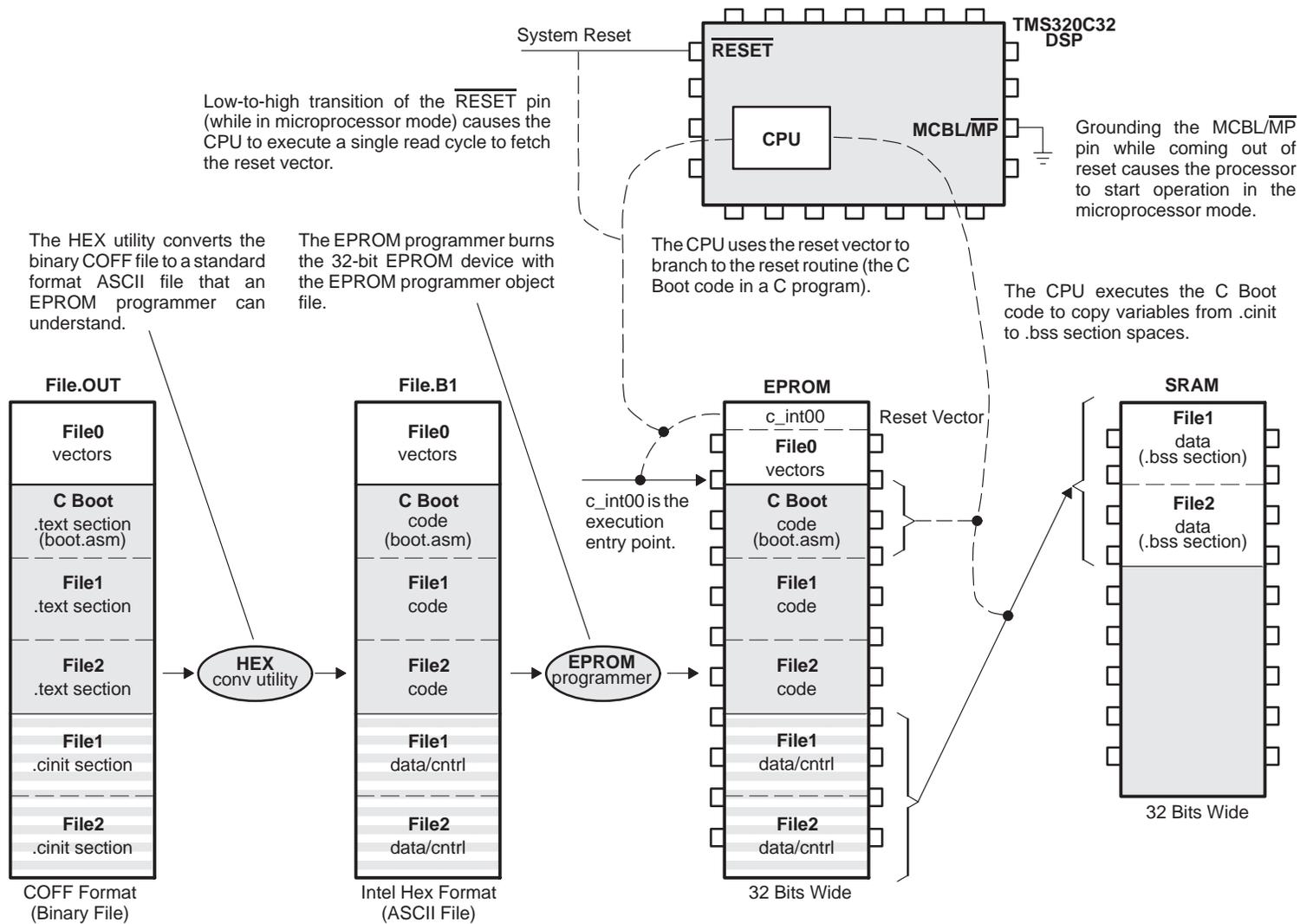


Figure 4. 32-Bit EPROM Boot in the Microprocessor Mode (Linker -c Option)

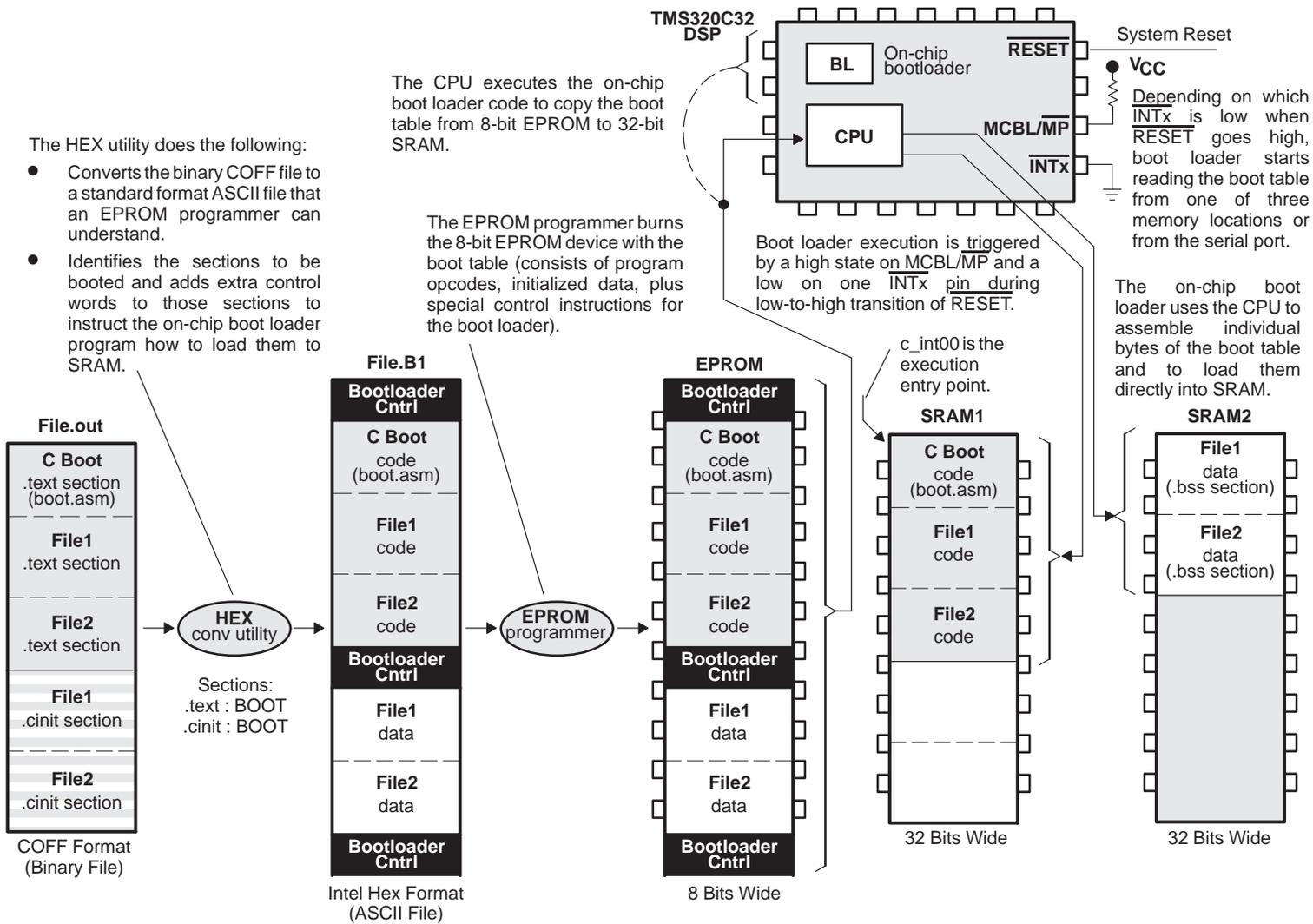


Figure 5. 8-Bit EPROM Boot Using the On-Chip Boot Loader (Linker -cr Option)

BOOT TABLE MEMORY CONSIDERATIONS

There is a significant difference in the methods of interfacing the external memory holding the boot table and the program/data memory used during normal code execution. The address presented on the 'C32's pins may be shifted by one or two bits depending on the size of the memory bank (see Figure 6), but the external memory holding the boot table must have *no* address shift relative to the 'C32 address pins regardless of the width of the boot memory (see Figure 7). The boot loader program reads the boot table memory width from the first word of the boot table. It reads the boot table contents as 32-bit data and, depending on the memory width, it reconstructs the program and data before sending it to the memory map. Due to this difference in the address shift, the byte-wide EPROM containing the boot table is not best suited to store normal data unless special hardware is added to handle the address shift.

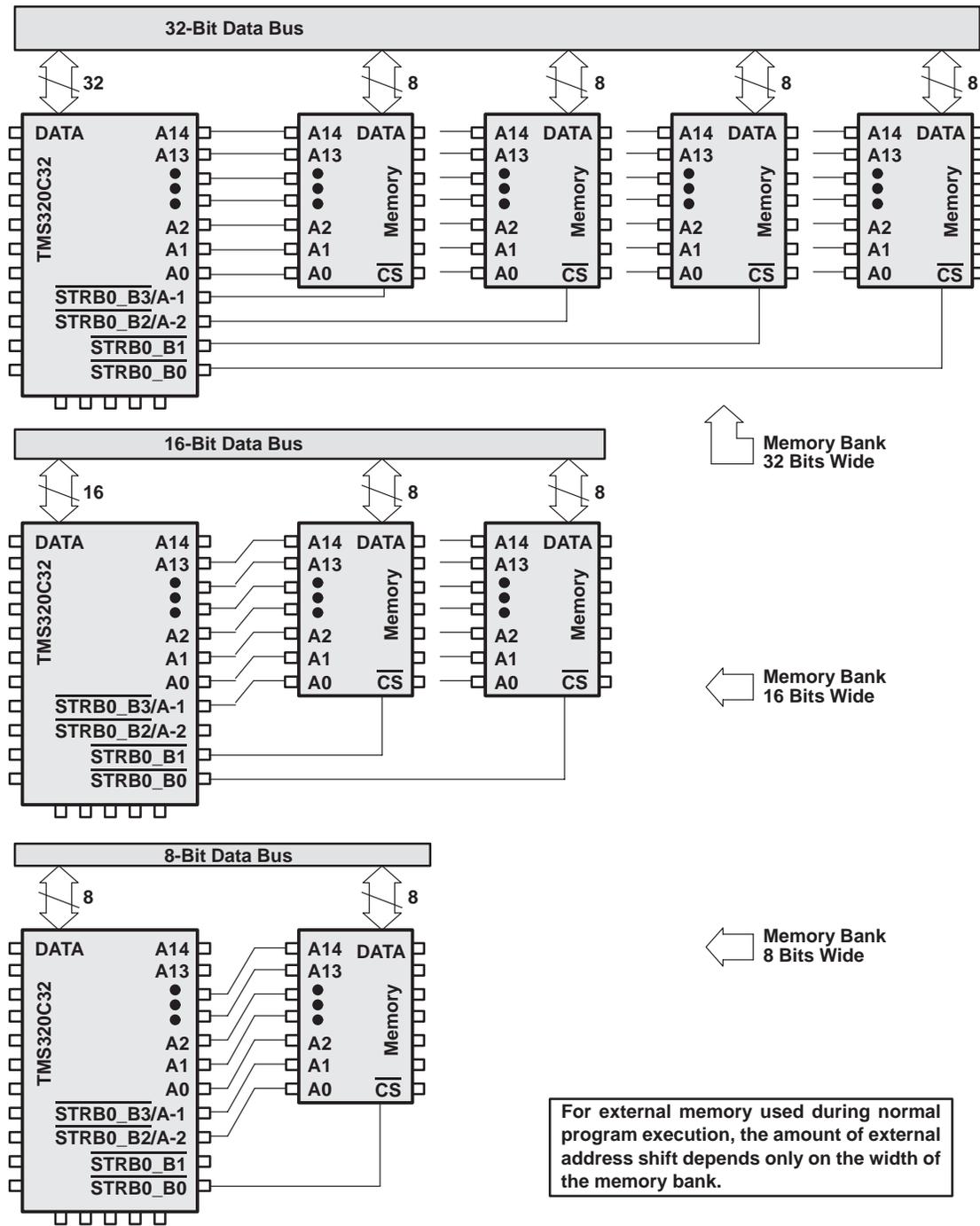


Figure 6. Memory Configuration for Normal Program Execution

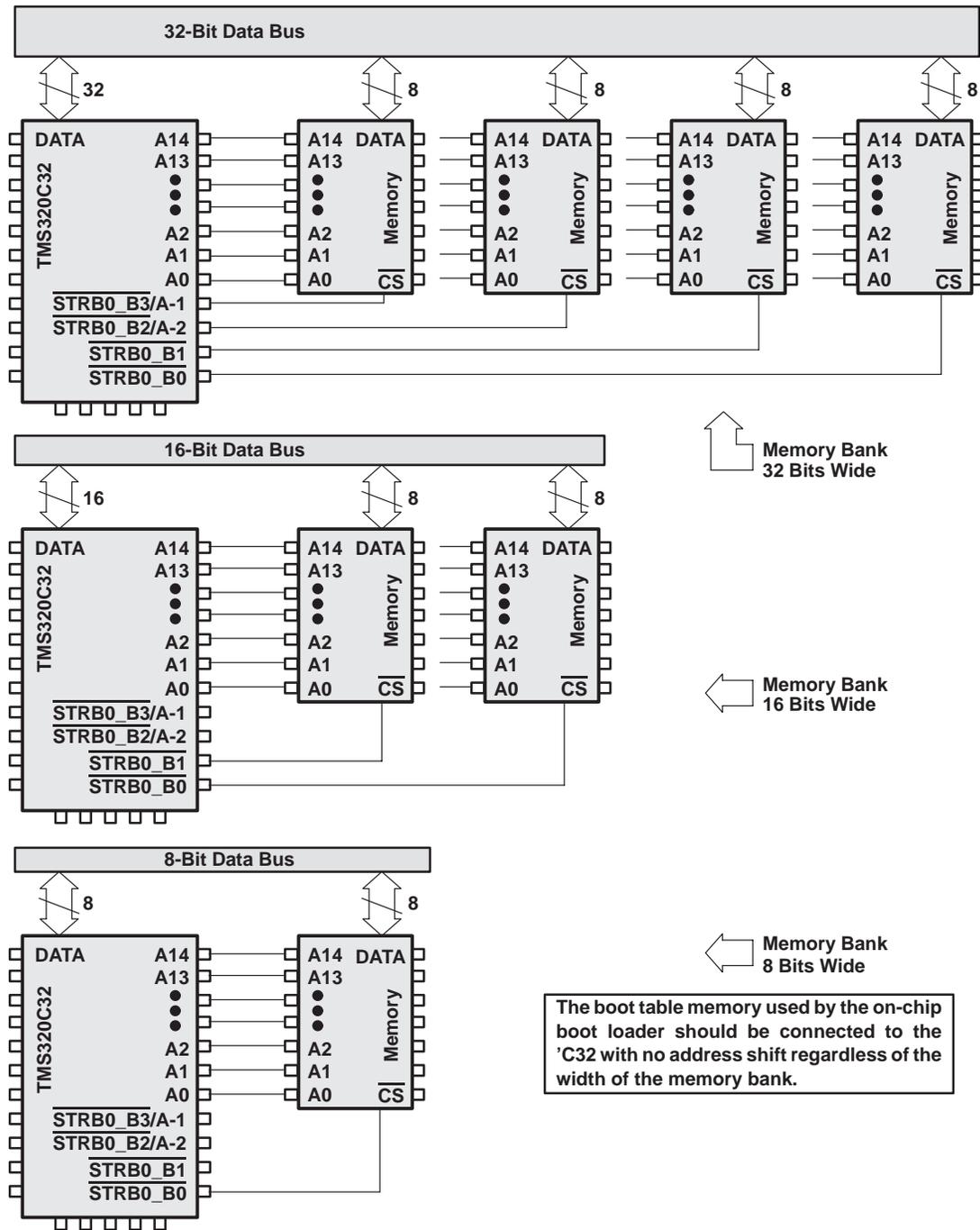


Figure 7. Boot Table Memory Configuration

HOST LOAD

While some DSP systems stand alone, others may be embedded DSPs controlled by a host such as a microcontroller or another DSP. During system power up, the DSP boot table may be transferred from the host to the DSP through a serial port or through a byte-wide latch. This eliminates the need for a dedicated boot EPROM on the DSP side of the system. On the host side, the DSP boot table may be temporarily stored in an EPROM prior to the DSP boot. Following reset, the host transfers the boot table to the DSP to initialize it and start program execution.

Boot From Serial Port

If the DSP powers up in the microcomputer/boot loader mode (MCBL/ $\overline{\text{MP}}$ high), the low on the $\overline{\text{INT3}}$ pin and high on all other $\overline{\text{INTx}}$ pins causes the on-chip boot loader program to read the boot table from the serial port. Most microcontrollers also feature a serial port, and in many cases the two ports can be connected directly without additional glue logic for an economical host/DSP interface. Following the boot, the serial channel can also be used by the host to send/receive data and to control the operation of the DSP (see Figure 8). Generating the boot table for this example requires linking the object files with the `-cr` option (RAM model), and then appending the HEX utility's SECTION directive with the `:BOOT` keyword to identify the COFF sections to be included in the boot table.

Boot From a Latch

If the host processor does not have a serial port, the DSP can be booted from the host using an 8-bit latch. During the boot operation, the host feeds the boot table bytes to the latch on one side, while the DSP reads the data from the other. Following reset, interrupts 0, 1, and 2 direct the DSP boot loader to the latch address. The same interrupts cause the boot loader to think that it is reading from the parallel port, so some control/decode logic is required to make the DSP think that it is reading from memory instead of from a latch. The same glue logic must also be connected to the host side of the latch to ensure proper data transfer synchronization between two asynchronous systems (see Figure 9). At power up, the DSP boot table most likely resides in the host's EPROM, and the host outputs the boot table to the latch one byte at a time following reset. Creating the boot table for this operation uses the same linker/COFF options as for the host/serial boot and the direct EPROM boot.

Asynchronous Boot From a Communications Port

If the host processor has an asynchronous communications capability, then the 'C32 can make a glueless connection to the host's communication port (see Figure 10). In addition to the data bus, three 'C32 pins are involved in the asynchronous boot: XF0, XF1, and $\overline{\text{IACK}}$. The XF1 pin serves as the data ready input to the 'C32 and XF0 is the data acknowledge.

The $\overline{\text{IACK}}$ pin pulses when there is no valid data present on the data lines (needed for TMS320C4x comm-port interface). For this boot load mode, it is assumed that the host (such as a TMS320C4x) connects directly to the data ready and data acknowledge control lines. The host drives the data ready signal low to indicate to the DSP that the next byte of the boot table has been placed on the data lines. The DSP responds by pulling the data acknowledge signal low after reading the data. When the host sees the data acknowledge signal, it stops driving the data bus and brings the data ready line high. To complete the handshaking transaction, the DSP brings the data acknowledge signal high to request the next byte from the host. The boot table for this type of boot operation is created with the linker `-cr` option (RAM model) and HEX conversion utility SECTIONS directive `:BOOT` keyword — the same options used for other boot load procedures involving the on-chip boot loader program.

The HEX utility does the following:

- Converts the binary COFF file to a standard format ASCII file that an EPROM programmer can understand.
- Identifies the sections to be booted and adds extra control words to those sections to instruct the on-chip boot loader program how to load them to SRAM.

The EPROM programmer burns the 8-bit EPROM device with the boot table (consists of program opcodes, initialized data, plus special control instructions for the boot loader).

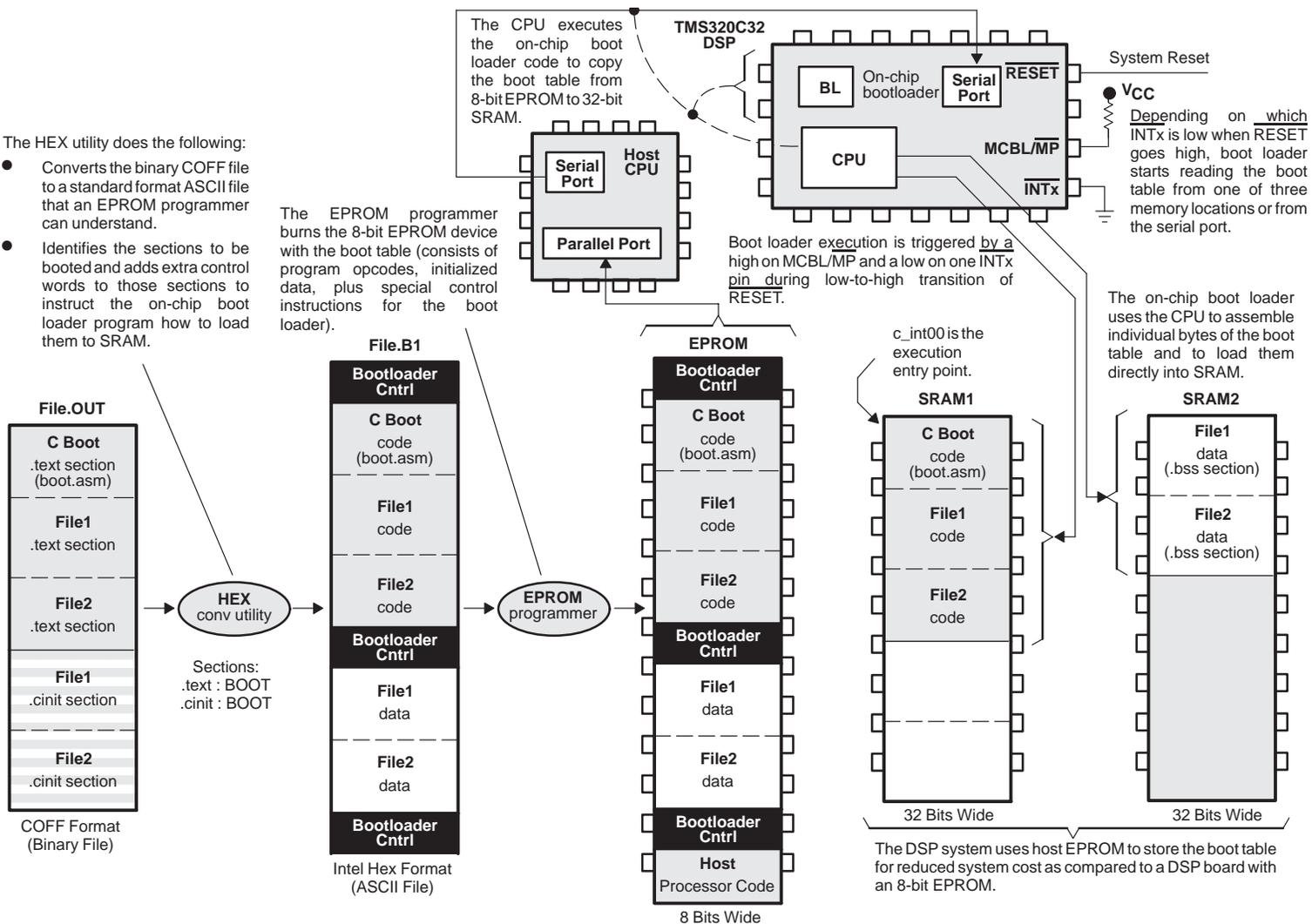


Figure 8. Boot From Host Using Serial Port (Linker -cr Option)

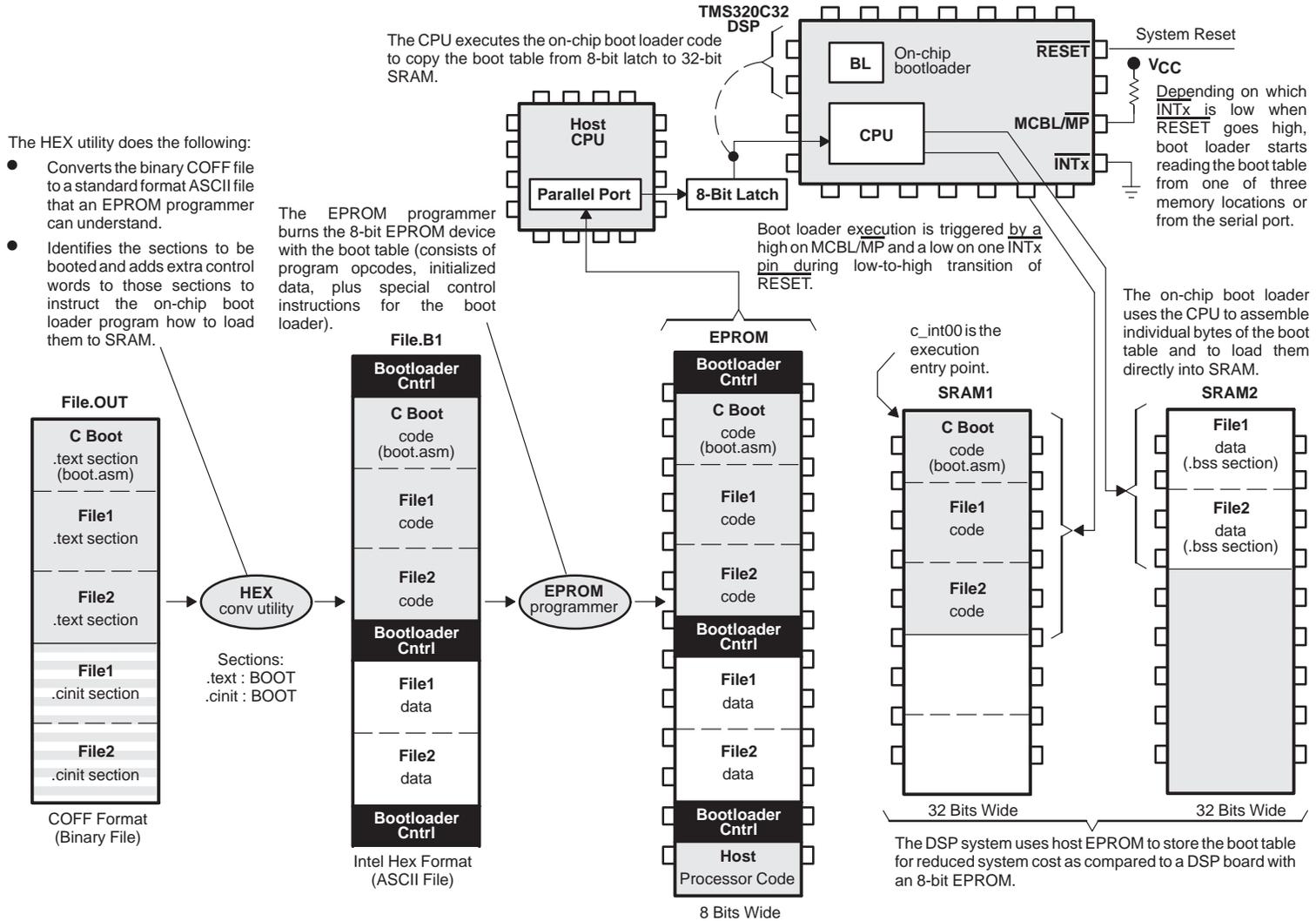


Figure 9. Boot From Host Using an 8-Bit Latch (Linker -cr Option)

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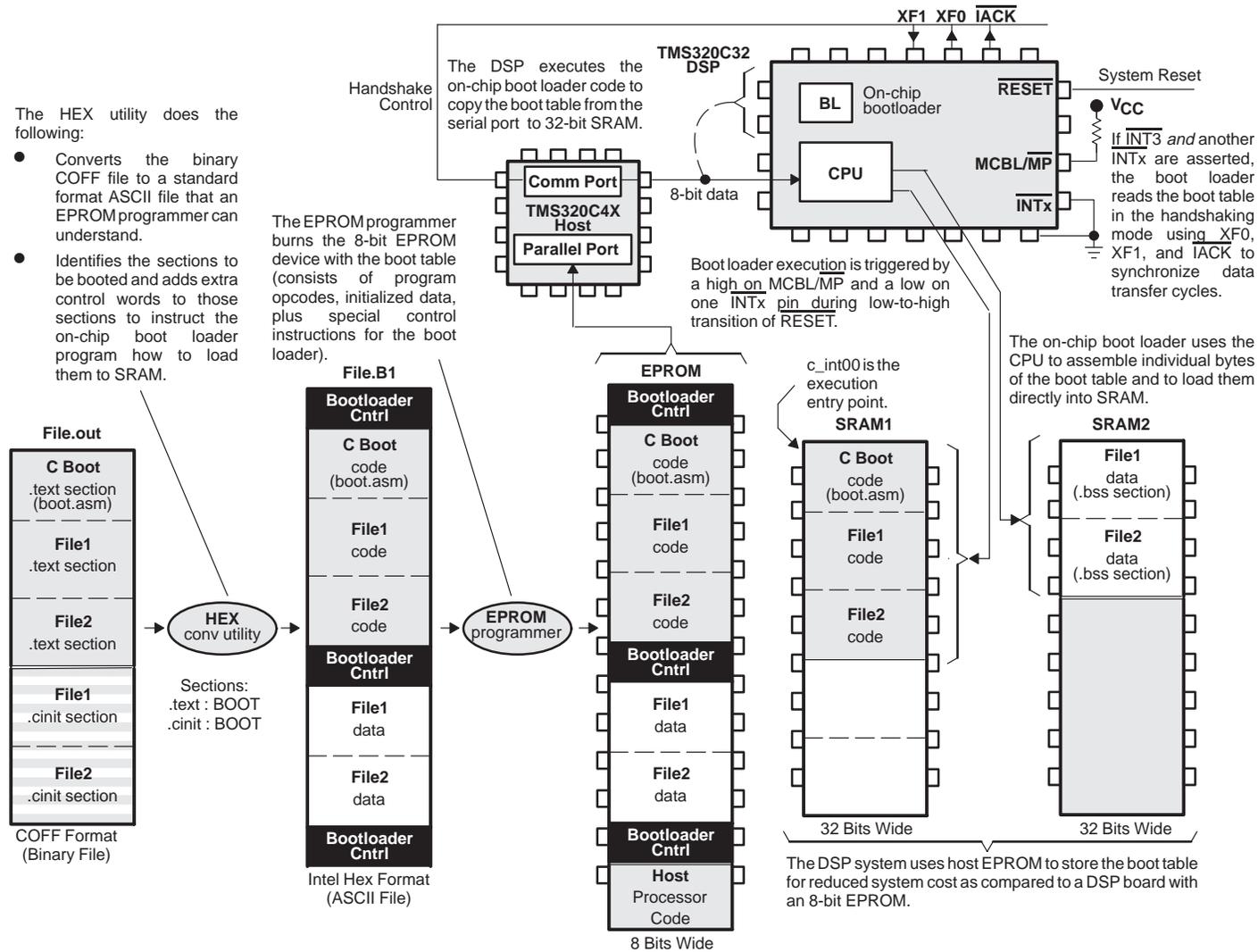


Figure 10. Boot From Host Using Asynchronous Communications Port (Linker -cr Option)

APPENDIX A—THE 'C32 BOOT TABLE EXAMPLES

Figures 11 through 14 show four instances of the boot table, each containing four blocks. The destination for the first and third block is 16-bit STRB0 memory. The second block is booted to the 32-bit IOSTRB memory. Block 4 is destined for the 8-bit memory in the STRB1 portion of the memory map.

Each figure represents a boot from a different source medium. In Figure 11, the boot table resides in the 32-bit IOSTRB memory (pointed to by INT1 pin low after reset in the microcontroller/boot loader mode). The boot table in Figure 12 is stored in the 16-bit STRB0 memory (pointed to by INT0). The boot table in Figure 13 resides in the 8-bit STRB1 memory (pointed to by INT2). The final example, shown in Figure 14, represents the boot table stored in the host memory before being sent to the 'C32 over the serial port. Unlike the boot from memory, the serial port boot table omits the memory width control word from the beginning of the table.

The shaded areas of the boot table examples represent the contents of the individual blocks of code or data. The unshaded portions are the control words that instruct the boot loader program to transfer the blocks to the memory map.

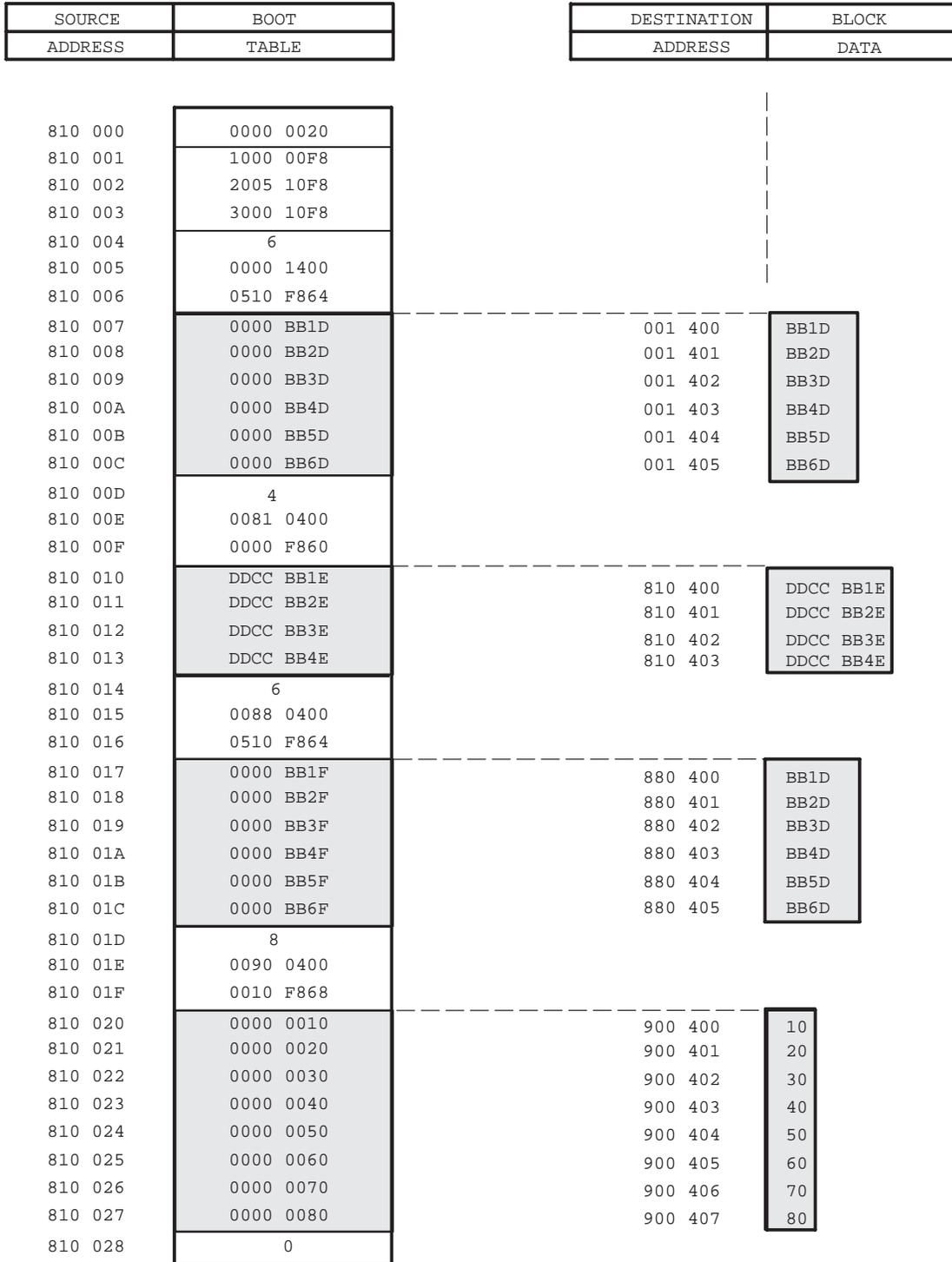


Figure 11. Boot From a 32-Bit Wide ROM to 8-, 16-, and 32-Bit Wide RAM

SOURCE		BOOT		DEST.		BLOCK	
ADDRESS	TABLE	ADDRESS	DATA	ADDRESS	DATA	ADDRESS	DATA
001	000	10					
001	001	00					
001	002	00F8					
001	003	1000					
001	004	10F8					
001	005	2005					
001	006	10F8					
001	007	3000					
001	008	6					
001	009	0					
001	00A	1400					
001	00B	0000					
001	00C	F864					
001	00D	0510					
001	00E	AA11	001 400	AA11			
001	00F	AA22	001 401	AA22			
001	010	AA33	001 402	AA33			
001	011	AA44	001 403	AA44			
001	012	AA55	001 404	AA55			
001	013	AA66	001 405	AA66			
001	014	4					
001	015	0					
001	016	0400					
001	017	0081					
001	018	F860					
001	019	0000					
001	01A	DD11	810 400	BBCC DD11			
001	01B	BBCC	810 401	BBCC DD22			
001	01C	DD22	810 402	BBCC DD33			
001	01D	BBCC	810 403	BBCC DD44			
001	01E	DD33					
001	01F	BBCC					
001	020	DD44					
001	021	BBCC					
001	022	6					
001	023	0					
001	024	0400					
001	025	0088					
001	026	F864					
001	027	0510					
001	028	EE11	880 400	EE11			
001	029	EE22	880 401	EE22			
001	02A	EE33	880 402	EE33			
001	02B	EE44	880 403	EE44			
001	02C	EE55	880 404	EE44			
001	02D	EE66	880 405	EE55			
001	02E	8					
001	02F	0					
001	030	0400					
001	031	0090					
001	032	F868					
001	033	0010					
001	034	00F1	900 400	F1			
001	035	00F2	900 401	F2			
001	036	00F2	900 402	F3			
001	037	00F4	900 403	F4			
001	038	00F5	900 404	F5			
001	039	00F6	900 405	F6			
001	03A	00F7	900 406	F7			
001	03B	00F8	900 407	F8			
001	03C	0					
001	03D	0					

Figure 12. Boot From a 16-Bit Wide ROM to 8-, 16-, and 32-Bit Wide RAM

SOURCE ADDRESS	BOOT TABLE	DEST. ADDRESS	BLOCK DATA	SOURCE ADDRESS	BOOT TABLE	DEST. ADDRESS	BLOCK DATA	SOURCE ADDRESS	BOOT TABLE	DEST. ADDRESS	BLOCK DATA
900 000	08			900 028	4			900 050	11	880 400	AA11
900 001	00			900 029	0			900 051	EE	880 401	AA22
900 002	00			900 02A	0			900 052	22	880 402	AA33
900 003	00			900 02B	0			900 053	EE	880 403	AA44
900 004	F8			900 02C	00			900 054	33	880 404	AA55
900 005	00			900 02D	04			900 055	EE	880 405	AA66
900 006	00			900 02E	81			900 056	44		
900 007	10			900 02F	00			900 057	EE		
900 008	F8			900 030	60			900 058	55		
900 009	10			900 031	F8			900 059	EE		
900 00A	05			900 032	00			900 05A	66		
900 00B	20			900 033	00			900 05B	EE		
900 00C	F8			900 034	11	810 400	BBCC DD11	900 05C	8		
900 00D	10			900 035	DD	810 401	BBCC DD22	900 05D	0		
900 00E	00			900 036	CC	810 402	BBCC DD33	900 05E	0		
900 00F	30			900 037	BB	810 403	BBCC DD44	900 05F	0		
900 010	6			900 038	22			900 050	00		
900 011	0			900 039	DD			900 051	04		
900 012	0			900 03A	CC			900 052	90		
900 013	0			900 03B	BB			900 053	00		
900 014	00			900 03C	33			900 054	68		
900 015	14			900 03D	DD			900 055	F8		
900 016	00			900 03E	CC			900 056	10		
900 017	00			900 03F	BB			900 057	00		
900 018	64			900 040	44			900 058	F1	900 400	F1
900 019	F8			900 041	DD			900 059	F2	900 401	F2
900 01A	10			900 042	CC			900 05A	F3	900 402	F3
900 01B	05			900 043	BB			900 05B	F4	900 403	F4
900 01C	11	001 400	AA11	900 044	6			900 05C	F5	900 404	F5
900 01D	AA	001 401	AA22	900 045	0			900 05D	F6	900 405	F6
900 01E	22	001 402	AA33	900 046	0			900 05E	F7	900 406	F7
900 01F	AA	001 403	AA44	900 047	0			900 05F	F8	900 407	F8
900 020	33	001 404	AA55	900 048	00			900 050	0		
900 021	AA	001 405	AA66	900 049	01			900 051	0		
900 022	44			900 04A	88			900 052	0		
900 023	AA			900 04B	00			900 053	0		
900 024	55			900 04C	64						
900 025	AA			900 04D	F8						
900 026	66			900 04E	10						
900 027	AA			900 04F	05						

Figure 13. Boot From a Byte Wide ROM to 8-, 16-, and 32-Bit Wide RAM

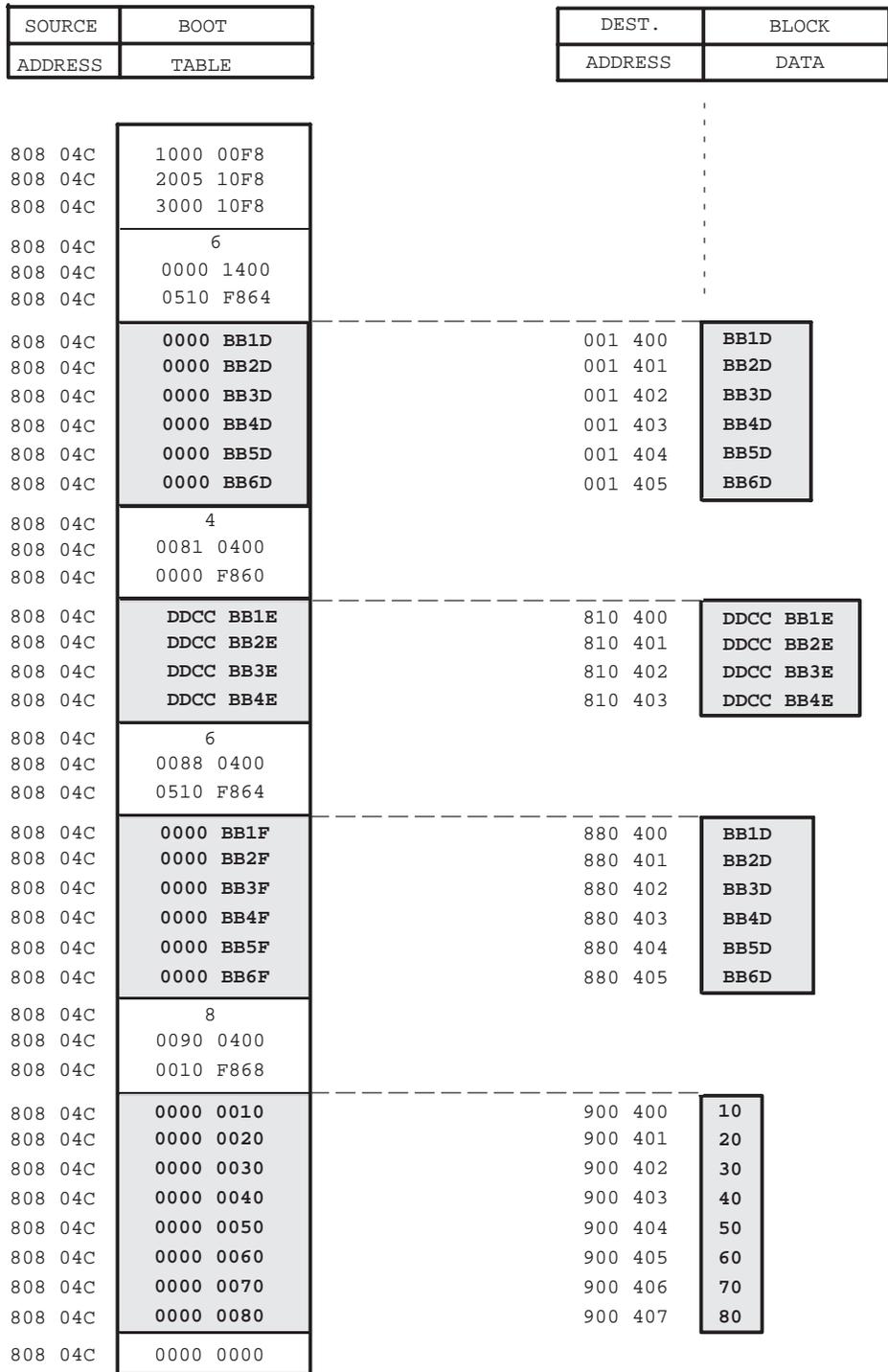


Figure 14. Boot From Serial Port to 8-, 16-, and 32-Bit Wide RAM

APPENDIX B—THE 'C32 BOOT LOADER PROGRAM

This appendix describes the on-chip boot loader program that initializes the DSP system following power up or reset. Figure 15 shows the program flowchart with shaded areas representing portions of code and the square shapes depicting registers containing data.

'C32 Boot Loader Opcodes

The boot loader reads the boot table from one of three memory locations (1000h, 810000h, 900000h) or from the serial port. The boot loader processes each block of the boot table separately. First, the words of program or data are assembled from bytes (or half-words). The assembled words are then written to their destinations one at a time. Each block can be transferred to any memory address range within the memory map. The blocks in the boot table are preceded by three control words: block size, destination address, and strobe control register value. The boot loader ends execution when it finds a zero for the size of the next block. At that point, it initializes the three strobe control registers and branches to the first instruction of the first block. For that reason, the first boot table block always contains program and not data. For the description of the boot loader operation, refer to the program listing included in this appendix and the *TMS320C32 User's Guide: Addendum to the TMS320C32 User's Guide* (literature number SPRU132). Table 1 lists the 'C32 boot loader opcodes.

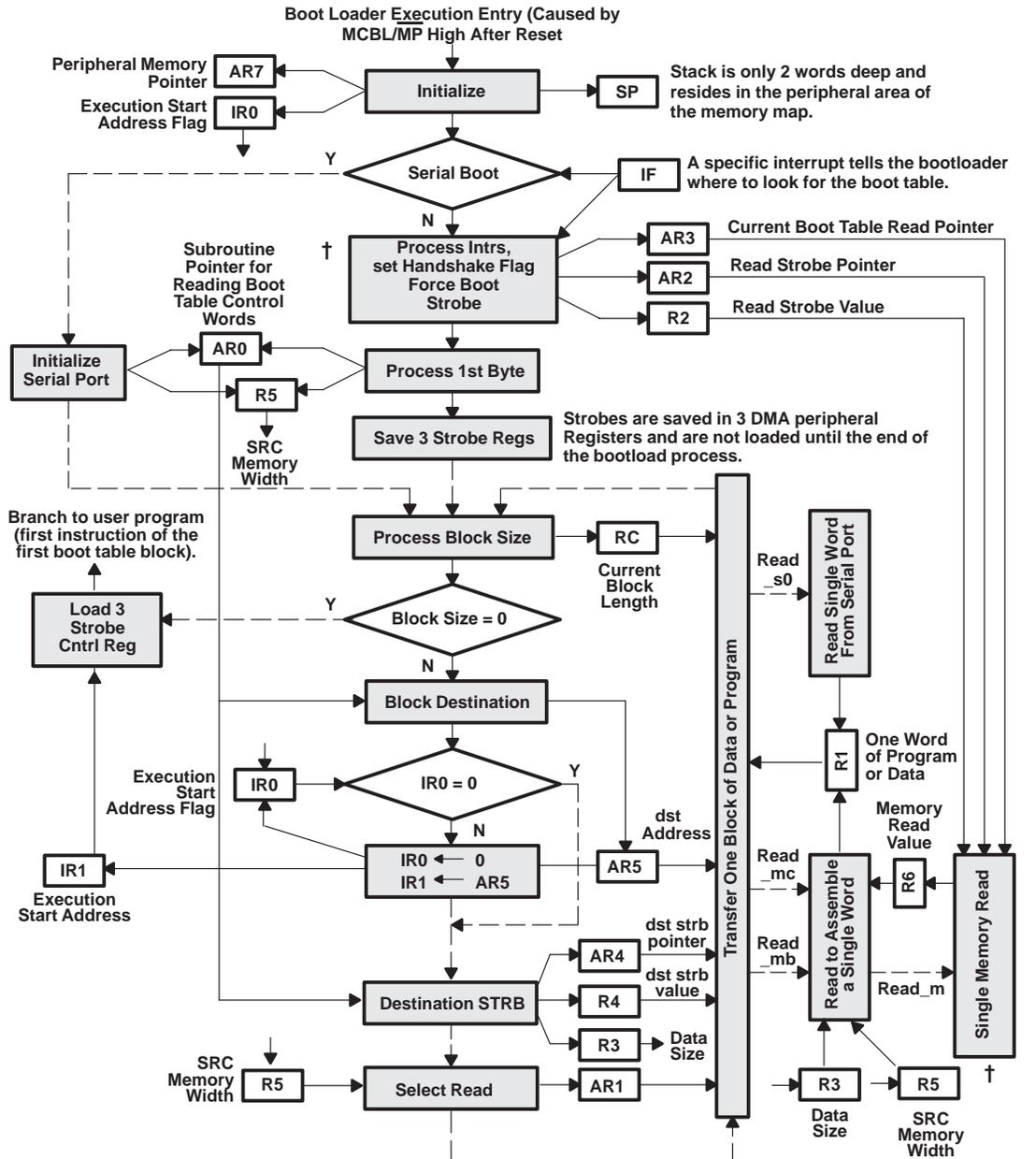


Figure 15. TMS320C32 Boot Loader Program

Table 1. TMS320C32 Boot Loader Opcodes

ADDRESS	OPCODE	ADDRESS	OPCODE	ADDRESS	OPCODE	ADDRESS	OPCODE
00000000	00000045	00000034	00000000	00000068	1a660001	0000009d	086800a7
00000001	00000000	00000035	00000000	00000069	6a060004	0000009e	08650000
00000002	00000000	00000036	00000000	0000006a	09e6ffff	0000009f	08620000
00000003	00000000	00000037	00000000	0000006b	09eeffff	000000a0	080a000f
00000004	00000000	00000038	00000000	0000006c	09e50001	000000a1	08600111
00000005	00000000	00000039	00000000	0000006d	6a00fffa	000000a2	15400743
00000006	00000000	0000003A	00000000	0000006e	186e0002	000000a3	08670a30
00000007	00000000	0000003B	00000000	0000006f	04ee0000	000000a4	09e70010
00000008	00000000	0000003C	00000000	00000070	6a070002	000000a5	15470740
00000009	00000000	0000003D	00000000	00000071	72000053	000000a6	6a00ffcc
0000000A	00000000	0000003E	00000000	00000072	6f80fffe	000000a7	1a770020
0000000B	00000000	0000003F	00000000	00000073	70000008	000000a8	6a05fffe
0000000C	00000000	00000040	00000000	00000074	15410704	000000a9	02f70fdf
0000000D	00000000	00000041	00000000	00000075	70000008	000000aa	0841074c
0000000E	00000000	00000042	00000000	00000076	15410706	000000ab	78800000
0000000F	00000000	00000043	00000000	00000077	70000008	000000ac	08630003
00000010	00000000	00000044	00000000	00000078	15410708	000000ad	08730001
00000011	00000000	00000045	086f4040	00000079	70000008	000000ae	09930005
00000012	00000000	00000046	09ef0009	0000007a	08010001	000000af	18730001
00000013	00000000	00000047	08740023	0000007b	6a060007	000000b0	080e0003
00000014	00000000	00000048	1014000f	0000007c	08400704	000000b1	026e0001
00000015	00000000	00000049	0871ffff	0000007d	15400760	000000b2	09ee0003
00000016	00000000	0000004a	08000017	0000007e	08400706	000000b3	08000005
00000017	00000000	0000004b	02e0000f	0000007f	15400764	000000b4	04e00001
00000018	00000000	0000004c	04e00008	00000080	08400708	000000b5	6a050003
00000019	00000000	0000004d	6a05004f	00000081	15400768	000000b6	09e0ffff
0000001A	00000000	0000004e	080a000f	00000082	68000012	000000b7	09eeffff
0000001B	00000000	0000004f	026a0060	00000083	081b0001	000000b8	6a00ffff
0000001C	00000000	00000050	1a600004	00000084	187b0001	000000b9	186e0001
0000001D	00000000	00000051	536b4080	00000085	70000008	000000ba	08600000
0000001E	00000000	00000052	6a060008	00000086	080d0001	000000bb	08610000
0000001F	00000000	00000053	026a0004	00000087	4f100000	000000bc	02740003
00000020	00000000	00000054	1a600001	00000088	5312000d	000000bd	72000007
00000021	00000000	00000055	536b0008	00000089	53710000	000000be	18740003
00000022	00000000	00000056	6a060004	0000008a	70000008	000000bf	21871306
00000023	00000000	00000057	026a0004	0000008b	08040001	000000c0	09870000
00000024	00000000	00000058	1a600004	0000008c	02e1006c	000000c1	10010007
00000025	00000000	00000059	536b4800	0000008d	258c010f	000000c2	02000005
00000026	00000000	0000005a	6a05ffef	0000008e	09e4fff8	000000c3	6f80fff8
00000027	00000000	0000005b	1a600008	0000008f	08030004	000000c4	78800000
00000028	00000000	0000005c	6a050002	00000090	09e3fff0	000000c5	1a780002
00000029	00000000	0000005d	1a780080	00000091	02e30003	000000c6	1542c200*
0000002A	00000000	0000005e	08780006	00000092	1a61000c	000000c7	6a060002*
0000002B	00000000	0000005f	0862000f	00000093	52e30003	000000c8	08462301*
0000002C	00000000	00000060	09e20010	00000094	04e50000	000000c9	78800000*
0000002D	00000000	00000061	1042c200	00000095	52e900a7	000000ca	1b40c700*
0000002E	00000000	00000062	1542c200	00000096	536900ad	000000cb	1a780080*
0000002F	00000000	00000063	09eb0009	00000097	6400009b	000000cc	6a06ffff*
00000030	00000000	00000064	086800ac	00000098	70000009	000000cd	08462301*
00000031	00000000	00000065	08650001	00000099	1544c400	000000ce	08780002*
00000032	00000000	00000066	086e0020	0000009a	0c800000	000000cf	1a780080*
00000033	00000000	00000067	7200005d	0000009b	15412501**	000000d0	6a05fffe*
				0000009c	6a00ffdc	000000d1	08780006*
						000000d2	78800000*

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*****
* C32BOOT - TMS320C32 BOOT LOADER PROGRAM      (143 words)      March-96
*          (C) COPYRIGHT TEXAS INSTRUMENTS INCORPORATED, 1994    v.27
* =====*

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* NOTE:

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* 1. Following device reset, the program waits for an external
* interrupt. The interrupt type determines the initial address
* from which the boot loader will start loading the boot table
* to the destination memory:

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| INTERRUPT PIN  | BOOT TABLE START ADDRESS | BOOT SOURCE    |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| INTR0          | 1000h (STRB0)            | P_PORT         |
| INTR1          | 810000h (IOSTRB)         | P_PORT         |
| INTR2          | 900000h (STRB1)          | P_PORT         |
| INTR3          | 80804Ch (sport0 Rx)      | SERIAL         |
| INTR0 and INT3 | 1000h (STRB0) ASYNC      | PPORT, XF0/XF1 |
| INTR1 and INT3 | 810000h (IOSTRB) ASYNC   | PPORT, XF0/XF1 |
| INTR2 and INT3 | 900000h (STRB1) ASYNC    | PPORT, XF0/XF1 |

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* If INT3 is asserted together with (INT2 or INT1 or INT0)
* following reset, that indicates that the boot table is to
* be read asynchronously from EPROM using pins XF0 and XF1 for
* handshaking. The handshaking protocol assumes that the data
* ready signal generated by the host arrives through pin XF1.
* The data acknowledge signal is output from the C32 on pin XF0.
* Both signals are active low. The C32 will continuously toggle
* the IACK signal while waiting for the host to assert data ready
* signal (pin XF1).

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* 2. The boot operation involves transfer of one or more source
*    blocks from the boot media to the destination memory. The block
*    structure of the boot table serves the purpose of distributing
*    the source data/program among different memory spaces. Each
*    block is preceded by several 32-bit control words describing
*    the block contents to the boot loader program.

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* 3. When loading from serial port, the boot loader reads the source
* data/program and writes it to the destination memory. There is
* only one way to read the serial port. When loading from EPROM,
* however, there are 4 ways to read and assemble the
* source contents, depending on the width of boot memory and the
* size of the program/data being transferred. Because there is a
* possibility that reads and writes can span the same STRB space,
* the boot loader loads the appropriate STRB control registers
* before each read and write.

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* 4. If the boot source is EPROM whose physical width is less than
* 32 bits, the physical interface of the EPROM device(s) to the
* processor should be the same as that of the 32-bit interface.
* (This involves a specific connection to C32's strobe and
* address signals). The reason for such arrangement is that
* to function properly, the boot loader program always
* expects 32-bit data from 32-bit wide memory during the boot
* load operation. Valid boot EPROM widths are : 1, 2, 4, 8, 16
* and 32 bits.
* 5. A single source block cannot cross STRB boundaries. For
* example, its destination cannot overlap STRB0 space and IOSTRB
* space. Additionally, all of the destination addresses of a
* single source block should reside in physical memory of the
* same width. It is also not permitted to mix prg and data in the
* same source block.
*
* 6. The boot loader stops boot operation when it finds 0 in the
* block size control word. Therefore, each boot table should
* always end with a 0, prompting the boot loader to branch to the
* first address of the first block and start program execution
* from that location.
*
=====
* C32 boot loader program register assignments, and altered mem
* locations
=====
*
* AR7 - peripheral memory map IOF - XF0 (handshake 0)
* AR0 - read cntrl data subr pointer IOF - XF1 (handshake I)
* AR1 - read block data/prg subr pointer
*
* R2 - read STRB value R4 - write STRB value
* AR2 - read STRB pointer AR4 - write STRB pointer
* AR3 - read data/prg pointer AR5 - write data/prg pointer
*
*
* read --> R1 --> write
*
* IR0 - EXEC start flag stack - 808024h - TIM0 cnt reg
* IR1 - EXEC start address 808028h - TIM0 per reg
*
* IOSTRB - 808004h - DMA0 dst reg
* R3 - data SIZE STRB0 - 808006h - DMA0 dst reg
* R5 - mem WIDTH STRB1 - 808008h - DMA0 cnt reg
*
*
* R6 - memory read value AR6,R7,R0,BK - scratch registers
*
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reset .word start ; reset vector
 .space 44h ; program starts @45h

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 LDI read_mc,AR0 ; use memory to read cntrl words
 ; read_mc --> AR0
 LDI 1,R5 ; mem width = 1 (init)
 LDI 32,AR6 ; mem reads = 32 (init)
 CALLU read_m ; read memory once (1st read)

loop2 TSTB 1,R6
 BNZ label4
 LSH -1,R6 ; look at next bit
 LSH -1,AR6 ; decr mem reads
 LSH 1,R5 ; incr mem width --> R5
 BU loop2 ;*****;

label14 SUBI 2,AR6
 CMPI 0,AR6 ; set flags
 BN strobes ;*****; total # of mem reads = 32/R5
label15 CALLU read_m ; read memory once
 DBU AR6,label15 ;****;

*=====
* Read and save IOSTRB, STRB0 & STRB1 (to be loaded at end of
* boot load)
*=====

strobes CALLU AR0
 STI R1,*+AR7(4) ; IOSTRB --> (DMA src)
 CALLU AR0
 STI R1,*+AR7(6) ; STRB0 --> (DMA dst)
 CALLU AR0
 STI R1,*+AR7(8) ; STRB1 --> (DMA cnt)

*=====
* Process block size (# of bytes, half-words, or words after STRB
* cntrl)
*=====

block CALLU AR0 ; read boot memory cntrl word
 LDI R1,R1 ; is this the last block ?
 BNZ label2 ;*****; no, go around

 LDI *+AR7(4),R0 ; (DMA src)
 STI R0,*+AR7(60h) ; restore IOSTRB
 LDI *+AR7(6),R0 ; (DMA dst)
 STI R0,*+AR7(64h) ; restore STRB0
 LDI *+AR7(8),R0 ; (DMA cnt)
 STI R0,*+AR7(68h) ; restore STRB1
 BU IR1 ;*****; branch to start of program

label12 LDI R1,RC ; setup transfer loop
 SUBI 1,RC ; RC - 1 --> RC

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*=====
* Process block destination address, save start address of first
* block
*=====
 CALLU ARO ; read boot memory cntrl word
 LDI R1,AR5 ; set dest addr -->
AR5
 CMPI 0,IR0 ; look at EXEC start addr flag
 LDINZ AR5,IR1 ; if -1, EXEC start addr -->
IR1
 LDINZ 0,IR0 ; set EXEC start addr flag

*=====
* (For internal destination, this word should be 0 or 60h. The first
* case will result in 0 --> DMA cntrl reg, in second case 0 -->
* IOSTRB reg).
* Process block destination strobe control (sss...sss 0110 xx00)
*===== strb value ==== 00 - IOSTRB
* 01 - STRB0
* 10 - STRB1
 CALLU ARO ;
 LDI R1,R4
 AND 6Ch,R1 ; dest mem strb pntr --> AR4
 OR3 AR7,R1,AR4

 LSH -8,R4 ; dest memory strobe --> R4

 LDI R4,R3
 LSH -16,R3
 AND 3,R3 ; dest data size --> R3
 TSTB 0Ch,R1 ; (IOSTRB case)
 LDIZ 3,R3

*=====
* Look at R5 and choose serial or memory read for block data/program
*=====
 CMPI 0,R5
 LDIEQ read_s0,AR1 ; read serial port0
 LDINE read_mb,AR1 ; read memory

*=====
* Transfer one block of data or program
*=====
 RPTB loop4
 CALLU AR1 ; read data/prg
 STI R4,*AR4 ; set write strobe
 NOP ; pipeline
loop4 STI R1,*AR5++ ; write data/prg!!!!!!!!!!!!
 BU block ;*****; process next block

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*=====
* Load R5 with 0, load read_s0 to AR0 and initialize serial port_0
*=====

serial LDI read_s0,AR0 ; use serial to read cntrl words
 LDI 0,R5 ; memory WIDTH = serial
 LDI 0,R ; dummy
 LDI AR7,AR2 ; dummy

 LDI 111h,R0 ; 0000111h --> R0
 STI R0,*+AR7(43h) ; set CLKR,DR,FSR as serial
 LDI 0A30h,R7 ; port pins
 LSH 16,R7 ; A300000h --> R7
 STI R7,*+AR7(40h) ; set serial global cntrl reg
 BU strobes ;*****; process first block

*=====
* Read a single value from serial or boot memory. The number of
* memory reads depends on mem WIDTH and data SIZE. R1 returns the
* read value. (Serial sim: NOP --> BZ read_s0 & LDI @4000H,R1 --> LDI
* *+AR7(4Ch),R1)
*=====

read_s0 TSTB 20h,IF ; look at RINT0 flag
 BZ read_s0 ; wait for receive buffer full
 AND 0FDFh,IF ; reset interrupt flag
 LDI *+AR7(4Ch),R1 ; read data --> R1
 RETSU

*-----
read_mc LDI 3,R3 ; data size = 32, 3 --> R3

read_mb LDI 1,BK ; 00000001 (ex: mem width=8)
 LSH R5,BK ; 00000100
 SUBI 1,BK ; 000000FF = mask --> BK

 LDI R3,AR6 ; 0 - 1 000 EXPAND
 ADDI 1,AR6 ; 1 - 10 000 DATA --> AR6
 LSH 3,AR6 ; 11 - 100 000 SIZE

loop3 LDI R5,R0
 CMPI 1,R0
 BEQ exit1 ; DATA SIZE
 LSH -1,R0 ; ----- - 1 --> AR6
 LSH -1,AR6 ; MEM WIDTH
 BU loop3 ;*****;
exit1 SUBI 1,AR6

 LDI 0,R0 ; init shift value
 LDI 0,R1 ; init accumulator
loop1 ADDI 3,SP ; 808027h --> SP
 CALLU read_m ; read memory once --> R6
 SUBI 3,SP ; 808024h --> SP
 AND3 R6,BK,R7 ; apply mask
 LSH R0,R7 ; shift

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OR R7,R1 ; accumulate --> R1
ADDI R5,R0 ; increment shift value
DBU AR6,loop1 ;*****; decrement #of chunks --> AR6
RETSU

*=====
* Perform a single memory read from the source boot table.
* Handshake enabled if IOXF0 bit of IOF reg is set, disabled when
* reset. IACK will pulse continuously if handshake enabled and data
* not ready (to achieve zero-glue interface when connecting to a C40
* comm-port)
*=====

read_m TSTB 2,IOF ; handshake mode enabled ?
 STI R2,*AR2 ; set read strobe !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
 BNZ loop5 ; yes, jump over
 LDI *AR3++,R6 ; no, just read memory & return
 RETSU

*----- (C40)
loop5 IACK *AR7 ;*; intrnl dummy read pulses IACK
 TSTB 80h,IOF ;*; wait for data ready
 BNZ loop5 ;*; (XF1 low from host)

 LDI *AR3++,R6 ;*; read memory once --> R6

 LDI 2,IOF ;*; assert data acknowledge
 ;*; (XF0 low to host)

loop6 TSTB 80h,IOF ;*; wait for data not ready
 BZ loop6 ;*; (XF1 high from host)

 LDI 6,IOF ;*; deassert data acknowledge
 ;*; (XF0 high to host)

 RETSU

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## APPENDIX C—MEMORY ACCESS FOR C PROGRAMS

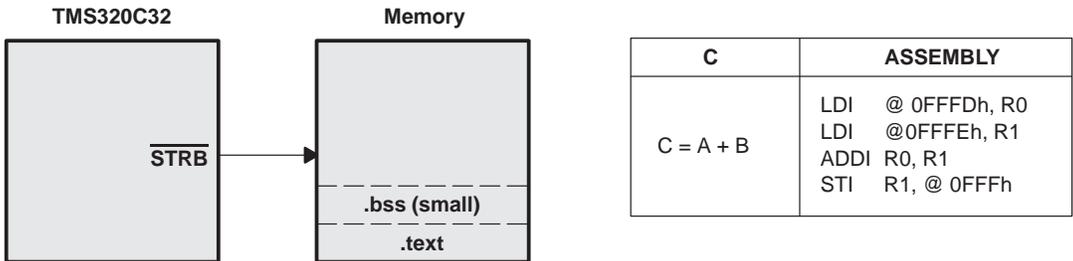
Two memory models can be used to access data when programming in C. In the small model (default), the external bus cycles use direct addressing to access data from memory. Direct addressing includes 16 bits of address in the instruction opcode. The address is combined with the 8-bit data page (defined beforehand) to access the data from memory. The 16-bit address limits the number of words that the small model can access to 64K words. However, this mode produces fast and compact code because each data access uses only a single instruction (see Figure 16).

The big model is not limited to 64K words because each data access in C explicitly sets the data page pointer (DP register). The 8-bit data page and 16-bit direct address are combined for a total address reach of 16M words but at a price of two instructions per data access (see Figure 16).

Dynamically allocated memory can be used if the application needs a large address reach, compact code size, and fast execution. The `MALLOC` function from runtime support library (RTS) can be called at run time to reserve a block of memory in the `.SYSMEM` section. Upon return, `MALLOC` returns a pointer to the newly allocated block. Any reference to that block of memory results in assembled code using indirect addressing, in which the opcode contains a pointer to the auxiliary register that holds the address of the operand (see Figure 16). Code referring to the dynamically allocated memory is fast and has a 16M-word address reach (24 bits). The price is a one-time call to `MALLOC` for each dynamically allocated array. For that reason, `MALLOC` is most efficient with large data arrays where the overhead associated with the call is insignificant when compared to a large number of data accesses that use the big arrays.

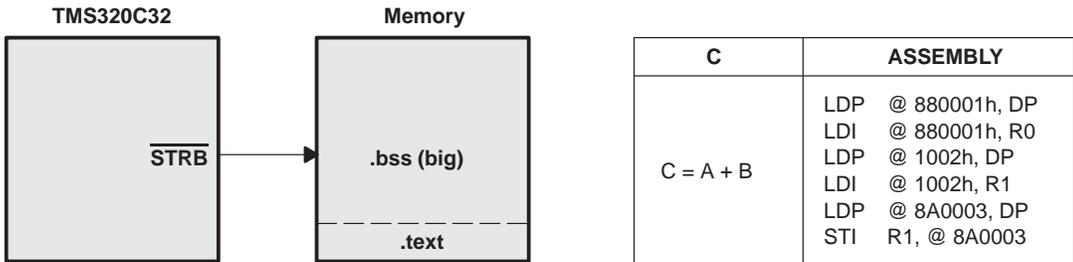
Figure 17 shows how to use `MALLOC` to allocate a block of 32-bit memory at run time. In this example, `MALLOC` is called three times to allocate memory from the heap.

- Static memory – assigned at compile time
- Maximum size – 64K words
- Fast execution



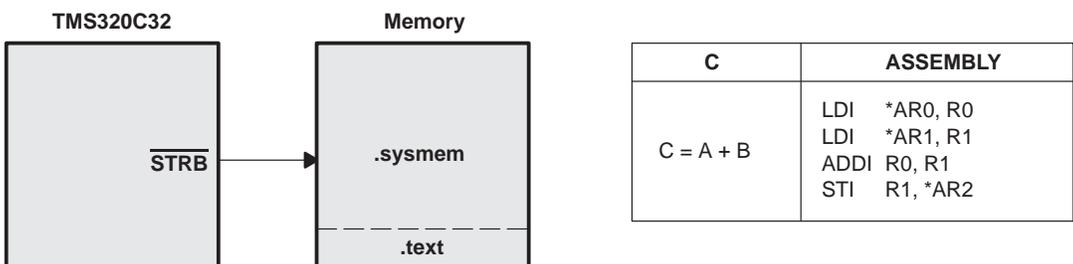
(a) SMALL MODEL (DEFAULT)

- Static memory – assigned at compile time
- Maximum size – 64M words
- Slow execution



(b) BIG MODEL (-mb OPTION)

- Dynamic memory – assigned at execution time
- Maximum size – 64M words
- Fast execution
- Best for big arrays (one time overhead – malloc call)



(c) RTS LIBRARY (MALLOC)

Figure 16. Memory Allocation in C Programs



After each MALLOC call, the newly allocated block of memory can be used by other program functions by using the pointer BUFFER\_32. The size of the heap (representing all of dynamically allocated memory) is defined in the linker command file by using the HEAP keyword followed by the size of the block. Any portion of the heap allocated with the MALLOC call is added to the .SYSMEM section. The SECTIONS directive can then be used to map the dynamically allocated sections to an address range in the physical memory.

Dynamically allocated memory provides the only method for a C program to access 8- or 16-bit wide memory. This means that physical memory that is less than 32 bits wide cannot be accessed using small or big model addressing. Instead, MALLOC8 and MALLOC16 RTS library functions can allocate blocks of 8- and 16-bit wide memory. These routines work like the 32-bit MALLOC by returning pointers to 8- or 16-bit memory blocks that can be used by code that follows the MALLOC call to access that memory (see Figures 18 and 19). The 8-bit data allocated by MALLOC8 is placed in the .SYSM8 section by the linker, while the 16-bit data is deposited in the .SYSM16 section. HEAP8 and HEAP16 linker keywords limit the total amount of 8- or 16-bit memory that the C compiler can allocate into those sections.

### C code

```

int *BUFFER_16 /* declare a pointer to a pool of 16-bit memory */
.
.
0x808064 = 0x5000 / STRB0 Control Register : Data Size = 16, Memory Width = 16 */
.
.
BUFFER_16 = MALLOC16(1024 * sizeof (int)) /* allocate 2K half-words of memory */
dsp_func4 (BUFFER_16) /* use the above memory */
.
.
BUFFER_16 = MALLOC16 (512 * sizeof (int)) /* allocate 1K half-words of memory */
dsp_func5 (BUFFER_16) /* use the above memory */
.
.
BUFFER_16 = MALLOC8 (2048 * sizeof (int)) /* allocate 4K half-words of memory */
dsp_func6 (BUFFER_16) /* use the above memory */
.
.

```

### LINKER command file

```

.
.
-heap 16 0x4000 /* set the size of the dynamic 16-bit memory section */
.
.
STRB0_RAM org = 0x880000, len = 0x8000 /* define physical 16-bit memory */
.
.
.sysm16 > STRB0_RAM /* assign logical section to physical memory */
.
.

```

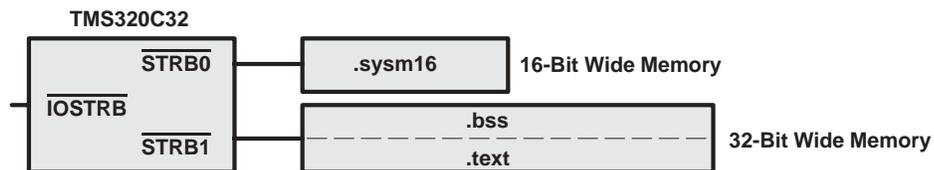


Figure 18. Dynamic Memory Allocation for TMS320C32 (One Block of 16-bit Memory)

## C code

```

.
.
int *BUFFER_32 /* declare a pointer to a pool of 32-bit memory */
int *BUFFER_16 /* declare a pointer to a pool of 16-bit memory */
int *BUFFER_08 /* declare a pointer to a pool of 8-bit memory */
.
.
0x808064 = 0x5000 / STRB0 Control Register : Data Size = 16, Memory Width = 16 */
0x808068 = 0x0000 / STRB1 Control Register : Data Size = 8 , Memory Width = 8 */
.
.
BUFFER_32 = MALLOC (1024 * sizeof (int)) /* allocate 1K words of memory */
BUFFER_16 = MALLOC16(1024 * sizeof (int)) /* allocate 2K halfwords of memory */
BUFFER_08 = MALLOC8 (1024 * sizeof (int)) /* allocate 4K bytes of memory */
dsp_func1 (BUFFER_32, BUFFER_16, BUFFER_08) /* use the above memory */
.
.
BUFFER_32 = MALLOC (2048 * sizeof (int)) /* allocate 2K words of memory */
BUFFER_16 = MALLOC16 (512 * sizeof (int)) /* allocate 1K half-words of memory */
dsp_func2 (BUFFER_32, BUFFER_16) /* use the above memory */
.
.
BUFFER_08 = MALLOC8 (4096 * sizeof (int)) /* allocate 16K bytes of memory */
dsp_func3 (BUFFER_08) /* use the above memory */
.
.

```

## LINKER command file

```

.
.
-heap 0x4000 /* set the size of the dynamic 32-bit memory section */
-heap 16 0x4000 /* set the size of the dynamic 16-bit memory section */
-heap 8 0x4000 /* set the size of the dynamic 8-bit memory section */
.
.
IOSTRB_RAM org = 0x810000, len = 0x8000 /* define physical 32-bit memory */
STRB0_RAM org = 0x880000, len = 0x8000 /* define physical 16-bit memory */
STRB1_RAM org = 0x900000, len = 0x8000 /* define physical 8-bit memory */
.
.
.sysmem > IOSTRB_RAM /* assign logical section to physical memory */
.sysm16 > STRB0_RAM /* assign logical section to physical memory */
.sysm8 > STRB1_RAM /* assign logical section to physical memory */
.
.

```

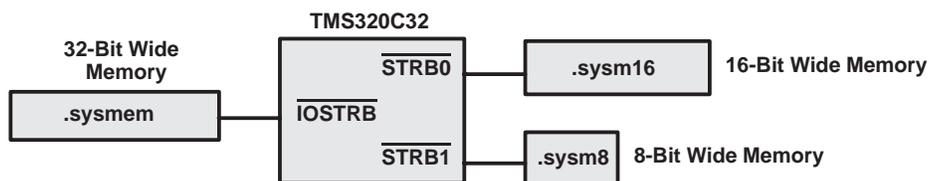


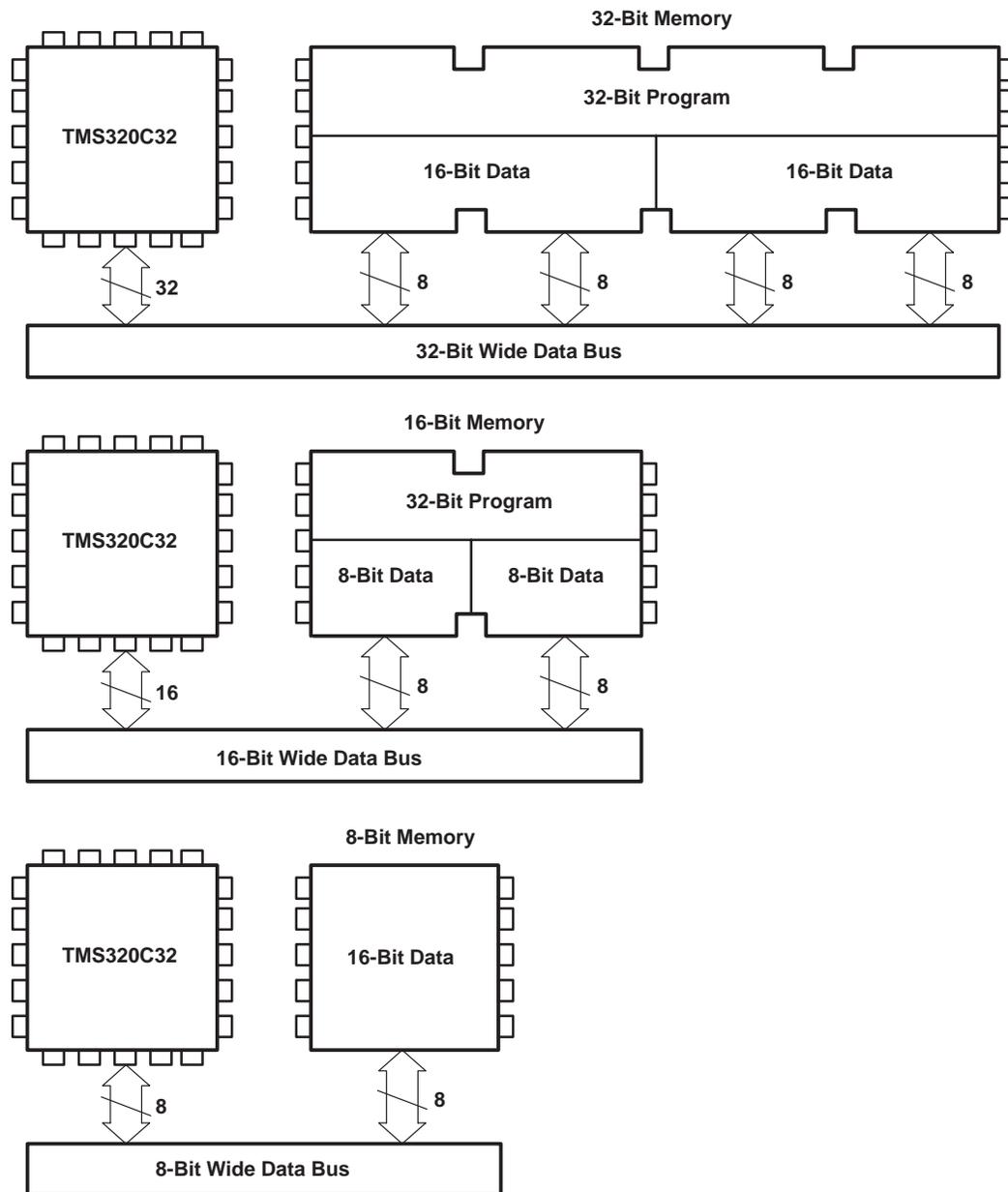
Figure 19. Dynamic Memory Allocation for TMS320C32  
(One Block Each of 32-, 16-, and 8-Bit Memory)

## APPENDIX D—MEMORY INTERFACE AND ADDRESS TRANSLATION

The 'C32 memory interface supports variable width memory and variable size data. The physical width of a memory bank connected to the 'C32 can be 8, 16, or 32 bits wide. When connecting 16-bit external memory, the A<sub>-1</sub> address pin must be connected to the A0 pin of the memory device, causing a one-bit shift in the connection of the remaining address lines. For 8-bit memory, two extra address pins are used (A<sub>-1</sub> and A<sub>-2</sub>) effectively shifting the external address by two bits. No external address shift is needed for connecting 32-bit wide memory (or boot table memory regardless of its width).

The 'C32 can access data of any size regardless of the physical width of an external memory bank. For example, byte-wide data can be packed in 16-bit memory, or 32-bit data can be accessed from 8-bit wide memory. The latter takes four cycles. The variable data size feature is made possible by dividing the  $\overline{\text{STRB0}}$  or  $\overline{\text{STRB1}}$  controls into four signals each. The four control signals, in addition to being strobes, serve a byte-enable function.

Figure 20 shows examples of three 'C32 systems, each connected to a memory bank of a different width.

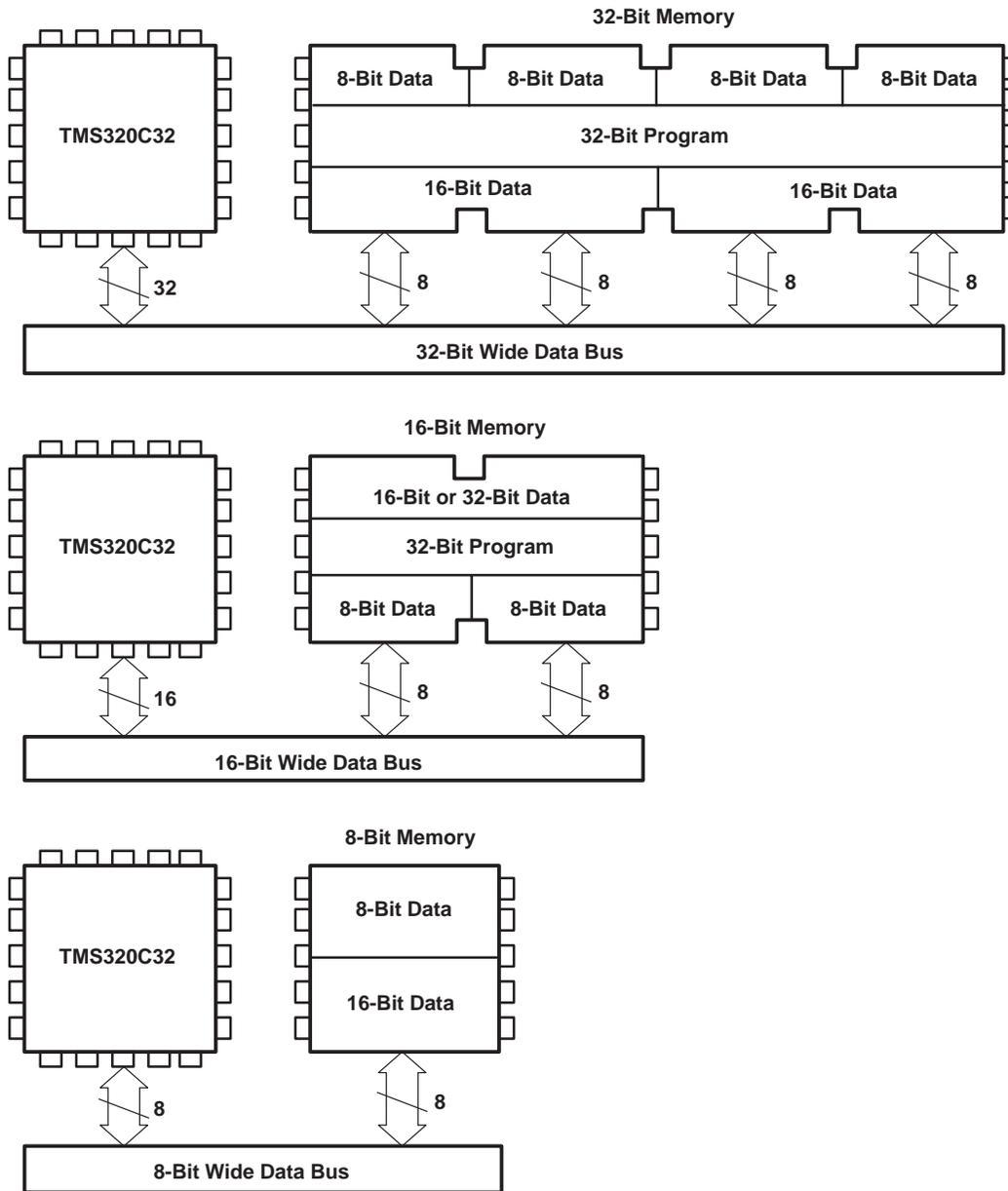


NOTE: 8-bit program is not supported.

**Figure 20. Data and Program Packing (Program and One Data Size)**

Regardless of memory width, the data inside each bank can be 8, 16, or 32 bits wide. Before data of a particular size can be accessed, the respective strobe control register must be programmed for that size. While the data size can vary, the program is always 32 bits wide. Even if they are different sizes, program and data can reside within the same physical bank of memory.

Up to two data sizes can reside simultaneously alongside the 32-bit program in a single bank (see Figure 21).



NOTE: 8-bit program is not supported.

**Figure 21. Data and Program Packing (Program and Two Data Sizes)**

Since there are two strobes that support flexible memory ( $\overline{STRB0}$  and  $\overline{STRB1}$ ), they each can be programmed for a different data size (using the respective strobe control registers). By setting the strobe configuration bit in one control register, both  $\overline{STRB0}$  and  $\overline{STRB1}$  strobes can be mapped to  $\overline{STRB0}$  control signals. In this overlay mode, data accesses to/from  $\overline{STRB0}$  and  $\overline{STRB1}$  portions of the memory map will drive  $\overline{STRB0}$  signals to control a single memory bank. The glueless access to two data sizes and program from a single bank is a powerful 'C32 feature that minimizes system cost with no performance penalty.

The translation starts when an instruction requests a data read from a certain external address. Address locations referenced by program instructions are logical addresses. Before the logical address shows up on the external pins of the 'C32, it may undergo a 1- or 2-bit shift to the right that depends only on the size of the data being accessed. The address at the pins is a physical address. Before it is presented at the pins of the memory device, the physical address may again be shifted (this time to the left) if the memory is other than 32 bits wide. The physical-to-memory address shift is one bit for 16-bit wide memory and two bits for 32-bit memory. The following tables summarize the rules that apply to the variable data size and memory width for any 'C32 system.

**VARIABLE MEMORY WIDTH**

| MEMORY WIDTH | STROBES VALID                                                            | PHYSICAL ADDRESS LINES VALID | PHYSICAL ADDRESS TO MEMORY ADDRESS SHIFT (BITS) |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 32           | <u>STRBx_B3</u><br><u>STRBx_B2</u><br><u>STRBx_B1</u><br><u>STRBx_B0</u> | A23–A0                       | 0                                               |
| 16           | <u>STRBx_B1</u><br><u>STRBx_B0</u>                                       | A23–A0<br>A–1                | 1                                               |
| 8            | <u>STRBx_B0</u>                                                          | A23–A0<br>A–1<br>A–2         | 2                                               |

**VARIABLE DATA SIZE**

| DATA SIZE | LOGICAL TO PHYSICAL ADDRESS SHIFT (BITS) |
|-----------|------------------------------------------|
| 32        | 0                                        |
| 16        | 1                                        |
| 8         | 2                                        |

Figures 22 through 30 show how the address changes when accessing data of varying size from memory that is 32, 16, and 8 bits wide. The three data sizes and three memory widths comprise the nine cases that cover all possible combinations.

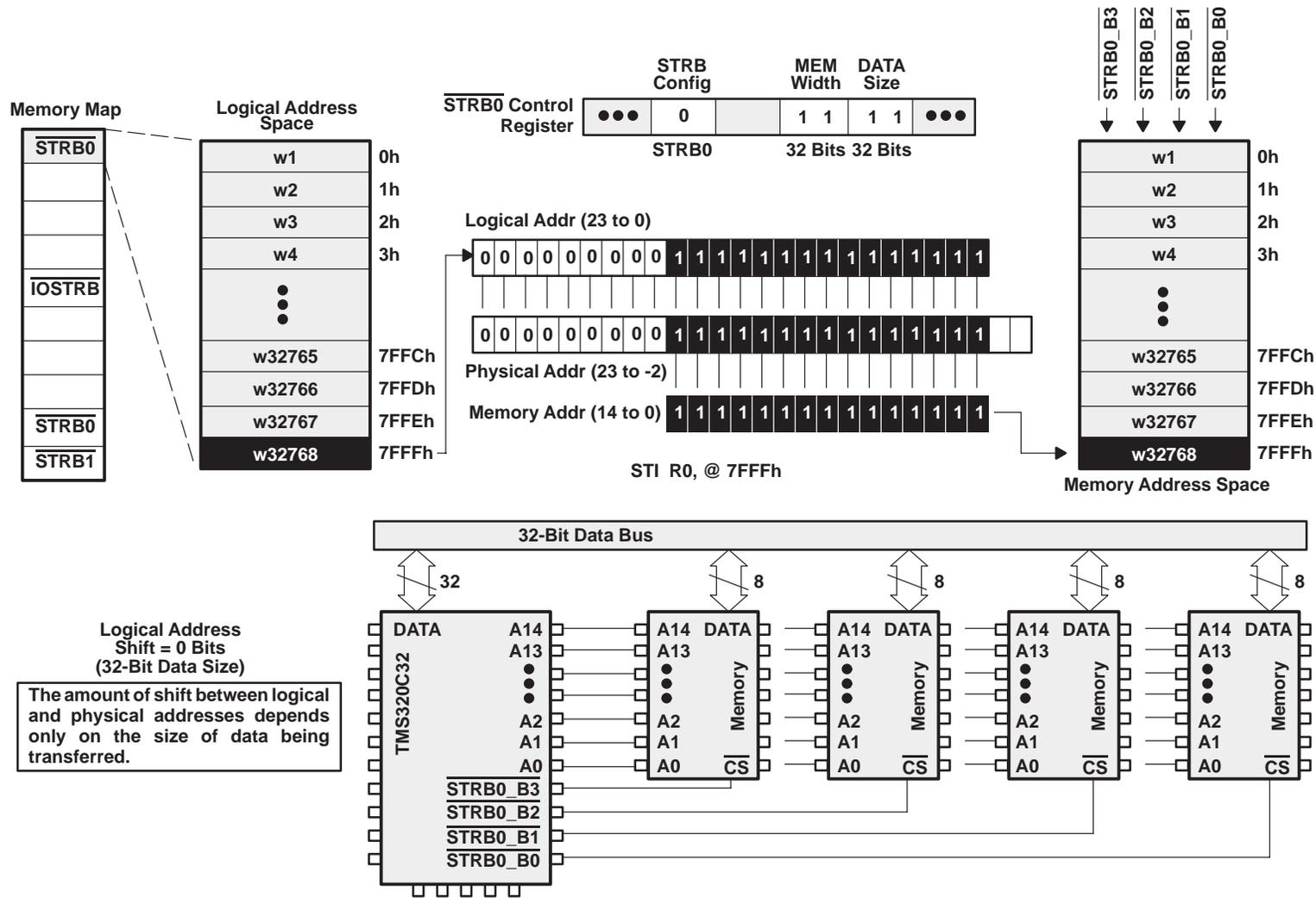


Figure 22. Address Translation for 32-Bit Data Stored in 32-Bit Wide Memory

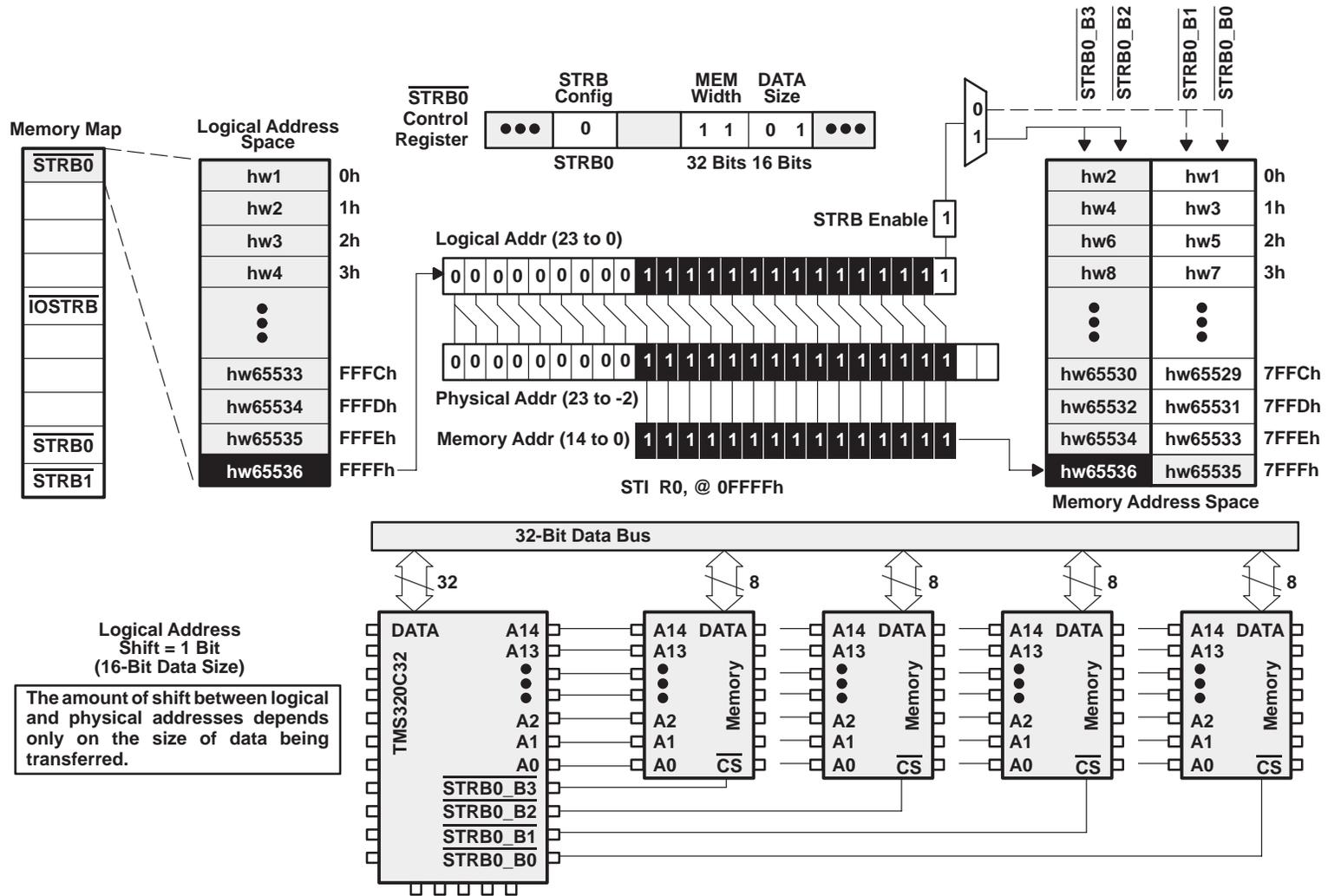


Figure 23. Address Translation for 16-Bit Data Stored in 32-Bit Wide Memory



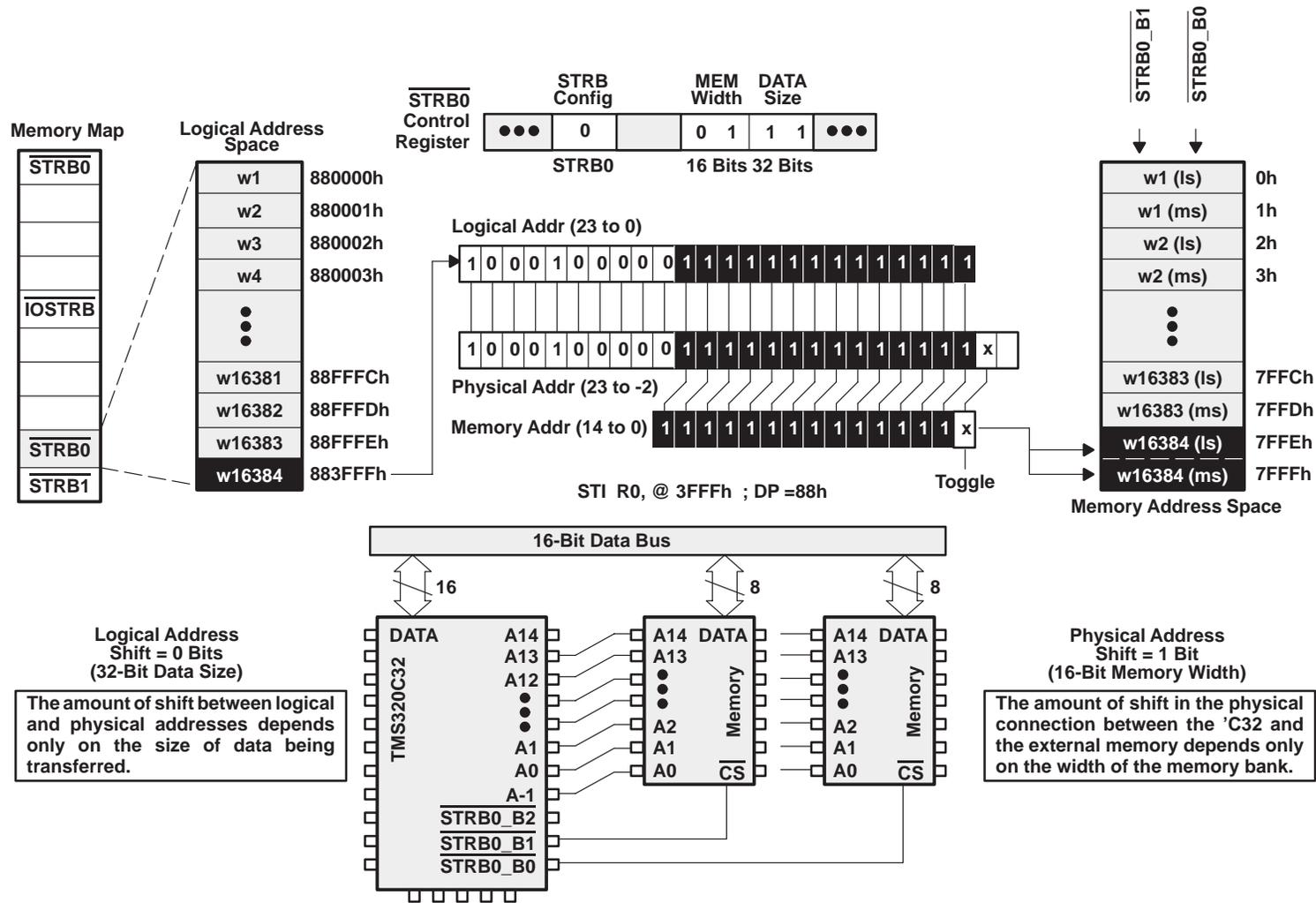


Figure 25. Address Translation for 32-Bit Data Stored in 16-Bit Wide Memory



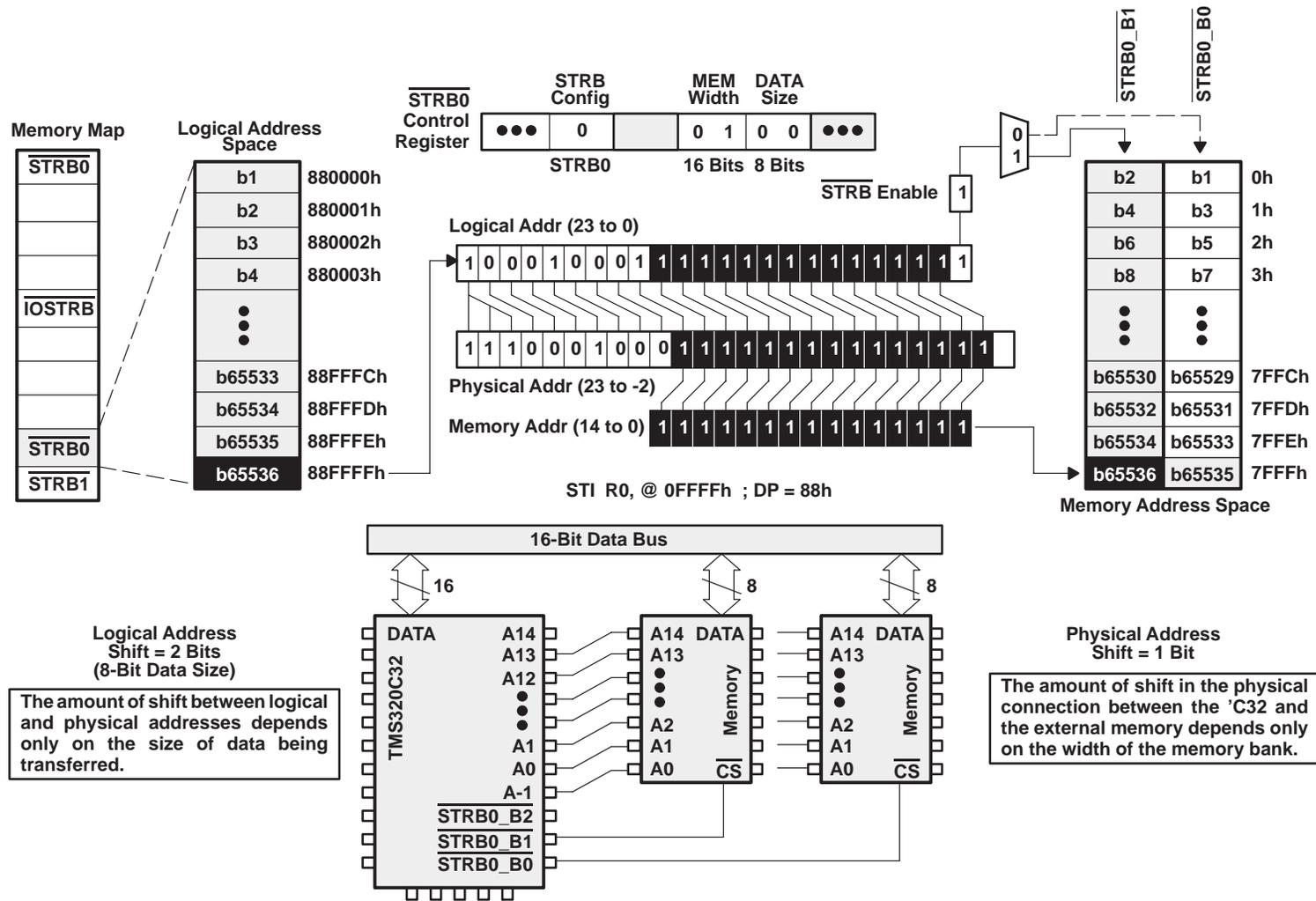


Figure 27. Address Translation for 8-Bit Data Stored in 16-Bit Wide Memory





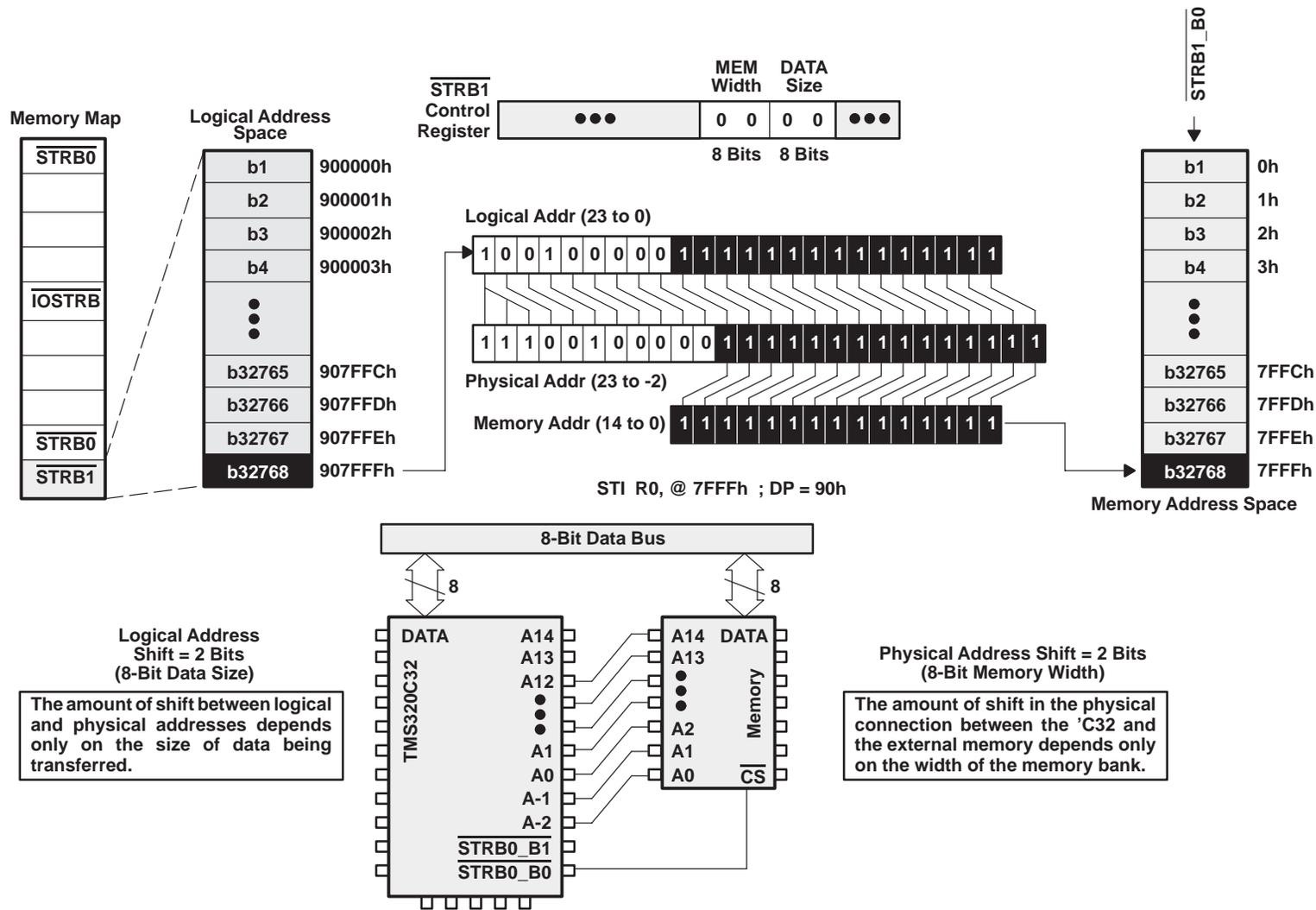


Figure 30. Address Translation for 8-Bit Data Stored in 8-Bit Wide Memory

