



EFM32 Series 0: Timers and Counters



Real Time Counters

➤ RTC

- 24 bit wide
- Prescaler DIV by 1-32768
- Two compare channels
- Interrupts on compare match and overflow

➤ BURTC

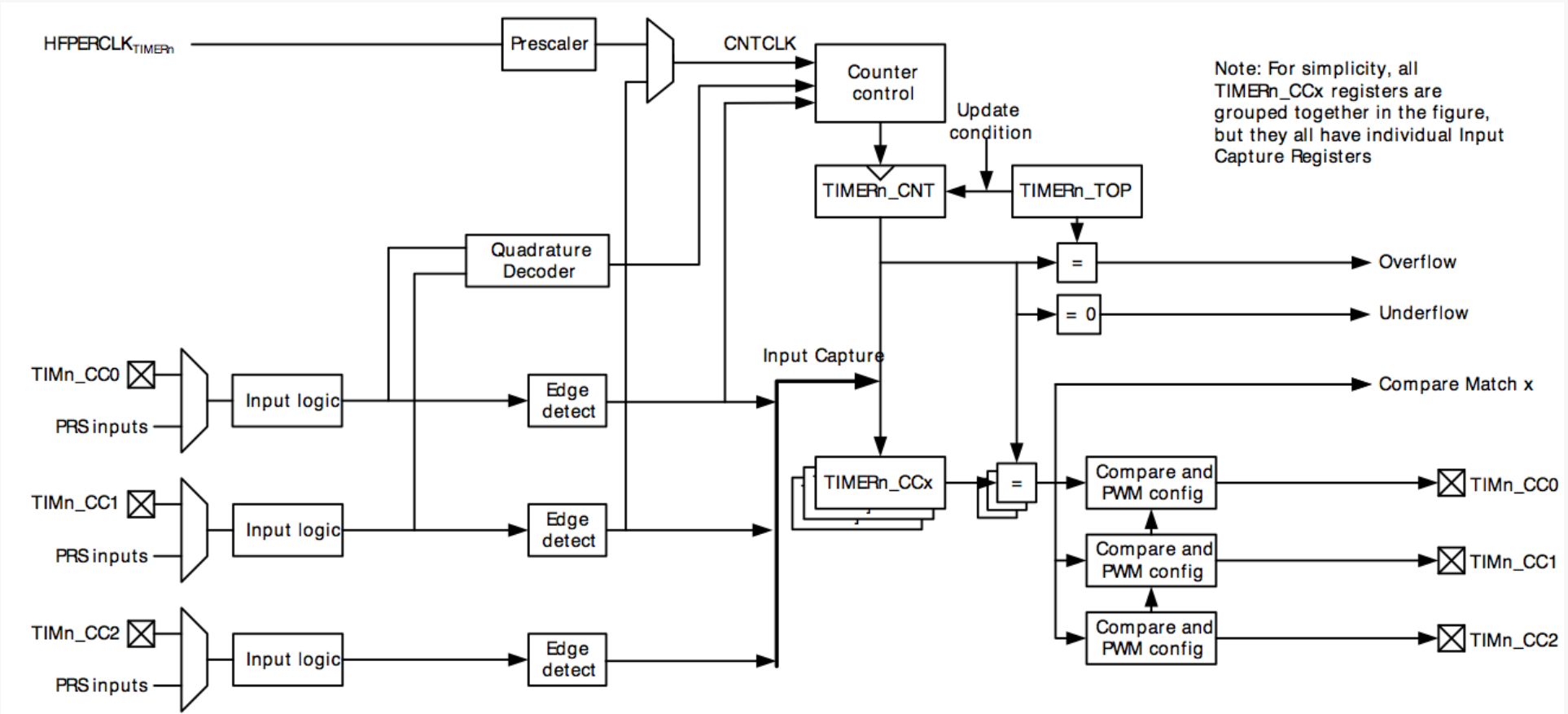
- 32 bit wide
- Prescaler DIV by 1-128
- One compare channel
- Interrupts on compare match and overflow
- Can operate in EM4 and backup mode
- Reset by pin reset

➤ Slightly lower current consumption than RTC

- Allows LFA branch to be turned off

➤ Interrupt timing: Flag set at end of period

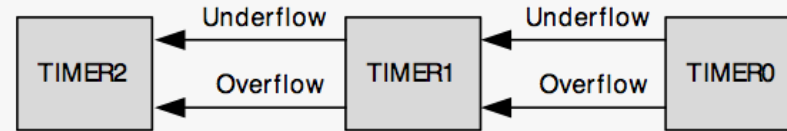
TIMER



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➤ 16 bit wide

- Up to 3 TIMERS can be daisy-chained to a 48-bit counter



- 2x mode (counts and compares on rising+falling edge)

➤ Counter modes:

- Up-count
- Down-count
- Up/down-count
- Quadrature decoder

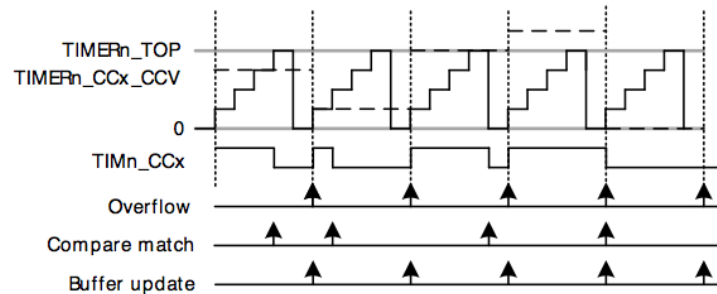
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➤ Capture/Compare

- Input capture
 - Period/pulse-width measurement
- Output compare
 - Frequency generation

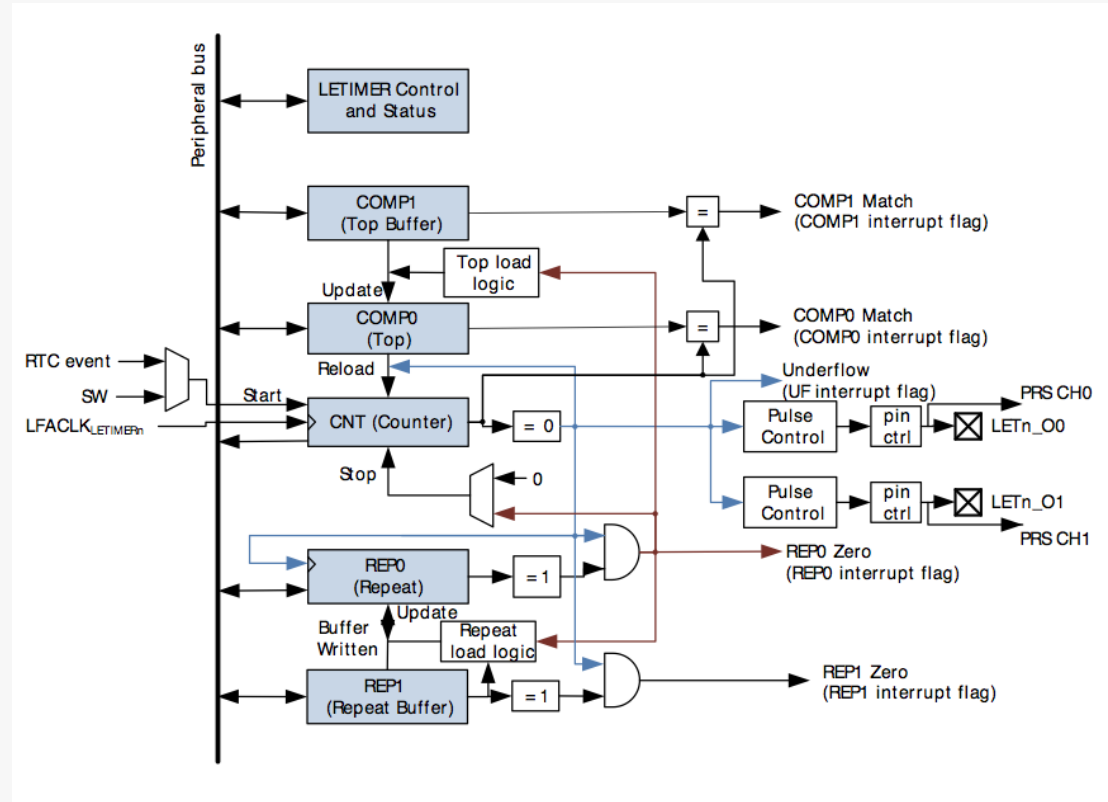
➤ PWM generation

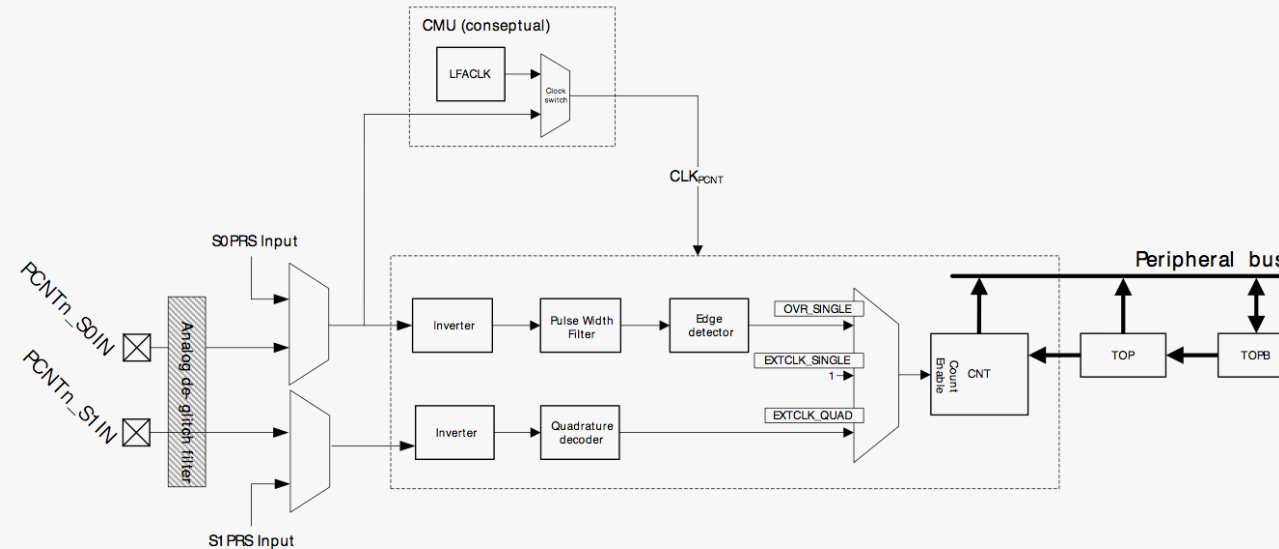
- Dead-Time Insertion for BLDC motors
 - DTI not available on TG
 - Application Note in writing (using SiLabs BLDC demo board)



LETIMER

- 16-bit down-counter
- 2 compare channels
- Repeat modes:
 - Free
 - One-shot
 - Buffered
 - Double
- PWM generation
- Interrupt:
 - compare match
 - underflow
 - repeat done
- Duty cycle external components or sensors
 - Example: COM line inversion on memory LCD





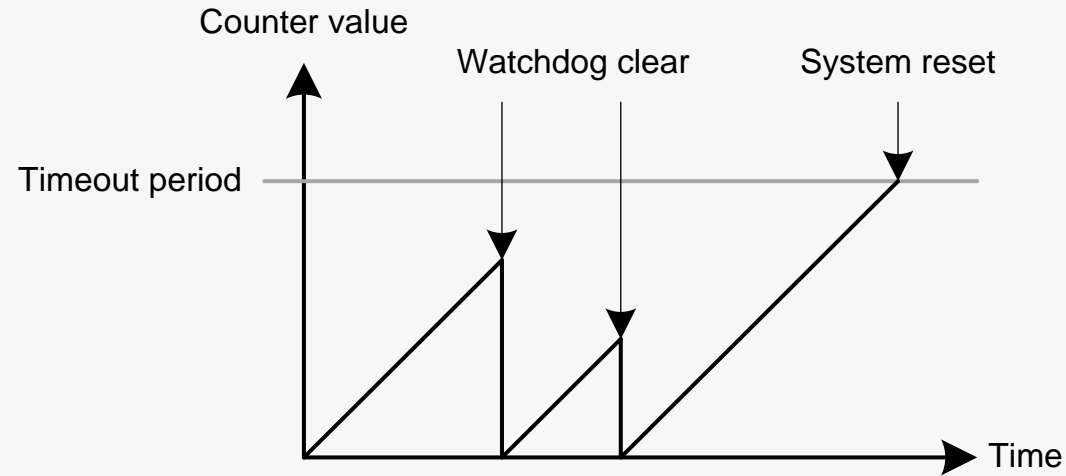
➤ Operating modes:

- Single input oversampling
 - Count direction can be controlled by external pin
- Externally clocked single input counter
 - PCNT clocked by input signal
 - Operates without LF clock => EM3
 - Pulse-width filter not available
- Externally clocked quadrature decoder

➤ Register update

- External clock => 2-3 ext. clock synchronization delay

WATCHDOG



➤ Watchdog Timer Highlights

- Timeout from 9 to 262145 clock cycles ($2^{(3+n)+1}$)
- Clock source: ULFRCO/LFXO/LFRCO
- Lock WDOG registers to avoid unintentional changes
- Available down to EM3 (ULFRCO)

➤ Errata:

- G/TG: Set EM3RUN to keep WDOG running in EM2 (LFXO only)
- Older revisions: WDOG keeps running in EM2/EM3 => RESET



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