



Hello, and welcome to this presentation of the STM32U0 Extended Interrupts and Events Controller. We will be presenting the features of the EXTI controller.

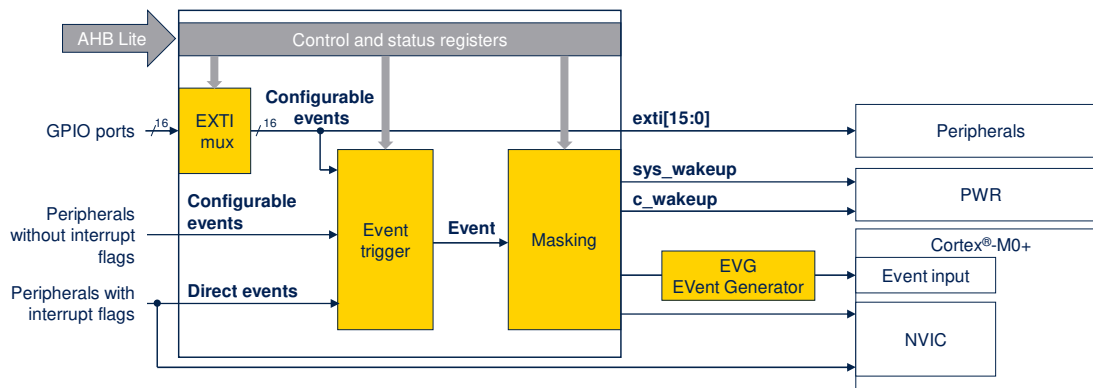
- 38 events / interrupt lines
  - 22 configurable events
  - 16 direct events
- Independent masks and configuration

### Application benefits

- Manage external and internal wakeup events and interrupts
- Provide pending flag for Configurable events

The Extended interrupt and event controller (EXTI) provides up to 38 independent events, split into two categories – configurable events and direct events. Applications benefit through smarter use of low-power modes, taking advantage of the STM32U0's capability to wake up via external communication or requests.

## EXTI block diagram



This is the block diagram of the extended interrupt and event controller .

Configurable events are generated by peripherals without interrupt capability, but which are able to issue a pulse. The EXTI controller provides interrupt detection, masking and software trigger.

Direct events are generated by peripherals supporting interrupt requests and associated flags and pending status bits.

In this case, the EXTI controller is used to generate events to the CPU and to request system wakeups.

## Key features

- Wake-up from Stop mode, interrupts and events generation
  - Independent interrupt and event masks
- Configurable events
  - Active edge selection
  - Dedicated pending flag
  - Software trigger possibility
  - Linked to:
    - GPIO, PVD, COMP1, COMP2 and supply monitoring circuits
- Direct events
  - Status flag provided by related peripheral
  - Linked to:
    - LCD, RTC, TAMP, I2C1&3, USART1&2, LPUART1-3, LPTIM1-3, LSE\_CSS, USB and WWDG

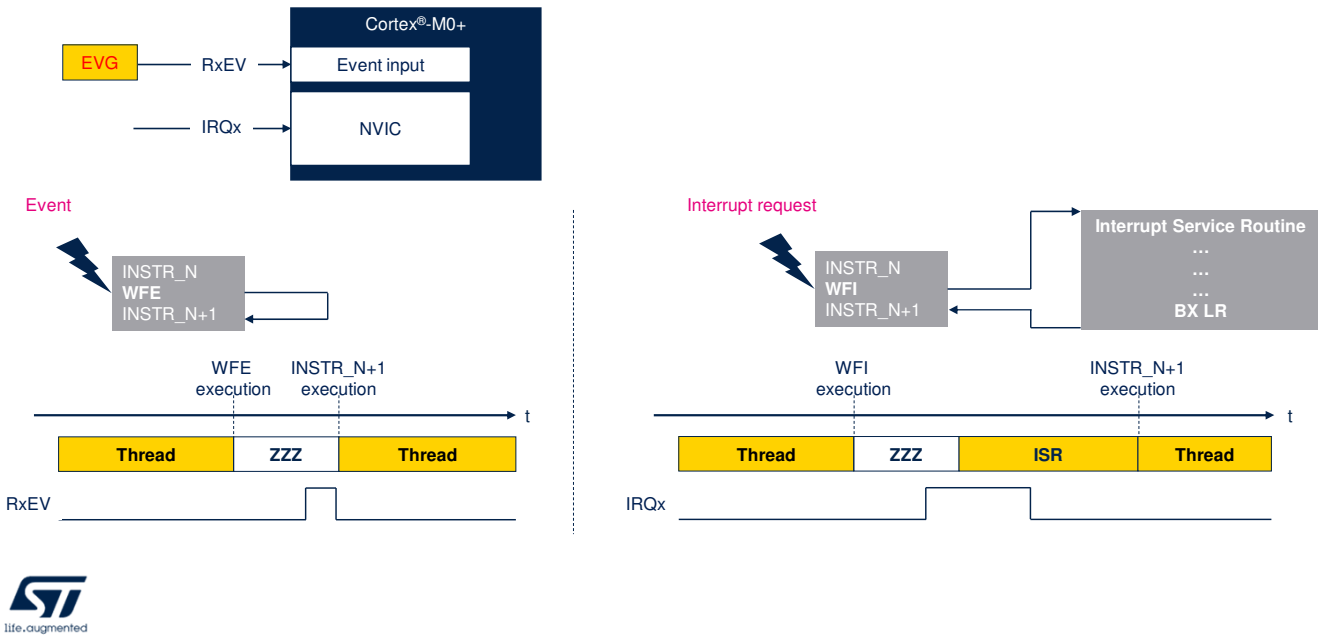


The Extended Interrupt and event controller can generate interrupt and event as well as wake up the processor from Stop modes.

Configurable events are linked with external interrupts from GPIOs, PVD and comparators COMP1 and COMP2 and supply monitoring circuits.

Direct events are linked with LCD, RTC, Tamper, I2C 1 and 3, USARTS 1 and 2, CEC, LPUART 1 to 3, LPTIM 1 to 3, LSE clock security system, USB and window watchdog.

# Cortex<sup>®</sup>-M0+ event vs interrupt



The Cortex<sup>®</sup>-M0+ supports two ways to enter a low-power state:

1. Executing the Wait For Event (WFE) instruction
2. Executing the Wait For Interrupt (WFI) instruction.

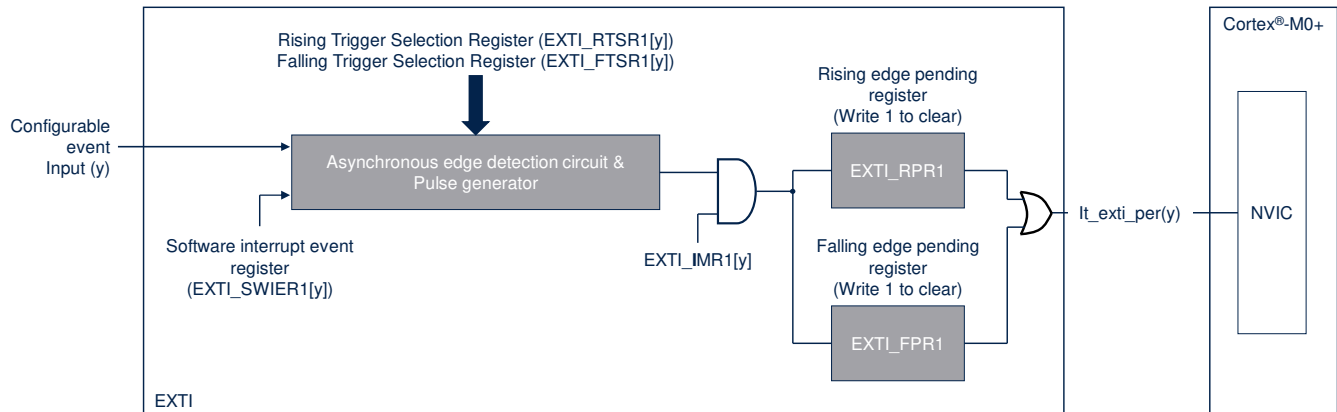
With WFE, the first instruction executed after a wake-up event is the next sequential one, INSTR\_N+1 in the sequence on the left.

By implementing WFI, the processor jumps to the Interrupt Service Routine when an enabled interrupt request is received.

Note that an interrupt request is a WFE exit condition, but an event received on RXEV is not a WFI exit condition.

## Interrupt generation

- Using configurable events as interrupt requests:



This figure aims to explain the various stages enabling the conversion of a configurable event into an interrupt request.

The first stage is the asynchronous edge detection circuit configured by two registers `EXTI_RTISR1` and `EXTI_FTISR1`. Any edge, possibly both, can be chosen.

The software can emulate a configurable event by setting the corresponding bit in the `EXTI_SWIER` register. The bit is auto-cleared by hardware.

An AND gate is used to mask or enable the generation of the interrupt to the NVIC.

A flag is set in the `EXTI_RPR1` register when a rising edge is detected.

Similarly, a flag is set in `EXTI_FPR1` register when a falling edge is detected.

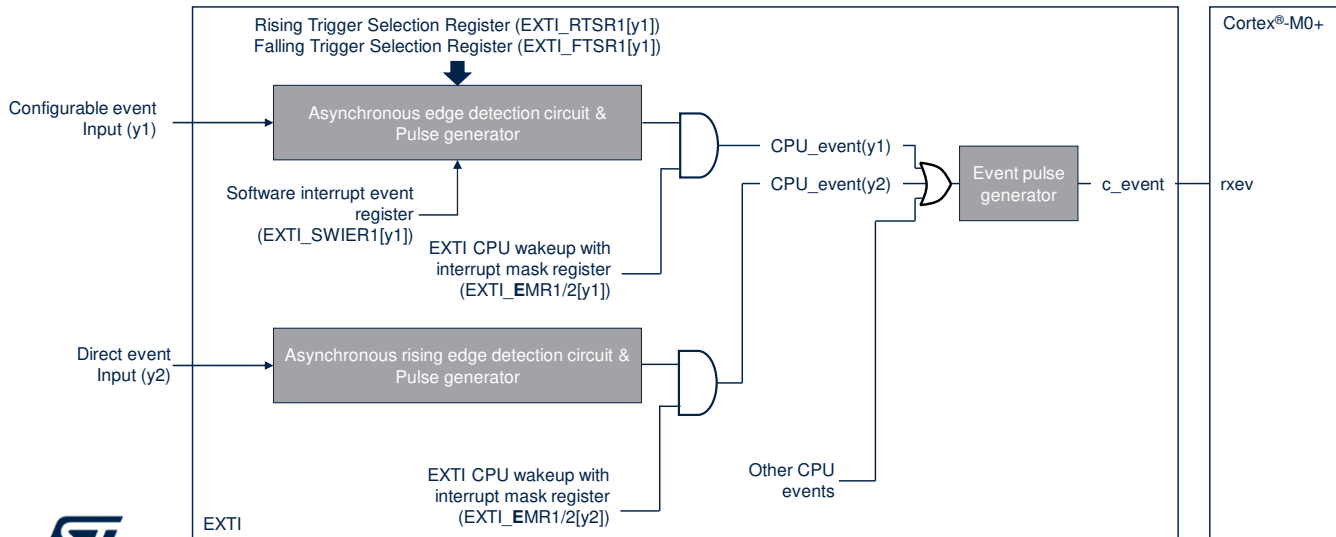
These flags enable the software to determine the cause of

the interrupt.

They are expected to be cleared by the interrupt service routine.

# CPU event generation

- Using configurable and direct events as CPU event request:

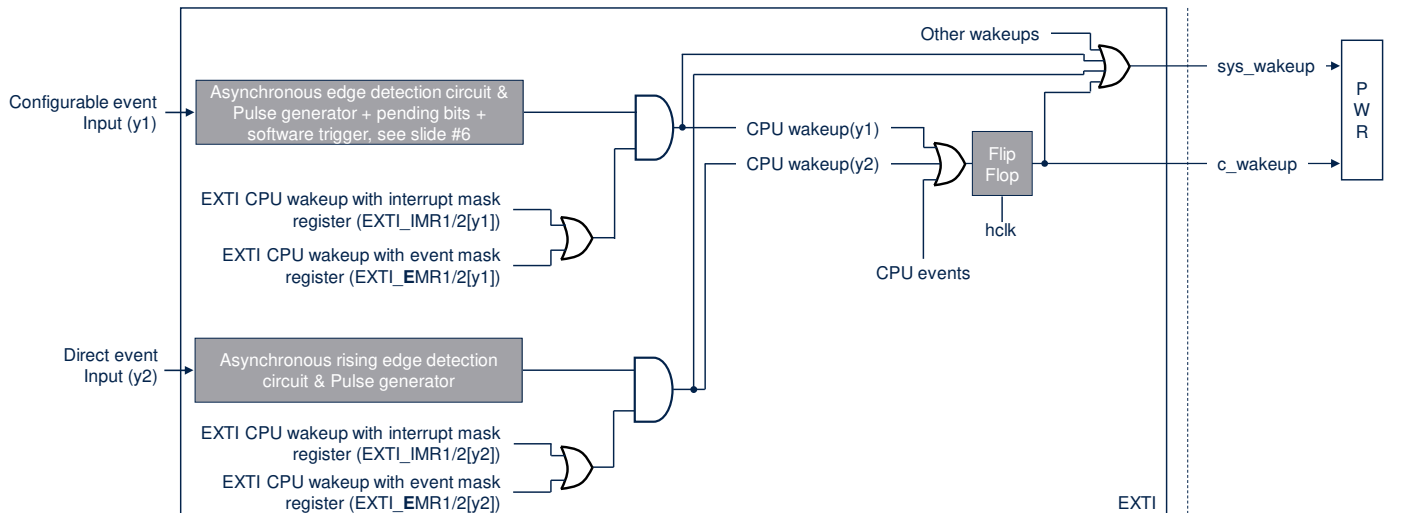


Both configurable and direct events can be configured to issue events to the CPU, steered to its rxev input. Unlike interrupt requests, the CPU has a unique event input, so all event requests are ORed together before entering the event pulse generator. The registers used to mask the generation of events are different from the ones used to mask the generation of interrupts: EXTI\_EMR instead of EXTI\_IMR.



## Wakeup event generation

- Using configurable and direct events as core and system wakeup requests:



The peripherals able to generate wake-up or interrupt events when the system is in Stop mode are connected to the EXT I.

The CPU wakeup signals generated by the EXT I block are connected to the PWR block and are used to wake up the system and CPU sub-system bus clocks.

Both configurable and direct events can request a wakeup.

A wakeup occurs when an asynchronous edge detection circuit has detected an active edge, or a flag is set to one in the EXT I\_RPR1 or EXT I\_FPR1 register.

Software is expected to clear the flag in these registers to disable the wakeup request when the source of the wakeup is a configurable event.

For direct events, the flag is located in the peripheral unit. These flags enable the software to find the cause of the wakeup.

The wakeup indication is asserted when either the interrupt or the event generation is enabled, see the OR gate combining EXTI\_IMR and EXTI\_EMR registers. All CPU wakeup signals are ORed together and then ORed with the event requests. sys\_wakeup is asynchronous and wakes up the clocks. Once hclk is running, the synchronous c\_wakeup is generated.

## Direct event trigger logic CPU wakeup

- The direct events do not have an associated EXTI interrupt
  - The EXTI module only wakes up the system and CPU sub-system clocks and may generate a CPU wakeup event
- The peripheral synchronous interrupt, associated with the direct wakeup event wakes up the CPU
  - The EXTI direct event can generate a CPU event



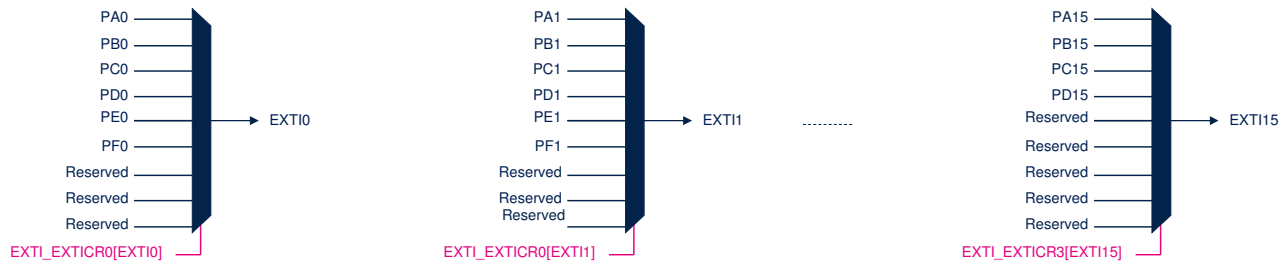
A direct event is able through the EXTI controller to generate a CPU event and trigger a system wakeup. The active edge of direct events is the rising edge. Direct events do not rely on the EXTI controller to assert interrupt requests, because they have their dedicated lines to the NVIC.

Otherwise, the same circuit as the one described in the previous slides are implemented.

Direct events can be independently masked for event generation and interrupt generation. The interrupt mask is only used as a wakeup mask.

# GPIO mux moved from SYSCFG to EXTI

- Two or more GPIO pads having the same number in different ports cannot be selected at the same time as EXTI configurable events



The STM32U0 has 6 GPIO ports, up to 16 pins wide. To configure easier external interrupts versus STM32L0, L1 and L4 products, GPIO assignment has been moved from SYSCFG to EXTI. Each of the 16 EXTI configurable events related to GPIO ports has an independent multiplexor to select related port. The EXTI multiplexer outputs are available as output signals from the EXTI block to trigger other IPs. The EXTI multiplexer outputs are available independently from any mask defined in the EXTI\_IMR and EXTI\_EMR registers.

## EXTI lines mapping

EXTI line	Line source	Line type	EXTI line	Line source	Line type
0-15	GPIO	Configurable	27	LSE_CSS	Direct
16	PVD output	Configurable	28	RTC	Direct
17	COMP1 output	Configurable	29	TAMP	Direct
18	COMP2 output	Configurable	30	LPUART1	Direct
19	VDDUSB monitoring	Configurable	31	LPUART2	Direct
20	ADC supply monitoring	Configurable	32	LPUART3	Direct
21	DAC supply monitoring	Configurable	33	I2C1	Direct
22	LCD	Direct	34	USART1	Direct
23	I2C3	Direct	35	USART2	Direct
24	LPTIM1	Direct	36	USB	Direct
25	LPTIM2	Direct	37	WWDG	Direct
26	LPTIM3	Direct			

This table provides all inputs of the EXTI block and indicates for each of them whether it is a configurable event input line or a direct event input.

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