Dual-Mode Configurable RISC-V Processor IP

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Dual-Mode Configurable

Configurable feature is to meet different application scenarios:

- **Real-Time System Mode:**
  - Instruction and Data Local Memory (ILM, DLM)
  - Physical Memory Protection (PMP)
  - Fast Interrupt Handling and Rich Interrupt Features (ECLIC)

- **Application System Mode:**
  - Instruction and Data Cache (I-Cache, D-Cache)
  - Memory Management Unit (MMU)
  - Private Timer
  - Platform Level Interrupt Controller (PLIC)
  - High Speed System Bus (AXI)
Dual-Mode Programmable

So here Dual-Mode configurable can be:

- Either Real-Time mode OR Application mode related features are configured
- Both the Real-Time mode AND Application mode related features are configured
  - Programmable: After Reset, SW can Enable/Disable features for the required MODE
Nuclei 600 Series Processor

600 Series is configurable processor to meet different application scenarios.

- RISC-V **RV32/64-I/M/A/C/F/D/P** ISA supported
- **5-7 pipeline** stages
- Configurable **ILM** (Instruction Local Memory) & **DLM0/DLM1** (Data Local Memory) with **ECC**
- Configurable **I-Cache & D-Cache** with **ECC**
- **64-bit AXI** system bus, configurable 64-bit AXI slave port
- Besides **Machine mode & User mode, Supervisor mode** is suppoered for **MMU** (RISC-V SV39 Mode)
- Configurable **NICE** interface for **user-defined extesnions**
- Configurable **ECLIC** (enhanced core level interrupt controller) or **PLIC** (platform level interrupt controller)
- 4-wire JTAG debug ports supported
600 Configurable ISA

- Configurable & Extensible
- FPU options with both Single Precision & Double Precision
- DSP option with SIMD, partial SIMD, 64bit, Non-SIMD instructions
- Supervisor mode supported for Hardware-Software Co-design Penglai TEE in N/NX class cores
- Supervisor mode supported for MMU in UX class cores
- Instruction & Data closely coupled local memories
- NICE interface for user-defined instruction extensions
NICE (Nuclei Instruction Co-unit Extension)

NICE allows customers to add user-defined instructions to customize their processor implementation, also including the extension of tightly coupled register and memory access instructions.

1. Define user-defined instructions
   - Identify user-defined instructions by program profiling
   - Define extension instructions into RISC-V reserved ISA space

2. Implement Extension Unit
   - Implement the application-specific co-unit following the NICE interface

3. Develop Domain Specific Lib/Function
   - No requirement for tool-chain update
   - Using Intrinsic Function or encapsulated libraries

4. Accelerate Domain Specific Applications
   - Applications/Algorithms
   - Domain-Specific Libraries
   - Intrinsic Function
Low-Power Micro-Architecture Design

- 5-7 Pipeline Stages
- Various Low-Power Design (Clocking gating, Logic gating, etc.)
Sleep Modes

● Two Sleep Modes
  • Sleep mode & deep sleep mode, controlled by SoC MPU

● Entering Sleep Mode
  • WFI (wait for interrupt)
  • WFE (wait for event)

● Wake Up
  • NMI
  • Interrupt
  • Event
  • Debug Request

Power Consumption

- Power Off
- Deep Sleep
- Sleep
- Active

Leakage only
Leakage + some Dynamic
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Memory Resources

- **ILM (Instruction Local Memory)**
  - Configurable an independent SRAM interface & address space

- **DLM (Data Local Memory)**
  - Configurable an independent SRAM interface & address space

**Memory Resources**

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<td>This Macro configures to have slave port for ILM/DLM access</td>
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<td>This Macro configures to have ECC protections for ILM and DLM</td>
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**Instruction Cache**

- n-way associative, 4KB/way, n is configurable
- Cache line size is 32 Byte

**Data Cache**

- 2-way associative, Cache line size is 32 Byte
- Cache Size is configurable

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<td>600_CFG_ICACHE_WAY</td>
<td>This Macro to configure n-way associate, n=2,4,8</td>
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<td>600_CFG_HAS_DCACHE</td>
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<td>This Macro to configure the D-Cache size</td>
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ECC on SRAMs

- **ECC Mechanism:** SECDED (Single Error Correction, Double Error Detection)
- **ECC protection granularity:**
  - ILM and I-Cache Data-Ram: 64-bit
  - DLM and D-Cache Data-Ram: 32-bit
  - I/D-Cache Tag-Ram and TLB: their Actual Size
- **ECC Full Write and Partial Write**
  - Full Write: data and corresponding ECC code will be updated simultaneously, high efficiency
  - Partial Write: Read-Modify-Write sequency will be triggered when 8/16-bit writes, less efficiency
- **ECC Error Injection**
  - mecc_code CSR is implemented for ECC error injection
  - Can be configured to do ECC error injection on ILM, DLM, I-Cache/D-Cache/TLB Tag-Ram or Data-Ram
- **ECC Lock**
  - ECC related CSRs cannot be modified after ECC is locked unless Reset, for Security
CCM (Cache Control and Maintenance)

- CCM is defined for SW to Control and Maintenance the internal I-Cache and D-Cache

- CCM Types:
  - by-ADDR and by-ALL
  - I-Cache: INVAL, INVAL_ALL, LOCK and UNLOCK
  - D-Cache: INVAL, FLUSH, FLUSH&INVAL, INVAL_ALL, FLUSH_ALL, FLUSH&INVAL_ALL, LOCK and UNLOCK

- M/S/U mode has its own CCM operations
  - S/U can execute CCM operations without needing switching privilege mode, but need to pass permission checking
  - ‘Illegal instruction exception’ will be triggered when lower privilege mode operates on higher privilege mode CCM CSRs
  - INVAL will be upgrade to be FLUSH&INVAL in U-mode for Security

- CCM operations can still work on the Disabled cache
**Bus Interfaces**

- **System Bus Interface** - 64bit AXI with integer clock ratios

- **ILM Bus Interface** - 64bit (configurable) SRAM interface, for accessing private instruction local memory

- **DLM Bus Interfaces** – 2 32bit (configurable) SRAM interfaces, for accessing private data local memory (DLM0/DLM1)

- **Private Peripheral Interface (PPI)** - 32bit, AHB-Lite interface protocol for accessing private peripherals

- **Slave Port** – 64bit AXI interface for other masters to access ILM/DLM0/DLM1
Enhanced Core Local Interrupt Controller

- ECLIC (Enhanced Core Local Interrupt Controller)
  - Optimized based on the RISC-V standard CLIC for fast interrupt handling scheme, compatible with CLIC
  - Private inside the core
  - Enabled by setting the LSB bits of CSR register mtvec as CLIC/ECLIC mode
  - Configurable number of interrupt levels and priorities
  - Support interrupt preemptions based on interrupt levels
  - Support vectored interrupt processing mode for extremely fast interrupt response (6 cycles)
  - Support fast interrupts tail-chaining mechanism (non-vectored)

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<td>mtvt</td>
<td>ECLIC Interrupt Vector Table Base Address</td>
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<td>mnxti</td>
<td>Used to enable taking the next interrupt and return the entry address of the next interrupt handler.</td>
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<td>mintstatus</td>
<td>Current Interrupt Levels</td>
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<td>mnvec</td>
<td>Customized register used to indicate the NMI handler entry address</td>
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<td>mmisc_ctl</td>
<td>Customized register controlling the selection of the NMI Handler Entry Address</td>
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<td>msavestatus</td>
<td>Customized register storing the value of mstatus</td>
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<td>mtvt2</td>
<td>Customized register used to indicate the common handler entry address of non-vectored interrupts</td>
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<td>jalmxni</td>
<td>Customized register used to enable the ECLIC interrupt. The read operation of this register will take the next interrupt, return the entry address of next interrupt handler, and jump to the corresponding handler at the same time</td>
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<td>pushmcause</td>
<td>Customized register used to push the value of mcause into the stack memory</td>
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Platform Level Interrupt Controller

- **PLIC (Platform Level Interrupt Controller)**
  - RISC-V standard, for Linux Capable or SMP applications
  - **Shared outside of the core**
  - Enabled by setting the LSB bits of CSR register `mtvec` as CLINT mode
  - Up to 1024 Interrupts supported: level or edged
  - Configurable number of interrupt priorities
  - Support interrupt to M-mode or S-mode
  - PLIC Control Registers:
    - Interrupt Enable
    - Interrupt Pending
    - Interrupt Priority
    - Interrupt Threshold
    - Interrupt Claim/Complete
PMP (Physical Memory Protection)

- Configurable PMP, providing per-hart machine-mode control registers to allow physical memory access privileges (read, write, execute) to be specified for each physical memory region.
  - Configurable PMP entries, up to 16
  - The granularity of PMP is 4KB
  - TOR mode is not supported
  - PMP checks are applied to all accesses when the hart is running in S or U modes; And for loads and stores when the MPRV bit is set in the mstatus register and the MPP field in the mstatus register contains S or U
TEE (Trusted Execution Environment)

- RISC-V Privileged ISA based TEE Framework
  - RISC-V core (PMP/sPMP) + Verifiable security monitor (M-mode privilege) + TEEOS

- Smallest Trusted Code Base
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- Secure Assurance
  - Strong isolation between enclave and other application or OS
  - Protect against a malicious or compromised OS
  - Secure boot and remote attestation for chain of trust
  - High performance and scalability

Penglai TEE Architecture

Penglai HEAVY.light architecture

- **light Zone**: A dedicated HW-isolated box for a single enclave
- **HEAVY Zone**: Multiple-Enclaves isolated through TEEOS
MMU (Memory Management Unit)

- MMU in **UX** class cores can enable Linux capable applications
- RISC-V RV39 mode:
  - Page based 39-bit virtual memory system, mapping to 56-bit physical memory space
  - Permission checking (eXecutable, Writable, Readable)
- Two level TLBs (Translation Lookaside Buffer) in MMU to cache page tables for fast accessing:
  - Main TLB: can be configured as 32, 64 or 128 entries
  - Micro TLB (I-TLB, D-TLB): each has 8 entries
- MMU supports 4KB, 2MB and 1GB page types
- Hardware Translation Table Walk mechanism when TLB missing without software handling
Nuclei Software Development Platform

- Nuclei Processor Core Based Devices
- Nuclei Spec (ISA, DSP, TEE)
- NMSIS (Core/DSP/NN)
- Third-party Library
- TEE SDK
- Nuclei SDK
- Board Labs
- Board Application
- TEE APP
Nuclei Studio IDE

- Eclipse based
- Integrated GCC and OpenOCD
- Libre and free
- Portable executables, without installation
- Easy-to-use project template
- Integrated editor
- In system debugging
- In system programming
- Integrated serialport tool
- Real time register display
Supported 3rd Party Tools

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