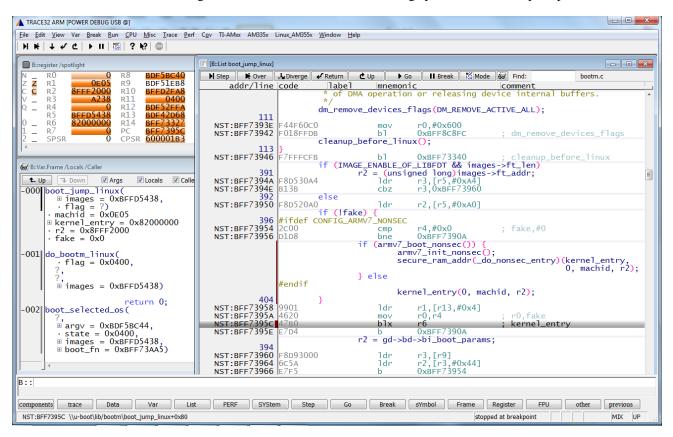
# **U-boot to Kernel Start**

## Test is run with SD booting using SDK6.3 on AM335x GP EVM

- 1. Stop @u-boot prompt, and setupu-boot breakpoint as shown below in "/arch/arm/lib/bootm.c"
  - R6=0x82000000 matching "loadaddr=0x82000000" from running "printenv" @u-boot prompt.



Run "boot" cmd @u-boot prompt, and serial log is shown below Where kernel zImage, DTB are loaded from SD to DDR

=> boot switch to partitions #0, OK mmc0 is current device SD/MMC found on device 0 switch to partitions #0, OK mmc0 is current device Scanning mmc 0:1... switch to partitions #0, OK mmc0 is current device SD/MMC found on device 0 4280832 bytes read in 283 ms (14.4 MiB/s) 41528 bytes read in 4 ms (9.9 MiB/s) ## Flattened Device Tree blob at 88000000 Booting using the fdt blob at 0x88000000 Loading Device Tree to 8fff2000, end 8ffff237 ... OK

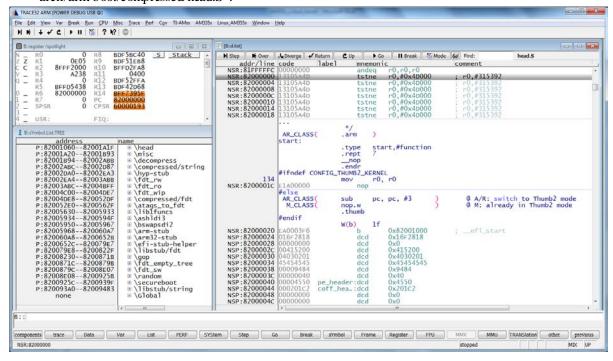
Starting kernel...

## 3. The call flow on bootz cmd for u-boot loading zImage from SD to DDR

```
B::Var.Frame_/Locals_/Caller
-000|boot_jump_linux(
    images = 0xBFFD5438,
    flag = ?
   machid = 0x0E05
   kernel\_entry = 0x82000000
   r2 = 0x8FFF2000
   fake = 0x0
-001|do_bootm_linux(
    flag = 0x0400,
   ?,
   ?,
    images = 0xBFFD5438)
           return 0;
-002|boot_selected_os(
  | ?,
    argv = 0xBDF5BC44,
    state = 0x0400,
    images = 0xBFFD5438,
    boot_fn = 0xBFF73AA5)
       boot_fn(state, argc, argv, images);
-003|do_bootm_states(
    cmdtp = 0xBFFD2FA8,
    flag = 0x0,
    argc = 0x3,
    argv = 0xBDF5BC44,
    states = 0x0710,
    images = 0xBFFD5438,
    boot\_progress = 0x1)
   boot_fn = 0xBFF73AA5
-004|do bootz(
    cmdtp = 0xBFFD2FA8,
    flag = 0x0,
    argc = 0x3,
    argv = 0xBDF5BC44)
   ret = 0x0
       ret = do_bootm_states(cmdtp, flag, argc, argv,
-005|cmd_call(inline)
-005|cmd_process(
```

## 4. Run one more step out of the previously set breakpoint <BLX R6>

- The first instruction @0x82000000 is "arch/arm/boot/compressed/head.S" for decompressing kernel image.
- The decompression code is under "arch/arm/boot/compressed", and piggy-backed into zImage.
- The decompressed kernel physical address (0x80008000 below) is determined in this file "arch/arm/boot/compressed/head.S".



# 5. Setup breakpoint @0x80008000, and run

- Decompression would take time to finish before hitting bkpt @0x80008000
- The first instruction @0x80008000 is "arch/arm/kernel/head.S", the kernel entry code before MMU is ON

