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1 Overview

This guide introduces the overall SW structure of NRC7292 host driver and gives some tips for applying the driver to other Linux hosts.

1.1 Software structure

As seen in Figure 1.1, NRC7292 host driver uses Linux Kernel features, SPI, GPIO, IRQ, mac80211, and netlink socket. SPI is used for I/O interface between the host, the NRC7292 module, and mac80211 for SW MAC, which is incorporated with MAC in the NRC7292 module. Netlink socket is used to communicate with user applications like CLI shell on host. GPIO including IRQ is used as an external interrupt source for flow control while communicating via SPI. The host applications hostapd, needs to be installed on the host to be operated as 11ah AP or wpa_supplicant as 11ah STA.

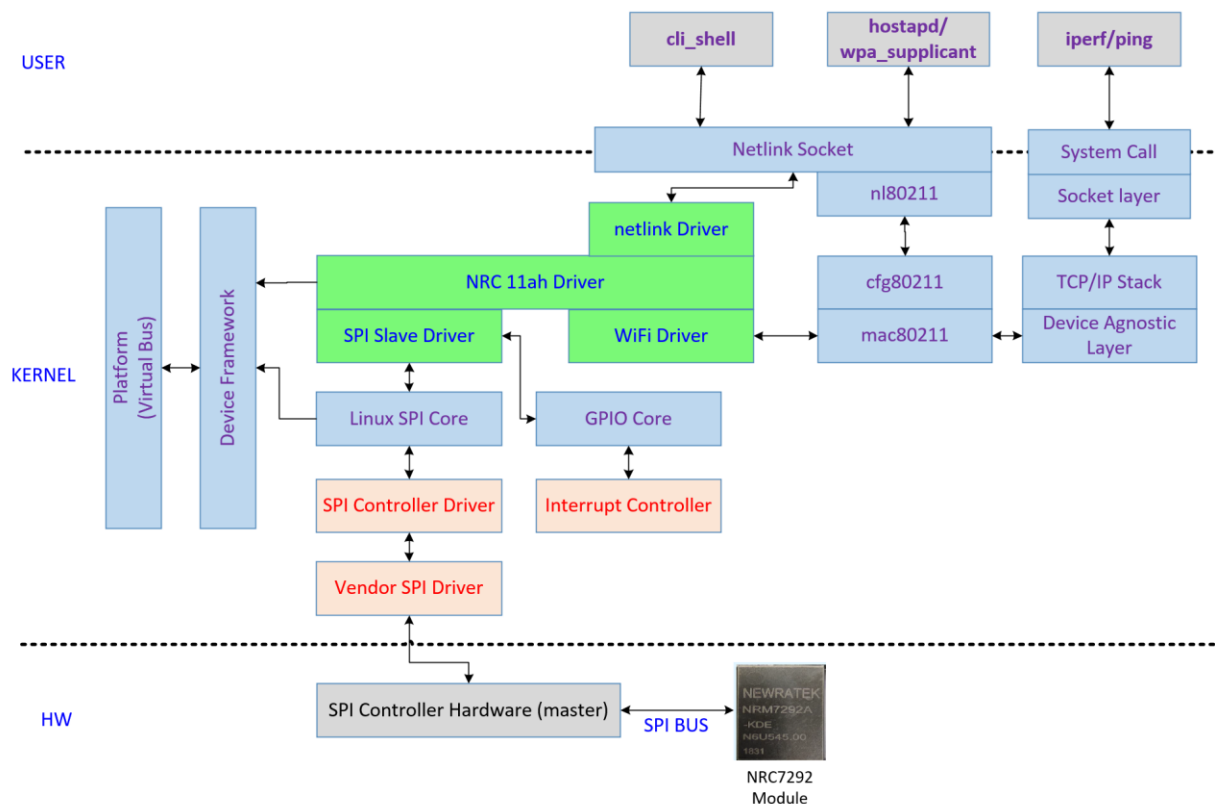


Figure 1.1 SW structure of NRC7292 host driver

1.2 Software components

NRC7292 host driver makes use of Linux Kernel APIs of GPIO, IRQ, SPI, and mac80211 so the host can support these components. To use Linux SPI/GPIO/IRQ framework or subsystem, each controller drivers provided by SoC vendor should be applied on host. If the framework is not supported on host, then the driver will be modified using other APIs (like vendor specific APIs). When it comes to mac80211, mac/cfg80211 modules should be built and loaded before loading NRC7292 host driver.

1.3 Hardware components

To communicate with NRC7292 module, SPI and GPIO (1 PIN) should be designated on Host (Raspberry Pi3) and NRC7292 Module. Figure 1.2 shows SPI and GPIO block on each Host (Raspberry Pi3) and NRC7292 Module. SPI is the main interface between Host, NRC7292 Module, GPIO, and also used as external Interrupt source for flow control.

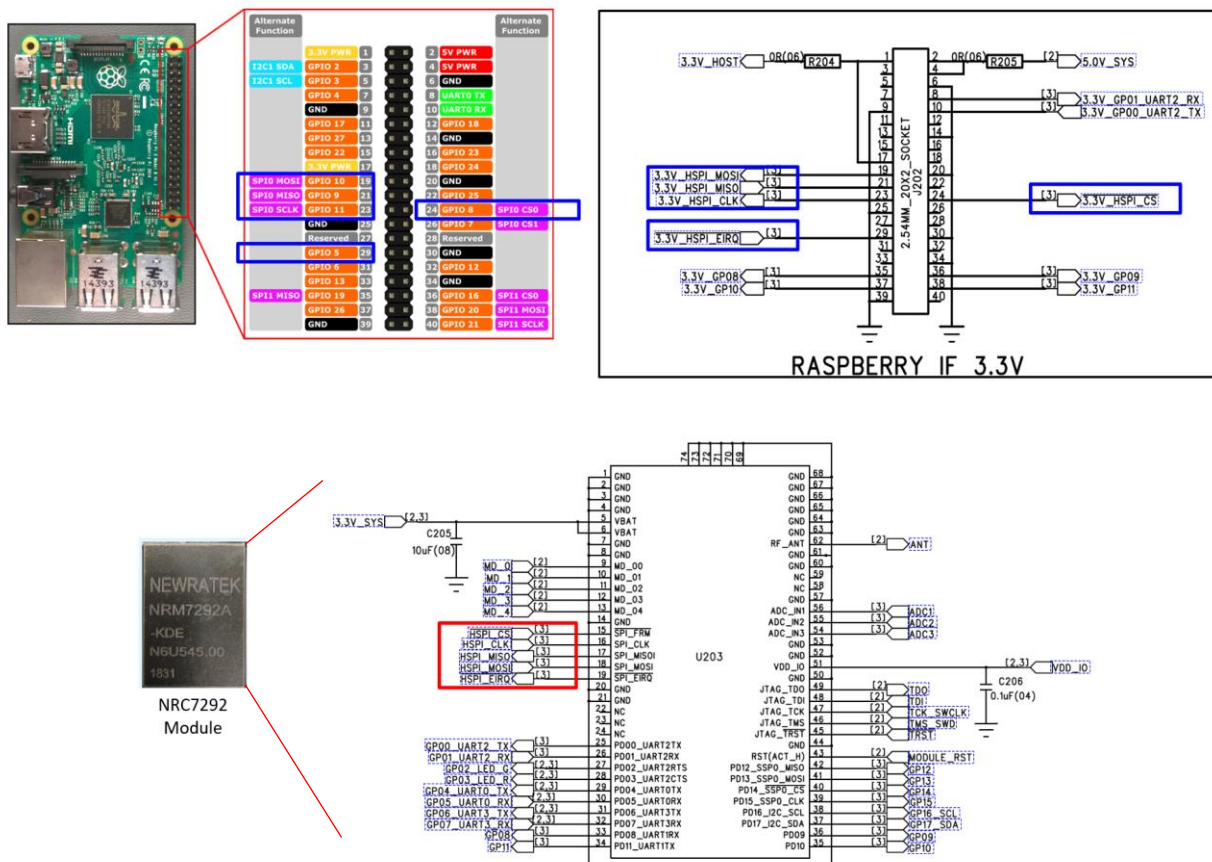


Figure 1.2 HW components on RP3 host and NRC7292 Module

2 How to build NRC7292 host driver

This chapters shows how to build NRC7292 host driver. There are 2 ways to build the driver: 1) direct-built on the host and 2) cross-compile on other hosts.

2.1 Direct compile

Before building NRC7292 host driver on host, Linux kernel sources or headers should be prepared on the host. Our drivers can cover Linux kernel version from 4.0.x to 4.19.x.; in order to build properly, changing the kernel path in Makefile is needed.

2.2 Cross compile

It is a similar procedure as direct compile. But the only difference is the preparing the cross the compiler on your PC.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/Source/NRC_MACSW/host/linux/driver/nrc $ make -f Makefile.halow.cspi
/home/pi/Source/NRC_MACSW/host/linux/driver/nrc
make[1]: Entering directory '/usr/src/linux-raspberrypi-kernel_1.20180313-1'

WARNING: Symbol version dump ./Module.symvers
is missing; modules will have no dependencies and modversions.

CC [M] /home/pi/Source/NRC_MACSW/host/linux/driver/nrc/nrc-mac80211.o
CC [M] /home/pi/Source/NRC_MACSW/host/linux/driver/nrc/nrc-trx.o
CC [M] /home/pi/Source/NRC_MACSW/host/linux/driver/nrc/nrc-init.o
CC [M] /home/pi/Source/NRC_MACSW/host/linux/driver/nrc/nrc-debug.o
CC [M] /home/pi/Source/NRC_MACSW/host/linux/driver/nrc/hif.o
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CC [M] /home/pi/Source/NRC_MACSW/host/linux/driver/nrc/nrc-stats.o
CC [M] /home/pi/Source/NRC_MACSW/host/linux/driver/nrc/nrc-pm.o
CC [M] /home/pi/Source/NRC_MACSW/host/linux/driver/nrc/nrc-dump.o
CC [M] /home/pi/Source/NRC_MACSW/host/linux/driver/nrc/nrc-hif-sdio.o
LD [M] /home/pi/Source/NRC_MACSW/host/linux/driver/nrc/nrc.o
Building modules, stage 2.
MODPOST 1 modules
CC /home/pi/Source/NRC_MACSW/host/linux/driver/nrc/nrc.mod.o
LD [M] /home/pi/Source/NRC_MACSW/host/linux/driver/nrc/nrc.ko
make[1]: Leaving directory '/usr/src/linux-raspberrypi-kernel_1.20180313-1'
```

Figure 2.1 Compile log

3 Source-code tree

Table 3.1 shows major files for NRC7292 host driver and description of them. If all the SW and HW components mentioned in Chap.1 is ready, then there is almost no need to modify source codes.

Table 3.1 Host driver files

	Category	Description
nrc-init.*	Module Initialization Linux Platform driver	Define module and module parameters Register platform device and driver
hif.*	HAL (HW Adaptation layer)	Wrapper functions for I/O
nrc-hif-cspi.*	HSPI driver	Functions for HSPI
nrc-mac80211.*	mac80211	Register driver to mac80211 Define mac80211 parameters
nrc-trx.*	Data Path	Define functions for data path
nrc-fw.*	Firmware	Define functions for FW download from host to target
nrc-netlink.*	Netlink socket	Define functions for netlink communication
nrc-pm.*	Power Management	Define functions for Wi-Fi Power Management
nrc-debug.*	Debug	Define functions for debugging
mac80211-ext.*	Utility function	Utility function about ieee80211
nrc-dump.*	Debug	Save Core Dump file when F/W Asserted
nrc-hif-sdio.*	SDIO driver	Functions for SDIO (No needed)
nrc-hif-ssp.*, nrc-ssp.*	SPI driver	Functions for SPI (Not needed)
nrc-hif-uart.*	UART driver	Functions for UART (Not needed)
nrc-pm.*	Power Save	Function for Power Save
nrc-recovery.*	Recovery	Function for Recovery that is work as watchdog function for firmware
nrc-stats.*	Statistics	Function for Statistics to check a SNR/RSSI
wim.*	WIM	Function for handling the information message between host and firmware

nrc-vendor.h	Vender IE	Definition constant/type for Vender IE
fastboot-cm0.h	Boot	Second boot loader for CM0
nrc-build-config.h	Build	Define a definition/constant for building and configuration for host driver
nrc-wim-types.h	WIM	Define a data type for the WIM

3.1 Module Parameters

As seen in Figure 1.1, NRC7292 host driver support module parameters.

```
filename:      /home/pi/nrc_pkg/sw/driver/nrc.ko
description:   Newracom 802.11 driver
license:       Dual BSD/GPL
author:        Newracom, Inc.(http://www.newracom.com)
srcversion:    BFC0427469A5B7280A5B52F
depends:        mac80211, cfg80211
name:          nrc
vermagic:      4.19.97-v7+ SMP mod_unload modversions ARMv7 p2v8
parm:          fw_name:Firmware file name (charp)
parm:          bd_name:Board Data file name (charp)
parm:          hifport:HIF port device name (charp)
parm:          hifspeed:HIF port speed (int)
parm:          spi_bus_num:SPI controller bus number (int)
parm:          spi_cs_num:SPI chip select number (int)
parm:          spi_gpio_irq:SPI gpio irq (int)
parm:          spi_gpio_poll:SPI gpio polling interval (msec) (int)
parm:          spi_gdma_irq:SPI gdma irq (int)
parm:          loopback:HIF loopback (bool)
parm:          lb_count:HIF loopback Buffer count (int)
parm:          disable_cqm:Disable CQM (0: enable, 1: disable) (int)
parm:          listen_interval:Listen Interval (int)
parm:          bss_max_idle:BSS Max Idle (int)
parm:          bss_max_idle_usf format:BSS Max Idle specified in units of usf (bool)
parm:          enable_short_bi:Enable Short BI (bool)
parm:          enable_monitor:Enable Monitor (bool)
parm:          bss_max_idle_offset:BSS Max Idle Offset (int)
parm:          macaddr:MAC Address (charp)
parm:          power_save:power save (int)
parm:          sleep_duration:deepsleep duration of non-TIM mode power save (array of int)
parm:          wlantest:wlantest (bool)
parm:          ndp_preq:Enable NDP Probe Request (bool)
parm:          ndp_ack_1m:Enable 1M NDP ACK (bool)
parm:          enable_hspi_init:Enable HSPI Initialization (bool)
parm:          nullfunc_enable:Enable null func on mac80211 (bool)
parm:          auto_ba:Enable auto ba session setup on connection / QoS data Tx (bool)
parm:          sw_enc:Use SW Encryption instead of HW Encryption (bool)
parm:          signal_monitor:Enable SIGNAL(RSSI/SNR) Monitor (bool)
parm:          enable_usn:Use configuration of KR USN (Same ac between data and beacon) (bool)
parm:          debug_level_all:Driver debug level all (bool)
parm:          credit_ac_be:credit number for AC_BE (int)
```

Figure 3.1 Module Parameters

According to HW configuration, some SPI and GPIO parameters like chip_select, bus_number, max_speed_hz, etc. should be changed when driver is inserted to kernel. For SPI, user can set using spi_bus_num, spi_cs_num, spi_gpio_irq and hifspeed in module parameters.

4 Host SPI

NRC7292 contains SPI slave engine for a host interface. The SPI slave engine consists of two separate domain, device and host side, as shown in Figure 4.1. This separation is mainly for power save. In a deep-sleep mode, most parts of NRC7292 including device side are turned off, but the host side keeps awake to monitor wake-up trigger from the external host.

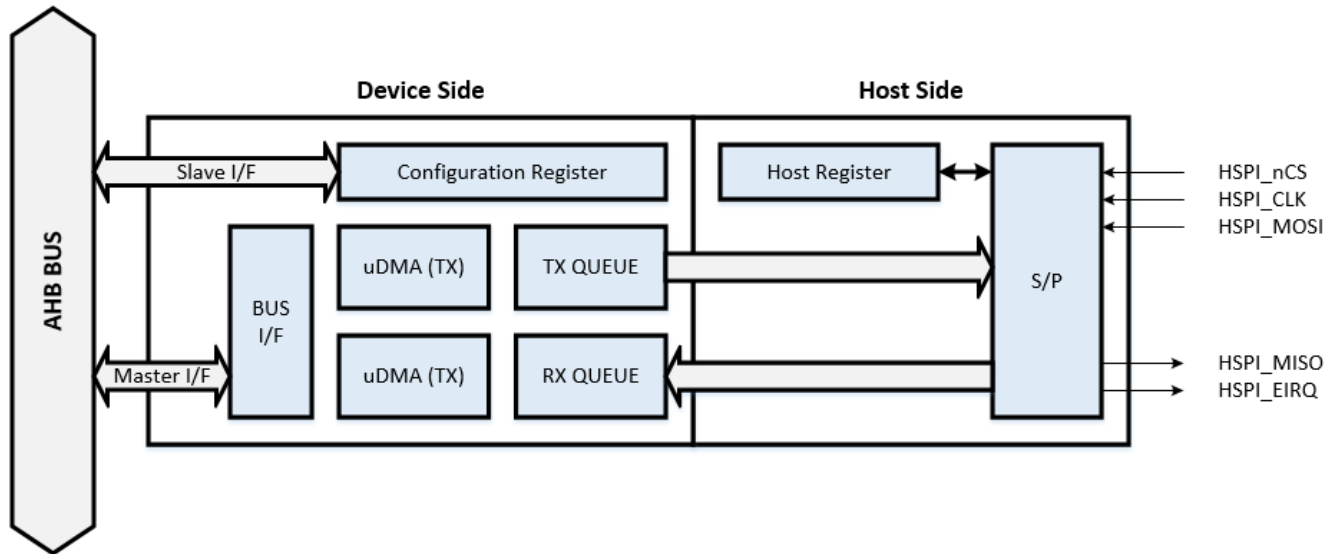


Figure 4.1 Block diagram of SPI slave engine of NRC7292

Table 4.1 HSPI pin description

Pin Name	I/O	Description
HSPI_EIRQ	Output	Interrupt to external host
HSPI_MOSI	Input	Master out Slave in
HSPI_MISO	Output	Master in Slave out
HSPI_nCS	Input	Chip select (active low)
HSPI_CLK	Input	Clock

A total of 5 dedicated pins are assigned for HSPI interface as presented in **Error! Reference source not found.**

To use HSPI interface, the BOOT mode must be configured to HOST BOOT mode. The HOST BOOT mode can be selected by tying MODE_01 and MODE_02 pins to ground and MODE_00 pin to DVDDE_MODE. The DVDDE_MODE is the power supply for MODE_xx pins and the DVDDE_HSPI is for HSPI IOs such as HSPI_EIRQ and HSPI_MISO.

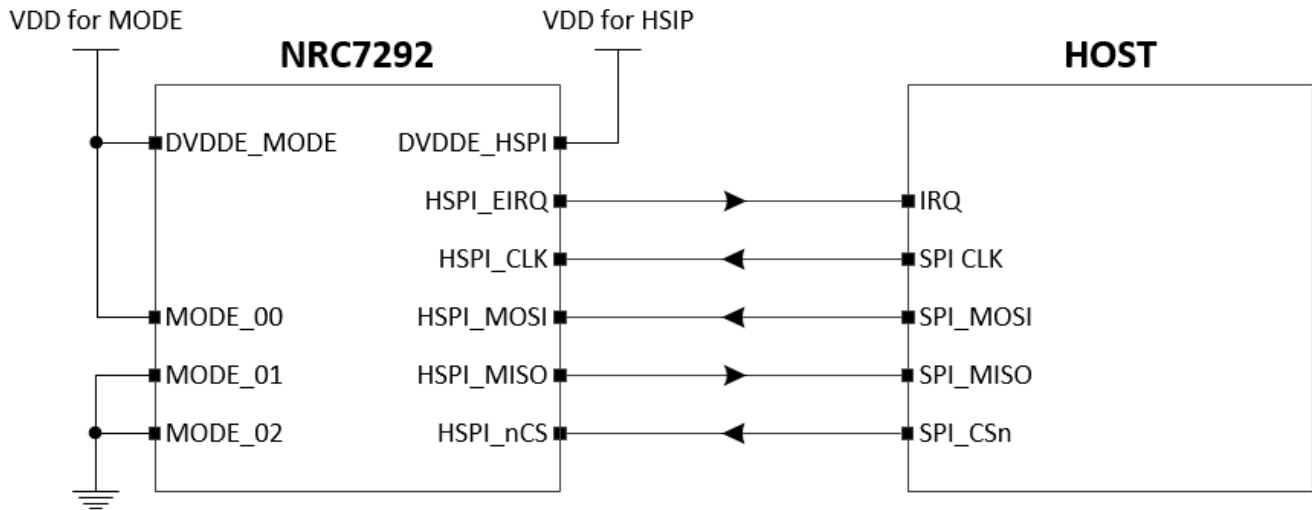


Figure 4.2 An example of H/W configuration for HSPI interface

SPI slave engine asserts HSPI_EIRQ interrupt when its TX QUEUE has data to send or the status of RX QUEUE is changed. Therefore, when the HSPI_EIRQ is asserted, the external host needs to check what triggers the interrupt after clearing the interrupt by reading EIRQ_CLEAR register(0x12).

As shown in Figure 4.3, SPI slave engine supports SPI mode 0 (CPOL = 0 & CPHA = 0). The HSPI_nCS must be held low for entire read/write cycle and must be taken high at least one clock period after the read/write cycle completed.

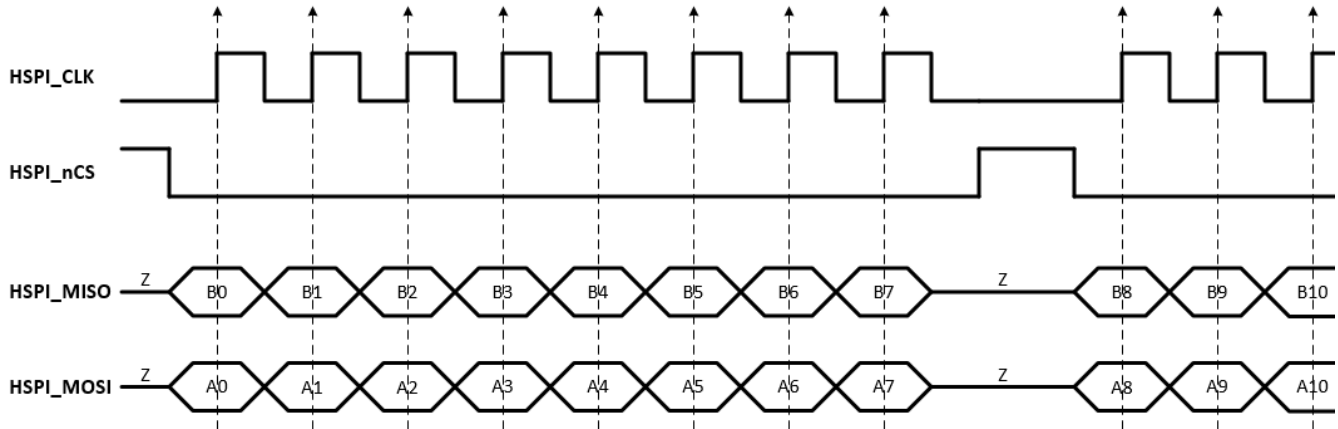


Figure 4.3 Timing diagram of HSPI interface

4.1 Single transfer mode

The single and burst transfer modes are defined. In single transfer mode, only one byte of data can be transferred from host to slave and vice versa. Figure 4.4 and Figure 4.5 represent the frame format for HSPI master write and read, respectively in single transfer mode. The single transfer mode starts with the command period and ends with the response period. The command period is composed of a 32-bits argument and a 16-bits cyclic redundancy check (CRC) part. The host (HSPI master) should check the acknowledgment (ACK) before sending the next command when writing data to HSPI slave. The ACK in response period is sent from HSPI slave to HSPI master to inform that it receives command correctly. When reading data, the HSPI slave transmit the data in response period.

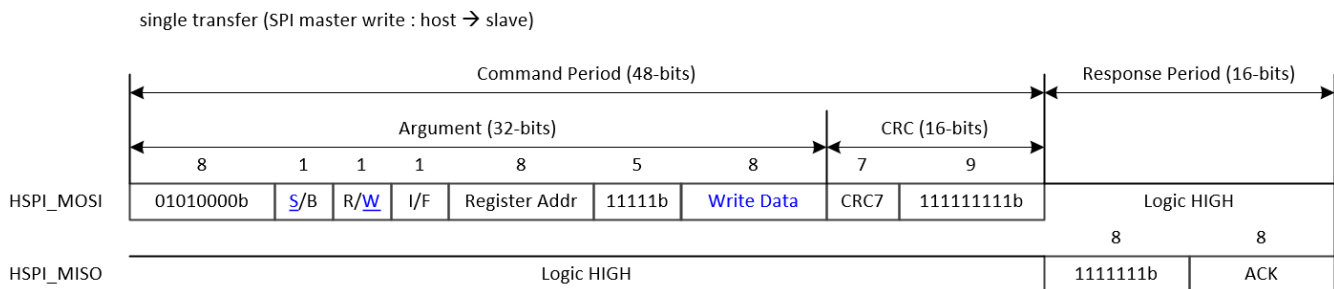
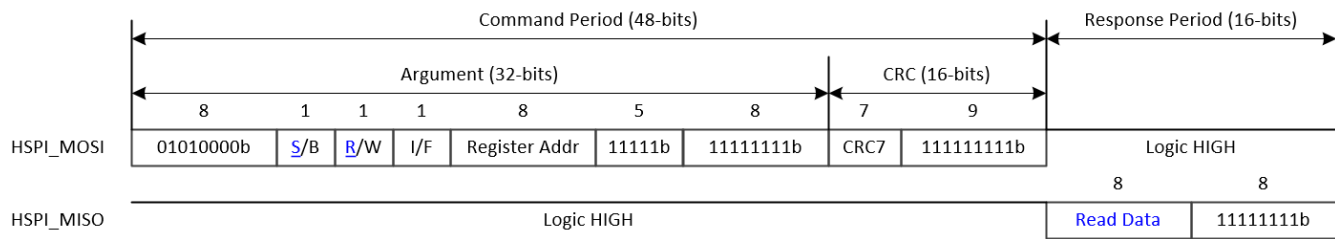


Figure 4.4 Frame format of HSPI master write in single transfer mode

single transfer (SPI master read host ← slave)

**Figure 4.5 Frame format of HSPI master read in single transfer mode****Table 4.2 Field description of frame in single transfer mode**

	Field	# bits	Description
Argument	01010000b	8	header of the command period
	S/B	1	0 : single transfer 1 : burst transfer
	R/W	1	0 : read 1 : write
	I/F	1	0 : address increment 1 : address fix
	Register Addr	8	register address to access
	11111b	5	stuff bits
	Write Data / Stuff bits	8	when R/W = 0 : 0xFF when R/W = 1 : write data
CRC	CRC7	7	7 bits CRC calculation based on 32-bits argument
	111111111b	9	stuff bits
Response	Read Data / Stuff bits	8	when R/W = 0 : read data @ register address when R/W = 1 : 0xFF
	ACK	8	0x47

4.2 Burst transfer mode

Burst transfer mode also starts with the command period followed by a response period like the single transfer mode. However, additional data period follows the response period as shown in Figure 4.6 and Figure 4.7. In the data period, HSPI master writes or reads a number of data.

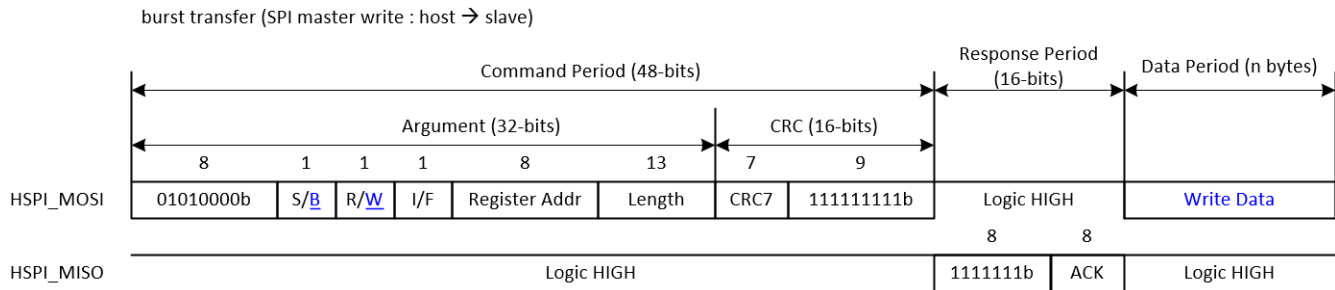


Figure 4.6 Frame format of HSPI master write in burst transfer mode

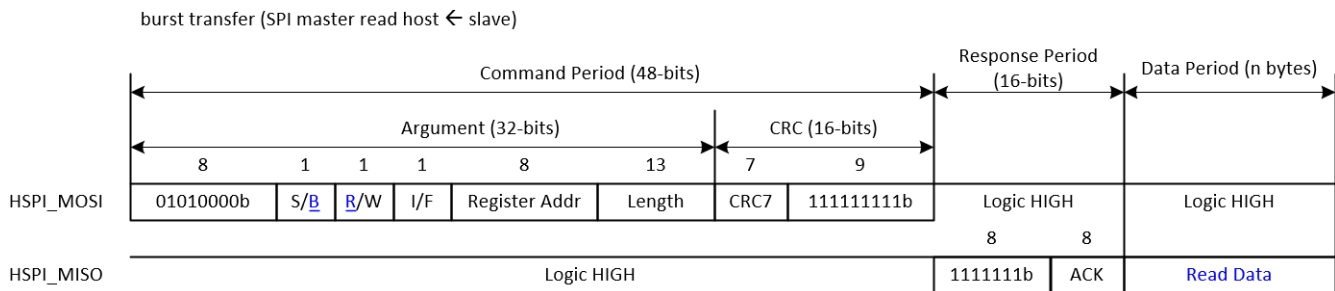


Figure 4.7 Frame format of HSPI master read in burst transfer mode

The frame structure of burst transfer mode is almost the same as the structure of the single transfer mode except for the length field at the end of the 32-bit argument. This 13-bit length field can represent up to 8K bytes and indicates the data size in byte.

Table 4.3 Field description of frame in burst transfer mode

	Field	# bits	Description
Argument	01010000b	8	header of the command period
	S/B	1	0 : single transfer 1 : burst transfer
	R/W	1	0 : read 1 : write
	I/F	1	0 : address increment 1 : address fix
	Register Addr	8	register address to access
	Length	13	data length in byte
CRC	CRC7	7	7 bits CRC calculation based on 32-bits argument
	11111111b	9	stuff bits
Response	Read Data / Stuff bits	8	when R/W = 0 : read data @ register address when R/W = 1 : 0xFF
	ACK	8	0x47

5 Host Interface Layer

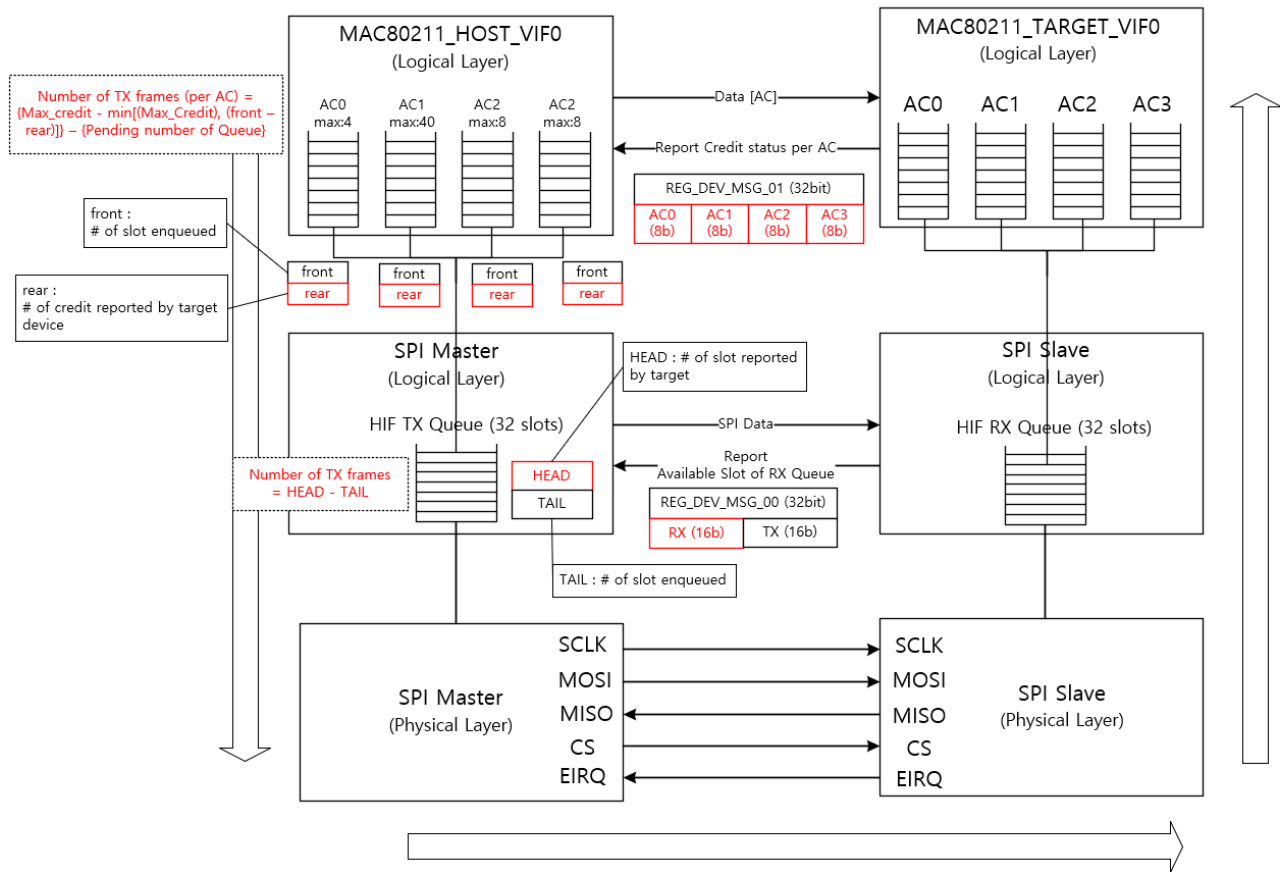


Figure 5.1 Slot and Credit (TX path on Host vs RX path on Target Device)

HIF (Host interface) layer located between MAC80211 (Linux Provide) and CSPI driver (Newracom Provide) is responsible for TRX data path. Basically, it abstracts various physical layers such as HSPI, SPI, UART, and SDIO, but we only focus on HSPI in this document.

HIF layer attaches its own header (called HIF Header) to payloads that are delivered from the upper layer (MAC80211), and then transmits them to target device via HSPI. On the contrary, HIF layer extracts some fields from HIF header generated by FW on target device whenever receiving frames from target device, and then finally delivers them to upper layer (MAC80211) without HIF header. (i.e. only MAC payload) The detailed structure of the HIF header will be described later.

As mentioned in previous chapter, there is “flow control function” that smoothly controls influx and outflux of frames between host and target device by SW. For this, two concepts are introduced, one is “slot” and the other is “credit”. ‘Slot’ is for preventing buffer overflow on target device and ‘Credit’ is for prioritization of AC (Access Category) used by 802.11 QoS. Credit is applied only for TX (not RX). Target device conditionally and repeatedly reports its TRX buffer status to host by asserting HSPI_EIRQ,

and then host should read the status before enqueueing frames on its TX queue or reading frames via HSPI.

Figure 5.1 shows this concept of slot and credit for TX Path. There are three independent layers, SPI physical layer, SPI logical layer (with slot), MAC80211 logical layer (with credit). HSPI_EIRQ that is asserted by target device makes host read the status register that informs available RX slot number on target device. Host has to decide whether or/and how many frames to transmit to target according to this slot report (refer to HEAD) and its own TX queue status (refer to TAIL). For example, there are 10 frames already enqueue in TX queue on host and host was reported with 15 available RX slots from target device. Then host can transmit only 5 frames via HSPI. In this condition, if host transmits 7 frames via HSPI, there might be overflow of RX queue on target device. The concept of credit is almost the same except that it is per AC (Access Category) and VIF (Virtual Interface). Similarly, according to credit report from target device and its TX queue status per AC (and VIF), host decides whether or/and how many frames are dequeued from each AC's queue and enqueue to HIF TX queue. However, this calculation is NOT done just by front (enqueue number of frame) and rear (reported credit number) like "rear - front". "Max Credit number per AC (AC0:4, AC1:40, AC2:8, AC3:8)" is introduced for enough influx frames to HIF TX queue. It is because handling frames on HIF TX Queue is done in the context of "workqueue" (refer to Linux workqueue concept). So credit calculation is finally done by "{Max_Credit_per_AC - min[Max_Credit, (front- rear)]} - {Pending Number of Queue per AC}" considering prioritization of each AC.

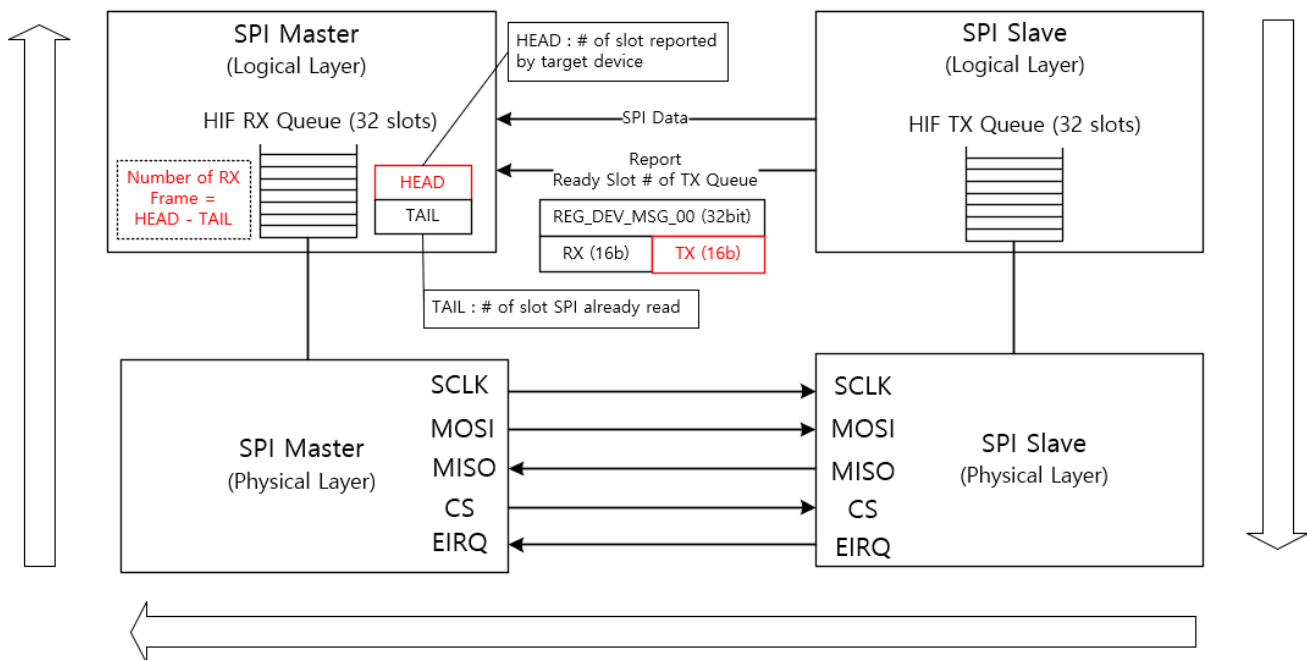


Figure 5.2 Slot and Credit (RX path on Host vs TX path on Target Device)

Figure 5.2 shows slot concept for RX path on host. It's much simpler than TX path because there is no credit concept. Host decides whether or/and how many frames to read via HSPI using TX Ready Slot Report from target device (refer to HEAD) and total number of frames read via HSPI (refer to TAIL). For

example, host is reported with 15 TX Ready slots from target device, and then host starts receiving frames until it reads 15 frames via HSPI.

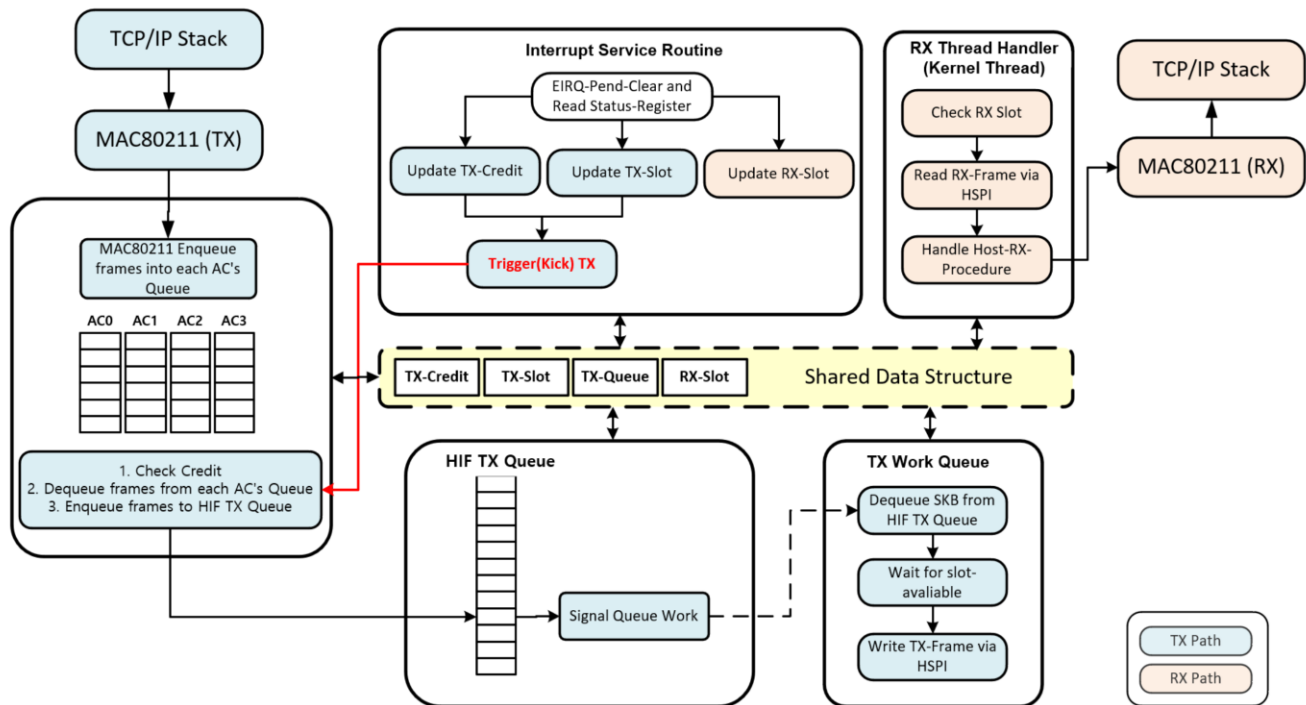


Figure 5.3 Host Interface Layer (TRX operation for ISR)

Figure 5.3 shows HIF Layer in general. For resource limitation on NRC7292 SoC, HSPI slave hardware engine has very small number TX/RX QUEUE (FIFO) inside, so TX credit and TRX slot reported using EIRQ and related registers are crucial. The condition of asserting EIRQ by target device is explained in the next section.

5.1 Interrupt Handling

Figure 5.3 shows the TRX operation with interrupt handling. Once the HSPI_EIRQ is asserted, EIRQ ISR (Interrupt Service Routine) checks what triggers interrupt after clearing interrupt by reading EIRQ_CLEAR (0x12) register. If the interrupt is caused by the “Credit Report or RX-Slot Report”, host kicks TX operation. If target device asserts EIRQ for Report TX-Slot, host starts RX operation.

NRC7292 (Target Device) asserts HSPI EIRQ when the following events are occurred.

- TX credit updated
- TX QUEUE status updated
- RX QUEUE status updated

6 Wireless Information Message (WIM)

The WIM is used to request the operation of the firmware on target device. For example, Host Driver requests to set the frequency and BSSID after successful association. In the contrast, WIM is also used to notify host of some events occurred by firmware on target device.

The WIM protocol works base on HIF protocol structure as below.

HIF-Header(8B)	WIM-Header(4B)	TLVs(n byte)
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```
struct hif_hdr {  
    uint8_t type;  
    uint8_t subtype;  
    uint8_t flags;  
    int8_t vifindex;  
    uint16_t len;  
    uint16_t tlv_len;  
} __packed;
```

```
struct wim_hdr {  
    union {  
        uint16_t cmd;  
        uint16_t resp;  
        uint16_t event;  
    };  
    uint8_t seq_no;  
    uint8_t n_tlvs;  
} __packed;
```

HIF header indicates payload type such as Frame (data, mgnt, control), WIM, etc.

HIF_TYPE_WIM in hif_hdr should be set if the frame type is the WIM. The struct wim_hdr indicates how many Type-Length-Value (TLV) were loaded in the payload like frequency(one TLV), BSSID(one TLV), etc.

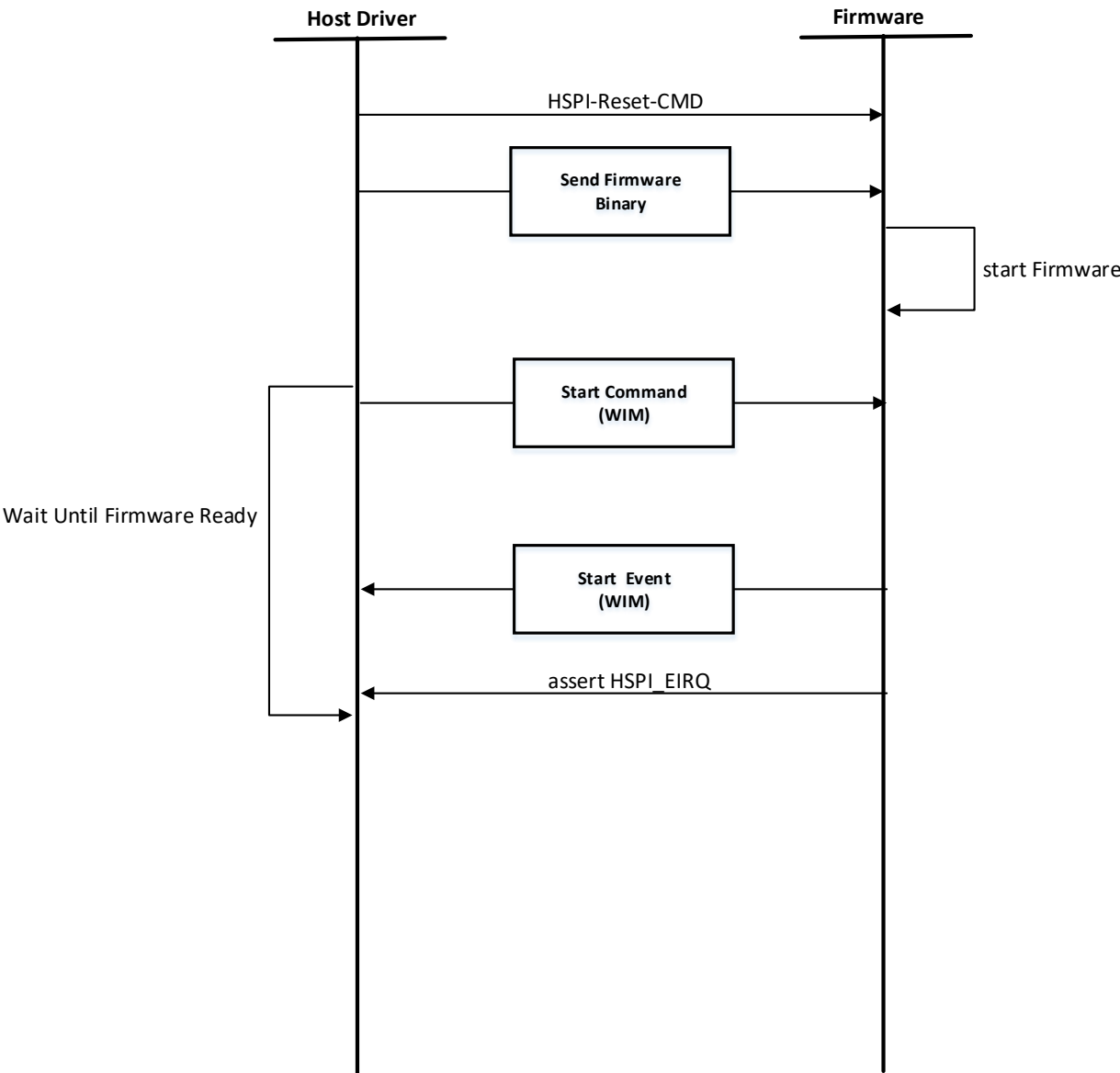


Figure 6.1. Initialize Sequence

Figure 6.1 describes how host driver downloads the firmware via HSPI and initializes it with WIM command and WIM event.

Host must wait until WIM Event comes back after issuing Start command.

6.1 WIM Command

This document explains basic WIM in the source code.

Table 6.1 WIM command

NAME	NOTE
WIM_CMD_START	Start command for firmware. Wait for start event from firmware
WIM_CMD_STOP	Start command for firmware when it unloaded the host driver
WIM_CMD_SCAN_START	Start scan command.
WIM_CMD_SCAN_STOP	Stop scan command
WIM_CMD_SET_KEY	Security key set command
WIM_CMD_DISABLE_KEY	Security key remove command
WIM_CMD_STA_CMD	Station information update command
WIM_CMD_SET	Set various TLVs command
WIM_CMD_REQ_FW	Firmware binary update command

6.2 WIM Event

Table 6.2 WIM event

NAME	NOTE
WIM_EVENT_SCAN_COMPLETED	Event to host when firmware completes the scan
WIM_EVENT_READY	Event to host when firmware completes initialization
WIM_EVENT_CREDIT_REPORT	Event to host when the credit has changed in firmware.

6.3 WIM TLVs

Table 6.3 WIM TLVs

NAME	NOTE
WIM_TLV_BSSID	uint8_t bssid[6] set bssid to firmware
WIM_TLV_MACADDR	uint8_t macaddr[6] set mac address to firmware
WIM_TLV_AID	uint16_t aid set aid to firmware
WIM_TLV_STA_TYPE	uint32_t sta_type set station type to firmware [WIM_STA_TYPE_STA, WIM_STA_TYPE_AP]
WIM_TLV_SCAN_PARAM	struct wim_scan_param set scan parameter for firmware scanning

WIM_TLV_KEY_PARAM	struct wim_key_param set security parameter for firmware security engine
WIM_TLV_STA_PARAM	struct wim_sta_param set sta parameter for firmware station information
WIM_TLV_READY	struct wim_ready_param various firmware parameter for host driver
WIM_TLV_AC_CREDIT_REPORT	struct wim_credit_report_param credit report for host driver from firmware
WIM_TLV_CH_BW	struct wim_ch_bw_param set frequency and bandwidth parameter for firmware

7 Power Save

IEEE802.11 SPEC defines power save to reduce power consumption on STA after Wi-Fi connection is done. A basic concept of power save is that STA enters PS (Power Save) mode if there is no TX and RX frames during a certain time and exits PS mode (in other word, enter AM (Active Mode)) when there is any buffered BU (Bufferable Unit) from AP or any frame to transmit. During power save, STA usually turns off power domains such as Baseband, RF, CPU, etc. (It is vendor specific). Linux mac80211 also implements basic operations of power save but it does not define which of power domains should be turned off during PS in detail because it is mainly Wi-Fi chipset dependent. The operations of Power Save that IEEE802.11 defines are not described in the document, so please refer to IEEE802.11 SPEC, related books, or white papers.

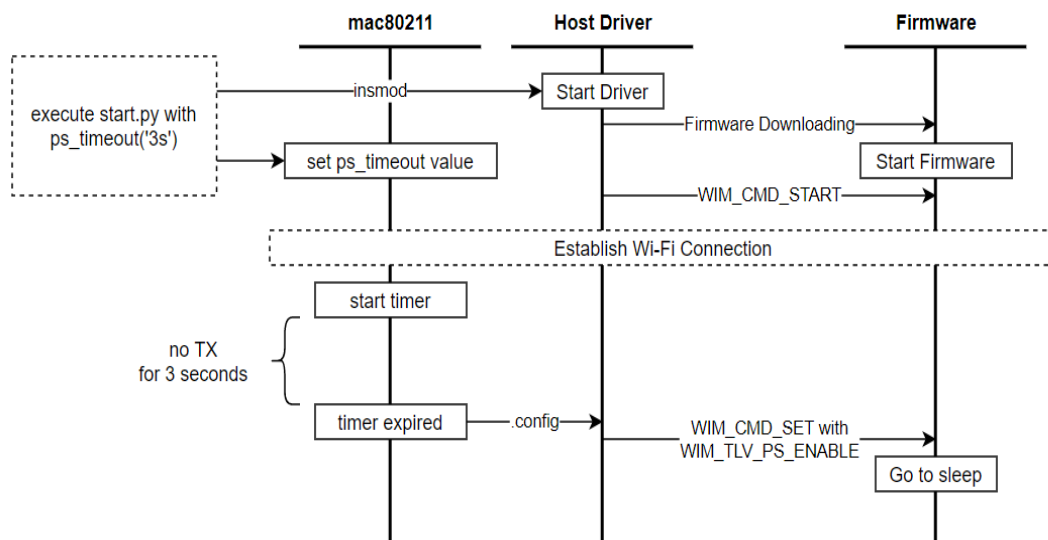


Figure 7.1 Entering power save

There are three or four major components related to PS operations, 1) mac80211 (Linux kernel module), 2) host NRC driver 3) target FW and/or 4) target uCode. Figure 7.1 ~ 7.6 show the operations and relationship among them while entering or exiting power save.

There are 2 parameters, 'ps_timeout' and 'sleep_duration', which are defined in 'start.py' script and very crucial for power save operation. First, 'ps_timeout' is timeout value in microsecond or second unit and STA enters power save if there is no traffic within this time. The value of this parameter is delivered to mac80211 through iw command and mac80211 starts its internal power save timer using this value after Wi-Fi connection is done (note. DHCP is not included in Wi-Fi Connection). Figure 7.1 shows this parameter is set while loading module. (i.e. insmod nrc.ko)

The other value 'sleep_duration' is also in microsecond or second unit and used as a module parameter. However, it is not for mac80211 but nrc host driver. The destination of this value is target FW where it is used as RTC timeout for chipset wakeup. (note. It is only for nonTIM deep sleep)

In summary, after Wi-Fi connection, mac80211 starts power save timer to check there is any frame to send or receive within 'ps_timeout'. If there is no frame within it, STA enters sleep. 'sleep_duration' is used to decide how long the target will fall asleep for nonTIM deep sleep.

NRC7292 supports two types of power save modes, 'Modem Sleep' and 'Deep Sleep', and there are some differences between them like below.

Table 7.1 **Difference of Power Save Mode**

	Modem Sleep	Deep Sleep
Sleep & Wake-up transition time	Fast	Slow
Power Saving	Low	High

7.1 Modem Sleep

During Modem Sleep, target device just turns off modem, so the amount of saving power is much less than during Deep Sleep where almost all power domains are turned off. However, STA can wake up much faster instead. Which one is better might be service-dependent.

During Modem Sleep mode, host driver makes the target device wake up whenever there is any frame to send. WIM CMD is used for this notification from NRC driver to target. Target in Modem Sleep also checks beacon frame from AP periodically (usually TBTT, DTIM period or etc.). It is because AP first delivers bitmap of TIM element in Beacon as a notification that there is BU for STA in sleep state. STA that receives TIM element where its own bitmap is set should wake up and send any frame (usually null frame) with PM (Power Management) bit 0 in frame control field to inform AP of STA's wake-up. Figure 7.2 and 7.3 show the procedure mentioned above in detail.

Unfortunately, mac80211 does not turn off CQM (Channel Quality Monitor) during sleep, so mac80211 might send de-authentication frame to AP if it does not receive beacon frames consecutively as a function of CQM. That is why NRC driver has to take some action to maintain Wi-Fi connection during sleep. This is handled in section 7.3 in detail.

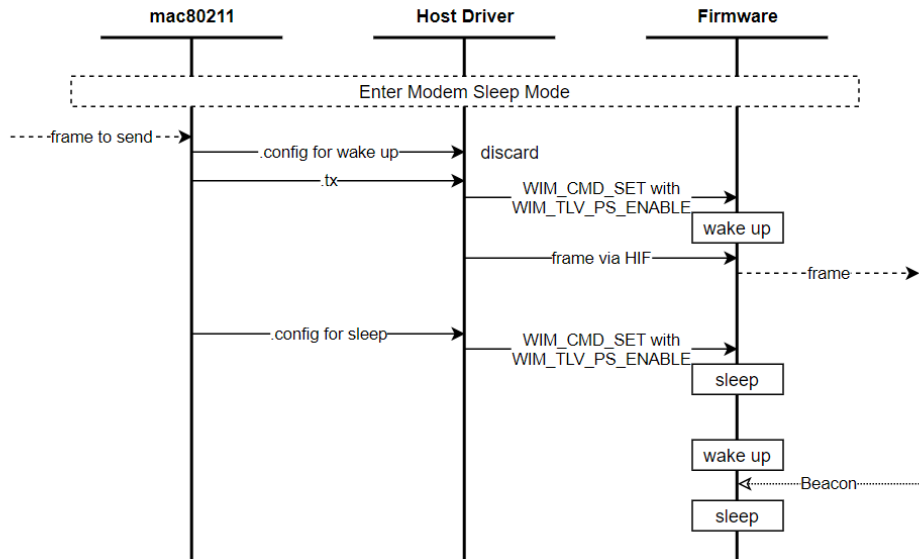


Figure 7.2 TX in Modem Sleep

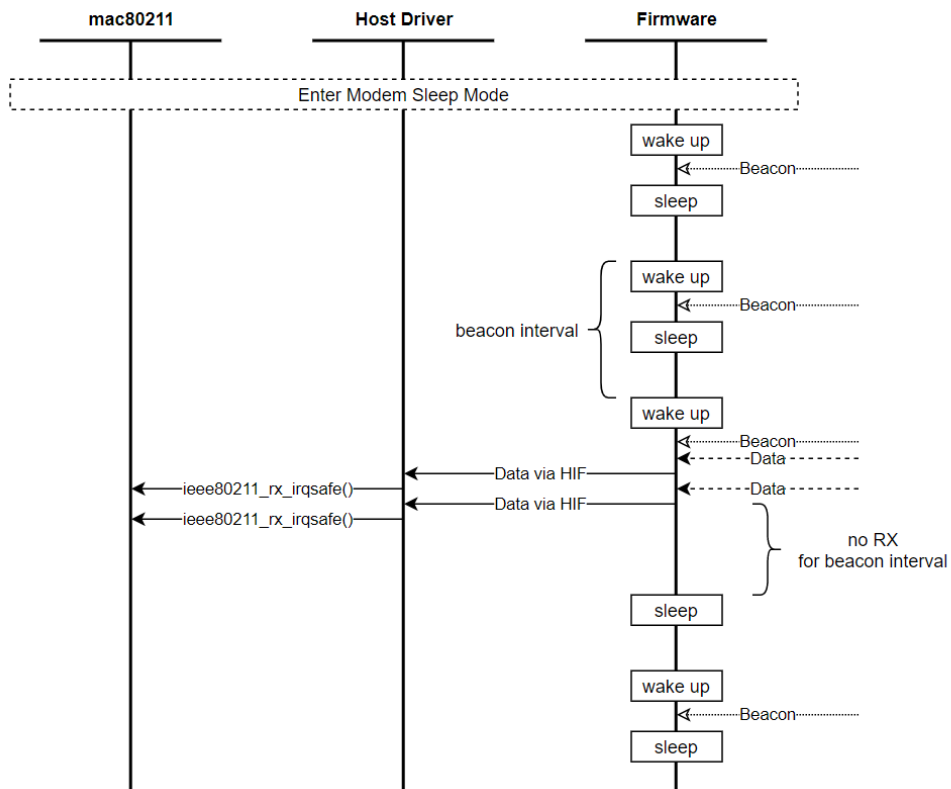


Figure 7.3 RX in Modem Sleep

7.2 Deep Sleep

Previously mentioned in 7.1, almost all the power domains (even including RAM) in target are off during Deep Sleep. However, target has small-size retention memory retained even in Deep Sleep and Wi-Fi connection information is stored in it before entering deep sleep. This information is used to quickly restore Wi-Fi connection after wake-up without exchanging any management frames with AP. It is also used as a space where a tiny program called uCode (micro code) runs to just check beacon and GPIO assert from host driver during Deep Sleep.

IEEE802.11ah SEPC defined a novel power save feature called non-TIM where STA does NOT check beacon periodically and just wakes up at certain time, and then sends PS-Poll frame or frame with PM 0 to check and receive BU from AP. Our target device also does not check beacon frames during non-TIM Deep Sleep and just wake-up according to external GPIO signal for TX or RTC timer.

There are three ways for STA to exit from Deep Sleep.

1. GPIO signal (for both TIM and nonTIM Deep Sleep)
There is any traffic to send on host, NRC driver should make target wake. GPIO signal from host to target is used for this purpose.
2. RTC timer (only for nonTIM Deep Sleep)
Target receives 'sleep_duration' value from NRC driver and falls asleep during 'sleep_duration'. Target device should wake up if timeout happens on it.
3. BU from AP (exactly bitmap of TIM element in Beacon) (only for TIM Deep Sleep)
uCode in target device checks beacons periodically and wake-up if bitmap of its AID in beacon is set

As you have seen in Figure 7.1, target firmware is downloaded on target devices while loading NRC driver. This download procedure should be done after waking up because firmware on RAM was cleared during Deep Sleep. Figure 7.4 ~ 7.6 shows these procedures according to TIM and nonTIM Deep Sleep.

In TIM mode, NRC driver makes target wake by asserting GPIO on uCode to send frames. On the other hand, uCode triggers wake-up itself and then request for firmware download by asserting EIRQ to receive BU from AP. In nonTIM mode, target device can only wake up by RTC timer and GPIO signal for TX. It is because nonTIM STA does NOT check beacon during sleep.

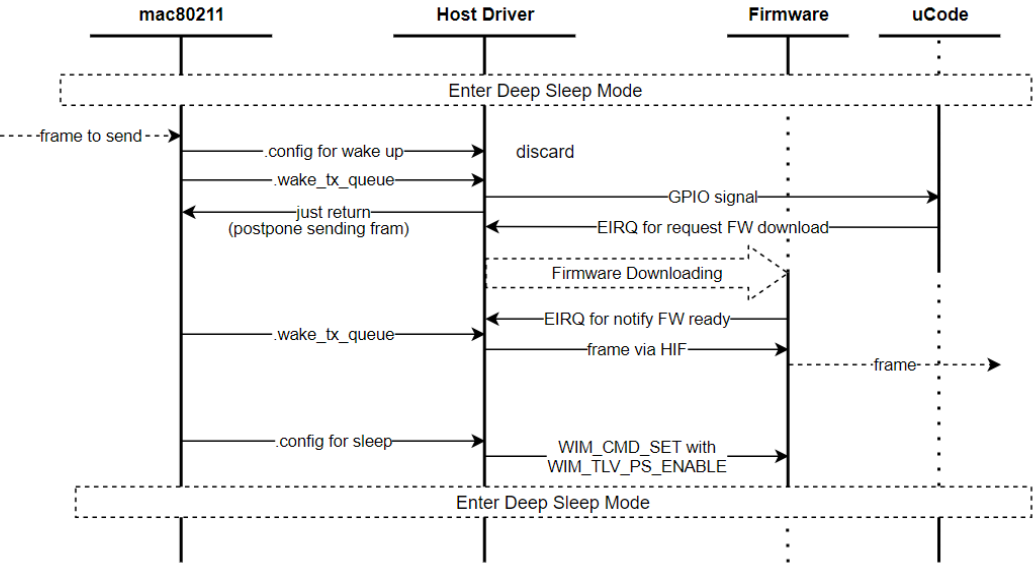


Figure 7.4 TX in Deep Sleep (common)

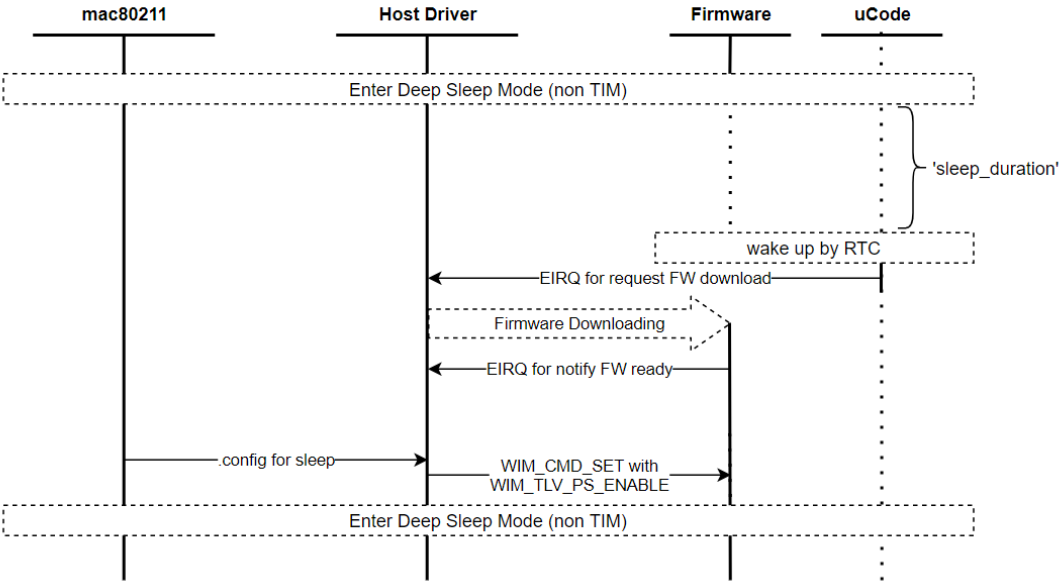


Figure 7.5 Wake up by RTC in Deep Sleep - non TIM

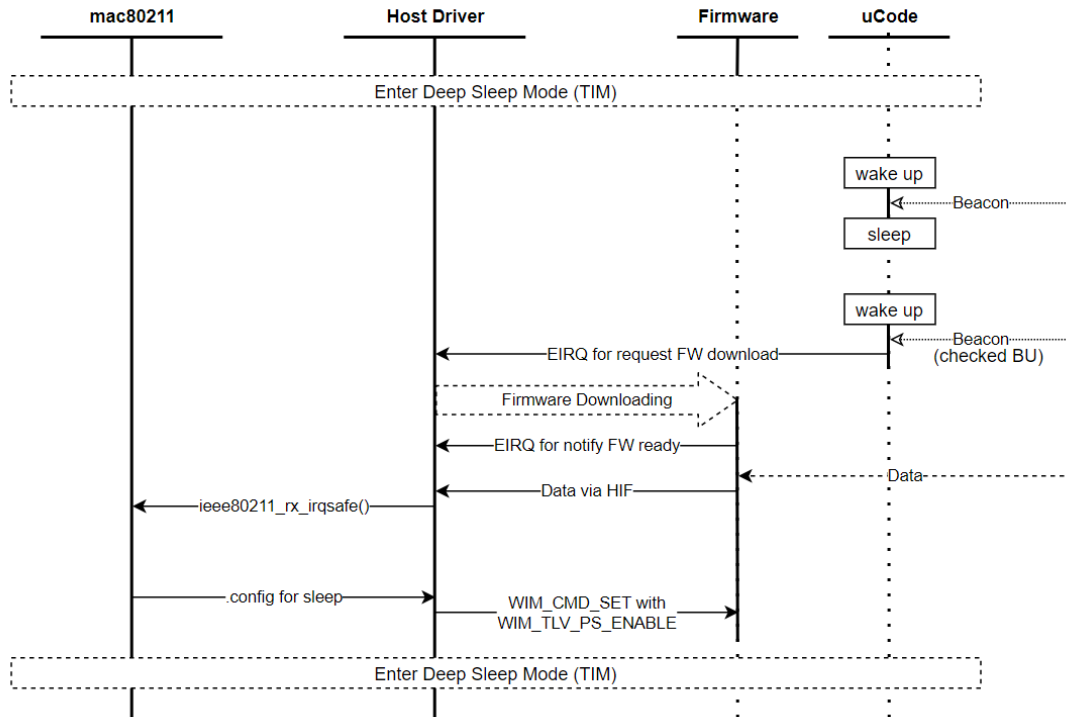


Figure 7.6 RX in Deep Sleep - TIM

7.3 Considering CQM procedure during sleep

According to CQM operation, mac80211 sends probe request every 30 seconds or it does not receive any beacons consecutively. (note. timeout and beacon count can be changed using module parameter of mac80211) If there is no probe response from AP, mac80211 disconnects current connection by sending de-authentication frame to AP and then tries to connect again by scanning AP. As mentioned in 7.1, CQM might be independent from power save, so host NRC driver build a probe response frame during sleep instead.

Detecting probe request frame on driver is done on (*tx) call-back function. Please refer to the driver codes for more detail implementation.

8 HSPI Register map

Table 8.1 Registers for HSPI

Address	Register	R/W	Description
System register			
0x00	WAKEUP	W	HSPI wakes up when writing 0x79
0x01	DEV_RESET	W	HSPI reset when writing 0xC8
IRQ register			
0x10	EIRQ_MODE	R/W	[07:03] Reserved [02] EIRQ_IO_EN (1: IO enable) [01] EIRQ_MODE1 (0: level trig., 1: edge trig.) [00] EIRQ_MODE2 (0: active low, 1: active high)
0x11	EIRQ_ENABLE	R/W	[07:04] Reserved [03] DEV_SLEEP_IRQ (1: enable) [02] DEV_READY_IRQ (1: enable) [01] TX_QUEUE_IRQ (1: enable) [00] RX_QUEUE_IRQ (1: enable)
0x12	EIRQ_CLEAR	R	EIRQ clear register Clear all interrupt when read
0x13	EIRQ_STATUS	R	[07:04] Reserved [03] DEV_SLEEP_STATUS [02] DEV_READY_STATUS [01] TX_QUEUE_STATUS [00] RX_QUEUE_STATUS
0x14	QUEUE_STATUS	R	[07:00] TX QUEUE status [47:40]
0x15			[07:00] TX QUEUE status [39:32]
0x16			[07:00] TX QUEUE status [31:24]
0x17			[07:00] TX QUEUE status [23:16]
0x18			[07:00] TX QUEUE status [15:08]
0x19			[07:00] TX QUEUE status [07:00]
0x1A			[07:00] RX QUEUE status [47:40]
0x1B			[07:00] RX QUEUE status [39:32]
0x1C			[07:00] RX QUEUE status [31:24]
0x1D			[07:00] RX QUEUE status [23:16]
0x1E			[07:00] RX QUEUE status [15:08]
0x1F			[07:00] RX QUEUE status [07:00]
Message register			
0x20	DEV_MSG_00	R	[07:00] Device message [31:24]
0x21			[07:00] Device message [23:16]

0x22			[07:00] Device message [15:08]		
0x23			[07:00] Device message [07:00]		
0x24			DEV_MSG_01	R	[07:00] Device message [31:24]
0x25				[07:00] Device message [23:16]	
0x26	[07:00] Device message [15:08]				
0x27	[07:00] Device message [07:00]				
0x28	DEV_MSG_02	R	[07:00] Device message [31:24]		
0x29		[07:00] Device message [23:16]			
0x2A		[07:00] Device message [15:08]			
0x2B		[07:00] Device message [07:00]			
0x2C	DEV_MSG_03	R	[07:00] Device message [31:24]		
0x2D		[07:00] Device message [23:16]			
0x2E		[07:00] Device message [15:08]			
0x2F		[07:00] Device message [07:00]			
RX QUEUE register					
0x31	RXQUEUE_WINDOW	W	[07:00] received data from HSPI master (host)		
TX QUEUE register					
0x41	TXQUEUE_WINDOW	R	[07:00] transmitted data to HSPI master (host)		

9 Revision history

Revision No	Date	Comments
Ver 1.0	11/01/2018	Initial version for customer release created
Ver 1.1	11/07/2019	Add 3.1 module parameters and delete H/W dependency codes
Ver 1.2	05/30/2020	Update source-code tree
Ver 1.3	05/31/2020	Add the host driver porting guide detailed
Ver 1.4	10/15/2021	Add power save
Ver 1.5	10/22/2021	Add appendix (simple driver and loopback test)

Appendix A.

trouble shooting while insmod nrc_simple driver on Linux

A.1 Overview

This appendix provides how to handle the SPI-related problems when porting nrc driver to Linux host system. To handle it effeciently, we provide 'simple SPI-verification driver' by which the basic problems related to SPI can be found in easier way than using nrc driver (nrc.ko). You can find the simple driver including source codes in 'host/src/nrc_hspi_simple'. (c.f. nrc driver is in host/src/nrc. Please do NOT confuse with them.)

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/nrc_hspi_simple $ make
make[1]: Entering directory '/usr/src/linux-headers-4.14.70-v7+'
  CC [M]  /home/pi/nrc_hspi_simple/nrc_hspi_simple_driver.o
  LD [M]  /home/pi/nrc_hspi_simple/nrc_simple.o
Building modules, stage 2.
MODPOST 1 modules
CC       /home/pi/nrc_hspi_simple/nrc_simple.mod.o
LD [M]   /home/pi/nrc_hspi_simple/nrc_simple.ko
make[1]: Leaving directory '/usr/src/linux-headers-4.14.70-v7+'
pi@raspberrypi:~/nrc_hspi_simple $ ls
Makefile          nrc_hspi_simple_driver.c  nrc_simple.mod.c  script
modules.order     nrc_hspi_simple_driver.o  nrc_simple.mod.o
Module.symvers    nrc_simple.ko             nrc_simple.o
```

We will introduce some error logs you might face while loading this driver via 'insmod nrc_simple.ko' and explain that what they mean and how to handle them.

The logs (by tail -f /var/log/syslog or dmesg) below can be seen if there is no SPI-related issue fortunately. (i.e. Both the register of spi driver and reading some registers are successfully done.)

```
[21515.066710] ### [nrc_simple] Value of paramters ###
[21515.066725] - bus_num: 0
[21515.066731] - chip_select: 0
[21515.066738] - max_speed_hz: 20000000
[21515.069661] [nrc_hspi_probe,L166]
[21515.069782] spi_sys_reg 00 01 72 92 00 00 00 01 01 02 07 16 de b0 97 57
[21515.070049] done successfully.
```

The simple driver supports three module parameters ('hifspeed', 'spi_bus_num' and 'spi_cs_num'). You can set appropriate values according to your host environment.

For example, '**sudo insmod nrc_simple.ko spi_bus_num=0 spi_cs_num=0 hifspeed=2000000**' means SPI device with maximum 20MHz Clock, 0 bus, 0 chip select is registered. You can remove module via '**sudo rmmod nrc_simple.ko**'

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ modinfo ./nrc_simple.ko
filename:          /home/pi/./nrc_simple.ko
description:       Newracom HSPI simple driver
license:           Dual BSD/GPL
author:            Newracom, Inc.(http://www.newracom.com)
srcversion:        A9961EFB30544D097E35E9E
depends:
name:              nrc_simple
vermagic:          4.19.97-v7 SMP mod_unload modversions ARMv7 p2v8
parm:              hifspeed:SPI master max speed (int)
parm:              spi_bus_num:SPI controller bus number (int)
parm:              spi_cs_num:SPI chip select number (int)
```

A.2 Case#1: could not find spi master with the bus number

■ dmesg

```
[ 1991.867809] ### [nrc_simple] Value of paramters ###
[ 1991.867823] - bus_num: 1
[ 1991.867828] - chip_select: 0
[ 1991.867834] - max_speed_hz: 20000000
[ 1991.867845] [Error] could not find spi master with the bus number 1.
```

■ Reason

'bus number' represents a board-specific (and often SoC-specific) identifier for a given SPI controller. So, this number could be different according to how many controllers exist on the board or SoC. It can be verified by this command on Linux system.

- \$ls /sys/class/spi_master

```
debian@beaglebone:~$ ls /sys/class/spi_master
spi0  spi1
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ ls /sys/class/spi_master
spi0
```

For example, 'Raspberry Pi B' supports only one SPI controller('spi0') but 'BeagleBone Black' supports two SPI controllers ('spi0' and 'spi1').

So, the module parameter, 'spi_bus_num', should be assigned according to your host SPI controllers and then NRC7292 module or EVK can connect to SPI controller successfully.

A.3 Case#2: failed to instantiate a new spi device

■ dmesg

```
[144.770625] ### [nrc_simple] Value of paramters ###
[144.770632] - bus_num: 0
[144.770638] - chip_select:
[144.770644] - max_speed_hz: 20000000
[144.770677] spi-bcm2835 3f204000.spi: chipselect 0 already in use
[144.770688] [Error] failed to instantiate a new spi device.
[153.791442] ### [nrc_simple] Value of paramters ###
[153.791458] - bus_num: 0
[153.791464] - chip_select: 1
[153.791473] - max_speed_hz: 20000000
[153.791531] spi-bcm2835 3f204000.spi: chipselect 1 already in use
[153.791548] [Error] failed to instantiate a new spi device.

[155.910897] ### [nrc_simple] Value of paramters ###
[155.910910] - bus_num: 0
[155.910915] - chip_select: 2
[155.910921] - max_speed_hz: 20000000
[155.910957] spi spi0.2: setup: only two native chip-selects are supported
[155.910971] spi-bcm2835 3f204000.spi: can't setup spi0.2, status -22
[155.910981] [Error] failed to instantiate a new spi device.
```

■ Reason

‘chipselect # already in use’ means that another SPI driver is already loaded for the SPI controller. In most cases, Linux system loads a default SPI driver after booting, which can access to SPI devices using normal userspace I/O calls. You can figure out which driver has already been loaded for the controller by the command below.

- \$ cat /sys/class/spi_master/spi0/spi0.0/modalias

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cat /sys/class/spi_master/spi0/spi0.0/modalias
spi:spidev
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cat /sys/class/spi_master/spi0/spi0.1/modalias
spi:spidev
```

As you see, both ‘chipselect 0’ and ‘chipselect 1’ are used by ‘spidev’ driver as default on Raspberry Pi. You can also check whether that driver module has been loaded or not after boot.

- \$ lsmod | grep spidev

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ lsmod | grep spidev
spidev                20480  0
```

In this case, you should disable or remove that 'spidev' driver to make nrc driver work correctly for the SPI master. There are a few methods for this.

1. Comment 'CONFIG_SPI_SPIDEV=m' from the kernel configuration file.
(Please note that the kernel re-building is necessary.)

- \$ vi /lib/modules/`uname -r`/build/.config

```
#
# SPI Protocol Masters
#
CONFIG_SPI_SPIDEV=m
# CONFIG_SPI_LOOPBACK_TEST is not set
# CONFIG_SPI_TLE62X0 is not set
CONFIG_SPI_SLAVE=y
# CONFIG_SPI_SLAVE_TIME is not set
# CONFIG_SPI_SLAVE_SYSTEM_CONTROL is not set
# CONFIG_SPMI is not set
# CONFIG_HSI is not set
CONFIG_PPS=m
# CONFIG_PPS_DEBUG is not set
```

2. Rename 'spidev.ko'
\$ cd /lib/modules/`uname -r`/kernel/drivers/spi
\$ sudo mv spidev.ko spidev.ko.org
3. Add kernel module blacklist
\$ echo "blacklist spidev" >> /etc/modprobe.d/blacklist-spidev.conf
4. Device tree overlay
(How to overlay device tree is out of scope but you can check the sample on RPi in document "UG-7292-018-Raspberry_Pi_setup")

A.4 Case#3: failed to register spi driver

■ dmesg

```
[268.288534] ### [nrc_simple] Value of paramters ###
[268.288548] - bus_num: 0
[268.288553] - chip_select: 0
[268.288559] - max_speed_hz: 20000000
[268.288871] done successfully.
[285.653480] ### [nrc_simple] Value of paramters ###
[285.653493] - bus_num: 0
[285.653498] - chip_select: 1
[285.653504] - max_speed_hz: 20000000
[285.653750] Error: Driver 'nrc-hspi-simple' is already registered, aborting...
[285.653757] [Error -16] failed to register spi driver(nrc-hspi-simple).
```

■ Reason

In this example, there is a driver which is already registered on chipselect 0. However, you can

face such an error log like '-EBUSY(-16)' if another driver with the same name tries to register for chipselect 1. To handle this issue, you have to change the driver's name differently.

A.5 Case#4: invalid ACK after registering driver

■ dmesg

```
[3981.573070] ### [nrc_simple] Value of paramters ###
[3981.573084] - bus_num: 0
[3981.573089] - chip_select: 0
[3981.573095] - max_speed_hz: 40000000
[3981.573396] [nrc_hspi_probe,L180]
[3981.573477] -----[ cut here ]-----
[3981.573505]          WARNING:          CPU:          0          PID:          1642          at
/home/pi/work/driver/nrc_hspi_simple_driver/nrc_hspi_simple_driver.c:165
c_spi_read_regs.constprop.0+0x170/0x190 [nrc_simple]
[3981.573511] Modules linked in: nrc_simple(O+) fuse 8021q garp stp llc binfmt_misc
snd_bcm2835(C) raspberrypi_hwmon hwmon snd_pcm snd_timer bcm2835_codec(C)
bcm2835_v4l2(C) v4l2_common v4l2_mem2mem snd videobuf2_vmalloc bcm2835_mmal_vchiq(C)
videobuf2_dma_contig videobuf2_memops videobuf2_v4l2 i2c_bcm2835 videobuf2_common
spi_bcm2835 videodev media vc_sm_cma(C) uio_pdrv_genirq uio fixed mac80211 sha256_generic
cfg80211 rfkill i2c_dev ip_tables x_tables ipv6 [last unloaded: nrc_simple]
[3981.573628] CPU: 0 PID: 1642 Comm: insmod Tainted: G          WC O          4.19.97-v7+ #1294
[3981.573633] Hardware name: BCM2835
[3981.573665] [<801120c0>] (unwind_backtrace) from [<8010d5f4>] (show_stack+0x20/0x24)
[3981.573683] [<8010d5f4>] (show_stack) from [<80845f28>] (dump_stack+0xe0/0x124)
[3981.573702] [<80845f28>] (dump_stack) from [<80120c9c>] (__warn+0x104/0x11c)
[3981.573718] [<80120c9c>] (__warn) from [<80120dec>] (warn_slowpath_null+0x50/0x58)
[3981.573740]          [<80120dec>]          (warn_slowpath_null)          from          [<7f5841a4>]
(c_spi_read_regs.constprop.0+0x170/0x190 [nrc_simple])
[3981.573792]          [<7f5841a4>]          (c_spi_read_regs.constprop.0 [nrc_simple]) from          [<7f58422c>]
(nrc_hspi_probe+0x68/0xd8 [nrc_simple])
[3981.573816]          [<7f58422c>]          (nrc_hspi_probe [nrc_simple])          from          [<8062404c>]
(spi_drv_probe+0x88/0xb4)
[3981.573836] [<8062404c>] (spi_drv_probe) from [<805d4cb8>] (really_probe+0x23c/0x2d4)
[3981.573852] [<805d4cb8>] (really_probe) from [<805d4f24>] (driver_probe_device+0x70/0x1ac)
[3981.573868] [<805d4f24>] (driver_probe_device) from [<805d5150>] (__driver_attach+0xf0/0xf4)
[3981.573883] [<805d5150>] (__driver_attach) from [<805d29e8>] (bus_for_each_dev+0x78/0xc4)
[3981.573898] [<805d29e8>] (bus_for_each_dev) from [<805d458c>] (driver_attach+0x2c/0x30)
[3981.573913] [<805d458c>] (driver_attach) from [<805d3f78>] (bus_add_driver+0x1ac/0x224)
[3981.573928] [<805d3f78>] (bus_add_driver) from [<805d593c>] (driver_register+0x8c/0x124)
[3981.573944] [<805d593c>] (driver_register) from [<80623f7c>] (__spi_register_driver+0x68/0x6c)
[3981.573965] [<80623f7c>] (__spi_register_driver) from [<7f5890d4>] (nrc_init+0xd4/0x1000
[nrc_simple])
```

```

[3981.573991] [<7f5890d4>] (nrc_init [nrc_simple]) from [<8010312c>]
(do_one_initcall+0x50/0x218)
[3981.574011] [<8010312c>] (do_one_initcall) from [<801ba19c>] (do_init_module+0x74/0x220)
[3981.574029] [<801ba19c>] (do_init_module) from [<801b9114>] (load_module+0x1dc0/0x2404)
[3981.574045] [<801b9114>] (load_module) from [<801b9974>] (sys_finit_module+0xbc/0xcc)
[3981.574060] [<801b9974>] (sys_finit_module) from [<80101000>] (ret_fast_syscall+0x0/0x28)
[3981.574067] Exception stack(0xa495dfa8 to 0xa495dff0)
[3981.574080] dfa0: ca4a5500 0002abf4 00000003 01c01150 00000000
00000013
[3981.574092] dfc0: ca4a5500 0002abf4 0003fce8 0000017b 01c02830 01c01150 00000003
01c01150
[3981.574101] dfe0: 7e96f5b8 7e96f5a8 00022cb8 76bf6af0
[3981.574109] ---[ end trace 8dec2453c4bbcc73 ]---
[3981.574115] [Error] failed to read register(0x0).
[3981.574141] nrc-hspi-simple: probe of spi0.0 failed with error -5
[3981.574224] done successfully.

```

■ Reason

This warning message is shown when SPI master cannot receive ACK or receive Invalid ACK from SPI slave (on target side) after sending the read-register command. It might happen in case that

- 'hifspeed' is so high that NRC7292 HSPI HW cannot make signal synchronously. The maximum HSPI frequency of NRC7292 can be found in the datasheet.
- Wrong spi mode is set. Our target SPI only supports mode 'SPI_MODE_0 (CPOL 0, CPAH 0)' so you should set spi mode on master as 'SPI_MODE_0'
(Please check your host data sheet for how to set SPI mode)
- Other HW issues. For example, wrong wiring between SPI master and slave. So, it would be necessary to verify the real input/output signal of the SPI pins using an equipment such as oscilloscope.

Please note that 'insmod' can be done successfully even though hifspeed is too high. It is because the very high 'hifspeed' does not affect driver-register work itself.

If nrc_simple driver is loaded successfully, basic SPI register and operation are verified. So next stage is to verify SPI performance via loopback test (refer to Appendix B in this document) and Wi-Fi throughput using start STA and AP with start.py script (refer to UG-7292-001-EVK User Guide (Host Mode))

Appendix B.

throughput measure via HSPI loopback test on Linux Host

B.1 Overview

Linux provides a special file system called 'debugfs (Debug File System)', which is a simple-to-use RAM-based file system and designed for debugging purposes. In Linux host driver of NRC7292, some files for debugfs are implemented. If the driver is built as a debug mode ('-DDEBUG' should be defined in Makefile) and inserted into the kernel successfully, you can use them to measure throughput.

Note. debugfs only can be accessed as 'root', so root account is necessary

Once the host driver is inserted('insmod') successfully with some appropriate module parameters, 'ls -al /sys/kernel/debug/ieee80211/nrc80211/hspi' command will show you the files below.

Note. bus_num, cs_num, and hifspeed should be set according to your host SPI environment

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/NRC/driver/loopback_0910/nrc $ su
Password:
root@raspberrypi:/home/pi/NRC/driver/loopback_0910/nrc# cp nrc7292_cspi.bin /lib/firmware/
root@raspberrypi:/home/pi/NRC/driver/loopback_0910/nrc# sudo insmod nrc.ko spi_bus_num=0 spi_cs_num=0 hifspeed=2000000 fw_name=nrc7292_cspi.bin
root@raspberrypi:/home/pi/NRC/driver/loopback_0910/nrc# ls -al /sys/kernel/debug/ieee80211/nrc80211/hspi/
total 0
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 0 Sep 10 16:20 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 0 Sep 10 16:20 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 0 Sep 10 16:20 count
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 0 Sep 10 16:20 hexdump
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 0 Sep 10 16:20 report
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 0 Sep 10 16:20 sample
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 0 Sep 10 16:20 test
```

Now we will introduce how to use HSPI loopback test with the files of debugfs.

B.2 count

'count' is used to define how many frames will be sent during the test. Once 'test' is run, data frames are generated according to the numbers of 'count'. Count should be big enough to measure a stable throughput.

■ Usage

- \$echo <number> > /sys/kernel/debug/ieee80211/nrc80211/hspi/count
- \$cat /sys/kernel/debug/ieee80211/nrc80211/hspi/count

B.3 sample

'sample' is used to decide the length of a data frame. It can range from 45 to 1600 in Byte Unit.

■ Usage

- `$echo <number> > /sys/kernel/debug/ieee80211/nrc80211/hspi/sample`
- `$cat /sys/kernel/debug/ieee80211/nrc80211/hspi/sample`

B.4 test

This file is used to start a loopback test. Loopback test supports three test modes.

'0' is for 'Round-trip test'

'1' is for 'TX only test'

'2' is for 'RX only test'

In 'Round-trip test' mode, data frames are generated according to 'count' and 'sample' given by users and send them to the target device via HSPI. Target device returns those frames whenever they are arrived in the target's rx queue. The file records the timestamp of each frame (sending time and arrival time in each system (host and target)) and calculates the average throughput using the timestamp when it receives the last frame.

Other two modes work like mode 0 but the difference is round-trip (one-way or two-way) and direction. In 'TX only test' mode, the whole frames are just sent in one way (from host to target) and target calculate throughput using the arrival time of the first frame and the last frame.

In 'RX only test' mode, the target will create and send the frames (from target to host) when receiving the test request from the host.

■ Usage

- `$echo 0 > /sys/kernel/debug/ieee80211/nrc80211/hspi/test`
- `$echo 1 > /sys/kernel/debug/ieee80211/nrc80211/hspi/test`
- `$echo 2 > /sys/kernel/debug/ieee80211/nrc80211/hspi/test`

B.5 report

Test results are summarized via 'report' and they include frame counts, data size, total length of transmission, timestamps of frames, calculated throughput, etc.

■ Usage

- `$echo <number> > /sys/kernel/debug/ieee80211/nrc80211/hspi/report`

- `$cat /sys/kernel/debug/ieee80211/nrc80211/hspi/report`

Please note that 'test' and 'report' should be run sequentially because 'report' can make test report using the test result (especially timestamp) run by 'test'.

You can confirm whether test is done by checking syslog message '[Loopback Test][Round-trip] -- test done --'.

Report just shows test summary by default, but giving a number to report via echo like 'echo 100 > report' can give you more detail information of time gap of each frame. In the example (echo 100 > report), report shows the summary and the time gap of each frame until 50 frames. Time gap of other frames are shown in bulk (average time gap of 100 frames). Giving 0 to report, 'echo 0 > report' turns off this feature.

Note. Detail information (time gap) is only shown for mode 1 and mode 2

```
root@raspberrypi:/sys/kernel/debug/ieee80211/nrc80211/hspi# echo 1500 > sample
root@raspberrypi:/sys/kernel/debug/ieee80211/nrc80211/hspi# echo 1000 > count
root@raspberrypi:/sys/kernel/debug/ieee80211/nrc80211/hspi# echo 0 > test
root@raspberrypi:/sys/kernel/debug/ieee80211/nrc80211/hspi# cat report
##### SUMMARY (Round-trip) #####
1. Total frame counts: 1000
2. Frame length: 1500 bytes (4 slots)
   => Actual tx bytes: 1824, Actual rx bytes: 1500

3. Total tx bytes (HOST -> TARGET): 1824000 bytes
4. Total rx bytes (TARGET -> HOST): 1500000 bytes
   => Total transferred bytes (No.3 + No.4): 3324000 bytes

5. First frame transmit time: 13021837681 us
6. Last frame transmit time: 13024517613 us
   (diff: 2679932 us)
7. First frame received time: 13021845365 us
8. Last frame received time: 13024560160 us
   (diff: 2714795 us)
-----
=> First frame RTT (No.7 - No.5) : 7684 us
=> Last frame RTT (No.8 - No.6) : 42547 us
=> Time diff (No.8 - No.5) : 2722479 us
=> Throughput: 9538 kbps
```

Mode-0(two-way) Loopback test with count 1000 and 1500-bytes frame
(avg throughput is 9538 Kbps)

```

root@raspberrypi:/sys/kernel/debug/ieee80211/nrc80211/hspi# echo 1500 > sample
root@raspberrypi:/sys/kernel/debug/ieee80211/nrc80211/hspi# echo 1000 > count
root@raspberrypi:/sys/kernel/debug/ieee80211/nrc80211/hspi# echo 100 > report
root@raspberrypi:/sys/kernel/debug/ieee80211/nrc80211/hspi# echo 1 > test
root@raspberrypi:/sys/kernel/debug/ieee80211/nrc80211/hspi# cat report
##### SUMMARY (TX only) #####
1. Total frame counts: 1000
2. Frame length: 1500 bytes (4 slots)
   => Actual tx bytes: 1824

3. Total tx bytes (HOST -> TARGET): 1822176 bytes

4. First frame transmit time: 12779554120 us
5. Last frame transmit time: 12780851644 us
   (diff: 1297524 us)
6. First frame arrival time(TSF in target): 37442856 us
7. Last frame arrival time(TSF in target): 38740362 us
   (diff: 1297506 us)
-----
=> Throughput: 10970 kbps

##### DETAIL #####
[frame index] [tx time(us)] [time diff with previous(us)] [rx time(us)] [time diff with previous(us)]
[ 0]          12779554120          0          0          0
[ 1]          12779555432        1312          0          0
[ 2]          12779556700        1268          0          0
[ 3]          12779557980        1280          0          0
[ 4]          12779559236        1256          0          0
[ 5]          12779560616        1380          0          0
[ 6]          12779561907        1291          0          0
[ 7]          12779563175        1268          0          0
[ 8]          12779564461        1286          0          0
[ 9]          12779565798        1337          0          0
[10]          12779567236        1438          0          0
[11]          12779568521        1285          0          0
[12]          12779569802        1281          0          0
[13]          12779571061        1259          0          0
[14]          12779572317        1256          0          0
[15]          12779573573        1256          0          0
[16]          12779574845        1272          0          0
[17]          12779576123        1278          0          0
[18]          12779577565        1442          0          0
[19]          12779578825        1260          0          0
[20]          12779580091        1266          0          0
[21]          12779581344        1253          0          0
[22]          12779582596        1252          0          0
[23]          12779583848        1252          0          0
[24]          12779585186        1338          0          0
[25]          12779586438        1252          0          0
[26]          12779587688        1250          0          0
[27]          12779588938        1250          0          0
[28]          12779590211        1273          0          0
[29]          12779591468        1257          0          0
[30]          12779592741        1273          0          0
[31]          12779594000        1259          0          0
[32]          12779595392        1392          0          0
[33]          12779596665        1273          0          0
[34]          12779597929        1264          0          0
[35]          12779599181        1252          0          0
[36]          12779600451        1270          0          0
[37]          12779601707        1256          0          0
[38]          12779602971        1264          0          0
[39]          12779604227        1256          0          0
[40]          12779605625        1398          0          0
[41]          12779606892        1267          0          0
[42]          12779608144        1252          0          0
[43]          12779609397        1253          0          0
[44]          12779610652        1255          0          0
[45]          12779611921        1269          0          0
[46]          12779613186        1265          0          0
[47]          12779614439        1253          0          0
[48]          12779615842        1403          0          0
[49]          12779617118        1276          0          0
[50 - 149]          1274          0
[150 - 249]          1291          0
[250 - 349]          1302          0
[350 - 449]          1304          0
[450 - 549]          1303          0

```

Mode-1 (one-way(from host to target)) test with count 1000 and 1500-bytes frame
(avg throughput is 10970 Kbps)

```
root@raspberrypi:/sys/kernel/debug/ieee80211/nrc80211/hspi# echo 0 > report
root@raspberrypi:/sys/kernel/debug/ieee80211/nrc80211/hspi# cat report
##### SUMMARY (TX only) #####
1. Total frame counts: 1000
2. Frame length: 1500 bytes (4 slots)
   => Actual tx bytes: 1824

3. Total tx bytes (HOST -> TARGET): 1822176 bytes

4. First frame transmit time: 64628317161 us
5. Last frame transmit time: 64629606799 us
   (diff: 1289638 us)
6. First frame arrival time(TSF in target): 1943982403 us
7. Last frame arrival time(TSF in target): 1945271929 us
   (diff: 1289526 us)
-----
=> Throughput: 11038 kbps
```

Turn off detail information

RPI model		1.2 (scaling_min_freq = 600000, default)																		
hifspeed		6000000		8000000		10000000		12000000		14000000		16000000		18000000		20000000		21000000		23000000
Real SPI clock		3.67MHz		5MHz		6.25MHz		7.35MHz		8.33MHz		9.61MHz		10.42MHz		12.5MHz		12.5MHz		segmentation fault
400	round-trip	2811	2925	3869	4091	4919	4940	5624	5701	6298	6336	7140	7198	7506	7561	8619	8815	8747	8848	
	tx only	3094	3151	4079	4157	4973	5068	5711	5944	6444	6592	7134	7453	7601	7952	8835	9205	8892	9226	
	rx only	2858	2944	3628	3802	4470	4858	5294	5587	6017	6213	6398	6929	7201	7442	7395	8505	7478	8501	
800	round-trip	2857	2910	3725	3849	4658	4740	5365	5384	5924	6092	6688	7055	7162	7210	8171	8814	7954	8408	
	tx only	3320	3334	4441	4454	5477	5554	6351	6381	7114	7260	8088	8309	8676	8938	10207	10495	10157	10460	
	rx only	2649	2812	3355	3377	4189	4619	4790	5302	5236	5873	5793	6537	6027	6895	7064	7890	7903	7983	
1200	round-trip	3001	3051	4010	4072	4967	5020	5766	5843	6448	6523	7265	7469	7789	7880	9201	9257	9071	9548	
	tx only	3405	3430	4573	4590	5663	5721	6592	6620	7459	7519	8472	8580	9120	9146	10748	10965	10744	10980	
	rx only	2861	3034	3747	3888	4688	4985	5377	5701	5978	6448	6707	6725	6973	7571	7997	9006	8214	9053	
1500	round-trip	3111	3118	4140	4182	5167	5180	5962	6010	6681	6746	7598	7747	8158	8177	9517	9607	9613	9670	
	tx only	3425	3447	4617	4655	5738	5796	6695	6787	7532	7639	8624	8773	9324	9453	10988	11219	10976	11024	
	rx only	2947	3074	3951	4197	4892	5112	5561	5690	6289	6635	7105	7126	7465	7619	8834	9219	8779	9526	
RPI model		1.2 (scaling_min_freq = 1200000)																		
hifspeed		6000000		8000000		10000000		12000000		14000000		16000000		18000000		20000000		21000000		23000000
Real SPI clock		5.88MHz		7.93MHz		10MHz		11.36MHz		13.16MHz		15.63MHz		16.67MHz		20MHz		20MHz		segmentation fault
400	round-trip	4803	4988	6417	6550	8039	8138	8606	9336	10104	10403	10715	11639	12242	12435	14354	14538	14132	14809	
	tx only	5037	5076	6725	6796	8191	8358	9613	9683	10618	10751	11883	12190	12747	13102	14692	15308	14640	15259	
	rx only	4523	4863	5764	6369	7151	7909	8377	9113	9566	10001	10420	11272	11150	12048	12957	14088	13832	13976	
800	round-trip	4652	4786	6120	6346	7618	7841	8742	8893	9785	9906	11016	11353	11703	11928	13622	14017	13328	14421	
	tx only	5359	5361	7181	7256	8862	8964	10347	10451	11682	11780	13246	13433	14238	14476	16842	17109	16995	17087	
	rx only	4258	4675	5399	6112	6706	7581	7615	8470	8653	9724	9679	11111	11141	11588	11545	13040	13064	13400	
1200	round-trip	4887	4963	6514	6682	8126	8178	9397	9464	10558	10882	12102	12433	12867	13043	15201	15303	15134	15700	
	tx only	5480	5495	7370	7401	9139	9209	10680	10731	12035	12136	13787	13902	14834	14852	17561	17789	17516	17693	
	rx only	4672	4915	6117	6514	7609	8177	8707	9443	9755	10604	11088	11975	12801	12839	13424	14636	13770	15064	
1500	round-trip	5024	5050	6681	6766	8367	8508	9709	9738	10896	11082	12369	12493	13305	13801	15821	16361	15780	16060	
	tx only	5514	5527	7432	7469	9247	9326	10898	10917	12196	12301	14080	14139	15067	15256	17925	18138	17855	18090	
	rx only	5052	5095	6365	6404	7836	8342	9065	9114	10309	10984	11716	12489	13104	13456	15238	15706	14260	15632	
sample size	test mode	throughput(kbps)																		
repeat 5 times in each condition		min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	
count		5000																		

Loopback test result on Raspberry Pi Model B(v1.2) with NRC7292 EVK

RPI model		1.3 (scaling_min_freq = 600000, default)																		
hifspeed		6000000		8000000		10000000		12000000		14000000		16000000		18000000		20000000		21000000		23000000
Real SPI clock		5.88MHz		7.93MHz		10MHz		11.9MHz		13.16MHz		15.63MHz		16.67MHz		20MHz		20MHz		segmentation fault
400	round-trip	4972	5020	6622	6741	7806	8317	9306	9559	10083	10494	11900	12029	12850	13006	14904	15295	14742	15169	
	tx only	5098	5156	6768	6815	8335	8468	9371	9686	10747	10856	11998	12466	13130	13448	15676	15700	15202	15584	
	rx only	4870	4895	5954	5958	7389	8049	9051	9154	9581	9621	11559	11573	11245	12258	13292	13346	12953	13385	
800	round-trip	4704	4747	6198	6261	7574	7779	8842	9023	9905	9970	11118	11384	11861	12192	14273	14286	14016	14467	
	tx only	5401	5402	7246	7248	8978	8983	10460	10566	11812	11815	13310	13629	14407	14527	17324	17392	17042	17400	
	rx only	4458	4676	5601	6237	6758	7712	8779	8981	8834	9182	10813	11016	11378	12134	11924	12347	12040	12459	
1200	round-trip	4814	4942	6545	6642	8133	8210	9526	9693	10805	10980	12126	12343	13142	13180	15530	15721	15560	15803	
	tx only	5508	5511	7424	7425	9230	9276	10784	10786	12182	12184	13927	13929	15041	15172	17966	18024	18006	18015	
	rx only	4970	4979	6256	6625	7717	7719	9605	9648	10286	10799	11980	12157	12845	13177	13843	15468	14772	15084	
1500	round-trip	4979	5158	6736	6822	8326	8459	9804	9817	11035	11311	12603	12646	13556	13590	16079	16242	16093	16218	
	tx only	5537	5537	7473	7474	9297	9349	10874	10891	12282	12374	14087	14109	15189	15257	18064	18225	18094	18321	
	rx only	4862	4863	6452	6454	8042	8042	9296	9944	10627	11021	12681	12731	12727	13658	14927	16083	15774	15793	
RPI model		1.3 (scaling_min_freq = 1400000)																		
hifspeed		6000000		8000000		10000000		12000000		14000000		16000000		18000000		20000000		21000000		23000000
Real SPI clock		5.88MHz		7.93MHz		10MHz		11.9MHz		13.16MHz		15.63MHz		16.67MHz		20MHz		20MHz		segmentation fault
400	round-trip	4864	5058	6616	6724	8273	8317	9056	9602	10570	10658	11628	12197	11650	12848	14849	14900	14008	15028	
	tx only	5097	5142	6773	6783	8306	8498	9650	9831	10763	10888	12156	12536	13172	13438	15197	15715	14978	15563	
	rx only	4528	4723	6455	6458	7376	7382	8559	8633	9404	9664	11457	11587	11161	11204	12928	12979	13046	14283	
800	round-trip	4542	4707	6263	6289	7626	7820	8784	9028	9853	10395	11314	11407	11669	12257	14046	14242	14155	14246	
	tx only	5392	5405	7234	7252	9078	9080	10482	10601	11765	11767	13485	13646	14698	14701	16936	17363	16960	17167	
	rx only	4281	4282	6162	6179	6957	7687	8761	8773	9002	9936	10057	11055	10429	10438	12022	12066	12079	12098	
1200	round-trip	4837	5008	6602	6702	8193	8288	9541	9639	10677	10806	12318	12369	13229	13262	15378	15452	15459	15505	
	tx only	5504	5512	7397	7424	9204	9287	10765	10869	12132	12151	13914	14051	15043	15170	17791	18012	17799	17957	
	rx only	4680	4974	6490	6634	7715	7718	9503	9559	10076	10747	11130	12277	11912	13074	13876	14885	13898	15360	
1500	round-trip	5004	5045	6775	6786	8425	8438	9772	9981	11035	11063	12446	12681	13583	13730	16042	16266	16090	16232	
	tx only	5531	5539	7472	7475	9299	9302	10906	10969	12277	12303	14191	14243	15224	15242	18076	18084	18074	18331	
	rx only	5105	5117	6446	6848	8040	8056	9843	9845	10396	11028	11879	12533	12856	13642	15034	16024	14717	15761	
sample size	test mode	throughput(kbps)																		
repeat 5 times in each condition		min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	<div></div>
count		5000																		

Loopback test result on Raspberry Pi Model B+(v1.3) with NRC7292 EVK