

Configuring and Operating PCM6xx0-Q1 as Audio Bus Controller



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ABSTRACT

This application report describes the modes, input parameters, and register coefficients required to configure the PCM6xx0 devices as an audio bus controller.

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1 Introduction

The PCM6xx0 device family includes the following high-performance, analog-to-digital converters (ADC):

- PCM6020 is a two-channel ADC
- PCM6x40: PCM6240 and PCM6340 are quad-channel ADCs
- PCM6x60: PCM6260 and PCM6360 are six-channel ADCs
- PCM6480 is a quad-channel ADC with a quad-channel digital pulse density-modulation (PDM) microphone input.

This family of devices features a flexible audio serial interface that allows the device to be configured as either a controller or target. This document describes the modes, input parameters, and register coefficients required to configure the PCM6xx0 devices as an audio bus controller.

2 Controller Mode

For I²S-based digital audio communication protocols, the controller device generates the clocks: bit clock (BCLK) and word clock (WCLK) (or frame synchronization, FSYNC). Conversely, a target device receives the clocks: BCLK and WCLK (or FSYNC) from an external device. In many applications, a host processor with an advanced digital audio interface can act as the audio bus controller with the PCM6xx0 as a target device. However, having the audio ADC as the audio bus controller is advantageous in the following circumstances:

- The host processor or DSP cannot output or generate standard audio clocks. A standard audio clock is an integer multiple of the sample rate that generates the necessary audio serial interface (ASI) FSYNC and BCLK clocks. In this case, an external PLL multiplier generates the appropriate audio clocks.
- To easily synchronize multiple PCM6xx0 devices for simultaneous recording across all channels and devices. In this case, one PCM6xx0 device is configured as a controller to generate low-jitter ASI clocks.
- The host does not have a flexible TDM/ASI bus to generate system required audio clocks, but allows these clocks as input when configured as a target device.

The following sections describe the modes, input parameters, or register settings required to configure the device as an audio bus controller.

2.1 Controller Mode Configuration Options

The PCM6xx0 supports two functional modes when configured as an ASI controller:

- **Auto Clock Generation with Internal PLL enabled.** Enabling the PLL allows the auto clock generator engine to generate a system clock that can be greater than the provided MCLK.
- **Auto Clock Generation with internal PLL disabled.** Disabling the PLL limits the system clock to the MCLK frequency.

The system clock feeds the decimation filters and all the digital signal processing blocks (biquad filters, digital volume control, high pass filters, and so forth). Disabling the PLL limits the amount of digital signal processing available. However, with the low-jitter PLL disabled, the performance of the ADC can be degraded based on the jitter from the external clock source. For devices configured as controller mode in high-performance applications, the recommended operating mode is to enable the PLL.

Configuring the PCM6xx0 as an ASI controller requires that GPIO (for example, GPIO1) be configured as the MCLK input in GPIO_CFG0 (page 0, register 0x21, bits 7-4). The frequency of MCLK must be one of the supported frequencies or ratios supported by configuring the MCLK_FREQ_SEL frequency selection mode (page 0, MST_CFG0 register 0x13, Bits 2-0), as shown in [Table 2-1](#). Note that when using auto clock generation with internal PLL disabled, MCLK_RATIO_SEL (page 0, CLK_SRC register 0x16, bits 5-3) must also be configured.

Table 2-1. MCLK Frequency Selection Mode with Supported Frequencies or Ratios

MCLK FREQUENCY SELECTION MODE	SUPPORTED FREQUENCIES OR RATIOS
MCLK_FREQ_SEL (page 0, MST_CFG0 register 0x13, bits 2-0)	12 MHz, 12.288 MHz, 13 MHz, 16 MHz, 19.2 MHz, 19.68 MHz, 24 MHz, 24.576 MHz
MCLK_RATIO_SEL (page 0, CLK_SRC register 0x16, bits 5-3)	64, 256, 384, 512, 786, 1024, 1536, 2304

2.1.1 Auto Clock Configuration With PLL Enabled

The auto clock configuration engine requires four user-provided parameters to generate the proper ASI clocks when the device is configured in controller mode, as shown in [Table 2-2](#).

Table 2-2. Required Input Parameters for Controller Mode Auto Clock Configuration With PLL Enabled

USER-PROVIDED PARAMETER	REGISTER
MCLK Frequency	Page 0, MST_CFG0 Register 0x13, Bits 2-0
Sampling Rate (FS) mode (multiple of 48 kHz or 44.1 kHz)	Page 0, MST_CFG0 Register 0x13, Bit 3
FS_RATE	Page 0, MST_CFG1 Register 0x14, Bits 7-4
FSYNC-to-BCLK Ratio	Page 0, MST_CFG1 Register 0x14, Bits 3-0

2.1.1.1 Supported Sample-Rates

The supported sample-rates and BCLK to FSYNC ratios for multiples and sub-multiples of 48 kHz are shown in [Table 2-3](#).

Table 2-3. Supported FSYNC (Multiples or Sub-multiples of 48 kHz) and BCLK Frequencies

BCLK-TO- FSYNC RATIO	BCLK (MHz)								
	FSYNC (8 kHz)	FSYNC (16 kHz)	FSYNC (24 kHz)	FSYNC (32 kHz)	FSYNC (48 kHz)	FSYNC (96 kHz)	FSYNC (192 kHz)	FSYNC (384 kHz)	FSYNC (768 kHz)
16	Reserved	0.256	0.384	0.512	0.768	1.536	3.072	6.144	12.288
24	Reserved	0.384	0.576	0.768	1.152	2.304	4.608	9.216	18.432
32	0.256	0.512	0.768	1.024	1.536	3.072	6.144	12.288	24.576
48	0.384	0.768	1.152	1.536	2.304	4.608	9.216	18.432	Reserved
64	0.512	1.024	1.536	2.048	3.072	6.144	12.288	24.576	Reserved
96	0.768	1.536	2.304	3.072	4.608	9.216	18.432	Reserved	Reserved
128	1.024	2.048	3.072	4.096	6.144	12.288	24.576	Reserved	Reserved
192	1.536	3.072	4.608	6.144	9.216	18.432	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved
256	2.048	4.096	6.144	8.192	12.288	24.576	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved
384	3.072	6.144	9.216	12.288	18.432	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved
512	4.096	8.192	12.288	16.384	24.576	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved
1024	8.192	16.384	24.576	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved
2048	16.384	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved

The supported sample-rates and BCLK to FSYNC ratios for multiples and sub-multiples of 44.1 kHz are shown in [Table 2-4](#).

Table 2-4. Supported FSYNC (Multiples or Sub-multiples of 44.1 kHz) and BCLK Frequencies

BCLK-TO- FSYNC RATIO	BCLK (MHz)								
	FSYNC (7.35 kHz)	FSYNC (14.7 kHz)	FSYNC (22.05 kHz)	FSYNC (29.4 kHz)	FSYNC (44.1 kHz)	FSYNC (88.2 kHz)	FSYNC (176.4 kHz)	FSYNC (352.8 kHz)	FSYNC (705.6 kHz)
16	Reserved	Reserved	0.3528	0.4704	0.7056	1.4112	2.8224	5.6448	11.2896
24	Reserved	0.3528	0.5292	0.7056	1.0584	2.1168	4.2336	8.4672	16.9344
32	Reserved	0.4704	0.7056	0.9408	1.4112	2.8224	5.6448	11.2896	22.5792
48	0.3528	0.7056	1.0584	1.4112	2.1168	4.2336	8.4672	16.9344	Reserved
64	0.4704	0.9408	1.4112	1.8816	2.8224	5.6448	11.2896	22.5792	Reserved
96	0.7056	1.4112	2.1168	2.8224	4.2336	8.4672	16.9344	Reserved	Reserved
128	0.9408	1.8816	2.8224	3.7632	5.6448	11.2896	22.5792	Reserved	Reserved
192	1.4112	2.8224	4.2336	5.6448	8.4672	16.9344	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved
256	1.8816	3.7632	5.6448	7.5264	11.2896	22.5792	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved
384	2.8224	5.6448	8.4672	11.2896	16.9344	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved
512	3.7632	7.5264	11.2896	15.0528	22.5792	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved

Table 2-4. Supported FSYNC (Multiples or Sub-multiples of 44.1 kHz) and BCLK Frequencies (continued)

BCLK-TO- FSYNC RATIO	BCLK (MHz)								
	FSYNC (7.35 kHz)	FSYNC (14.7 kHz)	FSYNC (22.05 kHz)	FSYNC (29.4 kHz)	FSYNC (44.1 kHz)	FSYNC (88.2 kHz)	FSYNC (176.4 kHz)	FSYNC (352.8 kHz)	FSYNC (705.6 kHz)
1024	7.5264	15.0528	22.5792	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved
2048	15.0528	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved

2.1.1.2 Example 12-MHz MCLK

For a 12-MHz MCLK, the following I²C script configures the PCM6xx0 as controller mode with GPIO1 as MCLK input for a 44.1-kHz or 48-kHz sampling rate:

```
w 90 21 a0 # configure GPIO1 as MCLK input
w 90 13 80 # configure device as master with MCLK = 12 MHz
w 90 14 48 # FS = 44.1/48k BCLK/ratio = 256
```

2.1.2 Auto Clock Detect With PLL Disabled

For the lowest power consumption, it can be desirable to disable the PLL and derive all clocks directly from MCLK. To disable the PLL in auto configuration mode, set bit 5 (AUTO_MODE_PLL_DIS) in MST_CFG0 (page 0, register 0x13). The required inputs for this mode are found in [Table 2-5](#).

Table 2-5. Required Input Parameters for Controller Mode Auto Clock Configuration With PLL Disabled

USER-PROVIDED PARAMETER	REGISTER
FS MODE	Page 0, MST_CFG0 Register 0x13, Bit 3
FS_RATE	Page 0, MST_CFG1 Register 0x14, Bits 7-4
FS_BCLK_RATIO	Page 0, MST_CFG1 Register 0x14, Bits 3-0
MCLK_FREQ_SEL_MODE	Page 0, CLK_SRC Register 0x16, Bit 6
MCLK_RATIO_SEL	Page 0, CLK_SRC Register 0x16, Bits 5-3
MCLK_FREQ_SEL	Page 0, MST_CFG0 Register 0x13, Bits 2-0

2.1.2.1 Supported Sample-Rates

[Table 2-6](#) shows the supported sample-rates with the PLL disabled. As shown in [Table 2-6](#), higher MCLK ratios allow the use of greater number or greater computation of digital processing blocks due to the greater availability of clocks in the system.

Table 2-6. Supported Sample Rates for Auto Clock Configuration With PLL Disabled

SAMPLING FREQUENCY (kHz)	MCLK FREQUENCY (MHz)	MCLK RATIO	ADC CHANNELS	DECIMATION FILTERS	BCLK RATIO	WORD LENGTH
8	12.288	1536	1	Linear Phase	32	32
			2		48	24
			3		96	
			4		192	
			5			
			6			

Table 2-6. Supported Sample Rates for Auto Clock Configuration With PLL Disabled (continued)

SAMPLING FREQUENCY (kHz)	MCLK FREQUENCY (MHz)	MCLK RATIO	ADC CHANNELS	DECIMATION FILTERS	BCLK RATIO	WORD LENGTH	
16	12.288	768	1	Linear Phase	24	24	
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			2	Linear Phase	48		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			3	Linear Phase	96		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			4	Linear Phase			
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			5	Linear Phase	192	32	
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
				6			Linear Phase
							Low Latency
							Ultra-Low Latency
16	24.576	1536	1	Linear Phase	24	24	
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			2	Linear Phase	48		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			3	Linear Phase	96		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			4	Linear Phase			
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			5	Linear Phase	192	32	
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
				6			Linear Phase
							Low Latency
							Ultra-Low Latency

Table 2-6. Supported Sample Rates for Auto Clock Configuration With PLL Disabled (continued)

SAMPLING FREQUENCY (kHz)	MCLK FREQUENCY (MHz)	MCLK RATIO	ADC CHANNELS	DECIMATION FILTERS	BCLK RATIO	WORD LENGTH	
16	36.864	2304	1	Linear Phase	24	24	
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			2	Linear Phase	48		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			3	Linear Phase	96		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			4	Linear Phase			192
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			5	Linear Phase	32		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			6	Linear Phase			
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			

Table 2-6. Supported Sample Rates for Auto Clock Configuration With PLL Disabled (continued)

SAMPLING FREQUENCY (kHz)	MCLK FREQUENCY (MHz)	MCLK RATIO	ADC CHANNELS	DECIMATION FILTERS	BCLK RATIO	WORD LENGTH	
24	12.288	512	1	Linear Phase	24	24	
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			2	Linear Phase	48		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency	64	32	
			3	Linear Phase	96	24	
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			4	Linear Phase			
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			5	Linear Phase	192	32	
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			6	Linear Phase			
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
	24.576	1024	1	Linear Phase	32	32	
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			2	Linear Phase	64		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			3	Linear Phase	128		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			4	Linear Phase			192
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			5	Linear Phase	192		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			6	Linear Phase			
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			

Table 2-6. Supported Sample Rates for Auto Clock Configuration With PLL Disabled (continued)

SAMPLING FREQUENCY (kHz)	MCLK FREQUENCY (MHz)	MCLK RATIO	ADC CHANNELS	DECIMATION FILTERS	BCLK RATIO	WORD LENGTH	
24	36.864	1536	1	Linear Phase	24	24	
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			2	Linear Phase	48		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			3	Linear Phase	96		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			4	Linear Phase			192
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			5	Linear Phase	32		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			6	Linear Phase			
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			

Table 2-6. Supported Sample Rates for Auto Clock Configuration With PLL Disabled (continued)

SAMPLING FREQUENCY (kHz)	MCLK FREQUENCY (MHz)	MCLK RATIO	ADC CHANNELS	DECIMATION FILTERS	BCLK RATIO	WORD LENGTH	
32	12.288	384	1	Linear Phase	24	24	
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			2	Linear Phase	48		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency	64	32	
			3	Linear Phase	96	24	
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			4	Linear Phase			
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			5	Linear Phase	192	32	
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			6	Linear Phase			
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
	24.576	768	1	Linear Phase	24	24	
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			2	Linear Phase	48		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			3	Linear Phase	96		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			4	Linear Phase			
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			5	Linear Phase	192	32	
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			6	Linear Phase			
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			

Table 2-6. Supported Sample Rates for Auto Clock Configuration With PLL Disabled (continued)

SAMPLING FREQUENCY (kHz)	MCLK FREQUENCY (MHz)	MCLK RATIO	ADC CHANNELS	DECIMATION FILTERS	BCLK RATIO	WORD LENGTH		
48	12.288	256	1	Linear Phase	24	24		
				Low Latency				
				Ultra-Low Latency				
			2	Linear Phase	48			
				Low Latency				
				Ultra-Low Latency				
			3	Linear Phase	96			
				Low Latency				
				Ultra-Low Latency				
			4	Linear Phase				
				Low Latency				
				Ultra-Low Latency				
			5	Linear Phase	192		32	
				Low Latency				
				Ultra-Low Latency				
				6				Linear Phase
								Low Latency
								Ultra-Low Latency
	24.576	512	1	Linear Phase	32	32		
				Low Latency				
				Ultra-Low Latency				
			2	Linear Phase	64			
				Low Latency				
				Ultra-Low Latency				
			3	Linear Phase	128			
				Low Latency				
				Ultra-Low Latency				
			4	Linear Phase				
				Low Latency				
				Ultra-Low Latency				
			5	Linear Phase	192			
				Low Latency				
				Ultra-Low Latency				
			6	Linear Phase				
				Low Latency				
				Ultra-Low Latency				

Table 2-6. Supported Sample Rates for Auto Clock Configuration With PLL Disabled (continued)

SAMPLING FREQUENCY (kHz)	MCLK FREQUENCY (MHz)	MCLK RATIO	ADC CHANNELS	DECIMATION FILTERS	BCLK RATIO	WORD LENGTH
48	36.864	768	1	Linear Phase	24	24
				Low Latency		
				Ultra-Low Latency		
			2	Linear Phase	48	
				Low Latency		
				Ultra-Low Latency		
			3	Linear Phase	96	
				Low Latency		
				Ultra-Low Latency		
			4	Linear Phase		
				Low Latency		
				Ultra-Low Latency		
			5	Linear Phase	192	32
				Low Latency		
				Ultra-Low Latency		
			6	Linear Phase		
				Low Latency		
				Ultra-Low Latency		

Table 2-6. Supported Sample Rates for Auto Clock Configuration With PLL Disabled (continued)

Table 2-6: Supported Sample Rates for Rate Clock Configuration With PLL Disabled (Continued)							
SAMPLING FREQUENCY (kHz)	MCLK FREQUENCY (MHz)	MCLK RATIO	ADC CHANNELS	DECIMATION FILTERS	BCLK RATIO	WORD LENGTH	
96	24.576	256	1	Linear Phase	32	32	
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			2	Linear Phase	64		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			3	Linear Phase	128		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			4	Linear Phase			
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			5	Linear Phase	192		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			6	Linear Phase			
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
	36.864	384	1	Linear Phase	24	24	
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			2	Linear Phase	48		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			3	Linear Phase	96		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			4	Linear Phase			
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			5	Linear Phase	192	32	
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			6	Linear Phase			
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			

Table 2-6. Supported Sample Rates for Auto Clock Configuration With PLL Disabled (continued)

SAMPLING FREQUENCY (kHz)	MCLK FREQUENCY (MHz)	MCLK RATIO	ADC CHANNELS	DECIMATION FILTERS	BCLK RATIO	WORD LENGTH	
192	12.288	64	1	Linear Phase	24	24	
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			2	Linear Phase	48		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			3	Linear Phase	96		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			4	Linear Phase			192
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			5	Linear Phase	32		
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			
			6	Linear Phase			
				Low Latency			
				Ultra-Low Latency			

2.1.2.2 Example

For a 24.576-MHz or 22.579-MHz MCLK, the following I²C script configures the PCM6xx0 as controller mode with GPIO1 as MCLK input for the 48-kHz or 44.1-kHz sampling rate, respectively:

```
w 90 13 a0 # enable master mode, disable PLL for auto-clock config
w 90 14 48 # FS = 44.1/48k BCLK/fsync ratio = 256
w 90 16 d8 # MCLK is audio root, use MCLK_ratio_sel, MCLK/Fsync ratio = 512
w 90 21 a0 # configure GPIO1 as MCLK input
```

3 Edge Sync for I²S and LJF in Controller Mode

In controller mode, the FSYNC edge is synchronous to the rising edge of BCLK. However, standard I²S/LFJ bus format expect the FSYNC edge to be synchronous to the falling edge of BCLK. Figure 3-1 and Figure 3-2 show the timing diagrams supported by PCM6xx0 in I²S and LJF mode, respectively. Note the standard I²S and LJF expect the FSYNC edge one clock cycle later than that produced by the PCM6xx0. To support standard I²S and LJF bus formats, the following sections show configuration options to provide compatibility in controller mode.

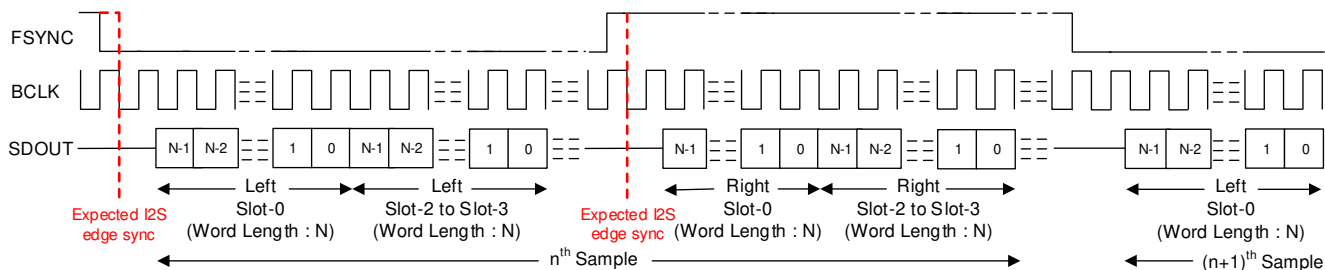


Figure 3-1. Default I²S in Controller Mode (TX_Offset = 0) Showing Incompatible FSYNC Edge Sync

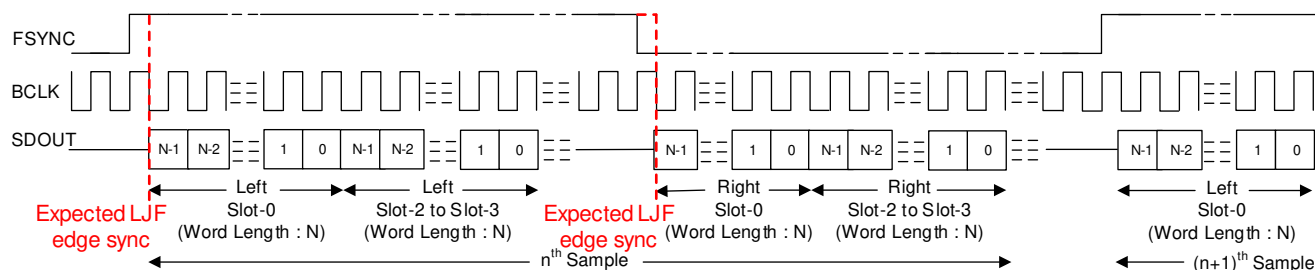


Figure 3-2. Default LJJ Format in Controller Mode (TX_OFFSET = 0) Showing Incompatible FSYNC Edge Sync

3.1 Compatibility With Non-zero Offset

If the system can accommodate an additional offset for I²S or LJJ format, the addition of a non-zero offset to the ASI bus of PCM6xx0 device allows compliance to either standard. If used in a system with other audio devices, these other devices would also need to accommodate this offset. To add a non-zero offset, configure the following registers:

- BCLK_POL (Page 0, ASI_CFG0 Register 0x07, Bit 2) = 1
- TX_EDGE (Page 0, ASI_CFG0 Register 0x07, Bit 1) = 1

These settings change the base offset from the I²S and LJJ formats to 1. Additional offsets can be achieved by using the TX_OFFSET (Page 0, ASI_CFG1 Register 0x08, Bits 4-0).

3.2 I²S Compatibility With Zero Offset (I²S only)

PCM6xx0 devices can comply with the I²S bus format with zero offset by modifying the default left justified format to fit the I²S format requirements, as follows:

- BCLK_POL (Page 0, ASI_CFG0 Register 0x07, Bit 2) = 1
- TX_EDGE (Page 0, ASI_CFG0 Register 0x07, Bit 1) = 1
- ASI_FORMAT (Page 0, ASI_CFG0 Register 0x07, Bits 7-6) = 2'b10 (LJJ format)
- FSYNC_POL (Page 0, ASI_CFG0 Register 0x07, Bit 3) = 1

Note that the first three bit fields configure the device in LJJ mode with a TX_OFFSET = 1 as in [Section 3.1](#). The fourth bit field flips the polarity of FSYNC to match the I²S protocol.

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