

28.9 FIFO to ARU Unit (F2A)

28.9.1 Overview

The F2A is the interface between the ARU and the FIFO sub-module. Since the data width of the ARU (ARU word) is 53 bit (two 24 bit values and five control bits) and the data width of the FIFO is only 29 bit, the F2A has to distribute the data from and to the FIFO channels in a configurable manner.

The data transfer between FIFO and ARU is organized with eight different streams that are connected to the eight different channels of the corresponding FIFO module. A stream represents a data flow from/to ARU to/from the FIFO via the F2A.

The general definition of 'channels' and 'streams' in the ARU context is done in the subparagraph "ARU routing concept".

Each FIFO channel can act as a write stream (data flow from FIFO to ARU) or as a read stream (data flow from ARU to FIFO).

Within these streams the F2A can transmit/receive the lower, the upper or both 24 bit values of the ARU together with the ARU control bits according to the configured transfer modes as described in [Section 28.9.2](#).

Each stream can be enabled/disabled separately within the register **F2A[i]_ENABLE**. If a stream will be disabled, the stream data which are stored inside the F2A will be deleted. This is necessary to ensure, that no old data are transferred after enabling a stream.

28.9.2 Transfer modes

The F2A unit provides several transfer modes to map 29 bit data of the FIFO from/to 53 bit data of the ARU. E.g. it is configurable that the 24 bit FIFO data is written to the lower ARU data entry (means bits 0 to 23) or to the higher 24 bit ARU data entry (means bits 24 to 47). Bits 24 to 28 of the FIFO data entry (the five control bits) are written/read in both cases to/from bits 48 to 52 of the ARU entry.

When both values of the ARU have to be stored in the FIFO the values are stored behind each other inside the FIFO if the FIFO is not full.

If there is only space for one 24 bit data word plus the five control bits, the F2A transfers one part of the 53 bits first and then waits for transferring the second part before new data is requested from the ARU.

When two values from the FIFO have to be written to one ARU location the words have to be located behind each other inside the FIFO.

The transfer to ARU is only established when both parts could be read out of the FIFO otherwise if only one 29 bit word was provided by the FIFO the F2A waits until the second part is available before the data is made available at the ARU.

Figure 25 shows the data ordering of the FIFO when both ARU values must be transferred between ARU and FIFO.

When reading from the ARU the F2A first writes the lower word to the FIFO.

In case of writing to the ARU the F2A reads the lower word first from the FIFO, thus the lower word must be written first to the FIFO through the AFD interface.

Please note, that the five control bits (bits 48 to 52 of the ARU data word) are duplicated as bit 24 to 28 of both FIFO words in case of reading from ARU.

In the case of writing to the ARU, bits 24 to 28 of the last written FIFO word (the higher ARU word) are copied to bits 48 to 52 of the corresponding ARU location.

The transfer modes can be configured with the **TMODE** bits of registers **F2A[i]_CH[x]_STR_CFG**.