

Reverse Engineering of advanced RISC-V MCU with USB3 & High Speed peripherals

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Who ?

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Embedded Hardware / Firmware / Host tools

SDR: AirSpy R0-R2/Mini

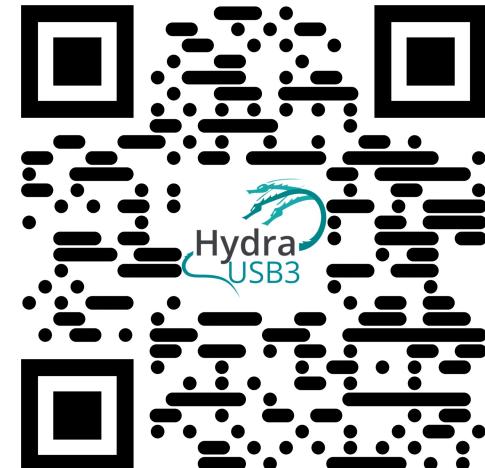
HydraBus v1 / HydraNFC v1&v2...



HydraUSB3 v1



HydraSCA-LISN v1



Why this Research / Reverse Engineering Project ?

- **Chip Shortage** “everywhere” ...
- Find something “**available**” with “RISC-V” with interesting features

WCH CH569 MCU details

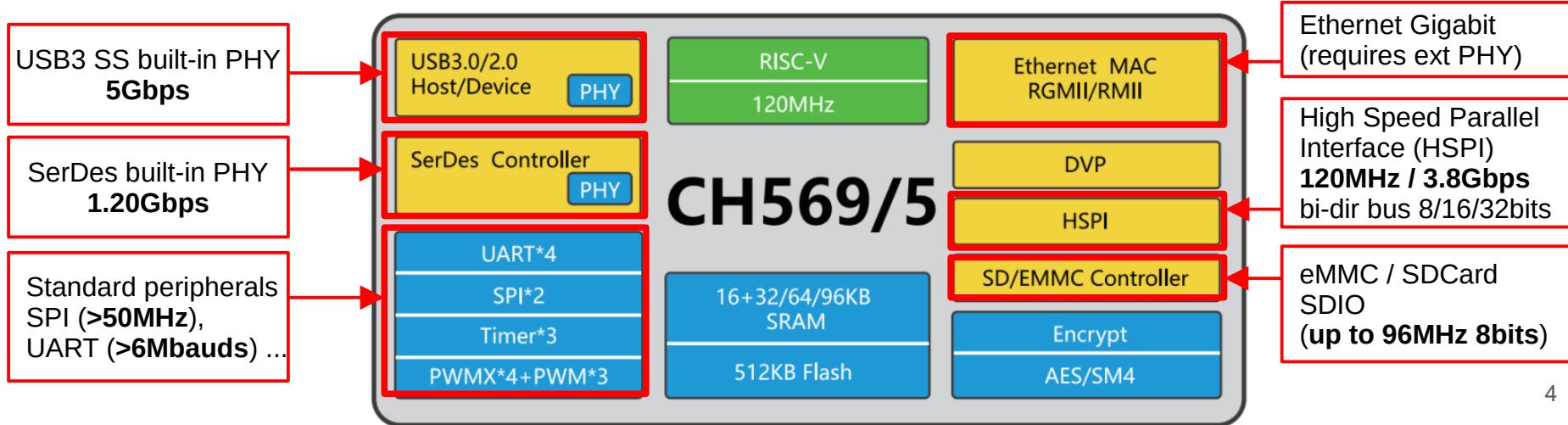
Why WCH CH569 ? => Cheap / Available / Amazing features (for “Excellence and Fun”)

RISC-V 32-bit MCU @120MHz

WCH Proprietary “RISC-V3A” architecture see CH32V103 datasheet (which is based also on RISC-V3A with more details)

RISC-V core **RV32IMAC** 32bits Base Integer instruction + Integer Multiplication/Division + Atomic + Compressed instruction

- **Fast Interrupt** Automatic save/restore of registers, use non standard **attribute((interrupt("WCH-Interrupt-fast")))**
- **64 bits SysTick** (cycle accurate)

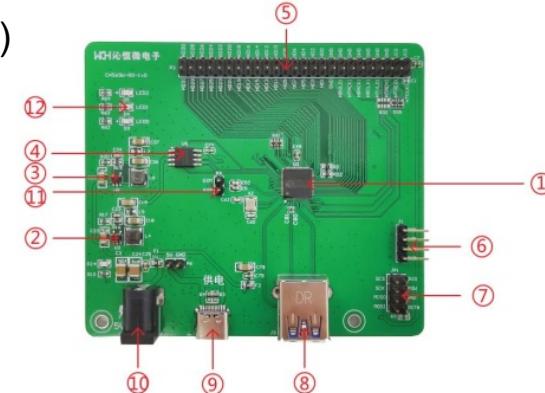


Design a Dev board based on WCH CH569 RISC-V MCU

- At start of this project (January 2022) there was no any “official” available board based on WCH CH569 chipset
- Official WCH Dev Board called "WCH(Jiangsu Qin Heng) CH569W-EVT-R0-1V0 " was not available



CH569W评估板 \\ CH569WEvaluation



模块说明 \\ Descriptions

- | | | |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. 主控MCU | 5. HSPI接口 | 9. Type-C接口 |
| 2. 稳压芯片 | 6. 串口1 | 10. DC供电插座 |
| 3. 稳压芯片 | 7. ISP下载接口 | 11. SERDES接口 |
| 4. SPI FLASH芯片 | 8. USB3.0接口 | 12. LED |

- Let's design a board based on WCH CH569 RISC-V MCU with USB3 & High Speed peripherals

KiCad 6 PCB Design 1st Iteration based on Ref "Altium" Design WCH "CH569W-R0" Schematic

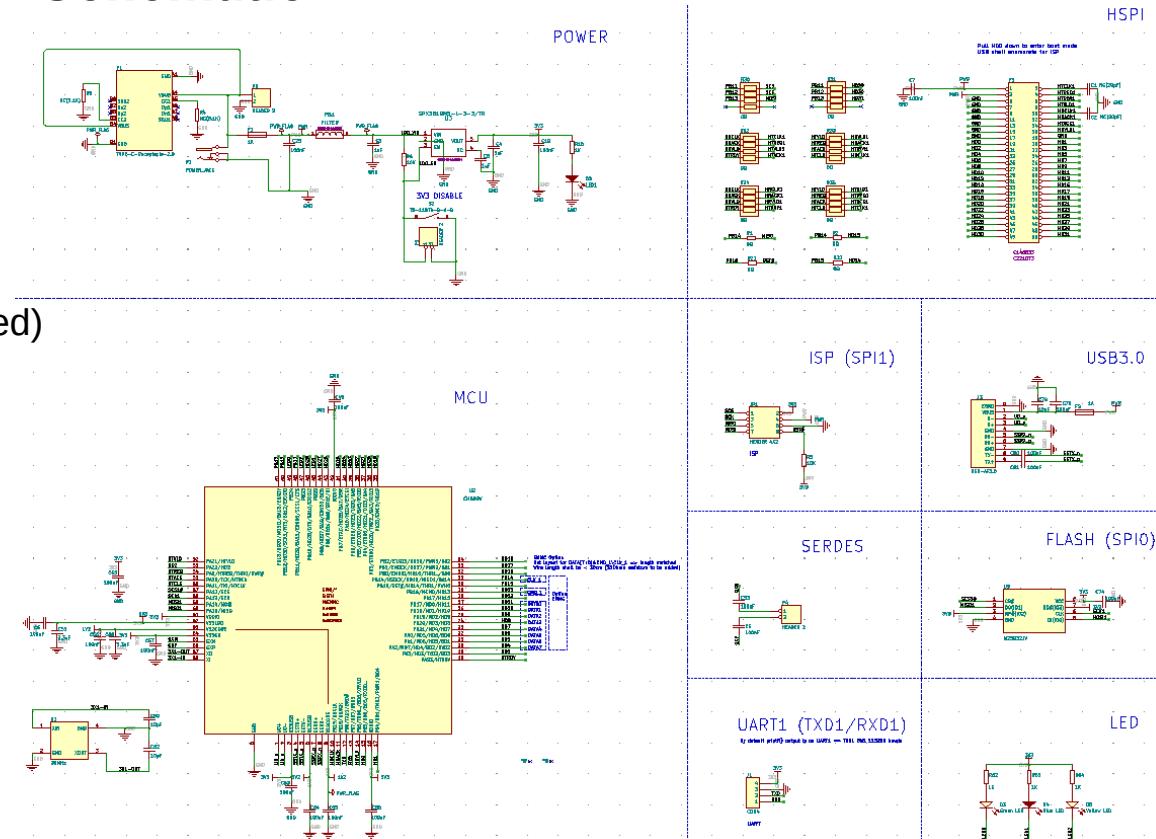
1st Iteration "CH569W-R0"
=> POC for evaluation purpose
4-Layers PCB

Reference Design modifications:

1) Remove 1.2V DC/DC Step-
Down(Buck) Converter (not required)

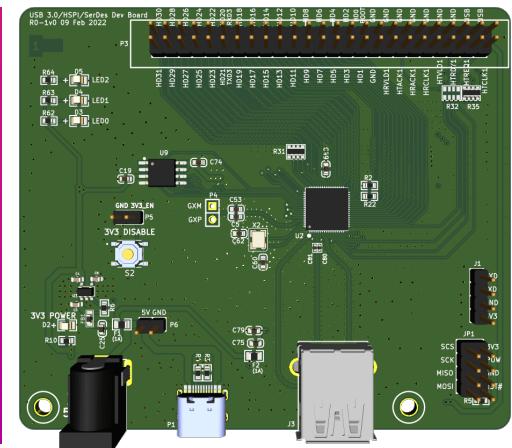
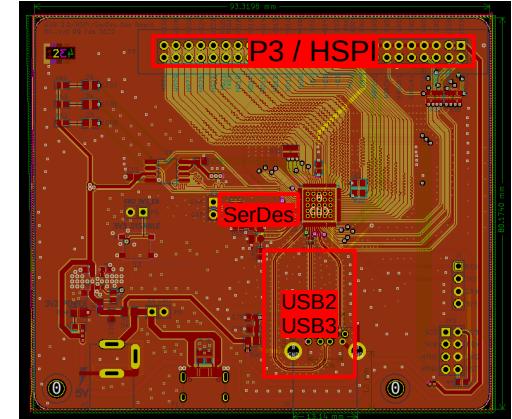
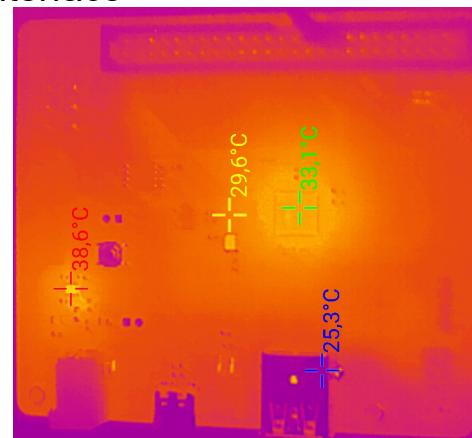
2) Replace 3v3 DC/DC Step-
Down(Buck) Converter by LDO for
lower noise 40 μ V / fully protected

3) Use the best possible Crystal
30MHz (+/-10ppm -40°C/+85°C)



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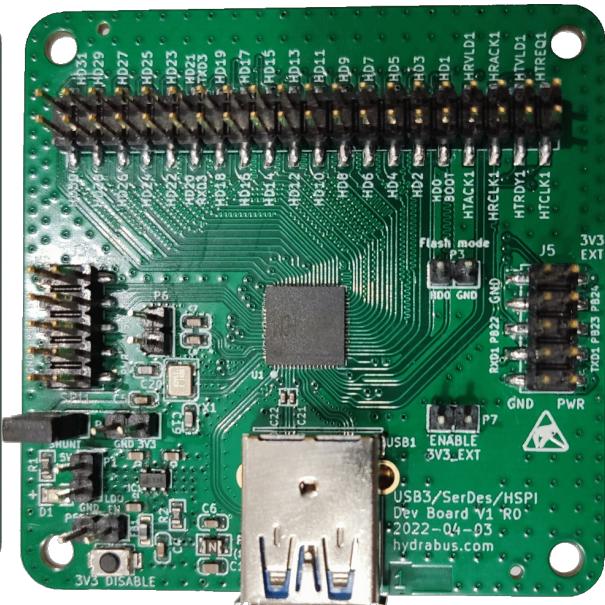
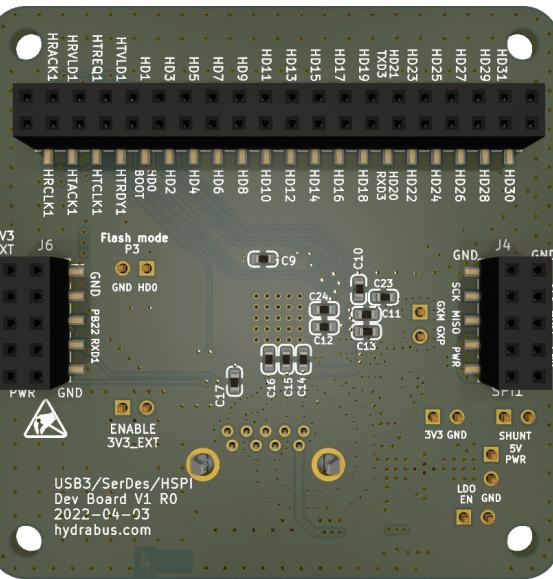
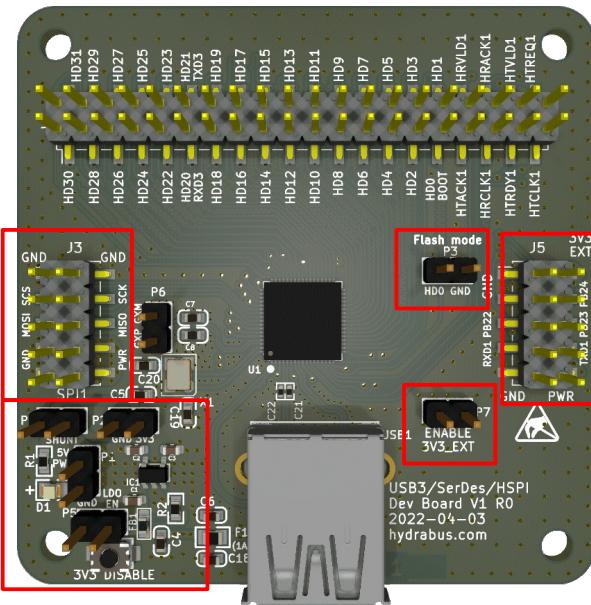
- 1st Iteration "CH569W-R0" PCB / Board
- Computed for 4-layers FR4 PCB standard stackup JLCPCB
JLC7628
- Match Differential impedance of the USB interface(**USB 2.0&3.0**)
90Ω +/-10%
- Differential impedance of the **SerDes** interface
100Ω +/-10%
- Traces length matched **P3 / HSPI**
(HDxx signals 56mm)



KiCad 6 PCB Design 2nd Iteration “DevBoardCH569W V1 R0“

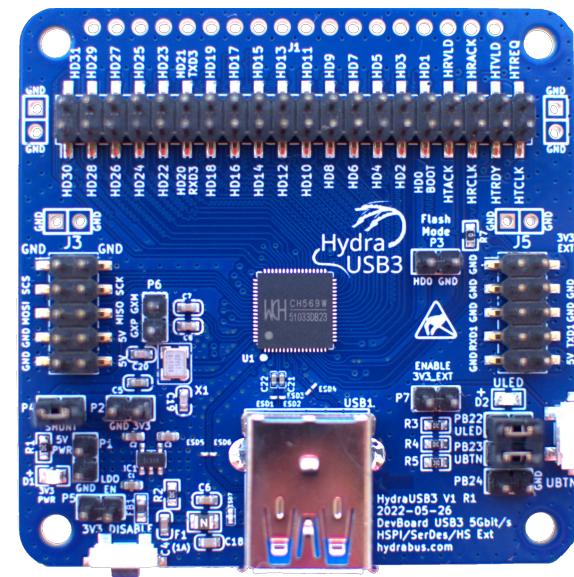
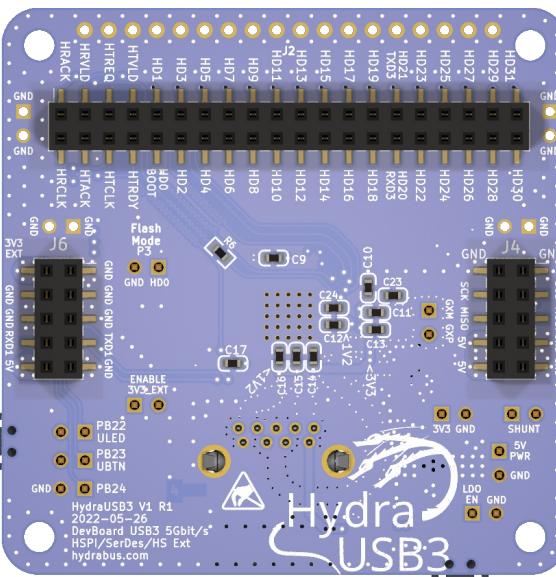
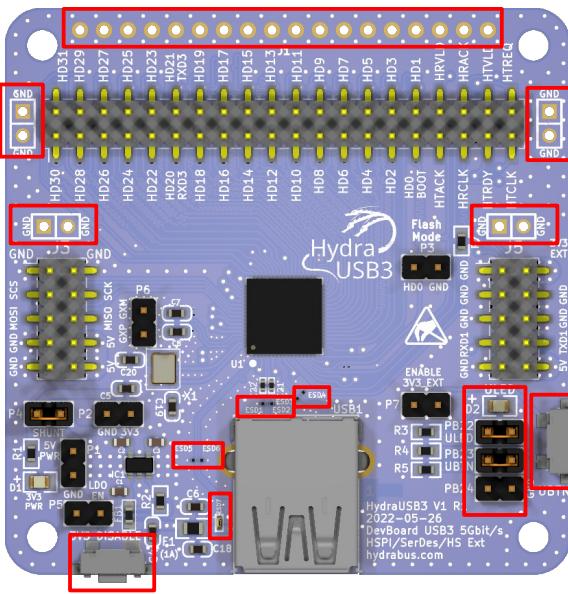
2nd Iteration “DevBoardCH569W V1 R0“

- Full redesign from scratch, more compact 6cm x 6cm, top male pin / bottom female pin
- Designed to plug 2 boards together for DualBoard communication over SPI, HSPI...



KiCad 6 PCB Design 3rd Iteration “HydraUSB3 V1 R1”

- 3rd Iteration **the birth of “HydraUSB3 V1 R1”**
 - Add RESET(3V3 DISABLE) & UBTN (PB23) switch right angle, ULED, PB24, more GND
 - Add ESD protections on USB2/USB3 & VUSB



HydraUSB3 V1 R1 final hardware pin assignment

J1 (Top) / J2 (Bottom)

HD31 / PB13 / MOSI1

HD30 / PB12 / SCK1

HD29 / PB11 / SCS1

HD28 / PB10

HD27 / PB9

HD26 / PB8

HD25 / PB7

HD24 / PA16

HD23 / PB6 / TXD0

HD22 / PB5 / RXD0

HD21 / PB4 / TxD3

HD20 / PB3 / RXD3

HD19 / PA20

HD18 / PB2

HD17 / PB1

HD16 / PB0

HD15 / PB14 / MISO1

HD14 / PB15

HD13 / PB16

HD12 / PA17

HD11 / PB17

HD10 / PB18

HD9 / PB19

HD8 / PB20

HD7 / PB21

HD6 / PA0

HD5 / PA1

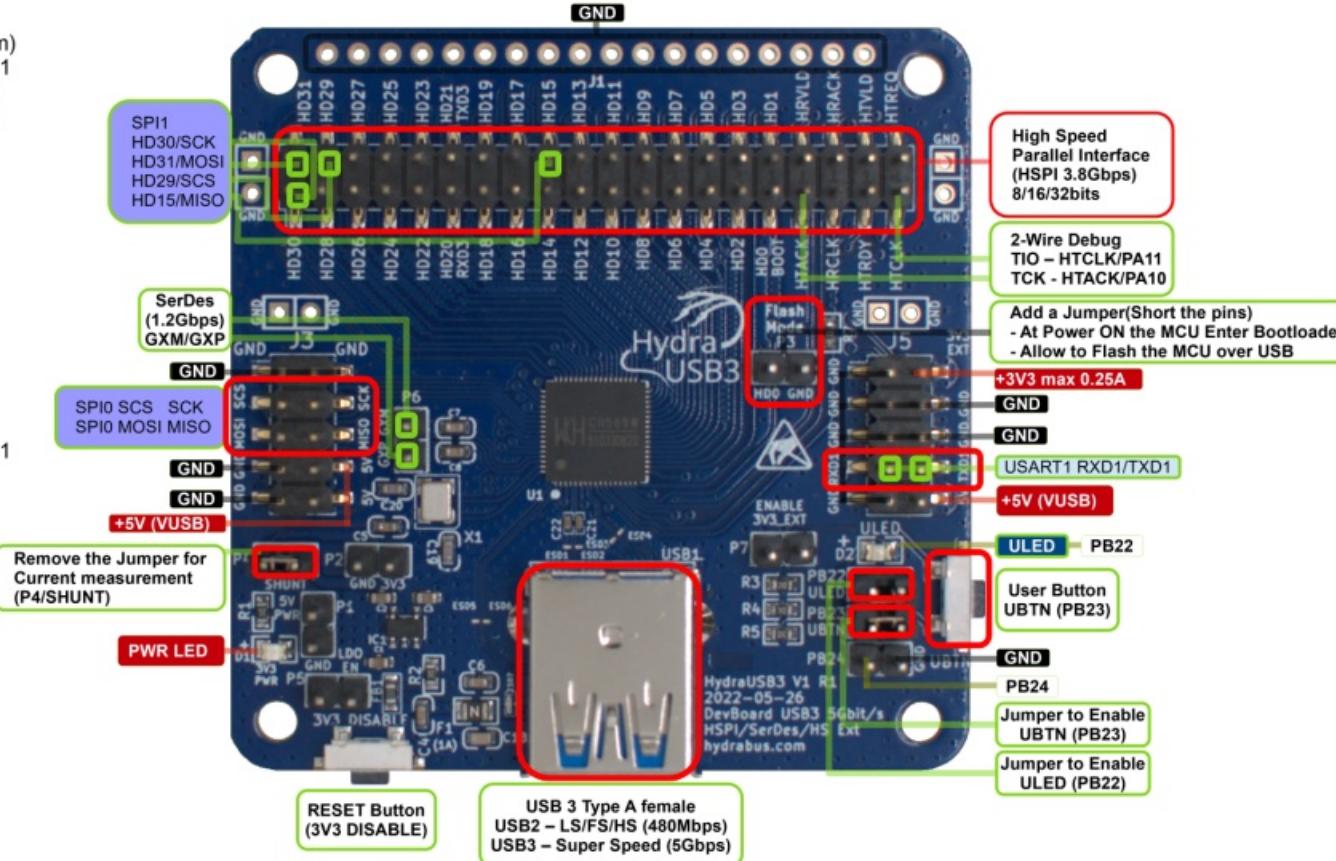
HD4 / PA2 / RXD2

HD3 / PA3 / TXD2

HD2 / PA22

HD1 / PA4

HD0 / PA5



Reverse Engineering / WCH CH569 Documentation / Datasheet...

• How it started

第 16 章 串并互转控制器及收发器 (SerDes)

系统内置了支持信号隔离和远距离传输的 SerDes 模块，支持 1.2Gbps 高速差分信号 (GXM/GXP 引脚)，可以通过光纤模块或网线中的一个差分对等传输媒体，进行远距离数据传输。

SerDes 模块外设基地址: 0x4000B000

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- 可编程的数据!
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- 内置FIFO, 支持可实现 USB3.0 接口产品功能。支持 5Gbps 的 USB SuperSpeed 超高速信号，硬件接口包括 2 对超高速
- 支持DMA功能，差分信号线 (SSRXA/SSRXB 和 SSTXA/SSTXB, A/B 可连+/-或-/+)
- 提供多种传输: 此控制器模块为应用代码提供了链接层寄存器访问接口，用于管理设备的连接和断开、总线状态、
- 实测在600Mbps: 电源模式。提供了主机 (HOST) 功能访问接口，设备 (DEVICE) 功能访问接口，用于实现 USB3.0 协议
- 实测在600Mbps: 议规范的各种数据传输及上层协议。
- 实测在1.2Gbps: USBSS 模块外设基地址: 0x4000B000

No details...

具体应用请参考和调用:

主要特征

- 支持USB3.0协议接口规范
- 支持USB Host主机功能和USB Device设备功能
- 支持OTG功能
- 支持驱动USB3.0 HUB
- 主机和设备均支持控制传输、批量传输、中断传输、实时/同步传输
- DMA方式直接访问各端点缓冲区的数据
- 电源管理，支持U1/U2/U3低功耗状态
- 非0端点均支持最大1024字节的数据包，支持突发模式

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• How it's going “English Datasheet April 2022”

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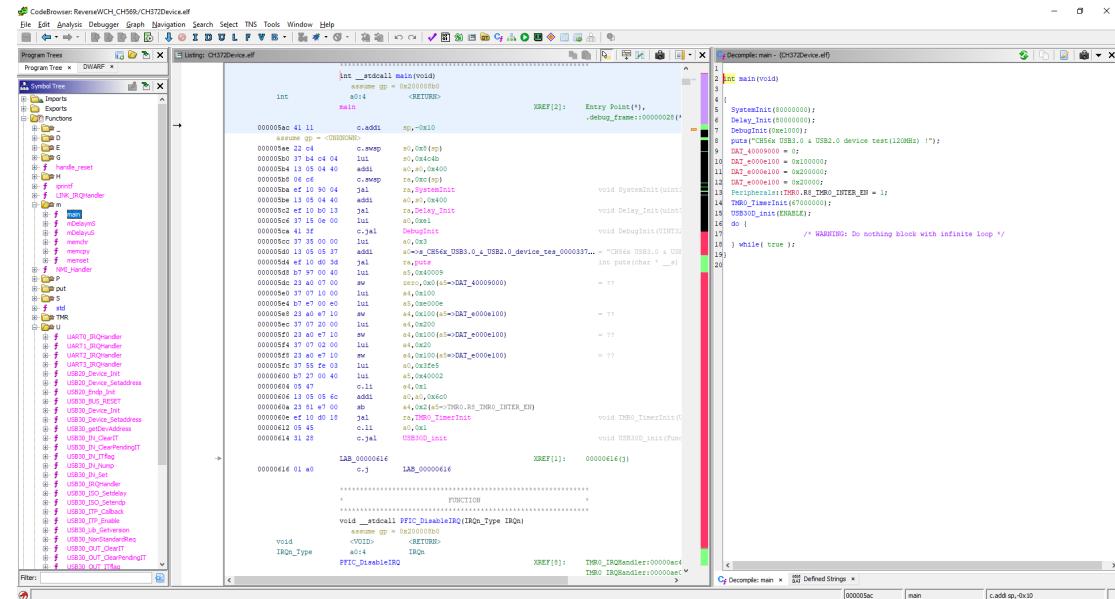
Firmware Reverse Engineering RISC-V tools

Does there is any good reverse engineering tool for RISC-V with decompiler feature ?

- JEB Decompiler for RISC-V is not free (not tested / evaluation version is ultra limited)
- IDA Pro is not free and does not support decompiler for RISC-V

Free alternative supporting RISC-V

- Radare 2
- Ghidra 10 a must have !!
 - Support RISC-V decompiler



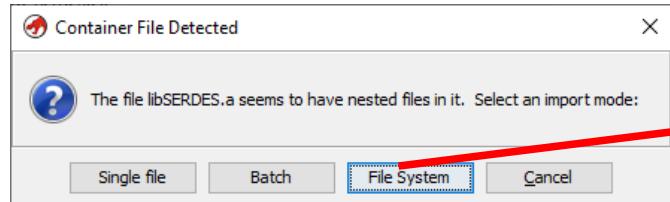
Firmware Reverse Engineering RISC-V SerDes Blob intro

WCH CH569W SerDes PHY (Serializer/Deserializer) at 1.20Gbps officially with a “**static lib/blob**”

- Can be found online
<https://github.com/SoCXin/CH569/tree/master/src/EVT/EXAM/SERDES/User>
- Removed from official WCH CH569 repository
<https://github.com/openwch/ch569/tree/main/EVT/EXAM>
- **Why to reverse it ?**
 - Have fully open source code “**without blob**”
 - Support different SerDes speed and improve the driver

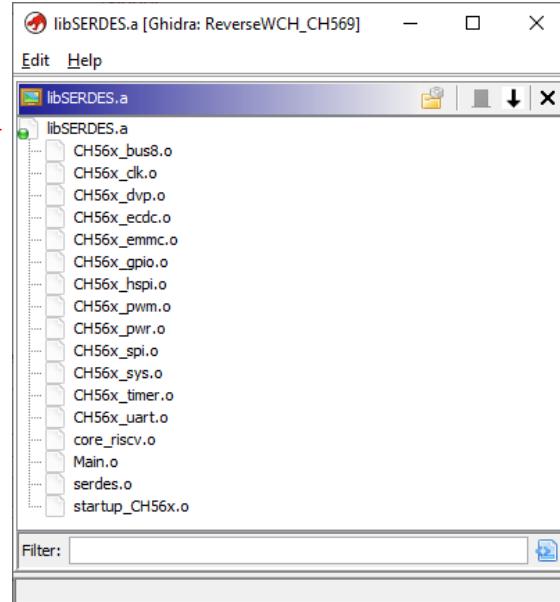
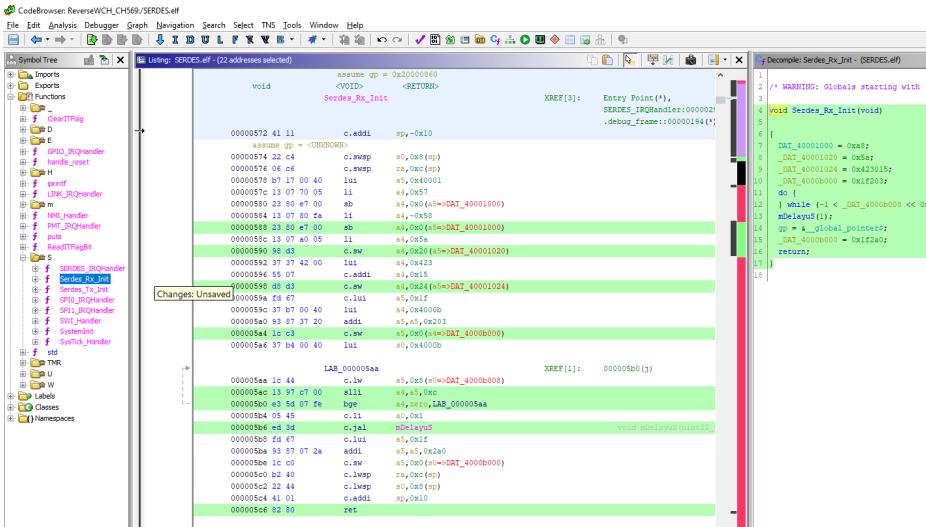
Firmware Reverse Engineering RISC-V SerDes Blob with Ghidra

How to reverse a library blob ?



The best/simple way:

Build an executable (with debug) using the library



Firmware Reverse Engineering RISC-V SerDes Blob Ghidra Peripheral access Pseudo C code bug

SerDes RX Init reverse engineering with Ghidra (RISC-V Peripheral access Pseudo C code bug)

The screenshot shows the Ghidra interface with two main panes. The left pane displays the assembly code for the `Serdes_RX_Init` function. The right pane shows the corresponding pseudo-C code.

Assembly Code (Left Pane):

```
assume gp = 0x20000860
<VOID> <RETURN>
Serdes_Rx_Init

00000572 41 11    c.addi   sp,-0x10
assume gp = <UNKNOWN>
00000574 22 c4    c.swsp   s0,0x8(sp)
00000576 06 c6    c.swp    ra,0xc(sp)
00000578 b7 17 00 40 lui      a5,0x40001
0000057c 13 07 70 05 li       a4,0x57
00000580 23 80 e7 00 sb      a4,0x0(a5=>DAT_40001000)
00000584 13 07 80 fa li       a4,-0x58
00000588 23 80 e7 00 sb      a4,0x0(a5=>DAT_40001000)
0000058c 13 07 a0 05 li       a4,0x5a
00000590 98 d3    c.sw     a4,0x20(<=0x40001020)
00000592 37 37 42 00 lui      a4,0x423
00000596 55 07    c.addi   a4,0x15
00000598 d1 d3    c.sw     a4,0x24(a5=>DAT_40001000)
0000059a fd 67    c.lui    a5,0x1f
0000059c 37 b7 00 40 lui      a4,0x4000b
000005a0 93 87 37 20 addi   a5,a5,0x203
000005a4 1c c3    c.sw     a5,0x0(a4=>DAT_4000b000)
000005a6 37 b4 00 40 lui      s0,0x4000b

LAB_000005aa
000005aa lc 44    c.lw     a5,0x8(s0=>DAT_4000b008)
000005ac 13 97 c7 00 slli   a4,a5,0xc
000005b0 e3 5d 07 fe bge    ad,zero,LAB_000005aa
000005b4 05 45    c.li     a0,0x1
000005b6 ed 3d    c.jal    mDelayS
000005b8 fd 67    c.lui    a5,0x1f
000005ba 93 87 07 2a addi   a5,a5,0x2a0
000005be lc c0    c.sw     a5,0x0(s0=>DAT_4000b000)
000005c0 b2 40    c.lwsp   ra,0xc(sp)
000005c2 22 44    c.lwsp   s0,0x8(sp)
000005c4 41 01    c.addi   sp,0x10
000005c6 82 80    ret
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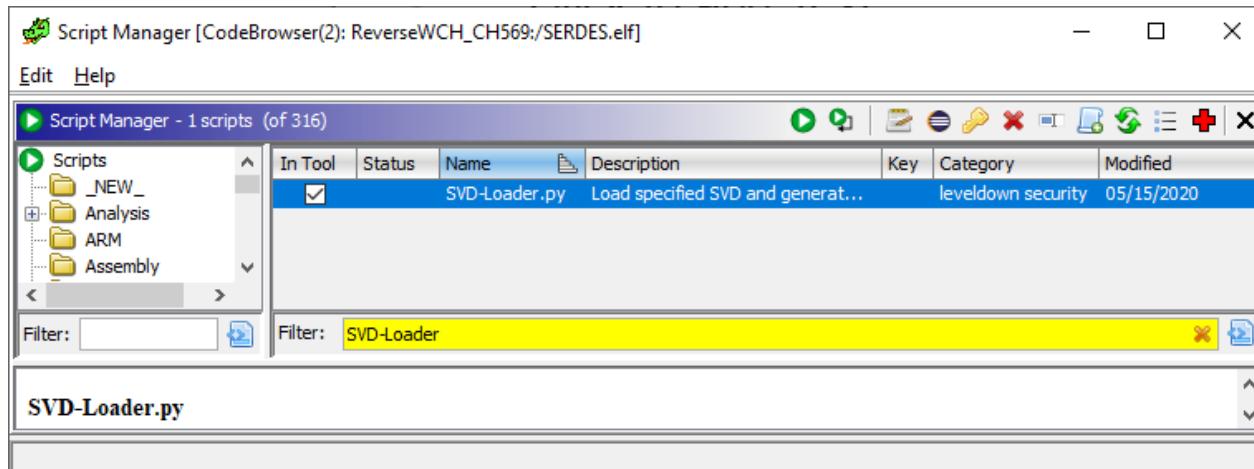
Pseudo-C Code (Right Pane):

```
/* WARNING: Globals starting with '_' or __ are reserved for use by Ghidra */
void Serdes Rx Init(void)
{
    /* DAT_40001000 = 0xa8; */
    _DAT_40001020 = 0x5a;
    _DAT_40001024 = 0x423015;
    _DAT_4000b000 = 0x1f203;
    do {
        } while (-1 < _DAT_4000b008 << 0xc);
    mDelayS(1);
    gp = __global_pointers;
    _DAT_4000b000 = 0x1f2a0;
    return;
}
```

A red box highlights the assignment of `DAT_40001000` to `0xa8`. A green box highlights the subsequent read operation at `0x4001000`, which is annotated as `=0xFFFF FFA8`. A callout box on the right contains the pseudo-C code for the peripheral access, showing the variable `_DAT_40001000` being set to `0xa8`.

Firmware Reverse Engineering RISC-V SerDes Blob Ghidra ASM / Decompiler bug Workaround

Use **SVD-Loader.py** with **CH56Xxx.svd** (provided in MounRiver Studio Community v1.30)
(SVD = System View Description)



<https://github.com/leveldown-security/SVD-Loader-Ghidra>

Firmware Reverse Engineering RISC-V SerDes Blob Ghidra CH56x SVD

Memory Map [CodeBrowser(2): ReverseWCH_CH569/SERDES.elf]

File Edit Help

Memory Map - Image Base: 00000000

Memory Blocks

Name	Start	End	Length	R	W	X	Volatile	Overlay	Type	Initialized	Byte Source	Source	Comment
.init	00000000	00000003	0x4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	File: SERDES.elf: 0x1000	Elf Loader	SHT_PROGBITS [0x0 - 0x3]
.vector	00000004	000000bf	0xbc	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	File: SERDES.elf: 0x1004	Elf Loader	SHT_PROGBITS [0x4 - 0xbf]
.text	000000c0	000019ff	0x1940	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	File: SERDES.elf: 0x10c0	Elf Loader	SHT_PROGBITS [0xc0 - 0x19ff]
.data	20000000	2000006f	0x70	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	File: SERDES.elf: 0x3000	Elf Loader	SHT_PROGBITS [0x20000000 - 0x2000006f]
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SYS	40001000	400013ff	0x400	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input type="checkbox"/>			Generated by SVD-Loader.				
TMR0_TMR1_TMR2	40002000	40002bff	0x200	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input type="checkbox"/>			Generated by SVD-Loader.				
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HSPI	40006000	400063ff	0x400	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input type="checkbox"/>			Generated by SVD-Loader.				
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USBSS	40008000	400083ff	0x400	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input type="checkbox"/>			Generated by SVD-Loader.				
USBHS	40009000	400093ff	0x400	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input type="checkbox"/>			Generated by SVD-Loader.				
EMMC	4000a000	4000a3ff	0x400	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input type="checkbox"/>			Generated by SVD-Loader.				
SERDES	4000b000	4000b3ff	0x400	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input type="checkbox"/>			Generated by SVD-Loader.				
ETH	4000c000	4000c3ff	0x400	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input type="checkbox"/>			Generated by SVD-Loader.				
DVIP	4000e000	4000e3ff	0x400	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input type="checkbox"/>			Generated by SVD-Loader.				
PFIC_Systick	e000e000	e000e0ff	0x1100	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input type="checkbox"/>			Generated by SVD-Loader.				
.	OTHER:0000...	OTHER:00000032	0x33	<input type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	File: SERDES.elf: 0x9b65	Elf Loader	SHT_PROGBITS [not-loaded]				
.debug_abbrev	OTHER:0000...	OTHER:00000058	0x59	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	File: SERDES.elf: 0x5f79	Elf Loader	SHT_PROGBITS [not-loaded]
.debug_aranges	OTHER:0000...	OTHER:00000167	0x168	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	File: SERDES.elf: 0x6f70	Elf Loader	SHT_PROGBITS [not-loaded]
.debug_frame	OTHER:0000...	OTHER:000009f1	0xbao	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	File: SERDES.elf: 0x9bb8	Elf Loader	SHT_PROGBITS [not-loaded]
.debug_info	OTHER:0000...	OTHER:00002f08	0x2f09	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	File: SERDES.elf: 0x3070	Elf Loader	SHT_PROGBITS [not-loaded]
.debug_line	OTHER:0000...	OTHER:00001e60	0x1e61	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	File: SERDES.elf: 0x71f8	Elf Loader	SHT_PROGBITS [not-loaded]
.debug_loc	OTHER:0000...	OTHER:00000598	0x599	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	File: SERDES.elf: 0x69d2	Elf Loader	SHT_PROGBITS [not-loaded]
.debug_ranges	OTHER:0000...	OTHER:0000011f	0x120	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	File: SERDES.elf: 0x70d8	Elf Loader	SHT_PROGBITS [not-loaded]
.debug_str	OTHER:0000...	OTHER:000002b2	0xb2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	File: SERDES.elf: 0x9059	Elf Loader	SHT_PROGBITS [not-loaded]
.shstrtab	OTHER:0000...	OTHER:00000de	0xf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	File: SERDES.elf: 0xb9ec	Elf Loader	SHT_STRTAB [not-loaded]
.stab	OTHER:0000...	OTHER:00000083	0x84	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	File: SERDES.elf: 0xa758	Elf Loader	SHT_PROGBITS [not-loaded]
.stabstr	OTHER:0000...	OTHER:00000116	0x117	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	File: SERDES.elf: 0xa7dc	Elf Loader	SHT_STRTAB [not-loaded]
.strtab	OTHER:0000...	OTHER:00000637	0x638	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	File: SERDES.elf: 0xb3b4	Elf Loader	SHT_STRTAB [not-loaded]
.symtab	OTHER:0000...	OTHER:0000abf	0xac0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	File: SERDES.elf: 0xa8f4	Elf Loader	SHT_SYMBOLTAB [not-loaded]
.elf_header	OTHER:0000...	OTHER:00000033	0x34	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	File: SERDES.elf: 0x0	Elf Loader	Elf File Header
.elfProgramHeaders	OTHER:0000...	OTHER:0000005f	0x60	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	File: SERDES.elf: 0x34	Elf Loader	Elf Program Headers
.elfSectionHeaders	OTHER:0000...	OTHER:000003e7	0x3e8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	File: SERDES.elf: 0xbacc	Elf Loader	Elf Section Headers

Firmware Reverse Engineering RISC-V SerDes Blob Ghidra ASM / Pseudo C code bug Workaround

Before applying SVD-Loader with CH56Xxx.svd

```

assume gp = 0x20000860
<VOID> <RETURN>
Serdes_Rx_Init
XREF[3]: Entry Point(*),
SERDES IRQHandler:000002!
.debug_frame::00000194(*)

00000572 41 11 c.addi sp,-0x10
assume gp = <UNKNOWN>
00000574 22 24 c.swp s0,0x8(sp)
00000576 0f c6 c.swp ra,0xc(sp)
00000578 b7 17 00 lui a5,0x40001
0000057c 13 07 05 00 lui a4,0x57
00000580 23 80 07 00 sb a4,0x0(a5=>DAT_40001000)
00000584 13 07 00 fa 11 a4,0x58
00000588 23 80 07 00 sb a4,0x0(a5=>DAT_40001000)
0000058c 13 07 a0 05 lui a4,0x5a
00000590 9d 03 c.sw a4,0x20(a5=>DAT_40001020)
00000592 37 37 42 00 lui a4,0x23
00000594 55 07 c.addi a4,0x15
00000598 fd d3 c.sw a4,0x24(a5=>DAT_40001024)
0000059a fd e7 c.lui a5,0x1f
0000059c 37 b7 00 40 lui a4,0x4000b
000005ad 93 87 37 20 addi a5,a5,0x203
000005a4 1c c3 c.sw a5,0x0(a4=>DAT_4000b000)
000005a5 37 b4 00 40 lui s0,0x4000b

LAB_000005aa
XREF[1]: 000005b0(j)
000005a5 1c 44 c.lw a5,0x8(s0=>DAT_4000b008)
000005ac 13 97 c7 00 slli a4,a5,0xc
000005b0 e3 5d 07 fe bge a4,zero,LAB_000005aa
000005b4 05 45 c.li a0,0x1
000005b6 ed 3d c.jal mDelayUS void mDelayUS(uint32)
000005b8 fd 67 c.lui a5,0x1f
000005ba 93 87 07 2a addi a5,a5,0x2a0
000005be 1c c0 c.sw a5,0x0(a4=>DAT_4000b000)
000005c0 b2 40 c.lwp ra,0xc(sp)
000005c2 22 44 c.lwp s0,0x8(sp)
000005c4 41 01 c.addi sp,0x10
000005c6 82 80 ret

```

After applying SVD-Loader with CH56Xxx.svd

```

Serdes_Rx_Init
XREF[1]: 000005b0(j)
void Serdes_Rx_Init(void)
{
    int iVar1;
    GP = &__global_pointers;
    Peripherals::SYS.R8_SAFE_ACCESS_SIG = 0x57;
    Peripherals::SYS.R8_SAFE_ACCESS_SIG = 0xa8;
    Peripherals::SYS._32_4 = 0x5a;
    Peripherals::SYS.R32_SERD_ANA_CFG2 = 0x423015;
    Ram4000b000 = 0x1f203;
    do {
        if (-1 < _DAT_4000b008 << 0xc);
        mDelayUS();
        GP = &__global_pointers;
        Peripherals::SYS.R16_SERD_ANA_CFG1
        _DAT_4000b000 = 0x1f2a0;
        return;
    }
    _DAT_4000b000 = 0x1f2a0;
    return;
}

LAB_000005aa
XREF[1]: 000005b0(j)
c.addi sp,-0x10
assume gp = <UNKNOWN>
00000572 41 11 c.addi sp,-0x10
00000574 22 24 c.swp s0,0x8(sp)
00000576 06 c6 c.swp ra,0xc(sp)
00000578 b7 17 00 40 lui a5,0x40001
0000057c 13 07 05 00 lui a4,0x57
00000580 23 80 07 00 sb a4,0x0(a4=>Peripherals::SYS)
00000584 13 07 00 fa 11 a4,0xFFFFFFF8
00000588 23 80 07 00 sb a4,0x0(a4=>Peripherals::SYS)
0000058c 13 07 a0 05 lui a4,0x5a
00000590 98 d3 c.sw a4,0x20(a5=>SYS.R16_SERD_ANA_CFG1)
00000592 37 37 42 00 lui a4,0x23
00000594 55 07 c.addi a4,0x15
00000598 d6 d3 c.sw a4,0x24(a5=>SYS.R32_SERD_ANA_CFG2)
0000059a fd 67 c.lui a5,0x1f
0000059c 37 b7 00 40 lui a4,0x4000b
000005a0 93 87 37 20 addi a5,a5,0x203
000005a4 1c c3 c.sw a5,0x0(a4=>DAT_4000b000)
000005a6 37 b4 00 40 lui s0,0x4000b

LAB_000005aa
XREF[1]: 000005b0(j)
c.lw a5,0x8(s0=>DAT_4000b008)
000005ac 13 97 c7 00 slli a4,a5,0xc
000005b0 e3 5d 07 fe bge a4,zero,LAB_000005aa
000005b4 05 45 c.li a0,0x1
000005b6 ed 3d c.jal mDelayUS
000005b8 fd 67 c.lui a5,0x1f
000005ba 93 87 07 2a addi a5,a5,0x2a0
000005be 1c c0 c.sw a5,0x0(a4=>DAT_4000b000)
000005c0 b2 40 c.lwp ra,0xc(sp)
000005c2 22 44 c.lwp s0,0x8(sp)
000005c4 41 01 c.addi sp,0x10
000005c6 82 80 ret

```

Firmware Reverse Engineering SerDes Blob Ghidra Serdes_Rx_Init

Ghidra 10.2 Disassembly/Pseudo C original SerDes_Rx blob

Serdes_Rx_Init

The screenshot shows the Ghidra interface with two panes. The left pane displays the assembly code for the `Serdes_Rx_Init` function, with various instructions like `c.addi`, `c.swp`, and `lui`. The right pane shows the generated Pseudo C code, which includes variable declarations, function calls, and loops. A red arrow points from the assembly code to the Pseudo C code, specifically highlighting the transition from assembly to pseudo-code.

```
void Serdes_Rx_Init(e_sds_pll_freq SDS_PLL_FREQ)
{
    uint32_t sds_status;

    R8_SAFE_ACCESS_SIG = 0x57; // enable safe access mode
    R8_SAFE_ACCESS_SIG = 0xa8;
    R16_SERD_ANA_CFG1 = 0x5a;
    R32_SERD_ANA_CFG2 = 0x00423015;

    SDS->SDS_CTRL = (PHY_RESET | LINK_RESET | SDS_ALL_CLR);
    bsp_wait_us_delay(1);

    /* R32_SERD_ANA_CFG2
     * [24:0] RB_SERD_TRX_CFG
     * Receive/transmit parameter configuration of SerDes PHY.
     */
    SDS->SDS_CTRL = (SDS_POWR_UP |
                      SDS_TX_PU | SDS_RX_PU |
                      SDS_PLL_PU | SDS_PLL_FREQ |
                      LINK_RESET | SDS_ALL_CLR);

    /* Wait until SDS PLL is ready */
    do
    {
        sds_status = SDS->SDS_STATUS;
    } while(!(sds_status & SDS_PLL_READY));

    bsp_wait_us_delay(1);

    SDS->SDS_CTRL = (SDS_POWR_UP |
                      SDS_TX_PU | SDS_RX_PU |
                      SDS_PLL_PU | SDS_PLL_FREQ |
                      SDS_DMA_EN | SDS_RX_EN);
}
```

Final C code with improvements

Firmware Reverse Engineering SerDes Blob Ghidra Serdes_Tx_Init

Ghidra 10.2 Disassembly/Pseudo C original SerDes_Tx blob

Serdes_Tx_Init

```
void __stdcall Serdes_Tx_Init(void)
{
    assume gp = 0x20000860
    <VOID>           <RETURN>
    Serdes_Tx_Init

0000052c b7 17 00 40    lui      a5,0x40001
    assume gp = <UNKNOWN>
00000530 13 07 70 05    li       a4,0x57
00000534 23 80 e7 00    sb      a4,0x20(a5=>Peripherals::SYS)
00000538 13 07 80 fa    li       a4,-0x58
0000053c 23 80 e7 00    sb      a4,0x0(a5=>Peripherals::SYS)
00000540 13 07 a0 05    li       a4,0x5a
00000544 98 d3    c.sw    a4,0x20(a5=>SYS.R16_SERD_ANA_CFG1)
00000546 37 37 42 00    lui      a4,0x423
0000054a 55 07    c.addi   a4,0x15
0000054c d8 d3    c.sw    a4,0x24(a5=>SYS.R32_SERD_ANA_CFG2)
0000054e fd 67    c.lui    a5,0x1f
00000550 37 b7 00 40    lui      a4,0x4000b
00000554 93 87 37 20    addi   a5,a5,0x203
00000558 lc c3    c.sw    a5,0x0(a4=>DAT_4000b000)

    LAB_0000055a
0000055a lc 47    c.lw    a5,0x8(a4=>DAT_4000b008)
0000055c 93 96 c7 00    slli   a3,a5,0xc
00000560 e3 dd 06 fe    bge    a3,zero,_LAB_0000055a
00000564 b7 f7 07 00    lui      a5,0x7f
00000568 93 87 87 2c    addi   a5,a5,0x2c8
0000056c lc c3    c.sw    a5,0x0(a4=>DAT_4000b000)
0000056e 05 45    c.li     a0,0x1
00000570 81 b7    c.j     mDelayS

-- Flow Override: CALL_RETURN (CALL_TERMINATOR)
```

```
void Serdes_Tx_Init(void)
{
    int iVar1;

    gp = &__global_pointer$;
    Peripherals::SYS.R8_SAFE_ACCESS_SIG = 0x57;
    Peripherals::SYS.R8_SAFE_ACCESS_SIG = 0xa8;
    Peripherals::SYS._32_4_ = 0x5a;
    Peripherals::SYS.R32_SERD_ANA_CFG2 = 0x423015;
    DAT_4000b000 = 0x1f203;
    do {
        iVar1 = DAT_4000b008;
    } while (-1 < iVar1 << 0xc);
    DAT_4000b000 = 0x7f2c8;
    mDelayS(1);
    return;
}
```

Final C code with improvements

```
void Serdes_Tx_Init(e_sds_pll_freq SDS_PLL_FREQ)
{
    uint32_t sds_status;

    R8_SAFE_ACCESS_SIG = 0x57; // enable safe access mode
    R8_SAFE_ACCESS_SIG = 0xa8;
    R16_SERD_ANA_CFG1 = 0x5a;
    R32_SERD_ANA_CFG2 = 0x00423015; // This value is not documented
    /* R32_SERD_ANA_CFG2
     * [24:0] RB_SERD_TRX_CFG (Undocumented)
     * Receive/transmit parameter configuration of SerDes PHY.
     */
    SDS->SDS_CTRL = (PHY_RESET | LINK_RESET | SDS_ALL_CLR);
    SDS->SDS_CTRL = (SDS_POWER_UP |
                      SDS_TX_PU | SDS_RX_PU |
                      SDS_PLL_PU | SDS_PLL_FREQ |
                      LINK_RESET | SDS_ALL_CLR);

    do
    {
        sds_status = SDS->SDS_STATUS;
    } while (!(sds_status & SDS_PLL_READY));

    bsp_wait_us_delay(1);

    SDS->SDS_CTRL = (SDS_POWER_UP |
                      SDS_TX_PU | SDS_RX_PU |
                      SDS_PLL_PU | SDS_PLL_FREQ |
                      SDS_INT_BUSY_EN |
                      SDS_DMA_EN |
                      SDS_TX_EN |
                      SDS_ALIGN_EN |
                      SDS_CONT_EN);

    SDS->SDS_RTX_CTRL = SDS_LINK_INIT;
    bsp_wait_us_delay(1);

    SDS->SDS_RTX_CTRL = 0;
    do
    {
        sds_status = SDS->SDS_STATUS;
    } while (!(sds_status & SDS_TX_READY));
}
```

Code improvement
wait TX is ready

Firmware Reverse Engineering SerDes Blob Ghidra Wait_Txdone

Ghidra 10.2 Disassembly/Pseudo C original SerDes blob
Wait_Txdone

```
void __stdcall Wait_Txdone(void)
    assume gp = 0x20000860
    <VOID>           <RETURN>
    Wait_Txdone

0000064a b7 b7 00 40    lui      a5,0x4000b

        assume gp = <UNKNOWN>
        LAB_0000064e
0000064e 98 47    c.lw     a4,0x8(a5=>DAT_4000b008)
00000650 09 8b    c.andi   a4,0x2
00000652 75 df    c.beqz   a4,LAB_0000064e
00000654 d8 47    c.lw     a4,0xc(a5=>DAT_4000b00c)
00000656 81 76    c.lui    a3,0x20
00000658 fd 16    c.addi   a3,-0x1
0000065a 75 8f    c.and    a4,a3
0000065c d8 c7    c.sw     a4,0xc(a5=>DAT_4000b00c)
0000065e 37 b7 00 40    lui      a4,0x4000b

        LAB_00000662
00000662 5c 47    c.lw     a5,0xc(a4=>DAT_4000b00c)
00000664 93 96 e7 00    slli    a3,a5,0xe
00000668 e3 cd 06 fe    blt     a3,zero,LAB_00000662
0000066c 82 80    ret
```

```
1
2 void Wait_Txdone(void)
3
4 {
5     uint uVar1;
6     int iVar2;
7
8     gp = &__global_pointers$;
9     do {
10         uVar1 = DAT_4000b008;
11     } while ((uVar1 & 2) == 0);
12     uVar1 = DAT_4000b00c;
13     DAT_4000b00c = uVar1 & 0xffffdfffff;
14     do {
15         iVar2 = DAT_4000b00c;
16     } while (iVar2 << 0xe < 0);
17     return;
18}
```

Final C code with improvements

```
void SerDes_Wait_Txdone(void)
{
    uint32_t sds_status;
    uint32_t sds_rtx_ctrl;

    do
    {
        sds_status = SDS->SDS_STATUS;
    } while((sds_status & SDS_TX_INT_FLG) == 0);

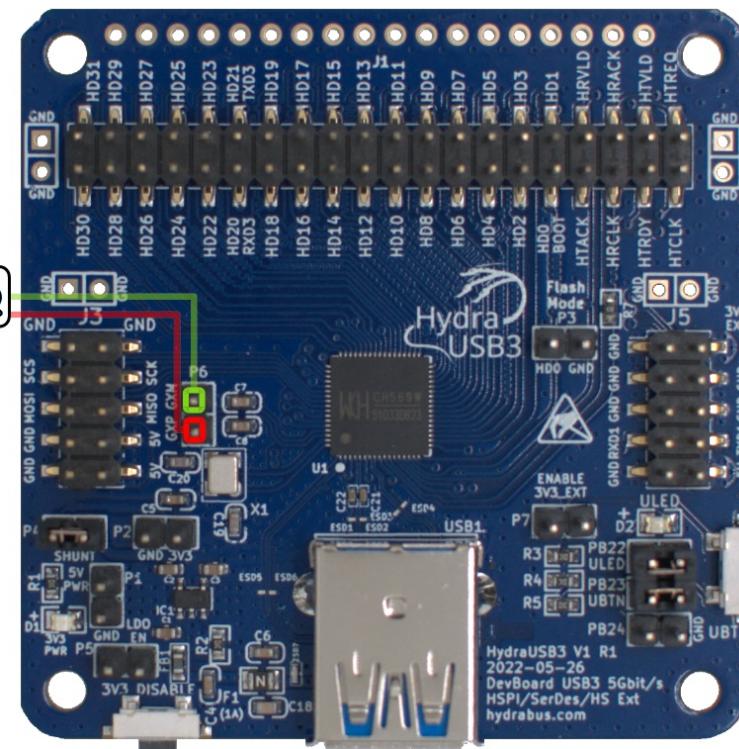
    SDS->SDS_RTX_CTRL &= ~SDS_TX_START;
    do
    {
        sds_rtx_ctrl = SDS->SDS_RTX_CTRL;
    } while(sds_rtx_ctrl & SDS_TX_START);

    /* Clear TX Interrupt Flag */
    SDS->SDS_STATUS = SDS_TX_INT_FLG;
```

Code improvement on
TX IRQ

WCH CH569 SerDes Hardware

- Default speed **1.2Gbps** (programmable TX/RX rate)
- Based on **LVDS**, only 2 wires (differential pair, signal about +/- 400mV)
 - Can **exceed 90m(<600Mbps)** with **CAT6 cable** with differential line pairs
- **Built-in PHY** with **8b/10b codec + CRC check(SATA CRC32)**
- For more details see
<https://github.com/hydrausb3/wch-ch569-serdes>



Firmware Reverse Engineering SerDes Firmware/Host example

- Reverse & rewrite in C the SerDes driver => DONE
 - SerDes Driver
https://github.com/hydrausb3/wch-ch56x-bsp/blob/main/driv/CH56x_serdes.c
 - Example SerDes TX/RX (with Dual HydraUSB3+FTDI C232HM-DDHSL-0 @5Mbauds)
https://github.com/hydrausb3/hydrausb3_fw/tree/main/HydraUSB3_DualBoard_SerDes

```
00s 000ms 020us SYNC 00000001
00s 000ms 000us Start
00s 000ms 076us SerDes_Rx 2022/08/20 @ChipID=69
00s 000ms 221us FSYS=120000000
00s 000ms 327us SerDes_DoubleDMA_Rx_CFG() Before
00s 000ms 468us RX_DMA0_addr=0x20022000 RX_DMA1_addr=0x20021000
00s 000ms 664us SerDes_DoubleDMA_Rx_CFG() After
00s 000ms 800us SerDes_Rx_Init(SERDES_TX_RX_SPEED=0x1200) Before
00s 001ms 262us SerDes_Rx_Init() After
00s 001ms 378us SerDes_EnableIT(SDS_RX_INT_EN|SDS_RX_ERR_EN|SDS_FIFO_OV_EN) Before
00s 001ms 598us SerDes_EnableIT(SDS_RX_INT_EN|SDS_RX_ERR_EN|SDS_FIFO_OV_EN) After
00s 004ms 822us SDS_RX_LEN0=4 SDS_RX_LEN1=4 CNT_nb_cycles=135(1us)
00s 005ms 038us SDS_STATUS[0]=0x010F0024 SDS_STATUS[1]=0x020F0004 SDS_DATA0=0xFFFFFFF SDS_DATA1=0x1FFFFFFF
00s 005ms 360us SDS_RX_ERR=0 SDS_FIFO_OV=0 RX_CRC_OK=1
00s 005ms 536us 5A5A5A5A
00s 005ms 628us 5A5A5A5A
...

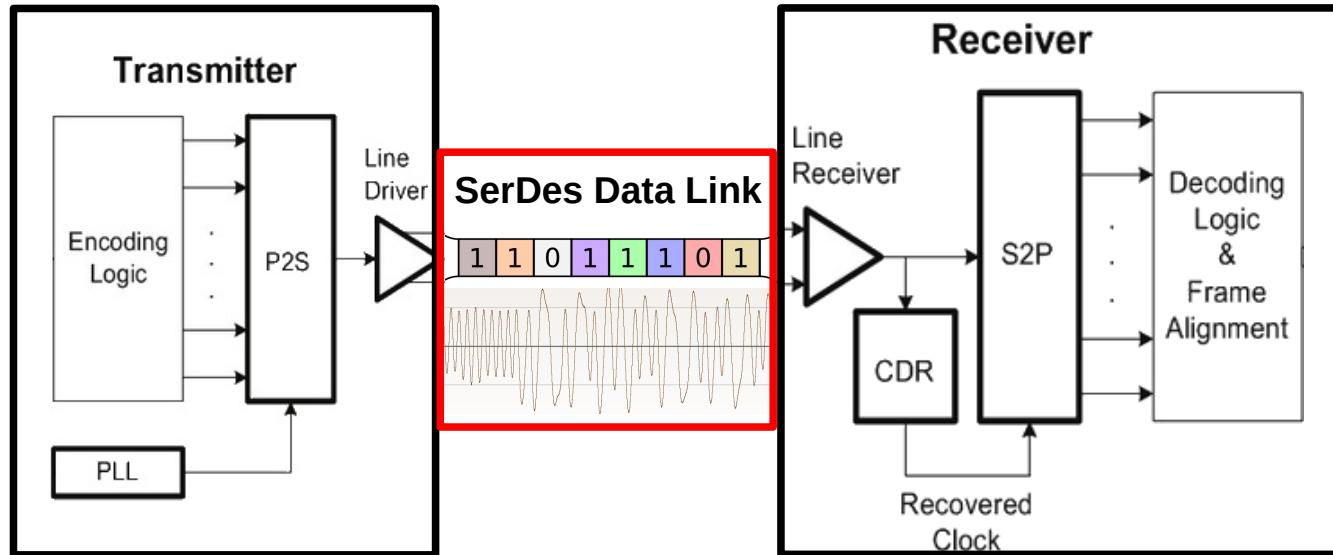
```



Reverse Engineering WCH CH569 SerDes Data Link

Let's Reverse the **SerDes Data Link**

Why ? => To interface **WCH CH569 SerDes** with an **FPGA / External world**



CH569W SerDes is based on **Serial ATA (SATA)** specification
Thanks to Andrew Zonenberg @azonenberg for the hint

Firmware Reverse Engineering USB3

Why? => To support USB3 PHY at 5Gbps officially without using a “**static lib (blob)**”

=> Can be found online on official WCH CH569 repository

<https://github.com/openwch/ch569/tree/main/EVT/EXAM/USBSS>

=>Contains **USB3 Device (USBD)** and **USB3 Host(USBH)** examples with **blob**

We will focus on the reverse engineering of the **USB3 USBD Device** “blob **libCH56x_usb30.a**” based on “**CH372Device Example**” to use the **WCH CH569 as USB2 & USB3 Device Bulk (with burst)**

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'openwch / ch569'. The repository is public, has 5 forks, and 24 stars. The main branch is selected. The navigation bar includes Code, Issues, Pull requests, Actions, Projects, Security, and a dropdown menu. Below the navigation bar, there's a breadcrumb trail: main / ch569 / EVT / EXAM / USBSS / USBD / CH372Device / USB30 / Go to file. The main content area displays a list of files updated by 'HouHou01' on Mar 18. The files listed are CH56x_usb30.c, CH56x_usb30.h, CH56xusb30_LIB.h, and libCH56x_usb30.a. The file 'libCH56x_usb30.a' is highlighted with a red box.

File	Description	Last Updated
CH56x_usb30.c	updata New file	8 months ago
CH56x_usb30.h	updata New file	8 months ago
CH56xusb30_LIB.h	updata New file	8 months ago
libCH56x_usb30.a	updata New file	8 months ago

Firmware Reverse Engineering RISC-V USB3 Device Blob Ghidra

USB3 Basic functions

Lot of “**basic/small**” functions to reverse

=> USB30_Device_Init(), USB30_switch_powermode(), USB30_device_setaddress()
==> USB30_IN_nump(), USB30_IN_set(), USB30_IN_clearIT(), USB30_send_ERDY()
=> USB30_OUT_set(), USB30_OUT_clearIT(), USB30_OUT_status()

Firmware Reverse Engineering RISC-V USB3 Device Blob Ghidra

USB30_Device_Init

```

000000c4 13 07 00 14    li      a4,0x140
000000c8 98 c3    c.sw   a4,0x0(a5=>DAT_40008000)
000000ca 49 47    c.li    a4,0x12
000000d0 d8 c3    c.sw   a4,0x4(a5=>DAT_40008004)
000000c6 37 57 4c 00    lui    a4,0x4c5
000000d2 13 07 17 b4    addi   a4,a4,-0xbf
000000d6 b7 86 00 40    lui    a5,0x40008
000000da 11 a0    c.j    LAB_000000de

        LAB_000000dc
000000dc 3d cb    c.beqz a4,LAB_000000152

        LAB_000000de
000000da 9c 4a    c.lw   a5,0x10(a3=>DAT_40008010)
000000e0 7d 17    c.addi a4,-0x1
000000e2 91 8b    c.andi a5,0x4
000000e4 e5 ff    c.bnez a5,LAB_000000dc
000000e6 23 ae 06 06    sw    zero,0x7c(a3=>DAT_4000807c)
000000ea 23 ac 06 06    sw    zero,0x78(a3=>DAT_40008078)
000000ee 23 a6 06 08    sw    zero,0x8c(a3=>DAT_4000808c)
000000f0 23 ae 06 08    sw    zero,0x88(a3=>DAT_40008088)
000000f6 23 ae 06 08    sw    zero,0x9c(a3=>DAT_4000809c)
000000fa 23 ac 06 08    sw    zero,0x98(a3=>DAT_40008098)
000000f8 23 ae 06 0a    sw    zero,0xac(a3=>DAT_400080ac)
00000102 23 a4 06 0a    sw    zero,0xa8(a3=>DAT_400080a8)
00000106 23 ae 06 0a    sw    zero,0xbc(a3=>DAT_400080bc)
0000010a 23 ac 06 0a    sw    zero,0xb8(a3=>DAT_40008088)
0000010c 23 a6 06 0c    sw    zero,0xcc(a3=>DAT_400080cc)
00000112 23 ae 06 0c    sw    zero,0xc8(a3=>DAT_400080c8)
00000116 23 ae 06 0c    sw    zero,0xdc(a3=>DAT_400080dc)
0000011a 23 ac 06 0c    sw    zero,0xd8(a3=>DAT_400080d8)
0000011e 23 ae 06 0e    sw    zero,0xec(a3=>DAT_400080ec)
00000122 23 a4 06 0e    sw    zero,0xe8(a3=>DAT_400080e8)
00000126 cd 47    c.li    a5,0x13
00000128 dc d2    c.sw   a5,0x24(a3=>DAT_40008024)
0000012a b7 07 03 00    lui    a5,0x30
0000012e 93 87 17 02    addi   a5,a5,0x21
00000130 9c d2    c.sw   a5,0x20(a3=>DAT_40008020)
00000134 23 a8 06 06    sw    zero,0x70(a3=>DAT_40008070)
00000138 9c 42    c.lw   a5,0x0(a3=>DAT_40008000)
0000013a 01 45    c.li    a0,0x0
0000013c 93 e7 27 00    ori    a5,a5,0x2
00000140 9c c2    c.sw   a5,0x0(a3=>DAT_40008000)
00000142 b7 67 10 00    lui    a5,0x10c
00000144 93 87 d7 c7    addi   a5,a5,-0x383
0000014a 9c c6    c.sw   a5,0x8(a3=>DAT_40008008)
0000014c 89 47    c.li    a5,0x2

```

Final C code with improvements

```

static int USB30_device_init(void)
{
    USBSS->LINK_CFG = 0x140;
    USBSS->LINK_CTRL = 0x12;
    uint32_t t = 0x4c4b41;
    while(USBSS->LINK_STATUS&4)
    {
        t--;
        if(t == 0)
            return -1;
    }
    for(int i = 0; i < 8; i++)
    {
        SS_TX CONTRL(i) = 0;
        SS_RX CONTRL(i) = 0;
    }
    USBSS->USB_STATUS = 0x13;

    USBSS->USB_CONTROL = 0x30021;
    USBSS->UEP_CFG = 0;

    USBSS->LINK_CFG |= 2;

    USBSS->LINK_INT_CTRL = 0x10bc7d;

    USBSS->LINK_CTRL = 2;
    return 0;
}

```

Firmware Reverse Engineering RISC-V USB3 Device Blob Ghidra

USB30_IN_Set

The screenshot shows the Ghidra decompiler interface. On the left, the assembly code for `USB30_IN_Set` is displayed, with various registers and memory locations highlighted in green. On the right, the generated C code is shown, with some parts highlighted in green. A large red arrow points from the assembly code down to the final C code.

```
void __stdcall USB30_IN_Set(UINT8 endp, Funct^
    assume gp = 0x200008b0
void          <VOID>           <RETURN>
UINT8         a0:1             endp
FunctionalState a1:4            lpf
UINT8         a2:1             status
UINT8         a3:1             nump
UINT16        a4:2             TxLen
    USB30_IN_Set

00000242 b7 87 00 40      lui      a5,0x40008
    assume gp = <UNKNOWN>
00000246 93 87 c7 07      addi     a5,a5,0x7c
0000024a 12 05             c.slli   endp,0x4
0000024c 3e 95             c.add    endp,a5
0000024e c2 06             c.slli   nump,0x10
00000250 6a 06             c.slli   status,0x1a
00000252 1c 41             c.lw    a5=>DAT_4000807c,0x0(endp)
00000254 d1 8e             c.or     nump,status
00000256 13 77 f7 7f      andi    TxLen,TxLen,0x7ff
0000025a d9 8e             c.or     nump,TxLen
0000025c f2 05             c.slli   lpf,0x1c
0000025e cd 8e             c.or     nump,lpf
00000260 dd 8e             c.or     nump,a5
00000262 14 c1             c.sw     nump,0x0(endp=>DAT_4000807c)
00000264 82 80             ret

1
2 void USB30_IN_Set(UINT8 endp,FunctionalState lpf,UINT8 status,UINT8 nump,UINT16 TxLen)
3
4 {
5     undefined3 in_register_00002029;
6     undefined3 in_register_00002035;
7
8     gp = &__global_pointer$;
9     (*DAT_4000807c)[CONCAT31(in_register_00002029,endp) * 4] =
10        CONCAT31(in_register_00002035,nump) << 0x10 | (uint)status << 0x1a | TxLen & 0x7ff |
11        lpf << 0x1c | (*DAT_4000807c)[CONCAT31(in_register_00002029,endp) * 4];
12
13 }
14
```

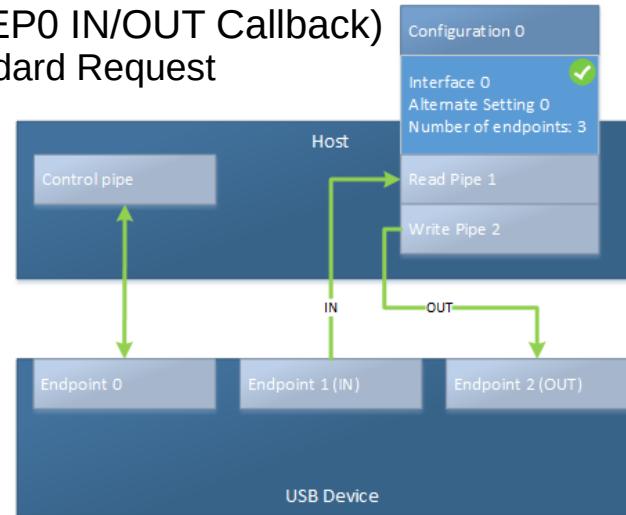
Final C code with improvements

```
static inline void USB30_IN_Set(uint8_t endp, FunctionalState lpf, uint8_t status, uint8_t nump, uint16_t TxLen)
{
    vuint32_t* p = &USBSS->UEPO_TX_CTRL;
    p+= endp*4;
    *p = *p | (nump<<16) | (status<<26) | (TxLen & 0x7ff) | (lpf << 28);
}
```

Firmware Reverse Engineering RISC-V USB3 Device Blob Ghidra USB3 IRQHandler challenges

The Final Quest “USB3 IRQ Handler Reverse Engineering”

- => It is one of the most critical function, as it is the main USB3 device “state machine”
- => **Link Management Packet (LMP)**
- => Management of **End Points1 - 7** (EP IN & OUT Callback)
Specific to user's application/requirements
- => Management of “**special**” **EndPoint 0** (EP0 IN/OUT Callback)
Used for USB3 Standard Request & Non Standard Request



Firmware Reverse Engineering RISC-V USB3 Device Blob Ghidra

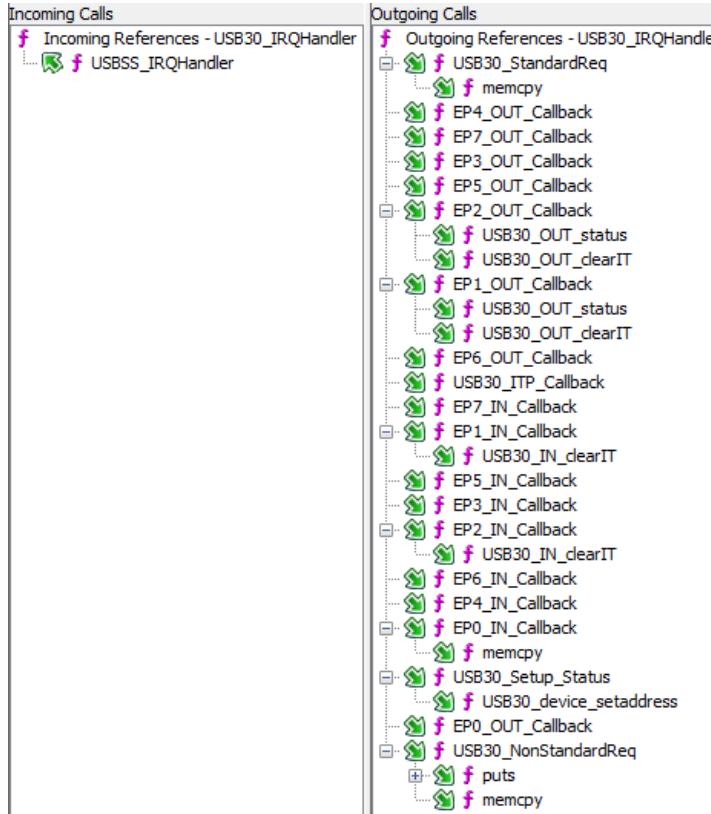
USB3 IRQHandler details

- One “complex” function to reverse **USBSS_IRQHandler()** (calling **USB30_IRQHandler()**)
- Main issue is that **big machine state “inline” some code from other functions** (mainly EP callback)
- **No details on registers** (no documentation => only register name / few defines)
- **Lot of research before to start** (reading the USB3 specifications ...)
- **Hard to factorize all that “mess”**
 - It took lot of iterations rewriting/rebuilding(checking ASM code generated) multiple time until it “magically” works (at least doing USB3 enumeration)
- **Impossible to debug/trace USB3 in real-time**
 - UART traces are too slow (even at 5 Mbauds) and break USB3 enumeration ...
 - HSPI or SerDes real-time DMA traces is a must have for that purpose but it was not ready
 - Was requiring USB3 to retrieve the traces => “**Chicken or the egg**” dilemma



Firmware Reverse Engineering RISC-V USB3 Device Blob Ghidra IRQHandler pseudo C code

Ghidra Function Call Trees



About 260 lines of pseudo C code (with unknown registers)

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```
void __stdcall USB30_IRQHandler(void)
{
    USB30_IRQHandler();
    assume gp = <UNKNOWN>
    c.addi    sp,-0x10
    c.swsp   $0,0x8(sp)
    lui      $0x40008
    c.lw     a5,0x24($0=>DAT_40008024)
    c.swsp   ra,0xc(sp)
    c.andi   a5,0x1
    c.beqz  a5,_LAB_000003c2
    c.lw     a5,0x24($0=>DAT_40008024)
    c.lw     a4,0x24($0=>DAT_40008024)
    c.srli   a5,0x8
    c.srli   a4,0xc
    c.andi   a5,0x7
    c.andi   a5,0x1
    c.bnez  a5,_LAB_000003a6
    c.bnez  a4,_LAB_0000041e
    c.lw     a5,0x078($0=>DAT_40008078)
    slli    a4,a5,0x1
    c.bge   bge,a4,_zero,_LAB_00000446
    zero   zero,0x78($0=>DAT_40008078)
    c.lw     a4,0x74($0=>DAT_40008074)
    c.lw     a3,0x74($0=>DAT_40008074)
    lui     a5,0x20020
    c.add   a4,a5
    c.add   a5,a3
    c.add   a5,0x60
    a5,0x0(a5=>endp0RTbuff)
    lbu    a5,0x0(a4=>endp0RTbuff)
    andi  a5,a5,0x60
    a5,0x0(_LAB_00000470)
    c.jal   c.Jal,USB30_StandardReq

    _LAB_00000378
    c.slli  a5,0x18
    c.srai  a5,0x18
    c.lui   a5,0x10
    blt    s0,zero,_LAB_0000049e
    addi   a4,a5,-0x1
    beg    a0,a4,_LAB_000004c2
    a5,0x0(_LAB_000004d4)
    beg    a0,zero,_LAB_000004d4
    a5,0x0(_LAB_000004d4)
    li     a4,0x200
    bltu  a4,a0,_LAB_000003de
    lui    a4,0x40008
    lui    a3,0x4010
    a5,0x0(a5=>DAT_40008078)

    assume gp = <UNKNOWN>
    uint uVar1;
    uint uVar2;
    uint32 ITPCounter;
    int iVar3;
    int iVar4;
    uint16 UVar5;
    undefined2 extraout_var;
    undefined2 extraout_var_00;
    undefined2 extraout_var_01;
    uint uVar6;
    uint uVar7;
    uint8 UStack_14;
    uint8 UStack_13;
    uint16 aUStack_12 [5];
    gp = &__global_pointers;
    uVar6 = DAT_40008024;
    if ((uVar6 & 1) == 0) {
        uVar6 = DAT_40008024;
        if ((uVar6 & 2) == 0) {
            uVar6 = DAT_40008058;
            if ((uVar6 & 0x10) == 0xa0) {
                DAT_40008048 = 0x2c0;
                DAT_4000804c = 0;
                DAT_40008050 = 0;
            }
            DAT_40008024 = 2;
            gp = &__global_pointers;
            return;
        }
        uVar6 = DAT_40008024;
        if ((uVar6 & 8) == 0) {
            gp = &__global_pointers;
            return;
        }
        ITPCounter = DAT_40008030;
        USB30_ITP_Callback(ITPCounter);
        DAT_40008024 = 8;
        gp = &__global_pointers;
        return;
    }
    uVar6 = DAT_40008024;
    uVar2 = DAT_40008024;
    uVar7 = uVar6 >> 8 & 7;
    uVar6 = uVar2 >> 0xc & 1;
    if (uVar7 != 0) {
```

Firmware Reverse Engineering RISC-V USB3 Device Blob Ghidra

IRQHandler identify block

```
void USB30_IRQHandler(void)
{
    if (_DAT_40008024 & 1) == 0)
    {
        if (_DAT_40008024 & 2) != 0)
        {
            if (_DAT_40008058 & 0x100) == 0xa0)
            {
                _DAT_40008048 = 0x2c0;
                _DAT_4000804c = 0;
                _DAT_40008050 = 0;
            }
            _DAT_40008024 = 2;
            return;
        }
        if (_DAT_40008024 & 8) == 0)
        {
            return;
        }
        USB30_ITP_Callback(_DAT_40008030);
        _DAT_40008024 = 8;
        return;
    }

    EP_IN_OUT_num = _DAT_40008024 >> 8 & 7;
    is_EP_IN = _DAT_40008024 >> 16 & 4;
    if (EP_IN_OUT_num != 0)
    {
        if (is_EP_IN != 0)
        {
            switch(EP_IN_OUT_num)
            {
                case 1:
                    EP1_IN_Callback();
                    return;
                case 2:
                    EP2_IN_Callback();
                    break;
            }
            return;
        }
        switch(EP_IN_OUT_num)
        {
            case 1:
                EP1_OUT_Callback();
                break;
            case 2:
                EP2_OUT_Callback();
                return;
        }
        return;
    }

    if (is_EP_IN != 0)
        EP0_IN_len = EP0_IN_Callback();
    count = count + 1;
    if (CONCAT22(extrout_var,EP0_IN_len) == 0) {
```

The diagram illustrates the flow of control through the IRQHandler identify block. It starts with a main loop that handles EP_IN_OUT_num and is_EP_IN. If is_EP_IN is 0, it calls EP1_IN_Callback or EP2_IN_Callback based on EP_IN_OUT_num. If is_EP_IN is 1, it calls EP1_OUT_Callback or EP2_OUT_Callback. If is_EP_IN is 0 and EP_IN_OUT_num is 0, it calls EP0_IN_Callback. Finally, it increments a counter and checks if the concatenated variable is zero.

```

        count = 0;
        _DAT_40008044 = 0x41;
        _DAT_40008078 = 0x40100000;
        _DAT_4000807c = 0x14010000;
        return;
    }
    if (-1 < _DAT_40008078 << 1) {
        if (_DAT_40008078 << 2 < 0) {
            USB30_Setup_Status();
            _DAT_40008078 = 0;
            _DAT_4000807c = 0;
            return;
        }
        EP0_OUT_Callback();
        _DAT_40008044 = 0x41;
        _DAT_40008078 = 0x40100000;
        return;
    }
    DAT_40008078 = 0;
    data_req_val = endp0RTbuff[_DAT_40008074];
    if ((endp0RTbuff[_DAT_40008074] & 0x60) == 0) {
        req_len_.0_2_ = USB30_StandardReq();
        req_len = CONCAT22(req_len_.0_2_, (UINT16)req_len);
    }
    else {
        UVar1 = USB30_NonStandardReq();
        req_len = CONCAT22(extrout_var_00,UVar1);
    }
    if (UChar(data_req_val) < '\011') {
        if (req_len == 0xffff) {
            _DAT_40008044 = 0x41;
            _DAT_4000807c = 0x80100000;
            return;
        }
        if (req_len != 0) {
            if (0x200 < req_len) {
                return;
            }
            _DAT_40008044 = 0x41;
            _DAT_4000807c = req_len | 0x14010000;
            return;
        }
        else {
            if (req_len == 0xffff) {
                _DAT_40008044 = 0x41;
                _DAT_4000807c = 0x80100000;
                return;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Link Management Packet (LMP)
(managed by HW)

Setup Status => Control Transfer Status Callback
End Points 0 IN/OUT Callback

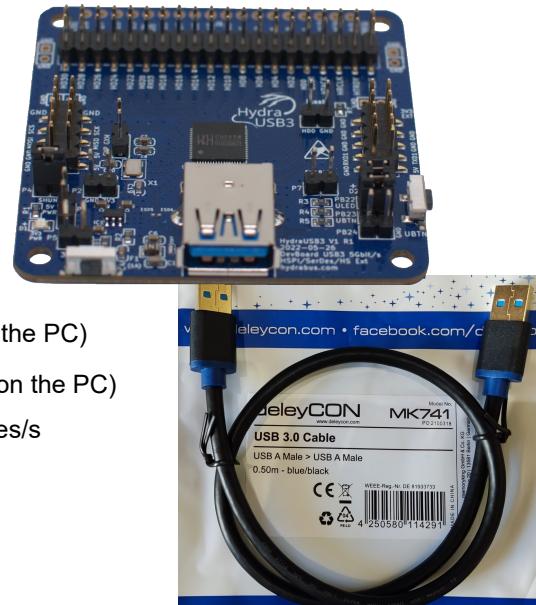
Standard Request (EP0) Callback
Non Standard Request (EP0) Callback

Send/Receive EP0 Data (IN/OUT)

EndPoints1 to 7 IN/OUT Callback

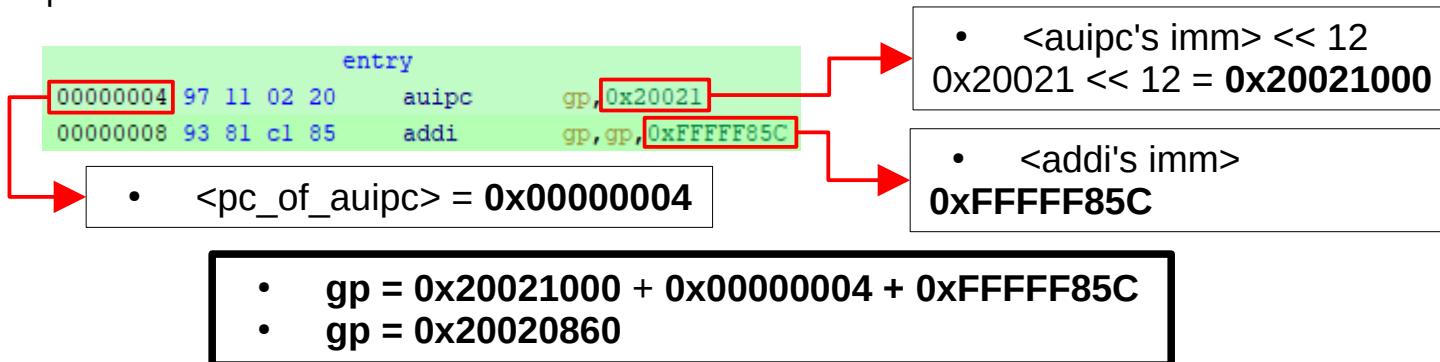
Firmware Reverse Engineering USB3 Device Firmware/Host example

- Reverse & rewrite in C the USB3 Device Bulk driver => DONE
 - USB2 & USB3 Device Bulk Driver
https://github.com/hydrausb3/wch-ch56x-bsp/tree/main/usb/usb_devbulk
- Write an Example Firmware for USB2(HS)/USB3(SS) Device Bulk => DONE
 - Example Firmware USB3 Device Bulk Driver
https://github.com/hydrausb3/hydrausb3_fw/tree/main/HydraUSB3_USB
- Write an Example Host Tool for USB2(HS)/USB3(SS) Device Bulk => DONE
 - Example Host Tool(USB3 Benchmark) to communicate with USB3 Device Bulk Driver
https://github.com/hydrausb3/hydrausb3_host/tree/main/HydraUSB3_USB_benchmark
 - C open source multi-platform code using libusb
 - USB2 High Speed benchmark reach more than 48 MBytes/s average or more (depending on the PC)
 - USB3 Super Speed benchmark reach more than 330 MBytes/s average or more (depending on the PC)
 - 24% faster than original WCH USB3 CH372Device Demo which reach about 266 MBytes/s



Firmware Reverse Engineering Ghidra RISC-V RV32I/RV64I binary (firmware dump)

- RISC-V RV32I / RV64I use a global_pointer (gp) which is initialized in the entry code (and used in all functions)
It is mandatory to initialize this gp register (as there is nothing automatic in Ghidra to do that)
- Very well explained in Ghidra GitHub Issue 2466
<https://github.com/NationalSecurityAgency/ghidra/issues/2466>
 - The hint is to compute and set gp like described in the issue by mumbel
 - ([auipc's imm](#) << 12) + [<pc_of_auipc>](#) + [<addi's imm>](#)
- Example:



Conclusion

- Design of a Dev Board with WCH CH569 (HydraUSB3 v1) with KiCad 6
- Full reverse engineering (rewrite in C) of WCH CH569 SerDes
 - Firmware Blob reversed and rewritten to open source C
 - SerDes Physical & Data Link reversed (with the help of a fast Oscilloscope and open source tools like gscopeclient available on github)
- Full reverse engineering (rewrite in C) of WCH CH569 USB3 Device Bulk
 - Firmware Blob reversed and rewritten to open source C
 - Open source host tools (multi-platform) written in C using libusb
- Firmware Reverse Engineering Ghidra RISC-V RV32I/RV64I firmware dump hint about gp

Thanks to contributors on open source HydraUSB3 Firmware/Tools

- https://github.com/hydrausb3/hydrausb3_fw
<https://github.com/hydrausb3/wch-ch56x-isp>
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 - Jules Maselbas / Twitter @jmsdok
- <https://github.com/hydrausb3/wch-ch56x-bsp>
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BONUS

Reverse Engineering WCH CH569 SerDes Data link (Idle sequence)

ALIGN Primitive Hex: BC 4A 4A 7B

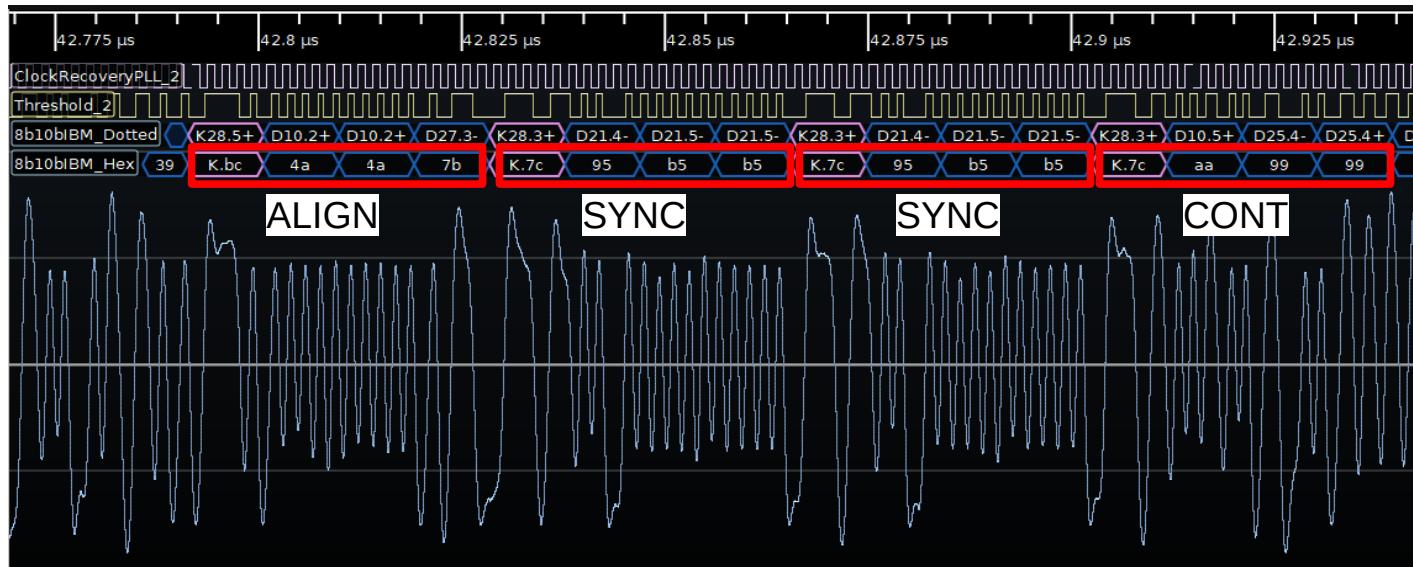
Align primitives establish dword(32bits) boundaries within the serial bit stream

2xSYNC Primitive Hex: 7C 95 B5 B5

Used when in idle to maintain bit synchronization

CONT Primitive Hex: 7C AA 99 99

Allows long strings of repeated primitives to be eliminated

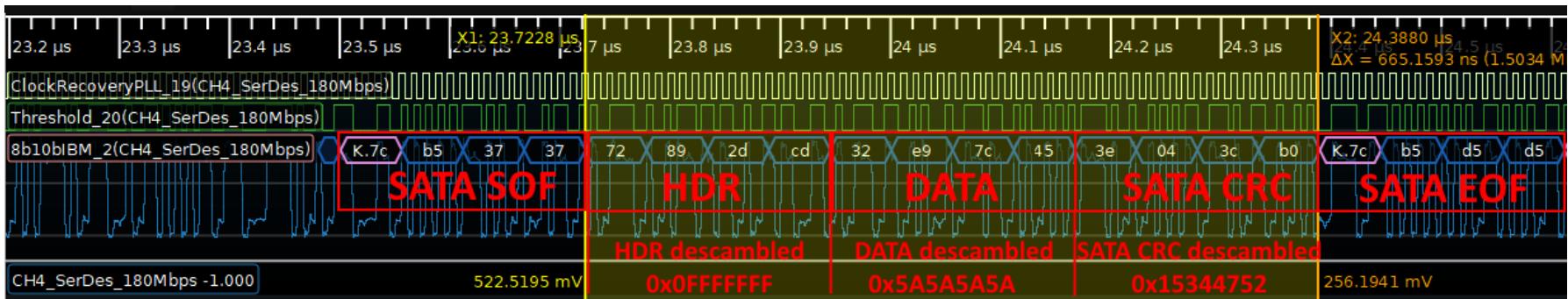


Reverse Engineering WCH CH569 SerDes Data link (data sequence)

- 1) SATA SOF 32bits => SOF Primitive Hex: **7C B5 37 37**
- 2) HDR (specific to WCH CH569W) 32bits
=> Not compliant with SATA => SATA expect Frame Info Structure(FIS)
HDR Descrambled => **Packet Number(4bits)** + **Packet Identifier(28bits)** => Hex: **0F FF FF FF**
- 3) DATA (multiple of 32 bits) => SATA Descrambled Hex: **5A 5A 5A 5A**
- 4) SATA CRC 32bits => Compliant with SATA CRC32 => SATA Descrambled Hex: **15 34 47 52**
- 5) SATA EOF 32bits => EOF Primitive Hex: **7C B5 D5 D5**

Example WCH CH569 SerDes TX 180Mbps (Capture Rigol MSO5K/Partially decoded with gscopeclient)

Example with minimal payload 4 Bytes Hex: **5A 5A 5A 5A**



Reverse Engineering WCH CH569 SerDes more details

For more details see wch-ch569-serdes reverse-engineering

<https://github.com/hydrausb3/wch-ch569-serdes>

