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# 1 Introduction

Quectel FC20, FC21 and FC900E modules are low-power and cost-effective Wi-Fi/Bluetooth modules, with Wi-Fi and Bluetooth features supported on third-party Linux system. This document introduces how to enable the two features, including verification method and the description of factory test mode.



## 2 Enable Wi-Fi

This chapter describes how to enable the Wi-Fi function of FC20, FC21 and FC900E modules, as well as the function verification and the corresponding factory test methods on the example of IMX8QXP platform on third-party Linux system.

### 2.1. Build Environment

#### 2.1.1. Hardware Environment

1. Prepare the following hardware:
  - Quectel FC20, FC21 or FC900E module
  - IMX8QXP demo board
2. Install the module and demo board as shown below (NXP board MCIMX8QXP-CPU is used in the example):

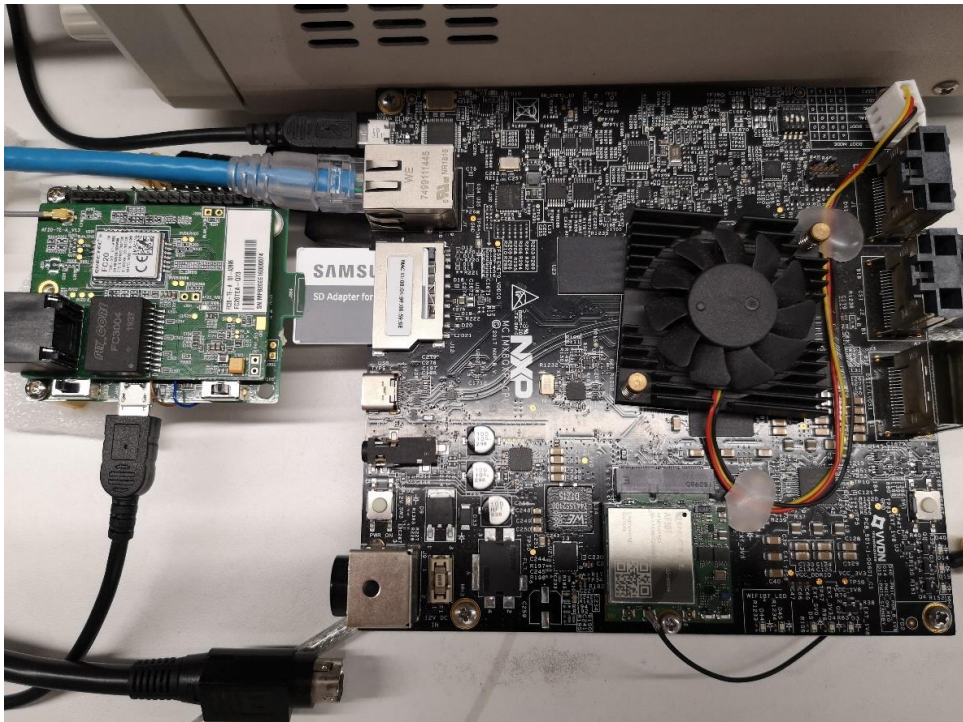


Figure 1: Hardware Environment for Wi-Fi Enablement

## 2.1.2. Software Environment

Recommended kernel version: 4.14.78

IMX Yocto environment downloading address (Git address):

```
git clone https://source.codeaurora.org/external/imx/linux-imx.git --branch imx_4.14.78_1.0.0_ga
```

### 2.1.2.1. Install IMX8QXP Tool Chain

Execute the following command to install the IMX8QXP tool chain on host.

```
$ ./fsl-imx-xwayland-glibc-x86_64-meta-toolchain-aarch64-toolchain-4.14-sumo.sh // Install toolchain
NXP i.MX Release Distro SDK installer version 4.14-sumo
=====
Enter   target   directory   for   SDK   (default:   /opt/fsl-imx-xwayland/4.14-sumo):
/home/qingzong/toolchain/
You are about to install the SDK to "/home/qingzong/toolchain". Proceed[Y/n]? Y
Extracting SDK.....done
Setting it up...done
SDK has been successfully set up and is ready to be used.
Each time you wish to use the SDK in a new shell session, you need to source the environment
setup script e.g.
$ . /home/qingzong/toolchain/environment-setup-aarch64-poky-linux
```

### 2.1.2.2. Configuring IMX8QXP Tool Chain Environment

After the tool chain is installed successfully, execute **source** to configure the running environment. And the command example is shown below:

```
$ source /home/qingzong/toolchain/environment-setup-aarch64-poky-linux
```

#### NOTE

The command above should be adjusted to your actual directory used.

### 2.1.2.3. Compiling IMX8QXP Images

Execute the following command to compile IMX8QXP images:

```
$ cd ${kernel-source}      // Please change to your directory
$ make defconfig
$ make menuconfig
$ LDFLAGS="" CC="$CC" make -j24
```

#### NOTE

Manually open the following configuration items in *menuconfig* file:

```
CONFIG_CFG80211=y
CONFIG_HOSTAP=y
CONFIG_WIRELESS_EXT=y
CONFIG_WEXT_PRIV=y
CONFIG_NL80211_TESTMODE=y
CONFIG_CFG80211_WEXT=y
CONFIG_CFG80211_INTERNAL_REGDB=y
CONFIG_CFG80211_REG_DEBUG=y
CONFIG_BCMDHD=n
CONFIG_RFKILL=y
CONFIG_RFKILL_INPUT=y
CONFIG_RFKILL_REGULATOR=y
CONFIG_RFKILL_GPIO=y
```

## 2.2. Compile WLAN Driver

### 2.2.1. Obtain Module SDK

Please contact Quectel Technical Supports for SDK of the relevant module.

### 2.2.2. Configure IMX8QXP Tool Chain Environment

Configure IMX8QXP tool chain environment, and the command example is shown below:

```
$ source /home/qingzong/toolchain/environment-setup-aarch64-poky-linux
```

#### NOTE

The command above should be adjusted to your actual directory used.

### 2.2.3. Configure Compilation Environment

Configure Wi-Fi compilation environment, and the command example is shown below:

```
$ cd <FC2x_target_root>/cnss_host_LEA/chss_proc/host/AIO/build
$ vim scripts/te-f30/config.te-f30 // Modify KERNELPATH, KERNELARCH and TOOLPREFIX
    export KERNELPATH=/home/qingzong/code/kernel-source
    export KERNELARCH=arm64
    export TOOLPREFIX=${CROSS_COMPILE}
$ cd <FC2x_target_root>/cnss_host_LEA/chss_proc/host/AIO/drivers/qcacld-new
$ vim Makefile // Modify KERNEL_SRC
    KERNEL_SRC ?= /home/qingzong/code/kernel-source
```

#### NOTE

<FC2x\_target\_root> is the root directory that stores the decompressed SDK.

### 2.2.4. Compile WLAN Driver

Compile WLAN driver, and the command example is shown below:

```
$ cd <FC2x_target_root>/cnss_host_LEA/chss_proc/host/AIO/build
$ make drivers
```

#### NOTE

<FC2x\_target\_root> is the root directory that stores the decompressed SDK.

## 2.3. Install WLAN Firmware and Driver

Install the WLAN firmware and driver to IMX8QXP demo board according to the following steps.

1. The WLAN firmware is in <FC2x\_target\_root>/meta\_build/load\_meta/wlan\_firmware/sdio. Copy the binary files (*bdwlan30.bin*, *otp30.bin*, *qwlan30.bin* and *utf30.bin*) to */lib/firmware/* of IMX8QXP demo

board with a USB flash disk, and the command example is shown below:

```
$ ls <FC2x_target_root>/meta_build/load_meta/wlan_firmware/sdio/
```

2. WLAN driver configuration file is in `<FC2x_target_root>/meta_build/load_meta/host/wlan_host/sdio`. Copy the configuration file `qcom_cfg.ini` to `/lib/firmware/wlan/` of IMX8QXP demo board (please create the directory if the target directory `/lib/firmware/wlan/` does not exist) with a USB flash disk, and the command example is shown below:

```
$ ls <FC2x_target_root>/meta_build/load_meta/host/wlan_host/sdio/qcom_cfg.ini
```

3. The `.ko` file of the WLAN driver is in `<FC2x_target_root>/cnss_host_LEA/chss_proc/host/AIO/drivers/qcacld-new/`. Copy file `wlan.ko` to `/lib/modules/$(echo $(uname -r))/extra` of the IMX8QXP demo board with a USB flash disk, and the command example is shown below:

```
$ ls <FC2x_target_root>/cnss_host_LEA/chss_proc/host/AIO/drivers/qcacld-new/
```

#### NOTE

<FC2x\_target\_root> is the root directory that stores the decompressed SDK.

## 2.4. Load WLAN Driver

### 2.4.1. Check SDIO Enumeration

Check if SDIO can be enumerated successfully, and the command example is shown below:

```
root@imx8qxpmek:~# dmesg | grep mmc1
[ 1.947683] mmc1: CQHCI version 5.10
[ 2.007212] mmc1: SDHCI controller on 5b020000.usdhc [5b020000.usdhc] using ADMA
[ 2.067920] mmc1: queuing unknown CIS tuple 0x01 (3 bytes)
[ 2.075785] mmc1: queuing unknown CIS tuple 0x1a (5 bytes)
[ 2.079252] mmc1: queuing unknown CIS tuple 0x1b (8 bytes)
[ 2.079946] mmc1: queuing unknown CIS tuple 0x14 (0 bytes)
[ 2.136241] mmc1: queuing unknown CIS tuple 0x80 (1 bytes)
[ 3.484201] mmc1: queuing unknown CIS tuple 0x81 (1 bytes)
[ 3.489830] mmc1: queuing unknown CIS tuple 0x82 (1 bytes)
[ 3.495424] mmc1: new ultra high speed SDR104 SDIO card at address 0001
```

### 2.4.2. Load WLAN Driver

Execute **insmod** to load WLAN driver, and the command example is shown below:

```
# insmod wlan.ko
```

#### NOTE

**insmod ./wlan.ko country\_code=US** is used to configure the country code.

### 2.4.3. Enable Wi-Fi

Enable Wi-Fi, and the command example is shown below:

```
$ ifconfig wlan0 up
$ ifconfig wlan0
wlan0      Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 00:03:7f:10:72:12
           UP BROADCAST MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
           RX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
           TX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
           collisions:0 txqueuelen:3000
           RX bytes:0 (0.0 B)  TX bytes:0 (0.0 B)
```

## 2.5. Function Verification

The Wi-Fi working modes of Quectel FC20, FC21 and FC900E modules are STA mode and AP mode. This chapter introduces the function verification methods for both the two modes.

### 2.5.1. STA Mode

STA (Station), namely the station, is generally the client in the wireless local area network. Please follow the steps below to verify the Wi-Fi function of the module when the Wi-Fi working mode is STA mode.

#### 2.5.1.1. Connect to AP in Open Mode

1. Set an AP (e.g., encryption mode: WPA-PSK; SSID: SoftAP; IP address: 192.168.1.1) and enable the DHCP server of the AP.

2. Modify the configuration file *wpa-sta.conf*, and the command example is shown below:

```
ctrl_interface=/var/run/wpa_supplicant
update_config=1
network={
    ssid="SoftAP"
    key_mgmt=NONE
}
```

3. Connect the module to AP, and the command example is shown below:

```
$ wpa_supplicant -D nl80211 -i wlan0 -c wpa-sta.conf &
```

4. Set IP address of wlan0 after connecting the module to AP successfully, and the command example is shown below:

```
$ ifconfig wlan0 192.168.1.2
```

5. Check the reachability of the IP address with **ping**, and the command example is shown below:

```
$ ping 192.168.1.1
```

6. If the IP address can be pinged successfully, it indicates the module works normally in STA mode.

### 2.5.1.2. Connect AP in Encryption Mode

1. Set an AP (e.g., encryption mode: WPA-PSK; SSID: SoftAP; IP address: 192.168.1.1), and enable the DHCP server of the AP.
2. Modify the configuration file *wpa-sta.conf*, and the command example is shown below:

```
ctrl_interface=/var/run/wpa_supplicant
update_config=1
network={
    ssid="SoftAP"
    key_mgmt=WPA-PSK
    auth_alg=OPEN
    pairwise=CCMP
    group=CCMP
    psk="1234567890"
}
```

3. Connect the module to AP, and the command example is shown below:

```
$ wpa_supplicant -Dnl80211 -iwlan0 -c wpa-sta.conf &
```

4. Set IP address of wlan0 after connecting the module to AP successfully, and the command example is shown below:

```
$ ifconfig wlan0 192.168.1.2
```

5. Check the reachability of the IP address with **ping**, and the command example is shown below:

```
$ ping 192.168.1.1
```

6. If the IP address can be pinged successfully, it indicates the module works normally in STA mode.

### 2.5.2. AP Mode

AP (Access Point) refers to the wireless access point, which is the creator of a wireless network and the central node of the network. The host has to install the programs *hostapd* and *DHCP* to configure wireless access point. *Hostapd* is a server end program running in user space and provides hotspot access and authentication. *DHCP* assigns IP address for the devices accessed through the wireless access point.

The configuration files *hostapd-2G.conf* and *hostapd-5G.conf* are located at `<FC2x_target_root>/meta_build/load_meta/hostapd/`.

The following steps show how to test the Wi-Fi feature of FC20, FC21 and FC900E modules when the Wi-Fi mode is AP mode with different wireless LAN standards (11bgn and 11ac).

#### 2.5.2.1. Open Mode (11bgn)

1. Modify the default configuration file *hostapd.conf*, and the command example is shown below:

```
interface=wlan0
ssid=SoftAP
hw_mode=g
channel=1
auth_algs=1
ieee80211n=1
```

2. Run *hostapd*, and the command example is shown below:

```
# hostapd -dd hostapd.conf &
```



- Set IP address of the SoftAP, and the command example is shown below:

```
#ifconfig wlan0 192.168.11.1
```

- Connect to the unencrypted AP with other Wi-Fi device that is in STA mode, and execute **ping** to check the reachability of the IP address.

#### 2.5.2.2. Encryption Mode (11bgn)

- Modify the configuration file *hostapd.conf*, and the command example is shown below:

```
interface=wlan0
ssid=SoftAP
hw_mode=g
channel=1
auth_algs=3
ieee80211n=1
wpa=3
wpa_passphrase=12345678
wpa_key_mgmt=WPA-PSK
wpa_pairwise=CCMP
rsn_pairwise=CCMP
```

- Run hostapd, and the command example is shown below:

```
#hostapd -dd hostapd.conf &
```

- Set IP address of the SoftAP, and the command example is shown below:

```
#ifconfig wlan0 192.168.11.1
```

- Connect other Wi-Fi devices that are in STA mode to the AP encrypted by WPA1/2 PSK, and execute **ping** to check the reachability of the IP address.

#### 2.5.2.3. Open Mode (11ac)

- Modify the default configuration file *hostapd.conf* and store it to */home/root/sbin* with hostapd program, and the command example is shown below:

```
interface=wlan0
ssid=SoftAP
hw_mode=a
```

```
channel=149
auth_algs=1
ieee80211n=1
ieee80211ac=1
```

2. Run hostapd, and the command example is shown below:

```
# hostapd -dd hostapd.conf &
```

3. Set IP address of the SoftAP, and the command example is shown below:

```
#ifconfig wlan0 192.168.11.1
```

4. Connect other Wi-Fi devices that are in STA mode to the unencrypted AP, and execute **ping** to check the reachability of the IP address.

#### 2.5.2.4. Encryption Mode (11ac)

1. Modify the configuration file *hostapd.conf*, and the command example is shown below:

```
interface=wlan0
ssid=SoftAP
hw_mode=a
channel=149
ieee80211n=1
ieee80211ac=1
wpa=3
wpa_passphrase=12345678
wpa_key_mgmt=WPA-PSK
wpa_pairwise=CCMP
rsn_pairwise=CCMP
```

2. Run hostapd, and the command example is shown below:

```
#hostapd -dd hostapd.conf &
```

3. Set IP address of the SoftAP, and the command example is shown below:

```
#ifconfig wlan0 192.168.11.1
```

4. Connect to the AP encrypted by WPA1/2 PSK using other Wi-Fi devices that are in STA mode, and execute **ping** to check the reachability of the IP address.

## 2.6. Factory Test Mode

### 2.6.1. Configure Factory Test Mode with QRCT

This chapter describes steps to perform factory test of Wi-Fi feature and the use of QRCT.

The Qcmbr (QDART Connectivity for non-MSMTM Based Resources) application provides the communication path between QDART tool and on-chip firmware. It connects QDART tool via a TCP/IP socket, thus the target board should be in the same LAN with host PC.

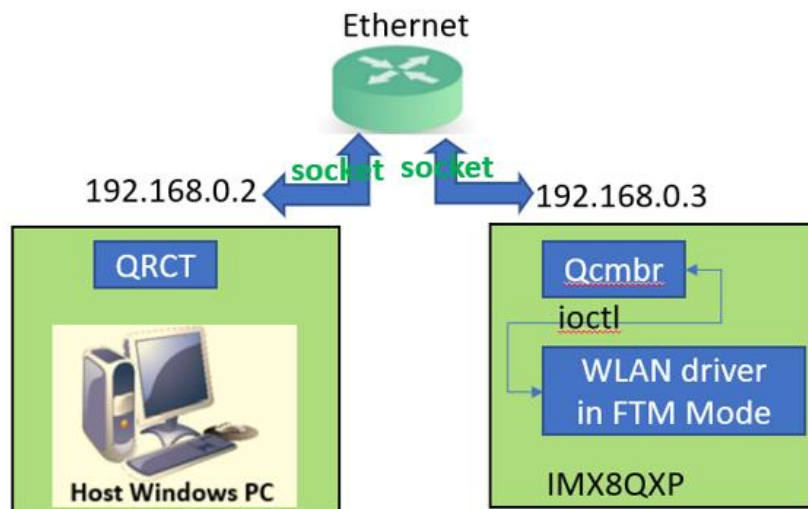


Figure 2: Connection between QDART and Qcmbr

1. Connect the IMX8QXP to PC via an Ethernet cable.
2. Set IP address for IMX8QXP and PC, and make sure PC can ping IMX8QXP successfully.
3. Set the factory test mode and start Wi-Fi, and save the IP address of eth0 properly for subsequent use. The command example is shown below:

```
# insmod /lib/modules/wlan.ko con_mode=5
# ifconfig wlan0 up
# Qcmbr -v
```

#### 2.6.1.1. Run and Configure Tool

1. Run QRCT.
2. Click **"Tool"** → **"User Defined Transport"** → **"OK"** and confirm the prompt message.

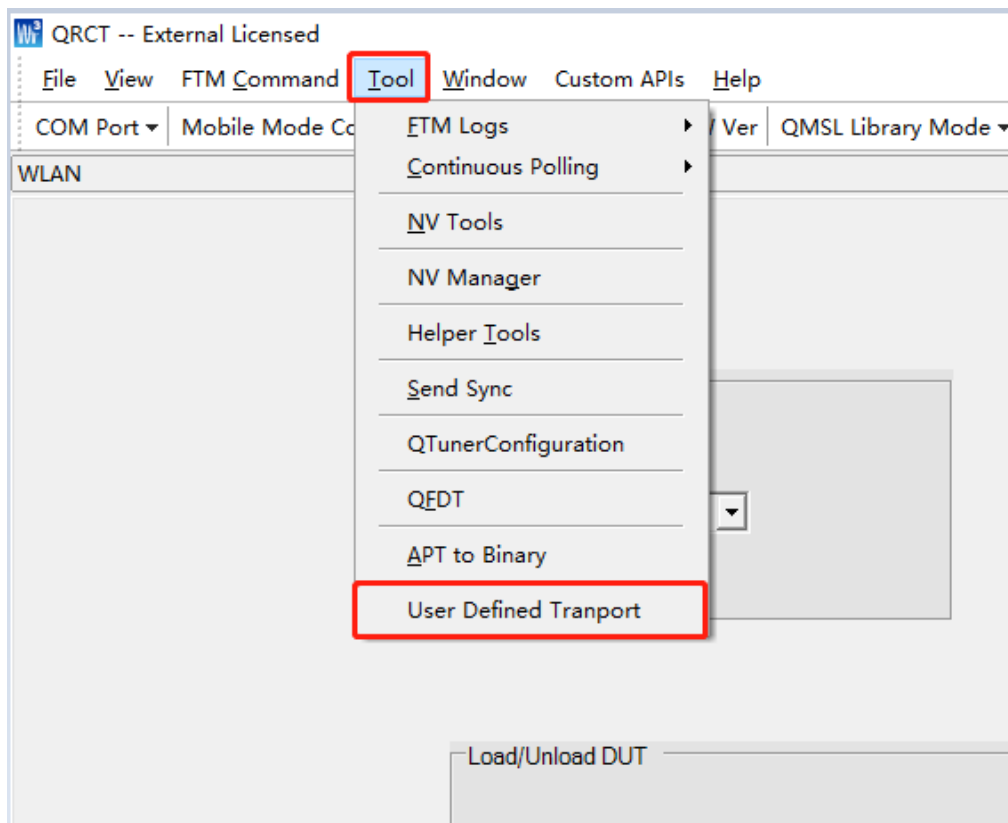


Figure 3: Click "User Defined Transport"

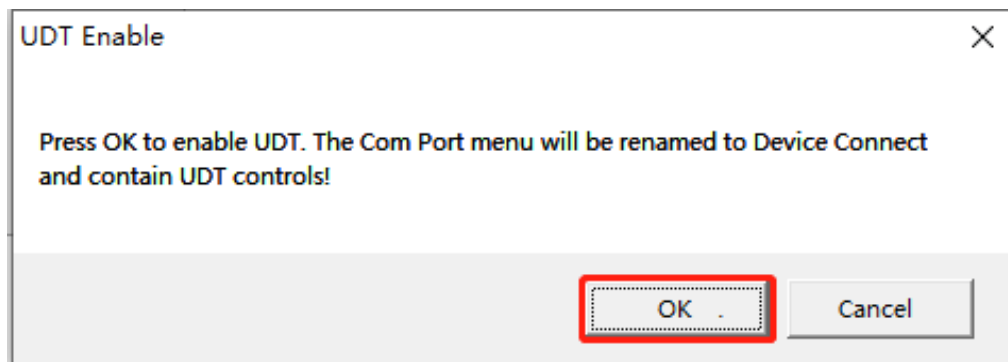
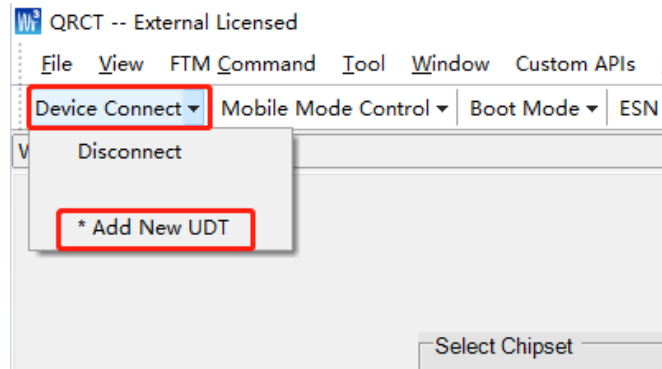


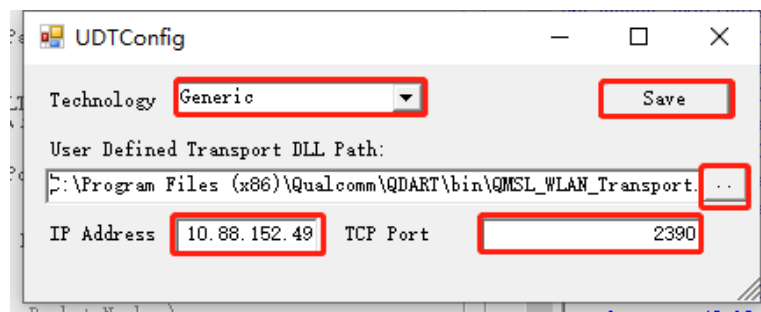
Figure 4: Confirm Enabling UDT

3. Continue to click “**Device Connect**” → “\* Add New UDT”.



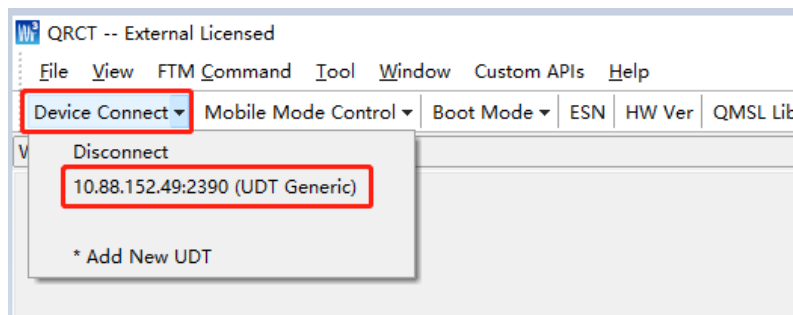
**Figure 5: Add New UDT (WLAN)**

In the popup box, select “Generic” from “Technology”, select *C:\Program Files (x86)\Qualcomm\QDART\bin\QMSL\_WLAN\_Transport.dll* (the directory is created on the host automatically after installing QRCT. Please contact Quectel Technical Support if the directory does not exist) to “User Defined Transport DLL Path”, and input the IP address of eth0 previously saved to “IP Address” and “TCP Port”. Then click “**Save**”, as shown in the following figure:



**Figure 6: Configure UDT (WLAN)**

4. After the configurations are saved, click “**Device Connect**” → “10.88.152.49:2390(UDT Generic)” to disconnect the connection.



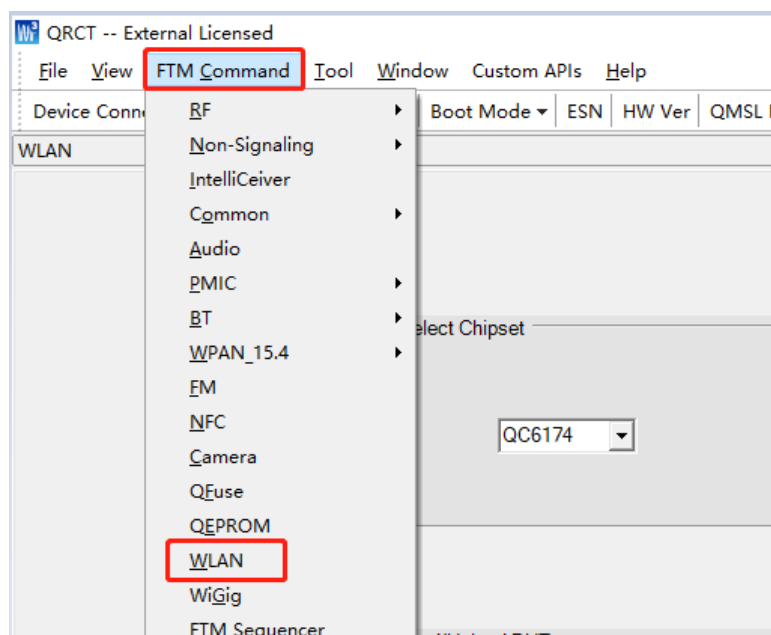
**Figure 7: Disconnect the Connection (WLAN)**

**NOTE**

The steps described in this chapter must be performed, otherwise it may cause the DUT to fail to load. These steps are also required when reopening the tool.

### 2.6.1.2. Test WLAN

1. Click “FTM Command” → “WLAN”.



**Figure 8: Select WLAN**

Then select chipset QC6174, select BDF (*bdwlan.bin*), and click “**Load DUT**” to load DUT, as shown in the following figure:

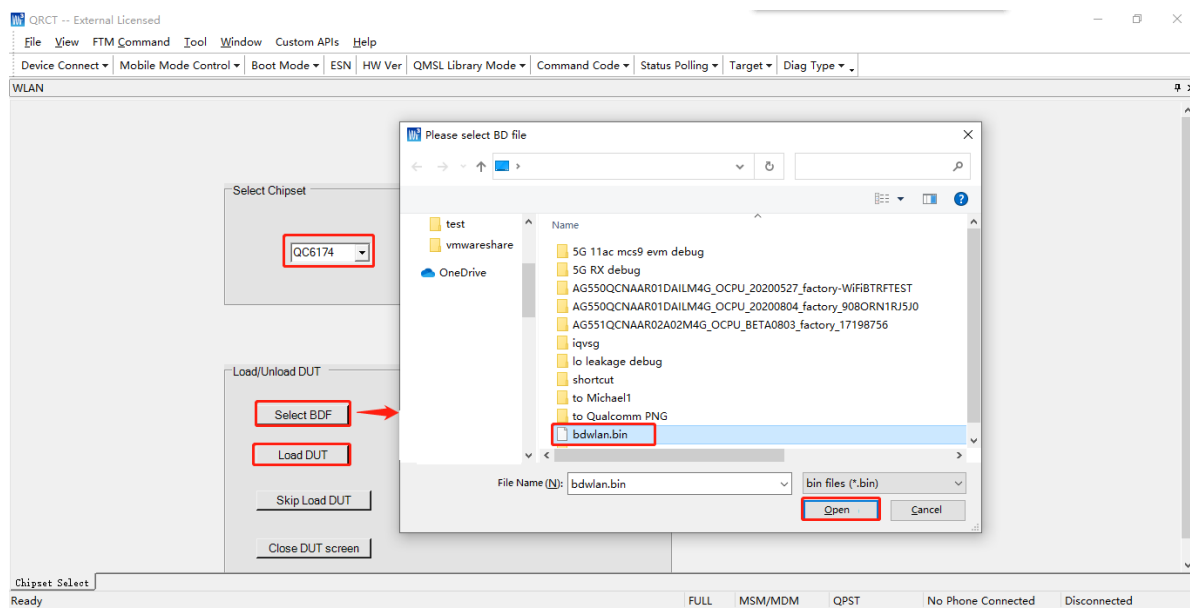


Figure 9: Load DUT

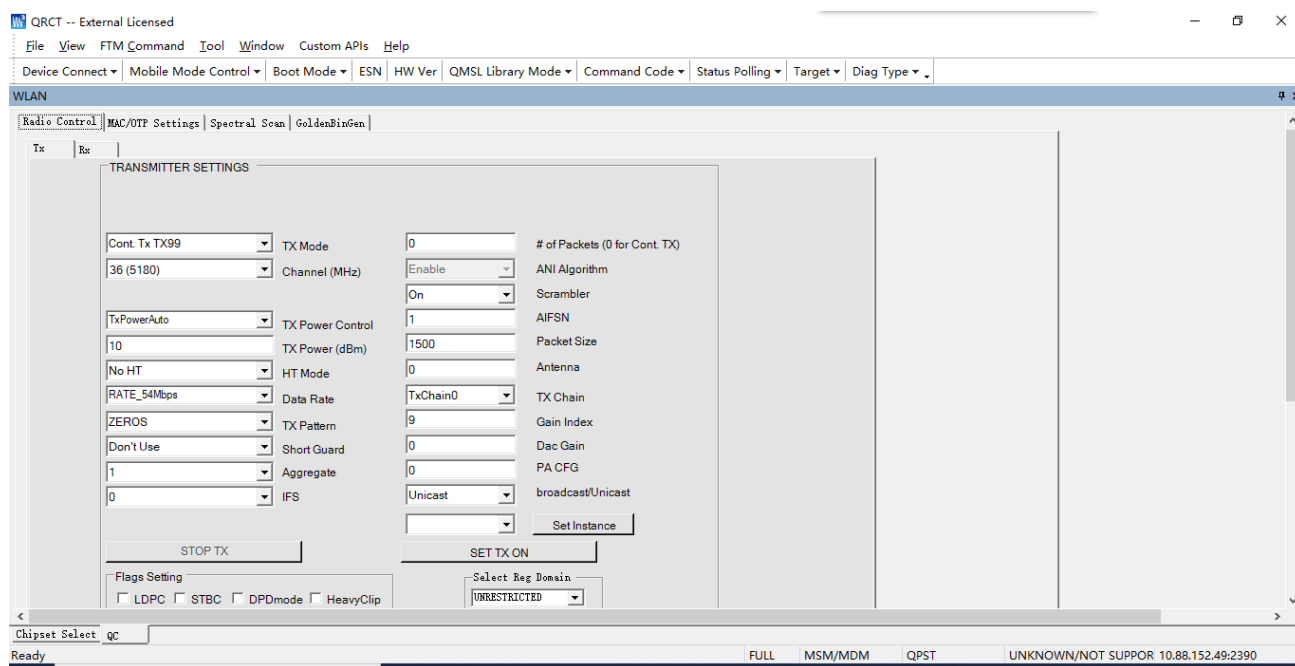
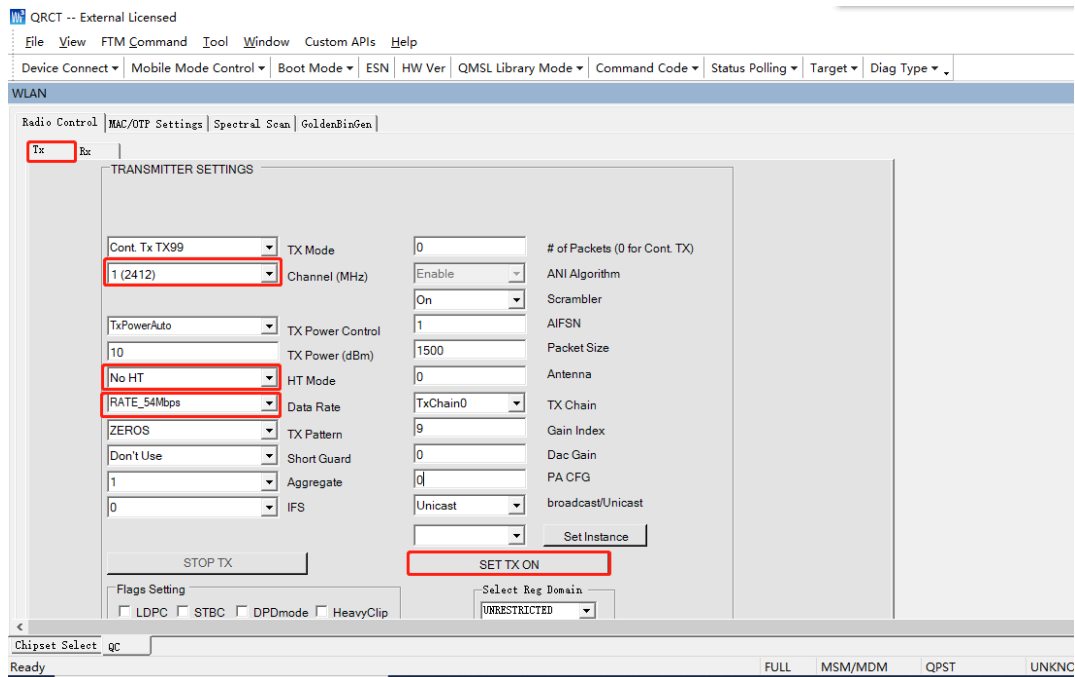


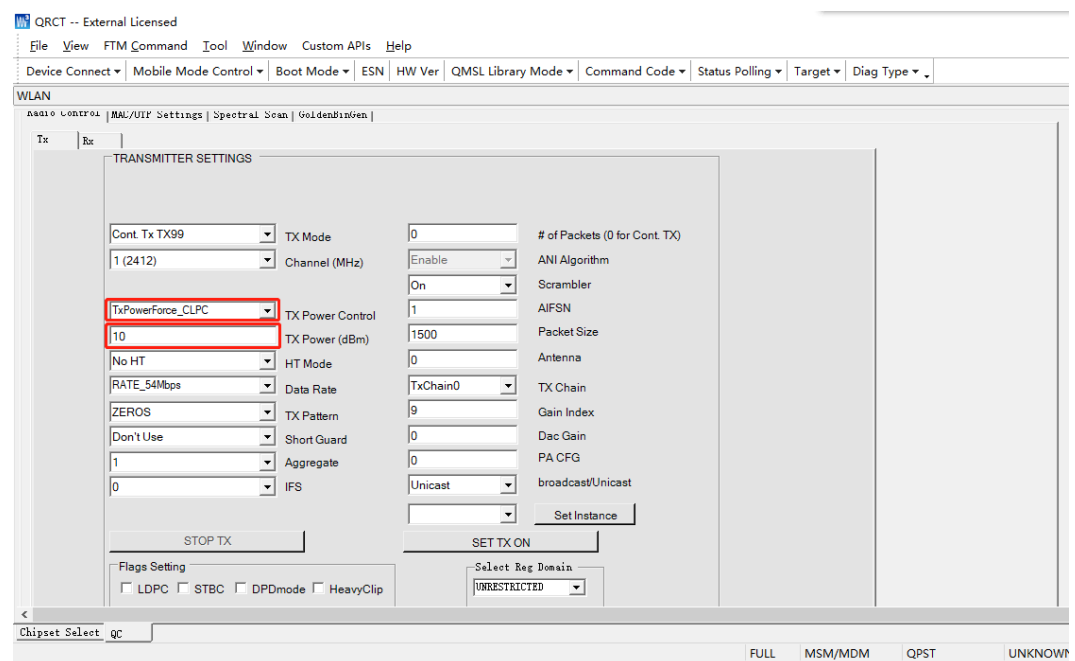
Figure 10: DUT Loaded Successfully

- In “Tx” column, select “Channel”, “HT Mode” and “Data Rate” (the data rate should be the test data) according to your actual case. Then click “**SET TX ON**”, as shown in the following figure:



**Figure 11: Set TX Frequency (2.4 GHz)**

If TX power needs to be changed, please select “TxPowerForce\_CLPC”, as shown in the following figure:



**Figure 12: Change TX Power (2.4 GHz)**



After clicking “SET TX ON”, the RF test device receives and displays the WLAN signal strength, as shown in the following figure:

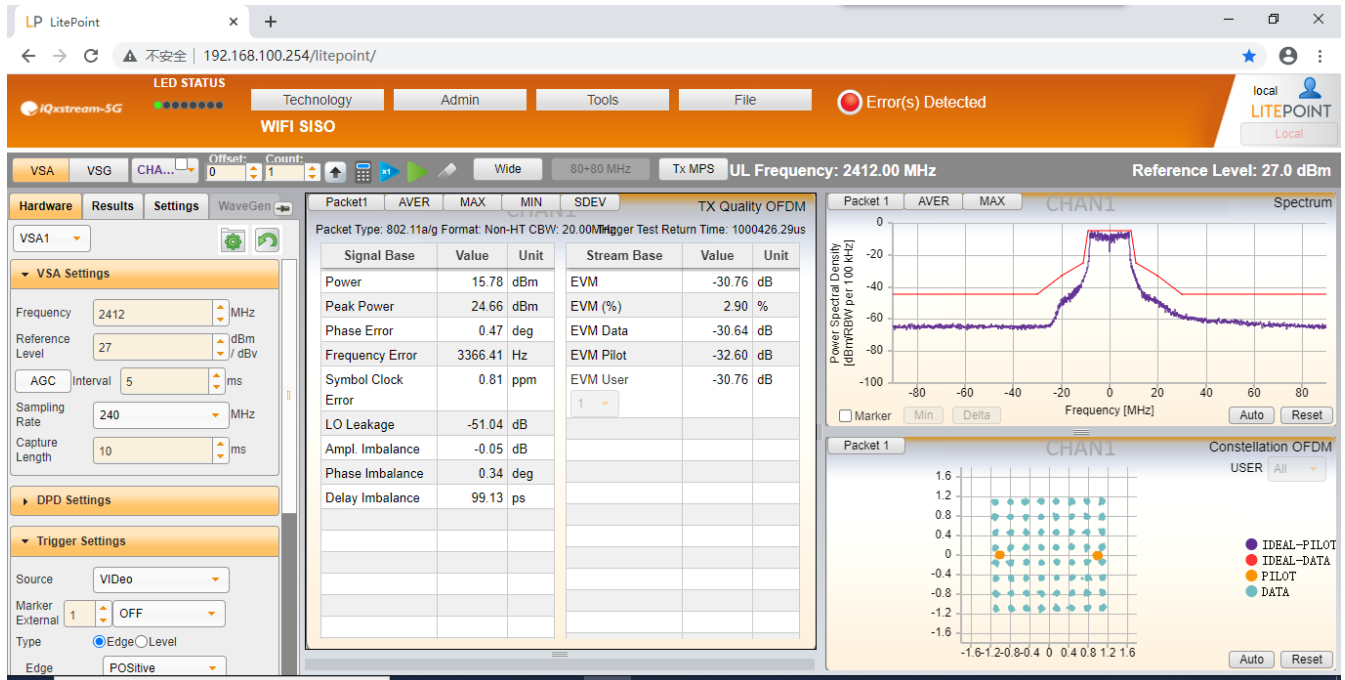


Figure 13: WLAN Signal Strength (2.4 GHz)

3. The 5 GHz TX setting is the same as that of the above 2.4 GHz TX test setting, as shown in the following figure:

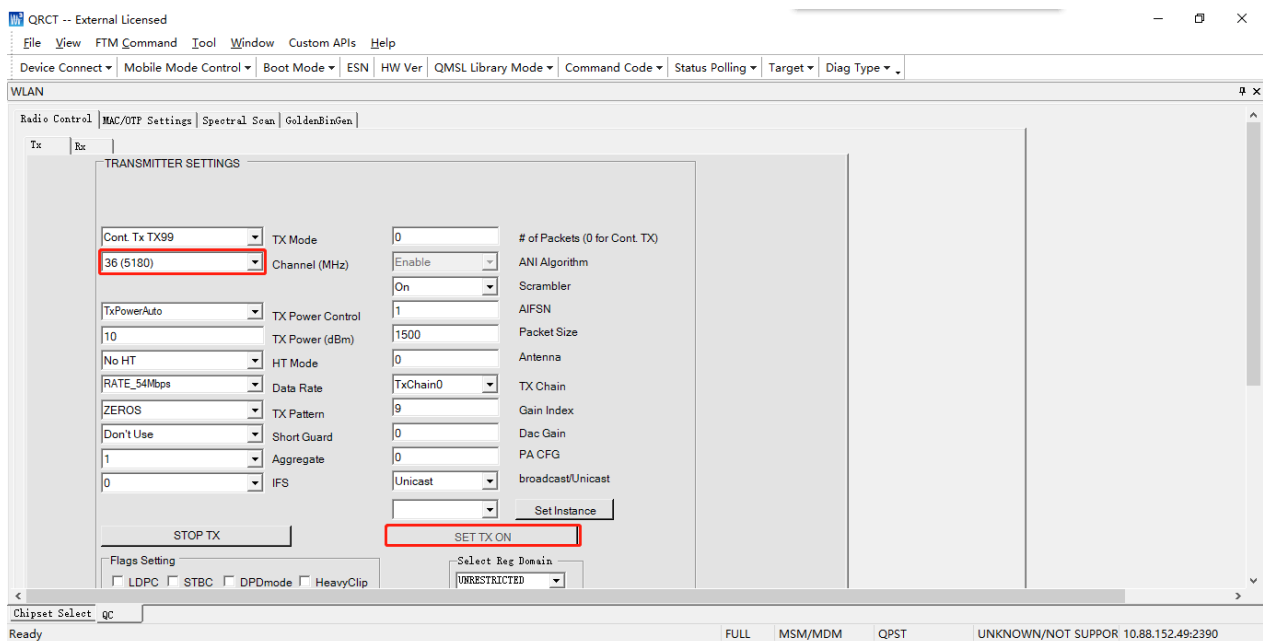


Figure 14: Set TX Frequency (5 GHz)

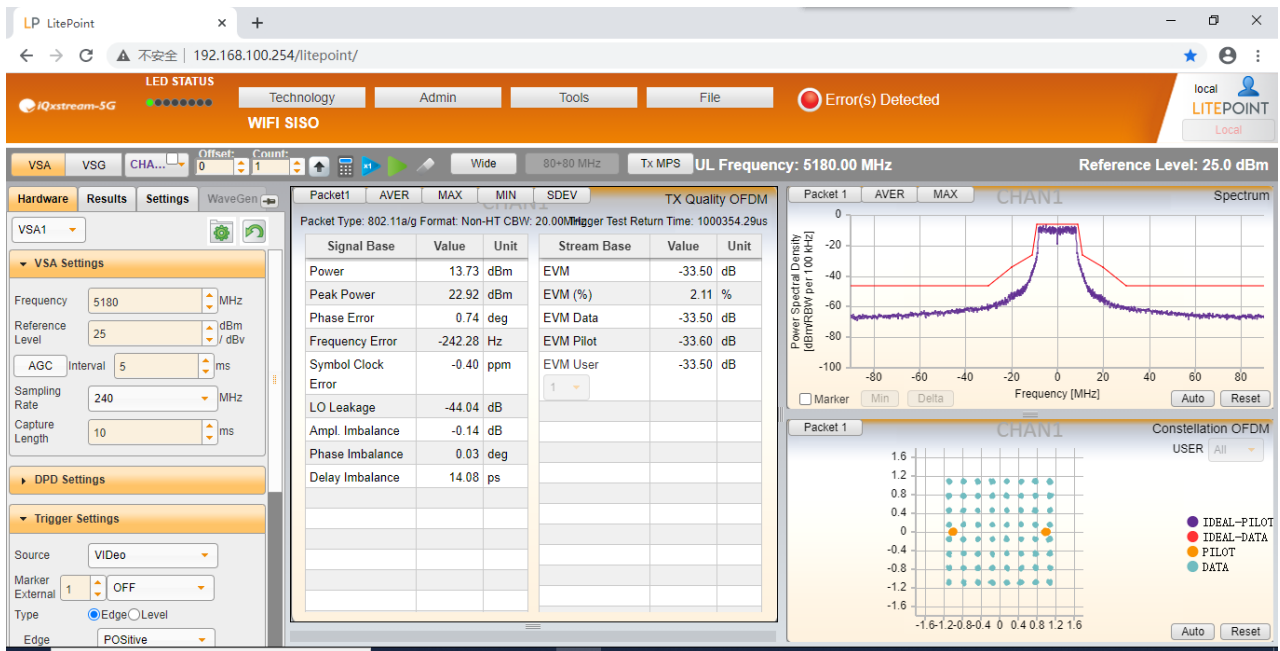


Figure 15: WLAN Signal Strength (5 GHz)

- In "Rx" column, select "Channel", "HT Mode" and "Data Rate" (the data rate should be the test data) according to the actual practice, check "SET CONTINUOUS RX", and then the RF test device starts sending signal automatically, as shown in the following figure:

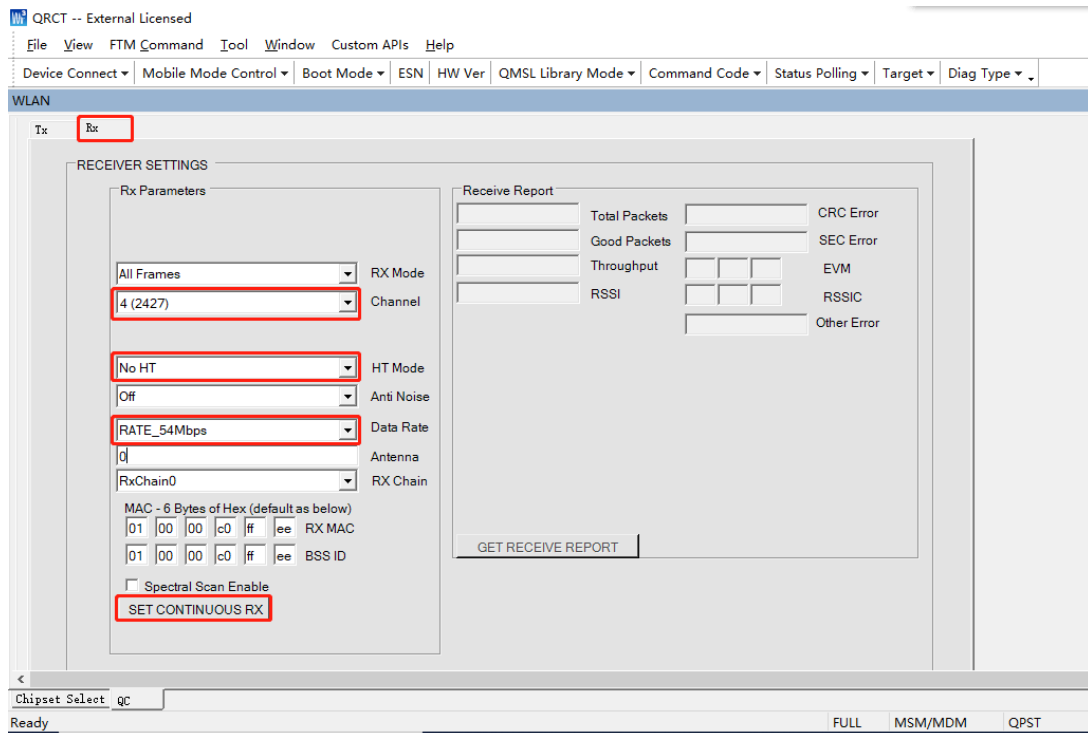


Figure 16: Set RX Frequency (2.4 GHz)

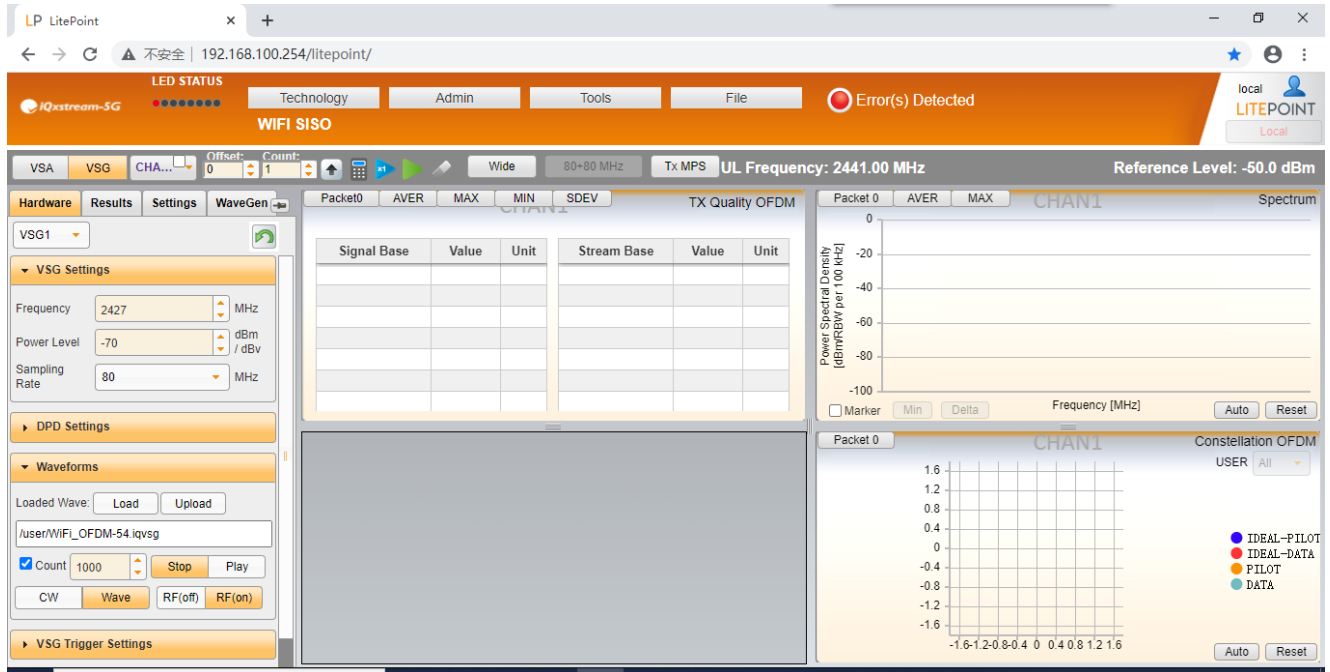


Figure 17: Device Sends Signal (2.4 GHz)

Click “GET RECEIVE REPORT” on the QRCT tool to check the received data, as shown in the following figure:

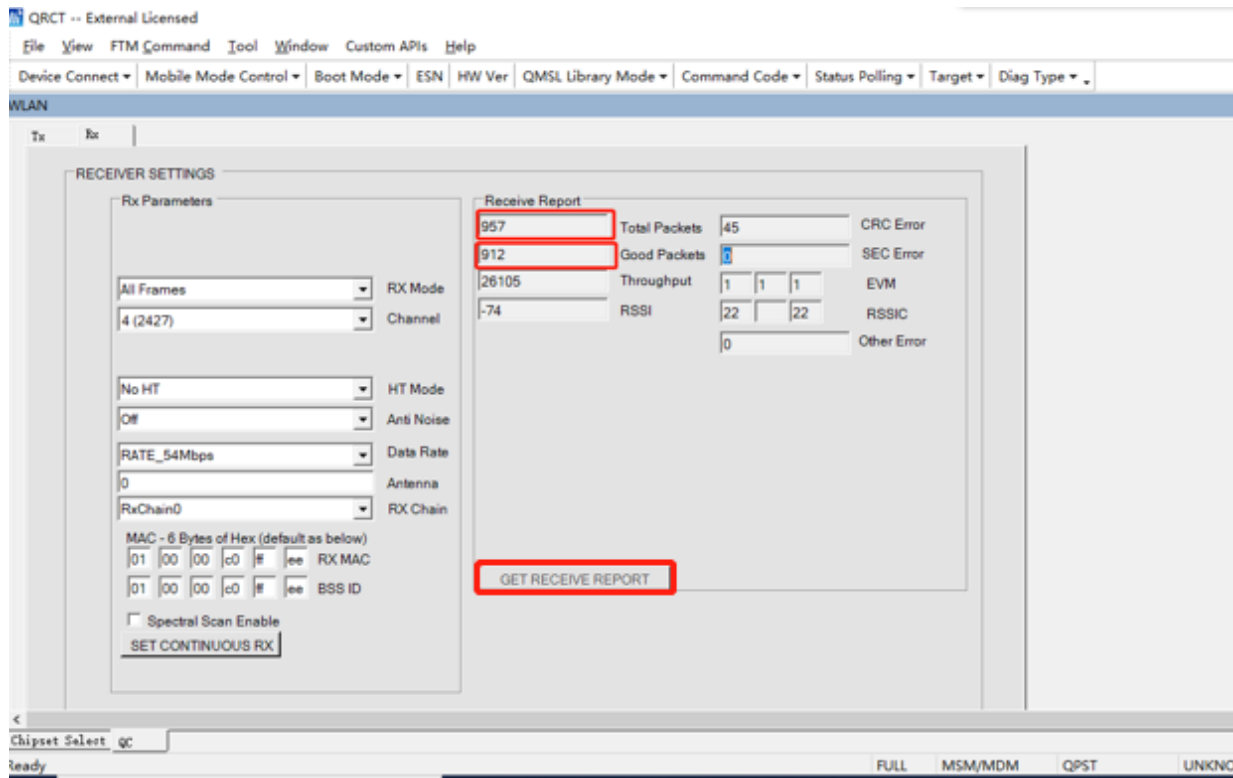


Figure 18: Check Received Data (2.4 GHz)

- The 5 GHz RX setting is the same as that of the above 2.4 GHz RX test setting, as shown in the following figure:

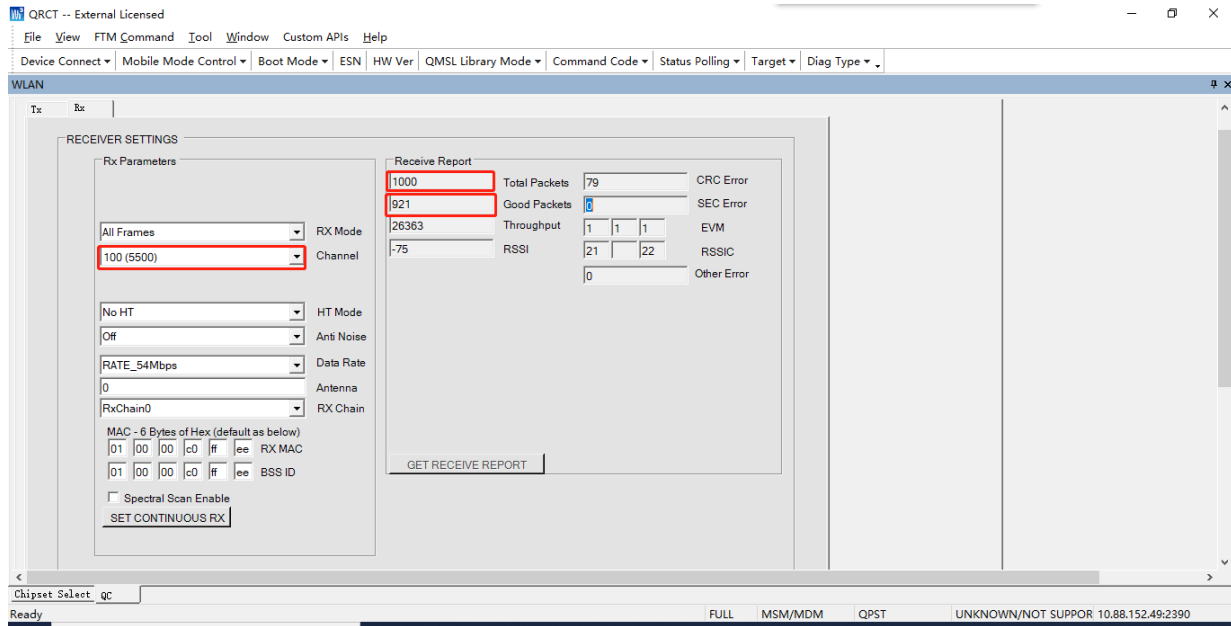
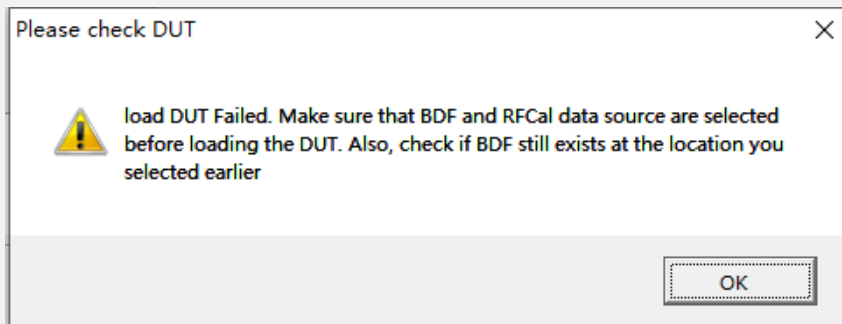


Figure 19: Set RX Frequency (5 GHz)

**NOTE**

- If loading DUT fails, input **Qcmbtr -v** again after “Remote connection closed” is displayed, and then reopen the QRCT.



- “HT Mode” options:  
 No HT: 11g mode;  
 CCK: 11b mode;  
 HT20: 11n 20M mode;  
 HT40: 11n 40M mode;  
 VHT20: 11ac 20M mode;  
 VHT40: 11ac 40M mode;  
 VHT80: 11ac 80M mode.

## 2.7. Logs Capture

### 2.7.1. Get WLAN Host and Firmware Version

1. Execute the following command to get WLAN host and firmware version:

```
# iwpriv wlan0 version
```

2. Execute the following command to get the configurations of WLAN driver:

```
# iwpriv wlan0 getConfig
```

### 2.7.2. Enable WLAN Host Logs

1. Add the following to *qcom\_cfg.ini*, reload WLAN module and check the kernel logs.

```
vosTraceEnableTL=255  
vosTraceEnableWDI=255  
vosTraceEnableHDD=255  
vosTraceEnableSME=255  
vosTraceEnablePE=255  
vosTraceEnablePMC=255  
vosTraceEnableWDA=255  
vosTraceEnableSYS=255  
vosTraceEnableVOSS=255  
vosTraceEnableSAP=255  
vosTraceEnableHDDSAP=255  
vosTraceEnableCFG=255  
vosTraceEnableADF=255  
vosTraceEnableTXRX=255  
vosTraceEnableHTC=255  
vosTraceEnableHIF=255  
vosTraceEnableHDDSAPDATA=255  
vosTraceEnableHDDDATA=255  
vosTraceEnableHIF=255  
vosTraceEnableHTC=255  
vosTraceEnableTXRX=255  
vosTraceEnableADF=255  
vosTraceEnableCFG=255
```

2. The WLAN logging tool *cnss\_diag\_lite* routes WLAN driver verbose messages and firmware debug information to console or saves the logs in a file.

Some of the options of the logging tool options:

- f saves log to file by text format (stored in folder *wlan\_logs* in the same path of the tool)
- c enables host log (no parameter)
- x enables firmware diagnose message (0 indicates disablement, 1–31 indicate enablement)
- e enables firmware diagnose event/log (0 indicates disablement, 1 indicates enablement)
- l saves log to file in QXDM format (stored in folder *wlan\_logs* in the same path of the tool)

#### NOTE

1. Currently only host logs and firmware diagnose logs could be shown in console window.
2. Only firmware diagnose logs can be saved into file and parsed by the QXDM tool.
3. The above commands can be sorted arbitrarily when they are executed.

Execute the flowing command to enable the host logs and firmware diagnose logs, and save the logs in console files in text format.

```
# cnss_diag_lite -c > host_wlan_log &
```

### 2.7.3. Enable Module Firmware Debug Logs

1. You can enable WLAN firmware debug logs by modifying *qcom\_cfg.ini*:

```
# Enable firmware uart print
gEnablefwprint=0

# Enable firmware log
gEnablefwlog=1
gMulticastHostFwMsgs=1
gFwDebugLogType=255
# Additional firmware log levels
gFwDebugLogLevel=0
gFwDebugModuleLogLevel=1,0,2,0,4,0,5,0,6,0,7,4,8,0,9,0
```

Or executing the following command:

```
#First enable firmware log
gEnablefwlog=1
```

2. Executing the following command to configure the log level:

```
Syntax: iwpriv wlan0 dl_loglevel <0-5>
Supported log levels
DBGLOG_VERBOSE = 0,
```

```
DBGLOG_INFO,
DBGLOG_INFO_LVL_1,
DBGLOG_INFO_LVL_2,
DBGLOG_WARN,
DBGLOG_ERR,
DBGLOG_LVL_MAX
```

Syntax: **iwpriv wlan0 dl\_type <0-3>**

```
DBGLOG_PROCESS_DEFAULT = 0
DBGLOG_PROCESS_PRINT_RAW = 1
DBGLOG_PROCESS_POOL_RAW = 2
DBGLOG_PROCESS_NET_RAW = 3
```

Syntax: **iwpriv wlan0 dl\_report <0-1>**

```
0: report stops
1: report starts
```

#### 2.7.4. Obtain WLAN Target Firmware Statistic Separately

1. Get the target physical device statistics:

```
# iwpriv wlan0 txrx_fw_stats 1
```

2. Get the receiving reord statistics:

```
# iwpriv wlan0 txrx_fw_stats 2
```

3. Get the receiving rate control statistics:

```
# iwpriv wlan0 txrx_fw_stats 3
```

4. Get the transmitting rate control statistics:

```
# iwpriv wlan0 txrx_fw_stats 6
```

5. Clear firmware statistics corresponding to bit set by <mask>. If <mask>=0x1f, all statistics would be cleared.

```
iwpriv wlan0 txrx_fw_st_rst <mask>
```

## 2.8. Commands to Fix Rate and Bandwidth

### 2.8.1. Configure NSS and MCS

1. Configure NSS:

```
iwpriv <interface> nss <nss>
```

<nss>    Number of spatial streams.

- 1    1x1 MCS
- 2    2x2 MCS
- 3    3x3 MCS

2. Configure MCS:

```
iwpriv <interface> set11ACRates <MCS>
```

<MCS>    Modulation and coding scheme. Range: 0–9.

3. For high-throughput rates, control NSS and MCS simultaneously:

```
iwpriv <interface> set11NRates 0x80..0x97 (for HT MCS0..23)
```

### 2.8.2. Configure CCK Rate

1. Configure rate to 1 Mbps:

```
iwpriv <interface> set11NRates 0x1b1b1b1b
```

2. Configure rate to 2 Mbps:

```
iwpriv <interface> set11NRates 0x1a1a1a1a
```

3. Configure rate to 5.5 Mbps:

```
iwpriv <interface> set11NRates 0x19191919
```

4. Configure rate to 11 Mbps:

```
iwpriv <interface> set11NRates 0x18181818
```



### 2.8.3. Configure OFDM Rate

1. Configure rate to 6 Mbps:

```
iwpriv <interface> set11NRates 0x0b0b0b0b
```

2. Configure rate to 9 Mbps:

```
iwpriv <interface> set11NRates 0x0f0f0f0f
```

3. Configure rate to 12 Mbps:

```
iwpriv <interface> set11NRates 0x0a0a0a0a
```

4. Configure rate to 18 Mbps:

```
iwpriv <interface> set11NRates 0x0e0e0e0e
```

5. Configure rate to 24 Mbps:

```
iwpriv <interface> set11NRates 0x09090909
```

6. Configure rate to 36 Mbps:

```
iwpriv <interface> set11NRates 0x0d0d0d0d
```

7. Configure rate to 48 Mbps:

```
iwpriv <interface> set11NRates 0x08080808
```

8. Configure rate to 54 Mbps:

```
iwpriv <interface> set11NRates 0x0c0c0c0c
```

### 2.8.4. Configure Auto Rate Mode

Switch rate mode to auto rate mode:

```
iwpriv <interface> set11NRates 0
```

### 2.8.5. Control Channel Bandwidth

Restrict the transmission bandwidth for both fixed and auto rates:

```
iwpriv <interface> chwidth <bw_idx>
```

<bw\_idx>    Bandwidth.  
0    20 MHz  
1    40 MHz  
2    80 MHz

# 3 Enable Bluetooth

## 3.1. Build Environment

### 3.1.1. Hardware Environment

1. Prepare the following hardware:

- Quectel FC20, FC21 or FC900E module (FC21 module is used in the examples below)
- USB cable
- Quectel EVB

2. Install the module and EVB as shown below:



Figure 20: Hardware Environment for Bluetooth

### 3.1.2. Software Environment

1. Download BlueZ source code.

```
$ git clone git://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/bluetooth/bluez.git  
$ git clone git://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/libs/ell/ell.git
```

2. Prepare host environment.

```
$ uname -a  
Linux lidong-pc 5.8.0-63-generic #71~20.04.1-Ubuntu SMP Thu Jul 15 17:46:08 UTC 2021 x86_64  
x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
```

3. Compile BlueZ source code.

Apply the patch:

```
$ cd bluez  
$ git am 0001-bluetooth-Add-bluetooth-support-for-QCA6174-chip.patch  
$ git am 0002-hciattach-set-flag-to-enable-HCI-reset-on-init.patch  
$ git am 0003-hciattach-instead-of-strncpy-with-strncpy-to-avoid-r.patch  
$ git am 0004-Add-support-for-Tufello-1.1-SOC.patch  
$ git am 0005-bluetooth-Add-support-for-multi-baud-rate.patch
```

Compile BlueZ:

```
$ ./bootstrap-configure --disable-android --disable-midi  
$ make
```

## 3.2. Function Verification

### 3.2.1. Download Bluetooth Firmware

Download the Bluetooth firmware to the module, and the command example is shown below:

```
$ sudo ./tools/hciattach /dev/ttyUSB0 qca -t120 3000000 flow
```

### 3.2.2. Run GATT Server

Run a GATT server of BlueZ stack, and the command example is shown below:

```
$ sudo ./tools/btmgmt -i hci0 name "Quec_FC21"  
$ sudo ./tools/btmgmt -i hci0 connectable on
```

```
$ sudo ./tools/btmgmt -i hci0 advertising on
$ sudo ./tools/btmgmt -i hci0 le on
$ sudo ./tools/btmgmt -i hci0 power on
$ ./tools/sdptool add --channel=1 GATT SP A2SNK
$ ./tools/gatt-service
```

### 3.2.3. Scan the Module

Open the nRF Connect App on your phone (central device) to scan the module (peripheral device). And an example is shown below:

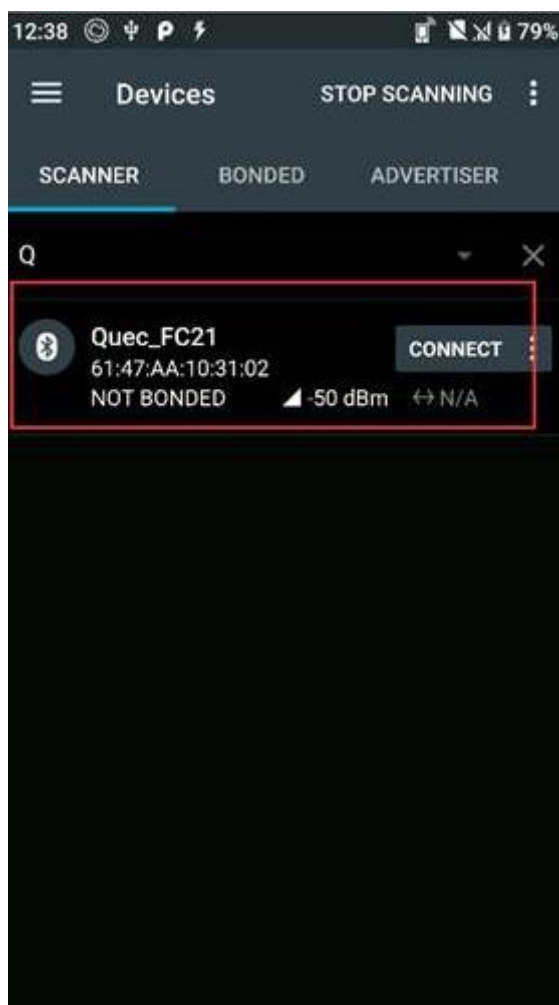


Figure 21: Scan Bluetooth Device with nRF Connect Application

### 3.3. Factory Test Mode

#### 3.3.1. Configure Factory Test Mode with QRCT

This chapter describes steps to perform the factory test of Bluetooth feature and the use of QRCT.

Set the module to factory test mode, and the command example is shown below:

```
#root
# Btdiag UDT=yes PORT=2390 IOTYPE=SERIAL QDARTIOTYPE=ethernet BT-DEVICE=/dev/ttyMXC1
BT-BAUDRATE=115200 IPADDRESS=10.88.152.49
```

If the following logs are printed, it indicates that the configuration is completed:

```
rome_hci_reset_req: HCI CMD: 0x1 0x3 0xc 0x0
## serial_vendor_set_baud: 7
## serial_vendor_ioctl: UART Flow On
HCI Reset is done
Download Patch firmware and NVM file completed
Connected to SoC DUT!

Thread created successfully
Socket created
bind done
Waiting for incoming connections...
wait event...
```

#### 3.3.2. Run and Configure Tool

1. Run QRCT.

Click **"Tool"** → **"User Defined Transport"** → **"Yes"** and confirm the prompt message. This step can be skipped if it is performed when testing WLAN

- Continue to click “Device Connect” → “\* Add New UDT”.

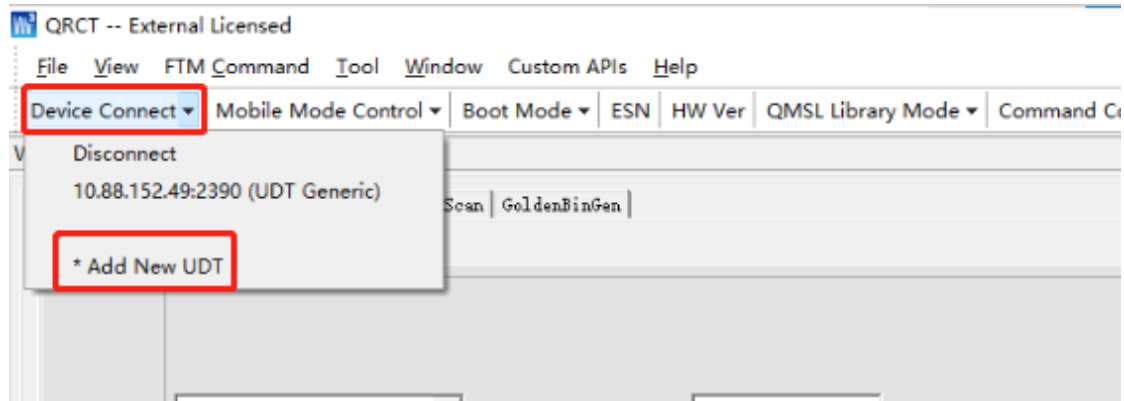


Figure 22: Add New UDT (Bluetooth)

In the popup box, select “Bluetooth” from “Technology”, input *C:\Program Files (x86)\Qualcomm\QDART\bin\QMSL\_BT\_Transport.dll* (the directory is created on the host automatically after installing QRCT. Please contact Quectel Technical Support if the directory does not exist) to “User Defined Transport DLL Path”, input the IP address of eth0 to “IP Address”, and input the port number to “TCP Port”. “ResourceID” is defaulted to COM1, and there is no need to change it. Then click “Save”, as shown in the following figure:

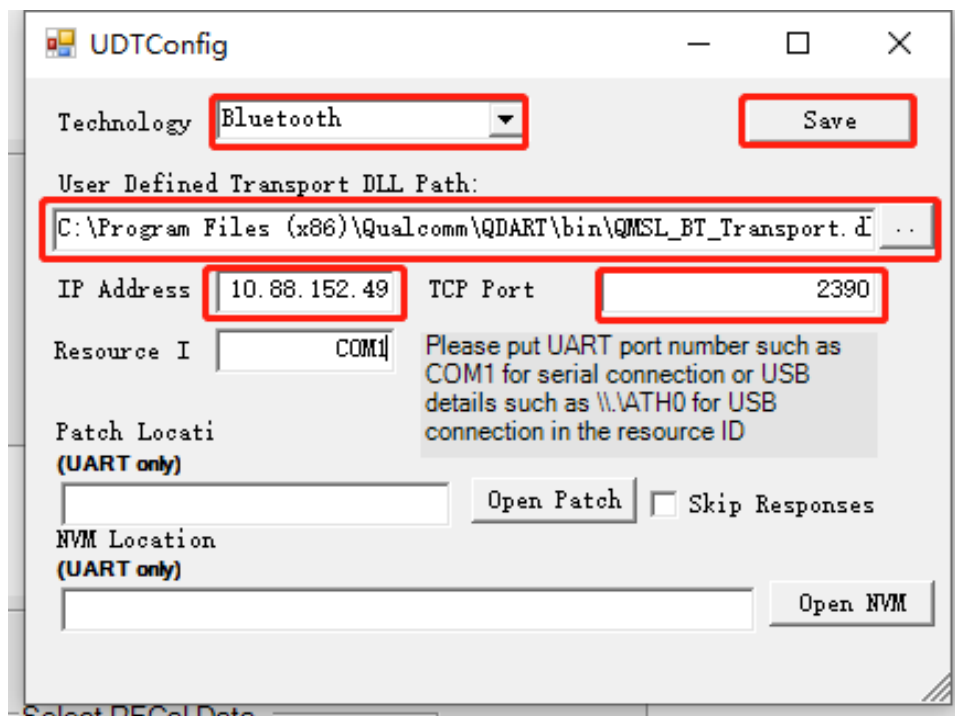
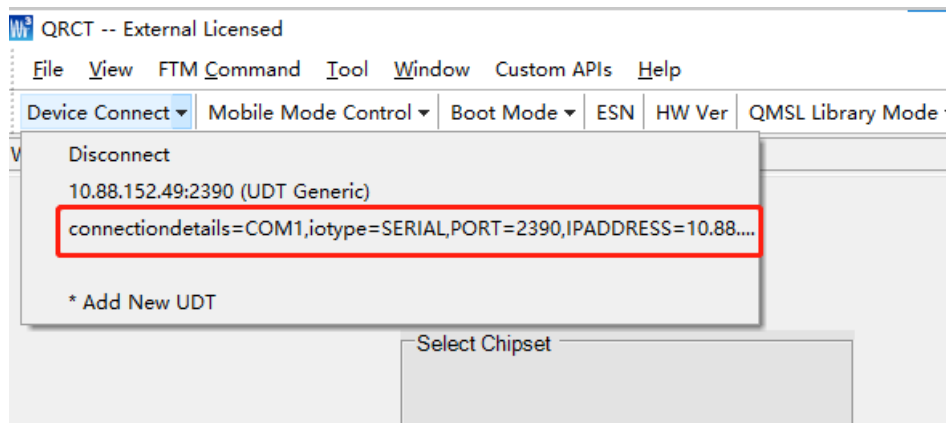


Figure 23: Configure UDT (Bluetooth)

- After saving the configurations, click **“Device Connect”** → **“connectiondetails=COM1.....”**.



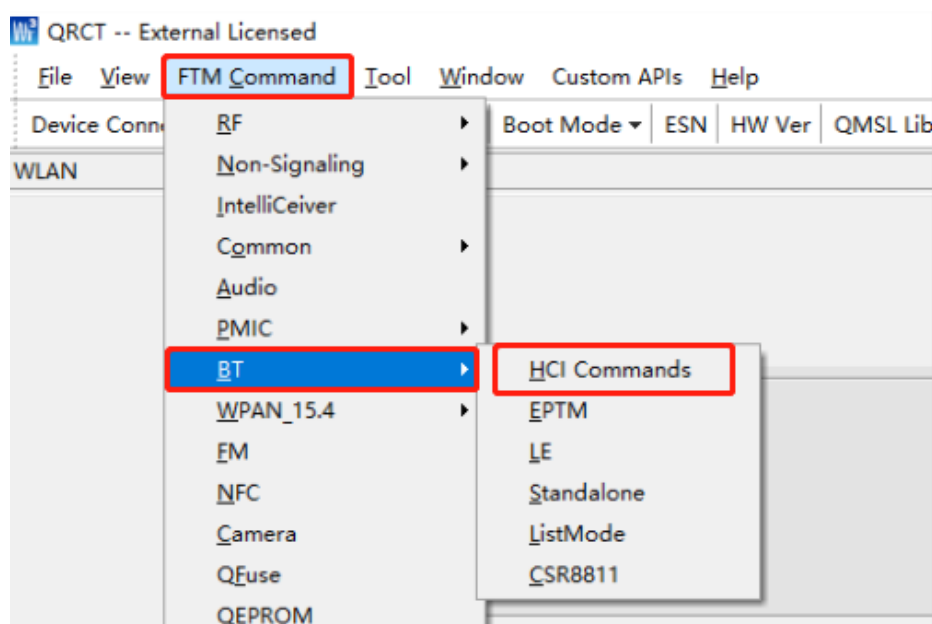
**Figure 24: Disconnect (Bluetooth)**

**NOTE**

The steps described in this chapter must be performed, otherwise it may cause the DUT to fail to load. These steps are also required when reopening the tool.

### 3.3.3. Test Bluetooth (BLE)

- Click **“FTM Command”** → **“BT”** → **“HCI Commands”**.



**Figure 25: Select HCI Commands**



- Click “View” → “QRCT Debug Message”.

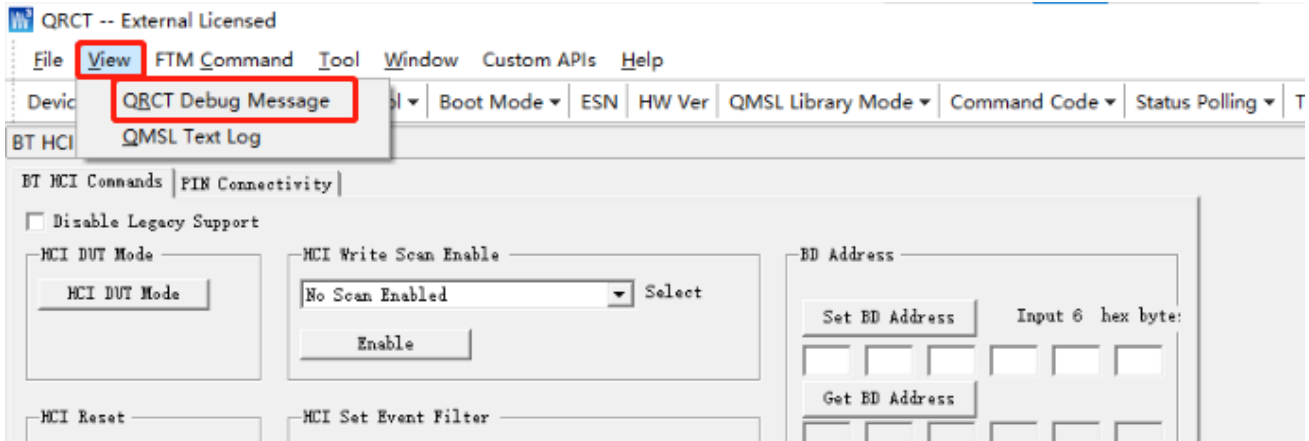


Figure 26: View Debug Message

Check “Disable Legacy Support”, click “HCI Reset” to view if there is a failure message in the debug message window, then click “HCI DUT Mode”.

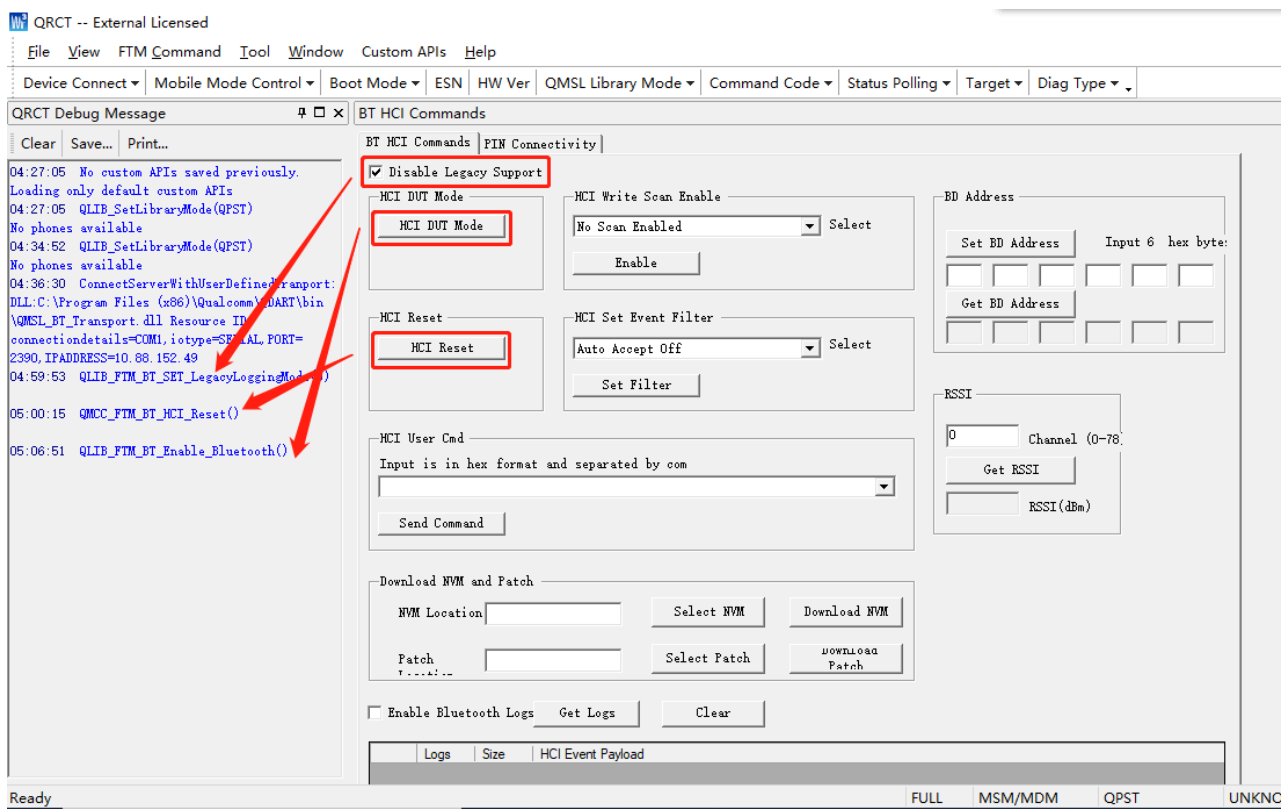


Figure 27: View Failure Message

- Click “FTM Command” → “BT” → “LE”.

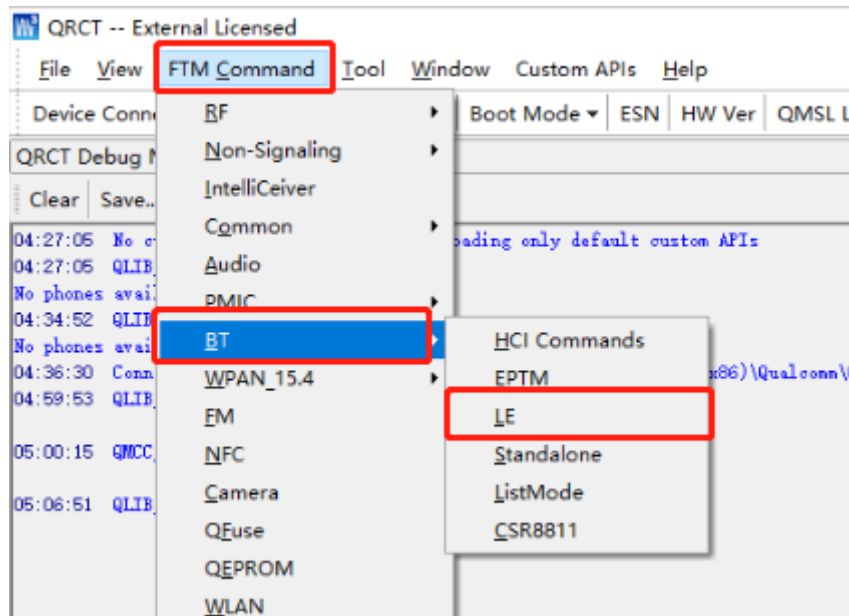


Figure 28: Select LE Mode

- In “Transmitter Test” column, set “Test Frequency”, “Test Payload Length” and “Payload Type” according to the actual practice. Then click “Transmitter Test”. The test device receives and displays Bluetooth signal strength, as shown in the following figure:

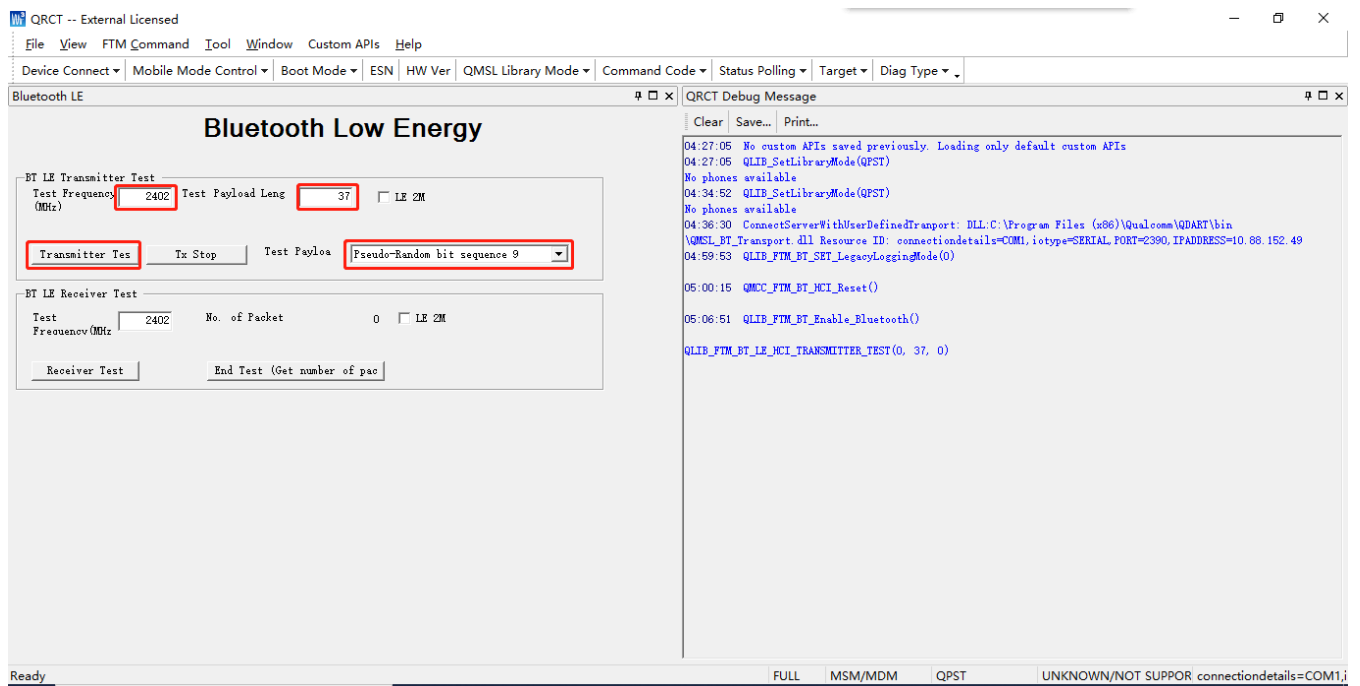


Figure 29: Configure BLE

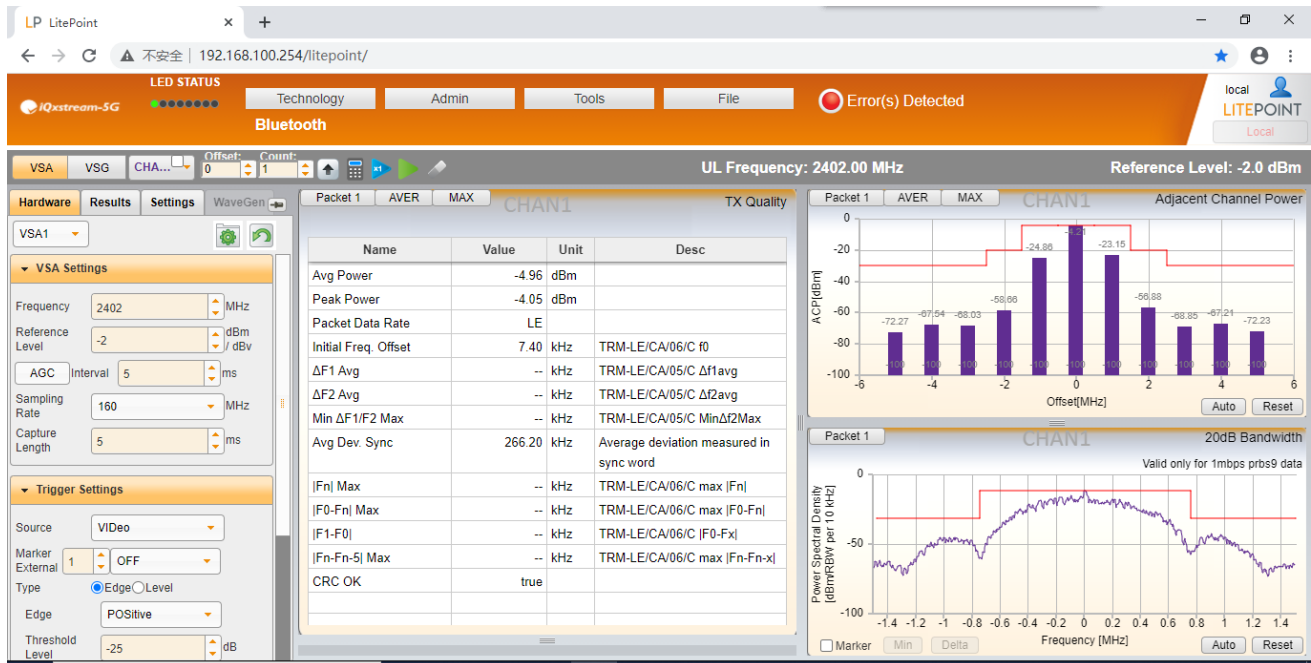


Figure 30: Bluetooth Signal Strength

5. Select "Test Frequency" under "Receiver Test" column in the QRCT tool, then click "Receiver Test". The test device will start sending the signal, as shown in the following figure:

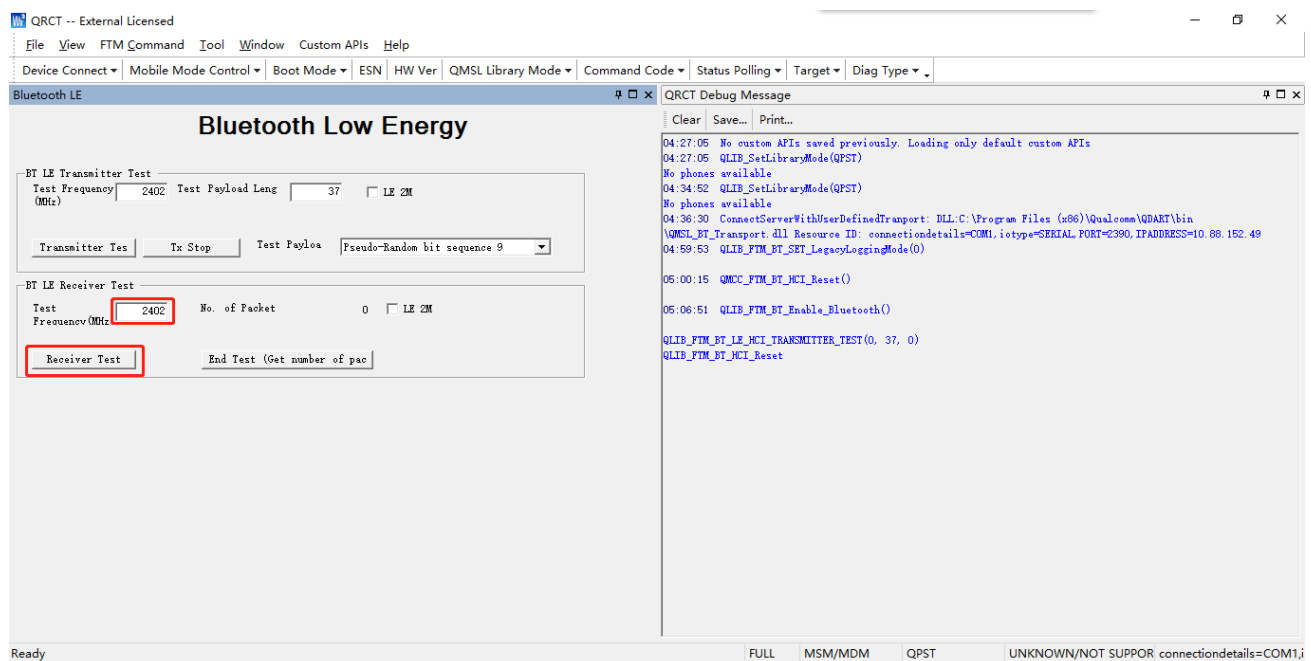


Figure 31: Configure Receiving Test

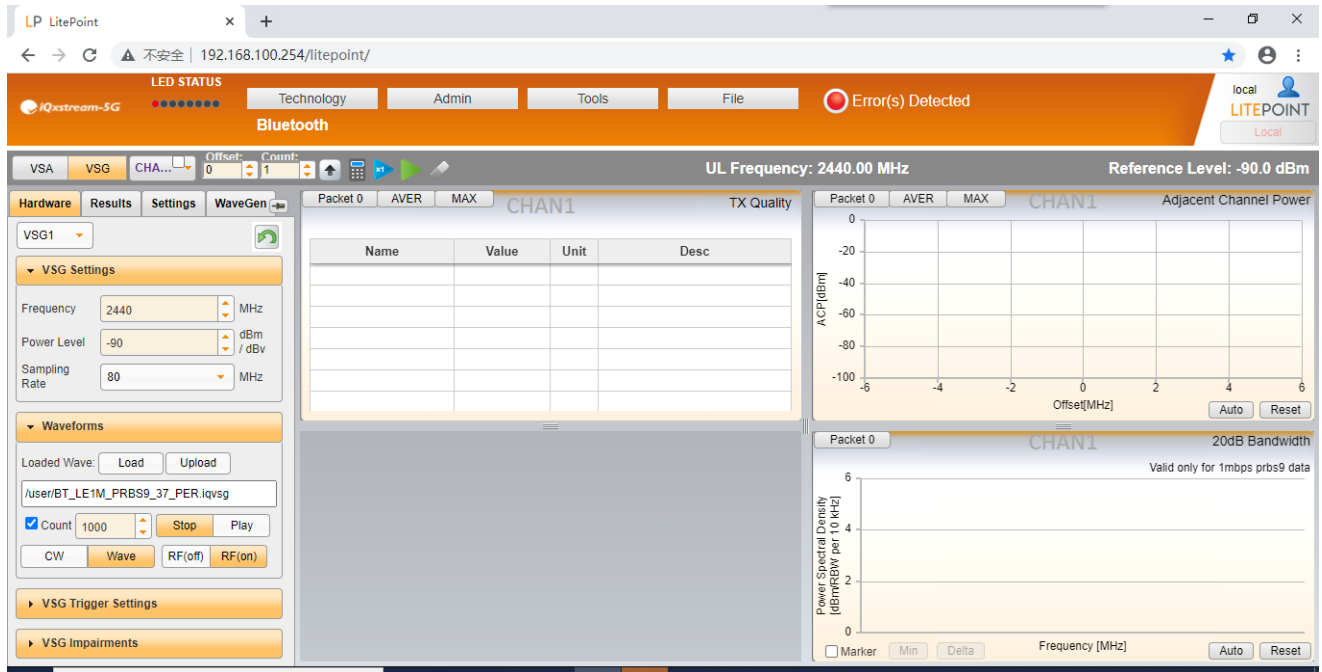


Figure 32: Send Signal from Test Device

Click "End Test" in the QRCT and view the received data.

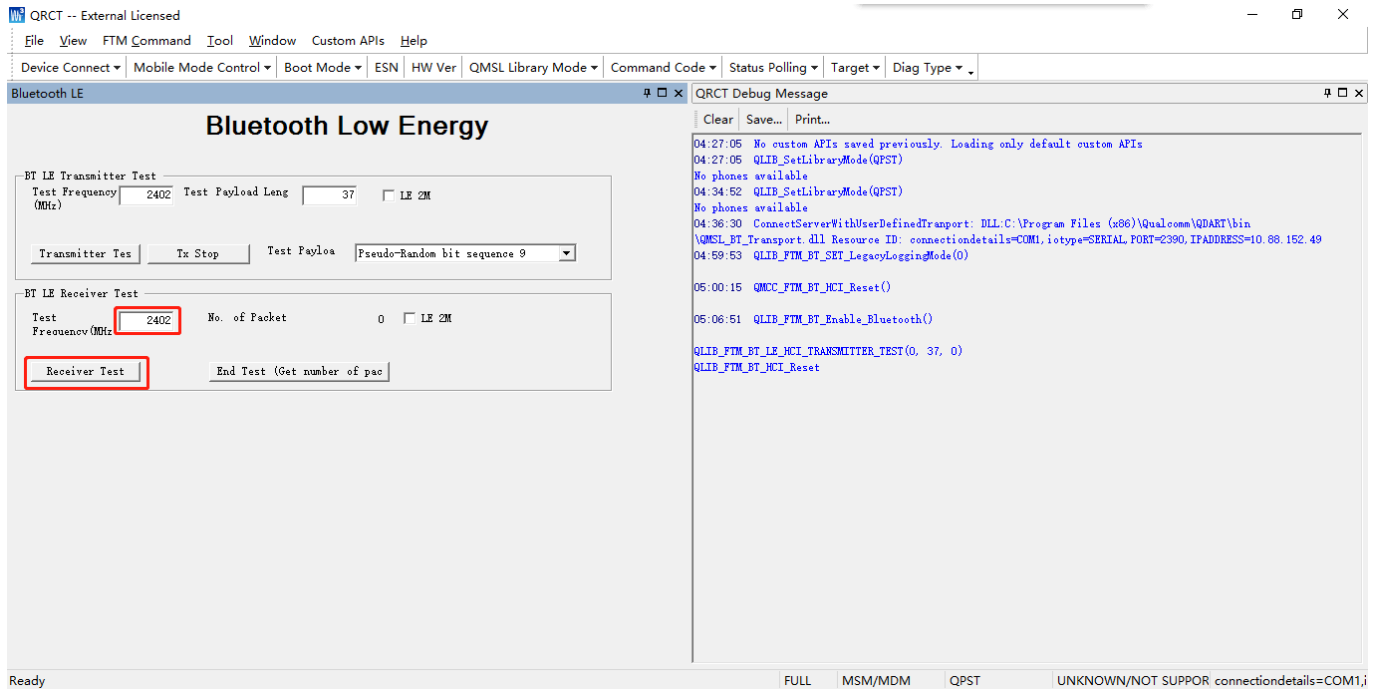


Figure 33: View Received Data

### 3.3.4. Test Bluetooth (BR + EDR)

1. Click “FTM Command” → “BT” → “EPTM”.

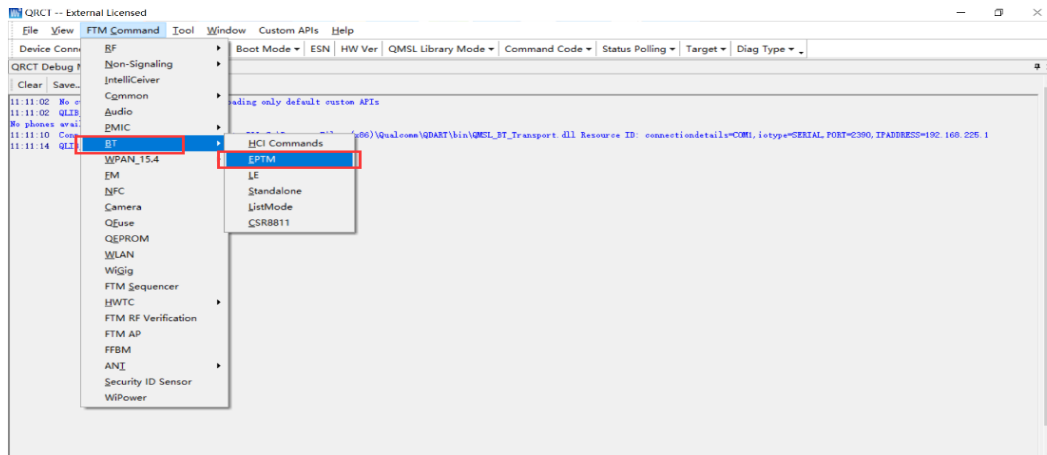


Figure 34: Select EPTM

2. In “Settings” of “BluetoothEPTM” window, keep the default values of the Bluetooth chip (①) and BD address (②). Then configure the corresponding channel (③), packet type (④), transmit pattern (⑤) and transmit power (⑥) as needed, as shown in the following figure:

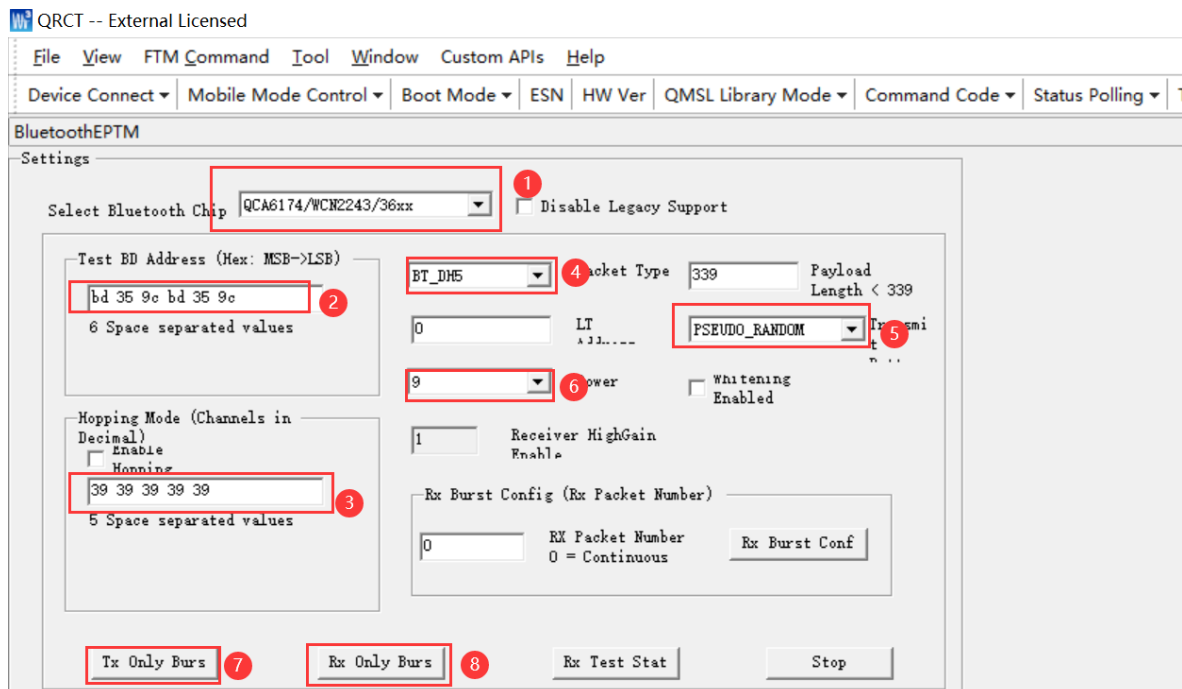
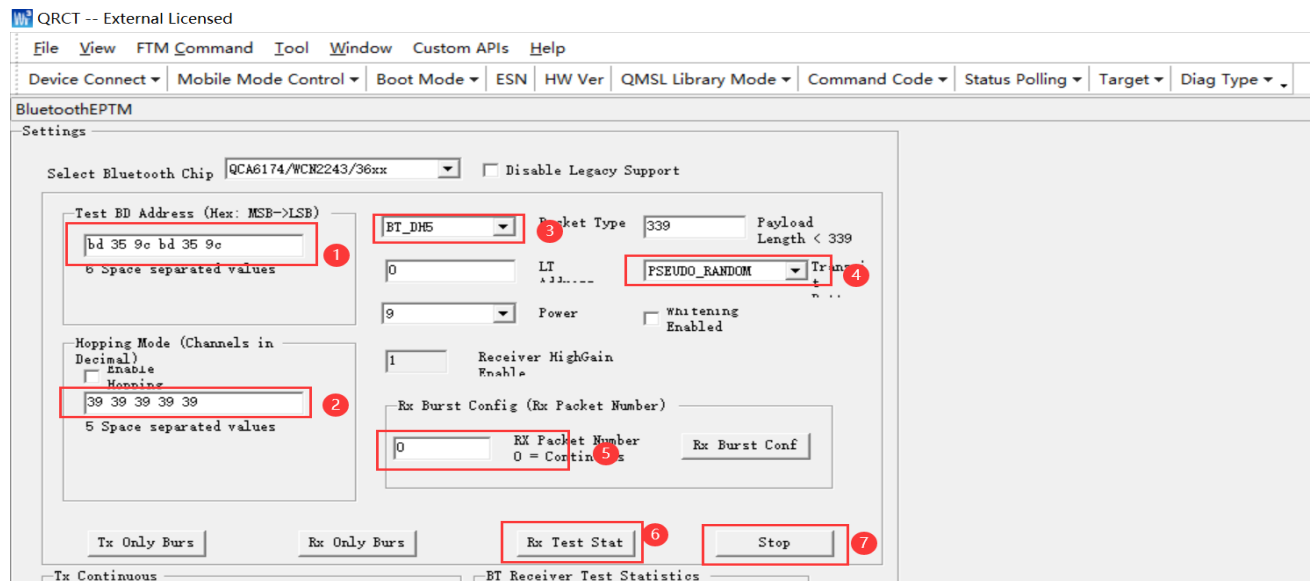


Figure 35: Bluetooth EPTM RX Test Setting

3. Select “Test Frequency” under “Receiver Test” column, then click “**Rx Test Stat**”. After that, the test device begins to send signal. The “RX Packet Number” (⑤) in the figure below indicates the number of received packets, as shown in the following figure:



**Figure 36: Bluetooth EPTM RX Test Start**

**NOTE**

If the QRCT is closed, the console prints “Client disconnected”. If it is necessary to test Bluetooth or Wi-Fi again, reboot DUT and then execute **Btdiag UDT=yes PORT=2390 IOTYPE=SERIAL QDARTIOTYPE=ethernet BT-DEVICE=/dev/ttymx1 BT-BAUDRATE=115200 IPADDRESS=10.88.152.49**. If the DUT is not rebooted, it returns an error after executing the above commands.

# 4 Appendix Reference

**Table 1: Terms and Abbreviations**

Abbreviation	Description
AP	Access Point
BLE	Bluetooth Low Energy
BSS	Base Station System
BT	Bluetooth
CCK	Complementary Code Keying
CPU	Central Processing Unit
DAC	Digital to Analog Convertor
DCM	Dual Carrier Modulation
DHCP	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol
DLL	Dynamic Link Library
EDR	Enhanced Data Rate
EPTM	Embedded Product Test Mode
EVB	Evaluation Board
DUT	Device Under Test
FTM	Factory Test Mode
GATT	Generic Attribute Profile
GI	Guard Interval
GPIO	General-Purpose Input/Output
HCI	Host Controller Interface

IP	Internet Protocol
IoT	Internet of Things
LAN	Local Area Network
LDPC	Low-density Parity-check
LE	Low Energy
LTF	Long Training Field
MAC	Medium Access Control
MCS	Modulation and Coding Scheme
NSS	Number of Spatial Streams
OFDM	Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing
OFDMA	Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiple Access
PA	Power Amplifier
PHY	Physical
PPDU	Presentation Protocol Data Unit
PSK	Pre-Shared Key
RF	Radio Frequency
RX	Receive
SDIO	Secure Digital Input/Output
SDK	Software Development Kit
SSID	Service Set Identifier
STA	Station
STBC	Space Time Block Code
TCP	Transmission Control Protocol
TPC	Transmit Power Control
TX	Transmit



UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter
UDT	UDP-based Data Transfer Protocol
USB	Universal Serial Bus
WLAN	Wireless Local Area Network
WPA	Wi-Fi Protected Access