



Xilinx Answer 34944

QDMA Performance Report

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Revision History

The following table shows the revision history for this document.

Date	Version	Description
28-Feb-2023	1.0	CMP5 QDMA 2023.1 performance report
3-May-2023	2.0	CPM5 Performance Improvement with software optimizations



Overview

Xilinx QDMA (Queue Direct Memory Access) Subsystem for PCI Express® (PCIe®) is a high-performance DMA for use with the PCI Express® 3.x Integrated Block(s) which can work with AXI Memory Mapped or Streaming interfaces and uses multiple queues optimized for both high bandwidth and high packet count data transfers. (Please refer [Versal ACAP CPM DMA and Bridge Mode for PCI Express v2.1 - PG347](#) for additional details).

Xilinx provides two reference drivers for QDMA IP

- Linux Kernel driver (Linux Driver)
- DPDK Poll Mode driver (DPDK Driver)

This performance report provides the measurement of the DMA bandwidth of the CPM5 QDMA IP using the reference DPDK driver. This report provides the measured DMA bandwidth with different DMA configurations that can be extrapolated to the target application.

The reference designs are targeted at PCIe Gen 3 x16 design and PCIe Gen 5 x8 design on Xilinx Versal XCVP1202 device on VPK120 board only. The reference design can be ported to other Xilinx cards too.

The performance report for QDMA5.0 soft IP is available at [Xilinx Answer 71453](#)

Note: The QDMA DPDK Driver and Linux Driver are hosted at https://github.com/Xilinx/dma_ip_drivers/, under directory QDMA.

Audience

The pre-requisite for understanding this document is that the user has gone through the following:

- [Xilinx Answer 70928](#)
- [Versal ACAP CPM DMA and Bridge Mode for PCI Express v2.1 - PG347](#), and
- [DPDK driver User guide](#)

System Overview

The system overview is presented in the

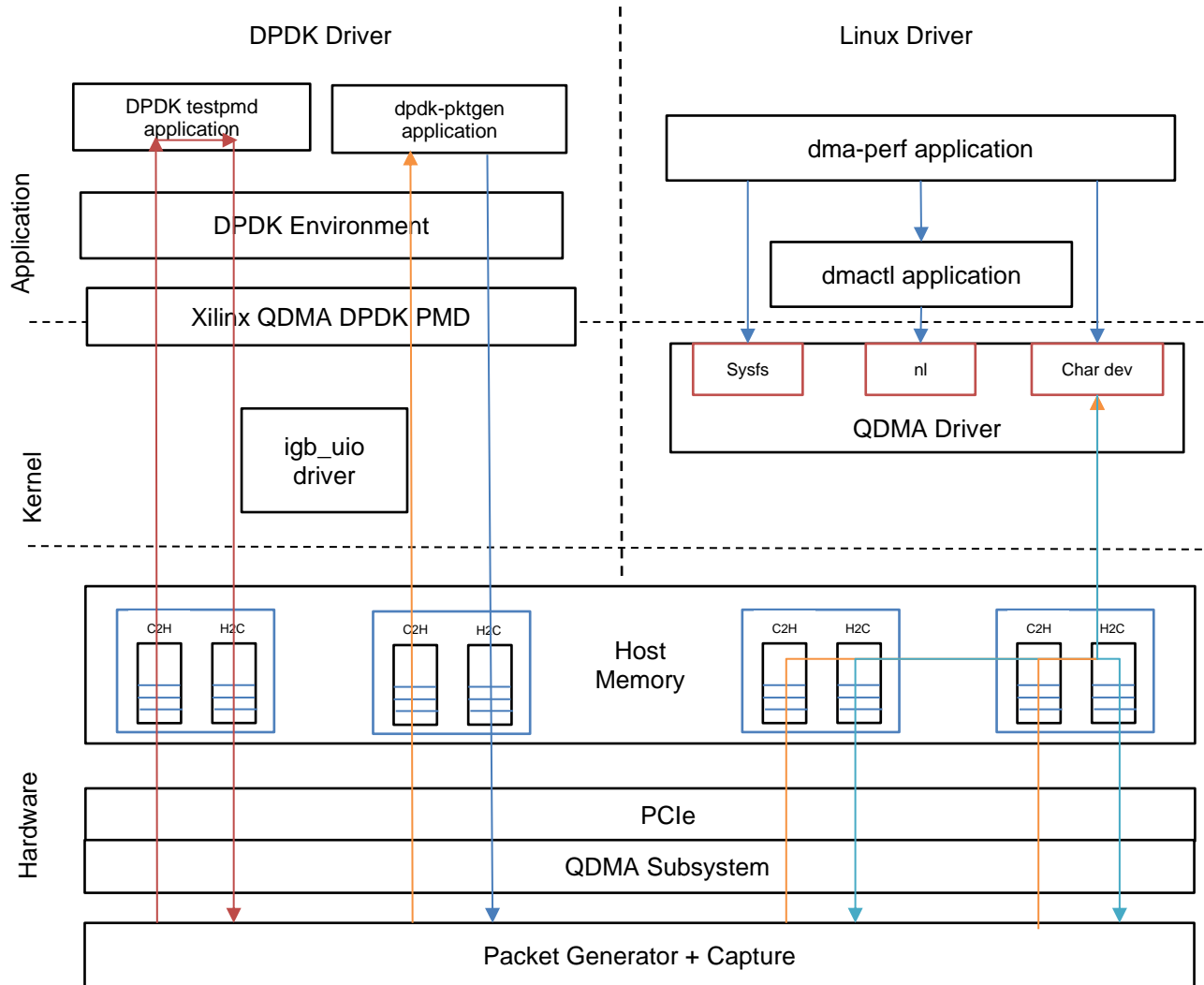


Figure 1: System Diagram

Hardware

Xilinx provides sample reference designs for Streaming (ST) mode and Memory Mapped (MM) mode.

ST performance reference design consists of an AXI Stream-only packet generator in the C2H direction and performance / latency measurement tools in both C2H and H2C directions. The reference design will generate a known data pattern (timestamp) and send a user-specified packet length on the C2H direction when there is an available descriptor. This data pattern can be looped back into the H2C direction by the application and measured for performance and latency. Please refer the Example Design section in [Versal ACAP CPM DMA and Bridge Mode for PCI Express v2.1 - PG347](#) on how to configure the packet generator and read the data collected by the measurement counters through the AXI Lite Master BAR (BAR# 2).



For details regarding register maps and the limitations of the design, please refer to the Reference Design RTL.

Software

DPDK Poll Mode Driver

The Xilinx reference QDMA DPDK 2023.1.1 driver is based on DPDK v22.11. The DPDK driver is tested by binding the PCIe functions with `igb_uio` kernel driver.

The `dpdk-pktgen` application is used to perform uni-directional performance measurement and the `testpmd` application is used for the Bi-directional forwarding performance measurement.

Generating Reference Design

The Reference Design bitfile used in this Performance report is available for immediate download into a VPK120 design. For users who are using a different card, the Reference Design can be generated by following the steps provided in PG347 - Design Flow Steps section

Measurement

For DPDK driver performance analysis, the performance measurements are taken with `dpdk-pktgen` and `testpmd` DPDK applications on PF-0 for this report.

- ST Mode DMA Performance of PF-0 on Host (i.e., Run DPDK performance application on the PF-0 in the Host):
 - C2H only DMA performance using `dpdk-pktgen` application.
 - H2C only DMA performance using `dpdk-pktgen` application.
 - Bi-directional (forwarding) DMA performance with software port statistics using `testpmd` application.

DMA Overheads

The PCIe bandwidth utilization is higher than DMA bandwidth as this number excludes PCIe protocol overheads. In addition to PCIe overhead, DMA will have its own overhead to communicate with the driver as listed below.

- CIDX update by driver affects C2H and forwarding performance.
- PIDX update by driver affects H2C and forwarding performance.
- 16B H2C descriptor affects H2C and forwarding performance.
- 8B C2H descriptor affects C2H and forwarding performance.
- C2H completion can be 8B or 16B or 32B or 64B sent for every packet to pass the meta-data.
- Status descriptor writes affect both C2H and H2C performance.
- Memory controller overhead in Memory-mapped mode.

When possible, QDMA reduces various TLP overheads by coalescing reads and writes. QDMA is highly customizable, the overheads can be reduced by customizing the solution to be specific to an application.



DMA Bandwidth Performance Measurement

The packets per second (PPS) numbers reported by the application are noted and the DMA bandwidth performance is calculated as below:

- **DMA Bandwidth Performance = PPS * DMA Packet size in bytes * 8**

For NIC use case the performance can be extrapolated as follows:

- **Ethernet Performance = PPS * (DMA Packet size in bytes + Preamble bytes + Inter-frame gap bytes + FCS) * 8**

Every Ethernet packet includes Preamble of 8 bytes, Inter-frame Gap of 12 bytes, FCS of 4 bytes and the DMA packet size can be 4 bytes less than the network packet size as the FCS 4 bytes can be stripped off by the MAC and as a result are not DMA'ed.

Test Environment

The test setup is as outlined in **Figure 1**.

Table 2 lists the AMD system settings used for the Gen3x16 performance measurement.

Item	Description
CPU	AMD EPYC 7763 64-Core Processor
Vendor	AuthenticAMD
No of Sockets	2
No of logical Cores	256
Threads Per Core	2
RAM	512GB (16 x 32GB, fully populated DIMMS)
DUT	Xilinx Versal XCVP1202 device based VPK120 board
Performance design	CPM5 bitstream
PCIe Setting	MPS=512, MRRS=512, Extended Tag Enabled, Relaxed Ordering Enabled
Additional settings (Recommended)	Fully populated memory channels Use the CPU slot on which PCIe slot is used
Other Setting (Recommended)	Tx queue depth = 2048, Rx queue depth = 2048, Packet buffer size = 4096, Burst size = 256
Operating System	Ubuntu 22.04.1 LTS, Kernel 5.15.0-58-generic
BIOS version	v2.21.1278
DPDK driver-specific settings:	
Boot Setting	hugepagesz=1GB hugepages=40 default_hugepagesz=1GB iommu=pt amd_iommu=on pci=realloc numa=on isolcpus=1-65 nohz_full=1-65 rcu_nocbs=1-65 nohz=on rcu_nocb_poll numa_balancing=disable transparent_hugepage=never nosoftlockup irqaffinity=0"
DPDK Version	22.11
Performance setting	isolcpus=1-16 Disable iptables/ip6tables service. Disable irqbalance service. Disable cpuspeed service. Disable numa balancing service. Point scaling-governor to performance.

Table 1: Performance System Settings for Gen3x16 AMD Setup

There could be some variation in performance with other AMD setups based on system settings.



Table 2 lists the Intel system settings used for the Gen3x16 performance measurement.

Item	Description
CPU	Intel(R) Xeon(R) Platinum 8168 CPU @ 2.70GHz
Vendor	GenuineIntel
No of Sockets	1
Number of Physical Cores	24
Threads Per Core	2
No of logical Cores	48
RAM	128GB (4 x 32GB)
DUT	Xilinx Versal XCV1202 device based VPK120 board
PCIe Setting	MPS=512, MRRS=512, Extended Tag Enabled, Relaxed Ordering Enabled
Additional settings (Recommended)	Fully populated memory channels Use the CPU slot on which PCIe slot is used
Other Setting (Recommended)	Tx queue depth = 2048, Rx queue depth = 2048, Packet buffer size = 4096, Burst size = 256
Operating System	Ubuntu 18.04.5 LTS, Kernel 4.15.0-194-generic
Linux Driver Specific Settings	
Boot Setting	"intel_idle.max_cstate=0 processor.max_cstate=0 intel_pstate=disable rcu_nocb_poll audit=0 pci=realloc nosoftlockup iommu=pt intel_iommu=on"
BIOS Version	2.1
BIOS Settings	ACS, IOMMU, ARI enabled. Power Technology is set to Custom, Power Performance Tuning – OS controls EPB
VM Settings for Linux VF Performance	VM RAM = 32G, Number of cores for VM = 32
DPDK driver specific settings:	
Boot Setting	default_hugepagesz=1GB hugepagesz=1G hugepages=36 iommu=pt intel_iommu=on pci=realloc transparent_hugepages=never isolcpus=1-16 rcu_nocbs=1-16 nohz=on nohz_full=1-16 numa_balancing=disable nmi_watchdog=1 audit=0 nosoftlockup hpet=disable tsc=reliable selinux=0
DPDK Version	22.11
Performance setting	Disable iptables/ip6tables service. Disable irqbalance service. Disable cpuspeed service. Disable numa balancing service. Point scaling-governor to performance.

Table 2: Performance System Settings for Gen3x16 Intel Setup

There could be some variation in performance with other Intel setups based on system settings.

Table 3 lists the AMD system settings used for the Gen5x8 performance measurement.

Item	Description
CPU	AMD EPYC 9654 96-Core Emb Processor
Vendor	AuthenticAMD
No of Sockets	2
No of logical Cores	384
Threads Per Core	2
RAM	384GB (24 x 16GB)



DUT	Xilinx Versal XCVP1202 device based VPK120 board
Performance design	CPM5 bitstream
PCIe Setting	MPS=512, MRRS=4096, Extended Tag Enabled, Relaxed Ordering Enabled
Additional settings (Recommended)	Fully populated memory channels Use the CPU slot on which PCIe slot is used
Other Setting (Recommended)	Tx queue depth = 2048, Rx queue depth = 2048, Packet buffer size = 4096, Burst size = 256
Operating System	Ubuntu 22.04.1 LTS, Kernel 5.15.0-50-generic
BIOS Version	v2.11.0.17b
DPDK driver specific settings:	
Boot Setting	hugepagesz=1GB hugepages=100 default_hugepagesz=1GB iommu=pt amd_iommu=on pci=realloc numa=on isolcpus=1-95,193-287 nohz_full=1-95,193-287 rcu_nocbs=1-95,193-287 nohz=on rcu_nocb_poll numa_balancing=disable transparent_hugepage=never nosoftlockup irqaffinity=0,192"
DPDK Version	22.11
Performance setting	isolcpus=1-16 Disable iptables/ip6tables service. Disable irqbalance service. Disable cpuspeed service. Disable numa balancing service. Point scaling-governor to performance.

Table 3: Performance System Settings for Gen5x8 AMD setup

There could be some variation in performance with other AMD setups based on system settings.



Following are the additional DPDK Performance tuning settings that could be used.

PCIe MRRS

Performance System Settings listed in Table 1, 2 and 3 uses PCIe MRRS (Max Read Request) of 512, with which all performance data has been collected. However, depending on the system in use (motherboard, PCIe root ports and its capability, etc.), system specific tuning might be needed. For example, if line-rate is not observed for packet size 4K on a system then, PCIe MRRS could be tuned to 2048.

CPU isolation and additional kernel settings

If the system in use runs additional applications, then it is always good to set aside CPU cores for dpdk workload.

Below additional kernel command-line parameters could be added to GRUB boot settings:

```
isolcpus=1-<n> nohz_full=1-<n> rcu_nocbs=1-<n>
```

where:

`isolcpus` isolates CPUs 1 to <n> from kernel scheduling so that they are set aside for dedicated tasks like dpdk.

`nohz_full` will put CPUs 1 to <n> in adaptive-ticks mode so as not to interrupt them with scheduling-clock interrupts.

`rcu_nocbs` will fence off CPUs 1 to <n> from random interruptions of softirq RCU callbacks.

Now, use from these CPUs 1 to <n> in DPDK testpmd, pktgen command-lines to make sure that the DPDK apps use these dedicated CPUs.

Disable CPU power savings from kernel command-line

Sometimes, disabling CPU power savings from BIOS alone may not always make the CPU(s) run on full horsepower. As an additional confirmation, disable power savings from kernel command-line too.

```
processor.max_cstate=0 intel_idle.max_cstate=0 intel_pstate=disable
```

The above will disable power savings on CPUs and disable `intel_idle` as well as `intel_pstate` CPU frequency scaling driver. Further, always double-confirm from `'cat /proc/cpuinfo | grep -i Mhz'` output that all the intended CPUs are operating at max speed.

NOTE:

1. Above tuning parameters may not always be needed. And one should be thoroughly aware of the system in use, and the kind of apps/workload running on the system before applying any of these parameters.
2. Some parameters are specific to Intel x86-64 and may not work for ARM, PPC or AMD based systems. Always consult the respective CPU's manual and related Linux parameters for the same.
3. These parameters were NOT used for the performance numbers published in this guide.



Ispci output

Figure 2 depicts sample Ispci output of the PCIe function under test.

```
65:00.0 Non-Essential Instrumentation [1300]: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Starship/Matisse Reserved SPP
Subsystem: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Starship/Matisse Reserved SPP
Control: I/O- Mem- BusMaster- SpecCycle- MemWINV- VGASnoop- ParErr- Stepping- SERR- FastB2B- DisINTx-
Status: Cap+ 66MHz- UDF- FastB2B- ParErr- DEVSEL=fast >TAbort- <TAbort- <MAbort- >SERR- <PERR- INTx-
IOMMU group: 16
Capabilities: [48] Vendor Specific Information: Len=08 <?>
Capabilities: [50] Power Management version 3
    Flags: PMEClk- DSI- D1- D2- AuxCurrent=0mA PME(D0-,D1-,D2-,D3hot-,D3cold-)
    Status: D0 NoSoftRst+ PME-Enable- DSel=0 DScale=0 PME-
Capabilities: [64] Express (v2) Endpoint, MSI 00
    DevCap: MaxPayload 256 bytes, PhantFunc 0, Latency L0s <4us, L1 unlimited
    ExtTag+ AttnBtn- AttnInd- PwrInd- RBE+ FLReset+ SlotPowerLimit 0.000W
    DevCtl: CorrErr- NonFatalErr- FatalErr- UnsupReq-
    RlxdOrd+ ExtTag+ PhantFunc- AuxPwr- NoSnoop+ FLReset-
    MaxPayload 128 bytes, MaxReadReq 512 bytes
    DevSta: CorrErr+ NonFatalErr- FatalErr- UnsupReq+ AuxPwr- TransPend-
    LnkCap: Port #0, Speed 16GT/s, Width x16, ASPM L0s L1, Exit Latency L0s <64ns, L1 <1us
    ClockPM- Surprise- LLActRep- BwNot- ASPMOptComp+
    LnkCtl: ASPM Disabled; RCB 64 bytes, Disabled- CommClk+
    ExtSynch- ClockPM- AutWidDis- BWInt- AutBWInt-
    LnkSta: Speed 16GT/s (ok), Width x16 (ok)
    TrErr- Train- SlotClk+ DLActive- BWMgmt- ABWMgmt-
    DevCap2: Completion Timeout: Range ABCD, TimeoutDis+ NROPrPrP- LTR-
    10BitTagComp+ 10BitTagReq- OBFF Not Supported, ExtFmt- EETLPPrefix-
    EmergencyPowerReduction Not Supported, EmergencyPowerReductionInit-
    FRS- TPFHComp- ExtTPHComp-
    DevCtl2: Completion Timeout: 50us to 50ms, TimeoutDis- LTR- OBFF Disabled,
    AtomicOpsCtl: ReqEn-
    LnkCap2: Supported Link Speeds: 2.5-16GT/s, Crosslink- Retimer+ 2Retimers+ DRS-
    LnkCtl2: Target Link Speed: 16GT/s, EnterCompliance- SpeedDis-
    Transmit Margin: Normal Operating Range, EnterModifiedCompliance- ComplianceSOS-
    Compliance De-emphasis: -6dB
    LnkSta2: Current De-emphasis Level: -3.5dB, EqualisationComplete+ EqualisationPhase1+
    EqualisationPhase2+ EqualisationPhase3+ LinkEqualisationRequest-
    Retimer- 2Retimers- CrosslinkRes: unsupported
Capabilities: [100 v1] Vendor Specific Information: ID=0001 Rev=1 Len=010 <?>
Capabilities: [150 v2] Advanced Error Reporting
    UESta: DLP- SDES- TLP- FCP- CmpltTO- CmpltAbrt- UnxCmplt- RxOF- MalfTLP- ECRC- UnsupReq- ACSViol-
    UEMsk: DLP- SDES- TLP- FCP- CmpltTO- CmpltAbrt- UnxCmplt- RxOF- MalfTLP- ECRC- UnsupReq- ACSViol-
    UESvrt: DLP+ SDES+ TLP- FCP+ CmpltTO- CmpltAbrt- UnxCmplt- RxOF+ MalfTLP+ ECRC- UnsupReq- ACSViol-
    CESTa: RxErr- BadTLP- BadDLLP- Rollover- Timeout- AdvNonFatalErr+
    CEMsk: RxErr- BadTLP- BadDLLP- Rollover- Timeout- AdvNonFatalErr+
    AERCap: First Error Pointer: 00, ECRGenCap- ECRGenEn- ECRChkCap- ECRChkEn-
    MultHdrRecCap- MultHdrRecEn- TLPPfxPres- HdrLogCap-
    HeaderLog: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
Capabilities: [270 v1] Secondary PCI Express
    LnkCtl3: LnkEqnInterruptEn- PerformEqu-
    LaneErrStat: 0
Capabilities: [2a0 v1] Access Control Services
    ASCap: SrcValid- TransBlk- ReqRedir- CmpltRedir- UpstreamFwd- EgressCtrl- DirectTrans-
    ACSCtl: SrcValid- TransBlk- ReqRedir- CmpltRedir- UpstreamFwd- EgressCtrl- DirectTrans-
Capabilities: [400 v1] Data Link Feature <?>
Capabilities: [410 v1] Physical Layer 16.0 GT/s <?>
Capabilities: [440 v1] Lane Margining at the Receiver <?>
```

Figure 2: Ispci output of the PCIe function being tested



QDMA Settings

The QDMA IP is highly configurable. This section lists only a subset of the available settings limited to the tests carried out in this report.

Configuration Option	Description
Number of Queues	<p>The QDMA IP supports up to 2048 queues. The number of queues for a given test are specified when starting the software application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intel Gen3x16 Setup: <i>Benchmarking is done for 1, 2, 4, and 8 queues.</i> • AMD Gen3x16 Setup: <i>C2H & H2C: Benchmarking is done for 1, 2, 4, 8, and 16 queues.</i> <i>Forwarding: Benchmarking is done for 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, and 64 queues.</i> • AMD Gen5x8 Setup: <i>C2H & H2C: Benchmarking is done for 1, 2, 4, and 8 queues.</i> <i>Forwarding: Benchmarking is done for 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, and 190 queues.</i>
Packet Size	<p>Tests accept a range of packet sizes along with a packet size increment.</p> <p><i>Benchmarking is done with packet size in the range of 64B to 4KB for streaming queue performance and 64B to 32KB for memory-mapped queue performance</i></p>
Completion Descriptor size	<p>Completion queue descriptors can be configured to 8-byte, 16-byte, 32-byte, or 64-byte.</p> <p><i>Benchmarking is done with 16B descriptor format.</i></p>
Descriptor Prefetch	<p>Prefetch causes descriptors to be opportunistically prefetched so that descriptors are available before the packet is received.</p> <p><i>Benchmarking is done with prefetch enabled.</i></p>
Prefetch Cache depth	<p>Prefetch cache depth is selectable from Vivado when building the design. Supported values are 8, 16, 32, 64. The Prefetch cache can support that many active queues at any given time.</p> <p><i>Benchmarking is done with prefetch cache depth set to 64.</i></p>
Completion Buffer depth Coalesce	<p>Completion coalesce buffer depth is selectable from Vivado when building the design. Supported values are 8, 16, 32.</p> <p><i>Benchmarking is done with completion coalesce buffer depth set to 32.</i></p>

Table 4: QDMA Settings



Performance Benchmark Results

DPDK Driver

This section provides the performance results captured using DPDK driver in streaming mode using the customized bitstream provided in release package.

QDMA currently has a limitation that the packet buffers be aligned to 256 bytes boundary for optimal DMA performance. Since the mbuf data pointers in DPDK need not be aligned to 256 bytes boundary, the higher packet size performance for DPDK reported below is slightly lower than that reported for Linux driver. This alignment limitation in QDMA IP will be fixed in future IP releases.

Streaming Mode C2H and H2C performance test

Below dpdk-pktgen command-lines were used for performance measurement.

- The '-9' option is the extension added by Xilinx to enable dpdk-pktgen to support packet sizes beyond 1518 bytes.
- The dpdk-pktgen application was also modified to disable the packet classification.

The '-a' EAL option is specified to enable or disable prefetch and to change the completion descriptor length.

In the table below, 3b:00.0 represents PCIe function in "bus:device.function" format.

# of queues	dpdk-pktgen command line
1	<code>./build/app/pktgen -l 0-2 -n 4 -a 3b:00.0,desc_prefetch=1,cmpt_desc_len=16 -- -P -m "[1:2].0" -9</code>
2	<code>./build/app/pktgen -l 0-4 -n 4 -a 3b:00.0,desc_prefetch=1,cmpt_desc_len=16 -- -P -m "[1-2:3-4].0" -9</code>
4	<code>./build/app/pktgen -l 0-8 -n 4 -a 3b:00.0,desc_prefetch=1,cmpt_desc_len=16 -- -P -m "[1-4:5-8].0" -9</code>
8	<code>./build/app/pktgen -l 0-16 -n 4 -a 3b:00.0,desc_prefetch=1,cmpt_desc_len=16 -- -P -m "[1-8:9-16].0" -9</code>
16	<code>./build/app/pktgen -l 0-32 -n 4 -a 3b:00.0,desc_prefetch=1,cmpt_desc_len=16 -- -P -m "[1-16:17-32].0" -9</code>

Table 5: Command-line for dpdk-pktgen application

For H2C performance tests the C2H traffic is disabled and H2C packets are generated using dpdk-pktgen application. The EAL option (-a) is **not** required to be specified in the command lines.

Streaming Mode Forwarding performance test

The testpmd application is executed with the below command-line options for different queue configurations.

# of queues	testpmd command line
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1	<code>./build/app/dpdk-testpmd -l 1-17 --socket-mem=4096 -n 4 -a 3b:00.0,desc_prefetch=1,cmpt_desc_len=16 --log-level=3 -- --burst=256 -i --nb-cores=1 --rxq=1 --txq=1 --forward-mode=io --rxd=2048 --txd=2048 --mbcache=512 --enable-drop-en --port-numa-config=0,0 --no-rmv-interrupt --no-mlockall --no-lsc-interrupt --rss-udp</code>
2	<code>./build/app/dpdk-testpmd -l 1-17 --socket-mem=4096 -n 4 -a 3b:00.0,desc_prefetch=1,cmpt_desc_len=16 --log-level=3 -- --burst=256 -i --nb-cores=2 --rxq=2 --txq=2 --forward-mode=io --rxd=2048 --txd=2048 --mbcache=512 --enable-drop-en --port-numa-config=0,0 --no-rmv-interrupt --no-mlockall --no-lsc-interrupt --rss-udp</code>
4	<code>./build/app/dpdk-testpmd -l 1-17 --socket-mem=4096 -n 4 -a 3b:00.0,desc_prefetch=1,cmpt_desc_len=16 --log-level=3 -- --burst=256 -i --nb-cores=4 --rxq=4 --txq=4 --forward-mode=io --rxd=2048 --txd=2048 --mbcache=512 --enable-drop-en --port-numa-config=0,0 --no-rmv-interrupt --no-mlockall --no-lsc-interrupt --rss-udp</code>
8	<code>./build/app/dpdk-testpmd -l 1-17 --socket-mem=4096 -n 4 -a 3b:00.0,desc_prefetch=1,cmpt_desc_len=16 --log-level=3 -- --burst=256 -i --nb-cores=8 --rxq=8 --txq=8 --forward-mode=io --rxd=2048 --txd=2048 --mbcache=512 --enable-drop-en --port-numa-config=0,0 --no-rmv-interrupt --no-mlockall --no-lsc-interrupt --rss-udp</code>
16	<code>./build/app/dpdk-testpmd -l 1-17 --socket-mem=4096 -n 4 -a 3b:00.0,desc_prefetch=1,cmpt_desc_len=16 --log-level=3 -- --burst=256 -i --nb-cores=16 --rxq=16 --txq=16 --forward-mode=io --rxd=2048 --txd=2048 --mbcache=512 --enable-drop-en --port-numa-config=0,0 --no-rmv-interrupt --no-mlockall --no-lsc-interrupt --rss-udp</code>
32	<code>./build/app/dpdk-testpmd -l 1-33 --socket-mem=4096 -n 4 -a 3b:00.0,desc_prefetch=1,cmpt_desc_len=16 --log-level=3 -- --burst=256 -i --nb-cores=32 --rxq=32 --txq=32 --forward-mode=io --rxd=2048 --txd=2048 --mbcache=512 --enable-drop-en --port-numa-config=0,0 --no-rmv-interrupt --no-mlockall --no-lsc-interrupt --rss-udp</code>
64	<code>./build/app/dpdk-testpmd -l 1-65 --socket-mem=4096 -n 4 -a 3b:00.0,desc_prefetch=1,cmpt_desc_len=16 --log-level=3 -- --burst=256 -i --nb-cores=64 --rxq=64 --txq=64 --forward-mode=io --rxd=2048 --txd=2048 --mbcache=512 --enable-drop-en --port-numa-config=0,0 --no-rmv-interrupt --no-mlockall --no-lsc-interrupt --rss-udp</code>
128	<code>./build/app/dpdk-testpmd -l 1-129 --socket-mem=4096 -n 4 -a 3b:00.0,desc_prefetch=1,cmpt_desc_len=16 --log-level=3 -- --burst=256 -i --nb-cores=128 --rxq=128 --txq=128 --forward-mode=io --rxd=2048 --txd=2048 --mbcache=512 --enable-drop-en --port-numa-config=0,0 --no-rmv-interrupt --no-mlockall --no-lsc-interrupt --rss-udp</code>
190	<code>./build/app/dpdk-testpmd -l 1-191 --socket-mem=4096 -n 4 -a 3b:00.0,desc_prefetch=1,cmpt_desc_len=16 --log-level=3 -- --burst=256 -i --nb-cores=190 --rxq=190 --txq=190 --forward-mode=io --rxd=2048 --txd=2048 --</code>



	<code>mbcache=512 --enable-drop-en --port-numa-config=0,0 --no-rmv-interrupt --no-mlockall --no-lsc-interrupt --rss-udp</code>
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Table 6: Command-line for testpmd application

QDMA Performance Metrics on Gen3x16 AMD System

PF Performance

ST C2H Performance

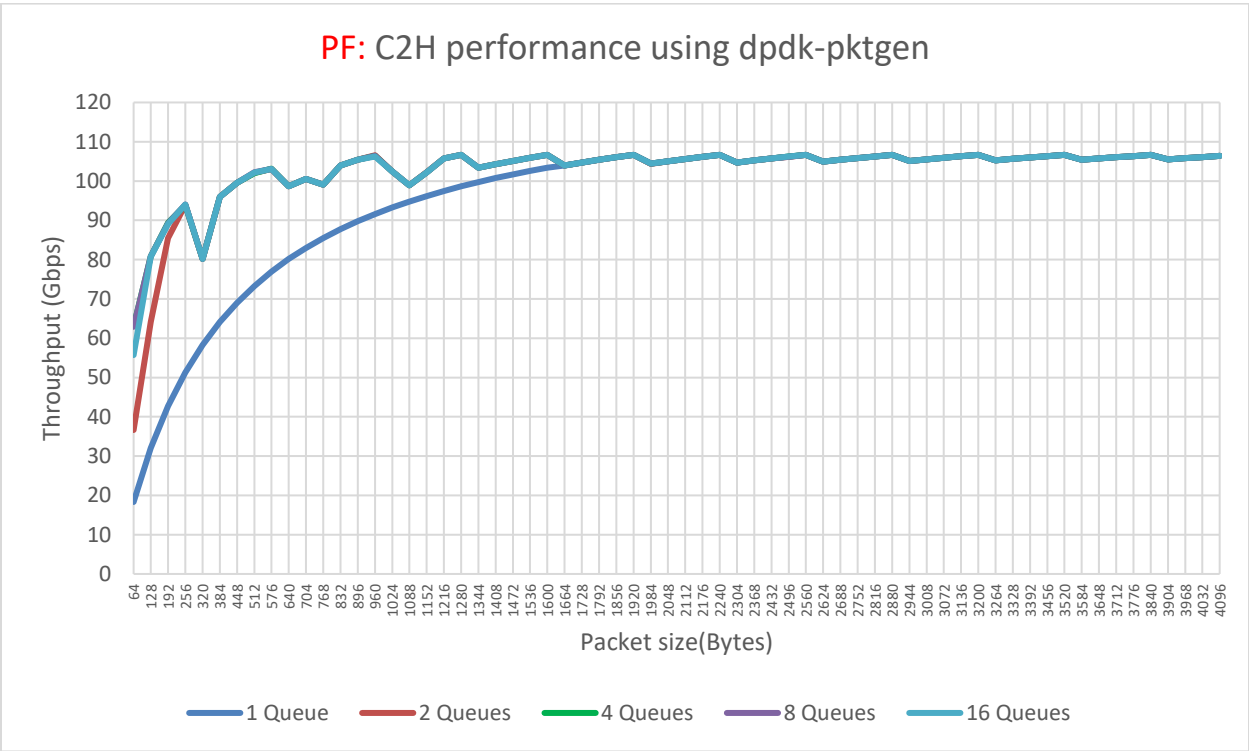


Figure 3: DPDK Driver – CPM5 PF ST C2H performance in Gbps

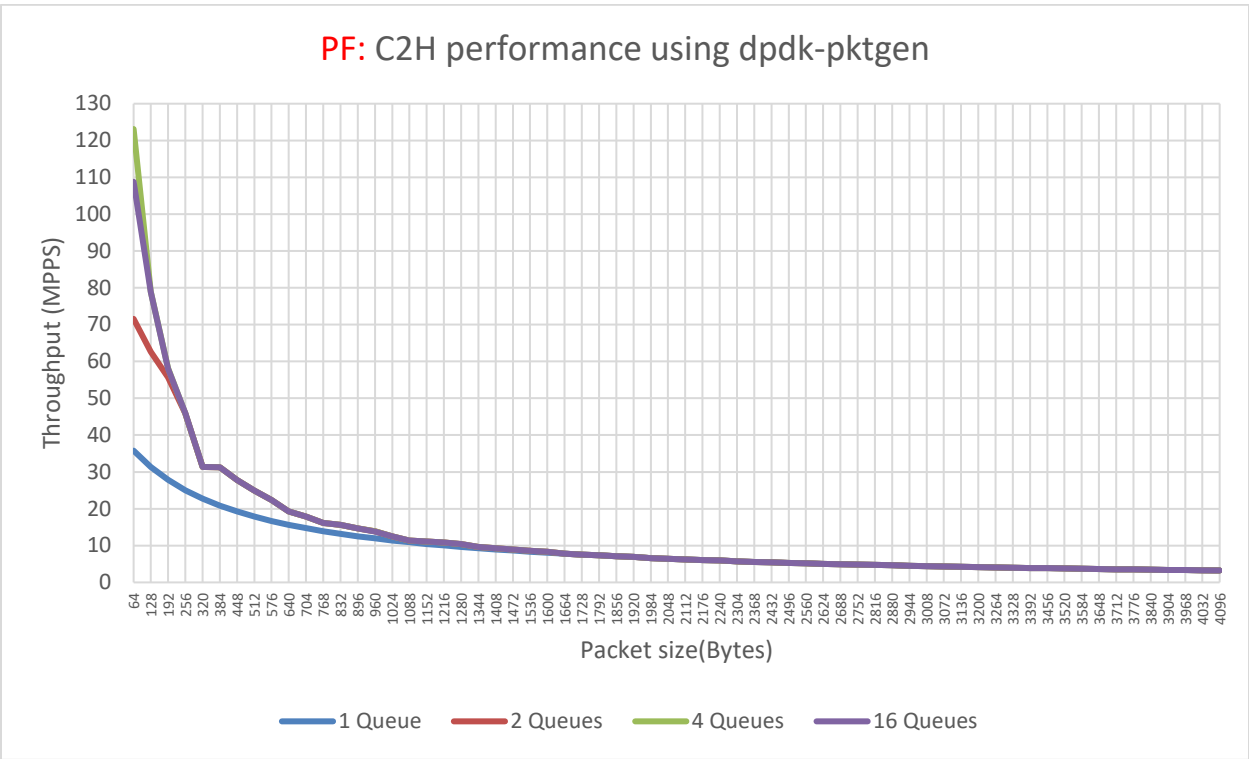


Figure 4: DPDK Driver – CPM5 PF ST C2H performance in Mpps

ST H2C Performance

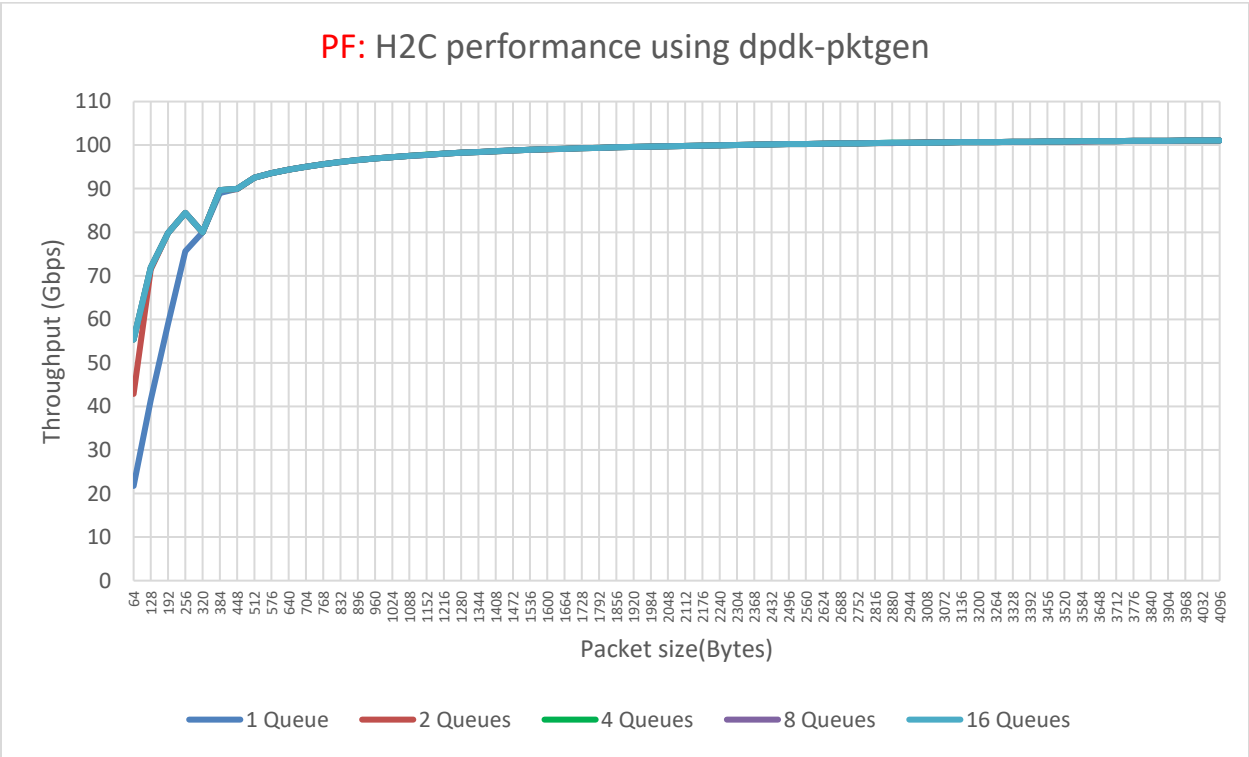


Figure 5: DPDK Driver – CPM5 PF ST H2C Performance in Gbps

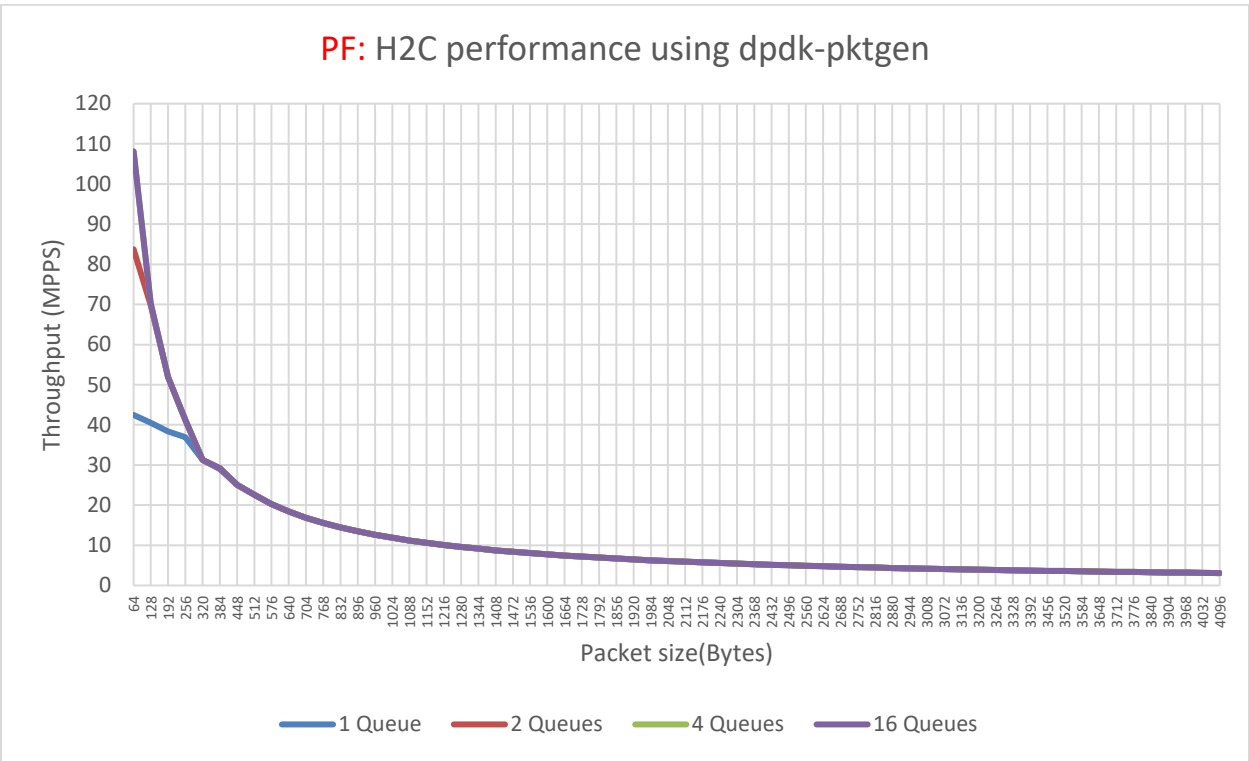


Figure 6: DPDK Driver – CPM5 PF ST H2C Performance in Mpps

ST Forwarding Performance

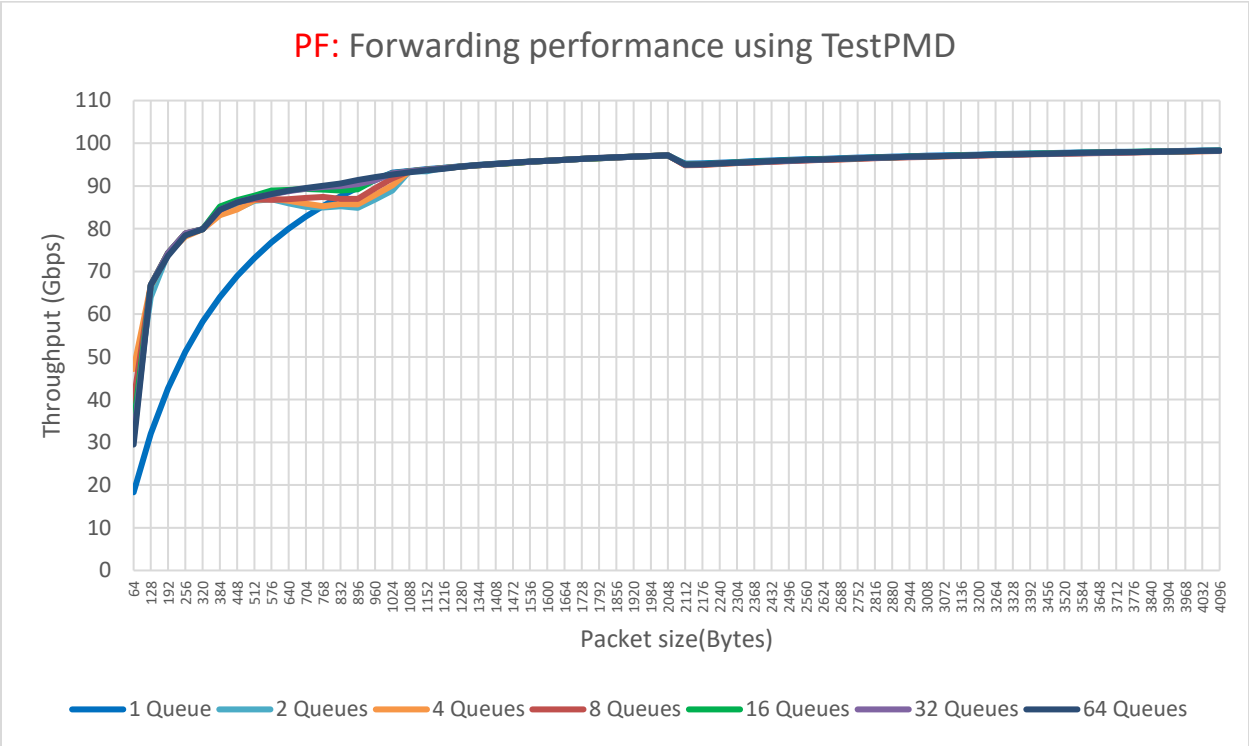


Figure 7: DPDK Driver – CPM5 PF Forwarding performance in Gbps

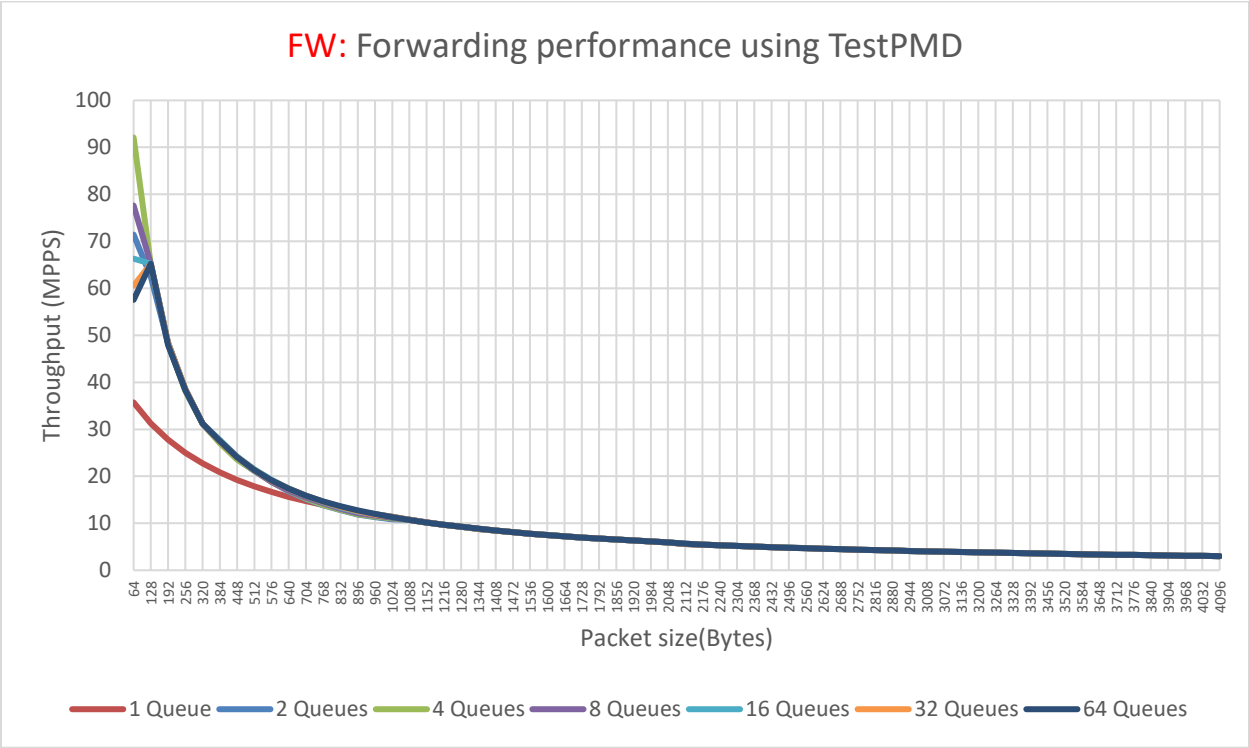


Figure 8: DDPK Driver – CPM5 PF Forwarding performance in Mpps

Packet Size (Bytes)	8 queues		4 queues		2 queues		1 queue	
	Packet rate (Mpps)	Throughput (Gbps)	Packet rate (Mpps)	Throughput (Gbps)	Packet rate (Mpps)	Throughput (Gbps)	Packet rate (Mpps)	Throughput (Gbps)
64	77.62	39.74	92.09	47.15	71.43	36.57	35.72	18.29
128	65.24	66.81	65.04	66.60	62.50	64.00	31.25	32.00
192	48.39	74.32	48.35	74.27	48.34	74.25	27.78	42.67
256	38.51	78.86	38.16	78.15	38.54	78.93	25.00	51.20
320	31.19	79.85	31.19	79.85	31.19	79.85	22.73	58.18
384	27.45	84.33	27.07	83.17	27.26	83.74	20.83	64.00
448	24.10	86.37	23.59	84.54	23.62	84.66	19.23	68.92
512	21.22	86.92	21.16	86.69	21.13	86.53	17.86	73.15
576	18.83	86.76	18.90	87.08	18.86	86.89	16.67	76.80
640	16.98	86.92	16.90	86.53	16.79	85.95	15.63	80.00
704	15.48	87.20	15.24	85.84	15.11	85.12	14.71	82.82
768	14.23	87.41	13.88	85.27	13.83	84.95	13.89	85.34
832	13.07	86.99	12.89	85.77	12.81	85.28	13.16	87.58
896	12.13	86.97	11.95	85.68	11.84	84.89	12.50	89.60
960	11.64	89.42	11.44	87.84	11.31	86.85	11.91	91.43
1024	11.20	91.76	11.01	90.16	10.86	88.93	11.36	93.09
1088	10.73	93.40	10.73	93.42	10.73	93.41	10.74	93.52



1152	10.18	93.81	10.18	93.82	10.14	93.43	10.19	93.93
1216	9.68	94.19	9.68	94.19	9.68	94.21	9.69	94.28
1280	9.23	94.55	9.23	94.55	9.24	94.58	9.24	94.62
1344	8.82	94.85	8.82	94.85	8.82	94.86	8.83	94.89
1408	8.45	95.13	8.45	95.13	8.45	95.15	8.45	95.19
1472	8.10	95.40	8.10	95.40	8.10	95.42	8.11	95.45
1536	7.79	95.67	7.79	95.66	7.79	95.69	7.79	95.69
1600	7.49	95.89	7.49	95.90	7.49	95.91	7.49	95.91
1664	7.22	96.12	7.22	96.11	7.22	96.13	7.22	96.14
1728	6.97	96.33	6.97	96.32	6.97	96.33	6.97	96.34
1792	6.73	96.50	6.73	96.50	6.73	96.52	6.73	96.52
1856	6.51	96.68	6.51	96.68	6.51	96.68	6.51	96.68
1920	6.31	96.86	6.31	96.85	6.31	96.87	6.31	96.86
1984	6.11	97.01	6.11	97.00	6.11	97.01	6.11	97.01
2048	5.93	97.14	5.93	97.14	5.93	97.15	5.93	97.15
2112	5.61	94.84	5.62	94.89	5.62	94.96	5.64	95.22
2176	5.45	94.95	5.46	94.99	5.46	95.06	5.47	95.29
2240	5.31	95.15	5.31	95.20	5.32	95.27	5.33	95.46
2304	5.17	95.34	5.17	95.38	5.18	95.46	5.19	95.63
2368	5.04	95.49	5.04	95.54	5.05	95.61	5.06	95.79
2432	4.92	95.65	4.92	95.69	4.92	95.76	4.93	95.94
2496	4.80	95.82	4.80	95.87	4.80	95.93	4.81	96.10
2560	4.69	95.97	4.69	96.01	4.69	96.07	4.70	96.25
2624	4.58	96.10	4.58	96.15	4.58	96.22	4.59	96.37
2688	4.47	96.23	4.48	96.26	4.48	96.32	4.49	96.50
2752	4.38	96.37	4.38	96.42	4.38	96.48	4.39	96.63
2816	4.28	96.50	4.29	96.54	4.29	96.60	4.29	96.75
2880	4.19	96.61	4.19	96.65	4.20	96.71	4.20	96.85
2944	4.11	96.73	4.11	96.76	4.11	96.81	4.12	96.96
3008	4.02	96.83	4.03	96.87	4.03	96.92	4.03	97.06
3072	3.94	96.93	3.95	96.97	3.95	97.03	3.95	97.16
3136	3.87	97.03	3.87	97.06	3.87	97.12	3.88	97.25
3200	3.79	97.13	3.80	97.15	3.80	97.21	3.80	97.35
3264	3.72	97.22	3.72	97.26	3.73	97.31	3.73	97.44
3328	3.66	97.32	3.66	97.35	3.66	97.40	3.66	97.52
3392	3.59	97.40	3.59	97.43	3.59	97.49	3.60	97.60
3456	3.53	97.48	3.53	97.51	3.53	97.56	3.53	97.68
3520	3.46	97.56	3.47	97.60	3.47	97.65	3.47	97.75
3584	3.41	97.65	3.41	97.68	3.41	97.73	3.41	97.82
3648	3.35	97.72	3.35	97.75	3.35	97.80	3.35	97.88
3712	3.29	97.80	3.29	97.82	3.30	97.87	3.30	97.96
3776	3.24	97.86	3.24	97.89	3.24	97.94	3.24	98.02
3840	3.19	97.93	3.19	97.96	3.19	98.01	3.19	98.09



3904	3.14	98.00	3.14	98.03	3.14	98.07	3.14	98.15
3968	3.09	98.07	3.09	98.09	3.09	98.13	3.09	98.22
4032	3.04	98.12	3.04	98.15	3.04	98.19	3.05	98.27
4096	3.00	98.18	3.00	98.21	3.00	98.25	3.00	98.33

Table 7: DPDK Driver – CPM5 PF Forwarding performance test results



QDMA Performance Metrics on Gen3x16 Intel System

PF Performance

ST C2H Performance

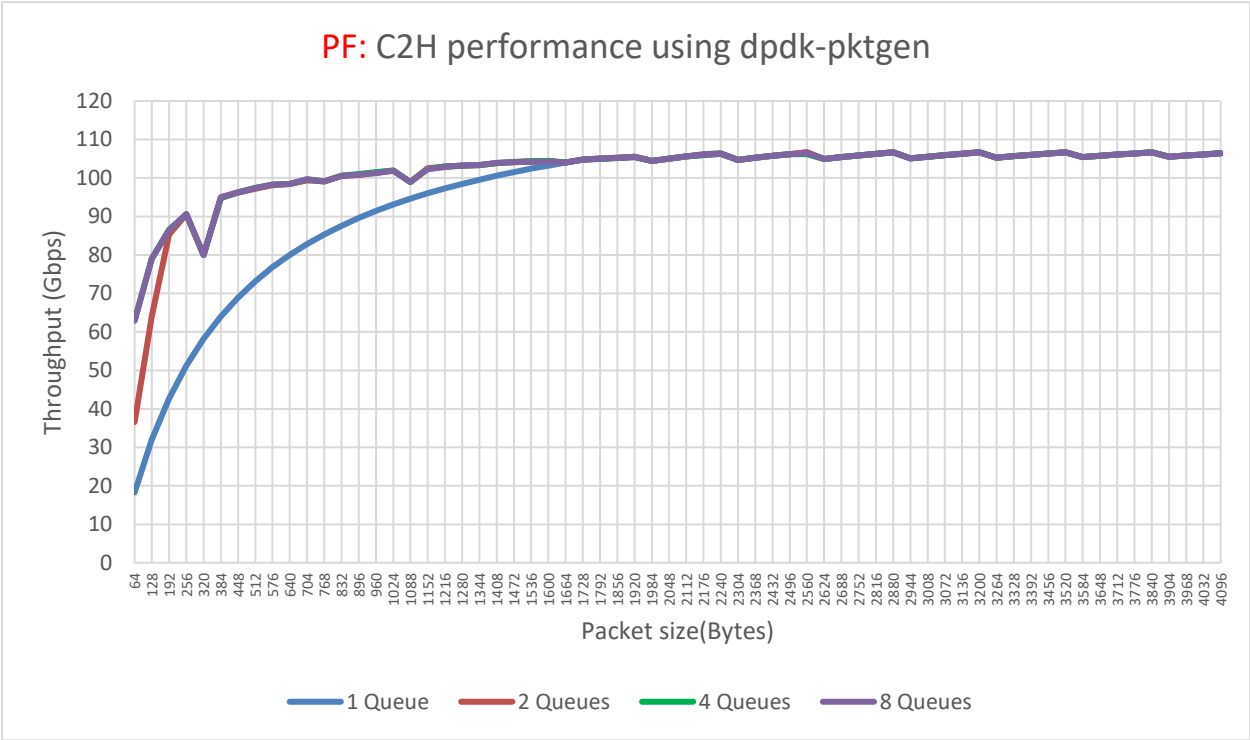


Figure 9: DPDK Driver – CPM5 PF ST C2H performance in Gbps

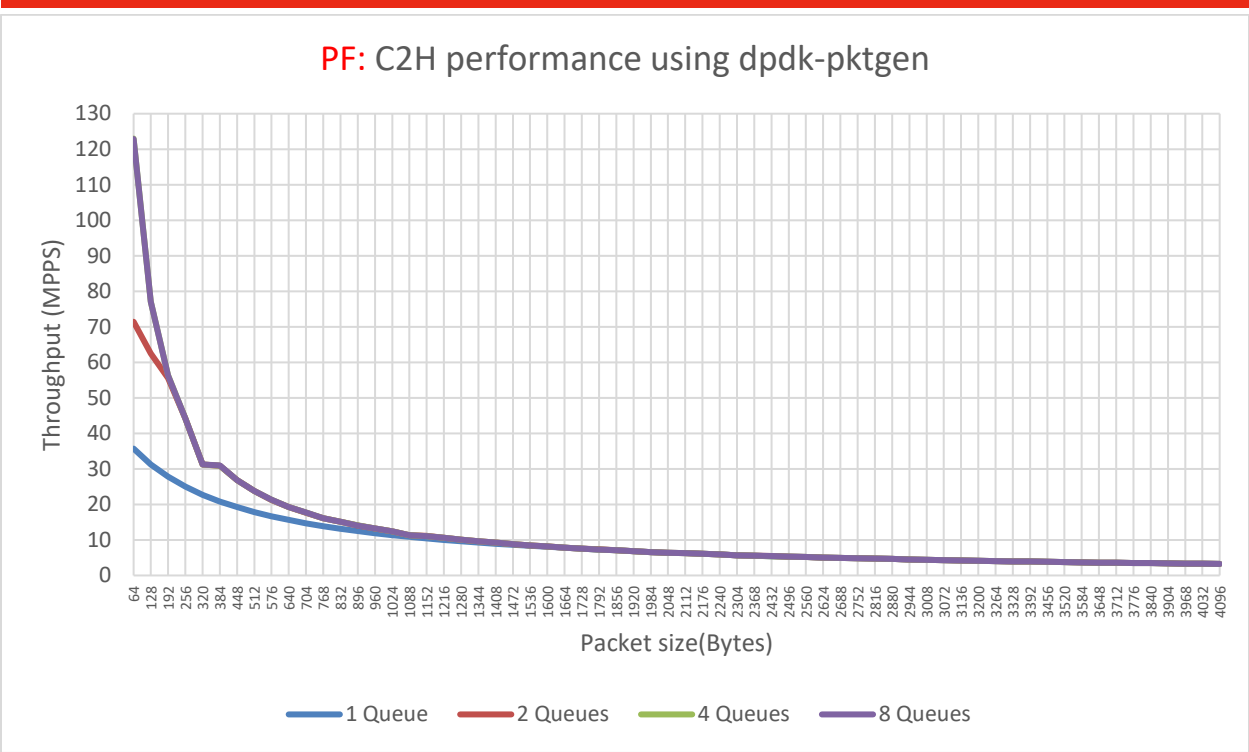


Figure 10: DPDK Driver – CPM5 PF ST C2H performance in Mpps

ST H2C Performance

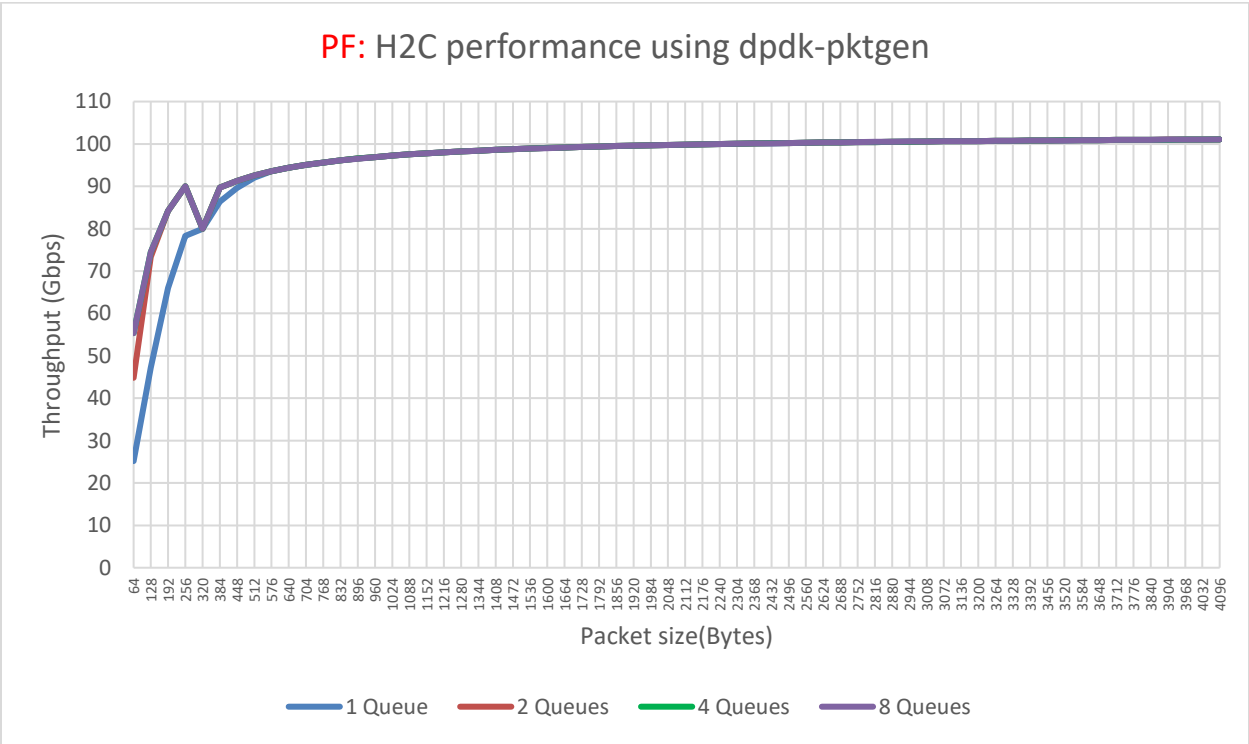


Figure 11: DPDK Driver – CPM5 PF ST H2C Performance in Gbps

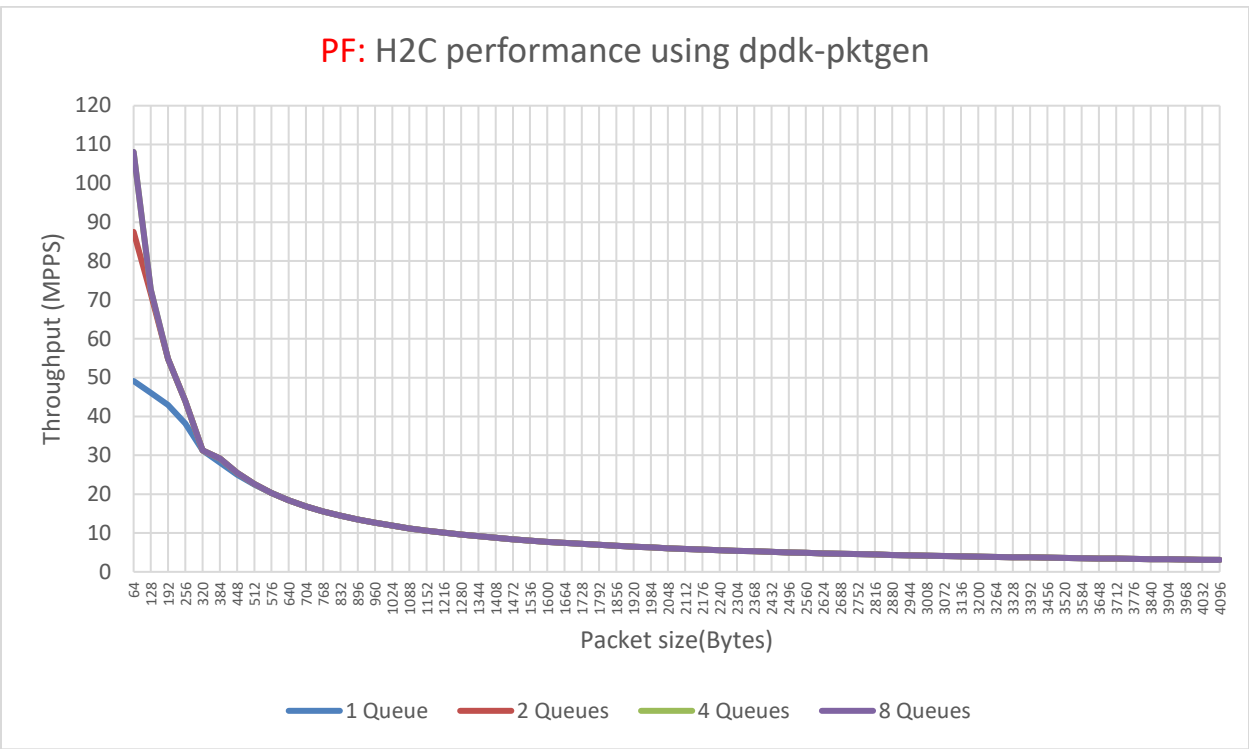


Figure 12: DPDK Driver – CPM5 PF ST H2C Performance in Mpps

ST Forwarding Performance

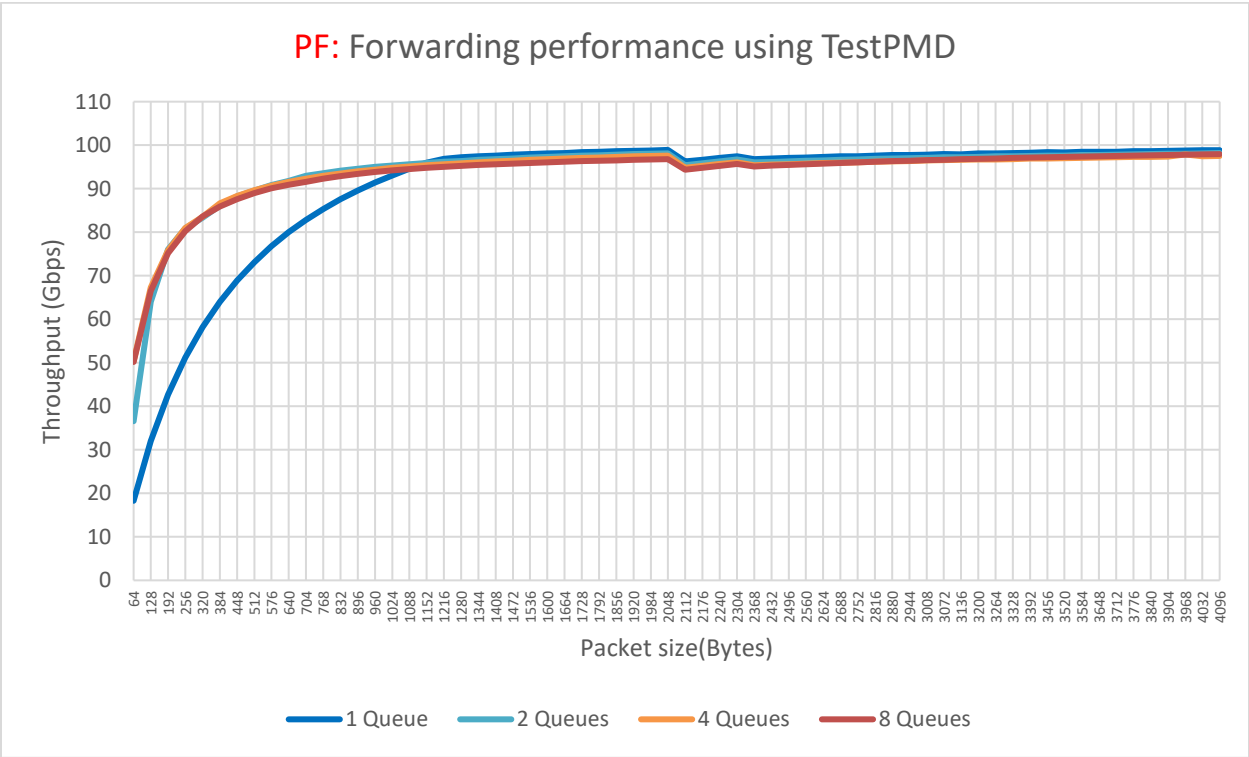


Figure 13: DPDK Driver – CPM5 PF Forwarding performance in Gbps

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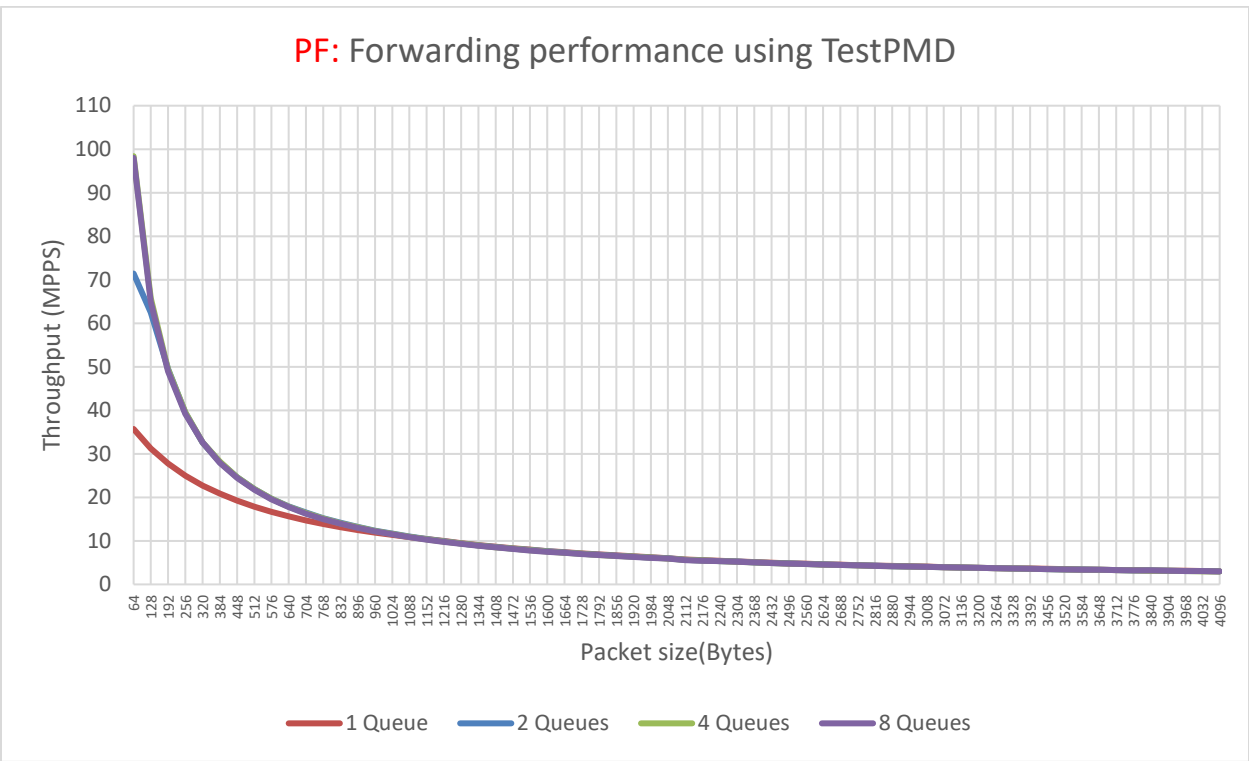


Figure 14: DPDK Driver – CPM5 PF Forwarding performance in Mpps

Packet Size (Bytes)	8 queues		4 queues		2 queues		1 queue	
	Packet rate (Mpps)	Throughput (Gbps)	Packet rate (Mpps)	Throughput (Gbps)	Packet rate (Mpps)	Throughput (Gbps)	Packet rate (Mpps)	Throughput (Gbps)
64	94.87	48.57	95.09	48.69	71.43	36.57	35.71	18.29
128	64.61	66.16	64.45	66.00	62.50	64.00	31.25	32.00
192	48.32	74.22	48.30	74.18	48.61	74.67	27.78	42.67
256	38.79	79.45	38.76	79.39	38.76	79.38	25.00	51.20
320	31.25	80.00	31.25	80.00	31.25	80.00	22.73	58.18
384	27.69	85.08	27.70	85.08	27.78	85.33	20.83	64.00
448	24.29	87.04	24.28	87.01	24.27	86.99	19.23	68.92
512	21.45	87.84	21.44	87.81	21.52	88.14	17.86	73.14
576	19.32	89.03	19.32	89.03	19.30	88.91	16.67	76.80
640	17.53	89.75	17.52	89.73	17.51	89.67	15.62	80.00
704	16.07	90.50	16.06	90.47	16.04	90.34	14.71	82.82
768	14.82	91.08	14.82	91.05	14.78	90.83	13.89	85.33
832	13.74	91.44	13.74	91.44	13.73	91.41	13.16	87.58
896	12.86	92.17	12.86	92.16	12.85	92.12	12.50	89.60
960	12.08	92.75	12.07	92.72	12.07	92.71	11.90	91.43
1024	11.38	93.20	11.38	93.19	11.37	93.15	11.36	93.09
1088	10.76	93.64	10.76	93.64	10.76	93.62	10.75	93.53



1152	10.20	94.04	10.20	94.04	10.21	94.06	10.20	94.01
1216	9.71	94.43	9.71	94.41	9.70	94.41	9.71	94.41
1280	9.26	94.86	9.26	94.85	9.26	94.83	9.26	94.78
1344	8.85	95.16	8.85	95.15	8.85	95.14	8.83	94.97
1408	8.47	95.39	8.47	95.38	8.47	95.39	8.47	95.40
1472	8.12	95.67	8.12	95.66	8.12	95.65	8.13	95.68
1536	7.81	95.95	7.81	95.95	7.81	95.93	7.81	95.97
1600	7.51	96.19	7.51	96.19	7.51	96.18	7.51	96.17
1664	7.24	96.42	7.24	96.41	7.24	96.43	7.24	96.44
1728	6.99	96.62	6.99	96.61	6.99	96.61	6.99	96.63
1792	6.75	96.77	6.75	96.77	6.75	96.76	6.75	96.79
1856	6.52	96.86	6.53	97.03	6.52	96.86	6.52	96.86
1920	6.32	97.13	6.32	97.13	6.32	97.14	6.32	97.12
1984	6.13	97.30	6.13	97.29	6.13	97.28	6.13	97.28
2048	5.95	97.43	5.95	97.42	5.95	97.41	5.95	97.42
2112	5.64	95.31	5.64	95.31	5.64	95.27	5.63	95.08
2176	5.50	95.72	5.50	95.70	5.50	95.68	5.48	95.42
2240	5.37	96.21	5.37	96.18	5.37	96.18	5.35	95.85
2304	5.24	96.64	5.24	96.63	5.24	96.63	5.22	96.28
2368	5.07	96.05	5.07	96.05	5.07	96.01	5.05	95.74
2432	4.95	96.21	4.94	96.20	4.94	96.18	4.93	95.88
2496	4.83	96.37	4.83	96.35	4.82	96.34	4.81	96.03
2560	4.71	96.49	4.71	96.49	4.71	96.46	4.70	96.18
2624	4.60	96.62	4.60	96.62	4.60	96.60	4.59	96.32
2688	4.50	96.75	4.50	96.74	4.50	96.71	4.49	96.46
2752	4.40	96.90	4.40	96.88	4.40	96.88	4.39	96.60
2816	4.31	97.00	4.31	96.99	4.30	96.97	4.29	96.74
2880	4.21	97.10	4.21	97.09	4.21	97.07	4.20	96.86
2944	4.13	97.21	4.13	97.20	4.13	97.17	4.12	96.98
3008	4.04	97.32	4.04	97.29	4.04	97.28	4.03	97.08
3072	3.96	97.40	3.96	97.39	3.96	97.37	3.95	97.19
3136	3.89	97.49	3.89	97.48	3.88	97.46	3.88	97.30
3200	3.81	97.59	3.81	97.58	3.81	97.57	3.80	97.40
3264	3.74	97.69	3.74	97.67	3.74	97.66	3.73	97.48
3328	3.67	97.78	3.67	97.77	3.67	97.75	3.67	97.59
3392	3.61	97.85	3.61	97.85	3.61	97.83	3.60	97.67
3456	3.54	97.93	3.54	97.92	3.54	97.90	3.54	97.75
3520	3.48	98.01	3.48	97.99	3.48	97.99	3.47	97.82
3584	3.42	98.08	3.42	98.08	3.42	98.06	3.41	97.90
3648	3.36	98.15	3.36	98.14	3.36	98.12	3.36	97.97
3712	3.31	98.23	3.31	98.22	3.31	98.20	3.30	98.05
3776	3.25	98.29	3.25	98.27	3.25	98.27	3.25	98.10
3840	3.20	98.35	3.20	98.34	3.20	98.33	3.20	98.18



3904	3.15	98.40	3.15	98.40	3.15	98.38	3.15	98.24
3968	3.10	98.48	3.10	98.47	3.10	98.45	3.10	98.31
4032	3.05	98.54	3.05	98.52	3.05	98.52	3.05	98.36
4096	3.01	98.59	3.01	98.58	3.01	98.57	3.00	98.42

Table 8: DPDK Driver – CPM5 PF Forwarding performance test results



QDMA Performance Metrics on Gen5x8 AMD System

PF Performance

ST C2H Performance

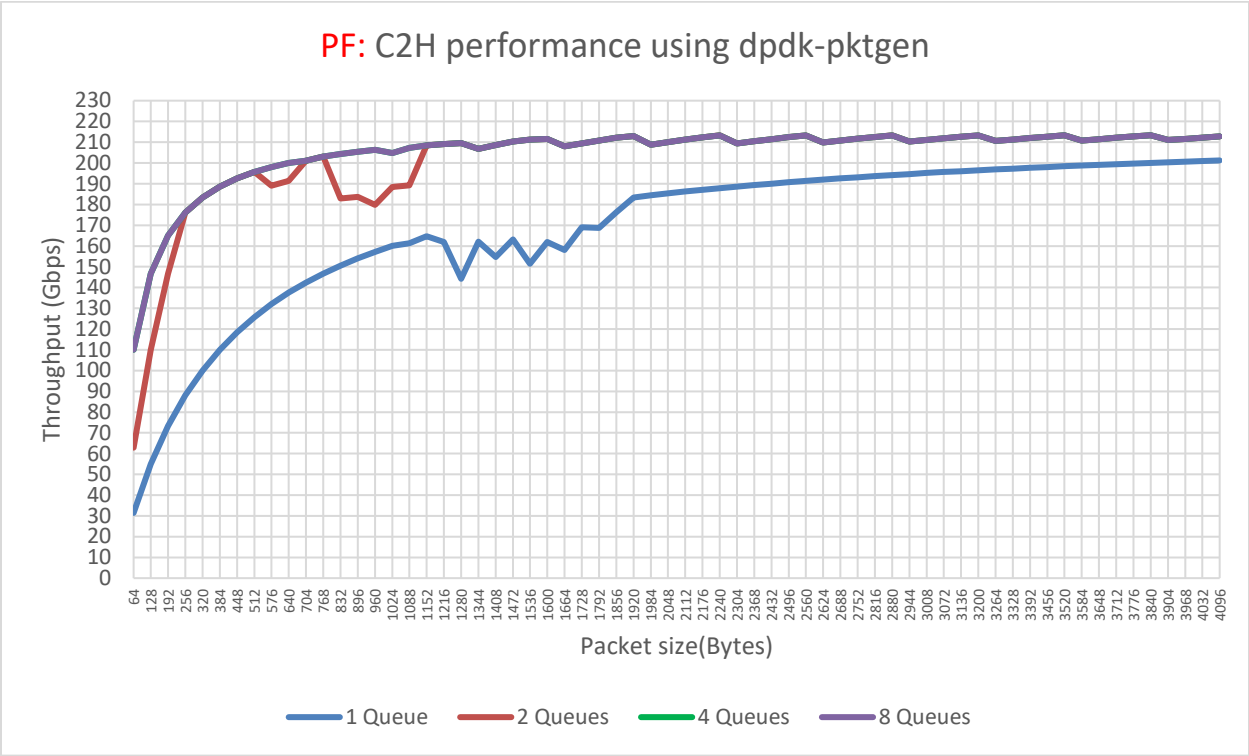


Figure 15: DDPK Driver – CPM5 PF ST C2H performance in Gbps

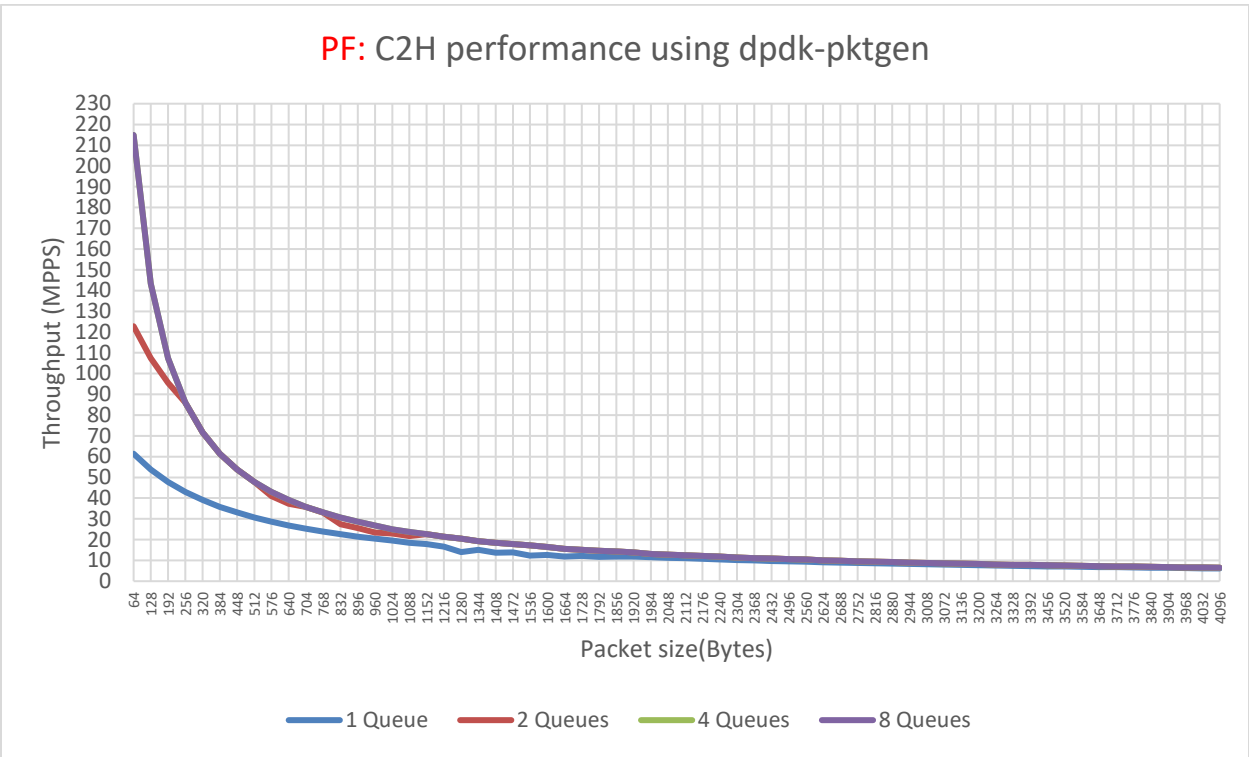


Figure 16: DDPK Driver – CPM5 PF ST C2H performance in Mpps

ST H2C Performance

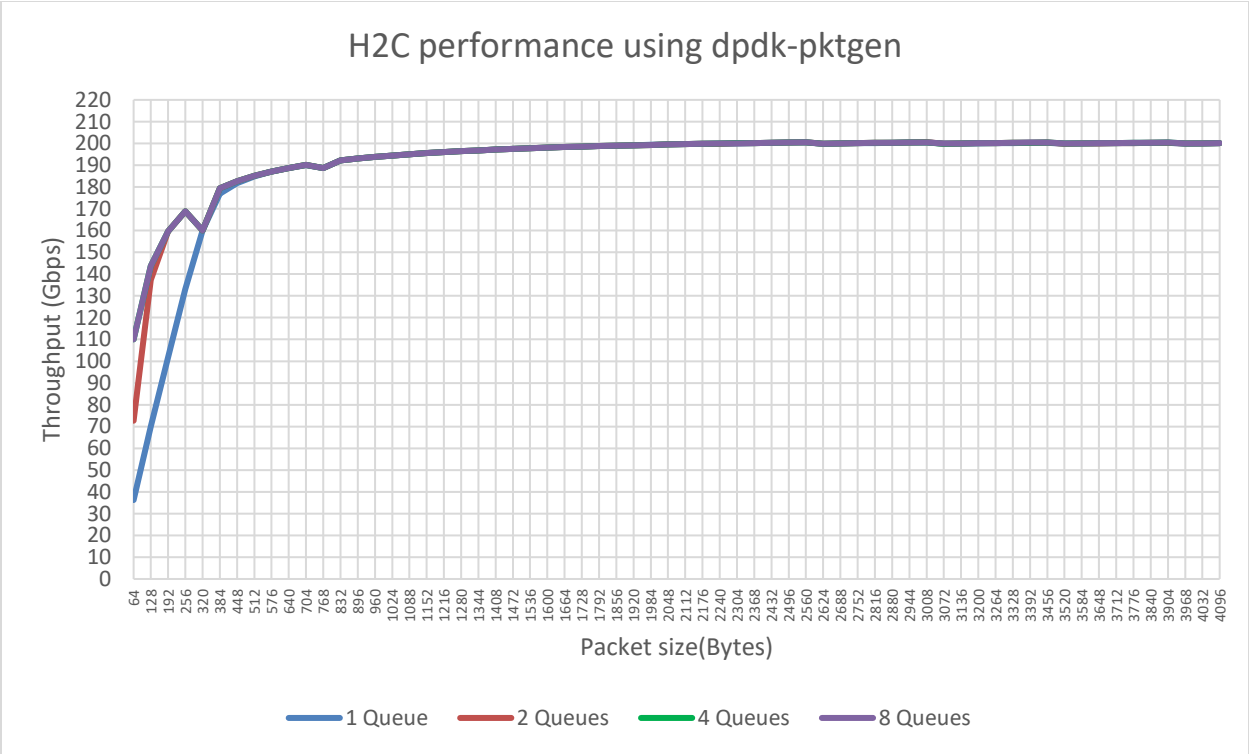


Figure 17: DDPK Driver – CPM5 PF ST H2C Performance in Gbps

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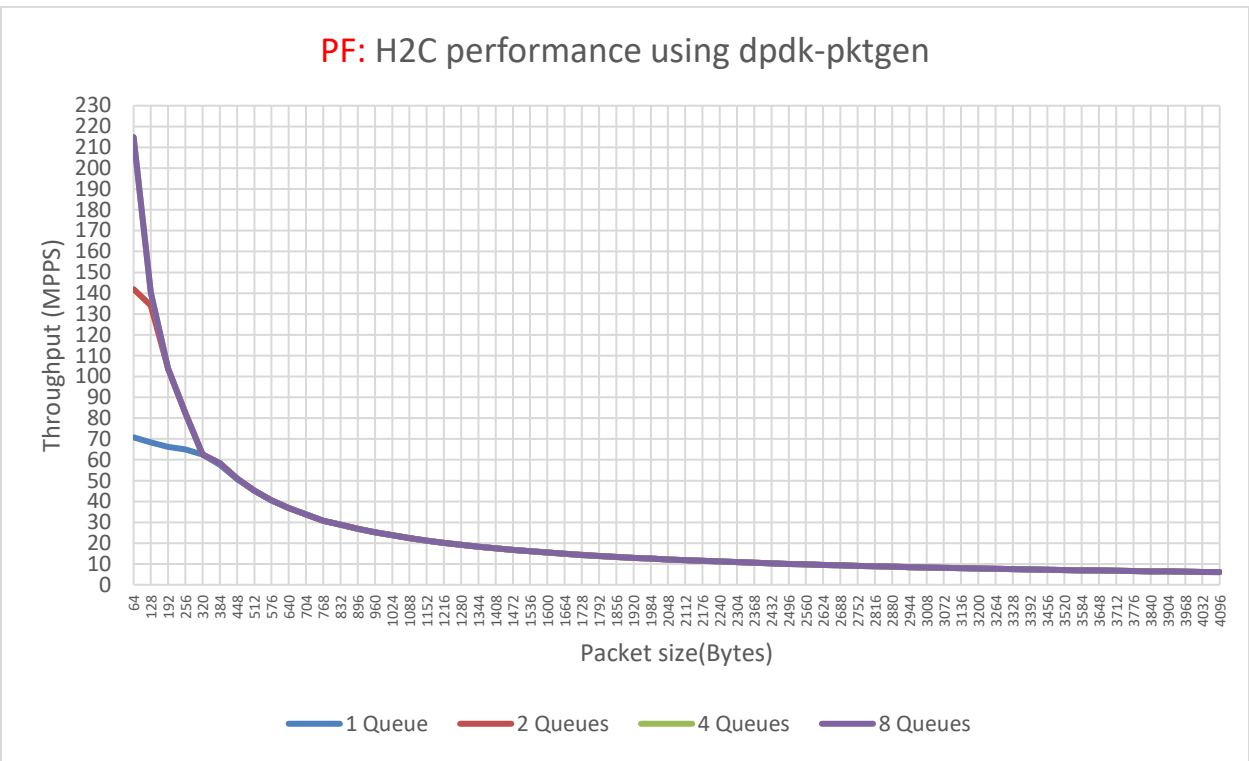


Figure 18: DPDK Driver – CPM5 PF ST H2C Performance in Mpps

ST Forwarding Performance

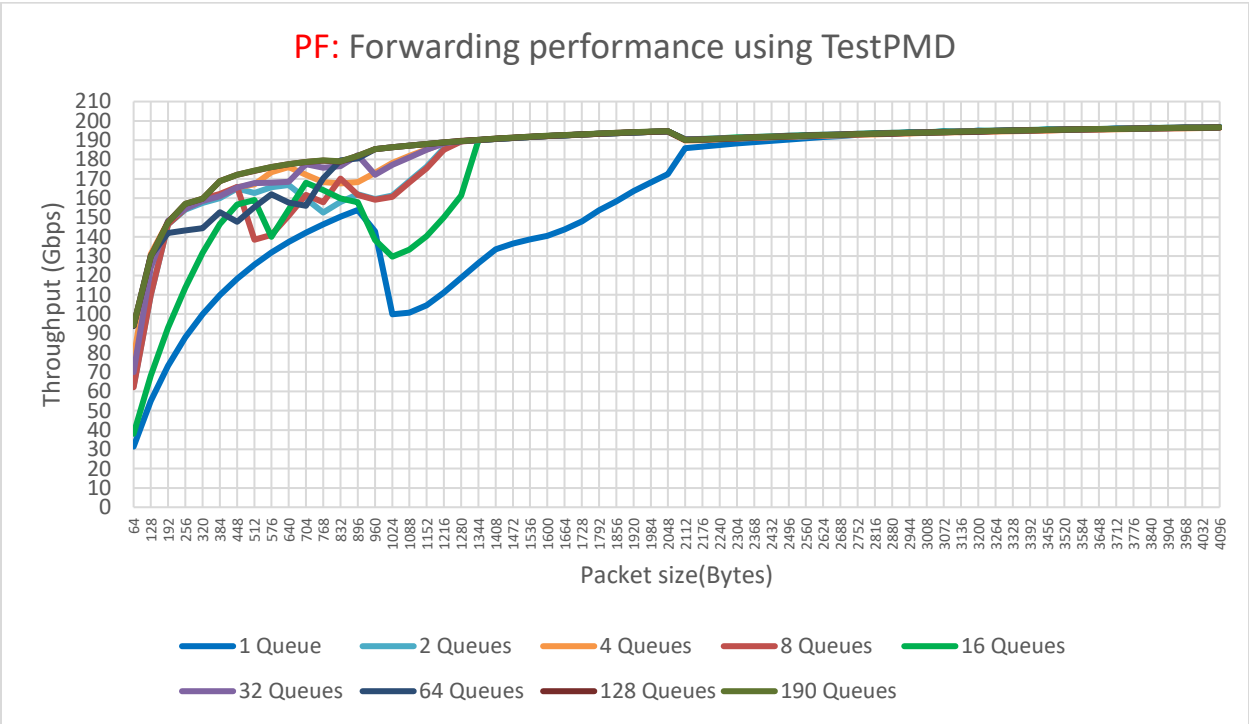


Figure 19: DPDK Driver – CPM5 PF Forwarding performance in Gbps

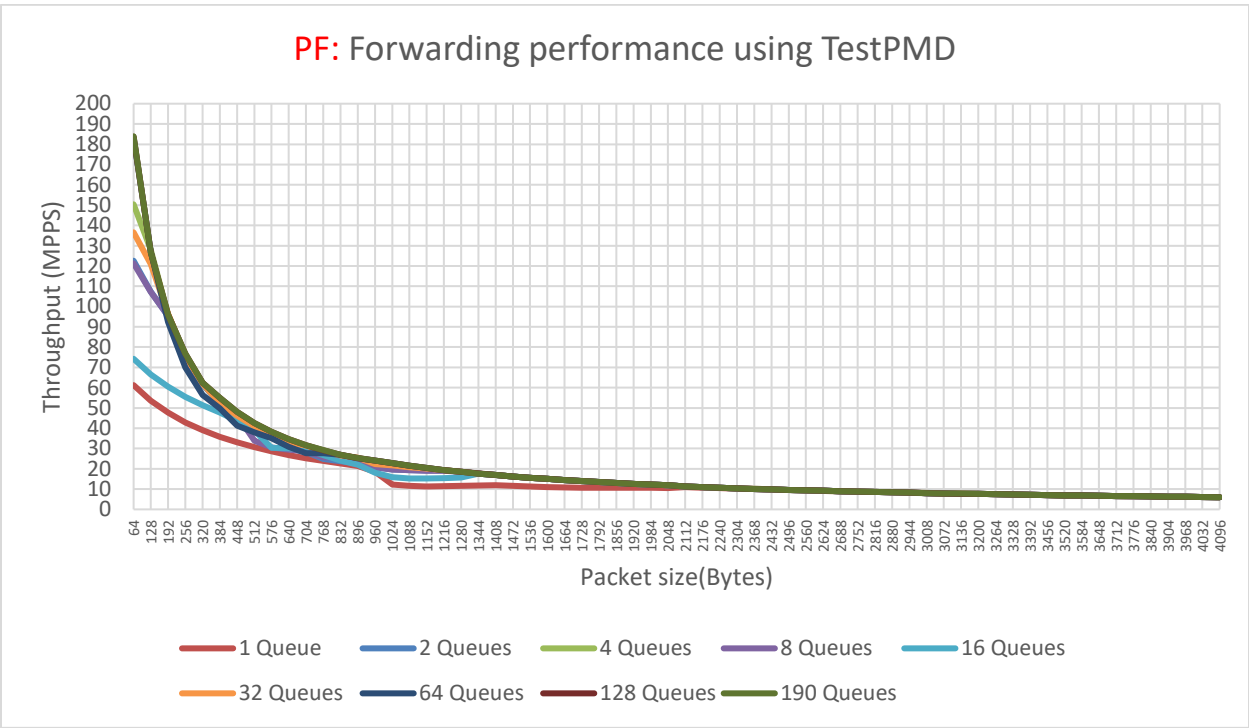


Figure 20: DPDK Driver – CPM5 PF Forwarding performance in Mpps

Packet Size (Bytes)	8 queues		4 queues		2 queues		1 queue	
	Packet rate (Mpps)	Throughput (Gbps)	Packet rate (Mpps)	Throughput (Gbps)	Packet rate (Mpps)	Throughput (Gbps)	Packet rate (Mpps)	Throughput (Gbps)
64	77.62	62.10	92.09	77.00	71.43	62.77	35.72	31.36
128	65.24	109.78	65.04	131.09	62.50	109.87	31.25	54.93
192	48.39	146.41	48.35	147.64	48.34	146.49	27.78	73.25
256	38.51	154.57	38.16	156.25	38.54	154.04	25.00	87.90
320	31.19	159.75	31.19	159.50	31.19	157.57	22.73	99.88
384	27.45	162.12	27.07	161.21	27.26	160.09	20.83	109.87
448	24.10	165.78	23.59	165.69	23.62	164.91	19.23	118.32
512	21.22	138.51	21.16	167.06	21.13	162.68	17.86	125.57
576	18.83	140.95	18.90	173.42	18.86	165.71	16.67	131.84
640	16.98	150.92	16.90	176.01	16.79	166.83	15.63	137.34
704	15.48	161.65	15.24	172.03	15.11	159.68	14.71	142.18
768	14.23	157.84	13.88	168.27	13.83	152.60	13.89	146.49
832	13.07	170.04	12.89	167.61	12.81	157.94	13.16	150.35
896	12.13	161.59	11.95	168.30	11.84	162.05	12.50	153.82
960	11.64	159.11	11.44	173.17	11.31	159.47	11.91	142.84
1024	11.20	160.71	11.01	178.25	10.86	161.33	11.36	99.86
1088	10.73	168.06	10.73	181.83	10.73	168.83	10.74	100.73
1152	10.18	175.35	10.18	185.17	10.14	176.23	10.19	104.60



1216	9.68	185.06	9.68	188.33	9.68	185.93	9.69	111.11
1280	9.23	189.35	9.23	189.41	9.24	189.44	9.24	118.75
1344	8.82	190.01	8.82	190.00	8.82	190.02	8.83	126.46
1408	8.45	190.62	8.45	190.62	8.45	190.61	8.45	133.56
1472	8.10	191.13	8.10	191.16	8.10	191.15	8.11	136.52
1536	7.79	191.62	7.79	191.63	7.79	191.65	7.79	138.64
1600	7.49	192.09	7.49	192.09	7.49	192.09	7.49	140.46
1664	7.22	192.50	7.22	192.50	7.22	192.50	7.22	143.82
1728	6.97	192.88	6.97	192.92	6.97	192.90	6.97	147.93
1792	6.73	193.24	6.73	193.25	6.73	193.26	6.73	153.79
1856	6.51	193.60	6.51	193.60	6.51	193.60	6.51	158.34
1920	6.31	193.93	6.31	193.94	6.31	193.92	6.31	163.66
1984	6.11	194.22	6.11	194.25	6.11	194.23	6.11	168.19
2048	5.93	194.51	5.93	194.53	5.93	194.54	5.93	172.45
2112	5.61	190.14	5.62	189.85	5.62	190.15	5.64	185.86
2176	5.45	190.31	5.46	190.02	5.46	190.34	5.47	186.71
2240	5.31	190.64	5.31	190.43	5.32	190.71	5.33	187.52
2304	5.17	191.05	5.17	190.77	5.18	191.08	5.19	188.28
2368	5.04	191.36	5.04	191.10	5.05	191.37	5.06	189.02
2432	4.92	191.66	4.92	191.40	4.92	191.68	4.93	189.71
2496	4.80	191.93	4.80	191.74	4.80	192.00	4.81	190.38
2560	4.69	192.26	4.69	192.01	4.69	192.30	4.70	191.01
2624	4.58	192.51	4.58	192.28	4.58	192.52	4.59	191.63
2688	4.47	192.76	4.48	192.53	4.48	192.78	4.49	192.21
2752	4.38	193.00	4.38	192.83	4.38	193.06	4.39	192.77
2816	4.28	193.27	4.29	193.05	4.29	193.30	4.29	193.31
2880	4.19	193.48	4.19	193.27	4.20	193.49	4.20	193.44
2944	4.11	193.72	4.11	193.50	4.11	193.73	4.12	194.18
3008	4.02	193.90	4.03	193.74	4.03	193.95	4.03	193.84
3072	3.94	194.14	3.95	193.93	3.95	194.16	3.95	194.60
3136	3.87	194.31	3.87	194.12	3.87	194.32	3.88	194.21
3200	3.79	194.51	3.80	194.32	3.80	194.52	3.80	194.92
3264	3.72	194.67	3.72	194.53	3.73	194.72	3.73	194.58
3328	3.66	194.88	3.66	194.69	3.66	194.91	3.66	195.27
3392	3.59	195.04	3.59	194.86	3.59	195.04	3.60	194.90
3456	3.53	195.21	3.53	195.03	3.53	195.22	3.53	195.55
3520	3.46	195.34	3.47	195.21	3.47	195.38	3.47	195.23
3584	3.41	195.52	3.41	195.35	3.41	195.55	3.41	195.87
3648	3.35	195.65	3.35	195.49	3.35	195.67	3.35	195.50
3712	3.29	195.81	3.29	195.64	3.30	195.82	3.30	196.12
3776	3.24	195.92	3.24	195.80	3.24	195.97	3.24	195.82
3840	3.19	196.08	3.19	195.92	3.19	196.11	3.19	196.40
3904	3.14	196.20	3.14	196.05	3.14	196.21	3.14	196.05



3968	3.09	196.34	3.09	196.19	3.09	196.36	3.09	196.62
4032	3.04	196.44	3.04	196.32	3.04	196.48	3.05	196.33
4096	3.00	196.59	3.00	196.43	3.00	196.60	3.00	196.88

Table 9: DPDK Driver – CPM5 PF Forwarding performance test results



Summary

The QDMA IP provides many capabilities that allow for very high throughput and efficiency. At the same time however, there are factors that impact performance, such as packet size, DMA overhead, system latency, and settings such as MPS, MRRS, etc.

This report provides enough data to choose the number of queues needed to achieve optimal performance depending on the application.

Typically, networking applications optimize for small packet performance and so can use more queues to saturate the Ethernet interface, while compute or storage applications might optimize for 4KB performance and saturate with fewer queues. As the report suggests, more queues help achieve small packet performance, but the max number of queues cannot exceed the number of threads available for the application.

For the streaming mode this report suggests that 4 and more queues with prefetch enabled results in the high performance for different packet sizes.

For the memory mapped mode, the QDMA IP easily achieves the line rate with the typical 4K workload even with a single queue when using BRAM. If DDR is desired, more queues may be needed to obtain the best performance. This would highly depend on the memory configuration and the access pattern. For example, concurrent read and write to the same memory bank would greatly reduce the efficiency and should be avoided if possible.

The bi-directional performance should be expected to be lower than uni-directional H2C and C2H, because the PCIe RQ interface is shared.

In a multi-socket machine where NUMA is enabled, the latency for DMA reads can be prohibitively high, causing lower performance. Caution must be taken in the driver to avoid using the memory far away from the CPU core.

Based on knowledge of the application, it is possible to further reduce the DMA and TLP overheads to achieve better throughput than in the document.

References

These documents provide supplemental material useful with this performance report.

- [Versal ACAP CPM DMA and Bridge Mode for PCI Express v2.1 - PG347](#)
- [dpdk-pktgen application](#)